



Introduction to ACC Workshop on Differentiable Programming for Modeling and Control of Dynamical Systems

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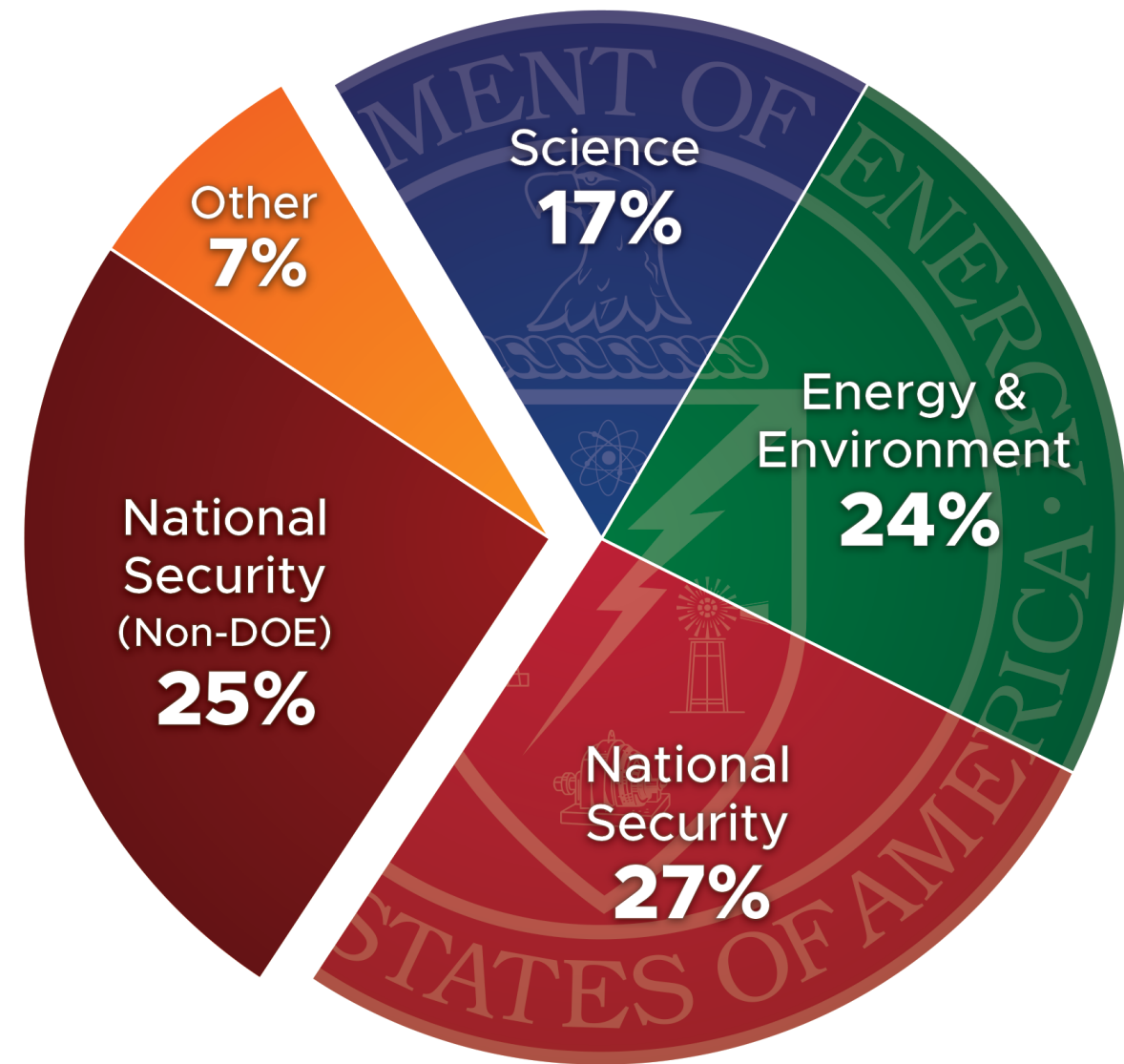
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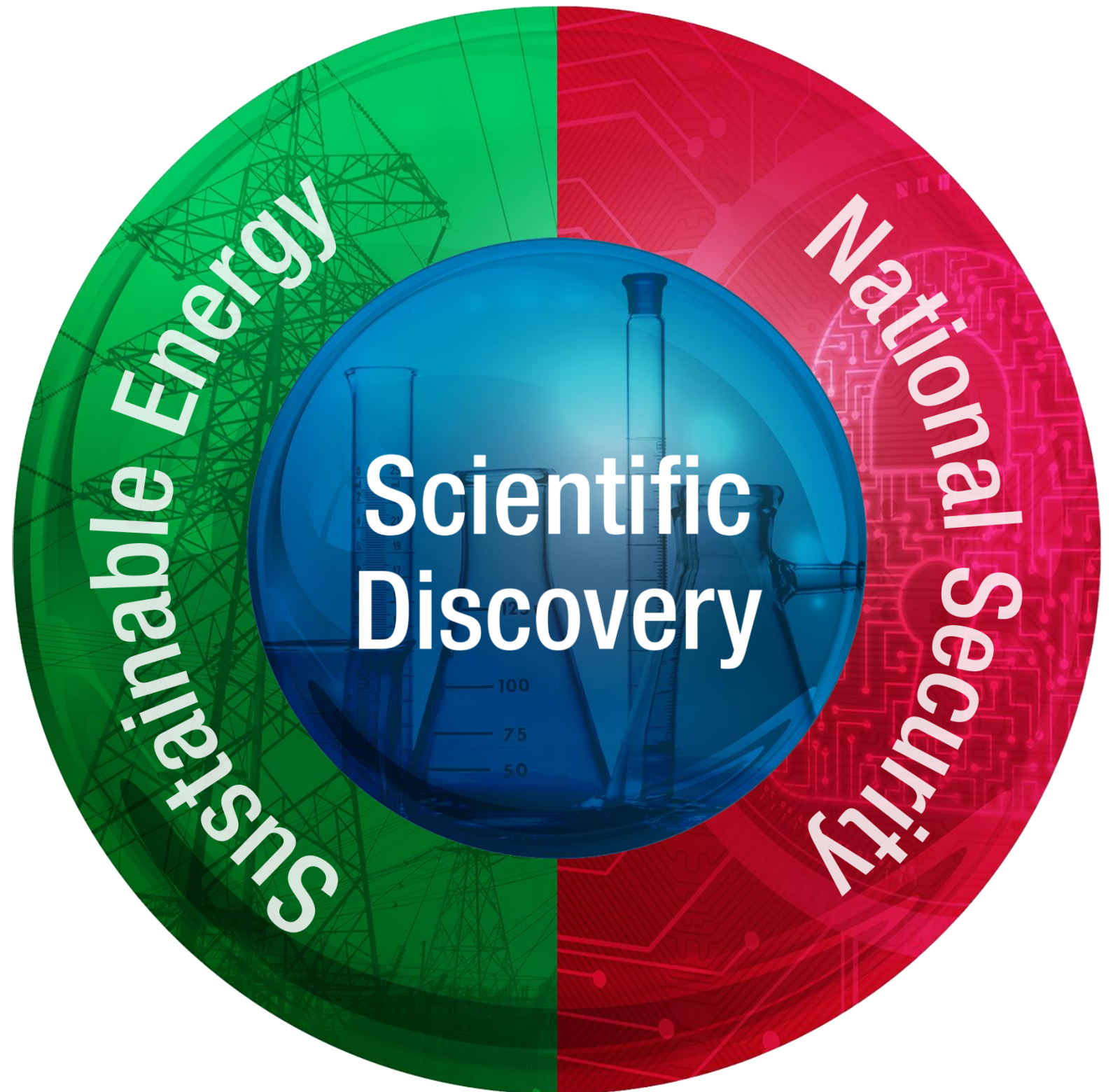


