
Some Topics on Nonlinear Moving-Horizon Observers

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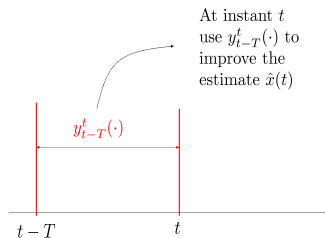
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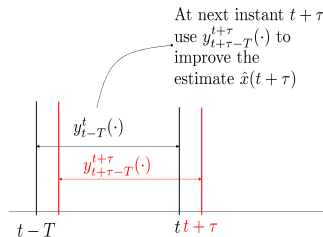
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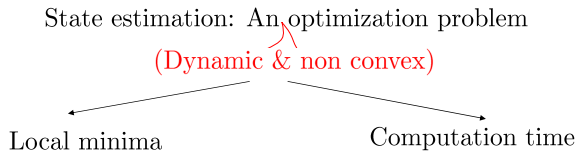
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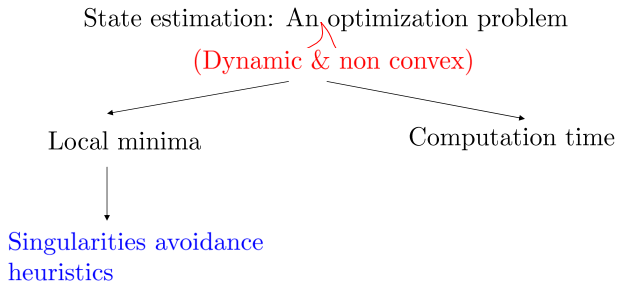
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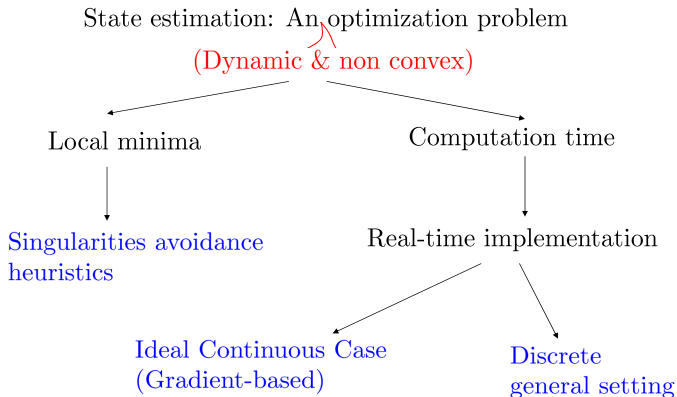
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Constraints

- $x(t) \in \mathbb{X}(t) \subset \mathbb{R}^n$
- $w(t) \in \mathbb{W}(t) \subset \mathbb{R}^{n_w}$ Uncertainties/Disturbances.
- $v(t) \in \mathbb{V}(t) \subset \mathbb{R}^{n_y}$ Measurement noise

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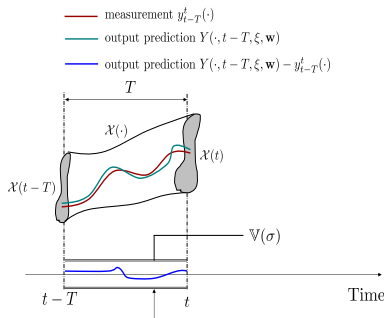
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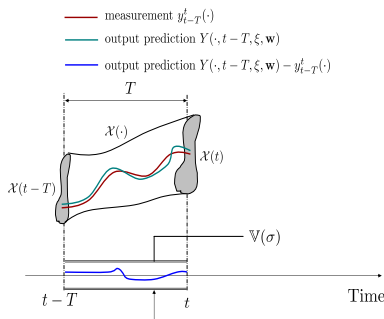
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- 1 meets the constraints
- 2 explains the measurements

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- Either $\Omega_t = \{x(t)\}$, for instance because
 - $\mathbb{W} = \{0\}$, $\mathbb{V} = \{0\}$ and
 - The system has no indistinguishable states

$$\int_{t-T}^t \|Y(\sigma, t - T, x^{(1)}) - Y(\sigma, t - T, x^{(2)})\|^2 d\sigma \geq \alpha(\|x^{(1)} - x^{(2)}\|)$$

for all $t \geq 0$ and all $(x^{(1)}, x^{(2)}) \in \mathbb{X}(t - T) \times \mathbb{X}(t - T)$.

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$$P(t) \quad : \quad \min_{(\xi, \mathbf{w}) \in \Omega_t} J(t, \xi, \mathbf{w}) \quad \rightarrow \quad (\hat{\xi}(t), \hat{\mathbf{w}}(t))$$

estimation: $\hat{x}(t) = X(t, t - T, \hat{\xi}(t), \hat{\mathbf{w}}(t))$

Temporal Parametrization (1)

$$\text{Solve } P(t) \quad : \quad \min_{(\xi, \mathbf{w}) \in \mathcal{C}(t)} J(t, \xi, \mathbf{w})$$

In many textbooks, the following parametrization is suggested for \mathbf{w} :

$$p_w := \{\mathbf{w}(k\tau)\}_{k=k_0}^{k_0+N-1} \in \mathbb{W}(k_0) \times \dots \times \mathbb{W}(k_0 + N - 1) \subset \mathbb{R}^{n_w \cdot N}$$

- Decision variable (ξ, p_w) of **dimension** $n + N \cdot n_w$
- Too rich spectral content **increasing** uselessly Ω_t
- **High sensitivity** to the knowledge of $\mathbb{W}(\cdot)$.

Unrealistically too many possible interpretations of the measurements

Temporal parametrization (2)

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Use a reduced dimensional parametrization

$$\mathbf{w}(t) = \mathcal{W}(t, \rho_w) \quad ; \quad \rho_w \in \mathbb{P}.$$

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- $\bar{\mathbf{x}} := (\mathbf{x}^T, \rho_w^T)^T \in \mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R}^{n_p}$
- $\dot{\rho}_w = 0$

New uncertainty-free
extended state estimation problem.

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Rely on the implication

$$\{J(t, \xi) \rightarrow 0\} \Rightarrow \underbrace{\{X(t, t - T, \xi) \rightarrow x(t)\}}_{\hat{x}(t)}$$

- + No need to study the dynamic of e
- + No need for structural assumptions
- + Observability \Leftrightarrow Observer
- + Handling constraints on the state

Potential problems

- Global convergence ?
- Computation time ?

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Forthcoming issues

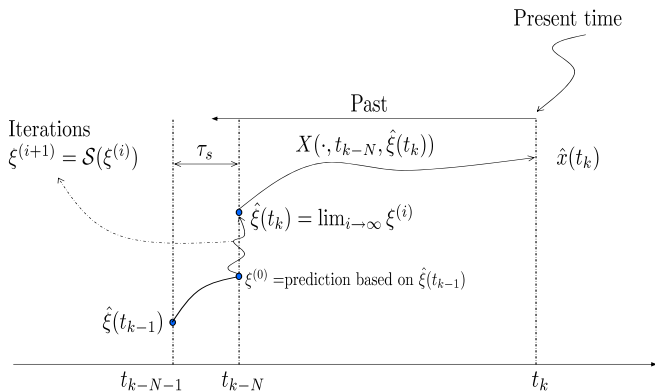
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- **No** generic and definitive solution ... !
- **Heuristics** for singularities avoidance

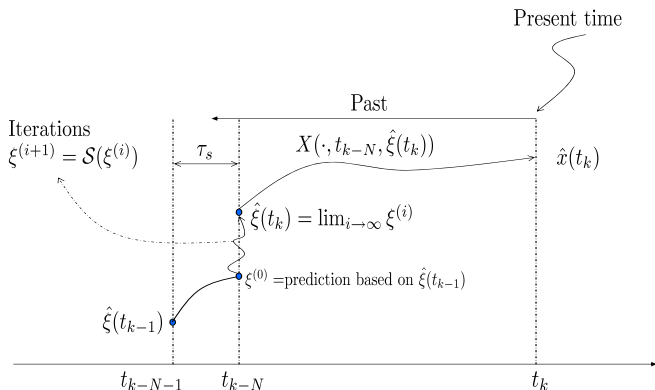
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- **Differential form** of optimization based observer
- **Real-Time** iterations / Optimal choice of updating period

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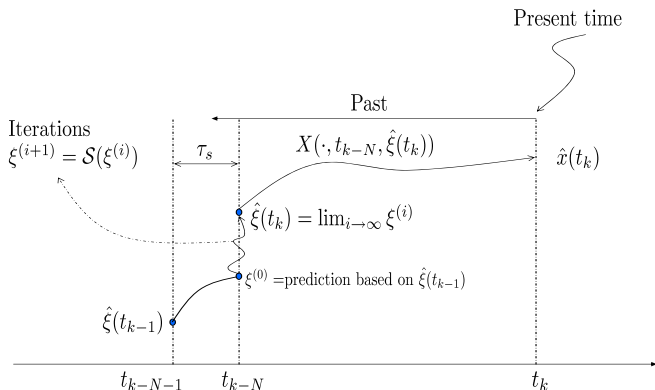


