

Detecting Changes in Markov Process



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Problem definition



Detect change as soon as possible

Data become available sequentially: at each instant t obtain new sample ξ_t .

Detector: At every time instant t consult available data ξ_1, \dots, ξ_t and use them to decide whether a change took place until and including t .

Sequential detector

Each instant t decide between:

- ~~A change took place before and including t .~~
- ~~A change didn't take place before and including t .~~

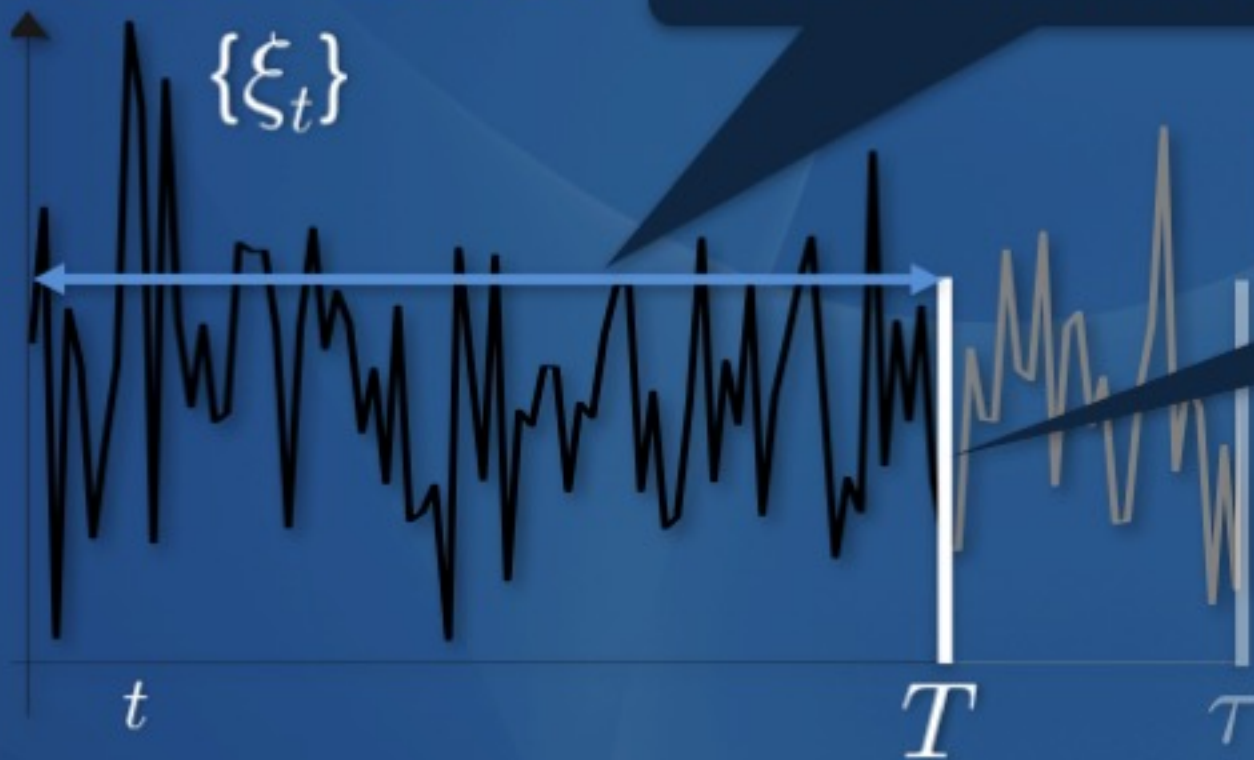
STOP

Ask for more observations

Consequently, a sequential detector is simply a **stopping time** T which is adapted to the **observation history** (filtration generated by the observations).

False Alarm

False Alarm Period



Probability of False Alarms

Design T to **optimize** Detection performance while **controlling** False Alarms

(Successful) Detection



Detection Delay $T - \tau$

Detection Probability

Structural Change-detection in Exchange Rates
Portfolio Monitoring
Electronic Communications
Seismology
Speech & Image Processing (segmentation)
Vibration monitoring (Structural health monitoring)
Security monitoring (fraud detection)
Spectrum monitoring
Scene monitoring
Network monitoring (router failures, attack detection)
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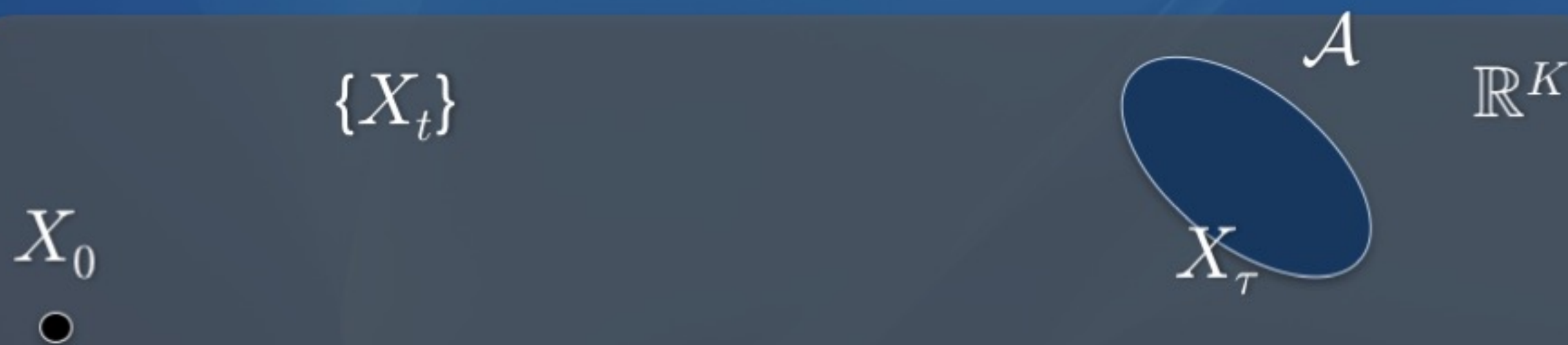
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Model for change imposing mechanism

