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**New Perspectives for Research in Fault  
Tolerant Control**

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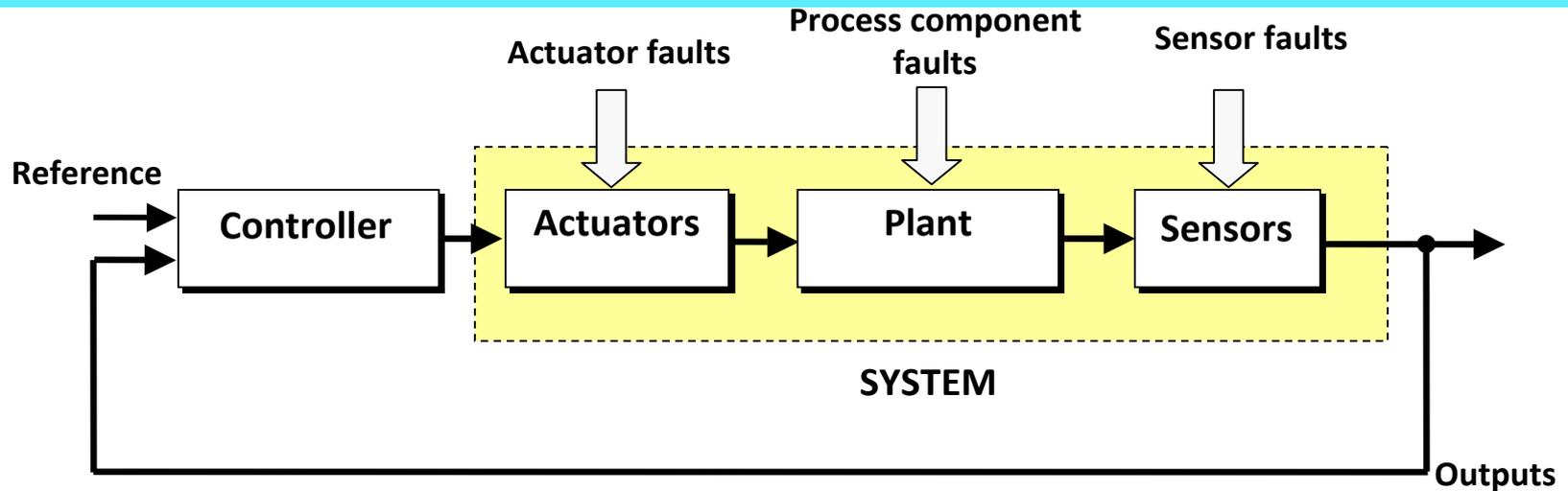
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- The FTC Story
- New Perspectives in FTC
- Concluding Discussion

# THE FTC STORY



## Objective of Fault Tolerant Control:

Joint optimization of stability and *admissible* performance

Subject to bounded faults, complexity and modelling uncertainty!

A topic with increasing interest at major international conferences of IFAC, IEEE, AIAA, etc (CDC, ACC, IFAC *Safeprocess* (1991-2009), *Systol* (2010), IFAC World Congress, AIAA Guidance, Navigation and Control,.....).

# THE FTC STORY

## CLASSIFICATION OF FTC SYSTEMS

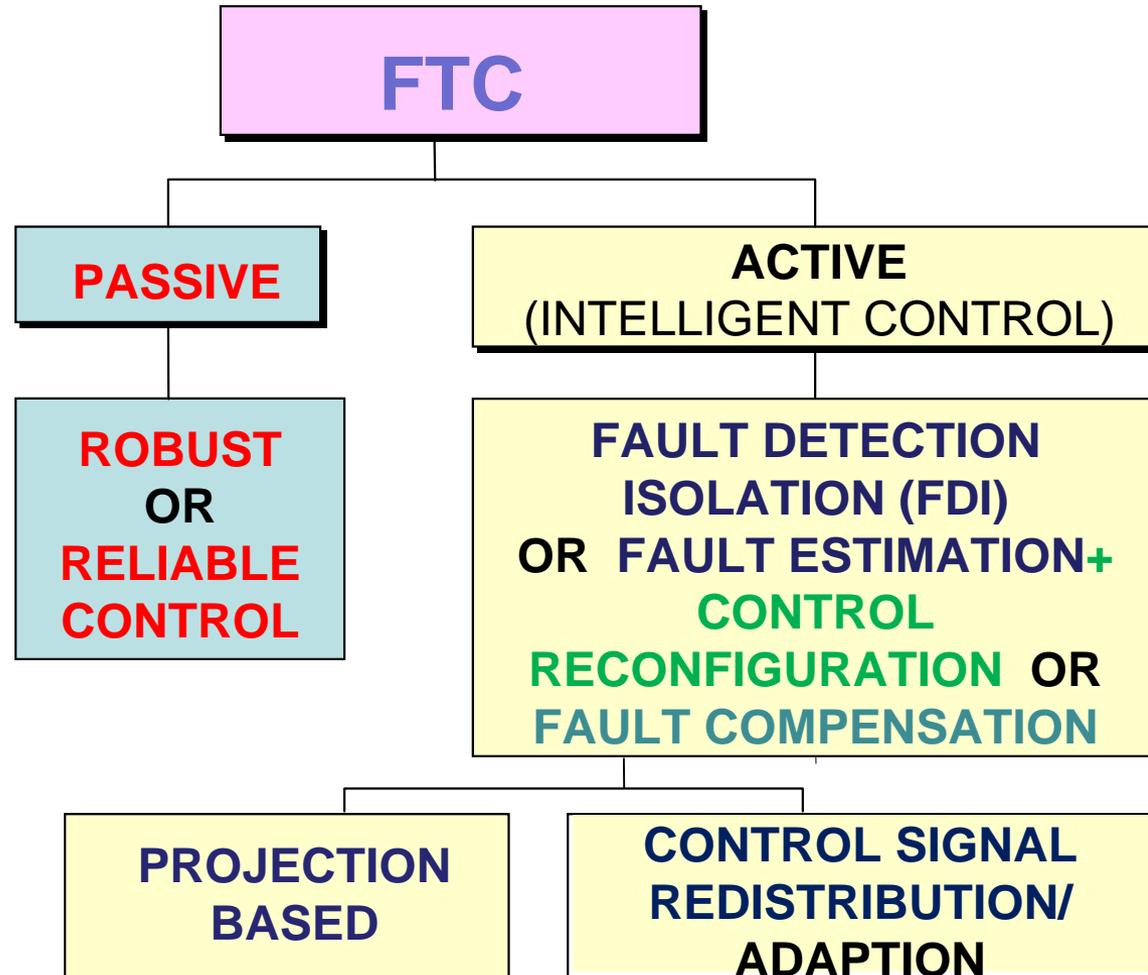
Several surveys and a good book to help....

