

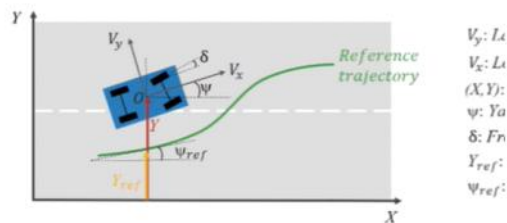
# Project

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## Model and simulate lateral vehicle dynamics

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The lateral vehicle dynamics are depicted in the below picture.  
It's described using a bicycle model with two degrees of freedom, lateral position and yaw angle.



Here,

- $X$  and  $Y$  denote the position of the vehicle in global coordinates
- $V_x$  and  $V_y$  denote the longitudinal and lateral velocities of the vehicle in body-fixed coordinates with respect to the center of gravity
- $\psi$  is the yaw angle of the vehicle
- $\delta$  is the front steering angle
- $Y_{ref}$  is the reference lateral position
- $\psi_{ref}$  is the reference yaw angle

Next, you will model the lateral vehicle dynamics which are separated from the longitudinal vehicle dynamics. Therefore, you will assume a constant longitudinal velocity, which you will define below.

### Create a State Space Model :

#### 2. State Variables

Let the states be:

$$\mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} e_y \\ e_\psi \\ v_y \\ r \end{bmatrix}$$

Where:

- $e_y = Y - Y_{ref}$ : lateral position error
- $e_\psi = \psi - \psi_{ref}$ : yaw angle error
- $v_y$ : lateral velocity
- $r = \dot{\psi}$ : yaw rate

Input:

$$\mathbf{u} = \delta \quad (\text{steering angle})$$

#### 3. Vehicle Dynamics Equations (Lateral-Yaw)

Linearized lateral and yaw dynamics:

$$\begin{aligned} m(\dot{v}_y + V_x r) &= F_{yf} + F_{yr} \\ I_z \dot{r} &= a F_{yf} - b F_{yr} \end{aligned}$$

Where:

- $m$ : mass of the vehicle
- $I_z$ : moment of inertia about z-axis
- $a, b$ : distances from CG to front/rear axle
- $F_{yf}, F_{yr}$ : lateral tire forces

$$\dot{\mathbf{x}} = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{B}\mathbf{u}$$

$$\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{C}\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{D}\mathbf{u}$$

Symbol	Meaning
$\mathbf{x}$	State vector (e.g., $[e_y, e_\psi, v_y, r]^T$ )
$\mathbf{u}$	Input vector (e.g., $\delta$ , the steering angle)
$\dot{\mathbf{x}}$	Derivative of the state (rate of change)
$\mathbf{y}$	Output vector (what you measure or want to control)
$\mathbf{A}$	System matrix: how the current state affects the future state
$\mathbf{B}$	Input matrix: how the input affects the state

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#### 4. State Equations

After substituting and simplifying:

$$\dot{v}_y = \frac{-C_f - C_r}{mV_x} v_y + \left( \frac{-aC_f + bC_r}{mV_x} - V_x \right) r + \frac{C_f}{m} \delta$$

$$\dot{r} = \frac{-aC_f + bC_r}{I_z V_x} v_y + \frac{-a^2 C_f - b^2 C_r}{I_z V_x} r + \frac{aC_f}{I_z} \delta$$

And for tracking:

$$\dot{e}_y = v_y + V_x e_\psi$$

$$\dot{e}_\psi = r$$

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A	System matrix: how the current state affects the future state
B	Input matrix: how the input affects the state
C	Output matrix: maps the state to the output
D	Feedthrough matrix: maps input directly to output (usually 0)

Define ABCD for state space model :

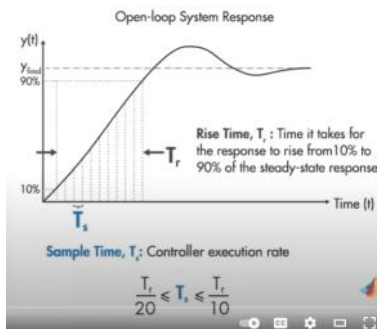
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%x1= Vy (Lateral Velocity)
%x2= psi (Yaw rate)
%x3= e_y Lateral Position Error i.e. Deviation from the reference trajectory in the lateral (Y) direction
%x4= e_psi Yaw angle error i.e Difference between the vehicle's heading  $\psi$  and the desired heading

