

A fresh look at a classical system identification algorithm

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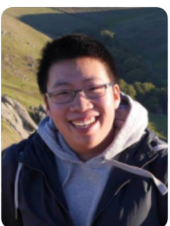
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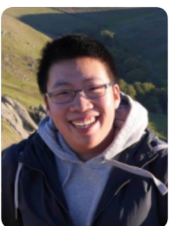
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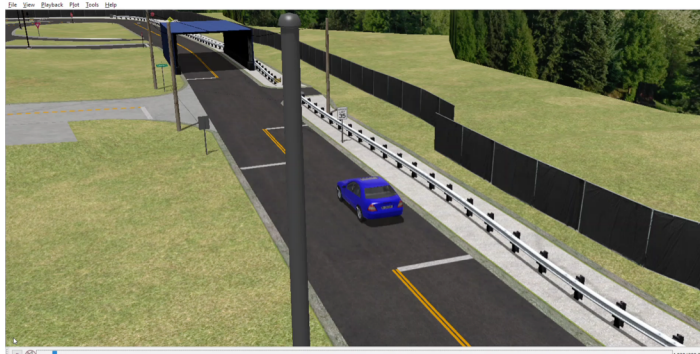
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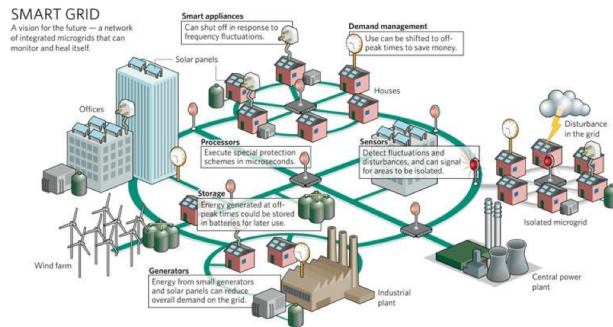
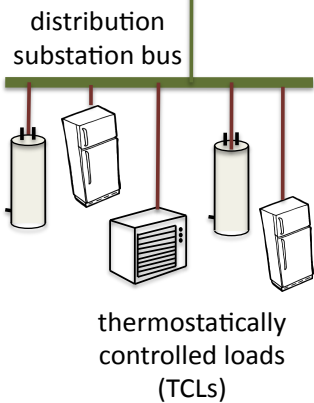
Control of safety-critical autonomous systems



When I get adventurous

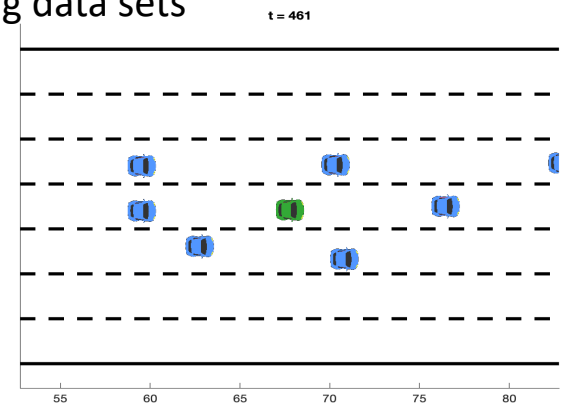


Domains where it is hard to get on-policy data



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driving data sets



Data → Models → Control

$$x_{t+1} = f(x_t, u_t, w_t)$$

$$y_t = h(x_t, u_t, z_t)$$

$$w_t \in \mathcal{W}(x_t), z_t \in \mathcal{Z}(x_t) \quad \text{Noise/uncertainty}$$

$$u_t \in \mathcal{U}(x_t) \quad \text{Control constraints}$$

From data to model:

- System identification
- Model (in)validation
- Fault/anomaly detection

From model to control:

- Decision problems of the form:
 - Does there exist a control policy (of the form C) such that XXX holds?
 - YES (+ controller)
 - NO (+ certificate/proof of non-existence)

Things that I like...

- **Models:**

- I know how to ask (and in some cases answer) “does there exist a controller” type questions if I have a model
- Ability to change control objective
- If I get more data, I can check validity of my model (and therefore, of the controller)
 - Not so clear how to validate a policy (computed in a model-free way) against pre-collected data?

- **Constraints:** (rather than objective functions)

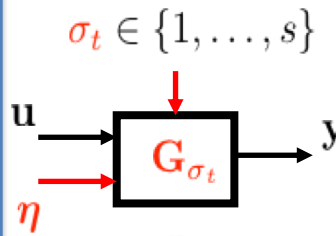
- Specifying a task with a single reward/cost function is hard (?)
- Why not append constraints to the objective function → nice additive/quadratic cost functions are not enough

Non-asymptotic analysis of linear system identification

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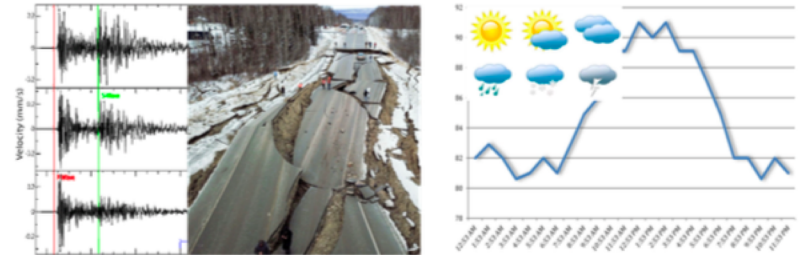
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With Samet Oymak, ACC 19, TAC (tbs)



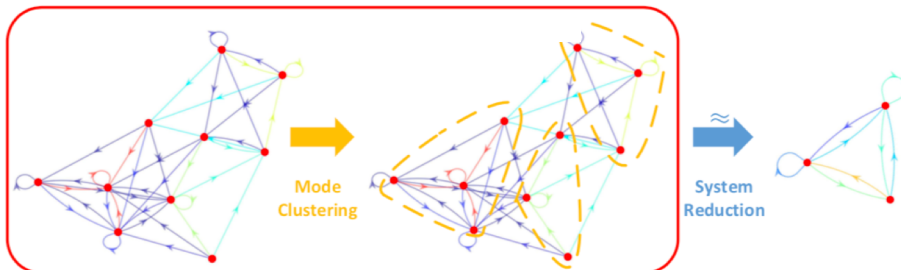
$$y(t) = \sum_{i=1}^{n_a} a_i(\sigma_t)y(t-i) + \sum_{i=1}^{n_c} c_i(\sigma_t)u(t-i) + \eta(t)$$

(Online) identification of hybrid/switched linear systems



Past work and recent results with Zhe Du and Laura Balzano

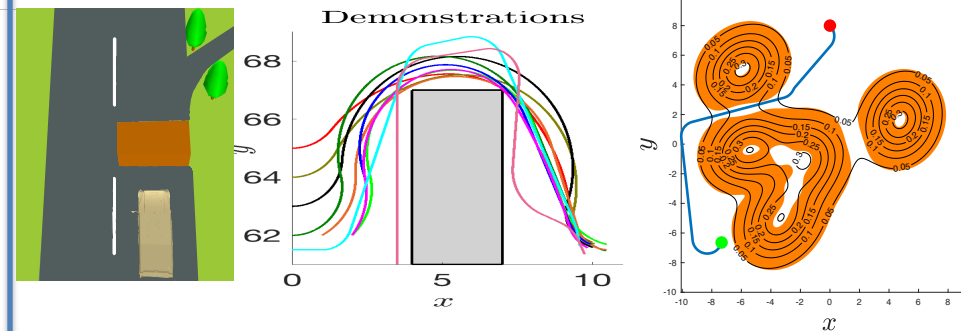
Learning “reduced models” for Markov jump linear systems



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With Zhe Du and Laura Balzano, CAMSAP 19

