

# COMP417

## Introduction to Robotics and Intelligent Systems

### Lecture 13: GraphSLAM

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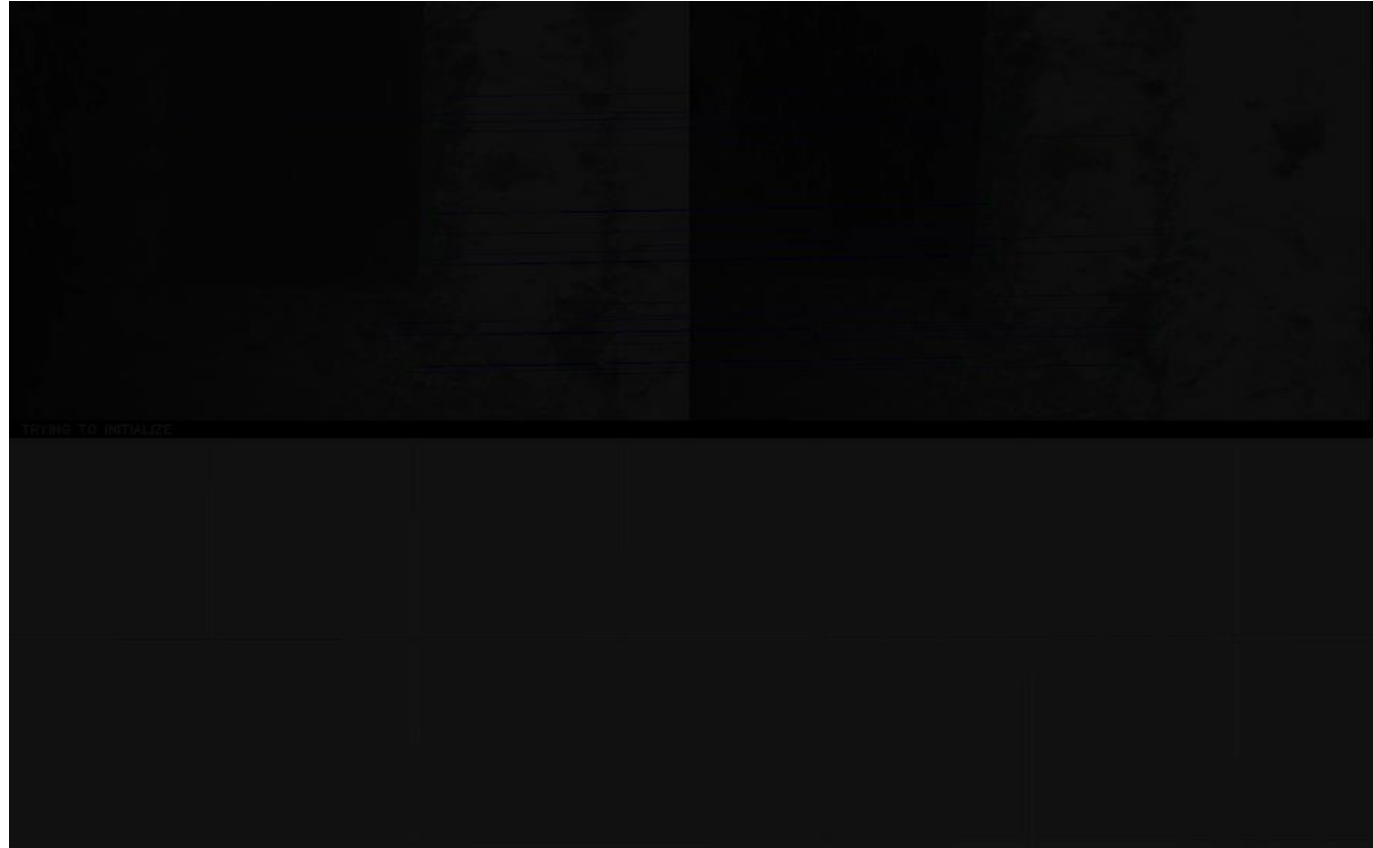
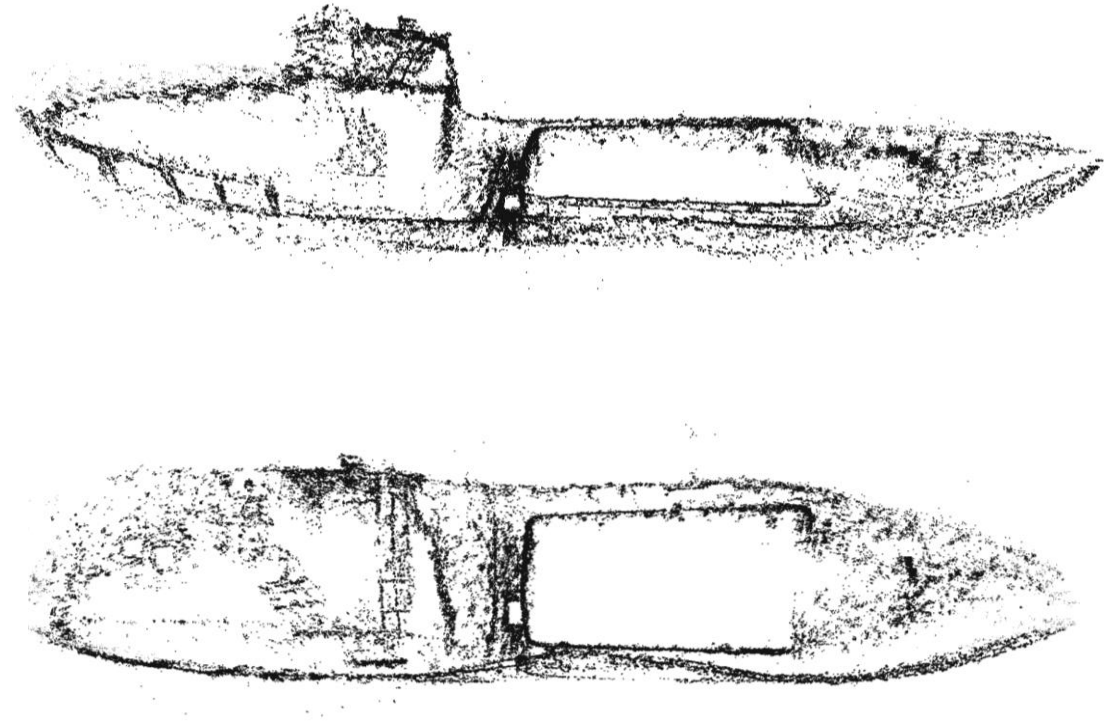
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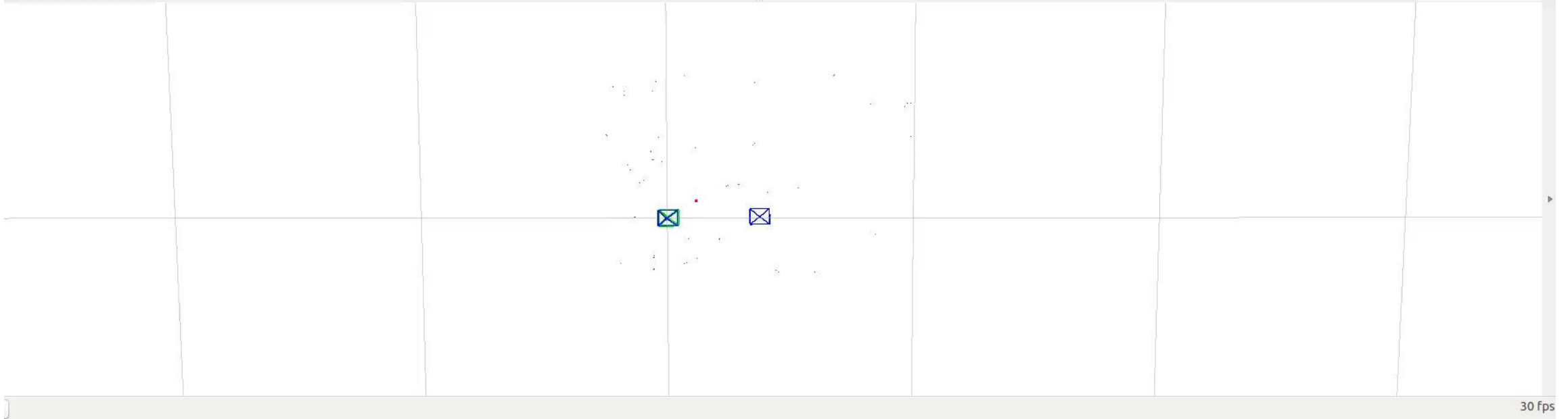
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- Today we are going to look at the batch version, i.e. collect all measurements and controls, and later form an estimate of the states and the map.
- We are going to solve SLAM using least squares