% A Matrix
A = [-(2*Cf + 2*Cr)/(m*Vx), 0, -Vx, -(2*Cf*lf - 2*Cr*lr)/(m*Vx);
0, 0, 1, 0;
-(2*Cf*lf - 2*Cr*lr)/(Iz*Vx), 0, 0, -(2*Cf*lf^2 + 2*Cr*lr^2)/(Iz*Vx);
1, Vx, 0, 0];
% B Matrix
B = [2*Cf/m; 0; 2*Cf*lf/Iz; 0];
% C Matrix
C = [0 0 0 1; 0 1 0 0];
% D Matrix
D = [0; 0];
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#### MATLAB based MPC Project:

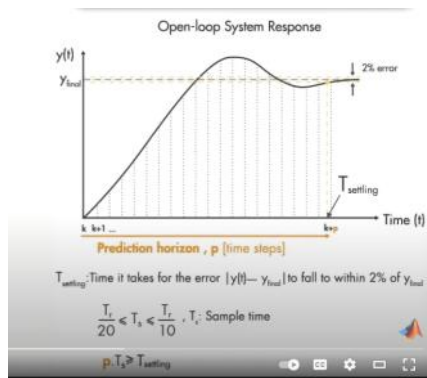
##### Design Parameters of MPC

How to sample time(time frame in which the control runs the algorithm).  
Recommended Sample time:



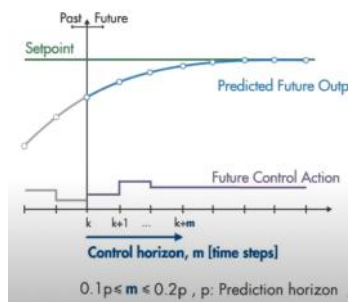
##### Prediction Horizon:

It is how far ahead you are looking into the environment.



### Control Horizon:

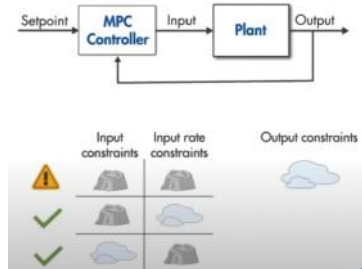
How far in future applying the logic to.



### Type of Constraints:

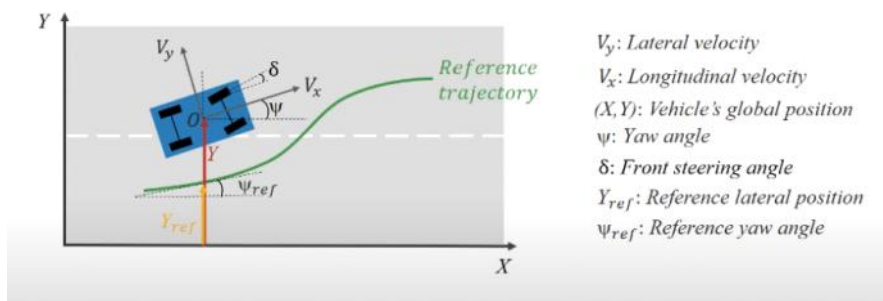
**Hard:** Those which sats always throw-out in search environment.  
e.g.: Upper limit of the accelerating peddle

**Soft:** Those which are likely to appear in environment but not always present.  
e.g. Weather conditions



# Follow a trajectory with basic vehicle model

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Scenario: **you have a linearized vehicle model which needs to be used with MPC Toolbox.**

## Step 1 :

Design the Model and Linearize it:

Youtube: [Mod-01 Lec-01 Introduction to Vehicle Dynamics](#)



## Step 2 :

Create State Space Model and create Matlab file storing all the variable.

Here: Input\_Variables.mlx

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{(2C_f + 2C_r)}{mV_x} & 0 & -V_x - \frac{(2C_f l_f - 2C_r l_r)}{mV_x} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -\frac{(2C_f l_f - 2C_r l_r)}{I_z V_x} & 0 & -\frac{(2C_f l_f^2 + 2C_r l_r^2)}{I_z V_x} & 0 \\ 1 & V_x & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad B = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{2C_f}{m} \\ 0 \\ \frac{2C_f l_f}{I_z} \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad C = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad D = 0$$

## Step 3:

Create a Open loop Model to see plants Behavior

Input: Steering Angle (rad)

Plant(State Space of Vehicle)

Output : Lateral distance travelled ; Yaw Angle(rad)

