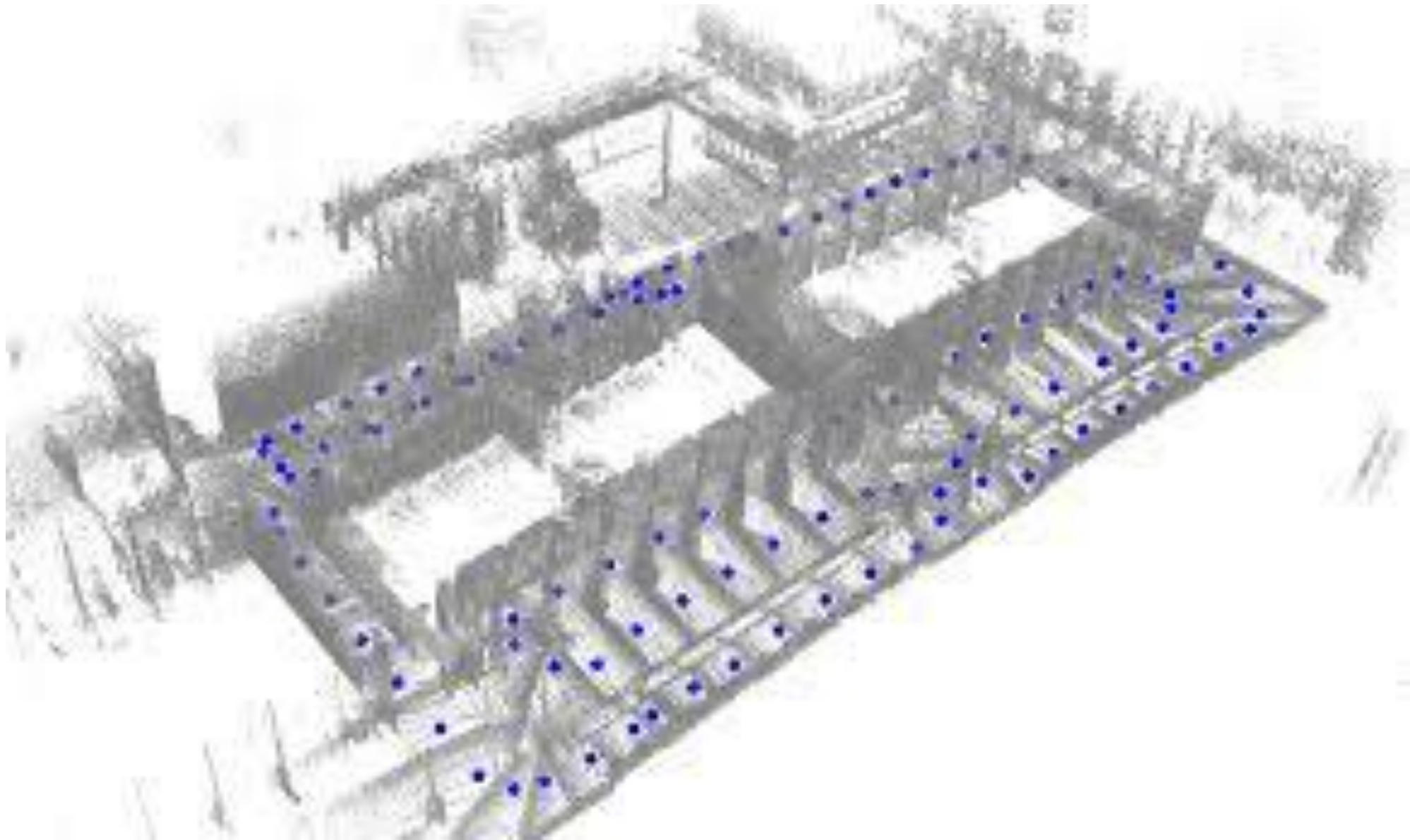


# Temporal inference and SLAM



# Course announcements

- Homework 6 has been posted and is due on April 24<sup>th</sup>.
  - Any questions about the homework?
  - How many of you have looked at/started/finished homework 6?
- Homework 7 will be posted on Wednesday and will be due on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup>.
  - It will be shorter so that it can fit in the 1.5 week you will have for it.
  - Do you prefer the deadline to be on May 5<sup>th</sup> (with the same content)?
  - You can use all of your remaining late days for it.
- Changes to office hours this Wednesday:
  - Yannis, 3 – 5 pm.
  - Neeraj, 5 – 7 pm.
  - All four hours will take place at Smith Hall 225 / graphics lounge.

# Any topics you want covered in the last two lectures?

Current plan is two of the following:

- Color.
- Faces.
- Segmentation.
- Graph-based techniques.

# Registration week

- |                           |   |  |
|---------------------------|---|--|
| 1. Image processing.      | ← | Lectures 1 – 7<br>See also 18-793: Image and Video Processing  |
| 2. Geometry-based vision. | ← | Lectures 7 – 12<br>See also 16-822: Geometry-based Methods in Vision   |
| 3. Physics-based vision.  | ← | Lectures 13 – 16<br>See also 16-823: Physics-based Methods in Vision<br>See also 15-462: Computer Graphics<br>See also 15-463: Computational Photography |
| 4. Semantic vision.       | ← | Lectures 17 – 20<br>See also 16-824: Vision Learning and Recognition<br>See also 10-703: Deep Reinforcement Learning                                     |
| 5. Dealing with motion.   | ← | Lectures 21 – 24<br>See also 16-831: Statistical Techniques in Robotics<br>See also 16-833: Robot Localization and Mapping                               |

# 15-463/15-663/15-862

# Computational Photography

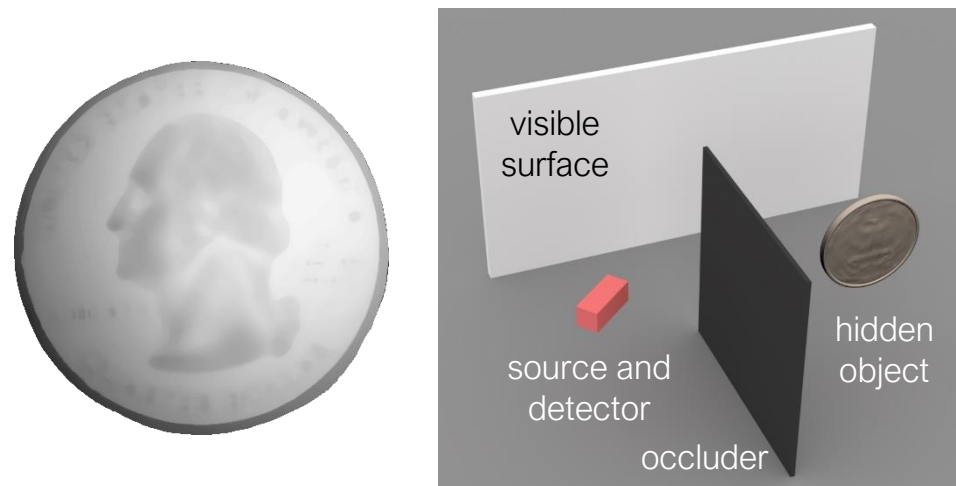
Learn about scientific and unconventional cameras – and build your own!



cameras that capture video at the speed of light



cameras that measure depth in real time



cameras that see around corners



cameras that measure entire lightfields

<http://graphics.cs.cmu.edu/courses/15-463/>

# Overview of today's lecture

- Leftover from last time: Mean-shift tracking.
- Temporal state models.
- Temporal inference.
- Kalman filtering.
- Extended Kalman filtering.
- Mono SLAM.

# Slide credits

Most of these slides were adapted from:

- Kris Kitani (16-385, Spring 2017).

# Temporal state models



Represent the 'world' as a set of random variables  **$X$**

**$X = \{x, y\}$**       location on the ground plane

**$X = \{x, y, z\}$**       position in the 3D world

**$X = \{x, \dot{x}\}$**       position and velocity

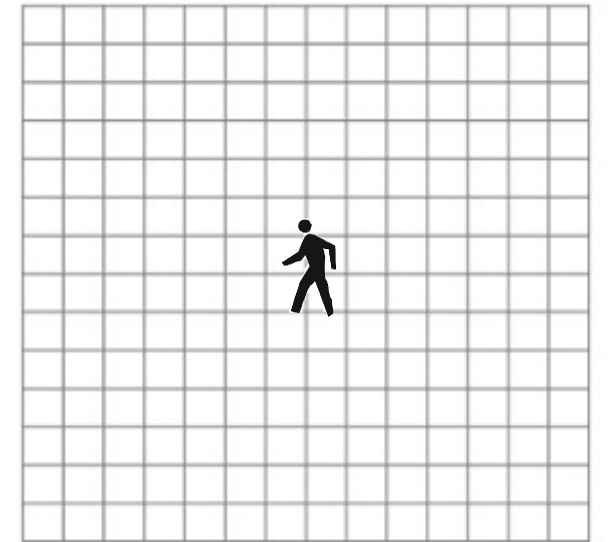
**$X = \{x, \dot{x}, f_1, \dots, f_n\}$**

position, velocity and location  
of landmarks

## Object tracking (localization)

$$\mathbf{X} = \{\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}\}$$

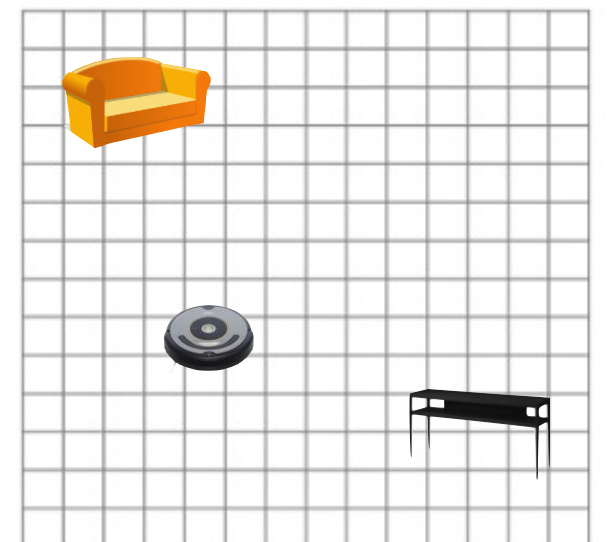
e.g., location on the ground plane



## Object location and world landmarks (localization and mapping)

$$\mathbf{X} = \{\mathbf{x}, \dot{\mathbf{x}}, \mathbf{f}_1, \dots, \mathbf{f}_n\}$$

e.g., position and velocity of robot  
and location of landmarks



**$X_t$**



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$$\mathbf{X}_t$$



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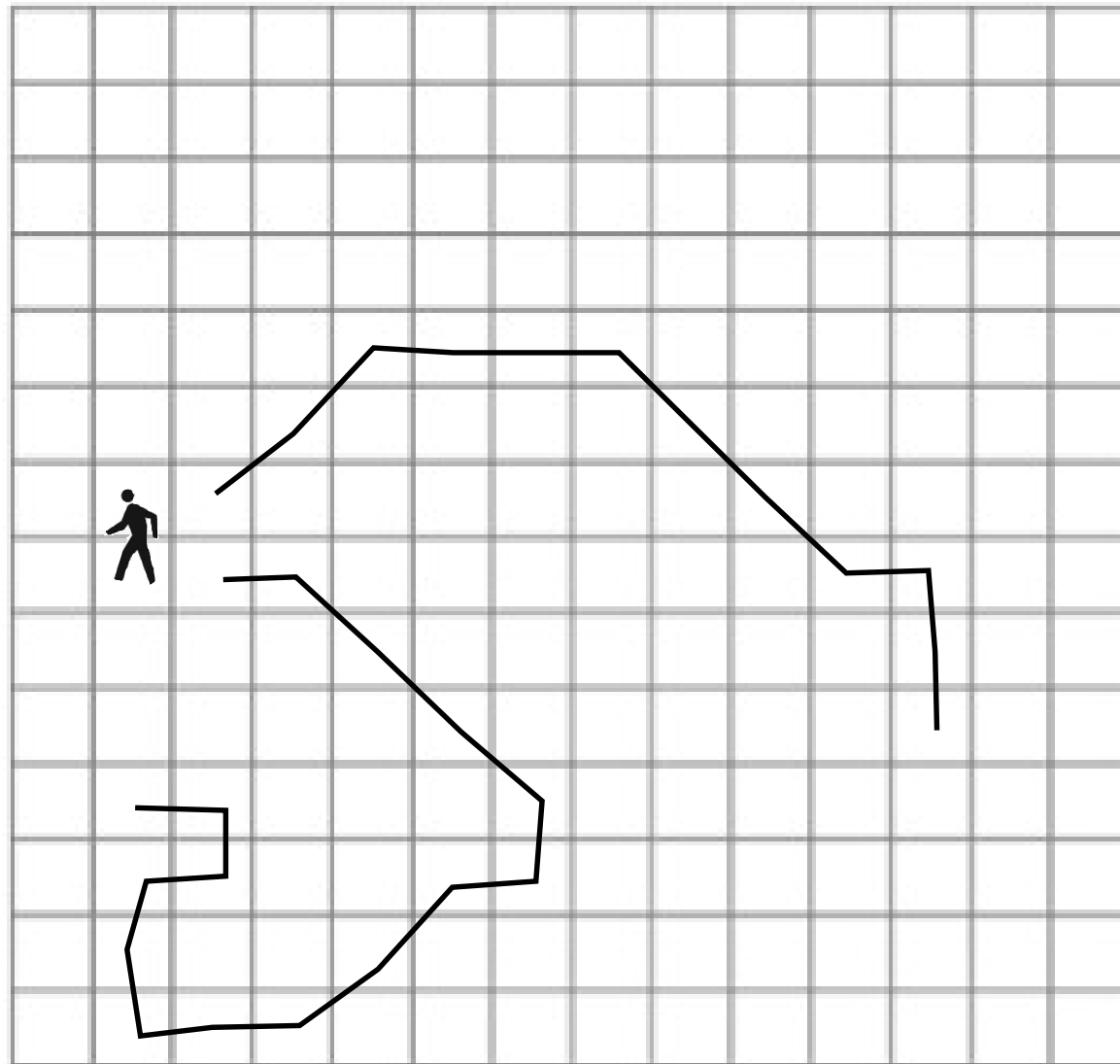
$$\mathbf{X}_0, \mathbf{X}_1, \dots, \mathbf{X}_t$$

The state of the world is usually **uncertain** so we think in terms of a distribution

$$P(\mathbf{X}_0, \mathbf{X}_1, \dots, \mathbf{X}_t)$$

*How big is the space of this distribution?*

If the state space is  $\mathbf{X} = \{\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}\}$  the location on the ground plane



$$P(\mathbf{X}_0, \mathbf{X}_1, \dots, \mathbf{X}_t)$$

is the probability over all possible trajectories through a room of length  $t+1$

When we use a sensor (camera),  
we don't have direct access to the state but noisy  
observations of the state

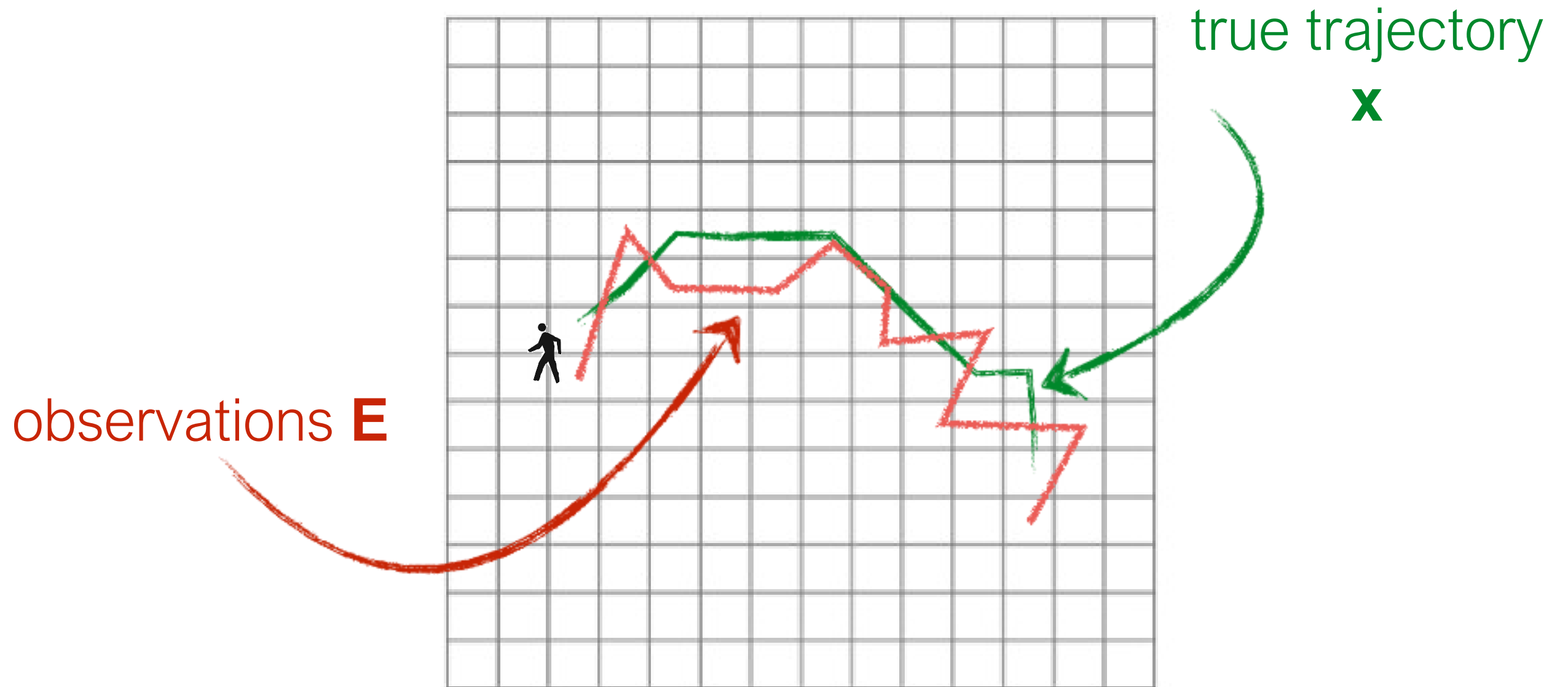
$$\mathbf{E}_t$$

$$\mathbf{X}_0, \mathbf{X}_1, \dots, \mathbf{X}_t, \mathbf{E}_1, \mathbf{E}_2, \dots, \mathbf{E}_t$$

(**all** possible ways of observing **all** possible trajectories)

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**all** possible ways of observing **all** possible trajectories of length  $t$





So we think of the world in terms of the distribution

$$P(\underbrace{X_0, X_1, \dots, X_t}_{\substack{\text{unobserved variables} \\ \text{(hidden state)}}, \underbrace{E_1, E_2, \dots, E_t}_{\substack{\text{observed variables} \\ \text{(evidence)}}})$$

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*How big is the space of this distribution?*

*Can you think of a way to reduce the space?*

## Reduction 1. Stationary process assumption:

*‘a process of change that is governed by laws that do not themselves change over time.’*

$$P(\mathbf{E}_t | \mathbf{X}_t) = P_t(\mathbf{E}_t | \mathbf{X}_t)$$



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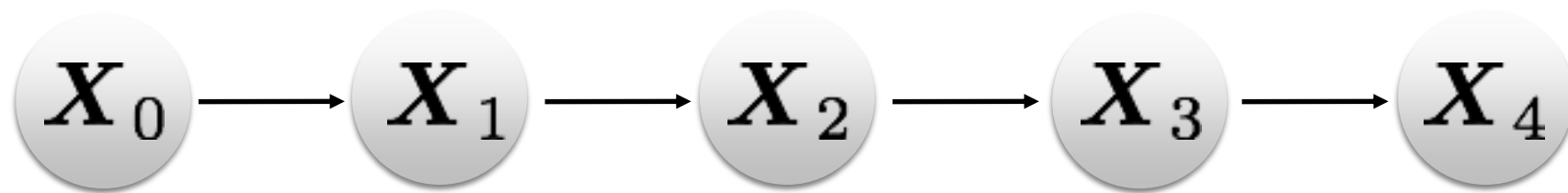
Only have to store **one** model.

*Is this a reasonable assumption?*

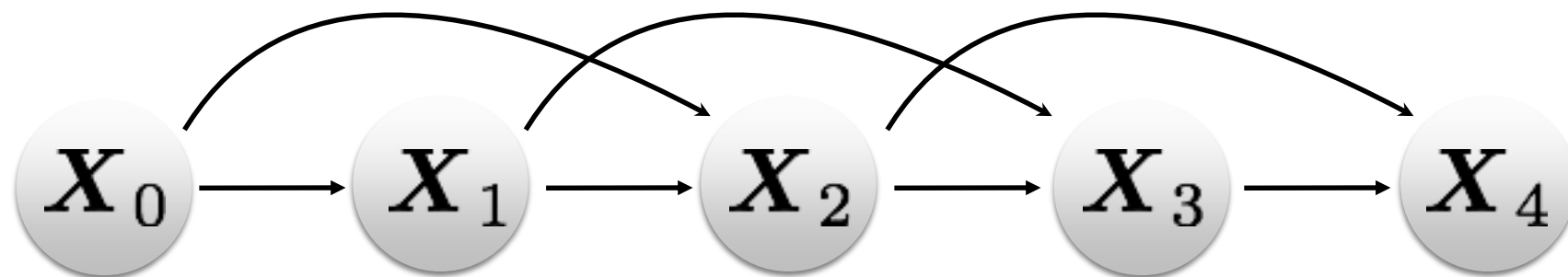
## Reduction 2. Markov Assumption:

*‘the current state only depends on a finite history of previous states.’*

First-order Markov Model:  $P(\mathbf{X}_t | \mathbf{X}_{t-1})$ .



Second-order Markov Model:  $P(\mathbf{X}_t | \mathbf{X}_{t-1}, \mathbf{X}_{t-2})$



(this relationship is called the **motion** model)

## Reduction 2. Markov Assumption:

*‘the current observation only depends on current state.’*

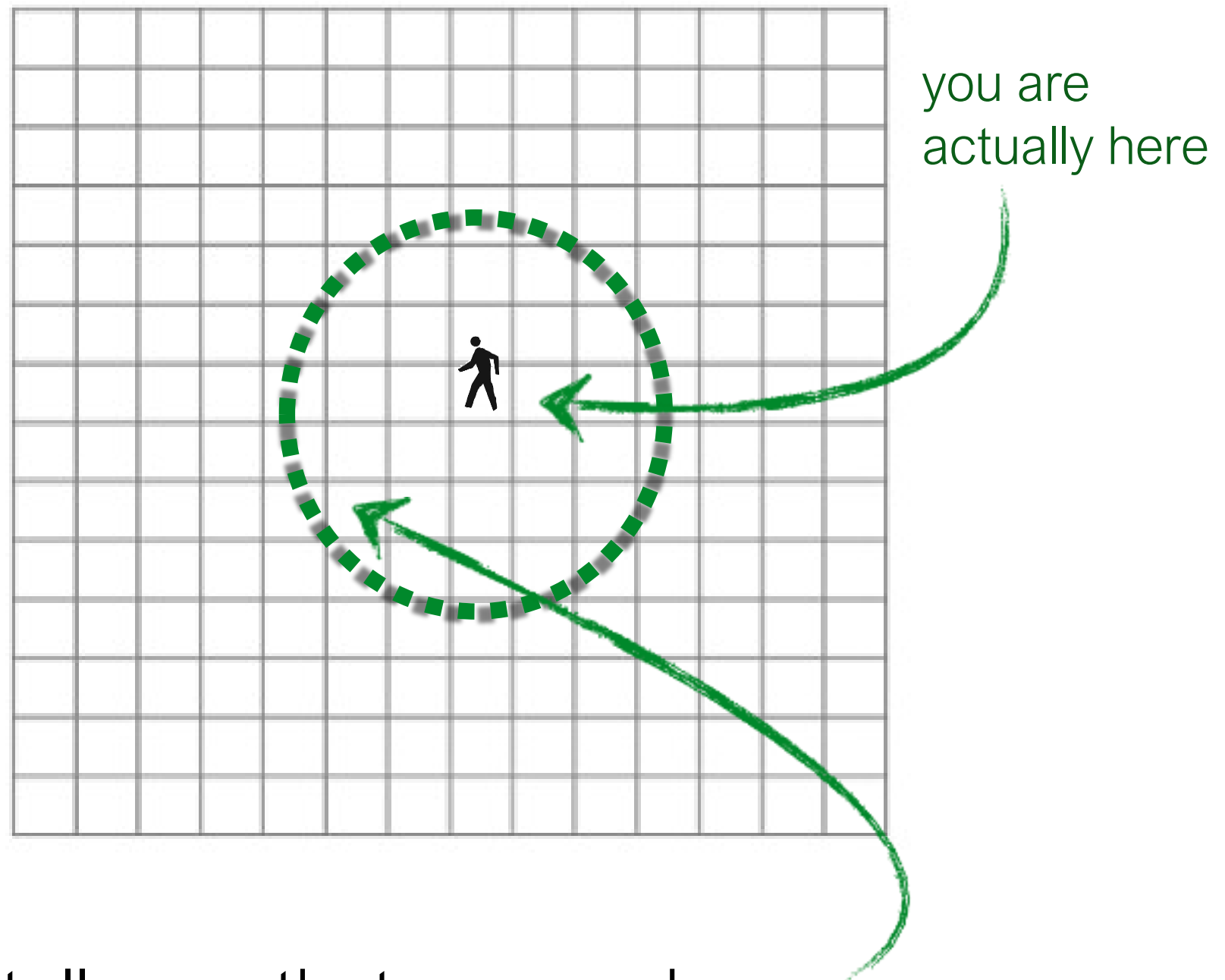
The current observation is usually most influenced by the current state

$$P(\mathbf{E}_t | \mathbf{X}_t)$$

(this relationship is called the **observation** model)

*Can you think of an observation of a state?*

For example, GPS is a noisy observation of location.

