

# Building Temperature Control by Simple MPC-like Feedback Laws Learned from Closed-Loop Data

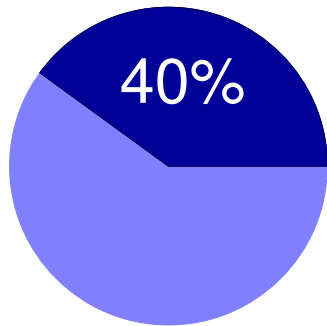
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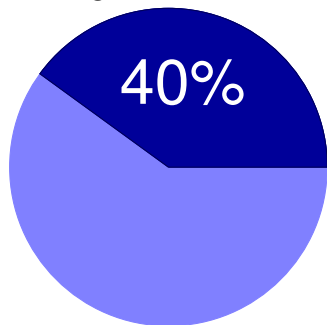
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- HVAC

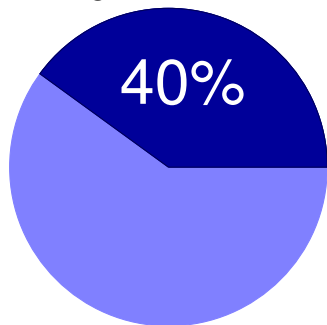


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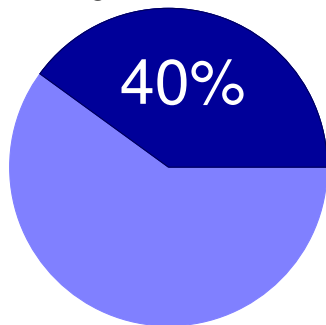
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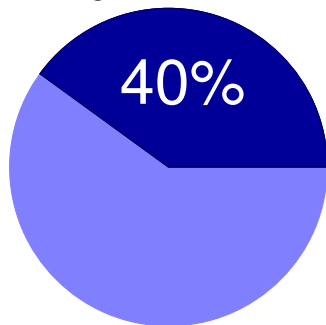
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Energy minimization

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Online MPC



Computational demand

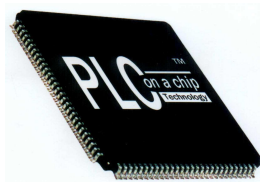
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Explicit MPC



Memory demand

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**Obtained off-line**

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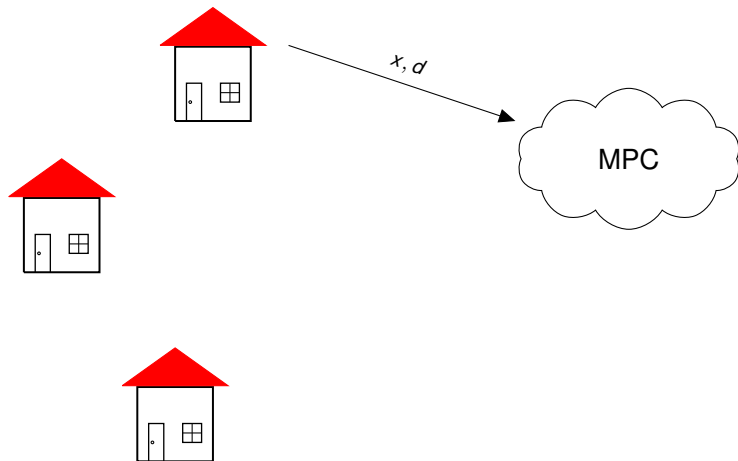
$u^*(x)$

## Suboptimal Control Law

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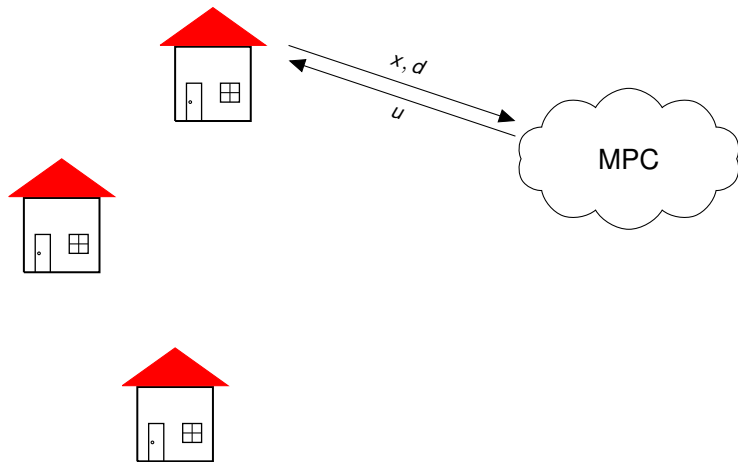
$$\|u^*(x) - \tilde{u}(x)\| < \epsilon$$

