

# Dynamics-based Information Extraction: A Hybrid Systems Approach

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  - and their use in information extraction
- Tools from optimization
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  - Model (in)validation for hybrid models
  - Fault detection for hybrid models

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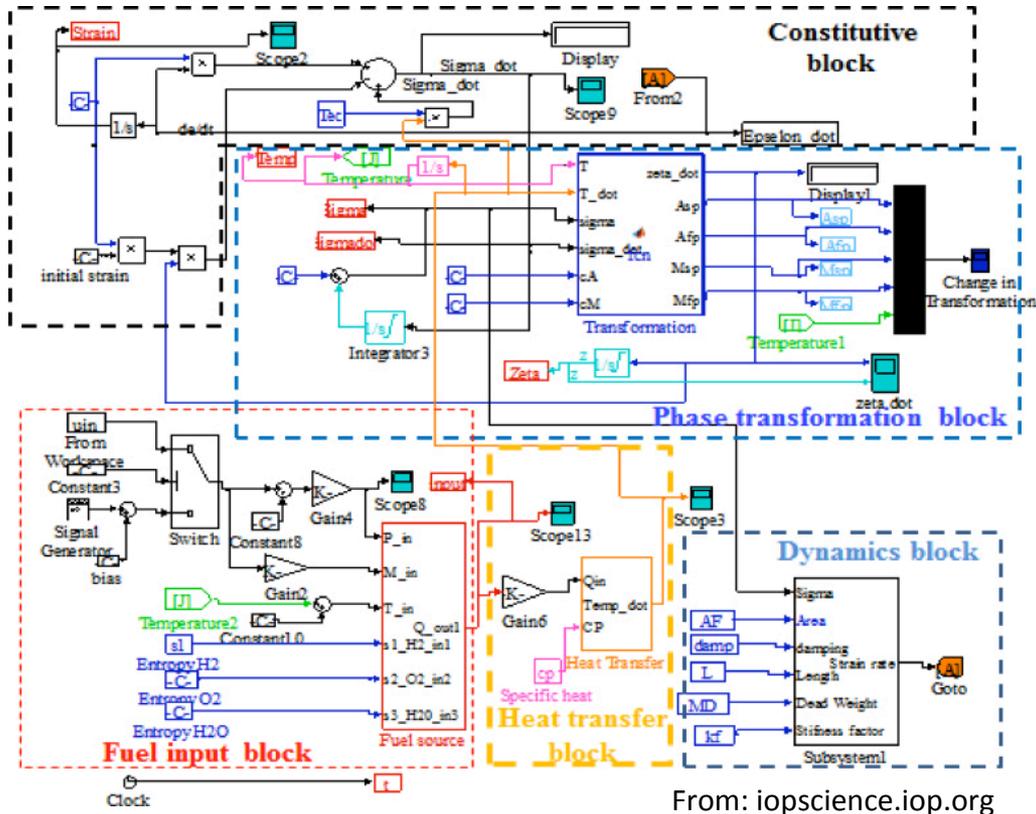
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**Observation 2:** Control requires parsimonious modeling

# Control requires parsimony



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**Complex models**

**Big data**

**Useful/actionable models** for (i) control design, (ii) fast simulations  
(iii) system monitoring, (iv) anomaly detection, etc.

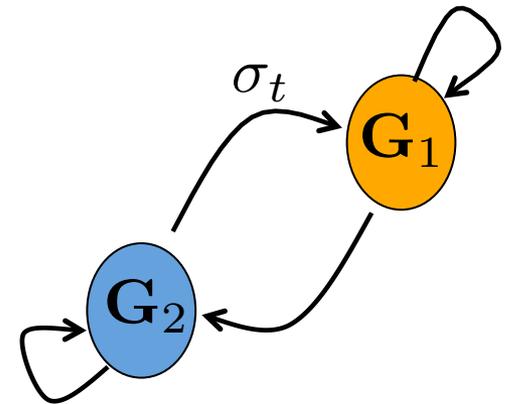
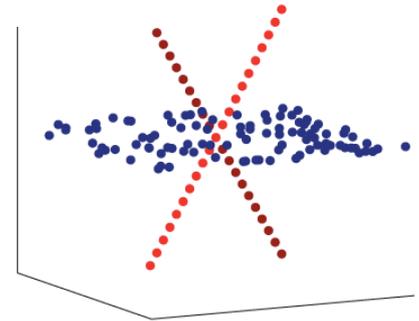
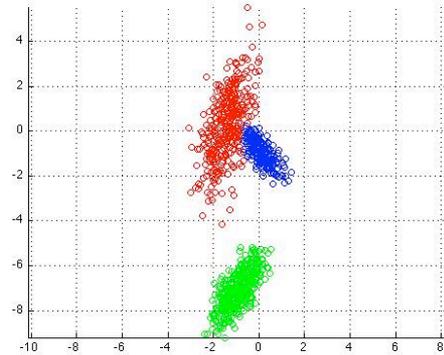
# Overview of mixture models

Common in many fields:

- Gaussian mixtures
- Subspace arrangements
- Hybrid systems

Collection of simple models that can explain complex objects!

- Two fold difficulty in learning such models:
  - Data association
  - Parameter estimation



