

Nonlinear Programming (NLP) for Stable, Robust and High Performance NMPC

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Model Predictive Control and Dynamic Optimization in Chemical Processes

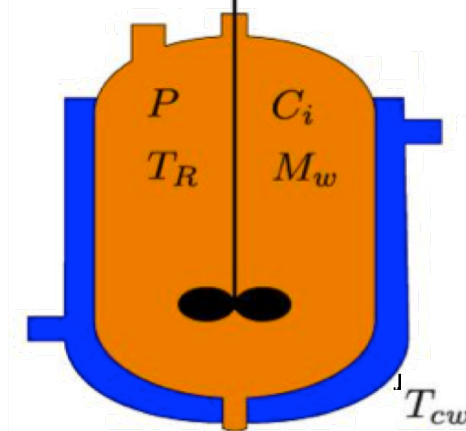
- Model Predictive Control

- MIMO with many states and constraints
- Detailed nonlinear dynamic models
- Slower dynamics (seconds, minutes)
- Optimal reference trajectories

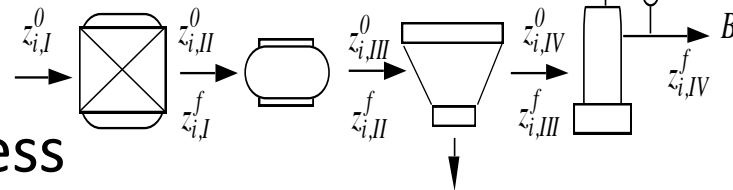


- Dynamic Real-time Optimization (eNMPC)

- Moving Horizon Framework
- Extensions of MPC
- Stage costs may not be dissipative



- Can NLPs with first principle dynamics be solved on-line with stability and robustness guarantees?



NMPC Nominal Stability with Terminal Cost

(Rawlings and Mayne, 2009)

$$V(x(k)) = \min_u \sum_{l=0}^N \psi(z_l, v_l) + \Psi(z_N)$$

$$\begin{aligned} s.t. \quad & z_{l+1} = f(z_l, v_l) \\ & z_0 = x(k), \quad z_l \in X, \quad v_l \in U, \quad z_N \in X_f, \\ & \implies u(k) = v_0, \quad \text{Set } k = k + 1 \end{aligned}$$

Assumptions:

- $f(x, u)$ is Lipschitz continuous (will assume smooth)
- There exists a local control law $u = \kappa_f(x)$ for all $x \in \mathcal{X}_\phi$ such that

$$\Psi(f(x, \kappa_f(x))) - \Psi(x) \leq -\psi(x, \kappa_f(x))$$
- $\psi(x, u), \Psi(x)$ satisfy $\alpha_p(|x|) \leq \psi(x, u), \alpha_q(|x|) \leq \Psi(x)$ where $\alpha_p(\bullet), \alpha_q(\bullet)$ are \mathcal{K} functions.
- N sufficiently long, $\Psi(x)$ sufficiently large (Pannocchia, Rawlings, 2011) \rightarrow no terminal constraints needed
- **Stability Properties: Lyapunov Function based on Stage Costs**

MFCQ for Reformulated NLP

$$V(x(k)) := \min_{v_l, z_l} \Psi(z_N) + \sum_{l=0}^{N-1} \psi(z_l, v_l) + \sum_{l=0}^N \rho \xi_l$$

$$s.t. \quad z_{l+1} = f(z_l, v_l)$$

$$z_0 = x(k)$$

$$v_l \in U, l = 0, \dots, N-1$$

$$g(z_l) \leq \xi_l, \xi_l \geq 0, l = 0, \dots, N$$

$$e = [1, 1, 1, 1 \dots 1]^T$$

- Choose ρ and a sufficiently large N to determine nominal stability
- Softened state constraints with **exact penalties** are enough to satisfy:
 - MFCQ: equalities have full rank Jacobian, ξ can always be increased
 - to satisfy: $\nabla g(z)^T d_z - d_\xi < 0$
 - CRCQ: inequalities are linear
 - GSSOSC: assume weights on quadratic stage costs are chosen sufficiently large
- The solution and $V(x(k))$ are uniformly continuous

KKT Properties and Constraint Qualifications for Sensitivity

For $s^*(p) = (x^*, \lambda^*, \nu^*)$

- MFCQ, GSSOSC – uniform continuity of objective function and x^* with respect to p . (Kojima, 1985)
- MFCQ, GSSOSC, CRCQ $\rightarrow (D_{\Delta p} x^*)$ - directional derivatives calculated with additional LP and QP steps (Ralph and Dempe, 1995)
- LICQ, SOSC, SC $\rightarrow (ds^*/dp)$ - derivatives can be calculated (Fiacco, 1983) \rightarrow KKT matrix is nonsingular

NLP Sensitivity

Parametric Program

$$\begin{array}{ll} \min & f(x, p) \\ \text{s.t.} & c(x, p) = 0 \\ & x \geq 0 \end{array} \quad \left. \vphantom{\begin{array}{l} \min \\ \text{s.t.} \end{array}} \right\} P(p)$$

Solution Triplet

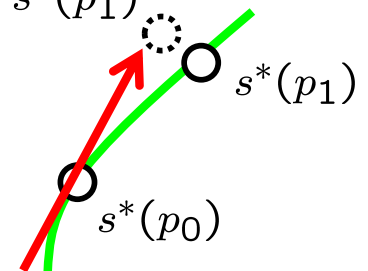
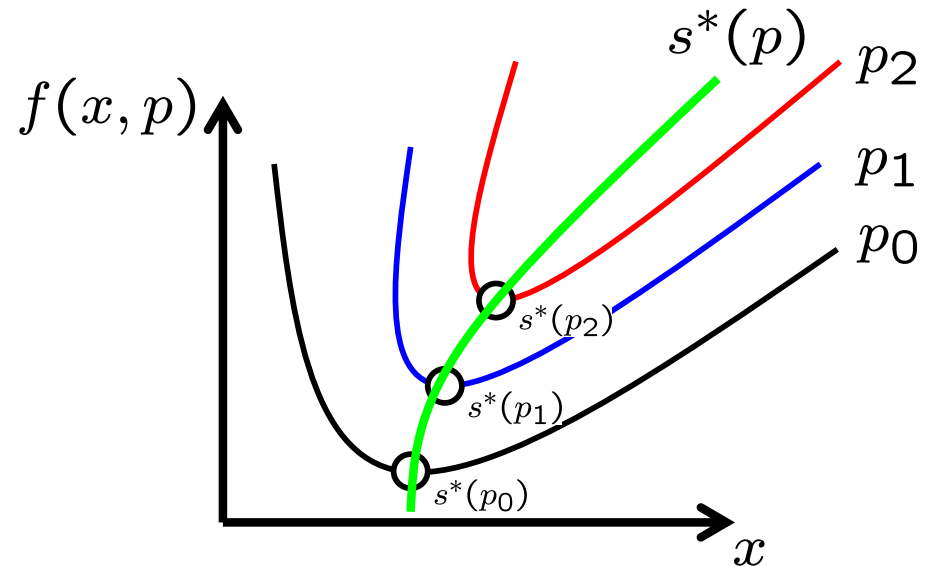
$$s^*(p)^T = [x^{*T} \quad \lambda^{*T} \quad \nu^{*T}]$$

Optimality Conditions $P(p)$

$$\begin{aligned} \nabla_x f(x, p) + \nabla_x c(x, p) \lambda - \nu &= 0 \\ c(x, p) &= 0 \\ XVe &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

NLP Sensitivity → Rely upon Existence and Differentiability of $s^*(p)$

→ Main Idea: Obtain $\left. \frac{\partial s}{\partial p} \right|_{p_0}$ and find $\hat{s}^*(p_1)$ by Taylor Series Expansion

$$\hat{s}^*(p_1) \approx s^*(p_0) + \left. \frac{\partial s}{\partial p} \right|_{p_0}^T (p_1 - p_0)$$


NLP Sensitivity with IPOPT

(Pirnay, Lopez Negrete, B., 2011)

Obtaining $\left. \frac{\partial s}{\partial p} \right|_{p_0}$

Optimality Conditions of $P(p)$: Solved with Newton's Method in IPOPT

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \nabla_x \mathcal{L} = \nabla_x f(x, p) + \nabla_x c(x, p) \lambda - \nu &= 0 \\ c(x, p) &= 0 \\ XVe &= 0 \end{aligned} \right\} Q(s, p) = 0$$

Apply Implicit Function Theorem to $Q(s, p) = 0$ around $(p_0, s^*(p_0))$

$$\frac{\partial Q(s^*(p_0), p_0)}{\partial s} \left. \frac{\partial s}{\partial p} \right|_{p_0} + \frac{\partial Q(s^*(p_0), p_0)}{\partial p} = 0$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} W(s^*(p_0)) & A(x^*(p_0)) & -I \\ A(x^*(p_0))^T & 0 & 0 \\ V^*(p_0) & 0 & X^*(p_0) \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial x}{\partial p} \\ \frac{\partial \lambda}{\partial p} \\ \frac{\partial \nu}{\partial p} \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} \nabla_{x,p} \mathcal{L}(s^*(p_0)) \\ \nabla_p c(x^*(p_0)) \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = 0$$

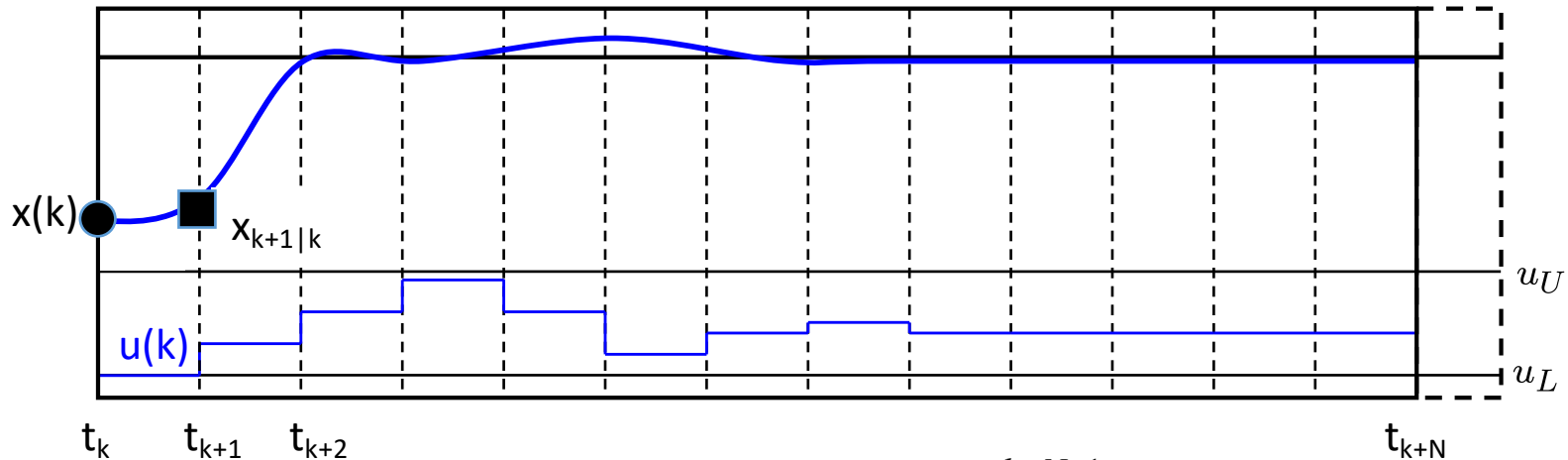
KKT Matrix IPOPT

$$\begin{bmatrix} W(x_k, \lambda_k) & A(x_k) & -I \\ A(x_k)^T & 0 & 0 \\ V_k & 0 & X_k \end{bmatrix} \begin{array}{l} \rightarrow \text{Already Factored from Newton Step in IPOPT} \\ \rightarrow \text{Sensitivity Calculation from Single Backsolve} \\ \rightarrow \text{Approximate Solution Retains Active Set} \end{array}$$