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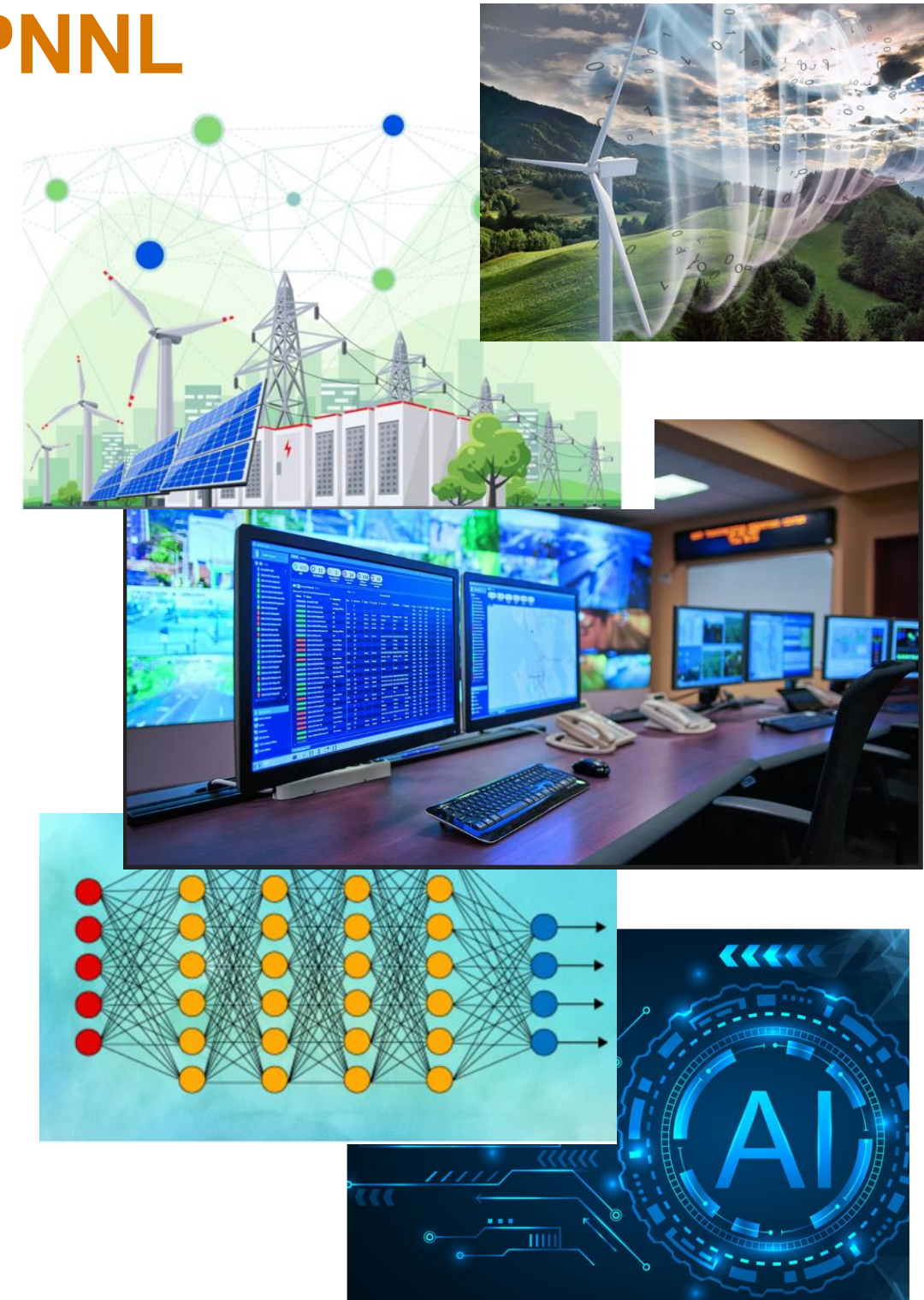
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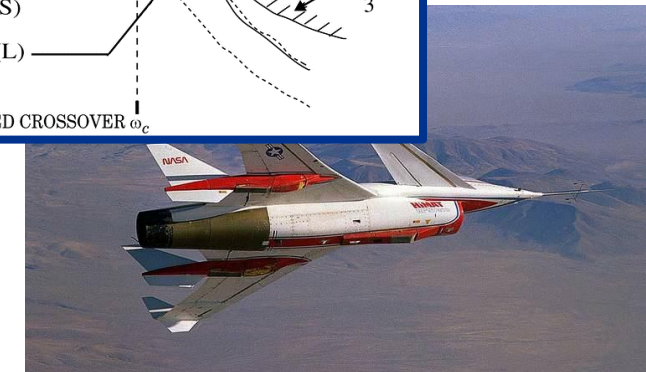
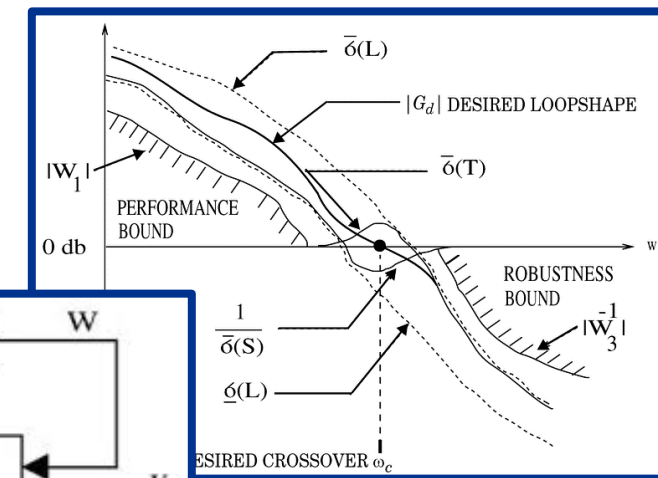
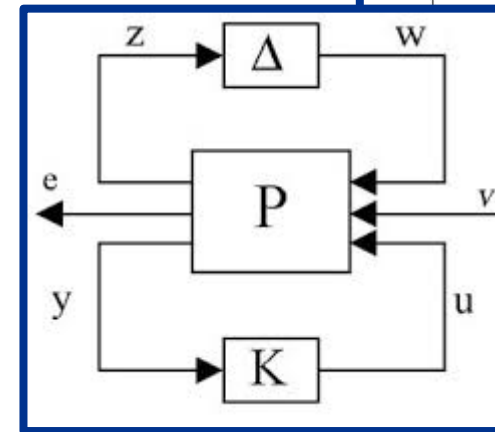
- Working with DOE SC to develop new AI methods and computation paradigms for scientific discovery
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 - Renewables (including wind)
 - Power grid
 - Manufacturing
 - Transportation
- Developing and Managing Data Repositories



