
MPC Design under time shortage

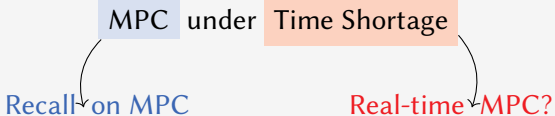
Lessons from case-studies ...

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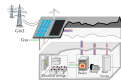
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- **Missing although related items** 😞:
 - Connection with probabilistic certification
 - Stochastic MPC

 - → [See plenary at the 2019-Colombian Control Conference]

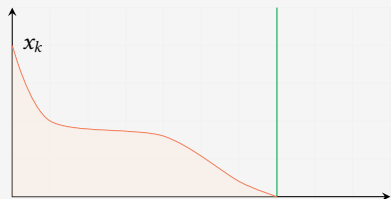
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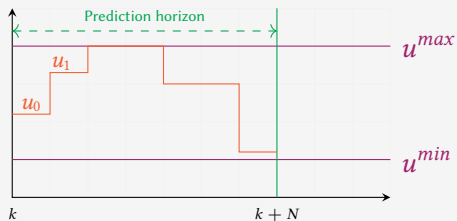
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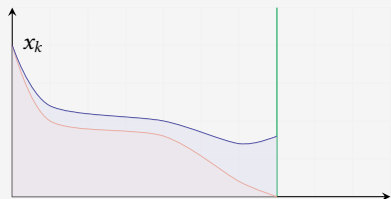
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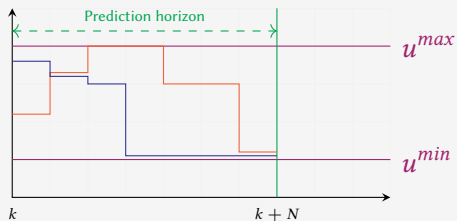
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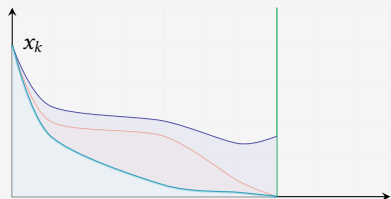
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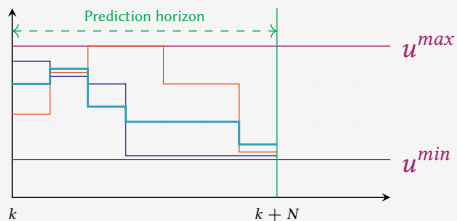
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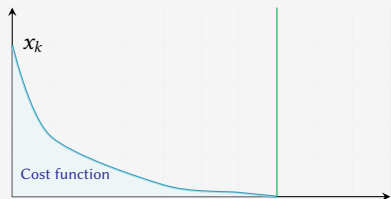
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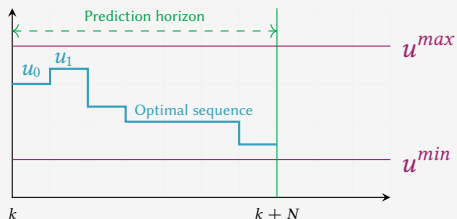
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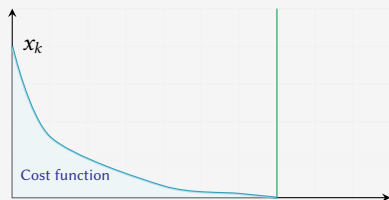
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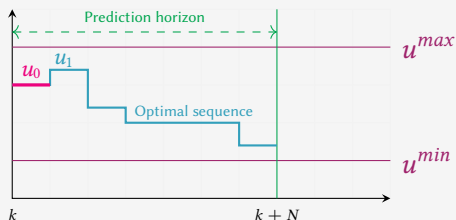
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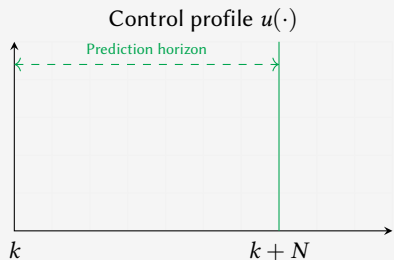
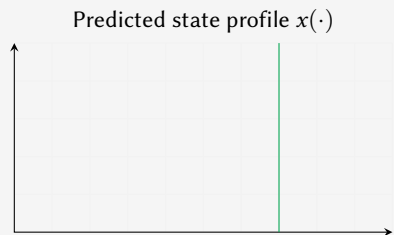
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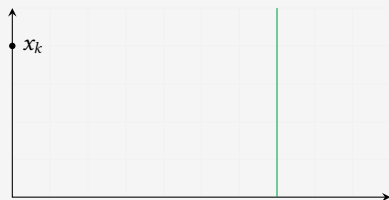
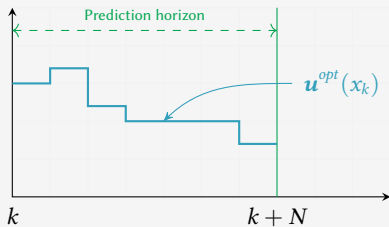
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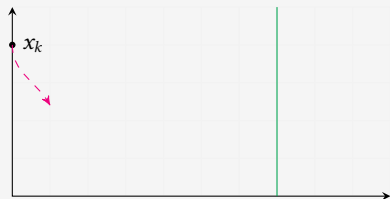
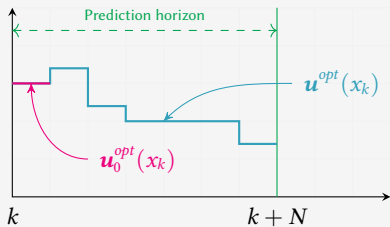
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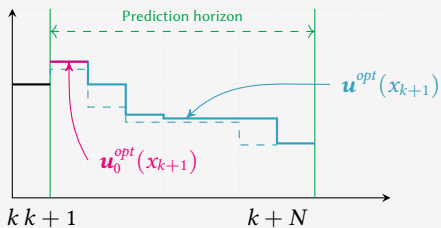
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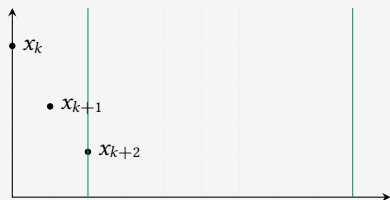
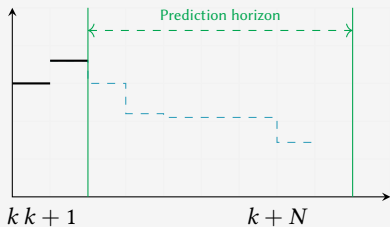
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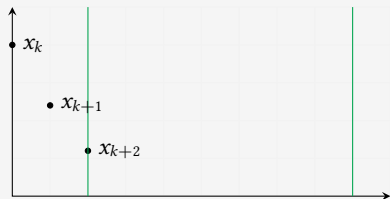
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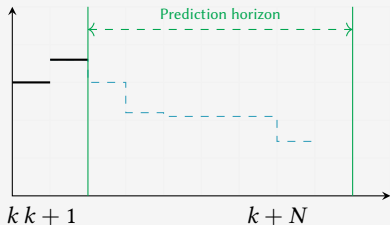
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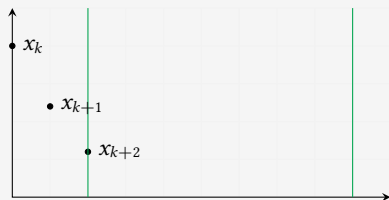
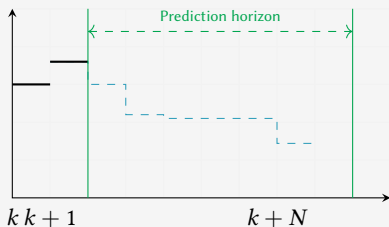
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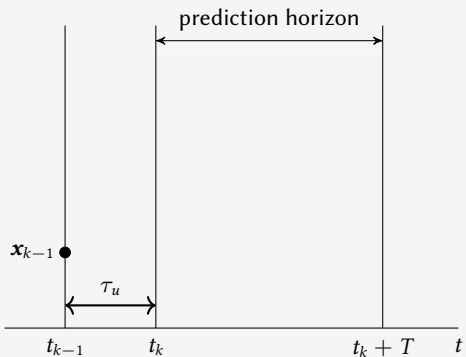
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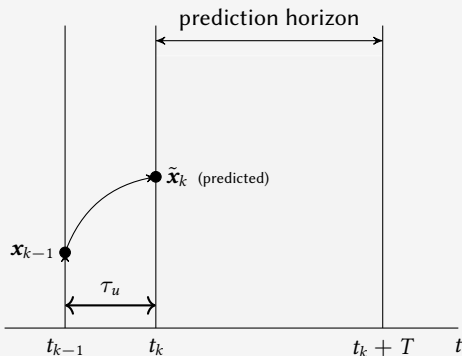
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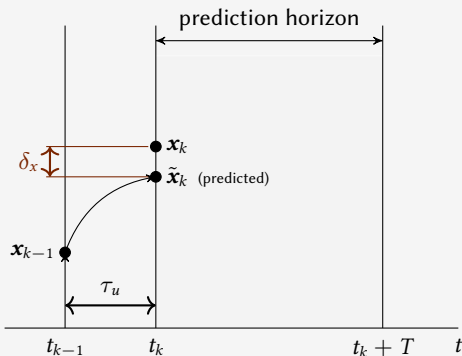
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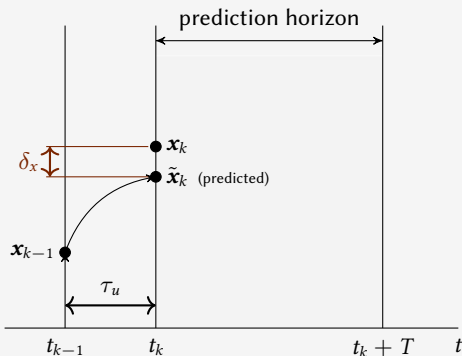
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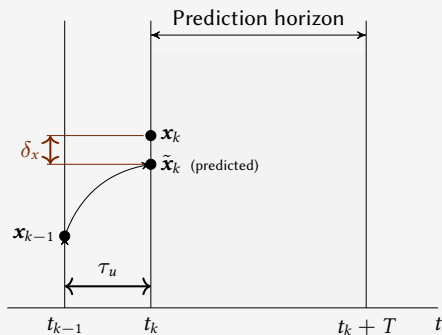
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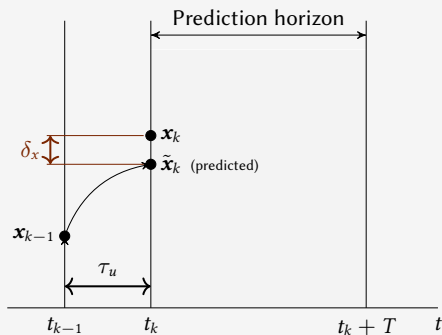


