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# Lecture 12

# Tracking Motion

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# Overview

- The Tracking Problem
- Bayes Filters
- Particle Filters
- Kalman Filters
- Using Kalman Filters

# The Tracking Problem

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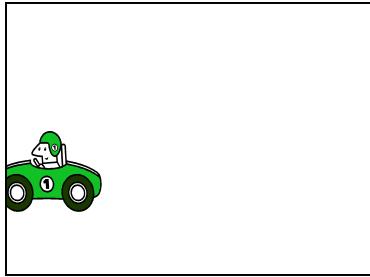


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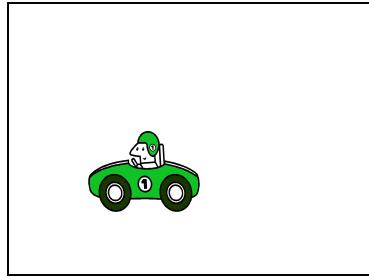


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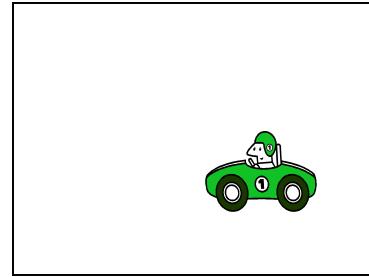
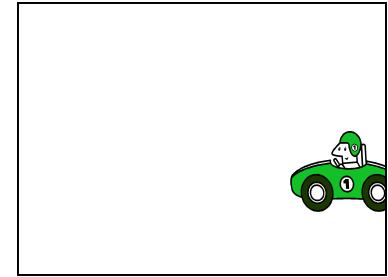


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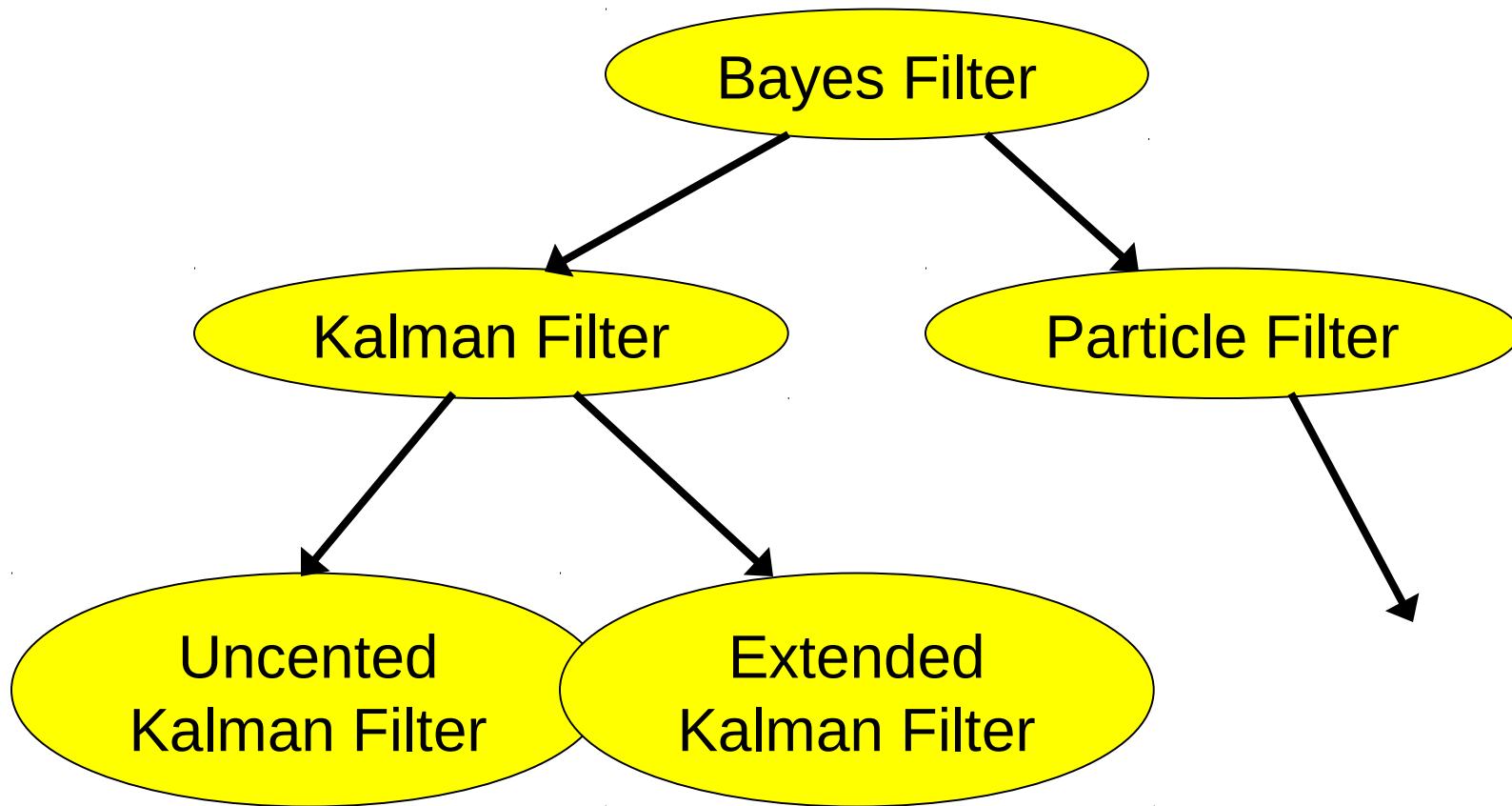


- Can we estimate the position of the object?
- Can we estimate its velocity?
- Can we predict future positions?

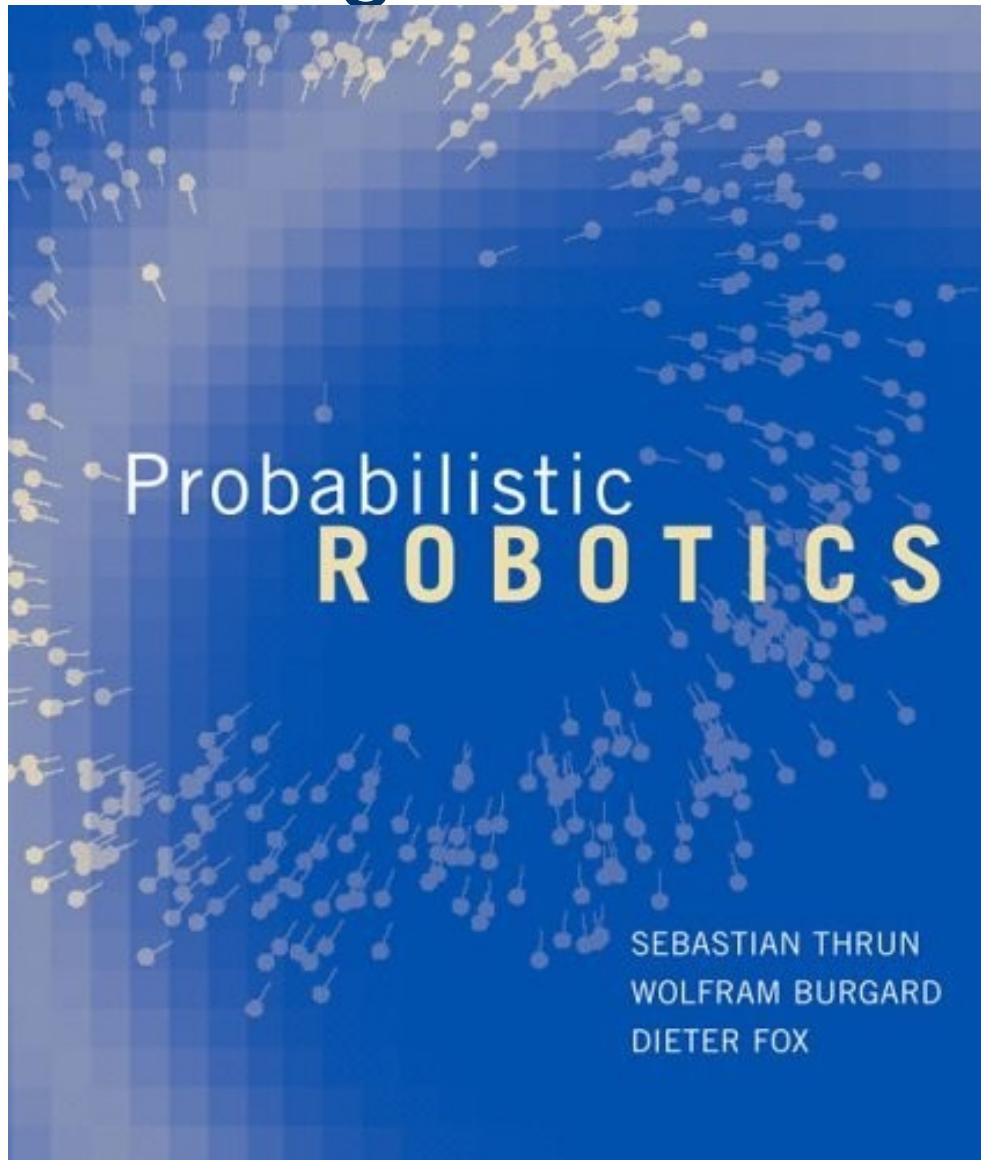
# The Tracking Problem

- Given Sequence of Images
- Find center of moving object
- Camera might be moving or stationary
  
- We assume: We can find object in individual images.
- The Problem: Track across multiple images.
  
- Is a fundamental problem in computer vision

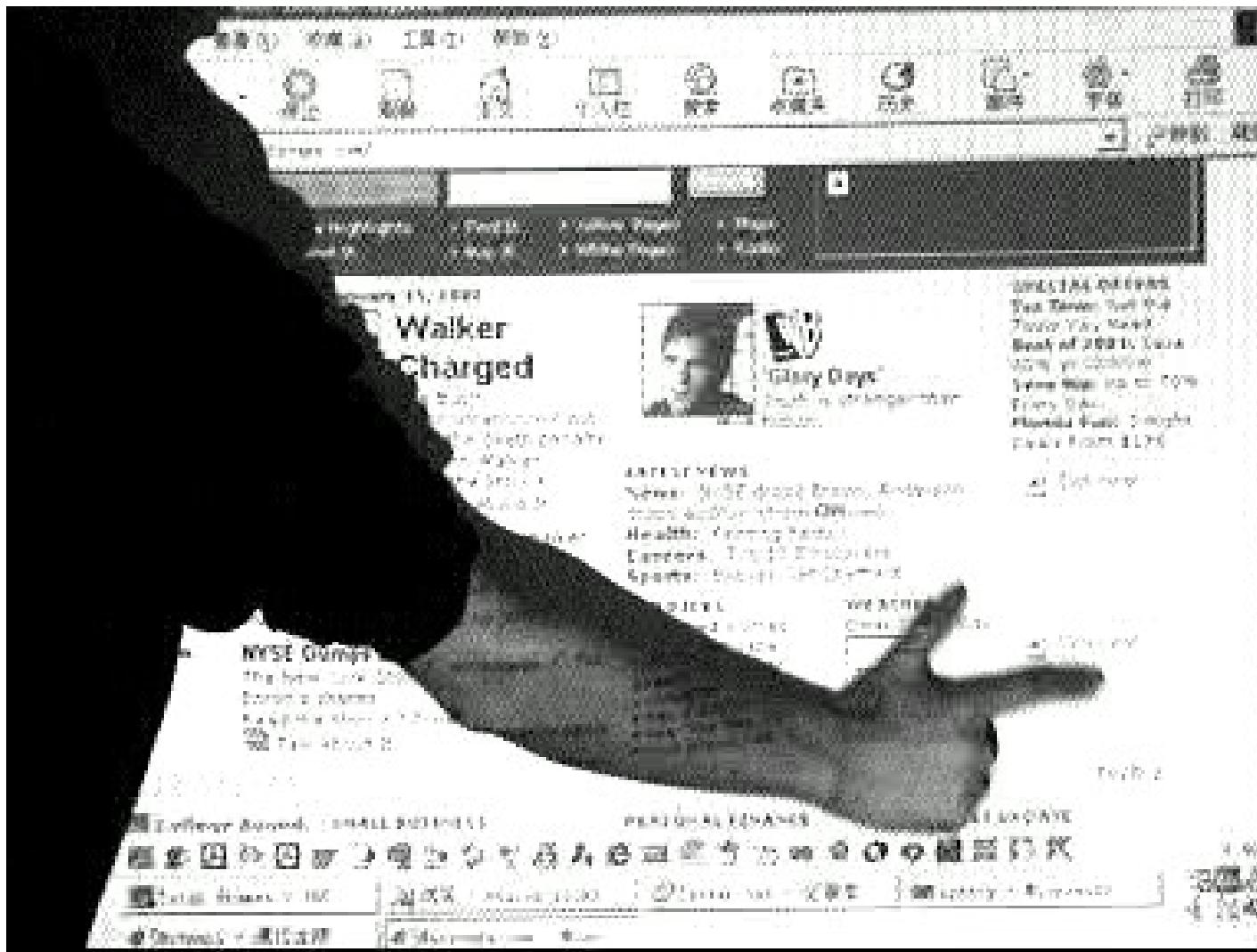
# Methods



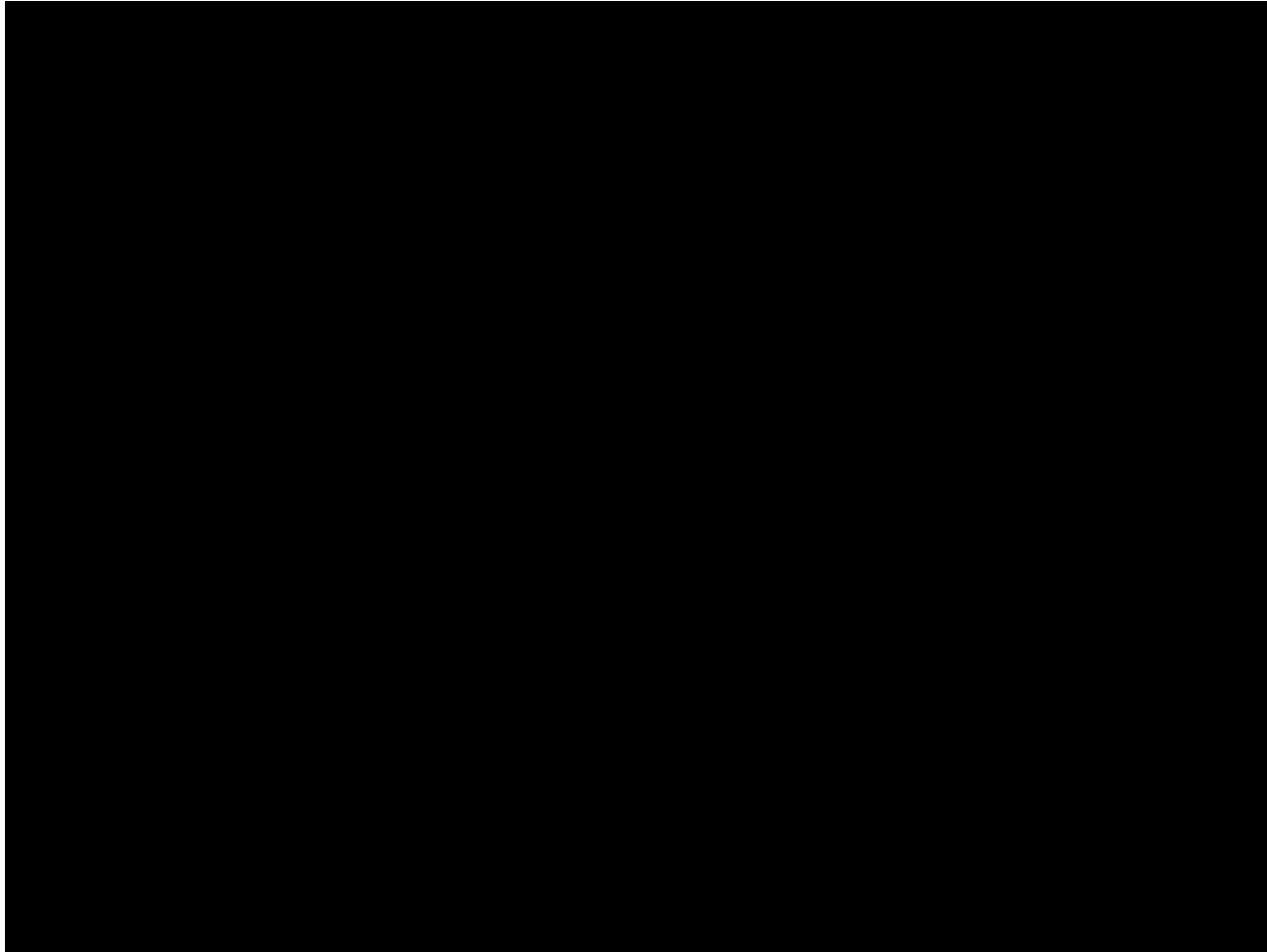
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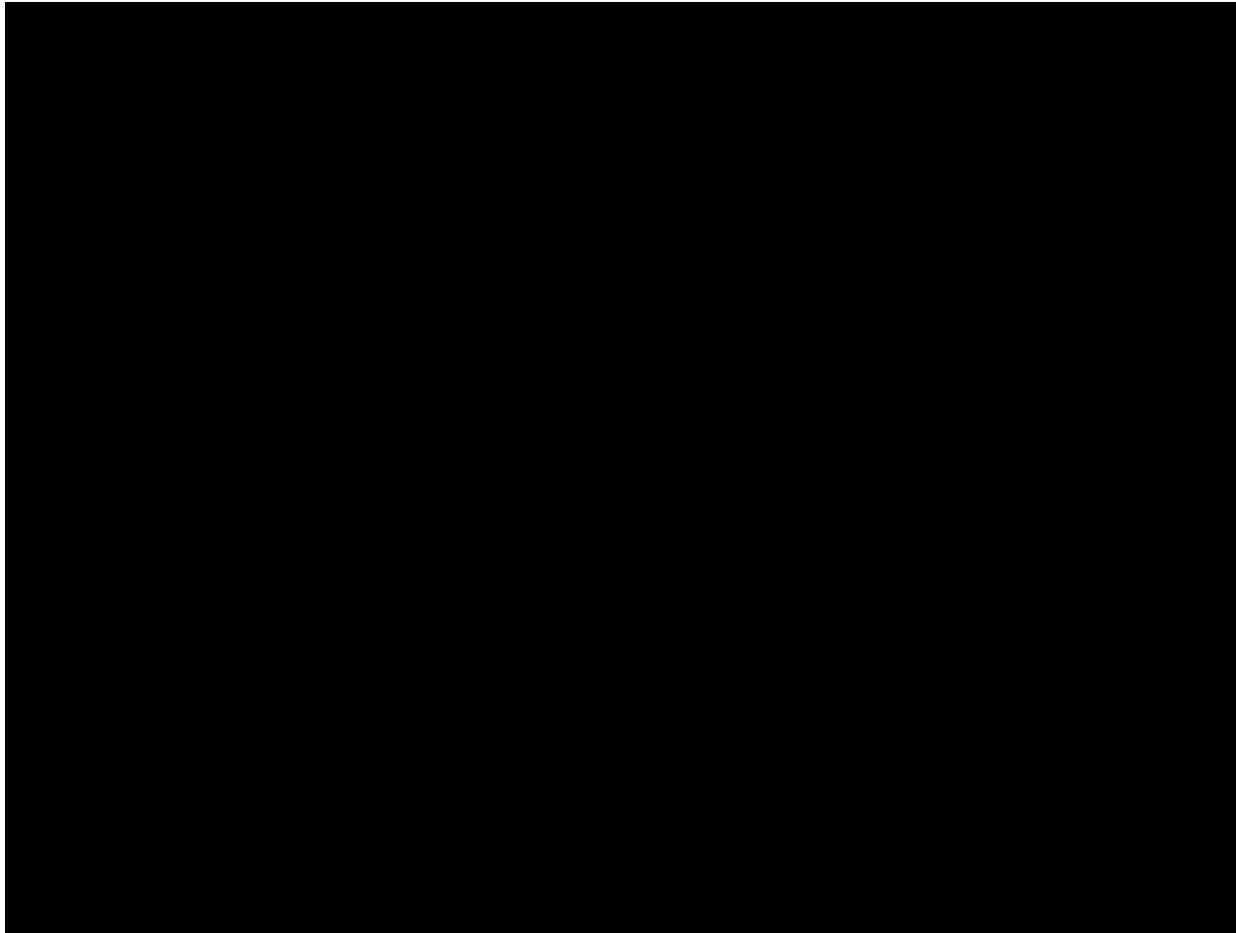
# Example: Moving Object



