



Automatic Control in Lund

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Lectures

	1940	1960	2000
1 Introduction			
2 Governors			
3 Process Control			
4 Feedback Amplifiers			
5 Harry Nyquist			
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LTH - 1965

- ▶ LTH Base Plan (stomplan) and Ragnar Woxen rektor
- ▶ Centrally governed
- ▶ Faculty of professors (and lecturers) the governing body
You meet once a month good for interaction
- ▶ Budget: positions, material and equipment
- ▶ Research funding
Mainly through the university - Competence for allocation?
STU (Many changes now Vinnova och SSF)
- ▶ Red, blue and green money, July 1st
- ▶ Skåne - technically a development region (ett tekniskt uland!) Three exceptions: Kockums, Sydkraft, TetraPak
- ▶ Industrial contacts essential

Starting a New Department

- ▶ Good people
If you want a 2 meter jumper it is not enough to have two one meter jumpers (Prof Terman Stanford)
- ▶ High Quality Education
Industry needs good engineers
Student interest
Good teachers
- ▶ High Quality Research
Compete on the global arena
Long term research program
Guest researchers
- ▶ A good lab
Too many professors in automatic control have a platonic love for control systems - they talk a lot about them but they have not touched them.

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Theme: Building a New Department and Samples of Activities.

Introduction

LTH started in 1961

- ▶ A new engineering school close to an old University
- ▶ First control course taught by Felix Aasma CTH 1964

KJÅ

- ▶ KTH and the TTN Group - Inertial Guidance and Navigation, MIT and Draper Lab
- ▶ IBM Research - T. J. Watson Laboratory, San Jose Laboratory
Bertram, Kalman, Berkeley, Stanford, MIT, Columbia, Lockheed
- ▶ IBM Nordic Laboratory
Papermachine modeling and control
System identification
Minimum variance control
Computer control
- ▶ Professor in 1965

Base Plan (Stomplanen)

Planned resources

- ▶ Professor (4h)
- ▶ 2 Lecturer (12 h \approx Associate prof with tenure)
- ▶ 4 assistants
- ▶ 1 secretary
- ▶ 1 technical assistant
- ▶ 1 research engineer
- ▶ 1 instrument engineer
- ▶ 3 lab personel
- ▶ Equipment funding 0.8 MSEK \approx 8 MSEK today

Lack of competent candidates at many levels. Impossible to attract top people from US. First lecturer Gustaf Olsson 1967. Philosophy: Trade long term gain for short term pain.

To Lab or not to Lab

- ▶ Clear intention in Base Plan - BUT (Woxen)
- ▶ Personal view: Labs are expensive but necessary if we want to educate engineers
- ▶ Good resources in the Base Plan
 - ▶ Bad details
- ▶ European tour
 - ▶ Distillation columns
 - ▶ Mini rolling mills
- ▶ Decision: Industry will be our real lab
Establish good network, the Swedish advantage
- ▶ Simple lab processes for courses
- ▶ Personel
 - ▶ Competence to develop and run lab processes
 - ▶ Competence to participate in experiments in industry
- ▶ Goal: Get a computer

Industry Collaboration

- ▶ Billerud, IBM ±, Kockums, Sydkraft
- ▶ Volvo, Saab, ABB, Ericsson, Vattenfall, Atomenergi, FOA
- ▶ Pulp and Paper, Waste Water Treatment, Building Automation
- ▶ Trips with students and faculty
- ▶ Contact days
- ▶ Seminars
- ▶ Courses
 - Teknologiföreningen, LTH, **Kockums**
 - Useful for grad students to interact person-to-person
 - Useful contacts for projects
- ▶ Personnel exchange Billerud/LTH
- ▶ Master theses
- ▶ Projects

Programming Real-Time Systems

- ▶ Absolutely essential to Control
- ▶ *Real-time programming* James Schoeffler CASE 1971
- ▶ *Computers in Control Systems* J, Wieslander PDP15 1972
- ▶ *Computers in Control Systems* 2, Hilding Elmquist 1979
 - ▶ LSI-11, Concurrent Pascal, real time kernel
- ▶ *Computers in Control Control Systems 1* transfered to Gustaf Olsson who became Professor of IAE 1987
- ▶ *Applied Real-Time Programming* IBM PC, Modula 2, 1983
- ▶ *Computer Implementation of Control Systems*, VME Motorola 68020 89-93
- ▶ *Real-Time Systems*, Karl-Erik Årzén 1993
 - ▶ Windows NT, Pentium, InTouch 1996
 - ▶ PowerPC, Migration to Java started 1998
 - ▶ Java, Linux, PC 2000
 - ▶ ATMEL AVR microprocessors 2003
 - ▶ Holistic view of computer control 2007

Formal PhD Program 1975

Goals: Ability to

- ▶ add new knowledge
- ▶ work independently
- ▶ to understand, formulate analyze and solve problems
- ▶ understand possibilities and limitations of quantitative methods
- ▶ to communicate by talking and writing
- ▶ to cooperate in groups on systems problems
- ▶ to gather knowledge from different fields and organized in systematically
- ▶ to generate new knowledge

Strong foundation in the field of systems science measured by international standards. Good abilities to use computers for off-line problem solving and for on-line control.

