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# Flexible Control Lyapunov Functions

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Where innovation starts

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# Control Lyapunov functions

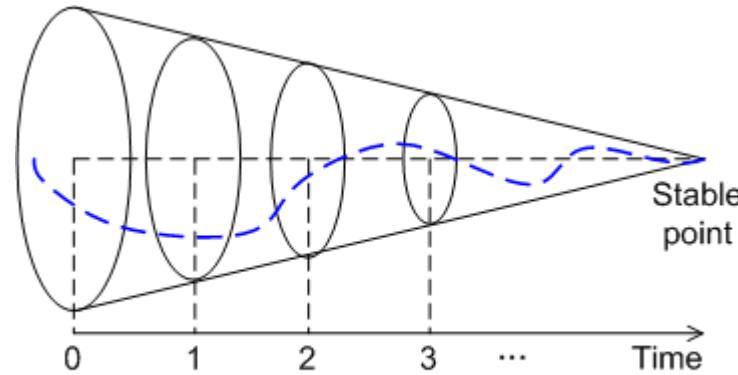
$$x(k+1) = \phi(x(k), u(k)), \quad x(k) \in \mathbb{X}, \quad u(k) \in \mathbb{U}, \quad k \in \mathbb{Z}_+$$

$$\begin{aligned} V : \mathbb{R}^n &\rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+, \quad \exists \alpha_1, \alpha_2, \alpha_3 \in \mathcal{K}_\infty, \quad u(x) : \mathbb{X} \rightarrow \mathbb{U} \text{ such that} \\ \alpha_1(\|x\|) &\leq V(x) \leq \alpha_2(\|x\|), \quad \forall x \in \mathbb{X} \\ V(\phi(x, u(x))) - V(x) &\leq -\alpha_3(\|x\|), \quad \forall x \in \mathbb{X} \\ V(\phi(x, u(x))) - \rho V(x) &\leq 0, \quad \forall x \in \mathbb{X}, \quad \rho \in \mathbb{R}_{[0,1)} \end{aligned}$$

At time  $k \in \mathbb{Z}_+$  measure  $x(k)$  and find  $u(k)$  such that  
 $u(k) \in \mathbb{U}, \quad \phi(x(k), u(k)) \in \mathbb{X}$   
 $V(\phi(x(k), u(k))) - V(x(k)) + \alpha_3(\|x(k)\|) \leq 0$

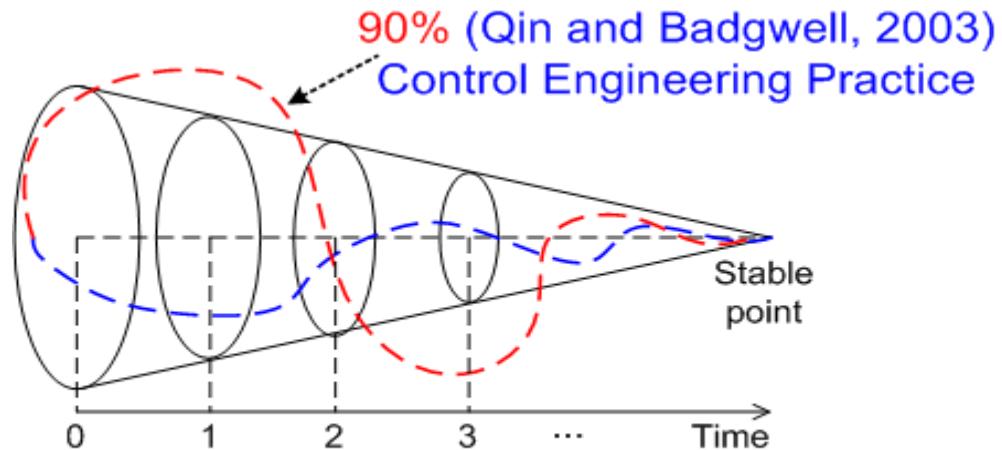
Let  $\pi(x(k))$  be the set of feasible control actions  
Then  $x(k+1) \in \phi_{\text{cl}}(x(k), \pi(x(k)))$  is AS in  $\mathbb{X}$

