



# In the Shallows of the DeePC : Data-Enabled Predictive Control

Florian Dörfler

Automatic Control Laboratory, ETH Zürich

# Acknowledgements



John Lygeros



Jeremy Coulson

Funding: ETH Zürich

Simulation data: M. Zeilinger and C. Jones

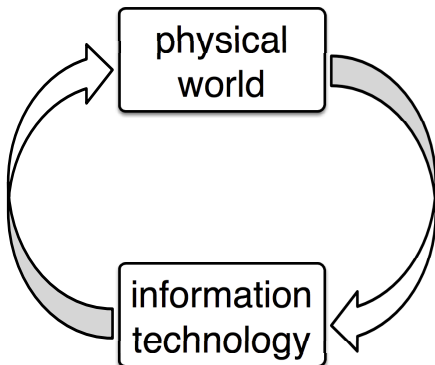
Brainstorming: B. Bamieh, B. Recht, A. Cherukuri, and M. Morari

# Feedback – our central paradigm

## actuation

“making a  
difference  
to the world”

automation  
and control



## sensing

“making  
sense of  
the world”

inference and  
data science

# Big, deep, data, and so on

- **unprecedented availability** of computation, storage, and data
  - **theoretical advances** in optimization, statistics, and machine learning
  - ... and **big-data** frenzy
- increasing importance of **data-centric methods** in all of science / engineering

Make up your own opinion, but machine learning works too well to be ignored.



 NVIDIA DEVELOPER

NVIDIA Developer Blog

## End-to-End Deep Learning for Self-Driving Cars

By Mariusz Bojarski, Ben Firsirot, Bastiaan Leibe, Larry Jackel, Urs Müller, Karol Zlotu and Davide Del Testa | August 17, 2016



## From Pixels to Torques: Policy Learning with Deep Dynamical Models

Niklas Wahlström

Division of Automatic Control, Linköping University, Linköping, Sweden

NIKWA@ISY.LIU.SE

Thomas B. Schön

Department of Information Technology, Uppsala University, Sweden

THOMAS.SCHON@IT.UU.SE

Marc Peter Deisenroth

Department of Computing, Imperial College London, United Kingdom

M.DEISENROTH@IMPERIAL.AC.UK

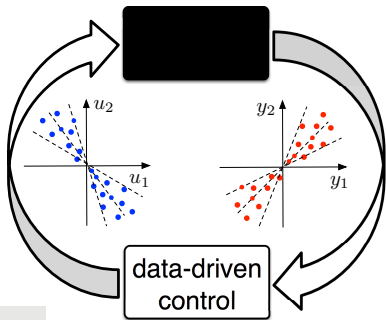
# Control in a data-rich world

- ever-growing trend in CS and robotics: **data-driven control** by-passing models
- canonical problem: **black/gray-box system control** based on I/O samples

**Q:** Why give up physical modeling and reliable model-based algorithms ?

Data-driven control is **viable alternative** when

- models are too complex to be useful (e.g., control of fluid dynamics)
- first-principle models are not conceivable (e.g., human-in-the-loop applications)
- modeling and system ID is too costly (e.g., non-critical robotics applications)



**Central promise:** *It is often easier to learn control policies directly from data, rather than learning a model.*

**Example:** PID

...of course, we are all tempted, annoyed, ...

machine learning often achieves super-human performance, but it performs nowhere near MPC

...but that's an entirely unfair comparison, is it?

today: *preliminary* ideas on a new approach  
that seems equally simple & powerful

# Snippets from the literature

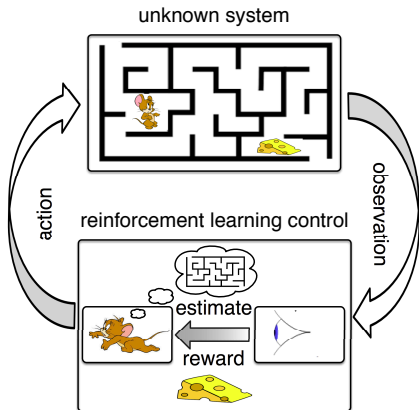
1. *reinforcement learning* / or stochastic adaptive control / or approximate dynamic programming

with key *mathematical challenges*

- (approximate/neuro) **DP** to learn approx. value/Q-function or optimal policy
- (stochastic) **function approximation** in continuous state and action spaces
- **exploration-exploitation** trade-offs

and *practical limitations*

- **inefficiency**: computation & samples
- **complex and fragile** algorithms
- **safe real-time** exploration
- ❌ suitable for physical control systems?



