

Texas–Wisconsin Modeling and Control Consortium — Group Highlights

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Current Research Portfolio

- Moving horizon state estimation theory and computation. Eric Haseltine.
- Process monitoring. Brian Odelson.
- Model predictive control (MPC) theory and computation
 - Nonlinear model predictive control. Matt Tenny.
 - Robust model predictive control. Jenny Wang.
 - Designing MPC disturbance models to achieve offset free, robust control. Gabriele Pannocchia
 - Integrated, Large-Scale Model Predictive Control. Ali Elkamel.
- Particulate reactor modeling and control. Daniel Patience.



Recent and Upcoming Graduations

- Chemical vapor deposition modeling and control. Scott Middlebrooks defended. LSI Logic, Portland, Oregon.
- Parameter estimation and experimental design. Sankash Venkatesh is defending his M.S. thesis this month. Siebel Systems Inc. (Software engineer).



Integrated, Large-Scale Model Predictive Control

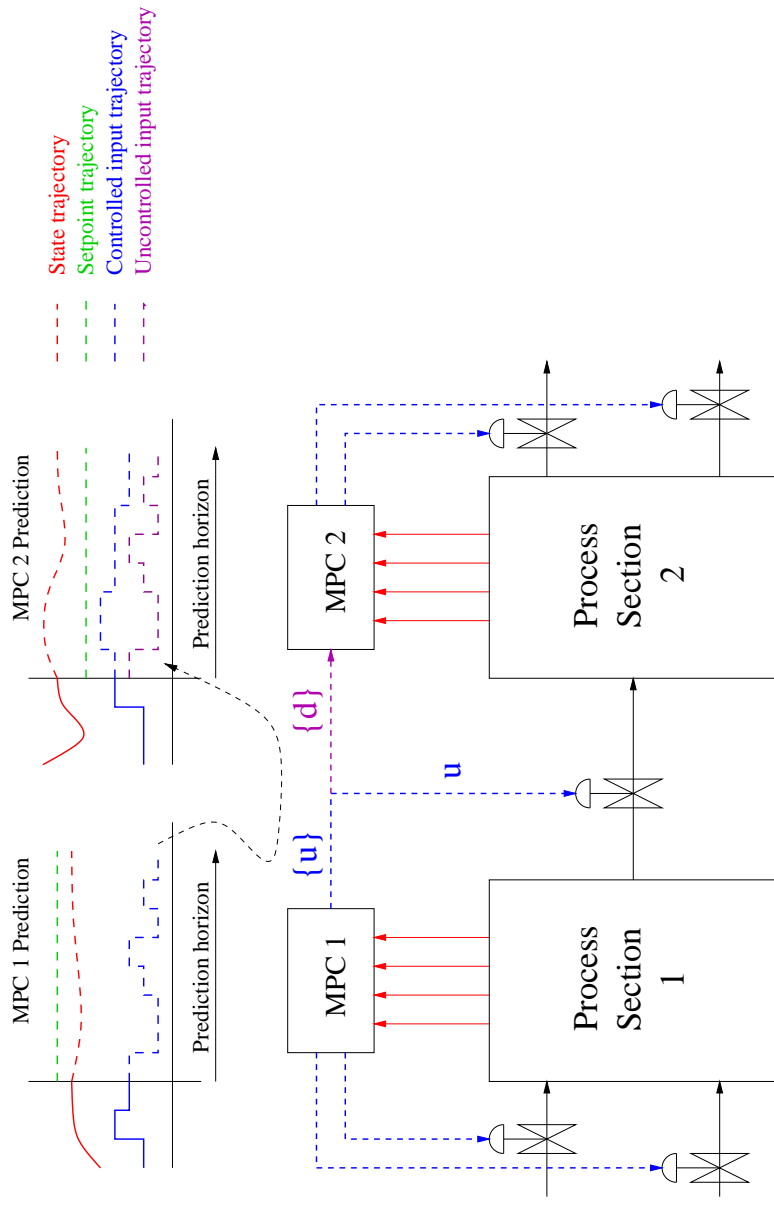


Figure 1: Integration of unit-level MPCs. The forecast of all variables in unit 1 that affect unit 2 are provided as a future disturbance forecast for unit 2.



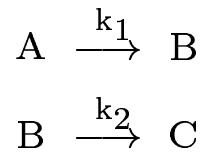
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The horizons of the unit MPC controllers contain the **future disturbance forecasts** for all other units.

- Do NOT design a single, monolithic controller.
- Do NOT design a coordination layer for the MPCs.
- Do share each MPC controller's forecast among all MPC controllers.
- Do use **future** tracking and disturbance rejection capability of the unit MPCs.
- On-line implementation is the **same** as unit MPC requirement.
- Main theoretical issue: how to ensure the communicating unit MPCs do not conflict with each other.



