

# **Examples of Application of Interval Analysis to Process Simulation and Control**

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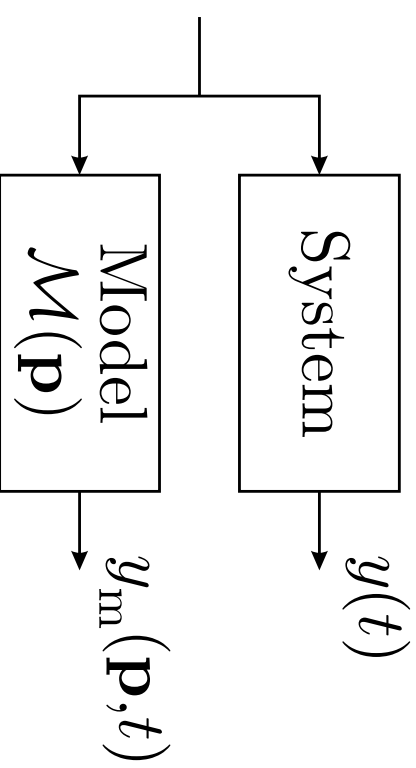
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- **Parameter estimation**
- **State estimation**
- Robust stability analysis
- Robust controller design
- Path planning
- ...

# 1 Parameter estimation



$\mathbf{y}$  : vector of experimental data

$\mathbf{p}$  : vector of **unknown, constant** parameters

$y_m(\mathbf{p})$  : vector of model output

Parameter estimation :

Determination of  $\hat{\mathbf{p}}$  from  $\mathbf{y}$ .

## 1.1 Problem formulation

1. Minimisation of a cost function, *e.g.*,

$$\hat{\mathbf{p}} = \arg \min_{\mathbf{p}} j(\mathbf{p}) = (\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{y}_m(\mathbf{p}))^T (\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{y}_m(\mathbf{p}))$$

- Local search : Gauss-Newton, Levenberg-Marquardt...
- Random search : simulated annealing, genetic algorithms...
- Global guaranteed search : Hansen's algorithm...

2. **Bounding techniques**

## 1.2 Parameter bounding

Experimental data :  $y(t_i)$ ,

$t_i, i = 1 \dots, N$ , known measurement times

$[\varepsilon_i] = [\underline{\varepsilon}_i, \bar{\varepsilon}_i], i = 1, \dots, N$ , known **acceptable** errors

$\mathbf{p} \in \mathcal{P}_0$  deemed **acceptable** if for all  $i = 1, \dots, N$ ,

$$\underline{\varepsilon}_i \leq y(t_i) - y_m(\mathbf{p}, t_i) \leq \bar{\varepsilon}_i.$$

Bounded-error parameter estimation

Characterize  $\mathcal{S} = \{\mathbf{p} \in \mathcal{P}_0 \mid y(t_i) - y_m(\mathbf{p}, t_i) \in [\underline{\varepsilon}_i, \bar{\varepsilon}_i], i = 1, \dots, N\}$

- When  $y_m(\mathbf{p}, t_i)$  is linear in  $\mathbf{p}$ 
  - **exact description** by polytopes  
(Walter and Piet-Lahaniér, 1989...)
  - **outer approximation** by ellipsoids, polytopes...  
(Schweppé, 1973 ; Fogel and Huang, 1982...)
- When  $y_m(\mathbf{p}, t_i)$  is non-linear in  $\mathbf{p}$ 
  - **outer approximation** by polytopes, ellipsoids...  
(Norton, 1987 ; Clément and Gentil, 1988 ; Cerone, 1991...)
  - **approximate but guaranteed enclosure** of  $S$  by SIVIA  
(Moore, 1992 ; Jaulin and Walter 1993)

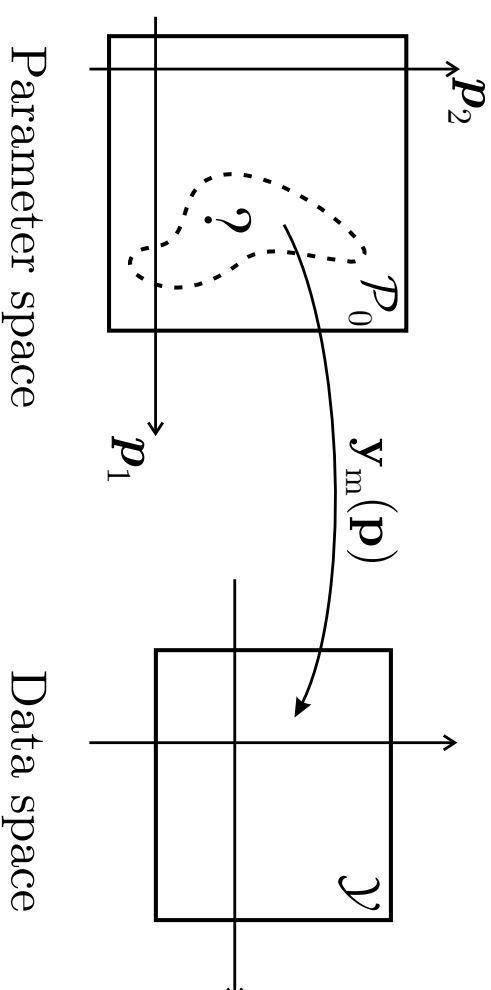
### 1.3 Sivia

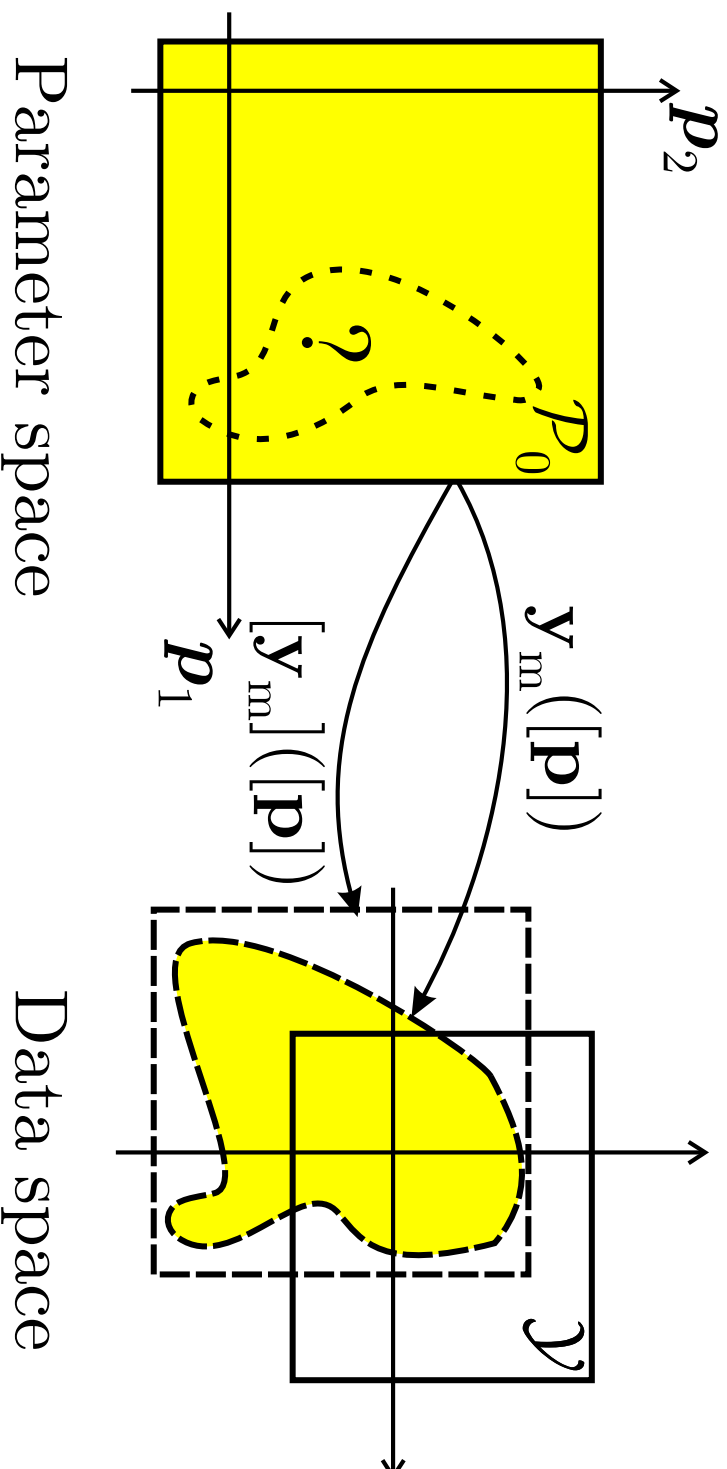
Set to be characterized

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{S} &= \{\mathbf{p} \in \mathcal{P}_0 \mid y(t_i) - y_m(\mathbf{p}, t_i) \in [\underline{\varepsilon}_i, \bar{\varepsilon}_i], i = 1, \dots, N\} \\ &= \{\mathbf{p} \in \mathcal{P}_0 \mid \mathbf{y}_m(\mathbf{p}) \in \mathcal{Y}\}, \end{aligned}$$

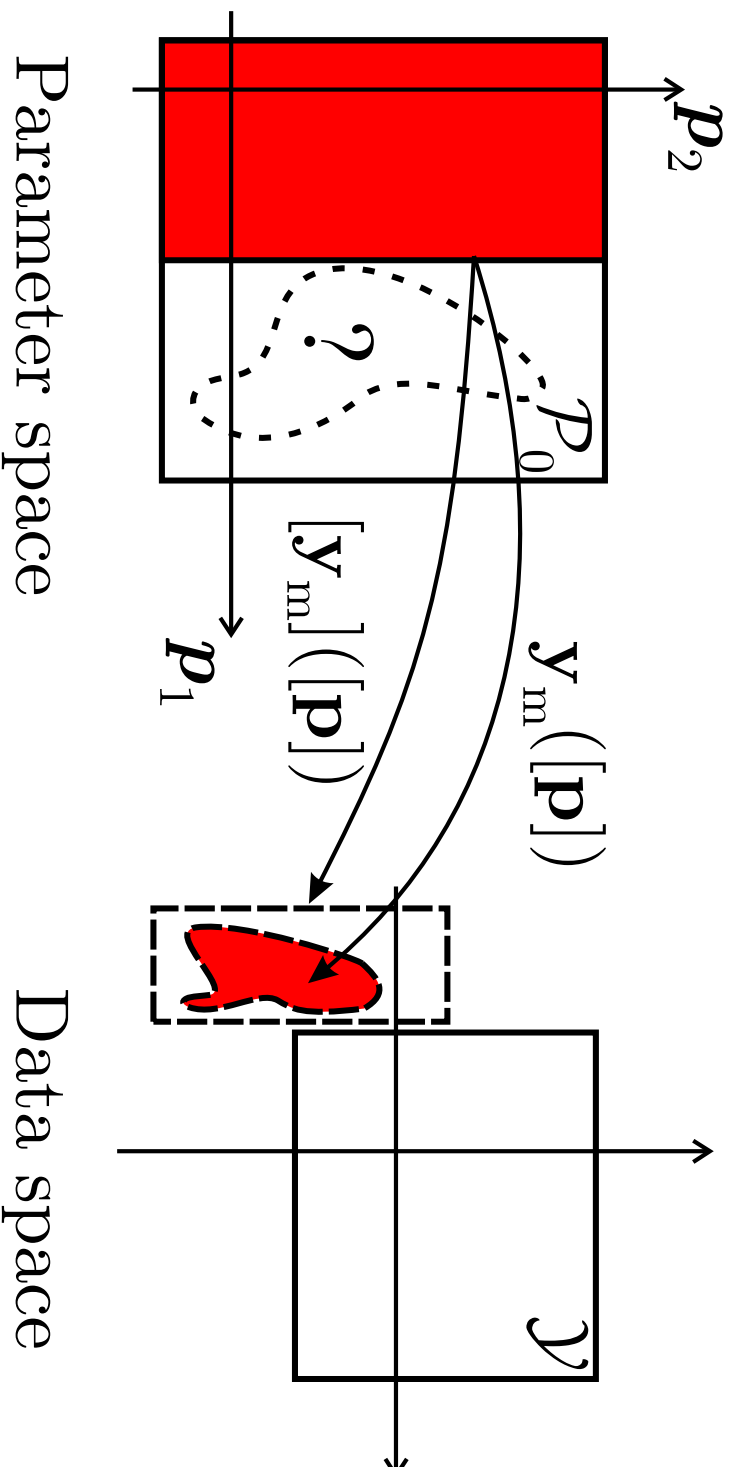
with

$$\mathcal{Y} = [y(t_1) - \bar{\varepsilon}_1, y(t_1) - \underline{\varepsilon}_1] \times \dots \times [y(t_N) - \bar{\varepsilon}_N, y(t_N) - \underline{\varepsilon}_N]$$

