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Part I: Motivations, Concepts, Examples

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Course Content & Material

- **The Syllabus of the course in 2023/2024 is slightly different from the one in 2022/2023**
- Lecture Handouts
- Matlab/Simulink examples on Live-scripts
- **Book on the "theory":**
 - ◆ Bolzern, Scattolini, Schiavoni, Fondamenti di Controlli automatici, McGraw-Hill (available in the Library)
- **Book on solved exercises:**
 - ◆ Papadopoulos, Prandini, Fondamenti di Automatica - Esercizi, Pearson Italia
- **Books on Matlab/Simulink:**
 - ◆ MATLAB® by Example: Programming Basics, Gdeisat, Munther; Lilley, Francis. Elsevier. ISBN: 978-0-12-405212-3, 978-0-12-405853-8, 978-1-283-93776-4. Science (available in the Library as e-book).
 - ◆ Online MATLAB Courses: <https://it.mathworks.com/support/learn-with-matlab-tutorials.html>



- Two components:
 - ◆ Lectures (classroom)
 - ◆ Practical Exercises Classes (using computers and Matlab/Simulink)
 - Classroom (please bring your computers/tablets)
 - "Aula informatizzata Nettuno" (available Thursday/Friday afternoon)
- Compulsory ("propedeuticità") earlier courses:
 - ◆ "Analisi 1"
 - ◆ "Geometria"
- Desirable ("consigliato") earlier courses:
 - ◆ "Analisi 2"
- Material from previous courses assumed to be known by Students:
 - ◆ Linear differential equations
 - ◆ Complex numbers
 - ◆ Vector and matrix algebra



Partial tests (highly recommended)

- **Two** partial tests are carried out to evaluate the competences acquired by the students enrolled in the course in academic year 2023/2024
- Students enrolled in previous academic years will not be allowed to take the intermediate tests and will take the examination with the content and format of the academic year 2022/2023
- The partial tests have an **open-book** format and are carried out by the students during the course timetable.
- The duration of each partial test is of **one hour and will be carried out in "Aula Nettuno" equipped with computers with Matlab/Simulink installed**
- The partial tests are strictly personal and group work is not allowed.
- Each partial evaluation will consist in the solution of a specific problem via the creation of a Matlab/Simulink solution code and an explanation of the method used.
- The solution will have to be uploaded online in the cloud using Matlab Grader



Partial tests & final grade

- If final cumulative mark **Ptot** of the two intermediate tests is ≥ 18 , the following options are available at the student discretion:
 - Register in Esse3 the final mark **Ptot**
 - Carry out an additional (open book) partial written examination with a maximum mark equal to 5 points and a duration of one hour. The registration of the cumulative mark is at the student discretion
 - Carry out the full examination
- **Expiration:** using the partial tests cumulative mark **Ptot** is allowed during the current academic year (for the academic year 2023/2024 until the end of the examination session in February 2025)
- When the exam sessions of the current academic year are over, the cumulative mark **Ptot** **expires**.



Full test

- **Seven** (two in June/July, two in late August/September, three in January/February) full tests will be carried out to evaluate the competences acquired by the students enrolled in the course in academic year 2023/2024
- Each full test evaluation will consist in the solution of a specific problem via the creation of a Matlab/Simulink solution code and an explanation of the method used. Moreover, some additional questions will require a hand-written solution using the forms provided on the day
- The duration of each full test is of **two hours and will be carried out in person in "Aula Nettuno" equipped with computers**
- The full tests are strictly personal and group work is not allowed.
- The solution has to be uploaded online in the cloud using Matlab Grader



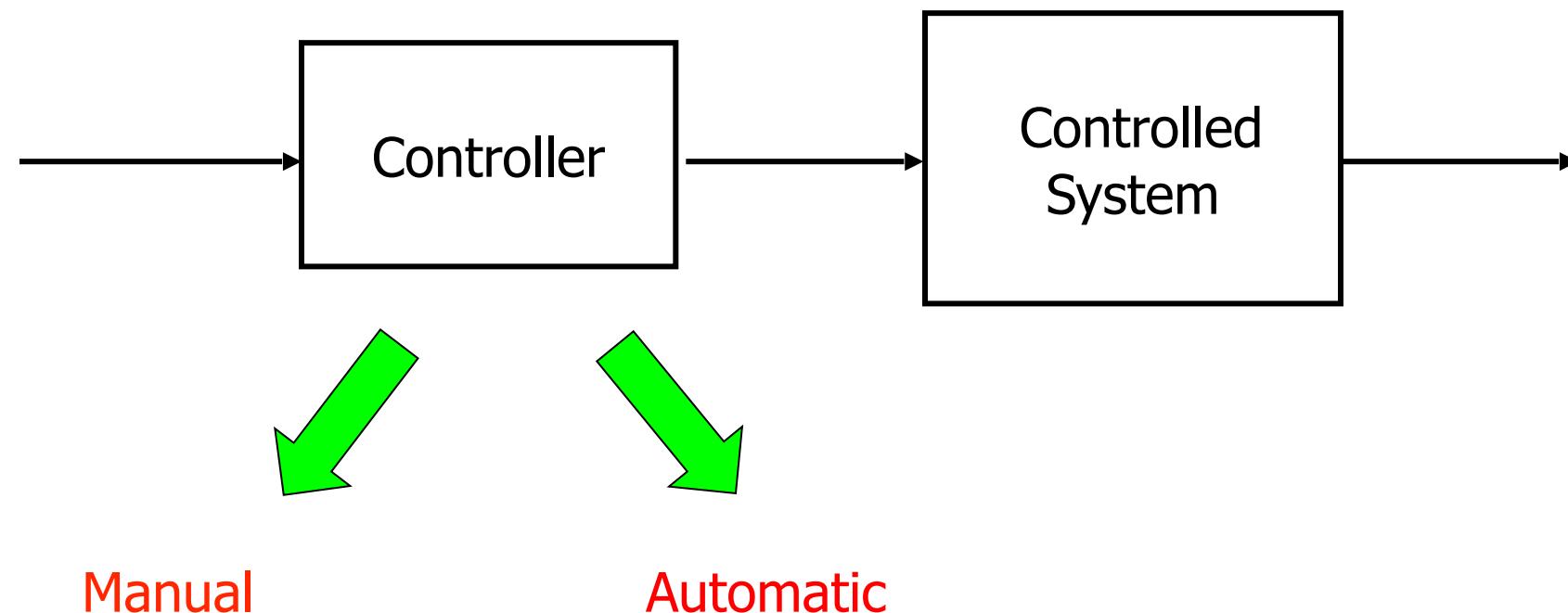
Remarks

- The full examination in the format introduced in 2023/2024 is based on the Syllabus of 2023/2024 which is different from the one in the previous academic years
- Students enrolled in previous academic years have to choose among two options:
 - **Option 1:** carrying out the full written examination in the format used in 2022/2023 with topics referring to the 2022/2023 Syllabus.
 - **Option 2:** carrying out the full examination in the new format used in 2023/2024 with topics referring to the 2023/2024 Syllabus and following the instructions described in the previous slide. **In case Option 2 is chosen, it will not be allowed any more to carry out the full examination in the format used in 2022/2023 with topics referring to the 2022/2023 Syllabus**

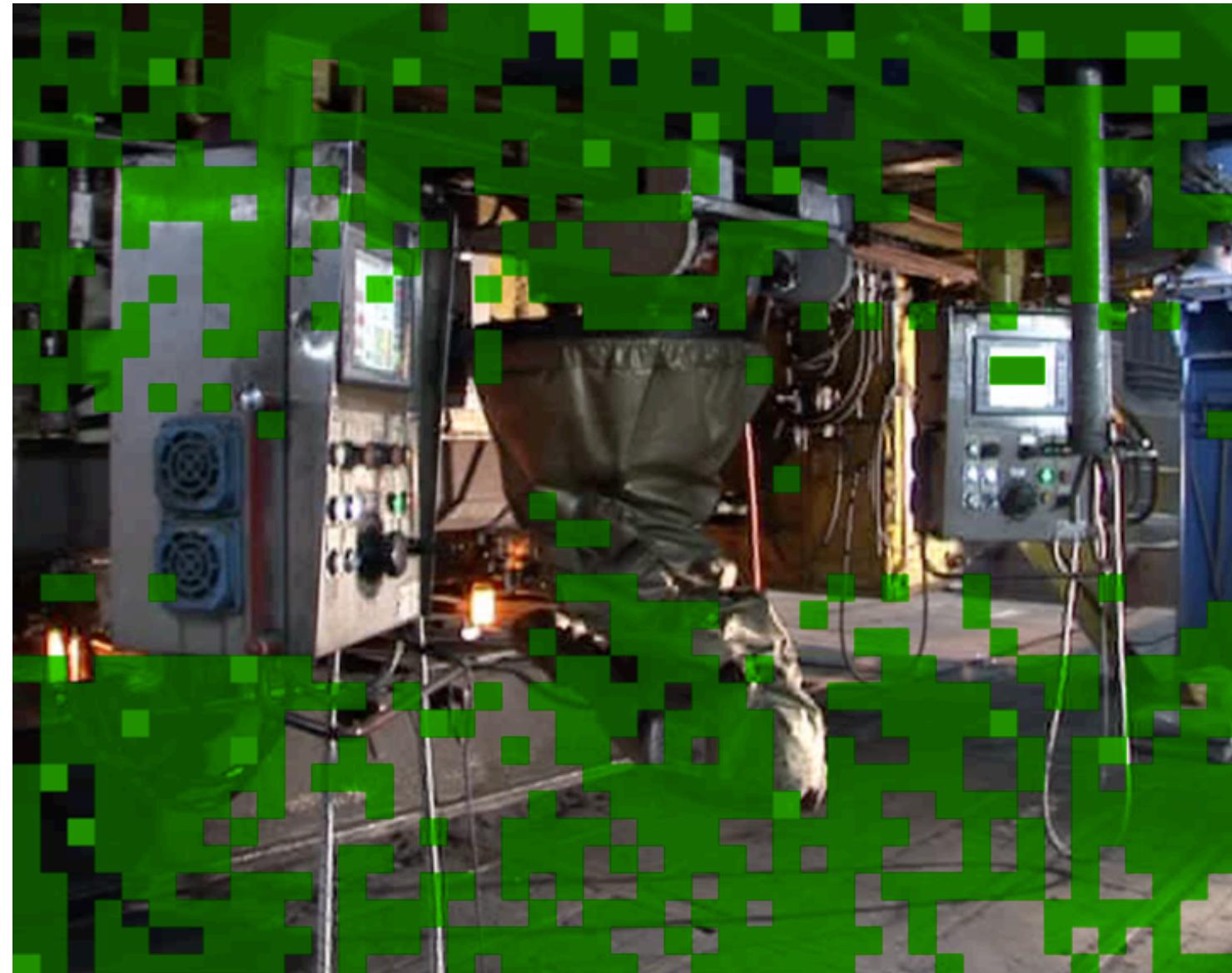
Content of the Module?



Methods and Tools to
analyse and design
automatic control systems
of practical relevance



Example: Industrial Robot



... Control is Ubiquitous ...



... BUT ...

Automatic Control: Key Enabling Technology in Industry



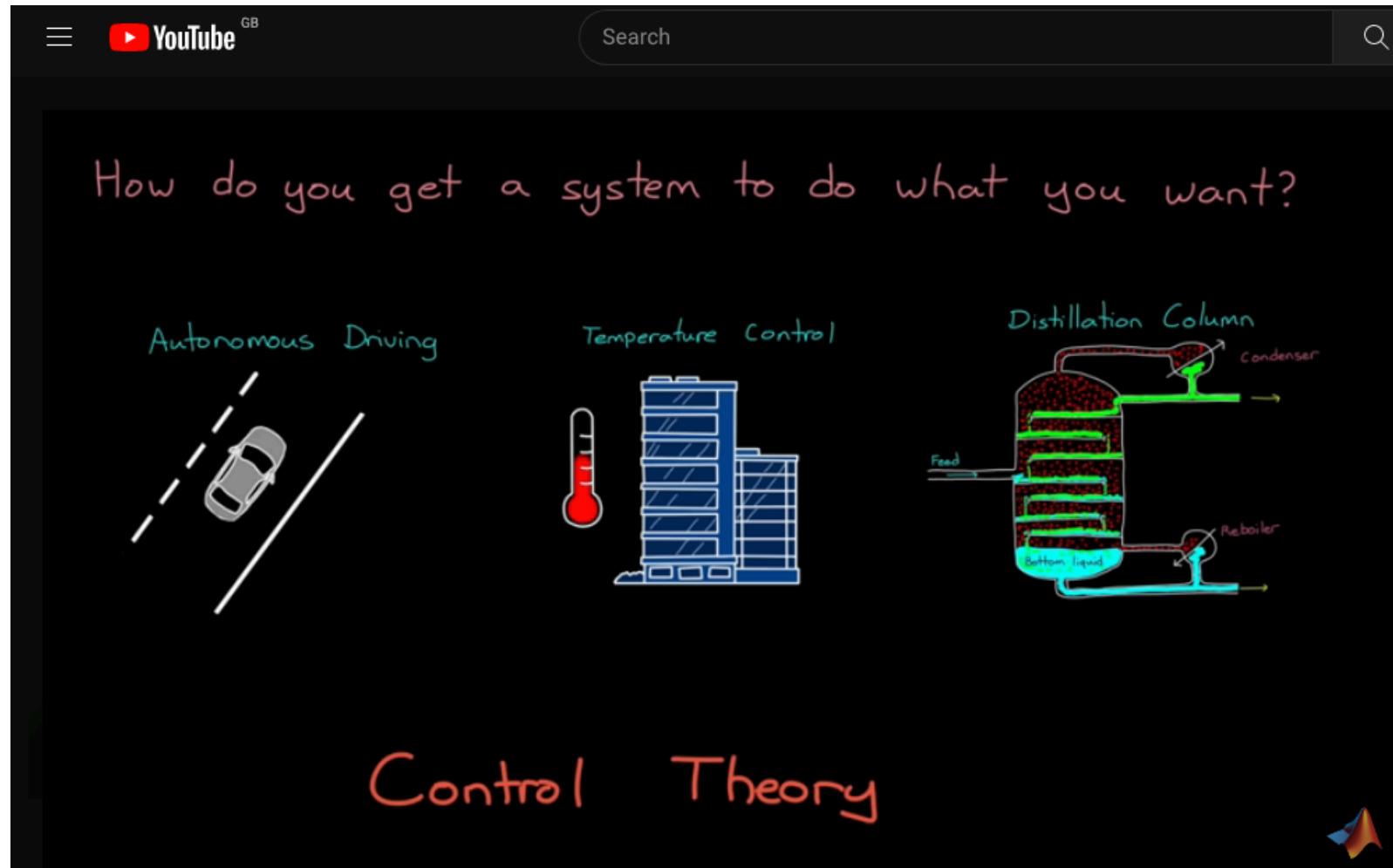
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... Control is noticeable/perceived when ... it does not work



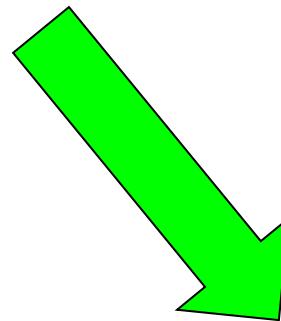


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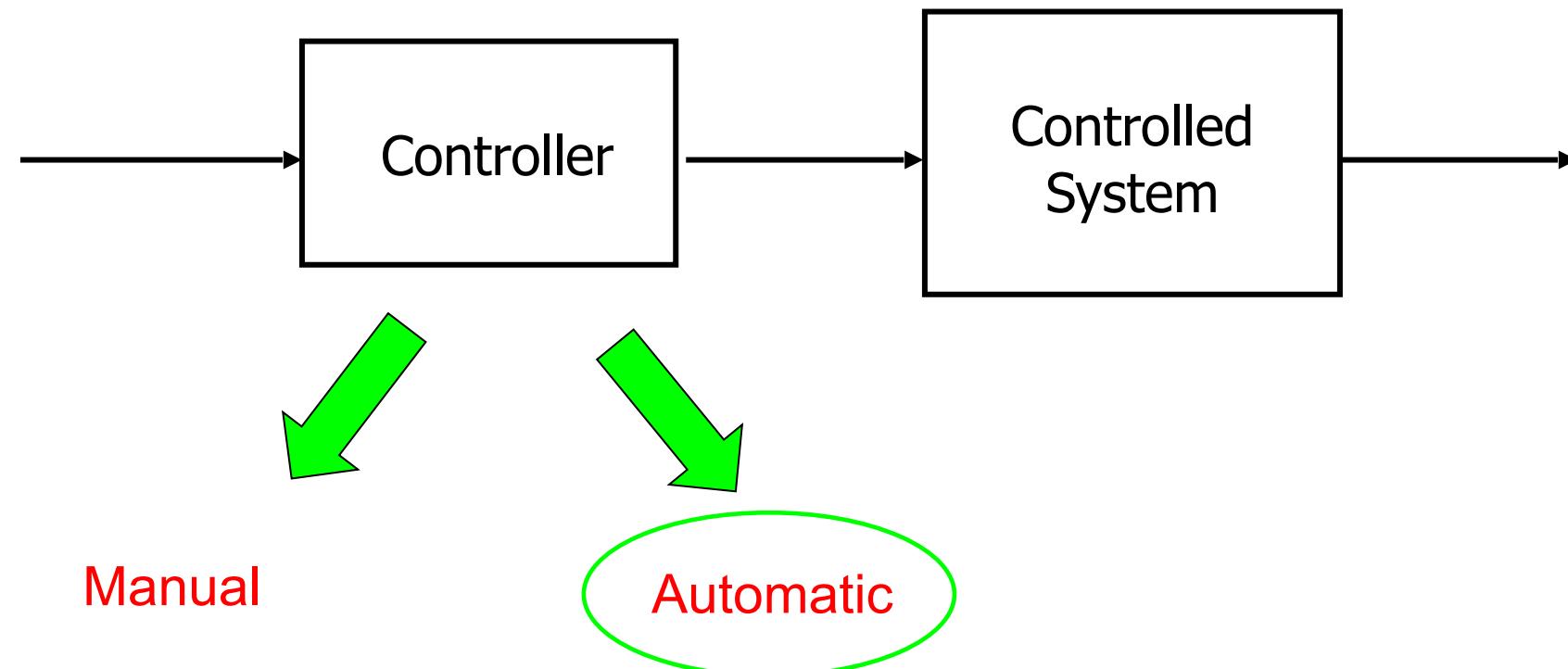
Mathematical Models

