

# Model Predictive Control

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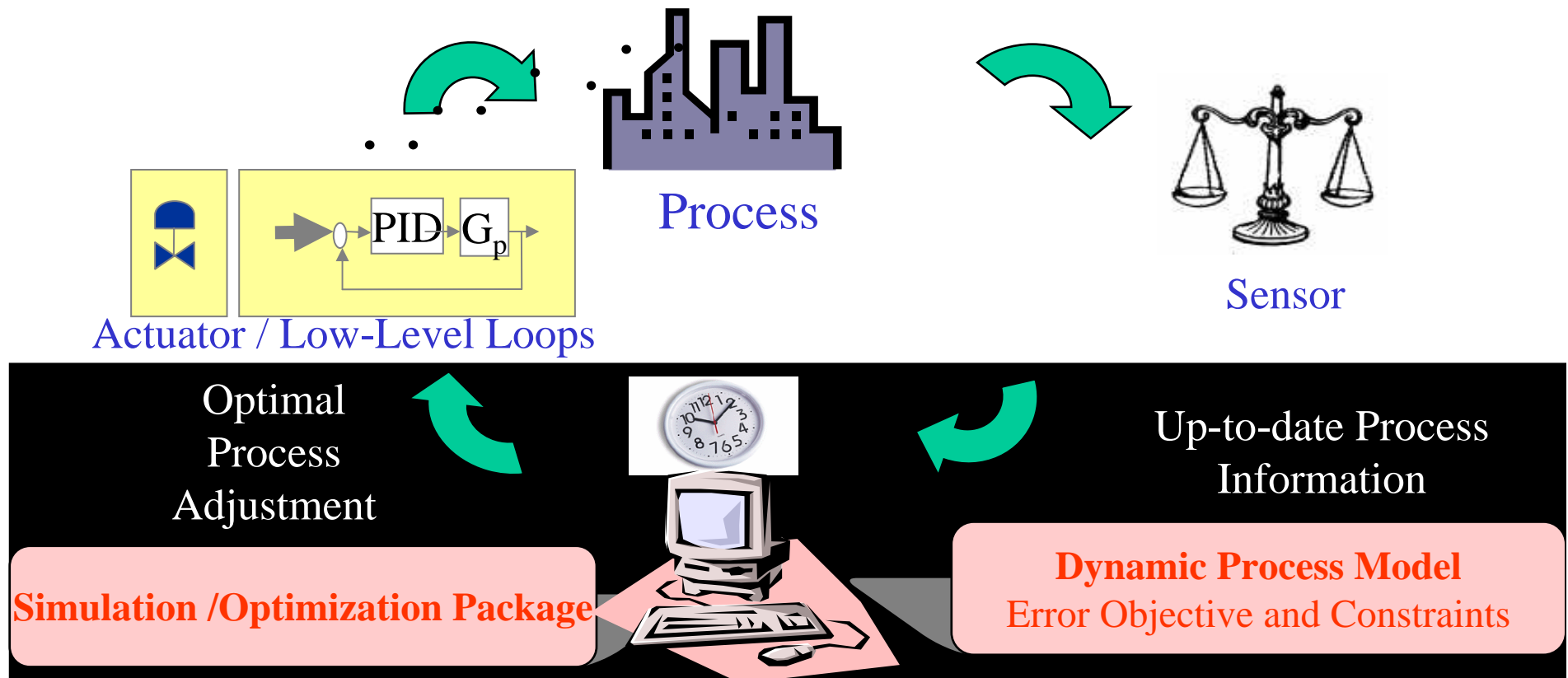
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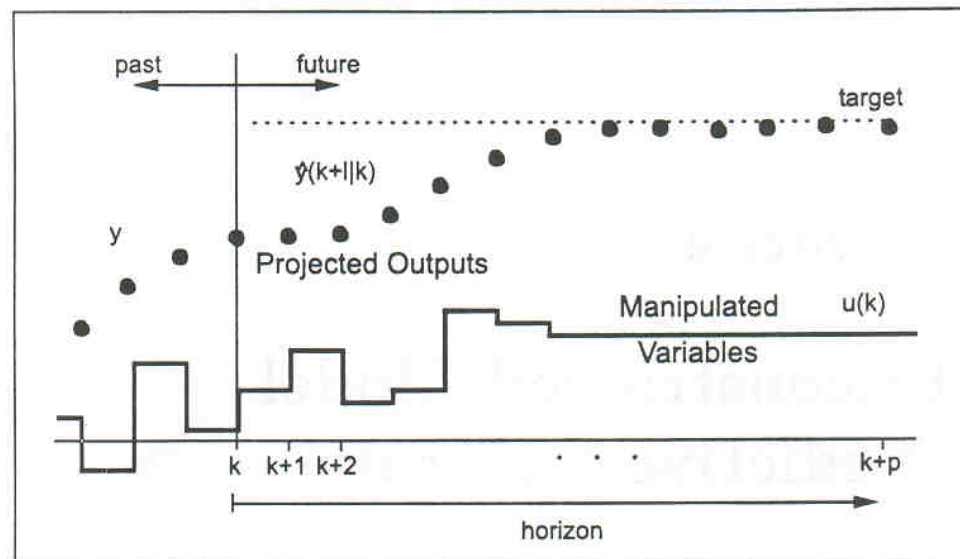
# Overview



- Popularized in the late 70s and early 80s in refineries
- Standard APC method for refineries and petrochemical plants
- 4500+ reported industrial applications (Yr. 2000)
- Many vendors marketing software and engineering service
  - Aspen Tech, Honeywell, Invensys, etc.
- Strong theoretical basis and systematic design for stability and performance

# Some Key Features

- **Computer based:** Sampled-data control
- **Model based:** Requires a dynamic process model (fundamental or empirical)
- **Feedback Update:** Model updated using on-line measurements.
- **Predictive:** Makes explicit prediction of the future time behavior of CVs within a chosen window.



## Some Key Features(2)

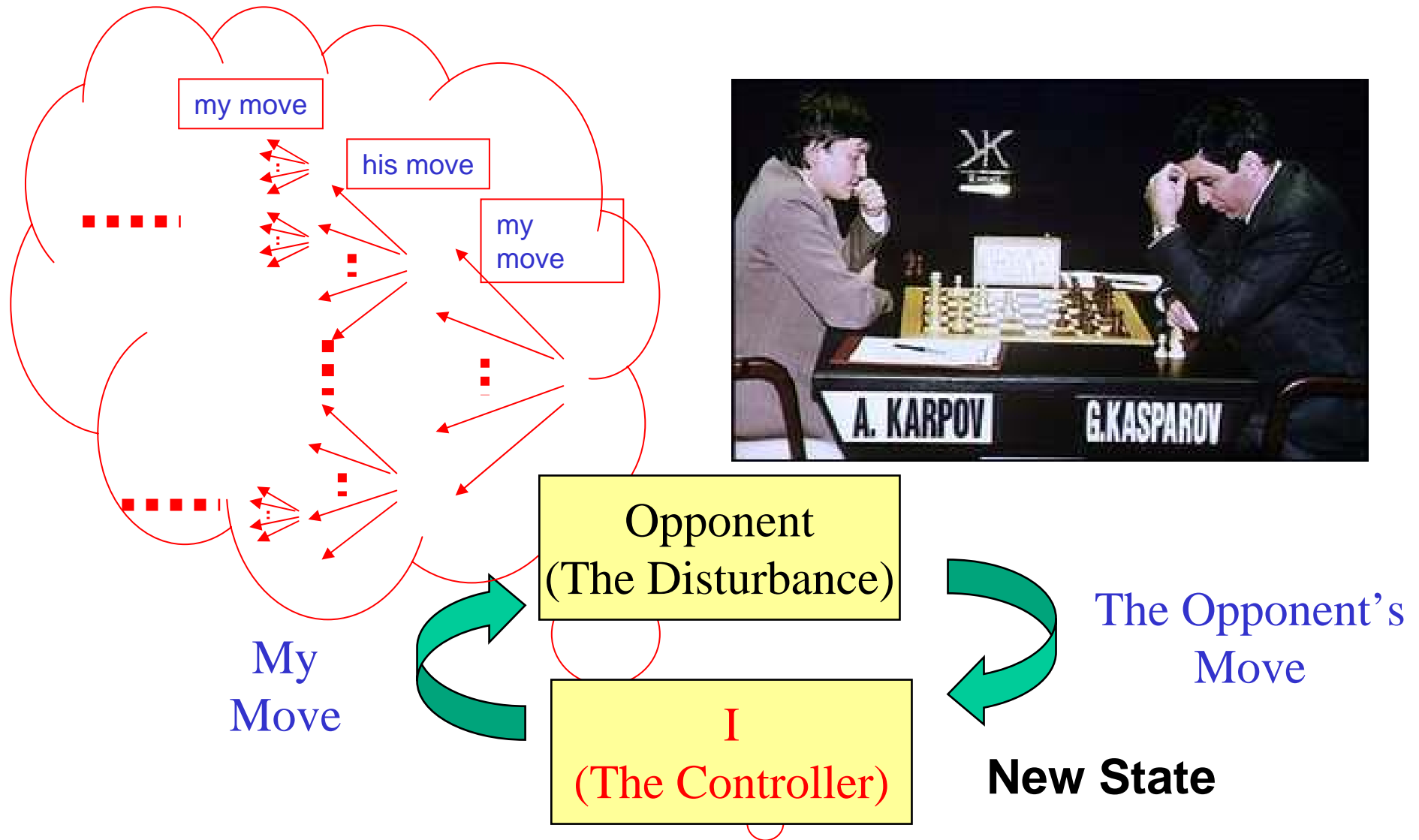
- **Optimization Based:** Performs optimization (numerical search) on-line for optimal control adjustments.

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \min_{u_i} \sum_{i=0}^p \phi_i(x_i, u_i) \\
 & g_i(x_i, u_i) \geq 0 \\
 & x_{i+1} = F(x_i, u_i)
 \end{aligned}
 \xrightarrow{?}
 \begin{aligned}
 & u_0 = \mu(x_0) \\
 & \text{HJB Eqn.}
 \end{aligned}$$

No *explicit* form of control law – just model, objective function, and constraints are specified.

- **Integrated** constraint handling and economic optimization with regulatory and servo control.
- **Receding Horizon Control:** Repeats the prediction and optimization at each sample time step to update the optimal input trajectory after a feedback update.

# Analogy to Chess Playing



# Industrial Use of MPC

# Industrial Use of MPC

- Some trial of computer based control during 50s-60s (e.g., Standard Oil / IBM).
- Reappeared at Shell Oil and other refineries during late 70s and early 80s. – easier, cheaper implementation enabled by advances in microprocessors.
- Various commercial software
- Tens of thousands of worldwide installations
- Predominantly in the oil and petrochemical industries but the range of applications is expanding.
- Models used are predominantly empirical models developed through plant testing.
- The technology is not only for multivariable control, but for most economic operation within constraint boundaries.

