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PID-controllers

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PID controllers

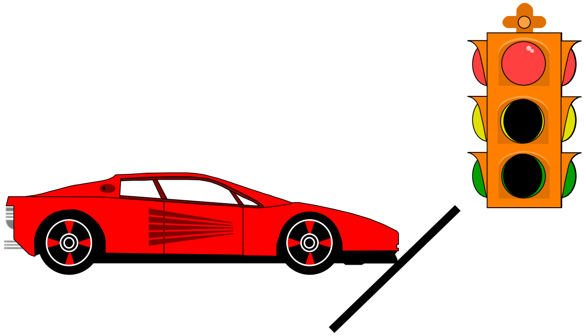
- Most widely applied type of controller
  - in industry probably 90% of all controllers
- Available as single controllers or implemented in computers
- Applicable to many processes
- Give a reasonable performance
- Fuzzy is often PID-like as well

First lecture

- Stopping a car at a traffic light
- Cruise control system

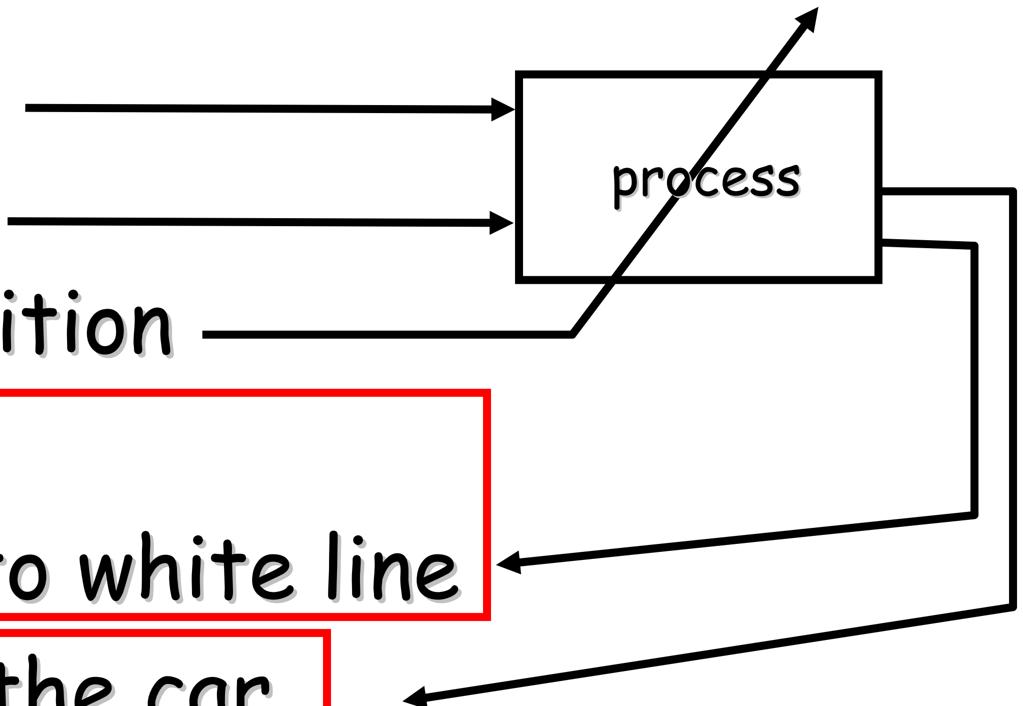
Controlling a car

- Stopping a car at a traffic light
- Goal
  - Stop in time at the white line



Variables

- Gas pedal
- Brakes
- Road condition

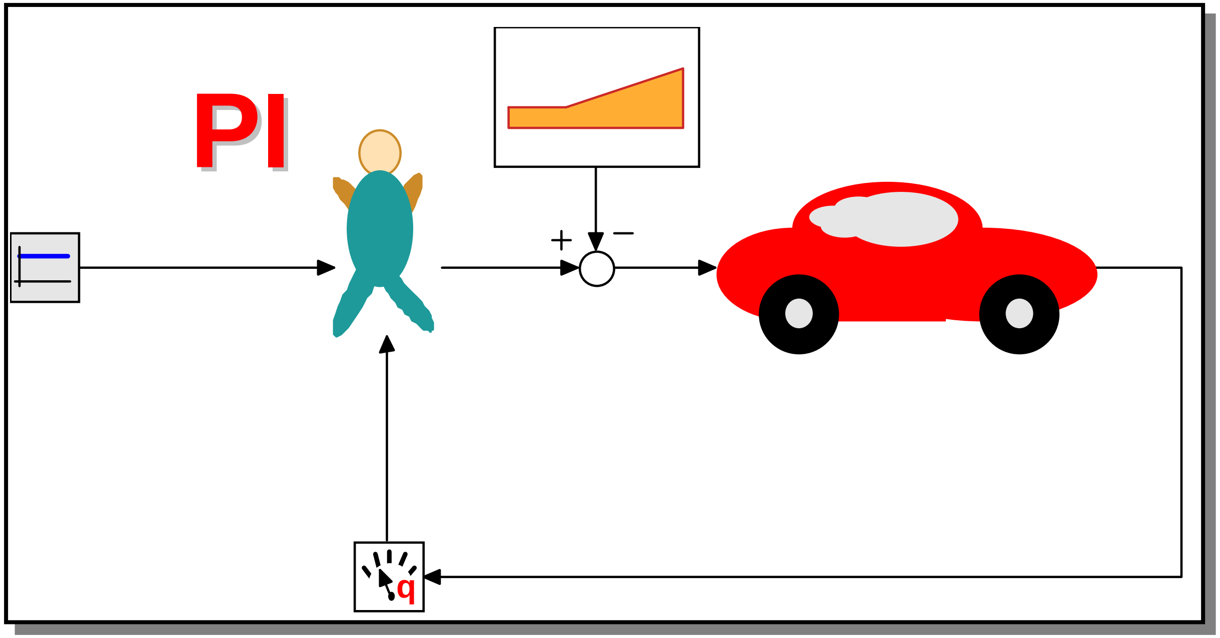


P

- Distance to white line
- Speed of the car

D

Cruise Control



I-action necessary in order to deal with constant disturbance at input of process

Proportional Control

- Limited accuracy for systems higher than first order
- Limited bandwidth

PD-control

- For a second order system:
  - PD-control ≈ state feedback
- Comparable with a lead network

PD-control is applicable as long as the system behaves more or less like a second-order system

PI-control

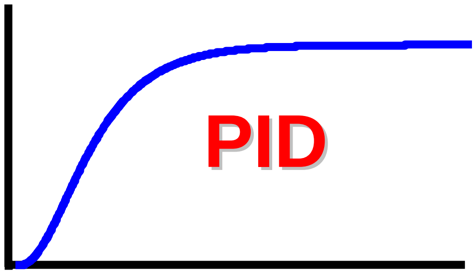
- For increased accuracy of type-0 systems
  - add an integration
- Comparable with a lag network
- If dead time is dominant:
  - pure I-control

PID-control

- For systems of type-0 and a dominant second-order behaviour
  - PID-control
- Can be seen as a combination of a lead and a lag network

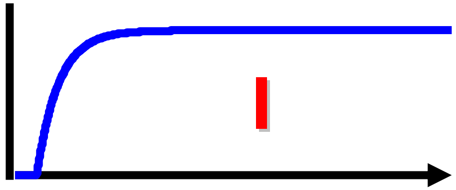
Types of systems

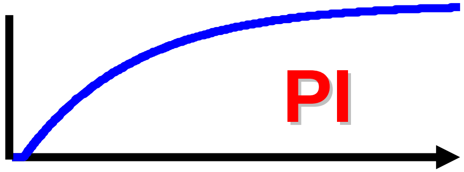
$$H(s) = \frac{K}{(s\tau_1 + 1)(s\tau_2 + 1)(s\tau_3 + 1)(\ldots)}$$



typical S-curve

$$H(s) = \frac{K\,e^{-sT_d}}{(s\tau_1 + 1)}$$

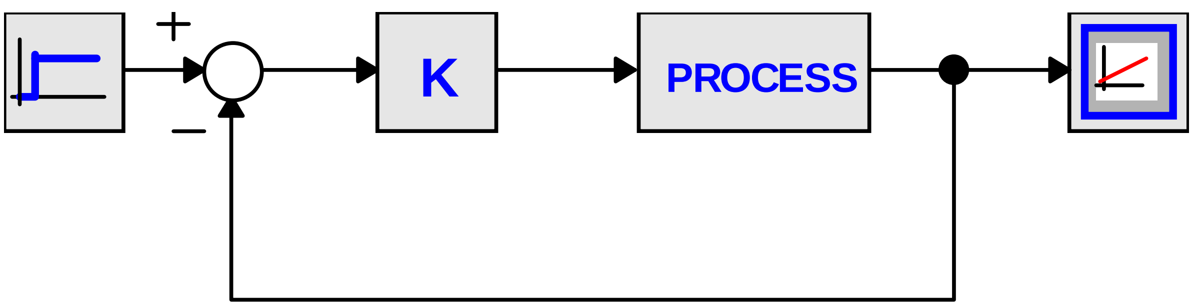




Tuning

$$H_{process}(s) = \frac{K'}{(s+1)(s+2)(s+3)}$$

assumed to be **unknown**



20-sim: PID_tuning_P

Bring feedback system at the border of instability

Border of instability

- After a few experiments we find
  - controller gain $K_u = 10$ brings the system at the border of instability

- A gain margin of 6 dB (a factor two) is a reasonable choice for the gain of a proportional controller

Response (GM = 6 dB)