Patton. (2007). Fault-tolerant control: The 1997 situation

Blanke, Frei, Kraus, Patton, & Staroswiecki. (2000), What is Fault-tolerant control?

Blanke, Kinnaert, Lunze J & Staroswiecki. (2003, 2006). "Diagnosis and Fault-Tolerant Control".

and numerous other papers!



# THE FTC STORY

## Active FTC

**PROJECTION  
BASED**

**Mutiple-model Switching  
Interacting Multiple-Model  
(IMM)  
Gain-Scheduling,  
MPC, etc**

**CONTROL SIGNAL  
REDISTRIBUTION/  
ADAPTION**

**Fault Compensation,  
MRAC,  
Control Allocation,  
Feedback Linearisation,  
LPV,  
Backstepping**

# THE FTC STORY

In the early years FTC developed as an aerospace topic, focused mainly on projects at NASA and in the USA, motivated by advanced aircraft that could be “control configured” through a high degree of flight surface redundancy.

The research led to well known flight control benchmark – the HiMAT which considers the longitudinal dynamics of an advanced fighter that was flight tested in 1970s.

**Model has two actuator inputs:**  
**Elevons and canards flaps.**

**Vehicle equipped with two sensors that measure angle of attack and pitch angle.**

**Control objective:**

To realize a vertical translation on flight. Pitch angle is maintained constant whereas the angle of attack varies. **Fault scenario consists of an abnormal constant gain variation of 20% in the elevon actuator.**



Dryden Flight Research Center EC80-14281 Photographed 1980  
HiMat



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## Traditional Reconfigurable Flight Control

**Feedback linearisation:** Lane & Stengel [1988], Ochi *et al* [1991]

**Pseudo-inverse methods:** Ostroff [1985]; Gao and Antsaklis [1990, 1991]

**Adaptive control:** Åström [1991, 1996], Ioannou, [1996],...

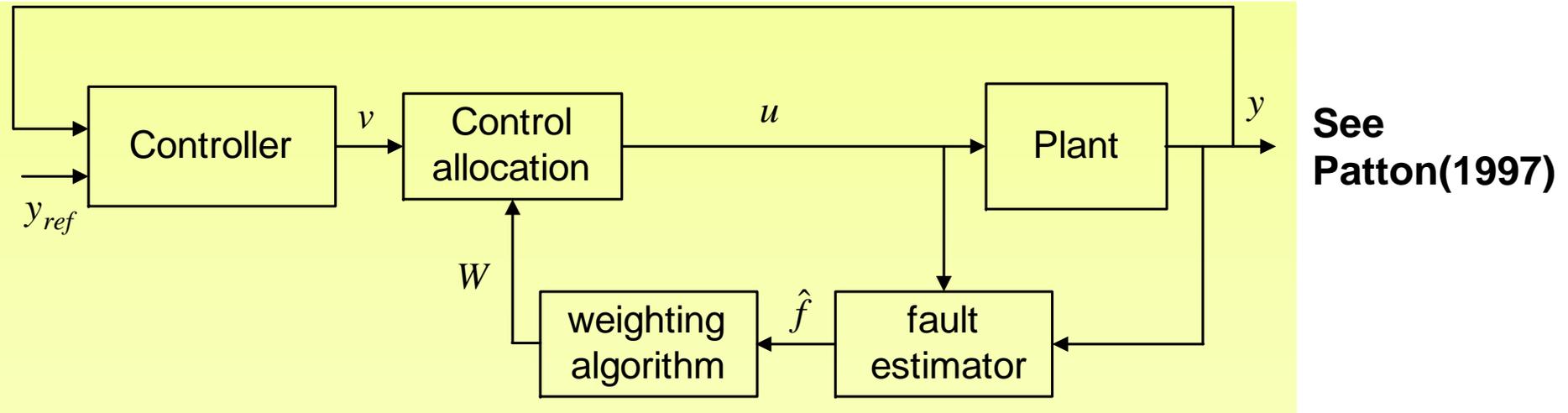
**Model-following:** Huang & Stengel [1990]; Morse & Ossman [1990];  
Mariton *et al*, [1990]; Jiang [1994]

**And...Restructurable Control:**

**Control Allocation:** Huang & Stengel [1990]; Morse & Ossman [1990];  
Mariton *et al*, [1990]; Jiang [1994],.....Patton (1997)

# THE FTC STORY

The control allocation problem - also known as “Restructurable Control”



## CONTROL ALLOCATION DEPENDS ON EFFECTIVENESS OF ACTUATORS

Information to compute  $W$  on-line comes from fault estimation/reconstruction or by using comparison of actual actuator deflection compared with demand.

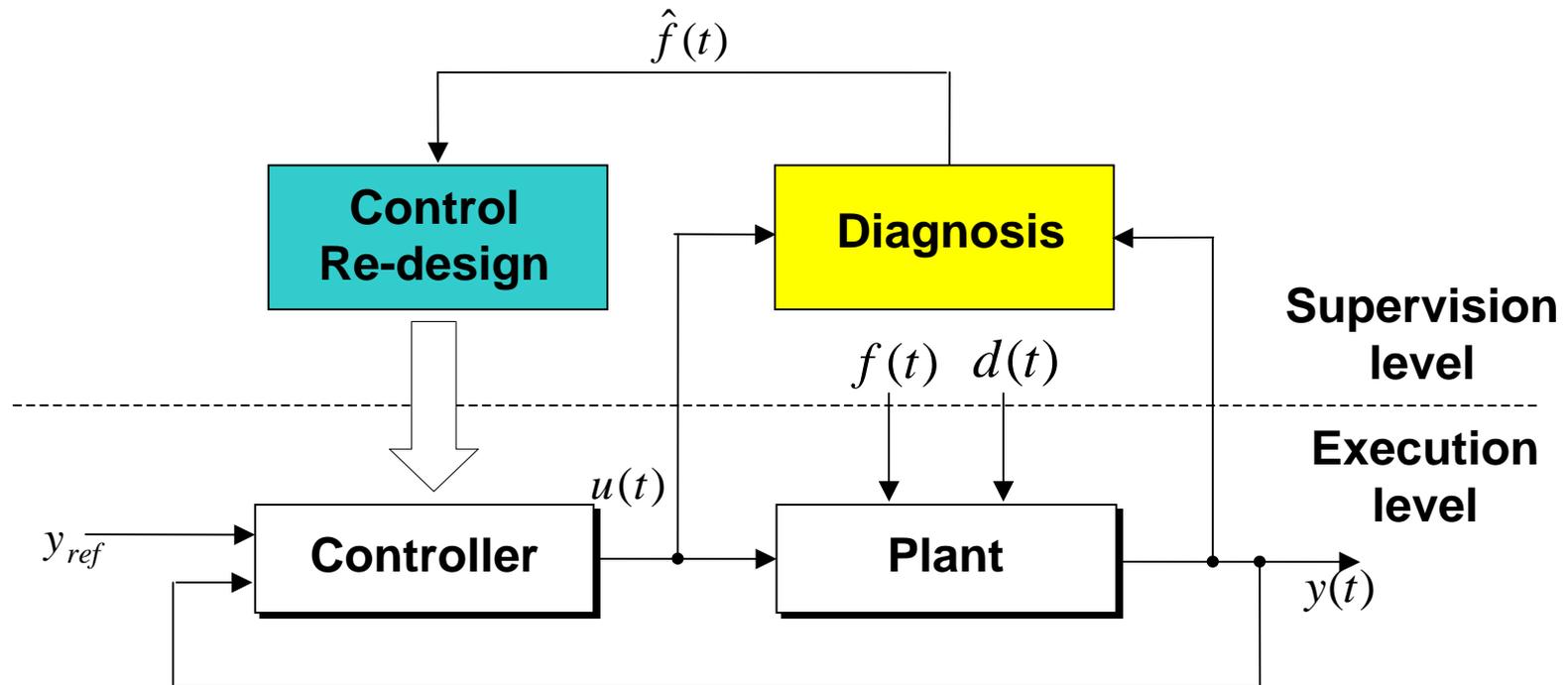
In event of total failure in  $i^{\text{th}}$  actuator ,  $W^{-1}$  becomes very large and  $u_i(t)$  is re-routed to other actuators, depending on available redundancy.

