



# Simplex Architecture for Run Time Assurance of Hybrid Systems

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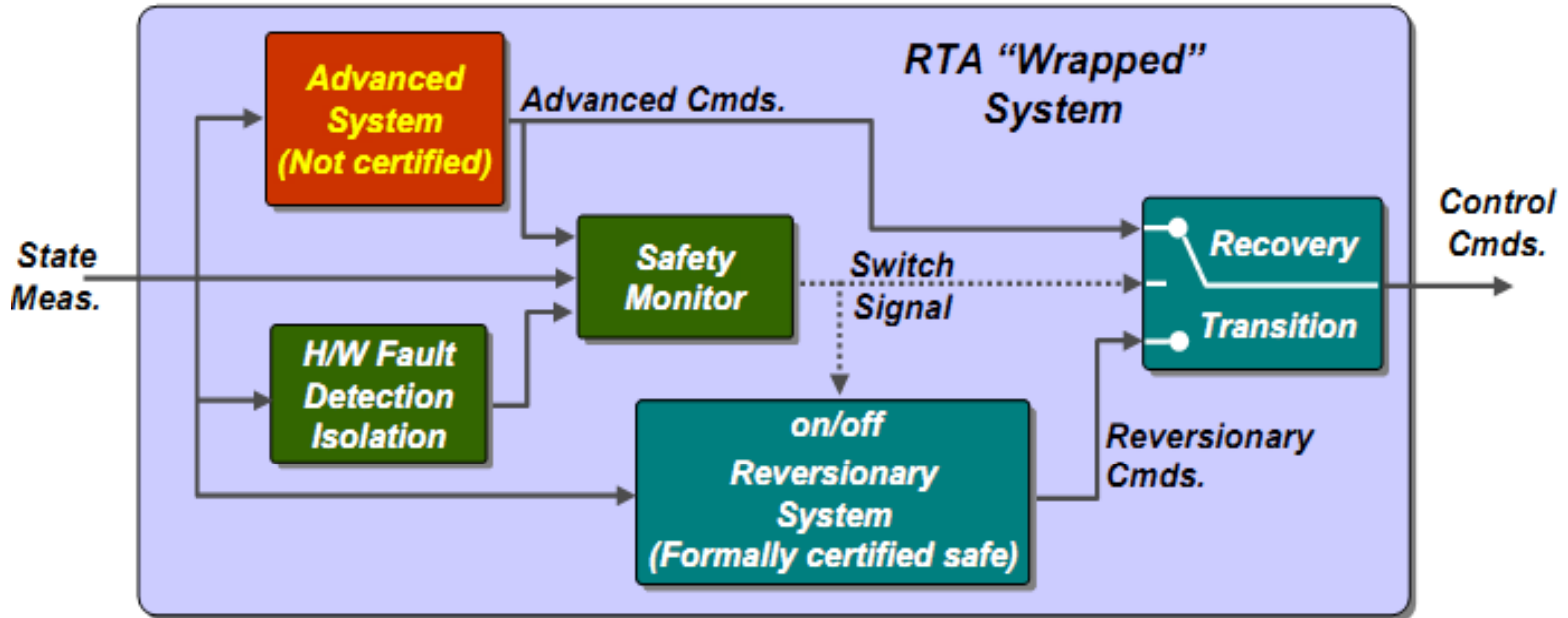


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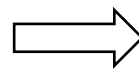


# Run-Time Assurance (RTA) - Wrapper Architecture



The RTA wrapper architecture - Anthony M. Aiello et. al. "Run-Time Assurance for Advanced Flight-Critical Control Systems" 2010