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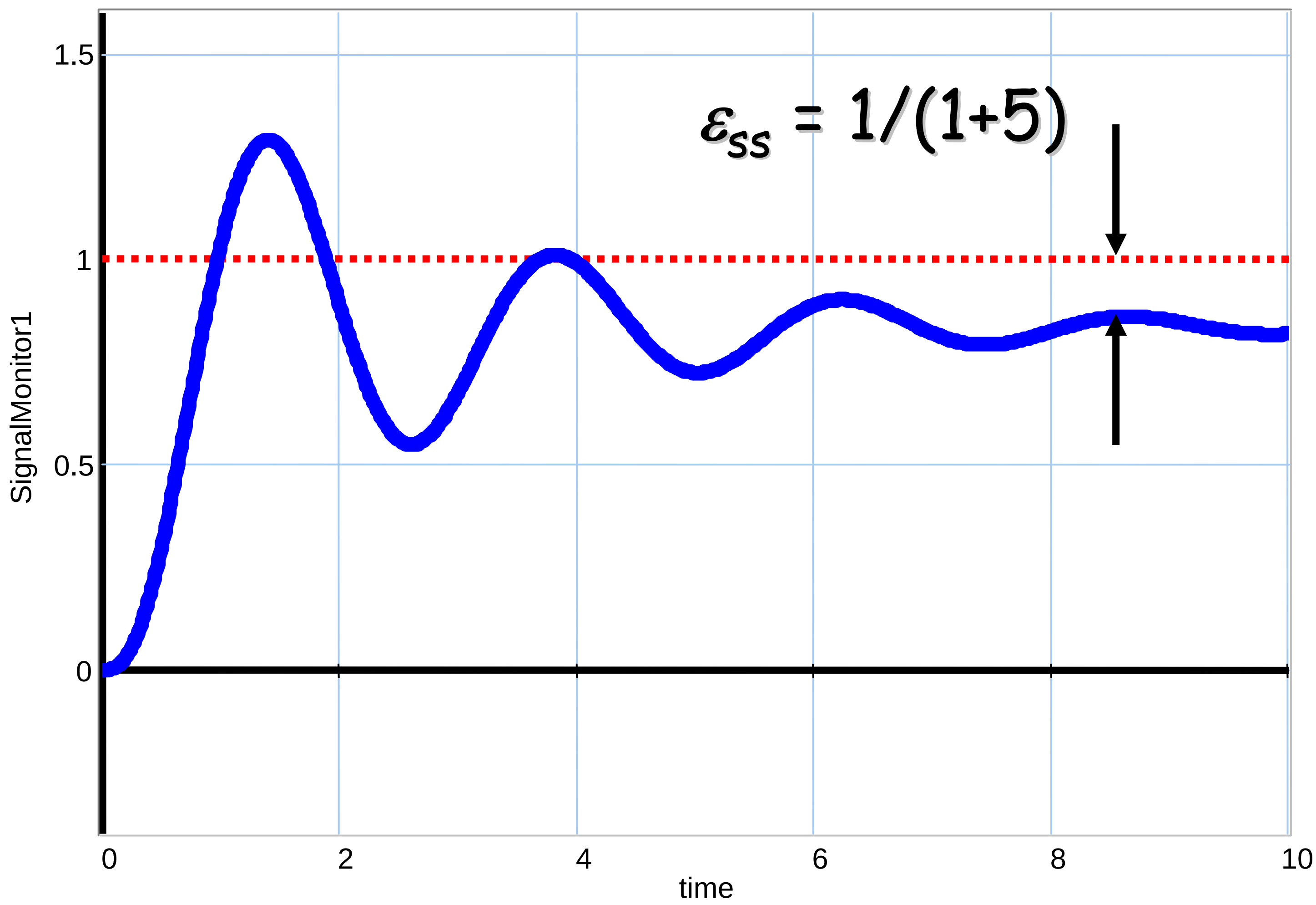
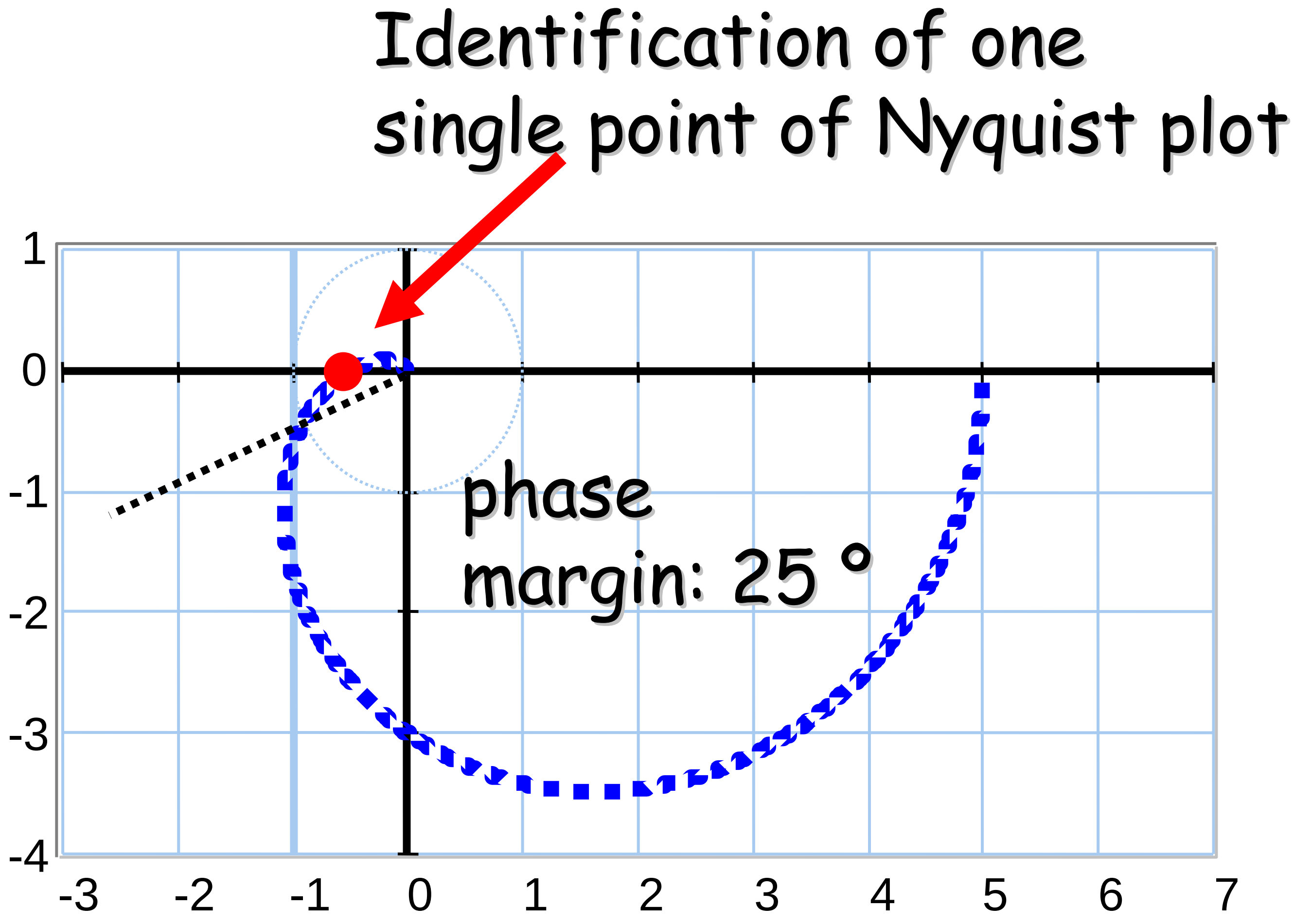
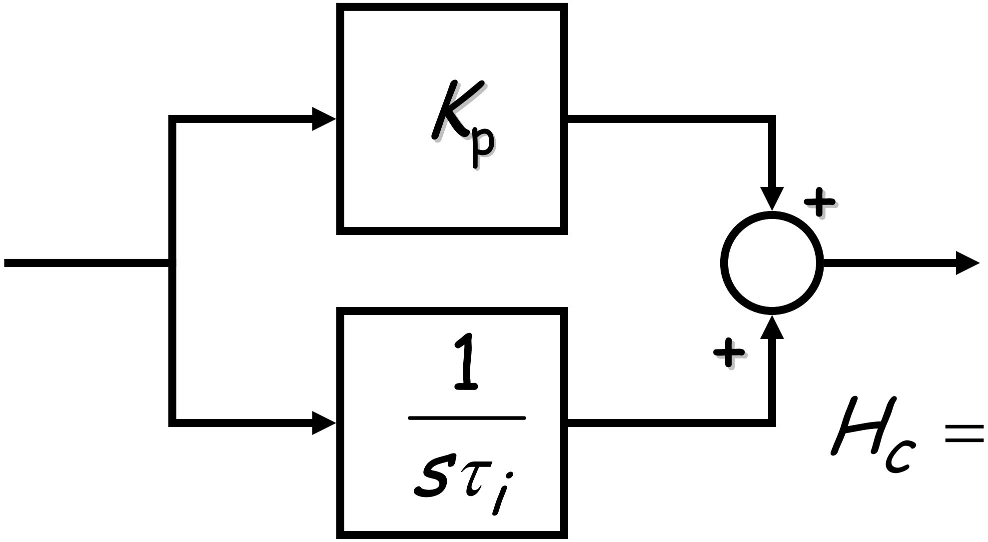


