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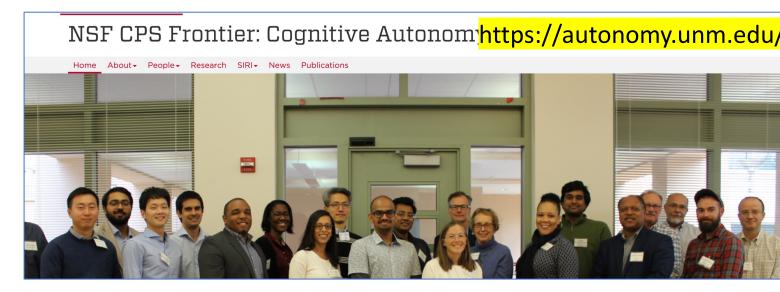
Predictive Runtime Monitoring of Autonomous Systems

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Context: Cognitive Autonomy Project

- Highly "dynamic" environments: human and robot interactions.
- Runtime monitoring.
 - Reason about behavior of agents.
 - Predict how various agents will behave over time.
- In this talk: Predict future states of an agent from observations.



Safe Autonomy: Challenge

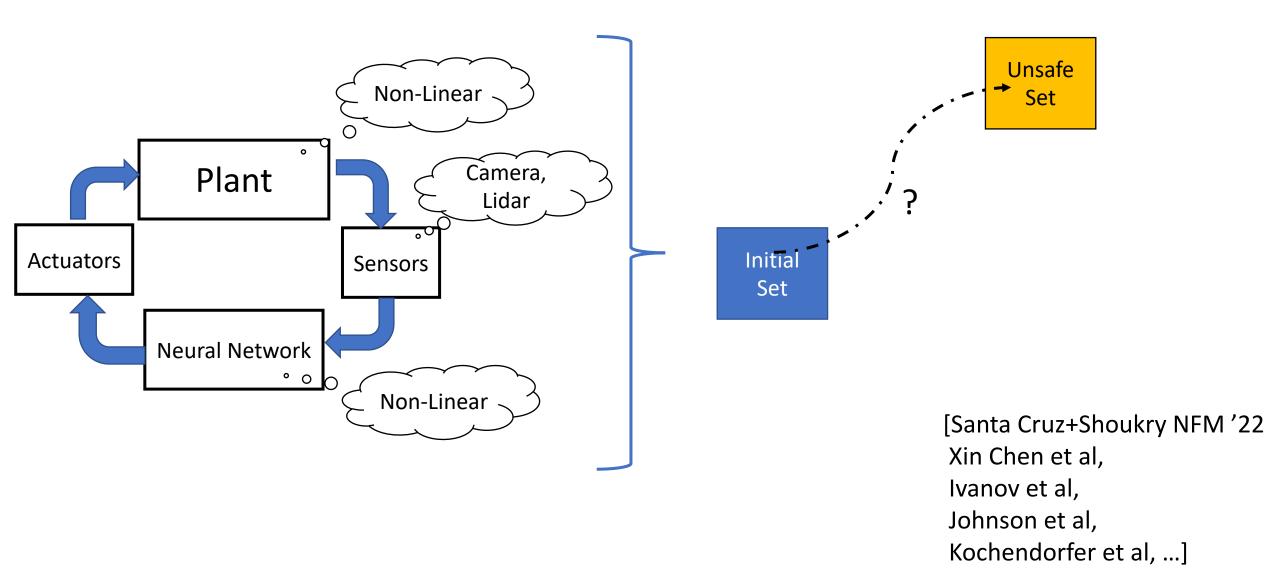


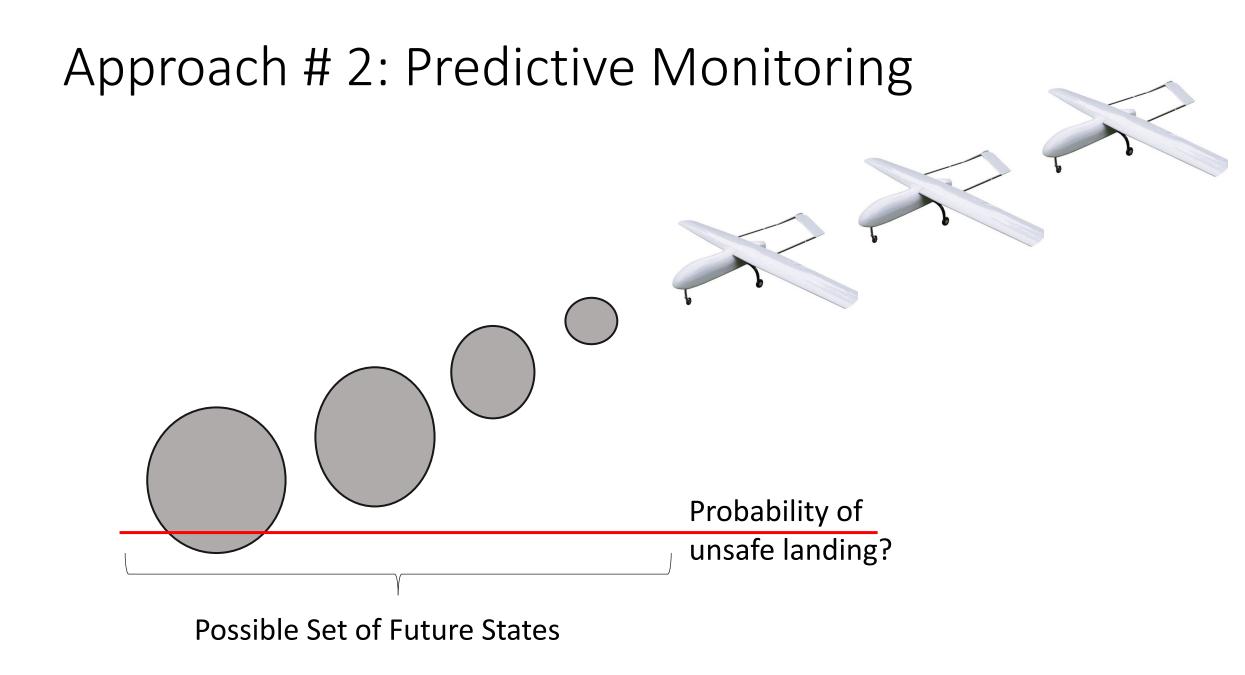
Plant Plant Camera, Lidar Sensors Sensors Neural Network ° °

Non-Linear

Will this UAV land safely?

