

# MODEL PREDICTIVE CONTROL

## LINEAR TIME-VARYING AND NONLINEAR MPC

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# COURSE STRUCTURE

- ✓ Basic concepts of model predictive control (MPC) and linear MPC
  - **Linear time-varying** and **nonlinear** MPC
  - **Quadratic programming** (QP) and **explicit MPC**
  - **Hybrid** MPC
  - **Stochastic** MPC
  - **Learning-based** MPC

# LINEAR TIME-VARYING MODEL PREDICTIVE CONTROL

# LPV MODELS

- **Linear Parameter-Varying (LPV)** model

$$\begin{cases} x_{k+1} &= A(p(t))x_k + B(p(t))u_k + B_v(p(t))v_k \\ y_k &= C(p(t))x_k + D_v(p(t))v_k \end{cases}$$

that depends on a vector  $p(t)$  of parameters (e.g., ambient conditions)

- The weights in the quadratic performance index can also be LPV
- The resulting optimization problem is still a QP

$$\begin{aligned} \min_z \quad & \frac{1}{2} z' H(p(t)) z + \begin{bmatrix} x(t) \\ r(t) \\ u(t-1) \end{bmatrix}' F(p(t))' z \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & G(p(t)) z \leq W(p(t)) + S(p(t)) \begin{bmatrix} x(t) \\ r(t) \\ u(t-1) \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

- Contrarily to LTI-MPC, the QP matrices, in general, must be constructed online

- **Linear Time-Varying (LTV)** model

$$\begin{cases} x_{k+1} &= A_k(t)x_k + B_k(t)u_k \\ y_k &= C_k(t)x_k \end{cases}$$

- At each time  $t$  the model can also change over the prediction horizon  $k$
- Possible measured disturbances are embedded in the model
- Online optimization is still a QP

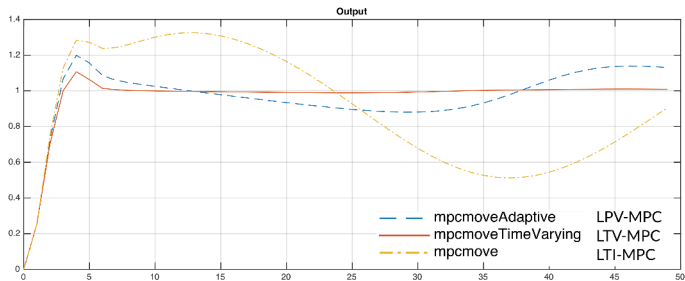
$$\begin{aligned} \min_z \quad & \frac{1}{2} z' H(t) z + \begin{bmatrix} x(t) \\ r(t) \\ u(t-1) \end{bmatrix}' F(t)' z \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & G(t) z \leq W(t) + S(t) \begin{bmatrix} x(t) \\ r(t) \\ u(t-1) \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

- As for LPV-MPC, the QP matrices must be constructed online, in general

# EXAMPLE: MPC OF A TIME-VARYING SYSTEM

- Time-varying process model:

$$\frac{d^3 y}{dt^3} + 3 \frac{d^2 y}{dt^2} + 2 \frac{dy}{dt} + (6 + \sin(5t))y = 5 \frac{du}{dt} + \left( 5 + 2 \cos \left( \frac{5}{2}t \right) \right) u$$



- LTI-MPC cannot track the setpoint, LPV-MPC tries to catch up with the time-varying model, LTV-MPC has a preview of future models

```
>> openExample('mpc/TimeVaryingMPCControlOfATimeVaryingLinearSystemExample')
```

# EXAMPLE: MPC OF A TIME-VARYING SYSTEM

- Define a sequence of linear models (one per simulation step)

```
Ts = 0.1; % sampling time
Models = tf; ct = 1;
for t = 0:Ts:10
    Models(:, :, ct) = tf([5 5+2*cos(2.5*t)], [1 3 2 6+sin(5*t)]);
    ct = ct + 1;
end
Models = ss(c2d(Models, Ts));
```

- Design a baseline LTI-MPC controller

```
sys = ss(c2d(tf([5 5], [1 3 2 6]), Ts)); % nominal model
p = 3; % prediction horizon
m = 3; % control horizon
mpcobj = mpc(sys, Ts, p, m);

mpcobj.MV = struct('Min', -2, 'Max', 2); % input constraints
mpcobj.Weights = struct('MV', 0, 'MVRate', 0.01, 'Output', 1);
```

# EXAMPLE: MPC OF A TIME-VARYING SYSTEM

- Simulate LTV system with **LTI-MPC** controller

```
for ct = 1:(Tstop/Ts+1)
    real_plant = Models(:, :, ct); % Get the current plant
    y = real_plant.C*x;
    u = mpcmove(mpcobj, xmpc, y, 1); % Apply LTI MPC
    x = real_plant.A*x + real_plant.B*u;
end
```