# Result of a Survey in 1999 (Qin and Badgwell)

| Area              | Aspen Technology                     | Honeywell Hi-Spec      | Adersa <sup>1</sup>       | Invensys | SGS <sup>2</sup> | Total |
|-------------------|--------------------------------------|------------------------|---------------------------|----------|------------------|-------|
| Refining          | 1200                                 | 480                    | 280                       | 25       |                  | 1985  |
| Petrochemicals    | 450                                  | 80                     | -                         | 20       |                  | 550   |
| Chemicals         | 100                                  | 20                     | 3                         | 21       |                  | 144   |
| Pulp and Paper    | 18                                   | 50                     | -                         | -        |                  | 68    |
| Air & Gas         | -                                    | 10                     | -                         | -        |                  | 10    |
| Utility           | -                                    | 10                     | -                         | 4        |                  | 14    |
| Mining/Metallurgy | 8                                    | 6                      | 7                         | 16       |                  | 37    |
| Food Processing   | -                                    | -                      | 41                        | 10       |                  | 51    |
| Polymer           | 17                                   | -                      | -                         | -        |                  | 17    |
| Furnaces          | -                                    | -                      | 42                        | 3        |                  | 45    |
| Aerospace/Defense | -                                    | -                      | 13                        | -        |                  | 13    |
| Automotive        | -                                    | -                      | 7                         | -        |                  | 7     |
| Unclassified      | 40                                   | 40                     | 1045                      | 26       | 450              | 1601  |
| Total             | 1833                                 | 696                    | 1438                      | 125      | 450              | 4542  |
| First App.        | DMC:1985<br>IDCOM-M:1987<br>OPC:1987 | PCT:1984<br>RMPCT:1991 | IDCOM:1973<br>HIECON:1986 | 1984     | 1985             |       |
| Largest App       | 603x283                              | 225x85                 | -                         | 31x12    | -                |       |



# Linear MPC Vendors and Packages

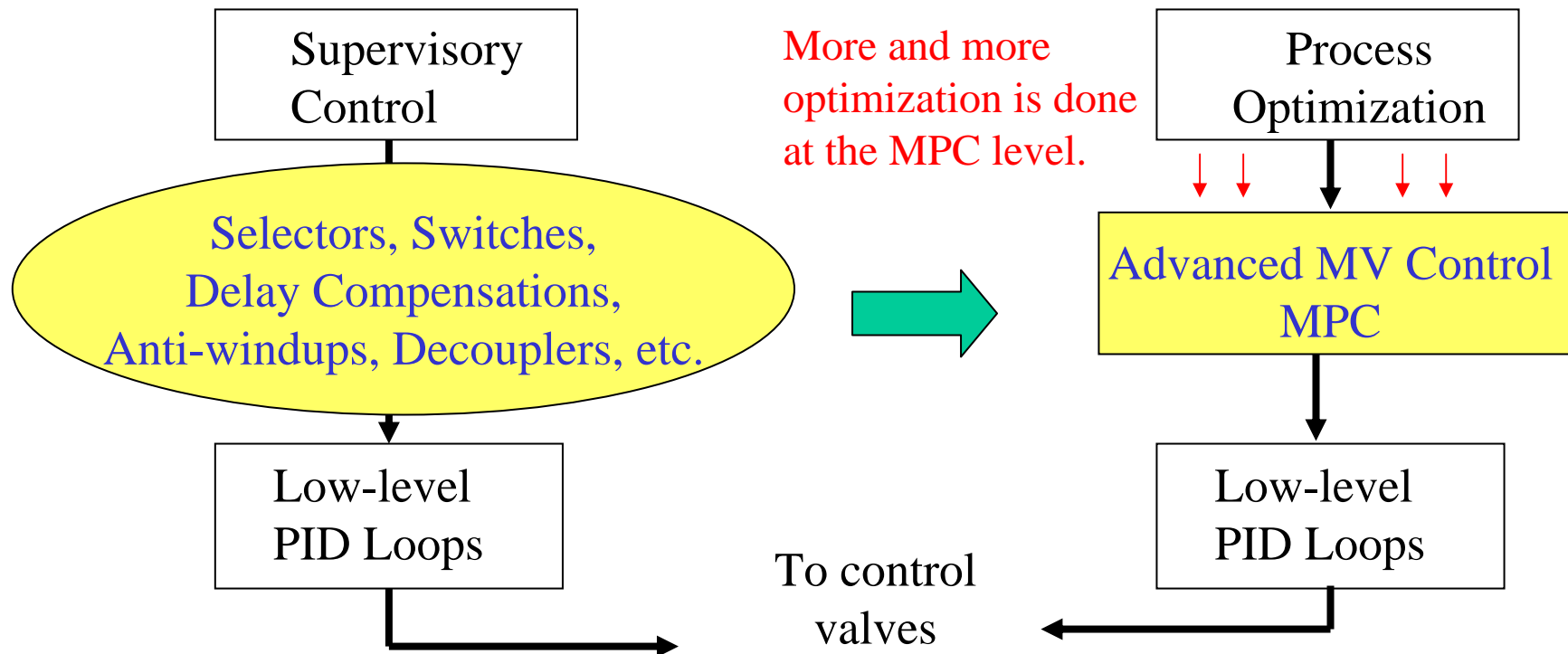
- Aspentech
  - DMCplus
  - DMCplus-Model
- Honeywell
  - Robust MPC Technology (RMPCT)
- Adersa
  - Predictive Functional Control (PFC)
  - Hierarchical Constraint Control (HIECON)
  - GLIDE (Identification package)
- MDC Technology (Emerson)
  - SMOC (licensed from Shell)
  - Delta V Predict
- Predictive Control Limited (Invensys)
  - Connoisseur
- ABB
  - 3d MPC

## Result of A Survey for Nonlinear MPC (Qin and Badgwell)

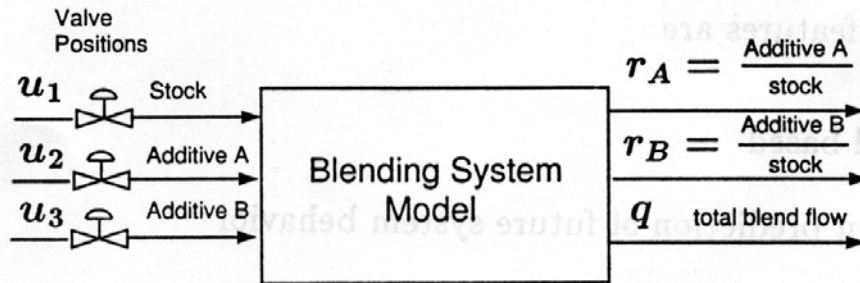
| Area            | Adersa | Aspen<br>Technology | Continental<br>Controls | DOT<br>Products | Pavilion<br>Technologies | Total |
|-----------------|--------|---------------------|-------------------------|-----------------|--------------------------|-------|
| Air and Gas     |        |                     | 18                      |                 |                          | 18    |
| Chemicals       | 2      |                     | 15                      |                 | 5                        | 22    |
| Food Processing |        |                     |                         |                 | 9                        | 9     |
| Polymers        |        | 1                   |                         | 5               | 15                       | 21    |
| Pulp & Paper    |        |                     |                         |                 | 1                        | 1     |
| Refining        |        |                     |                         |                 | 13                       | 13    |
| Utilities       |        | 5                   | 2                       |                 |                          | 7     |
| Unclassified    | 1      |                     | 1                       |                 |                          | 2     |
| Total           | 3      | 6                   | 36                      | 5               | 43                       | 93    |

# Reason for Popularity(1)

- MPC provides a **systematic, consistent, and integrated solution** to process control problems with complex features:
  - Delays, inverse responses and other complex dynamics.
  - Strong interactions (e.g., large RGA)
  - Constraints (e.g., actuator limits, output limits)



# Example 1: Blending System Control

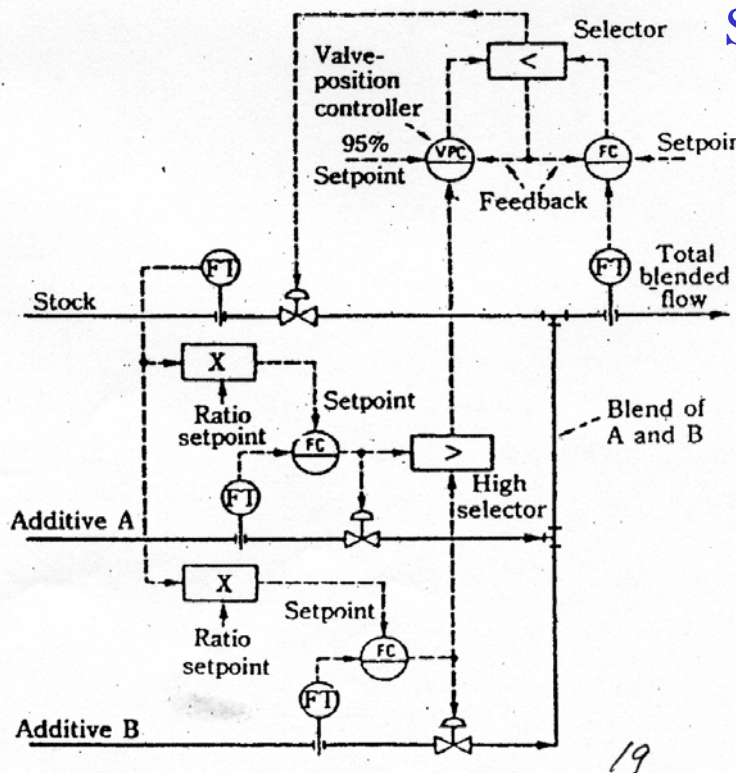


- Control  $r_A$  and  $r_B$ .
- Control  $q$  if possible.
- Flowrates of additives are limited.

Classical  
Solution

MPC:  
Solve at  
each time  $k$

$p$  = Size of prediction window



$$\min_{u_1(j), u_2(j), u_3(j)} \sum_{j=k, \dots, k+p-1}^p (r_A(k+i|k) - r_A^*)^2 + (r_B(k+i|k) - r_B^*)^2 + \gamma (q(k+i|k) - q^*)^2$$

$$(u_i)_{\min} \leq u_i(j) \leq (u_i)_{\max}, i = 1, \dots, 3,$$

$$\gamma \ll 1$$

# Advantages of MPC over Traditional APC

- Integrated solution
  - Automatic constraint handling
  - Feedforward / feedback control
  - No need for decoupler or delay compensation
- Efficient Utilization of degrees of freedom
  - Can handle nonsquare systems (e.g., more MVs and CVs)
  - Assignable priorities, ideal settling values for MVs
- Consistent, systematic methodology
- Realized benefits
  - Higher on-line times
  - Cheaper implementation
  - Easier maintenance

