

Safe CPS: Complexity, Guarantees and Conservatism

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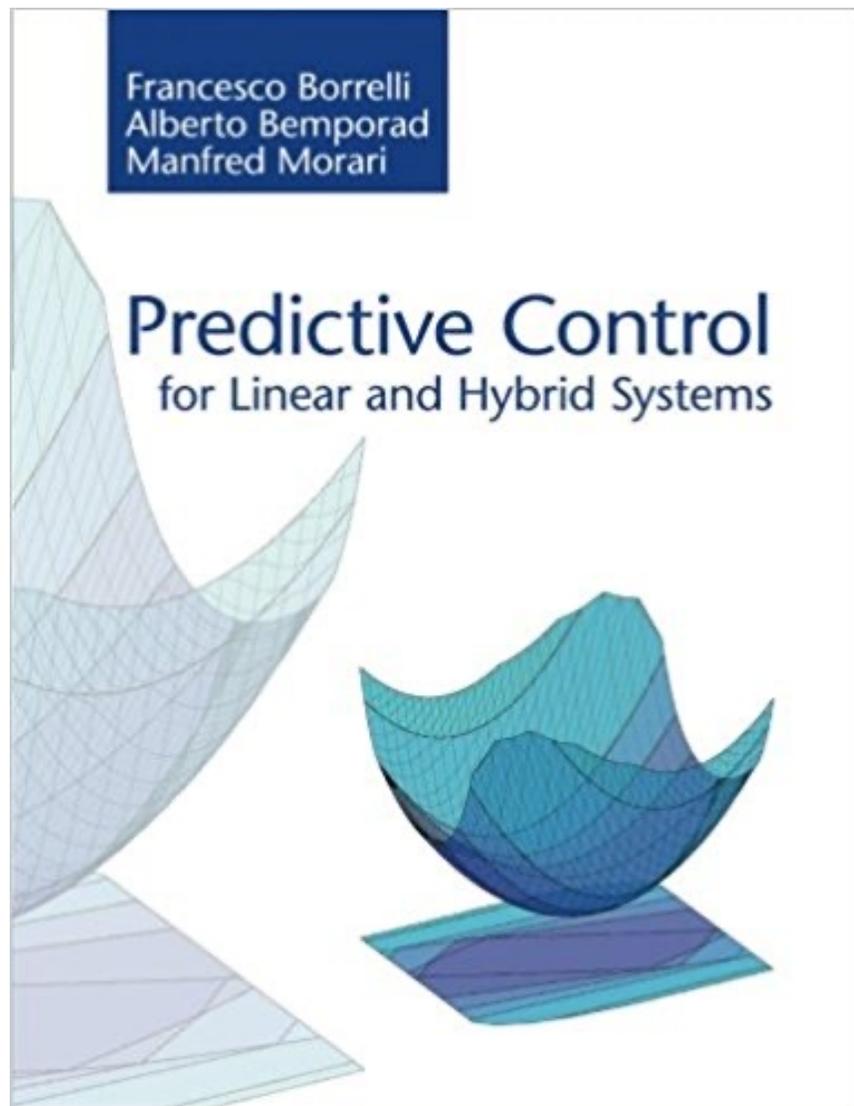
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25 years of Predictive Control Research



Disciplined Control Design with Safety Guarantees

$$\begin{array}{ll} \min_{\pi_0, \pi_1, \dots, \pi_T} & \text{cost over } T \\ \text{s.t.} & \text{uncertain model} \\ & \text{constraints} \end{array}$$

Principles

- Lift and project to enable abstractions at different level of architecture
- Bound uncertainty to design for robustness
- Use Control Invariants and CLF at end of horizon

Predictive Control Lab Success – Industrial , Widely Deployed

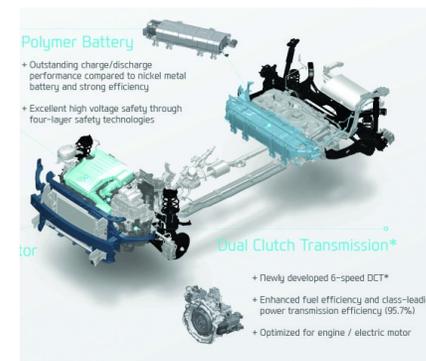
- Transportation
- Energy
- Advanced Robotics



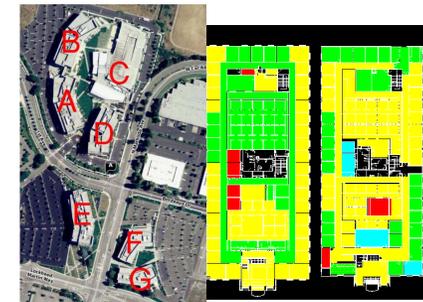
Solar Power Plans



Autonomous Vehicles



Vehicle Powertrain



Building HVAC

Today's Complex Control Problems

- **Complex architectures**
 - *Hard to find people with system-level knowledge*
- **Abstraction at each level is complex**
 - *Pushing the performance boundaries*
 - *Limited computation*
 - *Complex human interaction*



“Academic Success” in this Context

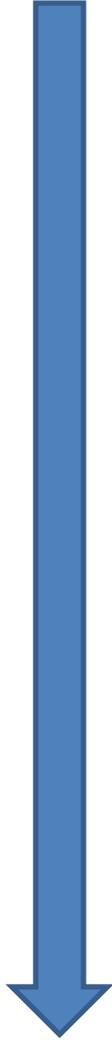
Complex Problem

Systematic Solution

Provides Guarantees

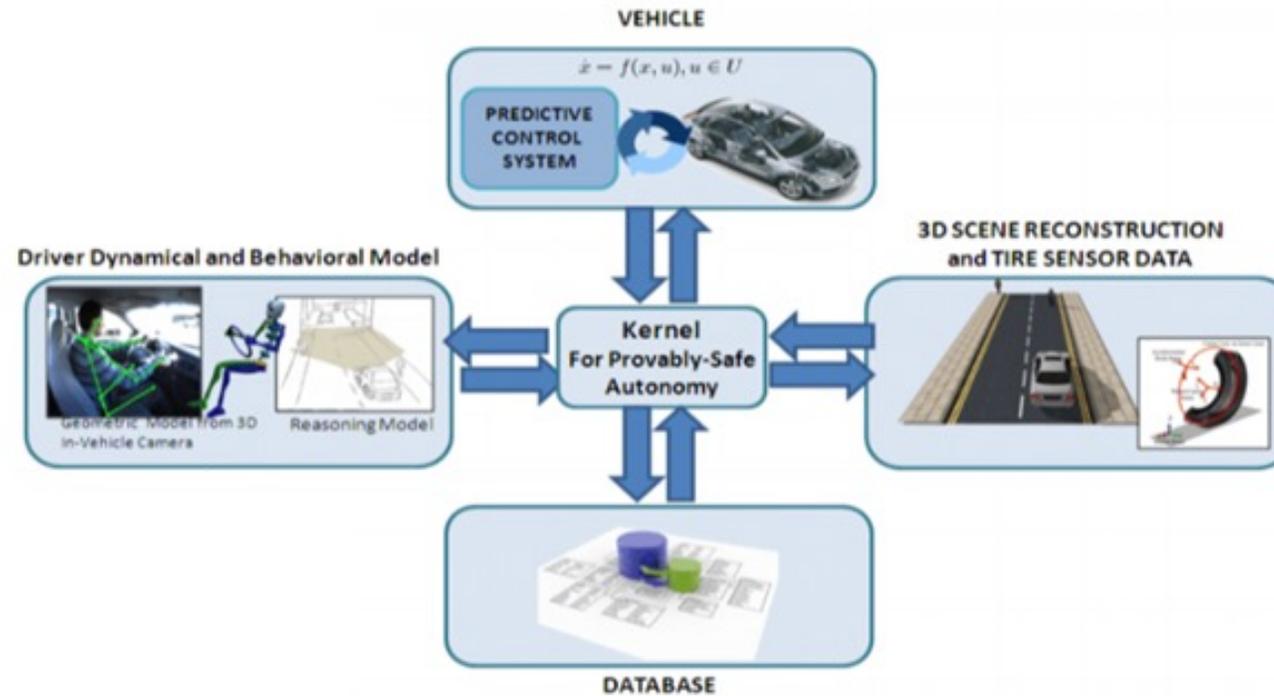
Not Conservative

Generalize



Very Hard

2012 CPS: Provably Safe Automotive Cyber-Physical Systems with Humans-in-the-Loop

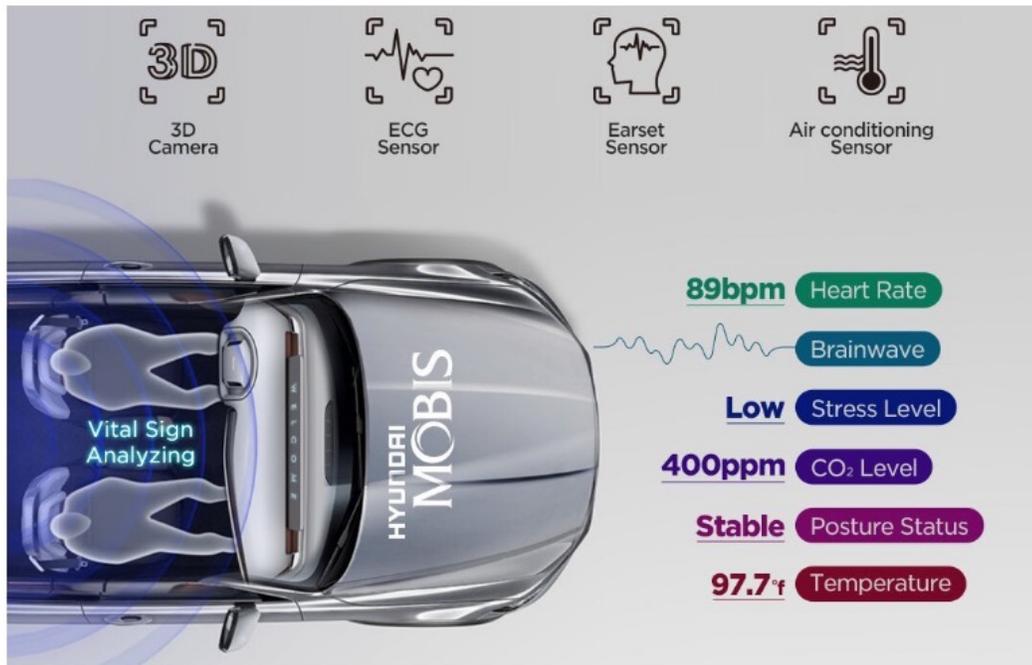


OVERVIEW

- When to intervene to obtain a provably safe closed-loop behavior
- How to enable real-time operations on embedded platforms
- How to quantify uncertainty in the environment using large data sets

