

# Local stabilization of networked linear systems with decentralized switching controllers

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# Summary

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## Switched affine systems

Consider a switched affine system

$$\dot{x} = A_{\sigma(x)}x + b_{\sigma(x)}$$

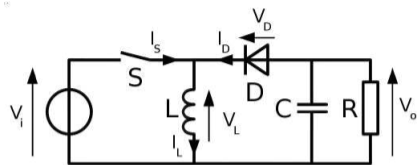
$x \in \mathbb{R}^n$  is the system state

$A_i \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ ,  $b_i \in \mathbb{R}^n$  are known for  $i \in \mathcal{I}_N = \{1, \dots, N\}$ .

State dependent switching control law

$$\sigma = \sigma(x), \sigma : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathcal{I}_N$$

## Motivational example: buck boost converter



Buck boost converter example

$$\dot{x} = \begin{cases} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -\frac{1}{RC} \end{bmatrix} x + \begin{bmatrix} \frac{V_i}{L} \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, & \text{if S is ON} \\ \begin{bmatrix} 0 & \frac{1}{L} \\ -\frac{1}{C} & -\frac{1}{RC} \end{bmatrix} x + \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, & \text{if S is OFF} \end{cases}$$

- $x = [I_L \quad V_0]^T$
- When the supply voltage is constant, the model is a **switched affine system**

$$\dot{x} = A_\sigma x + b_\sigma, \quad \sigma \in \{1, 2\}.$$

- The switching **control** law : setting S to **ON** or **OFF**.

## Challenges

$$\dot{x} = A_{\sigma(x)}x + b_{\sigma(x)}, \quad x_0 \in \mathbb{R}^n, \quad (1)$$

- State dependent switching laws:

$$\sigma : \mathbb{R}^n \longrightarrow \{1, \dots, N\}.$$

### Challenges and difficulties:

- Problem of the **equilibrium**
- Stabilization to a desired reference point by **switching**

## State of the art

### Existence of a common quadratic Lyapunov function<sup>1</sup>

If there exist  $\alpha_i \geq 0$  for all  $i \in \{1, \dots, N\}$  such that  $\sum_{i=1}^N \alpha_i = 1$  and

$$\sum_{i=1}^N \alpha_i b_i = 0.$$

and there exist a matrix

$$P \succ 0$$

such that

$$A_i^T P + P A_i \prec 0, \quad \forall i \in \{1, \dots, N\},$$

then the switching law

$$\sigma(x) \in \arg \min_{i \in \{1, \dots, N\}} x^T P b_i$$

ensures that the equilibrium  $x_e = 0$  of the system (1) globally asymptotically stable.

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<sup>1</sup>G Silva Deaecto et al. "Switched affine systems control design with application to DC-DC converters". In: *IET control theory & applications* 4.7 (2010), pp. 1201-1210.

## State of the art

- For all other equilibrium satisfying

$$\sum_{i=1}^N \alpha_i (A_i x^* + b_i) = 0, \quad \alpha_i \geq 0, \quad \sum_{i=1}^N \alpha_i = 1,$$

- Stabilization of the origin requires the existence of  $\alpha$  such that

$$\sum_{i=1}^N \alpha_i b_i = 0, \quad \alpha_i \geq 0, \quad \sum_{i=1}^N \alpha_i = 1,$$

- The following transformation is considered

$$\xi = x - x^*.$$

- Stabilization of the equilibrium  $x^*$  can be transformed to the stabilization of the origin  $x_e = 0$

## State of the art

### Existence of a Hurwitz convex combination<sup>2</sup>

If there exist  $\alpha_i \geq 0$ ,  $i \in \{1, \dots, N\}$  such that  $\sum_{i=1}^N \alpha_i = 1$  and

$$b_{eq} = 0, \quad \text{where} \quad b_{eq} = \sum_{i=1}^N \alpha_i b_i,$$

and

$A_{eq}$  is Hurwitz, i.e there exists  $P \succ 0$ , such that  $A_{eq}^T P + P A_{eq} \prec 0$ , where

$$A_{eq} = \sum_{i=1}^N \alpha_i A_i$$

then the switching law

$$\sigma(x) \in \arg \min_{i \in \{1, \dots, N\}} \{x^T P (A_i x + b_i)\}. \quad (2)$$

stabilizes asymptotically the origin  $x_e = 0$  of the system (1).

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### Local stabilization based on the existence of a continuous controller<sup>3</sup>

The system description (1) is equivalent to a bilinear system of the form

$$\dot{x} = Ax + \sum_{i=1}^m N_i x u(i) + Bu, \quad m = N - 1, \quad , u \in \{v_1, \dots, v_N\}$$

where  $A$ ,  $N_1, \dots, N_m$  and  $B$  are matrices to be determined.

