

# ACADO Code Generation tool

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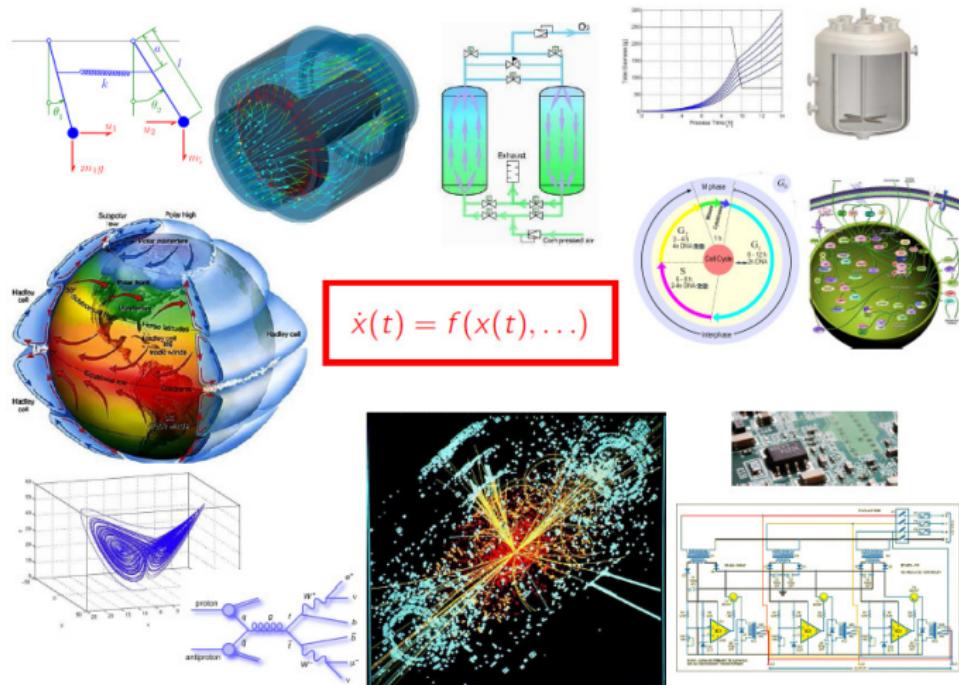
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# Optimal Control

## Many Fields of Application:

- ▶ Optimal Motions in Robotics
- ▶ Operation of a Chemical Plant
- ▶ Seasonal Heat Storage
- ▶ Kite Power

## Problems:

- ▶ Optimize Parameters/Controls
- ▶ Uncertainties/Disturbances



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- ▶ MATLAB

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## List of Developers:



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Code generation for MPC & MHE

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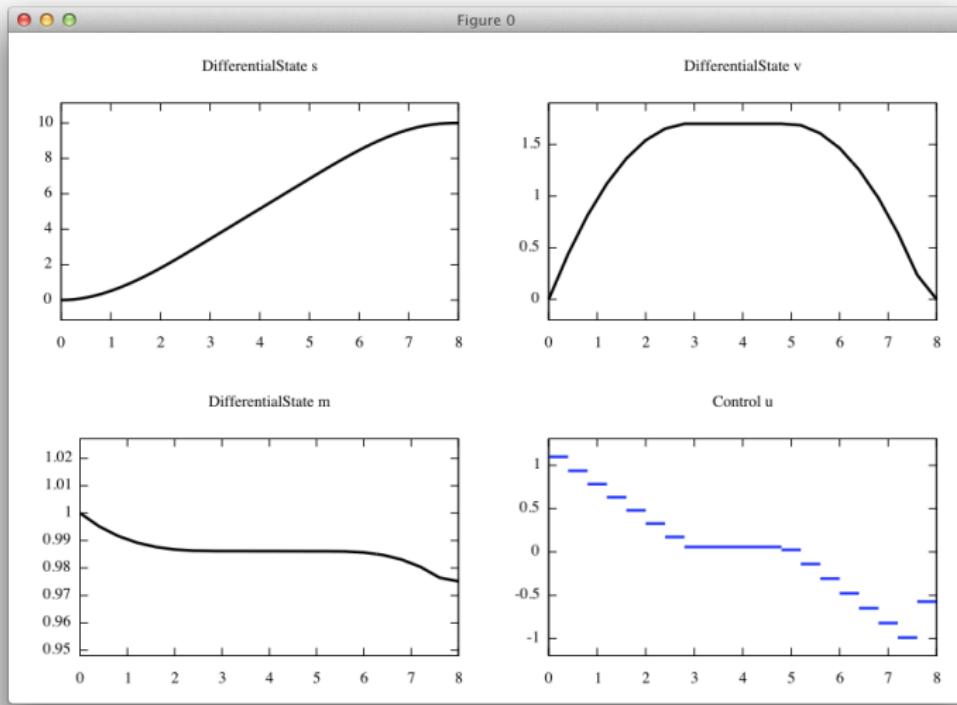
