Supervisory Control for Cyber Security of Discrete-Event Systems

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Outline

The Age of Networks

- **31B** IoT devices in 2020, **35B** in 2021, **75B** in 2025
- IoT adoptions in 2020[1]:
  - **93%** of enterprises;
  - **80%** of manufacturing companies
  - **90%** of cars connected to the web;
  - **3.5B** Cellular IoT connections installed.

A^4 = Anyone, Anything, Anywhere and Anytime

[1] Gilad David Maayan. The IoT rundown for 2020: stats, risks, and solutions, *Security Today*, 13/1/2020.

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The Downside of Networked Society – Cybercrimes[2]

- Estimated cybercrime damage cost the world **$3 trillion** in 2015, and is expected to reach **$6 trillion** annually by 2021.

- **Yahoo hack** affected 3 billion users, and **Equifax breach** in 2017 affected 145.5 million customers. Others included WannaCry, NotPetya – **14 seconds** per ransom attack, cost **$5 billion** in 2017 in USA.

- Main types of attacks: **DDoS** attacks, **ransomware**, **zero-day exploits**.

- **Five most attacked industries** in 2015-2016 (and beyond)
  – Healthcare, manufacturing, financial, government, transportation.
  – Nearly 50% attacks were committed to small businesses.
  – Confidentiality, availability, authentication, integrity, non-repudiation.

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[2] Steve Morgan. 2017 Official annual cybercrime report. *Cybercrime Magazine*. Oct. 16, 2017.

A Cyber-Physical System (CPS) Perspective

Physical Layer

Altered Actuation Signals

Physical Plant

Output

Controller

Un-altered Sensor Readings

Altered Sensor Readings

Sensor Attack

Attacker's Sensor Readings
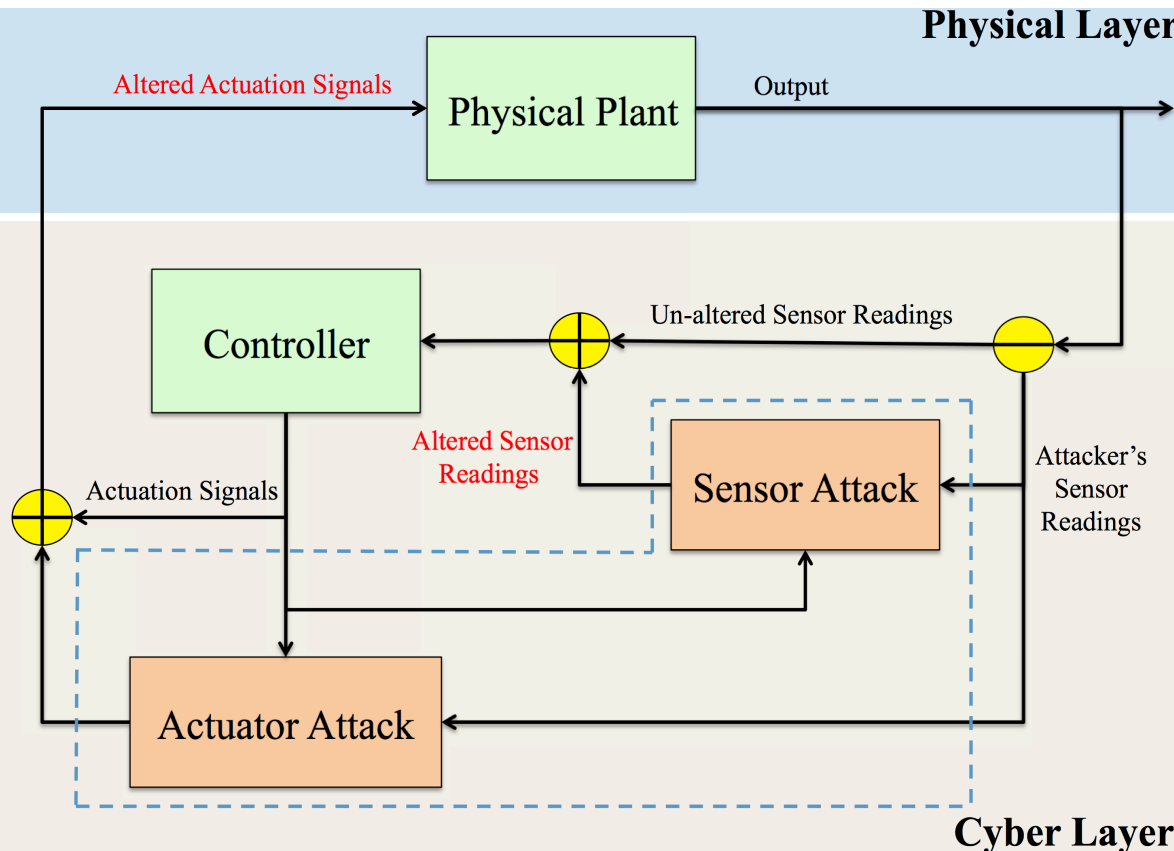
Actuation Signals

Actuator Attack

Cyber Layer

A generic CPS model[3]:

$$\dot{x} = f(t, x, u, w, \eta(t, \alpha, \beta))$$

- x: plant state
- u: control action
- w: disturbance
- η: cyber state function
- α: attacker's action
- β: defender's action

Possible control goals:

- To keep $x(t)$ in some D.
- To reach D optimally.

[3] Seyed Mehran Dibaji, Mohammad Pirani, David Bezalel Flamholz, Anuradha M. Annaswamy, Karl H. Johansson, Aranya Chakraborty . A systems and control perspective of CPS security. *Annual Reviews in Control*, vol. 47, pp. 394-411, 2019.

A Discrete-Event System (DES) View of CPS

- A DES is event driven, usually with a discrete set of states and events.

- A DES describes the **functional** evolution of a system.

- DES is common in industry, e.g.,
  – Manufacturing, logistics, medicare, robotics, transportation, etc.

- DES theory is part of some important research areas, e.g.,
  – Hybrid systems, multi-agent systems, robotics, formal method for controller synthesis, etc.

- A DES is vulnerable to cyber (sensor and actuator) attacks, which aim to **change the execution order of functions** to inflict damages.

A DES-based CPS Perspective

A DES-based CPS model:

$$x^+ \quad = \quad f(x,u)$$

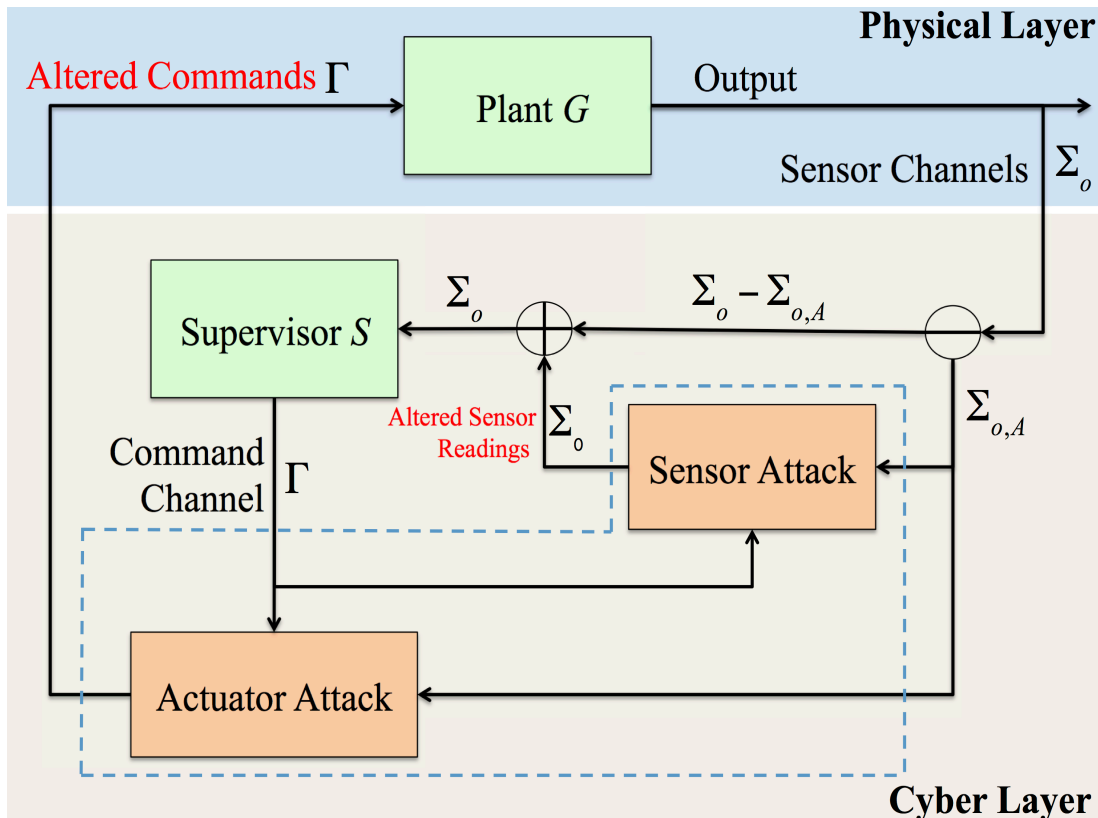$$y \quad = \quad g(x,u)$$

$$u \quad \in \quad \beta(S(\alpha(y^-)), y^-)$$

$$y_0 \quad = \quad \varepsilon \text{ (empty string)}$$

- $x(x^+)$: current (next) state
- u: control action
- $y(y^-)$: current (past) output
- α: sensor attack function
- β: actuator attack function

