

On-line learning,

Learning Using Privileged Information (LUPI)

and transfer learning

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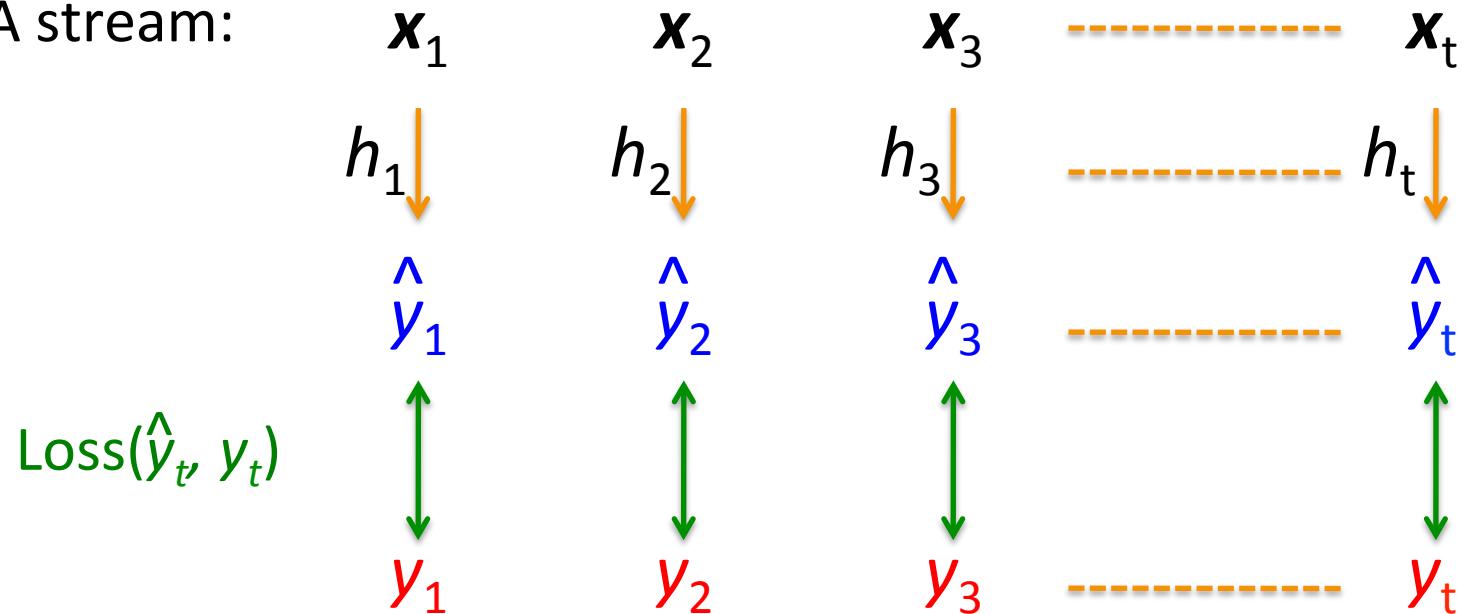
# Outline

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1. The online learning perspective
2. Early classification of time series
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## The online learning scenario

- A stream:



E.g. **Choice of melons.** I see one, I make **a prediction** about its tastiness, then I eat it and know the **answer**.

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3. Dilemma
  - **Keep as much as possible memory** from the past to gain in precision
  - But **be ready to adapt** to changes (and reduce the size of the memory)

## Desirable properties of a system that handle concept drift

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- **Adapt to concept drift as soon as possible**



- Distinguish **noise** from **true changes**

- Robust to noise but adaptive to changes



- Recognize and react to **recurring contexts**



- Adapt with **limited resources** (time and memory)

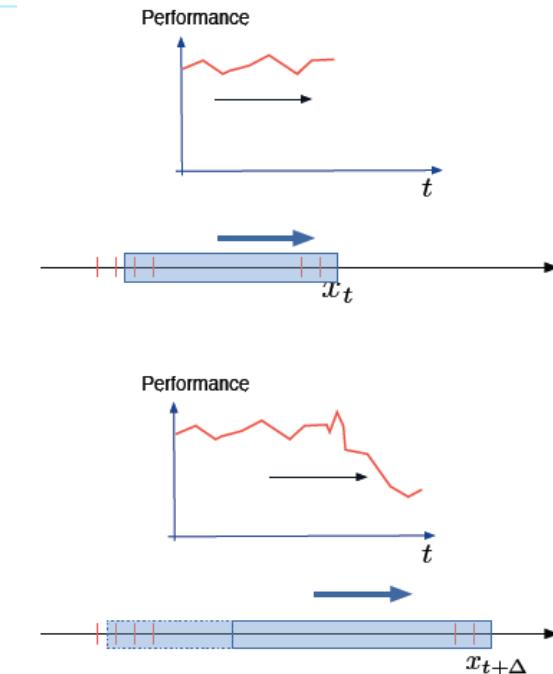


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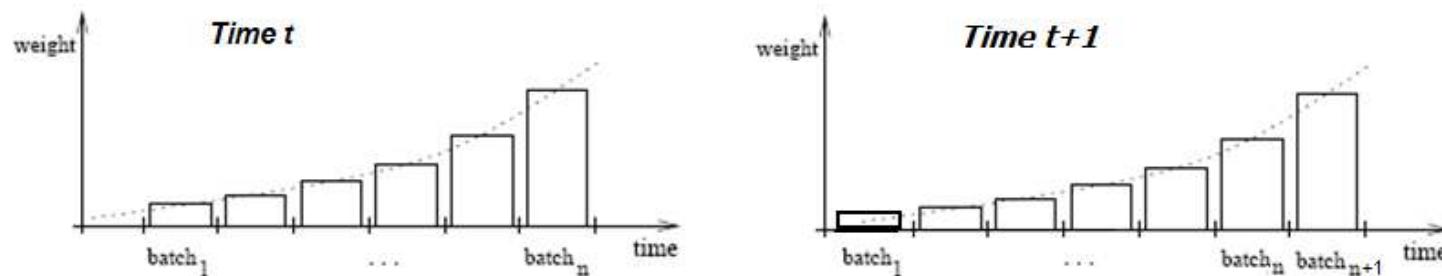
### 1. Directly control the memory

- Adapt the window size

[Widmer G. & Kubat M. (1996). *Learning in the presence of concept drift and hidden contexts*. Mach. Learning, 23, 69-101]



- Weight the past examples  $w(\mathbf{x}) = e^{-\lambda t_{\mathbf{x}}}$



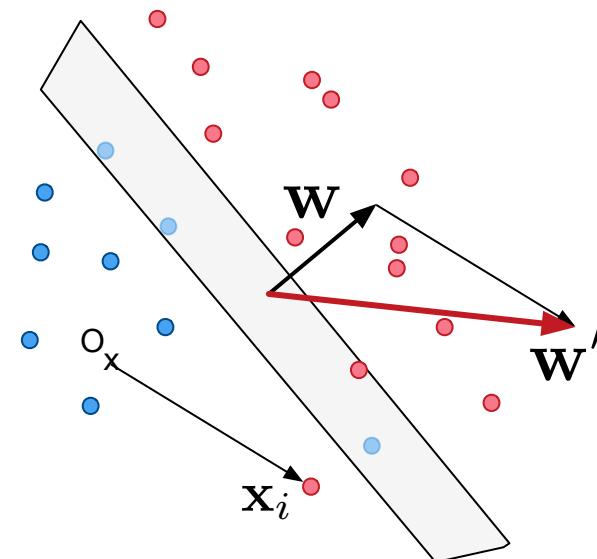
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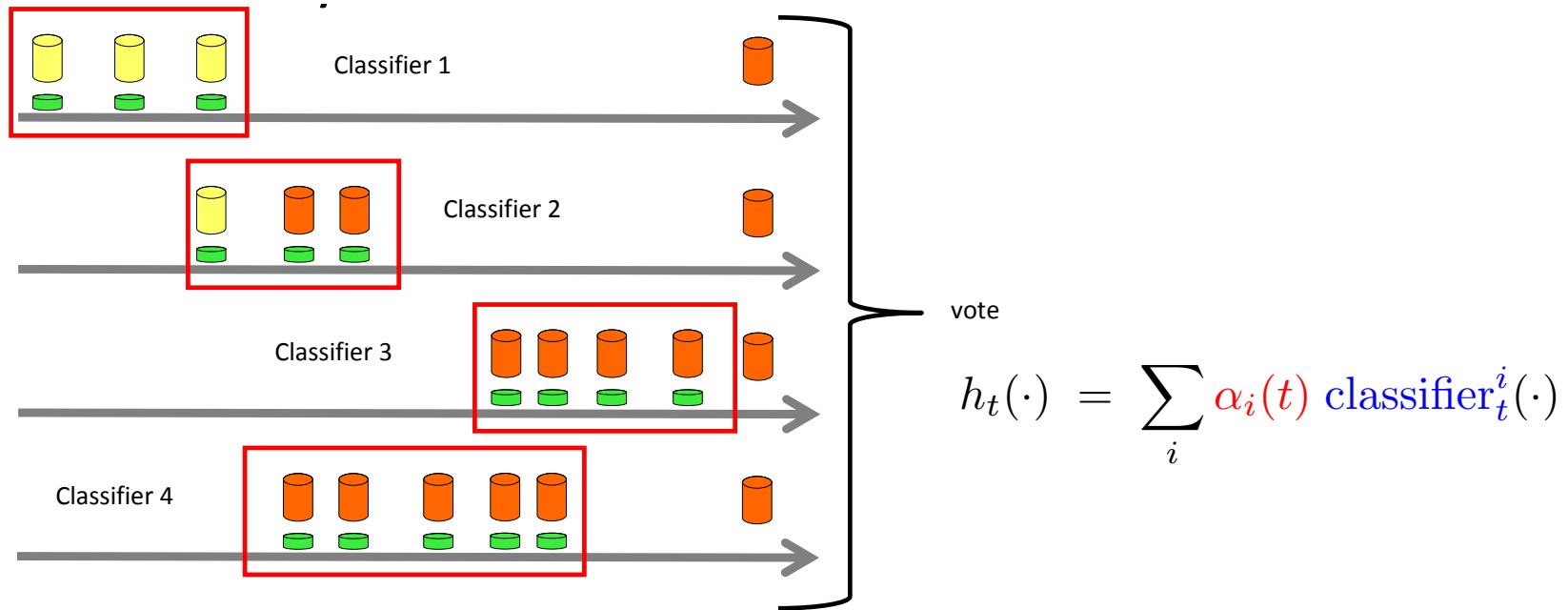
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5. **Both (3) and (4)**

