

Unlimited Sampling with Local Averages

Recovery of High Dynamic Range Inputs from Average Samples

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Summary

- We address a fundamental bottleneck in physical sensors: **dynamic range limitation**.
- The limitation was mainly discussed in the traditional scenario of ideal point-wise sampling as part of the **Unlimited Sensing Framework**.
- In our hardware experiments we noticed a **deviation from the ideal sampling model**, particularly for signals with jump discontinuities.
- The observations are better described by a **sampling model with local averages**.
- We introduce a new average sampling architecture based on a nonlinear operator called **modulo-hysteresis** used recently for recovery from point-wise samples.
- We give **theoretical recovery guarantees** and show the performance of our method using hardware and synthetic data.

The Unlimited Sensing Framework (USF)

- A conventional ADC saturates for inputs outside its dynamic range \Rightarrow **permanent information loss**; modulo encoding addresses this [2]: $z(t) = \mathcal{M}_\lambda(g(t))$, $k \in \mathbb{Z}$.

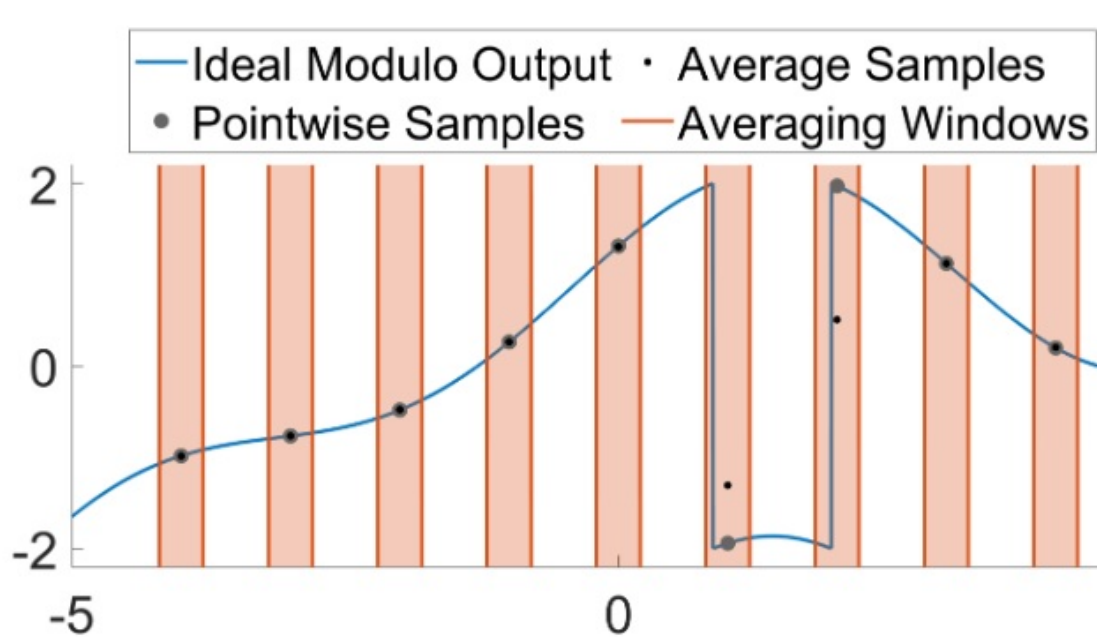
Theorem (Unlimited Sampling Theorem – [2]). Let $g(t) \in \text{PW}_\Omega$ and $y_k = \mathcal{M}_\lambda(g(t))|_{t=kT}$, $k \in \mathbb{Z}$ be the modulo samples of $g(t)$ with sampling period T . Then, a sufficient condition for recovery of $g(t)$ from the $\{y_k\}$ up to additive multiples of 2λ is