Learning constraints from demonstrations



With Glen Chou and Dmitry Berenson, CORL 19, RA-L 20

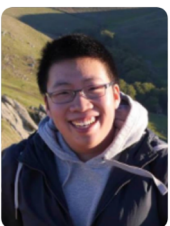
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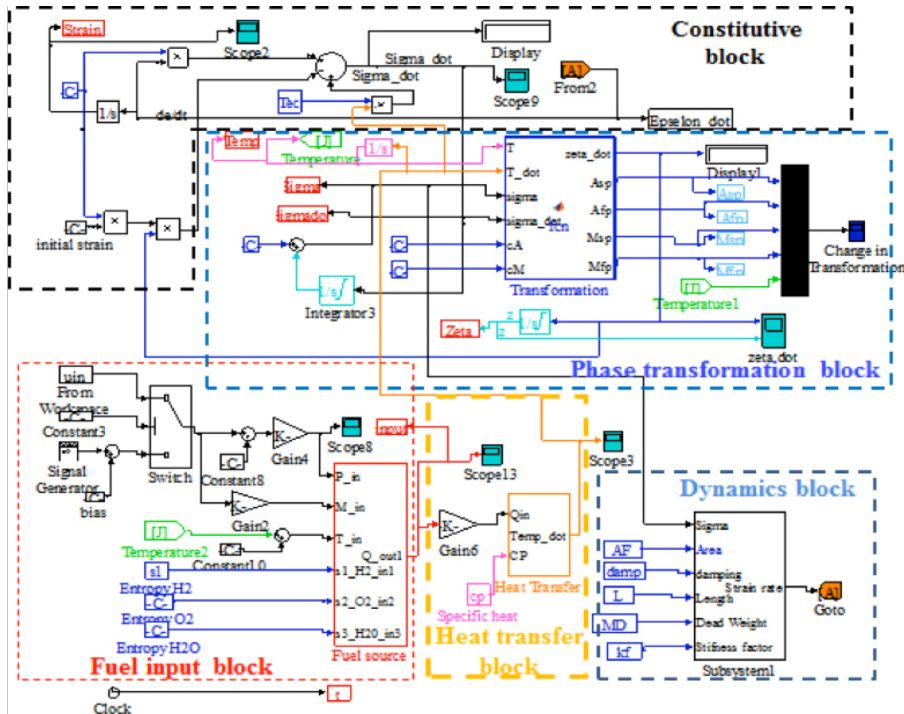
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Complex simulation models/ability run lots of experiments

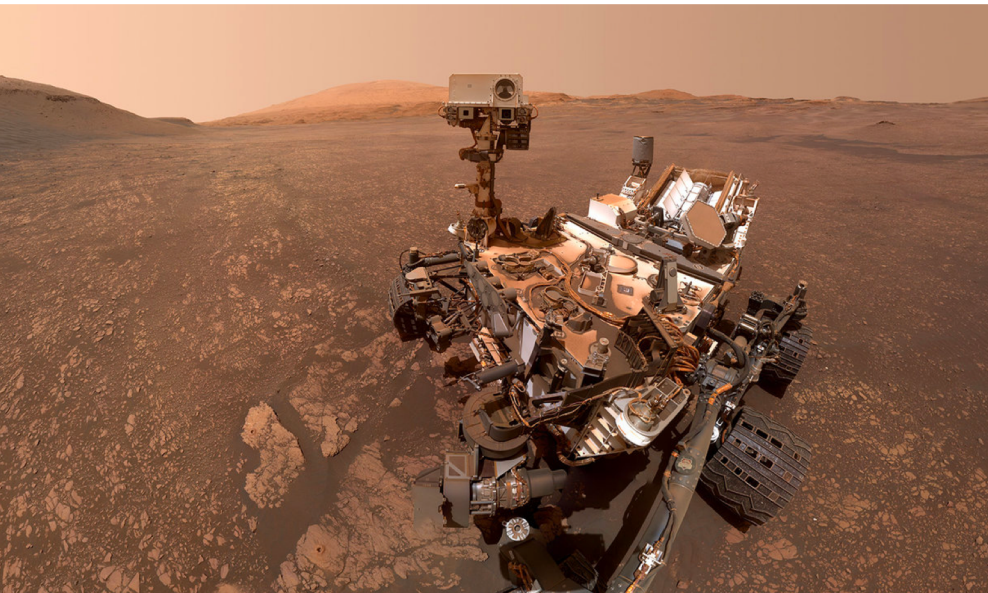
Big data

System identification → learning structured **simple** models



Models useful for (i) control design, (ii) fast simulations
(iii) system monitoring, (iv) anomaly detection, etc.

Data → Models → Control



Exploring unknown environments

From: NASA



Handling unexpected failures

From: nbcnews.com

“Small” data

Online system identification → learning models at run-time



Adaptation

(repurposing, changing mission objectives)

LTI system identification

Given input/output data $(\{u_t, y_t\}_{t=0}^N)$, find a model of the form:

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Existing results (incomplete list)

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Textbook on sys id: [Ljung 99], *standard methods:* Ho-Kalman (Eigen Realization Algorithm-ERA), N4SID, etc.

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Control theoretic methods: [Weyer et al. 99], [Vidyasagar & Karandikar 01], [Campi & Weyer 02], [Akçay 04], [Carè et al. 18], etc.

Statistical machine learning methods: [Hardt et al. 16], [Dean et al. 17], [Hazan et al. 17], [Tu et al. 17], [Sarkar & Rakhlin 18], [Simchowitz et al. 18], etc.

Contributions

Understanding the noise sensitivity/robustness of Ho-Kalman algorithm and sample complexity analysis
→ provable guarantees on the accuracy of learned model

Some properties of Ho-Kalman (ERA):

- Learns from input-output data (no state measurement)
 - generically ill-posed
 - can only learn a canonical representation (i.e., learning is up to a similarity transformation)
- Single trajectory
 - requires carefully reasoning about dependencies
- Model class does not satisfy noise invertibility assumption

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$$\tilde{x} = Px \Rightarrow \begin{aligned} \tilde{x}_{t+1} &= PAP^{-1}\tilde{x}_t + PBu_t \\ y_t &= CP^{-1}\tilde{x}_t + Du_t \end{aligned}$$

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- Form the Hankel matrix of Markov parameters

H : hankel matrix

$$\begin{bmatrix} CB & CAB & CA^2B & \dots & CA^{T_2}B \\ CAB & CA^2B & \ddots & \dots & CA^{T_2+1}B \\ CA^2B & \ddots & \ddots & \dots & \vdots \\ \vdots & \ddots & \ddots & \dots & \vdots \\ CA^{T_1}B & \ddots & \ddots & \dots & CA^{T_1+T_2}B \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} C \\ CA \\ CA^2 \\ \vdots \\ CA^{T_1} \end{bmatrix} [B \quad AB \quad A^2B \quad \dots \quad A^{T_2}B]$$



$$\text{rank}(H) = n$$

n : state-space dim

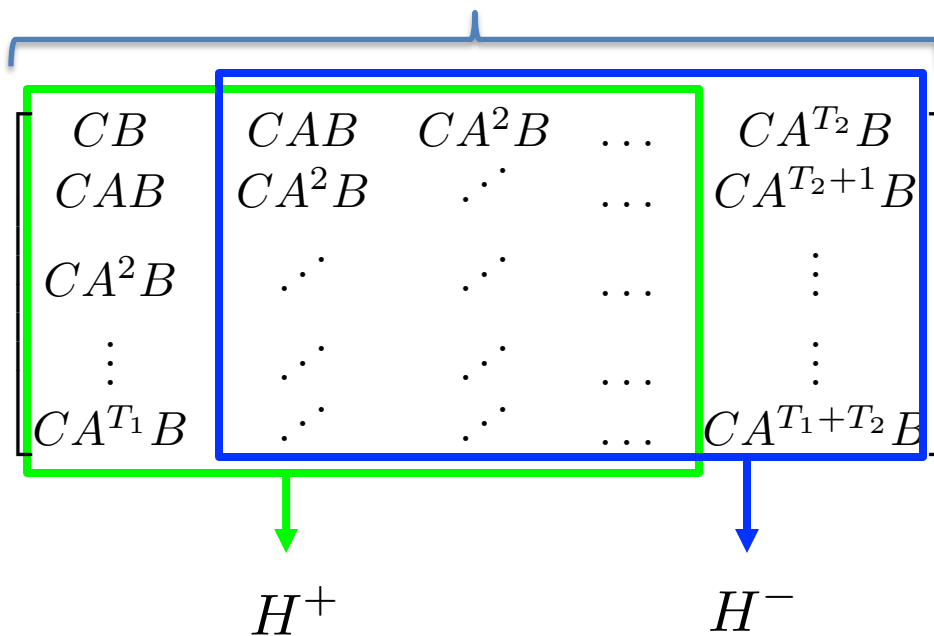
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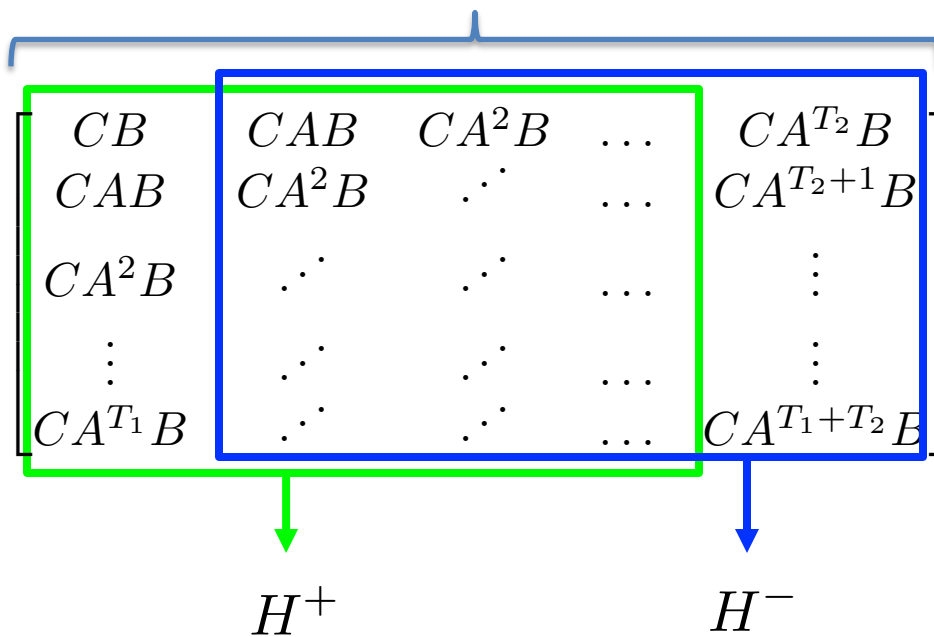
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$$O \doteq U\Sigma^{1/2}, Q \doteq \Sigma^{1/2}V^T$$

