

# Approximate active fault detection and control

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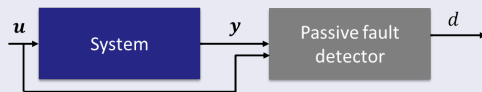
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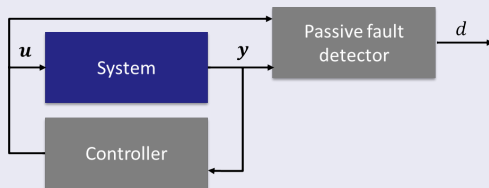
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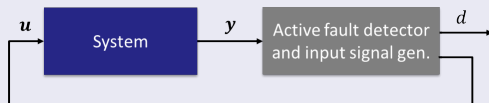
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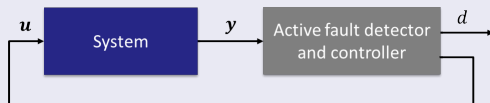
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# Introduction

## Goal of the paper

- To design an **active fault detector and controller** (AFDC) for nonlinear systems over an infinite time horizon with a discounted criterion.
- To demonstrate the proposed AFDC in a numerical example.

# Problem formulation

## System description

The multiple-model approach is considered (one model fault-free, other faulty,  $\mu_k \in \mathcal{M} = \{1, 2, \dots, N\}$  is unknown model index). A system with the perfect state information described by time-invariant model

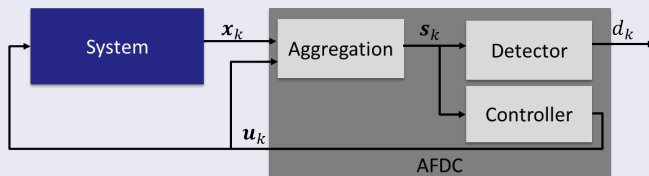
$$\mathbf{s}_{k+1} = \phi(\mathbf{s}_k, \mathbf{u}_k, \mathbf{x}_{k+1}), \quad (1)$$

$\mathbf{s}_k = [\mathbf{x}_k, \mathbf{b}_k]^T \in \mathcal{S}$  is a hyper-state (perfect state information),  $\mathbf{x}_k \in \mathbb{R}^{n_x}$  is a common state ( $x_{k+1}$  defined by  $p(x_{k+1} | \mathbf{s}_k, \mathbf{u}_k)$ ),  $\mathbf{b}_k = [b_{k,1}, \dots, b_{k,i}, \dots, b_{k,N-1}]^T \in \mathcal{B}$  is a belief state of system models,  $b_{k,i} = P(\mu_k = i | \mathbf{x}_0^k, \mathbf{u}_0^{k-1})$ ,  $\phi$  is a nonlinear vector function,  $\mathbf{u}_k \in \mathcal{U} = \{\bar{\mathbf{u}}^1, \dots, \bar{\mathbf{u}}^M\} \subset \mathbb{R}^{n_u}$  is an admissible control,  $P_{i,j} = P(\mu_{k+1} = j | \mu_k = i)$ ,  $\mathbf{x}_0$ , and  $P(\mu_0)$  are known.



# Problem formulation

## Active fault detector and controller



Two actions: **decision**  $d_k \in \mathcal{M}$  and **control**  $\mathbf{u}_k \in \mathcal{U}$ ,

$$\begin{bmatrix} d_k \\ \mathbf{u}_k \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \sigma(\mathbf{s}_k) \\ \gamma(\mathbf{s}_k) \end{bmatrix} = \bar{\rho}(\mathbf{s}_k), \quad (2)$$

$\bar{\rho}: \mathcal{S} \mapsto \mathcal{M} \times \mathcal{U}$  is an unknown policy,  $\sigma: \mathcal{S} \mapsto \mathcal{M}$  is a detector,  $\gamma: \mathcal{S} \mapsto \mathcal{U}$  is a controller.

# Problem formulation

## Optimality criterion

Optimality criterion is given by

$$\bar{J}(\bar{\rho}, \mathbf{s}_0) = \lim_{F \rightarrow \infty} \mathbb{E} \left\{ \sum_{k=0}^F \lambda^k \bar{L}(d_k, \mathbf{s}_k, \mathbf{u}_k) | \mathbf{s}_0 \right\}, \quad (3)$$

where  $\bar{L}(d_k, \mathbf{s}_k, \mathbf{u}_k) = \alpha \bar{L}^d(d_k, \mathbf{s}_k) + (1 - \alpha) \bar{L}^c(\mathbf{s}_k, \mathbf{u}_k)$  is a cost function (CF),  $\alpha \in [0; 1]$  is a weighting factor,

$\bar{L}^d(d_k, \mathbf{s}_k) = \mathbb{E}\{L^d(\mu_k, d_k) | d_k, \mathbf{x}_0^k, \mathbf{u}_0^{k-1}\}$ , is a detection CF ( $L^d : \mathcal{M} \times \mathcal{M} \mapsto \mathbb{R}^+$  is the original detection CF),

$\bar{L}^c(\mathbf{s}_k, \mathbf{u}_k) = L^c([\mathbf{s}_{k,1}, \dots, \mathbf{s}_{k,n_x}]^T, \mathbf{u}_k)$  is a control CF ( $L^c : \mathbb{R}^{n_x} \times \mathcal{U} \mapsto \mathbb{R}^+$  is the original control CF).