- Simulate LTV system with **LPV-MPC** controller

```
for ct = 1:(Tstop/Ts+1)
    real_plant = Models(:, :, ct); % Get the current plant
    y = real_plant.C*x;
    u = mpcmoveAdaptive(mpcobj, xmpc, real_plant, nominal, y, 1);
    x = real_plant.A*x + real_plant.B*u;
end
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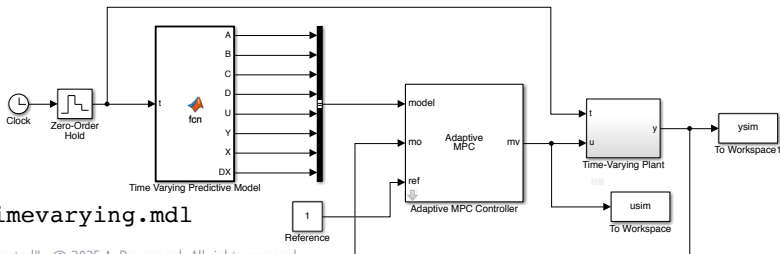


# EXAMPLE: MPC OF A TIME-VARYING SYSTEM

- Simulate LTV system with **LTV-MPC** controller

```
for ct = 1:(Tstop/Ts+1)
    real_plant = Models(:,:,ct); % Get the current plant
    y = real_plant.C*x;
    u = mpcmoveAdaptive(mpcobj,xmpc,Models(:,:,ct:ct+p), ...
        Nominals,y,1);
    x = real_plant.A*x + real_plant.B*u;
end
```

- Simulate in Simulink



mpc\_timevarying.mdl

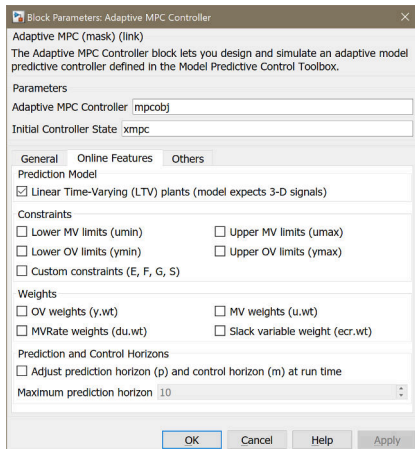
# EXAMPLE: MPC OF A TIME-VARYING SYSTEM

- Simulink block

need to provide 3D array  
of future models



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# LPV/LTV MPC BASED ON LINEARIZED MODELS

# LINEARIZING A NONLINEAR MODEL: LPV CASE

- An LPV model can be obtained by linearizing the **nonlinear model**

$$\begin{cases} \frac{dx_c(t)}{dt} = f(x_c(t), u_c(t)) \\ y_c(t) = g(x_c(t)) \end{cases}$$

- At time  $t$ , let  $\bar{x}_c(t), \bar{u}_c(t)$  be **nominal values**, that we assume constant in prediction, and linearize

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{d\tau}(x_c(t+\tau) - \bar{x}_c(t)) = \frac{d}{d\tau}(x_c(t+\tau)) &\simeq \underbrace{\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \Big|_{\bar{x}_c(t), \bar{u}_c(t)}}_{A_c(t)} (x_c(t+\tau) - \bar{x}_c(t)) + \\ &\underbrace{\frac{\partial f}{\partial u} \Big|_{\bar{x}_c(t), \bar{u}_c(t)}}_{B_c(t)} (u_c(t+\tau) - \bar{u}_c(t)) + \underbrace{f(\bar{x}_c(t), \bar{u}_c(t))}_{B_{vc}(t)} \cdot 1 \end{aligned}$$

- Convert  $(A_c, [B_c \ B_{vc}])$  to discrete-time and get prediction model  $(A, [B \ B_v])$
- Same thing for the output equation to get matrices  $C$  and  $D_v$

# LINEARIZING A NONLINEAR MODEL: LTV CASE

- LPV/LTV models can be obtained by linearizing a **nonlinear model**

$$\begin{cases} \frac{dx_c(t)}{dt} = f(x_c(t), u_c(t)) \\ y_c(t) = g(x_c(t)) \end{cases}$$

- At time  $t$ , consider the **nominal input trajectory**

$$U = \{\bar{u}_c(t), \bar{u}_c(t + T_s), \dots, \bar{u}_c(t + (N - 1)T_s)\}$$

(example:  $U$  = shifted previous optimal sequence or input ref. trajectory)

- Integrate** the model from  $\bar{x}_c(t)$  and get nominal state/output trajectories