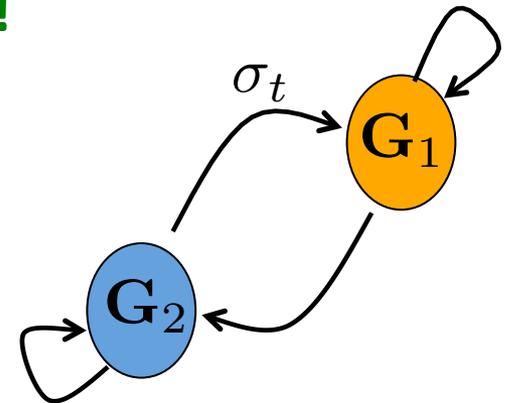
# Hybrid systems

- “mixture models” for dynamical systems
- Switched systems

$$y(t + 1) = G_{\sigma_t}(y(t : t - n_a), u(t : t - n_c))$$

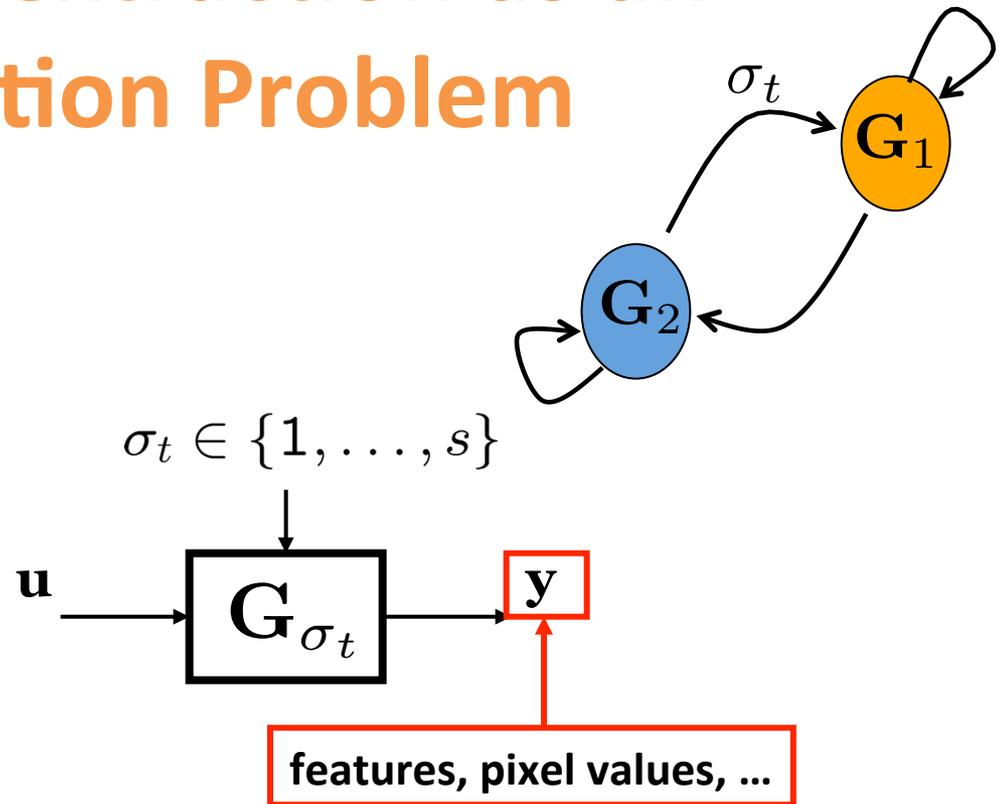
where mode signal  $\sigma_t \in \{1, \dots, s\}$

- For this talk,  $G_i$ 's are polynomial (or affine)
- **Global approximators even when G is affine!**
- **Identification from data is not easy!**
- Two fold difficulty:
  - Estimation of the mode signal (data association)
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# Information extraction as an Identification Problem

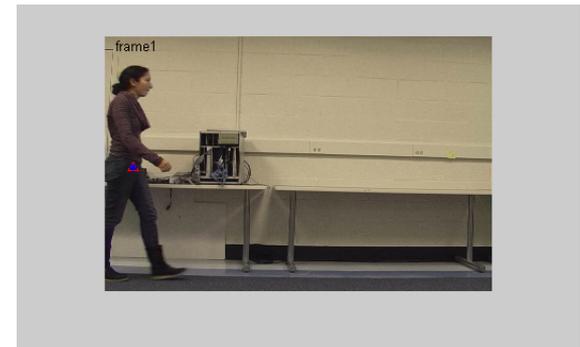
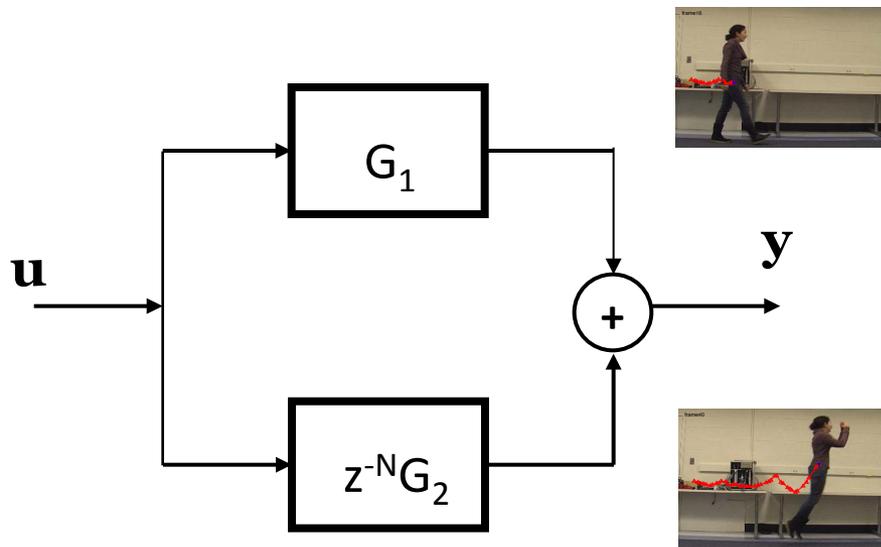
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  - Simple models for complex phenomena
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- Model data streams as outputs of switched linear systems
- “Interesting” events  $\longleftrightarrow$  Changes in model invariants
- “Homogenous” segments  $\longleftrightarrow$  Output of a single submodel

# A Simple Problem: Event Detection

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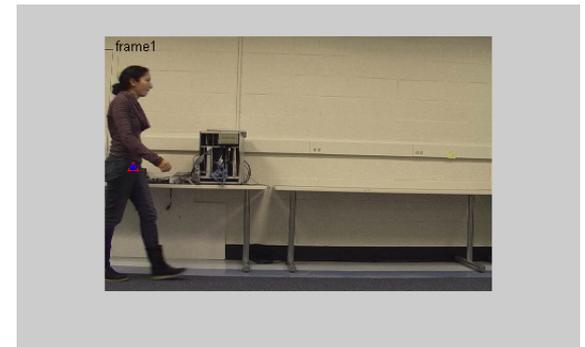


