



# End-to-End Process Monitoring: Workshop

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# Agenda

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**08h30 - 09h00:** Welcome and introductions

**09h00 - 10h00:** (Presentation) Overview: Motivation and framework structure

**10h00 - 10h30:** (Interactive session) Computer setup and repository familiarization

**10h30 - 11h00: Coffee break**

**11h00 - 12h00:** (Presentation) Framework module details

**12h00 - 12h30:** (Interactive example) Framework familiarization and experiments

**12h30 - 13h30: Lunch**

**13h30 - 14h30:** (Presentation) Framework module details (continued)

**14h30 - 15h30:** (Interactive example) Framework familiarization and experiments

**15h30 - 16h00: Coffee break**

**16h00 - 17h30:** (Interactive challenge) Custom configurations and modules, improve process monitoring performance

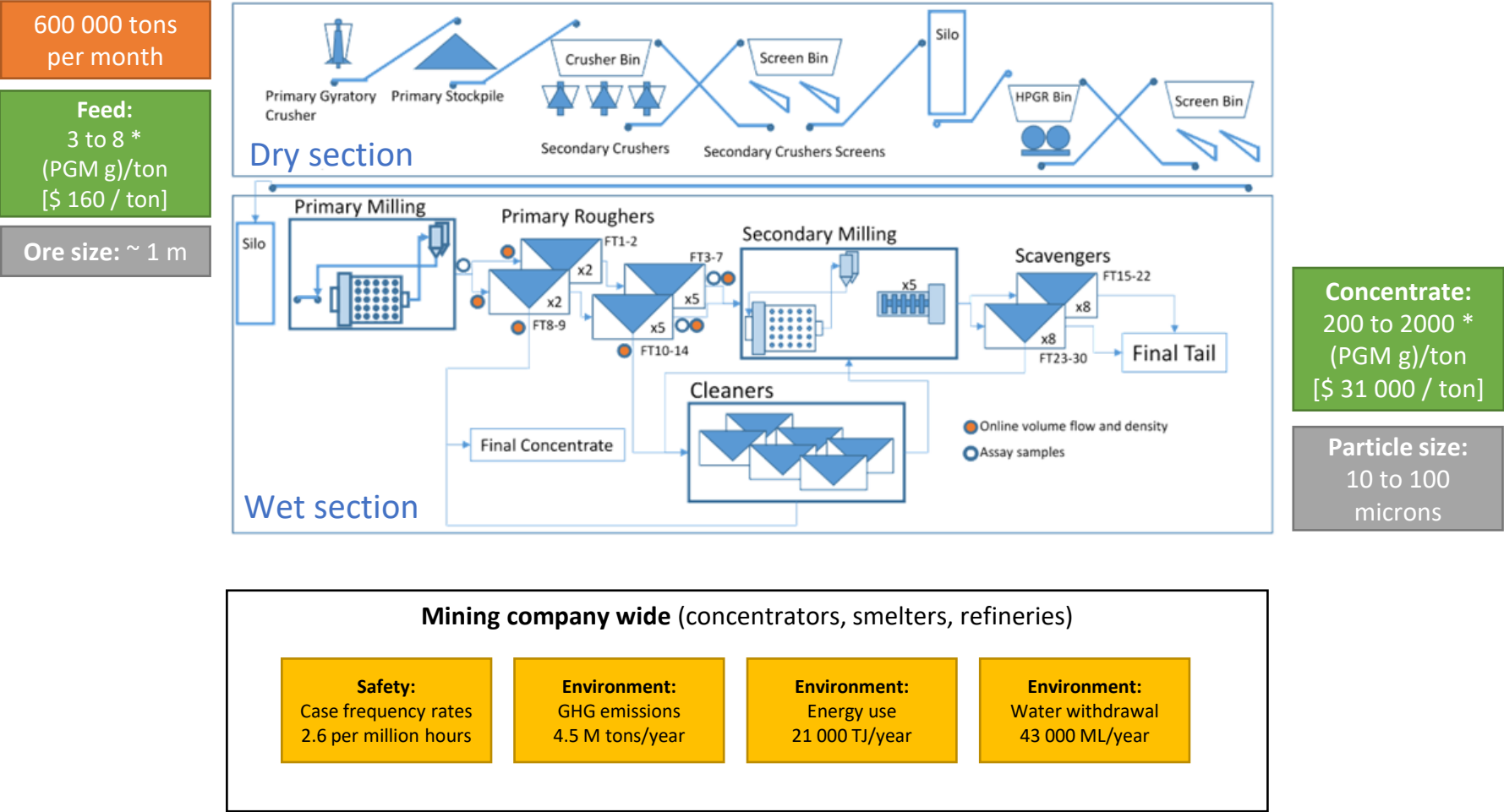


# Overview

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# Value Generation in Industry: Mineral Processing Example



\* Typical values - Mpinga et al., 2015. Direct leach approaches to PGM ores and concentrates: A review. Min Eng, 78.

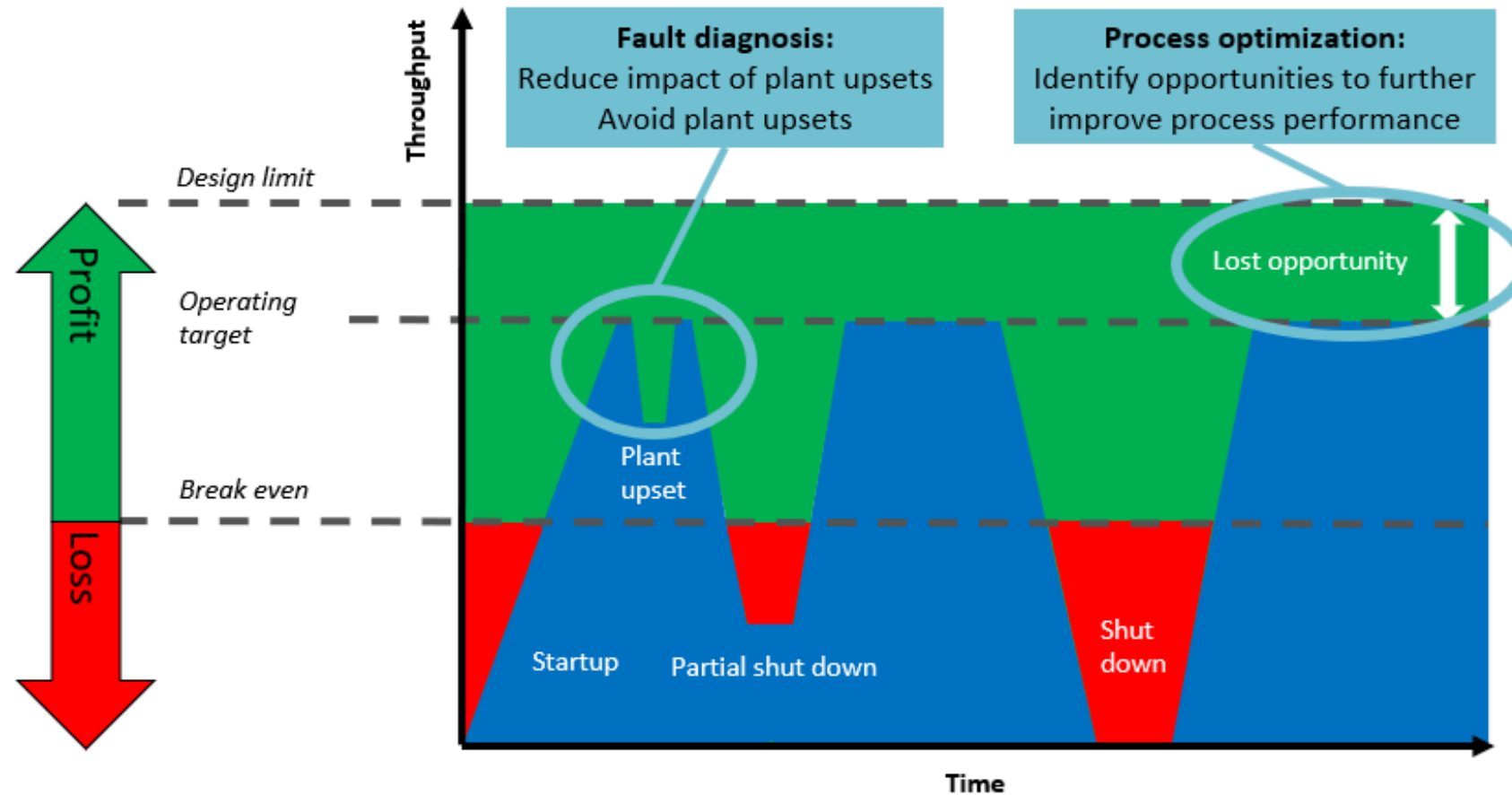
Steyn and Sandrock, 2021. Causal model of an industrial platinum flotation circuit. Con Eng Prac. 109, 104736.

Operational statistics from public financial results



# Process Monitoring Opportunities

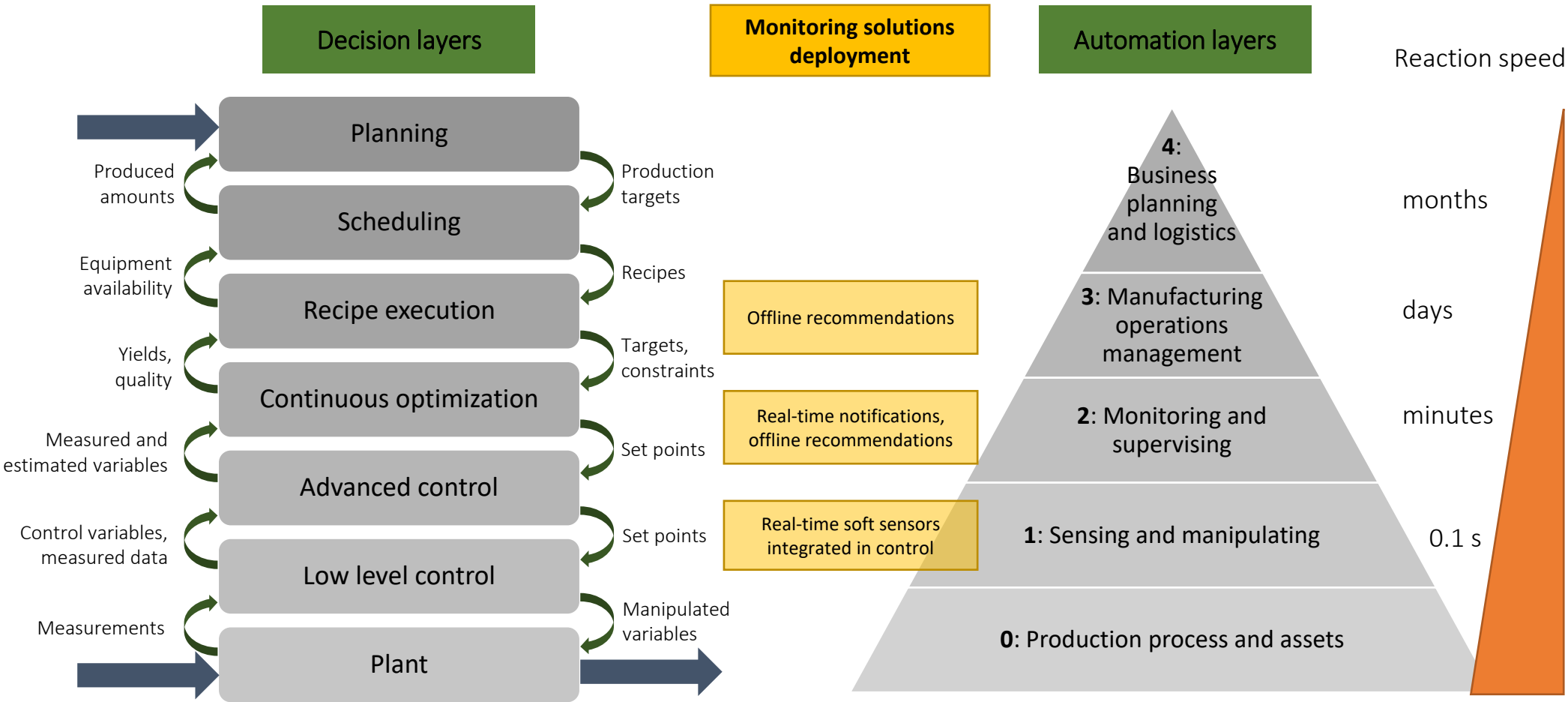
Fault diagnosis and optimization



*Sand and Terwiesch, 2013. Closing the loops: An industrial perspective on the present and future impact of control. Euro J. Control. 19, 341-350.*

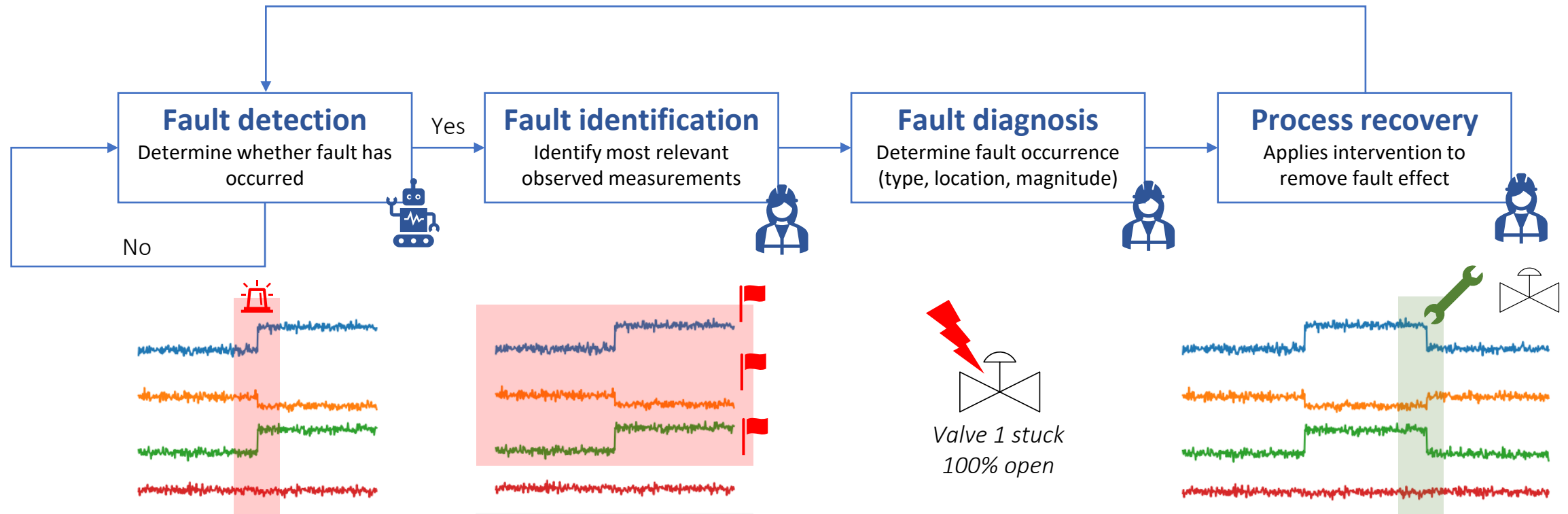
# Process Monitoring Opportunities

Automation hierarchy



# Process Monitoring Tasks

## Fault diagnosis



Performance  
metrics

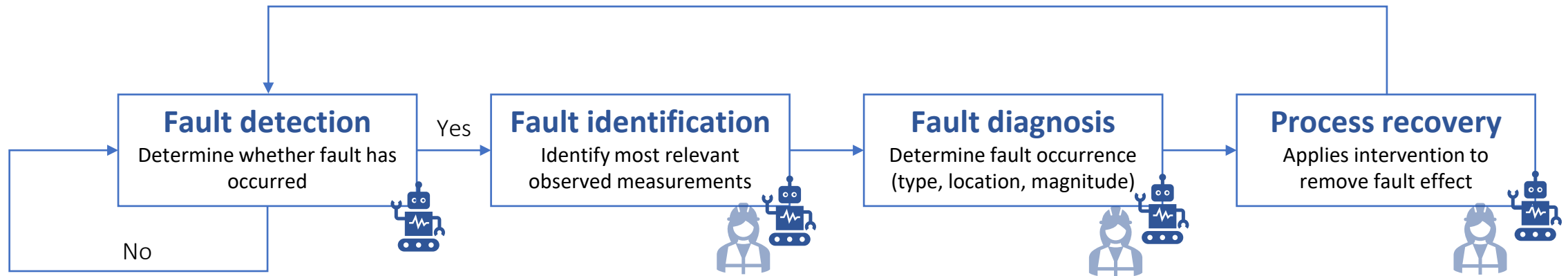
False/missing alarm rates  
Detection delays

Identification accuracy  
*Not well-established*

Diagnosis accuracy  
*Not well-established*

Process key performance  
indicators  
*Not well-established*

# Process Monitoring Tasks



**End-to-end process monitoring (E2E-PM):**  
Complete set of automated algorithms to link process monitoring tasks and generate appropriate process recovery interventions exactly when required

## Related work:

Fault Tolerant Control + Data-Driven Process Monitoring

MacGregor & Cinar (2012). Monitoring, fault diagnosis, fault-tolerant control and optimization: Data-driven methods.

