

# Networked Control System Protocols Modeling & Analysis using Stochastic Impulsive Systems

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## Examples

- feedback over shared communication network
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## Analysis tools

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- Lyapunov-based analysis of Stochastic Hybrid Systems

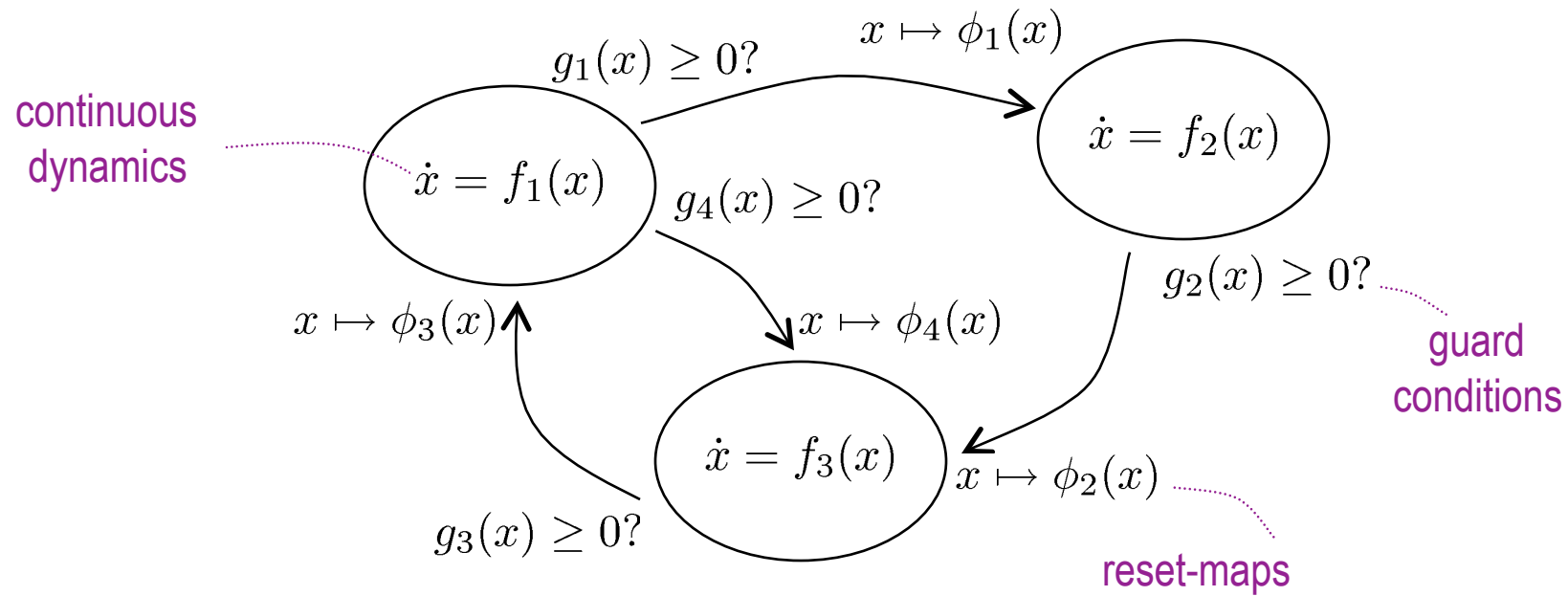
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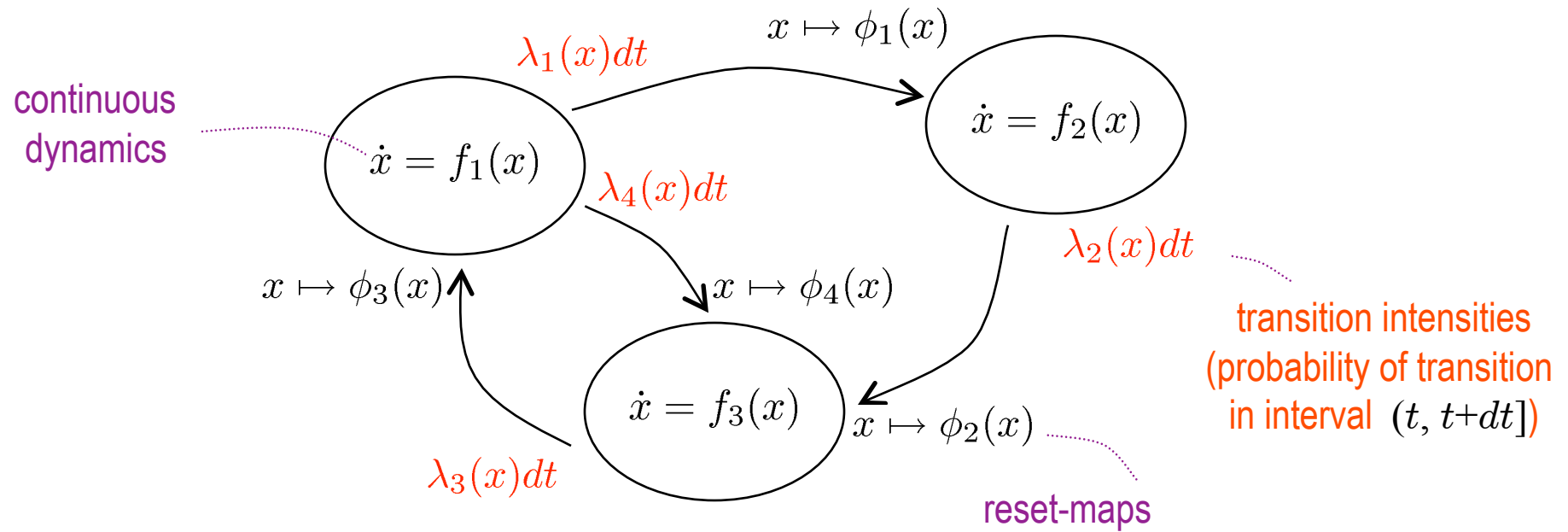
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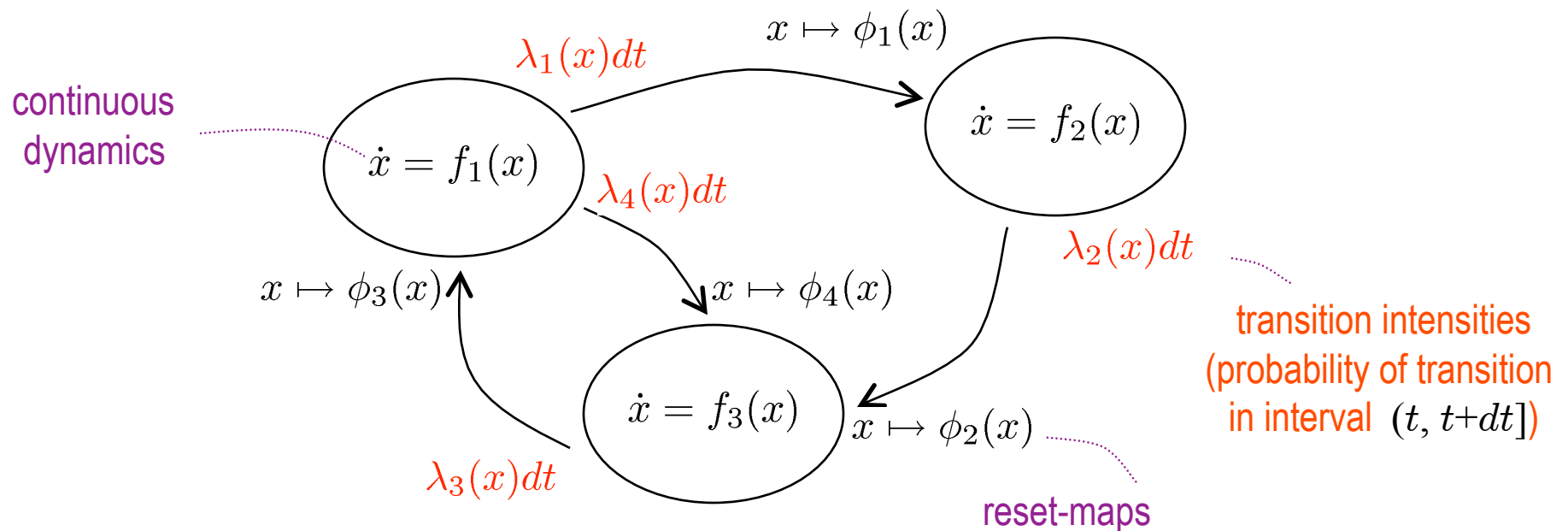
# Deterministic Hybrid Systems