Separating of control law from CA task fits well with “feedback linearisation” and “backstepping” which employ intermediate “virtual” control signals.

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## THE NEED FOR FTC ARCHITECTURES

In early years, architectures were not described very much.



Basic Architecture of FTC (Blanke et al, 2003, 2006)

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## Passive FTC

Robust control ensures closed-loop system remains insensitive to certain faults via constant controller parameters, **without on-line fault information** (Eterno *et al.*, 1985).

*Impaired* system continues to operate with same controller and system structure.

**Objective: To recover original system performance.**

Effectiveness depends on robustness of nominal (fault-free) closed-loop system.

**System made “robust” to faults, assuming restrictive repertoire of likely faults (usually one!) and way(s) in which they affect control function. Suitable in restricted cases, for small fault effects in the system.**

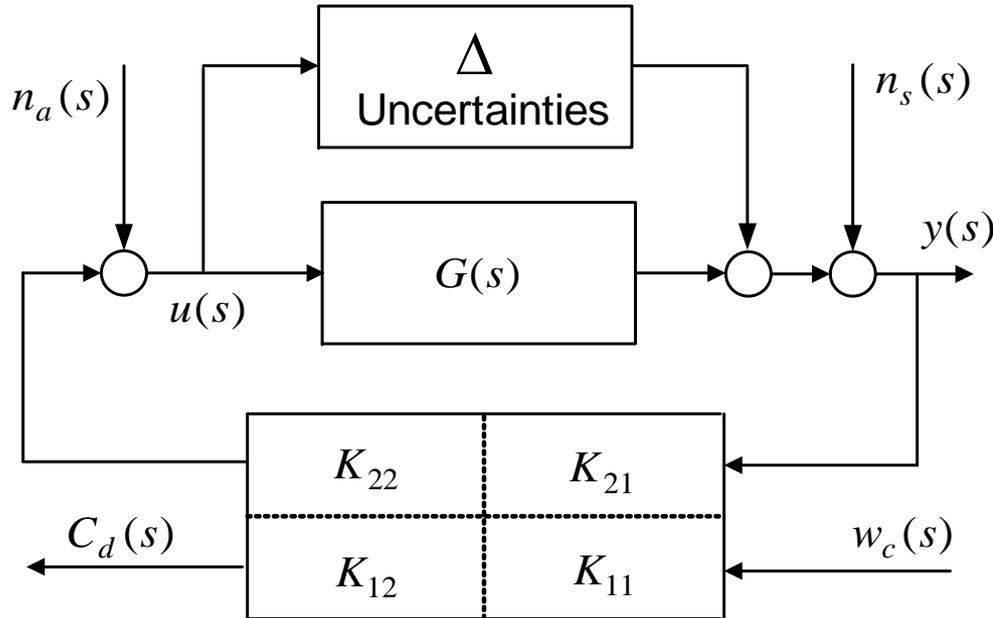
**Related topic: *Reliable control* (Birdwell *et al.*, 1986; Veillette *et al.*, 1992).**

**Robust design strategy that seeks to maintain constant controller design under certain “loop failures”.**

**System over-designed, use available functional redundancy so that closed-loop behaviour is optimal when sensor signal is removed via “inferred measurements” (analytical redundancy), generating estimates of dissimilar quantities using available (healthy measurements).**

# THE FTC STORY

$n_a = f_a + \partial_a$     **The 4-parameter controller**



$$n_s = f_s + \partial_{sa}$$

**USES "INTERNAL MODEL CONTROL"**

**STRUCTURE**

$$C_d(s) = [K_{11} \quad K_{12}] \begin{pmatrix} \omega_c(s) \\ y(s) \end{pmatrix}$$

estimated fault/diagnosis signal

$$U(s) = [K_{21} \quad K_{22}] \begin{pmatrix} \omega_c(s) \\ y(s) \end{pmatrix}$$

estimated control signal

# THE FTC STORY

## The 4-parameter controller

*H<sub>∞</sub> used to achieve:*

1. Plant o/p signal  $y(s)$  tracks Ref commands & insensitive to actuator faults
2. Diagnostic o/p signal tracks actuator faults

**1 & 2 hold in presence of bounded uncertainties**

### DISADVANTAGES:

- a) Bilateral coupling between controller and fault estimation (or FDI) robustness [see Patton (1997)]
- b) “worst case” bounding in  $H_{\infty}$  gives “conservative” results
- c) No guarantees for performance & stability
- d) Structure only holds for actuator faults
- e) No simple ways to “balance degrees of freedom”

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## The 4-parameter controller

***Tyler et al. (1994), Murad et al. (1996), Niemann et al. (1997) and Stourstrup et al. (1997) presented further results on robust design approaches to integrated control and fault estimation based on 4 parameter controller.***

Tyler and Morari (1994) showed that the 4-parameter controller fits to the Youla-Bongiorno-Kucera parameterization of all stabilising controllers and this stimulated further research until 1997!