$$T < \frac{1}{2\Omega\epsilon}.$$

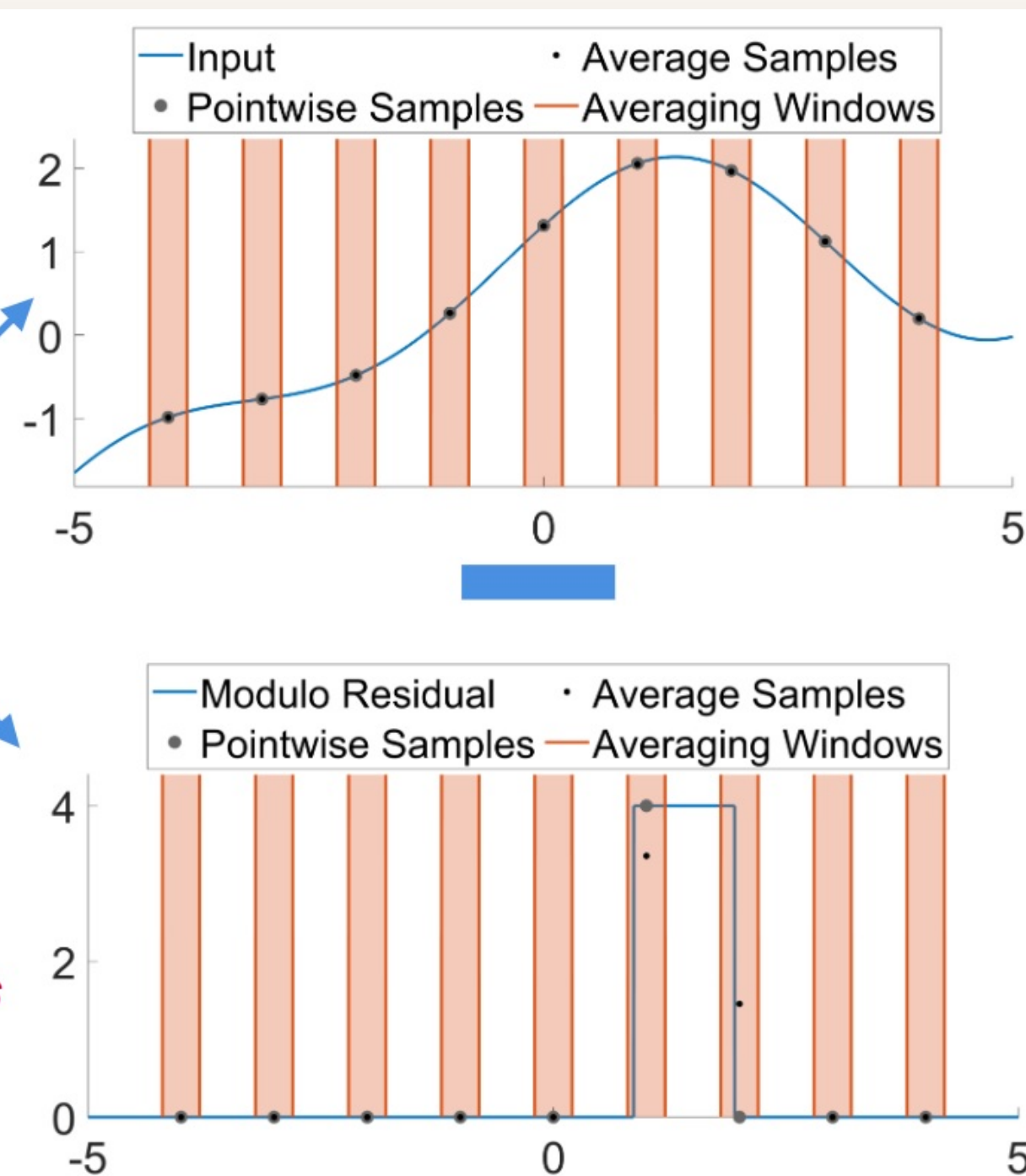
- If the sampling model is not ideal or point-wise (such as average sampling), then the USF approach is not applicable.

