

# Nested Integrated Control and Diagnostic Filter Design

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**Abstract**—In this paper an extension of the integrated approach to the concept of nested structures is given. This extension allows to iteratively optimize the closed loop for control and diagnosis performance. The advantage of the integrated approach is that the degradation of the diagnostic performance typically associated with changes in the controller is avoided. Furthermore, due to the iterative optimization possibility of the approach, the conflicting control and diagnostic objectives are optimally traded-off at each iteration.

Typically, active fault tolerant systems imply the reconfiguration of the controller based on the information provided by a diagnostic filter. It is well-known that as the robustness and performance of the controller changes, the performance of the diagnostic filter might degrade to a point in which further fault information becomes unreliable (i.e. either it can not detect new faults or those detected might be false alarms). This can be avoided by reconfiguring the filter based on the reconfiguration of the controller or even on the information from the previous filter. The standard approach to address this problem is to design bank of diagnostic filters as well as of controllers, and choose the appropriate control and diagnostic filter depending on the detected abnormal situation [11], [7]. This implies extensive off-line design work as both the controllers and the filters are typically designed independently based on the assumed possible abnormal situations.

A similar approach could be developed, but avoiding the independent design of the controllers and diagnostic filters, by using the so-called integrated controller design approach [13], [6]. This would be advantageous as the integrated controller design approach is known to have several advantages with respect to the independent, non-integrated design of the control and diagnostic systems [9], [12]. Specifically: a) the conflicting objectives for the controller and the filter can be addressed directly in the integrated case, and b) the design coupling due to the system uncertainty can also be better traded-off. Nevertheless, this bank of integrated designs will still be dependent on the correct assumption on the plausible fault situations handled by the designs.

An additional advantage of the integrated framework is that it can be formulated within a linear fractional transformation (LFT) framework. This formulation allows to present the conflicting objectives in a clear fashion and also possibilitates the use of optimal techniques for the design of the  $Q = [Q_c \ Q_f]$  free-parameter arising from the LFT representation [5]. More importantly, this LFT framework is

also used in the nested structures proposed for the design of high-performance controllers in references [16], [15]. The key idea of nested structures is to characterize the plant and control systems as recursive LFTs which are based on successive designs of the Dual Youla  $S$  and Youla  $Q_c$  free-parameters, respectively. This succession of designs allow to improve the closed-loop properties by appropriate choice of the control Youla parameter  $Q_c$  based on the measured system uncertainty (incidentally given by the Dual Youla parameter  $S$ ).

In this paper the idea of nested controllers is extended to the case of the integrated control approach. This extension facilitates the optimal joint design of the control and diagnostic systems based on the on-line information which arises from the measured uncertainty  $S$  or from the fault information provided by the filter free-parameter  $Q_f$ . An algorithm is proposed based on references [16], [15].

## I. INTEGRATED CONTROLLER

The integrated, or four-parameter, controller is a generalization of the Youla parameterization which extends the controller to four degrees of freedom (DoF) by considering reference signal tracking, closed-loop stabilization, residual generation, and disturbance rejection [8].

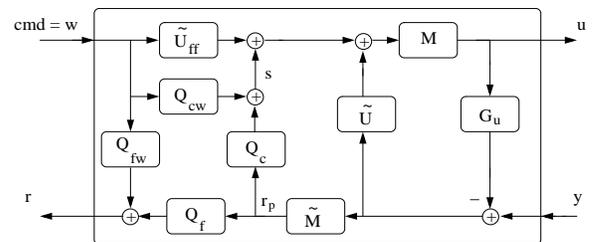


Fig. 1. Four-parameter controller parameterization structure.

