

# ADVANCED PROCESS CONTROL

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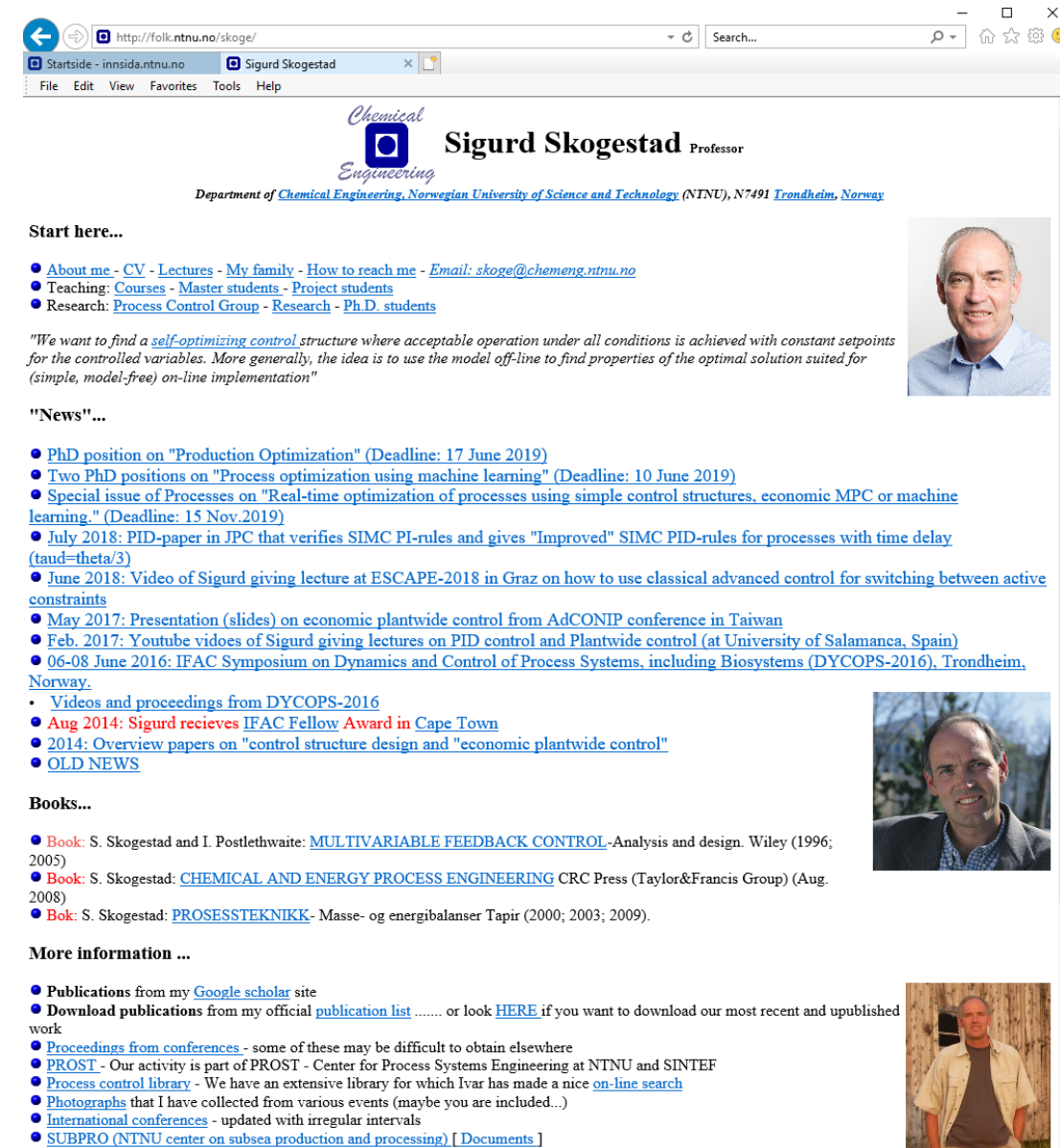
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- 1955: Born in Norway
- 1978: MS (Siv.ing.) in chemical engineering at NTNU
- 1979-1983: Worked at Norsk Hydro co. (process simulation)
- 1987: PhD from Caltech (supervisor: Manfred Morari)
- 1987-present: Professor of chemical engineering at NTNU
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- 1999-2009: Head of ChE Department, NTNU
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- mountain skiing (cross country)
- orienteering (running around with a map)
- grouse hunting



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*"We want to find a self-optimizing control structure where acceptable operation under all conditions is achieved with constant setpoints for the controlled variables. More generally, the idea is to use the model off-line to find properties of the optimal solution suited for (simple, model-free) on-line implementation"*

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- [July 2018: PID-paper in JPC that verifies SIMC PI-rules and gives "Improved" SIMC PID-rules for processes with time delay \( \$\tau\_{\text{aud}}=\theta/3\$ \)](#)
- [June 2018: Video of Sigurd giving lecture at ESCAPE-2018 in Graz on how to use classical advanced control for switching between active constraints](#)
- [May 2017: Presentation \(slides\) on economic plantwide control from AdCONIP conference in Taiwan](#)
- [Feb. 2017: Youtube videos of Sigurd giving lectures on PID control and Plantwide control \(at University of Salamanca, Spain\)](#)
- [06-08 June 2016: IFAC Symposium on Dynamics and Control of Process Systems, including Biosystems \(DYCOPS-2016\), Trondheim, Norway.](#)
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**Books...**

- [Book](#): S. Skogestad and I. Postlethwaite: [MULTIVARIABLE FEEDBACK CONTROL](#)-Analysis and design. Wiley (1996; 2005)
- [Book](#): S. Skogestad: [CHEMICAL AND ENERGY PROCESS ENGINEERING](#) CRC Press (Taylor&Francis Group) (Aug. 2008)
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“The goal of my research is to develop simple yet rigorous methods to solve problems of engineering significance”

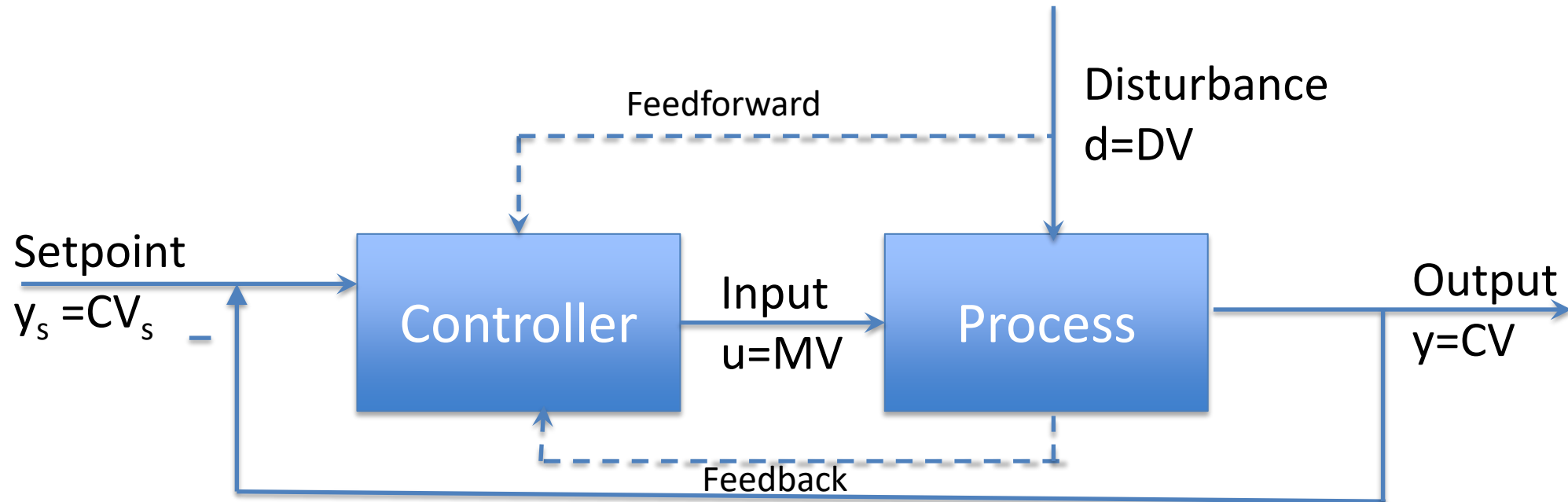
One example: SIMC PID tuning rules (Skogestad, JPC, 2003)  
«Probably the best simple PID tuning rules in the world»

# Outline

- Optimization and control
  - Control hierarchy
  - Want tight control of constraints
    - Lagrange multipliers
    - Selectors
- Classical advanced (process) control (APC)
  - Selectors
  - Feedforward, decoupling and linearization blocks
    - Input transformations (Feedback linearization)
  - Other elements
    - Split range control, valve position control, cascade
- Conclusion. MPC vs. classical APC

