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# Control under uncertainty

Some tricks that really help !

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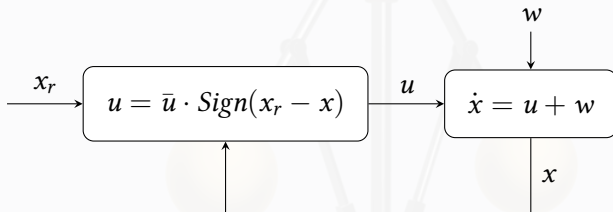
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Let  $\epsilon := x_r - x$

**If**  $\bar{u} \geq |w| + \delta$  **then**  $\frac{d}{dt}|\epsilon|^2 \leq -\delta|\epsilon| \quad \forall \text{ constant } x_r$

**Regardless of  $w$ !**  $\Rightarrow$  **Kill uncertainty by high-gain feedback**

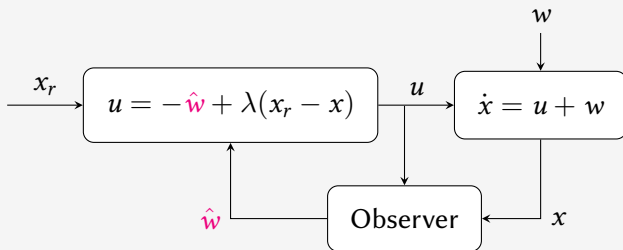
$\rightarrow$  Higher order sliding modes, Back-stepping, Lyapunov design

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# Handling uncertainty via **observer** design



## Extend the model

$$\dot{x} = u + w$$

$$\dot{w} = 0$$

## Design an observer

$$\dot{\hat{x}} = u + \hat{w} + L_1(x - \hat{x})$$

$$\dot{\hat{w}} = L_2(x - \hat{x})$$

## Cancel uncertainty

$$u = -\hat{w} + \lambda(x_r - x)$$

⇒ **Observe & compensate**

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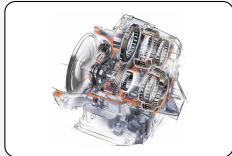
## What is beyond and **why?**

- Problems where standard approaches do not apply
- New paradigms → new tools
- **Stochastic MPC/DP, Randomized algorithms, Probabilistic certification**
- Ex: Energy management, Biological systems

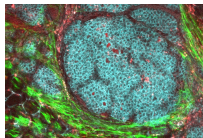
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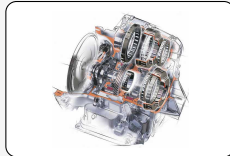
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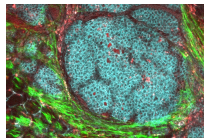
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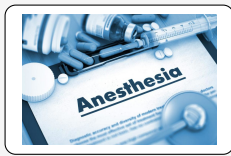
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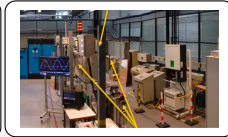
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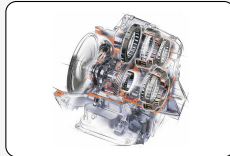


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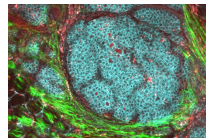
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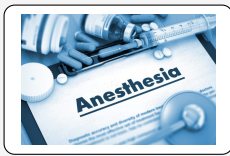
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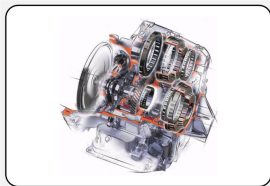


