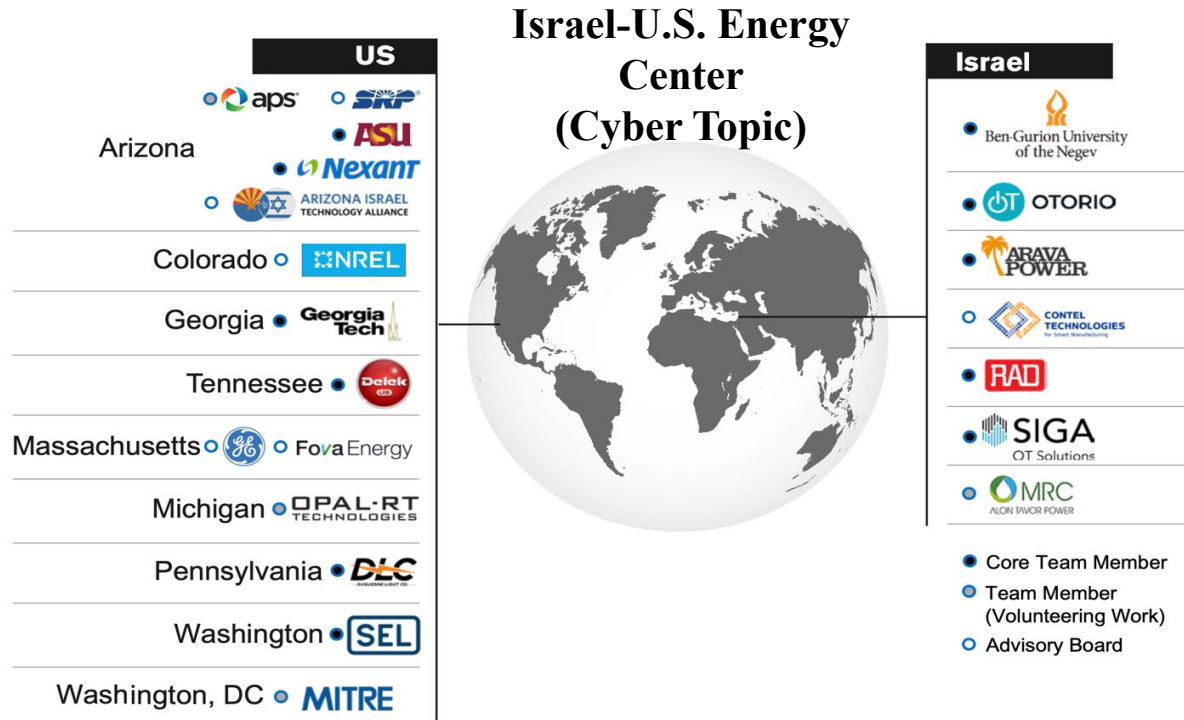


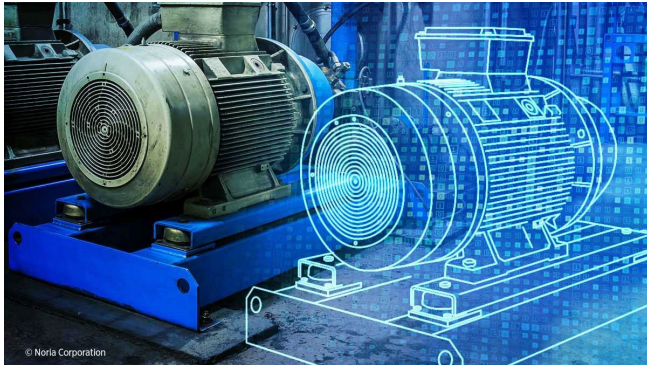
# Comprehensive **Cybersecurity** Technology for Critical Power Infrastructure **AI-Based** Centralized Defense and Edge Resilience



