

# State Estimation of Hybrid Systems

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# Resiliency Context

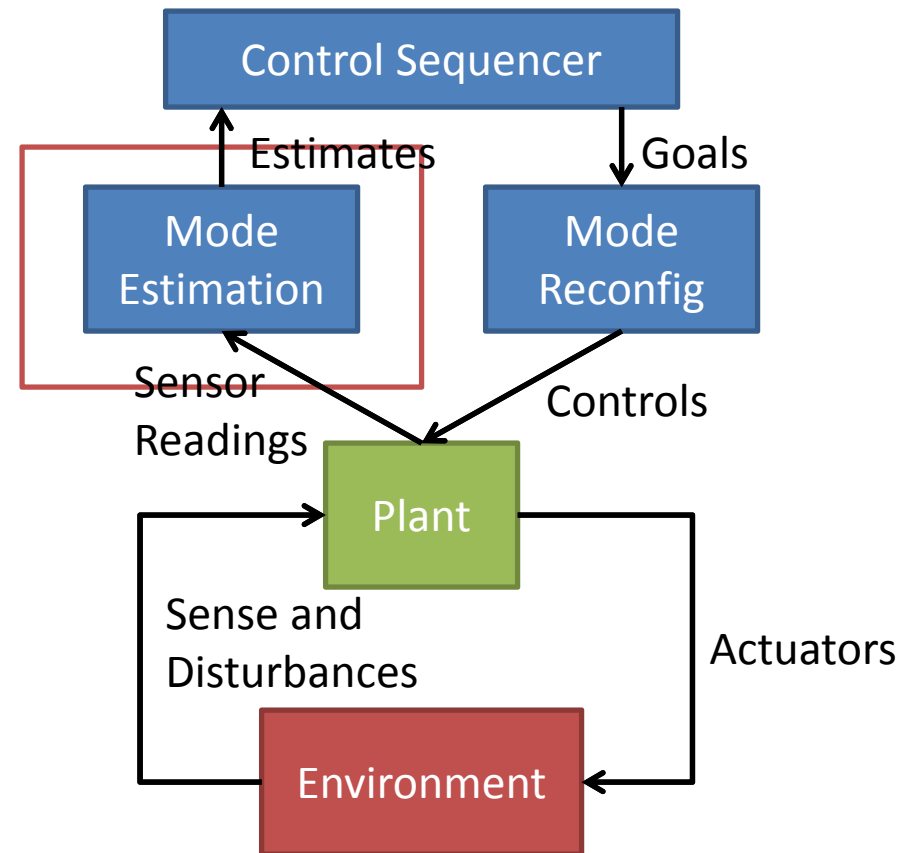
- Control Systems short course
  - Feedback control
  - Receding horizon control
- AI short course
  - Planning
  - Model-based Programming

# State Estimation

- Critical to know state of the system
  - Low level control loops
  - High level planning algorithms
- Systems of interest have both discrete and continuous variables to estimate
  - Discrete variables = operating modes (open, closed, stuck open, etc.)