A random vector process $\{X_t\}$ evolves in time in \mathbb{R}^K

\mathcal{A} is a subset in \mathbb{R}^K

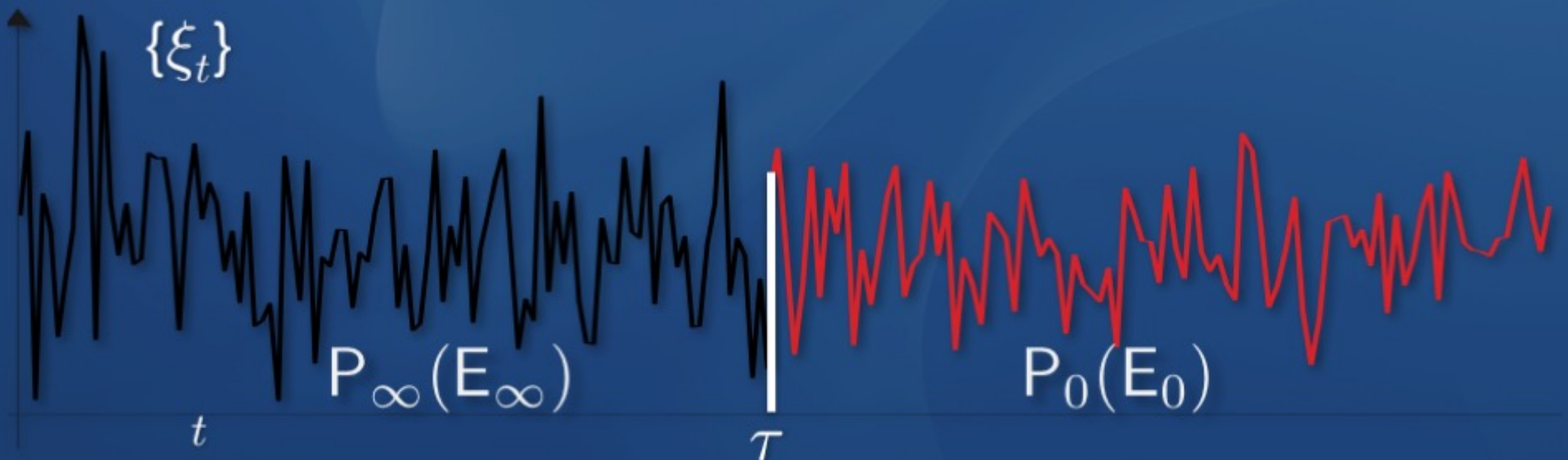
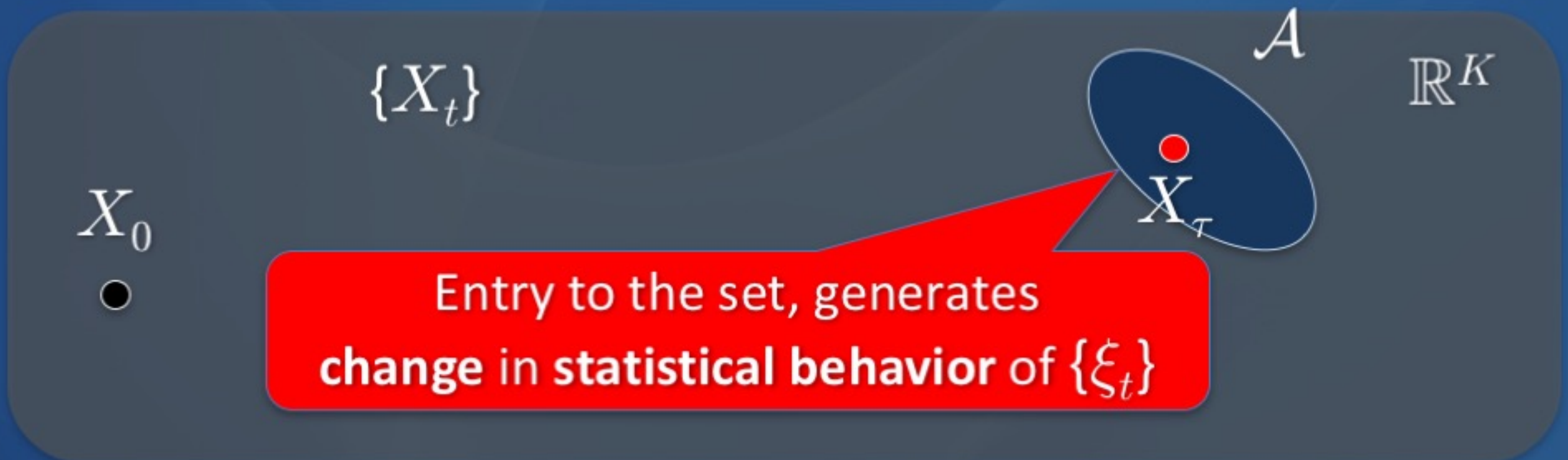


$$\tau = \inf\{t > 0 : X_t \in \mathcal{A}\}$$

τ : first entry time controlled by $\{X_t\}$, **I want to detect it**
 $\{X_t\}$ observable and \mathcal{A} known: **trivial**.

$\{X_t\}$ (partially) hidden and/or \mathcal{A} unknown: **challenging**.

We observe process $\{\xi_t\}$.