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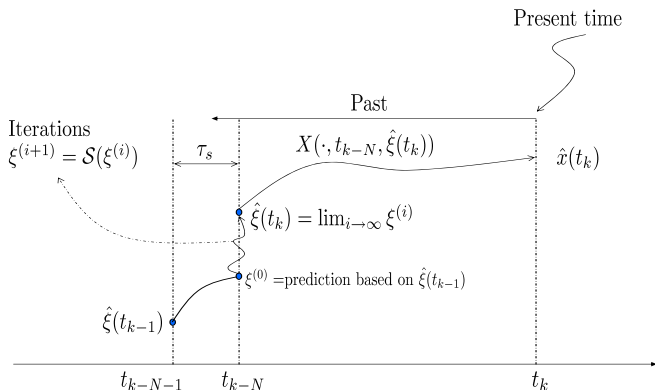
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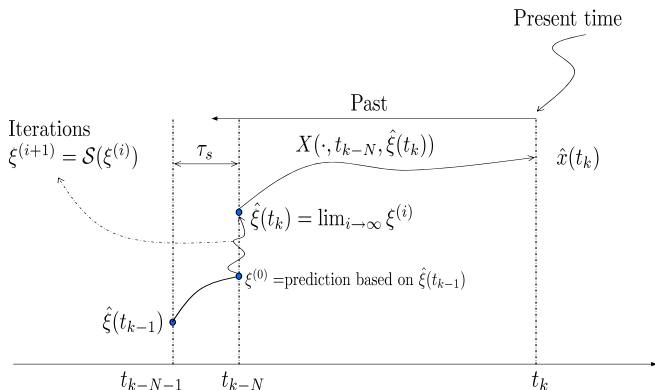
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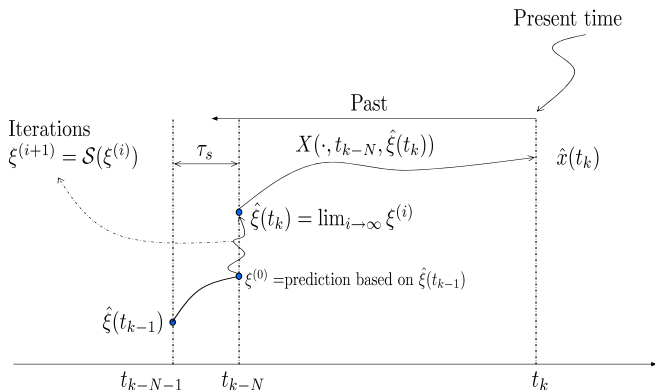
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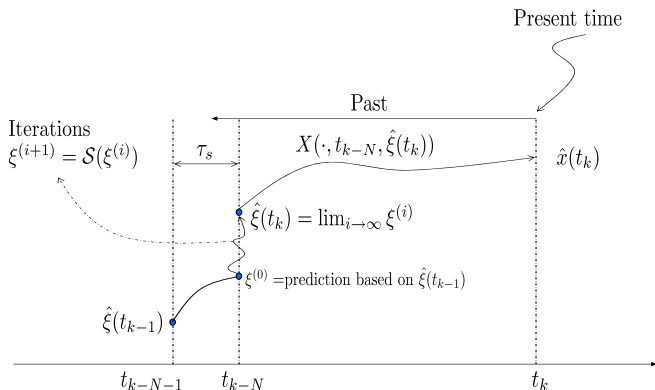
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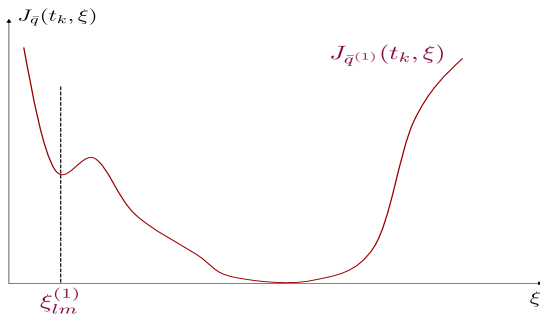
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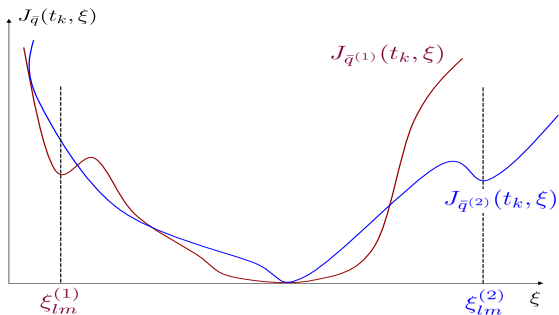
$$Q_i(k) = \gamma^{k-i} \cdot q_i \cdot \mathbb{I}_{n_y} \quad \text{s.t.} \quad q_i > 0 \quad \text{and} \quad \sum_i q_i = 1 \quad (1)$$

- $\gamma \in]0, 1]$ Forgetting factor
- \mathbb{I}_{n_y} identity matrix in $\mathbb{R}^{n_y \times n_y}$
- Notations: $\bar{q} = (q_1, q_2, \dots, q_N)^T$, $J_{\bar{q}}(t_k, \xi)$, $S_{\bar{q}}^{N_{max}}(\xi^{(0)}, t_k, y_{t_{k-N}}^{t_k})$

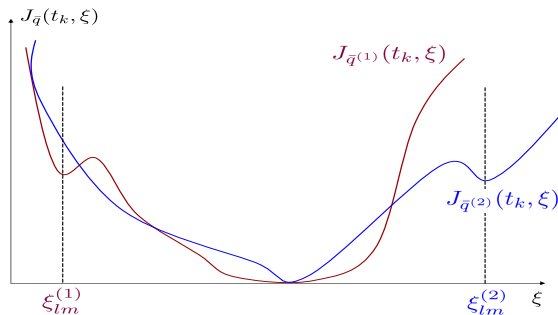
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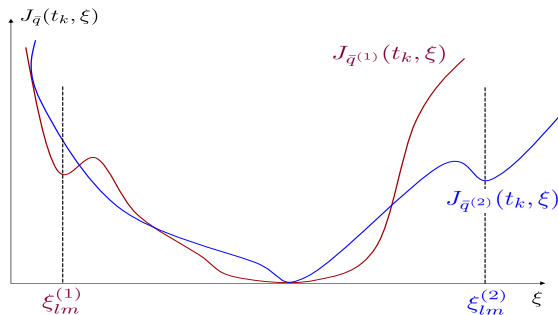


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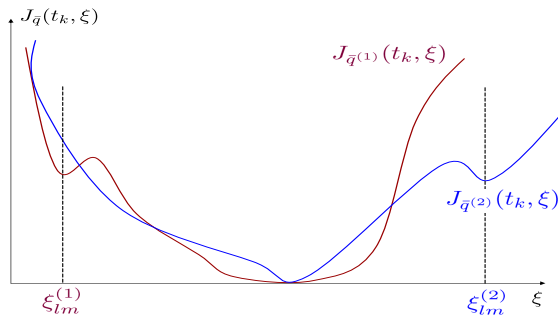
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- Think about an infinite number of $J_{\bar{q}}(t_k, \cdot)$ (randomly generated)

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- Implementation constraint

$$N_{\text{trial}} \times N_{\text{max}} \times \tau_{\text{iter}} \leq \tau_s$$
- The Trade-off is problem dependent

Example: State estimation of terpolymerization reactors

- Produce polymer from multi-monomer
- Controlling the final properties need the state to be estimated
- State: Polymer composition \leftrightarrow Monomers concentrations
- Complex equations
- Unknown dynamics
- High gain observers need tremendous simplifications to give rather poor performance



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The $[M_i^P]$ depend in the state according to:

$$[M_i^P] = \begin{cases} \frac{(1 - \phi_p^P)N_i}{\sum_j \frac{N_j MW_j}{\rho_j}}, & \text{(Phase II)} \\ \frac{N_i}{\sum_j MW_j \left(\frac{N_j^T - N_j}{\rho_{j,h}} + \frac{N_j}{\rho_j} \right)}, & \text{(Phase III)} \end{cases}$$

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$$y = (1 + \nu) \cdot h(x)$$

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- The uncertainties

$$d_i(k) = d_{max} \cdot r_i(k)$$

$$\nu(k) = \nu_{max} \cdot r_\nu(k)$$

- r_i and ν randomly chosen in $[-1, +1]$

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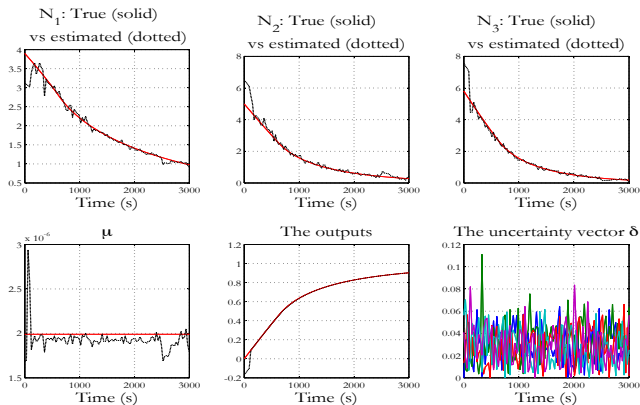