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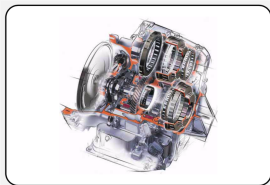
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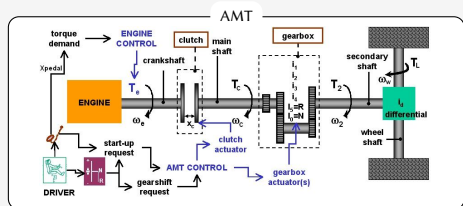
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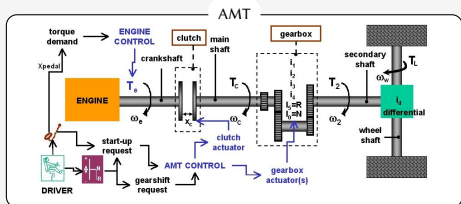
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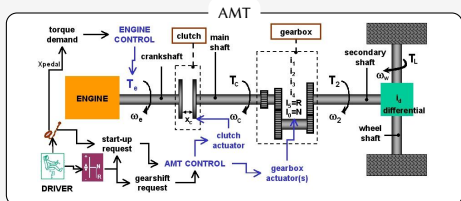
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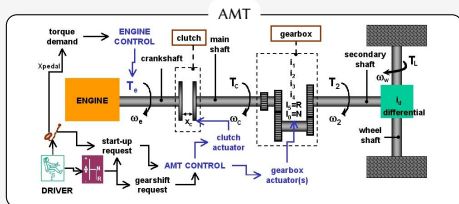
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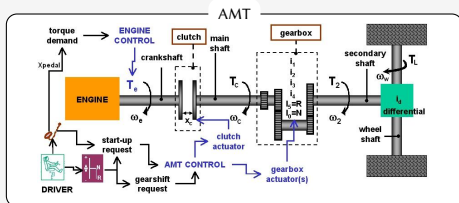
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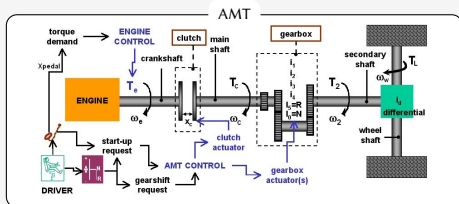
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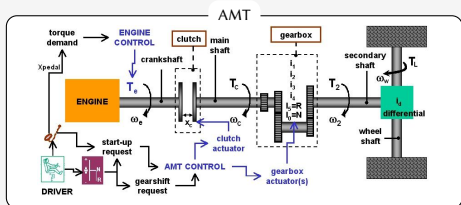
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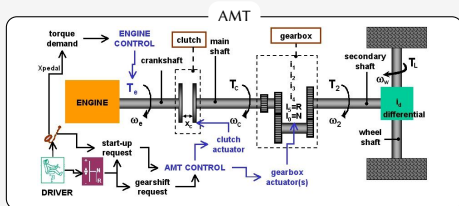
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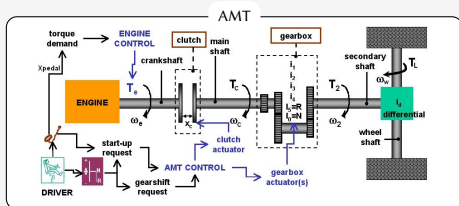
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→ Observer-based parameterized MPC

One single degree of freedom

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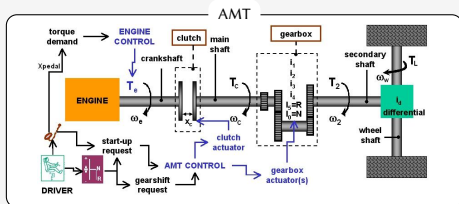
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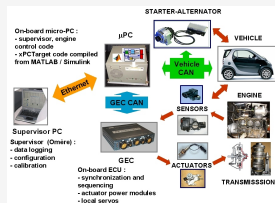
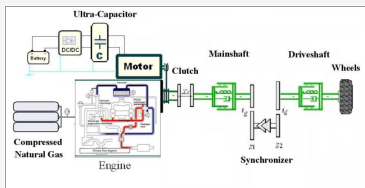
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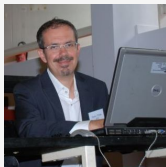


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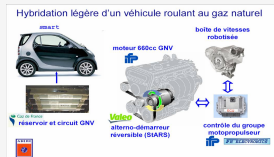
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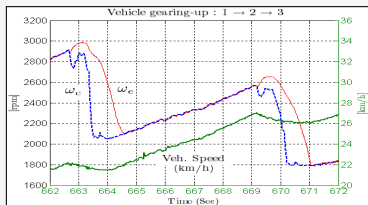


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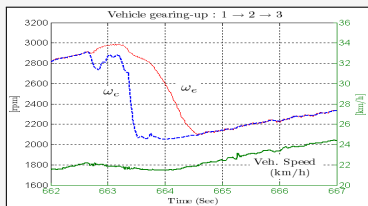
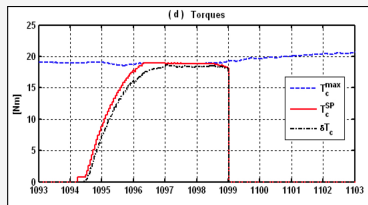
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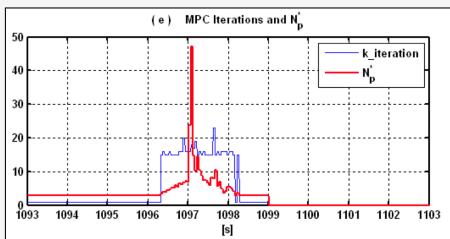


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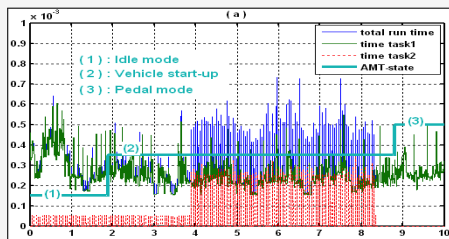
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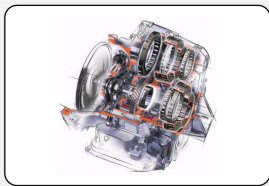


Parametrized NMPC: Closed-loop evolution of the decision variable

Parameterized NMPC (Task 2) - CPU time ($300\mu\text{sec}$ in 2006 !!)

Case study 1

Automated manual transmission



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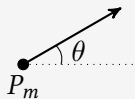
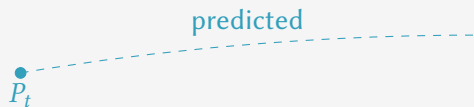
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Case study 2

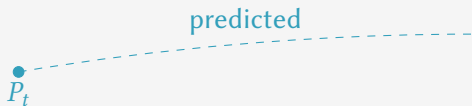
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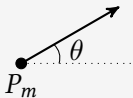
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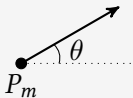
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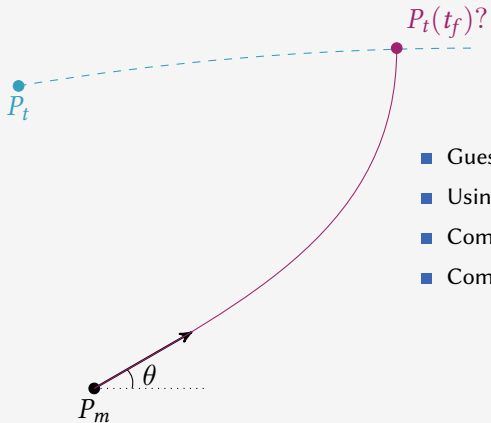
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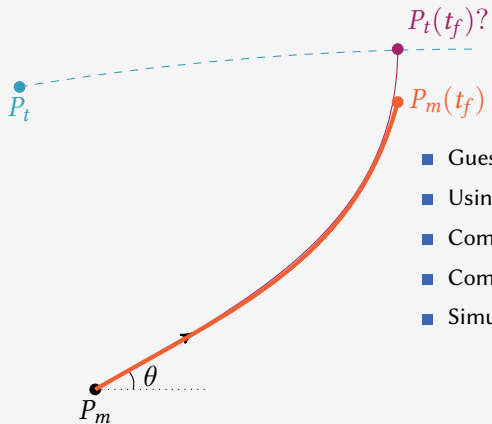


