

# Process Control: Part II- Model Predictive Control (EE6225, AY2019/20, S1)

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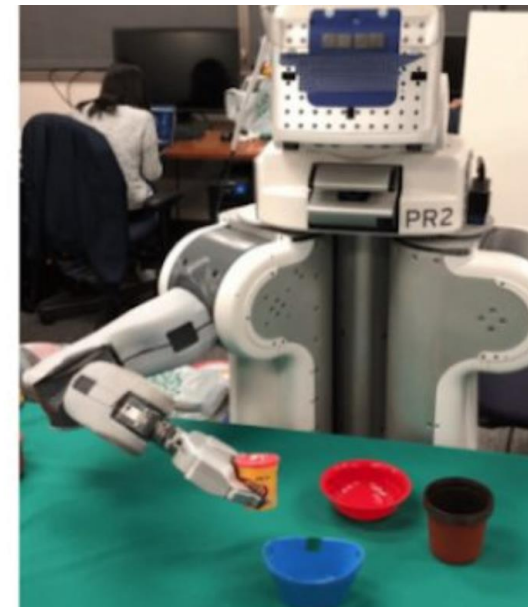
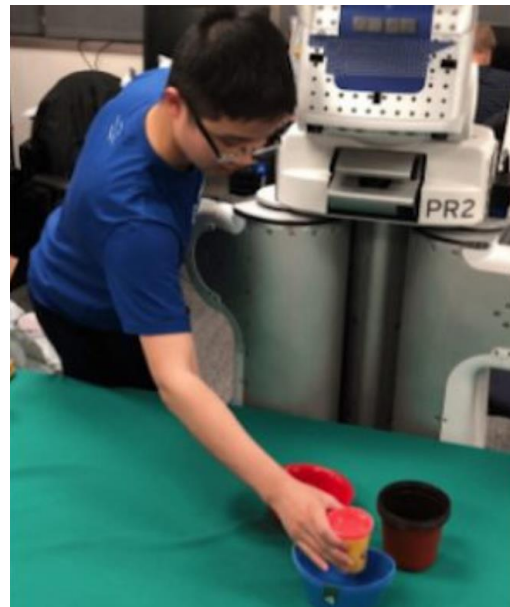
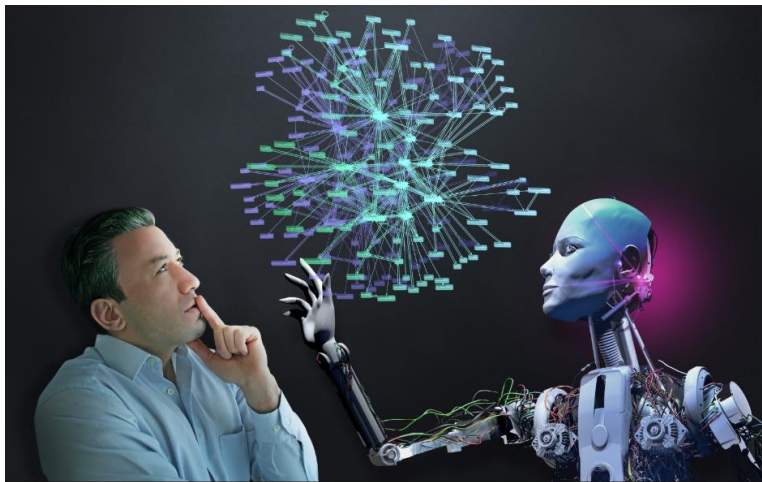
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- Using prediction and/or anticipation within control is logical-humans do this, naturally.
- Please consider how such concepts can be embedded into a MPC.



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- Why prediction is important?
- How far should we predict?
- Consequences of not predicting?
- How do we predict?

# WHY PREDICTION IS IMPORTANT?



# We know prediction when we are kids

Parent will tell their children to **think of possible consequences** before **act**.



# The results without prediction



Jumped of roof of shed  
Broken ankle



Used knife incorrectly  
Finger badly cut



Didn't consult bus timetable -Missed bus

# HOW FAR SHOULD WE PREDICT?

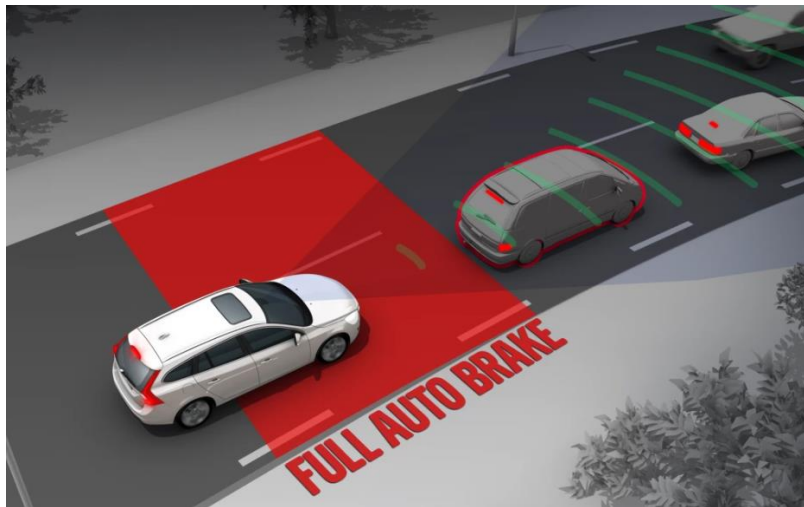


# How far should we predict? (Drive)

- Prediction horizon is always asked in MPC,
- For human behavior, we all know how far for prediction.

## 1. Driving -- How far?

Beyond the safe braking distance, or a crash or accident happened.





## 2. Heating a house -- How far?

Turn the heating on far enough in advance – beyond the settling time.



Uncomfortable



Comfortable



# How far should we predict? (Moving item)

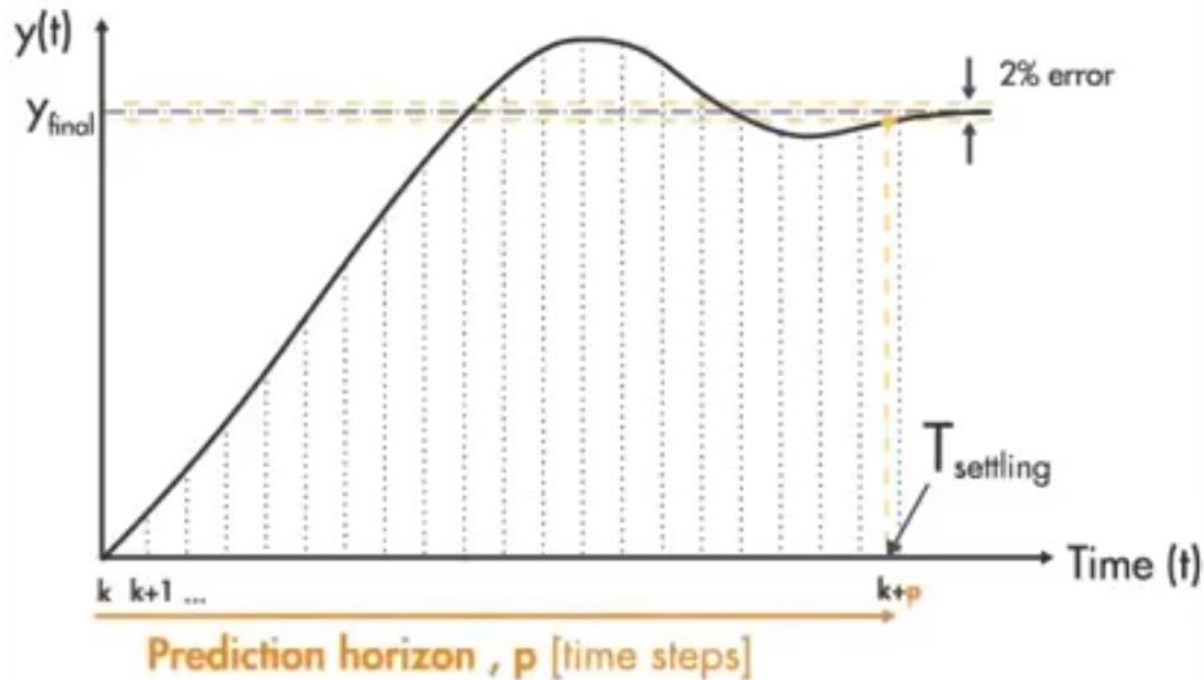
## 3. Moving heavy item -- How far?

Consider the whole trajectory, lifting, carrying and putting down again. Or, drop the item and cause damage.



# The recommended predicting horizon

Open-loop System Response



$T_{settling}$ : Time it takes for the error  $|y(t) - y_{final}|$  to fall to within 2% of  $y_{final}$

$$\frac{T_r}{20} \leq T_s \leq \frac{T_r}{10}, \quad T_s: \text{Sample time}$$

$$p \cdot T_s \geq T_{settling}$$

# CONSEQUENCES OF NOT PREDICTING?



- We must **predict** beyond **the key dynamics of a process**;
- The **missed issue** could come back and **bite** us!

## Driving



## Heating



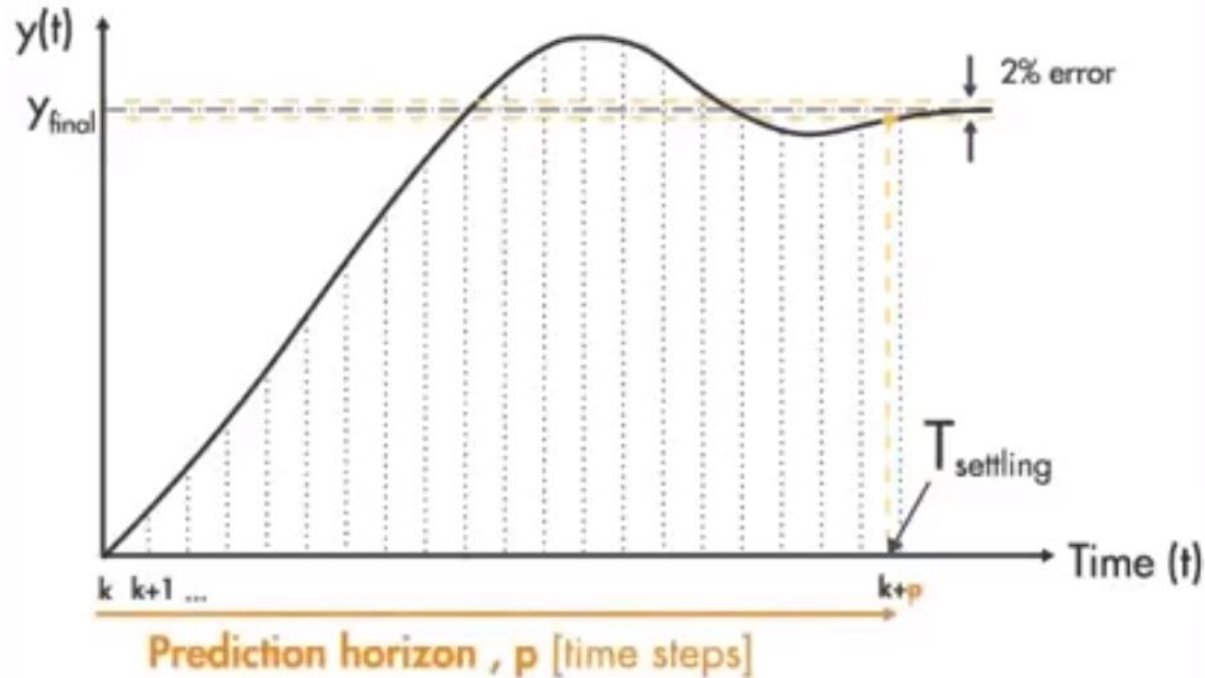
## Moving item



# HOW DO WE PREDICT?

# Recall: the recommended predicting horizon

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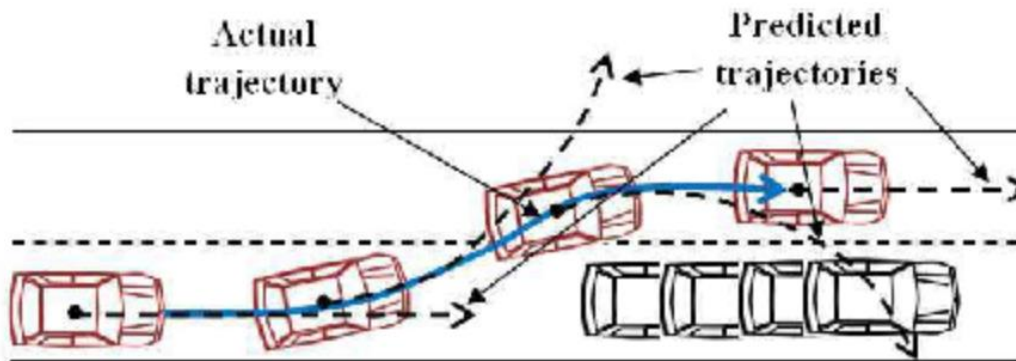


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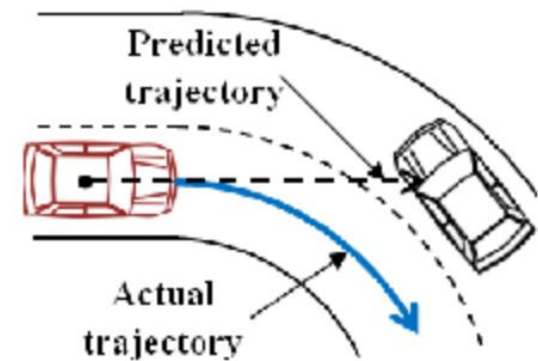
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- Prediction → make decision → prediction →....
- Prediction horizon > settling time;
- The **more accurate** predictive the **better**.