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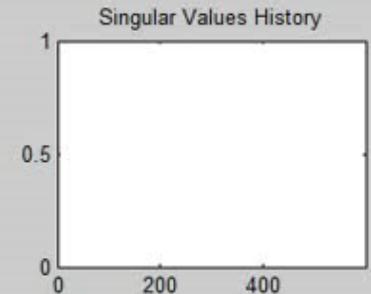
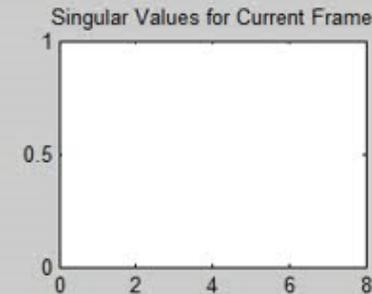
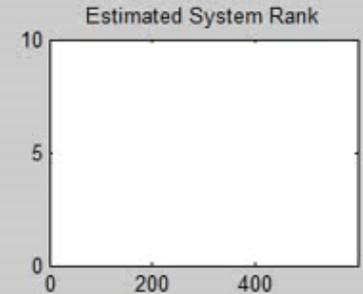
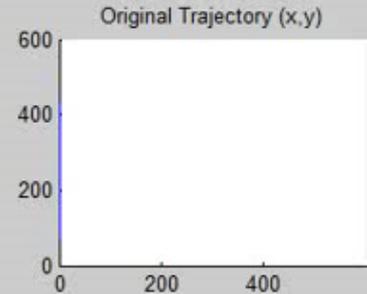
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- Order of the system is given by the rank of the Hankel matrix

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Look for changes in the rank of the Hankel matrix.  
**(no need to explicitly find the model!)**

# Fast Event Detection

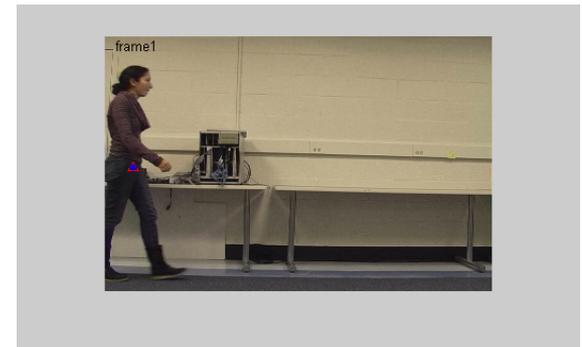
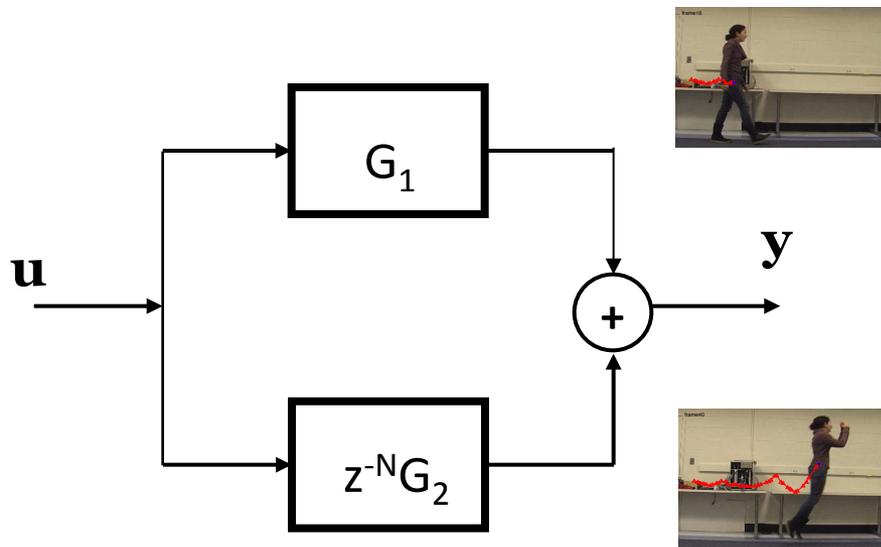


Use SVD to estimate the rank of the Hankel Matrix.  
(five lines of Matlab code, runs on a laptop)

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- A few issues: delays, fast switching, noise and outliers

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- How to more rigorously reason about noisy data?
- What if we want to learn individual dynamics?

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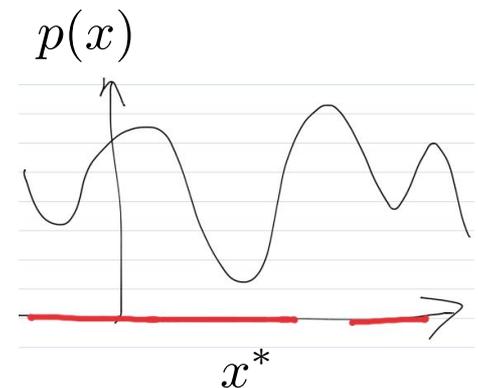
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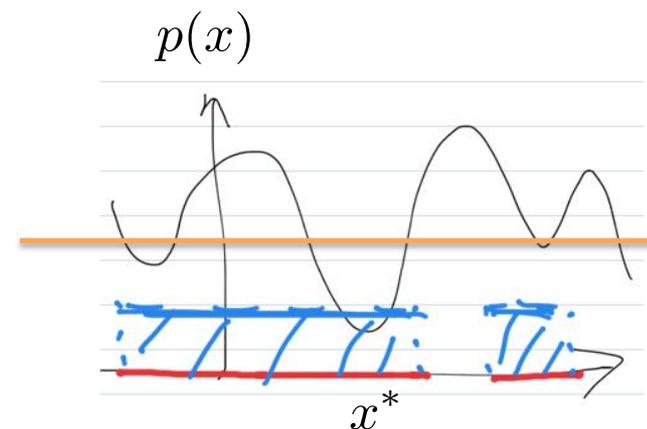
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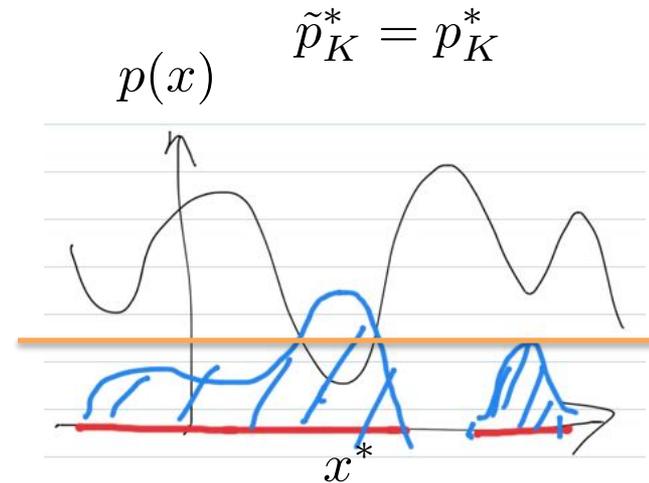
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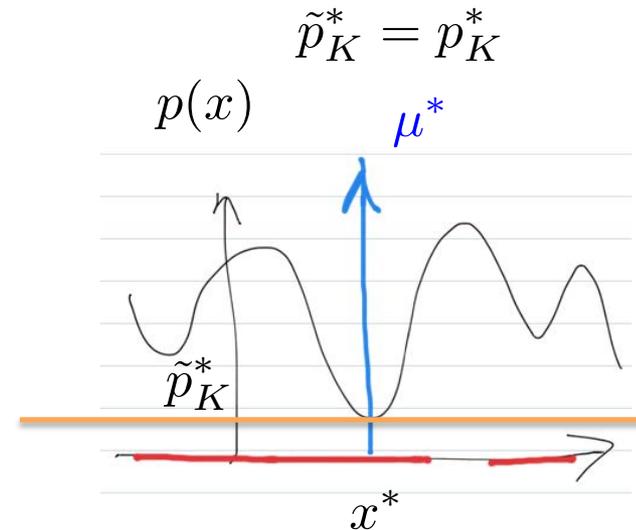
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If there is a sparse structure in the polynomial and constraints defining  $K$ , possible to get a hierarchy where we have smaller LMIs at each relaxation order (Lasserre, Nie, Waki, Kojima).