# THE FTC STORY

## Argument against 4-parameter approach

**Advantage of separate fault diagnosis and robust control designs is that their separate robustness problems can be Optimised.**

**Controller affects the robustness of fault detection and isolation, But “open-loop” approach to fault diagnosis does not in any way affect the controller design.**

**Hence, by separate designs of controller & diagnosis functions, degrees of freedom in controller design are not compromised.**

**(Patton, 1997)**

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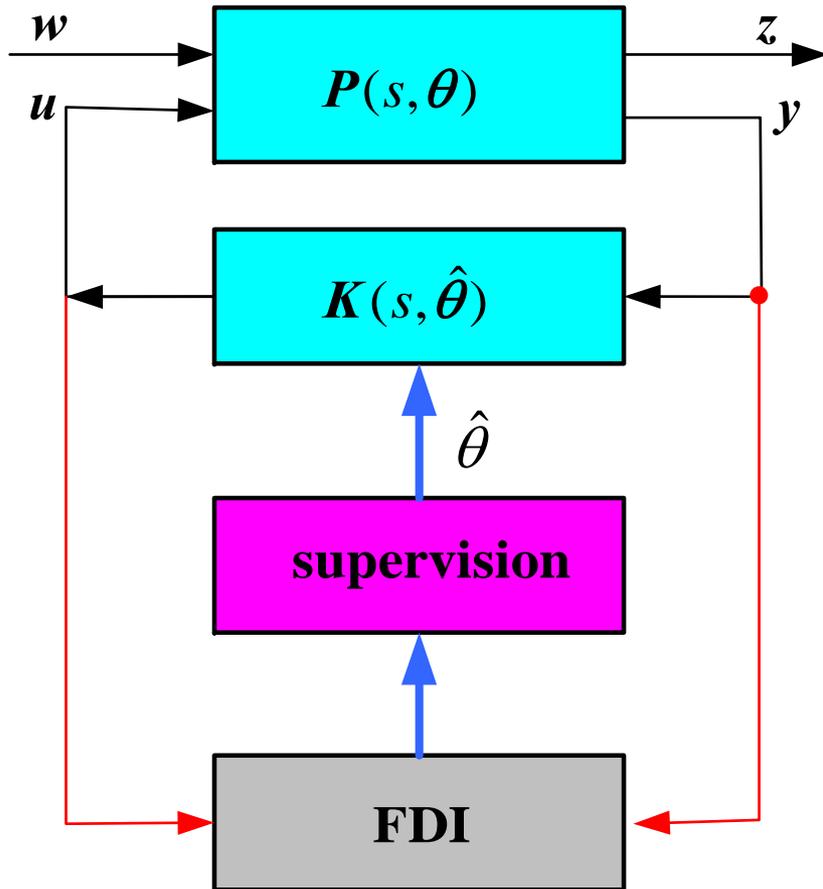
## Active FTC

### ESSENTIAL COMPONENTS

- **Fault Detection and Isolation (FDI) or fault estimation**
- **Robust Baseline (Nominal) Controller**
- **Reconfigurable, Restructurable or Adaptive (Accommodating) Control**
- **Supervision**

# THE FTC STORY

## Active FTC scheme



$P(s, \theta)$  is generalized plant which includes all weighting functions

$K(s, \hat{\theta})$  is self-scheduled controller to be designed

$\theta$  is the *fault effect factors* estimated on-line using a suitable robust FDI mechanism.

**Controller design must satisfy:**

**Bounds on uncertainties & faults, stability & admissible model-matching**

# NEW PERSPECTIVES

**Around 2000-2003 a lot of “navel-contemplating”!**

→ **Investigators wondering, where we are coming from, where we are going and really what IS FTC?**

→ **Several papers and a book giving “FTC definitions”**

Blanke, Frei, Kraus, Patton & Staroswiecki (2000),

Blanke, Staroswiecki & Wu (2001)

Stoustrup & Niemann (2001)

Zhou and Ren (2002)

Campos-Delgado & Zhou (2003)

Blanke, Kinnaert, Lunze J & Staroswiecki, (2003, 2006),  
*“Diagnosis and Fault-Tolerant Control”.*

# NEW PERSPECTIVES

## In 2000s decade – Developing themes

Research on Suitable FTC Architectures

Internal Model-based FTC

Multi-objective optimization of joint control, reconfiguration and FDI/fault estimation robustness

Robust Control Allocation schemes:

- Sliding mode, pseudo-inverse modelling, etc.

# NEW PERSPECTIVES

## Architectures.....

### Gen. Internal Model Control with general uncertain plant

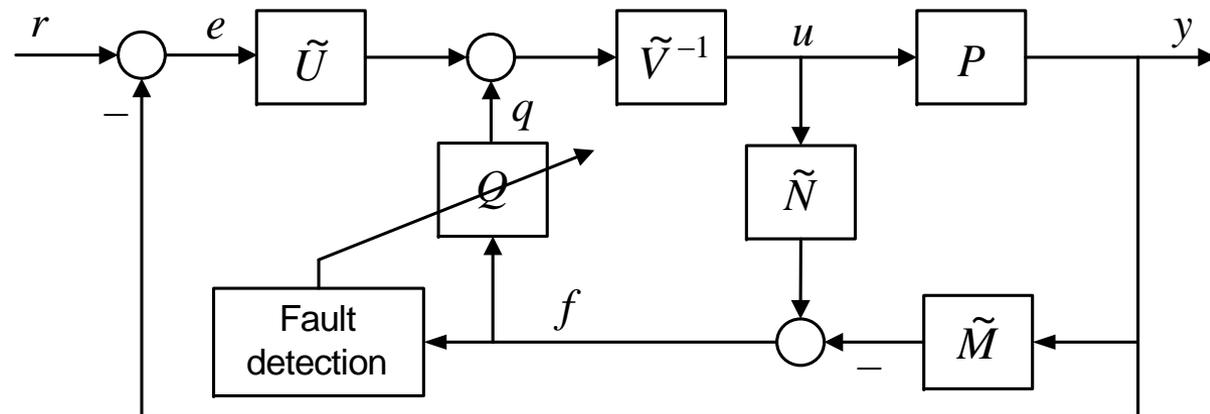
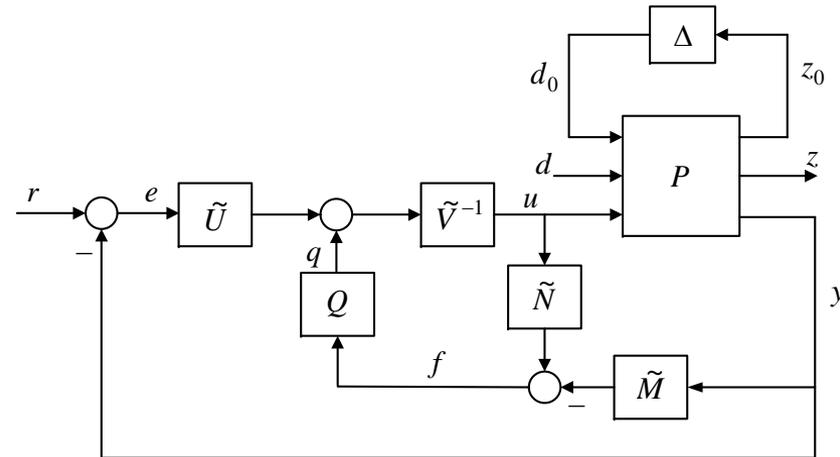
**FTC in two parts: Nominal performance controller and Robustness controller, and works in such way that when a fault is detected controller structure is reconfigured by adding robustness loop to compensate the fault.**