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DifferentialState           s,v,m;
Control                     u;
Parameter                   T;
DifferentialEquation       f( 0.0, T );
OCP ocp( 0.0, T );
ocp.minimizeMayerTerm( T );

f << dot(s) == v;
f << dot(v) == (u-0.2*v*v)/m;
f << dot(m) == -0.01*u*u;
ocp.subjectTo( f           );

ocp.subjectTo( AT_START, s == 0.0 );
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ocp.subjectTo( AT_START, m == 1.0 );
ocp.subjectTo( AT_END   , s == 10.0 );
ocp.subjectTo( AT_END   , v == 0.0 );

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ocp.subjectTo( -1.1 <= u <= 1.1 );
ocp.subjectTo( 5.0 <= T <= 15.0 );
OptimizationAlgorithm algorithm(ocp);
algorithm.solve();
```

# Optimization Results



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→ “standard” ACADO Toolkit

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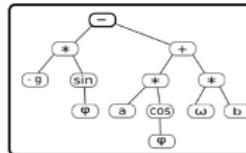


### ACADO Syntax

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### Symbolic Structure Detection



### Algorithm

- Multiple Shooting
- Real-Time Gauss Newton
- Online Active Set Strategy

### Optimized C-Code

```
r[1] = a[15]*c[17] + a[16]*c[19] + ... ;  
r[2] = sin(a[1]*a[2]) + a[4] + ... ;  
r[3] = cos(r[1])/exp(c[4])+ r[1] +... ;
```

Customized Solver  
Implemented on  
Chip/FPGA:

Measurement  $x_0$