- h/w fault detection
- safety monitor
- reversionary system
- transition logic



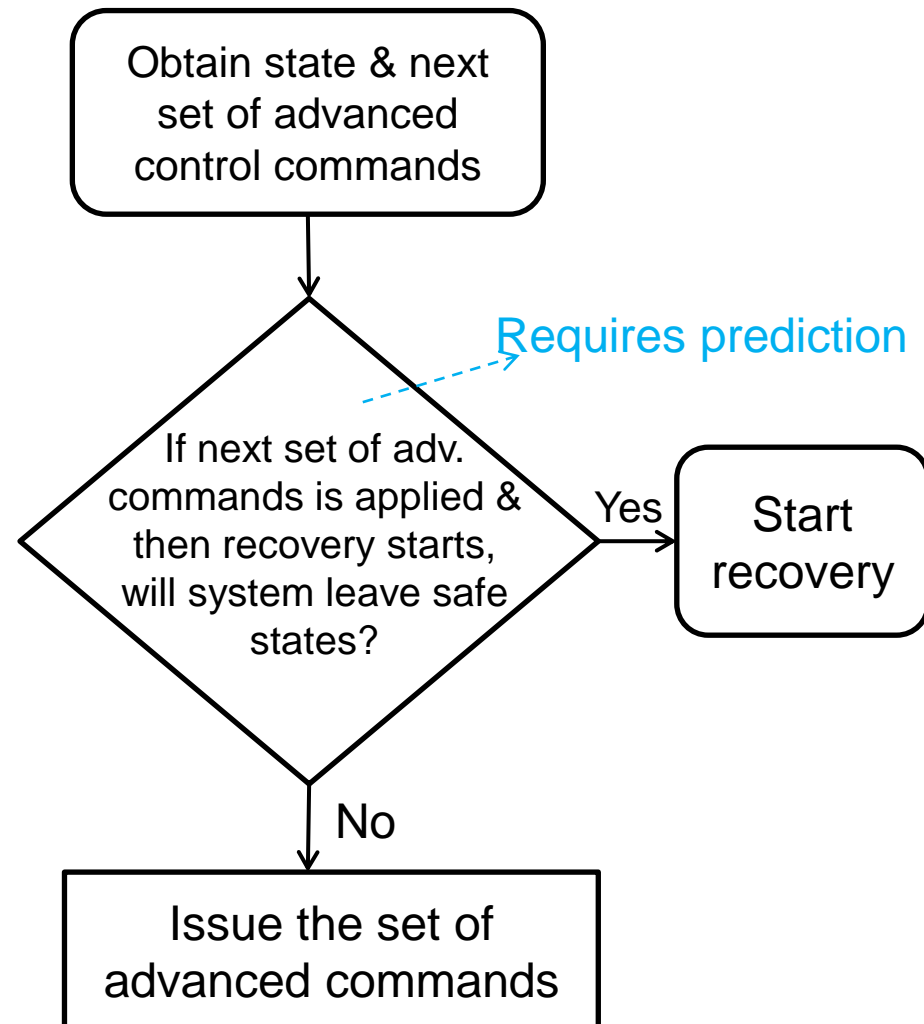
Run-time safety of system

Certified ✓



# RTA Safety Argument – Soundness & Completeness

- **Reversionary Safety Envelope (RSE)** = subset of “admissible states” where reversionary system is certified to control plant
- **Recovery** = transfer of control from advanced to reversionary system
- **Obtainable recovery** = system stays within RSE throughout recovery
- **RTA Safety Argument** = “set of states computed at run-time or offline such that recovery is obtainable if initiated from some state within it”
- **Soundness** = recovery should be guaranteed from states identified in safety argument
- **Completeness** = Safety argument covers all states where recovery must be initiated
- **Reactive approach (revert when unsafe) is neither sound nor complete**



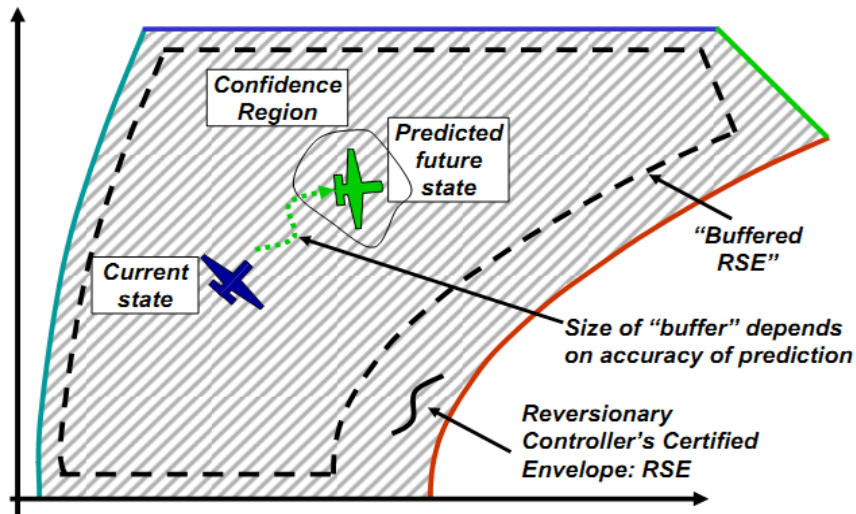


# RTA – Offline vs. Online Approaches

## 1. Complete run-time prediction

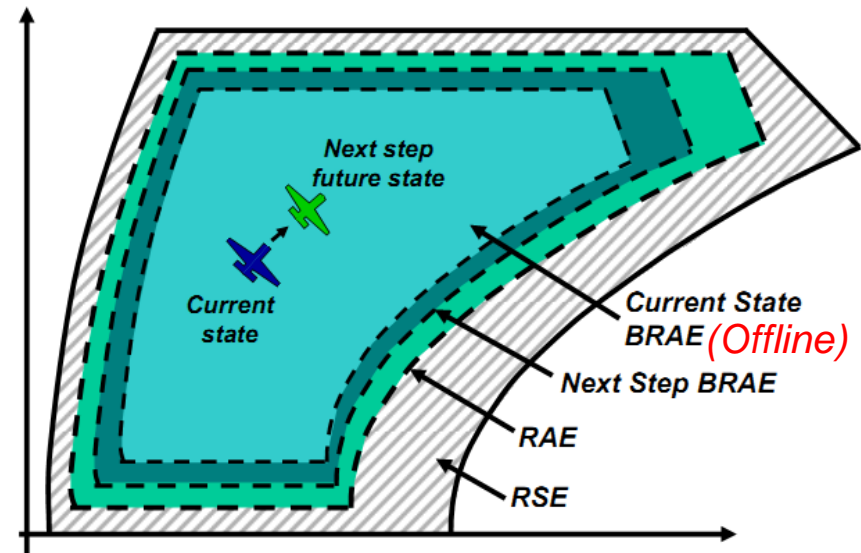
- Inspect trajectory of detailed simulation: left RSE? initiate recovery, else adv. commands

## 2. Complete offline prediction



Complete offline prediction approach to RTA – theoretical (source: A.M Aiello et. al.)

## 3. Combined approach



Combined & current-state (offline) RTA approaches (source: A.M Aiello et. al.)