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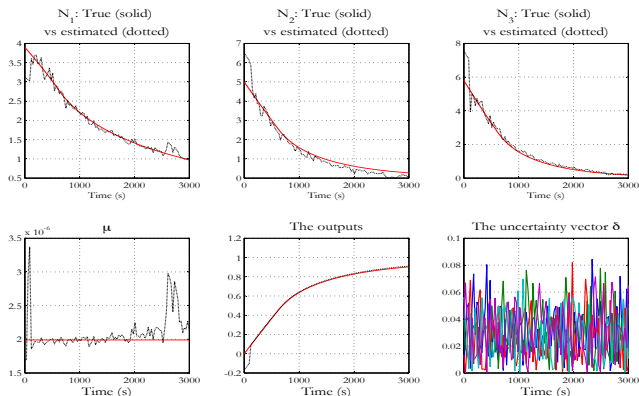


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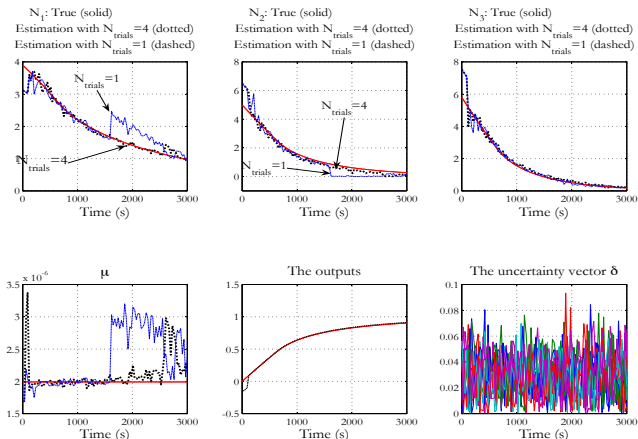


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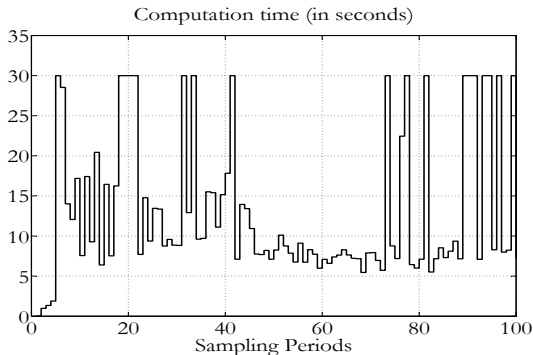


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Experimental results

Parameter	Value	Unit
ϕ_P^P	0.4	
MW_1	128.2	(g/mol)
MW_2	100.12	(g/mol)
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ρ_1	0.89	(g/cm ³)
ρ_2	0.94	(g/cm ³)
ρ_3	0.93	(g/cm ³)
$\rho_{1,h}$	1.08	(g/cm ³)
$\rho_{2,h}$	1.15	(g/cm ³)
$\rho_{3,h}$	1.17	(g/cm ³)
k_{p11}	4.5×10^5	(cm ³ /mol/s)
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r_{13}	6.635	
r_{31}	0.037	
r_{23}	22.21	
r_{32}	0.07	

Table: Parameter values of the terpolymerization of BuA/MMA/VAc (used in the experimental validation)

Component	Charge (g)
Butyl acrylate	300
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Water	2380

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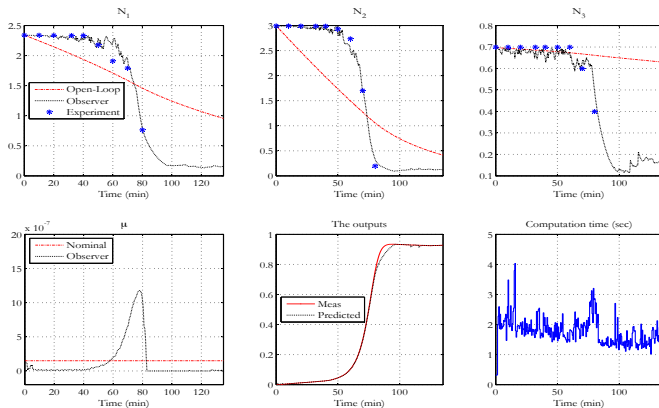
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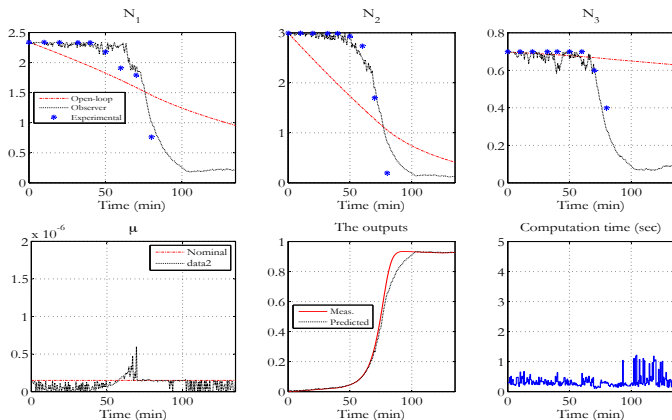
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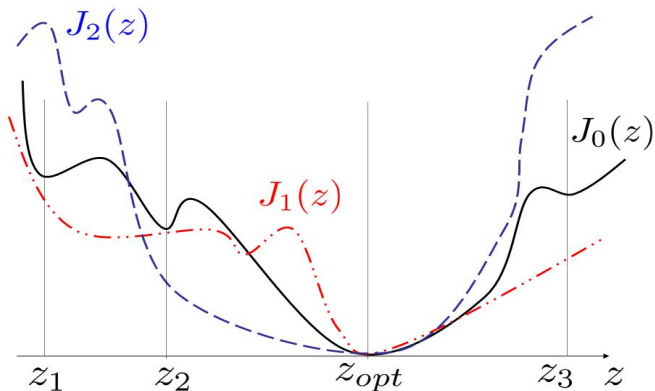
Ideally: $\hat{z}(t) = x(t-T)$ is the **unique global minimum for ALL cost functions**

$$J_i(t, z) = \int_{t-T}^t [\Phi_i(\tau) \cdot \Psi_i(\epsilon_y(\tau, z))] d\tau$$

for all

- $\Phi_i : [t-T, t] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+$
- $\Psi_i(\cdot)$ positive definite function defined on \mathbb{R}^{n_y}

Typical scheme behind the intuition



Let us try the special choice

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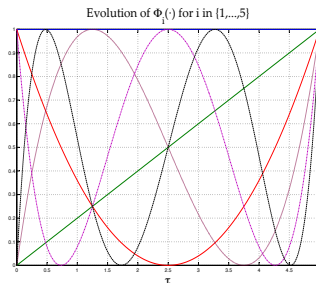
$$\Psi_i(y) = y^T y$$

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where for $i \in \{1, \dots, N\}$, T_i stands for the i th Tchebychev polynomials of the first kind, namely:

$$T_0(x) = 1 \quad ; \quad T_1(x) = x$$

$$T_{i+1}(x) = 2xT_i(x) - T_{i-1}(x)$$



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Figure: Escherichia coli under 15000 magnification factor

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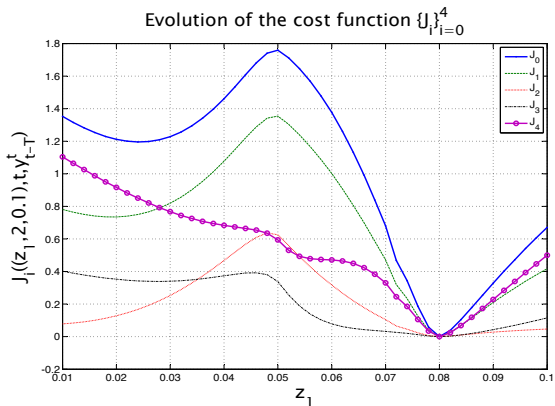
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y_s	0.75	$g \text{ cell} / g \text{ glycerol}$
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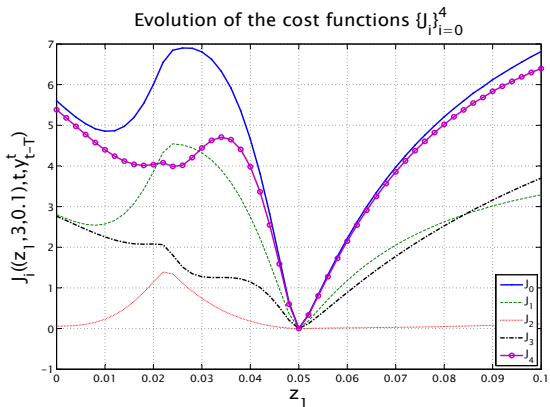
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Some general formalism