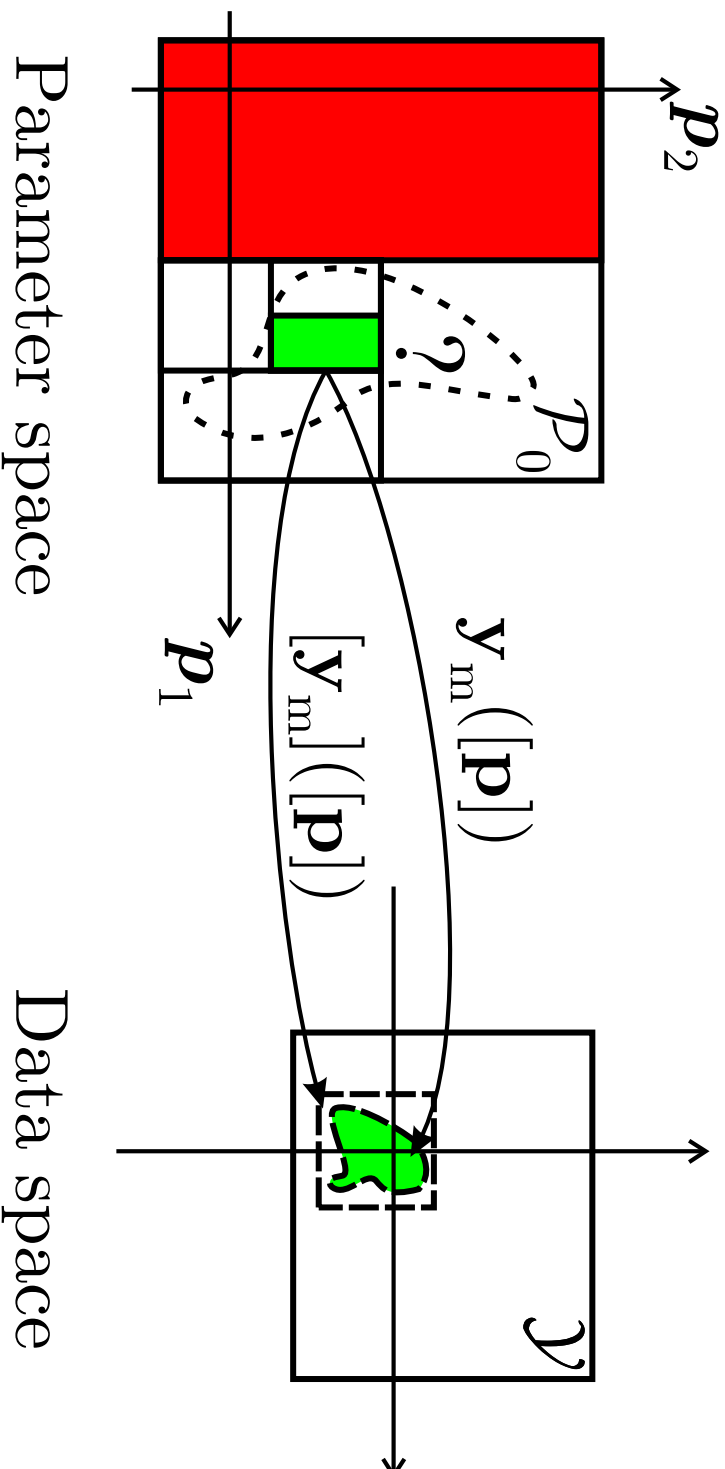








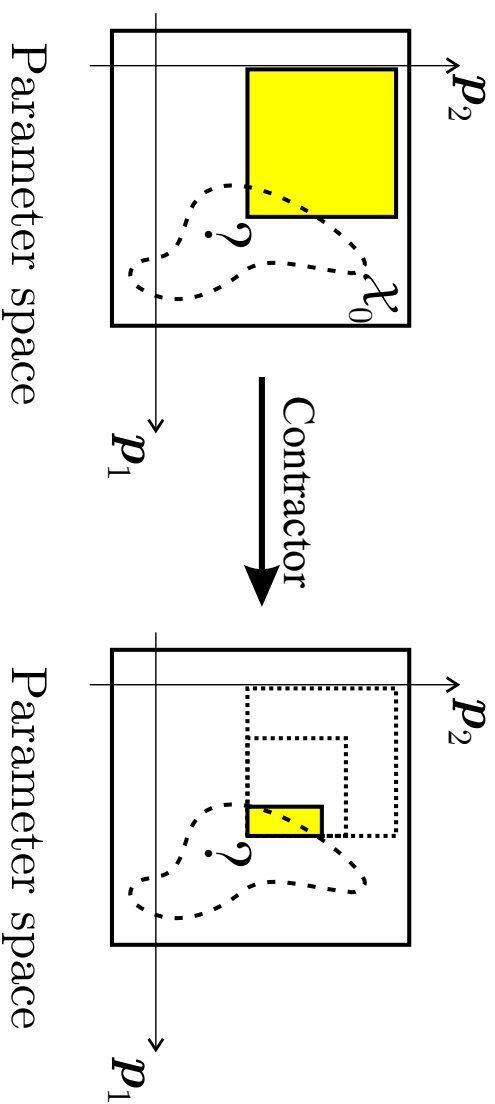
Red box **proven** to be outside  $S$



Green box **proven** to be included in  $S$

## 1.4 Sivia with contractors

Reduce the size of undetermined boxes without any bisection

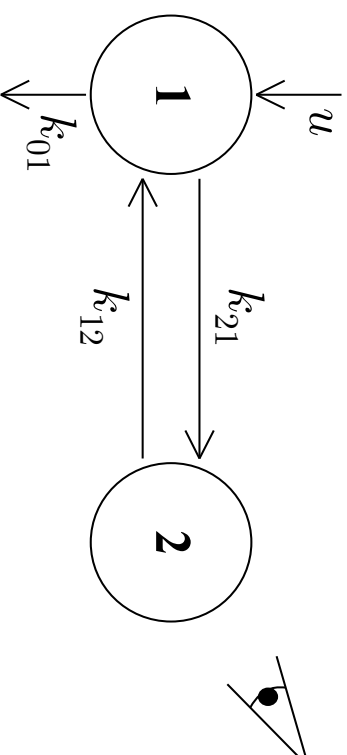


Contractors based on

- interval constraint propagation
- linear programming
- parallel linearization
- ...

## 1.5 Example

Estimation of the parameters of a compartmental model



State equation

$$\begin{cases} x_1' = -(k_{01} + k_{21})x_1 + k_{12}x_2 \\ x_2' = k_{21}x_1 - k_{12}x_2 \end{cases}$$

with

$$\begin{cases} x_1(0) = 0 \\ x_2(0) = 0 \end{cases}$$

Observation equation

$$y(t_i) = x_2(t_i) + b(t_i), \quad i = 1, \dots, 16$$

## Model

$$y_m(\mathbf{p}, t_i) = p_1 (\exp(p_2 t_i) - \exp(p_3 t_i)), \quad i = 1, \dots, 16,$$

where the macroparameters

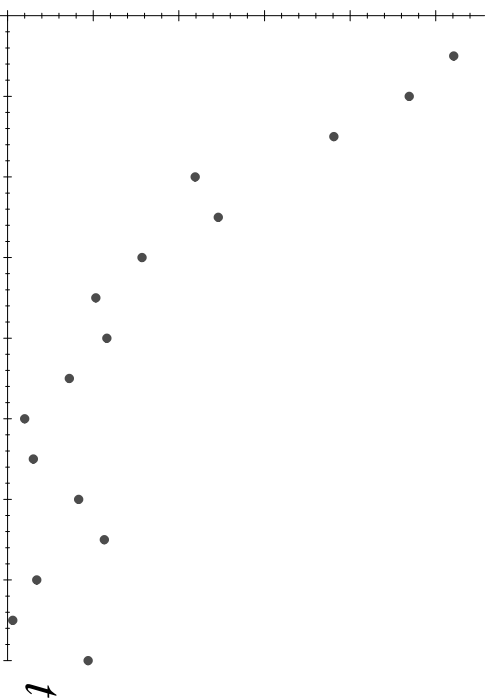
$$\mathbf{p} = (p_1, p_2, p_3)^T$$

depends on the microparameters

$$(k_{01}, k_{12}, k_{21}).$$

Simulated

noisy experimental data



### Macroparameter estimation with

$$\underline{\varepsilon}_i = -0.09, \bar{\varepsilon}_i = 0.09, i = 1, \dots, 16$$

### Results

	SIVIA	SIVIA + ICP	ICP only
Comp. time (s)	8	6.2	0.63
Bounding box	[0.49, 1.06] [-0.293, -0.141] [-5, -1.054]	[0.49, 1.06] [-0.293, -0.141] [-5, -1.054]	[0.52, 0.98] [-0.282, -0.156] [-5, -1.167]

## 1.6 Limitations

To test  $[\mathbf{p}]$ , SIVIA evaluates  $[y_m]([\mathbf{p}], t_i)$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, 16$  :

- explicit expression of  $y_m(\mathbf{p}, t_i)$  required
- if available, can be complicated, *e.g.*, here

$$y_m(\mathbf{p}, t_i) = \frac{k_{21}}{\sqrt{(k_{01} - k_{12} + k_{21}) + 4k_{12}k_{21}}} \times$$

$$\left( \exp\left(-\left((k_{01} + k_{12} + k_{21}) + \sqrt{(k_{01} - k_{12} + k_{21}) + 4k_{12}k_{21}}\right) \frac{t_i}{2}\right) \right.$$

$$\left. - \exp\left(-\left((k_{01} + k_{12} + k_{21}) - \sqrt{(k_{01} - k_{12} + k_{21}) + 4k_{12}k_{21}}\right) \frac{t_i}{2}\right) \right)$$

↪ multiple occurrences

↪ non-minimal inclusion functions

## 1.7 Alternative approach

**Guaranteed numerical integration of state equation**

State equation

$$\mathbf{x}' = \frac{d\mathbf{x}}{dt} = \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{p}^*, \mathbf{w}, \mathbf{u}),$$

where

$\mathbf{w}$  state perturbation assumed bounded,

$\mathbf{u}$  : known input.

Observation equation

$$\mathbf{y}(t_i) = \mathbf{h}(\mathbf{x}(\mathbf{p}^*, t_i)) + \mathbf{v}(t_i), \quad i = 1, \dots, N,$$

where

$\mathbf{v}$  measurement noise assumed bounded.



Example of model output

$$\mathbf{y}_m(\mathbf{p}, t_i) = \mathbf{h}(\mathbf{x}(\mathbf{p}, t_i)), \quad i = 1, \dots, N.$$

Efficiency of Sivia depends on quality of enclosure of  $\mathbf{y}_m([\mathbf{p}], t_i)$

Particularly difficult when integrating with **large**  $[\mathbf{p}]$

- important **wrapping effect**
- pessimism introduced

For general models, guaranteed numerical integration not adapted.

But can be used for cooperative systems.