# Main notation

## Control: Given setpoints

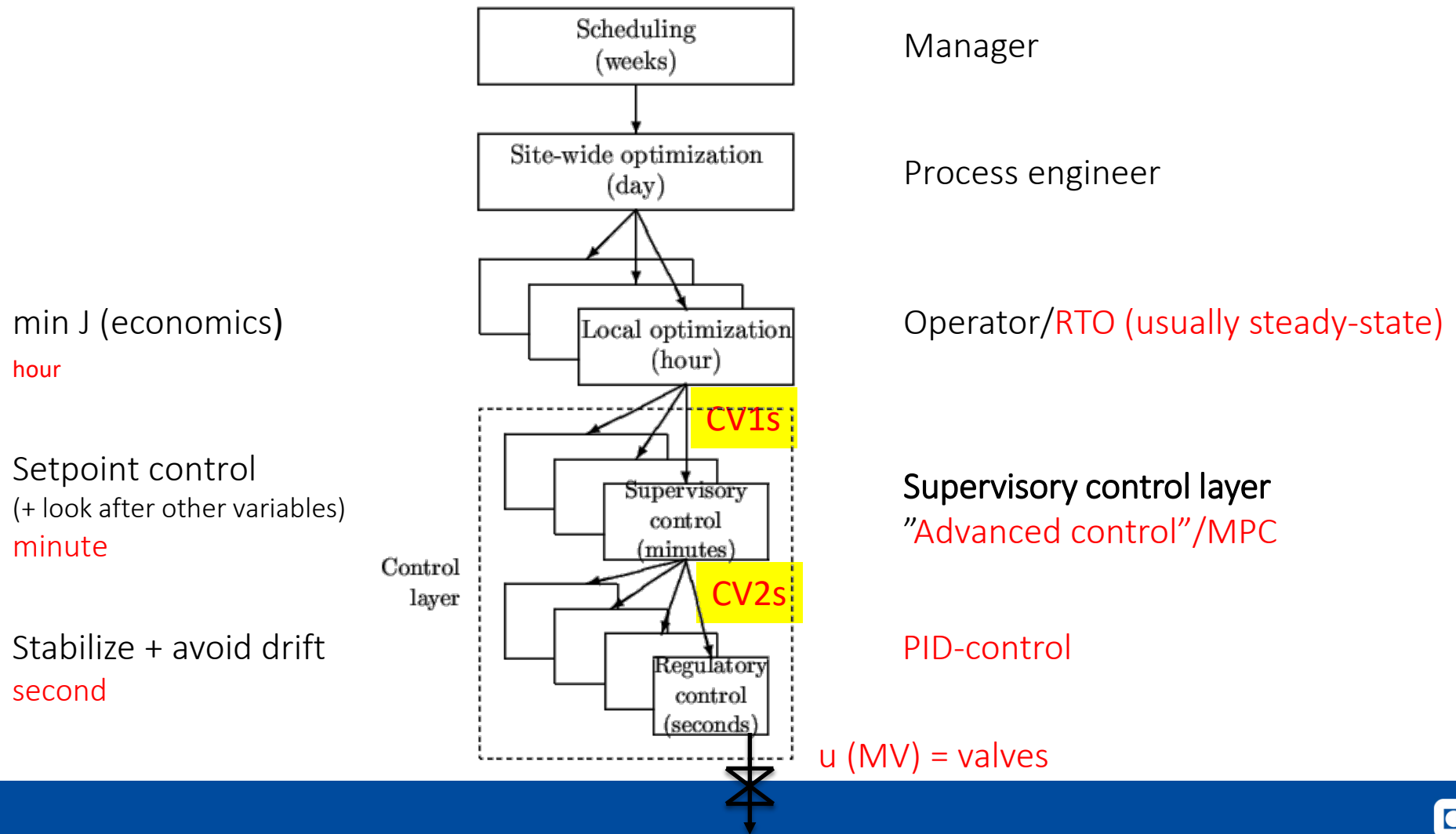


This talk: Focus on feedback

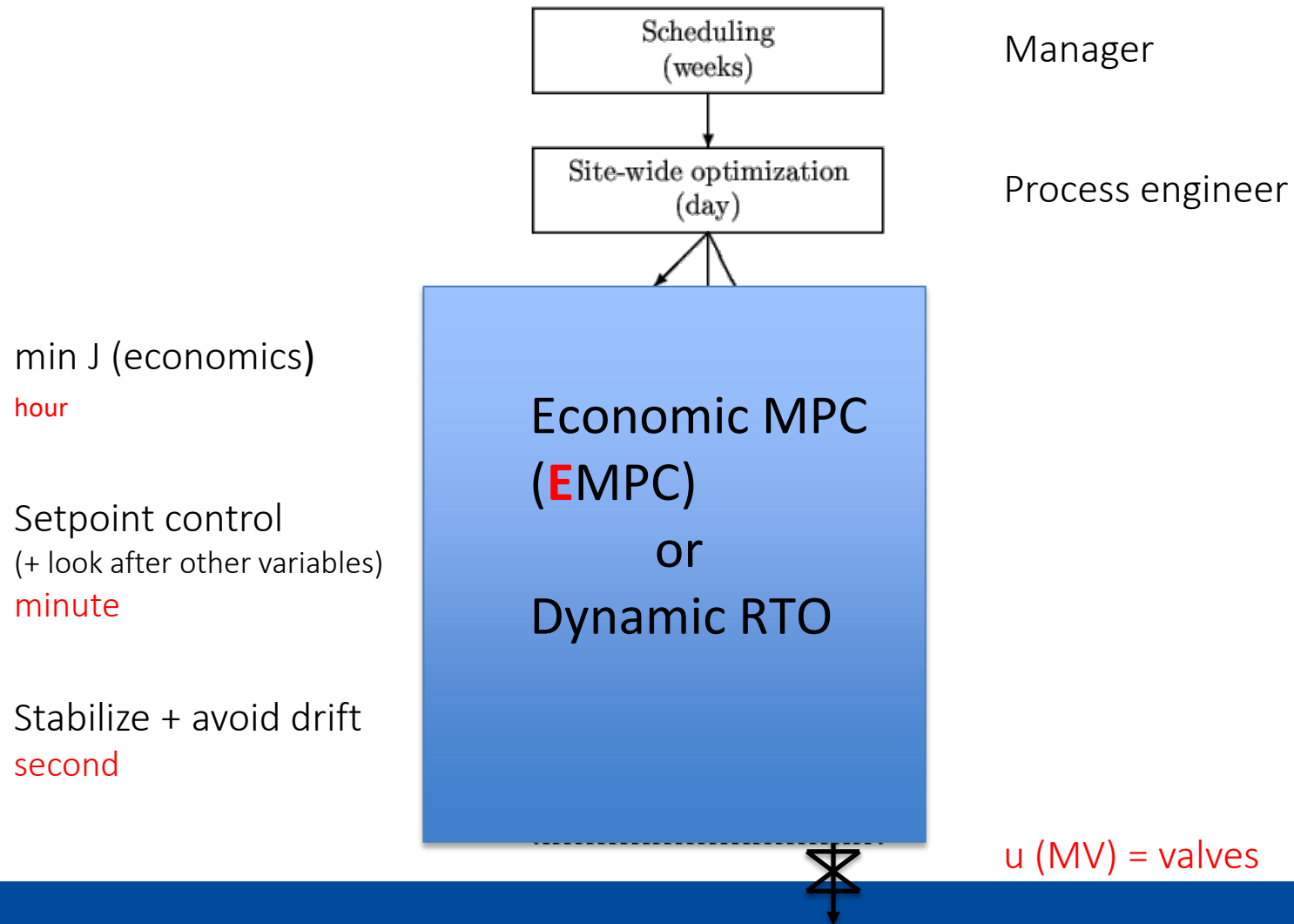
MV = Manipulated Variable

CV = Controlled Variable

# Process control: Hierarchical decision system

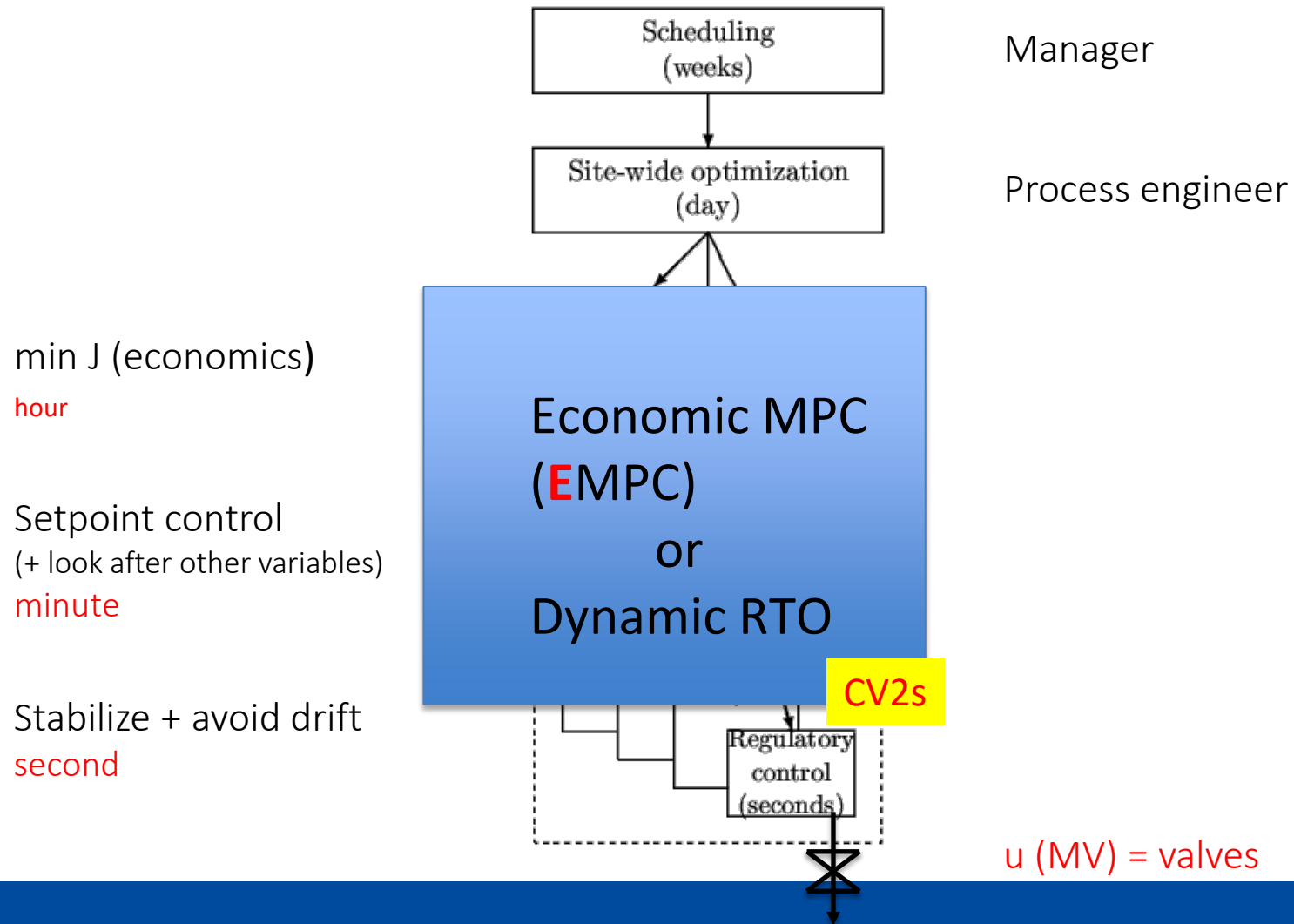


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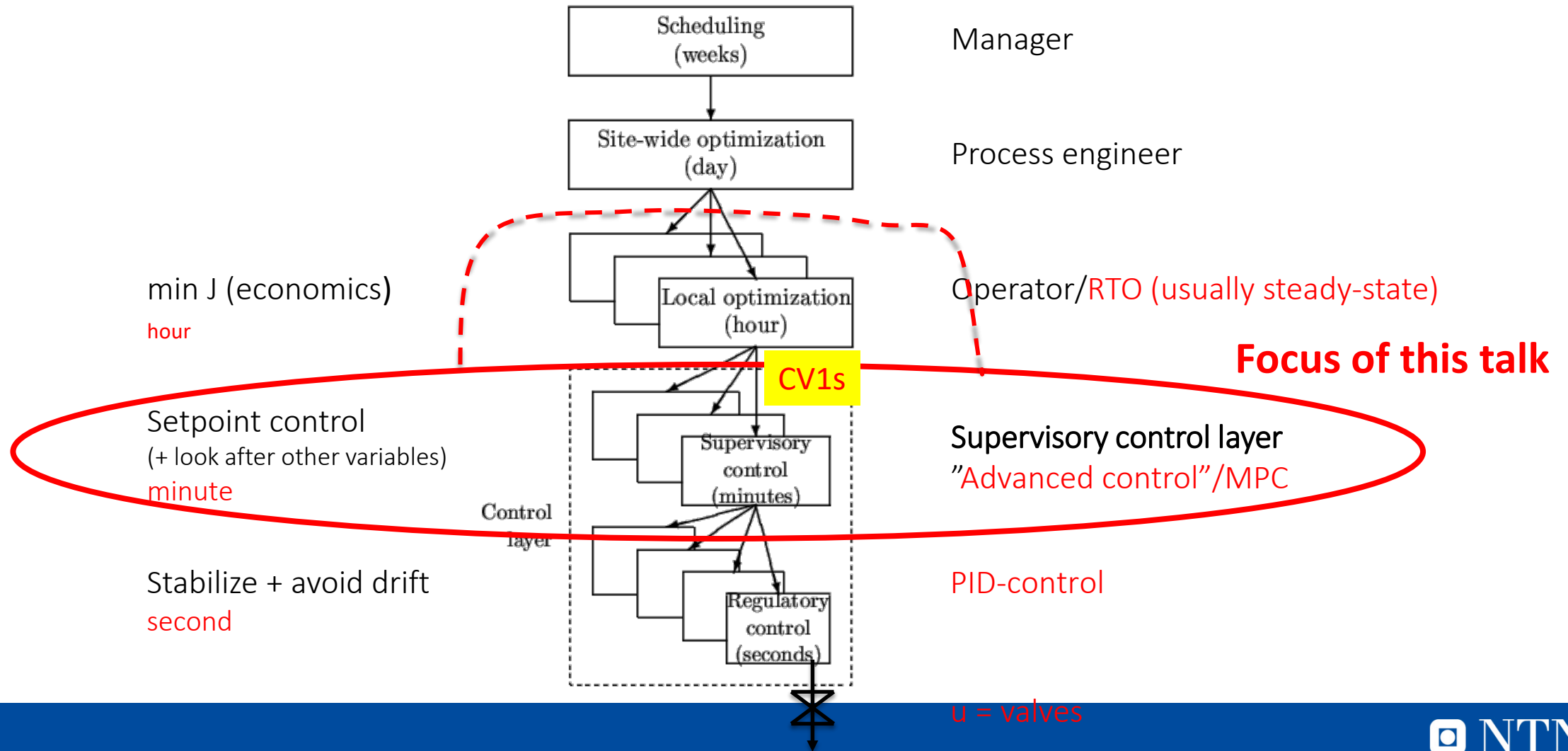




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# How do we design the control system for a large process?

1. Consider economics

$$\min_u J(u,d) \text{ s.t. } g(u,d) \geq 0$$

Translate into control: Find good controlled variables (CV1) to keep at fixed setpoints

CV1 = Active constraints (can change!)

CV1 = «Self-optimizing» variables (related to gradient  $y = J_u = 0$ )

2. Design control system to control CV1 under varying conditions (disturbances)

Usually two control layers:

- Supervisory control layer («advanced control»), CV1
- Stabilizing control layer («PID control»), CV2

# «ADVANCED/SUPERVISORY CONTROL» LAYER

## Objectives :

### 1. Control primary variables CV1 at setpoints computed by RTO

- Tight control of active constraints is often desired for economic reasons.
- Feedforward from measured disturbances
  - If helpful
- Make use of extra inputs
- Make use of extra measurements

### 2. Switch control structures (CV1) depending on operating region

- Change in active constraints
- Identify “self-optimizing variables”

### 3. Keep an eye on stabilizing layer

- Avoid saturation in stabilizing layer, may require switching

## Implementation:

- Alternative 1: Advanced control based on “simple elements” (decentralized control)
- Alternative 2: MPC

# Academia: MPC

- MPC
  - General approach, but we need a dynamic model
  - MPC is usually implemented after some time of operation
  - Not all problems are easily formulated using MPC
  - **Explicit control of changing active constraints requires additional logic**
    - Industry uses two-stage MPC with steady-state feasibility based on constraint priority list

# Research question: Alternative simpler solutions to MPC

- Would like: Feedback solutions that can be implemented without a detailed models
- Machine learning?
  - Requires a lot of data
  - Can only be implemented after the process has been in operation
- But we have "classical advanced control" based on single-loop PIDs
  - Extensively used by industry
  - Problem for engineers: Lack of design methods
    - Has been around since 1940's
    - But almost completely neglected by academic researchers
  - Main fundamental limitation: Based on single-loop (need to choose pairing)

# “Classical Advanced control” using simple control elements

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- Have changes in active constraints (CV-CV switch)



APC: Often static nonlinear «function block»

One unifying approach is «Transformed inputs» (similar to feedback linearization)

# How design classical APC elements?

- Industrial literature (e.g., Shinsky).  
Many nice ideas. But not systematic. Difficult to understand reasoning
- Academia: Very little work



# 7. Change in CVs (active constraints) using selectors

# Want tight control of constraints for economic reasons

$$\begin{aligned} \min_u J(u,d) \\ \text{s.t. } g(u,d) \geq 0 \end{aligned}$$

- Active constraint:  $g_A=0$
- Tight control of  $g_A$  minimizes «back-off»
- How can we identify and control active constraints?

Example. Drive from a to B in shortest time



$$J = T$$

$u$  = power (gas pedal)

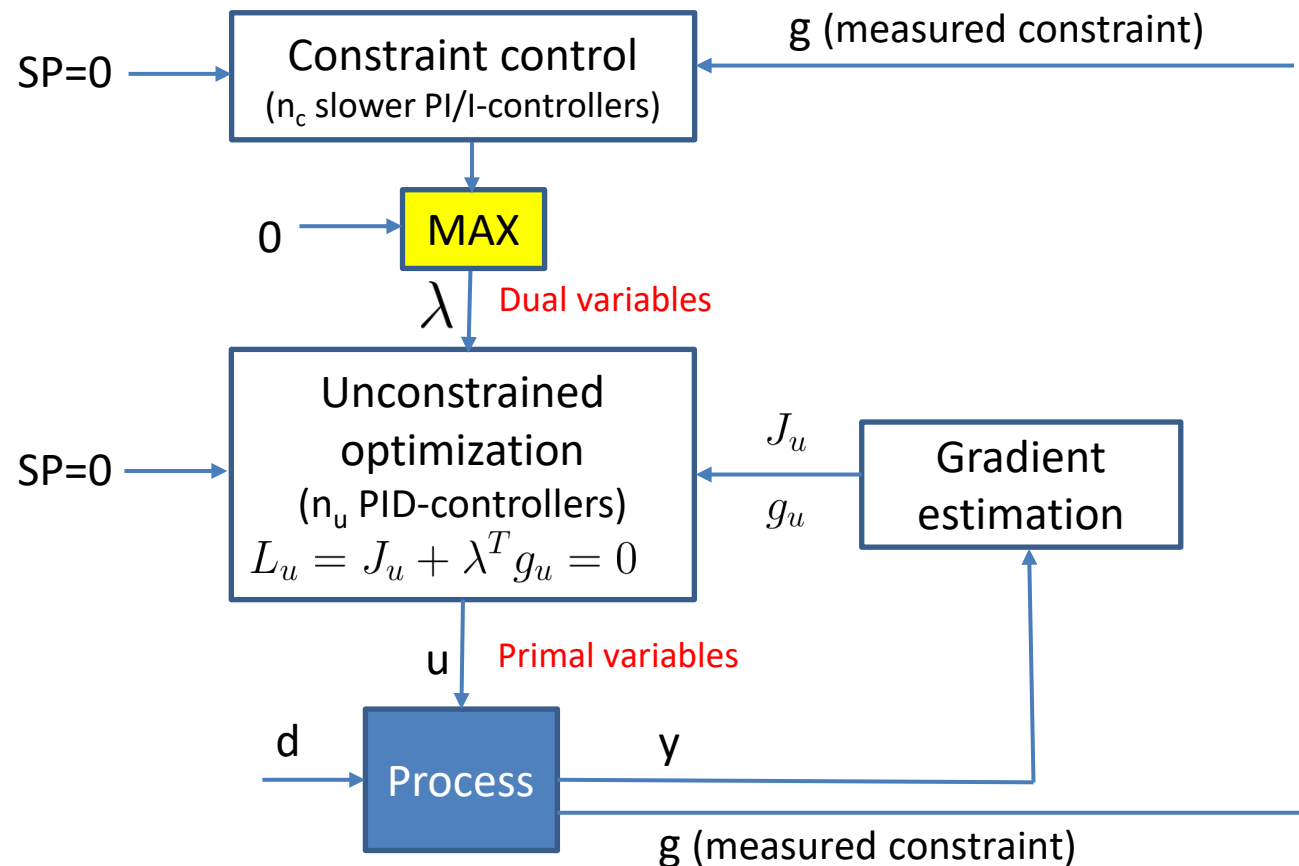
$g1$  = speed limit =  $v_{\max} - v$

$g2$  = safety limits

Straight road:

$$g_A = g1 \text{ (Speed limit)}$$

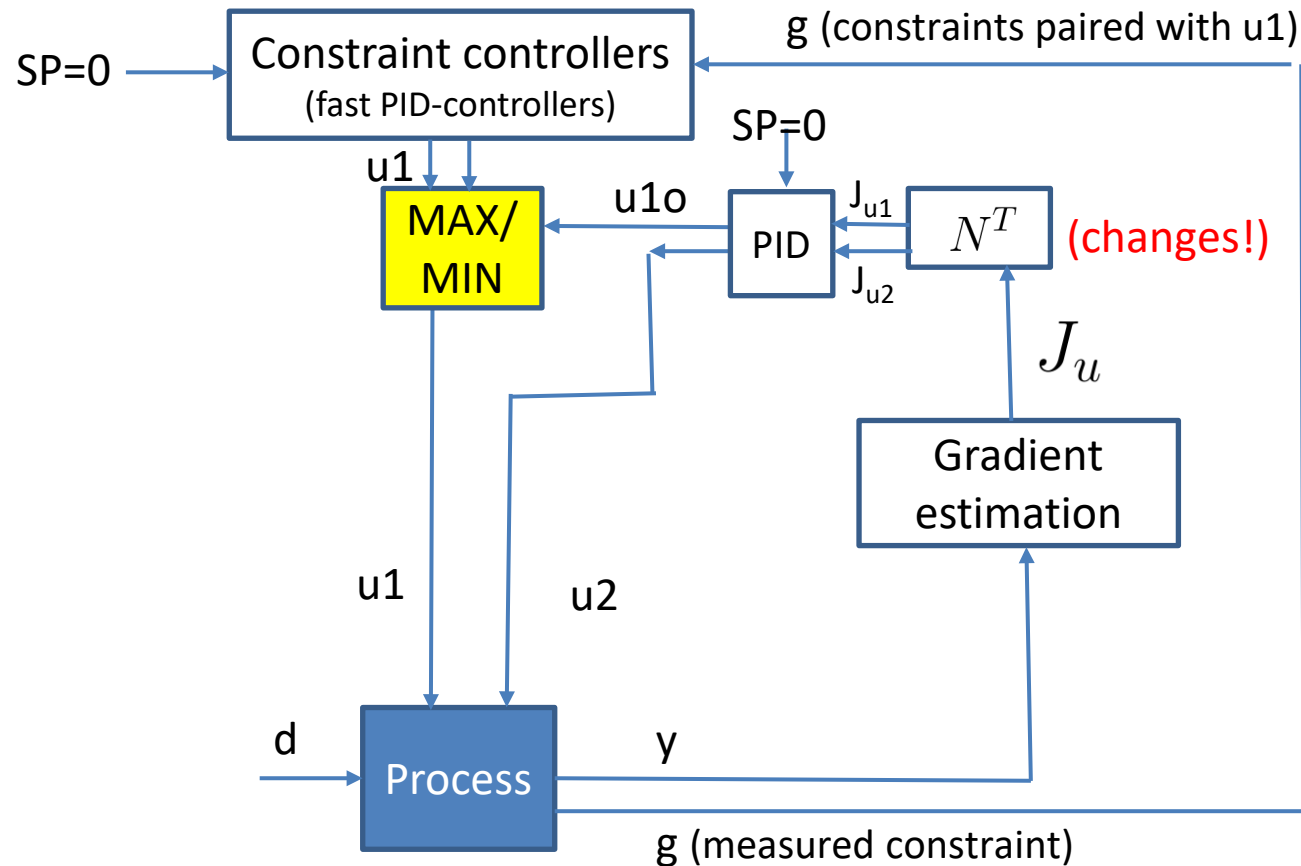
# Feedback solution that automatically tracks active constraints by adjusting Lagrange multipliers (= shadow prices = dual variables) $\lambda$



## Primal-dual feedback control.

- Makes use of «dual decomposition» of constrained optimization
- Selector on dual variables  $\lambda$
- Problem: Constraint control using dual variables is on slow time scale

# Alternative: Feedback solution with «direct» constraint control

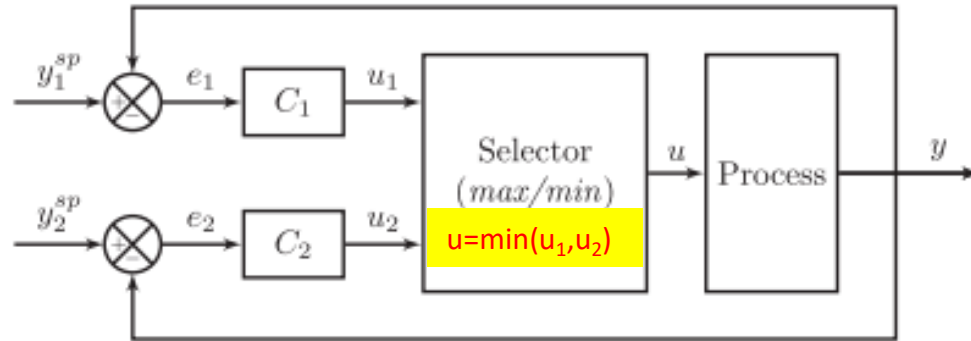


$J_{u1}, J_{u2} = N^T J_u$  reduced gradients  
 («self-optimizing variables»)

$$N^T \nabla_{\mathbf{u}} \mathbf{g}_A(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{d})^T = 0$$

- Selector on primal variables (inputs)
- Similar to selectors in APC

# Selector (APC): One input ( $u$ ), several outputs ( $y_1, y_2$ )



$$> = \text{MAX} = \text{HS}$$

$$< = \text{MIN} = \text{LS}$$

- Sometimes called “override”
- Selectors are used for output-output (CV-CV) switching
  - Example: Normally want to keep  $y_1$  at a setpoint,
    - but  $y_2$  (higher priority) must not exceed **constraint**.
    - With selector: When  $y_2$  reaches constraint, we **give up control of  $y_1$** .
    - More generally:  $u_1 = u_o$  is the optimal input value without constraint (can be given up)
  - Can have many constraints paired with same input  $y$ .
- Selectors work well, but require pairing each constraint with a given input (not always possible)

# Design of selector structure

## Rule 1 (max or min selector)

- Use max-selector for constraints that are satisfied with a large input
- Use min-selector for constraints that are satisfied with a small input

## Rule 2 (order of max and min selectors):

- If need both max and min selector: Potential infeasibility
- Order does not matter if problem is feasible
- If infeasible: Put highest priority constraint at the end

“Systematic design of active constraint switching using selectors.”

Dinesh Krishnamoorthy , Sigurd Skogestad. [Computers & Chemical Engineering, Volume 143](#), (2020)

# Example A. Maximize flow with pressure constraints

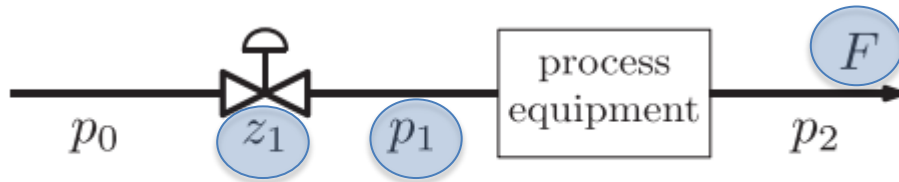


Fig. 6. Example 2: Flow through a pipe with one MV ( $u = z_1$ ).

Input  $u = z_1$

Want to maximize flow,  $J = -F$ :

Unconstrained: Optimal input is infinity:

$$u_0 = \infty$$

Optimization problem is:

$$\max_{z_1} F$$

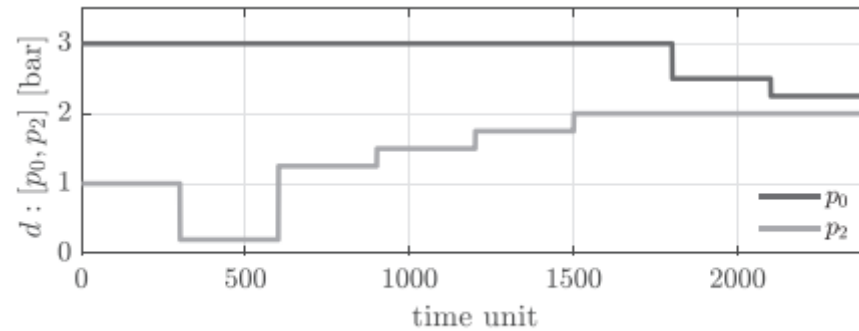
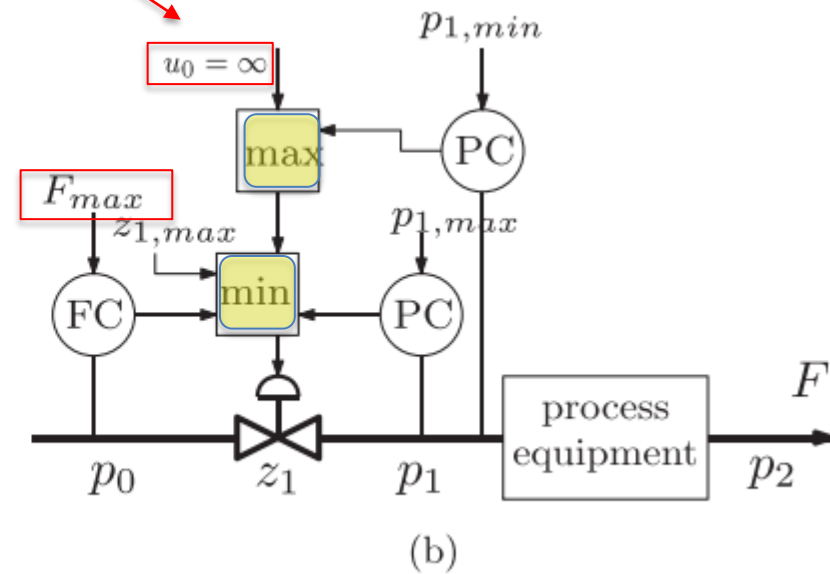
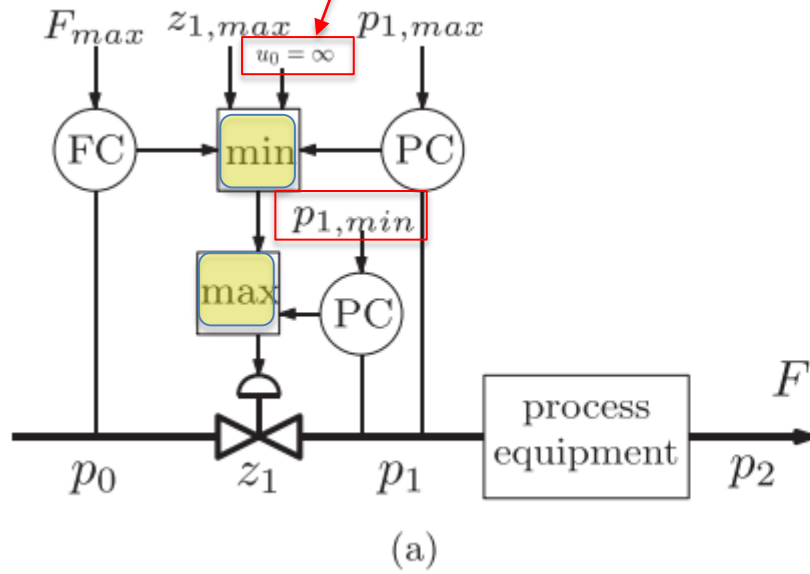
s.t.

$$\begin{aligned} F &\leq F_{max} \\ p_1 &\leq p_{1,max} \\ p_1 &\geq p_{1,min} \\ z_1 &\leq z_{1,max} \end{aligned}$$

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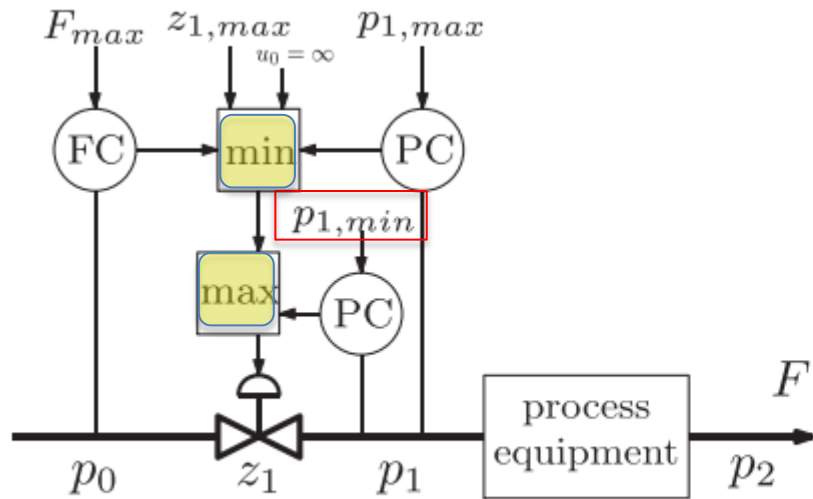
where  $F_{max} = 10$  kg/s,  $z_{1,max} = 1$ ,  $p_{1,max} = 2.5$  bar, and  $p_{1,min} = 1.5$  bar. Note that there are both max and min- constraints on  $p_1$ . De-

Desired input  $u_0$  without constraints (can be given up) into first selector block

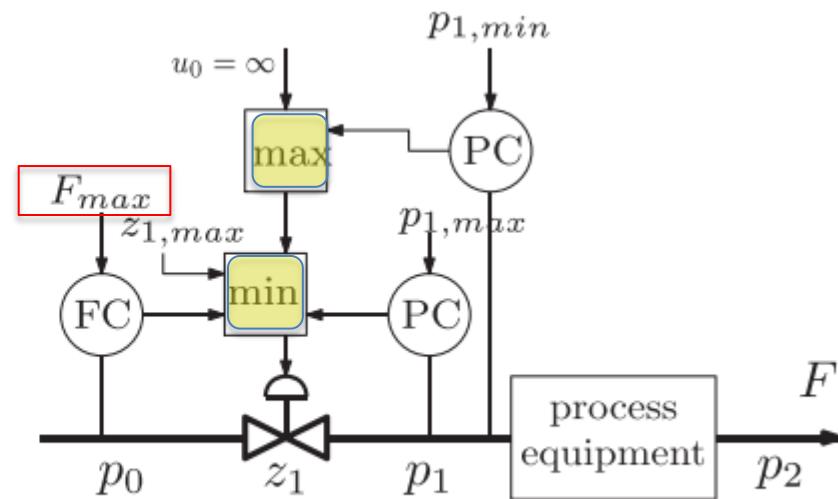


Disturbances in  $p_0$  and  $p_2$  (unmeasured)