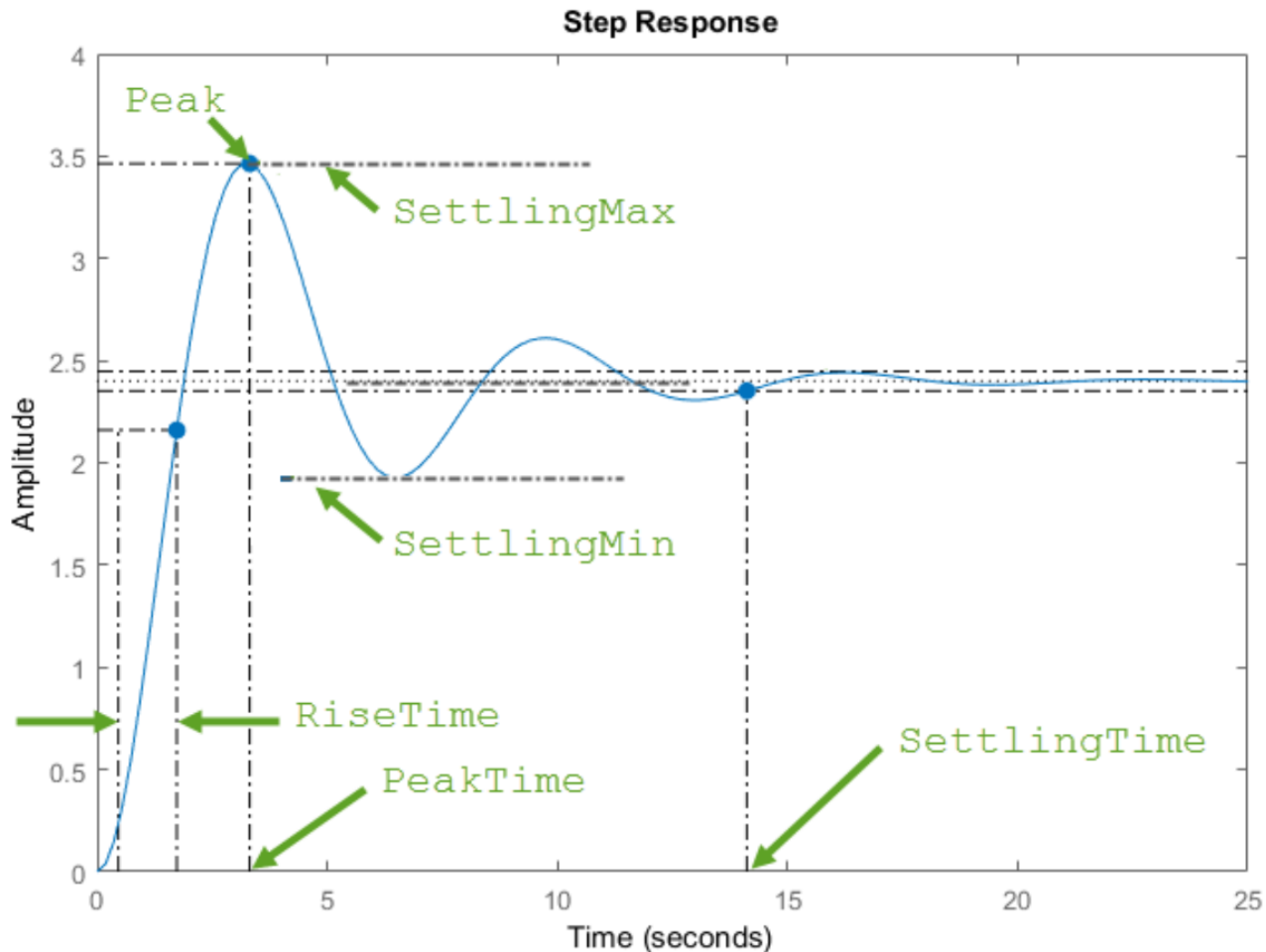


(a) Lane changing



(b) Entering a bend

Evaluation index: **steady-state error, fast transients, response, ...**



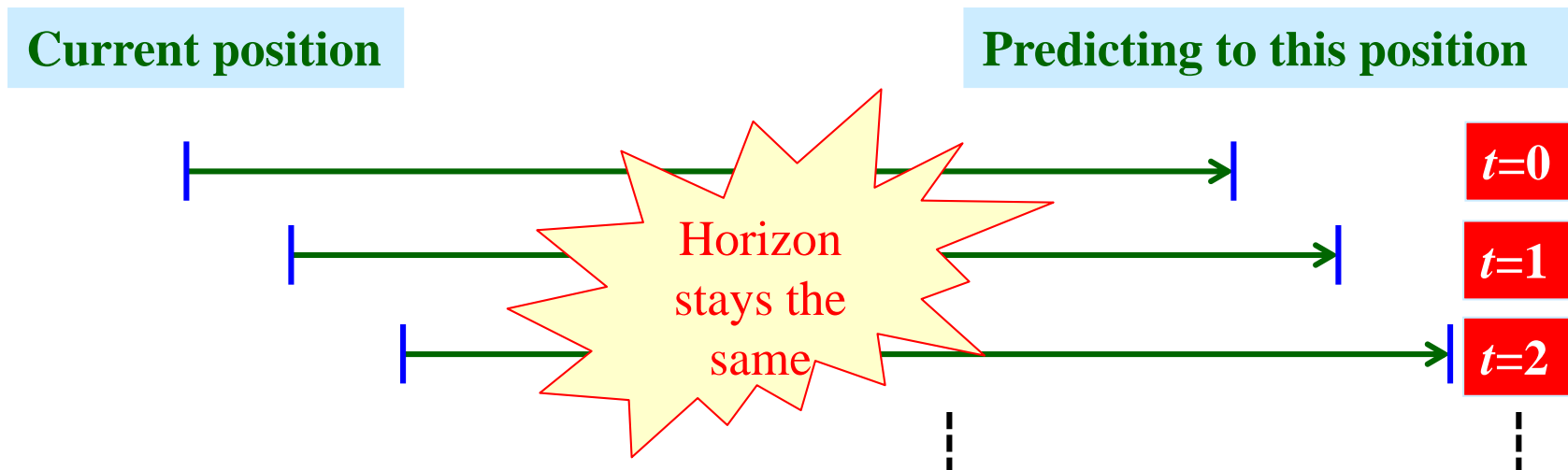
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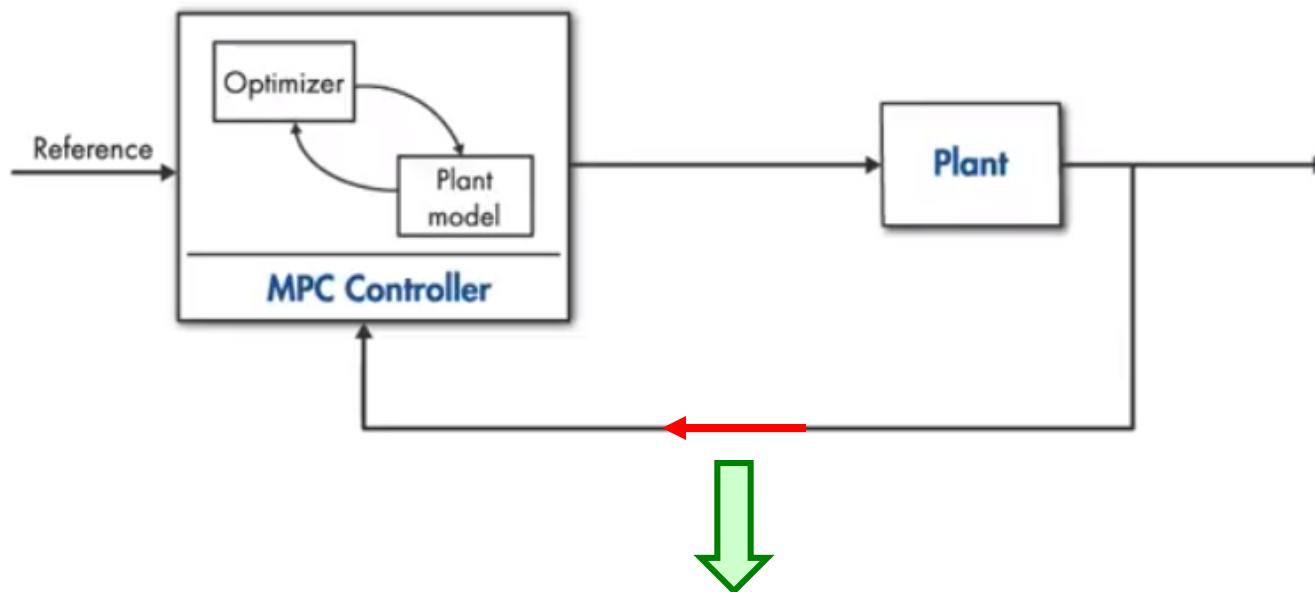
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- Continually updating predictions and decision.
- Prediction horizon is relative to current position.





- ❑ The more accurate the better:
- a) Measurement is a core part of a feedback loop.
- b) Decisions via measurement is also important.



Feedback can guarantee the accuracy.



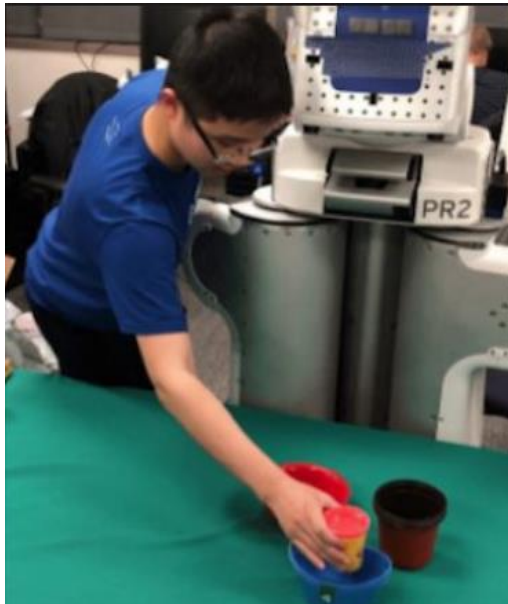
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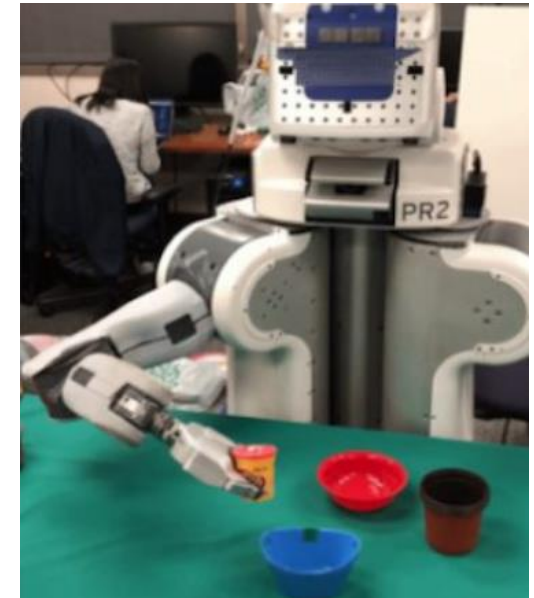
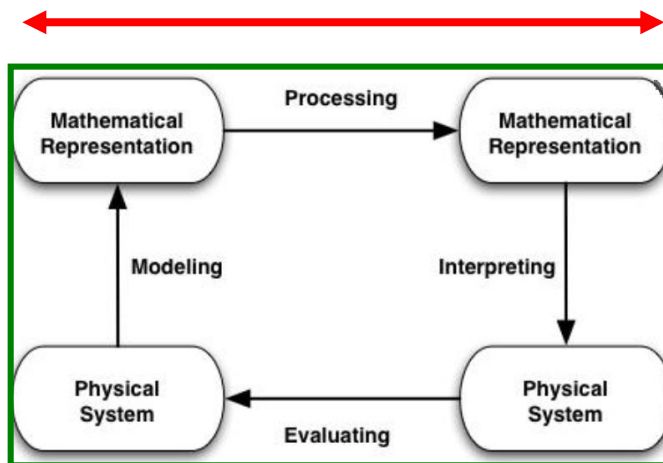
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- Motivation: **modelling** system (human) **behavior**.
- Task: **How** to **define** or **determine** an appropriate **prediction model**?



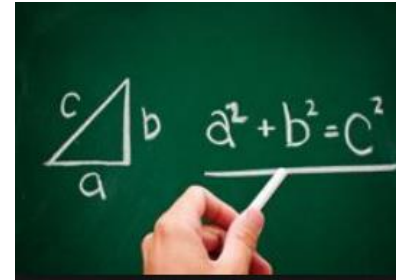
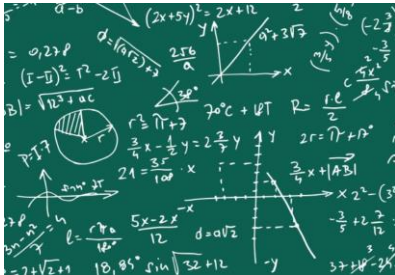
## Modelling



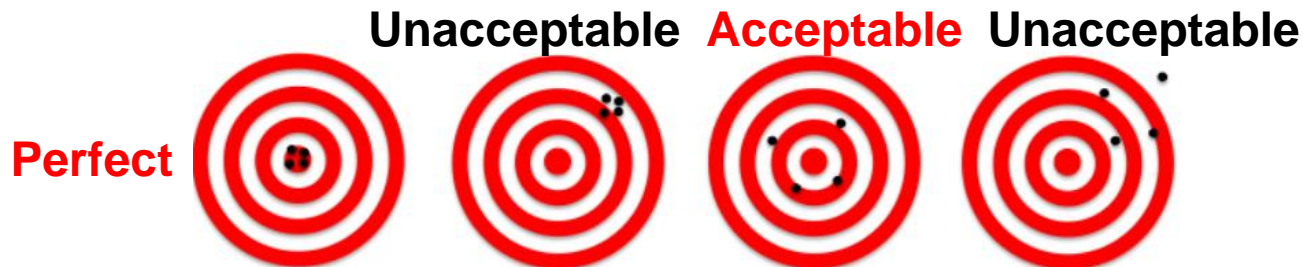
- Easy to use --- **linear**.



- Easy to identify **parameters**.



- **Accurate predictions.**

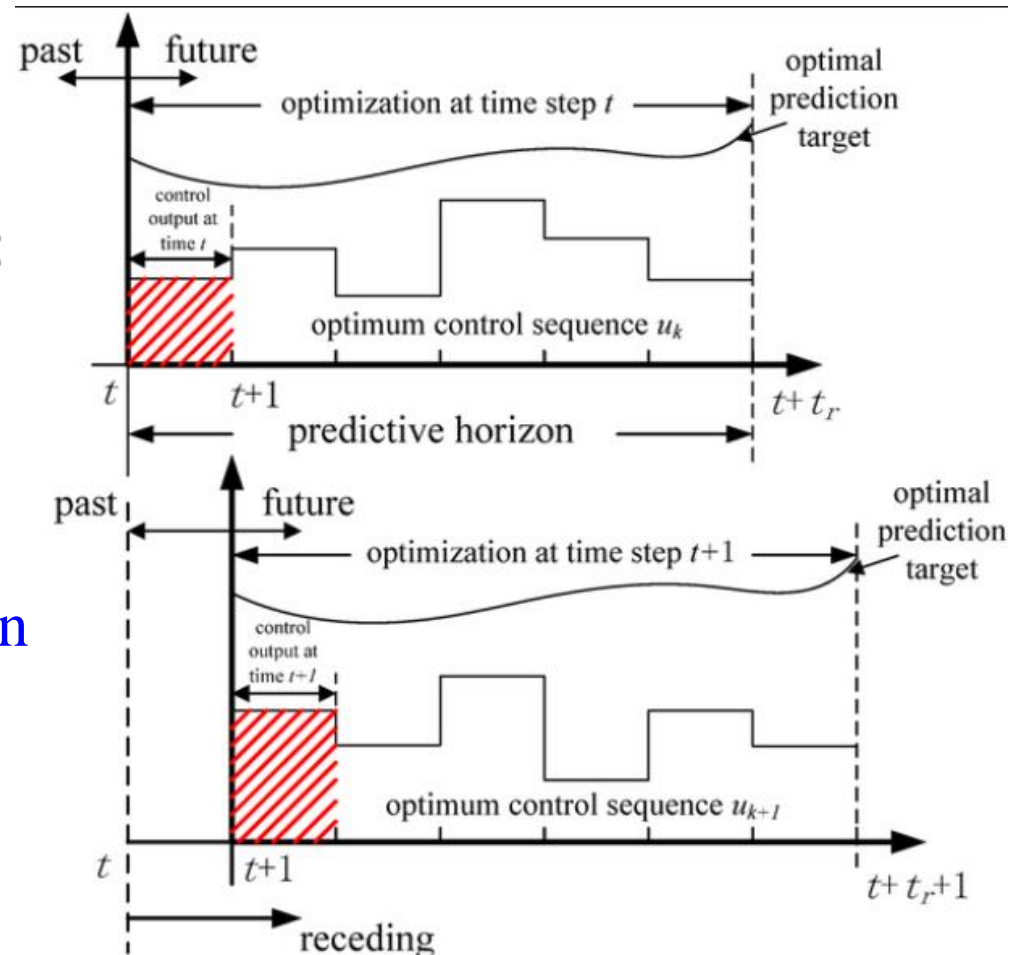


# One-step prediction is usually used

Most model are based on one-step ahead prediction errors!



