

Identifying Michel

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(A. Isidori, Nolcos 2010)

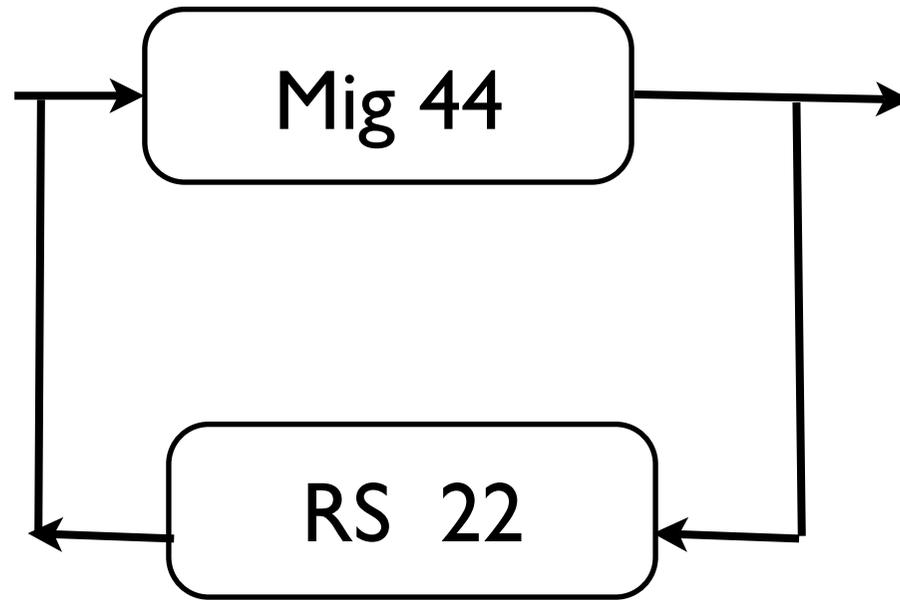
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Most exciting signal ?



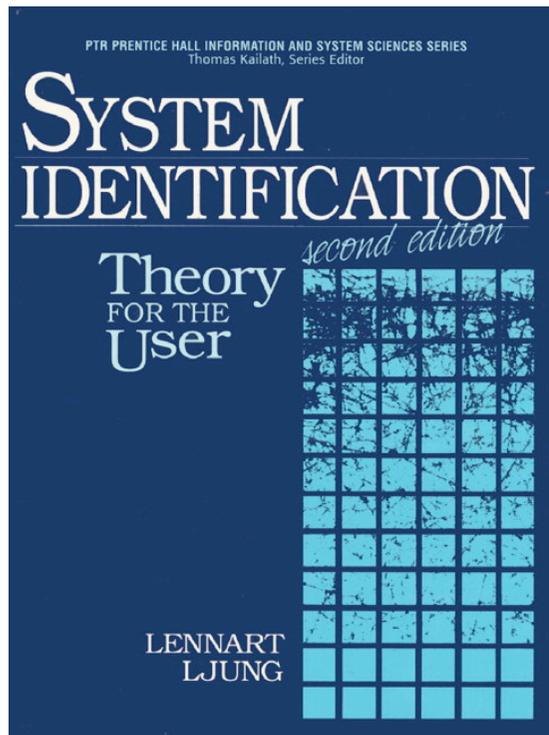
A risky question ...

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A student prospective

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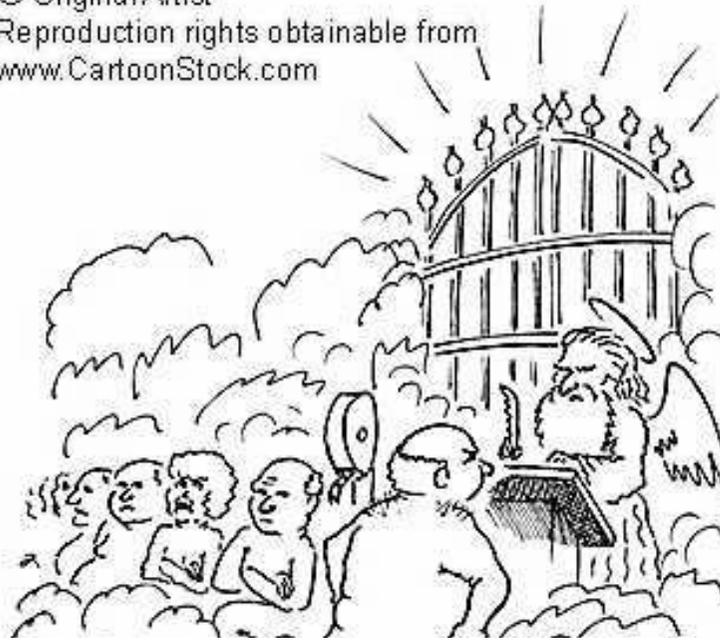
My first encounter with a research-driven teacher

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"You've been back for three weeks now, Emberson. I'm not buying your jet leg excuse anymore."