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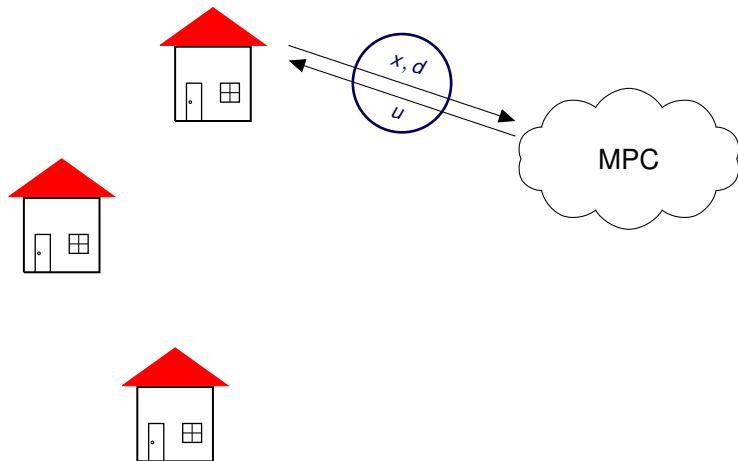




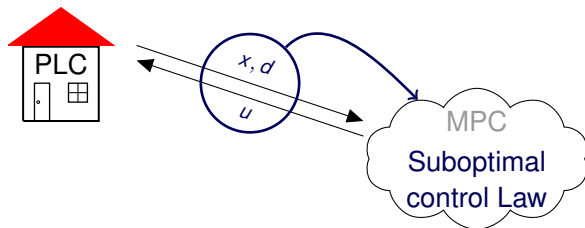
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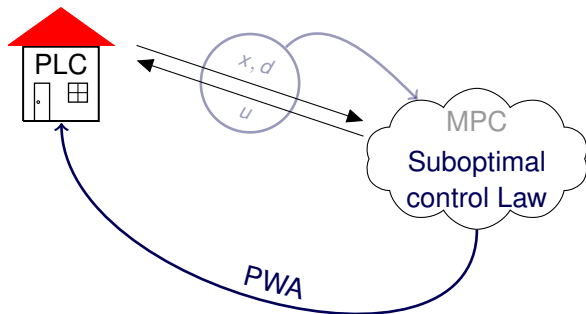
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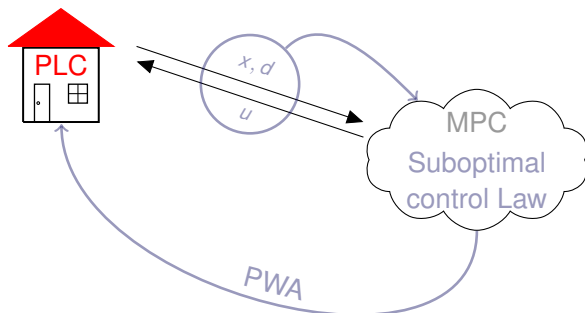
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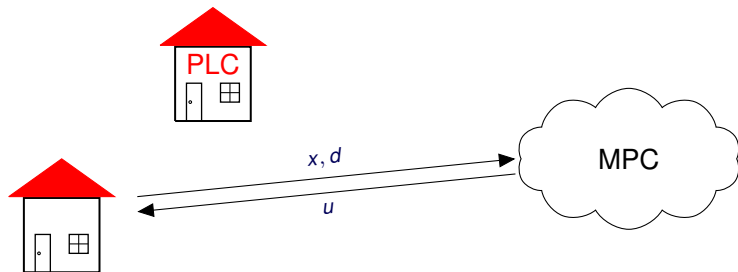
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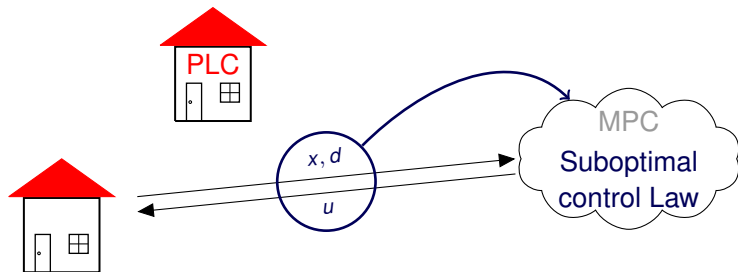
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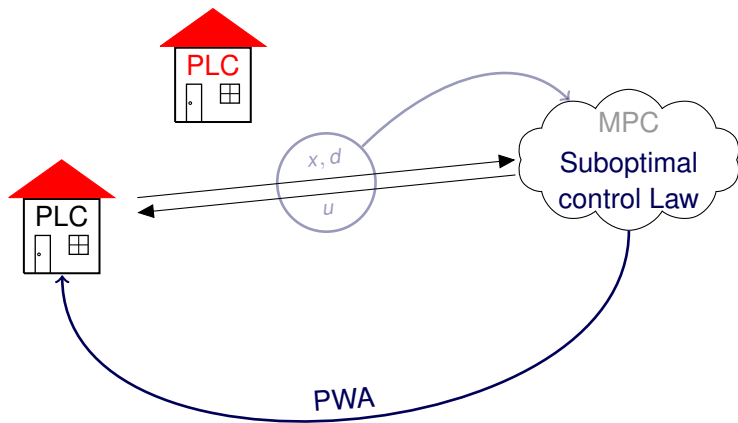
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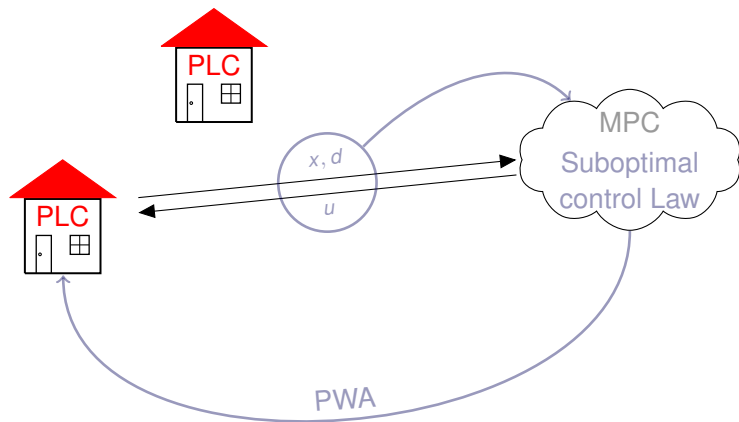


