# Numerical Optimal Control From linear MPC to real-time NMPC

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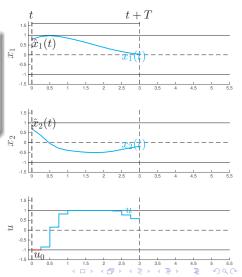
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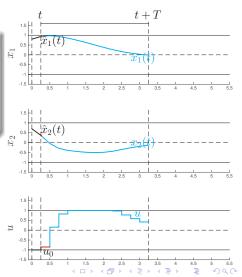
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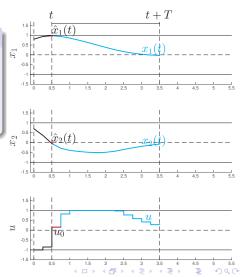
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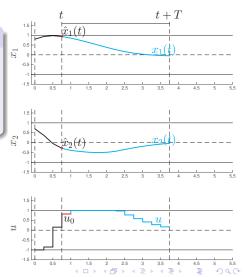
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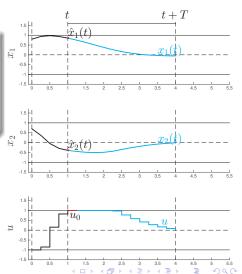
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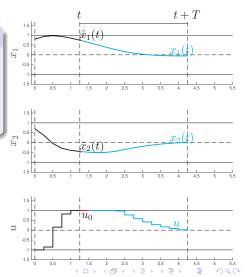
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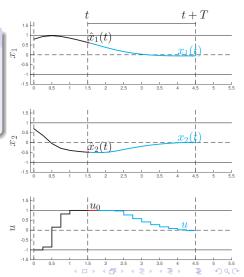
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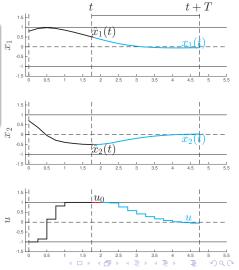
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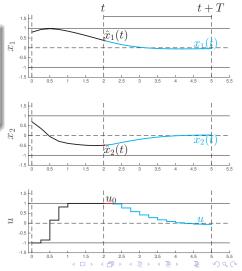
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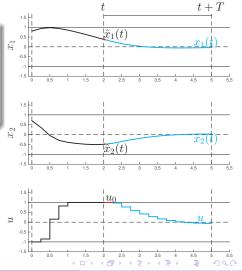
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- Inputs discretized (z.o.h.) over an ad-hoc time grid t<sub>0</sub>,...,t<sub>N</sub>
- Alternative formulations:
  - Terminal cost
  - Terminal constraint



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- Embed parameters in NLP
- Classic SQP step is a predictor-corrector
- Cheap coding for path-following

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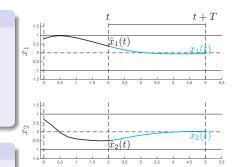
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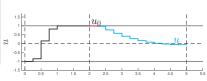
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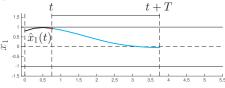
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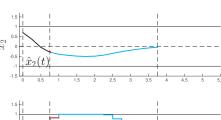


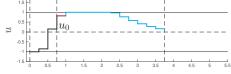


- Initial conditions play the role of parameters
- Solution for  $\hat{\mathbf{x}}(t)$  is almost solution for  $\hat{\mathbf{x}}(t + \Delta t)$
- Predictor-corrector approach for solving problem  $\hat{\mathbf{x}}(t + \Delta t)$ ?

