

# Parallel Explicit Tube Model Predictive Control

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- Model Predictive Control (MPC)
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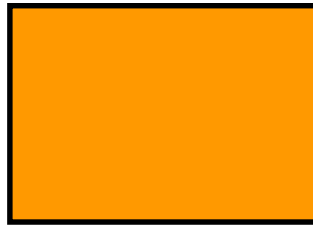
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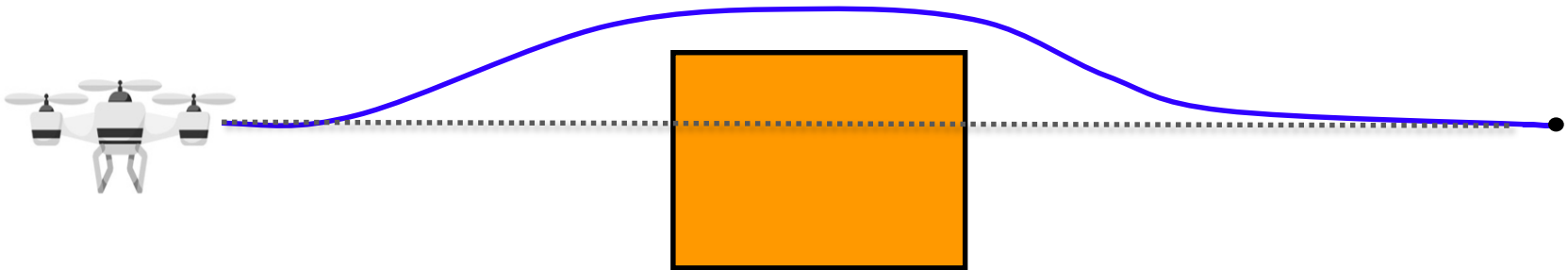


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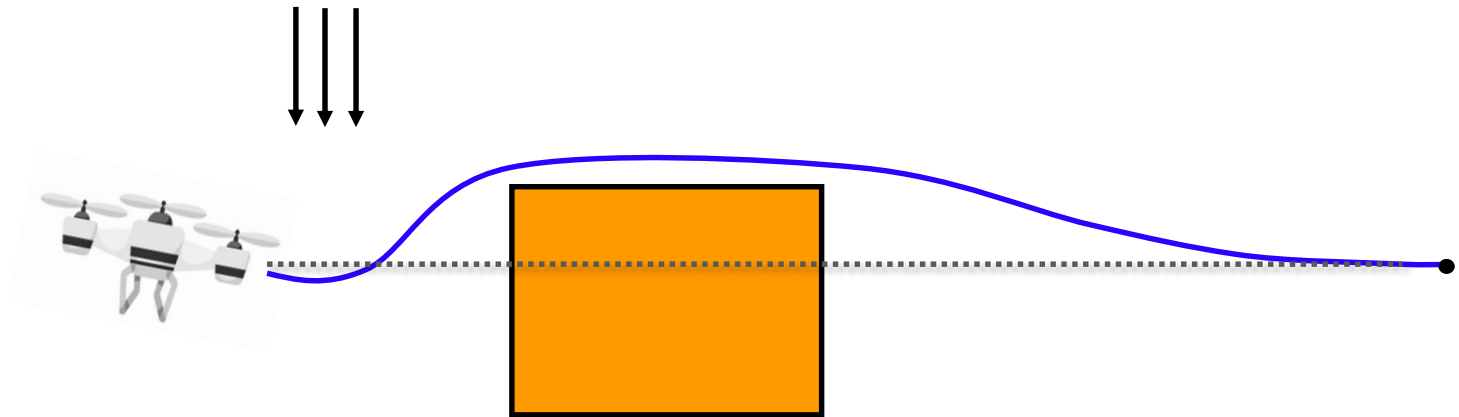
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## Certainty equivalent MPC:

- Minimize distance to the dotted line
- Subject to: System dynamics  $x_{k+1} = f(x_k, u_k, \mathbf{0})$   
State and input constraints

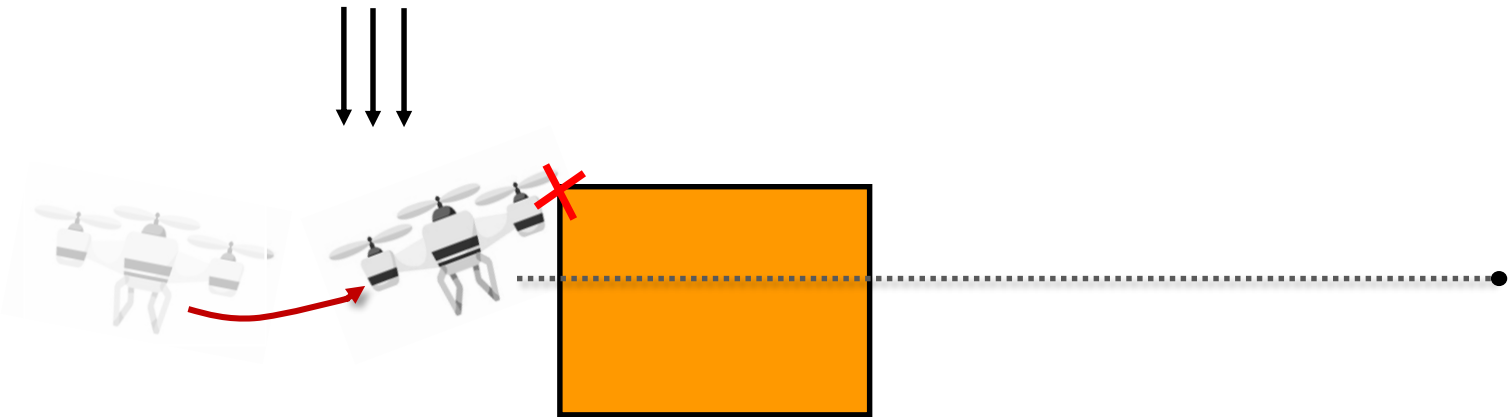
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## Repeat:

- apply optimal control law
- wait for new measurement
- re-optimize the trajectory

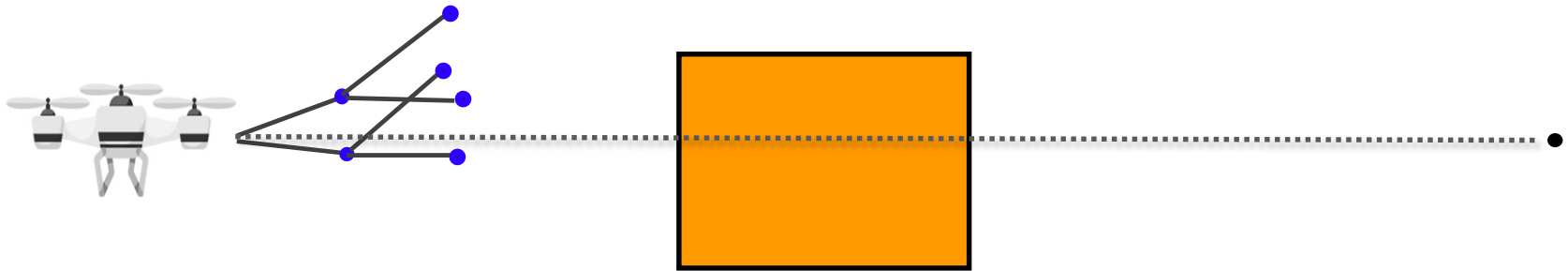
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- infeasible (worst-case) scenarios possible