Optimal Decision  $u^*$

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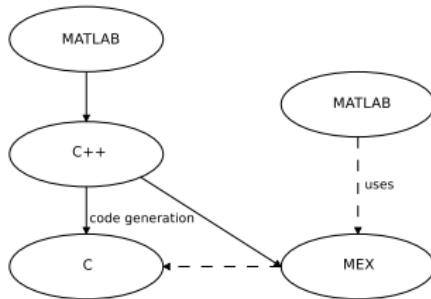
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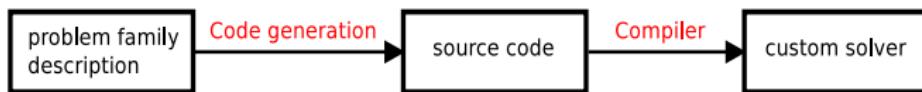


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*Economic MPC*

$$\min_{x(\cdot), u(\cdot)} \int_0^T l(t, x(t), u(t)) dt$$

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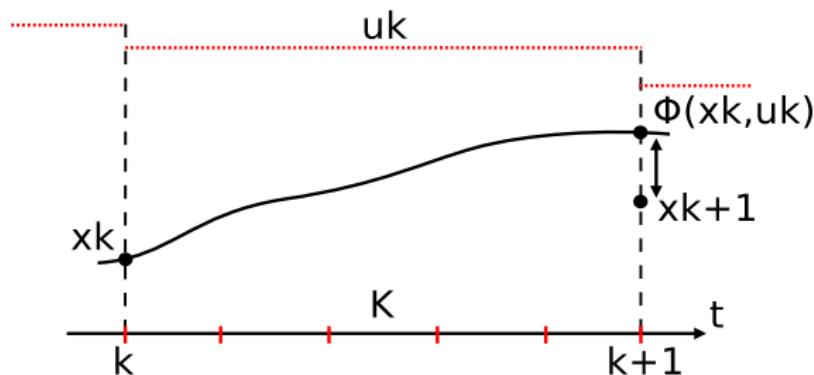
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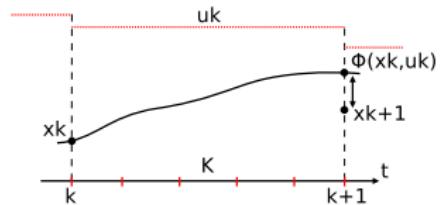
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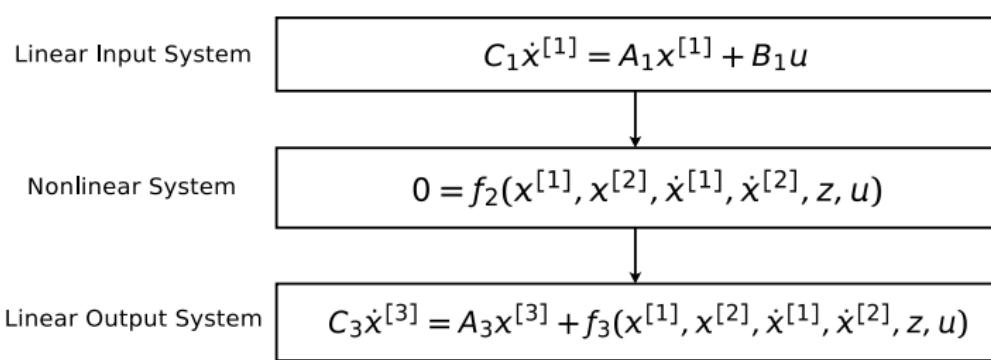
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- ▶ linearization at  $\bar{w}_k = (\bar{x}_k, \bar{u}_k)$

