

# Parameter Estimation and Adaptive Control

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- **Parameter estimation**
  - after the fact
  - real time
- **Simultaneous Location and Mapping (SLAM)**
- **Reinforcement (“Q”) learning**
- **Gain scheduling**
- **Adaptive critic (DHADP)**
- **Failure-tolerant control**

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*Off-Line*  
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# Parameter-Dependent Linear System

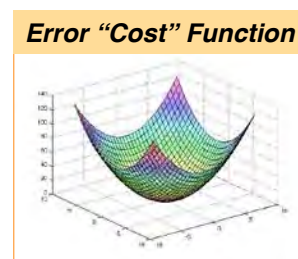
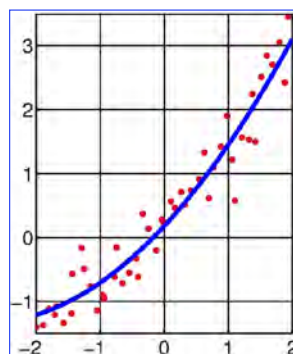
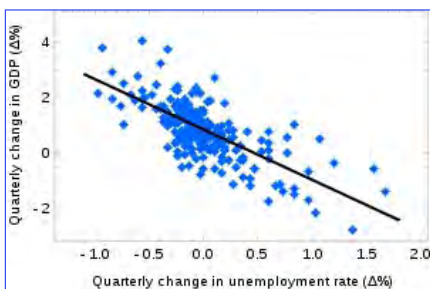
Linear systems contains parameters

$$\mathbf{x}_{k+1} = \Phi(\mathbf{p})\mathbf{x}_k + \Gamma(\mathbf{p})\mathbf{u}_k$$
$$\mathbf{z}_k = \mathbf{H}\mathbf{x}_k + \mathbf{n}_k$$

What if the parameter vector,  $\mathbf{p}$ , is unknown?

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## Least-Square-Error Estimates of System Parameters



Trends and higher-degree curve-fitting

Multivariate estimation

Identification of dynamic system parameters

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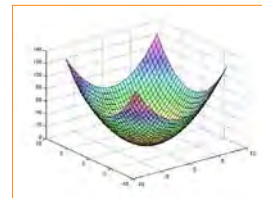
# LTI System with Unknown Parameters

$$\mathbf{x}_{k+1} = \Phi(\mathbf{p})\mathbf{x}_k + \Gamma(\mathbf{p})\mathbf{u}_k + \Lambda(\mathbf{p})\mathbf{w}_k, \quad \mathbf{x}_0 \text{ given}$$
$$\mathbf{z}_k = \mathbf{H}\mathbf{x}_k + \mathbf{n}_k, \quad k = 0, K$$

Parameters to be identified from experimental data,  $\mathbf{p}$   
Known input,  $\mathbf{u}_k$ , noisy measurements,  $\mathbf{z}_k$ , made at discrete instants of time

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## Error Cost Function for Parameter Identification



Weighted-square error of difference between measurements and model's estimates

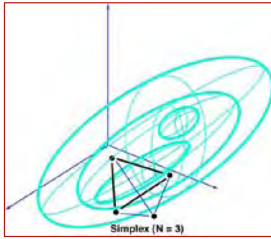
$$J = \sum_{k=0}^K \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}_k^T \mathbf{R} \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}_k = \sum_{k=0}^K [\mathbf{z}_k - \hat{\mathbf{x}}_k]^T \mathbf{R} [\mathbf{z}_k - \hat{\mathbf{x}}_k]$$

$\mathbf{z}_k$  : Measurement data set

$\hat{\mathbf{x}}_k$  : Estimate propagated by sampled-data model

$\mathbf{R}$  : Weighting matrix

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## Parameter Identification via Search

Error cost minimized by choice of  $\mathbf{p}$  and  $\mathbf{x}(0)$

$$\min_{w.r.t. \mathbf{p}, \mathbf{x}_0} J = \min_{w.r.t. \mathbf{p}, \mathbf{x}_0} \sum_{k=0}^K [\mathbf{z}_k - \hat{\mathbf{x}}_k]^T \mathbf{R} [\mathbf{z}_k - \hat{\mathbf{x}}_k]$$

using search, e.g., Genetic Algorithm,  
Nelder-Mead (Downhill Simplex) algorithm  
[MATLAB's *fminsearch*], ...