Advanced Step Nonlinear MPC (Zavala, B., 2009)

Solve NLP in background (between steps, not on-line)

Update using sensitivity on-line



$$\min \quad V(x(k), u(k)) = F(x_{k+N|k}) + \sum_{l=k+1}^{k+N-1} \psi(x_{l|k}, v_{l|k})$$

$$s.t. \quad x_{k+1|k} = \boxed{f(x(k), u(k))}$$

$$x_{l+1|k} = f(x_{l|k}, v_{l|k}), \quad l = k+1, \dots, k+N-1$$

$$x_{l|k} \in X, \quad v_{l|k} \in U, \quad x_{k+N|k} \in X_f$$

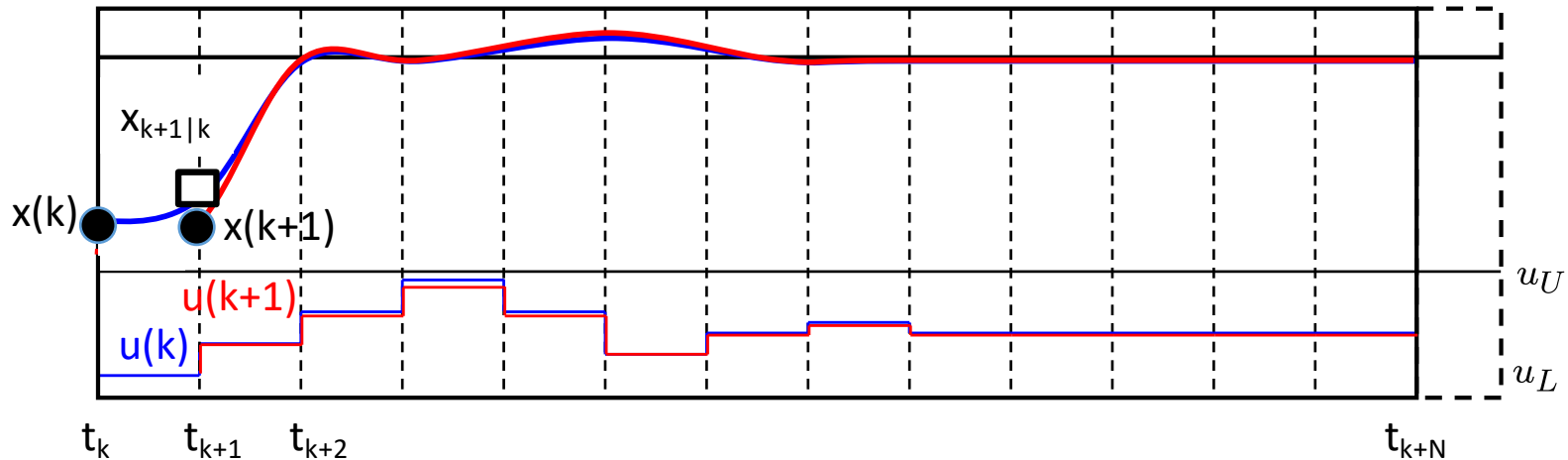
Solve NLP(k) in background (between t_k and t_{k+1})

Offline Predictor

Advanced Step Nonlinear MPC (Zavala, B., 2009)

Solve NLP in background (between steps, not on-line)

Update using sensitivity on-line



$$\begin{bmatrix} W_k & A_k & -I \\ A_k^T & 0 & 0 \\ Z_k & 0 & X_k \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \Delta \mathbf{x} \\ \Delta \lambda \\ \Delta z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ \vdots \\ x_{k+1|k} - x(k+1) \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Solve NLP(k) in background (between t_k and t_{k+1})

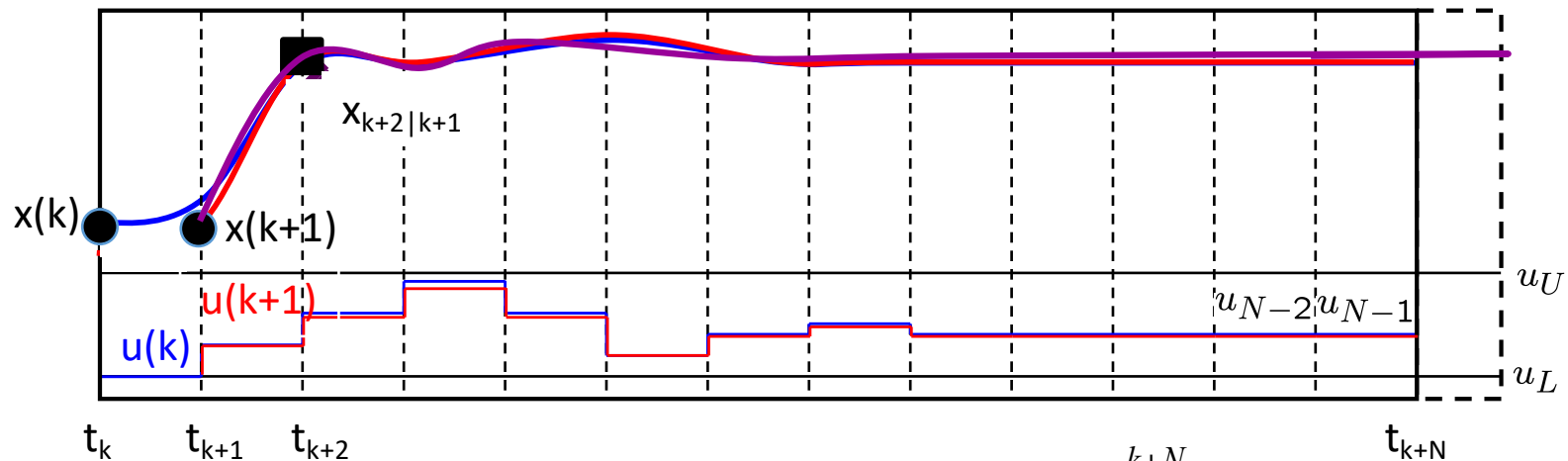
Sensitivity to update problem on-line to get $u(k+1)$

Online Corrector

Advanced Step Nonlinear MPC (Zavala, B., 2009)

Solve NLP in background (between steps, not on-line)

Update using sensitivity on-line



$$\min \quad V(x(k+1), u(k+1)) = F(x_{k+N+1|k+1}) + \sum_{l=k+2}^{k+N} \psi(x_{l|k+1}, v_{l|k+1})$$

$$s.t. \quad x_{k+2|k+1} = \boxed{f(x(k+1), u(k+1))}$$

$$x_{l+1|k+1} = f(x_{l|k}, v_{l|k}), \quad l = k+2, \dots, k+N$$

$$x_{l|k+1} \in X, \quad v_{l|k+1} \in U, \quad x_{k+N+1|k+1} \in X_f$$

Solve NLP(k) in background (between t_k and t_{k+1})

Sensitivity to update problem on-line to get $u(k+1)$

Solve NLP(k+1) in background (between t_{k+1} and t_{k+2})

asNMPC: Concepts and Properties

- Interpretation: Fast linear MPC controller using *linearization of nonlinear model at previous step*.
- NLP solved between samples, “instantaneous” sensitivity update at sampling time
- On-line computation 2-3 orders of magnitude faster;
 - ➔ Computational delay virtually eliminated
- Second order errors compared to ideal NMPC
 - ➔ Nominal and ISS stability (Zavala, B., 2009)
- ISpS stability when coupled with embedded state estimators (Huang, Patwardhan, B., 2009a,b, 2010a-c, 2012)

Nonrobust NMPC Problem

Dynamic system:

$$f_1(x, u, w) = \frac{-(x_1^2 + x_2^2)u + x_1}{1 + (x_1^2 + x_2^2)u^2 - 2x_1u} + w_1$$

$$f_2(x, u, w) = \frac{x_2}{1 + (x_1^2 + x_2^2)u^2 - 2x_1u} + w_2$$

Inequality Constraints:

$$\mathbb{X} = \{x : x \in \mathbb{R}^2, x_1 \leq .25\}$$

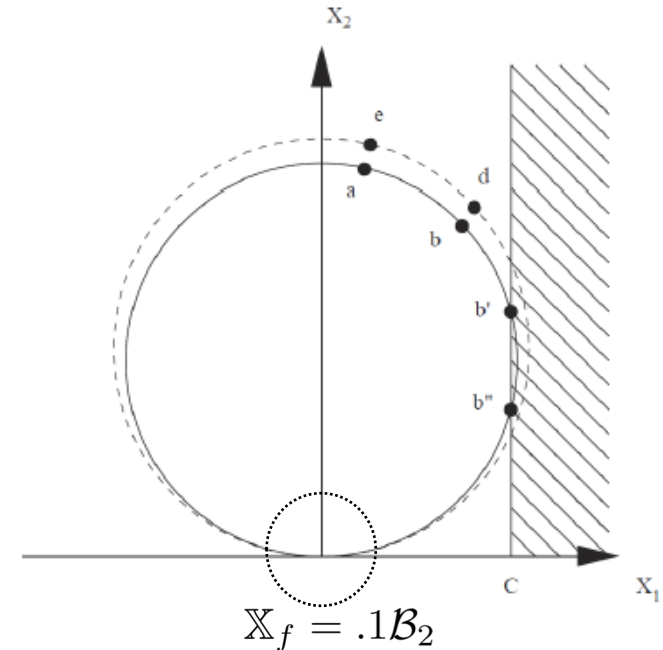
$$\mathbb{U} = [-1, 1]$$

$$\mathbb{X}_f = .1\mathcal{B}_2$$

Cost functions:

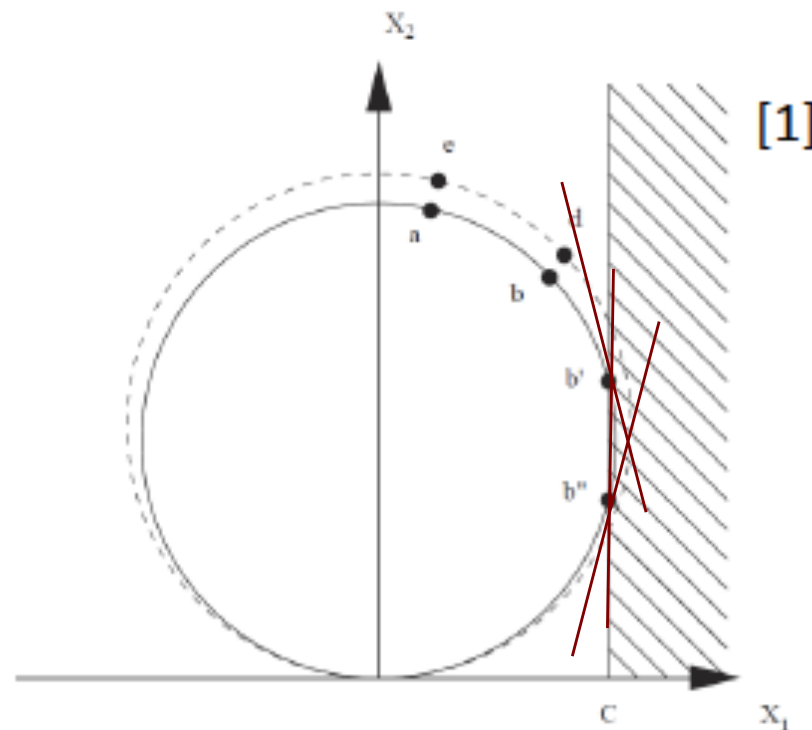
$$\Psi(x) = |x| \cos^{-1} \delta \frac{(x_2 - |x|)(-|x|)}{|x| \sqrt{x_1^2 + (x_2 - |x|)^2}}$$

$$\psi(x, u) = |x| \cos^{-1} \delta \frac{x_1 f_1(x, -1) + (x_2 - |x|)(f_2(x, -1) - |x|)}{\sqrt{x_1^2 + (x_2 - |x|)^2} \sqrt{f_1(x, -1)^2 + (f_2(x, -1) - |x|)^2}}$$