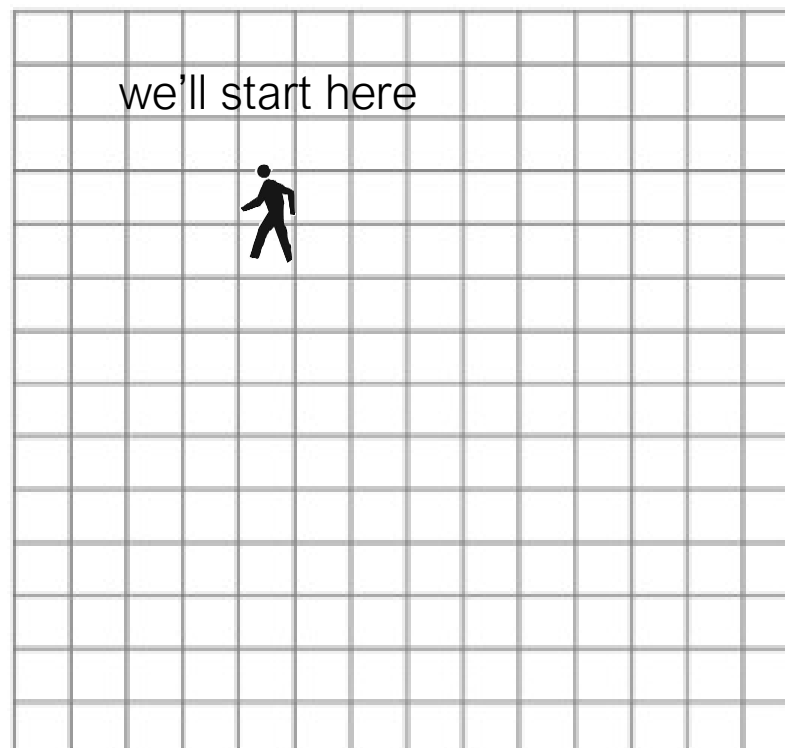


But GPS tells you that you are here  
with probability  $P(\mathbf{E}_t | \mathbf{X}_t)$



## Reduction 3. Prior State Assumption:

*‘we know where the process (probably) starts’*



Applying these assumptions,  
we can decompose the joint probability:

$$P(\mathbf{X}_0 \mathbf{X}_1, \dots, \mathbf{X}_T, \mathbf{E}_1 \mathbf{E}_1, \dots, \mathbf{E}_T) = P(\mathbf{X}_0) \prod_{t=1}^T P(\mathbf{X}_t | \mathbf{X}_{t-1}) P(\mathbf{E}_t | \mathbf{X}_t)$$

**Stationary process assumption:**

only have to store \_\_\_\_\_ models  
(assuming only a single variable for state and observation)

**Markov assumption:**

This is a model of order \_\_\_\_\_

We have significantly reduced the number of parameters

## Joint Probability of a Temporal Sequence

$$P(\mathbf{X}_0) \prod_{t=1}^T P(\mathbf{X}_t | \mathbf{X}_{t-1}) P(\mathbf{E}_t | \mathbf{X}_t)$$

state prior  
prior

motion model  
transition model

sensor model  
observation model

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## Joint Distribution for a Dynamic Bayesian Network

specific instances of a DBN  
covered in this class

Hidden Markov Model

(typically taught as discrete but not necessarily)

Kalman Filter

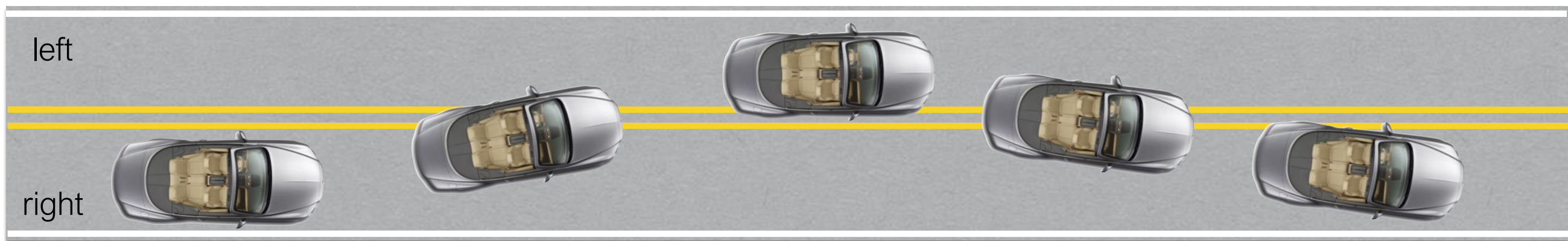
(Gaussian motion model, prior and observation model)

# Hidden Markov Model

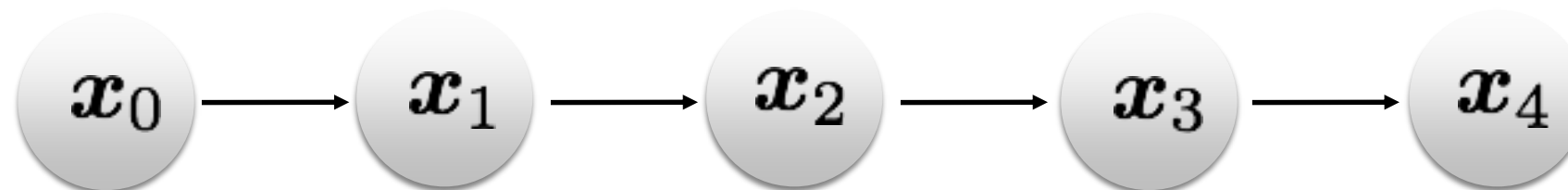
# Hidden Markov Model example



'In the trunk of a car of a sleepy driver' model



binary random variable (left lane or right lane)

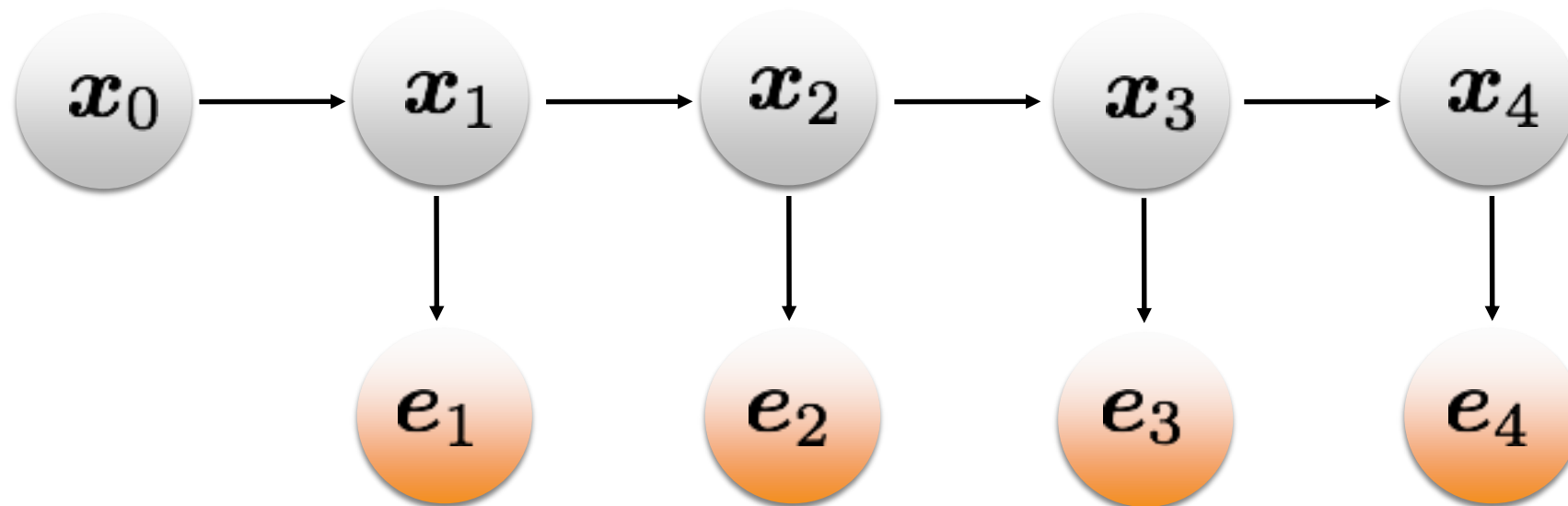


$$\mathbf{x} = \{x_{\text{left}}, x_{\text{right}}\}$$



two state world!

From a hole in the car you can see the ground



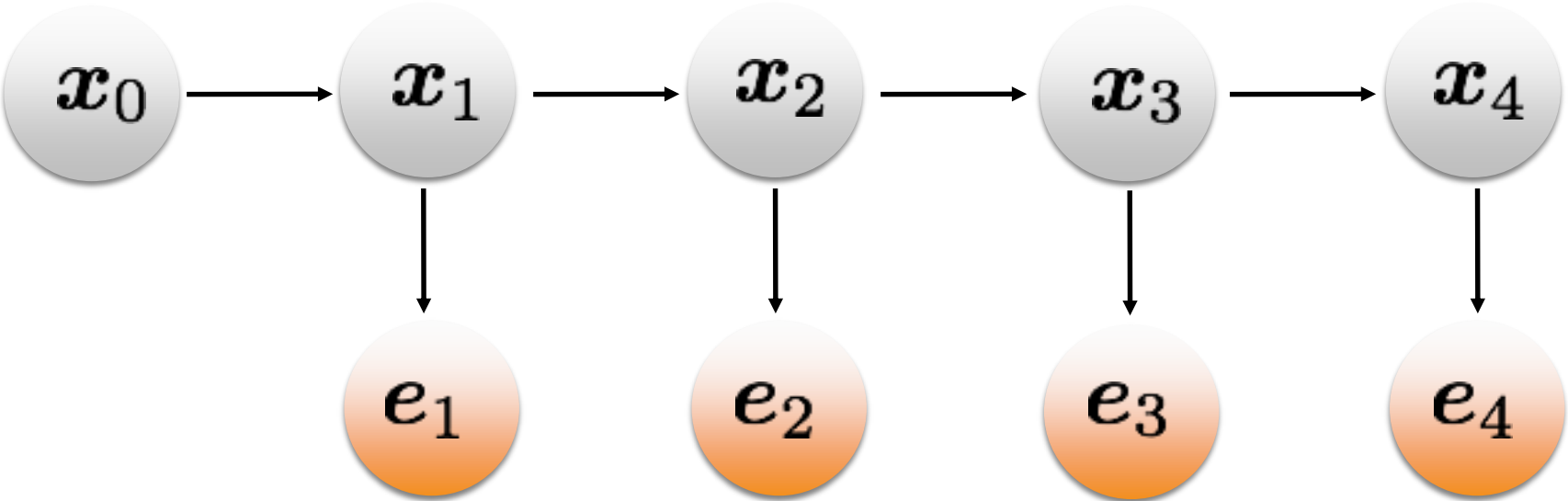
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| $P(x_0)$ | 0.5               | 0.5                |

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What needs to sum to one?



What's the probability of staying in the left lane if I'm in the left lane?

What lane am I in if I see yellow?

| $P(e_t x_t)$        | $x_{\text{left}}$ | $x_{\text{right}}$ |
|---------------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| $e_{\text{yellow}}$ | 0.9               | 0.2                |
| $e_{\text{gray}}$   | 0.1               | 0.8                |

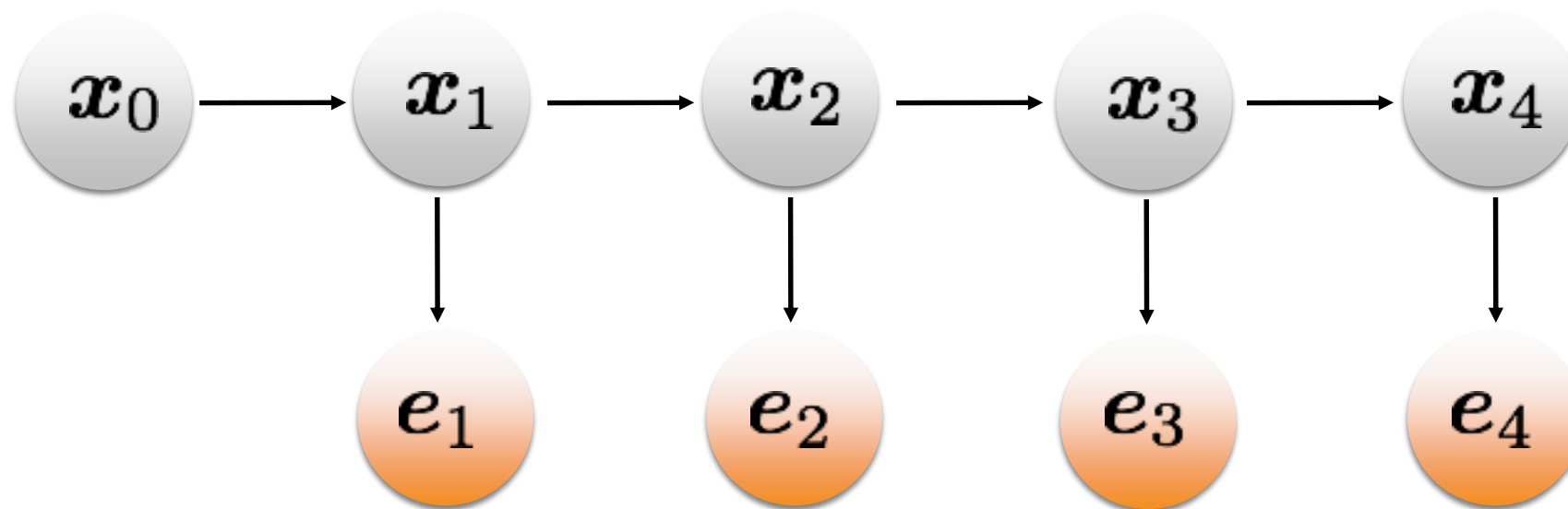


visualization of the motion model



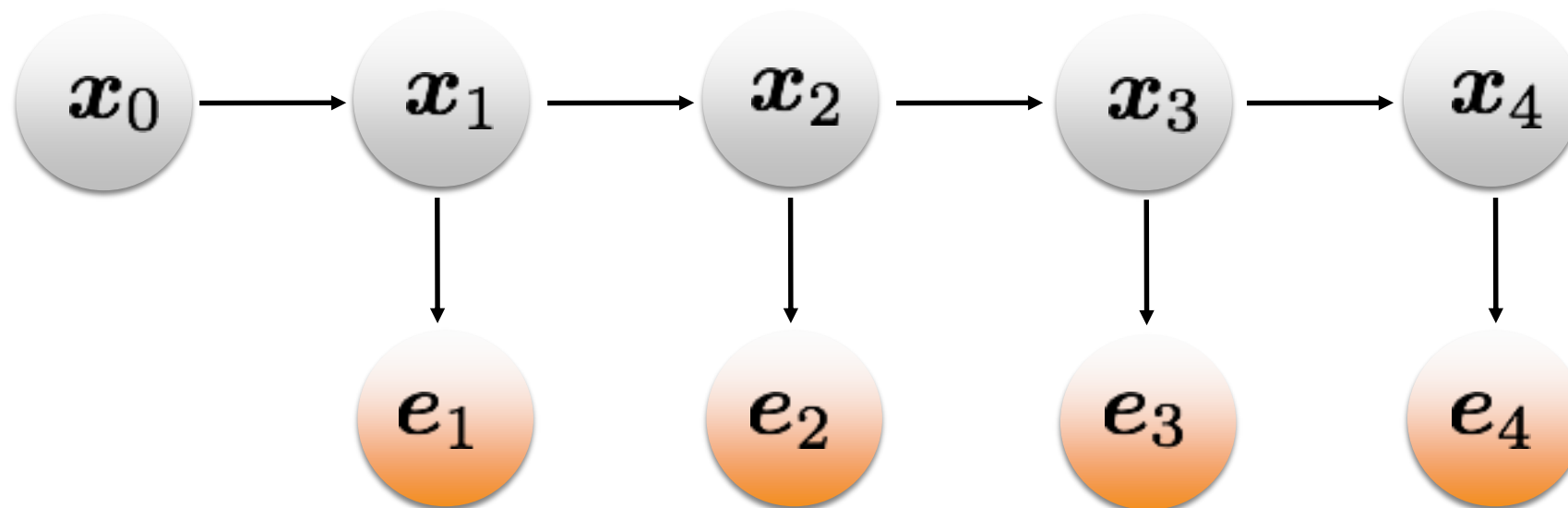
| $P(\boldsymbol{x}_t \boldsymbol{x}_{t-1})$ | $\boldsymbol{x}_{t-1} = R$ | $\boldsymbol{x}_{t-1} = S$ |
|--|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| $\boldsymbol{x}_t = R$                     | 0.9                        | 0.1                        |
| $\boldsymbol{x}_t = S$                     | 0.1                        | 0.9                        |

*Is the stationary assumption true?*



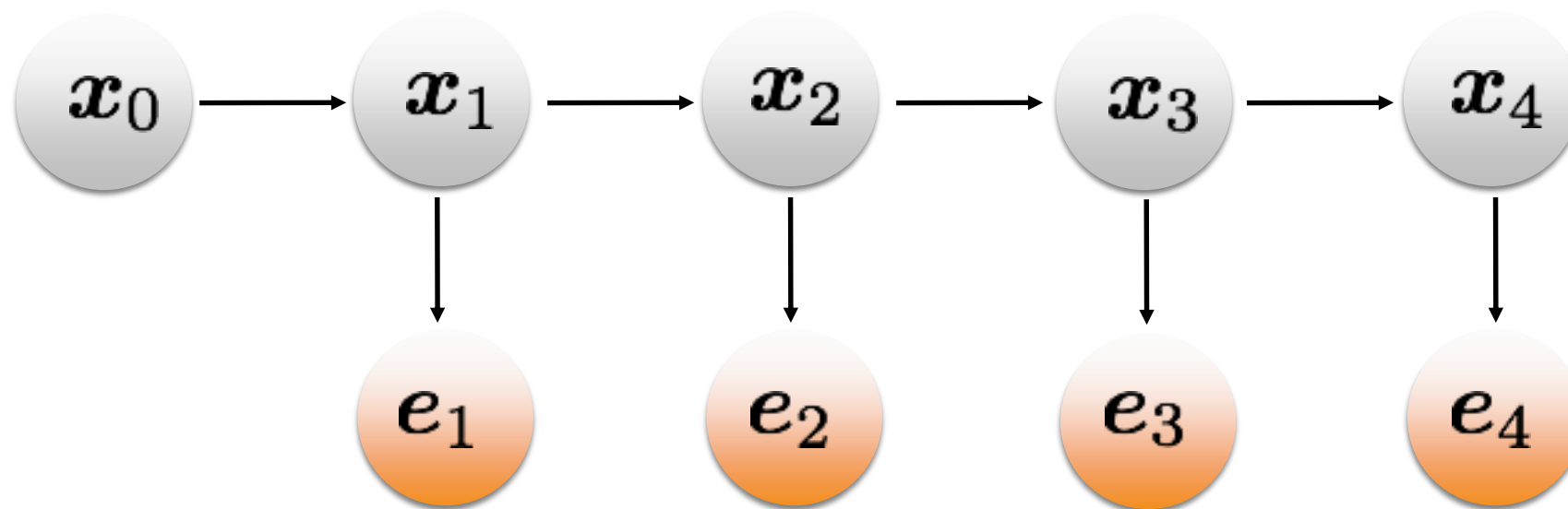
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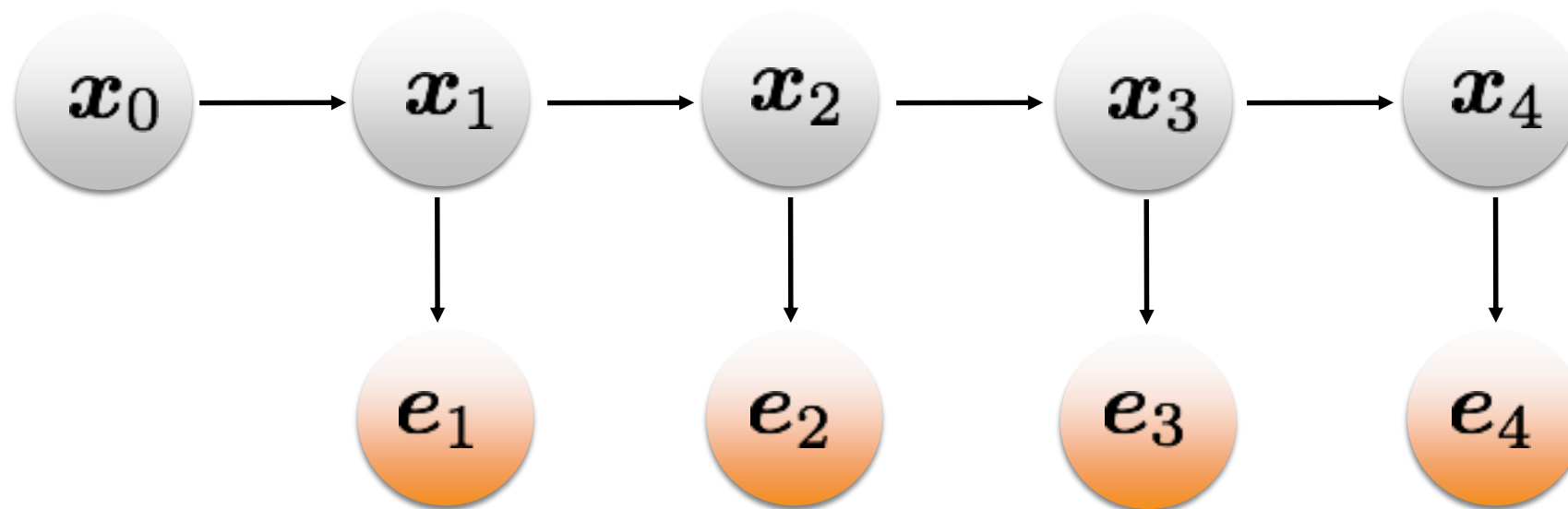
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## *Is the Markov assumption true?*

what can you learn with higher order models?  
what if you have been in the same lane for the last hour?

In general, assumptions are not correct but they simplify the problem  
and work most of the time when designed appropriately

Temporal inference

# Basic Inference Tasks

## Filtering

$$P(\mathbf{X}_t | \mathbf{e}_{1:t})$$

Posterior probability over the **current** state, given all evidence up to present

## Prediction

$$P(\mathbf{X}_{t+k} | \mathbf{e}_{1:t})$$

Posterior probability over a **future** state, given all evidence up to present

## Smoothing

$$P(\mathbf{X}_k | \mathbf{e}_{1:t})$$

Posterior probability over a **past** state, given all evidence up to present

## Best Sequence

$$\arg \max_{\mathbf{X}_{1:t}} P(\mathbf{X}_{1:t} | \mathbf{e}_{1:t})$$

Best state sequence given all evidence up to present

# Filtering

$$P(\mathbf{x}_t | e_{1:t})$$

Posterior probability over the **current** state, given all evidence up to present

Where am I now?