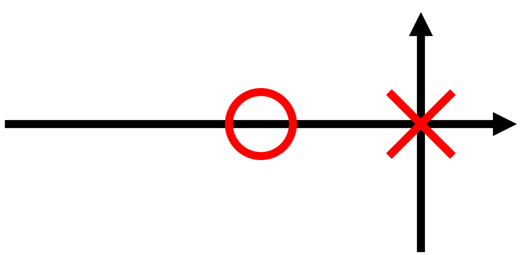
Nyquist plot



PI-controller (parallel)



$$H_c = K_p + \frac{1}{s\tau_i} = \frac{1}{\tau_i}\frac{K_p s\tau_i + 1}{s}$$

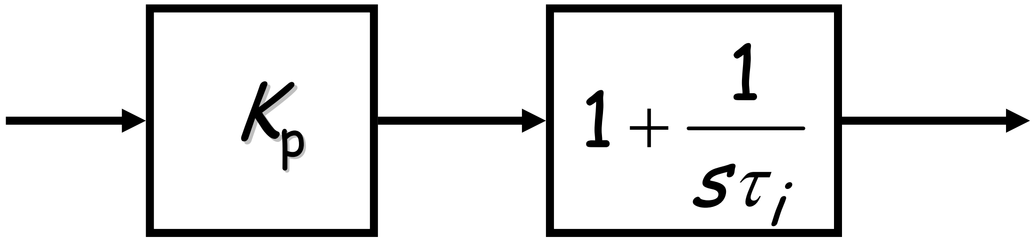


lag network
with pole in origin

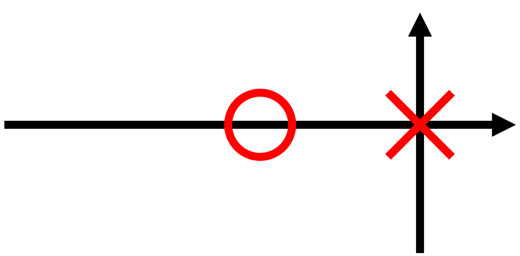
zero in: $s = -\frac{1}{K_p\tau_i}$

system gain: $\frac{1}{\tau_i}$

PI-controller (series)



$$H_c = K_p\left(1+\frac{1}{s\tau_i}\right) = \frac{K_p}{\tau_i}\frac{s\tau_i+1}{s}$$



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lag network
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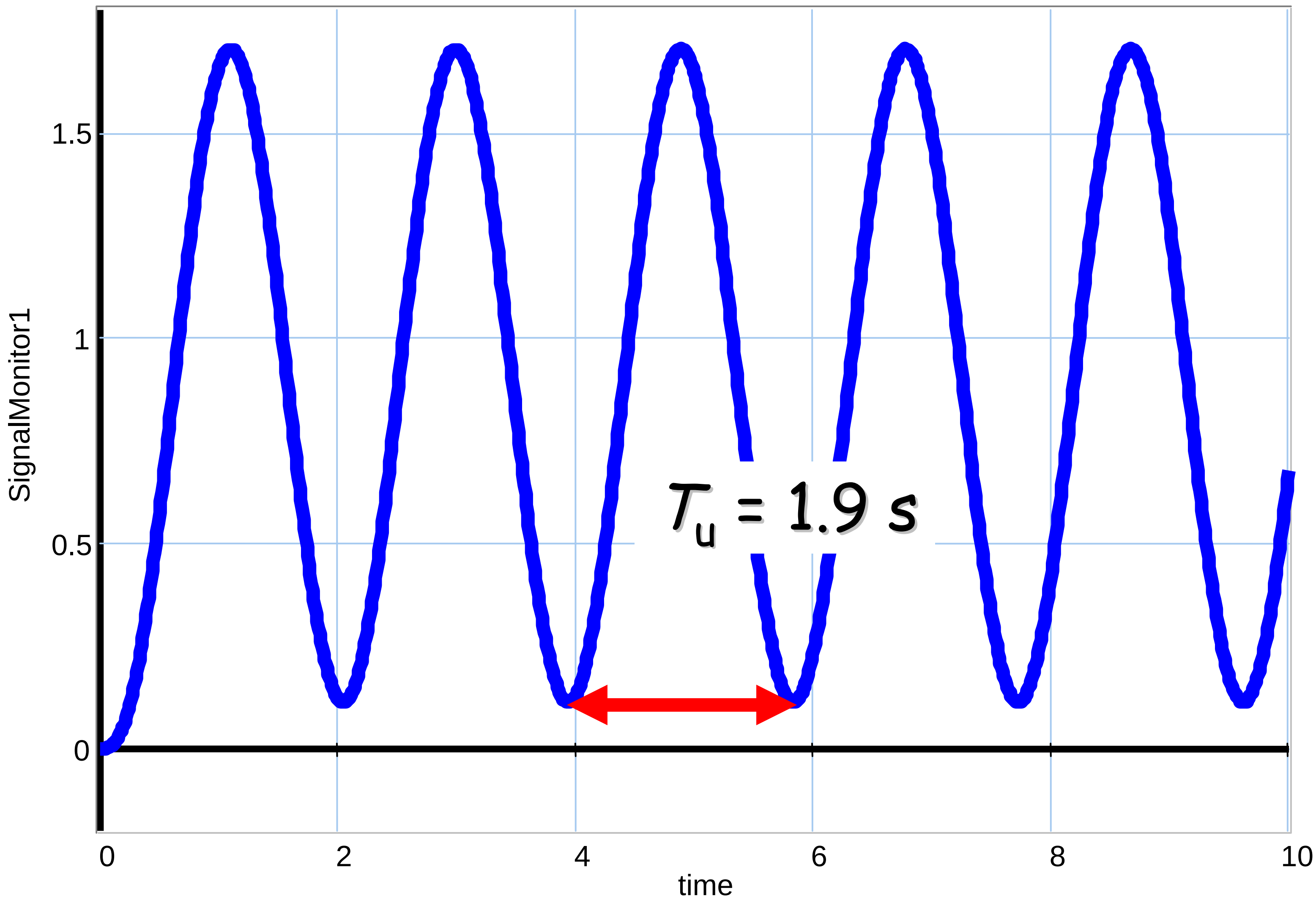
system gain: $\frac{K_p}{\tau_i}$

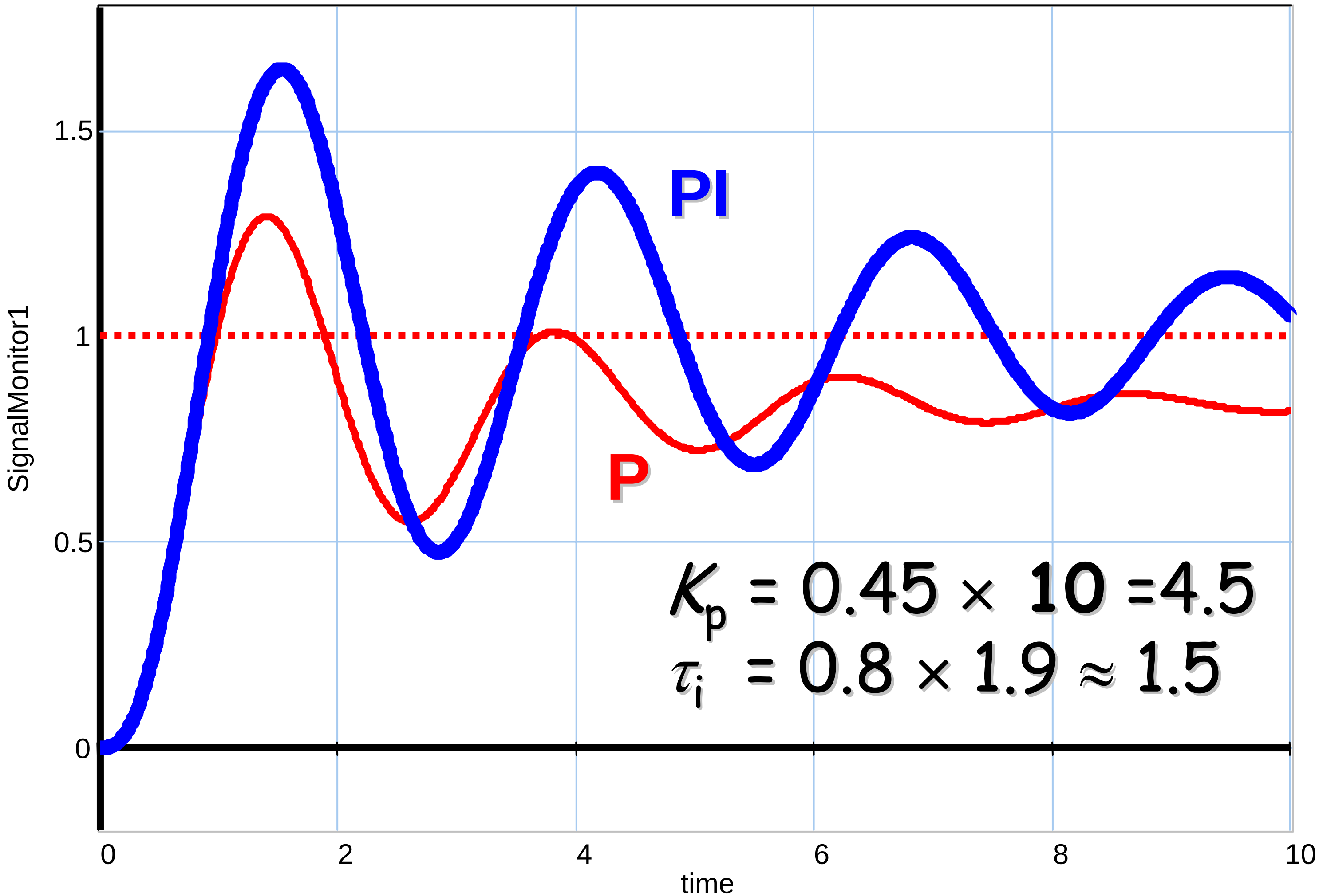
Ziegler-Nichols rules

P-control	$K_p = 0.5 K_u$
PI-control series form	$K_p = 0.45\,K_u$ $\tau_i = 0.8\,T_u$