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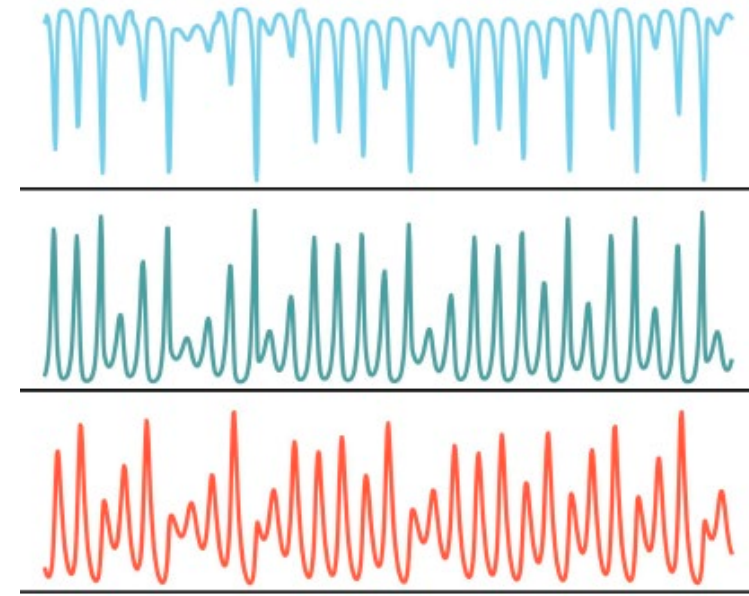
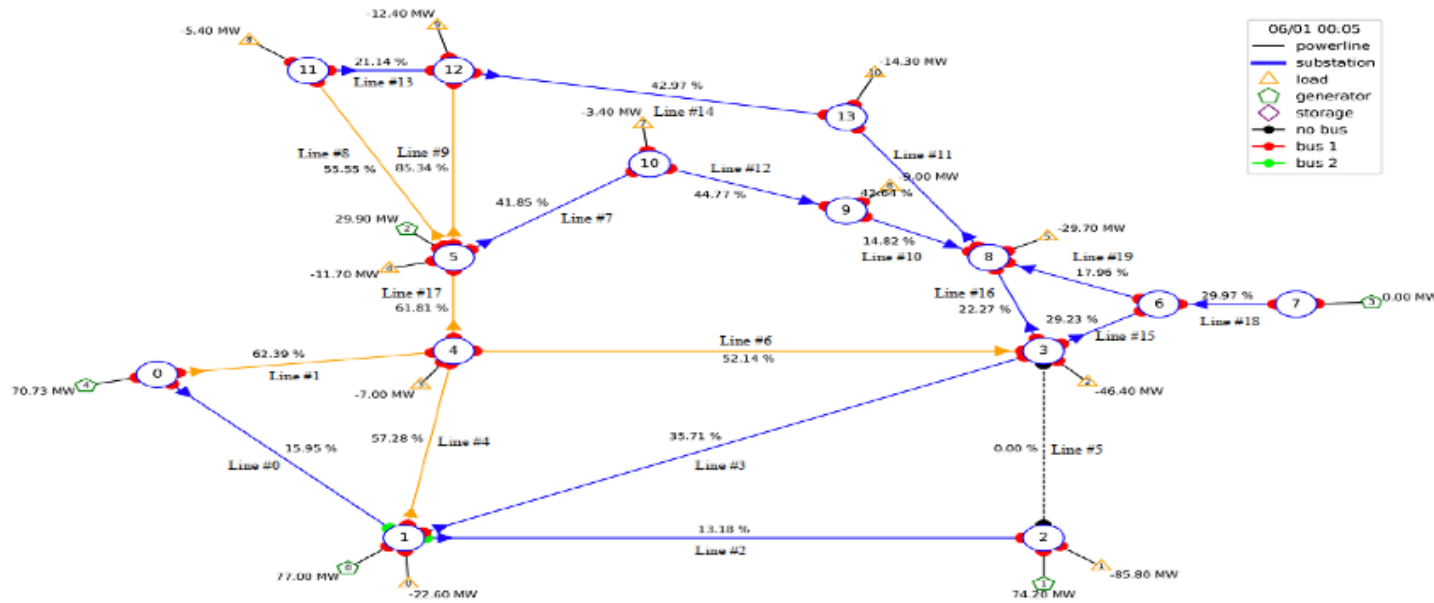
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# Problem Statement



$$K(t) = ?$$

- Attack causes  $K$  - an intrinsic parameter of the power grid, to vary with time
- Example of  $K(t)$ : number of lines whose currents exceeds a threshold