Classic Control Toolbox

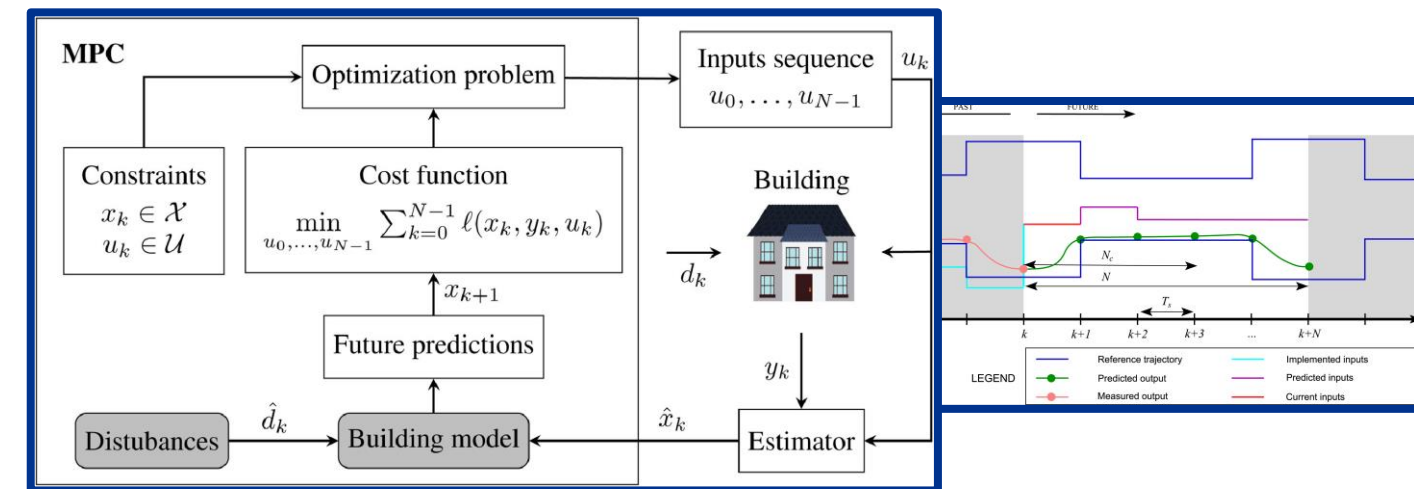
• Uncertainty Management - Robust Control

- Advantage: Optimal performance for systems with parametric and dynamic uncertainty
- Challenge: Conservative Solution, Sometimes hard to implement