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- Personal **non exhaustive** overview !
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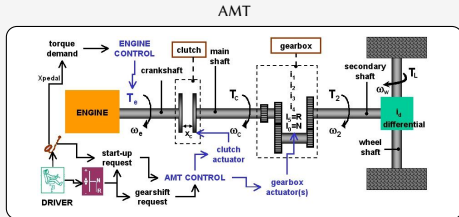
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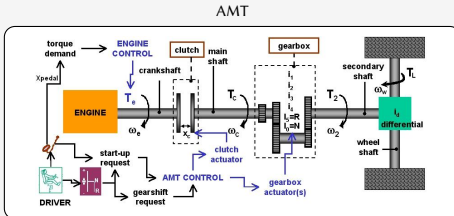
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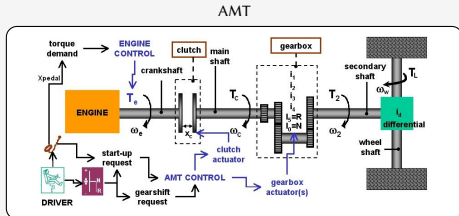
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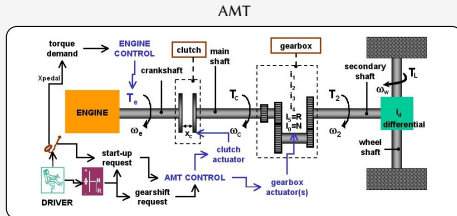
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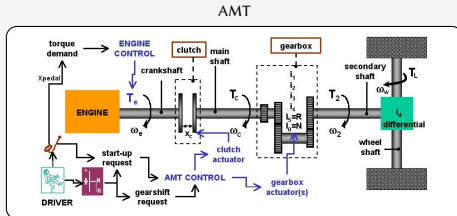
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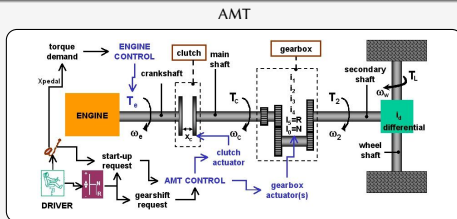
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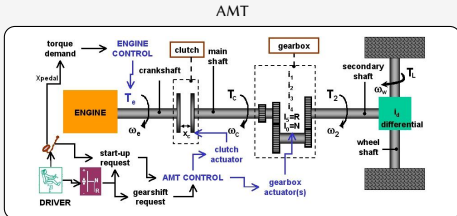
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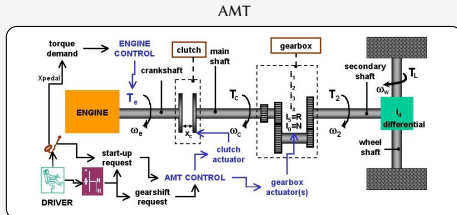
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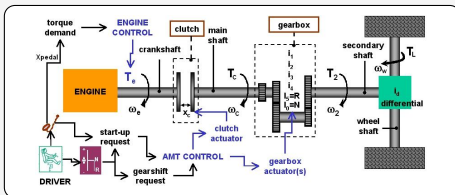
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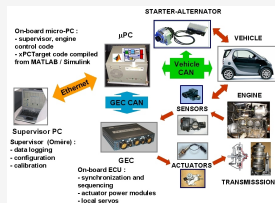
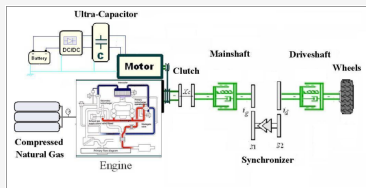
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→ Observer-based parameterized MPC

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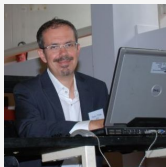


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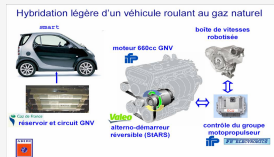
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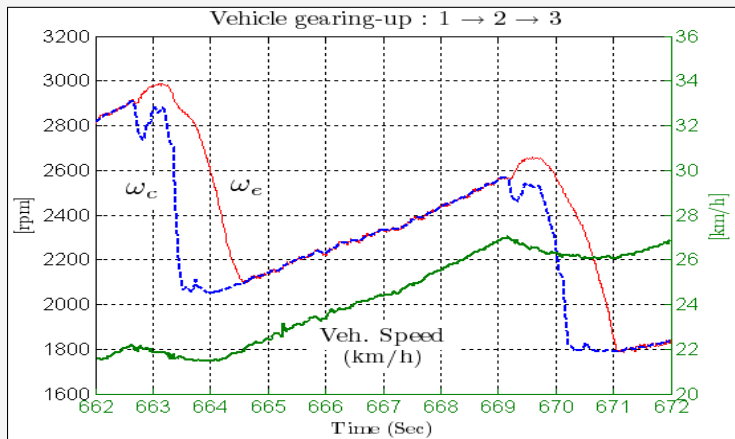