**Inverse Problem**

# K = Constant: Parameter Identification



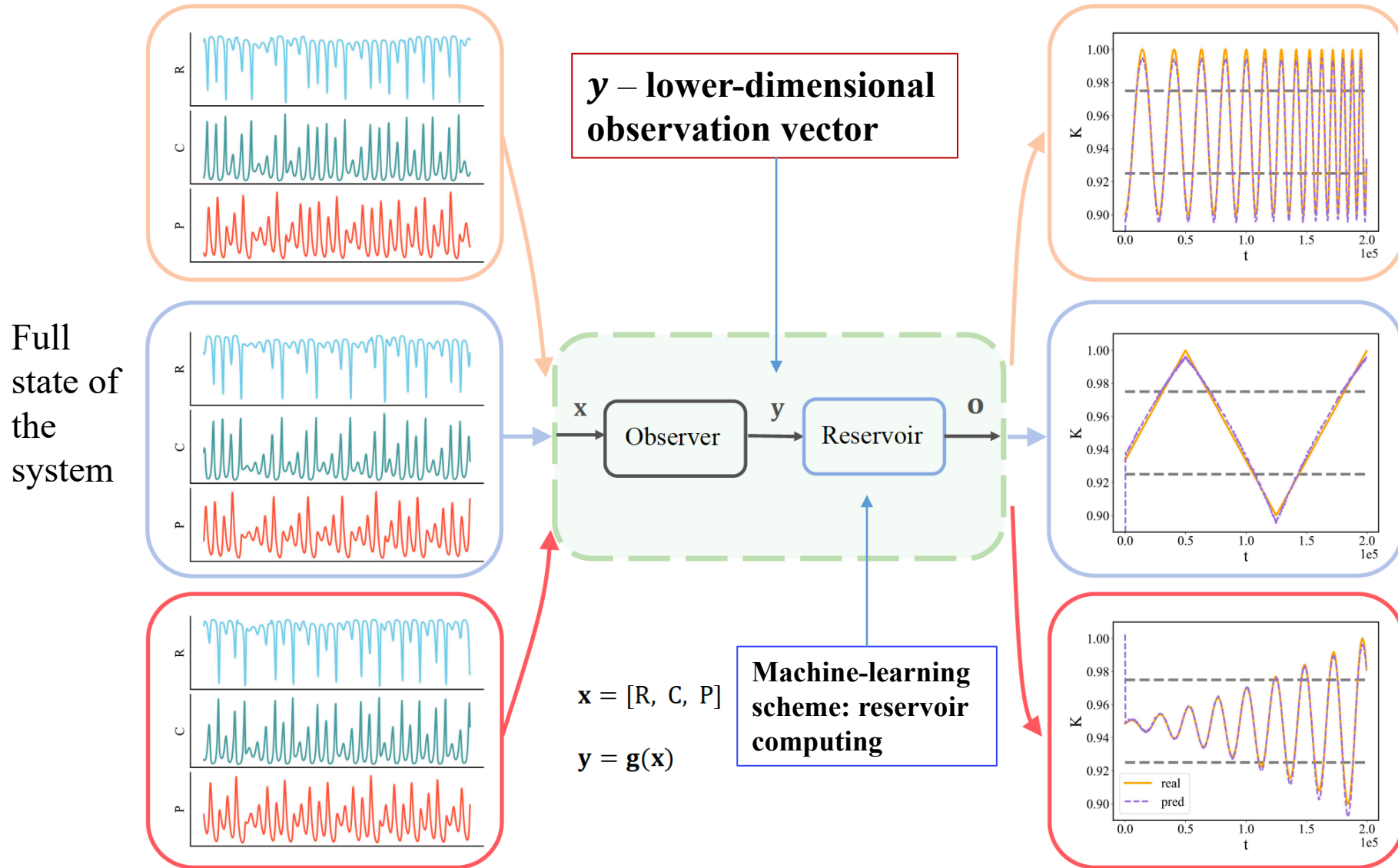
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**Limitation:** full-state measurements – time series of all dynamical variables of the system are required