Prognostics and Health Management

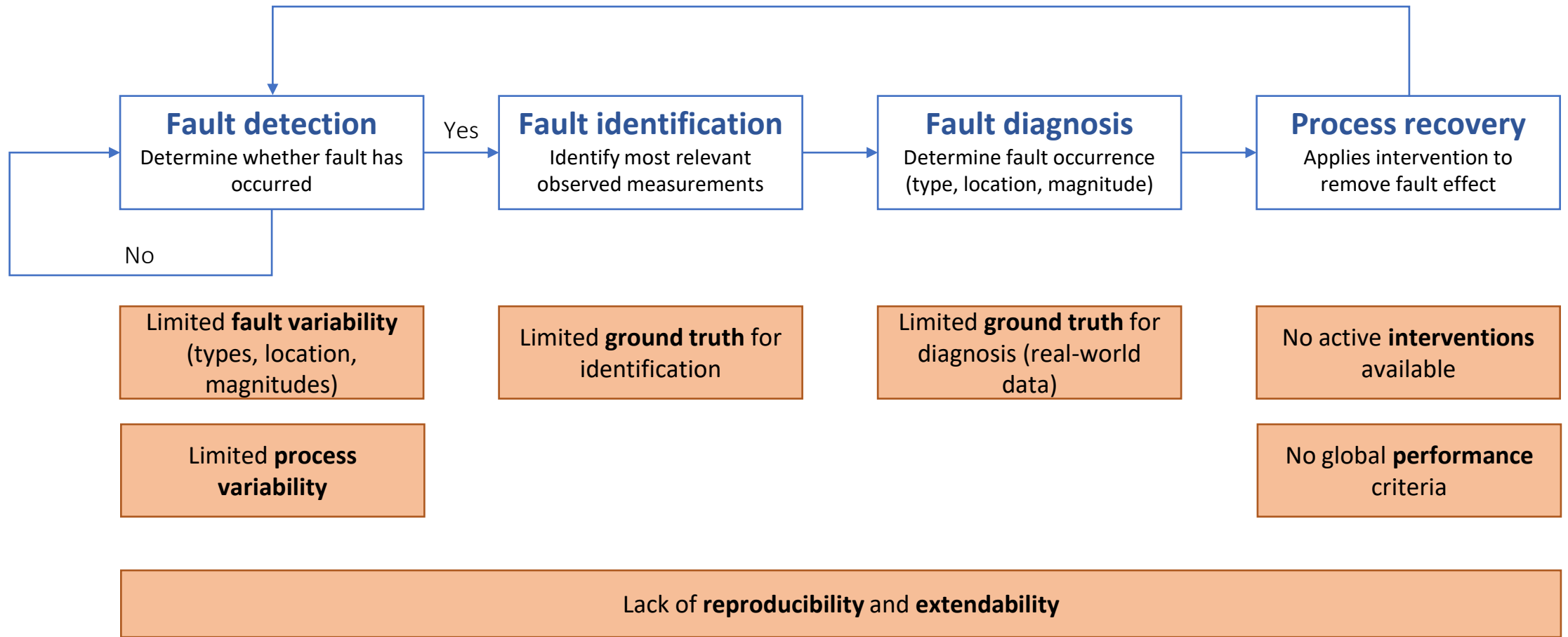
Zio, E. (2022). Prognostics and health management (PHM): Where are we and where do we (need to) go in theory and practice.

Reinforcement Learning Industrial Task Suite

Chervonyi et al. (2022). Semi-analytical industrial cooling system model for reinforcement learning.



# Process Monitoring Research Challenges



# Process Data Challenges

## Process data characteristics

### Dynamic

- Plant does not operate at fixed values
- Random and systematic disturbances

### Time-varying

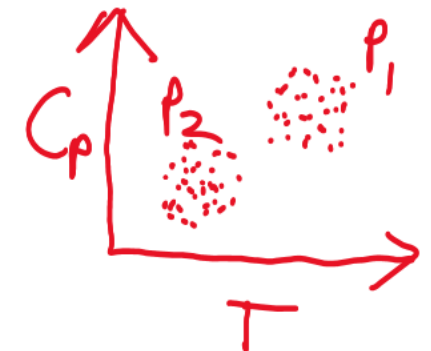
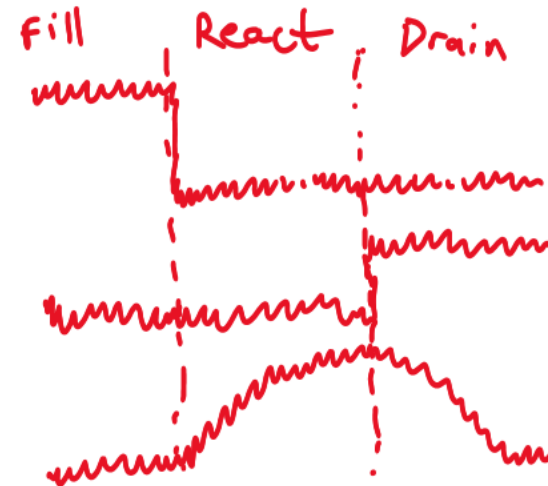
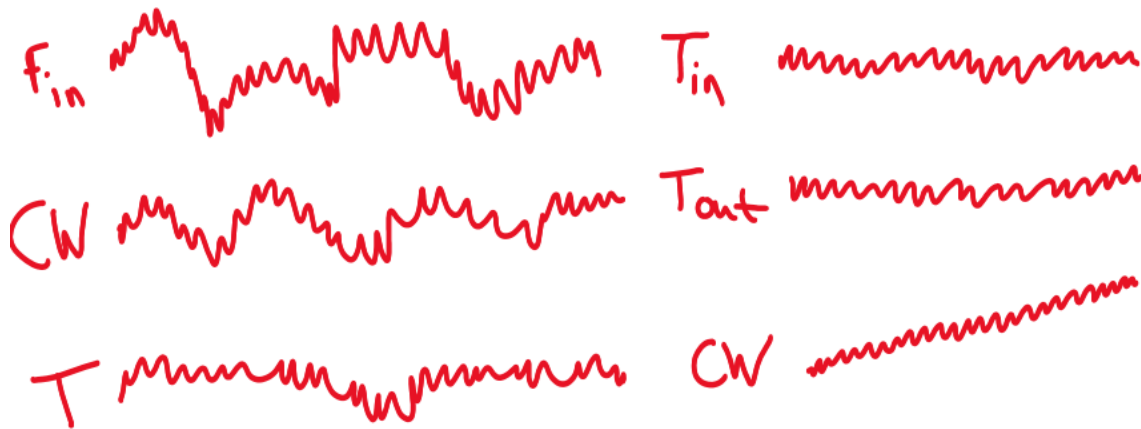
- Gradual changes in process parameters, e.g., due to degradation

### Batch vs continuous

- Batch process = recipe executed over time

### Multimode

- Switching between recipes changes distribution of data

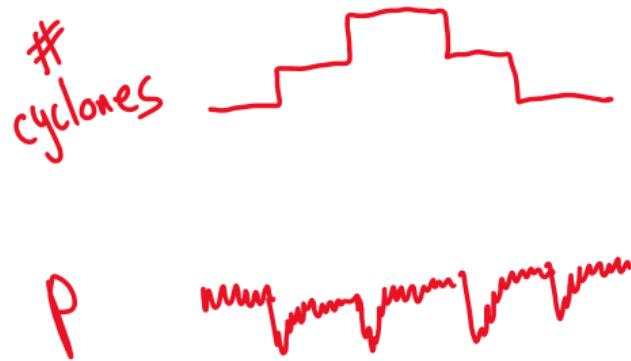


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### Discrete/discontinuous

- Equipment switched on/off causing step changes



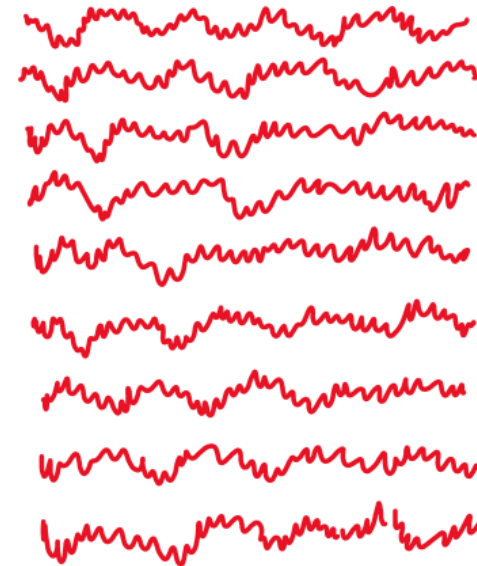
### Nonlinear

- Chemical and physical laws cause nonlinear relationships



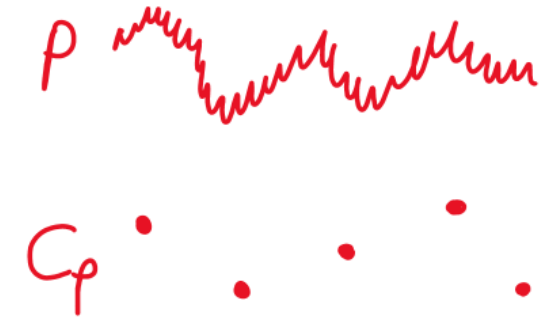
### High dimensionality

- Tens/hundreds/thousands of variables



### Multi-rate sampling

- Sampling frequency of measurements differ (seconds to days)



# Reproducibility Crisis

Data leakage and reproducibility crisis (in machine learning)

Kapoor and Narayanan (2022) found **329 papers** with machine learning application errors in 17 research fields, leading to widely optimistic conclusions

## Lack of clean separation between training and test sets

- No test set
- Pre-processing on training and test sets
- Feature selection on training and test sets
- Duplicates

## Illegitimate features

- E.g., proxy for output variable included in inputs
- Domain-specific

## Test set not representative

- Temporal leakage (shuffling)
- Nonindependence between train and test sets
- Sampling bias

### Leakage and the Reproducibility Crisis in ML-based Science

We argue that there is a reproducibility crisis in ML-based science. We compile evidence of this crisis across fields, identify data leakage as a pervasive cause of reproducibility failures, conduct our own reproducibility investigations using in-depth code-review, and propose a solution.



Draft paper

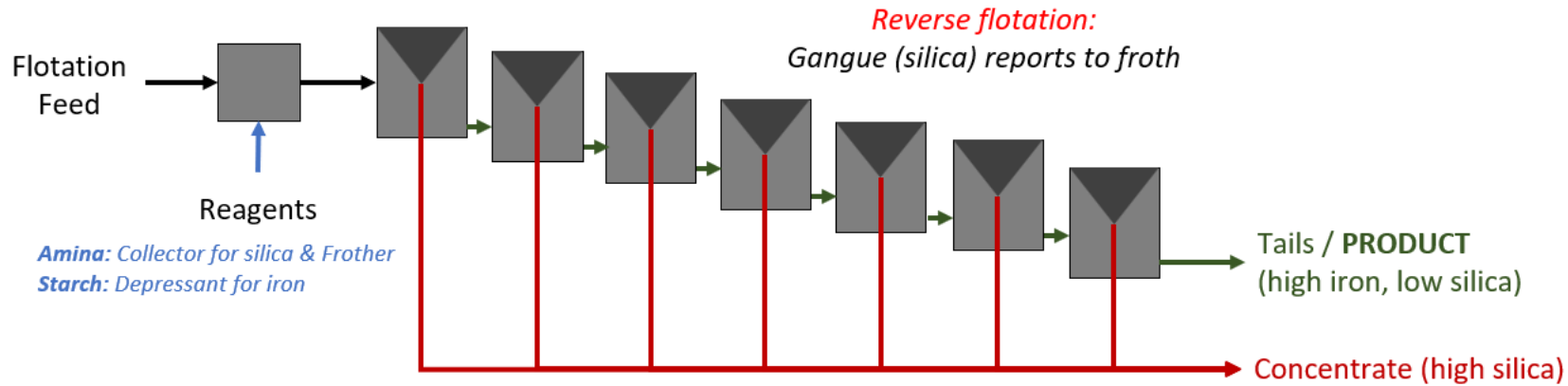
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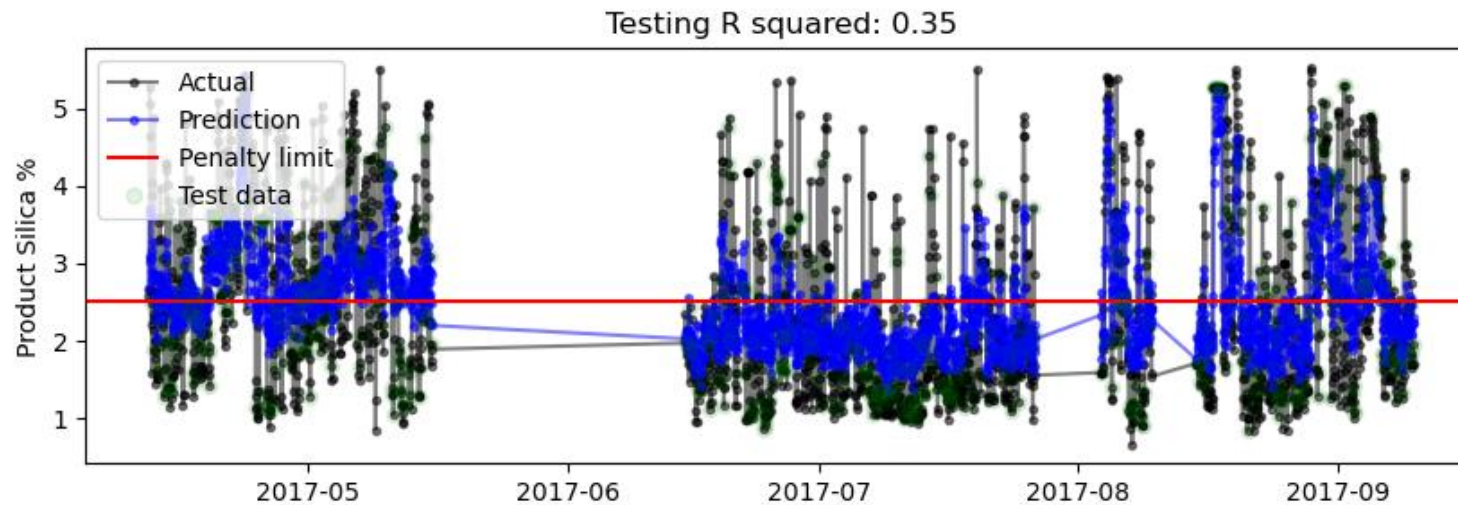


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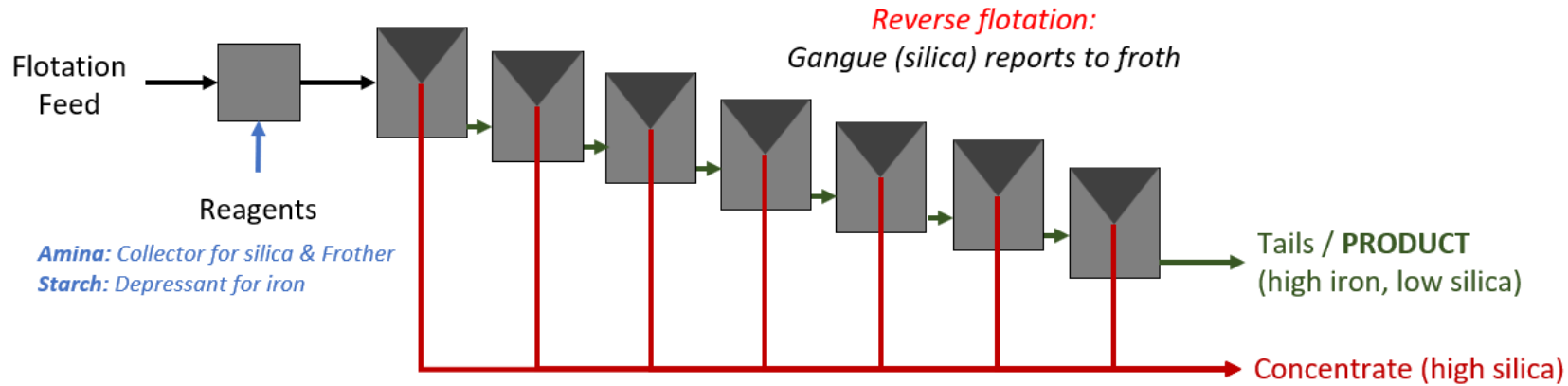


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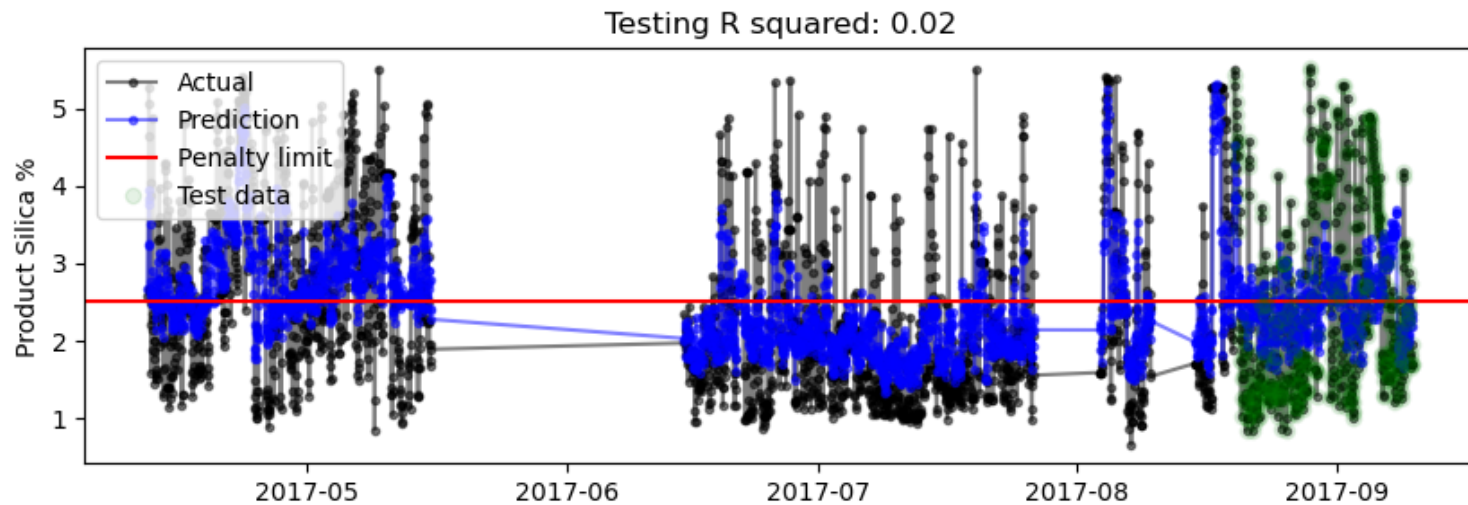