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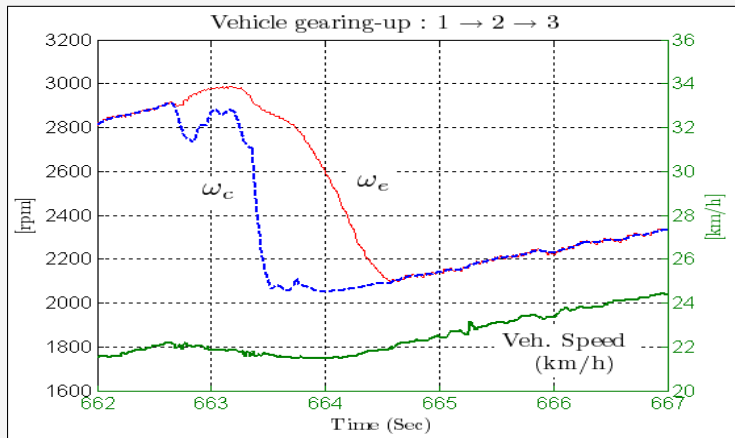
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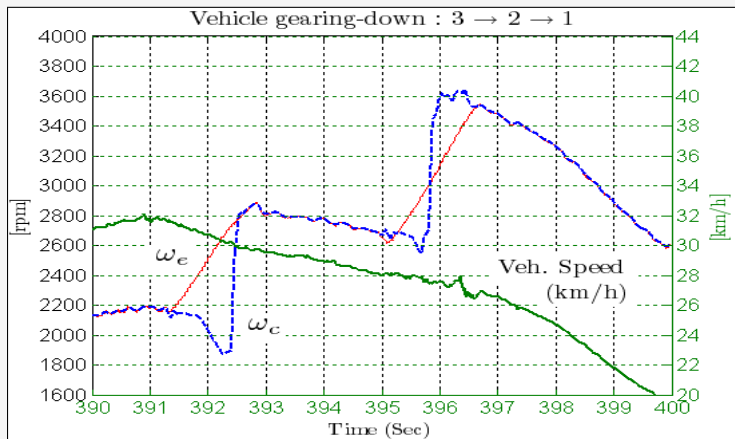
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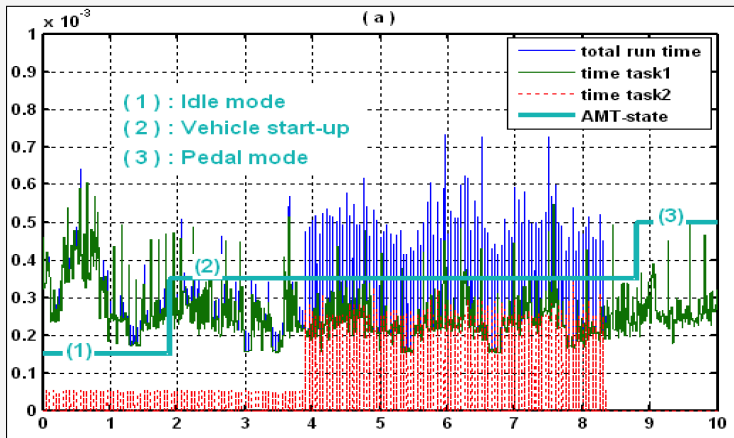
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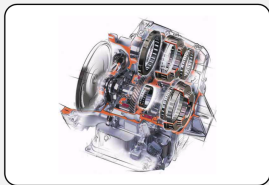
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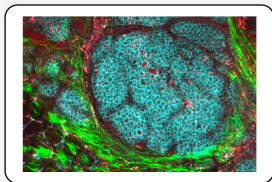
Take away

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- Gather **uncertainties** into observable blocks
- Design **observer**-based control
- → formulate a **solvable problem**