# Control Lyapunov functions

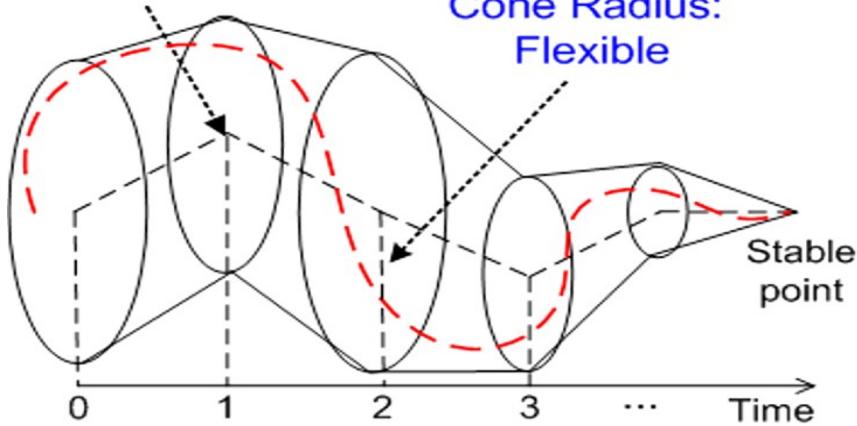


Lyapunov Function = Energy

# Control Lyapunov functions



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Flexible



Flexible Lyapunov Function

Rigid Lyapunov Function

$$V(\phi(x, u(x))) \leq \rho V(x)$$

$$V(\phi(x, u(x))) \leq \rho V(x) + \lambda(x)$$

# Flexible control Lyapunov functions

Choose a candidate CLF  $V(\cdot)$  and a cost  $J(\lambda(k))$

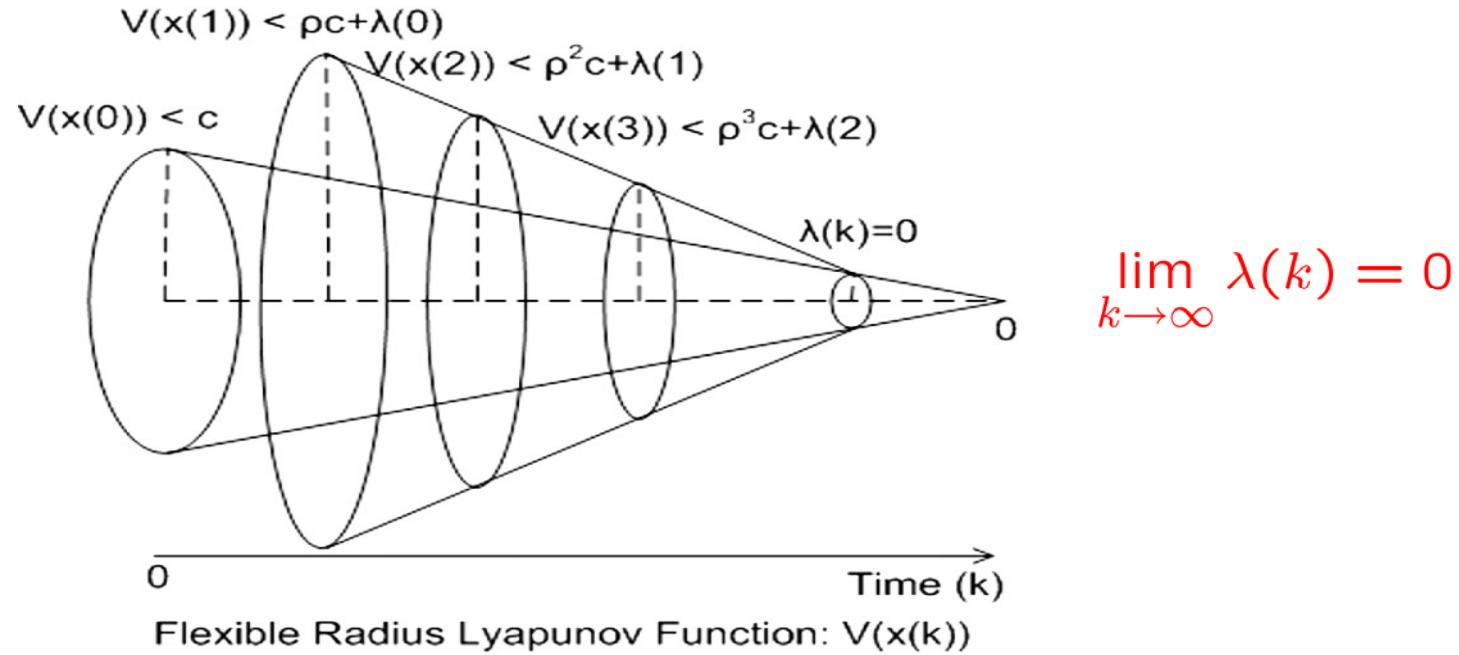
At time  $k \in \mathbb{Z}_+$  measure  $x(k)$ , minimize  
 $J(\lambda(k))$  over  $\lambda(k)$  and find  $u(k)$  such that  
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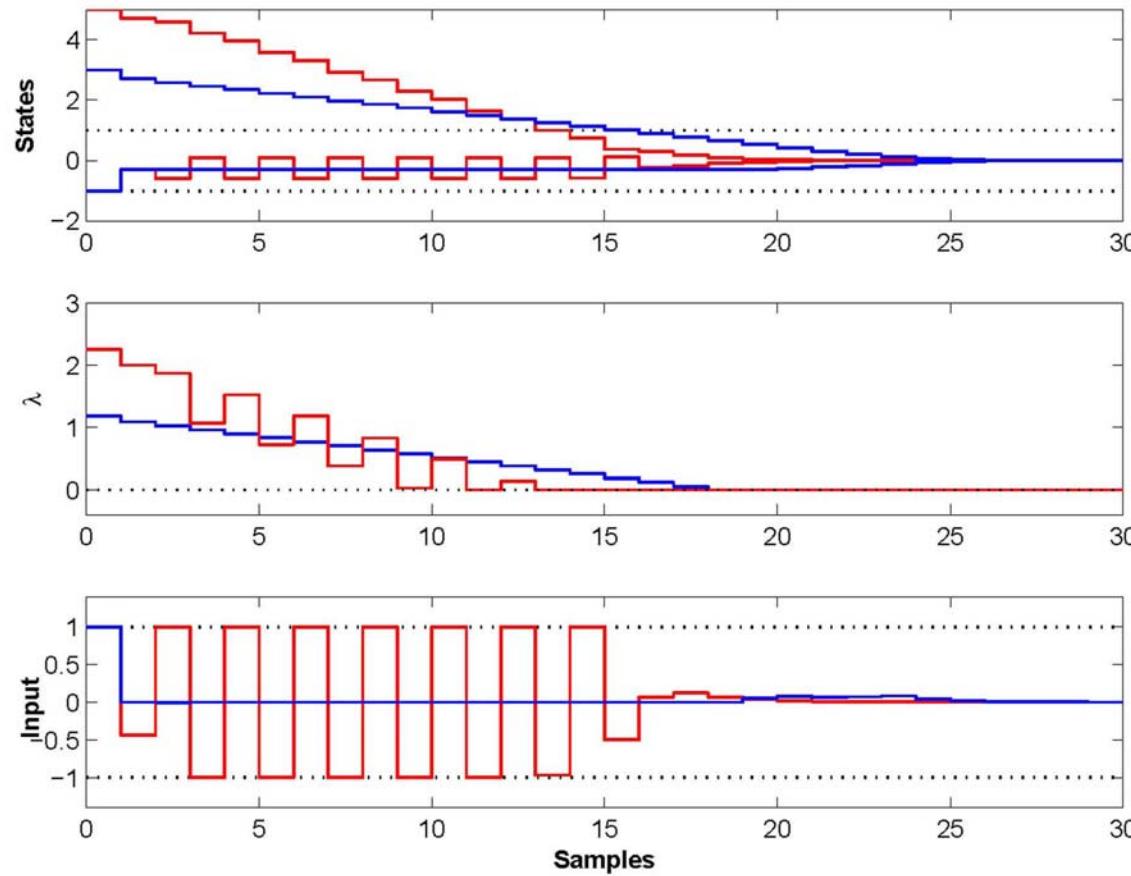
If  $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \lambda(k) = 0$  then  $x(k+1) \in \phi_{\text{CL}}(x(k), \pi(x(k)))$  is AS in  $\mathbb{X}$

# Flexible control Lyapunov functions

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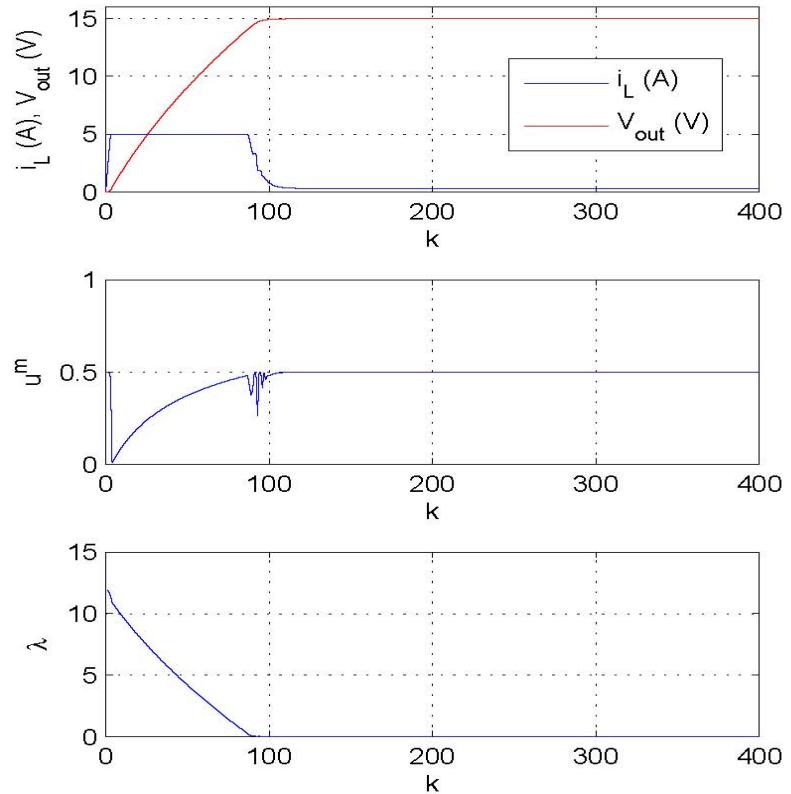
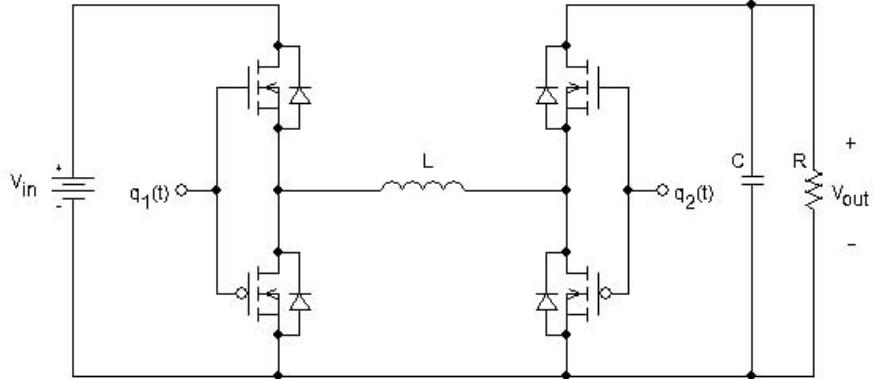
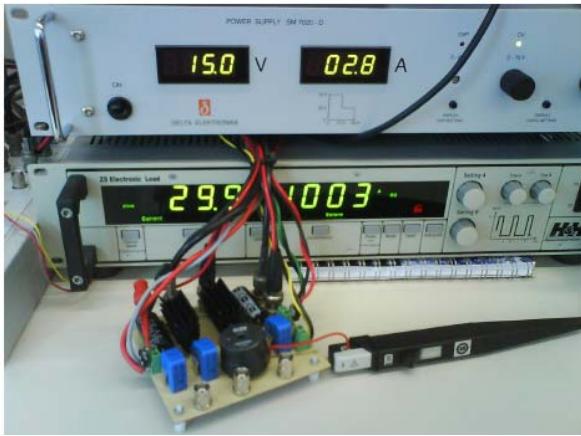
$$V(\phi(x(k), u(k))) \leq \rho V(x(k)) + \lambda(k)$$
$$\lambda(k) \leq \mu \lambda(k-1), k \in \mathbb{R}_{\geq 1}$$