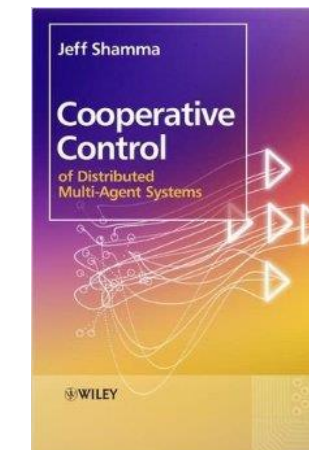
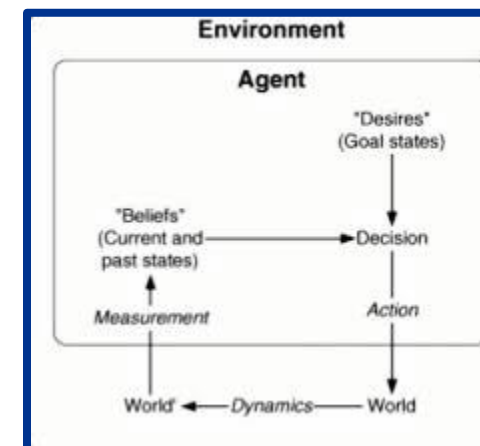
• Constraint Management - Model Predictive Control

- Advantage: Optimal performance; automatic constraint prioritization
- Challenge: Sensitive to modeling error, Convergence in real-time; Distributed solution hard

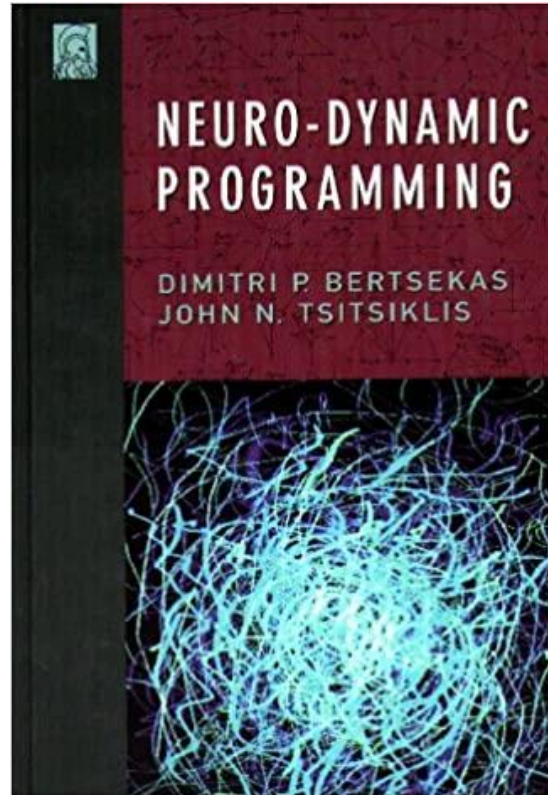


• Complexity/Scale Management - Agent Based Control

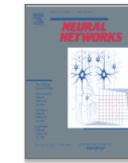
- Advantage: Low computation and communication requirements, easy to implement
- Challenge: Hard to guarantee performance



Neural Networks in Control



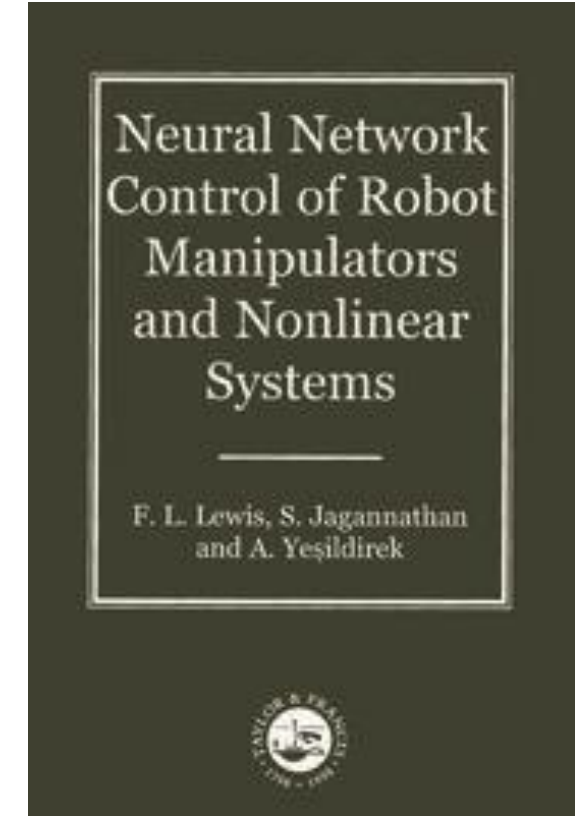
Neural Networks
Volume 2, Issue 5, 1989, Pages 359-366



