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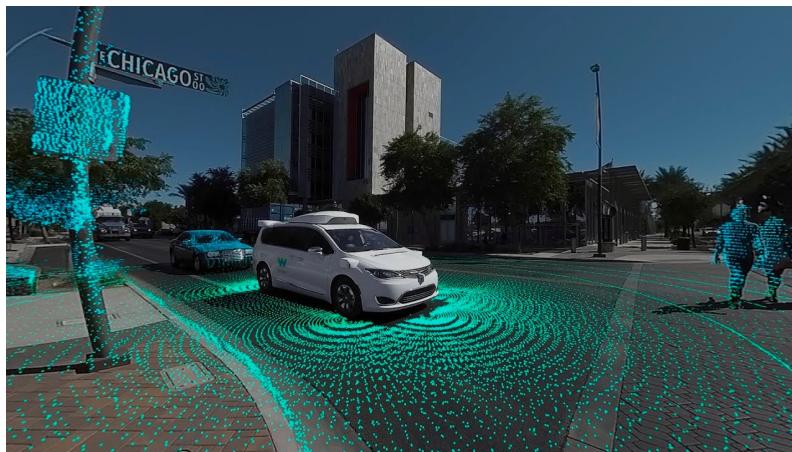


# Data-enabled Predictive Control Regularization and Robustness

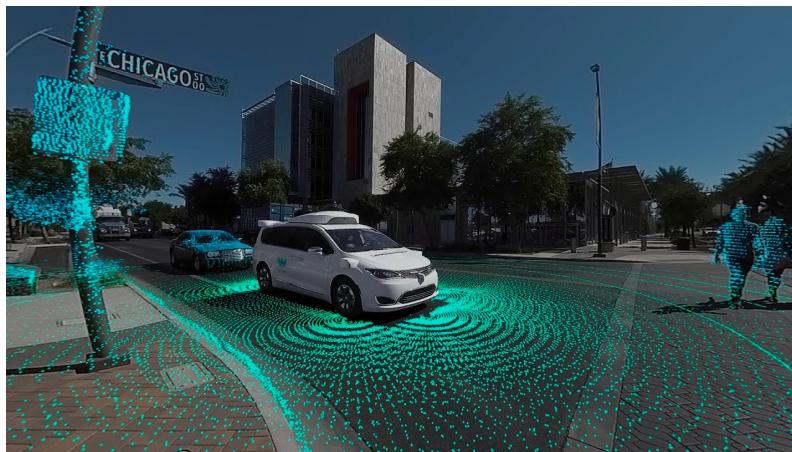
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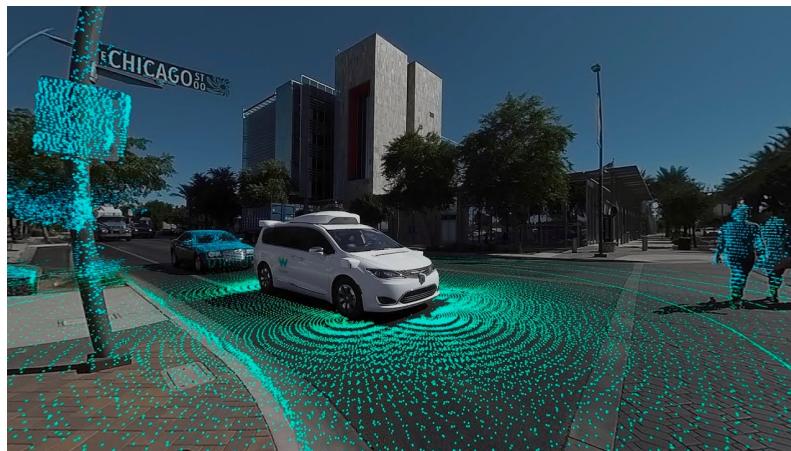
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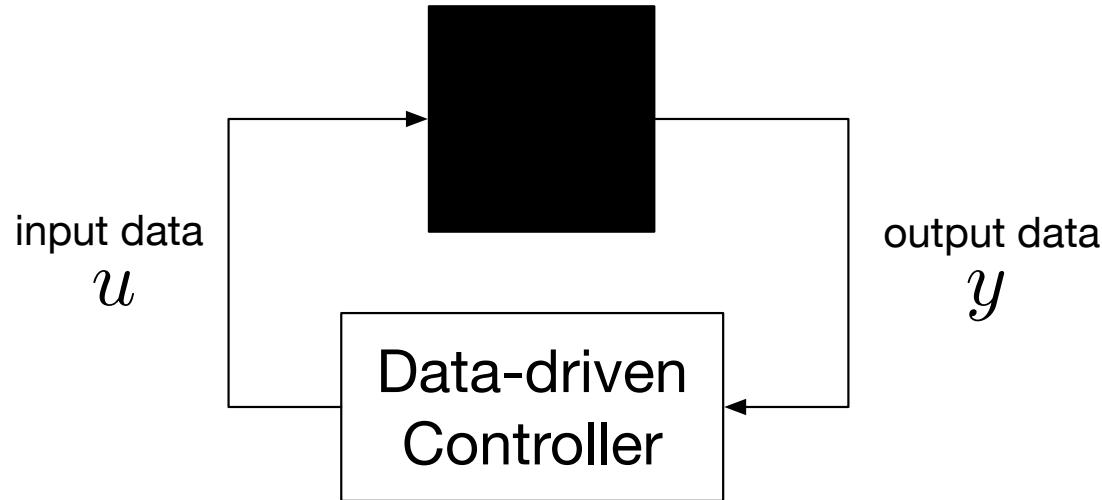


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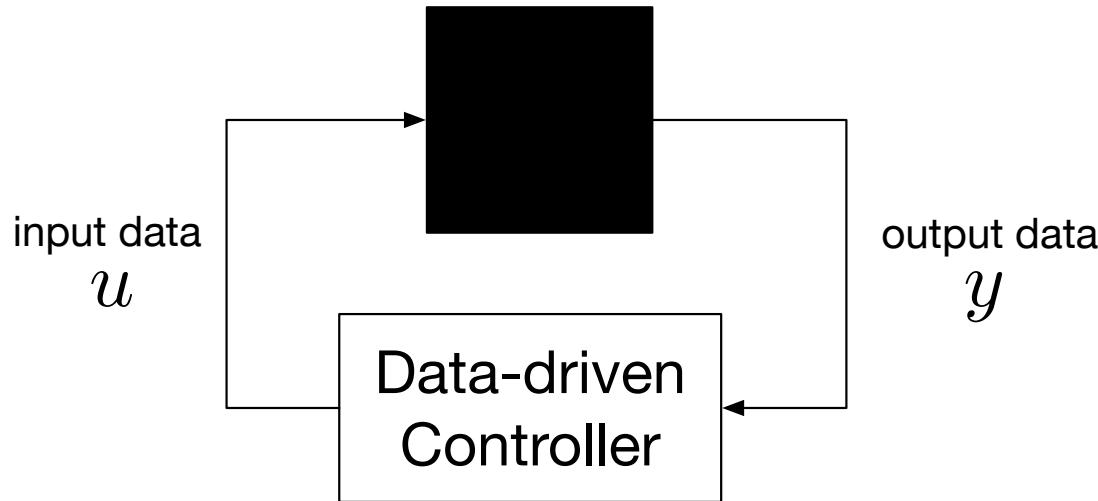