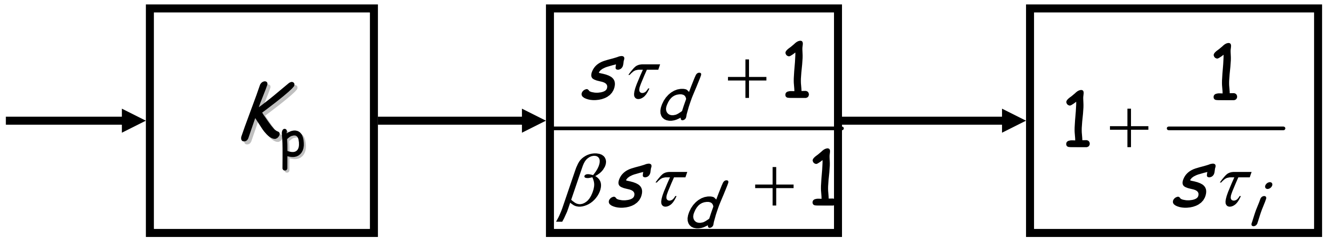
Oscillation period



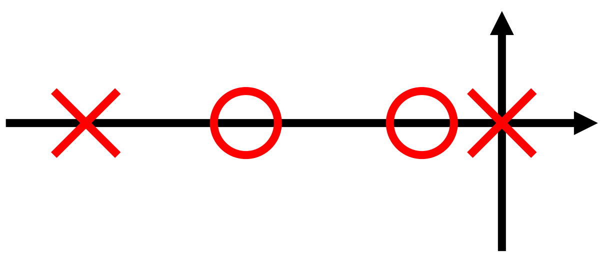
PI-response


1.5
1
0.5
0
0
2
4
6
8
10
time
SignalMonitor1
PI
P
$K_p = 0.45 \times \mathbf{10} = 4.5$
$\tau_i = 0.8 \times 1.9 \approx 1.5$

PID-controller (series)



$$H_c = K_p\left(1 + \frac{1}{s\tau_i}\right)\left(\frac{s\tau_d + 1}{\beta s\tau_d + 1}\right) = \frac{K_p}{\tau_i}\left(\frac{s\tau_i + 1}{s}\right)\left(\frac{s\tau_d + 1}{\beta s\tau_d + 1}\right)$$



β = typically 0.1

lead/lag network
with pole in origin

Ziegler-Nichols rules

P-control	$K_p = 0.5 K_u$
PI-control series form	$K_p = 0.45 K_u$ $\tau_i = 0.8 T_u$
PID-control series form	$K_p = 0.6 K_u$ $\tau_i = 0.5 T_u$ $\tau_d = 0.125 T_u$

PID-response

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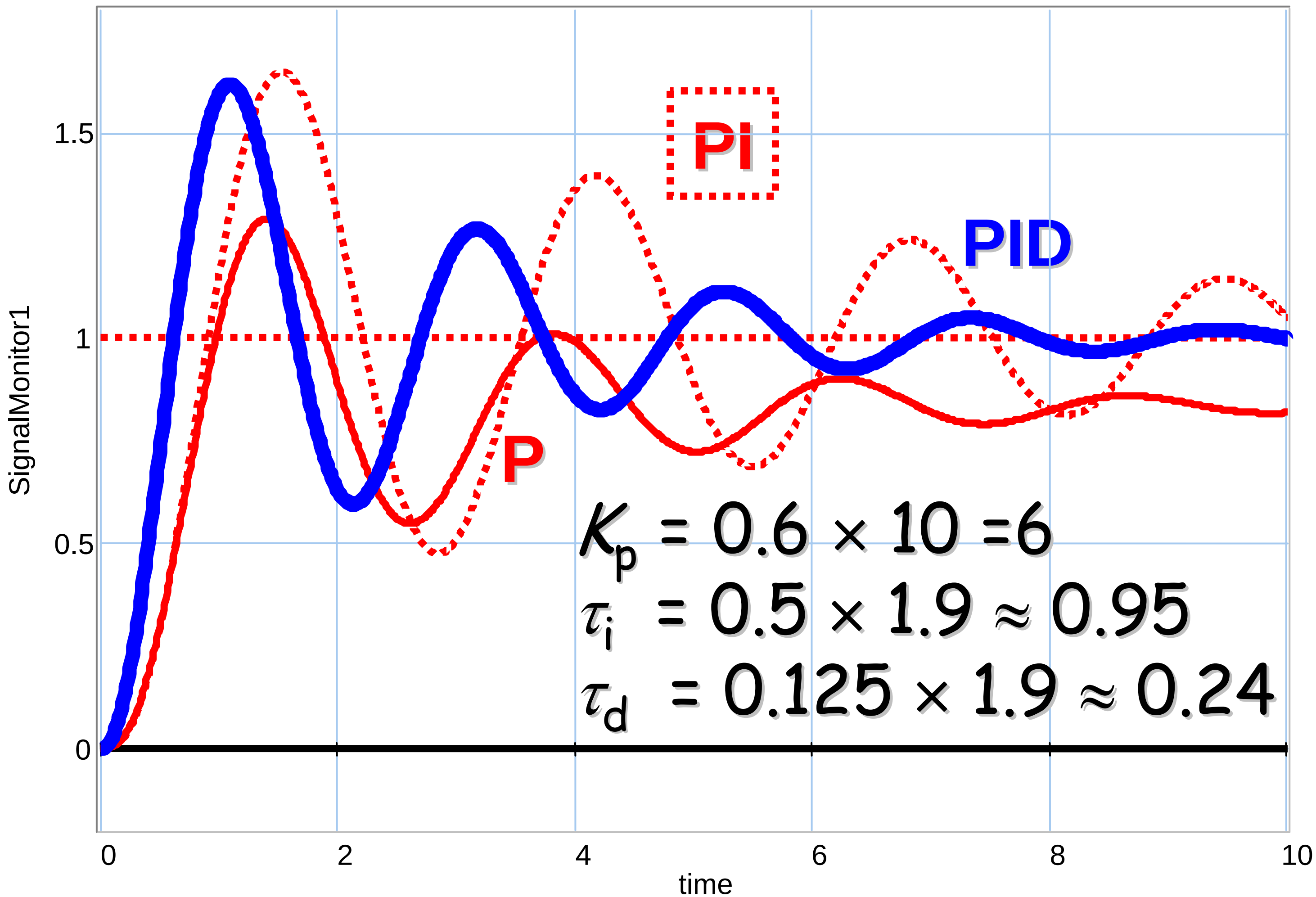


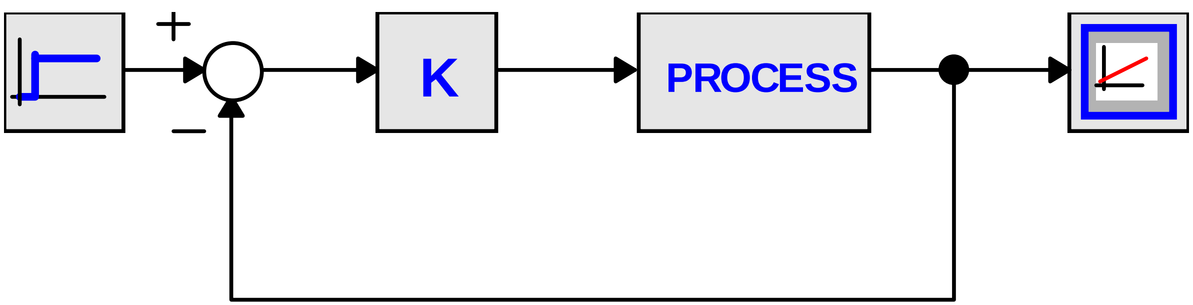
Disturbance rejection

Tuning (τ and T_d)