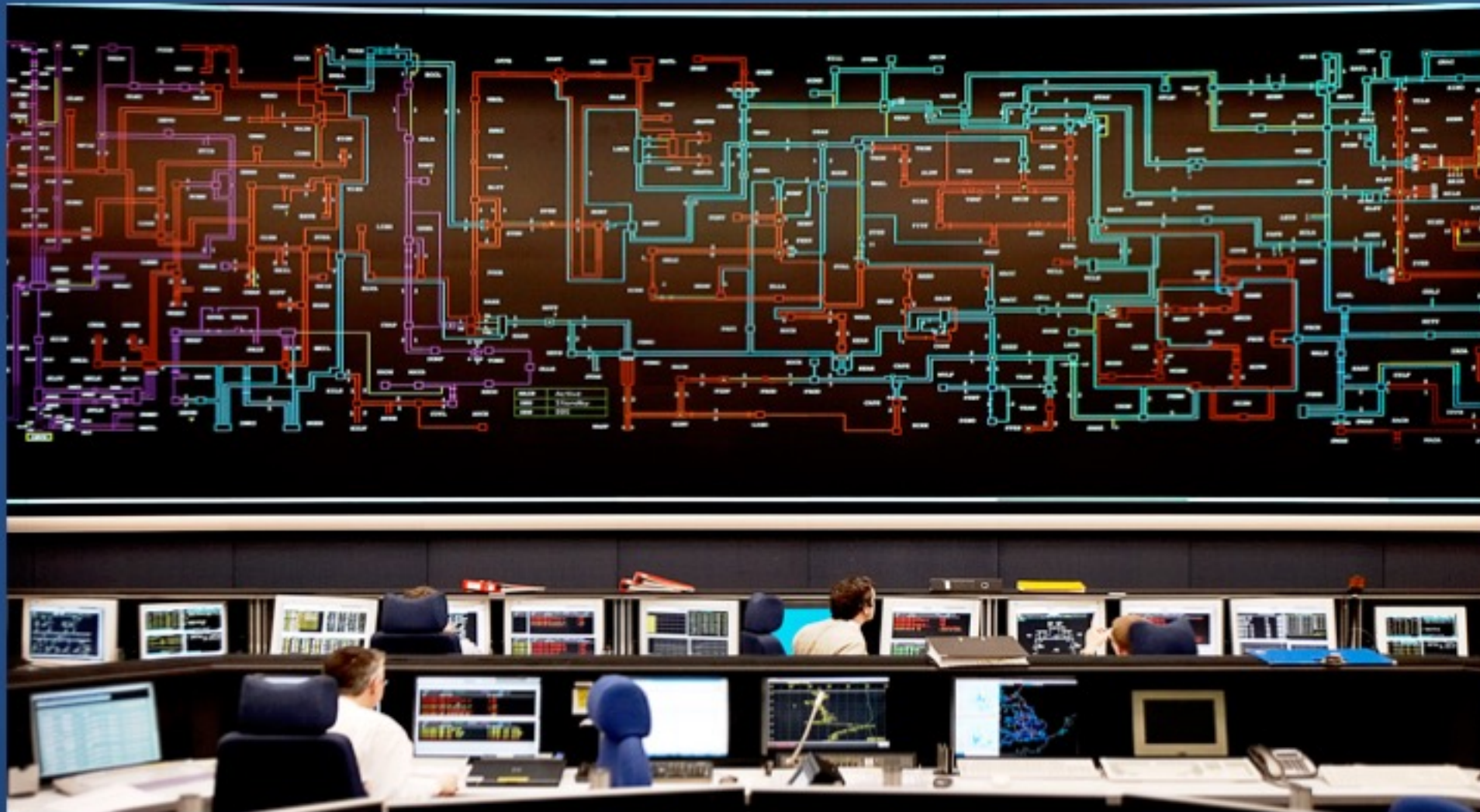
Sequential Change Detection Problem

- First-entry: **Model for change-imposing mechanism.**
- Unifies existing formulations
- Helps understanding of existing metrics
- May lead to new formulations and better detectors.

Goal: detect occurrence of τ

τ is a first entry time controlled by the process $\{X_t\}$.

T is a stopping time adapted to the filtration generated by the observation sequence $\{\xi_t\}$.



