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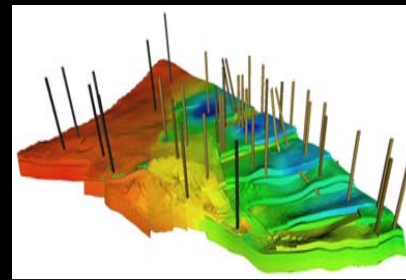
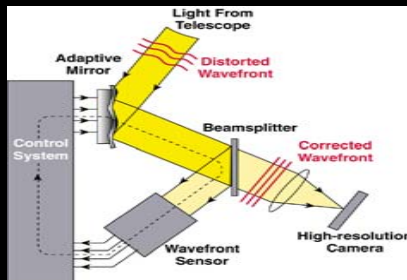
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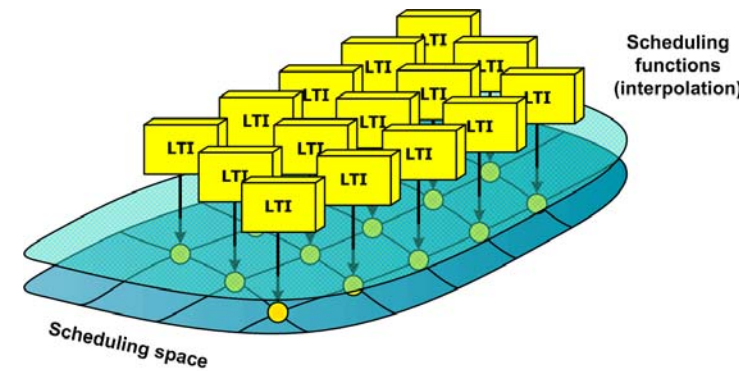


- Discrete event and hybrid systems
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# Modern control & identification