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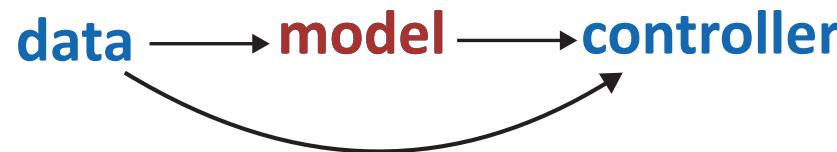
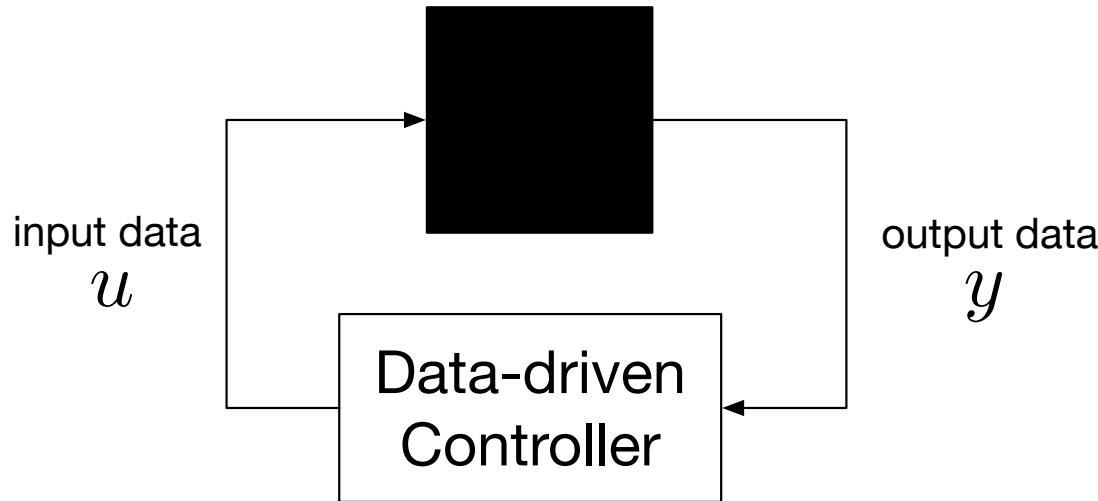


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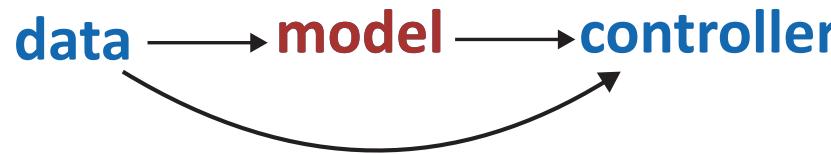
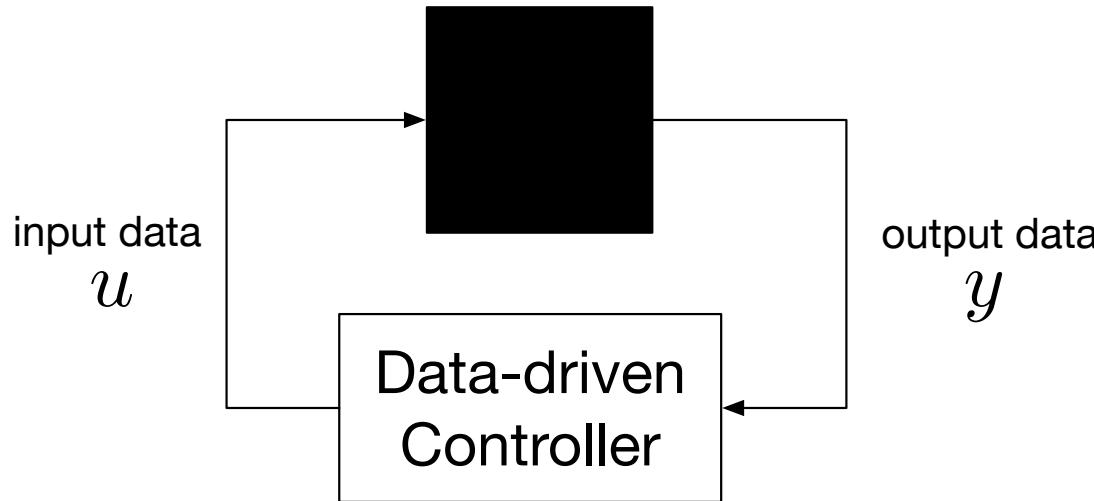


**data** —→ **model** —→ **controller**

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Models not conceivable



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Not available

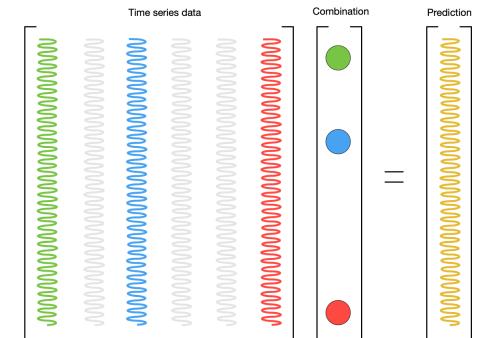


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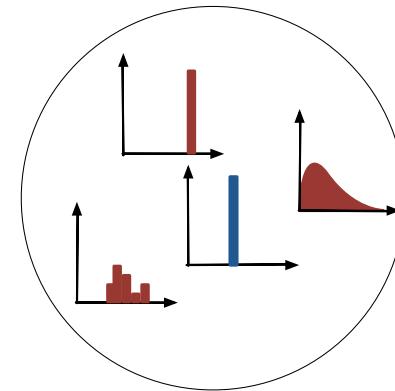


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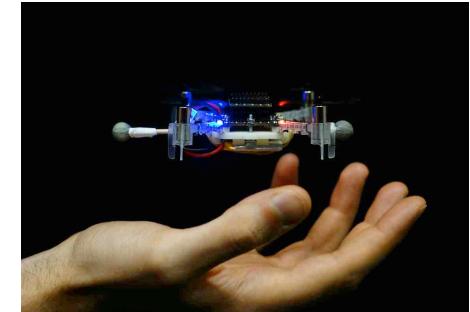
## Data-enabled Predictive Control (DeePC)



## Robustification via Regularization



## Applications in Robotics



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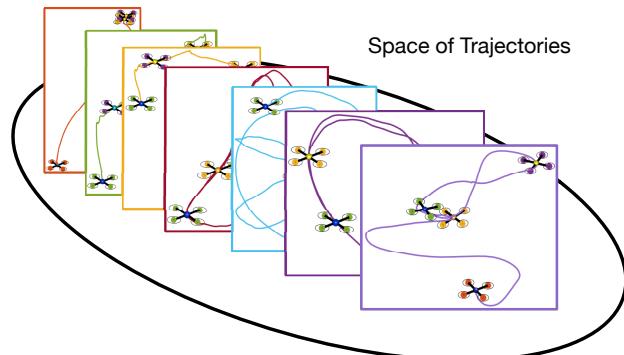


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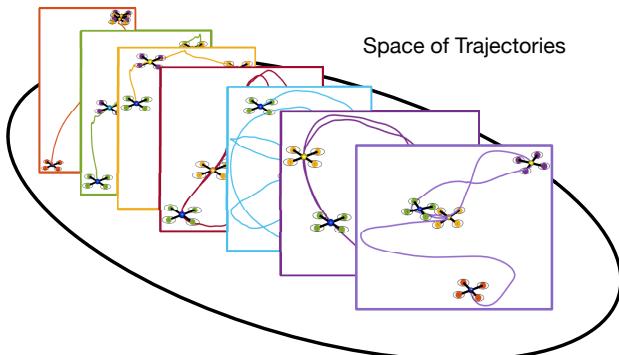


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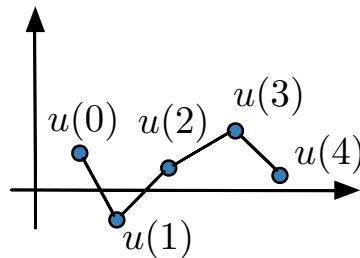


