



# **2.004 Lab 3 Intro P and PI Control of Velocity**

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# Today's Tasks



- Implement PID code.
- Closed-loop velocity control using proportional feedback, and study the effect of controller gain on transient and steady-state behavior.
- Elimination of steady-state error through the use of *integral* (I), and *proportional plus integral* (PI) control.
- Design and implement a PI controller according to given specifications.
- Extra Credit Task: Simulink simulation.
- Deliverable:
  - Lab 3 report (use the report template) to Gradescope by midnight.

# Control System Comparison



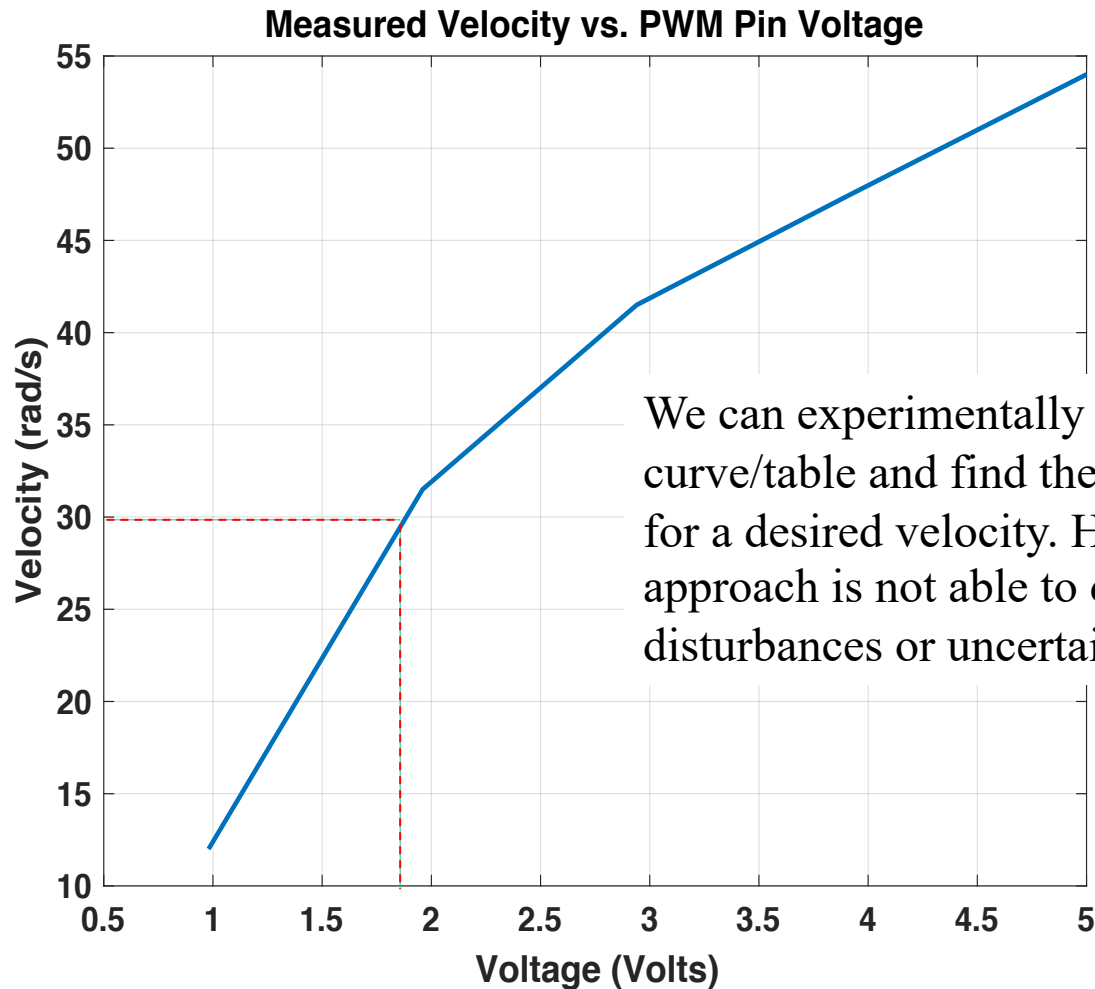
- **Open-loop:**

- The output variables do not affect the input variables
- The system will follow the desired reference commands if no unpredictable effects occur
- It can compensate for disturbances that are taken into account
- It does not change the system stability

- **Closed-loop:**

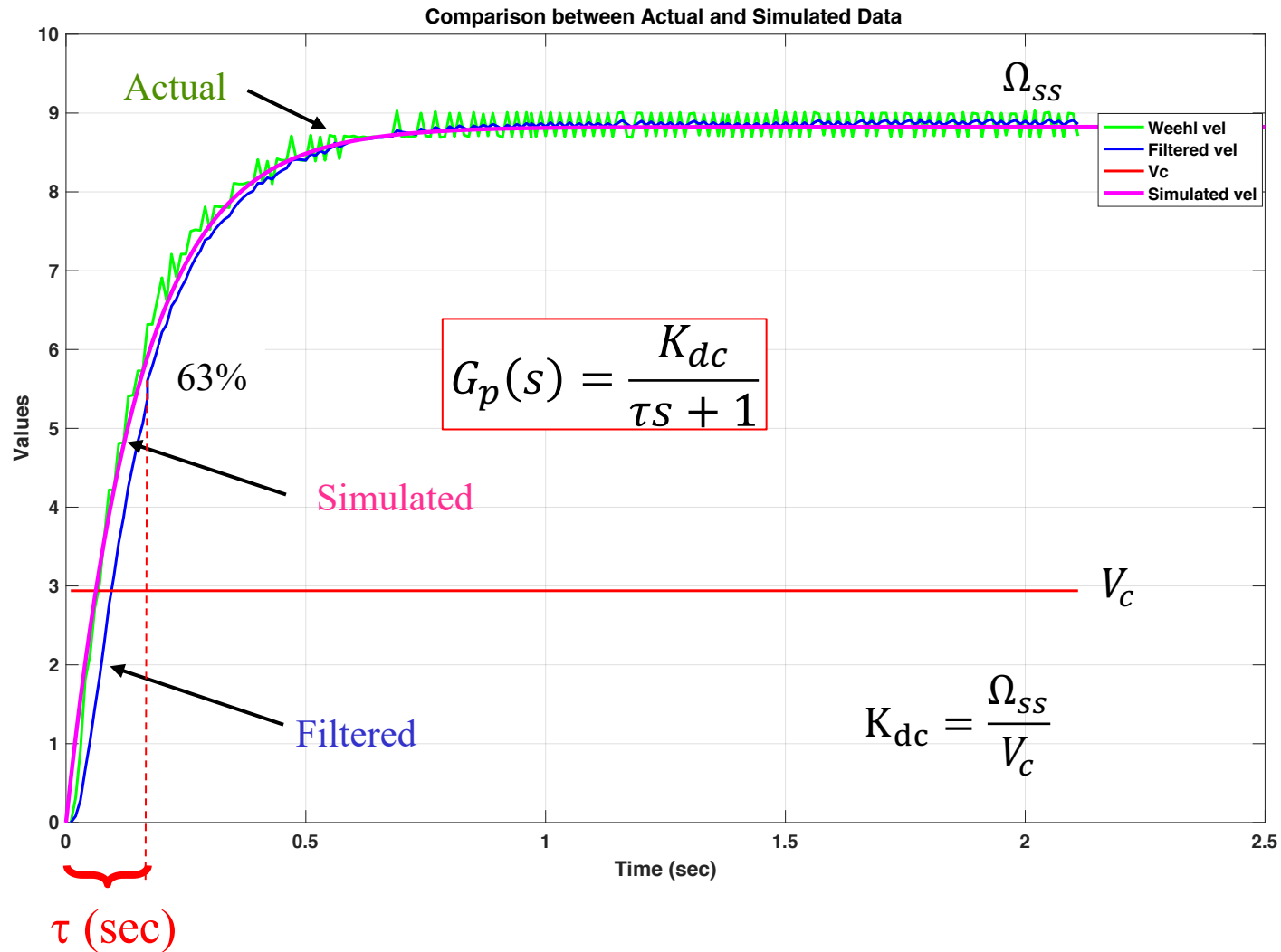
- The output variables do affect the input variables in order to maintain a desired system behavior
- Requires measurements (controlled variables or other variables)
- Requires control error computed as the difference between the reference command and the controlled variable
- Computes control input based on the control error such that the control error is minimized
- Able to reject the effect of disturbances
- Can make the system unstable, where the controlled variables grow without bound