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Publishing source code of case studies and algorithms to mitigate the crisis

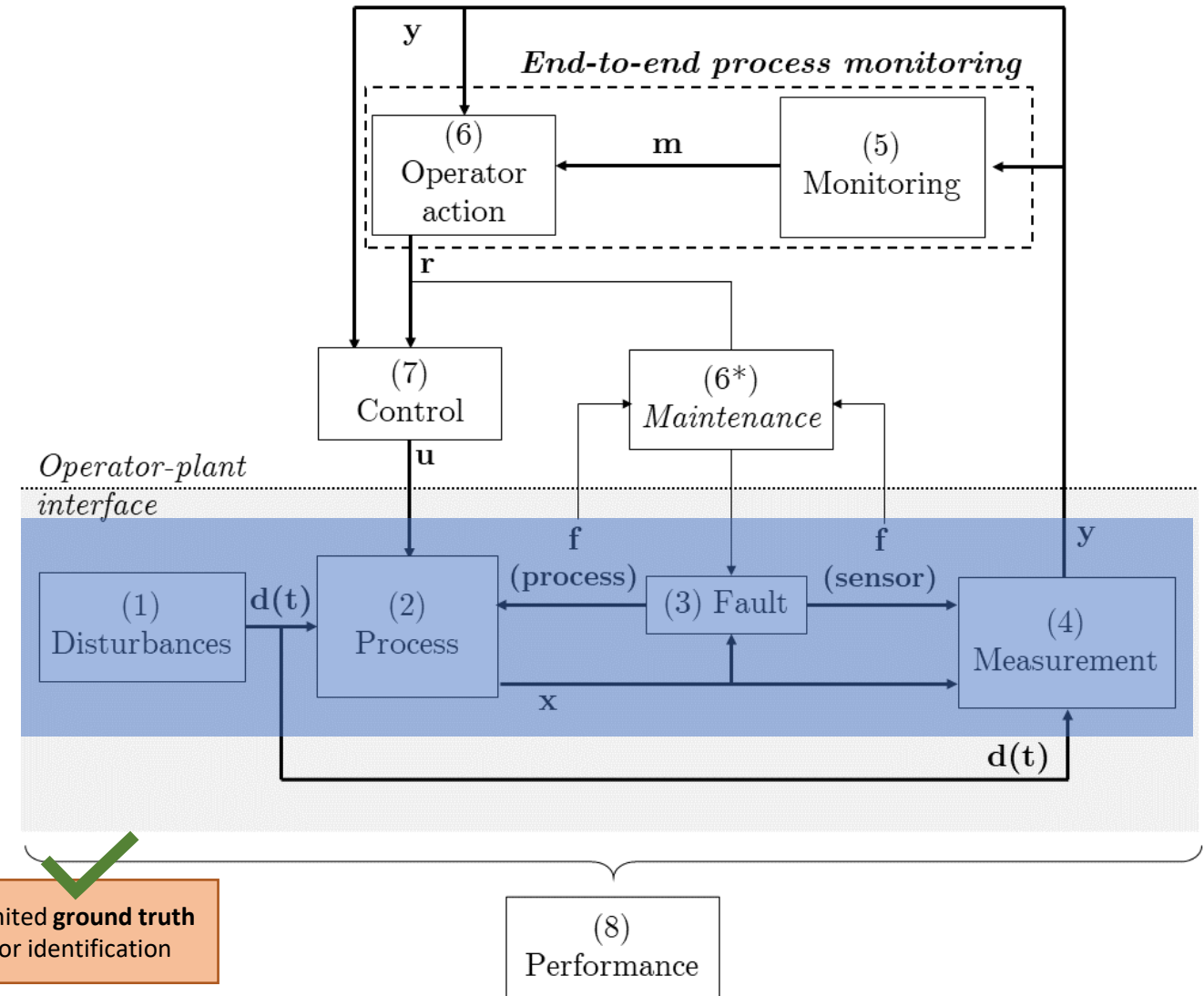
- Concerns:
  - Not achieving required code quality for publication
  - Intellectual property protection pressure
- Counter-arguments:
  - Even professional code is often badly documented, inconsistent, and poorly tested
  - If the code is good enough to produce results, it is good enough to share
  - Freely shared code does not require technical support (if the feedback is unhelpful, ignore it)
  - Value lies in (your) expertise



# End-to-End Process Monitoring Framework

## Modular Case Study Design

- Test bed for E2E-PM solutions:  
Unbiased and effective evaluation
- 8 interacting modular components
- **Plant modules**
  - Disturbance module
    - Deterministic, stochastic, seasonal, etc.
  - Process module
    - Process dynamics (including actuation)
  - Fault module
    - Process, actuator, sensor faults
    - Condition/state-dependent, stochastic
    - Feedback to *process* and *sensors*
  - Measurement module
    - Effects of time delays, variable sampling rates, measurement noise, sensor faults



✓  
Limited **process variability**

✓  
Limited **fault variability** (types, location, magnitudes)

✓  
Limited **ground truth** for diagnosis (real-world data)

✓  
Limited **ground truth** for identification

(8)  
Performance

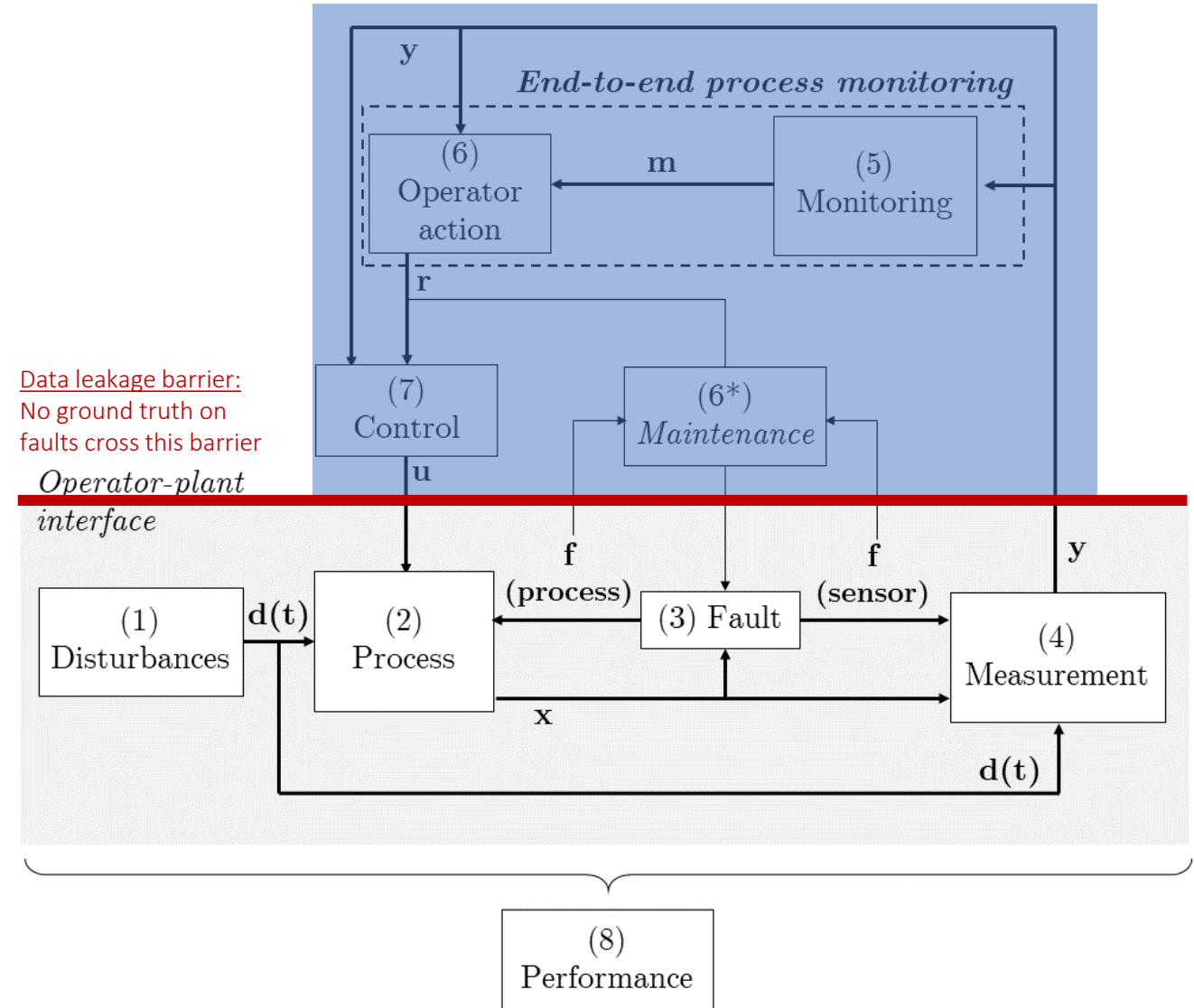


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- **Monitoring and intervention modules**
  - Monitoring module
    - Detection, identification, diagnosis
  - Operator action module
    - Follow-up interventions (start-up, shut down, set points adjustment, tuning, maintenance instructions)
  - Maintenance module
    - Direct interaction with fault states (inspection and replacement during plant shuts)
  - Control module
    - Automated interlocks, regulatory, supervisory, optimisation control

✓  
No active **interventions**  
available



# Case Study



<https://github.com/Stellenbosch-University-Process-Eng/End-to-end-process-monitoring>

## Toy Problem to Demonstrate Framework

### Disturbance

Stochastically varying feed flow rate and feed concentration

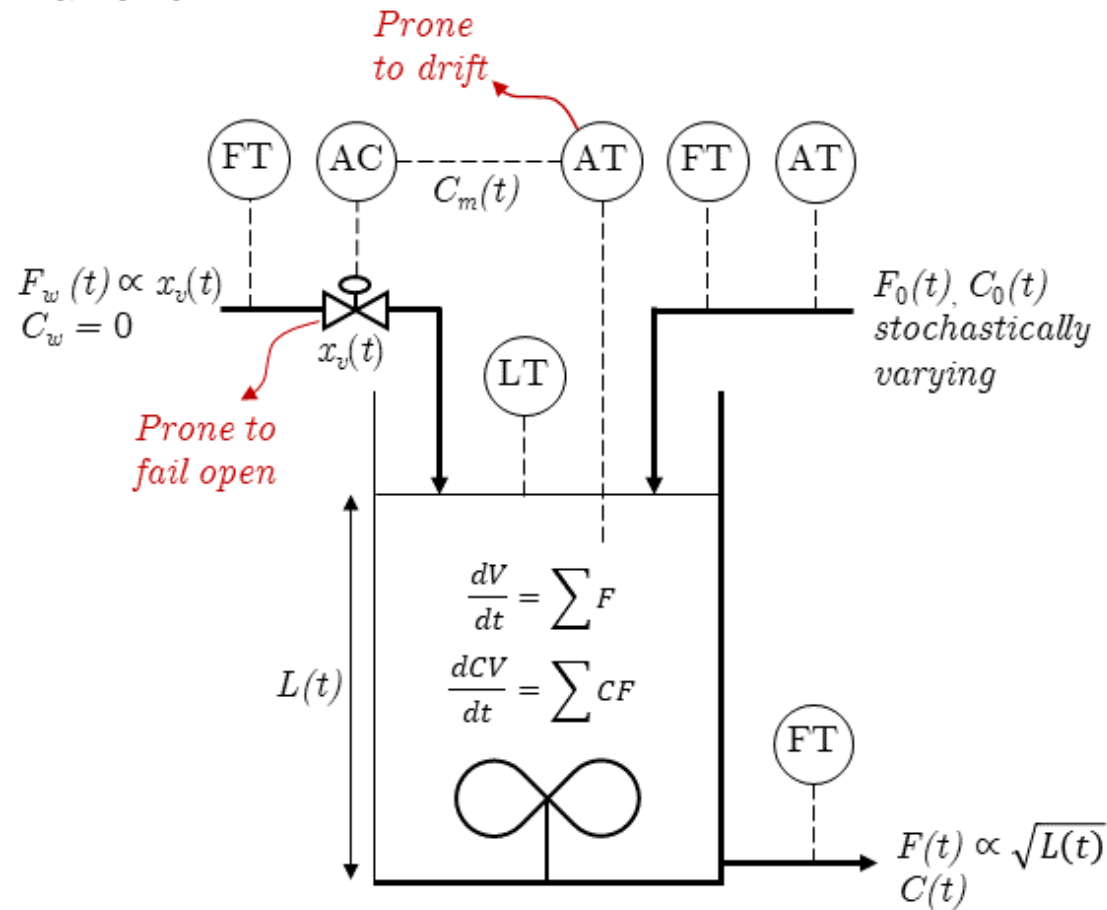
### Process

### Measurement

### Control

### Fault

1 = Control valve fail open  
2 = Concentration measurement drift  
Stochastic timing, bathtub curve



### Monitoring

Principal Component Analysis  
Training: First 7 days  
Detection: Hotelling's  $T^2$  and SPE  
Diagnosis: Expert rules

### Operator actions and maintenance

Different strategies:

- Planned maintenance
- Alarms inspire check, replace, maintenance timing

### Performance

**Profit (\$/hr)**  
= (revenue from product on spec) –  
(costs from planned/unplanned maintenance)

# Setup and familiarization

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Interactive session



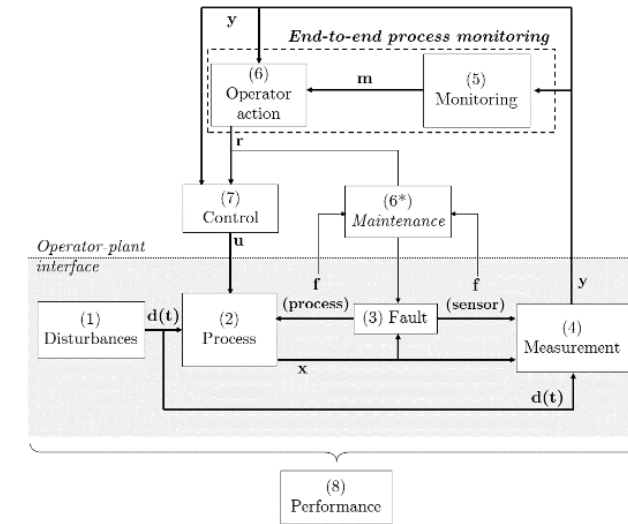
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## Goals and exercises

- Ensure MATLAB and/or Python is setup up
- Access [repository code](#)
  - Zip download and extraction
  - Using git
- Test running the code 'BlendingTank\_IFACWC.m' (MATLAB) or 'BlendingTank\_IFACWC.py' (Python)
- **Exercise:** Access simulation outputs (e.g., variables m or results DataFrame (Python)) and inspect values
- **Exercise:** Change the maximum duration of the simulation and rerun the experiment

# Framework module details



Basic dynamic simulations

Disturbance model

Process model

Fault model

Measurement model

# Basic dynamic simulations

## Dynamic model simulation

- Typical open-loop (no control) simulation requirements for phenomenological models

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### Time extent for which system should be simulated

**Required:** Start time, end time

**Optional:** Time increments result should be reported at

$$\tau \frac{dy(t)}{dt} + y(t) = K_p x(t)$$

*# Time*

`t_span = [0, 5]`

`t_sample = np.arange(t_span[0], t_span[1], 0.1)`

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### Constants used in dynamic model

$$\tau \frac{dy(t)}{dt} + y(t) = K_p x(t)$$

# Parameters

`tau = 0.5`

`K_p = 2.0`

`theta = [tau, K_p]`



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### Starting point of simulation

May need steady-state balance ( $\frac{dy}{dt} = 0$ ) to solve

$$\tau \frac{dy(t)}{dt} + y(t) = K_p x(t)$$

# Initial values

$$x_0 = 1.0$$

$$y_0 = [K_p * x_0]$$

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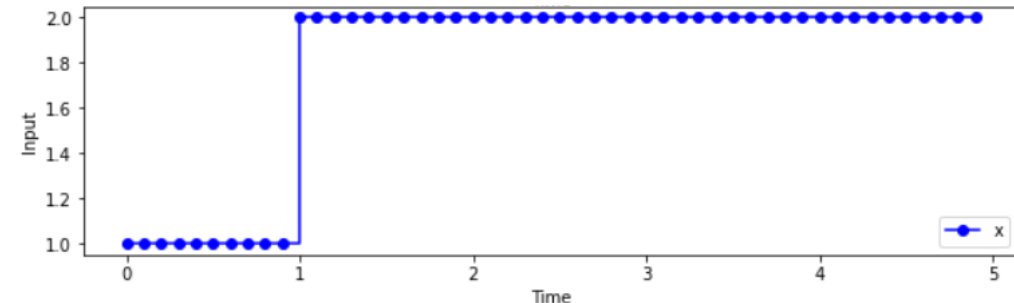
### Input / forcing function / independent variables trajectory

Open-loop simulation: Fixed trajectory

Closed-loop simulation: Controller output

$$\tau \frac{dy(t)}{dt} + y(t) = K_p x(t)$$

```
# Forcing function / input
x = np.ones(len(t_sample))*x_0
x_delta = 1.0
x[10:] = x_0+x_delta
```



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### Ordinary differential equation(s) (ODE(s))

Required arguments: (t, y)

Optional arguments: (x, parameters)

$$\tau \frac{dy(t)}{dt} + y(t) = K_p x(t)$$

# Model

```
def firstOrderSystem(t,y,t_x,x,theta):
    # Determine input time
    t_ind = (np.abs(t_x-t)).argmin()
    # Determine input value
    x_now = x[t_ind]
    # Unpack parameters
    tau, K_p = theta
    # ODE
    dydt = (K_p/tau)*x_now - (1/tau)*y
    return dydt
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### Numerical integration

For each time step, evaluates  $\frac{dy}{dt}$

Next  $y$  value calculated based on  $\frac{dy}{dt}$ :

$$y(k+1) = y(k) + \Delta y$$

Next time step determined  $t + \Delta t$

*This may be iterative: varying  $\Delta t$  to ensure numerical accuracy*

# Integration