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*Extended Kalman Filter for  
Nonlinear State Estimation*

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# Extended Kalman-Bucy Filter

## Continuous-Time Nonlinear System

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{\mathbf{x}}(t) &= \mathbf{f}[\mathbf{x}(t), \mathbf{u}(t)] \\ \mathbf{z}(t) &= \mathbf{h}[\mathbf{x}(t)] + \mathbf{n}(t)\end{aligned}$$

- Propagate the state estimate using the **continuous-time nonlinear model**
- Update the state estimate using an **optimal continuous-time linear correction** in the nonlinear propagation
- Calculate optimal filter gain as in previous lecture and *OCE*

$$\dot{\hat{\mathbf{x}}}(t) = \mathbf{f}[\hat{\mathbf{x}}(t), \mathbf{u}(t)] + \mathbf{K}(t) \{ \mathbf{z}(t) - \mathbf{h}[\hat{\mathbf{x}}(t)] \}$$

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# Hybrid Extended Kalman Filter

## Numerical integration for state and covariance propagation

State Estimate (-)

$$\hat{\mathbf{x}}_k(-) = \hat{\mathbf{x}}_{k-1}(+) + \int_{t_{k-1}}^{t_k} \mathbf{f}[\hat{\mathbf{x}}(\tau), \mathbf{u}(\tau)] d\tau$$

Covariance Estimate (-)

$$\mathbf{P}_k(-)[t_k] = \mathbf{P}_{k-1}(+) + \int_{t_{k-1}}^{t_k} [\mathbf{F}(\tau)\mathbf{P}(\tau) + \mathbf{P}(\tau)\mathbf{F}^T(\tau) + \mathbf{L}(\tau)\mathbf{Q}'_c(\tau)\mathbf{L}^T(\tau)] d\tau$$

*Jacobian matrices must be calculated*

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# Hybrid Extended Kalman Filter

Incorporate measurements at discrete instants of time

Filter Gain

$$\mathbf{K}_k = \mathbf{P}_k(-) \mathbf{H}_k^T(t_k) [\mathbf{H}_k \mathbf{P}_k(-) \mathbf{H}_k^T + \mathbf{R}_{k-1}]^{-1}$$

State Estimate (+)

$$\hat{\mathbf{x}}_k(+) = \hat{\mathbf{x}}_k(-) + \mathbf{K}_k [z_k - \mathbf{H}_k \hat{\mathbf{x}}_k(-)]$$

Covariance Estimate (+)

$$\mathbf{P}_k(+) = [\mathbf{I}_n - \mathbf{K}_k \mathbf{H}_k] \mathbf{P}_k(-)$$

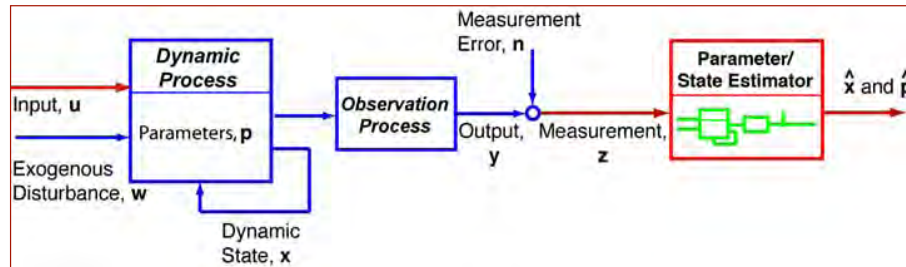
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# Parameter Identification Using an Extended Kalman-Bucy Filter

Augment state to include the parameter



Extend the dynamic model to account for the parameter

$$\begin{bmatrix} \dot{\mathbf{x}}(t) \\ \dot{\mathbf{p}}(t) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{f}_x[\mathbf{x}(t), \mathbf{p}(t), \mathbf{u}(t), \mathbf{w}_x(t)] \\ \mathbf{f}_p[\mathbf{p}(t), \mathbf{w}_p(t)] \end{bmatrix}; \quad \mathbf{z} = \mathbf{h}[\mathbf{x}(t)] + \mathbf{n}(t)$$

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## Parameter Vector Must Have a Dynamic Model