# Open Loop Angular Velocity as a Function of PWM

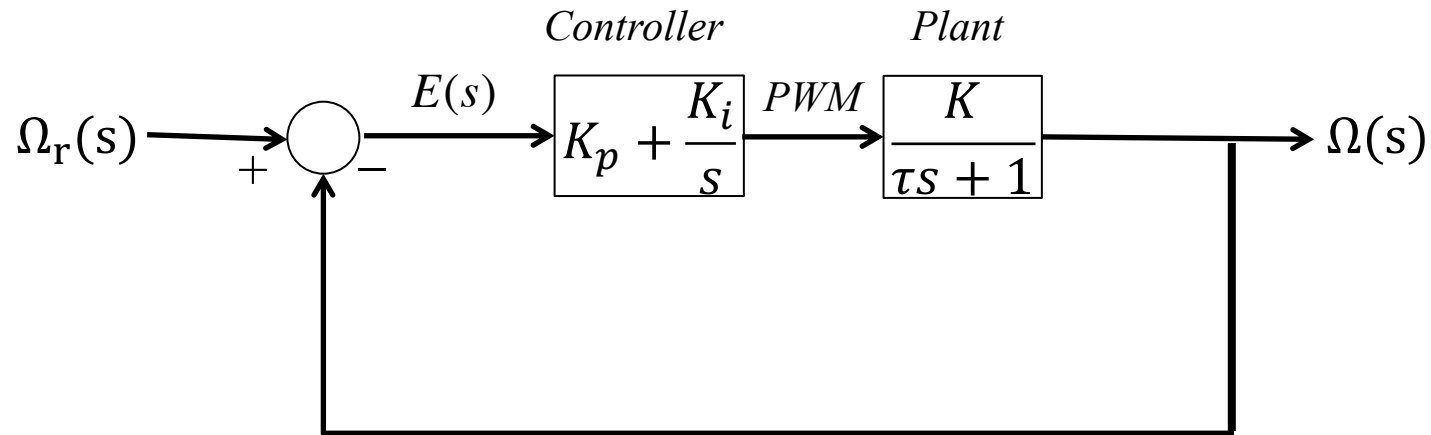


We can experimentally obtain a mapping curve/table and find the required PWM for a desired velocity. However this approach is not able to deal with external disturbances or uncertainties.

# Open Loop Step Responses



# Closed-Loop Block Diagram



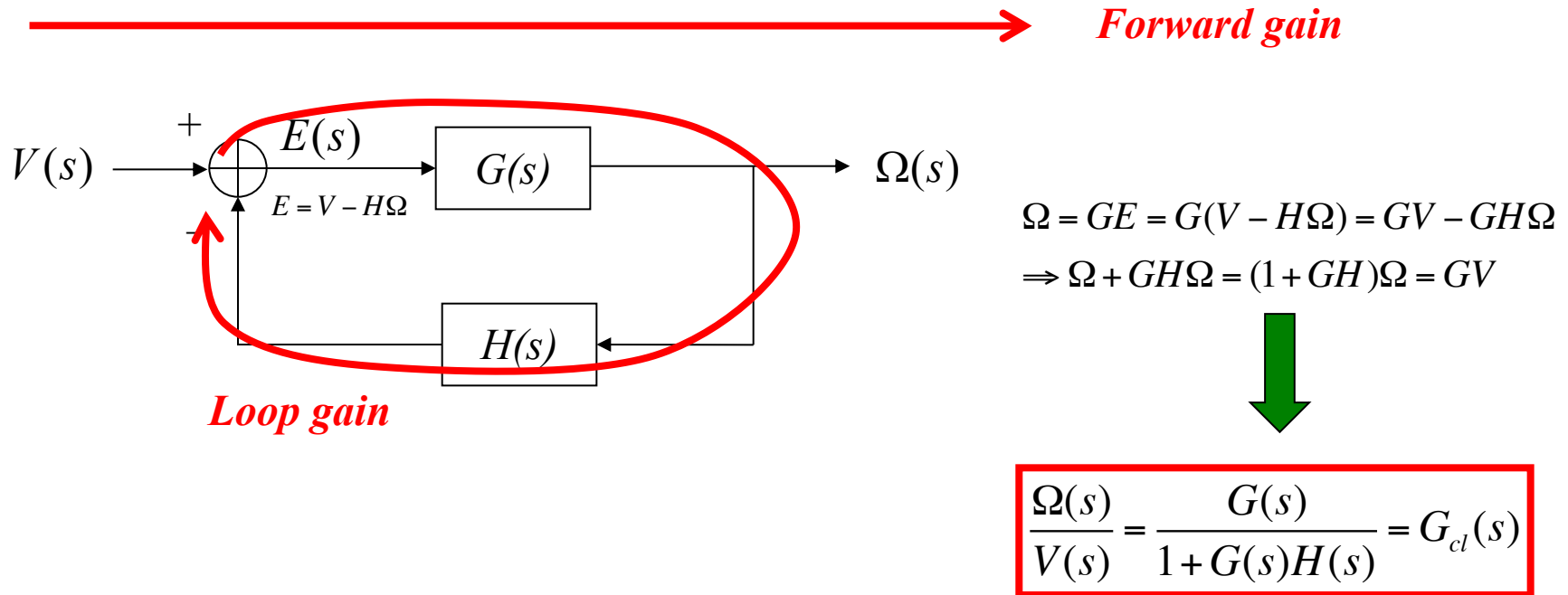
$$K = \frac{K_{dc}}{vc2pwm}$$

Voltage to PWM conversion factor:  $vc2pwm = \frac{255 [PWM]}{5 [V]} = 51$

# Closed-Loop Transfer Function



- **Closed-loop transfer function:** The gain of a single-loop feedback system is given by the forward gain divided by 1 plus the loop gain (for negative feedback).



