

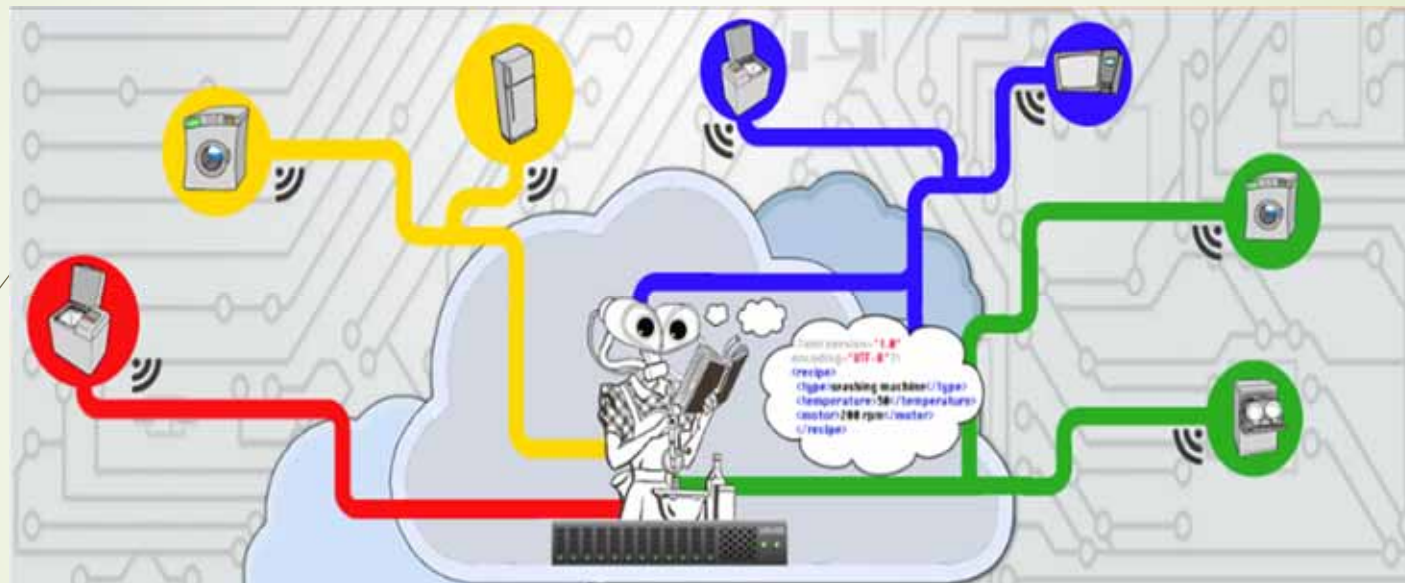


# The Sands Ecosystem

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# The general paradigm: social household appliances



You ask a task for your appliance

The network executes it through proper recipes

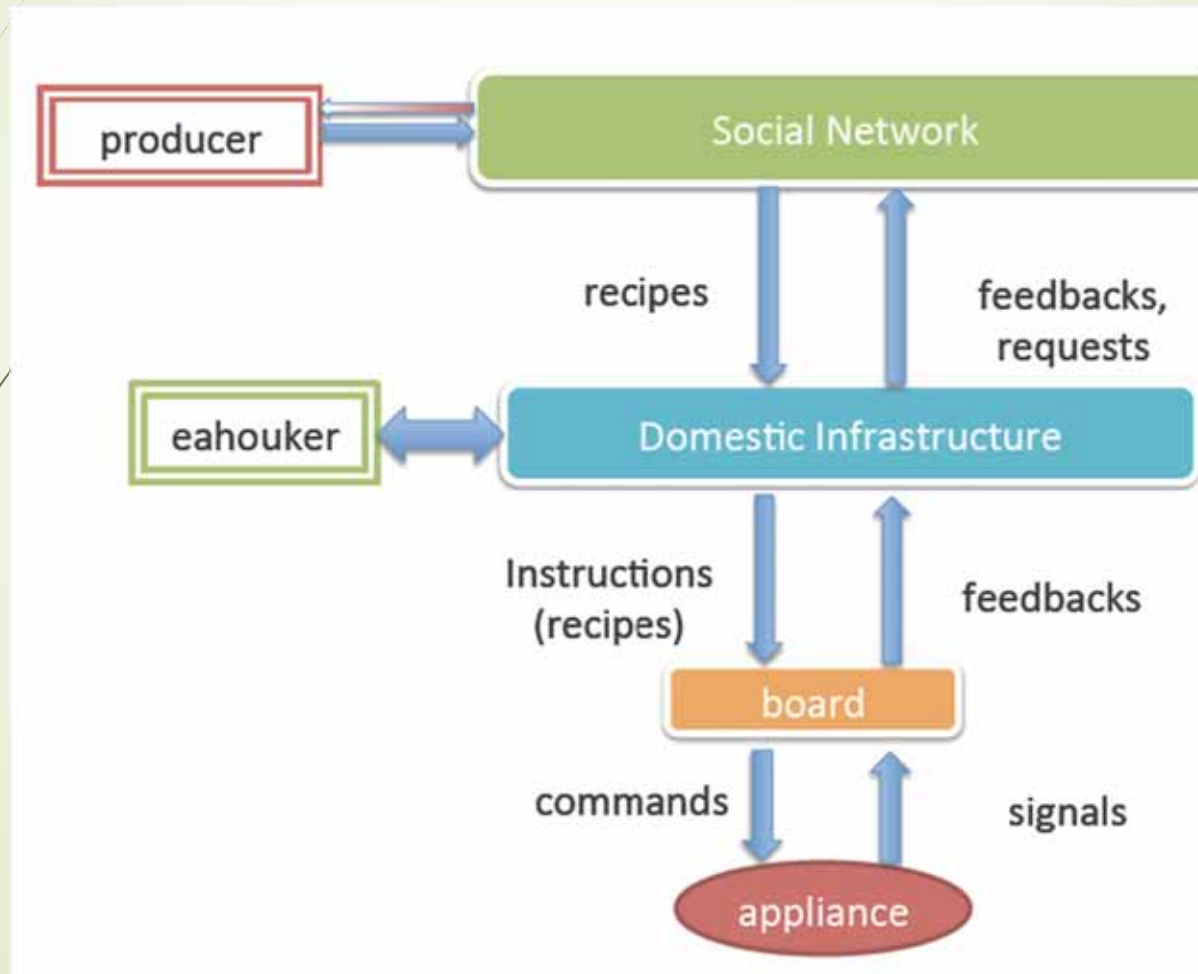
***A true instance of Internet of Things***