Possible control goals:
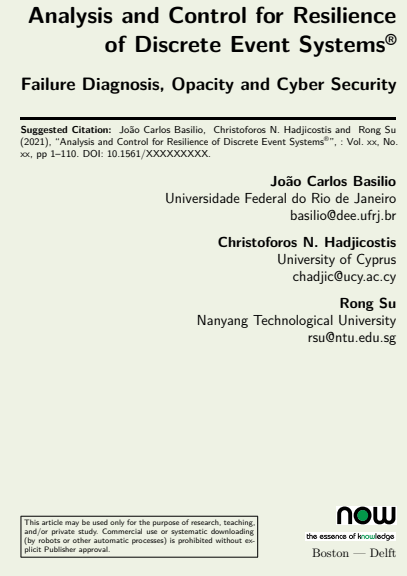- To keep x in some D.
- To reach D optimally.   7

Existing Cyber Security Research in DES

Existing research works:

• Fault tolerant control

• Opacity analysis and enforcement

• Discrete-event simulation of cyber attacks

• Game theoretical control for attack resilience in DES

• Supervisory control for attack resilience in DES

  – **Attack mediums**: *sensor* attacks, *actuator* attacks, *sensor + actuator* attacks

  – **Attack means:** *worst-case* attacks (Black Box) , *smart* attacks (White Box)

We are particularly interested in the following questions:

• What are characteristics of "**smart**" attacks?

• How to defend systems against "**smart**" attacks?

知己知彼，百战不殆!

– 孙子

If you know the enemy and know yourself, you need not fear the result of a hundred battles.

– Sun Tzu

孙子 (Sun Tzu, 544 – 496 BC)

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❑ **Preliminaries on DES supervisory control**

❑ Introduction to sensor attacks

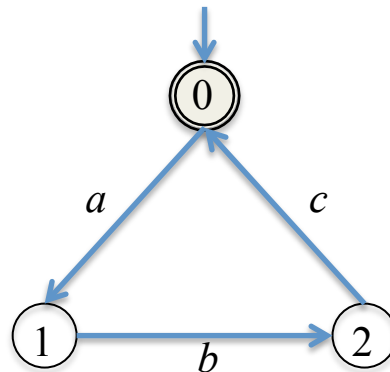❑ Introduction to actuator attacks

❑ An illustration example

❑ Conclusions

Languages and Projection

- Let Σ^* be the free monoid over a finite alphabet Σ, where
  - Each element in Σ^* is a *string*, and each subset $L \subseteq \Sigma^*$ is a *language*.
  - The unit element is ε, which is also called the *empty* string.
  - The monoid binary operation is *concatenation*, i.e., $(\forall s, t \in \Sigma^*) st \in \Sigma^*$.
  - We use $s \leq s'$ to denote that s is a *prefix* of s', i.e., $(\exists t \in \Sigma^*) st = s'$. Write $s'/s = t$.
  - Prefix closure: $\overline{L} = \{ s \in \Sigma^* \mid (\exists t \in \Sigma^*) st \in L \}$
  - Given two languages $U, V \subseteq \Sigma^*$, let $UV := \{ st \in \Sigma^* \mid s \in U \wedge t \in V \}$.

- Let $\Sigma' \subseteq \Sigma^*$. The map $P : \Sigma^* \to \Sigma'^*$ is the *natural projection* w.r.t. (Σ, Σ'), if
  - $P(\varepsilon) = \varepsilon$,
  - $(\forall \sigma \in \Sigma) P(\sigma) = \begin{cases} \sigma & \text{if } \sigma \in \Sigma \setminus \Sigma' \\ \varepsilon & \text{if } \sigma \in \Sigma' \end{cases}$,
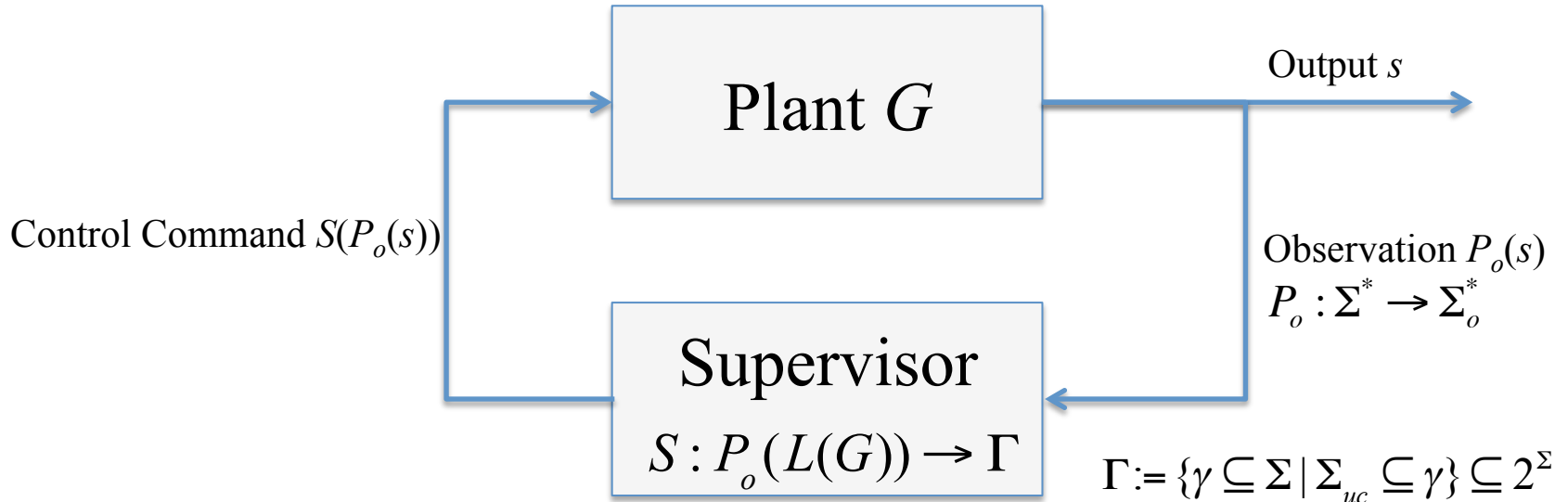 - $P(s\sigma) = P(s)P(\sigma)$.

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Finite-State Automaton

A *finite-state automaton* is a 5-tuple $G = (X, \Sigma, \xi, x_0, X_m)$, where

- X - the state set,
- X_m - the marker (or final) state set,
- Σ - the alphabet,
- $\xi : X \times \Sigma \rightarrow X$ - the (partial) transition map,
- x_0 - the initial state.
- The *closed* behavior: $L(G) = \{s \in \Sigma^* \mid \xi(x_0, s) \text{ is defined}\}$ [all tasks]
- The *marked* behavior: $L_m(G) = \{s \in L(G) \mid \xi(x_0, s) \in X_m\}$ [all completed tasks]

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A Closed-Loop Discrete-Event System

Plant G

Output s

Control Command $S(P_o(s))$

Observation $P_o(s)$

$P_o : \Sigma^* \rightarrow \Sigma_o^*$

Supervisor

$S : P_o(L(G)) \rightarrow \Gamma$

$\Gamma := \{\gamma \subseteq \Sigma \mid \Sigma_{uc} \subseteq \gamma\} \subseteq 2^{\Sigma}$

- Event partitions: $\Sigma = \Sigma_c \,\dot{\cup}\, \Sigma_{uc} = \Sigma_o \,\dot{\cup}\, \Sigma_{uo}$
- Control command (or pattern): $(\forall s \in L(G))\Sigma_{uc} \subseteq S(P_o(s))$
- Behaviors of closed-loop system S/G of the plant G under the control of S:
  - $\varepsilon \in L(S/G)$
  - $(\forall s \in L(V/G))(\forall \sigma \in \Sigma)s\sigma \in L(V/G) \Leftrightarrow s\sigma \in L(G) \wedge \sigma \in S(P_o(s))$
  - $L_m(S/G) = L(S/G) \cap L_m(G)$

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Ramadge-Wonham Supervisory Control Problem[4]

P. J. Ramadge   W. M. Wonham

Plant G

Output s

Command $S(P_o(s))$

Observation $P_o(s)$
$P_o : \Sigma^* \rightarrow \Sigma_o^*$

Supervisor

$S : P_o(L(G)) \rightarrow \Gamma$

Given a plant G and a requirement $E \subseteq L_m(G)$, find a supervisor S such that

- $L_m(S/G) \subseteq E$ [The closed-loop system satisfies the requirement E.]