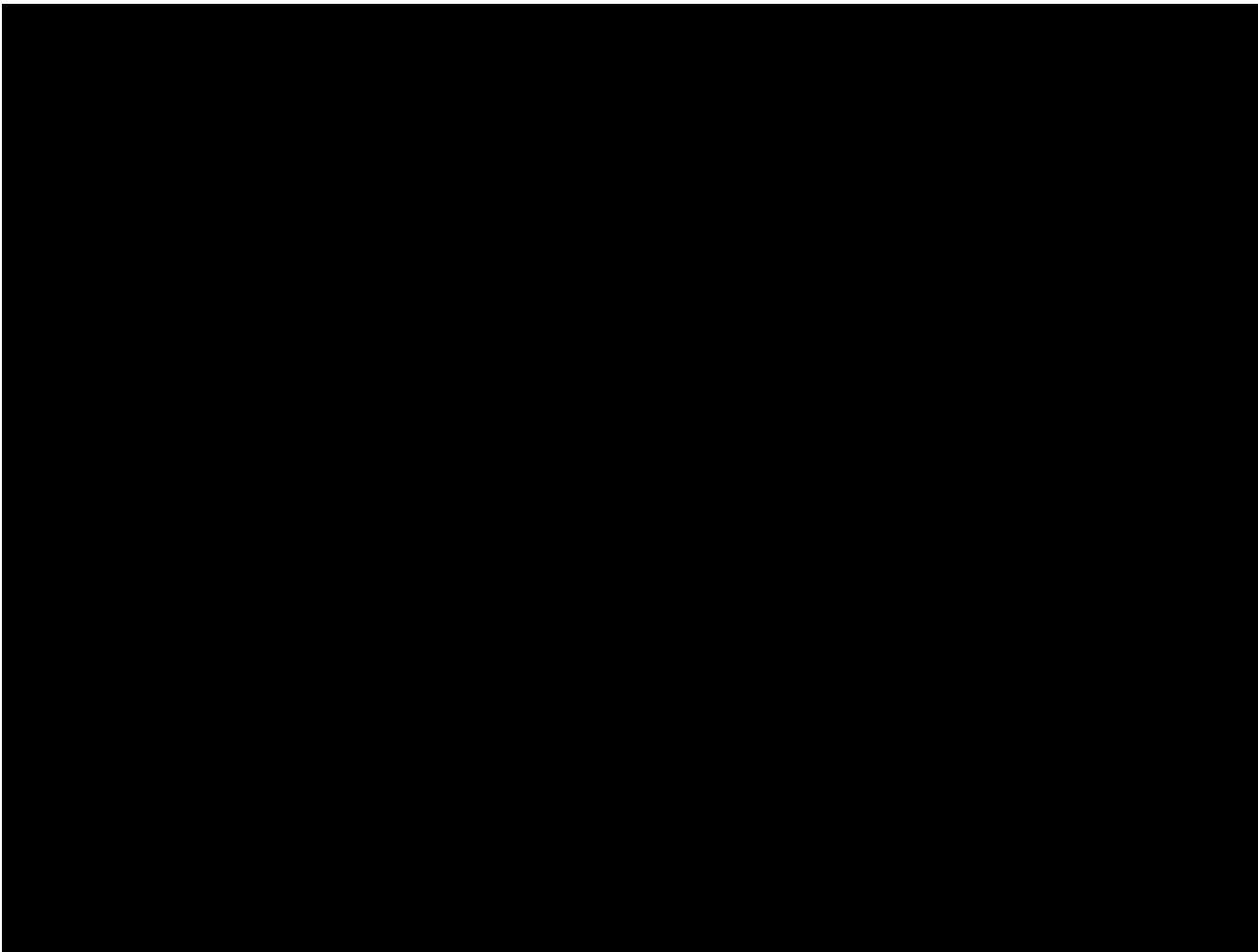
# Kalman Filter Tracking



# Particle Filter Tracking



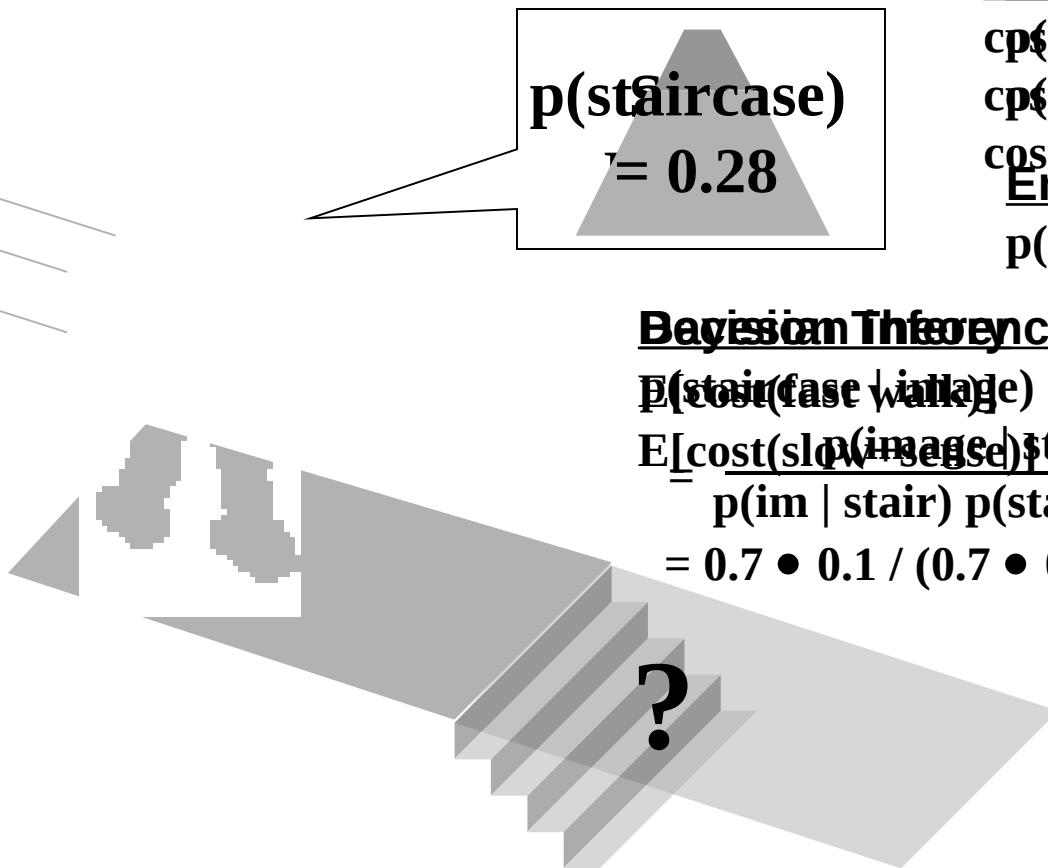
# Mixture of KF / PF (Unscented PF)



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# Example of Bayesian Inference



## Cost model

$\text{cp}(\text{fast walk | stair case}) = \$1,000$

$\text{cp}(\text{fast walk | no stair case}) = \$0$

$\text{cost}(\text{slow + sense}) = \$1$   
Environment prior

$p(\text{staircase}) = 0.1$

## Bayesian Inference

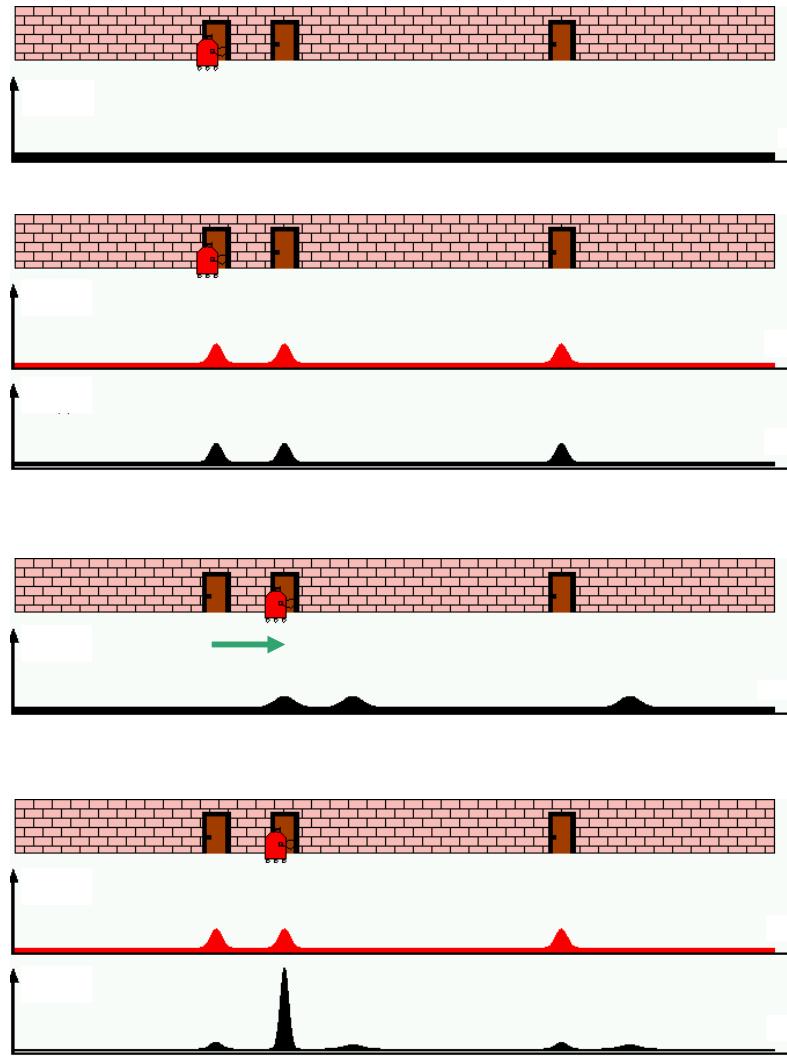
$$p(\text{staircase | image}) = \$1,000 \bullet 0.28 = \$280$$

$$\frac{E[\text{cost}(\text{slow + sense}) | \text{staircase}]}{p(\text{im | stair}) p(\text{stair}) + p(\text{im | no stair}) p(\text{no stair})}$$
$$= 0.7 \bullet 0.1 / (0.7 \bullet 0.1 + 0.2 \bullet 0.9) = 0.28$$

# Bayes Filter Definition

- Environment state  $x_t$
- Measurement  $z_t$
- Can we calculate  $p(x_t | z_1, z_2, \dots, z_t)$  ?

# Bayes Filters Illustrated



# Bayes Filters: Essential Steps

- Belief:  $\text{Bel}(x_t)$
- Measurement update:  $\text{Bel}(x_t) \xleftarrow{\infty} \text{Bel}(x_t) p(z_t|x_t)$
- Time update:  $\text{Bel}(x_{t+1}) \leftarrow \text{Bel}(x_t) \otimes p(x_{t+1}|u_t, x_t)$

# Bayes Filters

$x$  = state  
 $t$  = time  
 $z$  = observation  
 $u$  = action  
 $\eta$  = constant

$$Bel(x_t) = p(x_t | z_{0..t}, u_{0..t})$$

$$= p(x_t | z_t, u_{t-1}, z_{t-1}, \dots, u_0)$$

$$\stackrel{\text{Bayes}}{=} \eta \ p(z_t | x_t, u_{t-1}, z_{t-1}, \dots, z_0) \ p(x_t | u_{t-1}, z_{t-1}, \dots, z_0)$$

$$\stackrel{\text{Markov}}{=} \eta \ p(z_t | x_t) \ p(x_t | u_{t-1}, z_{t-1}, \dots, z_0)$$

$$= \eta \ p(z_t | x_t) \int p(x_t | x_{t-1}, u_{t-1}, \dots, z_0) \ p(x_{t-1} | u_{t-1}, \dots, z_0) \ dx_{t-1}$$

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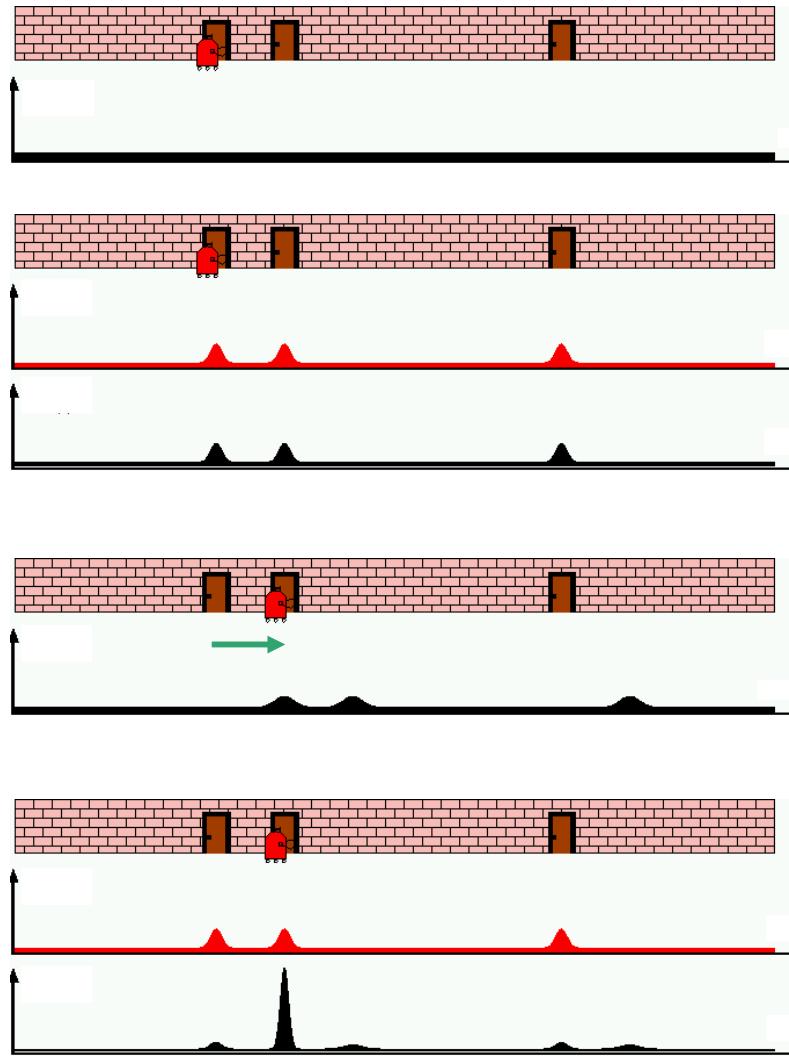
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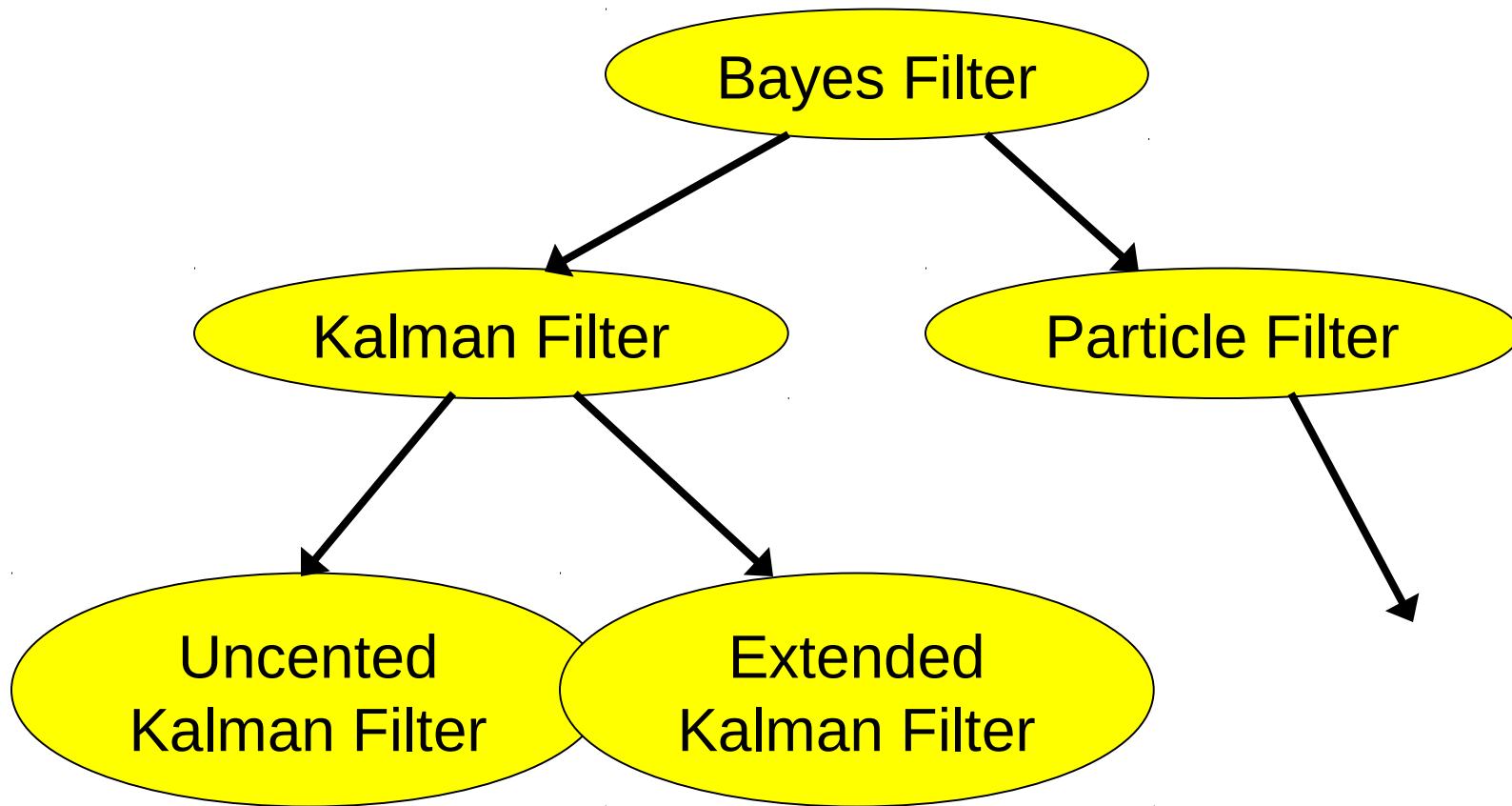
# Bayes Filters Illustrated



