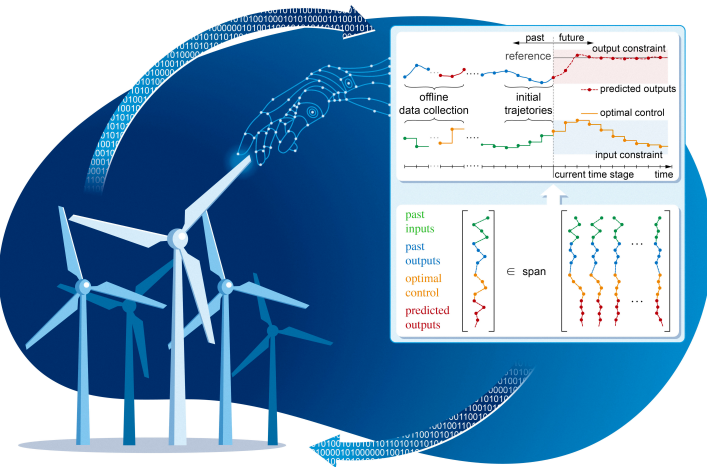


Data-Driven Control Based on Behavioral Systems Theory



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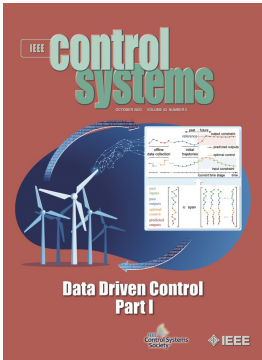
Thoughts on data in control systems

increasing role of **data-centric methods** in science / engineering / industry due to

- **methodological advances** in statistics, optimization, & machine learning (ML)
- unprecedented availability of **brute force**: deluge of data & computational power
- ... and **frenzy** surrounding big data & ML

Make up your own opinion, but ML works too well to be ignored – **also in control ?!?**

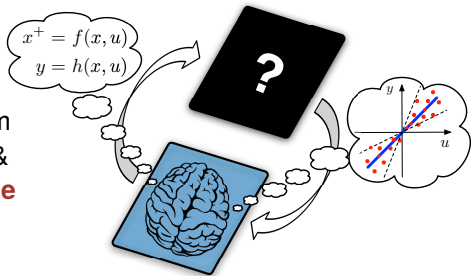
“One of the major developments in control over the past decade – & one of the most important moving forward – is the interaction of ML & control systems.” [CSS roadmap]



Scientific landscape

long & rich history (auto-tuning, system identification, adaptive control, RL, ...) & **vast & fragmented research landscape**

→ useful direct / indirect classification



direct data-driven control

minimize control cost (u, y)

subject to trajectory (u, y) compatible with data (u^d, y^d)

indirect (model-based) *data-driven control*

model-based design { minimize control cost (u, y)
subject to trajectory (u, y) compatible with the model

system identification { where model $\in \operatorname{argmin}$ fitting criterion (u^d, y^d)
subject to model belongs to certain class

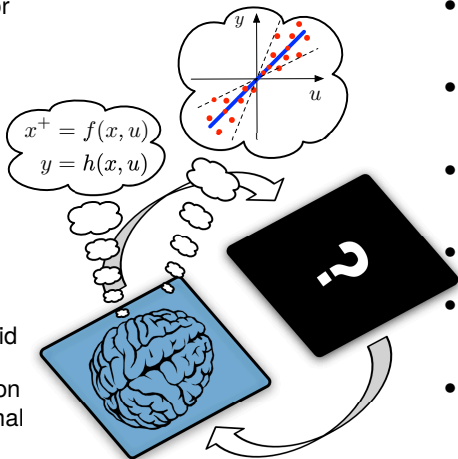
Indirect

- models are useful for design & beyond
- modular → easy to debug & interpret
- id = projection on model class
- id = noise filtering
- harder to propagate uncertainty through id
- no (robust) separation principle → suboptimal
- ...

vs.

direct

- some models are too complex to be useful
- end-to-end → suitable for non-experts
- harder to inject side info but no bias error
- noise handled in design
- transparent: no unmodeled dynamics
- possibly optimal but often less tractable
- ...



lots of pros, cons, counterexamples, & ***no universal conclusions*** [discussion]