$$X = \{\bar{x}_c(t), \bar{x}_c(t + T_s), \dots, \bar{x}_c(t + (N - 1)T_s)\}$$

$$Y = \{\bar{y}_c(t), \bar{y}_c(t + T_s), \dots, \bar{y}_c(t + (N - 1)T_s)\}$$

- Examples:  $\bar{x}_c(t)$  = current state / equilibrium state / reference state

# LINEARIZATION AND TIME-DISCRETIZATION

- **Linearize** the nonlinear model around the nominal states and inputs at each prediction time  $t + kT_s, k = 0, \dots, N - 1$ :

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{dx_c}{dt} &= f(x_c, u_c) \approx \underbrace{f(\bar{x}_c, \bar{u}_c)}_{\frac{d\bar{x}_c}{dt}} + \underbrace{\left. \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_c} \right|_{\bar{x}_c, \bar{u}_c}}_{\text{Jacobian matrix } A_c} (x_c - \bar{x}_c) + \underbrace{\left. \frac{\partial f}{\partial u_c} \right|_{\bar{x}_c, \bar{u}_c}}_{\text{Jacobian matrix } B_c} (u_c - \bar{u}_c) \\ y &= g(x_c) \approx \underbrace{g(\bar{x}_c)}_{\bar{y}_c} + \underbrace{\left. \frac{\partial g}{\partial x_c} \right|_{\bar{x}_c}}_{\text{Jacobian matrix } C} (x_c - \bar{x}_c)\end{aligned}$$

- Define  $x \triangleq x_c - \bar{x}_c, u \triangleq u_c - \bar{u}_c, y \triangleq y_c - \bar{y}_c$  and get the linear system

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = A_c(t + kT_s)x + B_c(t + kT_s)u \quad y = C(t + kT_s)x$$

- Convert linear model to **discrete-time** and get matrices  $(A_k(t), B_k(t), C_k(t))$

# LINEARIZATION AND TIME-DISCRETIZATION

- Finally, we have approximated the NL model as the LTV model

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \overbrace{x_c(k+1) - \bar{x}_c(k+1)}^{x_{k+1}} = A_k(t) \overbrace{(x_c(k) - \bar{x}_c(k))}^{x_k} + B_k(t) \overbrace{(u_c(k) - \bar{u}_c(k))}^{u_k} \\ \underbrace{y_c(k) - \bar{y}_c(k)}_{y_k} = C_k(t) \underbrace{(x_c(k) - \bar{x}_c(k))}_{x_k} \end{array} \right.$$

(the notation “(k)” is a shortcut for “(t + kT<sub>s</sub>)”)

- Alternative:** while integrating, also compute the **sensitivities**

$$A_k(t) = \frac{\partial \bar{x}_c(t + (k+1)T_s)}{\partial \bar{x}_c(t + kT_s)}$$

$$B_k(t) = \frac{\partial \bar{x}_c(t + (k+1)T_s)}{\partial \bar{u}_c(t + kT_s)}$$

$$C_k(t) = \frac{\partial \bar{y}_c(t + kT_s)}{\partial \bar{x}_c(t + kT_s)}$$

# INTEGRATION, LINEARIZATION, AND TIME DISCRETIZATION

- **Forward Euler method**

$$\begin{aligned}\bar{x}_c(k+1) &= \bar{x}_c(k) + T_s f(\bar{x}_c(k), \bar{u}_c(k)) \\ A(k) &= I + T_s A_c(k) \\ B(k) &= T_s B_c(k)\end{aligned}$$



Leonhard Paul Euler  
(1707-1783)

- For improved accuracy we can use smaller integration steps  $\frac{T_s}{N}$ ,  $N \geq 1$ :