Ideal vs Average Sampling

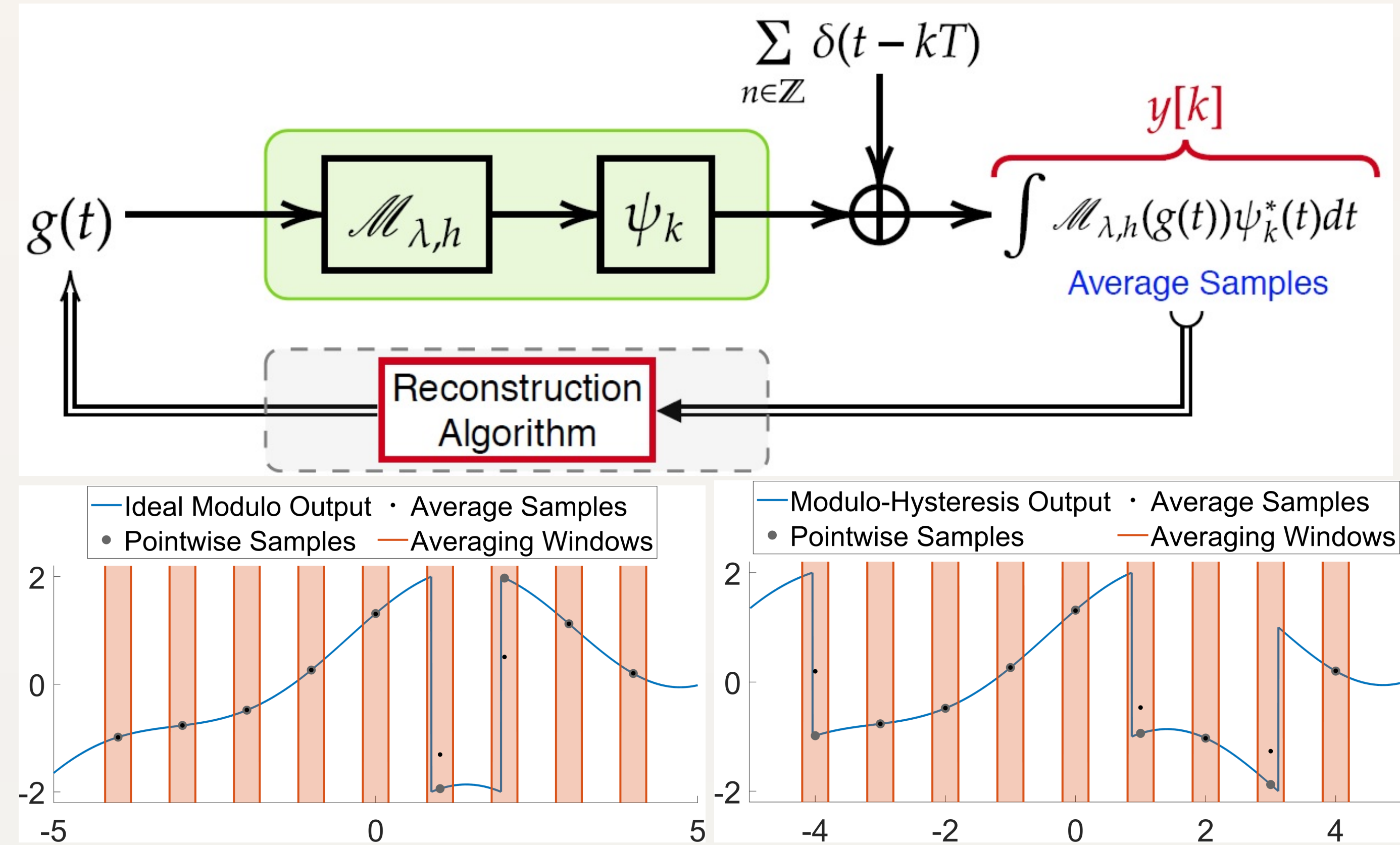
- Why not pointwise sampling?
- For high frequency inputs the assumption does not hold



- Why are Ideal Modulo and USAlg not compatible with average sampling?
- Solution: a new model called **modulo-hysteresis** and **thresholding-based recovery** [3]