# Three problems

- Identification of switched affine systems (SARX Id)
- Model (in)validation for switched affine systems (SARX invalidation)
- Fault/anomaly detection for systems with polynomial state-space models

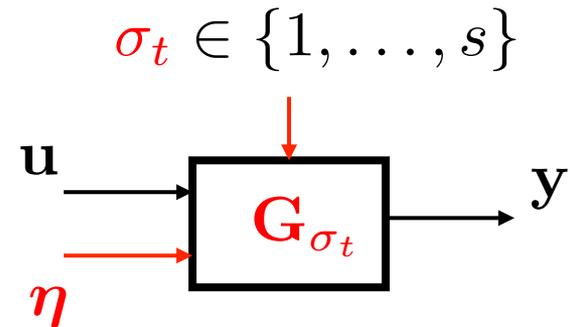
Given that we will be using polynomial optimization affine or polynomial or switched or non-switched makes a little difference.

# Switched System Identification

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**Ill-posed, always have a trivial solution!**

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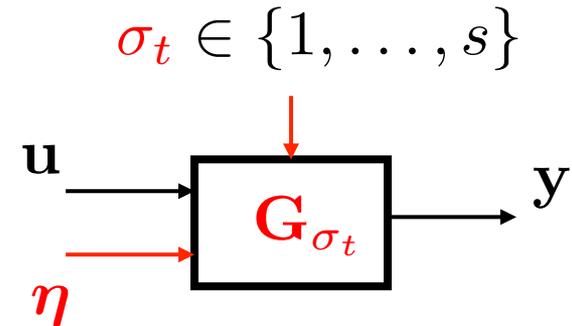
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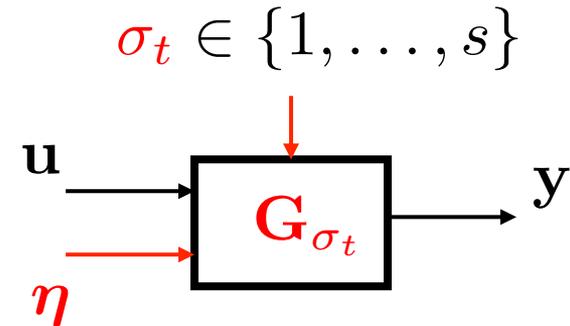
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# SARX Id in noise-free case

- GPCA: an algebraic geometric method due to Vidal *et al.*
- Main Idea:

hybrid decoupling constraint

$$\mathbf{b}(\sigma_t)^T \mathbf{r}_t = 0, \quad \sigma_t \in \{1, \dots, s\}$$

Neither the mode signal nor the parameters,  $\mathbf{b}$ , are known!



$$p_s(\mathbf{r}) = \prod_{i=1}^s \left( \prod_{t=1}^{T_i} \mathbf{b}_i^T \mathbf{r}_t \right) \left( \prod_{t=1}^{T_i} \mathbf{b}_i^T \mathbf{c}_t \right) = 0$$

Independent of mode signal, linear in parameters,  $\mathbf{c}$ !

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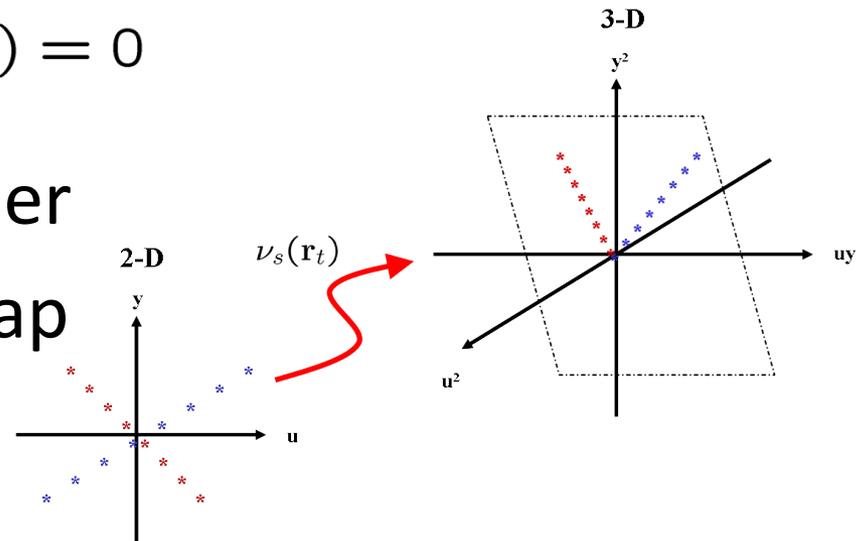
$$p_s(\mathbf{r}) = \prod_{i=1}^s (\mathbf{b}_i^T \mathbf{r}_t) = \mathbf{c}_s^T \boldsymbol{\nu}_s(\mathbf{r}_t) = 0$$