LTI system  
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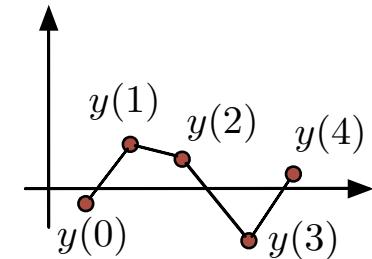
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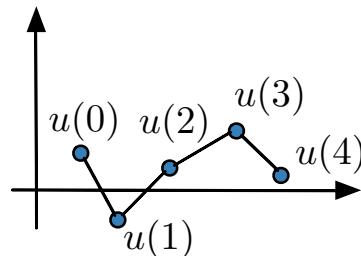


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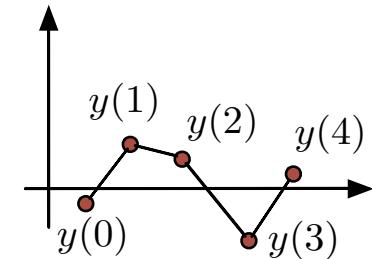
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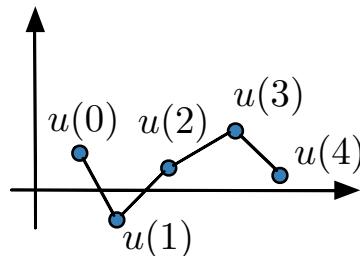


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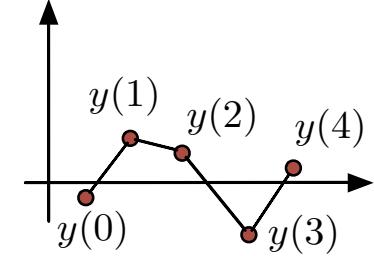
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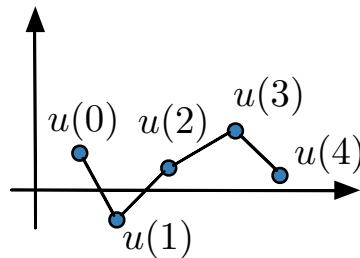
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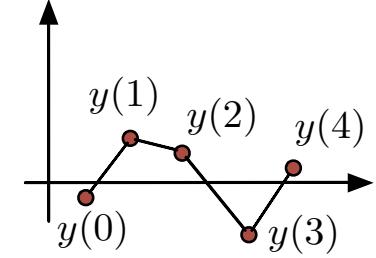
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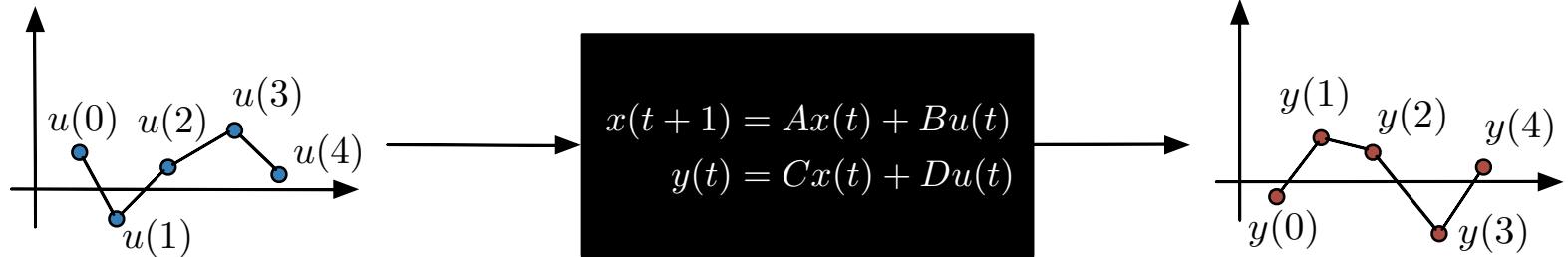
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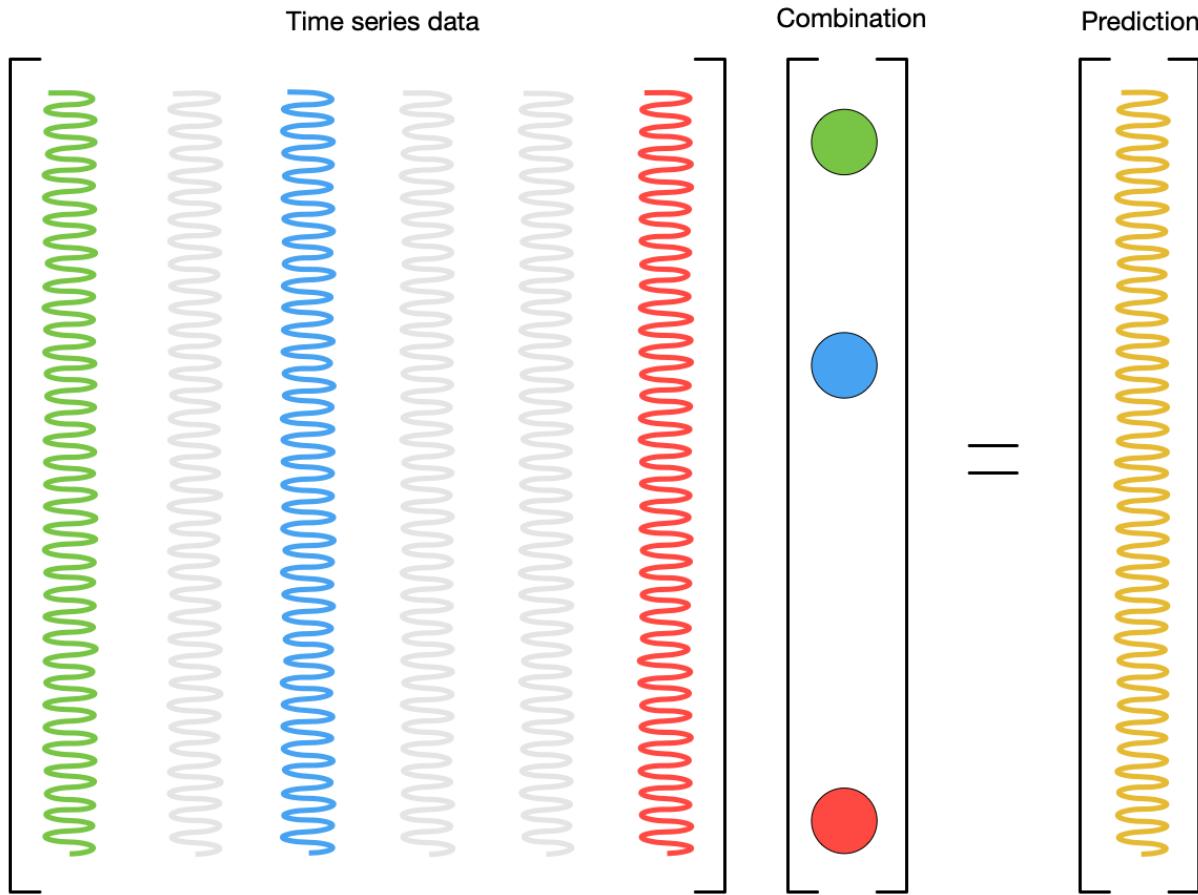
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Any trajectory can be generated from finitely many,  
sufficiently rich data trajectories

# Trajectory Matrix: a predictive model

Idea: The trajectory matrix using raw data can serve as a non-parametric predictive model!

