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# ADAPTIVE LEARNING, ESTIMATION AND SUPERVISION OF DYNAMICAL SYSTEMS (ALES)

## Case study 1: Virtual Reference Feedback Tuning (VRFT)

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# Virtual Reference Feedback Tuning (VRFT)

The VRFT is a **direct method** for designing controllers. It operates using a «**batch**» of input-output (open loop) data collected from the system

## Indirect control design methods

1. Perform experiments on the open-loop system
2. Identify a model of the system
3. Design the controller based on identified model

Traditional «**model-based control design**» paradigm

## Direct control design methods

1. Perform experiments on the open-loop system
2. Design directly the controller («identify the controller»)

«**Direct Data-driven**» control design paradigm



# Ingredients of the VRFT method

## 1. Unknown SISO linear system $y(t) = G(z)u(t)$

$G(z)$  is **not known** (and we do not want to identify it)

## 2. Family of linear parametric 1-DOF controllers

$$R(z; \boldsymbol{\theta}) = \underset{1 \times d}{\boldsymbol{\beta}^\top(z)} \underset{d \times 1}{\boldsymbol{\theta}} \quad \boldsymbol{\beta}(z) = [\beta_1(z) \ \beta_2(z) \ \dots \ \beta_d(z)]^\top \quad \boldsymbol{\theta} = [\theta_1 \ \theta_2 \ \dots \ \theta_d]^\top$$

### Examples:

$$\boldsymbol{\beta}(z) = [1 \quad z^{-1} \quad \dots \quad z^{-n}]^\top \quad \Rightarrow \quad R(z; \boldsymbol{\theta}) = \theta_1 + \theta_2 z^{-1} + \dots + \theta_n z^{-n}$$

$$\boldsymbol{\beta}(z) = \left[ 1 \quad \frac{1}{1 - z^{-1}} \quad 1 - z^{-1} \right]^\top \quad \Rightarrow \quad R(z; \boldsymbol{\theta}) = \theta_1 + \theta_2 \frac{1}{1 - z^{-1}} + \theta_3 (1 - z^{-1})$$

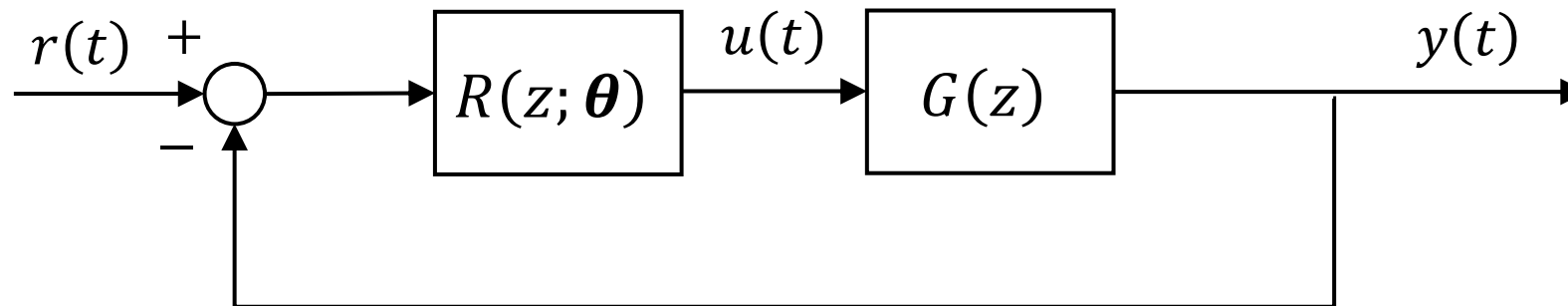
**PID controller**

# Ingredients of the VRFT method

## 3. Model-reference control specification

Let  $M(z)$  a reference model for the desired closed-loop behaviour. The aim is to design the controller  $R(z; \theta)$  so that

$$M(z) \approx \frac{G(z)R(z; \theta)}{1 + G(z)R(z; \theta)}$$



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# Defining the control problem

What **we would like** to minimize is the (possibly weighted) **closed-loop mismatch** between the reference model and the attained behaviour given the controller  $R(z; \theta)$

$$J_{\text{MR}}(\theta) = \left\| \left( \frac{G(z)R(z; \theta)}{1 + G(z)R(z; \theta)} - M(z) \right) \cdot W(z) \right\|_2^2$$

**Model-reference cost**

This cost **cannot be computed** since  $G(z)$  is not known!

We have to find another cost function (different but similar) that can be minimized, using a set of **open-loop** system measurements

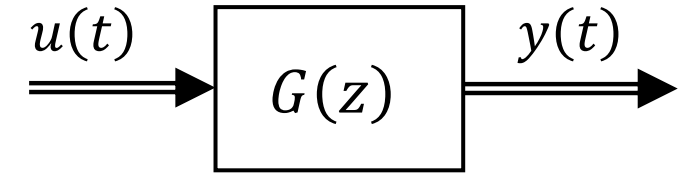
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# Basic idea

1. Perform an **open-loop experiment** on the system, and collect the measurements  $\mathcal{D} = \{u(t), y(t)\}_{t=1}^N$



2. **IF** I was in closed-loop, and **IF** the **closed loop worked perfectly**, then the output  $y(t)$  would have been such that

$$y(t) = M(z)\bar{r}(t)$$

where  $\bar{r}(t)$  is the **reference signal** that generated the measurement  $y(t)$ . The signal  $\bar{r}(t)$  is «**virtual**» since it does not exist, but it can be computed as