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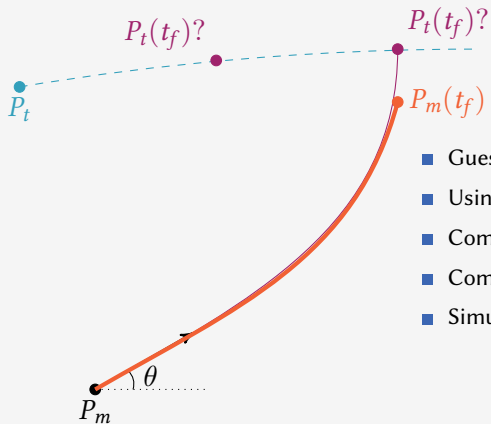
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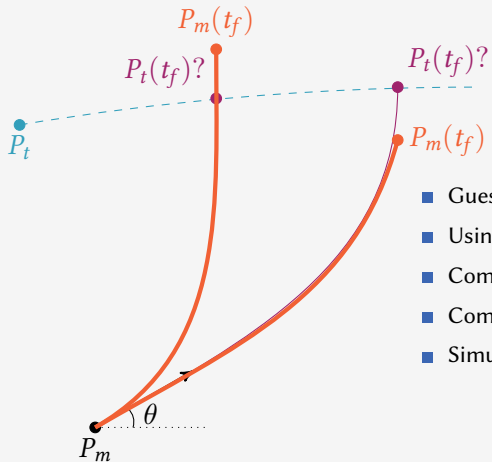
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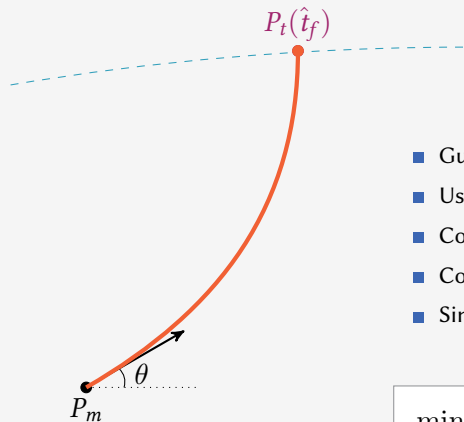
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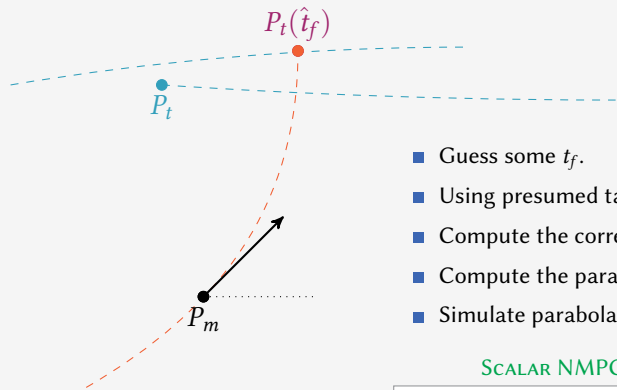


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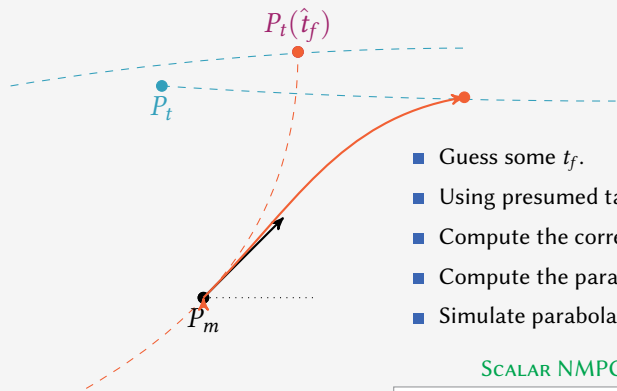


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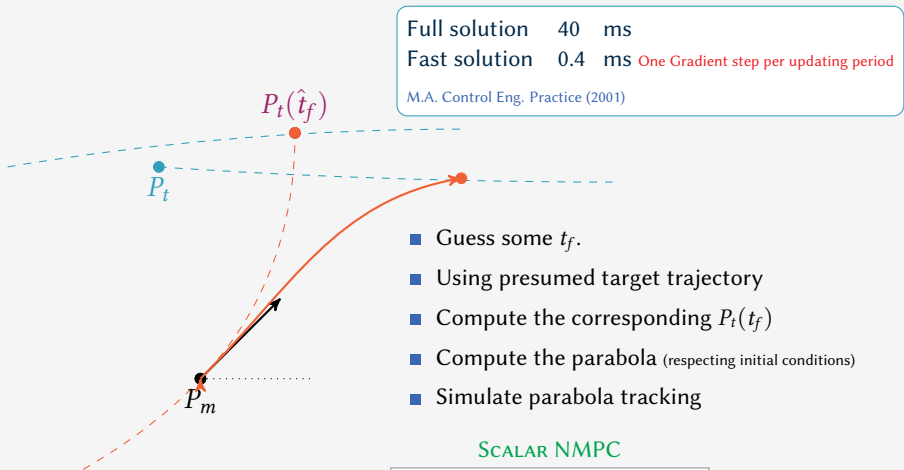


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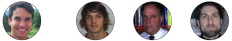


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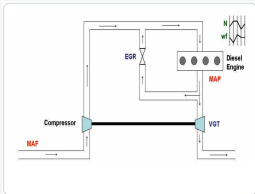
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Case study 3

Diesel Engines

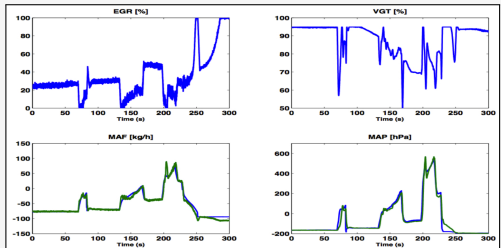


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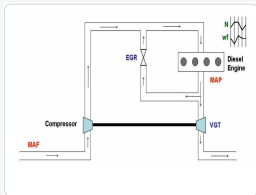
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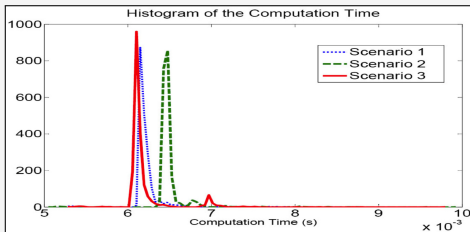


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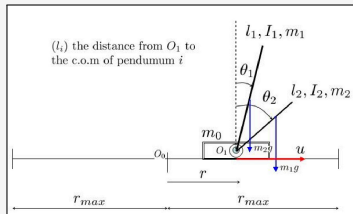
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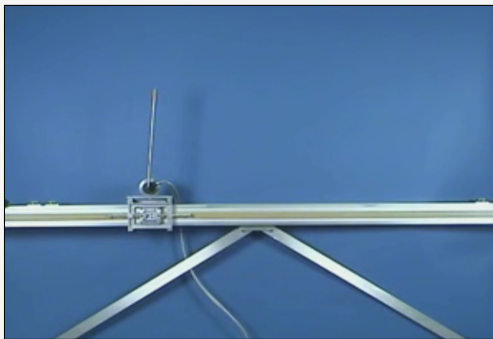
- Nonlinear 6-dimensional model
 - highly unstable
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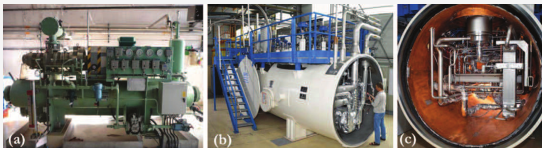


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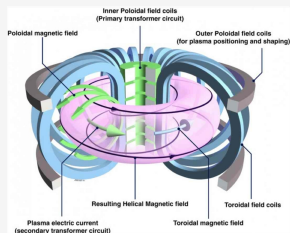
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Case study 5

Cryogenic refrigerators



Cryogenic Refrigerators - Problem statement



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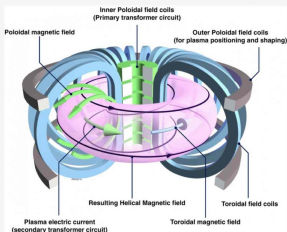


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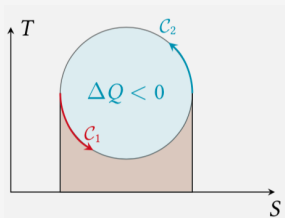
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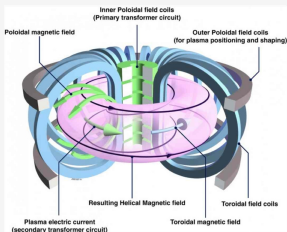


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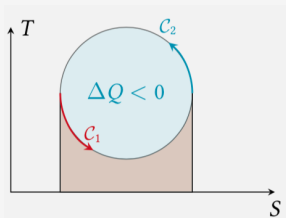
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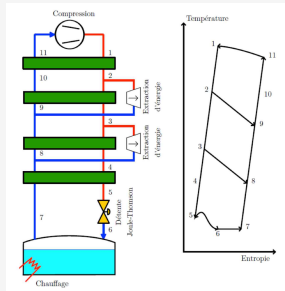
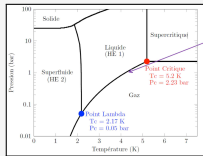
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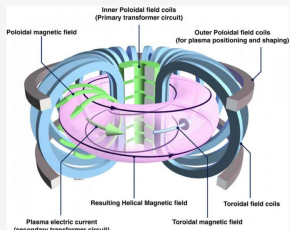


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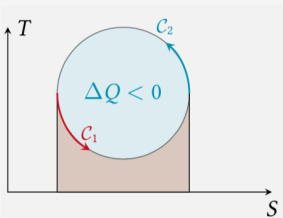
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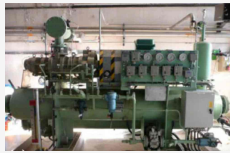
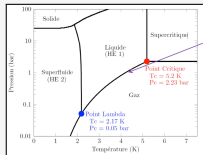
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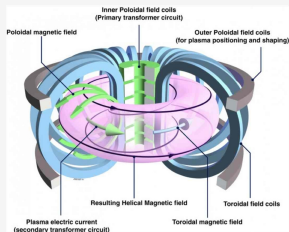
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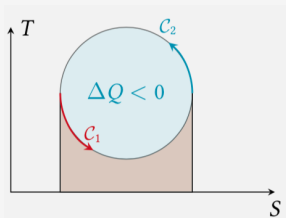
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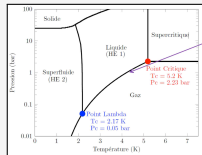
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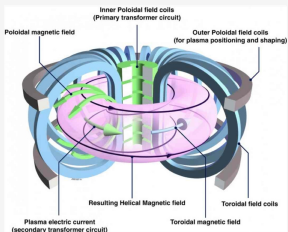
$$y = Cx + Du$$

- $(x, u, w) \in \mathbb{R}^{24} \times \mathbb{R}^3 \times \mathbb{R}$
- w unpredictable heat pulse
- $u \in \mathbb{U}$ two valves+heating (bath)

Objective

Keep the station sustainable despite of un-measured and unpredictable w .

