

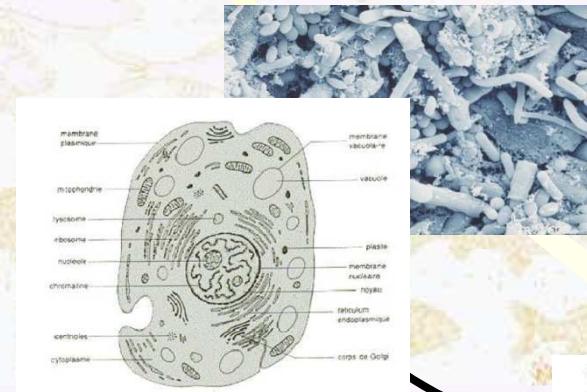
# Développement d'observateurs par intervalles et applications aux systèmes biologiques



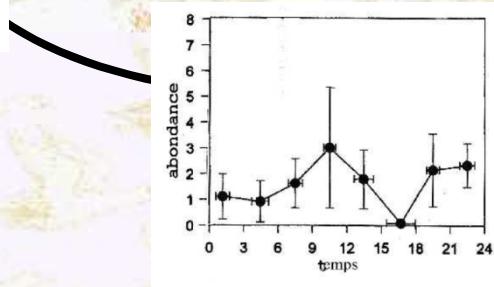
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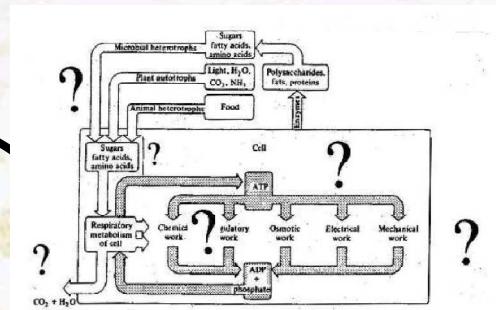
# *Introduction: les systèmes biologiques*



*Complexité*



*Mesures incertaines*



*Connaissance imparfaite*

**De plus en plus de procédés biotechnologiques qu'il faut surveiller !**



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# *Estimation d'état pour les systèmes biologiques*

- De nombreuses incertitudes

$$\begin{cases} \dot{x} = f(x, u, p) + \epsilon(t) \\ y = h(x, u, p) + \eta(t) \end{cases}$$

Erreurs de modèle et de sortie

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- Comment développer des estimateurs d'état ?

Approche  
stochastique

Estimation  
Robuste  
(ensembliste)

Estimation par  
intervalles



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# *Observateurs robustes*

- Les observateurs supposent implicitement que le modèle est une bonne approximation du système réel...
  - ⇒ Difficile de construire un observateur exact qui garantirait
$$\|e(t)\| = \|\hat{x}(t) - x(t)\| \rightarrow 0 \text{ lorsque } t \rightarrow \infty$$
- Nous présentons une approche qui consiste à borner les incertitudes
  - ⇒ Les bornes sur les variables estimées peuvent alors être déduites (Gouzé et al., 2000; Rapaport and Gouzé, 1999)

# *Observateurs robustes*

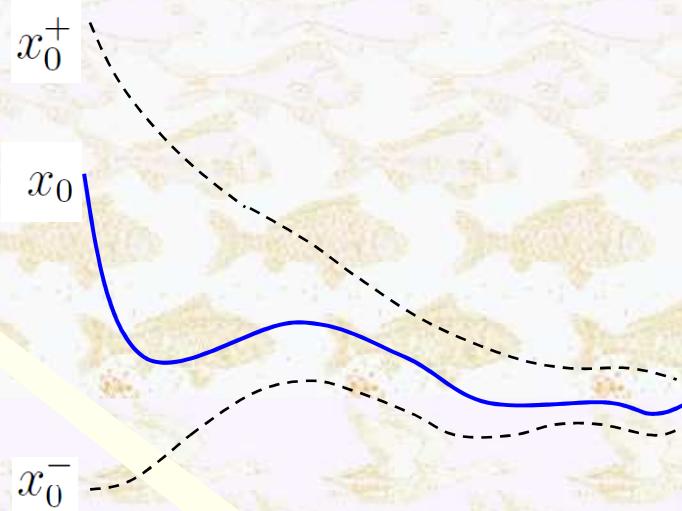
**Definition 1** A bounded error observer for system  $(\Sigma)$  is a dynamical system  $\dot{\hat{x}}(t) = \hat{f}(\hat{x}(t), \theta, u(t), y(t))$  with

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \|\hat{x}(t) - x(t)\| \leq M$$

$M$  a positive real constant (depending on the system uncertainty on the system) such that  $M = 0$  if the system is perfectly known.

# Concept

Bornes sur les termes incertains



$$x_0^- \leq x_0 \leq x_0^+ \rightarrow x^-(t) \leq x(t) \leq x^+(t)$$

## Particulièrement adapté aux systèmes biotechnologiques

- Manque de capteurs hardware
- Incertitudes sur les modèles et les mesures disponibles

# *Observateurs par intervalles*

- **Principe :**

$$(O_\theta) \begin{cases} \dot{z}^- = f^-(z^-, z^+, y, u^-, u^+, p^-, p^+, \theta) ; \quad z^-(t_0) = g^-(x_0^-, x_0^+) \\ \dot{z}^+ = f^+(z^-, z^+, y, u^-, u^+, p^-, p^+, \theta) ; \quad z^+(t_0) = g^+(x_0^-, x_0^+) \\ x^- = h^-(z^-, z^+, y, u^-, u^+, p^-, p^+) \\ x^+ = h^+(z^-, z^+, y, u^-, u^+, p^-, p^+) \end{cases}$$

Ce système est un encadreur du système  $(\Sigma)$  si

$$x^-(0) \leq x(0) \leq x^+(0) \Rightarrow x^-(t) \leq x(t) \leq x^+(t) \quad \forall t \geq 0$$

Ce système est un observateur par intervalles de  $(\Sigma)$  s'il existe un réel positif  $M$ :

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} ||x^+(t) - x^-(t)|| \leq M$$

Gouze et al. 2000



# Principe: systèmes coopératifs

- Définition : *un système en dimension n est coopératif si sa matrice Jacobienne est positive en dehors de la diagonale sur un domaine convexe.*

$$\frac{Df}{Dx} = \begin{pmatrix} * & + & + \\ + & * & + \\ + & + & * \end{pmatrix}$$

# *Observateurs par intervalles*

- Principe: systèmes coopératifs:

$$\frac{dx_1}{dt} = f(x_1, t) ; \quad x_1(0) = x_{10}$$

$$\frac{dx_2}{dt} = g(x_2, t) ; \quad x_2(0) = x_{20}$$

**Propriété 1** Si

- $\forall z \in U, \forall t \geq 0, f(z, t) \leq g(z, t)$
- $g$  est coopérative
- $x_{10} \leq x_{20}$

alors  $x_1(t) \leq x_2(t)$  pour  $t > 0$

*Les inégalités doivent être considérées pour chaque composante*

# *Observateurs par intervalles*

- Application :

$$\dot{x}(t) = f(x(t), u(t))$$

Si  $f$  est coopérative, alors le système différentiel suivant encadre les solutions du système initial:

$$\dot{z}^+(t) = f(z^+(t), u(t)) ,$$

$$\dot{z}^-(t) = f(z^-(t), u(t)) ,$$

$$x^+(t) = z^+(t) ,$$

$$x^-(t) = z^-(t) ,$$

Si  $x_0^- \leq x(0) \leq x_0^+$ , alors  $x^-(t) \leq x(t) \leq x^+(t)$  for all  $t \geq 0$ .

Si  $f$  est GAS, c'est un observateur par intervalle

$$(\Sigma) : \begin{cases} \dot{x}(t) = f(x(t), u(t), \theta) \\ y(t) = h(x(t), u(t), \theta) \end{cases} \quad x(t_0) = x_0$$

**Theorem 1 (Müller, 1926)** Assume that the application  $f$  in  $(\Sigma)$  is  $\mathcal{C}^1$  in the domain  $\Omega \times \mathcal{U} \times \Theta$ , and that its Jacobian matrix is of fixed off diagonal signs.

If  $(\Sigma)$  is initialized at  $t_0$  such that  $x^-(t_0) \leq x(t_0) \leq x^+(t_0)$ , then for any time  $t \geq t_0$ , we have:

$x^-(t) \leq x(t) \leq x^+(t)$ , where  $x^-$  and  $x^+$  are the solutions of the following differential systems:

$$\dot{x}^-(t) = f^-(x^-(t), x^+(t), u(t), \theta) \quad (4)$$

$$\dot{x}^+(t) = f^+(x^-(t), x^+(t), u(t), \theta) \quad (5)$$

where the components of  $f^-$  and  $f^+$  are computed as follows from  $f$ , for  $i = 1, \dots, n_x$ :

$$f_i^- = f_i \left( \delta_{f_i}^- (x^-(t), x^+(t)), u(t), \theta \right) \quad (6)$$

$$f_i^+ = f_i \left( \delta_{f_i}^+ (x^-(t), x^+(t)), u(t), \theta \right) \quad (7)$$

**Sketch of the proof :** *The following mapping is cooperative:*

$$\begin{pmatrix} x^1 \\ x^2 \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} f^-(x^1, -x^2, u, \theta) \\ -f^+(x^1, -x^2, u, \theta) \end{pmatrix}$$

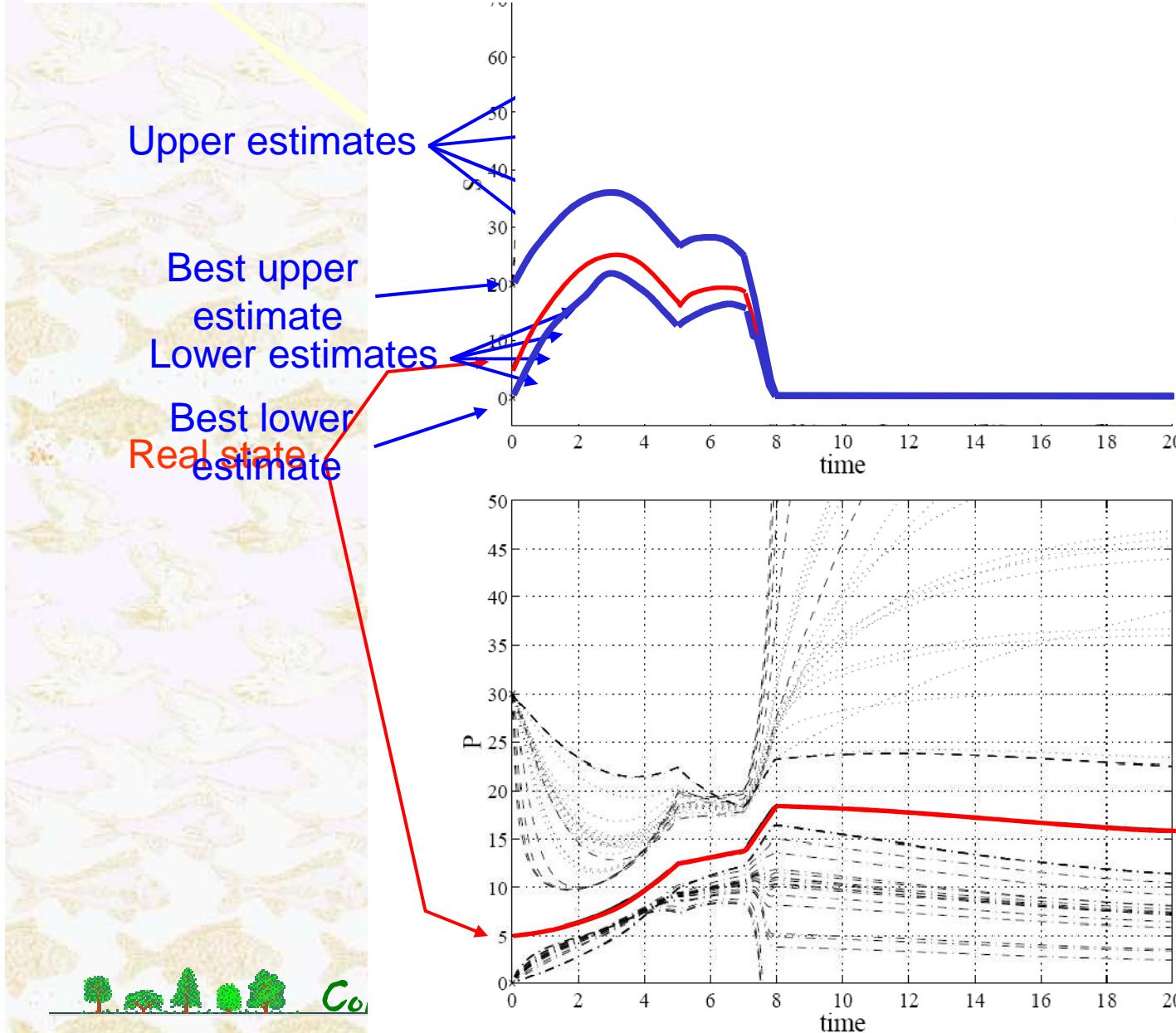
*Indeed, the related Jacobian matrix  $J_x$  writes as follows:*

$$J_x = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{Df^-}{Dx^-}(x^1, -x^2) & -\frac{Df^-}{Dx^+}(x^1, -x^2) \\ -\frac{Df^+}{Dx^-}(x^1, -x^2) & \frac{Df^+}{Dx^+}(x^1, -x^2) \end{bmatrix}$$