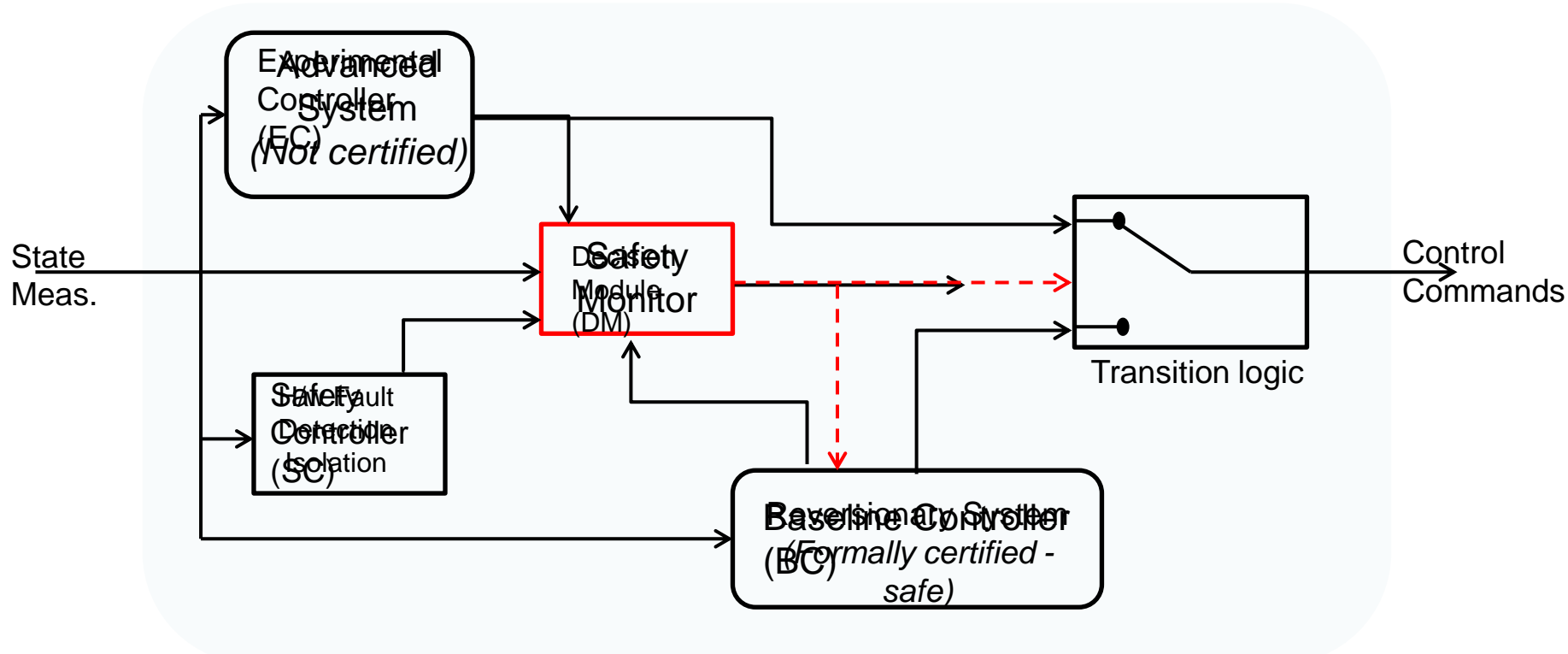
**Recovery Achievability Envelope (RAE)** = set of states where full recovery to reversionary system achievable  
 $\{x: \phi_i(x) \in RSE, \forall i \in \{1, \dots, m\}\}$ , where,  $\phi$  - transition function representative of  $m$ -step recovery (ideal case, usually not in closed-form)



# Simplex Architecture v2.0

## - D. Seto, B. Krogh, L. Sha & A. Chutinan

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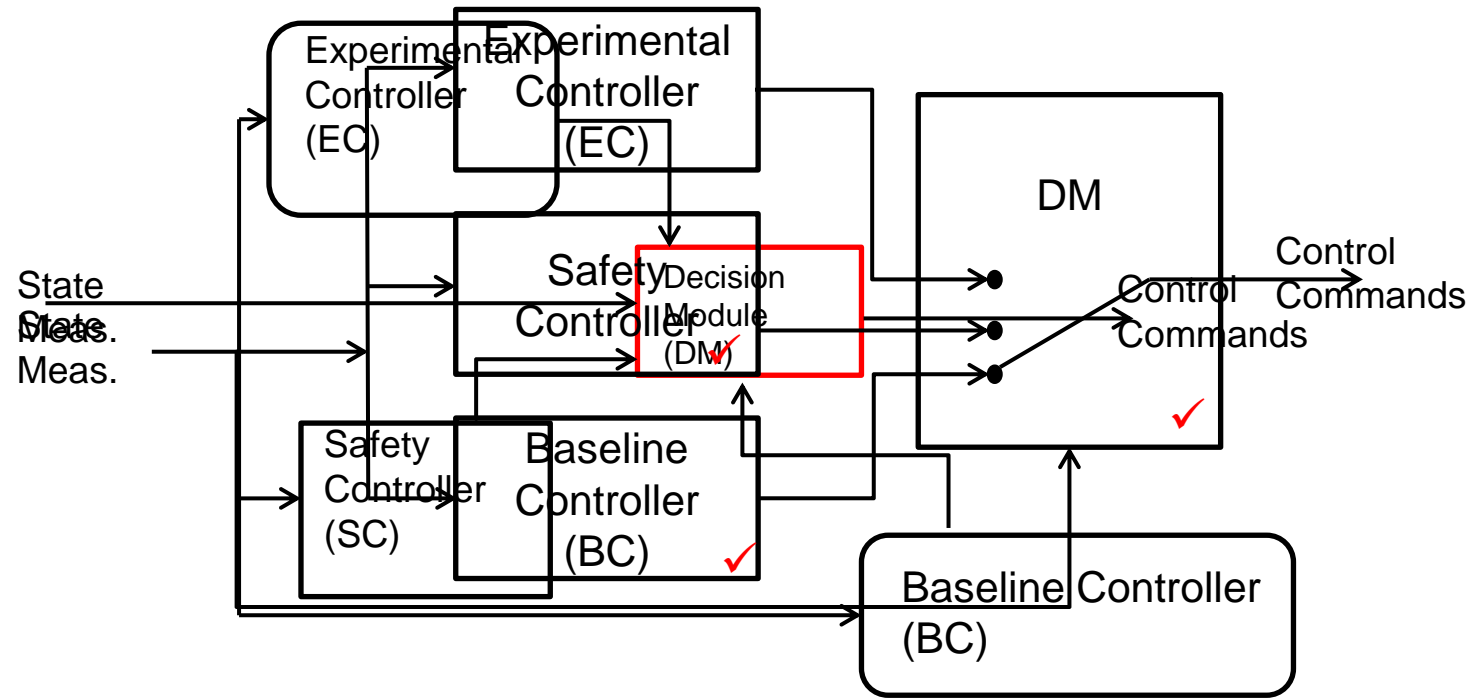