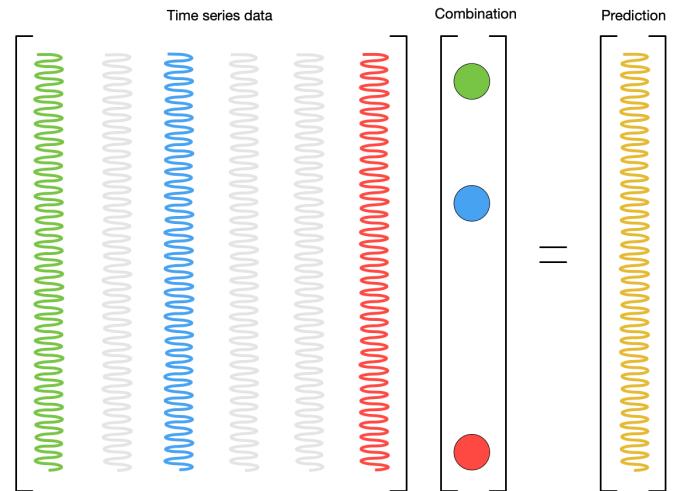


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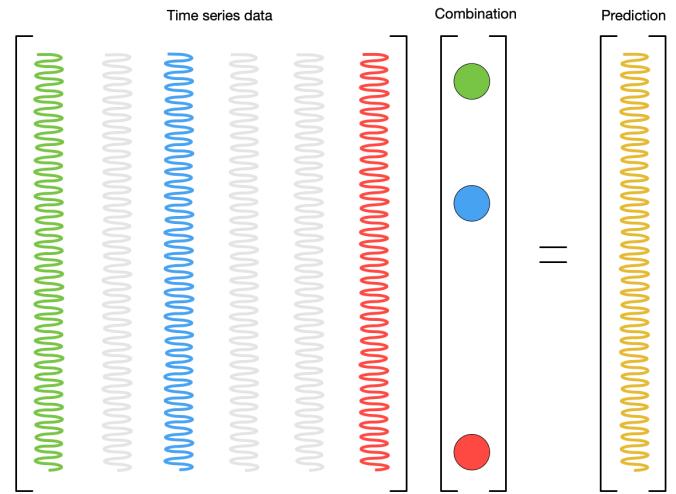
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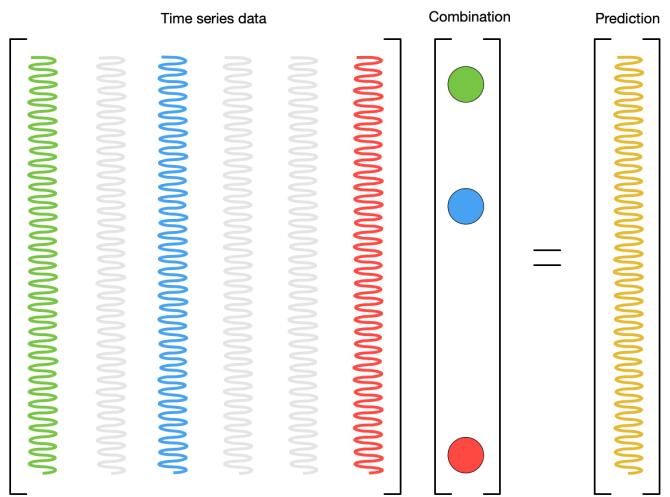
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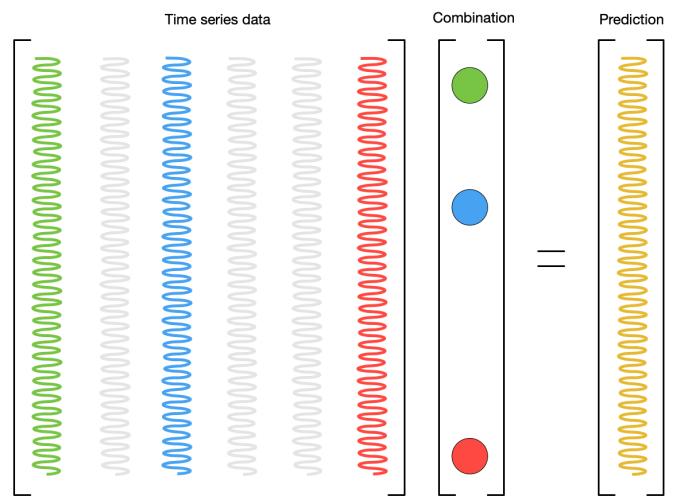
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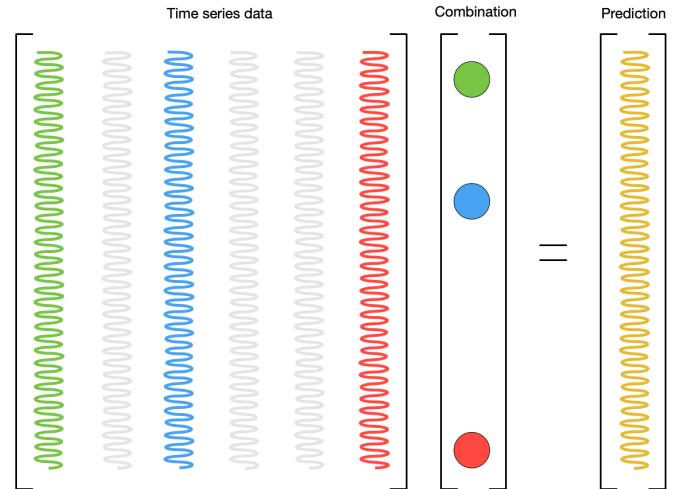
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Prediction unique if  $T_{\text{ini}} \geq \ell$



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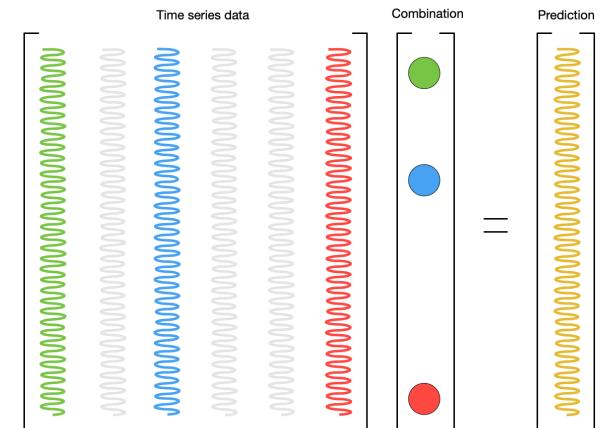
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# Models vs data

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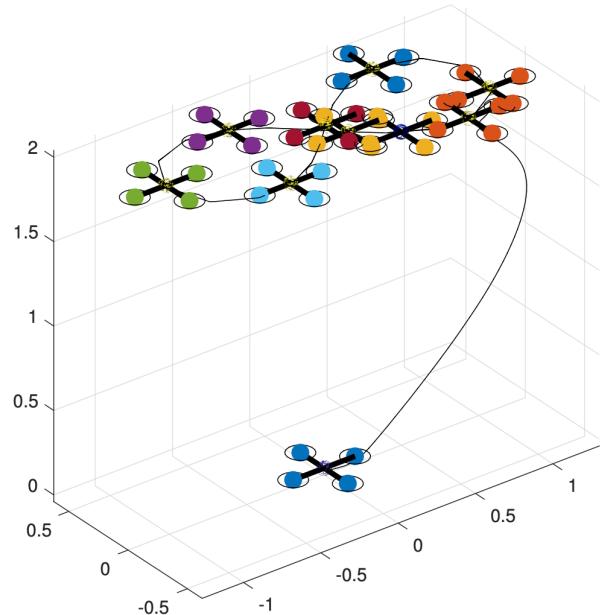
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Predictive model and state estimation in MPC is replaced by raw data in DeePC!

# Consistent for deterministic LTI systems

Theorem [Coulson et al. '19]

MPC and DeePC have equivalent closed-loop behavior.



