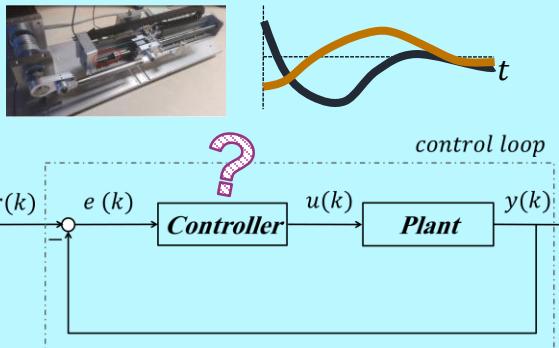


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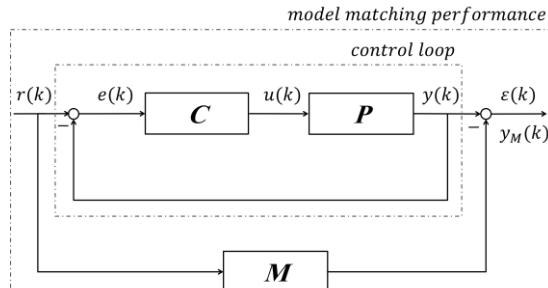
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**Motivation**

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  - Minimal expert user intervention
  - No prior knowledge of the plant and controller
- Challenges**
  - Unknown dynamical structure
  - Noisy data
  - Physical interpretation

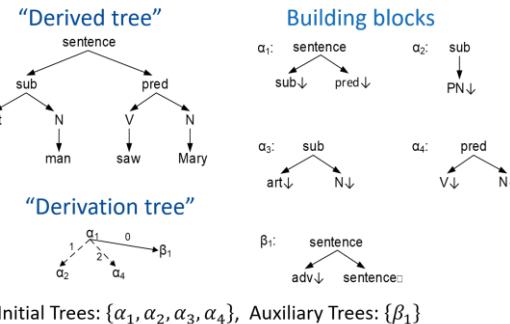
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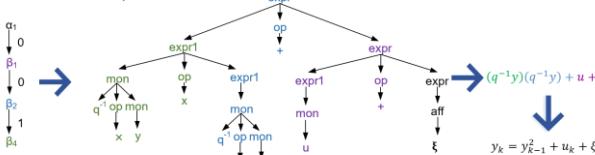
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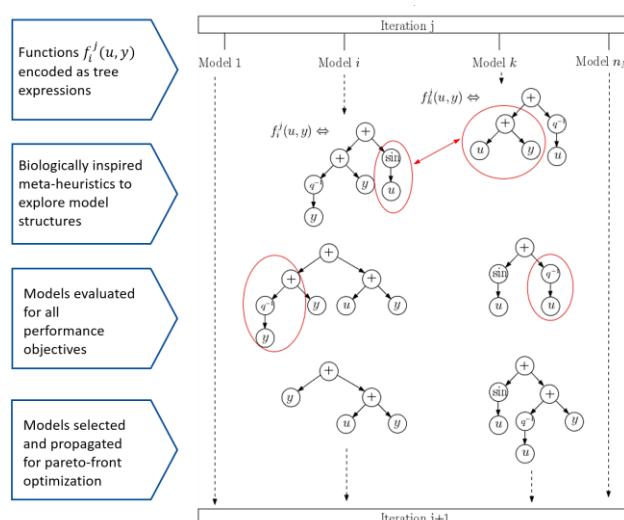
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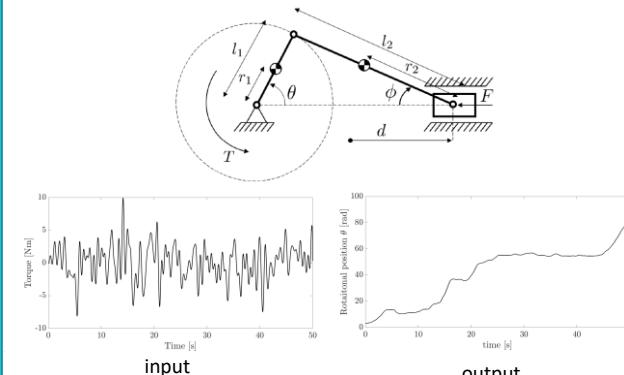
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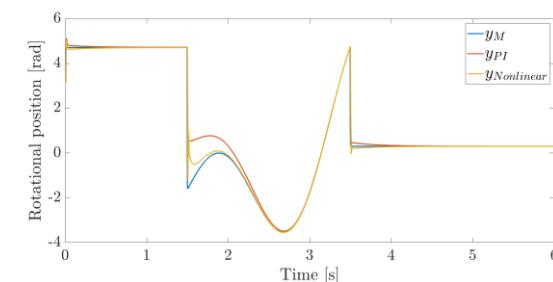
- Genetic Programming

**Results**

- Numerical example: Slider Crank



- Controller performance



A comparison between: Nonlinear controller closed-loop output response  $y_{\text{nonlinear}}$ , PI controller closed-loop output response  $y_{\text{PI}}$  and the desired output response  $y_M$ .

**Key take-aways**

- Successful discovery of both the structure and parameters of the controller only by using numerical input/output data.
- Future work: Experimental validation using noisy data

**Further reading**

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