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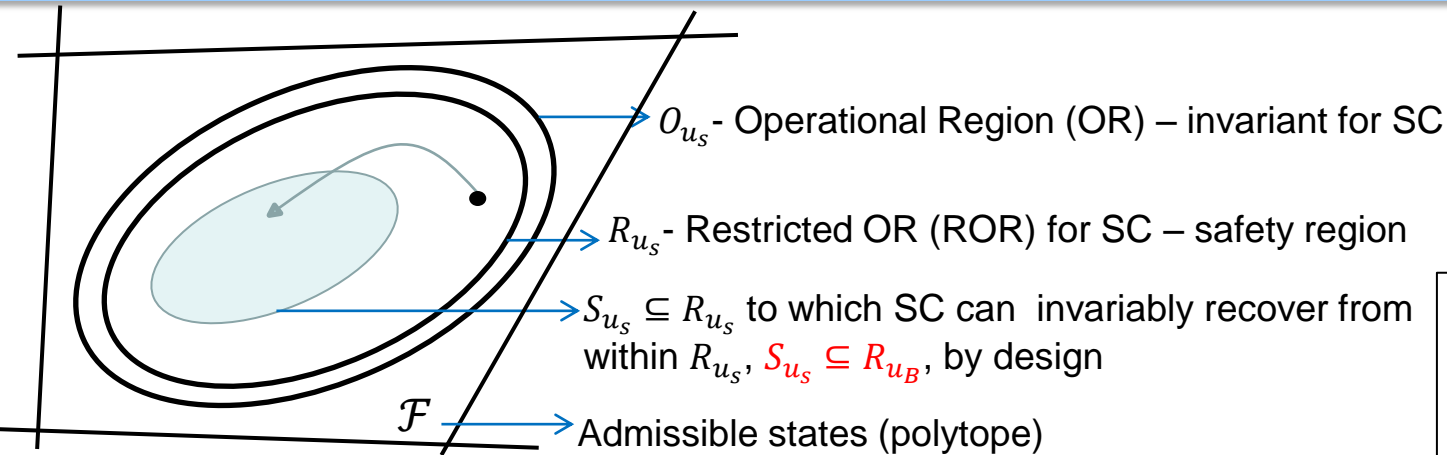
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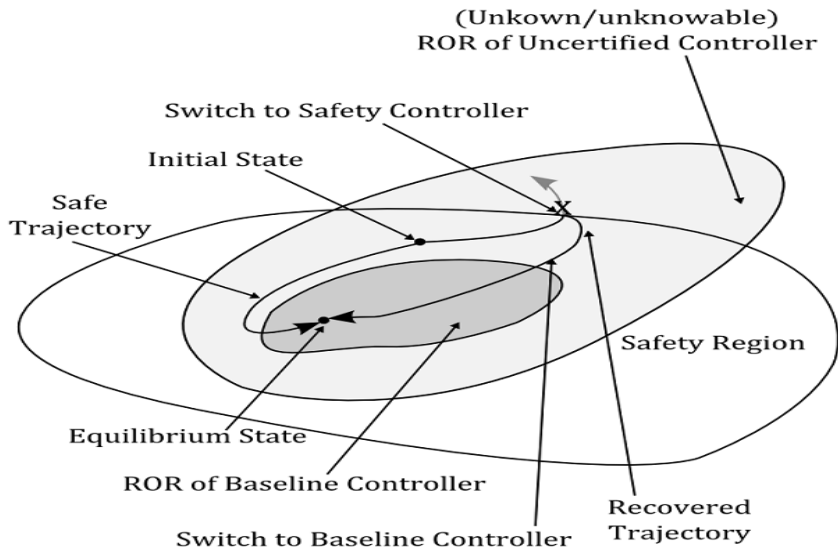
Schematic of the Simplex Architecture, source: Seto et. al. "The Simplex Architecture for On-Line Control System Upgrades"



# Simplex Architecture – Switching Logic



**Recovery**  
 SC steers the plant to a state inside  $R_{u_b}$ , where BC can take over

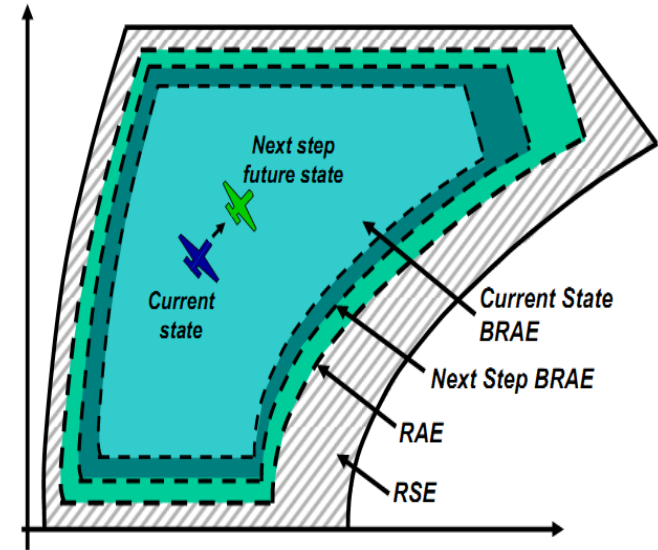
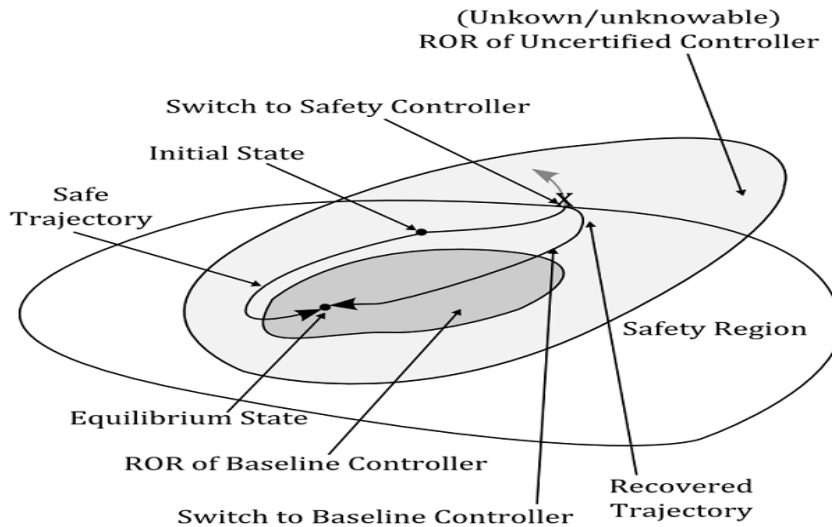


## Switching logic

1. Monitor plant when EC is active
2. If state reaches boundary of  $R_{u_s}$ , switch to SC
3. When SC has steered plant into  $S_{u_s}$ , switch to BC