# Filtering

Can be computed with recursion (Dynamic Programming)

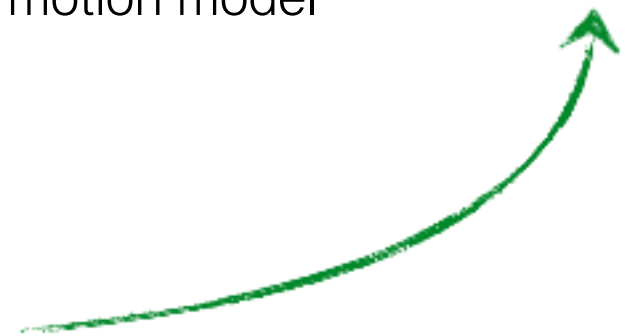
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*What is this?*



# Filtering

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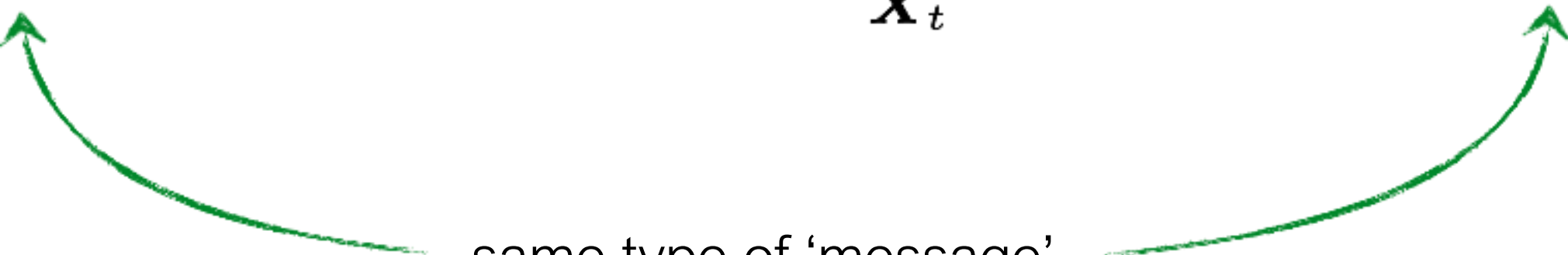
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same type of 'message'



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same type of 'message'

called a **belief distribution**

sometimes people use this annoying notation instead:  $Bel(x_t)$

a belief is a reflection of the systems (robot, tracker) knowledge about the state **X**

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*Where does this equation come from?*

*(scary math to follow...)*

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just splitting up the notation here

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Apply Bayes' rule (with evidence)

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Apply Markov  
assumption on  
observation model



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Condition on the  
previous state  $\mathbf{X}_t$

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Apply Markov assumption on motion model

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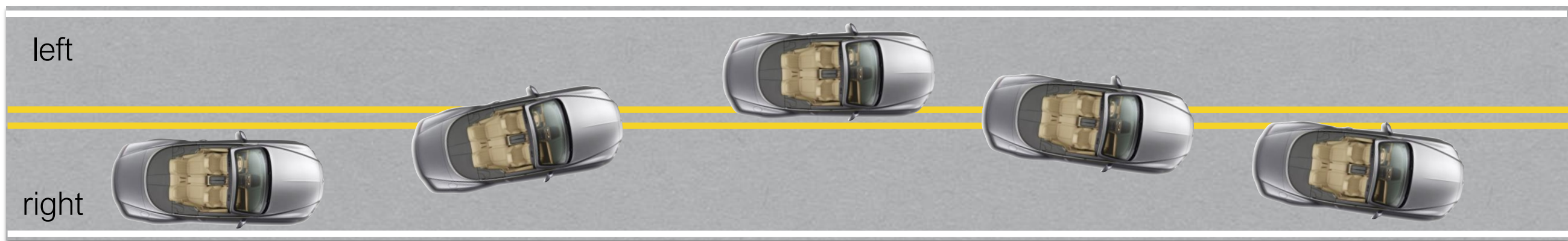
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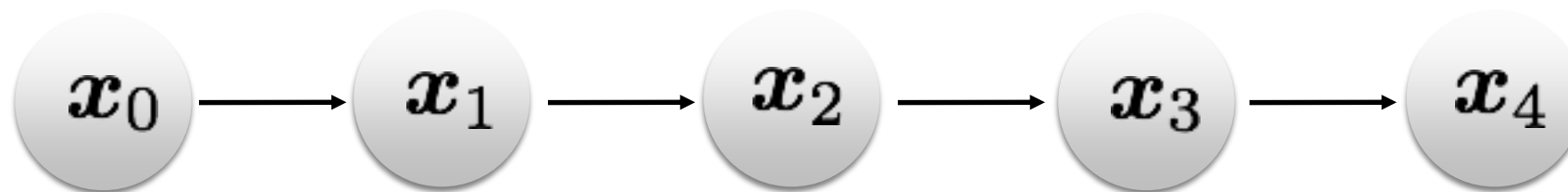
# Hidden Markov Model example



'In the trunk of a car of a sleepy driver' model

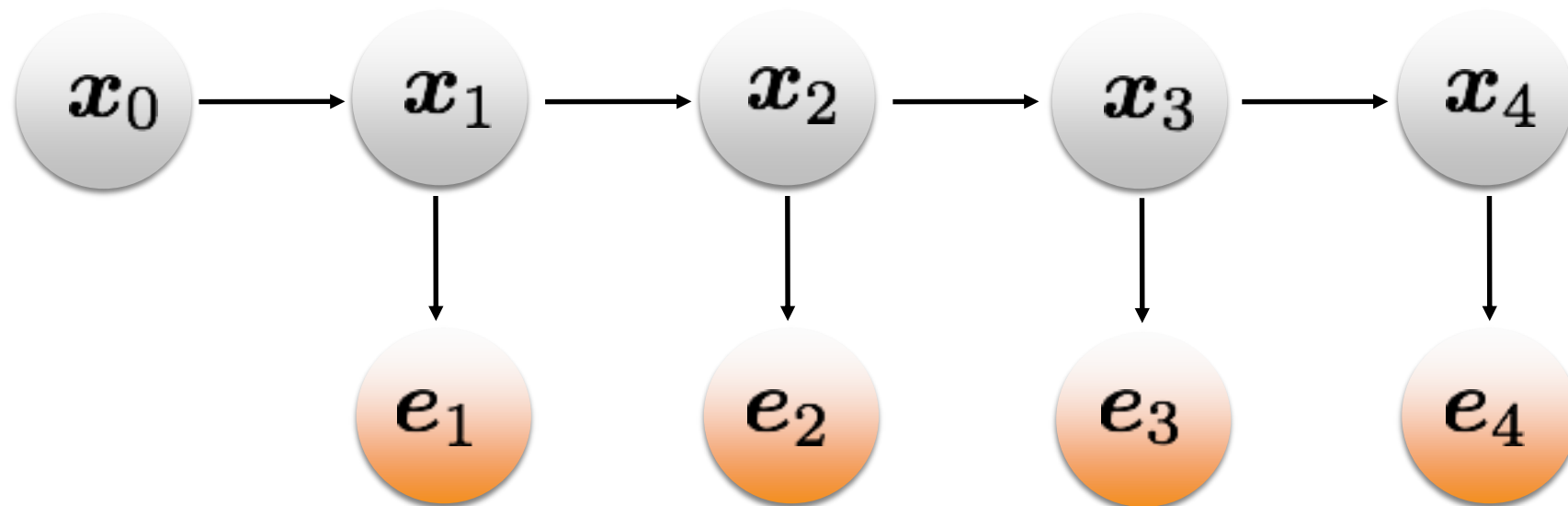
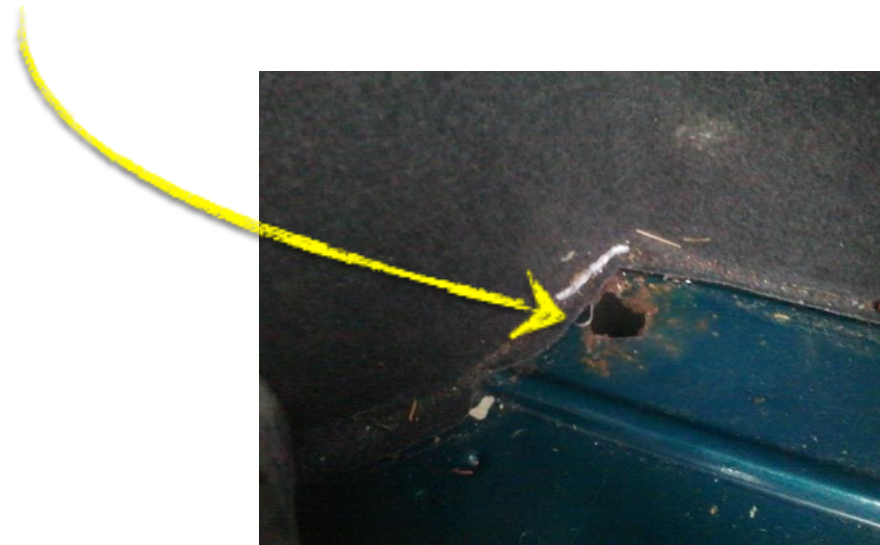


binary random variable (left lane or right lane)



$$\mathbf{x} = \{x_{\text{left}}, x_{\text{right}}\}$$

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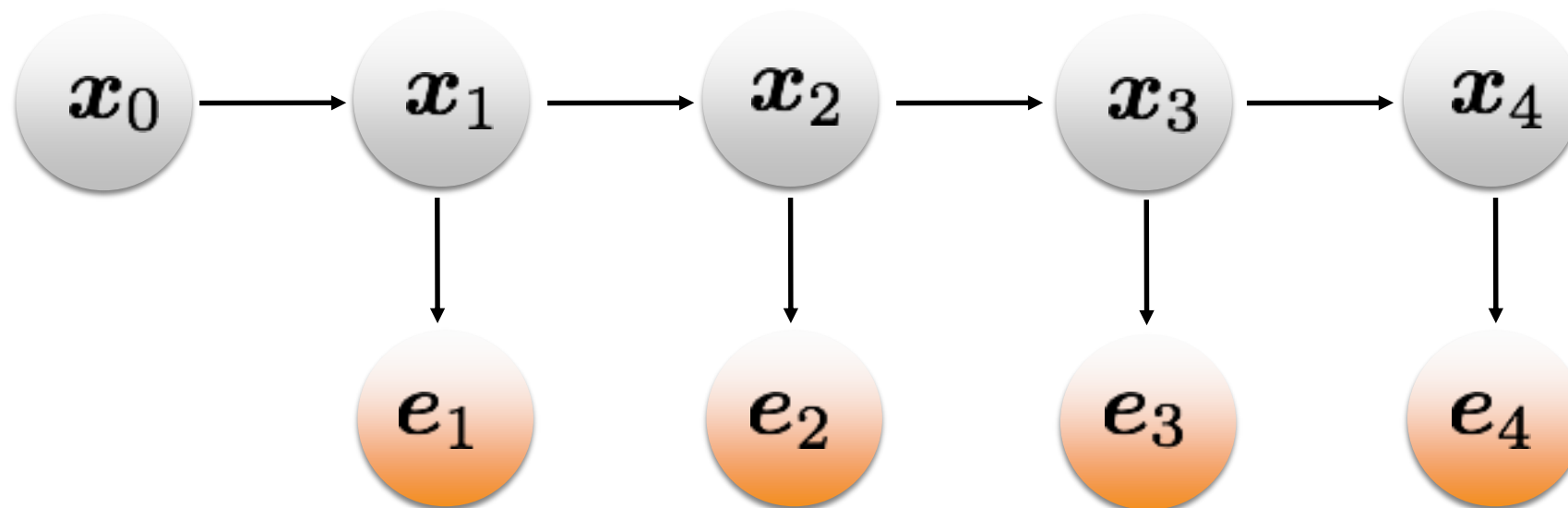
binary random variable (center lane is yellow or road is gray)

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|----------|-------------------|--------------------|
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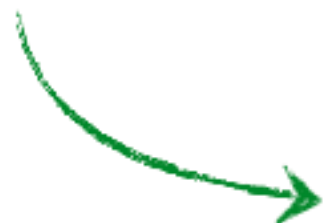
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*What needs  
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|---------------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| $e_{\text{yellow}}$ | 0.9               | 0.2                |
| $e_{\text{gray}}$   | 0.1               | 0.8                |

This is filtering!



*What's the probability of being in the left lane at  $t=4$ ?*

| $P(\mathbf{x}_0)$ | $\mathbf{x}_{\text{left}}$ | $\mathbf{x}_{\text{right}}$ | $P(\mathbf{x}_t \mathbf{x}_{t-1})$ | $\mathbf{x}_{\text{left}}$ | $\mathbf{x}_{\text{right}}$ | $P(e_t \mathbf{x}_t)$ | $\mathbf{x}_{\text{left}}$ | $\mathbf{x}_{\text{right}}$ |
|-------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------|
|                   | 0.5                        | 0.5                         | $\mathbf{x}_{\text{left}}$         | 0.7                        | 0.3                         | $e_{\text{yellow}}$   | 0.9                        | 0.2                         |
|                   |                            |                             | $\mathbf{x}_{\text{right}}$        | 0.3                        | 0.7                         | $e_{\text{gray}}$     | 0.1                        | 0.8                         |

**Filtering:** 
$$P(\mathbf{X}_{t+1}|\mathbf{e}_{1:t+1}) \propto P(\mathbf{e}_{t+1}|\mathbf{X}_{t+1}) \sum_{\mathbf{X}_t} P(\mathbf{X}_{t+1}|\mathbf{X}_t)P(\mathbf{X}_t|\mathbf{e}_{1:t})$$

*What is the belief distribution if I see **yellow** at  $t=1$   $p(\mathbf{x}_1|\mathbf{e}_1 = e_{\text{yellow}}) = ?$*

Prediction step: 
$$p(\mathbf{x}_1) = \sum_{\mathbf{x}_0} p(\mathbf{x}_1|\mathbf{x}_0)p(\mathbf{x}_0)$$

Update step: 
$$p(\mathbf{x}_1|\mathbf{e}_1) = \alpha p(\mathbf{e}_1|\mathbf{x}_1)p(\mathbf{x}_1)$$



| $P(\mathbf{x}_0)$ | $\mathbf{x}_{\text{left}}$ | $\mathbf{x}_{\text{right}}$ | $P(\mathbf{x}_t \mathbf{x}_{t-1})$ | $\mathbf{x}_{\text{left}}$ | $\mathbf{x}_{\text{right}}$ | $P(e_t \mathbf{x}_t)$ | $\mathbf{x}_{\text{left}}$ | $\mathbf{x}_{\text{right}}$ |
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|                   |                            |                             | $\mathbf{x}_{\text{right}}$        | 0.3                        | 0.7                         | $e_{\text{gray}}$     | 0.1                        | 0.8                         |

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What is the belief distribution if I see **yellow** at  $t=1$   $p(\mathbf{x}_1|\mathbf{e}_1 = e_{\text{yellow}}) = ?$

Prediction step:

$$\begin{aligned}
 p(\mathbf{x}_1) &= \sum_{\mathbf{x}_0} p(\mathbf{x}_1|\mathbf{x}_0)p(\mathbf{x}_0) \\
 &= [0.7 \quad 0.3](0.5) + [0.3 \quad 0.7](0.5) \\
 &= \begin{bmatrix} 0.7 & 0.3 \\ 0.3 & 0.7 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0.5 \\ 0.5 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0.5 \\ 0.5 \end{bmatrix}
 \end{aligned}$$



| $P(\mathbf{x}_0)$ | $\mathbf{x}_{\text{left}}$ | $\mathbf{x}_{\text{right}}$ | $P(\mathbf{x}_t \mathbf{x}_{t-1})$ | $\mathbf{x}_{\text{left}}$ | $\mathbf{x}_{\text{right}}$ | $P(e_t \mathbf{x}_t)$ | $\mathbf{x}_{\text{left}}$ | $\mathbf{x}_{\text{right}}$ |
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Update step: 
$$p(\mathbf{x}_1|\mathbf{e}_1) = \alpha p(\mathbf{e}_1|\mathbf{x}_1)p(\mathbf{x}_1)$$

| $P(\mathbf{x}_0)$ | $\mathbf{x}_{\text{left}}$ | $\mathbf{x}_{\text{right}}$ | $P(\mathbf{x}_t \mathbf{x}_{t-1})$ | $\mathbf{x}_{\text{left}}$ | $\mathbf{x}_{\text{right}}$ | $P(\mathbf{e}_t \mathbf{x}_t)$ | $\mathbf{x}_{\text{left}}$ | $\mathbf{x}_{\text{right}}$ |
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What is the belief distribution if I see **yellow** at  $t=1$   $p(\mathbf{x}_1|\mathbf{e}_1 = e_{\text{yellow}}) = ?$

Update step:  $p(\mathbf{x}_1|\mathbf{e}_1) = \alpha p(\mathbf{e}_1|\mathbf{x}_1)p(\mathbf{x}_1)$

$= \alpha (0.9 \ 0.2) \cdot (0.5 \ 0.5)$  observed yellow

$= \alpha \begin{bmatrix} 0.9 & 0.0 \\ 0.0 & 0.2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0.5 \\ 0.5 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0.45 \\ 0.1 \end{bmatrix}$

$\approx \begin{bmatrix} 0.818 \\ 0.182 \end{bmatrix}$  more likely to be in which lane?

| $P(\mathbf{x}_0)$ | $\mathbf{x}_{\text{left}}$ | $\mathbf{x}_{\text{right}}$ | $P(\mathbf{x}_t \mathbf{x}_{t-1})$ | $\mathbf{x}_{\text{left}}$ | $\mathbf{x}_{\text{right}}$ | $P(\mathbf{e}_t \mathbf{x}_t)$ | $\mathbf{x}_{\text{left}}$ | $\mathbf{x}_{\text{right}}$ |
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What is the belief distribution if I see **yellow** at  $t=1$   $p(\mathbf{x}_1|\mathbf{e}_1 = \mathbf{e}_{\text{yellow}}) = ?$

## Summary

Prediction step: 
$$p(\mathbf{x}_1) = \sum_{\mathbf{x}_0} p(\mathbf{x}_1|\mathbf{x}_0)p(\mathbf{x}_0)$$
  

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 0.5 \\ 0.5 \end{bmatrix}$$

Update step: 
$$p(\mathbf{x}_1|\mathbf{e}_1) = \alpha p(\mathbf{e}_1|\mathbf{x}_1)p(\mathbf{x}_1)$$
  

$$\approx \begin{bmatrix} 0.818 \\ 0.182 \end{bmatrix}$$

| $P(\mathbf{x}_0)$ | $\mathbf{x}_{\text{left}}$ | $\mathbf{x}_{\text{right}}$ | $P(\mathbf{x}_t \mathbf{x}_{t-1})$ | $\mathbf{x}_{\text{left}}$ | $\mathbf{x}_{\text{right}}$ | $P(e_t \mathbf{x}_t)$ | $\mathbf{x}_{\text{left}}$ | $\mathbf{x}_{\text{right}}$ |
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What if you see **yellow** again at  **$t=2$**   $p(\mathbf{x}_2|e_1, e_2) = ?$

| $P(\mathbf{x}_0)$ | $\mathbf{x}_{\text{left}}$ | $\mathbf{x}_{\text{right}}$ | $P(\mathbf{x}_t \mathbf{x}_{t-1})$ | $\mathbf{x}_{\text{left}}$ | $\mathbf{x}_{\text{right}}$ | $P(e_t \mathbf{x}_t)$ | $\mathbf{x}_{\text{left}}$ | $\mathbf{x}_{\text{right}}$ |
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Prediction step: 
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*What if you see **yellow** again at **t=2**  $p(\mathbf{x}_2|e_1, e_2) = ?$*

Prediction step: 
$$p(\mathbf{x}_2|e_1) = \sum_{\mathbf{x}_1} p(\mathbf{x}_2|\mathbf{x}_1)p(\mathbf{x}_1|e_1)$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 0.7 & 0.3 \\ 0.3 & 0.7 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0.818 \\ 0.182 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0.627 \\ 0.373 \end{bmatrix}$$

*Why does the probability of being in the left lane go down?*


| $P(\mathbf{x}_0)$ | $\mathbf{x}_{\text{left}}$ | $\mathbf{x}_{\text{right}}$ | $P(\mathbf{x}_t \mathbf{x}_{t-1})$ | $\mathbf{x}_{\text{left}}$ | $\mathbf{x}_{\text{right}}$ | $P(e_t \mathbf{x}_t)$ | $\mathbf{x}_{\text{left}}$ | $\mathbf{x}_{\text{right}}$ |
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What if you see **yellow** again at **t=2**  $p(\mathbf{x}_2|e_1, e_2) = ?$

Update step:  $p(\mathbf{x}_2|e_1, e_2) = \alpha p(e_2|\mathbf{x}_2)p(\mathbf{x}_2|e_1)$

$$= \alpha \begin{bmatrix} 0.9 & 0.0 \\ 0.0 & 0.2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0.627 \\ 0.373 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\approx \begin{bmatrix} 0.883 \\ 0.117 \end{bmatrix}$$


# Basic Inference Tasks

## Filtering

$$P(\mathbf{X}_t | \mathbf{e}_{1:t})$$

Posterior probability over the **current** state, given all evidence up to present

## Prediction

$$P(\mathbf{X}_{t+k} | \mathbf{e}_{1:t})$$

Posterior probability over a **future** state, given all evidence up to present

## Smoothing

$$P(\mathbf{X}_k | \mathbf{e}_{1:t})$$

Posterior probability over a **past** state, given all evidence up to present

## Best Sequence

$$\arg \max_{\mathbf{X}_{1:t}} P(\mathbf{X}_{1:t} | \mathbf{e}_{1:t})$$

Best state sequence given all evidence up to present



# Prediction

$$P(\mathbf{x}_{t+k} | e_{1:t})$$

Posterior probability over a **future** state, given all evidence up to present

Where am I going?

# Prediction

same recursive form as filtering but...


$$P(\mathbf{X}_{t+k+1} | \mathbf{e}_{1:t}) = \sum_{\mathbf{x}_{t+k}} P(\mathbf{X}_{t+k+1} | \mathbf{x}_{t+k}) P(\mathbf{x}_{t+k} | \mathbf{e}_{1:t})$$

no new evidence!

The diagram features a green curved arrow at the top pointing from the right side of the equation to the left, indicating a recursive relationship similar to filtering. A second green curved arrow points from the text 'no new evidence!' to the summation variable  $\mathbf{x}_{t+k}$  in the equation.

*What happens as you try to predict further into the future?*

# Prediction

$$P(\mathbf{X}_{t+k+1} | \mathbf{e}_{1:t}) = \sum_{\mathbf{x}_{t+k}} P(\mathbf{X}_{t+k+1} | \mathbf{x}_{t+k}) P(\mathbf{x}_{t+k} | \mathbf{e}_{1:t})$$


no new evidence

*What happens as you try to predict further into the future?*

Approaches its 'stationary distribution'

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Posterior probability over a **future** state, given all evidence up to present

## Smoothing

$$P(\mathbf{X}_k | \mathbf{e}_{1:t})$$

Posterior probability over a **past** state, given all evidence up to present

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$$\arg \max_{\mathbf{X}_{1:t}} P(\mathbf{X}_{1:t} | \mathbf{e}_{1:t})$$

Best state sequence given all evidence up to present


# Smoothing

$$P(\mathbf{x}_k | e_{1:t})$$

Posterior probability over a **past** state, given all evidence up to present

Wait, what did I do yesterday?

# Smoothing

$$P(\mathbf{X}_k | \mathbf{e}_{1:t}) \quad 1 \leq k < t$$


some time in the past

$$\begin{aligned} P(\mathbf{X}_k | \mathbf{e}_{1:t}) &= P(\mathbf{X}_k | \mathbf{e}_{1:k}, \mathbf{e}_{k+1:t}) \\ &= \alpha P(\mathbf{X}_k | \mathbf{e}_{1:k}) P(\mathbf{e}_{k+1:t} | \mathbf{X}_k, \mathbf{e}_{1:k}) \\ &= \alpha P(\mathbf{X}_k | \mathbf{e}_{1:k}) P(\mathbf{e}_{k+1:t} | \mathbf{X}_k) \end{aligned}$$


‘forward’  
message

‘backward’  
message

this is just filtering



this is backwards  
filtering  
Let me explain...



# Backward message

$$P(\mathbf{e}_{k+1:t} | \mathbf{X}_k) = \sum_{\mathbf{x}_{k+1}} P(\mathbf{e}_{k+1:t} | \mathbf{X}_k, \mathbf{x}_{k+1}) P(\mathbf{x}_{k+1} | \mathbf{X}_k)$$

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conditioning

# Backward message

$$\begin{aligned} P(\mathbf{e}_{k+1:t} | \mathbf{X}_k) &= \sum_{\mathbf{x}_{k+1}} P(\mathbf{e}_{k+1:t} | \mathbf{X}_k, \mathbf{x}_{k+1}) P(\mathbf{x}_{k+1} | \mathbf{X}_k) && \text{conditioning} \\ &= \sum_{\mathbf{x}_{k+1}} P(\mathbf{e}_{k+1:t} | \mathbf{x}_{k+1}) P(\mathbf{x}_{k+1} | \mathbf{X}_k) && \text{Markov Assumption} \end{aligned}$$

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# Backward message

$$\begin{aligned} P(\mathbf{e}_{k+1:t} | \mathbf{X}_k) &= \sum_{\mathbf{x}_{k+1}} P(\mathbf{e}_{k+1:t} | \mathbf{X}_k, \mathbf{x}_{k+1}) P(\mathbf{x}_{k+1} | \mathbf{X}_k) && \text{conditioning} \\ &= \sum_{\mathbf{x}_{k+1}} P(\mathbf{e}_{k+1:t} | \mathbf{x}_{k+1}) P(\mathbf{x}_{k+1} | \mathbf{X}_k) && \text{Markov Assumption} \\ &= \sum_{\mathbf{x}_{k+1}} P(\mathbf{e}_{k+1}, \mathbf{e}_{k+2:t} | \mathbf{x}_{k+1}) P(\mathbf{x}_{k+1} | \mathbf{X}_k) && \text{split} \end{aligned}$$

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# Backward message

$$\begin{aligned} P(\mathbf{e}_{k+1:t} | \mathbf{X}_k) &= \sum_{\mathbf{x}_{k+1}} P(\mathbf{e}_{k+1:t} | \mathbf{X}_k, \mathbf{x}_{k+1}) P(\mathbf{x}_{k+1} | \mathbf{X}_k) && \text{conditioning} \\ &= \sum_{\mathbf{x}_{k+1}} P(\mathbf{e}_{k+1:t} | \mathbf{x}_{k+1}) P(\mathbf{x}_{k+1} | \mathbf{X}_k) && \text{Markov Assumption} \\ &= \sum_{\mathbf{x}_{k+1}} P(\mathbf{e}_{k+1}, \mathbf{e}_{k+2:t} | \mathbf{x}_{k+1}) P(\mathbf{x}_{k+1} | \mathbf{X}_k) && \text{split} \\ &= \sum_{\mathbf{x}_{k+1}} \underbrace{P(\mathbf{e}_{k+1} | \mathbf{x}_{k+1})}_{\text{observation model}} \underbrace{P(\mathbf{e}_{k+2:t} | \mathbf{x}_{k+1})}_{\text{recursive message}} \underbrace{P(\mathbf{x}_{k+1} | \mathbf{X}_k)}_{\text{motion model}} \end{aligned}$$

This is just a 'backwards' version of filtering where

initial message  $P(\mathbf{e}_{t-1:t} | \mathbf{X}_t) = \mathbf{1}$

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Posterior probability over a **future** state, given all evidence up to present

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Best state sequence given all evidence up to present

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$$\arg \max_{\mathbf{X}_{1:t}} P(\mathbf{X}_{1:t} | \mathbf{e}_{1:t})$$

Best state sequence given all evidence up to present

I must have done something right,  
right?

# Best Sequence

$$\begin{aligned} & \max_{\mathbf{x}_1, \dots, \mathbf{x}_t} P(\mathbf{x}_1, \dots, \mathbf{x}_t, \mathbf{X}_{t+1} | \mathbf{e}_{1:t+1}) \\ &= \alpha P(\mathbf{e}_{t+1} | \mathbf{X}_{t+1}) \max_{\mathbf{x}_t} \left[ P(\mathbf{X}_{t+1} | \mathbf{x}_t) \underbrace{\max_{\mathbf{x}_1, \dots, \mathbf{x}_{t-1}} P(\mathbf{x}_1, \dots, \mathbf{x}_{t-1}, \mathbf{X}_t | \mathbf{e}_{1:t})}_{\text{recursive message}} \right] \end{aligned}$$

Identical to filtering but with a max operator

**Recall: Filtering equation**

$$P(\mathbf{X}_{t+1} | \mathbf{e}_{1:t+1}) \propto P(\mathbf{e}_{t+1} | \mathbf{X}_{t+1}) \sum_{\mathbf{X}_t} P(\mathbf{X}_{t+1} | \mathbf{X}_t) \underbrace{P(\mathbf{X}_t | \mathbf{e}_{1:t})}_{\text{recursive message}}$$

Now you know how to answer all the important questions in life:

Where am I now?

Where am I going?