Fig. 1 shows the structure for the parameterization of all four-parameter controllers given a system  $G_u = N_u M^{-1} \in \mathcal{R}_p$  (the space of real-rational, and proper functions), and nominal feedback  $K_o = \tilde{V}^{-1} \tilde{U}$  and feedforward  $K_{ff} = \tilde{V}^{-1} \tilde{U}_{ff}$  controllers. Note, that the coprime factor  $\tilde{V}^{-1}$  is hidden in Fig. 1 but can be “extracted” using the Bezout relation  $\tilde{V} M - \tilde{U} N = I$  and the transfer function from  $w$  and  $y$  to  $u$ . Furthermore, the coprime factor  $\tilde{V}$  is assumed common with the feedback controller  $K_o$  due to the well-known requirement that  $K_{ff}$  be stable or if unstable, implemented together with  $K_o$ . The general result for the four-parameter controller parameterization is formalized in the following theorem:

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### Theorem I.1 (General Four-parameter Controller)

Consider a nominal plant  $G_u \in \mathcal{R}_P$ . Assume corresponding nominal stabilizing  $K_o \in \mathcal{R}_P$  and feedforward  $K_{ff} \in \mathcal{R}_P$  controllers are given. Let any right / left coprime factorization (r.c.f. / l.c.f.) for the nominal plant,  $G_u = N_u M^{-1} = \tilde{M}^{-1} \tilde{N}_u$ , and the controllers,  $K_o = UV^{-1} = \tilde{V}^{-1} \tilde{U}$ ;  $K_{ff} = U_{ff} V^{-1} = \tilde{V}^{-1} \tilde{U}_{ff}$ , be known. The class of all proper integrated (stabilizing and residual generator) controllers  $K_F(Q) \in \mathcal{R}_P$  is parameterized by:

$$\begin{bmatrix} u \\ r \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} (\tilde{V} + Q_c \tilde{N}_u)^{-1} (\tilde{U} + Q_c \tilde{M}) \\ Q_f (\tilde{M} - \tilde{N}_u (\tilde{V} + Q_c \tilde{N}_u)^{-1} (\tilde{U} + Q_c \tilde{M})) \\ Q_{fw} - Q_f \tilde{N}_u (\tilde{V} + Q_c \tilde{N}_u)^{-1} (\tilde{U}_{ff} + Q_{cw}) \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} y \\ cmd \end{bmatrix} \quad (1)$$

Under the following conditions:  $(\tilde{V} + Q_c \tilde{N}_u)(\infty)$  exist and

$$\begin{bmatrix} s \\ r \end{bmatrix} = Q \begin{bmatrix} r_p \\ cmd \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} Q_c & Q_{cw} \\ Q_f & Q_{fw} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} r_p \\ cmd \end{bmatrix} \in \mathcal{RH}_\infty, \quad (2)$$

where  $u$  is the feedback control input,  $r$  the residual vector,  $y$  the plant measurements and  $cmd = w$  the exogenous input. The internal signals  $s$  and  $r_p$  are respectively the contribution of the Youla parameters to the feedback controller and the primary residual.

In [5] it is shown that the above general integrated controller parameterization can be formulated as a lower fractional transformation  $K_F(Q) = F_l(\tilde{J}, Q)$ , where the free matrix  $Q$  is given by (2) and the coefficient matrix  $\tilde{J}$  by:

$$\begin{bmatrix} u \\ r \\ r_p \\ cmd \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \tilde{V}^{-1} \tilde{U} & \tilde{V}^{-1} \tilde{U}_{ff} & \tilde{V}^{-1} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & I \\ V^{-1} & -\tilde{N}_u \tilde{V}^{-1} \tilde{U}_{ff} & -\tilde{N}_u \tilde{V}^{-1} & 0 \\ 0 & I & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} y \\ cmd \\ s \\ r \end{bmatrix} \quad (3)$$

The LFT formulation of the integrated controller allows for a more transparent look at the interactions between the different objectives: control and diagnostic. It was also shown that this LFT of the integrated controller is a general representation of specialized controller architectures widely used in the fault tolerant & diagnostic community.

## II. NESTED STRUCTURES

The idea of nested structures arises from considering LFT representations for the controller  $K(Q_c)$  and the plant  $G(S)$  which are assumed to be composed of two parts: a nominal part,  $K$  and  $G$ , and a robustifying  $Q_c$  or uncertain  $S$  part (depending whether the controller or the plant is under consideration). The last terms represent the  $\Delta$  matrix from the standard  $M - \Delta$  representation of an LFT [10], see Fig. 2 for the graphical form of an upper LFT  $y = F_u(M, \Delta)u = [M_{22} + M_{21}(I - \Delta M_{11})^{-1} \Delta M_{12}]u$ .