Visitors

- ▶ **Don't appoint until competent candidates are available, use money for visitors!**
- ▶ More than 30 visitors 0.5 – 6 months the first 10 years
- ▶ Michael Athans MIT
- ▶ Richard Bellman USC
- ▶ Harald Cramer SU
- ▶ Peter Falb Brown
- ▶ Y. C. Ho Harvard
- ▶ Isaac Horowitz Colorado
- ▶ Eliahu Jury Berkeley
- ▶ Rudolf Kalman Florida
- ▶ David Mayne Imperial
- ▶ A. McFarlane Cambridge
- ▶ Sanjoy Mitter MIT
- ▶ Bob Narendra Yale
- ▶ Lucien Polak Berkeley
- ▶ H. Rosenbrock UMIST
- ▶ Murray Wonham Toronto
- ▶ Lotfi Zadeh Berkeley

Education

Basic courses

- ▶ Introductory Course
 - Advice from Helmut Hertz
 - Merger of classic control and state space
 - Labs
- ▶ Advanced Course
 - Nonlinear, Computer Control, Stochastic Control
 - Inherited Jack Bertrams course on Nonlinear Control from Columbia. Lots of examples, Lyapunov, piecewise constant

PhD courses

- ▶ Emulation of US graduate education with limited resources
- ▶ Lots of discussions and guest lecturers
 - Linear systems, optimal control, algebraic system theory, real time programming, multivariable systems, adaptive control, system identification

PhD Program

- ▶ Modeled after USA
- ▶ Collaboration with Mathematics Department
- ▶ New courses
 - Stochastic Control
 - System Identification
 - Adaptive Control
 - Later part of CI program thanks to Per Eriksson
- ▶ Ad hoc using visitors
- ▶ Independent studies
- ▶ Seminars run by the students
- ▶ Independent studies based well organized material, tapes, lecture notes, books, self-instruction. Improve material during the course (The box concept)
- ▶ Group projects (prof, industry, experienced PhDs and unexperiences PhDs)
- ▶ Program formalized in Educational Reform 1975

Course List 1975

- ▶ Introductory Course
- ▶ System Theory
 - 2.1 Finite state systems
 - 2.2 Linear systems
 - 2.3 Stochastic systems
 - 2.4 Nonlinear stochastic systems
 - 2.5 Infinite dimensional systems
 - 2.6 Independent study
- ▶ Optimization
 - 3.1 Parametric Optimization
 - 3.2 Calculus of Variations
 - 3.3 LQG Theory
 - 3.4 Optimal Control
 - 3.5 Independent Study
- ▶ Applications
 - 4.1 Numerical Methods in Control
 - 4.2 Modeling
 - 4.3 System Identification
 - 4.4 Adaptive and Learning
 - 4.5 Hardware and Software for On-line Control
 - 4.6 Process Control
 - 4.7 Non-technical Applications
 - 4.8 Systems Engineering
 - 4.9 Independent Study

Research Plan

Goals:

- ▶ Research results on high international level
- ▶ Researchers on a high international level with a broad knowledge
- ▶ Cover a broad range to be able to educate the engineers that Sweden need

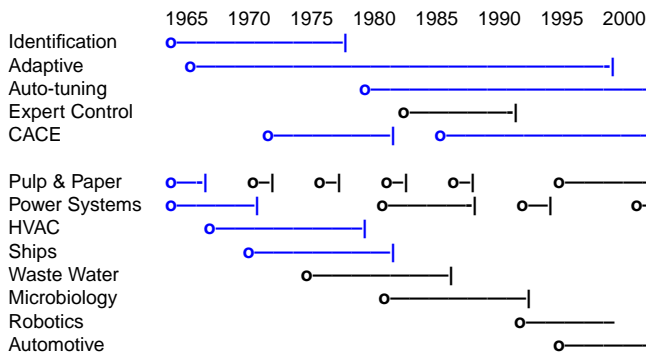
Topics

- ▶ System identification
- ▶ Adaptive control
- ▶ Computer control
- ▶ Computer Aided Control System Design
- ▶ Large Systems
- ▶ Applications in broad areas in close collaboration with industry

Industrial interaction

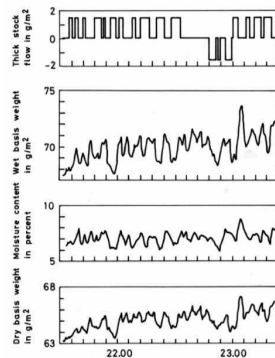
- ▶ MS theses, projects, experiments

Overview



Initial Conditions

- ▶ IBM experience
- ▶ Theory
- ▶ Code
- ▶ Practical know-how
- ▶ Many theoretical questions
- ▶ Probability theory
- ▶ Statistics
- ▶ Experimental conditions
- ▶ Recursive computations



Subspecialization

- ▶ Good start from Billerud-IBM project, much to do
- ▶ Deep dive
Statistics, numerics, probability theory, estimation theory, experiment design
Lectures book plan
- ▶ Hunt for data
Pulp and Paper, Billerud
Power systems, Sydkraft
Ship steering, Sea Swift, Kockums, SSPA
- ▶ Torsten Söderström 1969-74 (Lecturer Uppsala)
- ▶ Lennart Ljung 1970-76 (Professor Linköping)
- ▶ Dropped identification, skipped book, focus on adaptation



Minimum Variance (Moving Average Control)

Process model

$$Ay(t) = Bu(t) + Ce(t)$$

Factor $B = B^+B^-$, solve (minimum degree solution)

$$AF + B^-G = C$$

$$Cy = CFe + B^-(Ru + Sy), \quad S = G \quad R = FB^+$$

Control law and controlled output are

$$Ru(t) = -Sy(t), \quad y(t) = Fe(t)$$

where $\deg F \geq \text{pole excess of } B/A$

Make it adaptive!