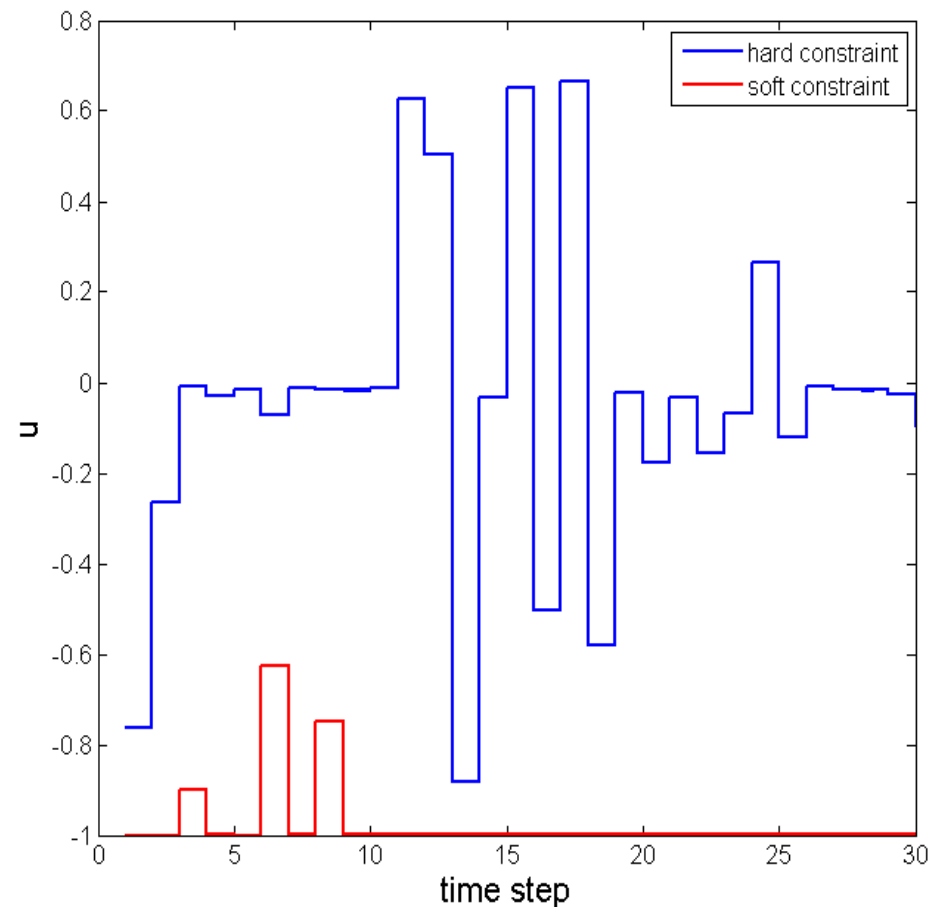
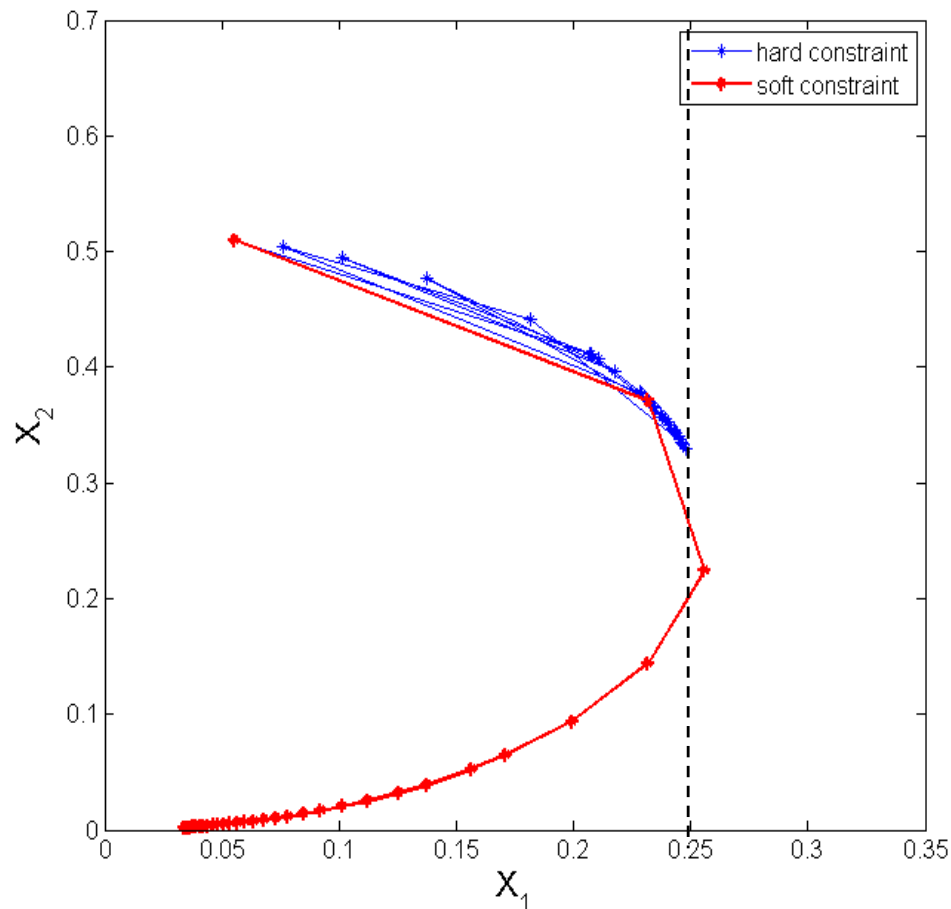


Source of Nonrobustness

- Nonrobustness is caused by the hard state constraint
- There exists a critical circle with radius $r_c = c / \sqrt{1-c^2}$ outside of which there exists no feasible c.w. solution
- Thus the value function of the NLP is discontinuous at this circle

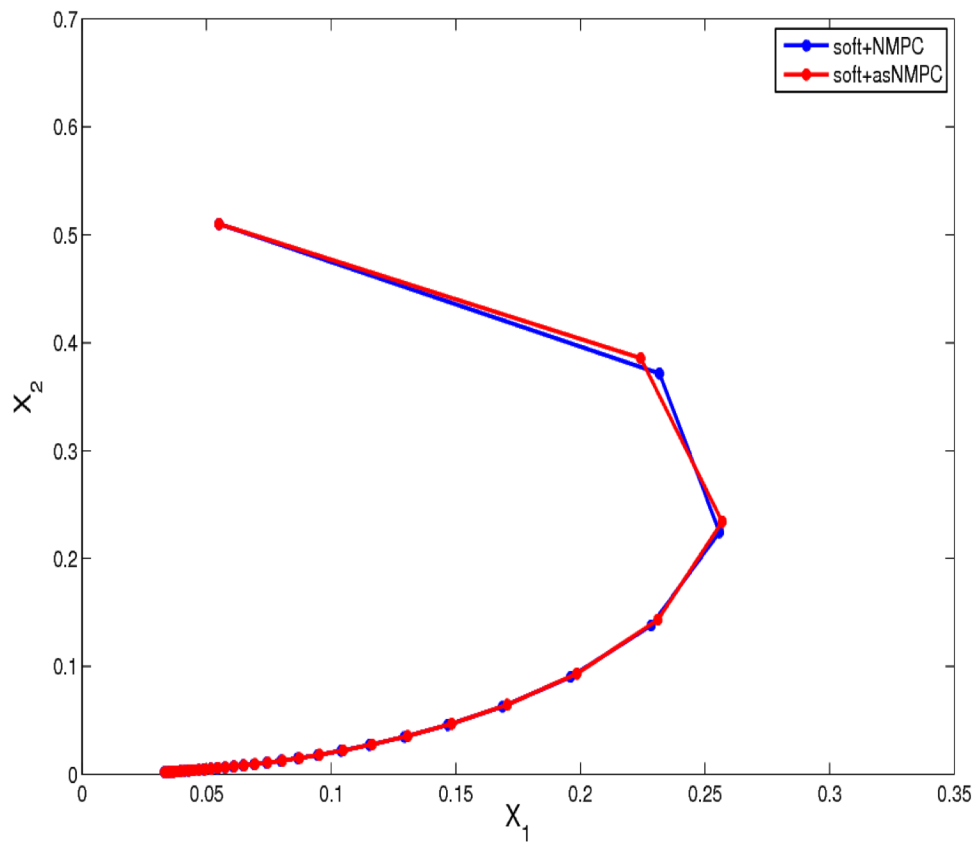


Impact of Reformulation (ℓ_1 penalties and/or larger N)

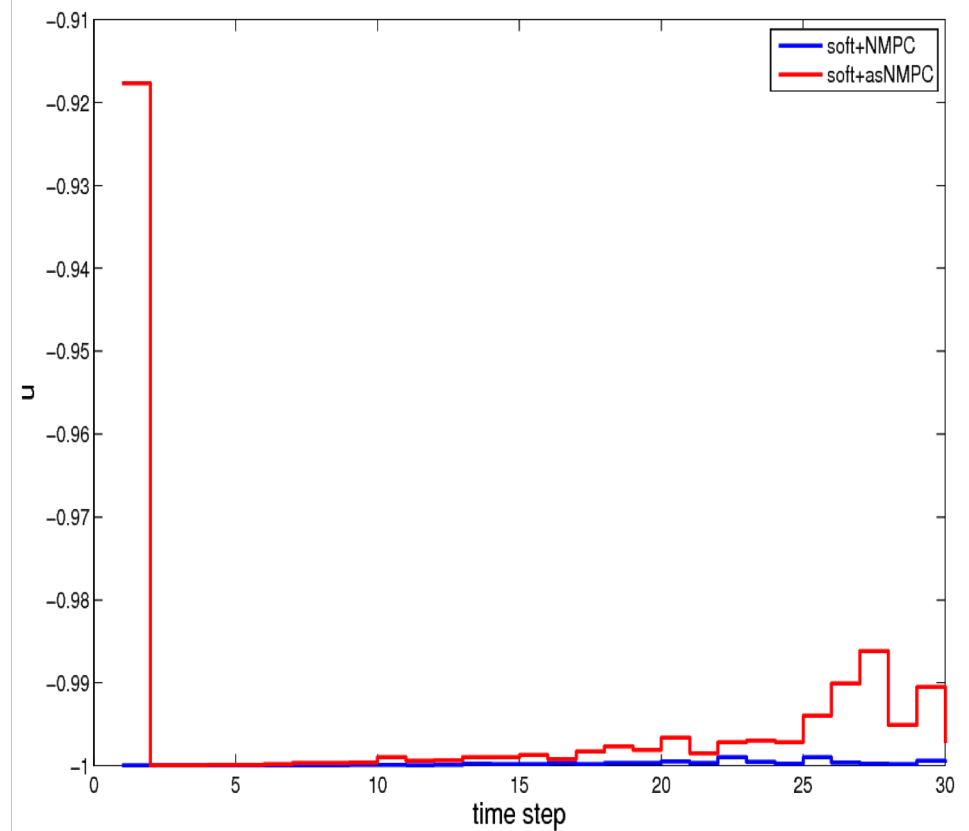


- ▶ Hard constraint $x_1 \leq c$ prevents trajectory from going beyond $x_1=c$
- ▶ Soft constraint allows the trajectory to exceed $x_1=c$ and converge
- ▶ MFCQ and GSSOSC satisfied