The development of the nested structures is based on the well-known Youla parameterization for the controller,  $K(Q_c) = F_l(J_K, Q_c) = (\tilde{V} + Q_c \tilde{N}_u)^{-1} (\tilde{U} + Q_c \tilde{M}) = U_Q V_Q^{-1}$ , and the so-called Dual Youla parameterization for the plant  $G(S)$ . The latter provides the parameterization for the family of plants stabilizable by a given controller. Its representation is similar to the Youla parameterization and can be given

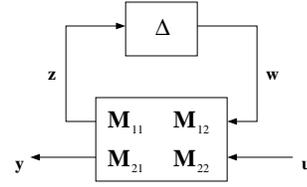


Fig. 2. Upper linear fractional transformation.

by an upper LFT  $G(S) = F_u(J_G, S)$  between the factorization factors of the nominal plant  $G_u$  and a free parameter  $S$  which accounts for the plant uncertainty [15]:

$$\begin{aligned} G(S) &= (N_u + V_Q S)(M + U_Q S)^{-1} \\ &= N_u M^{-1} + \tilde{M}^{-1} S (I + M^{-1} U_Q S)^{-1} M^{-1} \end{aligned} \quad (4)$$

It is revealing to represent  $S$  in terms of the nominal plant  $G_u$  and the family of plants  $G(S) = N(S)M(S)^{-1}$ :

$$S = \tilde{M}(G(S) - G_u)M(S) = \tilde{M}(S)(G(S) - G_u)M \quad (5)$$

An interpretation of  $S$  can then be given as a frequency weighted measure of the difference between the nominal plant and the actual plant. Note that the uncertain term  $S$  can be similarly parameterized based on successive approximations of the uncertainty  $S_i$  with  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ .

These LFT representations for the Dual Youla and the uncertain parameters  $S_i$  allow to represent any plant in an  $n$ -recursive LFT fashion whereby each successive plant  $F_u(J_{G_i}, S_i)$  is a closer approximation to the real model, see Fig. 3(a).

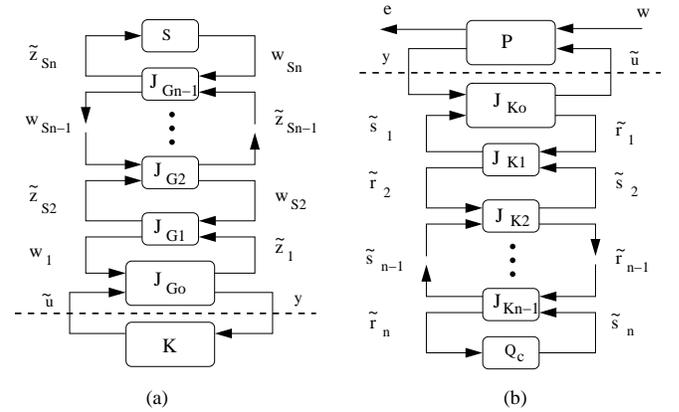


Fig. 3. Nested plants and controllers representations.

A similar result is valid for any controller where each successive design (i.e.  $J_{K_i}$  based on  $Q_{c_i}$ ) improves the performance of the closed loop based on the actual measured uncertainty  $S_i$ , see Fig. 3(b). The system  $P = \begin{bmatrix} P_{11} & P_{12} \\ P_{21} & P_{22} \end{bmatrix}$  represents a generalized plant whose nominal component is  $P_{22} = G_u$ .

These results form the basis of the multi-controller structures known as nested controllers. They are formalized by the following two lemmas taken from references [16], [15]:



$K_{RG}(Q)$ , an uncertain plant  $G(S)$  (instead of  $P$ ), and their LFT formulations:

### Theorem III.1

Let  $(G_u, K_{RG}(Q))$  be a stabilizing pair with coprime factorizations given by  $G_u = N_u M^{-1} = \tilde{M}^{-1} \tilde{N}_u$  and (8) respectively. Let  $G(S)$  have the factorization given in (4). Then, the pair  $(G(S), K_{RG}(Q))$  is stabilizing if and only if the pair  $(S, Q)$  is stabilizing, see Fig. 6.