Any Impact? -Yes

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Leveraging Envelope Control to Unlock Capabilities for Future Vehicle Safety Systems

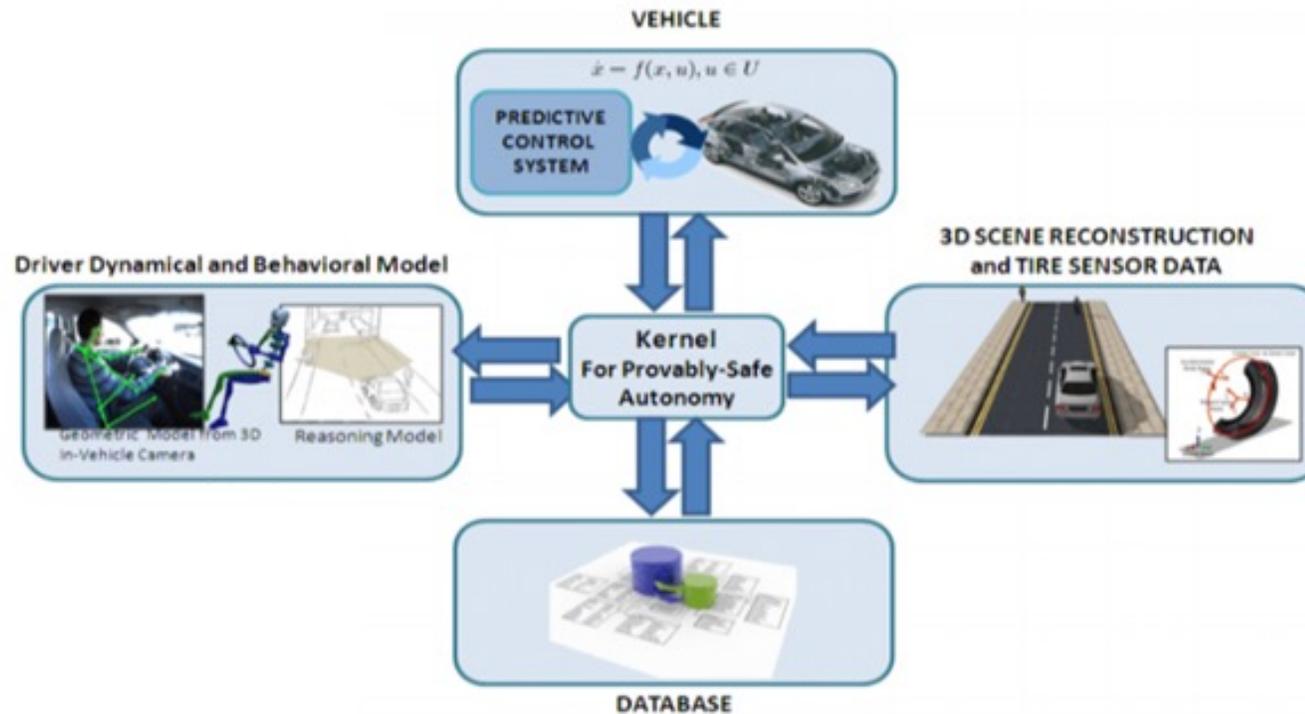
TRI's Approach to Shared Control and Autonomy

By: [Dr. Carrie Bobier-Tiu](#), [Dr. Sarah Koehler](#)

In comparison to peers, Toyota Research Institute (TRI) has a unique perspective on autonomous vehicles. One of the many reasons we were both drawn to working at TRI was the focus on applications of new technologies, particularly those being developed for autonomy, to continually improve driver safety. This focus on driver safety and autonomy has led to [Toyota's Guardian and Chauffeur concepts](#).

Any Impact? - No

- *Revolutionize how controllers were designed*
- *Provide System Guarantees*
- *Safety Centric architecture*



Example Safe ACC Design



Model

$$\dot{x}(t) = v(t)$$

$$\dot{v}(t) = a(t)$$

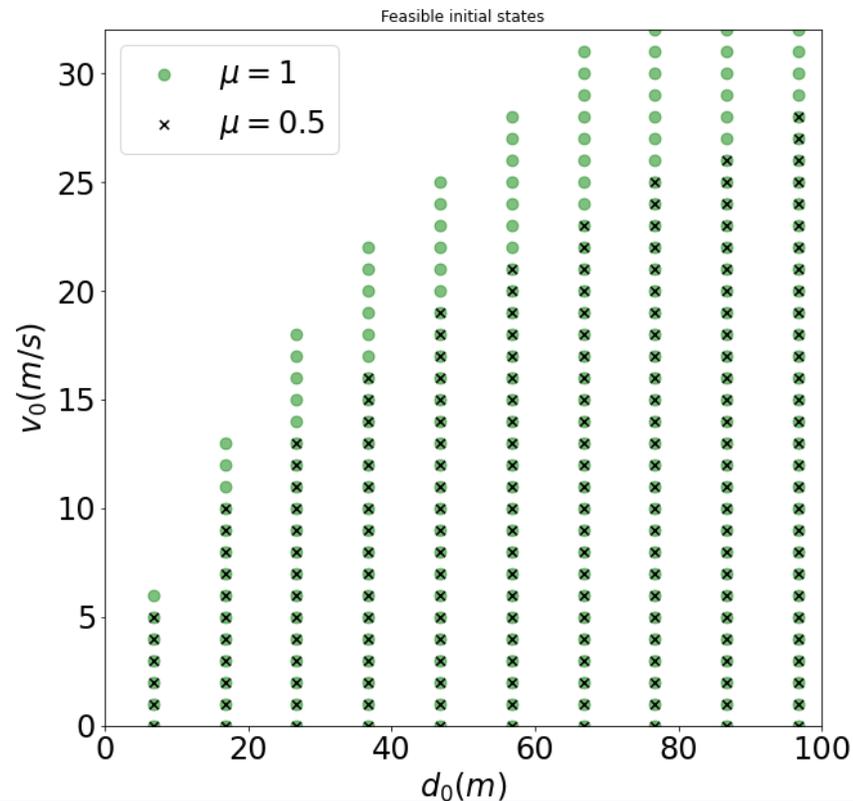
Front Car Model

Constraints

$$x \leq d_{safe}$$

$$v \geq 0, v \leq v_{max}$$

$$-\mu g \leq u \leq \mu g$$



Sampled Control invariant Set

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Discussion

- **Beautiful disciplined approach**
- **Beautiful theory with safety guarantees**
- **Oversimplified abstraction**