- Assume some solver iteration:

$$z^{(i+1)} = \mathcal{S}(z^{(i)}, J(\cdot))$$

- Denote multiple-iteration map

$$z^{(i+r)} = \mathcal{S}^{(r)}(z^{(i)}, J)$$

- Define the $(z^{(0)}, J)$ -solver path by

$$\left\{ \mathcal{S}^{(r)}(z^{(0)}, J) \right\}_{r \in \mathbb{N}}$$

Definition: N -Safely redundant optimization problem

The optimization problem is called N -safely redundant iff

- 1 There exists a finite sequence of N cost functions J_i defined on \mathbb{R}^n that admits $x(t - T)$ as a global minimum.
- 2 There exists a solver \mathcal{S} and a finite integer $r^* \in \mathbb{N}$ such that:

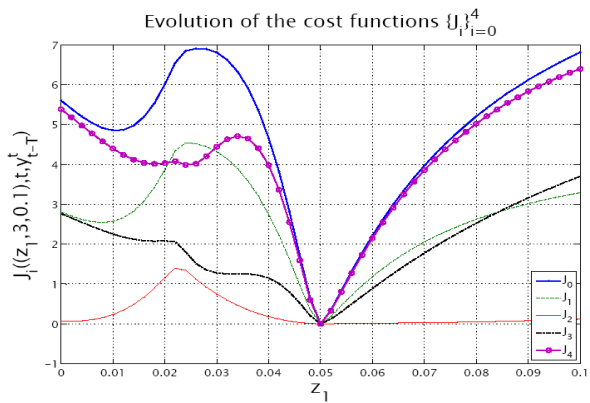
$$\Delta(z) := \min_{i \in \{1, \dots, N\}} \left[J_0(\mathcal{S}^{(r^*)}(z, J_i)) - \gamma J_0(z) \right] \leq 0 \quad (2)$$

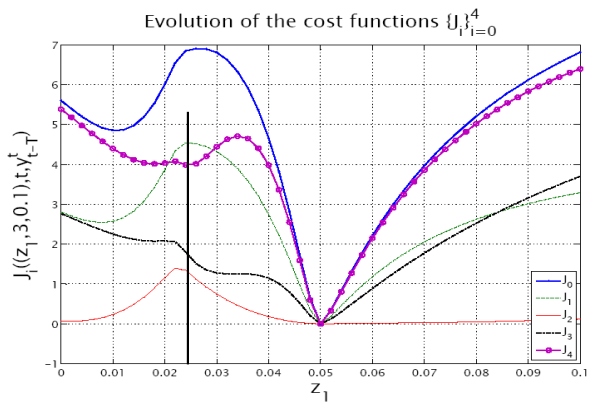
holds for some $\gamma \in [0, 1[$ and all $z \in \mathcal{Z}$. Moreover:

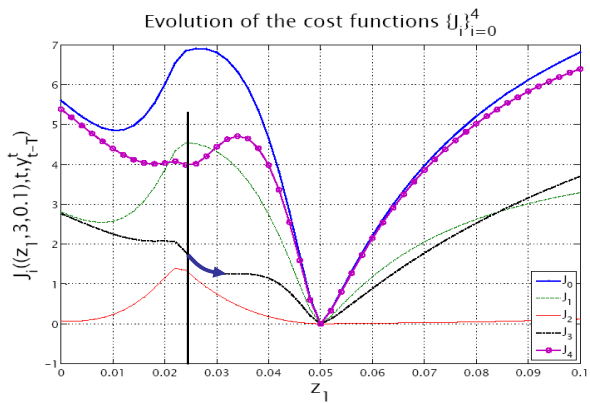
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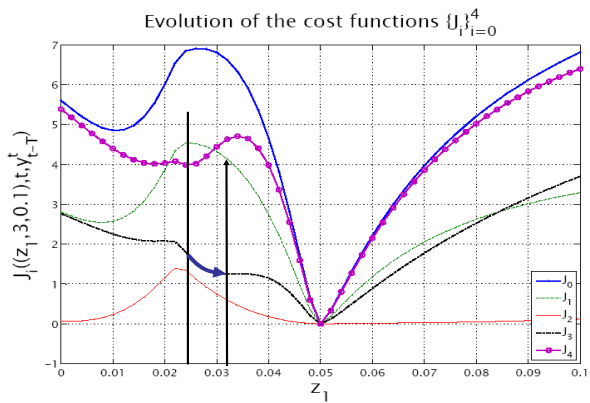
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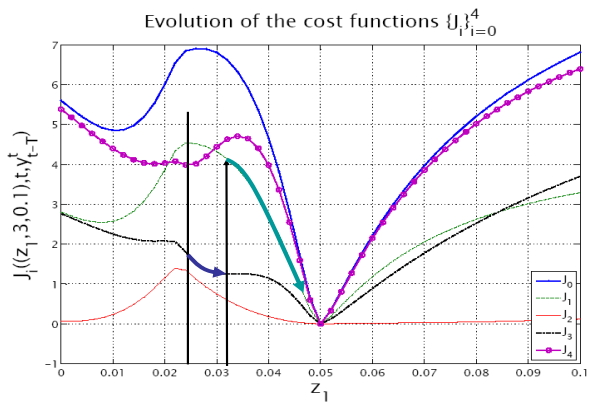












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1.2.3 If $again$ then $i \leftarrow i + 1$

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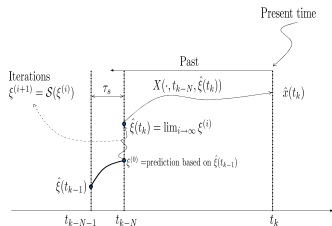
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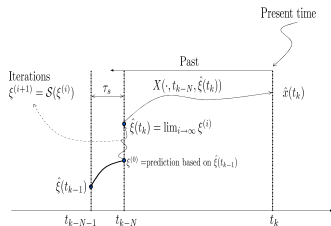
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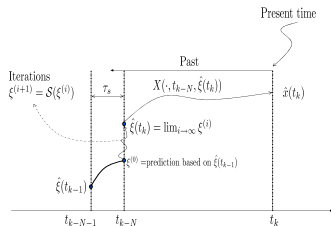
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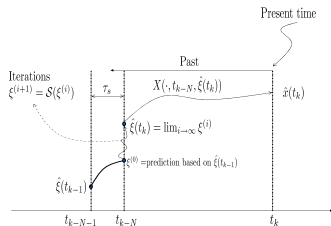
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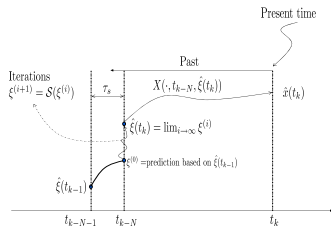
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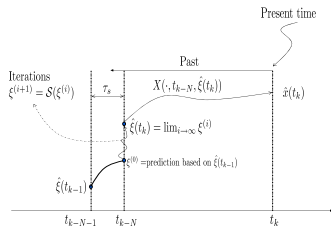
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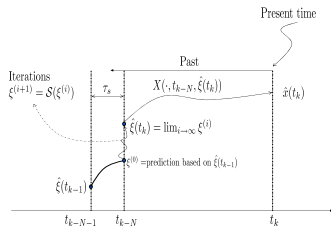
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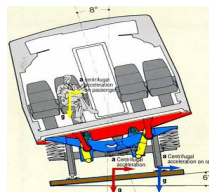
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Differential Form of Moving-Horizon Observers: Outline

For system of the form $\dot{x} = f(t, x)$:

$$\begin{aligned}\hat{\xi}(t) &= f(t - T, \xi(t)) + c(t, \xi(t)) \\ \hat{x}(t) &= X(t, t - T, \xi(t))\end{aligned}$$



- The correction term

$$c(t, \xi) := \gamma \left[\frac{J_{\xi}^T(t, \xi)}{\|J_{\xi}\|^2 + \varepsilon} \right] \left[-|\Delta_{t-T}^t(\epsilon_y(\cdot, \xi))| - [1 + \phi(t, \xi)] \sqrt{J} \right]$$

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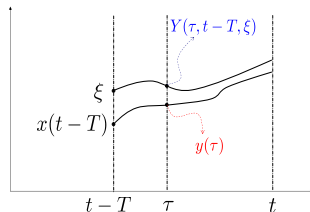
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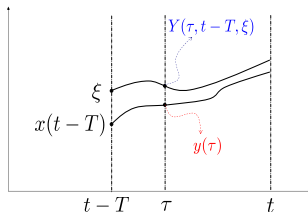
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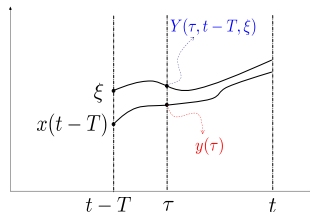
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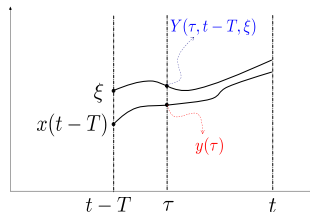
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Preliminary definitions & assumptions

System model

$$\dot{x}(t) = f(t, x(t))$$

$$y(t) = h(t, x(t))$$

Notations

- $X(t, t_0, x_0)$: State evolution
- $Y(t, t_0, x_0)$: Output evolution

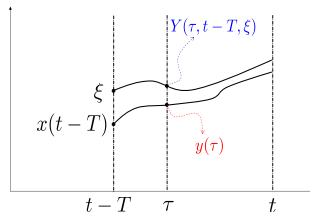
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Observer

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- if $\xi = x(t-T)$ then $J(t, \xi) = 0$
- Let ξ be a dynamic variable $\xi(t)$
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Reformulating the condition on $\dot{\xi}(t)$

By the very definition of observability, the two following formulations are equivalent

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2 Convergence

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- Non constructive assumption (only for proof)
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$$\lim_{(\varepsilon/\gamma) \rightarrow 0} \left[\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \|\hat{x}(t) - x(t)\| \right] = 0.$$

Convergence result

If the following conditions hold:

- ① The maps are continuously differentiable
- ② The system is uniformly observable
- ③ The uniform regularity assumption is satisfied

then for any a priori fixed desired precision $\eta > 0$ on the state estimation error, there is a sufficiently high ratio γ/ε such that the dynamic system given by:

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leads to an estimation error that is asymptotically lower than η .