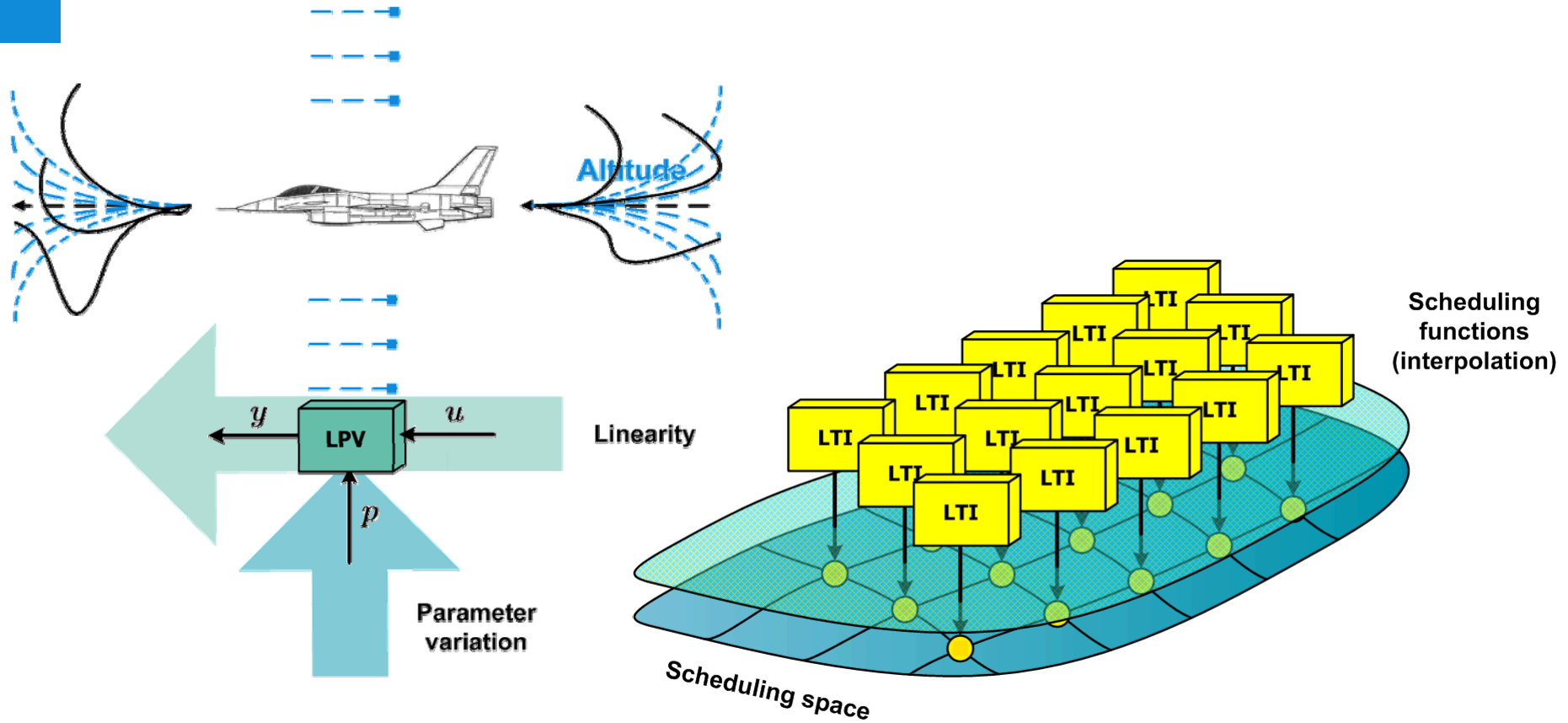
## Challenges of nonlinear systems

- Expand the scope beyond the current **LTI** framework
- Handling systems in different operating regimes
- Attractive structure: **LPV** for systems with “regime”-dependent (linear) dynamics
- Advanced tools for control synthesis
- Several algorithms for **LPV** model identification
- **LPV** identification is not solved yet in a structural way



# LPV systems

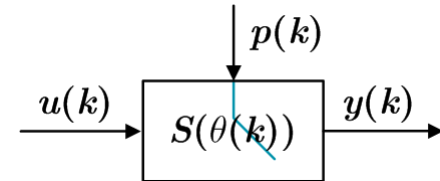
## The concept



# LPV model structures

## Discrete time

- LPV framework (SISO),  $p(k) : \mathbb{Z} \mapsto \mathbb{P}$ 
  - State-space models



$$\begin{aligned}x(k+1) &= A(p(k))x(k) + B(p(k))u(k) \\y(k) &= C(p(k))x(k) + D(p(k))u(k)\end{aligned}$$

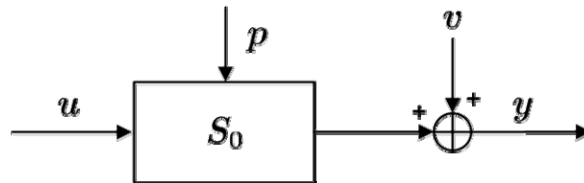
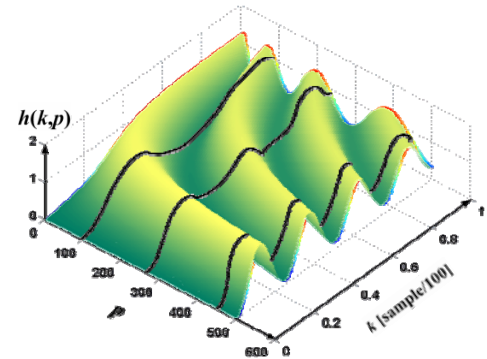
- Input-output models,  $n_a \geq n_b > 0$

$$y(k) = - \sum_{i=1}^{n_a} a_i(p(k))y(k-i) + \sum_{j=0}^{n_b} b_j(p(k))u(k-j)$$

Usually, use is restricted to **static (nonlinear) maps**  $p(k) \mapsto \theta(k)$

# Issues in LPV identification

- Approaches to the identification problem
  - Local approach
    - Identify local linear models (for fixed scheduling  $p(k) = \bar{p}_i$ )
    - Use global data to interpolate into an LPV model
  - Global approach
    - Determine a global LPV model structure
    - Use global data to estimate an LPV model



Both PE and subspace approaches can be followed

# Issues in LPV identification

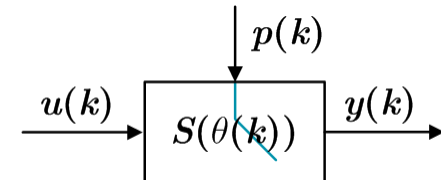
## (cont'd)

- What are the appropriate model structures?
- How can they be defined?
- What are the criteria to select them?
- Many more questions related to
  - Estimation accuracy
  - Experiment design
  - Validation
  - etc.