- $L(S/G) = \overline{L_m(S/G)}$ [Each incomplete task in S/G can be completed.]

- $(\forall s')L_m(S'/G) \subseteq L_m(S/G)$ [The closed-loop system should be least restrictive.]

[4] P. J. Ramadge, W. M. Wonham. Supervisory control of a class of discrete-event systems. *SIAM Journal on Control and Optimization*, vol. 25, no. 1, pp. 206-236, 1987.

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A Simple Architecture of Sensor Attack

$$S \circ A(P_o(s))$$

Assumptions:
1. Attacker can see whatever S sees.
2. Attacker can change any received.
3. Attacker knows models of G and S.

Plant G

s

Observation $P_o(s)$

Attacker

$A : P_o(L(G)) \rightarrow \Sigma_o^*$

Supervisor S

Altered observation

- The composition $S \circ A$ is essentially a new supervisor.
- Thus, the new closed-loop system $S \circ A / G$ is defined as usual.
- **Question: What requirements does A need to satisfy?**

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Why Attack on Supervisor is Possible?

- Non-determinism involved in event firing
- Observation based state estimation

Vulnerability

Intuitive Illustration

Assume that an attacker A wants to achieve a string abc.

- Assume that $a \in \gamma_1$, $b \in \gamma_2$, $c \in \gamma_3$.
- The attacker replaces a with d to trick the supervisor S to issue γ_2.
- Then the attacker replaces b with e to trick S to issue γ_3.
- The attacker could continue this trick as long as it is possible.

Supervisor S

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An Attack Model[5]

An attack model for G is a map $A : P_o(L(G)) \to \Sigma_o^*$, where

- $A(\varepsilon) = \varepsilon$

- $(\forall s\sigma \in P_o(L(G)))A(s) \leq A(s\sigma) \wedge |A(s\sigma)| - |A(s)| \leq n$ for some $n \in N$

Let $\equiv_{N,G}$ denote the Nerode equivalence relation over $P_o(\mathrm{L}(G))$, i.e.,

$(\forall s, s' \in P_o(L(G)))s \equiv_{N,G} s' \Leftrightarrow [(\forall t \in \Sigma_o^*)st \in P_o(L(G)) \Leftrightarrow s't \in P_o(L(G))]$

The attack model A is *regular* with respect to $\equiv_{N,G}$, if

$(\forall s\sigma, s'\sigma \in P_o(L(G)))s \equiv_{N,G} s' \Rightarrow A(s\sigma)/A(s) = A(s'\sigma)/A(s')$

[5] R. Su. Supervisor synthesis to thwart cyber attack with bounded sensor reading alterations. *Automatica*, vol. 94, pp. 35-44, 2018.

Closed-Loop System $S \circ A / G$

Since $S \circ A : P_o(L(G)) \to \Gamma : t \mapsto S \circ A(t) := S(A(t)),$ we have

- $\varepsilon \in L(S \circ A / G)$

- $(\forall s \in L(S \circ A / G))(\forall \sigma \in \Sigma) s\sigma \in L(S \circ A / G) \Leftrightarrow s\sigma \in L(G) \wedge \sigma \in S \circ A(P_o(s))$

- $L_m(S \circ A / G) = L(S \circ A / G) \cap L_m(G)$

Assumption 4: Both A and S are regular with respect to $\equiv_{N,G}$.
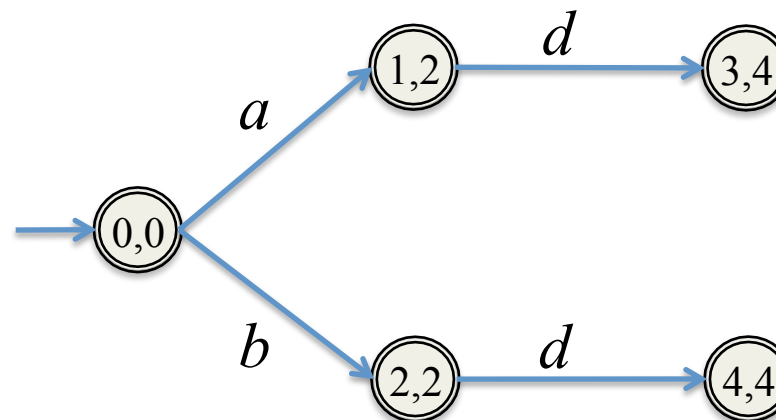
Example 1

Supervisor S

Plant G

Attacker A

Example 1 – Sequential Composition

Supervisor S

Attacker A

$S \circ A$

Example 1 – Closed-Loop Behavior

Plant G

$S \circ A$

$S \circ A / G$

Smart Sensor Attack

Definition 1

A closed-loop system (G,S) is *attackable* if there exists a non-empty attack model A such that the following properties hold:

(1) Covertness: $\quad A(P_o(L(G))) \subseteq P_o(L(S/G))$ $\hfill$ (1)

(2) Damage infliction: Let $L_{dam} := \overline{L(G) - L(S/G)}$.

$\quad$ [Strong] $\quad L(S \circ A/G) = L(S \circ A/G) \cap L_{dam}$ $\hfill$ (2-1)

$\quad$ [Weak] $\quad L(S \circ A/G) \cap L_{dam} \neq \varnothing$ $\hfill$ (2-2)

(3) Control feasibility [Normality]:

$$P_o^{-1}(P_o(L(S \circ A/G))) \cap L(G) = L(S \circ A/G) \quad (3)$$

$L(S \circ A/G)$ satisfying (1)-(3) is a *smart sensor attack language*.

Example 1 - Revisit

Attack Model A_1

Not covert!
Not inflict any damage!
Thus, it is not smart!

Attack Model A_2

A smart sensor attack

Supremal Smart Sensor Attack Language

Given a set of all smart sensor attacks $\{A_i \mid i \in I\}$ of (G, S), let

$$\underset{i \in I}{\vee} A_i : P_o(L(G)) \to 2^{\Sigma_o^*} : t \mapsto \underset{i \in I}{\vee} A_i(t) := \{A_i(t) \mid i \in I \wedge t \in L(S \circ A_i / G))\},$$

and we have

$$\underset{i \in I}{\vee} A_i(P_o(L(G))) = \underset{i \in I}{\cup} A_i(P_o(L(G))).$$

Let

$$S \circ (\underset{i \in I}{\vee} A_i) : P_o(L(G)) \to 2^{\Gamma} : t \mapsto S \circ (\underset{i \in I}{\vee} A_i)(t) := \{S \circ A_i(t) \mid i \in I \wedge t \in L(S \circ A_i / G)\},$$

and we can derive that

$$L(S \circ (\underset{i \in I}{\vee} A_i) / G) = \underset{i \in I}{\cup} L(S \circ A_i / G).$$

All three conditions in Def. 1 holds for $A := \underset{i \in I}{\vee} A_i$. Clearly, we have

$$(\forall i \in I) L(S \circ A_i / G) \subseteq L(S \circ A / G).$$

$L(S \circ A / G)$ is called the *supremal* smart sensor attack language.

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Supremal Smart Sensor Attack Language (cont.)

Theorem 1

Given a closed-loop system (G, S) and a protected observation alphabet $\Sigma_{o,p}$, the existence of a regular smart strong sensor attack model is decidable. In case the supremal regular smart attack language exists, it is computable with the following complexity:

$$O(2^{3|G||S|^2} \, |\Sigma| \, |\Delta_n|) = O(2^{3|G||S|^2} \, |\Sigma| \, |\Sigma_o|^n),$$

where Δ_n is the set of all observable strings whose lengths are no more than n.

Resilience against Smart Sensor Attacks

Problem 1: [RSaRSSA]

Given a plant G and a requirement E, decide whether there exists a regular and normal supervisor S to avoid any regular smart sensor attack A that inflicts a **weak** damage, i.e.,

$$L(S \circ A / G) \cap (L(G) - L(S / G)) \neq \varnothing.$$

[strong damage $\Rightarrow$ weak damage, no weak damage $\Rightarrow$ security]

Problem 2:

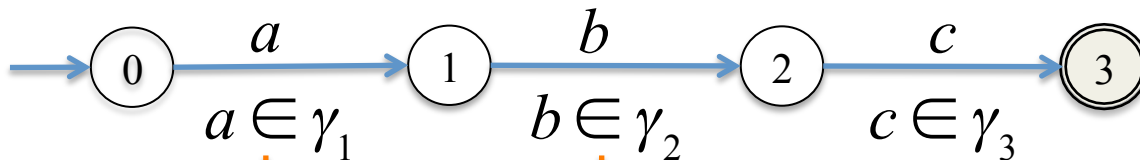If the answer to Problem 1 is *yes*, compute one such supervisor S.

Theorem 2

Given a closed-loop system (G, S), the existence of a regular smart sensor attack A for weak damage with respect to $\Sigma_{o,p}$ is decidable.

$$abc \in L_{dam}$$

$$[(\varepsilon,\gamma_1)(a,\gamma_2)(b,\gamma_3);(\varepsilon,\gamma_1)(d,\gamma_2)(e,\gamma_3)] \quad \textbf{Risk Pair}$$

What A needs.