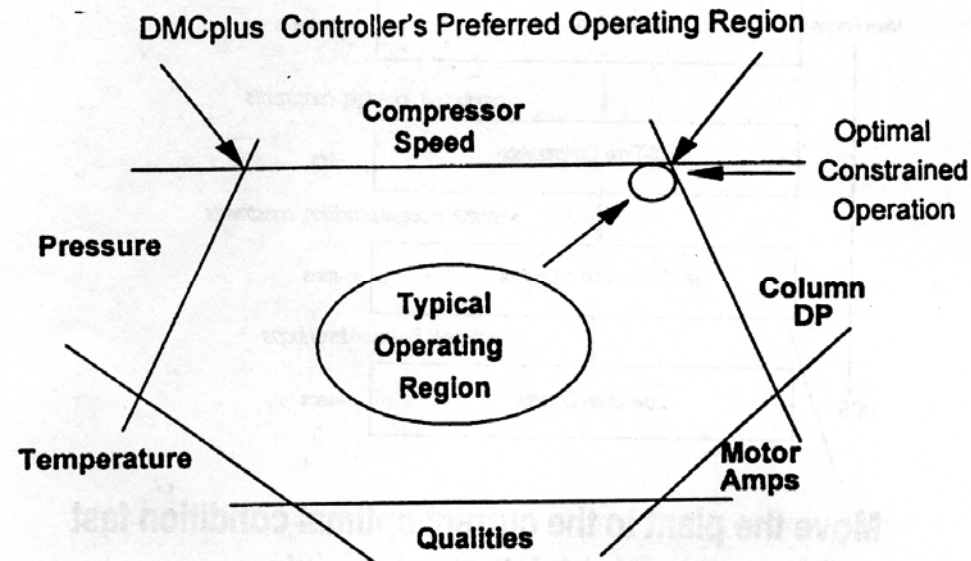
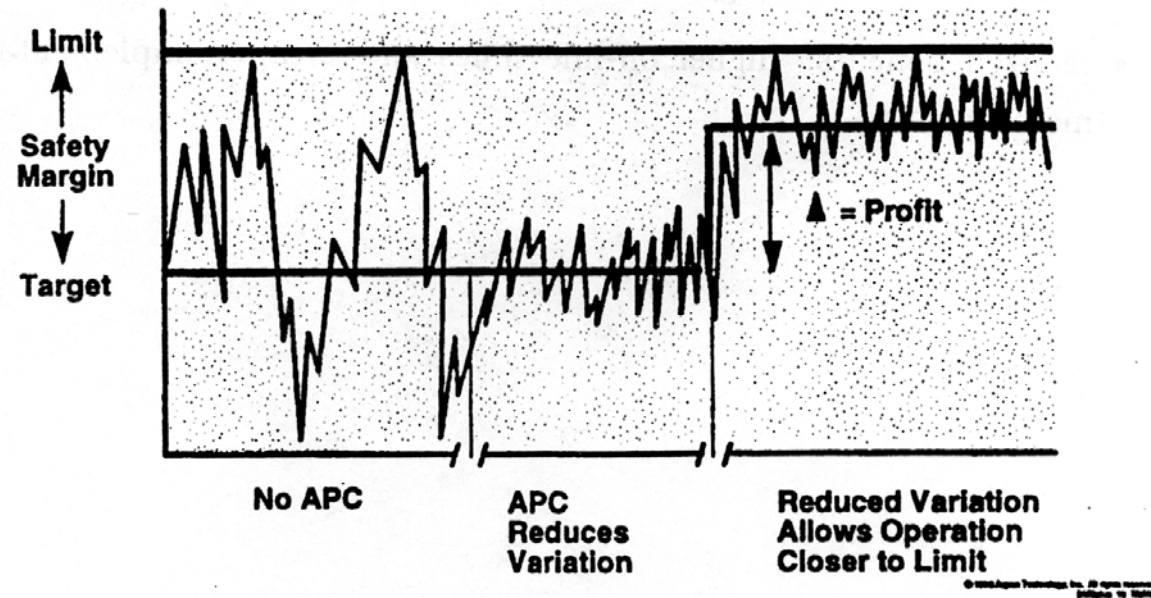
# Reason for Popularity(2)

- Emerging popularity of **on-line optimization**
- Process optimization and control are often conflicting objectives
  - Optimization pushes the process to the boundary of constraints.
  - Quality of control determines how close one can push the process to the boundary.
- Implications for process control
  - High performance control is needed to realize on-line optimization.
  - Constraint handling is a must.
  - The appropriate tradeoff between optimization and control is time-varying and is best handled within a single framework



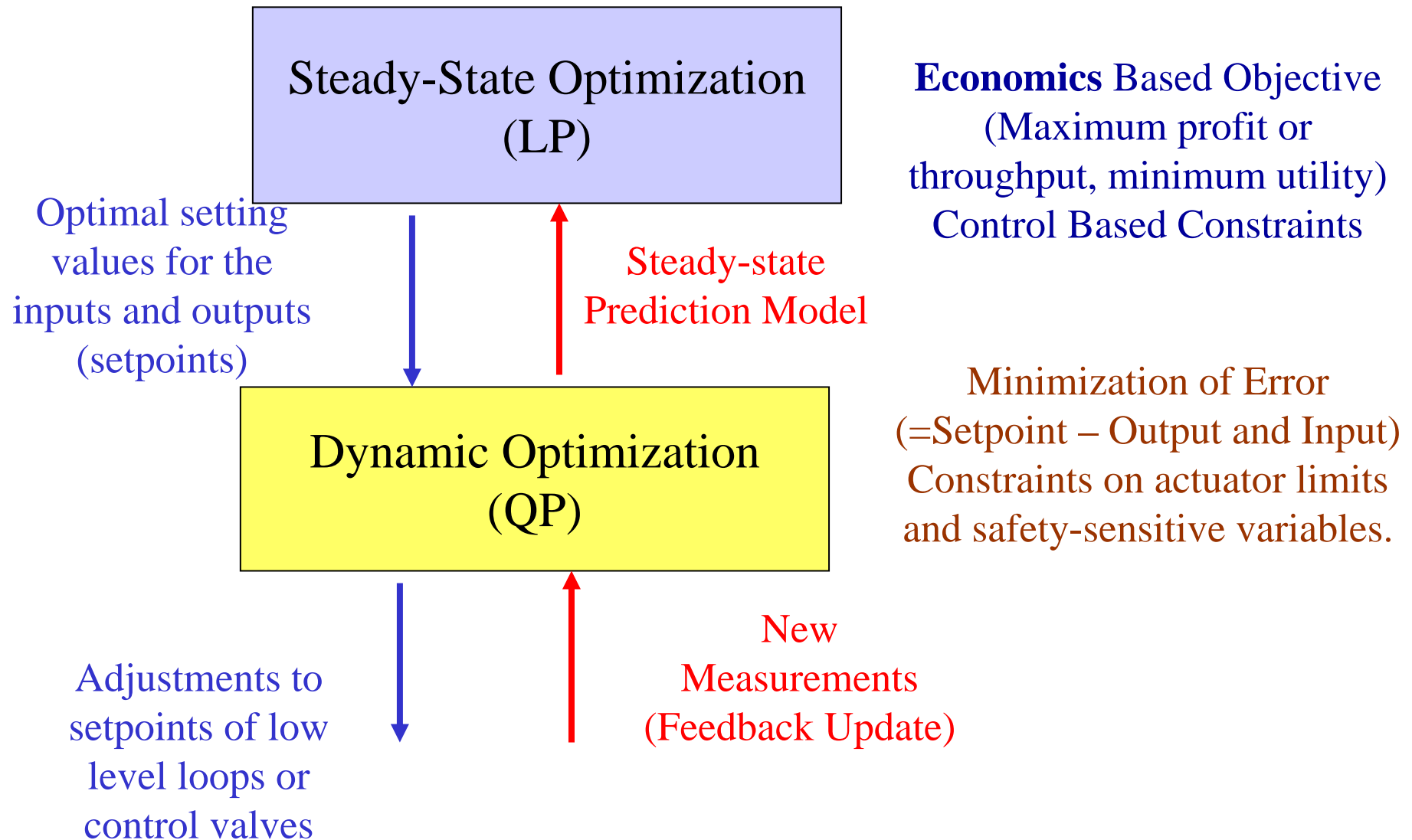
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# Conflict / Synergy Between Optimization and Control



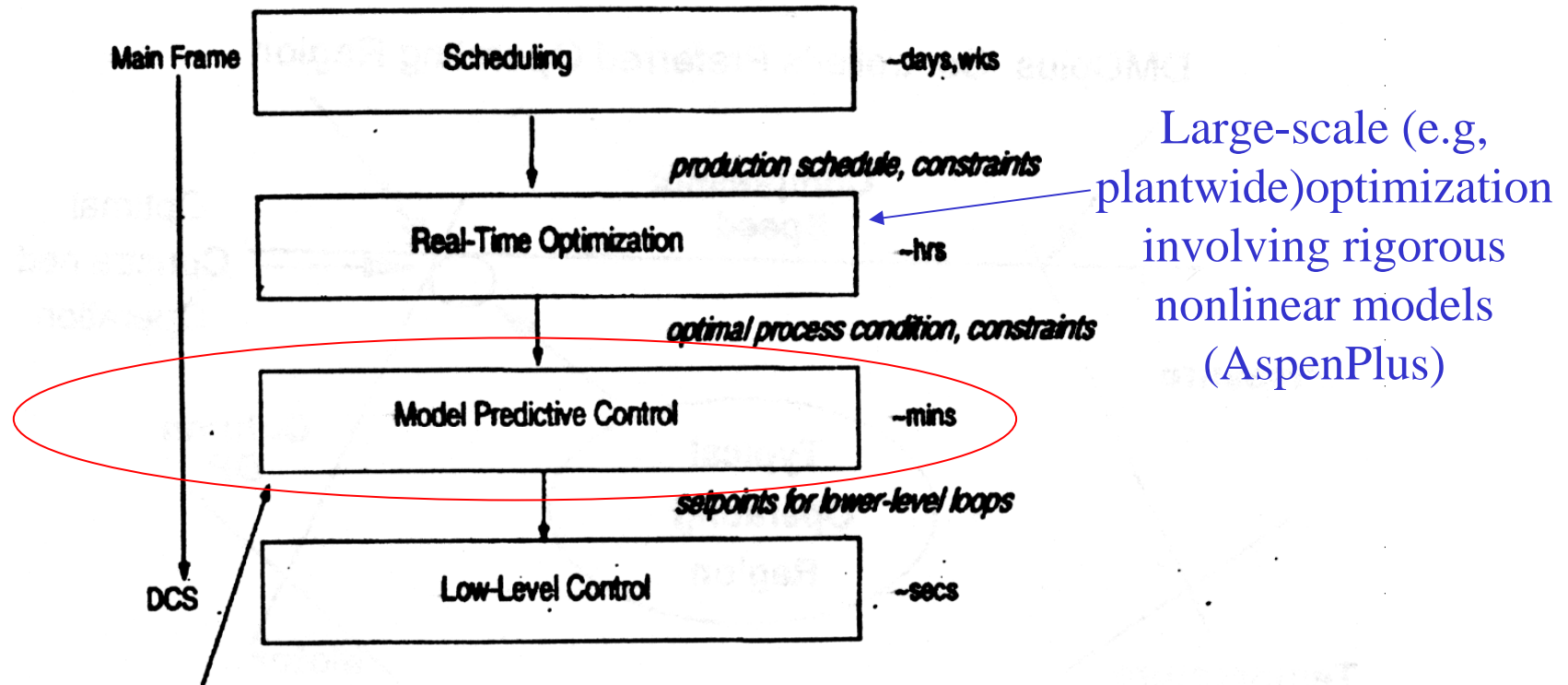
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# Bi-Level Optimization Used in MPC