- Black box
- One-step ahead prediction
- Simple and faster



- The simplest model with accurate predictions is best.
- Practical accurate:
  - a) 10%-20% error with the steady-state
  - b) Can capture the key dynamic changes during transients.
- Rarely beneficial to improve accuracy with high order model.
- Feedback can correct small modelling errors.
- Long range prediction ability is required for MPC.

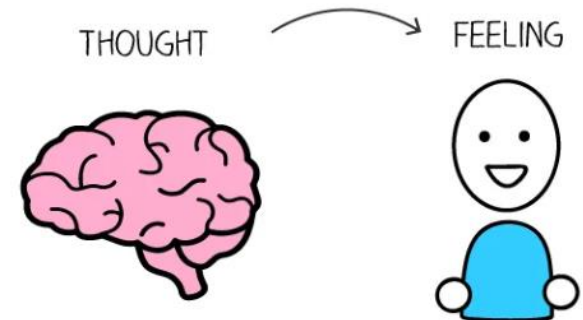
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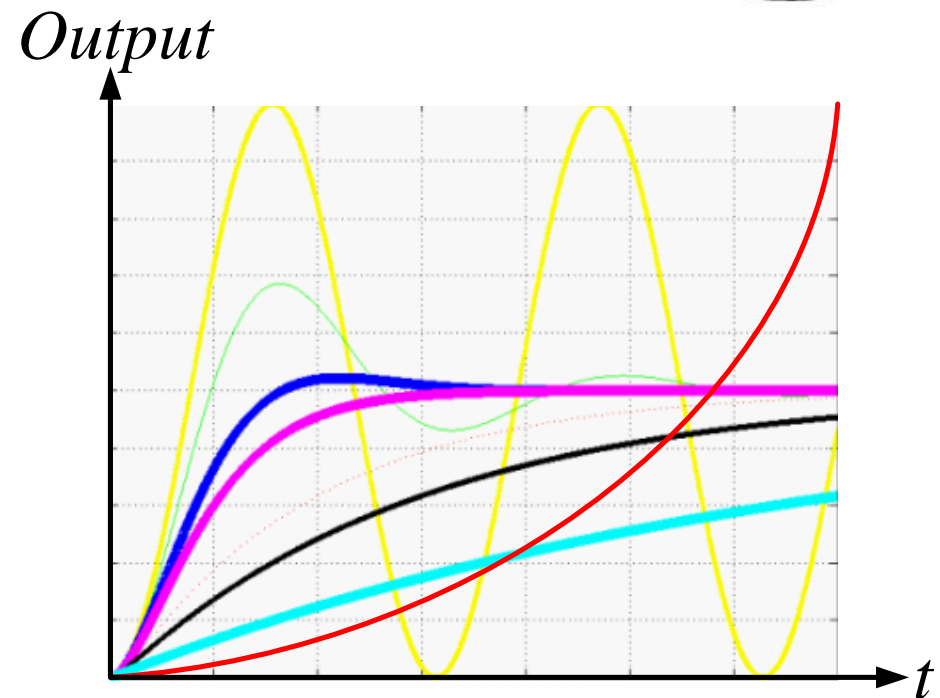
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Good or bad: rarely be quantitative



- Slow 
- Oscillatory 
- Unstable 
- Ideal 





➤ What is the performance index used for?



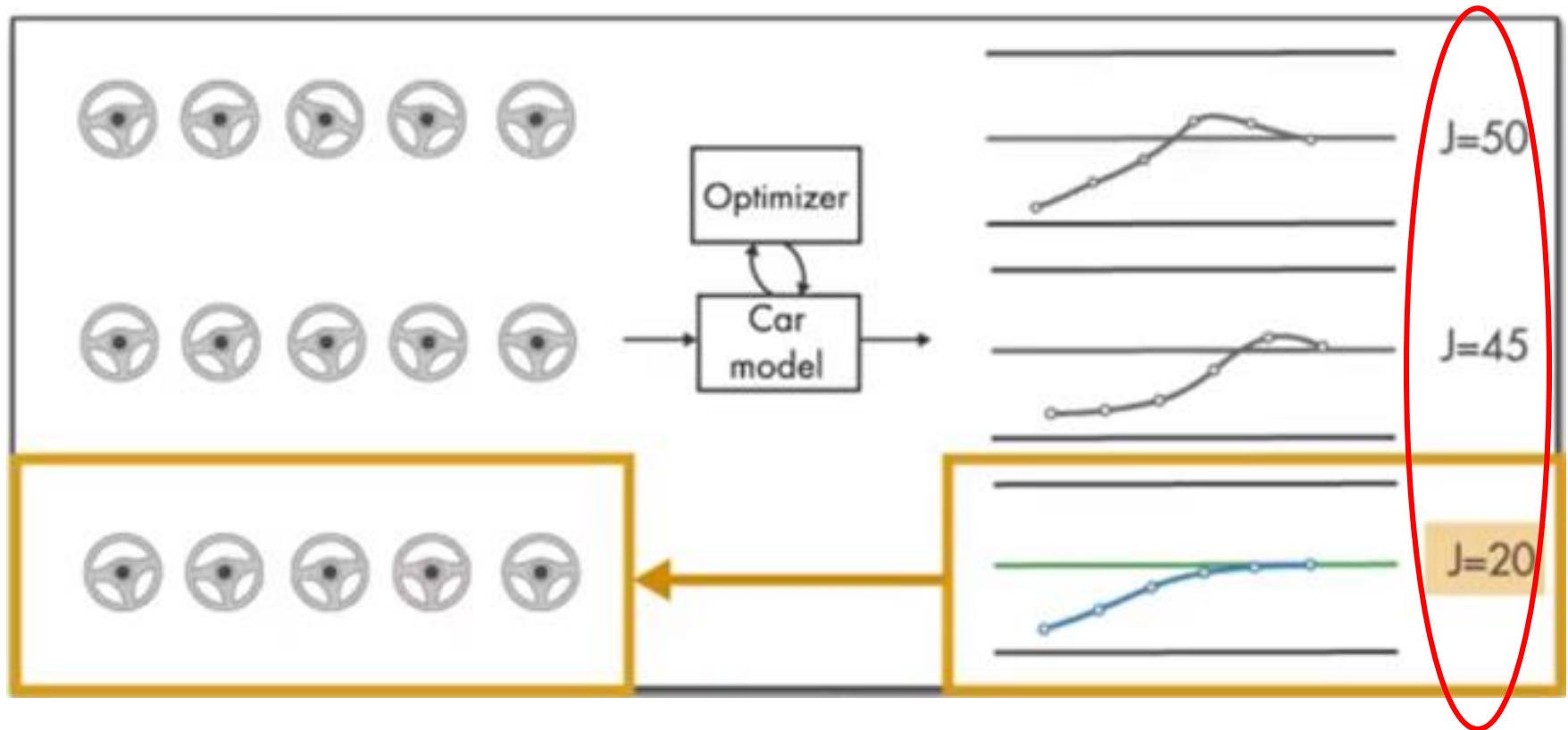
➤ How should the performance index be designed?

➤ How can-do trade offs between optimal & safe/robust performance?



WHAT IS THE PERFORMANCE INDEX  
USED FOR?

- The performance index is a **numeric definition** for best.



## HOW SHOULD THE PERFORMANCE INDEX BE DESIGNED?

- **Simpler definitions** are better.
- **Quadratic performance indices** is preferred.

$$J = \frac{1}{2} \int_0^{\infty} (x^T Q x + u^T R u) dt$$



**EXAMPLE**

$$\min_{u_k, x_k} \sum_k 0.5x_k^2 + 2u_k^2$$



HOW CAN-DO TRADE OFFS BETWEEN  
OPTIMAL & SAFE/ROBUST PERFORMANCE?  
(FROM HUMAN BEHAVIOR POINT OF VIEW)

- Beginner:
- Simple strategy, - **Get the ball back**, - Anywhere & anyhow!



- Middle player
- More complicated, - **Get the ball back**, - some methods of control and direction.





- Expert has:
- Very complex; - **Get the ball back**; - Very precise on how (sometimes several shots ahead to create an opening)

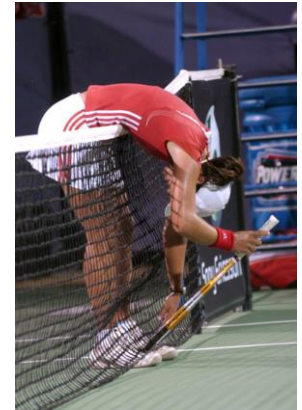




# Discussion on the tennis strategy selection

- Very **complex** strategy:
  - Get the **ball back**;
  - Very **precise** on how, i.e., hit the lines

Less Robust



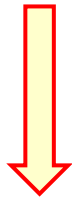
- Simple strategy:
  - **Only keeping** the ball in play,
  - Aiming for **the middle**.



Who is more likely to make a mistake?  
[Assume the opponent is passive].

Same issues to driving (think of racing), cooking, robotics, etc.

Little experience **or**  
low-quality model



Cautious performance  
index is realistic

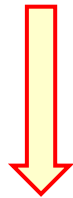
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Ambitious performance  
index is possible, but  
no need

❑ High performance demands are not cost free:

High performance  
implies high risk



Less robustness for  
uncertainty

Low performance  
with means (low risk)



Safe and robust to  
uncertainty

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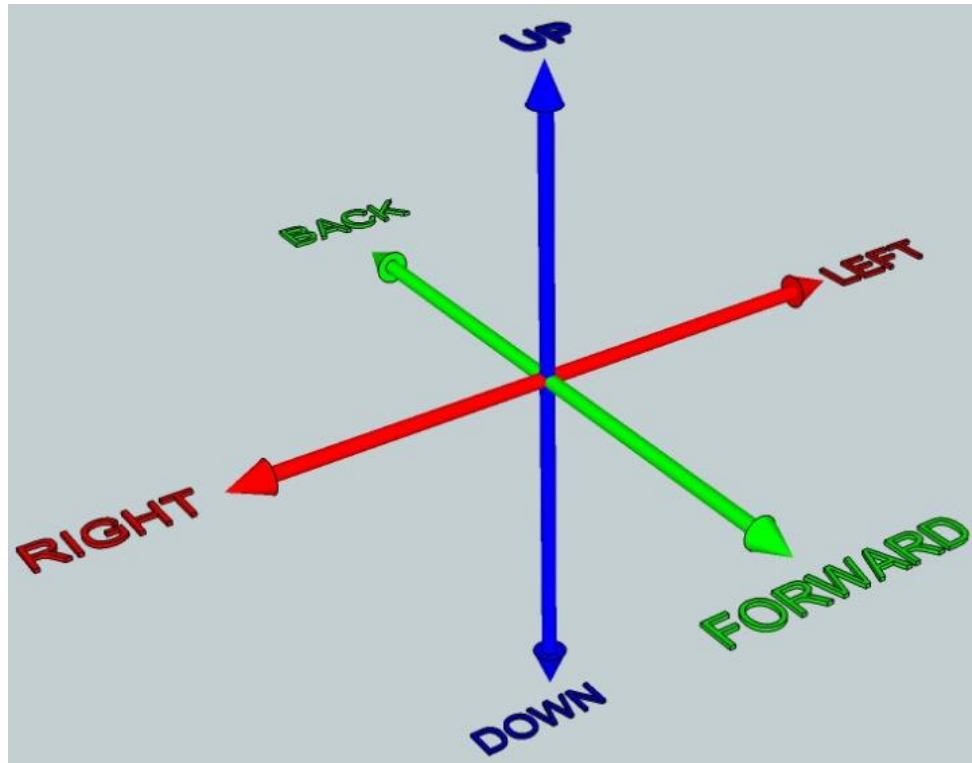


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# The concept of degrees of freedom (DOF)

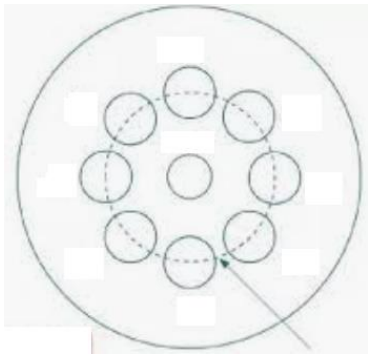
- Degree of freedom (DOF) determines Prediction & control complexity



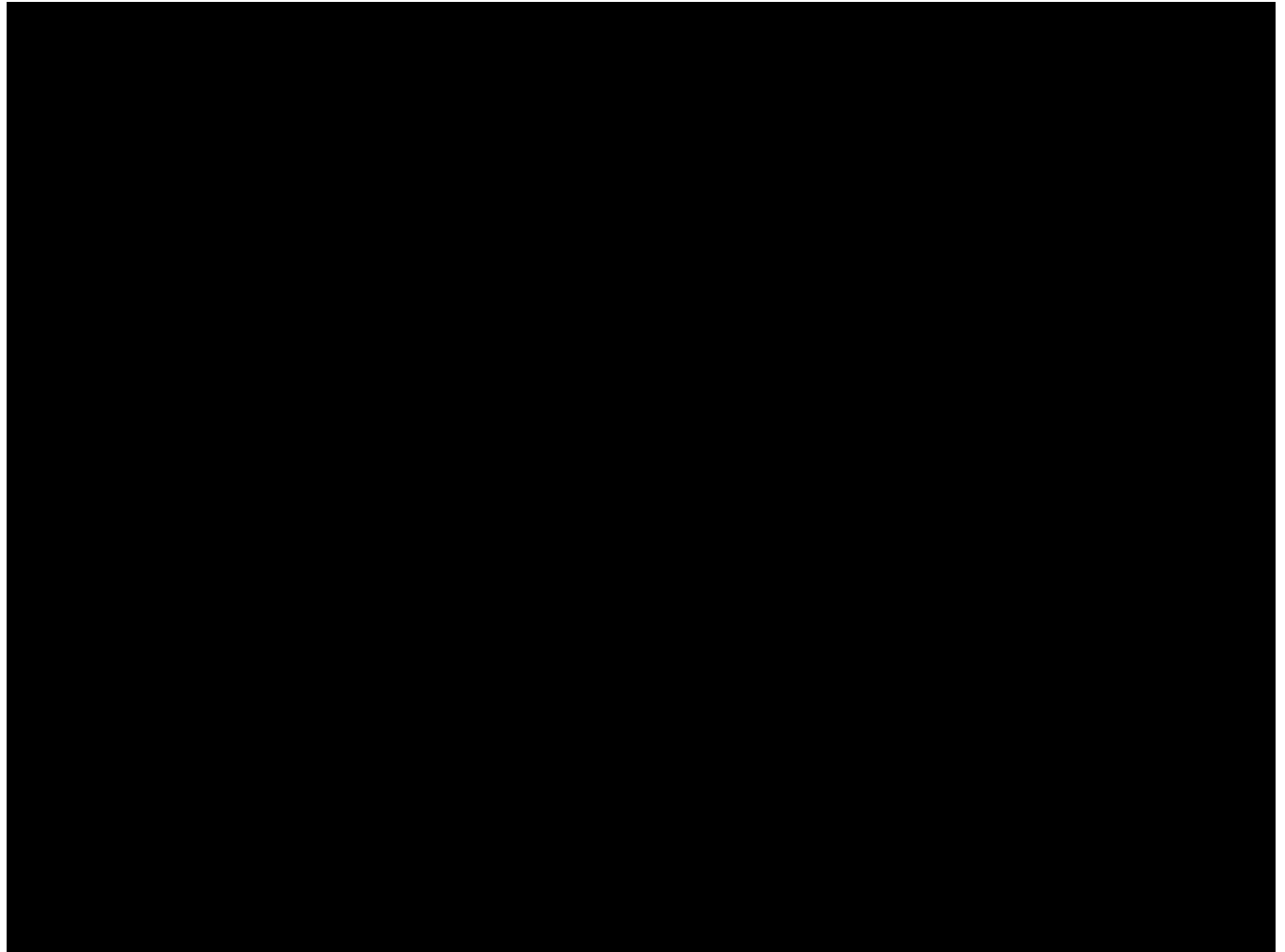
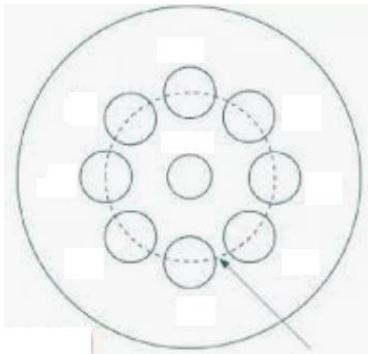
DOF = 3