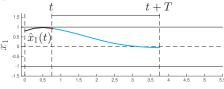
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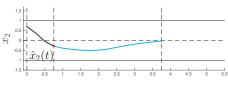


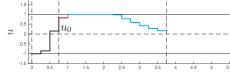




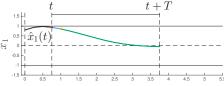
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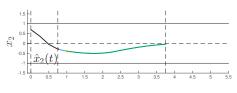


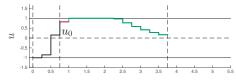




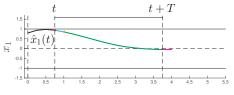
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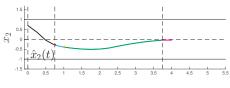


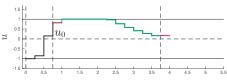




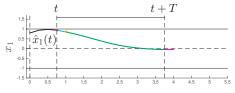
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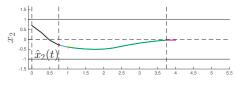


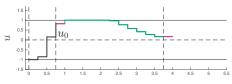




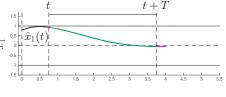
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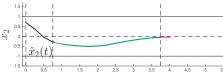


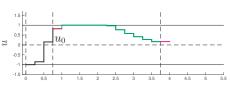




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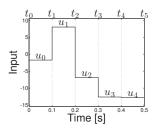






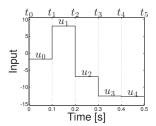
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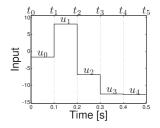
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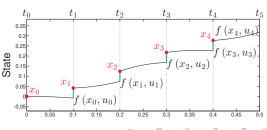


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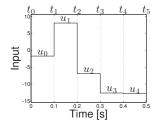




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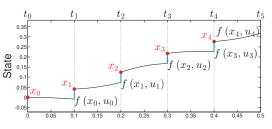
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Compute  $H, \mathbf{h}, \nabla_{\mathbf{w}} \mathbf{h}, \nabla_{\mathbf{w}} \mathbf{g}, \nabla_{\mathbf{w}} \Phi$  and

$$\tilde{\mathbf{g}} = \left[ \begin{array}{c} \mathbf{f}\left(\mathbf{x}_{0}, \mathbf{u}_{0}\right) - \mathbf{x}_{1} \\ \vdots \\ \mathbf{f}\left(\mathbf{x}_{N-1}, \mathbf{u}_{N-1}\right) - \mathbf{x}_{N} \end{array} \right]$$

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return  $H, h, \nabla h, \nabla g, \nabla \Phi$  and  $\tilde{g}$ 

Perform when receiving  $\hat{\mathbf{x}}_+$ 

Algorithm: Feedback phase

Input:  $\hat{\mathbf{x}}_+$ ,  $H, \mathbf{h}, \nabla \mathbf{h}, \nabla \mathbf{g}, \nabla \Phi$  and  $\tilde{\mathbf{g}}$ 

Form

$$\mathbf{g}\left(\mathbf{w},\hat{\mathbf{x}}_{i}\right) = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{x}_{0} - \hat{\mathbf{x}}_{+} \\ \tilde{\mathbf{g}} \end{bmatrix}$$

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### Time-split of the algorithm...

- RTI reduces control delay by doing linearization before receiving the state estimation (Preparation phase)
- Feedback "reduces" to solving a QP

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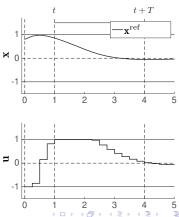
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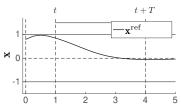
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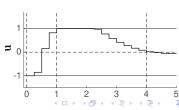
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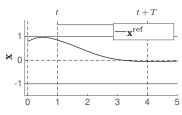
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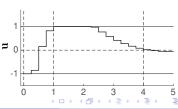
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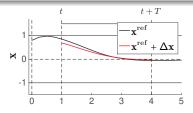
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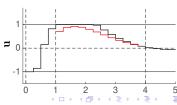
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### What about deploying NMPC?