If there exist  $\alpha_i \geq 0$  for all  $i \in \{1, \dots, N\}$  such that  $\sum_{i=1}^N \alpha_i = 1$  and  $\sum_{i=1}^N \alpha_i b_i = 0$ . and a **continuous controller**  $k^c(x)$ , with  $k^c(0) = 0$ , that locally stabilizes system (7), then the switching law

$$\sigma(x) \in \arg \min_{i \in \{1, \dots, N\}} \frac{\partial V(x)}{\partial x} (A_i x + b_i),$$

ensures that the origin of the switched system (1) is **locally asymptotically stable**.

( $V(x)$  is a function defined in a neighborhood of the origin and always exists if the continuous controller exists).

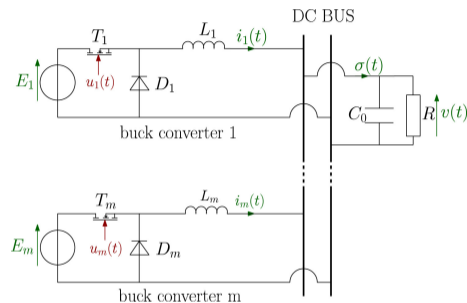
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## Problem statement

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- Very large switching systems
- Networked systems
- Centralized controllers <sup>4</sup>



Interconnection of buck converters

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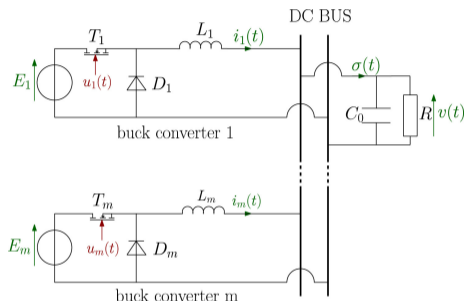
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### In this work we consider:

- Switching control for **networks** of switched affine systems
- **Decentralized** controllers
- **Scalable** design conditions



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$$\dot{x}_i = \bar{A}x_i + \bar{b}_{\sigma_i(x_i)} + \sum_{j=1}^n a_{ij}^M Fx_j, \quad x_i(0) \in \mathbb{R}^{n_x}, \quad \forall i \in \{1, \dots, n\}, \quad (3)$$

- $\bar{A}$ ,  $\bar{b}_1, \dots, \bar{b}_N$ ,  $F$  and  $A^M = [a_{ij}^M]_{i \in \{1, \dots, n\}, j \in \{1, \dots, n\}}$
- $n$ : number of **subsystems** on the network
- $N$ : number of possible **modes** for every subsystem
- **Switching control** laws

$$\sigma_i(x_i) : \mathbb{R}^{n_x} \rightarrow \{1, \dots, N\}, \quad (4)$$

## Problem statement

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{x}_i &= Ax_i + Bu_i + \sum_{j=1}^n a_{ij}^M Fx_j, & x_i(0) &\in \mathbb{R}^{n_x}, & \forall i \in \{1, \dots, n\}, \\ u_i &\in \mathcal{V}, & \mathcal{V} &= \{v^1, \dots, v^N\} \subset \mathbb{R}^{n_u}, \end{aligned} \quad (5)$$

## Assumptions

- $\mathcal{V}$  is non-empty and contains 0 in the interior of its convex hull (example  $\{-1, 1\}$ )
- $A^M$  is symmetric

System (5) can be seen as a network of switched systems:

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{A} &= A, & \bar{b}_{\sigma(x_i)} &= Bu_i, & u_i &\in \mathcal{V}, & \forall i \in \{1, \dots, n\}, \\ \dot{x}_i &= \bar{A}x_i + \bar{b}_{\sigma_i(x_i)} + \sum_{j=1}^n a_{ij}^M Fx_j, & \forall i &\in \{1, \dots, n\} \end{aligned}$$

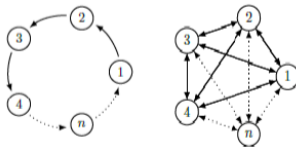
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Different possible structures

## Problem statement: decentralized control

$$\dot{x}_i = Ax_i + Bu_i + \sum_{j=1}^n a_{ij}^M Fx_j, \quad x_i(0) \in \mathbb{R}^{n_x}, \quad \forall i \in \{1, \dots, n\}, \quad (5)$$
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**Objective:** finding conditions such that the switching control laws

$$u_i = \kappa_i(x_i), \quad \kappa_i : \mathbb{R}^{n_x} \rightarrow \mathcal{V}, \quad i \in \{1, \dots, n\}$$

guarantee that the origin of the networked system (5) is **locally exponentially stable**