Assume  $L^d$ ,  $L^c$ , and  $L$  are bounded making the criterion (3) well defined for any policy  $\bar{\rho}$ .

# Optimal active fault detector and controller

## Design

The goal is to find Bellman function  $V^*$  that solves the following Bellman functional equation

$$V^*(\mathbf{s}_k) = \min_{d_k \in \mathcal{M}, \mathbf{u}_k \in \mathcal{U}} E \{ \bar{L}(d_k, \mathbf{s}_k, \mathbf{u}_k) + \lambda V^*(\mathbf{s}_{k+1}) | d_k, \mathbf{s}_k, \mathbf{u}_k \}. \quad (4)$$

Optimal detector  $\sigma^*$  and optimal controller  $\gamma^*$  are given as

$$d_k^* = \sigma^*(\mathbf{s}_k) = \arg \min_{d_k \in \mathcal{M}} \alpha \bar{L}^d(\mathbf{s}_k, d_k), \quad (5)$$

$$\mathbf{u}_k^* = \gamma^*(\mathbf{s}_k) = \arg \min_{\mathbf{u}_k \in \mathcal{U}} E \{ (1 - \alpha) \bar{L}^c(\mathbf{s}_k, \mathbf{u}_k) + \lambda V^*(\mathbf{s}_{k+1}) | \mathbf{s}_k, \mathbf{u}_k \}. \quad (6)$$

The Bellman function  $V^*$  is computed offline by solving (4), then the AFDC is implemented online by means of (5) and (6).

# Approximate active fault detector and controller

Analytical solution to the Bellman equation is impossible to find in this case. Numerical methods are employed.

## Numerical solution to the Bellman equation

- The hyper-state space is quantized by a uniform grid with grid points  $\bar{\mathbf{s}} \in \mathbb{R}^{n_s}$ . Hyper-states are projected to the grid using an aggregation function.
- The Bellman function is approximated by a piecewise constant function  $\bar{V}$  found by a numerical method of dynamic programming (e.g. value iteration method).
- Due to nonlinearity of the system, the expectation in the Bellman equation is approximated by the Unscented transform.

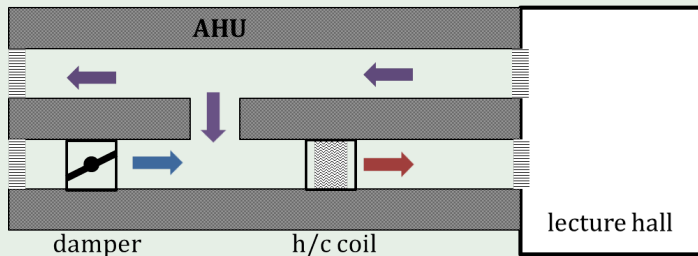
# Numerical example

## Air handling unit

- An example of an air handling unit (AHU) is considered.
- The AHU mixes the ambient air and indoor air together with ratio proportional to a damper position. The mixed air is then heated or cooled by a coil before entering a lecture hall.
- Two nonlinear discretized state-space models are considered: a fault-free model and a faulty model with a stuck damper in fully opened position.
- Discretization by the forward Euler method with sampling period  $T_s = 300s$ .

# Numerical example

## Air handling unit



- A goal is to detect a stuck damper in the AHU and to control the indoor air temperature (AT) in a lecture hall.
- $\mathbf{x}_k = [\mathbf{x}_{k,1}, \mathbf{x}_{k,2}]^T$ ,  $\mathbf{x}_{k,1}$  is the indoor AT,  $\mathbf{x}_{k,2}$  is the ambient AT,  $\mathbf{u}_k = [\mathbf{u}_{k,1}, \mathbf{u}_{k,2}]^T$ ,  $\mathbf{u}_{k,1} \in \mathcal{U}^L = \{-1, 0, 1\}$  is the coil control,  $\mathbf{u}_{k,2} \in \mathcal{U}^N = \{0, 0.1, \dots, 0.9\}$  is the damper position.

