## Cooperative Robotics and Intervals

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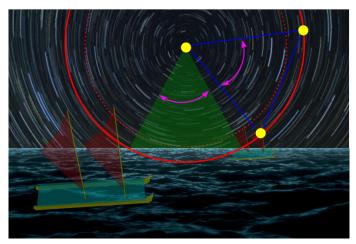
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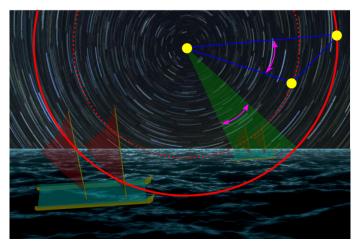
Find the route without GPS, compass and clocks with wa'a kaulua[5]



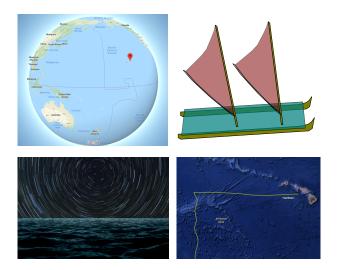
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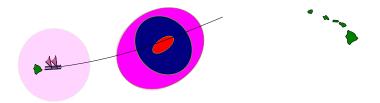
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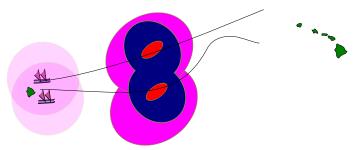


#### Pair of stars technique





#### Prove that islands will be reached by one boat



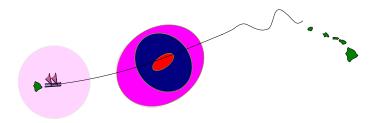
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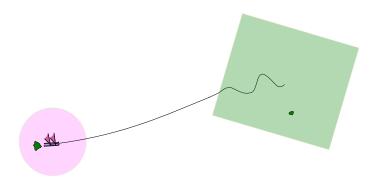
#### Alignment to keep the heading in case of clouds



#### Find a control to reach the geo-localized islands

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#### Explore a given area entirely to find new islands

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## Secure a zone

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# INFO OBS. Un sous-marin nucléaire russe repéré dans le Golfe de Gascogne



Le navire a été repéré en janvier. Ce serait la première fois depuis la fin de la Guerre Froide qu'un tel sous-marin, doté de missiles nucléaires, se serait aventuré dans cette zone au large des côtes françaises.



## Bay of Biscay 220 000 km<sup>2</sup>



#### An intruder

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- Several robots  $\mathscr{R}_1, \ldots, \mathscr{R}_n$  at positions  $\mathbf{a}_1, \ldots, \mathbf{a}_n$  are moving in the ocean.
- If the intruder is in the visibility zone of one robot, it is detected.[8]

# Complementary approach

- $\bullet$  We assume that a virtual intruder exists inside  $\mathbb{G}.$
- We localize it with a set-membership observer inside  $\mathbb{X}(t)$ .
- The secure zone corresponds to the complementary of  $\mathbb{X}(t)$ .

#### Assumptions

• The intruder satisfies

 $\dot{\mathbf{x}} \in \mathbb{F}(\mathbf{x}(t)).$ 

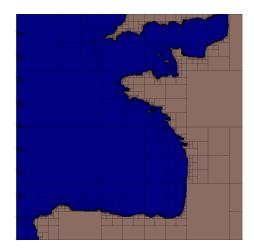
• Each robot  $\mathscr{R}_i$  has the visibility zone  $g_{\mathbf{a}_i}^{-1}([0, d_i])$  where  $d_i$  is the scope.

**Theorem**. An (undetected) intruder has a state vector  $\mathbf{x}(t)$  inside the set

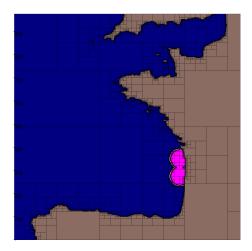
$$\mathbb{X}(t) = \mathbb{G} \cap (\mathbb{X}(t-dt) + dt \cdot \mathbb{F}(\mathbb{X}(t-dt))) \cap \bigcap_{i} g_{\mathbf{a}_{i}(t)}^{-1}([d_{i}(t),\infty]),$$

where  $\mathbb{X}(0) = \mathbb{G}$ . The secure zone is

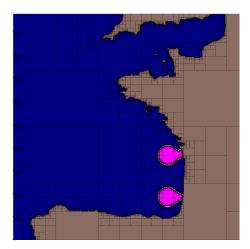
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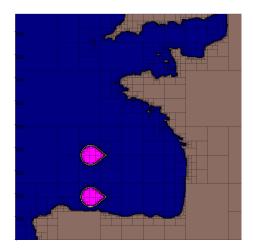
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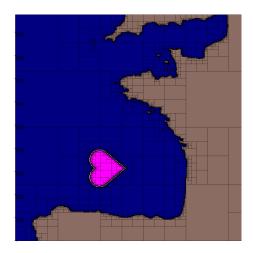