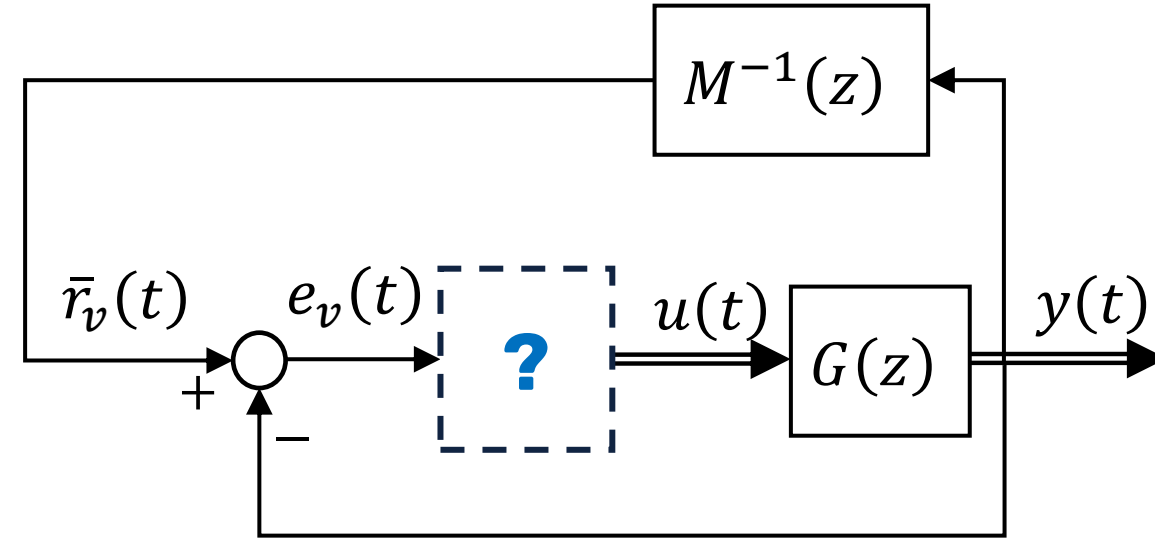
$$\bar{r}(t) = M^{-1}(z)y(t)$$

3. It is then possible to define the **virtual tracking error**  $e_v(t)$  of this closed-loop (which does not exist)

$$e_v(t) = \bar{r}(t) - y(t)$$

# Basic idea

4. The controller that grants this closed-loop to exist must be such that, when fed with the tracking error  $e_v(t)$ , would provide the input  $u(t)$  that generated  $y(t)$



Thus, the problem is to **identify the controller**  $R(z; \theta)$  from  $\mathcal{D} = \{u(t), y(t)\}_{t=1}^N$  by minimizing

$$J_{\text{VR}}^N(\theta) = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{t=1}^N (u(t) - R(z; \theta)e_v(t))^2$$

**Virtual-reference cost**

# Basic idea

## Remark 1:

$M(z)$  is typically a strictly proper transfer function, so that  $M^{-1}(z)$  will result into a **non-causal** transfer function, i.e. computing  $\bar{r}(t)$  requires  $y(t+1), y(t+2), \dots$

This is not a problem, since we are working **off-line**, in a **batch** manner. So, future samples of  $y(\cdot)$  are already available

The reference model should be  $M(z) \neq 1$ , otherwise

$$e_v(t) = \bar{r}(t) - y(t) = (M^{-1}(z) - 1)y(t) = 0$$

# Basic idea

## Remark 2:

Using a controller which **is linear in the parameters**, the solution can be computed using least squares. In fact, the linear in the parameter controller is described by

$$R(z; \boldsymbol{\theta}) = \boldsymbol{\beta}^\top(z) \boldsymbol{\theta}$$

Thus

$$R(z; \boldsymbol{\theta}) e_v(t) = \boldsymbol{\beta}^\top(z) \boldsymbol{\theta} e_v(t) = \boldsymbol{\beta}^\top(z) e_v(t) \boldsymbol{\theta} = \boldsymbol{\varphi}^\top(t) \boldsymbol{\theta}$$

where

$$\boldsymbol{\varphi}(t) = [\beta_1(z) e_v(t) \quad \beta_2(z) e_v(t) \quad \dots \quad \beta_d(z) e_v(t)]^\top$$

# Basic idea

Then, the virtual reference cost function  $J_{VR}(\boldsymbol{\theta})$  can be rewritten as

$$J_{VR}^N(\boldsymbol{\theta}) = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{t=1}^N (u(t) - R(z; \boldsymbol{\theta}) e_v(t))^2 = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{t=1}^N (u(t) - \boldsymbol{\varphi}^T(t) \boldsymbol{\theta})^2$$

So that the solution is

$$\hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}}_{LS} = \left( \sum_{t=1}^N \underset{d \times 1}{\boldsymbol{\varphi}(t)} \underset{1 \times d}{\boldsymbol{\varphi}^T(t)} \right)^{-1} \cdot \sum_{t=1}^N \underset{d \times 1}{\boldsymbol{\varphi}(t)} \underset{1 \times 1}{u(t)}$$

# Basic idea

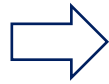
## Remark 3:

We modified the original problem of minimizing  $J_{\text{MR}}(\boldsymbol{\theta})$  into the minimization of  $J_{\text{VR}}^N(\boldsymbol{\theta})$ . The two cost functions **may not have the same minimum!**

In which measure the **two minima differ?** To answer this question, the  $J_{\text{VR}}^N(\boldsymbol{\theta})$  function is slightly modified by considering a **pre-filtered** version of input and virtual error signals

$$e_L(t) = L(z)e_v(t)$$

$$u_L(t) = L(z)u(t)$$



$$J_{\text{VR}}^N(\boldsymbol{\theta}) = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{t=1}^N \left( u_L(t) - R(z; \boldsymbol{\theta}) e_L(t) \right)^2 = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{t=1}^N \left( u_L(t) - \boldsymbol{\varphi}_L^\top(t) \boldsymbol{\theta} \right)^2$$

$$\boldsymbol{\varphi}_L^\top(t) = \boldsymbol{\beta}^\top(z) e_L(t)$$



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# VRFT problem solution and choice of filter $L(z)$

In general,  $J_{\text{MR}}(\boldsymbol{\theta})$  and  $J_{\text{VR}}^N(\boldsymbol{\theta})$  are different and they have different minima. However, it is possible to **choose the pre-filter**  $L(z)$  so that the **two minima coincide**

Consider the **model-reference cost**  $J_{\text{MR}}(\boldsymbol{\theta})$ : the (squared)  $\mathcal{H}_2$  norm can be written as

$$\begin{aligned} J_{\text{MR}}(\boldsymbol{\theta}) &= \left\| \left( \frac{G(z)R(z; \boldsymbol{\theta})}{1 + G(z)R(z; \boldsymbol{\theta})} - M(z) \right) \cdot W(z) \right\|_2^2 \\ &= \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \left| \frac{G(e^{j\omega})R(e^{j\omega}; \boldsymbol{\theta})}{1 + G(e^{j\omega})R(e^{j\omega}, \boldsymbol{\theta})} - M(e^{j\omega}) \right|^2 \cdot \left| W(e^{j\omega}) \right|^2 d\omega \end{aligned}$$

# VRFT problem solution and choice of filter $L(z)$

The reference model  $M(z)$  can be expressed as

$$M(z) = \frac{G(z)R_0(z)}{1 + G(z)R_0(z)}$$

where  $R_0(z)$  is the controller that **exactly solves** the model-matching problem. Notice that  $R_0(z; \theta^0)$  could not belong to the model set  $R(z; \theta)$