### Theorem

Consider the system (5), with connectivity matrix  $A^M$  whose eigenvalues are  $\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n$ . Let there exist  $P = P^T \in \mathbb{R}^{n_x \times n_x} \succ 0$ ,  $K \in \mathbb{R}^{n_u \times n_x}$  and  $\delta > 0$  such that

$$(A + \lambda F + BK)^T P + P(A + \lambda F + BK) < -2\delta P, \quad \forall \lambda \in \{\lambda_{min}, \lambda_{max}\}.$$

Define:  $C_v(K) = \{z \in \mathbb{R}^{n_x} : Kz \in \text{conv}(\mathcal{V})\}$ . Consider an ellipsoid  $\mathcal{E}(P, \gamma)$ , such that  $\mathcal{E}(P, \gamma) \subset C_v(K)$ . Denote,  $\bar{P} = I_n \otimes P$ . Consider the set of control laws

$$u_i = \kappa_i(x_i) \in \arg \min_{v \in \mathcal{V}} x_i^T P B v, \quad (6)$$

for every subsystem  $i \in \{1, \dots, n\}$ . Then, the origin of the networked system (5),(6) is locally exponentially stable, and  $\mathcal{E}(\bar{P}, \gamma)$  is an estimate of its domain of attraction.



## Idea of the proof

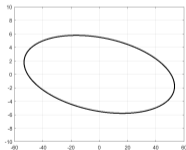
- Closed loop system

$$\dot{x} = \bar{A}x + (A^M \otimes F)x + \bar{B}u$$

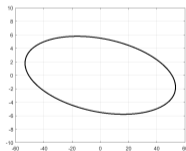
$$\bar{A} = I_n \otimes A, \bar{B} = I_n \otimes B, x = [x_1^T \ \cdots \ x_n^T]^T, u = [u_1^T \ \cdots \ u_n^T]^T \text{ where}$$

$$u_i = \kappa_i(x_i) \in \arg \min_{\nu \in \mathcal{V}} x_i^T P B \nu$$

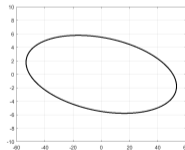
- We look for the existence of a Lyapunov function in the ellipsoid  $\mathcal{E}(\bar{P}, \gamma)$ .



$$x_1 \in \mathcal{E}(P, \frac{\gamma}{n})$$



$$x_2 \in \mathcal{E}(P, \frac{\gamma}{n})$$



$$x_3 \in \mathcal{E}(P, \frac{\gamma}{n})$$

$$x = [x_1^T \ x_2^T \ x_3^T]^T$$

$$x \in \mathcal{E}(\bar{P}, \gamma)$$

$$\gamma_{\bar{n}}$$

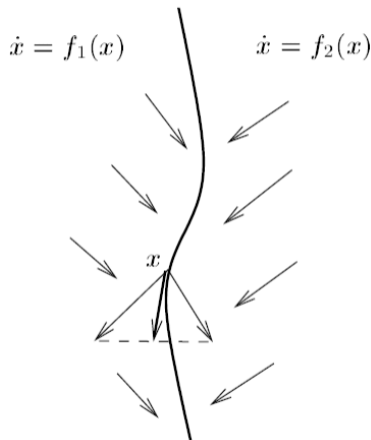
# Filippov solutions for discontinuous dynamical systems

- Set-valued map
- Differential inclusion

$$\dot{x} \in F(x)$$

- Lyapunov condition:

$$\sup_{y \in \mathcal{F}(x)} \frac{\partial w(x)}{\partial x} y \leq -2\delta w(x),$$



vector field of a discontinuous dynamical system

## Steps of the proof

1. Stability of the block-diagonal system guaranteed by  $\bar{K}z = (I_n \otimes K)z$

$$\frac{\partial w(z)}{\partial z} (\bar{A} + \Lambda \otimes F + \bar{B}\bar{K})z \leq -2\delta w(z), \quad \forall z \in \mathbb{R}^{n \cdot n_x}. \quad (7)$$

2. Stability of the networked system guaranteed by the continuous control  $\bar{K}x$

$$\frac{\partial w(x)}{\partial x} (\bar{A} + (A^M \otimes F) + \bar{B}\bar{K})x \leq -2\delta w(x), \quad \forall x \in \mathbb{R}^{n \cdot n_x}. \quad (8)$$

3. Local stability guaranteed by the switching control

$$\frac{\partial w(x)}{\partial x} (\bar{A}x + (A^M \otimes F)x + \bar{B}\bar{v}^*) \leq -2\delta w(x), \quad x \in \mathcal{E}(\bar{P}, \gamma) \quad (9)$$

with

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1. Scalable conditions:

$$(A + \lambda_i F + BK)^T P + P(A + \lambda_i F + BK) < -2\delta P, \quad \forall i \in \{1, \dots, n\}. \quad (10)$$

$$\Lambda = \text{diag}(\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n), \quad w : \mathbb{R}^{n \cdot n_x} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, w(z) := z^T \bar{P} z, \quad \bar{M} = I_n \otimes M = \begin{bmatrix} M & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & M \end{bmatrix}$$

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2. Change of coordinates  $x = (T^T \otimes I)z$  where  $TA^M T^T = \Lambda$ .