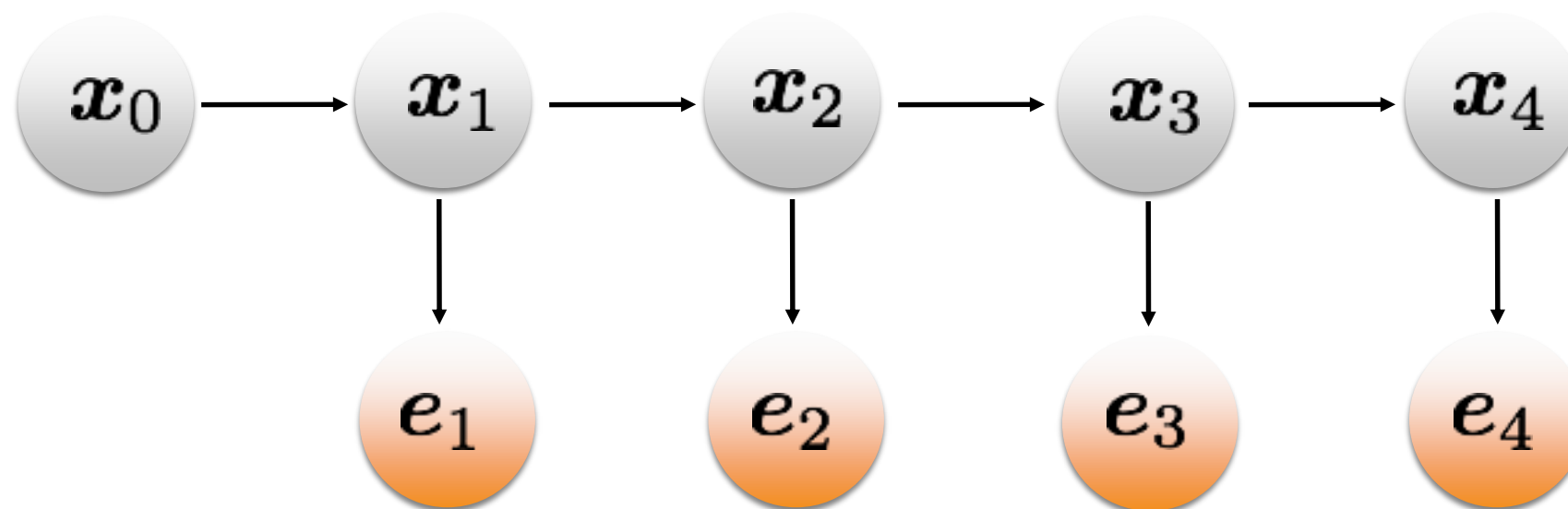
Wait, what did I do yesterday?

I must have done something right,  
right?

# Kalman filtering

Examples up to now have been **discrete** (binary) random variables

Kalman 'filtering' can be seen as a special case of a temporal inference with continuous random variables



Everything is continuous...

$\mathbf{x}$        $\mathbf{e}$        $P(\mathbf{x}_0)$        $P(\mathbf{e}|\mathbf{x})$        $P(\mathbf{x}_t|\mathbf{x}_{t-1})$

probability distributions are no longer tables but functions



# Making the connection to the ‘filtering’ equations

## (Discrete) Filtering

$$P(\mathbf{X}_{t+1} | \mathbf{e}_{1:t+1}) \propto P(\mathbf{e}_{t+1} | \mathbf{X}_{t+1}) \sum_{\mathbf{X}_t} P(\mathbf{X}_{t+1} | \mathbf{X}_t) P(\mathbf{X}_t | \mathbf{e}_{1:t})$$

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## Kalman Filtering

$$P(\mathbf{X}_{t+1} | \mathbf{e}_{1:t+1}) \propto P(\mathbf{e}_{t+1} | \mathbf{X}_{t+1}) \int_{\mathbf{x}_t} P(\mathbf{X}_{t+1} | \mathbf{x}_t) P(\mathbf{x}_t | \mathbf{e}_{1:t}) d\mathbf{x}_t$$

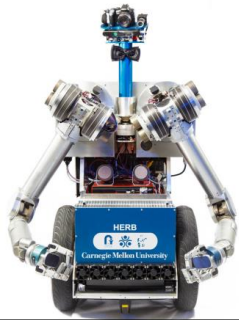
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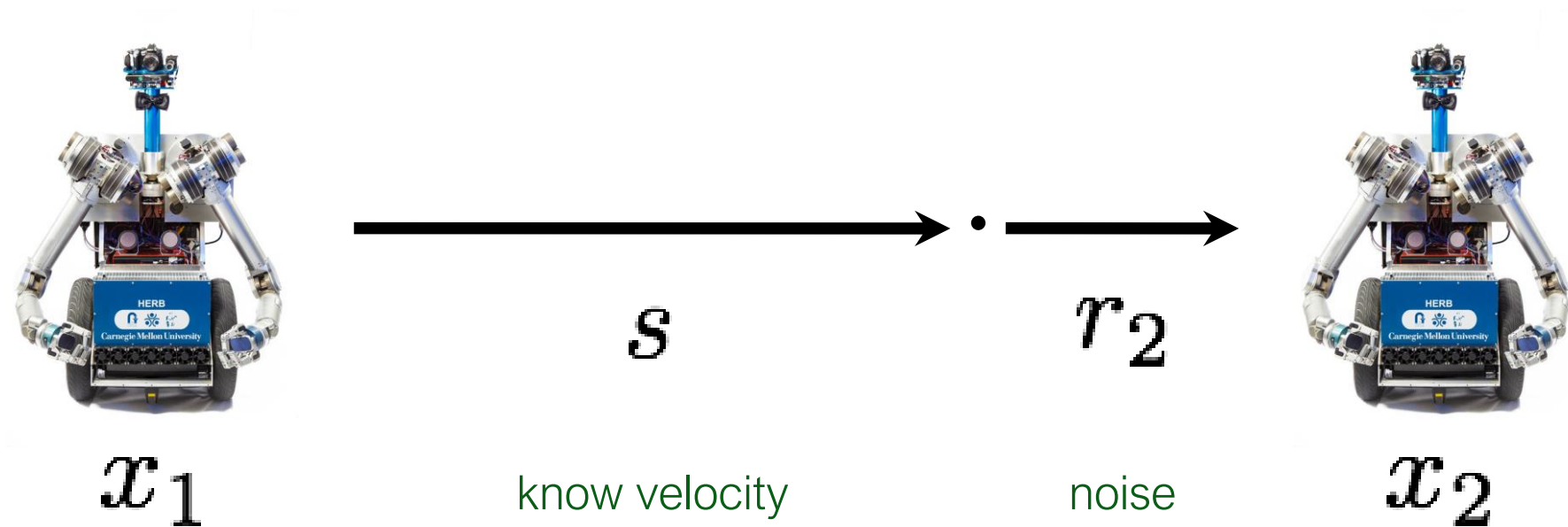
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integral because  
continuous PDFs

Simple, 1D example...

$x$



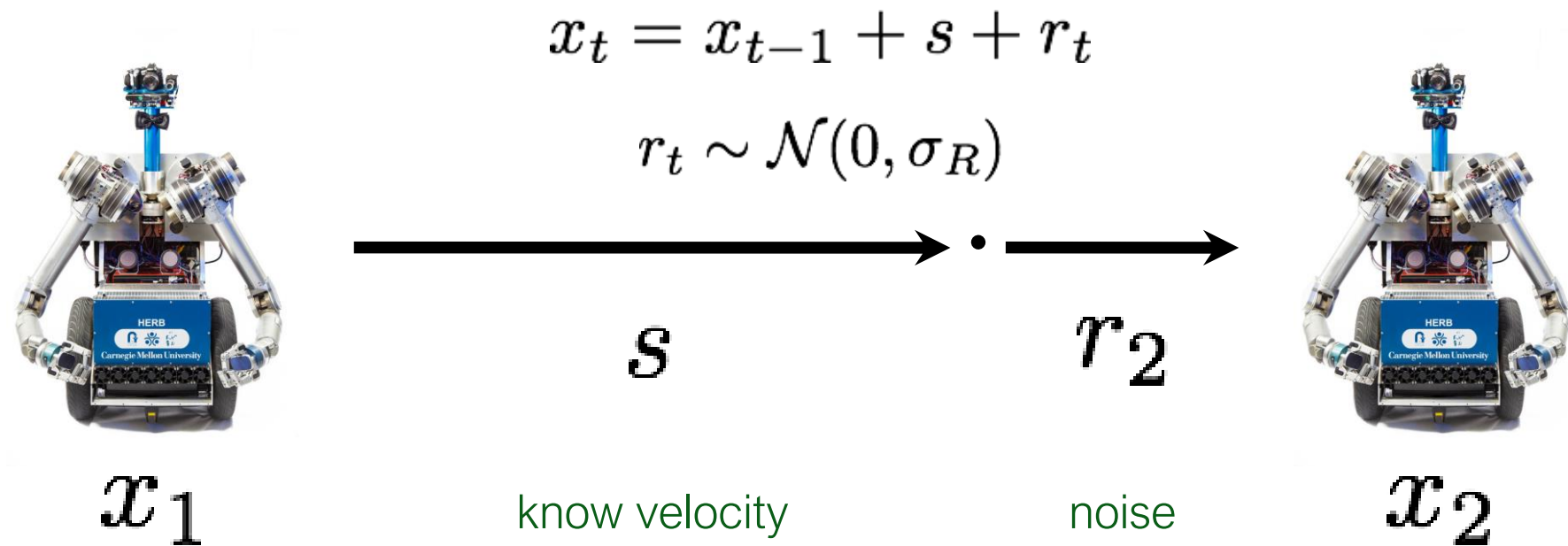


$$x_t = x_{t-1} + s + r_t$$

$$r_t \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \sigma_R)$$

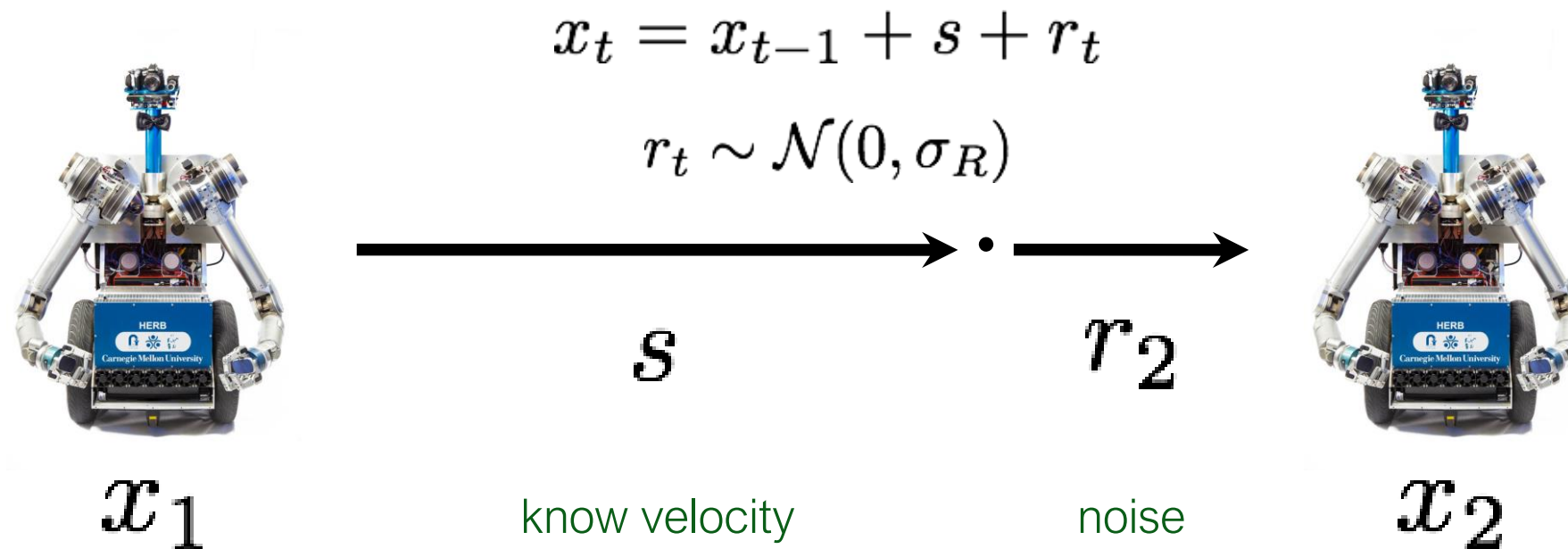
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# System (motion) model



*How do you represent the motion model?*

$$P(x_t | x_{t-1})$$



*How do you represent the motion model?*

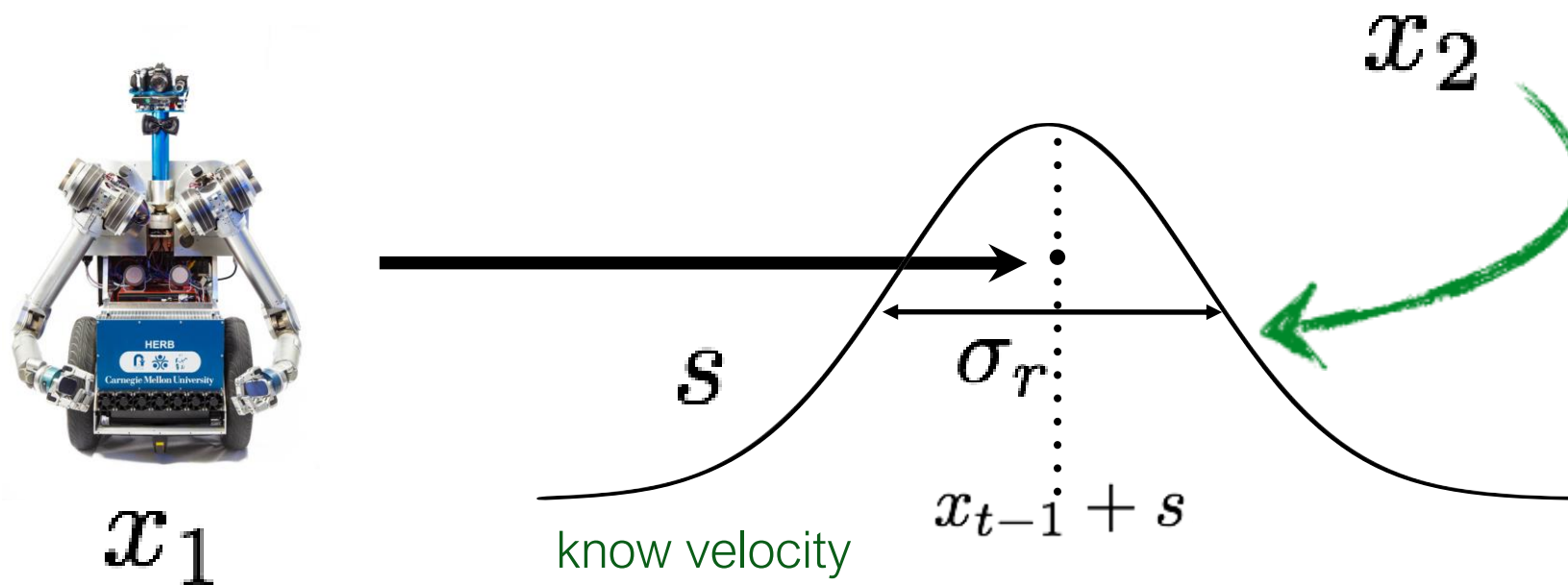
A linear Gaussian (continuous) transition model

$$P(x_t | x_{t-1}) = \mathcal{N}(x_t; x_{t-1} + s, \sigma_r)$$

mean

standard deviation

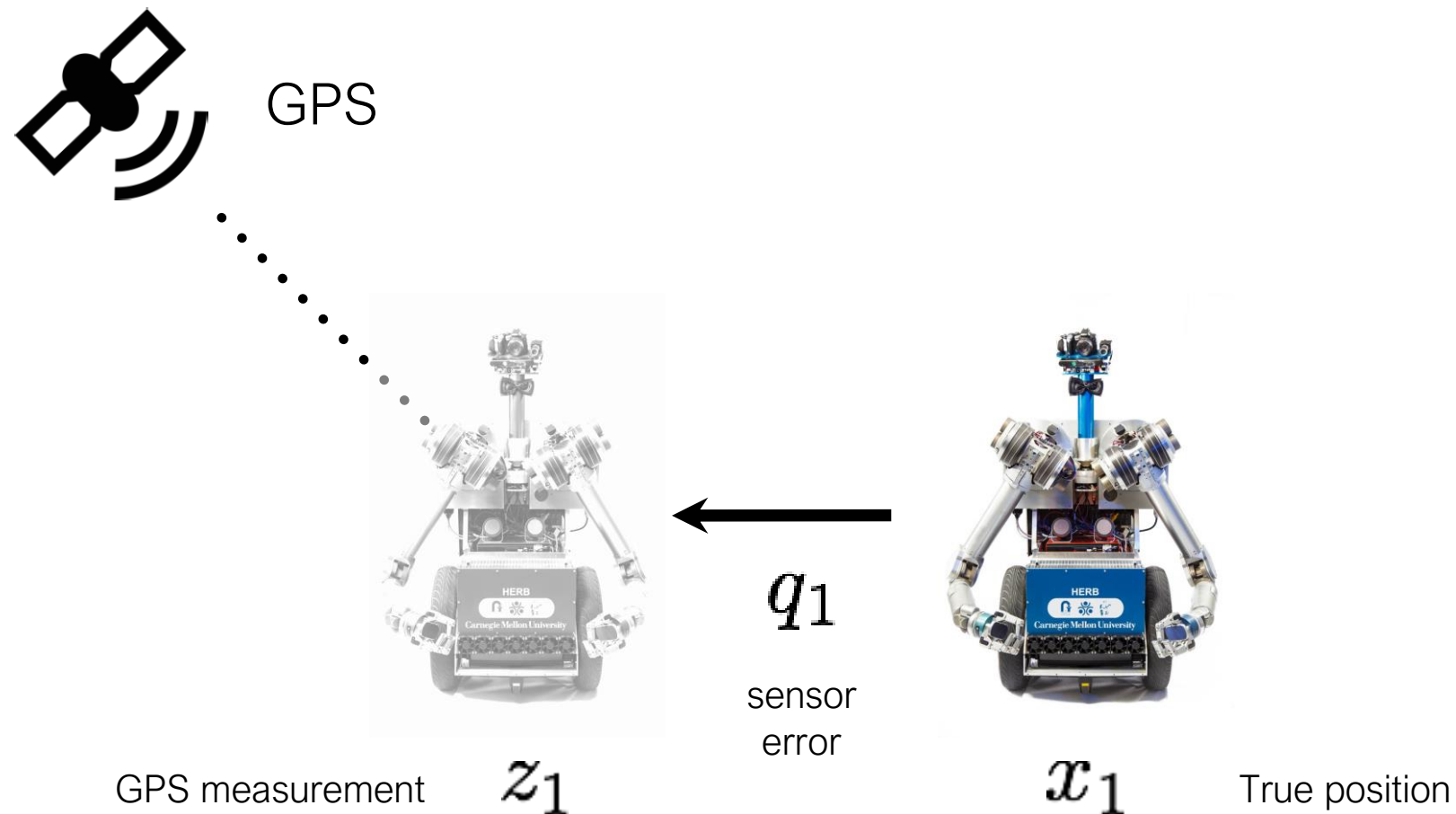
*How can you visualize this distribution?*