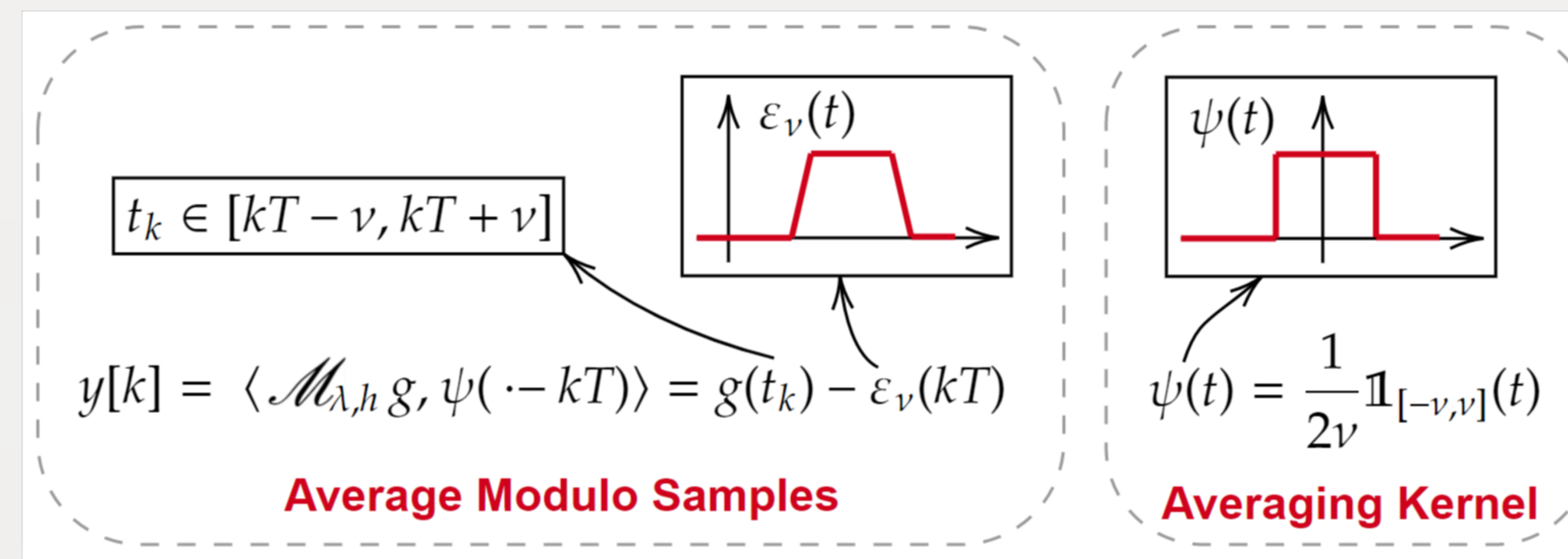


Modulo-Hysteresis Average Sampling



- Unlike ideal modulo where folds may be very close, **modulo-hysteresis** satisfies the following separation property, which enables recovery via thresholding [3]

$$\tau_{r+1} - \tau_r \geq \frac{\min\{h, 2\lambda_h\}}{\Omega g_\infty}$$



- $\mathbb{M}_N \triangleq \{k \in \mathbb{Z} \mid |\Delta^N y[k]| \geq \frac{\lambda_h}{2N}\}$ is the set of samples displaced by modulo

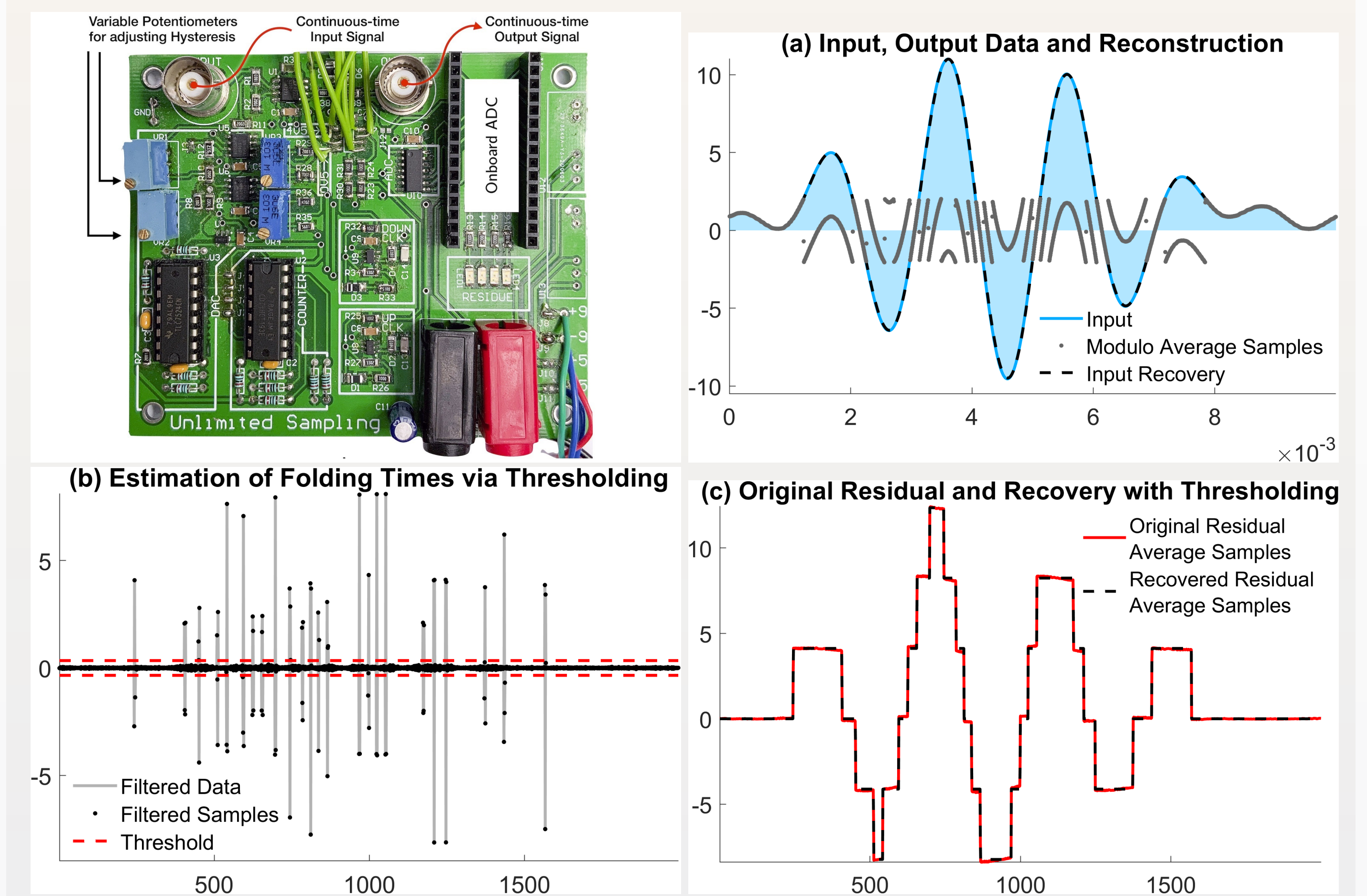
Theorem 1 (Estimation of Folding Times). Let $k_m = \min \mathbb{M}_N$. If $\|\Delta^N g(t_k)\|_\infty < \frac{\lambda_h}{2N}$ then