*Several alternatives*

**Unknown constant parameter:  $\mathbf{p}(t) = \text{constant}$**

$$\dot{\mathbf{p}}(t) = \mathbf{f}_p[\mathbf{p}(t), \mathbf{w}_p(t)] \triangleq \mathbf{0}; \quad \mathbf{p}(0) = \mathbf{p}_o; \quad \mathbf{P}_p(0) = \mathbf{P}_{p_o}$$

**Random parameter:  $\mathbf{p}(t) = \text{Integrated white noise}$**

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{\mathbf{p}}(t) &= \mathbf{f}_p[\mathbf{p}(t), \mathbf{w}_p(t)] \triangleq \mathbf{w}_p(t); \quad \mathbf{p}(0) = \mathbf{p}_o; \quad \mathbf{P}_p(0) = \mathbf{P}_{p_o} \\ E[\mathbf{w}_p(t)] &= \mathbf{0}; \quad E[\mathbf{w}_p(t) \mathbf{w}_p^T(\tau)] = \mathbf{Q}_p \delta(t - \tau) \end{aligned}$$

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# Dynamic Models for the Parameter Vector

Random parameter:  $p(t) =$  Integral of integrated white noise

$$\dot{\mathbf{p}}_M(t) = \begin{bmatrix} \dot{\mathbf{p}}(t) \\ \dot{\mathbf{p}}_D(t) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{I} \\ \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{p}(t) \\ \mathbf{p}_D(t) \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{w}_p(t) \end{bmatrix}$$

Parameter vector  
Parameter rate of change

Random parameter:  $p(t) =$  Double integral of integrated white noise

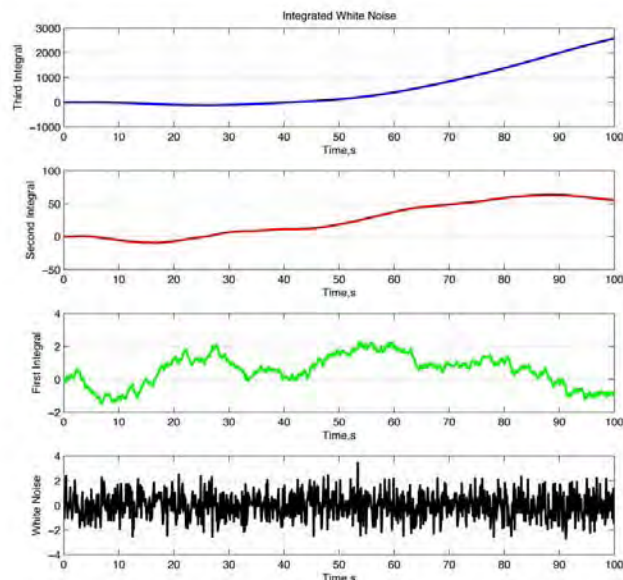
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Parameter vector  
Parameter rate of change  
Parameter acceleration

Number of parameters and derivatives to be estimated is doubled or tripled

## Integrated White Noise Models of a Parameter

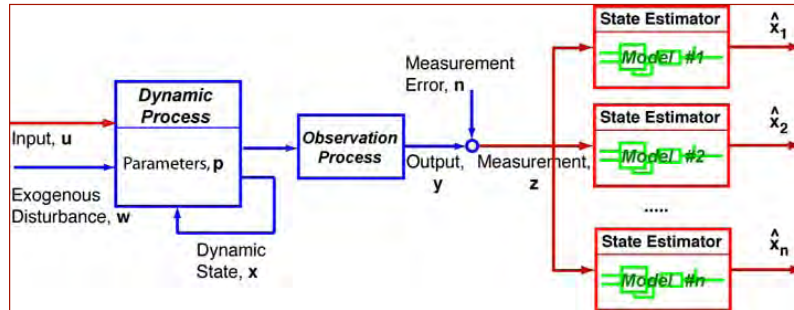
- **Third integral** models slowly varying, smooth parameter
- **Second integral** is smoother but still has fast changes
- **First integral** of white noise has abrupt jumps, valleys, and peaks
- **White noise**





# Multiple-Model Testing for System Identification

Create a **bank of Kalman Filters**, one for each hypothetical model,  $n = 1, N$