Immediate
Detection

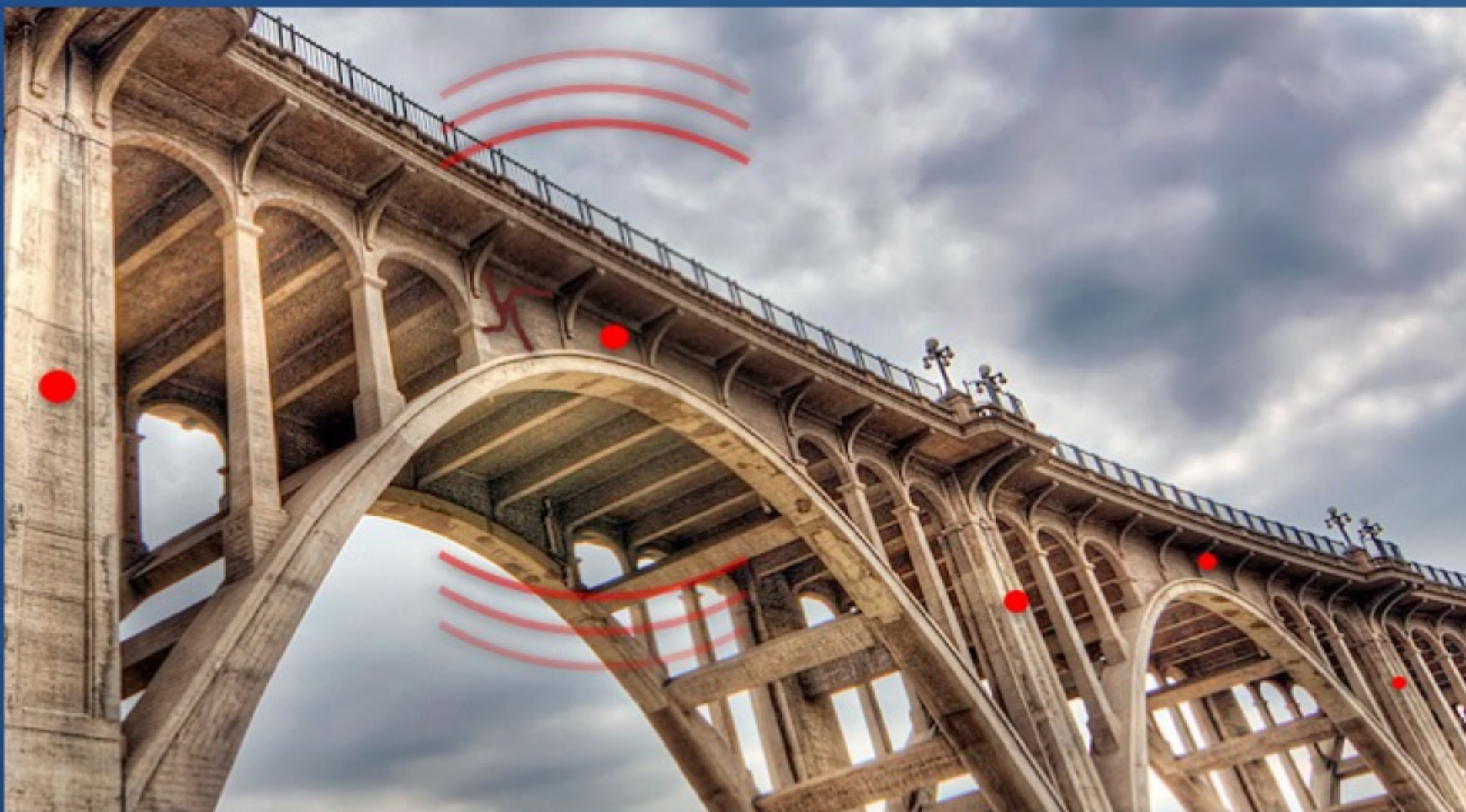
Power Grid:

Dependent

X_t : Energy at major points in the grid.

$\xi_t = X_t + W_t$ noisy measurements.

\mathcal{A} : If $X_t \in \mathcal{A}$ then, after short time major blackout.
 \mathcal{A} is known



Delayed
Detection

Structural health monitoring:

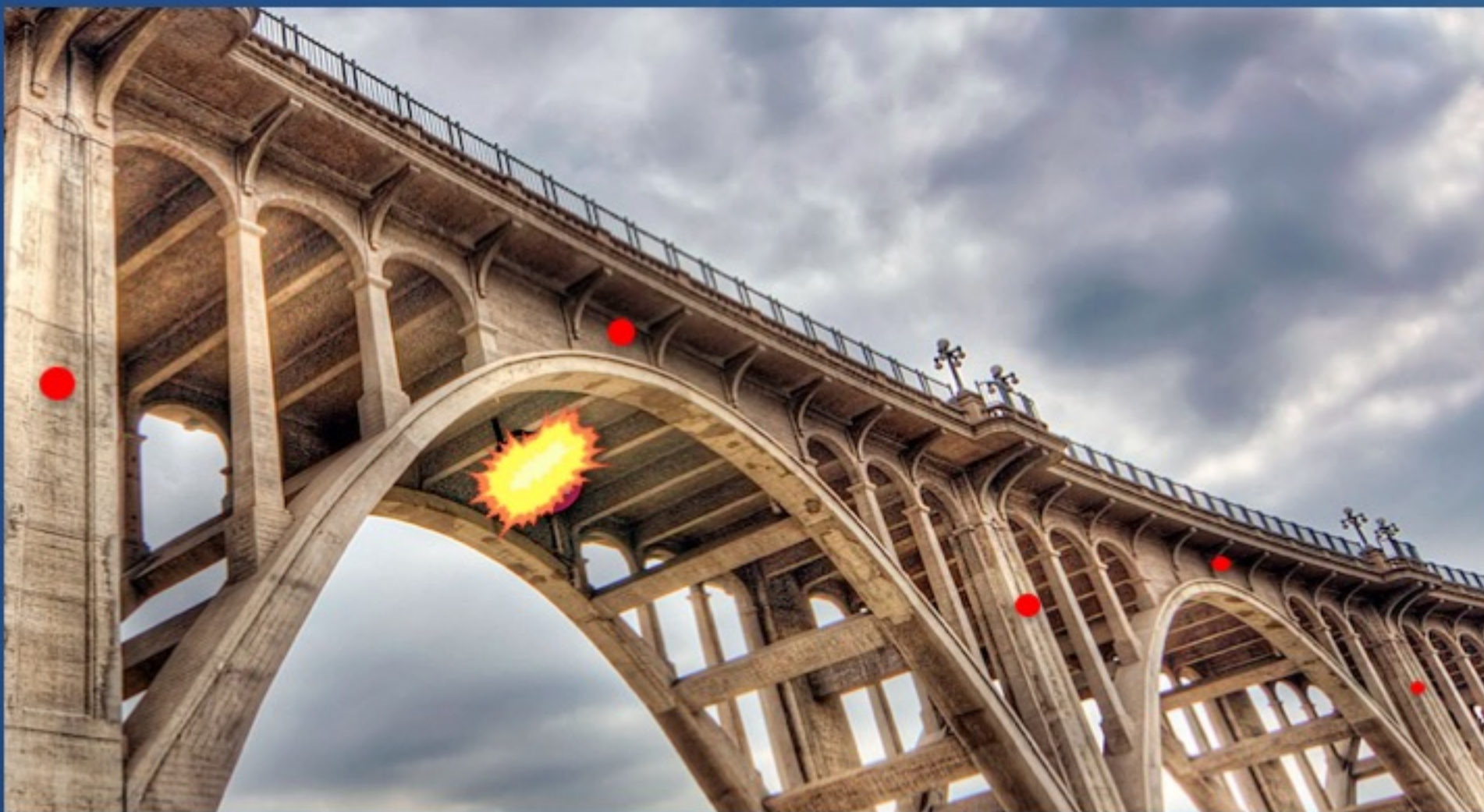
Dependent

X_t : Vibrations at every point of the structure (state)

$\xi_t = \mathbf{A}X_t + W_t$: Noisy measurements

\mathcal{A} : If $X_t \in \mathcal{A}$ then cracks (**change** in the structure)

\mathcal{A} known or unknown.