$$H_{\text{process}}(s) = \frac{K\,e^{-0.1s}}{(s+1)}$$

small dead time
large time constant

assumed to be unknown



20-sim: PID_tuning_P_Td

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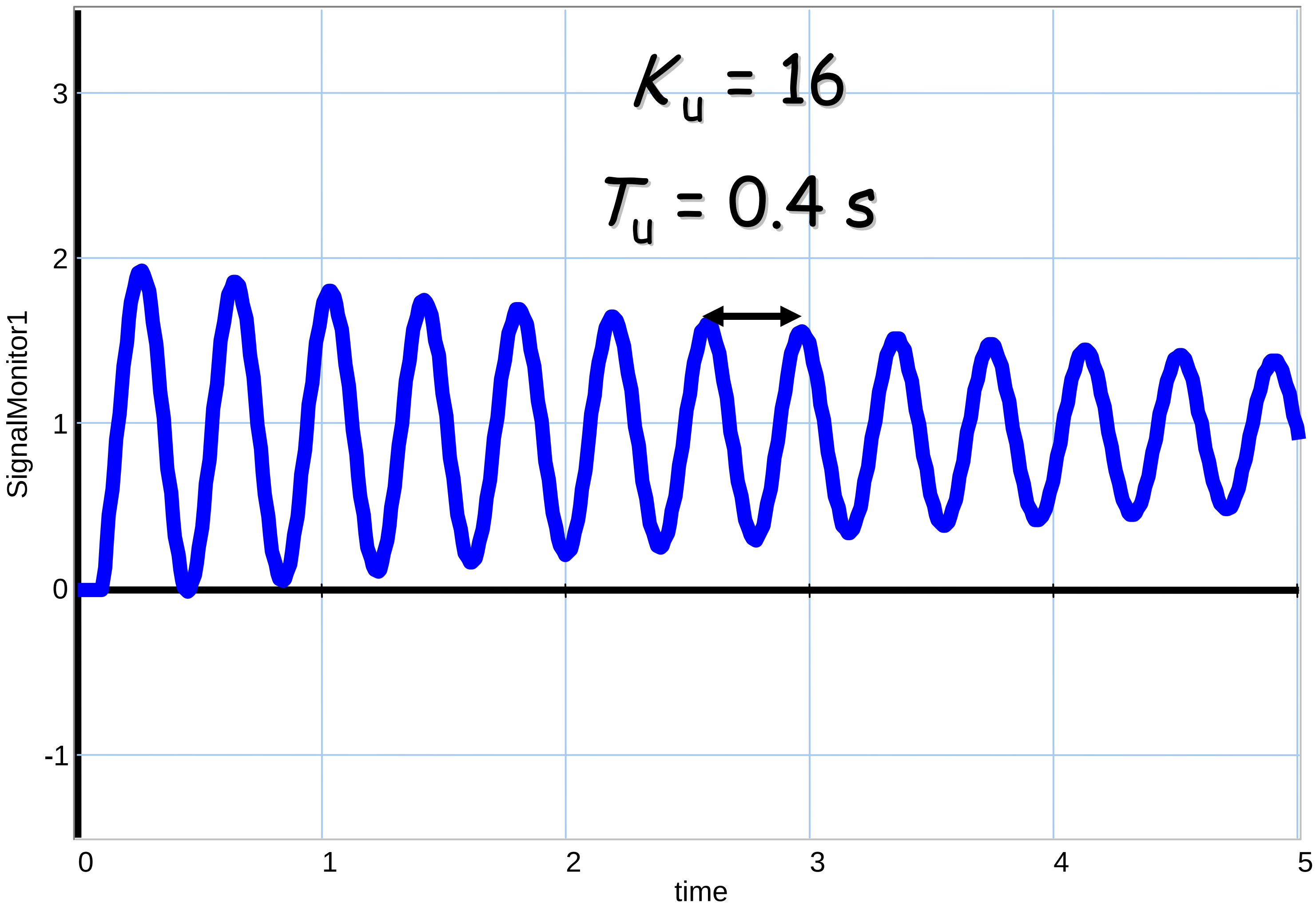
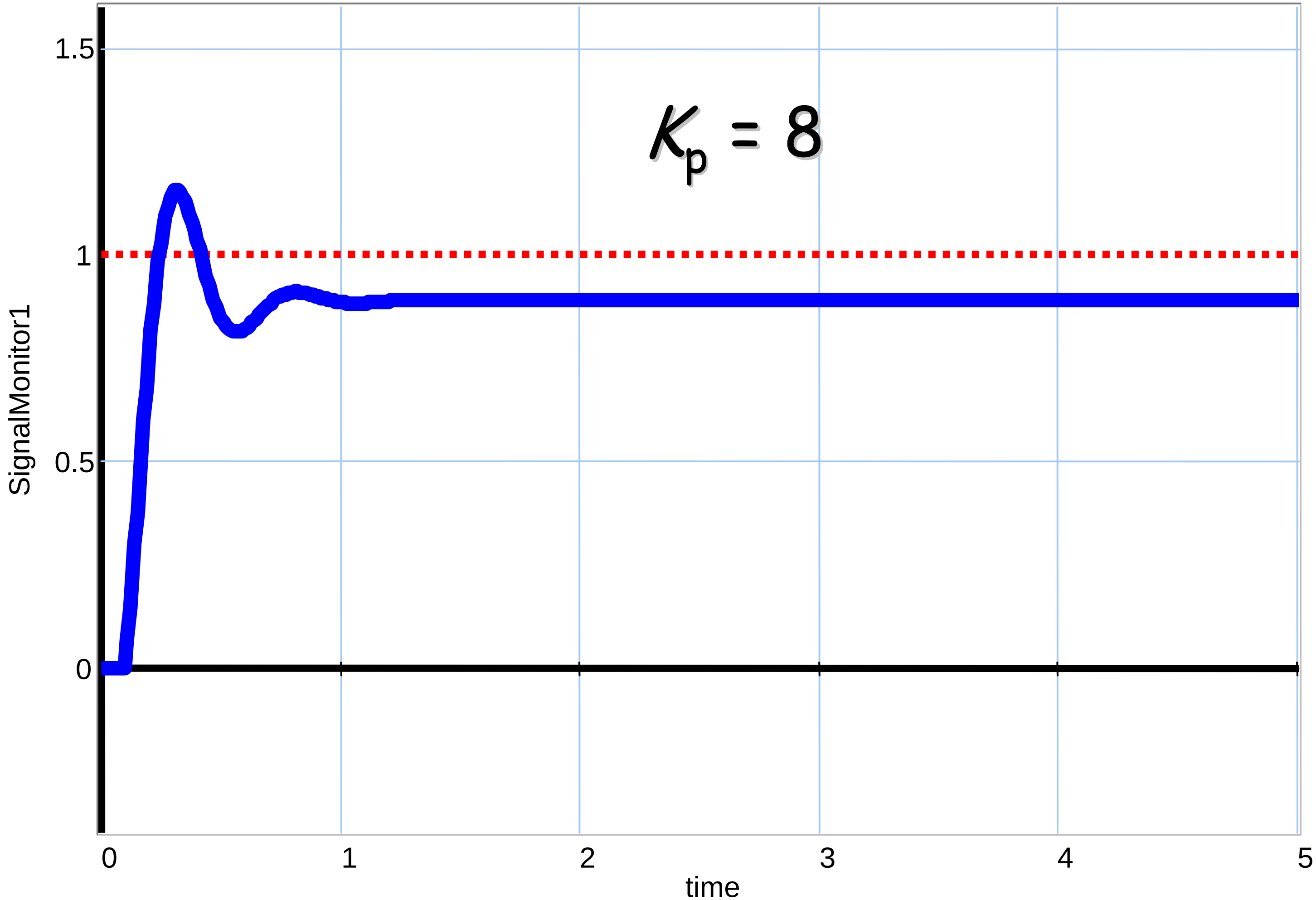
Border of instability