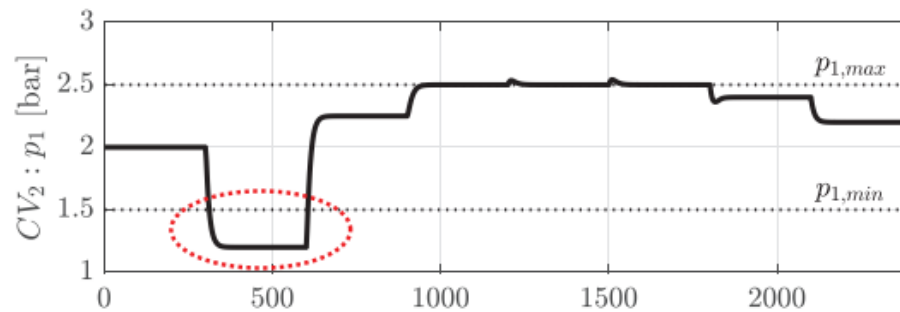
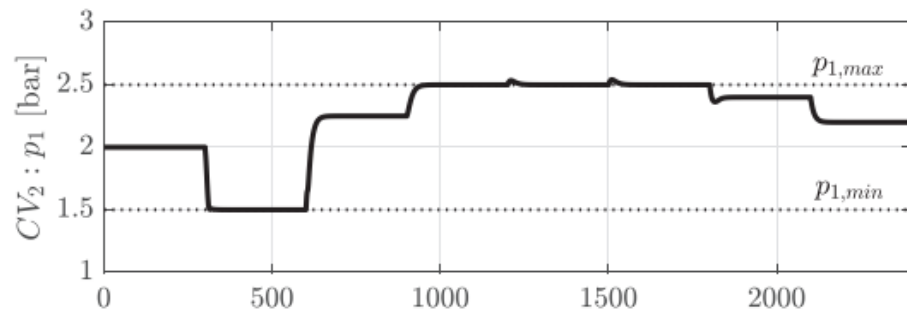
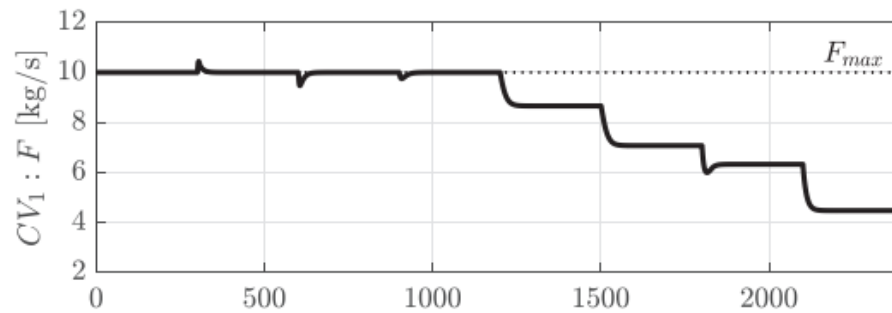
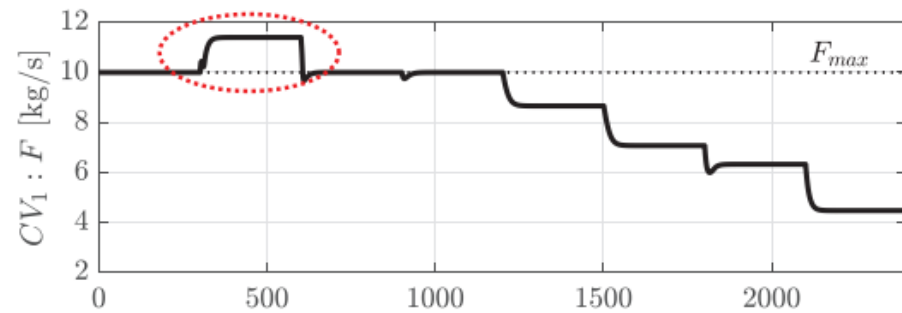




(a)



(b)



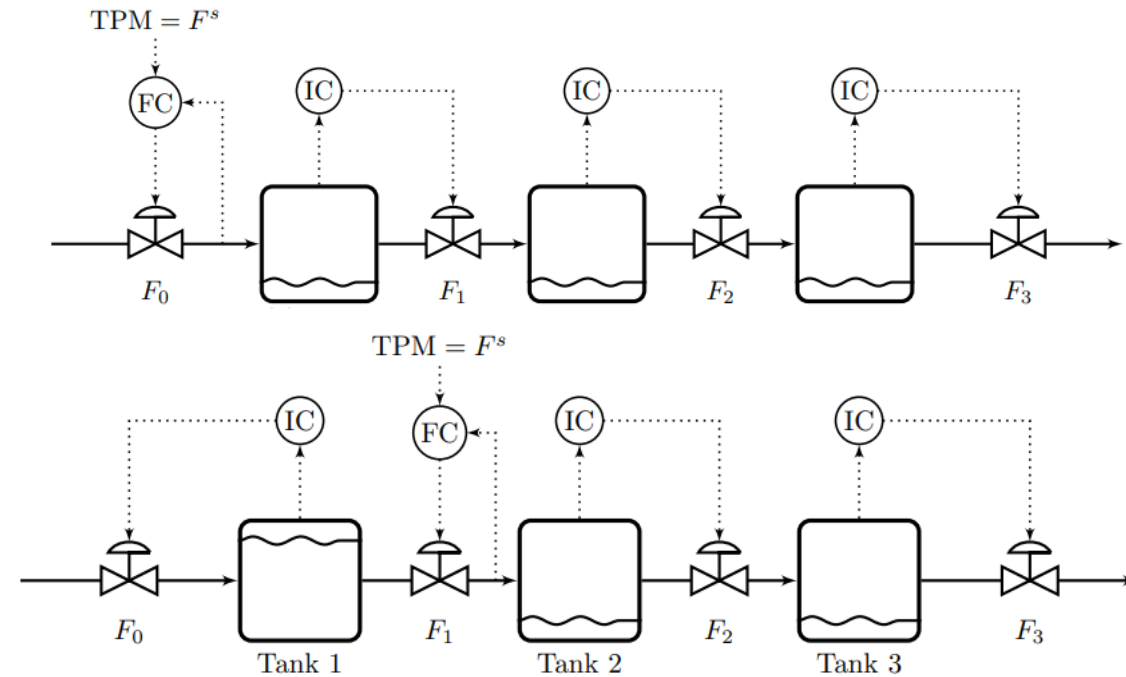
$t > 1800$ :  $u = z_{max} = 1$

## Example B. Maximize production for serial process

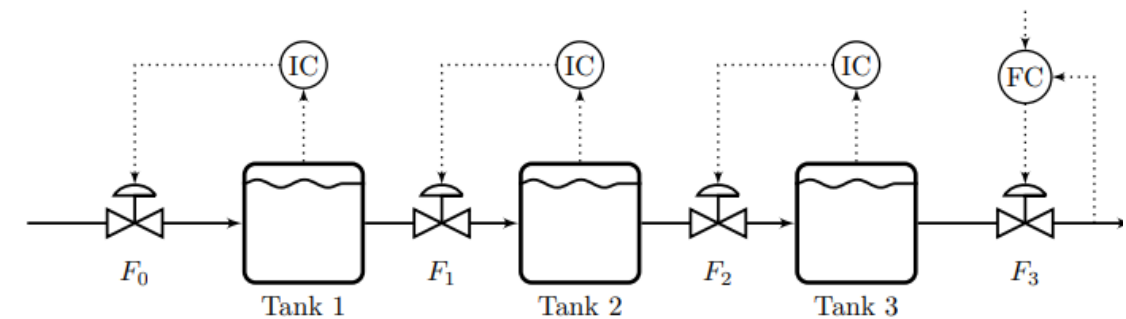
- Constraints on levels (H,L)
- and valves/flows

TPM = throughput manipulator  
Typically at bottleneck («active constraint»)

Disturbances: Temporary bottlenecks (max-constraints) for  $F_0$ ,  $F_1$ ,  $F_2$  or  $F_3$



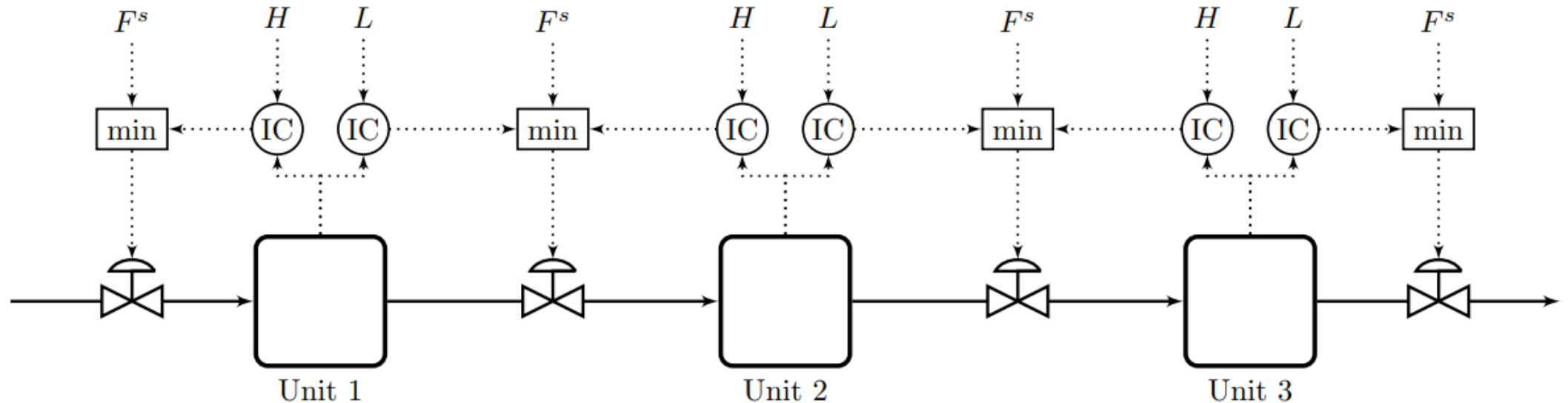
(b) TPM at  $F_1$ . Inventory control radiating around the TPM.



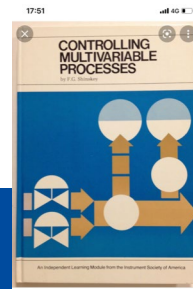
(d) TPM at  $F_3$ . Inventory control in direction opposite of flow.

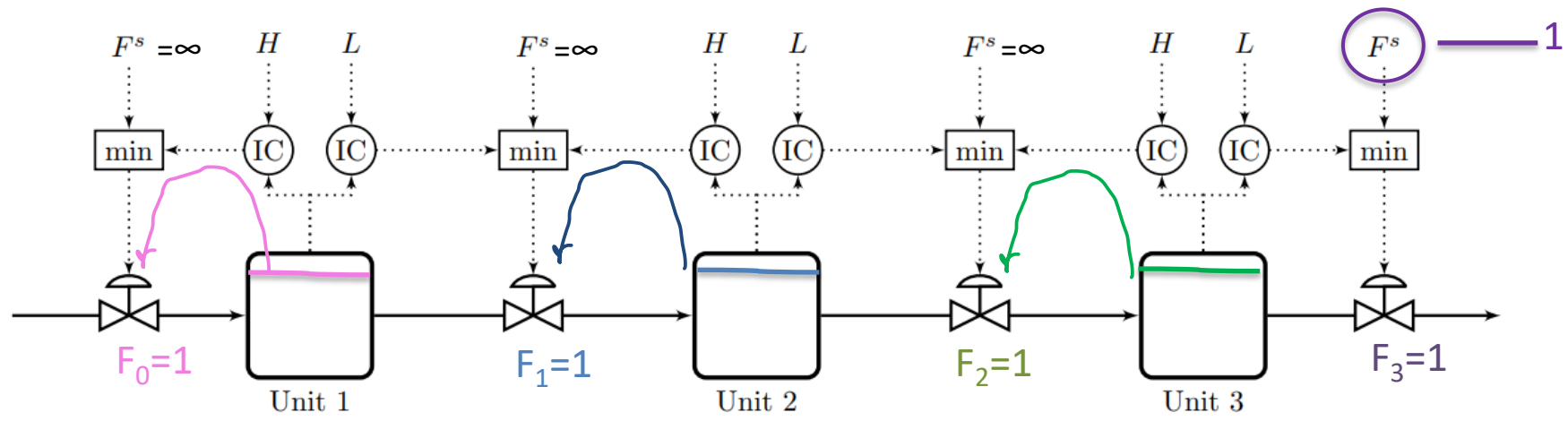
Example B. **Very smart selector strategy: Bidirectional inventory control**  
 Reconfigures automatically with optimal buffer management!!