# The four pillars

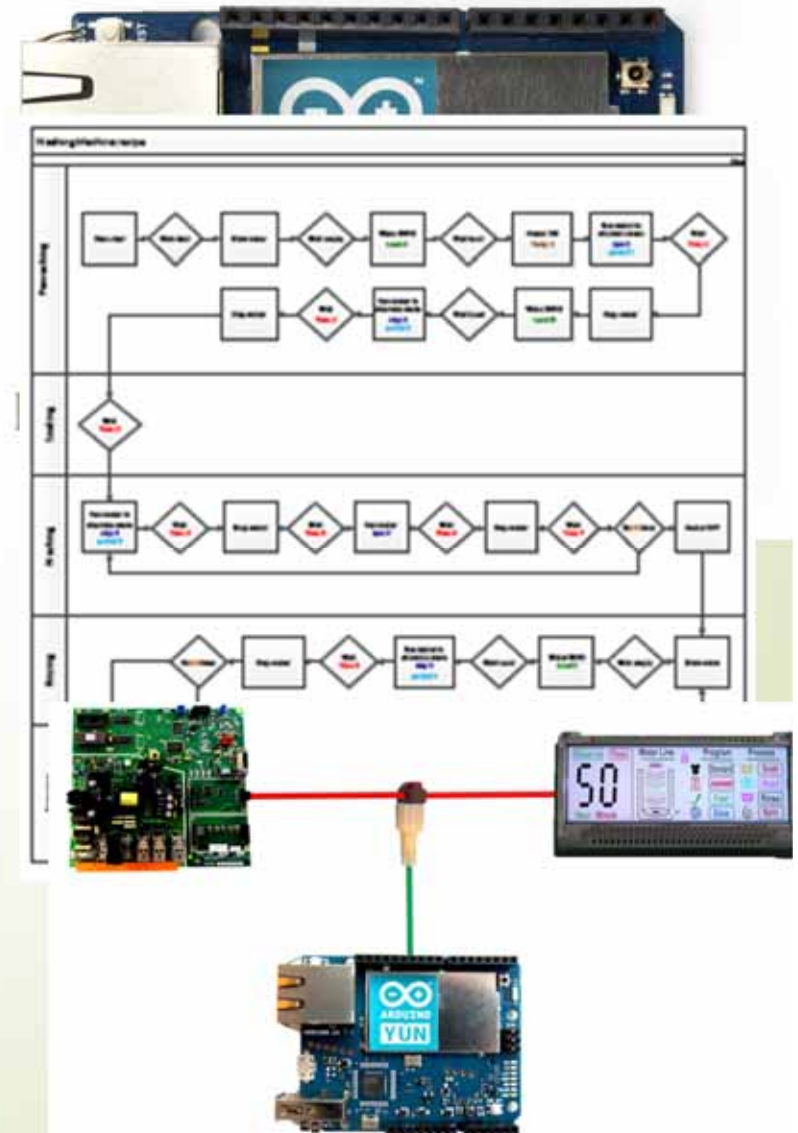
- Hardware once, software ever improving
- If I don't know, I ask the network acting on my name
- Open Social Network of Facts
- Networked intelligence

# Lo schema logico dibase



# hardware

- Board di basso costo +
- Automa a stati finiti +
- Normali interfacce digitali



# TLC

- Architettura scalabile
- MQTT broker
- Tecnologia node.js
- Normale router wifi elettrodomestici





# Social things

Now we can

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# Why now?

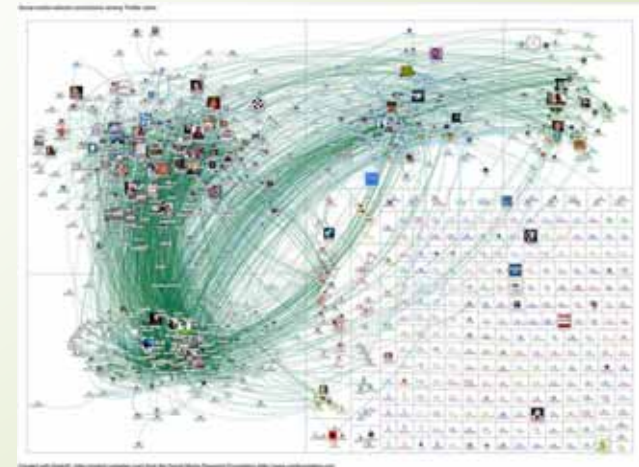
- Because Internet of Things connects things almost everywhere to constitute a network
- Because we trust on Social Network
- Because we are used to dialoguing with Internet
- Because things become more and more complex
- Because we expect optimal performances by things in a continuous updating process





# What they aren't

- Things shared by people (the socialism of things)
- Things connected to Internet to form an autonomous social network (SoT)
- Things governed by owners community's consensus (the I-like tyranny)