# Flexible control Lyapunov functions



$$\begin{aligned}x(k+1) &= f(x(k)) + g(x(k))u(k) \\&= \begin{pmatrix} [x]_1(k) + 0.7[x]_2(k) + ([x]_2(k))^2 \\ [x]_2(k) \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 0.245 + \sin([x]_2(k)) \\ 0.7 \end{pmatrix} u(k)\end{aligned}$$

# Power converters: 0.1ms



# Trajectory-dependent CLFs

$$x(k+1) = \phi(x(k), u(k)), \quad x(k) \in \mathbb{X}, \quad u(k) \in \mathbb{U}, \quad k \in \mathbb{Z}_+$$

**Time-variant Control Lyapunov Function:**

$$V : \mathbb{Z}_+ \times \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+, \quad \exists \alpha_1, \alpha_2 \in \mathcal{K}_\infty, \quad u(x) : \mathbb{X} \rightarrow \mathbb{U} \text{ s.t.}$$

$$\alpha_1(\|x\|) \leq V(k, x) \leq \alpha_2(\|x\|), \quad \forall x \in \mathbb{X}, \forall k \in \mathbb{Z}_+$$

$$\forall x(0) \in \mathbb{X}, \quad V(k+1, \phi(x(k), u(x(k)))) \leq \rho V(k, x(k)) \quad \forall k \in \mathbb{Z}_+$$

At time  $k \in \mathbb{Z}_+$  measure  $x(k)$  and find  $u(k)$  such that  
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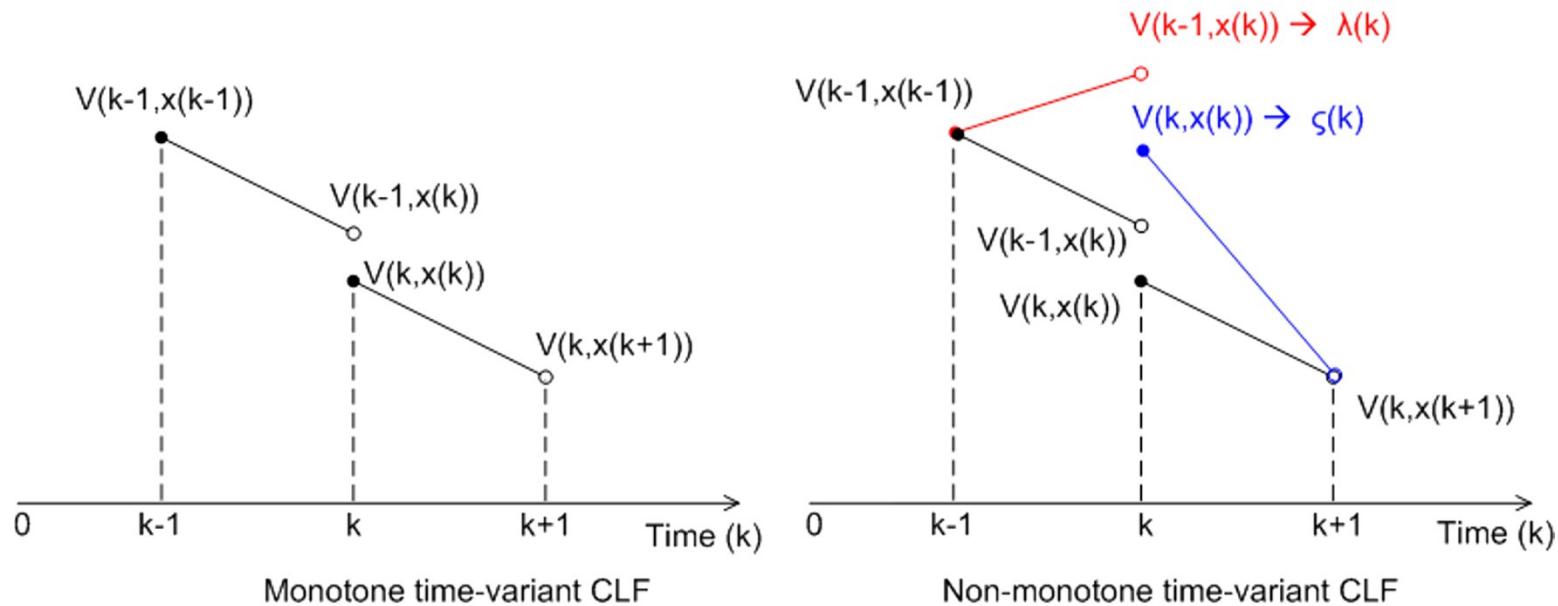
$$V(k, \phi(x(k), u(k))) \leq \rho V(k, x(k))$$

$$V(k, x(k)) \leq V(k-1, x(k)), \quad \forall k \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 1}$$

Let  $\pi(x(k), V(k-1, \cdot))$  be the set of feasible control actions

Then  $x(k+1) \in \phi_{\text{CL}}(x(k), \pi(x(k)))$  is AS in  $\mathbb{X}$

# Trajectory-dependent CLFs



Particular cases:

- $S$ -procedure relaxation (Johansson and Rantzer, 1998)
- Multiple Lyapunov functions (Branicky et al., 1998)

# A flower system for synthesis

$$x_{k+1} = \begin{cases} A_1 x_k + B u_k & \text{if } E_1 x_k > 0 \\ A_2 x_k + B u_k & \text{if } E_2 x_k \geq 0 \\ A_3 x_k + B u_k & \text{if } E_3 x_k > 0 \\ A_4 x_k + B u_k & \text{if } E_4 x_k \geq 0 \end{cases}$$

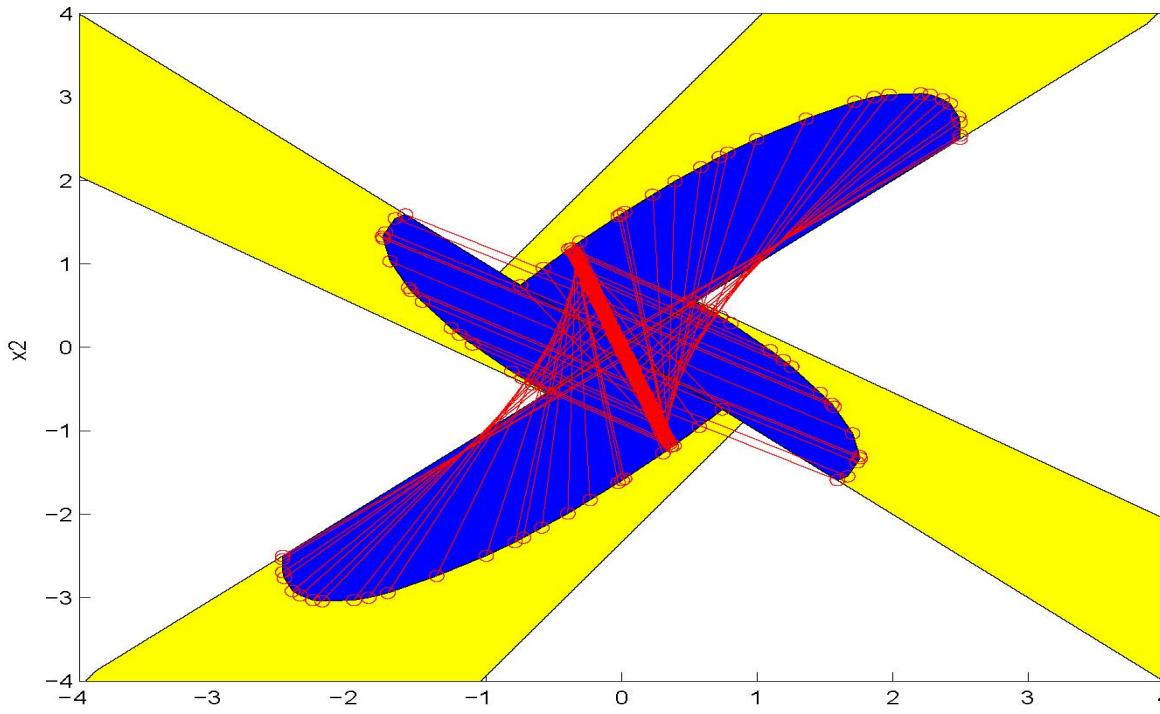
$$x_k \in \mathbb{X} = [-10, 10]^2, \quad u_k \in \mathbb{U} = [-1, 1]$$

$$A_1 = A_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 0.5 & 0.61 \\ 0.9 & 1.345 \end{bmatrix}, A_2 = A_4 = \begin{bmatrix} -0.92 & 0.644 \\ 0.758 & -0.71 \end{bmatrix}, B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$E_1 = -E_3 = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 1 \\ -1 & -1 \end{bmatrix}, E_2 = -E_4 = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, Q = 10^{-4} I_2, R = 10^{-3}$$