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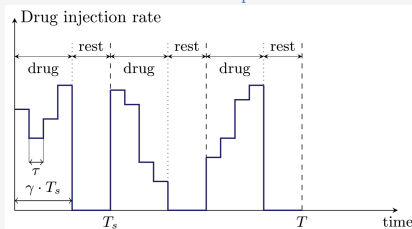
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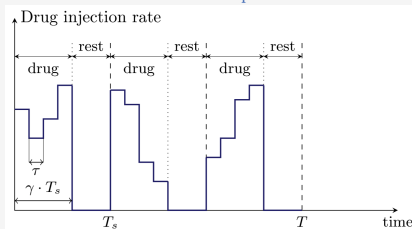
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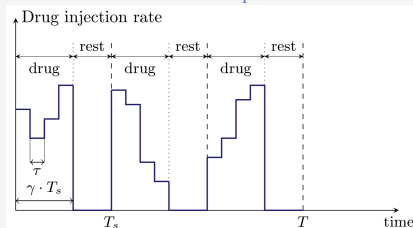
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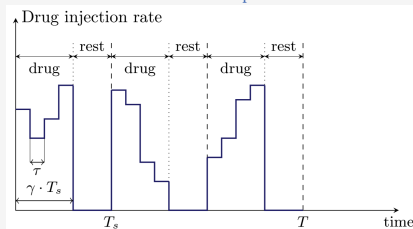
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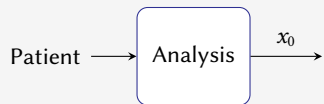
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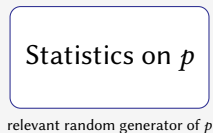
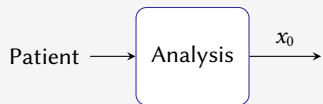
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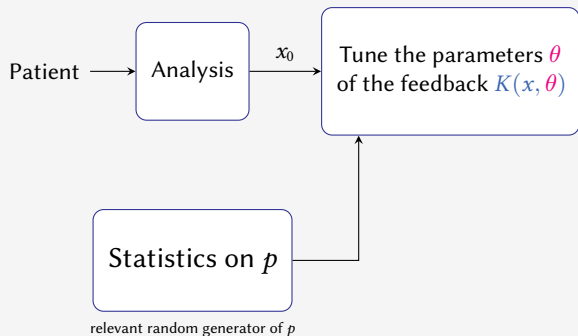
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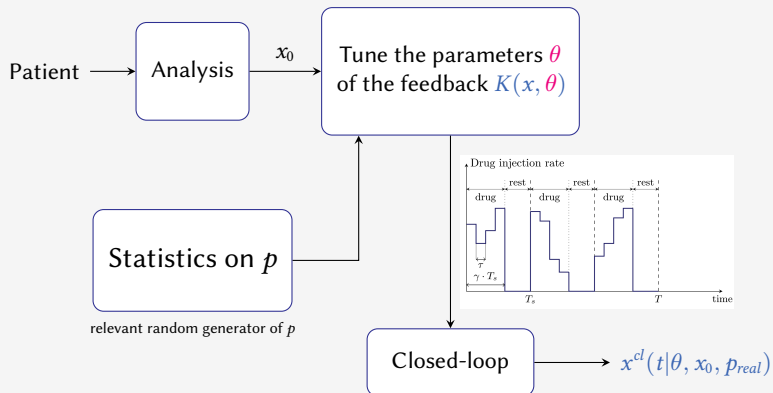
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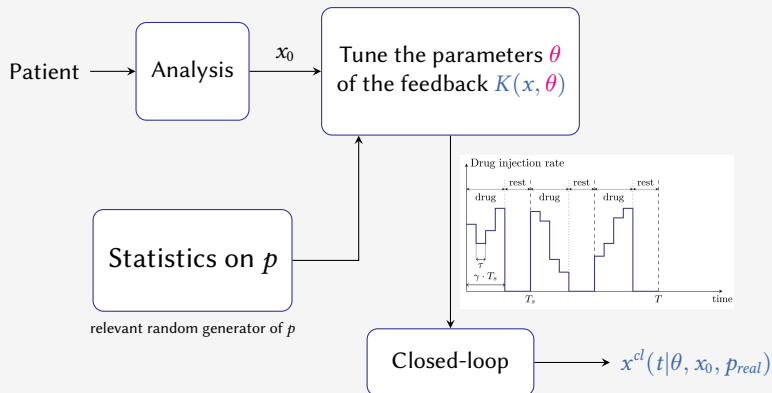
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more formulas are available (Alamo et al. IEEE-TAC 2009)



T. Alamo

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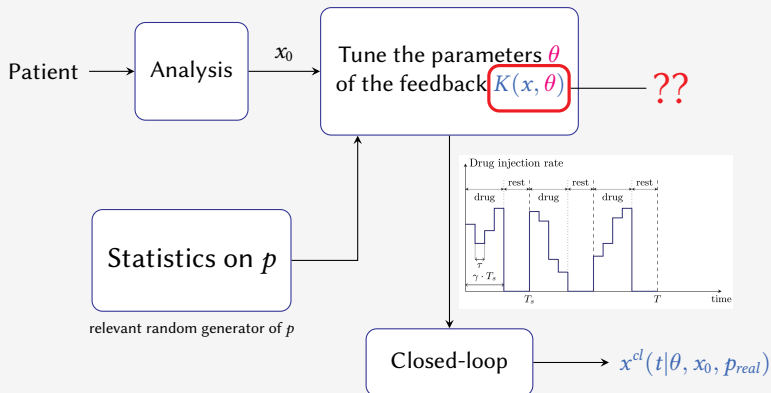
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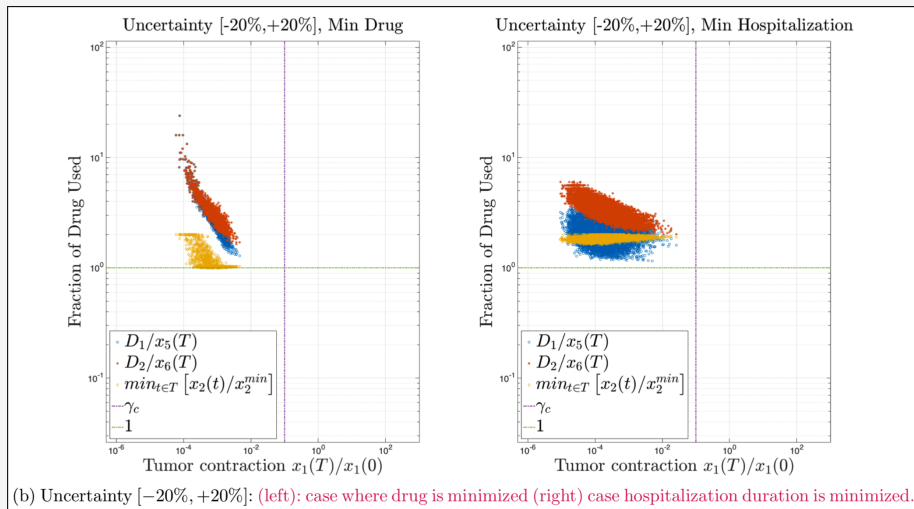
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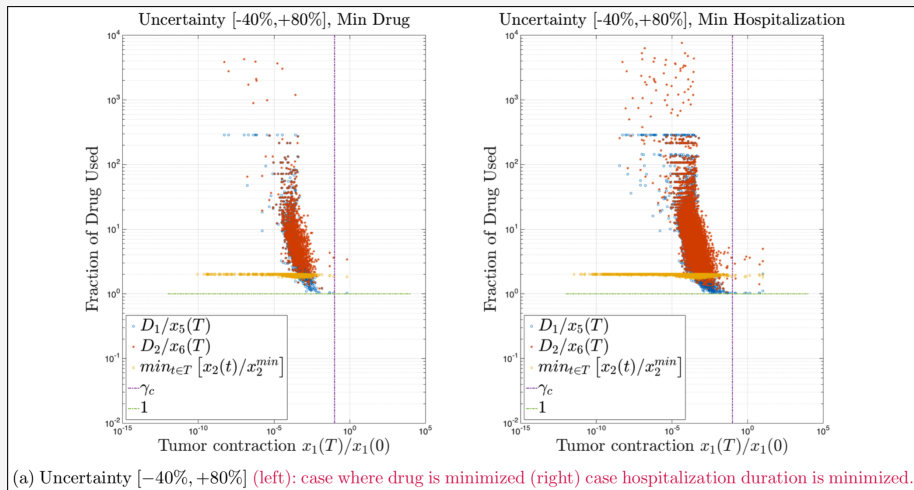
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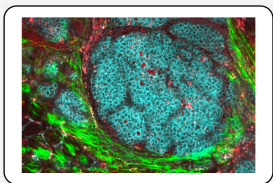
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# Optimal operation of EV charging station