# Closed-Loop Transfer Function: Proportional Control



$$G_{cl}(s) = \frac{\Omega(s)}{\Omega_r(s)} = \frac{K_p K}{\tau s + (1 + K_p K)} = \frac{\frac{K_p K}{(1 + K_p K)}}{\frac{\tau}{(1 + K_p K)} s + 1}$$

A new time constant

## Step Response Characteristics:

Transient

$$\tau' = \frac{\tau}{1 + K_p K}$$

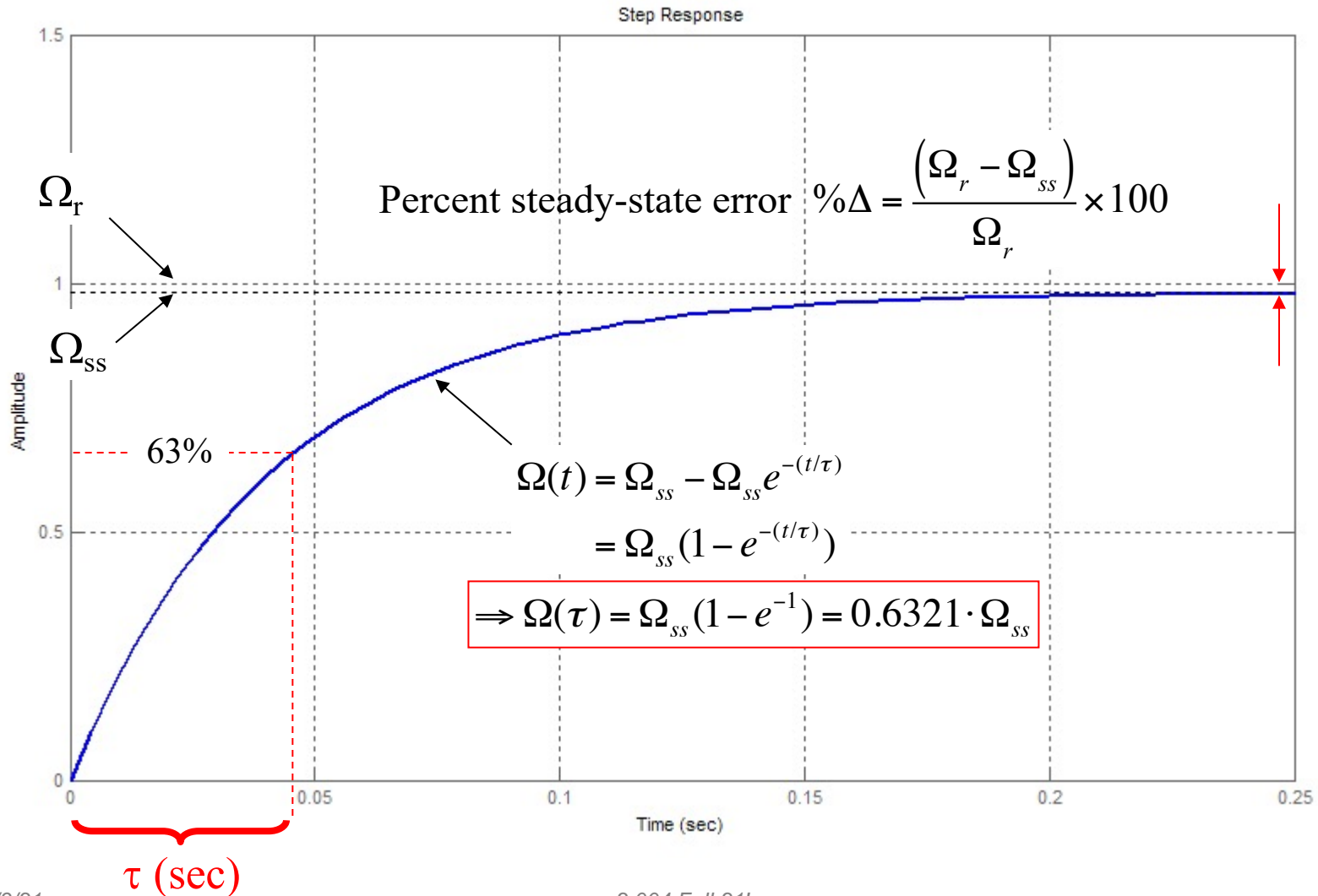
Steady-state

$$\Omega_{ss} = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \Omega(t) = \lim_{s \rightarrow 0} s \left( \frac{A}{s} \right) G_{cl}(s) = A \left( \frac{K_p K}{1 + K_p K} \right)$$