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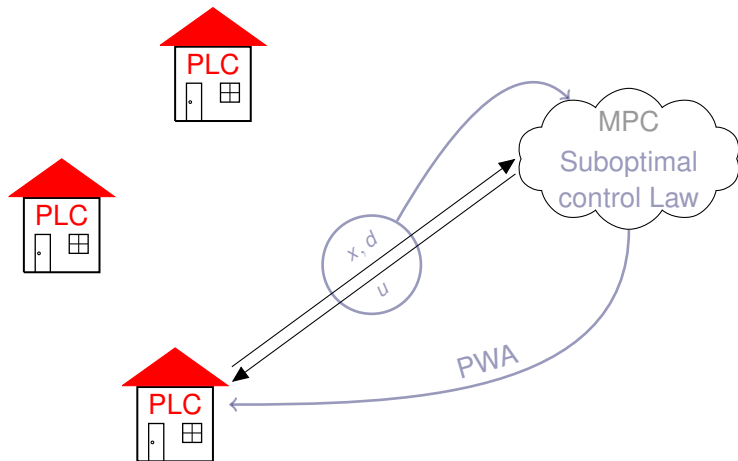




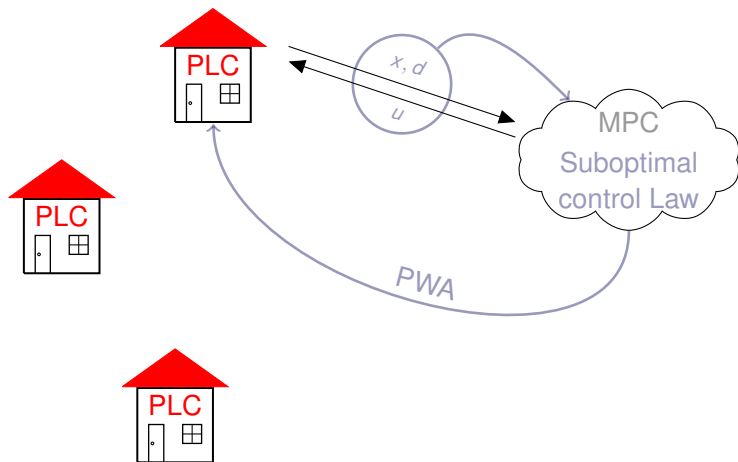
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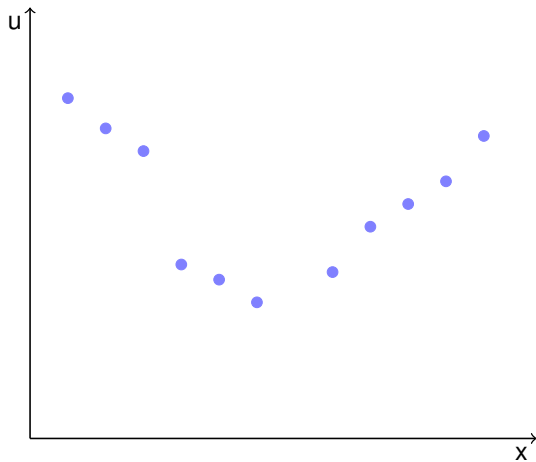