- Embed the data in a higher dim. space via Veronese map

$$\boldsymbol{\nu}_s([\mathbf{x}_1, \dots, \mathbf{x}_n]^T) = [\dots, \xi^s, \dots]^T$$

where

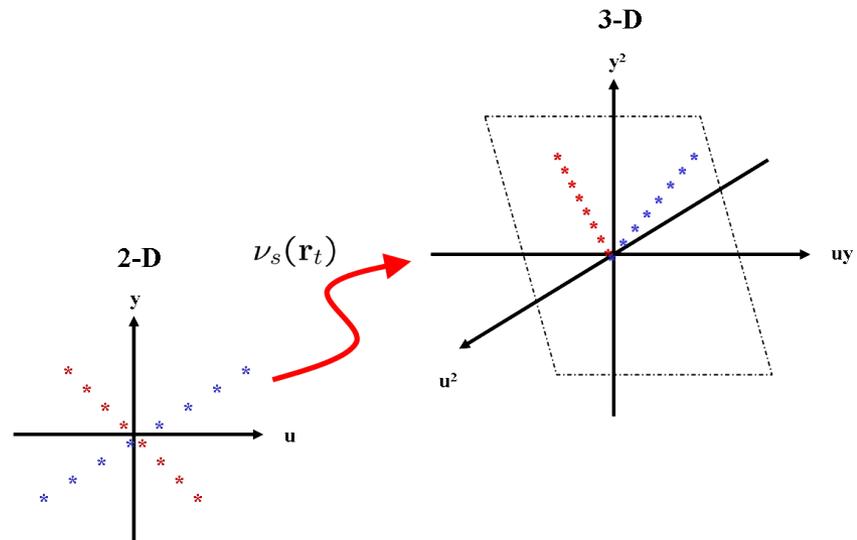
$$\xi^s \doteq x_1^{s_1} x_2^{s_2} \dots x_n^{s_n}, \quad \sum s_i = s$$



# What happens when data is noisy?

- Veronese map  $\nu_s(\mathbf{r}_t)$  :
  - Polynomial mapping
  - Lifts the data to higher dimensional space where parameter vector is in the nullspace of embedded data matrix
- Noisy case  $\nu_s(\mathbf{r}_t, \eta_t)$  :
  - Lifted data depends on noise polynomially!
  - Need to find an admissible noise sequence to estimate the nullspace

$$\mathbf{V}_s \mathbf{c}_s \doteq \begin{bmatrix} \nu_s(\mathbf{r}_{t_0})^T \\ \vdots \\ \nu_s(\mathbf{r}_T)^T \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{c}_s = \mathbf{0}$$



# Noisy embedded data matrix $V_s$

- 1<sup>st</sup> order system:  $n_a = n_c = 1$ ,  
with 2 modes:  $s=2$

$$\mathbf{r}_t = [-y_t, y_{t-1}, u_{t-1}]^T$$

$$\nu_2(\mathbf{r}_t, \eta_t)^T = \begin{bmatrix} y_t^2 - 2y_t\eta_t + \eta_t^2 \\ -y_t y_{t-1} + y_{t-1}\eta_t \\ -y_t u_{t-1} + u_{t-1}\eta_t \\ y_{t-1}^2 \\ y_{t-1} u_{t-1} \\ u_{t-1}^2 \end{bmatrix}^T$$

$V_s$  is polynomial in noise

Need to find a rank deficient  $V_s$

$$V_s(\mathbf{r}_t, \eta_t) \doteq \begin{bmatrix} \nu_s(\mathbf{r}_{t_0}, \eta_{t_0})^T \\ \vdots \\ \nu_s(\mathbf{r}_T, \eta_t)^T \end{bmatrix}$$

**Optimization Problem 1:**

$$\begin{aligned} &\text{minimize}_{\eta_t} \quad \text{rank} V_s(\mathbf{r}_t, \eta_t) \\ &\text{subject to} \quad \|\eta_t\|_\infty \leq \epsilon \end{aligned}$$

# Optimization Problem

- Rank is not a polynomial function. Can we use ideas from polynomial optimization?
  - YES.
- Can we utilize the problem structure to find an efficient formulation?
  - YES. Main Idea: Noise is independent. Define one dimensional distributions for each noise term.

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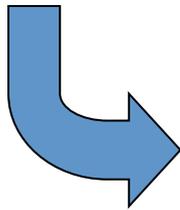
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$$\mathbf{m}^{(t)} = [m_1^{(t)}, \dots, m_s^{(t)}]$$

$$m_i^{(t)} = \mathbf{E}_{\mu^t}(\eta_t^i)$$



$$\mathbf{E}_{\mu} [\nu_2(\mathbf{r}_t, \eta_t)^T] = \begin{bmatrix} y_t^2 - 2y_t m_1^{(t)} + m_2^{(t)} \\ -y_t y_{t-1} + y_{t-1} m_1^{(t)} \\ -y_t u_{t-1} + u_{t-1} m_1^{(t)} \\ y_{t-1}^2 \\ y_{t-1} u_{t-1} \\ u_{t-1}^2 \end{bmatrix}^T$$

# Optimization Problem

- “Theorem”

- There exists a rank deficient solution for Problem 2 **if and only if** there exists a rank deficient solution for Problem 1.
- If  $\mathbf{c}$  belongs to the nullspace of the solution of Problem 2, there exists a noise value  $\eta^*$  with  $\|\eta^*\|_\infty \leq \epsilon$   $\mathbf{V}_s(\mathbf{r}, \eta^*)$  such that  $\mathbf{c}$  belongs to the nullspace of

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Convex constraint set:

- **Finite** Hankel matrix of moments should satisfy to LMIs
- no relaxation!!**

# Optimization Problem

## Problem 2

- Matrix rank minimization
- Subject to LMI constraints
- Use a convex relaxation (e.g. log-det heuristic of Fazel *et al.*) to solve Problem 2
- Find a vector  $c$  in the nullspace
- Estimate noise by root finding ( $V_s c = 0$  polynomials of one variable)
- Proceed as in noise-free case

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Can also “handle” missing data, outliers