## 1.8 Parameter estimation for cooperative systems

**Definition 1** (Smith, 94) *The dynamical system*

$$\mathbf{x}' = \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}, t),$$

*where  $\mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}, t)$  is continuous and differentiable is **cooperative** on a domain  $\mathcal{D}$  if*

$$\frac{\partial f_i}{\partial x_j} \geq 0, \text{ for any } i \neq j, t \geq 0 \text{ and } \mathbf{x} \in \mathcal{D}.$$

**Theorem 1** (Smith, 94) Consider the system

$$\mathbf{x}' = \frac{d\mathbf{x}}{dt} = \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{p}, \mathbf{w}, \mathbf{u}).$$

If there exists a pair of cooperative systems

$$\begin{cases} \mathbf{x}' = \underline{\mathbf{f}}(\mathbf{x}, t) \\ \mathbf{x}' = \bar{\mathbf{f}}(\mathbf{x}, t) \end{cases}$$

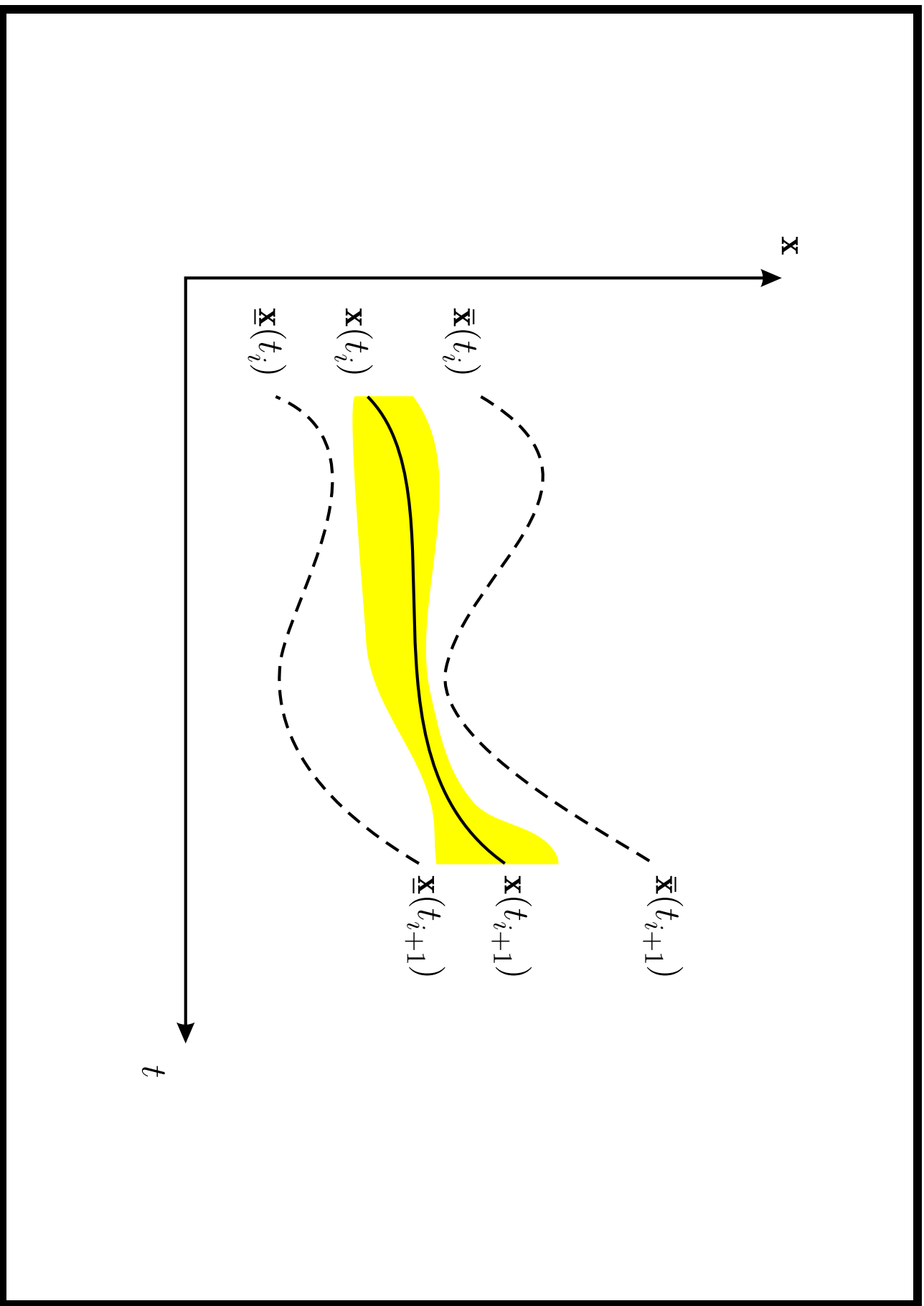
satisfying

- $\underline{\mathbf{f}}(\mathbf{x}, t) \leq \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{p}, \mathbf{w}, \mathbf{u}) \leq \bar{\mathbf{f}}(\mathbf{x}, t)$ ,
  - for any  $\mathbf{p} \in [\underline{\mathbf{p}}, \bar{\mathbf{p}}]$ ,  $\mathbf{w} \in [\underline{\mathbf{w}}(t), \bar{\mathbf{w}}(t)]$ ,  $t \geq 0$  and  $\mathbf{x} \in \mathcal{D}$ ,
  - $\underline{\mathbf{x}}_0 \leq \mathbf{x}(0) \leq \bar{\mathbf{x}}_0$ ,
- then

$$\underline{\mathbf{x}}(t) \leq \mathbf{x}(t) \leq \bar{\mathbf{x}}(t), \text{ for any } t \geq 0,$$

with

- $\underline{\mathbf{x}}(t) = \underline{\phi}(\underline{\mathbf{x}}_0, t)$  the flow corresponding to  $\{\underline{\mathbf{x}}' = \underline{\mathbf{f}}(\underline{\mathbf{x}}, t), \underline{\mathbf{x}}(0) = \underline{\mathbf{x}}_0\}$
- $\bar{\mathbf{x}}(t) = \bar{\phi}(\bar{\mathbf{x}}_0, t)$  the flow corresponding to  $\{\bar{\mathbf{x}}' = \bar{\mathbf{f}}(\bar{\mathbf{x}}, t), \bar{\mathbf{x}}(0) = \bar{\mathbf{x}}_0\}$ .



Steps to build an inclusion function for  $\mathbf{y}_m([\mathbf{p}], t_i)$

1. Find a pair of cooperative systems satisfying

$$\underline{\mathbf{f}}(\mathbf{x}, t) \leq \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{p}, \mathbf{w}, \mathbf{u}) \leq \bar{\mathbf{f}}(\mathbf{x}, t),$$

for all  $\mathbf{p} \in [\underline{\mathbf{p}}, \bar{\mathbf{p}}]$ ,  $\mathbf{w} \in [\underline{\mathbf{w}}(t), \bar{\mathbf{w}}(t)]$ ,  $t \geq 0$  and  $\mathbf{x} \in \mathcal{D}$ .

2. Integrate

$$\begin{cases} \underline{\mathbf{x}}' = \underline{\mathbf{f}}(\underline{\mathbf{x}}, t) \\ \bar{\mathbf{x}}' = \bar{\mathbf{f}}(\bar{\mathbf{x}}, t) \end{cases} \quad \text{with} \quad \begin{cases} \underline{\mathbf{x}}(0) = \underline{\mathbf{x}}_0 \\ \bar{\mathbf{x}}(0) = \bar{\mathbf{x}}_0 \end{cases}$$

with a guaranteed ODE solver to get

$$\begin{cases} \underline{\phi}(\underline{\mathbf{x}}_0, t_i) = \underline{\underline{\phi}}(\underline{\mathbf{x}}_0, t_i), \quad \overline{\phi}(\underline{\mathbf{x}}_0, t_i) \\ \overline{\phi}(\bar{\mathbf{x}}_0, t_i) = \overline{\overline{\phi}}(\bar{\mathbf{x}}_0, t_i), \quad \underline{\phi}(\bar{\mathbf{x}}_0, t_i) \end{cases}, \quad i = 1, \dots, N$$

### 3. The box-valued function

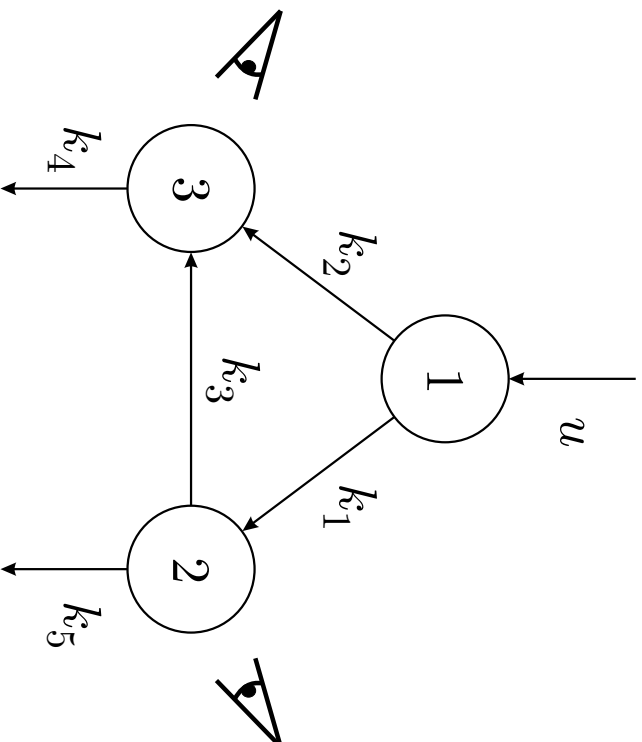
$$[[\phi]]([\mathbf{x}], t_i) = \left[ \underline{\phi}(\underline{\mathbf{x}}, t), \overline{\phi}(\overline{\mathbf{x}}, t_i) \right]$$

is an inclusion function for  $\mathbf{x}(t_i)$  and the box-valued function

$$[\mathbf{h}]([[ \phi ]])([\mathbf{x}], t_i))$$

is thus an inclusion function for  $\mathbf{y}_m([\mathbf{p}], t_i)$ .

## 1.9 Example



Compartmental model  
of the behaviour of a drug  
(Glafenine) administered orally.

$$\begin{cases} x_1' = -(k_1 + k_2)x_1 + u \\ x_2' = k_1x_1 - (k_3 + k_5)x_2 \\ x_3' = k_2x_1 + k_3x_2 - k_4x_3 \end{cases}$$

$$\mathbf{y}_m(\mathbf{p}, t) = (x_2(\mathbf{p}, t), x_3(\mathbf{p}, t))^T .$$

Unknown parameter vector  $\mathbf{p}^* = (k_1, k_2, k_3, k_4, k_5)^T$ , with  $\mathbf{p}^* > \mathbf{0}$ .

Can be bounded between

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \underline{x}'_1 = -(\bar{k}_1 + \bar{k}_2)\underline{x}_1 + u \\ \underline{x}'_2 = \underline{k}_1\underline{x}_1 - (\bar{k}_3 + \bar{k}_5)\underline{x}_2 \\ \underline{x}'_3 = \underline{k}_2\underline{x}_1 + \underline{k}_3\underline{x}_2 - \bar{k}_4\underline{x}_3 \end{array} \right. \quad \text{and} \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \bar{x}'_1 = -(\underline{k}_1 + \underline{k}_2)\bar{x}_1 + u \\ \bar{x}'_2 = \bar{k}_1\bar{x}_1 - (\underline{k}_3 + \underline{k}_5)\bar{x}_2 \\ \bar{x}'_3 = \bar{k}_2\bar{x}_1 + \bar{k}_3\bar{x}_2 - \underline{k}_4\bar{x}_3 \end{array} \right.$$

$\implies$  two cooperative systems

Guaranteed numerical integration provides  
inclusion function for  $\mathbf{y}_m(\mathbf{p}, t)$ , **here minimal**.