$$\tilde{\tau}_1 = \tilde{n}_1 T - 2\nu\tilde{\beta}_1 + \nu \text{ and } \tilde{s}_1 = -\text{sign}(\Delta^N y[k_m]) \quad (1)$$

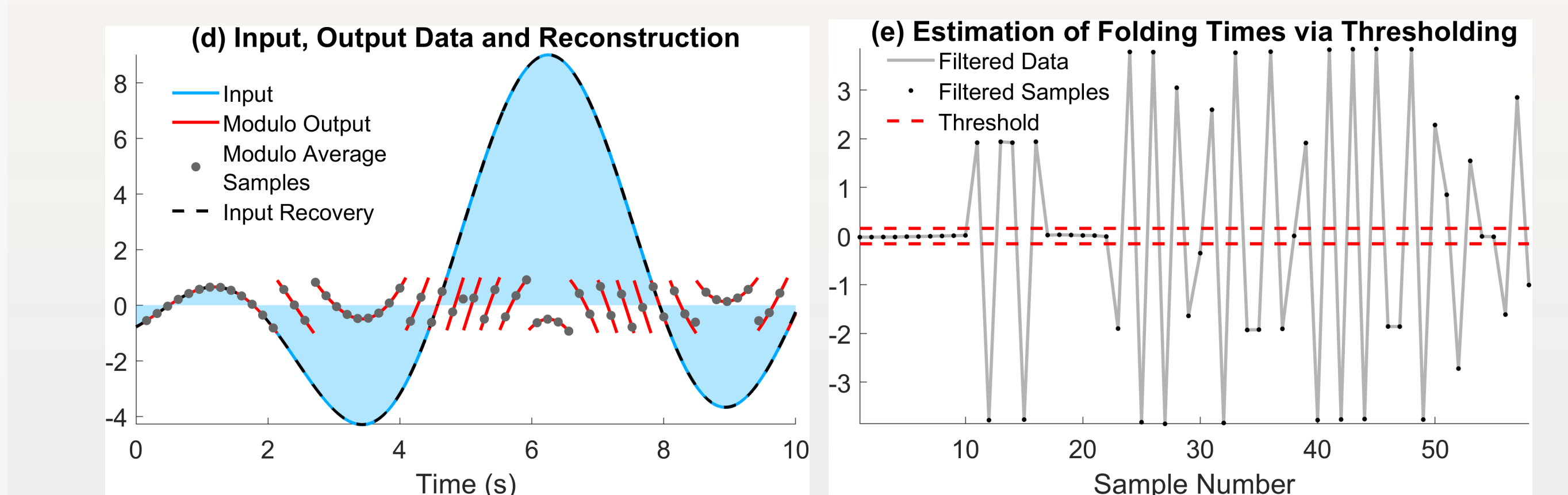
be the estimates of the folding time with $\tilde{n}_1 = k_m + N$ and $\tilde{\beta}_1$ where

$$\begin{cases} \tilde{\beta}_1 = \frac{\Delta^N y[k_m]}{2\lambda_h \tilde{s}_1} & \text{if } |\Delta^N y[k_m]| \leq 2\lambda_h - \frac{\lambda_h}{2N} \\ \tilde{\beta}_1 = 1 & \text{if } |\Delta^N y[k_m]| > 2\lambda_h - \frac{\lambda_h}{2N}. \end{cases}$$

Hardware Experiment



Sampling at Low Rates



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