# Simplex Architecture versus RTA



*Comparison of switching logics of the Simplex & the RTA-wrapper architecture*

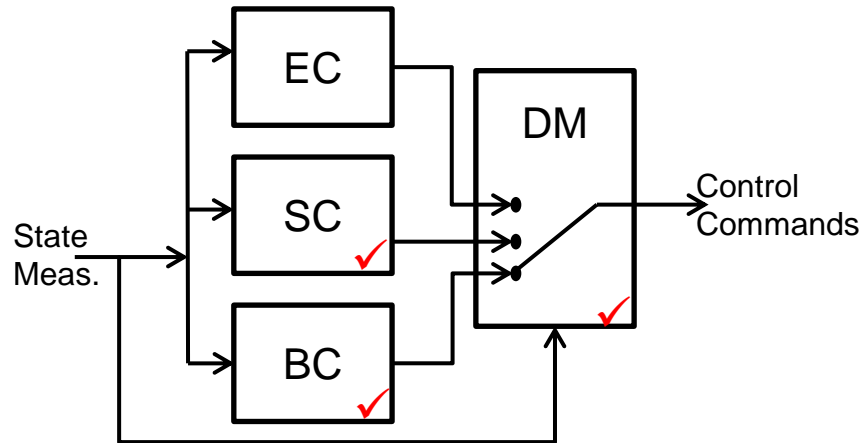
1. ROR of Baseline controller  $\approx$  RSE
2. Safety controller's steering  $\approx$  transitions during recovery performed by transition logic

Simplex does not perform any run-time prediction.

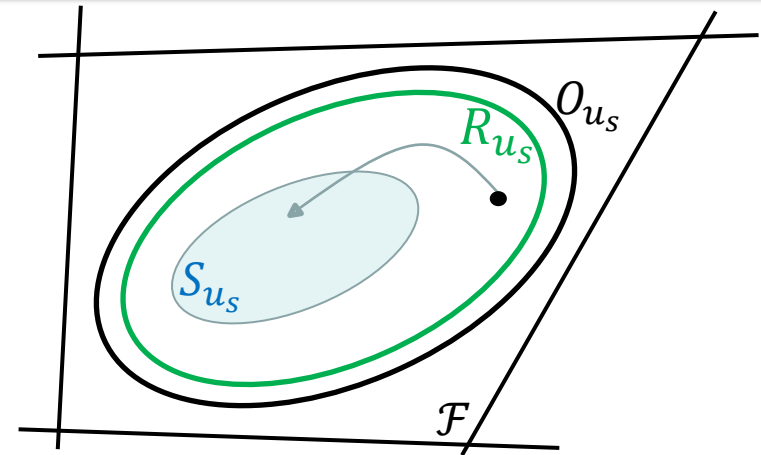
Simplex allows experimental controller to operate over a region larger than Baseline Controller's OR.



# Simplex Architecture - Design Issues



*The Simplex architecture*



*Invariants & design requirements*

$$S_{u_s} \subseteq R_{u_B}$$

1. Verification (safety) of SC and BC
2. Designing and verifying DM's switching logic, which performs recovery

**Nonlinear systems:** software, embedded systems, state-space models of complex systems

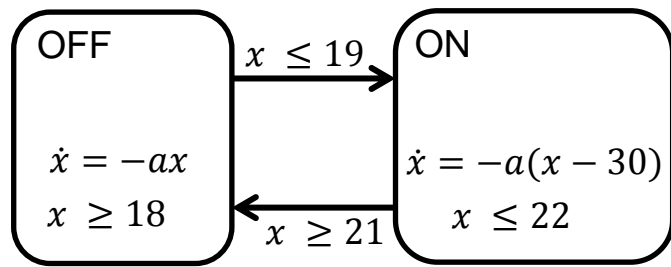
- Difficult to design controllers & verify



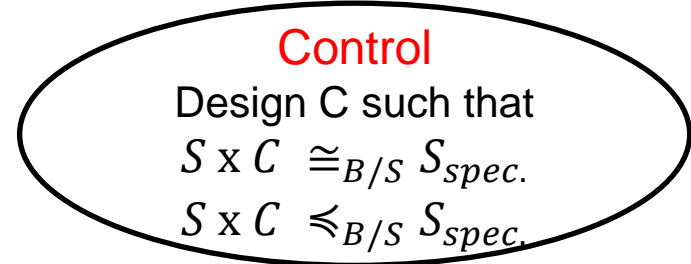
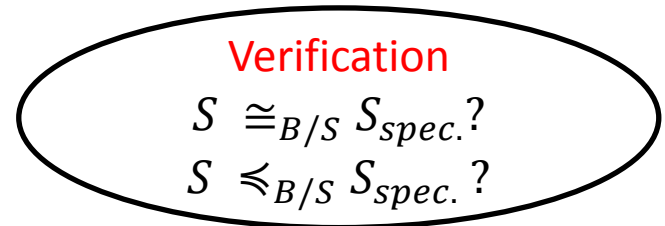
# Hybrid Systems

Hybrid Systems – Computational modeling framework for systems with both discrete-time & continuous-time components

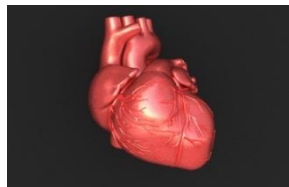
Enables Simplex architecture design for nonlinear systems



Hybrid Automata (HA),  $S$



Linearization, Hybridization  
 Preprocessing



Complex phenomena - biology, avionics

Modeling  $\rightarrow \frac{dx_i}{dt} = f_i(t, x_1(t), x_2(t) .. x_i(t) \dots x_n(t), \mathbf{u})$

Nonlinear State-Space Models



# Hybrid Systems

Linear Hybrid Automata (LHA): Mode-specific vector field is linear

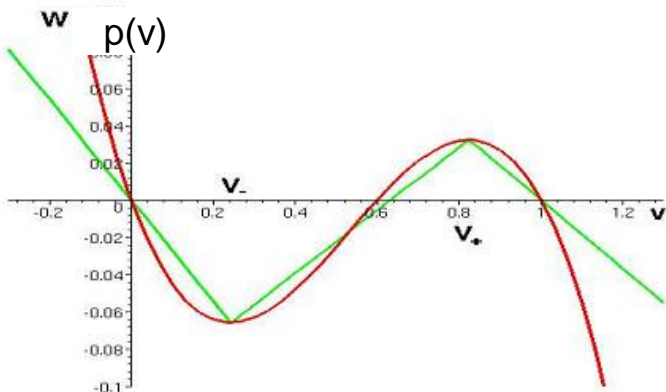
## Continuous-time state-space models to LHA