# Our Work: Machine Learning with Partial Measurements





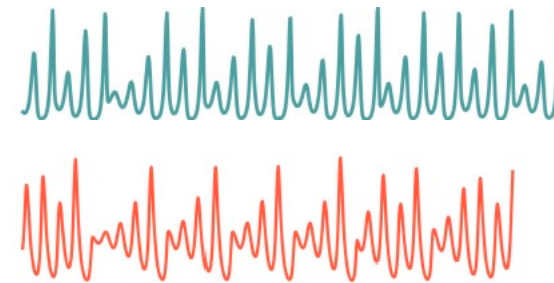
# Machine-Learning Strategy - Training

Assumption:

Observations from a small number of distinct parameter values can be collected in a well-controlled, laboratory environment

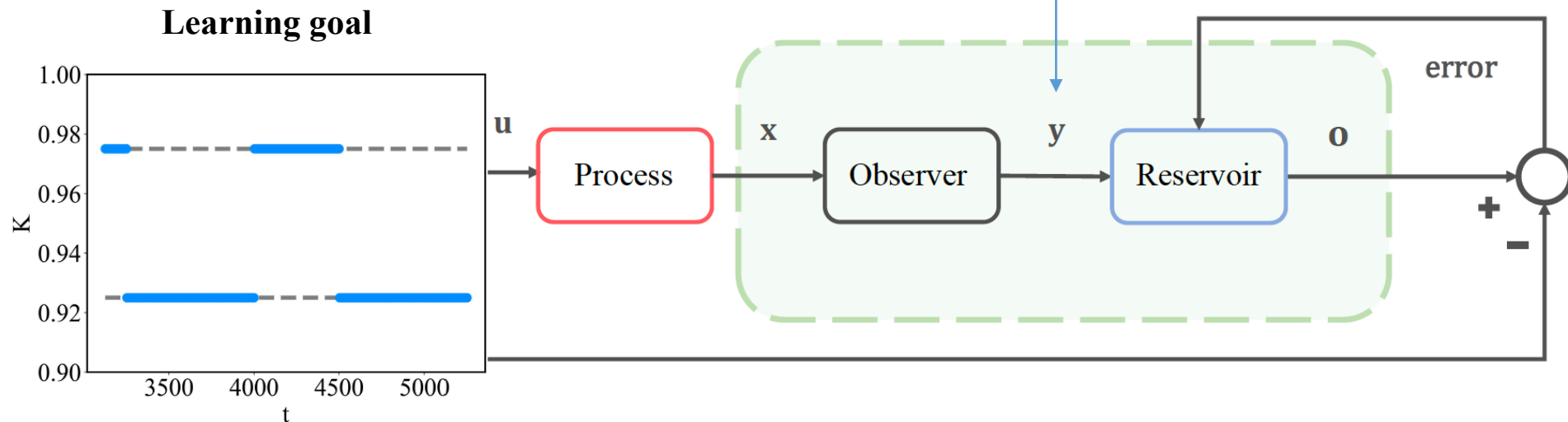
Training

- Laboratory calibration



Parameter value  $K_1$

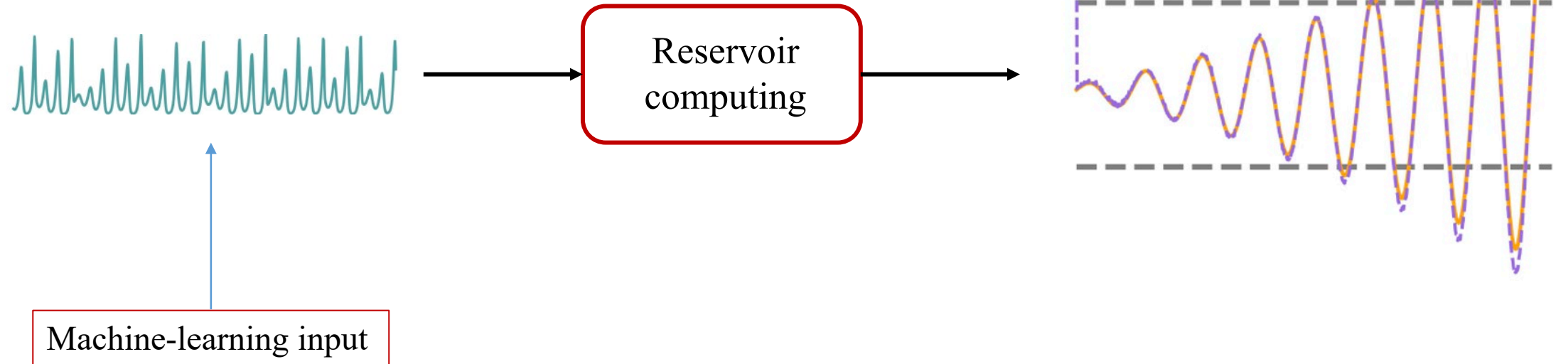