Conceptual Working Principle

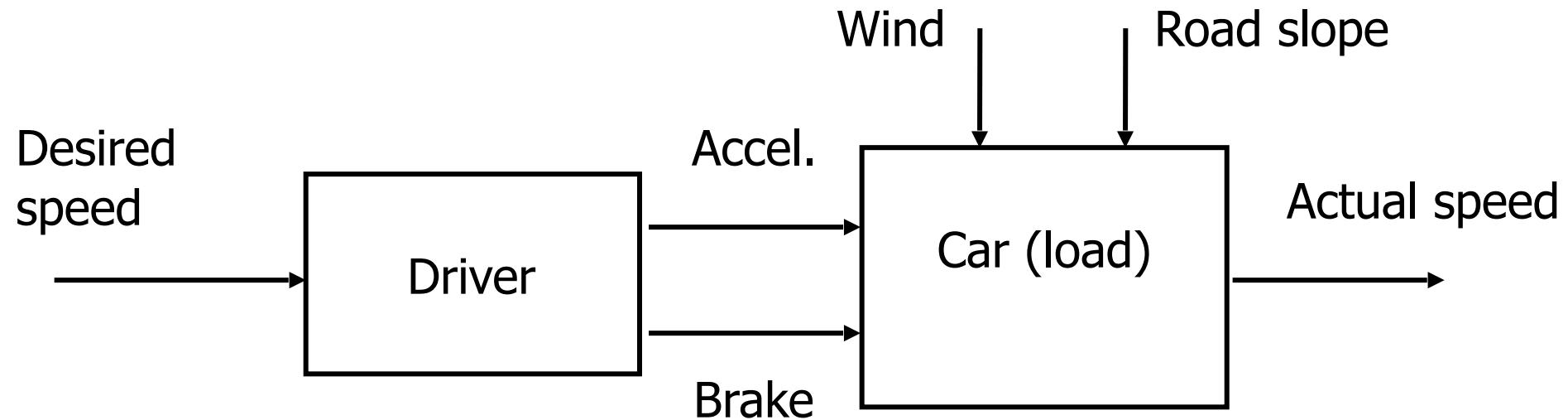


Control Theory

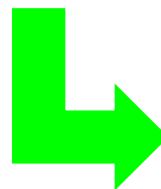
To impose a given time-trajectory to one or more specific variables of an engineering system by acting on other variables that influence the behaviour of the system itself



Example: Speed Control



“open-loop” strategy



Not effective in the presence of uncertainty

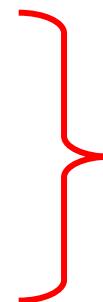


Remarks:



The time-behaviour of the speed for given acceleration and braking actions depends on:

- Initial speed
- Vehicle parameters
- External actions/factors
- ...

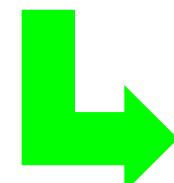
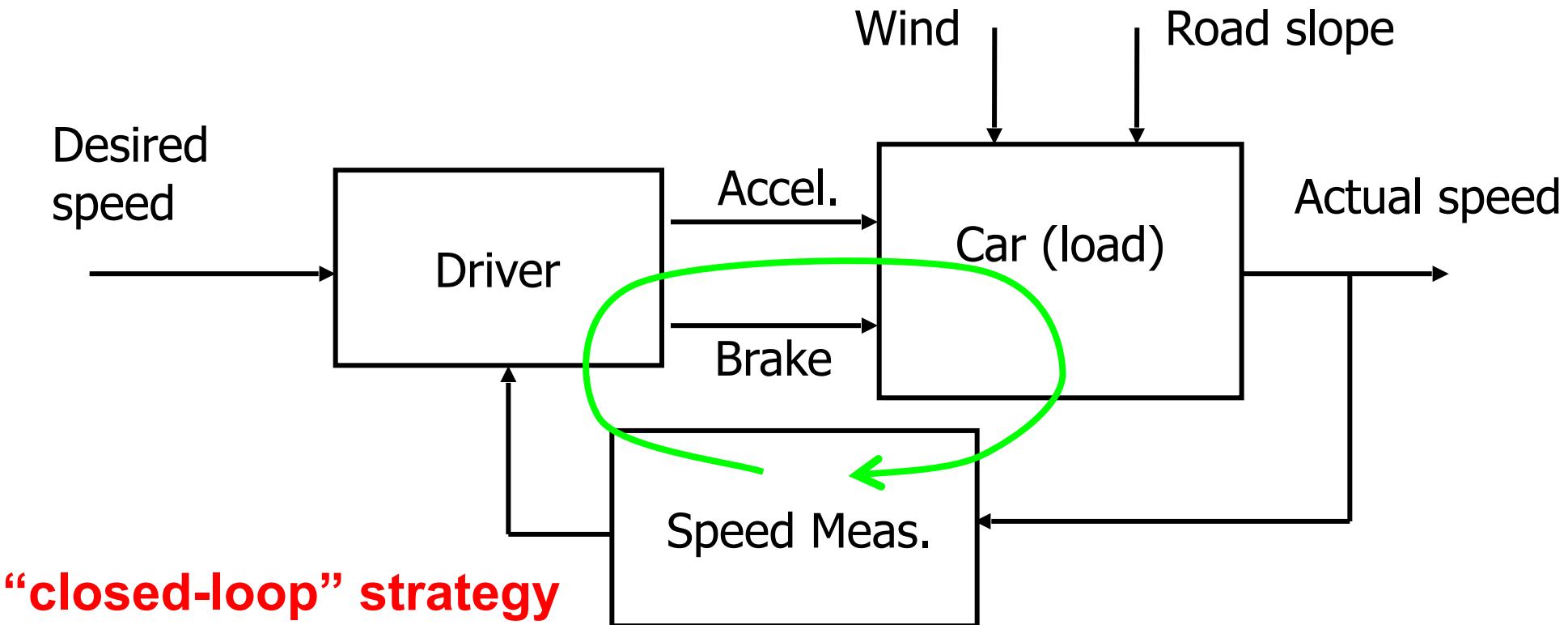


Typically uncertain

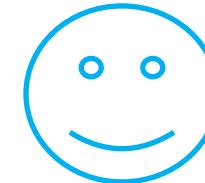


Speed measurement enables to mitigate the uncertainty

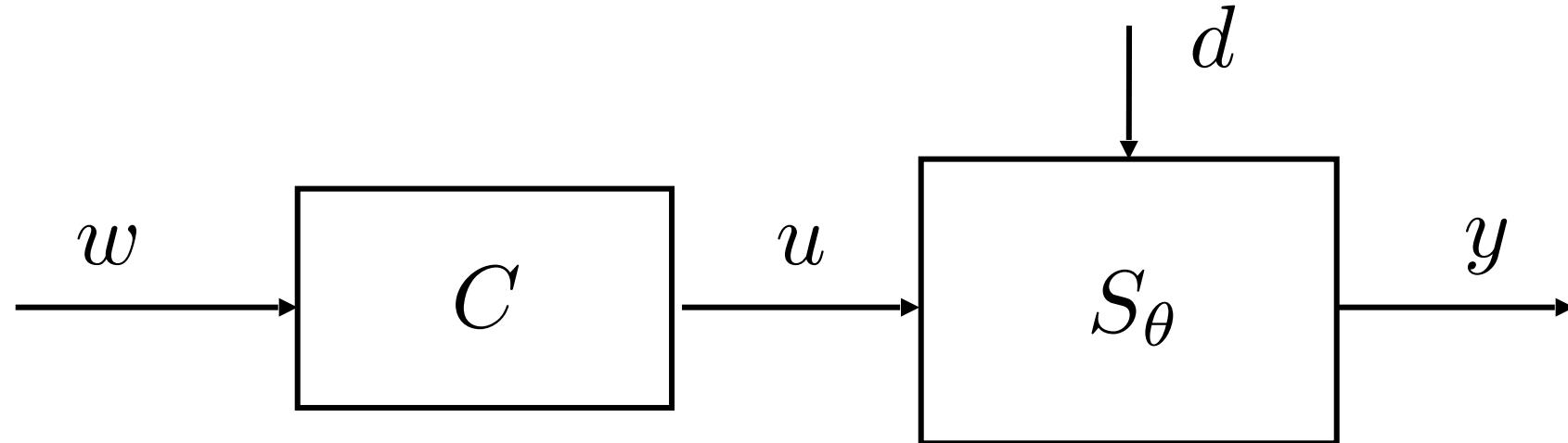
Example: Speed Control



**Effective in the
presence of
uncertainty**



The Control System



- S_θ : system to be controlled
- C : controller
- θ : system's parameters
- y : controlled variable (output)
- u : control variable (accessible to the controller)
- d : disturbance
- w : reference variable (set-point)



To act on u so that $y \simeq w$ even in the presence of uncertainty

Typically:

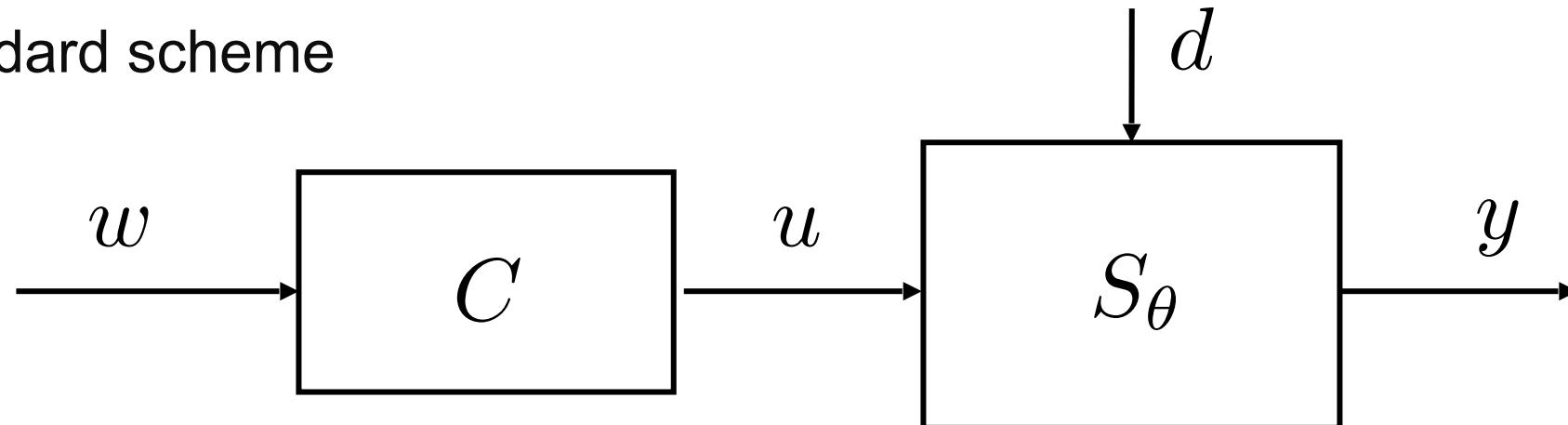
$$d = \bar{d} + \Delta d, \quad |\Delta d| < \bar{D}$$

$$\theta = \bar{\theta} + \Delta \theta$$

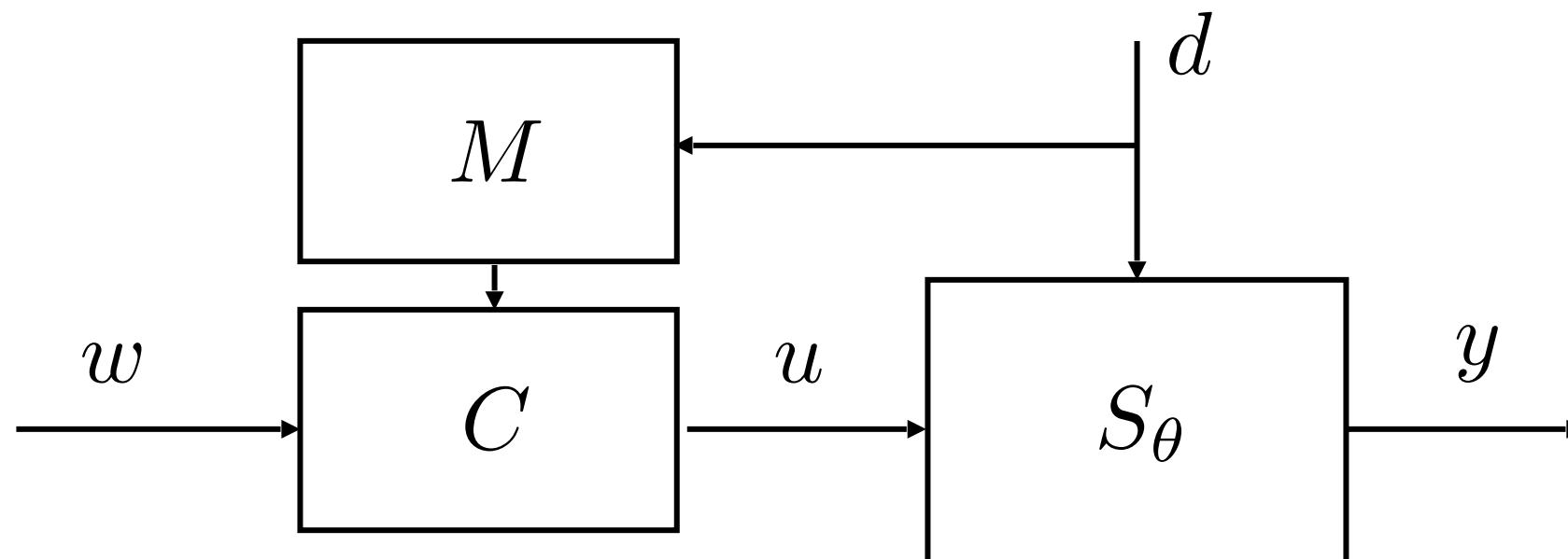
where $\bar{d}, \bar{\theta}$ are **known nominal values** of d, θ

Open-Loop Control Strategies

a) Standard scheme



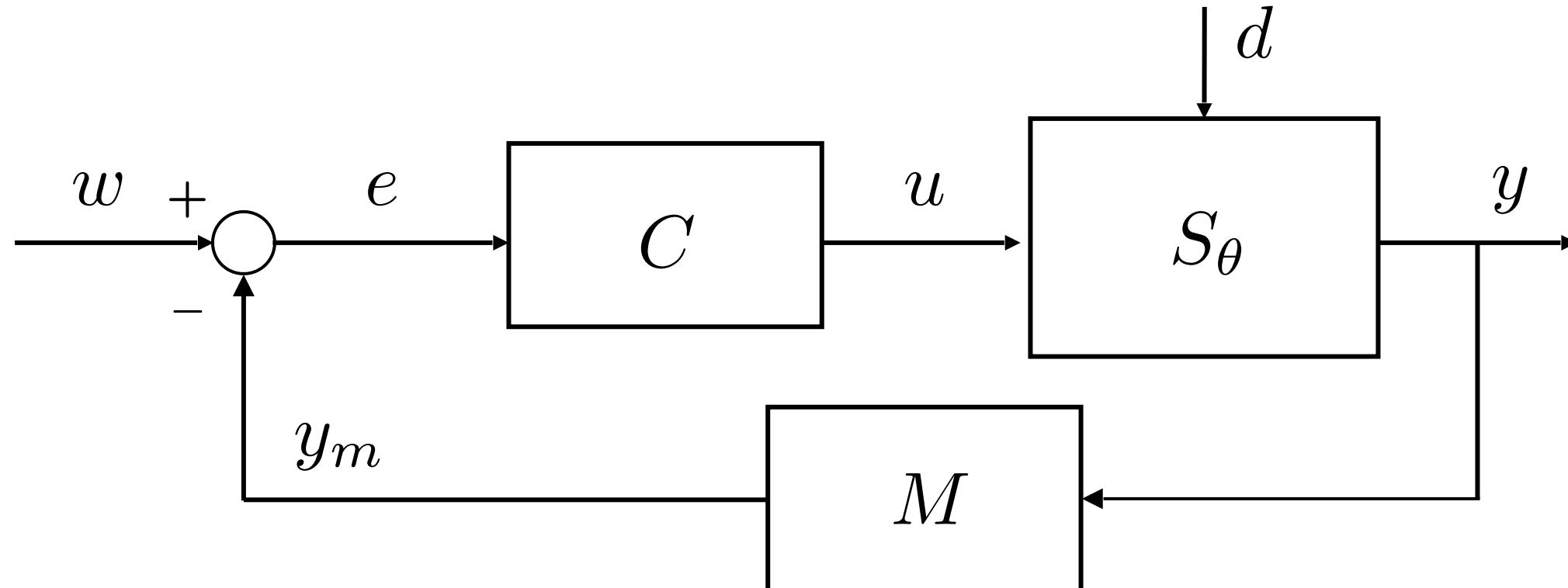
b) Scheme with **feedforward** disturbance rejection