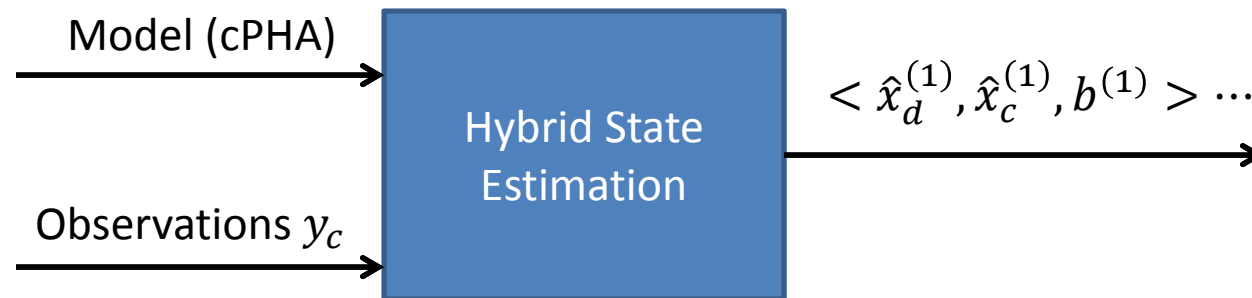
# Model-based Programming and Execution

- Program conditioned on hidden state of plant
  - Executive automatically estimates state from model
- Program by setting the hidden state of the plant
  - Executive interprets goals and automatically generates action sequence to achieve goal



# Problem Statement

- Given a model of a system and continuous observations, estimate the discrete operating modes and continuous values of the system



# Probabilistic Hybrid Automata

- Description of a component and its continuous and discrete evolutions over time

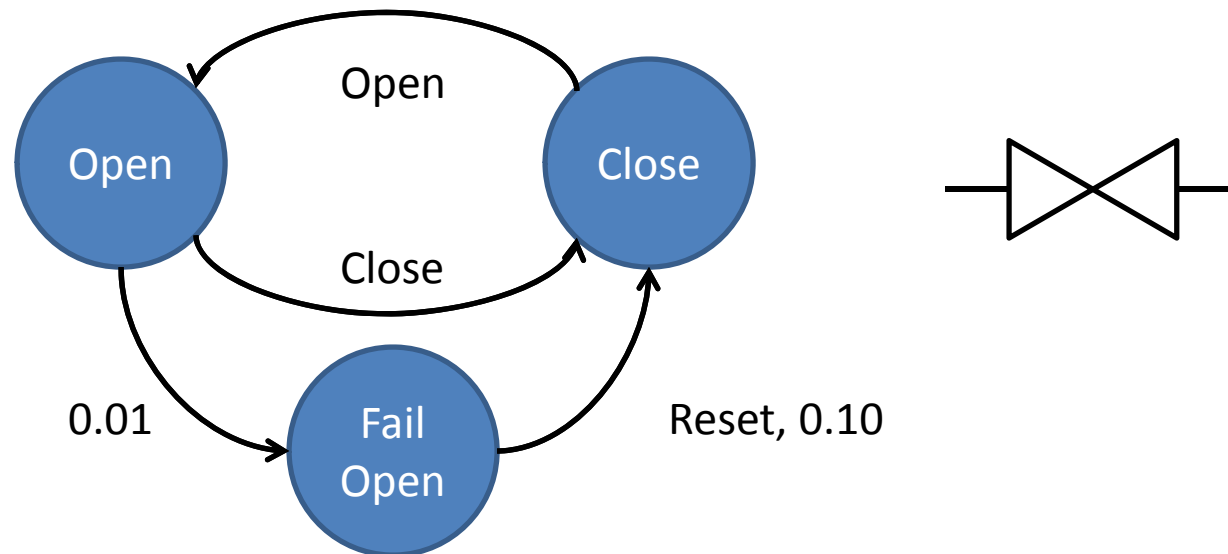
– Continuous:

$$x_{c,k} = f_{DE}(x_{c,k-1}, u_{c,k-1}, x_{d,k}) + v_{s,k-1}$$

$$f_{AE}(x_{c,k}, u_{c,k}, x_{d,k}) \leq 0$$

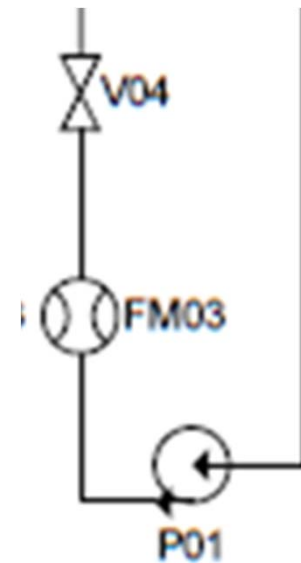
$$y_{c,k} = g(x_{c,k}, u_{c,k}, x_{d,k}) + v_{o,k}$$