Zhou K and Ren Z, (2001),  
Reconfigurable control using  
GIMC structure, IEEE Trans. AC.  
48(5), 832-838

See later papers by:

Niemann (2003, 2005, 2006,  
2009, 2010)

Change from high  
performance to "Safe mode  
controller" (Systol'10)



**A fault-tolerant control scheme**

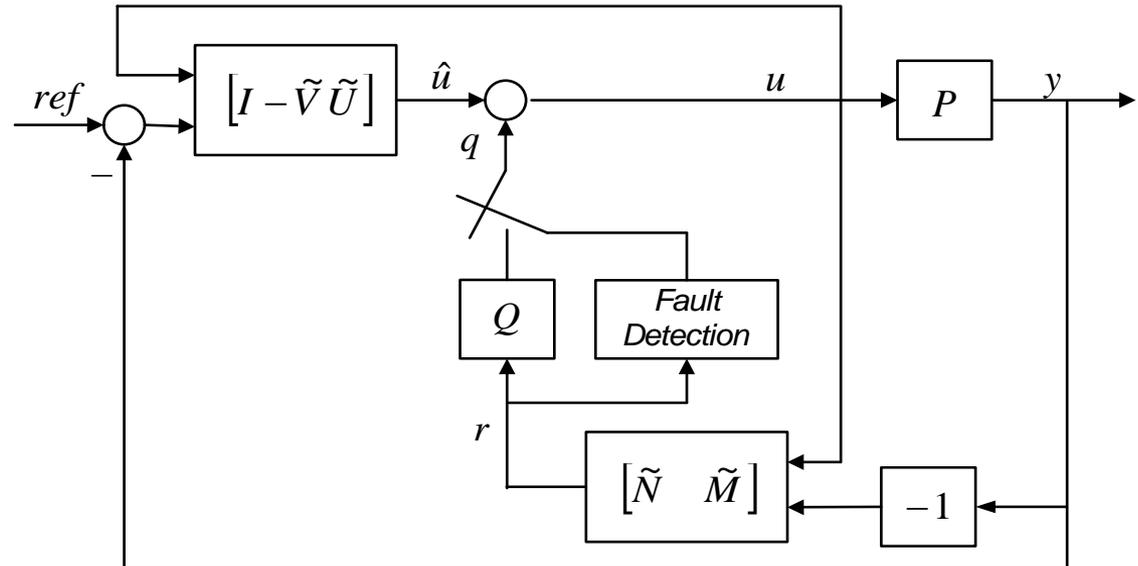
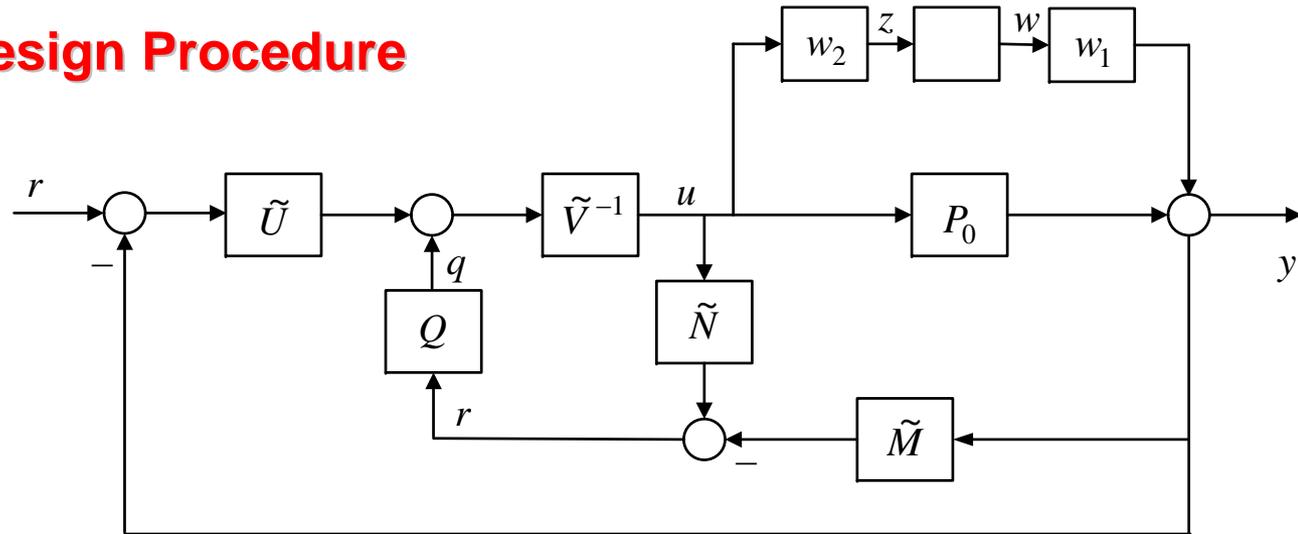


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## GIMC FTC Design Procedure

**GIMC Architecture with Uncertain Plant**

Delgado C & Zhou K, (2002), Reconfigurable control using GIMC structure, IEEE Trans. AC. 48(10), 1613-1618



**GIMC structure with fault detector**

# NEW PERSPECTIVES

## Pseudo-Inverse Modelling Methods:

Caglayan, 1988; Huber, 1984; Ostroff, 1985; Rattan, 1985; Razza & Silverthorn, 1985; Gao & Antsaklis, 1990; Staroswiecki, 2005

**Challenge Ostroff (1985):** Minimise difference between “faulty” and “nominal” closed-loop linear systems, determining the appropriate gain:

**Model-matching Problem.**

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{x}(t) &= Ax(t) + BKx(t); K \in R^{m \times n} \\ y &= Cx(t)\end{aligned}$$

**Nominal model**

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{x}_f(t) &= Ax_f(t) + BK_f x_f(t) \\ y_f &= C_f x_f(t)\end{aligned}$$

**Faulty model**

# NEW PERSPECTIVES

## Aims of PIM/MPIM..model-matching

- a) Maintain as much simplicity as possible in controller design,
- b) Reconfigured system made to approximate nominal system {OR reference model} closely, and
- c) Provide graceful performance degradation, subsequent to a fault.