## Online learning and transfer learning

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- Each step implies a “small” **transfer**
  - From the **environment at time  $t-1$**  to the **environment at time  $t$**
- Use “source knowledge” ( $h_{t-1}$ )  
and the current batch  $\{(\mathbf{x}_t^i, y_t^i)\}_{1 \leq i \leq m}$   
to learn **target**  $h_t$  by adapting from past to current environment

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## Learning Using Privileged Information

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Inspired by learning at school

- The goal is to learn a function  $h : \mathbf{x} \in \mathcal{X} \rightarrow y \in \{-1, +1\}$
- Suppose that at learning time there is more available information than at test time
- Can we then improve the generalization performance wrt. the one obtained with  $S$  only?

$$\mathcal{S}^* = \{(\mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{x}_i^*, y_i)\}_{1 \leq i \leq m}$$

V. Vapnik and A. Vashist (2009) “A new learning paradigm: Learning using privileged information”. Neural Networks, vol. 22, no. 5, pp. 544–557, 2009

## One solution: SVM+

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- The classical optimization problem

$$\begin{cases} \min \frac{1}{2} \langle \omega, \omega \rangle + C \sum_{i=1}^m \xi_i \\ \text{s.t. } y_i [\langle \omega, x_i \rangle + b] \geq 1 - \xi_i, \quad i = 1, \dots, m. \end{cases}$$

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$C$  and  $\gamma$  are hyperparameters

- Intuition:

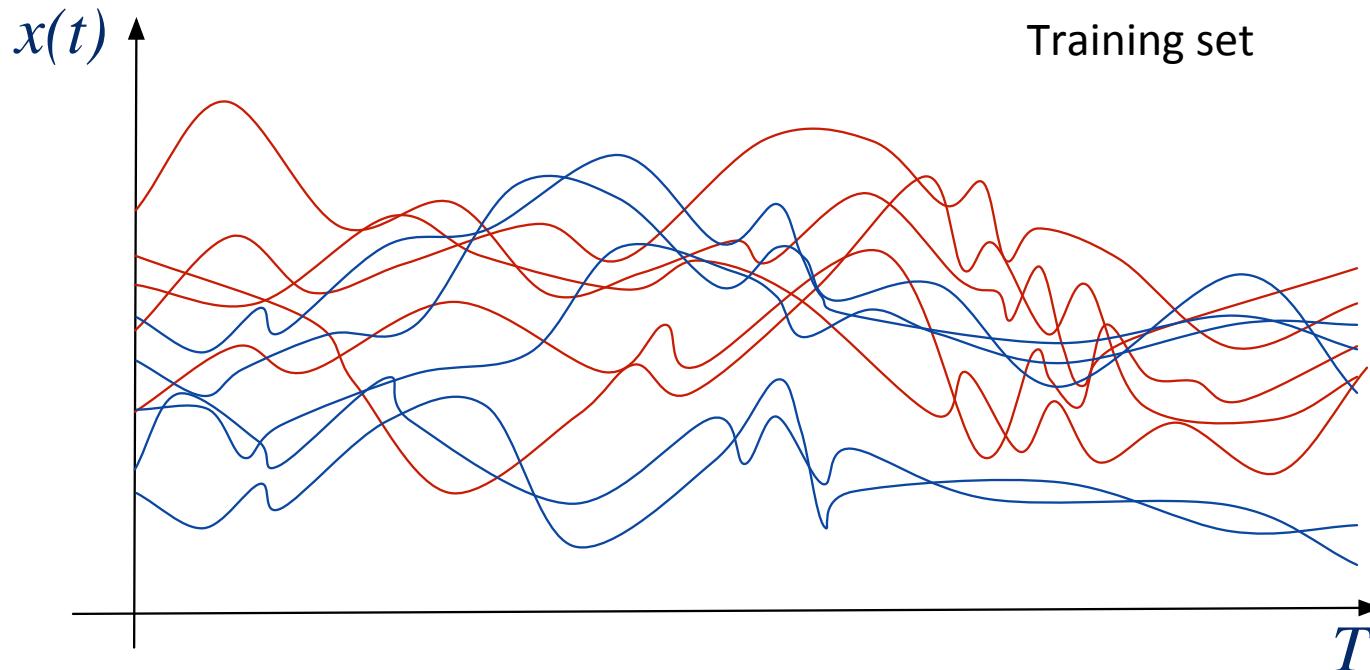
- Identify the **difficult examples**
- And relax / tighten the SVM constraints accordingly -> better generalization performances

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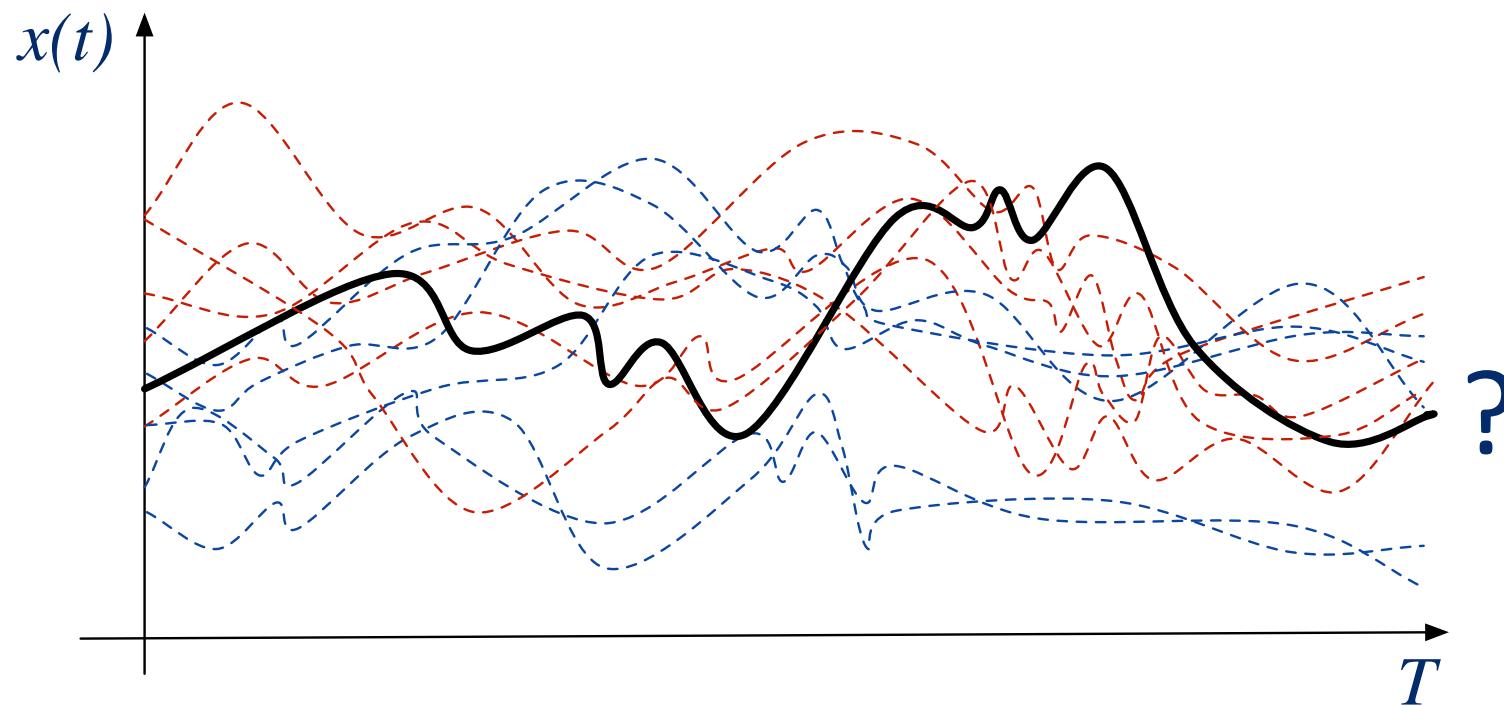
# Classification of time series



- Monitoring of ***consumer actions on a web site***: will buy or not
- Monitoring of a ***patient state***: critical or not
- Early prediction of daily ***electrical consumption***: high or low

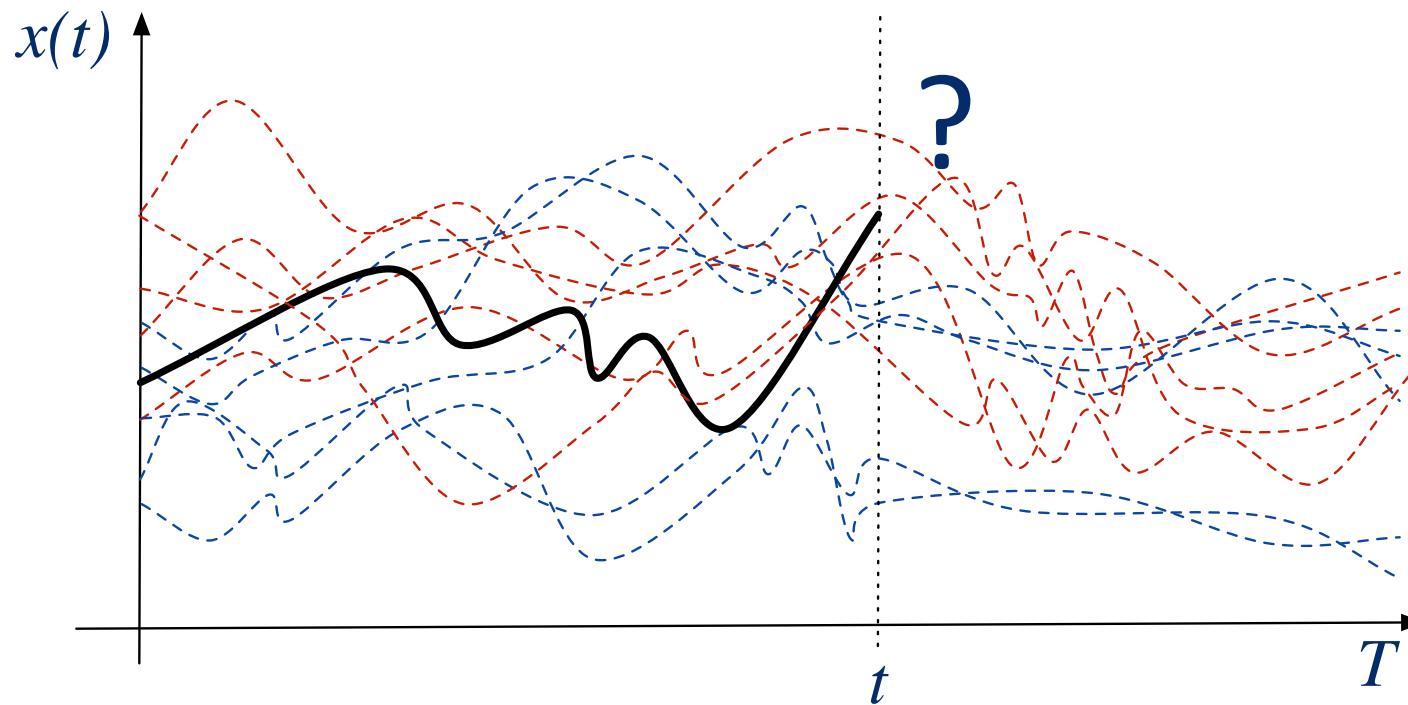
## Standard classification of time series

- What is the class of the new time series  $x_T$ ?