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p : inputs

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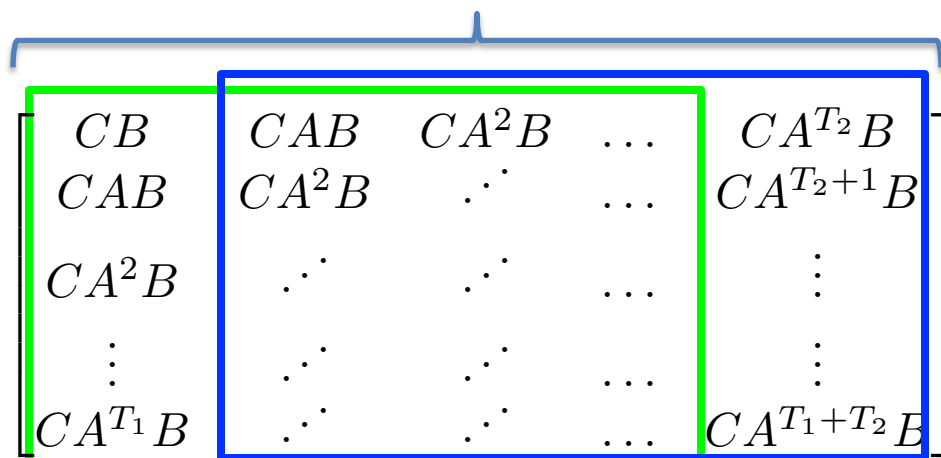
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Hankel singular values

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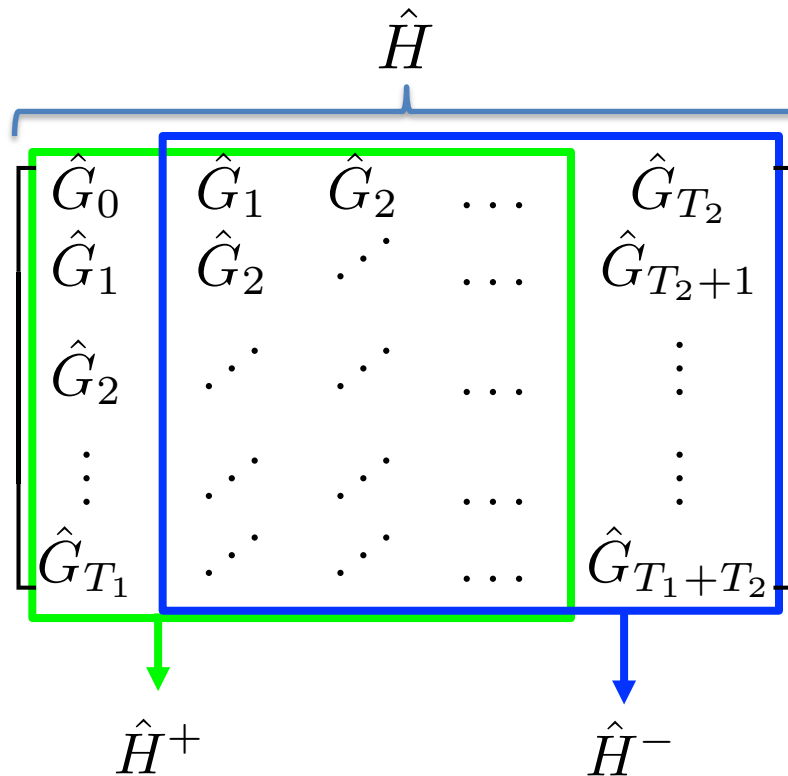
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Noise sensitivity of Ho-Kalman

Algorithm

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how good are the other estimates?

Lemma:

$$\|H - \hat{H}\| \leq \sqrt{\min\{T_1, T_2\}} \|G - \hat{G}\|$$

$$\|L - \hat{L}\| \leq 2\sqrt{\min\{T_1, T_2\}} \|G - \hat{G}\|$$

Theorem 1: Assume, $\|L - \hat{L}\| \leq \sigma_{\min}(L)/2$. Then, there exists a unitary matrix P s.t.

$$\|\bar{C} - \hat{C}P\|_F \leq \sqrt{5n} \|L - \hat{L}\|$$

$$\|\bar{B} - P^\top \hat{B}\|_F \leq \sqrt{5n} \|L - \hat{L}\|$$

$$\|\bar{A} - P^\top \hat{A}P\|_F \leq \frac{14\sqrt{n}}{\sigma_{\min}(L)} (2\|H^- - \hat{H}^-\| + \sqrt{\frac{\|L - \hat{L}\|}{\sigma_{\min}(L)}} \|H^-\|)$$

Estimation of Markov parameters

Consider

$$x_{t+1} = Ax_t + Bu_t + w_t$$

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assume,

$$x_0 = 0, u_t \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \sigma_u^2 I_p), w_t \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \sigma_w^2 I_n), \text{ and } z_t \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \sigma_z^2 I_m)$$

Then, cross-correlations of input and output give Markov parameters:

$$\mathbb{E} \left[\frac{y_t u_{t-k}^*}{\sigma_u^2} \right] = \begin{cases} D & \text{if } k = 0, \\ CA^{k-1}B & \text{if } k \geq 1. \end{cases}$$

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consider N subsequences of data of length T+1:

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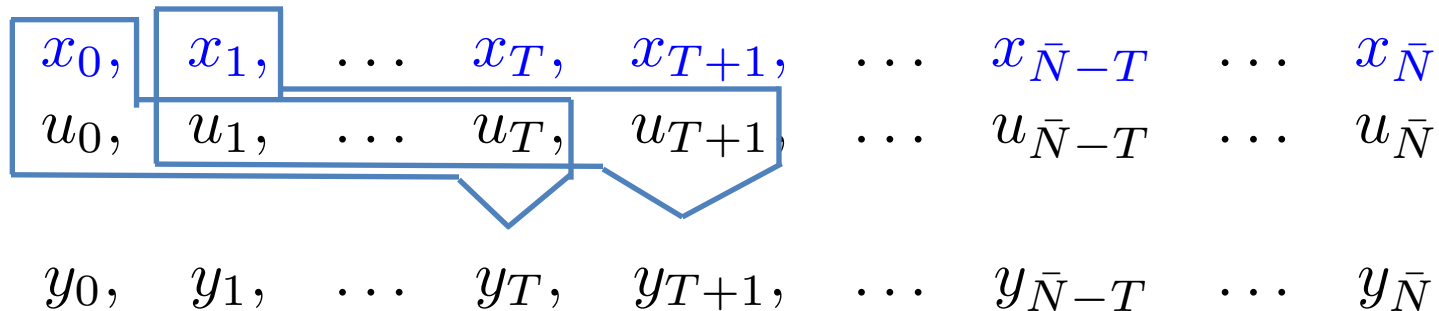
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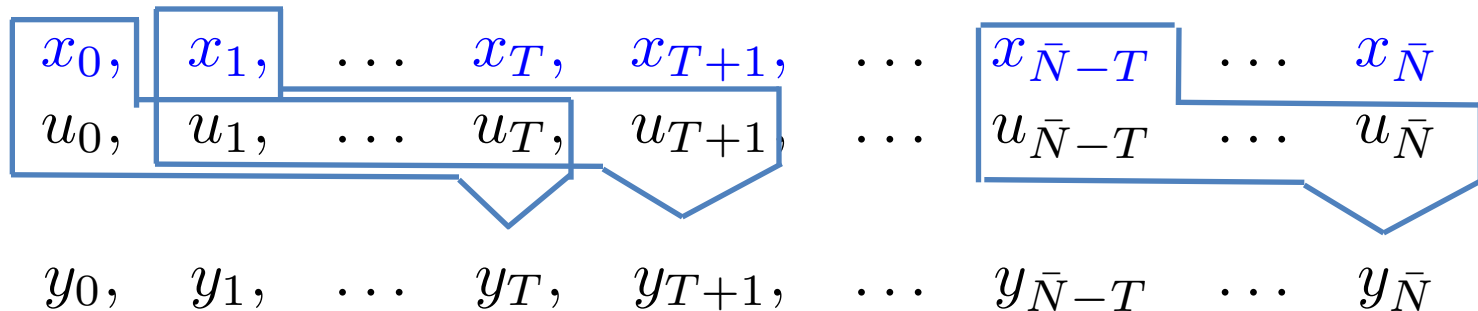
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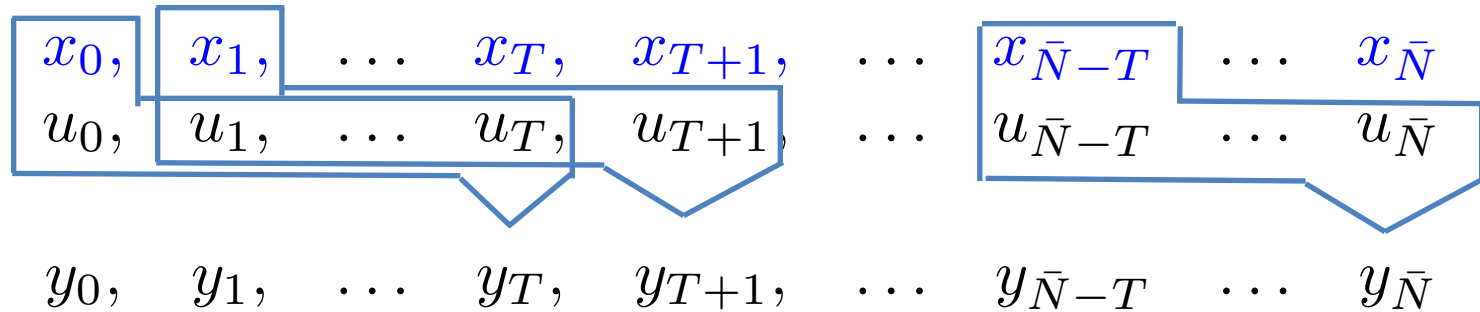
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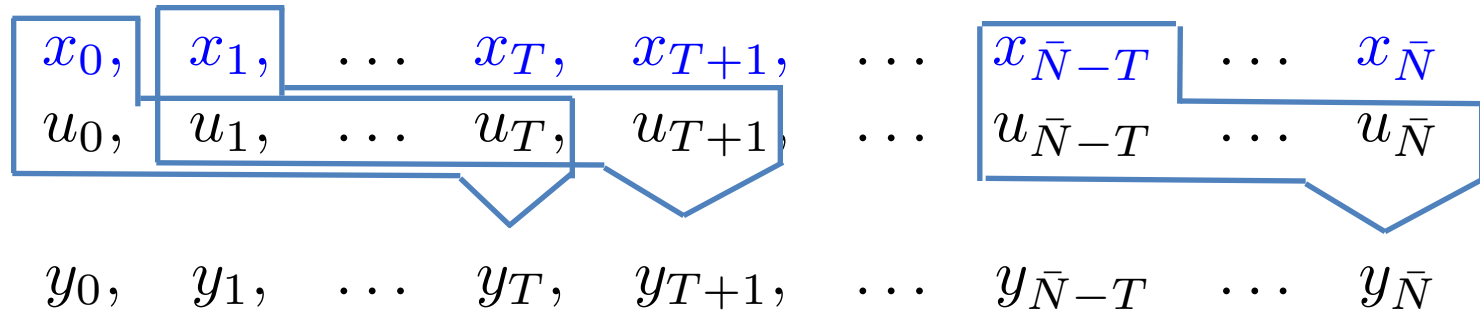
for all $t \in \{T + 1, \dots, \bar{N}\}$

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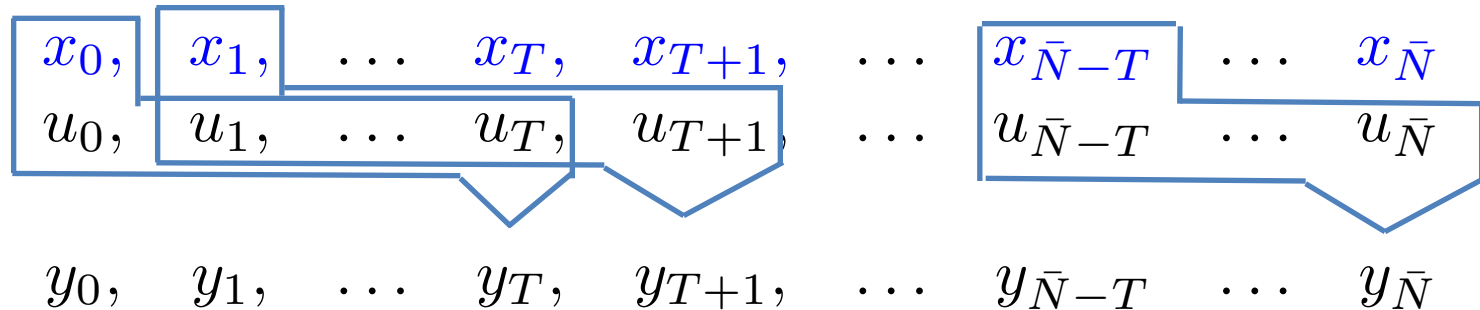
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Use least squares to estimate G :

$$\hat{G} = \arg \min_X \sum_{t=T}^{\bar{N}} \|y_t - X\bar{u}_t\|_2^2$$

How good is this estimate?

Sample complexity

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let $N \geq N_0 = cTq \log^2(2Tq) \log^2(2Nq)$ where $q = n + m + p$

$$\text{and take } \bar{N} = N + T$$

then with **very high** probability, we have

$$\|G - \hat{G}\| \leq \frac{\sigma_z + \sigma_e + \sigma_w \|F\|}{\sigma_u} \sqrt{\frac{N_0}{N}}$$

*Recall the error terms in least squares: $y_t = G\bar{u}_t + F\bar{w}_t + z_t + e_t$

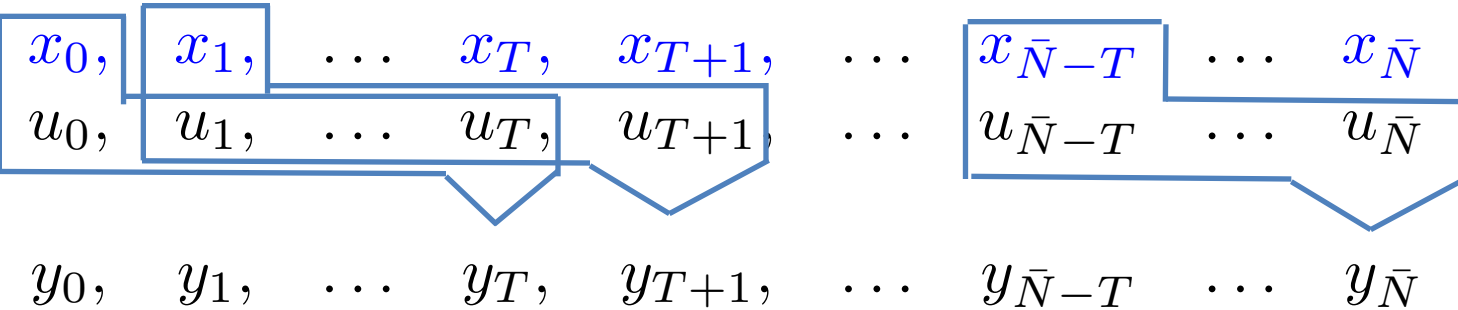
Combining it all...

Given any δ , ε , we can find a “tight” \bar{N} such that if we have input/output data of length \bar{N} , with probability $(1-\delta)$, we can estimate the system matrices (of balanced realization) by accuracy at most ε .

Similarly, given input/output data of length \bar{N} , and any δ , we can give a bound ε on the accuracy of the system matrix estimates that is valid with probability $(1-\delta)$.