```
result = solve_ivp(firstOrderSystem,
                  t_span, y_0,
                  args=(t_sample, x, theta),
                  t_eval=t_sample)
```

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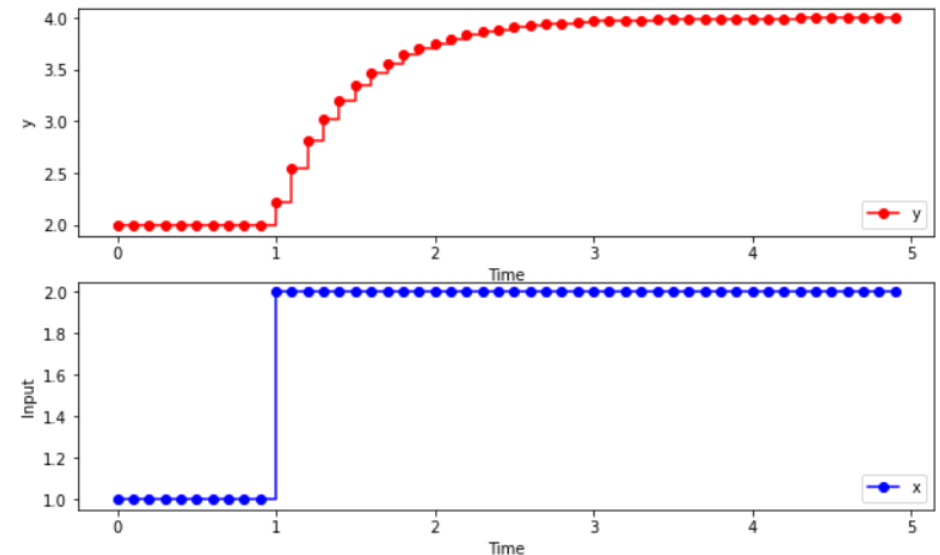
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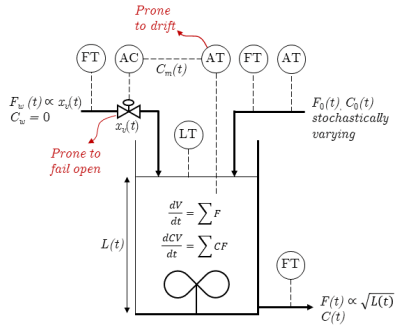
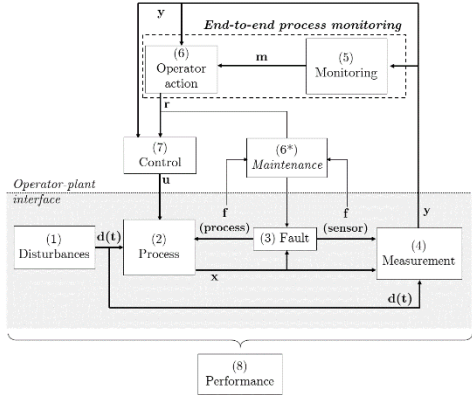
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# Simulation time

## Motivation and details

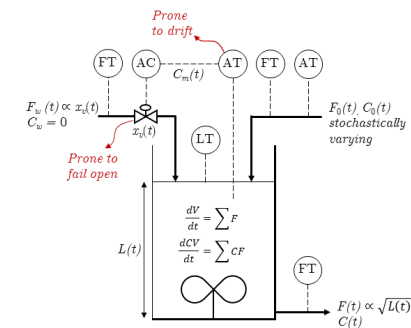
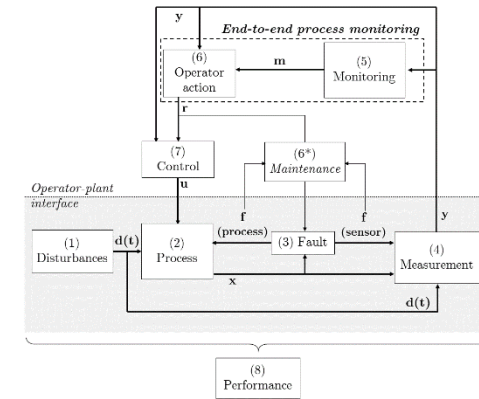
- Specification of simulation time
  - Time step  $\Delta t$ , 't['deltat']', e.g., 1 second
  - Simulation time  $t_{max}$ , 't['tmax']', e.g., 16 days in seconds
  - Maximum number of time steps  $N$ , 't['N']'
  - Time vector  $t = [N \times 1]$ , 't['tvector']'
  - Current time index  $t_i$ , 't['i']'



# Disturbance module

## Motivation and details

- Motivation:
  - Sufficient process variability is required to reflect the challenges of practical process monitoring
  - Real-world operations have varying disturbances, affecting the process and activating control systems
- Details:
  - A *disturbance model* generates suitable process disturbances  $d(t)$  over the required timescales
  - Disturbances are independent of the rest of the simulation
  - Various forms possible, e.g., deterministic, stochastic, seasonal







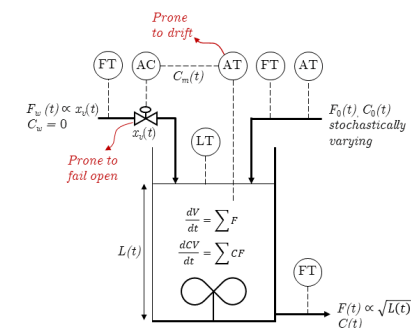
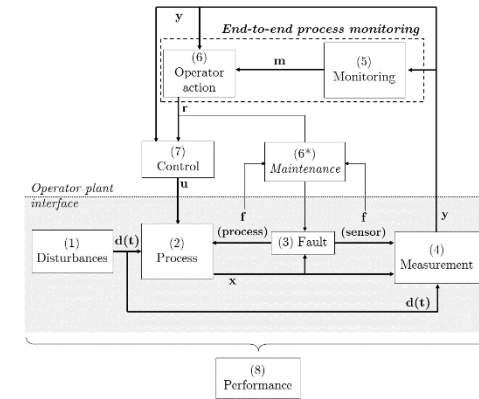




# Process module

## Implementation

- Process model is often a system of differential-algebraic equations
- Example of a dynamic process:
- Overall mass balance (assumption of constant density)
  - $\frac{dV}{dt} = F_0 + F_W - F$
- Component balance (assumption of similar density of solute and solvent, no excess volume upon mixing)
  - $\frac{dCV}{dt} = C_0 F_0 - CF$
- Valve dynamics
  - $\frac{dx_{F,v}}{dt} = \frac{1}{\tau_v} (x_{F,v,u} - x_{F,v})$
- Where:
  - $V$  is the liquid volume in the tank
  - $F_0, F_W, F$  are the feed inflow, water inflow, and outflow rates, respectively
  - $C_0, C$  are the feed and product solute concentrations, respectively
  - $x_{F,v,u}, x_{F,v}$  are the control instruction and actual value of outflow valve opening, respectively
  - $\tau_v$  is the time constant for the valve dynamics

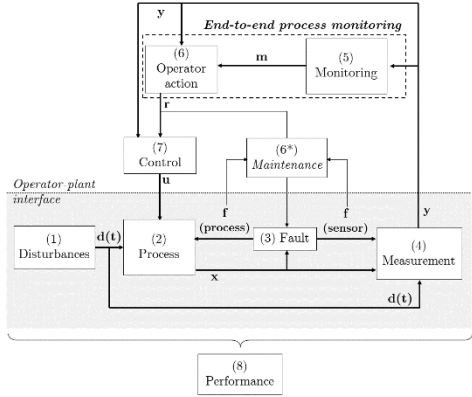


# Process module

## Implementation

- Intermediate variables are often useful to track
  - Example of intermediate variable calculation:
    - Product concentration  $C(t) = \frac{CV(t)}{V(t)}$
    - Level  $L(t) = \frac{V(t)}{A}$
    - Feed inflow  $F_0(t) = x_{0,v}(t)F_{0,d}(t)$
    - Water inflow  $F_W(t) = x_{W,v}(t)c_v$
    - Outflow  $F(t) = x_{F,v}(t)k_v\sqrt{L(t)}$
  - Edge-case behaviour (e.g., vessel draining or overflow) needs to be explicitly modelled
  - Example of ensuring that valve fraction open remains between 0 and 1:
- Note:** Feed inflow and water valves can be manipulated up / shut down purposefully

- $\frac{dx_v}{dt} = \begin{cases} 0 & x_v = 0, \frac{dx_v}{dt} < 0 \\ 0 & x_v = 1, \frac{dx_v}{dt} > 0 \end{cases}$
- $0 \leq x_v \leq 1$



**Note:** Feed inflow and water inflow valves can be manipulated for start-up / shut down purposes

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  - $0 \leq u_v \leq 1$



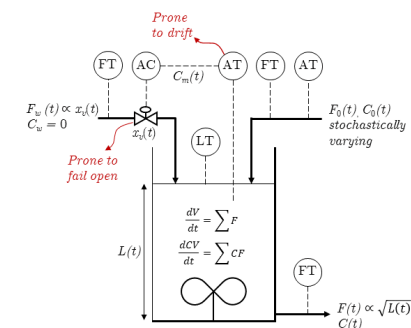
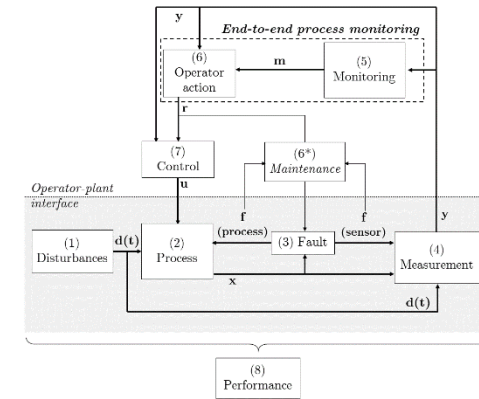


# Process module

## Implementation

- Solving for initial steady-state conditions is sometimes required for initialization of the process model, which may be challenging
- Example of initial steady-state calculation:
- Can define inputs  $\mathbf{u}(t)$ ;  $\mathbf{d}(t)$ , set points  $\mathbf{x}(t)$ ;  $\mathbf{y}(t)$
- Accumulation = zero:
  - Valve dynamics
  - $0 = \frac{1}{\tau_v} (x_{F,v,u,ss} - x_{F,v,ss}); \therefore x_{F,v,ss} = x_{F,v,u,ss}$
  - Volume balance
  - $0 = F_{0,ss} + F_{W,ss} - F_{ss} = x_{0,v,ss} F_{0,d,ss} + x_{W,v,ss} C_v - x_{F,v,u,ss} k_v \sqrt{\frac{V_{ss}}{A}}$
  - Component mass balance
  - $0 = C_{0,ss} F_{0,ss} - C_{ss} F_{ss} = C_{0,d,ss} x_{0,v,ss} F_{0,d,ss} - C_{SP} x_{F,v,u,ss} k_v \sqrt{\frac{V_{ss}}{A}}$

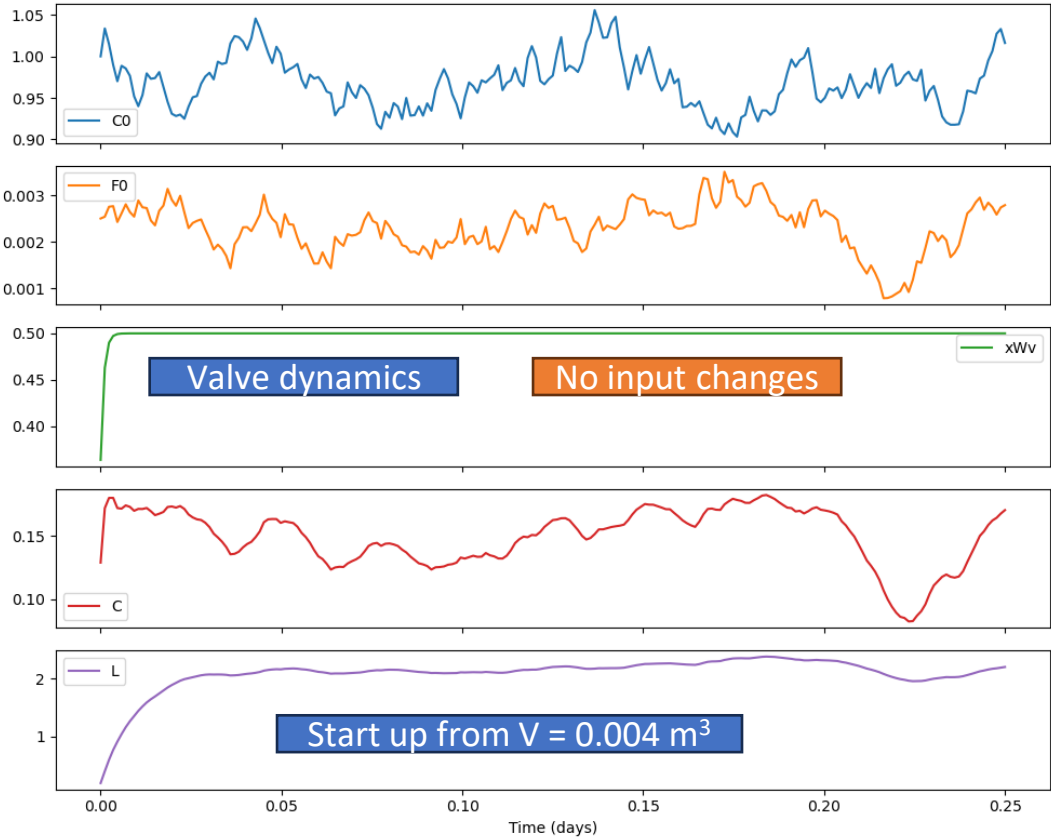
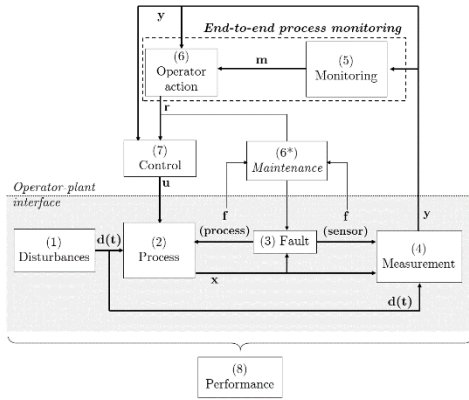
**Example:** For desired  $C_{SP}$ , can calculate initial  $V_{ss}$  and  $x_{W,v,ss}$  for fixed  $x_{0,v,ss}$  and  $x_{F,v,u,ss}$



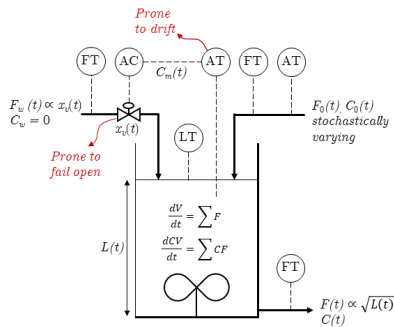
# Process module

## Implementation

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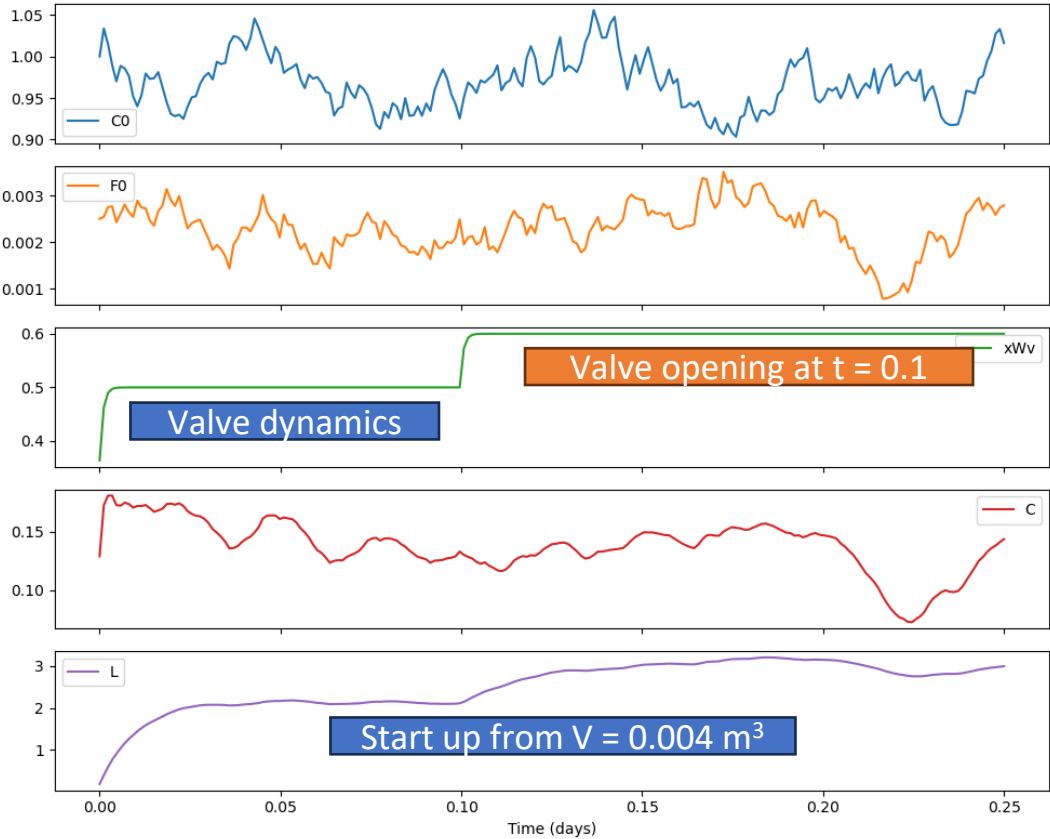
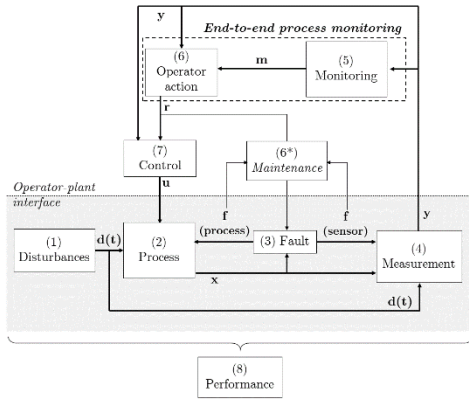
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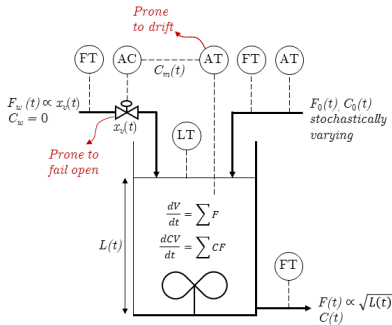
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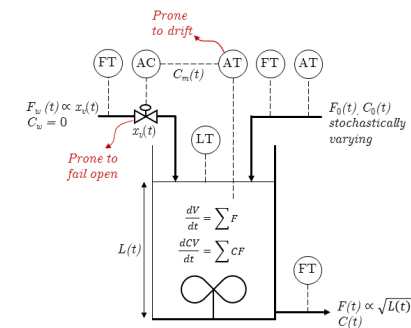
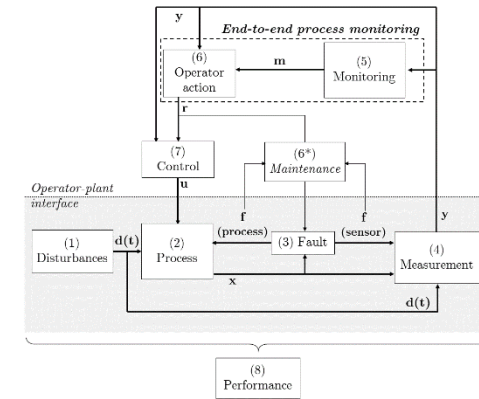




# Fault module

## Motivation and details

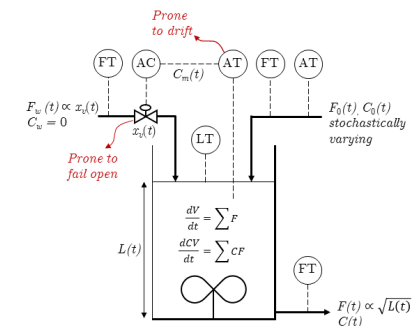