Ideal NMPC vs. asNMPC Results (small amount of noise, $\sigma = 0.05$)



State Space Trajectory



Control Trajectory

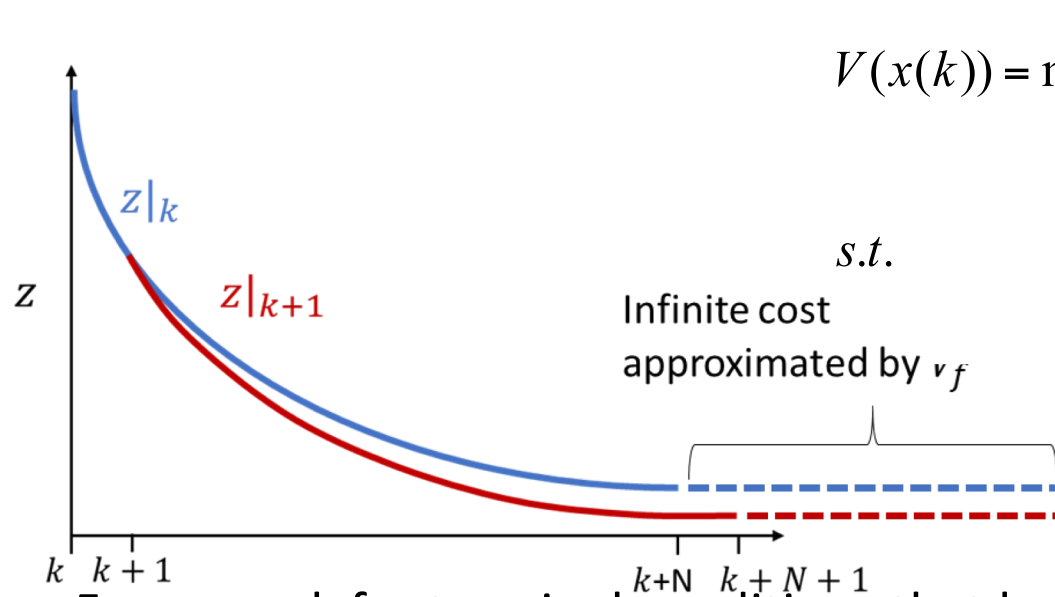
Terminal Conditions

$$V(x(k)) = \min_u \sum_{l=0}^N \psi(z_l, v_l) + \Psi(z_N)$$

$$\begin{aligned} s.t. \quad & z_{l+1} = f(z_l, v_l) \\ & z_0 = x(k), \quad z_l \in X, \quad v_l \in U, \quad z_N \in X_f, \end{aligned}$$

- Assume large, $N \rightarrow \infty$? $\implies u(k) = v_0$, Set $k = k + 1$
 - Hard to check, Can result in large NLPs
 - Typically ignored in real applications
- Endpoint constraint $z_N = 0$
 - Requires N controllability.
 - What is N ? Potential difficulty in finding feasible solutions
- Terminal region $z_N \in \mathcal{X}_f$ and/or terminal cost $\Psi(z_N)$
 - Avoids problems of previous two methods
 - Selection of region or cost not obvious
 - Recursive feasibility requires $\Psi(x_{k+1}) - \Psi(x_k) \leq -\psi(x_k, u_k) \quad \forall x_k \in \mathcal{X}_f$

Quasi-Infinite Horizon NMPC



$$V(x(k)) = \min_u \sum_{l=0}^N \psi(z_l, v_l) + \Psi(z_N)$$

$$z_{l+1} = f(z_l, v_l)$$

$$z_0 = x(k), z_l \in X, v_l \in U, z_N \in X_f,$$

$$\Rightarrow u(k) = v_0, \text{ Set } k = k + 1$$

- Framework for terminal conditions that bound infinite horizon problem
 - Accounts for what happens after predictive horizon
 - Robustness maintained as time proceeds
- Terminal cost Ψ represents infinite horizon controller stabilizing in \mathcal{X}_f
- Choose LQR (linear quadratic regulator) to bound V_∞ in the terminal region

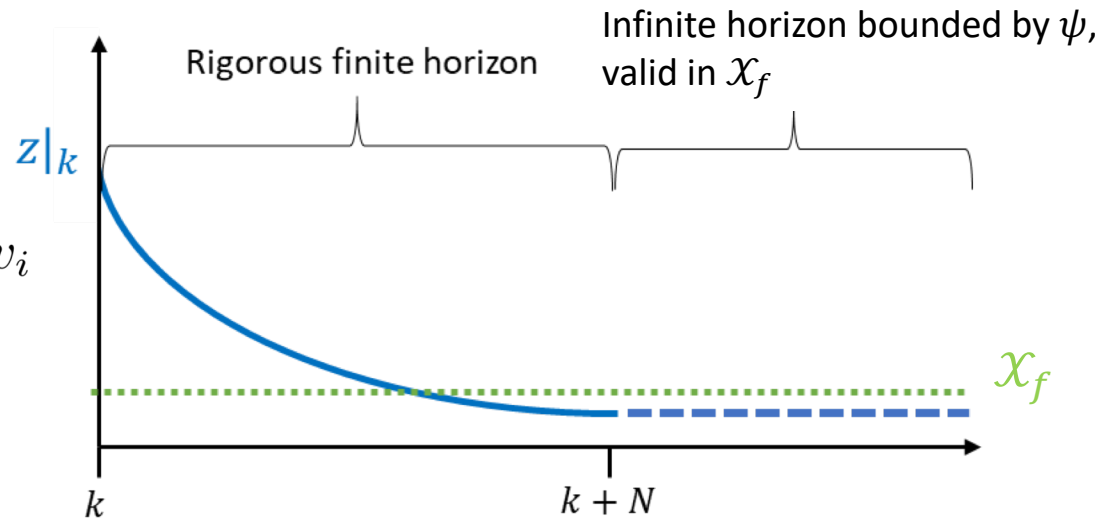
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Terminal Cost Based on LQR

$$\psi(x) = x^T P x = \min_{z_i, v_i} \sum_{i=N}^{\infty} z_i^T Q z_i + v_i^T R v_i$$

$$s.t. \quad z_{i+1} = A z_i + B v_i \quad \forall i = 0 \dots \infty$$

$$z_0 = x$$



- Terminal cost ψ becomes infinite horizon cost for linearized system
 - P found from Ricatti equation $P = A^T P A - A^T P B (R + B^T P B)^{-1} B^T P A + Q$
- **Computing terminal region \mathcal{X}_f is equivalent to finding region where LQR stabilizes nonlinear system**
- Terminal region can be derived from Lyapunov function descent ==> provides bound on system nonlinearities
- To bound nonlinearities, method must scale to many states

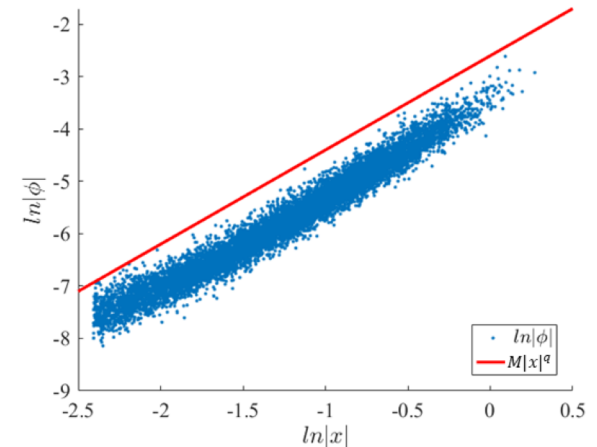
Bounding nonlinearities

- Apply scalable method (off-line)

$$|f(x, -Kx) - Ax + BKx| = |\phi(x)| \leq M|x|^q$$

- Sample one-step CL-LQR simulations
- Apply Taylor's Theorem
- Simple and effective for large systems

Example of nonlinearity bound



- \mathcal{X}_f computed from M and q :

- $\gamma_\psi > 0$ increases weight of LQR costs: $\widetilde{W} = (1 + \gamma_\psi)(Q + K^T R K)$
- Cost to go P and gain K satisfy the Lyapunov equation for the LQR
- Terminal region given by $\mathcal{X}_f = \{x \mid |x| \leq c_f\}$

$$c_f := \left(\frac{-\hat{\sigma}\Lambda_P + \sqrt{(\hat{\sigma}\Lambda_P)^2 + \lambda_{\Delta\widetilde{W}}^{min}\Lambda_P}}{\Lambda_P M} \right)^{\frac{1}{q-1}}$$

- $\hat{\sigma}$ is the maximum singular value of $A_K = A - BK$ and $\Lambda_P = \frac{\lambda_{\widetilde{W}}^{max}}{1 - \hat{\sigma}^2}$
- Satisfies assumptions on terminal region/cost formulation for asymptotic stability

Robust QIH-NMPC Reformulation

$$V_N^r(x_k) = \min_{z_i, v_i} \sum_{i=0}^{N-1} (z_i^T Q z_i + v_i^T R v_i + \boxed{\rho \xi_i^T e}) + \boxed{z_N^T P z_N} + \boxed{\rho \xi_N^T e}$$