- Bad model does not need high performance index
- Bad model does not need high numbers of degrees

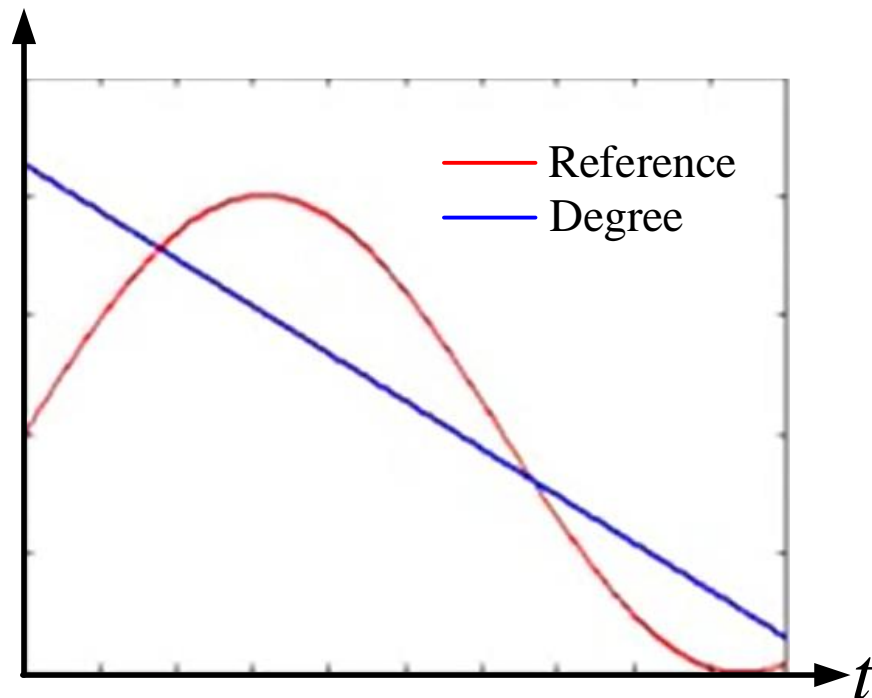
Hitting point



Cannot ask Snooker beginners play the master level!



- Example:
- **Performance index:** Model a sine wave
  - **DOF:** 1<sup>st</sup> order polynomial



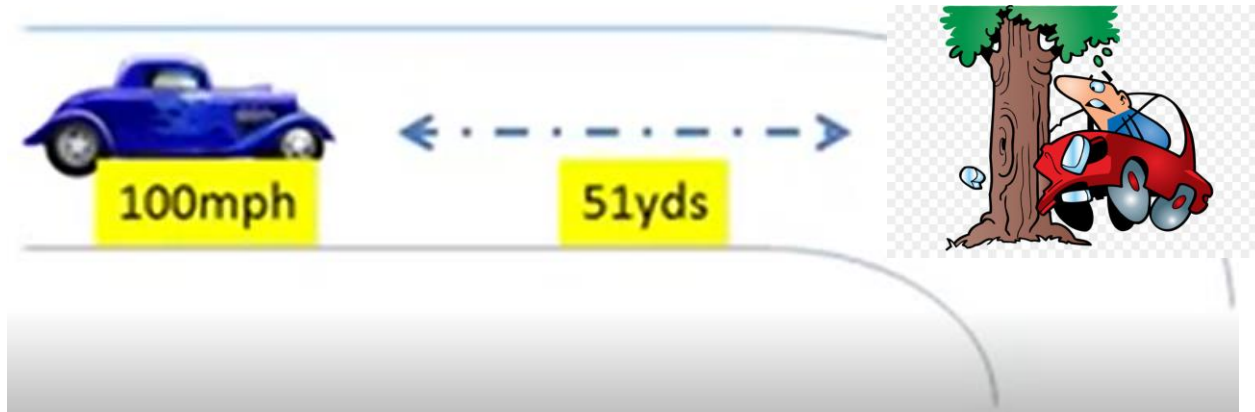
- Model a sine wave with a 1<sup>st</sup> order polynomial!





# DOF optimization needs long prediction horizon

- Example:
  - **Performance index:** Take a corner for the car in 51 yds.
  - **DOF:** Control speed and direction
  - **Prediction horizon:** 50 yds.



- Take a corner for the car in 51 yds with 50 yds prediction horizon!

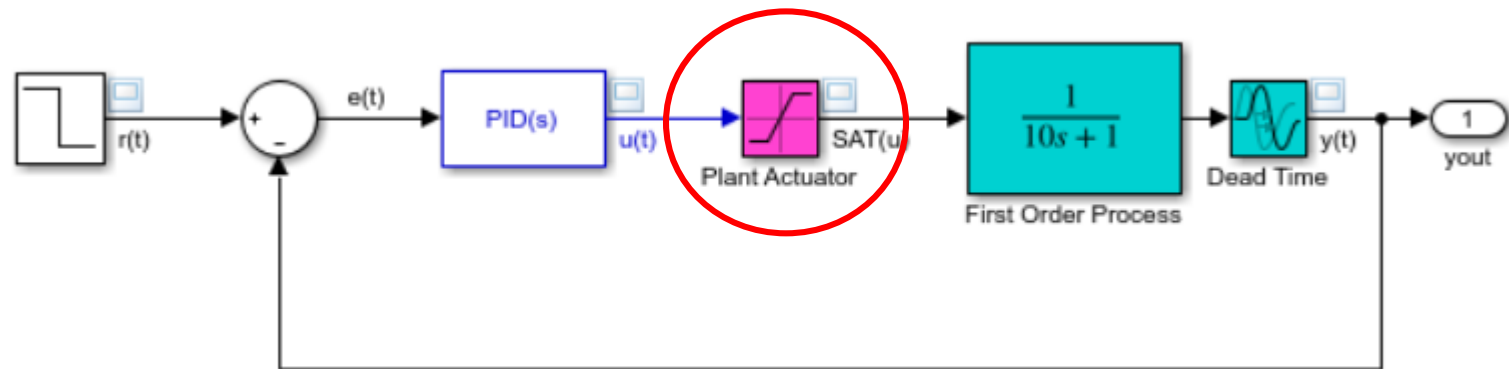
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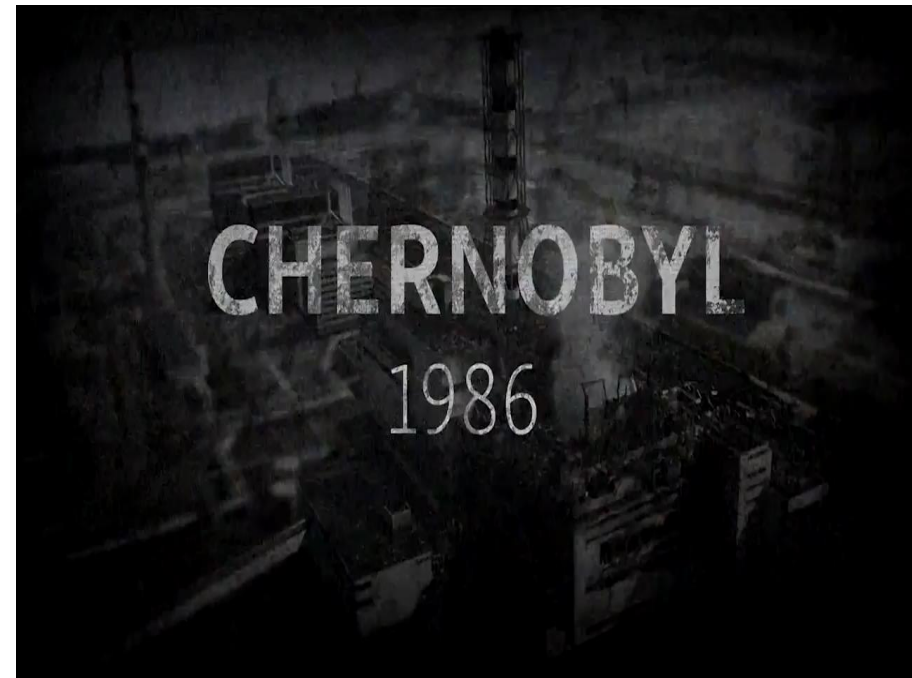
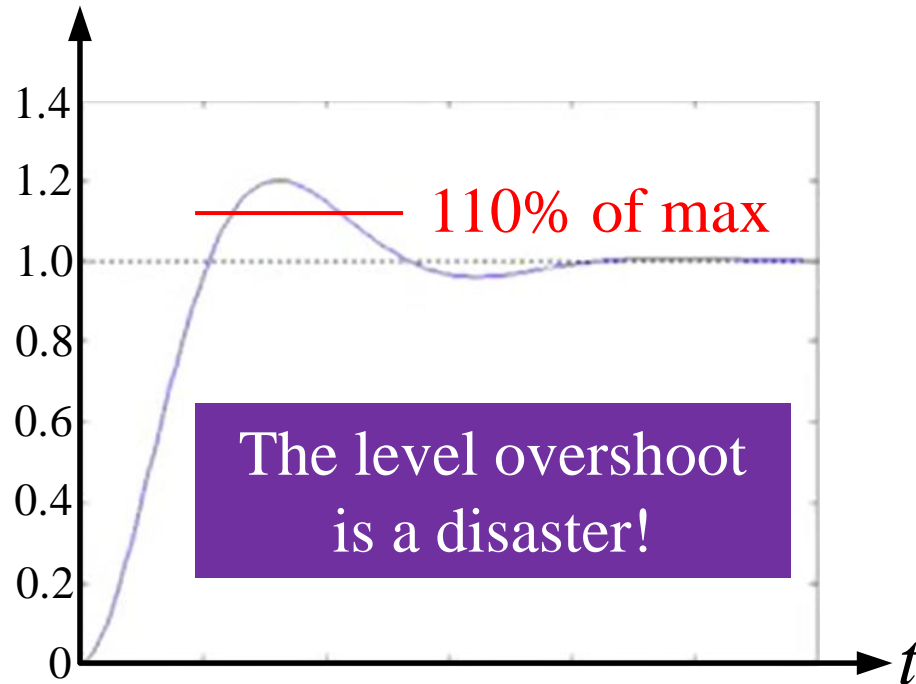
- More typical control strategies treat **constraints** as an **after thought**.



- MPC treat **constraints** as **a before thought**:
- **Embedded** constraints into the strategy development.
  - The control action **is optimal** while **satisfying constraints**

Constraints is one of the advantage of MPC

- ❑ PI control design: allow up to a 25% overshoot.
- ❑ Nuclear reactor: maximal permission is 110%.



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# MPC can fix the constraints problem

- ❑ Input flow of MPC: Not allow the tank to overflow. May result in slightly slower transients rise times, but safe.
- ❑ Input flow of MPC: Limited to 100% and avoid the instability problem caused by earlier input choices.



Embedding constraints can ensure the proposed MPC are optimized and safe for different operating points.



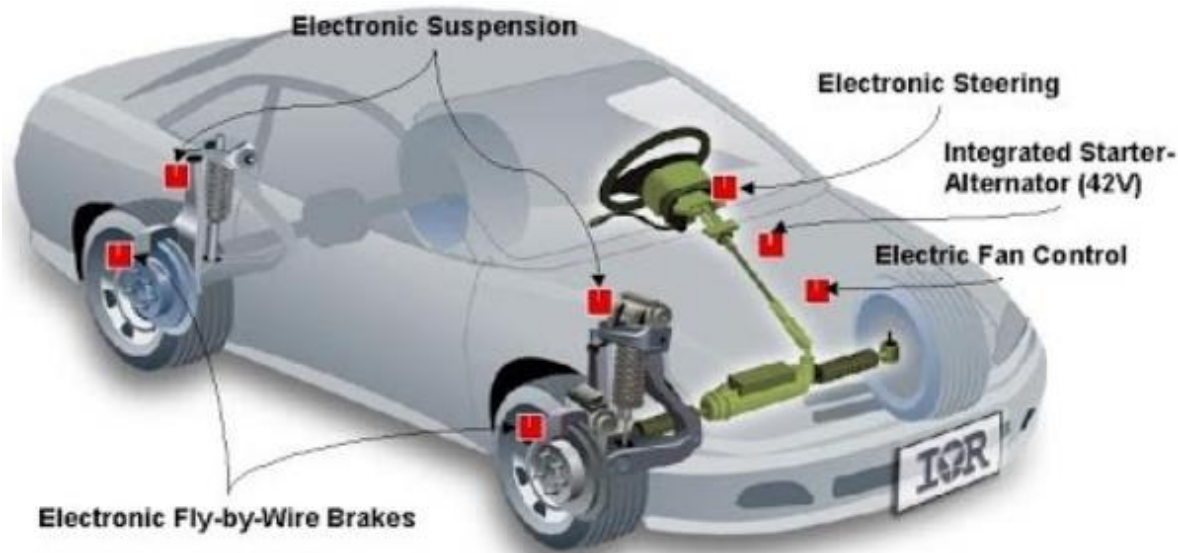
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- Example car:
- Inputs: throttle and steering
  - Outputs: speed and direction



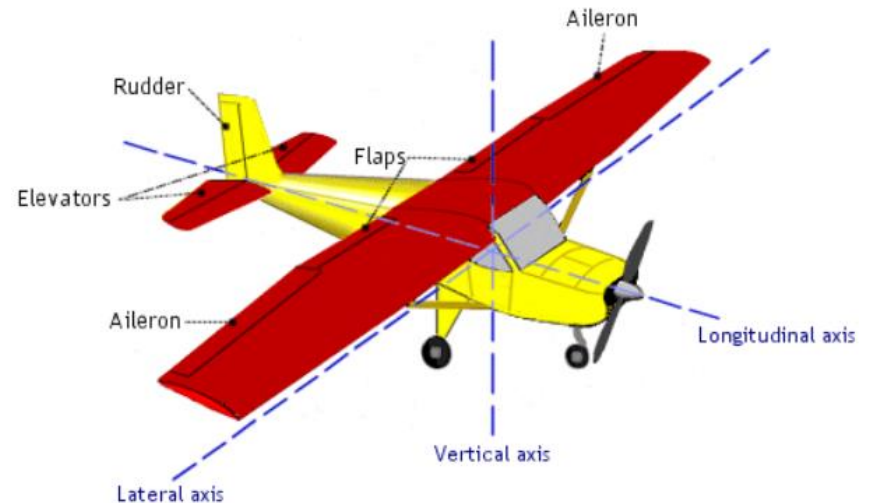
Multivariable processes: changing one input changes all the outputs



Effective control law has to consider all inputs and outputs



- Example airplane:
- Inputs: numerous control surfaces
  - Outputs: moves in 3D space.