Stability and recursive feasibility proven  
by [Berberich et al. '19]

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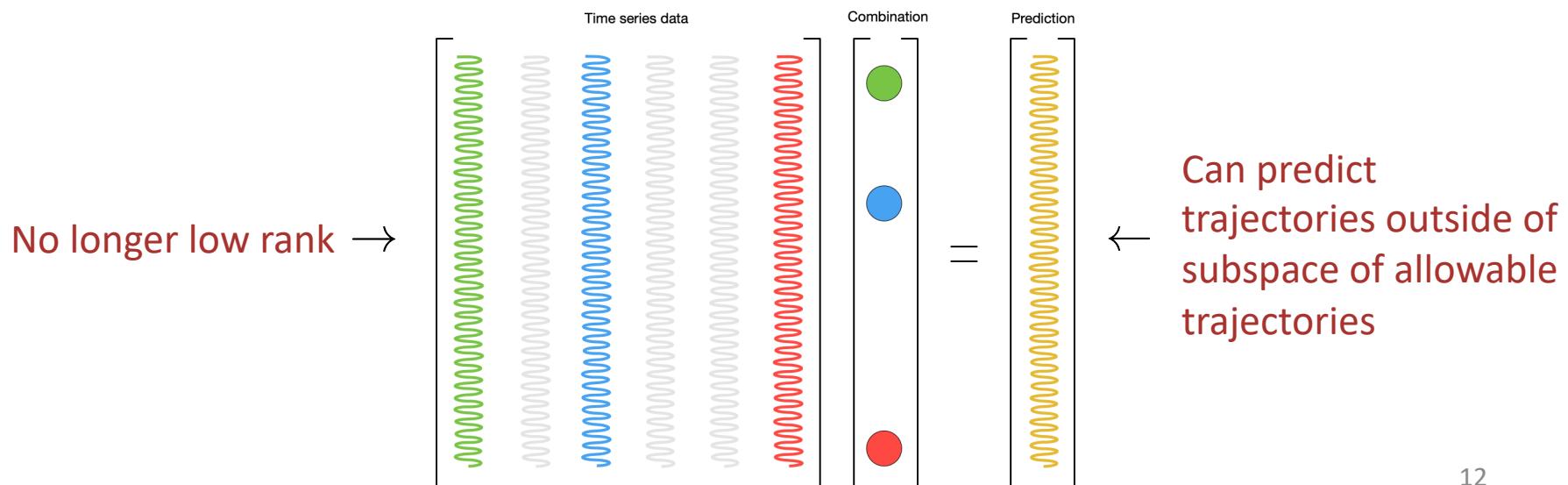
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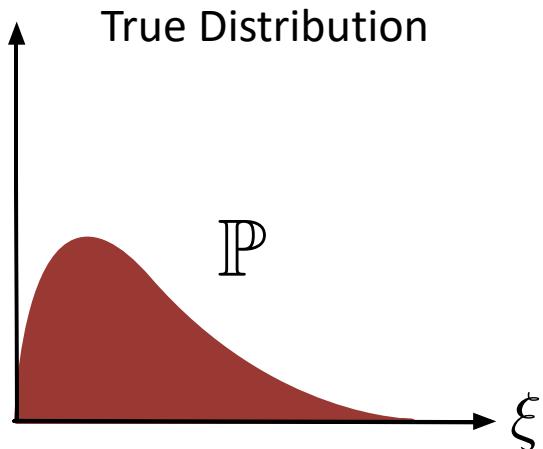
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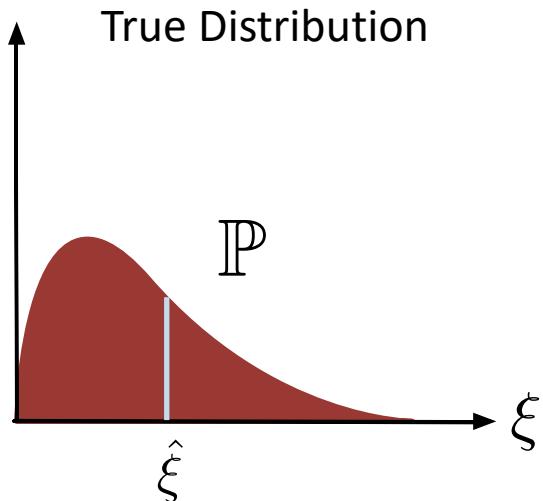
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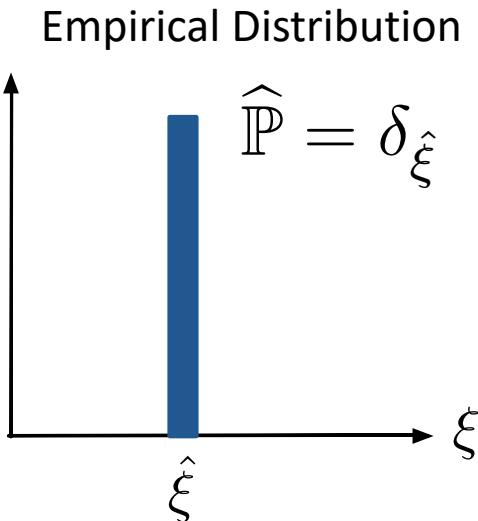
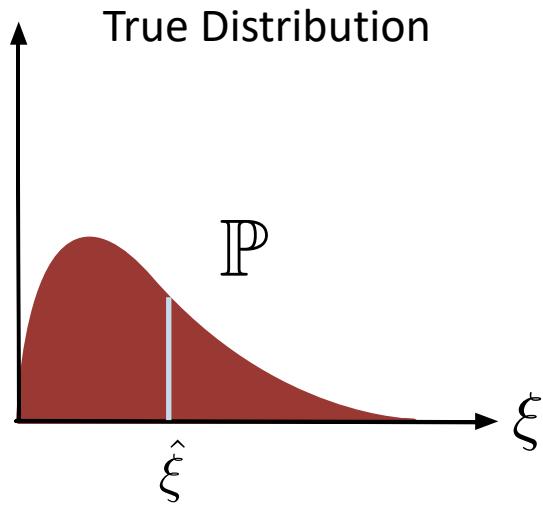
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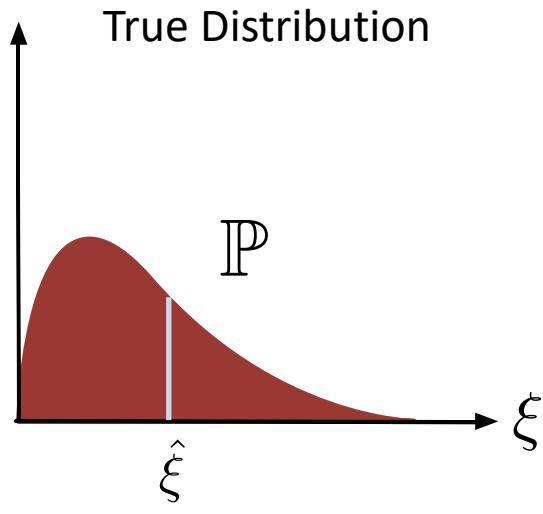
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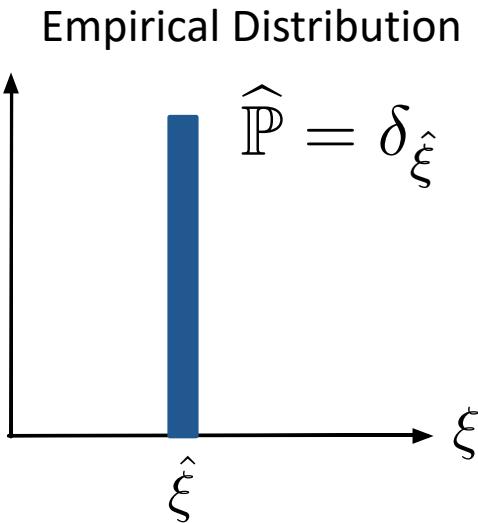
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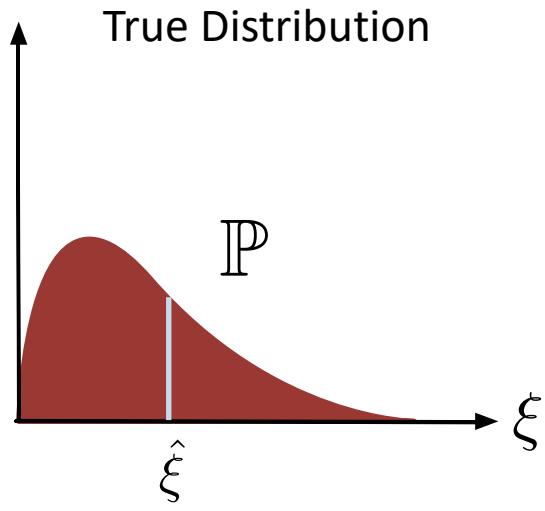
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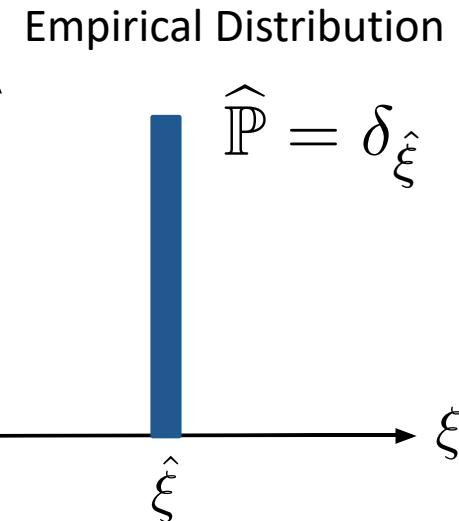
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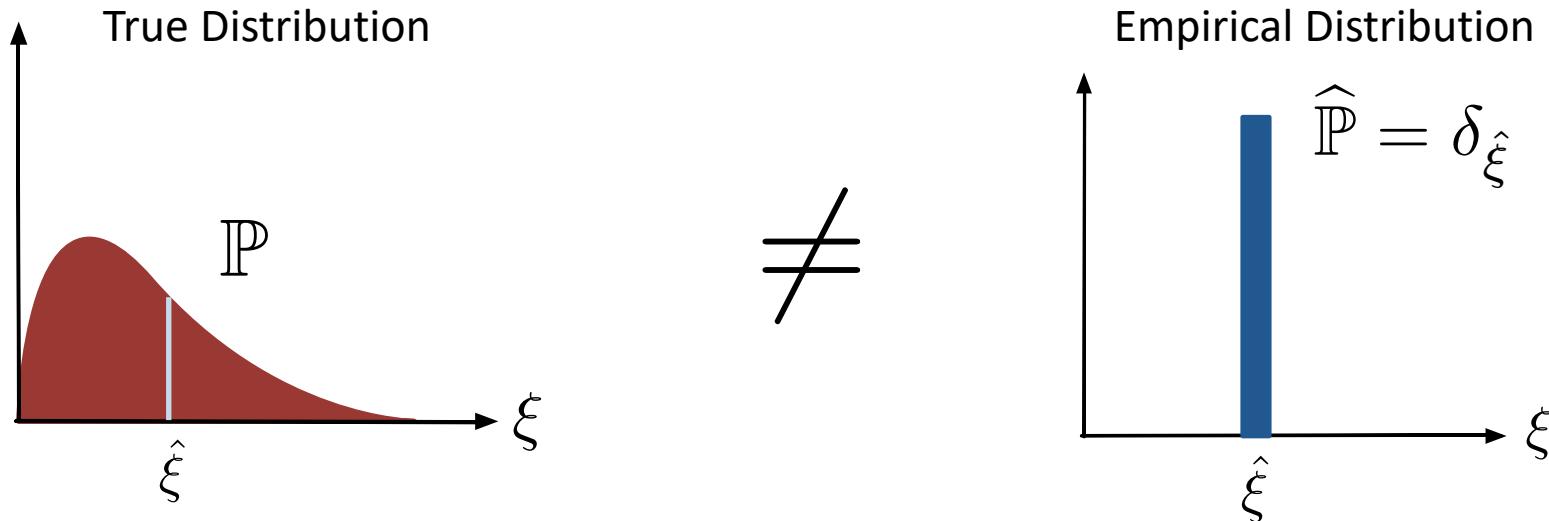
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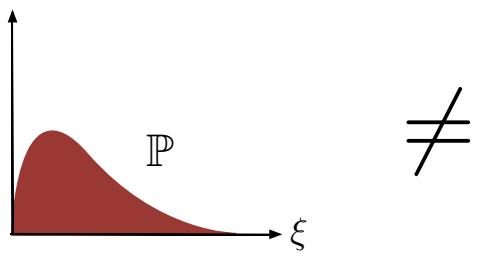
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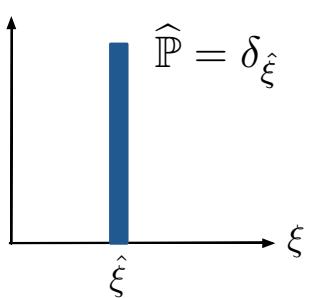
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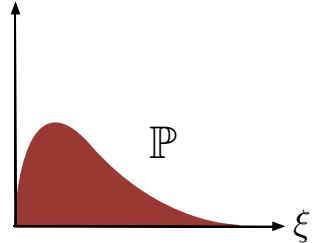