A linear Gaussian (continuous) transition model

$$P(x_t | x_{t-1}) = \mathcal{N}(x_t; x_{t-1} + s, \sigma_r)$$

*Why don't we just use a table as before?*

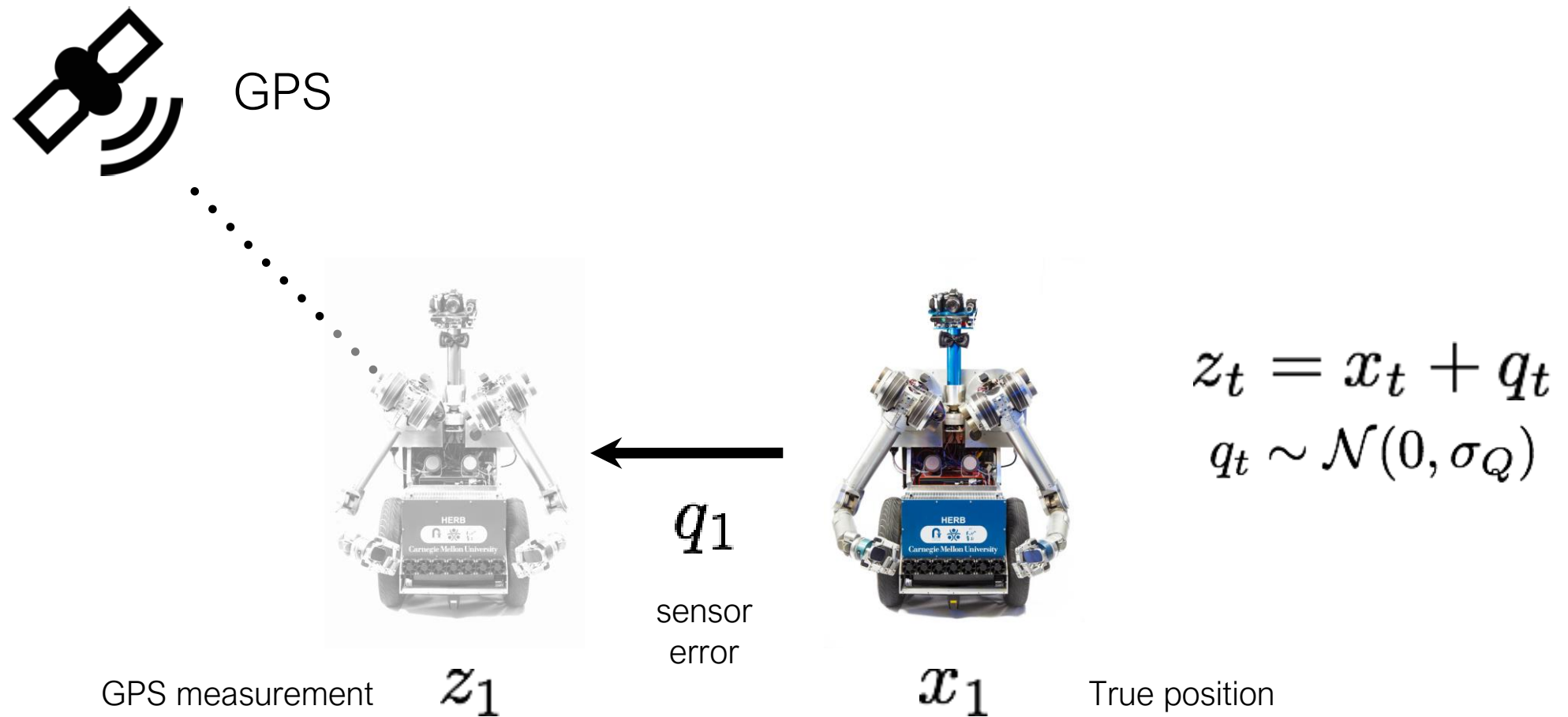


$$z_t = x_t + q_t$$

$$q_t \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \sigma_Q)$$

sampled from a Gaussian

# Observation (measurement) model

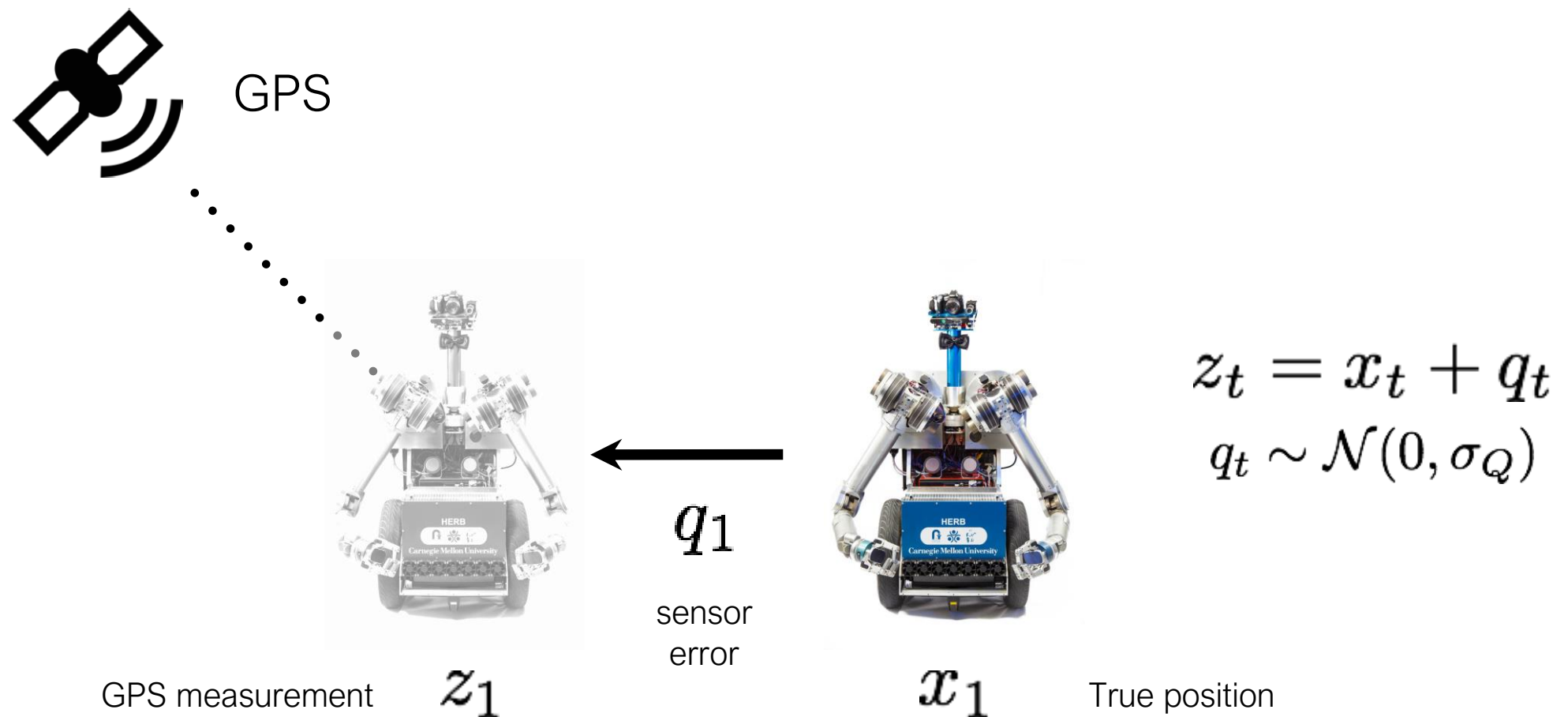


*How do you represent the observation (measurement) model?*

$$P(e|x)$$

e represents z

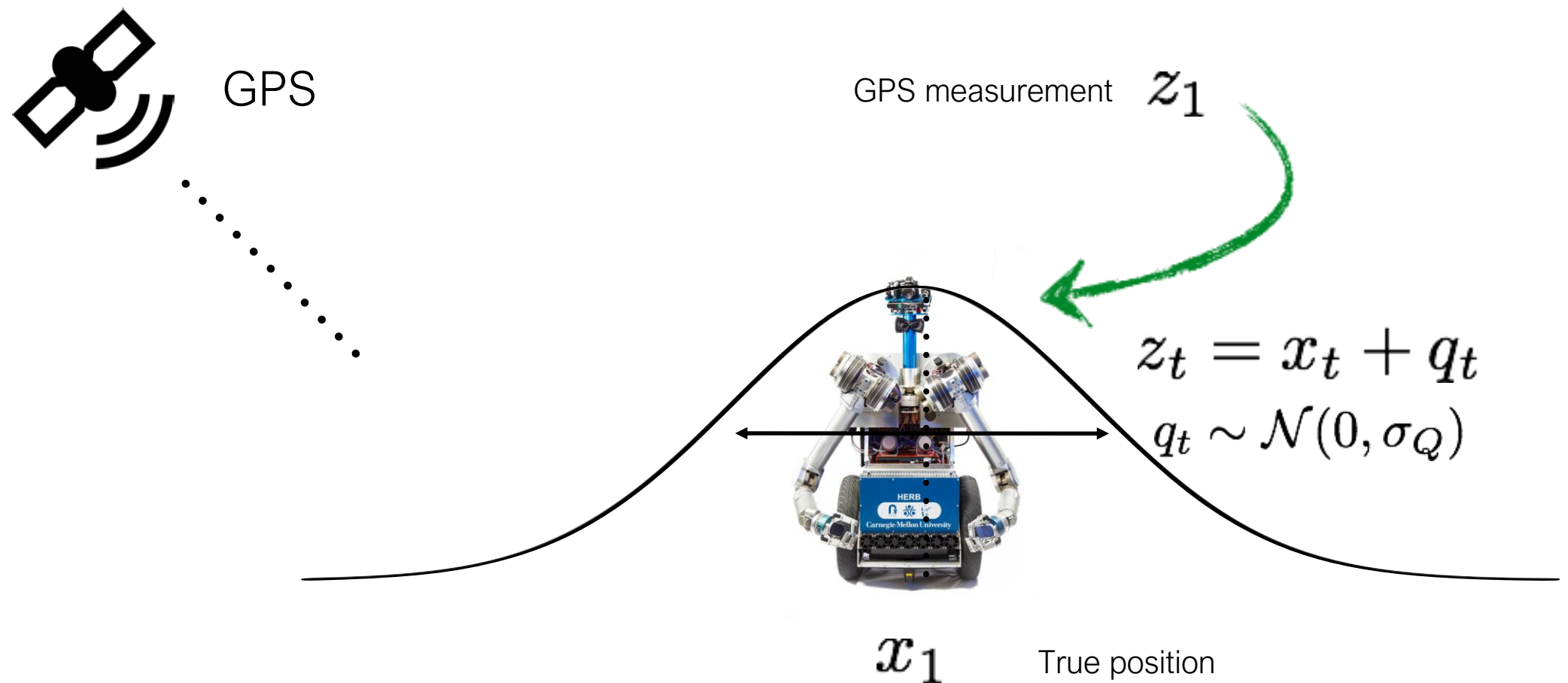




*How do you represent the observation (measurement) model?*

Also a linear Gaussian model

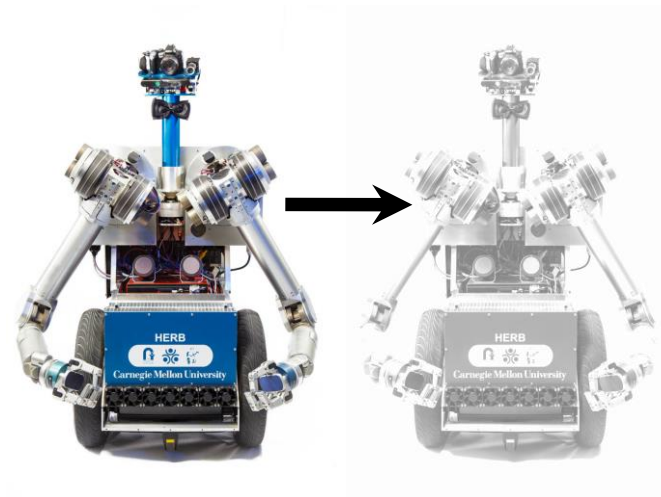
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$x_0$

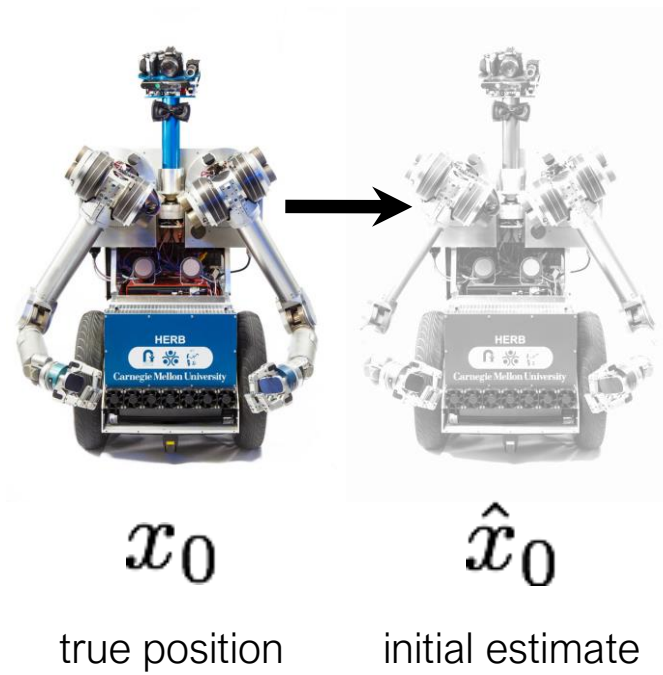
true position

$\hat{x}_0$

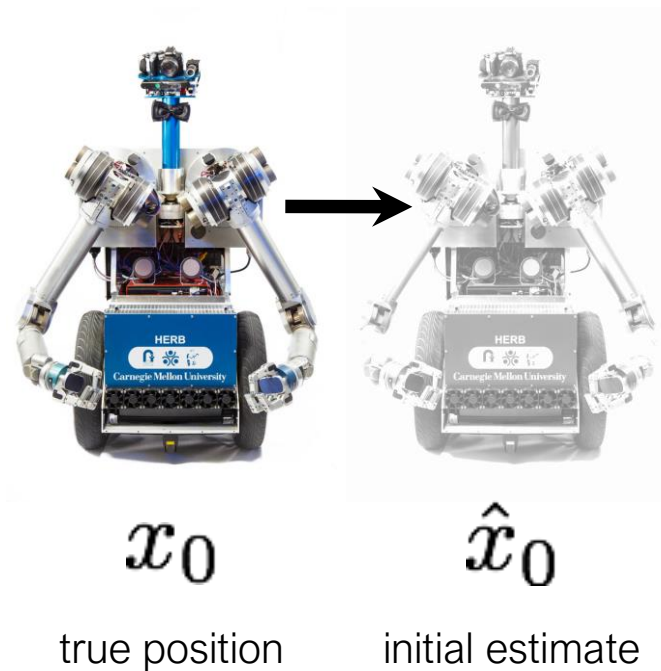
initial estimate

initial estimate uncertainty  $\sigma_0$

# Prior (initial) State



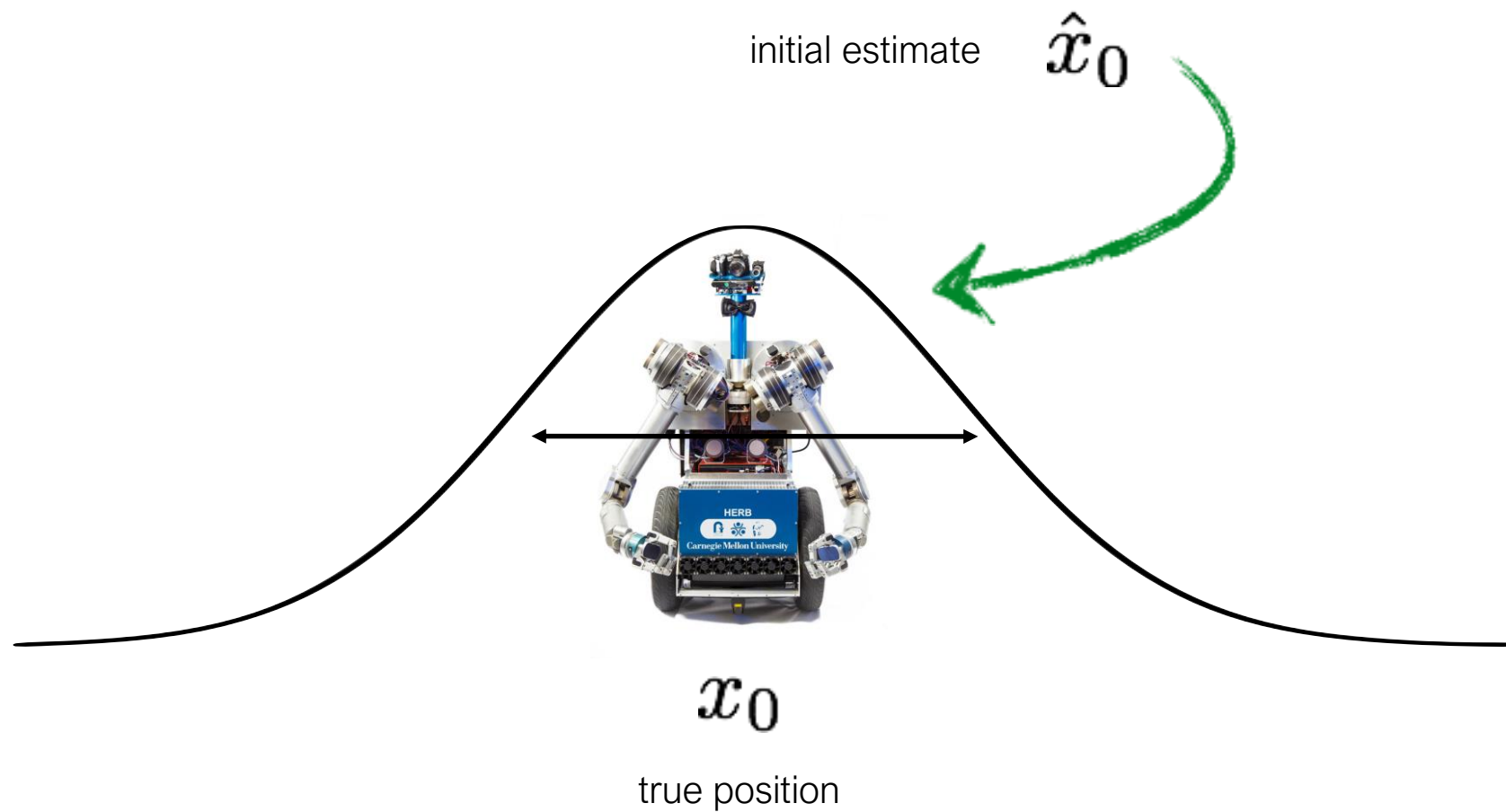
*How do you represent the prior state probability?*



*How do you represent the prior state probability?*

Also a linear Gaussian model!

$$P(\hat{x}_0) = \mathcal{N}(\hat{x}_0; x_0, \sigma_0)$$



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# Inference

*So how do you do temporal filtering with the KL?*

**Recall:** the first step of filtering was the ‘prediction step’

$$P(\mathbf{X}_{t+1} | \mathbf{e}_{1:t+1}) \propto P(\mathbf{e}_{t+1} | \mathbf{X}_{t+1}) \int_{\mathbf{x}_t} \underbrace{P(\mathbf{X}_{t+1} | \mathbf{x}_t)}_{\text{motion model}} \underbrace{P(\mathbf{x}_t | \mathbf{e}_{1:t})}_{\text{belief}} d\mathbf{x}_t$$

prediction step

compute this!  
It's just another Gaussian



need to compute the ‘prediction’ mean and variance...



# Prediction

(Using the motion model)

*How would you predict  $\hat{x}_1$  given  $\hat{x}_0$ ?*

using this 'cap' notation to  
denote 'estimate'

$$\hat{x}_1 = \hat{x}_0 + s \quad (\text{This is the mean})$$

$$\sigma_1^2 = \sigma_0^2 + \sigma_r^2 \quad (\text{This is the variance})$$

$$P(\mathbf{X}_{t+1} | \mathbf{e}_{1:t+1}) \propto P(\mathbf{e}_{t+1} | \mathbf{X}_{t+1}) \int_{\mathbf{x}_t} \underbrace{P(\mathbf{X}_{t+1} | \mathbf{x}_t)}_{\text{motion model}} \underbrace{P(\mathbf{x}_t | \mathbf{e}_{1:t})}_{\text{belief}} d\mathbf{x}_t$$

prediction step

the second step after prediction is ...

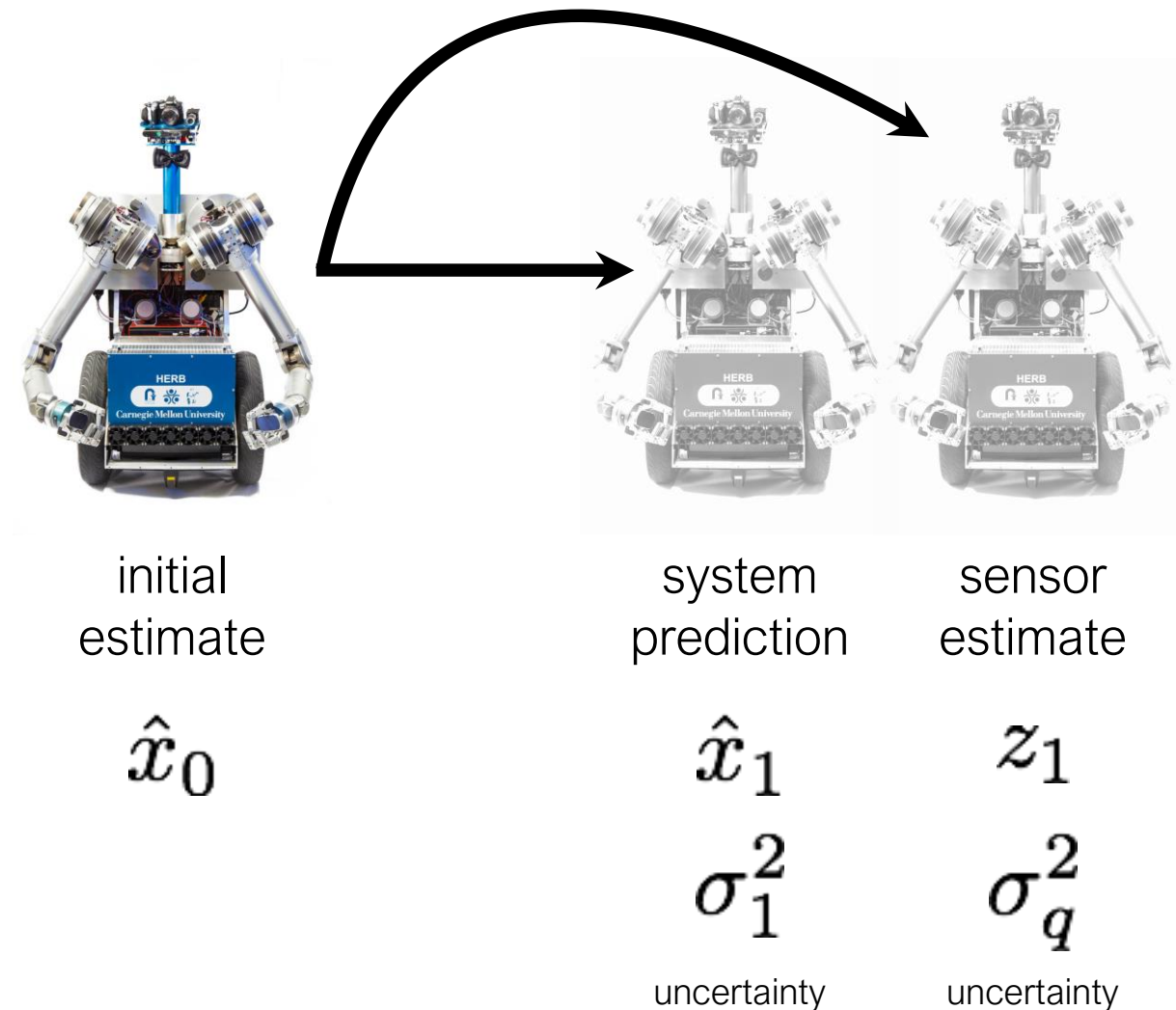
... update step!

$$P(\mathbf{X}_{t+1} | \mathbf{e}_{1:t+1}) \propto \underbrace{P(\mathbf{e}_{t+1} | \mathbf{X}_{t+1})}_{\text{observation}} \int_{\mathbf{x}_t} \underbrace{P(\mathbf{X}_{t+1} | \mathbf{x}_t) P(\mathbf{x}_t | \mathbf{e}_{1:t})}_{\text{prediction}} d\mathbf{x}_t$$

compute this  
(using results of the prediction step)



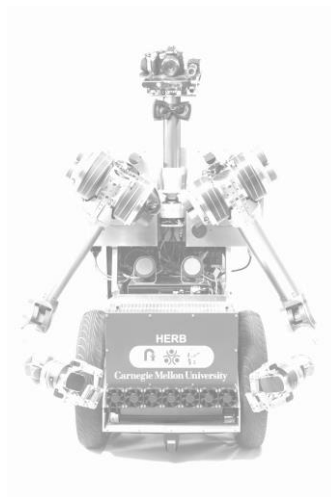
In the **update step**, the **sensor measurement** corrects the system **prediction**



*Which estimate is correct? Is there a way to know?*

*Is there a way to merge this information?*

***Intuitively***, the smaller variance mean less uncertainty.



system  
prediction  $\sigma_1^2$



sensor  
estimate  $\sigma_q^2$

So we want a weighted state estimate correction



something  
like this...

$$\hat{x}_1^+ = \frac{\sigma_q^2}{\sigma_1^2 + \sigma_q^2} \hat{x}_1 + \frac{\sigma_1^2}{\sigma_1^2 + \sigma_q^2} z_1$$

***This happens naturally in the Bayesian filtering (with Gaussians) framework!***

Recall the filtering equation:

$$P(\mathbf{X}_{t+1} | \mathbf{e}_{1:t+1}) \propto \overbrace{P(\mathbf{e}_{t+1} | \mathbf{X}_{t+1})}^{\text{observation}} \overbrace{\int_{\mathbf{x}_t} P(\mathbf{X}_{t+1} | \mathbf{x}_t) P(\mathbf{x}_t | \mathbf{e}_{1:t}) d\mathbf{x}_t}^{\text{one step motion prediction}}$$

 Gaussian                       Gaussian

*What is the product of two Gaussians?*

Recall ...

When we multiply the prediction (Gaussian) with the observation model (Gaussian) we get ...

... a product of two Gaussians

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

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

applied to the filtering equation...

$$P(\mathbf{X}_{t+1}|\mathbf{e}_{1:t+1}) \propto P(\mathbf{e}_{t+1}|\mathbf{X}_{t+1}) \int_{\mathbf{x}_t} P(\mathbf{X}_{t+1}|\mathbf{x}_t)P(\mathbf{x}_t|\mathbf{e}_{1:t})d\mathbf{x}_t$$

mean:  $z_1$   
variance:  $\sigma_q$

mean:  $\hat{x}_1$   
variance:  $\sigma_1$

new mean:

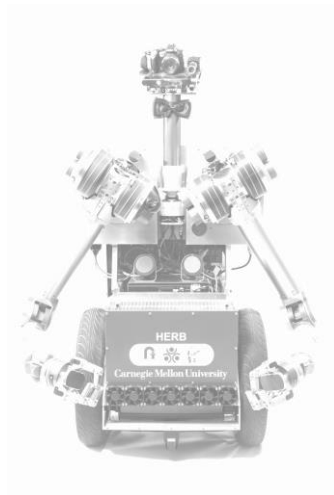
$$\hat{x}_1^+ = \frac{\hat{x}_1 \sigma_q^2 + z_1 \sigma_1^2}{\sigma_q^2 + \sigma_1^2}$$

new variance:

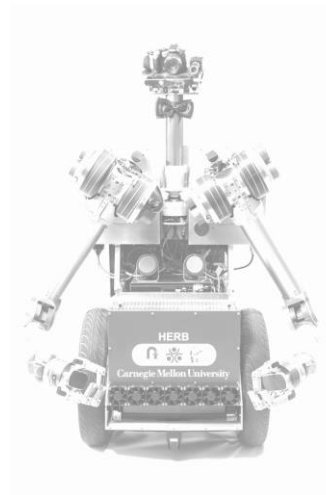
$$\hat{\sigma}_1^{2+} = \frac{\sigma_q^2 \sigma_1^2}{\sigma_q^2 + \sigma_1^2}$$

'plus' sign means post  
'update' estimate





system  
prediction  $\sigma_1^2$



sensor  
estimate  $\sigma_q^2$

With a little algebra...

$$\hat{x}_1^+ = \frac{\hat{x}_1 \sigma_q^2 + z_1 \sigma_1^2}{\sigma_q^2 + \sigma_1^2} = \hat{x}_1 \frac{\sigma_q^2}{\sigma_q^2 + \sigma_1^2} + z_1 \frac{\sigma_1^2}{\sigma_q^2 + \sigma_1^2}$$

We get a weighted state estimate correction!