What S can supply.

$$s = abc \in L_{dam}$$
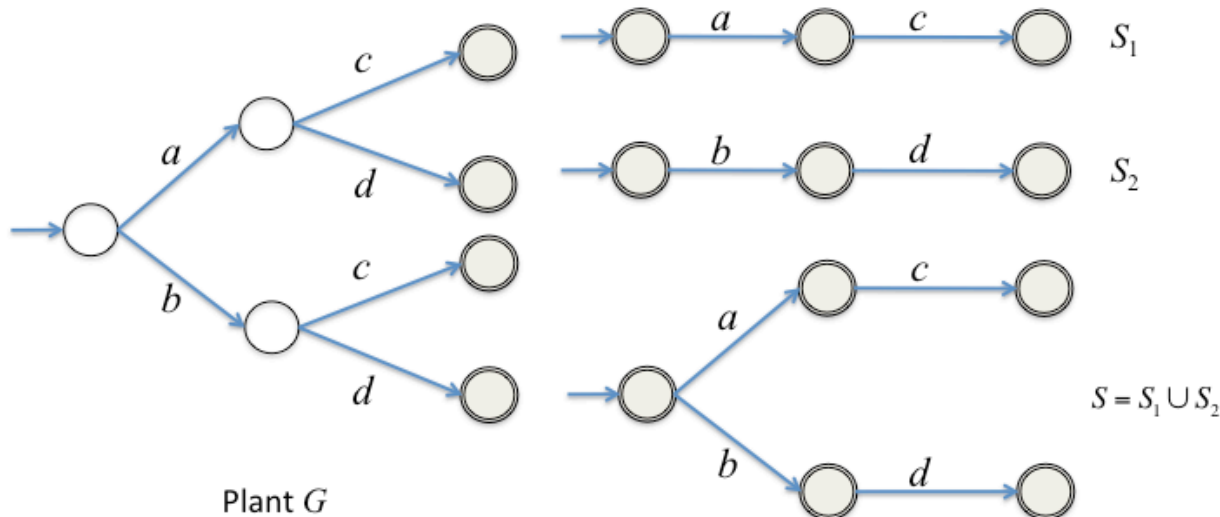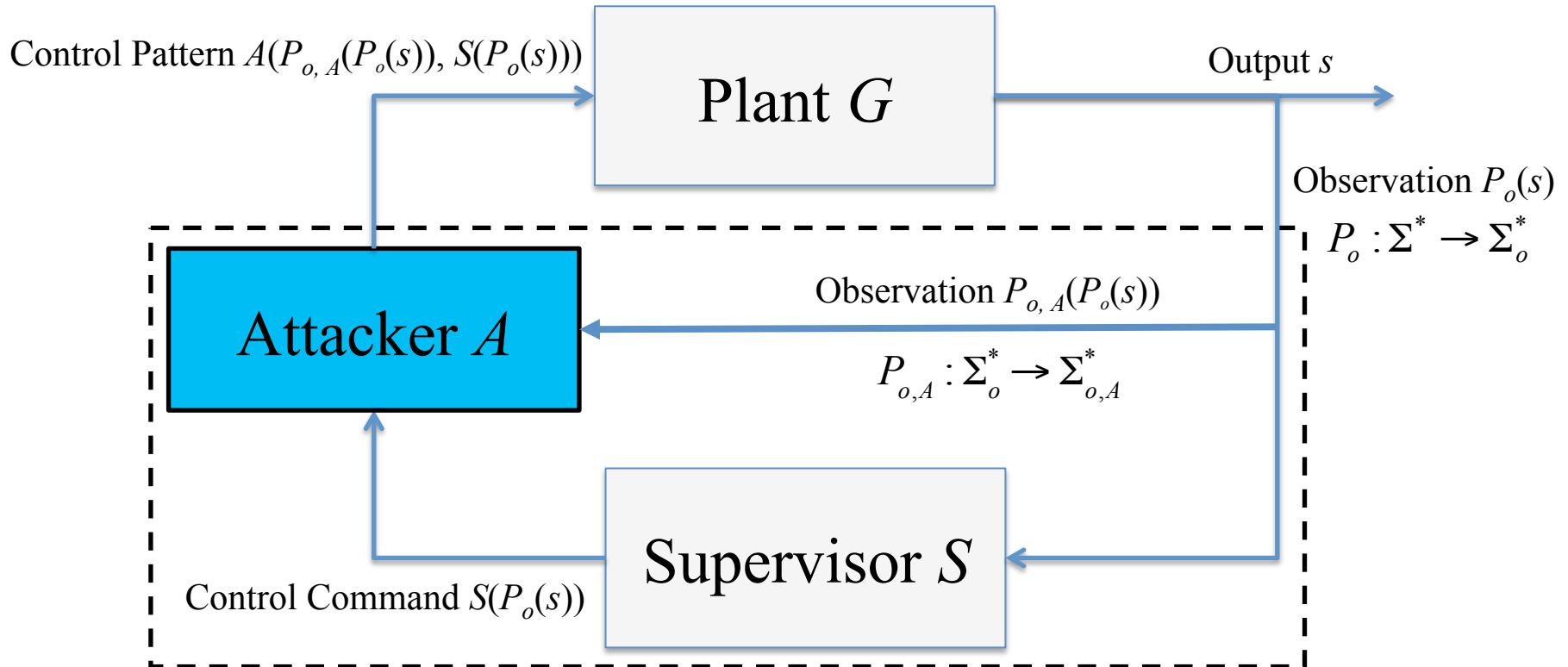
Supervisor S

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Decidability of Existence of RSaRSSA

Theorem 3

Given a plant G and a requirement E, let L_{dam} be a regular damage language. Then the existence of a solution of RSaRSSA in Problem 1 is decidable. In the case that there is a solution to Problem 1, there is an algorithm to compute a maximally permissive RSaRSSA. But the least restrictive solution (or the supremal RSaRSSA) usually does not exist.

Plant G

S_1

S_2

$S = S_1 \cup S_2$

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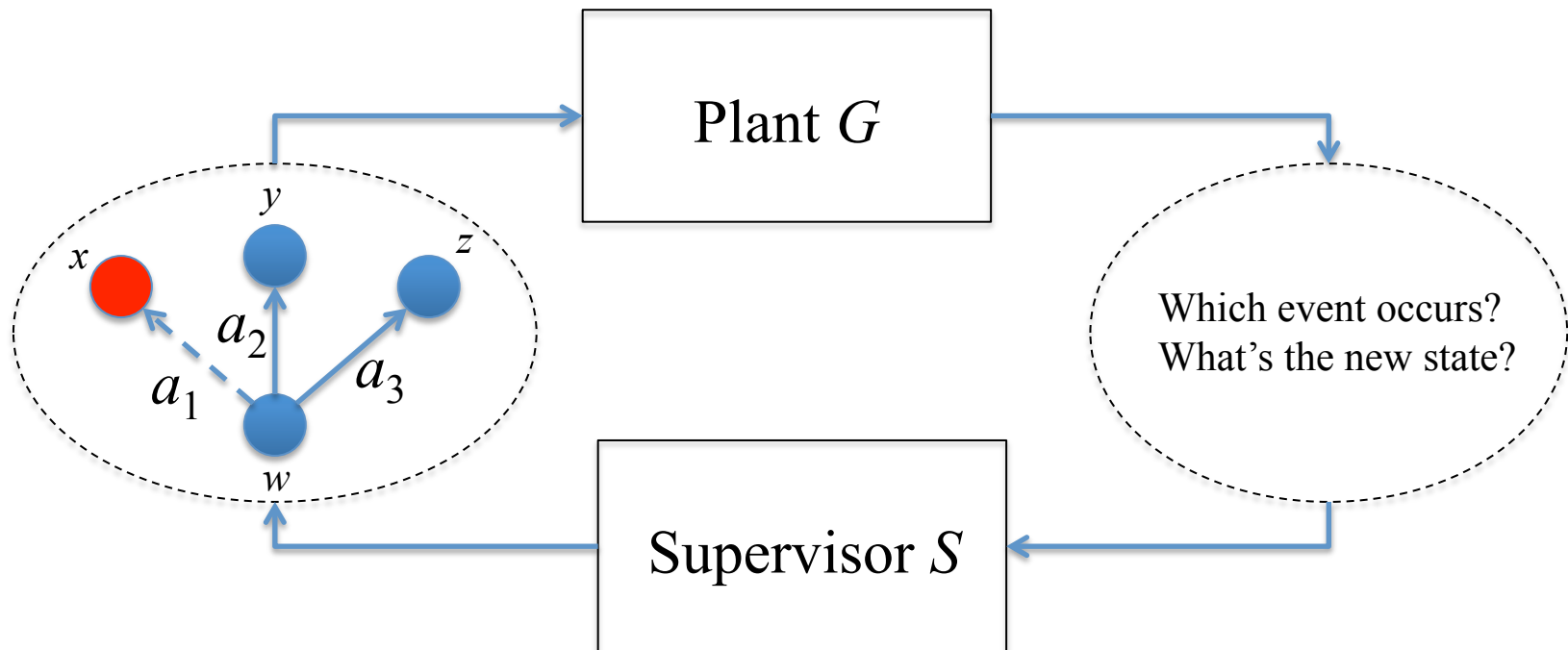# A Simple Architecture of Actuator Attack

Control Pattern $A(P_{o,A}(P_o(s)), S(P_o(s)))$

Plant G

Output s

Observation $P_o(s)$

$P_o : \Sigma^* \to \Sigma_o^*$

Attacker A

Observation $P_{o,A}(P_o(s))$

$P_{o,A} : \Sigma_o^* \to \Sigma_{o,A}^*$

Supervisor S

Control Command $S(P_o(s))$

Questions:

- What is the model A?
- What is the attacked supervisor $A \circ (P_{o,A}, S)$?
- What is the attacked closed-loop system $A \circ (P_{o,A}, S) / G$?