# SARX (In)validation Problem

- Given:

**Unknown switches:  
Consistency set is non-convex!**

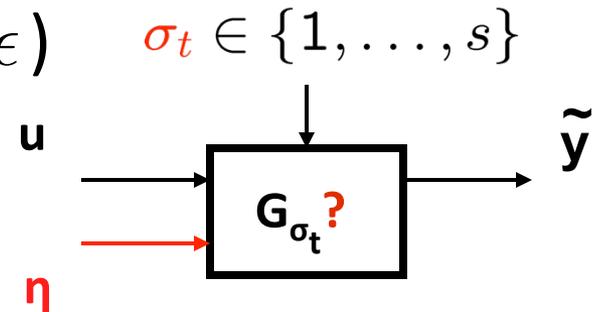
- A nominal hybrid model of the form

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{y}_t &= \sum_{k=1}^{n_a} \mathbf{A}_k(\sigma_t) \mathbf{y}_{t-k} + \sum_{k=1}^{n_c} \mathbf{C}_k(\sigma_t) \mathbf{u}_{t-k} + \mathbf{f}(\sigma_t) \\ \tilde{\mathbf{y}}_t &= \mathbf{y}_t + \boldsymbol{\eta}_t \end{aligned}$$

- A bound on the noise ( $\|\boldsymbol{\eta}\|_\infty \leq \epsilon$ )

- Experimental input/output

- data  $\{\mathbf{u}_t, \tilde{\mathbf{y}}_t\}_{t=t_0}^T$



- Determine:

- whether there exist noise and switching sequences consistent with a priori information and experimental data

# Semialgebraic Consistency Set

- If  $i^{\text{th}}$  submodel is active at time  $t$

$$\mathbf{A}_1(i)(\tilde{\mathbf{y}}_{t-1} - \boldsymbol{\eta}_{t-1}) + \dots + \mathbf{A}_{n_a}(i)(\tilde{\mathbf{y}}_{t-n_a} - \boldsymbol{\eta}_{t-n_a}) - (\tilde{\mathbf{y}}_t - \boldsymbol{\eta}_t) + \mathbf{C}_1(i)\mathbf{u}_{t-1} + \dots + \mathbf{C}_{n_c}(i)\mathbf{u}_{t-n_c} + \mathbf{f}(i) = \mathbf{0}$$

- all components of the output evolve with  $i^{\text{th}}$  submodel (logical AND)

$$\begin{aligned} [h_{t,i}^{(1)}(\boldsymbol{\eta}_{t:t-n_a}) = 0] \wedge \dots \wedge [h_{t,i}^{(n_y)}(\boldsymbol{\eta}_{t:t-n_a}) = 0] \\ \iff \\ g_{t,i}(\boldsymbol{\eta}_{t:t-n_a}) \doteq \sum_{j=1}^{n_y} [h_{t,i}^{(j)}(\boldsymbol{\eta}_{t:t-n_a})]^2 = 0 \end{aligned}$$

- One of the submodels is active at time  $t$  (logical OR)

$$\begin{aligned} [g_{t,1}(\boldsymbol{\eta}_{t:t-n_a}) = 0] \vee \dots \vee [g_{t,s}(\boldsymbol{\eta}_{t:t-n_a}) = 0] \\ \iff \\ p_t(\boldsymbol{\eta}_{t:t-n_a}) \doteq \prod_{i=1}^s g_{t,i}(\boldsymbol{\eta}_{t:t-n_a}) = 0 \end{aligned}$$

# Semialgebraic Consistency Set

- The model is invalid if and only if

$$\mathcal{T}'(\boldsymbol{\eta}) \doteq \left\{ \boldsymbol{\eta} \mid \epsilon^2 - [\eta_t^{(j)}]^2 \geq 0 \forall t \in [0, T], j \in N_{n_y} \text{ and} \right. \\ \left. p_t(\boldsymbol{\eta}_{t:t-n_a}) = 0 \forall t \in [n_a, T] \right\}$$

is empty.

- Structured polynomial optimization problem:

$$o^* = \min_{\boldsymbol{\eta}} \sum_{t=n_a}^T p_t(\boldsymbol{\eta}_{t:t-n_a}) \\ \text{s.t.} \\ f_{t,j}(\eta_t^{(j)}) \geq 0 \quad \forall t \in [0, T], j \in N_{n_y}.$$

**Model is invalid iff**  
 **$o^* > 0$**

# Polynomial Optimization

- Problem has a sparse structure (*running intersection property* holds)

$$o^* = \min_{\eta} \sum_{t=n_a}^T p_t(\eta_{t:t-n_a})$$

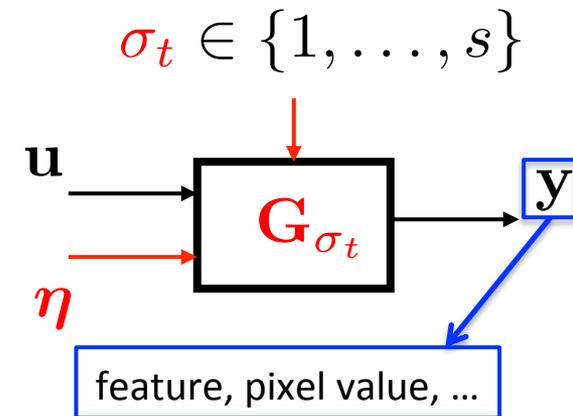
s.t.

$$f_{t,j}(\eta_t^{(j)}) \geq 0 \quad \forall t \in [0, T], j \in N_{n_y}.$$

- We can create a convergent SDP hierarchy with  $O((n_a n_y)^{2N})$  variables using structure (instead of  $O((T n_y)^{2N})$  variables), where  $N$  is the relaxation order.
- Theorem (O., Sznaier, Lagoa, TAC 14): The hierarchy converges latest at  $N = s^{T-n_a+1} + 1$ .  
where  $s$ : # of submodels,  $n_a$ : regressor order,  $T$ : time horizon

# A fun example in information extraction

Normal behaviors: walking and waiting  
Walking dynamics are learnt from training data using sys id, waiting dynamics are trivial