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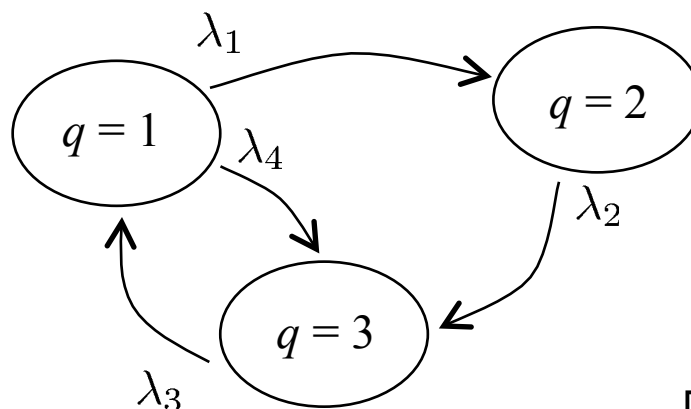
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Special case: When all  $\lambda_\ell$  are constant

$\Rightarrow x(t)$  is a Markov process &

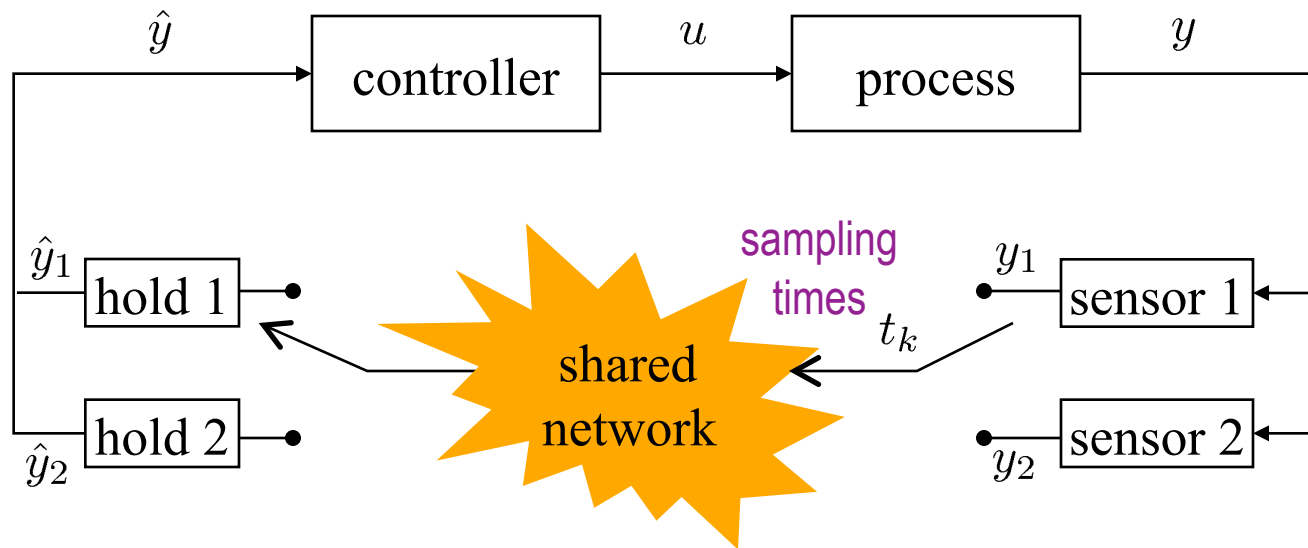
times between jumps are exponentially distributed



closely related to the so called  
*Markovian Jump Systems*

[Costa, Fragoso, Boukas, Loparo, Lee, Dullerud]

# Example I: Networked Control System



process:  $\dot{x}_P = A_P x_P + C_P u$   
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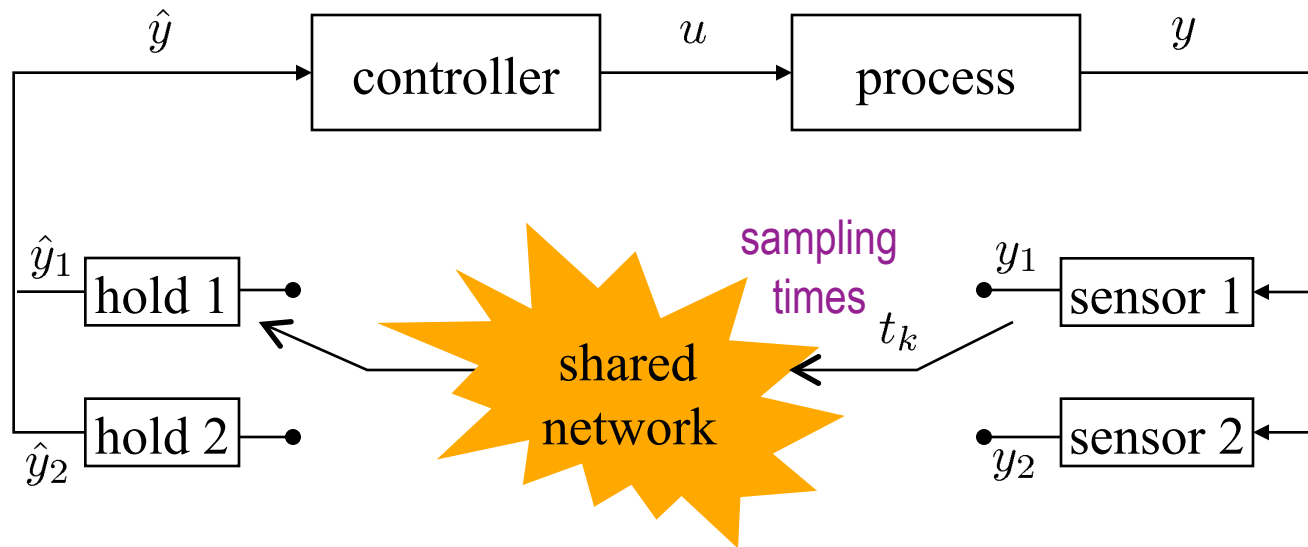
controller:  $\dot{x}_C = A_C x_C + C_C \hat{y}$   
 $\hat{y} = C_C x_C + D_C \hat{y}$

round-robin network access:

$\dot{\hat{y}} = 0$   
 hold

$$\hat{y}(t_k) = \begin{bmatrix} \hat{y}_1(t_k) \\ \hat{y}_2(t_k) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{cases} \begin{bmatrix} y_1(t_k^-) \\ \hat{y}_2(t_k^-) \end{bmatrix} & k \text{ odd} \\ \begin{bmatrix} \hat{y}_1(t_k^-) \\ y_2(t_k^-) \end{bmatrix} & k \text{ even} \end{cases}$$