$$s.t. \quad z_{i+1} = f(z_i, v_i) \quad \forall i = 0 \dots N-1$$

$$z_0 = x_k$$

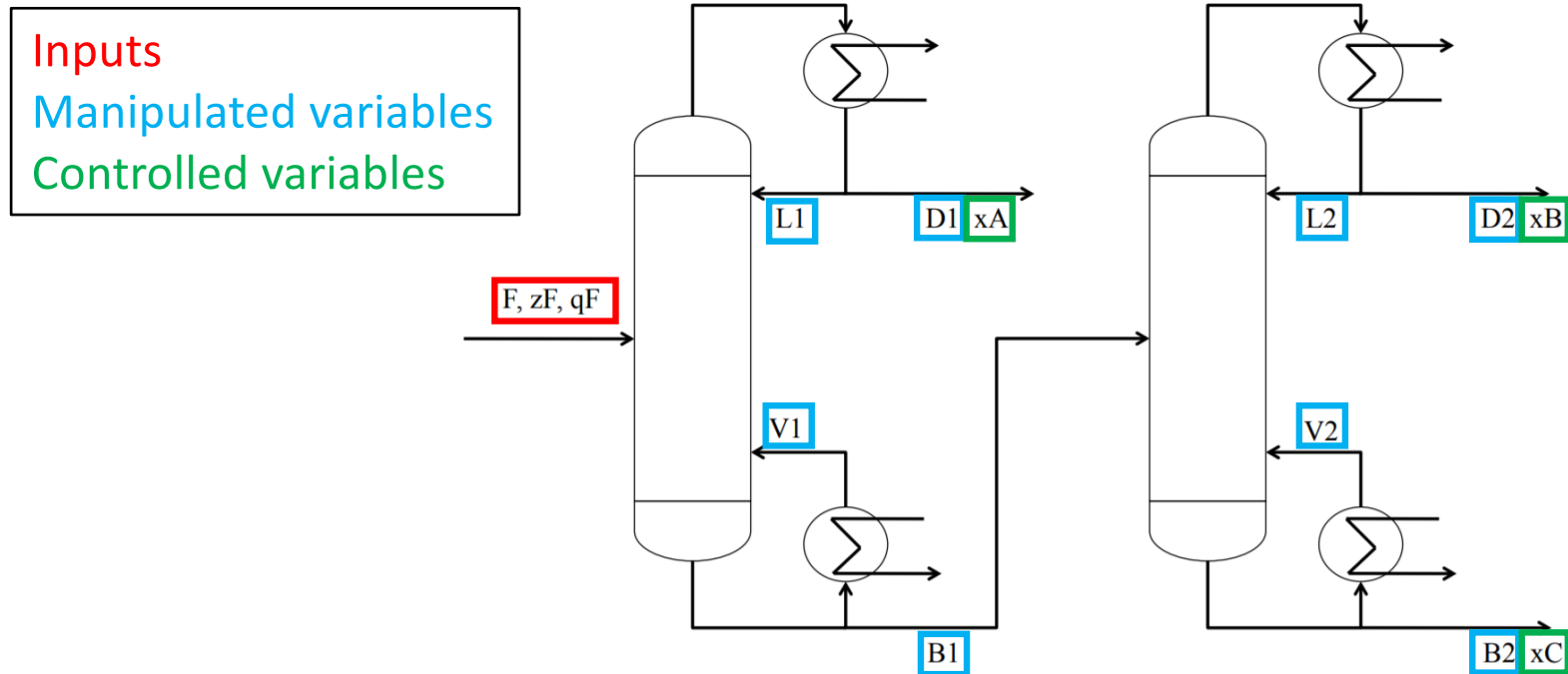
$$h(z_i) \boxed{\leq \xi_i, \xi_i \geq 0} \quad \forall i = 1 \dots N-1$$

$$v_i \in \mathbb{U} \quad \forall i = 0 \dots N-1$$

$$\boxed{|z_N| \leq c_f} + \boxed{\xi_N, \xi_N \geq 0}$$

- Penalty weight ρ chosen sufficiently large to inherit nominal stability
- Formulation satisfies MFCQ (feasible search direction exists)
- GSSOSC holds if Q, R large enough
- Thus V_N^r is uniformly continuous \implies Input-to-state stability (ISS) holds

Distillation Example

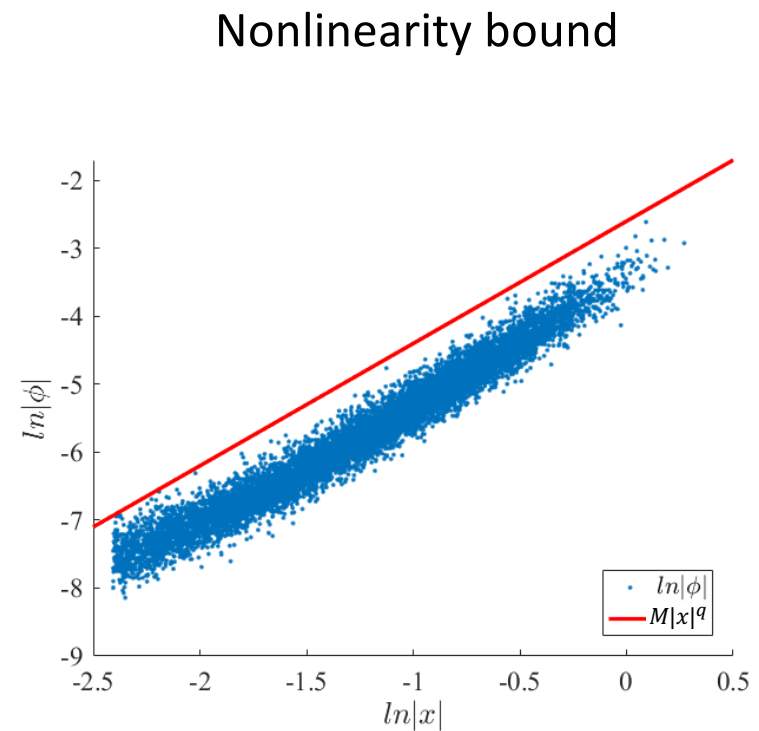


- Separation of three component mixture A,B,C - maintain **product purities**
- 246 States - tray holdups and compositions at 41 trays in each column
- 8 Controls - **reflux, boilup, distillate flow, bottoms flow**
- **~ 10000 variables, 200 dofs**

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Terminal Regions for Distillation

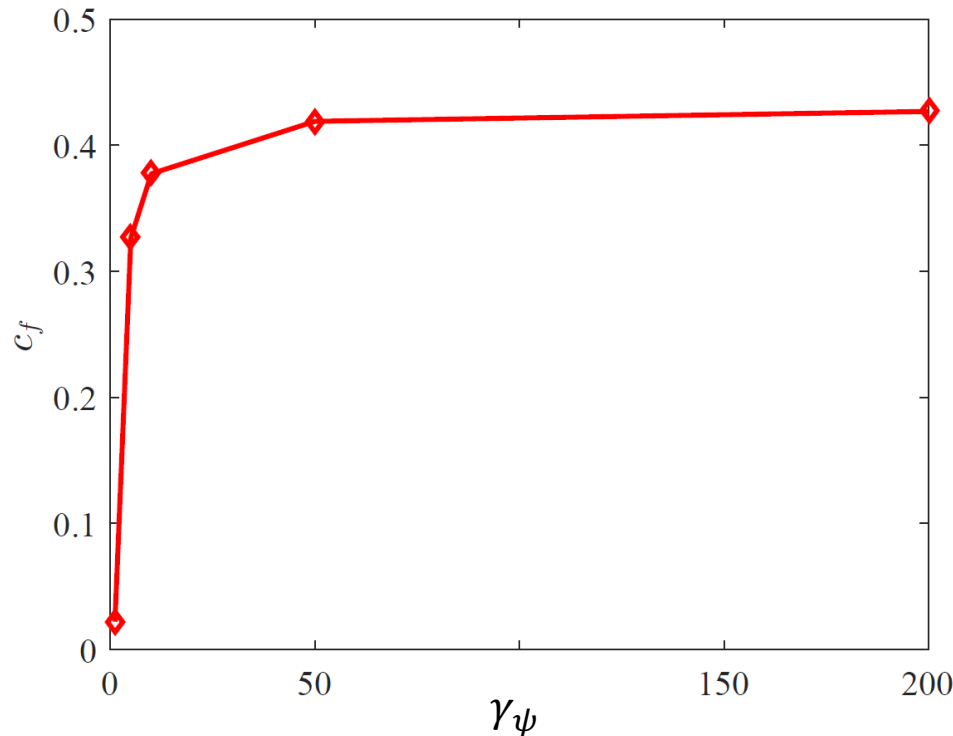
- Nonlinearity bound set with $q = 1.8$ and $M = 0.0743$
- 10,000 one-step simulations under LQR (10 CPU min done offline)
- State and control constraints imposed independently
- Terminal region size and NMPC performance compared as function of terminal cost weight γ_ψ



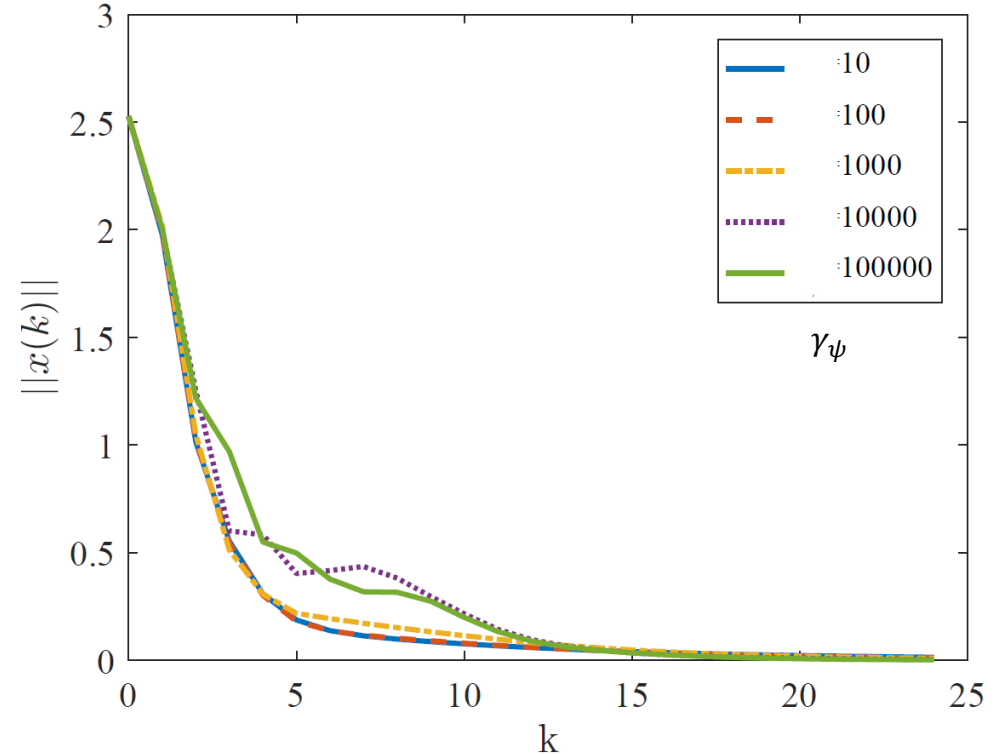
$$|f(x, -Kx) - Ax + BKx| = |\phi(x)| \leq M|x|^q$$

Distillation Results

Terminal region size



NMPC performance with N=10



- Terminal region given by $\mathcal{X}_f = \{z_N \mid |z_N| \leq c_f\}$
- LQR cost given by $(1 + \gamma_\psi)(Q + K^T R K)$
- Terminal region size increases with terminal cost weight, but plateaus
- Tracking performance degrades with large terminal cost weight
- ==> choose moderate weights

Adaptive Horizon NMPC: How long is N?

