

# Alternating Projection-Based Iterative Learning Control for Repetitive Systems with Varying Trial Lengths and Practical Input Constraints

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# Iterative learning control (ILC)

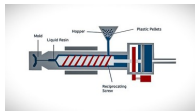
- **Application examples**

- Gantry crane
- Medical rehabilitation
- Injection molding
- Robotic arm



- **Goal**

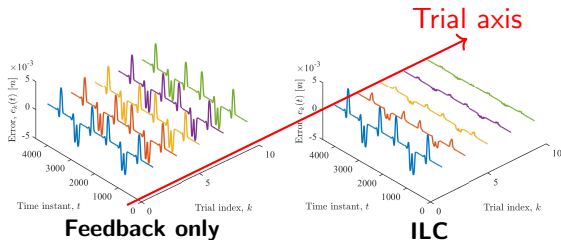
- Perfect tracking by ILC



- **Insights**

- Repetitive
- Learning

- **Reduce repetitive disturbances!**

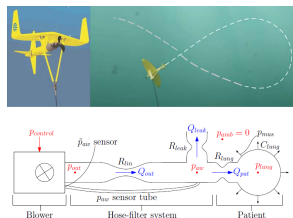
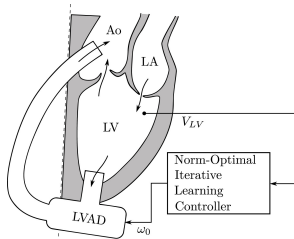
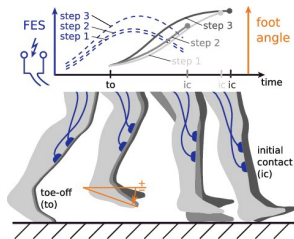


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# Repetitive systems with varying trial lengths

- Foot motion assist device<sup>1</sup>
- Left ventricular assist device<sup>2</sup>
- Marine hydrokinetic energy system<sup>3</sup>
- Mechanical ventilator<sup>4</sup>



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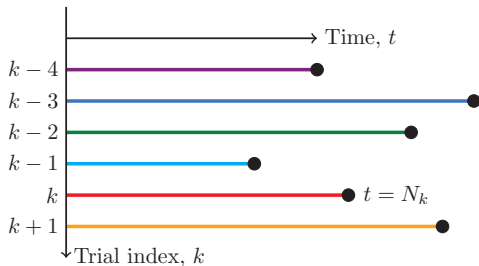
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  - **Extra design for learning efficiency**



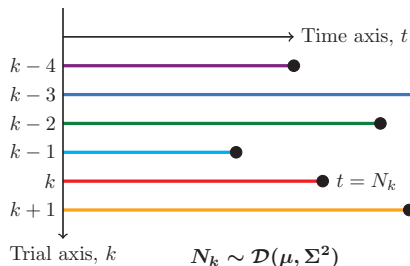
**Illustration of varying trial length problem**

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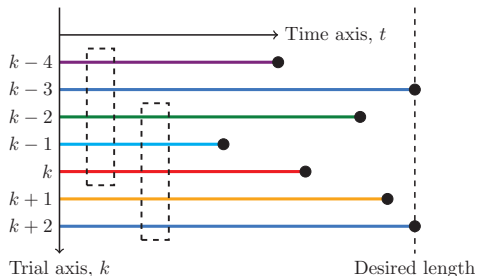
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**Stochastic model**



**Deterministic model**

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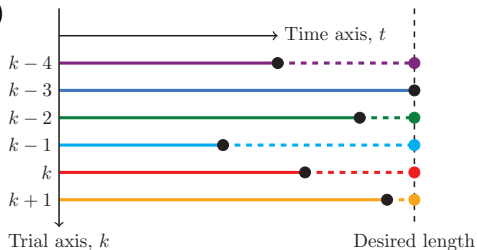


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**Illustration of compensations**