# Bayes Filters

- Initial Estimate of State
- Iterate
  - Receive measurement, update your belief (uncertainty shrinks)
  - Predict, update your belief (uncertainty grows)

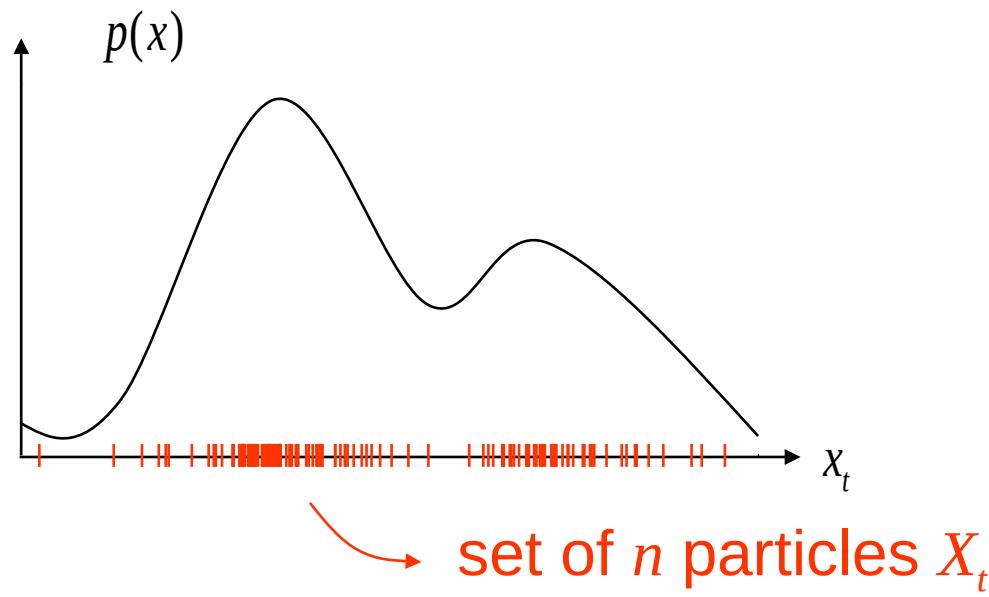
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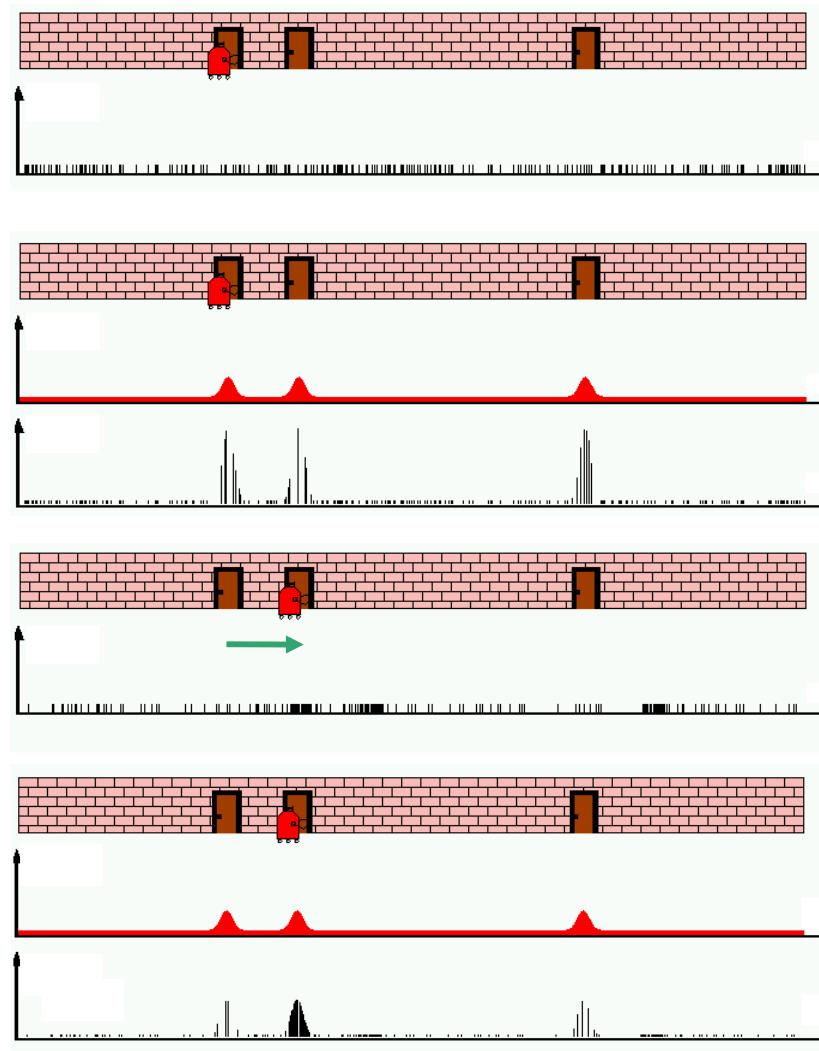
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# Particle Filters: Basic Idea



$$p(x_t \in X_t) \approx p(x_t | z_{1..t}) \quad (\text{equality for } n \uparrow \infty)$$

# Particle Filter Explained



# Basic Particle Filter Algorithm

Initialization:

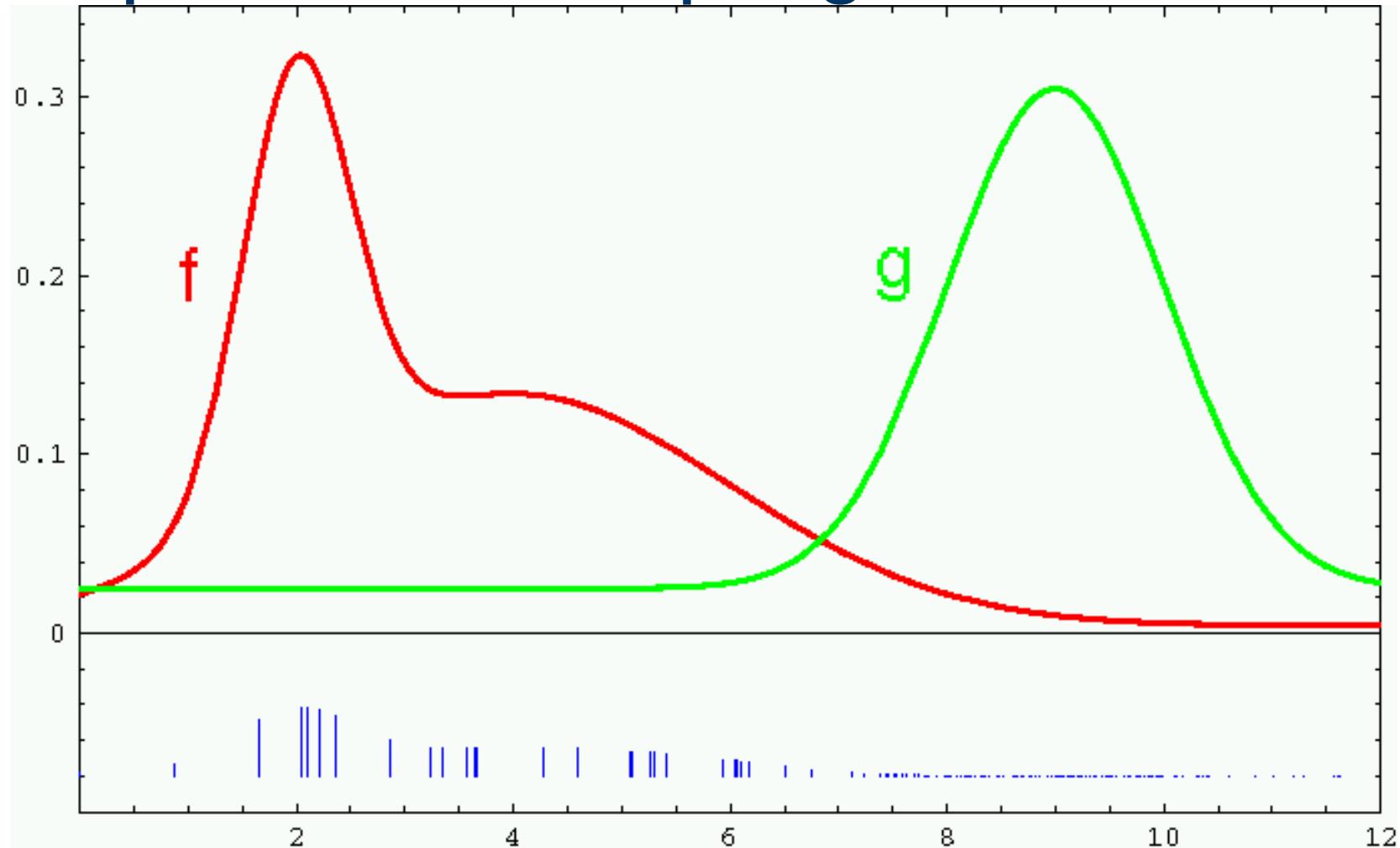
$$X_0 \leftarrow n \text{ particles } x_0^{[i]} \sim p(x_0)$$

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particleFilters( $X_{t-1}$ ){  
    for  $i=1$  to  $n$   
         $x_t^{[i]} \sim p(x_t | x_{t-1}^{[i]})$                                 (prediction)  
         $w_t^{[i]} = p(z_t | x_t^{[i]})$                                 (importance weights)  
    endfor  
    for  $i=1$  to  $n$   
        include  $x_t^{[i]}$  in  $X_t$  with probability  $\propto w_t^{[i]}$       (resampling)  
    }  
}
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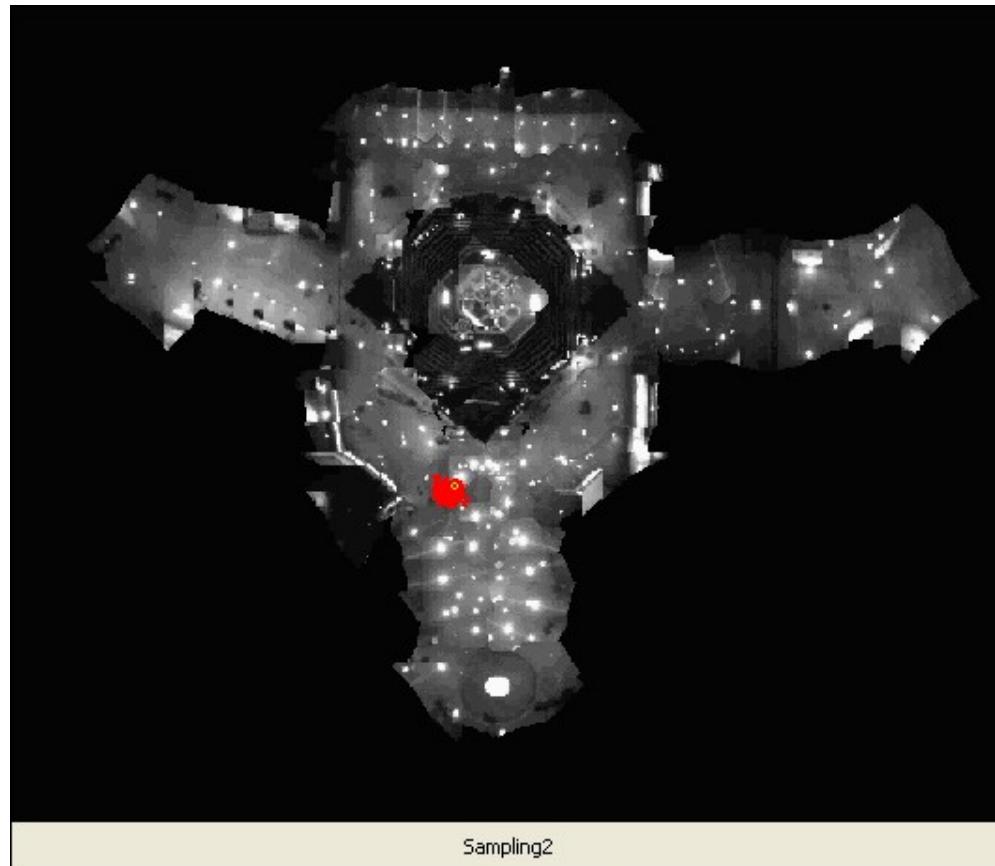
$$p(x_t | z_{1...t}, u_{1...t}) = \eta p(z_t | x_t) \int p(x_t | u_t, x_{t-1}) p(x_{t-1} | z_{1...t-1}, u_{1...t-1}) dx_{t-1}$$

$$p(x_t \in X_t) \approx p(x_t | z_{1...t}, u_{1...t})$$

# Importance Sampling



# Particle Filter



By Frank Dellaert

# Case Study: Track moving objects from Helicopter

1. Harris Corners
2. Optical Flow (with clustering)
3. Motion likelihood function
4. Particle Filter
5. Centroid Extraction

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# 1. Harris Corner Extraction



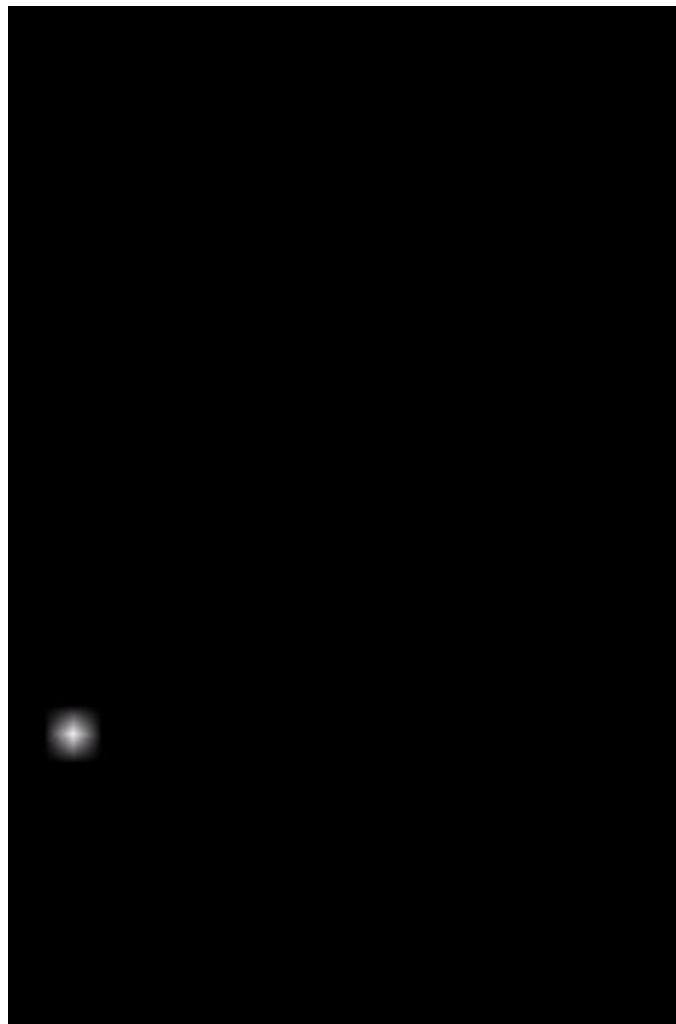
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## 2. Optical Flow + Motion Detection