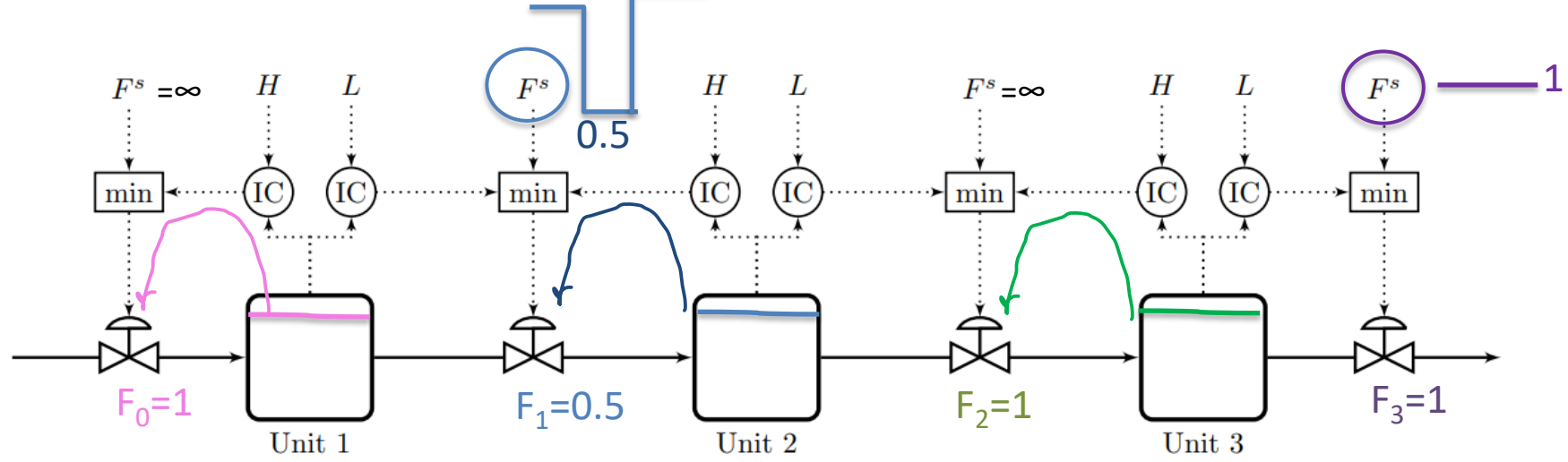
Max flow:  
 $F^s = \infty$



F.G. Shinskey, «Controlling multivariable processes», ISA, 1981  
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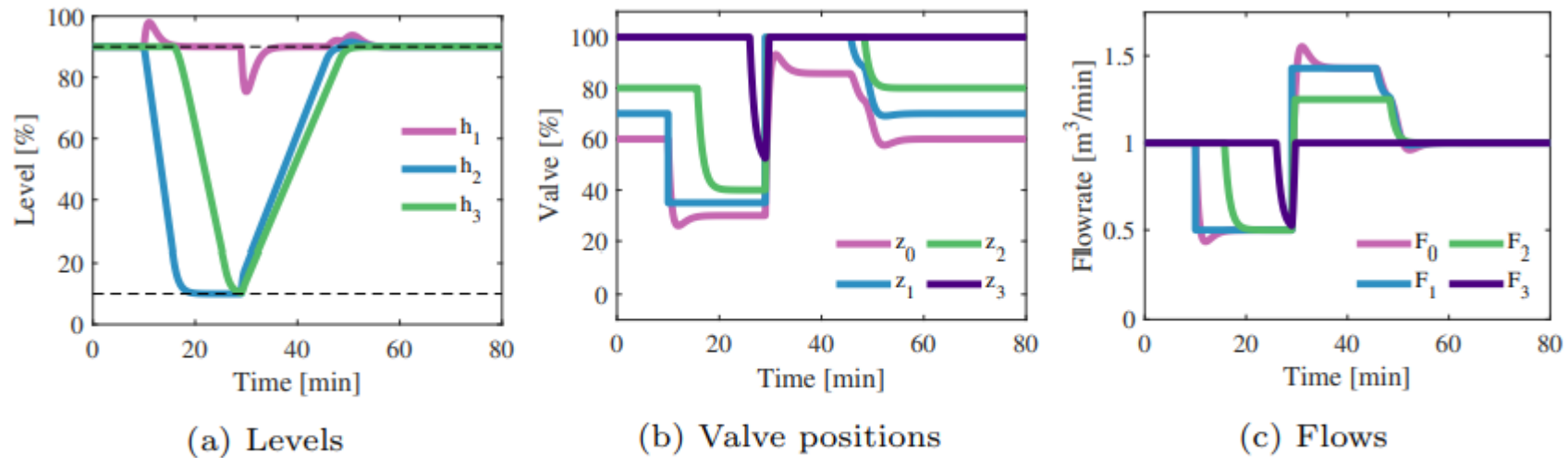
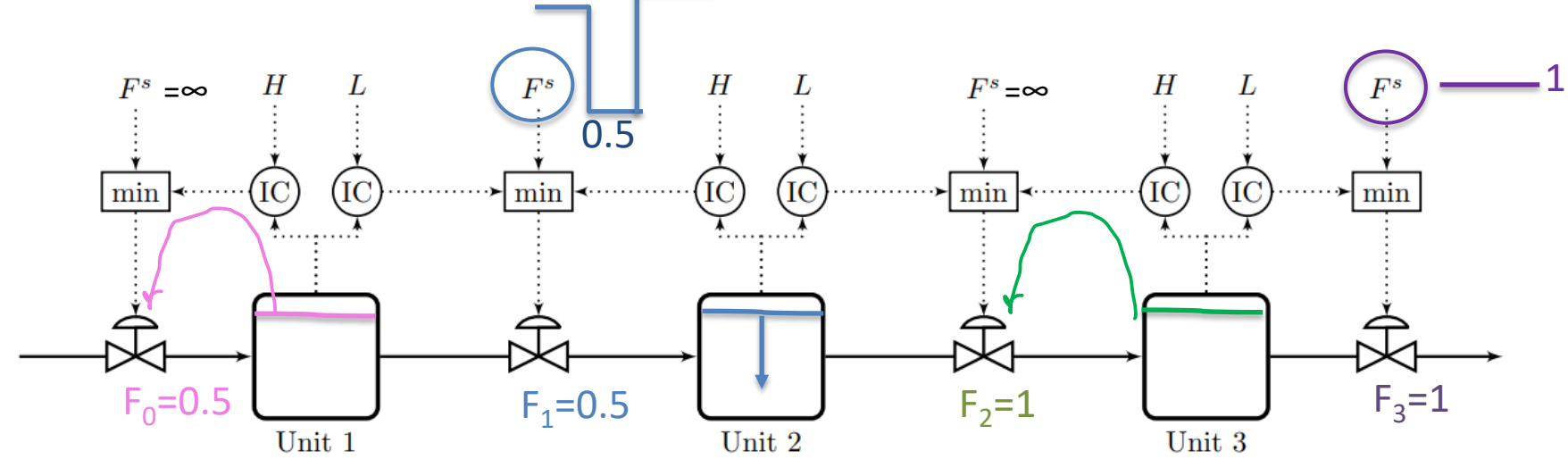
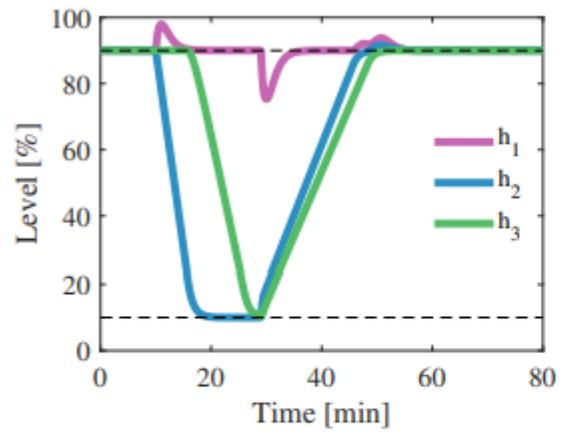
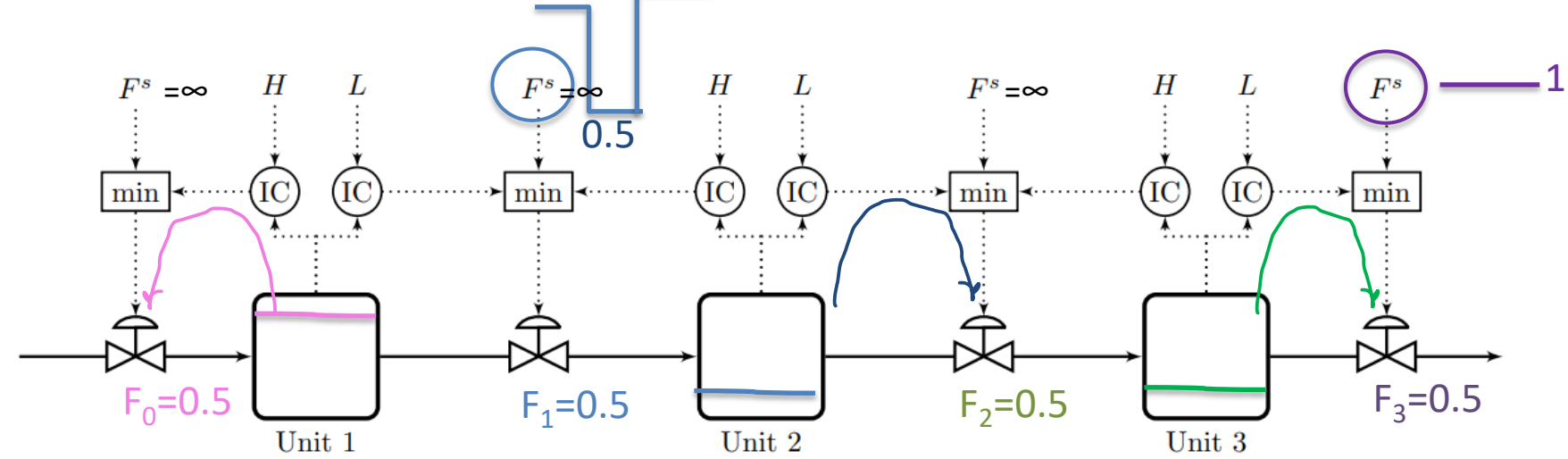
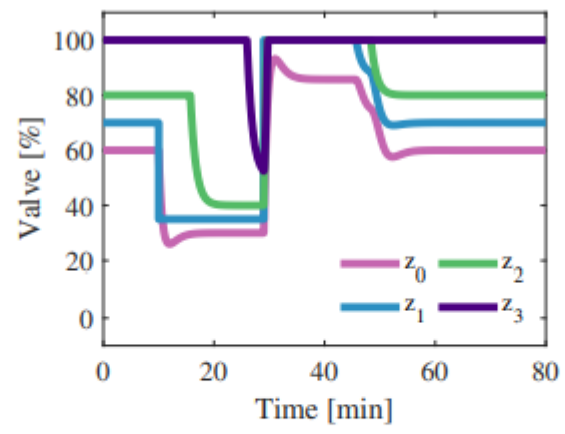


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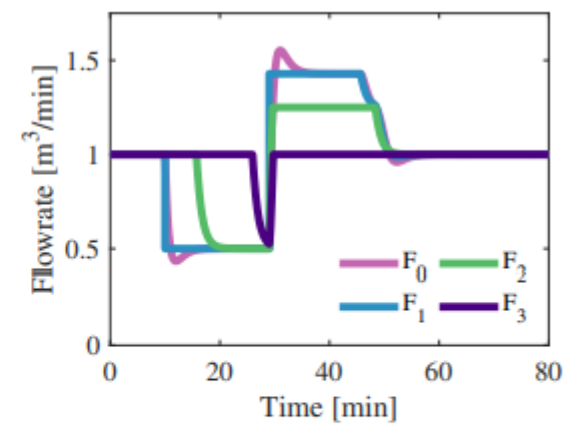




(a) Levels



(b) Valve positions



(c) Flows

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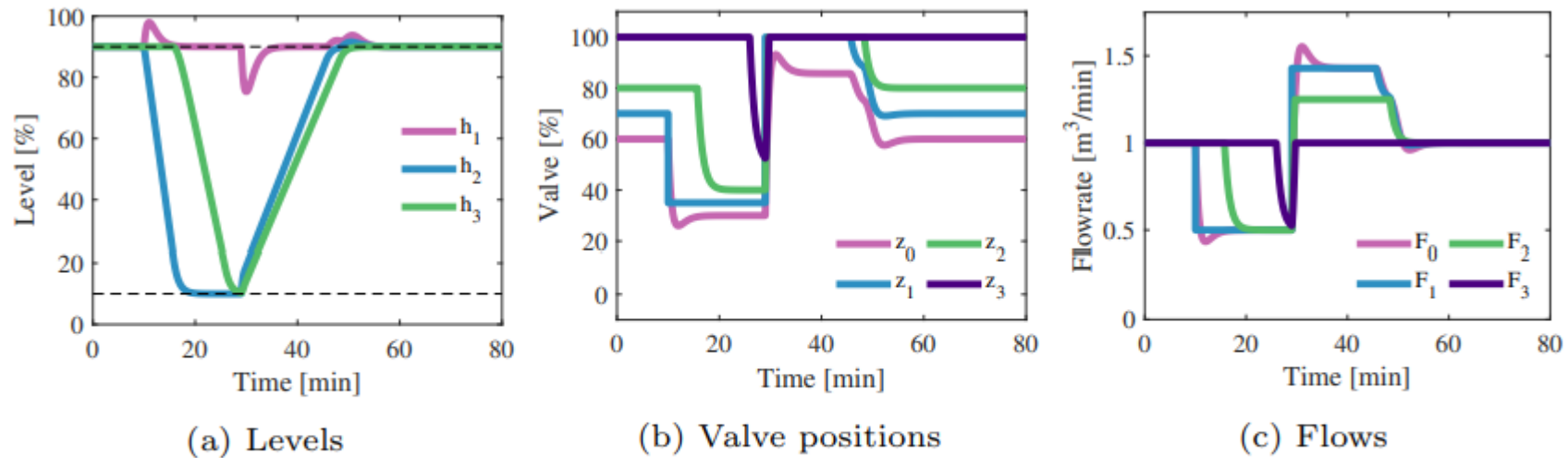
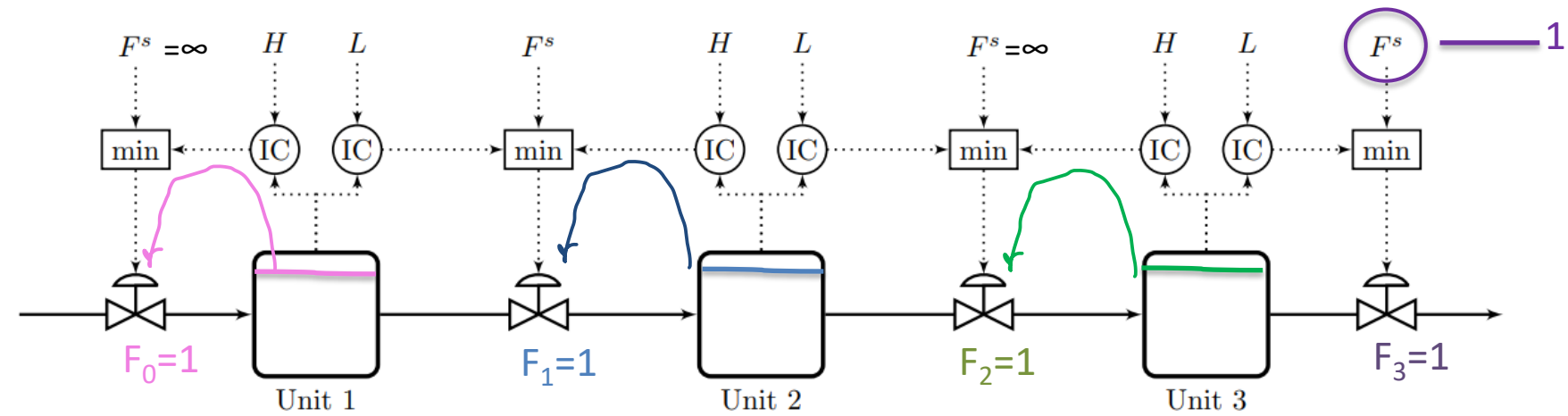


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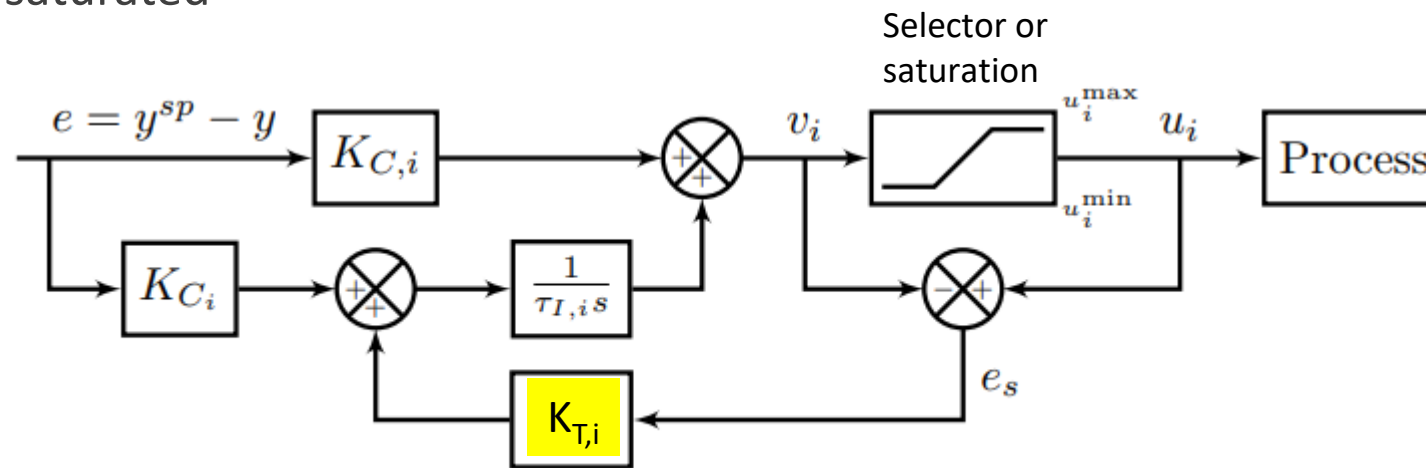
Challenge: Can MPC be made to do this? Optimally reconfigure loops and find optimal buffer? I doubt it. We tried.

# Important insight

- Many problems: Optimal steady-state solution always at constraints
- In this case optimization layer may not be needed
  - if we can identify the active constraints and control them using selectors (Examples A and B).

# Anti-windup

- All the controllers shown need anti-windup to «stop integration» during periods when the control action ( $v_i$ ) is not affecting the process:
  - Controller is disconnected (because of selector)
  - Physical MV  $u_i$  is saturated



Anti-windup using back-calculation. Typical choice for tracking constant,  $K_T=1$

# Challenges selector design

- Standard approach requires pairing of each active constraint with a single input
  - May not be possible in complex cases
- Stability analysis of switched systems is still an open problem
  - Undesired switching may be avoided in many ways:
    - Filtering of measurement
    - Tuning of anti-windup scheme
    - Minimum time between switching
    - Minimum input change

# “Classical Advanced control” using simple control elements

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- Have Extra output (state) measurements (similar to state feedback)

## 2. Feedforward elements

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# 1. Cascade control

- Use extra measurement  $y_2$  to improve control of primary output  $y_1$
- Cascade: MV for outer primary controller is the setpoint  $r_2$  to inner secondary controller
- Fast inner loop: Eliminate  $d_2$  and nonlinearity in  $G_2$ 
  - Proof: Ideally  $y_2 = r_2$

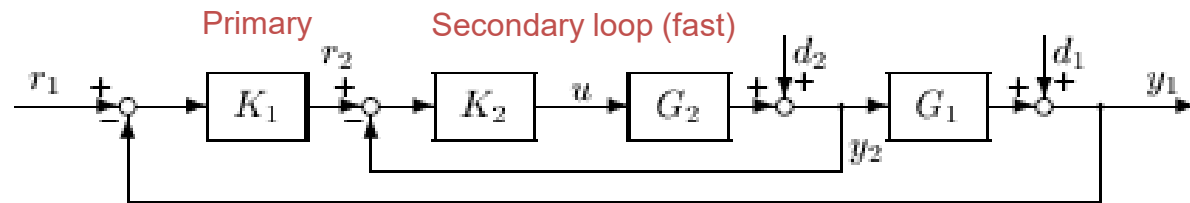


Figure 10.11: Common case of cascade control where the primary output  $y_1$  depends directly on the extra measurement  $y_2$

Design: First design fast inner/secondary controller (can be just P-control)  
Then design slower outer/primary controller (PI-controller)  
Closed-loop time constant for outer loop at least 4 times larger (slower)

An alternative approach that uses extra measurements to improve control is «**Full state feedback**».