## Simulation conditions

$$\mathbf{p}^* = (0.6, 0.8, 1, 0.2, 0.4)^T$$

$$\text{Input } u(t) = \delta(t)$$

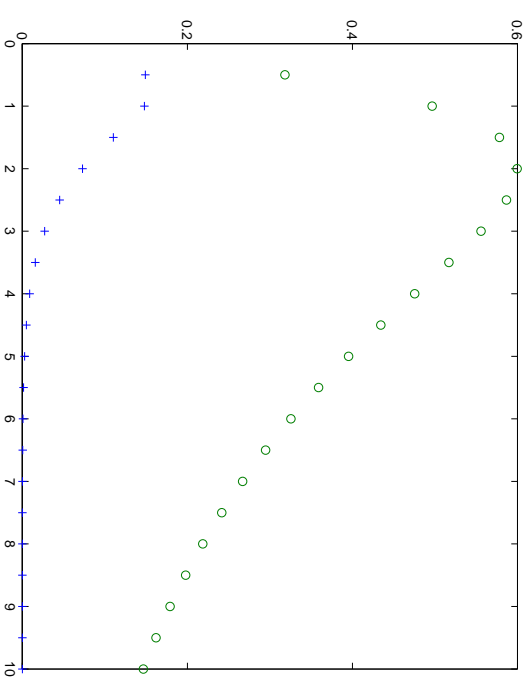
Outputs of Compartments 2 and 3 have been measured at

$$t_i = 0.5i, i = 1, \dots, 20.$$

Introduction of bounded relative random noise

$$\tilde{y}_i \rightarrow y_i (1 + \epsilon_i)$$

with  $\epsilon_i$  random in  $[-0.01, 0.01]$ .



Compartment 2 (+)

Compartment 3 (o)

## Solution

Precision parameter :  $\epsilon = 0.01$

Computing time : 15 mn on an Athlon 1800

Bounding box :

$$\mathcal{S} \subset [0.586, 0.625] \times [0.74, 0.85] \\ \times [0.81, 1.25] \times [0.185, 0.215] \times [0.235, 0.56]$$

contains  $\mathbf{p}^*$ .

## Conclusions

- Interval techniques provide guaranteed enclosure of the solution
- ICP or SIVIA + ICP allows more unknown parameters than SIVIA but require an explicit solution for the model
- Alternative approach needs only state equation but still time-consuming
  - ← Guaranteed integration of ODE
  - ← Contractors not usable

## Further work

Each cooperative system is

- non-linear in parameters
- linear in  $\mathbf{x}$

$\implies$  Use explicit solution of the form

$$\mathbf{x}(t) = e^{At} \mathbf{x}(0) + \int_0^t e^{A(t-\tau)} B u(\tau) d\tau.$$

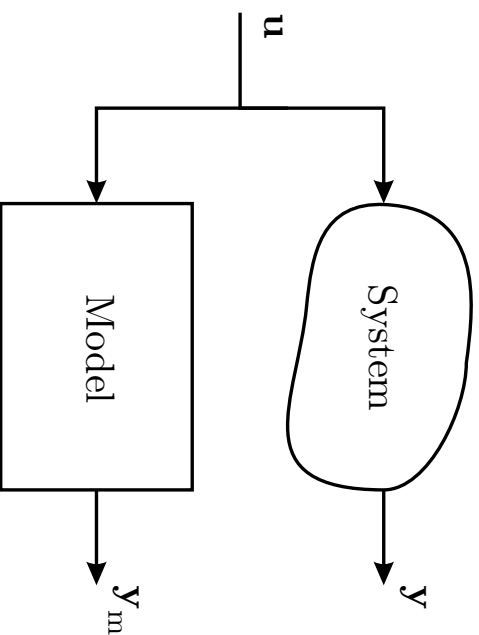
$\implies$  Requires guaranteed computation of solution with  $A$  and  $B$  point matrices.

## Questions

- Efficient algorithms for such problem ?
- Performances compared to guaranteed numerical integration ?
- May contractors be used again ?

## 2 State estimation

### 2.1 Introduction



Continuous-time state equation :

$$\mathbf{x}' = \frac{d\mathbf{x}}{dt} = \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{w}, \mathbf{u}).$$

Observation equation :

$$\mathbf{y}(t_i) = \mathbf{h}(\mathbf{x}(t_i)) + \mathbf{v}(t_i),$$

$$i = 1, \dots, N.$$

Problem :

Evaluate **state  $\mathbf{x}$**  using all available information.

## 2.2 Recursive state estimation

Technique depends on

- whether  $\mathbf{f}$  and  $\mathbf{h}$  linear
- type of description of uncertainty.

	Probabilistic	Bounding
<b>Linear</b>	Kalman filter (Kalman, 60...)	Ellipsoidal, polytopic (Chernousko, 94 ; Kurzhanski, 97...)
<b>Nonlinear</b>	EKF (Gelb, 74...) <b>No guarantee</b>	Here <b>Guaranteed</b>

## 2.3 Recursive nonlinear state estimation in a bounded-error context

### Hypotheses :

- at  $t_0$ ,  $\mathbf{x}(t_0) \in [\mathbf{x}_0]$ ,
- $\mathbf{w}(t) \in [\underline{\mathbf{w}}(t), \overline{\mathbf{w}}(t)]$ , known for all past  $t$ ,
- $\mathbf{v}(t_i) \in [\underline{\mathbf{v}}(t_i), \overline{\mathbf{v}}(t_i)]$ , known for all past  $t_i$ ,
- $\mathbf{u}(t)$ , known for all past  $t$ .

### Problem :

Characterize set  $\mathcal{X}(t)$  of all  $\mathbf{x}(t)$  **compatible** with hypotheses.

## Previous results

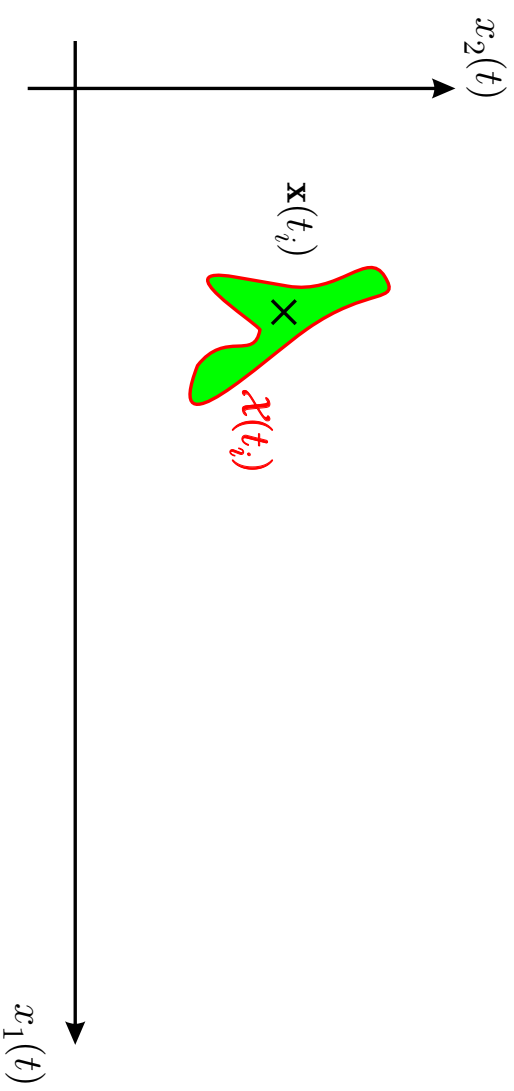
- (Kieffer *et al*, CDC, 98) :
  - discrete-time,
  - **set description with subpavings.**
- (Gouzé *et al*, J. Ecol. Mod., 00) :
  - **continuous-time,**
  - **uncertain state equation,**
  - **state equation bounded between cooperative systems,**
  - set description with boxes.
- (Jaulin, Automatica, 02) :
  - continuous-time,
  - no state perturbations,
  - guaranteed numerical integration of non-punctual boxes,
  - set description with subpavings.



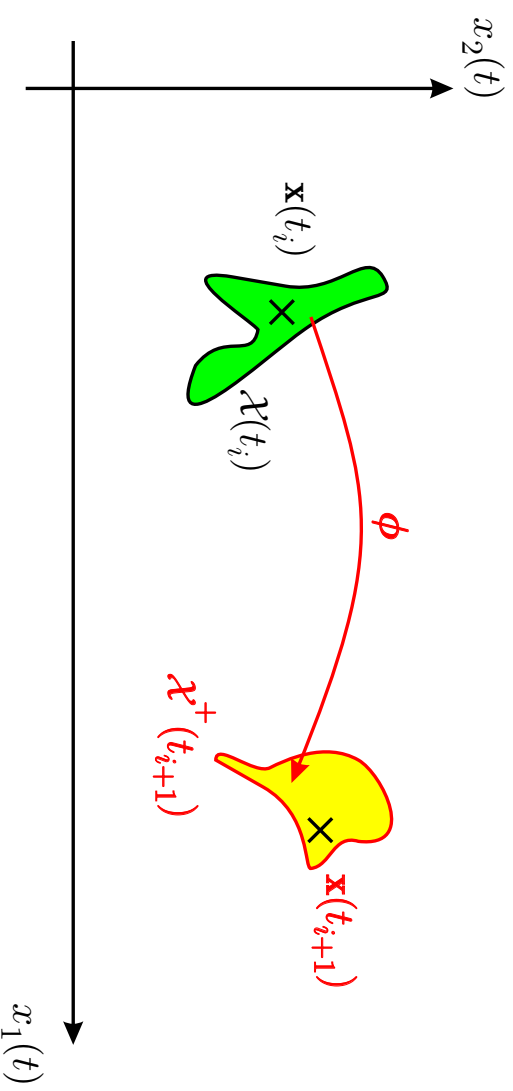
## **Present context**

- continuous-time,
- state perturbations,
- set description with subpavings,
- cooperative systems.

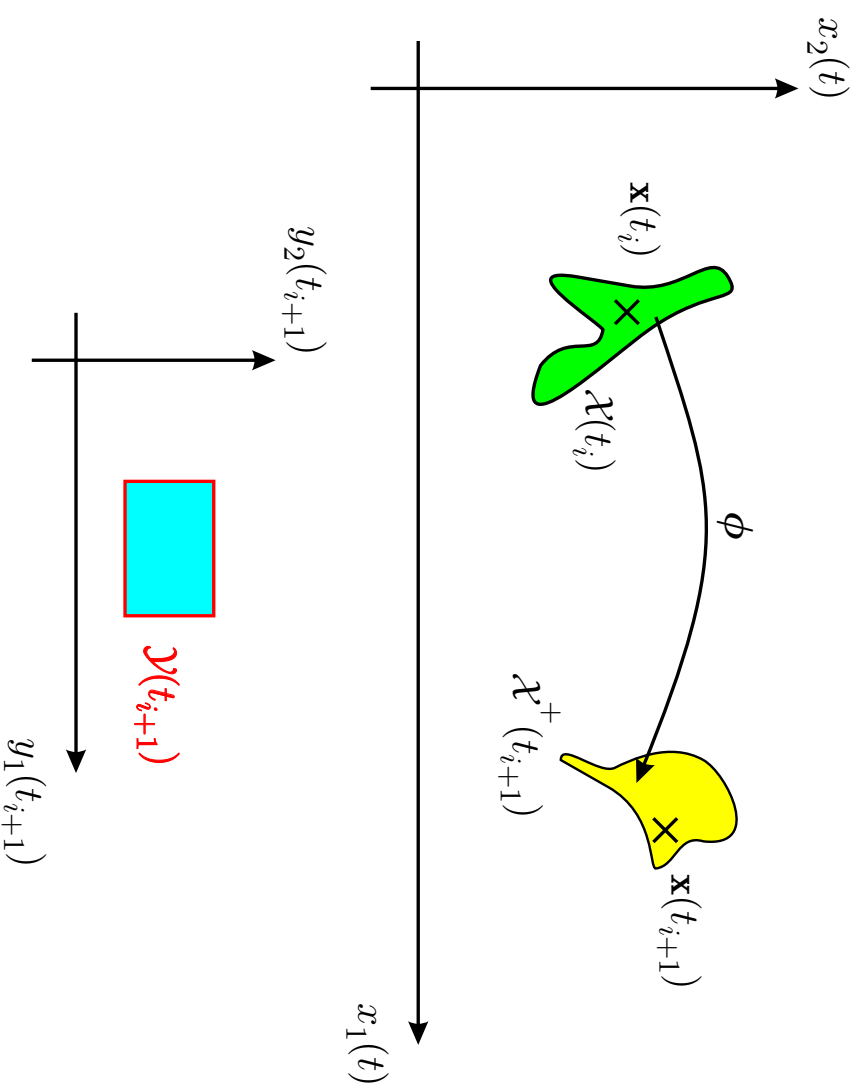
## 2.4 Idealized recursive state estimation