# Examples of SLAM systems



MORESLAM system, McGill, 2016



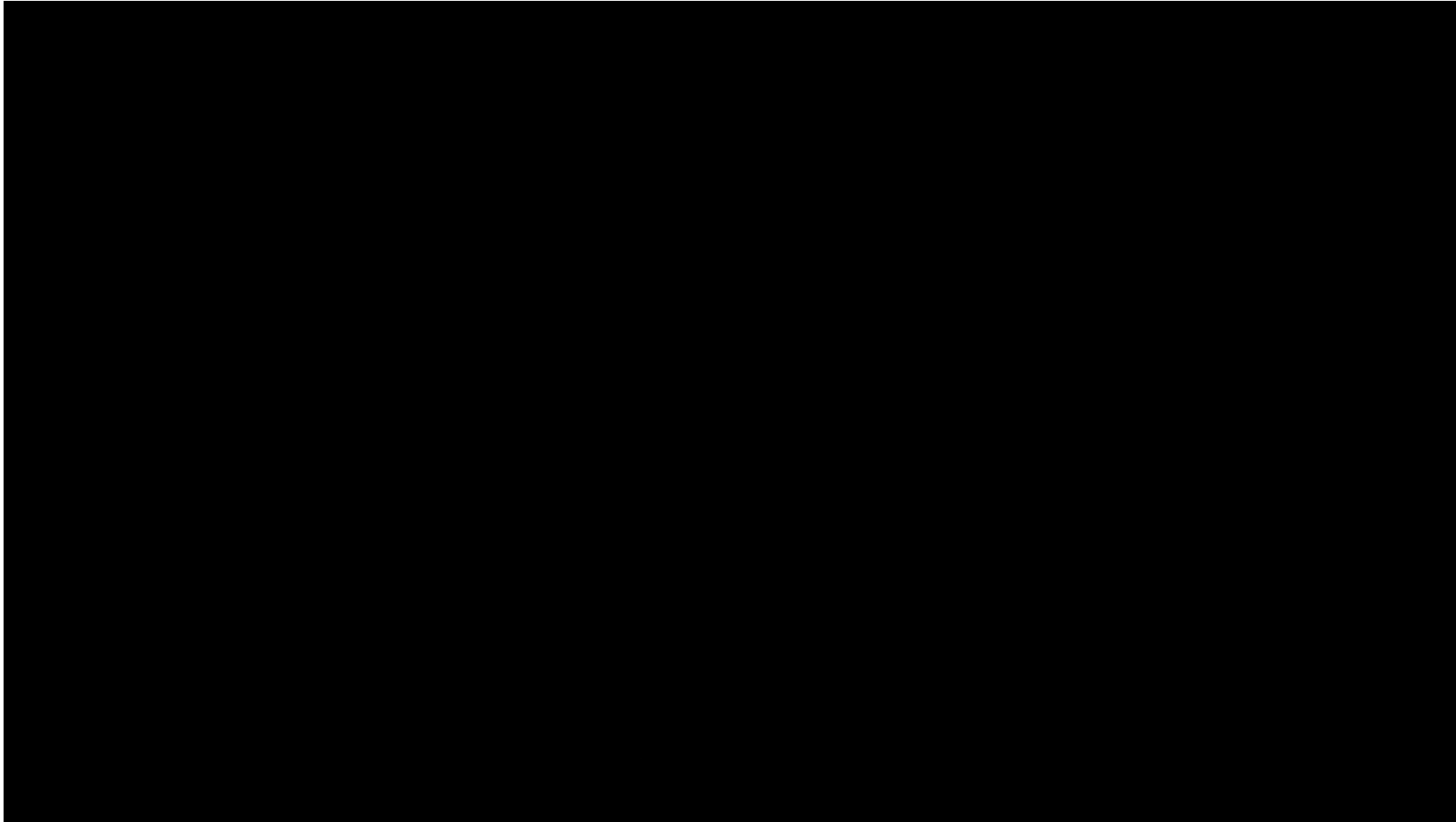
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## Laser-based SLAM with a Ground Robot