# Kalman gain notation

With a little algebra...

$$\hat{x}_1^+ = \hat{x}_1 + \frac{\sigma_1^2}{\sigma_q^2 + \sigma_1^2} (z_1 - \hat{x}_1) = \hat{x}_1 + \underset{\substack{\uparrow \\ \text{'Kalman gain'}}}{K} (\underset{\substack{\uparrow \\ \text{'Innovation'}}}{z_1 - \hat{x}_1})$$

With a little algebra...

$$\sigma_1^+ = \frac{\sigma_1^2 \sigma_q^2}{\sigma_1^2 + \sigma_q^2} = \left( 1 - \frac{\sigma_1^2}{\sigma_1^2 + \sigma_q^2} \right) \sigma_1^2 = (1 - \mathbf{K}) \sigma_1^2$$

# Summary (1D Kalman Filtering)

To solve this...

$$P(\mathbf{X}_{t+1}|\mathbf{e}_{1:t+1}) \propto P(\mathbf{e}_{t+1}|\mathbf{X}_{t+1}) \int_{\mathbf{x}_t} P(\mathbf{X}_{t+1}|\mathbf{x}_t) P(\mathbf{x}_t|\mathbf{e}_{1:t}) d\mathbf{x}_t$$

Compute this...

$$\hat{x}_1^+ = \hat{x}_1 + \frac{\sigma_1^2}{\sigma_1^2 + \sigma_q^2} (z_1 - \hat{x}_1) \quad \sigma_1^{2+} = \sigma_1^2 - \frac{\sigma_1^2}{\sigma_1^2 + \sigma_q^2} \sigma_1^2$$

$$K = \frac{\sigma_1^2}{\sigma_1^2 + \sigma_q^2}$$

‘Kalman gain’

$$\hat{x}_1^+ = \hat{x}_1 + K(z_1 - \hat{x}_1)$$

mean of the new Gaussian

$$\sigma_1^{2+} = \sigma_1^2 - K \sigma_1^2$$

variance of the new Gaussian

# Simple 1D Implementation

$$[x \ p] = KF(x, v, z)$$

$$x = x + s;$$

$$v = v + q;$$

$$K = v / (v + r);$$

$$x = x + K * (z - x);$$

$$p = v - K * v;$$

Just 5 lines of code!

or just 2 lines

$$[x \ P] = KF(x, v, z)$$

$$x = (x+s) + (v+q) / ((v+q) + r) * (z - (x+s)) ;$$

$$p = (v+q) - (v+q) / ((v+q) + r) * v ;$$

# Bare computations (algorithm) of Bayesian filtering:

KalmanFilter( $\mu_{t-1}$ ,  $\Sigma_{t-1}$ ,  $u_t$ ,  $z_t$ )

motion

control

prediction  
mean

$$\bar{\mu}_t = A_t \mu_{t-1} + B u_t$$

'old' mean

Prediction

prediction  
covariance

'old' covariance

$$\bar{\Sigma}_t = A_t \Sigma_{t-1} A_t^\top + R$$

Gaussian noise

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

Gain

update  
mean

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

observation model

update  
covariance

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

Update

# Simple Multi-dimensional Implementation (also 5 lines of code!)

$$[x \ P] = KF(x, P, z)$$

$$x = A * x;$$

$$P = A * P * A' + Q;$$

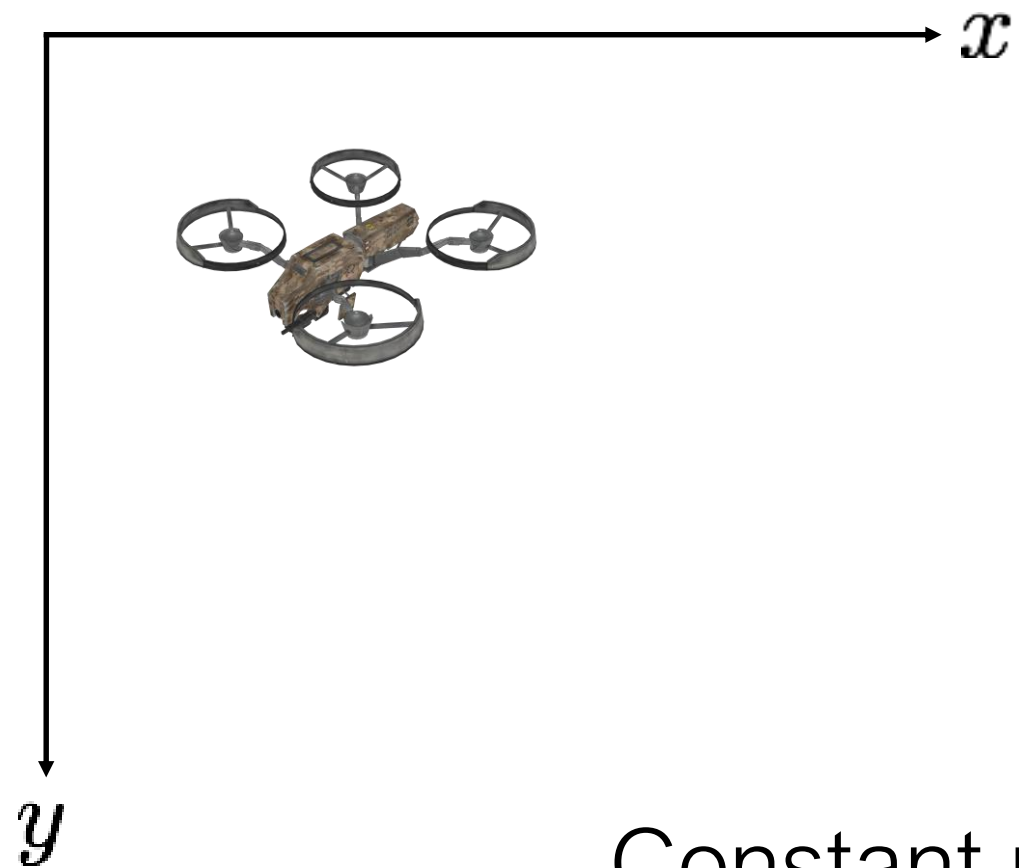
$$K = P * C' / (C * P * C' + R);$$

$$x = x + K * (z - C * x);$$

$$P = (\text{eye}(\text{size}(K, 1)) - K * C) * P;$$

# 2D Example





state

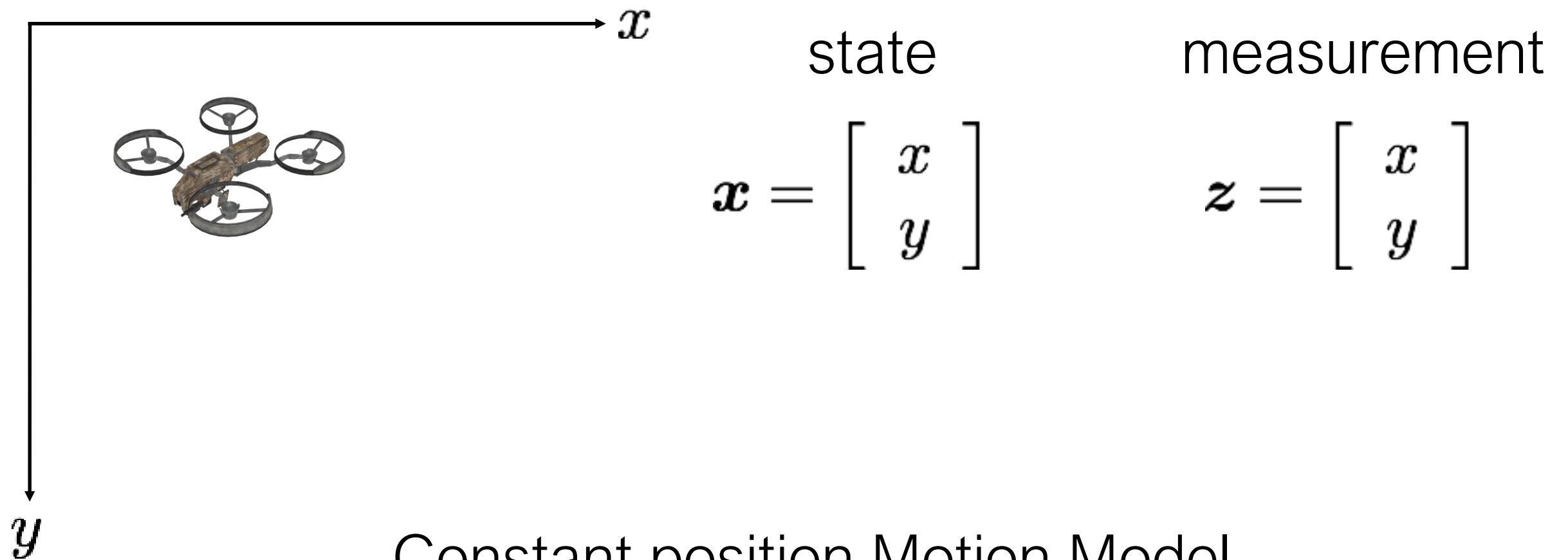
$$\mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix}$$

measurement

$$\mathbf{z} = \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix}$$

Constant position Motion Model

$$\mathbf{x}_t = A\mathbf{x}_{t-1} + B\mathbf{u}_t + \epsilon_t$$



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Constant position

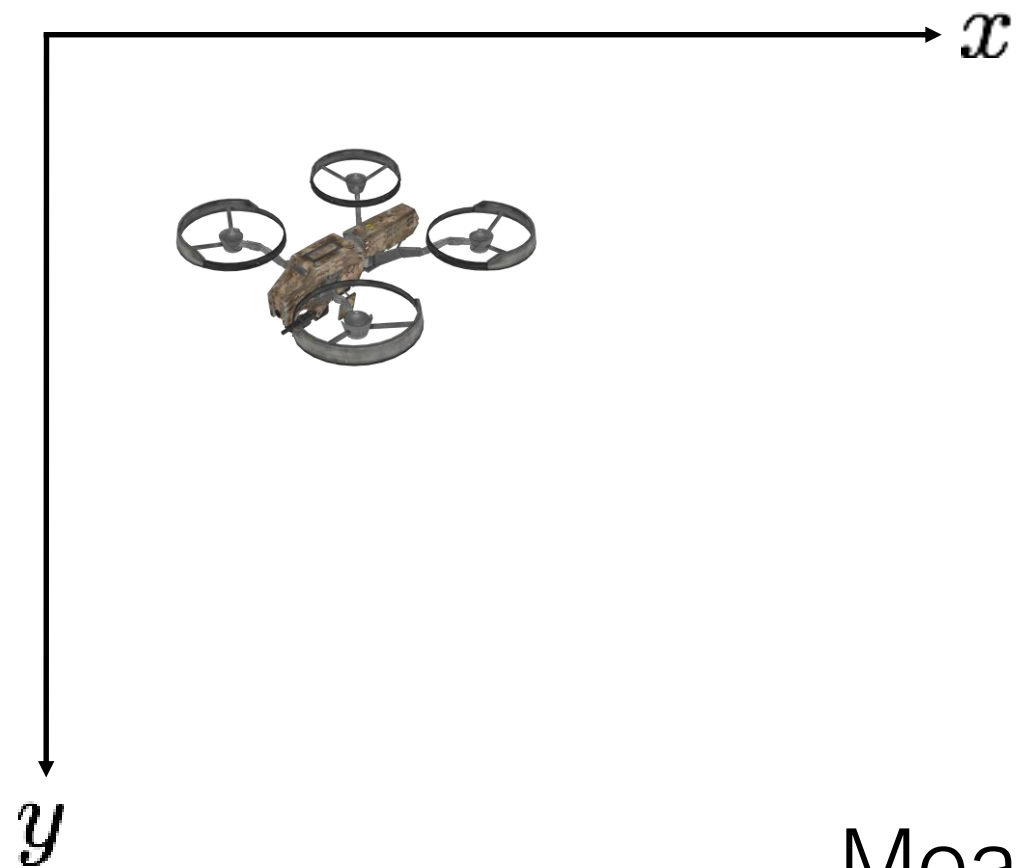
$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$B\mathbf{u} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

system noise

$$\epsilon_t \sim \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{0}, R)$$

$$R = \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_r^2 & 0 \\ 0 & \sigma_r^2 \end{bmatrix}$$



state

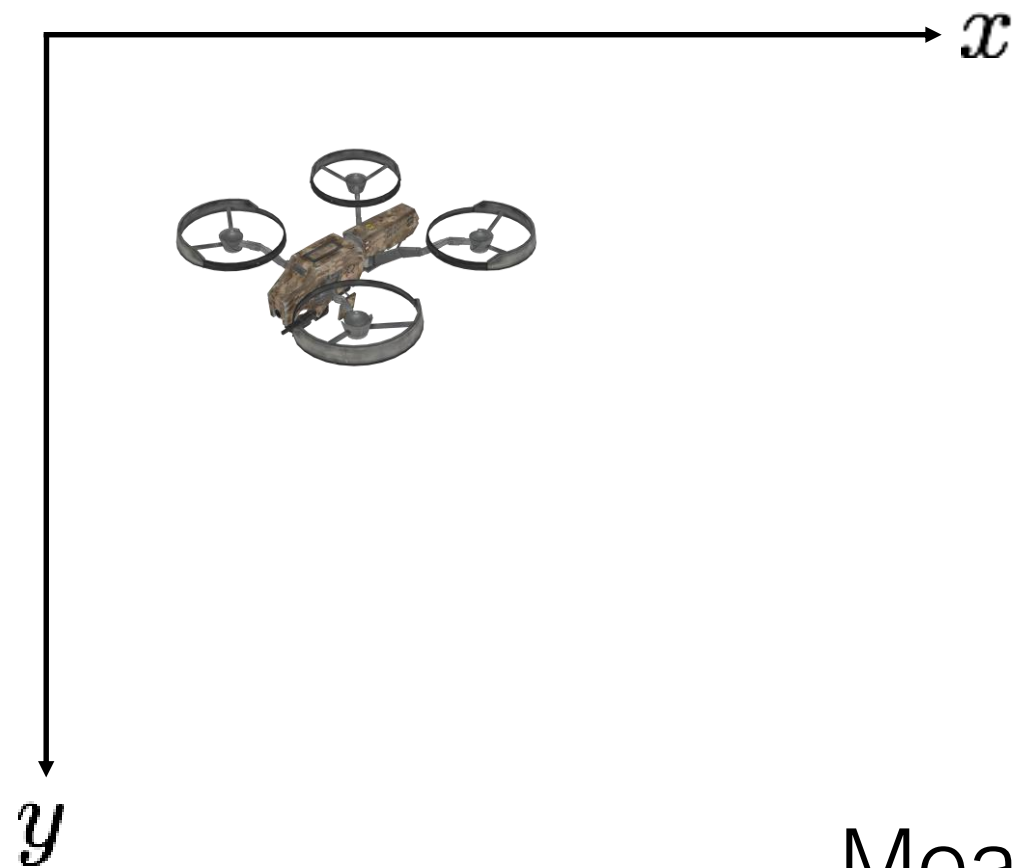
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measurement

$$\mathbf{z} = \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix}$$

Measurement Model

$$\mathbf{z}_t = \mathbf{C}_t \mathbf{x}_t + \delta_t$$



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Measurement Model

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zero-mean measurement noise

$$\mathbf{C} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\delta_t \sim \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{0}, \mathbf{Q})$$

$$\mathbf{Q} = \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_q^2 & 0 \\ 0 & \sigma_q^2 \end{bmatrix}$$

# Algorithm for the 2D object tracking example



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

motion model

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

observation model

## General Case

$$\bar{\mu}_t = A_t \mu_{t-1} + B u_t$$

$$\bar{\Sigma}_t = A_t \Sigma_{t-1} A_t^\top + R$$

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

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

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

## Constant position Model

$$\bar{\mathbf{x}}_t = \mathbf{x}_{t-1}$$

$$\bar{\Sigma}_t = \Sigma_{t-1} + R$$

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$$\mathbf{x}_t = \bar{\mathbf{x}}_t + K_t (z_t - \bar{\mathbf{x}}_t)$$

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

Just 4 lines of code

```
[x P] = KF_constPos(x, P, z)
```

```
P = P + Q;
```

```
K = P / (P + R);
```

```
x = x + K * (z - x);
```

```
P = (eye(size(K,1)) - K) * P;
```

*Where did the 5th line go?*

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# Extended Kalman filter

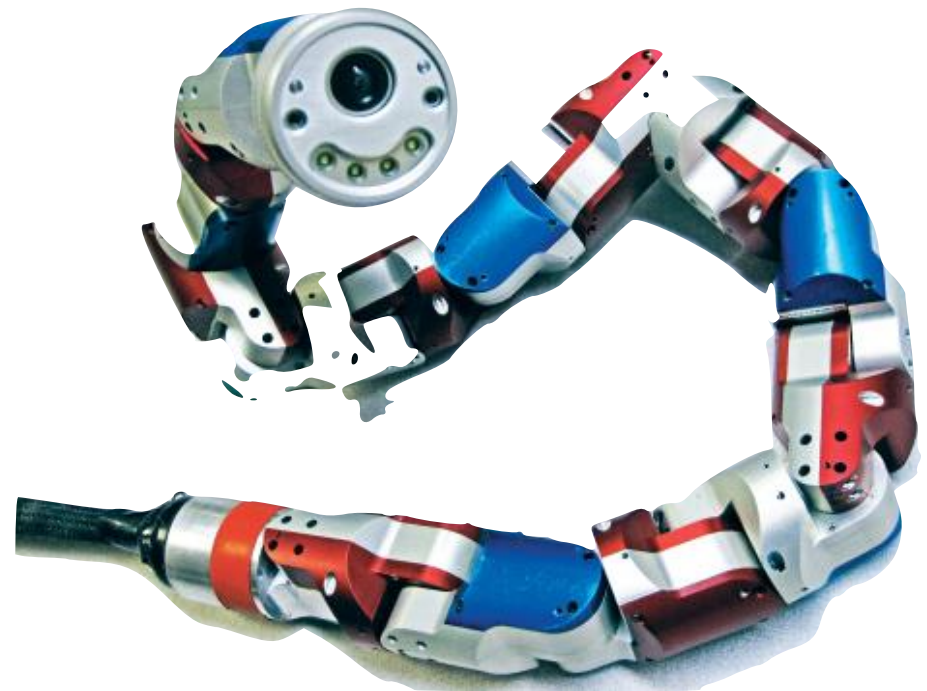
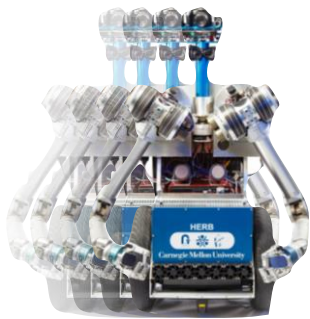




Motion model of the Kalman filter is linear

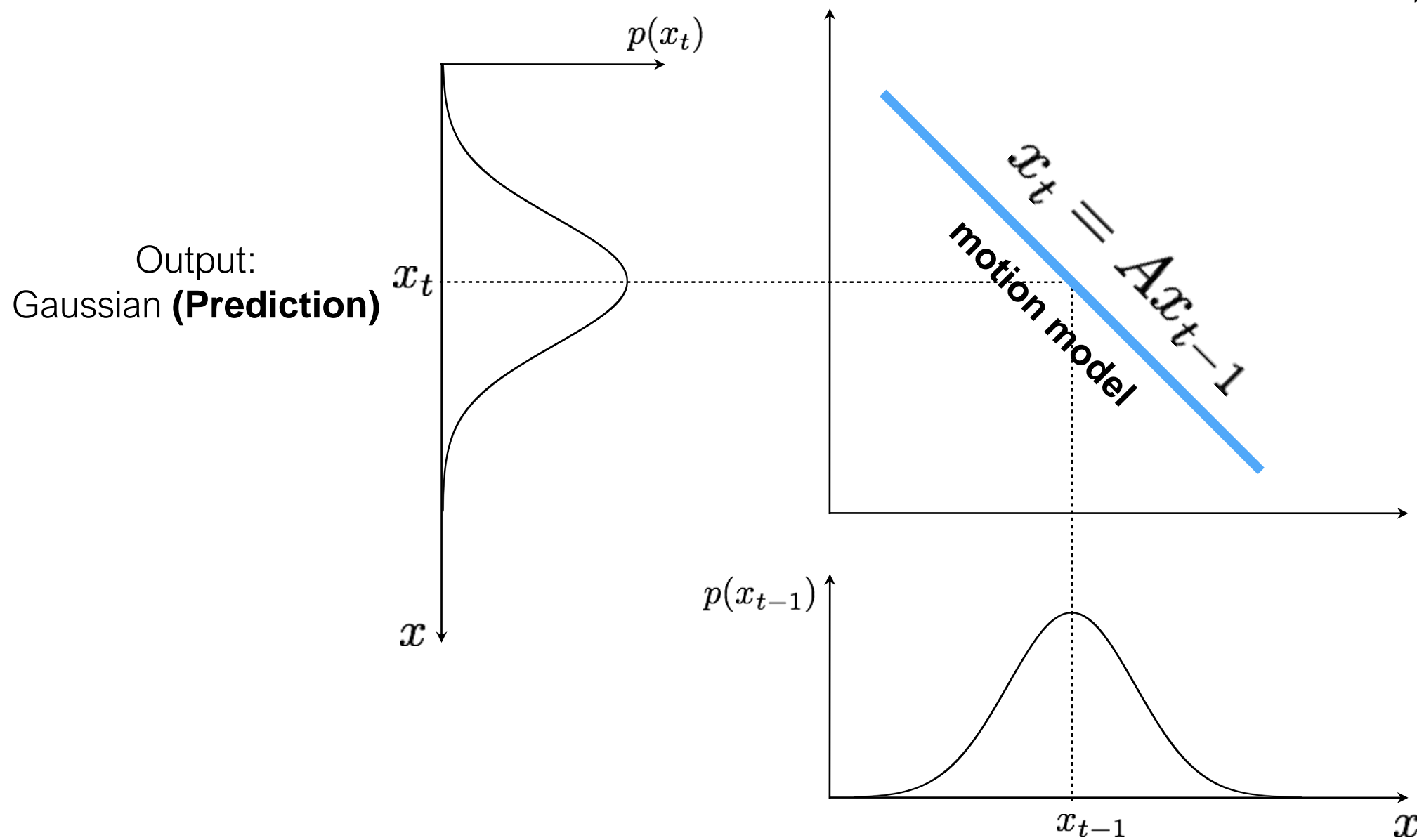
$$x_t = Ax_{t-1} + Bu_t + \epsilon_t$$

but motion is not always linear



# Visualizing **linear** models

1D motion model  
example

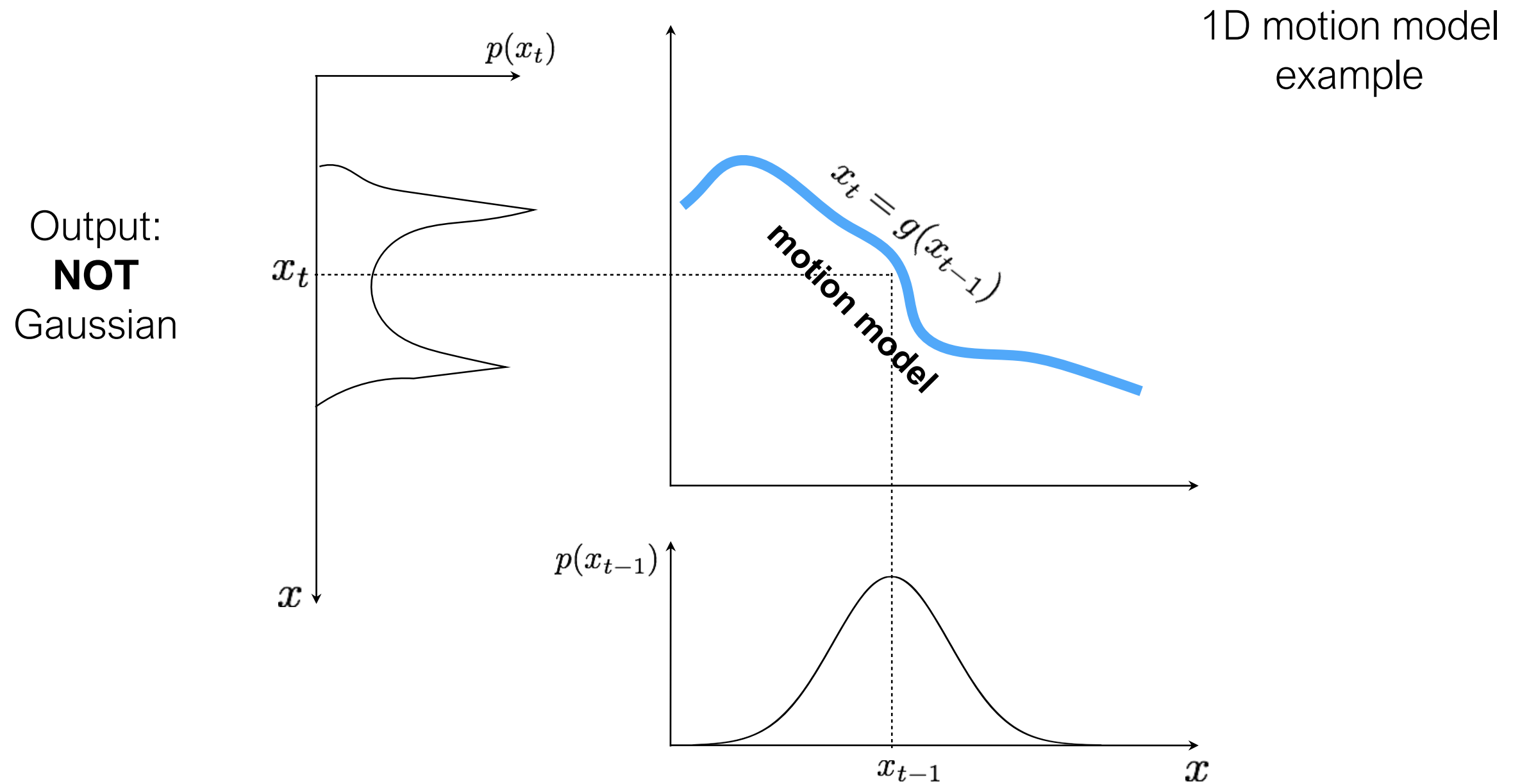


*Can we use the Kalman  
Filter?*

*(motion model and observation model are linear)*

Input:  
Gaussian (**B**elief)