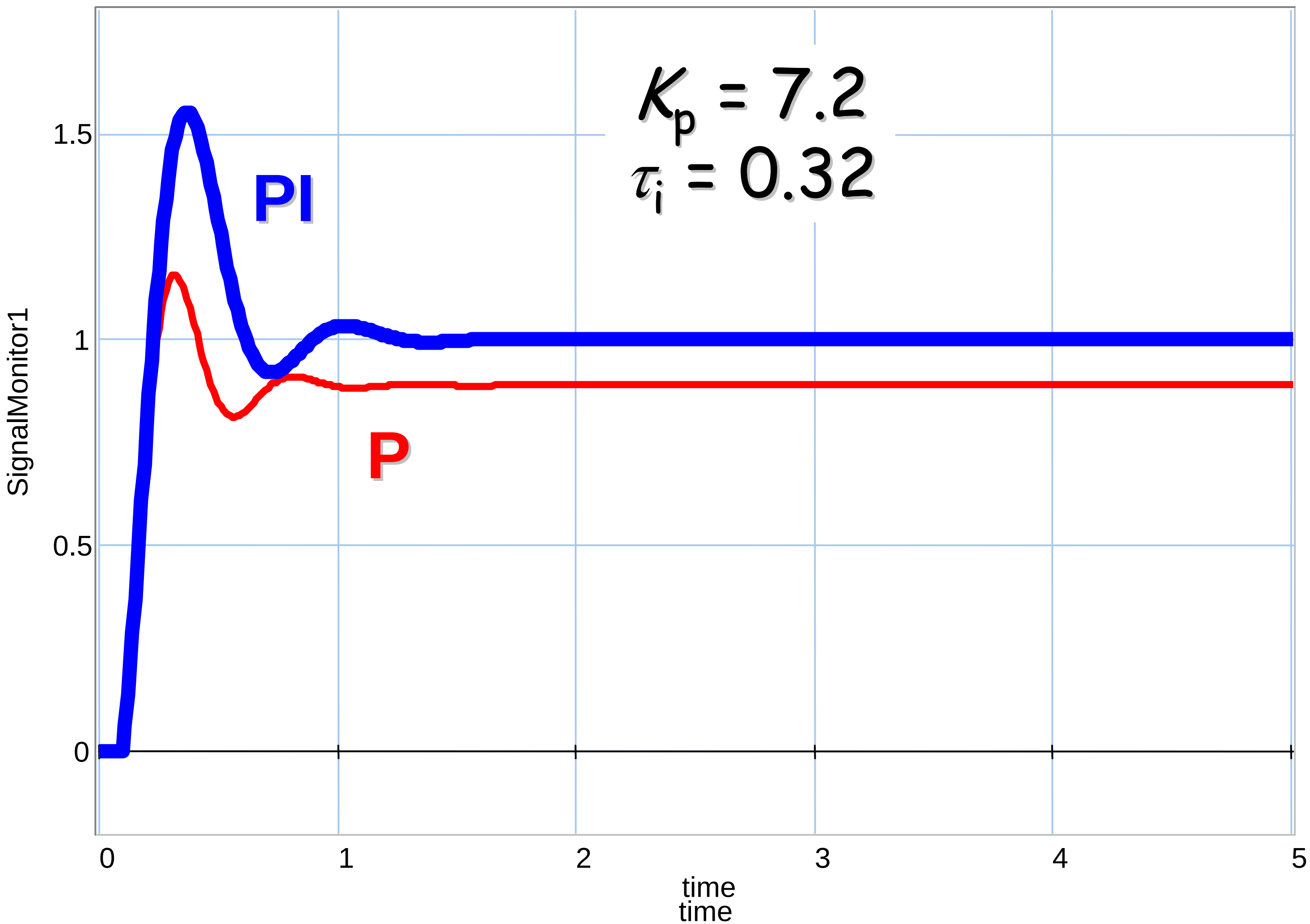


P-controller



time

PI-controller



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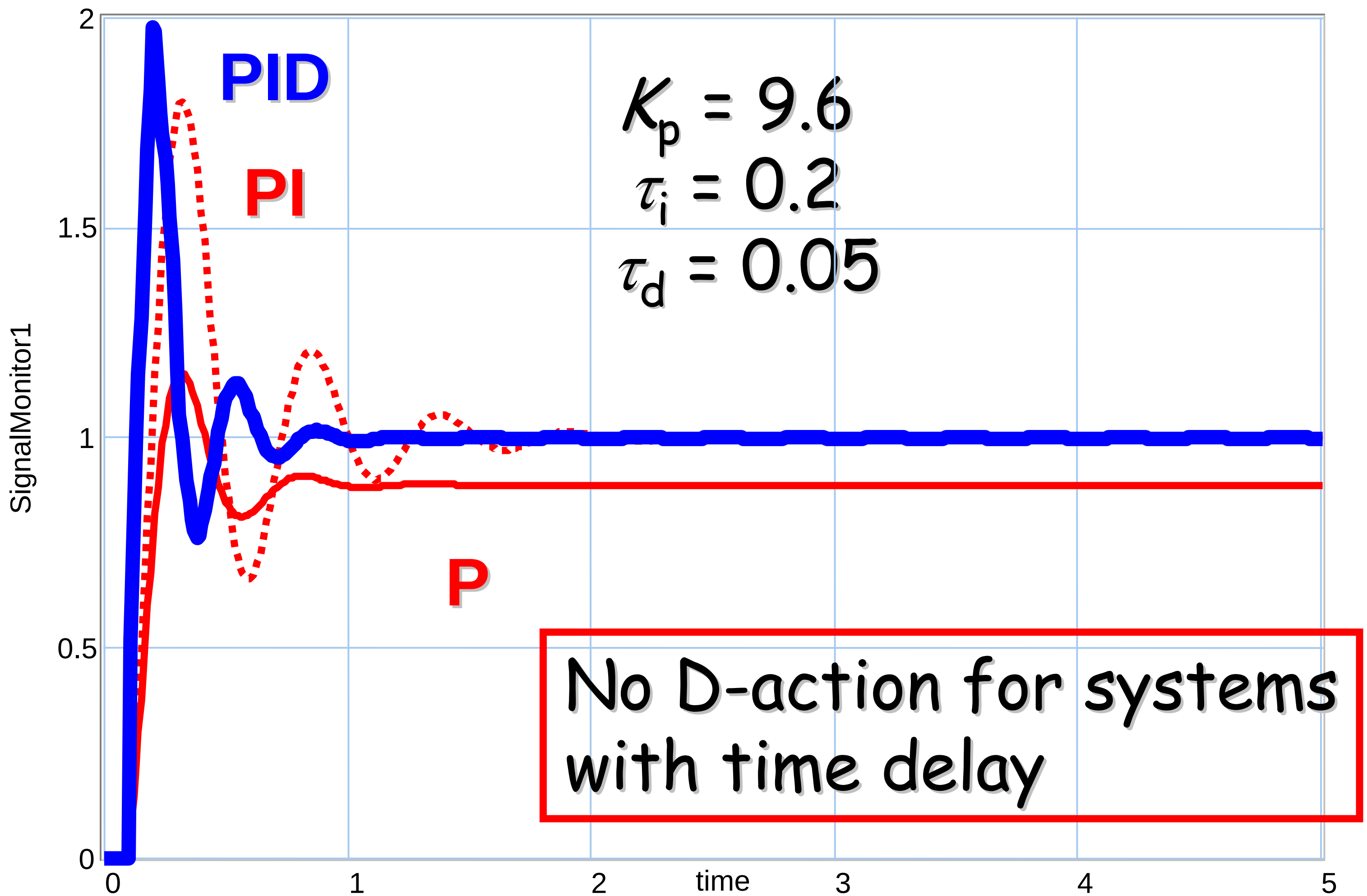

Tuning (τ and T_d)

$$H_{\text{process}}(s) = \frac{K\, e^{-1s}}{(s+0.1)}$$

large dead time
small time constant

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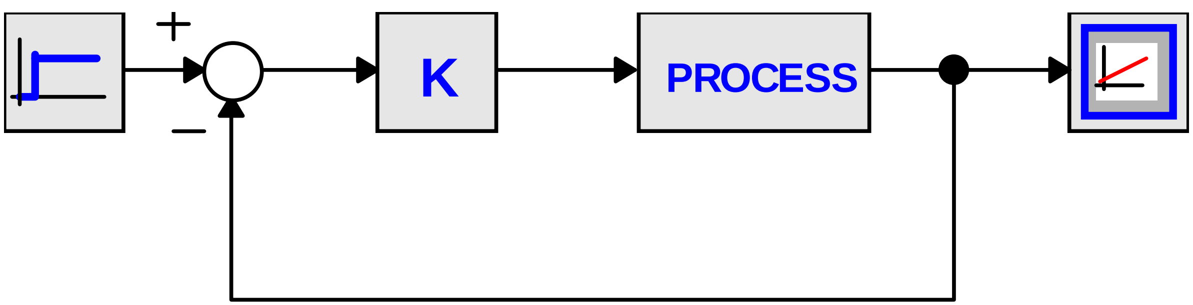

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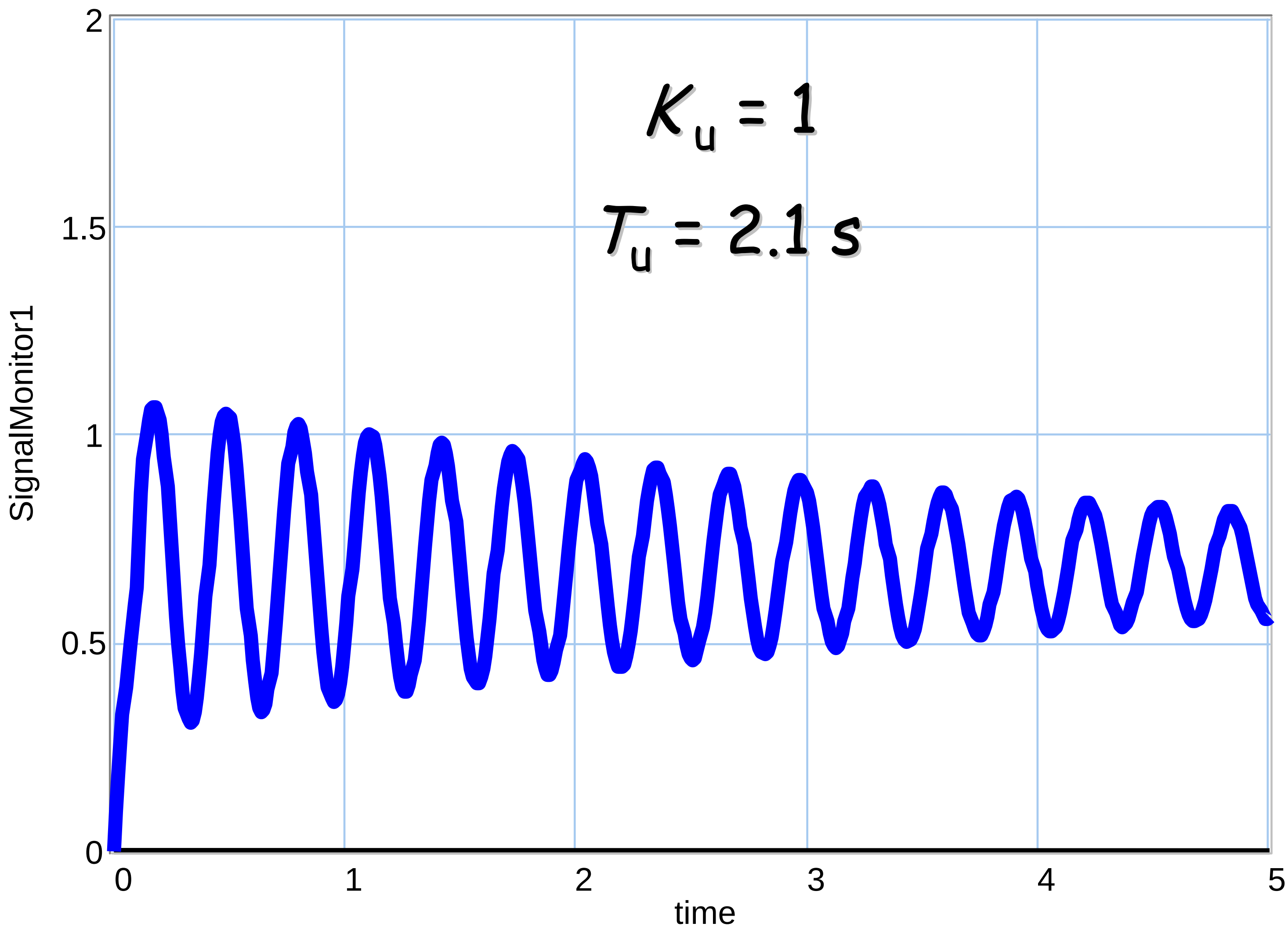