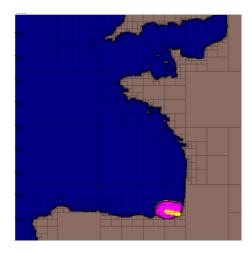
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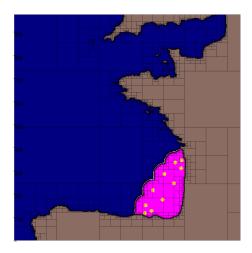


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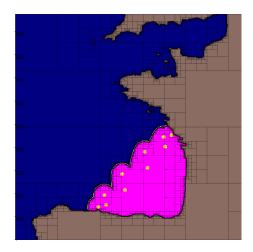


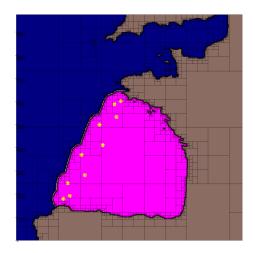






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#### Video : https://youtu.be/rNcDW6npLfE

## Smoother

Idea: Take into account the future.

The feasible set can be obtained by the following contractions

$$egin{array}{rcl} \overrightarrow{\mathbb{X}}(t) &= & \overrightarrow{\mathbb{X}}(t) \cap (\mathbb{X}(t-dt)+dt \cdot \mathbb{F}(\mathbb{X}(t-dt))) \ \overrightarrow{\mathbb{X}}(t) &= & \overline{\mathbb{X}}(t) \cap (\mathbb{X}(t+dt)-dt \cdot \mathbb{F}(\mathbb{X}(t+dt))) \ \mathbb{X}(t) &= & \overrightarrow{\mathbb{X}}(t) \cap \overleftarrow{\mathbb{X}}(t) \end{array}$$

with the initialization

$$\mathbb{X}(t) = \overrightarrow{\mathbb{X}}(t) = \overleftarrow{\mathbb{X}}(t) = \mathbb{G}.$$

### Intervals

# Intervals

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**Problem**. Given  $f: \mathbb{R}^n \to \mathbb{R}$  and a box  $[\mathbf{x}] \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ , prove that

 $\forall \mathbf{x} \in [\mathbf{x}], f(\mathbf{x}) \geq 0.$ 

Interval arithmetic can solve efficiently this problem.

#### Example. Is the function

$$f(\mathbf{x}) = x_1 x_2 - (x_1 + x_2) \cos x_2 + \sin x_1 \cdot \sin x_2 + 2$$

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always positive for  $x_1, x_2 \in [-1, 1]$  ?

### Interval arithmetic

$$\begin{array}{ll} [-1,3] + [2,5] & =?, \\ [-1,3] \cdot [2,5] & =?, \\ \mathsf{abs}([-7,1]) & =? \end{array}$$

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### Interval arithmetic

$$\begin{array}{ll} [-1,3]+[2,5] &= [1,8], \\ [-1,3]\cdot [2,5] &= [-5,15], \\ \texttt{abs}([-7,1]) &= [0,7] \end{array}$$

The interval extension of

$$f(x_1, x_2) = x_1 \cdot x_2 - (x_1 + x_2) \cdot \cos x_2 + \sin x_1 \cdot \sin x_2 + 2$$

is

$$[f]([x_1], [x_2]) = [x_1] \cdot [x_2] - ([x_1] + [x_2]) \cdot \cos[x_2] + \sin[x_1] \cdot \sin[x_2] + 2.$$

### Theorem (Moore, 1970)

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[f]([\mathbf{x}]) \subset \mathbb{R}^+ \Rightarrow \forall \mathbf{x} \in [\mathbf{x}], f(\mathbf{x}) \ge 0.
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# Set Inversion

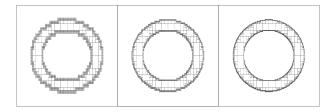
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A subpaving of  $\mathbb{R}^n$  is a set of non-overlapping boxes of  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . Compact sets  $\mathbb{X}$  can be bracketed between inner and outer subpavings:

$$\mathbb{X}^{-} \subset \mathbb{X} \subset \mathbb{X}^{+}.$$

Example.