(Lazar et al., ACC 2005)

# A flower system for synthesis



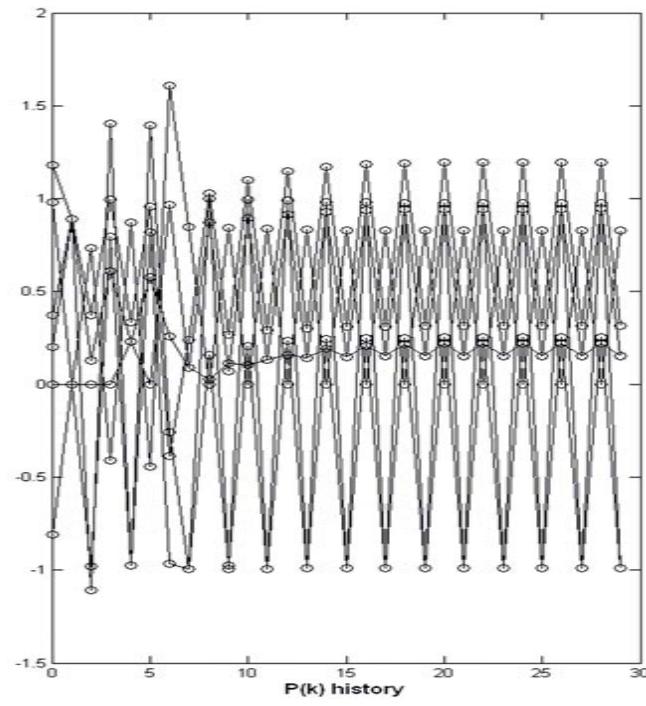
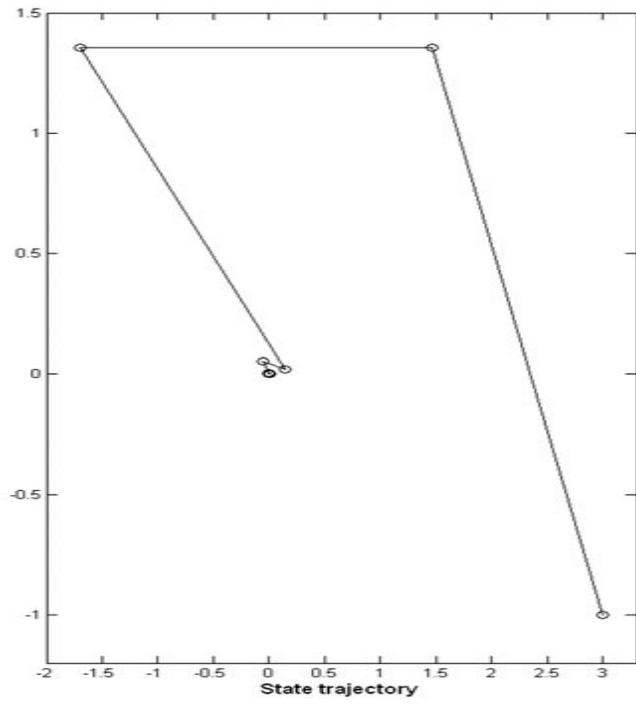
$$P_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 12.9707 & 10.9974 \\ 10.9974 & 14.9026 \end{bmatrix}, P_2 = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ 7.9915 & -5.5898 \\ -5.5898 & 5.3833 \end{bmatrix}, P_3 = P_1, \quad P_4 = P_2,$$

$$K_1 = \begin{bmatrix} -0.7757 & -1.0299 \end{bmatrix}, K_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0.6788 & -0.4302 \end{bmatrix}, K_3 = K_1, \quad K_4 = K_2$$

$$U_{11} = \begin{bmatrix} 0.4596 & 1.9626 \\ 1.9626 & 0.0198 \end{bmatrix}, U_{12} = \begin{bmatrix} 0.4545 & 2.0034 \\ 2.0034 & 0.0250 \end{bmatrix},$$

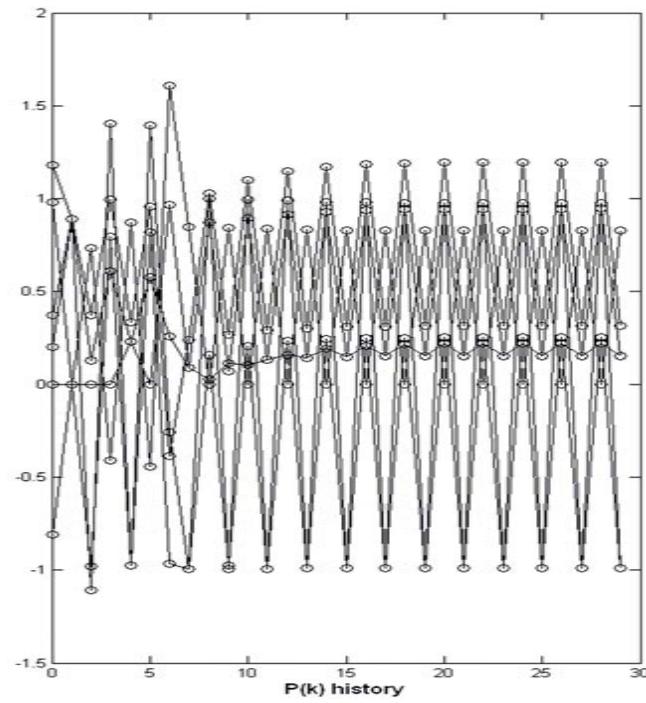
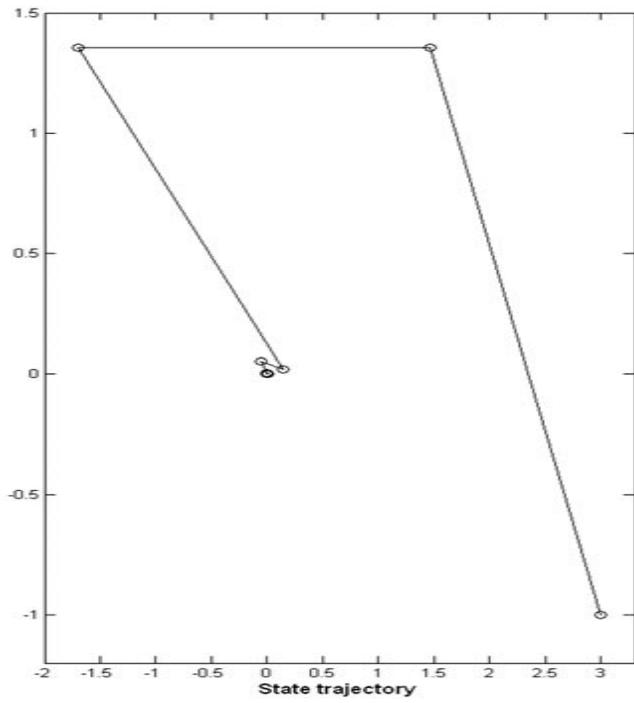
$$U_{21} = \begin{bmatrix} 0.0542 & 0.0841 \\ 0.0841 & 0.0506 \end{bmatrix}, U_{22} = \begin{bmatrix} 0.0599 & 0.0914 \\ 0.0914 & 0.0565 \end{bmatrix}$$

# Solution based on tdCLFs



Trajectory-dependent CLFs can cope with non-trivial stabilization problems in hybrid systems

# Solution based on tdCLFs



Concluding remark:

Flexible/trajectory-dependent CLFs do not necessarily imply existence of a global CLF in the classical sense

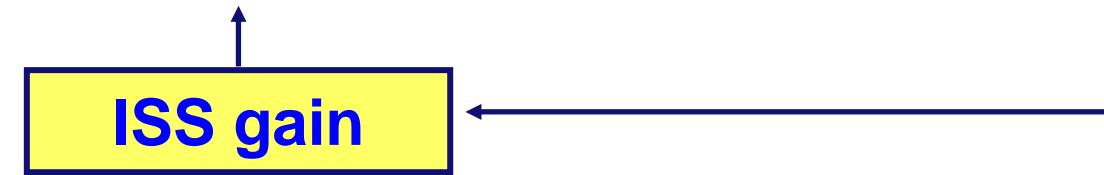
# Input-to-state stability

System:  $x(k+1) \in \Phi(x(k), w(k)); \quad k \in \mathbb{Z}_+$

Input-to-State Stability (ISS)