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Bad News: The computation of the r.h.s of the observer equation is expensive.

[Integration of a differential system of order $n(n + 1)$]

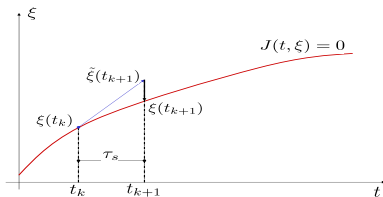
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Good News: Ideally, DAE's with invariant submanifold

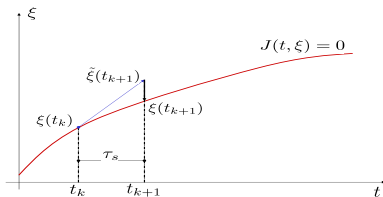
→ There are techniques (Ascher, Num. Alg. 1997) to accurately integrate with lower order methods



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Convergence analysis

Regardless the order of the integration scheme, one has

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} J(\xi(t_k)) = O(\tau_s^4)$$

[Alamir: Int. J. Contr. 1999]

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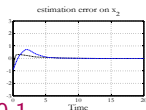
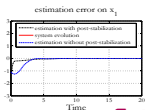
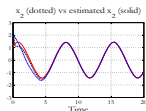
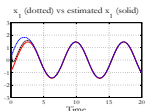
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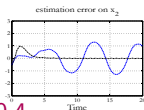
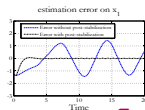
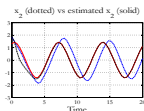
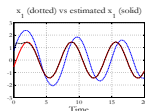
The benefit from the post-stabilization technique

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{x}_1 &= x_2 \\ \dot{x}_2 &= -\sin(x_1) - 0.2x_1 \cos(x_1x_2) \\ y &= x_1 + x_2\end{aligned}$$



$\tau_s = 0.1$

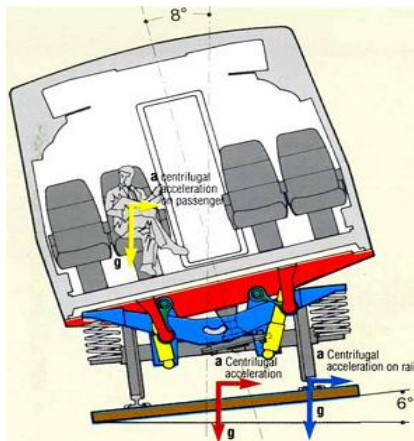
Almost no need for Post-stabilization step



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Post-stabilization is mandatory to keep precision under high sampling period.

The Moving-Horizon Observer in Tilting Trains



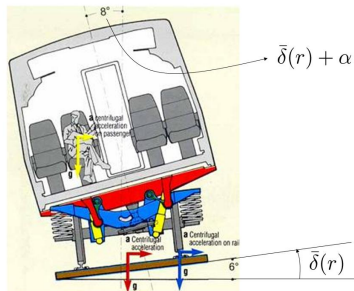
Context

- Coll. Alstom-Transport (Villuerbanne)
- 1997-1999
- Patented solution

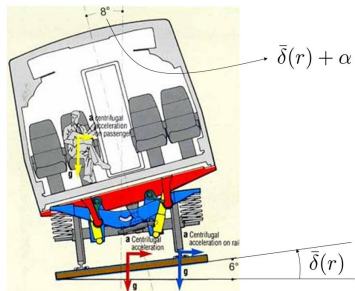
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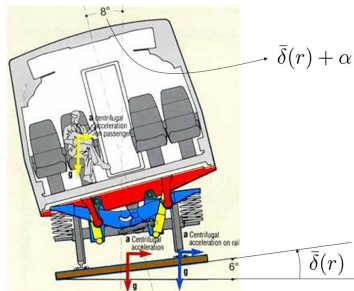


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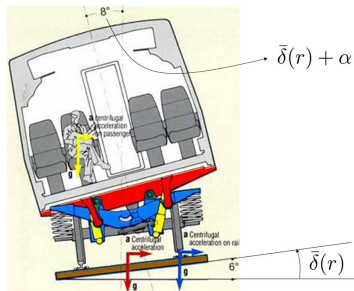
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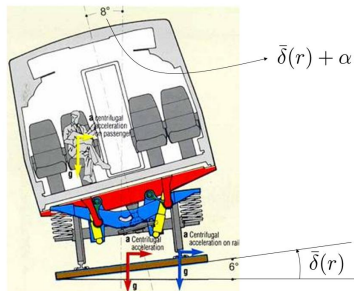
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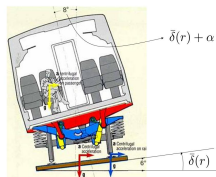
$$\bar{\delta}(r) = \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{V_{nom}^2 \cdot \rho(r)}{g} \right)$$

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$$\alpha_d(V(t), r(t)) := \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{1}{g} \cdot V^2(t) \cdot \rho(r(t)) \right) - \bar{\delta}(r(t))$$

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Tilting train: The Control Problem



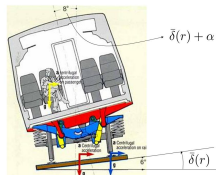
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that depends at each instant t on

- The train's velocity $V(t)$
- The curvilinear abscissa of the train on the rail $r(t)$
- The geometric characteristics of the rail $\rho(r(t))$ and $\bar{\delta}(r(t))$

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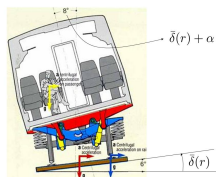


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- Need for an anticipative action (Predictive control)
- Any delay may give the exact inverse effect
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- Estimating $V(t)$ is a classical trouble in railways applications

The Estimation Problem

- State

$$x := \begin{pmatrix} \text{crvilinear abscissa } r \\ \text{relative error on velocity} \end{pmatrix}$$

- Measurement

$$y = \text{Yaw angular velocity}$$

$$V_m = \text{velocity sensor output}$$

System model for observation

$$\dot{x}_1 = (1 + x_2) \cdot V_m$$

$$\dot{x}_2 = 0$$

$$y = (1 + x_2)V_m \cdot \rho(x_1)$$

The map $\rho(\cdot)$ is available after *off-line* careful crossing of the line under consideration

[Paris-toulouse profile]