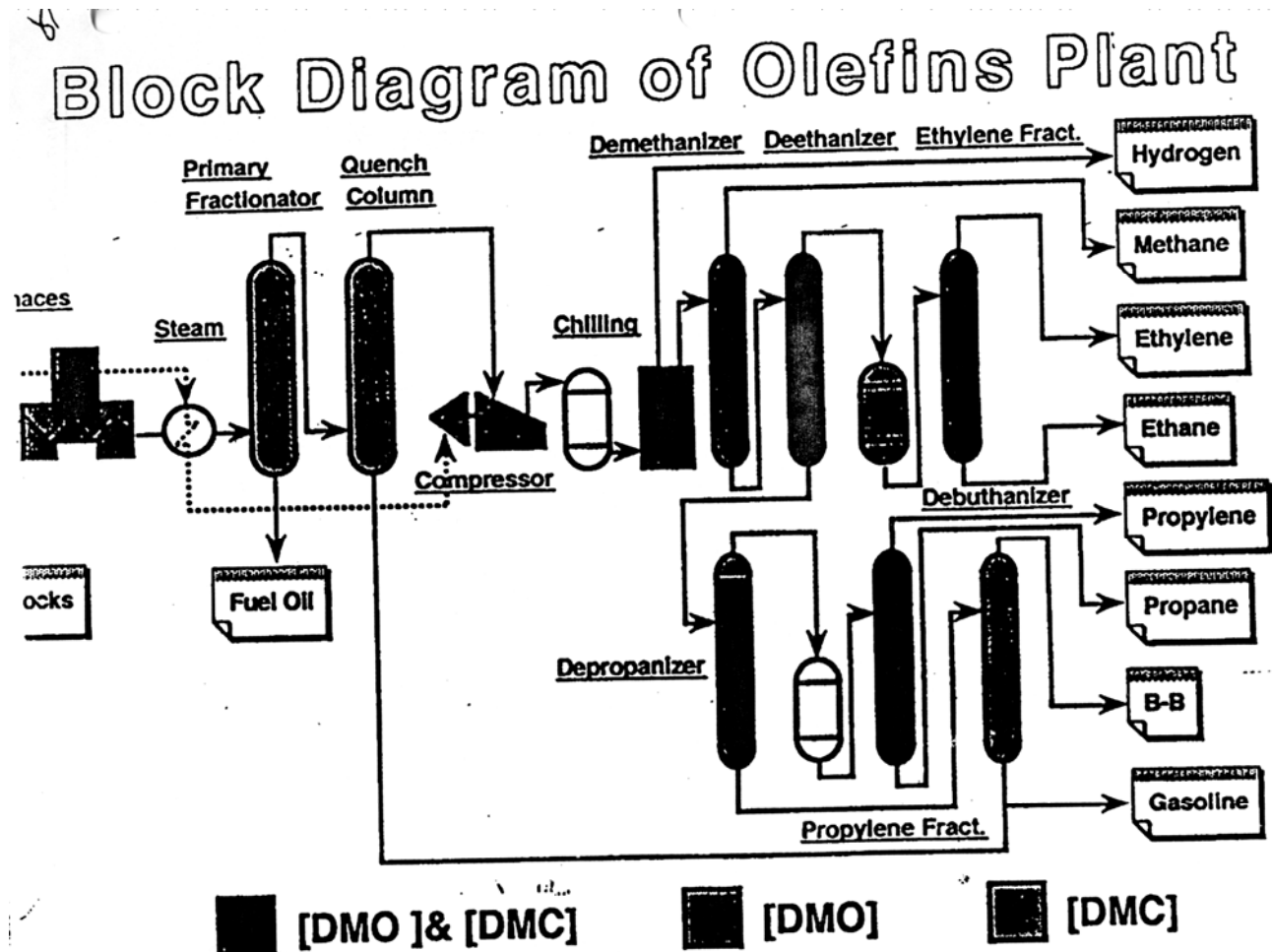
# New Operational Hierarchy and Role of MPC



**Move the plant to the current optimal condition fast and smoothly w/o violating constraints**

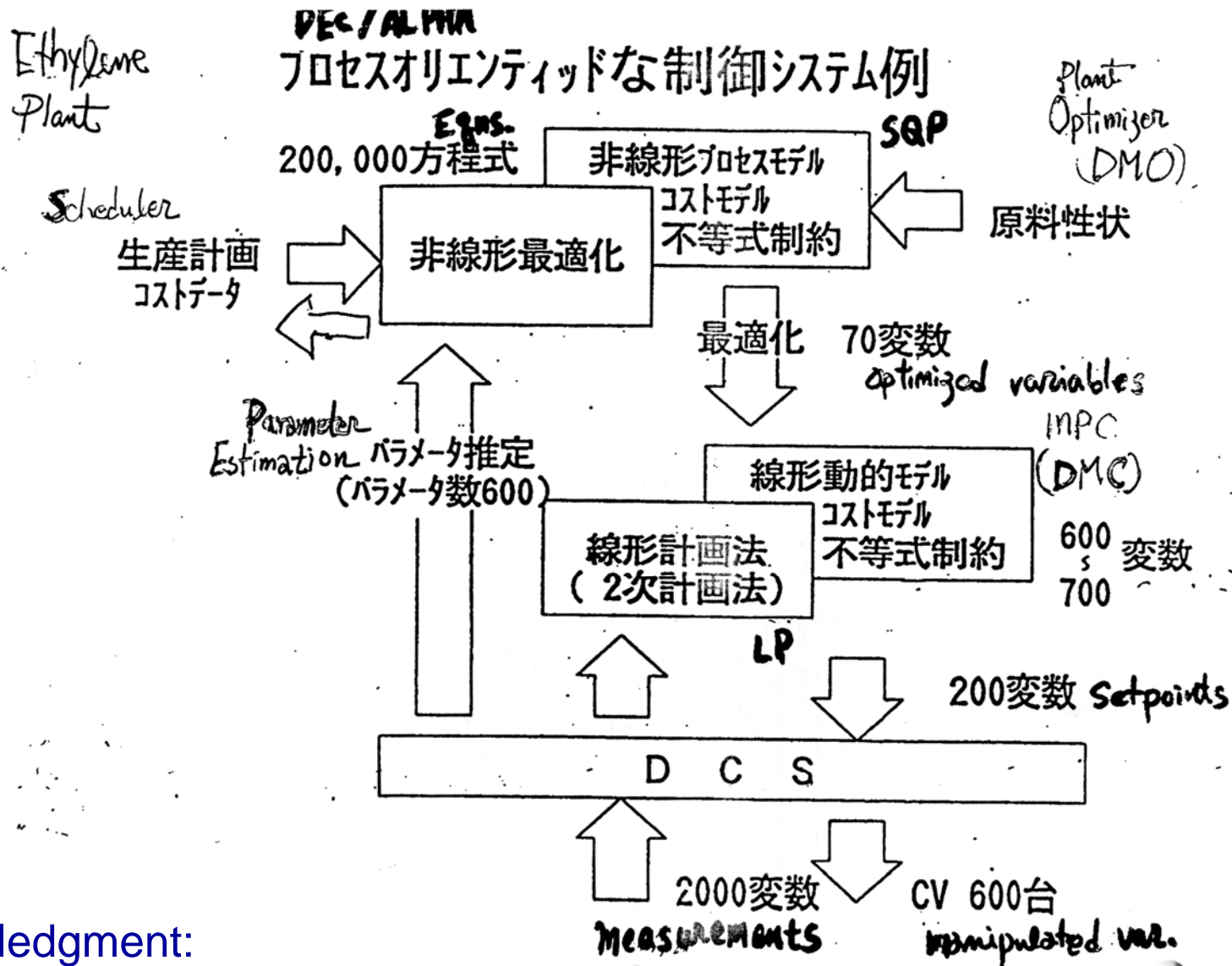
Local optimization + control

# An Exemplary Application(1)



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# An Exemplary Application(2)



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# Linear MPC

# Popular Linear Model Structures

- Finite Impulse Response Model

$$y(k) = h_1 u(k-1) + \cdots + h_N u(k-m)$$

- Truncated Step Response Model

$$x(k+1) = \underbrace{M_1}_{\text{shift}} x(k) + \underbrace{\sum}_{\text{step response}} \Delta u(k)$$

- Transfer Function Model

$$y(k) = a_1 y(k-1) + \cdots + a_n y(k-n) + b_1 u(k-1) + \cdots + b_m u(k-m) \Rightarrow$$

$$G(q) = \frac{b_1 q^{-1} + \cdots + b_m q^{-m}}{1 - a_1 q^{-1} - \cdots - a_n q^{-n}}$$

- State Space Model

$$x(k+1) = Ax(k) + Bu(k)$$

$$y(k) = Cx(k)$$

# Key: Prediction Equation

- Step Response Model**

The diagram illustrates the prediction equation for a Step Response Model. It features a yellow rectangular background containing the following equation:

$$\begin{bmatrix} y_{k+1|k} \\ \vdots \\ y_{k+p|k} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} y_1(k) \\ \vdots \\ y_p(k) \end{bmatrix} + \Omega^u \begin{bmatrix} \Delta u(k) \\ \vdots \\ \Delta u(k+p-1) \end{bmatrix} + \Omega^d \begin{bmatrix} \Delta d(k) \\ \vdots \\ \Delta d(k+p-1) \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} e(k) \\ \vdots \\ e(k) \end{bmatrix}$$

Annotations and their corresponding parts in the equation:

- Predicted future output samples:** Points to the vector  $\begin{bmatrix} y_{k+1|k} \\ \vdots \\ y_{k+p|k} \end{bmatrix}$ .
- The “state” stored in dynamic memory:** Points to the vector  $\begin{bmatrix} y_1(k) \\ \vdots \\ y_p(k) \end{bmatrix}$ .
- Future input moves (to be decided):** Points to the vector  $\begin{bmatrix} \Delta u(k) \\ \vdots \\ \Delta u(k+p-1) \end{bmatrix}$ .
- Dynamic Matrices (made of step response coefficients):** Points to the matrices  $\Omega^u$  and  $\Omega^d$ .
- Feedback Error Correction:** Points to the vector  $\begin{bmatrix} e(k) \\ \vdots \\ e(k) \end{bmatrix}$ .
- Feedforward term: new measurement (Assume  $\Delta d(k+1)=\dots=\Delta d(k+p-1)=0$ ):** Points to the term  $\Delta d(k)$  in the vector  $\begin{bmatrix} \Delta d(k) \\ \vdots \\ \Delta d(k+p-1) \end{bmatrix}$ .

The equation is further annotated with a red arrow pointing to the feedback error vector and a blue arrow pointing to the feedforward term  $\Delta d(k)$ . The feedback error vector is labeled  $e(k) = y_m(k) - y(k)$ .