A Tour of Reinforcement Learning  
The View from Continuous Control

Benjamin Recht  
Department of Electrical Engineering and Computer Sciences  
University of California, Berkeley

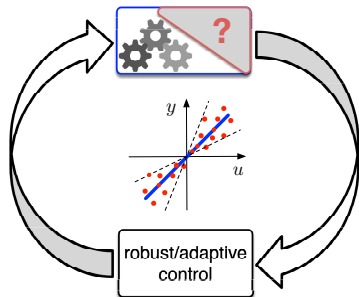
# Snippets from the literature cont'd

## 2. gray-box *safe learning & control*

- **robust** → conservative & complex control
- **adaptive** → hard & asymptotic performance
- **contemporary learning** algorithms (e.g., MPC + Gaussian processes / RL)

→ non-conservative, optimal, & safe

⊘ limited applicability: need a-priori safety



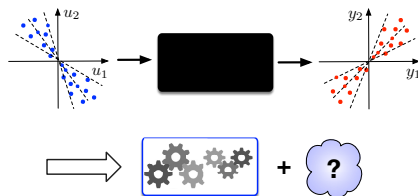
## 3. Sequential *system ID + control*

- ID with uncertainty quantification followed by robust control design

→ recent finite-sample & end-to-end ID + control pipelines out-performing RL

⊘ ID seeks best but not most useful model

⊘ "easier to learn policies than models"





# Key take-aways

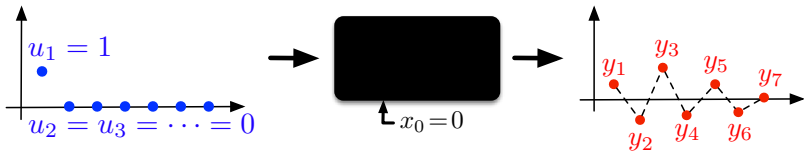
*Quintessence* of literature review :

- data-driven approach is *no silver bullet* (see previous  $\emptyset$ ), and we did not even discuss output feedback, safety constraints, ...
  - *predictive models are preferable over data* (even approximate)
- models are tidied-up, compressed, and de-noised representations
- model-based methods vastly out-perform model-agnostic strategies
- but often *easier to learn controllers* from data rather than models

$\emptyset$  deadlock ?

- a useful ML insight: *non-parametric methods* are often preferable over parametric ones (e.g., basis functions vs. kernels)
- build a predictive & non-parametric model directly from raw data ?

# Colorful idea



If you had the *impulse response* of a LTI system, then ...

- can build state-space *system identification* (Kalman-Ho realization)
- ... but can also build *predictive model directly from raw data* :

$$y_{\text{future}}(t) = [ y_1 \quad y_2 \quad y_3 \quad \dots ] \cdot \begin{bmatrix} u_{\text{future}}(t) \\ u_{\text{future}}(t-1) \\ u_{\text{future}}(t-2) \\ \vdots \end{bmatrix}$$

- *model predictive control* from data: dynamic matrix control (DMC)
- *today*: can we do so with arbitrary, finite, and corrupted I/O samples ?

# Contents

Introduction

Insights from Behavioral System Theory

DeePC: Data-Enabled Predictive Control

Beyond Deterministic LTI Systems

Conclusions

# Behavioral view on LTI systems

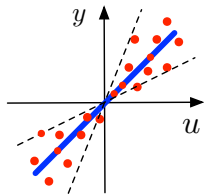
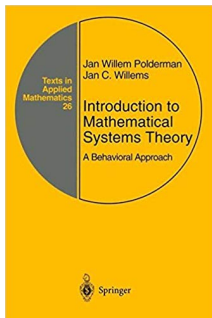
**Definition:** A discrete-time *dynamical system* is a 3-tuple  $(\mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}, \mathbb{W}, \mathcal{B})$  where

- (i)  $\mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}$  is the discrete-time axis,
- (ii)  $\mathbb{W}$  is a signal space, and
- (iii)  $\mathcal{B} \subseteq \mathbb{W}^{\mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}}$  is the behavior.