NMPC 
$$(\hat{\mathbf{x}}_i, \mathbf{x}^{\text{ref}}, \mathbf{u}^{\text{ref}})$$
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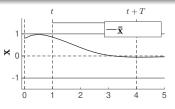


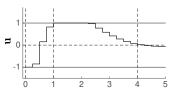
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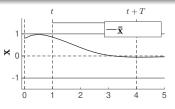


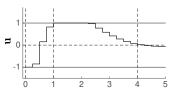
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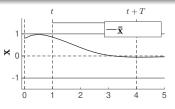


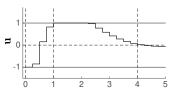
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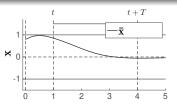


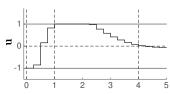
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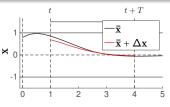


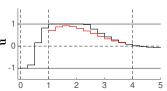
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SQP step = QP correction if  $W_k = H_k$  (Gauss-Newton approx.)

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#### Bottom line:

- NMPC with RTI "re-linearize" the dynamics at every time step based on the previous (shifted) solution.
- Regular MPC linearizes at the reference

#### From linear MPC to NMPC

$$\begin{aligned} \text{NMPC}\left(\hat{\mathbf{x}}_{i},\,\mathbf{x}^{\text{ref}},\,\mathbf{u}^{\text{ref}}\right) &: \min_{\mathbf{x},\mathbf{u}} \ \sum_{k=i}^{i+N-1} \frac{1}{2} \left[ \begin{array}{c} \mathbf{x}_{k} - \mathbf{x}_{k}^{\text{ref}} \\ \mathbf{u}_{k} - \mathbf{u}_{k}^{\text{ref}} \end{array} \right]^{\top} W_{k} \left[ \begin{array}{c} \mathbf{x}_{k} - \mathbf{x}_{k}^{\text{ref}} \\ \mathbf{u}_{k} - \mathbf{u}_{k}^{\text{ref}} \end{array} \right] \\ &\text{s. t.} \quad \mathbf{x}_{i} = \hat{\mathbf{x}}_{i} \\ &\mathbf{x}_{k+1} = \mathbf{f}\left(\mathbf{x}_{k}, \mathbf{u}_{k}\right) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{split} & \operatorname{MPC}\left(\hat{\mathbf{x}}_{i}, \, \mathbf{x}^{\operatorname{ref}}, \, \mathbf{u}^{\operatorname{ref}}\right) : \\ & \underset{\Delta \mathbf{x}, \Delta \mathbf{u}}{\min} \, \sum_{k=i}^{i+N-1} \frac{1}{2} \left[ \begin{array}{c} \Delta \mathbf{x}_{k} \\ \Delta \mathbf{u}_{k} \end{array} \right]^{\mathsf{T}} \, W_{k} \left[ \begin{array}{c} \Delta \mathbf{x}_{k} \\ \Delta \mathbf{u}_{k} \end{array} \right] \\ & \operatorname{s.t.} \quad \Delta \mathbf{x}_{i} = \hat{\mathbf{x}}_{i} - \mathbf{x}_{i}^{\operatorname{ref}} \\ & \Delta \mathbf{x}_{k+1} = A_{k} \Delta \mathbf{x}_{k} + B_{k} \Delta \mathbf{u}_{k} + \mathbf{r}_{k} \end{split}$$

Linear MPC uses  $\bar{\mathbf{x}}_k = \mathbf{x}^{\text{ref}}, \bar{\mathbf{u}}_k = \mathbf{u}^{\text{ref}}$ :

Only once, offline form at :

$$A_k$$
,  $B_k$ ,  $J_k = 0$ ,  $\mathbf{r}_k$ 

Online: solve QP

### At every time instant, RTI does:

- Shift previous solution to get  $\bar{\mathbf{x}}_k, \bar{\mathbf{u}}_k$
- Form at  $\bar{\mathbf{x}}_k, \bar{\mathbf{u}}_k$ :

$$A_k$$
,  $B_k$ ,  $J_k$ ,  $\mathbf{r}_k$ 

- Solve QP
- RTI ≡ linear MPC + update of the linearization based on our best guess
- If integrators are fast, then NMPC is "as fast as" linear MPC

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