Substituting this definition of  $M(z)$  in  $J_{\text{MR}}(\theta)$ , we get (dropping  $e^{j\omega}$  for simplicity)

$$J_{\text{MR}}(\theta) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \frac{|G|^2 |W|^2}{|1 + GR(\theta)|^2} \cdot \frac{|R(\theta) - R_0|^2}{|1 + GR_0|^2} d\omega$$

# VRFT problem solution and choice of filter $L(z)$

Consider now the **virtual-reference cost**  $J_{VR}^N(\boldsymbol{\theta})$

$$J_{VR}^N(\boldsymbol{\theta}) = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{t=1}^N \left( u_L(t) - R(z; \boldsymbol{\theta}) e_L(t) \right)^2$$

If  $u(t)$  and  $y(t)$  are realizations of **stationary** and **ergodic processes**, also  $\bar{r}(t), e_v(t), e_L(t), u_L(t)$  are stationary, since computed by linear filtering. Then

$$J_{VR}^N(\boldsymbol{\theta}) \rightarrow J_{VR}(\boldsymbol{\theta}) = \mathbb{E} \left[ \left( u_L(t) - R(z; \boldsymbol{\theta}) e_L(t) \right)^2 \right]$$

so that  $J_{VR}(\boldsymbol{\theta})$  is the **variance** of the stationary process  $u_L(t) - R(z; \boldsymbol{\theta}) e_L(t)$

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We can also write

$$\begin{aligned} u_L(t) - R(z; \boldsymbol{\theta})e_L(t) &= L(z)u(t) - L(z)R(z; \boldsymbol{\theta})e_v(t) = L(z)u(t) - L(z)R(z; \boldsymbol{\theta})[M^{-1}(z) - 1]y(t) \\ &= L(z)u(t) - L(z)R(z; \boldsymbol{\theta})[M^{-1}(z) - 1]G(z)u(t) = L(z) \left[ 1 - R(z; \boldsymbol{\theta})G(z) \left( \frac{1}{M(z)} - 1 \right) \right] u(t) \\ &= \frac{L(z)}{M(z)} [M(z) - R(z; \boldsymbol{\theta})G(z)(1 - M(z))G(z)] u(t) \\ &= \frac{L(z)}{M(z)} \left[ \frac{G(z)R_0(z)}{1 + G(z)R_0(z)} - R(z; \boldsymbol{\theta})G(z) \left( 1 - \frac{G(z)R_0(z)}{1 + G(z)R_0(z)} \right) G(z) \right] u(t) \\ &= \frac{L(z)}{M(z)} \frac{G(z)(R_0(z) - R(z; \boldsymbol{\theta}))}{1 + G(z)R_0(z)} u(t) \end{aligned}$$

# VRFT problem solution and choice of filter $L(z)$

The asymptotic virtual-reference cost  $J_{VR}(\boldsymbol{\theta})$  can thus be written as:

$$J_{VR}(\boldsymbol{\theta}) = \mathbb{E} \left[ \left( u_L(t) - R(z; \boldsymbol{\theta}) e_L(t) \right)^2 \right] = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \frac{|L|^2}{|M|^2} \frac{|G|^2}{|1 + GR_0|^2} |R_0 - R(\boldsymbol{\theta})|^2 \cdot \Phi_{uu} d\omega$$

where  $\Phi_{uu}(z)$  is the **power spectral density** of the input  $u(t)$

# VRFT problem solution and choice of filter $L(z)$

$$J_{\text{MR}}(\boldsymbol{\theta}) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \frac{|G|^2 |W|^2}{|1 + GR(\boldsymbol{\theta})|^2} \cdot \frac{|R(\boldsymbol{\theta}) - R_0|^2}{|1 + GR_0|^2} d\omega$$

**Model-reference cost**

$$J_{\text{VR}}(\boldsymbol{\theta}) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \frac{|L|^2}{|M|^2} \frac{|G|^2}{|1 + GR_0|^2} |R_0 - R(\boldsymbol{\theta})|^2 \cdot \Phi_{uu} d\omega$$

**Virtual-reference cost**

**Result 1:**  $R_0(z) \in R(z; \boldsymbol{\theta})$

If  $R_0(z) \in R(z; \boldsymbol{\theta})$ , then it exists  $\boldsymbol{\theta}^0$  s.t.  $J_{\text{MR}}(\boldsymbol{\theta}^0) = J_{\text{VR}}(\boldsymbol{\theta}^0) = 0$ , so that the VRFT approach is able to attain the **optimal controller**  $R_0(z)$  that achieves  $M(z)$

# VRFT problem solution and choice of filter $L(z)$

**Result 2:**  $R_0(z) \notin R(z; \boldsymbol{\theta})$

If  $R_0(z) \notin R(z; \boldsymbol{\theta})$ , it is possible to choose  $L(z)$  so that  $J_{\text{MR}}(\boldsymbol{\theta}^0)$  and  $J_{\text{VR}}(\boldsymbol{\theta}^0)$  coincide. Recall

$$J_{\text{MR}}(\boldsymbol{\theta}) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \frac{|G|^2 |W|^2}{|1 + GR(\boldsymbol{\theta})|^2} \cdot \frac{|R(\boldsymbol{\theta}) - R_0|^2}{|1 + GR_0|^2} d\omega \quad J_{\text{VR}}(\boldsymbol{\theta}) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \frac{|G|^2 |L|^2}{|M|^2} \cdot \frac{|R_0 - R(\boldsymbol{\theta})|^2}{|1 + GR_0|^2} \cdot \Phi_{uu} d\omega$$

By choosing  $L(z)$  so that

$$L(z) = \frac{M(z)W(z)}{1 + G(z)R(z; \boldsymbol{\theta})} \cdot \frac{1}{U(z)} \quad \Rightarrow \quad |L|^2 = \frac{|M|^2 |W|^2}{|1 + GR(\boldsymbol{\theta})|^2} \cdot \frac{1}{\Phi_{uu}}$$

it results that  $J_{\text{MR}}(\boldsymbol{\theta}) = J_{\text{VR}}(\boldsymbol{\theta})$ , where  $U(z)$  is a spectral canonical factor of  $\Phi_{uu}(\omega)$ , s.t.  
 $u(t) = U(z)\xi(t)$ ,  $\xi(t) \sim \text{WN}(0,1)$ ,



# VRFT problem solution and choice of filter $L(z)$

## Observation:

The **optimal filter**

$$L(z) = \frac{M(z)W(z)}{1 + G(z)R(z; \boldsymbol{\theta})} \cdot \frac{1}{U(z)}$$