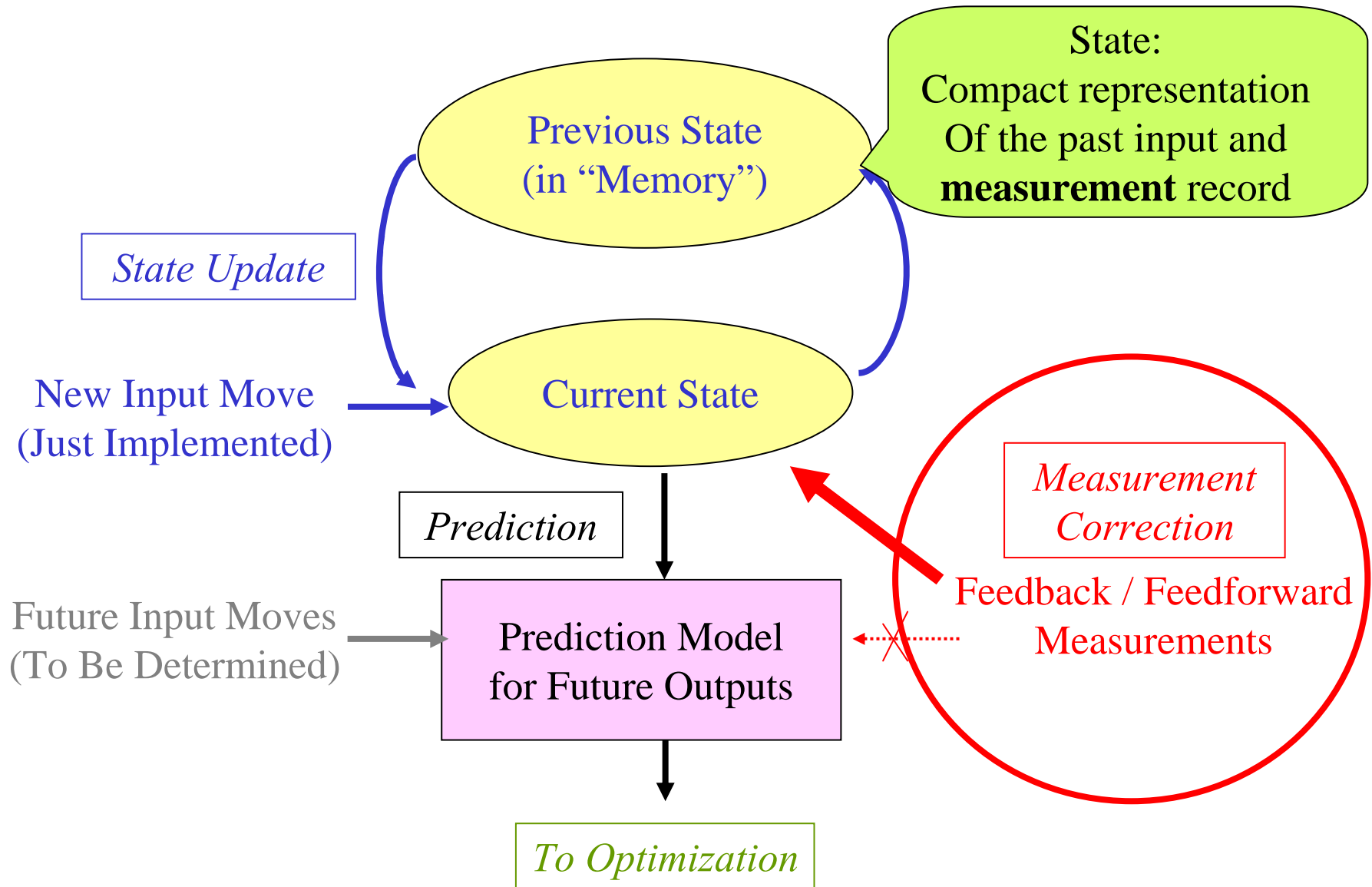
# Prediction Equation: General

- Regardless of model form, one gets the prediction equation in the form of

$$\underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} y_{k+1|k} \\ \vdots \\ y_{k+p|k} \end{bmatrix}}_{Y(k)} = \underbrace{L^x x(k) + L^d \Delta d(k) + L^e e(k)}_{\text{known} \equiv b(k)} + L^u \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} \Delta u(k) \\ \vdots \\ \Delta u(k+p-1) \end{bmatrix}}_{\Delta U(k)}$$

- Assumptions
  - Measured DV (d) remains constant at the current value of d(k)
  - Model prediction error (e) remains constant at the current value of e(k)

# Measurement Correction of State





# State Update Equation

$$\hat{x}(k+1) = \Phi \hat{x}(k) + \Gamma^u \Delta u(k) + \Gamma^d \Delta d(k) + K(y_m(k) - \Xi \hat{x}(k))$$

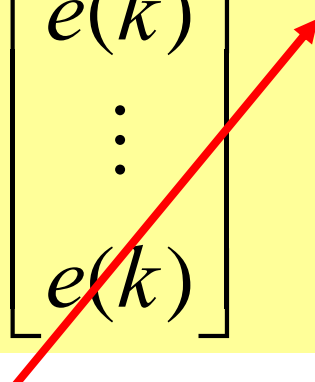
- **K** is the update gain matrix that can be found in various ways
  - *Pole placement*: Not so effective with systems with many states (most chemical processes)
  - *Kalman filtering*: Requires a **stochastic** model of form

$$\begin{aligned} x(k+1) &= \Phi x(k) + \Gamma^u \Delta u(k) + \Gamma^d \Delta d(k) + w(k) \\ y(k) &= \Xi x(k) + v(k) \end{aligned}$$

**White noises of known covariances**  
**Effect of unmeasured disturbances and noise**

# Prediction Equation

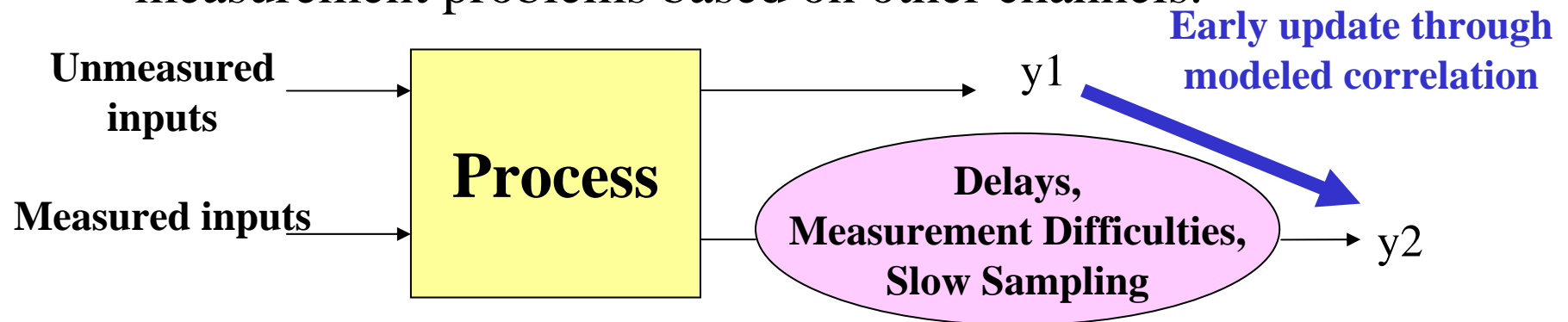
Contains past feedback measurement corrections

$$\begin{bmatrix} y_{k+1|k} \\ \vdots \\ y_{k+p|k} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \Xi\Phi \\ \vdots \\ \Xi\Phi^p \end{bmatrix} \hat{x}(k) + \Omega^u \begin{bmatrix} \Delta u(k) \\ \vdots \\ \Delta u(k+p-1) \end{bmatrix} + \Omega^d \begin{bmatrix} \Delta d(k) \\ \vdots \\ \Delta d(k+p-1) \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} e(k) \\ \vdots \\ e(k) \end{bmatrix}$$


Additional measurement correction NOT needed here!

# What Are the Advantages of Using a State Estimator (Observer)?

- Can handle **unstable** processes
  - Integrating processes, run-away processes
- **Cross-channel** update
  - More effective update of output channels with delays or measurement problems based on other channels.



- Systematic handling of **multi-rate** measurements
- Optimal **extrapolation of output error** and **filtering of noise** (based on the given stochastic system model)

# Objective Function

- Minimization Function: Quadratic cost (as in DMC)

$$V(k) = \sum_{i=1}^p (y_{k+i|k} - y^*)^T \Lambda^y (y_{k+i|k} - y^*) + \sum_{i=0}^{m-1} \Delta u^T(k+i) \Lambda^u \Delta u(k+i)$$

- Consider only m input moves by assuming  $\Delta u(k+j)=0$  for  $j \geq m$
  - Penalize the tracking error as well as the magnitudes of adjustments
- $V(k)$  is a quadratic function of  $\Delta u(k+j)$ ,  $j=0, \dots, m-1$

# Objective Function

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degrees of freedom

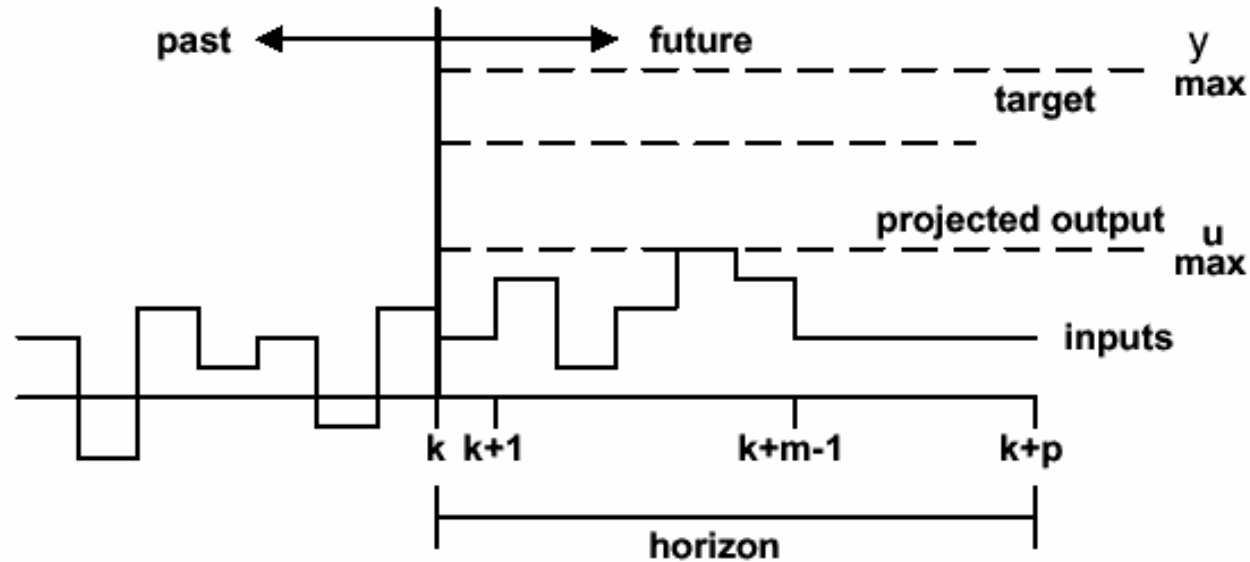
$$V(k) = (Y(k) - Y^*)^T \text{diag}(\Lambda^y) (Y(k) - Y^*) + \Delta U_m^T(k) \text{diag}(\Lambda^u) \Delta U_m(k)$$

Substitute

$$\underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} y_{k+1|k} \\ \vdots \\ y_{k+p|k} \end{bmatrix}}_{Y(k)} = \underbrace{L^x x(k) + L^d \Delta d(k) + L^e e(k)}_{\text{known} \equiv b(k)} + L^u \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} \Delta u(k) \\ \vdots \\ \Delta u(k+p-1) \end{bmatrix}}_{\Delta U(k)}$$

$$V(k) = \Delta U_m^T(k) H \Delta U_m(k) + g^T(k) \Delta U_m(k) + c(k)$$

# Constraints



$$\begin{aligned}
 u_{\min} &\leq u(k + \ell|k) \leq u_{\max} \\
 |\Delta u(k + \ell|k)| &\leq \Delta u_{\max}, \quad \ell = 0, \dots, m-1 \\
 y_{\min} &\leq y(k + j|k) \leq y_{\max}, \quad j = 1, \dots, p
 \end{aligned}$$

Substitute the prediction  
equation and rearrange to

$$C\Delta U_m(k) \geq h(k)$$

# Optimization Problem

- Quadratic Program

$$\begin{aligned} \min_{\Delta U_m(k)} \quad & \Delta U_m^T(k) H \Delta U_m(k) + g^T(k) \Delta U_m(k) \\ \text{such that} \quad & C \Delta U_m(k) \geq h(k) \end{aligned}$$

- Unconstrained Solution

$$\Delta U_m(k) = -\frac{1}{2} H^{-1} g(k)$$

- Constrained Solution
  - Must be solved numerically.