Approach # 1: Reachability Analysis





Attack on Saudi oil facility

Gatwick airport shutdown

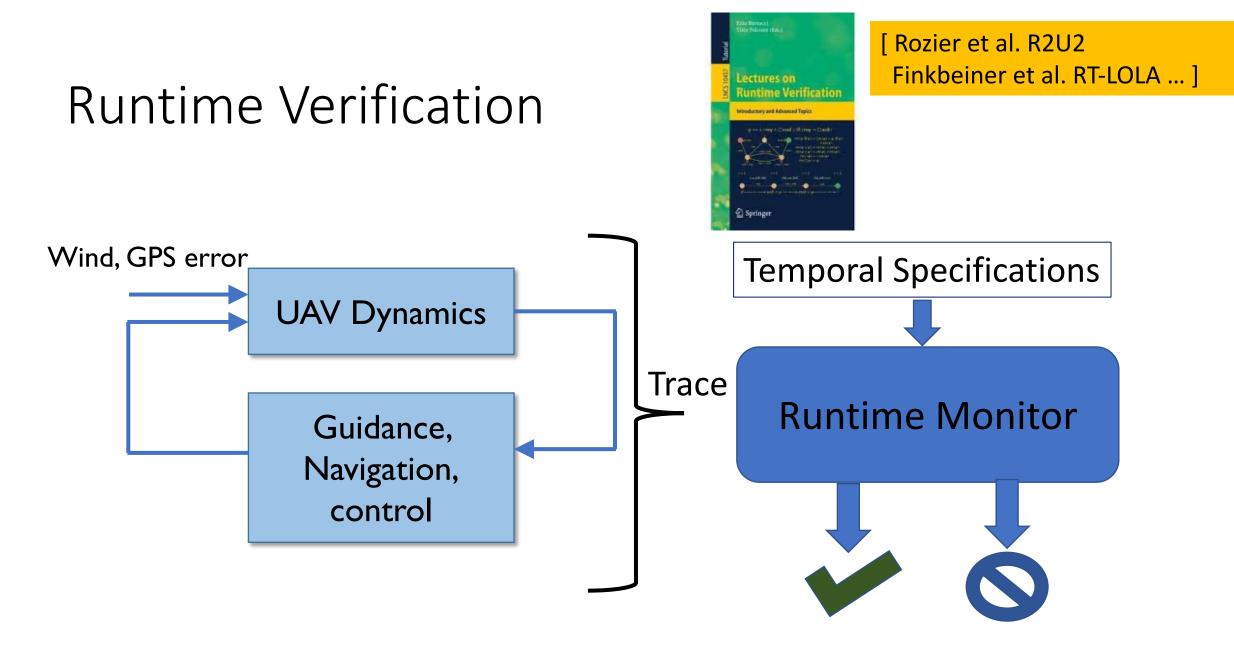
Fort Worth airfield intrusion

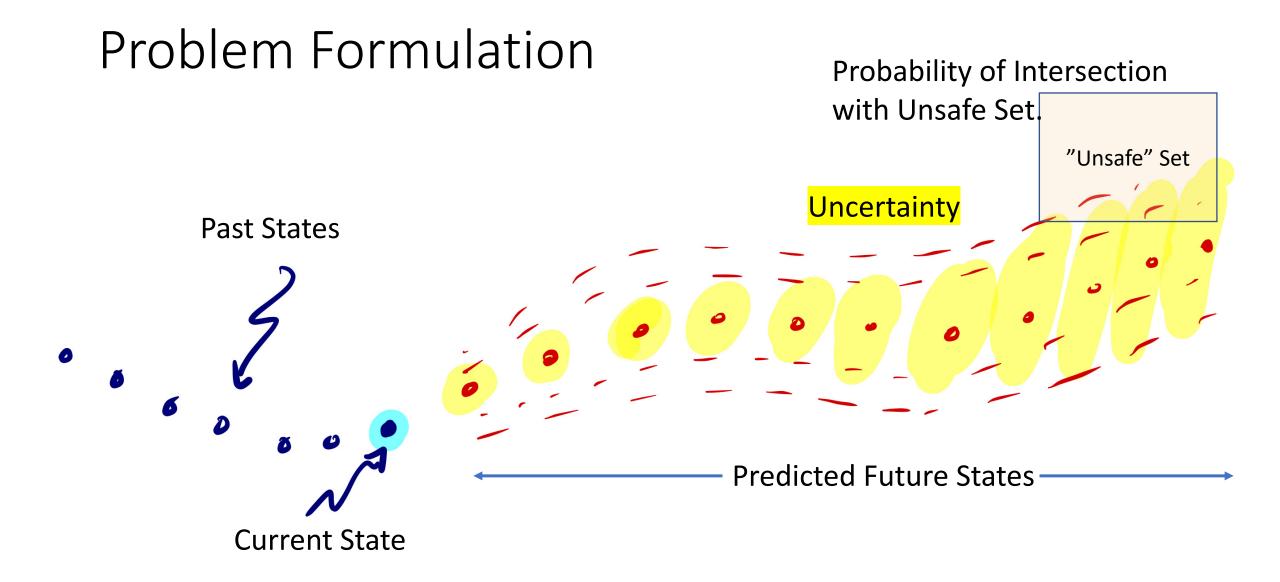


(from CNN)

(from CBS17)

(from 911 security)