1. Jacobian
2. Dynamic programming-based optimal linearization of time series
3. Linearizing level curves of derivative terms
4. State-space partitioning-based: conservative approximation of nonlinear model

Consider the FitzHugh-Nagumo (FHN) model of neuron excitation

$$\dot{v} = v(1 - v)(v - a) - w + I$$

$$\dot{w} = bv - cw$$



### Dumas's hybrid model

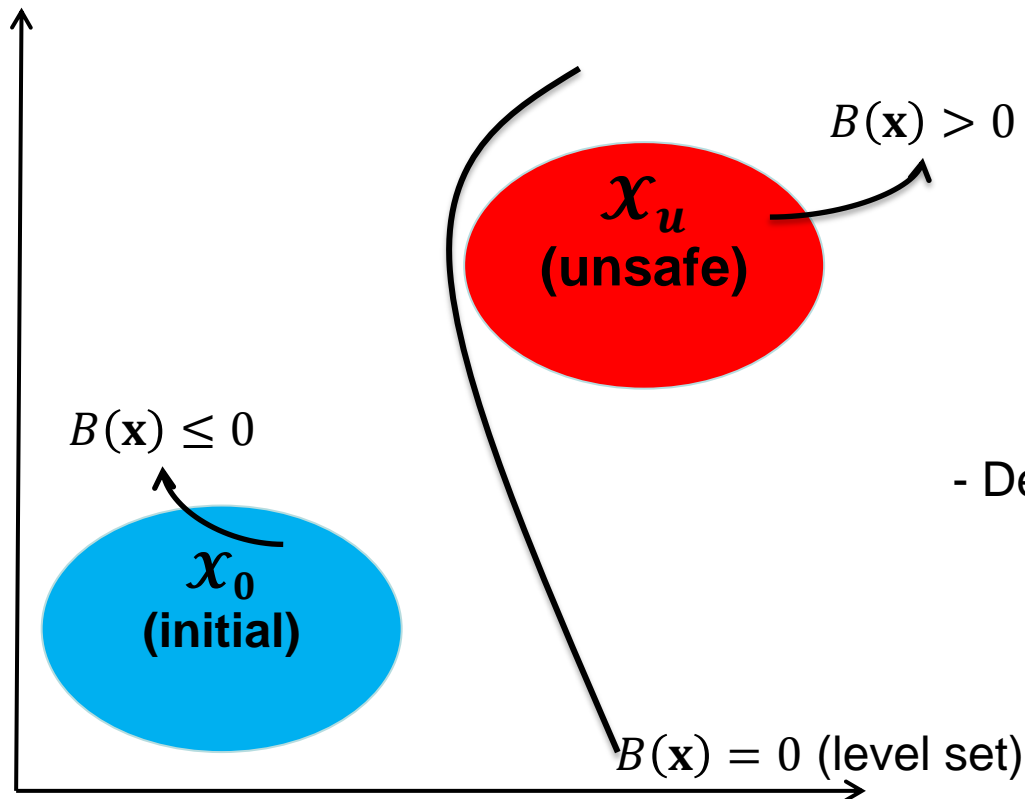
$$\dot{v} = \tilde{p}(v) - w + I, \quad \dot{w} = bv - cw$$

$$\tilde{p}(v) = \begin{cases} \frac{p(v_-)}{v_-} v & v < v_- \\ \frac{p(v_+) - p(v_-)}{v_+ - v_-} v & v_- \leq v \leq v_+ \\ \frac{p(v_+)}{1 - v_+} (1 - v) & v > v_+ \end{cases}$$



# Barrier Certificates (BaCs)

- Method for safety verification of hybrid systems, without explicit construction of reachable states
- BaC  $B(\mathbf{x})$  - convex function of state-space determined using SemiDefinite Programming (SDP)



$$\frac{\partial B}{\partial \mathbf{x}}(\mathbf{x}) \cdot f(\mathbf{x}) \leq 0 \quad \forall \mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n$$

- Derivative w.r.t time along trajectory  $\leq 0$



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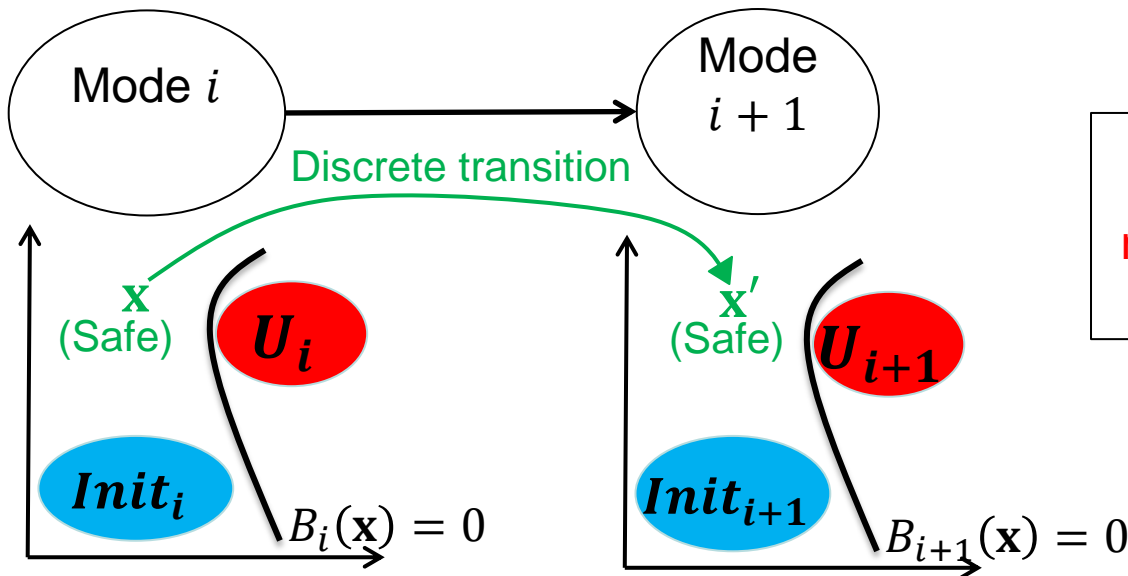
- Hybrid systems – Existence of BaC for each mode and safe transitions  $\Rightarrow$  safety

$$B_i(\mathbf{x}) > 0 \quad \forall \mathbf{x} \in U_i \text{ (unsafe states within invariant of Mode } i)$$

$$B_i(\mathbf{x}) \leq 0 \quad \forall \mathbf{x} \in \text{Init}_i$$

$$\frac{\partial B_i}{\partial \mathbf{x}}(\mathbf{x}) \cdot f_i(\mathbf{x}) \leq 0 \quad \forall \mathbf{x} \in \text{Inv}_i$$