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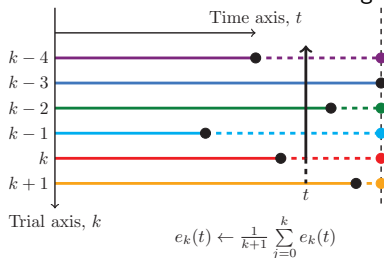
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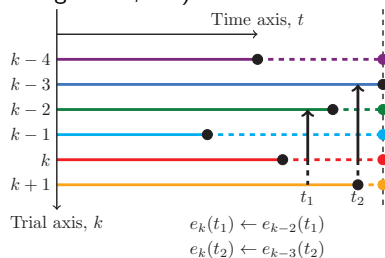
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## Iteration-averaging



## Most recent one-order

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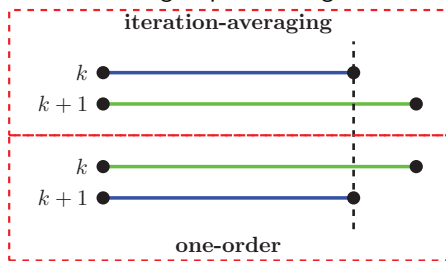
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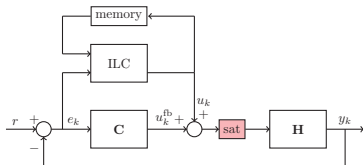
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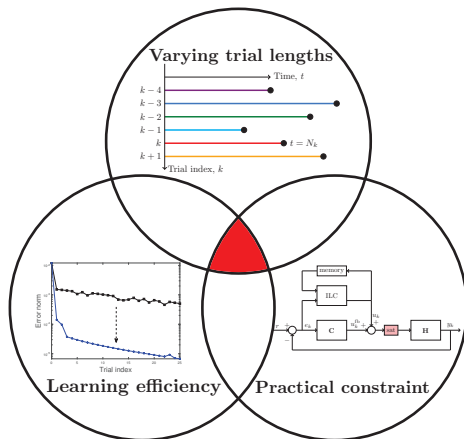
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- **Missing information for learning** → **Optimization-based ILC**
  - **Extra design for learning efficiency**
    - **Model assumption** (Stochastic, deterministic)
    - **Information compensation** (zero, prediction, no compensation, ...)
    - **Design mechanisms** (iteration-averaging, most recent one-order, event-based switching, optimal design, ...)
  - **Modified convergence analysis**
    - **Contraction mapping** (linear or globally Lipschitz continuous non-linear systems)
    - **Lyapunov-based composite energy function** (locally Lipschitz continuous non-linear systems)
    - **Variational analysis** (fractional order systems)
- **Practical input constraints** → **Constraint-aware ILC**



# Why alternating projection-based design?

- **Alternating projection-based design**
  - Intuitively and customizably geometric interpretation of problem
  - Hilbert space-enabled optimization methods
  - Practical constraint handling



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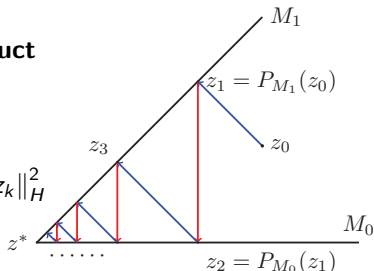
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# #0 Alternating projections in Hilbert space

## • Example

- $H = \mathbb{R}^2$
- $z = (x, y)$  powered by **Cartesian product**
- Two convex sets
  - $M_1 = \{(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 : y = x\}$
  - $M_0 = \{(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 : y = 0\}$
- $z_{k+1} = P_{M_0, M_1}(z_k) \triangleq \arg \min_{z \in M_0, M_1} \|z - z_k\|_H^2$
- $\{z_k\}_{k \geq 0}$  converges to  $z^* = M_1 \cap M_0$



## • Extensions

- **High dimensions:**  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$  and  $y \in \mathbb{R}^m$
- **More sets:**  $M_0, M_1, M_2, \dots, M_J$

## • vs. ILC

- **Proximity algorithm:** iterate to find a solution (**Learning**)
- **Full model inverse for one step convergence:**  $z^* = P_{M_1 \cap M_2}(z_0)$
- **Projection:** optimal ILC design