$$0 = \Phi_k(\bar{w}_k) - x_{k+1} + \frac{\partial \Phi_k}{\partial w}(\bar{w}_k)(w_k - \bar{w}_k)$$



- ▶ integration and sensitivity generation is typically a major computational step

## The 3-stage model structure



## Sequential Quadratic Programming (SQP - RTI)

$$\begin{array}{ll}\text{minimize}_{X, U} & \sum_{i=0}^{N-1} \|F_i(x_i, u_i) - \bar{y}_i\|_2^2 + \|F_N(x_N)\|_2^2\end{array}$$

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## Objective quadratic subproblem

- ▶ Gauss-Newton: easy, convex, fast
- ▶ Exact Hessian:  $B_k = \nabla_W^2 \mathcal{L}(\cdot)$

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*FORCES, qpDUNES, HMPMC, ...*

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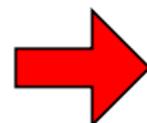
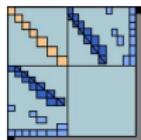
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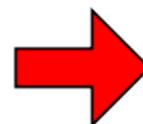
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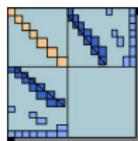
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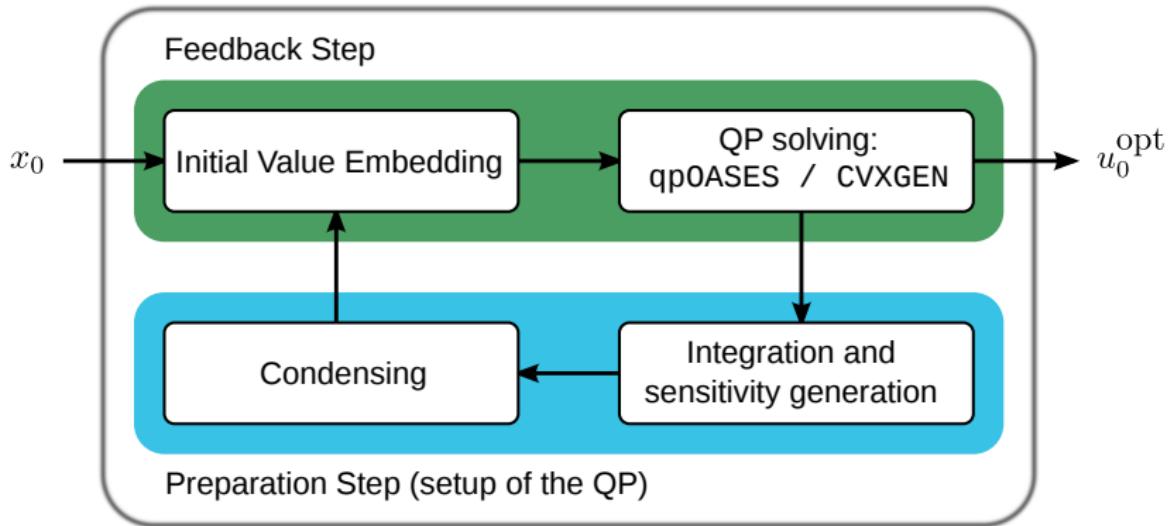
$$\underset{u}{\text{minimize}} \quad \frac{1}{2} u^T H_C u + u^T g_C$$

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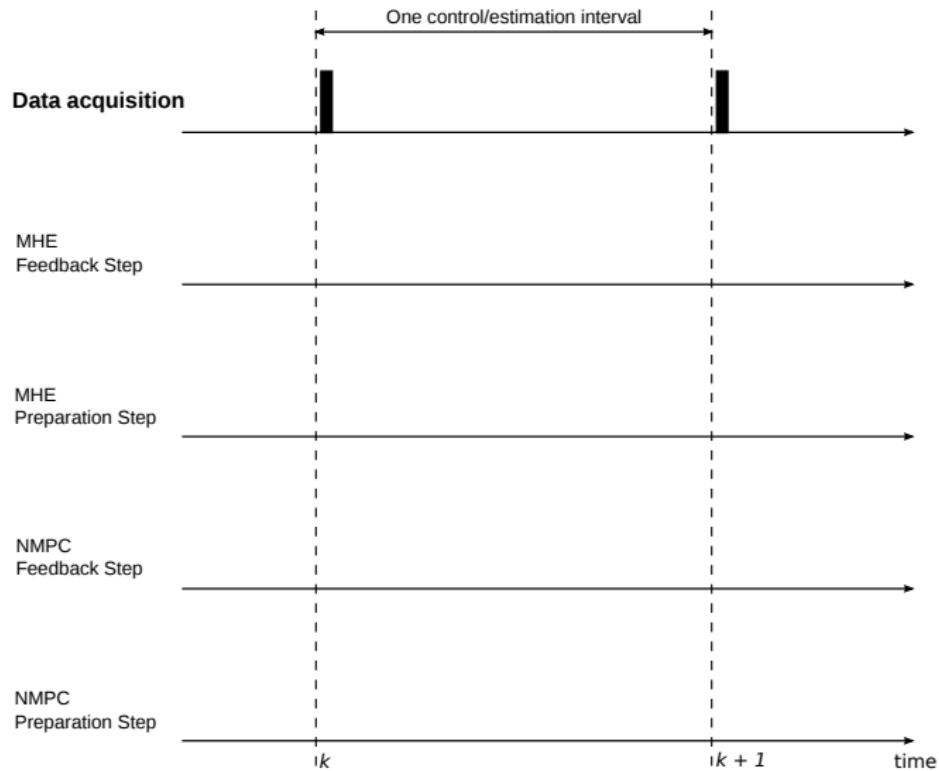


→ solve the condensed QP with a dense linear algebra QP solver,  
e.g. **qpOASES**, [www.qpoases.org](http://www.qpoases.org)