## Early classification of time series

- What is the class of the new **incomplete** time series  $x_t$ ?



## New set of decision problems : early classification

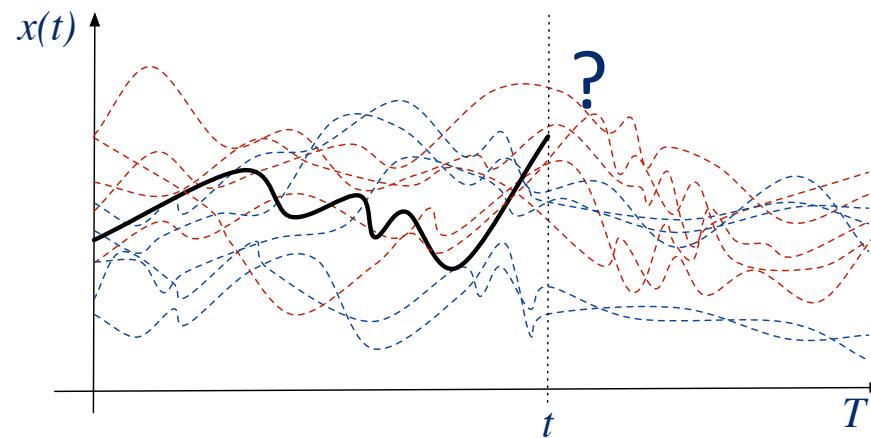
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- Data stream
- Classification task
- As early as possible
- A trade-off
  - Classification performance (better if  $t \nearrow$ )
  - Cost of delaying prediction (better if  $t \searrow$ )

# Early classification of time series

## Online decision problem

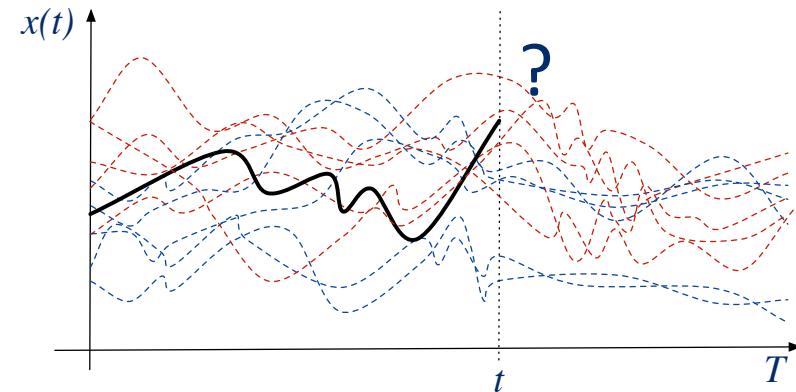
- With option to defer at each time step
  - If the **expected future performance** overcomes the **cost of delaying decision**



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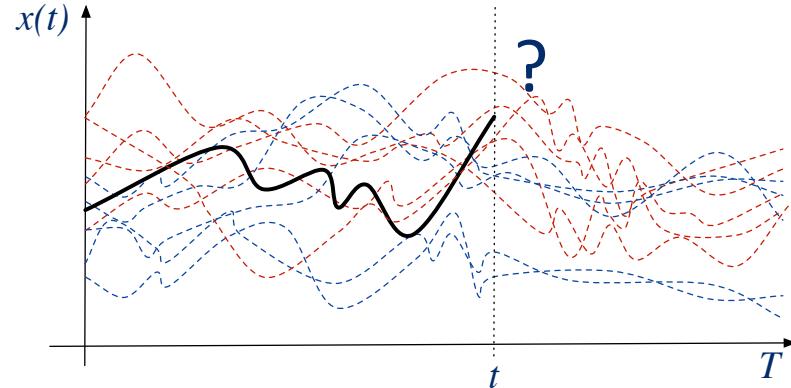
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Optimal time:  $t^* = \operatorname{ArgMin}_{t \in \{1, \dots, T\}} f(\mathbf{x}_t)$

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  1. Knowledge of **possible future sequences**
  2. Possibility to learn **classifiers for all time steps**

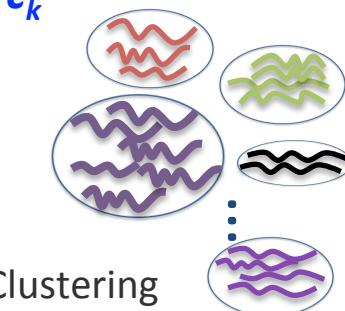
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$$P(y|\mathbf{x}_t) \rightarrow P(y|c_k)$$



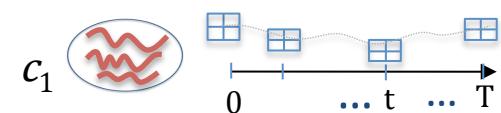
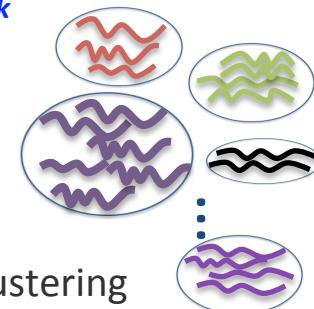
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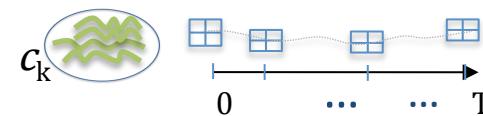
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- $T$  classifiers are **learnt**  $h_t(\mathbf{x}_t) : \mathcal{X}_t \rightarrow \mathcal{Y}$
  - And their confusion matrices  $P_t(\hat{y}|y, c_k)$  are **estimated** on a test set



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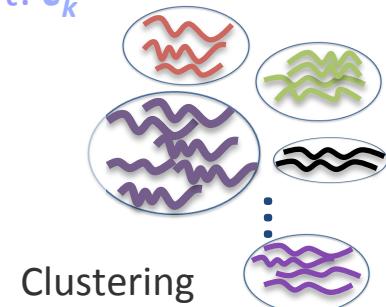


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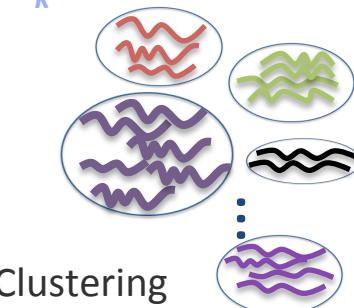
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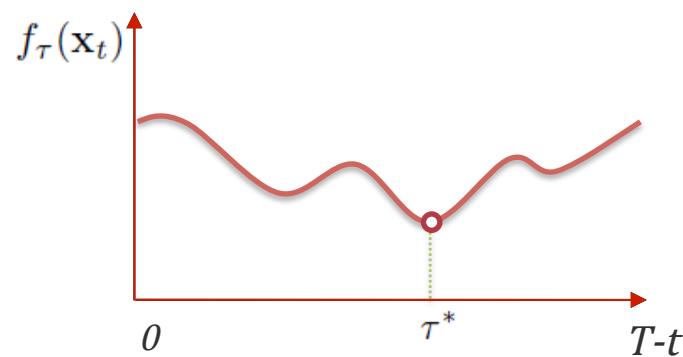
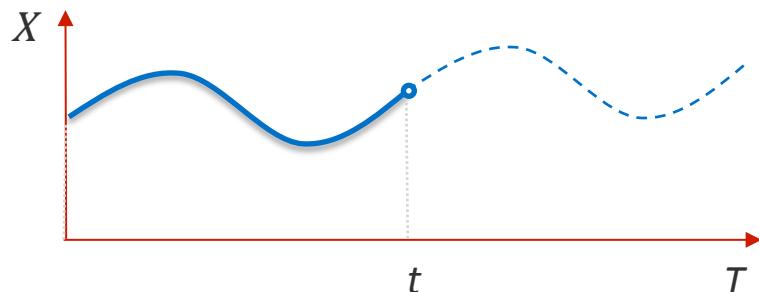
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- – Compute the **expected cost of decision** for all future time steps

$$f_\tau(\mathbf{x}_t) = \underbrace{\sum_{c_k \in \mathcal{C}} P(c_k | \mathbf{x}_t) \sum_{y \in \mathcal{Y}} P(y | c_k) \sum_{\hat{y} \in \mathcal{Y}} P_{t+\tau}(\hat{y} | y, c_k) C(\hat{y} | y)}_{\text{expected miss-classification cost given } \mathbf{x}_t} + C(t + \tau)$$