P-control

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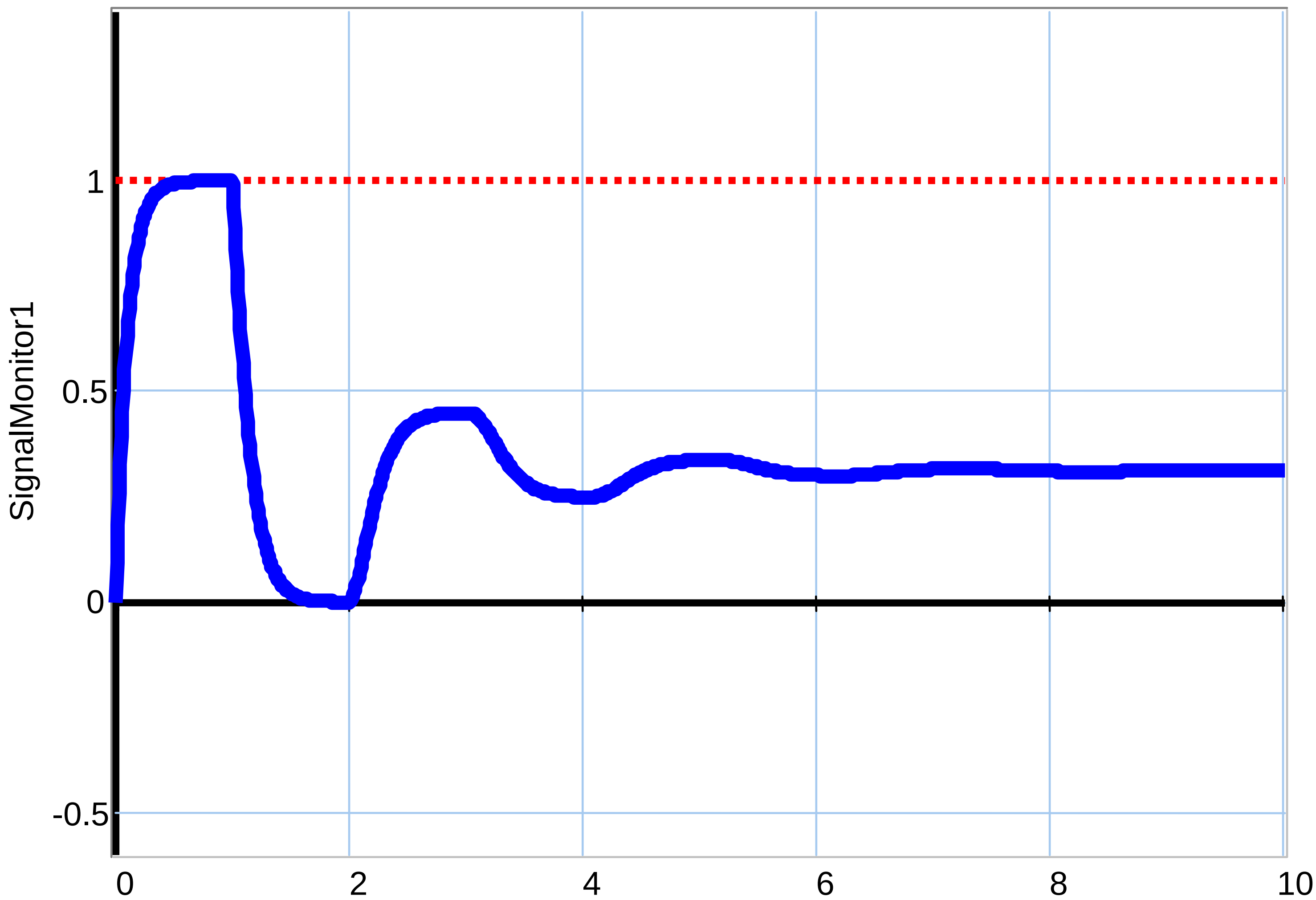
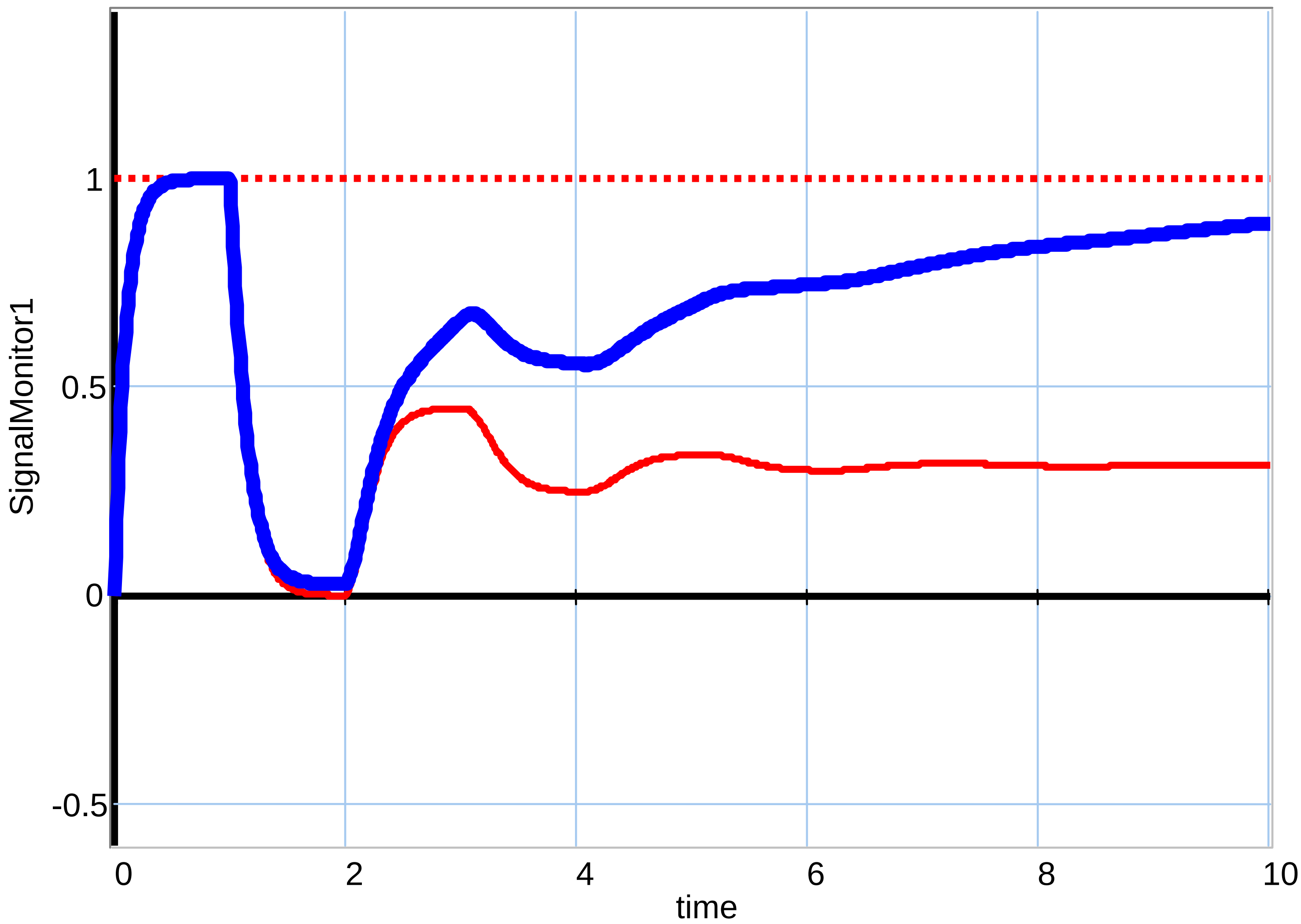
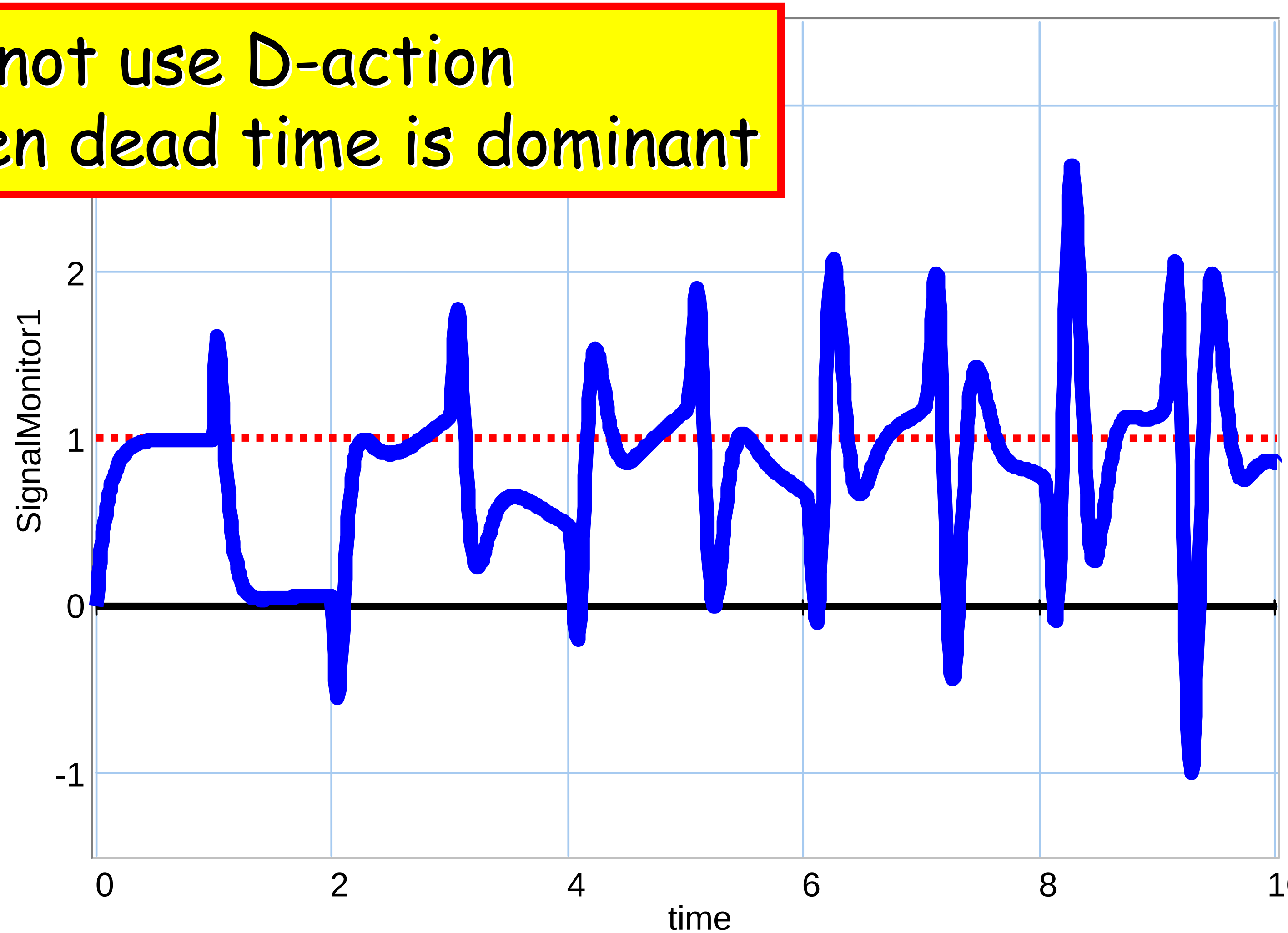