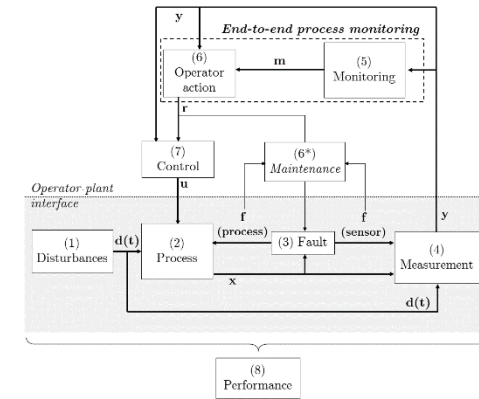
- Motivation:
  - Real-world processes can have complex dynamics, potentially dependent on fault conditions
- Details:
  - A *fault model* simulates process, actuator and sensor faults
  - A fault signal  $f(t)$  captures the presence and nature of faults
  - Faults may depend on the current process state  $x(t)$
  - The fault signal serves as input to:
    - The *process model* – potentially affecting dynamics
    - The *measurement model* – potentially affecting sensor accuracy



# Fault module

## Implementation

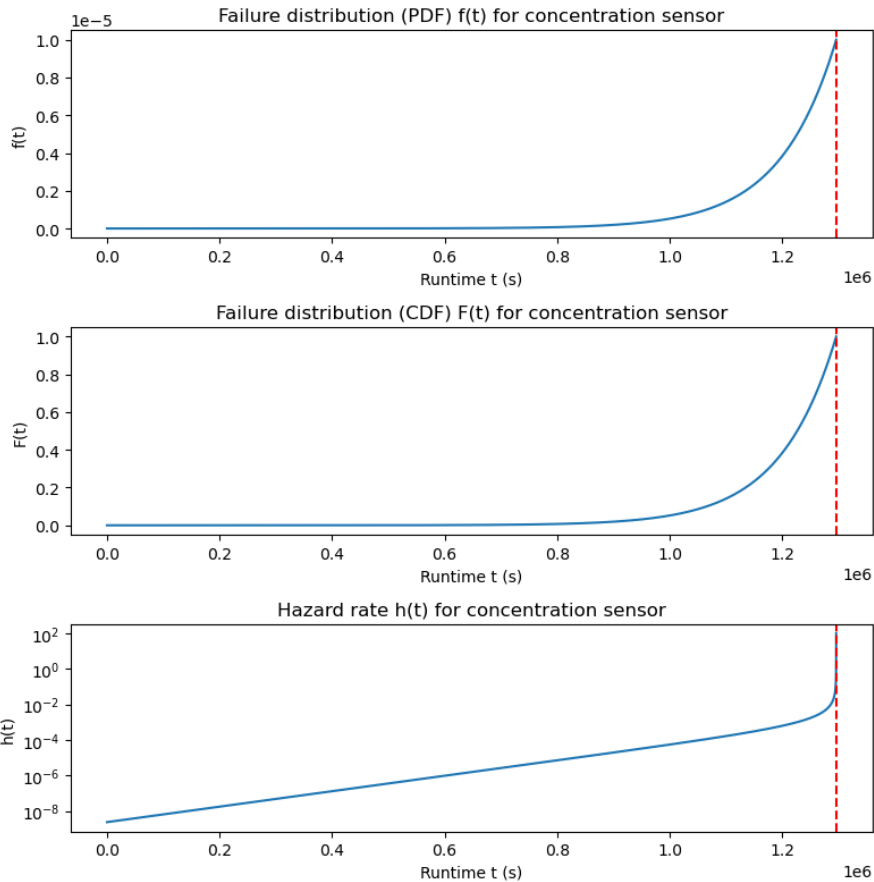
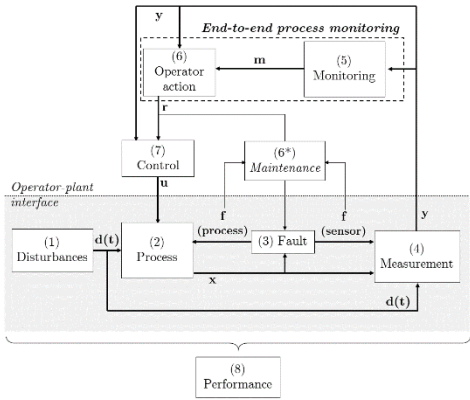
- The fault model typically contains a stochastic fault condition activation function, and the specification of how fault conditions affect the process and measurement modules
- Example of a fault model:
  - A *failure probability distribution* or *hazard rate* that incorporates the current run time of the component that can fail
  - A *fault state* update that evaluates the hazard function at each time step to check if a fault condition is activated
  - Fault condition parameters* that are updated if the fault condition is activated



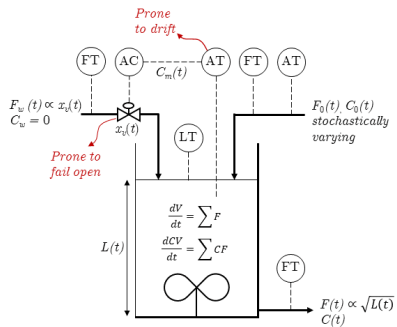
# Fault module

## Implementation

- Example of a fault model:
  - Sensor *failure probability distribution* as a function of time



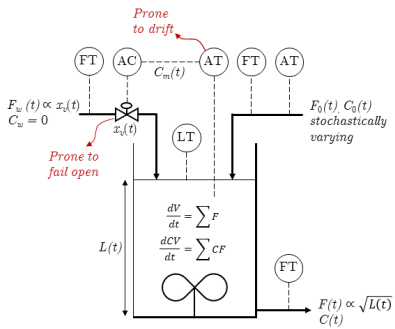
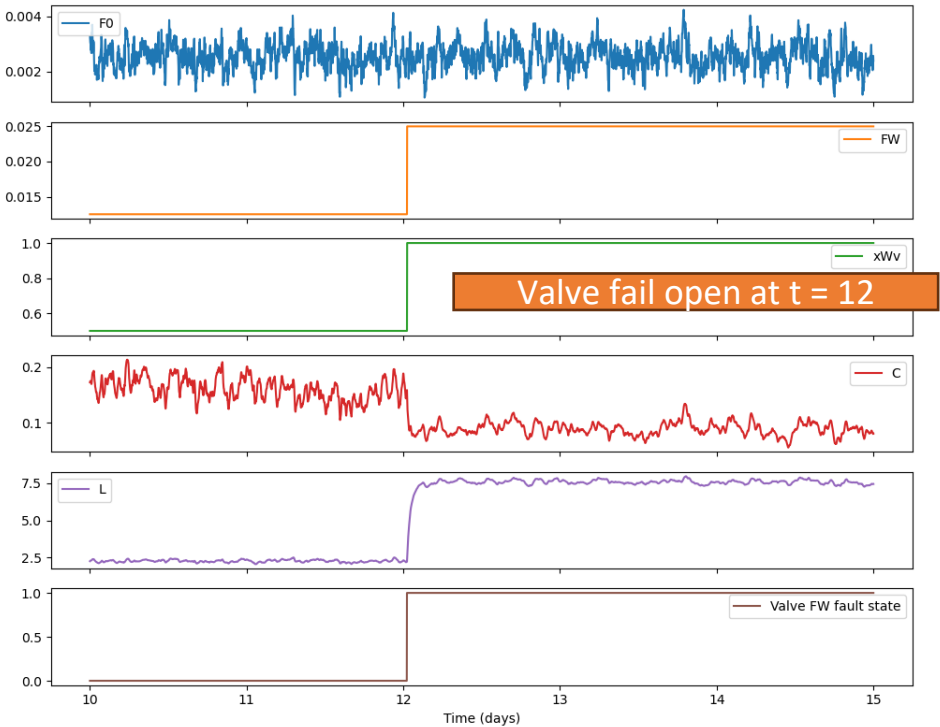
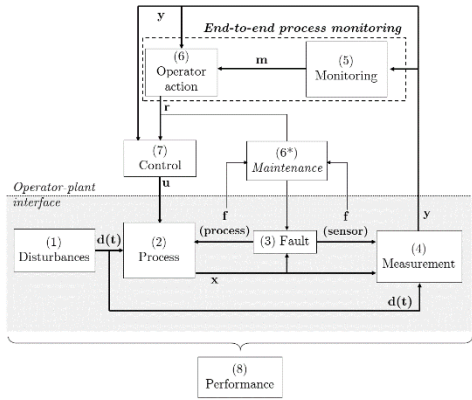
Runtime up to maximum lifetime



# Fault module

## Implementation

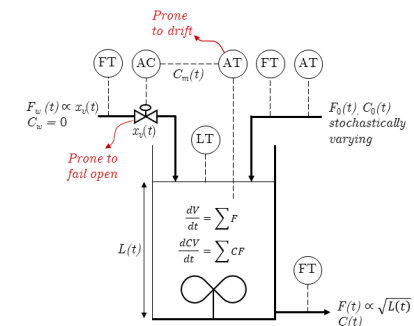
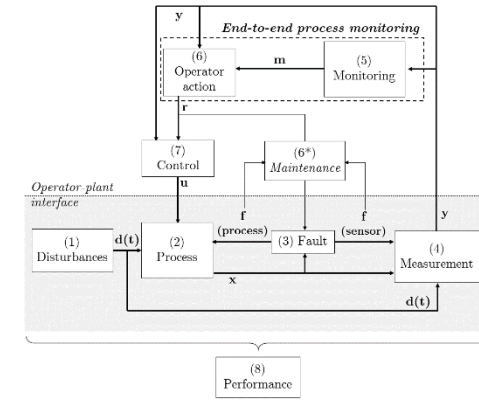
- Example of a fault model:
  - Different *fault states* and their potential effects as well as *fault condition parameters*:
    - Sensor stuck affects the **measurement model**, with measured value of sensor not updating with new measurements
    - Sensor bias affects the **measurement model**, with measured value offset by a constant bias from the real value
    - Sensor drift affects the **measurement model**, with measured value offset by a growing bias from the real value
    - Valve stuck affects the **process model**, with the actual valve opening (typically calculated through process dynamics) unaffected by control inputs or other instructions



# Measurement module

## Motivation and details

- Motivation:
  - Measurements involve sensors, which may introduce time delays, variable sampling rates, measurement noise, and gross errors such as drifts
- Details:
  - A *measurement model* simulates measurement by sensors
  - Inputs to the measurement model are true process states  $x(t)$  and fault states  $f(t)$
  - Measured values  $y(t)$  are the outputs of the measurement model
  - The measured values serve as input to:
    - The *process model* – potentially affecting dynamics
    - The *measurement model* – potentially affecting sensor accuracy

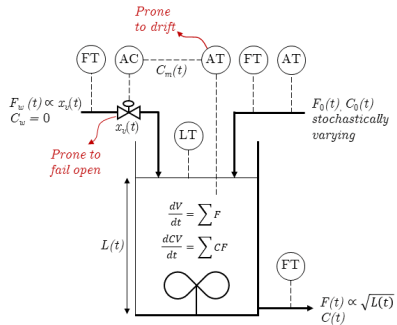
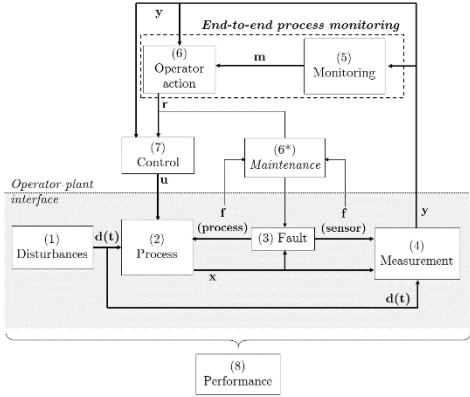
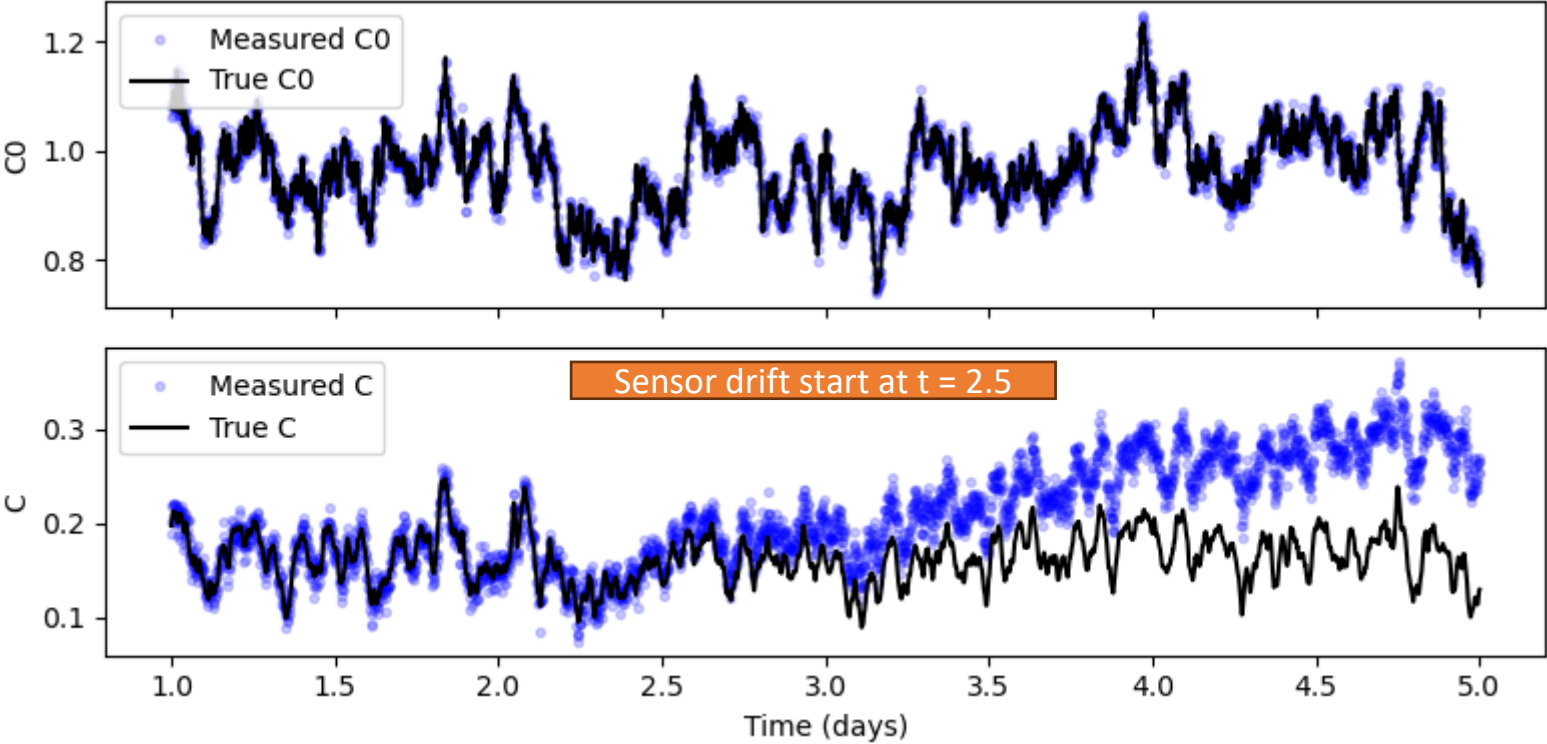




# Measurement module

## Implementation

- Effect of different sensor faults on measurement:
  - Stuck sensor:  $y_{k+1} = y_k$
  - Sensor bias:  $y_{k+1} = x_k + N(0, \sigma_{noise}) + \beta_{bias}$
  - Sensor drift:  $y_{k+1} = x_k + N(0, \sigma_{noise}) + \Delta_{drift,k}; \Delta_{drift,k+1} = \Delta_{drift,k} + \delta_{drift} \Delta t$



# Framework familiarization and experiments

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Interactive session





# Setup and familiarization

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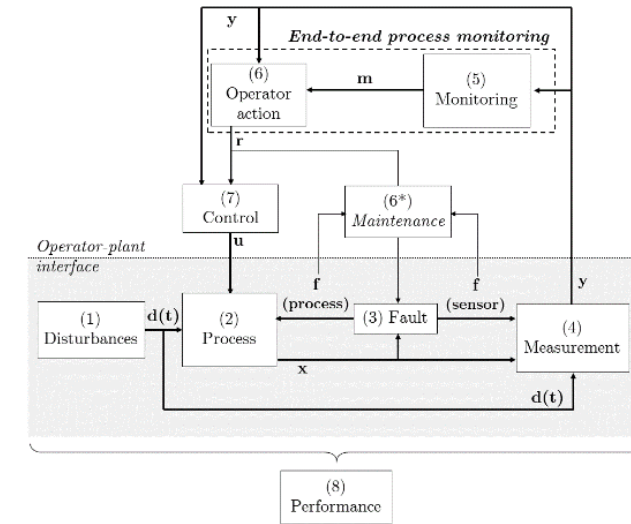
## Goals and exercises

- Run the illustrative examples in Python (optional) for the following models:
  - Disturbance model
  - Process model
  - Fault model
  - Measurement model
- **Exercise:** Change the disturbance model parameters and observe the effect
- **Exercise:** Double the outflow valve coefficient of the process model and observe the effect
- **Exercise:** Try different random seeds for the fault model illustration and observe the effect
- **Exercise:** Try different parameters for the measurement model (and measurement faults) and observe the effect



# Framework module details

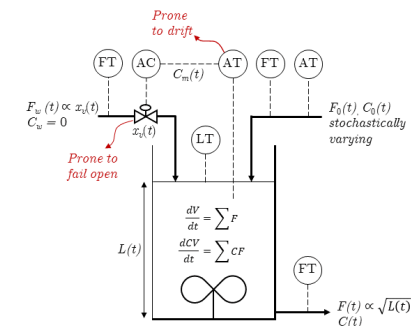
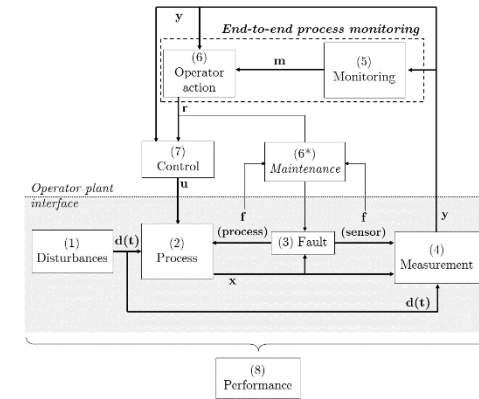
- Regulatory control model
- Monitoring model
- Supervisory control model
- Maintenance model
- Economic performance model



# Regulatory control module

## Motivation and details

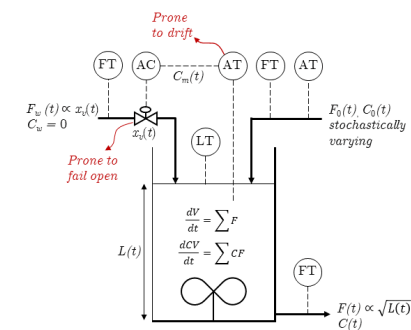
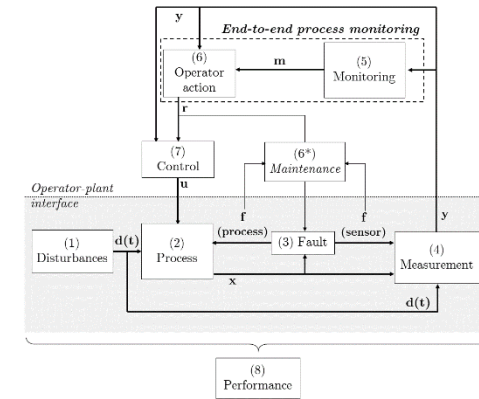
- Motivation:
  - Control is required to keep important process variables at their setpoints
  - Control equipment (actuators and sensors) are subject to faults, which deteriorate control and process performance