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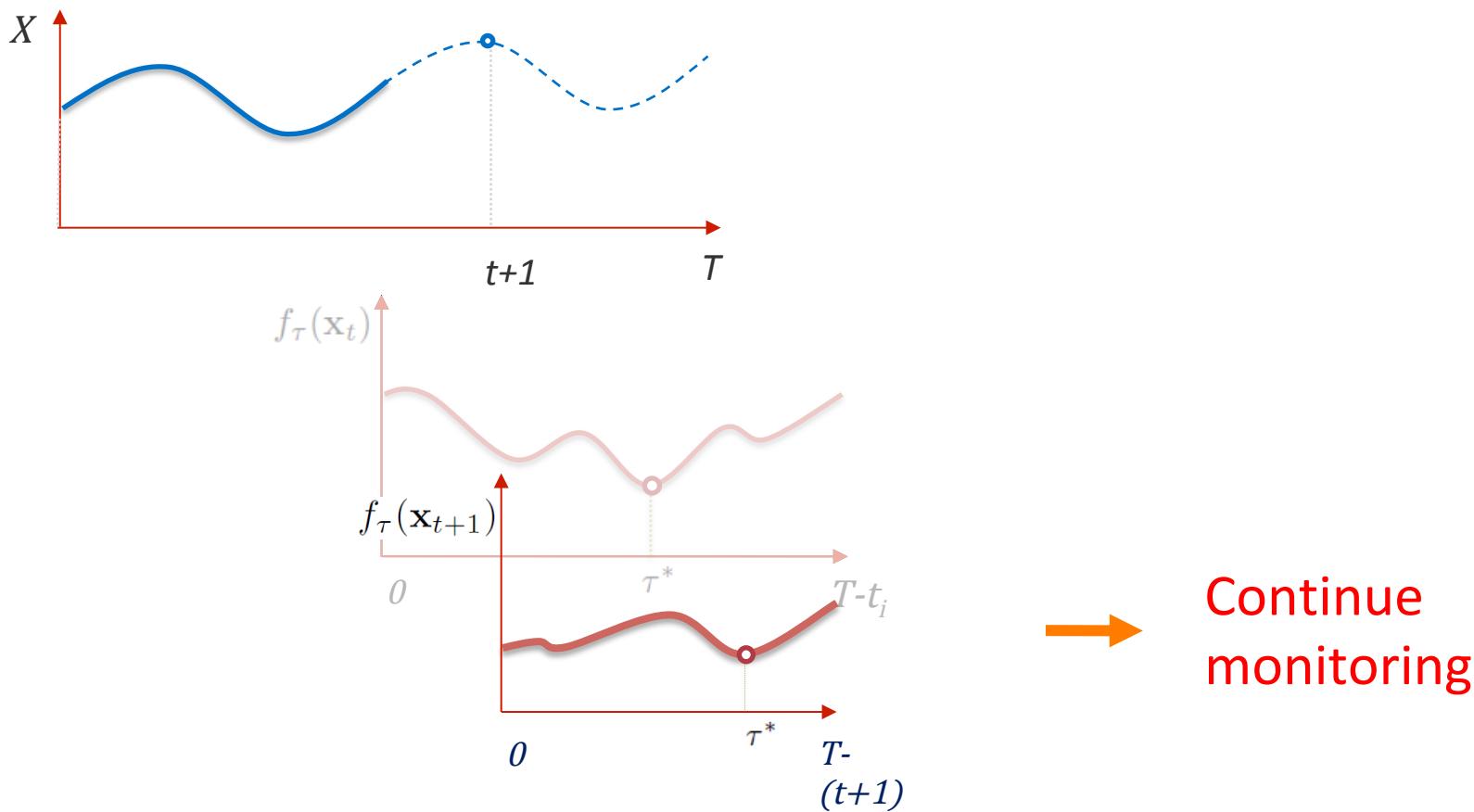
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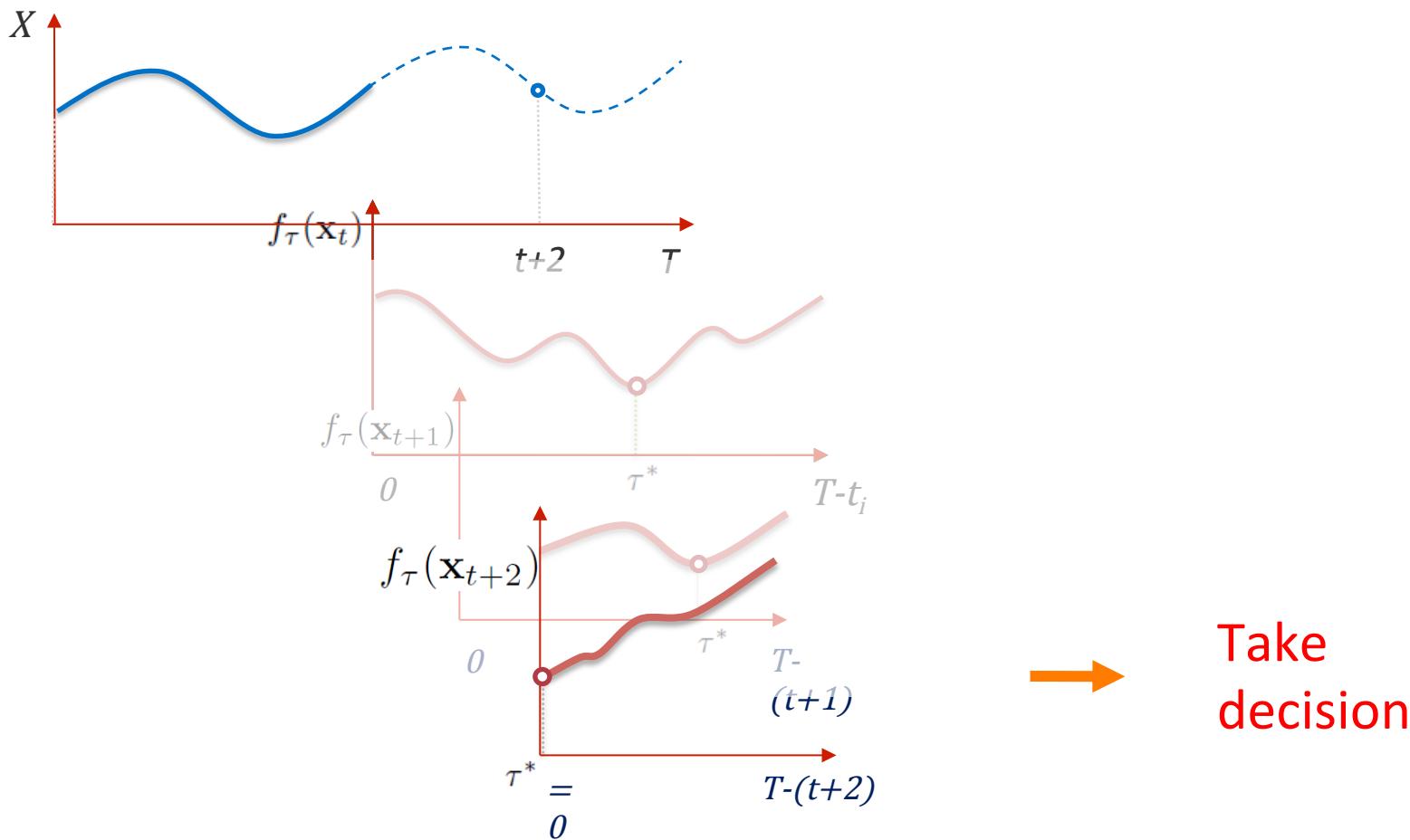
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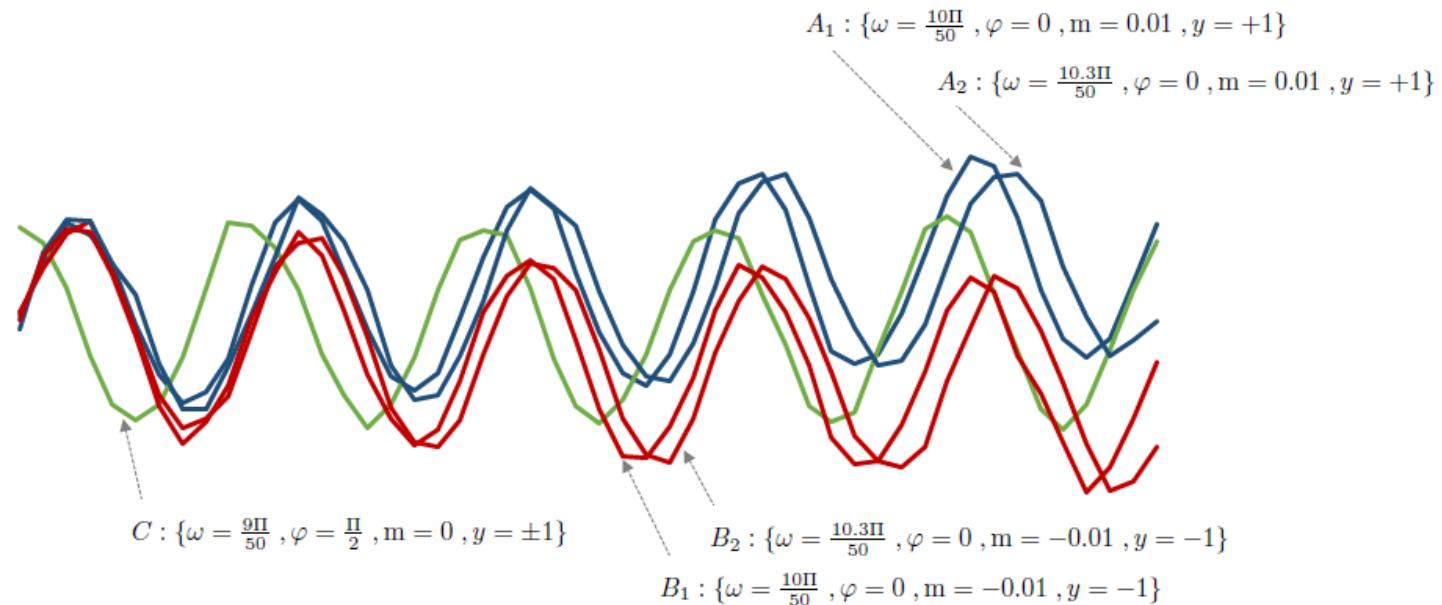


Take  
decision

# Controlled data

- Control of
  - The time-dependent **information** provided to distinguish between **classes**
  - The shapes of **time series** within each class
  - The **noise level**

$$x_t = \underbrace{t \times \text{slope} \times \text{class}}_{\text{information gain}} + \underbrace{x_{max} \sin(\omega_i \times t + \varphi_j)}_{\text{sub shape within class}} + \underbrace{\eta(t)}_{\text{noise factor}}$$



# Results: effect of the noise level

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Increasing the noise  
level increases the  
waiting time, and then  
it's no longer worth it