**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  $\sigma w_t = w_{t+1}$ , and
- (iii) *complete* if  $\mathcal{B}$  is closed  $\Leftrightarrow \mathbb{W}$  is finite dimensional.

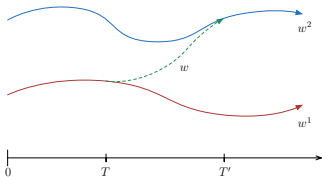
In the remainder we focus on *discrete-time LTI systems*.



# Behavioral view cont'd

Behavior  $\mathcal{B} =$  set of trajectories in  $\mathbb{W}^{\mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}}$ , and set of **truncated trajectories**  $\mathcal{B}_T = \{w \in \mathbb{W}^T \mid \exists v \in \mathcal{B} \text{ s.t. } w_t = v_t, t \in [0, T]\}$

A system  $(\mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}, \mathbb{W}, \mathcal{B})$  is **controllable** if any two truncated trajectories  $w^1, w^2 \in \mathcal{B}$  can be patched together in finite time with a trajectory  $w \in \mathcal{B}_{[T, T']}$ .



**I/O**:  $\mathcal{B} = \mathcal{B}^u \times \mathcal{B}^y$  where  $\mathcal{B}^u = (\mathbb{R}^m)^{\mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}}$  and  $\mathcal{B}^y \subseteq (\mathbb{R}^p)^{\mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}}$  are the spaces of **input and output** signals  $\Rightarrow w = \text{col}(u, y) \in \mathcal{B}$

parametric **kernel representation**:  $\mathcal{B} = \text{col}(u, y) \in (\mathbb{R}^{m+p})^{\mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}}$  s.t.

$$b_0 u + b_1 \sigma u + \dots + b_n \sigma^n u + a_0 y + a_1 \sigma y + \dots + a_n \sigma^n y = 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \boxed{\text{col}(u, y) \in \ker [b_0 \ b_1 \sigma \ \dots \ b_n \sigma^n \ a_0 \ a_1 \sigma \ \dots \ a_n \sigma^n]}$$

# Behavioral view cont'd

- parametric **state-space representation** with minimal realization

$$\mathcal{B}(A, B, C, D) = \{ \text{col}(u, y) \in (\mathbb{R}^{m+p})^{\mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}} \mid \exists x \in (\mathbb{R}^n)^{\mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}} \\ \text{s.t. } \sigma x = Ax + Bu, y = Cx + Du \}$$

- lag** smallest  $\ell \in \mathbb{Z}_{>0}$  s.t. observability matrix  $\begin{bmatrix} C \\ CA \\ \vdots \\ CA^{\ell-1} \end{bmatrix}$  has rank  $n$

**Lemma** [Markovsky & Rapisarda '08]: Consider a minimal state-space model  $\mathcal{B}(A, B, C, D)$  & a trajectory  $\text{col}(u_{\text{ini}}, u, y_{\text{ini}}, y) \in \mathcal{B}_{T_{\text{ini}}+T_{\text{future}}}$  of length  $T_{\text{ini}} + T_{\text{future}}$  with  $T_{\text{ini}} \geq \ell$ . Then  $\exists$  unique  $x_{\text{ini}} \in \mathbb{R}^n$  such that

$$y = \begin{bmatrix} C \\ CA \\ \vdots \\ CA^{\ell-1} \end{bmatrix} x_{\text{ini}} + \begin{bmatrix} D & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ CB & D & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \ddots & \ddots & \vdots \\ CA^{N-2}B & \dots & CB & D \end{bmatrix} u.$$

i.e., we can **recover the initial condition** from past  $\ell$  samples.