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# 3. Motion Likelihood Function



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# 4. Particle Filters



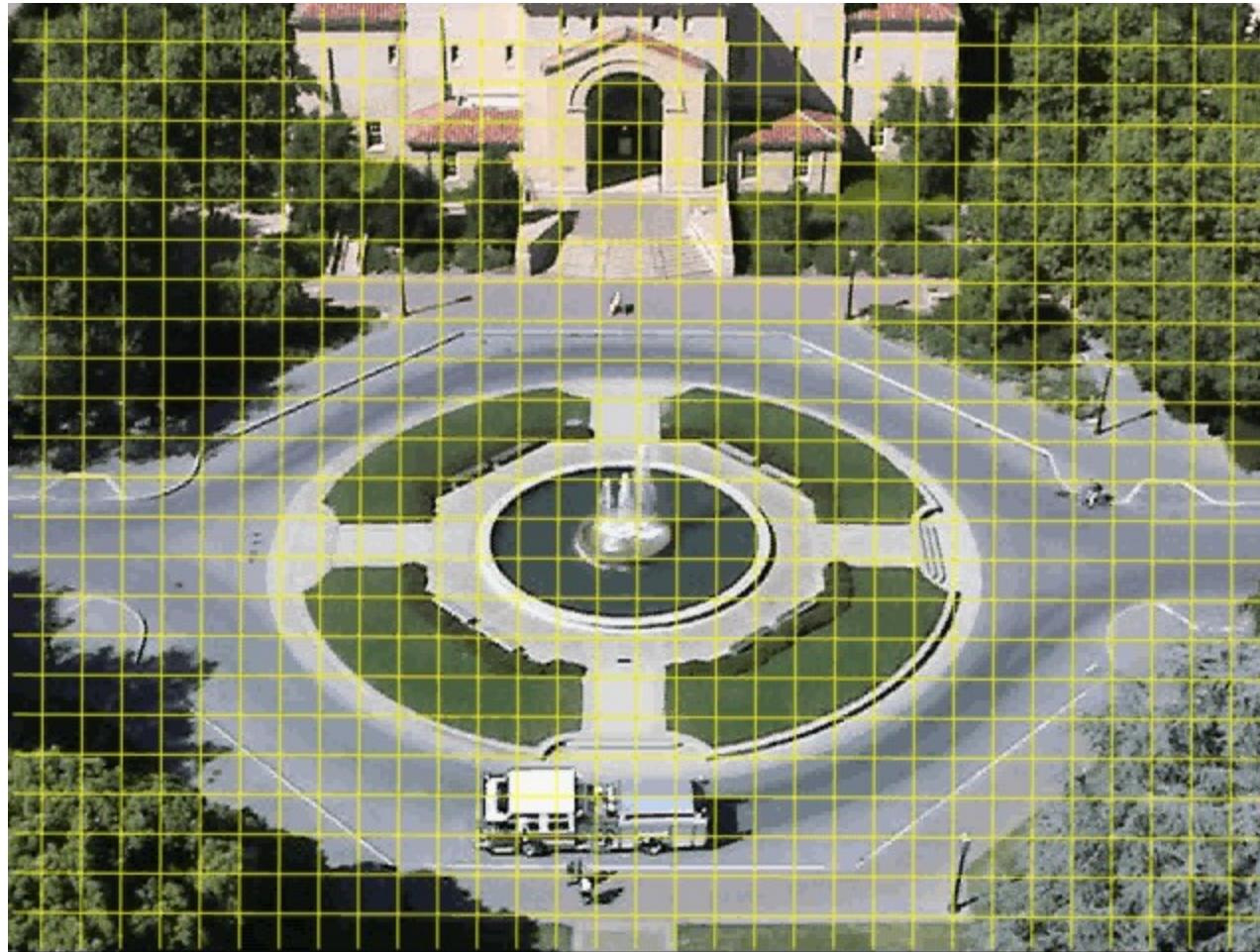
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# 5. Extract Centroid



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# More Particle Filter Tracking

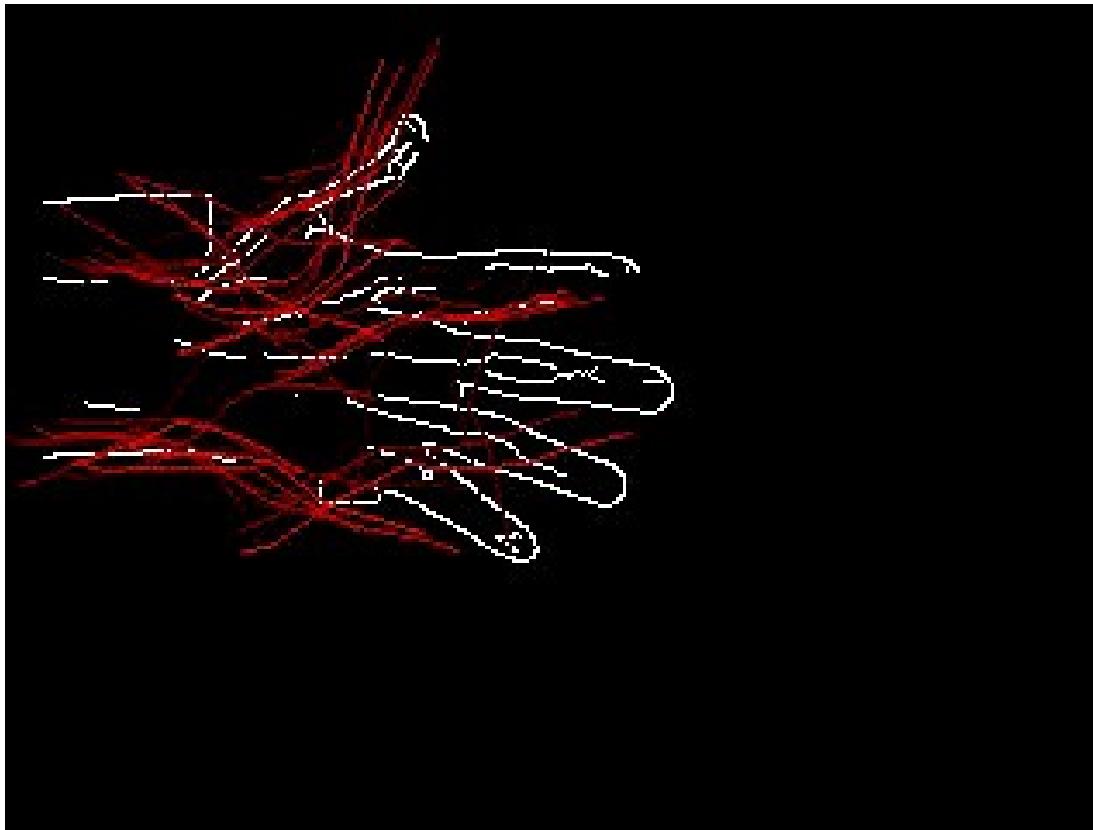


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# Some Robotics Examples

- Tracking Hands, People
- Mobile Robot localization
- People localization
- Car localization
- Mapping

# Examples Particle Filter



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# Another Example



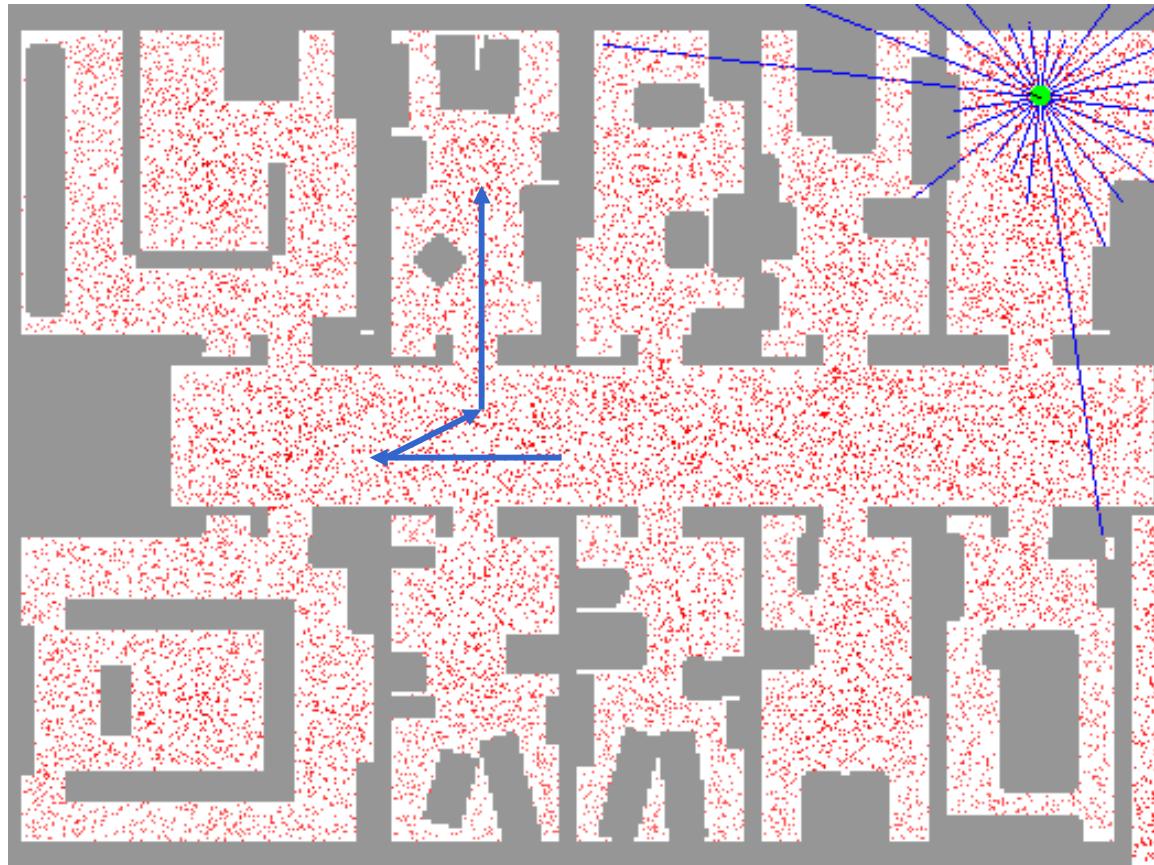
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# Tracking Fast moving Objects



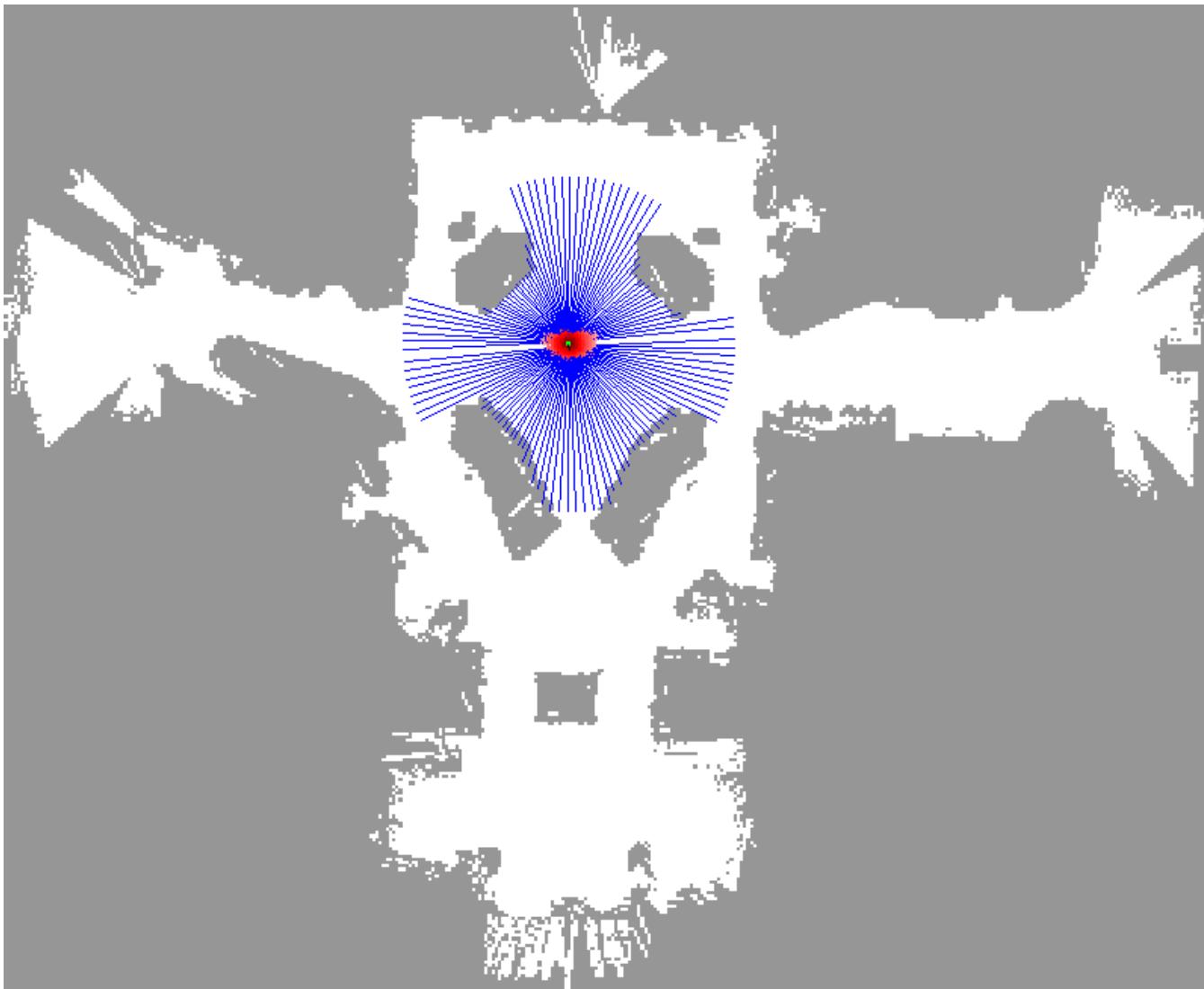
# Particle Filters: Illustration

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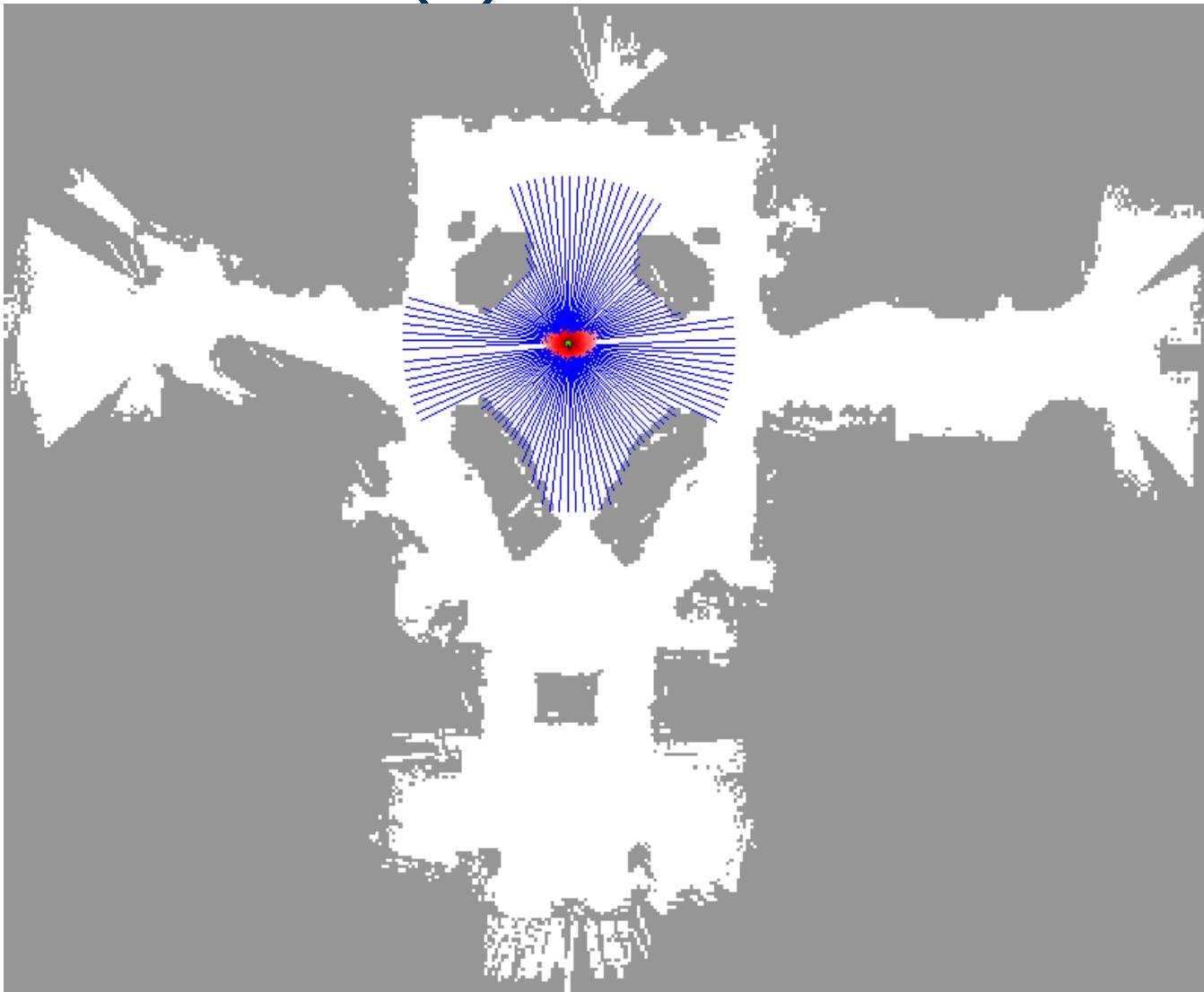