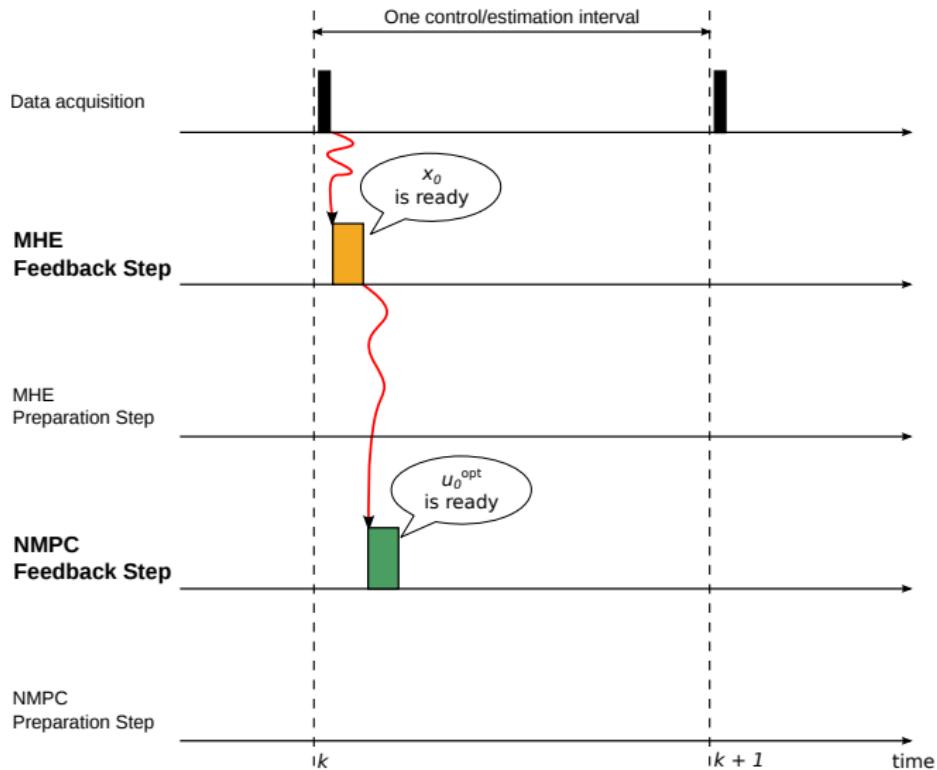
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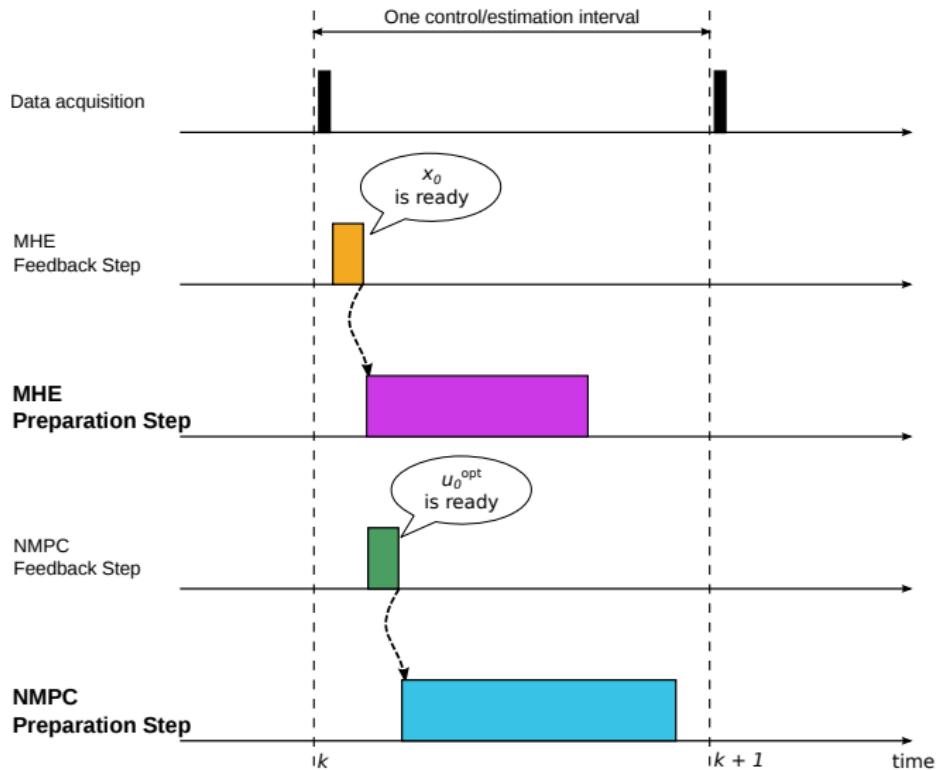
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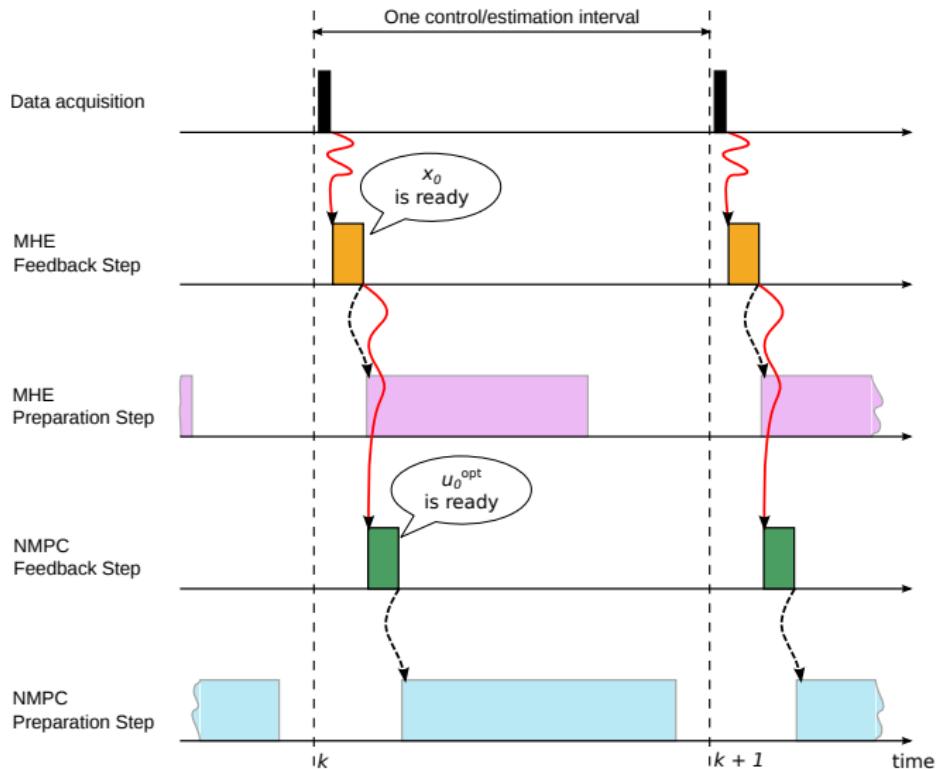
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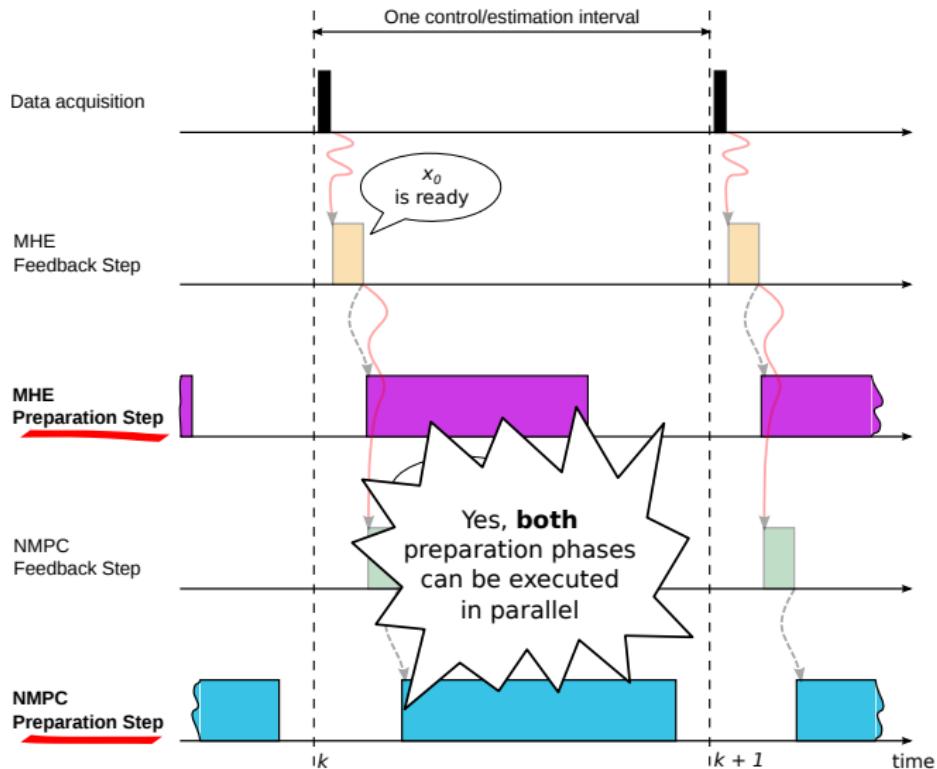
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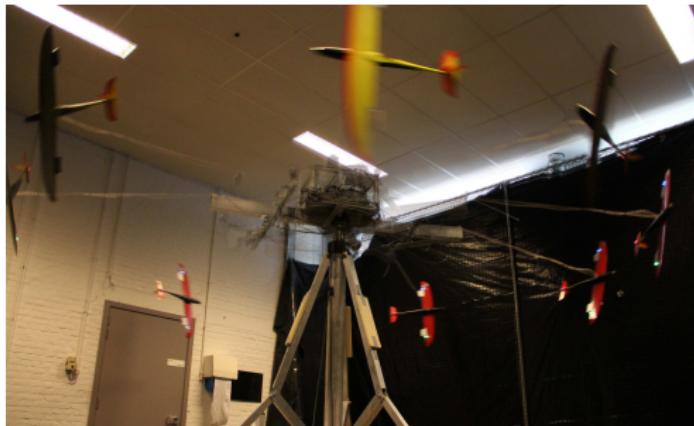
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# ERC HIGHWIND project <sup>1</sup>

MHE and NMPC implementation on an experimental test set-up for launch/recovery of an airborne wind energy (AWE) system [Geebelen, 2013], located at KU Leuven (new carousel in Freiburg).