1.  $x = \bar{x}_c(k)$ ,  $A = I$ ,  $B = 0$

2. for  $n = 1$  to  $N$  do

- $A \leftarrow \left( I + \frac{T_s}{N} \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_c}(x, \bar{u}_c(k)) \right) A$
- $B \leftarrow \left( I + \frac{T_s}{N} \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_c}(x, \bar{u}_c(k)) \right) B + \frac{T_s}{N} \frac{\partial f}{\partial u}(x, \bar{u}_c(k))$
- $x \leftarrow x + \frac{T_s}{N} f(x, \bar{u}_c(k))$

3. return  $\bar{x}_c(k+1) \approx x$  and matrices  $A(k) = A$ ,  $B(k) = B$

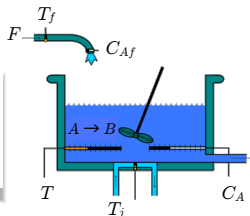
- Note that integration, linearization, and time-discretization are combined
- See also references in (Gros, Zanon, Quirynen, Bemporad, Diehl, 2020)



# EXAMPLE: LPV-MPC OF A NONLINEAR CSTR SYSTEM

- MPC control of a diabatic **continuous stirred tank reactor (CSTR)**
- Process model is nonlinear (Seborg, Edgar, Mellichamp, 2004)

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{dC_A}{dt} &= \frac{F}{V}(C_{Af} - C_A) - C_A k_0 e^{-\frac{\Delta E}{RT}} \\ \frac{dT}{dt} &= \frac{F}{V}(T_f - T) + \frac{UA}{\rho C_p V}(T_j - T) - \frac{\Delta H}{\rho C_p} C_A k_0 e^{-\frac{\Delta E}{RT}}\end{aligned}$$



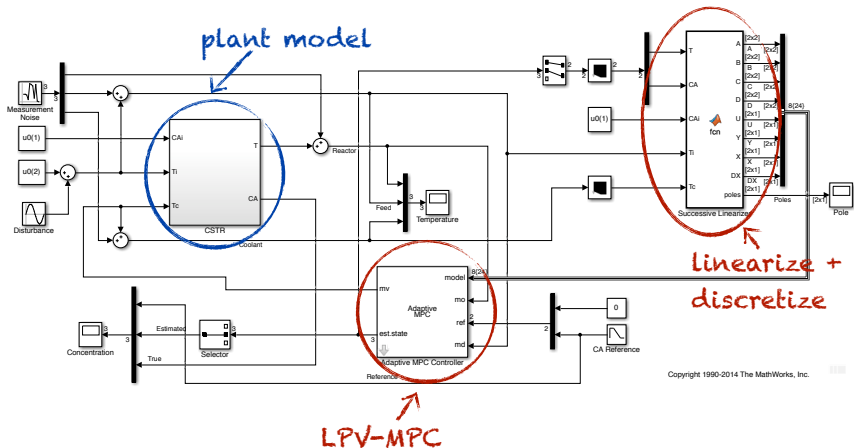
- $T$  : temperature inside the reactor [ $K$ ] (state)
- $C_A$  : concentration of the reactant in the reactor [ $kgmol/m^3$ ] (state)
- $T_j$  : jacket temperature [ $K$ ] (input)
- $T_f$  : feedstream temperature [ $K$ ] (measured disturbance)
- $C_{Af}$  : feedstream concentration [ $kgmol/m^3$ ] (measured disturbance)
- Objective: **manipulate**  $T_j$  to **regulate**  $C_A$  on desired setpoint

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>> openExample("ampccstr_lpv")
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(MPC Toolbox)

# EXAMPLE: LPV-MPC OF A NONLINEAR CSTR SYSTEM

- Simulink diagram

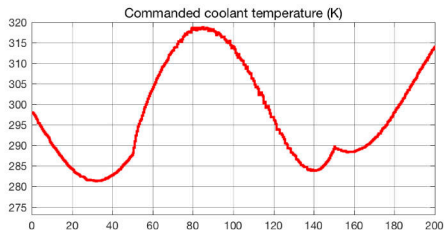
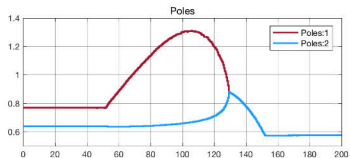
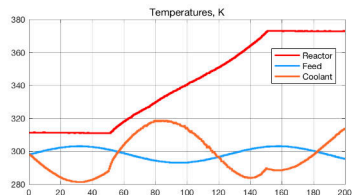
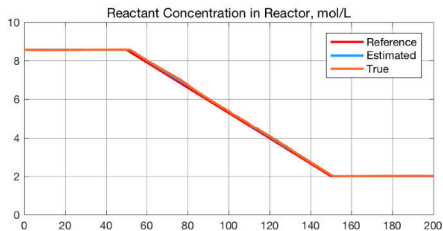


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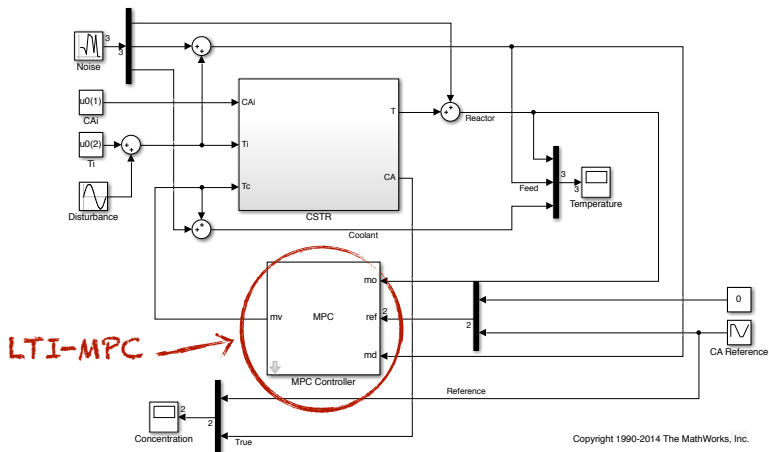
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- Closed-loop results



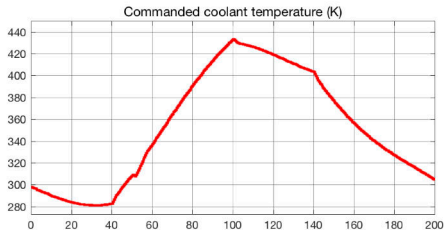
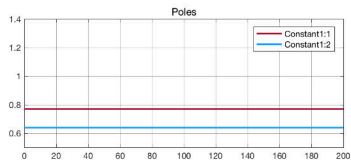
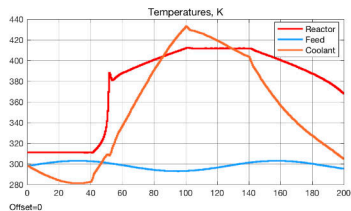
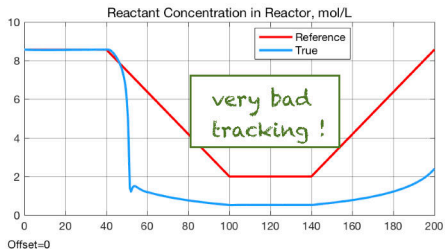
# EXAMPLE: LTI-MPC OF A NONLINEAR CSTR SYSTEM

- Closed-loop results with **LTI-MPC**, same tuning



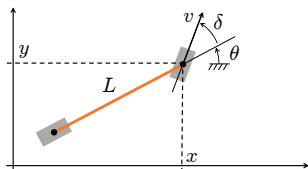