Closed-Loop Control Strategies



Standard scheme

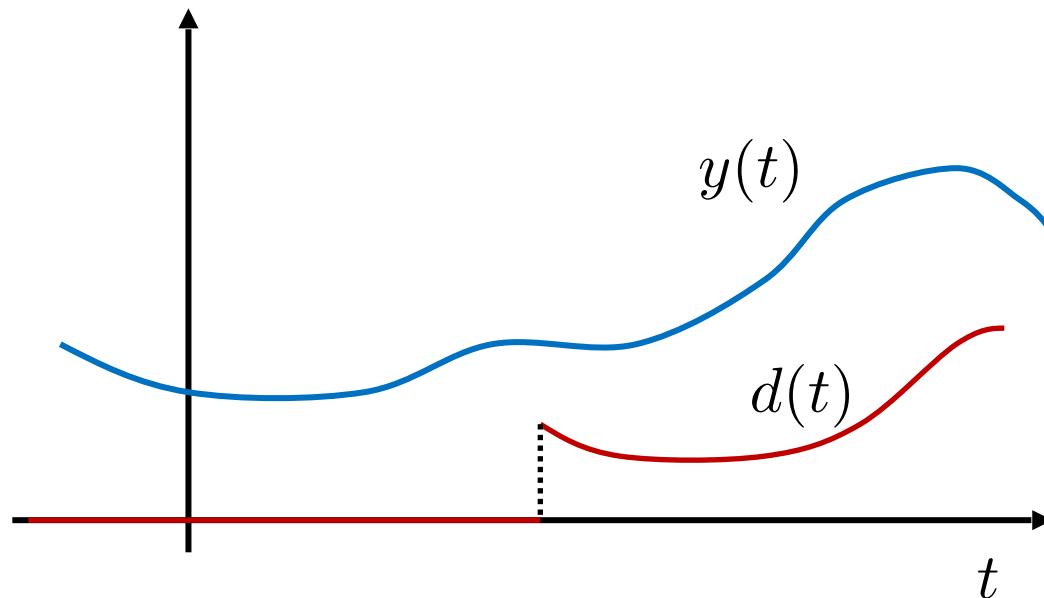


Assumptions on Continuous-time Variables



$t \in \mathbb{R}$
 $y(t) \in \mathbb{R}$
 $d(t) \in \mathbb{R}$
 \vdots

Continuous-time variables

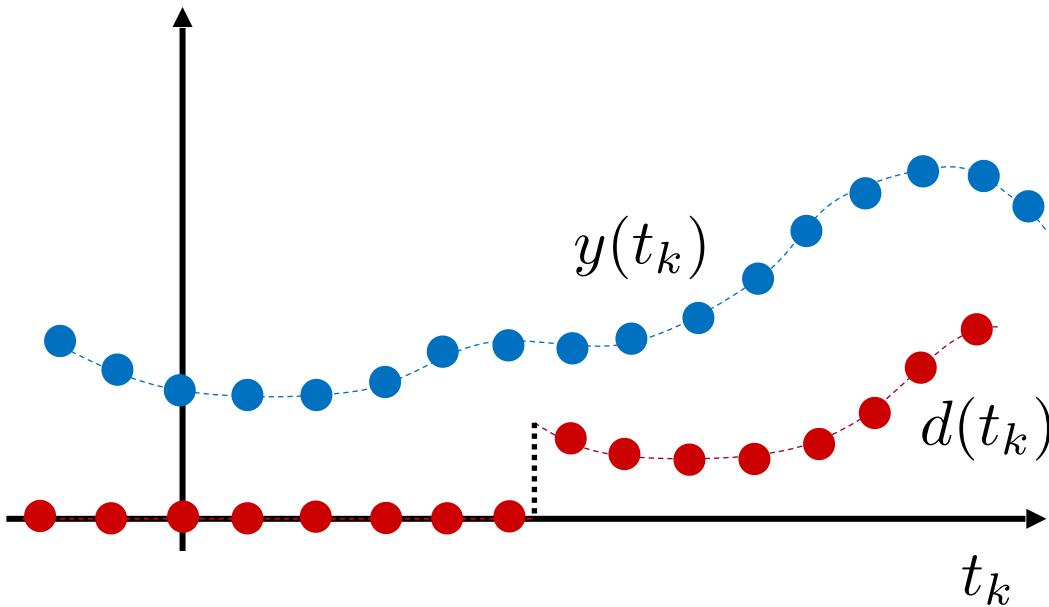


Assumptions on Discrete-time/Sampled-time Variables



Discrete-time variables

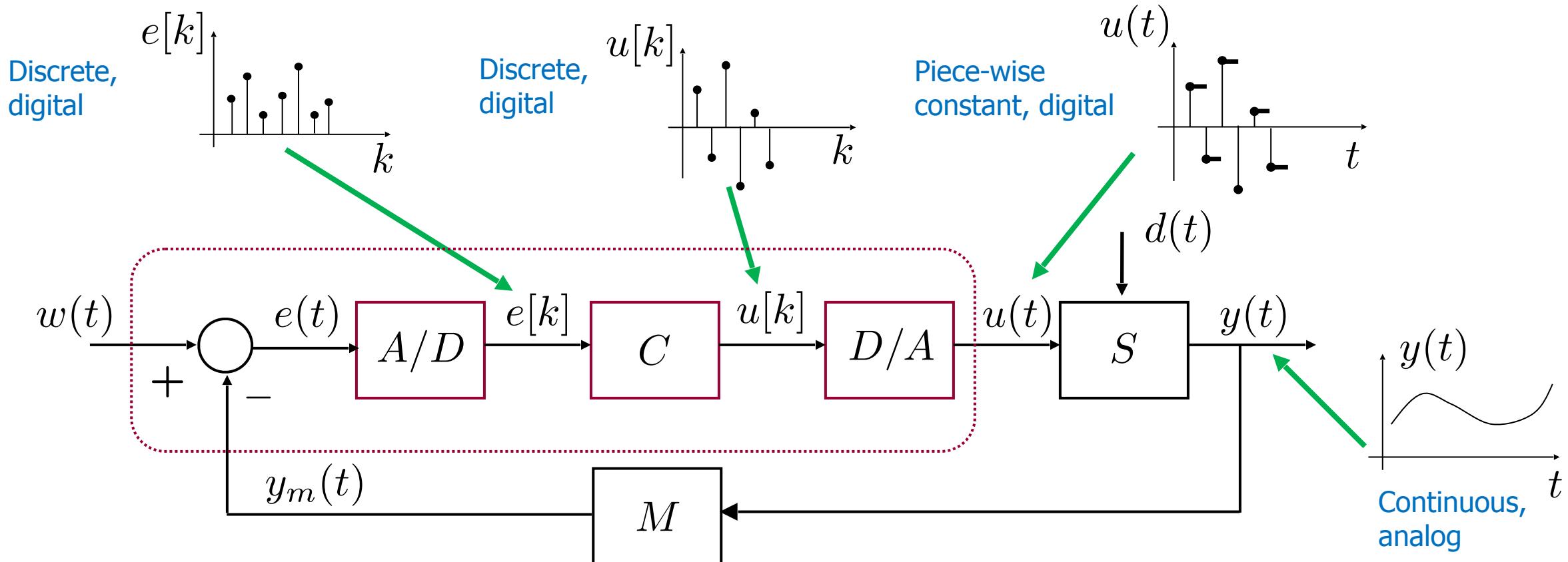
$$\begin{aligned} t_k, k \in \mathbb{Z} \\ y(t_k) \in \mathbb{R} \\ d(t_k) \in \mathbb{R} \\ \vdots \end{aligned}$$



In case of regular sampling: $y(t_k) : t_k = kT_s, k \in \mathbb{Z}$

→ $y[k], d[k], \dots k \in \mathbb{Z}$

Digital Control: Typical Structure



From a mathematical point of view, digital control systems are **hybrid systems** since continuous-time and discrete-time variables are present at the same time

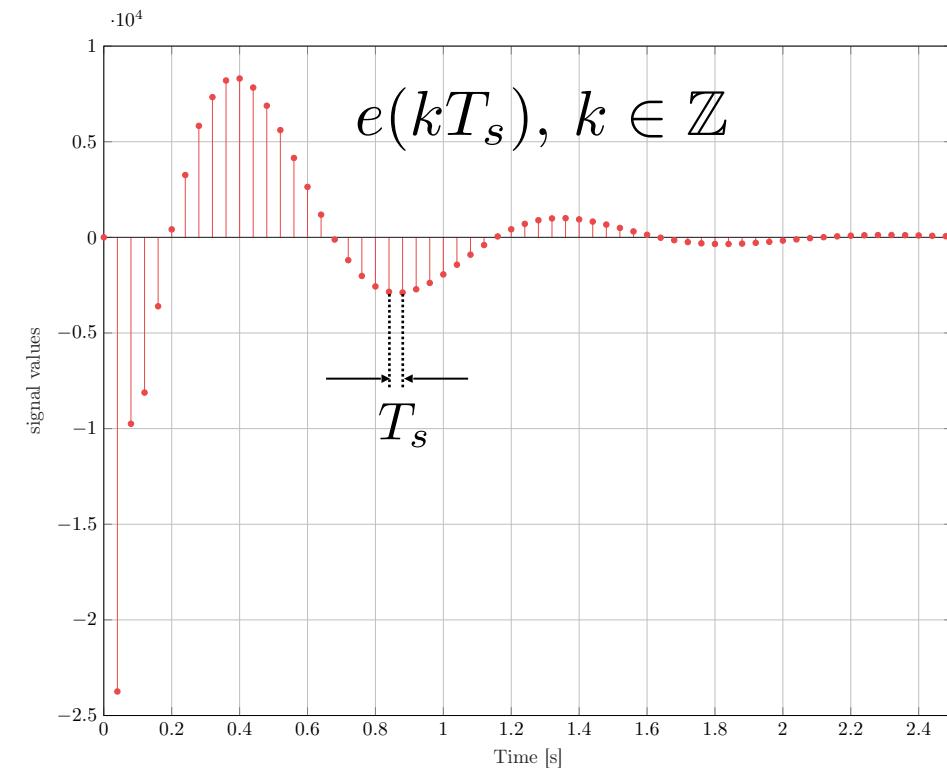
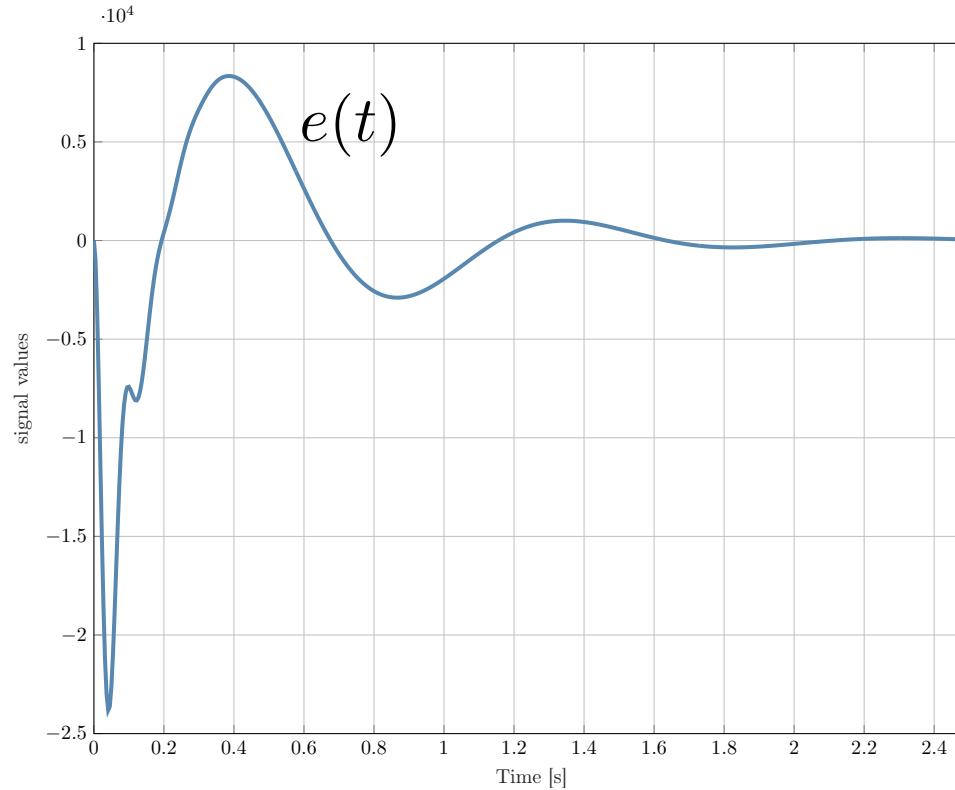
- **Analog** variables: their values change with continuity
- **Digital** variables: their values are quantised

Analog Controller vs. Digital Controller



- The analog controller receives analog inputs in continuous-time and yields analog outputs in continuous-time
- The digital controller is implemented on a digital computing device (micro-controller, DSP card, PLC, etc.)
- Digital computing devices can only elaborate digital sampled-time variables, and suitable conversion devices are needed at the interface with the controlled system: Analog/Digital Converters (**A/D**) Digital/Analog Converters (**D/A**)
- A/D and D/A converters need to be synchronised via a clock signal with period T_s (**sampling time**)
- The control unit gets the input variables from the A/D converter and yields the output variable to the D/A converter **only on the clock time-instants**
- Such variables are denoted as **discrete-time** variables
- When there is no risk of ambiguity, we drop the sampling-time notation and only keep the discrete-time index: $t_k = kT_s \implies k$