Today's menu

1. {behavioral systems} \cap {subspace ID}: *fundamental lemma*
2. potent direct method: data-enabled predictive control *DeePC*
3. salient *regularizations* for robustification & inject side info
4. *case studies* from robotics & energy domain + tomatoes 😊

blooming literature (2-3 ArXiv / week)

→ tutorial [[link](#)] to get started

- [[link](#)] to graduate school material
- [[link](#)] to survey
- [[link](#)] to related bachelor lecture
- [[link](#)] to related publications

DATA-DRIVEN CONTROL BASED ON BEHAVIORAL APPROACH: FROM THEORY TO APPLICATIONS IN POWER SYSTEMS

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Behavioral view on dynamical systems

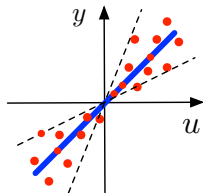
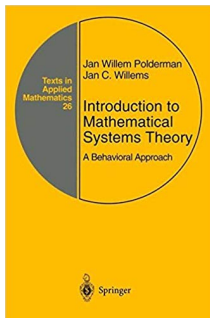
Definition: A discrete-time **dynamical system** is a 3-tuple $(\mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}, \mathbb{W}, \mathcal{B})$ where

- (i) $\mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}$ is the *discrete-time axis*,
 - (ii) \mathbb{W} is the *signal space*, &
 - (iii) $\mathcal{B} \subseteq \mathbb{W}^{\mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}}$ is the *behavior*.
- } \mathcal{B} is the set of all trajectories

Definition: The dynamical system $(\mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}, \mathbb{W}, \mathcal{B})$ is

- (i) **linear** if \mathbb{W} is a vector space & \mathcal{B} is a subspace of $\mathbb{W}^{\mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}}$
- (ii) & **time-invariant** if $\mathcal{B} \subseteq \sigma \mathcal{B}$, where $\sigma w_t = w_{t+1}$.

LTI system = shift-invariant subspace of trajectory space
→ abstract perspective suited for **data-driven control**



LTI systems & matrix time series

foundation of subspace system identification & signal recovery algorithms



$(u(t), y(t))$ satisfy LTI
difference equation

$$b_0 u_t + b_1 u_{t+1} + \dots + b_n u_{t+n} + a_0 y_t + a_1 y_{t+1} + \dots + a_n y_{t+n} = 0$$

(ARX / kernel representation)



$[0 \ b_0 \ a_0 \ b_1 \ a_1 \ \dots \ b_n \ a_n \ 0]$ in left nullspace
of **trajectory matrix** (collected data)

$$\mathcal{H} \begin{pmatrix} u^d \\ y^d \end{pmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} u_{1,1}^d \\ y_{1,1}^d \\ u_{2,1}^d \\ y_{2,1}^d \\ \vdots \\ u_{T,1}^d \\ y_{T,1}^d \end{pmatrix}}_{\text{1st experiment}} & \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} u_{1,2}^d \\ y_{1,2}^d \\ u_{2,2}^d \\ y_{2,2}^d \\ \vdots \\ u_{T,2}^d \\ y_{T,2}^d \end{pmatrix}}_{\text{2nd}} & \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} u_{1,3}^d \\ y_{1,3}^d \\ u_{2,3}^d \\ y_{2,3}^d \\ \vdots \\ u_{T,3}^d \\ y_{T,3}^d \end{pmatrix}}_{\text{3rd ...}} & \dots \end{bmatrix}$$



under assumptions

Fundamental Lemma



Given: data $\begin{pmatrix} u_i^d \\ y_i^d \end{pmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^{m+p}$ & LTI complexity parameters $\begin{cases} \text{lag } \ell \\ \text{order } n \end{cases}$

set of all T -length trajectories =

$$\left\{ (u, y) \in \mathbb{R}^{(m+p)T} : \exists x \in \mathbb{R}^{nT} \text{ s.t.} \right.$$