#### Step 4:

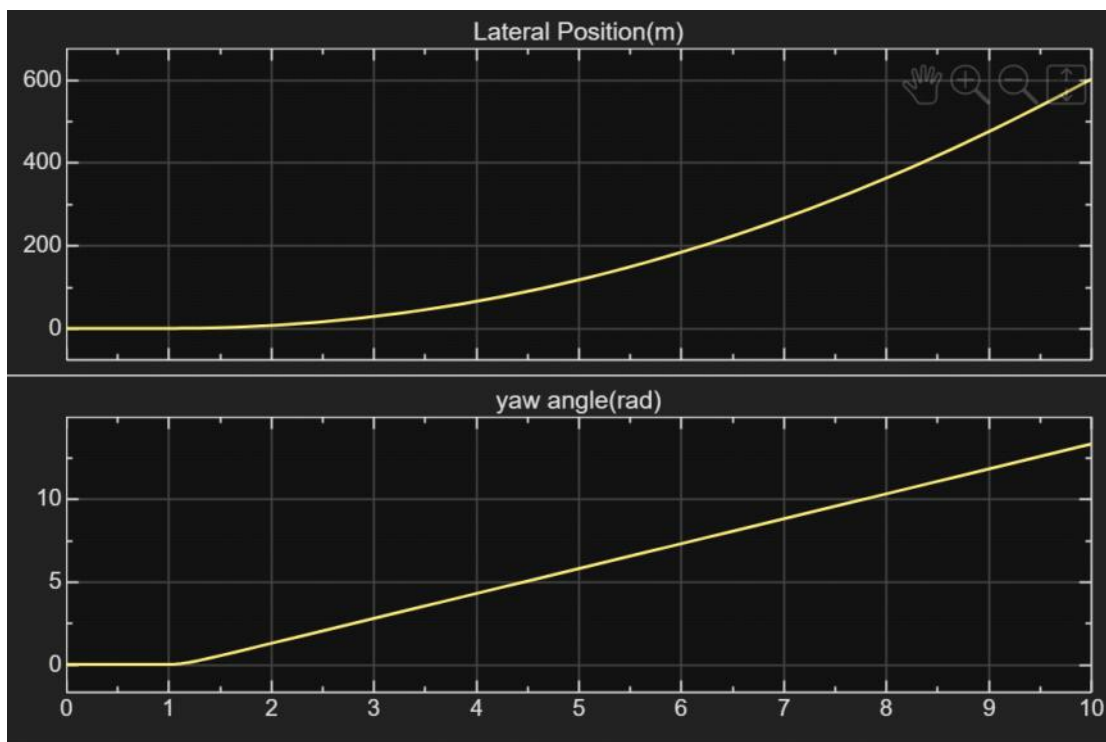
##### Implementation:

Download MPC\_Basic Repo.