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Identification and Adaptive Control < 1980

Topics

- ▶ Algorithms
- ▶ Convergence
- ▶ Applications
- ▶ Software Idpac
- ▶ Models with structure
- ▶ Non-uniform sampling
- ▶ Input design
- ▶ Closed loop experiments
- ▶ Recursive estimation
- ▶ Adaptive control

Students

- ▶ Torsten Söderström
- ▶ Björn Wittenmark
- ▶ Ivar Gustafsson
- ▶ Lennart Ljung
- ▶ Bo Leden
- ▶ Ulf Borisson
- ▶ Ulf Borisson
- ▶ Jan Sternby
- ▶ Jan Holst
- ▶ Lars Jensen
- ▶ Bo Egardt
- ▶ Clas Källström

Adaptive Control

- ▶ Flight control
Gregory (ed) Proc Self Adaptive Flight Control Symp
The X15 crash
Kalman - Columbia - IBM Research - Richard Koepcke
Adaptation lost to gain scheduling
- ▶ Research in system identification drifted away from feedback (late recovery *identification for control*)
- ▶ Adaptive Control of Paper machines
Identification is a tedious procedure that requires skills
Why not adapt?
First goal adaptive Minimum Variance Controller
- ▶ The Self-Tuning Regulator
- ▶ Analysis, industrial validation

The Self-Tuning Controller

Make an adaptive minimum variance controller

$$Ay(t) = Bu(t) + Ce(t), \quad \deg A - \deg B = k$$

Estimate parameters in the model

$$y(t+k) = r_0(u(t) + \dots + r_m u(t-l) + s_0 y(t) + \dots + s_n y(t-m))$$

by recursive least squares and use the control law

$$u(t) + r_1 u(t-1) + \dots + r_k u(t-l) = -s_0 y(t) - s_1 y(t-1) - \dots - s_n y(t-m)$$

If parameters converge then

$$E(y(t+\tau)y(t)) = 0, \quad \tau = k, k+1, \dots, k+l$$

$$E(y(t+\tau)u(t)) = 0, \quad \tau = k, k+1, \dots, k+m$$

If l and m sufficiently large then parameters converge to MVC.

The Self-tuning Regulator Björn Wittenmark

On Self Tuning Regulators*

Sur les Régulateurs Auto-Syntonisants

Über selbststellende Regler

О самонастраивающихся регуляторах

K. J. ÅSTRÖM and B. WITTENMARK

Control laws obtained by combining a least squares parameter estimator and a minimum variance strategy based on the estimated parameters have asymptotically optimal performance.

Automatica 9 (1973) 185-189

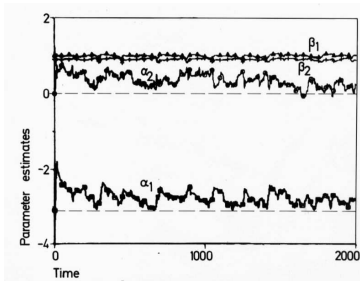
- ▶ Known time delay
- ▶ $B(z)$: no zeros outside unit disc, sign of b_0 known
- ▶ Degrees of R and S sufficiently large
- ▶ Integral action and anti-windup

STR Counter Example

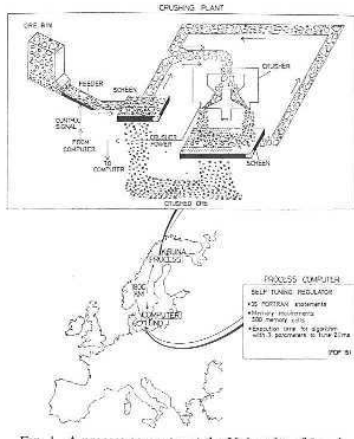
$$B(z) = z^2 + z + 0.9, \quad C(q) = z^2 + 1.5z + 0.75$$

$$z_k = -0.5 + 0.806i, \quad C(z_k) = -0.4 + 0.403i$$

Simulation with $A(z) = z^3 - 1.6z^2 + 0.75z$

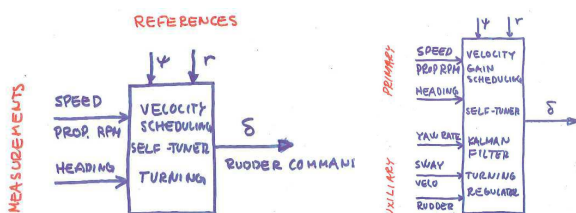


Ore Crusher Borisson Syding 1975



Ship Steering Claes Källström

- ▶ Major applications projects with Kockums and SSPA
- ▶ Structured system identification and adaptive control
- ▶ Claes Källström moved to SSPA after PhD



Convergence Analysis Lennart Ljung

Analysis of Recursive Stochastic Algorithms

LENNART LJUNG, MEMBER, IEEE

IEEE Trans AC-22 (1977) 551-575

Markov processes and differential equations

$$dx = f(x)dt + g(x)dw, \quad \frac{\partial p}{\partial t} = -\frac{\partial p}{\partial x} \left(\frac{\partial f p}{\partial x} \right) + \frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} g^2 f = 0$$