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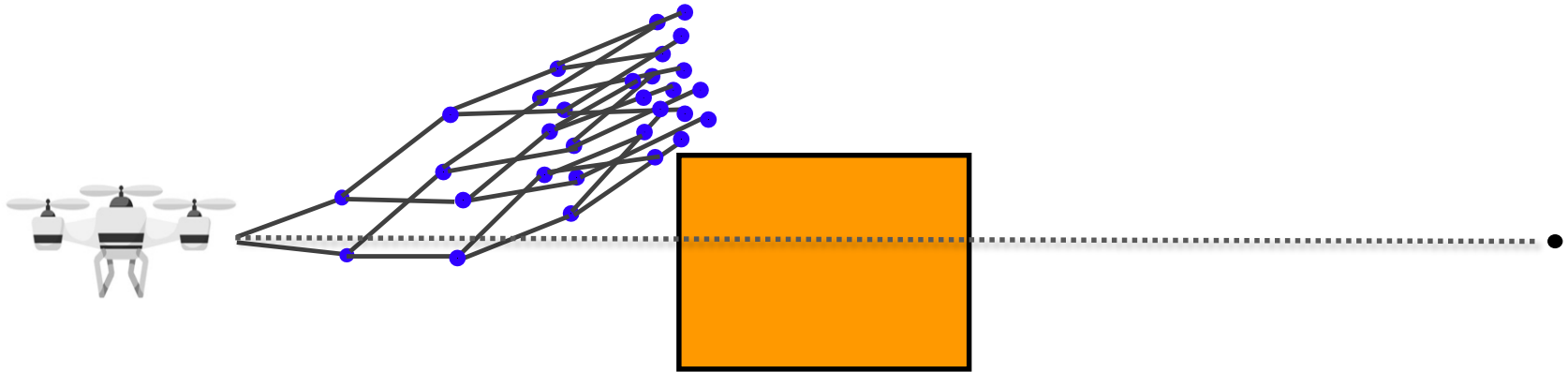
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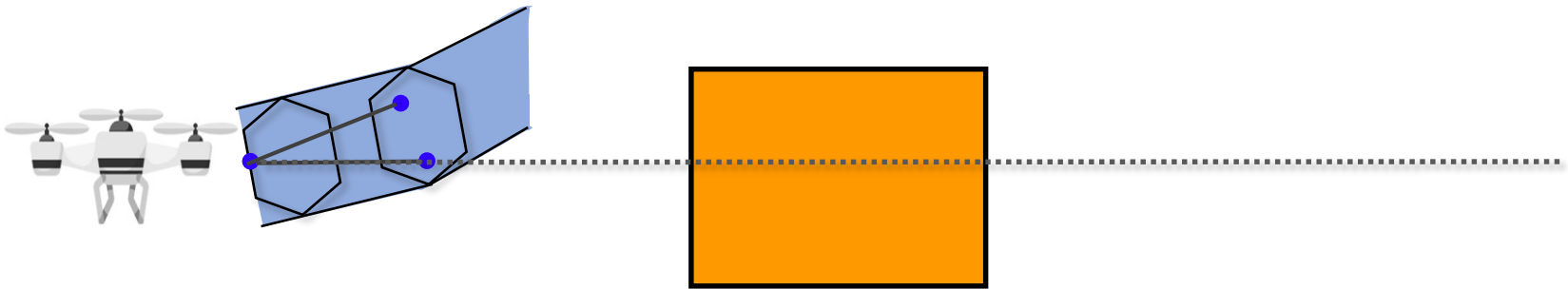
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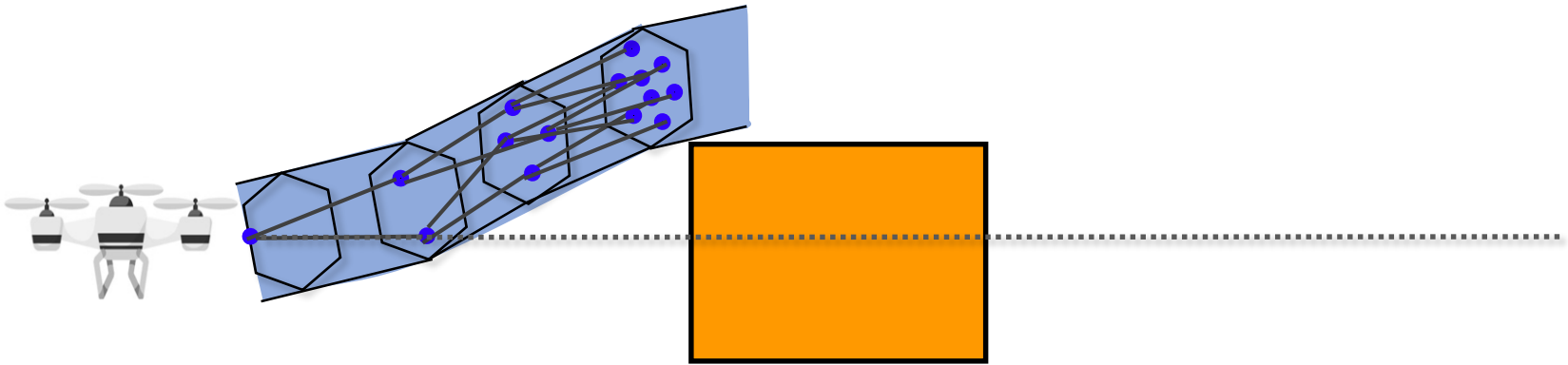