$$\left. x^+ = Ax + Bu, y = Cx + Du \right\}$$

parametric state-space model

\equiv

colspan

$$\begin{bmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} u_{1,1}^d \\ y_{1,1}^d \end{pmatrix} & \begin{pmatrix} u_{1,2}^d \\ y_{1,2}^d \end{pmatrix} & \begin{pmatrix} u_{1,3}^d \\ y_{1,3}^d \end{pmatrix} & \dots \\ \begin{pmatrix} u_{2,1}^d \\ y_{2,1}^d \end{pmatrix} & \begin{pmatrix} u_{2,2}^d \\ y_{2,2}^d \end{pmatrix} & \begin{pmatrix} u_{2,3}^d \\ y_{2,3}^d \end{pmatrix} & \dots \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ \begin{pmatrix} u_{T,1}^d \\ y_{T,1}^d \end{pmatrix} & \begin{pmatrix} u_{T,2}^d \\ y_{T,2}^d \end{pmatrix} & \begin{pmatrix} u_{T,3}^d \\ y_{T,3}^d \end{pmatrix} & \dots \end{bmatrix}$$

raw data (every column is an experiment)

if and only if the trajectory matrix has rank $m \cdot T + n$ for all $T \geq \ell$

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{set of all } T\text{-length trajectories} = \\ (u, y) \in \mathbb{R}^{(m+p)T} : \exists x \in \mathbb{R}^{nT} \text{ s.t.} \\ x^+ = Ax + Bu, y = Cx + Du \end{array} \right\} = \text{colspan} \begin{bmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} u_{1,1}^d \\ y_{1,1}^d \end{pmatrix} & \begin{pmatrix} u_{1,2}^d \\ y_{1,2}^d \end{pmatrix} & \begin{pmatrix} u_{1,3}^d \\ y_{1,3}^d \end{pmatrix} & \dots \\ \begin{pmatrix} u_{2,1}^d \\ y_{2,1}^d \end{pmatrix} & \begin{pmatrix} u_{2,2}^d \\ y_{2,2}^d \end{pmatrix} & \begin{pmatrix} u_{2,3}^d \\ y_{2,3}^d \end{pmatrix} & \dots \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ \begin{pmatrix} u_{T,1}^d \\ y_{T,1}^d \end{pmatrix} & \begin{pmatrix} u_{T,2}^d \\ y_{T,2}^d \end{pmatrix} & \begin{pmatrix} u_{T,3}^d \\ y_{T,3}^d \end{pmatrix} & \dots \end{bmatrix}$$

all trajectories constructible from finitely many previous trajectories

- **standing on the shoulders of giants:** classic Willems' result was only "if" & required further assumptions: Hankel, persistency of excitation, controllability

A note on persistency of excitation

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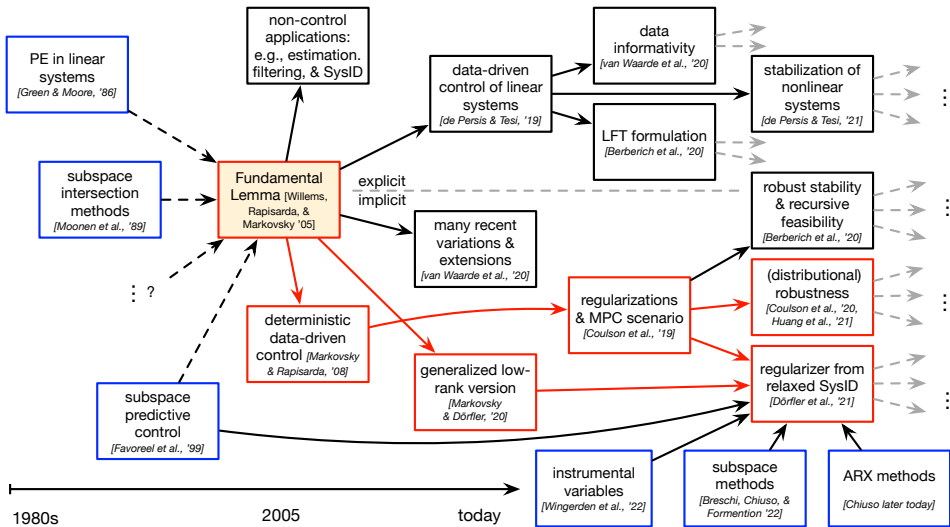
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- terminology **fundamental** is justified: motion primitives, subspace SysID, dictionary learning, (E)DMD, ... all implicitly rely on this equivalence
- many recent **extensions** to other **system classes** (bi-linear, descriptor, LPV, delay, Volterra series, Wiener-Hammerstein, ...), other **matrix data structures** (mosaic Hankel, Page, ...), & other **proof methods**