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Why Actuator Attack on Supervisor is Possible?

- Existence of attackable actuation events
- Existence of "risky" states

} **Vulnerability**

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Intuitive Illustration

Assume that an attacker wants the plant G to reach a damaging state 7, but can't observe events b and c. A supervisor can observe a, b, c.

- If the supervisor is S_1, then after observing a, it is safe for the attacker to initiate an actuator attack and enable event d.

- If the supervisor is S_2, then after observing a, the attacker can't initiate an actuator attack without having a risk of being detected.

Plant G

Supervisor S_1

Supervisor S_2

Detected!

So S_1 admits an attack, but S_2 does not.

An Actuator Attack Model[6][7]

- Information for an attacker: $(\Sigma_{c,A}, \Sigma_{o,A})$, where $\Sigma_{c,A} \subseteq \Sigma_c \wedge \Sigma_{o,A} \subseteq \Sigma_o$.

- Attacker's observation map: Recall that Γ is the set of all control patterns (commands).

$$P_{o,A}^S : \ P_o(L(G)) \to ((\Sigma_{o,A} \cup \{\varepsilon\}) \times \Gamma)^*$$

where

$$(\forall w \in P_o(L(G))) P_{o,A}^S(w) := \begin{cases} (\varepsilon, S(\varepsilon)) & \text{if } w = \varepsilon, \\ P_{o,A}^S(t)(P_{o,A}(\sigma), S(t\sigma)) & \text{if } w = s\sigma. \end{cases}$$

- A sensor attack over the supervisor S is modeled by a function

$$A : P_{o,A}^S(P_o(L(G))) \to \Gamma.$$

[6] L. Lin, S. Thuijsman, Y. Zhu, S. Ware, R. Su, M. Reniers. Synthesis of supremal successful actuator attackers on normal supervisors. *ACC'19*, pp. 5614-5619, 2019.

[7] L. Lin, Y. Zhu, R. Su. Synthesis of covert actuator attackers for free. *Journal of Discrete event dynamic systems: Theory and Applications*, accepted, 2020.

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Smart Actuator Attack

- Attacked supervisor $A \circ S : P_o(L(G)) \rightarrow \Gamma$, where

$$(\forall s \in P_o(L(G)))A \circ S(s) = A(P_{o,A}^{S}(s)).$$

- Attacked closed-loop behaviors: $L(A \circ S / G)$ and $L_m(A \circ S / G) := L(A \circ S / G) \cap L_m(G)$.

Definition 2:

A closed-loop system (G, S) is *attackable* if there exists a non-empty actuator attack model A such that the following properties hold: $L_{dmg} \subseteq (L(S / G)\Sigma_{c,A} - L(S / G)) \cap L(G)$

1) **Control feasibility:** $L(A \circ S / G) = L(G) \cap (P_{o,A}^{S} P_o)^{-1} P_{o,A}^{S} P_o(L(A \circ S / G)).$

2) **Controllability:** $(\forall s \in L(A \circ S / G))\{s\}(S(s) - \Sigma_{c,A}) \cap L(G) \subseteq L(A \circ S / G).$

3) **Covertness:** $L(A \circ S / G) \subseteq L(S / G) \cup [L(S / G)\Sigma_{c,A} \cap L_{dam}].$

4) **Damage-inflicting**: let

  – Strong condition: $L(A \circ S / G) = \overline{L(A \circ S / G) \cap L_{dam}}$

  – Weak condition: $L(A \circ S / G) \cap L_{dmg} \neq \varnothing.$

Supremal Smart Actuator Attack Language

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and we have

$$\bigvee_{i \in I} A_i(P_{o,A}^S(P_o(L(G)))) = \bigcup_{i \in I} A_i(P_{o,A}^S(P_o(L(G)))).$$

Let

$$(\bigvee_{i \in I} A_i) \circ S : P_o(L(G)) \to 2^{2^\Sigma} : t \mapsto (\bigvee_{i \in I} A_i) \circ S(t) := \{A_i \circ S(t) \mid i \in I \wedge t \in L(A_i \circ S / G)\},$$

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$$(\forall i \in I) L(A_i \circ S / G) \subseteq L(A \circ S / G).$$

$L(A \circ S / G)$ is called the supremal *smart actuator attack language.*

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Supremal Smart Actuator Attack Language (cont.)

Theorem 4

Given a closed-loop system (G, S) and an attack tuple $(\Sigma_{c,A}, \Sigma_{o,A}, L_{dam})$, the supremal regular smart (strong or weak) actuator attack language exists and computable, whose complexity is exponential-time.
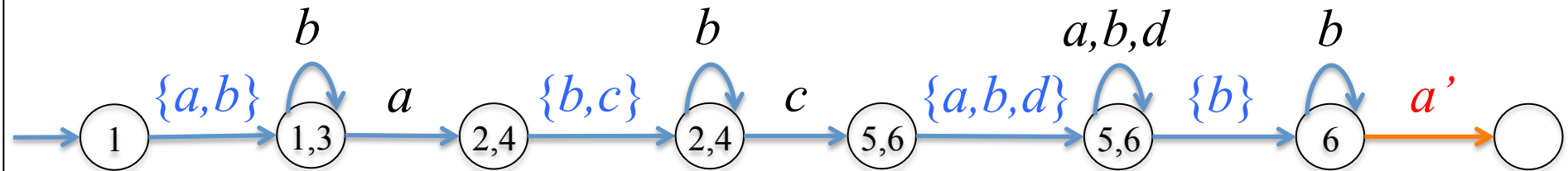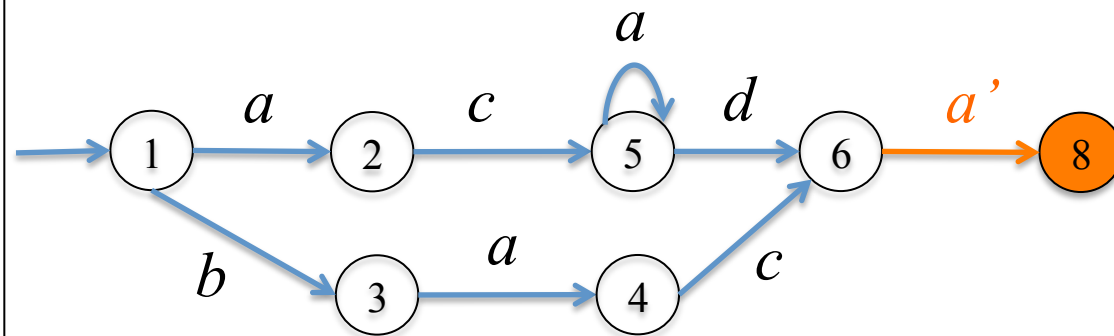
A Small Example

Plant G

Supervisor S

$$L_{dam} = (aca^*d + bac)a', \ \Sigma = \{a,b,c,d,a'\}, \ \Sigma_o = \{a,c,d\}, \ \Sigma_c = \Sigma_{c,A} = \{a'\}, \ \Sigma_{o,A} = \{a,c\}$$

Smart Actuator Attack A

$$L(A \circ S \, / \, G)$$

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Supervisor Resilient to Smart Actuator Attack

CONJECTURE

Given a plant G and a requirement E, let L_{dam} be a given regular damage language. Then the existence of a regular normal supervisor S, which does not admit any regular smart weak actuator attack w.r.t. $(\Sigma_{c,A}, \Sigma_{o,A}, L_{dam})$ is decidable.

The supremal one resilient to smart actuator attacks does not exist.

$$L_{dam} = \{cad\}, \quad \Sigma = \Sigma_o = \{a,b,c,d\}, \quad \Sigma_c = \{c,d\}, \quad \Sigma_{c,A} = \{d\}, \quad \Sigma_{o,A} = \{a\}$$

Plant G

Supervisor S_1

Supervisor S_2

Neither S_1 nor S_2 admits any smart actuator attack!
They both are maximal, but not supremal!

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Resilient Supervisor Synthesis

Problem 3: [Resilient Supervisor Synthesis]

Given **plant** G, synthesize **supervisor** S over (Σ_c, Σ_o) such that there is no smart actuator **attack** over $(\Sigma_{c,A}, \Sigma_{o,A}, L_{dam})$.