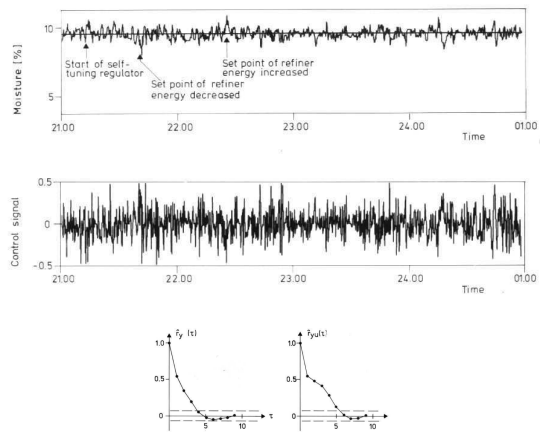
Lennarts idea

$$\theta_{t+1} = \theta_t + \gamma_t \varphi e, \quad \frac{d\theta}{d\tau} = f(\theta) = E\varphi e$$

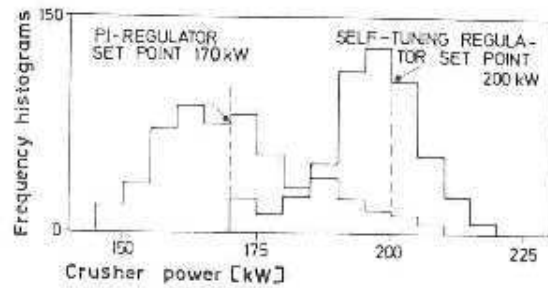
Convergence of recursive algorithms and STR ($Ay=Bu+Ce$)
Counterexample

Jan Holst: Local stability if $\text{real } C(z_k) > 0, B(z_k) = 0$

Paper Machine Control BW and UB

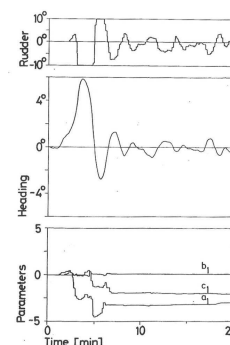


Ore Crusher 2

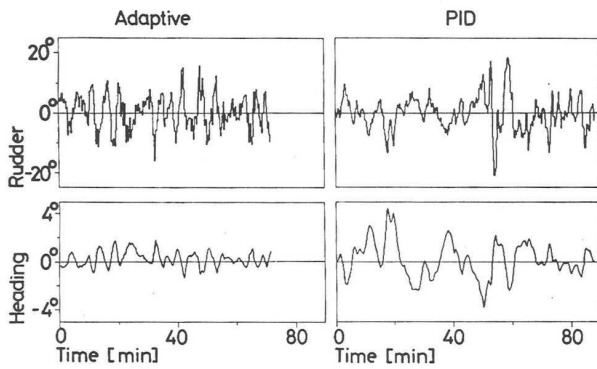


10% increase of production!

Initialization of Adaptive Auto-pilot



Performance at Sea



3% energy saving compared to PID

Novatune and First Control

- ▶ The Novatune experience
 - ▶ Projects 73-74
 - ▶ Bengtsson rolling mill 1979
 - ▶ ASEA Innovation 1981
 - ▶ 30 persons 50M
 - ▶ Transfer to ASEA Master
- ▶ Tuning of feedforward very successful
- ▶ First Control
 - ▶ Rolling mills
 - ▶ Semiconductor manufacturing
- ▶ Why not a standard?
 - ▶ Not PhD free?

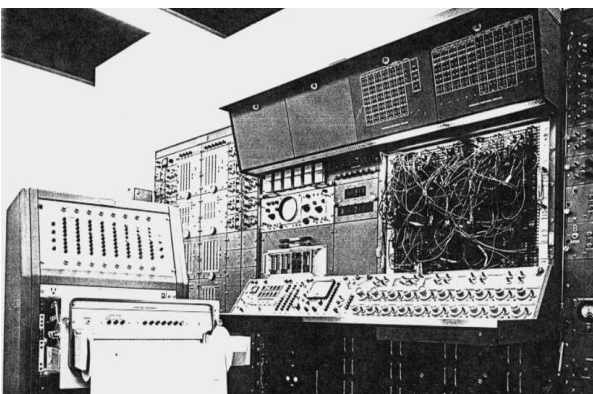
NOVATUNE



The Role of Computing

- ▶ Computing changes what we mean by a solution!
- ▶ Gordon Moore Intel 1965: *The number of transistors per square inch on integrated circuits has doubled approximately every 18 months.*
- ▶ Moore+Goldstine: *A revolution every 10 years!*
- ▶ Difficult to realize the consequences of the dramatic changes and exploit the possibilities
- ▶ Tempting to implement old ideas in new technology

Analog Computer EAI 231



Product Still on the Market



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Computing and CACE

The scene of 1965: Computing centers, long turn around time

- ▶ Good base funding 800k
- ▶ Smil, (IBM 7090), Univac
- ▶ Allocation of computing resources - taking over computer center at night