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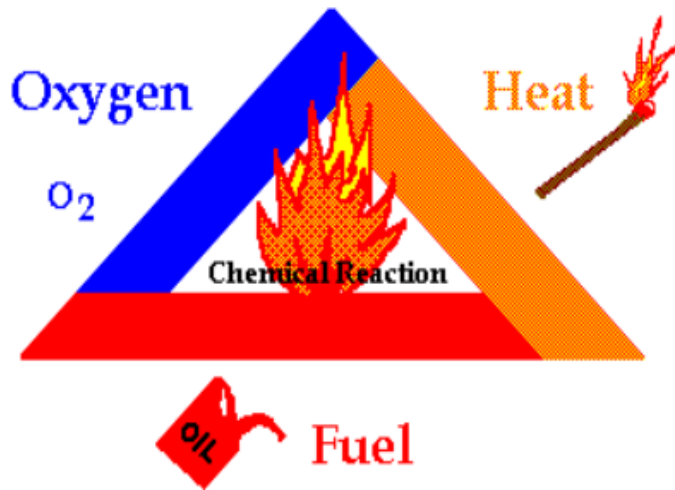


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# Multivariable: Chemical reaction

- Example chemical reaction:
- Inputs: Flow rates, heat supply, pressure, etc.
  - Outputs: Speed of reaction (production rate), quality, purity, etc.



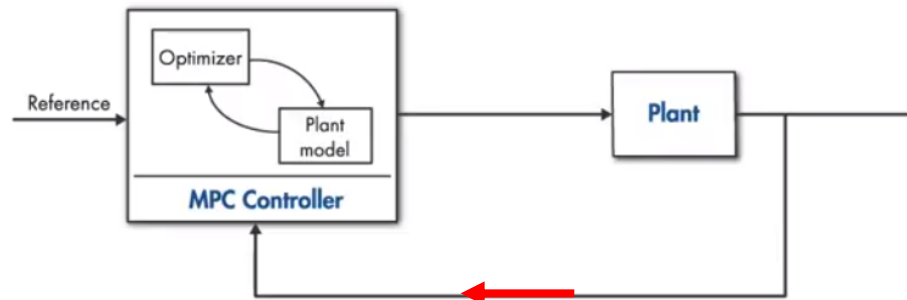
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# Handling interaction between multivariables

- ❑ We can cope up to 2-3 inputs/outputs
- ❑ Beyond that a human is not an ideal controller!



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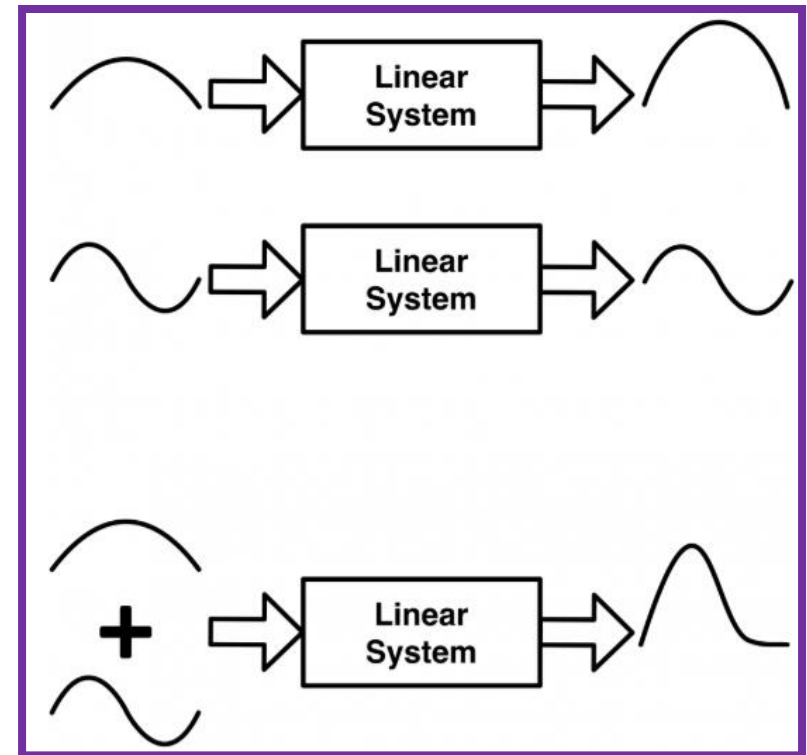
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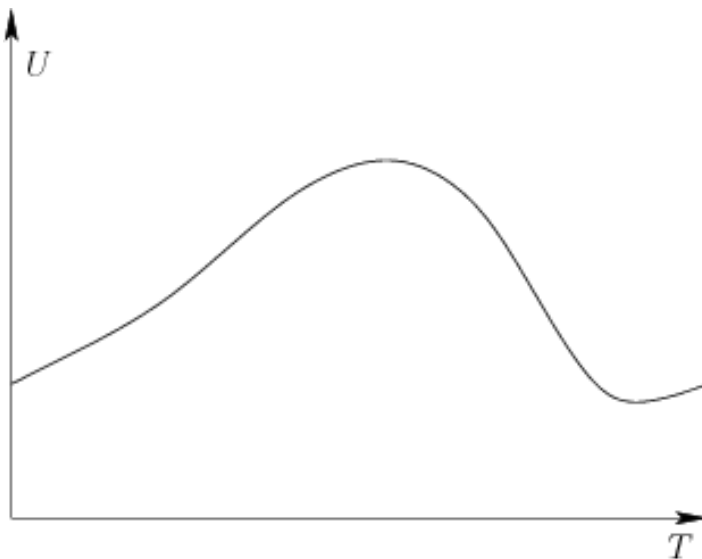
These slides do not discuss non-linear models

- ❑ Manipulation and algebra requires linear models as superposition can be used.
- ❑ Linear models are good enough for MPC.
- ❑ Typical linear models:
  - Transfer function
  - State-space
  - Step response models(subset of transfer functions).

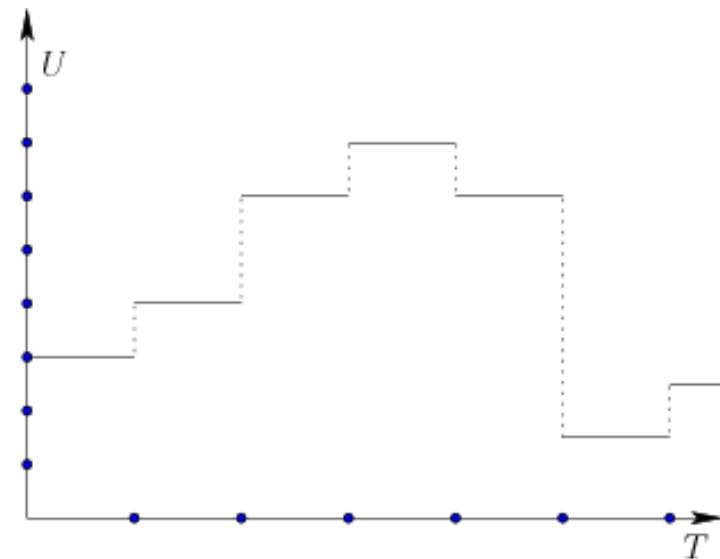


# MPC is **discrete** or **continuous**?

- ❑ Processes operate in continuous time.
- ❑ MPC's Decision requires **processing time** and cannot **instantaneous**.

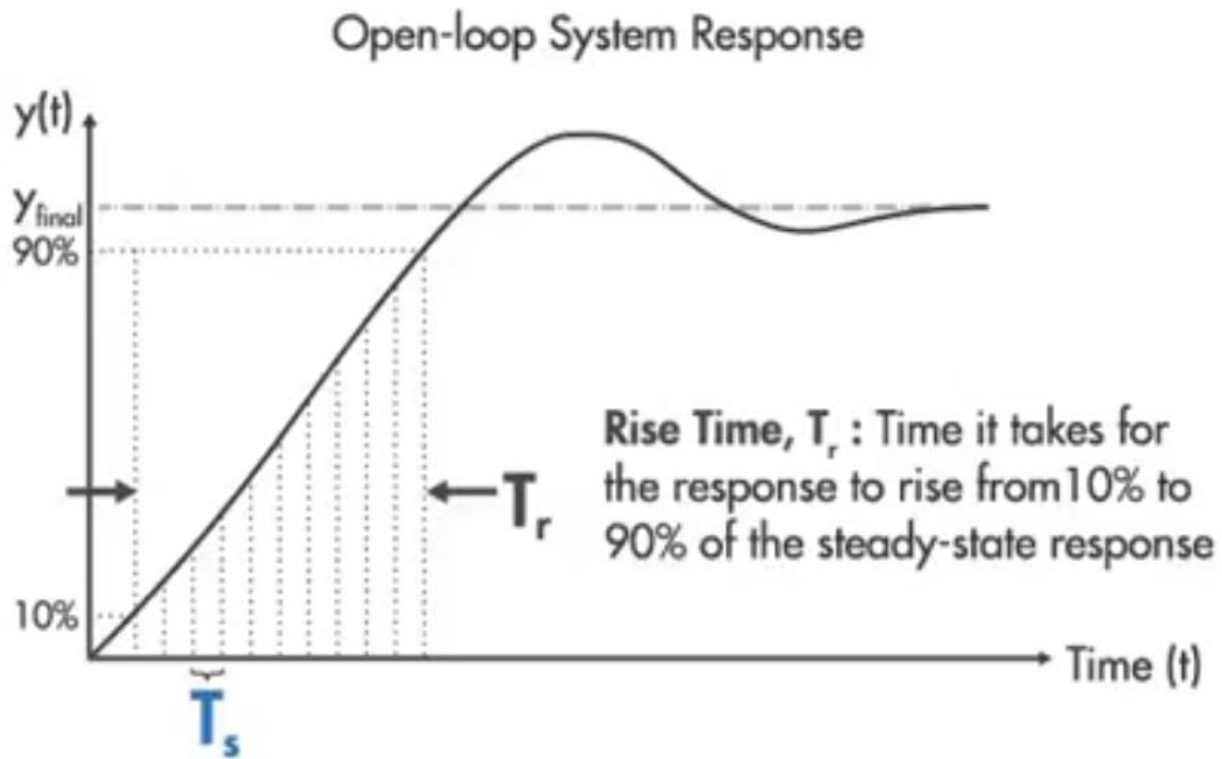


A trajectory in  $\mathcal{U}$



A trajectory in  $\mathcal{U}_d$

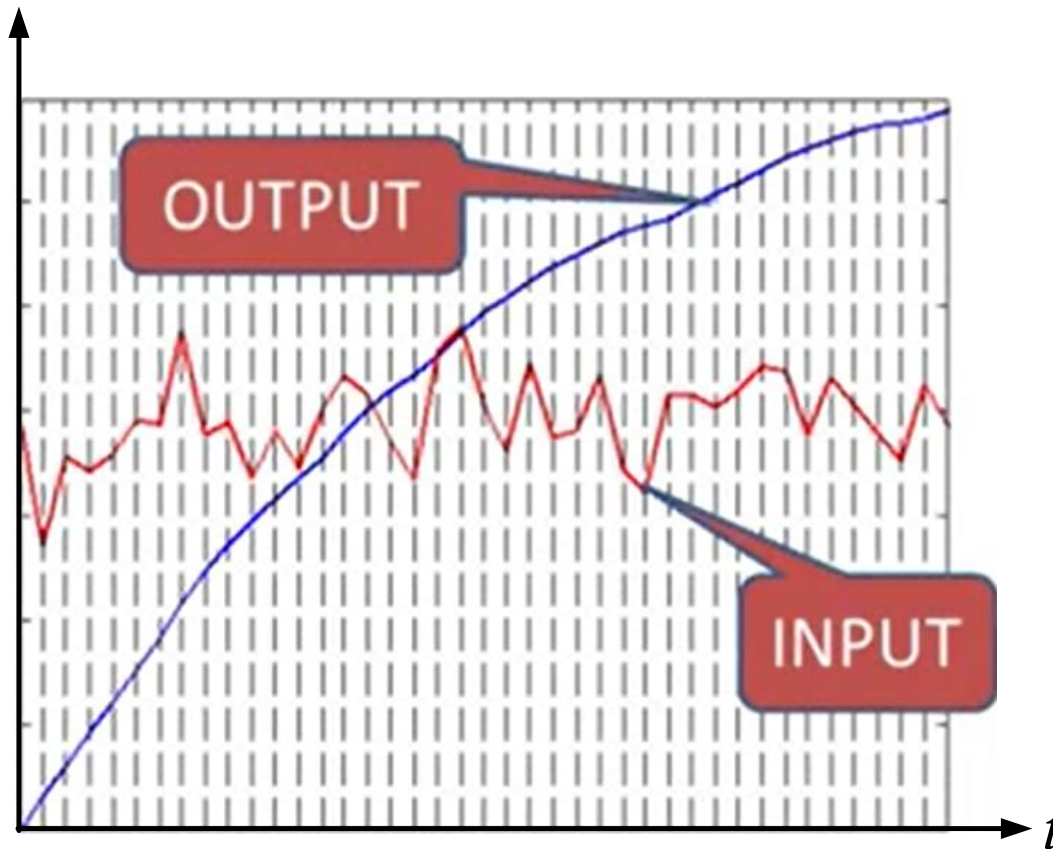
MPC laws are implemented in discrete time.



$$\frac{T_r}{20} \leq T_s \leq \frac{T_r}{10}$$



High sample rate is pointless: System cannot respond to it





# STATE SPACE MODEL

## Discrete state space model:

$$x_{k+1} = Ax_k + Bu_k$$

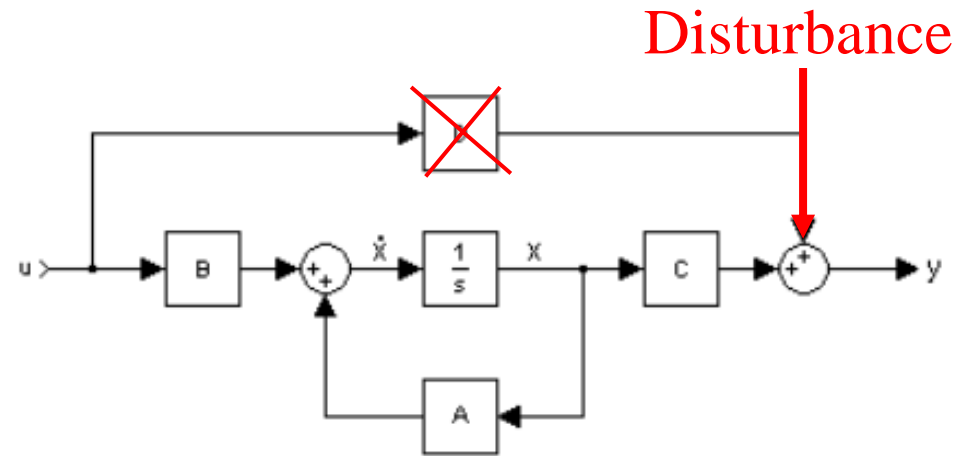
State

Input

$$y_k = Cx_k + \cancel{Du_k} + d_k$$

Output

Disturbance



In this slides,  $D=0$  and add disturbance  $d_k$ .