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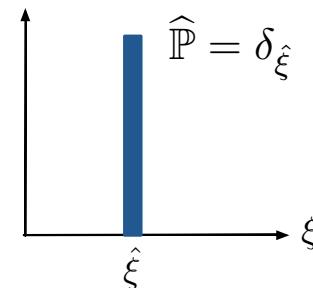
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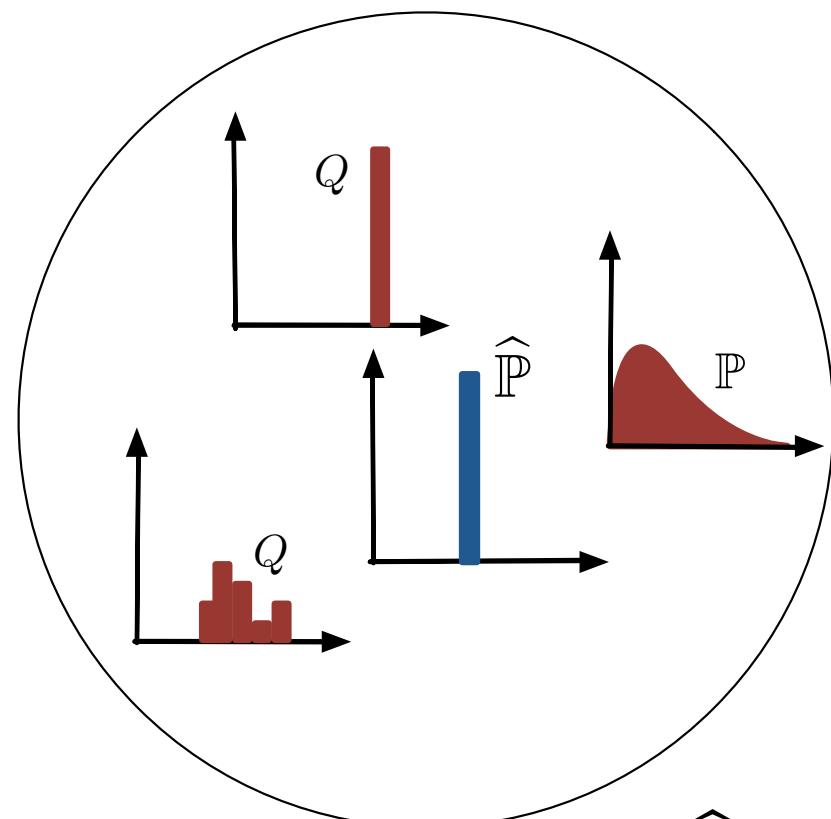