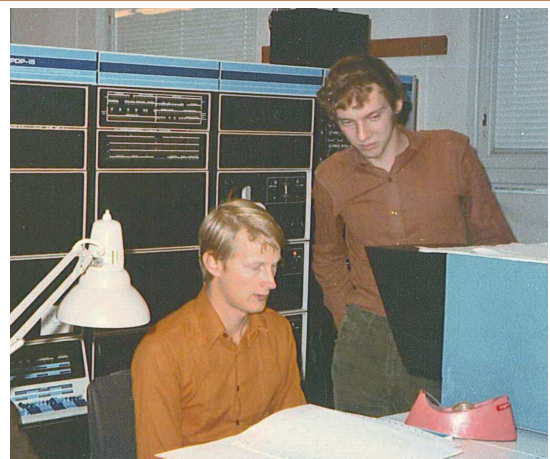
Simulation

- ▶ EAI 231R - Bureucracy and a stroke of luck 1966
- ▶ Work horse for simulation for education and research: courses, thesis projects, nonlinear control
- ▶ Sampled data controllers by switching

Computers

- ▶ PDP15 16k core 256 k disk July 1970
Tektronics display, inkjet printer
- ▶ Vax 11/780 0.5MB 2x 28MB disk 8 terminals Sept 1980
1982: 2.5 MB 256 MB disk 32 terminals

Johan, Hilding and PDP15



- ▶ Driver: Efficient computational tools for applied projects
- ▶ Background: Interpretive computing: BASIC, APL
- ▶ Key contributors: Johan Wieslander, Ivar Gustavsson, Hilding Elmqvist. Two programmers Tommy Essebo, Tomas Schöntal
- ▶ Collection of tools for identification, analysis, simulation and design
- ▶ Standard tools for the department for many years
- ▶ STU requirements:
 - ▶ Should be useful for industry
 - ▶ Not allowed to put it in the public domain
- ▶ Many licences
- ▶ Basis for sound economy for many years

IDPAC

Identification

- ▶ LS, ML – Least squares and maximum likelihood identification
- ▶ SQR, STRUC – LS data reduction and structure def

Simulation and model analysis

- ▶ DETER, DSIM, FILT, RANPA, RESID, SPTRF

Timeseries operations

- ▶ ACOF CCOF - Auto and cross correlations
- ▶ CONC CUT PICK INSI – Concatenate, cut, pick, generate
- ▶ SCLOP VECOP SLIDE – Scalar and vector operations,
- ▶ STAT TREND – Statistics and trend

Frequency response

- ▶ ASPEC, CSPEC, DFT, IDFT, FROP – Auto and cross spectrum frequency operations

SIMNON

- ▶ We needed a nonlinear simulator for validation
- ▶ CSMP (IBM San Jose) poor structure and poor interaction
- ▶ Hilding Elmqvist's Masters Thesis Project 1972
 - Interaction principles teletype and oscilloscope
 - Formal syntax Backus-Naur standard form
 - Compile to p-code, interprete p-code
 - FORTTRAN
- ▶ Strong industrial interest – one year support from ITM
- ▶ Licensing to Swedish industry: FFA, FOA, Gambro, Kockumation, Philips, Saab, SSPA, STFI, Studsvik, Sydkraft, Vattenfall, Volvo Flygmotor and many universities
- ▶ Many external courses
- ▶ Porting to PC 1986
- ▶ Mathworks agent in the US for a short time
- ▶ Transfer to SSPA 1989

Simulation Commands

Six basic commands

SYST - Activate systems
PAR - Change parameters
INIT - Initial conditions
SIMU - Simulate a system
PLOT - Choose variables to be plotted
AXES - Draw axes

Seven auxiliary commands

STORE - Select variables to be stored
SHOW - Plot stored variables
DISP - Display parameters
SPLIT - Split display area
HCOPY - Print displayed curves
ALGOR - Choose integration algorithm
ERROR - Error bound

- ▶ INTRAC - Interaction module: command interpreter with macro facility common to all programs
MLPAR <- DATA N
- ▶ IDPAC - System identification
OPTFB L CLSYS <- LOSS SYS
Ivar Gustafsson demo at SYSID'73
- ▶ MODPAC - Model transformation
- ▶ SYNPAAC - Control system synthesis
- ▶ POLPAC - Polynomial design

Tools for modeling and simulation

- ▶ SIMNON - Simulation of continuous and sampled systems
- ▶ Dymola - Object oriented physical modeling
- ▶ Modelica - Modeling of large physical systems

Example of Design

Assume a continuous system A , B , C with noise covariances R_1 , R_{12} , R_2 and loss function Q_1 , Q_{12} , Q_2 explore changes of 33 element of Q_1 for designs with different sampling rates

```
MACRO DESIGN alpha
ALTER Q1 33 alpha
FOR H=0.5 TO 2.5 STEP 0.5
SAMP dsys <- csys h
TRANS Q <- csys Q
OPTFB L <- dsys
KALFI K <- dsys
CONNECT clsys <- dsys K L
SIMU x y <- clsys uref
PLOT x(1) x(7) x(8) xe(1) xe(8) u
NEXT h
END MACRO
```

System Descriptions

```
CONTINUOUS SYSTEM proc   DISCRETE SYSTEM reg
Input u                   Input yr y
Output y                  Output u
State x                   State I
Der dx                     New nI
dx=sat(u,0.1)             Tsamp ts
END                         v=k*e+I
                           u=sat(v,0.1)
CONNECTING SYSTEM         nI=I+k*h*e/Ti+u-v
yr(reg)=1;                 ts=t+h
y(reg)=y(proc)             k:1
u(proc)=u(reg)             h:0.1
                           a=1
```