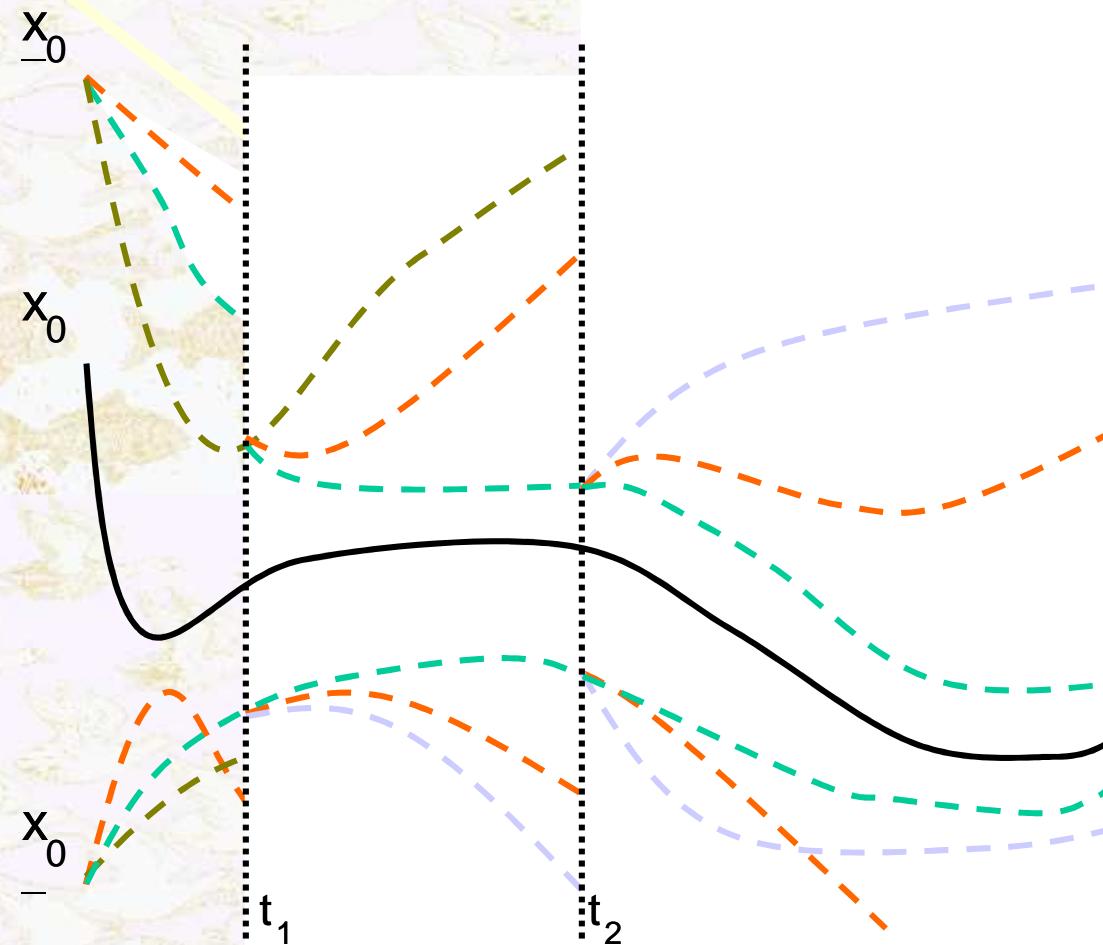


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# Possibilité de comparer les observateurs par intervalles entre eux... et de choisir le meilleur !



# Reinitialisation avec la meilleure estimation



Bernard &  
Gouze, 2004

Certains encadreurs peuvent être instables !



# Application à des cultures de microalgues

## □ Modèle de Droop

$$\dot{X} = -DX + \mu(Q)X$$

$$\dot{Q} = \rho(S) - \mu(Q)Q$$

$$\dot{S} = D(S_{in} - S) - \rho(S)X$$

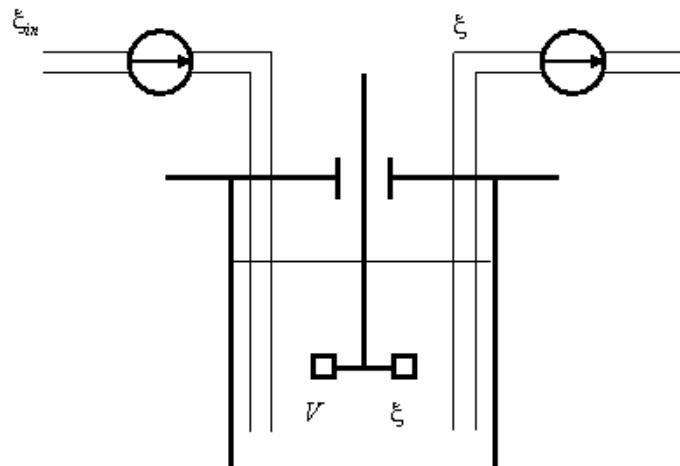
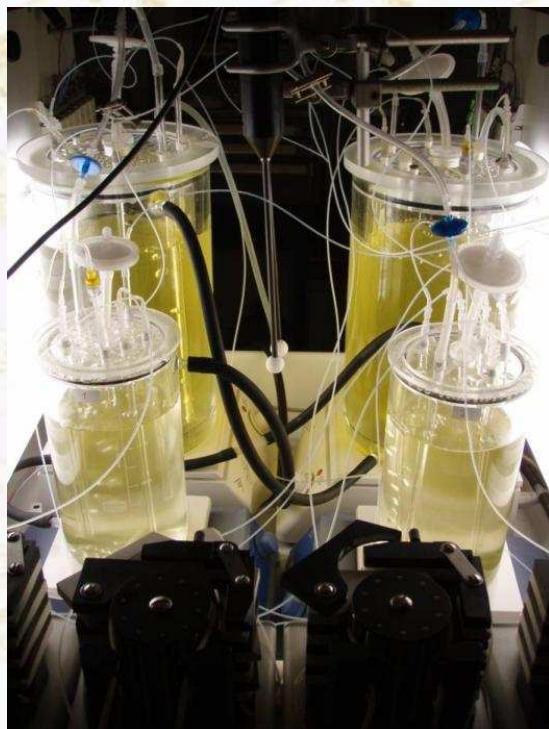
$$\mu(Q) = \bar{\mu} \left( 1 - \frac{k_Q}{Q} \right)$$

$$\rho(S) = \rho_m \frac{S}{S + k_S}$$

$X$ : biovolume ( $\mu m^3 / L$ )

$Q$ : quota interne ( $\mu mol / \mu m^3$ )

$S$ : substrat ( $\mu mol / L$ )



On mesure la biomasse  $X$

# Observateur direct

## □ Prédicteur

$$\dot{Q}_P^+ = \rho_m^+ \frac{S_P^+}{S_P^+ + k_S^-} - \bar{\mu}^- \left( 1 - \frac{k_Q^+}{Q_P^+} \right) Q_P^+ \quad \dot{Q}_P^- = \rho_m^- \frac{S_P^-}{S_P^- + k_S^+} - \bar{\mu}^+ \left( 1 - \frac{k_Q^-}{Q_P^-} \right) Q_P^-$$

$$\dot{S}_P^+ = -\rho_m^- \frac{X_P^- S_P^+}{S_P^+ + k_S^+} + D^+ (S_{in}^+ - S_P^+) \quad \dot{S}_P^- = -\rho_m^+ \frac{X_P^+ S_P^-}{S_P^- + k_S^-} + D^- (S_{in}^- - S_P^-)$$

$$\dot{X}_P^+ = \bar{\mu}^+ \left( 1 - \frac{k_Q^+}{Q_P^+} \right) X_P^+ - D^- X_P^+ \quad \dot{X}_P^- = \bar{\mu}^- \left( 1 - \frac{k_Q^-}{Q_P^-} \right) X_P^- - D^+ X_P^-$$

# Observateur direct

$$\dot{Q}^+ = \rho_m^+ \frac{S^+}{S^+ + k_S^-} - \bar{\mu}^- \left( 1 - \frac{k_Q^+}{Q^+} \right) Q^+ \quad \dot{S}^+ = -\rho_m^- \frac{X^- S^+}{S^+ + k_S^+} + D^+ (S_{in}^+ - S^+) \quad (1)$$

$$\dot{Q}^- = \rho_m^- \frac{S^-}{S^- + k_S^+} - \bar{\mu}^+ \left( 1 - \frac{k_Q^-}{Q^-} \right) Q^- \quad \dot{S}^- = -\rho_m^+ \frac{X^+ S^-}{S^- + k_S^-} + D^- (S_{in}^- - S^-) \quad (2)$$

$$X^+ = \begin{cases} \min(X_P^+, y_X^+) & \text{à chaque instant d'échantillonnage} \\ X_P^+ & \text{sinon} \end{cases}$$

$$X^- = \begin{cases} \max(X_P^-, y_X^-) & \text{à chaque instant d'échantillonnage} \\ X_P^- & \text{sinon} \end{cases}$$

# Observateur après transformation

- Transformation d'état permettant d'éliminer les termes cinétiques

$$Z = XQ \quad \alpha = Z + S$$

$$\dot{Z} = -DZ + \rho_m \frac{XS}{S + k_S} \quad \dot{\alpha} = -D\alpha + DS_{in}$$

- Observateurs par intervalles :

$$\dot{Z}^+ = -D^-Z^+ + \rho_m^+ \frac{X^+S^+}{S^+ + k_S^-} \quad \dot{Z}^- = -D^+Z^- + \rho_m^- \frac{X^-S^-}{S^- + k_S^+}$$

$$\dot{\alpha}^+ = D^+(S_{in}^+ - \alpha^+) \quad \dot{\alpha}^- = D^-(S_{in}^- - \alpha^-)$$

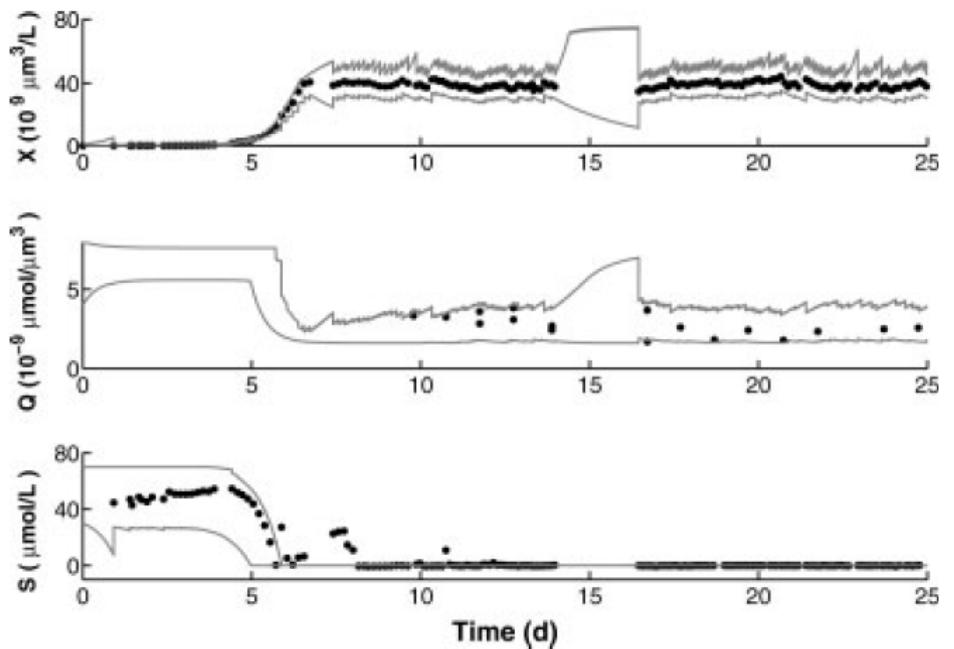
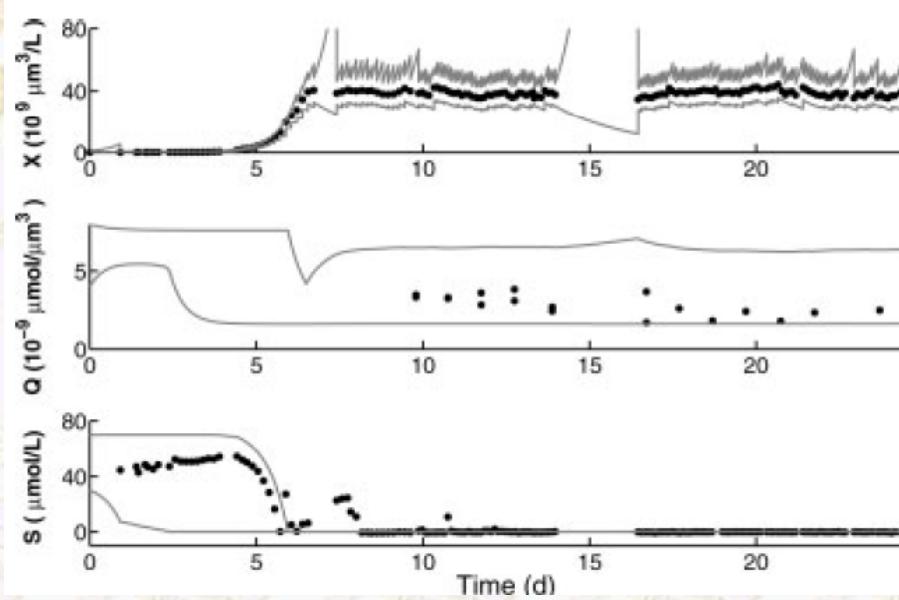
$$S^+ = \alpha^+ - Z^- \quad Q^+ = Z^+ / X^-$$