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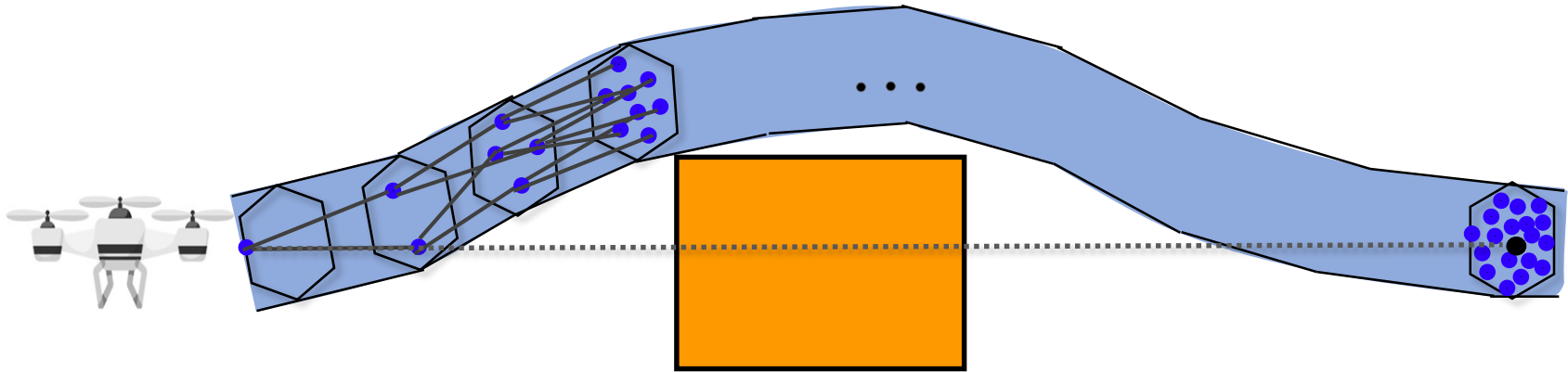
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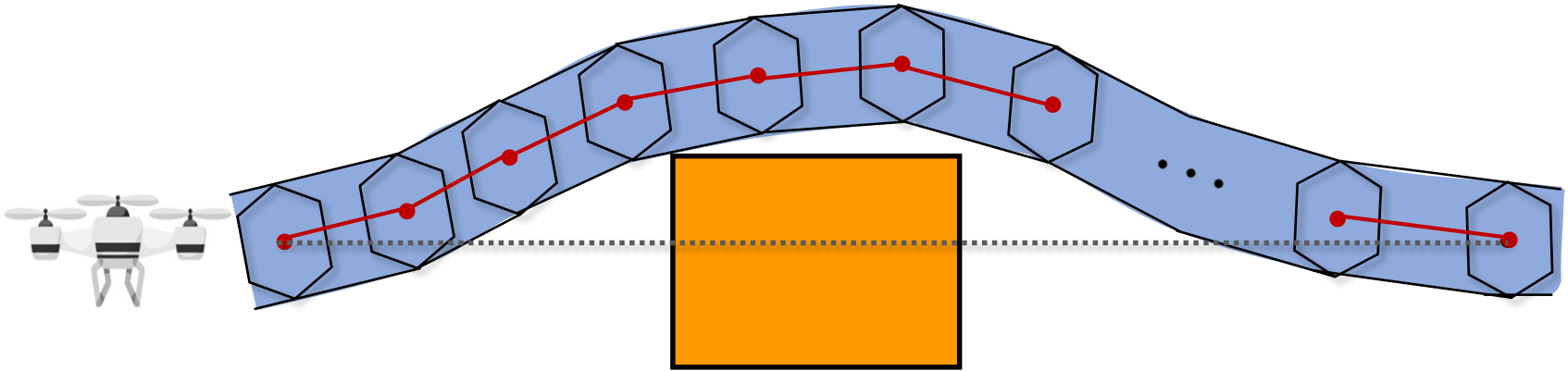
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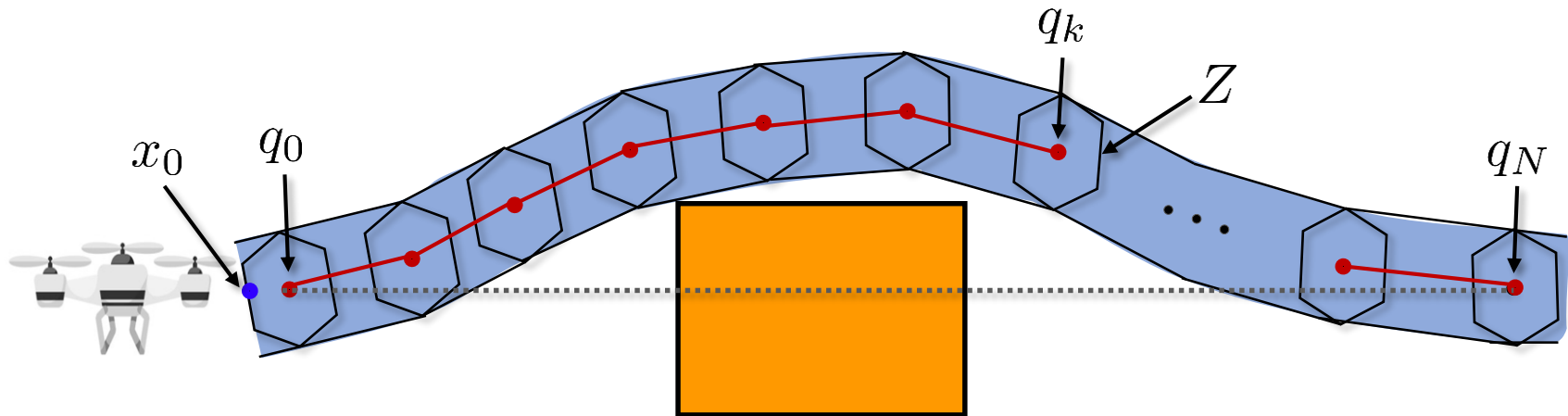
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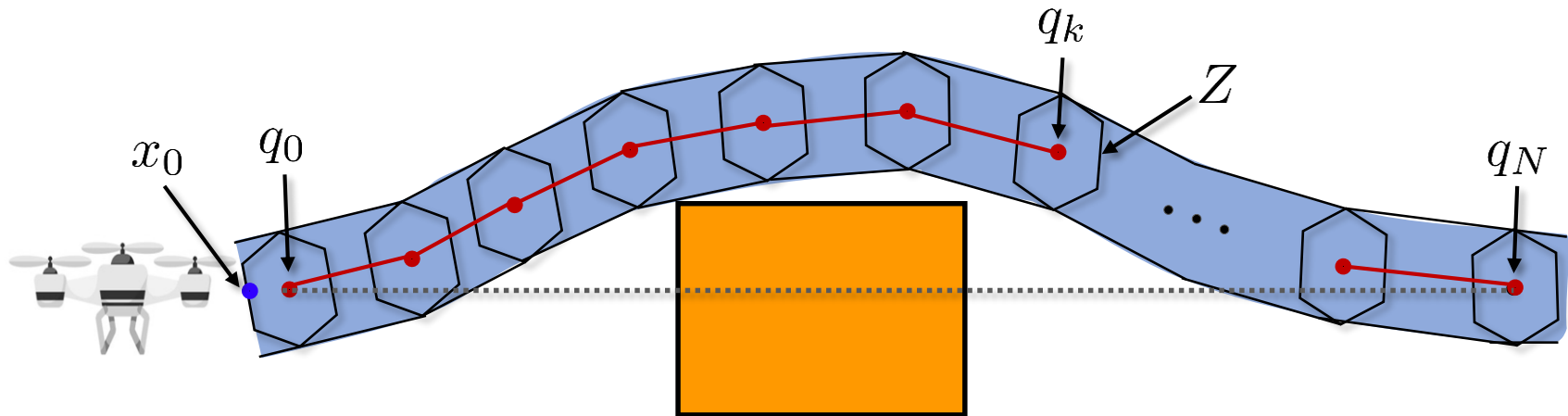