### Challenges, to satisfy:

Stability constraints: Gao & Antsaklis (1991)

“Admissible model-matching”: Staroswiecki (2005a, 2005b)—“family of behaviours”

Robustness to uncertainty via so-called  $D_R$  –regions via LMI constraints:

Tornil-Sin, Theilliol, Ponsart and Puig (2010)

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**Minimise Frobenius norm of the difference  
Between the closed-loop matrices:**

$$\min J = \left\| (A + BK - A_f - B_f K_f) \right\|_F^2 \quad \text{s.t.} \quad \text{Im}(B_f K_f) \subseteq \text{Im}(B_f)$$
$$\rightarrow K_f = B_f^+ (A - A_f + BK)$$

**Stability? Performance?**

**Staroswiecki (2005a) {MPIM}** showed an **improvement** can be determined by using reference model with “**Admissible model-matching**”:

$$\dot{x}_r(t) = M^* x_r(t) + N^* e(t)$$

$$\min J_1 = \left\| (A_f - B_f K_f - M^*) \right\|_F^2 \quad \min J_2 = \left\| (I - B_f B_f^+) N^* \right\|_F^2$$

s. t. stability constraint from Gao & Antsaklis (1991)

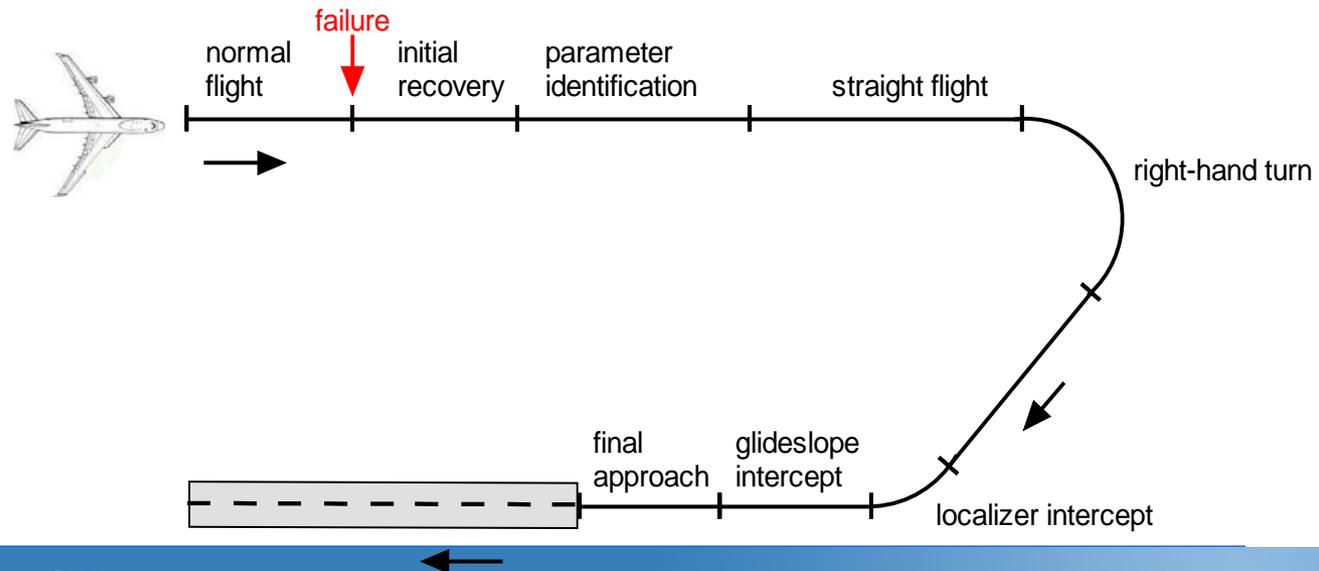
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## Reconfiguration via Sliding Mode Control

**Adaptive SMC** - *Demirci & Kerestecioglu, 2005:*

Fault distribution matrix used to switch corrective or “equivalent control” part of SMC in adaptive way. Objective is to control MIMO system under nominal operation as well as in case of faults/

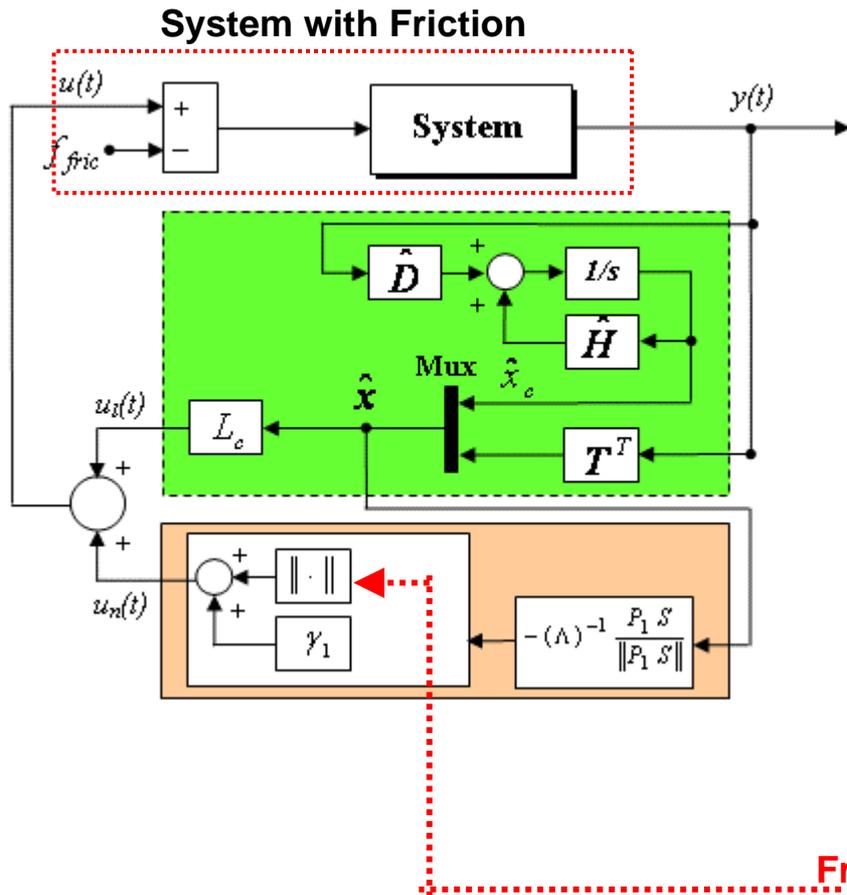
**Control Allocation via SMC (Garteur AG16):** *Edwards, Alwi & Tan (Systol'10)*