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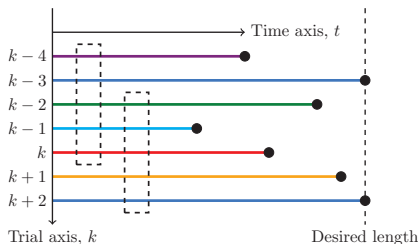
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$$e_k = \begin{bmatrix} \underbrace{e_k^T(1), \dots, e_k^T(N_k)}_{N_k} \underbrace{0, \dots, 0}_{N_d} \end{bmatrix}^T$$

**Zero compensation**



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The **ILC design problem** is to find an ILC update law

$$u_{k+1} = f(e_k, e_{k-1}, \dots, u_k, u_{k-1}, \dots), \quad (2)$$

for zero convergence of the modified tracking error in (1), i.e.,

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \|e_k\| = 0. \quad (3)$$

# #1 Alternating projection-based ILC using multiple sets

- **Alternating projection problem** ← **ILC design problem**

- **design a projection order** to find a point in the intersection of:

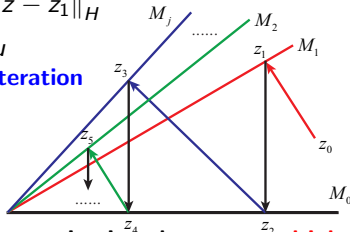
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(4)

- $M_j$  system dynamics
- $M_0$  tracking objective
- **Projection operator:**  $P_j(z) \triangleq \arg \min_{\hat{z} \in M_j} \|\hat{z} - z\|_H^2$

minimize the "distance" between a point and a set in  $H$

- **Example:**  $z_2 = P_0(z_1) \triangleq \arg \min_{\hat{z} \in M_0} \|\hat{z} - z_1\|_H^2$

- **Projection on  $M_0$ :** no change on  $u$ 
  - **Projecting on  $M_j$**  → **One ILC iteration**
  - **Constraint handling:** See #3



Alternating projections between **multiple** sets

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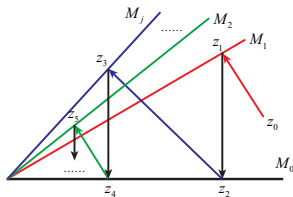
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- **Challenges**

- How to design a projection order?
- How to implement the projection?

- **Notations**

- **Index sequence:**  $\{j_{\bar{k}}\}_{\bar{k} \geq 0}$  where  $j_{\bar{k}} \in \{0, 1, 2, \dots, J\}$ .
- **Projection sequence:**  $\{z_{\bar{k}}\}_{\bar{k} \geq 0}$  by  $z_{\bar{k}+1} = P_{j_{\bar{k}+1}}(z_{\bar{k}})$ .



# #1 Projection order design

- **Projection order design**
  - **Necessary assumptions**
    - Closed convex sets
    - Infinitely many times

## Definition 1.2

The sequence  $s = \{j_{\bar{k}}\}_{\bar{k} \geq 0}$  taking  $i$  **infinitely many times** yields

$$\delta(s, i) = \sup_n [\Delta_{n+1}(i) - \Delta_n(i)] < \infty, \quad (5)$$

where  $\{\Delta_n(i) \in \mathbb{N}\}_{n \geq 0}$  is an increasing sequence such that, at the  $n$ -times,  $j_{\Delta_n(i)} = i$  with  $\Delta_0(i) = 0$ .

$\bar{k}$	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	...	$\delta(s, 1)$	$\delta(s, 2)$	$\delta(s, 3)$
$j_{\bar{k}}$	3	1	1	2	3	1	3	2	...	3	4	4

Table. Example with  $J = 3$  until  $k = 8$ .