A/D Conversion



Ideally, the A/D conversion implements the sampling mechanism

$$\{e(t) : t = kT_s, k \in \mathbb{Z}\} \rightarrow e[k]$$

with sampling frequency

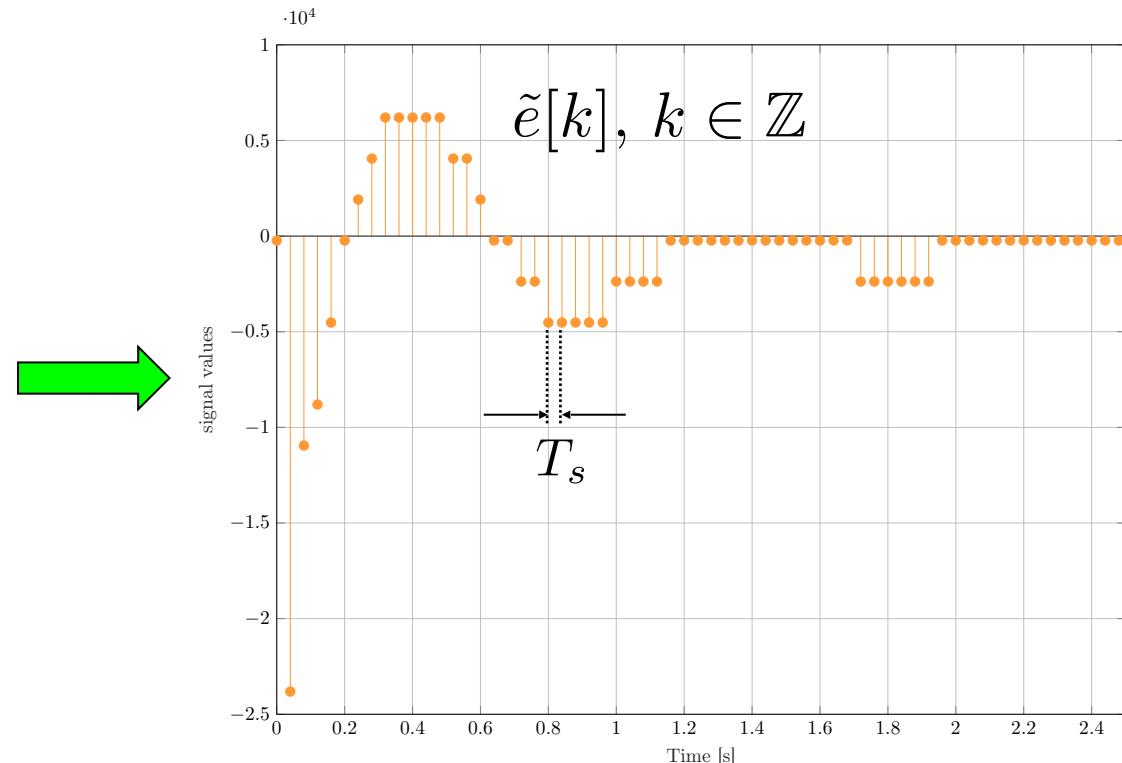
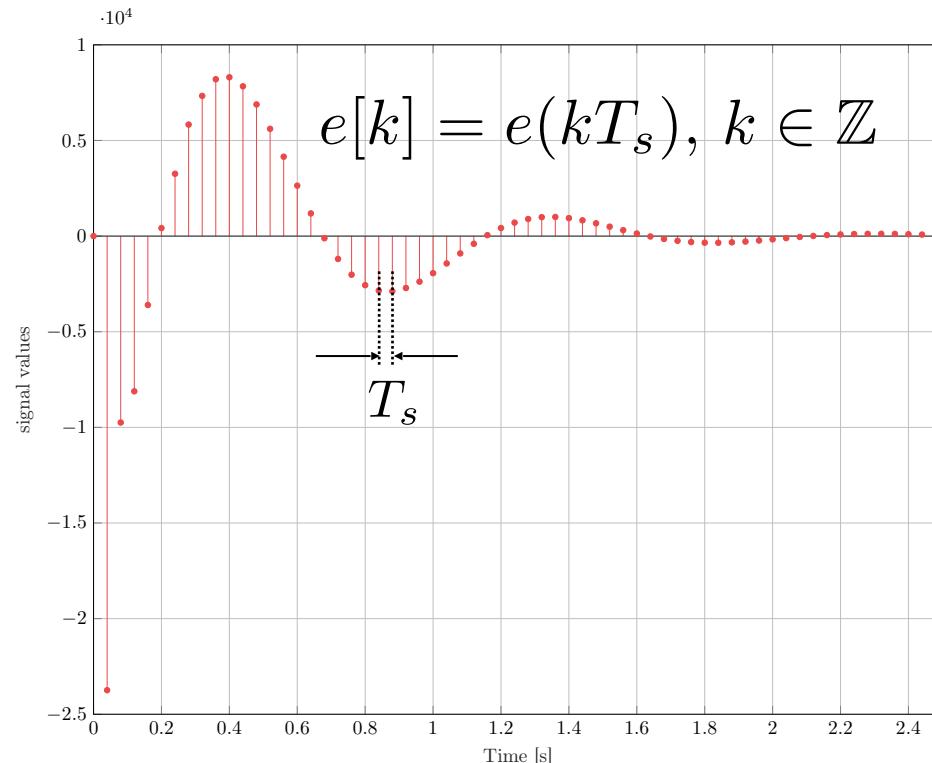
$$f_s = \frac{1}{T_s}$$

A/D Conversion (contd.)

The A/D conversion implies:

- loss of information (continuous-time/discrete-time)
- quantisation noise and distortion (analog to digital)

$$e(t) \rightarrow e[k], k \in \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \tilde{e}[k] \neq e[k], k \in \mathbb{Z} \quad 011010\dots$$

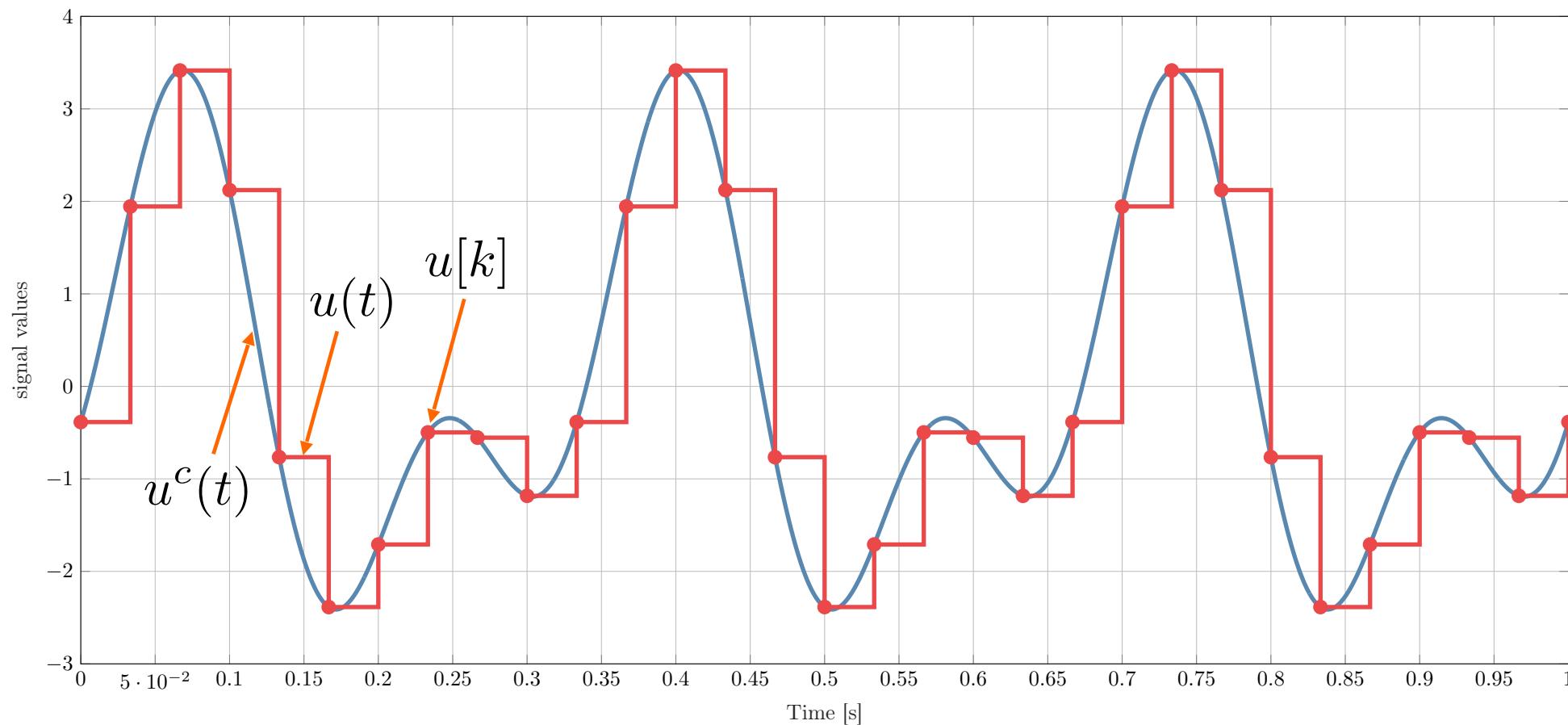


[In this course, we suppose $\tilde{e}[k] = e[k], k \in \mathbb{Z}$]

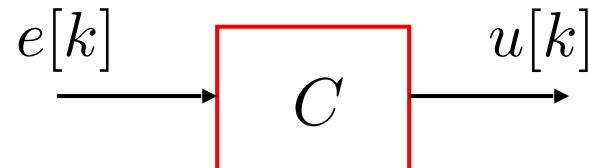


Zero-order hold (ZOH): $u(t) = u[k], kT_s \leq t < (k+1)T_s, k \in \mathbb{Z}$

The D/A conversion using a ZOH is a stair-wise delayed approximation of the unknown underlying continuous time function $u^c(t)$

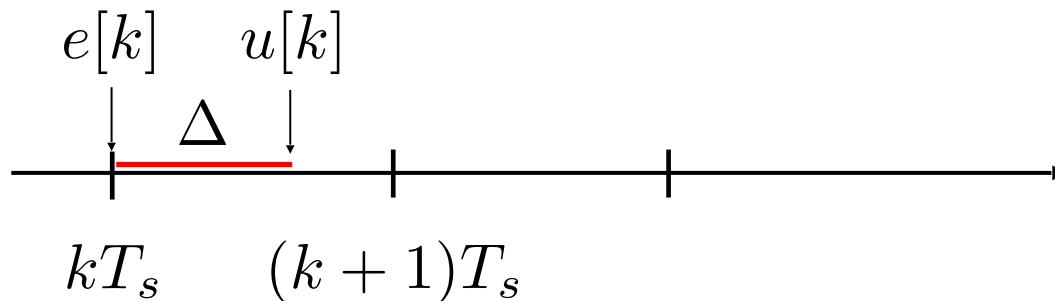


The controller is a discrete-time system, that is: a **computational algorithm!**



$$u[k] = f(u[k-1], u[k-2], \dots, e[k], e[k-1], \dots)$$

Temporisation:



The controller computation time should satisfy: $\Delta < T_s$

The basic requirement is:

$$y(t) \simeq w(t)$$

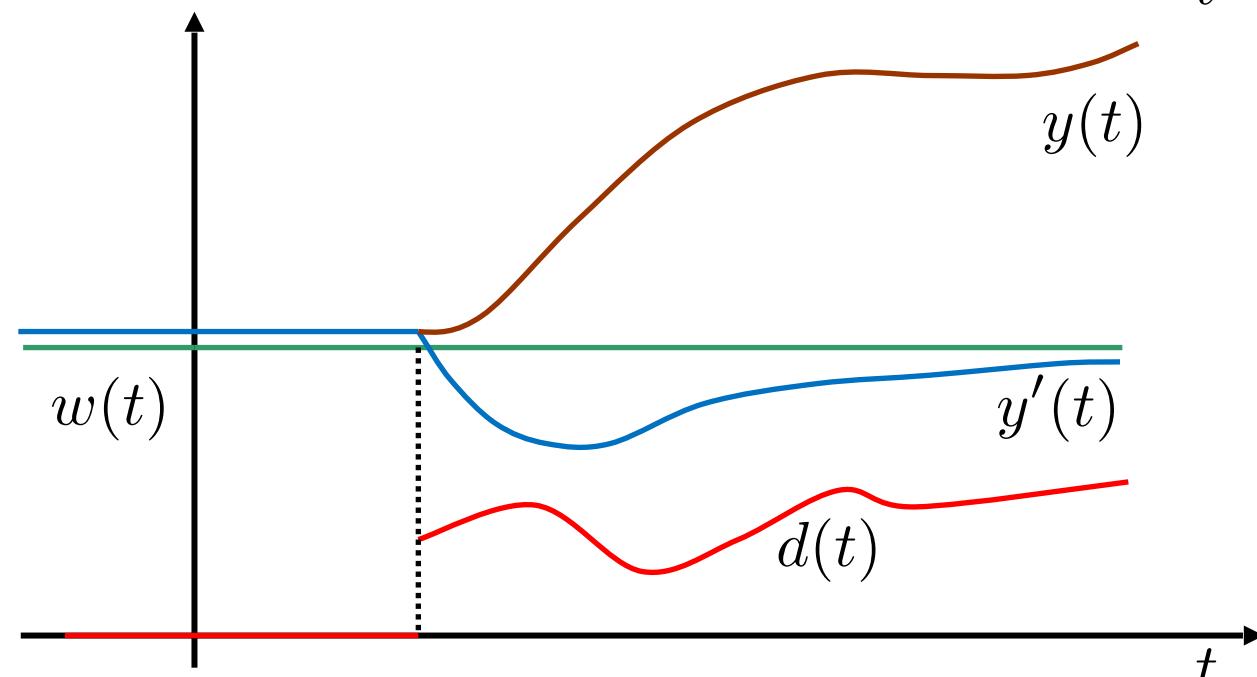
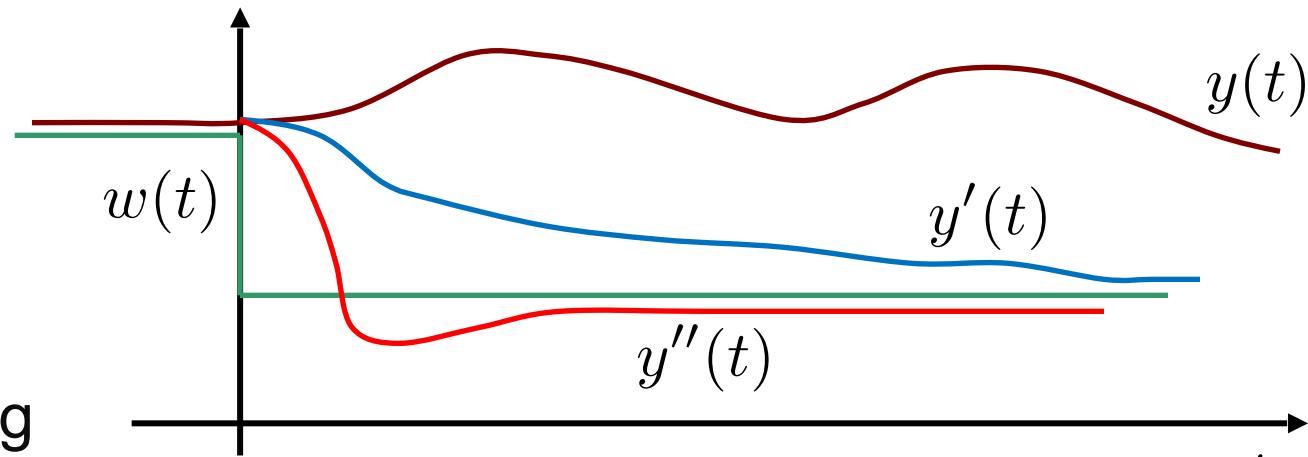
Introducing the error variable $e(t) = w(t) - y(t)$, the above requirement becomes:

$$e(t) \simeq 0 \text{ in all situations "of interest"}$$

Without loss of generality, we focus on the continuous-time case. The discrete-time case is perfectly analogous

General Requirements of Control Systems

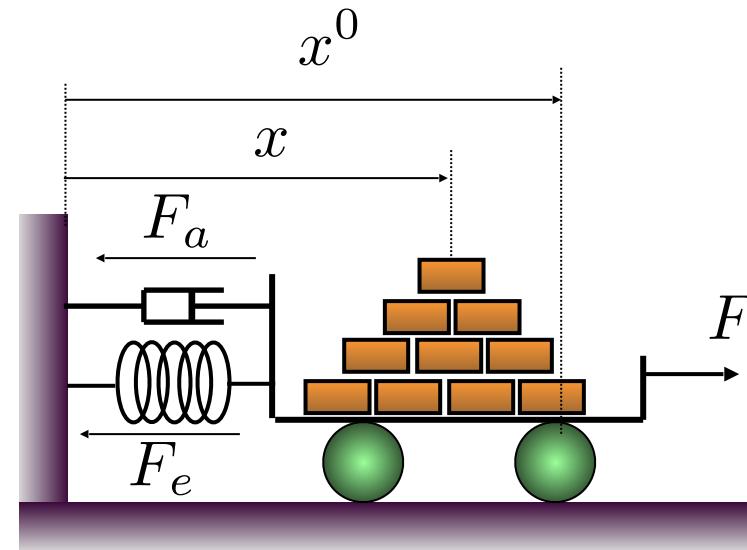
- (A) Static precision
 - ◆ In equilibrium conditions
- (B) Dynamic precision
 - ◆ Speed of response
 - ◆ Damping of possible oscillations
 - ◆ Capability of tracking fast-varying reference variables $w(t)$
- (C) Insensitivity to disturbances
 - ◆ Capability of rejecting a disturbance $d(t)$
- (D) Robustness
 - ◆ (A), (B), (C) in the presence of uncertain system's parameters θ



Example 2: Position Control



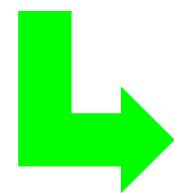
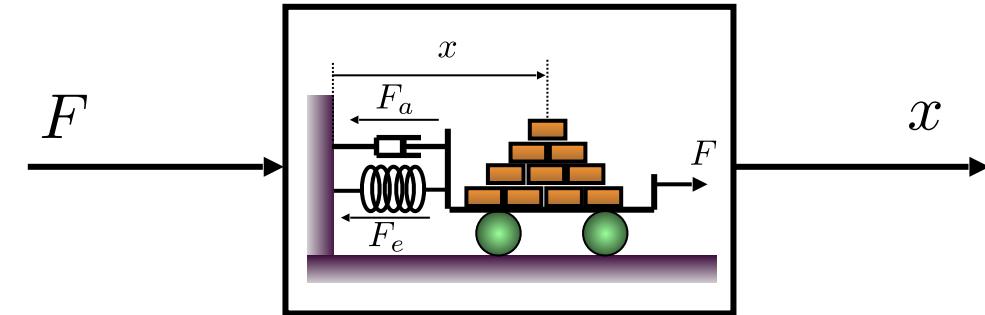
Mechanical system