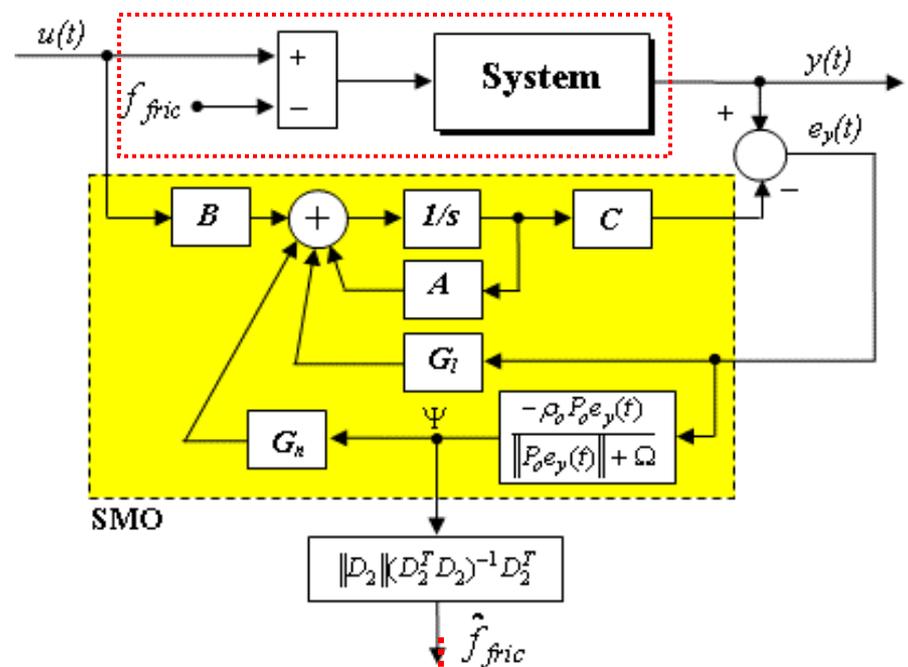
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## Sliding Fault Estimation Compensation/Accommodation

### Controller with friction compensation



### Robust observer & friction estimator



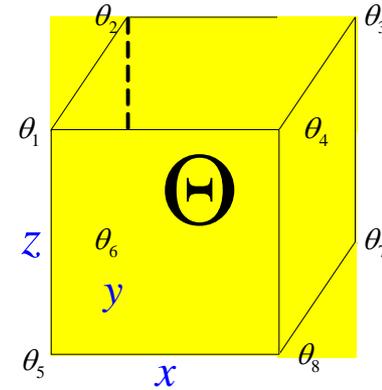
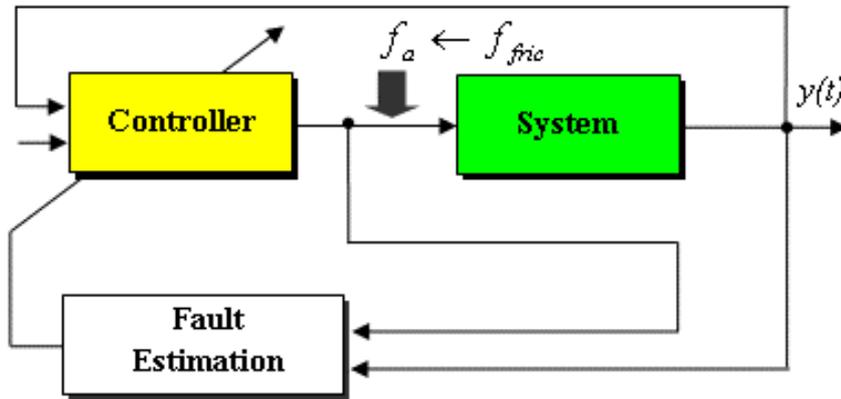
Friction estimate

Patton et al, 2010

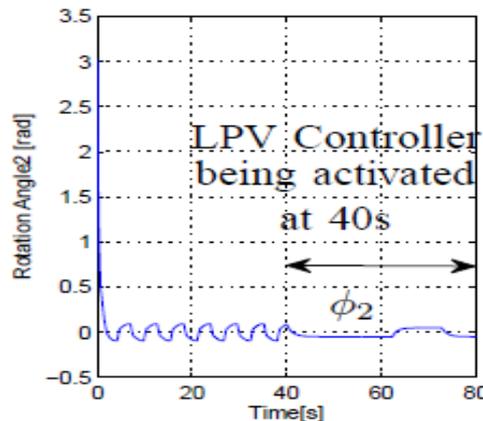
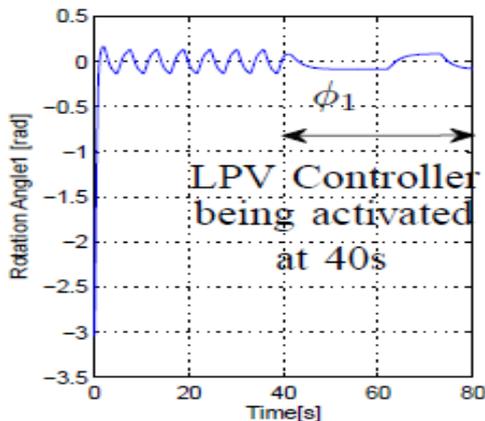
# NEW PERSPECTIVES