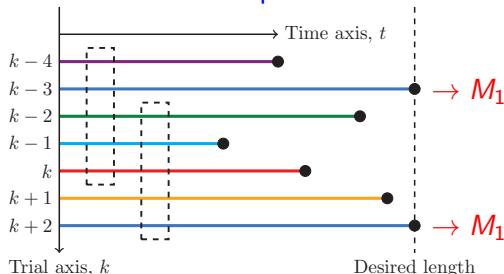
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## Assumption 1.1

Let  $F_1$  has full row rank and  $M_J \subseteq \dots \subseteq M_2 \subseteq M_1$ .  $M_1$  appears **infinitely many times** during the alternating projections between  $M_j$  and  $M_0$ , i.e.

$$\delta(s, 1) = \sup_n [\Delta_{n+1}(1) - \Delta_n(1)] < \infty. \quad (6)$$

- **Assumption 1.1** ← Deterministic model assumption
- **Full learning property**



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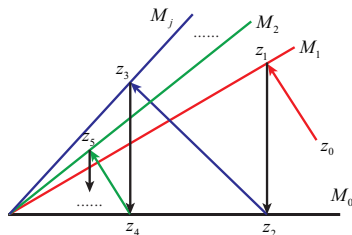
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- **Projection sequence**

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- **Convergence analysis:** Alternating projections under (7).

## Theorem 1.1

The sequence  $\{z_{\bar{k}}\}_{\bar{k} \geq 0}$  converges in norm to the orthogonal projection of  $z_0$  onto  $M_j \cap M_0$  under the projection order (7).<sup>a</sup>

<sup>a</sup>Zhihe Zhuang et al. "Alternating projection-based iterative learning control for discrete-time systems with non-uniform trial lengths". In: *International Journal of Robust and Nonlinear Control* (2023).

# #1 Optimal ILC algorithms

- **Optimal ILC algorithm** ← **Projection implementation**
  - **Projection implementation** → **Minimizing the cost function**

$$\min \|P_{j_{k+1}}(z_k) - z_k\|_H^2 \rightarrow \min J_{k+1}. \quad (9)$$

- **Define  $H$  by inner product and associated induced norm:**

$$(e, u) \in H = \ell_2^m [1, N] \times \ell_2^l [0, N-1], \quad (10)$$

$$\langle (e, u), (y, v) \rangle_{\{Q, R\}} = \sum_{i=1}^{N_d} e^T(i) Q y(i) + \sum_{i=0}^{N_d-1} u^T(i) R v(i), \quad (11)$$

$$\|(e, u)\|_{\{Q, R\}} = \sqrt{\langle (e, u), (e, u) \rangle_{\{Q, R\}}}, \quad Q \succ 0, R \succeq 0. \quad (12)$$

- **Optimal ILC update law** ←  $J_{k+1} = \|e_{k+1}\|_Q^2 + \|u_{k+1} - u_k\|_R^2$

$$u_{k+1} = u_k + L e_k, \quad (13)$$

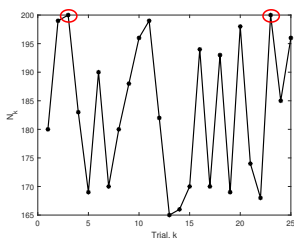
where  $L = (G^T Q G + R)^{-1} G^T Q$ .

# #1 Case study

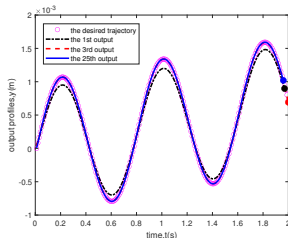
## • Transfer function

$$G(s) = \frac{15.8869(s + 850.3)}{s(s^2 + 707.6s + 3.377 \times 10^5)}, \quad (14)$$

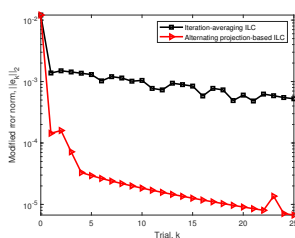
- Sampling time 0.01s, operation time 2s, desired length  $N_d = 200$ .
- Set  $N_k \sim U(165, 200)$  where  $\delta(s, 1) = 20$ ,  $N_3 = 200$ , and  $N_{23} = 200$ .