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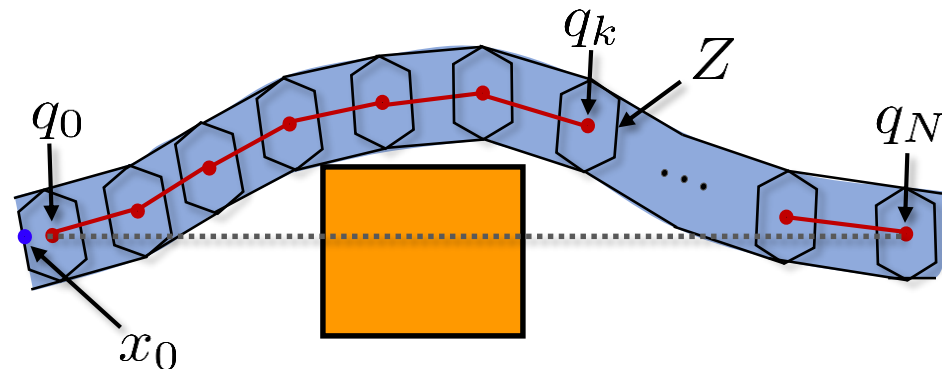
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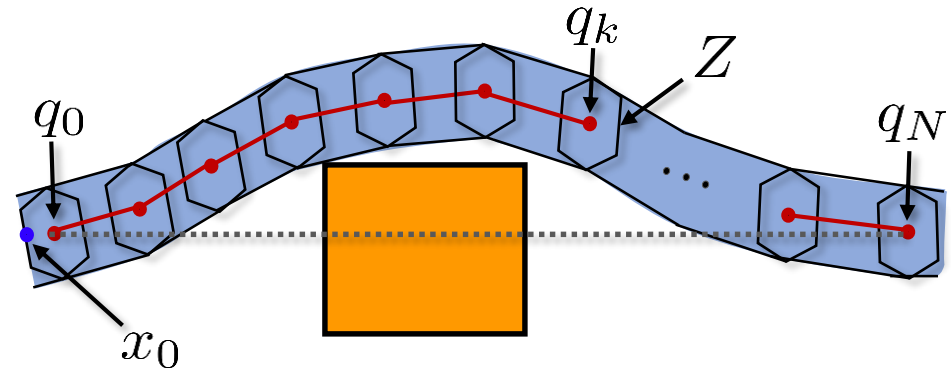
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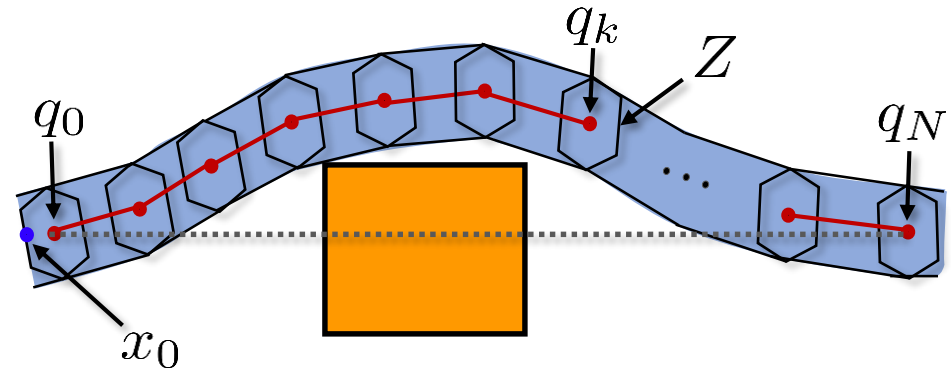