Bird's view: SysID & today's path



Output Model Predictive Control (MPC)

$$\begin{aligned} & \underset{u, x, y}{\text{minimize}} && \sum_{k=1}^{T_{\text{future}}} \|y_k - r_k\|_Q^2 + \|u_k\|_R^2 \\ & \text{subject to} && \left. \begin{aligned} x_{k+1} &= Ax_k + Bu_k \\ y_k &= Cx_k + Du_k \end{aligned} \right\} \forall k \in \{1, \dots, T_{\text{future}}\} \\ & && \left. \begin{aligned} x_{k+1} &= Ax_k + Bu_k \\ y_k &= Cx_k + Du_k \end{aligned} \right\} \forall k \in \{-T_{\text{ini}} - 1, \dots, 0\} \\ & && \left. \begin{aligned} u_k &\in \mathcal{U} \\ y_k &\in \mathcal{Y} \end{aligned} \right\} \forall k \in \{1, \dots, T_{\text{future}}\} \end{aligned}$$

quadratic cost with
 $R \succ 0, Q \succeq 0$ & ref. r

model for prediction
with $k \in [1, T_{\text{future}}]$

model for estimation
with $k \in [-T_{\text{ini}} - 1, 0]$ &
 $T_{\text{ini}} \geq \text{lag}$ (many flavors)

hard operational or
safety **constraints**

*"[MPC] has perhaps too little system theory and too much **brute force** [...], but MPC is an area where all aspects of the field [...] are in synergy." – Willems '07*



Elegance aside, for an LTI plant, deterministic, & with known model, MPC is the **gold standard of control**.

Data-enabled Predictive Control (DeePC)

$$\underset{g, u, y}{\text{minimize}} \quad \sum_{k=1}^{T_{\text{future}}} \|y_k - r_k\|_Q^2 + \|u_k\|_R^2$$

$$\text{subject to} \quad \mathcal{H} \begin{pmatrix} u^d \\ y^d \end{pmatrix} \cdot g = \begin{bmatrix} u_{\text{ini}} \\ y_{\text{ini}} \\ u \\ y \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} u_k \in \mathcal{U} \\ y_k \in \mathcal{Y} \end{array} \right\} \quad \forall k \in \{1, \dots, T_{\text{future}}\}$$

quadratic cost with
 $R \succ 0, Q \succeq 0$ & ref. r

**non-parametric
model** for **prediction
and estimation**

hard operational or
safety **constraints**

• real-time measurements $(u_{\text{ini}}, y_{\text{ini}})$ for estimation

updated **online**

• trajectory matrix $\mathcal{H} \begin{pmatrix} u^d \\ y^d \end{pmatrix}$ from past
experimental data

collected **offline**
(could be adapted online)

→ **equivalent to MPC** in deterministic LTI case ...

but needs to be robustified in case of noise / nonlinearity !

Regularizations make it work

$$\text{minimize}_{g, u, y, \sigma} \sum_{k=1}^{T_{\text{future}}} \|y_k - r_k\|_Q^2 + \|u_k\|_R^2 + \lambda_y \|\sigma\|_p + \lambda_g h(g)$$

$$\text{subject to } \mathcal{H} \begin{pmatrix} u^d \\ y^d \end{pmatrix} \cdot g = \begin{bmatrix} u_{\text{ini}} \\ y_{\text{ini}} \\ u \\ y \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ \sigma \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} u_k \in \mathcal{U} \\ y_k \in \mathcal{Y} \end{array} \right\} \quad \forall k \in \{1, \dots, T_{\text{future}}\}$$

measurement noise

→ infeasible y_{ini} estimate

→ estimation slack σ

→ moving-horizon
least-square filter

noisy or nonlinear (offline) data matrix

→ any $\begin{pmatrix} u \\ y \end{pmatrix}$ feasible

→ add regularizer $h(g)$

Bayesian intuition: regularization \Leftrightarrow prior, e.g., $h(g) = \|g\|_1$ sparsely selects {trajectory matrix columns} \sim low-order basis \sim low-rank surrogate