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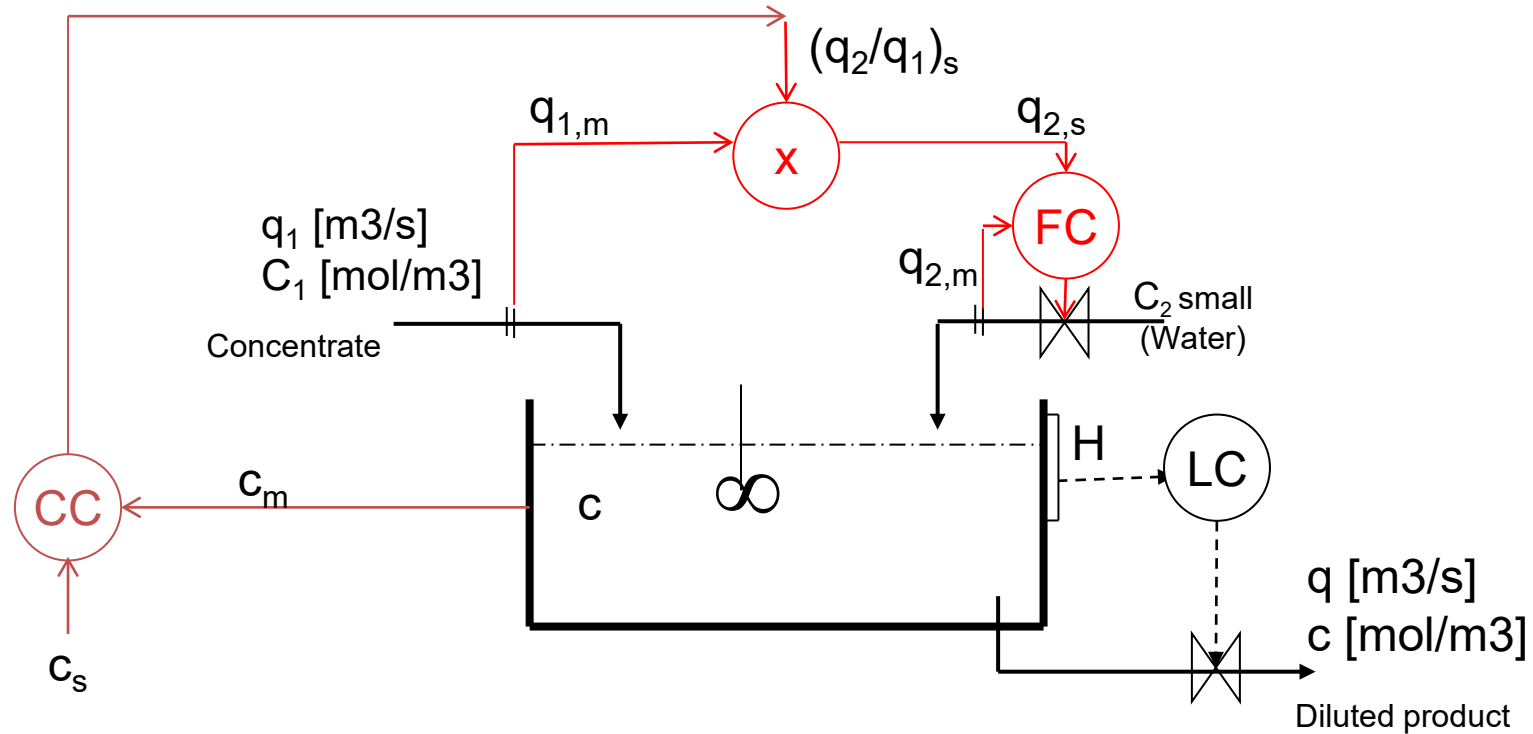
## Feedforward, Decoupling, Linearization

- Unified approach (for static case): «Transformed» inputs  $v$  (and outputs)\*
- Greg Shinskey (1981): “There is no need to be limited to single measurable or manipulable variables. If a more meaningful variable happens to be a mathematical combination of two or more measurable or manipulable variables, there is no reason why it cannot be used.”
- Motivation: ratio control

\*«Transformed Manipulated Variables for Linearization, Decoupling and Perfect Disturbance Rejection»,  
C Zotica, N Alsop, S Skogestad, IFAC World Congress, 2020

# MOTIVATING EXAMPLE 1: MIXING PROCESS

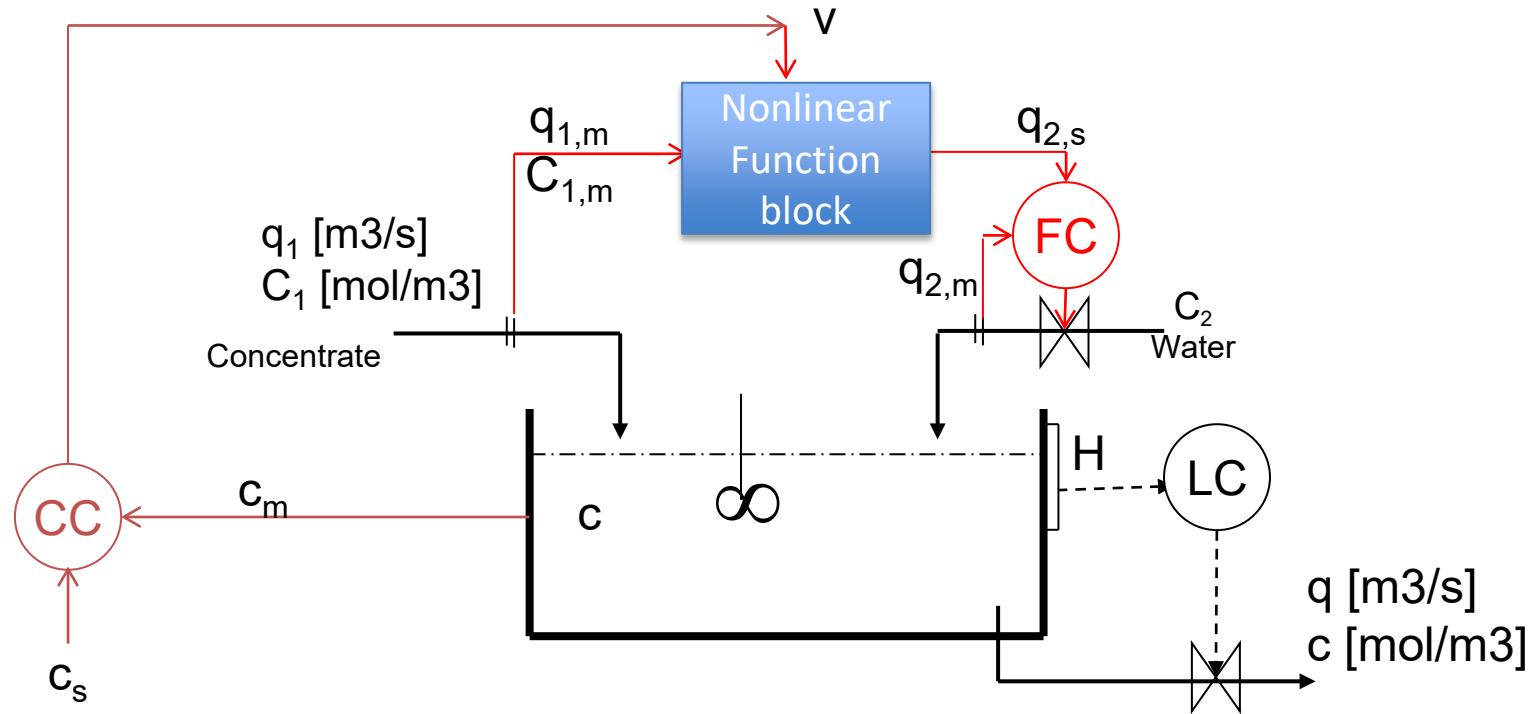
## RATIO CONTROL with outer cascade (to adjust ratio setpoint)



- Input  $u=q_2$ .
- Transformed input  $v = q_2/q_1$
- Gives “perfect” feedforward control for  $d=q_1$
- Potential problem for **outer** feedback loop (composition controller,  $y=c$ ):
  - Gain from MV =  $(q_2/q_1)_s$  to CV= $c$  will vary because of multiplication with  $q_{1,m}$
  - Outer loop must handle disturbances in  $c_1$  and  $c_2$



## Improved RATIO CONTROL = Ideal TRANSFORMED INPUT from static model



- Transformed input  $v =$  Right-Hand-Side of **static model for  $y=c$ :**  

$$c = \underbrace{(q_1 c_1 + q_2 c_2)}_{=v} / (q_1 + q_2)$$

Solve with respect to input  $q_2$ .

Get **“nonlinear function block”**:  $q_2 = q_1 * (c_1 - v) / (v - c_2)$
- Gives “perfect” feedforward control for disturbances in  $q_1$ ,  $c_1$  and  $c_2$ .
- and also gives linear response ( $y=v$ ) for controller CC

# Dynamic case (~ feedback linearization, Isidori)

- Nonlinear dynamic system (**process**)

$$\frac{dy}{dt} = f(y, u, d)$$

- Introduce transformed inputs

$$v = f(y, u, d) - Ay$$

- New transformed system is linear, first-order, decoupled if A is diagonal and independent of disturbances!

$$\frac{dy}{dt} = Ay + v$$

- Static input calculation (**inverse input transformation**): u is solution to:  $f(y, u, d) - Ay = v$

- v can be set by conventional linear controller C (PI)

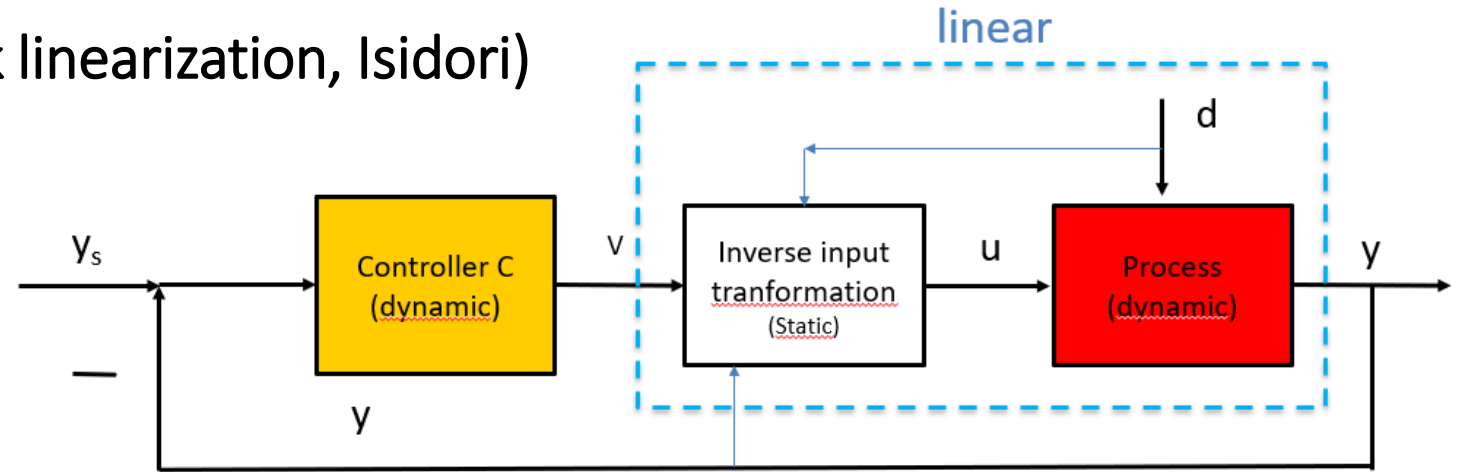
- Ideally: Don't need to change v, but in practice need C to handle uncertainty

- Assumptions**

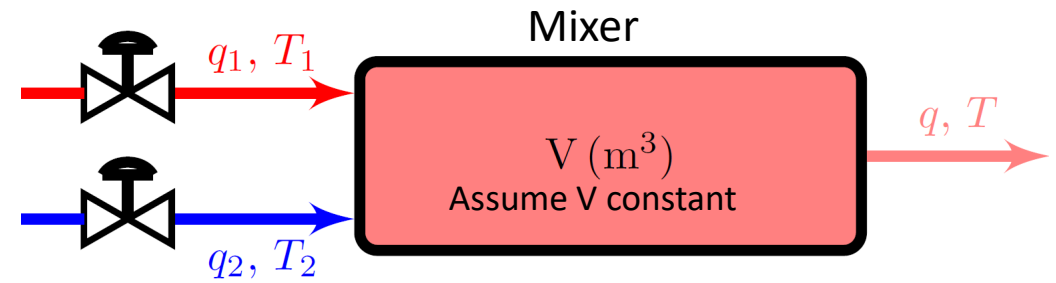
- Measure all disturbances (d)

- **Low-order model with no. states (y) = no. inputs (u)**

- The solution to the **static inverse problem** exists and satisfies certain properties.



## Example 2. Mix hot (1) and cold (2) water, $y=[q \ T]$



Mass balance:  $q = q_1 + q_2$

$$v_0 = q_1 + q_2$$

(static equation for  $y_1=q$ )

Energy balance:  $\frac{dT}{dt} = \frac{q_1}{V} (T_1 - T) + \frac{q_2}{V} (T_2 - T)$  (dynamic equation for  $dy_2/dt$ )

$$v = \frac{q_1}{V} (T_1 - T) + \frac{q_2}{V} (T_2 - T) - AT$$

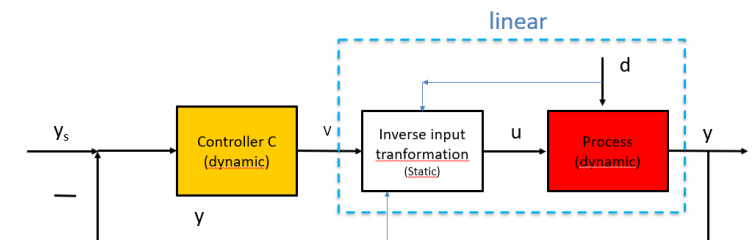
New transformed inputs:  $v_0$  and  $v$ .