  - Through control output and process variable interaction (process responses and control responses), correlations between process variables may become unintuitive (from a process response perspective)
- Details:
  - A *regulatory control model* simulates control output calculated from setpoints, measurements, and control algorithms
  - Inputs to the control model are measurement values  $y(t)$ , control mode (automatic or manual), setpoints (part of  $r(t)$ ), and current inputs  $u(t)$
  - The output of the control model is the control outputs  $u(t)$  (e.g., valve position instructions)
  - The control outputs serve as input to:
    - The *process model*



# Regulatory control module

## Implementation

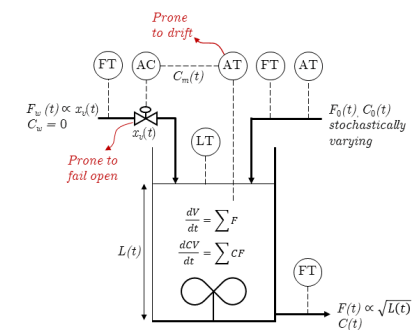
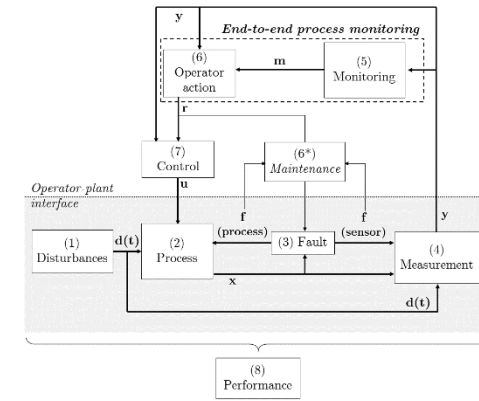
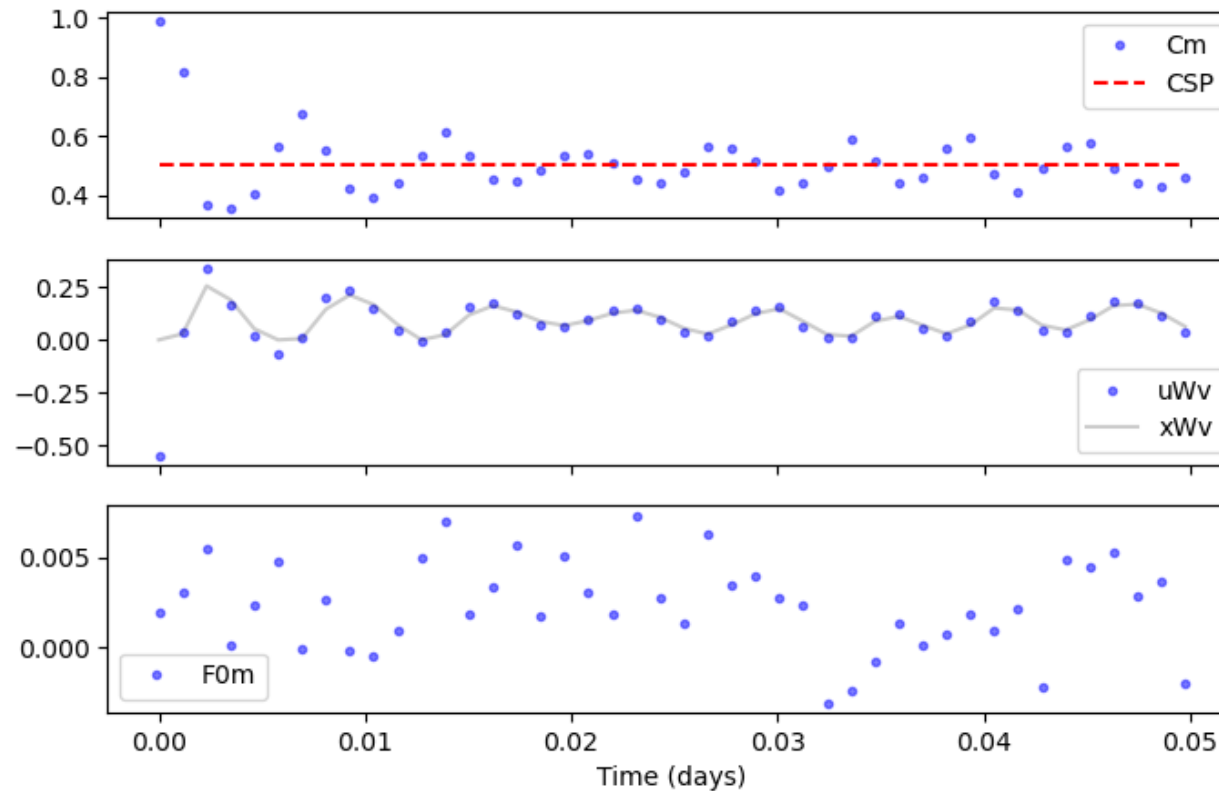
- Automatic control, e.g., PI algorithm:
  - Automatic control mode indicated by supervisory control flag (e.g., 'valve position' = -1)
  - $$u(t) = -K \times \left( e(t) + \frac{\Delta t}{\tau_I} \sum e(t) \right) + \bar{u}$$
  - Tuning constants:  $K$  (absolute value; sign indicates direct or reverse acting);  $\tau_I$
  - Controller bias:  $\bar{u}$
- Manual control:
  - Manual control indicated by supervisory control flag (e.g., 'valve position'  $\neq$  -1)
  - Specific value for control output (e.g., valve position) indicated, e.g., 0.5 (halfway open)



# Regulatory control module

## Implementation

- Example: Outflow concentration  $C(t)$  control through PI control affecting feed water valve  $u_{Wv}(t)$ 
  - Noise from measurement  $C_m(t)$  propagates to control output  $u_{Wv}(t)$
  - Valve dynamics (in *process model*) results in filtered actual valve position  $x_{Wv}(t)$

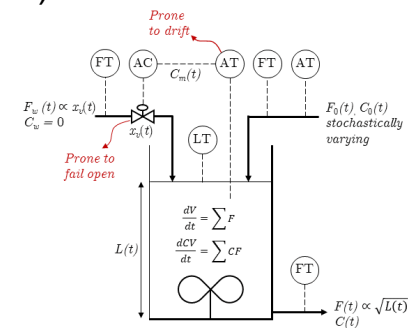
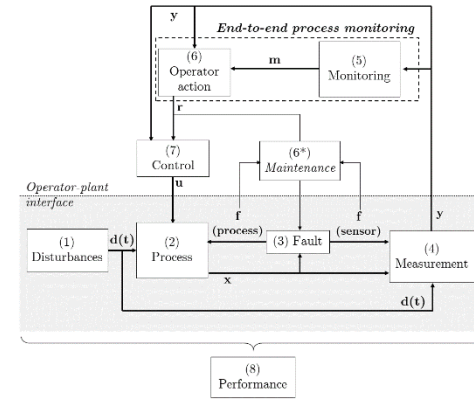




# Monitoring module

## Implementation

- The monitoring model involves a **training** and an **application** phase
- During **training**:
  - Training measurement data is collected from  $y(t)$  for a time span  $t_{trainingStart}$  to  $t_{trainingEnd}$ 
    - $t_{trainingStart}$  should allow for the initial start up phase to be complete before normal operating conditions data is collected
    - $t_{trainingEnd}$  should allow sufficient representative NOC data (or faults, in the case of supervised approaches)
  - Monitoring model parameters are estimated (e.g., loadings in PCA monitoring)
  - This phase may include hyperparameter optimization (e.g., number of components to be retained in PCA monitoring)
- During **application**:
  - Online measurement data is collected from  $y(t)$  at each time step
  - The trained monitoring model is applied to generate monitoring statistics (e.g., scores and reconstruction errors calculated, modified Hotelling's  $T^2$  and SPE statistics compared to thresholds)
  - Typically, expert rules are applied to translate monitoring statistics and contribution plots to fault diagnosis outputs





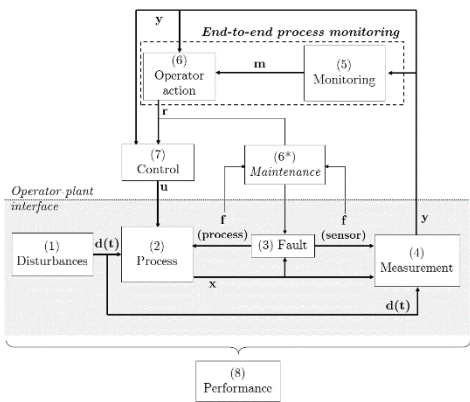






# Operator actions: supervisory control module

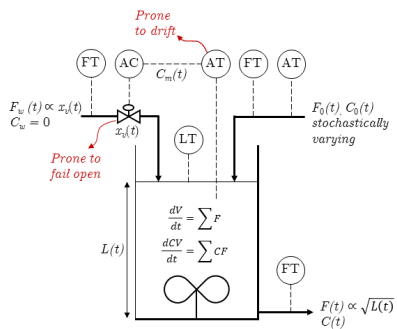
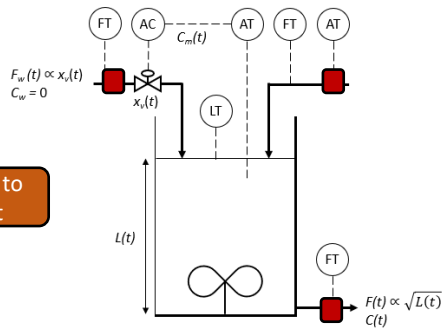
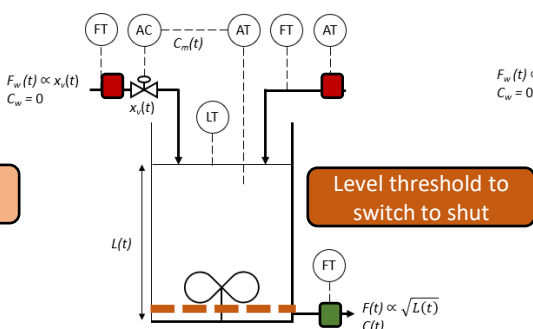
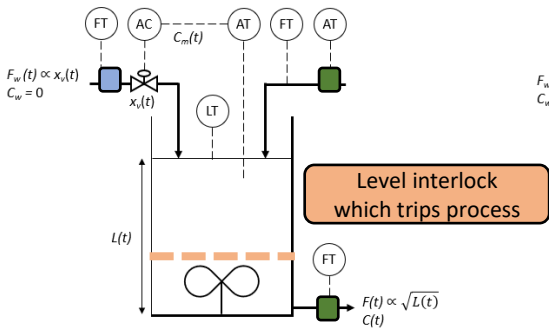
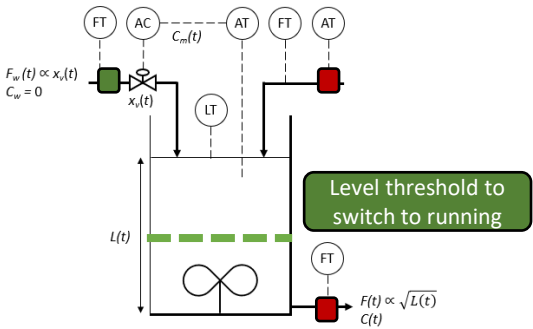
## Motivation and details



**Shutdown triggers:**  
Level interlock  
Planned maintenance (scheduled)  
Unplanned maintenance (alarm triggered from **monitoring**)

| Initial startup  | Running   | Shutdown   | Shut  | Startup                    | Running                  |
|--|---|--|---|----------------------------|--------------------------|
| $F_0, F$ valves closed<br>$F_W$ valve fully open<br>When $L_{startup}$ threshold reached, switch to “Running” regime | $F_0, F$ valves opened<br>$F_W$ controlled<br>When $L_{interlock}$ threshold reached, switch to “Shutdown” regime | $F_0, F_W$ valves closed<br>$F$ valve fully open<br>When $L_{shutdown}$ threshold reached, switch to “Shut” regime | All valves closed<br>Maintenance strategy applied, e.g.: valves/sensors/all checked, replaced | Similar to initial startup | See previous description |

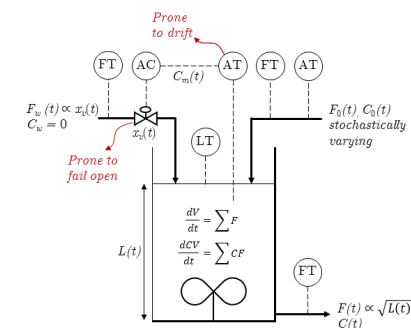
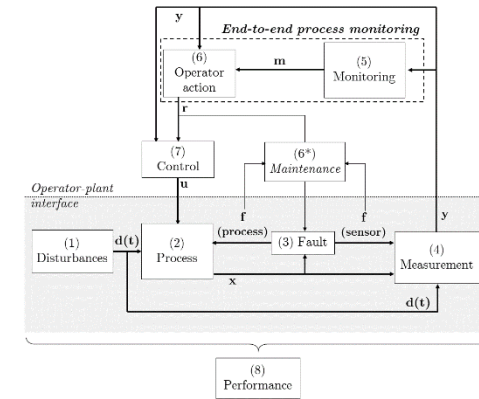
Time



# Operator actions: supervisory control module

## Implementation

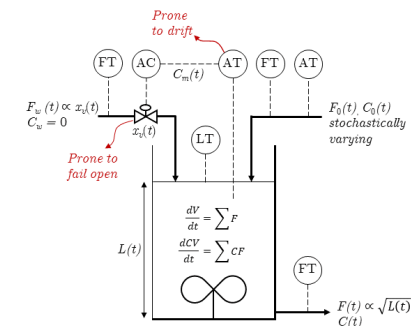
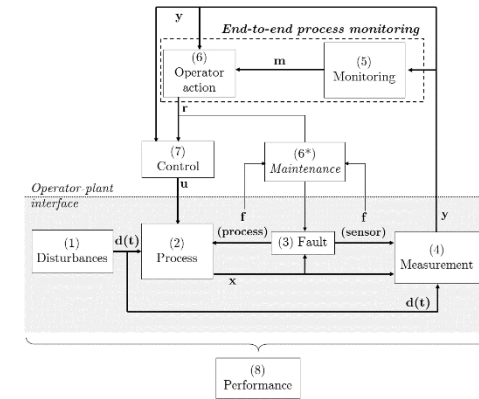
- The *supervisory control model* considers each regime (running, shutdown, shut, startup) and provides the following for each of the regimes:
  - Valve positions / valve control type
  - Setpoints for regulatory controllers
  - Switching to next regime
- Shut** regime example:
  - Valves for  $F_0$ ,  $F_W$  closed,  $F$  open (all manual control)
  - No setpoint for composition controller
  - Switch to **Startup** regime
  - Update time for next planned shut in case current shut was not unplanned
- Startup** regime example:
  - Valves for  $F_0$ ,  $F$  closed,  $F_W$  open (all manual control)