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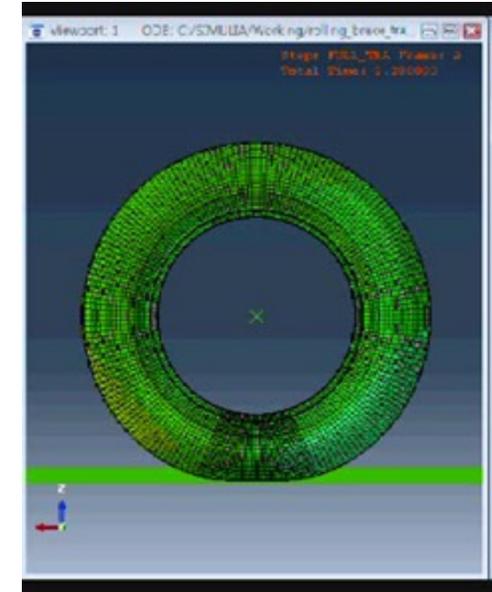
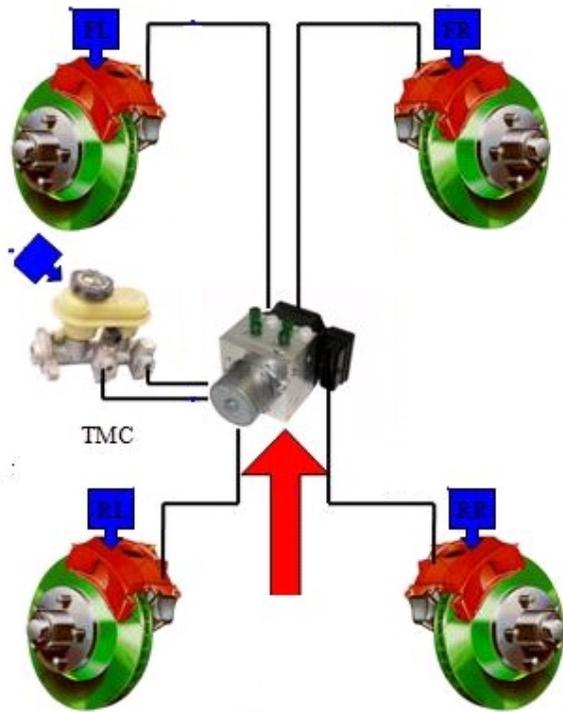
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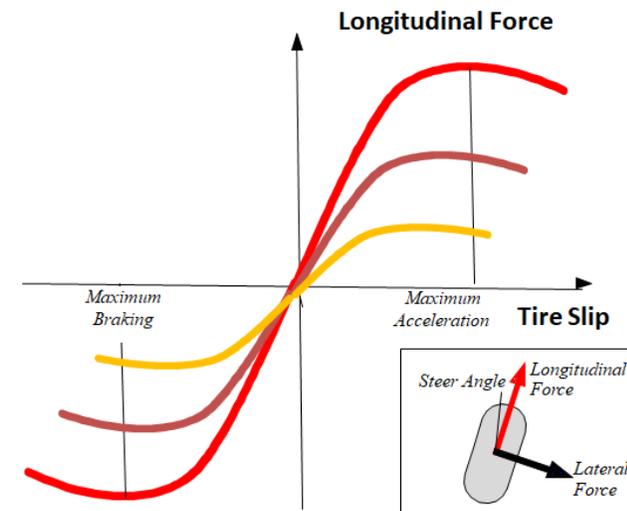
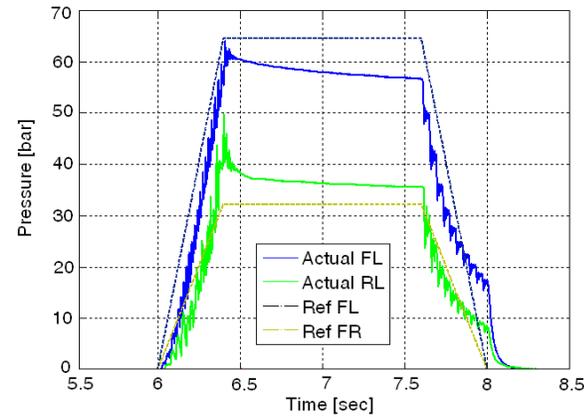
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The brake system

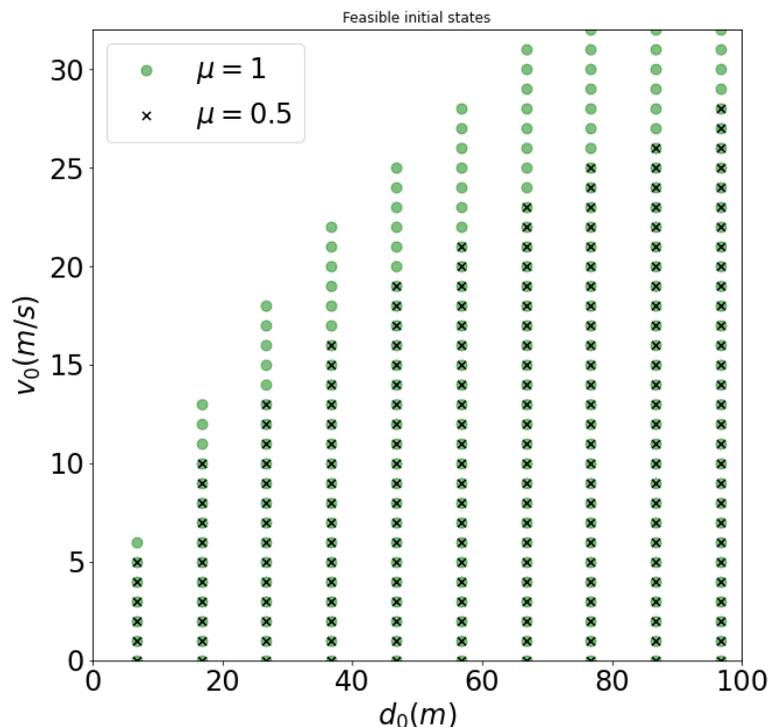


Tests carried by
Velardocchia's Lab University of Torino



Discussion

- Beautifully, disciplined approach
- Beautiful theory with safety guarantees
- Questionable Abstraction
- Conservative (to the point of being useless)



Complex Problem

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Provides Guarantees

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Today's question

Can we use data and communication to bound the risk of failure in a non-conservative way?

The Theory of “Disciplined Learning” in Predictive Control.

Learning in Model Predictive Control Safety and Robustness

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Data-driven Constrained LQR

Infinite Time Constrained LQR

$$\begin{aligned} \min_{\pi_0(\cdot), \pi_1(\cdot), \dots} \quad & E \left(\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} x'_k Q x_k + u'_k R u_k \right) \\ \text{s.t} \quad & x_{k+1} = A x_k + B u_k + w_k \\ & u_k = \pi_k(x_k) \in \mathcal{U} \\ & x_k \in \mathcal{X} \quad \forall w_k \in \mathcal{W} \end{aligned}$$

Complex Problem \leftrightarrow Curse of dimensionality

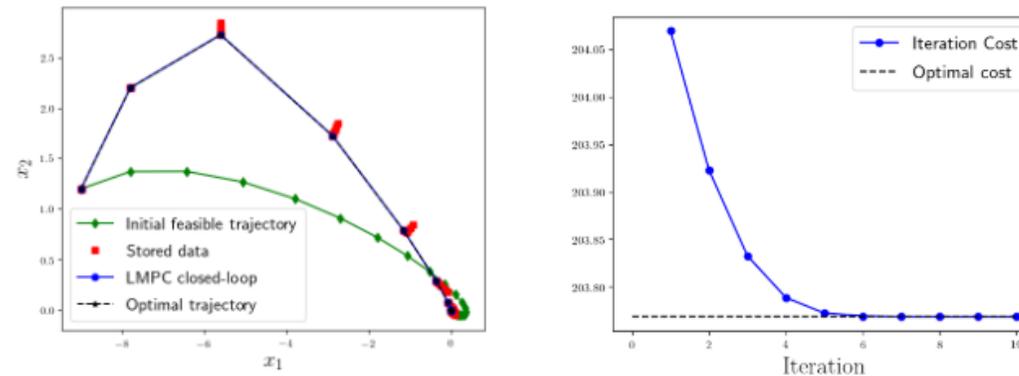
Github and Google Colab Solutions

Linear LMPC

This code runs the LMPC from [1] and [2] to solve the following Contrainted LQR problem

$$J_{0 \rightarrow \infty}^*(x_S) = \min_{u_0, u_1, \dots} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \left[\|x_k\|_2^2 + \|u_k\|_2^2 \right]$$
$$\text{s.t. } x_{k+1} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} x_k + \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} u_k, \forall k \geq 0$$
$$x_0 = x_S,$$
$$\begin{bmatrix} -10 \\ -10 \end{bmatrix} \leq x_k \leq \begin{bmatrix} 10 \\ 10 \end{bmatrix} \quad \forall k \geq 0$$
$$-1 \leq u_k \leq 1 \quad \forall k \geq 0.$$

The LMPC will improve the closed-loop performance, until the closed-loop trajectory converges to a steady state behavior. This state state closed-loop trajectory is the unique gloabl optimal solution to above control problem, if some the technical conditions hold. For more details we refer to [1].