# LPV model structures

- State-space models

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- **Question:** are these structures equivalent (as in the LTI case)?
- **Answer:** In general **not**, if you restrict  $p \mapsto \theta$  to be static; (Tóth et al., ECC 2007)  
dynamic  $p$ -dependencies are generally required

# LPV model structures

Example:

- State-space model

$$\begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} (k+1) = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & a_1(p(k)) \\ 1 & a_2(p(k)) \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} (k) + \begin{bmatrix} b_1(p(k)) \\ b_2(p(k)) \end{bmatrix} u(k)$$
$$y(k) = x_2(k).$$

- Input-output model,

$$y(k) = a_2(p(k-1))y(k-1) + a_1(p(k-2))y(k-2)$$
$$+ b_2(p(k-1))u(k-1) + b_1(p(k-2))u(k-2),$$

# LPV model structures

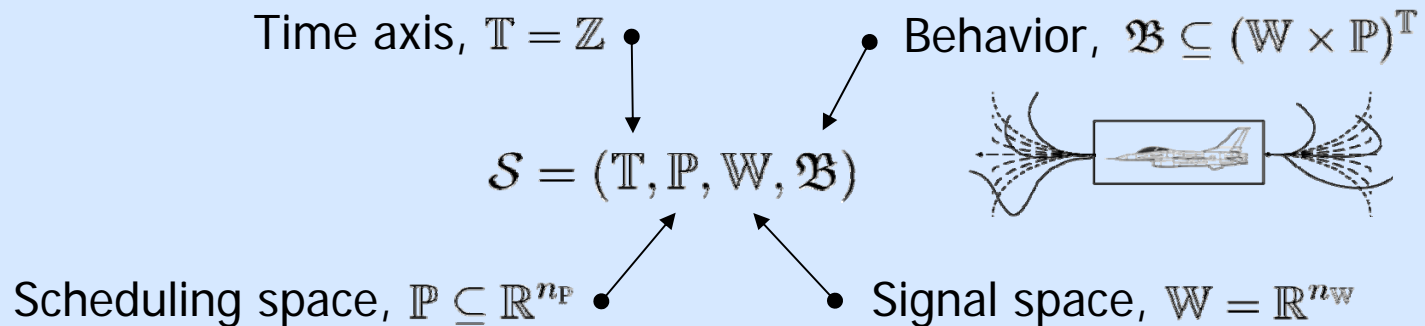
- Consequence 1
  - Mapping estimated IO models to SS or vice versa, while retaining a static dependence of the scheduling functions introduces (substantial) error.
- This points to the need to either
  - Estimate the LPV model in the same model structure where information on the (static) effect of  $p$  is available, or
  - Include a dynamic map  $p \mapsto \theta$  in the model structure

# LPV model structures

- Consequence 2
  - We need appropriately defined notions of equivalence between LPV systems (and definitions of LPV systems as a start)

Note: transfer function is not available for this notion of equivalence is as the systems is time-varying well-defined in terms of  $\mathfrak{B}$

- Solution: through Willems' behavioral framework:



# LPV model structures

- Generic representation of an LPV system behavior:

$$\sum_{i=0}^{n_\xi} (r_i \diamond p) q^i w = 0 \quad \text{or} \quad (R(q) \diamond p) w = 0$$

where  $r_i \diamond p$  represents any quotient of homeomorphic functions of  $p$  and shifted versions of  $p$ .

Result: LPV system equivalence, canonical forms in SS and IO form, etc., Taking account of dynamic phenomena in  $p$  and  $w$ .