Inverse transformation (with  $u_1=q_1$  and  $u_2=q_2$ ):

$$q_1 = \frac{V(v+AT)}{T_1-T_2} - v_0(T_2 - T)$$

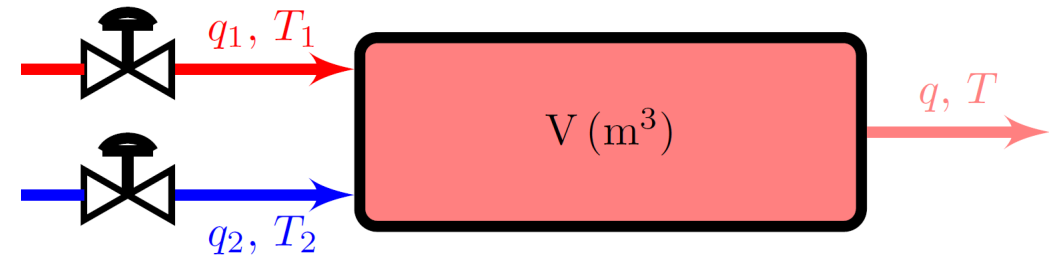
$$q_2 = v_0 - q_1$$

Tuning parameter,  $A = -(q/V)^*$  (nominal)



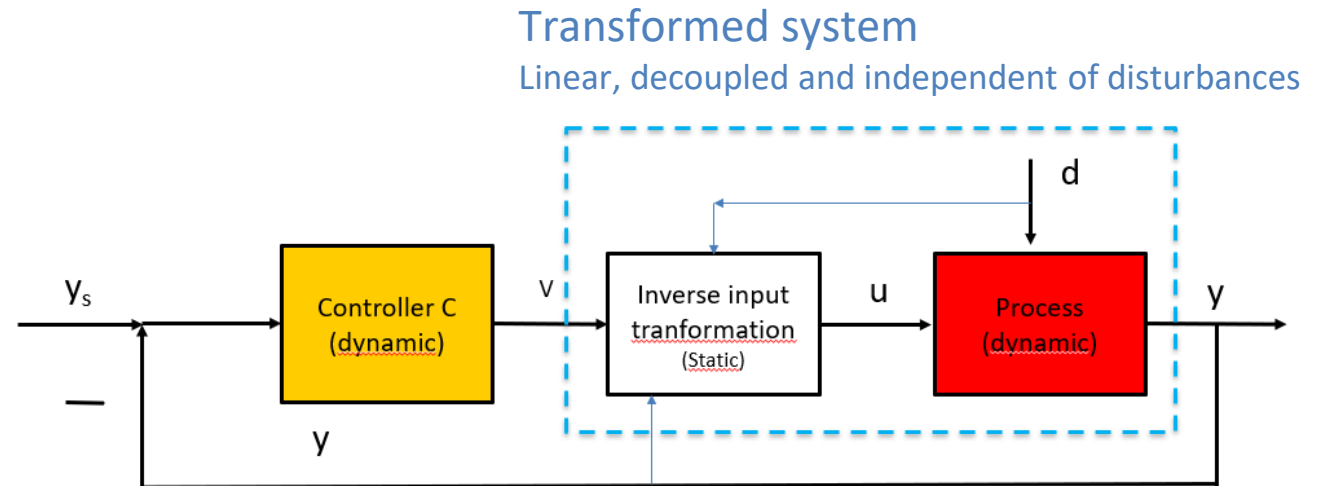
# Resulting Transformed system

$$y_1=q, y_2=T$$



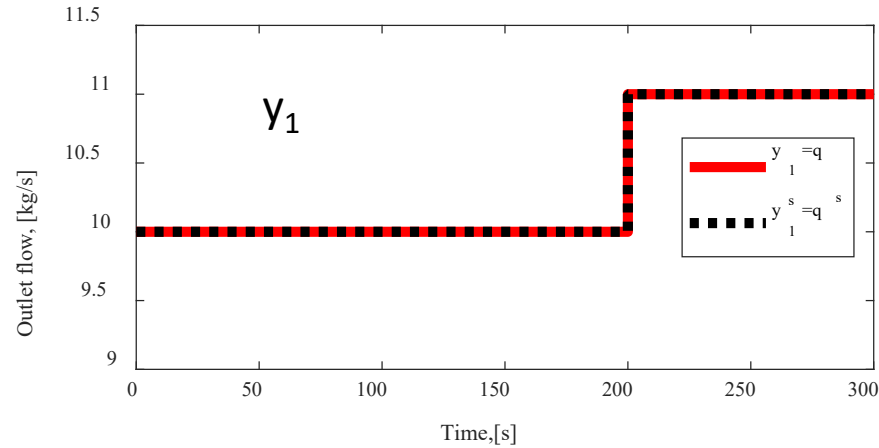
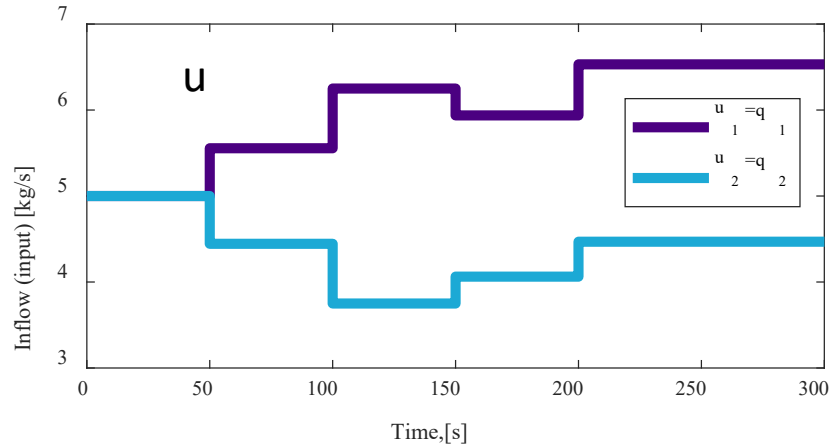
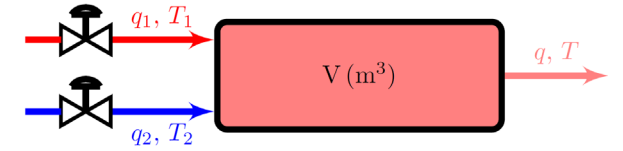
$$y_1 = v_0$$

$$\frac{dy_2}{dt} = Ay_2 + v$$

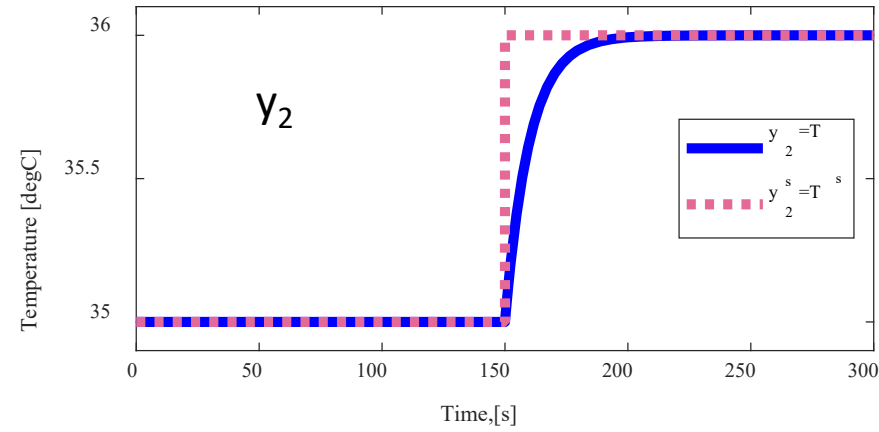
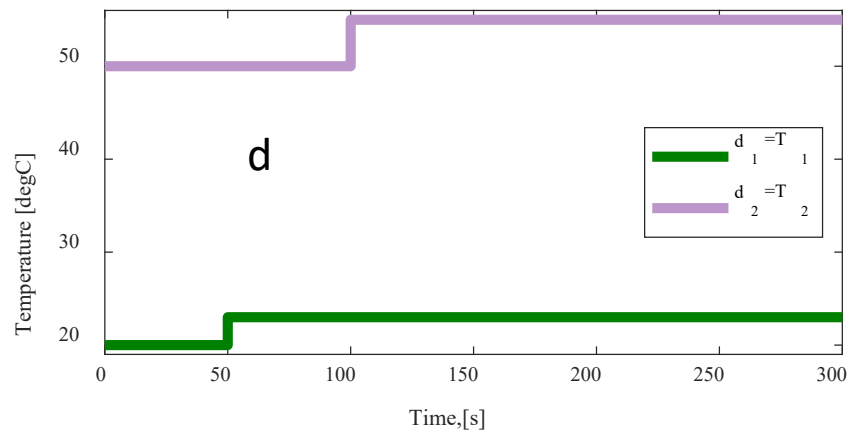


# Simulation responses with transformation only.

-> Perfect disturbance rejection and decoupling



1.  $d_1 = T_1$ : 20  $\rightarrow$  22  $^{\circ}\text{C}$  at  $t = 50$  s
2.  $d_2 = T_2$ : 50  $\rightarrow$  55  $^{\circ}\text{C}$  at  $t = 100$  s
3.  $y_{2s} = T_s$ : 35  $\rightarrow$  36  $^{\circ}\text{C}$  at  $t = 150$  s
4.  $y_{1s} = q_s$ : 10  $\rightarrow$  11 kg/s at  $t = 200$  s



- 1,2:  $v_0$  and  $v$  constant
- 3: Step in  $v$
- 4: step in  $v_0$

# Use of extra MV (inputs): One CV, many MVs

Two different cases:

5. **MV-MV switching**: Need several MVs to cover whole range at steady state

- We want to use one MV at a time

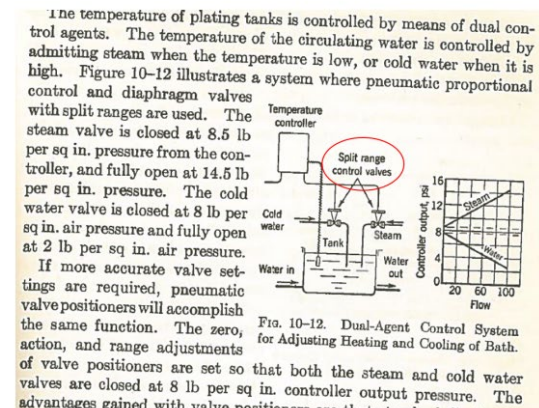
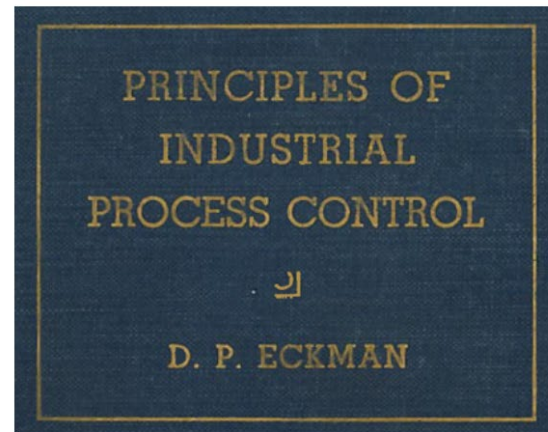
6. Have extra dynamic MV

- Both MVs are used all the time

# 5. Extra inputs (MV) to handle all conditions (steady state)

## 1. Split-range control

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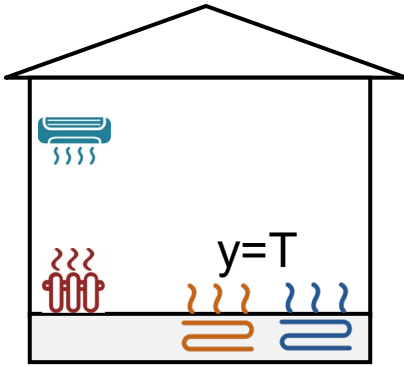


Alternatives to Split-range control\*:

2. Multiple controllers with different setpoints
3. Valve position control

\* A. Reyes-Lua and S. Skogestad, «Systematic design of active constraint switching using classical advanced control structures», Ind.Eng.Chem.Res, Vol. 59, 2229-2241 (2020)

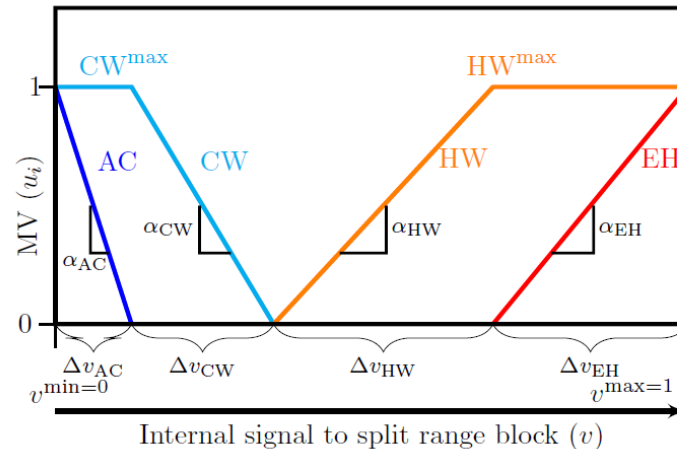
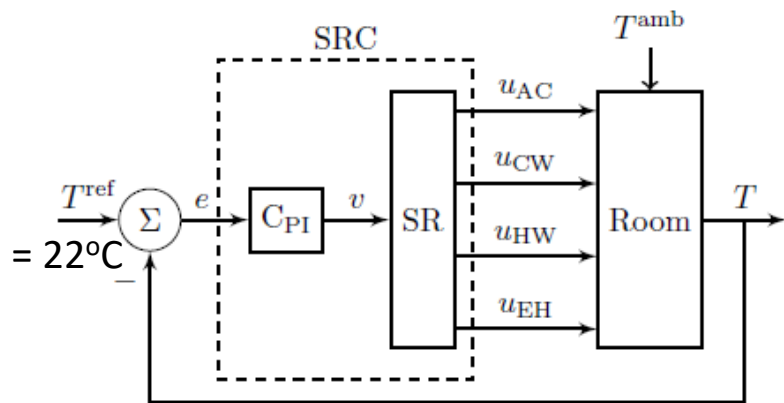
# Example: Room heating with one CV (T) and 4 MVs



MVs (two for summer and two for winter):

1. AC (expensive cooling)
2. CW (cooling water, cheap)
3. HW (hot water, quite cheap)
4. Electric heat, EH (expensive)

## Alt. 1 Split-range control (SRC).

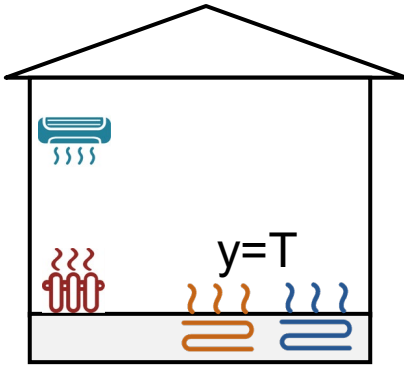


Note: may adjust the location of split (x-axis) to make loop gains equal.