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- $y^j$  and  $\lambda^j$  current approximations, and

$$\bullet G = \begin{pmatrix} -C & D & & & 0 \\ & -C & D & & \\ & & \ddots & \ddots & \\ 0 & & & -C & I \end{pmatrix}, H = \nabla^2 J(y)$$

Notice that  $\textcircled{2}$  has a separable structure :

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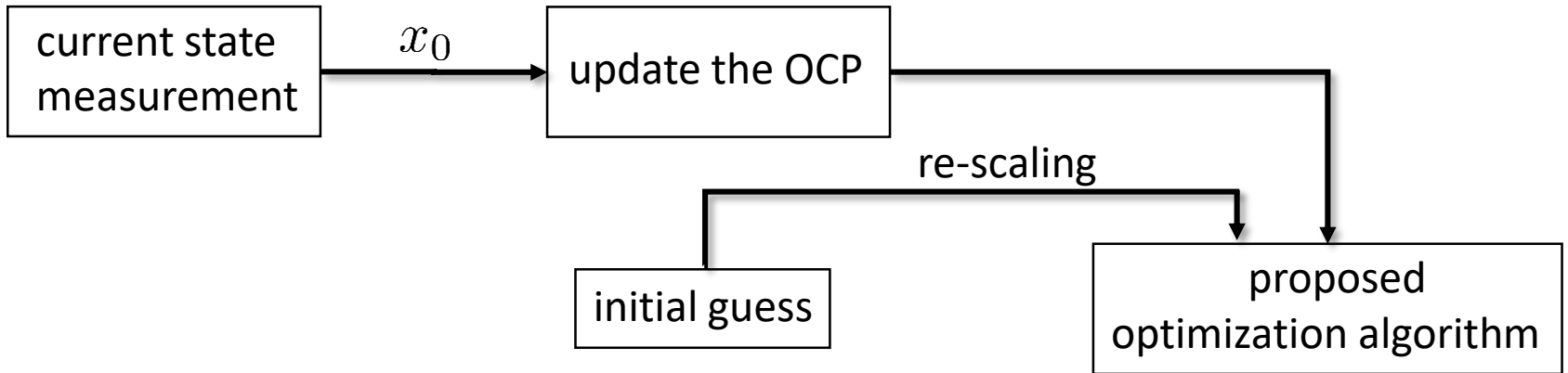
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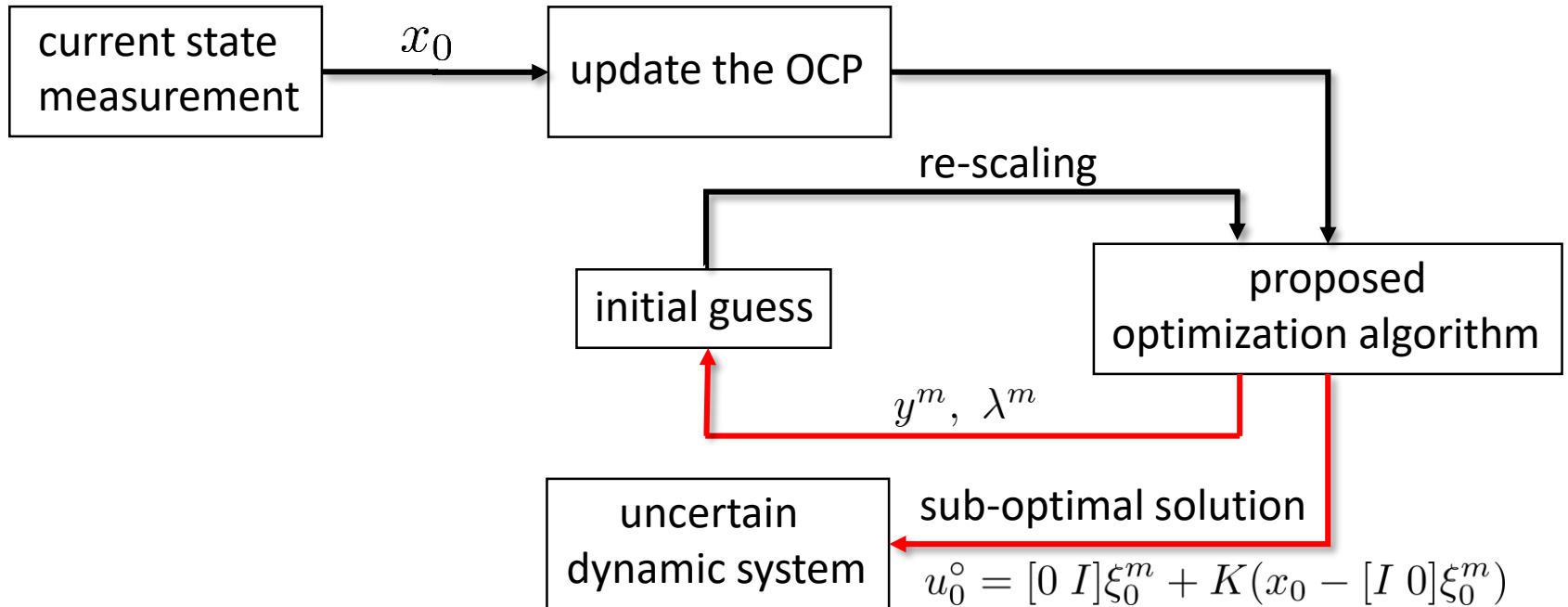
The algorithm converges linearly:  $(0 < \kappa < 1)$