(Tóth et al., ECC 2009)

$$r(x_1, x_2, x_3) = \frac{1 + x_3}{1 - x_2}$$

Unique association  $\downarrow$   $n_{\mathbb{P}} = 2$

$$(r \diamond p)(k) = \frac{1 + p_1(k+1)}{1 - p_2(k)}$$

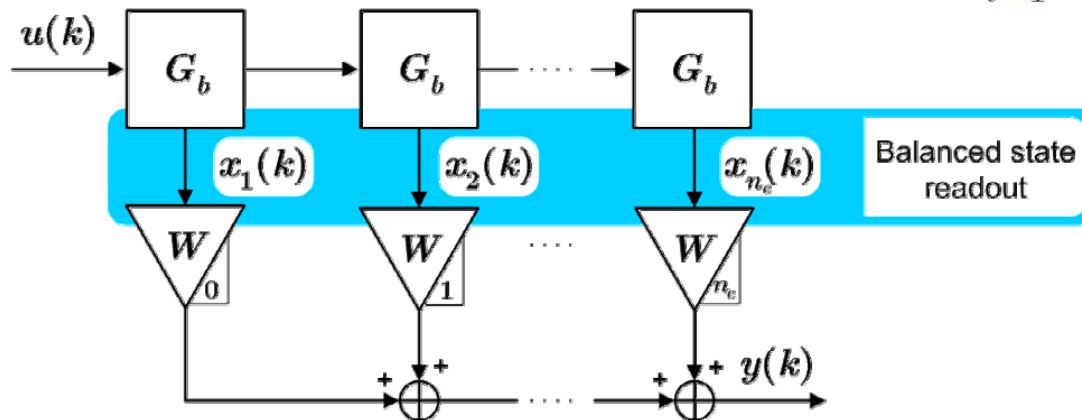
# LPV model structures

- Additional aspects:
  - In linear **PE** identification we benefit from linearity-in-the-parameters;  
Can this be maintained?
  - Interpolating local linear state space models is hard when **McMillan** degree varies over local models;  
Can we accommodate this?

# An OBF approach

## Orthonormal basis functions

- For local linear models:  $F(z) \approx \sum_{i=0}^{n_f} w_i \phi_i(z)$
- Generation of the OBFs
  - By a set of stable poles:  $\Xi_n = \{\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n\} \subset \mathbb{D}$
  - By a stable all-pass (inner) function:  $G_b(z) = \prod_{i=1}^n \frac{1 - z\lambda_i^*}{z - \lambda_i}$



(Heuberger et al.,  
Springer, 2005)

Choice of poles determines rate of convergence of the series expansion

# An OBF approach

## Opportunities for LPV models

$$y = \sum_{i=0}^{n_f} w_i(p) \phi_i(q) u$$

- Scheduling of coefficients  $w_i$  retains linearity-in-the parameters
- If basis can be chosen (globally) fixed, interpolation of local models becomes interpolation  $\{w_i(\bar{p}_j)\}_{j=1,\dots,n_l}$   $\bar{p}_j$  constant scheduling point belonging to local model  $j$
- No problem with interpolation of models with different [McMillan degrees](#)

Question: How to choose the global basis functions  $\phi_i(q)$ ?

# An OBF approach

## Selection of basis functions

- Identify a number of local linear models in several in different regimes  $\bar{p}_j$
- Plot all identified poles in the complex plane
- Cluster the poles in groups and find optimal cluster centers (basis poles)
- So as to minimize a distance measure that is relevant for the (worst case) length of the resulting series expansions

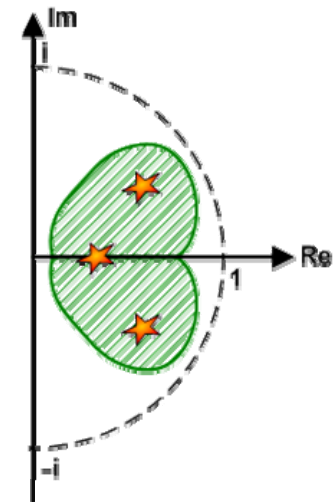
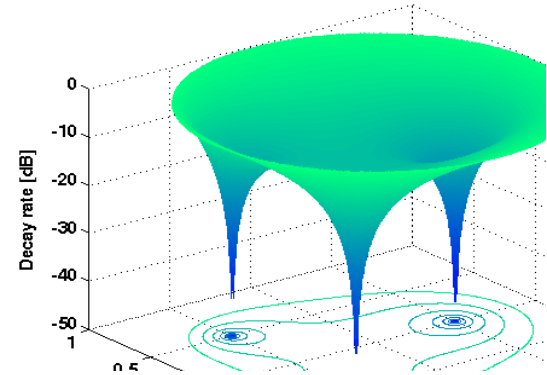
# An OBF approach