(Sontag, 1989, 1990), (Jiang and Wang, 2001)

$$\|x(k)\| \leq \beta(\|x(0)\|, k) + \gamma(\|w_{[k-1]}\|), \quad \beta \in \mathcal{KL}, \gamma \in \mathcal{K}$$



Sufficient conditions for Lyapunov stability and ISS:

$$\alpha_1(\|x\|) \leq V(x) \leq \alpha_2(\|x\|)$$

$$V(x^+) - V(x) \leq -\alpha_3(\|x\|) + \sigma(\|w\|)$$

for all  $x^+ \in \Phi(x, w), \forall x, w$

# Inherent input-to-state stability

$$\begin{aligned}x(k+1) &= \phi(x(k), u(k), w(k)), \quad x(k) \in \mathbb{X}, \quad u(k) \in \mathbb{U}, \quad w(k) \in \mathbb{W} \\&= f(x(k), u(k)) + g(x(k))w(k), \quad k \in \mathbb{Z}_+\end{aligned}$$

$\mathbb{X}$  compact,  $V(\cdot)$  continuous on  $\mathbb{X}$  for all  $u \in \mathbb{U}$ ,  $\|g(x)\| \leq M$

$$\begin{aligned}|V(\phi(x, u, w)) - V(\phi(x, u, 0))| &= |V(f(x, u) + g(x)w) - V(f(x, u))| \\&\leq \sigma_V(M\|w\|) =: \sigma(\|w\|)\end{aligned}$$

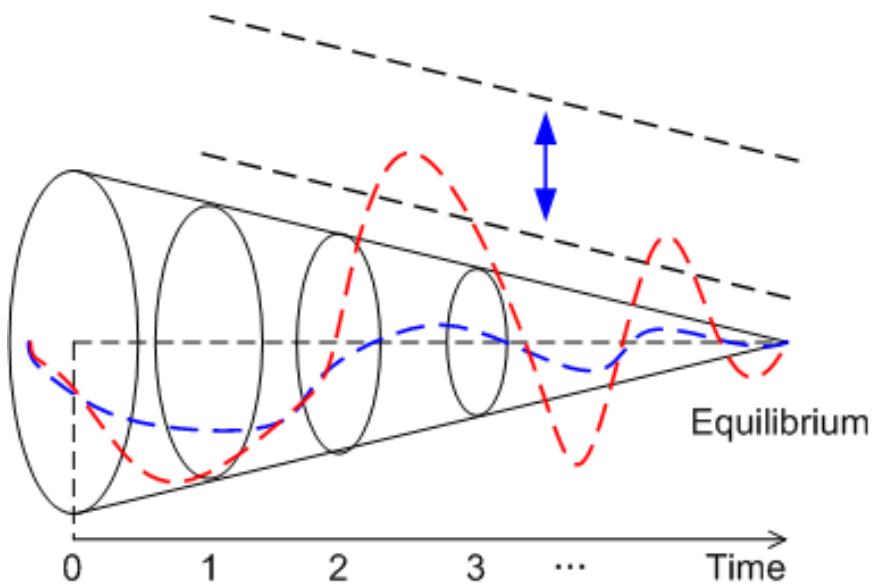
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$$V(\phi(x, u, w)) - V(x) \leq -\alpha_3(\|x\|) + \sigma(\|w\|), \quad \forall x \in \mathbb{X}, \quad \forall w \in \mathbb{W}$$

Then  $x(k+1) \in \phi_{\text{cl}}(x(k), \pi_0(x(k)), w(k))$  is ISS( $\mathbb{X}, \mathbb{W}$ )

# Feasibility versus performance



Rigid  
design!

Constant closed-loop ISS gain

$$V(\phi(x, u, 0)) - V(x) \leq -\alpha_3(\|x\|)$$

$$V(\phi(x, u, w)) - V(x) \leq -\alpha_3(\|x\|) + \sigma(\|w\|), \quad \forall x \in \mathbb{X}, \quad \forall w \in \mathbb{W}$$

# Optimized input-to-state stabilization

$$\begin{aligned}x(k+1) &= \phi(x(k), u(k), w(k)), \quad x(k) \in \mathbb{X}, \quad u(k) \in \mathbb{U}, \quad w(k) \in \mathbb{W} \\&= f(x(k), u(k)) + g(x(k))w(k), \quad k \in \mathbb{Z}_+\end{aligned}$$

At time  $k \in \mathbb{Z}_+$  measure  $x(k)$ , find  $u(k)$  and minimize the gain of  $\sigma$  ( $\sigma(s) = \eta(k)s^\lambda$ ) such that  $u(k) \in \mathbb{U}$ ,  $\phi(x(k), u(k), w(k)) \in \mathbb{X}$

**Flexible  
design!**

$$V(\phi(x(k), u(k), w(k))) - V(x(k)) + \alpha_3(\|x(k)\|) - \sigma(\|w(k)\|) \leq 0$$

$$\forall w(k) \in \mathbb{W}$$

(Lazar and Heemels, ACC 2008)

**ISS inequality - not convex in w**

# Exploiting the input bounds

$\mathbb{W}$  is a polyhedron with a non-empty interior containing the origin  
 $w^e, e = 1, \dots, E$  are its vertices

Simplicial partition:  $S_1, \dots, S_M, \cup_{i=1}^M S_i = \mathbb{W}$

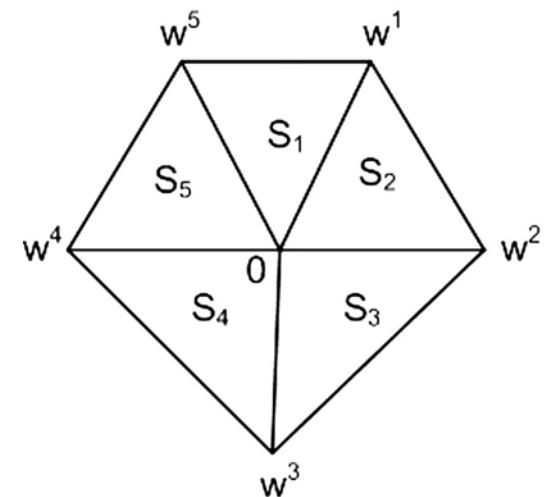
$$S_i = \text{co}\{0, w^{e_{i,1}}, \dots, w^{e_{i,l}}\}$$

$$\{w^{e_{i,1}}, \dots, w^{e_{i,l}}\} \subseteq \{w^1, \dots, w^E\}$$

Example in the figure:  $S_1, S_2, \dots, S_5$ , where

the simplex  $S_3$  is generated by  $0, w^{e_{3,1}}, w^{e_{3,2}}$  ( $e_{3,1} = 3, e_{3,2} = 2$ )

For each simplex  $S_i$ ,  $W_i := [w^{e_{i,1}} \dots w^{e_{i,l}}]$



# Finite number of inequalities

Associate with each  $w^e$  an optimization variable  $\lambda_e(k)$ ,  $k \in \mathbb{Z}_+$

$V(\cdot)$  is convex and continuous

For known  $x(k)$  suppose that  $u(k), \lambda_1(k), \dots, \lambda_E(k)$  satisfy:

$$V(\phi(x(k), u(k), 0)) - V(x(k)) + \alpha_3(\|x(k)\|) \leq 0$$

$$V(\phi(x(k), u(k), w^e)) - V(x(k)) + \alpha_3(\|x(k)\|) - \lambda_e(k) \leq 0$$

for all  $e = 1, \dots, E$

Then: 
$$\bar{\lambda}_i(k)[\mu_1 \dots \mu_l]^\top = \bar{\lambda}_i(k)W_i^{-1}w(k)$$

$$V(\phi(x(k), u(k), w(k))) - V(x(k)) + \alpha_3(\|x(k)\|) - \sigma(\|w(k)\|) \leq 0$$

with  $\sigma(s) = \eta(k)s$  and  $\eta(k) := \max_{i=1, \dots, M} \|\bar{\lambda}_i(k)W_i^{-1}\|$

where  $\bar{\lambda}_i(k) := [\lambda_{e_i,1}(k) \dots \lambda_{e_i,l}(k)] \in \mathbb{R}^{1 \times l}$