# LTI systems and matrix time series

foundation of state-space subspace system ID & signal recovery algorithms



$(u(t), y(t))$  satisfy recursive  
**difference equation**

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

(kernel representation)



$[b_0 \ a_0 \ b_1 \ a_1 \ \dots \ b_n \ a_n]$  is in the left  
nullspace of the **Hankel matrix**

$$\mathcal{H}_t \begin{pmatrix} u \\ y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} u_1 \\ y_1 \end{pmatrix} & \begin{pmatrix} u_2 \\ y_2 \end{pmatrix} & \begin{pmatrix} u_3 \\ y_3 \end{pmatrix} & \dots & \begin{pmatrix} u_{T-L+1} \\ y_{T-L+1} \end{pmatrix} \\ \begin{pmatrix} u_2 \\ y_2 \end{pmatrix} & \begin{pmatrix} u_3 \\ y_3 \end{pmatrix} & \begin{pmatrix} u_4 \\ y_4 \end{pmatrix} & \dots & \vdots \\ \begin{pmatrix} u_3 \\ y_3 \end{pmatrix} & \begin{pmatrix} u_4 \\ y_4 \end{pmatrix} & \begin{pmatrix} u_5 \\ y_5 \end{pmatrix} & \dots & \vdots \\ \vdots & \ddots & \ddots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \begin{pmatrix} u_L \\ y_L \end{pmatrix} & \dots & \dots & \dots & \begin{pmatrix} u_T \\ y_T \end{pmatrix} \end{bmatrix}$$

(collected from data  $\in \{1, \dots, T\}$ )



under assumptions

# The Fundamental Lemma

**Definition** : The signal  $u = \text{col}(u_1, \dots, u_T) \in \mathbb{R}^{Tm}$  is **persistently**

**exciting of order  $L$  if**  $\mathcal{H}_L(u) = \begin{bmatrix} u_1 & \cdots & u_{T-L+1} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ u_L & \cdots & u_T \end{bmatrix}$  is of full row rank,

*i.e.*, if the signal is **sufficiently rich and long** ( $T - L + 1 \geq mL$ ).

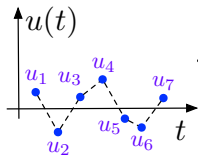
**Fundamental lemma** [Willems et al, '05]: Let  $T, t \in \mathbb{Z}_{>0}$ , Consider

- a *controllable* LTI system  $(\mathbb{Z}_{>0}, \mathbb{R}^{m+p}, \mathcal{B})$ , and
- a  $T$ -sample long *trajectory*  $\text{col}(u, y) \in \mathcal{B}_T$ , where
- $u$  is *persistently exciting* of order  $t + n$ . Then

$$\boxed{\text{colspan}(\mathcal{H}_t \begin{pmatrix} u \\ y \end{pmatrix}) = \mathcal{B}_t} .$$



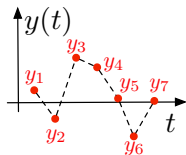
# Cartoon of Fundamental Lemma



persistently exciting



controllable LTI



sufficiently many samples

$$\mathcal{B}_t \equiv \text{colspan} \left( \begin{bmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} u_1 \\ y_1 \end{pmatrix} & \begin{pmatrix} u_2 \\ y_2 \end{pmatrix} & \begin{pmatrix} u_3 \\ y_3 \end{pmatrix} & \cdots & \begin{pmatrix} u_{T-t+1} \\ y_{T-t+1} \end{pmatrix} \\ \begin{pmatrix} u_2 \\ y_2 \end{pmatrix} & \begin{pmatrix} u_3 \\ y_3 \end{pmatrix} & \begin{pmatrix} u_4 \\ y_4 \end{pmatrix} & \cdots & \vdots \\ \begin{pmatrix} u_3 \\ y_3 \end{pmatrix} & \begin{pmatrix} u_4 \\ y_4 \end{pmatrix} & \begin{pmatrix} u_5 \\ y_5 \end{pmatrix} & \cdots & \vdots \\ \vdots & \ddots & \ddots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \begin{pmatrix} u_t \\ y_t \end{pmatrix} & \cdots & \cdots & \cdots & \begin{pmatrix} u_T \\ y_T \end{pmatrix} \end{bmatrix} \right)$$