Computation of $J(t, \xi)$ and $J_\xi(t, \xi)$

Sensitivity System

$$\dot{z}_1 = (1 + z_2)V$$

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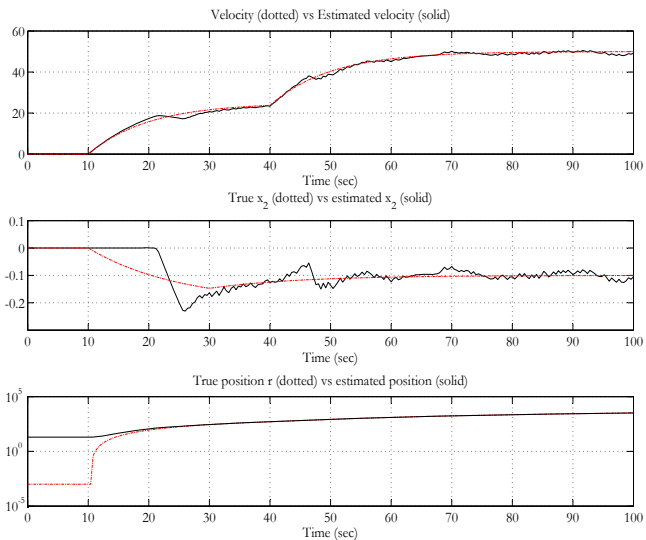
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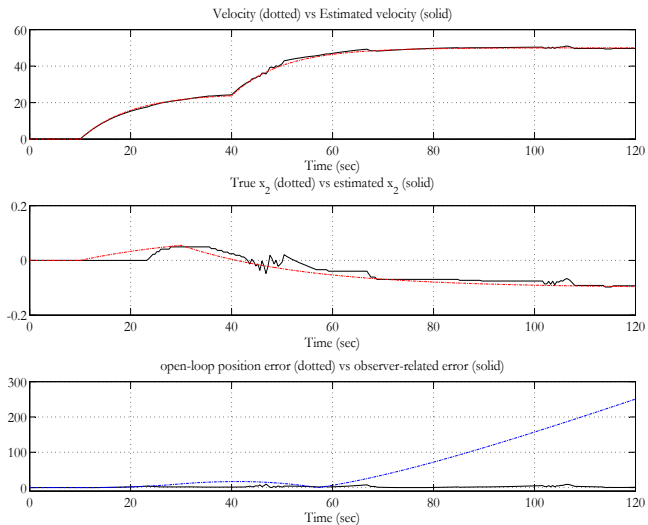
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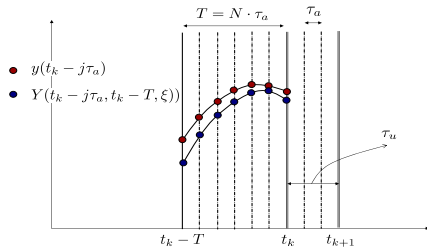
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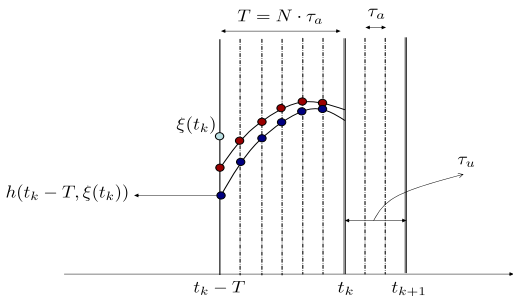
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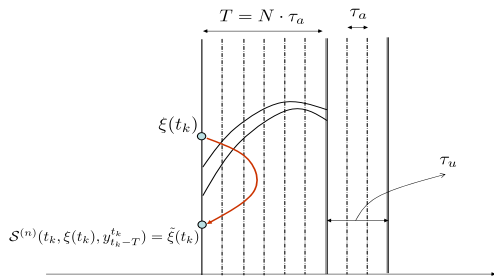
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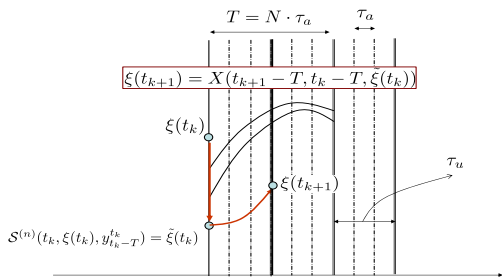
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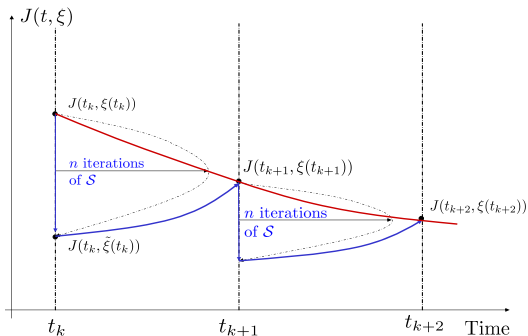
Using $\tilde{\xi}(t_k)$, update the value of $\xi(t_{k+1})$ according to

$$\xi(t_{k+1}) = X(t_{k+1} - T, t_k - T, \tilde{\xi}(t_k))$$

Two opposite processes

The updating mechanism involves **two opposite effects** on $J(t_k, \xi(t_k))$:

- 1 A **decreasing effect** from the n -iterations of the optimization process
- 2 An **increasing effect** from the open loop prediction over $\tau_u = N\tau_a$.



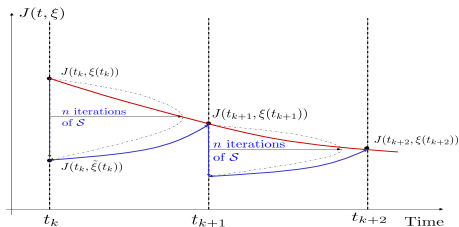
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Assumption: Efficiency of the optimizer

The iterative process \mathcal{S} is **efficient** in the sense that there exists some efficiency map $\alpha_{eff} : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow [0, 1[$ such that for all t and ξ , one has:

$$J\left(t, \mathcal{S}^{(n)}(t, \xi, y_{t-T}^t)\right) \leq \alpha_{eff}(n) \cdot J(t, \xi)$$

where $\alpha(\cdot)$ is a decreasing function such that $\alpha(0) = 1$.

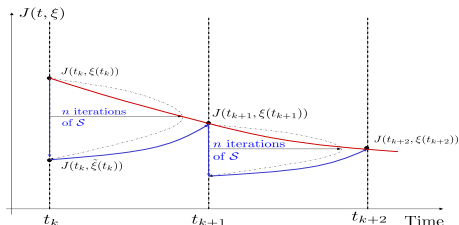


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Assumption: Open-loop behavior of the cost function

When using open-loop prediction, the only inequality one can guarantee is given by:

$$J(t + \tau, X(t + \tau - T, t - T, \xi)) \leq [J(t, \xi)] \cdot \vartheta(\tau) \quad (3)$$



Moving-Horizon Observers with Distributed Optimization

A rather qualitative result

Under the assumptions above, the convergence of the distributed in time optimization based observer is guaranteed provided that the following inequality holds:

$$\varpi(N_u) := \alpha_{\text{eff}} \left(E \left(\frac{N_u \tau_a}{\tau_{\text{iter}}} \right) \right) \cdot \vartheta(N_u \tau_a) < 1 \quad (4)$$

Moreover, the *convergence time* is given by:

$$t_r(N_u) \approx \left[\frac{3N_u}{|\log(\varpi(N_u))|} \right] \cdot \tau_a \quad (5)$$

where

- ✓ τ_a is the measurement acquisition period
- ✓ $N_u \tau_a$ is the updating period
- ✓ τ_{iter} is the time necessary to perform one iteration of the process \mathcal{S}



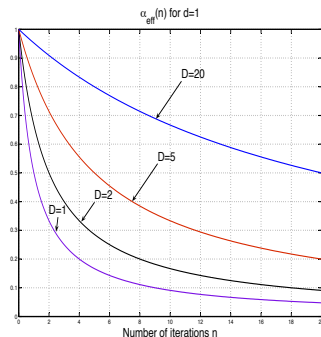
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Take the following example for illustration

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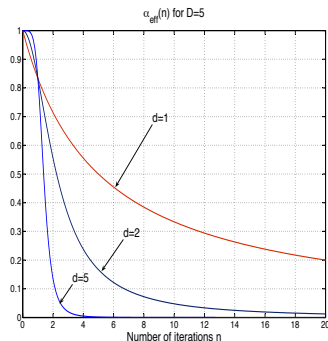
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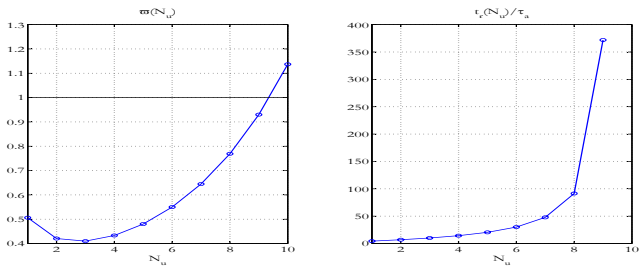


Figure: Evolutions of the stability indicator $\varpi(N_u)$ and the settling time $t_r(N_u)$ vs the number of iterations N_u used to update the state estimation. $D = 3$, $d = 1$, $\beta \cdot \tau_a = 0.3$ and $\tau_a/\tau_{iter} = 5$. Under these conditions, **stability cannot be guaranteed when more that 9 iterations are used**. The **optimal choice** (in term of settling time) is the one where only **one iteration** is used to perform the updating.

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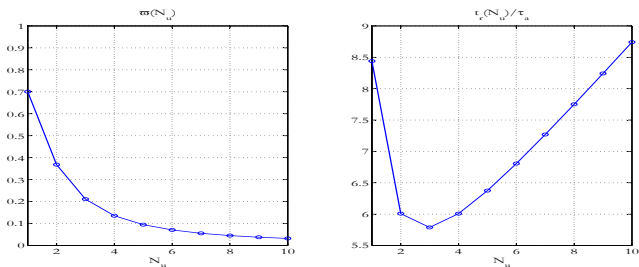


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Moving-Horizon Observers with Distributed Optimization

The success and the quality of the Moving-Horizon-Observer depend on

- The quality of the optimizer (d, D)
- The quality of the model (β)
- The iteration complexity (τ_{iter})
- The problem itself (The very existence of such parameters)

On-line identification of the problem parameters ?

⇒ On-line adaptation of the updating rate ?