*A = 1 for a unit step input*

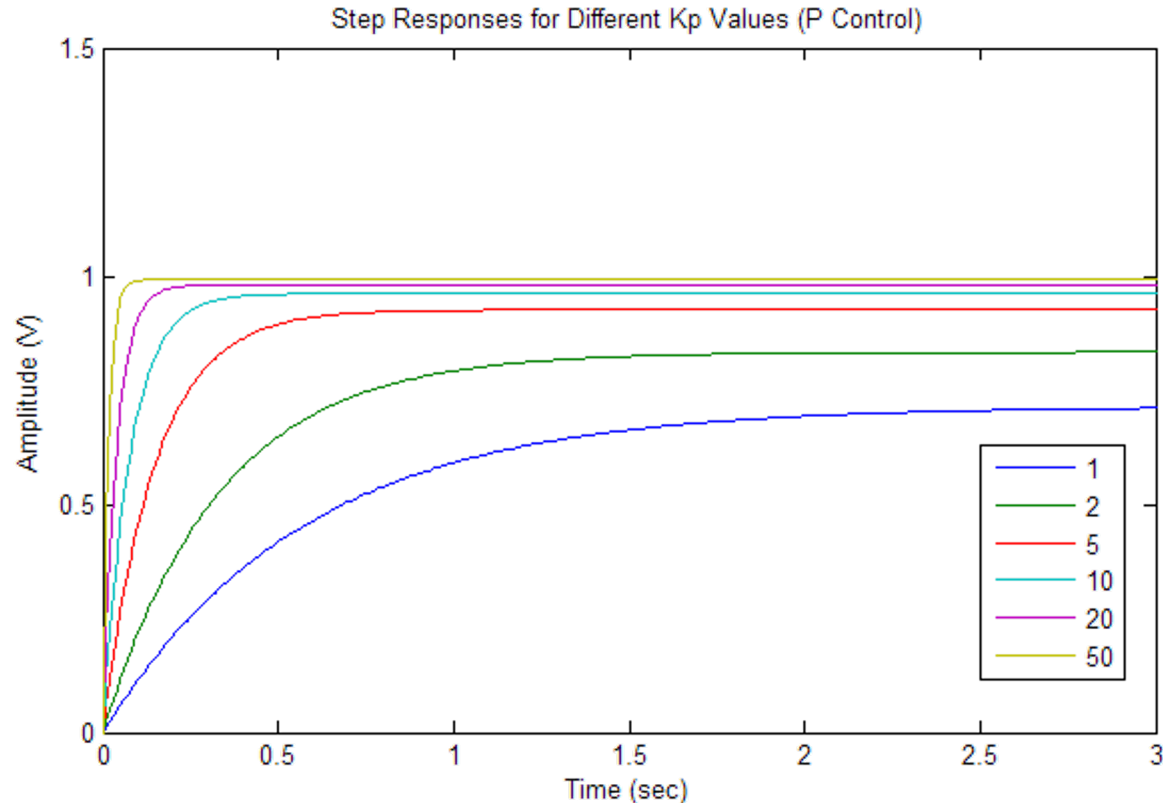


# Measuring Time Constant and SS Error



# Drawbacks of P Control

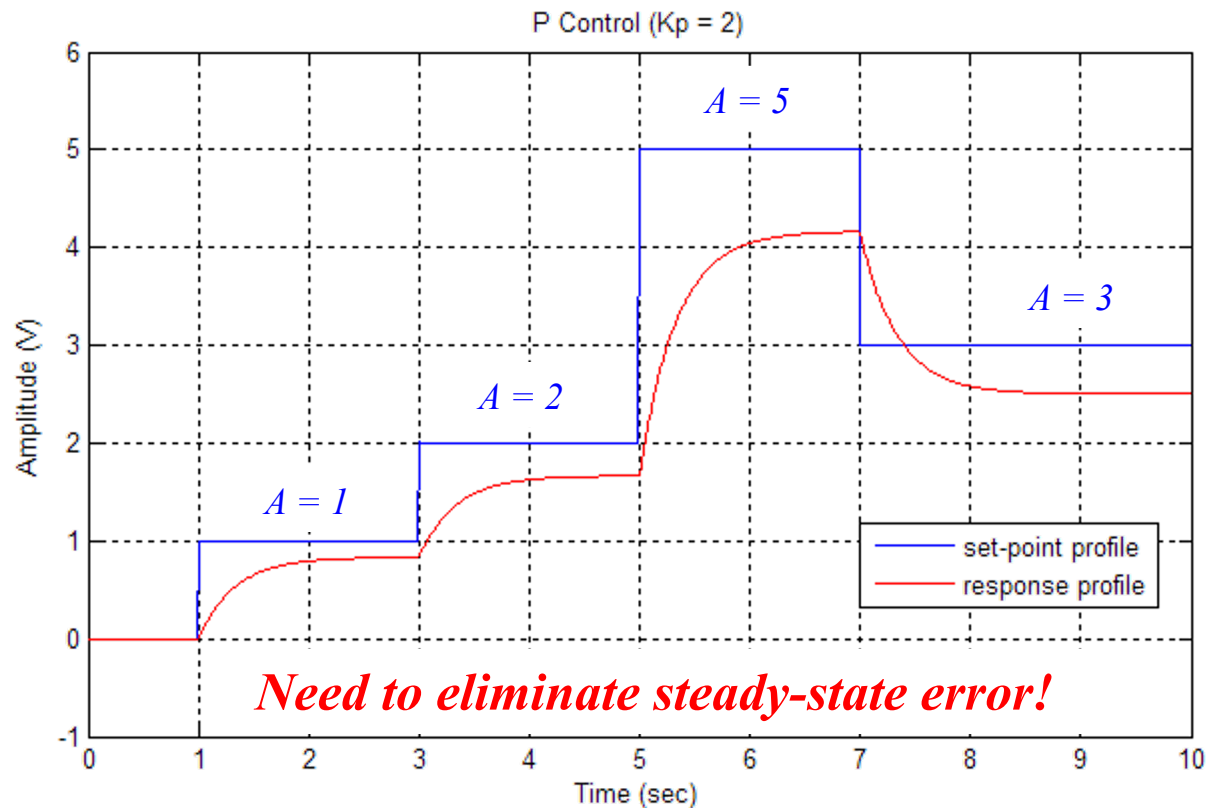
- Steady-state error
- $K_p$  is limited by the saturation limit of the system
- Large  $K_p$  will also amplify noise and/or disturbances that may lead to instability



# P Control Steady-State Errors

- In real world a set-point profile is often more complex than a simple step input.

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# Steady-State Error and System Types



- The servomotor plant is a “Type 0” system that will always have steady-state error with proportional control.

$$e_{ss} = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} e(t) = \lim_{s \rightarrow 0} sE(s) = \lim_{s \rightarrow 0} s[\Omega_r(s) - G(s)\Omega_r(s)] = \lim_{s \rightarrow 0} s[1 - G(s)]\Omega_r(s)$$

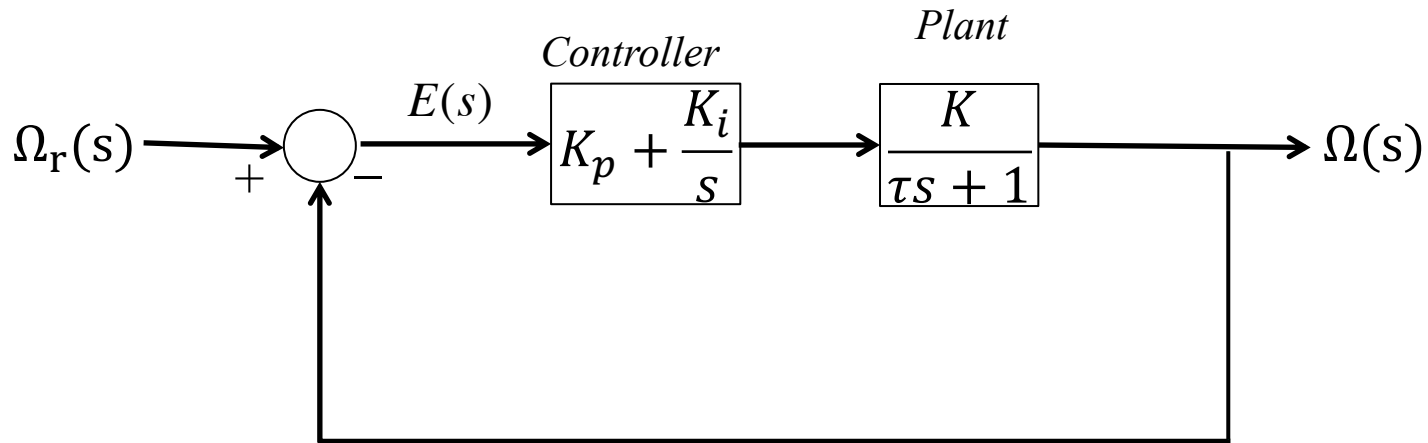
$$\text{Closed-loop P control} \Rightarrow 1 - G_{cl}(s) = 1 - \frac{K_p K}{\tau s + (1 + K_p K)} \neq 0$$