# Quadratic Program

- Minimization of a quadratic function subject to linear constraints.
- Convex and therefore *fundamentally tractable*.
- Solution methods
  - Active set method: Determination of the active set of constraints on the basis of the KKT condition.
  - Interior point method: Use of barrier function to “trap” the solution inside the feasible region, Newton iteration
- Solvers
  - Off-the-shelf software, e.g., QPSOL
  - Customization is desirable for large-scale problems.



# Bi-Level Optimization

## Steady-State Optimization (Linear Program)

$$\min_{u_s(k)} L(y_{\infty|k}, u_s(k))$$

$$C_s \begin{bmatrix} y_{\infty|k} \\ u_s(k) \end{bmatrix} \geq c_s(k)$$

$$u_s(k) = u(k-1) + \Delta u(k) + \cdots + \Delta u(k+m-1)$$

$$y_{\infty|k} = b_s(k) + L_s \Delta u_s(k)$$

Optimal Setting Values (setpoints)

$$y_{\infty|k}^*, u_s^*(k)$$

Steady-State  
Prediction Eqn.

State  
Feedforward Measurement  
Feedback Error

To Dynamic Optimization (Quadratic Program)

Dynamic  
Prediction Eqn.



Stability

# Classical Optimal Control - LQR

- Quadratic objective

Linear State Space System Model

$$\sum_{i=0}^p x_i^T Q x_i + \sum_{i=0}^{m-1} u_i^T R u_i$$

$$x_{k+1} = A x_k + B u_k$$

$$y_k = C x_k$$

- Fairly general formulation:
  - State regulation, Output regulation, Setpoint tracking
- Unconstrained  $\infty$  horizon problem has an analytical solution.  
→ Linear state feedback law (Kalman's LQR)
- Stability guaranteed for stabilizable system
- Solution is smooth with respect to the parameters
- BUT, presence of inequality constraints → no analytical solution via Riccati equation.

# Why Has Stability Analysis of MPC Been Difficult?

- MPC=Nonlinear state feedback control law
- Implicitly defined by an optimization
  - No explicit expression for the MPC control law
- Use of an observer
  - Lack of separation principle

# Use of $\infty$ Prediction Horizon – Why?

- Stability guarantee
  - The optimal cost function can be shown to be the control Lyapunov function.
- Less parameters to tune
- More consistent, intuitive effect of weight parameters
- Close connection with the classical optimal control methods, e.g., LQG control

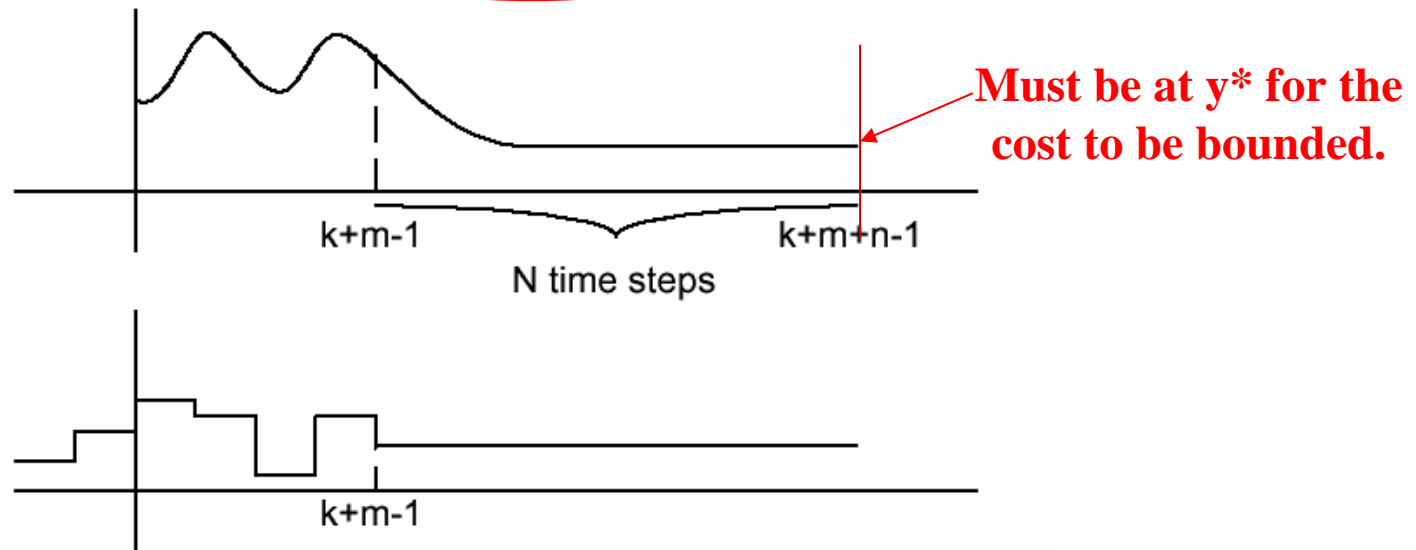
# Step Response Model Case

$$V(k) = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} (y_{k+i|k} - y^*)^T \Lambda^y (y_{k+i|k} - y^*) + \sum_{i=0}^{m-1} \Delta u^T(k+i) \Lambda^u \Delta u(k+i)$$



$$V(k) = \sum_{i=1}^{m+n-1} (y_{k+i|k} - y^*)^T \Lambda^y (y_{k+i|k} - y^*) + \sum_{i=0}^{m-1} \Delta u^T(k+i) \Lambda^u \Delta u(k+i)$$

with extra constraint  $y_{k+m+n-1|k} = y^*$



# Additional Comments

- Previously, we assumed **finite** settling time.
- Can be generalized to general state-space models
  - More complicated procedure to turn the  $\infty$ -horizon problem into a finite horizon problem
  - Requires solving a Lyapunov equation to get the terminal cost matrix
  - Also, must make sure that output constraints will be satisfied beyond the finite horizon  $\rightarrow$  construction of an output admissible set.
- Use of a *sufficiently large* horizon ( $p \approx m +$  the settling time) should have a similar effect.
- Can we always satisfy the settling constraint?
  - $y=y^*$  may not be feasible due to input constraints or insufficient  $m$ .  $\rightarrow$  use two-level approach.

# Two-Level Optimization

Steady-State Optimization  
(Linear Program or Quadratic Program)

Optimal Setting Values (setpoints)

$$y_{\infty|k}^*, u_s^*(k)$$



Dynamic Optimization ( $\infty$ -horizon MPC)

Constraint  $y_{k+m+n-1|k} = y_{\infty|k}^*$  is guaranteed to be feasible.

Constraint  $\Delta u(k) + \dots + \Delta u(k+m-1) = \Delta u_s^* \rightarrow y_{k+m+n-1|k} = y_{\infty|k}^*$ .



# Process Identification

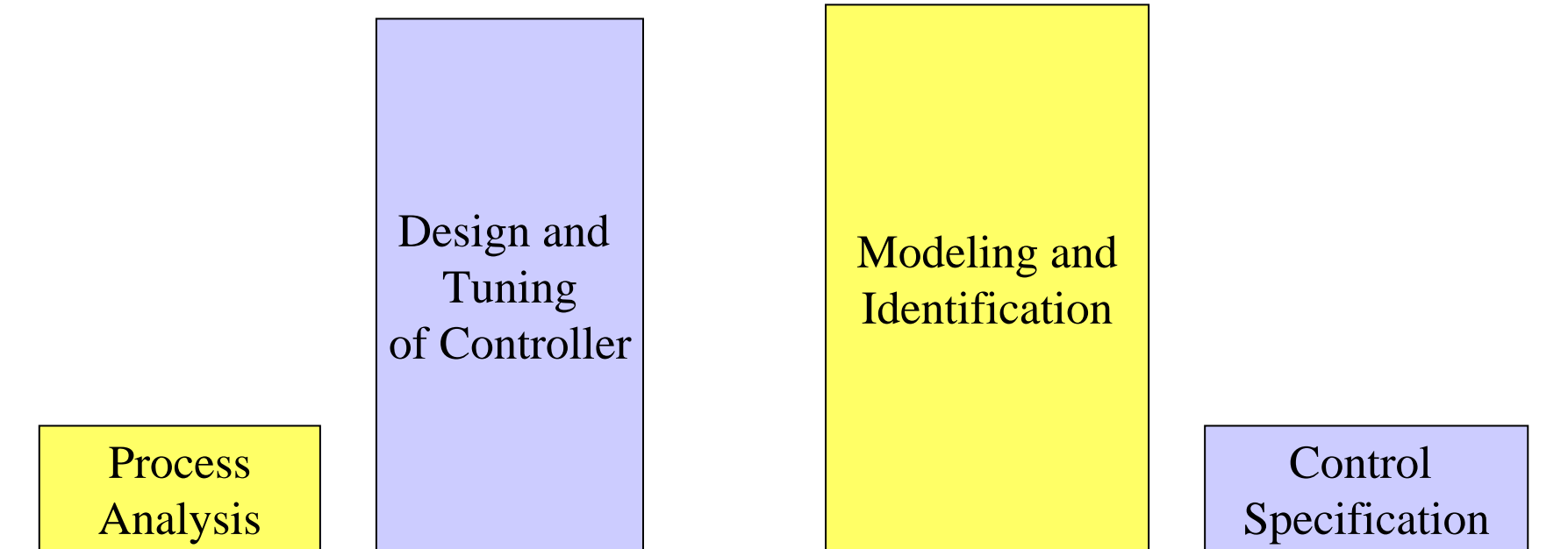
# Importance of Modeling

- Almost all models used in MPC are typically empirical models “identified” through **plant tests** rather than first-principles models.
  - Step responses, pulse responses from plant tests.
  - Transfer function models fitted to plant test data.
- Up to **80% of time and expense** involved in designing and installing a MPC is attributed to modeling / system identification. → should be improved.
- Keep in mind that obtained models are **imperfect** (both in terms of structure and parameters).
  - Importance of feedback update of the model.
  - Penalize excessive input movements.