 $\mathbb{X} = \{(x_1, x_2) \mid x_1^2 + x_2^2 \in [1, 2]\}.$ 



Let  $f:\mathbb{R}^n\to\mathbb{R}^m$  and let  $\mathbb {Y}$  be a subset of  $\mathbb{R}^m.$  Set inversion is the characterization of

$$\mathbb{X} = \{ \mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n \mid \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}) \in \mathbb{Y} \} = \mathbf{f}^{-1}(\mathbb{Y}).$$

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We shall use the following tests.

$$\begin{array}{lll} (i) & [f]([x]) \subset \mathbb{Y} & \Rightarrow & [x] \subset \mathbb{X} \\ (ii) & [f]([x]) \cap \mathbb{Y} = \emptyset & \Rightarrow & [x] \cap \mathbb{X} = \emptyset. \end{array}$$

Boxes for which these tests failed, will be bisected, except if they are too small.

## Contractors

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The operator  $\mathscr{C}: \mathbb{IR}^n \to \mathbb{IR}^n$  is a *contractor* [4] for the equation  $f(\mathbf{x}) = 0$ , if

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{ll} \mathscr{C}([\mathbf{x}]) \subset [\mathbf{x}] & (\texttt{contractance}) \\ \mathbf{x} \in [\mathbf{x}] \text{ and } f(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{0} \Rightarrow \mathbf{x} \in \mathscr{C}([\mathbf{x}]) & (\texttt{consistence}) \end{array} \right.$$

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### **Building contractors** Consider the primitive equation

$$x_1 + x_2 = x_3$$

with  $x_1 \in [x_1], x_2 \in [x_2], x_3 \in [x_3]$ .

We have

$$\begin{array}{rcl} x_3 = x_1 + x_2 \Rightarrow & x_3 \in & [x_3] \cap ([x_1] + [x_2]) \\ x_1 = x_3 - x_2 \Rightarrow & x_1 \in & [x_1] \cap ([x_3] - [x_2]) \\ x_2 = x_3 - x_1 \Rightarrow & x_2 \in & [x_2] \cap ([x_3] - [x_1]) \end{array}$$

The contractor associated with  $x_1 + x_2 = x_3$  is thus

$$\mathscr{C}\left(\begin{array}{c} [x_1]\\ [x_2]\\ [x_3] \end{array}\right) = \left(\begin{array}{c} [x_1] \cap ([x_3] - [x_2])\\ [x_2] \cap ([x_3] - [x_1])\\ [x_3] \cap ([x_1] + [x_2]) \end{array}\right)$$

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## Tubes

A trajectory is a function  $f : \mathbb{R} \to \mathbb{R}^n$ . [7, 6]. For instance

$$\mathbf{f}(t) = \left(\begin{array}{c} \cos t \\ \sin t \end{array}\right)$$

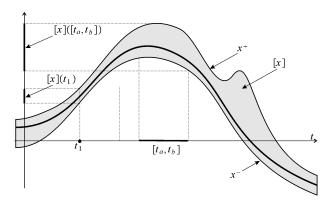
is a trajectory.

### **Order relation**

$$\mathbf{f} \leq \mathbf{g} \Leftrightarrow \forall t, \forall i, f_i(t) \leq g_i(t).$$

We have

$$\mathbf{h} = \mathbf{f} \wedge \mathbf{g} \Leftrightarrow \forall t, \forall i, h_i(t) = \min(f_i(t), g_i(t)),$$
  
 
$$\mathbf{h} = \mathbf{f} \vee \mathbf{g} \Leftrightarrow \forall t, \forall i, h_i(t) = \max(f_i(t), g_i(t)).$$



The set of trajectories is a lattice. Interval of trajectories (tubes) can be defined.

Example.

$$[\mathbf{f}](t) = \left(\begin{array}{c} \cos t + \begin{bmatrix} 0, t^2 \end{bmatrix}\\ \sin t + \begin{bmatrix} -1, 1 \end{bmatrix}\right)$$

is an interval trajectory (or tube).