- Disadvantage SRC:
1. Must use same integral time for all MVs
  2. Does not work well for cases where constraint values change



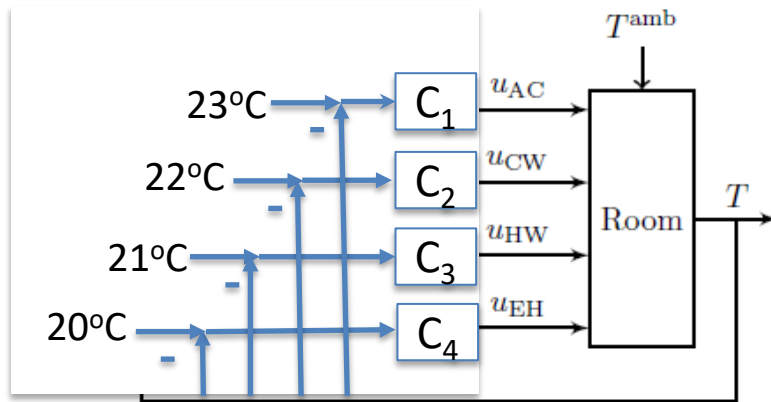
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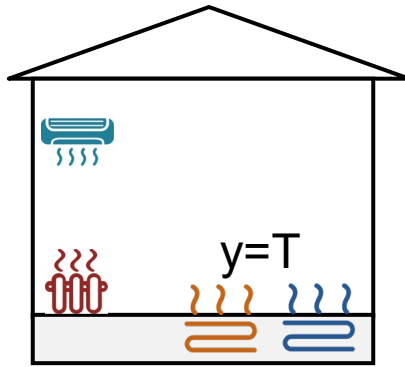
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## Alt. 2. Multiple controllers with different setpoints



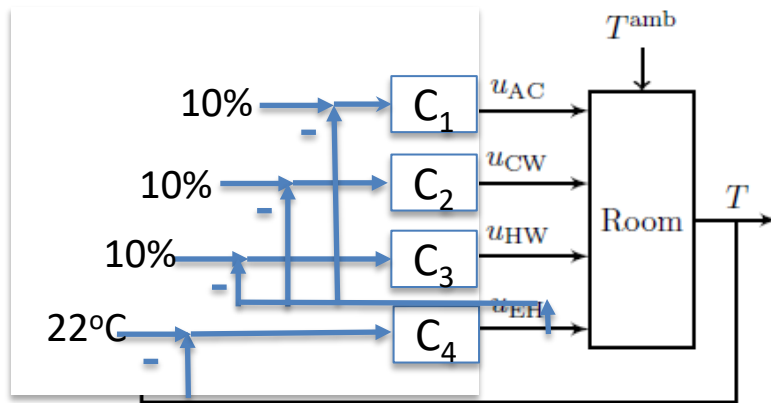
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## Alt. 3. Input resetting (VPC)



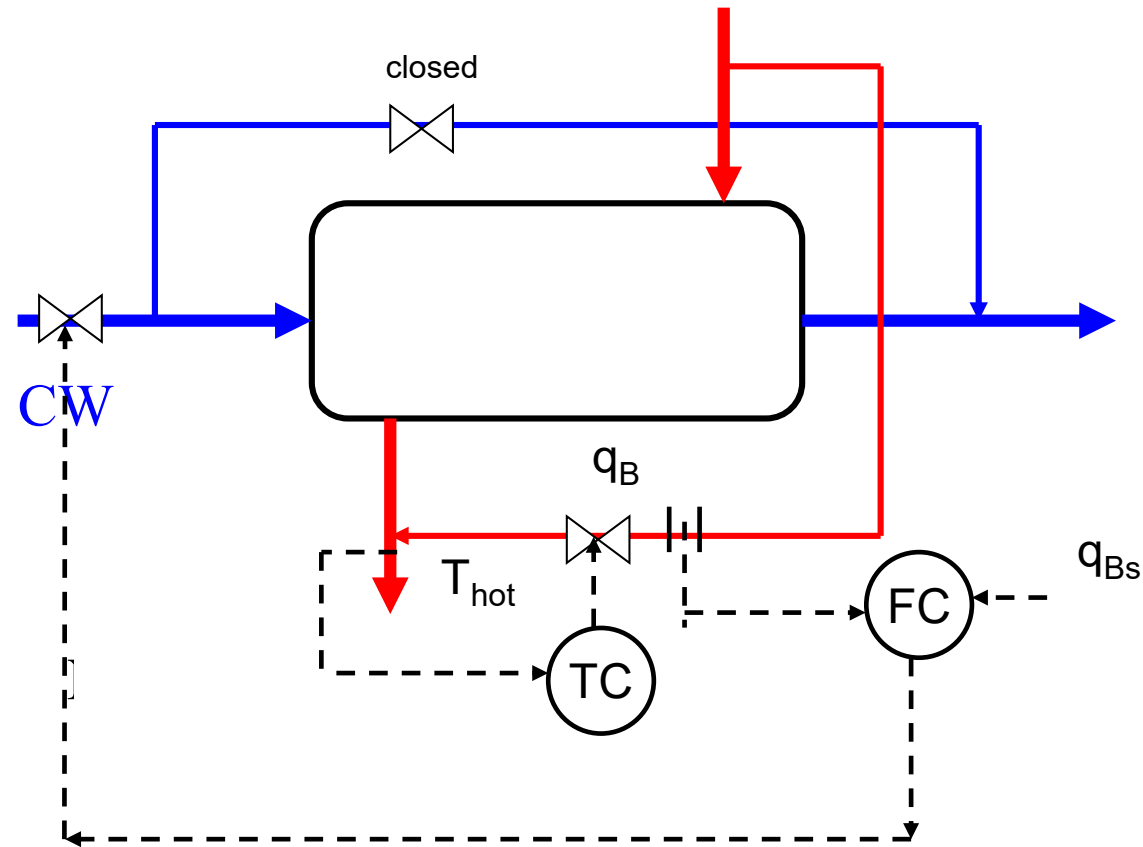
# Summary MV-MV switching

- Use Alt.1 (split range control) for cases where the MV ranges (max and min values) are fixed.
  - Advantage: Easy to understand, because SR-block shows clearly sequence of MVs
- Use Alt. 2 (controllers for different setpoints) for cases where MV ranges vary
  - Advantage: Easier to implement than SRC and can have different controller tunings
- Use Alt. 3 (input resetting) for cases where CV ( $y$ ) should always be controlled by same MV
  - But gives some economic loss

## 6. Extra inputs (MVs) dynamically: Valve position control (VPC)

- This VPC is active all the time with the aim «resetting» or «midranging» the input.

## EXAMPLE. Use of bypass (extra input) for fast control



TC: Fast control of  $CV=T_{hot}$  using the “dynamic”  $MV2=q_B$   
FC: Resets  $MV2=q_B$  to its setpoint ( $q_{Bs}$ ) (e.g. 5%) using  $MV1=CW$

# When use MPC?

When conventional APC performs poorly or becomes complex

- Cases with many changing constraints (where we cannot assign one input to each constraint)
- Interactive process
- Know future disturbances and setpoint changes (predictive capability)

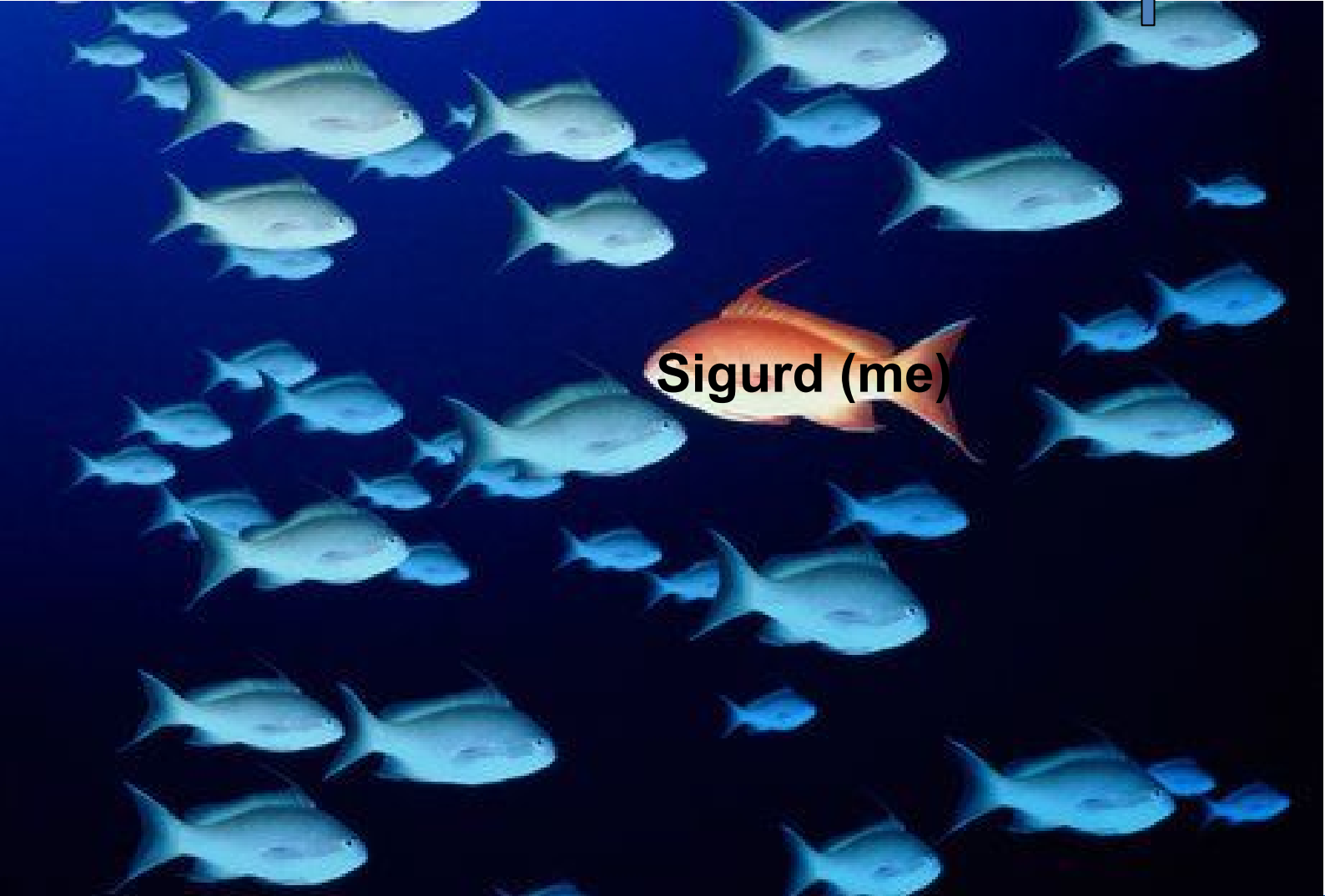
# Conclusion Advanced process control

- Conventional APC works very well in many cases
  - Optimization by feedback (active constraint switching)
  - Need to pair input and output.
    - Advantage: The engineer can specify directly the solution
    - Problem: Unique pairing may not be possible for complex cases
  - Need model only for parts of the process (for tuning)
  - Challenge: Need better teaching and design methods
- MPC may be better (and simpler) for more complex multivariable cases
  - But MPC may not work on all problems (Bidirectional inventory control)
  - Main challenge: Need dynamic model for whole process
  - Other challenge: Tuning may be difficult

# Academic process control community fish pond

Optimal centralized Solution (EMPC)

Simple solutions that work (selector, PID++)

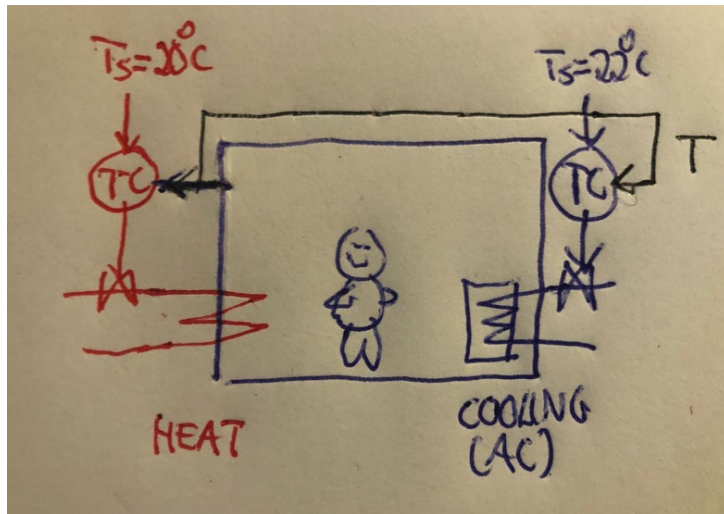






# Extra

## Alt. 2. Several controllers with different setpoints



### Example

$CV=y$  = room temperature

- $MV1 = u1 = \text{cooling}$   
 $CV^{spH} = 22^\circ\text{C}$  (summer)
- $MV2 = u2 = \text{heating}$   
 $CV^{spL} = 20 - 2 = 20^\circ\text{C}$  (winter)

Between  $20^\circ\text{C}$  and  $22^\circ\text{C}$ :

Temperature drifts with both inputs saturated:

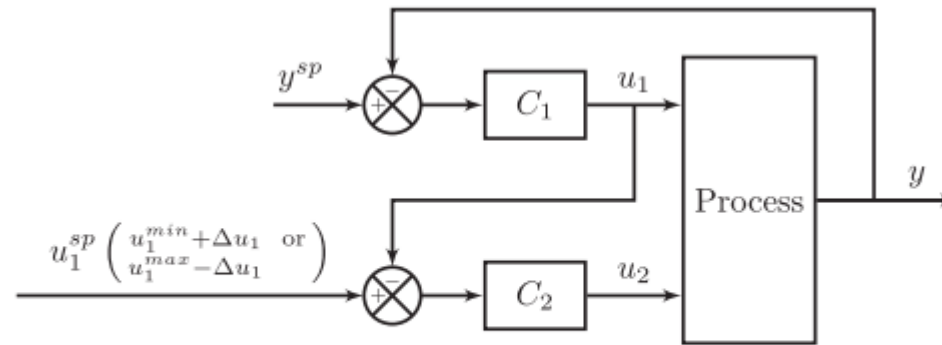
- heating off,  $u1=0$
- cooling off,  $u2=0$

Need different setpoints to

- Avoid using cooling and heating at the same time
- avoid fighting between controllers

Note: The order of when to use each MV is determined by the setpoints. This also works if we have two or more MVs with the same sign, for example, if we have two heating sources: hot water (as shown in figure) and more expensive electric heat. Then we could add a temperature controller for the electric heat with an even lower setpoint for example,  $T_s=18^\circ\text{C}$ .

## Alt. 3. Input (valve) position control (VPC)



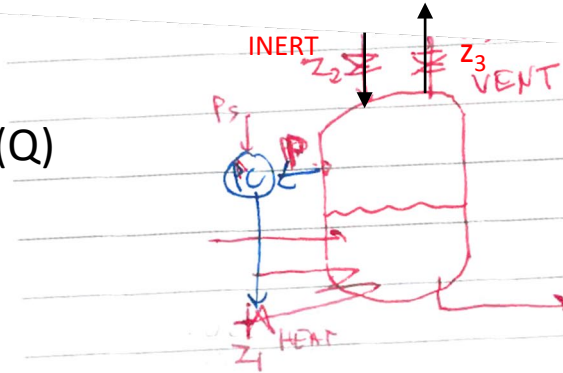
**Figure 6.** MV to MV constraint switching using input (valve) position control.

- Keep the original loop (u1-y)
- Use u2 to avoid saturation of u1 (VPC)
- **Advantage:** Always use u1 for control of y
- **Disadvantages:** Always use u1 (cannot put at constraint -> economic loss)

Important: Loop C2 with u2 is not active all the time, only when u1 is close to saturation

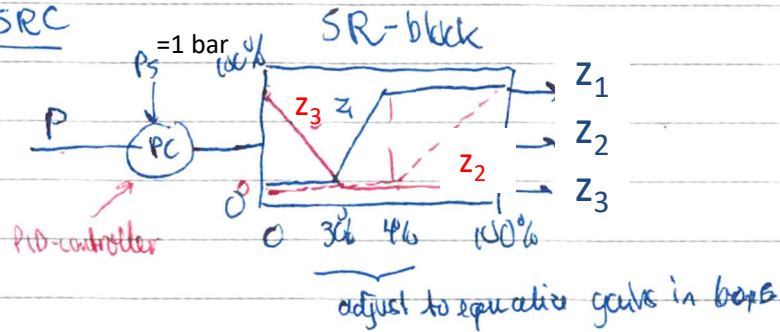
# Example MV-MV switching: Pressure control

CV=p  
 MV1=heat (Q)  
 MV2=inert  
 MV3=vent



Normally: Control CV=p using MV1=Q  
 • but if Q=0 we must use MV3=vent  
 • and if Q=max we must use MV2=inert

Alt.1. SRC



Alt.3: VPC

Always use Q (z1) to control p.

Need two VPC's:

- Use vent (z3) to avoid Q=0
- Use inert (z2) to avoid Q=max

Alt.2. Three controllers with different setpoints.