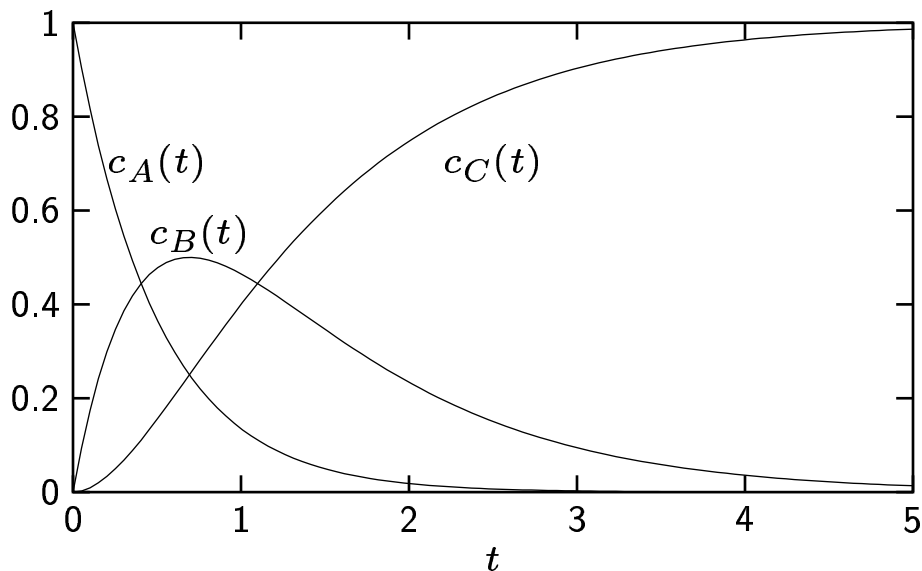
State Estimation: Many Molecules to Industrial Scale. Simple Kinetics Example



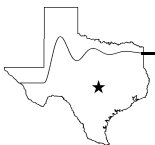
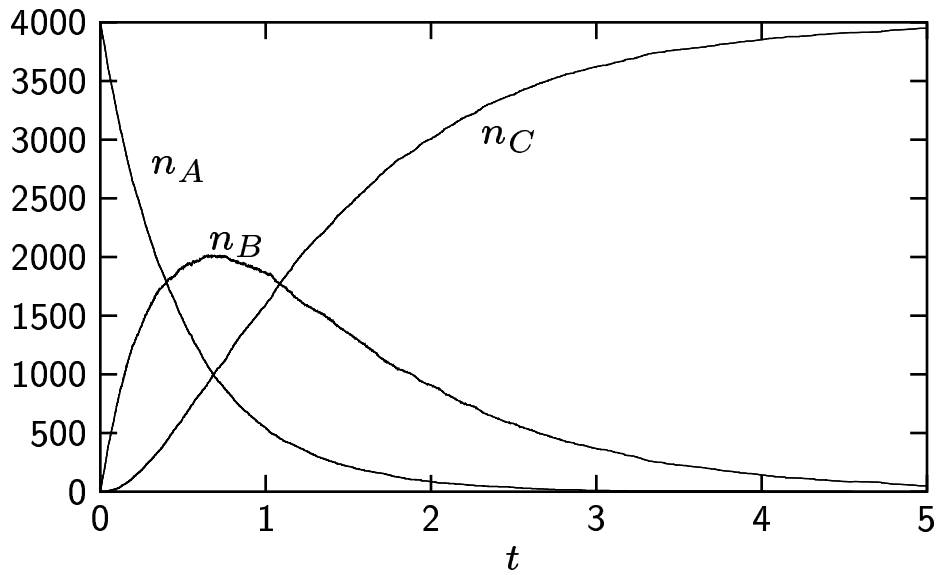
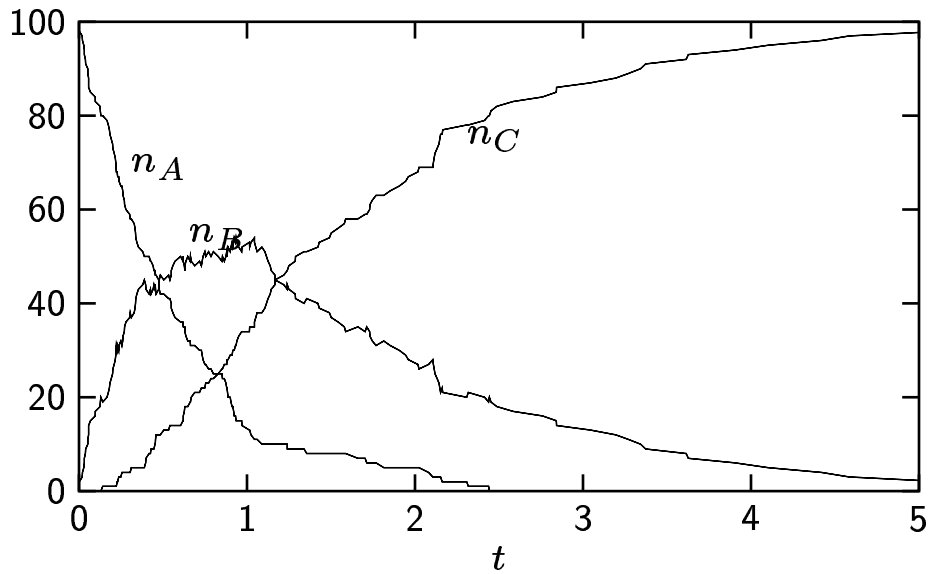
$$\frac{dc_A}{dt} = -r_1, \quad r_1 = k_1 c_A$$