all trajectories constructible from finitely many previous trajectories

# Consequences

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

parametric state-space model



$$\text{colspan} \begin{bmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} u_1 \\ y_1 \end{pmatrix} & \begin{pmatrix} u_2 \\ y_2 \end{pmatrix} & \begin{pmatrix} u_3 \\ y_3 \end{pmatrix} & \dots \\ \begin{pmatrix} u_2 \\ y_2 \end{pmatrix} & \begin{pmatrix} u_3 \\ y_3 \end{pmatrix} & \begin{pmatrix} u_4 \\ y_4 \end{pmatrix} & \dots \\ \begin{pmatrix} u_3 \\ y_3 \end{pmatrix} & \begin{pmatrix} u_4 \\ y_4 \end{pmatrix} & \begin{pmatrix} u_5 \\ y_5 \end{pmatrix} & \dots \\ \vdots & \ddots & \ddots & \ddots \end{bmatrix}$$

non-parametric model from raw data

## A note on persistency of excitation

Jan C. Willems<sup>a</sup>, Paolo Rapisarda<sup>b</sup>, Ivan Markovsky<sup>a,\*</sup>, Bart L.M. De Moor<sup>a</sup>

<sup>a</sup>ESAT, SCD/SISTA, K.U. Leuven, Kasteelpark Arenberg 10, B 3001 Leuven, Heverlee, Belgium

<sup>b</sup>Department of Mathematics, University of Maastricht, 6200 MD Maastricht, The Netherlands

Received 3 June 2004; accepted 7 September 2004

Available online 30 November 2004

Now let us draw the dramatic corollaries ...

# Data-driven simulation [Markovsky & Rapisarda '08]

**Problem:** *predict* future output  $y_{\text{future}} \in \mathbb{R}^{pT_{\text{future}}}$  based on

- initial trajectory  $\text{col}(u_{\text{ini}}, y_{\text{ini}}) \in \mathbb{R}^{(m+p)T_{\text{ini}}}$  → to estimate  $x_{\text{ini}}$
- input signal  $u_{\text{future}} \in \mathbb{R}^{mT_{\text{future}}}$  → to predict forward
- past data  $\text{col}(u_{\text{data}}, y_{\text{data}}) \in \mathcal{B}_{T_{\text{data}}}$  → to form Hankel matrix

**Solution:** *Assume* that  $\mathcal{B}$  is controllable and  $u_{\text{data}}$  is persistently exciting of order  $T_{\text{ini}} + T_{\text{future}} + n$ . Form partitioned *Hankel matrices*

$$\begin{bmatrix} U_{\text{p}} \\ U_{\text{f}} \end{bmatrix} = \mathcal{H}_{T_{\text{ini}}+T_{\text{future}}}(u_{\text{data}}) \quad \text{and} \quad \begin{bmatrix} Y_{\text{p}} \\ Y_{\text{f}} \end{bmatrix} = \mathcal{H}_{T_{\text{ini}}+T_{\text{future}}}(y_{\text{data}}).$$

*Solve* predictive model for  $(g, y_{\text{future}})$  :

$$\begin{bmatrix} U_{\text{p}} \\ Y_{\text{p}} \\ U_{\text{f}} \\ Y_{\text{f}} \end{bmatrix} g = \begin{bmatrix} u_{\text{ini}} \\ y_{\text{ini}} \\ u_{\text{future}} \\ y_{\text{future}} \end{bmatrix} \left. \begin{array}{l} \text{recover } x_{\text{ini}} \\ \text{prediction} \end{array} \right\}$$