**Example:** Activity monitoring via model invalidation

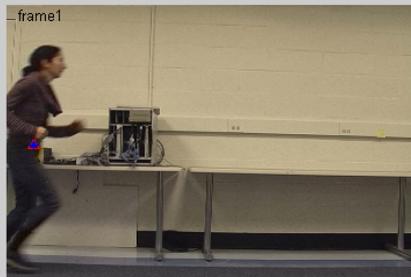
A priori hybrid model: walking (learned from data) and waiting, 4% noise

**WALK, WAIT**



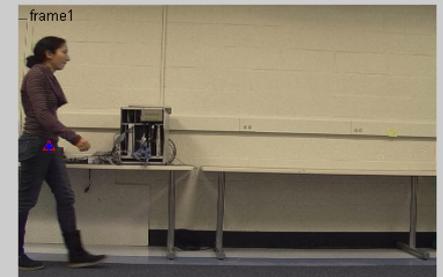
**Not Invalidated**

**RUN**



**Invalidated**

**WALK, JUMP**

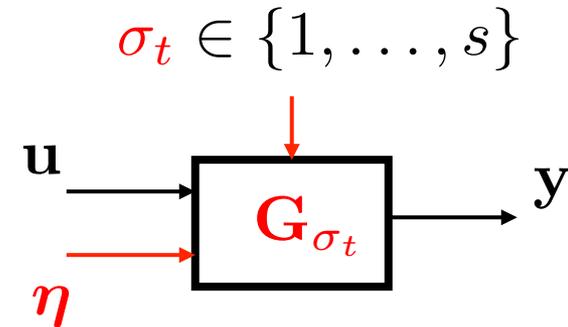


**Invalidated**

# Model Invalidation – fault detection?

- Can be easily extended to uncertain models:

$$\Sigma : \begin{aligned} x(t+1) &= f_{\sigma(t)}(x(t), u(t), \delta(t), \Delta) \\ y(t) &= g_{\sigma(t)}(x(t), u(t), \delta(t), \Delta) \end{aligned}$$



There is a basic semialgebraic consistency set.

- Can be used to:
  - **Run-time:** do anomaly detection (abnormal with respect to model and spec)
  - **Design-time:** find tight *provable error bounds* on uncertain parameters

No need to have explicit fault models (complex systems can fail infinitely many different ways!)

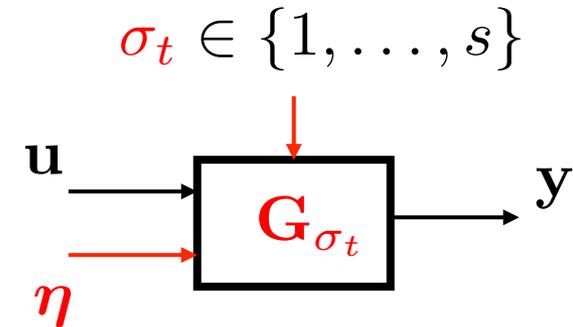
Can handle missing data!

# Fault detection

- Model invalidation directly applies but the problem size increases with time...
- What if we have fault models?

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$$\Sigma_F : \begin{aligned} x(t+1) &= f_{\sigma(t)}^F(x(t), u(t), \delta(t), \Delta) \\ y(t) &= g_{\sigma(t)}^F(x(t), u(t), \delta(t), \Delta) \end{aligned}$$



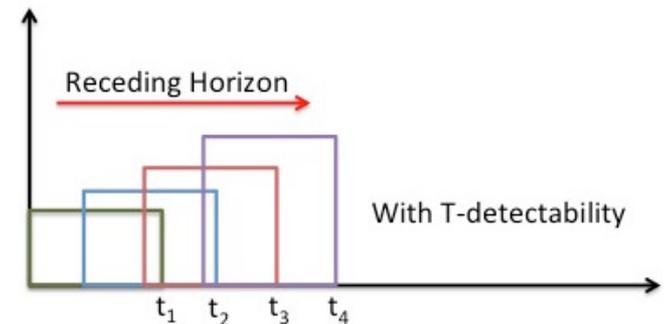
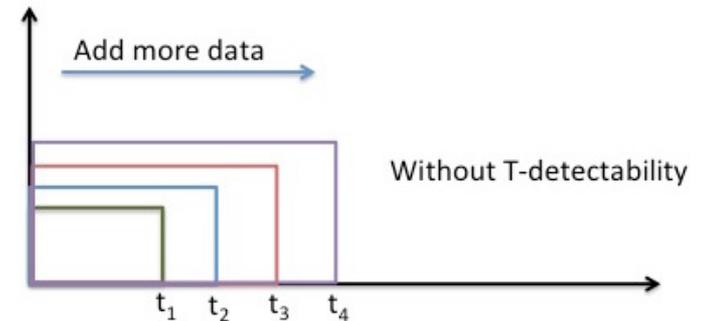
- Can we use the models to bound the amount of data needed to do fault detection?

# T-detectability

- Given a system model and fault model with associated state, input and noise bounds, if there exists a  $T$  such that for any initial condition and any input/noise realization the “ $T$ -length behaviors” deviate, the fault is said to be  $T$ -detectable for the system.

→ intersection of the consistency sets for the system and fault models for horizon  $T$  should be empty!

→ For fixed  $T$ , polynomial optimization problem (need to iterate on  $T$ )

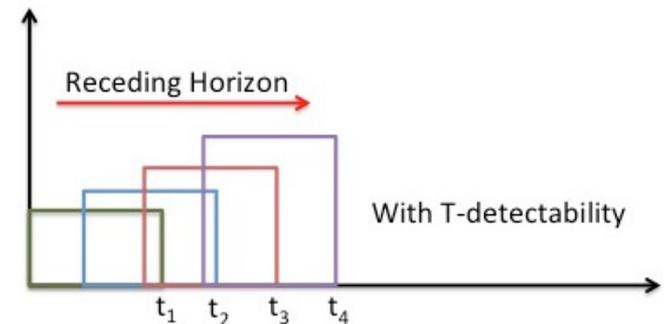
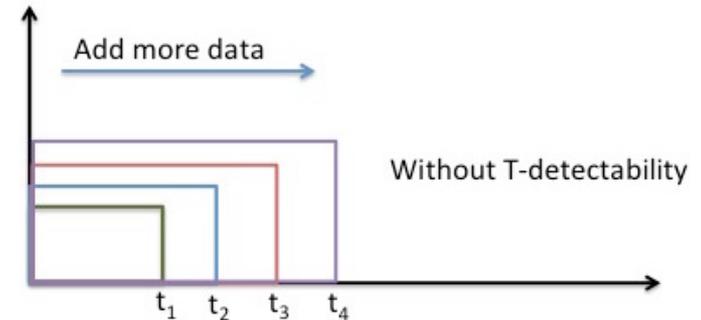


# T-detectability

→ intersection of the consistency sets for the system and fault models for horizon T should be empty!