# Finite dimensional problem

$$J : \mathbb{R}^E \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+, \quad \alpha_4(\|\bar{\lambda}\|) \leq J(\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_E) \leq \alpha_5(\|\bar{\lambda}\|)$$

At time  $k \in \mathbb{Z}_+$  measure  $x(k)$ ,  
and minimize  $J(\lambda_1(k), \dots, \lambda_E(k))$  subject to

$$u(k) \in \mathbb{U}, \quad \lambda_e(k) \geq 0, \quad f(x(k), u(k)) \in \mathbb{X} \sim \mathbb{W}_{x(k)}$$

**Inherent ISS**

$$V(\phi(x(k), u(k), 0)) - V(x(k)) + \alpha_3(\|x(k)\|) \leq 0$$

$$V(\phi(x(k), u(k), w^e)) - V(x(k)) + \alpha_3(\|x(k)\|) - \lambda_e(k) \leq 0$$

for all  $e = 1, \dots, E$

**Always feasible**

Let  $\pi(x(k))$  be the set of feasible control actions

Then  $x(k+1) \in \phi_{\text{cl}}(x(k), \pi(x(k)), w(k))$  is ISS( $\mathbb{X}, \mathbb{W}$ )

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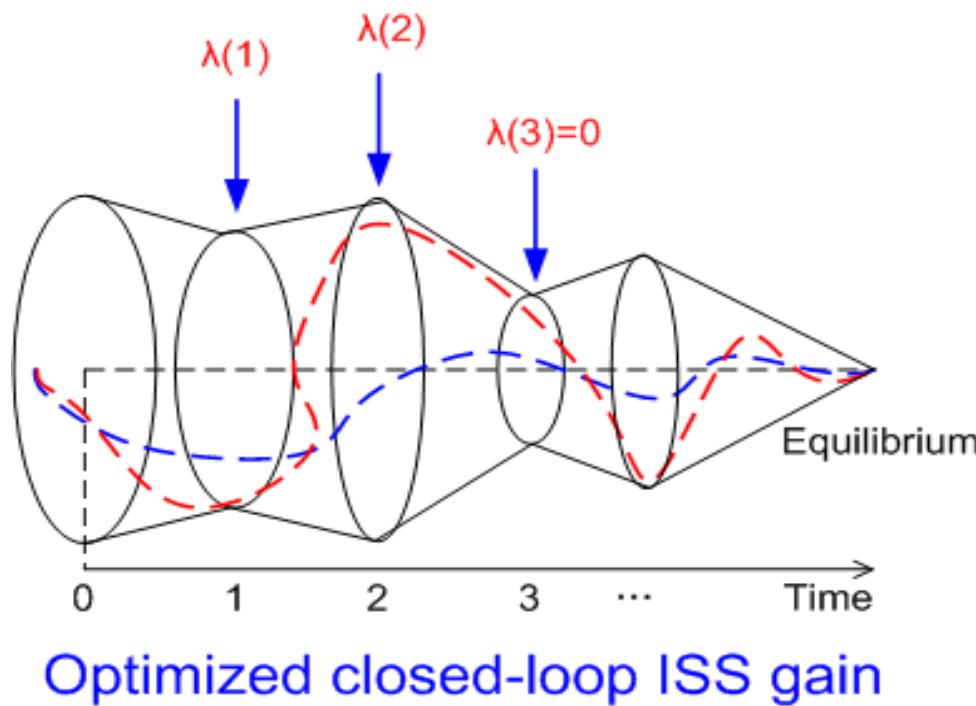
$$V(\phi(x(k), u(k), w^e)) - V(x(k)) + \alpha_3(\|x(k)\|) - \lambda_e(k) \leq 0$$

for all  $e = 1, \dots, E$

$$\lambda^* := \max_{x \in \text{cl}(\mathbb{X}), u \in \text{cl}(\mathbb{U}), e=1, \dots, E} \{V(\phi(x, u, w^e)) - V(x) + \alpha_3(\|x\|)\}$$

The developed optimization problem,  
although it inherently guarantees a constant ISS gain, it provides  
freedom to optimize the ISS gain of the closed-loop system

# Optimized ISS - Flexible!



The trade-off between  
feasibility and disturbance attenuation  
is optimized on-line

# A single linear program

$$\begin{aligned}x(k+1) &= \phi(x(k), u(k), w(k)), \quad x(k) \in \mathbb{X}, \quad u(k) \in \mathbb{U}, \quad w(k) \in \mathbb{W} \\&= f(x(k), u(k)) + g(x(k))w(k) \\&= f_1(x(k)) + f_2(x(k))u(k) + g(x(k))w(k)\end{aligned}$$

$$V(x) = \|Px\|_\infty$$

Infinity norms as Lyapunov functions (Kiendl, 1992)

(Polanski, 1997; Bemporad, 2000; Lazar, 2006; Christophersen, 2007)

$$\|x\|_\infty := \max_{i \in \mathbb{Z}_{[1,n]}} |[x]_i|, \quad \|x\|_\infty \leq c \Leftrightarrow \pm [x]_i \leq c, \forall i \in \mathbb{Z}_{[1,n]}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\pm [P(f_1(x(k)) + f_2(x(k))u(k))]_i - V(x(k)) + \alpha_3(\|x(k)\|) &\leq 0, \\ \pm [P(f_1(x(k)) + f_2(x(k))u(k) + g(x(k))w^e)]_i \\ &\quad - V(x(k)) + \alpha_3(\|x(k)\|) - \lambda_e(k) \leq 0,\end{aligned}$$

$$\forall i \in \mathbb{Z}_{[1,p]}, \quad e = 1, \dots, E$$

# Still a single LP or QP

MPC cost for performance:

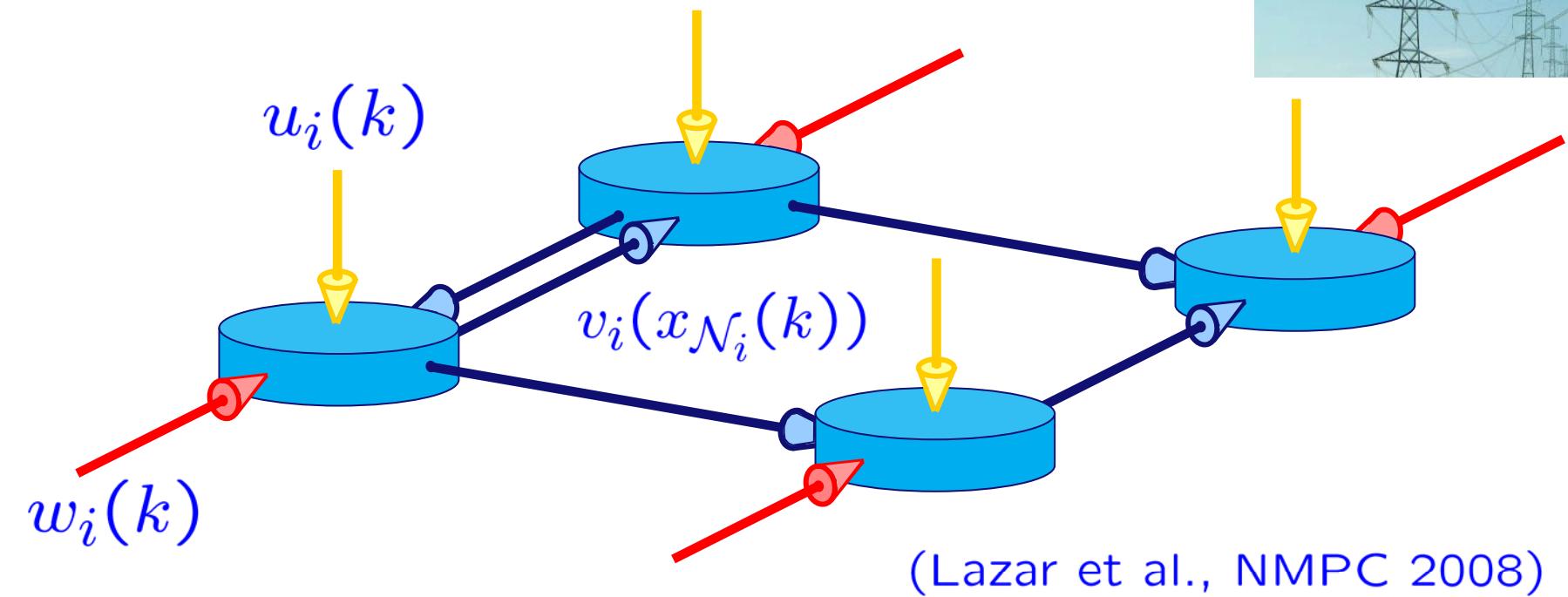
$$J_{\text{RHC}}(x(k), \bar{u}(k), \bar{\lambda}(k)) := F(\bar{x}(k+N)) + \sum_{i=0}^{N-1} L(\bar{x}(k+i), \bar{u}(k+i)) + J(\bar{\lambda}(k))$$