$C(t)$	$\pm b$ $\varepsilon(t)$	0.02			0.05			0.07		
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	0.5	<b>13.0</b>	4.40	0.98	<b>13.0</b>	4.40	0.98	<b>15.0</b>	0.18	1.00
	1.5	<b>24.0</b>	10.02	0.98	<b>32.0</b>	2.56	1.00	<b>30.0</b>	12.79	0.99
	5.0	<b>26.0</b>	7.78	0.84	<b>30.0</b>	18.91	0.87	<b>30.0</b>	19.14	0.88
	10.0	<b>38.0</b>	18.89	0.70	<b>48.0</b>	1.79	0.74	<b>46.0</b>	5.27	0.75
	15.0	<b>23.0</b>	15.88	0.61	<b>32.0</b>	13.88	0.64	<b>29.0</b>	17.80	0.62
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0.05	0.2	8.0	2.00	0.98	8.0	2.00	0.98	9.0	0.0	1.00
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	0.5	6.0	0.80	0.84	9.0	2.40	0.93	10.0	0.0	0.95
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# Results: effect of the difference between classes

Increase of the difference between classes  
 The performance increases (AUC)  
 The *waiting time* is not much changed in these experiments

$C(t)$	$\pm b$ $\varepsilon(t)$	0.02			0.05			0.07		
		$\bar{\tau}^*$	$\sigma(\tau^*)$	AUC	$\bar{\tau}^*$	$\sigma(\tau^*)$	AUC	$\bar{\tau}^*$	$\sigma(\tau^*)$	AUC
0.01	0.2	9.0	2.40	<b>0.99</b>	9.0	2.40	<b>0.99</b>	10.0	0.0	<b>1.00</b>
	0.5	13.0	4.40	0.98	13.0	4.40	0.98	15.0	0.18	1.00
	1.5	24.0	10.02	0.98	32.0	2.56	1.00	30.0	12.79	0.99
	5.0	26.0	7.78	0.84	30.0	18.91	0.87	30.0	19.14	0.88
	10.0	38.0	18.89	0.70	48.0	1.79	0.74	46.0	5.27	0.75
	15.0	23.0	15.88	0.61	32.0	13.88	0.64	29.0	17.80	0.62
0.05	20.0	7.0	8.99	0.52	11.0	11.38	0.55	4.0	1.22	0.52
	0.2	8.0	2.00	0.98	8.0	2.00	0.98	9.0	0.0	1.00
	0.5	10.0	2.80	<b>0.96</b>	8.0	4.0	<b>0.98</b>	14.0	0.41	<b>0.99</b>
	1.5	5.0	0.40	0.68	20.0	0.42	0.95	14.0	4.80	0.88
	5.0	8.0	3.87	0.68	6.0	1.36	0.64	5.0	0.50	0.65
	10.0	4.0	0.29	0.56	4.0	0.25	0.56	4.0	0.34	0.57
0.10	15.0	4.0	0.0	0.54	4.0	0.25	0.56	4.0	0.0	0.55
	20.0	4.0	0.0	0.52	4.0	0.0	0.52	4.0	0.0	0.52
	0.2	6.0	0.80	0.95	7.0	1.60	0.94	8.0	0.40	0.96
	0.5	6.0	0.80	0.84	9.0	2.40	0.93	10.0	0.0	0.95
	1.5	4.0	0.0	<b>0.67</b>	5.0	0.43	<b>0.68</b>	6.0	0.80	<b>0.74</b>
	5.0	4.0	0.07	0.64	4.0	0.05	0.64	4.0	0.11	0.64
0.20	10.0	4.0	0.0	0.56	48.0	1.79	0.74	4.0	0.22	0.56
	15.0	4.0	0.0	0.55	4.0	0.0	0.55	4.0	0.0	0.55
	20.0	4.0	0.0	0.52	11.0	11.38	0.55	4.0	0.0	0.52

**Table 3.** Experimental results in function of the waiting cost  $C(t) = \{0.01, 0.05, 0.1\} \times t$ , the noise level  $\varepsilon(t)$  and the trend parameter  $b$ .

[Dachraoui, A., Bondu, A., & Cornuéjols, A. (2015).]  
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- 1. Formalized the problem as a sequential decision making problem**
  - **Explicit trade-off**
    - Classification performance
    - Cost of delaying the decision
- 2. Proposed an algorithm which is**
  - **Adaptive**
    - Takes into account the peculiarities of  $x_t$
  - **Non myopic**
    - At each time step, estimates the expected future time for optimal decision
- 3. Showed promising experimental results**
  - The delay before decision **exhibited what should be expected**

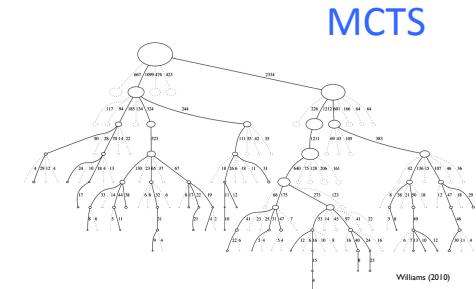
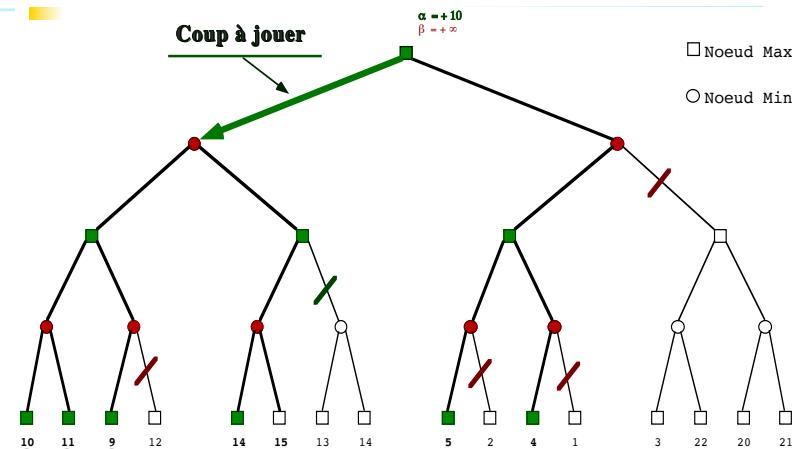
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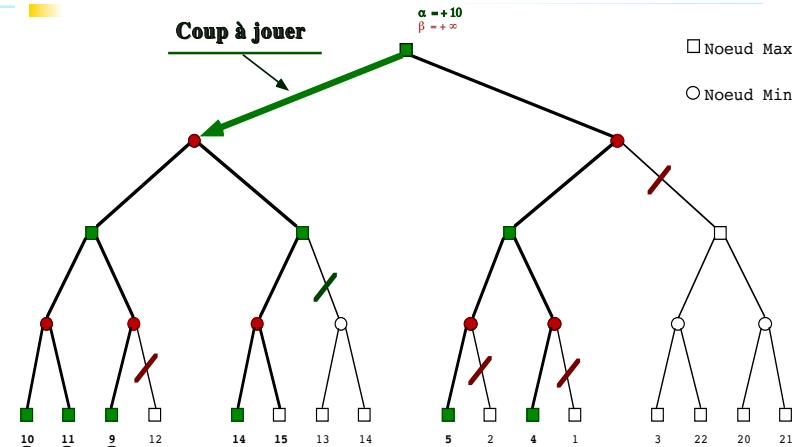
# Algorithms for games

Taking decision when the current information is **incomplete**



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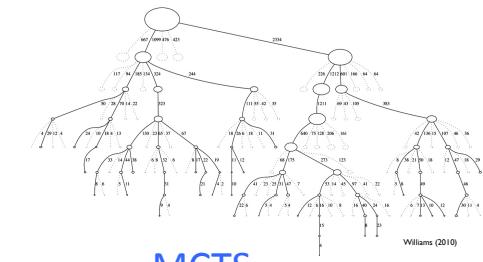
Taking decision when the current information is **incomplete**



- Which move to play?

The evaluation function is **insufficiently informed** at the root (current situation)

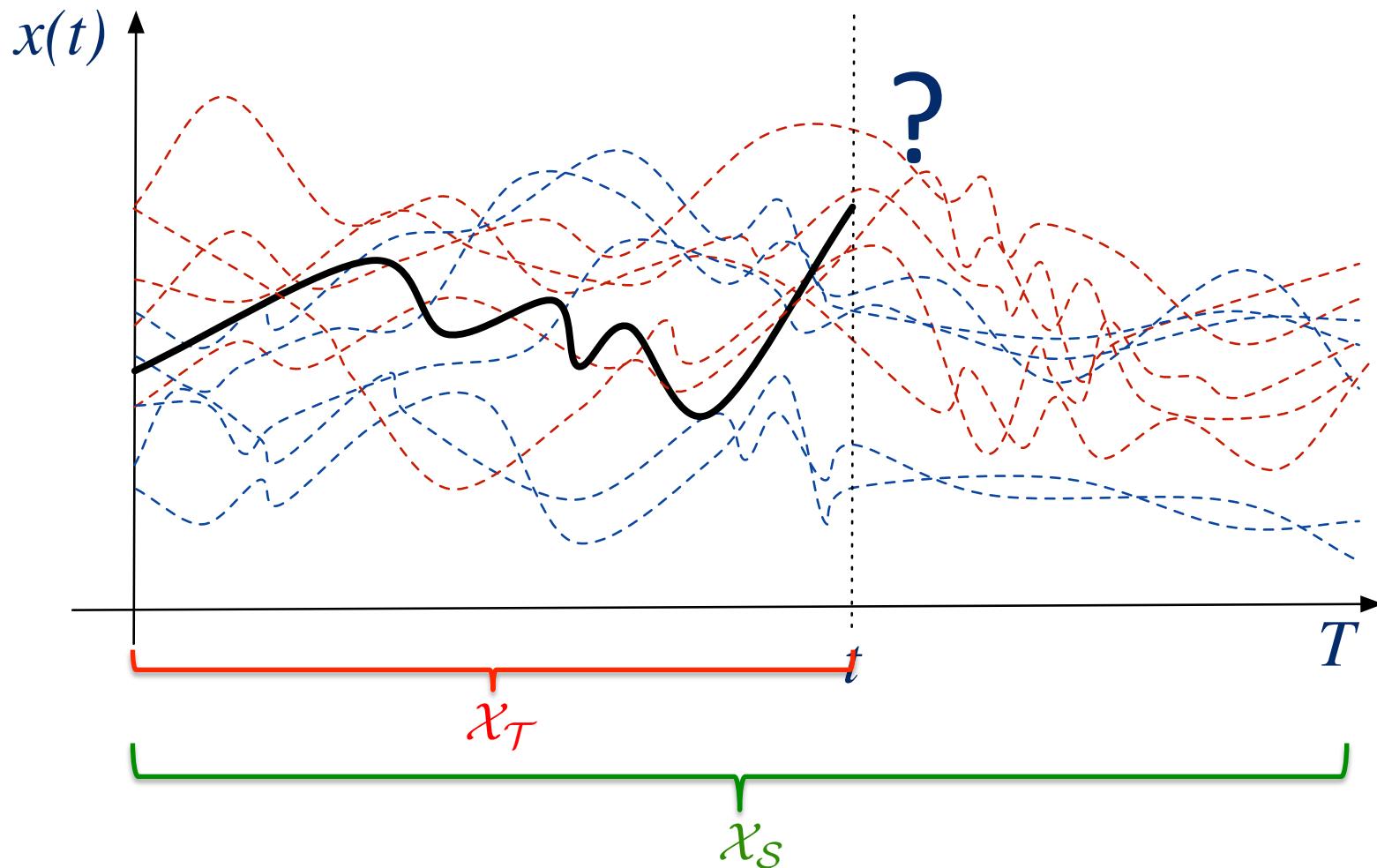
1. **Query experts** that have more information about potential outcomes
2. **Combination** of the estimates through MinMax



*“Experts” may live in **input spaces** that are **different***

## Early classification of time series

- What is the class of the new **incomplete** time series  $x_t$ ?