e-Car / Euref Campus, Berlin, Germany

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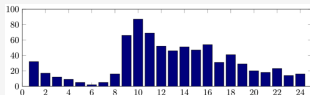
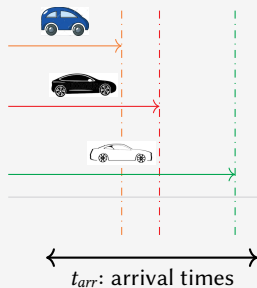
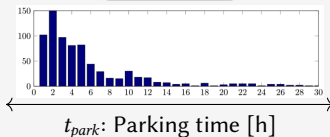
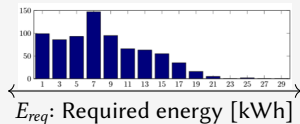


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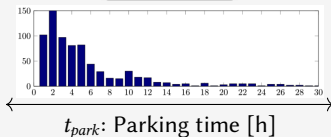
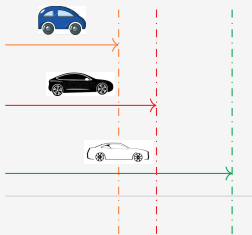
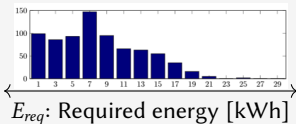


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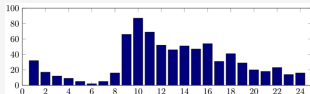
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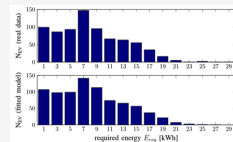
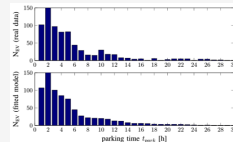
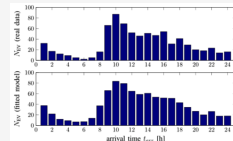
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$t_{arr}$ : arrival times



These statistics can be identified:



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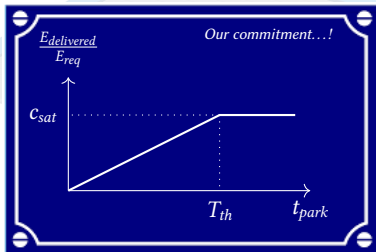
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# Problem Statement: Quality of service (QoS)



## Certify that

- $\left( t_{park} \geq T_{th} = 3h \right) \Rightarrow \left( \frac{E_{delivered}}{E_{req}} \geq c_{sat} = 0.9 \right)$
- Otherwise  $\frac{E_{delivered}}{E_{req}} \geq \left[ \frac{t_{park}}{T_{th}} \right] \cdot c_{sat}$