$$V_N(x_k) = \min_{z_i, v_i} \sum_{i=0}^{N-1} (z_i^T Q z_i + v_i^T R v_i) + z_N^T P z_N$$

$$s.t. \quad z_{i+1} = f(z_i, v_i) \quad \forall i = 0 \dots N-1$$

$$z_0 = x_k$$

$$z_i \in \mathbb{X} \quad \forall i = 0 \dots N-1$$

$$v_i \in \mathbb{U} \quad \forall i = 0 \dots N-1$$

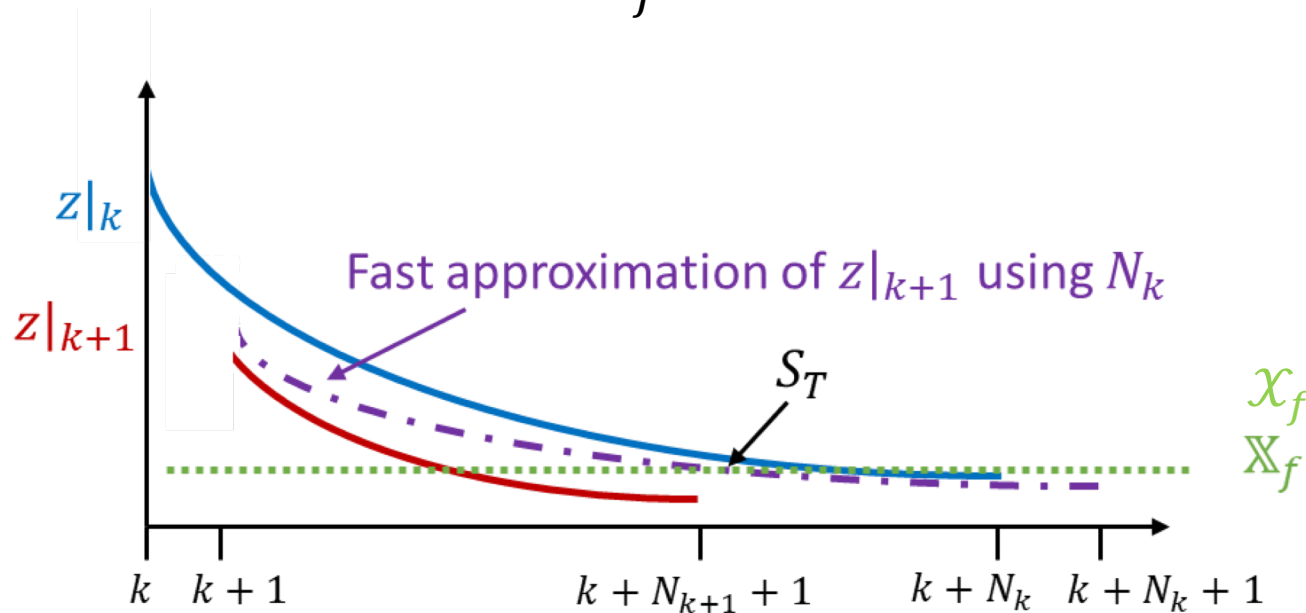
$$|z_N| \leq c_f$$

- Horizon length N balances computation and robustness
 - N too long: long solve times \Rightarrow delayed control actions
 - N too short: limited robustness \Rightarrow unstable or infeasible
 - Practical applications must use conservatively long horizon lengths
- Magnitude of trade-off changes with system state
 - Longer horizon necessary further from steady state
- Adaptively choose N in real time

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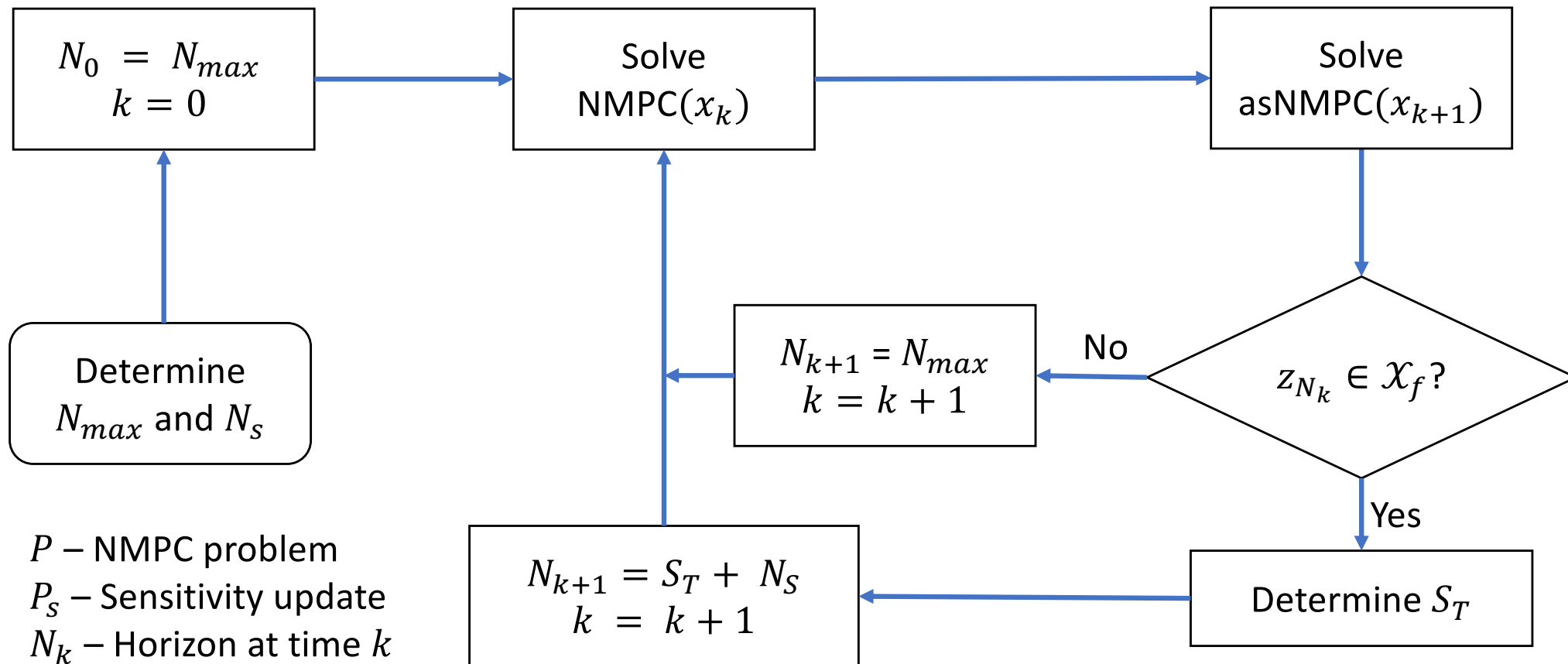
Horizon Length Selection

- NLP Sensitivity provides fast updates for perturbations to parametric NLPs
- Fast (~ 1 sec) estimates to NMPC problems obtained online by treating initial condition as parameter, as in asNMPC
- Approach: use `slpopt` to predict the time step S_T at which the NMPC solution will reach \mathcal{X}_f



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Adaptive Horizon Algorithm



P – NMPC problem

P_S – Sensitivity update

N_k – Horizon at time k

N_{max} – guarantees feasibility

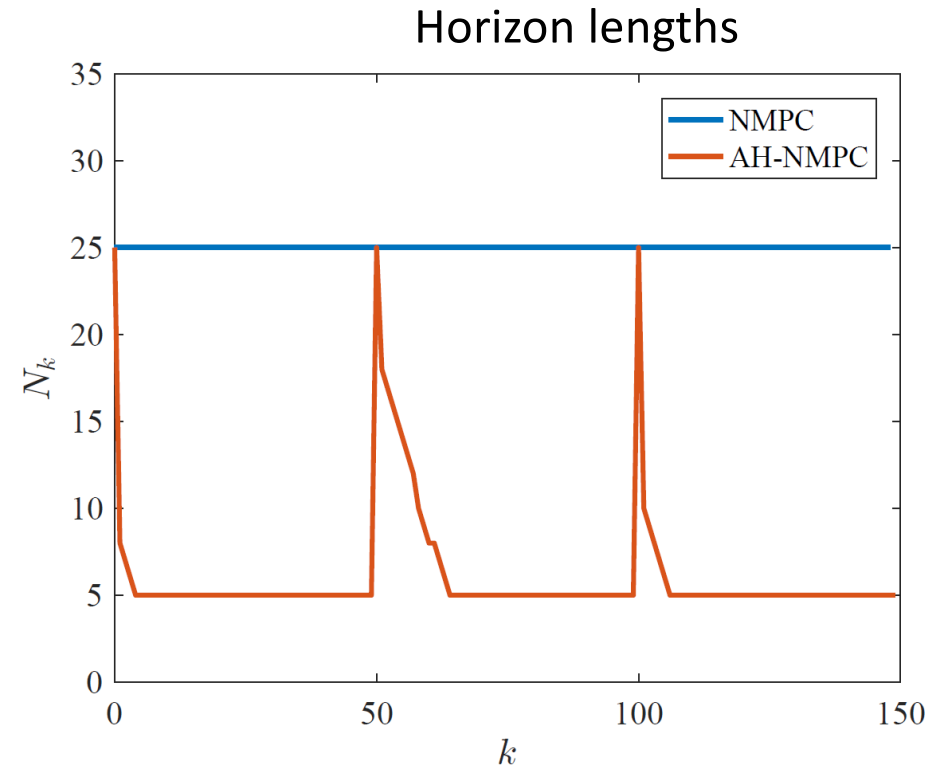
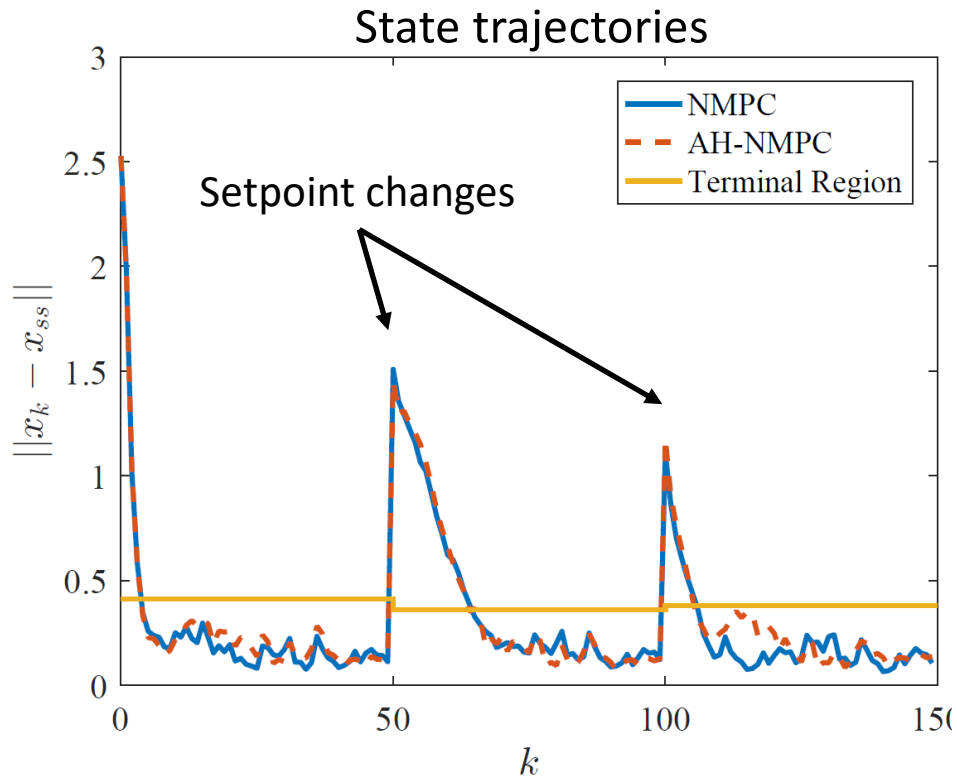
N_S – safety factor