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General Conclusion

- The progress in MHO ← progress of optimization tools
- MHO-related problem is **NOT ONLY** an optimization problem
- Promising direction:

Combine Analytic and Optimization Based Observers

(Let the MHO concentrate on the structure-free part of the problem)

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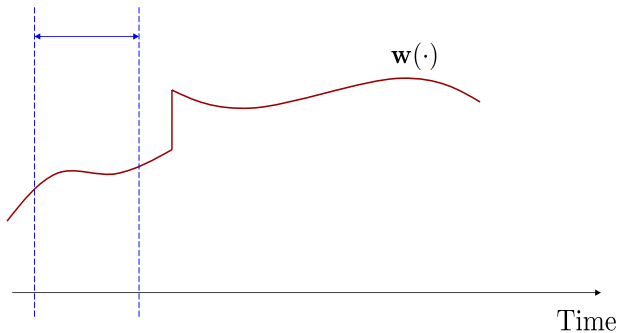
$$J(t, \xi, \mathbf{w}) := \Gamma(t, \xi - \xi^*(t)) + \int_{t-T}^t L(\mathbf{w}(\sigma), \varepsilon_y(\sigma))$$

- $\varepsilon_y(\sigma) = y_{t-T}^t(\sigma) - Y(\sigma, t - T, \xi, \mathbf{w})$ output prediction error
- $\xi^*(t)$ condenses the past knowledge.
- For **Kalman filter**

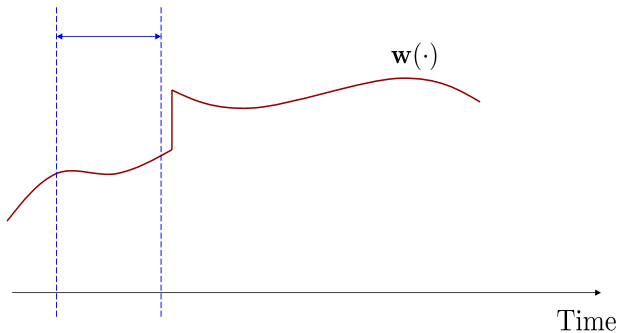
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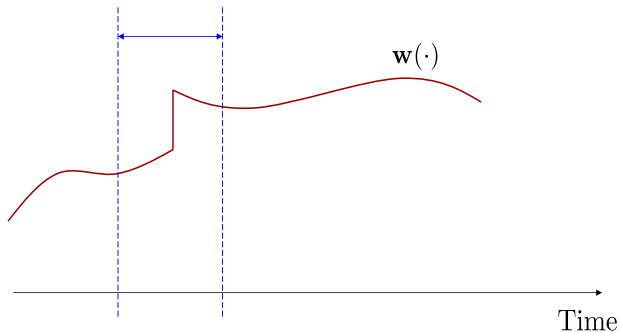
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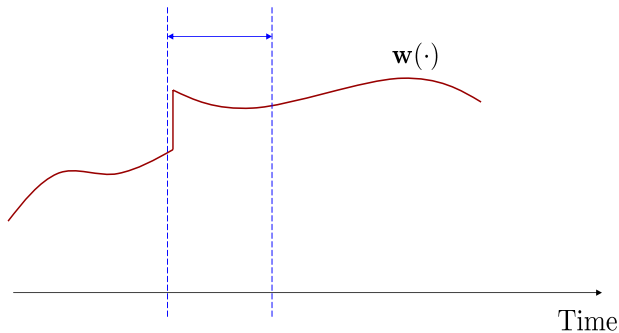
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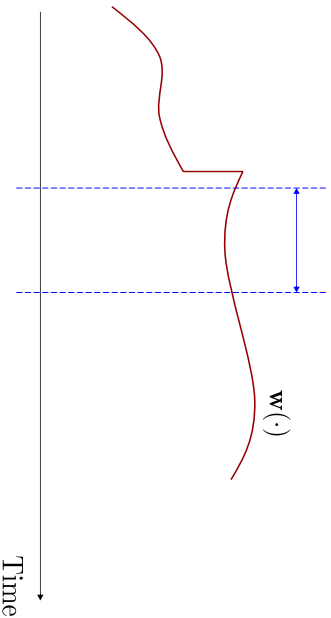
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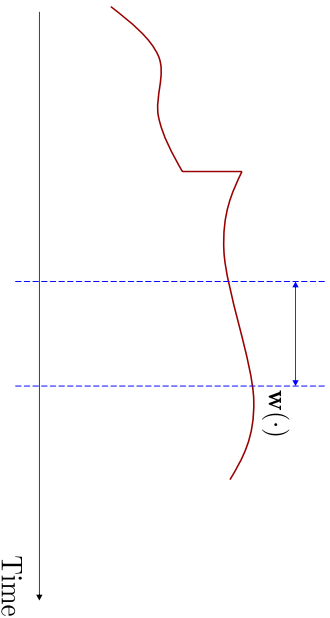
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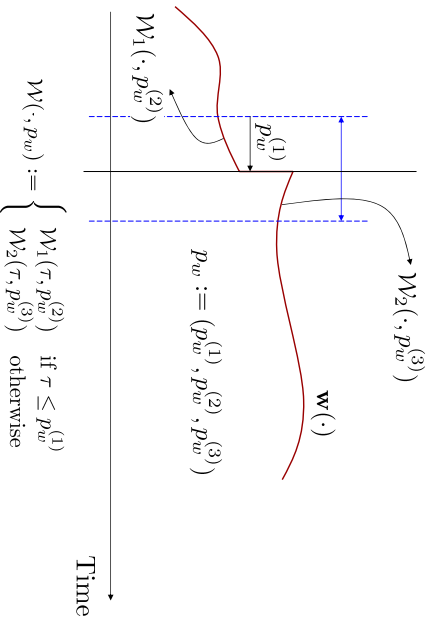
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Non smooth behaviors can be parametrized



Definition of the phase II: Existence of monomer droplets

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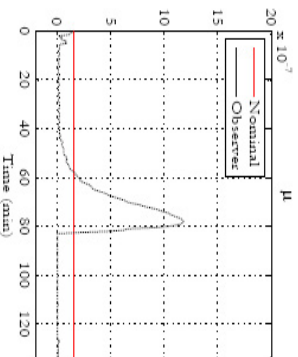
$$N_1\delta_1 + N_2\delta_2 + N_3\delta_3 - \frac{(1 - \phi_p^p)}{\phi_p^p}\sigma > 0 \quad (6)$$

$$\delta_i = MW_i \left(\frac{1}{\rho_i} + \frac{(1 - \phi_p^p)}{\rho_{i,h}\phi_p^p} \right), \quad i = 1, 2, 3 \quad (7)$$

and

$$\sigma = \sum_{j=1}^3 \frac{MW_j N_j^T}{\rho_{j,h}} \quad (8)$$

Example of dynamic evolution of μ



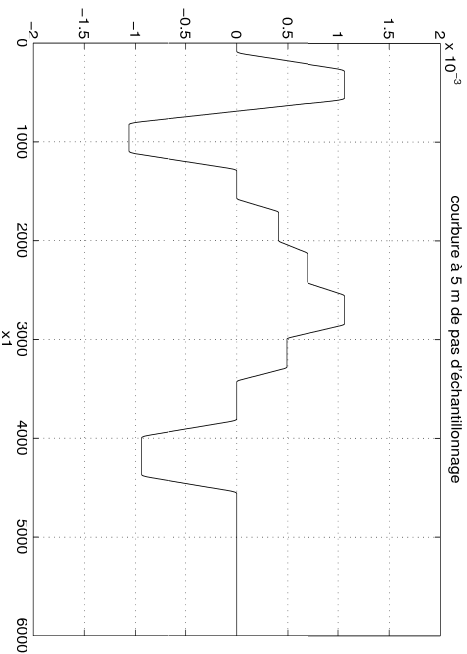
$$\frac{dY}{dt} \Big|_{c \equiv 0}(\tau, t - T, \xi(t)) = Y_{\xi}(\tau, t - T, \xi(t)) + Y_{\xi}(\tau, t - T, \xi(t))f(t - T, \xi(t))$$

Computing $\frac{dY}{dt} \Big|_{c \equiv 0}(\tau, t - T, \xi(t))$ amounts to compute the sensitivity of solutions of ODE's to initial conditions.

Sensitivity Computation

If $X(t, x_0)$ is solution of $\dot{x} = f(x)$ then $\frac{\partial X}{\partial x_0}(\tau, x_0)$ is given by $A(\tau) \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ where

$$\dot{A}(\sigma) = \left[\frac{\partial f}{\partial x}(X(\sigma, x_0)) \right] A(\sigma) \quad ; \quad A(0) = I_n$$

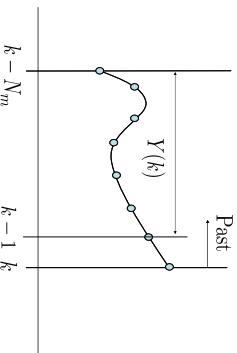


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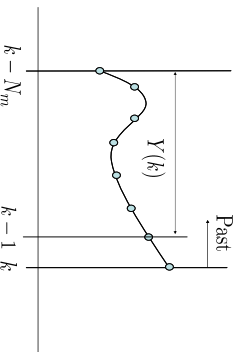
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- $\forall p \in \mathbb{P}, F(\cdot, p) = F_p(\cdot) : \mathbb{R}^{N_m} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$
- $F_p(\cdot)$ is unknown
- But $F_p(\cdot)$ is sensitive to variations on p

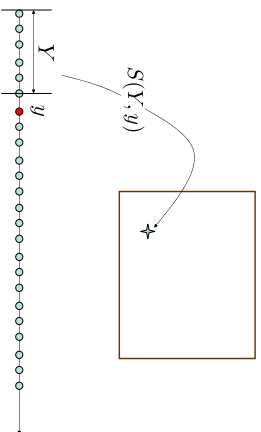
Any graphical signature of $F_p(\cdot)$ is generically sensitive to variations on p .