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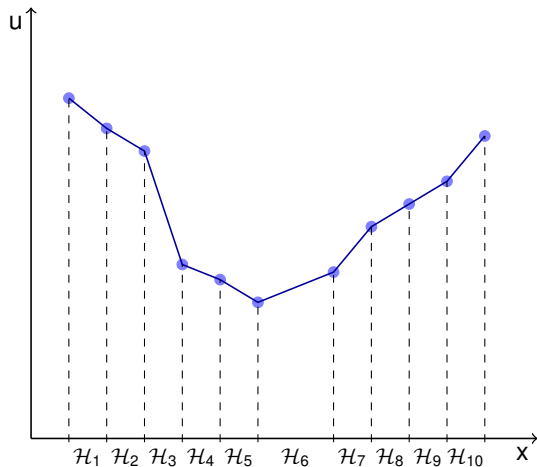


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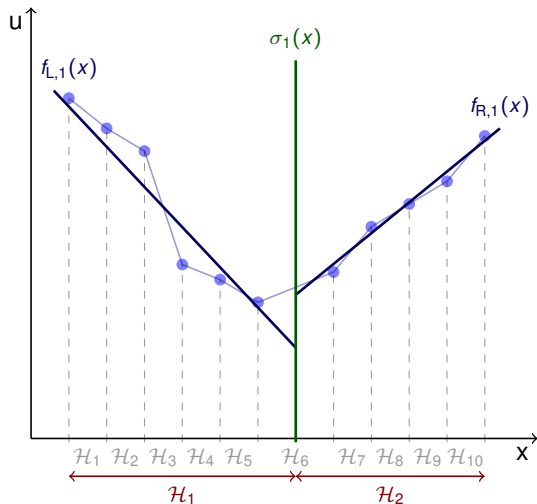


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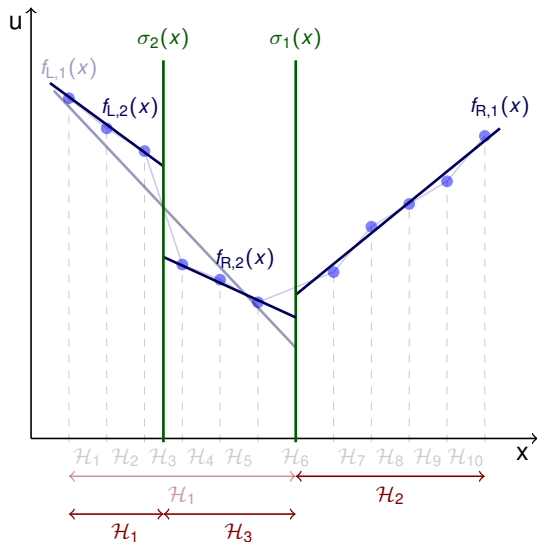
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**nonlinear**  
**nonconvex**

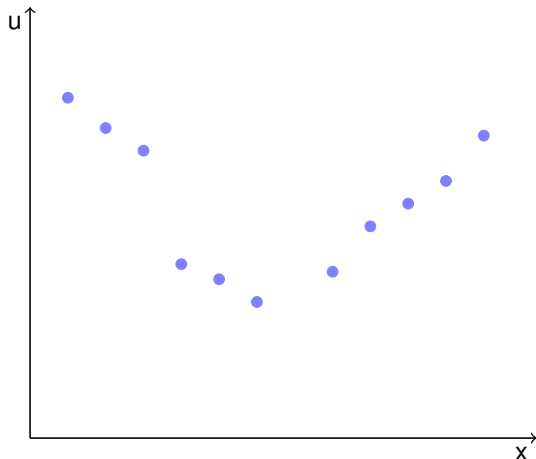


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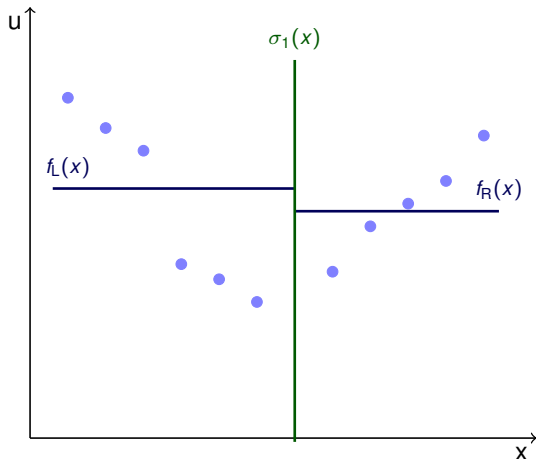
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Breiman, L. 1993; Classification and regression trees