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***What if the network is not available at a sample time  $t_k$ ?***

1<sup>st</sup> wait until network becomes available

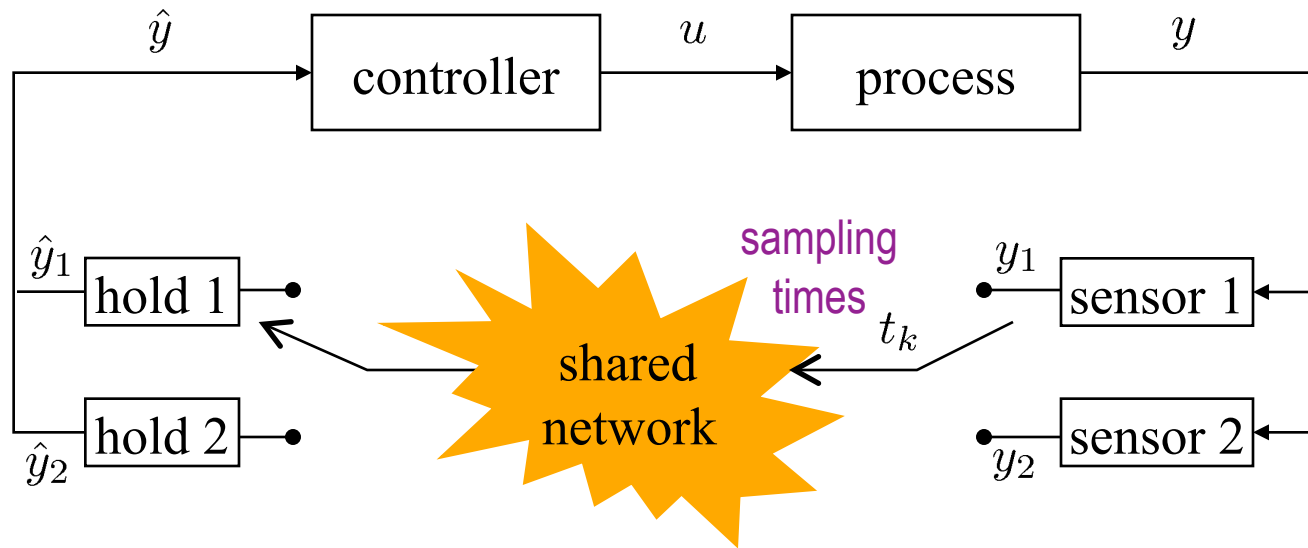
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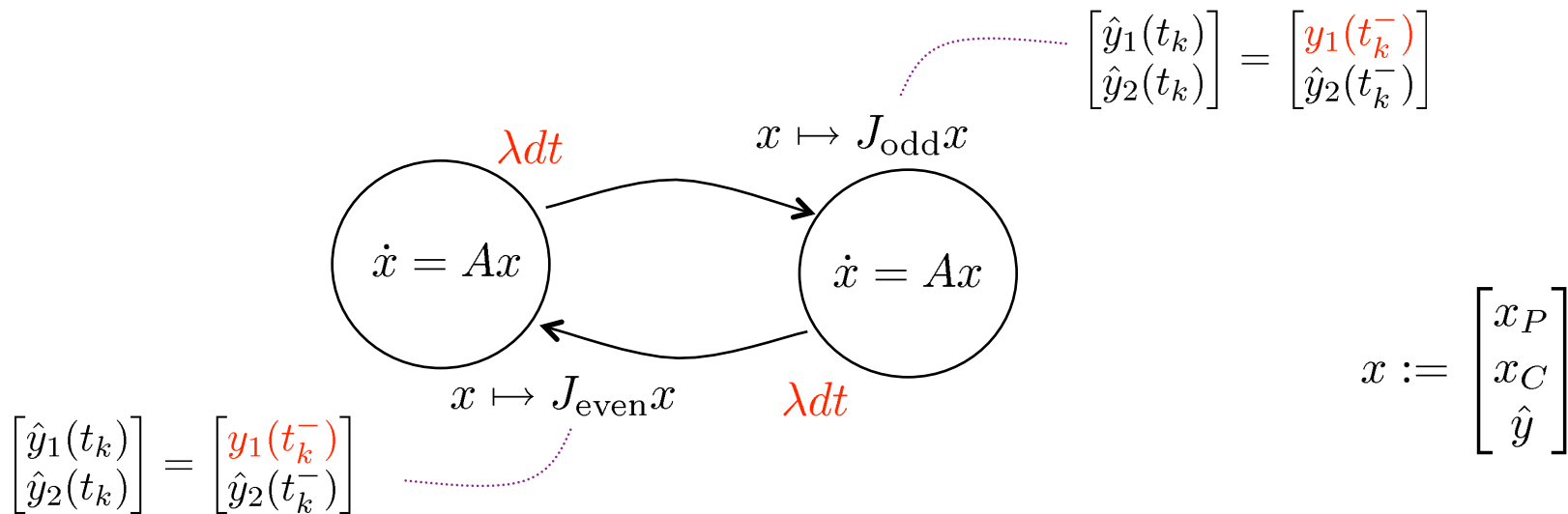
2<sup>nd</sup> send (latest) data from current sampling of continuous-time output