# EXAMPLE: LTI-MPC OF A NONLINEAR CSTR SYSTEM

- Closed-loop results



# AUTONOMOUS DRIVING EXAMPLE

- **Goal:** Control **longitudinal acceleration** and **steering angle** of the vehicle simultaneously for **autonomous driving** with **obstacle avoidance**
- **Approach:** MPC based on a **bicycle-like kinematic model** of the vehicle in **Cartesian coordinates**



$$\begin{cases} \dot{x} &= v \cos(\theta + \delta) \\ \dot{y} &= v \sin(\theta + \delta) \\ \dot{\theta} &= \frac{v}{L} \sin(\delta) \end{cases}$$

$(x, y)$  | Cartesian position of front wheel  
 $\theta$  | vehicle orientation  
 $L$  | vehicle length = 4.5 m

$v$  | velocity at front wheel  
 $\delta$  | steering input

# AUTONOMOUS DRIVING EXAMPLE

- Let  $x_n, y_n, \theta_n, v_n, \delta_n$  be nominal state/input trajectories satisfying

$$\begin{bmatrix} \dot{x}_n \\ \dot{y}_n \\ \dot{\theta}_n \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} v_n \cos(\theta_n + \delta_n) \\ v_n \sin(\theta_n + \delta_n) \\ \frac{v_n}{L} \sin(\delta_n) \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{feasible nominal trajectory}$$

- Linearize the model around the nominal trajectory:

$$\begin{bmatrix} \dot{x} \\ \dot{y} \\ \dot{\theta} \end{bmatrix} \approx \begin{bmatrix} \dot{x}_n \\ \dot{y}_n \\ \dot{\theta}_n \end{bmatrix} + A_c \begin{bmatrix} x - x_n \\ y - y_n \\ \theta - \theta_n \end{bmatrix} + B_c \begin{bmatrix} v - v_n \\ \delta - \delta_n \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{linearized model}$$

where  $A_c, B_c$  are the **Jacobian matrices**

$$A_c = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & -v_n \sin(\theta_n + \delta_n) \\ 0 & 0 & v_n \cos(\theta_n + \delta_n) \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad B_c = \begin{bmatrix} \cos(\theta_n + \delta_n) & -v_n \sin(\theta_n + \delta_n) \\ \sin(\theta_n + \delta_n) & v_n \cos(\theta_n + \delta_n) \\ \frac{1}{L} \sin(\delta_n) & \frac{v_n}{L} \cos(\delta_n) \end{bmatrix}$$

- Use first-order Euler method to discretize model:

$$A = I + T_s A_c, \quad B = T_s B_c, \quad T_s = 50 \text{ ms}$$

# AUTONOMOUS DRIVING EXAMPLE

- Constraints on inputs and input variations  $\Delta v_k = v_k - v_{k-1}$ ,  $\Delta \delta_k = \delta_k - \delta_{k-1}$ :

$$-20 \leq v \leq 70 \quad \text{km/h} \quad \text{velocity constraint}$$

$$-45 \leq \delta \leq 45 \quad \text{deg} \quad \text{steering angle}$$

$$-5 \leq \Delta \delta \leq 5 \quad \text{deg} \quad \text{steering angle rate}$$

- Stage cost to minimize:

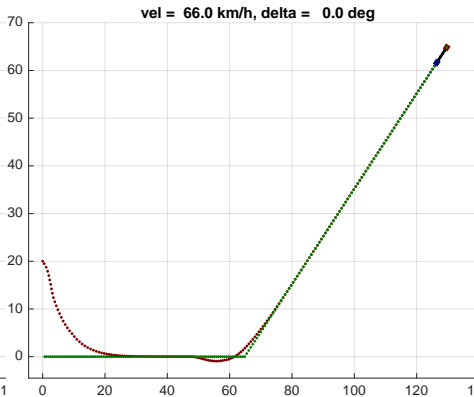