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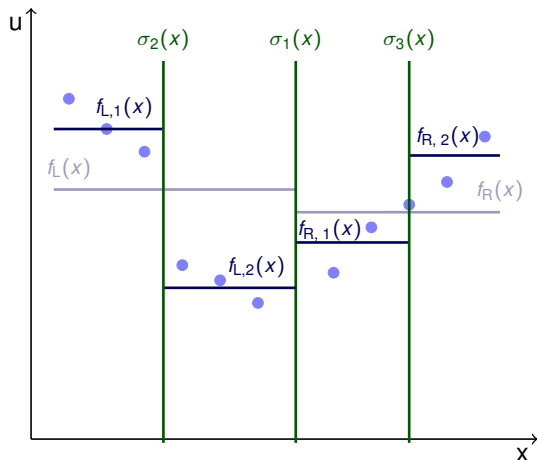
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MPC-like

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**NLP  $\rightarrow$  MIQP**

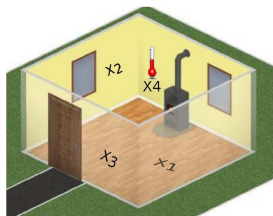
# Process Description

## State (Measured) Variables

- $x_1$  – floor temperature
- $x_2$  – internal facade temperature
- $x_3$  – external facade temperature
- $x_4$  – internal temperature

## Controlled Variable

$$y = x_4$$

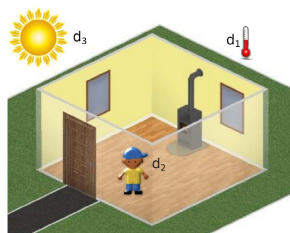


## Measured Disturbances

- $d_1$  – external temperature
- $d_2$  – occupancy
- $d_3$  – solar radiation

## Manipulated Variable

$u$  – heat flow



# MPC for Obtaining Training Data

$$\min_{u_0, \dots, u_{N-1}} \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} (q_s s_k + |u_k|)$$