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<sup>1</sup>Joint work: A. Wagner, M. Vukov, M. Zanon, K. Geebelen

# ERC HIGHWIND project

## Problem specific info

- ▶ Nonlinear dynamics: 22 states and 3 inputs
- ▶ Nonlinear measurement functions (for camera and IMU)
- ▶ Sensors:
  - ▶ Camera measurements 12 data @ 10 Hz with delay
  - ▶ IMU measurements 6 data @ 500 Hz
  - ▶ encoder measurements 2 data @ 10 Hz
- ▶ Sampling frequency: 10 Hz

# ERC HIGHWIND project

## Timing results: MHE & NMPC

		Average	Worst case
MHE	Preparation phase	3.76 ms	3.76 ms
	Estimation phase	0.75 ms	0.78 ms
	Overall execution time	4.51 ms	4.54 ms
MPC	Preparation phase	3.56 ms	3.56 ms
	Feedback phase	0.50 ms	0.61 ms
	Overall execution time	4.06 ms	4.17 ms

# MHE applied on an induction motor [Frick, 2012] <sup>2</sup>

Dynamic system properties:

- ▶ 5 states, 2 controls
- ▶ 6 estimation intervals
- ▶ sampling freq.: **1.5 kHz**



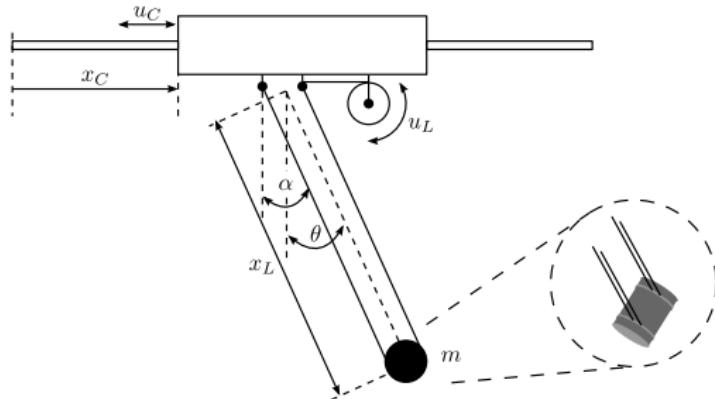
Execution times:

- ▶ one RTI on a 3 GHz Intel CPU: **30  $\mu$ s**  
(double precision)
- ▶ one RTI on a 1 GHz TI low power DSP: **270  $\mu$ s**  
(single precision)

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<sup>2</sup>Joint work with ETH Zürich (D. Frick, A. Domahidi, S. Mariethoz, M. Morari)

# Overhead crane [Debrouwere, 2014]



## Overhead crane 3

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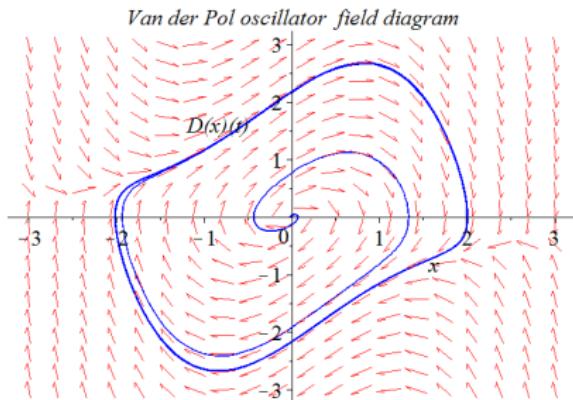
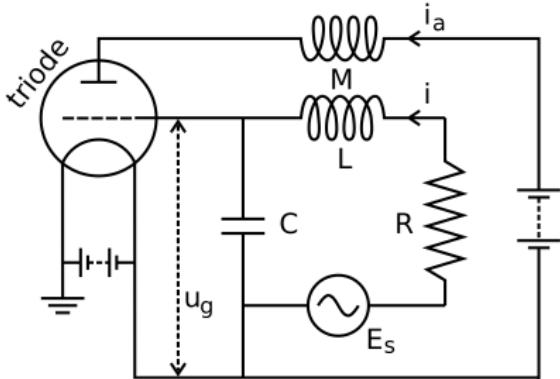
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## Let's control the Van der Pol oscillator



$$\text{dot}(x_1) = (1 - x_2^2)x_1 - x_2 + u$$

$$\text{dot}(x_2) = x_1$$

**Thank you for your attention!**

**Questions?**