- Control input: external force F
- Controlled output: position of the cart x
- Reference output: desired position $w = x^0$
- Elastic spring force: $F_e = kx$
- Damper viscous friction force: $F_a = h\dot{x}$

$$F = kx$$

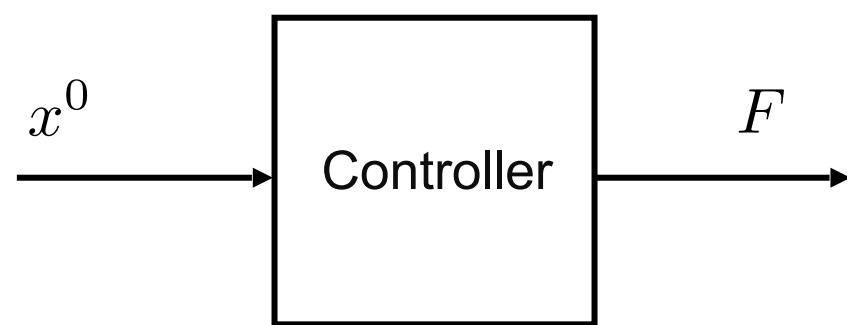
Equilibrium of the forces
in **static** conditions



$$x = \frac{1}{k} F$$

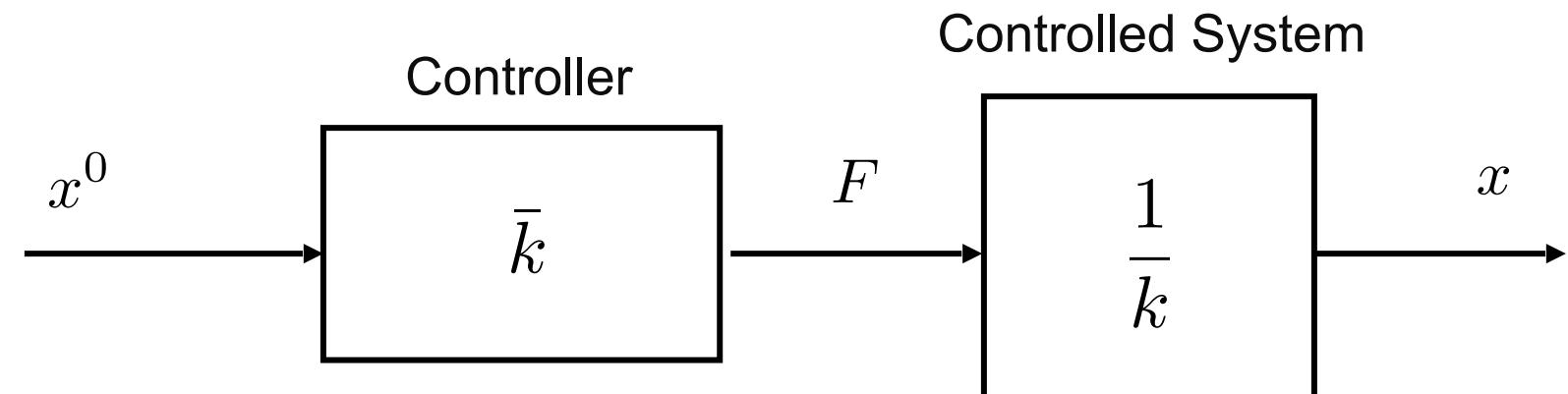
output input

Open-Loop Control Strategy



$$F = \bar{k}x^o$$

\bar{k} nominal value of the
spring constant



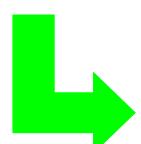
$$x = \frac{\bar{k}}{k}x^o \quad \longrightarrow \quad e = x^o - x = x^o \left(1 - \frac{\bar{k}}{k} \right)$$

- In nominal conditions $k = \bar{k}$  $e = 0$

- In uncertain conditions $k \neq \bar{k}$  $e = x^o \frac{\Delta k}{k} \neq 0$

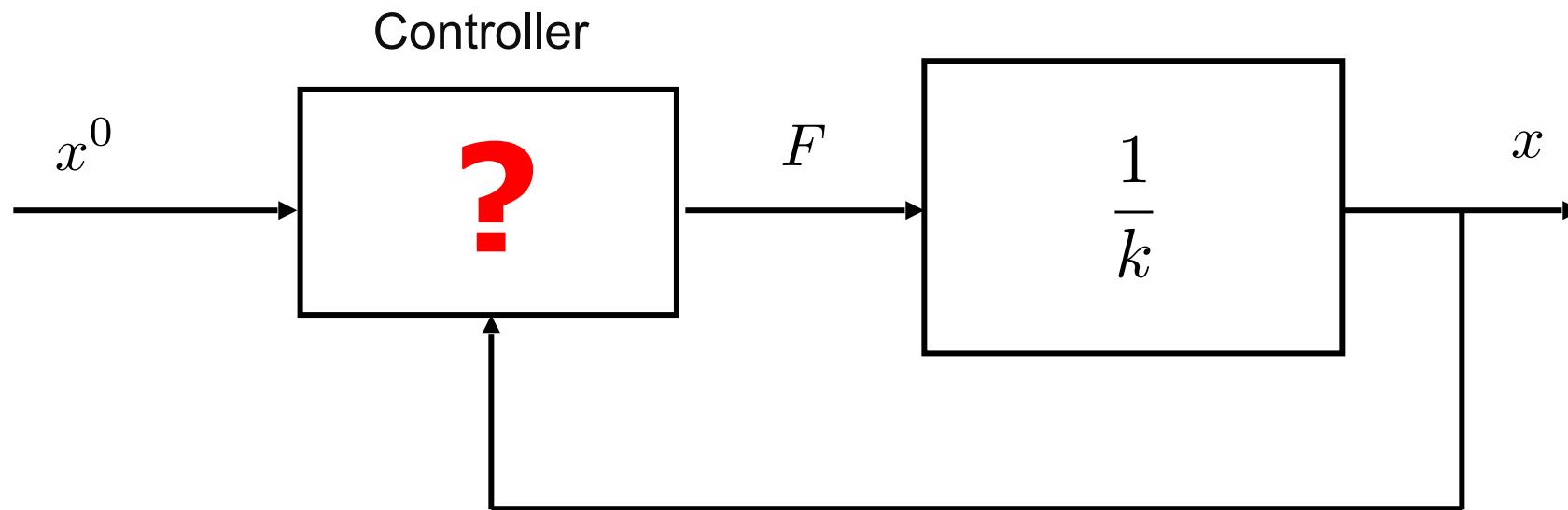
$$\Delta k = k - \bar{k} \neq 0$$

↑
uncertainty



There is no way to compensate for the uncertainty by an open-loop control strategy

Closed-Loop Control Strategy

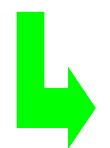


Let us opt for a **proportional control** strategy:

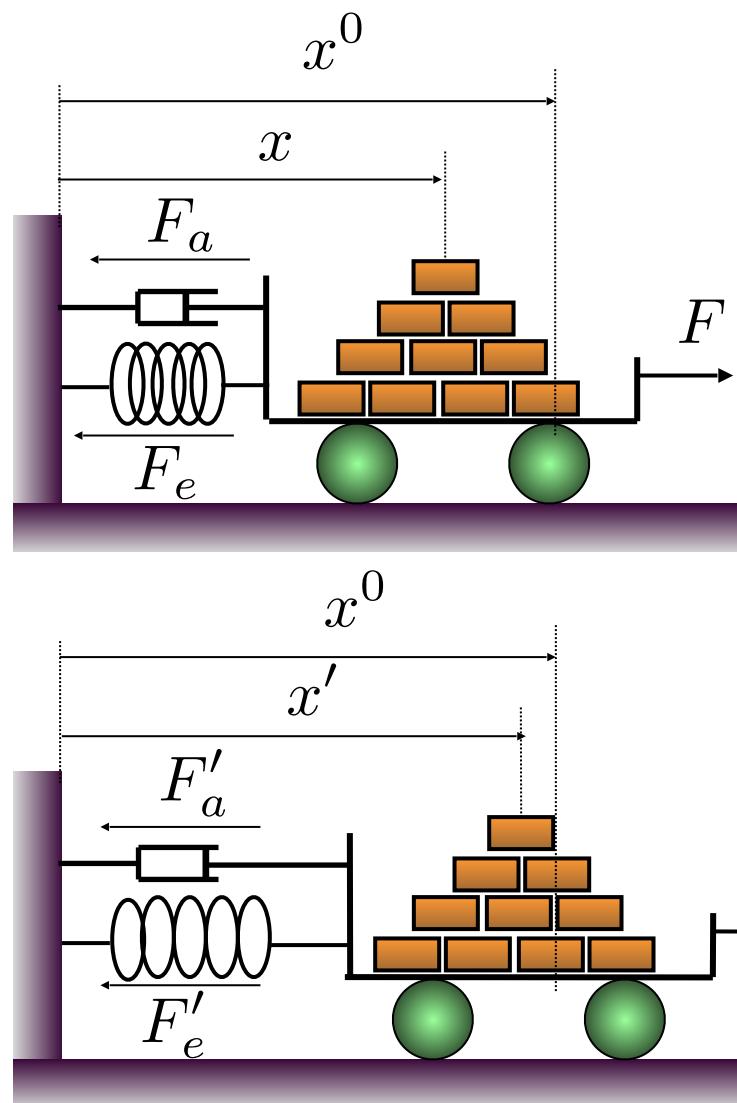
$$F = \underbrace{\alpha (x^o - x)}_{e}, \quad \alpha > 0$$

Suppose $x^o \neq 0$:

$$x = \frac{1}{k}F = \frac{1}{k}\alpha(x^o - x) \rightarrow x\left(1 + \frac{\alpha}{k}\right) = \frac{\alpha}{k}x^o$$

 $x = \frac{\alpha/k}{1 + \alpha/k} x^o \rightarrow \boxed{e = x^o - x = \frac{1}{1 + \alpha/k} x^o}$

- In nominal conditions $k = \bar{k} \rightarrow e \neq 0$
- In uncertain conditions $k \neq \bar{k} \rightarrow e \simeq 0 \quad \text{if} \quad \alpha \gg k_{\max}$



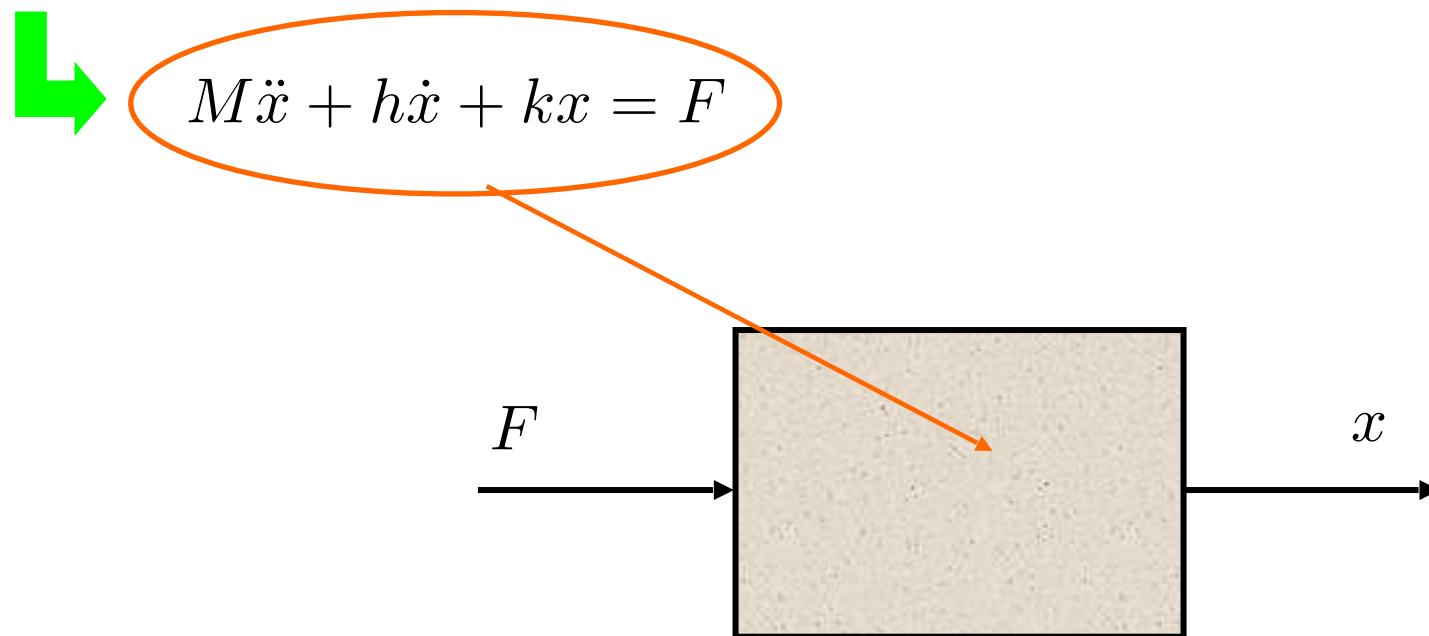
$$F = \alpha \underbrace{(x^0 - x)}_e, \quad \alpha > 0$$

The effects of mass, spring, and damper are not negligible, and dynamic behaviours such as oscillations may occur

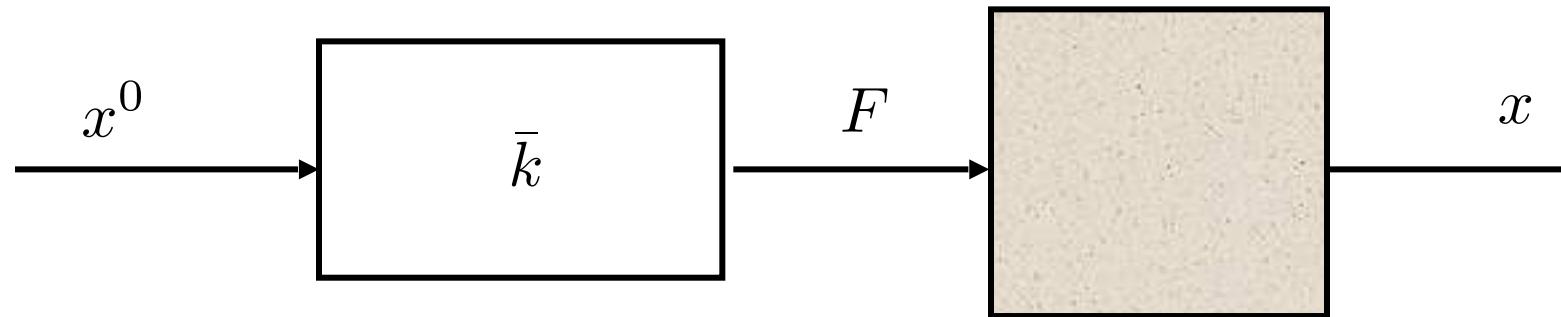
Models capturing the dynamic modes of behaviour are clearly necessary

sum of all external forces = $M\ddot{x}$

↳ $F - kx - h\dot{x} = M\ddot{x}$



Open-Loop Control Strategy



$$M\ddot{x} + h\dot{x} + kx = \bar{k}x^o$$

$\underbrace{M\ddot{x} + h\dot{x}}_{\text{dynamic terms}} \quad \underbrace{\bar{k}x^o}_{\text{constant}}$

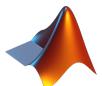
condition for static equilibrium

$x(0)$
 $\dot{x}(0)$

$\underbrace{\quad}_{\text{initial conditions}}$

From differential equations theory:

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$$M\ddot{x} + h\dot{x} + kx = \bar{k}x^o$$

constant term due to open-loop control

→ $M\lambda^2 + h\lambda + k = 0$ → λ_1, λ_2

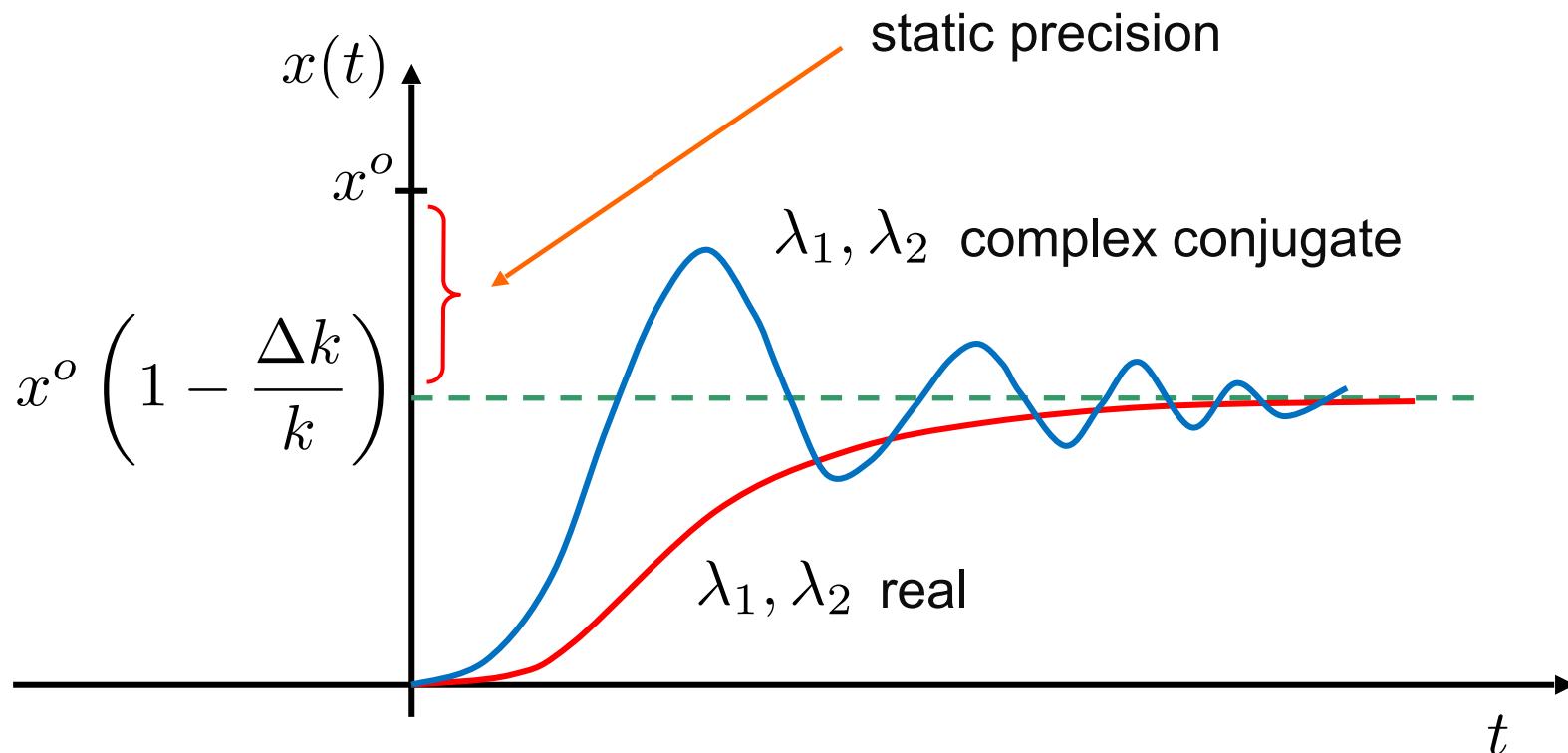
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polynomial algebraic equation roots