$N_k$



Output



Error norm

- **Advantages**

- **Optimal design without learning gain tuning**
  - Weighting parameters  $Q$  and  $R$  vs. Arimoto-type learning gain
- **Straightforward but effective mechanisms**
  - Zero compensation
  - Most recent one-order learning by lifted framework
- **Convergence guarantee under alternating projections**

- **Insights**

- **Special case:** NOILC for linear systems with varying trial lengths
- **Allow more design freedom:** More numerical optimization methods
- **Extensions to other non-repetitive ILC problems**
  - Trial-varying tracking references
  - Nonidentical initial state
  - Trial-varying system plant
  - .....

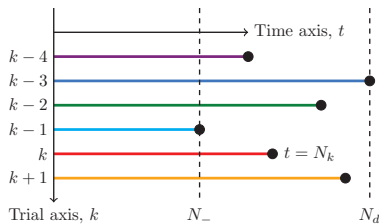
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- **Random variable**  $N_k \sim \mathcal{D}(N_-, N_d)$ 
  - $P(N_k = N_i) = p_i$  where  $\sum_{i=1}^{N_d - N_- + 1} p_i = 1$ .
  - **Stochastic information used:** Mathematical expectation of  $F_k$

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{F} &\triangleq E\{F_k\} \\ &= \text{diag} \left\{ \overbrace{1, \dots, 1}^{N_- - 1}, p(N_k = N_-), \dots, p(N_k = N_d) \right\} \otimes I_m. \end{aligned} \quad (16)$$

## #2 Stochastic-optimization ILC via alternating projections

### Definition 2.1

The **ILC design problem** is to find an ILC update law

$$u_{k+1} = f(e_k, e_{k-1}, \dots, u_k, u_{k-1}, \dots), \quad (17)$$

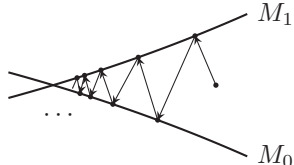
such that  $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \|E\{e_k\}\| = 0$ .

- **Alternating projection problem**  $\leftarrow$  **ILC design problem**

$$M_1 = \{(\underline{e}, u) \in H_E : \underline{e} = E\{F(r - y)\}, y = Gu\}, \quad (18)$$

$$M_0 = \{(\underline{e}, u) \in H_E : \underline{e} = 0\}, \quad (19)$$

$$H_E = \ell_2^m [1, N] \times \ell_2^l [0, N - 1] \quad (20)$$



Alternating projections between **two** sets



## #2 Stochastic-optimization ILC algorithm

- **Stochastic-optimization ILC algorithm**

- **Projection implementation** → **Minimizing the cost function**

$$\min \|z_{k+1} - z_k\|_{H_E}^2 = \min J_{k+1}^E \quad (21)$$

- **Define the Hilbert space  $H_E$ :**

$$\langle (\underline{e}, u), (\underline{e}, v) \rangle_{\{Q,R\}} = \underline{e}^T Q \underline{z} + u^T R v, \quad (22)$$

$$\|(\underline{e}, u)\|_{\{Q,R\}} = \sqrt{\langle (\underline{e}, u), (\underline{e}, u) \rangle_{\{Q,R\}}}, \quad Q \succ 0, R \succeq 0. \quad (23)$$

- **Stochastic-optimization ILC** ←  $J_{k+1}^E = \|E\{e_{k+1}\}\|_Q^2 + \|u_{k+1} - u_k\|_R^2$

### Theorem 2.1

Minimizing  $J_{k+1}^E$  has a feedforward solution

$$u_{k+1} = u_k + L_E e_k, \quad (24)$$

where  $L_E = (G^T K G + R)^{-1} G^T \bar{F}^T Q$  and  $K = E \{F_k^T Q F_k\}$ .<sup>a</sup>

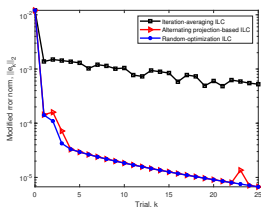
<sup>a</sup>Zhihe Zhuang et al. "Iterative learning control for repetitive tasks with randomly varying trial lengths using successive projection". In: *Int. J. Adapt. Control Signal Process.* (2022).