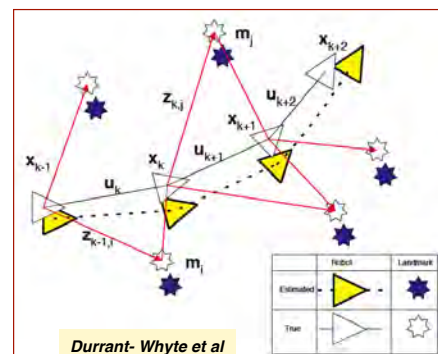
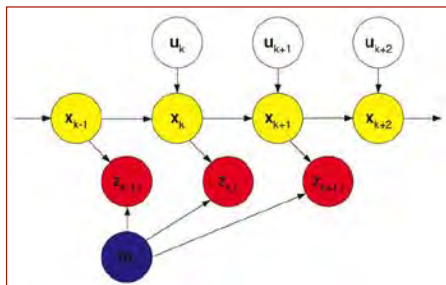
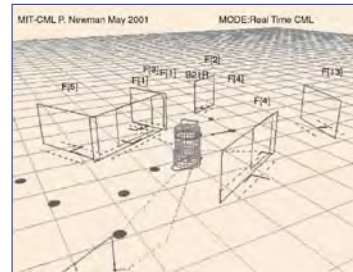
Choose model with **minimum error residual**

$$J_n = \sum_{k'=k-k_0}^k \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}_{n_{k'}}^T \mathbf{R} \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}_{n_{k'}} = \sum_{k'=k-k_0}^k \left[ \mathbf{z}_{n_{k'}} - \hat{\mathbf{x}}_{n_{k'}} \right]^T \mathbf{R} \left[ \mathbf{z}_{n_{k'}} - \hat{\mathbf{x}}_{n_{k'}} \right]$$

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## Simultaneous Location and Mapping (SLAM)

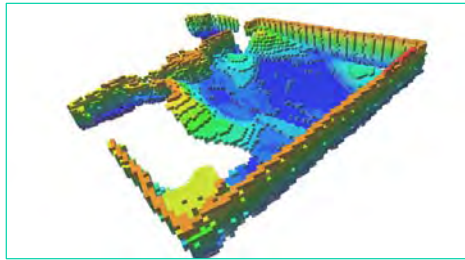
- Build or update a local map within an unknown environment
  - Stochastic map, defined by mean and covariance of many points
  - SLAM Algorithm = State estimation with **bank of extended Kalman filters**, a form of particle filter
  - Landmark and terrain tracking
  - Multi-sensor integration



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# SLAM with Ultrasound SONAR, LIDAR, or RADAR



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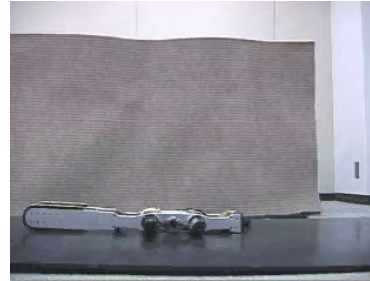
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*Adaptive Control*

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# Reinforcement (“Q”) Learning

- Learn from success and failure
- Repetitive trials
  - Reward correct behavior
  - Penalize incorrect behavior
- Learn to control from a human operator



[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Reinforcement\\_learning](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Reinforcement_learning)

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## Adaptive Control System Design

- Control logic changes to accommodate changes or unknown parameters of the plant
  - System identification to improve state estimate
  - Gain scheduling to account for environmental change
  - Adaptive Critic (Dual Heuristic Adaptive Dynamic Programming)
  - Learning systems that track performance metrics (e.g., CMAC)
  - Reinforcement learning
- Control law is nonlinear

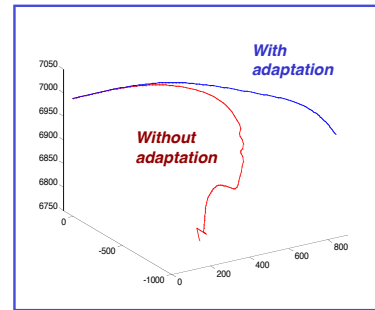
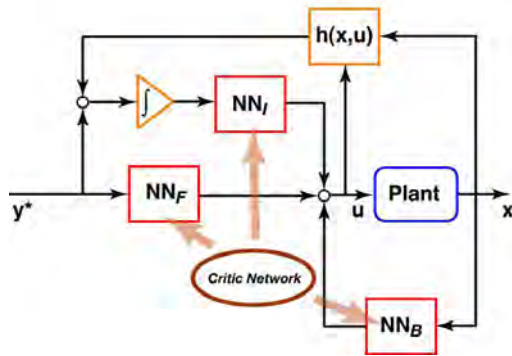
$$\mathbf{u}(t) = \mathbf{c}[\mathbf{z}(t), \mathbf{a}, \mathbf{y}^*(t)]$$