Problem 4: [Supervisor Obfuscation]

Given **plant** G and **supervisor** S, synthesize **supervisor** S' over (Σ_c, Σ_o),

1) S' is control equivalent to S, i.e., $L(S/G) = L(S'/G)$.

2) There is no smart actuator **attack** over S'.

Some heuristic algorithms

- SAT encoding of all n-bounded control-equivalent supervisors[8];
- Using sup-reduction to get minimum-state control-equivalent supervisors[9].

[8] L. Lin, Y. Zhu, R. Su. Towards bounded synthesis of resilient supervisors against actuator attacks. *IEEE CDC'19*, pp. 7659-7664, 2019. [A journal version is submitted to *IEEE TAC*.]

[9] Y. Zhu, L. Lin, R. Su. Supervisor obfuscation against actuator enablement attack. *ECC'19*, pp. 1760-1765, 2019.

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A Small Example -Revisit

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Supervisor S

Supervisor S'

$$L_{dam} = (aca^*d + bac)a', \ \Sigma = \{a,b,c,d,a'\}, \ \Sigma_o = \{a,c,d\}, \ \Sigma_c = \Sigma_{c,A} = \{a'\}, \ \Sigma_{o,A} = \{a,c\}$$
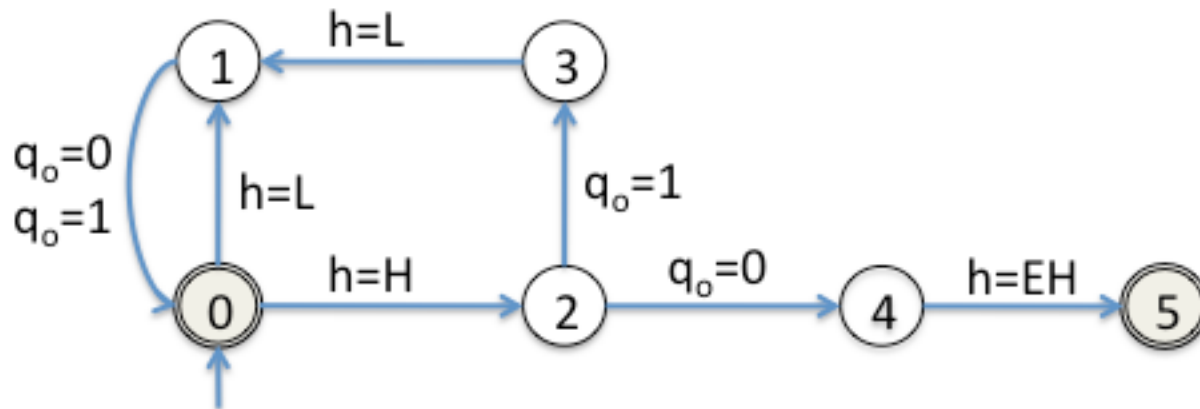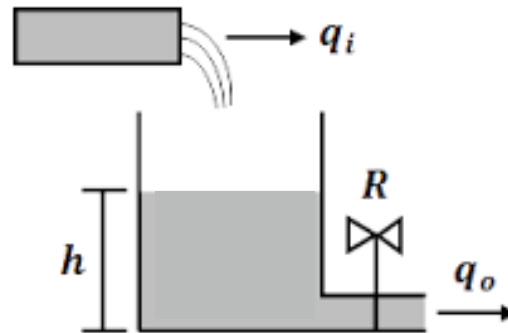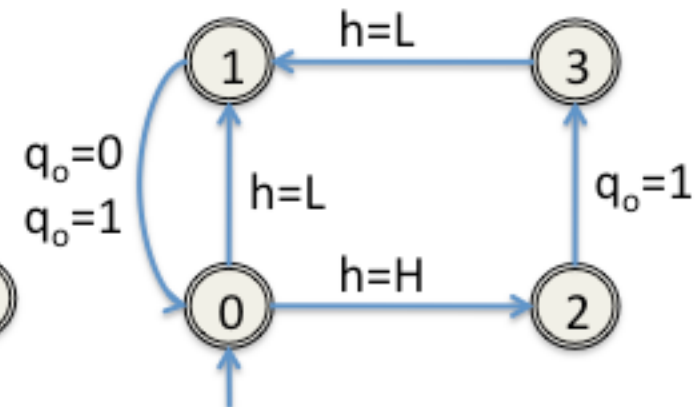
There is NO smart actuator attack A on S'!

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Outline

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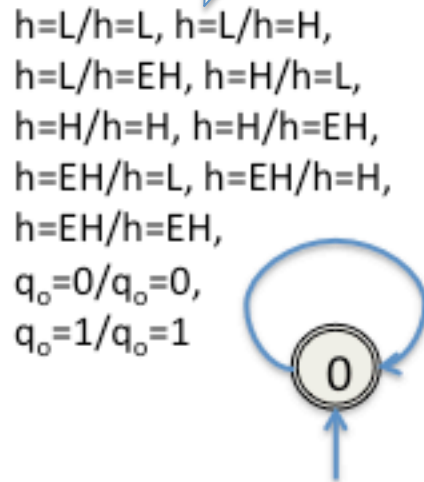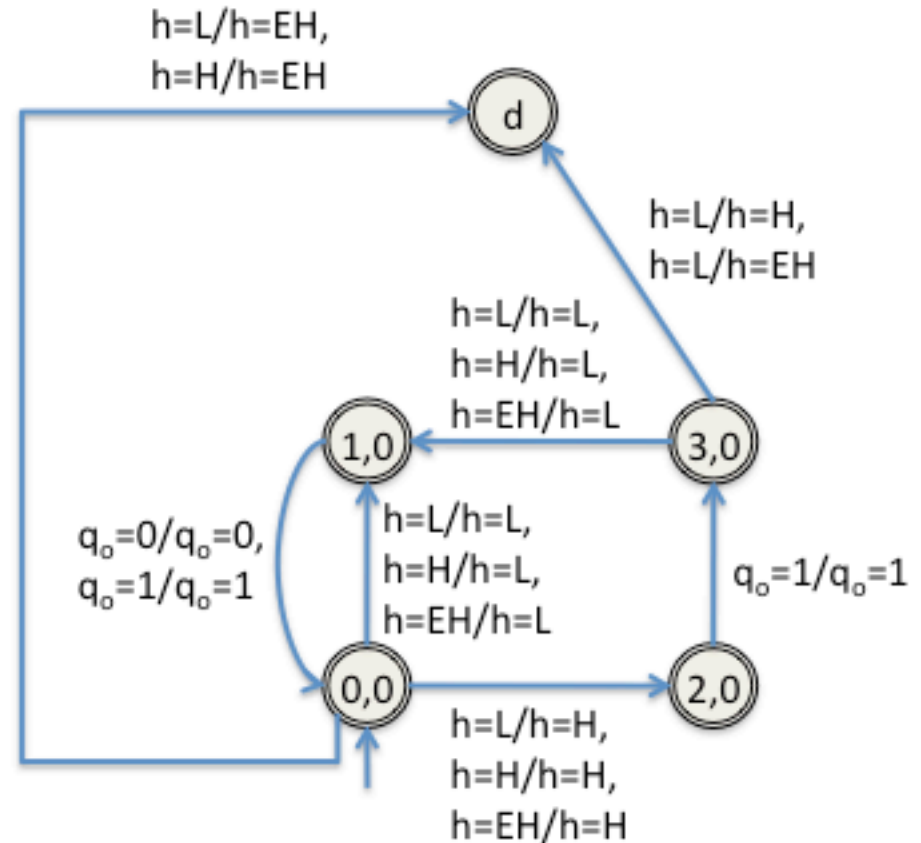❑ **An illustration example**

❑ Conclusions

A Small Tank Example

Plant G

Supervisor S

Synthesis of a Regular Smart Sensor Attack Model – Step 1
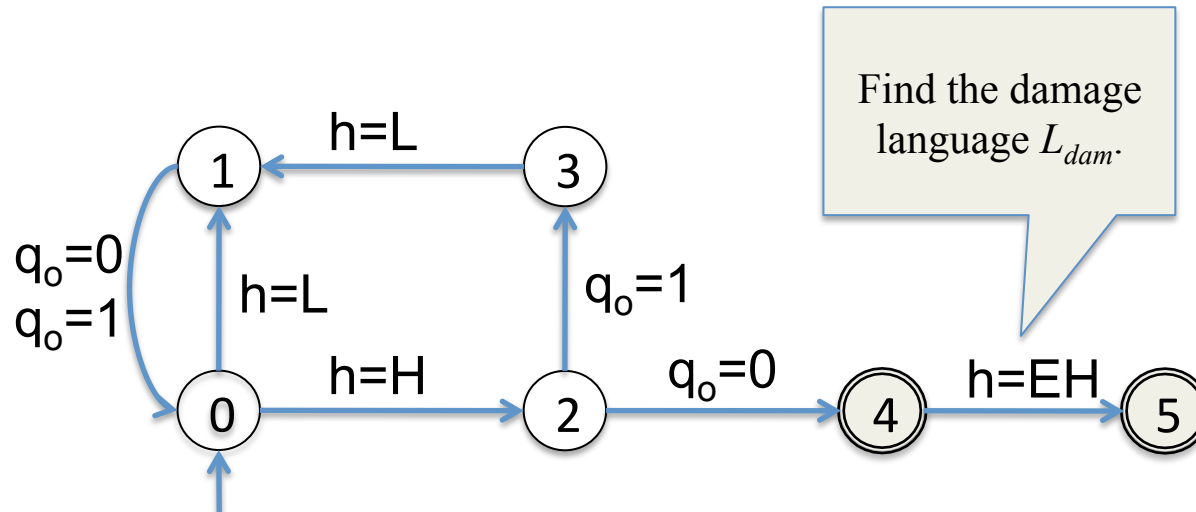
Encode all possible sensor attack moves.