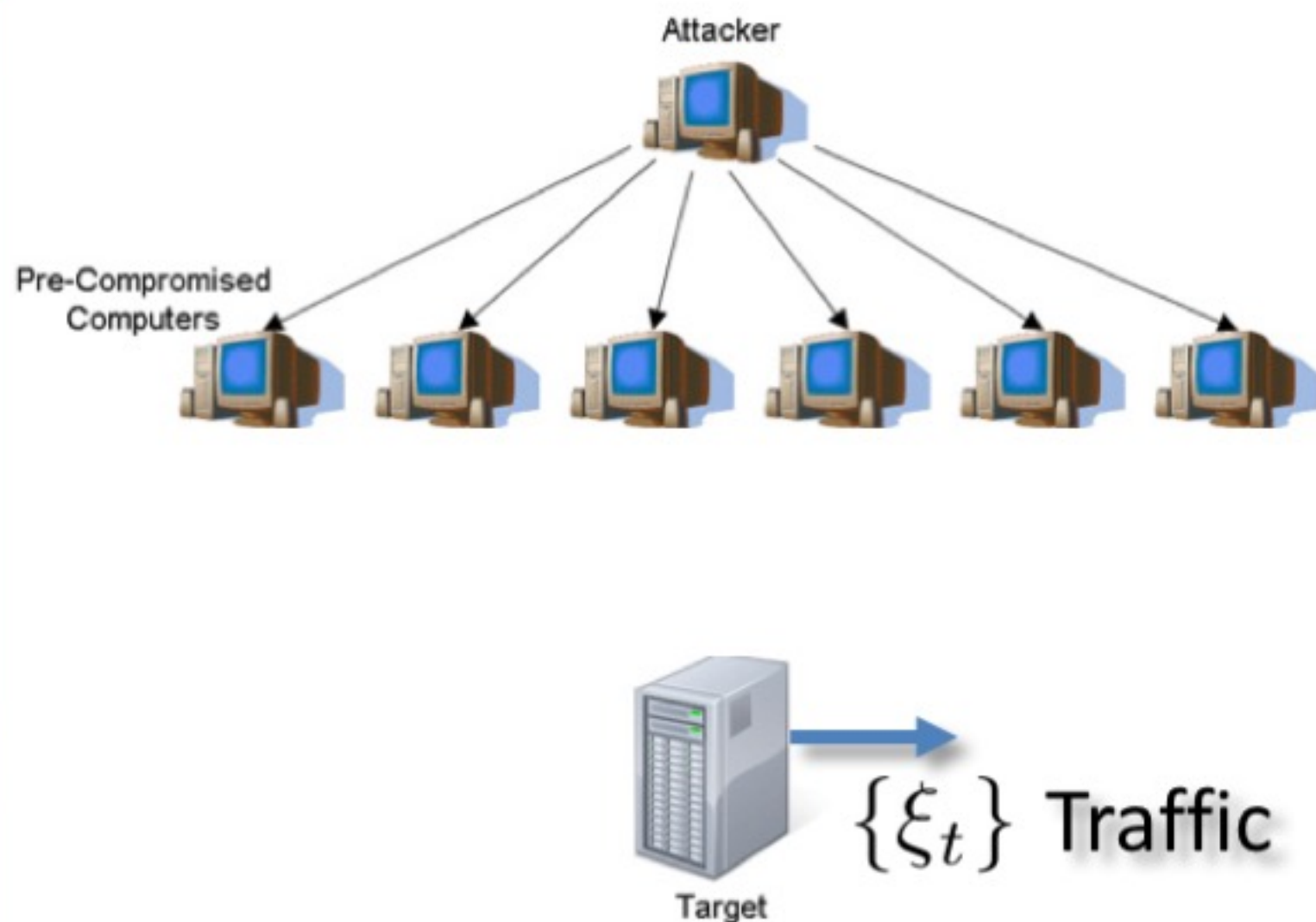
Independent $\{X_t\}$ and $\{\xi_t\}$?:

X_t : Field coordinates of the ball

ξ_t : Noisy vibration measurements

\mathcal{A} : Volume under the goal net.

Independent



At some point in time:
Attack!!!

Attacker no access to
observations...

$\{X_t\}, \{\xi_t\}$ independent

There are important applications where the two processes are independent.

However, in the majority of cases the two processes **are dependent!!!**

A more general model

In the bridge example we argued that the change is imposed by a first entry mechanism:

$$\tau = \inf\{t > 0 : X_t \in \mathcal{A}\}$$

But we can have something far more complicated:

$$\tau = \inf\{t > 0 : \{X_{t-M}, \dots, X_t\} \in \mathcal{A}_M\}$$

More general model than first entry, for change imposing mechanism:

τ : Stopping time adapted to history of $\{X_t\}$

τ is a stopping time controlled by the process $\{X_t\}$.


T is a stopping time controlled by the observation sequence $\{\xi_t\}$.

If stopping rule for τ known, then we should use it!

