

Fault-Tolerant Control - Present and Future -



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Outline

- 1. Introduction to fault-tolerant control
- 2. Fault diagnosis
- 3. Controller re-design
- 4. Fault-hiding approach to control reconfiguration
- 5. Conclusions and future trends







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Problems to be solved:

- Find the fault
- Select a new control configuration
- Design the controller automatically



Fault tolerance

- = property of a system to continue to function if components fail
- Graceful degradation of the loop performance
- Enhanced availability instead of sudden shut-down





Blanke, Kinnaert, Lunze, Staroswiecki: Diagnosis and Fault-Tolerant Control. (2. Ed.), Springer 2006





- 1. Fault detection: Does a fault occur?
- 2. **Fault isolation:** Which component is faulty?
- 3. Fault identification: Which fault occurs?

Industry Heuristic methods Signal-based diagnosis

Control engineering (FDI) Quantitative models Observer-based approach Parity-space methods Identification methods

Computer science (DX) Qualitative models Qualitative reasoning









L. Travé-Massuyès et al.: Comparing diagnosability in computer science and discrete-event systems, *SAFEPROCESS 2006*

M.O. Cordier et al.: Conflicts versus analytical redundancy relations. *IEEE Trans. SMC*, October 2004.



Consistency-based diagnosis:

A fault changes the I/O-behaviour of a system: M(f)



Does the system behave like the model?

• Fault detection:

If the input-output pair (u(t), y(t)) is inconsistent with the model $M(f_0)$, a fault has occurred

Fault identification:

If the input-output pair (u(t), y(t)) is consistent with the model $M(f_i)$, the fault f_i may have occurred



Consistency-based diagnosis of continuous systems



$$\dot{\boldsymbol{x}}(t) = \boldsymbol{A}\boldsymbol{x}(t) + \boldsymbol{b}\boldsymbol{u}(t) + \boldsymbol{g}\boldsymbol{f}(t)$$
$$y(t) = \boldsymbol{c}'\boldsymbol{x}(t)$$

Residual with respect to the model M(f):

$$r(f, t) = y(t) - y(f, t)$$

If $|r(f, t)| > \overline{r}$ holds, the I/O-pair is inconsistent with the model of the system subject to fault f

Set of fault candidates:

$$\mathcal{F} = \{f : |r(f, t)| < \overline{r}\}$$







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Consistency-based diagnosis of discrete-event systems



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Example: Diagnosis of the air path of a diesel motor



Neidig, Falkenberg, Lunze, Fritz: Qualitative diagnosis of an automotive air path, ATP international 2005



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Summary of fault diagnosis

- Fault diagnosis necessitates analytical redundancy (model of the faultless and the faulty system)
- Consistency tests yield the set of fault candidates



Fault hiding: The reconfigured plant should have the same properties as the faultless plant



Stabilisation I/O equilibrium: $t \to \infty, \forall \bar{\boldsymbol{u}}_c \sigma(t), \bar{\boldsymbol{d}}\sigma(t) :$ $\boldsymbol{y}_f(t) - \boldsymbol{y}_c(t) \to \boldsymbol{0}$ I/O trajectory following: $\forall t, \boldsymbol{u}_c(t), \boldsymbol{d}(t) :$

$$\boldsymbol{y}_f(t) - \boldsymbol{y}_c(t) = \boldsymbol{0}$$

Steffen: Control Reconfiguration of Dynamical Systems. LNCIS Vol. 320, Springer 2005



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Virtual Sensor

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{\boldsymbol{x}}(t) &= \boldsymbol{A}_{\delta} \hat{\boldsymbol{x}}(t) + \boldsymbol{B} \boldsymbol{u}_{c}(t) + \boldsymbol{L} \boldsymbol{y}_{f} \\ \boldsymbol{u}_{f}(t) &= \boldsymbol{u}_{c}(t) \\ \boldsymbol{y}_{c}(t) &= \boldsymbol{C}_{\delta} \hat{\boldsymbol{x}}(t) + \boldsymbol{P} \boldsymbol{y}_{f}(t) \end{aligned}$$

Reconfigured plant

$$\begin{aligned} \boldsymbol{e}(t) &= \hat{\boldsymbol{x}}(t) - \boldsymbol{x}_f(t) \\ \begin{pmatrix} \dot{\boldsymbol{x}}_f(t) \\ \dot{\boldsymbol{e}}(t) \end{pmatrix} &= \begin{pmatrix} \boldsymbol{A} & \boldsymbol{0} \\ \boldsymbol{0} & \boldsymbol{A}_\delta \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \boldsymbol{x}_f(t) \\ \boldsymbol{e}(t) \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} \boldsymbol{B} \\ \boldsymbol{0} \end{pmatrix} \boldsymbol{u}_c(t) \\ \begin{pmatrix} \boldsymbol{y}_c(t) \\ \boldsymbol{y}_f(t) \end{pmatrix} &= \begin{pmatrix} \boldsymbol{C} & \boldsymbol{C}_\delta \\ \boldsymbol{C}_f & \boldsymbol{0} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \boldsymbol{x}_f(t) \\ \boldsymbol{e}(t) \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

- Separation theorem
- The fault-hiding goal is satisfied





Virtual Actuator

$$\begin{aligned} \boldsymbol{x}_{\Delta}(t) &= \boldsymbol{A}_{\Delta} \boldsymbol{x}_{\Delta}(t) + \boldsymbol{B}_{\Delta} \boldsymbol{u}_{c}(t) \\ \boldsymbol{u}_{f}(t) &= \boldsymbol{M} \boldsymbol{x}_{\Delta}(t) + \boldsymbol{N} \boldsymbol{u}_{c}(t) \\ \boldsymbol{y}_{c}(t) &= \boldsymbol{C} \boldsymbol{x}_{\Delta}(t) + \boldsymbol{y}_{f}(t) \end{aligned}$$





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On-line algorithm for reconfiguration after actuator failures

Given: Model (A, B, B_f, C)

- 1. Determine the strongest reachable aim
- 2. Design of the matrices *M*, *N*
- 3. Apply the virtual actuator to reconfigure the loop

Result: Reconfigured loop, which satisfies the strongest reachable reconfiguration aim











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Fault-tolerant control is accomplished in two steps:

1. Fault diagnosis

Based on analytical redundancy (model) and consistency tests

Established for continuous systems, Currently in development for discrete-event systems

2. Controller re-design

Needs physical redundancy (additional sensors, actuators)

Several approaches exist for fault accomodation and control reconfiguration



Integration of fault diagnosis and controller re-design



Time-to-reconfigure?

How to deal with the uncertainties of the diagnostic result?



Distributed fault-tolerant control



- How to merge the local diagnostic and re-design results?
- How to re-distribute the control functions among the subsystems?

Fault-tolerant control of hybrid systems



Use the common foundation for diagnosis of mixed discrete-continuous systems

How to re-design hybrid controllers?



Networked fault-tolerant control







Create a temporary link among decentralised control loops

- Which information is necessary for ensuring fault-tolerance?
- Combine control and communication methods