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A highly dedicated person

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The “good sort” of American leftist

My first visit(s) to Michel

Ne pas déranger svp

(Je termine un chapitre de 56 pages pour une conférence très importante)
Mig

Ne frappez qu'en cas d'absolue nécessité.

Je travaille d'arrache-pied avec un visiteur très important.

Mig

De retour dans trois semaines.

Lydia (pour le Professeur Gevers)

Prière de vous adresser au secrétariat.

Je suis au bord de l'épuisement.

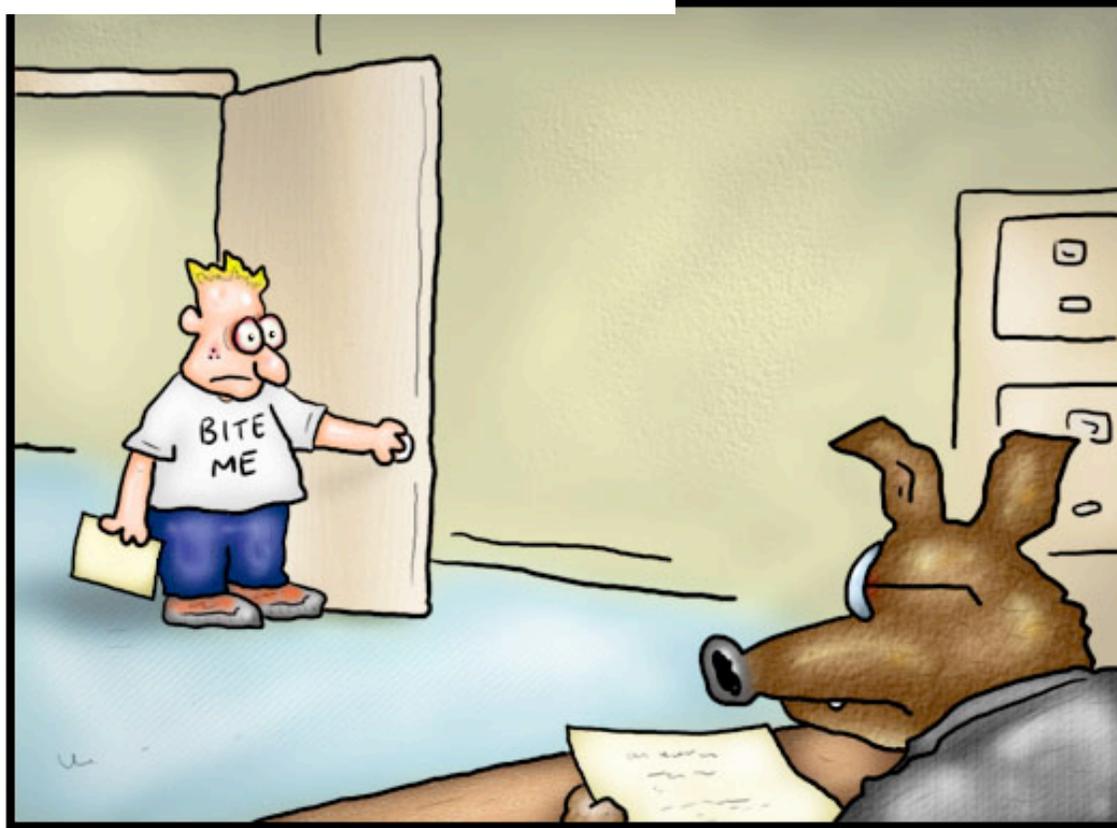
Mig

No free lunch...

My (eventual) first encounter with Mig

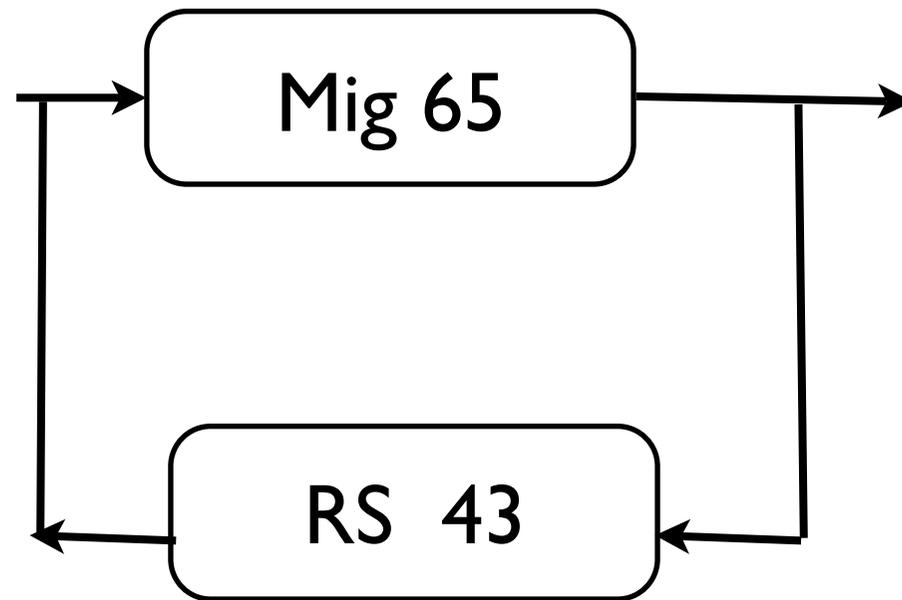


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*Is research really what you want to do ???
Really really ?????*

