



Anytime Parallel Computation of Forward Reachable Tubes for Provably Safe Unmanned Aerial Systems Traffic Management

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UAS Traffic Management

Class G airspace extends up to 1200 ft AGL

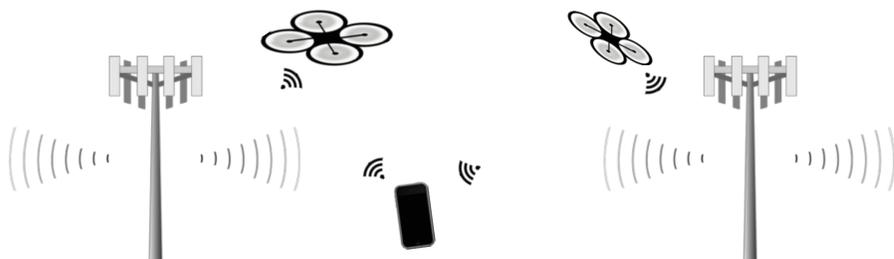
500 ft AGL

Weight no more than 55 lbs

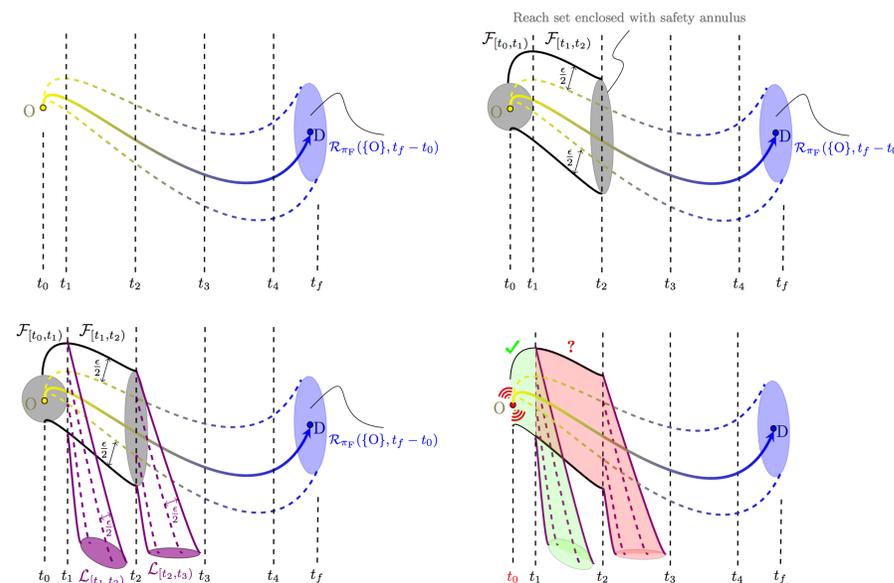
200 ft AGL

Requires:

- Automated V2V separation management
- Yield manned traffic
- Avoid obstacles (buildings, geofencing)



Motion Protocol



Algorithm for Fast Computation of Reachable Tubes

LTV closed-loop dynamics

- 12 states
- 4 controls
- 3 wind disturbances

$$\dot{\mathbf{x}}(t) = \mathbf{A}(t)\mathbf{x}(t) + \mathbf{B}(t)\boldsymbol{\eta}(t) + \mathbf{G}(t)\mathbf{w}(t)$$

Ellipsoidal uncertainties:

$$\mathbf{x}(0) \in \mathcal{E}(\mathbf{x}_0, \mathbf{X}_0), \boldsymbol{\eta}(t) \in \mathcal{E}(\mathbf{v}(t), \mathbf{V}(t)),$$

$$\mathbf{w}(t) \in \mathcal{E}(\mathbf{w}_c(t), \mathbf{W}(t))$$

$$\mathcal{E}(\mathbf{x}_c, \mathbf{X}) = \{\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n \mid (\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}_c)^\top \mathbf{X}^{-1} (\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}_c) \leq 1\}$$

Compute $\hat{\mathcal{R}}$ such that $\hat{\mathcal{R}} \supseteq \mathcal{R}$, the actual reach set

$$\mathcal{E}_{LJ}(\text{ConvHull}(\hat{\mathcal{R}})) \supseteq \mathcal{E}_{LJ}(\text{ConvHull}(\mathcal{R}))$$

Kurzanski parameterization of shape matrix:

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{\mathbf{X}}_{\ell_i(t)}^+ &= \mathbf{A}(t)\mathbf{X}_{\ell_i(t)}^+ + \mathbf{X}_{\ell_i(t)}^+(t)\mathbf{A}(t)^\top \\ &+ \pi_{\ell_i(t)}(t)\mathbf{X}_{\ell_i(t)}^+(t) + \frac{1}{\pi_{\ell_i(t)}(t)}\mathbf{B}(t)\mathbf{V}(t)\mathbf{B}(t)^\top \\ &- \sqrt{\mathbf{X}_{\ell_i(t)}^+(t)\mathbf{S}_{\ell_i(t)}(t)\sqrt{\mathbf{G}(t)\mathbf{W}(t)\mathbf{G}(t)^\top}} \\ &- \sqrt{\mathbf{G}(t)\mathbf{W}(t)\mathbf{G}(t)^\top}\mathbf{S}_{\ell_i(t)}(t)^\top\sqrt{\mathbf{X}_{\ell_i(t)}^+(t)} \end{aligned}$$