## Principle

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- Learn a **classifier** over the training set of **complete times series**

$$S_{\mathcal{S}} = \{(\mathbf{x}_i^{\mathcal{S}}, y_i^{\mathcal{S}})\}_{1 \leq i \leq m} \rightarrow h_{\mathcal{S}}$$

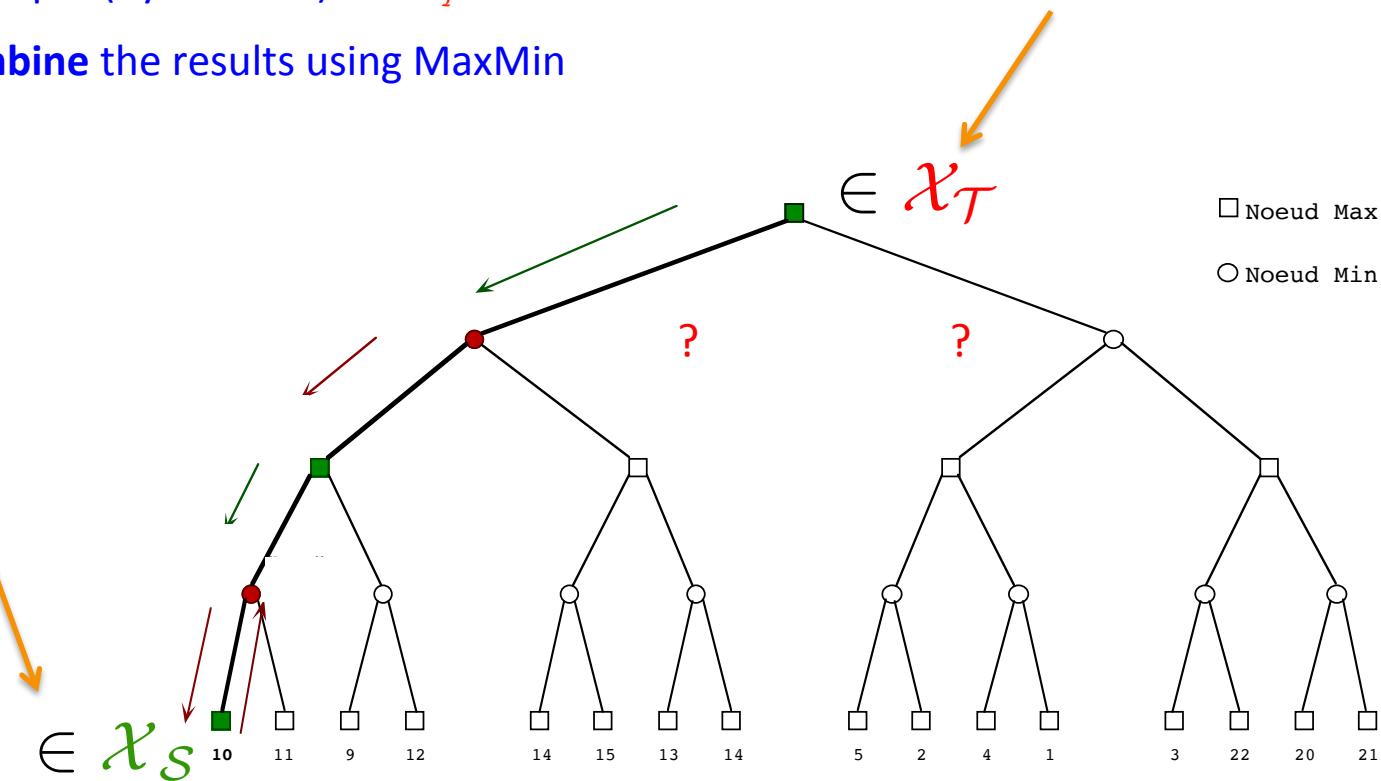
- Try to make use of this classifier to **predict the class of incomplete** series

$h_{\mathcal{T}}$  = Function using  $h_{\mathcal{S}}$

# Algorithms for games and transfer learning

Which move?

- Better evaluation function in  $\mathcal{X}_S$
- Backup it (by transfer) for  $\mathcal{X}_T$
- **Combine** the results using MaxMin

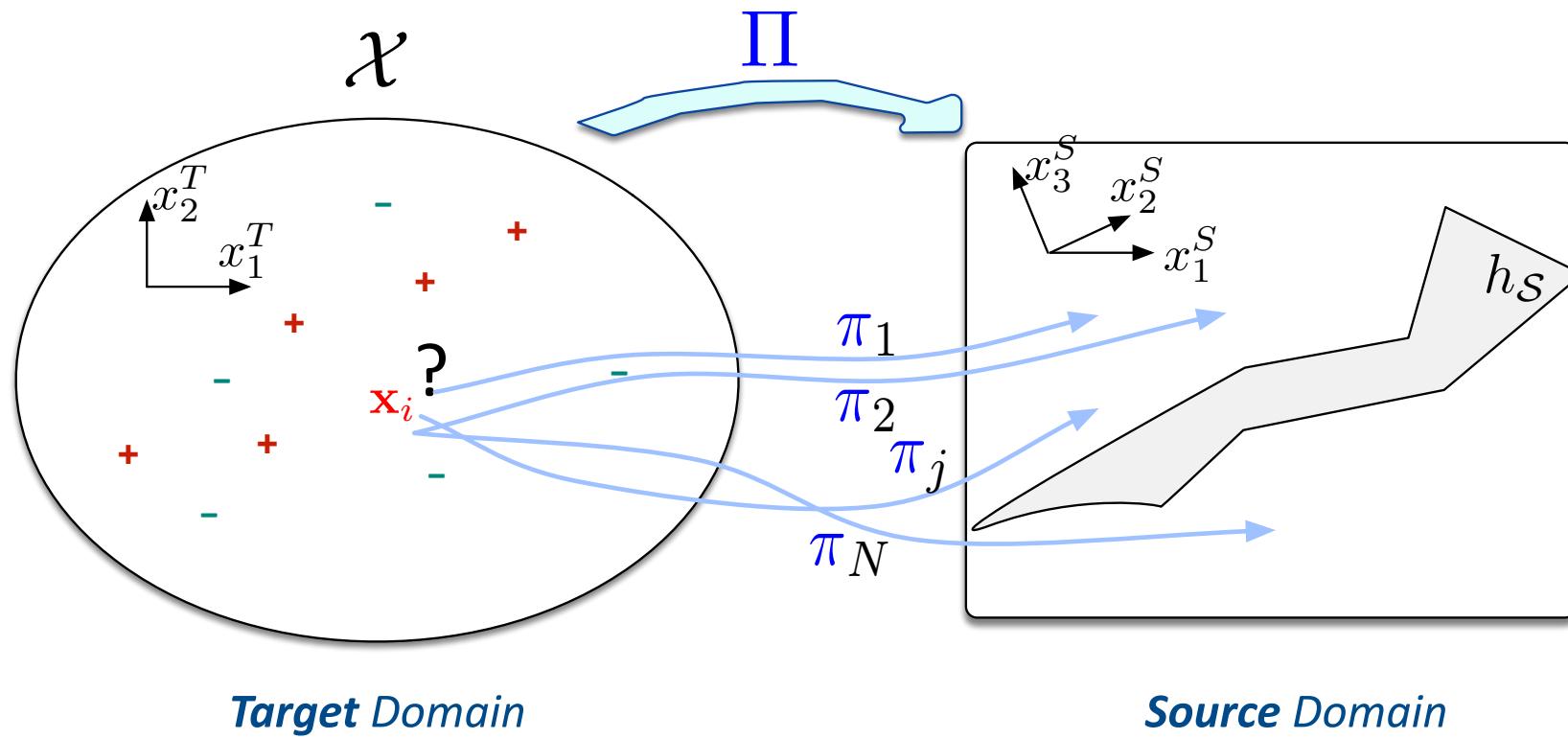


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## TransBoost



*Target Domain*

*Source Domain*

$$H_{\mathcal{T}}(\mathbf{x}^{\mathcal{T}}) = \text{sign} \left\{ \sum_{n=1}^N \alpha_n h_{\mathcal{S}}(\pi_n(\mathbf{x}^{\mathcal{T}})) \right\}$$

# TransBoost

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- Principle:
  - Learn “*weak projections*”:  $\pi_i : \mathcal{X}_{\mathcal{S}} \rightarrow \mathcal{X}_{\mathcal{T}}$
  - From:  $S_{\mathcal{S}} = \{(\mathbf{x}_i^{\mathcal{S}}, y_i^{\mathcal{S}})\}_{1 \leq i \leq m}$
- Using boosting
  - Projection  $\pi_n$  such that:  $\varepsilon_n \doteq \mathbf{P}_{i \sim D_n} [h_{\mathcal{S}}(\pi_n(\mathbf{x}_i)) \neq y_i] < 0.5$
  - Re-weight the training time series and loop until termination
- Result 
$$H_{\mathcal{T}}(\mathbf{x}^{\mathcal{T}}) = \text{sign} \left\{ \sum_{n=1}^N \alpha_n h_{\mathcal{S}}(\pi_n(\mathbf{x}^{\mathcal{T}})) \right\}$$

# TransBoost

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**Algorithm 1:** Transfer learning by boosting

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**Input:**  $h_S : \mathcal{X}_S \rightarrow \mathcal{Y}_S$  the source hypothesis