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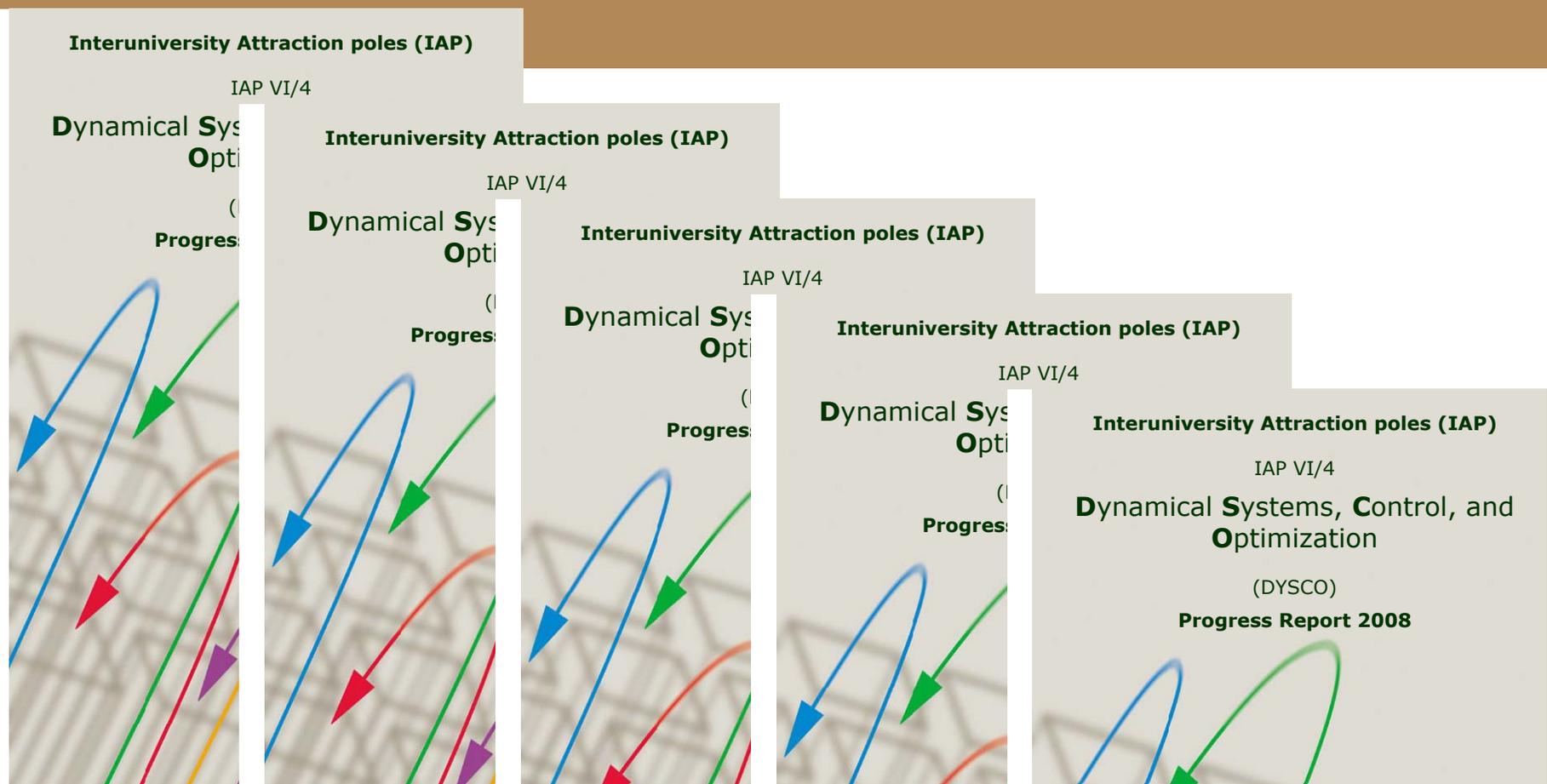
20 years of iterative feedback tuning

A **research-driven** scientist, promotor, mentor, activist,
coordinator, super-coordinator, super-super-coordinator, friend,
father, colleague,...

Papers submitted or in preparation

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The devil is in the details...

The right sort of activist...

Michel Gevers est courtois, posé, chaleureux et dissimule bien derrière son 1,90 m un parcours brillant. Un profil de meneur ? «Oui, répond-il, sourire aux lèvres, j'ai toujours eu une fibre très forte pour tout ce qui est politique, lutte anti-discrimination, droits de l'homme.»
Portrait minute: un chercheur mobilisé, La Quinzaine, mars 2005.

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