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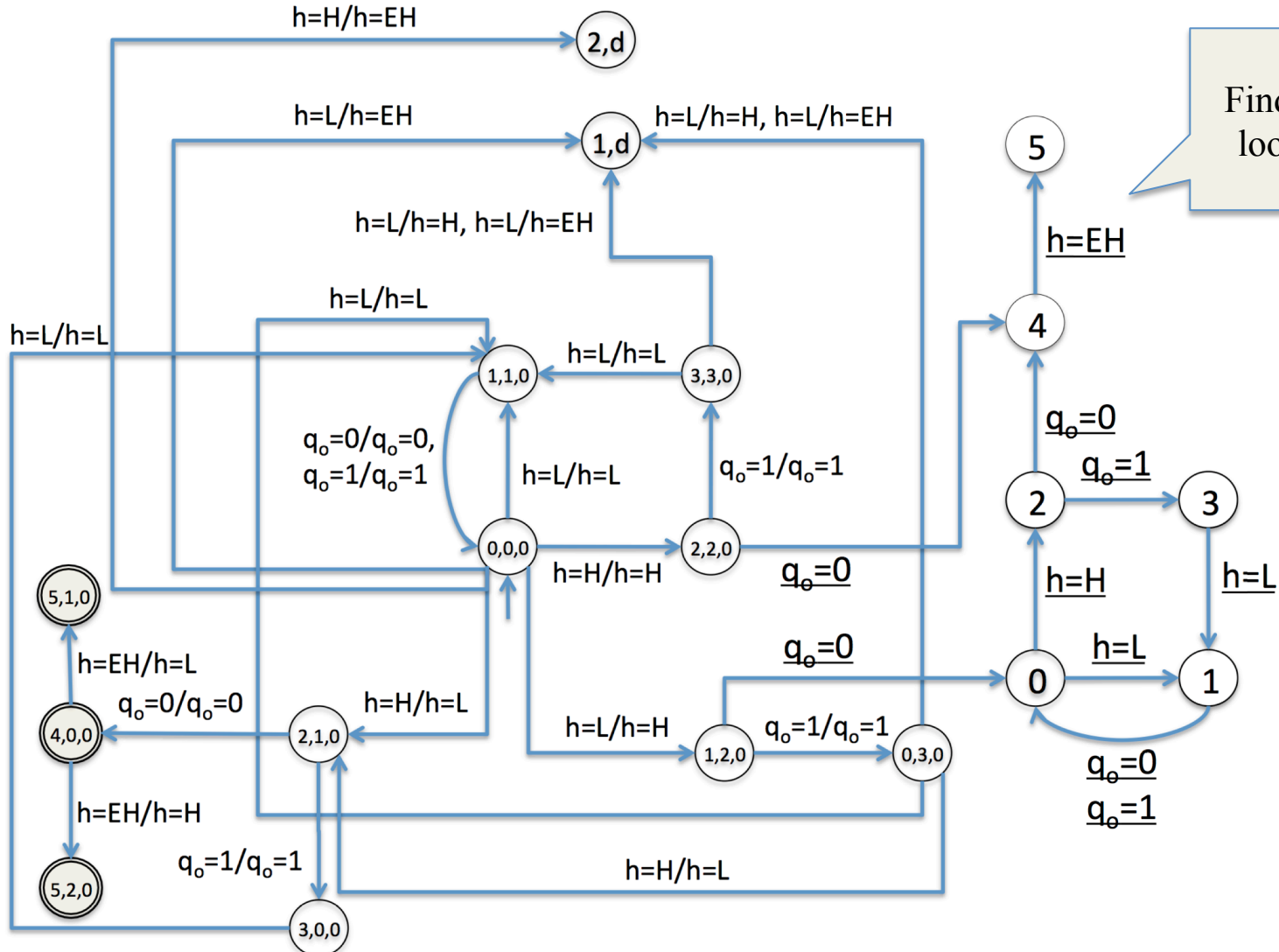h=L/h=EH, h=H/h=L,
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Attack Model A_0

$A_0 \circ S$

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Synthesis of a Regular Smart Sensor Attack Model – Step 2

Find the damage language L_{dam}.

Automaton E

Synthesis of a Regular Smart Sensor Attack Model – Step 3
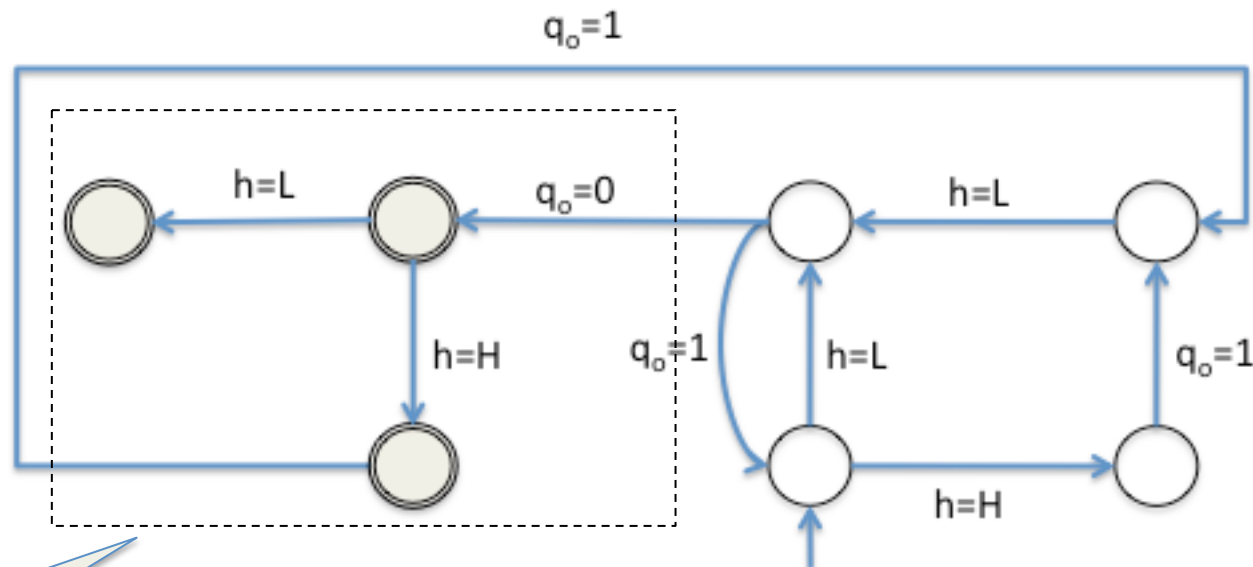
Find the closed-loop behavior.

$$B := E \, \hat{\times} \, (A_0 \circ S)$$

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Synthesis of a Regular Smart Sensor Attack Model – Step 4
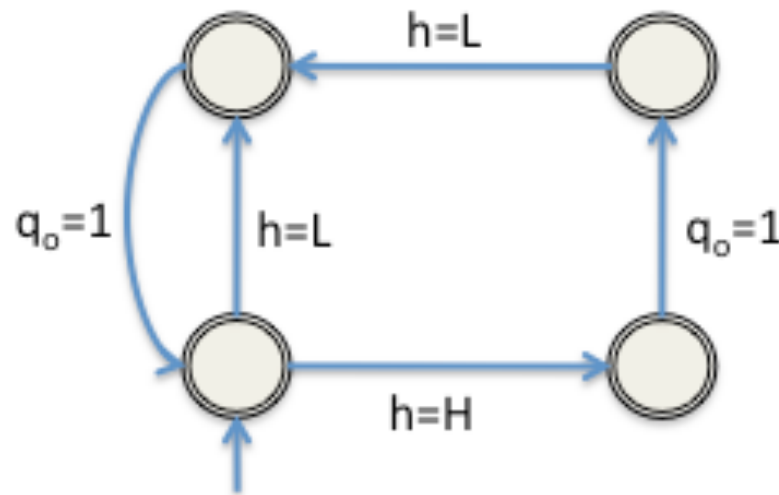

Supremal Smart Sensor Attack Model A

Heuristic Synthesis of a Resilient Supervisor – Step 1

Automaton Model of $\theta(L_m(A))$

Identify risky strings in S that could be used by an attacker A.