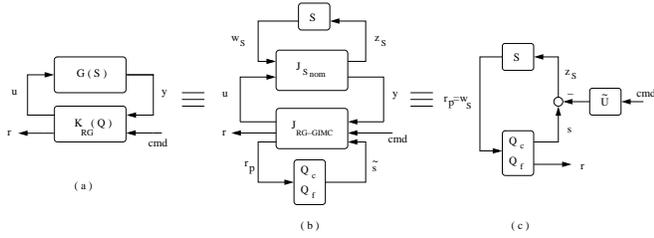


Fig. 6. Closed-loop  $(G(S), K_{RG}(Q)) \equiv (S, Q)$ .

**Proof:** First we need to prove that the pair  $(G(S), K_{RG}(Q))$  is stabilizing. This follows the proof of Theorem 3.1 in [5] noting that the controller and the plant are given now by:

$$\begin{bmatrix} e \\ y \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & G(S) \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} w \\ u \end{bmatrix}; \quad \begin{bmatrix} u \\ r \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} K_{11}(Q_c) & 0 \\ K_{21}(Q_c, Q_f) & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} y \\ cmd \end{bmatrix} \quad (11)$$

Then, the only stability conditions that remain are:

$$\begin{bmatrix} I & -K_{11}(Q_c) \\ -G(S) & I \end{bmatrix}^{-1} \in \mathcal{RH}_\infty; \quad (12)$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} I & 0 \\ 0 & G(S) \end{bmatrix} (I - K_{11}(Q_c)G(S))^{-1} K_{12}(Q_c) \in \mathcal{RH}_\infty \quad (13)$$

Recall that the second condition indicates the requirement that any unstable pole of  $K_{12}$  be implemented together with  $K_{11}$ . The first condition has been proven in Theorem 4-4.2, page 76 of reference [15] to be stabilizable iff  $(S, Q_c)$  is a stable pair. The proof is easily obtained by proving the equivalence of the closed-loops in Figure 6. This equivalence follows from the combination of the LFT coefficient matrix  $J_{RG-GIMC}$  from equation (9) with the LFT coefficient from the Dual-Youla parameterization of  $G(S)$  from (4),  $J_{Snom}$ :

$$\begin{bmatrix} z_s \\ y \end{bmatrix} = J_{Snom} \begin{bmatrix} w_s \\ u \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -\tilde{U}\tilde{M}^{-1} & M^{-1} \\ \tilde{M}^{-1} & \tilde{M}^{-1}\tilde{N}_u \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} w_s \\ u \end{bmatrix} \quad (14)$$

which yields the combined coefficient matrix  $J_T$ :

$$\begin{bmatrix} z_s \\ r \\ r_p \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} J_{T11} & J_{T12} & J_{T13} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & I \\ J_{T31} & J_{T32} & J_{T33} & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} w_s \\ cmd \\ s \\ r \end{bmatrix} \quad (15)$$

where the coefficients are obtained after manipulating the

signals from (9) and (14):

$$J_{T11} = -\tilde{U}\tilde{M}^{-1} + M^{-1}(I - K_o G)^{-1} K_o \tilde{M}^{-1} = 0 \quad (16)$$

$$J_{T12} = -M^{-1}(I - K_o G)^{-1} K_o = -\tilde{U} \quad (17)$$

$$J_{T13} = M^{-1}(I - K_o G)^{-1} \tilde{V}^{-1} = I \quad (18)$$

$$J_{T31} = V^{-1}(I - GK_o)^{-1} \tilde{M}^{-1} = I \quad (19)$$

$$J_{T32} = \tilde{N}_u K_o - V^{-1}(I - GK_o)^{-1} GK_o = 0 \quad (20)$$

$$J_{T33} = V^{-1}(I - GK_o)^{-1} G \tilde{V}^{-1} - V^{-1} N_u = 0 \quad (21)$$

It is now straight-forward to obtain the diagram from Figure 6(c) and establish the stability result of  $(S, Q_c)$  for the case with no commands (direct also for  $cmd \neq 0$ ). ■