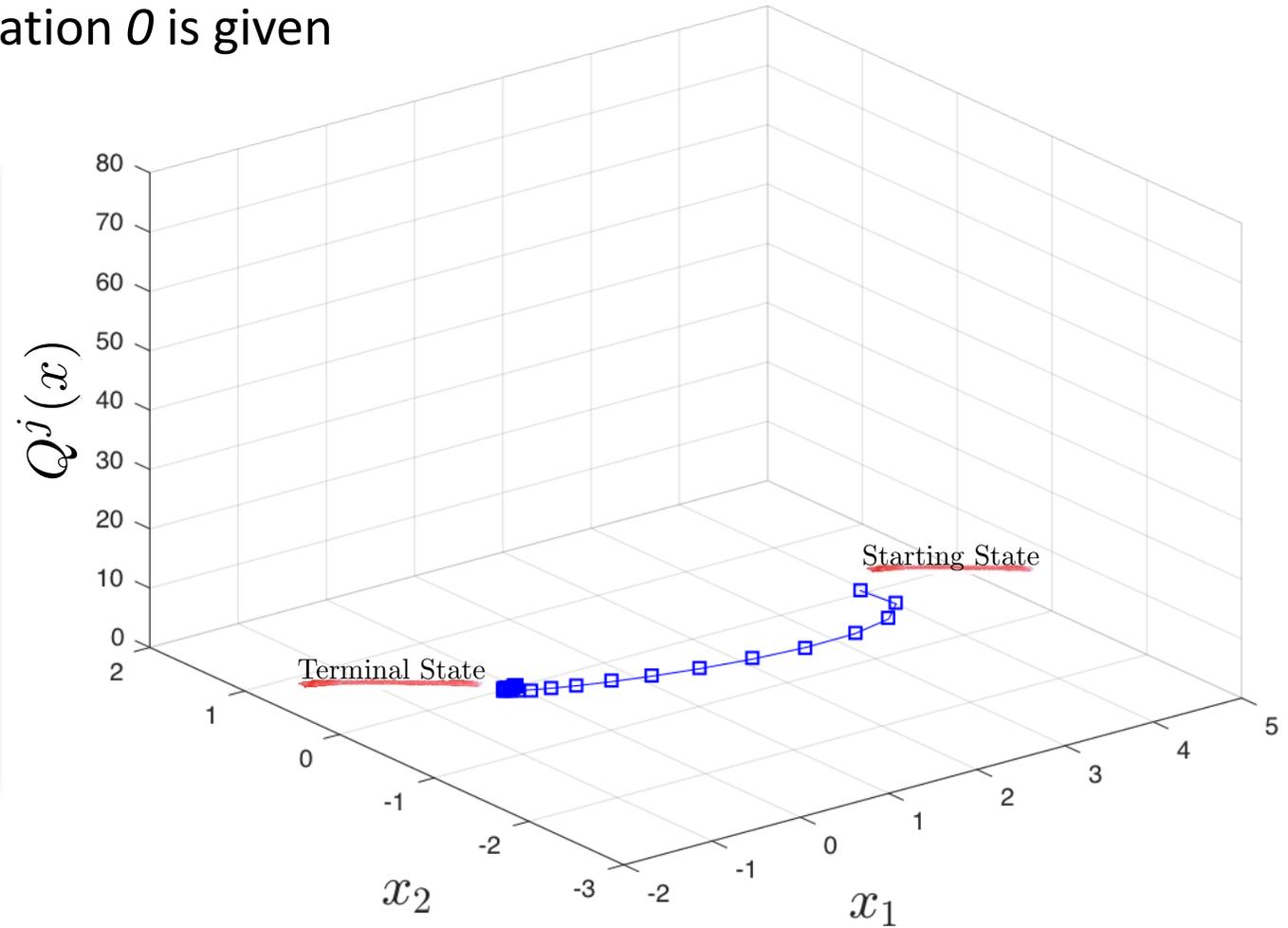


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Constrained LQR

Assumption: A first feasible trajectory at iteration 0 is given

Iterative LMPC



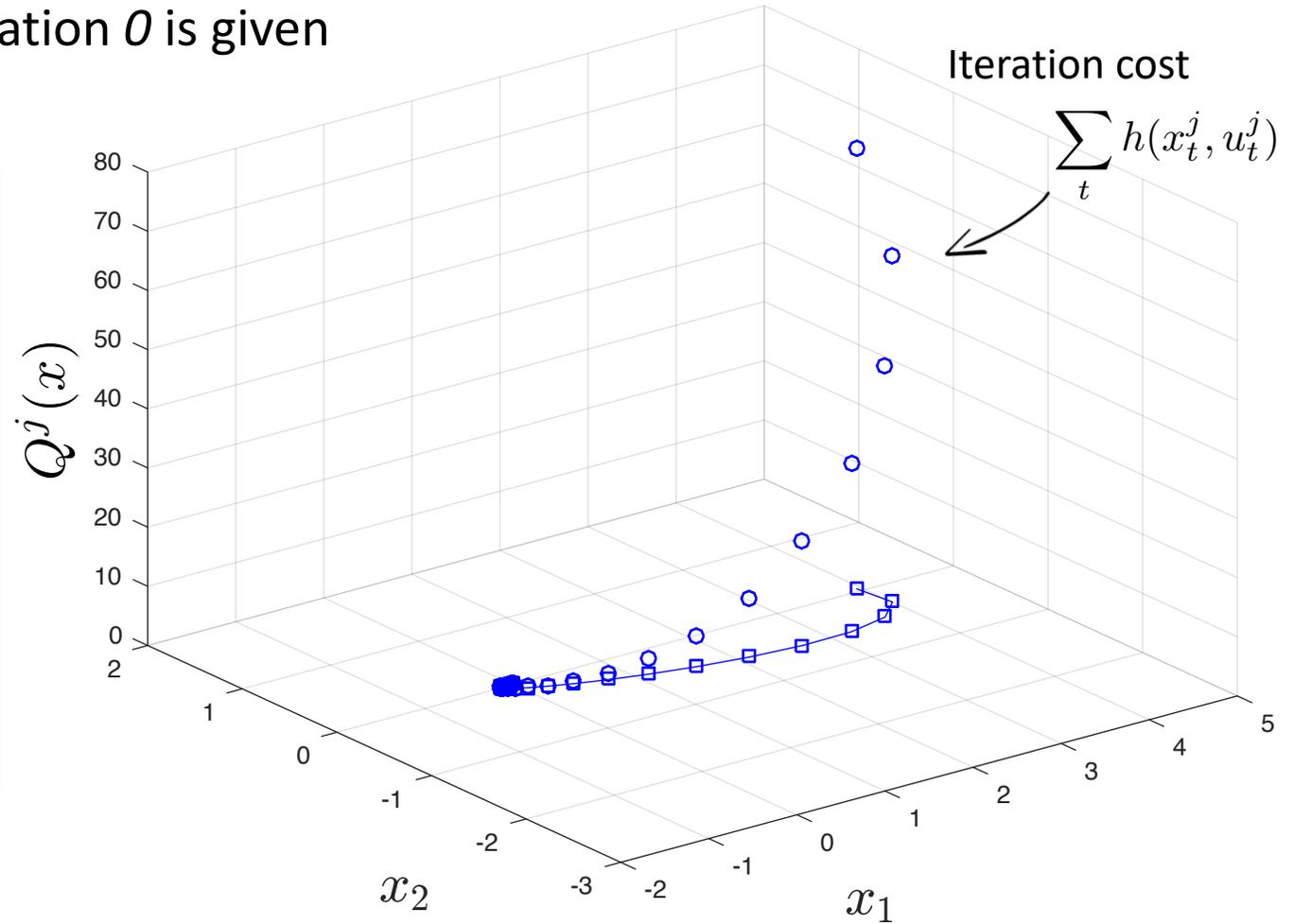
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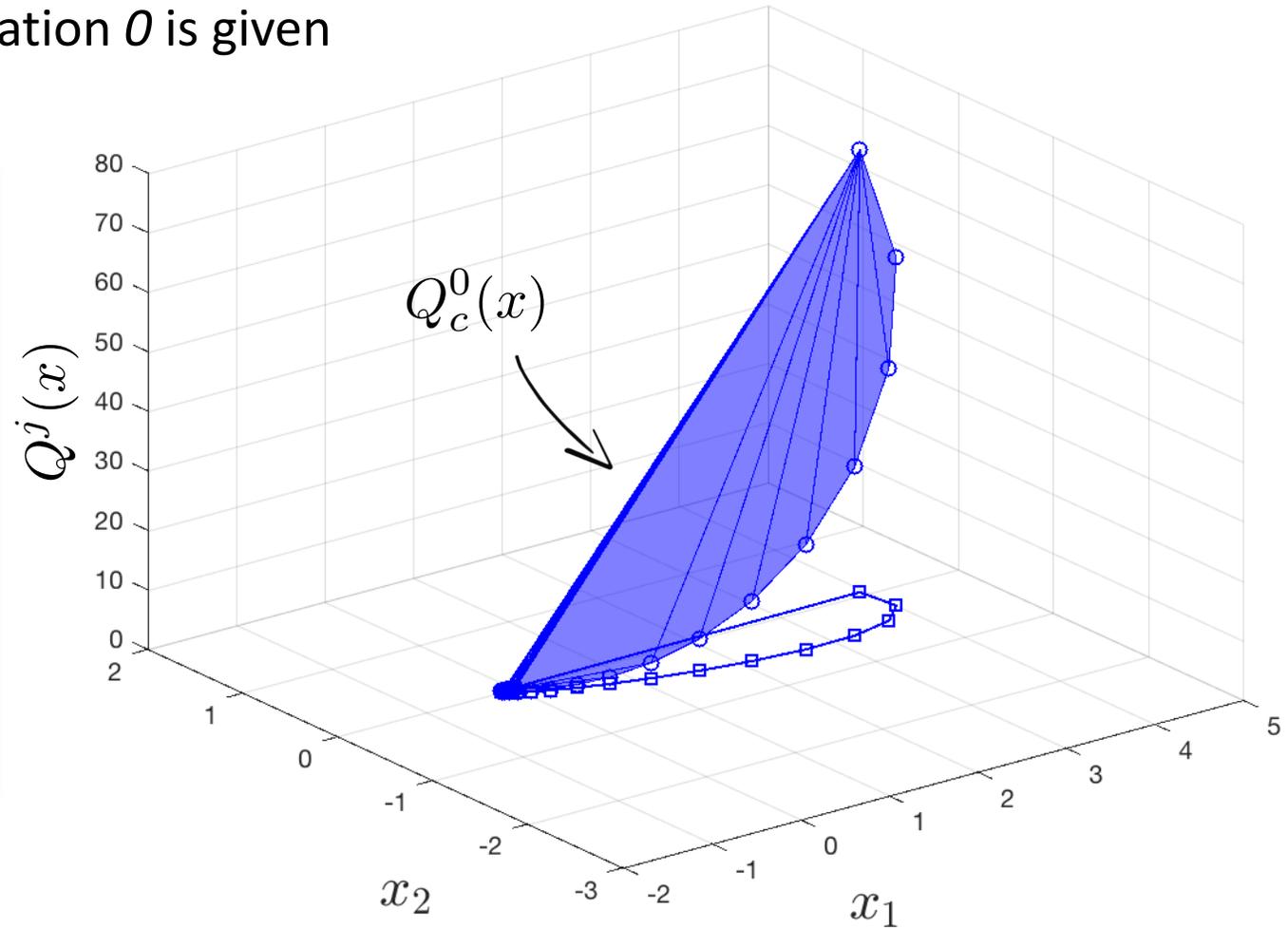