$\mathcal{S}_{\mathcal{T}} = \{(\mathbf{x}_i^{\mathcal{T}}, y_i^{\mathcal{T}})\}_{1 \leq i \leq m}$ : the target training set

**Initialization** of the distribution on the training set:  $D_1(i) = 1/m$  for  $i = 1, \dots, m$  ;

**for**  $n = 1, \dots, N$  **do**

    Find a projection  $\pi_i : \mathcal{X}_{\mathcal{T}} \rightarrow \mathcal{X}_S$  st.  $h_S(\pi_i(\cdot))$  performs better than random on  $D_n(\mathcal{S}_{\mathcal{T}})$  ;

    Let  $\varepsilon_n$  be the error rate of  $h_S(\pi_i(\cdot))$  on  $D_n(\mathcal{S}_{\mathcal{T}})$  :  $\varepsilon_n \doteq \mathbf{P}_{i \sim D_n}[h_S(\pi_n(\mathbf{x}_i)) \neq y_i]$  (with  $\varepsilon_n < 0.5$ ) ;

    Computes  $\alpha_i = \frac{1}{2} \log_2 \left( \frac{1-\varepsilon_i}{\varepsilon_i} \right)$  ;

    Update, for  $i = 1, \dots, m$ :

$$\begin{aligned} D_{n+1}(i) &= \frac{D_n(i)}{Z_n} \times \begin{cases} e^{-\alpha_n} & \text{if } h_S(\pi_n(\mathbf{x}_i^{\mathcal{T}})) = y_i^{\mathcal{T}} \\ e^{\alpha_n} & \text{if } h_S(\pi_n(\mathbf{x}_i^{\mathcal{T}})) \neq y_i^{\mathcal{T}} \end{cases} \\ &= \frac{D_n(i) \exp(-\alpha_n y_i^{(\mathcal{T})} h_S(\pi_n(\mathbf{x}_i^{(\mathcal{T})})))}{Z_n} \end{aligned}$$

    where  $Z_n$  is a normalization factor chosen so that  $D_{n+1}$  be a distribution on  $\mathcal{S}_{\mathcal{T}}$  ;

**end**

**Output:** the final target hypothesis  $H_{\mathcal{T}} : \mathcal{X}_{\mathcal{T}} \rightarrow \mathcal{Y}_{\mathcal{T}}$ :

$$H_{\mathcal{T}}(\mathbf{x}^{\mathcal{T}}) = \text{sign} \left\{ \sum_{n=1}^N \alpha_n h_S(\pi_n(\mathbf{x}^{\mathcal{T}})) \right\} \quad (2)$$

# Results

slope, noise, $t_{\mathcal{T}}$	Learning from target data only		TransBoost		$h_S$ (test)	$H'_{\mathcal{T}}$ (test)
	$h_{\mathcal{T}}$ (train)	$h_{\mathcal{T}}$ (test)	$H_{\mathcal{T}}$ (train)	$H_{\mathcal{T}}$ (test)		
0.001, 0.001, 20	$0.46 \pm 0.02$	$0.50 \pm 0.08$	$0.08 \pm 0.03$	<b><math>0.08 \pm 0.02</math></b>	0.05	$0.49 \pm 0.01$
0.005, 0.001, 20	$0.46 \pm 0.02$	$0.49 \pm 0.01$	$0.01 \pm 0.01$	<b><math>0.01 \pm 0.01</math></b>	0.01	$0.45 \pm 0.01$
0.005, 0.002, 20	$0.46 \pm 0.02$	$0.49 \pm 0.03$	$0.03 \pm 0.02$	<b><math>0.04 \pm 0.02</math></b>	0.02	$0.43 \pm 0.01$
0.005, 0.02, 20	$0.44 \pm 0.02$	$0.48 \pm 0.03$	$0.09 \pm 0.01$	<b><math>0.10 \pm 0.01</math></b>	0.01	$0.47 \pm 0.01$
0.001, 0.2, 20	$0.46 \pm 0.02$	$0.50 \pm 0.01$	$0.46 \pm 0.02$	$0.51 \pm 0.02$	0.11	$0.49 \pm 0.01$
0.01, 0.2, 20	$0.42 \pm 0.03$	$0.47 \pm 0.03$	$0.34 \pm 0.02$	$0.35 \pm 0.02$	0.02	$0.35 \pm 0.01$
0.001, 0.001, 50	$0.46 \pm 0.02$	$0.50 \pm 0.01$	$0.08 \pm 0.03$	<b><math>0.08 \pm 0.02</math></b>	0.06	$0.41 \pm 0.01$
0.005, 0.001, 50	$0.25 \pm 0.07$	$0.28 \pm 0.09$	$0.01 \pm 0.01$	<b><math>0.01 \pm 0.01</math></b>	0.01	$0.28 \pm 0.01$
0.005, 0.002, 50	$0.27 \pm 0.07$	$0.30 \pm 0.08$	$0.02 \pm 0.01$	<b><math>0.02 \pm 0.01</math></b>	0.02	$0.28 \pm 0.01$
0.005, 0.02, 50	$0.26 \pm 0.07$	$0.30 \pm 0.08$	$0.04 \pm 0.01$	<b><math>0.04 \pm 0.01</math></b>	0.01	$0.31 \pm 0.01$
0.001, 0.2, 50	$0.44 \pm 0.02$	$0.50 \pm 0.01$	$0.38 \pm 0.03$	$0.44 \pm 0.02$	0.15	$0.43 \pm 0.01$
0.01, 0.2, 50	$0.10 \pm 0.03$	$0.12 \pm 0.04$	$0.10 \pm 0.02$	$0.11 \pm 0.02$	0.03	$0.15 \pm 0.02$
0.001, 0.001, 100	$0.43 \pm 0.03$	$0.47 \pm 0.03$	$0.07 \pm 0.02$	<b><math>0.07 \pm 0.02</math></b>	0.02	$0.23 \pm 0.01$
0.005, 0.001, 100	$0.06 \pm 0.03$	$0.07 \pm 0.03$	$0.01 \pm 0.01$	<b><math>0.01 \pm 0.01</math></b>	0.01	$0.07 \pm 0.02$
0.005, 0.002, 100	$0.08 \pm 0.03$	$0.10 \pm 0.04$	$0.02 \pm 0.01$	<b><math>0.02 \pm 0.01</math></b>	0.02	$0.07 \pm 0.01$
0.005, 0.02, 100	$0.08 \pm 0.03$	$0.09 \pm 0.03$	$0.02 \pm 0.01$	<b><math>0.03 \pm 0.01</math></b>	0.01	$0.07 \pm 0.01$
0.001, 0.2, 100	$0.04 \pm 0.03$	$0.46 \pm 0.02$	$0.28 \pm 0.02$	$0.31 \pm 0.01$	0.16	$0.31 \pm 0.01$
0.01, 0.2, 100	$0.03 \pm 0.01$	$0.05 \pm 0.02$	$0.04 \pm 0.01$	$0.05 \pm 0.01$	0.02	$0.05 \pm 0.01$

Table 1: Comparison of learning directly in the target domain (columns  $h_{\mathcal{T}}$  (train) and  $h_{\mathcal{T}}$  (test)), using TransBoost (columns  $H_{\mathcal{T}}$  (train) and  $H_{\mathcal{T}}$  (test)), learning in the source domain (column  $h_S$  (test)) and, finally, completing the time series with a SVR regression and using  $h_S$  (naïve transfer). Test errors are highlighted in the orange columns. Bold numbers indicates where TransBoost significantly dominates both learning without transfer and learning with naïve transfer.

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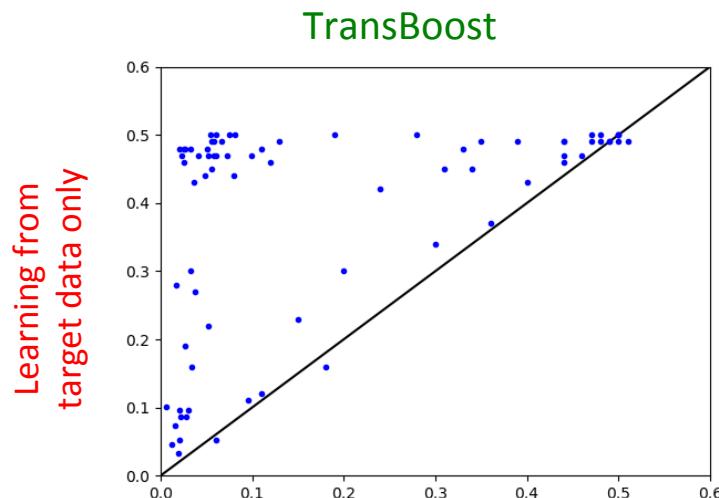


Figure 3: Comparison of error rates.  $y$ -axis: test error of the SVM classifier (without transfer).  $x$ -axis : test error of the TransBoost classifier with 10 boosting steps. The results of 75 experiments (each one repeated 100 times) are summed up in this graph.

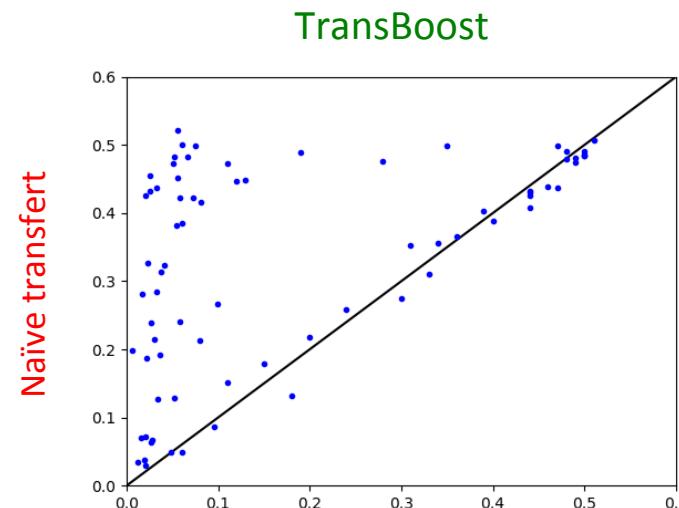


Figure 4: Comparison of error rates.  $y$ -axis: test error of the “naïve” transfer method.  $x$ -axis : test error of the TransBoost classifier with 10 boosting steps. The results of 75 experiments (each one repeated 100 times) are summed up in this graph.