$$S^- = \alpha^- - Z^+ \quad Q^- = Z^- / X^+$$



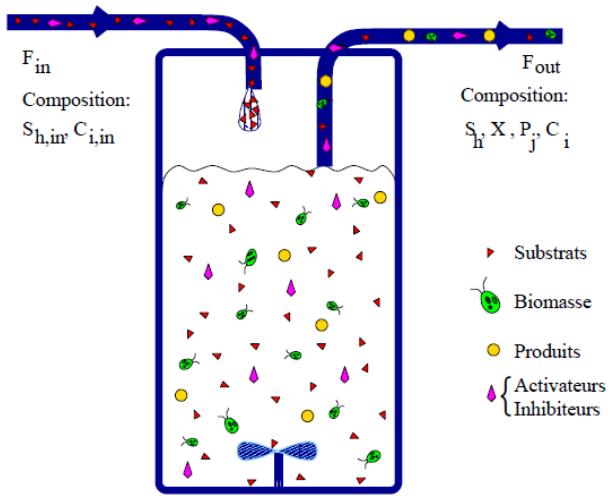
# Application expérimentale

- Observateur direct
- Observateurs couplés



G. Goffaux, A. Vande Wouwer, O. Bernard,  
Compte Biotech. Progress", 2009

# A simple hybrid observer



$$\begin{cases} \dot{x} = \mu(.)x - \alpha dx \\ \dot{s} = -k\mu(.)x + ds_{in} - ds \\ y = s \end{cases}$$

$\mu(.) = \mu(s)$ : growing rate function

$\mu(0) = 0$ : no growth if there is no substrate

$\mu(s)$  is poorly known

The objective is to adapt the observer design to the available knowledge of the growth rate, for the estimation of the biomass  $x$



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# Asymptotic observer

Let us define  $z = x + s/k$ . Then the dynamics of  $z$  is :

$$\dot{z} = \frac{ds_{in}}{k} - \alpha dz - d\frac{1-\alpha}{k}s$$

An asymptotic observer is given by

$$\dot{\hat{z}} = \frac{ds_{in}}{k} - \alpha d\hat{z} - d\frac{1-\alpha}{k}s$$

It converges towards  $z$  with a rate of convergence  $\alpha d$ .

Then,  $\hat{x}$  can be estimated as follows:  $\hat{x} = \hat{z} - \frac{s}{k}$ .

- ✓ It does not require any a-priori knowledge for the growth rate
- ✗ It cannot be tuned (fixed convergence rate)

Consider the change of variable  $(s, x) \rightarrow (s, z)$  with:

$$z = x + \frac{\theta}{k}s$$

The dynamics of  $z$  is :

$$\dot{z} = (1 - \theta)\mu(s)(z - \frac{\theta}{k}s) - \alpha dz + \frac{\theta}{k}ds_{in} - \frac{\theta(1-\alpha)}{k}ds$$

Then a bounded error observer is (Lemesle and Gouzé, 2005):

$$\begin{cases} \dot{\hat{z}} = (1 - \theta)\hat{\mu}(s)(\hat{z} - \frac{\theta}{k}s) - \alpha d\hat{z} + \frac{\theta}{k}ds_{in} - \frac{\theta(1-\alpha)}{k}ds \\ \hat{x} = \hat{z} - \frac{\theta}{k}s \end{cases} \quad (1)$$

- ✓ High gain  $\theta$ : high convergence rate but poor accuracy.
- ✓  $\theta = 1$ : Low convergence rate but high accuracy.

# Asymptotic interval observer

Initial condition hypothesis:  $x^-(0) \leq x(0) \leq x^+(0)$

$$\begin{cases} \dot{z}^+ = d\frac{s_{in}(t)}{k} - \alpha dz^+ - \frac{1-\alpha}{k}ds(t) \\ \dot{z}^- = d\frac{s_{in}(t)}{k} - \alpha dz^- - \frac{1-\alpha}{k}ds(t) \\ x^+ = z^+ - \frac{s(t)}{k}, \quad x^- = z^- - \frac{s(t)}{k} \end{cases}$$

**Proof:** if we denote  $e^+ = x^+ - x = z^+ - z$ , it can be easily seen that  $\dot{e}^+ \geq 0$  when  $e^+ = 0$ .

- ✓ We obtain a bound on the accuracy of the observer.
- ✓ The same principle applies for asymptotic observer in dimension  $n$ .

# Hybrid observer

**Hypothesis 1 (H')** We assume that the growth rate is bounded by two known functions:

$$0 \leq \mu^-(s) \leq \mu(s) \leq \mu^+(s)$$

with  $\mu^-(s)$  positive for  $s$  positive and  $\mu^+(0) = 0$ .

Depending on the values of  $\theta$  the following systems are interval estimates of the variable  $x(t)$ :

- If  $\theta \leq 0$

$$\begin{cases} \dot{z}^+ = (1 - \theta)\mu^+(s)z^+ - (1 - \theta)\frac{\theta}{k}\mu^-(s)s \\ \quad -\alpha dz^+ + \frac{\theta}{k}ds_{in} - \frac{\theta(1-\alpha)}{k}ds \\ \dot{z}^- = (1 - \theta)\mu^-(s)z^- - (1 - \theta)\frac{\theta}{k}\mu^+(s)s \\ \quad -\alpha dz^- + \frac{\theta}{k}ds_{in} - \frac{\theta(1-\alpha)}{k}ds \\ x^+ = z^+ - \frac{\theta s}{k}, x^- = z^- - \frac{\theta s}{k} \end{cases}$$



- If  $0 \leq \theta \leq 1$

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \dot{z}^+ = (1 - \theta)\mu^+(s)z^+ - (1 - \theta)\frac{\theta}{k}\mu^-(s)s \\ \quad - \alpha dz^+ + \frac{\theta}{k}ds_{in} - \frac{\theta(1-\alpha)}{k}ds \\ \dot{z}^- = (1 - \theta)\mu^-(s)z^- - (1 - \theta)\frac{\theta}{k}\mu^+(s)s \\ \quad - \alpha dz^- + \frac{\theta}{k}ds_{in} - \frac{\theta(1-\alpha)}{k}ds \\ x^+ = z^+ - \frac{\theta s}{k}, x^- = z^- - \frac{\theta s}{k} \end{array} \right.$$

- If  $\theta \geq 1$

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \dot{z}^+ = (1 - \theta)\mu^-(s)z^+ - (1 - \theta)\frac{\theta}{k}\mu^+(s)s \\ \quad - \alpha dz^+ + \frac{\theta}{k}ds_{in} - \frac{\theta(1-\alpha)}{k}ds \\ \dot{z}^- = (1 - \theta)\mu^+(s)z^- - (1 - \theta)\frac{\theta}{k}\mu^-(s)s \\ \quad - \alpha dz^- + \frac{\theta}{k}ds_{in} - \frac{\theta(1-\alpha)}{k}ds \\ x^+ = z^+ - \frac{\theta s}{k}, x^- = z^- - \frac{\theta s}{k} \end{array} \right.$$

where  $\mu^+(s) = \frac{\mu_h^+ s}{s + k_s + s^2/k_i}$  and  $\mu^-(s) = \frac{\mu_h^- s}{s + k_s + s^2/k_i}$

# Sketch of the proof

**Proof:** Let us demonstrate for the case where  $\theta \geq 1$ .

The dynamics for this error is:

$$\dot{e}^+ = (1 - \theta)(\mu^-(s)z^+ - \mu(s)z) - \alpha d e^+ - (1 - \theta)\frac{\theta}{k}(\mu^+(s) - \mu(s))s$$

Now if we consider the first time  $t_0$  such that  $e^+(t_0) = 0$  (meaning  $z^+(t_0) = z(t_0)$ ), we get:

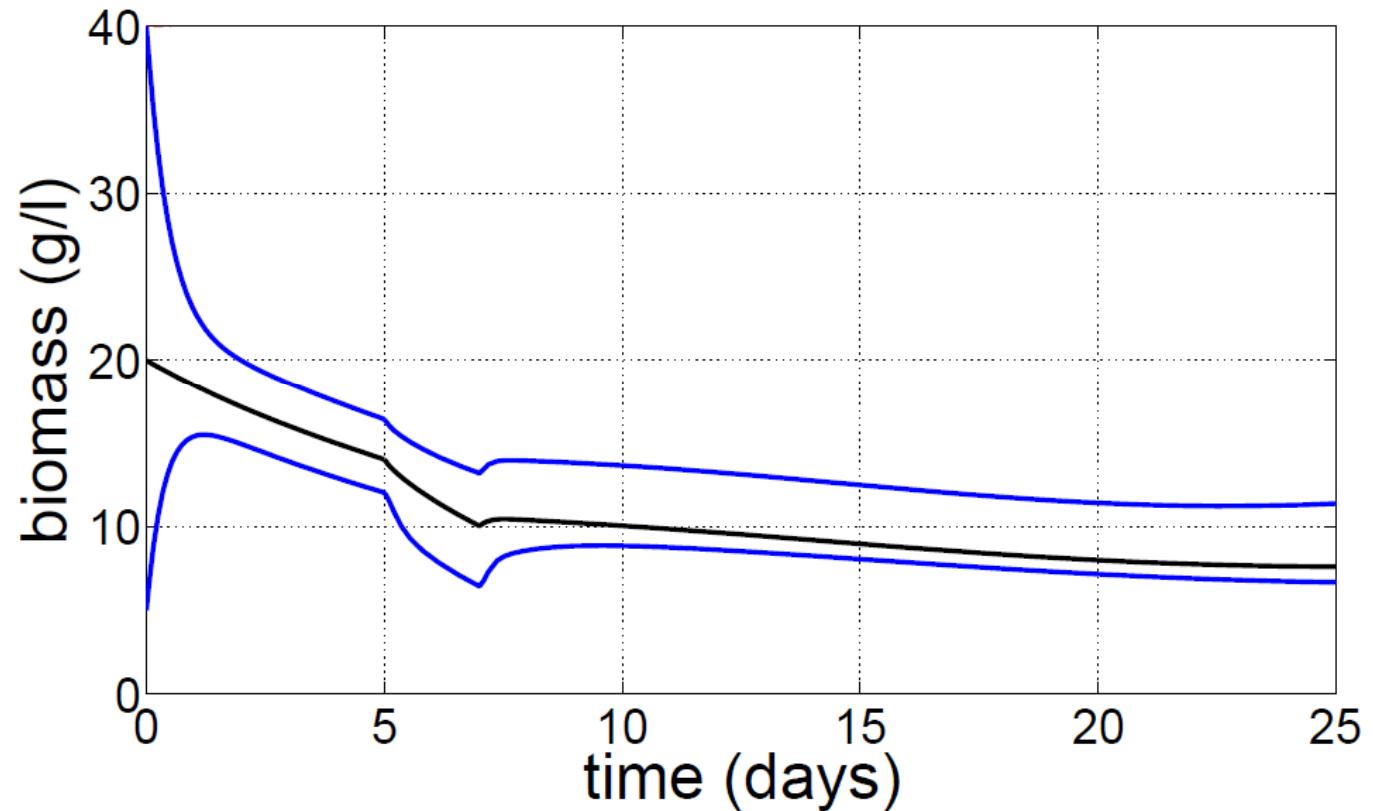
$$e^+(t_0) = (1 - \theta)(\mu^-(s) - \mu(s))z - (1 - \theta)\frac{\theta}{k}(\mu^+(s) - \mu(s))s \geq 0$$

it proves therefore that  $e^+(t_0)$  is increasing, and therefore that it will stay non negative. The same property holds for  $e^- = x - x^- = z - z^-$ .