- If λ_1, λ_2 are real → $x(t) = c_1 e^{\lambda_1 t} + c_2 e^{\lambda_2 t} + c_3$

- If λ_1, λ_2 are complex conjugate, that is $\lambda_1 = \sigma + j\omega, \lambda_2 = \sigma - j\omega$

→ $x(t) = c_4 e^{\sigma t} \cos(\omega t + c_5) + c_6$



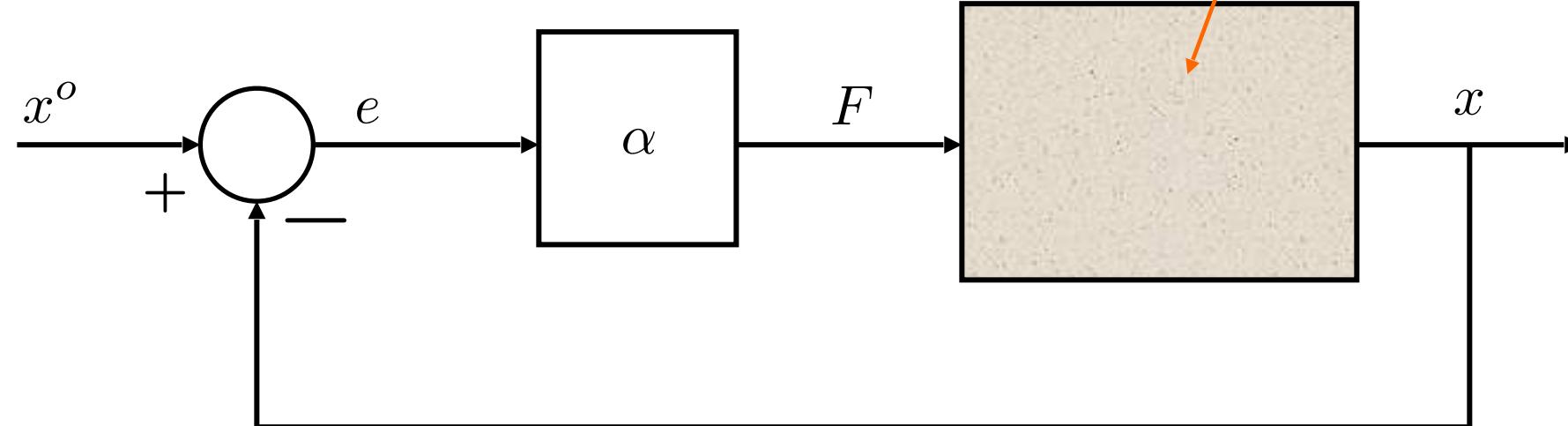
By the open-loop control strategy the dynamic behaviour cannot be modified since it only depends on the system's parameters M, k, h and not on the controller. Hence dynamic precision cannot be modified by the controller

Closed-Loop Control Strategy

Let us use again a **proportional closed-loop control strategy**:

$$F = \underbrace{\alpha (x^o - x)}_{e}, \quad \alpha > 0$$

$$M\ddot{x} + h\dot{x} + kx = F$$





Plugging in the proportional control scheme we get:

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$$M\ddot{x} + h\dot{x} + kx = \alpha(x^o - x)$$

→ $M\ddot{x} + h\dot{x} + (k + \alpha)x = \alpha x^o$

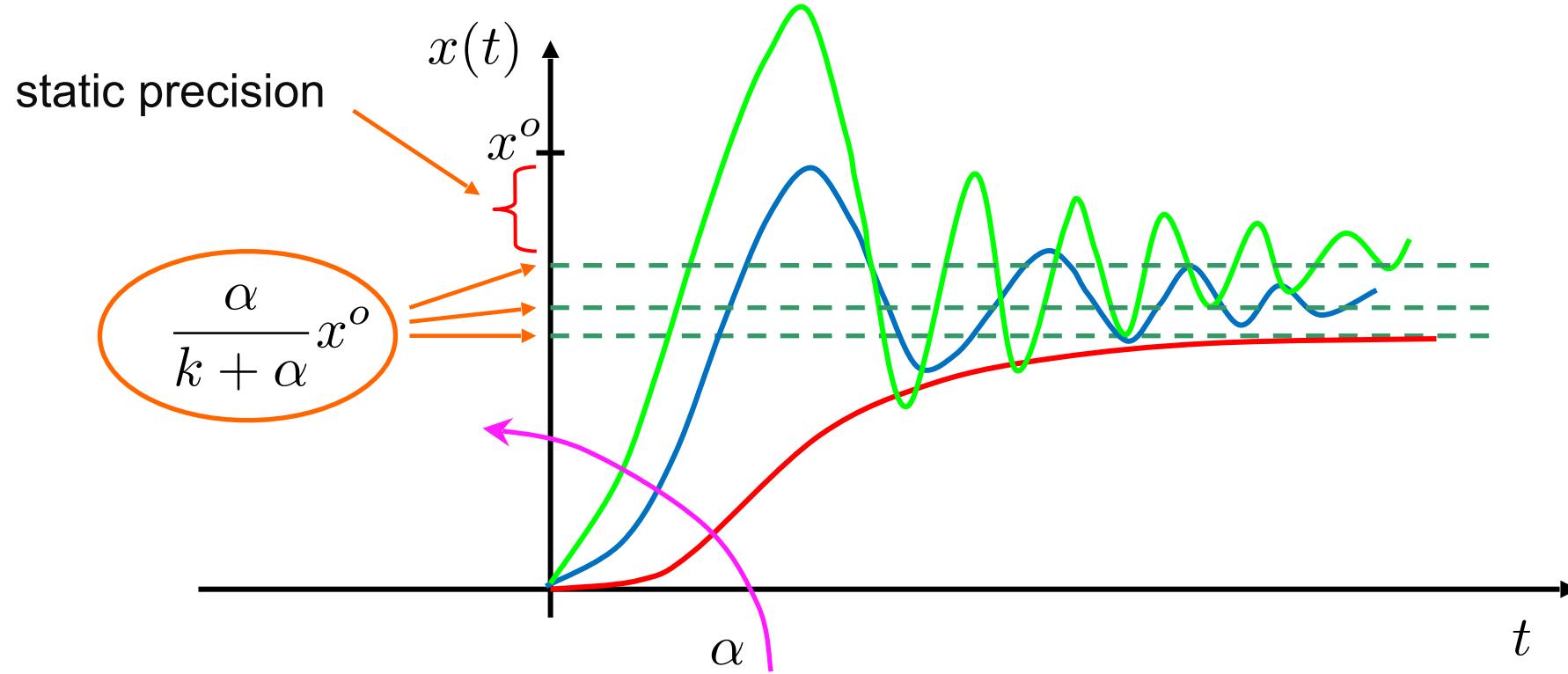
the constant term of the algebraic equation is **influenced by the controller gain α**

→ $M\lambda^2 + h\lambda + (k + \alpha) = 0$

polynomial algebraic equation

λ_1, λ_2
roots

→ **The roots λ_1, λ_2 can be modified by choosing α !!**



- The dynamic precision also depends on the choice of the control gain
- Static and dynamic requirements are in contrast with each other: better static precision implies worse dynamic precision



A Different Closed-Loop Control Strategy



Let us now opt for a **proportional/derivative** control scheme:

$$F = \alpha (x^o - x) + \beta \frac{d}{dt} (x^o - x), \quad \alpha, \beta > 0$$

↳ $M\ddot{x} + h\dot{x} + kx = \alpha(x^o - x) - \beta\dot{x}$

↳ $M\ddot{x} + (h + \beta)\dot{x} + (k + \alpha)x = \alpha x^o$

↳ $M\lambda^2 + (h + \beta)\lambda + (k + \alpha) = 0$

polynomial algebraic equation

↳ **The roots λ_1, λ_2 can be modified by choosing α, β !!**

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the first-order term of the algebraic equation is influenced by the **derivative controller gain β**

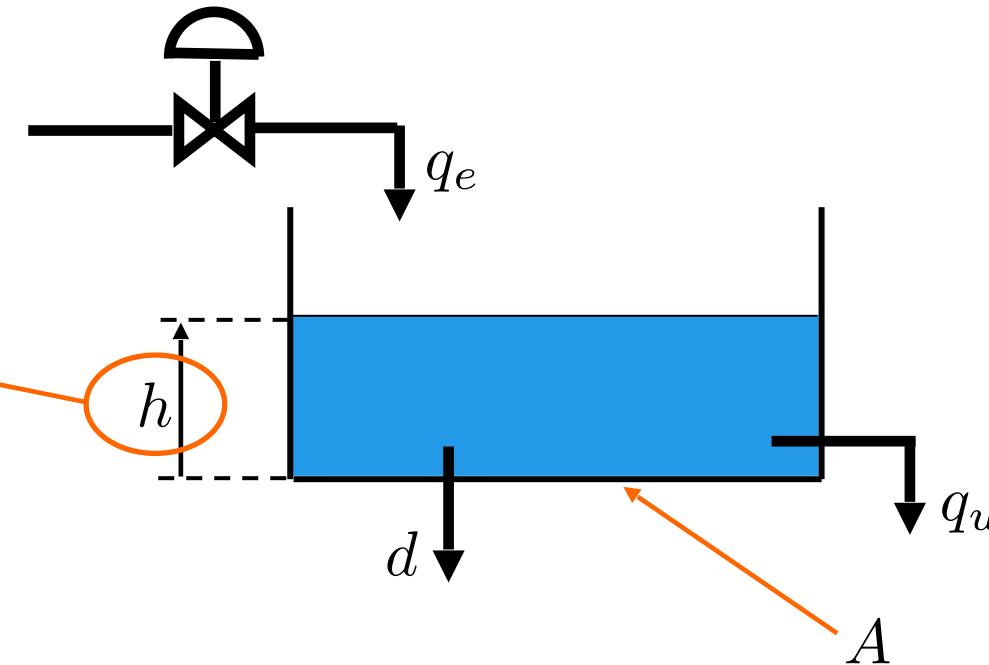
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the constant term of the algebraic equation is influenced by the **proportional controller gain α**

Example 3: Tank Level Closed-Loop Control

Hydraulic
system

level sensor is needed
to close the control loop



- Control input: input flow-rate q_e
- Controlled output: level of liquid in the tank h
- Reference output: constant desired level in the tank $w = h^o$
- Out-flow rate: $q_u = kh$
- Disturbance: d

By the usual assumption of infinite-height of the tank and supposing (for the moment) that $d = 0$:

$$A\dot{h} = q_e - kh$$

conservation equation:

volume time-variation = input flow-rate - out flow-rate

→ $\dot{h} = \frac{1}{A}q_e - \frac{k}{A}h$

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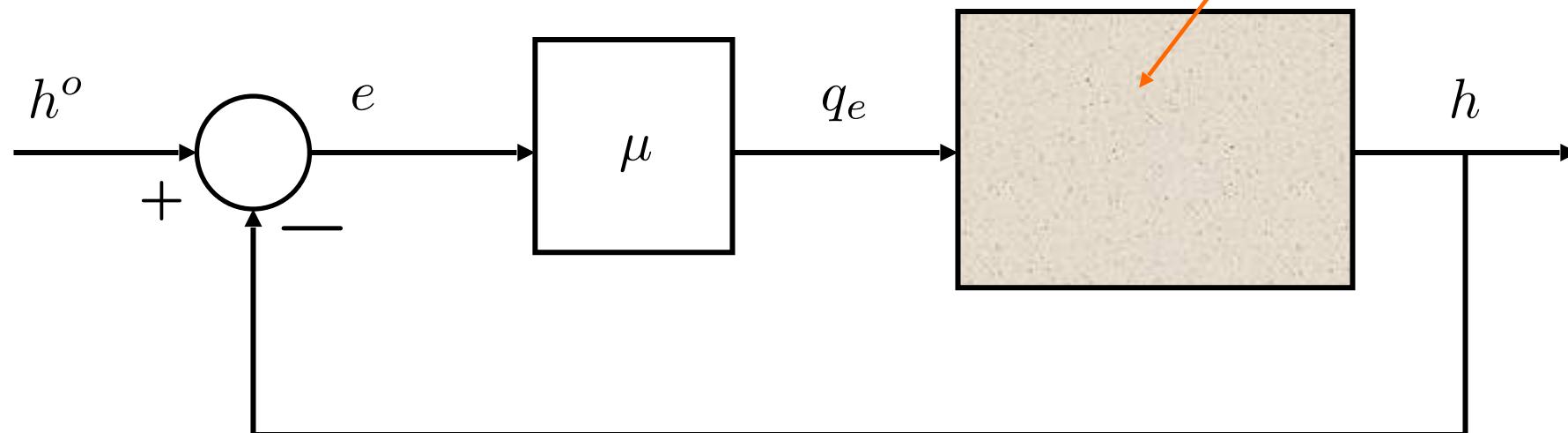


Closed-Loop Control Strategy

Let us opt for a **proportional control strategy**:

$$q_e = \mu (h^o - h), \quad \underbrace{h^o - h}_{e} \quad \mu > 0$$

$$\dot{h} = \frac{1}{A} q_e - \frac{k}{A} h$$



Closed-Loop Control Strategy (contd.)