– Discrete:



# Concurrent Probabilistic Hybrid Automata

- Composed of  $l$  PHAs
- Connected by shared variables
- Assumption: mode transitions are independent



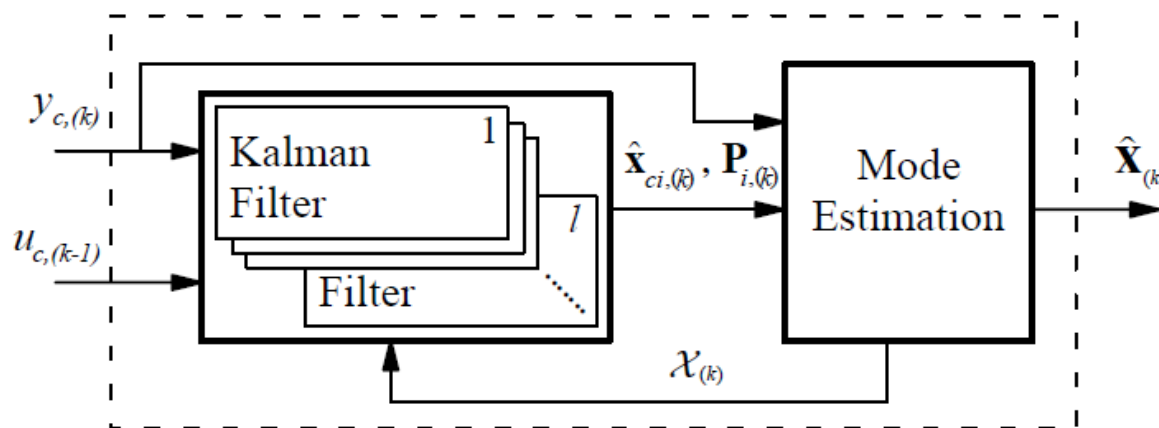


# A Previous Approach

- Hybrid Mode Estimation [Hofbauer and Williams, 2004]

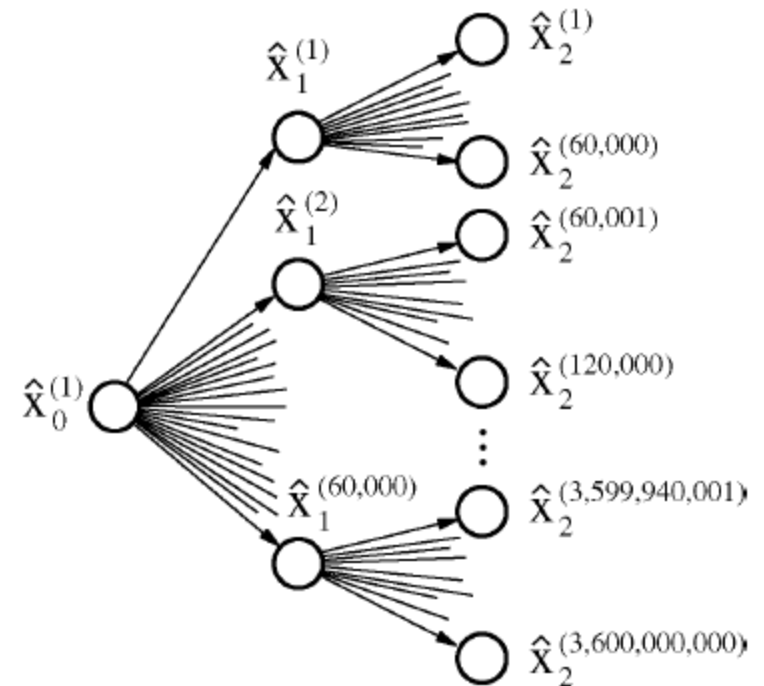
$$b_{k|k-1}^{(j)} = P_T \left( \hat{x}_{d,k}^{(j)}, \hat{x}_{k-1}^{(i)}, u_{d,k-1} \right) b_{k-1}^{(i)}$$