$$\frac{dc_B}{dt} = r_1 - r_2, \quad r_2 = k_2 c_B$$

$$\frac{dc_C}{dt} = r_2$$



Kinetics example — Stochastic model



Increasing the abstraction level — The probability density

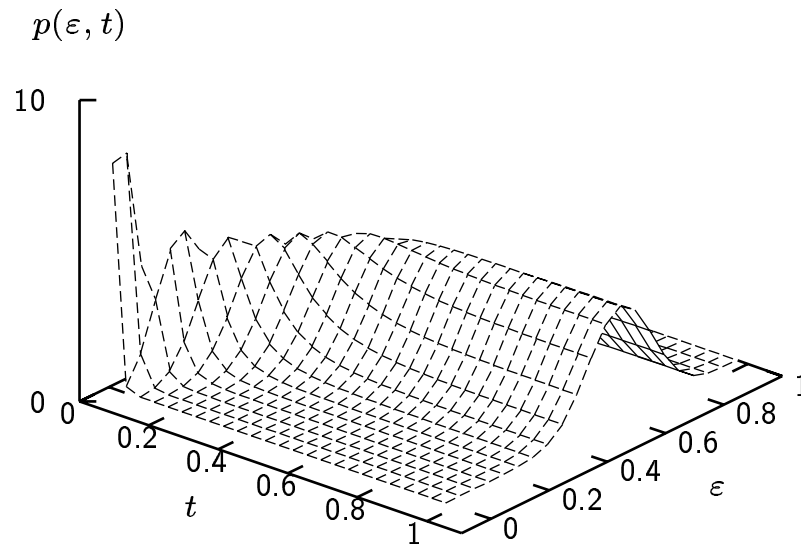
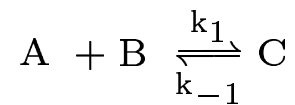


Figure 2: Solution to master equation for $A + B \rightleftharpoons C$ starting with 20 A molecules, 100 B molecules and 0 C molecules, $k_1 = 1/20$, $k_{-1} = 3$.



The probability density — more molecules

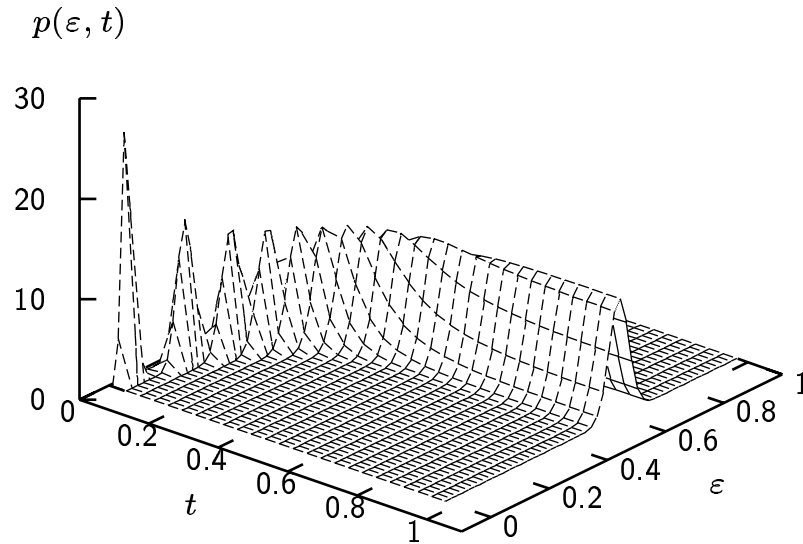


Figure 3: Solution to master equation for $A + B \rightleftharpoons C$ starting with 200 A molecules, 1000 B molecules and 0 C molecules, $k_1 = 1/200$, $k_{-1} = 3$.



Systems Biology

Drug Interventions will now be studied at a system level.

— Dr. Brian Grinnell, Eli Lilly



Other Activities

- Book writing
- CPC 6 meeting
- Faculty hiring in systems area
- UW ChE Department Chair