- A system type can be determined by the number of “free” integrations in the open-loop transfer function.

$$G_{ol}(s) = \frac{N(s)}{s^n D(s)} \quad \text{“Type } n\text{” system}$$

- Type  $n$  system will produce zero steady-state error for input of the same order or less. For example,
  - Zero steady-state error for Type 1 system when given a step input.

# I Control to Eliminate Steady-State Error



$$G_{cl}(s) = \frac{K(K_p s + K_i)}{\tau s^2 + (1 + K_p K)s + K_i K}$$

One zero  
Two poles

Steady-state

$$\Omega_{ss} = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \Omega(t) = \lim_{s \rightarrow 0} s \left( \frac{A}{s} \right) G_{cl}(s) = A \left( \frac{K_i K}{K_i K} \right) = A$$

$A = 1$  for a unit step input

# Differential Equation Analysis



**P Control:**  $\tau \frac{d\Omega(t)}{dt} + \Omega(t) = K_p K (\Omega_r(t) - \Omega(t))$

At steady state  $\frac{d\Omega(t)}{dt} = 0 \Rightarrow \Omega_{ss} = K_p K (\Omega_r - \Omega_{ss}) \Rightarrow \boxed{\Omega_{ss} = \frac{K_p K}{1 + K_p K} \Omega_r}$

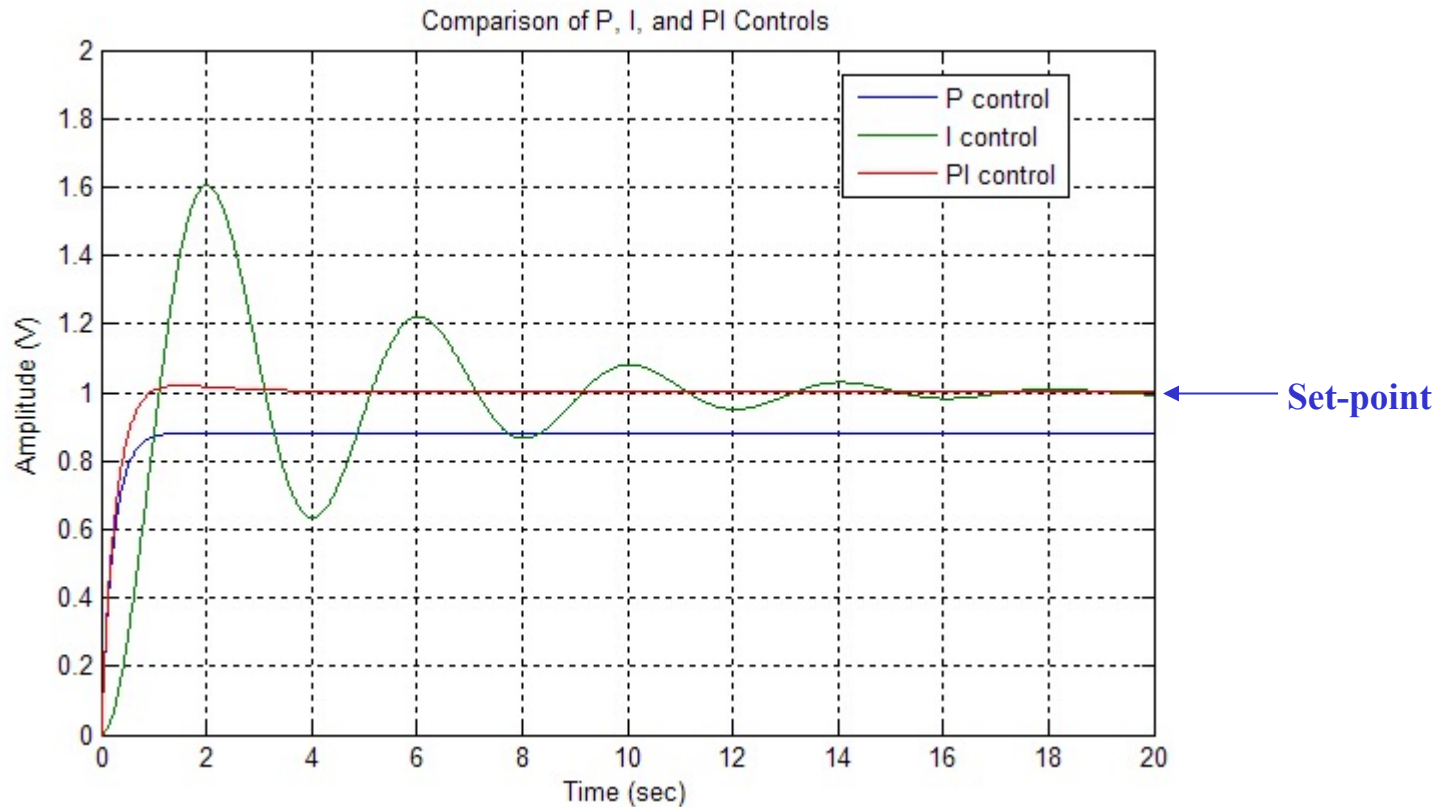
**PI Control:**  $\tau \frac{d\Omega(t)}{dt} + \Omega(t) = K_p K (\Omega_r(t) - \Omega(t)) + K_i K \int (\Omega_r(t) - \Omega(t)) dt$

Take derivative of above  $\tau \frac{d^2\Omega}{dt^2} + \frac{d\Omega}{dt} = K_p K \frac{d(\Omega_r - \Omega)}{dt} + K_i K (\Omega_r - \Omega)$

At steady state all derivatives go to zero  $\Rightarrow 0 = K_i K (\Omega_r - \Omega_{ss}) \Rightarrow \boxed{\Omega_{ss} = \Omega_r}$