Dymola

- ▶ Strong pressure for extensions of Simnon (ITM, STU)
Matrices and hierarchical systems
- ▶ Extending Simnon not good PhD topic, too low I/T ratio
- ▶ Fundamental look at modeling of physical systems
Equations and symbolic manipulation DAE
Inspiration from circuits and SPICE,
- ▶ Hilding Elmqvist: A Structured Model Language for Large Continuous Systems. PhD thesis May 1978
Formal syntax, Equation based, Object Oriented
The Acid Test: Sture Lindahl - Thermal boiler and generator
Implemented in Simula - only OO software available
- ▶ Francois Cellier ETH made a Pascal version
- ▶ Great ideas but premature

Why did we stop?

- + Useful design and analysis tools
- + Extensive licensing:
 - ▶ Swedish industry: FFA, FOA, Gambro, Kockums, Philips, Saab, SSPA, STFI, Studsvik, Sydkraft, Vattenfall, Volvo
 - ▶ Universities world wide
 - ▶ General Electric licensed all software and transferred to many departments via the Research Department
- + Many external courses
- Did not want to be a software house
- FORTRAN not suitable for large software
- ▶ Workshop on Numerical Methods for Control Lund 1980
- Cleve Molers Matlab first installation in Europe
- ▶ Interactive computing project ended 1981
- ▶ Some documentation continued

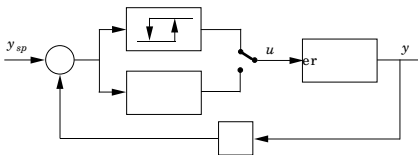
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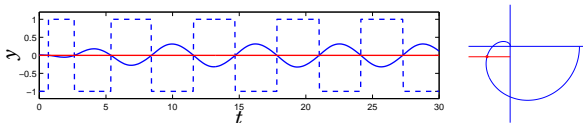
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Relay Auto-tuning

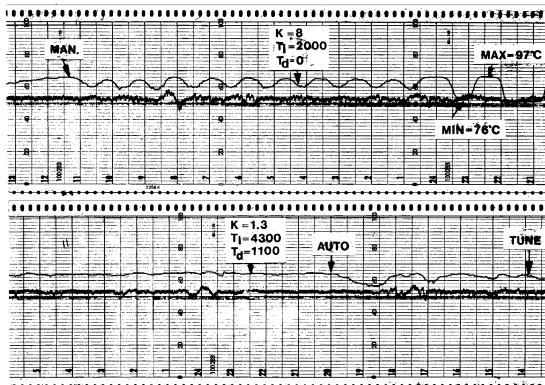


What happens when relay feedback is applied to a system with dynamics? Think about a thermostat?



Automatic generation of good excitation signal

Temperature Control of Distillation Column



Omola - Omsim - Modelica - JModelica

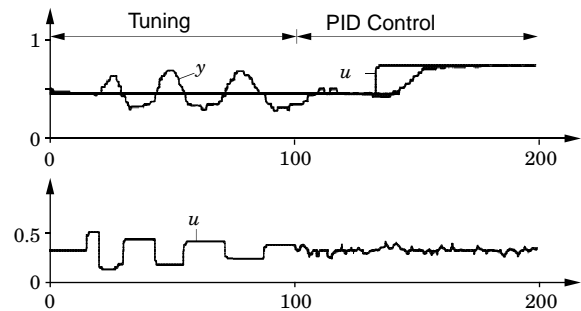
- ▶ New research program 1986: workstations, graphics, C++
 - Sven Erik Mattson 1984, Mats Andersson 1994, Bernt Nilsson 1993, Jan-Eric Larsson 1993
 - Jonas Eborn 2001, Hubertus Tummescheit 2002
 - Programmers: DagBrück, Essebo, Schöntal
- ▶ Dynasim 1992 and DLR
- ▶ **The 1996 COSY workshop TFRT 7551**
- ▶ Migration to Dynasim: Dag Brück 1993 Sven Erik aug 1998
- ▶ Jonas Eborn. On Model Libraries for Thermo-hydraulic Applications Jonas Eborn. March 2001
- ▶ Hubertus Tummescheit. Design and Implementation of Object-Oriented Model Libraries Using Modelica. Aug 2002
- ▶ Johan Åkesson Languages and Tools for Optimization of Large-Scale Systems. Nov 2007

Activity report 1998 www.control.lth.se

Relay Auto-Tuning 1980 –

- ▶ Telemetric, Eurotherm Manchester: Mike Sommerville
- ▶ [The importance of PID control! Do simple things first!](#)
- ▶ Integral windup and tuning connections to the self-tuning regulator
- ▶ Need for automatic tuning
- ▶ Why the self-tuning regulator failed
- ▶ Push from STU to patent, collaboration with Tore, NAF or TAC
- ▶ Patent 1983 with Tore collaboration with NAF
- ▶ NAF, Sune Larsson, SDM10 and SDM20, Lund Science park
- ▶ Tore Häggglund 1985-1989
- ▶ Fisher Controls (Now Emerson) 1989