In order to extend the above result to the more general case  $P(S)$  from (22), as required in Theorem II.1, and to provide more insight into the effect the uncertainty has on the design of the integrated controller, the uncertain closed-loop transfer function is obtained next:

$$\begin{bmatrix} e \\ y \end{bmatrix} = P(S) \begin{bmatrix} w \\ u \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} P_{11}(S) & P_{12}(S) \\ P_{21}(S) & P_{22}(S) \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} w \\ u \end{bmatrix} \quad (22)$$

### Lemma III.1

The uncertain closed-loop for the RG-GIMC architecture, assuming  $P(S)$  is admissible and  $P_{22}(S) = G(S)$  is given by (4), can be represented by a lower linear fractional transformation formed by the Youla matrix  $Q = [Q_c \ Q_f]^T$  and the coefficient matrix  $T_{\Delta RG-GIMC}$ , see Fig. 7:

$$\begin{bmatrix} e \\ r \\ r_p \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} T_{\Delta 11} & T_{\Delta 12} \\ T_{\Delta 21} & T_{\Delta 22} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} w \\ cmd \\ s \\ r \end{bmatrix} \quad (23)$$

where

$$T_{\Delta 11} = \begin{bmatrix} P_{11}(S) + P_{12}(S)M(S)\tilde{U}P_{21}(S) & -P_{12}(S)M(S)\tilde{U} \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad (24)$$

$$T_{\Delta 12} = \begin{bmatrix} P_{12}(S)M(S) & 0 \\ 0 & I \end{bmatrix} \quad (25)$$

$$T_{\Delta 21} = [\tilde{M}(S)P_{21}(S) \quad 0] \quad (26)$$

$$T_{\Delta 22} = [S \quad 0] \quad (27)$$

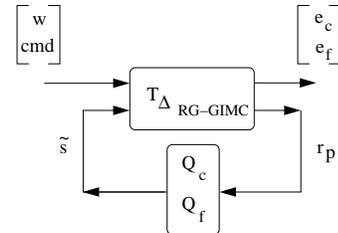


Fig. 7. Closed-loop  $(T_{\Delta RG-GIMC}, Q)$ .

Furthermore, the uncertain closed loop for the RG-GIMC architecture  $TF_{\tilde{w} \rightarrow \tilde{e}}$ , given by (28), is stable if and only if

$(G_u, K_o)$  and  $(S, Q)$  are stabilizing pairs.

$$\begin{bmatrix} e \\ r \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} P_{11}(S) + P_{12}(S)M(S)\nabla_{Q_c}P_{21}(S) \\ Q_f(I + S(I - Q_cS)^{-1}Q_c)\tilde{M}(S)P_{21}(S) \\ -P_{12}(S)M(S)\tilde{U} \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} w \\ cmd \end{bmatrix} \quad (28)$$

where  $\nabla_{Q_c} = (\tilde{U} + (I - Q_cS)^{-1}Q_c\tilde{M}(S))$ .

**Proof:** See proof of Lemma 6.4.3 in reference [4]. ■

*Remark 1.* Note that the (2,2)-term of the uncertain coefficient matrix, equation (27), contains now the uncertainty description  $S$  as opposed to the corresponding term from the nominal case [5]. This is expected and is independent of the controller or plant used [15].

*Remark 2.* A comparison of the closed-loop transfer functions for the uncertain case, equation (28), and the nominal case, equation (10), yields that the residual generation channel is coupled to both  $Q$ -parameters for the former case (as opposed to the nominal case where both channels are only dependent on one of the  $Q$  parameters). This is in agreement with the results from reference [12].

The same lemmas as in the one-degree-of-freedom controller case, Lemmas II.1 and II.2, can be used to provide the nested recursion of the RG-GIMC coefficient matrices of the plant (9) and the controller (14). This is straightforward to prove by induction.