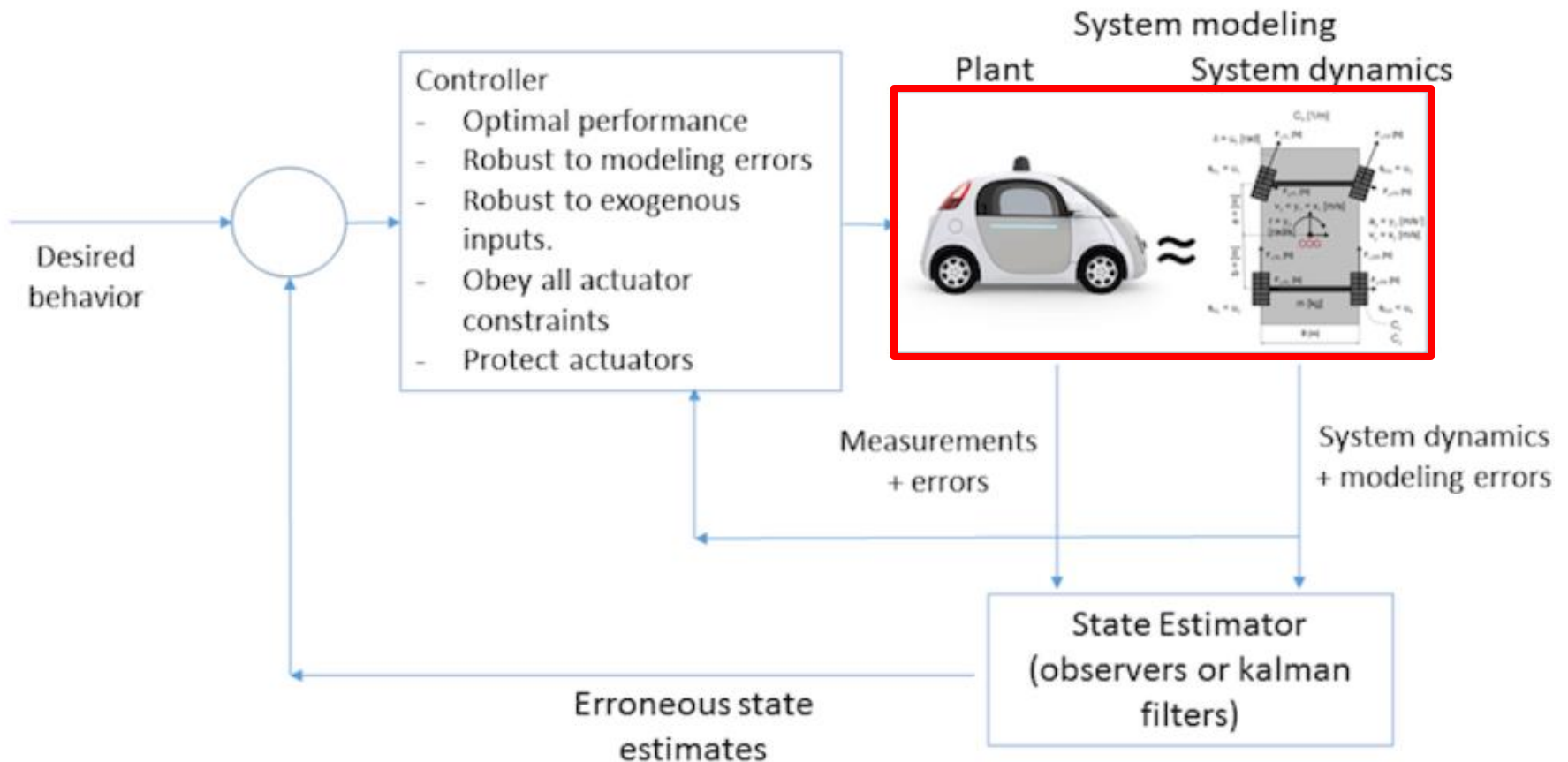
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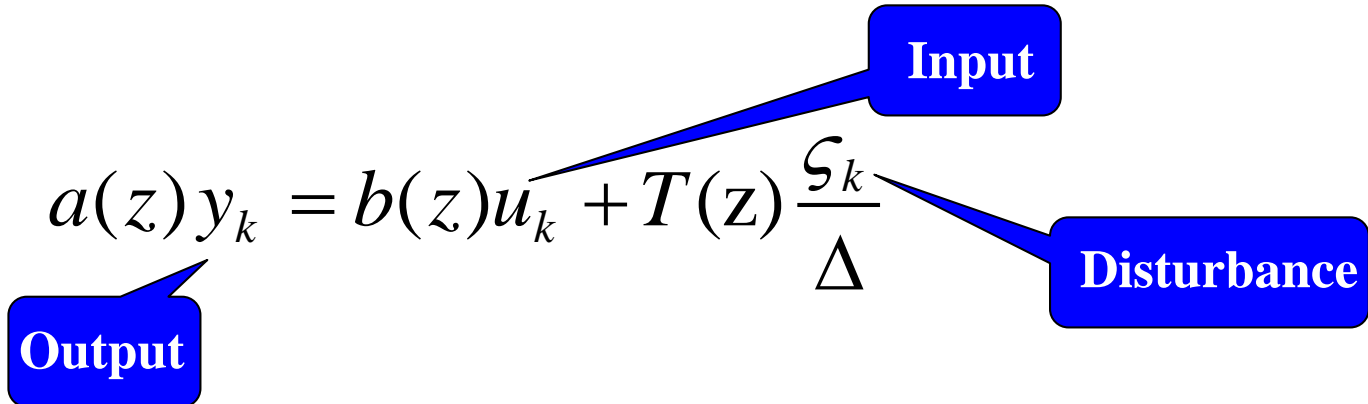
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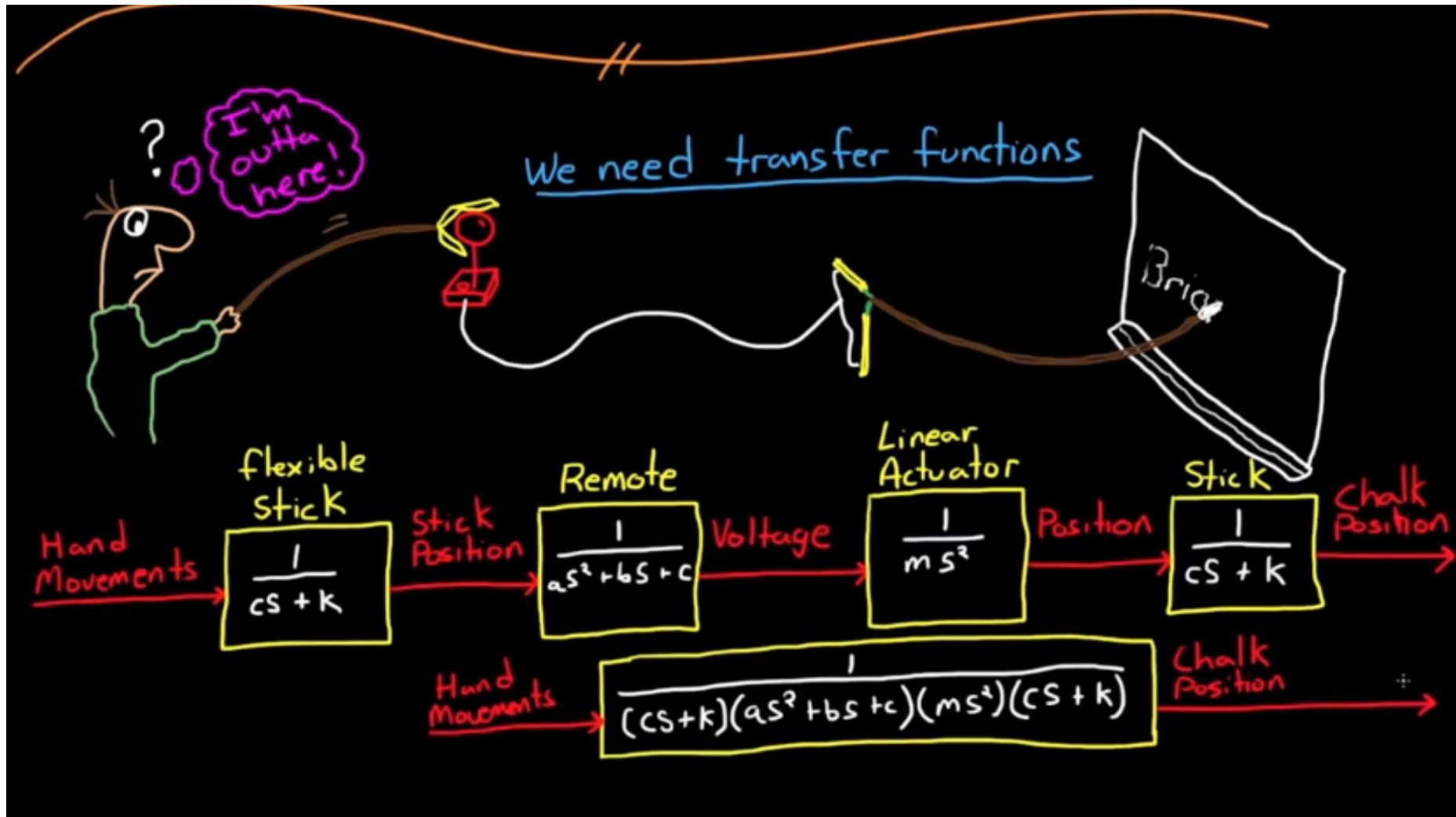
- Transfer function model with MPC is so called **CARIMA Model**.

$$a(z)y_k = b(z)u_k + T(z)\frac{\zeta_k}{\Delta}$$


The diagram illustrates the CARIMA model equation  $a(z)y_k = b(z)u_k + T(z)\frac{\zeta_k}{\Delta}$ . Three blue callout boxes with white text are connected to the equation by blue lines: 'Input' points to  $u_k$ , 'Disturbance' points to the fraction  $\frac{\zeta_k}{\Delta}$ , and 'Output' points to  $y_k$ .

- **Uncertainty** is included
- **Slowly varying disturbances** is considered.

# Application of transfer function model



# STEP RESPONSE MODEL



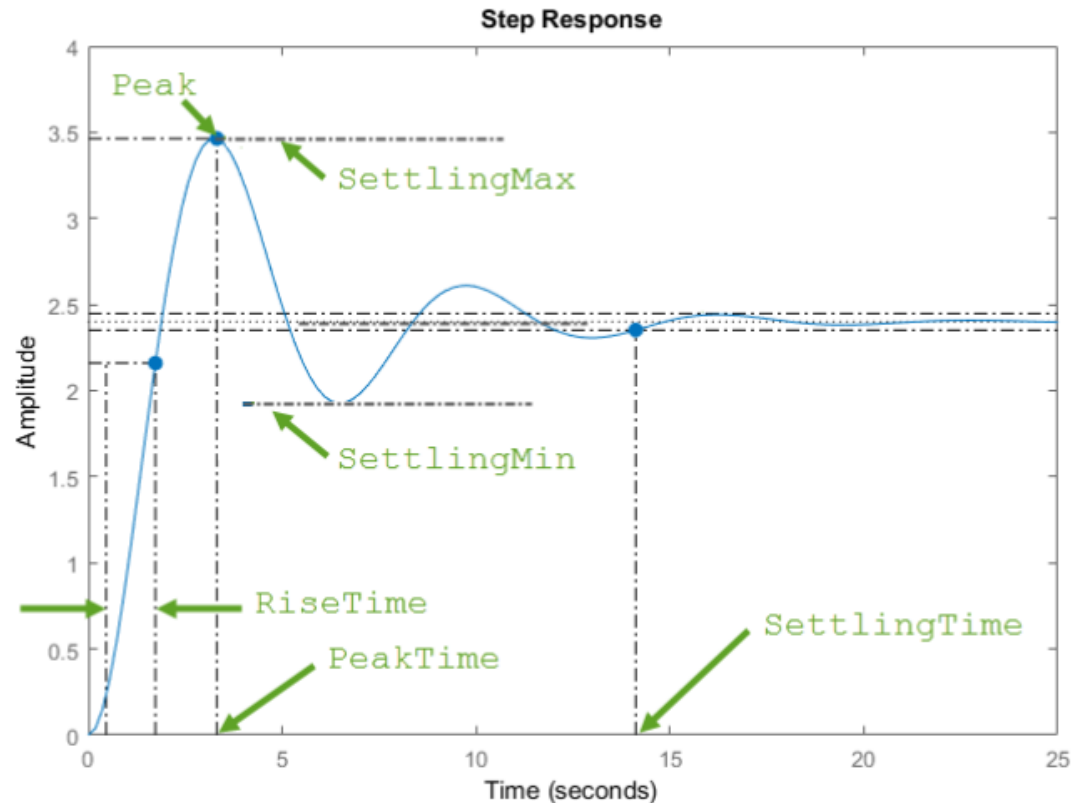
- Step response model is transfer function model.

$$y_k = H(z)\Delta u_k + d_k$$

Input

Output

Disturbance



- Popular:** available characteristic for many process systems.
- Disturbance:** difference between model output & measured output.

- MPC model is linear model.
- MPC is discrete model
- Faster sample rate or slow sample rate are not good
- State space model
- Transfer function model
- Step response model

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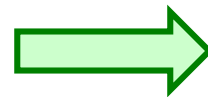
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Output  $y_k = Cx_k + \cancel{Du_k} + d_k$  Disturbance

□ Assume 1:  $D=0$ .

□ Assume 2:

- $n_x$  states for  $x$ ;
- $m_u$  inputs for  $u$
- $m_y$  outputs for  $y$ .