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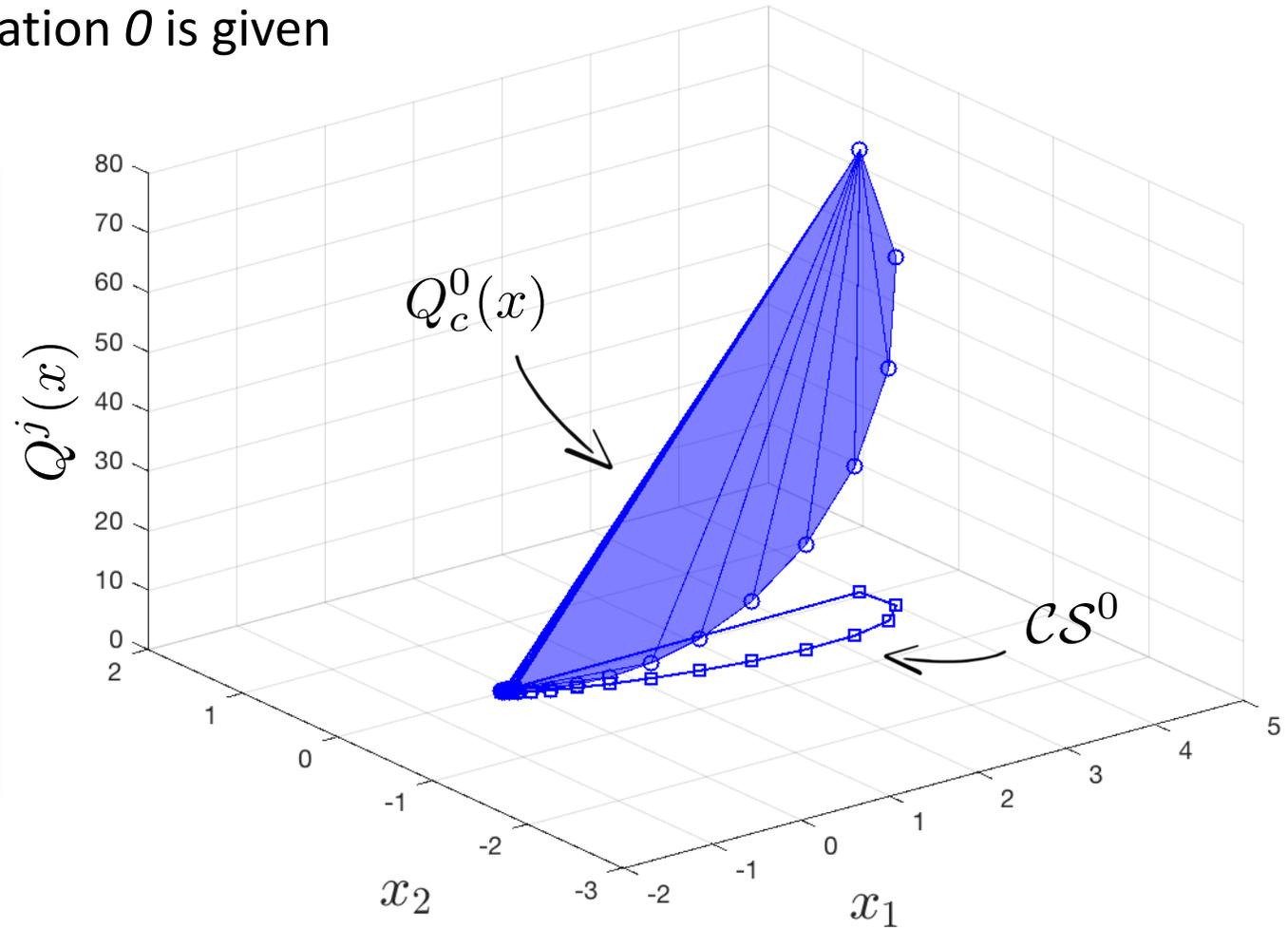
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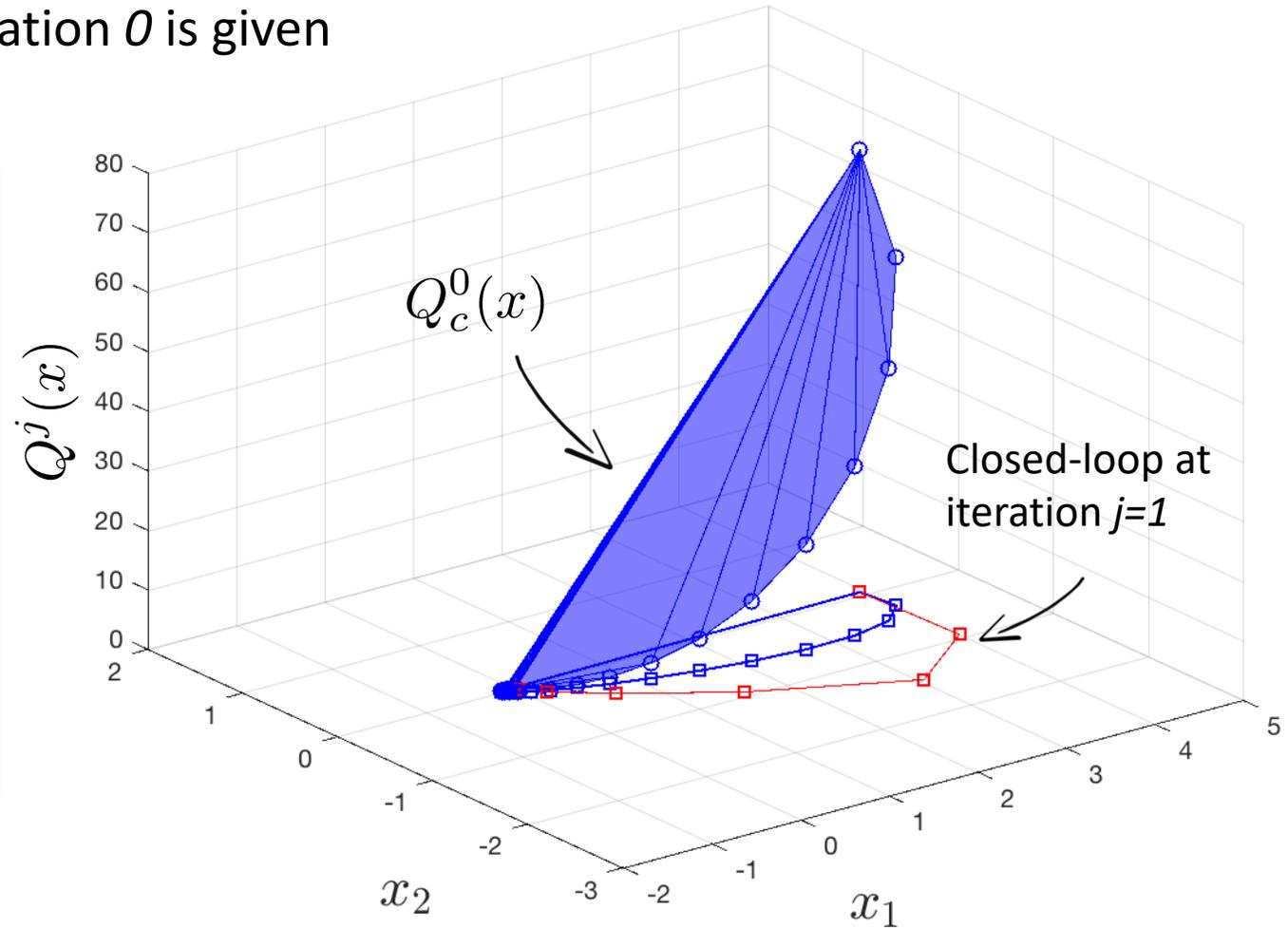
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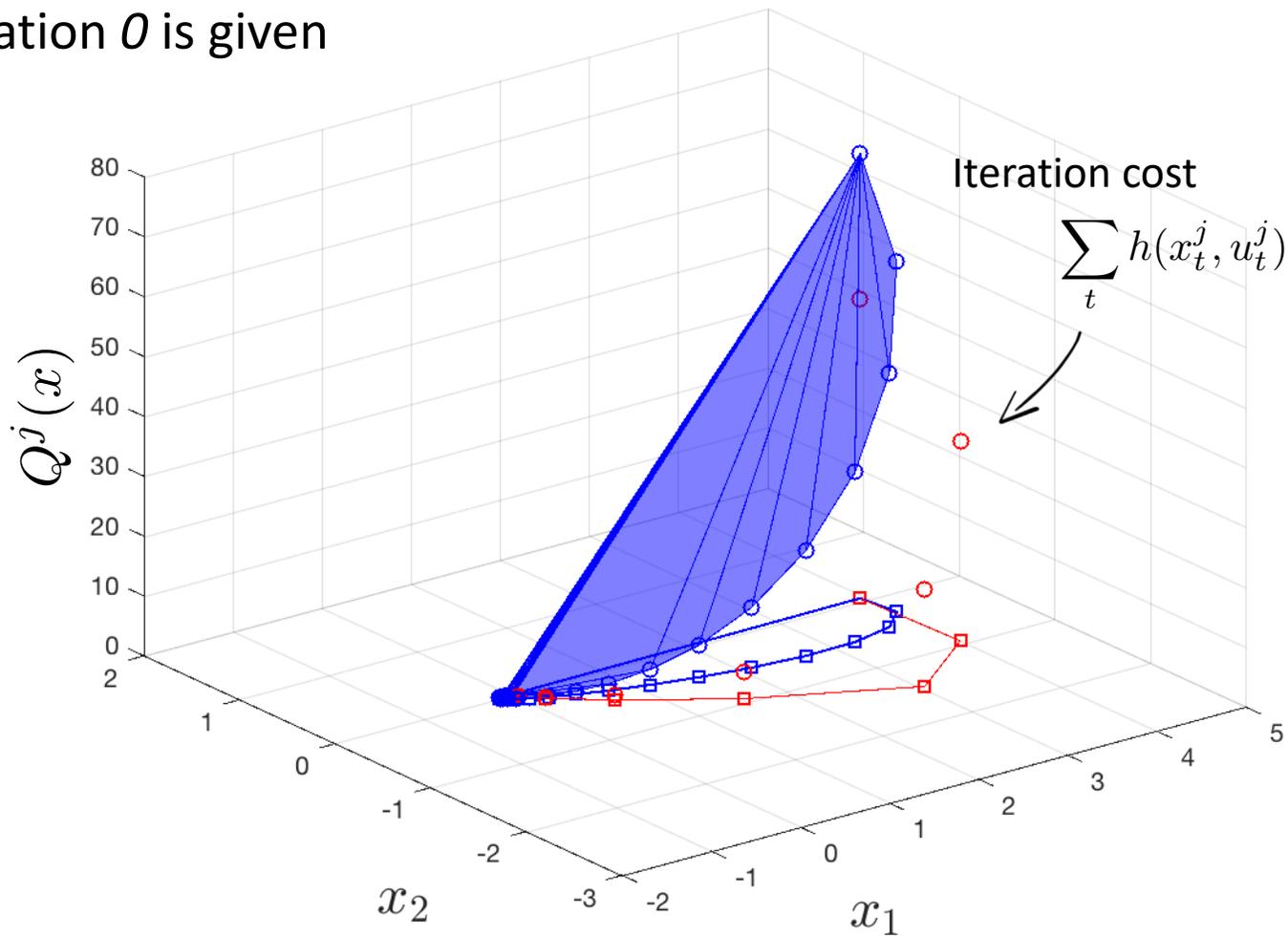