# P, I, and PI Comparison

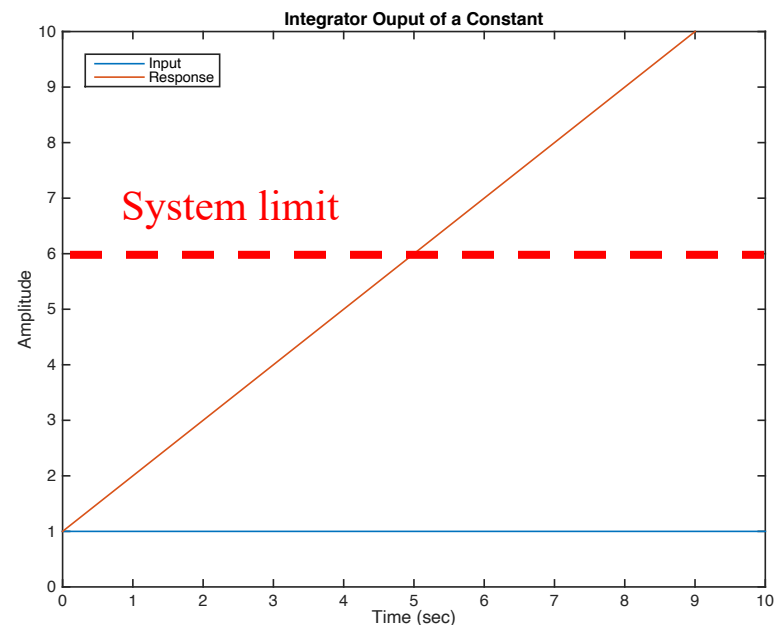
- P Control: steady-state error
- I Control: overshoot, longer transient, integrator windup



# Integrator Windup



- Caused by the interaction of integral action and saturations, etc.
- Actuators have limitations such as: torque/speed of a motor, opening/closing of a valve, etc.
- When saturation occurs
  - Controller output reaches the actuator limits
  - Feedback loop is inactive
  - System operates in open loop (i.e., actuator output is fixed at its saturation value and independent of the system states/outputs)
- A controller with integral action
  - Error continues to be integrated
  - Integral term may become very large ( it “winds up”)
  - System may exhibit large transients when saturation occurs

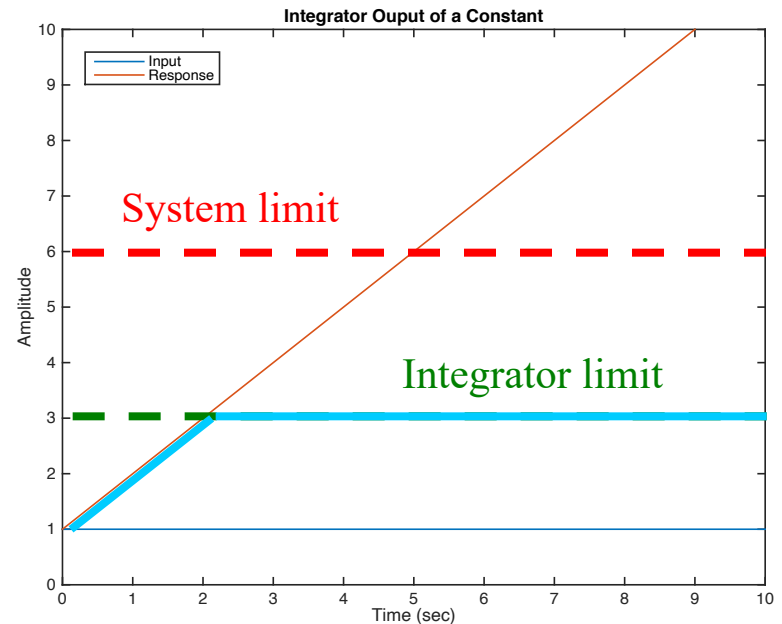




# Anti-Windup



- Limit set-point range so the actuator does not saturate.
  - Sets conservative bounds
  - Results in poor performance
  - Does not avoid windup caused by disturbances
- Avoid by maintaining the integral term to an appropriate value when the actuator saturates.