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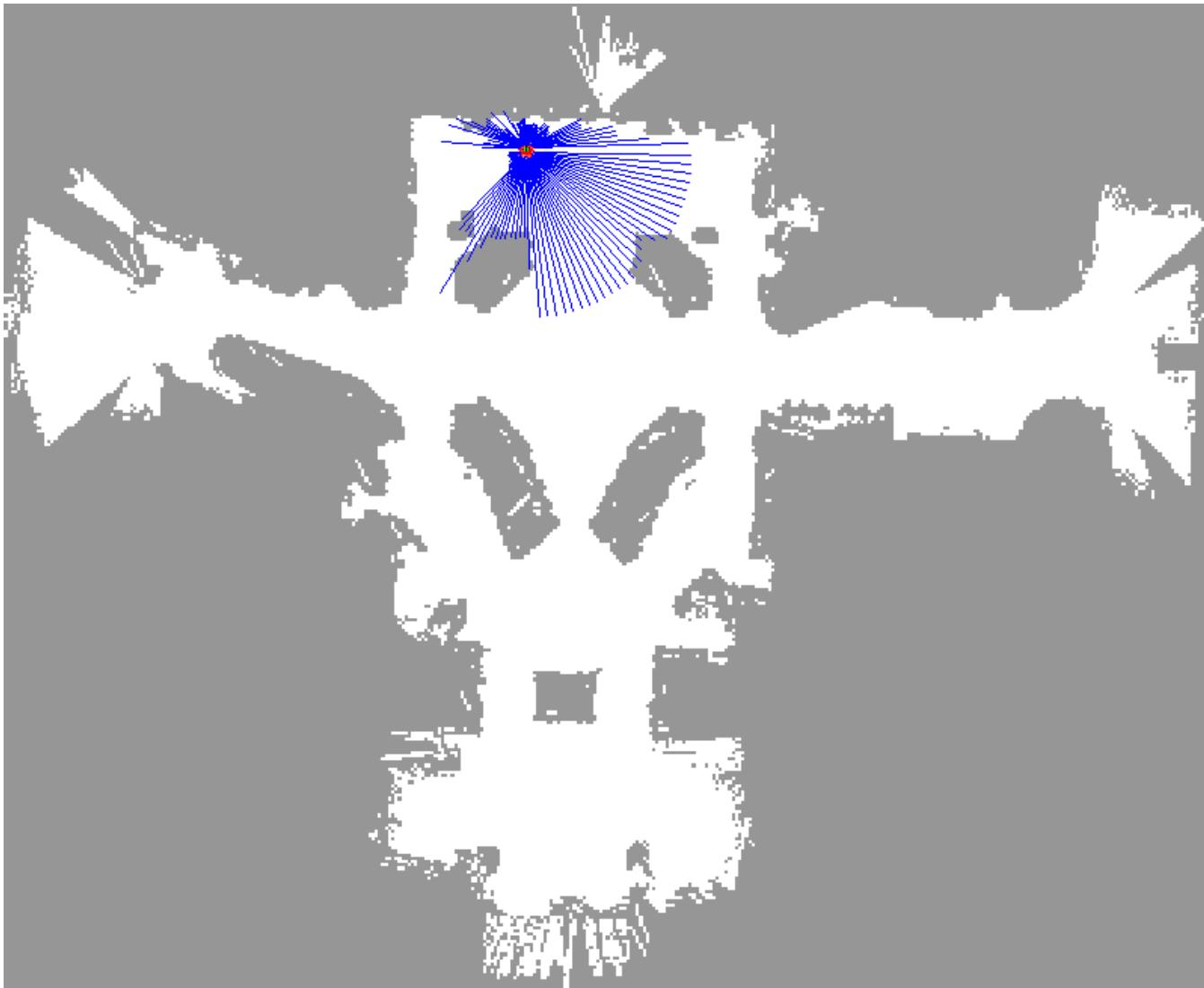
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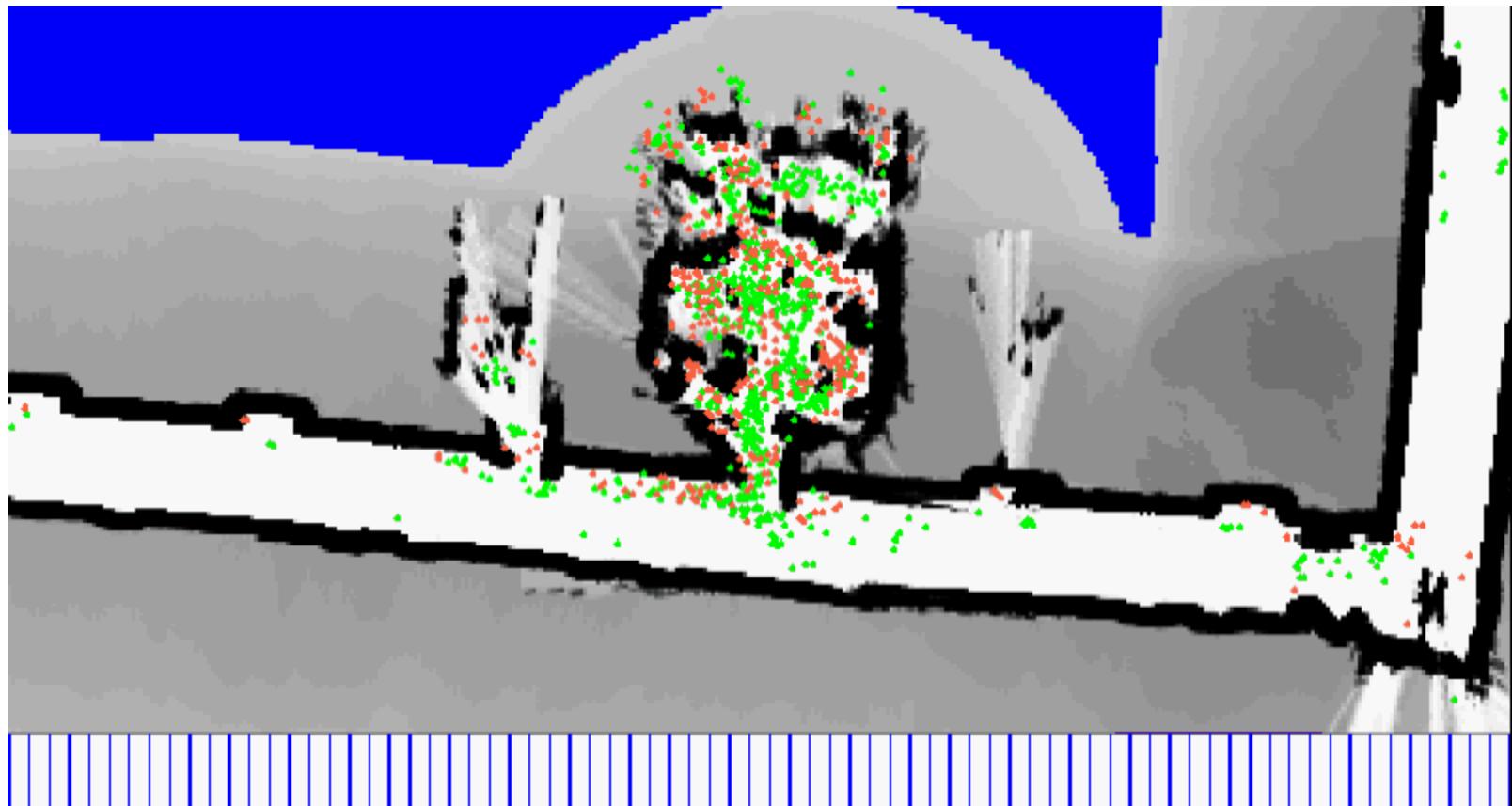
# Particle Filters (2)



# Particles = Robustness



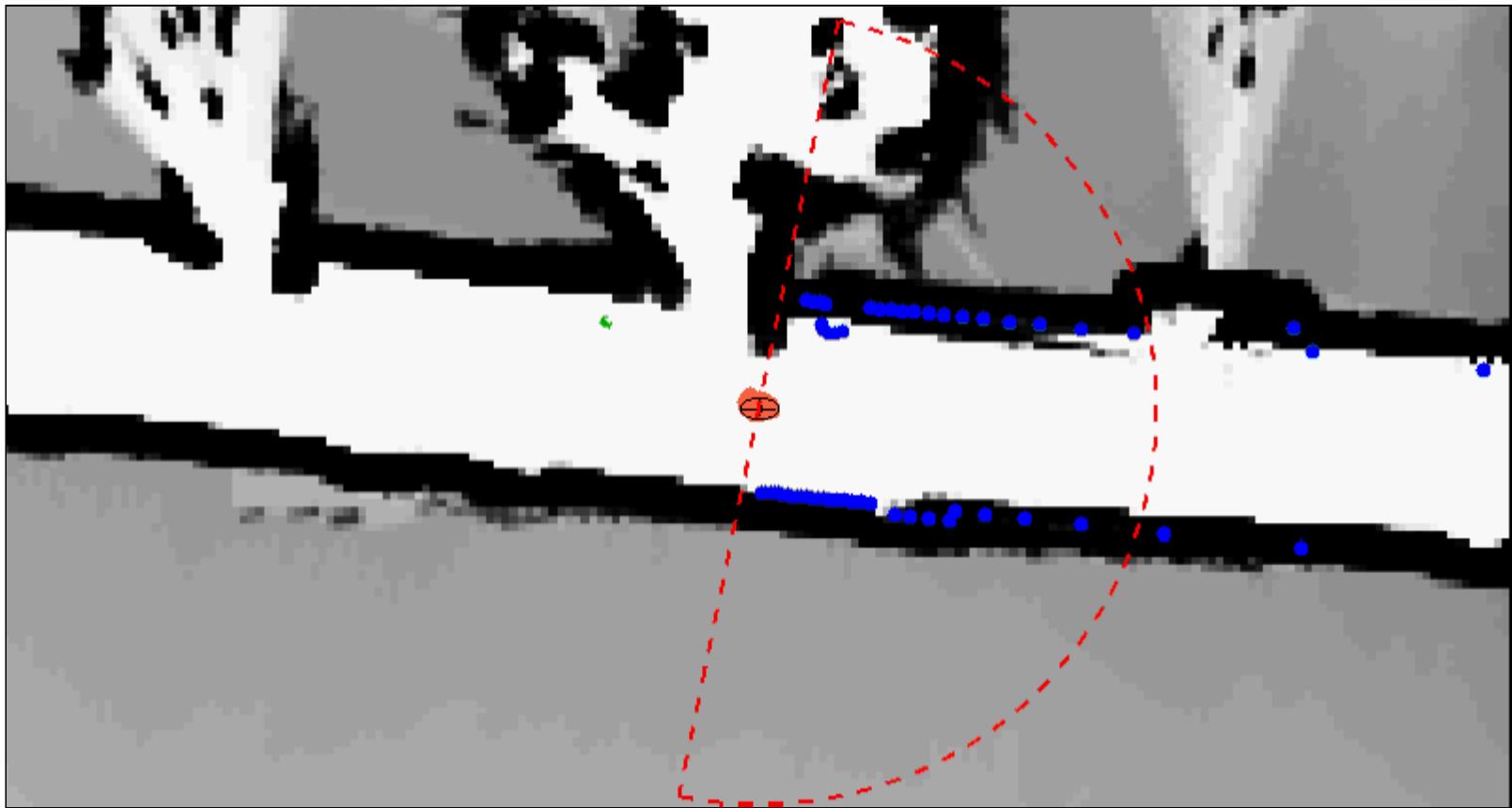
# Tracking People from Moving Platform



- **robot location (particles)**
- **people location (particles)**
- **laser measurements (wall)**

With Michael Montemerlo

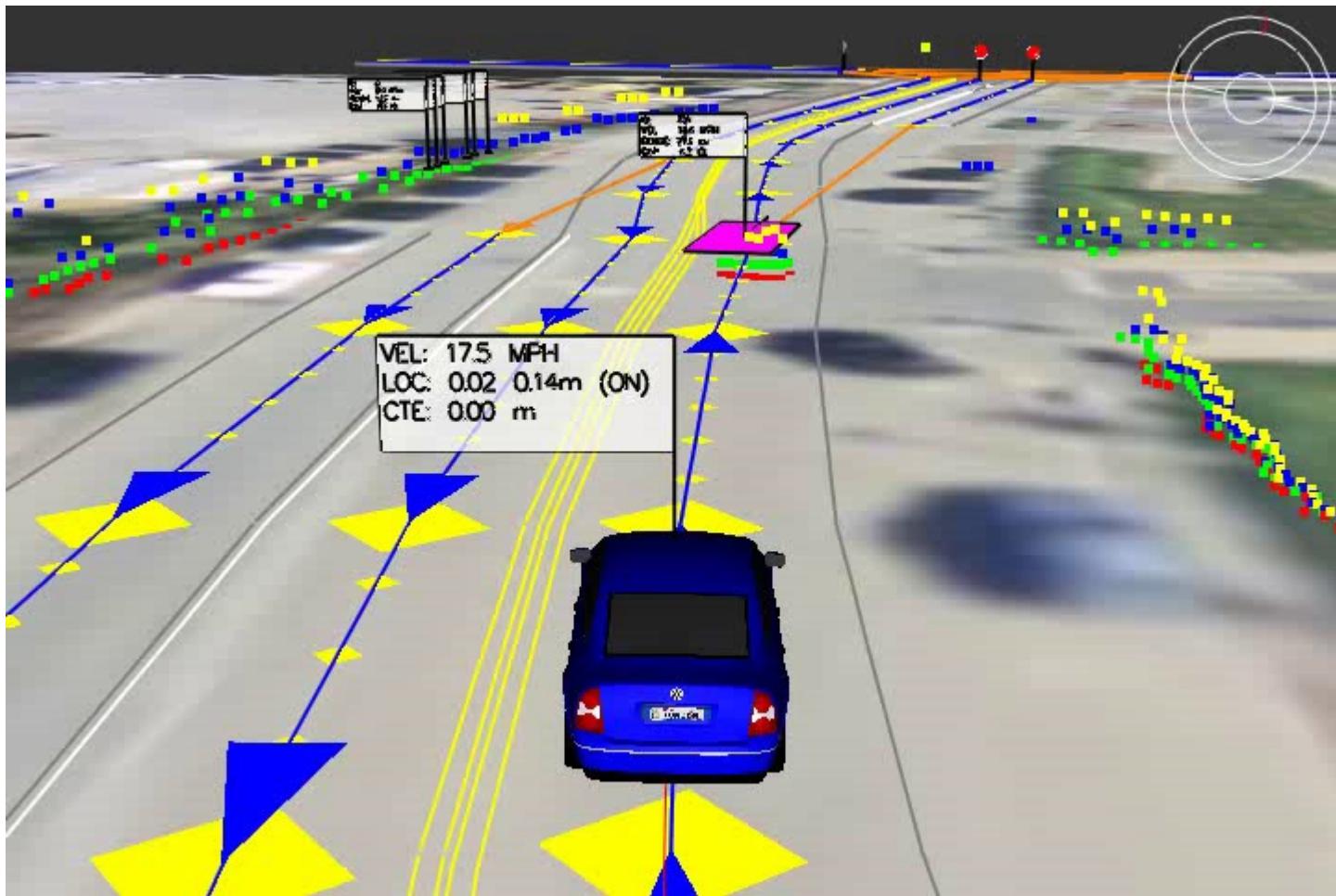
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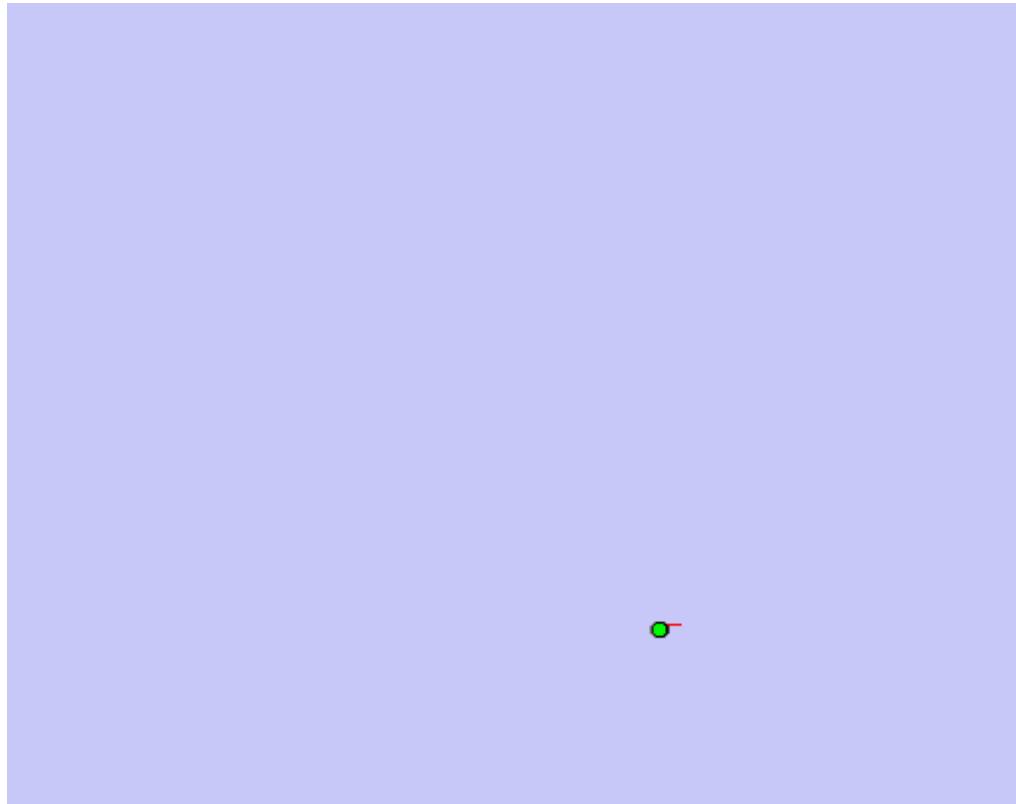
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# Particle Filters for Tracking Cars