#### IV. NESTED INTEGRATED CONTROL/FILTER ALGORITHM

In this section an algorithm is proposed which uses the nested integrated approach to improve the closed-loop robustness under an abnormal situation (either fault or large uncertainty). It is based on the pseudo-code given in Chapter 5.3 of reference [15] and was outlined in [5]. An important assumption for the applicability of the algorithm is the availability of an identification scheme that estimates the plant uncertainty  $S$ , for example that from Hansen [3].

Two types of faults are typically considered in fault diagnosis: parametric and additive faults. The identification of the Dual Youla parameter  $S$  can be used to diagnose the parametric faults. An example of an FDI filter that estimates parametric faults is given in [1]. In certain cases, the integrated residual generator  $Q_f$  can also be used for this task. For simplicity, we will assume that the residual parameter  $Q_f$  in the integrated controller is to be designed to optimize the detection and isolation of additive faults and severe disturbances only.

The idea of the algorithm is to re-design (or select from a bank of designs) the free-matrix  $Q = [Q_c \ Q_f]^T$  to improve the robustness of the closed-loop in the face of faults (additive or parametric), severe disturbances, and/or uncertainty. At each re-design step, the performance of the control and diagnosis objectives might be reduced but the free parameters are chosen to maximize them for the new closed loop.

If parametric faults or large uncertainties are detected:

- 1.a. Given the nominal controller  $K_o = U_oV_o^{-1}$  and plant  $G_o = N_oM_o^{-1}$ . Assume the true plant  $\tilde{G}$  is given, in terms of the unknown uncertainty  $S_o$  and the nominal plant  $G_o$ , using a Dual Youla parameterization:

$$\tilde{G} = G_o(S_o) = (N_o + V_oS_o)(M_o + U_oS_o)^{-1} \quad (29)$$

- 1.b. Find an estimate of  $S_o$  and factorize it, i.e. find  $\hat{S}_1 = N_{S_1}M_{S_1}^{-1}$ . Use this estimate to define a new, more exact, and known ‘nominal’ plant  $G_1$ :

$$\begin{aligned} G_1 = G_o(\hat{S}_1) &= (N_o + V_o\hat{S}_1)(M_o + U_o\hat{S}_1)^{-1} \\ &= (N_oM_{S_1} + V_oN_{S_1})(M_oM_{S_1} + U_oN_{S_1})^{-1} \\ &= N_1M_1^{-1} \end{aligned} \quad (30)$$

- 1.c. Design (or select) a new  $Q$ -controller by applying the integrated Youla/Dual-Youla ideas. In exactitude, synthesize (or select)  $Q_1$  based on  $\hat{S}_1$  such that: *i)*  $(Q_{c_1}, \hat{S}_1)$  is a stabilizing and performance-optimal pair, *ii)*  $(Q_{c_1}, S_o)$  is a stabilizing pair, and *iii)* the trade-off for  $(Q_{c_1}, Q_{f_1})$  is optimal.

Hence, the new ‘nominal’ controller  $K_o(Q_{c_1})$  still maintains stability for the true plant but results in improved performance for  $G_1$ .

- 1.d. For the new controller free-parameter  $Q_1 = U_{Q_1}V_{Q_1}^{-1}$ , find an updated representation of the true uncertainty  $S_o$  based on the estimated  $\hat{S}_1$  and a new unknown parameter  $S_1$ :

$$S_o = \hat{S}_1(S_1) = (N_{S_1} + V_{Q_1}S_1)(M_{S_1} + U_{Q_1}S_1)^{-1} \quad (31)$$

- 1.e. Find the new integrated controller  $K_1 = [K_{c_1} \ K_{f_1}]^T = U_1V_1^{-1}$  using the parameterizations given in (8):

$$\begin{aligned} K_{c_1} = K_o(Q_{c_1}) &= (U_o + M_oQ_{c_1})(V_o + N_oQ_{c_1})^{-1} \\ &= (U_oV_{Q_{c_1}} + M_oU_{Q_{c_1}})(V_oV_{Q_{c_1}} + N_oU_{Q_{c_1}})^{-1} \end{aligned} \quad (32)$$

$$K_{f_1} = K_o(Q_{f_1}, Q_{c_1}) = Q_{f_1}(I + V_o^{-1}N_oQ_{c_1})^{-1}V_o^{-1} \quad (33)$$