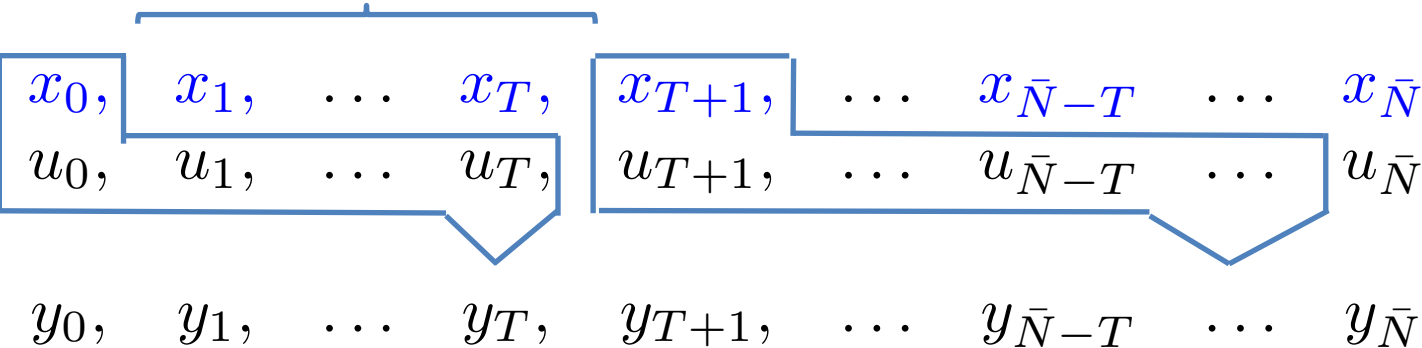
Several applications/extensions: estimates of H-infinity norm error, system order, etc.

Numerical examples

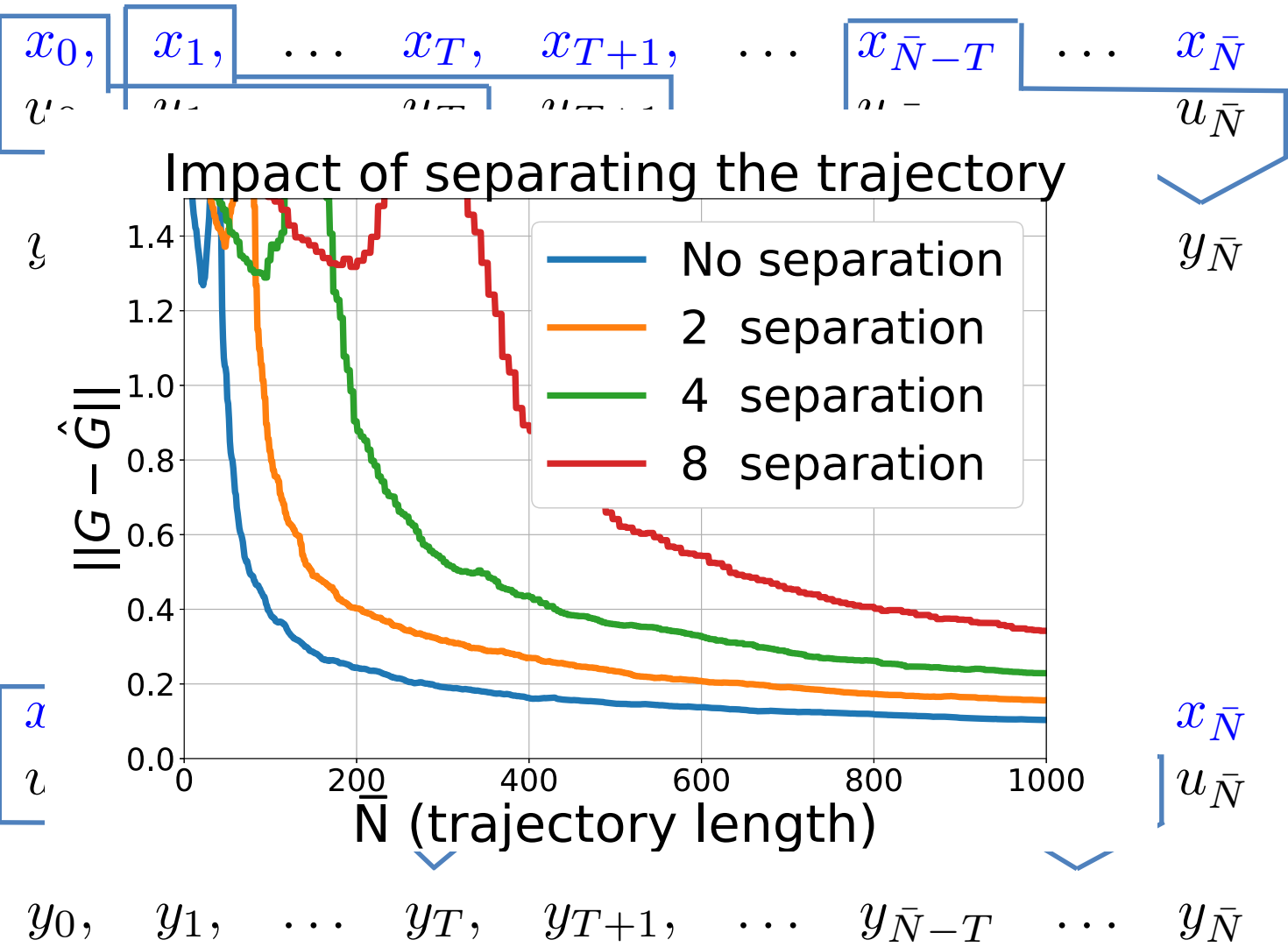


Statistically easier to analyze (but less “efficient”) alternative:
 a variant of the i.i.d. trajectory view point in [Oymak 19]