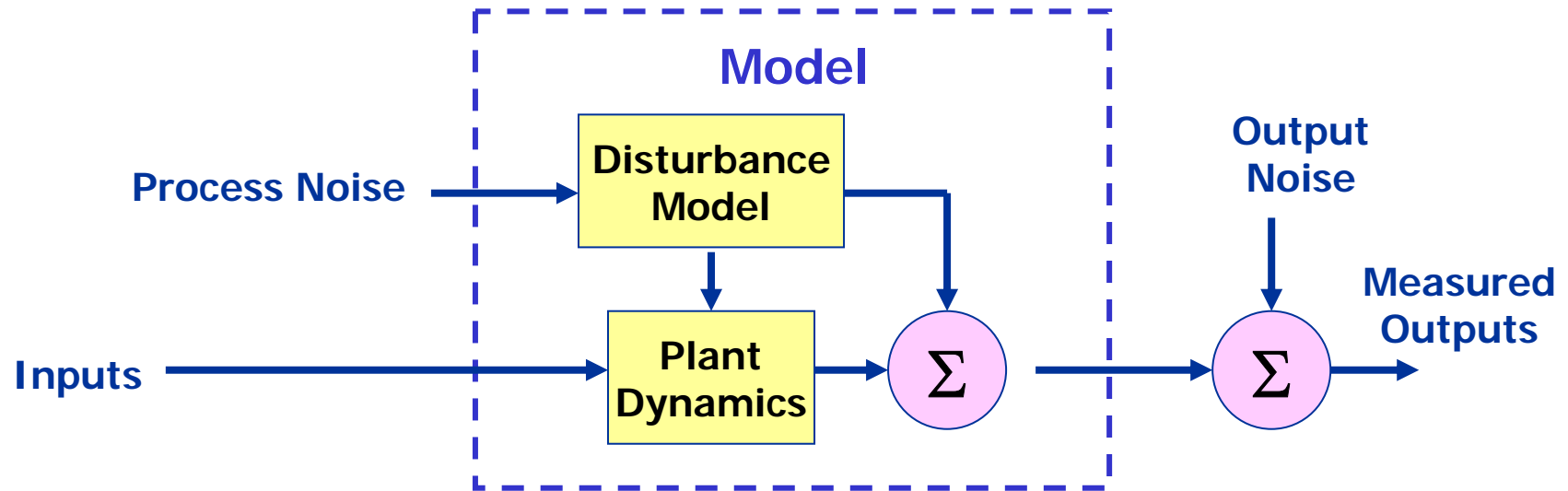
# Design Effort

Traditional Control:

MPC:



# Model Structure (1)



- I/O Model

$$y(k) = \underbrace{G(q)u(k)}_{\text{effect of inputs}} + \underbrace{H(q)e(k)}_{\text{effect of disturbances, noise}}$$

White noise sequence

Models auto- and cross-correlations of the residual (not physical cause-effect)

Assume w.l.g. that  $H(0)=1$

# SISO I/O Model Structure(1)

- FIR (Past inputs only)

$$y(k) = h_1 u(k-1) + \cdots + h_N u(k-m) + e(k)$$

- ARX (Past inputs and outputs: “Equation Error”)

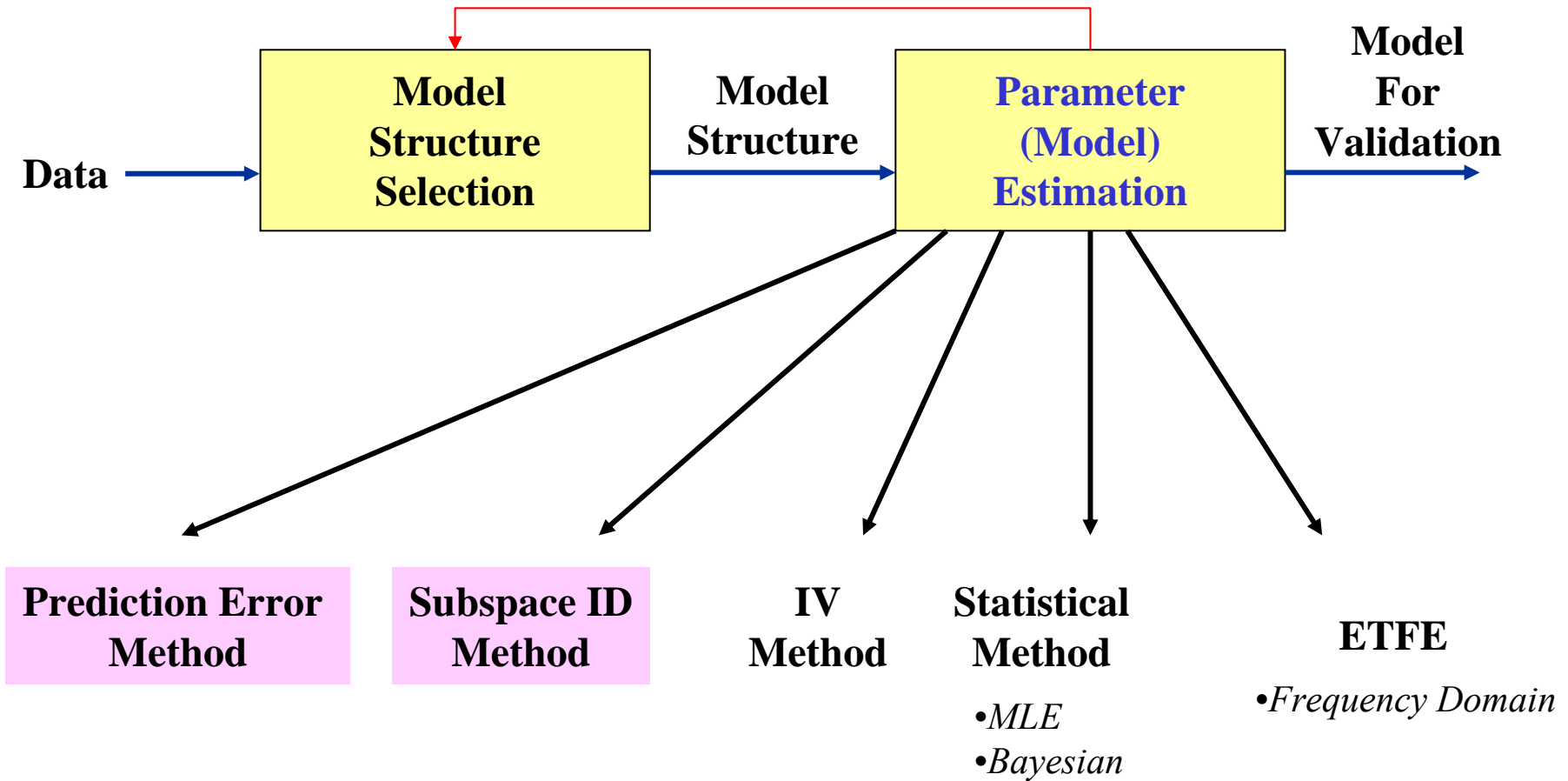
$$y(k) = a_1 y(k-1) + \cdots + a_n y(k-n) + b_1 u(k-1) + \cdots + b_m u(k-m) + e(k)$$

- ARMAX (Moving average of the noise term)

$$y(k) = a_1 y(k-1) + \cdots + a_n y(k-n) + b_1 u(k-1) + \cdots + b_m u(k-m) \\ + e(k) + c_1 e(k-1) + \cdots + c_n e(k-n)$$

- Output Error (OE), Box-Jenkins (BJ), etc.

# Overview



# Prediction Error Method

- Predominant method at current time
- Developed by Ljung and coworkers
- Flexible
  - Can be applied to any model structure
  - Can be used in recursive form
- Well developed theories and software tools
  - Book by Ljung, System ID Toolbox for MATLAB
- Computational complexity depends on the model structure
  - ARX, FIR → Linear least squares
  - ARMAX, OE, BJ → Nonlinear optimization

# Prediction Error Method

- Put the model in the predictor form

$$y(k) = G(q, \theta)u(k) + H(q, \theta)e(k) \rightarrow$$

$$y_{k|k-1} = G(q, \theta)u(k) + \underbrace{\left(I - H^{-1}(q, \theta)\right)\left(y(k) - G(q, \theta)u(k)\right)}_{\text{Contains at least 1 delay}}$$

$$e(k) = y(k) - y_{k|k-1} = H^{-1}(q, \theta)(y(k) - G(q, \theta)u(k))$$

- Choose the parameter values to minimize the sum of the prediction error for the given N data points.

$$\min_{\theta} \left\{ \frac{1}{N} \sum_{k=1}^N \|e(k)\|_2^2 \right\}$$

$$e(k) = H^{-1}(q, \theta)(y(k) - G(q, \theta)u(k))$$

- ARX, FIR  $\rightarrow$  Linear least squares,
  - ARMAX, OE, BJ  $\rightarrow$  Nonlinear least squares
- Not easy to use for identifying *multivariable* models.



# MIMO I/O Model Structure

- Inputs and outputs are vectors. Coefficients are matrices.
- For example, ARX model becomes

$$y(k) = A_1 y(k-1) + \cdots + A_n y(k-n) \\ + B_1 u(k-1) + \cdots + B_m u(k-m) + e(k)$$

$A_i$  is an  $n_y \times n_y$  matrix.  $B_i$  is an  $n_y \times n_u$  matrix.

- *Identification* is very difficult.
  - Different sets of coefficient matrices giving exactly same  $G(q)$  and  $H(q)$  through pole/zero cancellations. → Problems in parameter estimation → Requires special parameterization to avoid problem.

# State Space Model

- Deterministic

$$\begin{aligned}x(k+1) &= Ax(k) + Bu(k) \\ y(k) &= Cx(k) + e(k)\end{aligned}$$



**Output Error  
Structure**

- Combined Deterministic / Stochastic

$$\begin{aligned}x(k+1) &= Ax(k) + Bu(k) + Ke(k) \\ y(k) &= Cx(k) + e(k)\end{aligned}$$



**ARMAX  
Structure**

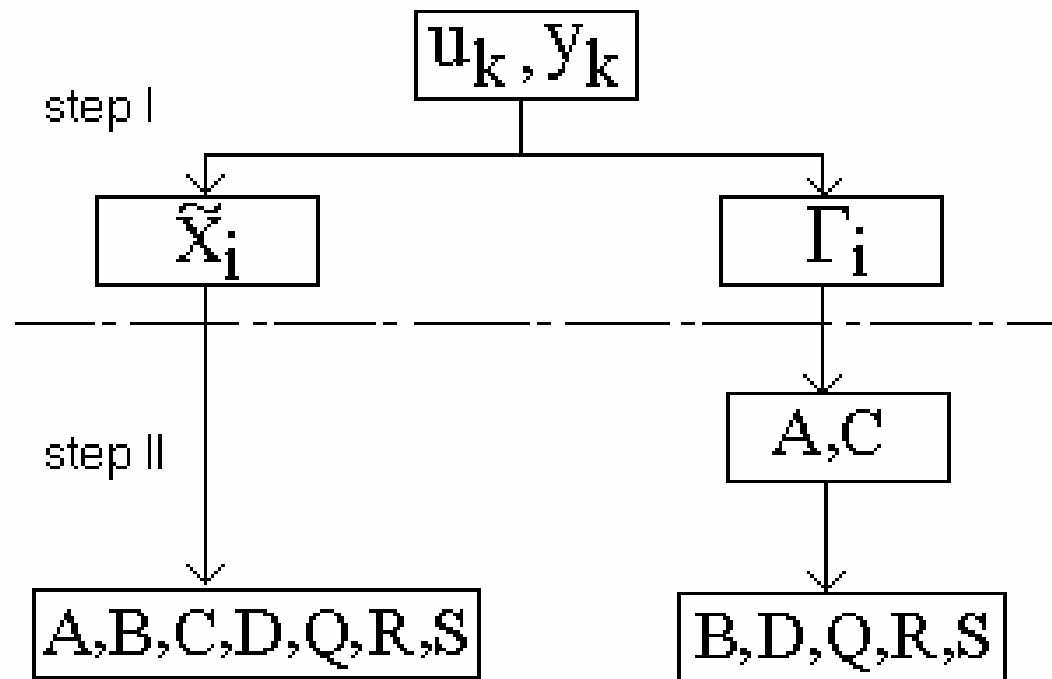
- *Identifiability* can be an issue here too
  - State coordinate transformation does not change the I/O relationship.