**cannot be computed** since it depends on the unknown system  $G(z)$  and  $\boldsymbol{\theta}$

## Idea:

Substitute  $R(z; \boldsymbol{\theta})$  with  $R_0(z)$  (that, near the minimum, will be «almost» equal)

$$L(z) = \frac{M(z)}{1 + G(z)R_0(z)} \cdot \frac{W(z)}{U(z)}$$

# VRFT problem solution and choice of filter $L(z)$

The **asymptotic virtual-reference** cost now becomes

$$\begin{aligned} J_{VR}(\boldsymbol{\theta}) &= \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \frac{|G|^2 |R_0 - R(\boldsymbol{\theta})|^2}{|1 + GR_0|^2} \cdot \frac{|L|^2}{|M|^2} \cdot \Phi_{uu}(z) d\omega \\ &= \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \frac{|G|^2 |R_0 - R(\boldsymbol{\theta})|^2}{|1 + GR_0|^2} \cdot \frac{|M|^2}{|1 + GR_0|^2} \cdot \frac{|W|^2}{\Phi_{uu}} \cdot \Phi_{uu} \cdot \frac{1}{|M|^2} d\omega \\ &= \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \frac{|G|^2}{|1 + GR_0|^2} \cdot \frac{|R_0 - R(\boldsymbol{\theta})|^2}{|1 + GR_0|^2} \cdot |W|^2 d\omega \end{aligned}$$

# VRFT problem solution and choice of filter $L(z)$

$$J_{\text{MR}}(\boldsymbol{\theta}) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \frac{|G|^2 |W|^2}{|1 + GR_0|^2} \cdot \frac{|R(\boldsymbol{\theta}) - R_0|^2}{|1 + GR(\boldsymbol{\theta})|^2} d\omega$$

**Model-reference cost**

$$J_{\text{VR}}(\boldsymbol{\theta}) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \frac{|G|^2 |W|^2}{|1 + GR_0|^2} \cdot \frac{|R_0 - R(\boldsymbol{\theta})|^2}{|1 + GR_0|^2} d\omega$$

**Virtual-reference cost**

If the family of controllers  $R(z; \boldsymbol{\theta})$  is **only slightly under-parameterized**, it holds that

$$R_0 \approx R(\bar{\boldsymbol{\theta}}), \quad \bar{\boldsymbol{\theta}} = \operatorname{argmin}_{\boldsymbol{\theta}} J_{\text{MR}}(\boldsymbol{\theta})$$

Then, we can use the **approximation**

$$1 + G(z)R(z; \boldsymbol{\theta}) \approx 1 + G(z)R_0(z)$$

# VRFT problem solution and choice of filter $L(z)$

Since

$$1 - M(z) = \frac{1}{1 + G(z)R_0(z)}$$

we have that

$$L(z) = \frac{M(z)}{1 + G(z)R_0(z)} \cdot \frac{W(z)}{U(z)} = M(z)(1 - M(z)) \cdot \frac{W(z)}{U(z)}$$



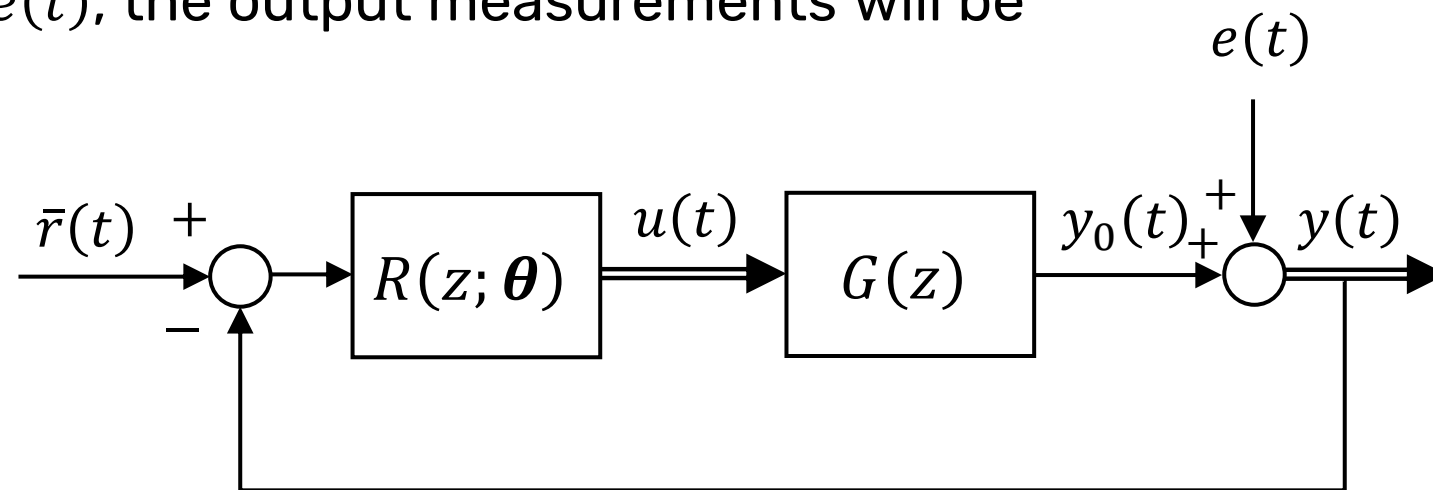
$$L(z) = M(z)(1 - M(z)) \cdot \frac{W(z)}{U(z)}$$

which is a filter perfectly **implementable in practice**

# VRFT for noisy data

In case the plant is affected by **noise**  $e(t)$ , the output measurements will be

$$y(t) = G(z)u(t) + e(t)$$



The regressors

$$\varphi_L^T(t) = \beta^T(z; \theta)e_L(t) = \beta^T(z; \theta)L(z)e_v(t) = \beta^T(z; \theta)L(z)(M^{-1}(z) - 1)y(t)$$

are **correlated with the noise**  $e(t)$  that acts on  $y(t)$ . Thus, the **instrumental variable** method has to be employed. The two-stage method can be employed to avoid a second experiment

# VRFT for noisy data

## VRFT summary

- Set  $L(z) = (1 - M(z))M(z)W(z)U(z)^{-1}$ , where  $|U(e^{j\omega})|^2 = \Phi_{uu}(\omega)$
- Perform an open-loop experiment on the plant, collecting  $\mathcal{D} = \{u(t), y(t)\}_{t=1}^N$
- Compute  $u_L(t) = L(z)u(t)$
- Compute  $\boldsymbol{\varphi}_L(t) = \boldsymbol{\beta}(z)L(z)(M(z)^{-1} - 1)y(t)$
- Identify a high-order model  $\hat{G}(z)$  from  $\mathcal{D}$
- Compute the IV  $\mathbf{z}(t) = \boldsymbol{\beta}(z)L(z)(M(z)^{-1} - 1)\hat{G}(z)u(t)$
- Estimate the controller parameters  $\hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}}_{IV} = (\sum_{t=1}^N \mathbf{z}(t)\boldsymbol{\varphi}^T(t))^{-1} \cdot \sum_{t=1}^N \mathbf{z}(t)u_L(t)$