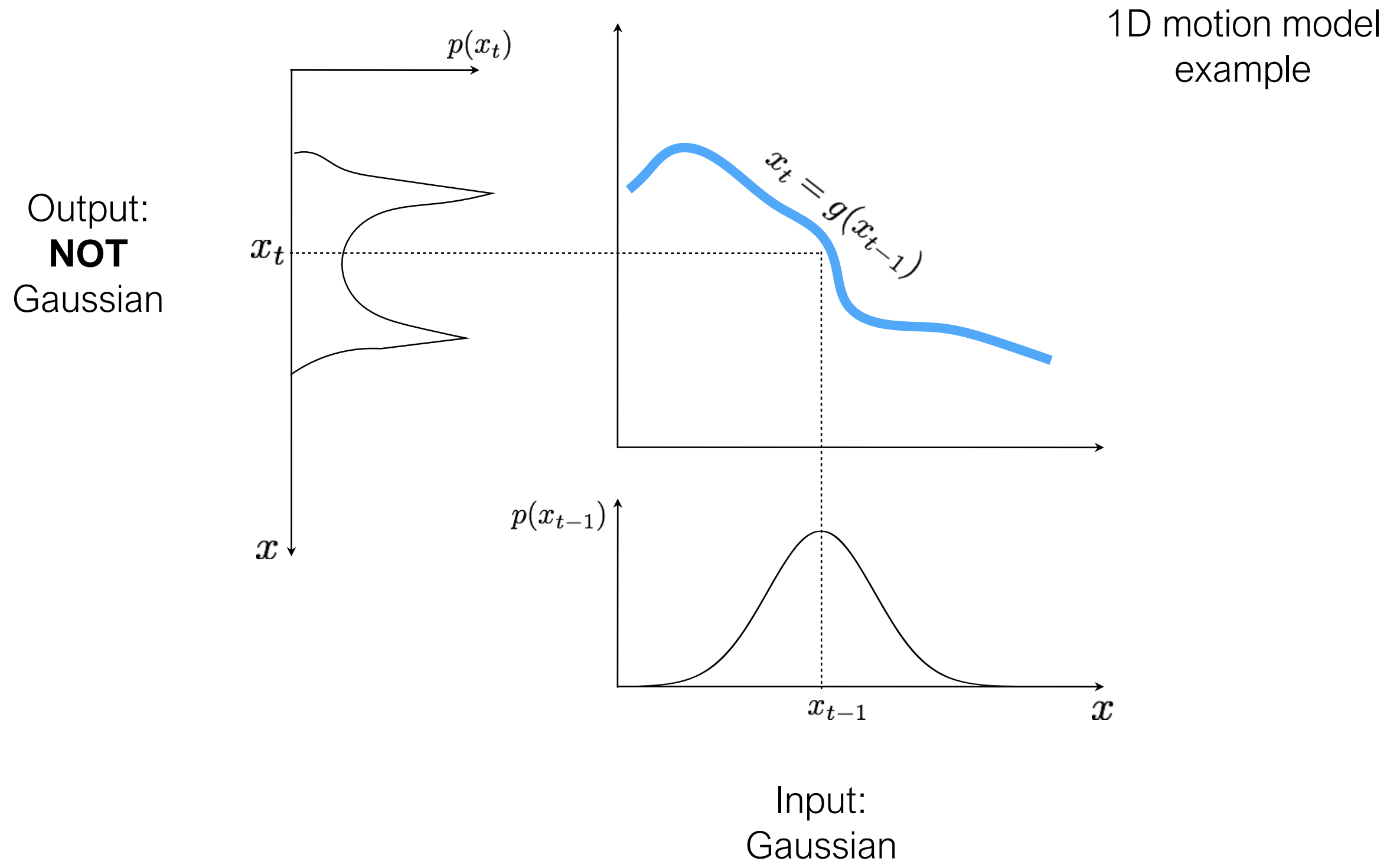
# Visualizing **non-linear** models



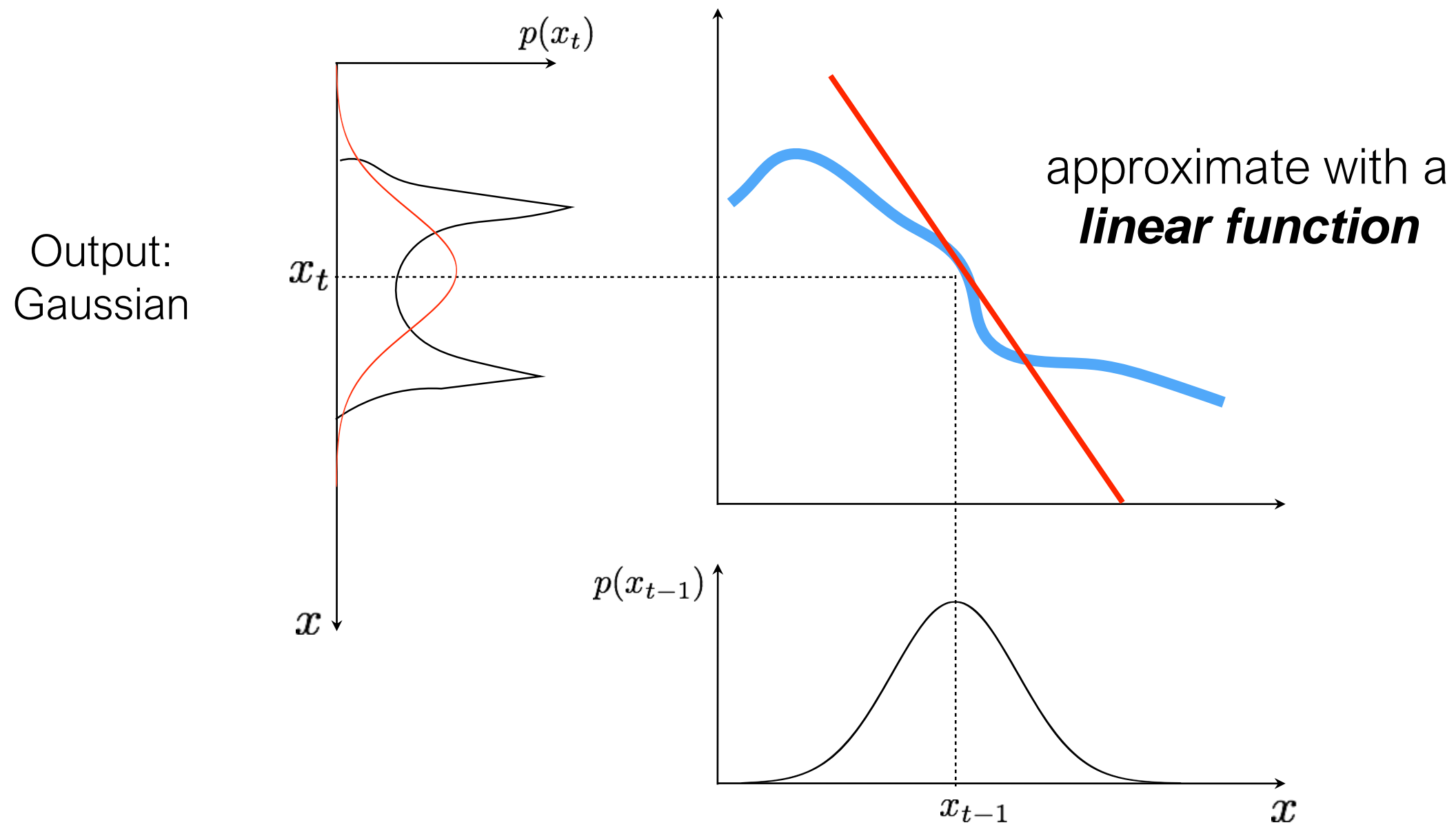
*Can we use the Kalman  
Filter?*

*(motion model is not linear)*

# How do you deal with non-linear models?



# How do you deal with non-linear models?



*When does this trick work?*

Input:  
Gaussian

# Extended Kalman Filter

- Does not assume linear Gaussian models
- Assumes Gaussian noise
- Uses local linear approximations of model to keep the efficiency of the KF framework

## Kalman Filter

linear motion model

$$x_t = Ax_{t-1} + Bu_t + \epsilon_t$$

linear sensor model

$$z_t = C_t x_t + \delta_t$$

## Extended Kalman Filter

non-linear motion model

$$x_t = g(x_{t-1}, u_t) + \epsilon_t$$

non-linear sensor model

$$z_t = H(x_t) + \delta_t$$

# Motion model linearization

$$g(x_{t-1}, u_t) \approx g(\mu_{t-1}, u_t) + \frac{\partial g(\mu_{t-1}, u_t)}{\partial x_{t-1}} (x_{t-1} - \mu_{t-1})$$

Taylor series expansion



# Motion model linearization

$$\begin{aligned} g(x_{t-1}, u_t) &\approx g(\mu_{t-1}, u_t) + \frac{\partial g(\mu_{t-1}, u_t)}{\partial x_{t-1}} (x_{t-1} - \mu_{t-1}) \\ &\approx g(\mu_{t-1}, u_t) + G_t (x_{t-1} - \mu_{t-1}) \end{aligned}$$



*What's this called?*

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*What's this called?*

Jacobian Matrix

'the rate of change in x'  
'slope of the function'

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Jacobian Matrix

‘the rate of change in x’  
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## Sensor model linearization

$$\begin{aligned} h(x_t) &\approx h(\bar{\mu}_t) + \frac{\partial h(\bar{\mu}_t)}{\partial x_t} (x_t - \bar{\mu}_t) \\ &\approx h(\bar{\mu}_t) + H_t (x_t - \bar{\mu}_t) \end{aligned}$$

# New EKF Algorithm

(pretty much the same)

Kalman Filter

$$\bar{\mu}_t = A_t \mu_{t-1} + B u_t$$

$$\bar{\Sigma}_t = A_t \Sigma_{t-1} A_t^\top + R$$

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

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

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

Extended KF

$$\bar{\mu}_t = g(\mu_{t-1}, u_t)$$

$$\bar{\Sigma}_t = G_t \bar{\Sigma}_{t-1} G_t^\top + R$$

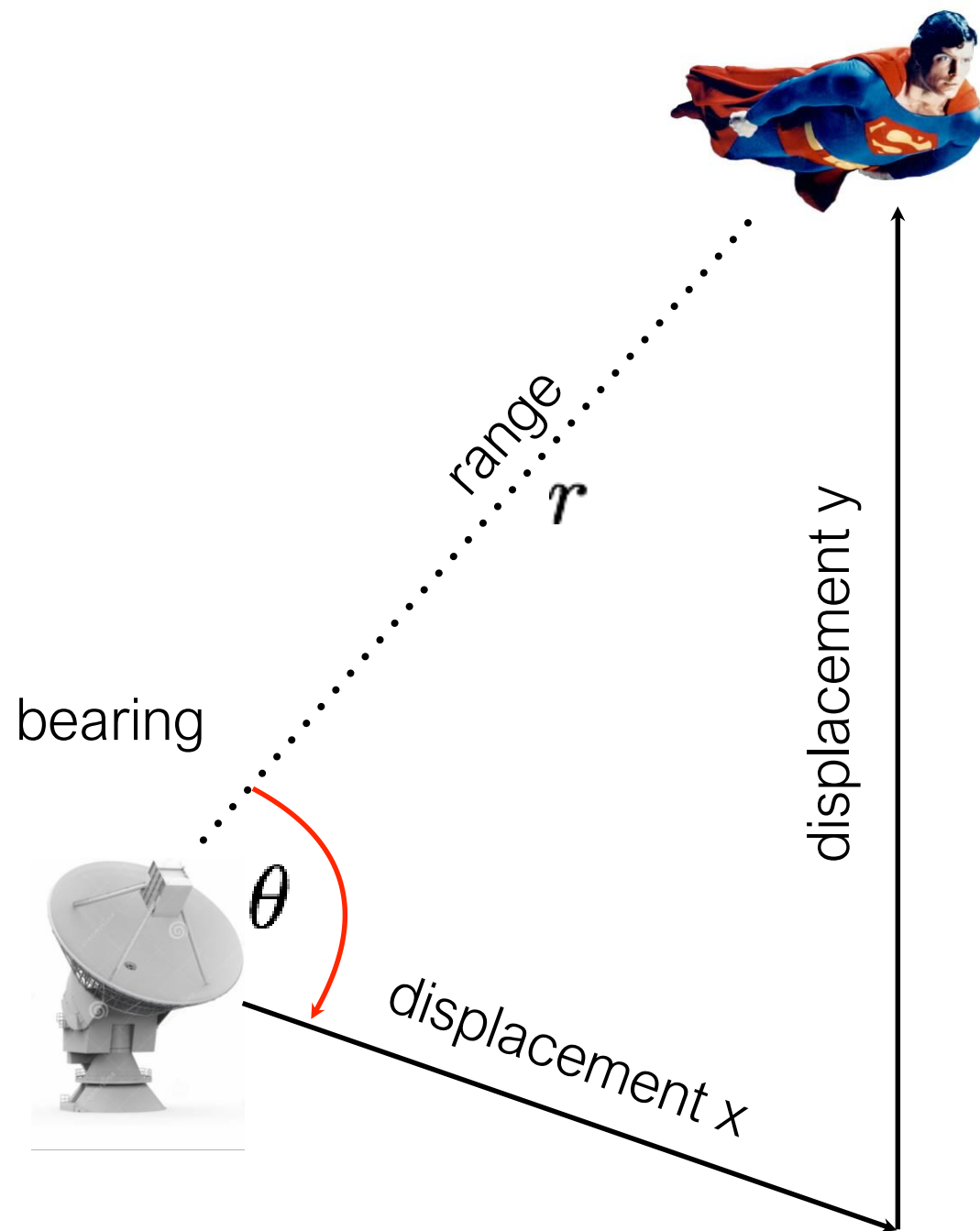
$$K_t = \bar{\Sigma}_t H_t^\top (H_t \bar{\Sigma}_t H_t^\top + Q)^{-1}$$

$$\mu_t = \bar{\mu}_t + K_t (z_t - h(\bar{\mu}_t))$$

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

# 2D example





**state:** position-velocity

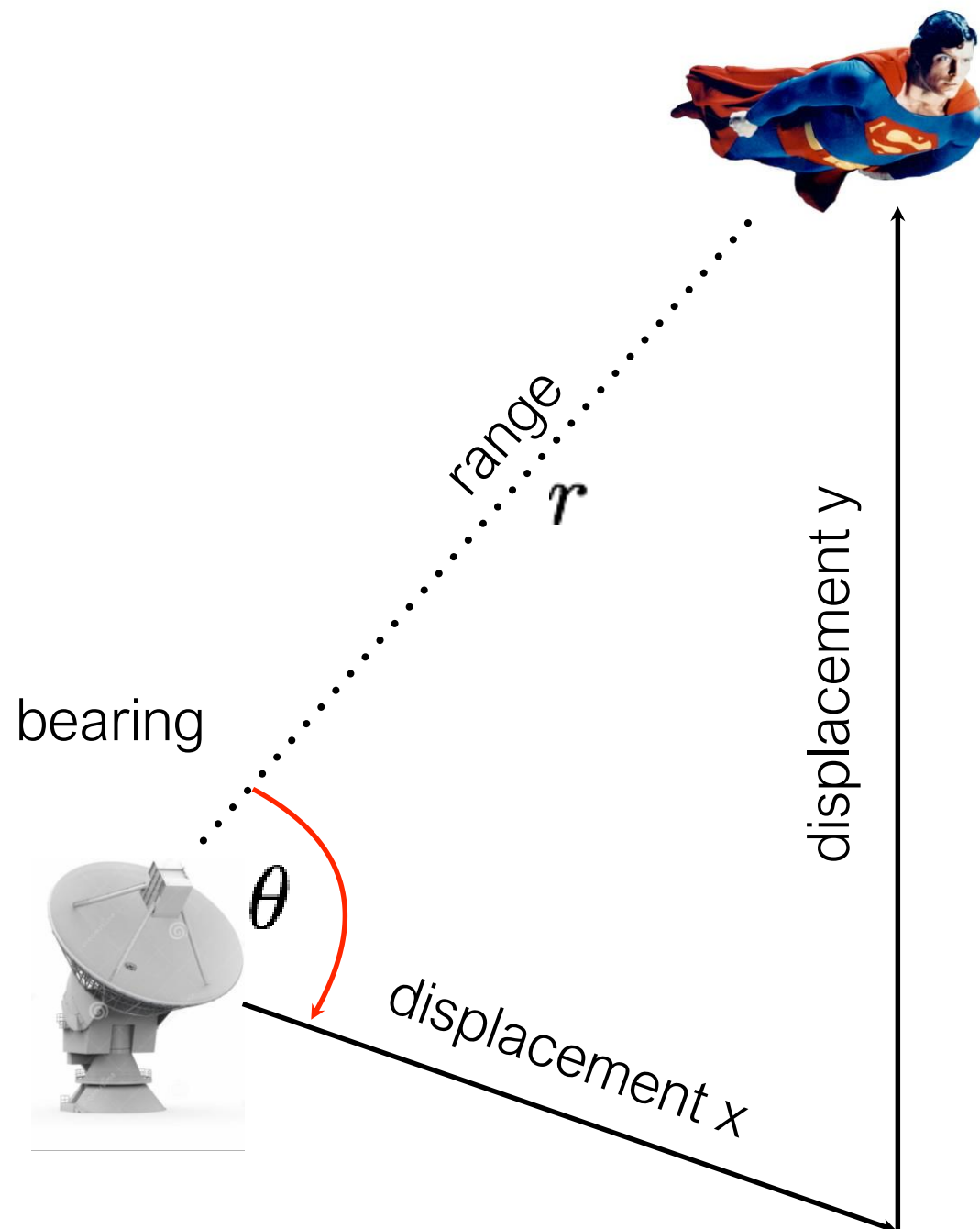
$$\mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} x \\ \dot{x} \\ y \\ \dot{y} \end{bmatrix} \begin{array}{l} \text{position} \\ \text{velocity} \\ \text{position} \\ \text{velocity} \end{array}$$

constant velocity motion model

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \Delta t & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & \Delta t \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

with additive Gaussian noise

Motion model is linear but ...



**measurement:** range-bearing

$$\mathbf{z} = \begin{bmatrix} r \\ \theta \end{bmatrix}$$

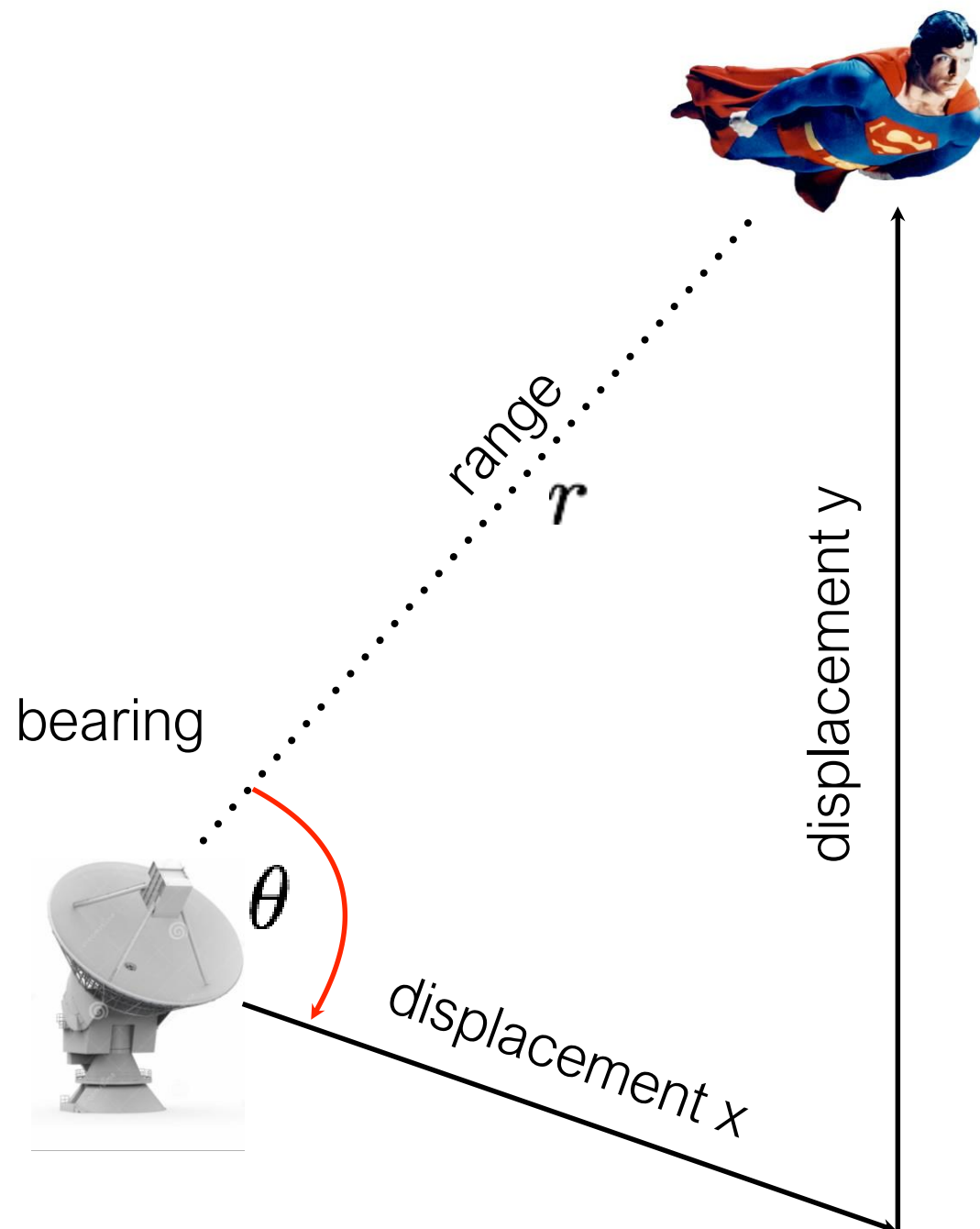
$$= \begin{bmatrix} \sqrt{x^2 + y^2} \\ \tan^{-1}(y/x) \end{bmatrix}$$

measurement model

*Is the measurement model linear?*

$$\mathbf{z} = h(r, \theta)$$

with additive Gaussian noise



**measurement:** range-bearing

$$z = \begin{bmatrix} r \\ \theta \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} \sqrt{x^2 + y^2} \\ \tan^{-1}(y/x) \end{bmatrix}$$

measurement model

*Is the measurement model linear?*

$$z = h(r, \theta)$$

with additive Gaussian noise

non-linear!

*What should we do?*



**linearize** the observation/measurement model!

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{z} &= \begin{bmatrix} r \\ \theta \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} \sqrt{x^2 + y^2} \\ \tan^{-1}(y/x) \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

$$H = \frac{\partial \mathbf{z}}{\partial \mathbf{x}} = ?$$

*What is the Jacobian?*

$$H = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial r}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial r}{\partial \dot{x}} & \frac{\partial r}{\partial y} & \frac{\partial r}{\partial \dot{y}} \\ \frac{\partial \theta}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial \theta}{\partial \dot{x}} & \frac{\partial \theta}{\partial y} & \frac{\partial \theta}{\partial \dot{y}} \end{bmatrix} =$$

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$$\mathbf{H} = \frac{\partial \mathbf{z}}{\partial \mathbf{x}} = ?$$

*What is the Jacobian?*

Jacobian used in the Taylor series expansion looks like ...

$$\mathbf{H} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial r}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial r}{\partial \dot{x}} & \frac{\partial r}{\partial y} & \frac{\partial r}{\partial \dot{y}} \\ \frac{\partial \theta}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial \theta}{\partial \dot{x}} & \frac{\partial \theta}{\partial y} & \frac{\partial \theta}{\partial \dot{y}} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \cos(\theta) & 0 & \sin(\theta) & 0 \\ -\sin(\theta)/r & 0 & \cos(\theta)/r & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

```
[x P] = EKF(x, P, z, dt)
```

```
r = sqrt(x(1)^2 + x(3)^2);
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```
b = atan2(x(3), x(1));
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```
y = [r; b];
```

```
H = [ cos(b)      0   sin(b)      0;  
      -sin(b)/r  0   cos(b)/r    0];
```

```
x = F*x;
```

```
P = F*P*F' + Q;
```

```
K = P*H' / (H*P*H' + R);
```

```
x = x + K*(z - y);
```

```
P = (eye(size(K, 1)) - K*H) * P;
```

Parameters:

```
Q = diag([0 .1 0 .1]);  
R = diag([50^2 0.005^2]);  
F = [ 1 dt 0 0;  
      0 1 0 0;  
      0 0 1 dt;  
      0 0 0 1];
```

extra computation for  
the EKF measurement  
model Jacobian

# Problems with EKF

Taylor series expansion = poor approximation of non-linear functions  
success of linearization depends on limited uncertainty and amount of  
local non-linearity

Computing partial derivatives is a pain

Drifts when linearization is a bad approximation

Cannot handle multi-modal (multi-hypothesis) distributions

SLAM

# MonoSLAM: Real-Time Single Camera SLAM

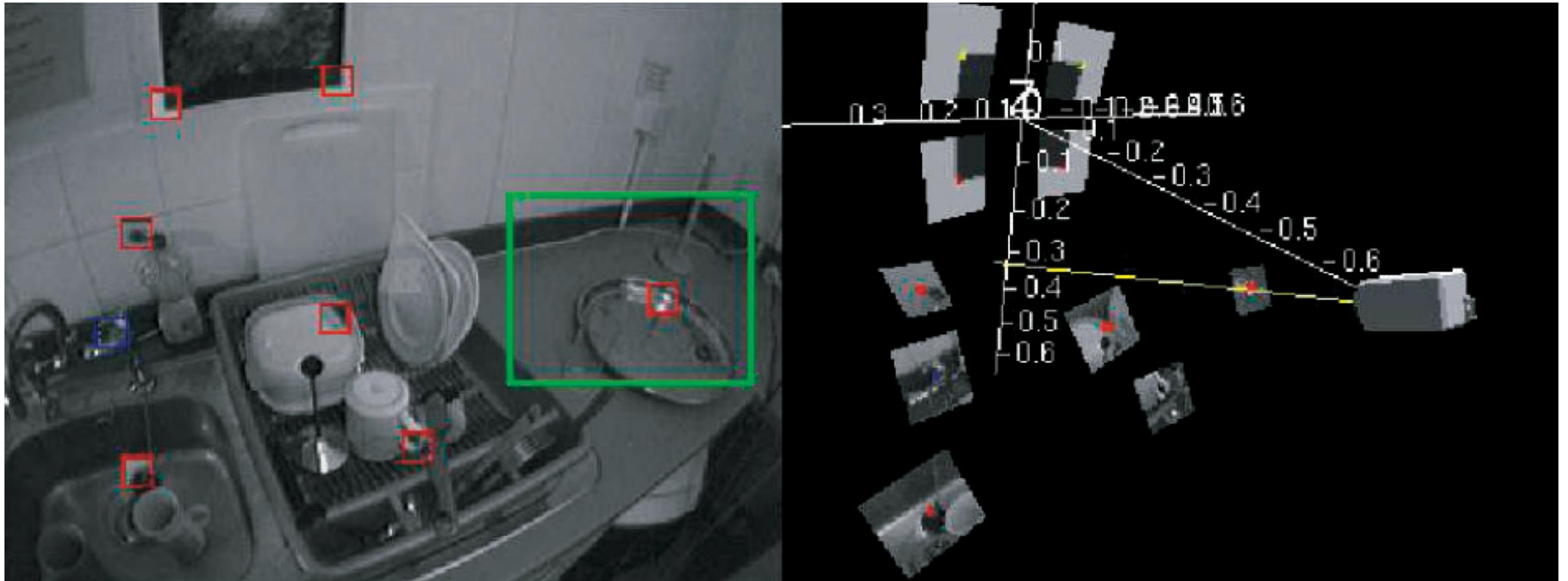
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**Abstract**—We present a real-time algorithm which can recover the 3D trajectory of a monocular camera, moving rapidly through a previously unknown scene. Our system, which we dub *MonoSLAM*, is the first successful application of the SLAM methodology from mobile robotics to the “pure vision” domain of a single uncontrolled camera, achieving real time but drift-free performance inaccessible to Structure from Motion approaches. The core of the approach is the online creation of a sparse but persistent map of natural landmarks within a probabilistic framework. Our key novel contributions include an *active* approach to mapping and measurement, the use of a general motion model for smooth camera movement, and solutions for monocular feature initialization and feature orientation estimation. Together, these add up to an extremely efficient and robust algorithm which runs at 30 Hz with standard PC and camera hardware. This work extends the range of robotic systems in which SLAM can be usefully applied, but also opens up new areas. We present applications of *MonoSLAM* to real-time 3D localization and mapping for a high-performance full-size humanoid robot and live augmented reality with a hand-held camera.