PI-control



PID-control

Do not use D-action
when dead time is dominant



Optimal tuning

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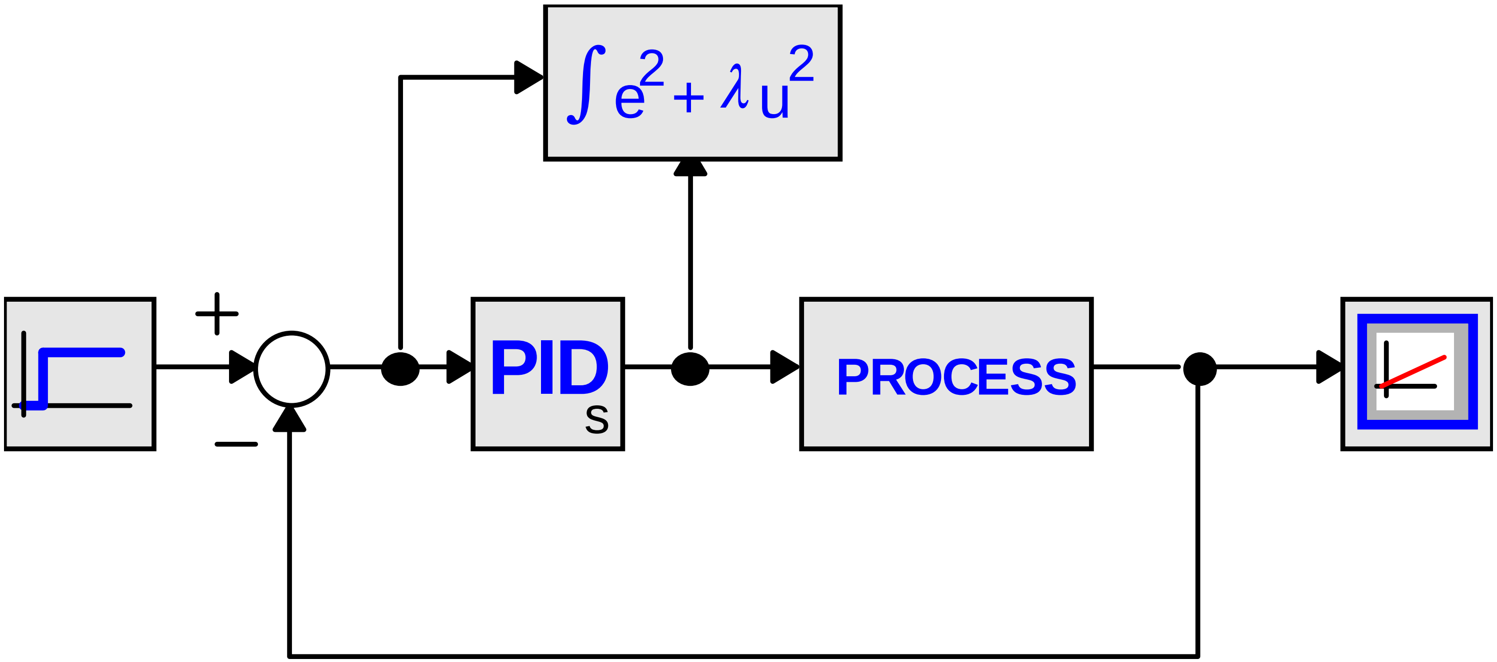
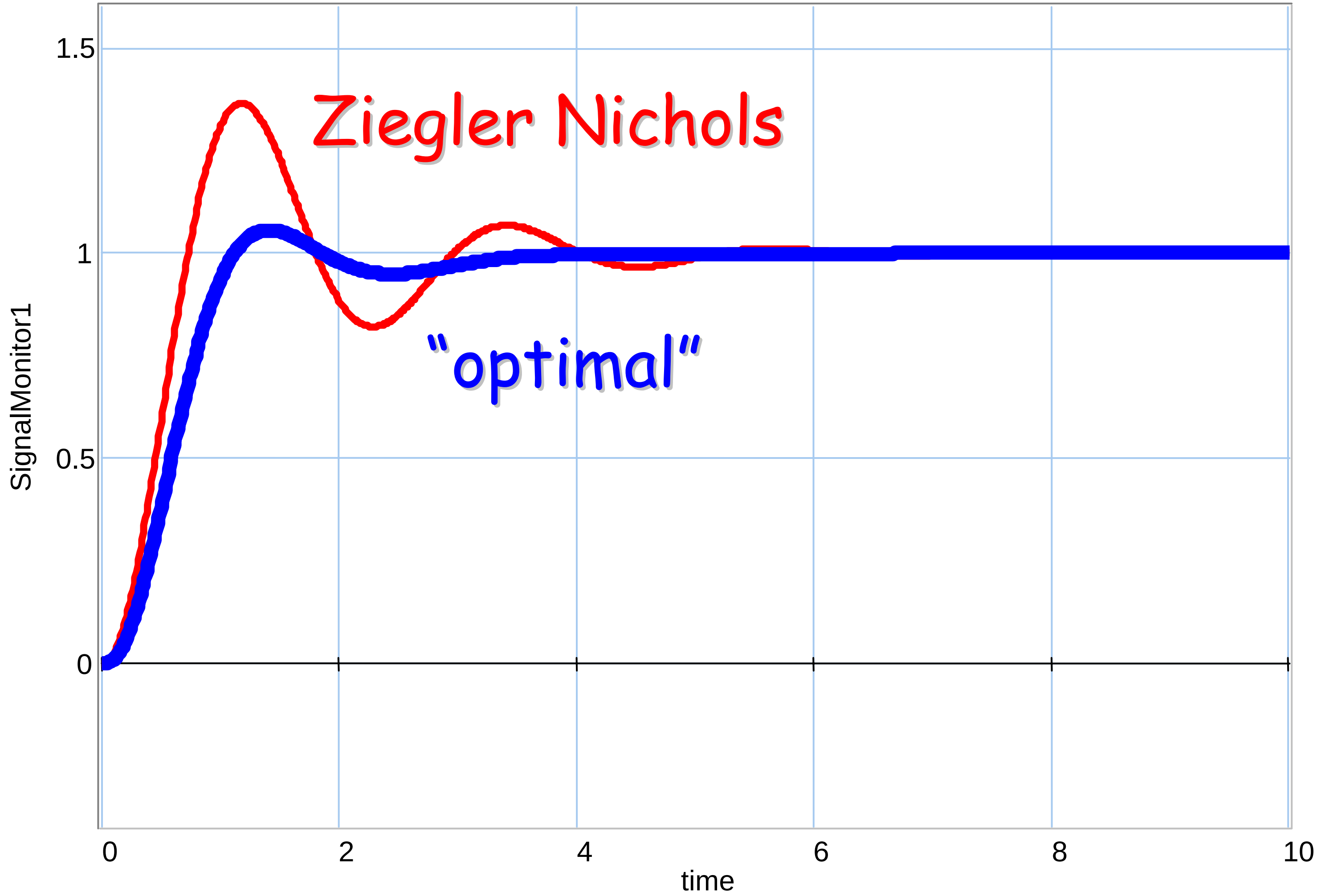


process must be known,
identified first,
or optimised on line

20-sim

Optimal tuning



Conclusions

- PID-control suited for:
  - systems with an S-shaped response
  - systems with time delay
- Ziegler Nichols rules give 'reasonable' responses
  - (more suited for disturbance rejection than for tracking)
- Better tuning possible