  - No set point for composition controller
  - Switch to **Running** regime if startup level (high) threshold reached



# Operator actions: supervisory control module

## Implementation

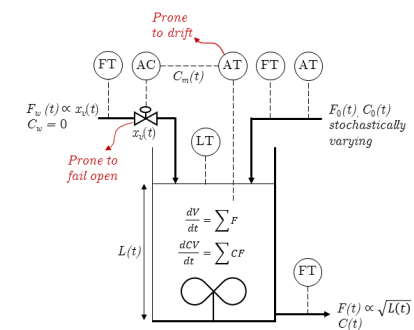
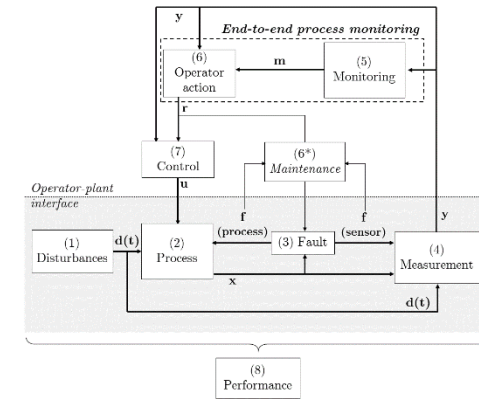
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  - Switching to next regime
- Running** regime example:
  - Valves for  $F_0$ ,  $F$  open (all manual control), valve for  $F_w$  under automatic control
  - Setpoint for composition controller as configured upfront
  - Switch to **Shutdown** regime if:
    - Level high interlock activated: unplanned shutdown, all components considered faulty
    - Planned maintenance due: components to be checked depends on maintenance cycle
    - Alarm raised by monitoring model, and maintenance strategy triggers unplanned maintenance, flagged components considered faulty



# Operator actions: supervisory control module

## Implementation

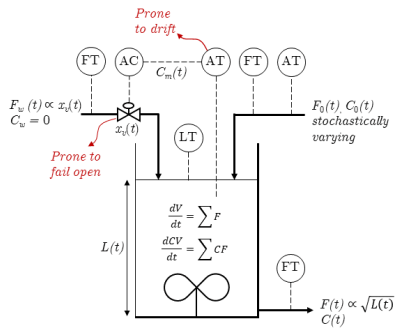
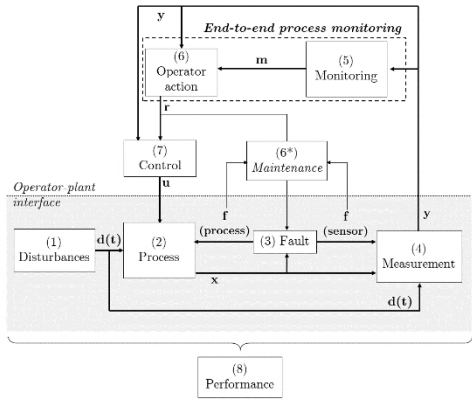
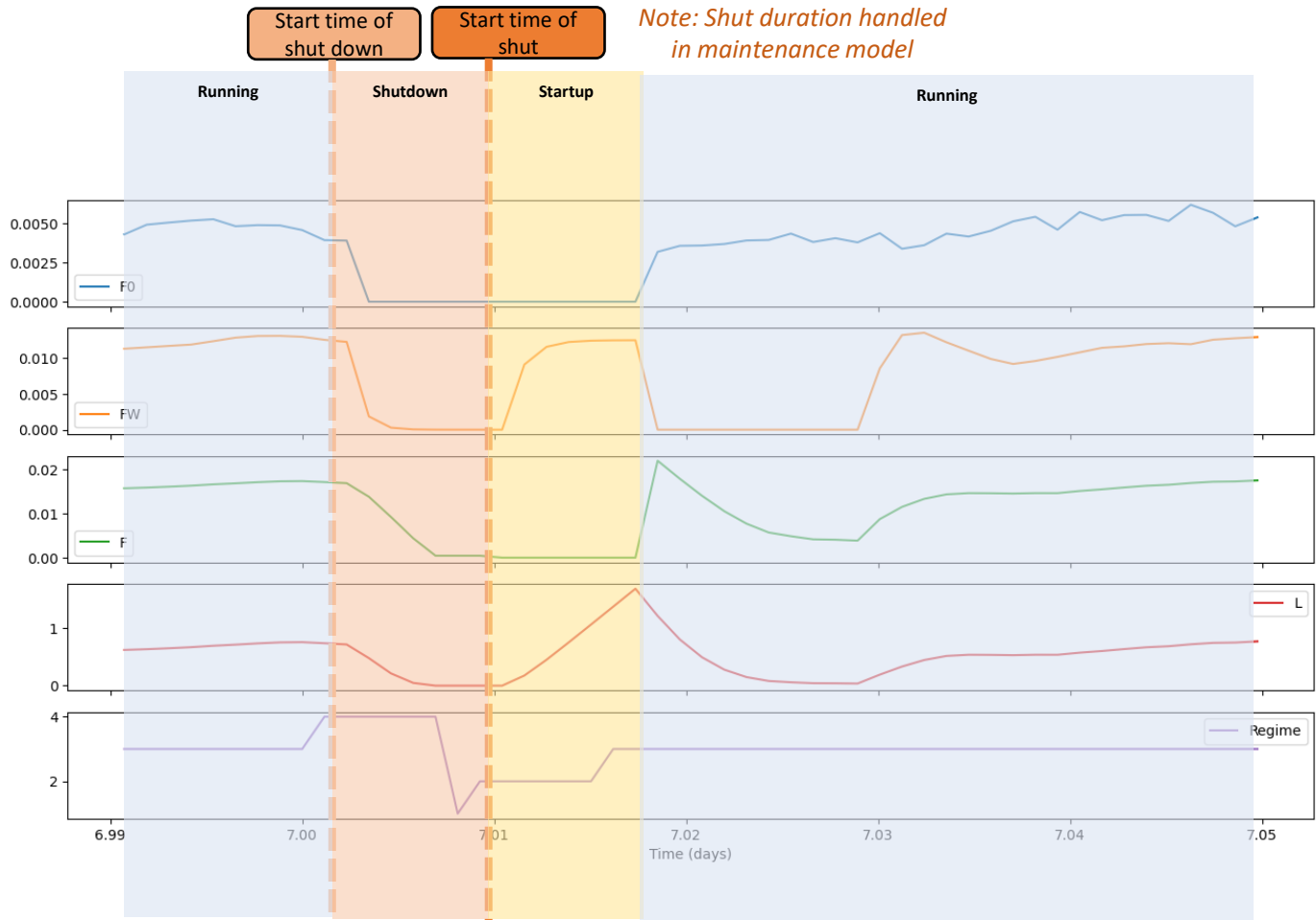
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  - Valve positions / valve control type
  - Setpoints for regulatory controllers
  - Switching to next regime
- Shutdown** regime example:
  - Valves for  $F_0$ ,  $F_W$  closed,  $F$  open (all manual control)
  - No setpoint for composition controller
  - Switch to **Shut** regime if regime if shutdown level (low) threshold reached



# Operator actions: supervisory control module

## Implementation

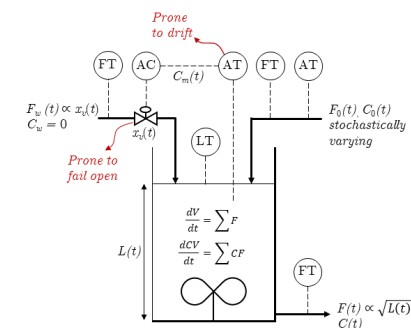
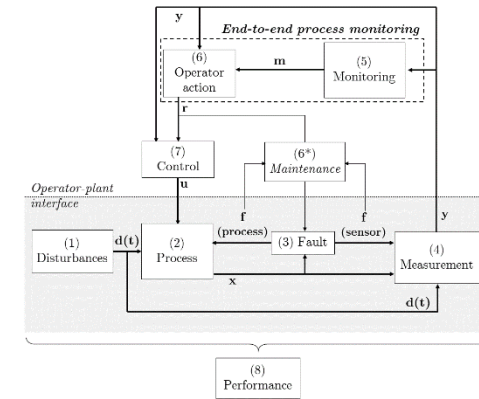
- Example of scheduled shutdown



# Maintenance module

## Motivation and details

- Motivation:
  - Process recovery after fault diagnosis often involves servicing or replacing physical components (e.g., valves, sensors)
  - Maintenance reduces the time a process is running (reducing revenue), and incurs additional maintenance costs
  - Periods of planned maintenance is typically part of process operations
  - Faulty components need maintenance to prevent sub-optimal control and process performance
  - Critical component maintenance might be required outside planned maintenance, as part of unplanned maintenance
  - Finding a balance between planned and unplanned maintenance is a challenging problem
- Details:
  - The *maintenance model* simulates the checking and replacement of faulty components
  - The inputs to the maintenance model are:
    - Operating regime (indicating whether a shut is occurring),
    - Monitoring outputs (indicating which components – valves and/or sensors – have been flagged for unplanned maintenance)
    - Fault status of component (only available during maintenance)
  - The outputs of the maintenance model are:
    - Updated time (representing the passage of time of a maintenance shut)
    - Updated fault status of serviced / replaced components

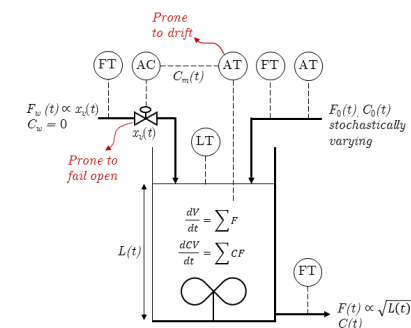
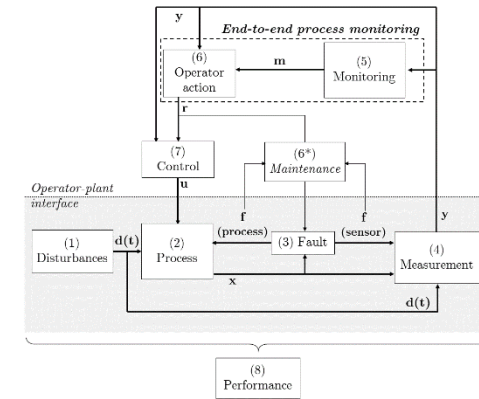




# Maintenance module

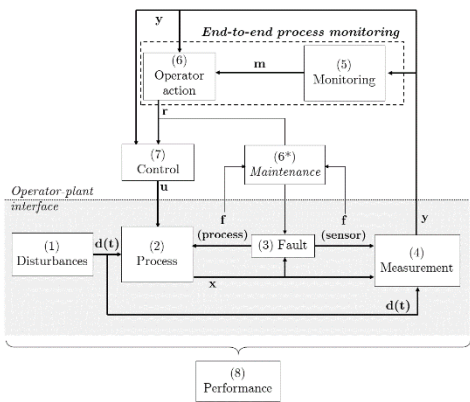
## Implementation

- During maintenance, a component is check and potentially replaced/fixed if:
  - The maintenance shut is for **all** components
  - The maintenance shut is for the **indicated type of component**
  - The component is **flagged** by the monitoring model and a maintenance shut has been initiated by operator action
- A **replaced/fixed** component is updated in terms of:
  - Fault state set to 'none'
  - Fault flag removed
  - In case of a sensor drift fault: drift reset to zero
- The total **maintenance time** is calculated based on:
  - The **minimum maintenance duration**
  - The sum of the time to **check** all flagged/scheduled components
  - The sum of the time to **replace/fix** all checked components that were found to be faulty
- The maintenance module moves the simulation time forward to the time before shut plus the maintenance duration

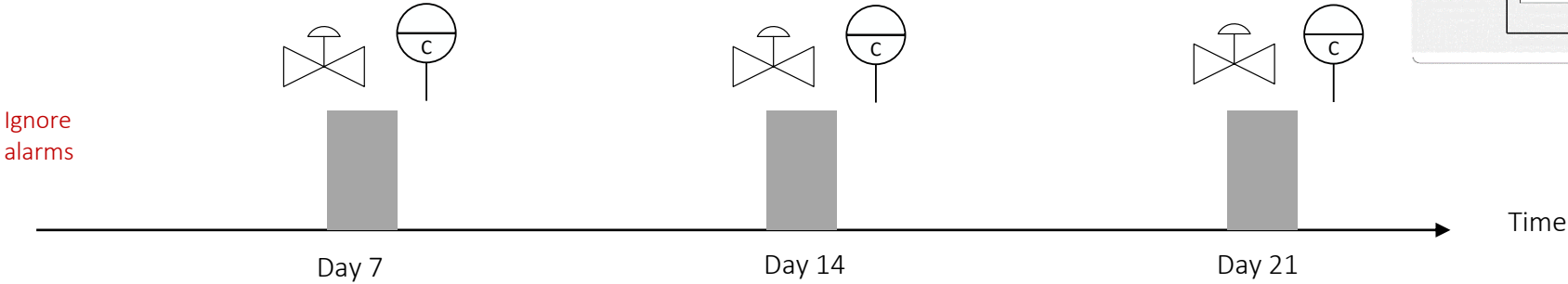


# Maintenance module

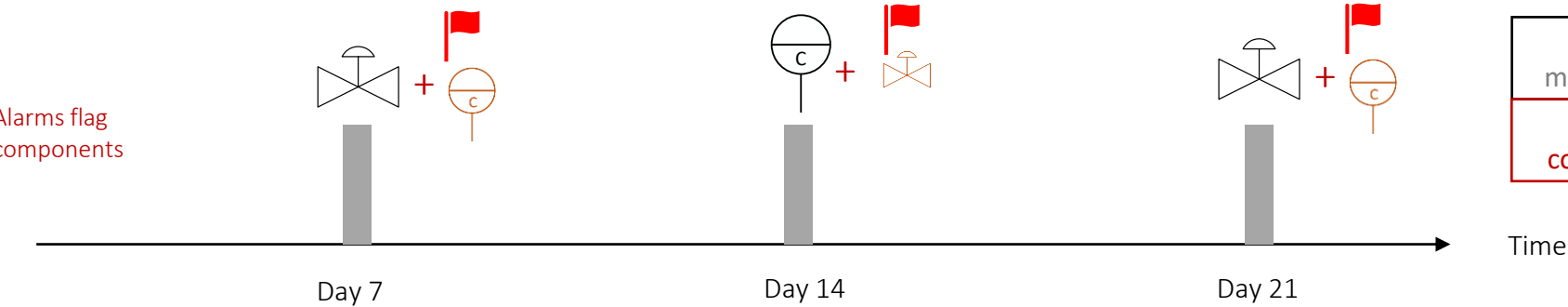
Examples of different maintenance strategies (integrated with supervisory control)



Case 1

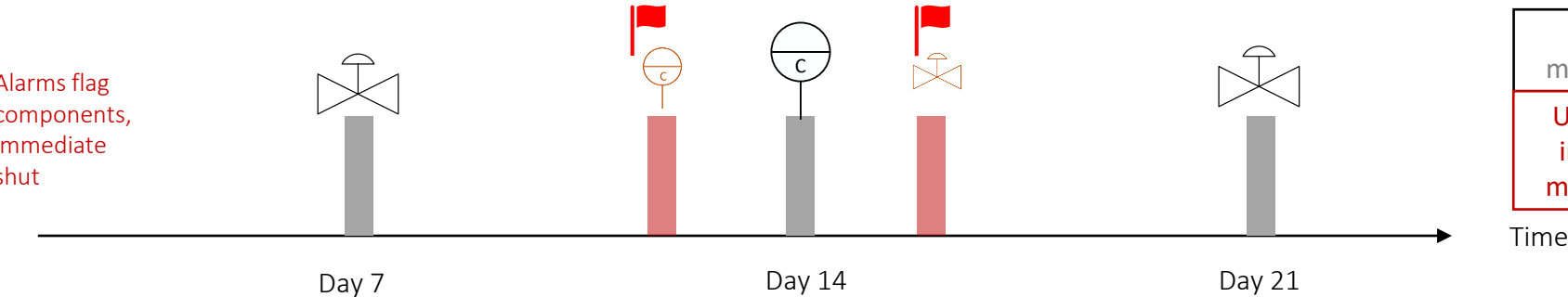


Case 2



Planned maintenance  
+ flagged components

Case 3



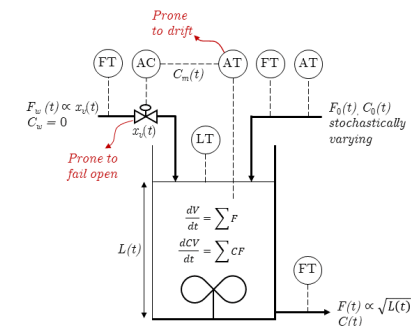
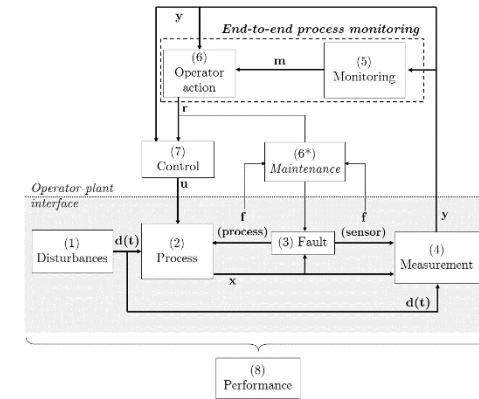
Planned maintenance  
Unplanned/  
immediate maintenance



# Performance module

## Motivation and details

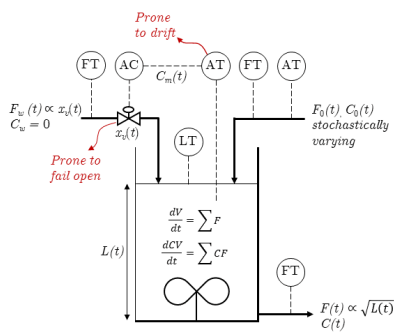
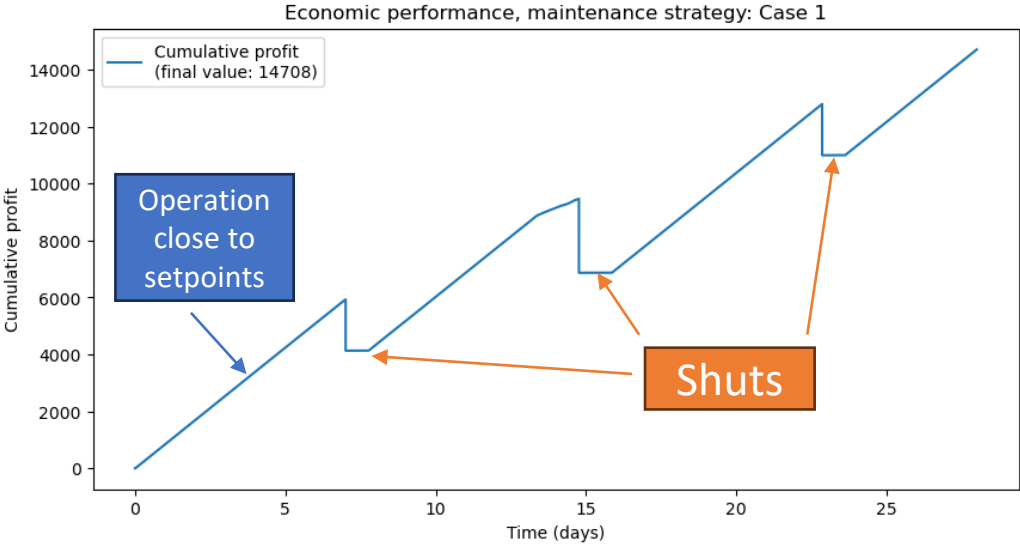
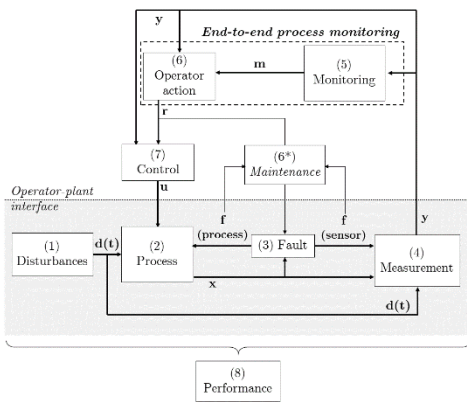
- Motivation:
  - The goals of plant operation is safe, environmentally friendly, and profitable outcomes
  - End-to-end process monitoring design should target the same goals as plant operation
  - Tracking plant performance for extended periods (typical of planning, scheduling, corporate reporting cycles) ensures a representative summary of normal and abnormal condition handling