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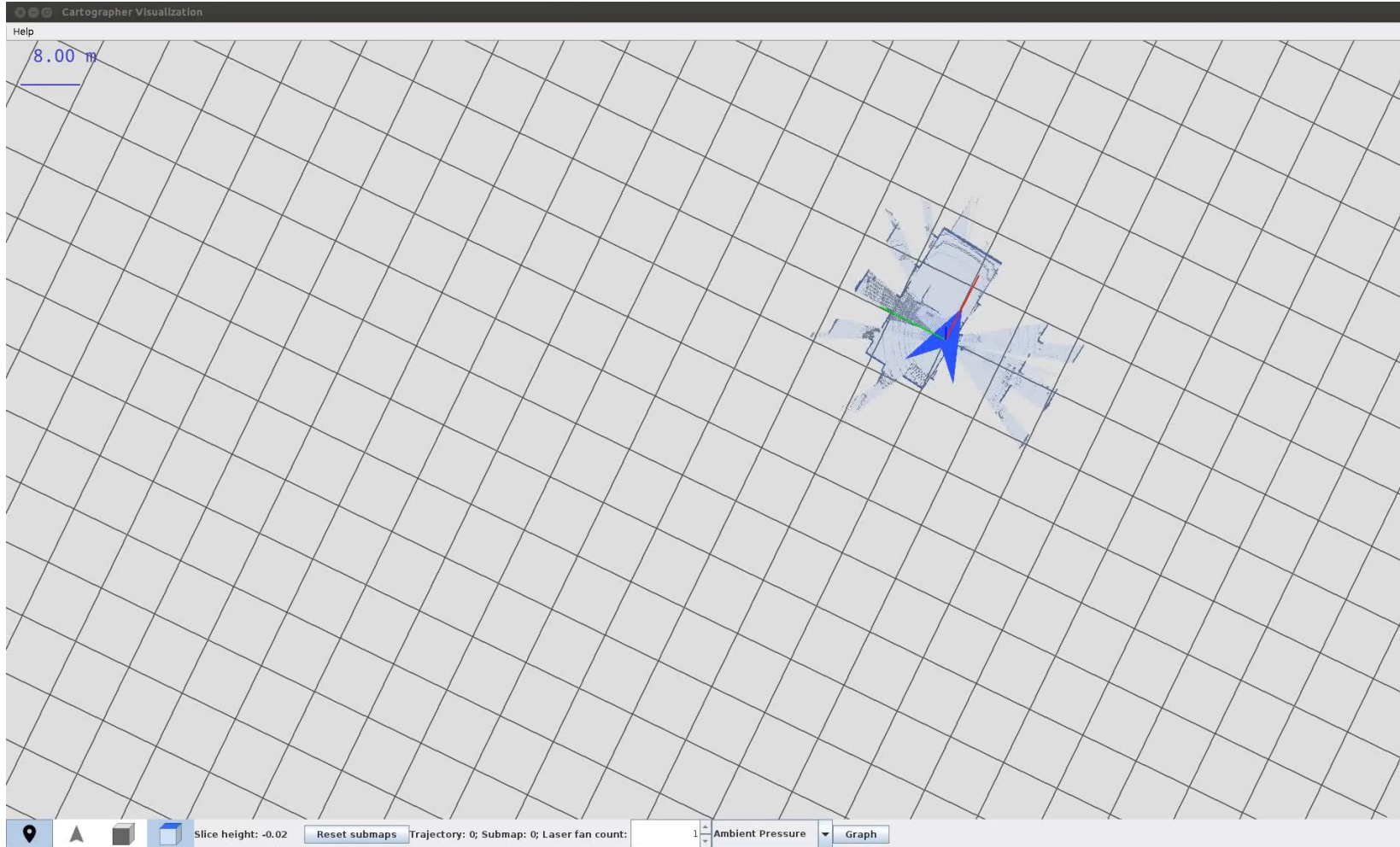
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Source Code: <https://github.com/erik-nelson/blam>