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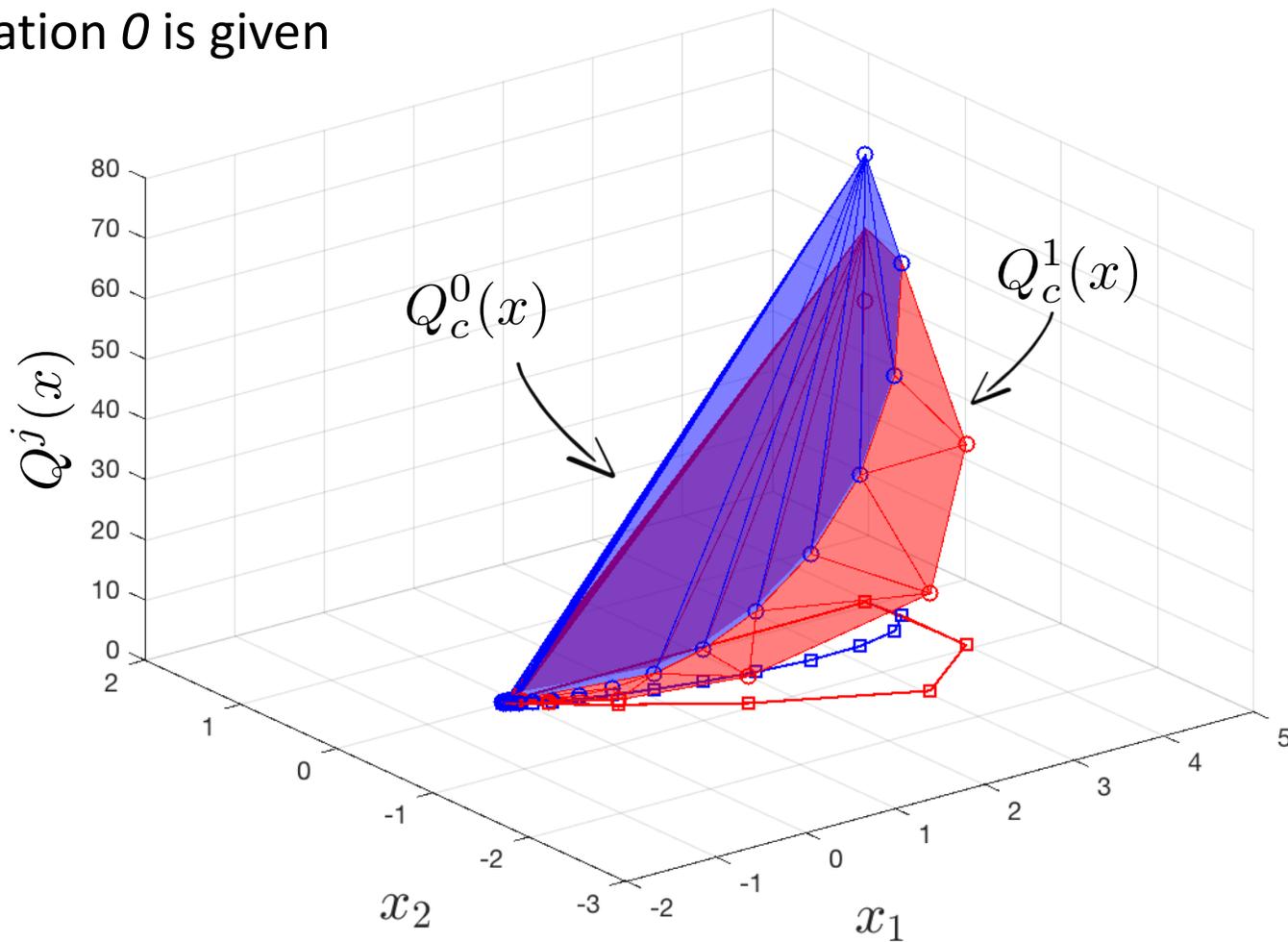
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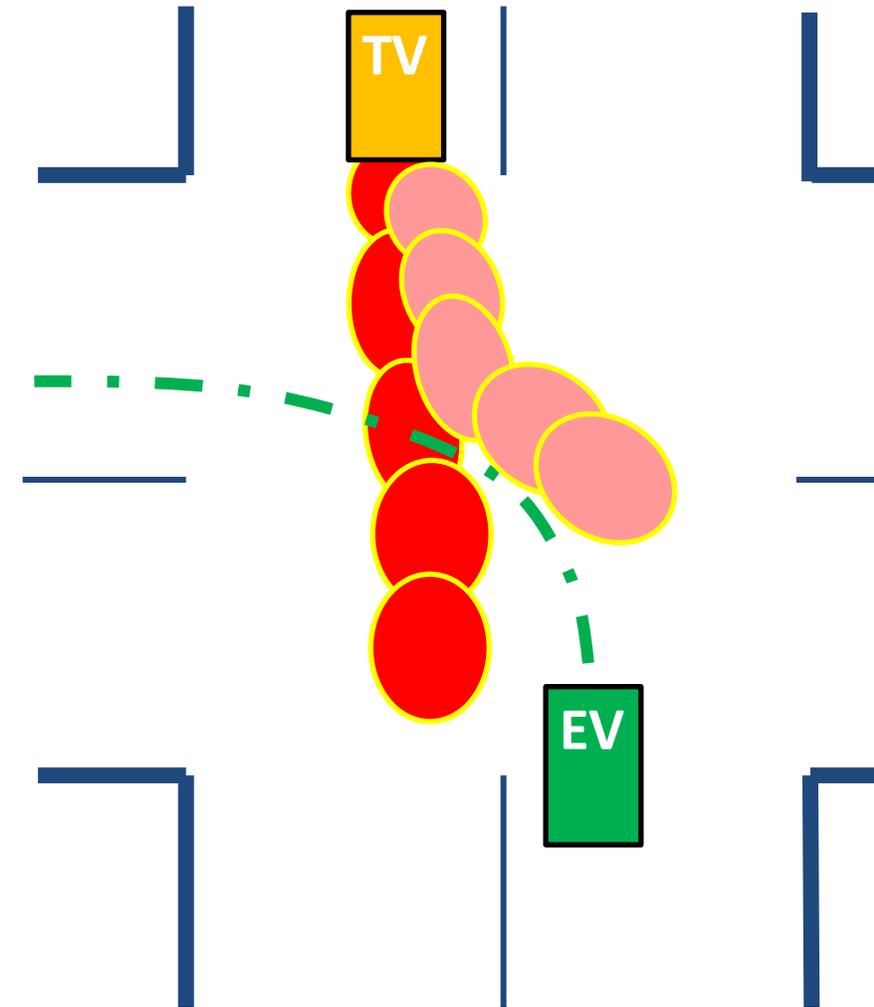
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Problem Formulation: Multi-modal Collision Avoidance using MPC