- Details:
  - The *performance model* simulates the checking and replacement of faulty components
  - The inputs to the performance model are:
    - The true operating condition and outputs of the plant (e.g., process states, fault condition, maintenance actions, etc.)
  - The outputs of the maintenance model are:
    - A time series of performance key performance indicators



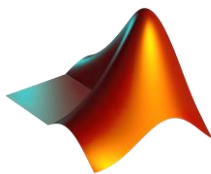
# Performance module

## Implementation

- A simple example of economic performance is considered, with **revenue** and **cost** items
- **Costs** that occur during maintenance can be explicitly considered, as a measure of the impact of incorrect interventions (overly sensitive fault detection and incorrect diagnosis)
  - E.g., *planned* maintenance costs (250 monetary units per hour of shut) and *unplanned* maintenance costs (350 monetary units per hour of shut) – unplanned shuts are typically costlier
- **Revenue** is earned through producing products on specification, typically per produced unit (penalties may be incurred for off-spec product, and discrete product quality price groups may limit the benefit of maximizing product quality)
  - E.g.,  $R = \exp(-40(C - C_{SP})^2)$  monetary units per  $\Delta t$  under regimes that are not shuts






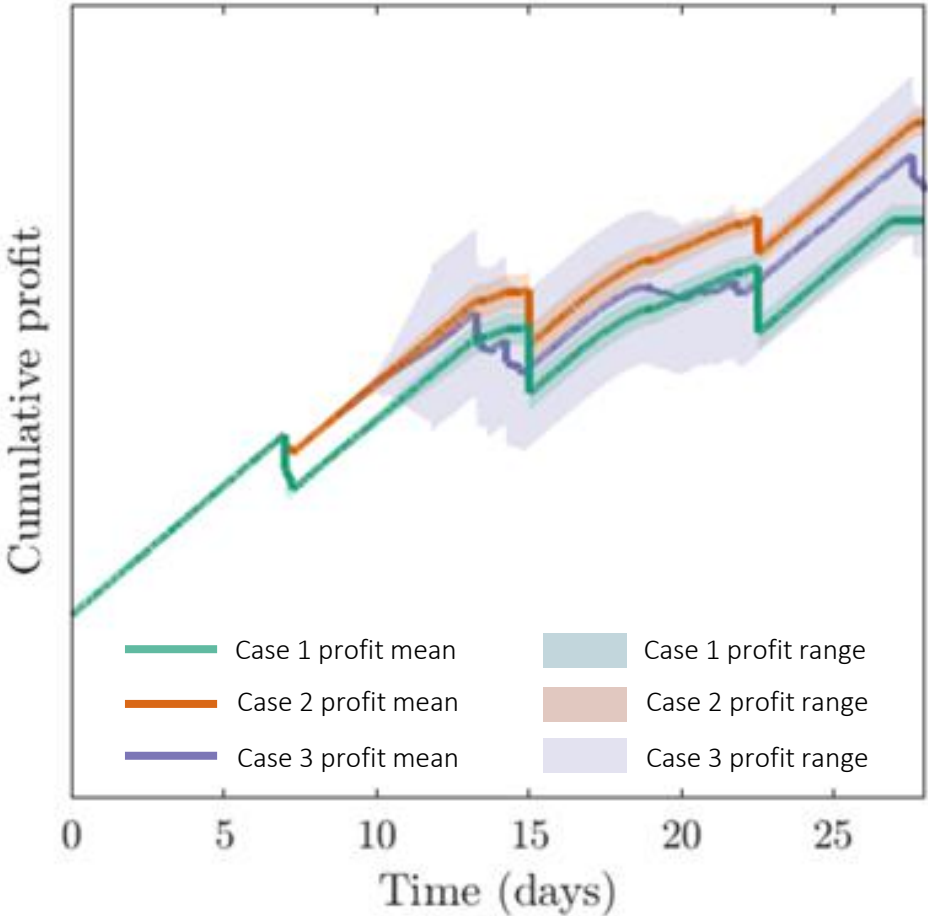
# Case Study



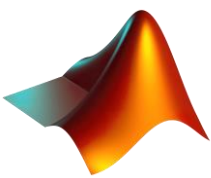
## Repeated simulation results

- 50 repeats
- Each repeat:
  - 28 simulation days
  - Different stochastic disturbances
  - Different monitoring training data
  - Different fault manifestations

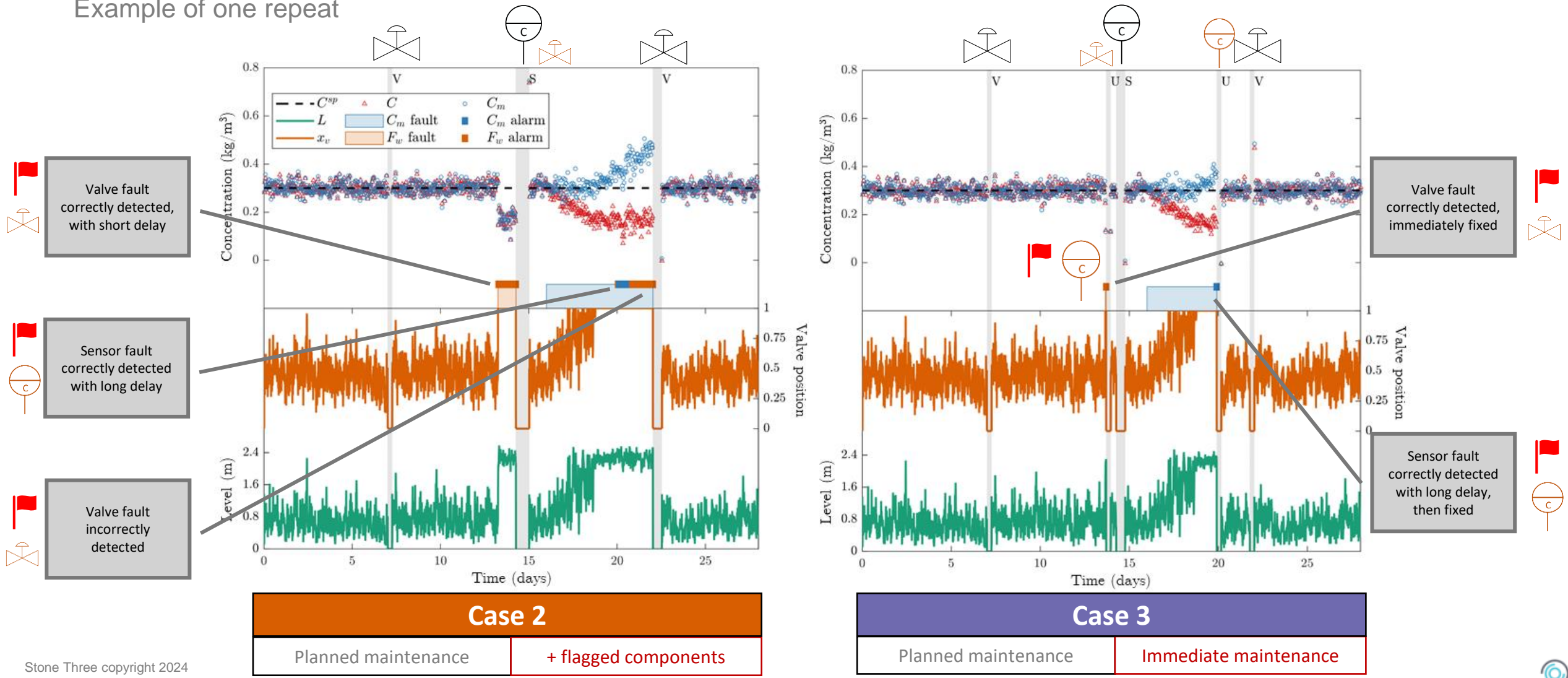
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| Case 1 |  <div>Ignore alarms</div>                            | Planned maintenance |                                     |
| Case 2 |  <div>Alarms flag components</div>                  | Planned maintenance | + flagged components                |
| Case 3 |  <div>Alarms flag components, immediate shut</div> | Planned maintenance | Unplanned/<br>immediate maintenance |



# Case Study



Example of one repeat



# Framework familiarization and experiments

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Interactive session



# Setup and familiarization

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## Goals and exercises

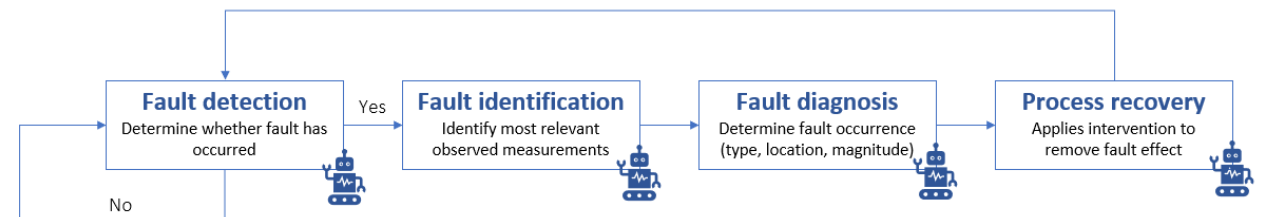
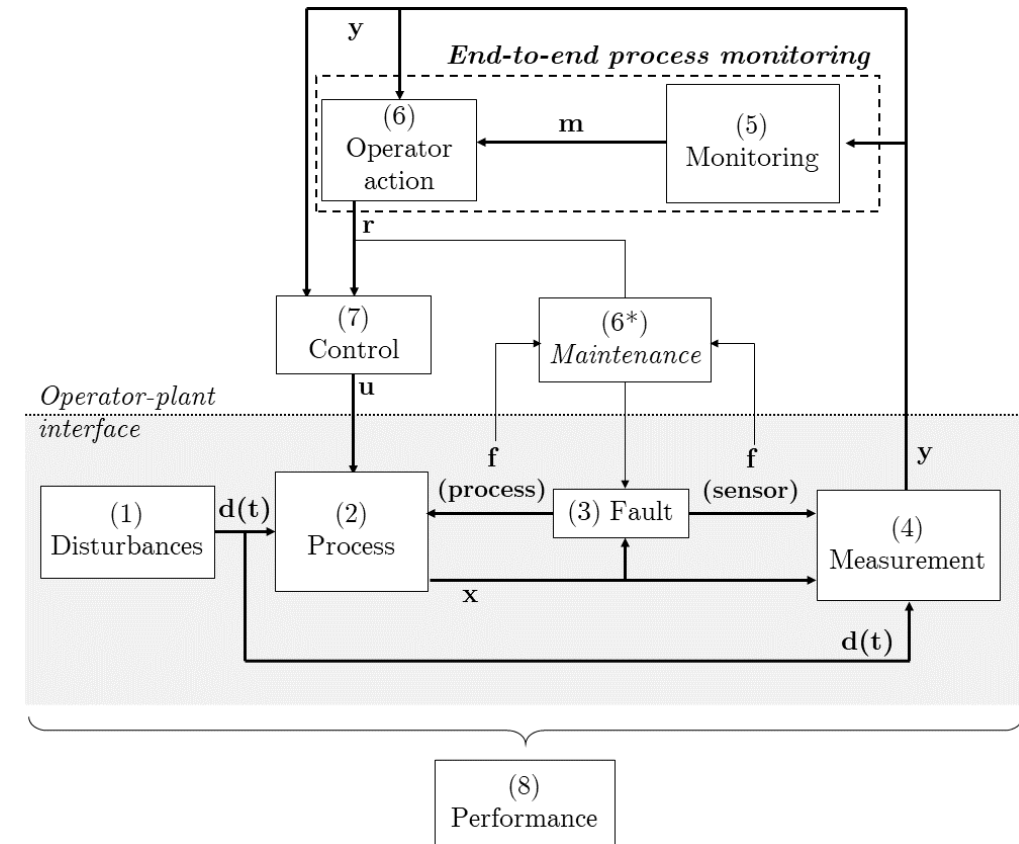
- Run the illustrative examples in Python (optional) for the following models:
  - Regulatory control model
  - Monitoring model
  - Supervisory control model
  - Maintenance model
- **Exercise:** Change the PI tuning constants and observe the effect
- **Exercise:** Change the thresholds for the monitoring model and observe the effect
- **Exercise:** Switch between different maintenance strategies (case 1, 2 and 3) and observe the effect
- **Challenge:** Propose and test an improved monitoring model and maintenance strategy



# Conclusions

## End-to-End Process Monitoring Framework

- Process Monitoring is only effective when interventions are implemented and improves financial, environmental, and safety indicators
- E2E-PM framework improves process monitoring testing:
  - Holistic evaluation
  - Reproducibility and extendability
  - Global performance criteria
  - Active interventions available
  - Fault and process variability
- Challenges:
  - Implementation effort
  - Scaling to complex, integrated processes
- Future work:
  - Expansion of case studies and monitoring approaches
  - Exploitation by reinforcement learning





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# Additional details

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## Fault modelling with failure rates

- **Failure rate**  $\lambda$  is the frequency with which a component fails
  - The failure rate is the total number of failures within an item population, divided by the total time expended by that population, during a particular measurement interval under stated conditions
- Failure rate can vary over the life cycle of a component
- Failure rate is thought of as the probability that a failure occurs in a specified interval given no failure before time  $t$
- BUT: failure rate is not a probability (its value can exceed 1)
- **Failure distribution**  $F(t)$  is a cumulative distribution function that describes the probability of failure up to and including time  $t$ 
  - $P(T \leq t) = F(t)$  where  $T$  is the failure time
- **Reliability function**  $R(t)$  (also known as survival function) is the probability of no failure before time  $t$ 
  - $R(t) = 1 - F(t)$
- **Hazard function/rate**  $h(t)$  is the failure rate over small intervals of time (as  $\Delta t \rightarrow 0$ )
  - $$h(t) = \lim_{\Delta t \rightarrow 0} \frac{R(t) - R(t + \Delta t)}{\Delta t R(t)}$$