We need these assumes

## □ One-step ahead prediction models,

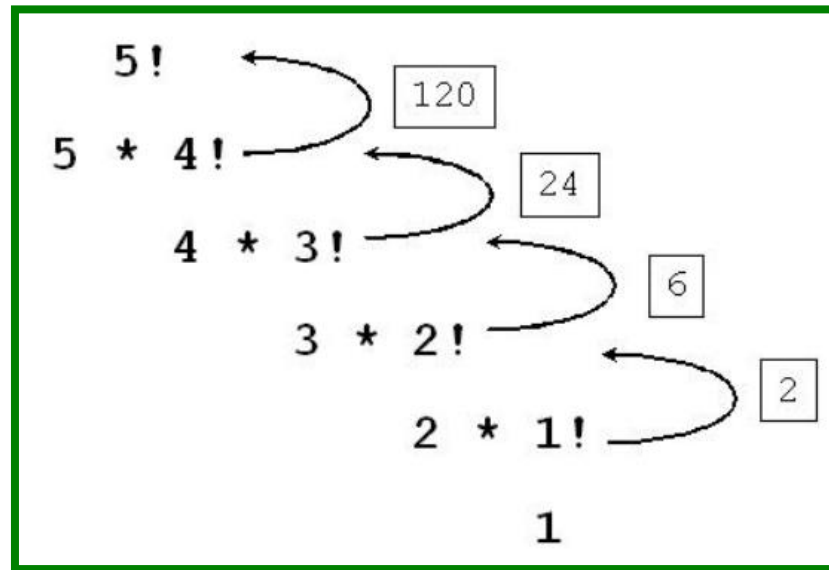
- Given data at sample ' $k$ ',
- Determine data at sample ' $k+1$ '.

$$\left. \begin{aligned} x_{k+1} &= Ax_k + Bu_k \\ y_k &= Cx_k + d_k \end{aligned} \right\} \Rightarrow \begin{aligned} y_{k+1} &= Cx_{k+1} + d_{k+1} \\ &\quad \downarrow \\ y_{k+1} &= CAx_k + CBu_k + d_{k+1} \end{aligned}$$

## □ Assume of disturbance:

$$\begin{aligned} d_k &= d_{k+1} \\ &\quad \downarrow \\ y_{k+1} &= CAx_k + CBu_k + d_k \end{aligned}$$

□ One-step prediction can find  $n$ -step prediction recursively:



$$\begin{aligned}
 & \left. \begin{aligned}
 x_{k+1} &= Ax_k + Bu_k \\
 x_{k+2} &= Ax_{k+1} + Bu_{k+1} \\
 x_{k+3} &= Ax_{k+2} + Bu_{k+2} \\
 x_{k+4} &= Ax_{k+3} + Bu_{k+3}
 \end{aligned} \right\} \Rightarrow \begin{aligned}
 x_{k+1} &= Ax_k + Bu_k \\
 x_{k+2} &= A(Ax_k + Bu_k) + Bu_{k+1} \\
 x_{k+3} &= A[A(Ax_k + Bu_k) + Bu_{k+1}] + Bu_{k+2} \\
 x_{k+4} &= A\{A[A(Ax_k + Bu_k) + Bu_{k+1}] + Bu_{k+2}\} + Bu_{k+3}
 \end{aligned}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$x_{k+1} = Ax_k + Bu_k$$

$$x_{k+2} = A(Ax_k + Bu_k) + Bu_{k+1}$$

$$x_{k+3} = A[(Ax_k + Bu_k) + Bu_{k+1}] + Bu_{k+2}$$

$$x_{k+4} = A\{[(Ax_k + Bu_k) + Bu_{k+1}] + Bu_{k+2}\} + Bu_{k+3}$$

□ Expanding the out:

$$x_{k+1} = Ax_k + Bu_k$$

$$x_{k+2} = A^2x_k + ABu_k + Bu_{k+1}$$

$$x_{k+3} = A^3x_k + A^2Bu_k + ABu_{k+1} + Bu_{k+2}$$

$$x_{k+4} = A^4x_k + A^3Bu_k + A^2Bu_{k+1} + ABu_{k+2} + Bu_{k+3}$$

The pattern is obvious.



□ n-step ahead prediction of  $x$  is:

$$x_{k+n} = A^n x_k + A^{n-1} B u_k + A^{n-2} B u_{k+1} + \dots + A^1 B u_{k+n-2} + A^0 B u_{k+n-1}$$

□ n-step ahead prediction of  $y$  is:

$$y_{k+n} = C x_{k+n} + d_{k+n} \quad d_k = d_{k+n}$$

$$y_{k+n} = C \left( A^n x_k + A^{n-1} B u_k + A^{n-2} B u_{k+1} + \dots + A^1 B u_{k+n-2} + A^0 B u_{k+n-1} \right) + d_{k+n}$$

$$y_{k+n} = C A^n x_k + C \left( A^{n-1} B u_k + A^{n-2} B u_{k+1} + \dots + A^1 B u_{k+n-2} + A^0 B u_{k+n-1} \right) + d_k$$

- Mixed up past and future data;
- Be careful with notation;
- Be careful with predictions construction;

## SIMPLIFICATION 1: DOUBLE SUBSCRIPT

## □ Double subscript:

- the 1<sup>st</sup> term: sample of the prediction (how many steps ahead);
- the 2<sup>nd</sup> term: sample at which the prediction was made.

## □ Example:

$$x_{k+4|k}$$

Prediction of  $x$  at sample  
( $k+4$ ) where prediction  
was made at sample ( $k$ )

$$y_{k+6|k+2}$$

Prediction of  $y$  at sample  
( $k+6$ ) where prediction  
was made at sample ( $k+2$ )

□ Expression of the *n*-step ahead prediction is:

$$\mathbf{x}_{k+n} = A^n \mathbf{x}_k + A^{n-1} B \mathbf{u}_k + A^{n-2} B \mathbf{u}_{k+1} + \dots + A^1 B \mathbf{u}_{k+n-2} + A^0 B \mathbf{u}_{k+n-1}$$



Double subscript

$$\mathbf{x}_{k+n|k} = A^n \mathbf{x}_{k|k} + A^{n-1} B \mathbf{u}_{k|k} + A^{n-2} B \mathbf{u}_{k+1|k} + \dots + A B \mathbf{u}_{k+n-2|k} + B \mathbf{u}_{k+n-1|k}$$



$$\mathbf{y}_{k+n} = C A^n \mathbf{x}_k + C \left( A^{n-1} B \mathbf{u}_k + A^{n-2} B \mathbf{u}_{k+1} + \dots + A^1 B \mathbf{u}_{k+n-2} + A^0 B \mathbf{u}_{k+n-1} \right) + \mathbf{d}_k$$



Double subscript

$$\mathbf{y}_{k+n|k} = C A^n \mathbf{x}_{k|k} + C \left( A^{n-1} B \mathbf{u}_{k|k} + A^{n-2} B \mathbf{u}_{k+1|k} + \dots + A B \mathbf{u}_{k+n-2|k} + B \mathbf{u}_{k+n-1|k} \right) + \mathbf{d}_k$$

□ Double subscript: a value is ‘in the future’ as opposed to known.

- Separate predictions into **known** and **unknown** parts (convenient).

$$y_{k+n|k} = CA^n x_{k|k} + C \left( A^{n-1} B u_{k|k} + A^{n-2} B u_{k+1|k} + \dots + A B u_{k+n-2|k} + B u_{k+n-1|k} \right) + d_k$$



$$y_{k+n|k} = \left( CA^n x_{k|k} + d_k \right) + \left[ C \left( A^{n-1} B u_{k|k} + A^{n-2} B u_{k+1|k} + \dots + A B u_{k+n-2|k} + B u_{k+n-1|k} \right) \right]$$

Known based on the  
current and past  
measurement

Unknown as based on the  
future input choices which  
remain to be decided

Aim: choose 'unknown' inputs to ensure prediction is satisfactory.

## SIMPLIFICATION 2: VECTOR OF VECTORS

- **Vector of vectors:** A simple **arrow notation** captures a set of predictions.

$$\begin{bmatrix} x_{k+1|k} \\ x_{k+2|k} \\ \vdots \\ x_{k+n|k} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \underline{x}_{k+1}$$

Subscript  $k+1$  indicates the  $1^{\text{st}}$  value in the prediction vector

Arrow pointing right means prediction



□ Using the ‘arrow’ notation:

$$\underline{x}_{k+1} = \begin{bmatrix} x_{k+1|k} \\ x_{k+2|k} \\ \vdots \\ x_{k+n|k} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} Ax_k + Bu_{k|k} \\ A^2 x_k + ABu_{k|k} + Bu_{k+1|k} \\ \vdots \\ A^n x_k + A^{n-1} Bu_{k|k} + A^{n-2} Bu_{k+1|k} + \dots + ABu_{k+n-2|k} + Bu_{k+n-1|k} \end{bmatrix}$$

□ Separating into past and decision variables gives:

$$\underline{x}_{k+1} = \begin{bmatrix} Ax_k \\ A^2 x_k \\ \vdots \\ A^n x_k \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} Bu_{k|k} \\ ABu_{k|k} + Bu_{k+1|k} \\ \vdots \\ A^{n-1} Bu_{k|k} + A^{n-2} Bu_{k+1|k} + \dots + ABu_{k+n-2|k} + Bu_{k+n-1|k} \end{bmatrix}$$

## SIMPLIFICATION EXAMPLE

Using matrix multiplication:

$$\underline{x}_{k+1} = \begin{bmatrix} Ax_k \\ A^2x_k \\ \vdots \\ A^n x_k \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} Bu_{k|k} \\ ABu_{k|k} + Bu_{k+1|k} \\ \vdots \\ A^{n-1}Bu_{k|k} + A^{n-2}Bu_{k+1|k} + \dots + ABu_{k+n-2|k} + Bu_{k+n-1|k} \end{bmatrix}$$

A, B are model /  
prediction parameters

$$\underline{x}_{k+1} = \begin{bmatrix} A \\ A^2 \\ \vdots \\ A^n \end{bmatrix} \cdot x_k + \begin{bmatrix} B & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ AB & B & \ddots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ A^{n-1}B & A^{n-2}B & \dots & B \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} u_{k|k} \\ u_{k+1|k} \\ \vdots \\ u_{k+n-1|k} \end{bmatrix}$$

Decision variables

□ Giving compact names:

$$\underline{x}_{k+1} = \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} A \\ A^2 \\ \vdots \\ A^n \end{bmatrix}}_{P_x} \cdot x_k + \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} B & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ AB & B & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ A^{n-1}B & A^{n-2}B & \dots & B \end{bmatrix}}_{H_x} \cdot \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} u_{k|k} \\ u_{k+1|k} \\ \vdots \\ u_{k+n-1|k} \end{bmatrix}}_{\underline{u}_k} \quad \underline{u}_k$$



$$\underline{x}_{k+1} = P_x \cdot x_k + H_x \cdot \underline{u}_k$$

Depends on past

Depends upon  
decision variables

□ Output predictions follow a similar method.

$$y_{k+n|k} = \left( CA^n x_{k|k} + d_k \right) + \left[ C \left( A^{n-1} B u_{k|k} + A^{n-2} B u_{k+1|k} + \dots + A B u_{k+n-2|k} + B u_{k+n-1|k} \right) \right]$$

$$\underline{y}_{k+1} = \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} CA \\ CA^2 \\ \vdots \\ CA^n \end{bmatrix}}_P \cdot x_k + \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} CB & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ CAB & CB & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ CA^{n-1}B & CA^{n-2}B & \dots & CB \end{bmatrix}}_H \cdot \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} u_{k|k} \\ u_{k+1|k} \\ \vdots \\ u_{k+n-1|k} \end{bmatrix}}_{\underline{u}_k} + \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} d_k \\ d_k \\ \vdots \\ d_k \end{bmatrix}}_{Ld_k}$$

$$\underline{y}_{k+1} = (P \cdot x_k + Ld_k) + H \cdot \underline{u}_k$$

Depends on past

Depends upon  
decision variables

- ❑ The overall prediction is expressed in a simple way

$$\underline{x}_{k+1} = \boxed{P_x \cdot x_k} + \boxed{H_x \cdot \underline{u}_k} \rightarrow \begin{array}{|c|} \hline \text{Choose the} \\ \text{suitable} \\ \text{control} \\ \text{values} \\ \hline \end{array}$$

$$\underline{y}_{k+1} = \boxed{(P \cdot x_k + Ld_k)} + \boxed{H \cdot \underline{u}_k} \nearrow \begin{array}{|c|} \hline \text{Choose the} \\ \text{suitable} \\ \text{control} \\ \text{values} \\ \hline \end{array}$$

Depends on past

Depends upon  
decision variables



- State space model can use a compact form for all prediction horizons.
- Predictions separate into a known and decision variables parts.

# BASIC THEORY OF THE MODEL PREDICTIVE CONTROL (MPC): PART I

[17/10/2019]

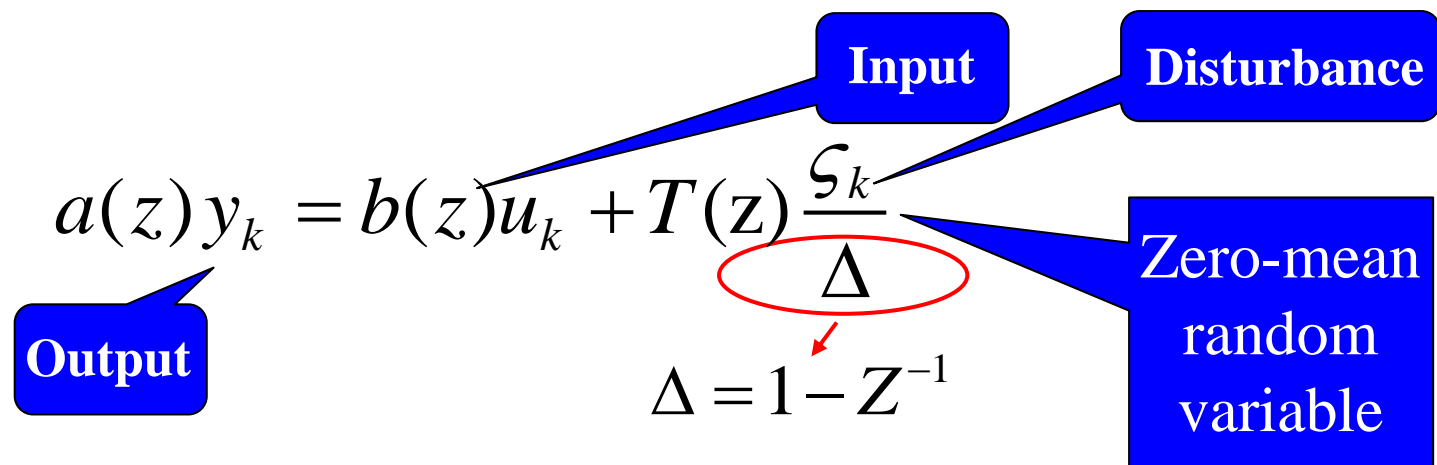
- Main components of MPC
- Modelling of MPC
- MPC with state space model
- MPC with Carima model



- Carima model is **transfer function model**.
- Only **SISO** system is considered



- Transfer function model with MPC is so **called CARIMA Model**.