**Index Terms**—Autonomous vehicles, 3D/stereo scene analysis, tracking.



# Simultaneous Localization and Mapping



Given a **single camera** feed,  
estimate the 3D **position of the camera** and  
the 3D **positions of all landmark** points in the world

# Real-Time Camera Tracking in Unknown Scenes



MonoSLAM is just EKF!

$$P(\mathbf{x}_t | \mathbf{z}_{1:t}) \propto P(\mathbf{z}_t | \mathbf{x}_t) \int_{\mathbf{x}_{t-1}} P(\mathbf{x}_t | \mathbf{x}_{t-1}) P(\mathbf{x}_{t-1} | \mathbf{z}_{1:t-1}) d\mathbf{x}_{t-1}$$

**Step 1: Prediction**

$$P(\mathbf{x}_t | \mathbf{z}_{1:t-1}) = \int_{\mathbf{x}_{t-1}} P(\mathbf{x}_t | \mathbf{x}_{t-1}) P(\mathbf{x}_{t-1} | \mathbf{z}_{1:t-1}) d\mathbf{x}_{t-1}$$

**Step 2: Update:**

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*What is the state representation?*

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*What is the camera (robot) state?*

*What are the dimensions?*

$$\mathbf{X}_c = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{r} \\ \mathbf{q} \\ \mathbf{v} \\ \boldsymbol{\omega} \end{bmatrix}$$

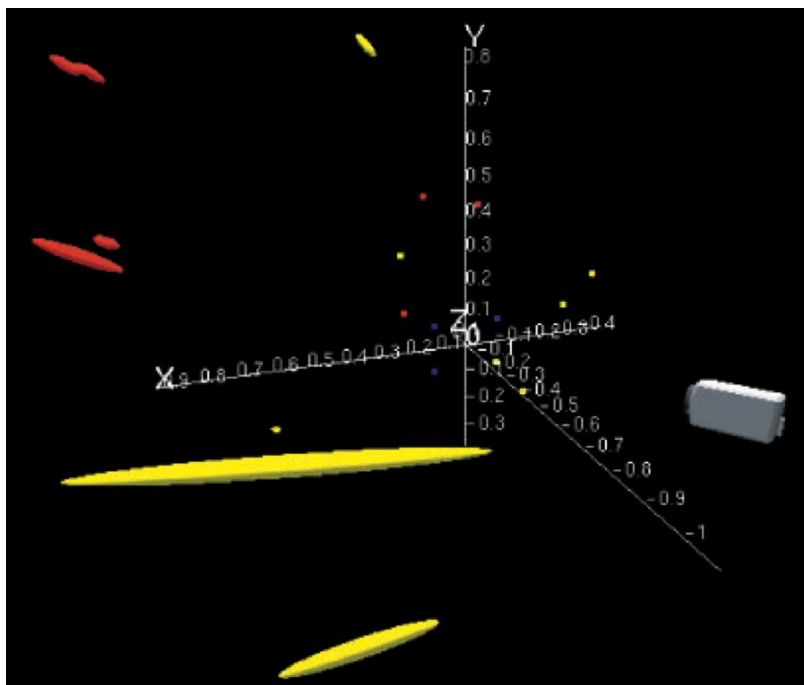
position

rotation (quaternion)

velocity

angular velocity

**13 total**



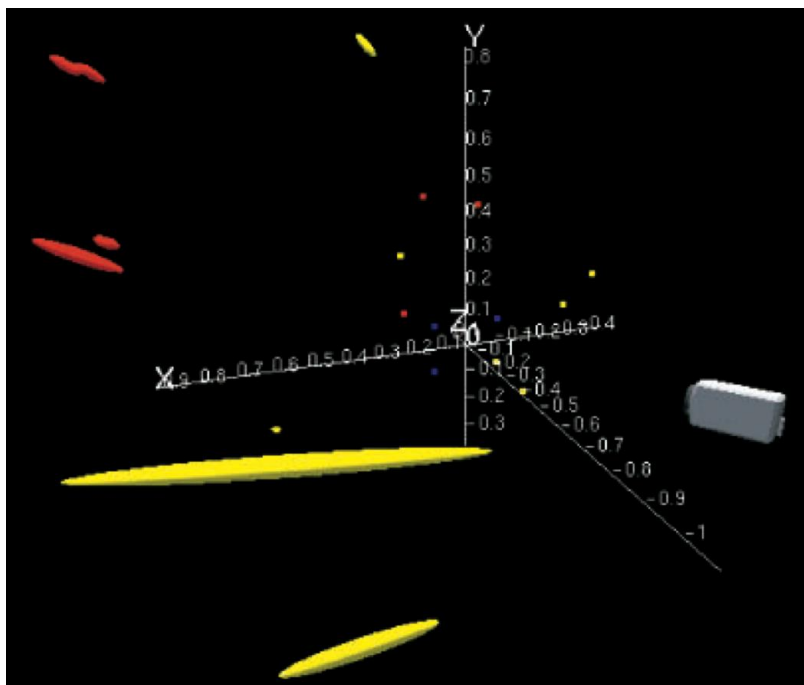
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$$\mathbf{X}_c = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{r} \\ \mathbf{q} \\ \mathbf{v} \\ \boldsymbol{\omega} \end{bmatrix}$$

|                       |   |
|-----------------------|---|
| position              | 3 |
| rotation (quaternion) | 4 |
| velocity              | 3 |
| angular velocity      | 3 |

**13 total**



*What is the world (robot+environment) state?*

*What are the dimensions?*

$$\mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{x}_c \\ \mathbf{y}_1 \\ \mathbf{y}_2 \\ \vdots \\ \mathbf{y}_N \end{bmatrix}$$

state of the camera

location of feature 1

location of feature 2

location of feature N

*What is the world (robot+environment) state?*

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|                       |    |
|-----------------------|----|
| state of the camera   | 13 |
| location of feature 1 | 3  |
| location of feature 2 | 3  |
|                       |    |
| location of feature N | 3  |

**13+3N total**

*What is the covariance (uncertainty) of the world state?*

$$\Sigma = \begin{bmatrix} \Sigma_{\mathbf{x}_c \mathbf{x}_c} & \Sigma_{\mathbf{x}_c \mathbf{y}_1} & \cdots & \Sigma_{\mathbf{x}_c \mathbf{y}_N} \\ \Sigma_{\mathbf{y}_1 \mathbf{x}_c} & \Sigma_{\mathbf{y}_1 \mathbf{y}_1} & \cdots & \Sigma_{\mathbf{y}_1 \mathbf{y}_N} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \Sigma_{\mathbf{y}_N \mathbf{x}_c} & \Sigma_{\mathbf{y}_N \mathbf{y}_1} & \cdots & \Sigma_{\mathbf{y}_N \mathbf{y}_N} \end{bmatrix}$$

*What are the dimensions?*

**(13+3N) x (13+3N)**

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*What are the observations?*

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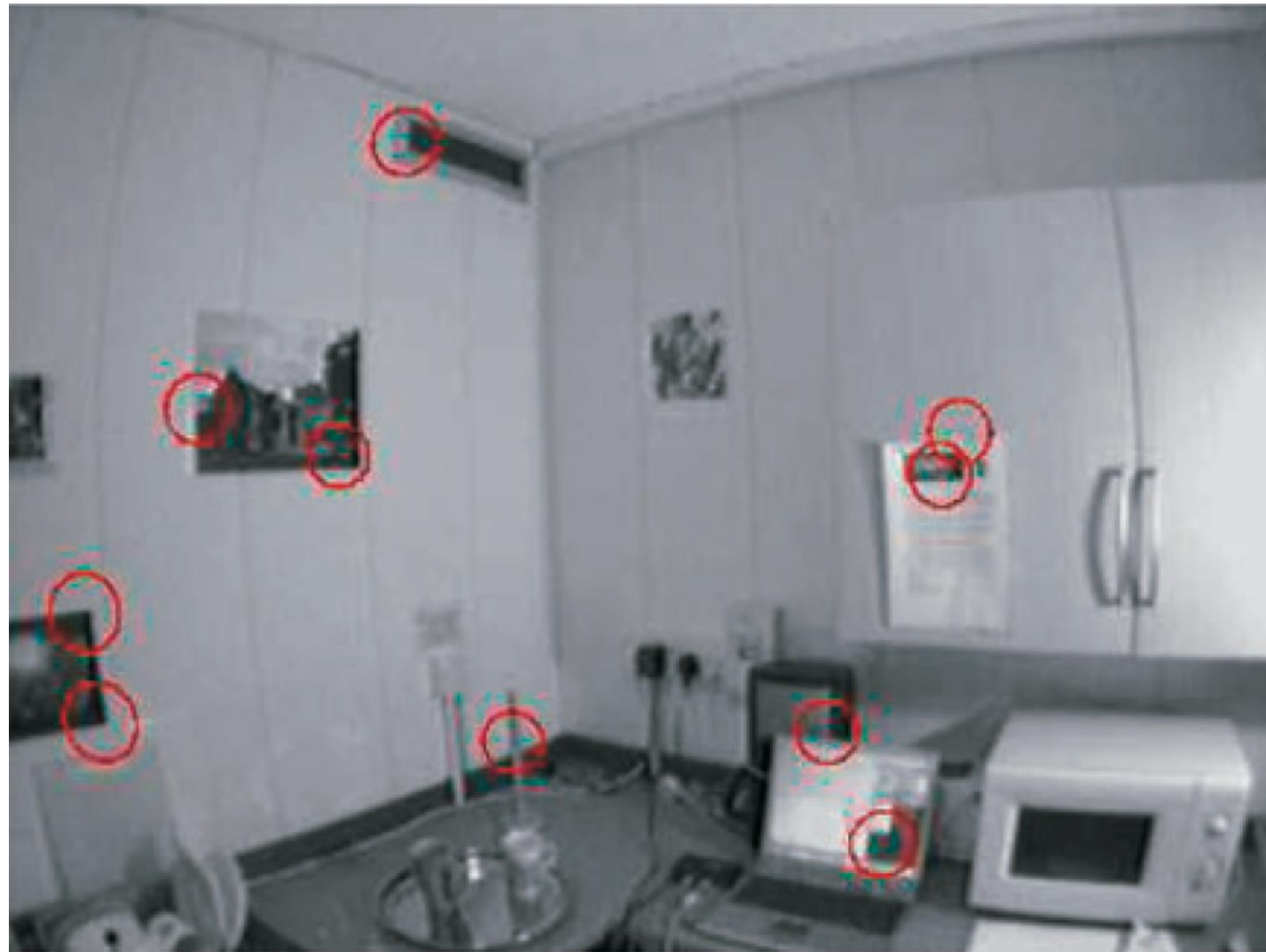
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**Step 2: Update:**

$$P(\mathbf{x}_t | \mathbf{z}_{1:t}) = P(\mathbf{z}_t | \mathbf{x}_t) P(\mathbf{x}_t | \mathbf{z}_{1:t-1})$$

Observations are...



detected visual features of landmark points.  
(e.g., Harris corners)

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*What does the prediction step look like?*

**Step 2: Update:**

$$P(\mathbf{x}_t | \mathbf{z}_{1:t}) = P(\mathbf{z}_t | \mathbf{x}_t) P(\mathbf{x}_t | \mathbf{z}_{1:t-1})$$

*What is the motion model?*  $P(\mathbf{x}_t | \mathbf{x}_{t-1})$

*What is the form of the belief?*  $P(\mathbf{x}_t | \mathbf{z}_{1:t-1})$

*What is the motion model?*  $P(\mathbf{x}_t | \mathbf{x}_{t-1})$

**Landmarks:**  
constant position  
(identity matrix)

**Camera:**  
constant velocity  
(not identity matrix and non-linear) *EKF!*

*What is the form of the belief?*  $P(\mathbf{x}_t | \mathbf{z}_{1:t-1})$

*What is the motion model?*  $P(\mathbf{x}_t | \mathbf{x}_{t-1})$

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**Gaussian!**  
(everything will be parametrized by a mean and variance)

## Constant Velocity Motion Model

$$\mathbf{r}_t = \mathbf{r}_{t-1} + \mathbf{v}_{t-1} \Delta t$$

position

$$\mathbf{q}_t = \mathbf{q}_{t-1} \times [\mathbf{q}(\omega) \Delta t]$$

rotation (quaternion)

$$\mathbf{v}_t = \mathbf{v}_{t-1}$$

velocity

$$\omega_t = \omega_{t-1}$$

angular velocity

Gaussian noise uncertainty (only on velocity)

$$\mathbf{v}_t = \mathbf{v}_{t-1} + \mathbf{V}$$

$$\omega_t = \omega_{t-1} + \boldsymbol{\Omega}$$

$$\mathbf{V} \sim \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{0}, \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_v & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \sigma_v & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \sigma_v \end{bmatrix})$$

$$\boldsymbol{\Omega} \sim \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{0}, \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_w & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \sigma_w & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \sigma_w \end{bmatrix})$$



Prediction (**mean** of camera state):

$$P(\mathbf{x}_t | \mathbf{z}_{1:t-1}) = \int_{\mathbf{x}_{t-1}} P(\mathbf{x}_t | \mathbf{x}_{t-1}) P(\mathbf{x}_{t-1} | \mathbf{z}_{1:t-1}) d\mathbf{x}_{t-1}$$

$$\mathbf{f}_t = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{r}_t \\ \mathbf{q}_t \\ \mathbf{v}_t \\ \omega_t \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{r}_{t-1} + \mathbf{v}_{t-1} \Delta t \\ \mathbf{q}_{t-1} + \mathbf{q}(\omega)_{t-1} \Delta t \\ \mathbf{v}_{t-1} \\ \omega_{t-1} \end{bmatrix}$$

## Prediction (**covariance** of camera state):

$$P(\mathbf{x}_t | \mathbf{z}_{1:t-1}) = \int_{\mathbf{x}_{t-1}} P(\mathbf{x}_t | \mathbf{x}_{t-1}) P(\mathbf{x}_{t-1} | \mathbf{z}_{1:t-1}) d\mathbf{x}_{t-1}$$

$$\bar{\Sigma}_{\mathbf{xx}} = \boxed{\frac{\partial \mathbf{f}_t}{\partial \mathbf{x}}} \Sigma_{\mathbf{xx}} \frac{\partial \mathbf{f}_t}{\partial \mathbf{x}}^T + \mathbf{Q}_t$$

new  
covariance

change  
around  
new state

old  
covariance

change  
around  
new state

system noise  
(process noise)

*Where does this motion model  
approximation come from?*

$$\underbrace{\frac{\partial \mathbf{f}_t}{\partial \mathbf{x}_{t-1}}}_{\text{change in camera state}} = \begin{bmatrix} \underbrace{\frac{\partial \mathbf{r}_t}{\partial \mathbf{r}_{t-1}}}_{\text{change in position}} & \frac{\partial \mathbf{q}_t}{\partial \mathbf{r}_{t-1}} & \frac{\partial \mathbf{v}_t}{\partial \mathbf{r}_{t-1}} & \frac{\partial \omega_t}{\partial \mathbf{r}_{t-1}} \\ \frac{\partial \mathbf{r}_t}{\partial \mathbf{q}_{t-1}} & \frac{\partial \mathbf{q}_t}{\partial \mathbf{q}_{t-1}} & \frac{\partial \mathbf{v}_t}{\partial \mathbf{q}_{t-1}} & \frac{\partial \omega_t}{\partial \mathbf{q}_{t-1}} \\ \frac{\partial \mathbf{r}_t}{\partial \mathbf{v}_{t-1}} & \frac{\partial \mathbf{q}_t}{\partial \mathbf{v}_{t-1}} & \frac{\partial \mathbf{v}_t}{\partial \mathbf{v}_{t-1}} & \frac{\partial \omega_t}{\partial \mathbf{v}_{t-1}} \\ \frac{\partial \mathbf{r}_t}{\partial \omega_{t-1}} & \frac{\partial \mathbf{q}_t}{\partial \omega_{t-1}} & \frac{\partial \mathbf{v}_t}{\partial \omega_{t-1}} & \frac{\partial \omega_t}{\partial \omega_{t-1}} \end{bmatrix}$$

*What are the dimensions?*

Skipping over many details...

$$\frac{\partial \mathbf{f}_t}{\partial \mathbf{x}_{t-1}} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{I} & \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{I}\Delta t & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0} & \frac{\partial \mathbf{q}_t}{\partial \mathbf{q}_{t-1}} & \mathbf{0} & \frac{\partial \omega_t}{\partial \mathbf{q}_{t-1}} \\ \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{I} & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{I} \end{bmatrix}$$

## Prediction (**covariance** of camera state):

$$P(\mathbf{x}_t | \mathbf{z}_{1:t-1}) = \int_{\mathbf{x}_{t-1}} P(\mathbf{x}_t | \mathbf{x}_{t-1}) P(\mathbf{x}_{t-1} | \mathbf{z}_{1:t-1}) d\mathbf{x}_{t-1}$$

$$\bar{\Sigma}_{\mathbf{x}\mathbf{x}} = \boxed{\frac{\partial \mathbf{f}_t}{\partial \mathbf{x}}} \Sigma_{\mathbf{x}\mathbf{x}} \frac{\partial \mathbf{f}_t}{\partial \mathbf{x}}^{\top} + \mathbf{Q}_t$$

new  
covariance

change  
around  
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old  
covariance

change  
around  
new state

system noise  
(process noise)

Bit of a pain to compute this term...

We just covered the **prediction** step for the camera state

$$P(\mathbf{x}_t | \mathbf{z}_{1:t-1}) = \int_{\mathbf{x}_{t-1}} P(\mathbf{x}_t | \mathbf{x}_{t-1}) P(\mathbf{x}_{t-1} | \mathbf{z}_{1:t-1}) d\mathbf{x}_{t-1}$$

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$$\bar{\Sigma}_{\mathbf{xx}} = \frac{\partial \mathbf{f}_t}{\partial \mathbf{x}} \Sigma_{\mathbf{xx}} \frac{\partial \mathbf{f}_t}{\partial \mathbf{x}}^\top + \mathbf{Q}_t$$

Now we need to do the **update** step!

# General Filtering Equations

$$P(\mathbf{x}_t | \mathbf{z}_{1:t}) \propto P(\mathbf{z}_t | \mathbf{x}_t) \int_{\mathbf{x}_{t-1}} P(\mathbf{x}_t | \mathbf{x}_{t-1}) P(\mathbf{x}_{t-1} | \mathbf{z}_{1:t-1}) d\mathbf{x}_{t-1}$$

**Prediction:**

$$P(\mathbf{x}_t | \mathbf{z}_{1:t-1}) = \int_{\mathbf{x}_{t-1}} P(\mathbf{x}_t | \mathbf{x}_{t-1}) P(\mathbf{x}_{t-1} | \mathbf{z}_{1:t-1}) d\mathbf{x}_{t-1}$$

**Update:**

$$P(\mathbf{x}_t | \mathbf{z}_{1:t}) = P(\mathbf{z}_t | \mathbf{x}_t) P(\mathbf{x}_t | \mathbf{z}_{1:t-1})$$

Belief state

State observation

Predicted State

$$P(\mathbf{x}_t | \mathbf{z}_{1:t}) = P(\mathbf{z}_t | \mathbf{x}_t) P(\mathbf{x}_t | \mathbf{z}_{1:t-1})$$



*What are the observations?*



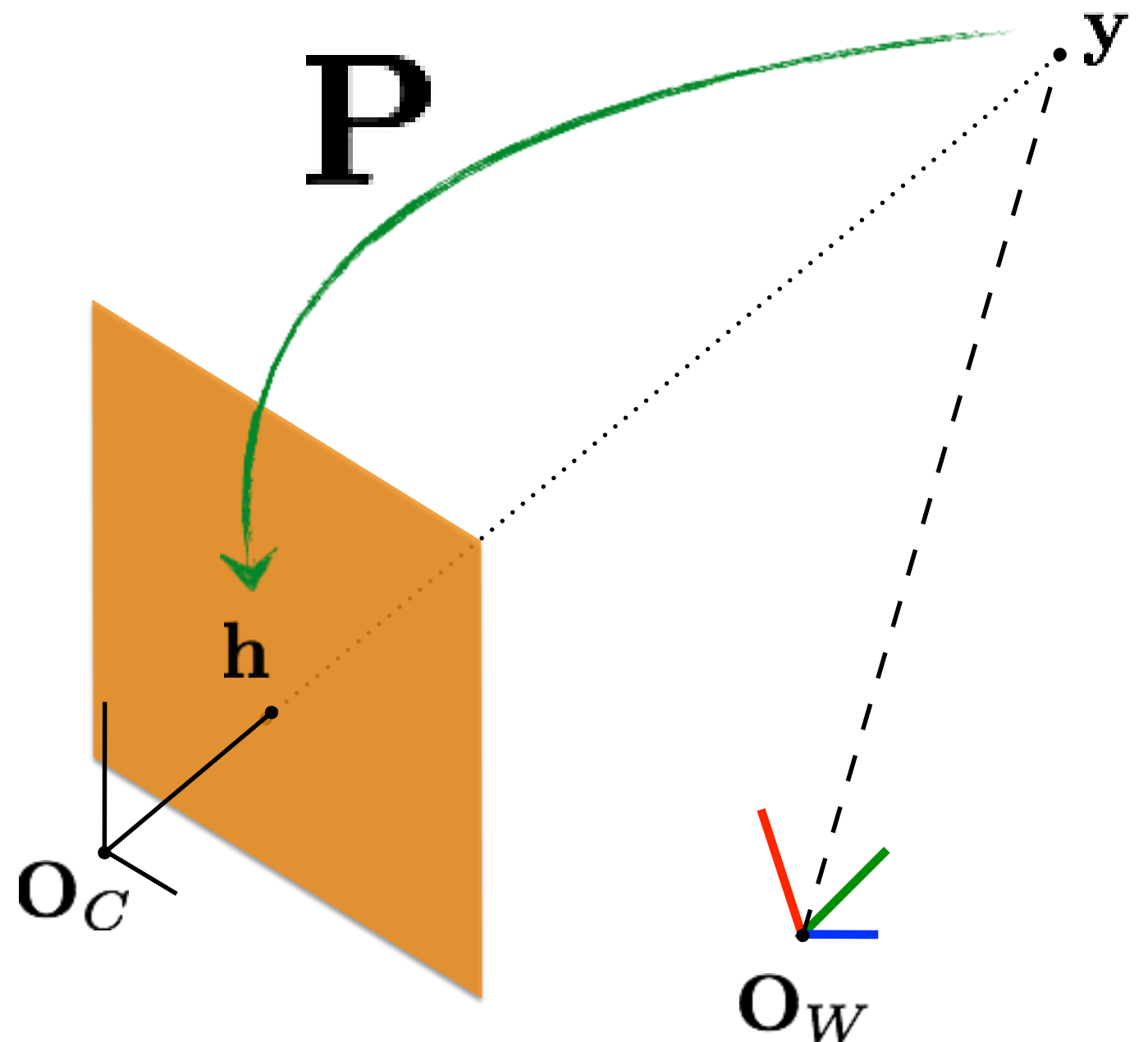
2D projections of 3D landmarks



Recall, the state includes  
the 3D location of  
landmarks

*What is the projection  
from 3D point to 2D  
image point?*

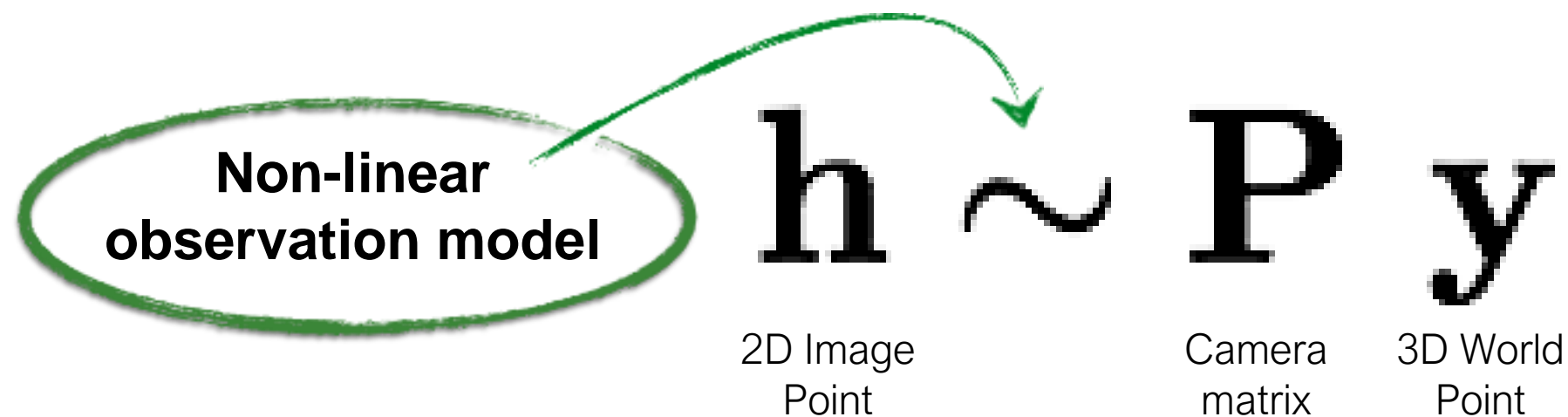
$$\mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{x}_c \\ \mathbf{y}_1 \\ \mathbf{y}_2 \\ \vdots \\ \mathbf{y}_N \end{bmatrix}$$



# Observation Model

$$P(z_t | x_t)$$

*If you know the 3D location of a landmark, what is the 2D projection?*



$$\mathbf{P} = \mathbf{K} [\mathbf{R} | \mathbf{T}]$$

*What do we know about  $\mathbf{P}$ ?*

*How do we make the observation model linear?*

$$H = \frac{\partial h}{\partial x}$$

(2n x 13)

n: number of visible points

I will spare you the pain of deriving the partial derivative...

$$P(\mathbf{x}_t | \mathbf{z}_{1:t}) = P(\mathbf{z}_t | \mathbf{x}_t) P(\mathbf{x}_t | \mathbf{z}_{1:t-1})$$

Update step (mean):

$$\underset{\text{Updated state}}{\mathbf{x}_t} = \underset{\text{Predicted state}}{\mathbf{x}_t} + \overset{\text{Kalman gain}}{\mathbf{K}_t} \left( \underset{\text{Matched 2D features}}{\mathbf{z}_t} - \underset{\text{2D projection of 3D point}}{\mathbf{h}(\mathbf{y}; \mathbf{x}_t)} \right)$$

Update step (covariance):

$$\underset{\text{Covariance (updated)}}{\Sigma_t} = \left( \overset{\text{Identity}}{\mathbf{I}} - \overset{\text{Kalman gain}}{\mathbf{K}_t} \underset{\text{Jacobian}}{\mathbf{H}_t} \right) \underset{\text{Covariance (predicted)}}{\Sigma_t}$$

# Kintinuous: Spatially Extended Kinect Fusion

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