The First Experiment - Apple II Implementation

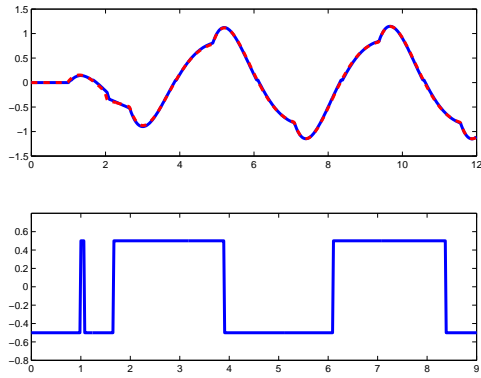


Commercial Auto-Tuners

- ▶ Easy to use
 - ▶ One-button tuning
 - ▶ Semi-automatic generation of gain schedules
 - ▶ Adaptation of feedback and feedforward gains
- ▶ Robust
- ▶ Many versions
 - ▶ Stand alone
 - ▶ DCS systems
- ▶ Large numbers
- ▶ Excellent industrial experience - PhD free



Fitting Better Models



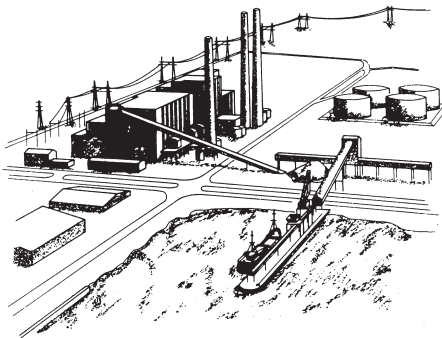
Early systems computing limited 2 kB Kristians current work

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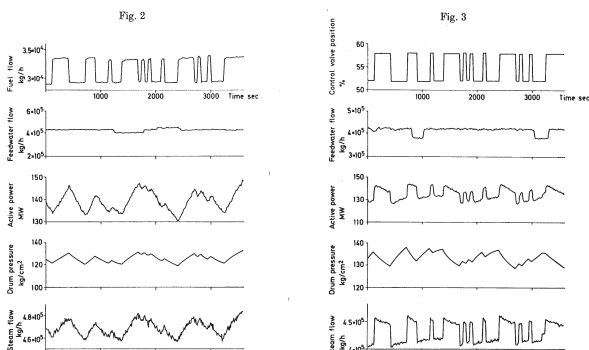
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Öresundsverket



Experimental Data 2



Properties of Relay Auto-tuning

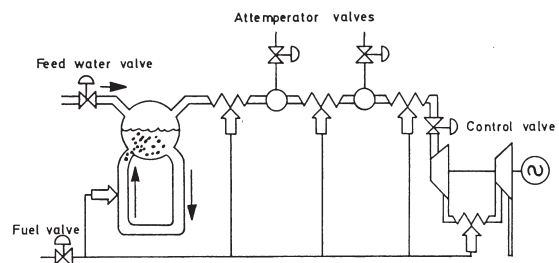
- ▶ Safe for stable systems - The M\$ question
- ▶ Close to industrial practice
 - Compare manual Ziegler-Nichols tuning
 - Easy to explain
- ▶ Little prior information. Relay amplitude
- ▶ One-button tuning
- ▶ Automatic generation of test signal
 - Automatically injects much energy at ω_{180} without for knowing ω_{180} apriori
- ▶ Good for pre-tuning of adaptive algorithms
- ▶ Good industrial experience for more than 25 years. Basic patents are running out.



Boiler Modeling and Control 1965 –

- ▶ Karl Eklund, the first assistant, was in LTH when I arrived
- ▶ Strong support from Sydkraft AB on many levels
- ▶ Looking for applications of identification
- ▶ Experiments at Öresundsverket – a stroke of luck
 - ▶ Remove all controllers perturb many variables log data
- ▶ First principles physical modeling of a complex system
 - ▶ Many components
 - ▶ Large physical dimensions
 - ▶ Complicated physics, many domains, PDEs
 - ▶ Two phase flow
 - ▶ Interesting behavior (Shrink and swell)
- ▶ Strong inspiration for research
- ▶ Many PhDs and masters projects
- ▶ Many projects from Sydkraft

A Schematic Diagram



Schematic diagram of the boiler-turbine unit.

- ▶ Control variables: fuel flow, feedwater flow, steam flow
- ▶ Interesting variables: drum pressure, drum level, power

The Low Order Mystery

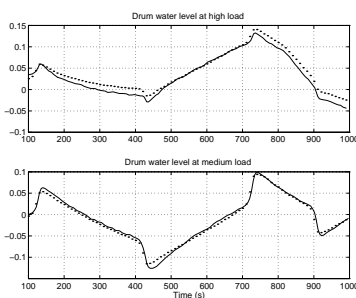
- ▶ System identification of MISO models indicate models orders 4 to 5.
- ▶ Even simple physical models gives much higher order
 - ▶ Three natural subsystems: drum, downcomers, risers
 - ▶ Two phases: steam and water
 - ▶ Balance of mass, energy and momentum
 - ▶ Crude capturing of storage: 18 states
 - ▶ Only water in downcomers: 15 states
 - ▶ Momentum dynamics fast: 10 states
- ▶ How to reconcile physics and system identification?
- ▶ Almost trivial in retrospect but it took a much time and effort
- ▶ Very efficient heat transfer in steam-water mixtures
- ▶ Pressure in all parts in contact with the steam change in the same way