# #2 Case study

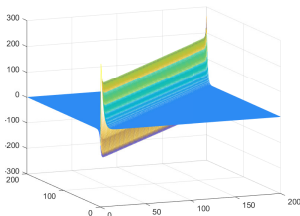
## • Transfer function

$$G(s) = \frac{15.8869(s + 850.3)}{s(s^2 + 707.6s + 3.377 \times 10^5)}, \quad (25)$$

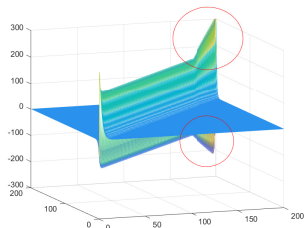
- Sampling time 0.01s, operation time 2s, desired length  $N_d = 200$ .
- Set  $N_k \sim U(165, 200)$  where  $\delta(s, 1) = 20$ ,  $N_3 = 200$ , and  $N_{23} = 200$ .



**Error norm**



**#1  $L$**



**#2  $L_E$**

- **Advantages**

- **Optimal design without learning gain tuning**
  - Weighting parameters  $Q$  and  $R$  vs. Arimoto-type learning gain
- **Straightforward but effective mechanisms**
  - Zero compensation
  - Most recent one-order learning by lifted framework
- **Convergence guarantee under alternating projections**
- **Further optimization using probability information**

- **Insights**

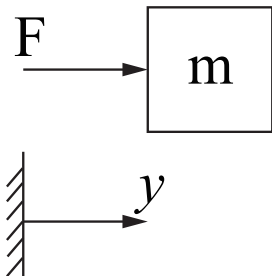
- **More information used for optimization**
- **Modified weights in learning gain**
- **Extensions to other stochastic factors**
  - Non-repetitive disturbances with known probability information
  - .....

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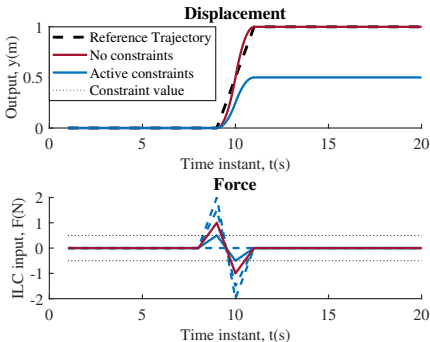
# #3 Why constraint-aware ILC?

- **Why constraint-aware ILC?**

- **Mass example**
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Mass example



Input and output

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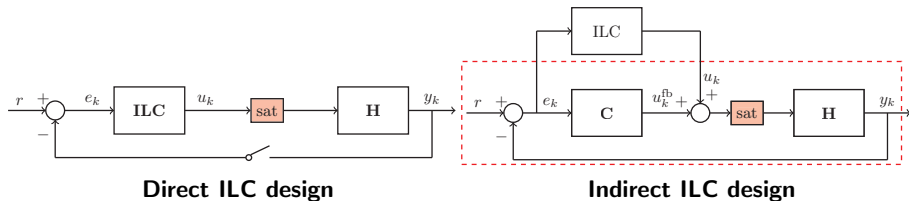
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- **Solution:** Enable ILC with **constraint awareness**

- **Input constraints:** Direct ILC<sup>5,6,...</sup> vs. Indirect ILC (separately)<sup>7,8,...</sup>



<sup>5</sup>Ronghu Chi et al. "Constrained data-driven optimal iterative learning control". In: *J. Process Control* (2017).

<sup>6</sup>Matthew C Turner et al. "Anti-windup compensation for a class of iterative learning ...". In: *2023 ACC. IEEE*. 2023.

<sup>7</sup>Sandipan Mishra et al. "Optimization-based constrained iterative ...". In: *IEEE Trans. Control Syst. Technol.* (2010).