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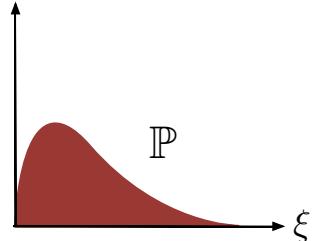
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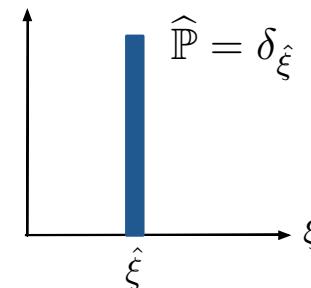
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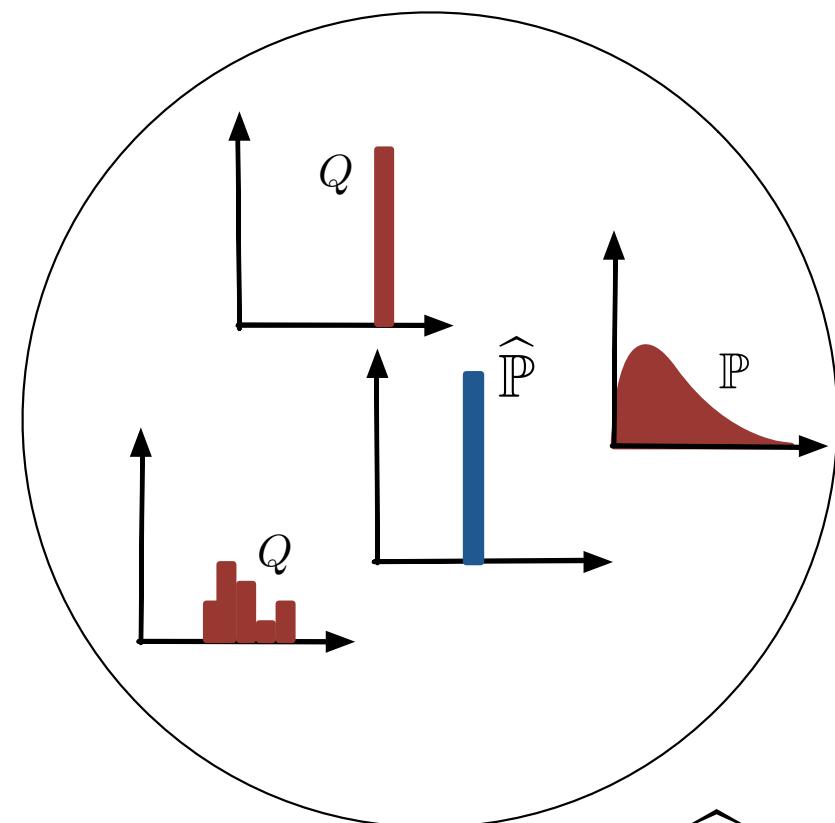


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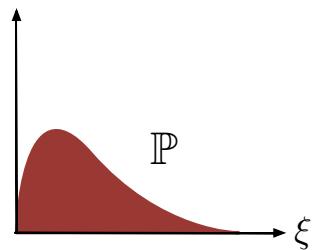
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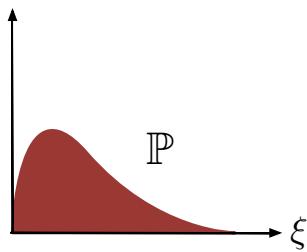
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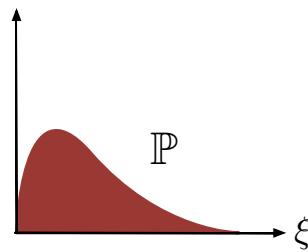
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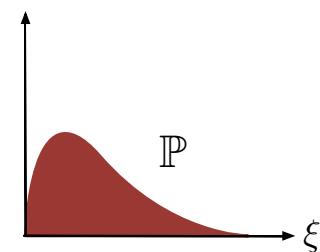
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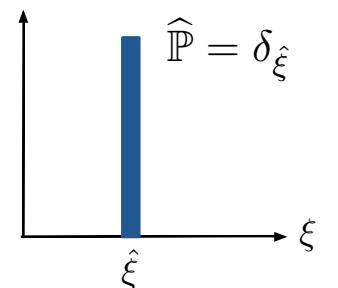
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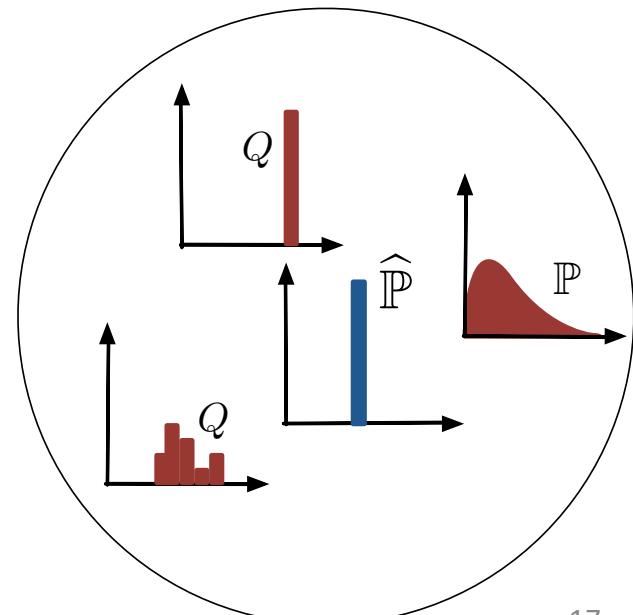
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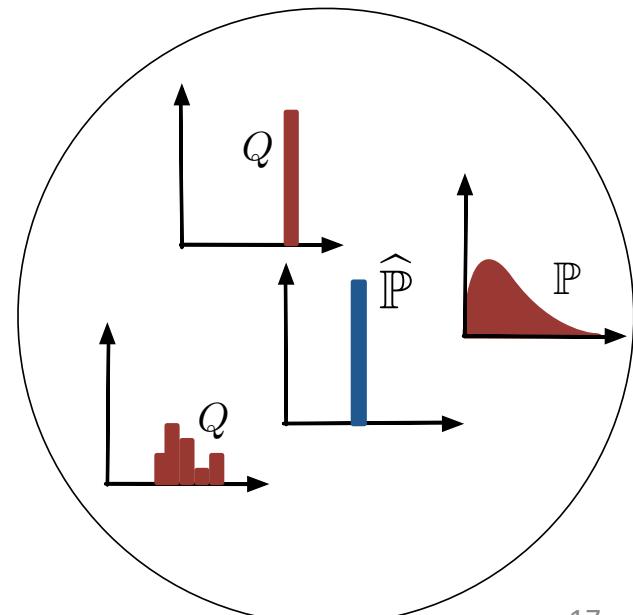