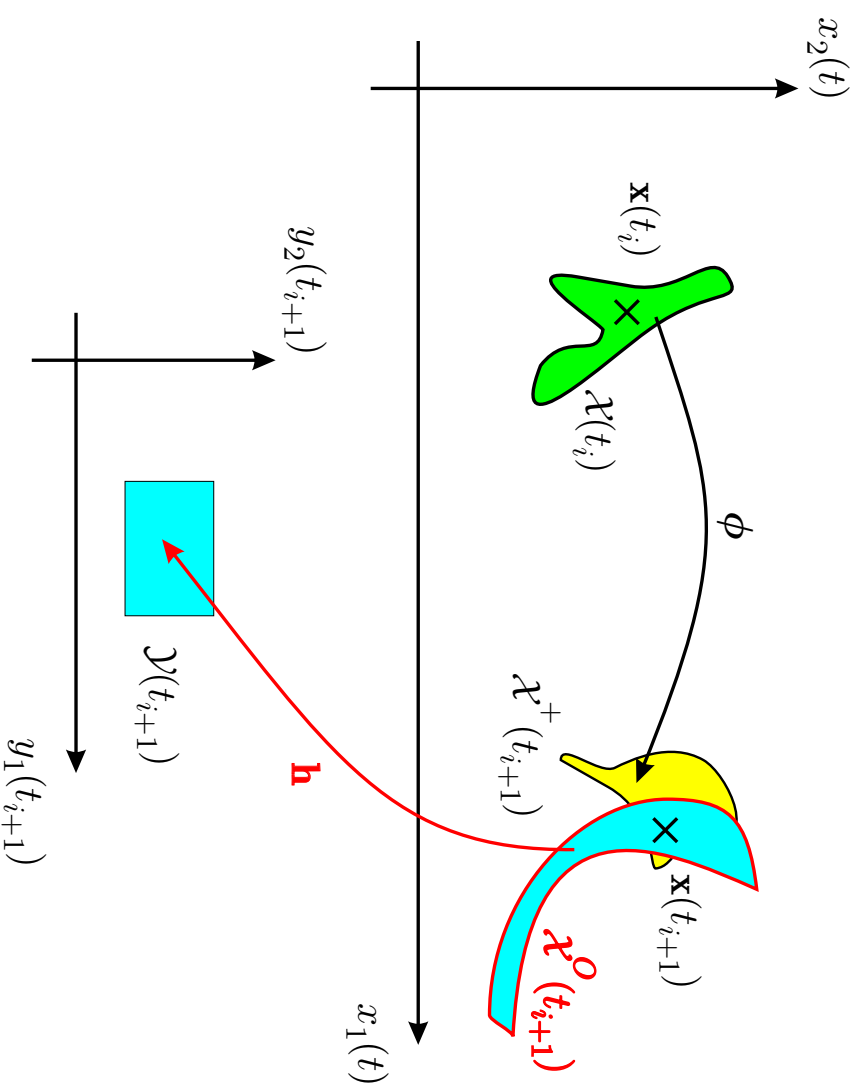
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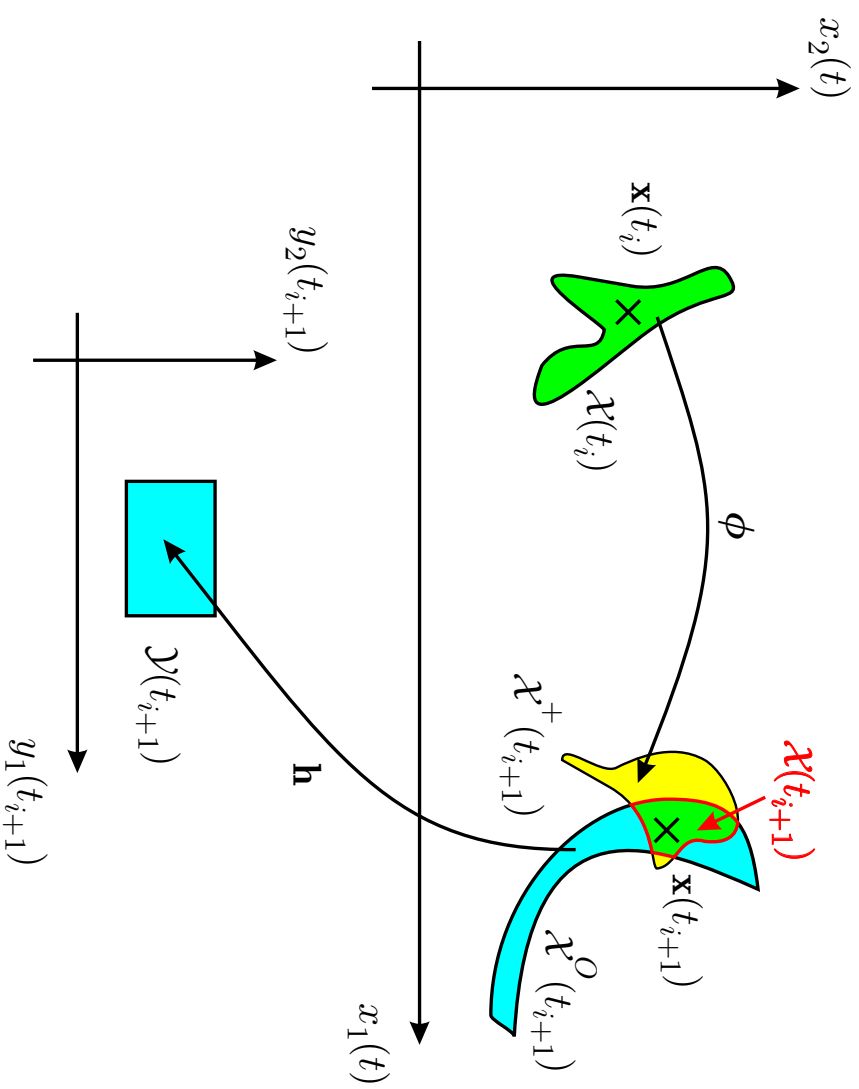
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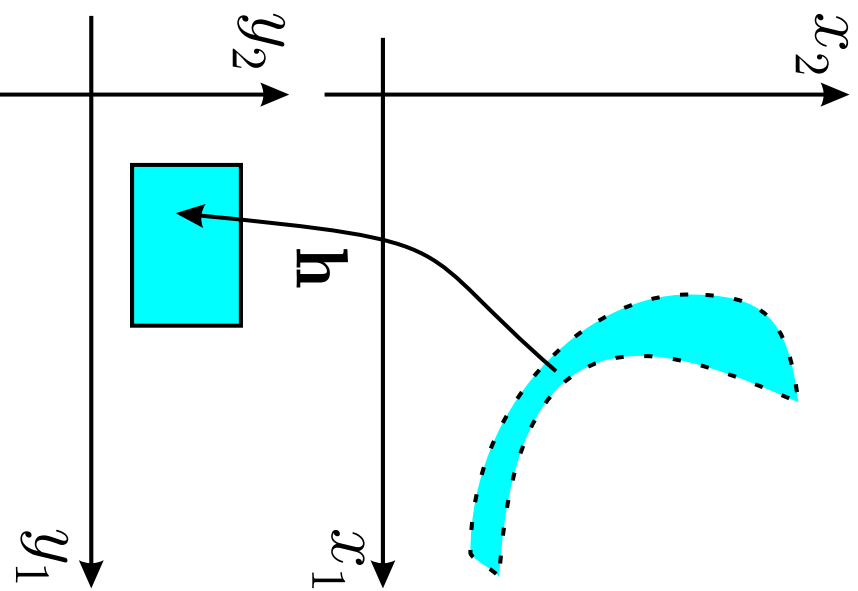


## Idealized recursive state estimation



Prediction and correction steps alternate

## 2.5 Correction step



Set-inversion problem :

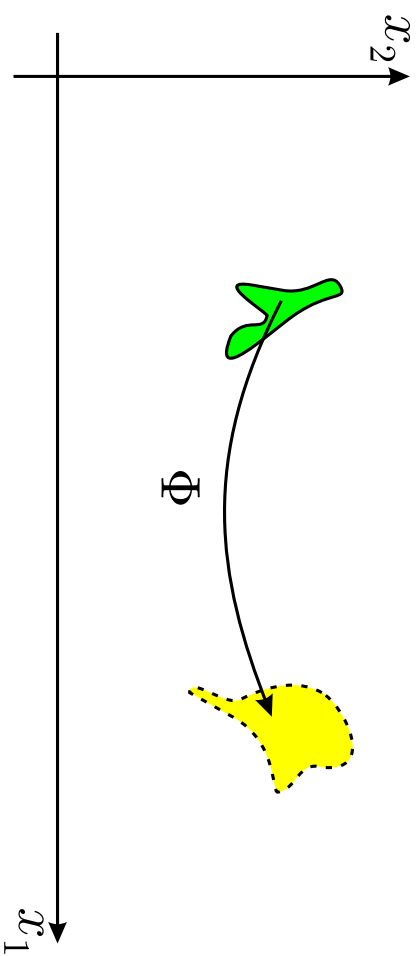
Find

$$\mathcal{X}^{\mathcal{O}}(t_i) = \mathbf{h}^{-1}(\mathcal{Y}(t_i) - [\mathbf{v}(t_i)]).$$

Solution provided by SIVIA.

(similar to parameter estimation)

## 2.6 Prediction step



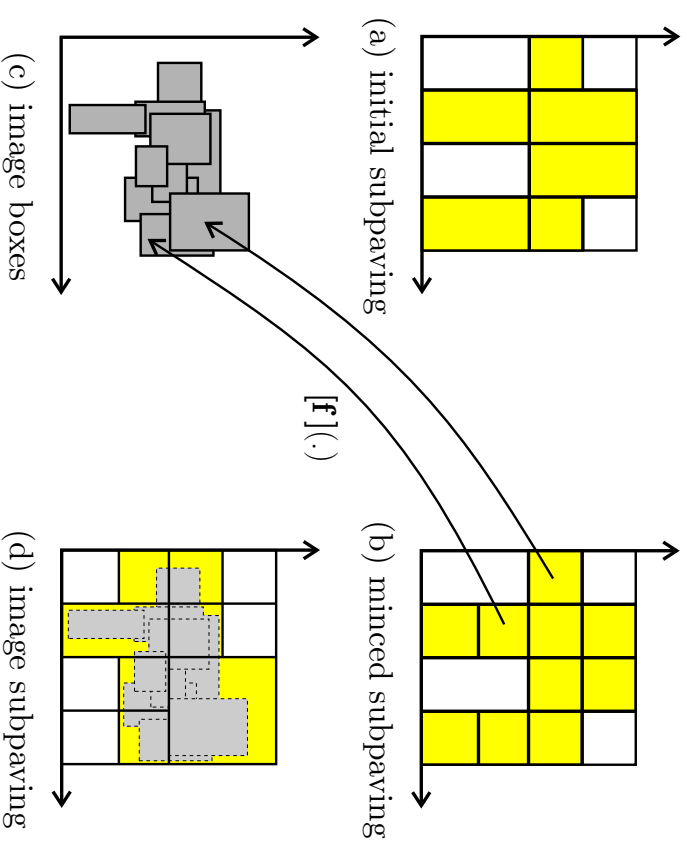
Flow  $\phi$  difficult to obtain in general.