Robustness intuition: regularization \Leftrightarrow robustifies, e.g., in a simple case

$$\min_x \max_{\|\Delta\| \leq \rho} \|(A+\Delta)x - b\| \underset{\text{tight}}{\leq} \min_x \max_{\|\Delta\| \leq \rho} \|Ax - b\| + \|\Delta x\| = \min_x \|Ax - b\| + \rho \|x\|$$

regularization



incorporating priors
+ implicit SysID

Regularization = relaxing low-rank approximation in pre-processing

minimize _{u, y, g} control cost(u, y)

subject to $\begin{bmatrix} u \\ y \end{bmatrix} = \mathcal{H} \left(\begin{smallmatrix} \hat{u} \\ \hat{y} \end{smallmatrix} \right) g$

where $\begin{pmatrix} \hat{u} \\ \hat{y} \end{pmatrix} \in \operatorname{argmin} \left\| \begin{pmatrix} \hat{u} \\ \hat{y} \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} u^d \\ y^d \end{pmatrix} \right\|$
subject to $\operatorname{rank}(\mathcal{H}(\begin{smallmatrix} \hat{u} \\ \hat{y} \end{smallmatrix})) = mL + n$

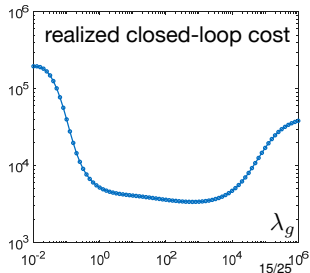
} optimal control
} low-rank approximation

↓ sequence of convex relaxations ↓

minimize _{u, y, g} control cost(u, y) + $\lambda_g \cdot \|g\|_1$

subject to $\begin{bmatrix} u \\ y \end{bmatrix} = \mathcal{H} \left(\begin{smallmatrix} u^d \\ y^d \end{smallmatrix} \right) g$

ℓ_1 -regularization = relaxation of low-rank approximation & smoothed order selection



Regularization \Leftrightarrow reformulate subspace ID

partition data as in subspace ID:

$$\mathcal{H} \begin{pmatrix} u^d \\ y^d \end{pmatrix} \sim \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \begin{bmatrix} U_p \\ Y_p \\ U_f \\ Y_f \end{bmatrix} \\ \left. \begin{array}{l} (m+p)T_{\text{ini}} \\ (m+p)T_{\text{future}} \end{array} \right\}$$

\rightarrow **indirect SysID + control** problem

minimize $\text{control cost}(u, y)$
 u, y

subject to $y = K^* \begin{bmatrix} u_{\text{ini}} \\ y_{\text{ini}} \\ u \end{bmatrix}$

ID of optimal multi-step predictor
as in SPC: $K^* = Y_F \begin{bmatrix} U_p \\ Y_p \\ U_f \end{bmatrix}^\dagger$

where $K^* = \underset{K}{\operatorname{argmin}} \left\| Y_F - K \begin{bmatrix} U_p \\ Y_p \\ U_f \end{bmatrix} \right\|$

The above is **equivalent to regularized DeePC**

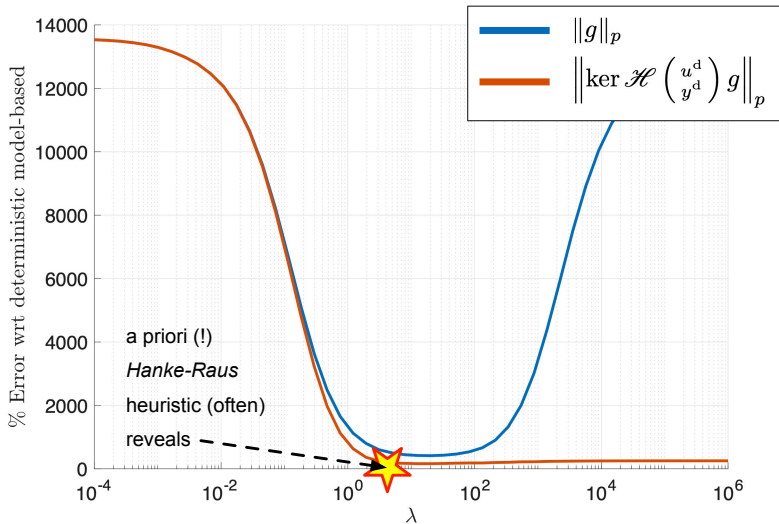
where $\operatorname{Proj} \begin{pmatrix} u^d \\ y^d \end{pmatrix}$ projects