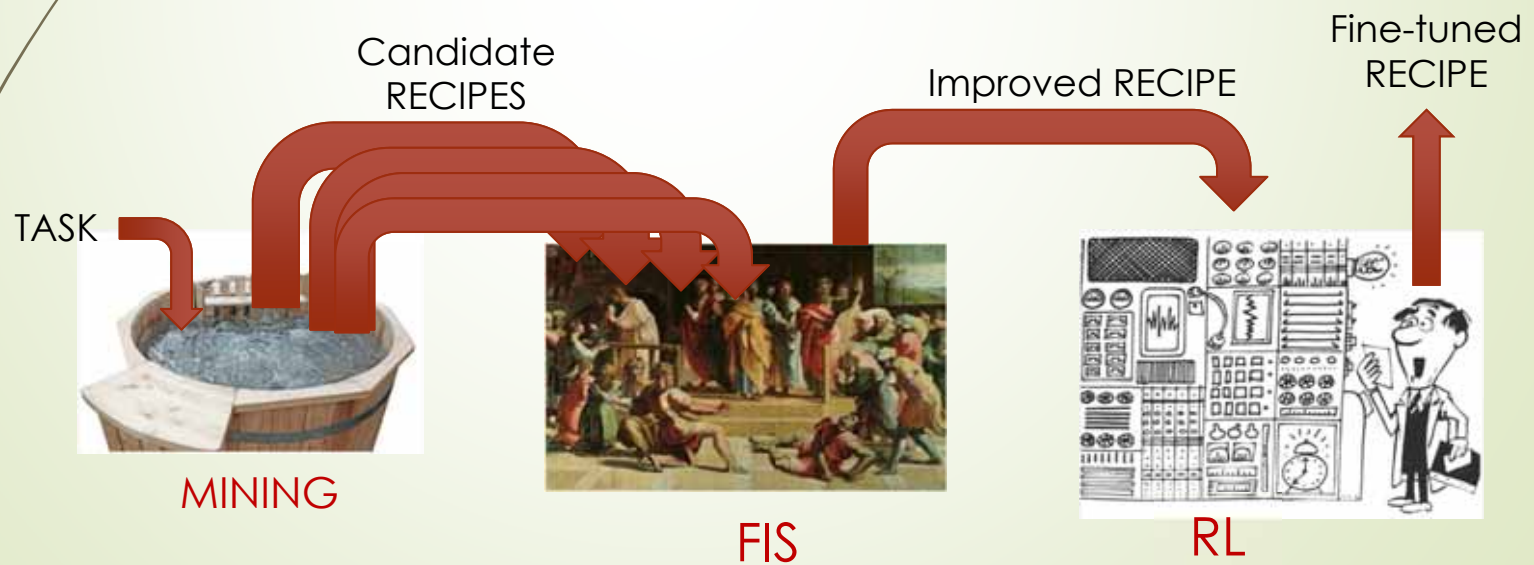


# Lead philosophy

- ▶ I don't know how optimally operate my appliances, hence I ask the network
- ▶ The network learns to optimally satisfy the user request on the basis of the informative triplet  
**<task | recipe | evaluation>**
- ▶ The social feature of the network stands in the members' contribution in terms of profiles (of them and their appliances) and log of the above triplets

# The overall procedure in three steps

- Mining
- Fuzzy System Inference
- Reinforcement learning





# The scientific challenge



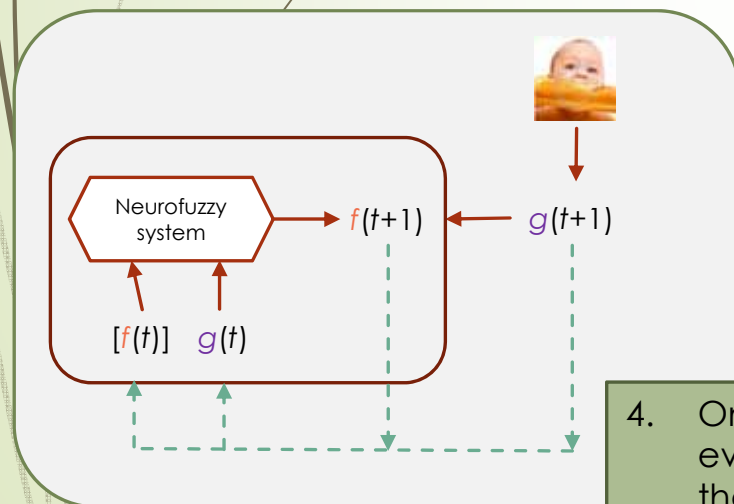
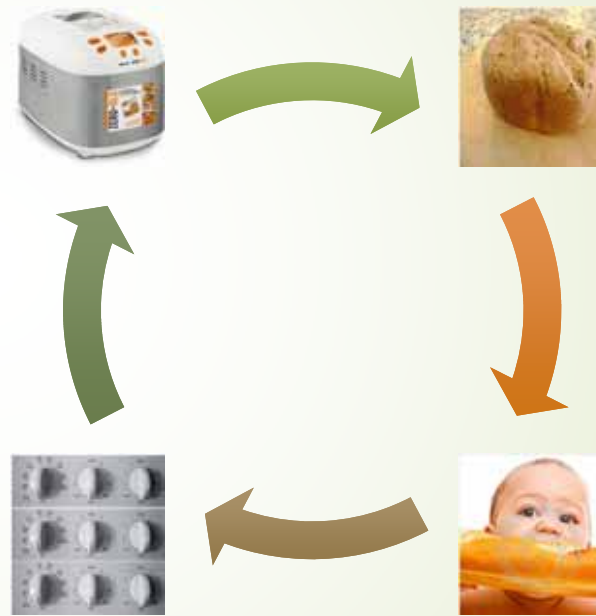
- ▶ Consider Horn clauses such as
  - ▶ If **less crusty** and soggy then
  - ▶ If **very crusty** and crisp then
- ▶ Involving:
  - ▶ Crisp variables: rising time
  - ▶ Fuzzy variables: crustiness
    - ▶ With **fuzzy quantifiers**: less