## Linear Parameter Varying Estimation and Control – for FTC

Chen L & Patton, Systol'10



$$\theta(t) \in \Theta := Co\{\theta_1, \theta_2, \dots, \theta_r\}$$



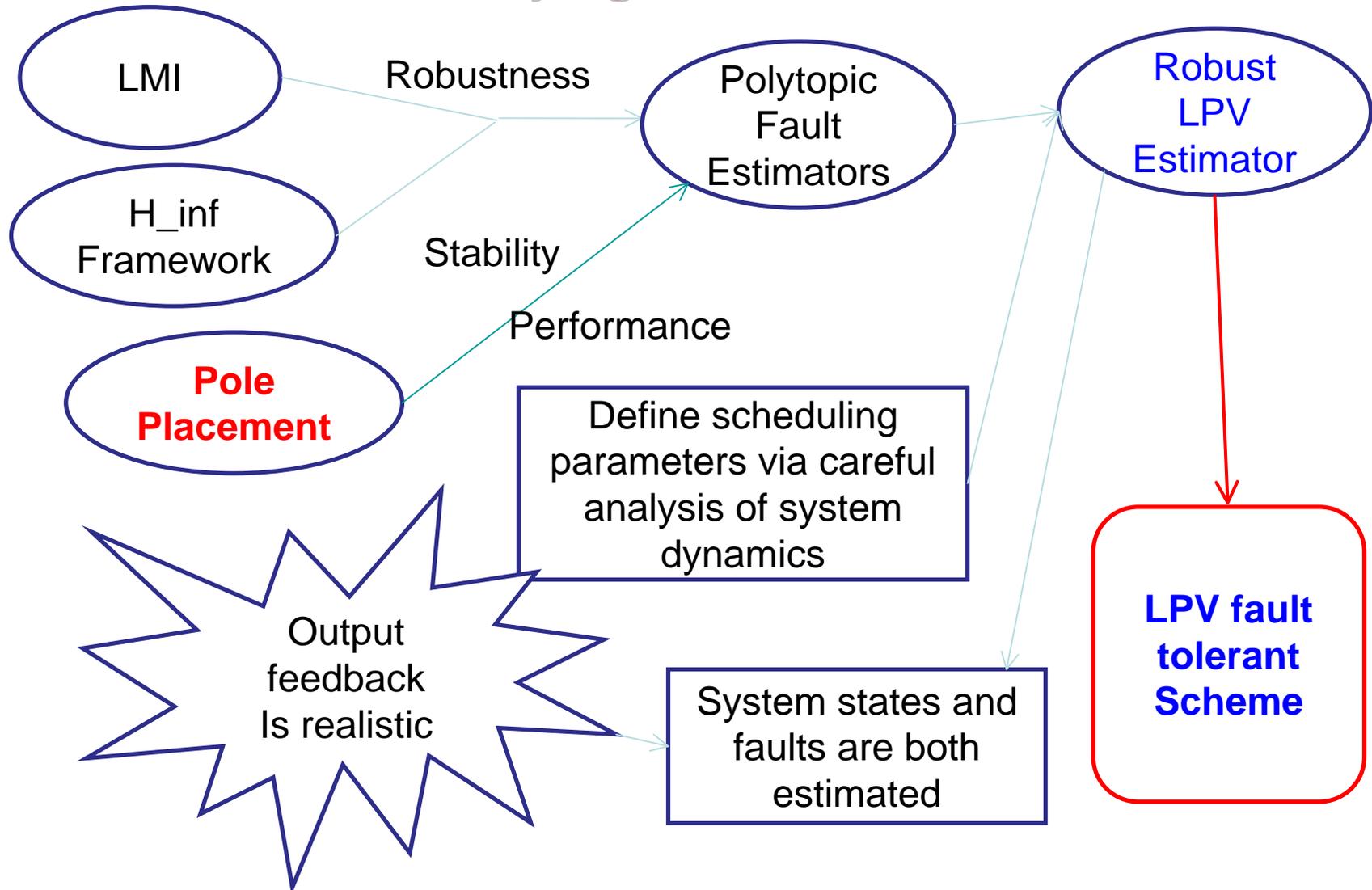
$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \alpha^i_p \geq 0, \\ \sum_{i=1}^r \alpha^i_o = 1 \end{array} \right\}$$

**Friction compensation in robot system as an FTC problem**

See also: “LPV AMM...” Oca, Puig, Theilliol & Tornil-Sin: MED’09

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## Linear Parameter Varying Estimation and Control – for FTC



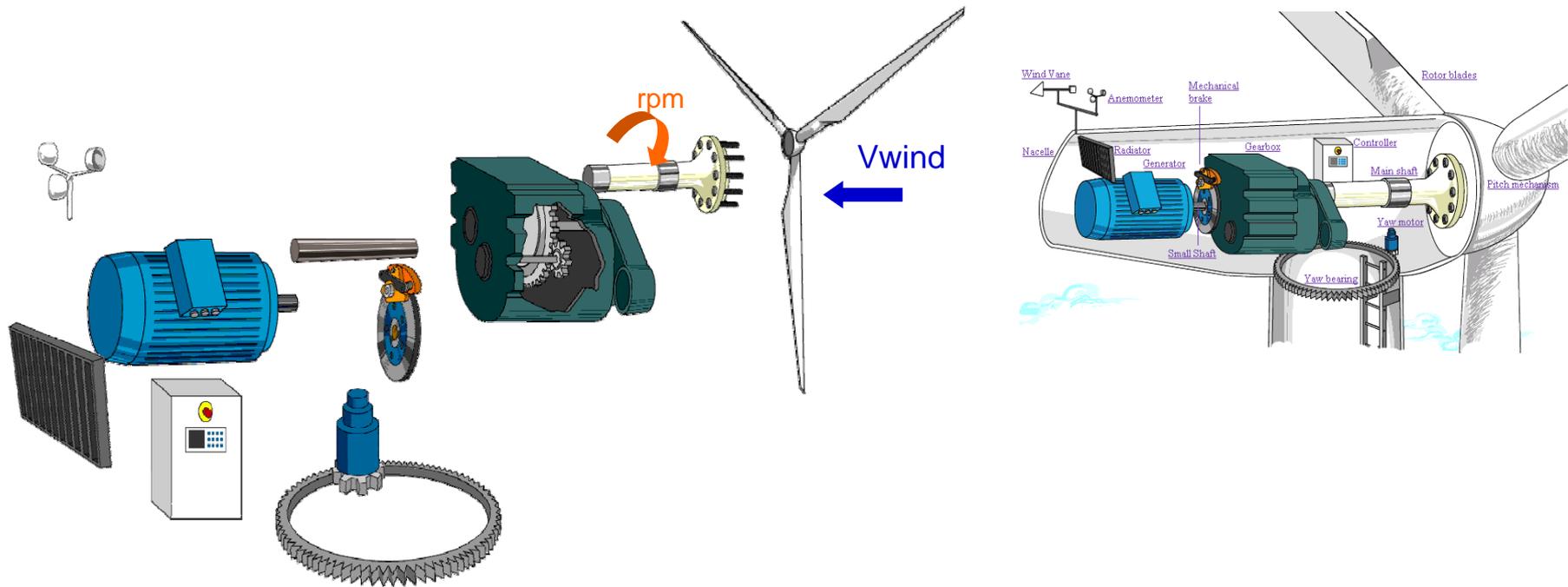
# NEW PERSPECTIVES

## Strong Directions of New Research in FTC

- **Admissible Model Matching (AMM) (use of reference models) and LMI conditions; robustness issues**
- **Sliding Mode Control (fault estimation + control allocation); SMC fault estimation/compensation**
- **LPV Control with LPV estimation – Fault Compensation, Accommodation and AMM**
- **FTC of Distributed/Networked Systems, based on hierarchy**

# NEW PERSPECTIVES

## Applications of New Research in FTC, eg:



Offshore wind-turbine problem presents huge challenges to FTC.....robust estimation, robust & admissible model-matching, adaptive FTC, etc...

**Thanks for your  
attention**