$$b_{(k|k)}^j = \frac{P_O \left( y_{c,k}, \hat{x}_{(k|k-1)}^{(j)}, u_{c,k} \right) b_{(k|k-1)}^{(j)}}{\sum_{i=1}^{\lambda_k} P_O \left( y_{c,k}, \hat{x}_{(k|k-1)}^{(i)}, u_{c,k} \right) b_{(k|k-1)}^{(i)}}$$



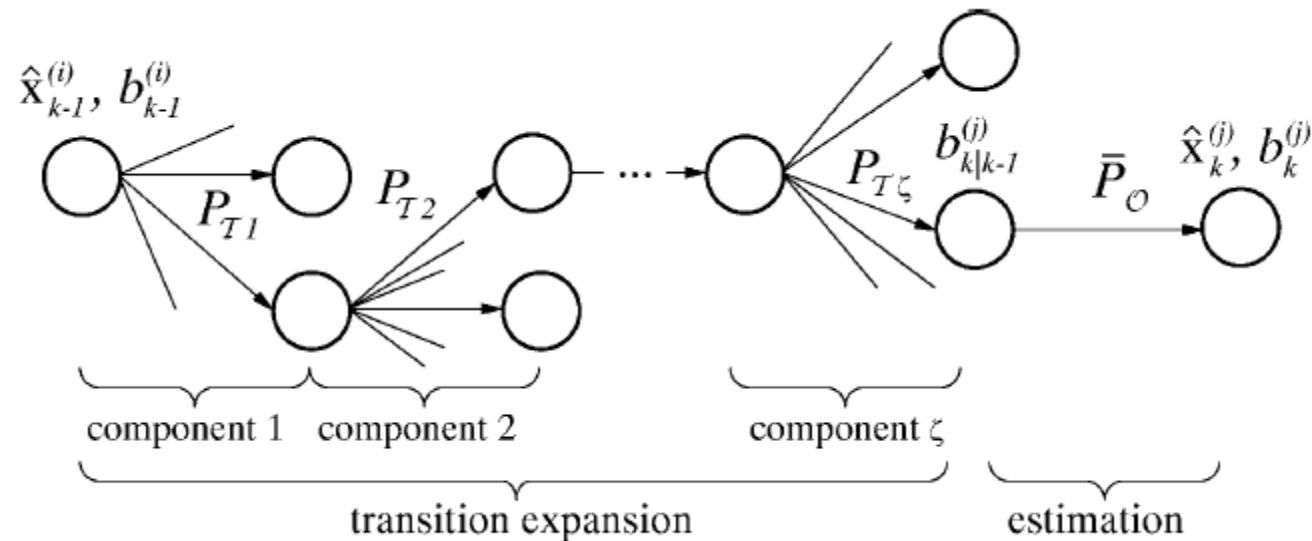
# Combinatorics Strike!

- Each mode estimate at time  $t$  can evolve into an exponential number of mode estimates at time  $t + 1$ 
  - Track  $k$ -best trajectories
  - But... how do we decide which  $k$  of the exponential possibilities to keep?