# 1. On-line learning

1. Prepare a new bread

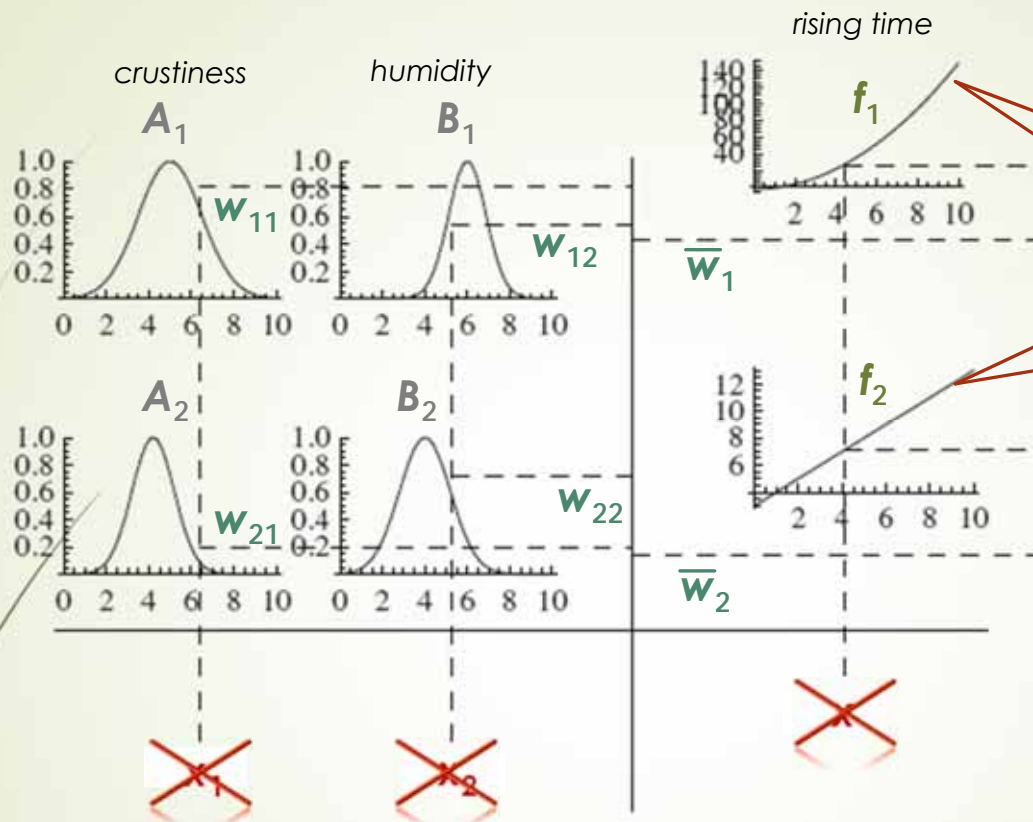
2. Taste it



4. On the basis of the evaluation, adjust the bread machine parameters through the neurofuzzy system

3. Evaluate the bread

# With the further complication



crustine

humidity

rising time

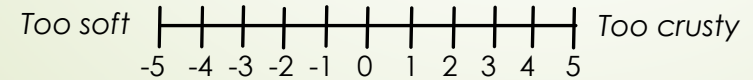
$$f = \bar{w}_1 f_1(x,a) + \bar{w}_2 f_2(x,a)$$

It tastes somewhat custy for my teeth



Output f: rising time setting

Evaluation g: evaluation proposed on crustiness and humidity

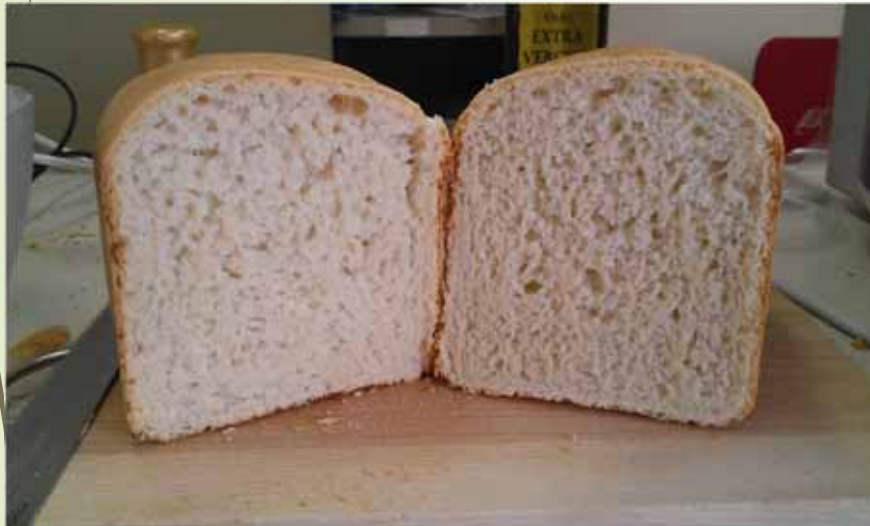


Rather we must infer from the evaluation  $g$  induced by  $f$

## LEARNING FROM NOWHERE



# Bread is ready!



FIRST LEAVENING		SECOND LEAVENING		PRE COOKING		COOKING		BROWNING		EVALUATION			
Time	Temperature	Time	Temperature	Time	Temperature	Time	Temperature	Time	Temperature	Fragrance	Softness	Baking	Crust
1821	33	2788	35	575	59	3885	118	101	126	+3	+1	+1	+1
1792	33	2813	35	569	59	3872	118	100	126	0	+2	+2	+2
1820	33	2787	35	570	59	3885	118	97	126	0	+1	+1	+1
1766	33	2754	34	560	59	3889	117	93	124	0	+2	+2	+2

# Starting from facts: Cartif and Milano mockups



Twin mockups

- Cartif for demonstration
- Milano for prototyping
- Both for experimental



- ✓ All planned appliances in site
- ✓ All appliances connected to DI
- ✓ Experiment campaign started
- ✓ Functional tests in progress

The kitchen is open, let's operate

# Who's the beneficiary?

## ➤ USERS

- – full exploitation of the appliance facilities,
- – product lifetime extension,
- – energy use optimization,
- – greater user convenience,
- – provision of value-added services,
- – low cost appliance enhancement

## ➤ PRODUCERS

- – run-time monitoring of the entire appliance fleet
- – with statistical analysis of the inner and outer sensor
- – data and their correlation with specific functions,
- – failure analysis,
- – remote refresh of the microcontroller software,
- – collection of user feedbacks,
- – remote assistance,
- – loyalty building.