- **Uncertainty** is included
- **Slowly varying disturbances** is considered
- $T(z)$  is treated as a **design parameters**



- **One-step** ahead prediction models: Given data at sample ' $k$ ', Determine data at sample ' $k+1$ '.

$$a(z)y_{k+1} = b(z)u_{k+1} + \underbrace{T(z) \frac{\zeta_k}{\Delta}}_{d_k} = b(z)u_{k+1} + \underbrace{d_k}_{d_k}$$

$$a(z) = 1 + a_1 z^{-1} + a_2 z^{-2} + \dots + a_n z^{-n}$$

$$b(z) = b_1 z^{-1} + b_2 z^{-2} + \dots + b_m z^{-m}$$

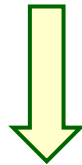
$$y_{k+1} + a_1 y_k + \dots + a_n y_{k-n+1} = b_1 u_k + b_2 u_{k-1} + \dots + b_m u_{k-m+1} + d_k$$

$$y_{k+1} = b_1 u_k + b_2 u_{k-1} + \dots + b_m u_{k-m+1} + d_k - a_1 y_k - \dots - a_n y_{k-n+1}$$

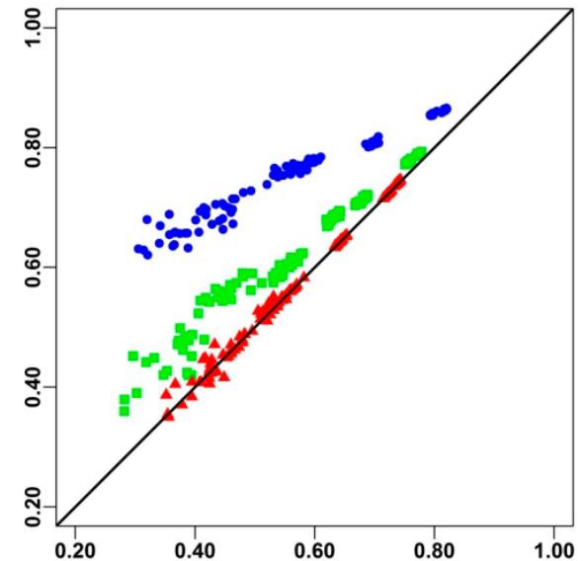
This slides will not use the double subscript notation of  $y_{k+1|k}$  as the meaning is already clear

- CARIMA model incorporates a **disturbance estimate** → can give unbiased predictions.

$$a(z)y_k = b(z)u_k + T(z)\frac{\zeta_k}{\Delta}$$



$$a(z)\Delta y_k = b(z)\Delta u_k + T(z)\zeta_k$$



The incremental form is used for predictions

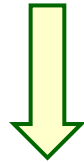


Based on changes rather than absolute values

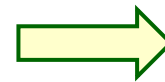


- Simply: assumes that the future 'random' term is zero.

$$a(z)\Delta y_k = b(z)\Delta u_k + \cancel{T(z)\zeta_k}$$



$$[a(z)\Delta] y_k = b(z)(\Delta u_k)$$



$$A(z) y_k = b(z) \Delta u_k$$

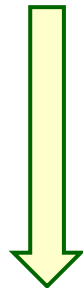
$$A(z) = a(z)\Delta$$

Combine  $a(z)$   
and Delta

Use input  
increments

□ **One-step** ahead prediction models: Given data at sample ' $k$ ', Determine data at sample ' $k+1$ '.

$$A(z)y_k = b(z)\Delta u_k$$



$$A(z) = a(z)\Delta$$

$$A(z) = 1 + A_1 z^{-1} + \dots + A_n z^{-n}$$

$$b(z) = b_1 z^{-1} + b_2 z^{-2} + \dots + b_m z^{-m}$$

$$y_{k+1} + A_1 y_k + \dots + A_n y_{k-n+1} = b_1 \Delta u_k + b_2 \Delta u_{k-1} + \dots + b_m \Delta u_{k-m+1}$$



$$y_{k+1} = b_1 \Delta u_k + b_2 \Delta u_{k-1} + \dots + b_m \Delta u_{k-m+1} - A_1 y_k - \dots - A_n y_{k-n+1}$$

**No need for a disturbance estimate in this prediction model  
as within the use of **increments****

□  $n$ -step ahead prediction can be obtained by one-step ahead prediction with recursively:

$$\begin{aligned}
 y_{k+1} + A_1 y_k + \cdots + A_n y_{k-n+1} &= b_1 \Delta u_k + b_2 \Delta u_{k-1} + \cdots + b_m \Delta u_{k-m+1} \\
 y_{k+2} + A_1 y_{k+1} + \cdots + A_n y_{k-n+2} &= b_1 \Delta u_{k+1} + b_2 \Delta u_k + \cdots + b_m \Delta u_{k-m+2} \\
 y_{k+3} + A_1 y_{k+2} + \cdots + A_n y_{k-n+3} &= b_1 \Delta u_{k+2} + b_2 \Delta u_{k+1} + \cdots + b_m \Delta u_{k-m+3} \\
 y_{k+4} + A_1 y_{k+3} + \cdots + A_n y_{k-n+4} &= b_1 \Delta u_{k+3} + b_2 \Delta u_{k+2} + \cdots + b_m \Delta u_{k-m+4}
 \end{aligned}$$

Diagram illustrating the recursive substitution process for  $n$ -step ahead prediction. Blue arrows show the flow of substitution:  $y_{k+1}$  is substituted into the second equation,  $y_{k+1}$  and  $y_{k+2}$  are substituted into the third equation, and  $y_{k+1}$ ,  $y_{k+2}$ , and  $y_{k+3}$  are substituted into the fourth equation.

- Use the one step ahead to find  $y_{k+1}$ ,
- Substitute  $y_{k+1}$  into the next equation to find  $y_{k+2}$ ,
- Use  $y_{k+1}$  and  $y_{k+2}$  to find  $y_{k+3}$ ,
- Keep iterating through to  $y_{k+n}$ .



$$\begin{aligned}
 y_{k+1} + A_1 y_k + \cdots + A_n y_{k-n+1} &= b_1 \Delta u_k + b_2 \Delta u_{k-1} + \cdots + b_m \Delta u_{k-m+1} \\
 y_{k+2} + A_1 y_{k+1} + \cdots + A_n y_{k-n+2} &= b_1 \Delta u_{k+1} + b_2 \Delta u_k + \cdots + b_m \Delta u_{k-m+2} \\
 y_{k+3} + A_1 y_{k+2} + \cdots + A_n y_{k-n+3} &= b_1 \Delta u_{k+2} + b_2 \Delta u_{k+1} + \cdots + b_m \Delta u_{k-m+3} \\
 y_{k+4} + A_1 y_{k+3} + \cdots + A_n y_{k-n+4} &= b_1 \Delta u_{k+3} + b_2 \Delta u_{k+2} + \cdots + b_m \Delta u_{k-m+4}
 \end{aligned}$$

There are 4 unknowns and 4 equations  $\rightarrow$  can solve.



□ Separates **future** and **past** variables for the outputs.

$$\begin{aligned}
 &y_{k+1} + A_1 y_k + \cdots + A_n y_{k-n+1} \\
 &y_{k+2} + A_1 y_{k+1} + \cdots + A_n y_{k-n+2} \\
 &y_{k+3} + A_1 y_{k+2} + \cdots + A_n y_{k-n+3} \\
 &y_{k+4} + A_1 y_{k+3} + \cdots + A_n y_{k-n+4}
 \end{aligned}
 =
 \underbrace{C_A}_{\text{Future}}
 \begin{bmatrix} y_{k+1} \\ y_{k+2} \\ y_{k+3} \\ y_{k+4} \end{bmatrix}
 +
 \underbrace{H_A}_{\text{Past}}
 \begin{bmatrix} y_k \\ y_{k-1} \\ \vdots \\ y_{k-n+1} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$C_A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ A_1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ A_2 & A_1 & 1 & 0 \\ A_3 & A_2 & A_1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad H_A = \begin{bmatrix} A_1 & A_2 & \cdots & A_{n-4} & A_{n-3} & A_{n-2} & A_{n-1} & A_n \\ A_2 & A_3 & \cdots & A_{n-3} & A_{n-2} & A_{n-1} & A_n & 0 \\ A_3 & A_4 & \cdots & A_{n-2} & A_{n-1} & A_n & 0 & 0 \\ A_4 & A_5 & \cdots & A_{n-1} & A_n & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 y_{k+1} + A_1 y_k + \cdots + A_n y_{k-n+1} &= b_1 \Delta u_k + b_2 \Delta u_{k-1} + \cdots + b_m \Delta u_{k-m+1} \\
 y_{k+2} + A_1 y_{k+1} + \cdots + A_n y_{k-n+2} &= b_1 \Delta u_{k+1} + b_2 \Delta u_k + \cdots + b_m \Delta u_{k-m+2} \\
 y_{k+3} + A_1 y_{k+2} + \cdots + A_n y_{k-n+3} &= b_1 \Delta u_{k+2} + b_2 \Delta u_{k+1} + \cdots + b_m \Delta u_{k-m+3} \\
 y_{k+4} + A_1 y_{k+3} + \cdots + A_n y_{k-n+4} &= b_1 \Delta u_{k+3} + b_2 \Delta u_{k+2} + \cdots + b_m \Delta u_{k-m+4}
 \end{aligned}$$

There are 4 unknowns and 4 equations  $\rightarrow$  can solve.



- Separates **future** and **past** control variables.

$$\begin{aligned}
 &b_1 \Delta u_k + b_2 \Delta u_{k-1} + \dots + b_m \Delta u_{k-m+1} \\
 &b_1 \Delta u_{k+1} + b_2 \Delta u_k + \dots + b_m \Delta u_{k-m+2} \\
 &b_1 \Delta u_{k+2} + b_2 \Delta u_{k+1} + \dots + b_m \Delta u_{k-m+3} \\
 &b_1 \Delta u_{k+3} + b_2 \Delta u_{k+2} + \dots + b_m \Delta u_{k-m+4}
 \end{aligned}
 = C_b \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} \Delta u_k \\ \Delta u_{k+1} \\ \Delta u_{k+2} \\ \Delta u_{k+3} \end{bmatrix}}_{\text{Future}} + H_b \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} \Delta u_{k-1} \\ \Delta u_{k-2} \\ \vdots \\ \Delta u_{k-m+1} \end{bmatrix}}_{\text{Past}}$$

$$C_b = \begin{bmatrix} b_1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ b_2 & b_1 & 0 & 0 \\ b_3 & b_2 & b_1 & 0 \\ b_4 & b_3 & b_2 & b_1 \end{bmatrix} \quad H_b = \begin{bmatrix} b_2 & b_3 & \dots & b_{m-4} & b_{m-3} & b_{m-2} & b_{m-1} & b_m \\ b_3 & b_4 & \dots & b_{m-3} & b_{m-2} & b_{m-1} & b_m & 0 \\ b_4 & b_5 & \dots & b_{m-2} & b_{m-1} & b_m & 0 & 0 \\ b_5 & b_6 & \dots & b_{m-1} & b_m & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \end{bmatrix}$$

- Compact description of the entire predictions.

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
 C_A & \begin{bmatrix} y_{k+1} \\ y_{k+2} \\ y_{k+3} \\ y_{k+4} \end{bmatrix} & + & H_A & \begin{bmatrix} y_k \\ y_{k-1} \\ \vdots \\ y_{k-n+1} \end{bmatrix} & = & C_b & \begin{bmatrix} \Delta u_k \\ \Delta u_{k+1} \\ \Delta u_{k+2} \\ \Delta u_{k+3} \end{bmatrix} & + & H_b & \begin{bmatrix} \Delta u_{k-1} \\ \Delta u_{k-2} \\ \vdots \\ \Delta u_{k-m+1} \end{bmatrix} \\
 & \underline{\underline{y}}_{k+1} & & & \underline{\underline{y}}_k & & & \underline{\Delta \underline{u}}_k & & & \underline{\Delta \underline{u}}_{k-1}
 \end{array}$$

- Re-introduce the arrow notation as:

$$C_A \cdot \underline{\underline{y}}_{k+1} + H_A \cdot \underline{\underline{y}}_k = C_b \cdot \underline{\Delta \underline{u}}_k + H_b \cdot \underline{\Delta \underline{u}}_{k-1}$$

□ Output predictions can be solved as:

$$C_A \cdot \underline{y}_{k+1} + H_A \cdot \underline{y}_k = C_b \cdot \Delta \underline{u}_k + H_b \cdot \Delta \underline{u}_{k-1}$$



$$\underline{y}_{k+1} = C_A^{-1} C_b \cdot \Delta \underline{u}_k + \left( C_A^{-1} H_b \cdot \Delta \underline{u}_{k-1} - C_A^{-1} H_A \cdot \underline{y}_k \right)$$

Decision variables  
(future input  
increments)

Known or past data



- Simplify the expression.

$$\begin{aligned} \underline{y}_{k+1} &= \underline{C}_A^{-1} \underline{C}_b \cdot \Delta \underline{u}_{\rightarrow k} + \left( \underline{C}_A^{-1} \underline{H}_b \cdot \Delta \underline{u}_{\leftarrow k-1} - \underline{C}_A^{-1} \underline{H}_A \cdot \underline{y}_k \right) \\ &\quad \downarrow \qquad \qquad \downarrow \qquad \qquad \downarrow \\ H &= \underline{C}_A^{-1} \underline{C}_b \qquad P = \underline{C}_A^{-1} \underline{H}_b \qquad Q = \underline{C}_A^{-1} \underline{H}_A \\ &\quad \downarrow \\ \underline{y}_{k+1} &= H \cdot \Delta \underline{u}_{\rightarrow k} + \left( P \cdot \Delta \underline{u}_{\leftarrow k-1} - Q \cdot \underline{y}_k \right) \end{aligned}$$



$$A(z)y_k = b(z)\Delta u_k$$

$$a(z) = 1 - 0.8z^{-1}$$

$$b(z) = 2z^{-1} + z^{-2}$$

□ Using the definition of the prediction matrices and a horizon of 4.

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} a(z) = 1 - 0.8z^{-1} \\ \Delta = 1 - Z^{-1} \end{array} \right\} \Rightarrow A(z) = a(z)\Delta = 1 \overset{A_1}{\underset{\uparrow}{-1.8}}z^{-1} + \overset{A_2}{\underset{\nwarrow}{0.8}}z^{-2} + \overset{A_3, 4 \dots}{\underset{\uparrow}{0}} = 0$$

$$C_A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ A_1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ A_2 & A_1 & 1 & 0 \\ A_3 & A_2 & A_1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow C_A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -1.8 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0.8 & -1.8 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0.8 & -1.8 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$H_A = \begin{bmatrix} A_1 & A_2 \\ A_2 & A_3 \\ A_3 & A_4 \\ A_4 & A_5 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow H_A = \begin{bmatrix} -1.8 & 0.8 \\ 0.8 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$A(z)y_k = b(z)\Delta u_k$$

$$a(z) = 1 - 0.8z^{-1}$$

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□ Using the definition of the prediction matrices and a horizon of 4.

$$b(z) = 2z^{-1} + z^{-2} + 0 \Rightarrow b_1 = 2 \quad b_2 = 1 \quad b_{3,4,\dots} = 0$$

$$C_b = \begin{bmatrix} b_1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ b_2 & b_1 & 0 & 0 \\ b_3 & b_2 & b_1 & 0 \\ b_4 & b_3 & b_2 & b_1 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow C_b = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$H_b = \begin{bmatrix} b_2 \\ b_3 \\ b_4 \\ b_5 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow H_b = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$A(z) \underline{y}_k = b(z) \Delta \underline{u}_k$$

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$$\underline{y}_{k+1} = H \cdot \Delta \underline{u}_k + \left( P \cdot \Delta \underline{u}_{k-1} - Q \cdot \underline{y}_k \right)$$

$$H = C_A^{-1} C_b$$

$$P = C_A^{-1} H_b$$

$$Q = C_A^{-1} H_A$$

$$C_A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -1.8 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0.8 & -1.8 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0.8 & -1.8 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$C_b = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$H_A = \begin{bmatrix} -1.8 & 0.8 \\ 0.8 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$H_b = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

- Understand the concept of the MPC main components and their selection rules
- Understand the Modelling of the MPC
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*Thank you!*

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