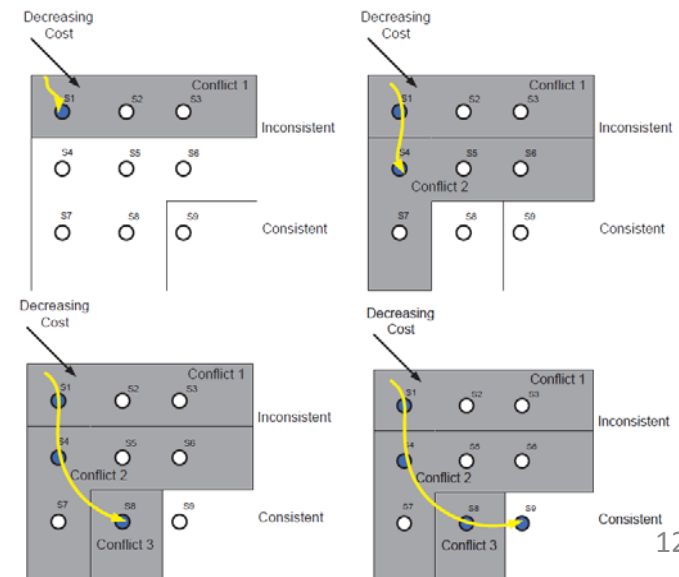
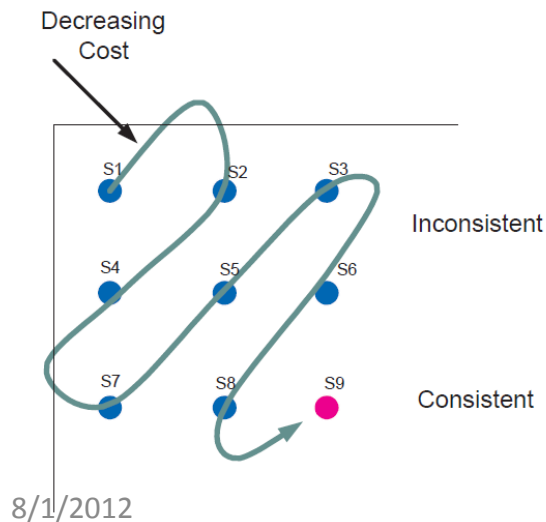
# Determining Successors

- A\* search from estimates at time t to estimates at t+1



# Conflict-Directed Search

- Conflict Directed A\* [Ragno and Williams, 2003]
  - Solves optimal constraint satisfaction problems
  - Max  $f(x)$  s.t.  $C(x)$  is satisfied
  - Learns conflicts while searching to jump over areas that look promising



# Conflict Directed Hybrid Mode Estimation?

- Can we apply conflict directed search methods to find successors in HME?
- Sort of...
  - Learn conflict when  $P_o \leq \Delta$
  - How do we set  $\Delta$ ?
    - Too high: Cut out too much of the search space
    - Too low: No benefit from conflicts

# Bounding Conflicts

- Generalize conflicts to the continuous case
- $\gamma = \langle z, \delta \rangle$  is a bounding conflict if every extension to  $z$  has cost greater than  $\delta$ .

# Bounding Conflict Directed A\*

- If the cost of a node is much worse than the heuristic predicts, learn a bounding conflict that explains why
- Stratify the search queue based on the bounding conflicts
- Once the best stratum is empty, relax a conflict and start working on the next stratum