## Kolmogorov $n$ -width theory

- Worst-case modeling:
  - Result (Oliveria e Silva, 1996):
    - $G_b(z)$  an inner function
    - Let  $K$  be the set of systems with poles in the region

$$\{z \in \mathbb{D} \mid |G_b(z^{-1})| < \rho\}$$

- The **OBFs**, generated by  $G_b(z)$  are optimal for  $K$  in the  $n$ -width sense



# An OBF approach

## Kolmogorov $n$ -width theory

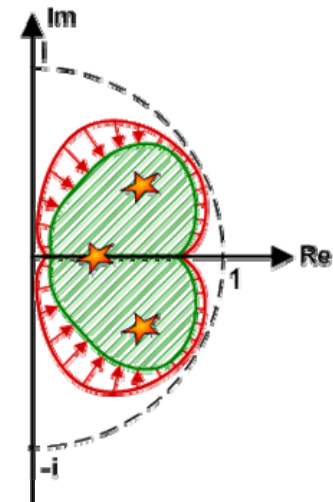
- The inverse  $n$ -width concept:
  - Given a region of poles:  $\Omega$
  - Try to approximate it as

$$\Omega \approx \Omega(\Xi_n, \rho) = \{z \in \mathbb{D} \mid |G_b(z^{-1})| < \rho\}$$

$\rho =$  decay rate of the expansion

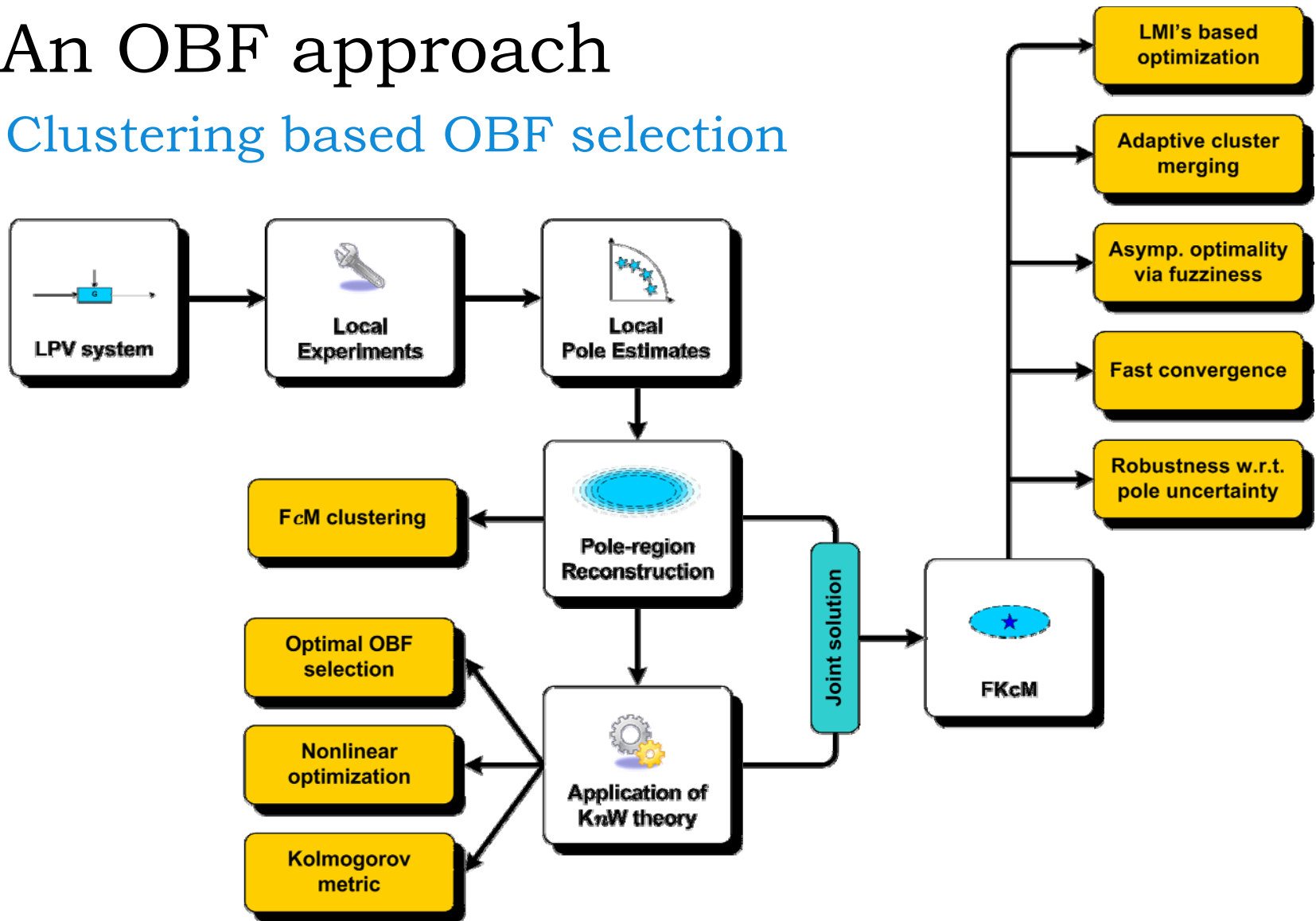
- The  $n$  optimal **OBFs** are obtained through (Kolmogorov measure minimization)