S_T – Time step at which the solution reaches the terminal region

x_k – system state at time k

z_{N_k} – sensitivity prediction of terminal state at time k

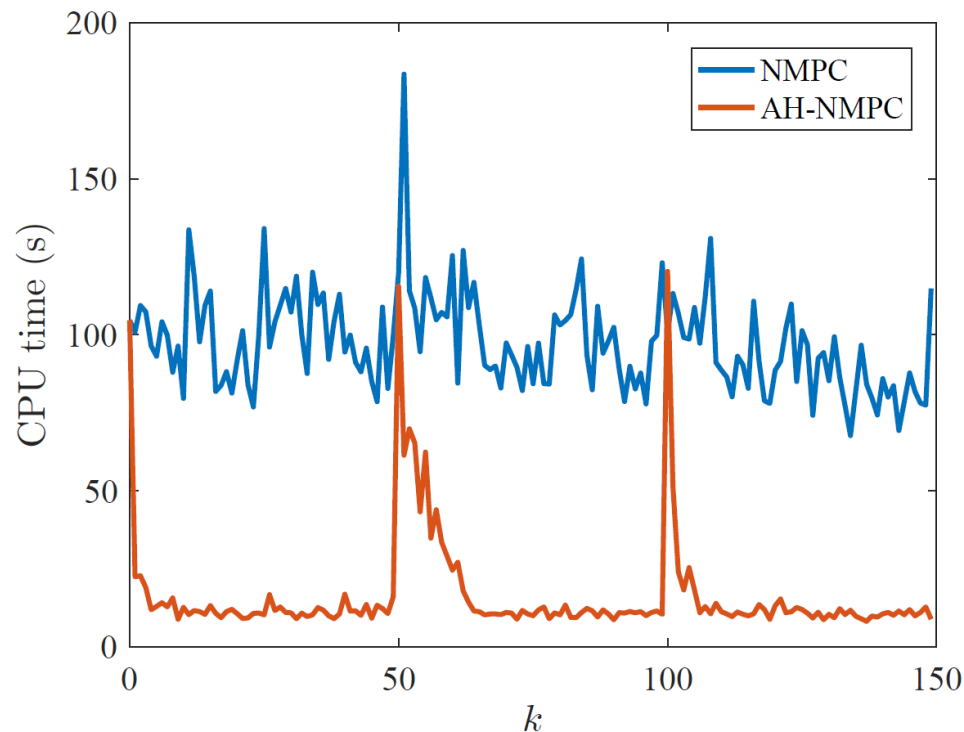
Distillation Example with Noise



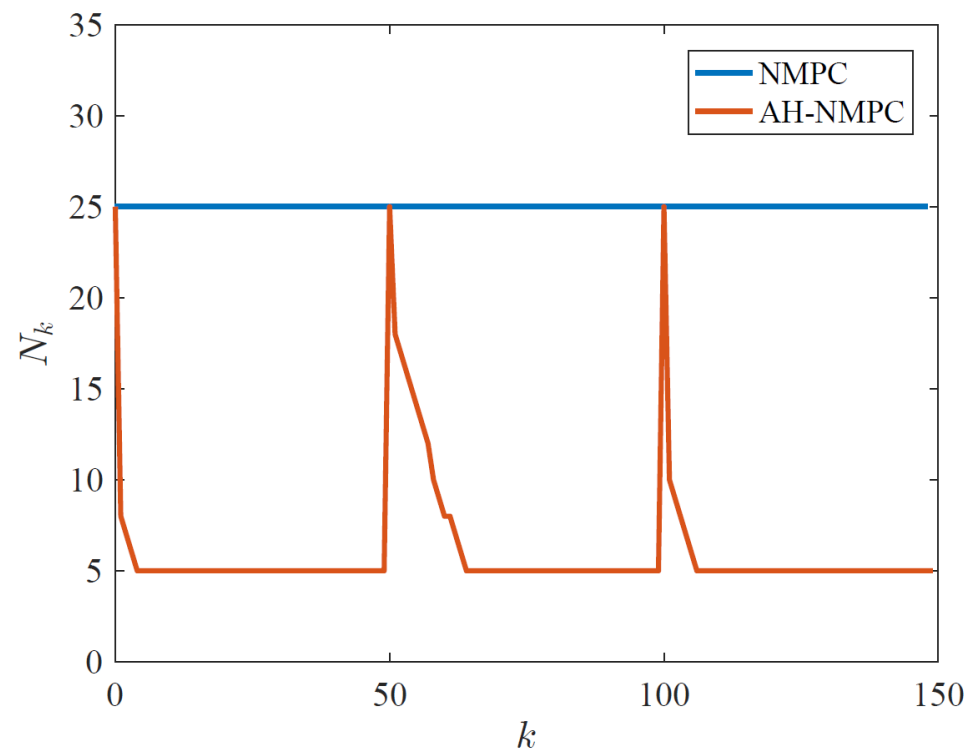
- Noise: 10% variance in feed flow and composition
- Horizon selection is robust, all problems are feasible
- Tracking performances similar to noise-free case
- AH-NMPC contracts horizon as the setpoint is approach, similar performance as with $N = 25$
- Feasible horizons chosen despite noise

Solve Times with Noise

Solve times



Horizon lengths



(Off-line) Solve Times

- NMPC average solve time 97 CPU s
- AH-NMPC, average 17 CPU s
- Application of asNMPC --> additional on-line computational savings

Conclusions

- Robust NLP reformulations
 - Uniform continuity/sensitivity of NLP guaranteed by KKT conditions and CQs (SSOSC, MFCQ, LICQ)
 - Soft output constraints lead to robustly stable NMPC
- Advanced Step NMPC
 - Fast off-line solutions
 - Virtually no on-line computation
 - Leads to ISS Stability
- Terminal conditions for large scale systems
 - Allows for reachability analysis and ultimately shorter horizons
 - Based on LQR control in \mathcal{X}_f and applying Taylor expansions
 - Easily embedded in NMPC formulation
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 - Robustness stability properties retained

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- Advanced Step Moving Horizon State Estimation

$$\mathcal{M}(\Pi_{-N|k-1}, \hat{x}_{-N|k-1}, y(k), \dots, y(k-N)) :$$

$$\min_{x_{-N}, w_k} \Phi_{-N}(x_{-N|k}, \hat{x}_{-N|k-1}, \Pi_{-N|k-1}) + \dots$$

$$\dots + \sum_{i=-N}^0 v_{i|k}^T \mathcal{R}_i^{-1} v_{i|k} + \sum_{i=-N}^{-1} w_{i|k}^T \mathcal{Q}_i^{-1} w_{i|k}$$

$$\text{s.t. } x_{l+1|k} = f(x_{l|k}) + w_{l|k}, \quad l \in \{-N, -N+1, \dots, -1\}$$

$$y(k+l) = h(x_{l|k}) + v_{l|k}, \quad l \in \{-N, -N+1, \dots, 0\}$$

$$x_{l|k} \in \mathbb{X}, \quad l \in \{-N, -N+1, \dots, 0\}$$

$$w_{l|k} \in \mathbb{W}, \quad l \in \{-N, -N+1, \dots, -1\}$$

$$\mathcal{P}(x(k)) :$$

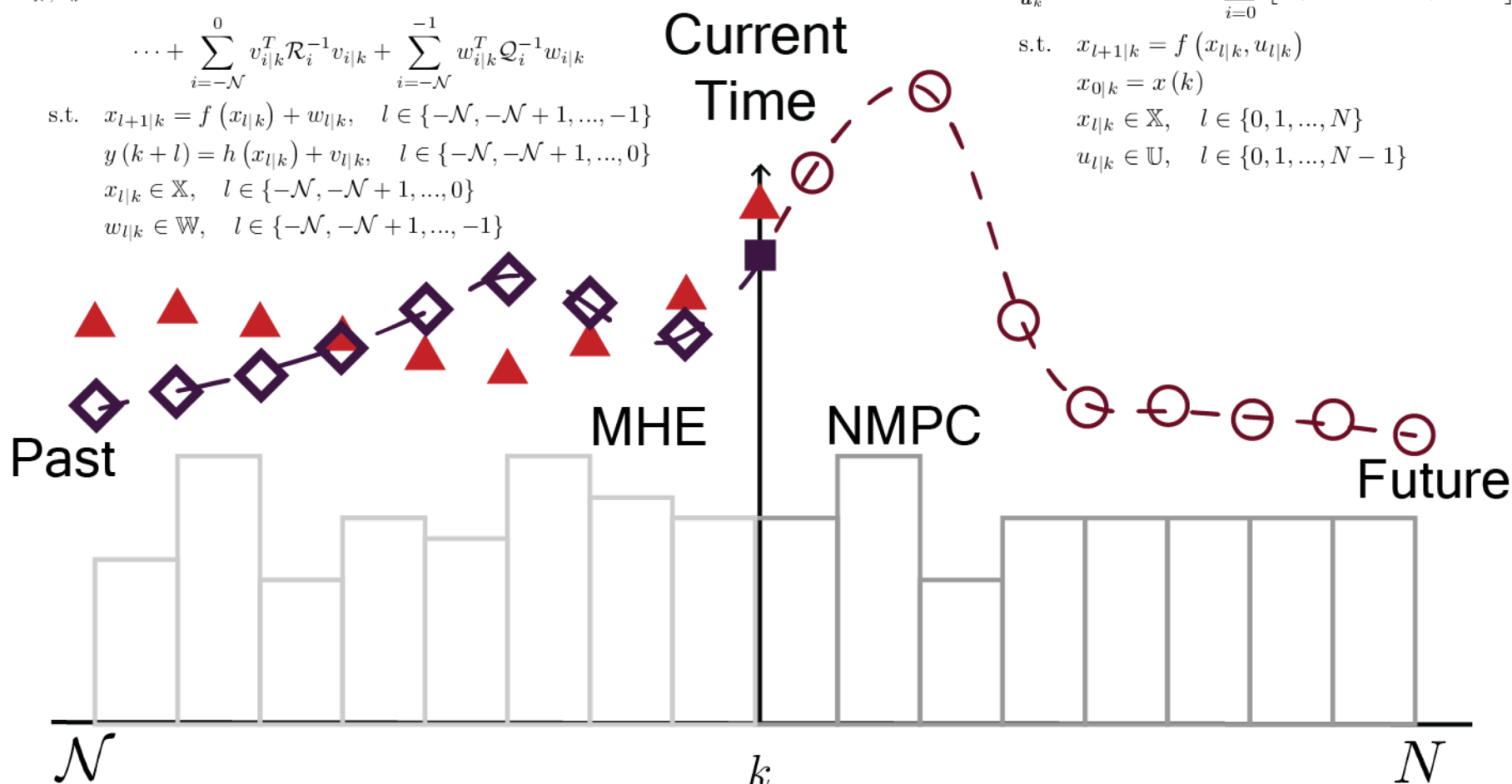
$$\min_{u_k} \varphi_N(x_{N|k}) + \sum_{i=0}^{N-1} [x_{i|k}^T Q x_{i|k} + u_{i|k}^T R u_{i|k}]$$