Drum Level Control - Sydskraft Rod Bell

- ▶ 30% of emergency shut downs of French nuclear reactors attributable to level control problems in steam generators
- ▶ EDF Benchmark at IFAC Beijing 1999
- ▶ The Swedish situation
- ▶ Model based control
- ▶ Modeling groups
 - ▶ Stuttgart: Quazza, Welfonder
 - ▶ ETH: Profos
 - ▶ Milan: Quazza, Maffezoni
 - ▶ Philadelphia Electric: Harry Kwatny
 - ▶ Australia: Rodney Bell

Response in Drum Level to Steam Flow

High Load Top Low Load Bottom



Open loop simulation - not prediction models

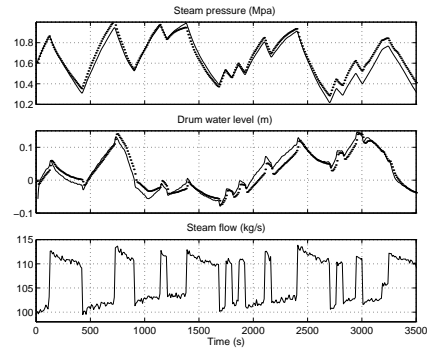
Computer Control of Buildings 1968-78

- ▶ Insight through meetings, courses, MS projects
- ▶ Fitted well for the System Identification Project
- ▶ Looking for good application of computer control
- ▶ Good professor in Department of Energy and Building Design (Bo Adamson)
- ▶ Good funding opportunities (Byggnadsrådet)
- ▶ Good project for Karl Eklund in case he wanted to stay
Kalle left to the Axel Jonson Research Institute
- ▶ Good timing for the 1973 oil crisis (pure luck)
- ▶ Possibility to have real impact
Industry situation: poor control, installation practice, difficulties with tuning due to seasonal variations
Slow systems

Experiments

- ▶ Computer control at its infancy
- ▶ Portable small computer or remote control over phone lines
- ▶ Remote experimentation with identification and control
- ▶ Originally PDP 15 at the department with HP Coupler/Controller and modems
- ▶ Reading analog input 2.6 s set analog or logic signals 0.7s
- ▶ Experiments with ÅF and Malmö hospital
- ▶ Physical modeling and identification of components and subsystems
- ▶ Experiments with on-line control
- ▶ The Interactive Process Control Language IPCL
- ▶ More than 1000 hours of experiments

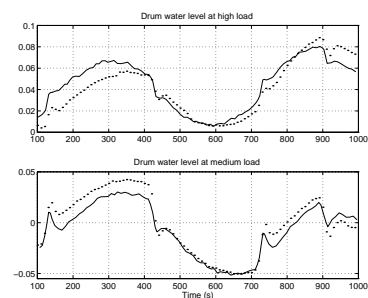
Step in Steam Flow Rate at High Load



Open loop simulation - not prediction models

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Interesting Factors

Industry structure

- ▶ Builders and the building code
- ▶ Control companies
Billmanregulator, Honeywell, Landis & Gyr, Tour Andersson
- ▶ Consultants
Orrje & Co, Skandiakonsult, Theorells, ÅF

System characteristics

- ▶ Low cost, simple actuators and sensors
- ▶ PI control
- ▶ Nonlinearities, friction, backlash, hysteresis
- ▶ Seasonal variations
- ▶ Installation and operating practice
- ▶ Tedious to tune because of long timeconstants

Lars Jensens PhD Thesis

- ▶ Introduction
- ▶ Experimental Equipment
- ▶ Modeling
- ▶ Examples of Modeling
- ▶ Controller design
 - Conventional
 - Simple self-tuners
 - Quotient controller
 - Computer control
- ▶ Examples of on-line control
- ▶ A Process Control Language

Technology Transfer

- ▶ Carl Olin Elektronik AB Lund
- ▶ Data General NOVA 32kbyte, 100AI, 100DI
- ▶ Lars Jensen on leave for a year
- ▶ IPCL crucial
- ▶ First computer control system for buildings?
- ▶ Successful installation in commercial buildings
- ▶ TA acquired Carl Olin 1975-78
- ▶ TA markets DDC6 1978
- ▶ Schneider acquires TAC
- ▶ May students work at Schneider

Lessons Learned

Control is not only

- ▶ Modeling
- ▶ Analysis and Simulation
- ▶ Control design
- ▶ Implementation

But also

- ▶ Validation and testing
- ▶ Commissioning and tuning
- ▶ Operation and modification

Impact of IPCL

Summary

- ▶ Things ain't what they used to be (Andra tider nu)
- ▶ Useful to make plans even if you don't follow them. Even more important to adapt
 - Process control computer — CACE
 - Relay auto-tuning was not planned
- ▶ Good idea with experiments in industry instead of running large operations at the department
- ▶ Useful to rotate department chairmanship and courses
- ▶ Useful to include CS and numerics
 - Real-time computing, language design, IPCL, CACE
- ▶ Useful to realize that projects should have an end
- ▶ Save well documented models and data
 - Eklunds boiler data, Lindahls power systems model

Why We Quit?

- ▶ Lars Jensen became Professor of Installationsteknik
 - Natural to transfer project
 - Good rule don't compete with your students
- ▶ Department philosophy: useful to switch application areas
- ▶ Building code and industry culture
- ▶ Results transferred to industry
- ▶ Many students at TAC/Schneider
- ▶ Stora Energipriset to Lars Jensen and KJ 1993

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