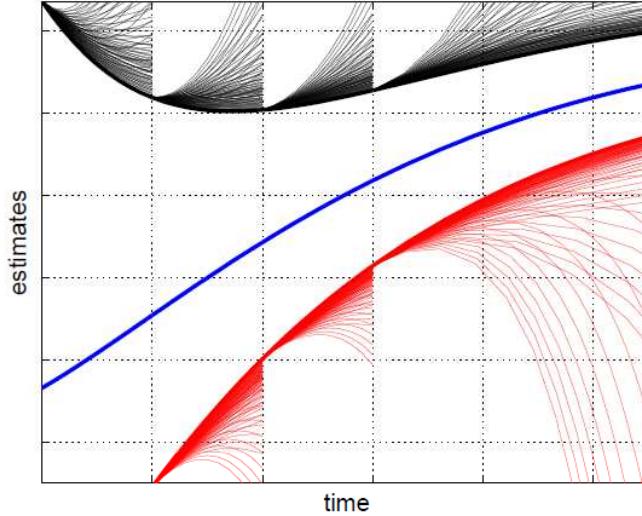
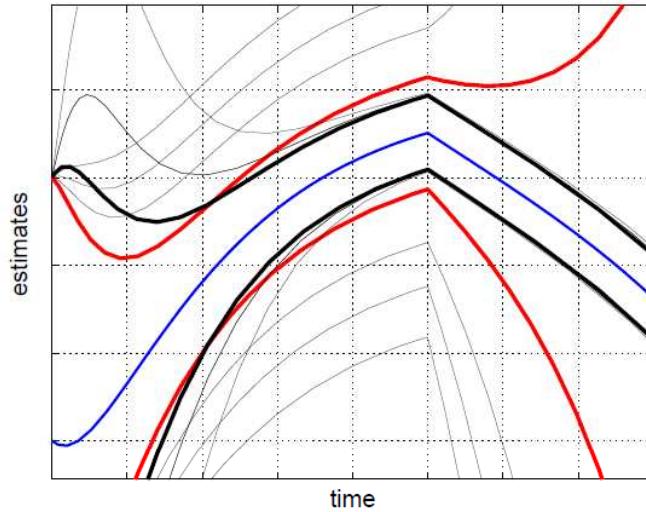
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$$s_{in} = 55 + 25\cos(t/5).$$



Example of application of an interval observer.

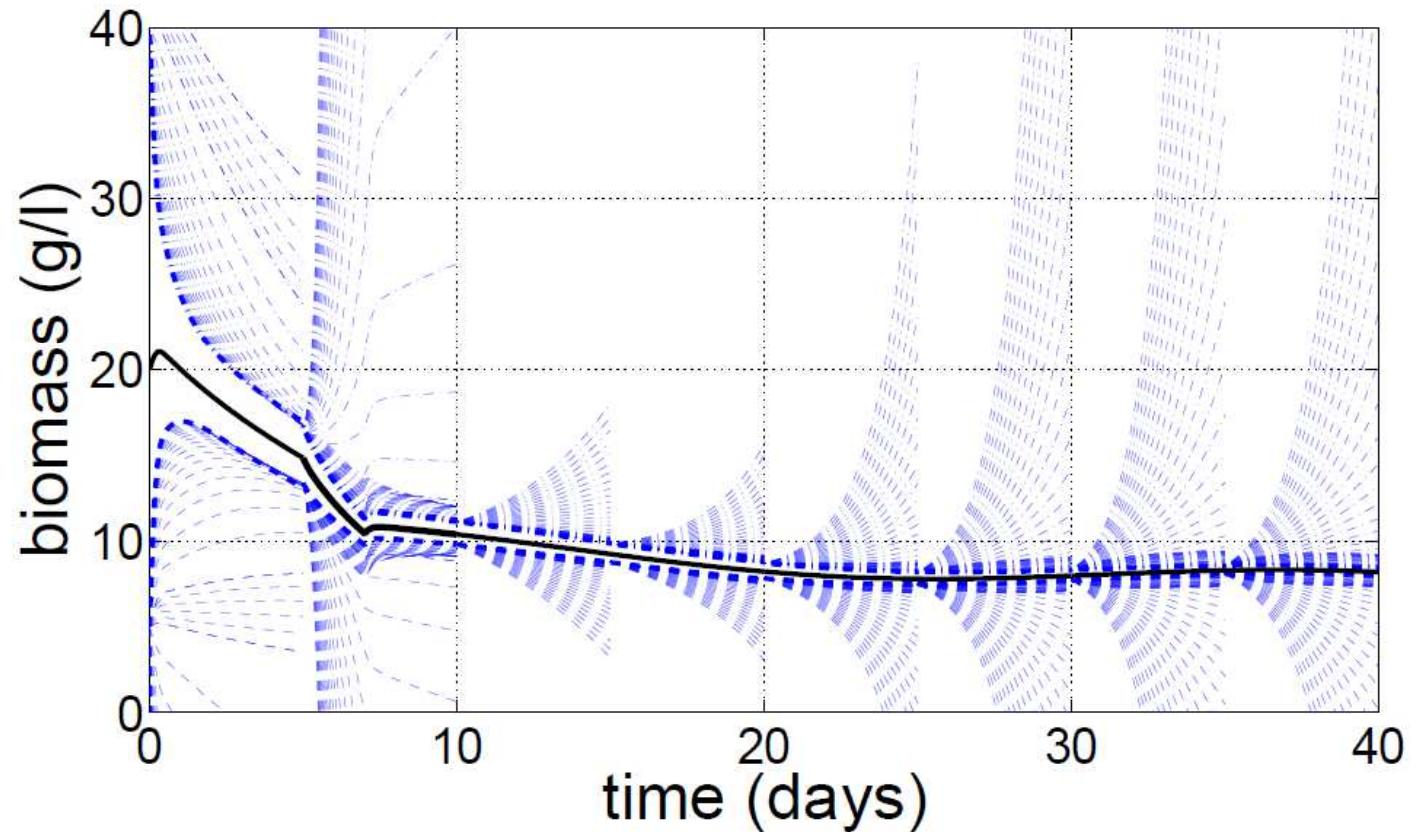
# Bundle of observers



- Different observers are obtained for each value of  $\theta$
- $[X_0^-(t_r), X_0^+(t_r)] = [\max\{X_{\Theta_i}^-\}(t_r), \min\{X_{\Theta_i}^+\}(t_r)]$ , where  $t_r$  is the reinitialisation time.
- Regular reinitialisation let us improve the convergence rate of the observer.

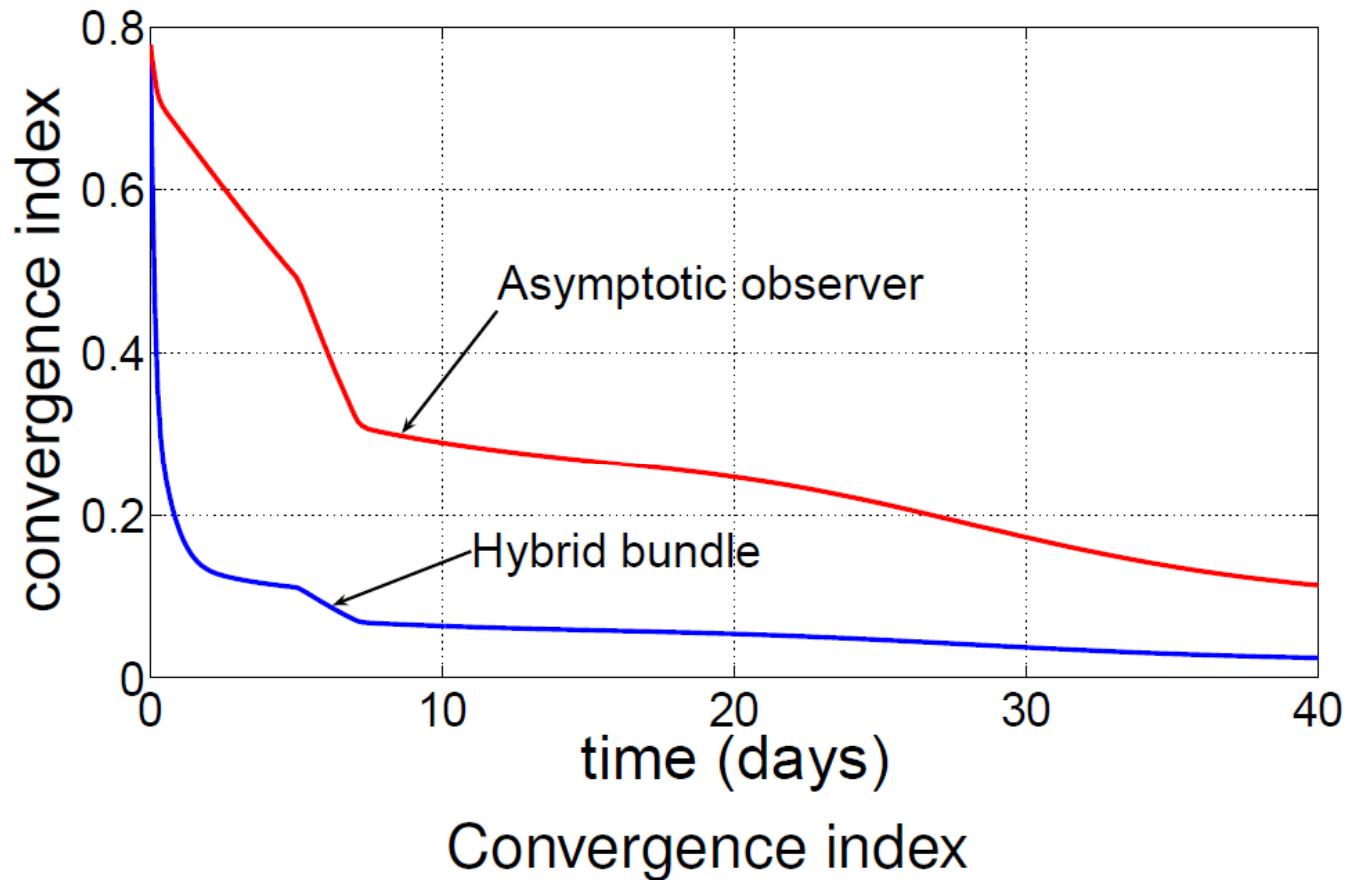
**Improvement of the estimate by varying the observer gains**

Gain  $\theta$  takes 40 different values on the interval  $[-20, 100]$ .



Bundle of hybrid interval observers.

Gain  $\theta$  takes 40 different values on the interval  $[-20, 100]$ .



$$cc = \frac{x^+ - x^-}{x^+ + x^-}$$

# Including uncertainties

- $s_{in}$  is supposed not to be known but bounded:

$$s_{in}^-(t) \leq s_{in}(t) \leq s_{in}^+(t)$$

- The measurements of  $s$  is supposed to be noisy:  $y = s + \epsilon$ ,  $|\epsilon| \leq m$ .  
Three observers can be derived:
- If  $\theta \leq 0$

$$\begin{cases} \dot{z}^+ = (1 - \theta)\bar{\mu}_m^+(y)z^+ - (1 - \theta)\frac{\theta}{k}\bar{\mu}_m^+(y)(y + m) \\ \quad - \alpha dz^+ + \frac{\theta}{k}ds_{in}^- - \frac{\theta(1-\alpha)}{k}d(y + m) \\ \dot{z}^- = (1 - \theta)\bar{\mu}_m^-(y)z^- - (1 - \theta)\frac{\theta}{k}\bar{\mu}_m^-(y)(y - m) \\ \quad - \alpha dz^- + \frac{\theta}{k}ds_{in}^+ - \frac{\theta(1-\alpha)}{k}d(y - m) \\ x^+ = z^+ - \frac{\theta(y+m)}{k}, x^- = z^- - \frac{\theta(y-m)}{k} \end{cases}$$

- If  $0 \leq \theta \leq 1$

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \dot{z}^+ = (1 - \theta)\bar{\mu}_m^+(y)z^+ - (1 - \theta)\frac{\theta}{k}\bar{\mu}_m^-(y)(y - m) \\ \quad - \alpha dz^+ + \frac{\theta}{k}ds_{in}^+ - \frac{\theta(1-\alpha)}{k}d(y - m) \\ \dot{z}^- = (1 - \theta)\bar{\mu}_m^-(y)z^- - (1 - \theta)\frac{\theta}{k}\bar{\mu}_m^+(y)(y + m) \\ \quad - \alpha dz^- + \frac{\theta}{k}ds_{in}^- - \frac{\theta(1-\alpha)}{k}d(y + m) \\ x^+ = z^+ - \frac{\theta(y-m)}{k}, x^- = z^- - \frac{\theta(y+m)}{k} \end{array} \right.$$

- If  $\theta \geq 1$

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \dot{z}^+ = (1 - \theta)\bar{\mu}_m^-(y)z^+ - (1 - \theta)\frac{\theta}{k}\bar{\mu}_m^+(y)(y + m) \\ \quad - \alpha dz^+ + \frac{\theta}{k}ds_{in}^+ - \frac{\theta(1-\alpha)}{k}d(y - m) \\ \dot{z}^- = (1 - \theta)\bar{\mu}_m^+(y)z^- - (1 - \theta)\frac{\theta}{k}\bar{\mu}_m^-(y)(y - m) \\ \quad - \alpha dz^- + \frac{\theta}{k}ds_{in}^- - \frac{\theta(1-\alpha)}{k}d(y + m) \\ x^+ = z^+ - \frac{\theta(y-m)}{k}, x^- = z^- - \frac{\theta(y+m)}{k} \end{array} \right.$$

where  $\bar{\mu}_m^+(y) = \max\{\mu^+(s)\}$  and  $\bar{\mu}_m^-(y) = \min\{\mu^-(s)\}$   
 $s \in [y - m, y + m]$ .