# Green goals

- ▶ Lavastoviglie e lavatrice sono devices che consumano molta acqua e molta energia
- ▶ Le regole della casa permettono di adattare le esigenze idriche e energetiche degli elettrodomestici alle esigenze del circondario
- ▶ Si può impostare un giusto trade tra tempo, costo e quantità/tipi di detersivo



Thank you for your attention

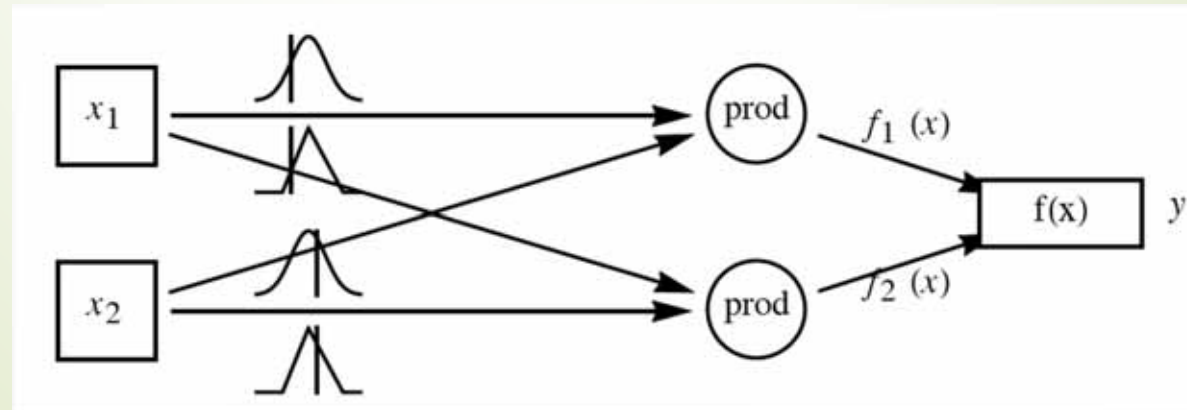
Say bye bye Bruno

# Fuzzy Inference System

- The generic fuzzy rule system

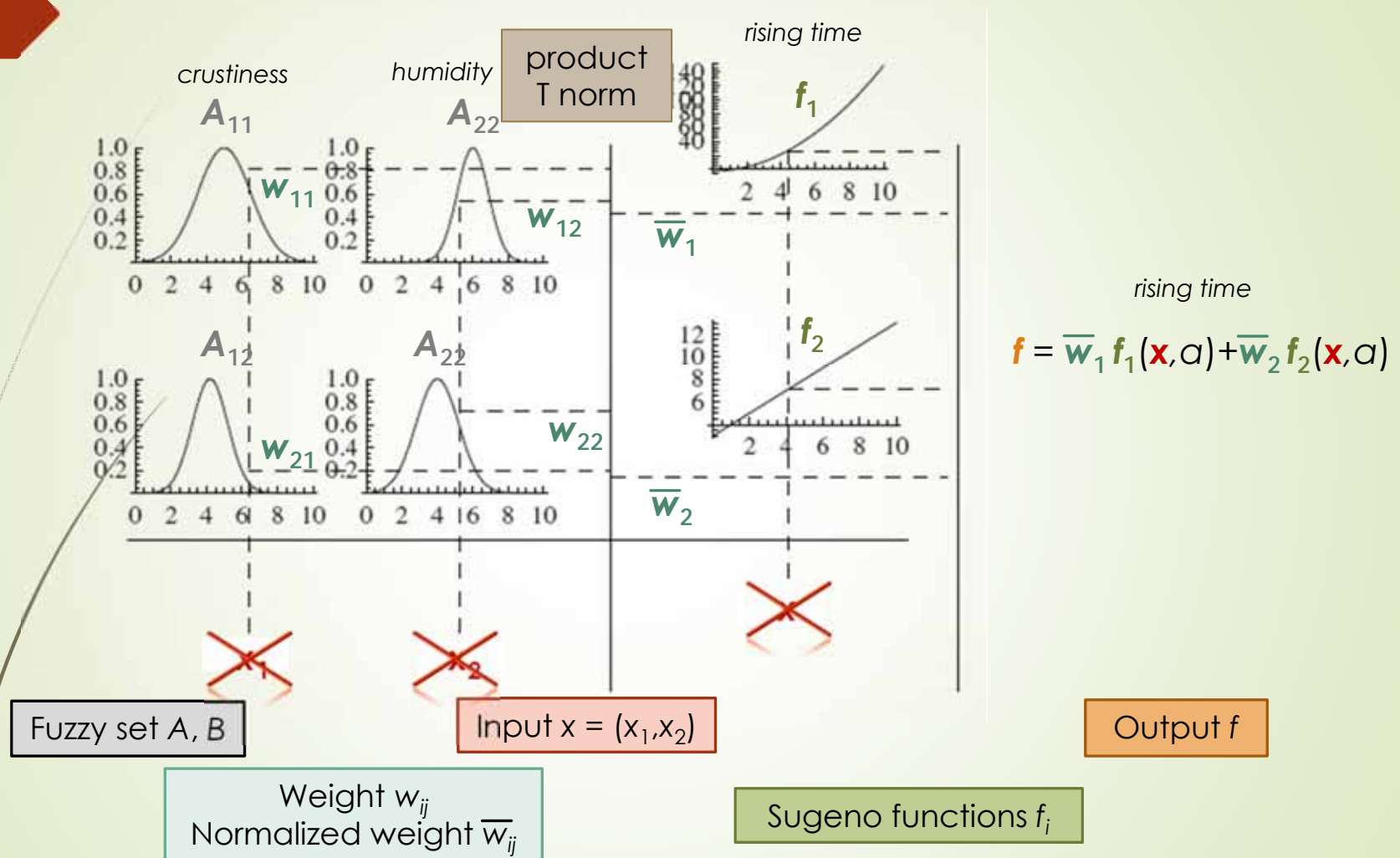
if  $x_1$  is  $A_{11}$  and  $x_2$  is  $A_{12}$  and ... and  $x_n$  is  $A_{1n}$  then  $y$  is  $B_1$ ,  
if  $x_1$  is  $A_{21}$  and  $x_2$  is  $A_{22}$  and ... and  $x_n$  is  $A_{2n}$  then  $y$  is  $B_2$ ,  
⋮ ⋮ ⋮  
if  $x_1$  is  $A_{k1}$  and  $x_2$  is  $A_{k2}$  and ... and  $x_n$  is  $A_{kn}$  then  $y$  is  $B_k$ ,