Original contribution

Multilayer feedforward networks are
universal approximators

Kurt Hornik, Maxwell Stinchcombe, Halbert White ¹



1996 – rigorous explanations of reinforcement learning through the lens of dynamic programming and practical use of function approximation

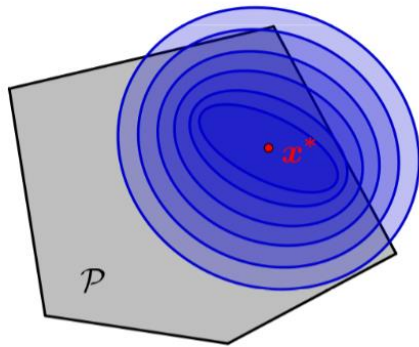
1999 – rigorous development of training dynamics and practical use of function approximation with performance guarantees during learning

Landscape of Optimization Methods

Online optimization

$$\min_x f(x)$$

subject to $b(x) \geq 0$
 $c(x) = 0.$



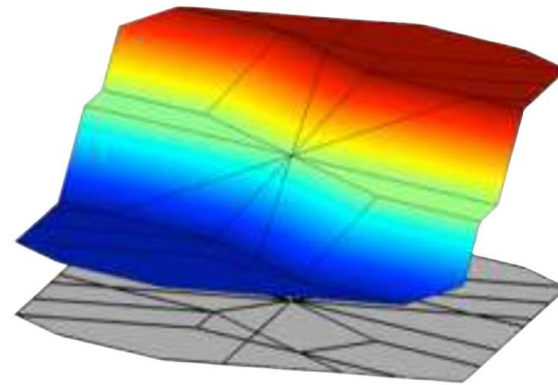
- “online” solution for given parameter values
- computationally demanding in real-time

Classic Control Toolbox

Parametric programming

$$J^*(\theta) = \min_{x \in \mathbb{R}^n} f(x, \theta)$$

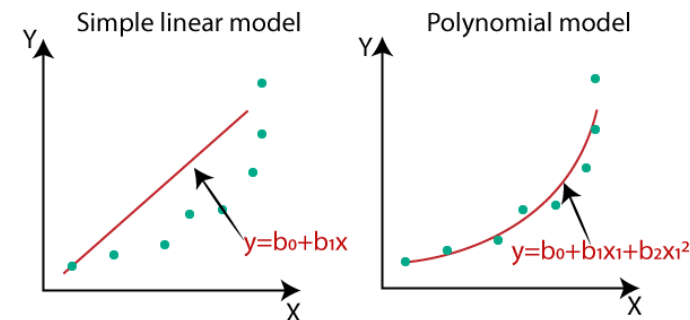
subject to $g(x, \theta) \leq 0.$
 $\theta \in \Theta \subset \mathbb{R}^m$



- “offline” optimization obtains a solution map
- classical methods lead to exponential complexity!

Supervised Learning

$$\min_{\theta} \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N L(y^i, f(x^i, \theta))$$



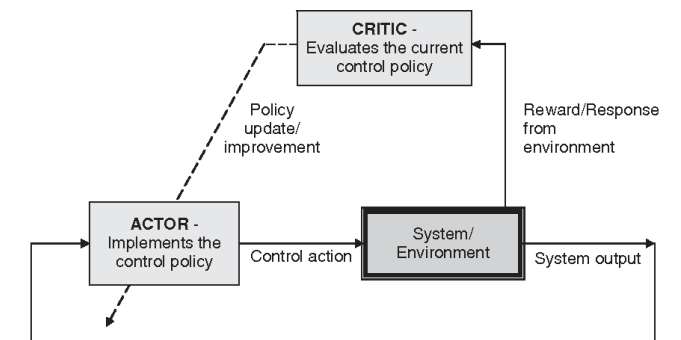
- “offline” optimization obtains a model (map)
- scalable but requires expert optimizer to imitate