$B_i(\mathbf{x}) \leq 0, \forall \mathbf{x} \in \text{Reset}(i', i)(\mathbf{x}')$  for some  $i' \in L$  and  $\mathbf{x}' \in \text{Guard}(i', i)$  with  $B_{i'}(\mathbf{x}') \leq 0$

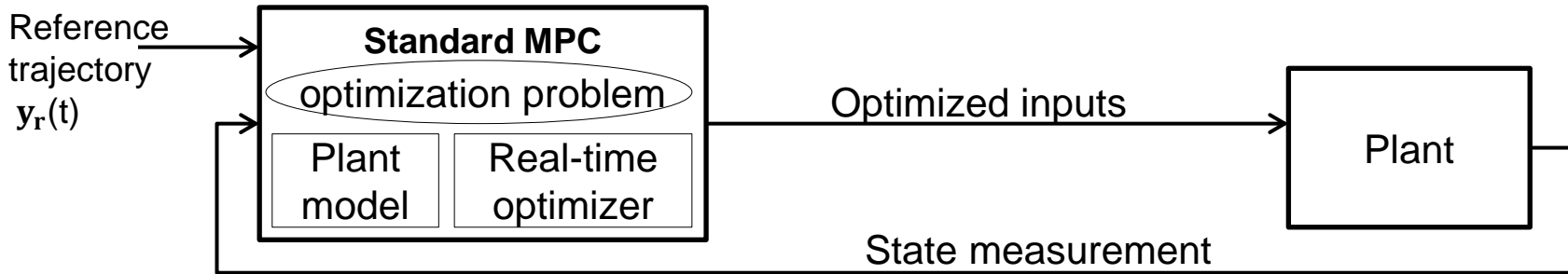


BaC in each mode =  
mode-specific OR for Simplex  
architecture



# Model Predictive Controllers (MPC)

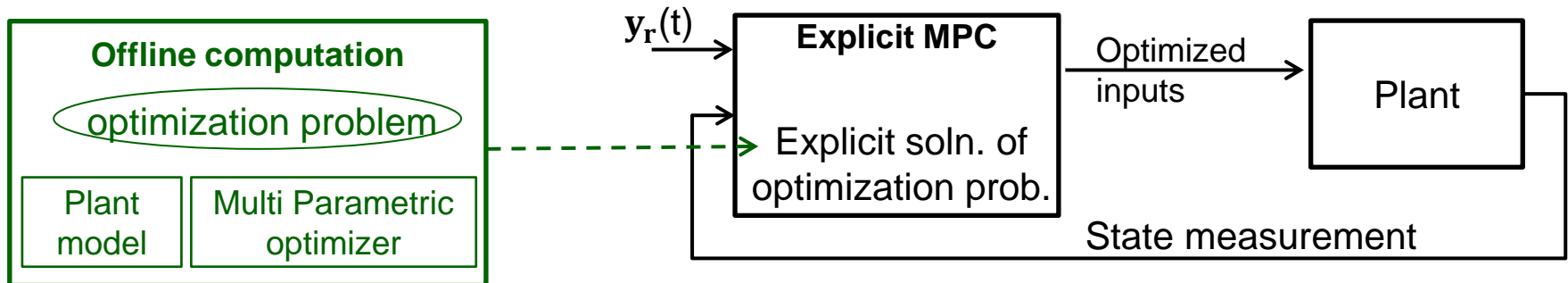
Proposed **EC** in Simplex architecture



$$f(\mathbf{u}) = \sum_{i=1}^W \alpha^{i-1} [ \mathbf{y}_r(t_0 + iT) - \mathbf{y}(t_0 + iT) ]^2 + \beta_i \mathbf{u}(t_0 + iT)$$

Annotations for the equation:

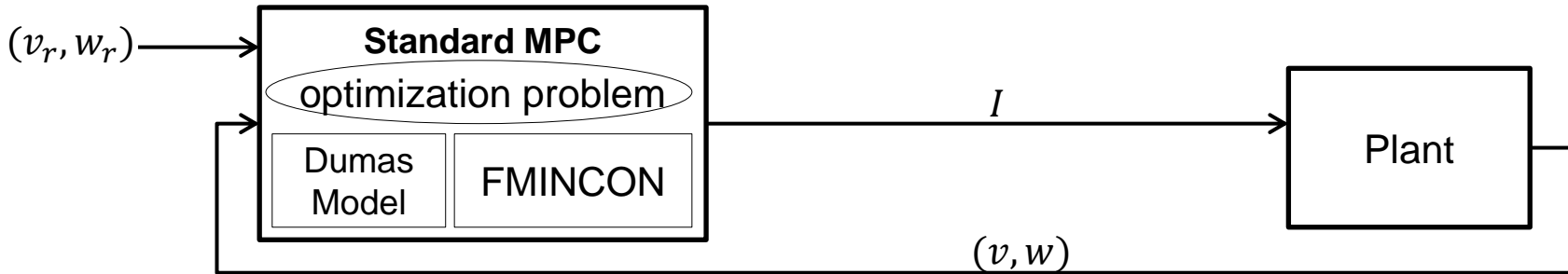
- $f(\mathbf{u})$ : Obj. func. minimized by optimizer
- $\sum_{i=1}^W$ : receding horizon
- $W$ : horizon
- $iT$ : sampling time
- $\mathbf{y}_r(t_0 + iT)$ : outputs from reference trajectory
- $\mathbf{y}(t_0 + iT)$ : outputs predicted using plant model
- $\beta_i \mathbf{u}(t_0 + iT)$ : weighted input