Markovsky et al. similarly address feedforward control problem

# Output Model Predictive Control

The canonical receding-horizon **MPC optimization problem**:

$$\begin{aligned} & \underset{u, x, y}{\text{minimize}} && \sum_{k=0}^{T-1} \|y_k - r_{t+k}\|_Q^2 + \|u_k\|_R^2 \\ & \text{subject to} && x_{k+1} = Ax_k + Bu_k, \quad \forall k \in \{0, \dots, T-1\}, \\ & && y_k = Cx_k + Du_k, \quad \forall k \in \{0, \dots, T-1\}, \\ & && x_{k+1} = Ax_k + Bu_k, \quad \forall k \in \{-n-1, \dots, -1\}, \\ & && y_k = Cx_k + Du_k, \quad \forall k \in \{-n-1, \dots, -1\}, \\ & && u_k \in \mathcal{U}, \quad \forall k \in \{0, \dots, T-1\}, \\ & && y_k \in \mathcal{Y}, \quad \forall k \in \{0, \dots, T-1\} \end{aligned}$$

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

**model for prediction**  
over  $k \in [0, T-1]$

**model for estimation**  
(many variations)

**hard operational or safety constraints**

For a deterministic LTI plant and an exact model of the plant,  
MPC is the **gold standard of control**: safe, optimal, tracking, ...

# Data-Enabled Predictive Control

**DeePC** uses non-parametric and data-based Hankel matrix time series as prediction/estimation model inside MPC optimization problem:

$$\underset{g, u, y}{\text{minimize}} \quad \sum_{k=0}^{T-1} \|y_k - r_{t+k}\|_Q^2 + \|u_k\|_R^2$$

$$\text{subject to} \quad \begin{bmatrix} U_P \\ Y_P \\ U_f \\ Y_f \end{bmatrix} g = \begin{bmatrix} u_{\text{ini}} \\ y_{\text{ini}} \\ u \\ y \end{bmatrix},$$

$$u_k \in \mathcal{U}, \quad \forall k \in \{0, \dots, T-1\},$$

$$y_k \in \mathcal{Y}, \quad \forall k \in \{0, \dots, T-1\}$$

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

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

hard operational or  
safety **constraints**

- Hankel matrix with  $T_{\text{ini}} + T$  rows from past data

$$\begin{bmatrix} U_P \\ U_f \end{bmatrix} = \mathcal{H}_{T_{\text{ini}}+T}(u_{\text{data}}) \text{ and } \begin{bmatrix} Y_P \\ Y_f \end{bmatrix} = \mathcal{H}_{T_{\text{ini}}+T}(y_{\text{data}})$$

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

- past  $T_{\text{ini}} \geq \ell$  samples  $(u_{\text{ini}}, y_{\text{ini}})$  for  $x_{\text{ini}}$  estimation

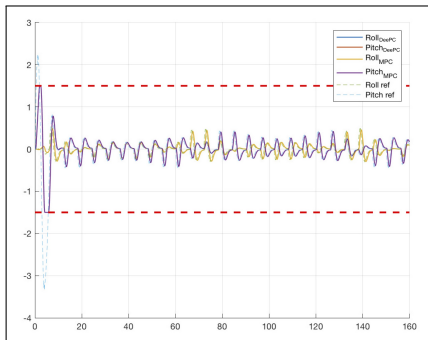
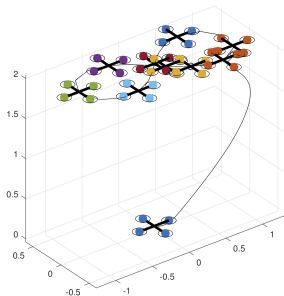
**updated online**

# Correctness for LTI Systems

**Theorem:** Consider a *controllable LTI system* and the DeePC & MPC optimization problems with *persistently exciting* data of order  $T_{\text{ini}} + T + n$ . Then the *feasible sets of DeePC & MPC coincide*.

**Corollary:** If  $\mathcal{U}, \mathcal{Y}$  are *convex*, then also the *trajectories coincide*.

*Aerial robotics case study:*



Thus, *MPC carries over to DeePC*  
... at least in the *nominal case*.

Beyond LTI, what about measurement noise,  
corrupted past data, and nonlinearities ?