$\mathbf{c}[\bullet]$ : Control law  
 $\mathbf{x}(t)$ : State  
 $\mathbf{z}[\mathbf{x}(t)]$ : Measurement of state  
 $\mathbf{a}$ : Control law parameters  
 $\mathbf{y}^*(t)$ : Command input

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# Adaptive Critic Neural Network Controller

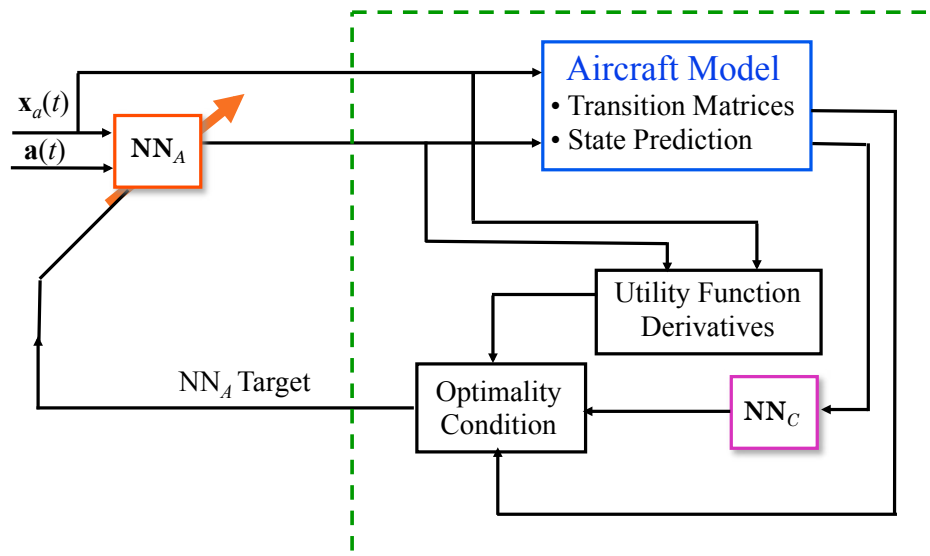


- On-line adaptive critic controller
  - Replace gain matrices by neural networks (*see Lecture 19*)
  - Nonlinear control law implemented as “**action network**”
  - Performance and control usage evaluated via “**critic network**”
  - Control network weights adapted to improve performance
  - Cost model adapted to improve critique

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## Action Network On-line Training

Train **action network**, at time  $t$ , holding the critic parameters fixed

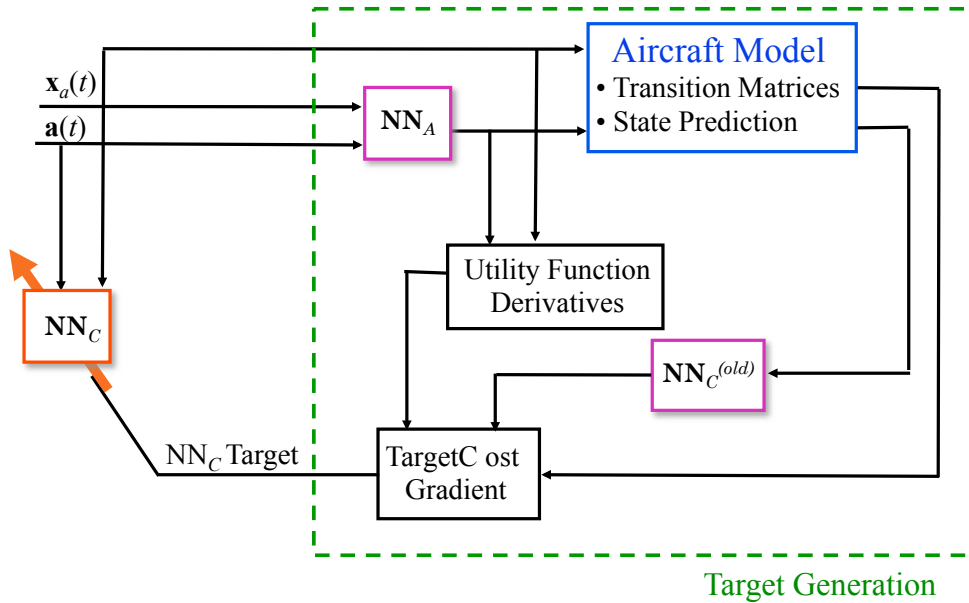


Target Generation

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# Critic Network On-line Training