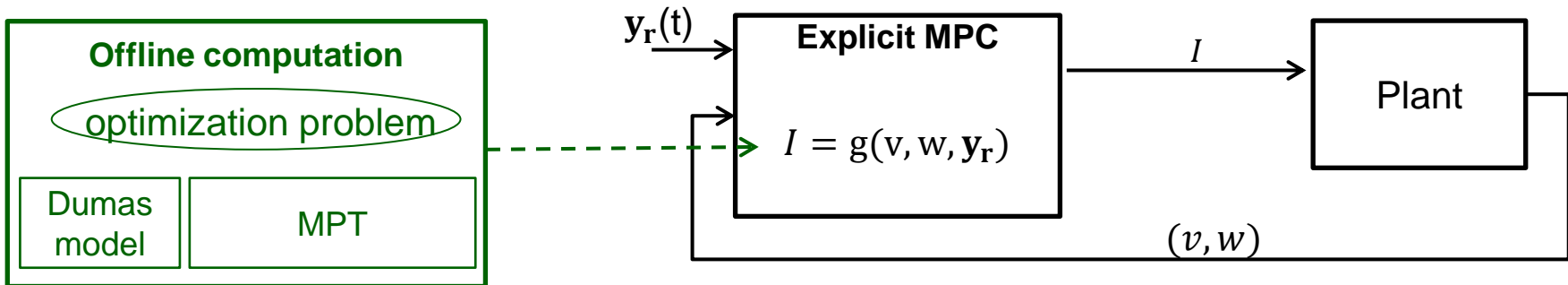


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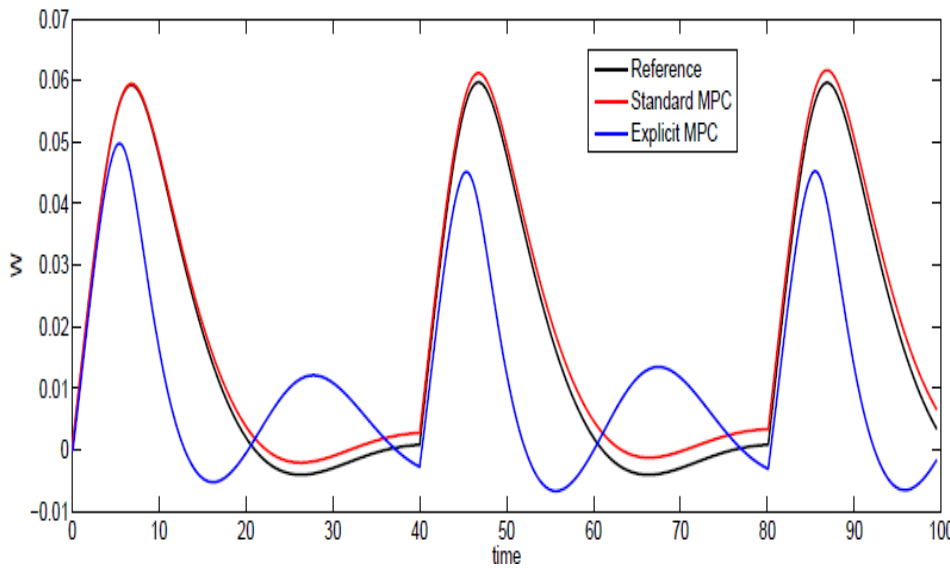
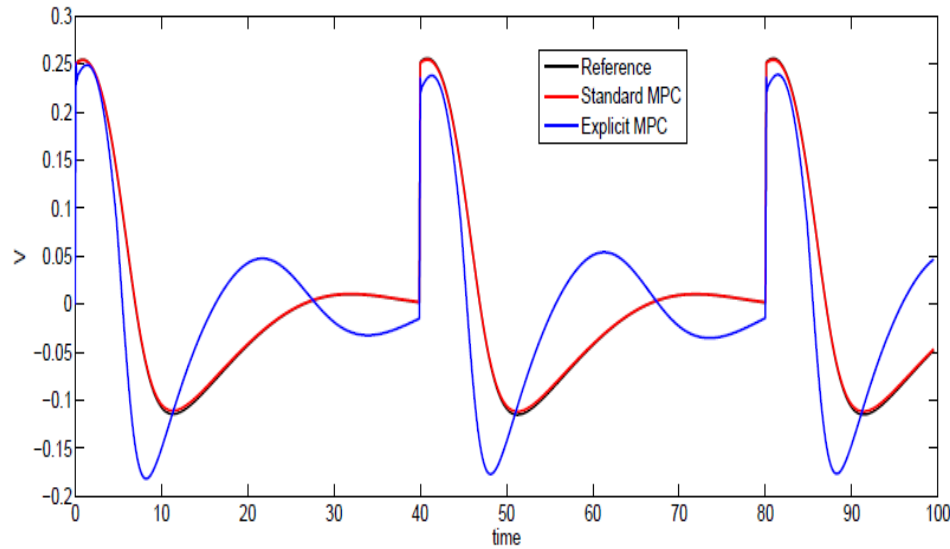
$$f(I) = \sum_{i=1}^3 (0.8)^{i-1} \left( \begin{bmatrix} v_r \\ w_r \end{bmatrix} (t + iT) - \begin{bmatrix} v \\ w \end{bmatrix} (t + iT) \right)^2 + 0.1I(t_0 + iT)$$







# MPC Implementation Results



- $\approx 2X$  speedup for explicit MPC
- Explicit MPC commits larger error

Currently investigating speed versus accuracy tradeoffs



# Summary

- ✓ RTA-wrapper architecture (Barron's)
  - **Safety argument**, soundness & completeness
  - Complete run-time prediction, complete offline & **combined approaches**
  
- ✓ CMU's Simplex architecture
  - **Safety Controller (SC) - transition** from the **Experimental Controller (EC)** to the **certified Baseline Controller (BC)**
  - Establishing **Operational Regions (OR)** and DM's switching logic
  - **Allows EC to control plant over a region larger than the certified region for SC**
  
- ✓ Hybrid systems
  - Modeling framework for systems with both discrete-time & continuous-time components
  - **Linear Hybrid Automata (LHA) – amenable to analysis & control**
  - **Linearizing nonlinear systems** using Jacobian, Dynamic Programming on time series, derivative level curves or state-space partitioning
  
- ✓ Model Predictive Controller (MPC) design at Stony Brook
  - **Fast & accurate MPC** for highly nonlinear systems, using hybrid automata