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Cartographer:  
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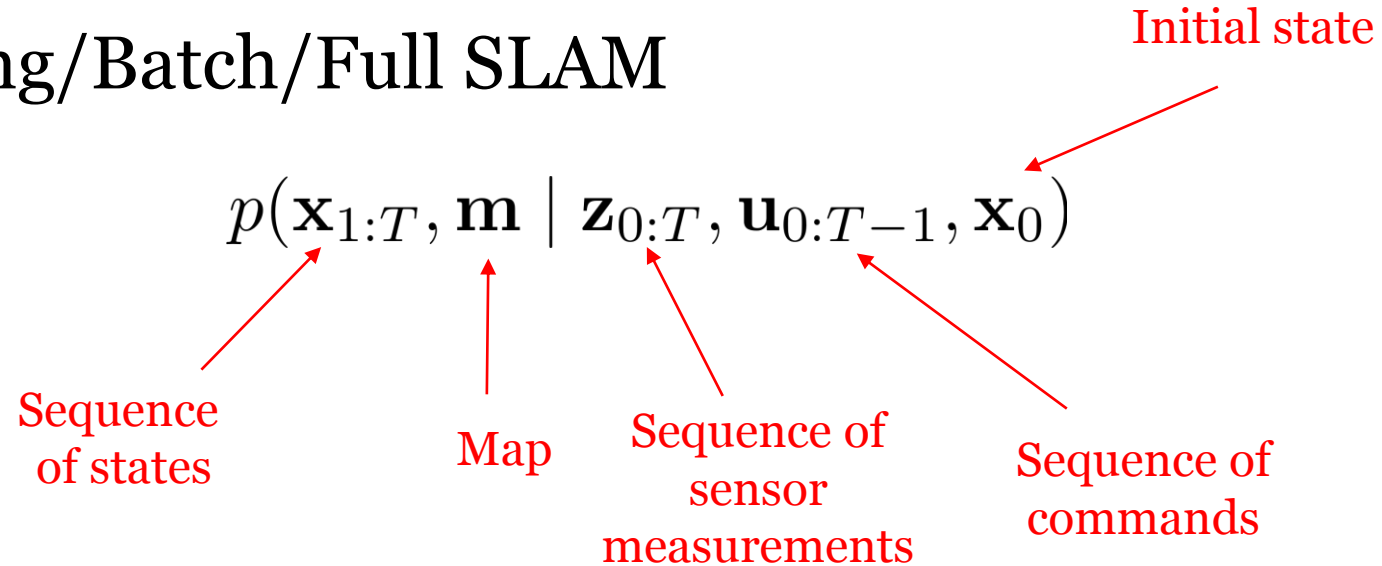


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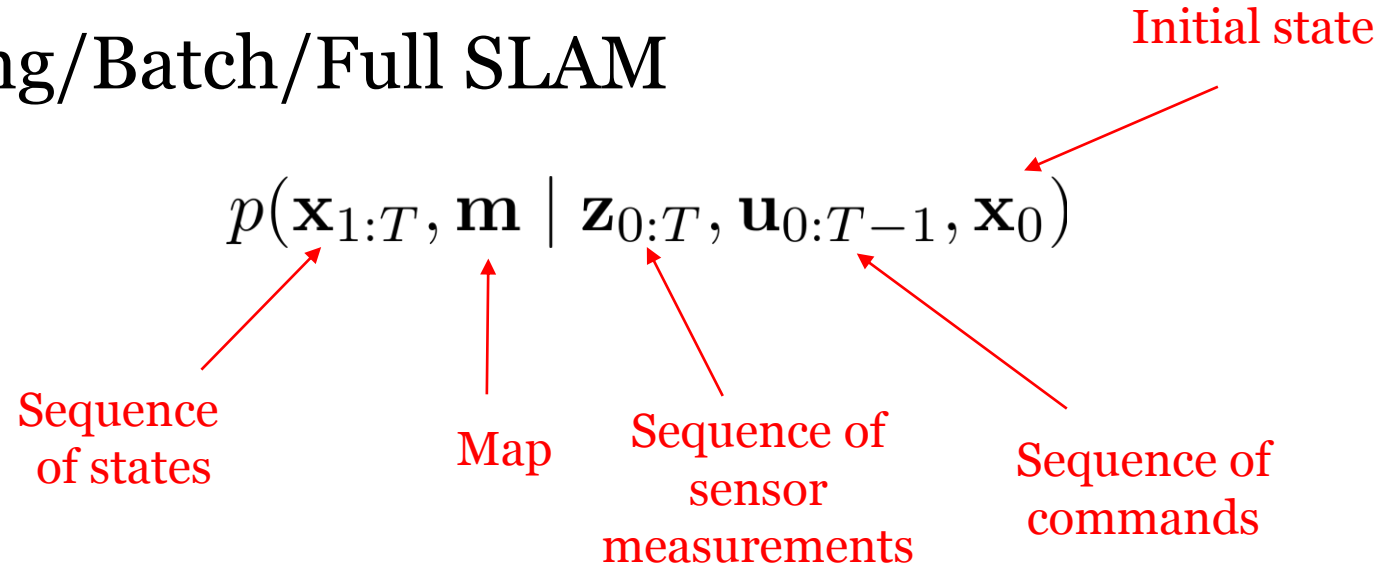
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Initial state