min Deviation of **EV** trajectory from **Reference**

s.t. Given **EV's** dynamical model and **TV's**
multi-modal predictions,
Satisfy speed, lane and actuation constraints,
Avoid collision with **TV**



MPC = First optimal input

Stochastic MPC Formulations

— Optimization over closed-loop sequences

— Smooth over-approximation of geometry

$$\min_{u_{t|t}, \dots, u_{t+N|t}} \mathbb{E} \left[\sum_{k=t}^{t+N-1} l(x_{k|t}, u_{k|t}) + V(x_{t+N|t}) \right]$$

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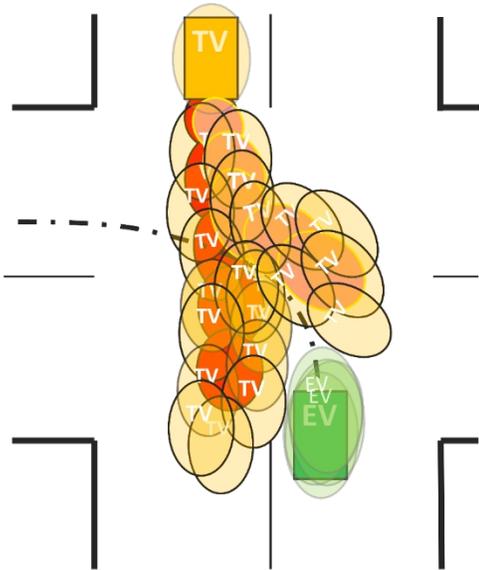
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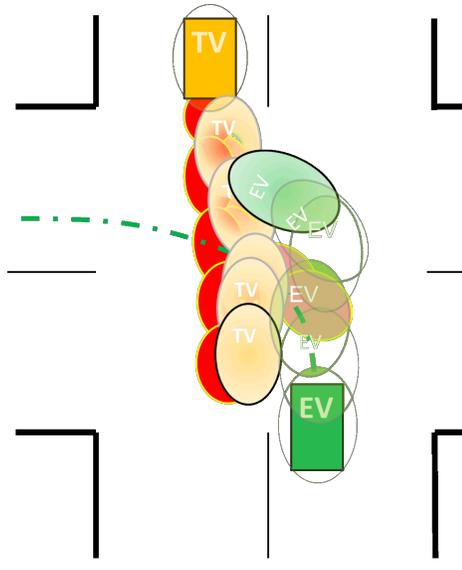
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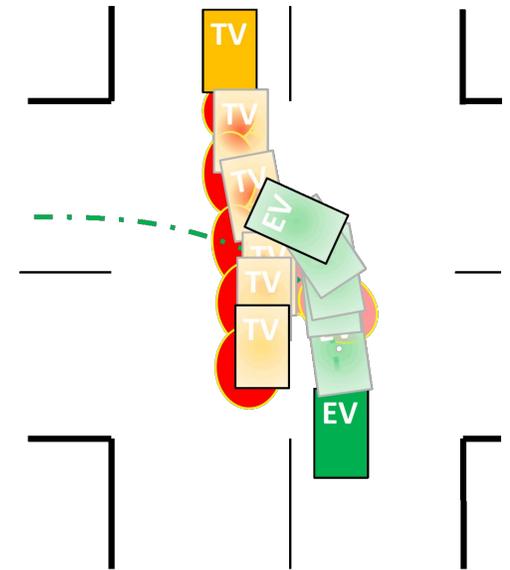
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Stochastic MPC Formulations: Unprotected Left Demo in CARLA

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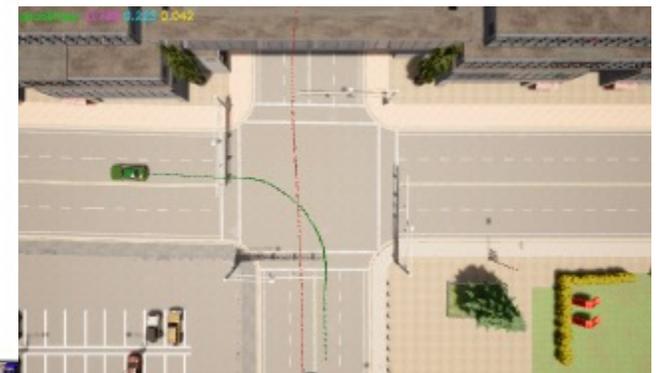
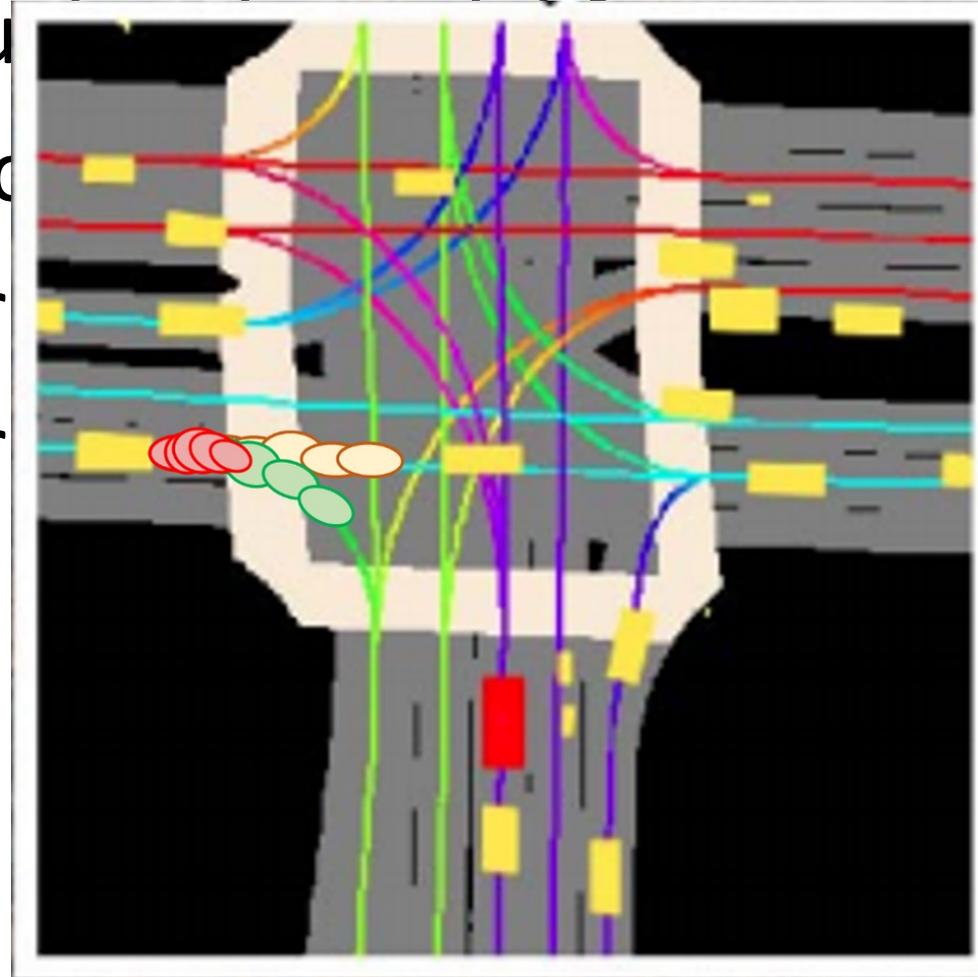
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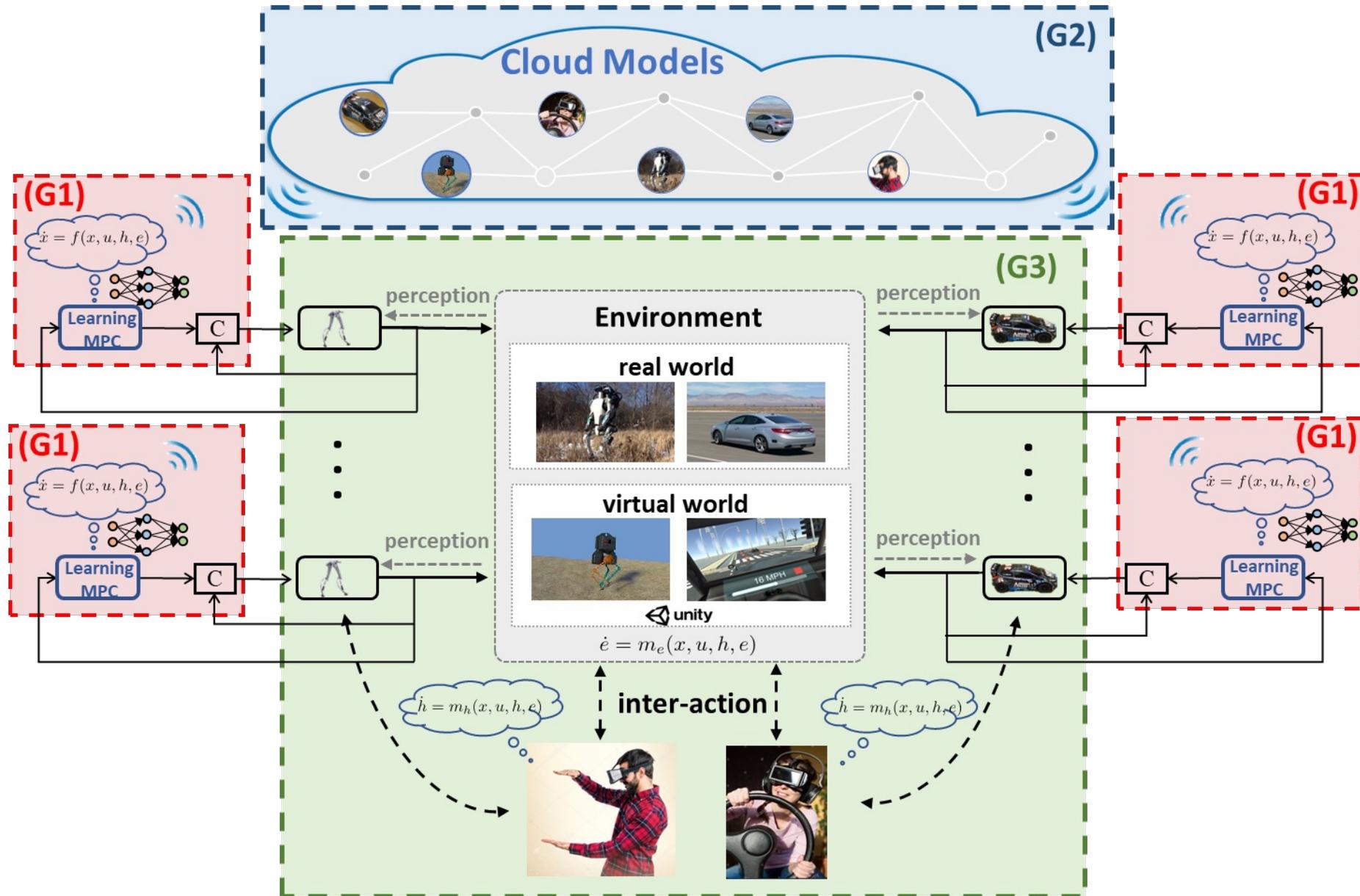