orthogonal to $\ker \begin{bmatrix} U_p \\ Y_p \\ U_f \end{bmatrix}$

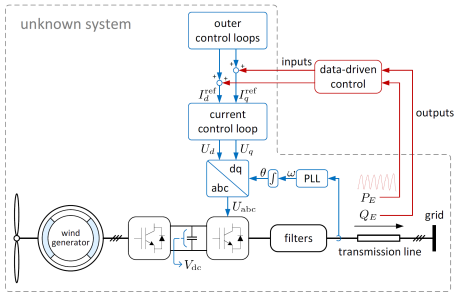
minimize $\text{control cost}(u, y) + \lambda_g \left\| \operatorname{Proj} \begin{pmatrix} u^d \\ y^d \end{pmatrix} g \right\|_p$
 g, u, y

subject to $\mathcal{H} \begin{pmatrix} u^d \\ y^d \end{pmatrix} \cdot g = \begin{bmatrix} u_{\text{ini}} \\ y_{\text{ini}} \\ u \\ y \end{bmatrix}$

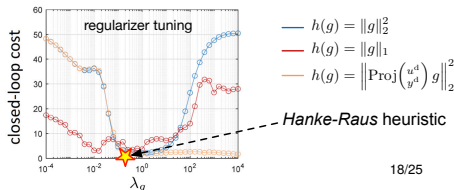
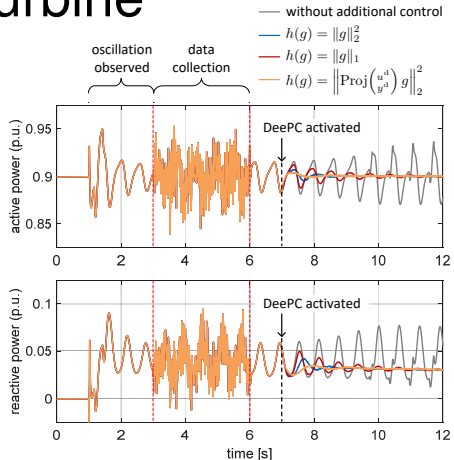
Regularizations applied to stochastic LTI system & hyper-parameter selection



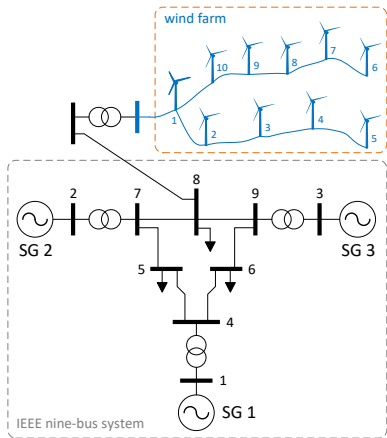
Case study: wind turbine



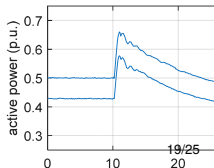
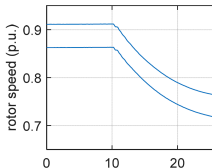
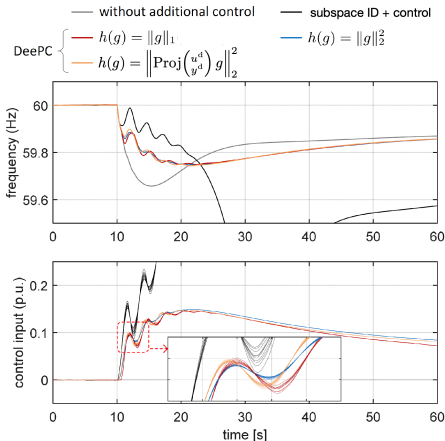
- turbine & grid model **unknown** to commissioning engineer & operator
- detailed **industrial model**: 37 states & highly nonlinear (abc \leftrightarrow dq, MPTT, PLL, power specs, dynamics, etc.)
- weak grid \rightarrow **oscillations + sync loss**
- disturbance to be rejected by **DeePC**