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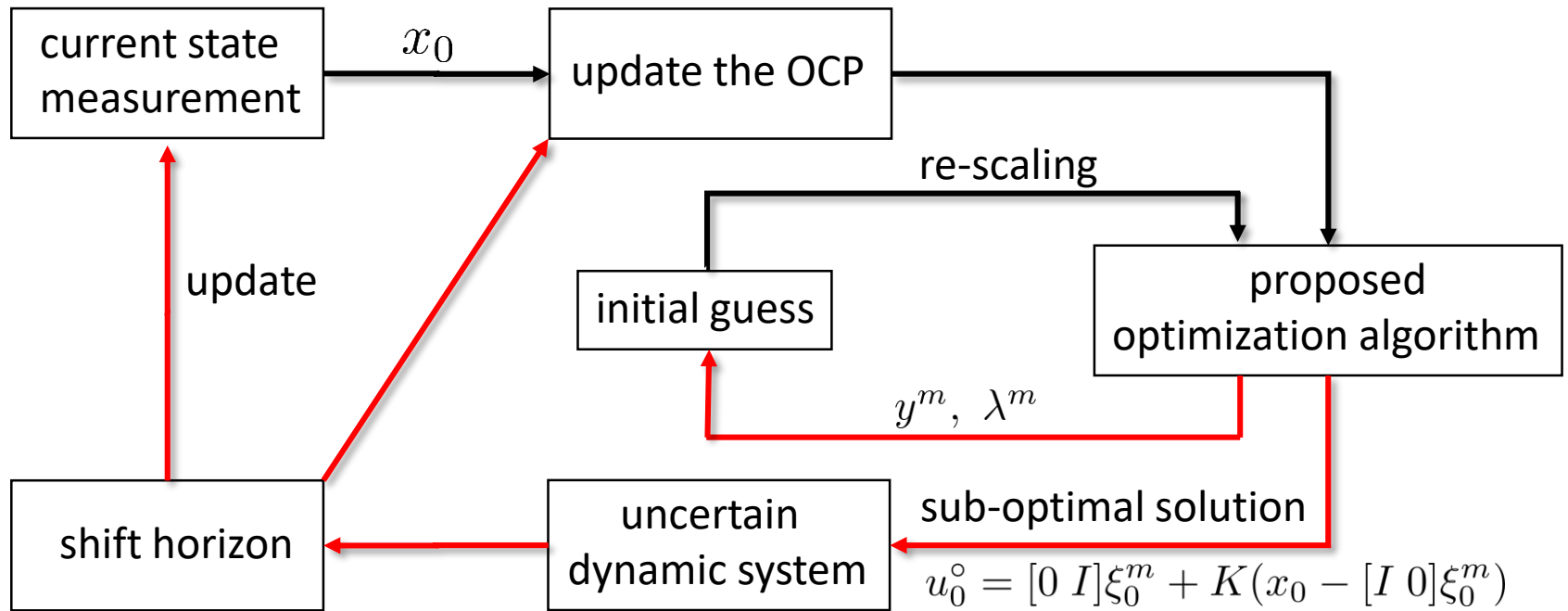
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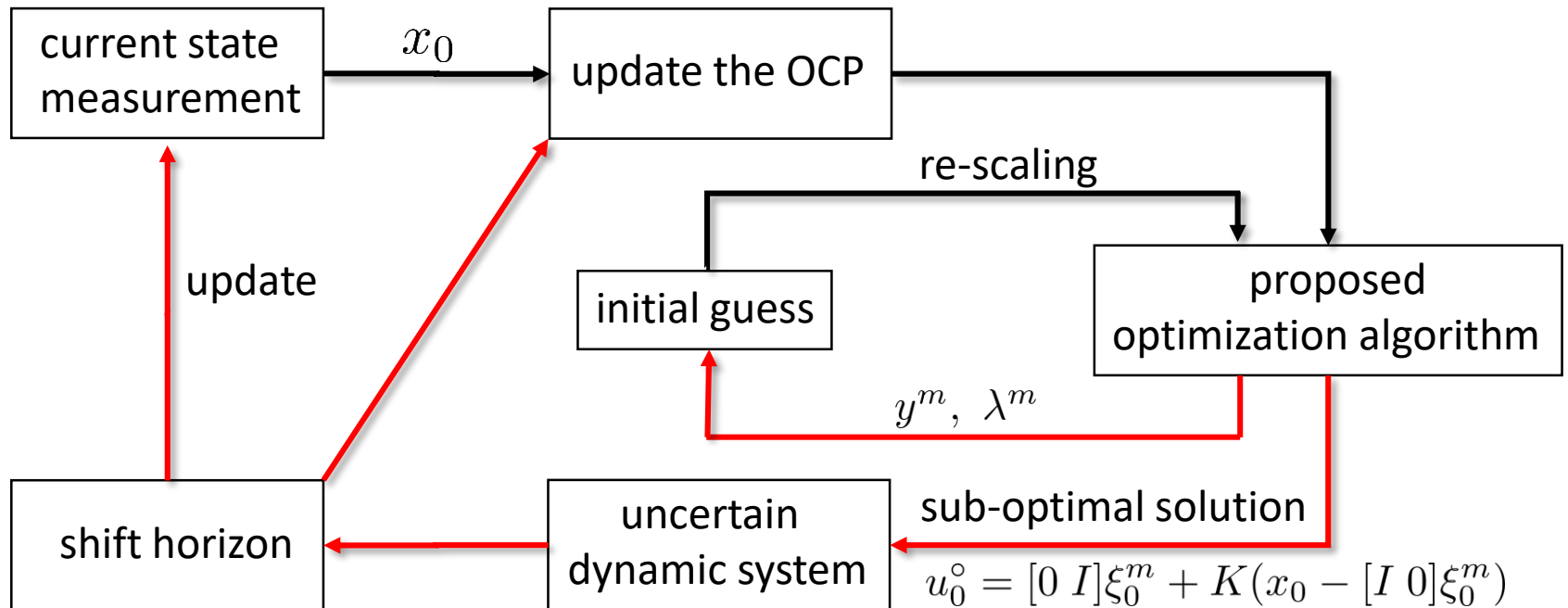
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# Parallel Explicit Tube MPC Controller (**Recursive Feasibility**)



## Recursive Feasibility

we assume that the state constant set  $\mathbb{X}$  to be robust control invariant, the suboptimal solution preserves the recursive feasibility

# Parallel Explicit Tube MPC Controller (**Stability**)

## Theorem 1

If the number of inner loops in the proposed optimization algorithm satisfies

$$m \geq 2 \frac{\log\left(\eta\sqrt{\sigma} + \frac{\tau\sigma}{2}\right)}{\log(1/\kappa)},$$