# Transfer learning

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- Illustrations



**FIGURE 1:** Trained model on the data source : is it a picture of a dog or a cat ?

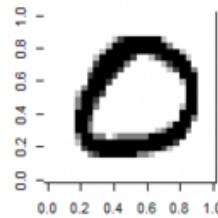


**FIGURE 2:** Model source transferred on the data target : is it a clip-art of a dog or a cat ?

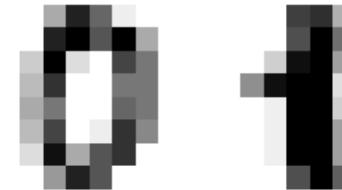
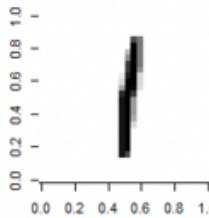
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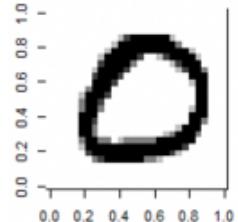


(a) Is it a zero or a one?

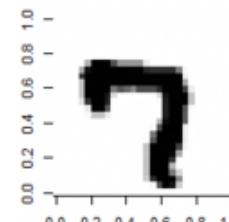
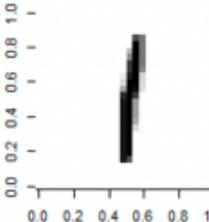


(b) Is it a zero or a one?

**FIGURE 15:** Transfer learning of the source model 0/1 mnist so that it can distinguish 0/1 sklearn digits

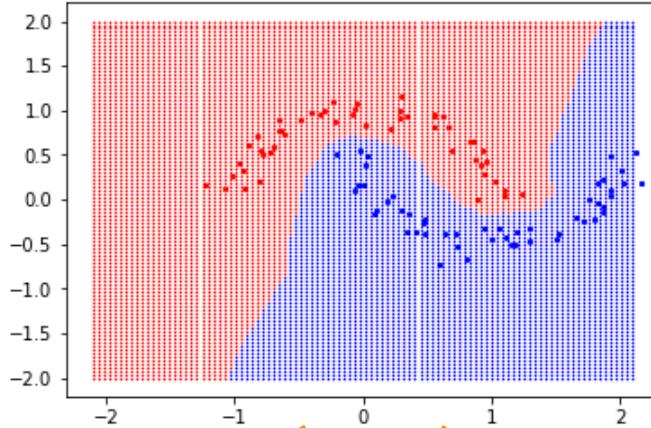


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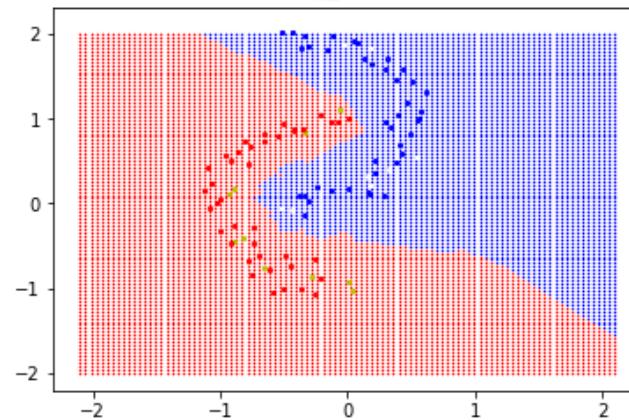
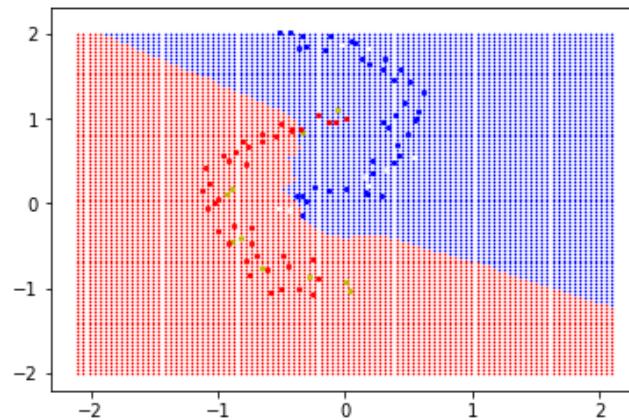
(b) Is it an eight or a seven?

# Transfer learning



Learning on the target data  
(without transfer)

Using Transboost



## Conclusion

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- Ensemble method for transfer learning
  - Learn **weak translator** from target to source!!
  - The learning problem now becomes the problem of **choosing** a good set of (weak) projections
  - Theoretical guarantees exist:  
from the theory for boosting and for transfer as well

## Theoretical guarantees

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**Theorem 1.** Let  $\omega : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a non-decreasing function. Suppose that  $P_{\mathcal{S}}, P_{\mathcal{T}}, h_{\mathcal{S}}, h_{\mathcal{T}} = \hat{h}_{\mathcal{S}} \circ \pi (\pi \in \Pi)$ ,  $\hat{h}_{\mathcal{S}}$  and  $\Pi$  have the property given by Equation (2). Let  $\hat{\pi} := \text{ArgMin}_{\pi \in \Pi} \hat{R}_{\mathcal{T}}(\hat{h}_{\mathcal{S}} \circ \pi)$ , be the best apparent projection. Then, with probability at least  $1 - \delta$  ( $\delta \in (0, 1)$ ) over pairs of training sets for tasks  $\mathcal{S}$  and  $\mathcal{T}$ :

$$\begin{aligned} R_{\mathcal{T}}(\hat{h}_{\mathcal{T}}) &\leq \omega(\hat{R}_{\mathcal{S}}(\hat{h}_{\mathcal{S}})) \\ &+ 2 \sqrt{\frac{2 d_{\mathcal{H}_{\mathcal{S}}} \log(2em_{\mathcal{S}}/d_{\mathcal{H}_{\mathcal{S}}}) + 2 \log(8/\delta)}{m_{\mathcal{S}}}} \\ &+ 4 \sqrt{\frac{2 d_{h_{\mathcal{S} \circ \Pi}}}{{\color{orange}\circled{2 d_{h_{\mathcal{S} \circ \Pi}}}} \log(2em_{\mathcal{T}}/d_{h_{\mathcal{S} \circ \Pi}}) + 2 \log(8/\delta)}}{m_{\mathcal{T}}} \end{aligned} \tag{3}$$

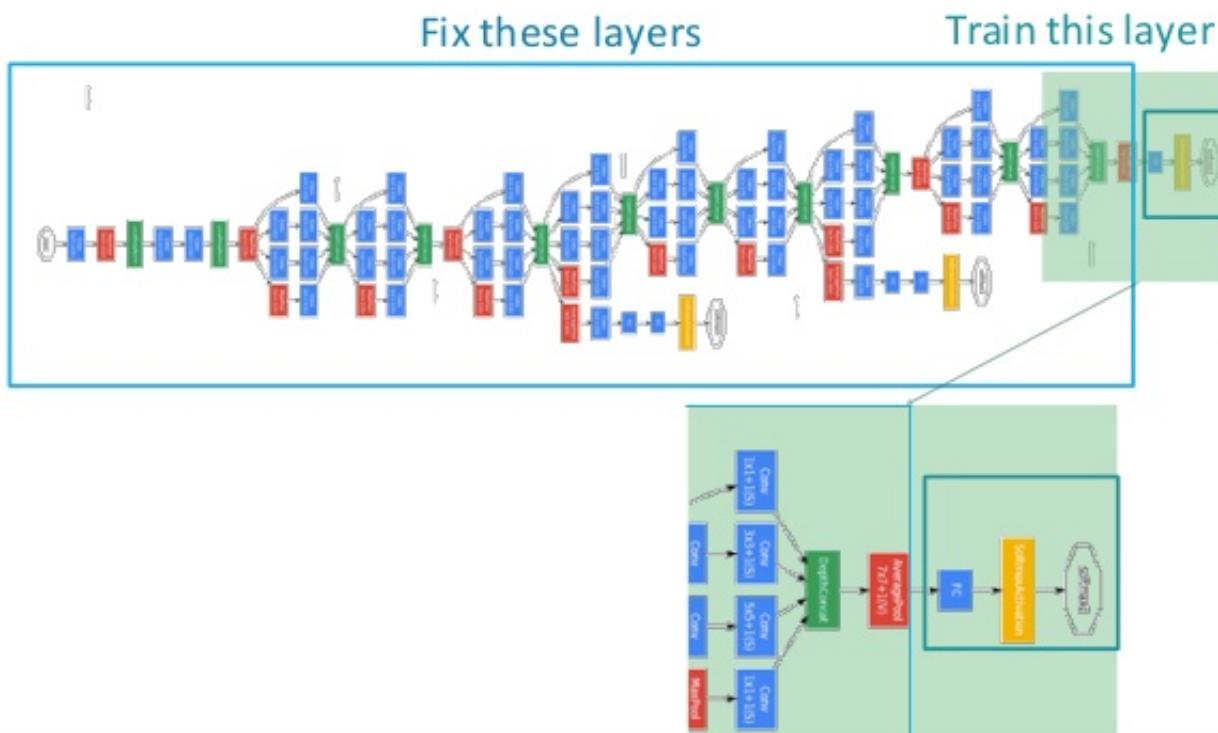
$$\forall \hat{h}_{\mathcal{S}} \in \mathcal{H}_{\mathcal{S}} : \min_{\pi \in \Pi} R_{\mathcal{T}}(\hat{h}_{\mathcal{S}} \circ \pi) \leq \omega(R_{\mathcal{S}}(h_{\mathcal{S}})) \tag{2}$$

where  $\omega : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is a non-decreasing function.

# Transfer learning for deep neural networks

- Illustration

## Tensorflow Transfer Learning Example



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## 1. Online learning

- Links with **transfer learning**
- **New scenarios** must be explored
  - Extrapolate likely changes of  $h$
  - Transduction (“weak LUPI”)

## 2. Early classification of time series

- Can be solved as a **LUPI framework**
- Can be seen as involving **transfer learning**

## 3. The Transboost algorithm

- From LUPI to transfer learning

## Online learning: back to the future

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- Central question
  - Controlling the memory
    - What to keep from the past?
  - How to adapt the current hypothesis?
- Can TransBoost help?

## Online learning

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- Suppose
  - Online with small batches at each time step
  - The current batch is labeled (after prediction has been performed)
  - The source hypothesis is kNN ( $k \geq 3$ ) with (all) past examples
- Use Transboost to learn projections
  - To past points
  - With constraints preventing to project on points close to the point projected
  - Make statistics about the most useful points

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## Supplementary material