→ For fixed T, polynomial optimization problem (need to iterate on T) – sufficient conditions for T-detectability

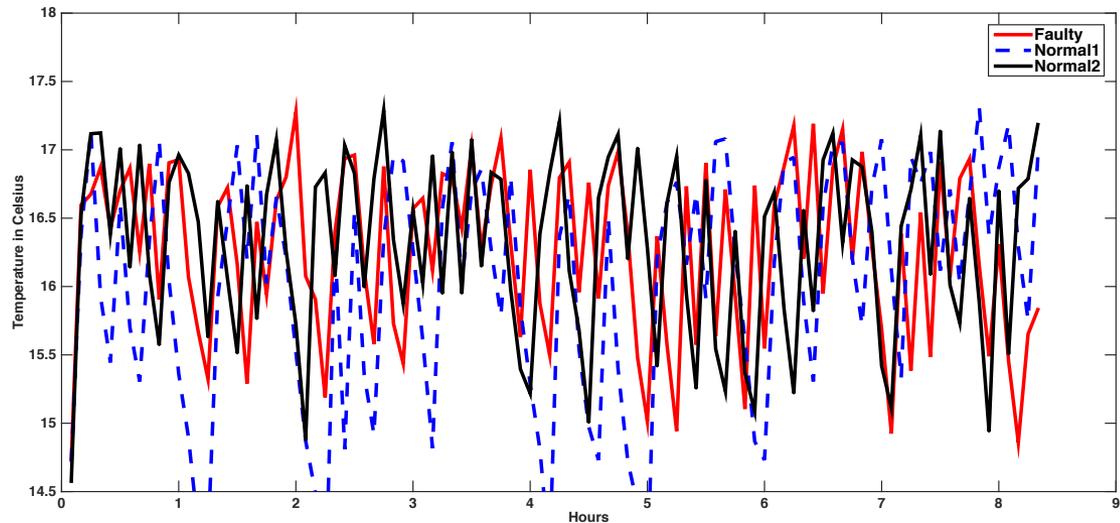
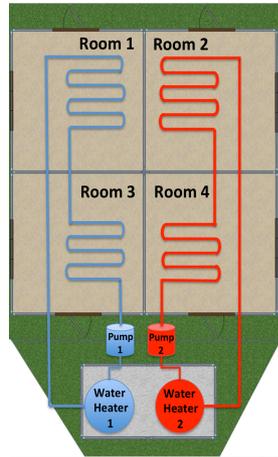
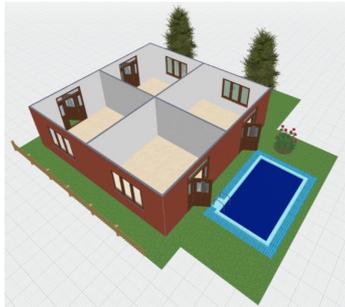
“Theorem”: If T-detectability certificate is obtained with a relaxation order N, then using the same relaxation order for model invalidation problem gives a N&S condition for online fault detection.



$$\epsilon^* := \min_{\{\mathbf{u}(k), \mathbf{y}(k)\}_{k=t}^{t+T}} \epsilon_o(\{\mathbf{u}(k), \mathbf{y}(k)\}_{k=t}^{t+T})$$

$$\text{s.t.} \quad \{\mathbf{u}(k), \mathbf{y}(k)\}_{k=t}^{t+T} \in \mathcal{B}_{poly}^T(G^f).$$

# Anomaly detection in building control



Boiler fails at time 8:00 (supply temp drops)

Switched affine model:

- switching due to control actions
- six states (room temperatures, pipe temperatures)
- only a sensor measuring pipe temperature
- **noisy** sensor measurements

Invalidation algorithm detects the failure in 2 steps!

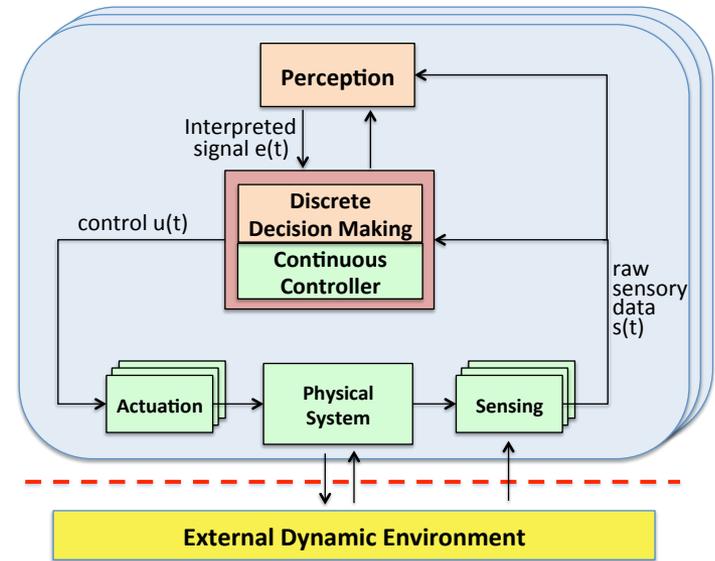
$$C_r \dot{T}_c = \sum_{i=1}^2 K_{r,i}(T_i - T_c) + K_w(T_w - T_c),$$

$$C_i \dot{T}_i = K_{r,i}(T_c - T_i) + \sum_{j \neq i} K_{ij}(T_j - T_i)$$

# Summary

Goal: go from **data** to **information** to **control** in a rigorous way with correctness guarantees.

- **Dynamics based information extraction:**
  - Hybrid dynamical models as compact representation for complex data streams
  - Lots of structure in problems involving dynamics
  - Optimization is a good lens to look at these problems
  - ★ connections between **system identification/invalidation** and **information extraction/machine learning**



- Computational efficiency through
- Convex Relaxations
  - Structural decompositions