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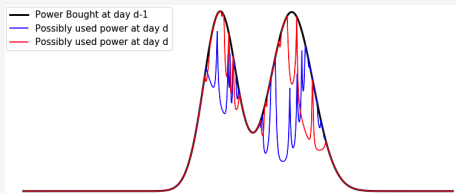
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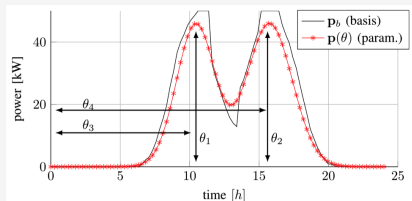
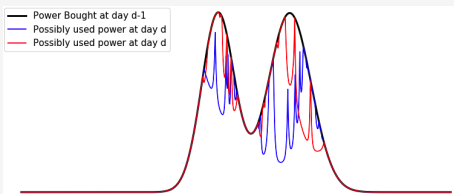
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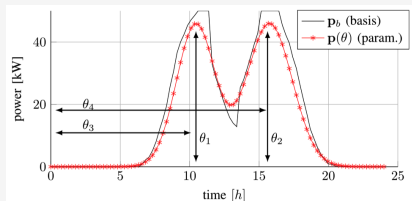
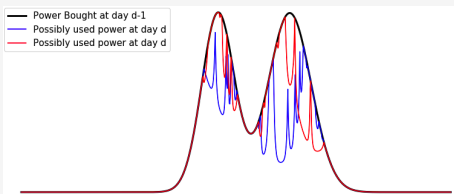
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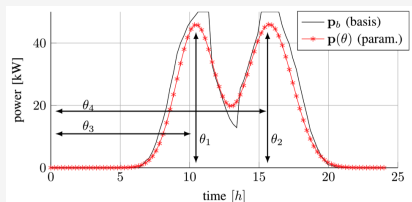
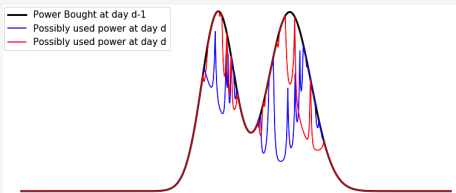
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# Control parameterization

Given  $\mathbf{P}_{grid}^{(\theta)}$

At each instant  $t$

- 1 Try to distribute the power uniformly under  $\sum P_i \leq P_{grid}^{(\theta)}$
- 2 If there is remaining power, distribute among EV with lowest SOC's

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# Results

## Parameters

$\eta = 0.05$	(accuracy)
$\delta = 0.05$	(confidence)
$n_{\Theta} = 432$	(# design values)
$m = 20$	(# unsuccessful scenarios)
$N_{cp} = 50$	(# charging points)

## Required number of scenarios

$$N = \frac{1}{\eta} \left[ \frac{e}{e-1} \right] \left[ \ln \frac{n_{\Theta}}{\delta} + m \right] = 920$$

Alamo et al. Randomized methods for the design of uncertain systems: sample complexity and sequential algorithms. *Automatica*, Vol. 52, pp. 1468-1473, 2015.

## Upper bound / CPU time

$$\underbrace{t_{single}}_{=63 \text{ msec}} \times N \times n_{\Theta} = 42 \text{ min}$$

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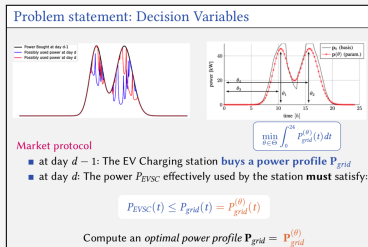
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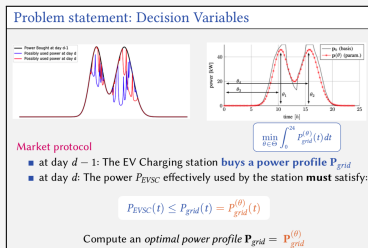
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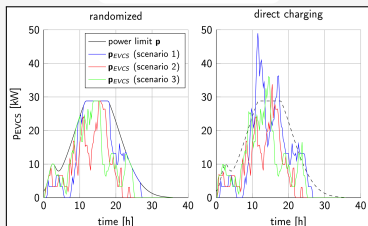
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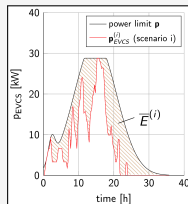
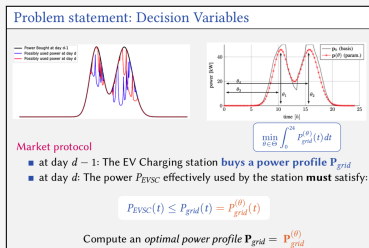


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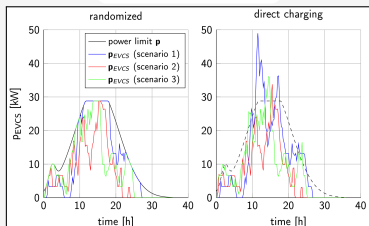
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## Average over estimation of power needs