# bCDA\* Example

$$\min \quad x_1 + x_2 + 4k(y_1) + 3k(y_2) + 2k(y_3) + k(y_4)$$

$$\text{s.t.} \quad \neg y_1 \quad \rightarrow \quad x_1 + x_2 \geq 15$$

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$$x_1, x_2 \geq 0$$



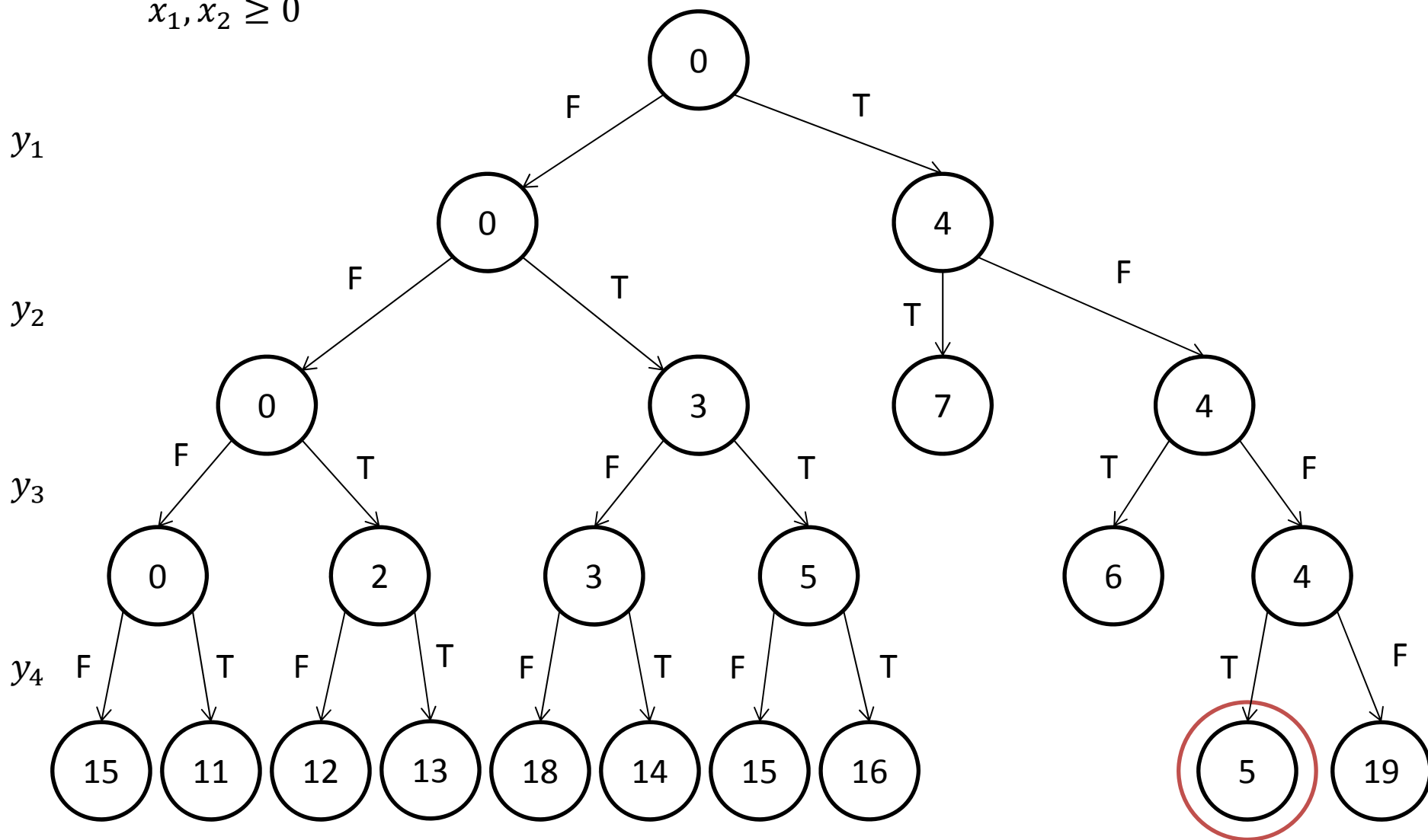
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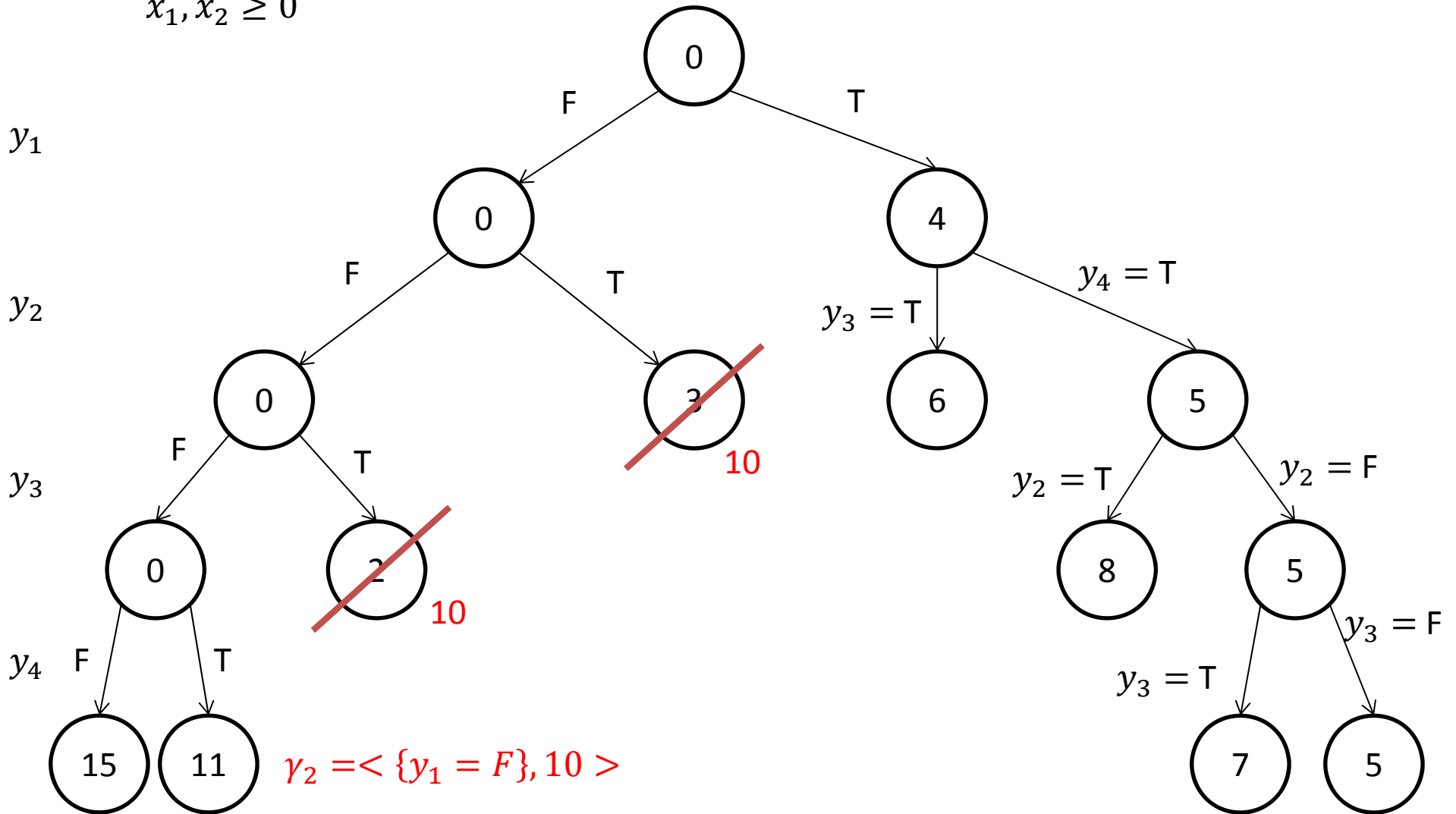
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**bCDA\***



$$\gamma_2 = \langle \{y_1 = F\}, 10 \rangle$$

$$\gamma_1 = \langle \{y_3 = F, y_4 = F\}, 15 \rangle$$

# Status

- Applied to fluid system with algebraic constraints, no difference constraints.

# Future Work

- Characterize performance on fluid system with simulated sensors
- Add in dynamics (Kalman filter propagation)
- Benchmark bCDA\* with other search algorithms on random MLLPs

# Take-aways

- State estimation is a key enabler for resilient systems
  - Generative planning
  - Intuitive model-based programming
- Hybrid estimation schemes are subject to exponential blow-up

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