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# Optimality

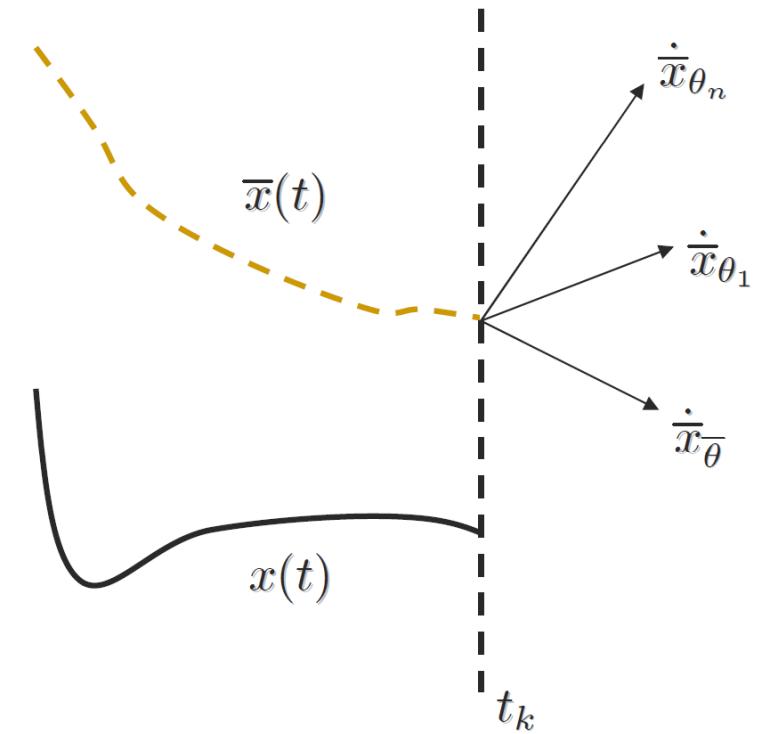
Consider the functional

$$\begin{aligned}\bar{J}(\theta, x, \bar{x}, y) &= \dot{\bar{x}}_\theta = (\dot{\bar{z}}_\theta - \theta(t)\dot{s} - \dot{\theta}(t)s)/k \\ \underline{J}(\theta, x, \underline{x}, y) &= \dot{\underline{x}}_\theta = (\dot{\underline{z}}_\theta - \theta(t)\dot{s} - \dot{\theta}(t)s)/k\end{aligned}$$

Look for  $\underline{\theta}$  and  $\bar{\theta}$  such that:

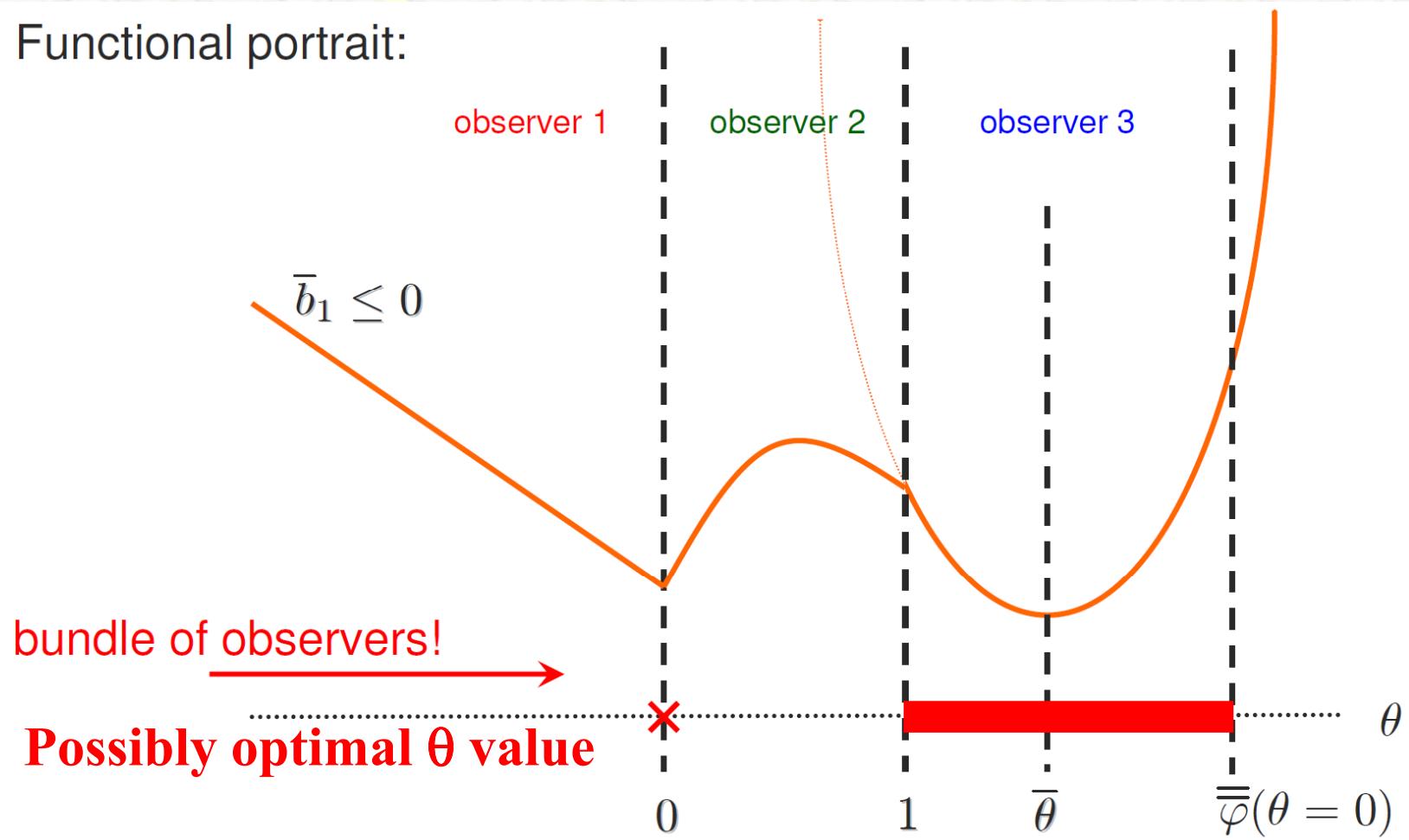
$$\bar{J}(\bar{\theta}(s, x, \bar{x})) = \min_{\theta} \{ \bar{J}(\theta, s, x, \bar{x}) \}$$

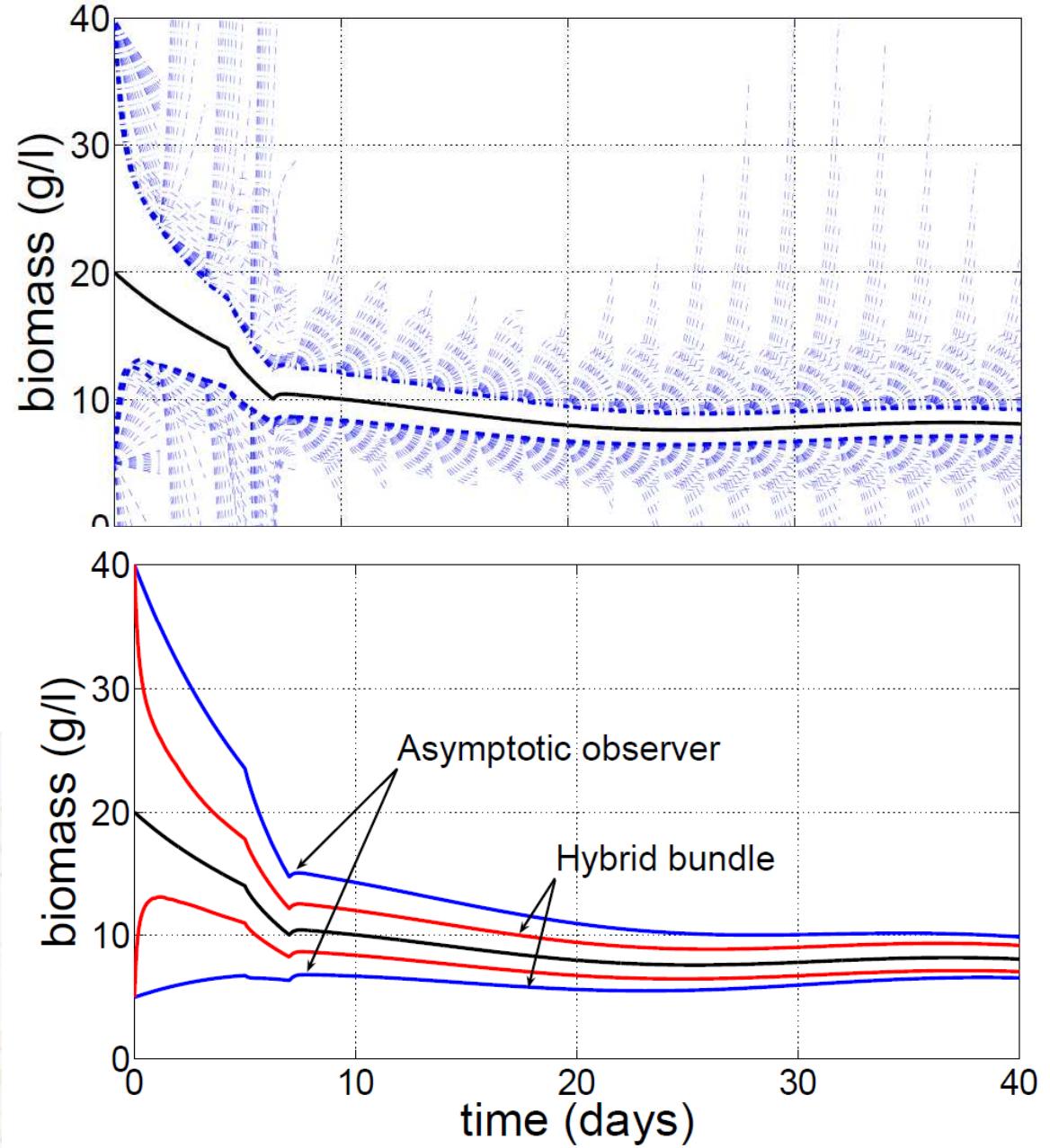
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# Optimal $\theta$

Functional portrait:

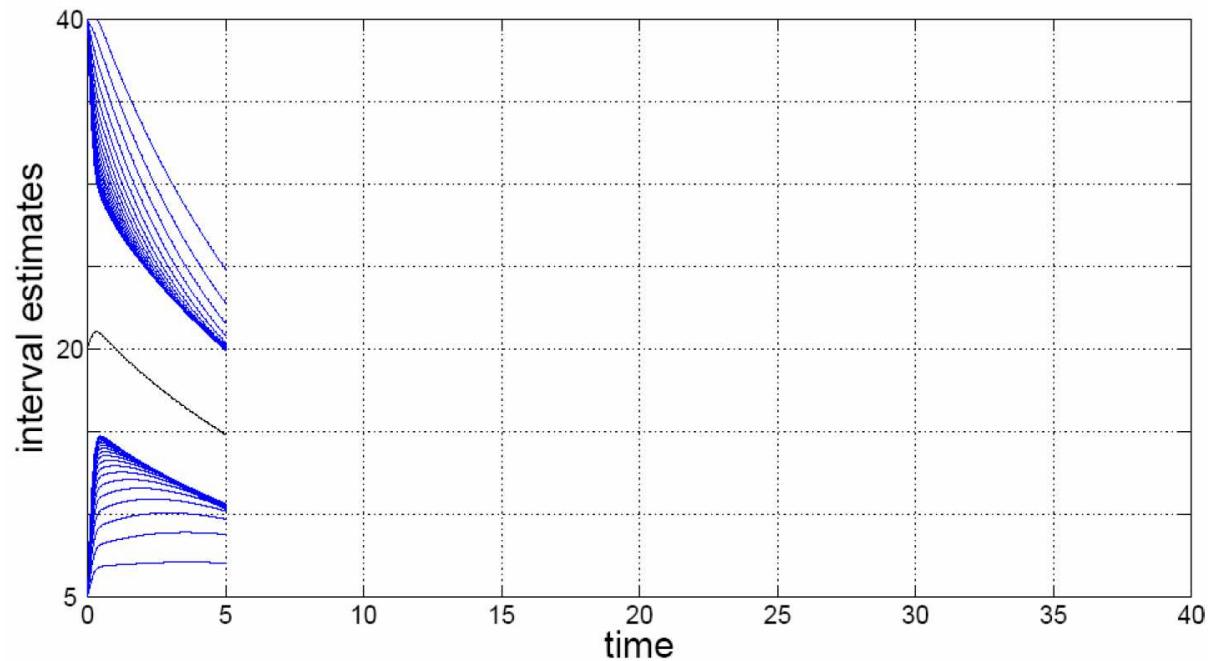




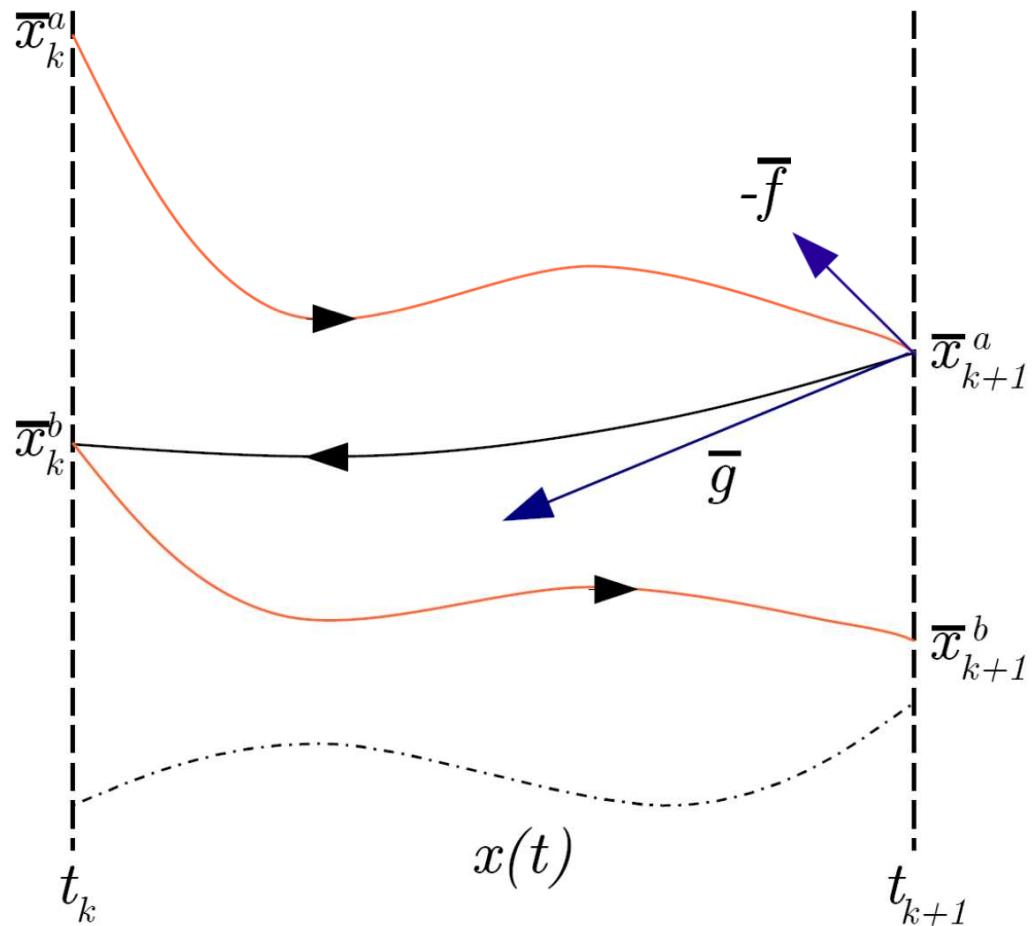
Best upper and lower estimates.

# Amélioration: marche arrière

Direct time



# Reverse time



# Reverse time observer

Consider  $q_\gamma(t_r)$  the reverse time of variable  $z(t)$ , where  $t_r = 2t_{k+1} - t$

$$\dot{q}_\gamma = (\gamma - 1)\mu(s)(q - \gamma s) + u(q - \gamma s_{in}) + \dot{\gamma}s, \quad \dot{\gamma} = \frac{d}{dt_r}$$

Given  $x_f = x(t_{k+1})$  such that  $x_f \in [\underline{x}_f, \bar{x}_f]$  then

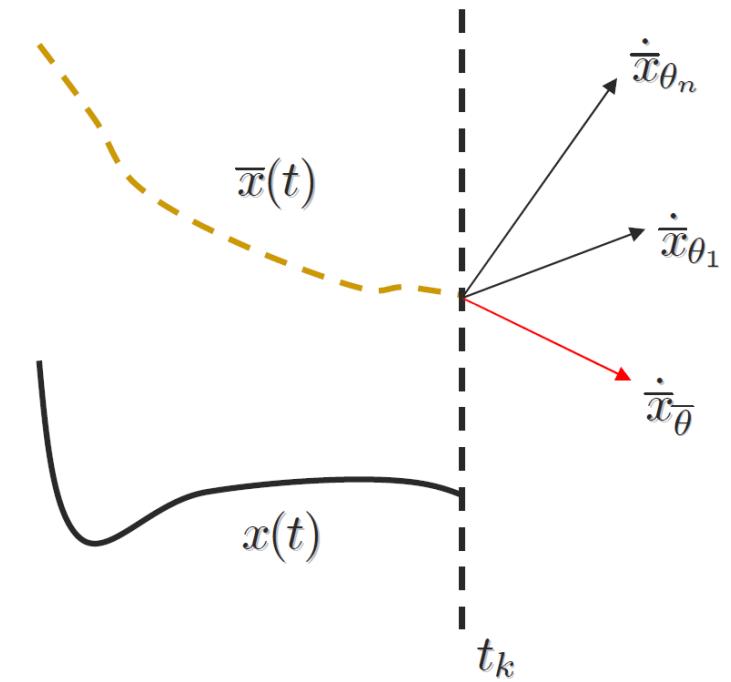
• For  $\gamma < 0$  observer 1

$$\begin{cases} \dot{\bar{q}}_\gamma = (\gamma - 1)(\underline{\mu}(s)\bar{q}_\gamma - \gamma\underline{\mu}(s)s) + u(\bar{q}_\gamma - \gamma s_{in}^+) + s\dot{\gamma} \\ \dot{\underline{q}}_\gamma = (\gamma - 1)(\bar{\mu}(s)\underline{q}_\gamma - \gamma\bar{\mu}(s)s) + u(\underline{q}_\gamma - \gamma s_{in}^-) + s\dot{\gamma} \end{cases}$$

with  $\underline{x}_\gamma(t_r) = (\underline{q}_\gamma(t_r) - \gamma s(t_r))/k$  and  $\bar{x}_\gamma(t_r) = (\bar{q}_\gamma(t_r) - \gamma s(t_r))/k$

# Reverse time

- There exists a ‘best observer’.
- The optimal gain depends on the unknown state.
- The optimal gain is the solution of (upper bound)  $\min_{\theta} \dot{\bar{x}}_{\theta}$

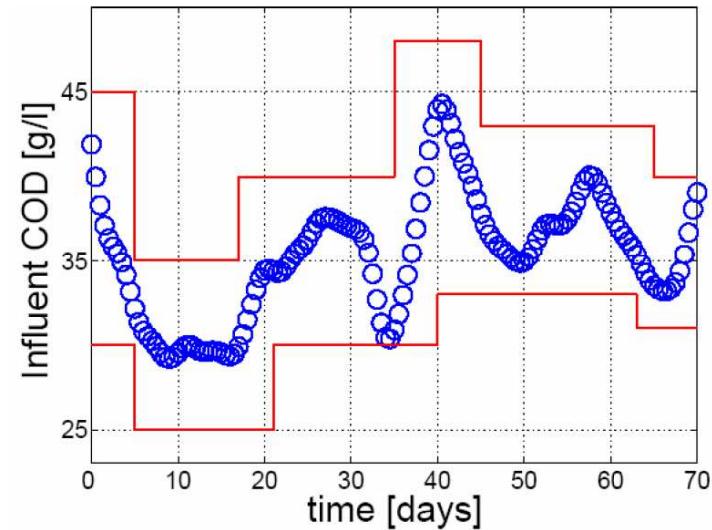
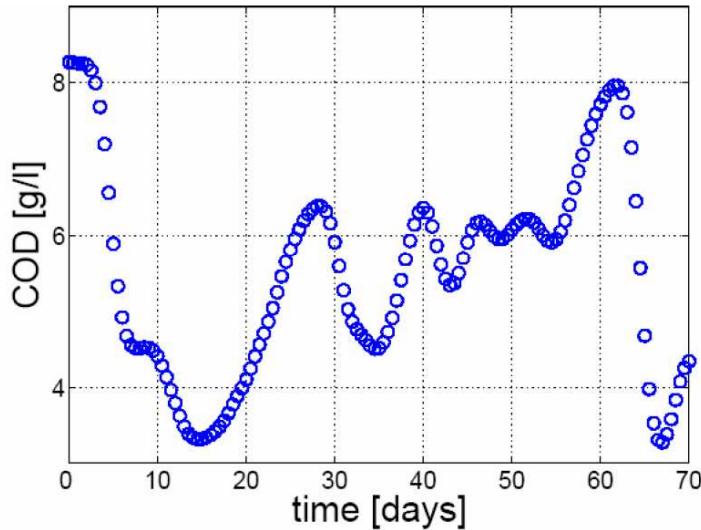


Direct time: The optimal gain belongs to an interval.

Reverse time: The optimal is a high and negative gain.