- The **Sugeno** variant





# With the further complication

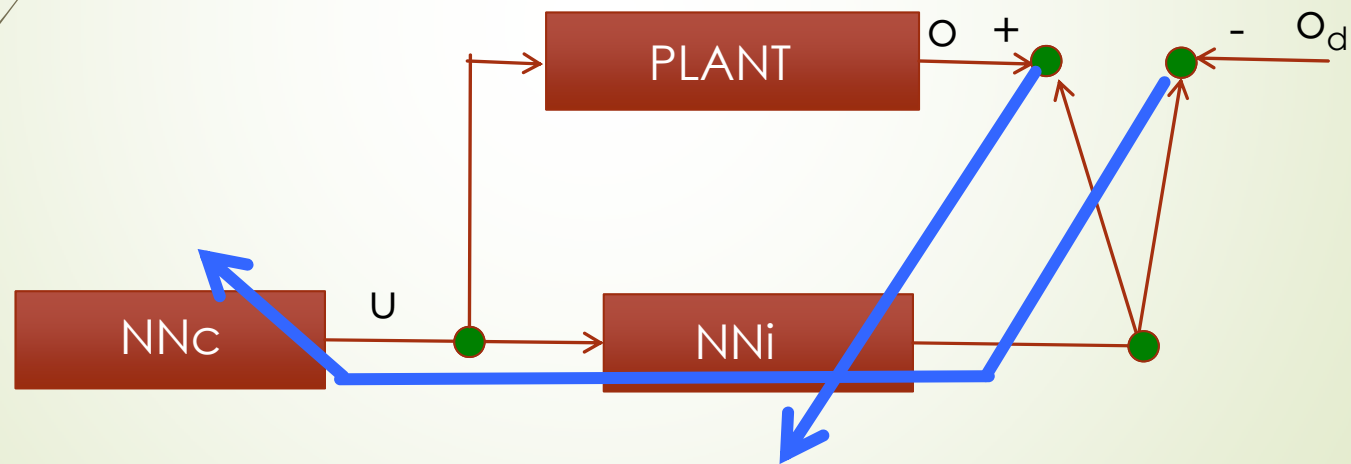


Hence we must infer  $x$  as well



# 1. A mixture of identification and control

Let's recall **distal learning** by Rumelart and Jordan



Learn to compute the  $u$   
once you have learnt the *PLANT model* for whatever  $u$



# A peculiar cognitive problem

- ▶ Recipes are sequences of parameter/value pairs.
- ▶ Tasks and evaluations are sets of both crisp and fuzzy variables.

but

- ▶ Fuzzy quantifiers do not refer to a specific metric space

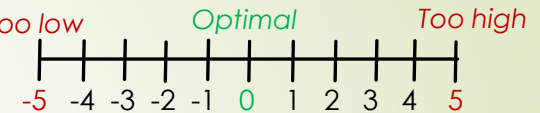
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# Computational issues

## Active variables

➤ **Output  $f$** : rising time → positive continuous

➤ **Evaluation  $g$** : judgement → likert scale



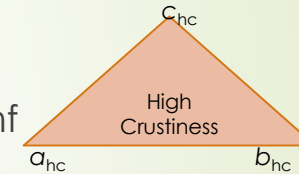
➤ **Parameters  $\theta$** :

➤ of a membership function

➤ Vertex of triangular mf

➤ Mean and std of asymmetric Gaussian mf

➤ ...



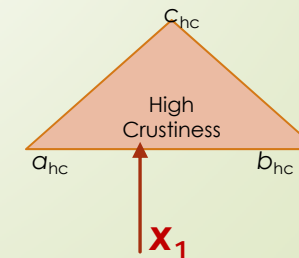
➤ of the Sugeno function

➤ usually linear in the function

$$f_1(x, a) = a_0 + a_1 x_1 + a_2 \log(x_2)$$

➤ the input position within the membership function as well

➤ to identify input coordinates



$$a_0 + a_1 x_1 + \dots$$



➤ **Error  $E$** : e.g.  $g^2$

## 2. Computational issues

Simply a richer derivative chain

$$\partial E / \partial g \quad \partial g / \partial f \quad \partial f / \partial \theta$$

Identification phase

- $E = (y - f)^2$

- $\frac{\partial E}{\partial f} = 2(y - f)$

- $\frac{\partial f}{\partial \theta} =$  canonical learning update rule

Legend

- **Output**  $f$ : rising time
- **Evaluation**  $g$ : judgement
- **Parameters**  $\theta$
- **Error**  $E$ : e.g.  $g^2 // (y-f)^2$