In example $\tau = \inf\{t > 0 : \{X_{t-M}, \dots, X_t\} \in \mathcal{A}_M\}$

instead of guessing

???



safer to consider unknown stopping rule $\tau = ???$

We assume that we know:

- τ : adapted to the history $\{X_t\}$
- $f_t(X_t, \xi_t | X_{t-1}, \xi_{t-1}, \dots, X_1, \xi_1)$

Performance measures

Known change imposing mechanism

Delayed
detection

$$\inf_T E[T - \tau | T > \tau]$$

subject to : $P_\infty(T \leq \tau) \leq \alpha$

Shiryaev
(1961)

Hard limited
detection
delay

$$\sup_T P(T \leq \tau + M | T > \tau)$$

subject to : $P_\infty(T \leq \tau) \leq \alpha$

Immediate
detection

$$\sup_T P_\infty(T = \tau | T \geq \tau)$$

subject to : $P_\infty(T < \tau) \leq \alpha$

Unknown change imposing mechanism

$$\inf_T \mathcal{J}(T) = \inf_T \sup_{\tau} E[T - \tau | T > \tau]$$

subject to : $E_{\infty}[T] \geq \gamma$

Worst-case
analysis

Independent $\{X_t\}$ and $\{\xi_t\}$

$$\inf_T \sup_{t>0} E_t[T - t | T > t]$$

subject to : $E_{\infty}[T] \geq \gamma$

Pollak
(1985)

Worst-case scenario
over $\{X_t\}$ **NOT** $\{\xi_t\}$

Dependent $\{X_t\}$ and $\{\xi_t\}$

$$\inf_T \sup_{t>0} \text{ess sup } E_t[T - t | T > t, X_1, \dots, X_t]$$

subject to : $E_{\infty}[T] \geq \gamma$

Lorden??
(1971)

$$\sup_T \mathcal{P}(T) = \sup_T \inf_{\tau} P(T \leq \tau + M | T > \tau)$$

subject to : $E_{\infty}[T] \geq \gamma$

Independent $\{X_t\}$ and $\{\xi_t\}$

$$\sup_T \inf_{t>0} P_t(T \leq t + M | T > t)$$

subject to : $E_{\infty}[T] \geq \gamma$

Pollak
like

Dependent $\{X_t\}$ and $\{\xi_t\}$

$$\sup_T \inf_{t>0} \text{ess inf } P_t(T \leq t + M | T > t, X_1, \dots, X_t)$$

subject to : $E_{\infty}[T] \geq \gamma$

Lorden like

Hidden Markov Model (Fuh, Mei, Tartakovsky)

$\{(z_t, \xi_t)\} : \{z_t\}$ HMP, $\{\xi_t\}$ Observations

$$f_i(z_t, \xi_t | z_{t-1}, \xi_{t-1}, \dots, z_1, \xi_1) = g_i(z_t | z_{t-1}) h_i(\xi_t | z_t) \\ i = \infty, 0$$

By considering only observations, resulting pdfs are change-time dependent: No stationarity!!!

$$\text{ess sup } E_t[T - t | T > t, \xi_1, \dots, \xi_t]$$

Conditioning on the pair process we obtain **stationary** conditional pdfs.

$$\text{ess sup } E_t[T - t | T > t, \xi_1, z_1, \dots, \xi_t, z_t]$$

Change mechanism consults $\{z_t\}$ **AND** $\{\xi_t\}$

Examples

Immediate detection

$$\tau = \inf\{t > 0 : X_t \in \mathcal{A}\}$$

Known : \mathcal{A} , $f_\infty(X_t, \xi_t | X_{t-1}, \xi_{t-1}, \dots, X_1, \xi_1)$

$$\begin{aligned} & \sup_T P_\infty(T = \tau | T \geq \tau) \\ & \text{subject to : } P_\infty(T < \tau) \leq \alpha \end{aligned}$$

Define $\varpi_t = P_\infty(\tau = t | \xi_1, \dots, \xi_t)$

For i.i.d. pair process $\{(X_t, \xi_t)\}$

$$\varpi_t = \pi_t \prod_{k=0}^{t-1} (1 - \pi_k), \quad \text{where } \pi_t = P_\infty(X_t \in \mathcal{A} | \xi_t)$$

Optimum stopping time

$$T_o = \inf\{t > 0 : \pi_t \geq \nu\}, \quad \nu \in (0, 1)$$

Threshold selected to satisfy constraint with equality.

For a state-space Gaussian linear model

$$X_t = \mathbf{A}X_{t-1} + W_t$$

Assume change rare

$$\xi_t = B'X_t + v_t \quad \varpi_t \approx \pi_t = P(X_t \in \mathcal{A} | \xi_1, \dots, \xi_t)$$

$$X_t \sim \mathcal{N}(\hat{X}_{t|t}, \Sigma_{t|t})$$

$$T_o = \inf\{t > 0, \pi_t \geq \nu\}$$

Kalman Filter

Hard Limited Delay: $P(T \leq \tau + M | T > \tau)$

Only for $M = 1$: $P(T = \tau + 1 | T > \tau)$

Detection with the **first** sample under alternative regime

$\mathcal{P}_S(T) = P(T = \tau + 1 | T > \tau)$ Shiryaev like

$\mathcal{P}_P(T) = \inf_{t > 0} P_t(T = t + 1 | T > t)$ Pollak like

$\{X_t\}, \{\xi_t\}$ independent

$\mathcal{P}_L(T) = \inf_{t > 0} \text{ess inf } P_t(T = t + 1 | T > t, \xi_1, \dots, \xi_t)$

$\{X_t = \xi_t\}$

Lorden like

$$\begin{aligned} & \sup_T \mathcal{P}_S(T) \\ & \text{s.t. } P_\infty(T \leq \tau) \leq \alpha \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \sup_T \mathcal{P}_{P(L)}(T) \\ & \text{s.t. } E_\infty[T] \geq \gamma \end{aligned}$$

$$T_{\text{Sh}} = \inf \left\{ t > 0 : \frac{f_0(\xi_t)}{f_\infty(\xi_t)} \geq \nu \right\} \quad \text{Shewhart test (1931)}$$

Optimality: Bojdecki (1979): Shiryaev like

Pollak and Krieger (2013): Pollak like

Moustakides (2014): Lorden like

Pollak and Krieger (2013): Multiple post-change possibilities.