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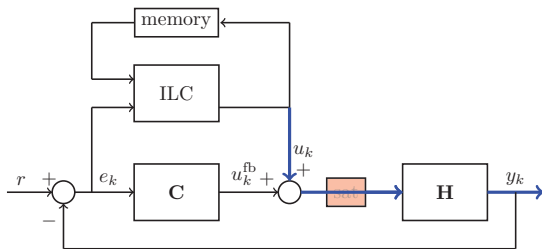
# #3 Problem formulation

- **Process sensitivity**  $u_k \rightarrow y_k$  (without constraints):

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**Closed-loop control block diagram**

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### Definition 3.1

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$$\begin{aligned} \min_{u_{k+1} \in \Omega_{\text{ff}}} J_{k+1}(u_{k+1}) \\ \text{s.t. } e_{k+1} = r - Gu_{k+1}, \end{aligned} \quad (27)$$

to find an ILC algorithm generating ILC input sequence  $\{u_{k+1}\}_{k \geq 0}$  such that  $e_{k+1}$  converges as  $k$  increases.



# #3 Constraint-aware ILC via alternating projections

- **Alternating projection problem**  $\leftarrow$  **ILC design problem**
  - Find two points minimizing the distance between

$$M_1 = \{(e, u) \in H : e = r - y, y = Gu\}, \quad (28)$$

$$M_0 = \{(e, u) \in H : e = 0, u \in \Omega_{\text{ff}}\}, \quad (29)$$

- Which set we put  $u \in \Omega_{\text{ff}}$ ?<sup>9</sup>
  - $M_1$ : complex constrained optimization problem  $\min_{u \in \Omega_{\text{ff}}} J_{k+1}$
  - $M_0$ : unconstrained optimization problem  $\min_{\hat{u}} J_{k+1}$ , and  $u = P_{\Omega_{\text{ff}}}(u)$

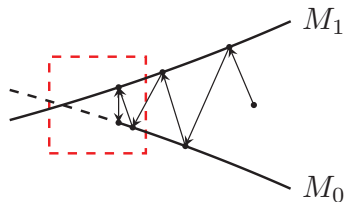


Illustration of alternating projections with input constraints

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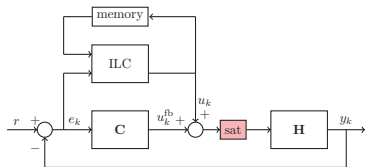
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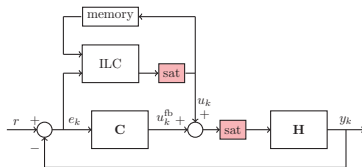
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- **Challenges**

- How to settle  $\Omega_{\text{ff}}$  with respect to  $\Omega$ ? (**Soft constraints?**)
- How to analyze the learning efficiency?



Traditional ILC under constraints



Constraint-aware ILC

# #3 Constraint-aware ILC design

- **Constraint-aware ILC design**

- **Projection implementation** → **Minimizing the cost function**

$$\min \|z_{k+1}^- - z_k^-\|_{H_C}^2 = \min_{u_{k+1} \in \Omega_{\text{ff}}} J_{k+1}(u_{k+1}). \quad (30)$$

- **Define the Hilbert space  $H_C$ :**

$$(e, u) \in H_C = \ell_2^m [1, N] \times \ell_2^l [0, N-1], \quad (31)$$

$$\langle (e, u), (e, v) \rangle_{\{Q, R\}} = e^T Qz + u^T Rv, \quad (32)$$

$$\|(e, u)\|_{\{Q, R\}} = \sqrt{\langle (e, u), (e, u) \rangle_{\{Q, R\}}}, \quad Q \succ 0, R \succeq 0. \quad (33)$$

- **Constraint-aware ILC update law**

$$u_{k+1} = P_{\Omega_{\text{ff}}}(f(P_{\Omega_{\text{ff}}}(u_k), e_k)), \quad (34)$$

where  $P_{\Omega_{\text{ff}}}(\cdot)$  is the projection operator and  $f(\cdot)$  is the solution of (30).