## Tube arithmetics

### If [x] and [y] are two scalar tubes [1], we have

$$\begin{aligned} &[z] = [x] + [y] \Rightarrow [z](t) = [x](t) + [y](t) & (sum) \\ &[z] = shift_a([x]) \Rightarrow [z](t) = [x](t+a) & (shift) \\ &[z] = [x] \circ [y] \Rightarrow [z](t) = [x]([y](t)) & (composition) \\ &[z] = \int [x] \Rightarrow [z](t) = \left[\int_0^t x^-(\tau) d\tau, \int_0^t x^+(\tau) d\tau\right] & (integral) \end{aligned}$$

## Tube Contractors

### Tube arithmetic allows us to build contractors [3].

Consider for instance the differential constraint

$$egin{array}{rcl} \dot{x}(t) &=& x(t+ au) \cdot u(t)\,, \ x(t) &\in& [x](t)\,, \dot{x}(t) \in [\dot{x}](t)\,, u(t) \in [u](t)\,, au \in [ au] \end{array}$$

We decompose as follows

$$\begin{cases} x(t) = x(0) + \int_0^t y(\tau) d\tau \\ y(t) = a(t) \cdot u(t). \\ a(t) = x(t+\tau) \end{cases}$$

#### Possible contractors are

$$\begin{cases} [x](t) = [x](t) \cap ([x](0) + \int_0^t [y](\tau) d\tau) \\ [y](t) = [y](t) \cap [a](t) \cdot [u](t) \\ [u](t) = [u](t) \cap \frac{[y](t)}{[a](t)} \\ [a](t) = [a](t) \cap \frac{[y](t)}{[u](t)} \\ [a](t) = [a](t) \cap [x](t + [\tau]) \\ [x](t) = [x](t) \cap [a](t - [\tau]) \\ [\tau] = [\tau](t) \cap \dots \end{cases}$$

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### **Example.** Consider $x(t) \in [x](t)$ with the constraint

 $\forall t, x(t) = x(t+1)$ 

Contract the tube [x](t).

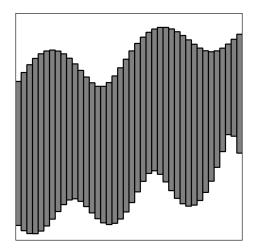
We first decompose into primitive trajectory constraints

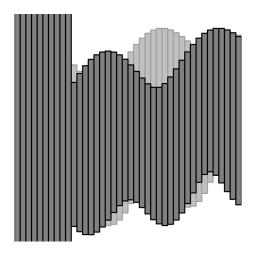
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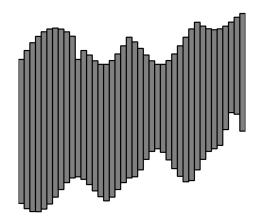
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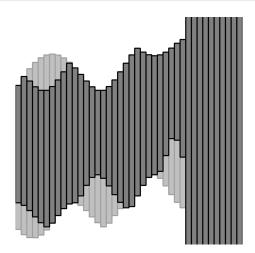
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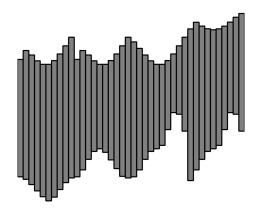
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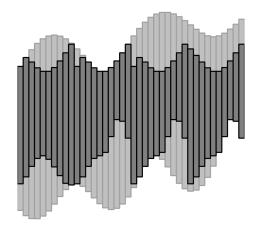


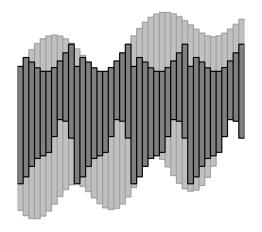














#### Definition

A tube  $[\mathbf{x}](\cdot)$  is defined as an envelope enclosing an uncertain trajectory  $\mathbf{x}(\cdot):\mathbb{R}\to\mathbb{R}^n,$  It is built as an interval of two functions  $[\mathbf{x}^{-}(\cdot),\mathbf{x}^{+}(\cdot)]$  such that  $\mathcal{H}_t,\mathbf{x}^{-}(t)\leqslant\mathbf{x}^{+}(t)$ . A trajectory  $\mathbf{x}(\cdot)$  belongs to the tube  $[\mathbf{x}](\cdot)$  if  $\mathcal{H},\mathbf{x}(t)\in[\mathbf{x}](t)$ . Fig. 1 illustrates a tube implemented with a set of boxes. This sliced implementation is detailed hereinafter.

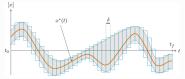


Fig. 1 A tube  $[x](\cdot)$  represented by a set of slices. This representation can be used to enclose signals such as  $x^*(\cdot)$ .