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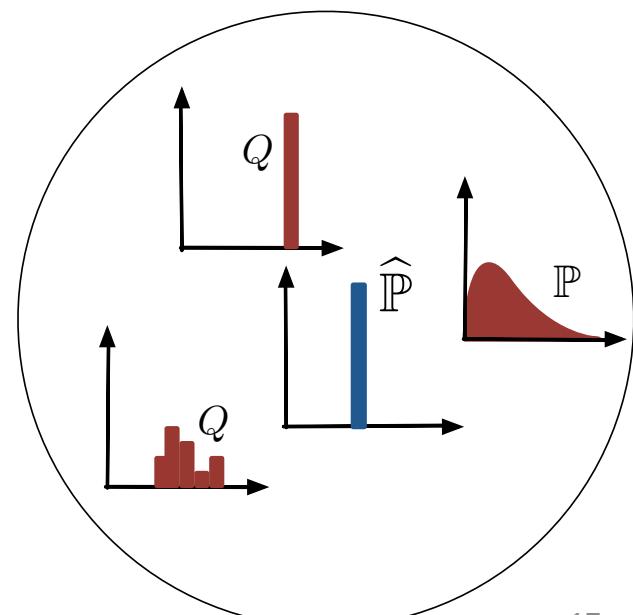
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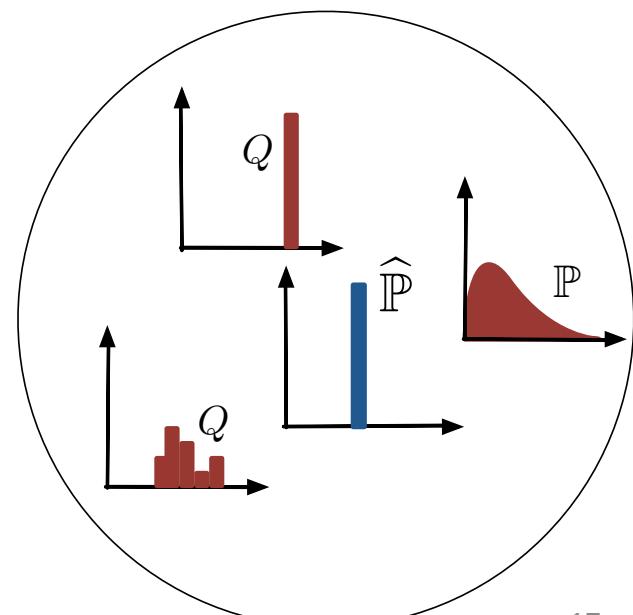
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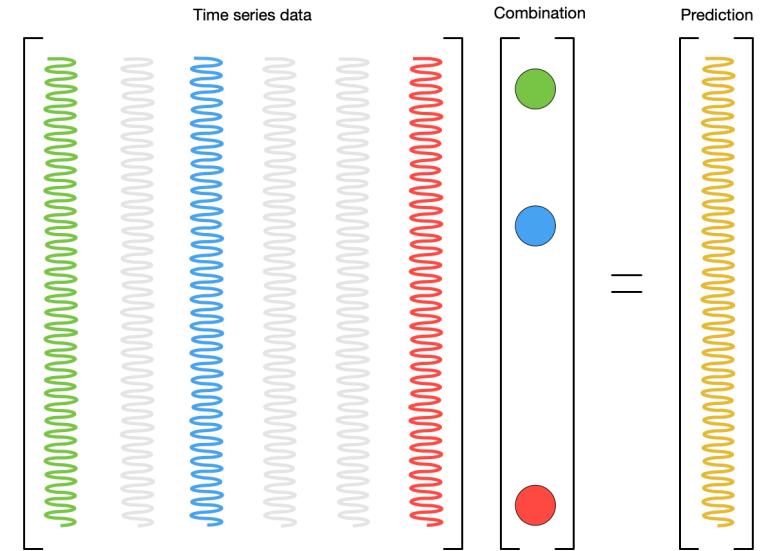
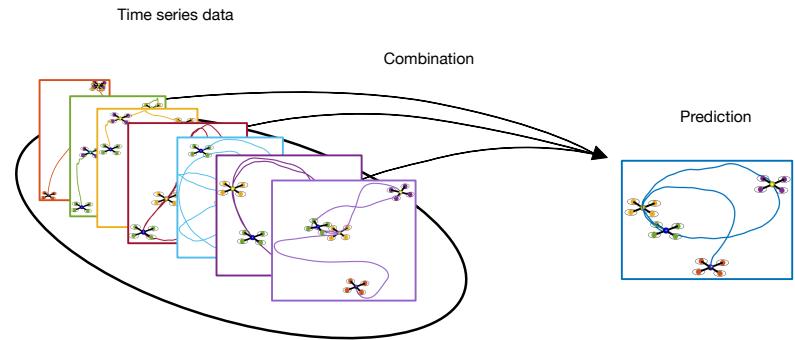
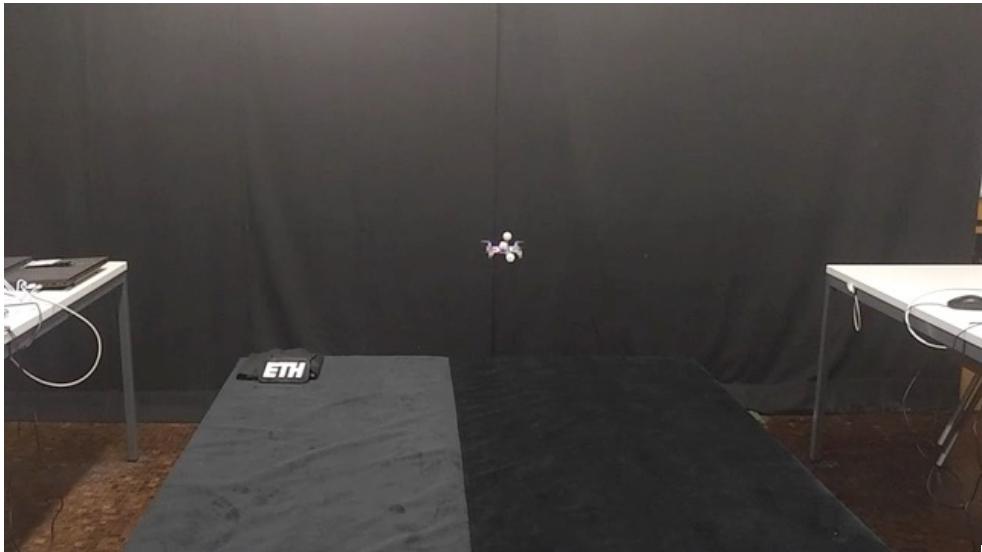
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The Wasserstein ball contains more than just LTI systems with additive noise



# Into the real world

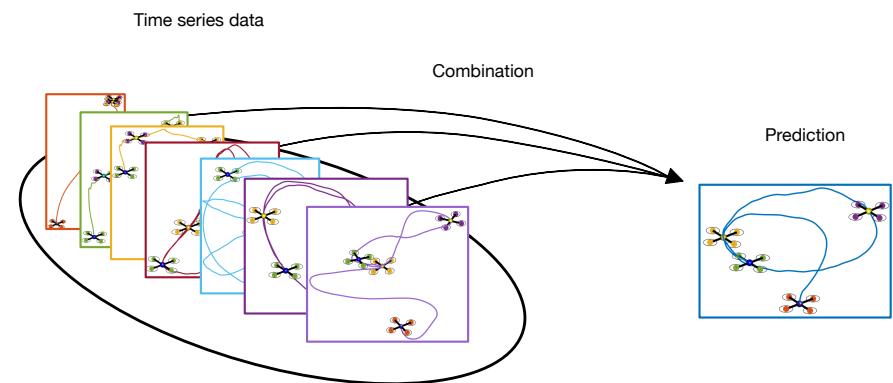
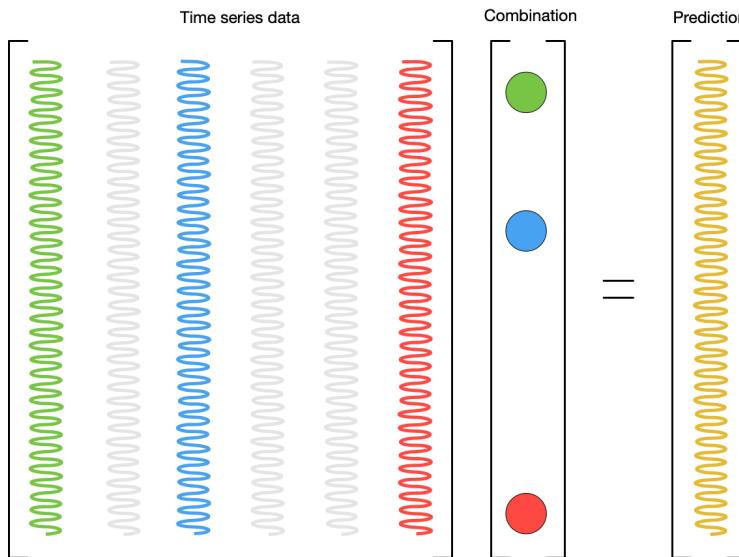
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# Summary

- Matrix of time-series data is a predictive model
- DeePC equivalent to MPC for deterministic LTI
- Distributionally robustify DeePC through regularizations to extend beyond deterministic LTI
- Successful deployment on many experiments and simulations

Future work: online + adaptive guarantees



# Thanks!



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