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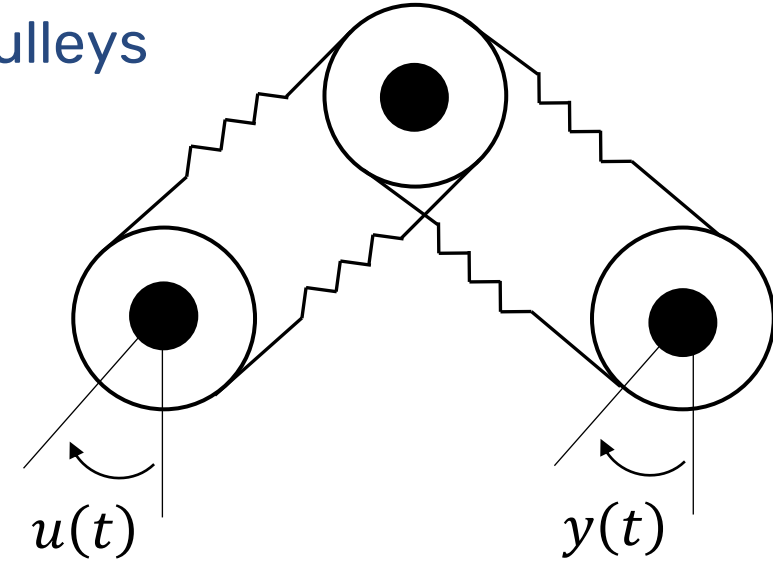


# Example: VRFT of a flexible transmission system

The flexible transmission consists of three horizontal pulleys connected by two elastic belts

**Input:** angular position of the first pulley

**Output:** angular position of the third pulley



The **control objective** is to make the two **angular positions** as **close as possible**. The plant input-output behaviour can be described by (with sampling time  $T_s = 0.05$  s)

$$G(z) = z^{-3} \cdot \frac{0.28261 + 0.50666z^{-1}}{1 - 1.41833z^{-1} + 1.58939z^{-2} - 1.31608z^{-3} + 0.88642z^{-4}}$$



# Example: VRFT of a flexible transmission system

The control objective is expressed by the following reference model

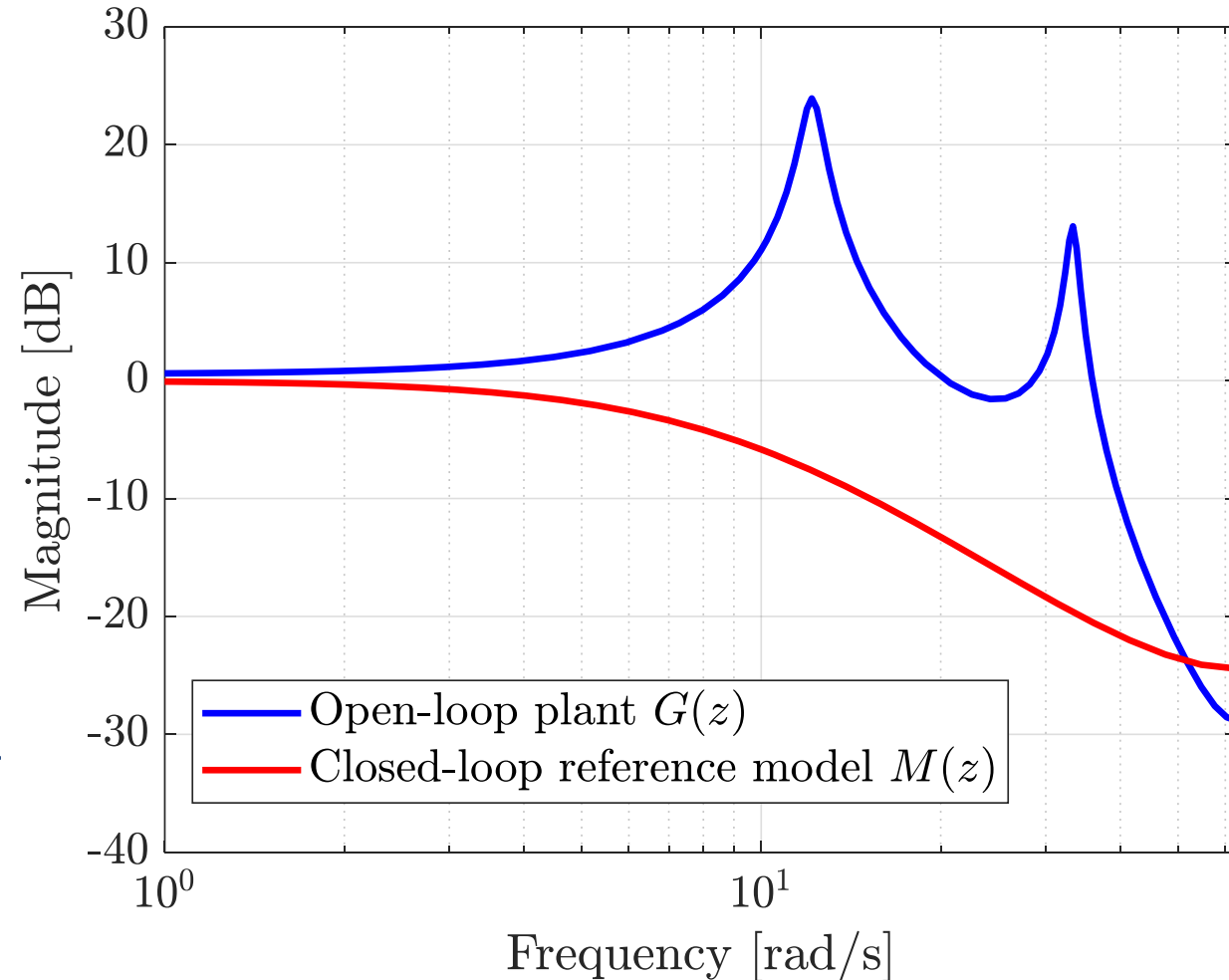
$$M(z) = z^{-3} \cdot \frac{(1 - \alpha)^2}{(1 - \alpha z^{-1})^2},$$