# Noisy real-time measurements

$$\underset{g, u, y}{\text{minimize}} \quad \sum_{k=0}^{T-1} \|y_k - r_{t+k}\|_Q^2 + \|u_k\|_R^2 + \lambda_y \|\sigma_y\|_1$$

$$\text{subject to} \quad \begin{bmatrix} U_P \\ Y_P \\ U_f \\ Y_f \end{bmatrix} g = \begin{bmatrix} u_{\text{ini}} \\ y_{\text{ini}} \\ u \\ y \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ \sigma_y \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix},$$

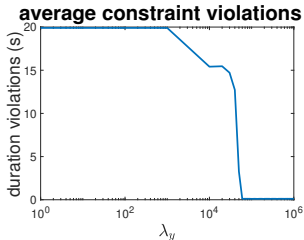
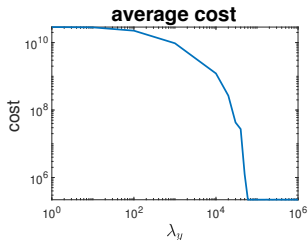
$$u_k \in \mathcal{U}, \quad \forall k \in \{0, \dots, T-1\},$$

$$y_k \in \mathcal{Y}, \quad \forall k \in \{0, \dots, T-1\}$$

**Solution**: add **slack** to ensure feasibility with  **$\ell_1$ -penalty**

$\Rightarrow$  for  $\lambda_y$  sufficiently large  $\sigma_y \neq 0$  only if constraint infeasible

c.f. **sensitivity analysis** over randomized sims





# Hankel matrix corrupted by noise

$$\underset{g, u, y}{\text{minimize}} \quad \sum_{k=0}^{T-1} \|y_k - r_{t+k}\|_Q^2 + \|u_k\|_R^2 + \lambda_g \|g\|_1$$

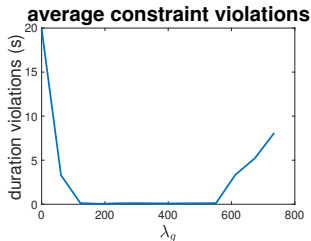
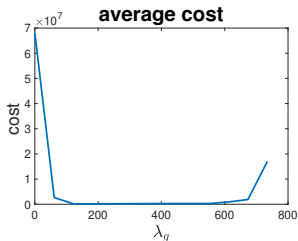
$$\text{subject to} \quad \begin{bmatrix} U_p \\ Y_p \\ U_f \\ Y_f \end{bmatrix} g = \begin{bmatrix} u_{\text{ini}} \\ y_{\text{ini}} \\ u \\ y \end{bmatrix},$$

$$u_k \in \mathcal{U}, \quad \forall k \in \{0, \dots, T-1\},$$

$$y_k \in \mathcal{Y}, \quad \forall k \in \{0, \dots, T-1\}$$

**Solution**: add a  $\ell_1$ -penalty on  $g$

**another solution**:  
**low-rank approximation**  
of  $\mathcal{H} \begin{pmatrix} u_{\text{data}} \\ y_{\text{data}} \end{pmatrix}$  seems to  
perform much less well  
c.f. **sensitivity analysis**  
over randomized sims



# Why an $\ell_1$ -penalty on $g$ ?

$$\begin{bmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} u_1 \\ y_1 \end{pmatrix} & \begin{pmatrix} u_2 \\ y_2 \end{pmatrix} & \begin{pmatrix} u_3 \\ y_3 \end{pmatrix} & \cdots \\ \begin{pmatrix} u_2 \\ y_2 \end{pmatrix} & \begin{pmatrix} u_3 \\ y_3 \end{pmatrix} & \begin{pmatrix} u_4 \\ y_4 \end{pmatrix} & \cdots \\ \begin{pmatrix} u_3 \\ y_3 \end{pmatrix} & \begin{pmatrix} u_4 \\ y_4 \end{pmatrix} & \begin{pmatrix} u_5 \\ y_5 \end{pmatrix} & \cdots \\ \vdots & \ddots & \ddots & \ddots \end{bmatrix} g = \begin{bmatrix} u_{\text{ini}} \\ y_{\text{ini}} \\ u \\ y \end{bmatrix}$$