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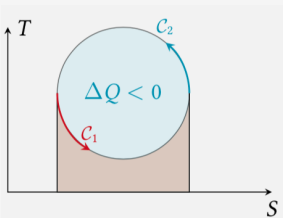
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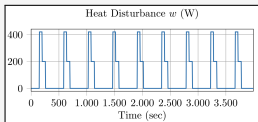
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- $u \in \mathbb{U}$ two valves+heating (bath)

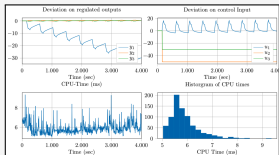
Objective

Keep the station sustainable despite of un-measured and unpredictable w .

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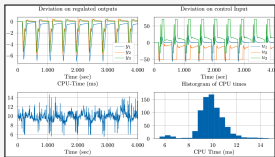
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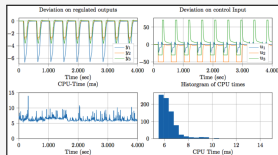
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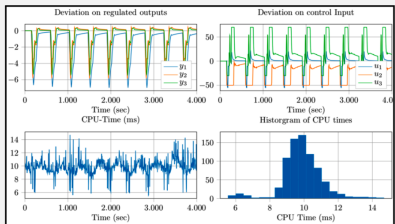
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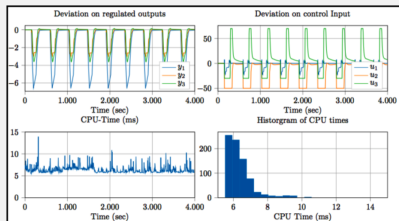
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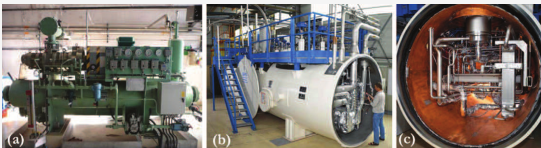
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Case study 5

Cryogenic refrigerators



Take away

- So many nice solvers freely available
- GUROBI, CVXGEN, CASADI, ACADO, QPOASIS, PDFMPC,...
- This totally frees creative formulations
- Formulations highly impact the results (stability/cpu-time)

- 1 Recalls on MPC
- 2 The big Picture
- 3 Formulate tractable problems
- 4 Distributing computation over time**
- 5 Distributing computation over space

Keywords involved in MPC Time shortage

Time shortage

$$\tau_{solve}(NLP(\tilde{\mathbf{x}}_k)) \geq \tau_u^{max}$$

Formulation

Prediction horizon
Constraints
Parametrization

Suboptimality

Uniform sampling
State-dependent

Architecture

Centralized
Hierarchical
Parallel

Hardware

PLC
Work Station
8-bit processor

Algorithm

IP
SQP
Gradient

Simplification

- Parametrization
- Observer
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Distribution over time