Graphical signatures generation

Any map

$$S : \mathbb{R}^N \times \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$$

may be used as a *pensil* to draw a signature of $F_p(\cdot)$ when applied to $(Y, F_p(Y))$



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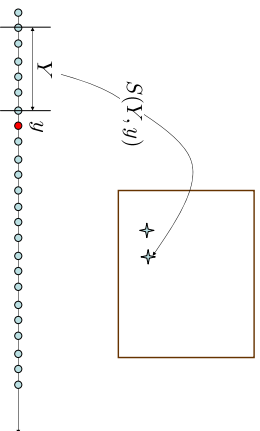
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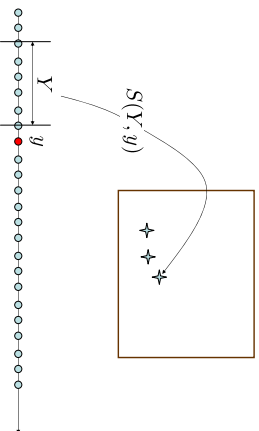
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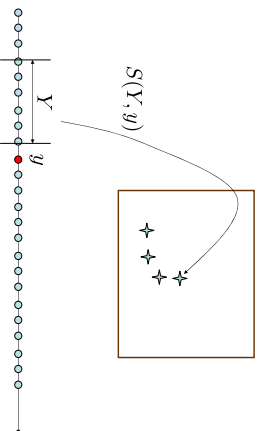
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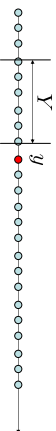
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may be used as a *pensil* to draw a signature of $F_p(\cdot)$ when applied to $(Y, F_p(Y))$



Signature of $F_p(\cdot)$

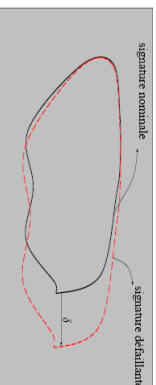


A family of signatures can be defined

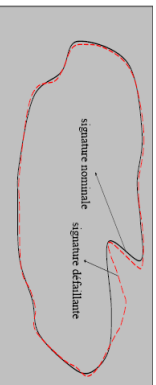
- Either by fixing N and changing S
- Or by *fixing* S and changing $N \in \{n, \dots, \infty\}$

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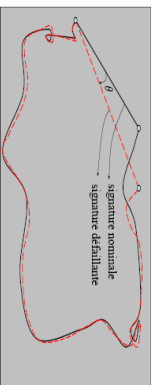
Signature S_{N_1}
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Signature S_{N_2}
when p_2 varies



Signature S_{N_3}
when p_3 varies



The key intuition (2)

Road map

- 1 Find as many N_i 's as necessary such that all the p_j 's are discriminated.
 - The information is somewhere there !
 - There are degrees of freedom
 - Human brain's classification skills
- 2 Translate geometrical deformations into mathematical expressions
- 3 Encode it on-line to perform identification and/or diagnosis

Example 1: Parameterized Van-der-Pol oscillator

Modified Vand-der-Pol oscillator

$$\dot{x}_1 = p_1 x_2$$

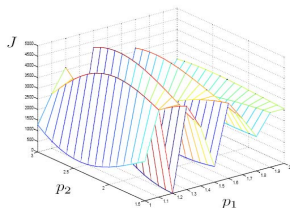
$$\dot{x}_2 = -9x_1 + p_2(1 - (x_1 + p_3)^2)x_2$$

$$y = x_1$$

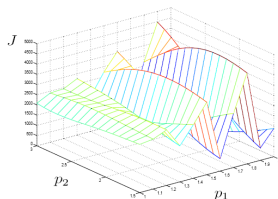
with $p \in [1, 2] \times [1.5, 3] \times [0, 0.1]$

→ See illustrations.

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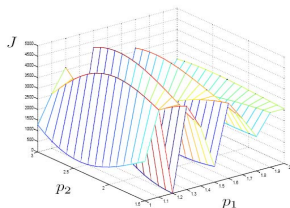


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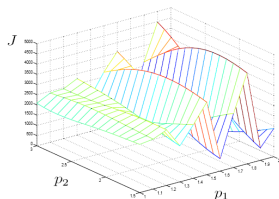
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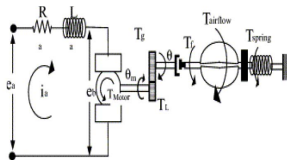
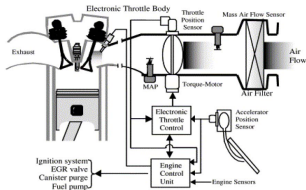
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Signatures enable

- Decoupling
- Convexification

Example 2: Electronic Throttle Control System (FTC)



$$\begin{aligned}\dot{x}_1 &= x_2 \\ \dot{x}_2 &= \frac{1}{J} \left[-K_{sp}(x_1 + \theta_0) - K_f x_2 + (NK_t)x_3 \right] \\ \dot{x}_3 &= -\frac{1}{L_a} \left[NK_b x_2 + R_a x_3 + u \right]\end{aligned}$$

Problem: Estimate the coefficients: K_t , R_a , K_b and K_f

Measures: $y = (\theta, i_a)^T$.

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- A property of S_N is a scalar function $P(C_N)$.

Examples

- $P(C_N) = \max_i \{ \xi_j(i) \}, \text{std}(\xi_j(\cdot)), \text{mean}(\xi_j(\cdot)), \max_i \{ \xi_j(i) \} - \min_i \{ \xi_j(i) \}$
- But also,

$$x_1(i^*) \quad ; \quad \text{where } i^* = \arg \max_i |\hat{y}(i)|$$

- etc.

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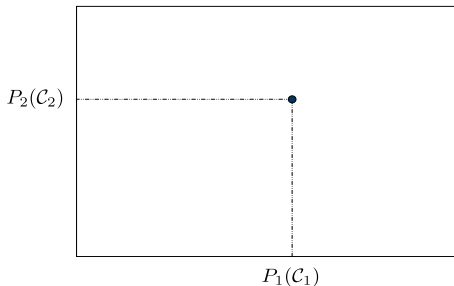
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Using signature for faults classification

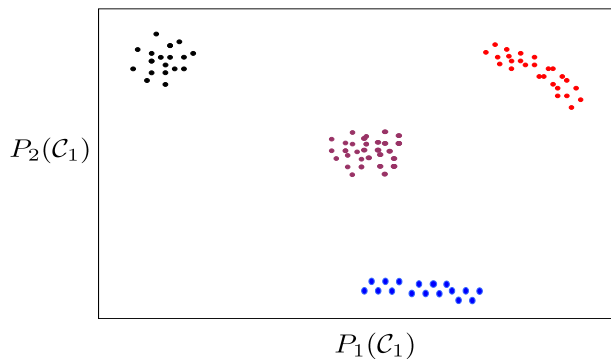
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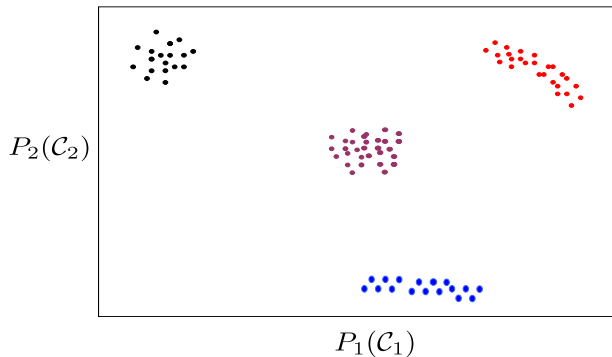
$y^{(2,1)}(\cdot), \dots, y^{(2,n_2)}(\cdot)$; experiments / config 2

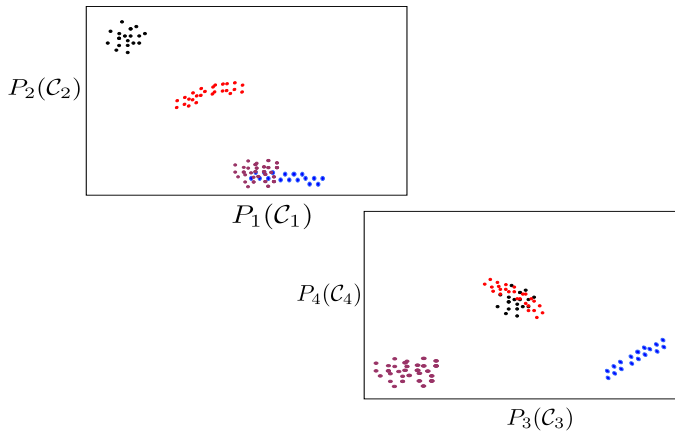
$y^{(3,1)}(\cdot), \dots, y^{(3,n_3)}(\cdot)$; experiments / config 3

$y^{(4,1)}(\cdot), \dots, y^{(4,n_4)}(\cdot)$; experiments / config 4

- These can be obtained
 - Either using real data collected after fault occurrence
 - Or using faithful models representing faulty configurations







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