$$\min_{\Xi_n \subset \mathbb{D}} \rho = \min_{\Xi_n \subset \mathbb{D}} \max_{z \in \Omega} |G_b(z^{-1})| = \min_{\Xi_n \subset \mathbb{D}} \max_{z \in \Omega} \left| \prod_{i=1}^n \frac{z - \lambda_i}{1 - z\lambda_i^*} \right|$$



# An OBF approach

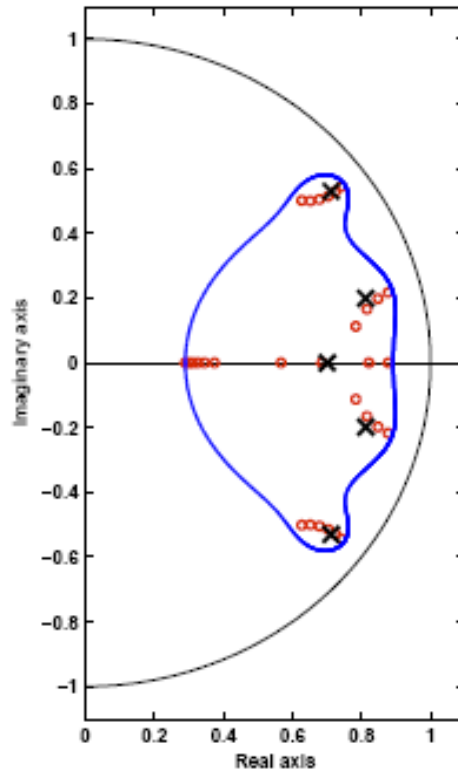
## Clustering based OBF selection



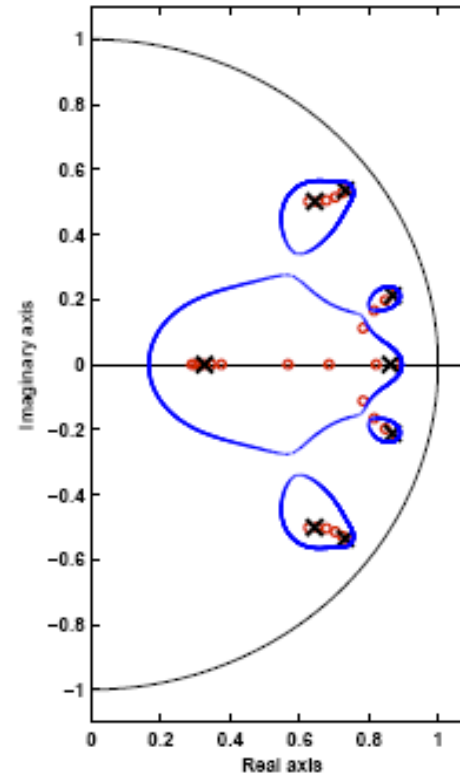
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## Example of clustering