Situation much simpler with discrete-time state equation

$$\mathbf{x}_{k+1} = \mathbf{f}_k(\mathbf{x}_k, \mathbf{w}, \mathbf{u}_k).$$

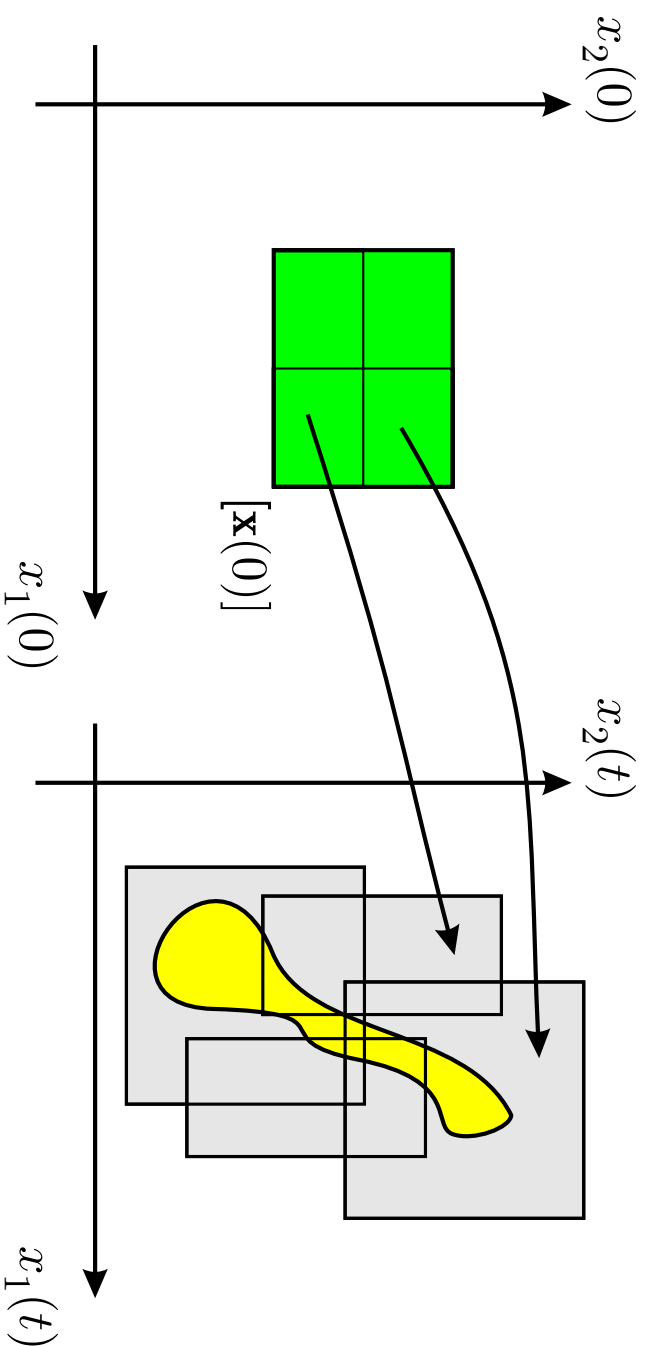
$\Rightarrow$  IMAGE SP



**Guaranteed numerical integration** of continuous-time state equation

$$\mathbf{x}' = \frac{d\mathbf{x}}{dt} = \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{w}, \mathbf{u})$$

combined with IMAGESP.

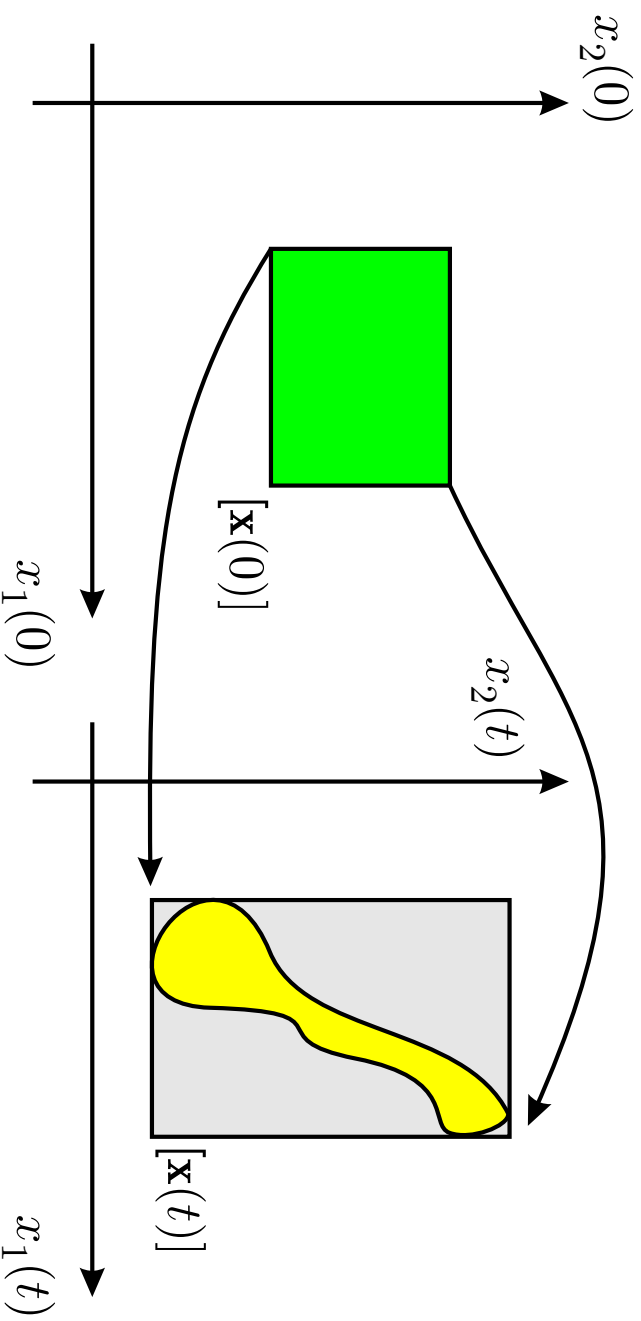


State equation/initial conditions not well known

$\implies$  no accurate box enclosures

Enclosure of state equation between two cooperative systems  
 +

Guaranteed numerical integration of the cooperative systems

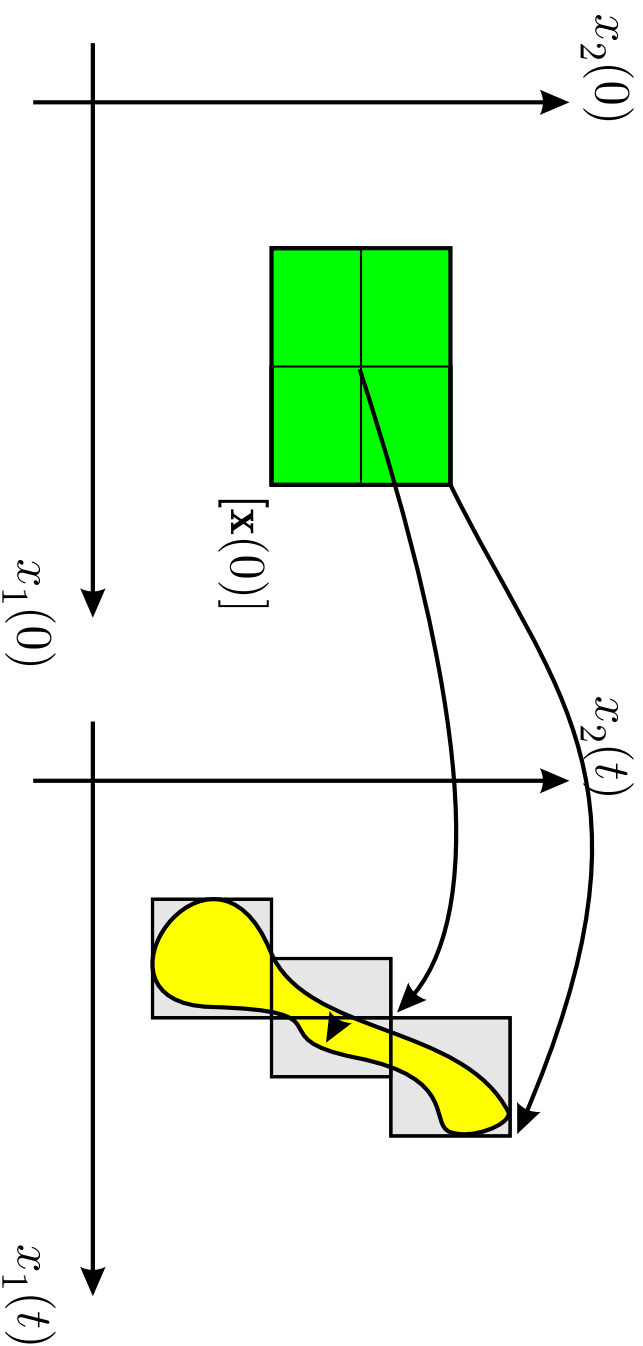


Guaranteed version of Gouzé *et al.*'s interval observer

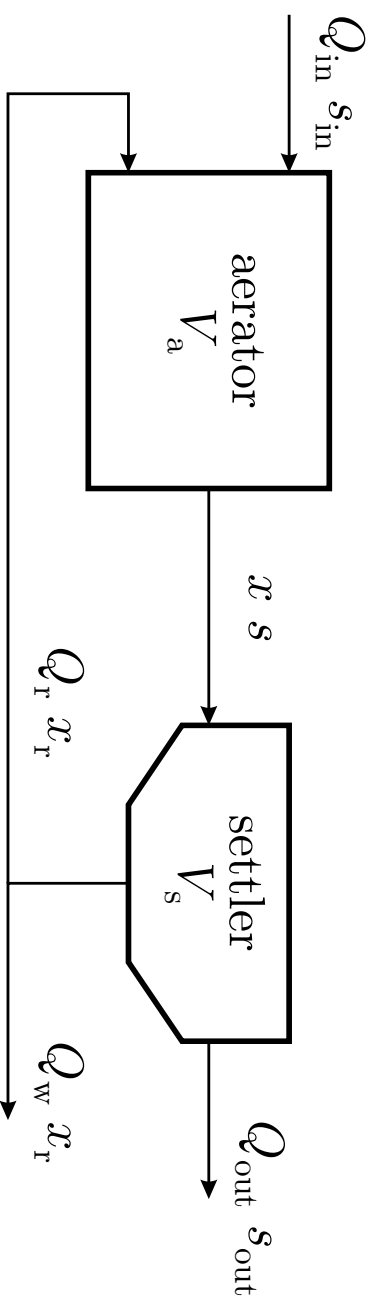
Accurate **box** enclosure

Enclosure of state equation between two cooperative systems  
+  
+  
Guaranteed numerical integration of these cooperative systems

IMAGESP



## 2.7 Example (Gouzé *et al.*)



## Model

$$\begin{cases} \dot{x} = \mu_1(\cdot) x - (1+r) D(t) x + r D(t) x_r \\ \dot{s} = -\frac{\mu_1(\cdot) x}{Y_s} - (1+r) D(t) s + D(t) s_{in} \\ \dot{x}_r = v(1+r) D(t) x - v(w+r) D(t) x_r \end{cases}$$

with

$$D(t) = \frac{Q_{in}}{V_a}, \quad r = \frac{Q_r}{Q_{in}}, \quad w = \frac{Q_w}{Q_{in}}, \quad v = \frac{V_a}{V_s}.$$