# Numerical example

## Detection

The original detection cost function aims at correct system model detection

$$L^d(\mu_k, d_k) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } d_k = \mu_k, \\ 1 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

## Control

An objective of the original control cost function is to control the indoor air temperature  $\mathbf{x}_{k,1}$  to a reference temperature  $x^{\text{ref}} = 23^\circ\text{C}$

$$L^c(\mathbf{x}_k, \mathbf{u}_k) = \sum_{i=1}^{n_u} |\mathbf{p}_i^{\text{hc}} \mathbf{u}_{k,i}| + \mathbf{q}_1 \left( 1 - e^{-\mathbf{q}_2 (\mathbf{x}_{k,1} - x^{\text{ref}})^2} \right),$$

where  $\mathbf{p}^{\text{hc}} = [\mathbf{p}_1^{\text{hc}}, \mathbf{p}_2^{\text{hc}}]^T = [1, 0]^T$  and  $\mathbf{q} = [\mathbf{q}_1, \mathbf{q}_2]^T = [60, 1]^T$  are parameters. Note that control actions  $\mathbf{u}_k$  are penalized as well.

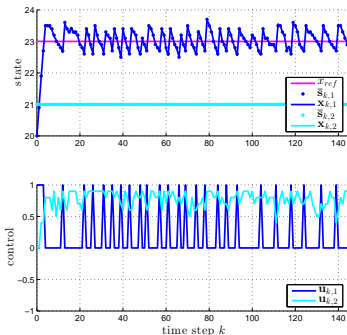
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## Simulation conditions

- The ambient air temperature is constant  $\mathbf{x}_{k,2} = 21^\circ\text{C}$ .
- The common state  $\mathbf{x}_{k,1}$  is influenced by a state noise defined by the Laplace distribution with the location parameter  $\varpi = 0$  and the scale parameter  $\beta = 0.08$ .
- The hyper-state  $\mathbf{s}_k$  is quantized by a uniform grid defined by a Cartesian product  $\mathcal{S}^g \equiv \mathcal{S}_1^g \times \mathcal{S}_2^g \times \mathcal{S}_3^g = \{5, 5.1, \dots, 30\} \times \{21\} \times \{0, 0.01, \dots, 1\}$ .
- The weighting factor set to  $\alpha = 0.99$  which compromises the detection and control objectives as shown later.
- Value iteration stopped after 30 iterations,  $\lambda = 0.98$ ,  $P(\mu_0 = 1) = 1$ , and  $P(\mu_{k+1} = i | \mu_k = j) = 0.02$  for  $i, j \in \mathcal{M}$ ,  $i \neq j$ .



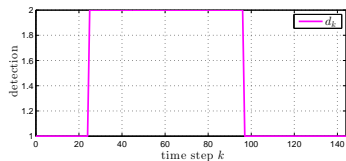
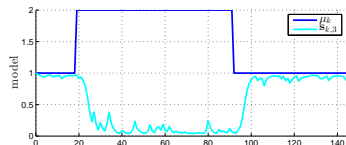
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- Typical state trajectories and system control for the time horizon of 12 hours.

- The indoor air temperature  $\mathbf{x}_{k,1}$  follows  $x^{\text{ref}}$  with oscillations caused by a discrete amount of power delivered during  $T_s$ .
- The damper is almost closed to the ambient air because  $\mathbf{x}_{k,2} < x^{\text{ref}}$ .

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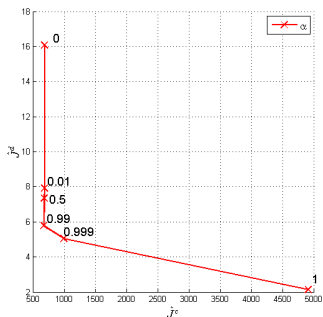


- Typical true model, probability of the fault-free model, and a decision of the AFDC for the time horizon of 12 hours.

- The actual model is correctly detected with a delay of approximately 5 steps.
- The detection and control aims are fulfilled.

# Numerical example

Consider detection  $J^d = \lim_{F \rightarrow +\infty} E\{\sum_{k=0}^F \lambda^k L^d(\mu_k, d_k)\}$  and control  $J^c = \lim_{F \rightarrow +\infty} E\{\lambda^k L^c(\mathbf{x}_k, \mathbf{u}_k)\}$  parts of the criterion (3).



- Pareto front for the AHU optimization problem indicating an influence of the weighting factor  $\alpha$  on estimates of detection and control parts of the criterion (3),  $F = 42$  hours, and 10000 Monte Carlo simulations was used.

- The values of estimate  $\hat{J}^c$  remains approximately the same for  $\alpha \in [0, 0.99]$ , only quality of detection changes.

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- The problem formulation allows a compromise between detection and control aims.
- The approximate active fault detector and controller for nonlinear stochastic systems over an infinite time horizon was designed.
- The quality of the AFDC depends on approximations employed.
- The utility of the presented approach was demonstrated in the numerical example of an air handling unit.

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