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3. 
$$x \in \mathcal{E}(\bar{P}, \gamma) \implies x_i \in \mathcal{E}(P, \gamma), \quad \forall i \in \{1, \dots, n\} \implies Kx_i \in \text{conv}(\mathcal{V}), \quad \forall i \in \{1, \dots, n\}$$

$$\implies x_i^T P B v_i^* \leq x_i^T P B K x_i, \quad \forall i \in \{1, \dots, n\},$$

## Steps of the proof

- Possible control

$$\mathcal{U}^*(x) = \{v \in \mathbb{R}^{n_u}, v = [(v_1^*)^T \cdots (v_n^*)^T]^T : v_i^* \in \arg \min_{v \in \mathcal{V}} x_i^T P B v, \forall i \in \{1, \dots, n\}\}$$

- Differential inclusion

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{x} &\in \mathcal{F}(x), \\ \mathcal{F}(x) &= \operatorname{conv}_{u \in \mathcal{U}^*(x)} \{\bar{A}x + (A^M \otimes F)x + \bar{B}u\}, \end{aligned}$$

- The Lyapunov condition for the discontinuous system

$$\sup_{y \in \mathcal{F}(x)} \frac{\partial w(x)}{\partial x} y \leq -2\delta w(x), \quad \forall x \in \mathcal{E}(\bar{P}, \gamma), \quad (10)$$

for the function  $w(x) = x^T \bar{P} x$ .

## Further discussion about the result

### LMIs for control design

For fixed  $R$  and  $\delta$ , solve with respect to  $Q$ ,  $\mu$  and  $\xi$

$$Q(A + \lambda F)^T + (A + \lambda F)Q - \mu BB^T + 2\delta Q \prec 0, \quad \forall \lambda \in \{\lambda_{min}, \lambda_{max}\},$$

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$$\lambda_{min} = \min(\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n) \quad \lambda_{max} = \max(\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n)$$

By taking

$$P = Q^{-1}, \quad K = -\frac{\mu}{2} B^T P$$

we can easily verify that

$$(A + \lambda_i F + BK)^T P + P(A + \lambda_i F + BK) \prec -2\delta P, \quad \forall i \in \{1, \dots, n\}$$

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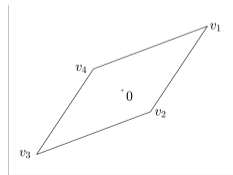
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2.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{conv}(\mathcal{V}) &= \text{conv}(v_1, \dots, v_N) \\ &= \{y \in \mathbb{R}^m : h_i^T y \leq 1, \forall i \in \{1, \dots, n_h\}\} \end{aligned}$$

$\implies$

$$\mathcal{E}(P, \gamma) \subset C_v(K)$$



A polytope in  $\mathbb{R}^2$

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3.

$$\mathcal{E}(R, \frac{1}{\xi}) \subset \mathcal{E}(P, 1)$$

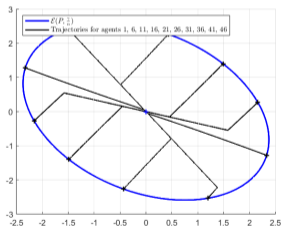
## Numerical example

We consider a network of **50** subsystems with an all-to-all interconnection, whose dynamics are given by (5) with

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad B = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0.5 \end{bmatrix}, \quad F = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix},$$
$$\mathcal{V} = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 25 \\ 25 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -25 \\ 25 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 25 \\ -25 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -25 \\ -25 \end{bmatrix} \right\}.$$

We choose  $\delta = 0.5$ ,  $\gamma = 1$  and  $R = I$ , the conditions of the Theorem are satisfied for

$$P = \begin{bmatrix} 0.0039 & 0.0011 \\ 0.0011 & 0.0033 \end{bmatrix}.$$



domain of attraction and trajectories for some subsystems for the given example.

## Future works

- Extend conditions to switched affine systems (with switching state matrix)

$$\dot{x}_i = Ax_i + Bu_i + \sum_{k=1}^m N_k x_i u_i(k) + \sum_{j=1}^n a_{ij}^M Fx_j, \quad x_i(0) \in \mathbb{R}^{n_x}, \quad \forall i \in \{1, \dots, n\},$$

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$\mathcal{V}$  is non-empty and contains 0 in its interior.





- Investigate more complex Lyapunov functions

# *Conclusion*

- Switching control for **networks** of switched affine systems
- **Decentralized** controllers
- **Scalable** design conditions

*Thank you!*

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