The implementation cost of “disciplined” SMPC

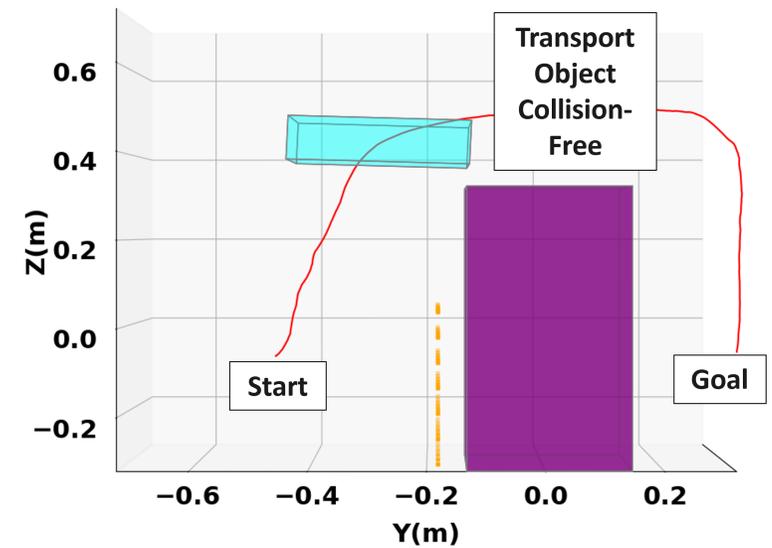
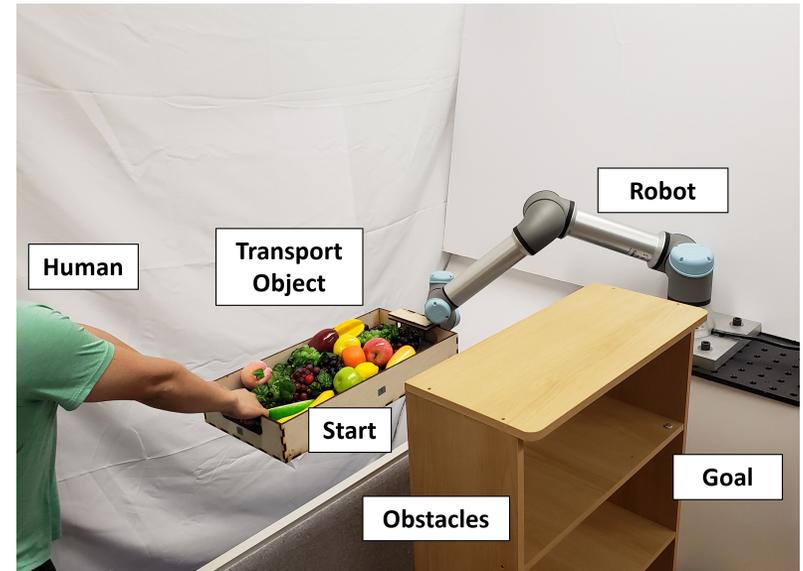
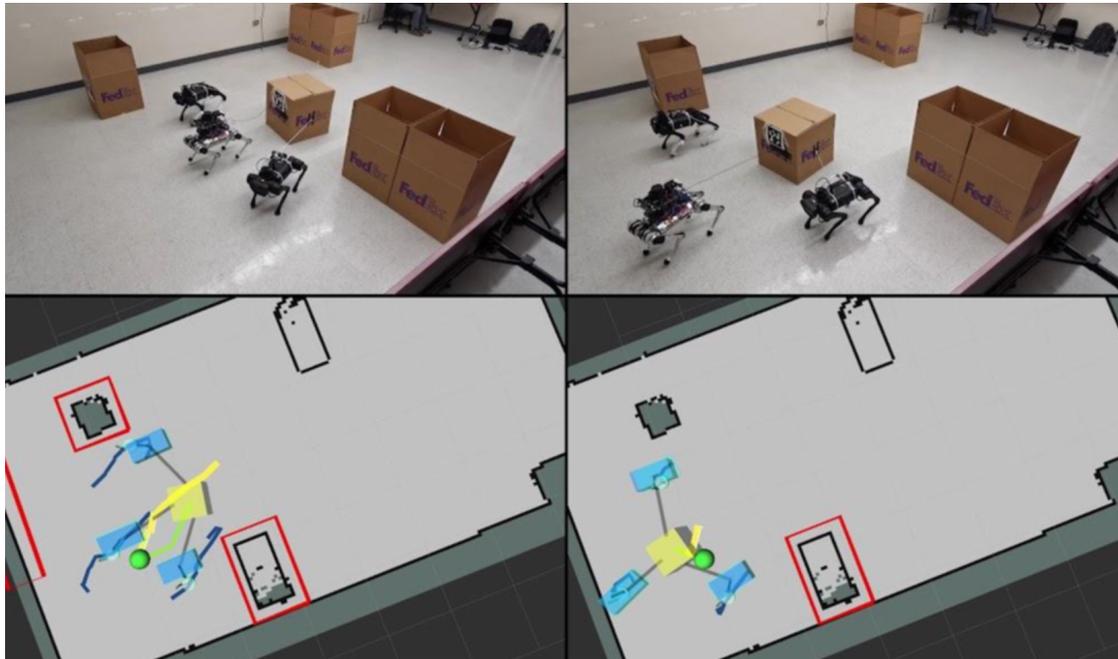
- Learning Contextual
- Learning interactive
- Optimization over
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2019 CPS: Safe Learning for Co-Robots



Experimental Tests

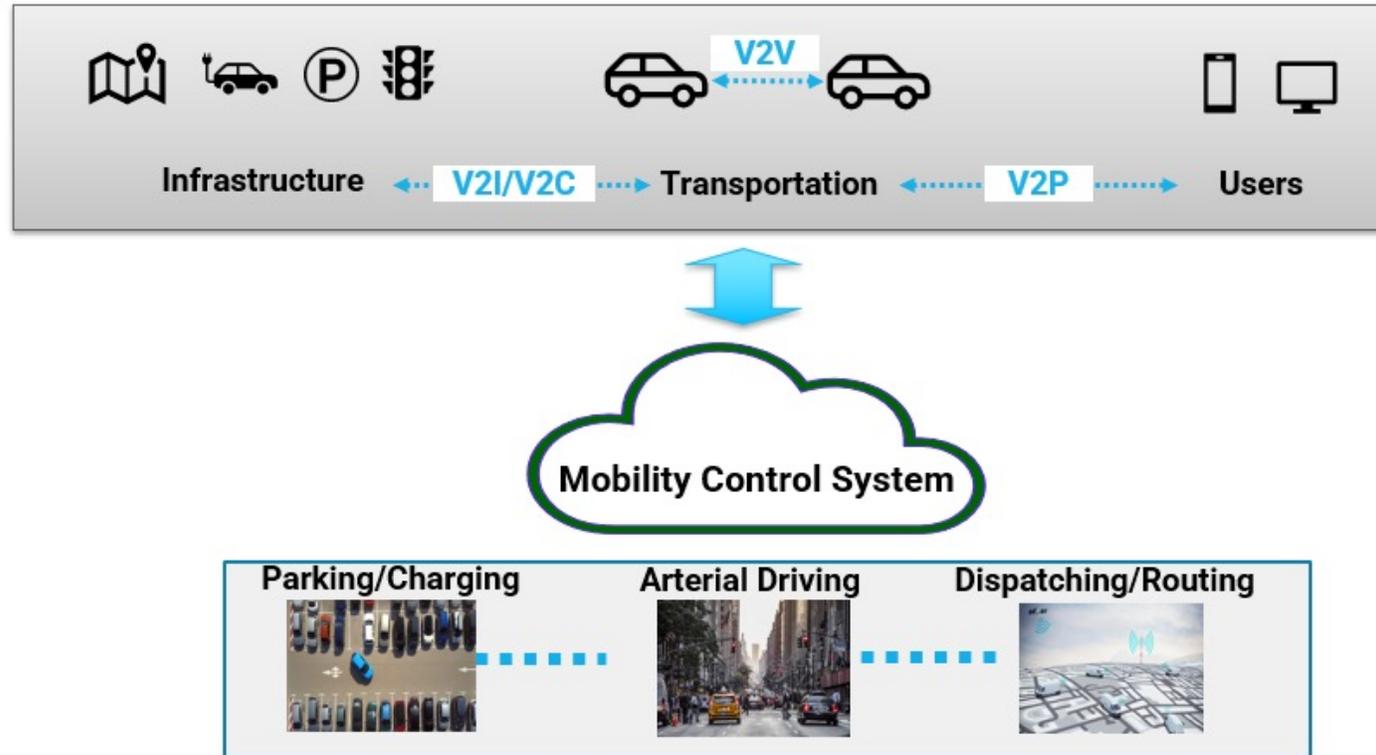


Still far from Safe co-Robots CPS!

Connected and Automated Mobility

Population getting from A->B in safe, timely and energy efficient way

- Distributed learning control architecture
- Time varying and event triggered communication topology
- Cooperation with mixed of local and global objectives



Connected and Automated Mobility



Final Remarks

- **Complex architectures**
 - **Make an effort to collaborate with people with system-level knowledge**
- **Impact time scale is longer than we expect/promise**
 - **Do not overpromise and do not give up**
- **While keeping system-level certification in mind**
 - **Focus on a subsystem and show tangible benefits with non conservative solution**
- **Young engineers often not knowledgeable on advanced tools for safe CPS**
 - **Bring relevant theory/ techniques faster to our graduate and undergraduate programs**

Thanks!