1) Open Main\_script.m

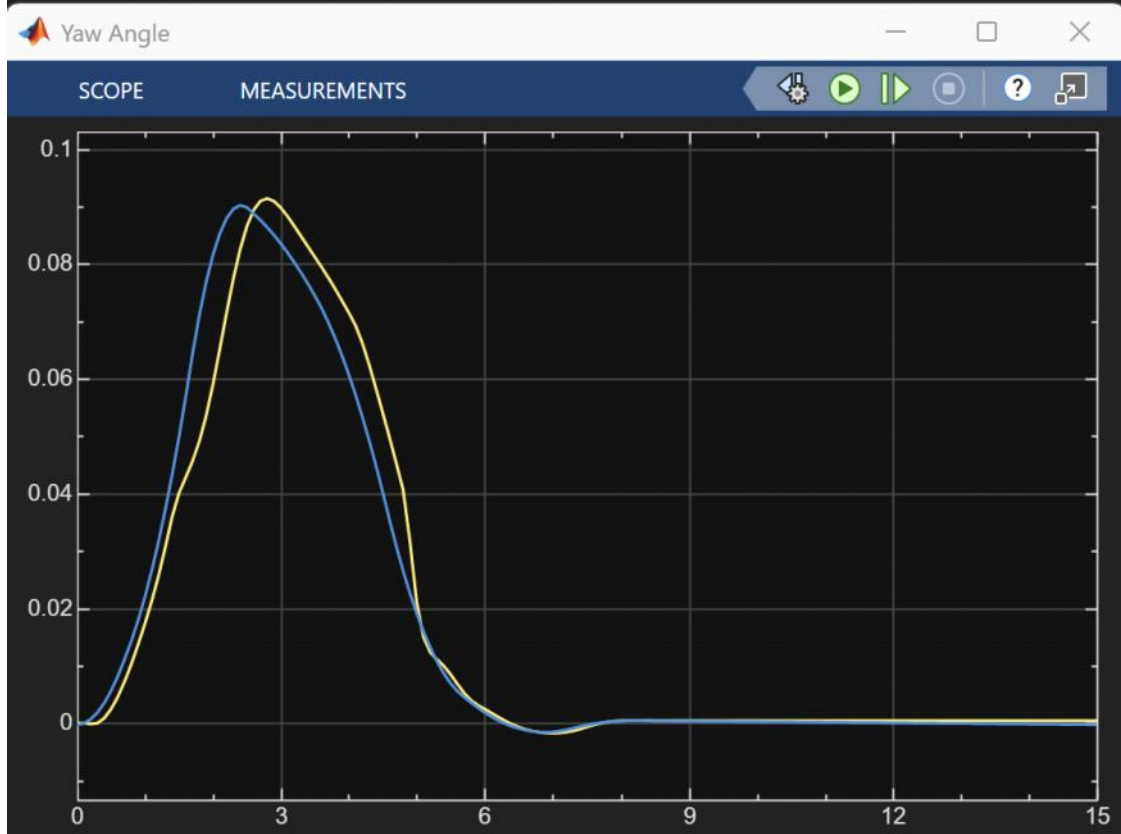
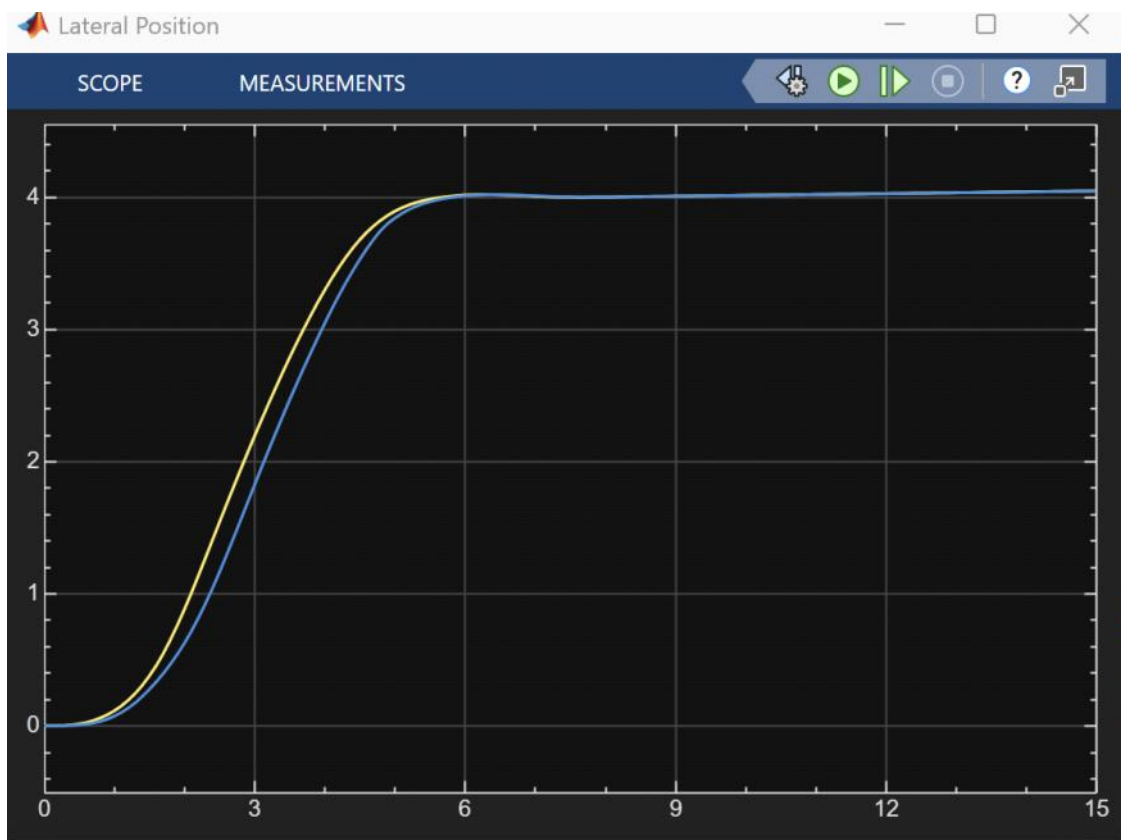
Run Main\_script.m

2) Follow scope in Plant characterization.m



Output 1) Correlation between Steering angle , yaw angle and Lateral Position.

3) Open and run AutonomousSteeringSystem.slx.