Heuristic Synthesis of a Resilient Supervisor – Step 2

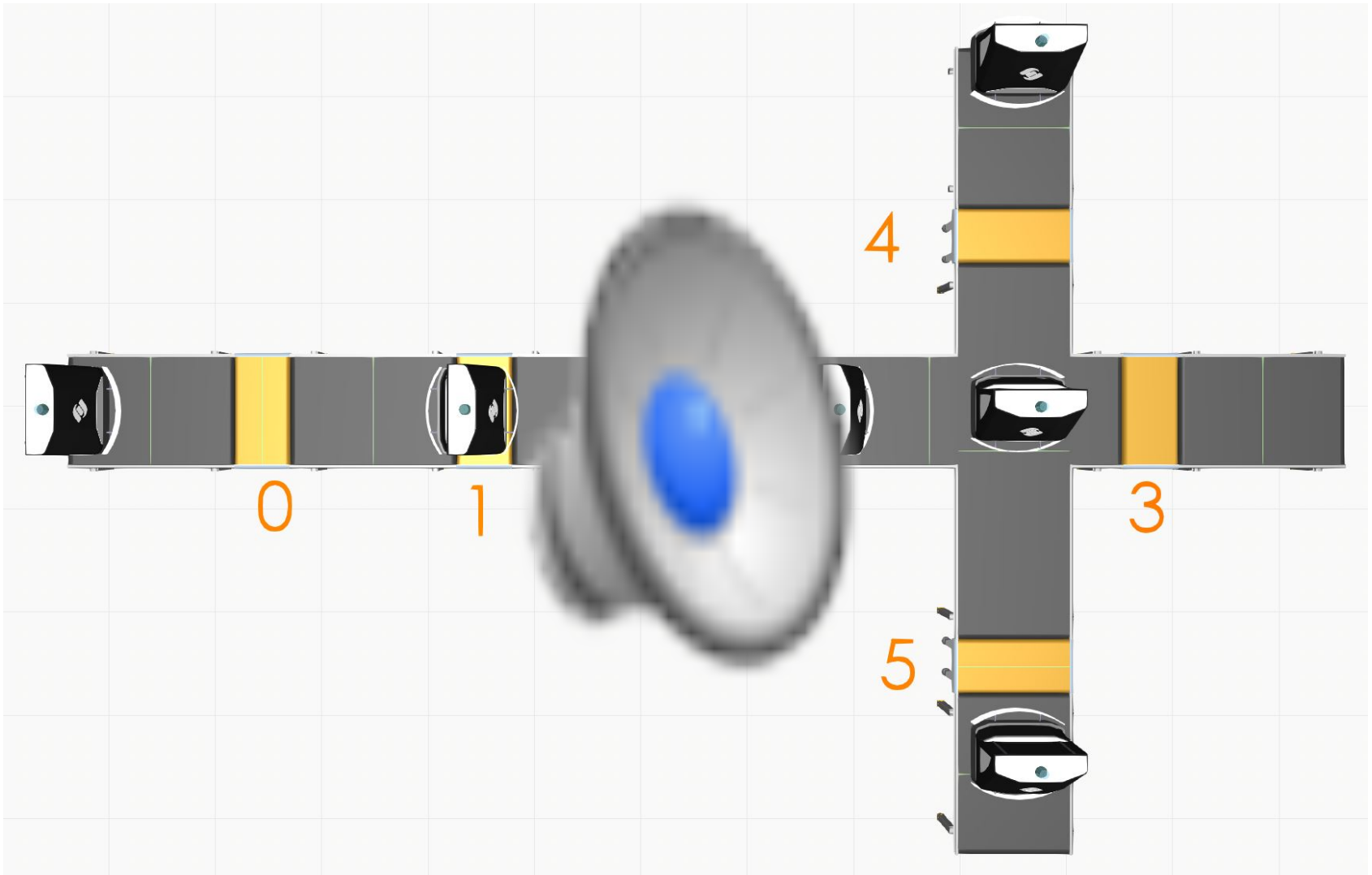Automaton Model of $L(\widehat{S}) - \theta(L_m(A))\Sigma^*$

Heuristic Synthesis of a Resilient Supervisor – Step 3

A Supervisor Resilient to Strong Smart Sensor Attacks

Simple Resilient Law: **DO NOT CLOSE DISCHARGE VALVE *R*!**

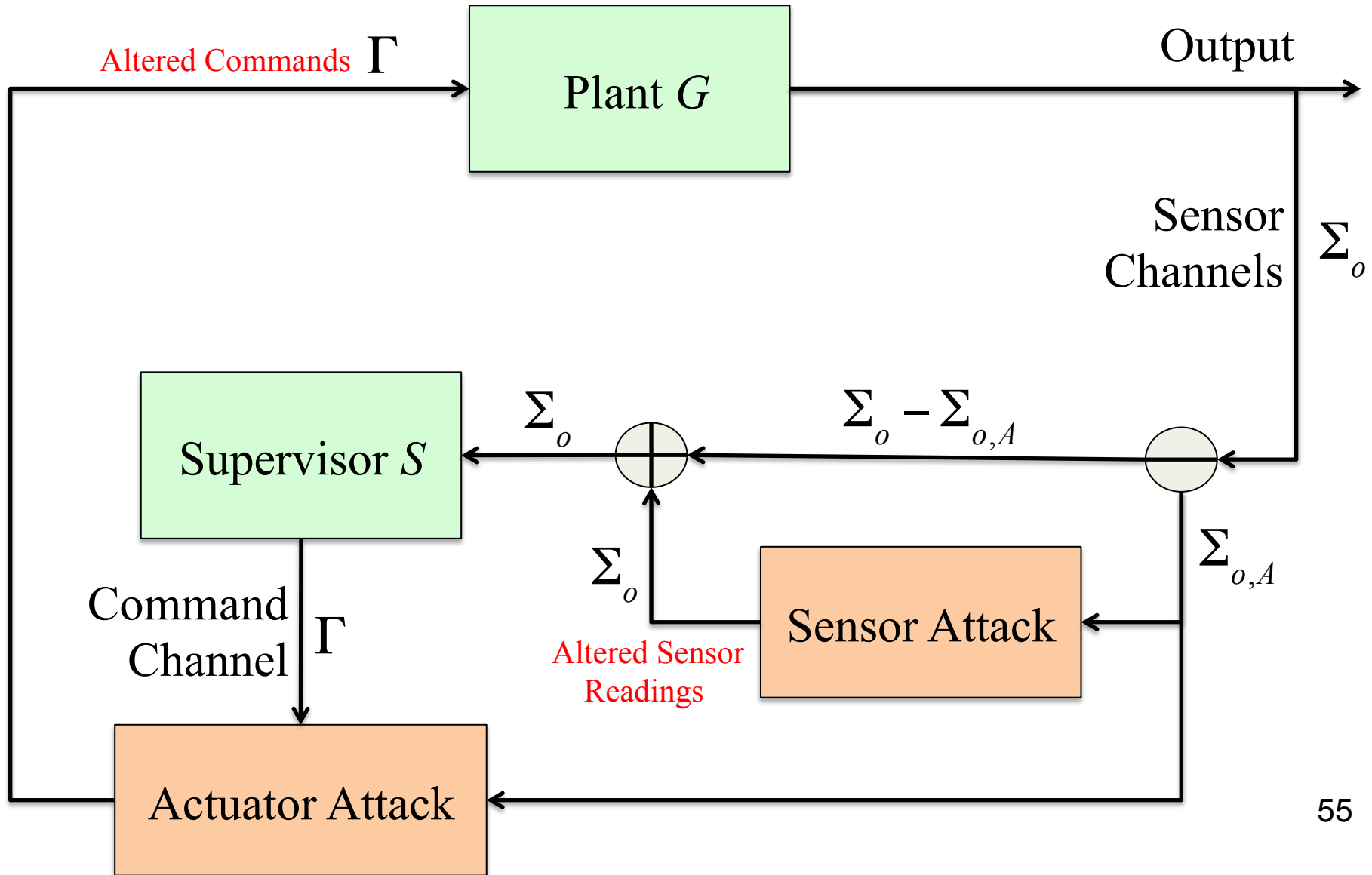# Another Example – AGV Safe Crossing

Conclusions

- Regular languages can be used to model sensor and actuator attacks.

- Supremal (sensor and actuator) attack languages exist.

- But supremal resilient supervisors typically do not exist.

- The current research has two major application potentials:
  - To determine risky system behaviors that may facilitate attacks;
  - To identify critical system assets to be protected to avoid attacks.

- **The existence of an actuator-attack resilient supervisor is open.**

- **The synthesis complexity is high.**

Future Works

- To improve modeling expressiveness for more types of attacks.

- To consider a unified framework for sensor and actuator attacks[10].

- To explore new attack resilient control strategies.

- To facilitate data-driven learning of (G, S) and A.

- Finally, to apply theory to realistic industrial applications.

[10] L. Lin, R. Su. Synthesis of covert actuator and sensor attacks as supervisor synthesis. *15th IFAC WODES*, accepted, Rio de Janeiro, 2020. [A journal version is submitted to *Automatica*.]

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