Plugging-in the proportional control scheme we get:

$$\dot{h} = \frac{1}{A}\mu(h^o - h) - \frac{k}{A}h$$

→ $\dot{h} = -\frac{1}{A}(k + \mu)h + \frac{\mu}{A}h^o$

$\underbrace{k + \mu}_{\sigma > 0}$ $\underbrace{\frac{\mu}{A}h^o}_{\text{constant}}$

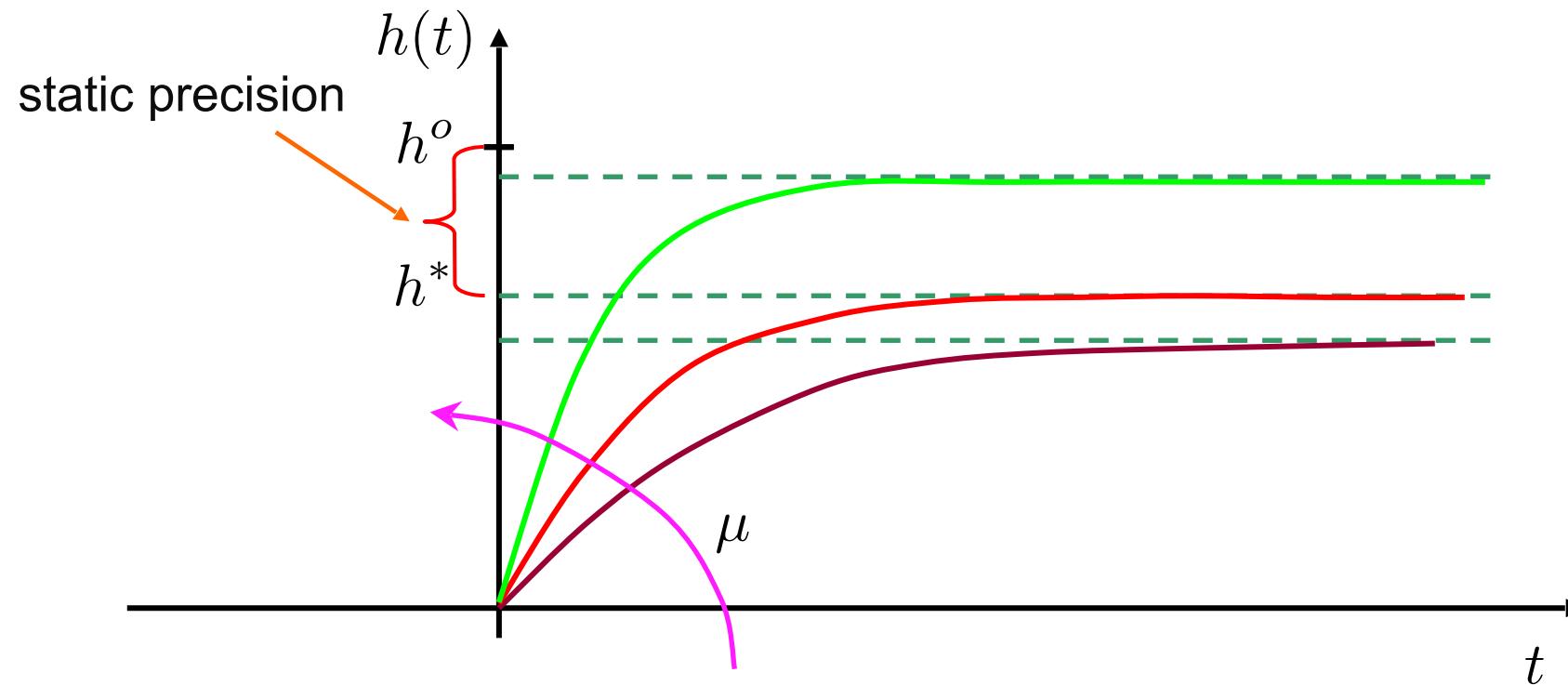
Assuming $h(0) = 0$ we get:

$$h(t) = \frac{\mu}{\mu + k}h^o(1 - e^{-\sigma t}), t \geq 0$$

$\underbrace{\frac{\mu}{\mu + k}h^o}_{h^*} = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} h(t)$

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- By increasing the control gain μ both the static and the dynamic precision improve
- In this hydraulic example, static and dynamic requirements are not in contrast with each other

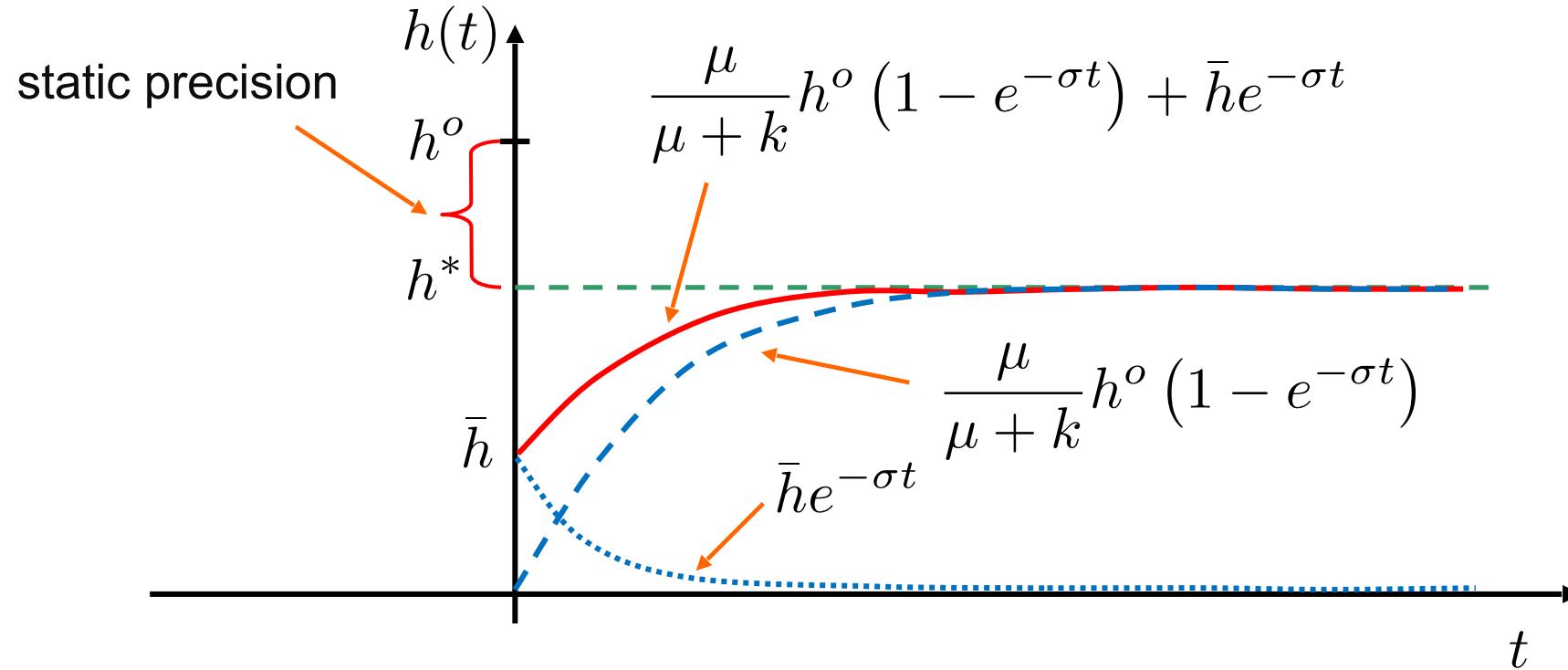




Assuming $h(0) = \bar{h} > 0$ we get:

$$h(t) = \underbrace{\frac{\mu}{\mu + k} h^o (1 - e^{-\sigma t})}_{\text{effect of the control input}} + \overbrace{\bar{h} e^{-\sigma t}}^{\text{effect of the non-zero initial condition}}, t \geq 0$$

Non-Zero Initial Conditions (contd.)

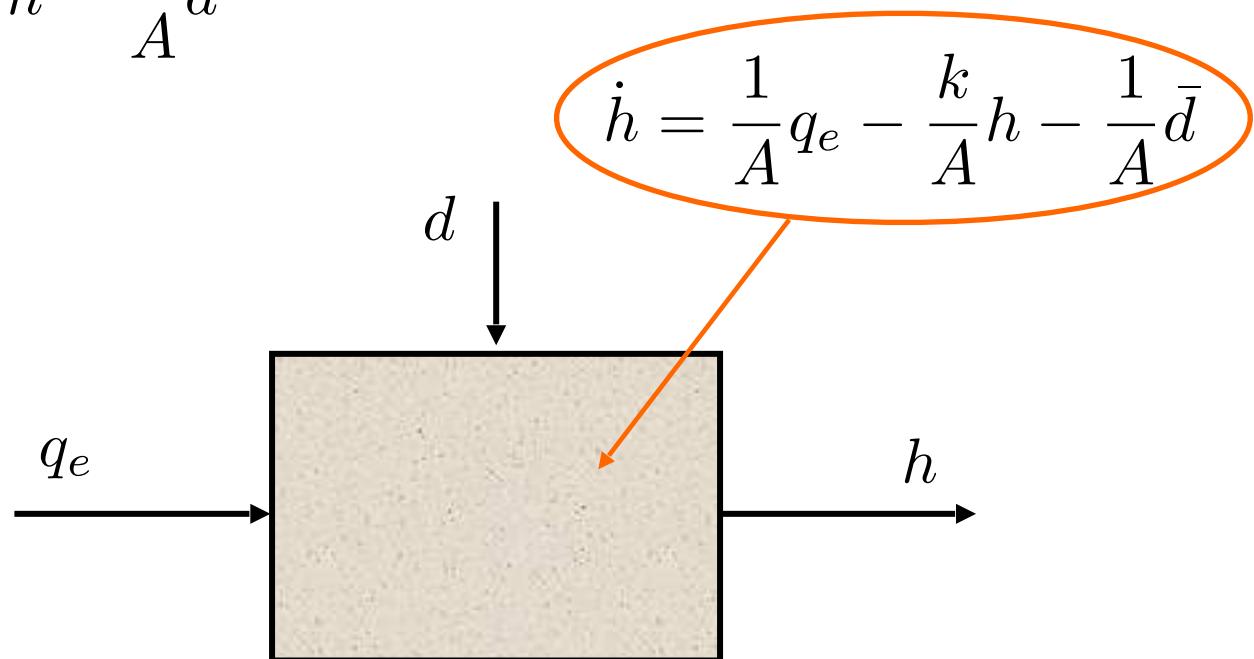
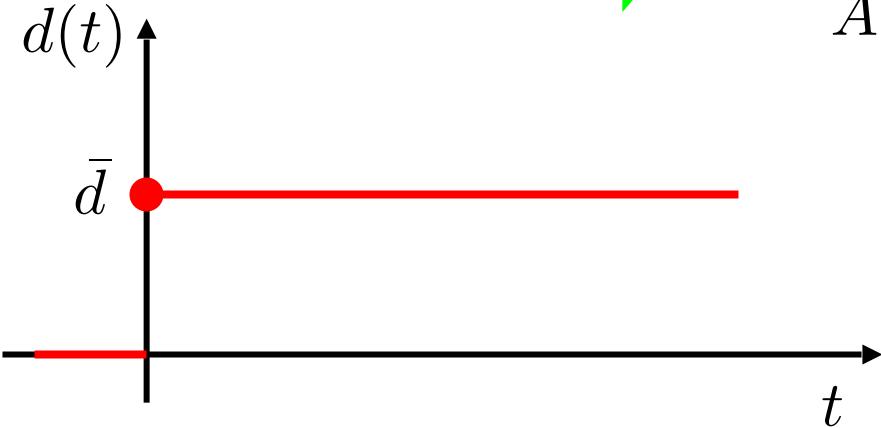


By the usual assumption of infinite-height of the tank and supposing that a step-like disturbance $d(t) = \bar{d}$, $t \geq 0$ (leakage) is acting on the tank:

$$A\dot{h} = q_e - kh - \bar{d}$$



$$\dot{h} = \frac{1}{A}q_e - \frac{k}{A}h - \frac{1}{A}\bar{d}$$



Plugging in the proportional control scheme we get:

$$q_e = \mu (h^o - h), \quad \mu > 0$$

→ $\dot{h} = \frac{1}{A} \mu (h^o - h) - \frac{k}{A} h - \frac{1}{A} \bar{d}$

→ $\dot{h} = -\frac{1}{A} (k + \mu) h + \frac{\mu}{A} h^o - \frac{1}{A} \bar{d}$

$\underbrace{\sigma}_{\sigma > 0} > 0 \quad \underbrace{\text{constant}}_{\text{constant}}$

Closed-Loop Control Strategy (contd.)



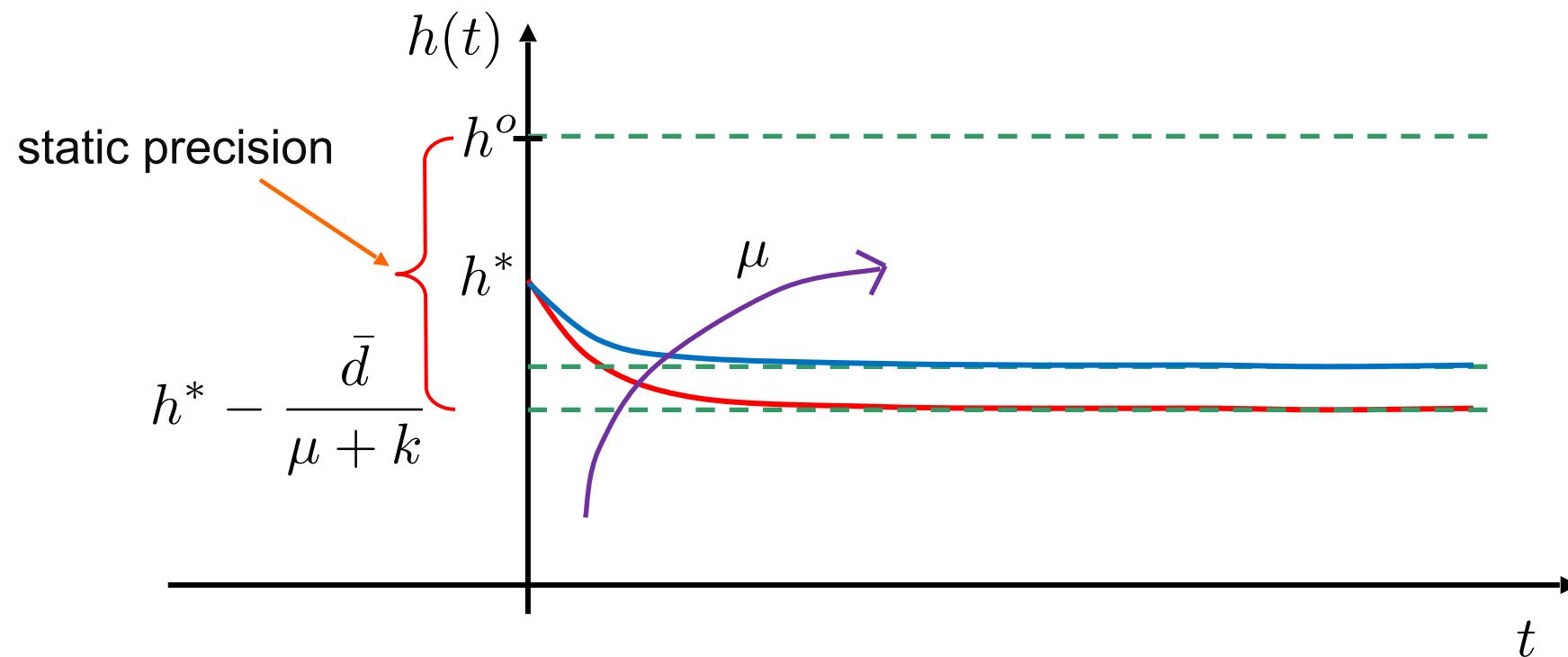
For simplicity suppose: $h(0) = h^* = \frac{\mu}{\mu + k} h^o$

→
$$h(t) = \frac{\mu}{\mu + k} h^o (1 - e^{-\sigma t}) + h(0)e^{-\sigma t} - \frac{\bar{d}}{\mu + k} (1 - e^{-\sigma t})$$

$$= h^* - \cancel{h^* e^{-\sigma t}} + \cancel{h^* e^{-\sigma t}} - \frac{\bar{d}}{\mu + k} (1 - e^{-\sigma t})$$

→
$$h(t) = h^* - \frac{\bar{d}}{\mu + k} (1 - e^{-\sigma t}), t \geq 0$$

→
$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} h(t) = h^* - \frac{\bar{d}}{\mu + k}$$



Increasing the proportional gain μ improves the disturbance rejection performance

How to Improve the Static Precision?



A) Adding open-loop compensation actions:

$$q_e = \mu (h^o - h) + kh^o + \bar{d}$$

open-loop action

→ $\dot{h} = \frac{1}{A}\mu (h^o - h) + \frac{k}{A}h^o + \frac{1}{A}\bar{d} - \frac{k}{A}h - \frac{1}{A}\bar{d}$

→ $h(t) = h^o (1 - e^{-\sigma t}), t \geq 0$

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} h(t) = h^o$$



But:

to implement the open-loop compensation actions, the knowledge of k, \bar{d} is required



How to Improve the Static Precision?