Sensitivity of  $\bar{E}$  w.r.t.  $N_{CP}$  and  $\eta$ :

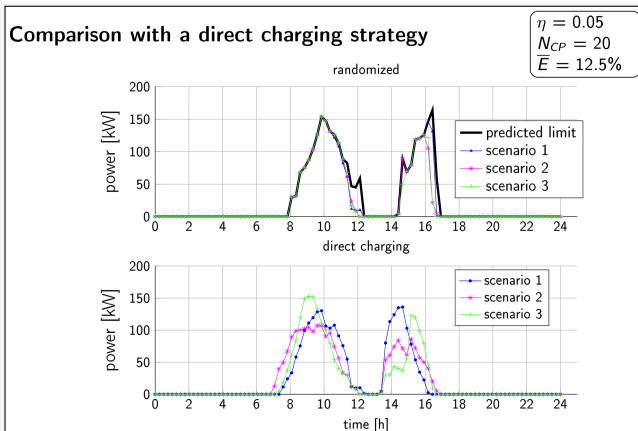
		$\eta$			
		0.05	0.1	0.15	0.2
$N_{CP}$	25	58.4	56.3	54.2	51.7
	50	<b>37.5</b>	34.1	32.9	31.2
	100	30.6	28.8	27.1	25.1

$\eta$  probability of QoS violation  
 $N_{CP}$  number of charging points

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# Results: Company Site - (Simulation)

## Comparison with direct charging in a a company-like context



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## Case study 3

# Optimal operation of EV charging station

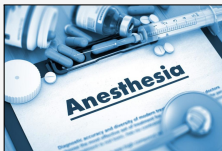


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### Take away

- Choose **Carefully** your d.o.f ( $\theta$ )
- Identify relevant statistics of uncertainties
- Choose *simple* **low-level** decision rules
- Tune by **probabilistic certification**

## Similar studies involving probabilistic certification



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# Stochastic optimal/predictive/DP control

- ✓ **Avoid a priori choice** of the feedback law's structure
- ✓ Anticipate **long-term** consequences of uncertainties.  
[→ Avoid non recoverable errors induced by short-sight early actions]
- ✗ Needs mathematical models!
- ✗ **Computationally expensive:**
  - On-line (MPC: Model Predictive Control)
  - Off-line (SDP: Stochastic Dynamic Programming.)
- ✓ **Second life** ← Free NLP Solvers, GPU, Machine Learning-Deep Learning, Docker.

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## Stochastic MPC

- on-line
- solve  $P(x_k)$  at each instant  $k$
- apply  $u_0^*(x_k)$  over  $[k, k+1]$

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- ✓ use deterministic NLP package
  - ✓ ACADO, CASADI, PDFMPC,... etc.
  - ✓ "arbitrary" complex models

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- ! No global view
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## Stochastic Dynamic Programming

- off-line
- solve the Bellman equation:

$$Q(z) = L(z) + \gamma \min_{v \in \mathbb{U}} [\hat{\mu} + \alpha \hat{\sigma}](Q(f(z, \cdot), v))$$

- ✓  $\gamma$ -contractive Fixed-point ( $\alpha = 0$ )
- ✓ easy to code (free ML libraries)
- ✓ SKLEARN, TENSORFLOW, ..., etc
- ✓ Highly parallelizable (GPU)
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In what follows:

- The rationale in using  $\alpha > 0$
- Simple example
- Numerical investigation in the case of combined therapy of cancer

# Penalizing the variance: the rationale

Worst case:

$$\min_{\mathbf{u}} \left[ \max_{p \in \mathbb{P}} \mathcal{J}(\mathbf{u} | p) \right]$$

Expectation:

$$\min_{\mathbf{u}} \left[ \mu[\mathcal{J}(\mathbf{u} | \cdot)] \right]$$

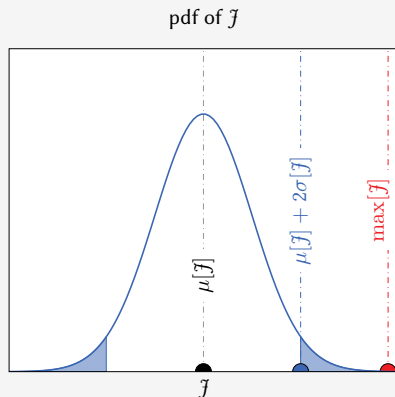
Worst event with probability  $> \eta$ :

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where

$$\alpha = \min \{ \alpha \mid \Pr[\mathcal{J} > \mu[\mathcal{J}] + \alpha \sigma^{0.5}[\mathcal{J}]] \leq \eta \}$$

→ Normal distribution  $\mathcal{N}(0, 1)$ ,  $\eta = 5\% \rightarrow \alpha \approx 2$