With Anya Petrovskaya

# Mapping Environments (SFM)



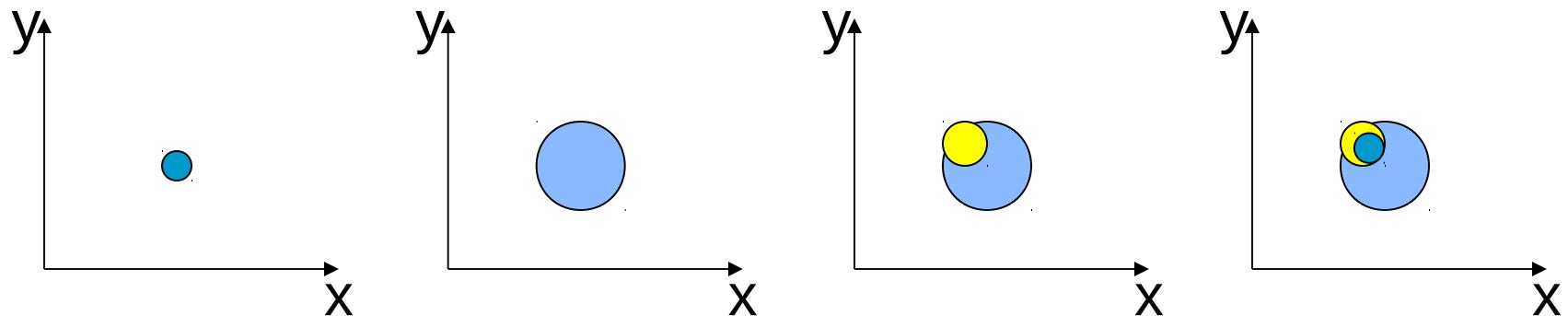
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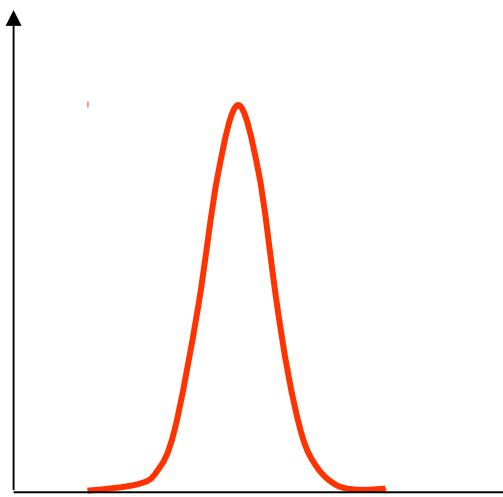
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# Tracking with KFs: Gaussians!

initial estimate    prediction    measurement    update



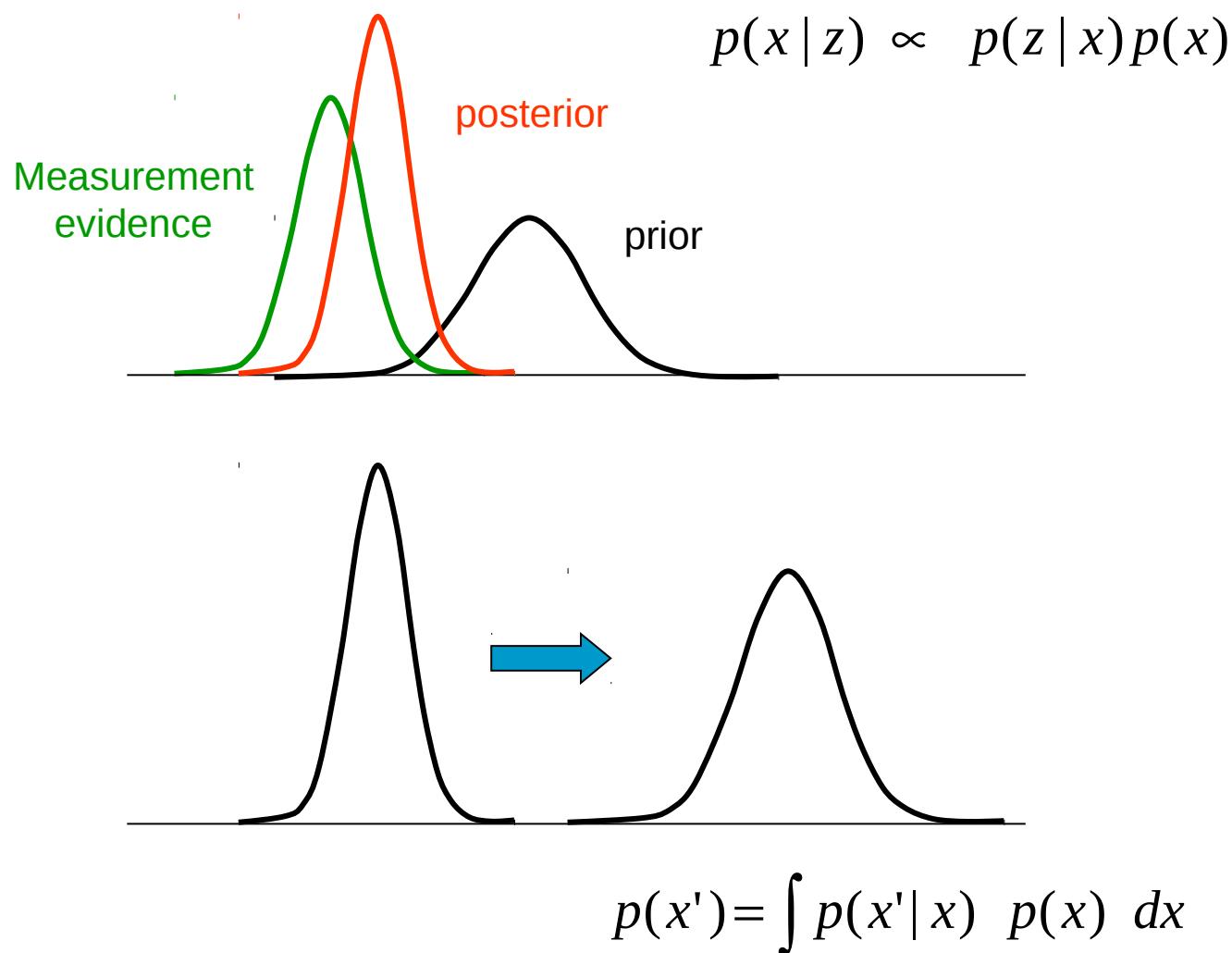
# Kalman Filters



$$p(x) \sim N(\mu, \Sigma)$$

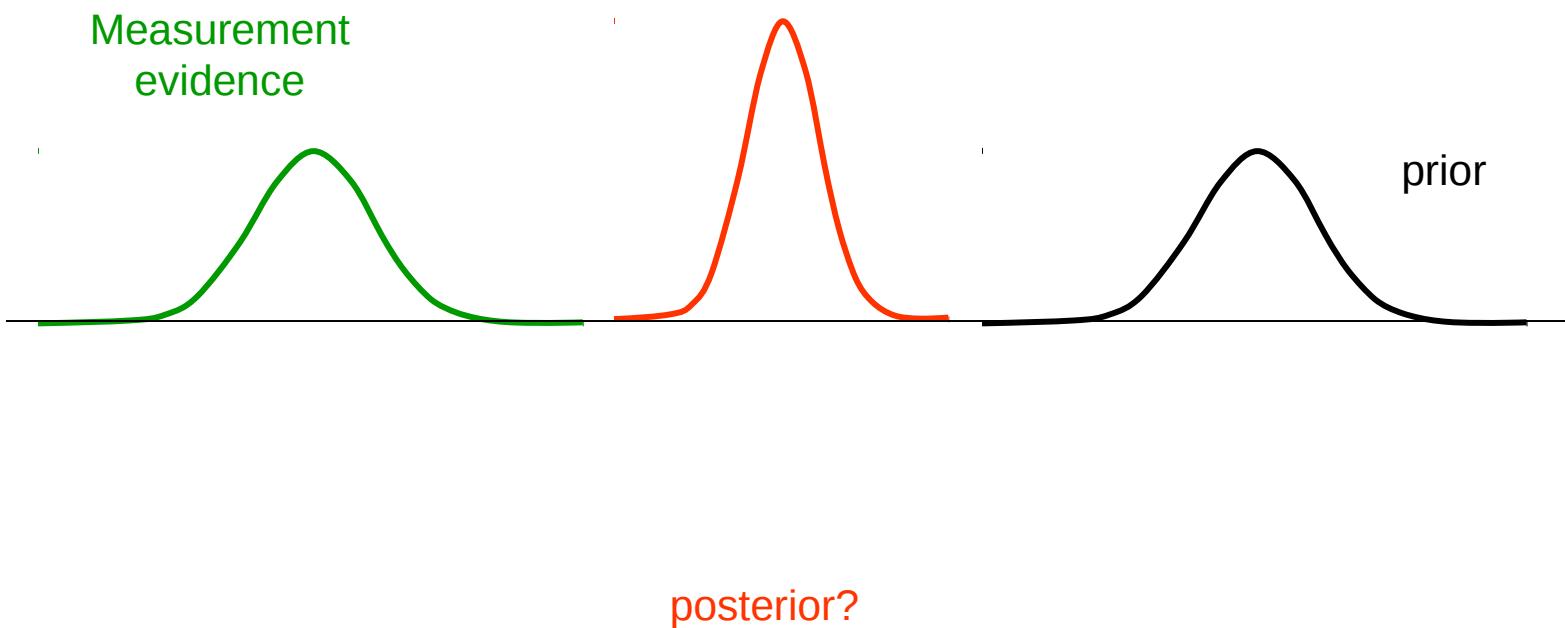
$$p(x) \propto \exp \left\{ -\frac{1}{2} (x - \mu)^T \Sigma^{-1} (x - \mu) \right\}$$

# Kalman Filters



# A Quiz

$$p(x | z) \propto p(z | x)p(x)$$

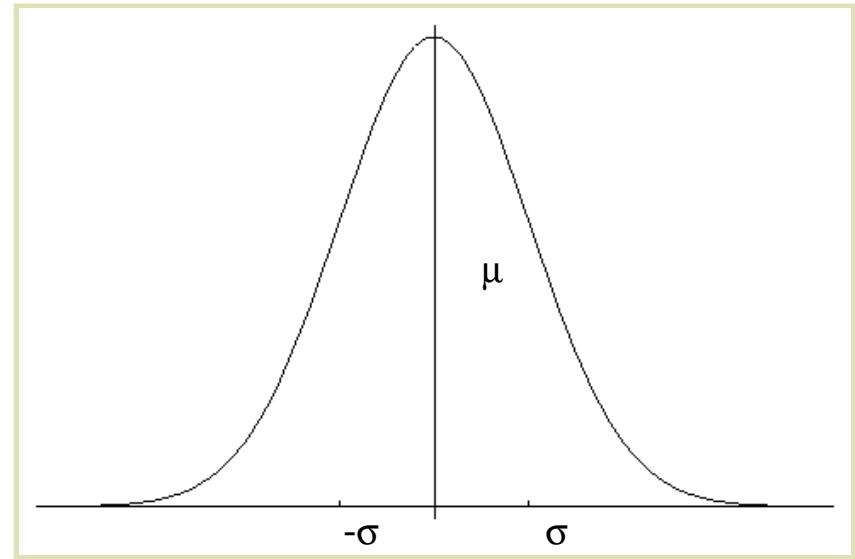


# Gaussians

## Univariate

$p(x) \sim N(\mu, \sigma^2)$ :

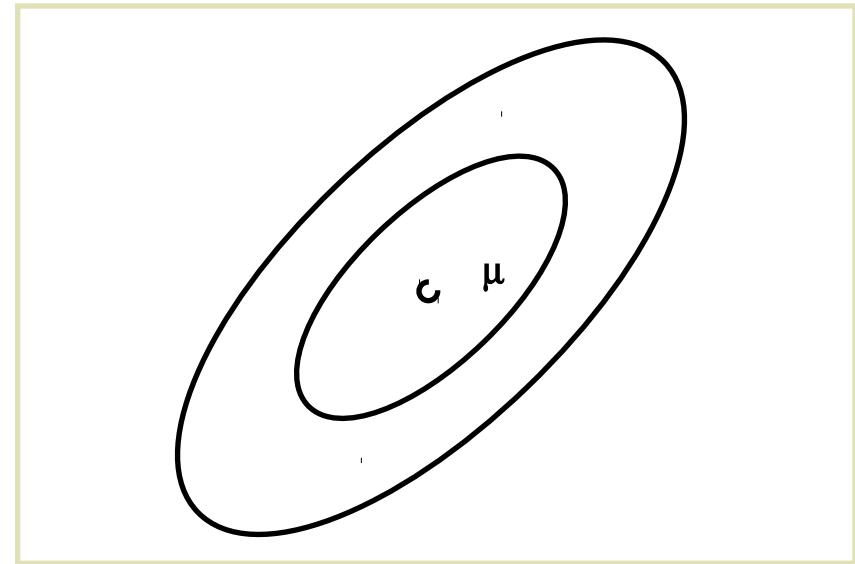
$$p(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma} e^{-\frac{1}{2}\frac{(x-\mu)^2}{\sigma^2}}$$



## Multivariate

$p(\mathbf{x}) \sim N(\boldsymbol{\mu}, \boldsymbol{\Sigma})$ :

$$p(\mathbf{x}) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{d/2} |\boldsymbol{\Sigma}|^{1/2}} e^{-\frac{1}{2} (\mathbf{x}-\boldsymbol{\mu})^t \boldsymbol{\Sigma}^{-1} (\mathbf{x}-\boldsymbol{\mu})}$$



# Properties of Univariate Gaussians

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} X \sim N(\mu, \sigma^2) \\ Y = aX + b \end{array} \right\} \Rightarrow Y \sim N(a\mu + b, a^2\sigma^2)$$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} X_1 \sim N(\mu_1, \sigma_1^2) \\ X_2 \sim N(\mu_2, \sigma_2^2) \end{array} \right\} \Rightarrow p(X_1) \cdot p(X_2) \sim N\left( \frac{\sigma_2^2}{\sigma_1^2 + \sigma_2^2} \mu_1 + \frac{\sigma_1^2}{\sigma_1^2 + \sigma_2^2} \mu_2, \frac{1}{\sigma_1^{-2} + \sigma_2^{-2}} \right)$$

# Measurement Update Derived

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} X_1 \sim N(\mu_1, \sigma_1^2) \\ X_2 \sim N(\mu_2, \sigma_2^2) \end{array} \right\} \Rightarrow p(X_1) \cdot p(X_2) = \text{const.} \cdot \exp \left\{ -\frac{1}{2} \frac{(x-\mu_1)^2}{\sigma_1^2} - \frac{1}{2} \frac{(x-\mu_2)^2}{\sigma_2^2} \right\}$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left\{ -\frac{1}{2} \frac{(x-\mu_1)^2}{\sigma_1^2} - \frac{1}{2} \frac{(x-\mu_2)^2}{\sigma_2^2} \right\} = \frac{x-\mu_1}{\sigma_1^2} + \frac{x-\mu_2}{\sigma_2^2} = 0 \quad (\text{for new } \mu)$$

$$(\mu - \mu_1)\sigma_2^2 + (\mu - \mu_2)\sigma_1^2 = 0$$

$$\mu(\sigma_1^2 + \sigma_2^2) = \mu_1\sigma_2^2 + \mu_2\sigma_1^2$$

$$\mu = \frac{\mu_1\sigma_2^2 + \mu_2\sigma_1^2}{\sigma_1^2 + \sigma_2^2}$$

$$\frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} \left\{ -\frac{1}{2} \frac{(x-\mu_1)^2}{\sigma_1^2} - \frac{1}{2} \frac{(x-\mu_2)^2}{\sigma_2^2} \right\} = \sigma_1^{-2} + \sigma_2^{-2}$$

$$\sigma = \frac{1}{\sigma_1^{-2} + \sigma_2^{-2}}$$

# Properties Multivariate Gaussians

Essentially the same as in the 1-D case, but with more general notation

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} X \sim N(\mu, \Sigma) \\ Y = AX + B \end{array} \right\} \Rightarrow Y \sim N(A\mu + B, A\Sigma A^T)$$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} X_1 \sim N(\mu_1, \Sigma_1) \\ X_2 \sim N(\mu_2, \Sigma_2) \end{array} \right\} \Rightarrow p(X_1) \cdot p(X_2) \sim N\left((\Sigma_1 + \Sigma_2)^{-1}\Sigma_2\mu_1 + (\Sigma_1 + \Sigma_2)^{-1}\Sigma_1\mu_2, (\Sigma_1^{-1} + \Sigma_2^{-1})^{-1}\right)$$

- We stay in the “Gaussian world” as long as we start with Gaussians and perform only linear transformations.