Train **critic network**, at time  $t$ , holding the action parameters fixed



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## Real-Time Implementation of Rule-Based Control System



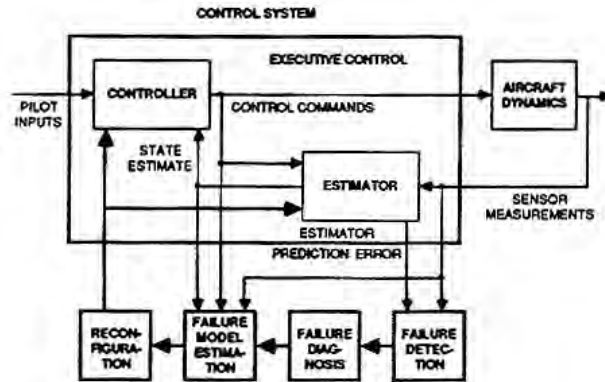
Control system knowledge-base contents

Task	Parameters	Rules	Major subtasks
Executive control	18	23	Kalman filter and linear-quadratic regulator
Failure detection	9	15	Normalized innovations monitor
Failure diagnosis	135	147	Signal dependency search
Failure model estimation	15	23	Multiple-model algorithm
Reconfiguration	32	39	Weighted left pseudoinverse

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# Rule-Based Control System

(Handelman and Stengel, 1989)

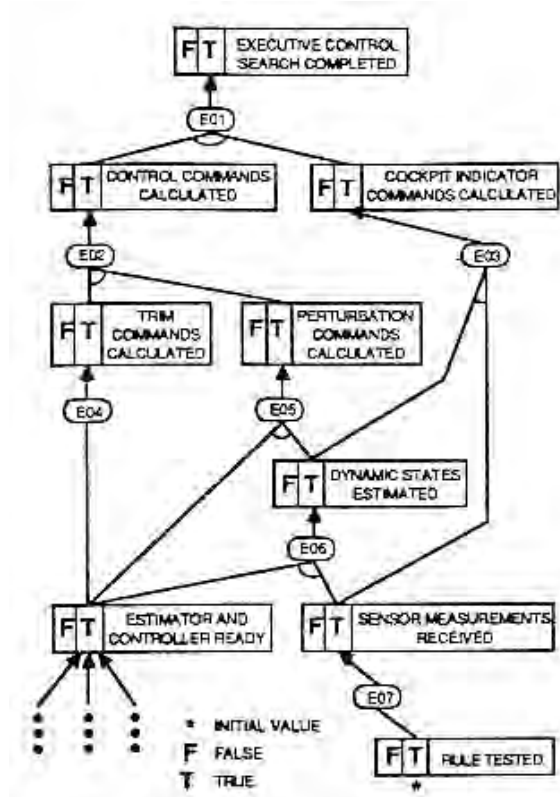


**Application:** Failure-tolerant flight control for *CH-47 Chinook* helicopter

Control is a side effect from expert system perspective

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## Rule-Based Control Logic



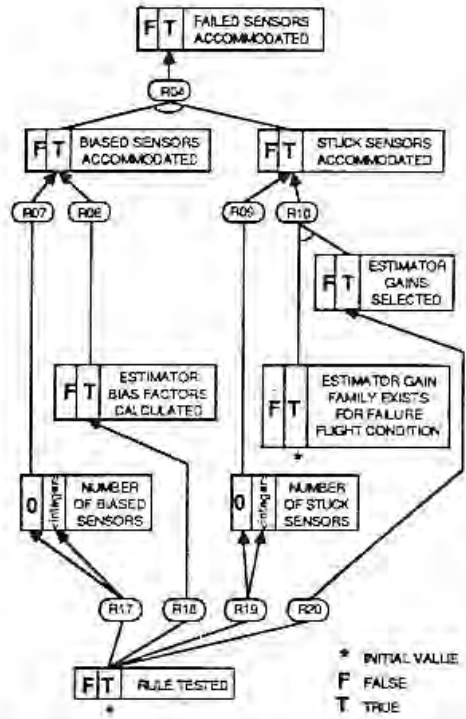
- Search until root node is solved
  - Initiates lower-level functions to declare leaf node is TRUE