$$\alpha = e^{-T_s \bar{\omega}}, \quad \bar{\omega} = 10$$

The frequency weight is  $W(z) = 1$

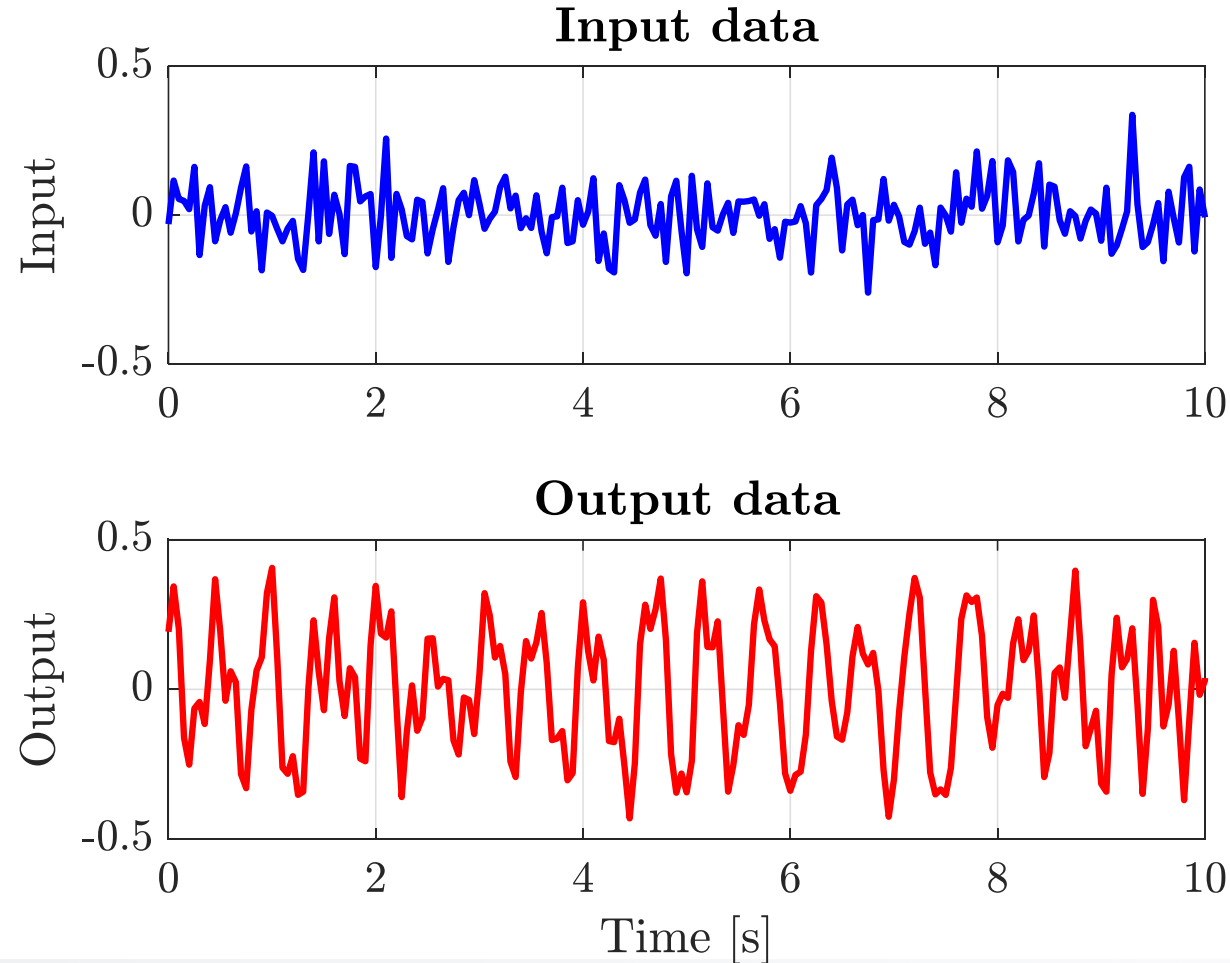
The class of controllers is

$$R(z; \theta) = \frac{\theta_0 + \theta_1 z^{-1} + \theta_2 z^{-2} + \theta_3 z^{-3} + \theta_4 z^{-4} + \theta_5 z^{-5}}{1 - z^{-1}}$$



# Example: VRFT of a flexible transmission system

The plant was excited with a white noise input  $u(t) \sim \text{WN}(0, 0.01)$ , collecting  $N = 512$  data