Control phase

- $E = g^2$

- $\frac{\partial E}{\partial g} = g$

- $\partial g / \partial f$

- $\frac{\partial f}{\partial \theta} =$  canonical learning update rule

$$\left( \frac{\partial f(t+1)}{\partial g(t+1)} \right)^{-1}$$

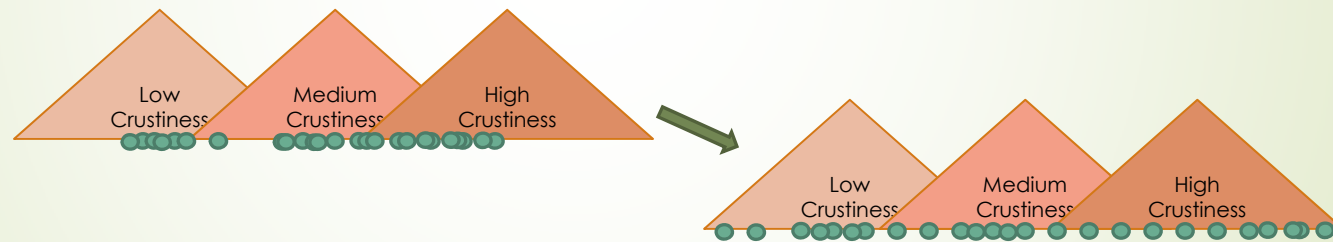
analytic way

numeric way

$$\approx \frac{g(t+1) - g(t)}{f(t+1) - f(f)}$$

# Two kinds of retropropagated signals

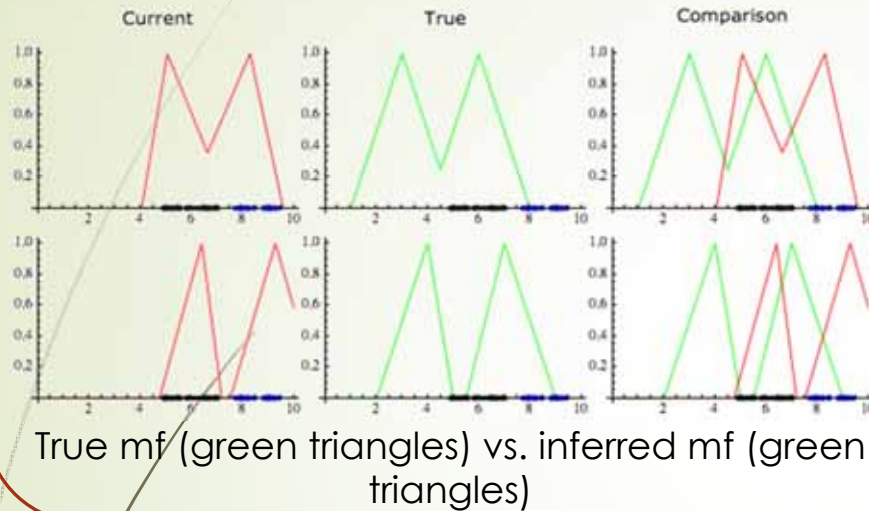
1. Task-related signals
  - a. User judgment
    - **On-line**
  - b. Target appliance parameter
    - off-line mode
2. Empirical evidence-related signals



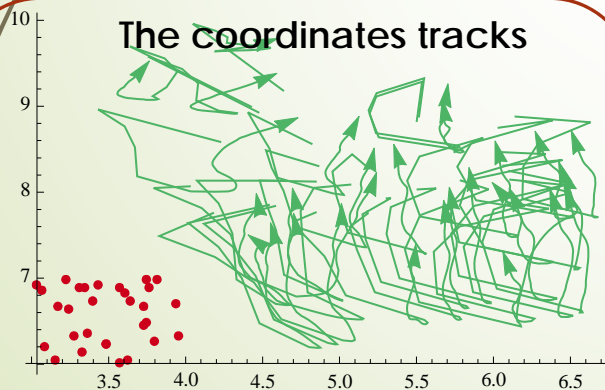
The double life of  $g_i$ s: fuzzy sets as for antecedents,  
Likert metrics as for consequent

# Early numerical results: case study

## Membership function and coordinates inference

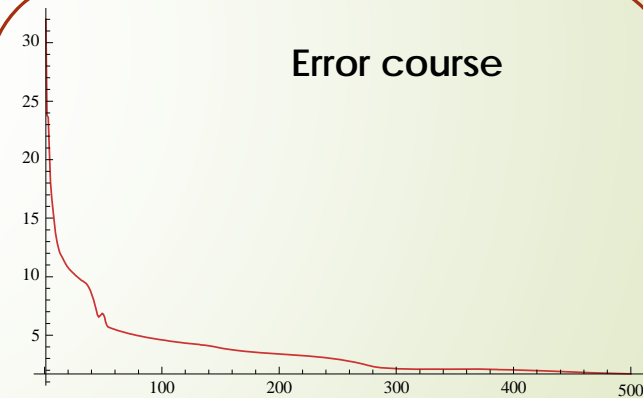


True mf (green triangles) vs. inferred mf (green triangles)



Input trajectory (green arrow)  
and true input (red points)