Neural Networks in Control

Reinforcement Learning

$$\min_{\Theta} \sum_{i=1}^m r(\mathbf{x}, \Theta)$$

s.t. **Bellman**(\mathbf{x}, Θ) = $\mathbf{0}$,
environment(\mathbf{x}, Θ) = $\mathbf{0}$
 $\mathbf{x} \in \Xi$



- “offline” optimization obtains a policy map
- classically can’t handle constraints

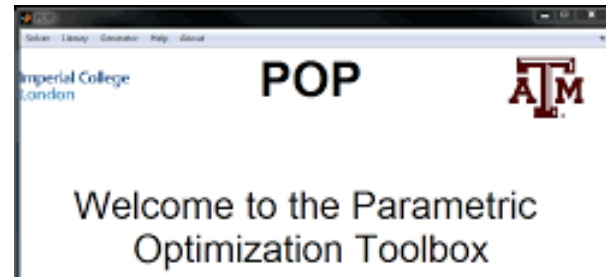
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Online optimization



Classic Control Toolbox

Parametric programming



Multi-parametric Toolbox (MPT)



Supervised Learning



Neural Networks in Control

Reinforcement Learning

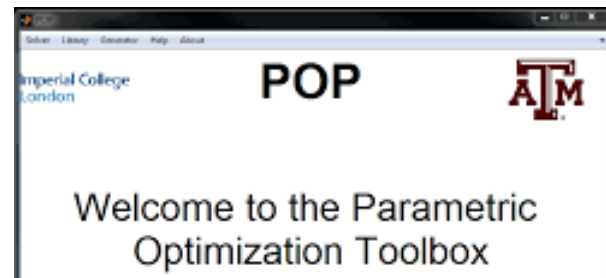


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What comes next? ... Differentiable programming (DP): a unifying approach for data-driven optimization with solutions based on automatic differentiation (AD)

Differentiable Programming Enables a Wide Array of Applications

- **Differentiable Programming**

- M. Innes, et al., *A Differentiable Programming System to Bridge Machine Learning and Scientific Computing*, 2019

- **Physics-informed Neural Networks**

- M. Raissi, et al., *Physics-informed neural networks: A deep learning framework for solving forward and inverse problems involving nonlinear partial differential equations*, 2019

- **Neural Differential Equations**

- R. T. Q. Chen, et al., *Neural Ordinary Differential Equations*, 2019
- C. Rackauckas , et al., *Universal Differential Equations for Scientific Machine Learning*, 2021

- **Differentiable Optimization**

- A. Agrawal, et al., *Differentiable Convex Optimization Layers*, 2019
- P. Donti, et al., *DC3: A learning method for optimization with hard constraints*, 2021
- S. Gould, et al., *Deep Declarative Networks: A New Hope*, 2020
- J. Kotary, et al., *End-to-End Constrained Optimization Learning: A Survey*, 2021

- **Differentiable Control**

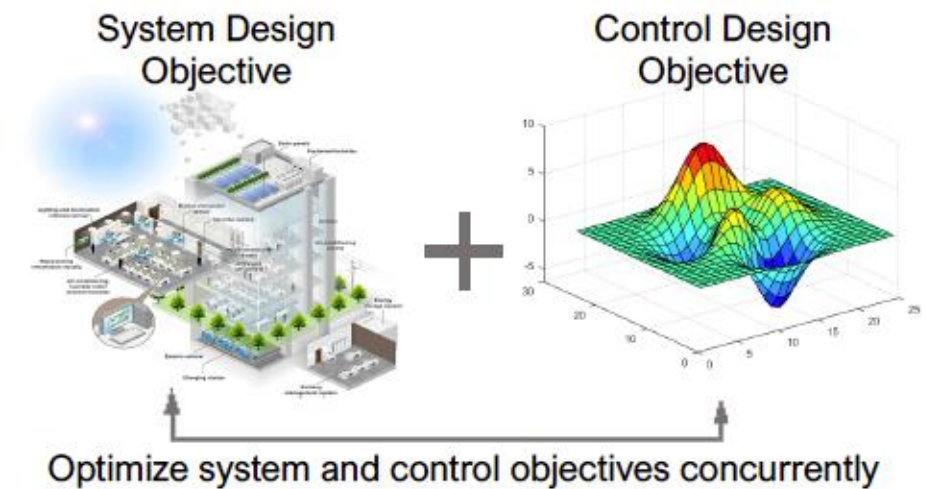
- B. Amos, et al., *Differentiable MPC for End-to-end Planning and Control*, 2019
- S. East, et al., *Infinite-Horizon Differentiable Model Predictive Control*, 2020