Moustakides (2014): Post change time variation

Markovian observations

$$\mathcal{P}_L(T) = \inf_{t>0} \text{ess inf } P_t(T = t + 1 | T > t, \xi_1, \dots, \xi_t)$$

$$\sup_T \mathcal{P}_L(T), \quad \text{subject to : } E_\infty[T] \geq \gamma$$

Markovian pre- and post-change observations $\{\xi_t\}$

$$T_{\text{Sh}} = \inf \left\{ t > 0 : c(\xi_{t-1}) \frac{f_0(\xi_t | \xi_{t-1})}{f_\infty(\xi_t | \xi_{t-1})} \geq \nu(\xi_t) \right\}$$

Applies **only** to the Lorden-like measure

Denote conditional LR : $L(\xi_1, \xi_0) = \frac{f_0(\xi_1|\xi_0)}{f_\infty(\xi_1|\xi_0)}$

Define $c(\xi) > 0$, $\nu(\xi) > 1$, through equations :

$$P_0(c(\xi_0)L(\xi_1, \xi_0) \geq \nu(\xi_1)|\xi_0) = \beta \in (0, 1), \quad \forall \xi_0$$

$c(\xi), \nu(\xi)$ depend on β

Forces test to be equalizer

$$\nu(\xi_0) = 1 + E_\infty[\nu(\xi_1) \mathbb{1}_{\{c(\xi_0)L(\xi_1, \xi_0) < \nu(\xi_1)\}} | \xi_0]$$

$$\nu(\xi_0) = E_\infty[T_{Sh} | \xi_0]$$

If ξ_0 pre-change with pdf $g_\infty(\xi)$ enforce FA equality :

$$\begin{aligned} E_\infty[T_{Sh}] &= E_\infty[E_\infty[T_{Sh} | \xi_0]] \\ &= \int \nu(\xi_0) g_\infty(\xi_0) d\xi_0 = \gamma. \end{aligned}$$

Functions $c(\xi)$, $\nu(\xi)$ and detection probability β can be computed numerically

$$P_{\infty} : \quad \xi_t = w_t, \quad w_t \sim \mathcal{N}(0, 1) \text{ i.i.d.}$$

$$P_0 : \quad \xi_t = 0.5\xi_{t-1} + w_t$$

False alarm constraint : $\gamma = 100$

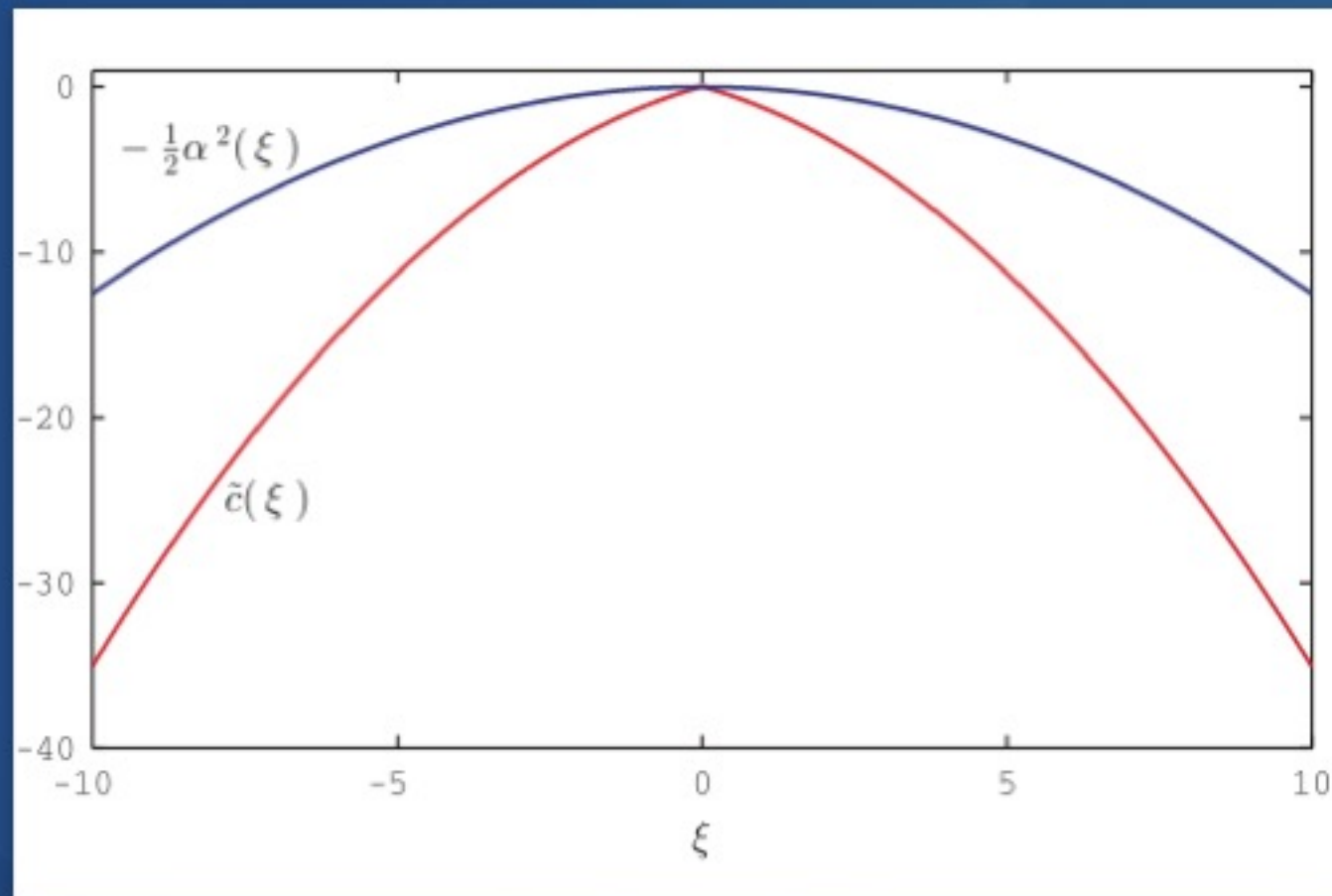
Optimum (after taking the logarithm):