Compute the Lowner-John MVOE of

$$\hat{\mathcal{R}}_{\{\ell_{i0}\}_{i=1}^N}(t, t_0, \mathcal{E}(\mathbf{x}_0, \mathbf{X}_0)) = \bigcap_{i=1}^N \mathcal{E}(\mathbf{x}_c(t), \mathbf{X}_{\ell_i(t)}^+(t))$$

Asymptotic exactness:

$$\mathcal{R}(t, t_0, \mathcal{E}(\mathbf{x}_0, \mathbf{X}_0)) = \bigcap_{i=1}^{\infty} \mathcal{E}(\mathbf{x}_c, \mathbf{X}_{\ell_i(t)}^+(t))$$

Inner optimization via S-procedure (SDP relaxation)

- Compute MVOE of $\bigcap_{i=1}^N \mathcal{E}_i$

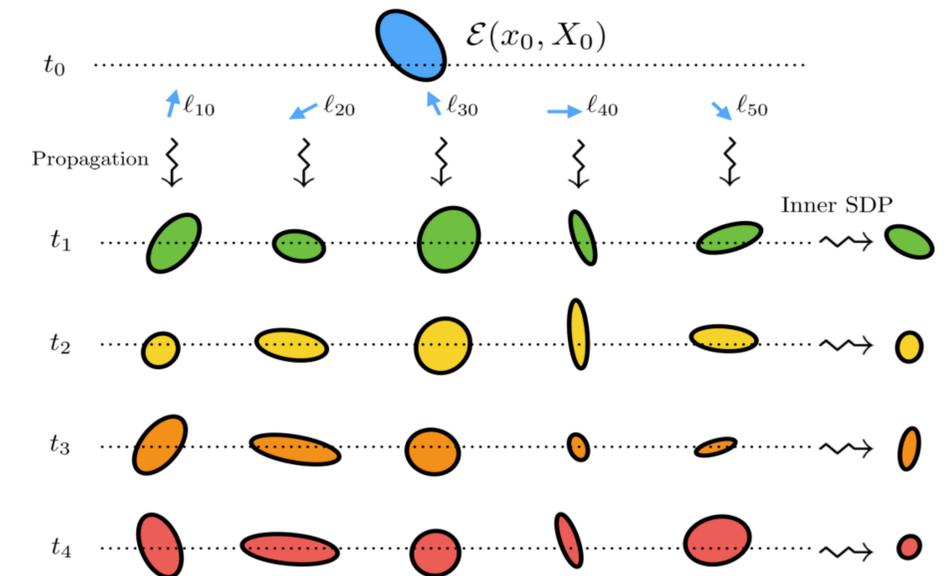
Outer optimization is exact SDP

- Compute MVOE of $\bigcup_{k=1}^K \mathcal{E}_k$

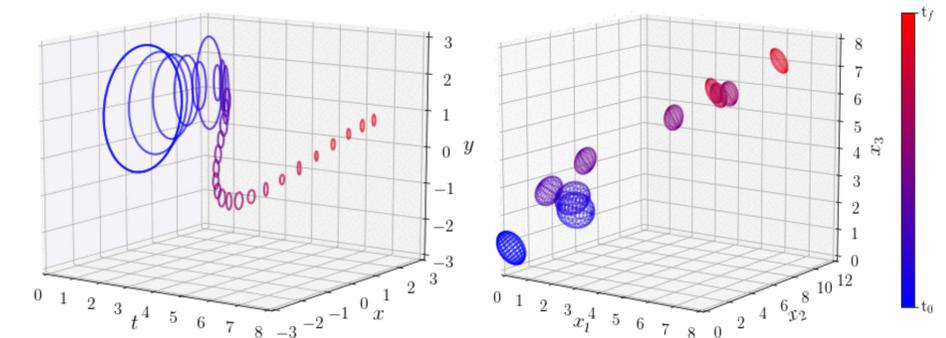
Project tube onto 3D space

$$\begin{aligned} &\text{proj} \left(\mathcal{E}_{LJ} \left(\overbrace{\bigcup_{k=1}^K \mathcal{E}_{LJ} \left(\underbrace{\bigcap_{i=1}^N \mathcal{E}(\mathbf{x}_c(t_k), \mathbf{X}_{\ell_i(t_k)}^+(t_k))}_{\text{inner SDP}} \right)}^{\text{outer SDP}} \right) \right) \\ &= \mathcal{E}_{LJ} \left(\bigcup_{k=1}^K \mathcal{E}_{LJ} \left(\text{proj} \left(\bigcap_{i=1}^N \mathcal{E}(\mathbf{x}_c(t_k), \mathbf{X}_{\ell_i(t_k)}^+(t_k)) \right) \right) \right) \\ &\subseteq \mathcal{E}_{LJ} \left(\bigcup_{k=1}^K \mathcal{E}_{LJ} \left(\bigcap_{i=1}^N \text{proj} \left(\mathcal{E}(\mathbf{x}_c(t_k), \mathbf{X}_{\ell_i(t_k)}^+(t_k)) \right) \right) \right) \end{aligned}$$

Numerical Simulations



Schematic of the anytime, parallel computational architecture



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