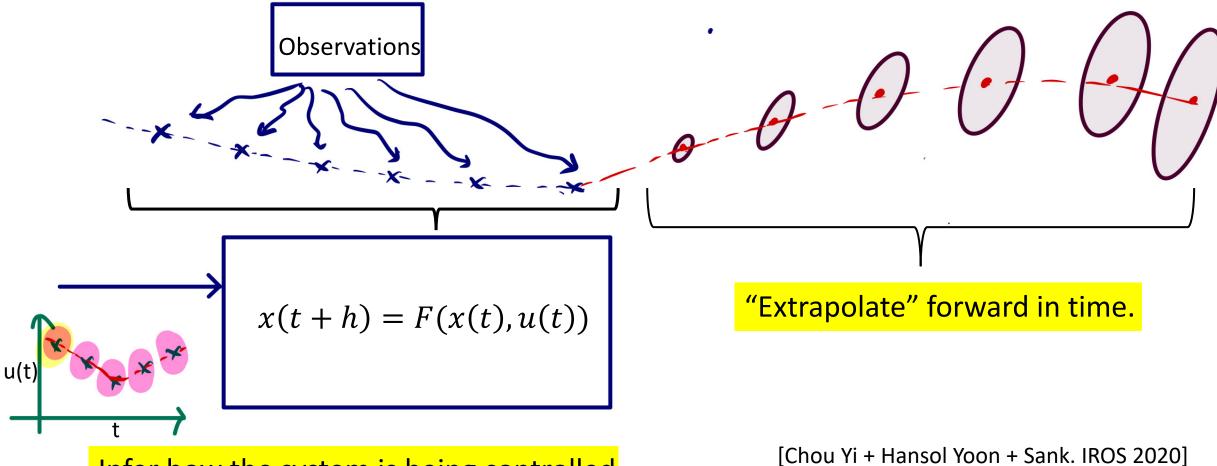
Approach #1 : Extrapolating dynamics.

Predictive Runtime Monitoring of Vehicle Models Using Bayesian Estimation and Reachability Analysis

Yi Chou, Hansol Yoon, and Sriram Sankaranarayanan

Intl. Conference on Intelligent Robots and Systems (IROS), pp. 2111-2118, 2020.

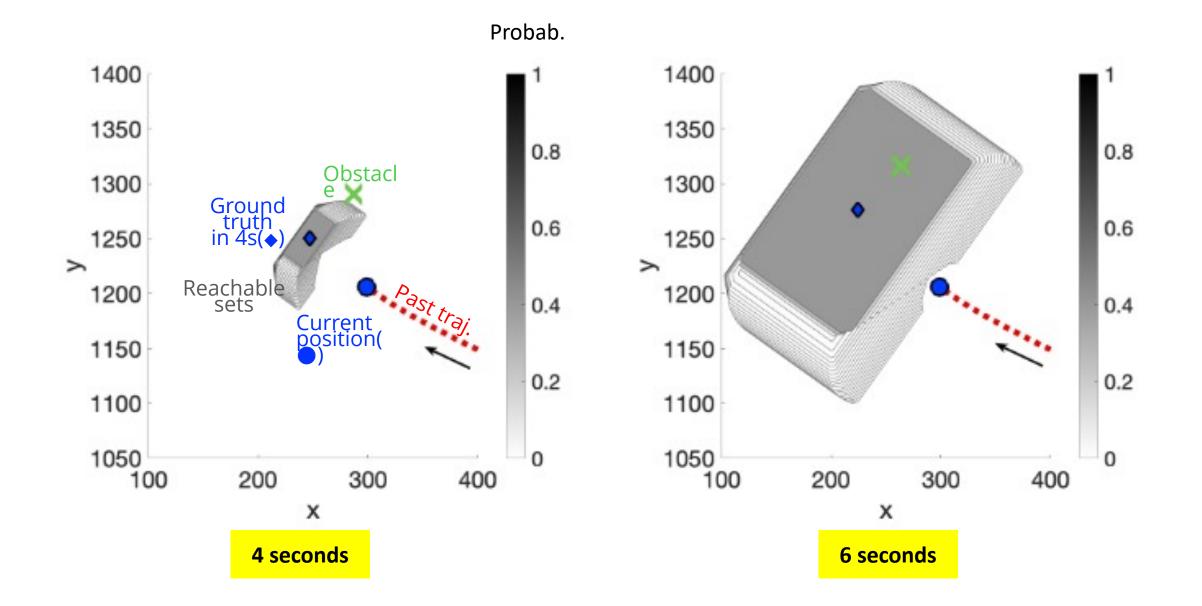
Approach # 1: Dynamical Extrapolation.