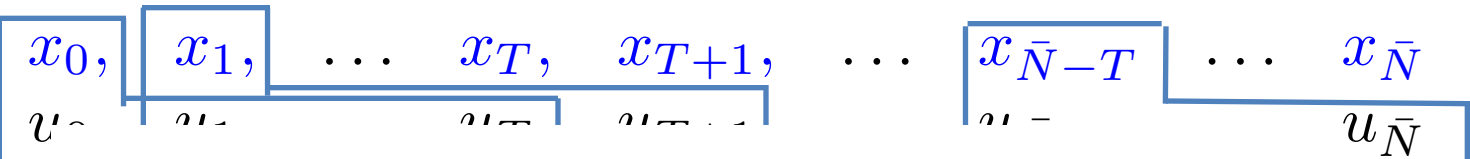
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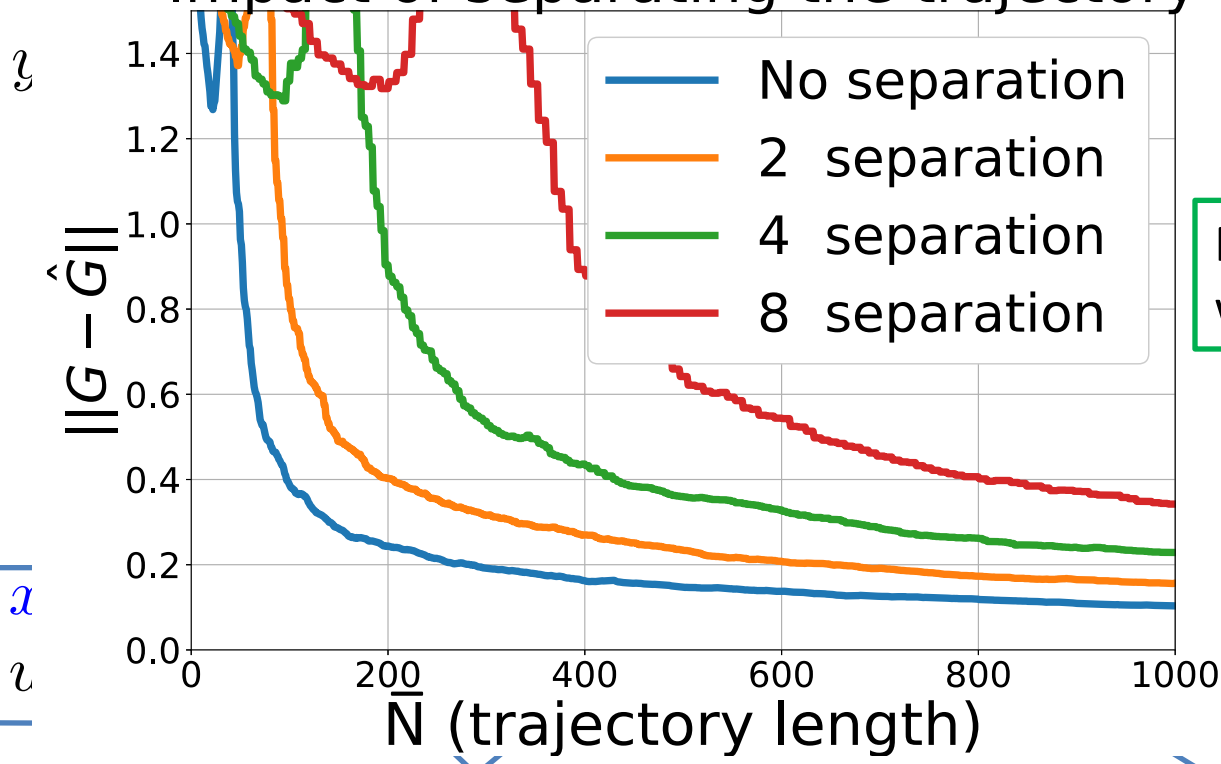
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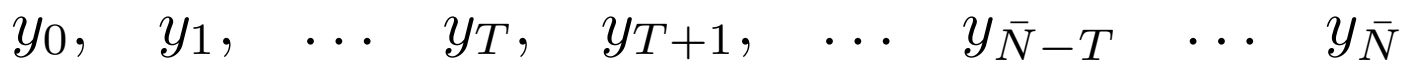
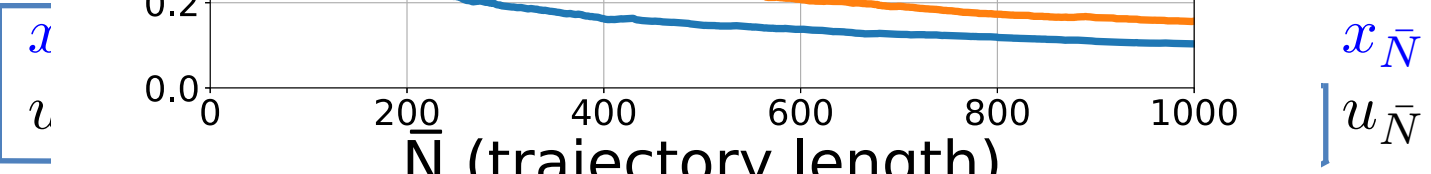
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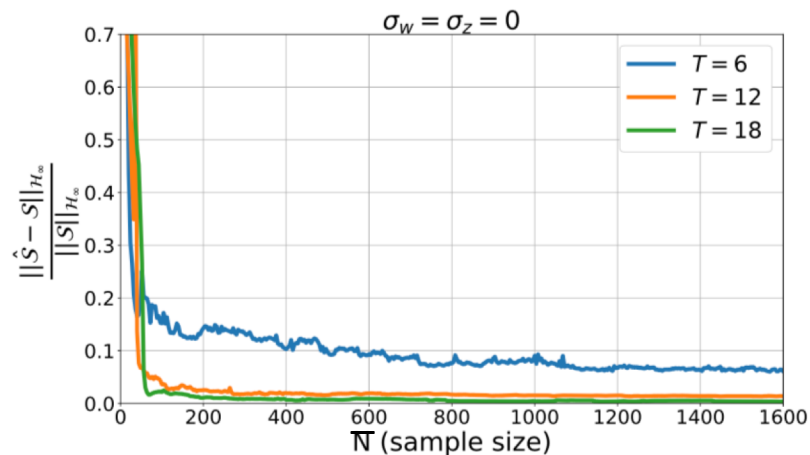
Impact of separating the trajectory



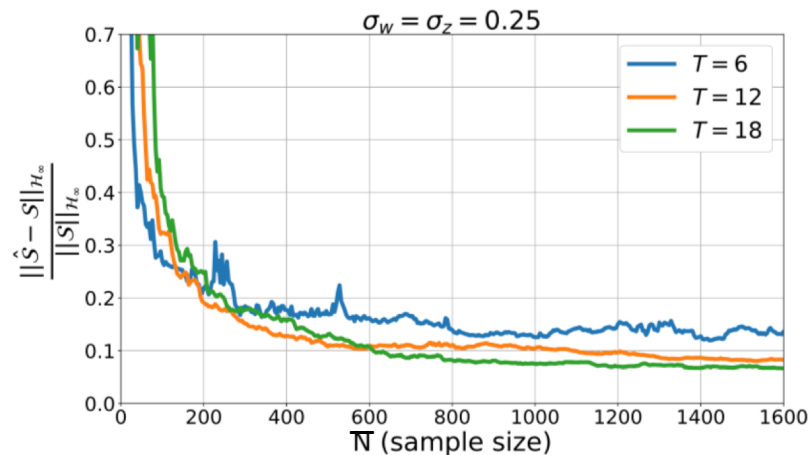
Practically better use of data with tight statistical bounds!



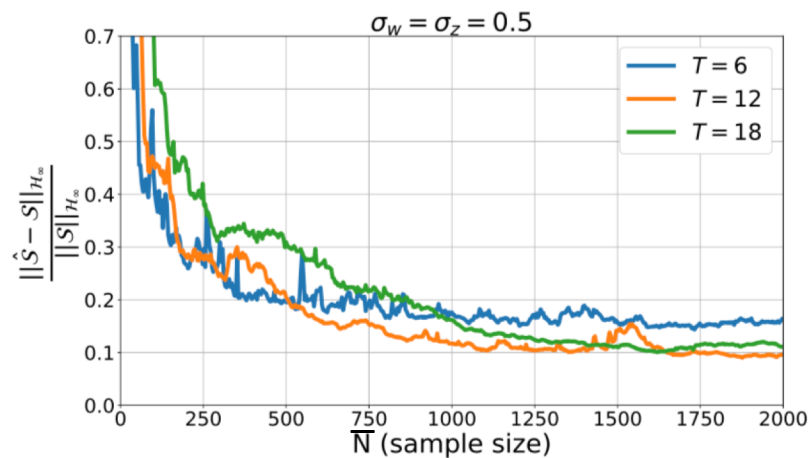
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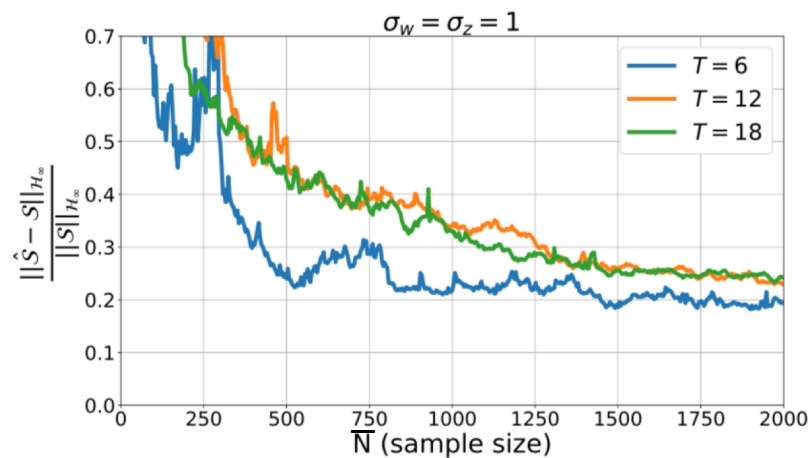
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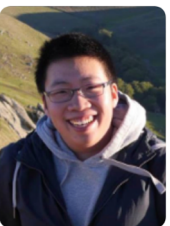
Outline

- Overview of some problems of interest at the intersection of learning, control, and optimization
- Sample complexity analysis of linear system identification (analysis of Ho-Kalman algorithm)



Joint work with Samet Oymak, UC Riverside

- **Inverse constraint learning (a la inverse optimal control)**



Joint work with Glen Chou and Dmitry Berenson, Michigan

Inverse constraint learning

- Learning constraints from demonstrations
 - an alternative to inverse optimal control
 - Why constraints?
 1. Constraints are more modular and explainable
 2. [from some HRI person] Humans don't think in terms of objective functions
 3. If we have constraints, we can use them for control design to provide system-level guarantees (safety & correctness)
- Challenge: learning only from positive examples
 - Inverse reinforcement learning:* [Abbeel & Ng 04], [Englert et al. 17], [Johnson et al. 13], [Menner et al 19], [Ng & Russell 00], [Singh et al. 18], [Sadigh et al. 17]
 - Constraint learning:* [Calinon & Billard 08], [Lin et al. '17], [Mehr et al '16], [Pais et al. 13], [Pérez-D'Arpino & Shah 17]
 - Temporal logic inference:* [Bakhirkin et al. 18], [Bombara et al. 16], [Kong et al. 14], [Neider & Gavran 18], [Shah et al. '18], [Vazquez-Chanlatte et al. 18]

Demonstrations (from different tasks) with common constraints

Demonstrator knows:

- Cost function, all constraints

We know:

- Cost function, system dynamics, control constraints.