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# Rule-Based Reconfiguration Logic

## Example of a Failure-Diagnosis Rule

**Rule-141:**  
 IF control failure candidates are determined  
 AND forward collective pitch control is a candidate  
 AND the largest element of the normalized innovations rms is pitch rate  
 AND the ratio of pitch rate (rad/s) to vertical velocity (m/s) normalized innovations rms is within 10% of 6.01  
 THEN hypothesize forward collective pitch control stuck at  
 sign (pitch rate innovations average) × [(35.8 × pitch rate innovations rms) - 1.48] cm at (-2.85 × pitch rate innovations rms) + 0.890 s prior to failure detection



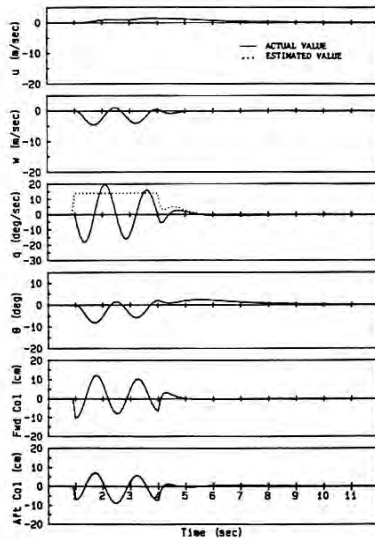
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# Failure Response

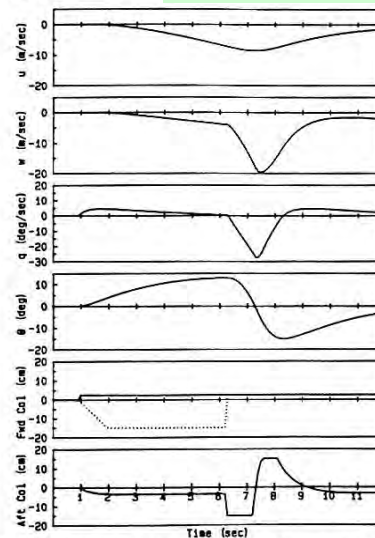
## Response to Stuck Pitch-Rate Sensor

1.0	FAILURE TIME	1.0
1.2	FAILURE DETECTED TIME	1.8
1.9	FAILURE DIAGNOSED TIME	2.4
3.8	FAILURE MODEL ESTIMATED TIME	6.0
4.0	RECONFIGURATION IMPLEMENTED TIME	6.2

## Response to Stuck Forward-Collective Pitch Actuator



a) Pitch rate sensor stuck 14 deg/s from nominal



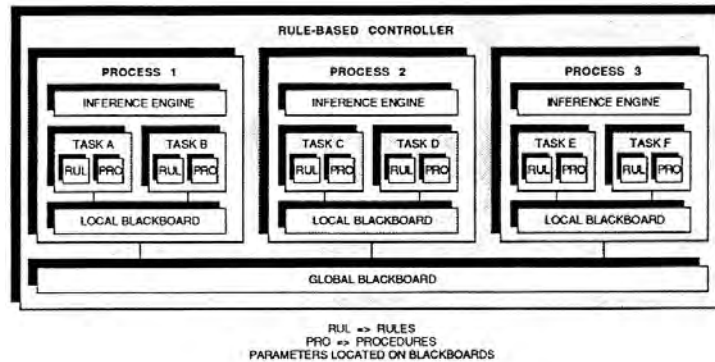
b) Forward collective pitch control stuck 2.5 cm from nominal (controls saturate at ±15 cm)

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# Real-Time Implementation of Rule-Based Control System

- Original code written in **LISP**
- Automatic procedural code generation (**LISP** to **Pascal**)
- **Real-time execution** on three **i386** processors in **Multibus™** architecture
- External PC used for code development, testing, and helicopter simulation



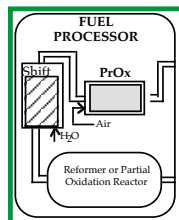
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*Next Time:  
Task Planning and Multi-  
Agent Systems*

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# Supplementary Material

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## Preferential Oxidizer (PrOx)