Case study +++ : wind farm



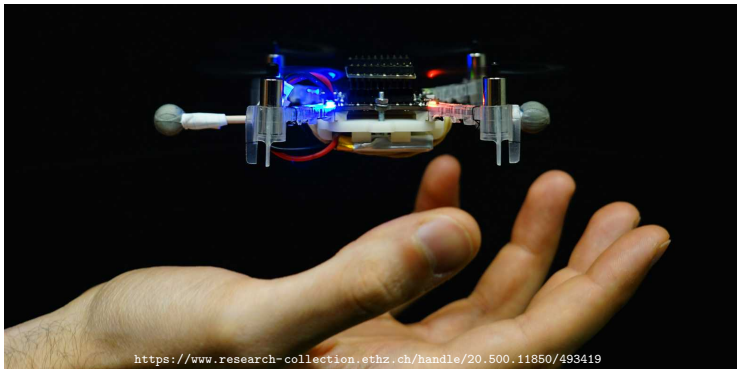
- **high-fidelity models** for turbines, machines, & IEEE-9-bus system
- **fast frequency response** via **decentralized DeePC** at turbines



Towards a theory for nonlinear systems

naive idea: lift nonlinear system to large/ ∞ -dim. bi-/linear system
→ Carleman, Volterra, Fliess, Koopman, Sturm-Liouville methods
→ nonlinear dynamics can be approximated by LTI on finite horizon

regularization singles out relevant features / basis functions in data



Works very well across case studies



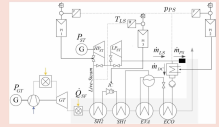
quad coptor fig-8 tracking



quadruped (by Fawcett, Afshari Amers, & Hamed)



greenhouse automation (by Automatoes)



combined cycle power plant (by P Mahdavi pour et al)



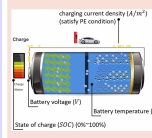
robotic excavator



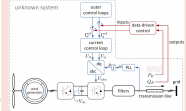
pendulum swing up



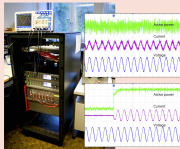
traffic coordination (by J. Wang et al.)



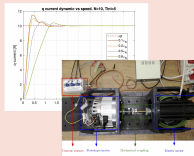
battery charging (by K. Chen et al.)



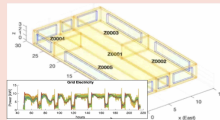
wind turbine control



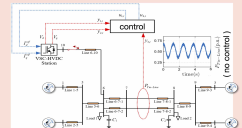
grid-connected converter



synchronous motor drive



energy hub & building automation



power system oscillation damping

regularization



robustification

Distributional robustification beyond LTI

- problem abstraction**: $\min_{x \in \mathcal{X}} c(\hat{\xi}, x) = \min_{x \in \mathcal{X}} \mathbb{E}_{\xi \sim \hat{\mathbb{P}}} [c(\xi, x)]$

where $\hat{\xi}$ denotes *measured data with empirical distribution* $\hat{\mathbb{P}} = \delta_{\hat{\xi}}$

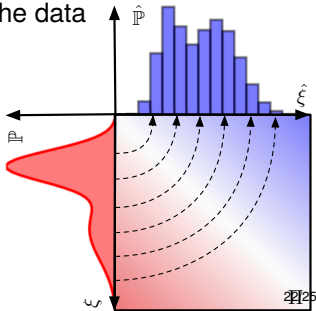
⇒ **poor out-of-sample performance** of above sample-average solution x^* for real problem: $\mathbb{E}_{\xi \sim \mathbb{P}} [c(\xi, x^*)]$ where \mathbb{P} is the *unknown distribution* of ξ

- distributionally robust** formulation accounting for all (possibly nonlinear) stochastic processes that could have generated the data

$$\inf_{x \in \mathcal{X}} \sup_{\mathbb{Q} \in \mathbb{B}_\epsilon(\hat{\mathbb{P}})} \mathbb{E}_{\xi \sim \mathbb{Q}} [c(\xi, x)]$$

where $\mathbb{B}_\epsilon(\hat{\mathbb{P}})$ is an ϵ -**Wasserstein ball** centered at empirical sample distribution $\hat{\mathbb{P}}$:

$$\mathbb{B}_\epsilon(\hat{\mathbb{P}}) = \left\{ \mathbb{P} : \inf_{\Pi} \int \|\xi - \hat{\xi}\|_p d\Pi \leq \epsilon \right\}$$