## Error course



Error computed on arbitrary  
target with non-linear Sugeno  
functions



# Early experiments a close case



**a**



**b**



**c**

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## ► Main features

- 10 parameters
- 4 eyes
- No parameters for the mouth

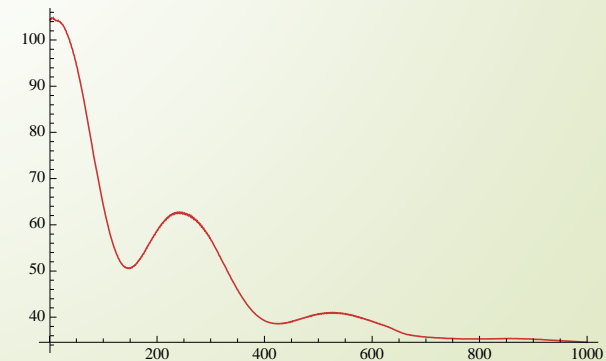
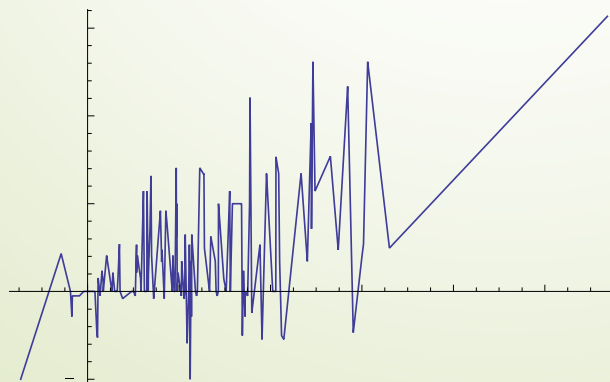
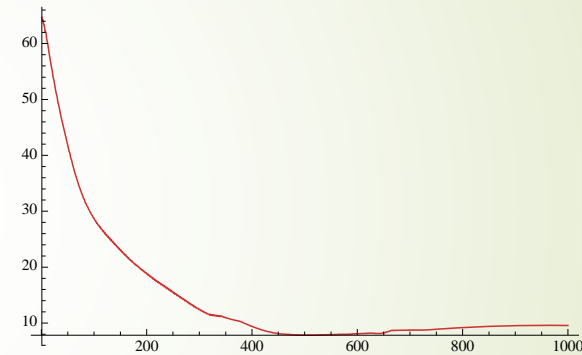
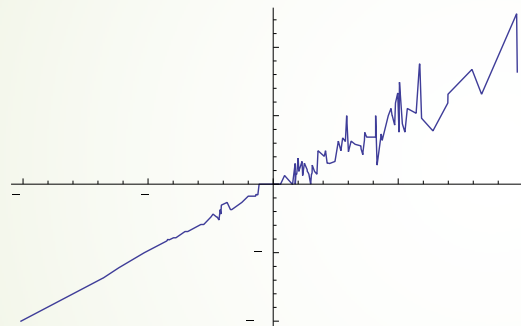


between



# The identification phase

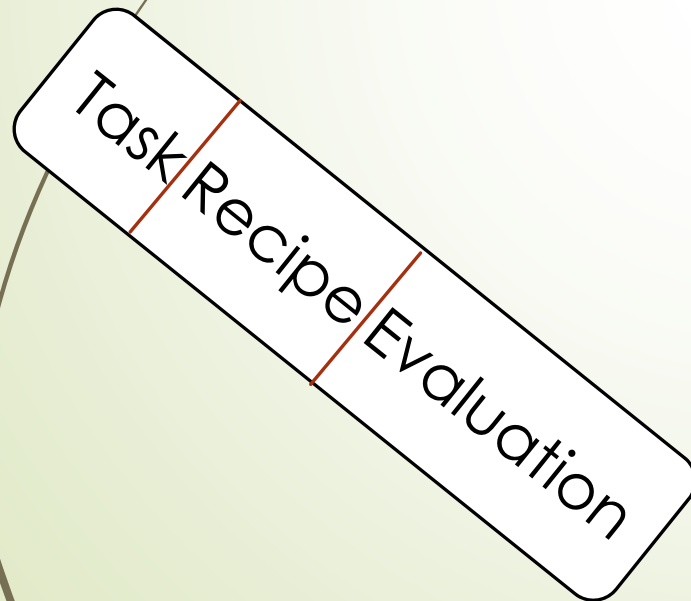
Relating the four judgements to two parameters





# Training and generalization problems

- ▶ No training from judgements if no on-line learning
- ▶ No on-line learning if the training algorithm is not efficient.



Task | Recipe | Evaluation



# SandS

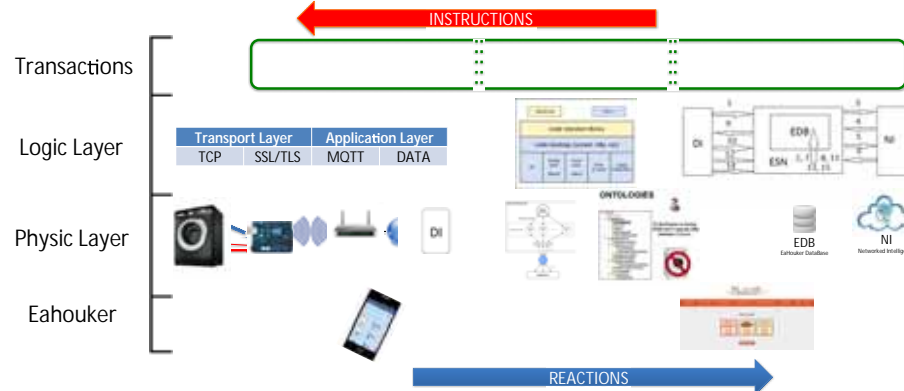
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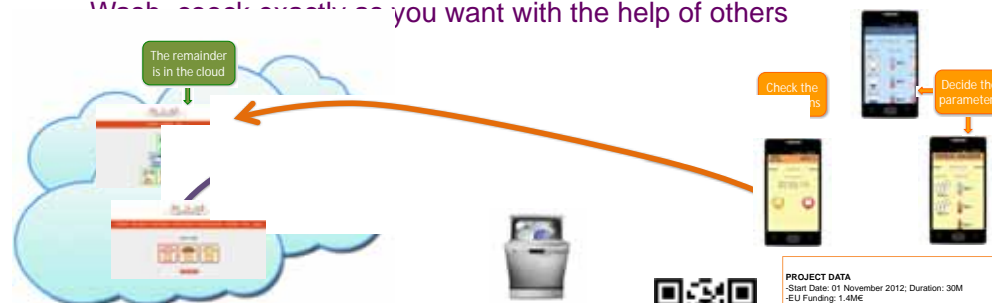
A social network of facts that physically manages all appliances parameters on my name



A four layers approach to implement an overall ecosystem



Work together as you want with the help of others



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