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- Co-design S/H

Distribution over space

- Fixed-point Hierarchical MPC
- GPU-based MPC

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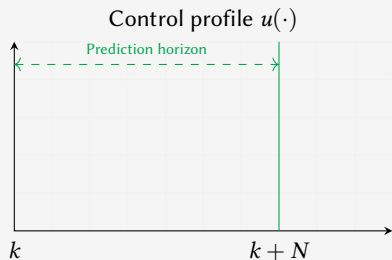
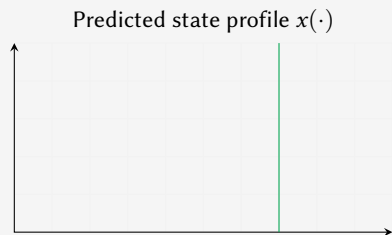
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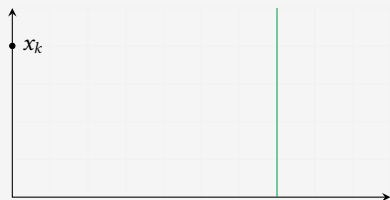
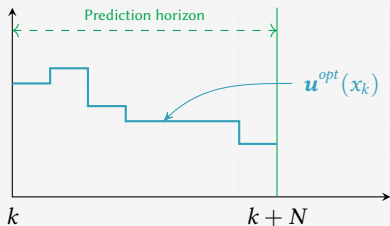
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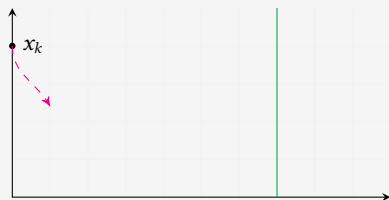
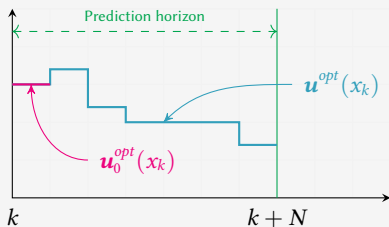
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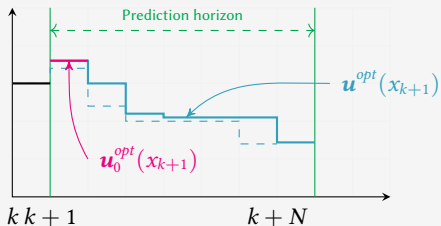
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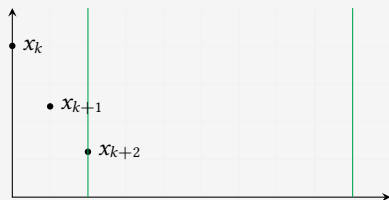
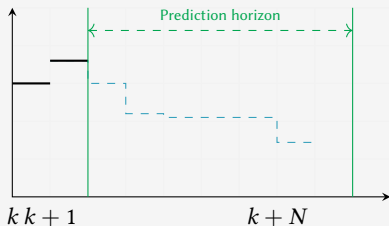
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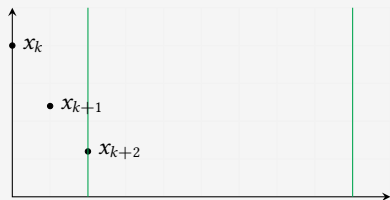
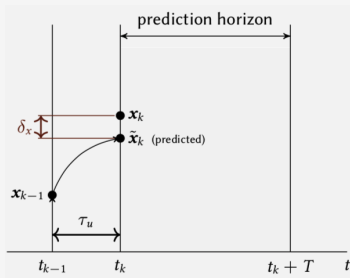
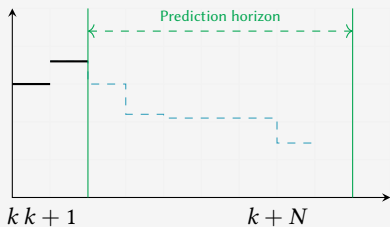
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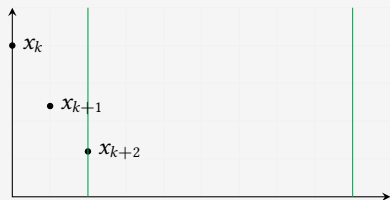
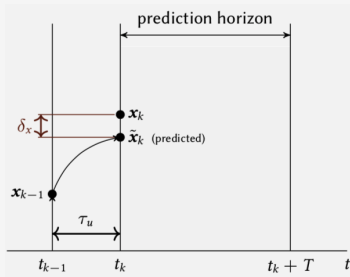
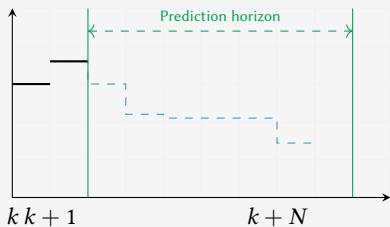
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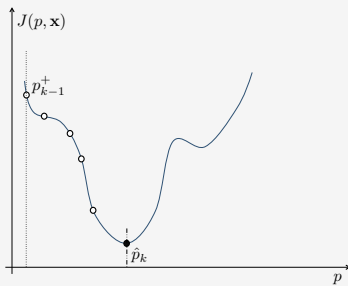
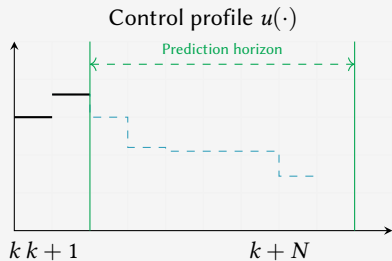
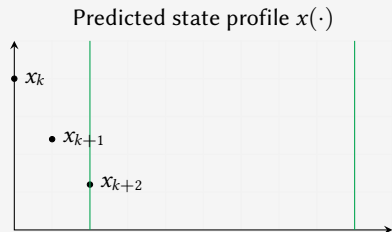
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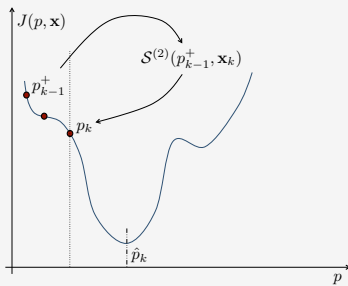
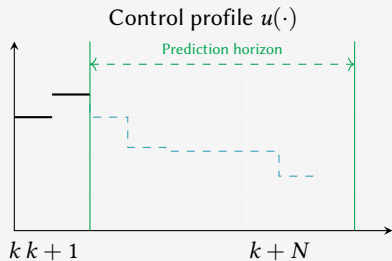
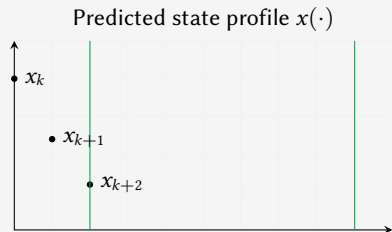
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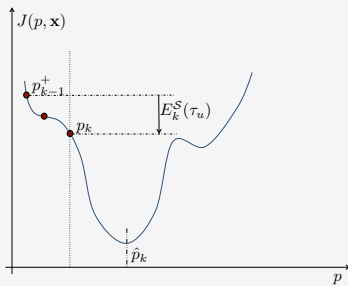
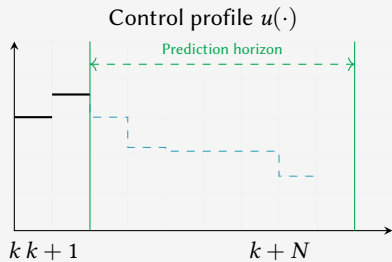
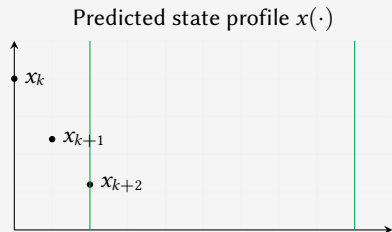
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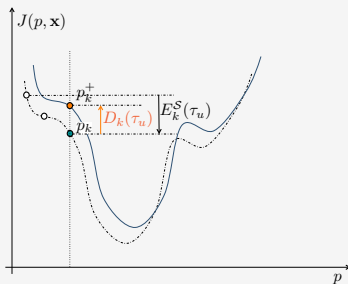
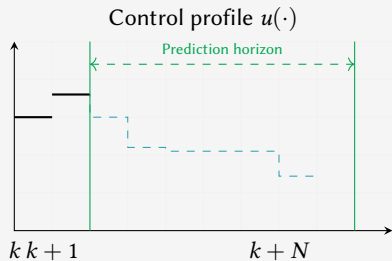
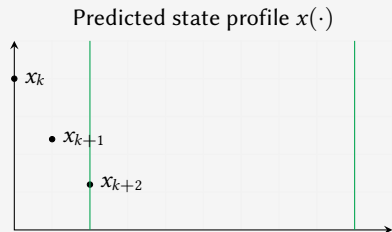
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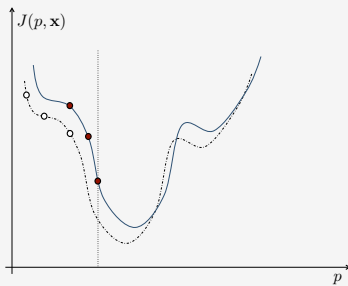
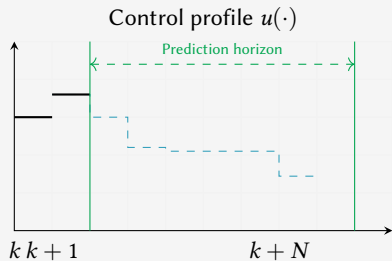
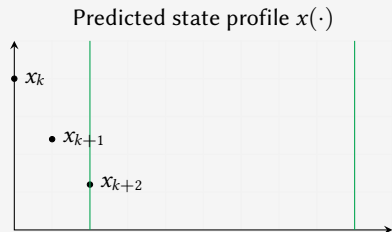
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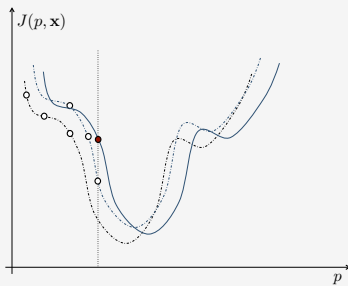
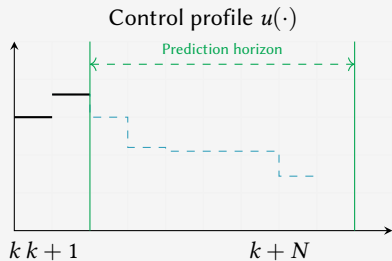
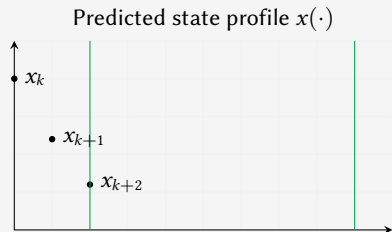
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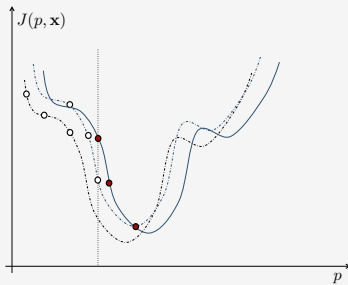
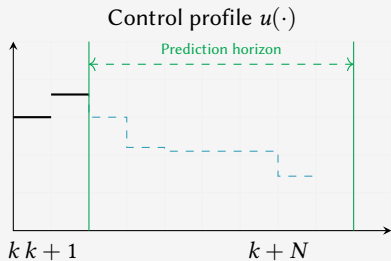
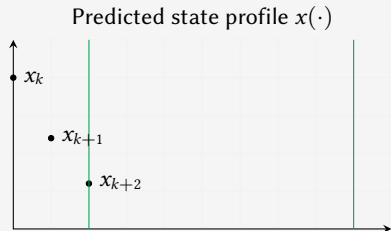
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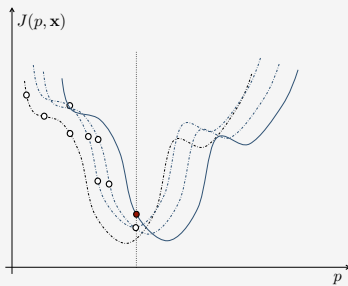
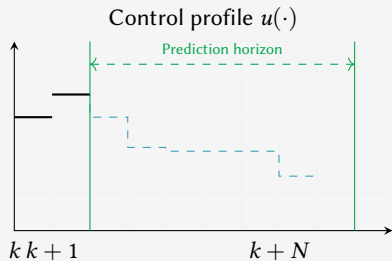
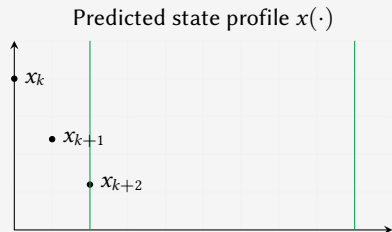
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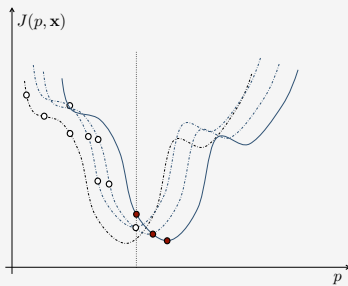
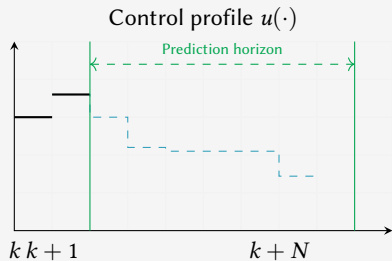
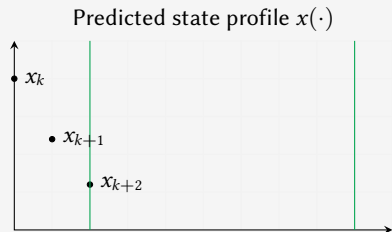
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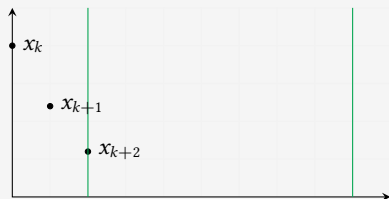
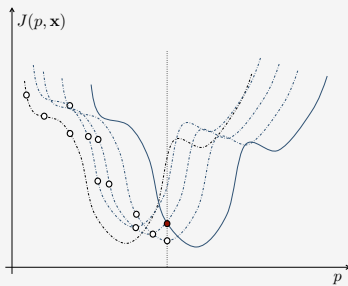
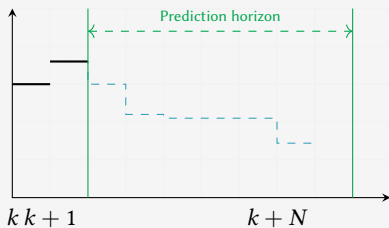
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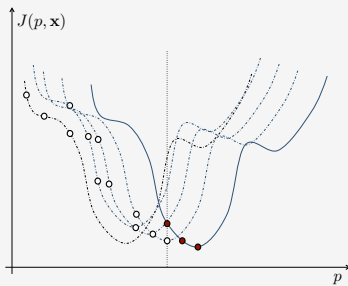
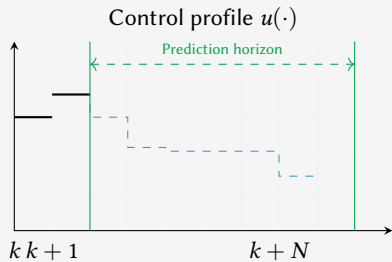
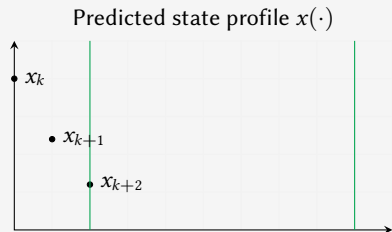
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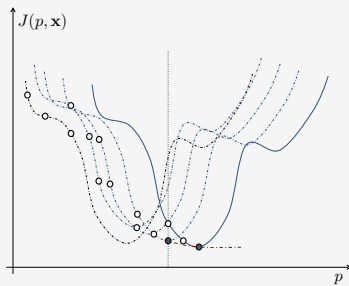
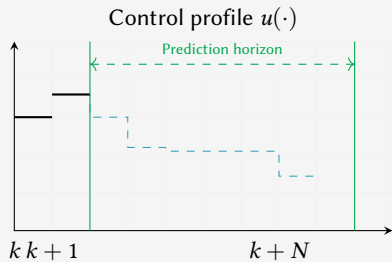
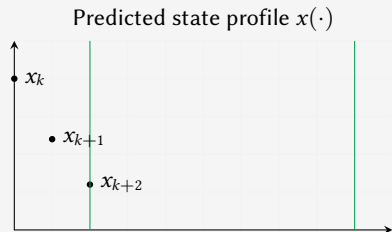
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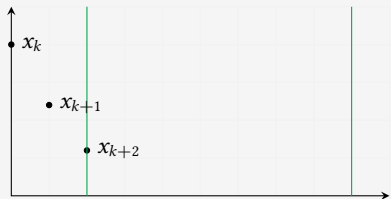
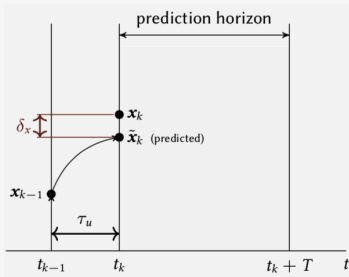
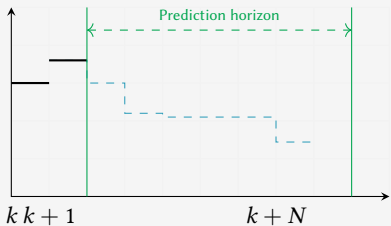
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Use variable (adaptive) τ_u !