# Subspace Method

- More recent development
- Dates back to the classical realization theories but rediscovered and extended by several people
- Identifies a state-space model
- Some theories and software tools
- Computationally simple
  - Non-iterative, linear algebra
- Good for identifying *multivariable* models.
  - No special parameterization is needed.
- Not optimal in any sense
- May need a lot of data for good results
- May be combined with PEM
  - Use SS method to obtain an initial guess for PEM.

# SIM Procedures

SIM algorithms have two categories and contain two steps:



CVA, N4SID

MOESP, DSR

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# Use of Nonlinear Model

# Difficulty (1)

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{x} &= f(x, u, d) \\ y &= g(x)\end{aligned}$$

Discretization?



$$\begin{aligned}x(k+1) &= F(x(k), u(k), d(k)) \\ y(k) &= g(x(k))\end{aligned}$$

Orthogonal  
Collocation

$$\begin{aligned}y_{k+1|k} &= g \circ F(x(k), u(k), d(k)) + e(k) \\ y_{k+2|k} &= g \circ F(F(x(k), u(k), d(k)), u(k+1), d(k)) + e(k) \\ &\vdots \\ y_{k+p|k} &= g \circ F^p(x(k), u(k), \dots, u(k+p-1), d(k)) + e(k)\end{aligned}$$

The prediction equation is nonlinear w.r.t.  $u(k), \dots, u(k+p-1)$



**Nonlinear Program (Not so nice!)**

# Difficulty (2)

## State Estimation

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{x} &= f(x, u, d) + w \\ y &= g(x) + v\end{aligned}$$

↓  
**Extended Kalman Filtering**

$$x(k+1) = \int_k^{k+1} f(x, u, d) + K(k)(y_m(k) - g(x(k)))$$

- Computationally more demanding steps, e.g., calculation of  $K$  at each time step.
- Based on linearization at each time step – not optimal, may not be stable.
- Best practical solution at the current time
- Promising alternative: Moving Horizon Estimation (requires solving NLP).
- Difficult to obtain with an appropriate stochastic system model (no ID technique)

# Practical Algorithm

**EKF**

$x(k)$

**Dynamic Matrix based on the linearized model at the current state and input values.**

$$\begin{bmatrix} y_{k+1|k} \\ y_{k+2|k} \\ \vdots \\ y_{k+p|k} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \int_k^{k+1} f(x, u, d) \\ \int_k^{k+2} f(x, u, d) \\ \vdots \\ \int_k^{k+p} f(x, u, d) \end{bmatrix} + \underbrace{\Omega^u(k) \begin{bmatrix} \Delta u(k) \\ \Delta u(k+1) \\ \vdots \\ \Delta u(k+p-1) \end{bmatrix}}_{\text{Linearized Effect of Future Input Adjustments}}$$

**Model integration with constant input  $u=u(k-1)$  and  $d=d(k)$**

**Linear prediction equation**

**Linear or Quadratic Program**



# Additional Comments / Summary

- Some refinements to the “Practical Algorithm” are possible.
  - Use the previously calculated input trajectory (instead of the constant input) in the integration and linearization step.
  - Iterate between integration/linearization and control input calculation.
- “Full-blown” nonlinear MPC is still computationally prohibitive in most applications.
  - A lot of recent developments in SQP solver.
- Some promising directions
  - Tabulation
  - Simulation based approach (Approximate dynamic programming)

# Remaining Challenges

- Efficient identification of **control-relevant** models
- Managing the sometimes exorbitant on-line **computational load**
  - Nonlinear models → Nonlinear Programs (NLP)
  - Hybrid system models (continuous dynamics + discrete events or switches, e.g., pressure swing adsorption) → Mixed Integer Programs (MIP)
  - Difficult to solve these reliably on-line for large-scale problems.
- How do we design model, estimator (of model parameters and state), and optimization algorithm as **an integrated system** - that are simultaneously optimized - rather than disparate components?
- Long-term **performance** of MPC.

# Conclusion

- MPC is the established advanced multivariable control technique for the process industry. It is already an indispensable tool and its importance is continuing to grow.
- It can be formulated to perform some economic optimization and can also be interfaced with a larger-scale (e.g., plantwide) optimization scheme.
- Obtaining an accurate model and having reliable sensors for key parameters are key bottlenecks.
- A number of challenges remain to improve its use and performance.

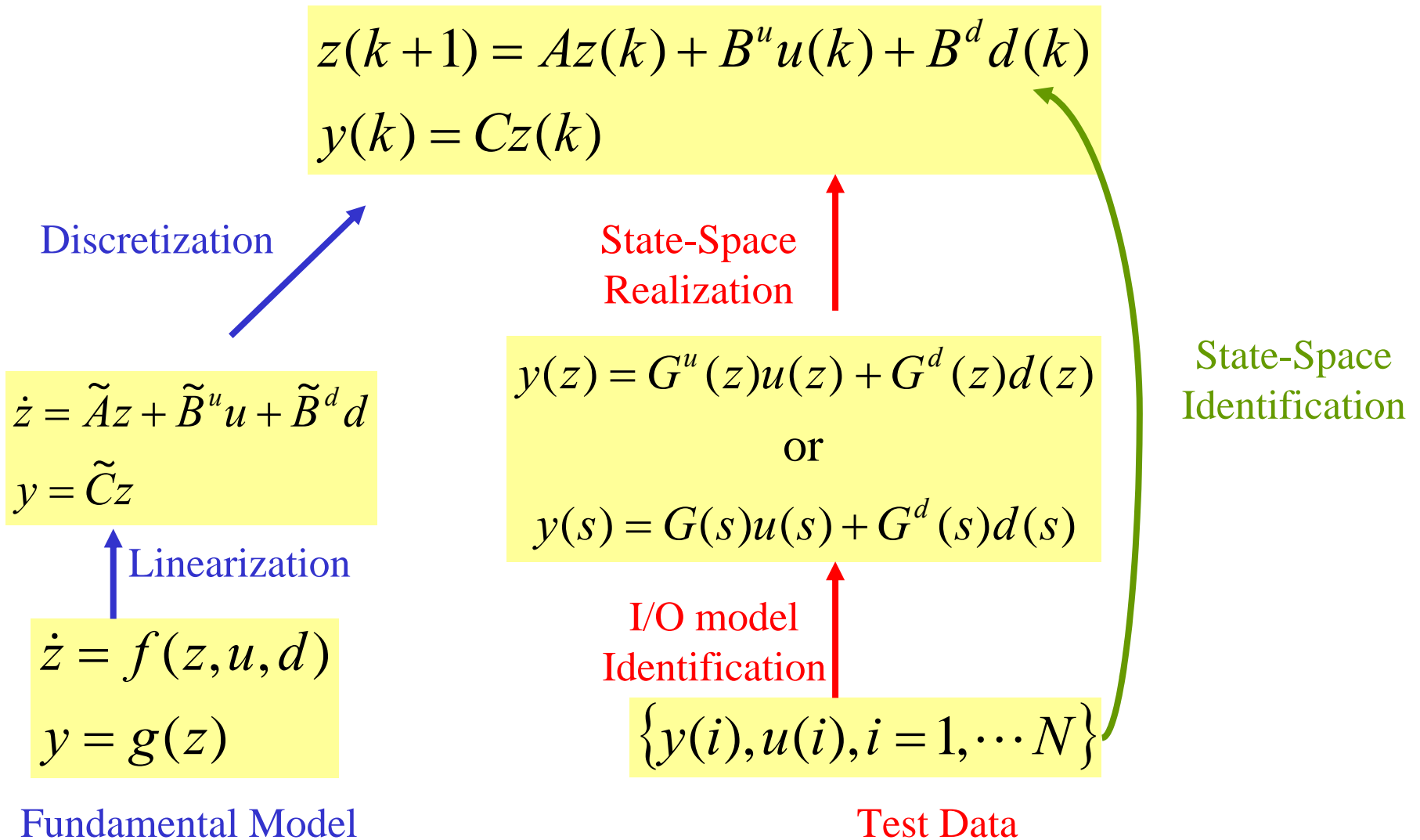
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Extra Slides

# State-Space Model (1)



# State-SpaceModel (2)

$$\begin{pmatrix} z(k+1) = Az(k) + B^u u(k) + B^d d(k) \\ y(k+1) = Cz(k+1) \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} z(k) = Az(k-1) + B^u u(k-1) + B^d d(k-1) \\ y(k) = Cz(k) \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\Delta z(k+1) = A\Delta z(k) + B^u \Delta u(k) + B^d \Delta d(k)$$

$$\Delta y(k+1) = C\Delta z(k+1) \rightarrow$$

$$y(k+1) = y(k) + C(A\Delta z(k) + B^u \Delta u(k) + B^d \Delta d(k))$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} \Delta z(k+1) \\ y(k+1) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} A & 0 \\ CA & I \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \Delta z(k) \\ y(k) \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} B^u \\ CB^u \end{bmatrix} \Delta u(k) + \begin{bmatrix} B^d \\ CB^d \end{bmatrix} \Delta d(k)$$

$$y(k) = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & I \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \Delta z(k) \\ y(k) \end{bmatrix}$$

State Update

$$x(k+1) = \Phi x(k) + \Gamma^u \Delta u(k) + \Gamma^d \Delta d(k)$$

$$y(k) = \Xi x(k)$$

# State-Space Model (3)

- Prediction**

Model prediction of  $y(k) \rightarrow y(k) = \Xi x(k)$

Model prediction error  $\rightarrow e(k) = y_m(k) - y(k)$

Predicted future output samples

The “state” stored in “memory”

Future input moves (to be decided)

$$\begin{bmatrix} y_{k+1|k} \\ \vdots \\ y_{k+p|k} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \Xi\Phi \\ \vdots \\ \Xi\Phi^p \end{bmatrix} x(k) + \Omega^u \begin{bmatrix} \Delta u(k) \\ \vdots \\ \Delta u(k+p-1) \end{bmatrix}$$

Dynamic Matrix (made of step response coefficients)

$$\Omega^d \begin{bmatrix} \Delta d(k) \\ \vdots \\ \Delta d(k+p-1) \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} e(k) \\ \vdots \\ e(k) \end{bmatrix}$$

Feedback Error Correction

Feedforward term: new measurement  
(Assume  $\Delta d(k+1) = \dots = \Delta d(k+p-1) = 0$ )