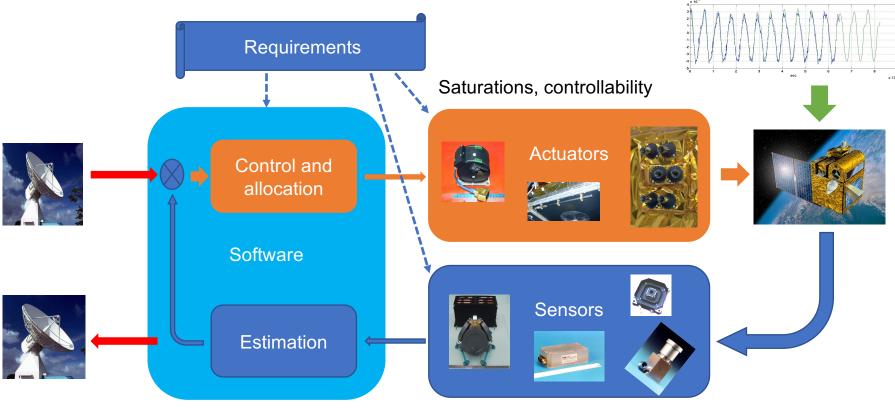
COMET SCA / GT MOSAR workshop, March 2019 Feedback about robust control and analysis

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Research interest : attitude control of satellites



Sequencing, failure management

Field of view, measurement errors, delays

CNES studies about Robust control started in the 90's

Flexible modes

- Larger structures with lower frequency flexible modes

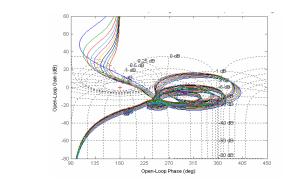


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- Unmodelled dynamics
- Family of platforms

MIMO control

- Performance and stability margins

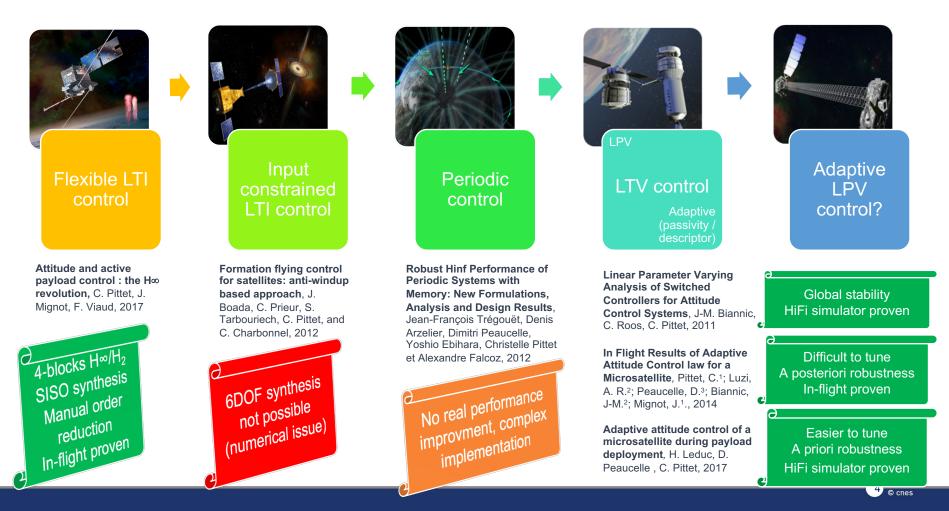


- Multi-objectives requirements
 - Time domain
 - Frequency domain

SISO PD controller synthesis limited \Rightarrow find a robust MIMO synthesis technique



Convex optimization based results





My feedback about convex optimization

Pros

- Computation time (LMIs)
- Global convergence
- Flexible tool
 - Continuous/discrete time
 - Time domain (pole placement)
 - Frequency domain
 - Optimizing
 - Set of initial conditions
 - Uncertainties range
 - Trade-offs performance/stability

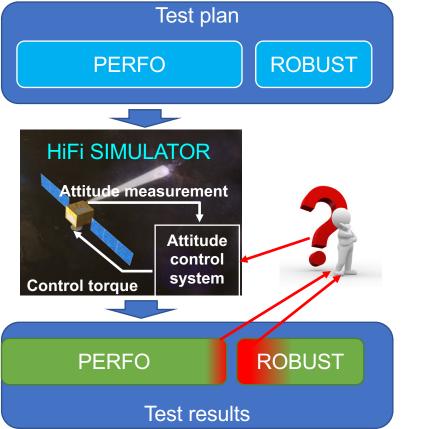
Difficulties

- Full order controller synthesis
- Order reduction may lead to stability /performance degradation
- MIMO weighting functions hard to tune
- Numerical issues
 - Size of decision variables
 - Numerical sensitivity to the way of writing LMIs (x'Px<µ ≠ x'(P/µ)x<1)
 - Expert skills for solver tuning
- Robust controller synthesis often more conservative than nominal synthesis + robustness analysis



Robustness analysis : my expectations ...

Monte Carlo simulations



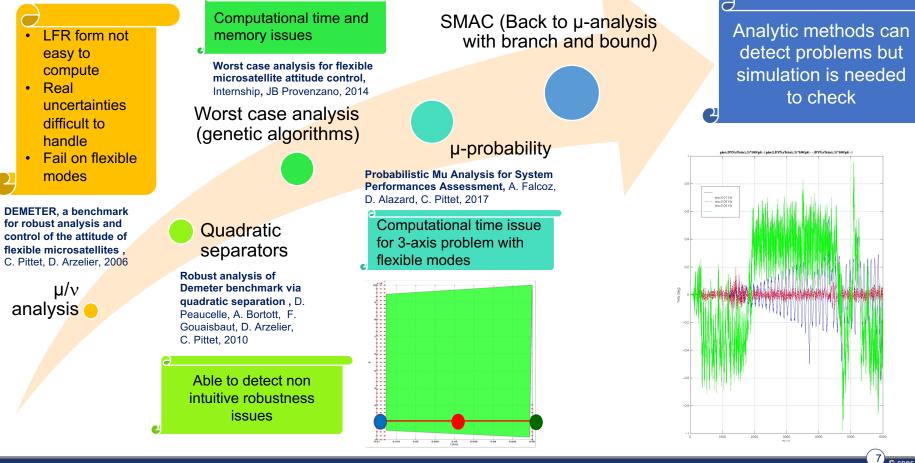
Robustness analysis

- Early in the project
 - Pre-identify robustness and/or performances cases that should be successful and remove them from the test plan
- Focus Monte-Carlo simulations on problematic cases





Robustness analysis : ... facing reality





My recommendation

Monte-carlo simulations for B/C/D phases

- Covering the flight domain
- HiFi simulator very representative
- Parallel computing for saving time

Robustness analysis for phase 0/A studies

- Identify feasibility issues
- Co-design helping tool
- Quadratic separators / SMAC toolbox ?

Non-smooth optimization for controller design

- Design fixed-order structured controller
- Engineer friendly
- Multi-model for robustness issues
- Flight proven