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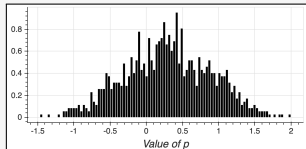
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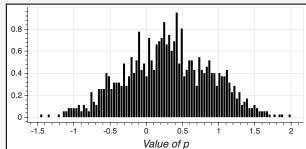
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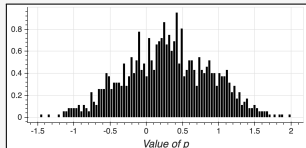
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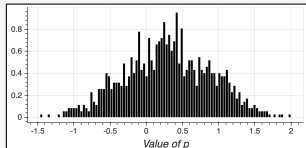


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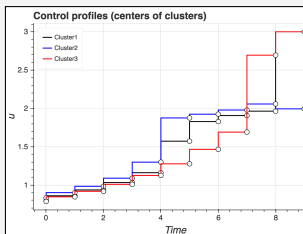
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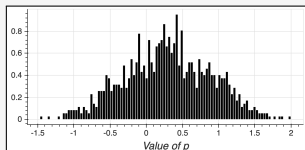


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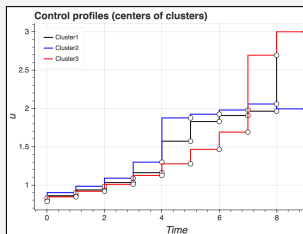
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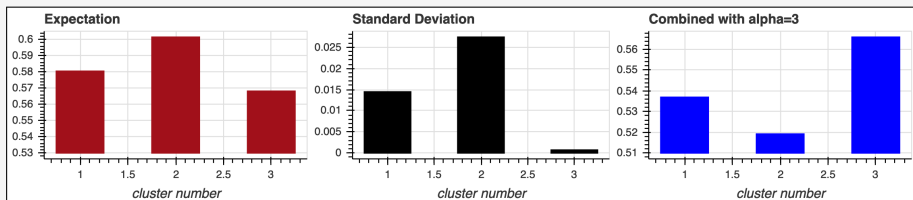
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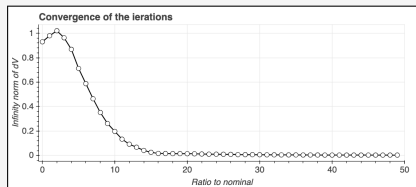
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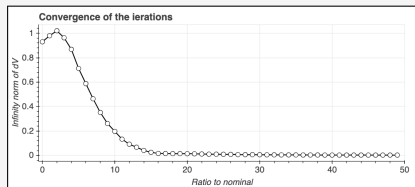
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- normalize using the results with the nominal controller.
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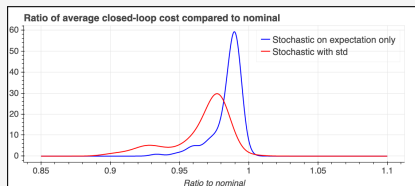


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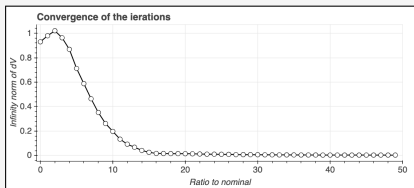
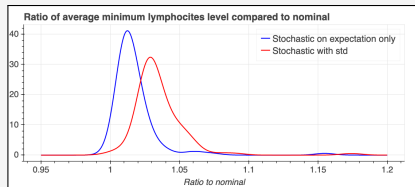


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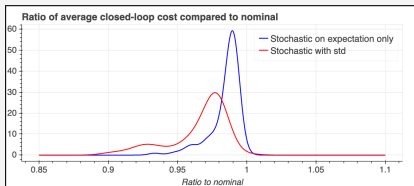


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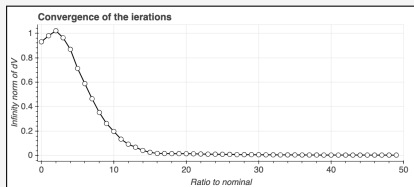
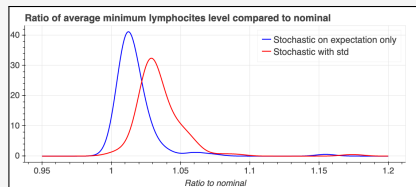
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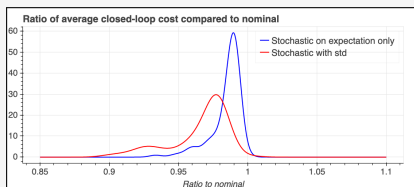
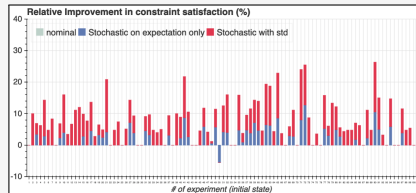
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