# Linear Kalman Filter

Estimates the state  $x$  of a discrete-time controlled process that is governed by the linear stochastic difference equation

$$x_t = A_t x_{t-1} + B_t u_t + \varepsilon_t$$

with a measurement

$$z_t = C_t x_t + \delta_t$$

# Components of a Kalman Filter

- $A_t$  Matrix ( $n \times n$ ) that describes how the state evolves from  $t$  to  $t+1$  without controls or noise.
- $B_t$  Matrix ( $n \times i$ ) that describes how the control  $u_t$  changes the state from  $t$  to  $t+1$ .
- $C_t$  Matrix ( $k \times n$ ) that describes how to map the state  $x_t$  to an observation  $z_t$ .
- $\varepsilon_t$  Random variables representing the process and measurement noise that are assumed to be independent and normally distributed with covariance  $R_t$  and  $Q_t$  respectively.
- $\delta_t$

# Kalman Filter Algorithm

1. Algorithm **Kalman\_filter**(  $\mu_{t-1}$ ,  $\Sigma_{t-1}$ ,  $u_t$ ,  $z_t$ ):

2. Prediction:

$$\underline{\mu}_t = A_t \mu_{t-1} + B_t u_t$$

$$\bar{\Sigma}_t = A_t \Sigma_{t-1} A_t^T + R_t$$

5. Correction:

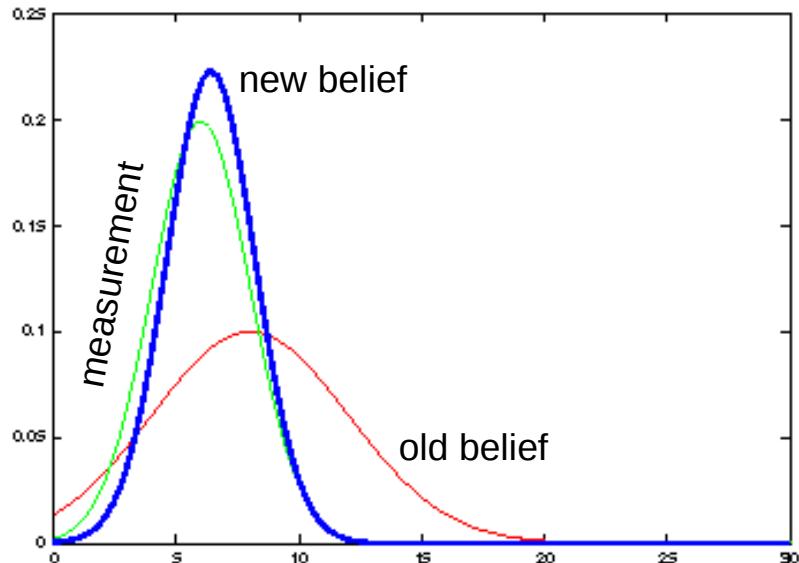
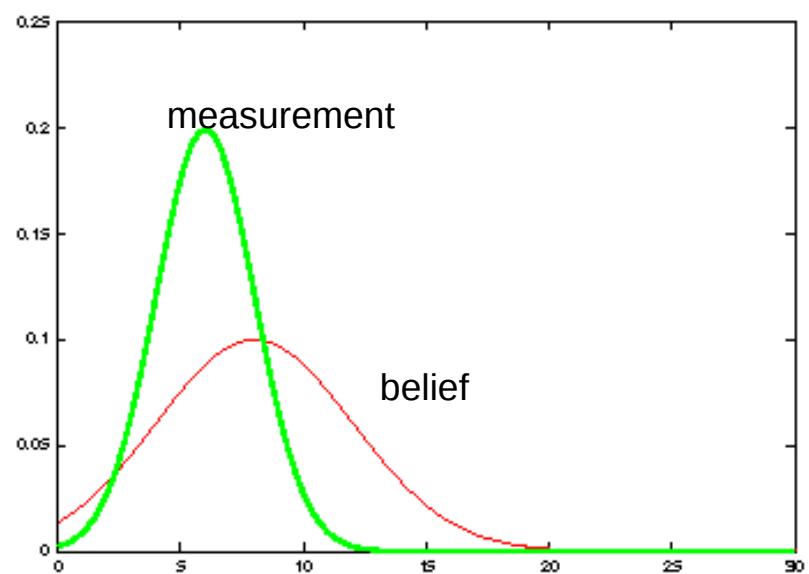
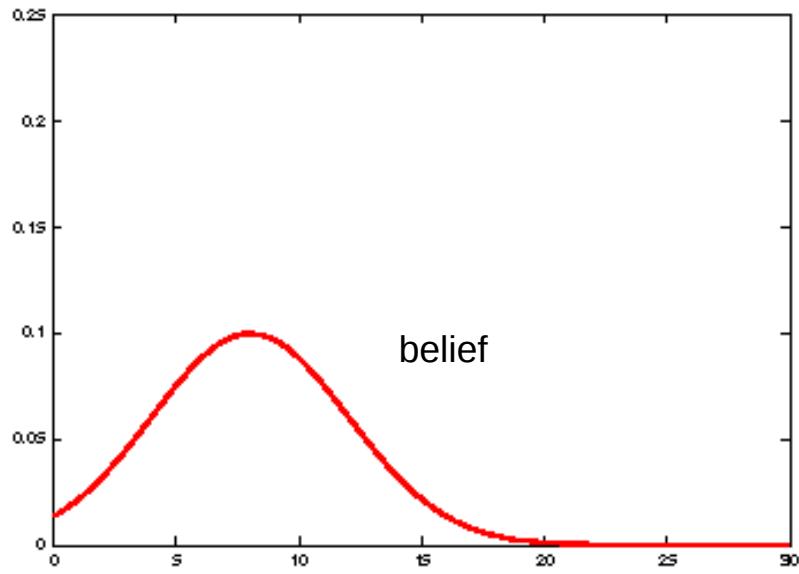
$$K_t = \underline{\Sigma}_t C_t^T (C_t \bar{\Sigma}_t C_t^T + Q_t)^{-1}$$

$$\mu_t = \underline{\mu}_t + K_t (z_t - C_t \underline{\mu}_t)$$

$$\Sigma_t = (I - K_t C_t) \bar{\Sigma}_t$$

9. Return  $\mu_t$ ,  $\Sigma_t$

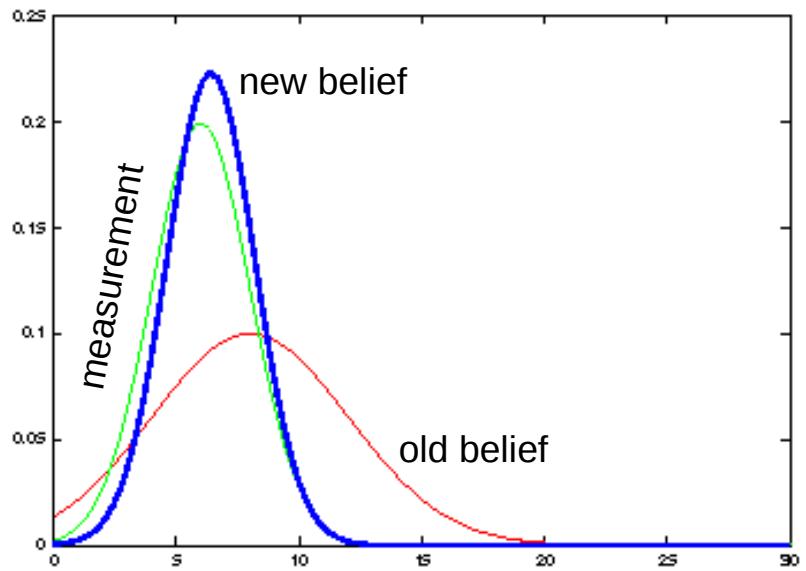
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$$bel(x_t) = \begin{cases} \mu_t = \bar{\mu}_t + K_t(z_t - \bar{\mu}_t) \\ \sigma_t^2 = (1 - K_t)\bar{\sigma}_t^2 \end{cases} \quad \text{with} \quad K_t = \frac{\bar{\sigma}_t^2}{\bar{\sigma}_t^2 + \bar{\sigma}_{obs,t}^2}$$

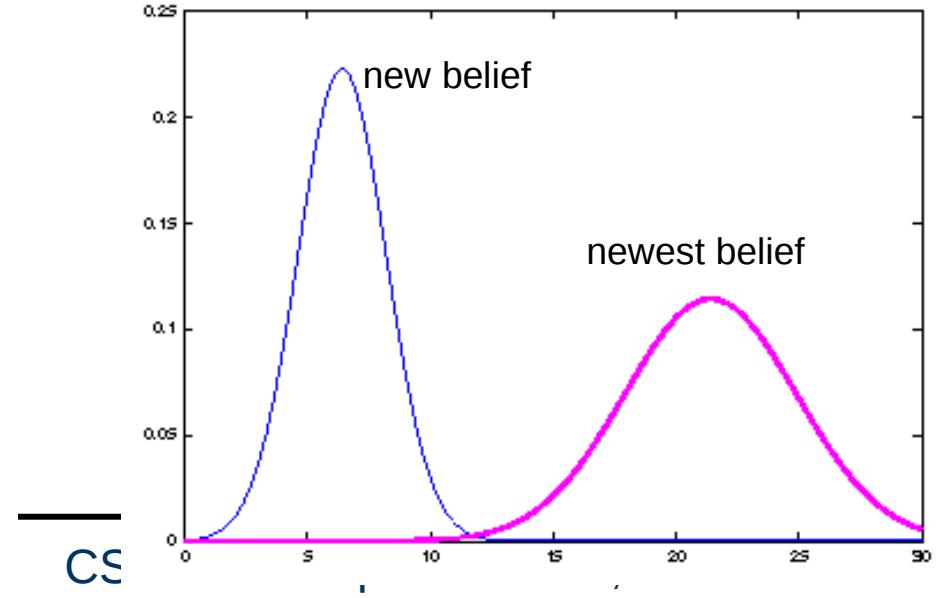
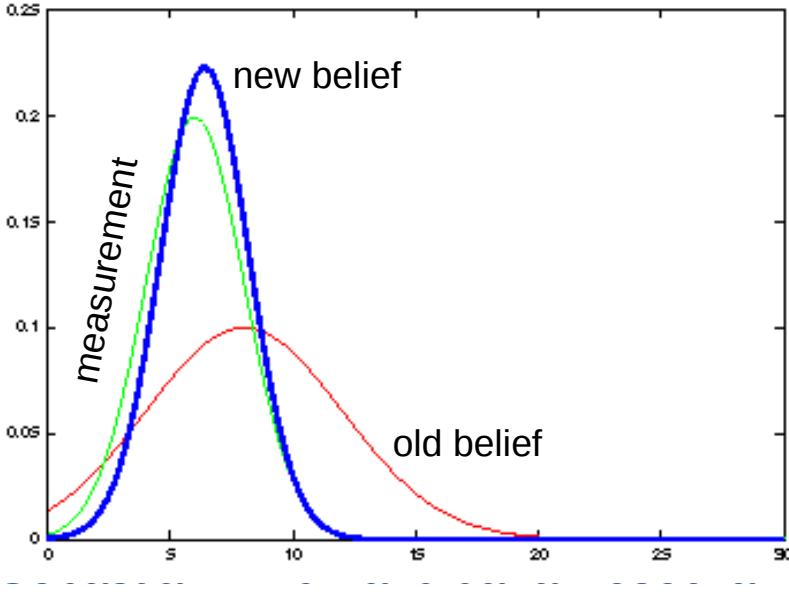
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# Kalman Filter Updates in 1D

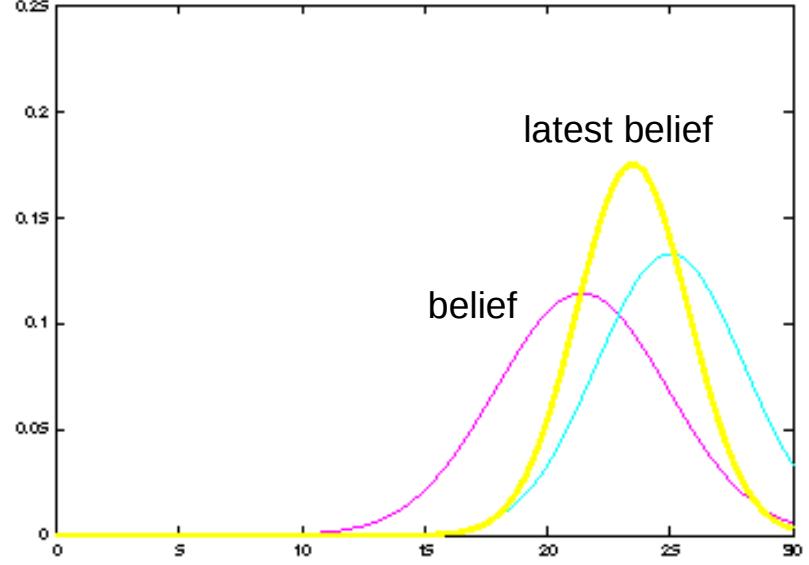
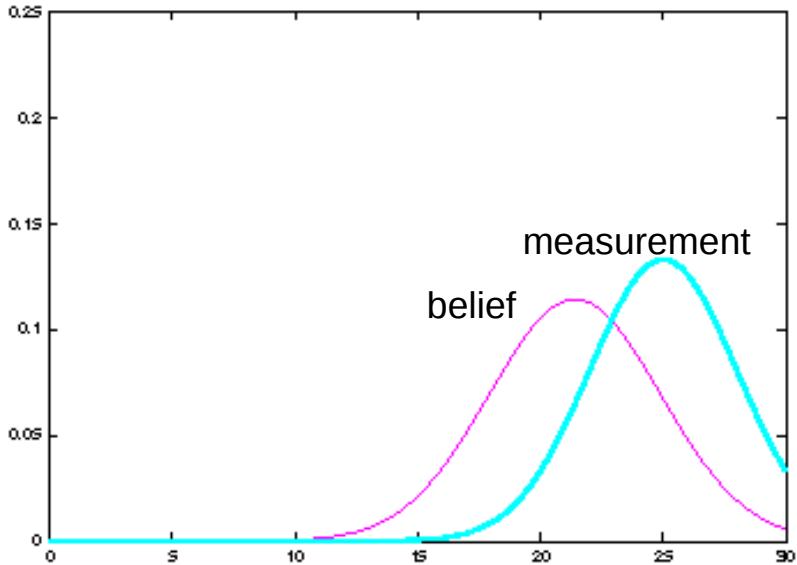
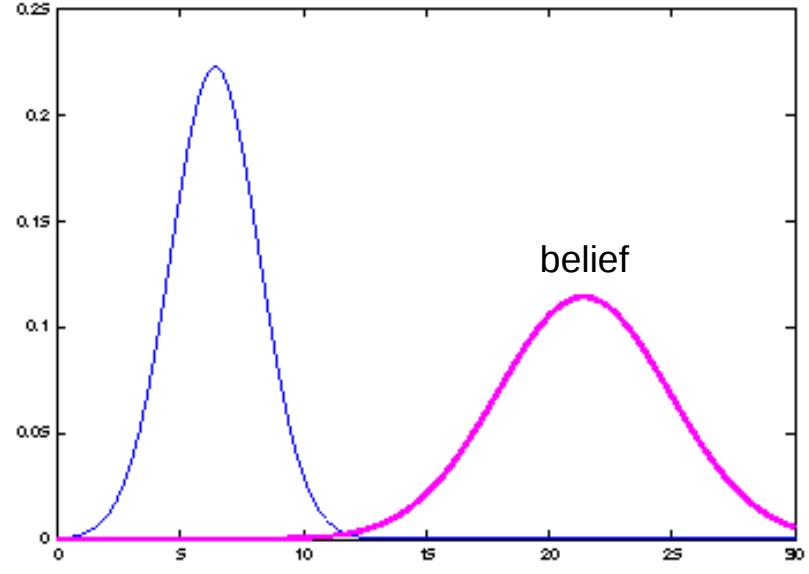
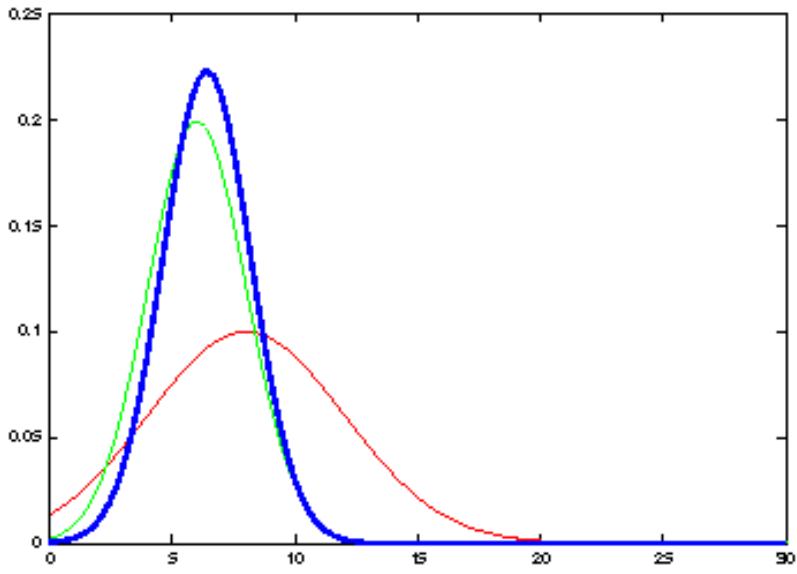
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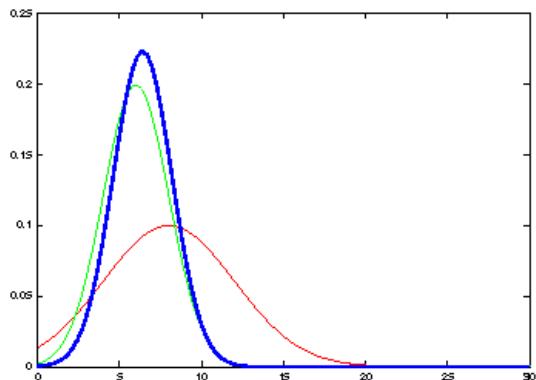


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# Kalman Filter Updates

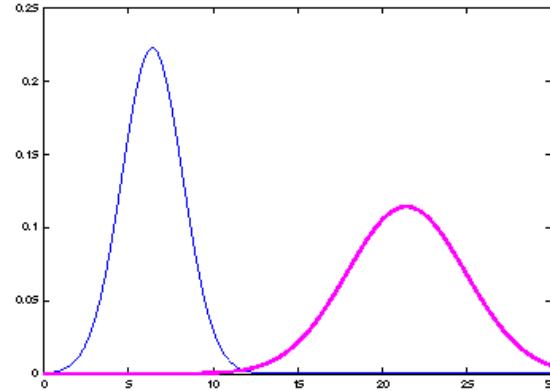


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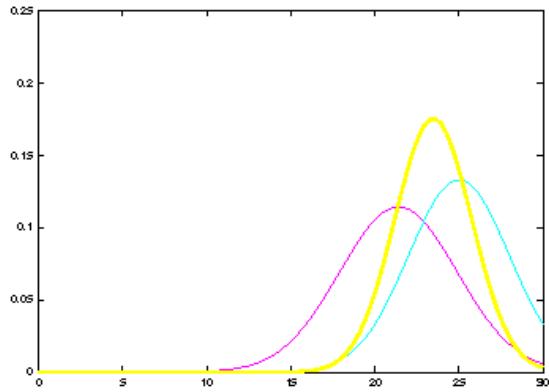