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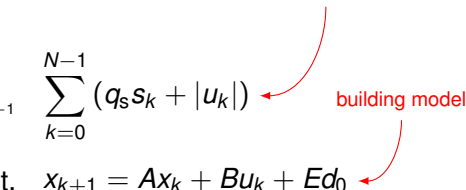
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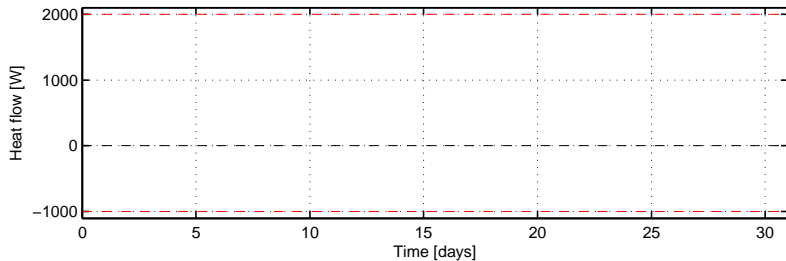
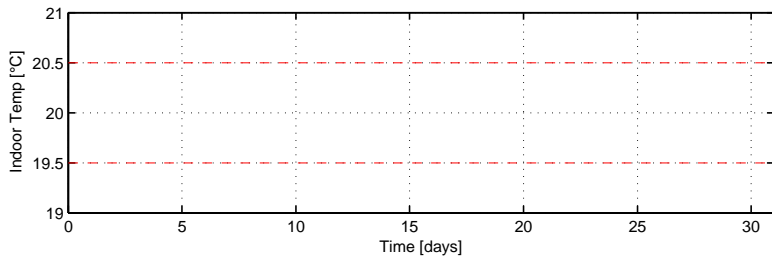
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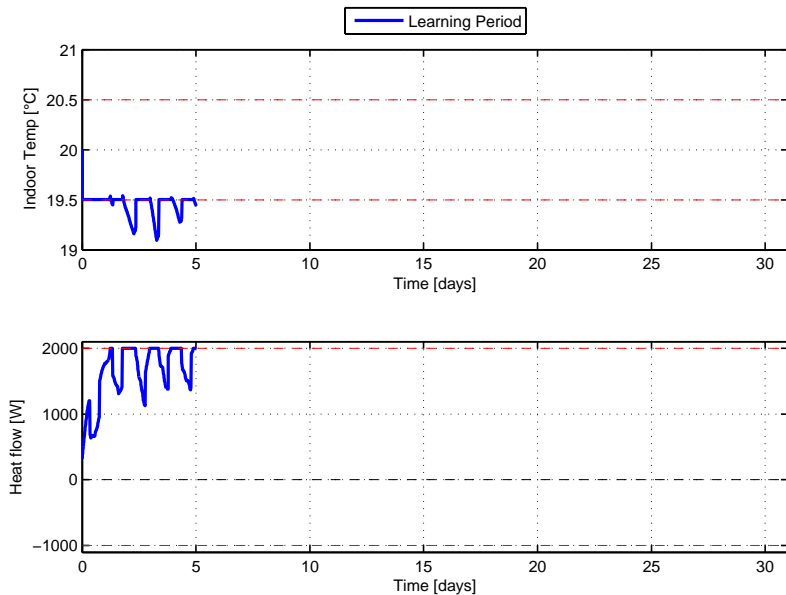
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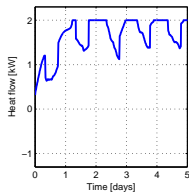
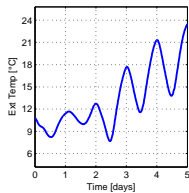
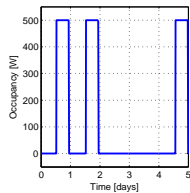
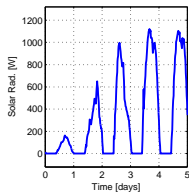
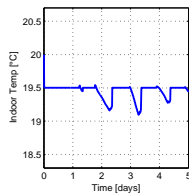
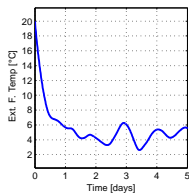
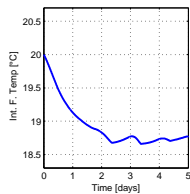
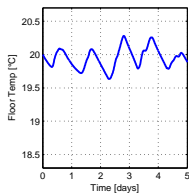
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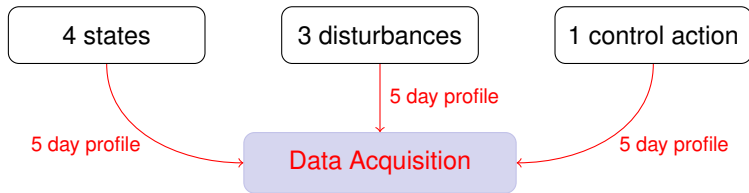


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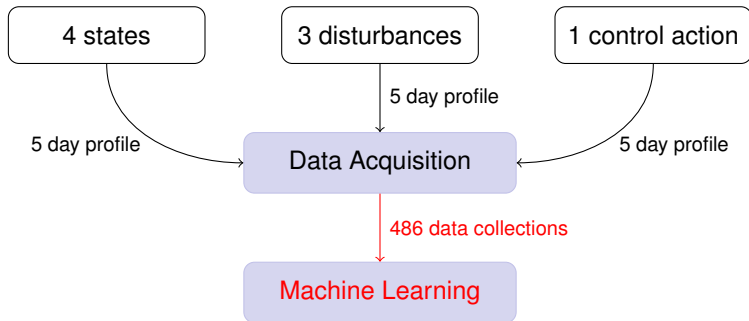