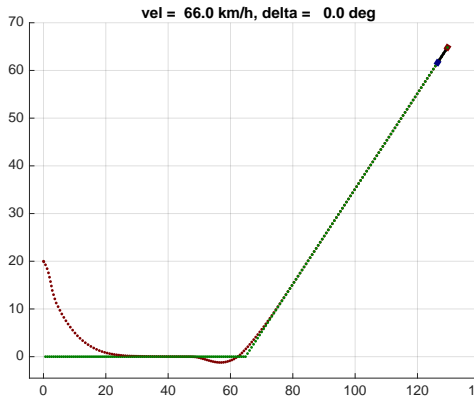
$$(x - x_{\text{ref}})^2 + (y - y_{\text{ref}})^2 + \Delta v^2 + \Delta \delta^2$$

- Prediction horizon:  $N = 30$  (prediction distance =  $NT_s v$ , for example 25 m at 60 km/h)
- Control horizon:  $N_u = 4$
- Preview on reference signals available



# AUTONOMOUS DRIVING EXAMPLE

- Closed-loop simulation results



▶ Linear Parameter-Varying (LPV) MPC

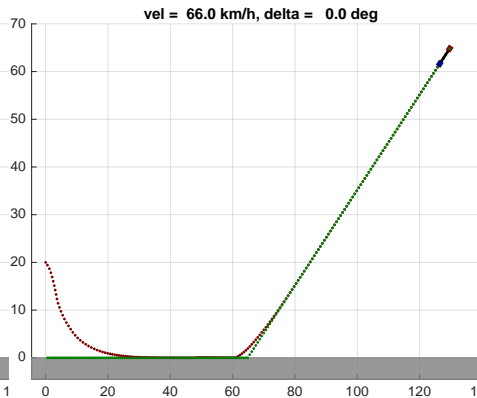
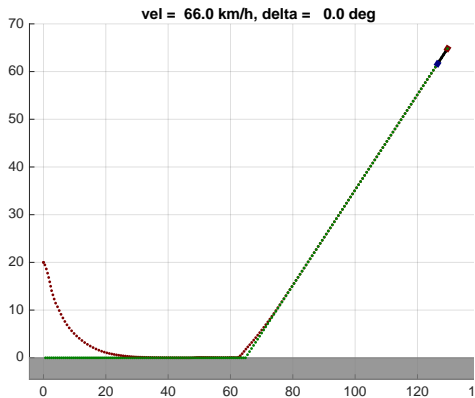
Model linearized @ $t$  and used @ $t + k, \forall k$

▶ Linear Time-Varying (LTV) MPC

Model linearized @ $t + k, \forall k$

# AUTONOMOUS DRIVING EXAMPLE

- Add position constraint  $y \geq 0$  m



▶ Linear Parameter-Varying (LPV) MPC

Model linearized @ $t$

▶ Linear Time-Varying (LTV) MPC

Model linearized @ $t + k, k = 0, \dots, N - 1$

# LTV KALMAN FILTER

- Process model = **LTV model with noise**

$$\begin{aligned}x(k+1) &= A(k)x(k) + B(k)u(k) + G(k)\xi(k) \\y(k) &= C(k)x(k) + \zeta(k)\end{aligned}$$

$\xi(k) \in \mathbb{R}^q$  = zero-mean white **process noise** with covariance  $Q(k) \succeq 0$

$\zeta(k) \in \mathbb{R}^p$  = zero-mean white **measurement noise** with covariance  $R(k) \succ 0$

- **measurement update:**

$$\begin{aligned}M(k) &= P(k|k-1)C(k)'[C(k)P(k|k-1)C(k)' + R(k)]^{-1} \\ \hat{x}(k|k) &= \hat{x}(k|k-1) + M(k)(y(k) - C(k)\hat{x}(k|k-1)) \\ P(k|k) &= (I - M(k)C(k))P(k|k-1)\end{aligned}$$

- **time update:**

$$\begin{aligned}\hat{x}(k+1|k) &= A(k)\hat{x}(k|k) + B(k)u(k) \\ P(k+1|k) &= A(k)P(k|k)A(k)' + G(k)Q(k)G(k)'\end{aligned}$$

- Note that here the observer gain  $L(k) = A(k)M(k)$

# EXTENDED KALMAN FILTER

- For **state estimation**, an **Extended Kalman Filter** (EKF) can be used based on the same nonlinear model (with additional noise)

$$\begin{aligned}x(k+1) &= f(x(k), u(k), \xi(k)) \\y(k) &= g(x(k)) + \zeta(k)\end{aligned}$$

- measurement update:**

$$\begin{aligned}C(k) &= \frac{\partial g}{\partial x}(\hat{x}(k|k-1)) \\M(k) &= P(k|k-1)C(k)'[C(k)P(k|k-1)C(k)' + R(k)]^{-1} \\ \text{consumed by MPC} \rightarrow \hat{x}(k|k) &= \hat{x}(k|k-1) + M(k)(y(k) - g(\hat{x}(k|k-1))) \\P(k|k) &= (I - M(k)C(k))P(k|k-1)\end{aligned}$$

- time update:**

$$\begin{aligned}\hat{x}(k+1|k) &= f(\hat{x}(k|k), u(k)) \\A(k) &= \frac{\partial f}{\partial x}(\hat{x}(k|k), u(k), E[\xi(k)]), \quad G(k) = \frac{\partial f}{\partial \xi}(\hat{x}(k|k), u(k), E[\xi(k)]) \\P(k+1|k) &= A(k)P(k|k)A(k)' + G(k)Q(k)G(k)'\end{aligned}$$

# **NONLINEAR MODEL PREDICTIVE CONTROL**

- Nonlinear prediction model