Sequence of states

Map

Sequence of sensor measurements

Sequence of commands

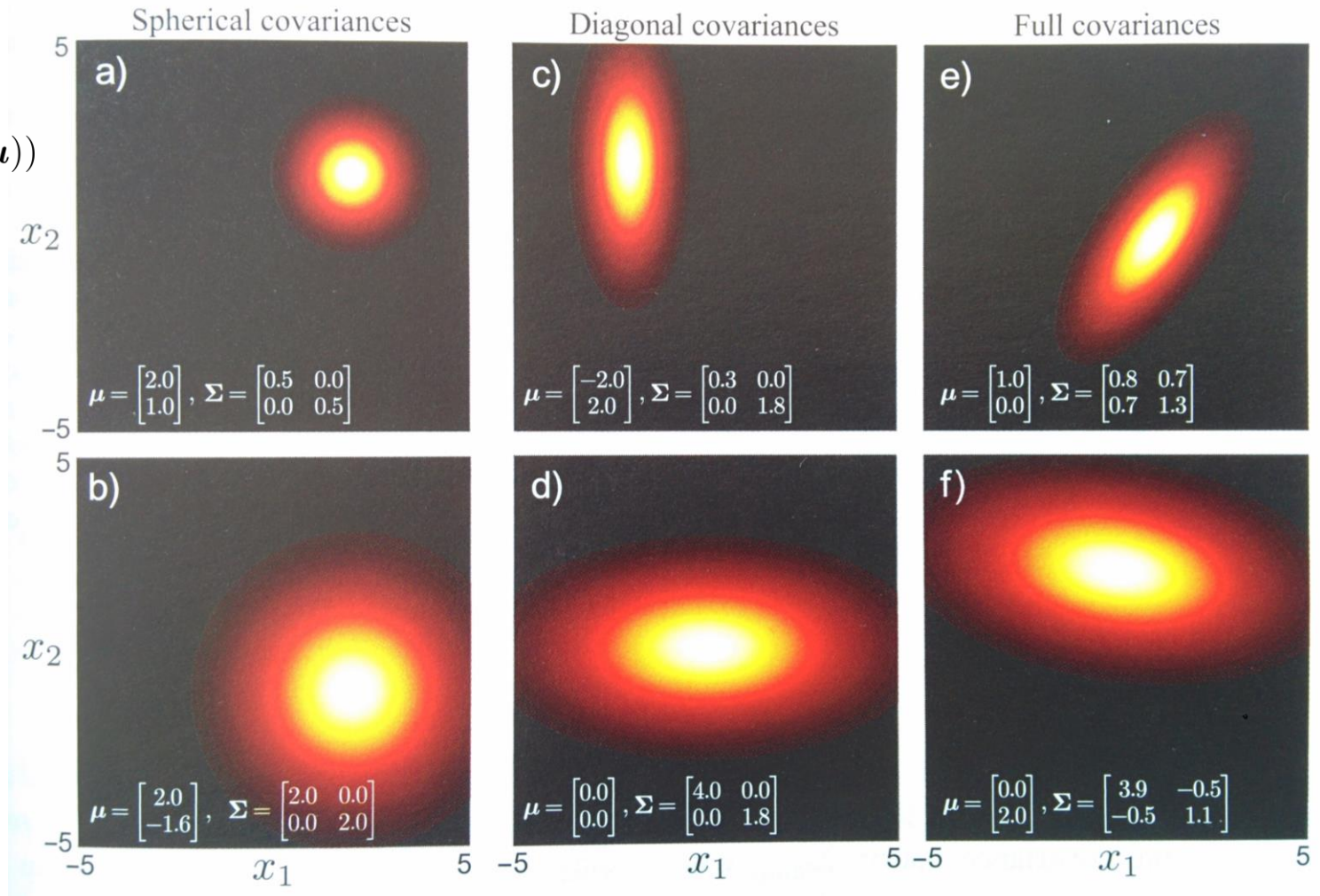