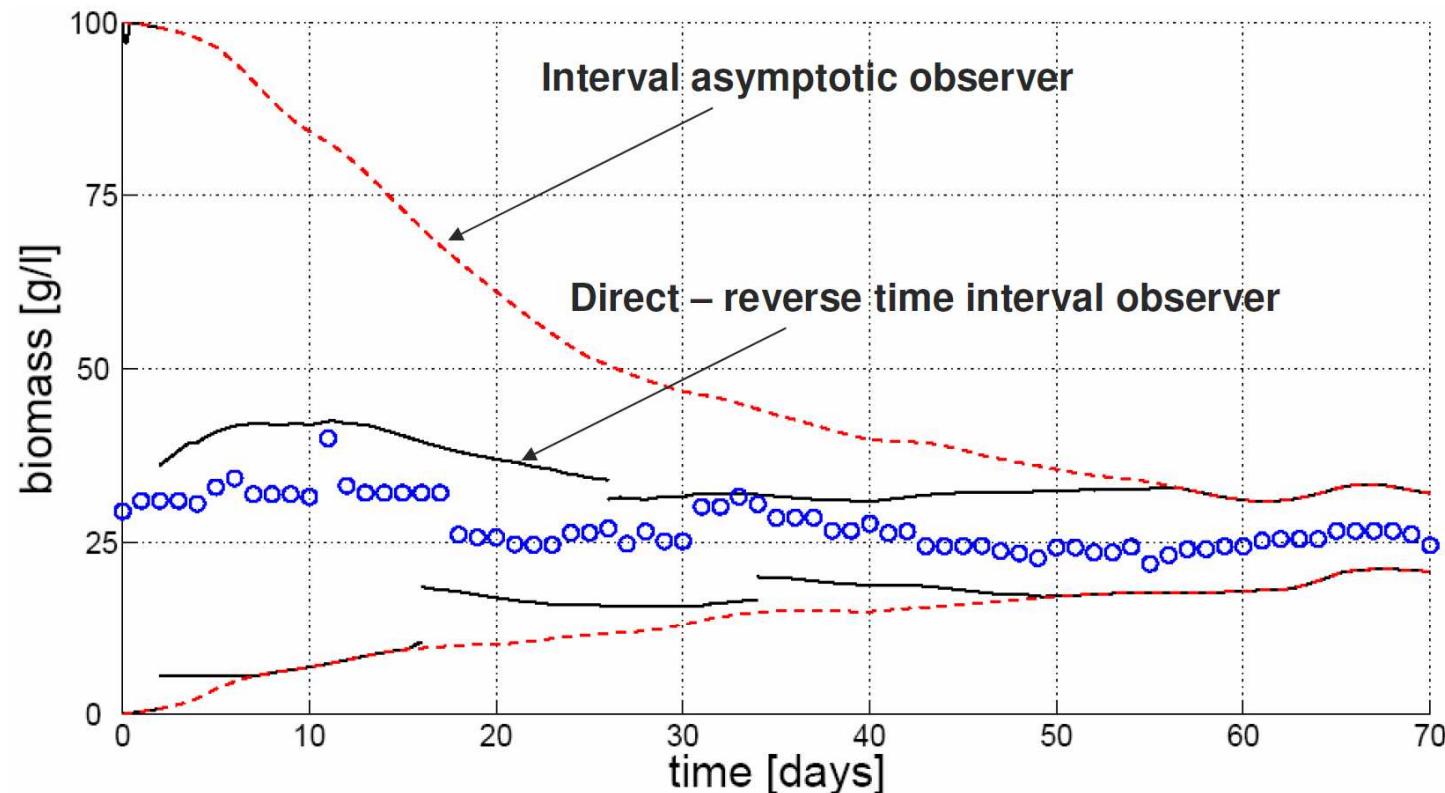
# Application

- Anaerobic digestion: AGRALCO industrial fermenter (volume =  $2000 \text{ m}^3$ )
- Growth rate: Haldane function  $\mu(s) = \frac{\mu_h s}{s + k_s + s^2/k_i}$
- Uncertainties: a) Influent substrate 30%, b) parameter  $\mu_h \in [0.72, 1.08]$



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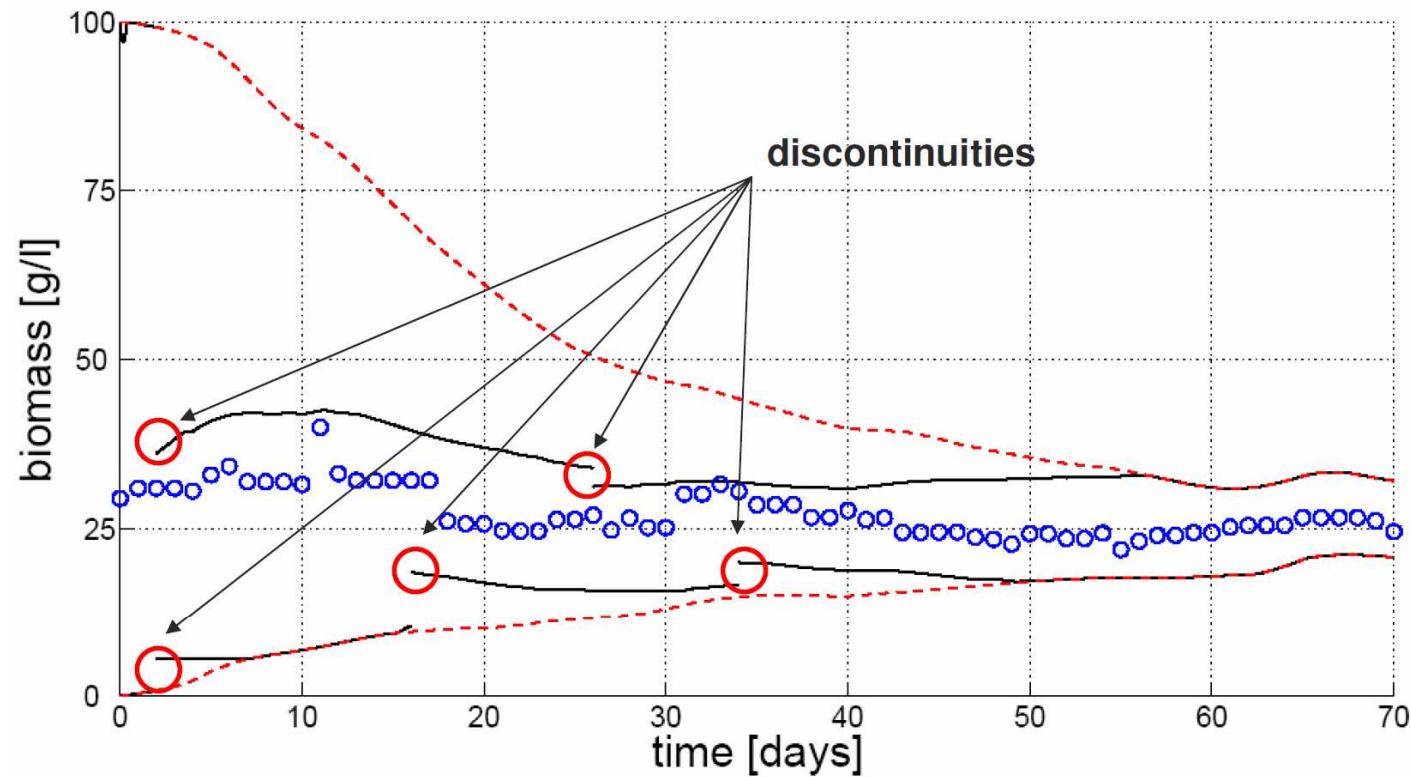
# Industrial application



Interval estimates for the biomass



# Industrial application



Interval estimates for the biomass



# When is the system cooperative after a change of variables ?

Two dimensional systems:

$$\begin{cases} \dot{\xi}_1 = a_{1,1}\xi_1 + a_{1,2}\xi_2 + \phi_1(t) , \\ \dot{\xi}_2 = a_{2,1}\xi_1 + a_{2,2}\xi_2 + \phi_2(t) , \end{cases}$$

where  $\phi(t) = (\phi_1(t) \ \phi_2(t))^\top$  is a measurable function of time.



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# Dimension 2 - Assumptions

Basic assumptions:

- We will assume that the matrix  $A = (a_{i,j})$  is Hurwitz.
- We will assume that there are  $\phi^-$  and  $\phi^+$  such that, component by component,

$$\phi^-(t) \leq \phi(t) \leq \phi^+(t)$$

for all  $t \geq 0$ .



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Consider the system (1) and assume that this system is cooperative. Then one can immediately propose an **interval observers**:

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \dot{z}_1^+ = a_{1,1}z_1^+ + a_{1,2}z_2^+ + \phi_1^+(t) , \\ \dot{z}_2^+ = a_{2,1}z_1^+ + a_{2,2}z_2^+ + \phi_2^+(t) , \\ \dot{z}_1^- = a_{1,1}z_1^- + a_{1,2}z_2^- + \phi_1^-(t) , \\ \dot{z}_2^- = a_{2,1}z_1^- + a_{2,2}z_2^- + \phi_2^-(t) , \\ x^+ = z^+ , \quad x^- = z^- . \end{array} \right.$$

# Is the system cooperative after a basis change ?

There does not exist any (time invariant) change of coordinate if:

$$\text{tr}(A)^2 - 2 \det(A) \leq 0$$

BUT a time varying change of coordinate solves the problem !

*F. Mazenc, O. Bernard, IEEE TAC, 2010,*



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# Difficult case

- Non real eigenvalues

Canonical form:

$$\begin{bmatrix} -\kappa & \omega \\ -\omega & -\kappa \end{bmatrix}$$

Rapidly rotating systems  $\omega > \kappa$

Non cooperative system after any (linear)  
change of variable!



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# Time varying change of coordinates

Let  $z = (z_1 \ z_2)^\top$  with  $z = \lambda(t)\xi$ , where

$$\lambda(t) = \begin{bmatrix} C(\omega t) - \aleph \frac{S(\omega t)}{\omega} & -\frac{a_{1,2} S(\omega t)}{\omega} \\ -\frac{a_{2,1} S(\omega t)}{\omega} & \aleph \frac{S(\omega t)}{\omega} + C(\omega t) \end{bmatrix} \quad (7)$$

with  $\aleph = \frac{a_{11} - a_{2,2}}{2}$ ,  $C(r) = \cos(r)$ ,  $S(r) = \sin(r)$ .

Then for all  $t$  the matrix  $\lambda(t)$  is invertible and in the  $z$ -coordinates, the system (1) becomes diagonal:

$$\dot{z} = -\kappa z + \psi(t) . \quad (8)$$

We have

$$\psi(t) = \lambda(t)\phi(t)$$

and, for all  $t \geq 0$ ,

$$\psi^-(t) \leq \psi(t) \leq \psi^+(t)$$

with

$$\psi^+(t) = \lambda_p(t)\phi^+(t) + \lambda_n(t)\phi^-(t) ,$$

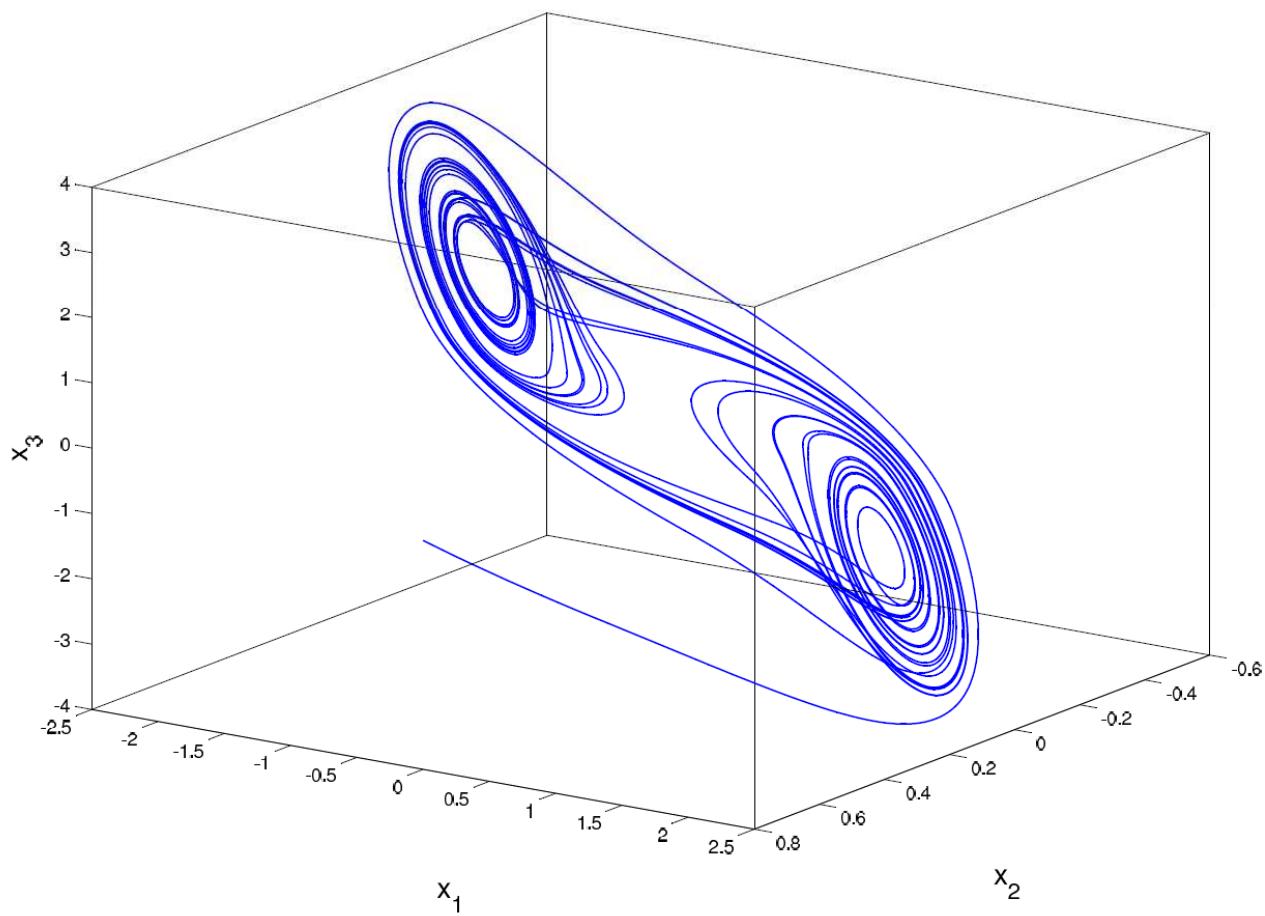
$$\psi^-(t) = \lambda_n(t)\phi^+(t) + \lambda_p(t)\phi^-(t)$$

with  $\lambda_p(t) = \max\{0, \lambda(t)\}$  and  $\lambda_n(t) = \lambda(t) - \lambda_p(t)$ .