$$\begin{cases} x_{k+1} &= f(x_k, u_k) \\ y_k &= g(x_k, u_k) \end{cases}$$

- Nonlinear constraints  $h(x_k, u_k) \leq 0$

- Nonlinear performance index  $\min \ell_N(x_N) + \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} \ell(x_k, u_k)$

- Optimization problem: **nonlinear programming problem (NLP)**

$$\begin{array}{ll} \min_z & F(z, \mathbf{x}(t)) \\ \text{s.t.} & G(z, \mathbf{x}(t)) \leq 0 \\ & H(z, \mathbf{x}(t)) = 0 \end{array}$$

$$z = \begin{bmatrix} u_0 \\ \vdots \\ u_{N-1} \\ x_1 \\ \vdots \\ x_N \end{bmatrix}$$

# NONLINEAR OPTIMIZATION

- (Nonconvex) NLP is harder to solve than QP
- Convergence to a **global optimum** may not be guaranteed
- Several NLP solvers exist (such as **Sequential Quadratic Programming (SQP)**)  
( Nocedal, Wright, 2006)
- NLP can be useful to deal with strong dynamical nonlinearities and/or nonlinear constraints/costs
- NL-MPC is less used in practice than linear MPC

# FAST NONLINEAR MPC

(Lopez-Negrete, D'Amato, Biegler, Kumar, 2013)

- **Fast MPC**: exploit **sensitivity analysis** to compensate for the computational delay caused by solving the NLP
- **Key idea**: pre-solve the NLP between step  $t - 1$  and  $t$  based on the predicted state  $x^*(t) = f(x(t - 1), u(t - 1))$  in background
- Get  $u^*(t)$  and sensitivity  $\left. \frac{\partial u^*}{\partial x} \right|_{x^*(t)}$  within sample interval  $[(t - 1)T_s, tT_s)$

- At time  $t$ , get  $x(t)$  and compute

$$u(t) = u^*(t) + \frac{\partial u^*}{\partial x}(x(t) - x^*(t))$$

- A.k.a. **advanced-step MPC** (Zavala, Biegler, 2009)
- Note that still one NLP must be solved within the sample interval



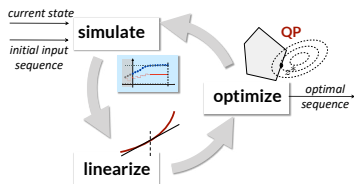
# FROM LTV-MPC TO NONLINEAR MPC

- How to use the LTV-MPC machinery to handle nonlinear MPC ?
- **Key idea:** Solve a **sequence of LTV-MPC** problems at each time  $t$   
(Li, Biegler, 1989) (Lee, Ricker, 1994)

For  $h = 0$  to  $h_{\max} - 1$  do:

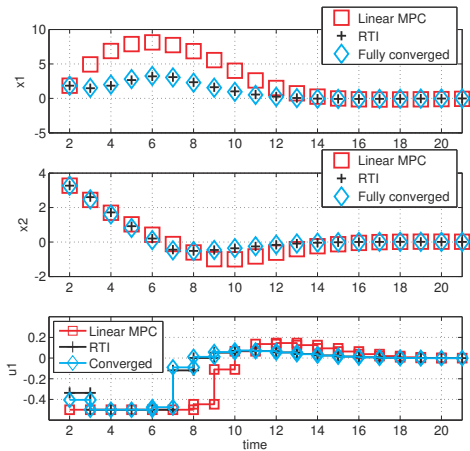
1. **Simulate** from  $x(t)$  with inputs  $U_h$  and get state trajectory  $X_h$
2. **Linearize** around  $(X_h, U_h)$  and **discretize** in time
3. Get  $U_{h+1}^* = \text{QP solution}$  of corresponding LTV-MPC problem
4. **Line search:** find optimal step size  $\alpha_h \in (0, 1]$ ;
5. Set  $U_{h+1} = (1 - \alpha_h)U_h + \alpha_h U_{h+1}^*$ ;

Return solution  $U_{h_{\max}}$



- Special case: just solve one iteration with  $\alpha = 1$  (a.k.a. **Real-Time Iteration**)  
(Diehl, Bock, Schlöder, Findeisen, Nagy, Allgower, 2002) = LTV-MPC