$$\text{s.t. } x_{l+1|k} = f(x_{l|k}, u_{l|k})$$

$$x_{0|k} = x(k)$$

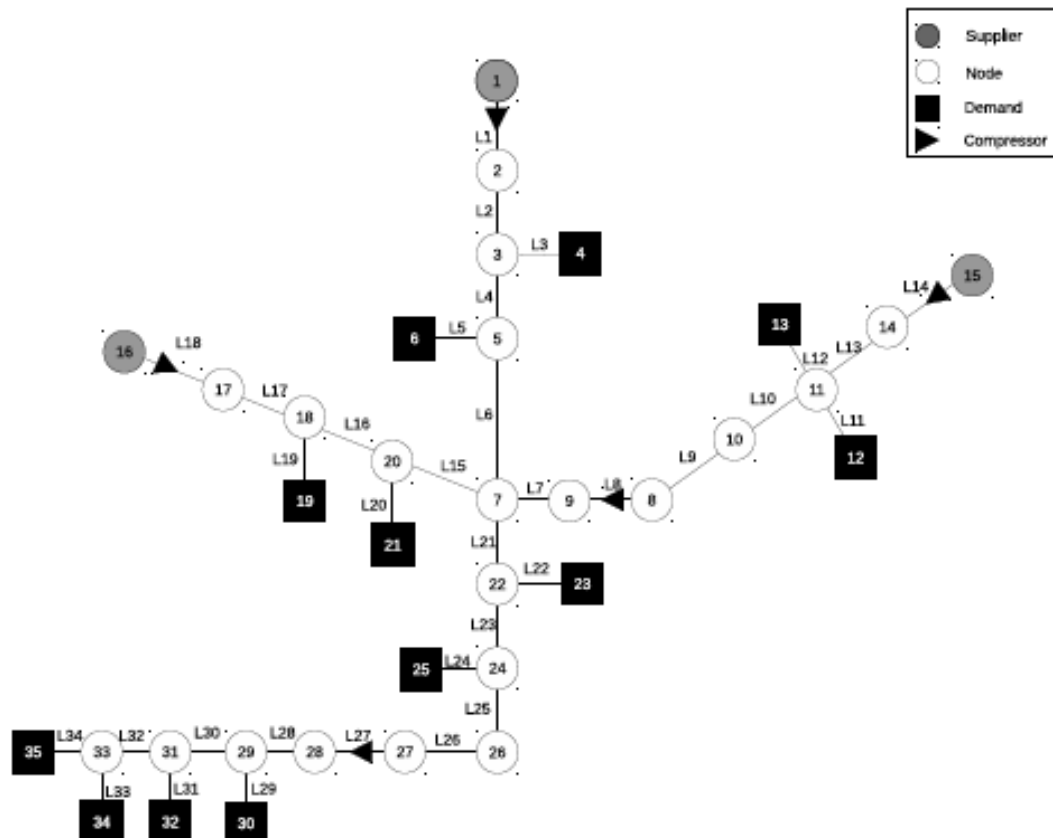
$$x_{l|k} \in \mathbb{X}, \quad l \in \{0, 1, \dots, N\}$$

$$u_{l|k} \in \mathbb{U}, \quad l \in \{0, 1, \dots, N-1\}$$



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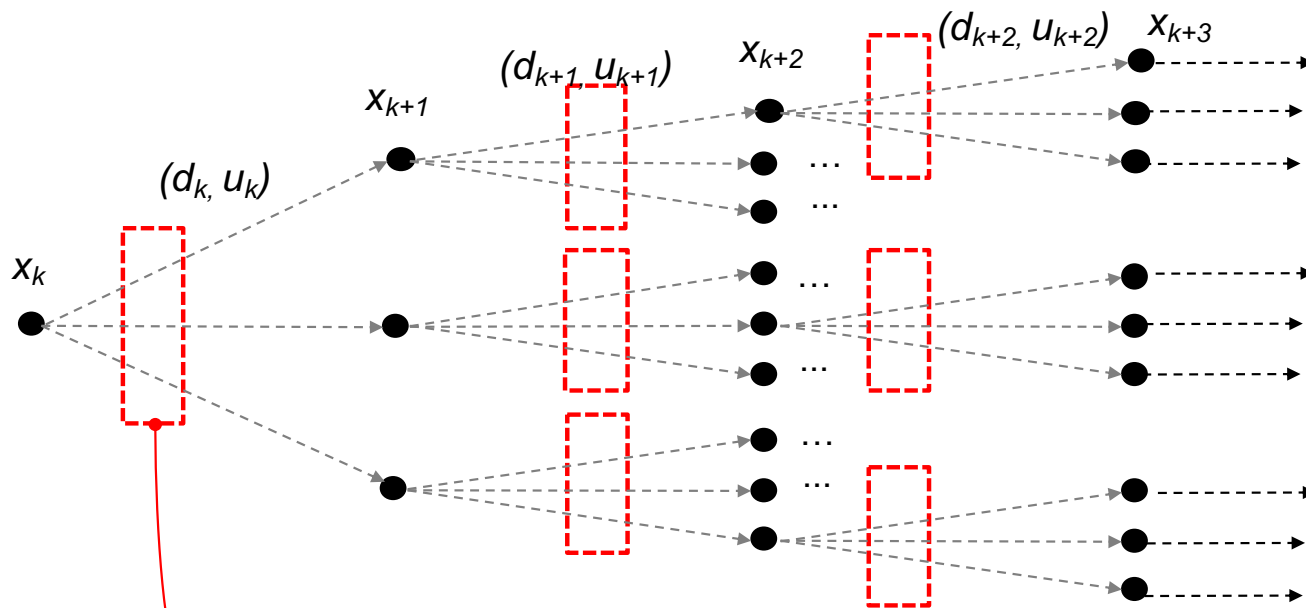


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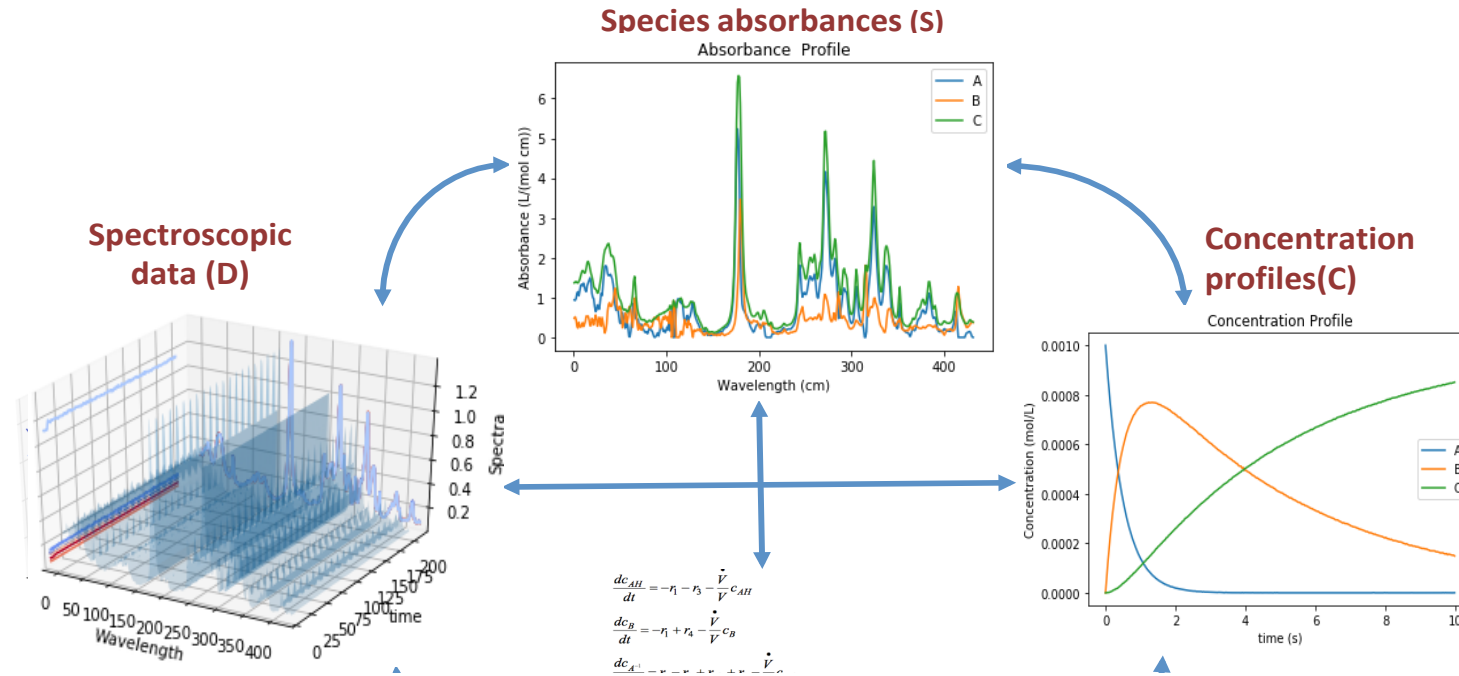
Scenario branching: effect of uncertainty while optimizing control input



Non-anticipativity: control inputs from same node set equal until uncertainty is realized

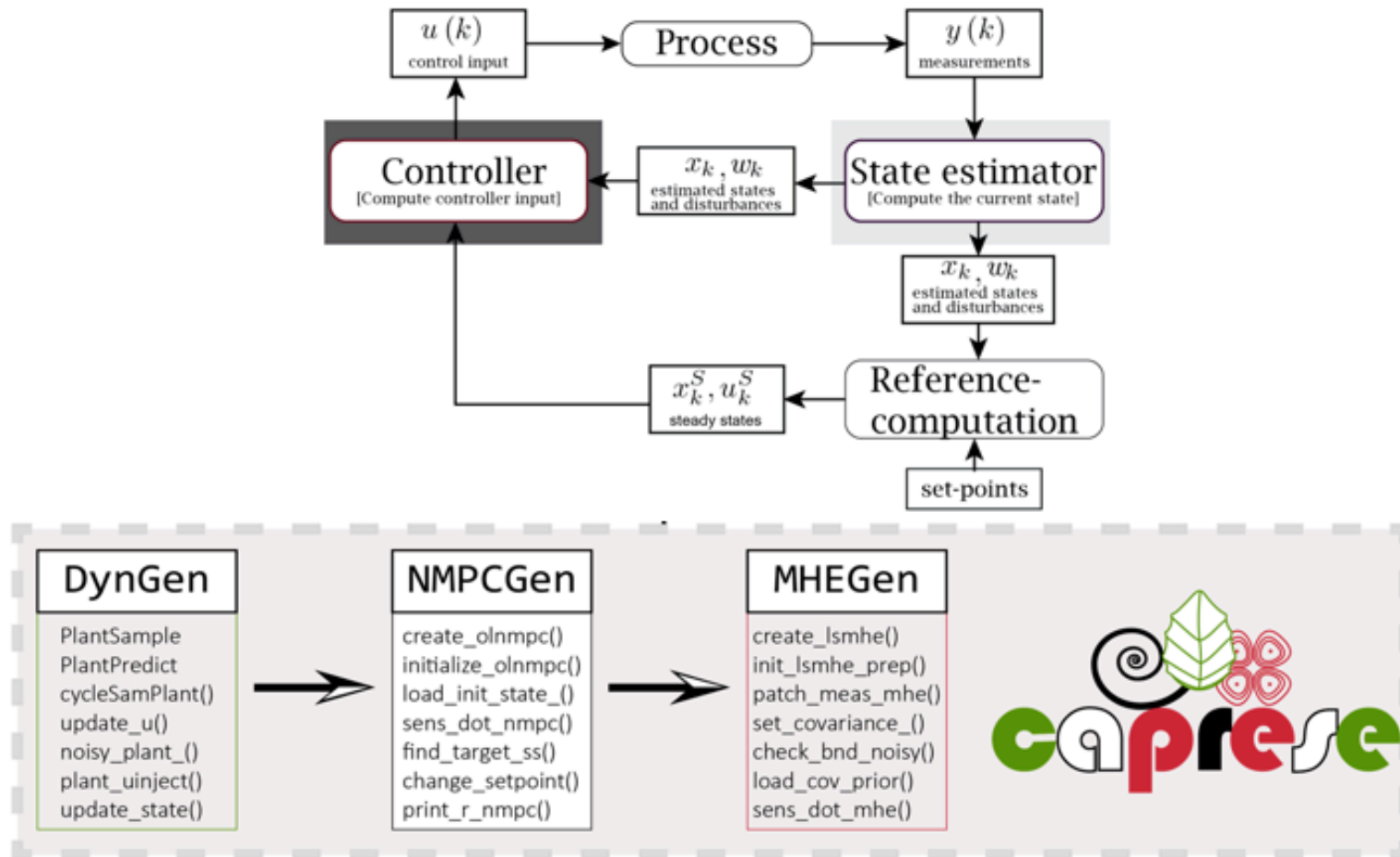
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