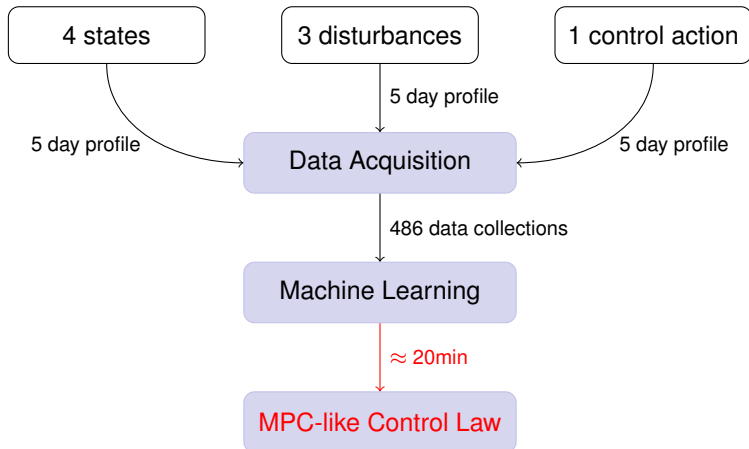
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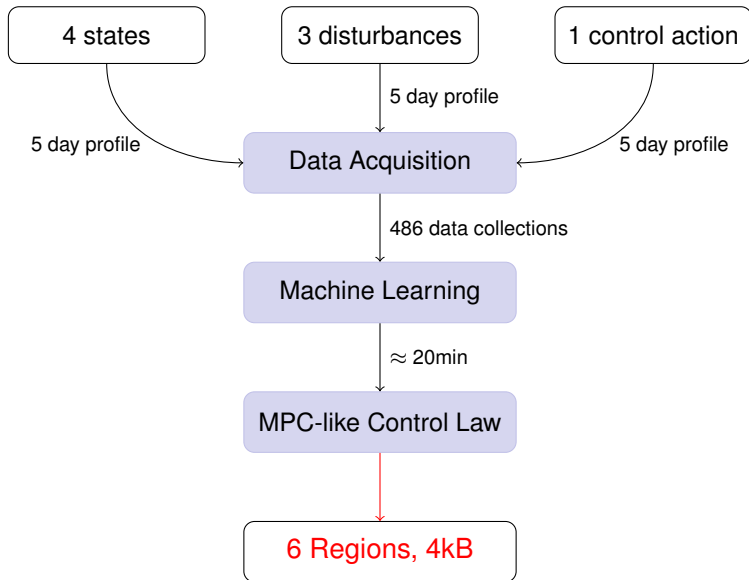
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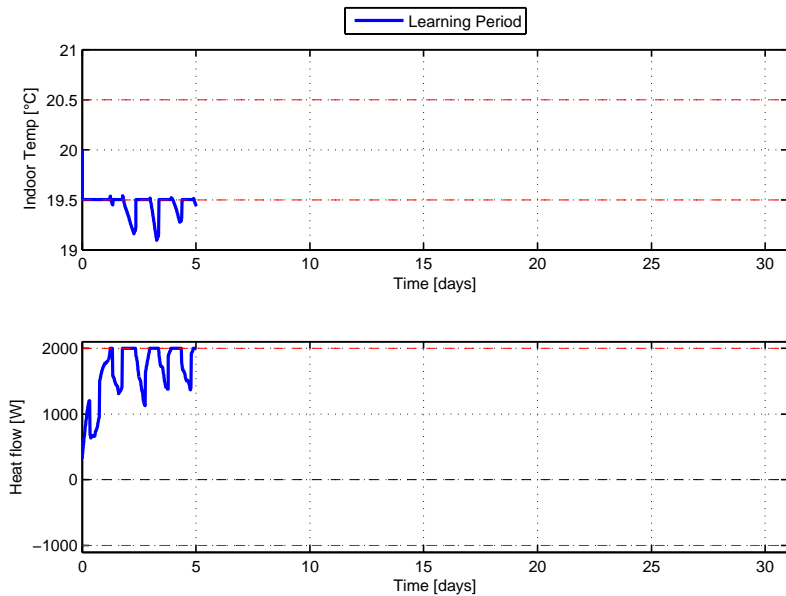
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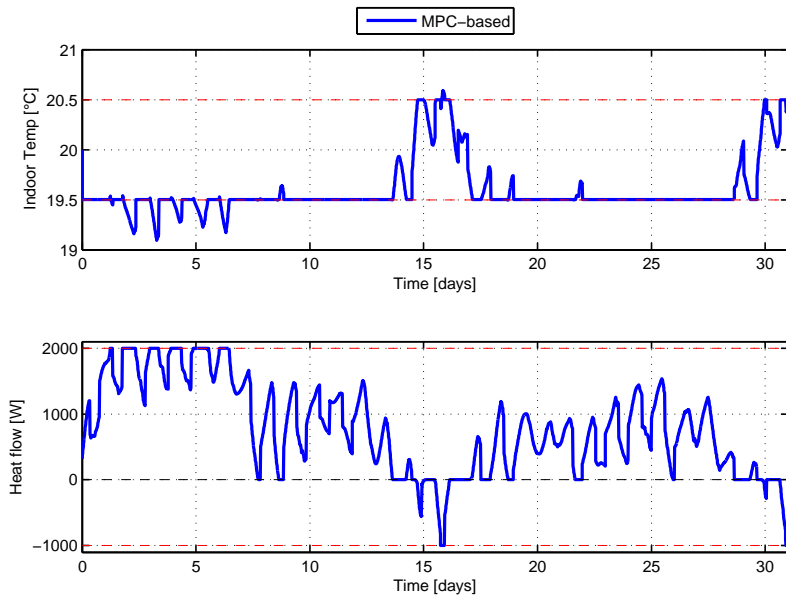
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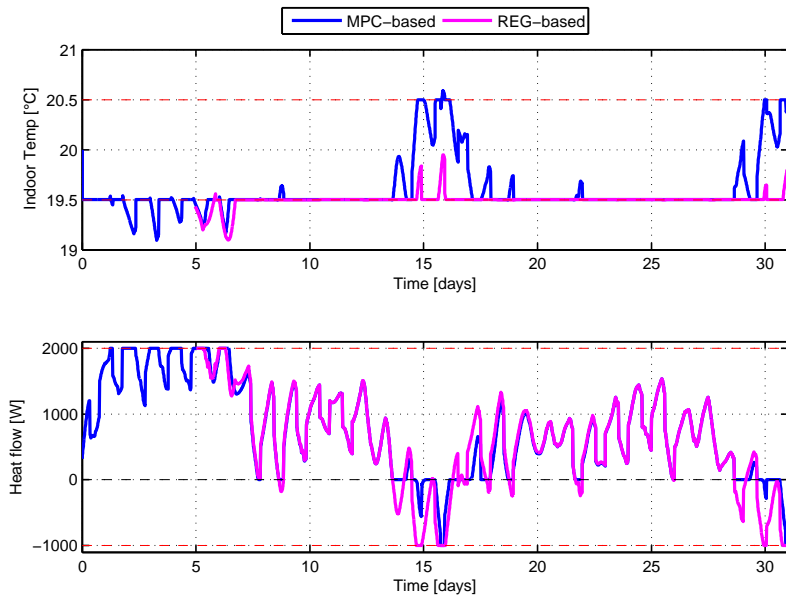
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# Case Study: Comparison