- Example



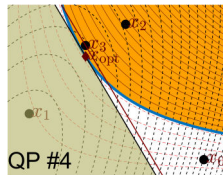
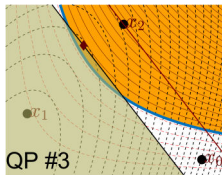
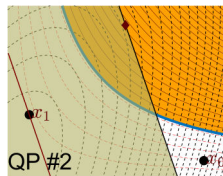
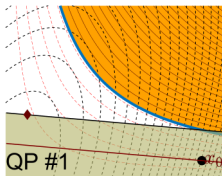
# ADVANTAGES OF NONLINEAR MPC

- Better exploits **nonlinear prediction models** than LTV-MPC
  - **Physics-based** models (= white-box models)
  - **Machine-learned** models (= black-box models, e.g., neural networks)
- Can handle **nonlinear inequality constraints** (and nonlinear cost functions)

$$g(x) \leq 0$$



$$g(x_k) + \nabla g(x_k)(x - x_k) \leq 0$$



# ODYS EMBEDDED MPC TOOLSET



- **ODYS Embedded MPC** is a software toolchain for design and deployment of MPC solutions in industrial production
- Support for **linear & nonlinear MPC** and **extended Kalman filtering**
- Extremely flexible, all MPC parameters can be changed at runtime (models, cost function, horizons, constraints, ...)
- Integrated with **ODYS QP Solver** for max speed, low memory footprint, and robustness (also in single precision)
- Library-free C code, **MISRA-C 2012 compliant**
- Currently used worldwide by several automotive OEMs in R&D and production
- Support for **neural networks** as prediction models (**ODYS Deep Learning**)

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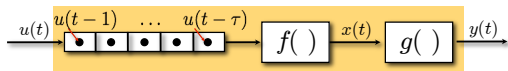
- Models/control specs can be specified either in **C-code** or **MATLAB code**
- Built-in automatic integration, discretization, and differentiation of prediction models (optional)
- Efficient handling of sparsity in the prediction models
- User-friendly **performance assessment tool** for in-depth visualization and detailed analysis of MPC results
- Support for **neural networks** as prediction models (**ODYS Deep Learning**)
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See more on:  ([video tutorial](#))  ([slides](#))

# HANDLING DELAYS IN NLMPC

- Nonlinear prediction model with input **delay**:

$$\begin{cases} x(t+1) &= f(x(t), u(t-\tau)) \\ y(t) &= g(x(t)) \end{cases}$$



- Design MPC for **delay-free** model:  $u(t) = f_{\text{MPC}}(\bar{x}(t))$

$$\begin{cases} \bar{x}(t+1) &= f(\bar{x}(t), u(t)) \\ \bar{y}(t) &= g(\bar{x}(t)) \end{cases} \quad \text{subject to constraints on } u, y$$

- Simulate** the prediction model to estimate the future state:

$$\bar{x}(t) = \hat{x}(t+\tau) = f(x(t+\tau-1), u(t-1)) = \dots = \underbrace{f(f(\dots f(x(t), u(t-\tau))))}_{\text{only depends on past inputs!}}$$

- Compute the MPC control move  $u(t) = f_{\text{MPC}}(\hat{x}(t+\tau))$