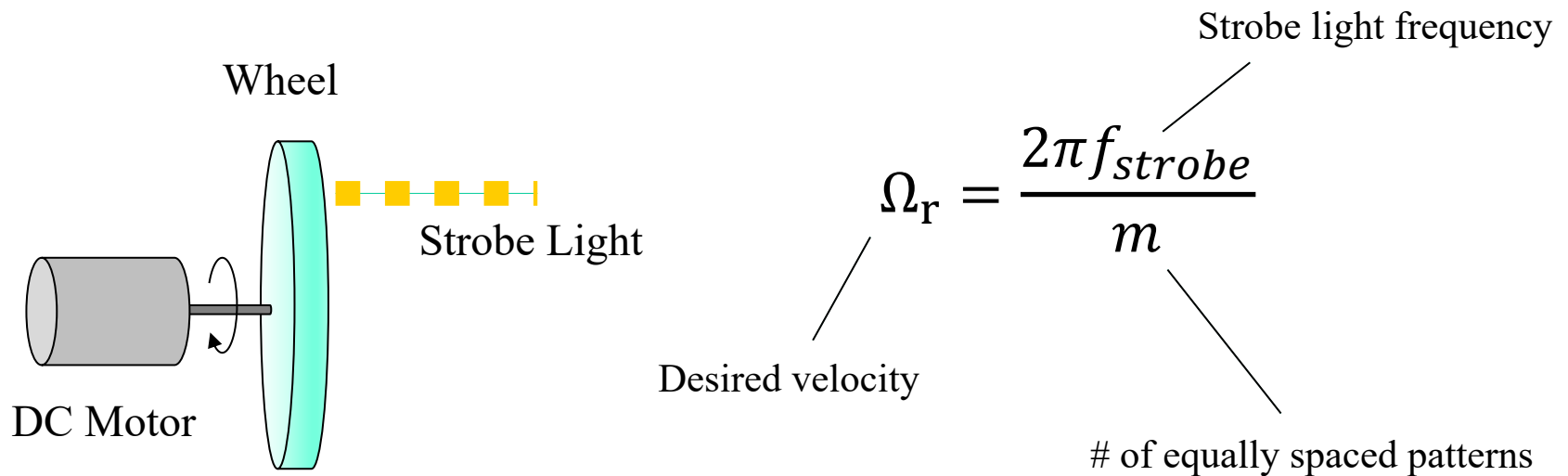
# PI Controller Design



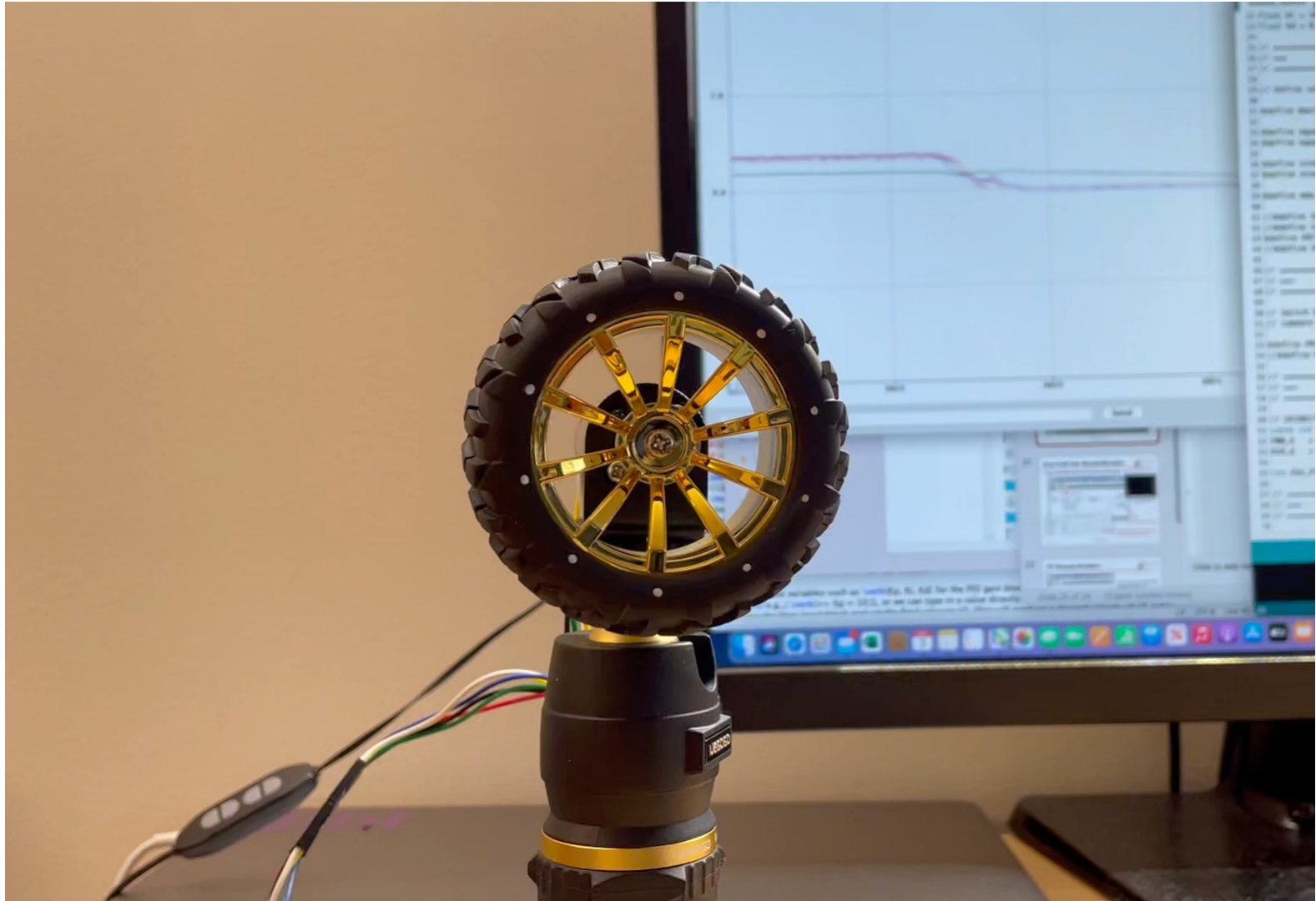
- **Design a PI controller based on given transient specifications:**
  - Critically damped
  - Natural frequency = 10 rad/s
- **Implement your controller gains on the Arduino and acquire an actual response with a reference angular velocity  $\Omega_r = 15 \text{ rad/s}$ .**

# Test The Controller

- Test the controller by observing the Stroboscopic effect.
- Determine the desired wheel velocity.
- Use your phone's camera app to observe the spokes of the wheel. Verify or set the frame rate to 30 frames per second (fps) in video mode.



# Strobe Effect Example



# Extra Credit Task: Simulink Simulation



Create a Simulink model for the velocity control system

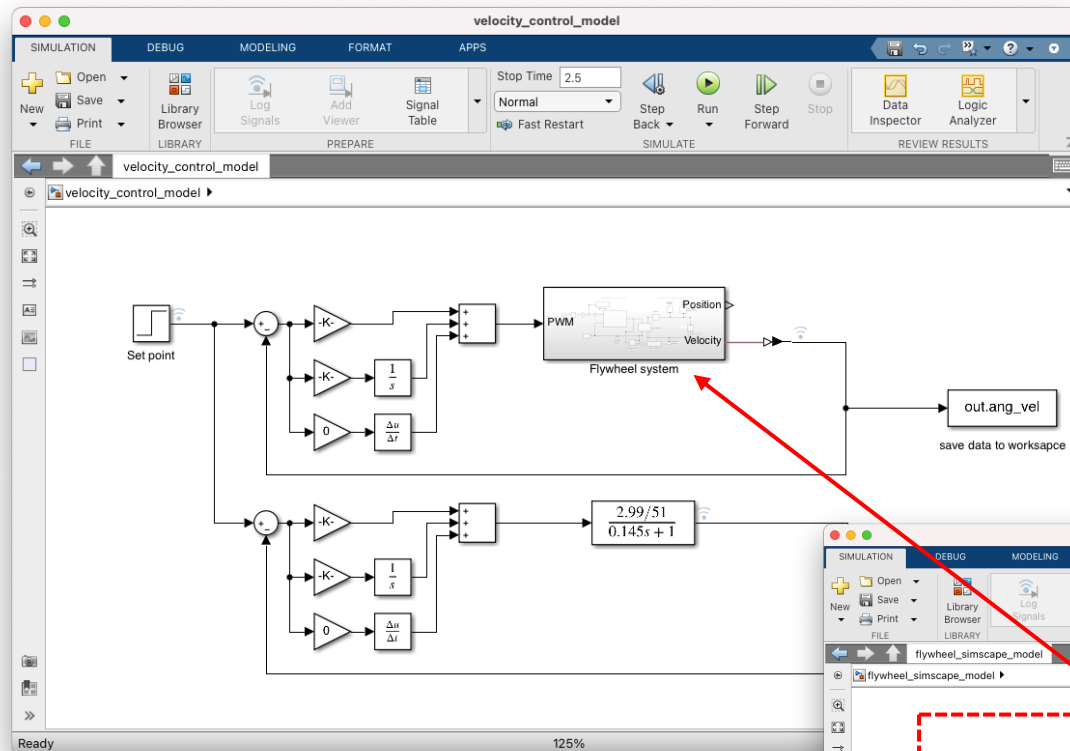
The image displays a Simulink model titled "velocity\_control\_model" and its configuration parameters. The model is a PID controller for velocity control. It starts with a "Set point" block (a step function) connected to a summing junction (+). The output of the summing junction is fed into three parallel paths: a proportional gain block ( $K_p$ ), an integral path consisting of a gain block ( $K_i$ ) followed by an integrator block ( $\frac{1}{s}$ ), and a derivative path consisting of a gain block ( $K_d$ ) followed by a derivative block ( $\frac{\Delta u}{\Delta t}$ ). The outputs of these three paths are summed at a second summing junction (indicated by three '+' signs). The output of this second summing junction is fed into a transfer function block  $\frac{9.96/51}{0.143s + 1}$ . The output of the transfer function block is connected to a scope block and a "save data to workspace" block labeled "out.ang\_vel".