B) Modifying the closed-loop controller by adding an **integral action** thus obtaining a **proportional/integral (PI) controller**:

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$$q_e = \mu [h^o - h(t)] + \varphi \int_0^t [h^o - h(\tau)] d\tau \quad \mu, \varphi > 0$$

Justification:

$$q_e = \mu e(t) + \varphi \int_0^t e(\tau) d\tau \quad \rightarrow \quad \dot{q}_e = \mu \dot{e}(t) + \varphi e(t)$$

Equilibrium:

$$\begin{cases} e(t) = \text{cost} = \bar{e} \\ q_e(t) = \text{cost} \end{cases} \quad \rightarrow \quad 0 = \mu \cdot 0 + \varphi \cdot \bar{e}$$

$$\boxed{\bar{e} = 0}$$

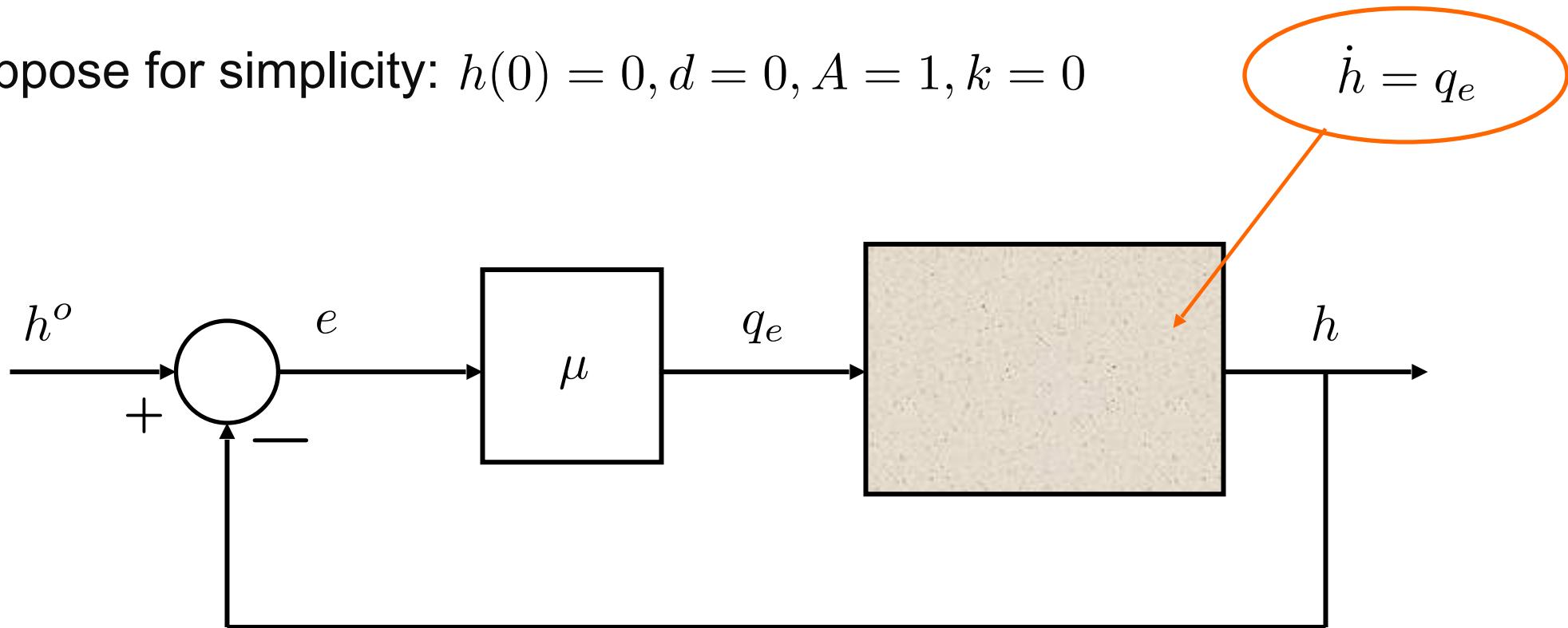


Example 3: Discrete-Time Implementation

Consider again the **proportional control** strategy:

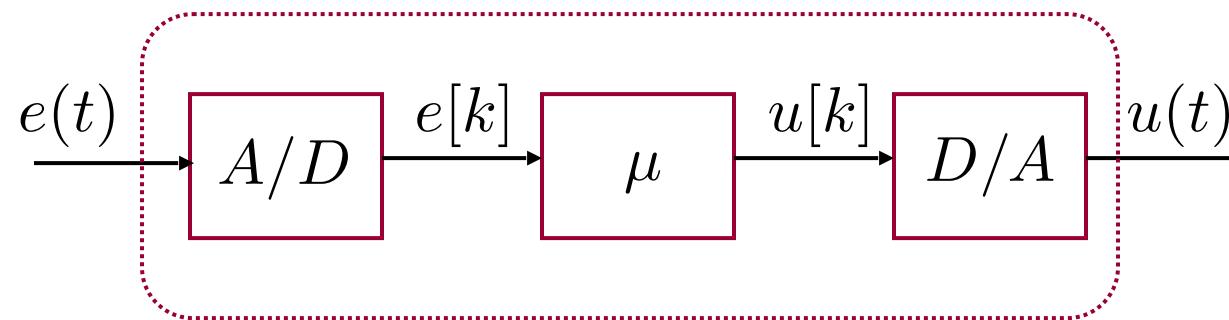
$$q_e = \mu \underbrace{(h^o - h)}_e, \quad \mu > 0$$

and suppose for simplicity: $h(0) = 0, d = 0, A = 1, k = 0$



Example 3: Discrete-Time Implementation (contd.)

Consider the discrete-time implementation of the controller:



$$e[k] = e(kT), \quad u[k] = \mu e[k], \quad u(t) = u[k], \quad kT_s \leq t < (k+1)T_s$$



- $k = 0$
 $e[0] = 1$
 $u[0] = \mu e[0] = \mu$
 $u(t) = \mu, \quad 0 \leq t < T_s$
 $h(t) = \mu t, \quad 0 \leq t < T_s$

Example 3: Discrete-Time Implementation (contd.)



- $k = 1$

$$e[1] = e(T_s) = w(T_s) - h(T_s) = 1 - \mu T_s$$

$$u[1] = \mu e[1] = \mu(1 - \mu T_s)$$

$$u(t) = \mu(1 - \mu T_s), \quad T_s \leq t < 2T_s$$

$$h(t) = \mu T_s + \mu(1 - \mu T_s)(t - T_s), \quad T \leq t < 2T$$



$$h(2T_s) = \mu T_s + \mu(1 - \mu T_s)T_s = 1 - (1 - \mu T_s)^2$$

- $k = 2$

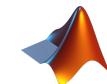
$$e[2] = e(2T_s) = w(2T_s) - h(2T_s) = (1 - \mu T_s)^2$$

⋮

and so on

⋮

Example 3: Discrete-Time Implementation (contd.)



Generalising, one gets:

$$e[k] = (1 - \mu T_s)^k, \quad k \geq 0$$

$$u[k] = \mu(1 - \mu T_s)^k, \quad k \geq 0$$

$$y[k] = 1 - (1 - \mu T_s)^k, \quad k \geq 0$$

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Notice that:

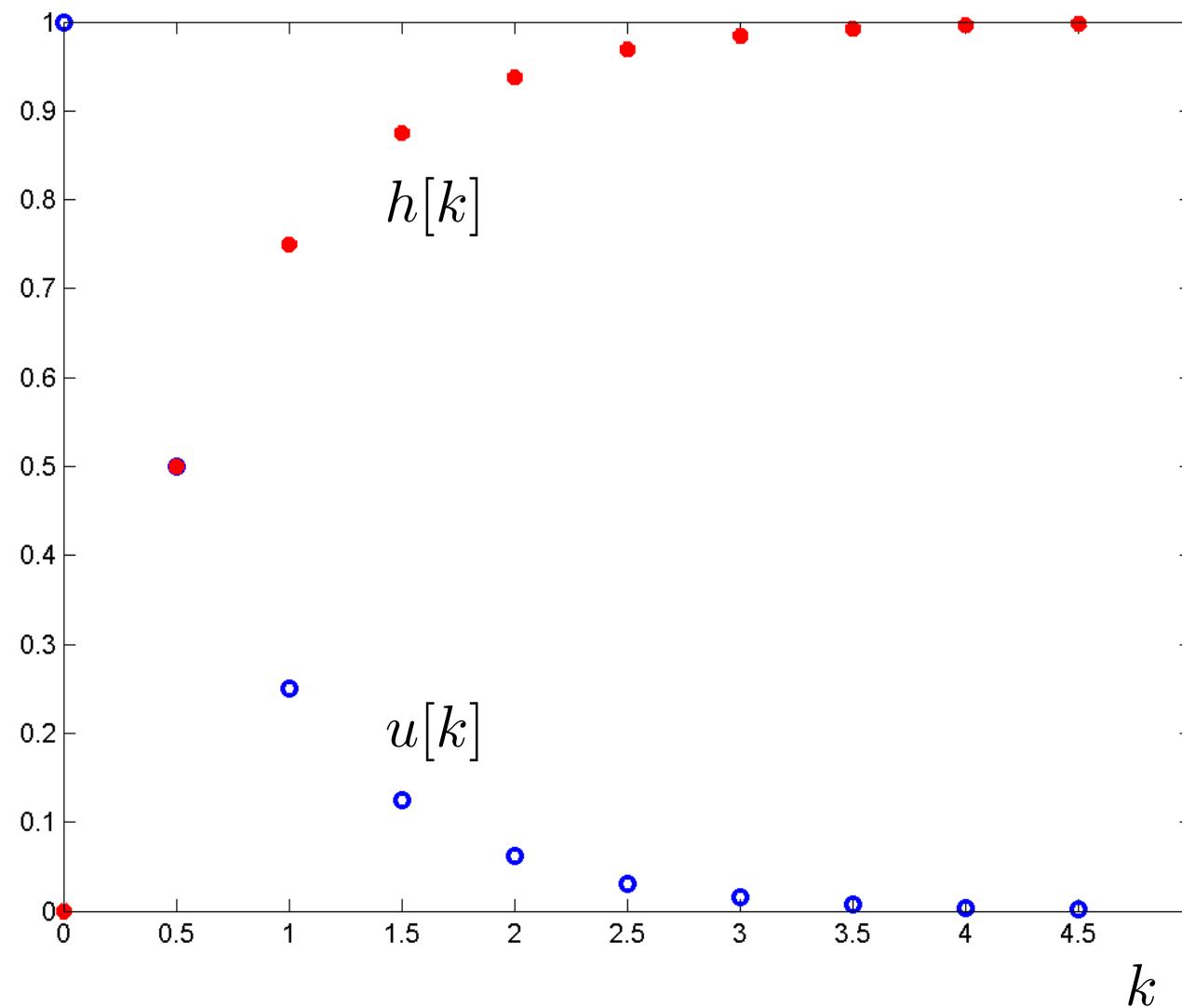
$$0 < \mu T_s < 2 \quad \rightarrow \quad \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} y[k] = 1$$

$$\mu T_s > 2 \quad \rightarrow \quad \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} y[k] = \infty$$

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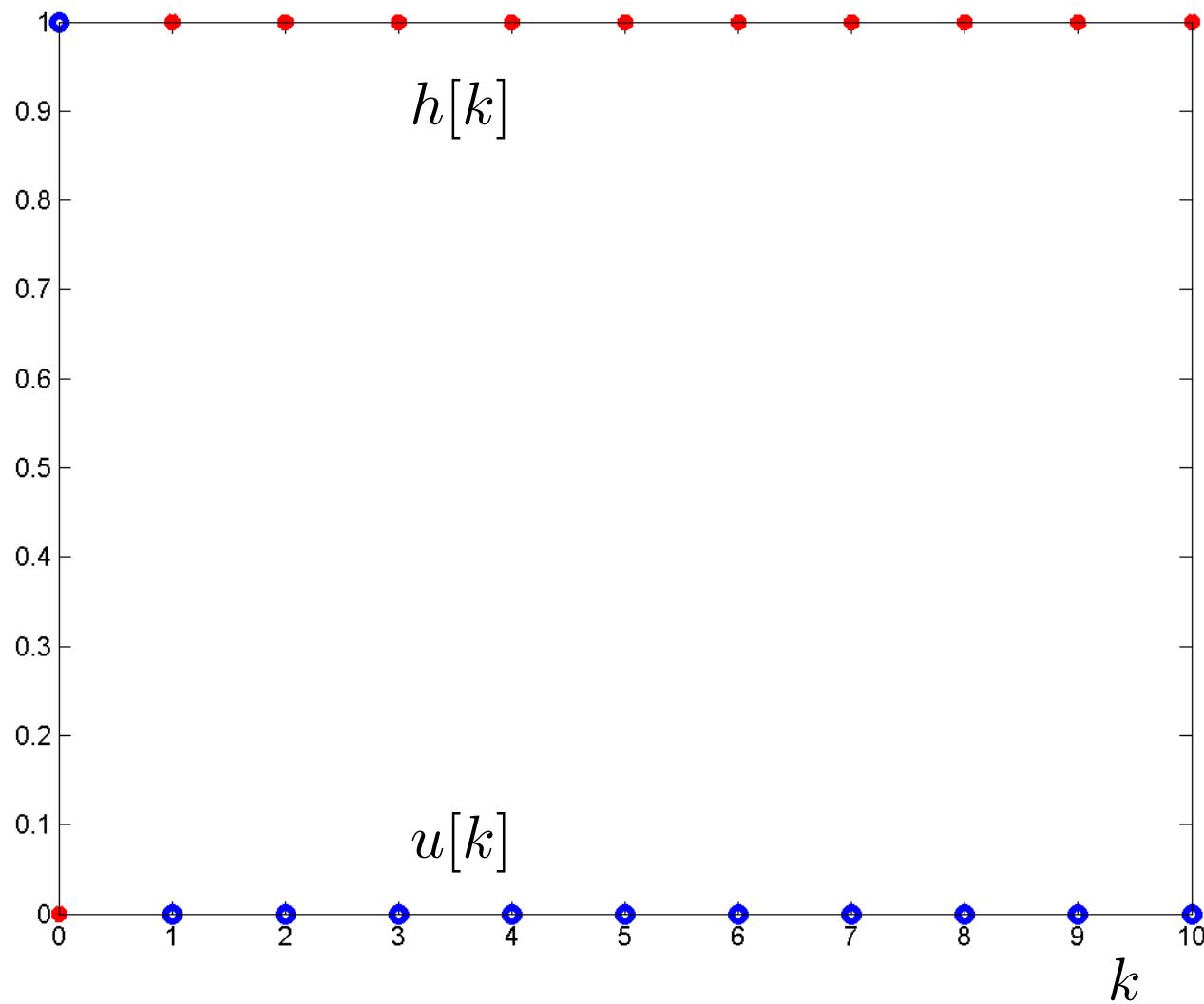
$$\mu = 1, T_s = 0.5$$



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$$\mu = 1, T_s = 1$$

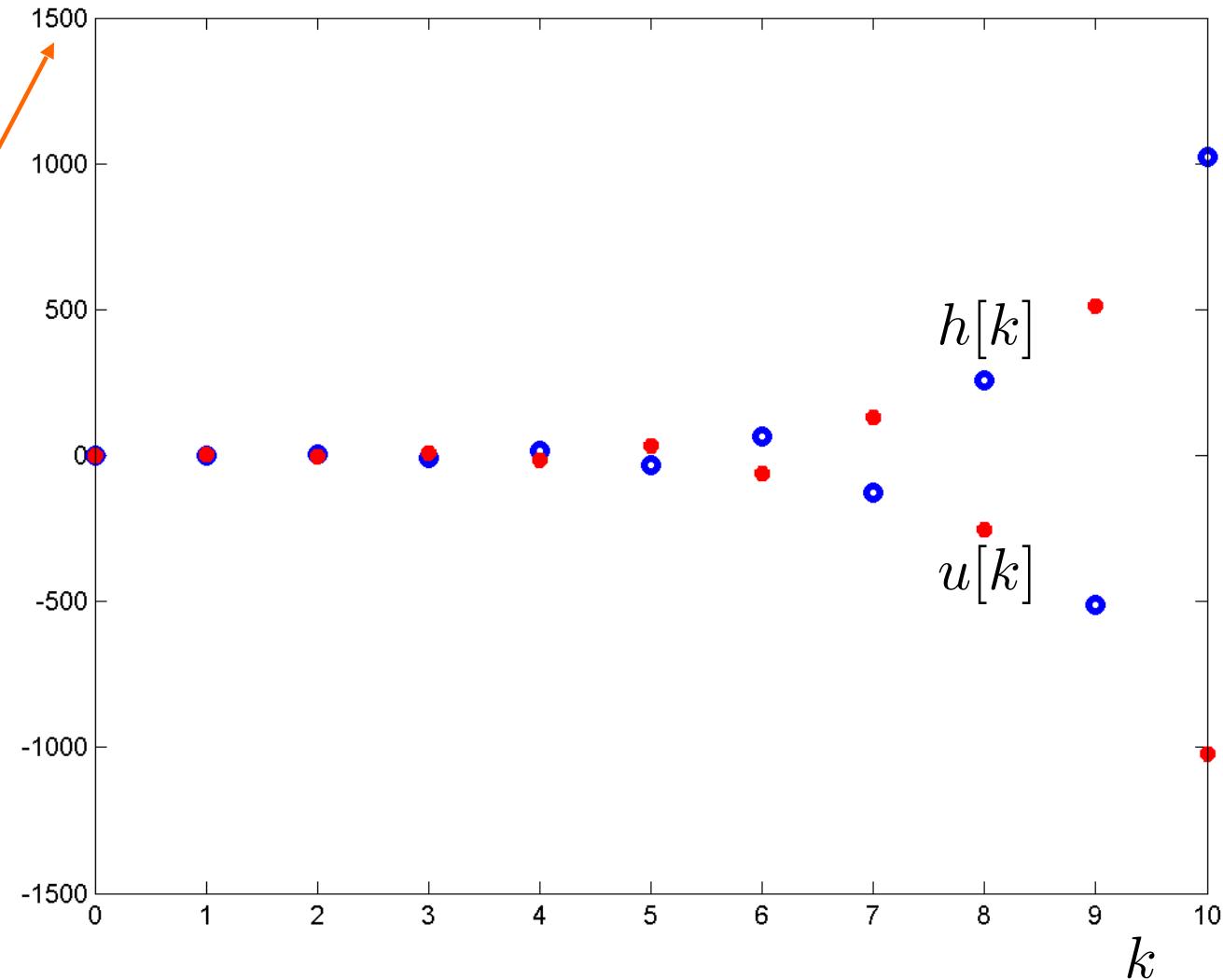


Example 3: Discrete-Time Implementation (contd.)



$$\mu = 3, T_s = 1$$

notice the scale





Remarks

- When the controller is implemented on a digital computation unit, the closed-loop performance also depend on the **choice of the sampling time**
- The analysis has to be carried out using **different mathematical tools**
- The digital implementation always causes **performance degradation**