Parameter value  $K_2$



# Machine-Learning Strategy: Testing or Deployment

During testing or deployment:

- Parameters are no longer accessible
- Their variations are unknown
- Partial state observations are available – machine-learning inputs



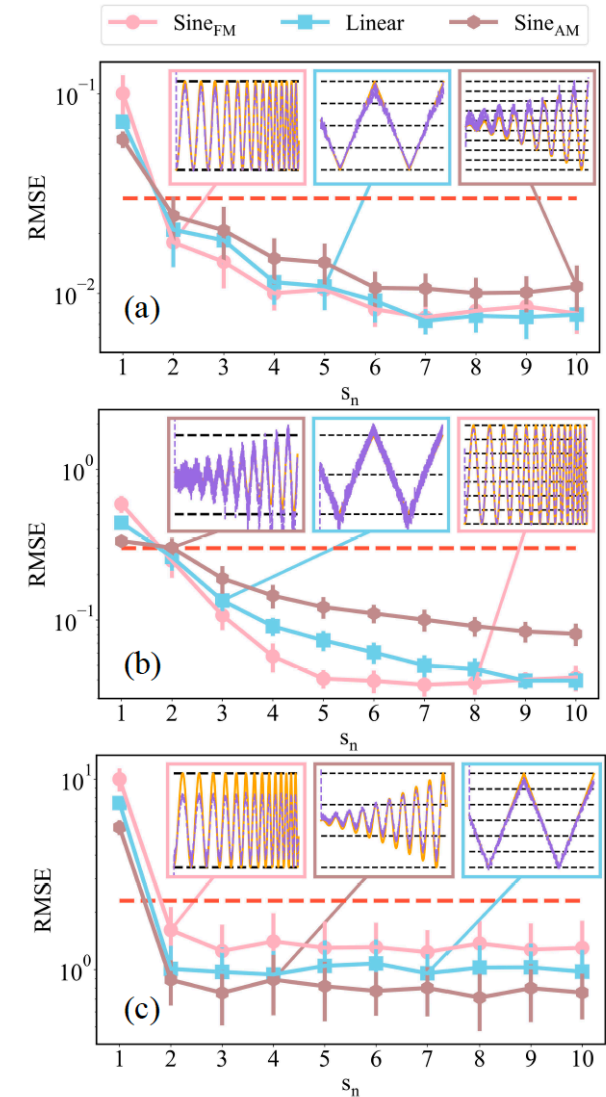
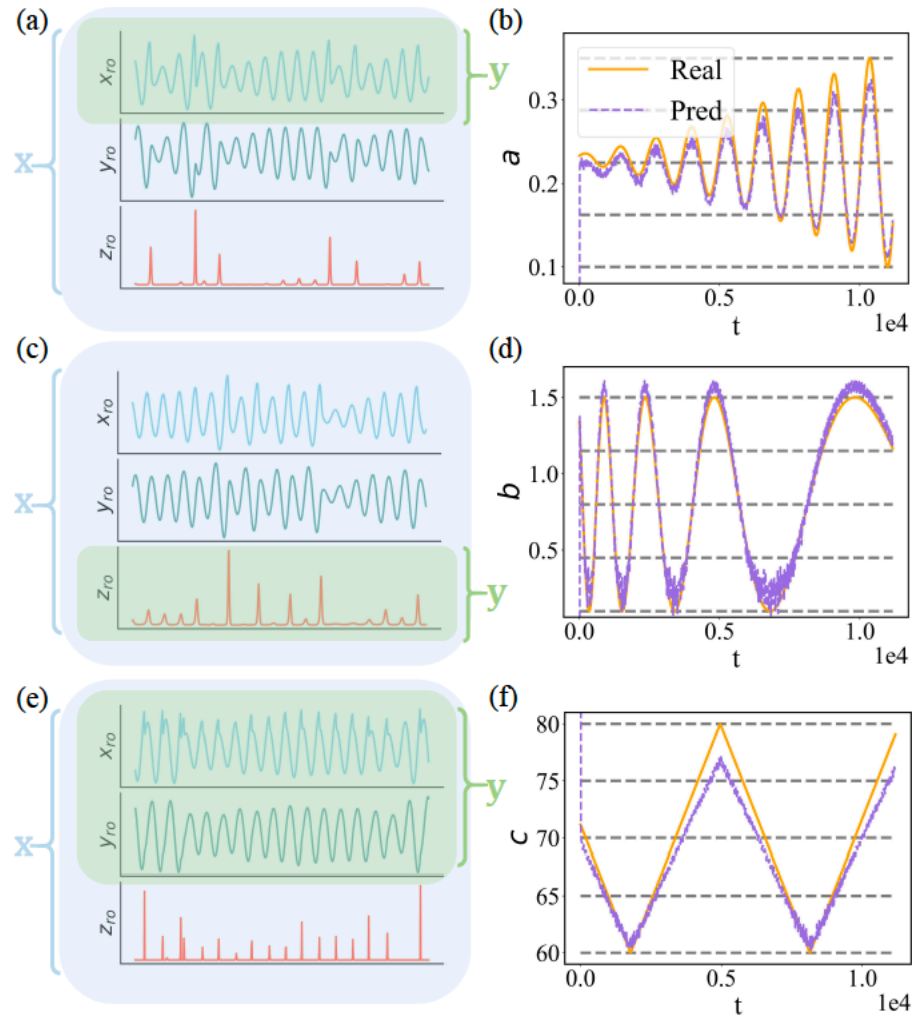
**Machine-learning scheme: Adaptable Reservoir Computing – Why?**