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$$\begin{aligned} p_{k+1} &= \mathcal{S}^{(q(\tau_u))}(p_k^+, \mathbf{x}_k) \\ \mathbf{x}_{k+1} &= f(\mathbf{x}_k, \mathcal{U}(0, p_k)) \end{aligned}$$

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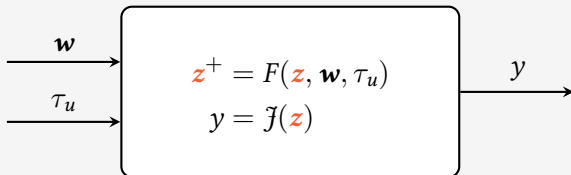
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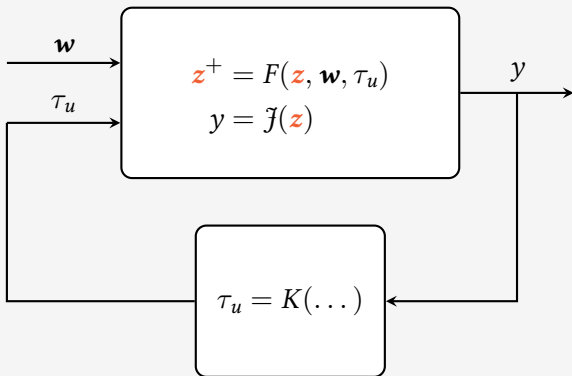
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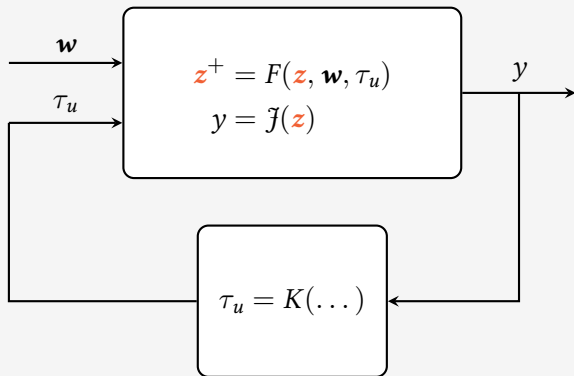
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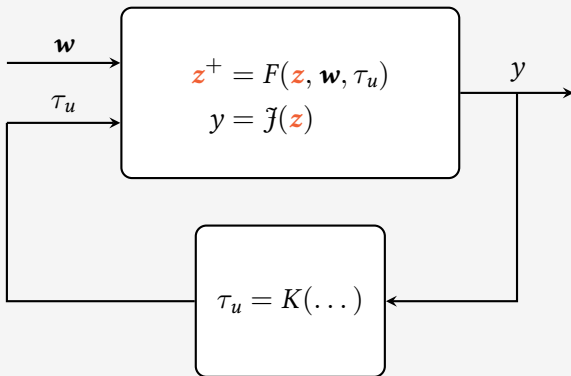
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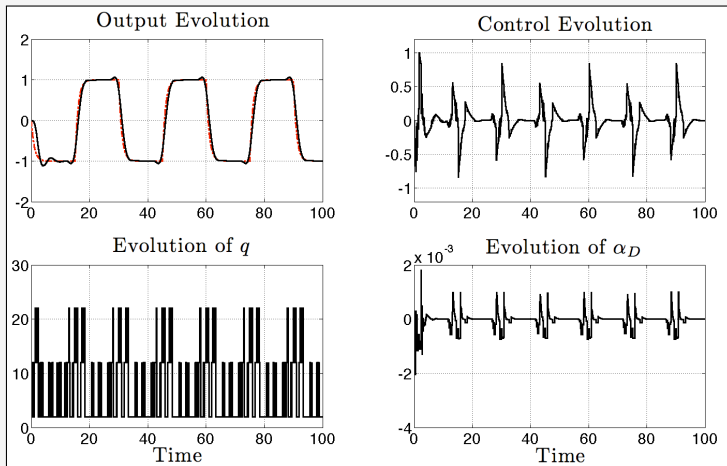
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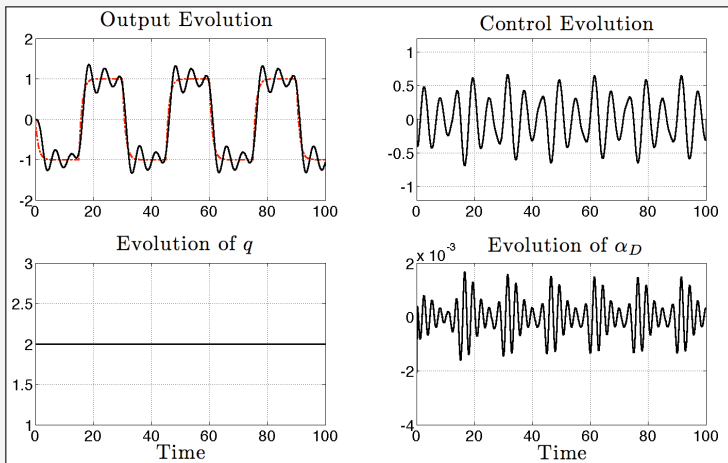
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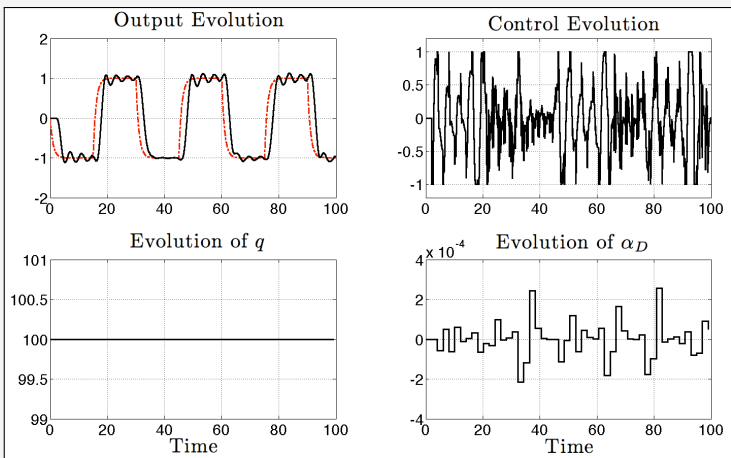
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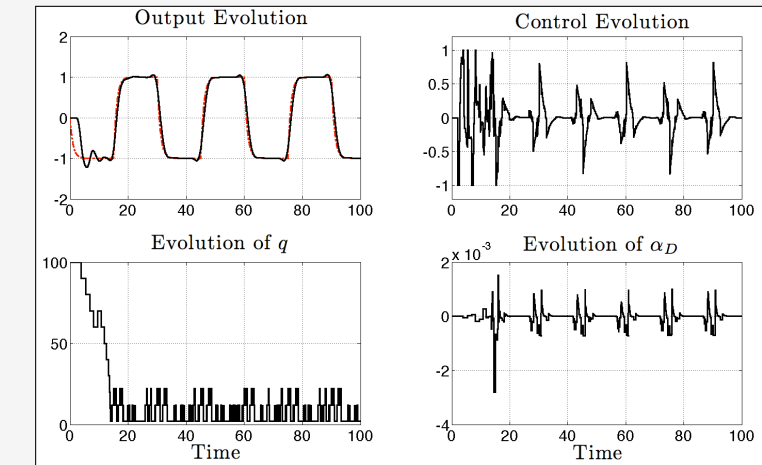
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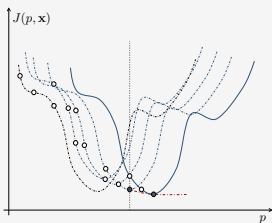
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Updating rate as decision variable



Take away

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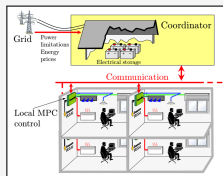
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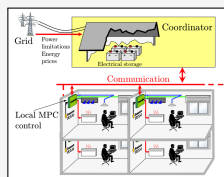