Differentiable Programming Enables New Control Paradigms

• ML Based System & Control Co-Design

Systems are becoming more complex with significant intersystem couplings that are less understood

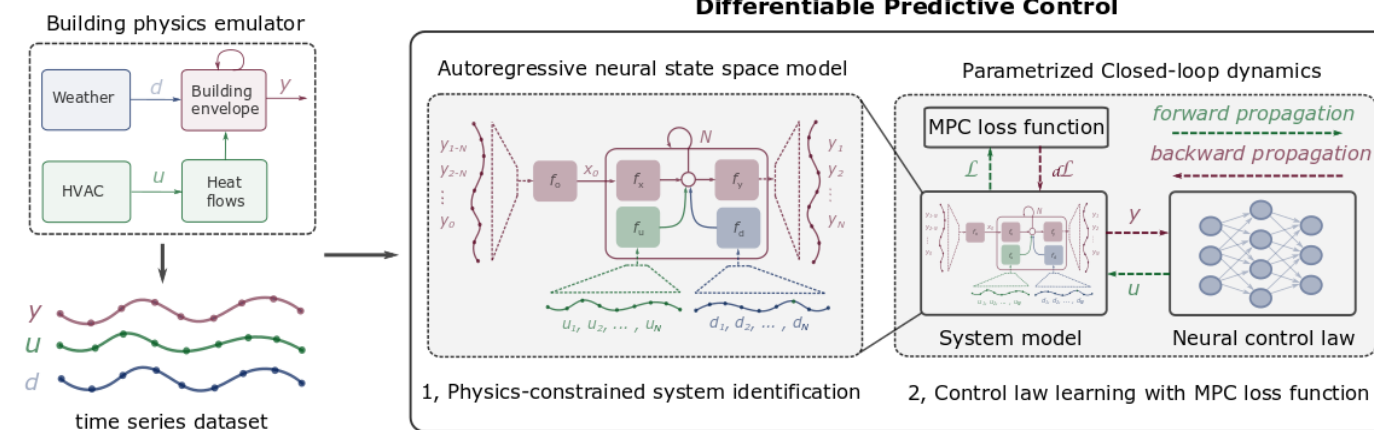
- Enable design and operation of systems for multiple objectives
- Address need to incorporate and evaluate control options early in the project design cycle



• Simulation-based modeling and control

Simulations are crucial for decision-making

- Improve computational efficiency and scalability for heterogenous scientific simulations
- Use data to optimized explicit predictive control policy



Invited Speakers



Boris Ivanovic
(NVIDIA)



Mario Zanon
(IMT Lucca)



Bingqing Chen
(Bosh AI)



Chris Rackauckas
(MIT)



Workshop Organizers



Jan Drgona



Aaron Tuor



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Soumya Vasisht



Draguna Vrabić



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Workshop Schedule

- 08:30 am - 09:00 am** - **Sonja Glavaski-Radovanovic** (PNNL): Opening remarks and overview of differentiable programming
- 9:00 am - 9:30 am** - **Boris Ivanovic** (NVIDIA): Differentiable robotics
- 9:30 am - 10:00 am** - **Biswadip Dey** (Siemens): Learning Hamiltonian dynamics with control
- 10:00 am - 10:30 am** - Coffee break
- 10:30 am - 11:00 am** - **Mario Zanon** (IMT Lucca): Differentiating MPC with applications in Reinforcement Learning
- 11:00 am - 11:30 am** - **Bingqing Chen** (Bosch Center for AI): Towards safe and sample-efficient autonomous energy systems via differentiable programming
- 11:30 pm - 1:00 pm** - Lunch Break
- 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm** - **Chris Rackauckas** (MIT): Code tutorial 1: Julia
- 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm** - **Aaron Tuor** (PNNL): Code tutorial 2: PyTorch
- 3:00 pm - 3:30 pm** - Coffee break
- 3:30 pm - 5:00 pm** - **Jan Drgona** (PNNL): Code tutorial 3: PyTorch



Thank you

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