30 poles



(a)  $m = 8, c = 5$

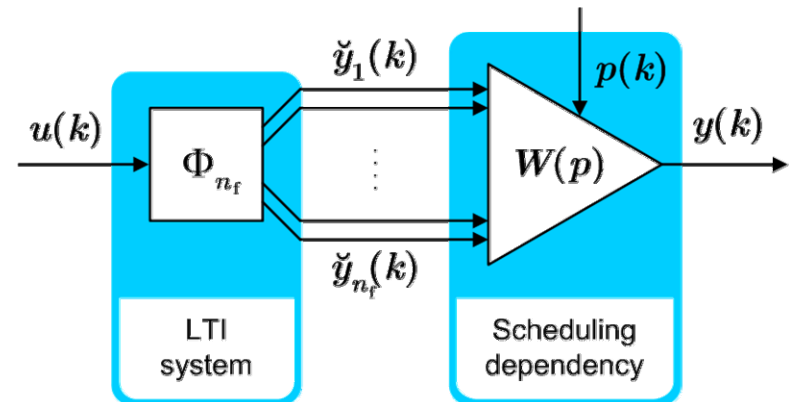


(b)  $m = 8, c = 8$

# An OBF approach

## LPV-OBF model structures

- The following global model structure results:
  - Static  $p$ -dependence is linearly parametrized (e.g. polynomial, splines)
  - Estimation through linear regression (OE-form)

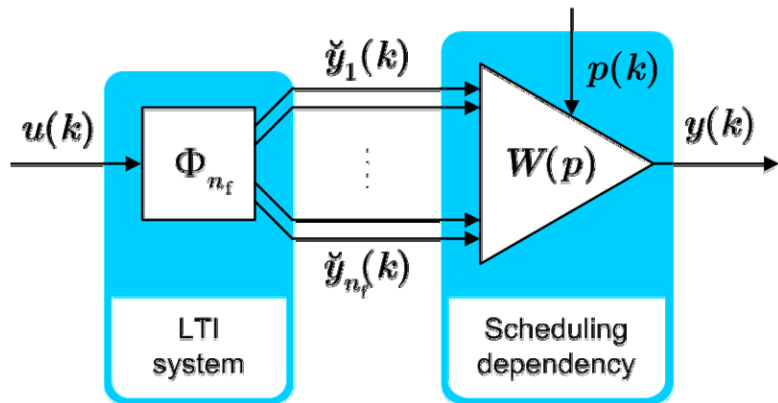


Wiener LPV model

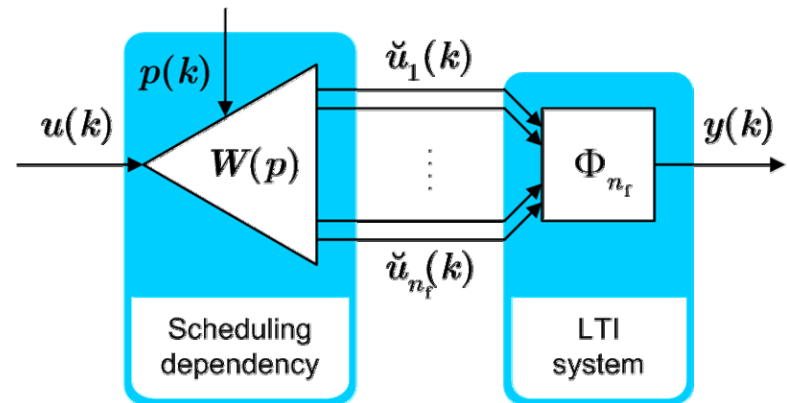
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## LPV-OBF model structures

- Different alternatives:



Wiener LPV model



Hammerstein LPV model

Different results due to the finite expansion  
and the static  $p$ -dependence

# Example

- LPV system  $\mathcal{S}$  with I/O representation:

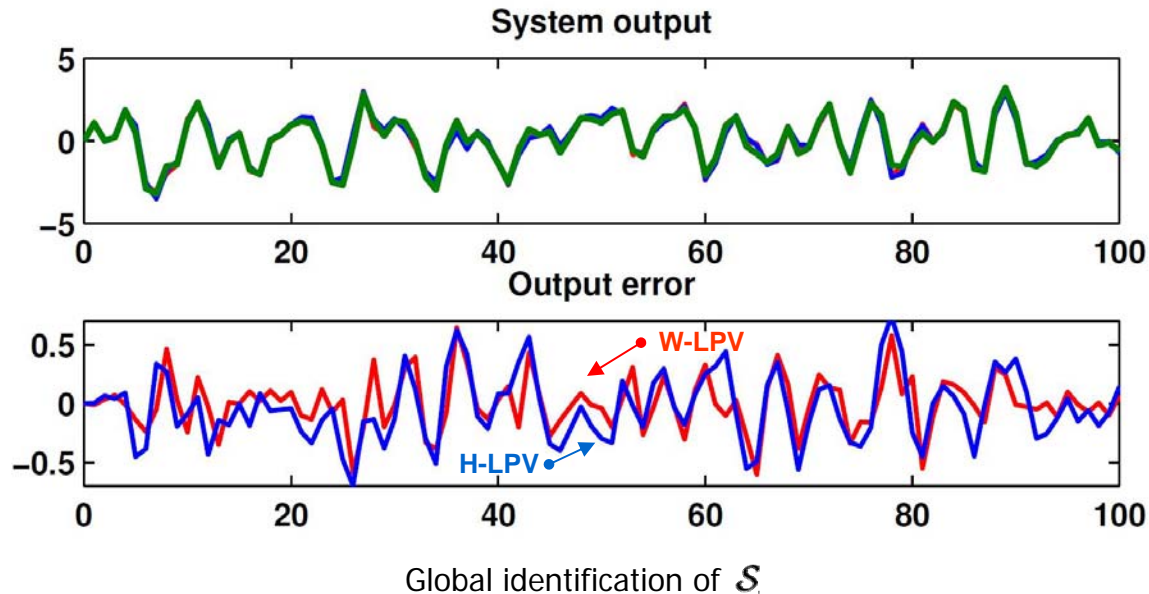
$$a_0(p(k))y(k) = b_1(p(k))u(k-1) - \sum_{l=1}^5 a_l(p(k))y(k-l)$$

$$\begin{aligned} a_0(p) &= 0.58 - 0.1p, & a_1(p) &= -\frac{511}{860} - \frac{48}{215}p^2 + 0.3(\cos(p) - \sin(p)), \\ a_2(p) &= \frac{61}{110} - 0.2\sin(p), & a_3(p) &= -\frac{23}{85} + 0.2\sin(p), \\ a_4(p) &= \frac{12}{125} - 0.1\sin(p), & a_5(p) &= -0.003, \quad b_1(p) = \cos(p). \end{aligned}$$

with  $\mathbb{P} = [0.6, 0.8]$ .

Identify  $\mathcal{S}$  with W-LPV and H-LPV OBF models!

# Example



model	SNR	MSE	BTF	VAF
W-LPV	15 dB	0.0572	83.69%	97.34%
H-LPV	15 dB	0.0973	78.72%	95.48%

7 OBFs  
 Data:  $p \in \mathcal{U}(0.6, 0.8)$ ,  $u \in \mathcal{U}(-1, 1)$   
 500 samples long  
 Noise:  $v_e \in \mathcal{N}(0, 0.5)$   
 output additive

# Conclusions

- LPV models:
  - Intermediate step between nonlinear and LTI models.
  - Effective engineering tool for dealing with nonlinear systems.
- LPV model structures for identification are studied and basic structures and phenomena have been clarified.
- OBF's provide a powerful tool for parametrizing relevant classes of LPV systems
- There is work to be done on completing the picture of a general framework for LPV identification.



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