$$T_{\text{Sh}} = \inf\{t > 0 : \tilde{c}(\xi_{t-1}) + 0.5\xi_{t-1}\xi_t \geq \tilde{\nu}(\xi_t)\}$$

$$\tilde{c}(\xi) = \log c(\xi) - 0.125\xi^2, \quad \tilde{\nu}(\xi) = \log \nu(\xi)$$

Naïve - Compare conditional LR to constant threshold:

$$\mathcal{T} = \inf\{t > 0 : -0.125\xi_{t-1}^2 + 0.5\xi_{t-1}\xi_t \geq \tilde{\nu}\}$$



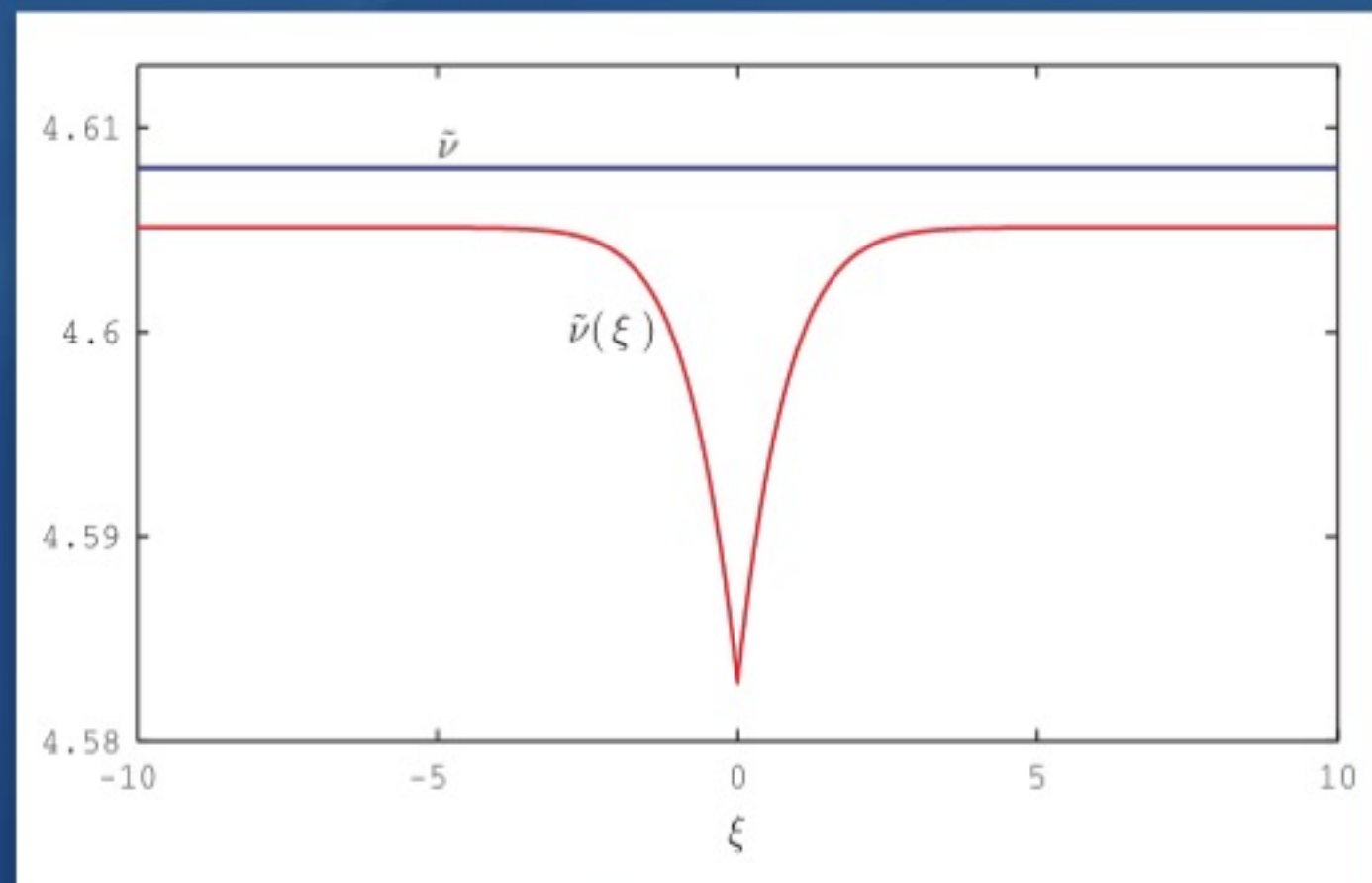
Optimum: worst-case
performance: 0.022

**Holy Grail: Solve Lorden's
formulation**

Naïve: worst-case
performance: 0.0

$$-0.125\xi_{t-1}^2 + 0.5\xi_{t-1}\xi_t \geq \tilde{\nu}$$

ess inf for $\xi_{t-1} = 0$: $0 \not\geq \tilde{\nu}$



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