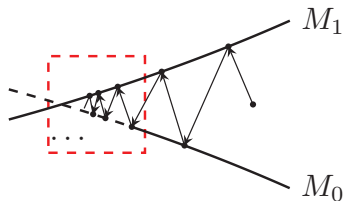
# #3 Constraint-aware ILC analysis

- **Learning efficiency analysis**

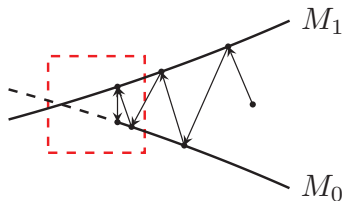
## Theorem 3.1

Given the constraint set  $\Omega$ , applying the constraint-aware ILC (34) yields the tracking error  $e_k$  **converging with at most  $\mathcal{K} + 1$  trials** under actuator saturation constraints, where for any initial point  $z_0 = (e_0, u_0)$  in  $H_C$  and some  $\alpha \in (0, 1)$ ,

$$\mathcal{K} = \left\lceil \log_{1-\alpha^2} \left( \frac{\text{dis}(M_1, M_0)}{\text{dis}(z_0, M_0)} \right) \right\rceil. \quad (35)$$



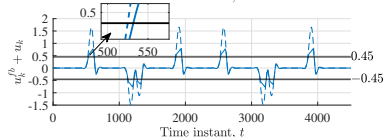
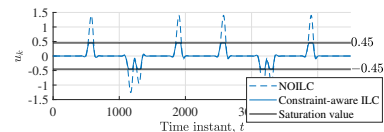
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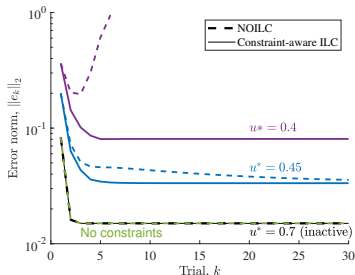
**Constraint-aware ILC**

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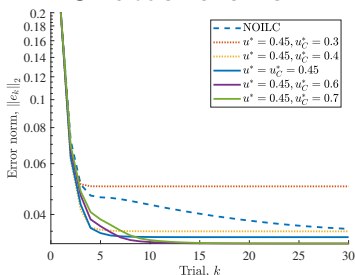
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Input profiles



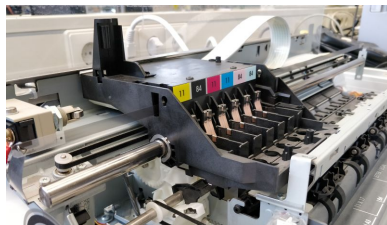
Simulation error norm



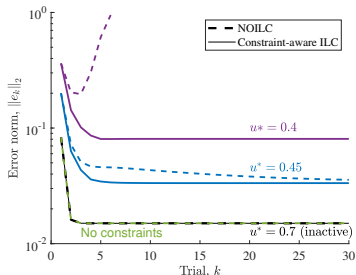
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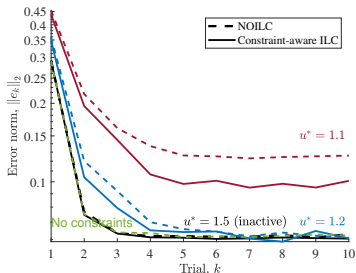
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Desktop printer



Simulation error norm



Experiment error norm

# #3 Summary

- **Advantages**

- Restrictions on the learning of ILC **against instability**
- Constraint-aware design for **improved learning efficiency**

- **Insights**

- Indirect ILC architecture for constraint-aware design
- Handling ILC input constraints in practice
- Linear design for non-linear dynamics (constraint non-linearity)

- **Application scenarios**

- Piezo-stepper actuator for nano-manufacturing
- Upper limb rehabilitation
- . . . . .

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- **Conclusion**

- Optimal ILC for constrained systems with varying trial lengths
- Constraint-aware ILC for practical input constraints
- Improved learning efficiency via **alternating projections**

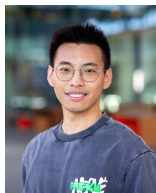
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- Direct data-based perspective
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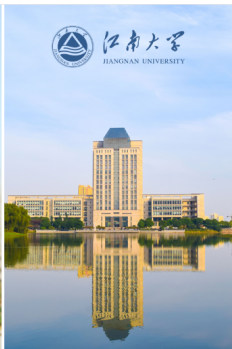
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