Lower complexity for “any” model class: ( $V(x) = \|Px\|_\infty$ )

- 1a.  $N = 1$  : Quadratic costs, nonlinear model  $\Rightarrow$  QP
- 1b.  $N = 1$  : Infinity norm costs, nonlinear model  $\Rightarrow$  LP
  
- 2a.  $N \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 1}$  : Linear model  $\Rightarrow$  QP or LP
- 2b.  $N \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 1}$  : PWA model  $\Rightarrow$  MIQP or MILP
- 2c.  $N \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 1}$  : Nonlinear model  $\Rightarrow$  Linear stability constraints

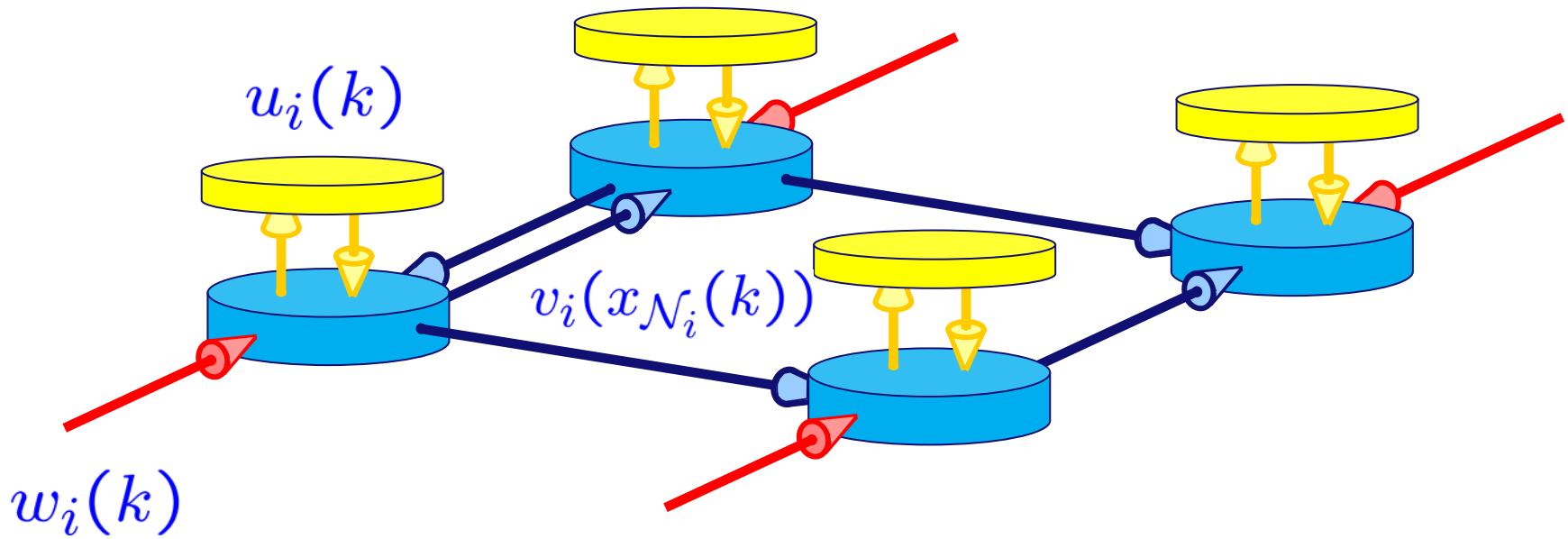
# Decentralized formulation

Dynamically coupled nonlinear systems



$$x_i(k+1) = \phi_i(x_i(k), u_i(k), v_i(x_{\mathcal{N}_i}(k)), w_i(k)), \quad k \in \mathbb{Z}_+$$

# Decentralized implementation



$$u_i(k) \in \mathbb{U}, \lambda_e^i(k) \geq 0, \phi_i(x_i(k), u_i(k), v_i(x_{N_i}(k)), 0) \in \mathbb{X}_i \sim \mathbb{W}_{x_i(k)}$$

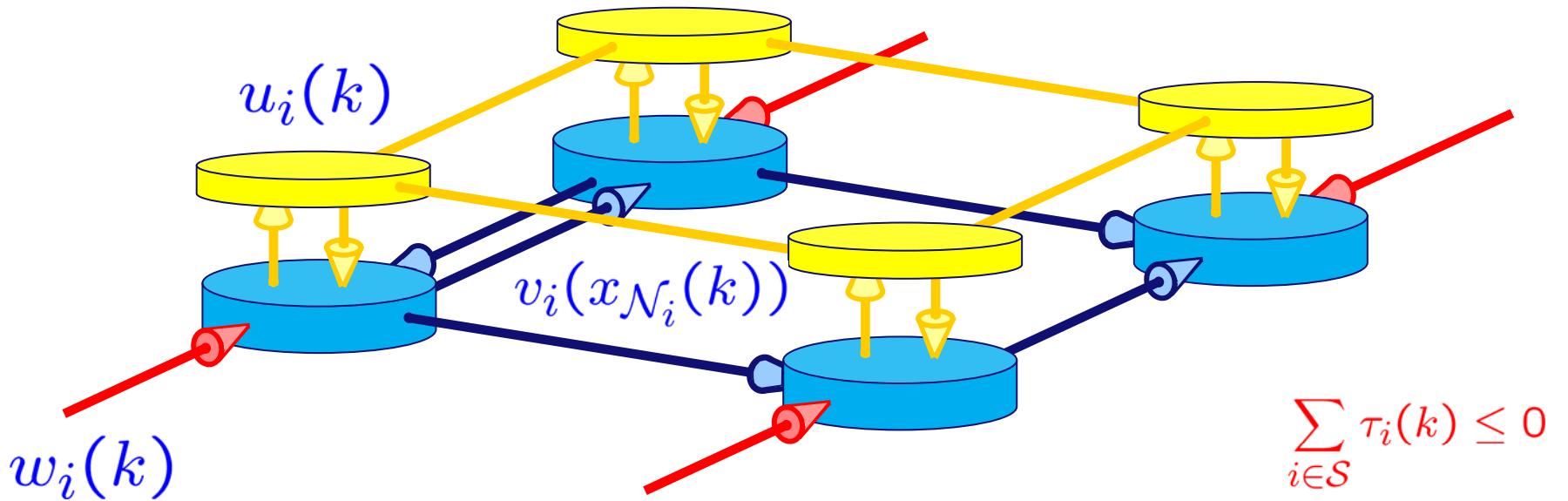
$$V_i(\phi_i(x_i(k), u_i(k), v_i(x_{N_i}(k)), 0)) - V_i(x_i(k)) + \alpha_3^i(\|x_i(k)\|) \leq 0$$

$$V_i(\phi_i(x_i(k), u_i(k), v_i(x_{N_i}(k)), w_i^e)) - V_i(x_i(k)) + \alpha_3^i(\|x_i(k)\|) - \lambda_e^i(k) \leq 0,$$

$$\forall e = \overline{1, E_i}$$

**Decentralized feasibility implies global ISS**

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$$V_i(\phi_i(x_i(k), u_i(k), v_i(x_{\mathcal{N}_i}(k)), w_i^e)) - V_i(x_i(k)) + \alpha_3^i(\|x_i(k)\|) - \lambda_e^i(k) \leq 0,$$