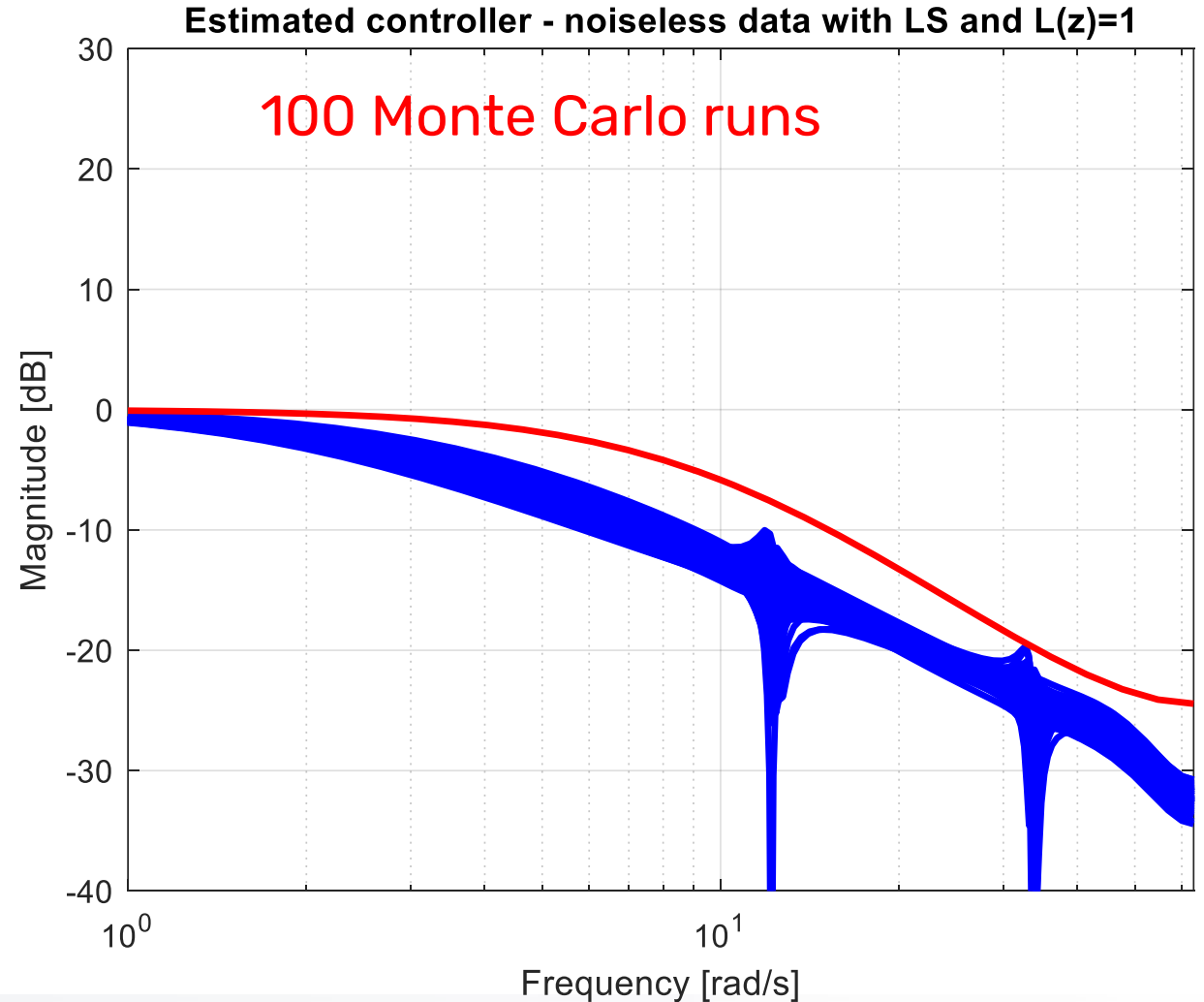


# Example: VRFT of a flexible transmission system

## Case 1: no prefilter, noiseless data

$$W(z) = 1, L(z) = 1$$

Not using the optimal prefilter leads  
to bad results



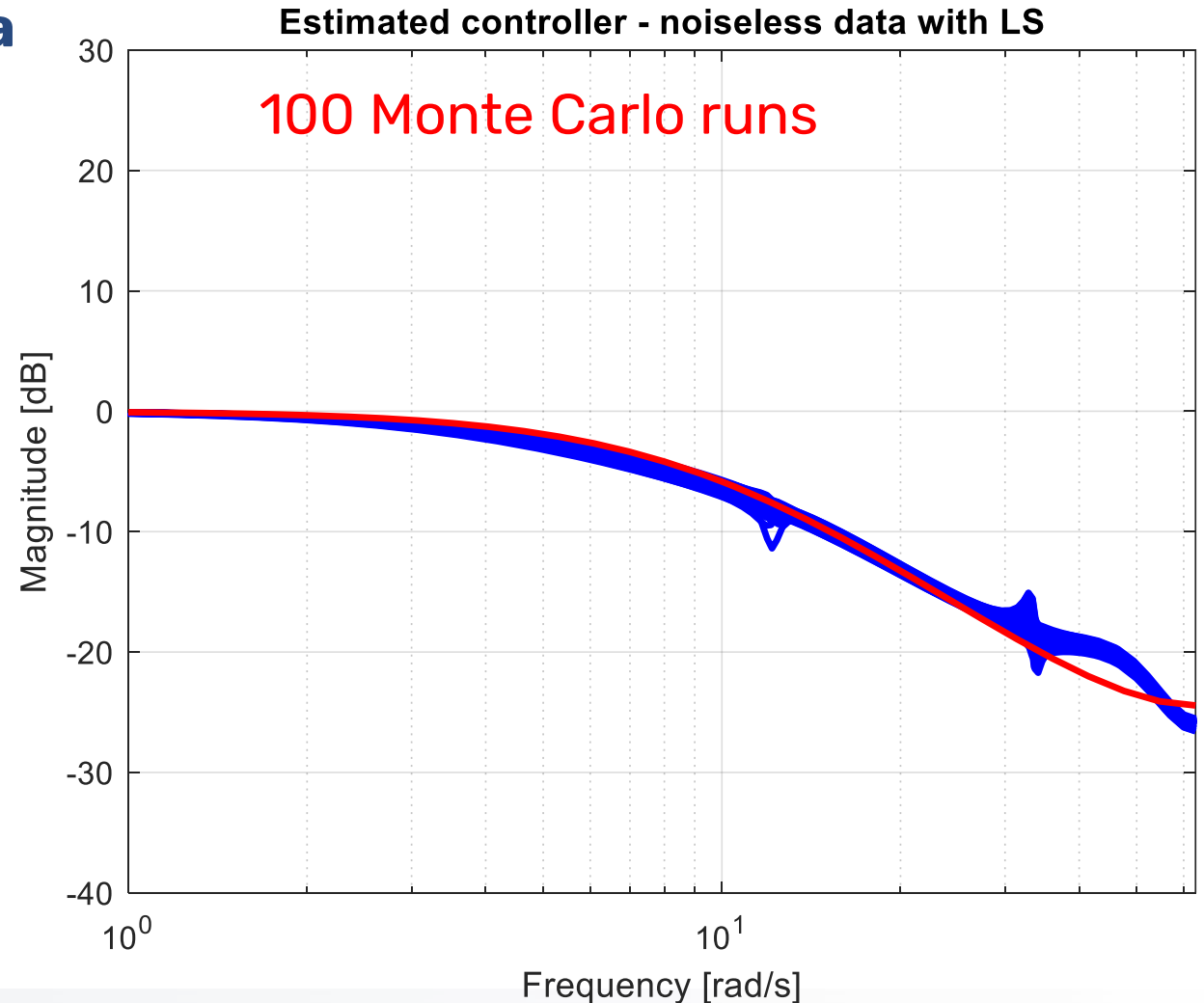
# Example: VRFT of a flexible transmission system