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# Example: Chua's model



: ms. Its

$$\gamma(x_1)] ,$$

$$- |x_1 - 1|).$$



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# Chua's example

The system can be equivalently rewritten

$$\begin{cases} \dot{x}_2 = -x_2 + x_3 + y , \\ \dot{x}_3 = -\beta x_2 - \gamma x_3 , \\ \dot{y} = \alpha x_2 - \alpha[y(1 + b) + g(y)] . \end{cases}$$



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Since  $y$  is measured, we focus on the  $(x_2, x_3)$ -subsystem (11), and define

$$\phi(t) = \begin{pmatrix} y(t) \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad A = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 1 \\ -\beta & -\gamma \end{bmatrix}.$$

The system cannot be transformed into a cooperative system through a time-invariant change of coordinates.

**Major question:** When (1) is not cooperative, what can be done ?

**Classical answers:**

- (i) framers can always be constructed *but in general they are not stable.*
- (ii) sometimes time-invariant changes of coordinates yield cooperative systems.

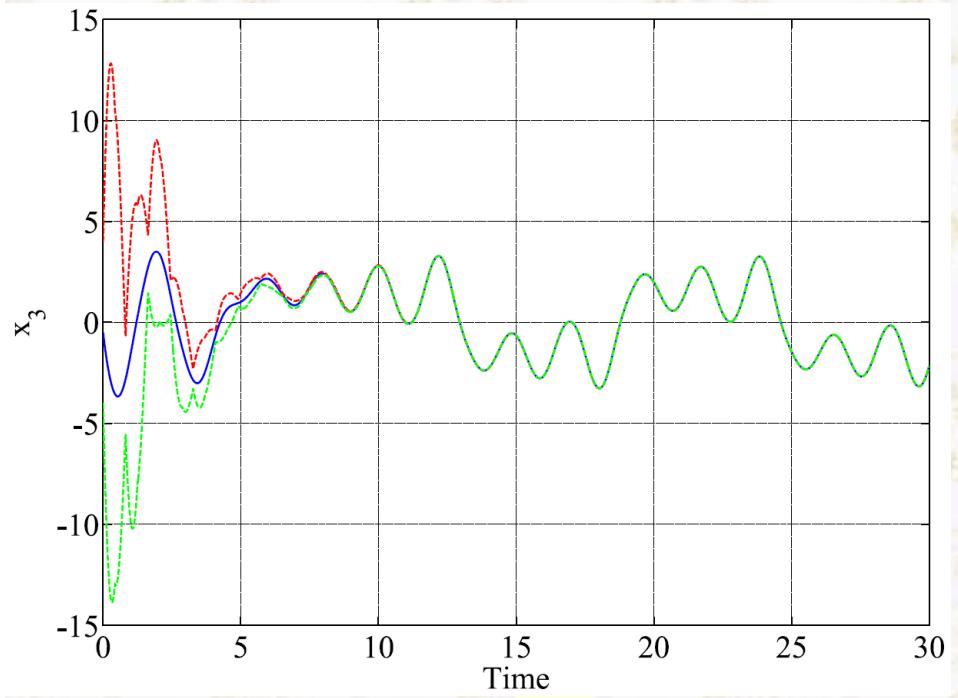
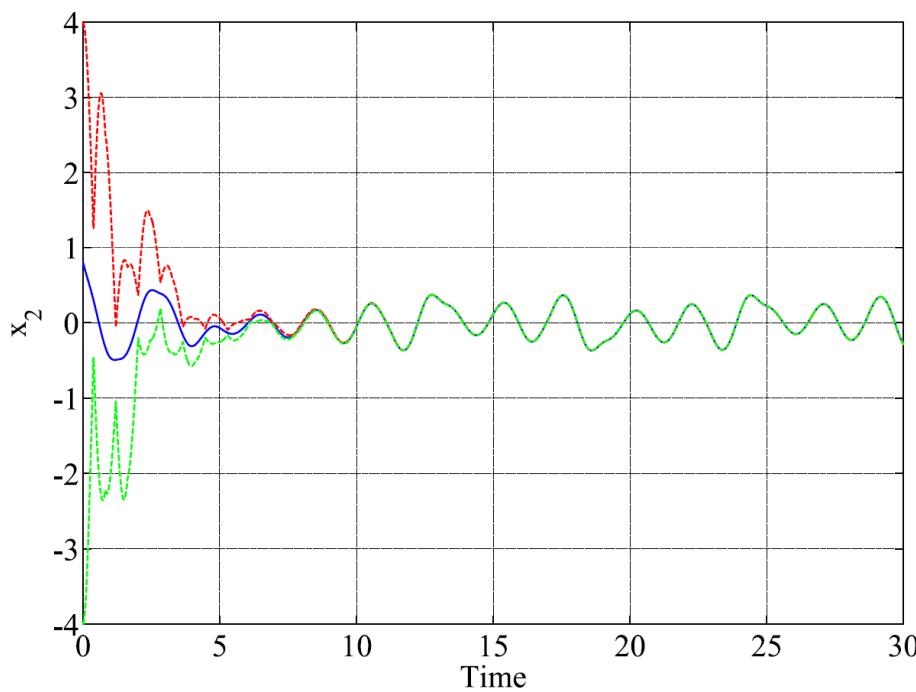


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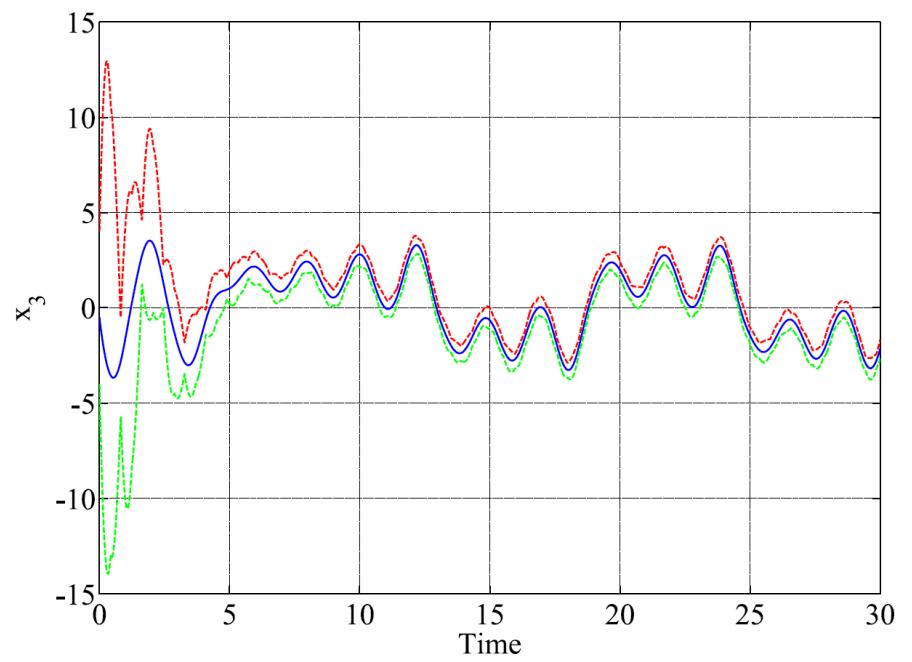
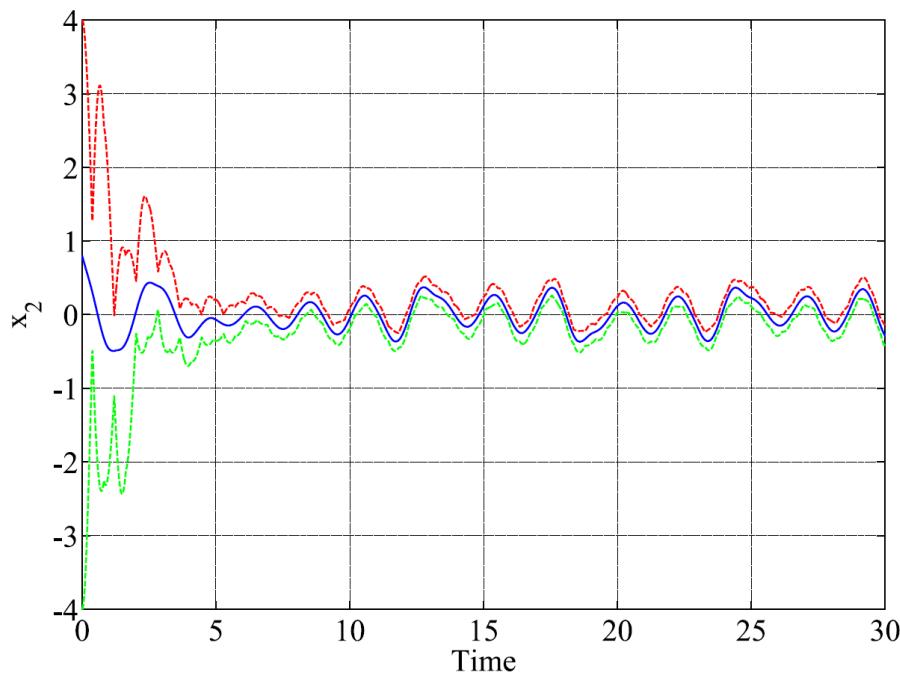
However, a time-varying periodic interval observer can be constructed thanks to the change of coordinates

$$\begin{aligned} z_1 &= \left( -\frac{-1+\gamma}{2} \frac{\sin(\omega t)}{\omega} + \cos(\omega t) \right) x_2 - \frac{\sin(\omega t)}{\omega} x_3 , \\ z_2 &= \beta \frac{\sin(\omega t)}{\omega} x_2 + \left( \frac{-1+\gamma}{2} \frac{\sin(\omega t)}{\omega} + \cos(\omega t) \right) x_3 . \end{aligned}$$

# Simulation (no uncertainty)

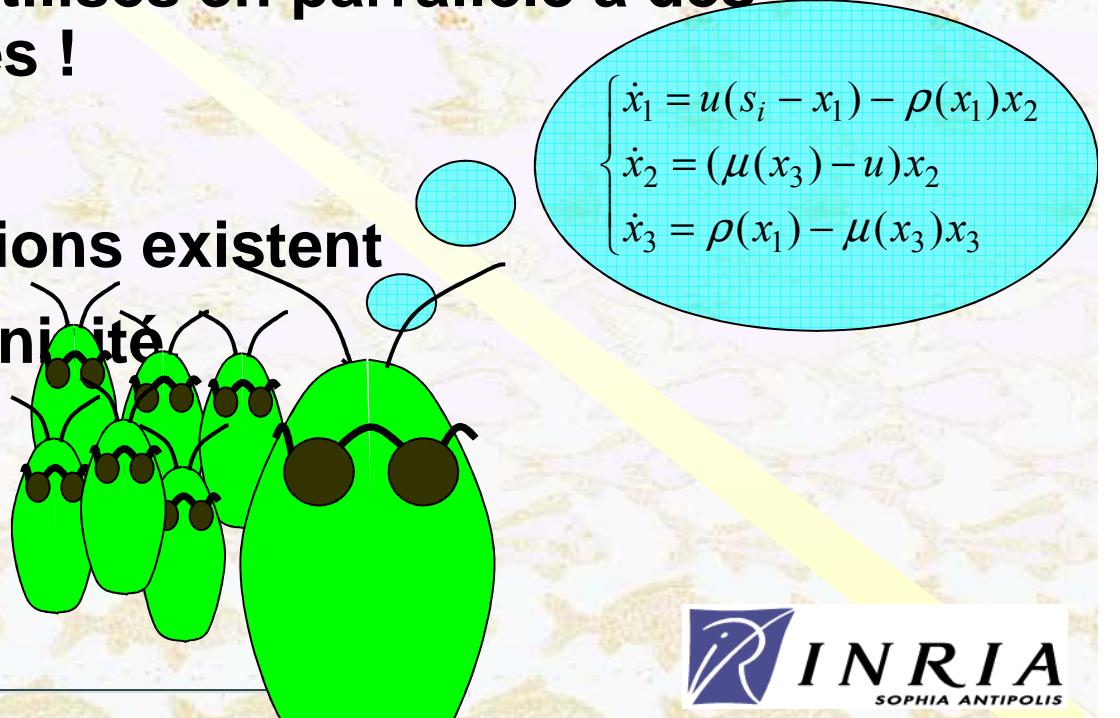


# Simulation (uncertainties)



# Conclusion

- Les observateurs par intervalles permettent de gérer les incertitudes inhérentes aux systèmes biologiques
- Ils peuvent être comparés entre eux !
- Ils peuvent aussi être utilisés en parallèle à des observateurs classiques !
- De nombreuses extensions existent  
(couplage, non monotonie, linéaire dimension  $n$ , retard...)



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