Online MPC

MPC-like Control Law



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MPC-like Control Law

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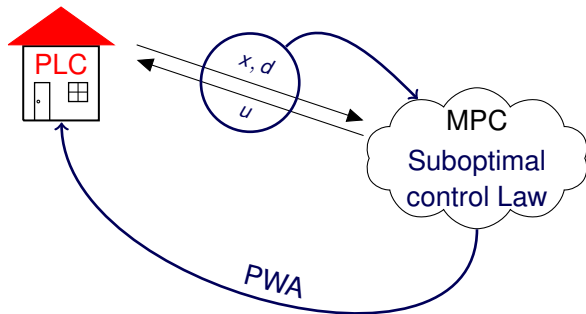
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# Conclusion



Cloud MPC

Machine Learning

Cheap Implementation

# Backup Slide 1: MIQP Formulation

$$\begin{aligned} \min \quad & \sum_{i=1}^p (u_i - z_i)^T (u_i - z_i) \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & -M(1 - \delta_i) \leq z_i - (F_L x_i + g_L) \leq M(1 - \delta_i) \\ & -M\delta_i \leq z_i - (F_R x_i + g_R) \leq M\delta_i \\ & \alpha^T x_i \leq \beta + M(1 - \delta_i) \\ & \alpha^T x \geq \beta + \epsilon - M\delta_i \\ & \|\alpha\|_\infty = 1 \\ & z_i = \begin{cases} F_L x_i + g_L & \text{if } \sigma(x) \leq 0 \\ F_R x_i + g_R & \text{if } \sigma(x) > 0 \end{cases} \\ & (\delta_i = 1) \Leftrightarrow (\sigma(x) \leq 0) \end{aligned}$$

$$\min_{\sigma, f_L, f_R} \left( \sum_{x_j \in \mathcal{P}_L} \|u_j - f_L(x_j)\| + \sum_{x_j \in \mathcal{P}_R} \|u_j - f_R(x_j)\| \right)$$

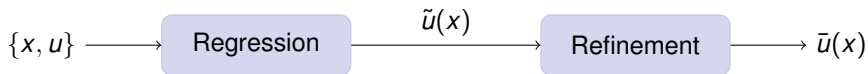
$$\mathcal{P}_L = \{x \mid \sigma(x) \leq 0\}$$

$$\mathcal{P}_R = \{x \mid \sigma(x) > 0\}$$

$$f_L(x) = f_R(x) \quad \forall x \in \{x \mid \sigma(x) = 0\}$$

Mixed Integer Nonlinear Program

## Backup Slide 3: Refinement



$$\tilde{u}(x) = \begin{cases} \tilde{F}_1 x + \tilde{g}_1 & \text{if } x \in \mathcal{H}_1 \\ \vdots & \\ \tilde{F}_L x + \tilde{g}_L & \text{if } x \in \mathcal{H}_L \end{cases}$$

$$\bar{u}(x) = \begin{cases} \bar{F}_1 x + \bar{g}_1 & \text{if } x \in \mathcal{H}_1 \\ \vdots & \\ \bar{F}_L x + \bar{g}_L & \text{if } x \in \mathcal{H}_L \end{cases}$$

$$\bar{u}(x) \in \mathcal{U} \forall x$$