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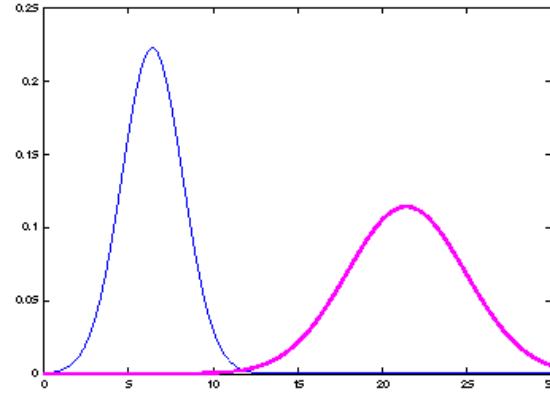


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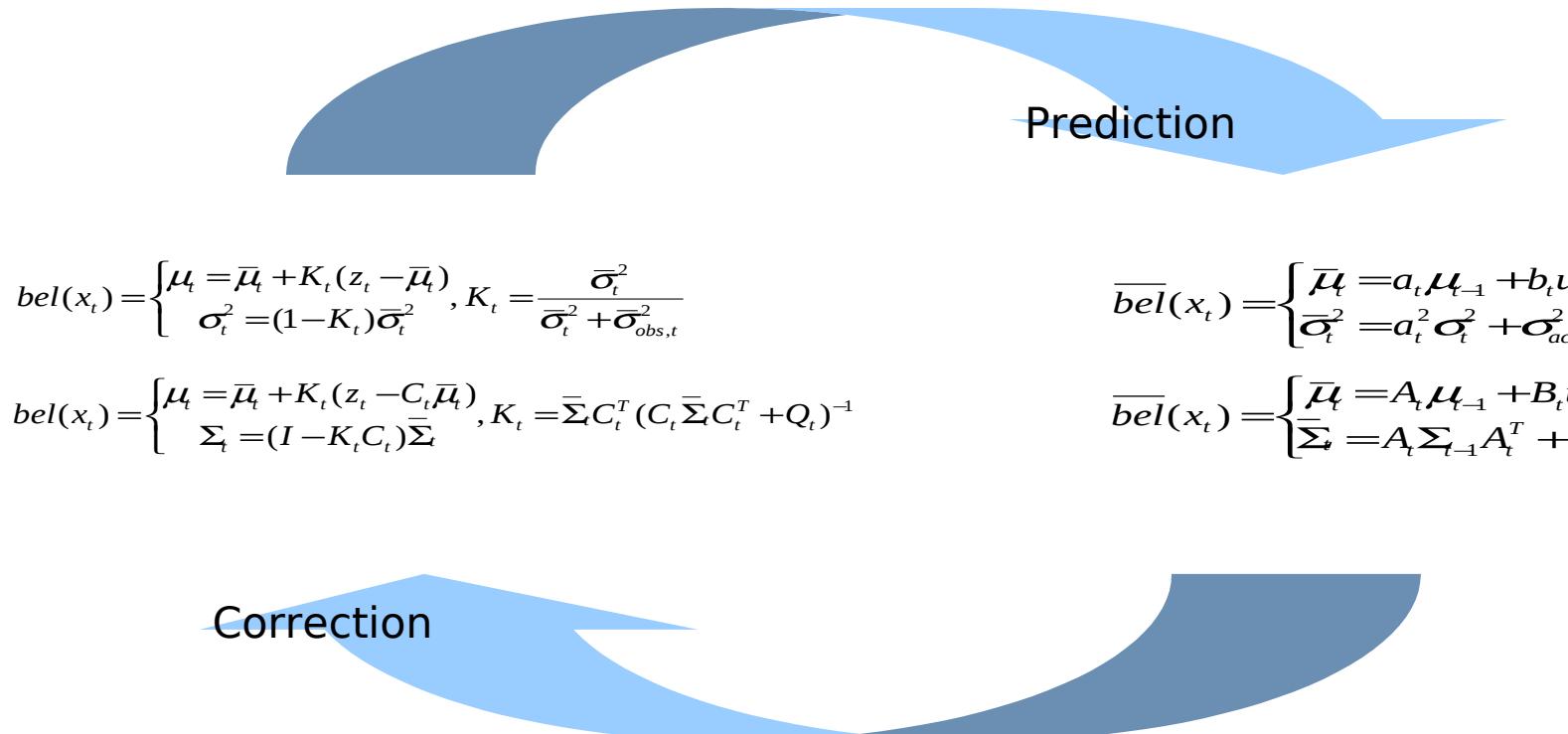
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$$bel(x_t) = \begin{cases} \mu_t = \bar{\mu}_t + K_t(z_t - C_t\bar{\mu}_t), \\ \Sigma_t = (I - K_t C_t) \bar{\Sigma}, \end{cases}$$



Correction

# The Prediction-Correction-Cycle



# Kalman Filter Summary

- *Highly efficient:* Polynomial in measurement dimensionality  $k$  and state dimensionality  $n$ :  
 $O(k^{2.376} + n^2)$
- *Optimal for linear Gaussian systems!*
- Most robotics systems are *nonlinear*!

# Overview

- The Tracking Problem
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# Let's Apply KFs to Tracking Problem

Image 1

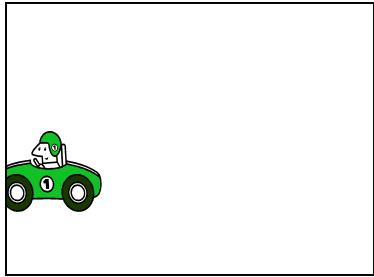


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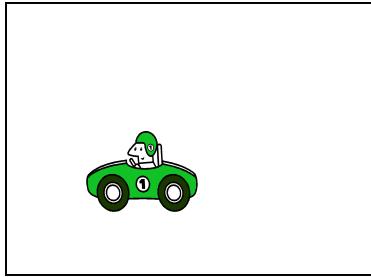


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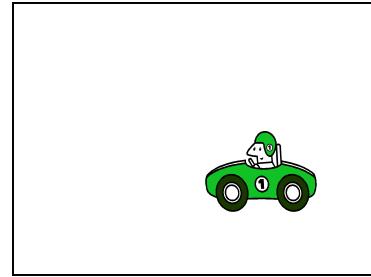
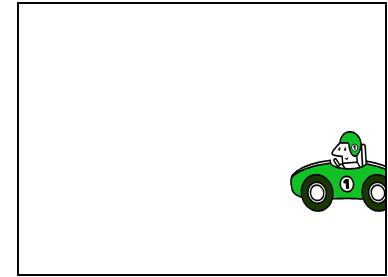


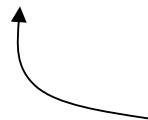
Image 4



# Kalman Filter with 2-Dim Linear Model

## Linear Change (Motion)

$$x' = Ax + B + N(0, R)$$



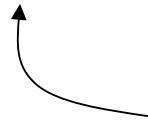
$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

What is C, D, R?

$$B = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad R = \begin{pmatrix} \rho^2 & 0 \\ 0 & \rho^2 \end{pmatrix}$$

## Linear Measurement Model

$$z = Cx + D + N(0, Q)$$



$$C = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

What is A, B, Q?

$$D = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad Q = \begin{pmatrix} \sigma^2 & 0 \\ 0 & \sigma^2 \end{pmatrix}$$

# Kalman Filter Algorithm

1. Algorithm **Kalman\_filter**(  $\mu_{t-1}$ ,  $\Sigma_{t-1}$ ,  $u_t$ ,  $z_t$ ):

2. Prediction:

$$\begin{aligned} \underline{\mu}_t &= A_t \mu_{t-1} + B_t u_t \\ \underline{\Sigma}_t &= A_t \Sigma_{t-1} A_t^T + R_t \end{aligned}$$

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad B = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad R = \begin{pmatrix} \rho^2 & 0 \\ 0 & \rho^2 \end{pmatrix}$$

5. Correction:

$$K_t = \underline{\Sigma}_t C_t^T (C_t \bar{\Sigma}_t C_t^T + \underline{Q}_t)^{-1}$$

$$\mu_t = \underline{\mu}_t + K_t (z_t - C_t \underline{\mu}_t - D)$$

$$\Sigma_t = (I - K_t C_t) \underline{\Sigma}_t$$

$$C = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad D = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad Q = \begin{pmatrix} \sigma^2 & 0 \\ 0 & \sigma^2 \end{pmatrix}$$

9. Return  $\mu_t, \Sigma_t$

# Kalman Filter in Detail

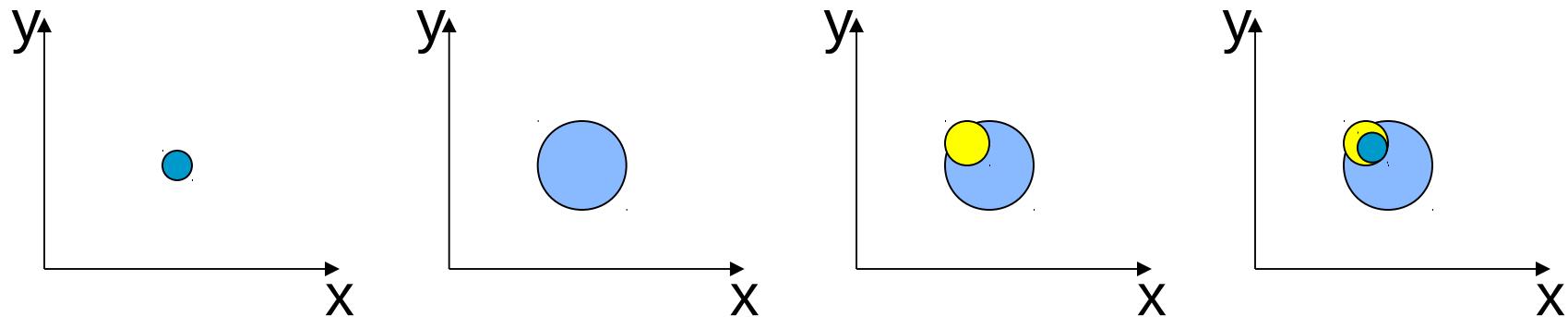
□ Measurements  $z = x + N(0, R)$

□ Change  $x' = x + N(0, Q)$

□ Prediction  $\Sigma' = \Sigma + Q$        $\mu' = \mu$

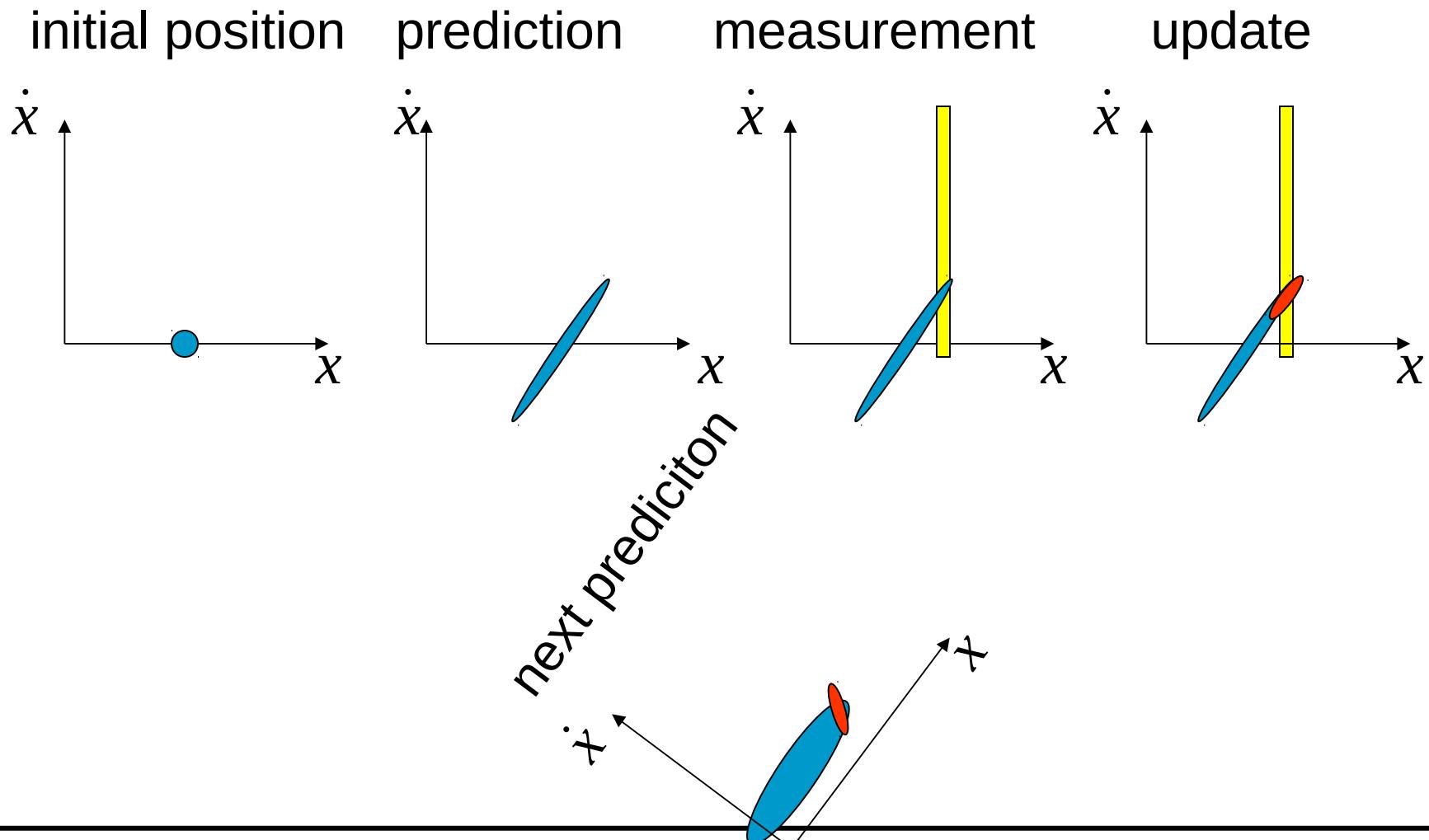
□ Measurement Update  $\Sigma'' = (\Sigma'^{-1} + R^{-1})^{-1}$   
 $\mu'' = \mu' + \Sigma'' R^{-1} (z - \mu')$

initial position    prediction    measurement    update

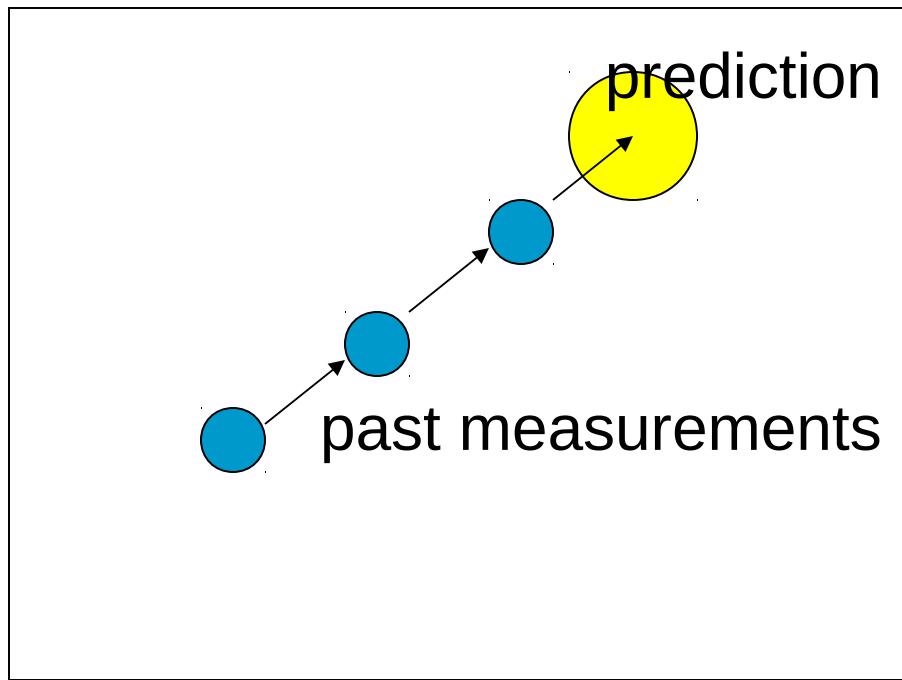


# Can We Do Better?

# Kalman, Better!



# We Can Estimate Velocity!



# Kalman Filter For 2D Tracking

- Linear Measurement model (now with 4 state variables)

$$\begin{pmatrix} x_{obs} \\ y_{obs} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ \dot{x} \\ \dot{y} \end{pmatrix} + N(0, R) \quad R = \begin{pmatrix} r^2 & 0 \\ 0 & r^2 \end{pmatrix}$$

- Linear Change

$$\begin{pmatrix} x' \\ y' \\ \dot{x}' \\ \dot{y}' \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & \Delta t & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & \Delta t \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ \dot{x} \\ \dot{y} \end{pmatrix} + N(0, Q) \quad Q = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & q^2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & q^2 \end{pmatrix}$$

# Putting It Together Again

- Measurements

$$\vec{z} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \vec{x} + N(0, R)$$

- Change

$$\vec{x}' = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & \Delta t & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & \Delta t \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \vec{x} + N(0, Q)$$

- Prediction

$$\Sigma' = \Sigma + CQC^T$$

$$\mu' = C\mu$$

- Measurement Update

$$\Sigma' = (\Sigma^{-1} + A^T R^{-1} A)^{-1}$$

$$\mu' = \mu + \Sigma' A^T R^{-1} (z - A\mu)$$

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  - Position
  - Velocity
  - Many other continuous state variables possible
- KF maintains
  - Mean vector for the state
  - Covariance matrix of state uncertainty
- Implements
  - Time update = prediction
  - Measurement update
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  - Nonlinear extensions: extended KF, unscented KF: linearize
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# Summary ~~Particle~~ Kalman Filter

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  - Position
  - Velocity
  - Many other continuous state variables possible
- KF maintains
  - Mean vector for the state
  - Covariance matrix of state uncertainty
- Implements
  - Time update = prediction = predictive sampling
  - Measurement update = resampling, importance weights
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and discrete

set of particles  
(example states)

fully nonlinear

easy to implement

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