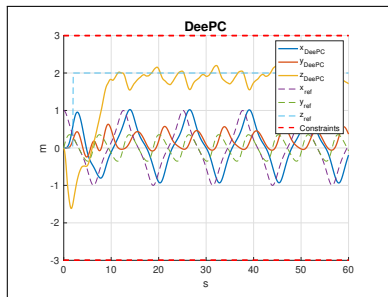
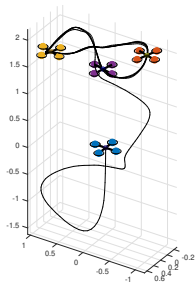
- **intuition** : each column of Hankel matrix  $\equiv$  a past trajectory  
 $\rightarrow \ell_1$  induces sparse column selection  $\equiv$  **motion primitive** combination
- why not  $\ell_2$ -average over columns?  $\rightarrow$  **scenario-based programming** reasoning : sparse set of support constraints picket out by  $\ell_1$ -penalty
- **distributional robustness** reasoning :  $\ell_1$ -penalty  $\equiv \ell_\infty$ -robustness  
 $\rightarrow \min_x \max_{\mathbb{P} \in \{\|\mathbb{P} - \mathbb{P}_{\text{sample}}\|_\infty, \text{Wasserstein} \leq \rho\}} \mathbb{E}^{\mathbb{P}}[f(x)] \equiv \min_x \mathbb{E}^{\mathbb{P}_{\text{sample}}}[f(x)] + \frac{1}{\rho} \|x\|_1$
- ... **still working** on providing exact proofs and quantitative guarantees

# Towards nonlinear systems

**Idea**: lift nonlinear system to large/ $\infty$ -dimensional bi-/linear system  
→ Carleman, Volterra, Fliess, Koopman, Sturm-Liouville methods  
→ **exploit size rather than nonlinearity** and find features in data

→ exploit size, collect more data, & build a **larger Hankel matrix**  
→ **low-rank approximation** singles out relevant basis functions

**case study**:  
low-rank approximation + regularization for  $g$  and  $\sigma_y$

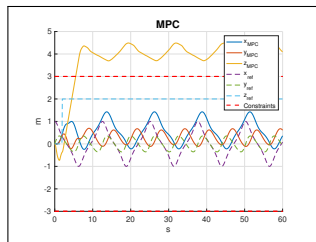
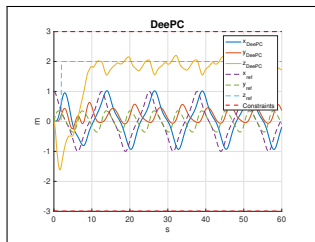


# Comparison to system ID + MPC

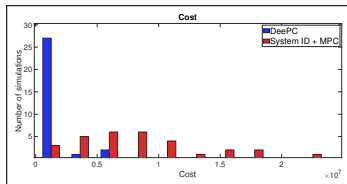
**Setup**: nonlinear stochastic quadcopter model with full state info

**DeePC**: low-rank approximation +  $\ell_1$ -regularization for  $g$  and  $\sigma_y$

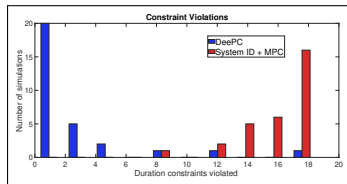
**MPC**: sys ID via prediction error method + nominal MPC



single  
fig-8  
run

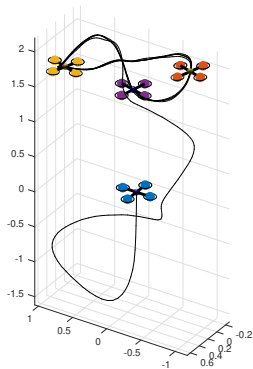


random  
sims



# Summary and conclusions

- fundamental lemma from behavioral systems
  - matrix time series serves as predictive model
  - data-enabled predictive control (DeePC)
- ✓ certificates for deterministic LTI systems
  - ✓ robustification through salient regularizations
  - ✓ DeePC works extremely well on case study
- certificates for stochastic/nonlinear setup
- adaptive extensions, explicit policies, ...
- other non-parametric data-based models



Why have these powerful ideas not been mixed long before us?

Willems '07: “[MPC] has perhaps too little system theory and too much brute force computation in it.”

The other side often proclaims “behavioral systems theory is beautiful but did not prove useful”