- **Proton-Exchange Membrane Fuel Cell** converts hydrogen and oxygen to water and electrical power
- **Steam Reformer/Partial Oxidizer-Shift Reactor** converts fuel (e.g., alcohol or gasoline) to  $H_2$ ,  $CO_2$ ,  $H_2O$ , and  $CO$ . Fuel flow rate is proportional to power demand
- $CO$  “**poisons**” the fuel cell and must be removed from the reformat
- **Catalyst** promotes oxidation of  $CO$  to  $CO_2$  over oxidation of  $H_2$  in a Preferential Oxidizer (PrOx)
- **PrOx reactions** are nonlinear functions of catalyst, reformat composition, temperature, and air flow

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# Reinforcement (“Q”) Learning Control of a Markov Process

- **Q: Quality of a state-action function**
- **Heuristic value function**
- **One-step philosophy** for heuristic optimization

$$Q[\mathbf{x}(t_{k+1}), \mathbf{u}(t_{k+1})] = Q[\mathbf{x}(t_k), \mathbf{u}(t_k)] + \alpha(t_k) \left\{ \left[ L_{\mathbf{u}(t_k)}[\mathbf{x}(t_k)] + \gamma(t_k) \max_{\mathbf{u}} Q[\mathbf{x}(t_{k+1}), \mathbf{u}] \right] - Q[\mathbf{x}(t_k), \mathbf{u}(t_k)] \right\}$$

$\alpha(t_k)$ : learning rate,  $0 < \alpha(t_k) < 1$

- Various algorithms for computing best control value

$$\mathbf{u}_{best}(t_k) = \arg \max_{\mathbf{u}} Q[\mathbf{x}(t_k), \mathbf{u}]$$

## Q-Learning Snail

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UbwIPDaMlvY>

## Q-Learning, Ball on Plate

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=04MLqINZwHY&feature=related> <sup>37</sup>

# Q Learning Control of a Markov Process is Analogous to LQG Control in the LTI Case

$$Q[\mathbf{x}(t_{k+1}), \mathbf{u}(t_{k+1})] = Q[\mathbf{x}(t_k), \mathbf{u}(t_k)] + \alpha(t_k) \left\{ \left[ L_{\mathbf{u}(t_k)}[\mathbf{x}(t_k)] + \gamma(t_k) \max_{\mathbf{u}} Q[\mathbf{x}(t_{k+1}), \mathbf{u}] \right] - Q[\mathbf{x}(t_k), \mathbf{u}(t_k)] \right\}$$

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**Controller**

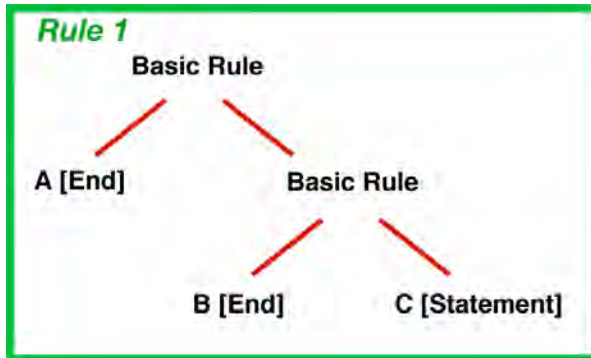
$$\mathbf{x}_{k+1} = \Phi \mathbf{x}_k + \Gamma \mathbf{C} (\hat{\mathbf{x}}_k - \mathbf{x}_k^*)$$

**Estimator**

$$\hat{\mathbf{x}}_k = \Phi \hat{\mathbf{x}}_{k-1} - \Gamma \mathbf{C} (\hat{\mathbf{x}}_{k-1} - \mathbf{x}_{k-1}^*) + \mathbf{K} \left\{ \mathbf{z}_k - \mathbf{H}_x \left[ \Phi \hat{\mathbf{x}}_{k-1} - \Gamma \mathbf{C} (\hat{\mathbf{x}}_{k-1} - \mathbf{x}_{k-1}^*) \right] \right\}$$

# More on Rules

- Example of a pre-formed compound rule



Rule1    Rule1(A,B,C)  
A  
B  
C

- Once rule is defined, it has a fixed, ordered **frame** or **argument list**

- **Side effects**: Actions triggered by inference
  - If A = TRUE, ... **but what is A?**
  - Execute a function to find out, and return to the rule
  - ... then B = C, ... **but what is C?**
  - Execute a function ...