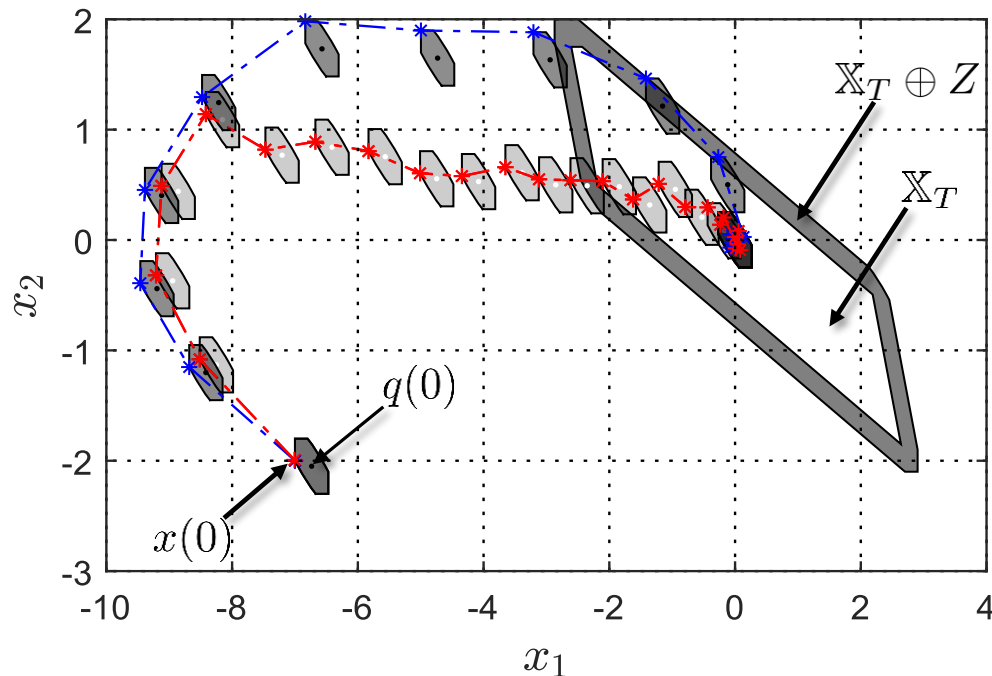
the proposed scheme yields an **asymptotically stable** closed-loop controller.

- $0 < \kappa < 1$  : linear convergence rate
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# Numerical Example (Memory Requirements)

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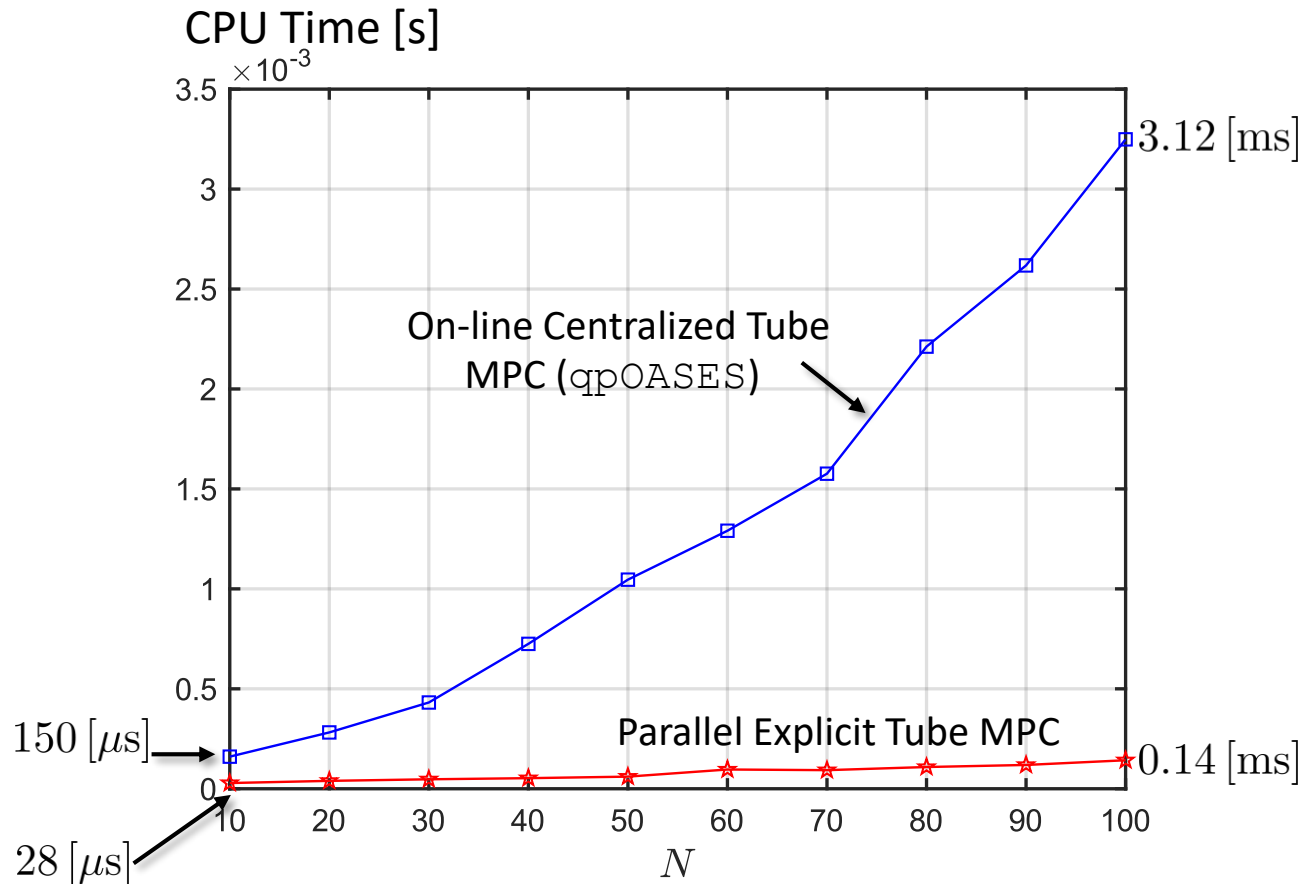
$N$	number of regions	memory [KB]
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50	456	36
$\vdots$	456	36

vs

## Explicit Tube MPC

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70	42700	27066

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