

Data-Driven Safety Verification of Unknown Systems with Formal Guarantees

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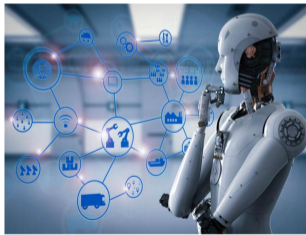
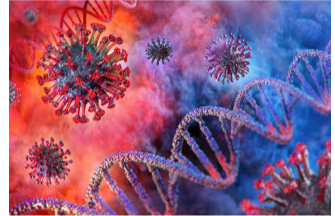
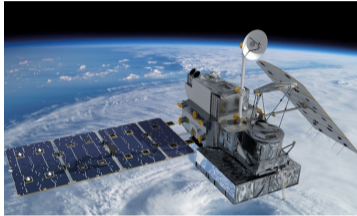
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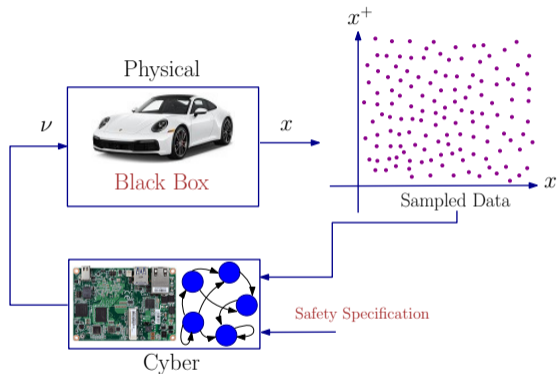


Data-Driven Control Approaches

- Data-driven systems are crucial **everywhere** from machines to **environment and society**

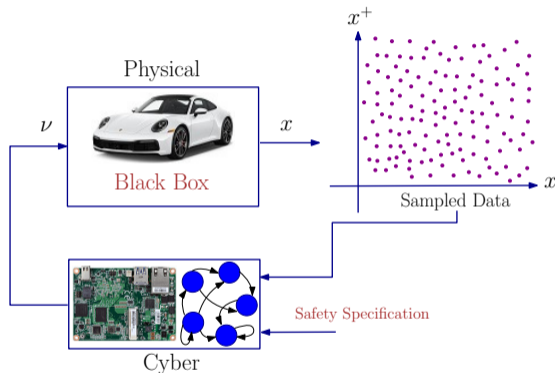
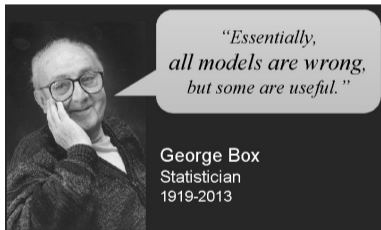


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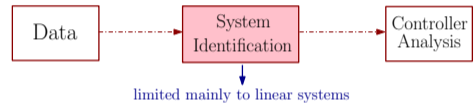
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- Closed-form mathematical models: not available or too complex to be used
- Model-based techniques are not applicable



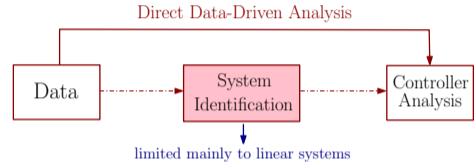
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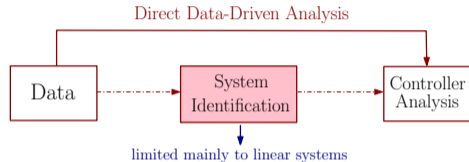
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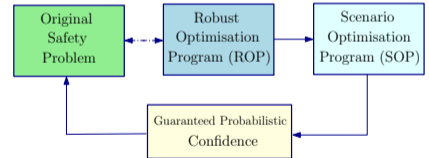
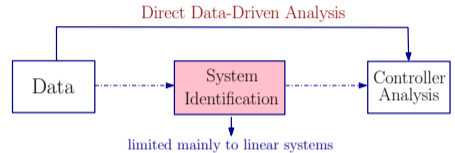


Question of interest

How to provide safety certificates using **direct data-driven** techniques for general class of **nonlinear systems** with **unknown models**?

Data-Driven Analysis: Our Proposed Framework

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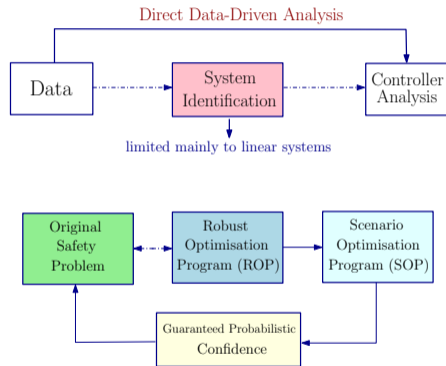
Theorem (guaranteed confidence)

If $\eta_S^* + \varepsilon \leq 0$, then

$$\mathbb{P}\left\{\text{Black-box system} \models \text{safety}\right\} \geq 1 - \beta, \quad \beta \in [0, 1]$$

SOP Solving

- Linear programming / mixed-integer linear programming via **solver Mosek**



Collaborators

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Data-driven safety verification of **unknown** systems:

- Discrete-time systems

$$\Sigma_d: x(k+1) = f(x(k))$$

- Continuous-time systems

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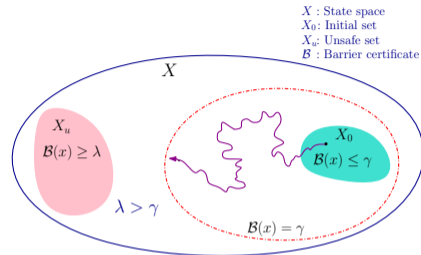
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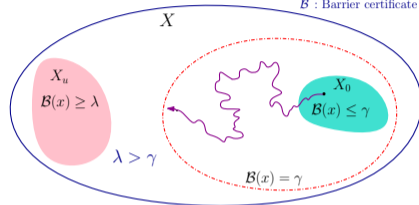
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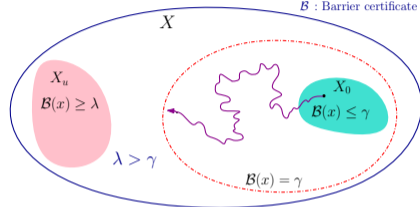
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Computation of BC

- Sum-of-squares (SOS) optimization: **SOSTOOLS**, **SDP solver SeDuMi**
- Counter-example guided inductive synthesis (CEGIS): **SMT solvers such as Z3**, **dReal**

Data-Driven Construction of BC

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Require: $\varepsilon, \beta \in [0, 1]$ and degree of barrier certificate

1: Compute the M based on ε, β

2: Solve the **SOP** with acquired M and obtain η_S^*

Ensure: if $\eta_S^* + \varepsilon \leq 0$, then $d^* \models \text{ROP}$, and accordingly $\Sigma_d \models \varphi$, with a **confidence** of at least $1 - \beta$

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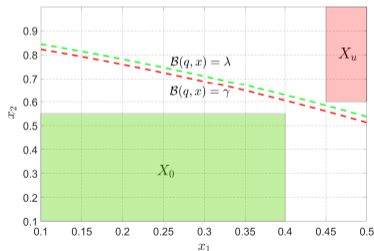
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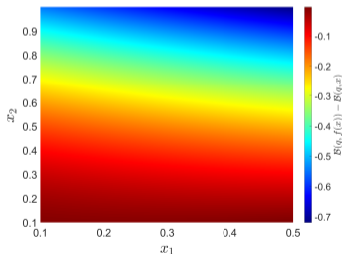
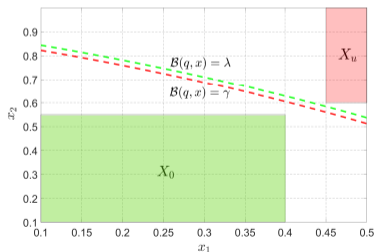
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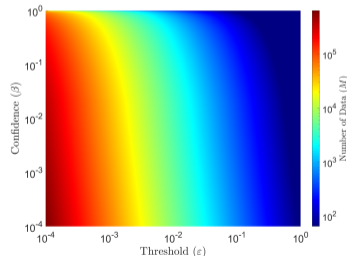
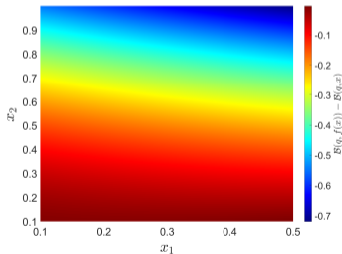
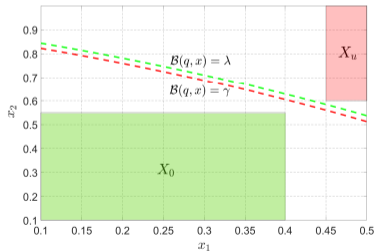
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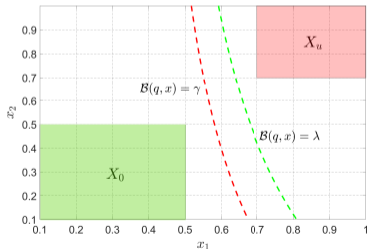
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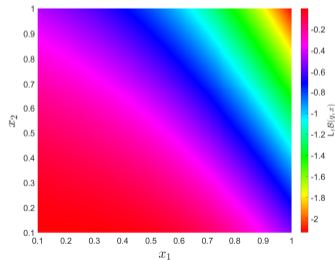
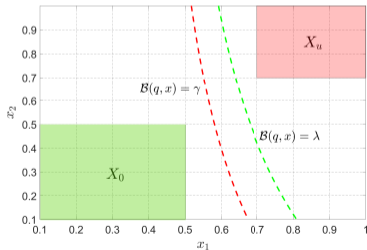
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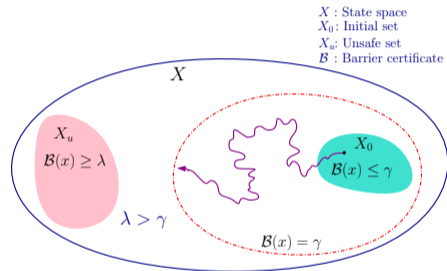


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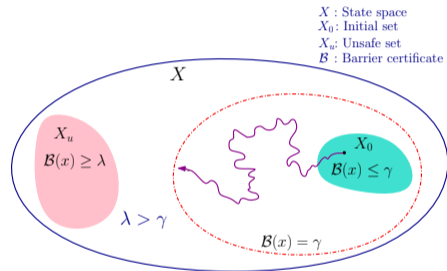
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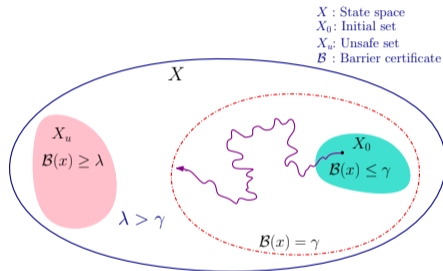
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