With  $s$  assumed perfectly measured,  
via linear change of variables

$\implies$

reduced linear system that can be enclosed  
between two cooperative systems

## 2.8 Simulation results

Simulation conditions are as in Z. M. Hadj-Sadok's PhD dissertation

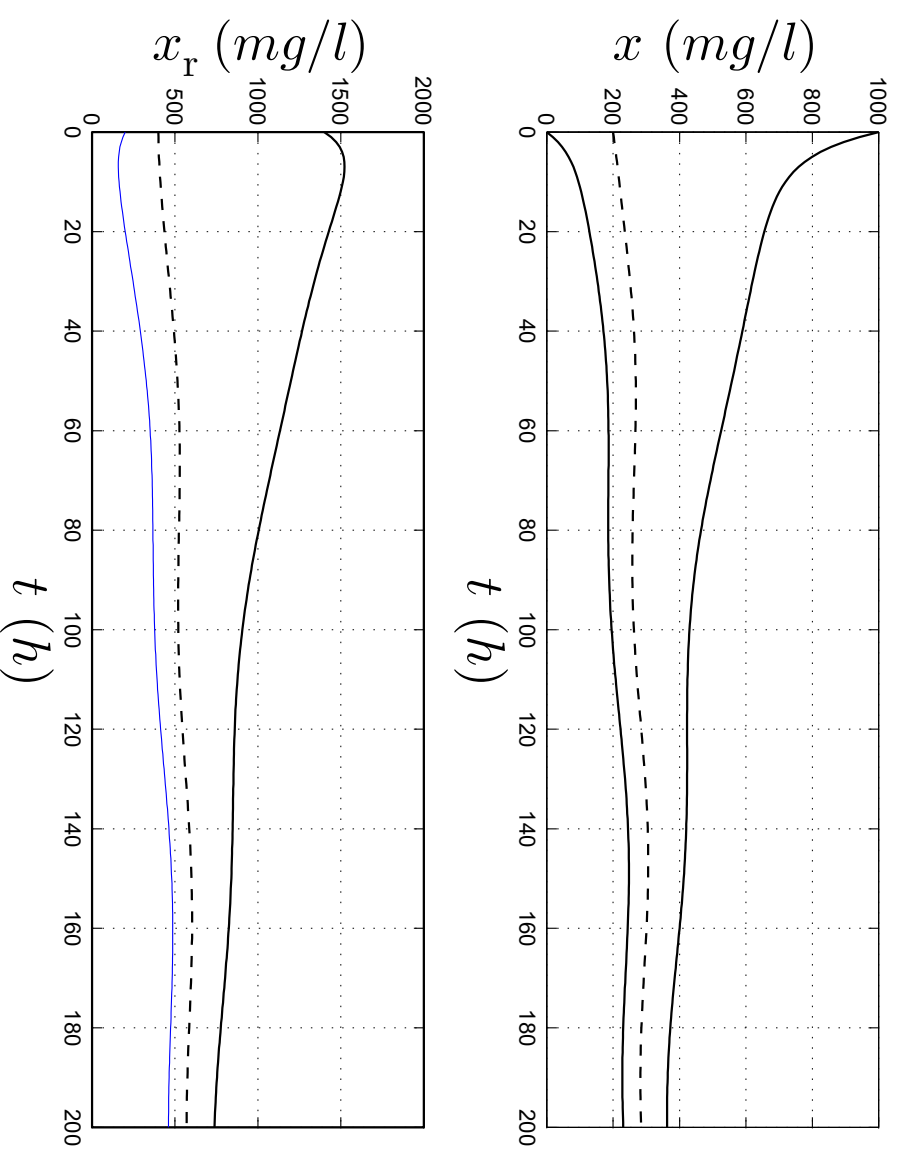
- $s(t)$  perfectly measured.
- **No other measurement available** (prediction only)

Initial conditions

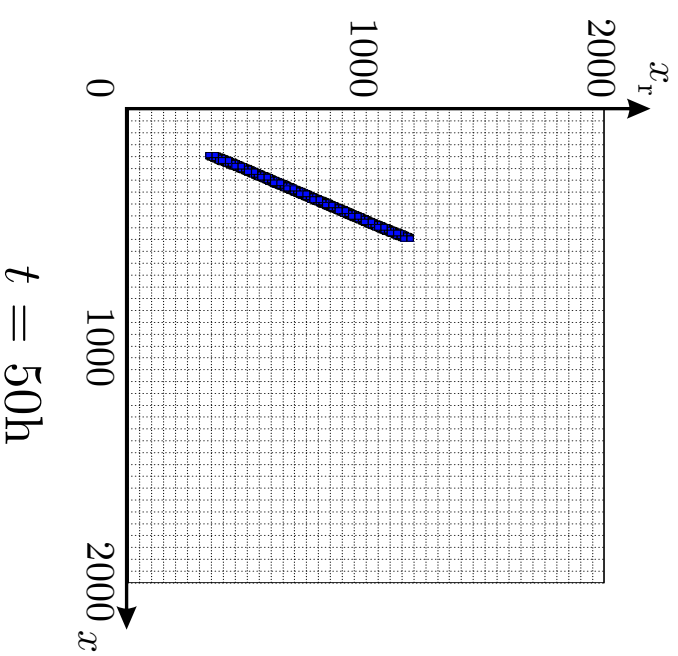
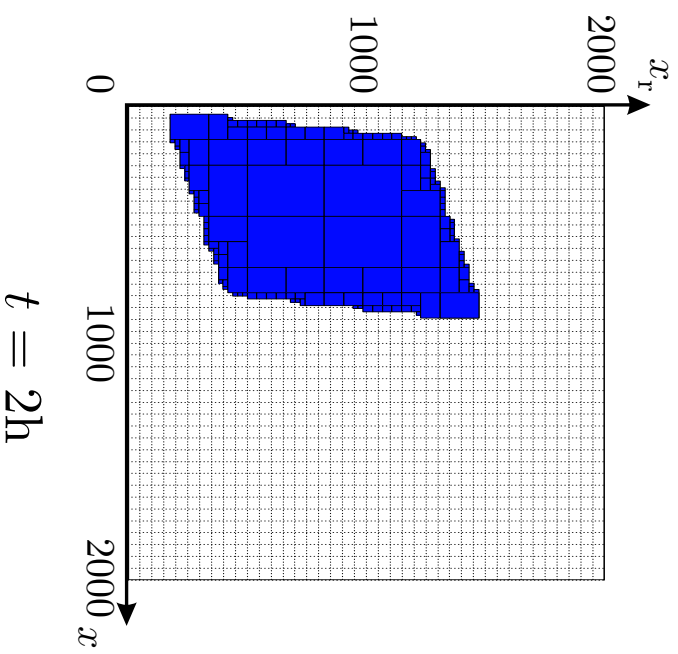
$$s(0) = 50 \text{ mg/l}, x(0) = 200 \text{ mg/l}, x_r(0) = 400 \text{ mg/l.}$$

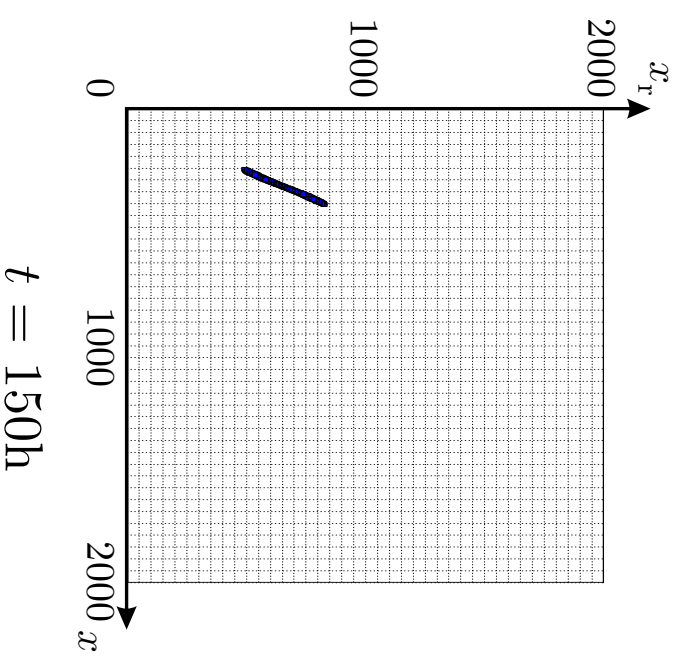
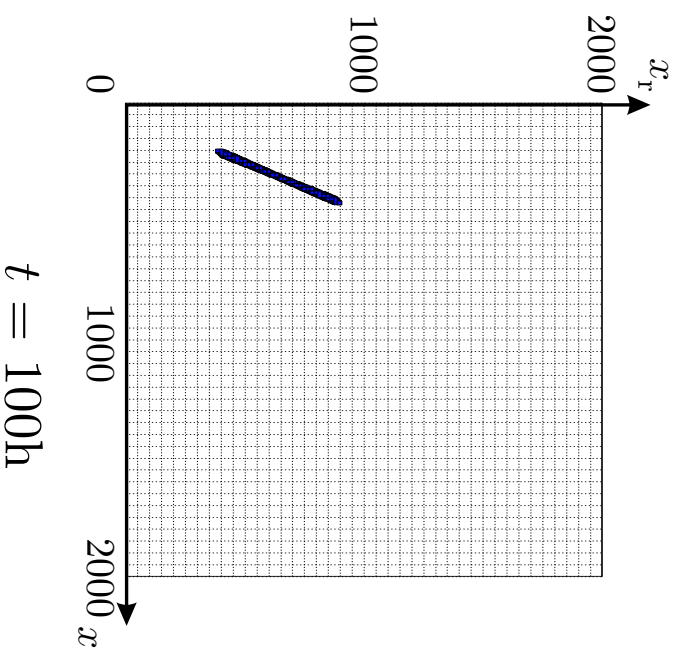
$$[x(0)] = [0, 1000] \text{ mg/l}, [x_r(0)] = [200, 1400] \text{ mg/l}$$

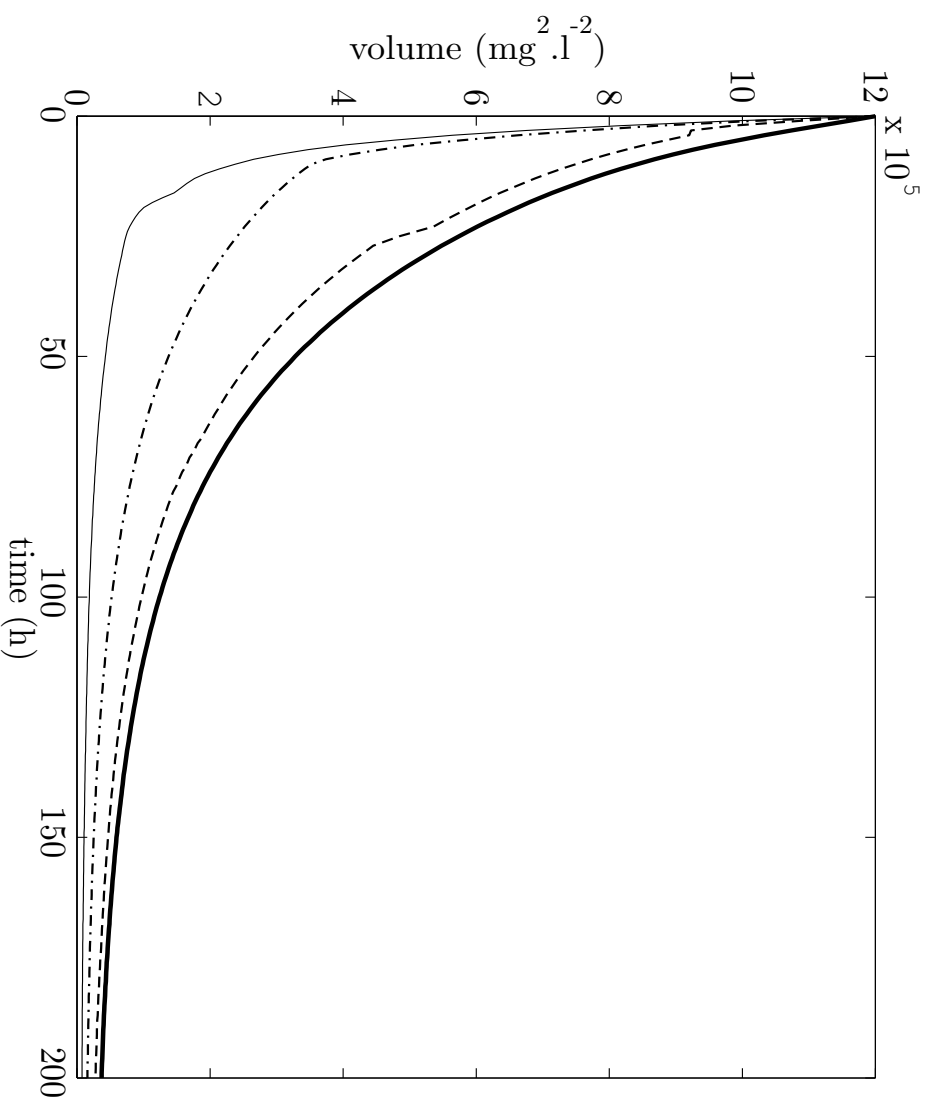
## Results (prediction only)