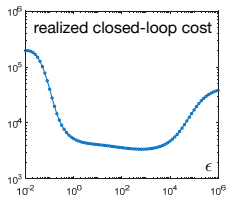
- **distributionally robustness** \equiv **regularization**: under minor conditions

$$\text{Theorem: } \underbrace{\inf_{x \in \mathcal{X}} \sup_{\mathbb{P} \in \mathbb{B}_\epsilon(\hat{\mathbb{P}})} \mathbb{E}_{\xi \sim \mathbb{Q}} [c(\xi, x)]}_{\text{distributional robust formulation}} \equiv \underbrace{\min_{x \in \mathcal{X}} c(\hat{\xi}, x) + \epsilon \text{Lip}(c) \cdot \|x\|_p^*}_{\text{previous regularized DeePC formulation}}$$

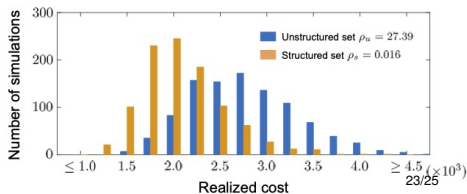
distributional robust formulation

previous regularized DeePC formulation

Cor: l_∞ -robustness in trajectory space
 $\iff l_1$ -regularization of DeePC



- similar for **distributionally robust constraints**
- **measure concentration**: average N i.i.d. data sets & $\epsilon \sim 1/N^{1/\dim(\xi)}$
 $\implies \mathbb{P} \in \mathbb{B}_\epsilon(\hat{\mathbb{P}})$ with high confidence
- more **structured uncertainty sets**: tractable reformulations (relaxations) & performance guarantees



white elephant: how does DeePC perform against SysID + control ?

surprise: **DeePC consistently beats** (certainty-equivalence) **identification & control** of LTI models across all real case studies !

why !?!

Comparison: direct vs. indirect control

indirect ID-based data-driven control

minimize control cost (u, y)

subject to (u, y) satisfy parametric model

where model $\in \operatorname{argmin} \text{id cost } (u^d, y^d)$
subject to model $\in \text{LTI}(n, \ell)$ class } ID

ID projects data on LTI class to *learn predictor*

- with parameters (n, ℓ)
- removes noise & thus lowers variance error
- suffers bias error if plant is not in $\text{LTI}(n, \ell)$

direct regularized data-driven control

minimize control cost $(u, y) + \lambda \cdot \text{regularizer}$

subject to (u, y) consistent with (u^d, y^d) data

- no de-noising & no bias
- *regularization robustifies prediction* (not predictor)
- *trade-off* ID & control costs

take-away: ID wins when model class is known, noise is well behaved, & control task doesn't bias ID. Otherwise, *DeePC can beat ID* ... it often does !

Conclusions

main take-aways

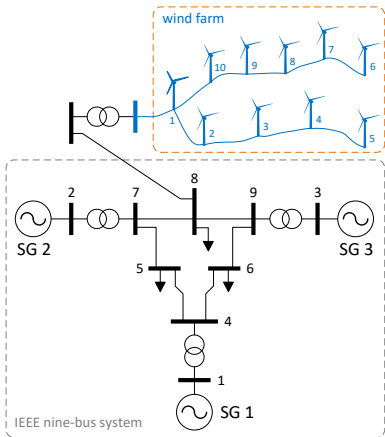
- matrix time series as predictive model
- robustness & side-info by regularization
- method that works in theory & practice
- focus is robust prediction not predictor ID

ongoing work

- certificates for adaptive & nonlinear cases
- applications with a true “business case”, push TRL scale, & industry collaborations

questions we should discuss

- catch? violate no-free-lunch theorem? → more real-time computation
- DeePC = subspace ID + robustification? → more accessible & flexible
- when does direct beat indirect? → Id4Control & bias/variance issues?



Thanks !