$\Rightarrow$  intersampling times  $t_{k+1} - t_k$  typically become random variables

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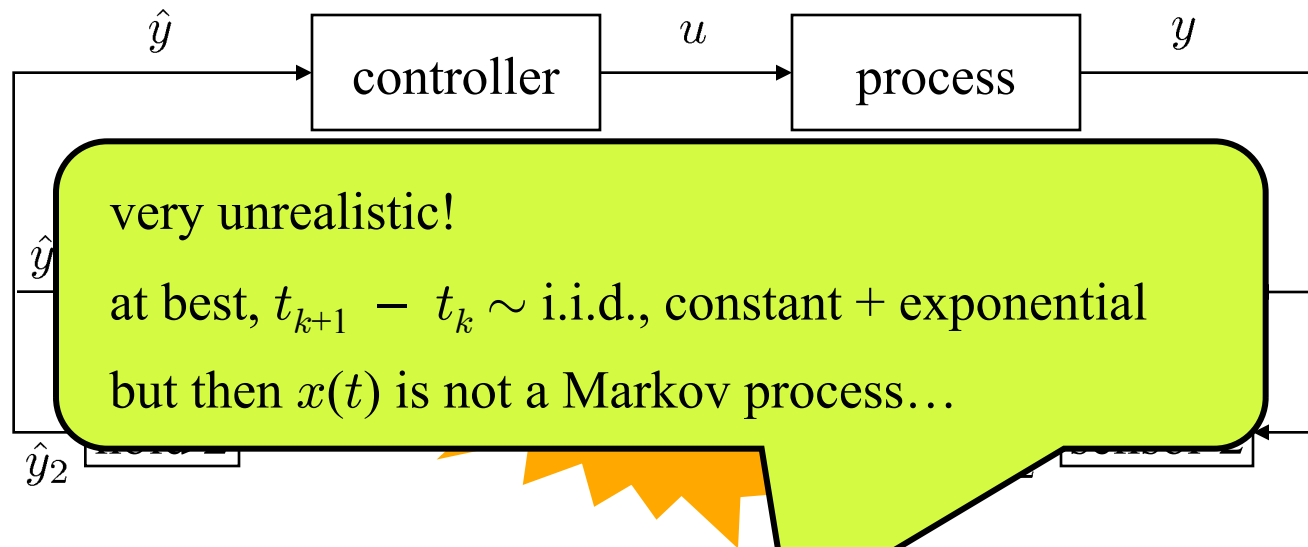