- 1.f. Find the new representation of the true plant, using again the Dual Youla parameterization from (4):

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{G} = G_o(S_o) &= G_o(\hat{S}_1(S_1)) = G_1(S_1) \\ &= (N_1 + V_1S_1)(M_1 + U_1S_1)^{-1} \end{aligned} \quad (34)$$

which can be rewritten using (30) and (32) as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{G} &= \left( (N_oM_{S_1} + V_oN_{S_1}) + (V_oV_{Q_1} + N_oU_{Q_1})S_1 \right) \\ &\quad \left( (M_oM_{S_1} + U_oN_{S_1}) + (U_oV_{Q_1} + M_oU_{Q_1})S_1 \right)^{-1} \end{aligned} \quad (35)$$

- 1.g. Given the new pair  $G_1 = N_1M_1^{-1}$  and  $K_1 = U_1V_1^{-1}$  repeat from step 2: find a new estimate  $\hat{S}_2$  of the uncertainty  $S_1$ , design new  $Q_2$  such that  $(Q_2, \hat{S}_2)$  is stable and optimal and  $(Q_2, \hat{S}_1)$  stabilizing, and subsequently find the new

plant and controller. Terminate when the closed-loop properties are acceptable.

If additive faults are detected:

- 2.a. Find an integrated controller,  $Q_1 = U_{Q_1} V_{Q_1}^{-1}$  that stabilizes the system and provides optimal closed-loop and diagnostic performance.
- 2.b. Find the new controller,  $K_1 = K_o(Q_1)$ , given by (32) and (33).
- 2.c. Repeat if new faults are detected.

*Remark 1.* The design of  $Q$  for the parametric/uncertain case relies in the identification of the Dual Youla while the design for the additive faults is independent of it. Both branches of the algorithm re-design the controller component iteratively to address the new demands on robustness while optimizing the filter performance as a result of the integrated framework.

Note that the  $Q$ -parameter design stage could be based on a selection of off-line designs which are plug in the new controller using the Youla LFT representation.

An important assumption is that the designed controller provides an adequate level of robustness (together with a necessary safety factor but not a worst-case robust design in any instance). This assumption is widely used in the adaptive control literature although from a practical point of view it is critical and still an open research question.

*Remark 2.* Notice in step 1.b that the uncertainty estimate  $\hat{S}_1$  can be rewritten as follows:

$$\hat{S}_1 = \tilde{M}_o (G_1 - G_o) M_o (\hat{S}_1) = \tilde{M}_o (G_1 - G_o) M_1 \quad (36)$$

where the double Bezout identities:  $(V_o \tilde{M}_o - N_o \tilde{U} = I)$  and  $(-M_o \tilde{U} + U_o \tilde{M} = 0)$  are used in (30) to get:

$$\begin{aligned} G_1 &= (N_o + V_o \hat{S}_1) (M_o + U_o \hat{S}_1)^{-1} \\ &= \left( N_o + (I + N_o \tilde{U}) \tilde{M}^{-1} \hat{S}_1 \right) \Delta_{G_1} \\ &= \left( N_o (I + M_o^{-1} U_o \hat{S}_1) + \tilde{M}^{-1} \hat{S}_1 \right) \Delta_{G_1} \\ &= N_o M_o^{-1} + \tilde{M}^{-1} \hat{S}_1 M_1^{-1} \end{aligned} \quad (37)$$

$$\Delta_{G_1} = (I + M_o^{-1} U_o \hat{S}_1)^{-1} M_o^{-1} \quad (38)$$

Hence, the estimate  $\hat{S}_1$  is actually a frequency-weighted version of the difference between the nominal plants  $G_o$  and  $G_1$ , as indicated in [15] and in Section II.

## V. CONCLUSIONS

In this paper an extension of the integrated (control and diagnostic) approach to the concept of nested structures is given. This extension hinges on the formulation of the integrated controller and uncertain plant as linear fractional transformations whose coefficient matrices cancel out. An algorithm for the nested integrated approach with the potential to detect parametric and additive faults has been given as well.

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