## Key Elements of MPC

- **Formulation of the control problem as an (deterministic) optimization problem**

$$\min_{u_i} \sum_{i=0}^p \phi_i(x_i, u_i)$$

$$g_i(x_i, u_i) \geq 0 \quad ? \rightarrow u_0 = \mu(x_0)$$

$$x_{i+1} = F(x_i, u_i) \quad \text{HJB Eqn.}$$

- **On-line optimization**

- **Receding horizon implementation (with feedback update)**

At  $t = k$ , Set  $x_0 = \hat{x}_k$  (Estimated Current State)  
 Solve the optimization problem numerically  
 Implement solution  $u_0$  as the current move.  
 Repeat!

## Popularity of Quadratic Objective in Control

- **Quadratic objective**

Linear State Space System Model

$$\sum_{i=0}^p x_i^T Q x_i + \sum_{i=0}^{m-1} u_i^T R u_i$$

$$x_{k+1} = A x_k + B u_k$$

$$y_k = C x_k$$

- **Fairly general**
  - State regulation
  - Output regulation
  - Setpoint tracking
- **Unconstrained linear least squares problem has an analytical solution. (Kalman's LQR)**
- **Solution is smooth with respect to the parameters**
- **Presence of inequality constraints → no analytical solution**



## Classical Process Control

$$p = k_c \left( 1 + \frac{1}{\tau_I} \int_0^t e(t') dt' + \tau_D \frac{de}{dt} \right)$$

Ad Hoc Strategies,  
Heuristics



- Regulation
- Constraint handling
- Local optimization

Lead / Lag Filters

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Lead / Lag Filters  
Switches  
Min, Max Selectors  
If / Then Logics  
Sequence Logics

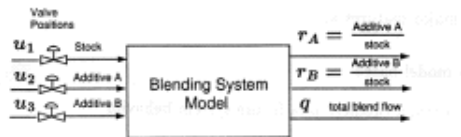
- Model is not explicitly used inside the control algorithm
- No clearly stated objective and constraints

- Inconsistent performance
- Complex control structure
- Not robust to changes and failures
- Focus on the performance of a local unit



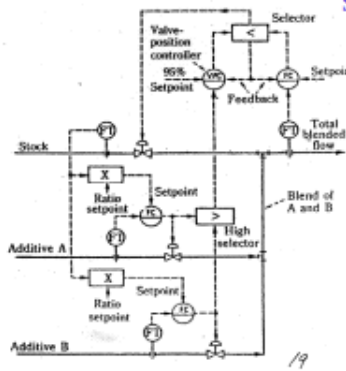
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## Example 1: Blending System



- Control  $r_A$  and  $r_B$
- Control  $q$  if possible
- Flowrates of additives are limited

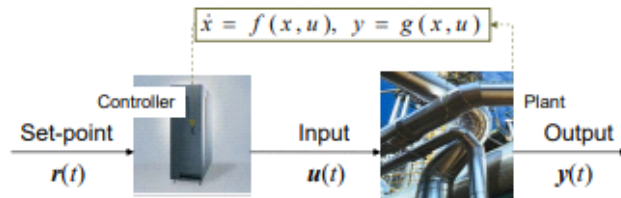
Classical  
Solution



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## Model-Based Optimal Control



### Open-Loop Optimal Control Problem

$$\min_{u_0, \dots, u_{p-1}} \left\{ \sum_{i=0}^{p-1} \phi(x_i, u_i) + \phi_p(x_p) \right\}$$

stage-wise cost      terminal cost

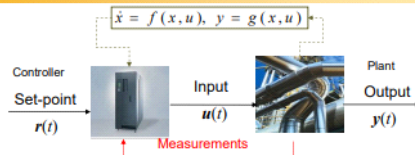
$$g_i(x_i, u_i) \geq 0 \quad \text{Path constraints}$$

$$g_p(x_p) \geq 0 \quad \text{Terminal constraints}$$

$$\dot{x} = f(x, u) \quad \text{Model constraints}$$



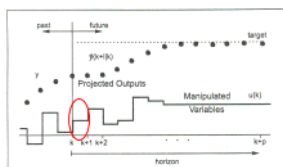
### Model-Based Optimal Control



- Open-loop optimal solution is not robust
- Must be coupled with on-line state / model parameter update
- Requires on-line solution for each updated problem
- Analytical solution possible only in a few cases (LQ control)
- Computational limitation for numerical solution, esp. back in the '50s and '60s



### Model Predictive Control (Receding Horizon Control)



Implicitly defines the feedback law  $u(k) = h(x(k))$

- At time  $k$ , solve the open-loop optimal control problem **on-line** with  $x_0 = x(k)$
- Apply the optimal input moves  $u(k) = u_0$
- Obtain new measurements, update the state and solve the OLOCP at time  $k+1$  with  $x_0 = x(k+1)$
- Continue this at each sample time