Suppose  $t_{k+1} - t_k \sim$  i.i.d., exponentially distributed

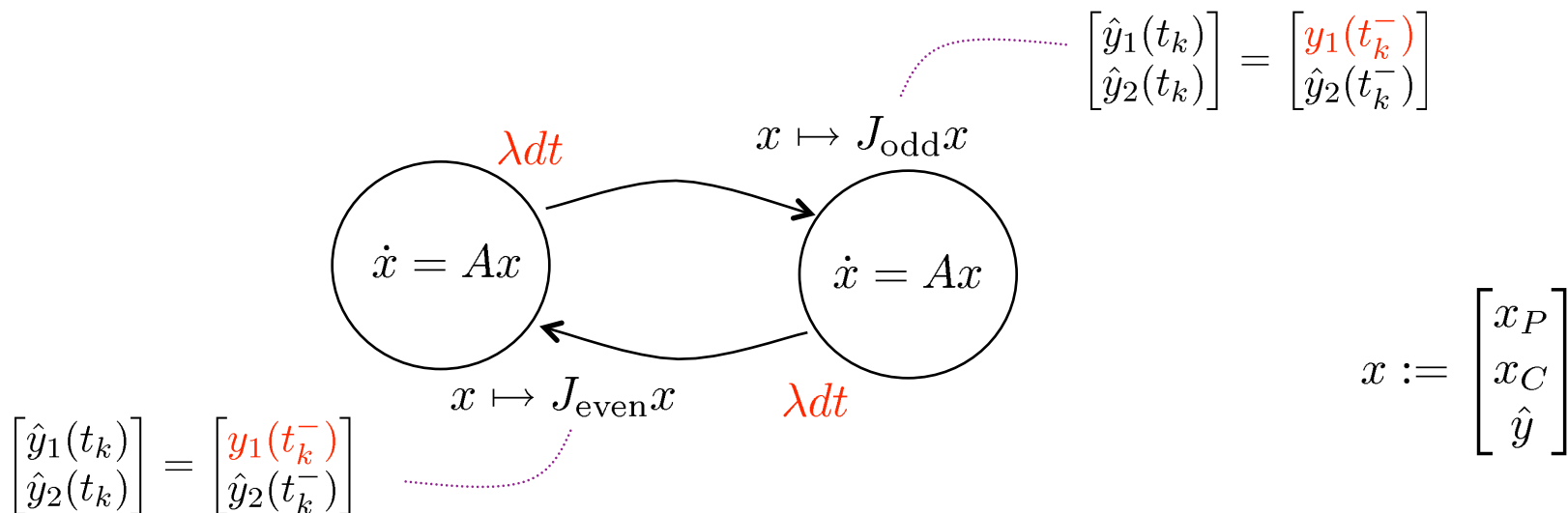




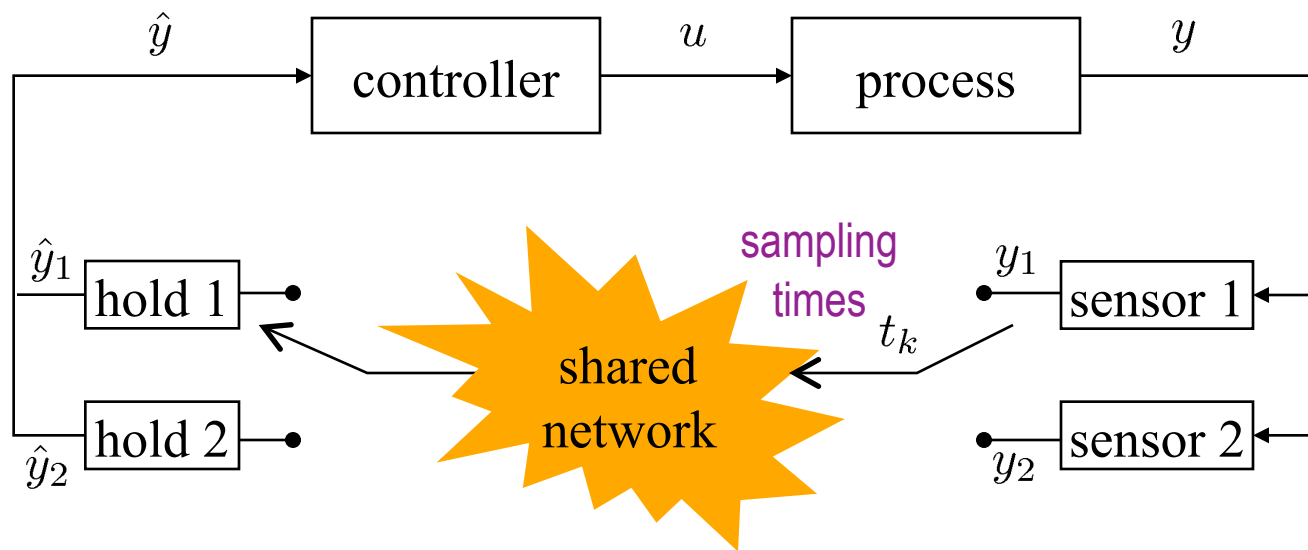
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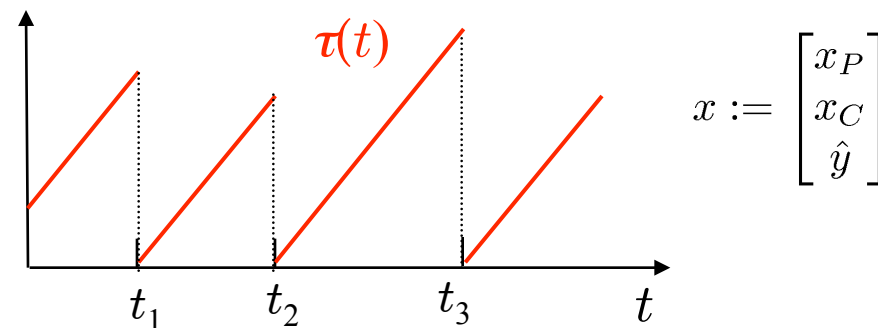
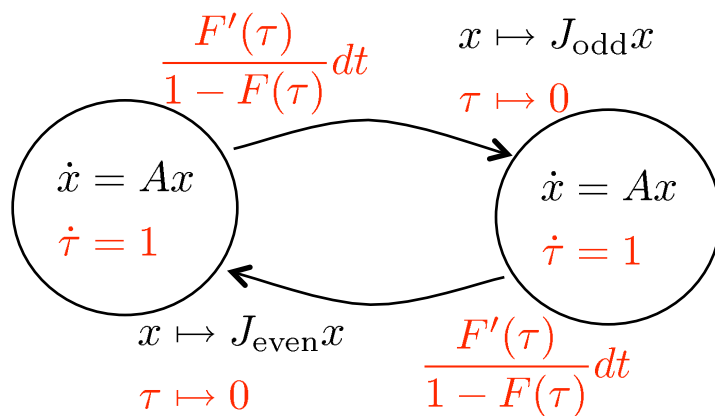
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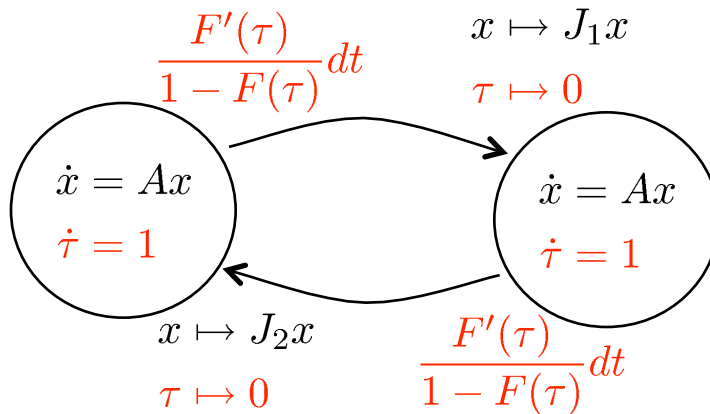