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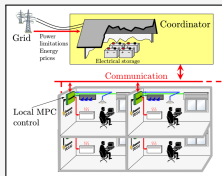
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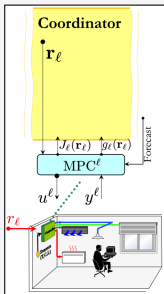
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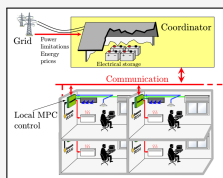
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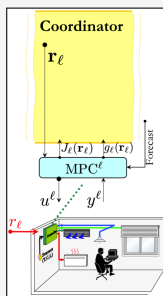
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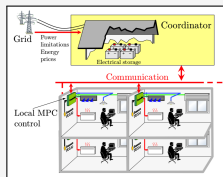
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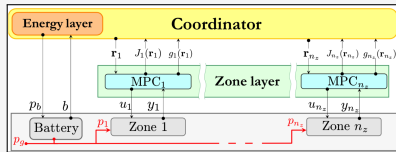
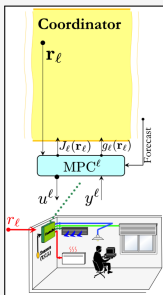
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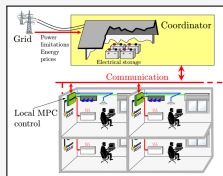
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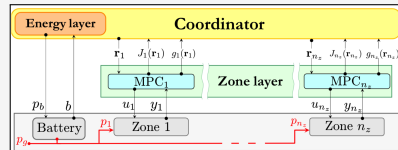
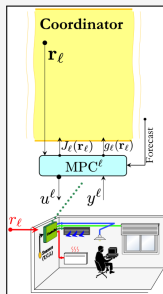
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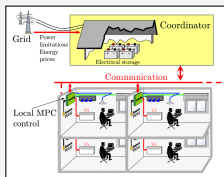
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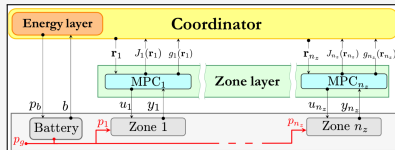
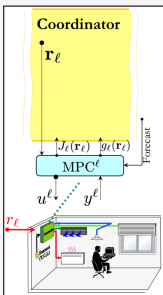
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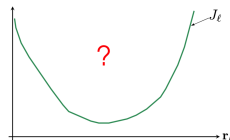
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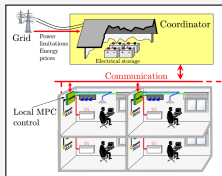
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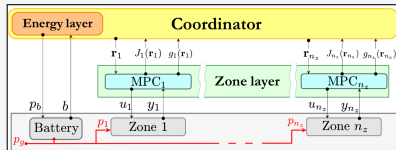
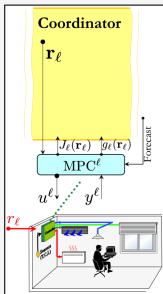
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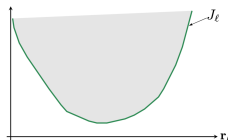
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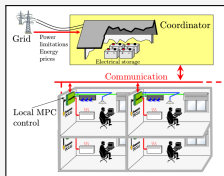
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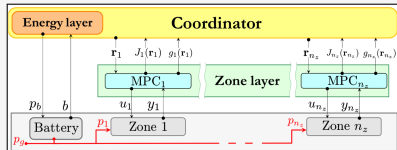
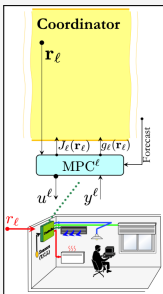
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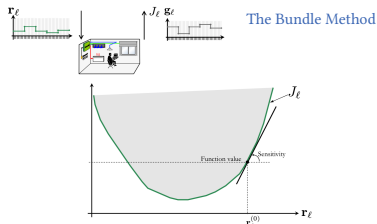
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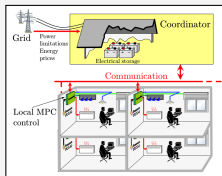
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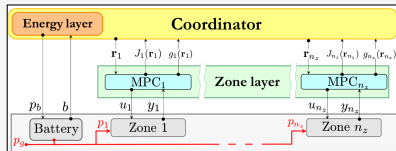
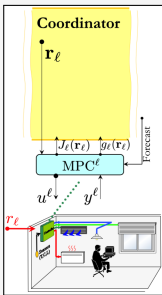
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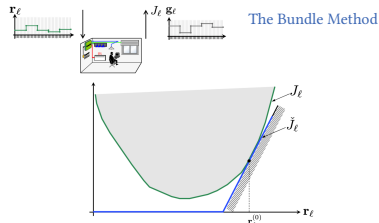
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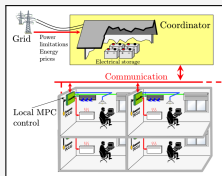
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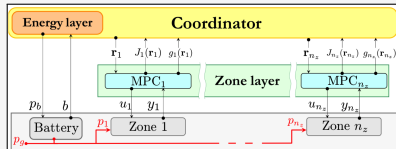
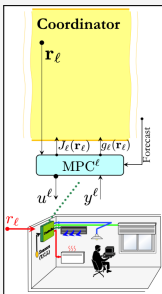
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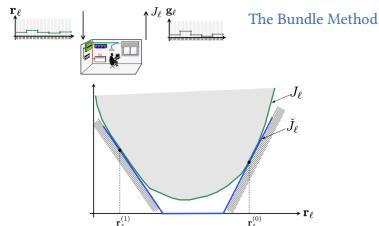
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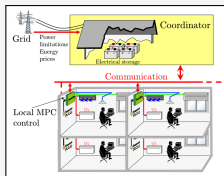
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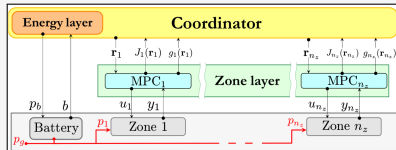
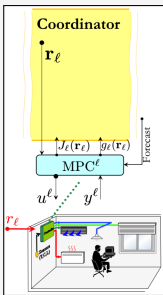
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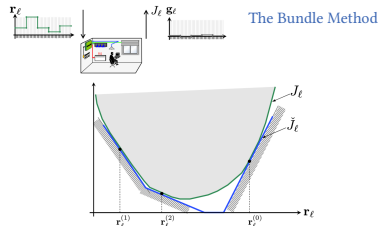
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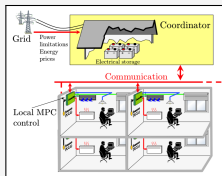
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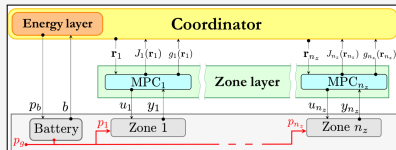
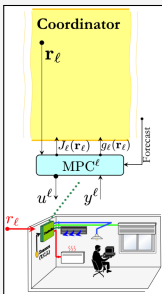
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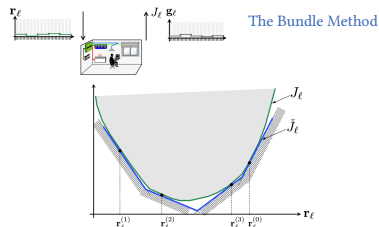
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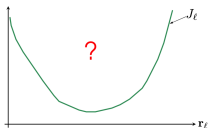
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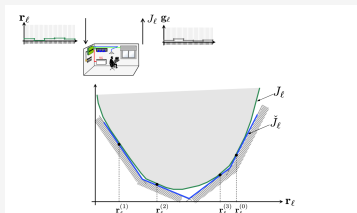


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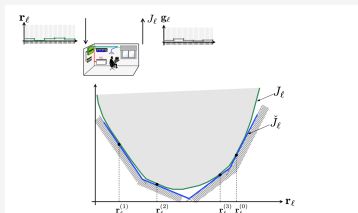
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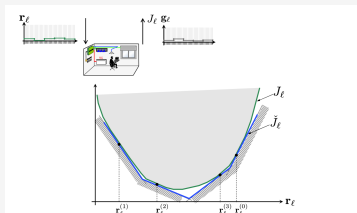


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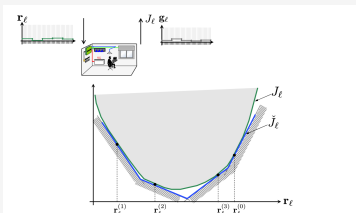
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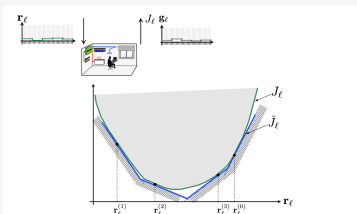