Demonstrator finds trajectory ξ^*
that solves:

$$\begin{aligned} & \underset{\xi}{\text{minimize}} && c_{\text{task}}(\xi) \\ & \text{subject to} && \mathbf{g}(\xi, \theta) \leq \mathbf{0} \\ & && \mathbf{g}_{\text{shared}}(\xi) \leq \mathbf{0}, \quad \mathbf{h}_{\text{shared}}(\xi) = \mathbf{0} \\ & && \mathbf{g}_{\text{task}}(\xi) \leq \mathbf{0}, \quad \mathbf{h}_{\text{task}}(\xi) = \mathbf{0} \end{aligned}$$

Learn from
demonstrations $\{\xi_i^*\}_{i=1}^N$

known task-dependent cost
(e.g. path length)

unknown shared
constraint

known shared constraint
(e.g. dynamics, control
constraints)

known task-dependent
constraint (e.g. start/goal
state)

Two approaches

Globally optimal demonstrations:

Key insight: Any trajectory satisfying the known constraints with lower cost than the demonstration must violate the unknown constraint.

→ Sample lower cost trajectories (can be done with a simulator if dynamics are not given in closed form)

Locally optimal demonstrations:

Key insight: Find a cost function and constraints that make the demonstrations satisfy the KKT optimality conditions.

	KKT(ξ)
Primal feasibility:	$\mathbf{g}_{-k}(\xi, \theta) \leq \mathbf{0}, \quad \mathbf{g}_k(\xi) \leq \mathbf{0}, \quad \mathbf{h}_k(\xi) = \mathbf{0}$
Lagrange multipliers:	$\lambda_{-k} \geq \mathbf{0}, \quad \lambda_k \geq \mathbf{0}$
Complementary slackness:	$\lambda_{-k} \odot \mathbf{g}_{-k}(\xi, \theta) = \mathbf{0},$ $\lambda_k \odot \mathbf{g}_k(\xi, \theta) = \mathbf{0}$
Stationarity:	$\nabla_{\xi} c(\xi, \gamma) + \lambda_k^{\top} \nabla_{\xi} \mathbf{g}_k(\xi) + \lambda_{-k}^{\top} \nabla_{\xi} \mathbf{g}_{-k}(\xi, \theta)$ $+ \mathbf{v}_k^{\top} \nabla_{\xi} \mathbf{h}_k(\xi) = \mathbf{0}$

Can be encoded as a mixed integer linear program for certain classes of constraint parameterizations

Constraint extraction problem

Recover cost and constraints:

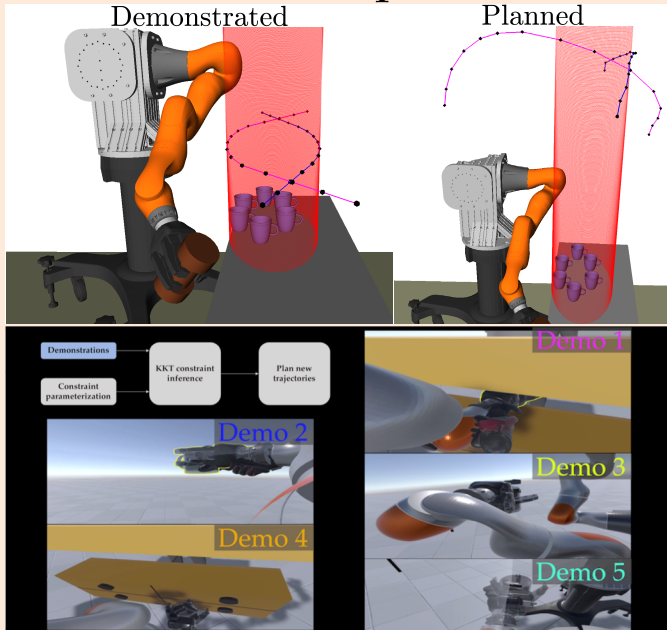
$$\text{find } \gamma, \theta, \{ \lambda_k^j, \lambda_{-k}^j, \nu_k^j \}_{j=1}^{N_{\text{demos}}}$$

$$\text{subject to } \{ \text{KKT}(\xi^j) \}_{j=1}^{N_{\text{demos}}}$$

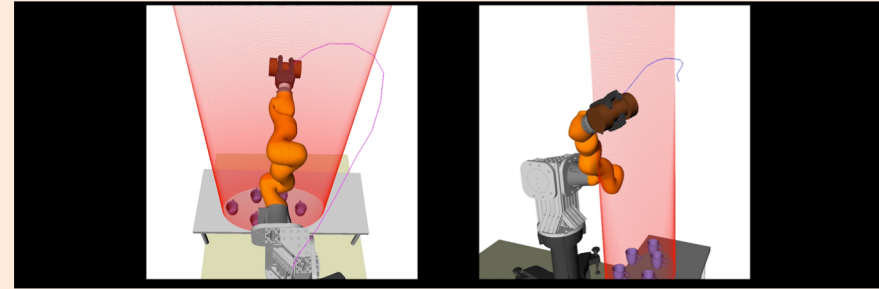
Finds a feasible constraint/cost parametrization
→ to extract volumes of guaranteed safe and unsafe regions, check infeasibility of negated constraint

There is some geometric analysis of what is learnable (good parametrizations help).

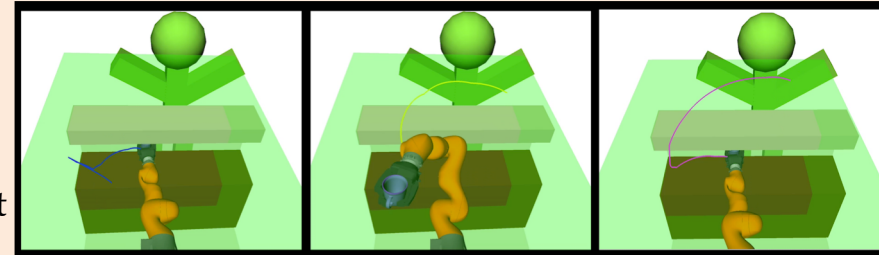
7-DOF manipulation:



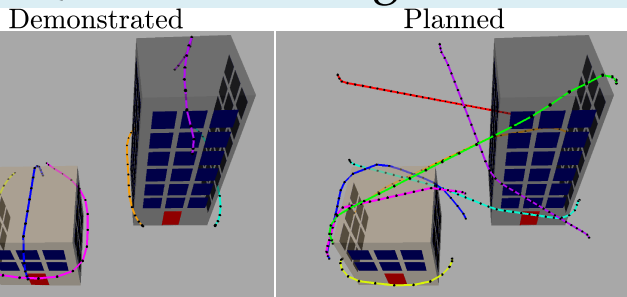
- Elliptical obstacle constraint
- 5 constraint parameters



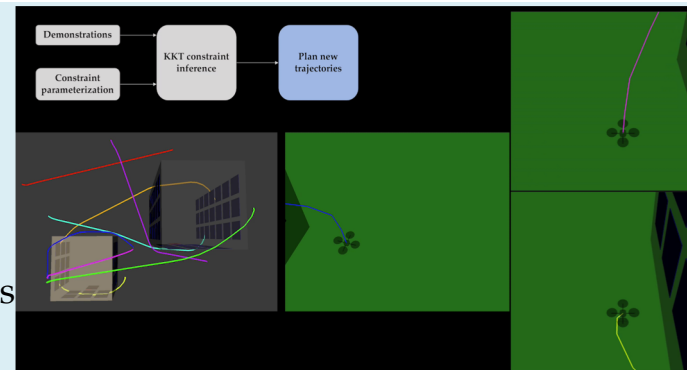
- Pose constraints
- Obstacle constraints
- 15 constraint parameters



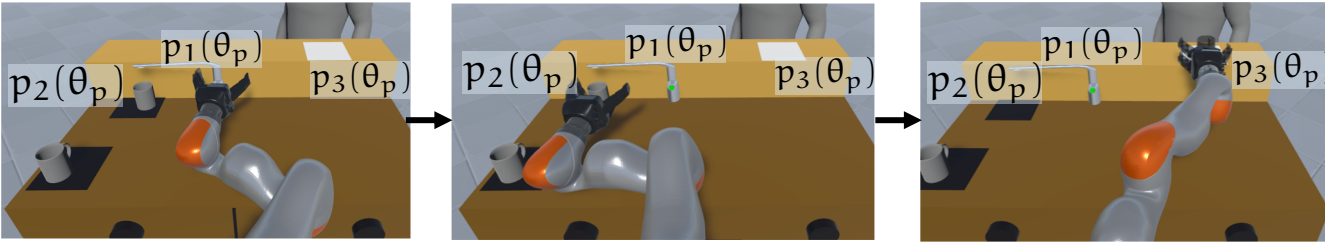
Quadrotor navigation:



- Angular velocity constraints
- Obstacle constraints
- Control input constraints
- Uncertain cost function
- 23 constraint parameters
- 6 cost function parameters



What if forward problem has time-varying constraints (e.g., linear temporal logic)?



$$\varphi(\theta_s, \theta_p) = (\neg p_2 \mathcal{U} p_1) \wedge (\neg p_3 \mathcal{U} p_2) \wedge \diamond p_3$$

Case 1:
Continuous local optimality, logical feasibility

specs for which the demonstration is feasible

specs for which the demonstration visits/avoids APs only if it is cost-advantageous

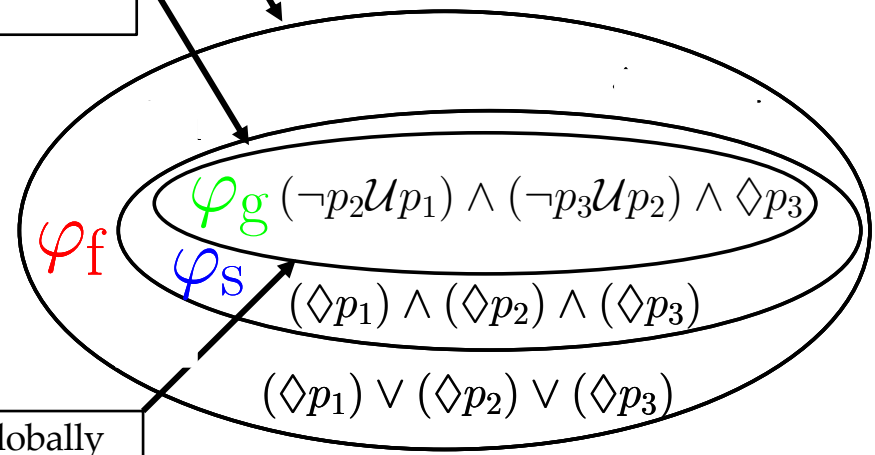
Case 2:
Continuous local optimality, logical spec-optimality

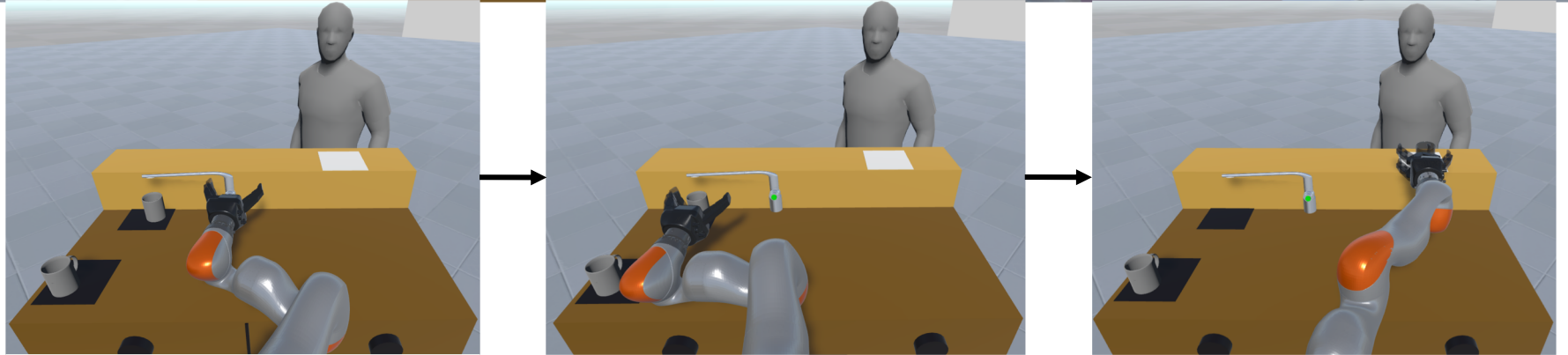
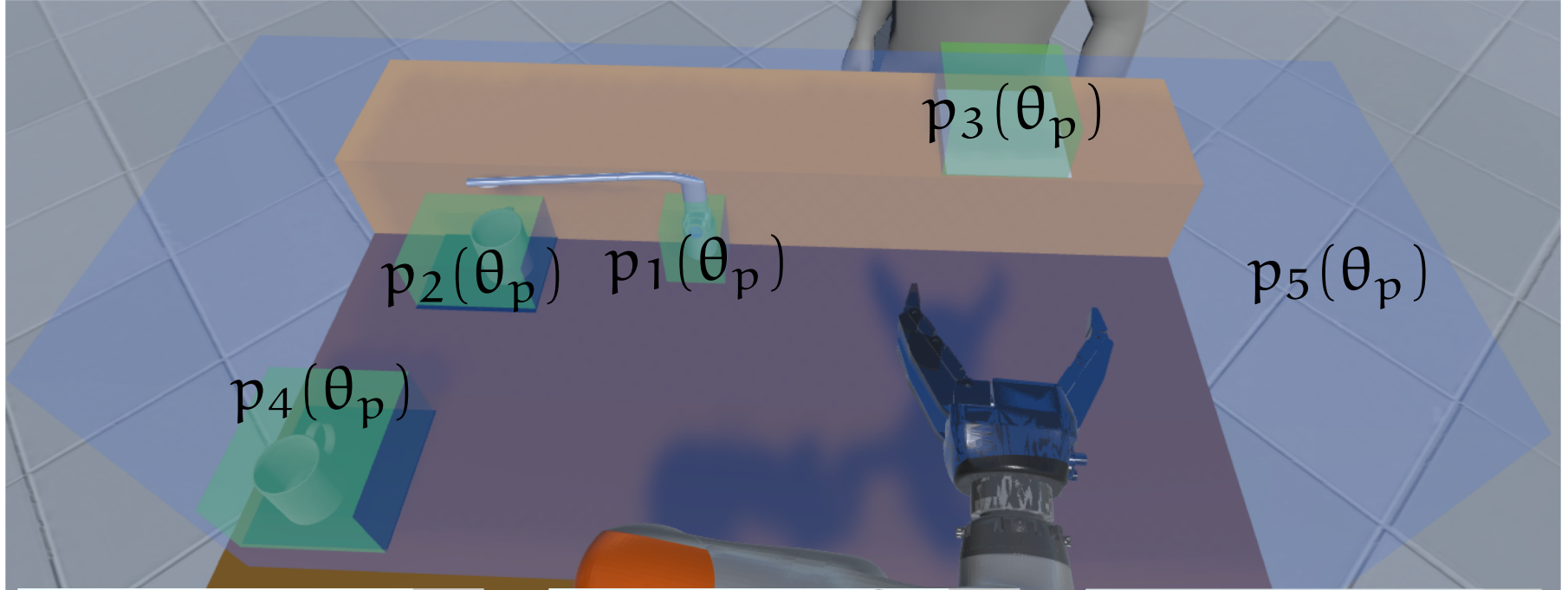
$$\hat{\mathbf{z}}_{i,t}(\theta_p) \doteq \begin{cases} -\mathbf{z}_{i',t'}(\theta_p) & i' = i, t' = t \\ \mathbf{z}_{i',t'}(\theta_p) & \text{else} \end{cases}$$

either $\hat{\mathbf{z}}_{i,t}(\theta_p) = 0$ or ξ is still locally-optimal after relaxing the constraints of p_i at time t

Case 3:
Continuous global optimality, logical global optimality

specs for which the demonstration is globally optimal





$$\varphi(\theta_p, \theta_s) = (\neg p_2(\theta_p) \mathcal{U} p_1(\theta_p)) \wedge (\neg p_3(\theta_p) \mathcal{U} p_2(\theta_p)) \wedge \diamond p_3(\theta_p)$$

Summary & Conclusions

System identification:

- Sensitivity/robustness analysis for Ho-Kalman algorithm
- End to end sample complexity results → guarantees on the learned system parameters from finite samples
- Future directions: analysis of other sys id algorithms, closing the loop, control for learning, unstable systems(?)

Inverse constraint learning:

- Optimality is a very strong prior for learning constraints: from simple constraints to complicated temporal tasks
- Future directions: more non-determinism in models or data