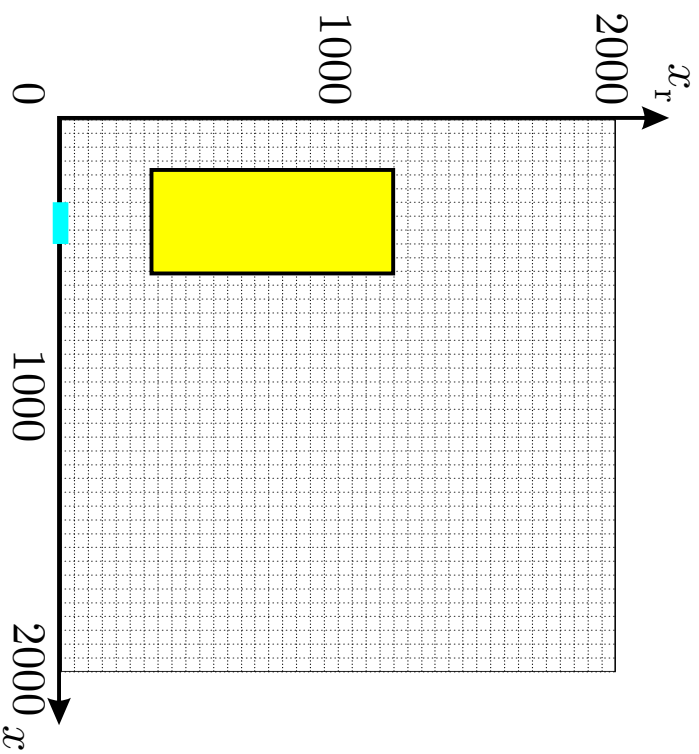






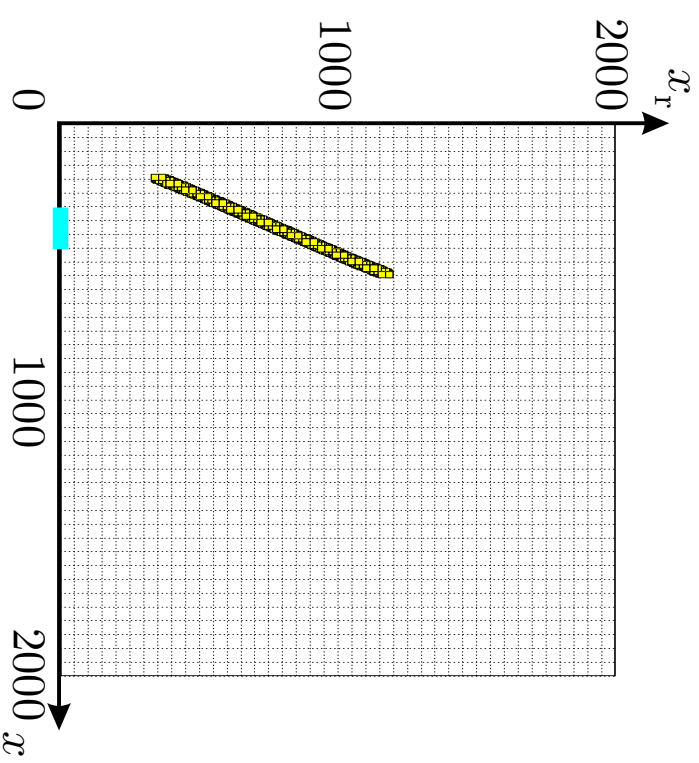


**What if measurements are available ?**



$t = 50h$

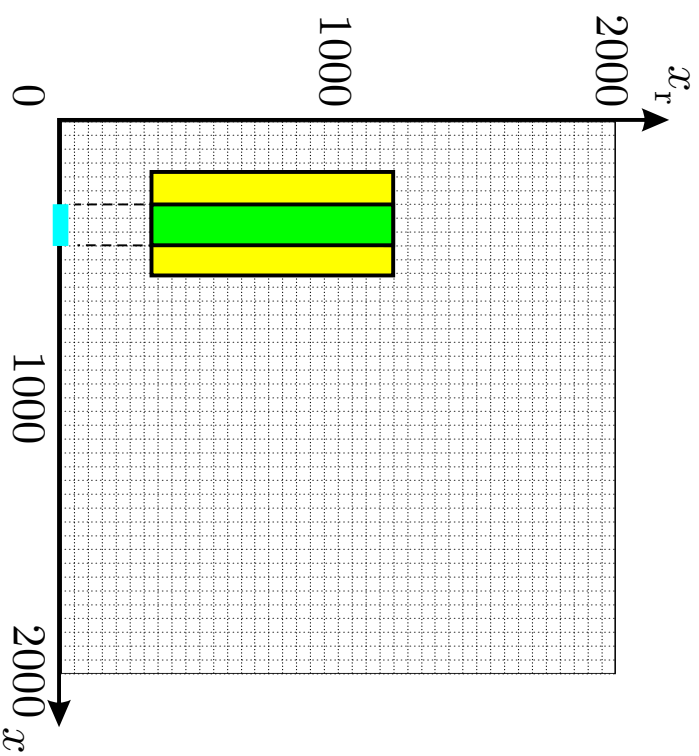
Interval observer



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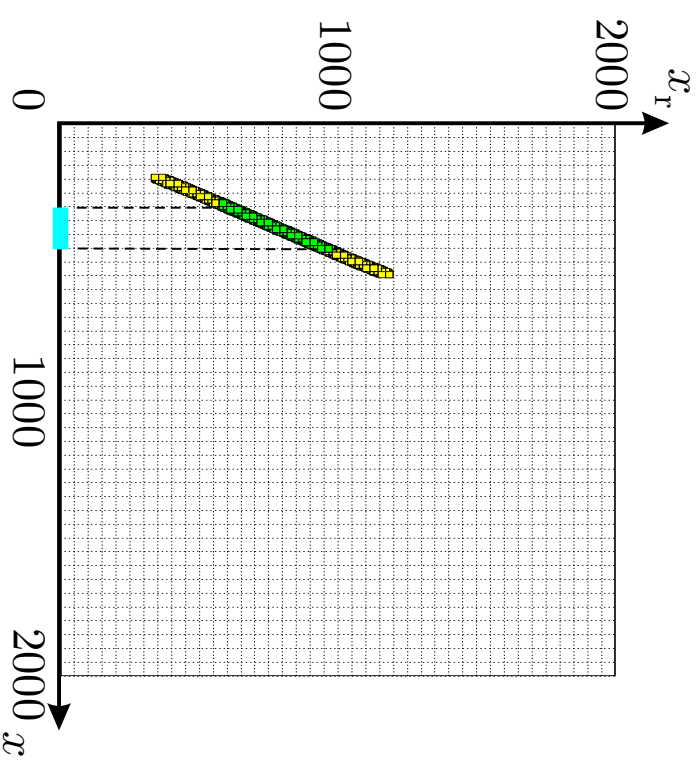
Set observer

**What if measurements are available ?**



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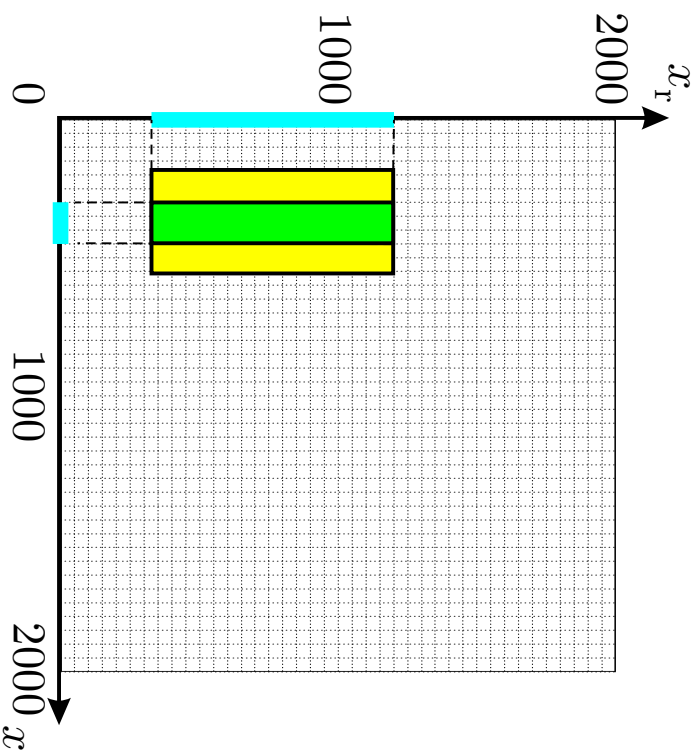
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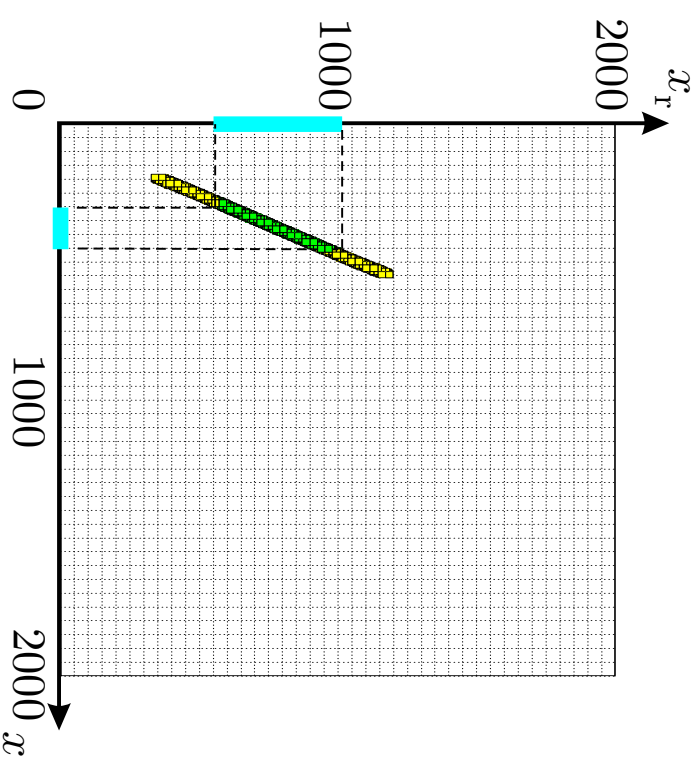
Set observer

**What if measurements are available ?**



$t = 50h$

Interval observer



$t = 50h$

Set observer

## 2.9 Joint parameter and state estimation

Continuous-time state equation

$$\mathbf{x}' = \frac{d\mathbf{x}}{dt} = \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{p}, \mathbf{w}, \mathbf{u}).$$

Uncertain parameters  $\mathbf{p}$  to be estimated **jointly** with  $\mathbf{x}$ .

Hypothesis needed on evolution of  $\mathbf{p}$ .

Possible choices are :

- $\mathbf{p}' = \mathbf{0}$
- $\mathbf{p}' = \mathbf{w}_p$
- $\mathbf{p}' = \mathbf{f}_p(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{w}_p, \mathbf{u})$ .

## Extended state vector

$$\mathbf{x}_e = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{x} \\ \mathbf{p} \end{pmatrix}$$

## Extended state equation

$$\begin{pmatrix} \dot{\mathbf{x}} \\ \dot{\mathbf{p}} \end{pmatrix}' = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{w}, \mathbf{u}) \\ \mathbf{f}_p(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{w}_p, \mathbf{u}) \end{pmatrix}$$
$$\mathbf{x}_e' = \mathbf{f}_e(\mathbf{x}_e, \mathbf{w}, \mathbf{w}_p, \mathbf{u}).$$



## Conclusions

1. Recursive state estimation algorithm for continuous-time systems (for models that can be bounded by cooperative systems).
2. Guaranteed numerical integration still needed but with infinitesimal boxes  
     $\hookrightarrow$  more suitable conditions for using guaranteed solvers than in (Jaulin, 02)
3. Uncertain parameters or state equations can be considered.
4. Real-time state estimation possible for systems with large time constants such as those encountered in bio-chemical processes...