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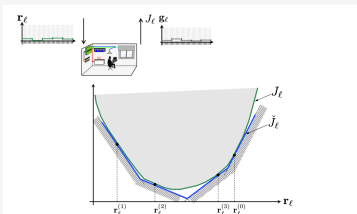
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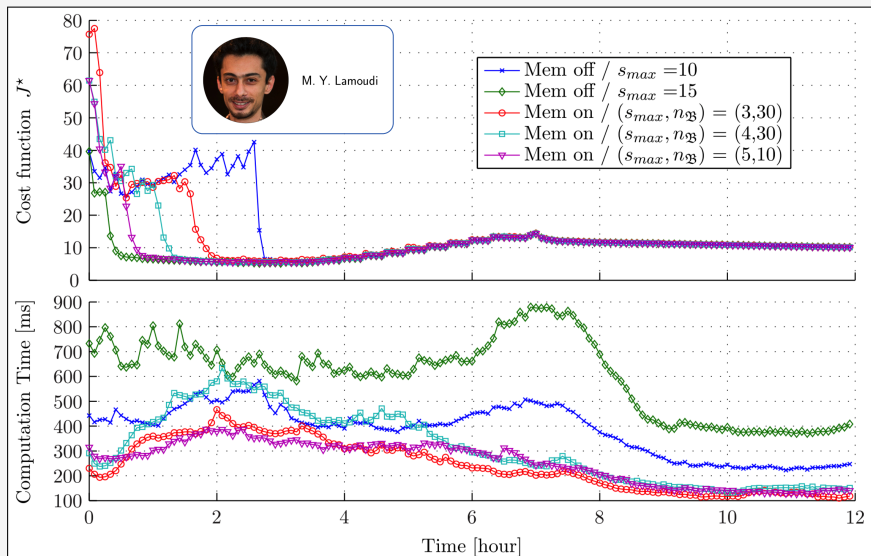
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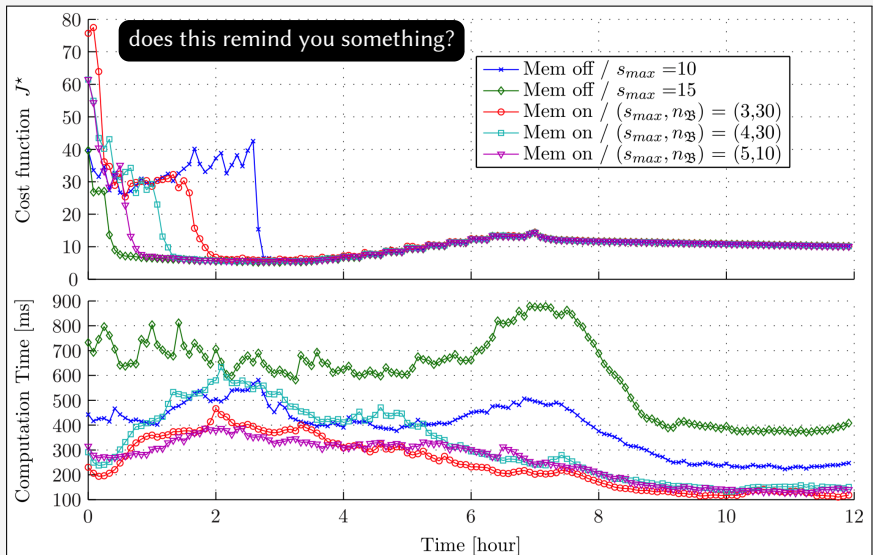
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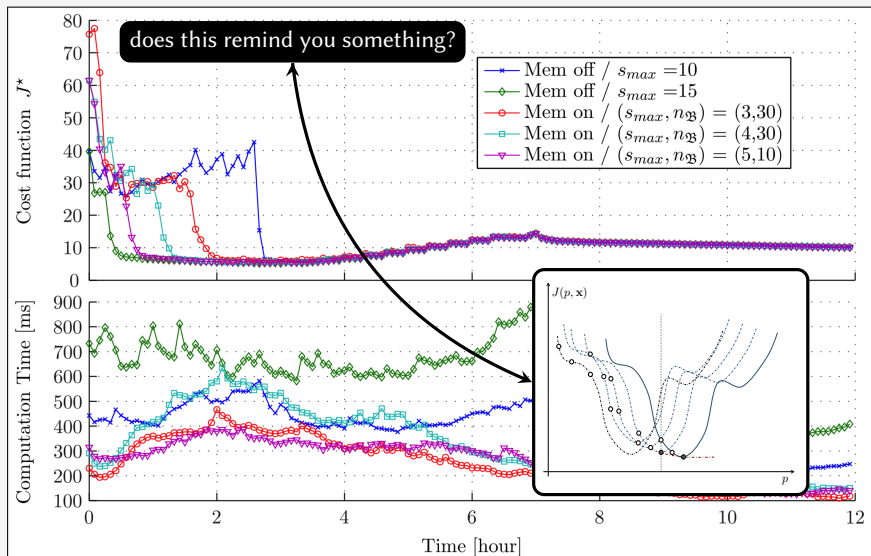
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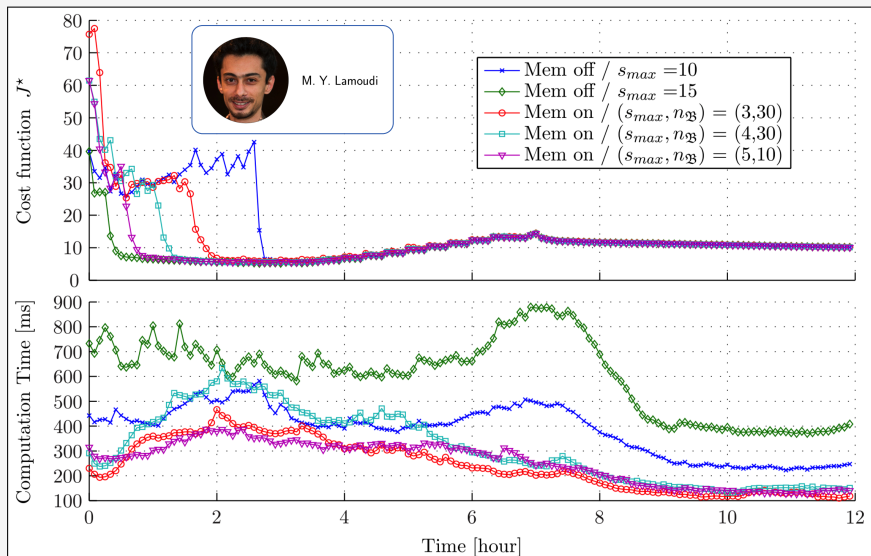
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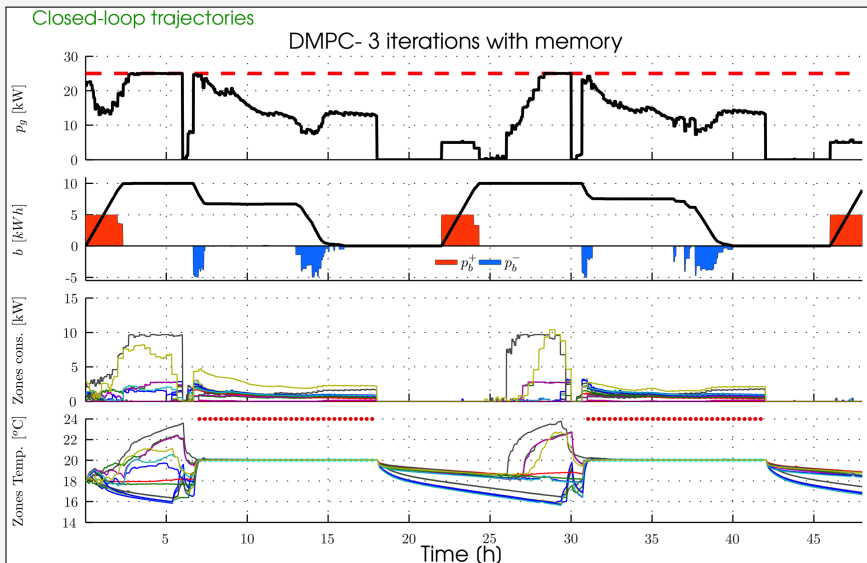
- s_{max}
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 - but ↘ reactivity.
- n_B
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 - but ↗ risk of out-of-date data.

Smart building management: impact of meta-parameters s_{max} and n_B (Results: courtesy of M. Y. Lamoudi)

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Case study 6

Smart Building



Take away

- Remember past computation
- ... with a forgetting factor

Scalability: Dual aggregated Bundle

(Results: courtesy of P. Pflaum)

- District composed of **1000** buildings of different size and inertia
- Prediction horizon $t_{horizon} = 24\text{h}$, sampling period $\tau = 15\text{min}$
- Number of decision variables \approx **800000**
- Time to solve one building MPC problem: $t_{Subsys} = 75\text{ms}$
- $t_{Coordinator} =$ **79ms** (aggregated bundle)
- Around **30** iterations required in closed loop
- Building MPC problems can be solved in parallel



Peter Pflaum

Total computation time to solve the problem:

$$t_{total} = n_{iter} \cdot (t_{Subsys} + t_{Coordinator}) = 30 \cdot (75[ms] + 79[ms]) = \mathbf{4.6[s]}$$

(Inter(R) Core(TM) i7-3540M CPU @ 3.00 GHz, 16,0 Go RAM, Gurobi 6.0 for LPs and QPs)

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Keywords involved in MPC Time shortage

Time shortage

$$\tau_{solve}(NLP(\tilde{\mathbf{x}}_k)) \geq \tau_u^{max}$$

Formulation

Prediction horizon
Constraints
Parametrization

Suboptimality

Uniform sampling
State-dependent

Architecture

Centralized
Hierarchical
Parallel

Hardware

PLC
Work Station
8-bit processor

Algorithm

IP
SQP
Gradient

Simplification

- Parametrization
- Observer
- Formulation

Distribution over time

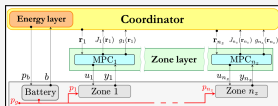
- State-dependent sampling
- Co-design S/H

Distribution over space

- Fixed-point Hierarchical MPC
- GPU-based MPC

Distributing computation in space

Hierarchical MPC

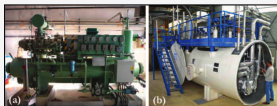
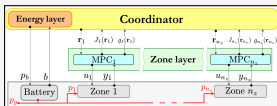


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GPU-Based NMPC



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Case study 7

GPU-based MPC of a semi-active suspension





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O. Senname

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To summarize

- $\dot{x} = f(x, u, d)$
- $(x, u, d) \in \mathbb{R}^8 \times \mathbb{R}^2 \times \mathbb{R}^2$
- Sampling period $\leq 5\text{ms}$

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Control of SA-suspension: two competing designs

State of the art general NLP solver

- ACADO-qpOases / multiple shooting
- Symbolic automatic differentiation
- 4-th order Runge-Kutta integrator
- Code-generation based
- Standard p.w.c control profile
- projection of the quantized set
- Monitor the # iterations N_s

GPU/Simulation based solver

- Constant profile
- $\text{Card}(\mathbb{E})^2$ possibilities
- **Each is simulated by a single thread**
- **If** \exists admissible solutions:
 - Take the cost minimizer
- **otherwise:**
 - Minimize the constraint violation

Sampling period = 5 ms

Prediction horizon length $N = 3$

$\text{Card}(\mathbb{E}) = 8^2 = 64$

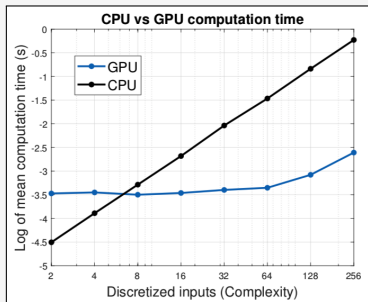
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Results

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(FA) Feasibility
 (CT) Computation Time
 (NCLO) Normalized Closed-Loop Objective
 (N_s) number of Newton iterations
 (n_ϕ) card(\mathbb{E})

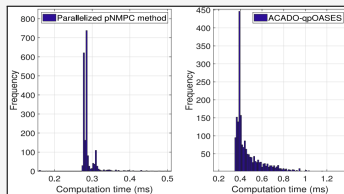
TABLE I
ACADO-qPOASES NMPC CONTROLLER

N_s	FA	Mean CT (ms)	Max CT (ms)	NCLO
5	✗	0.70	1.6	—
10	✗	0.95	2.2	—
15	✓	1.3	2.9	0.6484
20	✓	1.5	3.0	0.6412
25	✓	1.9	3.9	0.6317

TABLE II
PARALLELIZED PNMP METHOD

$\{n_{\phi_1}, n_{\phi_2}\}$	FA	Mean CT (ms)	Max CT (ms)	NCLO
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Take away

- Using GPU
- Consider simulation-based optimization
- Re-think/Re-invent efficient heuristics
- New culture to adopt...!

Conclusion

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[Despite of]
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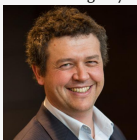
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