$$\forall e = \overline{1, E_i}$$

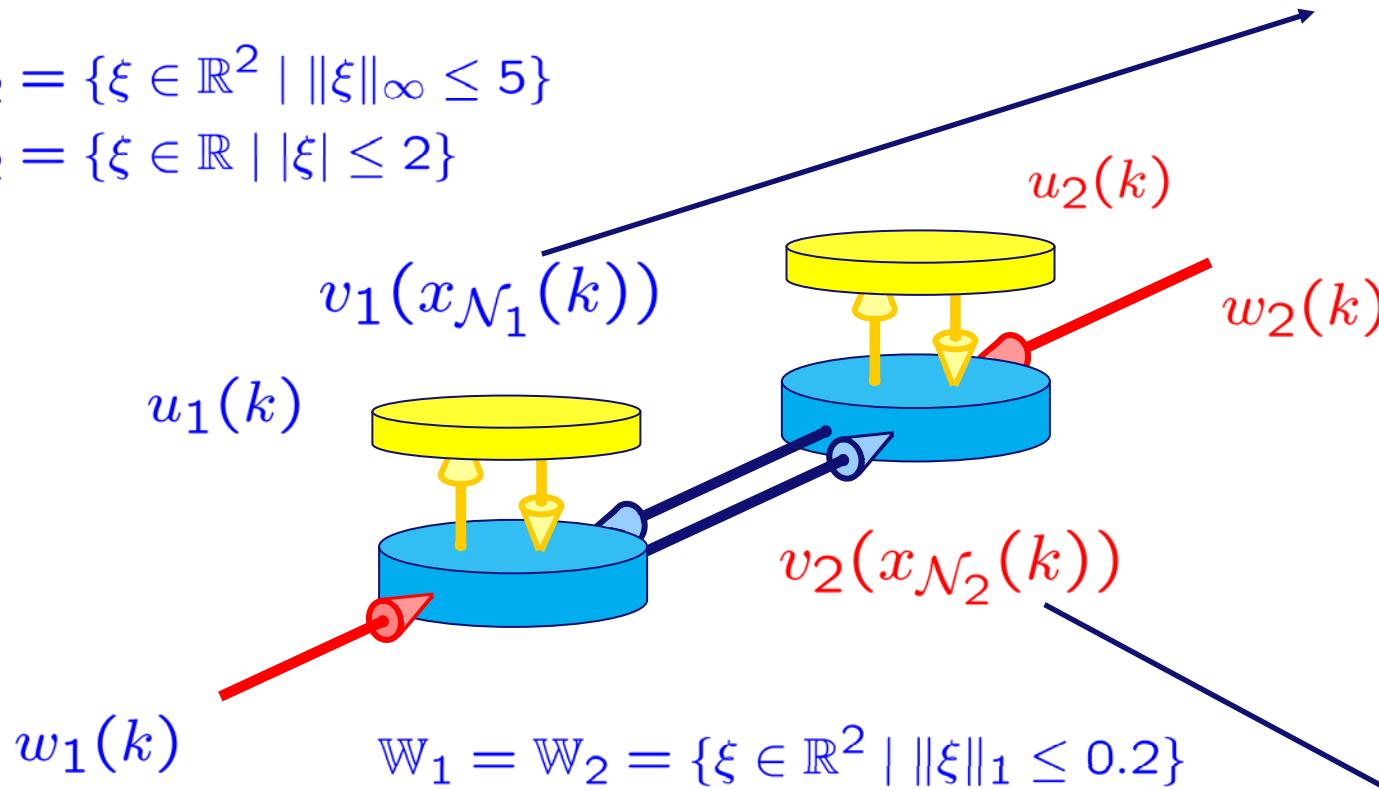
Further relaxations - distributed MPC

# Case study: system dynamics

$$\phi_1(x_1, u_1, v_1(x_{\mathcal{N}_1}), w_1) := \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0.7 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} x_1 + \begin{bmatrix} \sin([x_1]_2) \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 0.245 \\ 0.7 \end{bmatrix} u_1 + \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ ([x_2]_1)^2 \end{bmatrix} + w_1$$

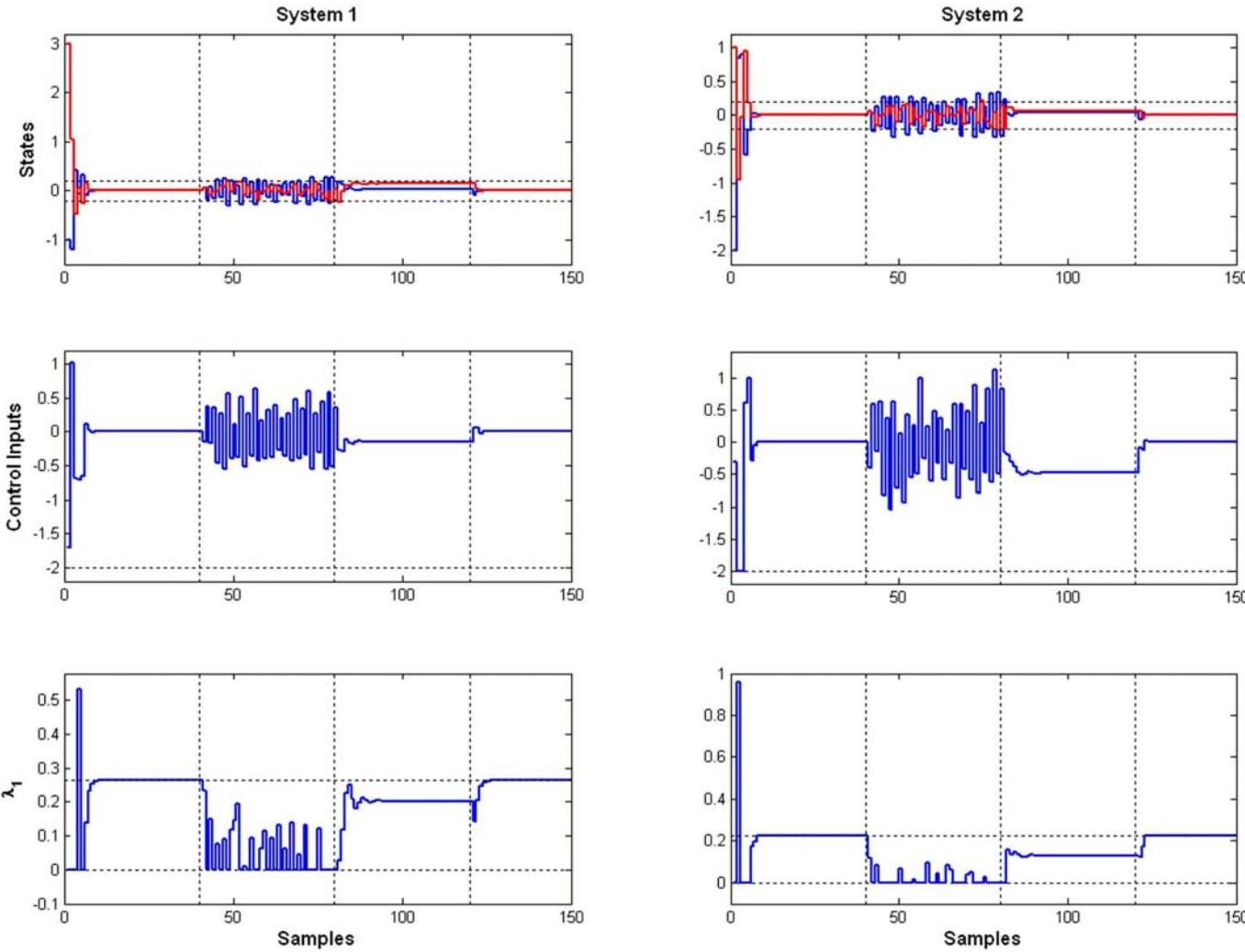
$$\mathbb{X}_1 = \mathbb{X}_2 = \{\xi \in \mathbb{R}^2 \mid \|\xi\|_\infty \leq 5\}$$

$$\mathbb{U}_1 = \mathbb{U}_2 = \{\xi \in \mathbb{R} \mid |\xi| \leq 2\}$$



$$\phi_2(x_2, u_2, v_2(x_{\mathcal{N}_2}), w_2) := \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0.5 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} x_2 + \begin{bmatrix} \sin([x_2]_2) \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 0.125 \\ 0.5 \end{bmatrix} u_2 + \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ [x_1]_1 \end{bmatrix} + w_2$$

# Case study: simulation results



Worst case CPU time: 5 milliseconds

# Concluding remarks: Flexible CLFs

- **Theoretically appealing:**
  - offer “least conservative” synthesis methods
  - strong guarantees of stability and “optimized” ISS
- **Suitable for real-time control:**
  - Flexible CLFs = improved feasibility
  - low complexity: a single LP
  - applications in mechatronics and power electronics
- **Great potential for decentralized control:**
  - applications in electricity networks