Suppose  $t_{k+1} - t_k \sim \text{i.i.d.}$ , with cumulative distribution function  $F(\cdot)$



the aggregate state  $(x, \tau)$  is a Markov process

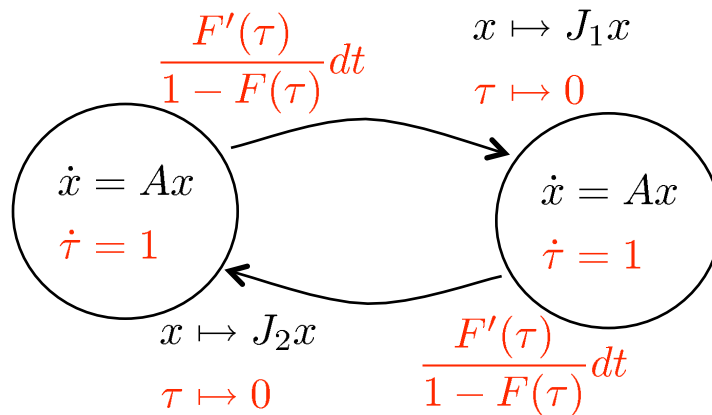
# Impulsive Syst. driven by Renewal Proc.



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**Theorem:** (for simplicity, conditions stated for equal reset matrices:  $J_1 = J_2 \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ )

system is stochastically stable, i.e.,  $\int_0^\infty \mathbb{E}[\|x(t)\|^2] dt < \infty$

$\Leftrightarrow$

$$\mathbb{E}_{F(T)} \left[ \int_0^T e^{A't} e^{At} dt \right] < \infty \quad \text{and}$$

expected value  
w.r.t. inter-jump times

$$\exists P > 0 : \mathbb{E}_{F(T)} \left[ e^{A'T} J' P J e^{AT} \right] - P < 0$$

LMI on  $P_{n \times n}$

or

$$\sigma \left( \mathbb{E}_{F(T)} \left[ e^{A'T} J' \otimes e^{A'T} J' \right] \right) < 1$$

spectral radius condition  
on  $n^2 \times n^2$  matrix

Kronecker product

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# Example II: Estimation through network

process

$$\dot{x} = Ax + B\dot{w}$$

white noise  
disturbance

$x$

encoder

$x(t_1)$   $x(t_2)$

packet-switched  
network

state-estimator

$$\dot{\hat{x}} = A\hat{x}$$

decoder

for simplicity:

- full-state available
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# Stochastic communication logic

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1. keep track of remote estimate  $\hat{x}$
2. send measurements stochastically
3. probability of sending data increases as  $\hat{x}$  deviates from  $x$

decoder logic  $\equiv$  determines *how* to incorporate received measurements

4. upon reception of  $x(t_k)$ , reset  $\hat{x}(t_k)$  to  $x(t_k)$

[similar ideas pursued by Astrom, Tilbury, Hristu, Kumar, Basar]

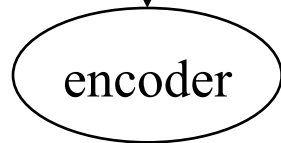
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white noise disturbance

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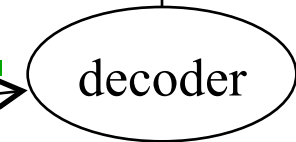


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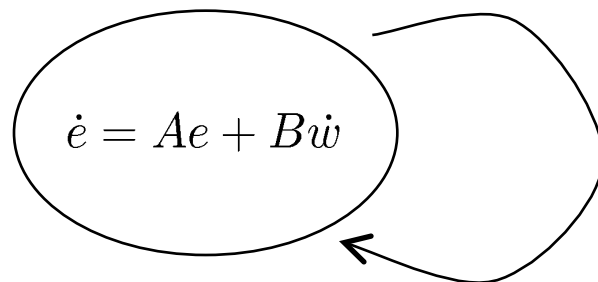
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Error dynamics:  $e := x - \hat{x}$

$\lambda(e) dt$

prob. of sending data in  $[t, t+dt)$   
depends on current error  $e$



$e \mapsto 0$

reset error to zero



# Analysis — Lie derivative

$$\dot{x} = f(x) \quad x \in \mathbb{R}^n$$

Given scalar-valued function  $\psi : \mathbb{R}^n \times [0, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

$$\frac{d}{dt} \psi(x(t), t) = \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial x} f(x) + \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial t}$$

