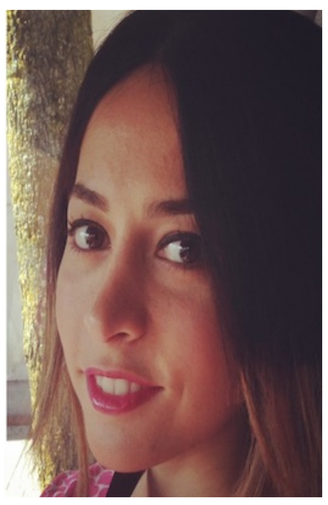
Formal Synthesis of Partially-Observable Cyber-Physical Systems



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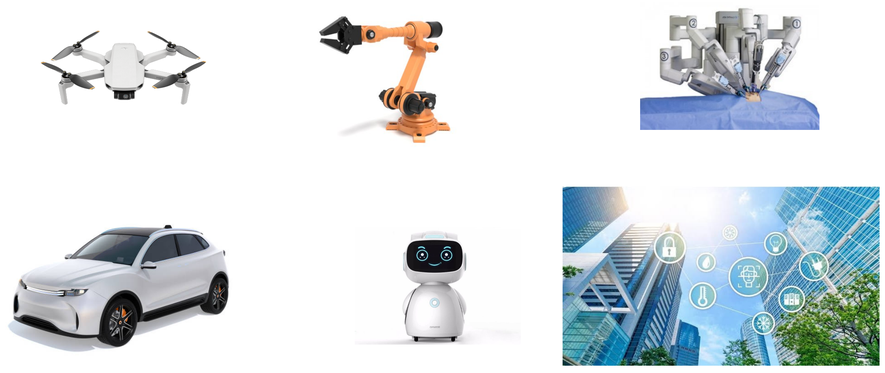
Cyber-Physical Systems

Cyber-physical systems: complex models consisting of both computational elements and physical entities.

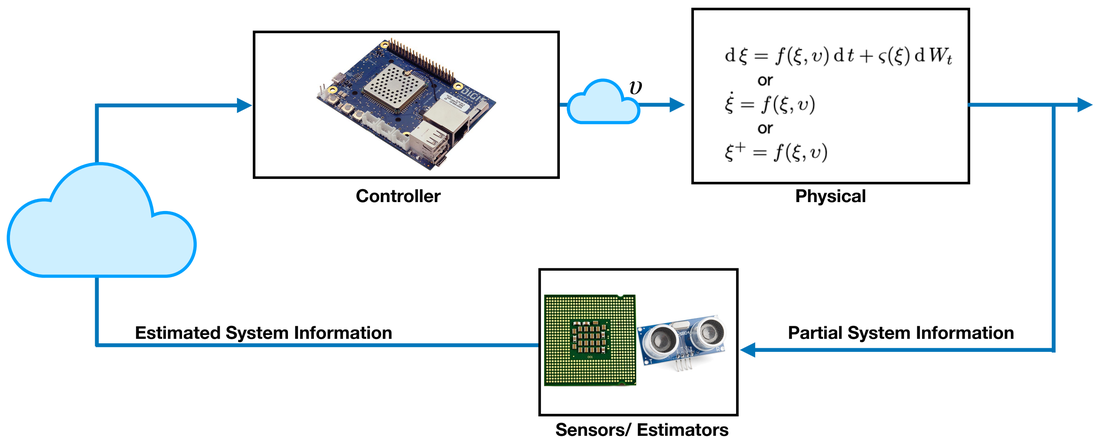


Challenges:

- Increasing complexity: interconnected large-scale systems;
- Complex control objectives: beyond the classical stability;
- Closed-form models: not available or too complex to be of any use.

Problem Statement

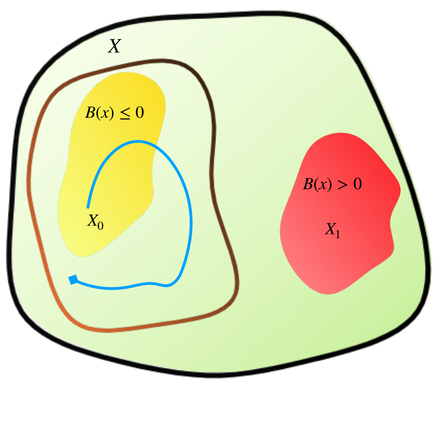
Can we *formally* design a controller such that a partially-observable stochastic control system satisfies a given *safety* specification?



Control Barrier Functions (CBFs)

Dynamics of the system $\Sigma : \begin{cases} x^+ = f(x, v), \\ y = h(x), \end{cases}$

X: state space; X_0: initial set; X_1: unsafe set;



Control barrier function: $\mathcal{B} : X \to \mathbb{R}$

- $\forall x \in X_0,\ \ \mathcal{B}(x) \leq 0,$
- $\forall x \in X_1,\ \ \mathcal{B}(x) > 0,$
- $\forall x \in X, \exists u \in U,\ \mathcal{B}(f(x,u)) \leq \mathcal{B}(x).$

Theorem 1

Existence of a control barrier function $\mathcal{B}$ guarantees that a system starting from X_0 does not reach X_1 under the synthesized controller.

CBF for Systems with Partial Information

Assumption 1

The states of the system can be estimated by a proper estimator as follows:

$$\widehat{\Sigma} : \hat{x}^+ = \hat{f}(\hat{x}, v, y).$$

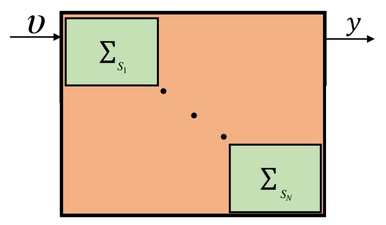
Control barrier function: $\mathcal{B} : X \times X \to \mathbb{R}$

- $\forall (x, \hat{x}) \in X_0 \times X_0,\ \ \mathcal{B}(x, \hat{x}) \leq \beta_0,$
- $\forall (x, \hat{x}) \in X_1 \times X,\ \ \mathcal{B}(x, \hat{x}) \geq \beta_1,\ \beta_0 < \beta_1$
- $\forall \hat{x} \in X, \exists u \in U,$ such that $\forall x \in X,$
  $\mathcal{B}(f(x,u), \hat{f}(\hat{x}, u, y)) \ \leq \mathcal{B}(x, \hat{x}).$

Large-Scale Interconnected Control Systems

Synthesizing a controller for Σ_S monolithically is extremely complex and challenging, so rather than looking at Σ_S monolithically, we consider it as an interconnection of subsystems Σ_{S_i}.

Σ_S :



CBFs for Interconnected Control Systems