## Case 2: optimal prefilter, noiseless data

$$W(z) = 1, \quad \Phi_{uu}(z) = 0.01$$

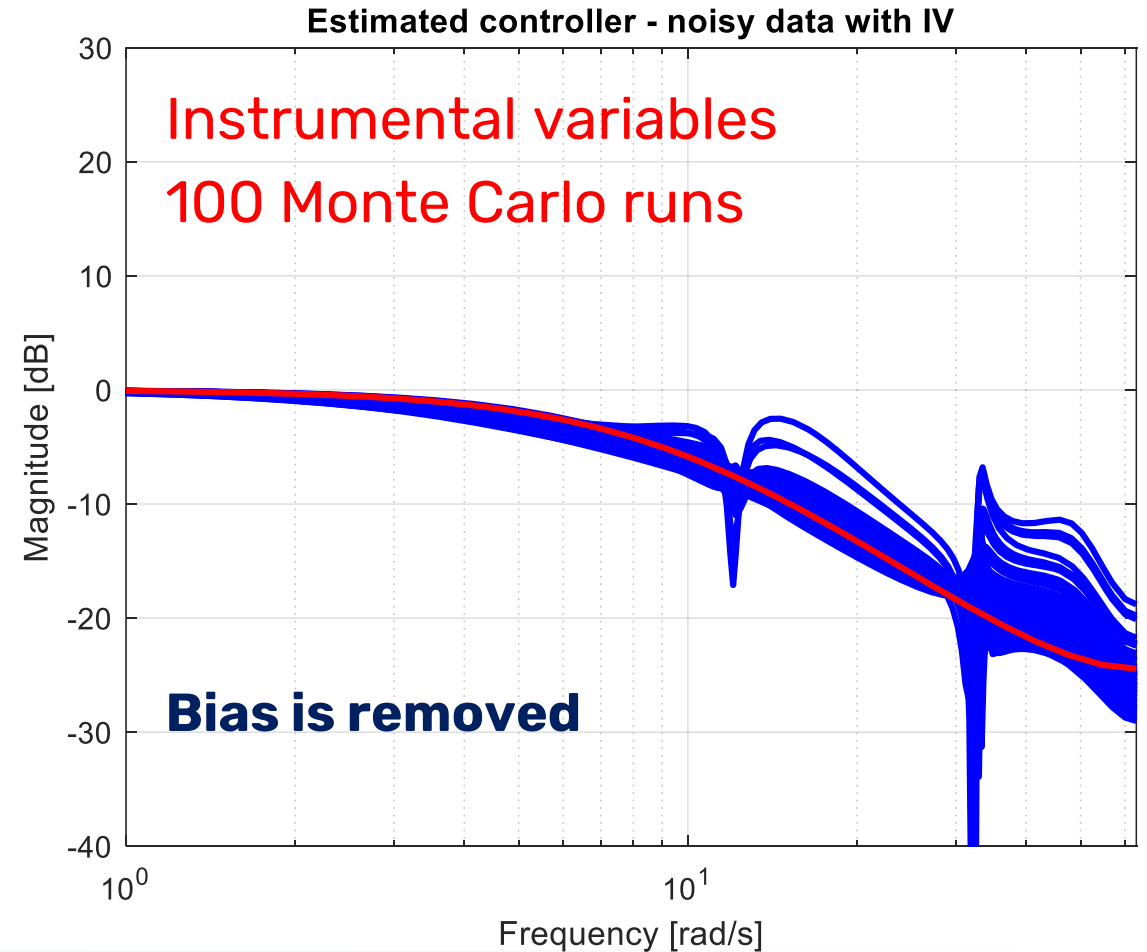
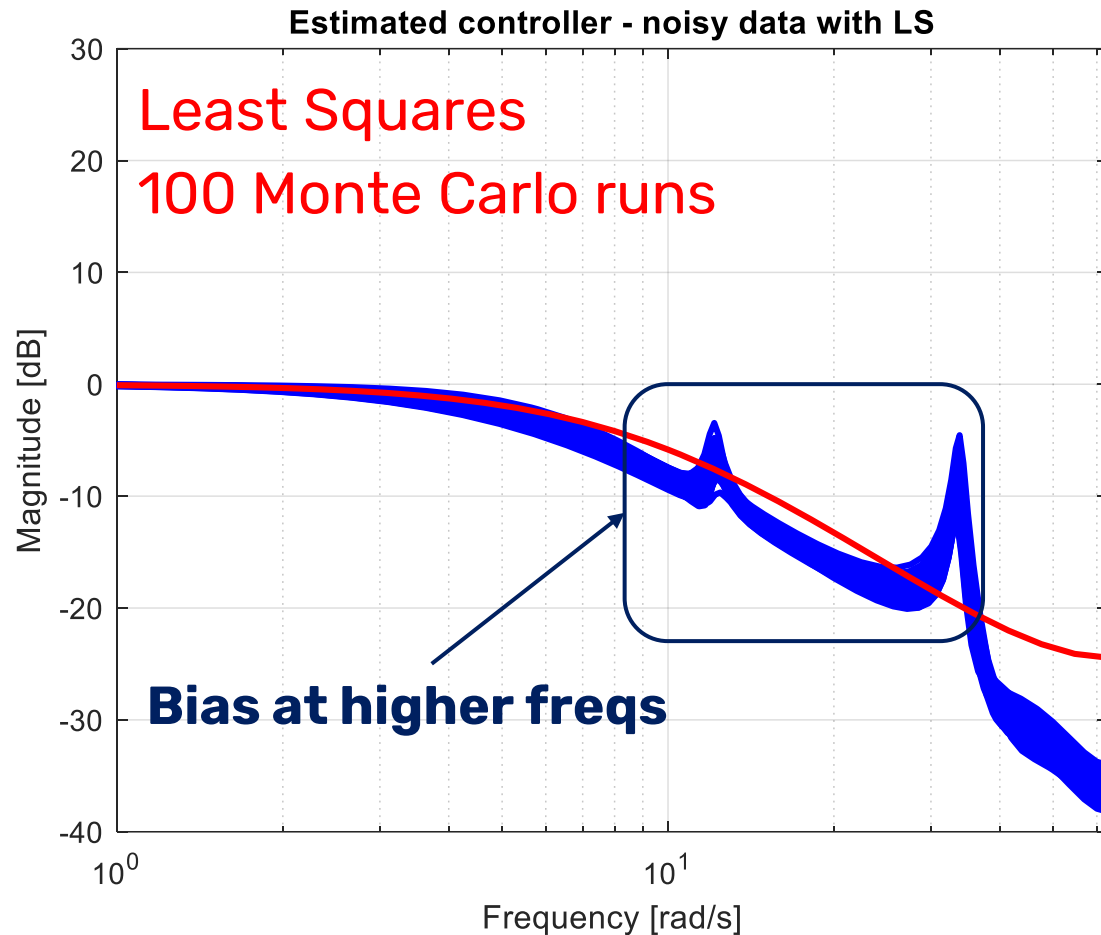
$$L(z) = W(z) \cdot (1 - M(z))M(z) \cdot \frac{1}{\Phi_{uu}^{1/2}(z)}$$

The use of the optimal prefilter leads to accurate results



# Example: VRFT of a flexible transmission system

## Case 3: optimal prefilter, noisy data





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