derivative  
along solution  
to ODE

$L_f \psi$   
Lie derivative of  $\psi$

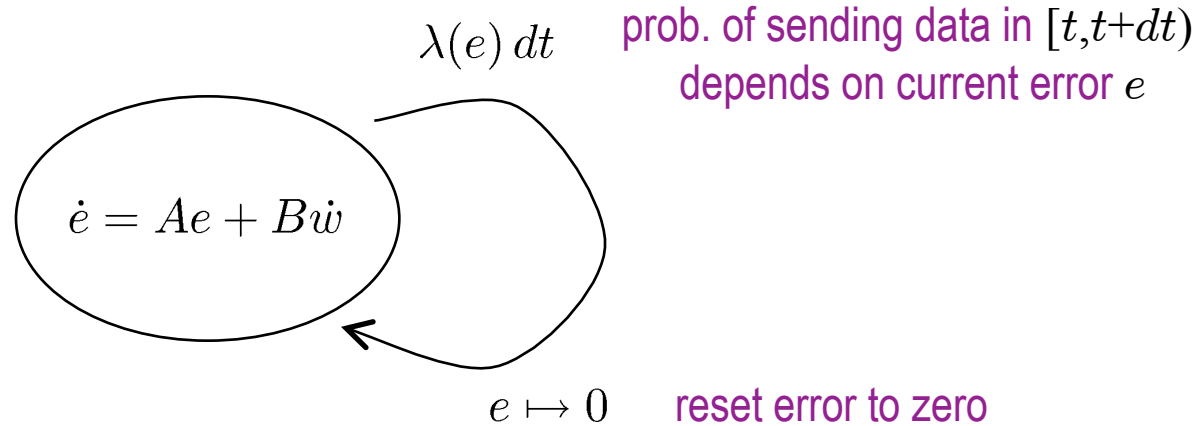
Basis of “Lyapunov” formal arguments to establish boundedness and stability...

E.g., picking  $\psi(x, t) := \|x\|^2$

$$\frac{d}{dt} \psi(x(t), t) = \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial x} f(x) + \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial t} \leq 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad \psi(x(t), t) = \|x(t)\|^2 \leq \|x(0)\|^2$$

$\|x(t)\|$  remains bounded along trajectories !

# Generator of a SHS



Given scalar-valued function  $\psi : \mathcal{Q} \times \mathbb{R}^n \times [0, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

$x$  &  $q$  are discontinuous,  
but the expected value is  
differentiable!!!

$$\frac{d}{dt} \mathbb{E}[\psi(q, x, t)] = \mathbb{E}[(L\psi)(q, x, t)]$$

Dynkin's formula  
(in differential form)

where

$$\begin{aligned} (L\psi)(e, t) = & \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial e} Ae + \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial t} \dots \text{Lie derivative} \\ & + \underbrace{\left[ \psi(0, t) - \psi(e, t) \right] \lambda(e)}_{\text{intensity}} \dots \text{reset term} \\ & + \frac{1}{2} \text{trace} \left( B' \frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial e^2} B \right) \dots \text{diffusion term} \end{aligned}$$

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Disclaimer: see *Nonlinear Analysis*'05 for technical assumptions

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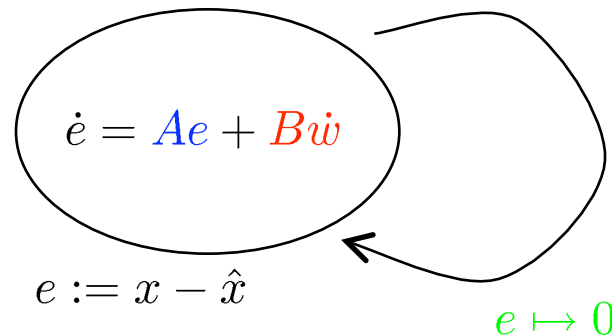
Itô's formula  
(differential form)

$$\begin{aligned}
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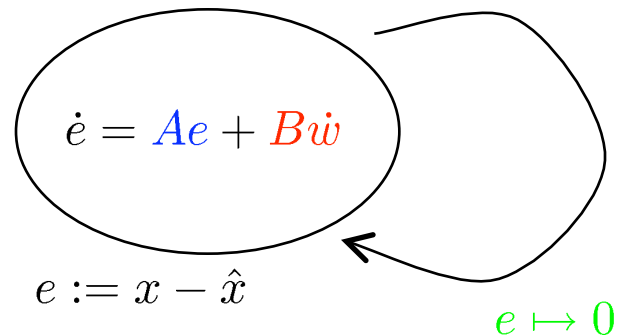
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For constant rate:  $\lambda(e) = \gamma$  (exp. distributed inter-jump times)

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For polynomial rates:  $\lambda(e) = (e' Q e)^k$   $Q > 0, k > 0$  (reactive transmissions)

1.  $\mathbb{E}[e] \rightarrow 0$  (always)
2.  $\mathbb{E}[\|e\|^m]$  bounded  $\forall m$

Moreover, one can achieve the same  $\mathbb{E}[\|e\|^2]$   
with less communication than with a constant  
rate or periodic transmissions...

# Conclusions

1. A simple SHS model that finds use in several areas  
(networked control systems, network traffic modeling, biochemistry)
2. The analysis of SHSs is challenging but there are tools available  
(generator, Lyapunov methods, moment dynamics, truncations)
3. Lots of work to be done:
  - theory
    - ✓ stability/robustness/performance of SHS
  - networked control systems
    - ✓ protocol design to optimize performance & minimize communication resources