Infer how the system is being controlled.

Bayesian Predictive Monitoring

Dataset: 45 minutes of UAV flight over eastern Colorado.



Approach # 2 : Intent Inference

Predictive Runtime Monitoring for Mobile Robots using Logic-Based Bayesian Intent Inference Hansol Yoon, and Sriram Sankaranarayanan

In International Conference on Robotics and Automation (ICRA), pp. 8565-8571, 2021.

Can we do better?



Intent Inference

Essential Meaning of intent

- : the thing that you plan to do or achieve : an aim or purpose
- // She thinks I'm trying to make things difficult for her, but that's not my intent.
- // What was the writer's intent?
- See More Examples

Source: Merriam-Webster Online

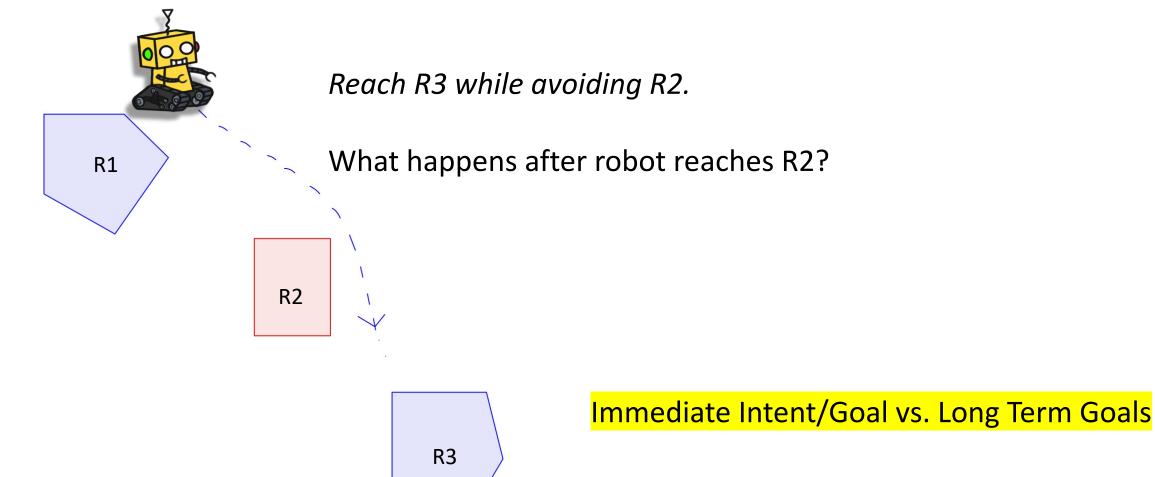
- Robot's intents are drawn from a finite set.
- Intents can change over time.
- Restricted class of temporal logic: Reach-while avoid

Intent Inference: Conclusions

- Intents vastly improve upon extrapolation of past trajectories.
- Longer time horizons with better accuracy.
- Drawback # 1: Simplified robot dynamics.
- Drawback # 2: *Restrictive language for intents*.

Approach # 3 : Hierarchical Intent Inference

Hierarchical Intent Inference



Hierarchical Intent Inference

- Idea: Hypothesize long term intents using temporal logic.
- "Most" automation tasks can be expressed in temporal logic.
 - Claudio Menghi et al. Specification Patterns for Robotic Missions, IEEE Trans. Software Engg.
- Challenge: Extend notions of "cost" and "rationality" to temporal logic properties.

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