# Parameter-Tracking Results: Chaotic Rossler Oscillator



$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dx_{ro}}{dt} &= -y_{ro} - z_{ro} \\ \frac{dy_{ro}}{dt} &= x_{ro} + ay_{ro} \\ \frac{dz_{ro}}{dt} &= b + z_{ro}(x_{ro} - c) \end{aligned}$$



# Industrial Partner and Commercialization



The ASU Task 11 team is working with John Dirkman's team at *Resource Innovations Nexant* to incorporate the principle and methodologies of digital twins for AI-based intrusion detection into the existing industrial software tools.

## Preferential cyber defense for power grids

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The integration of computing and communication capabilities into the power grid has led to vulnerabilities enabling attackers to launch cyberattacks on the grid. Resources that can be deployed to protect a power grid are limited, rendering the need to impose preferences and priorities in optimal resource allocation. Due to the complexity of modern power grids, exploiting machine learning is desired for developing optimal preferential cybersecurity defense strategies, where choosing a suitable mathematical framework to describe the preference satisfaction and articulating a specific machine-learning method are key. We develop a reinforcement learning approach with the objective of satisfying the preferences as quantitatively described by linear temporal logic. To characterize the preferences, we exploit a probabilistic planning approach that transforms preference satisfaction into a mixed integer programming (MIP) problem, incorporate MIP into the resource allocation problem, and use reinforcement learning to obtain the optimal policy. Due to the time-varying nature of the problem, the transformation needs to be carried out and MIP is to be solved at each time step. Utilizing the benchmark W&W-6 Bus power grid network, we validate our preferential machine-learning framework to defend the system against attacks under limited resources. Although our framework is computationally intensive at the present, it provides a steppingstone toward developing more efficient machine-learning frameworks to preferentially defend large cyberphysical systems.

John's commitment on 3/1/2023:

“Regarding the manuscript on preferential cyber defense of power grids (Task 11) - as I review the manuscript I will consider the potential for commercialization.”

Had a commercialization meeting with John on March 10.