Code example

float timestep = 0.1; Interval demain(0,10); Tube x(domain, timestep, Function("t", "(t-5)^2 + [-0.5,0.5]"));

#### http://www.simon-rohou.fr/research/tubex-lib/ [7]

# **Cooperative localization**

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# Time-space estimation

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Classical state estimation

$$\left\{ egin{array}{ll} \dot{\mathbf{x}}(t) &=& \mathbf{f}\left(\mathbf{x}(t),\mathbf{u}(t)
ight) & t\in\mathbb{R} \ \mathbf{0} &=& \mathbf{g}\left(\mathbf{x}(t),t
ight) & t\in\mathbb{T}\subset\mathbb{R}. \end{array} 
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Space constraint  $\mathbf{g}(\mathbf{x}(t), t) = 0$ .

#### Example.

$$\begin{cases} \dot{x}_1 = x_3 \cos x_4 \\ \dot{x}_2 = x_3 \cos x_4 \\ \dot{x}_3 = u_1 \\ \dot{x}_4 = u_2 \\ (x_1 (5) - 1)^2 + (x_2 (5) - 2)^2 - 4 = 0 \\ (x_1 (7) - 1)^2 + (x_2 (7) - 2)^2 - 9 = 0 \end{cases}$$

With time-space constraints

$$\left\{ egin{array}{ll} \dot{\mathbf{x}}(t) &=& \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}(t),\mathbf{u}(t)) & t\in\mathbb{R} \ \mathbf{0} &=& \mathbf{g}(\mathbf{x}(t),\mathbf{x}(t'),t,t') & (t,t')\in\mathbb{T}\subset\mathbb{R} imes\mathbb{R}. \end{array} 
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Example. An ultrasonic underwater robot with state

$$\mathbf{x} = (x_1, x_2, \dots) = (x, y, \theta, v, \dots)$$

At time t the robot emits an omni-directional sound. At time t' it receives it

$$(x_1 - x_1')^2 + (x_2 - x_2')^2 - c(t - t')^2 = 0.$$

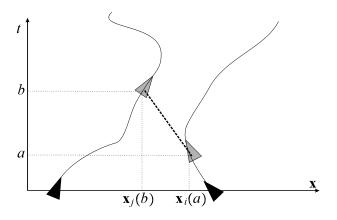
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Consider *n* robots  $\mathscr{R}_1, \ldots, \mathscr{R}_n$  described by

 $\dot{\mathbf{x}}_i = \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{u}_i), \mathbf{u}_i \in [\mathbf{u}_i].$ 

Omnidirectional sounds are emitted and received.

A ping is a 4-uple (a, b, i, j) where a is the emission time, b is the reception time, i is the emitting robot and j the receiver.



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With the time space constraint

$$\dot{\mathbf{x}}_i = \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{u}_i), \mathbf{u}_i \in [\mathbf{u}_i]. \\ g\left(\mathbf{x}_{i(k)}(a(k)), \mathbf{x}_{j(k)}(b(k)), a(k), b(k)\right) = 0$$

where

$$g(\mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{x}_j, a, b) = ||x_1 - x_2|| - c(b - a).$$

Clocks are uncertain. We only have measurements  $\tilde{a}(k), \tilde{b}(k)$  of a(k), b(k) thanks to clocks  $h_i$ . Thus

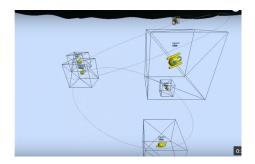
$$\begin{aligned} \dot{\mathbf{x}}_i &= \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{u}_i), \mathbf{u}_i \in [\mathbf{u}_i].\\ g\left(\mathbf{x}_{i(k)}\left(a(k)\right), \mathbf{x}_{j(k)}\left(b(k)\right), a(k), b(k)\right) = \mathbf{0}\\ \tilde{a}(k) &= h_{i(k)}\left(a(k)\right)\\ \tilde{b}(k) &= h_{j(k)}\left(b(k)\right) \end{aligned}$$

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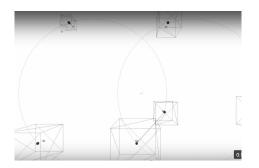
The drift of the clocks is bounded

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{\mathbf{x}}_{i} &= \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}_{i}, \mathbf{u}_{i}), \mathbf{u}_{i} \in [\mathbf{u}_{i}].\\ g\left(\mathbf{x}_{i(k)}(a(k)), \mathbf{x}_{j(k)}(b(k)), a(k), b(k)\right) = 0\\ \tilde{a}(k) &= h_{i(k)}(a(k))\\ \tilde{b}(k) &= h_{j(k)}(b(k))\\ \dot{h}_{i} &= 1 + n_{h}, \ n_{h} \in [n_{h}] \end{aligned}$$

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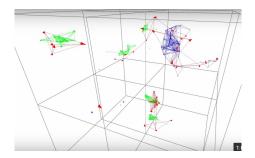


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