The "Configuration Parameters: velocity\_control\_model/Configuration (Active)" window is shown below the model. It displays the following settings:

- Solver:** Fixed-step
- Solver selection:** Type: Fixed-step, Solver: auto (Automatic solver selection)
- Solver details:** Fixed-step size (fundamental sample time): 0.01

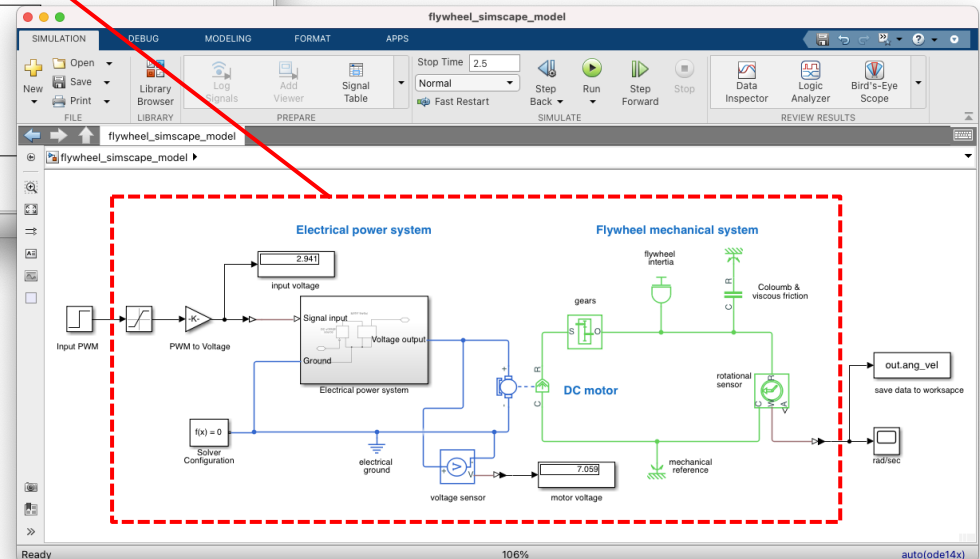
Annotations with red arrows point to the "Library browser" in the top left of the Simulink window, the "Scope window" showing a plot of the system response, the "Save data to workspace" block, and the "Change solver type to fixed-step with a step size of 0.01 (s)" setting in the configuration window.

# FYI: Simscape Simulation

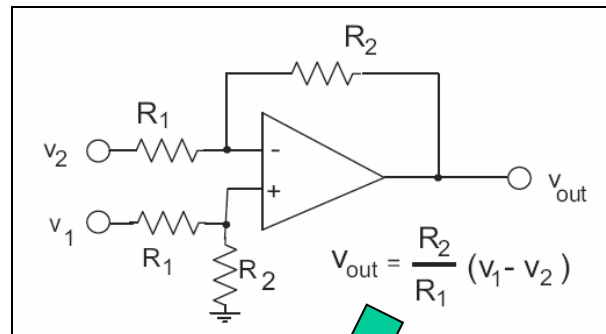
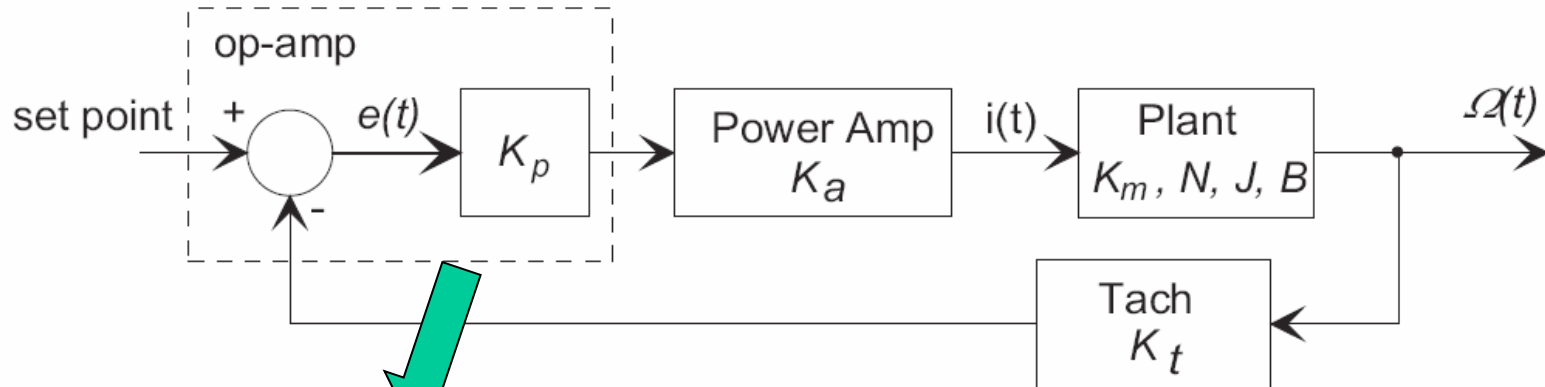


You can also use the flywheel Simscape model to do feedback control simulation.

Select the blocks in the Simscape model and make it a subsystem block.



# FYI: Analog Proportional Controller

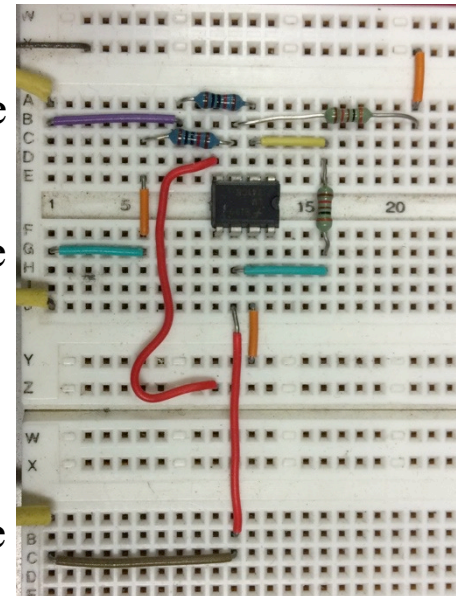


$$K_p = \frac{R_2}{R_1}$$

Tach voltage

Set point voltage

Controller voltage



# FYI: Analog PID Controller

$$V_{out} = K_p V_{in} + K_d \frac{dV_{in}}{dt} + K_i \int_0^t V_{in} dt$$