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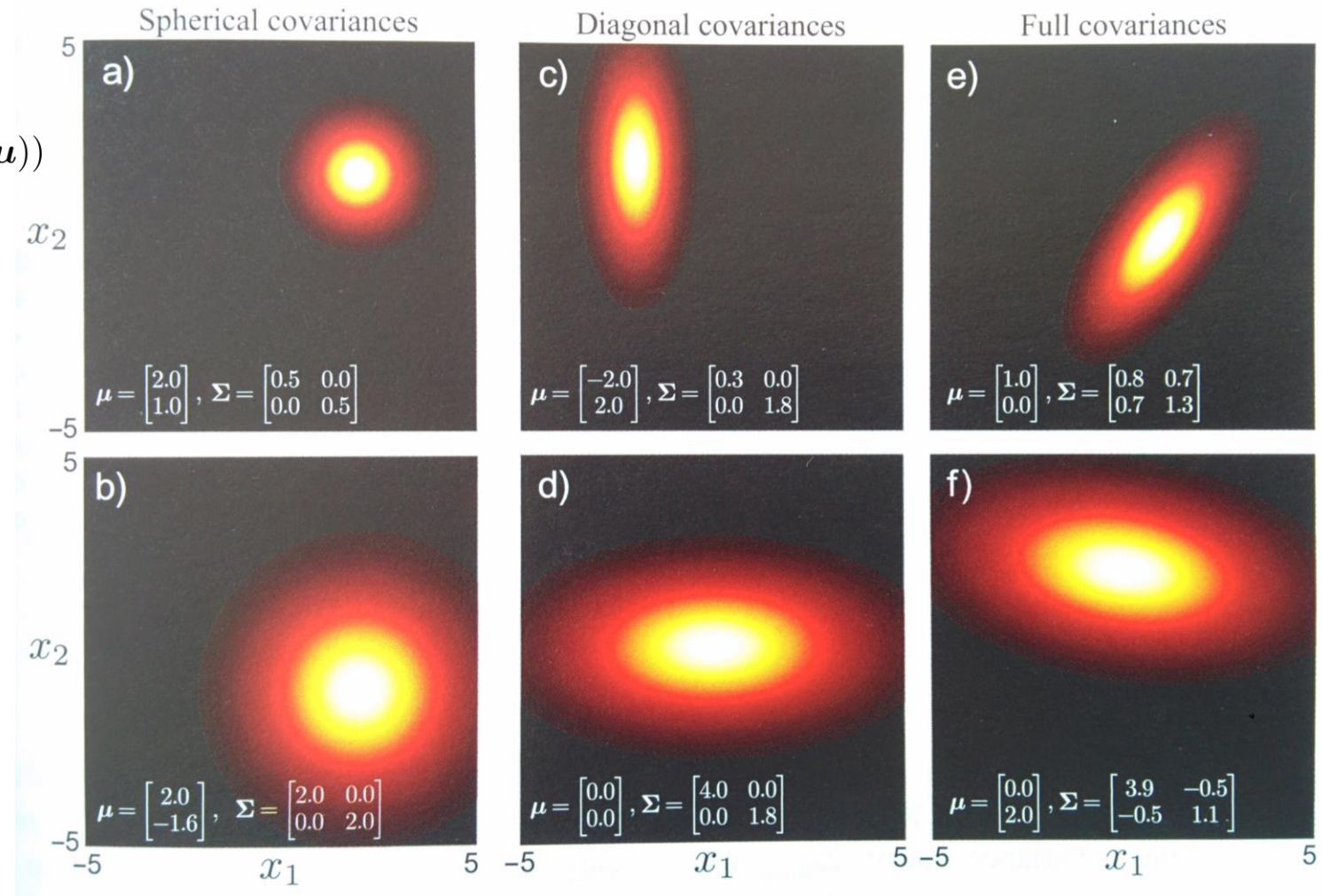


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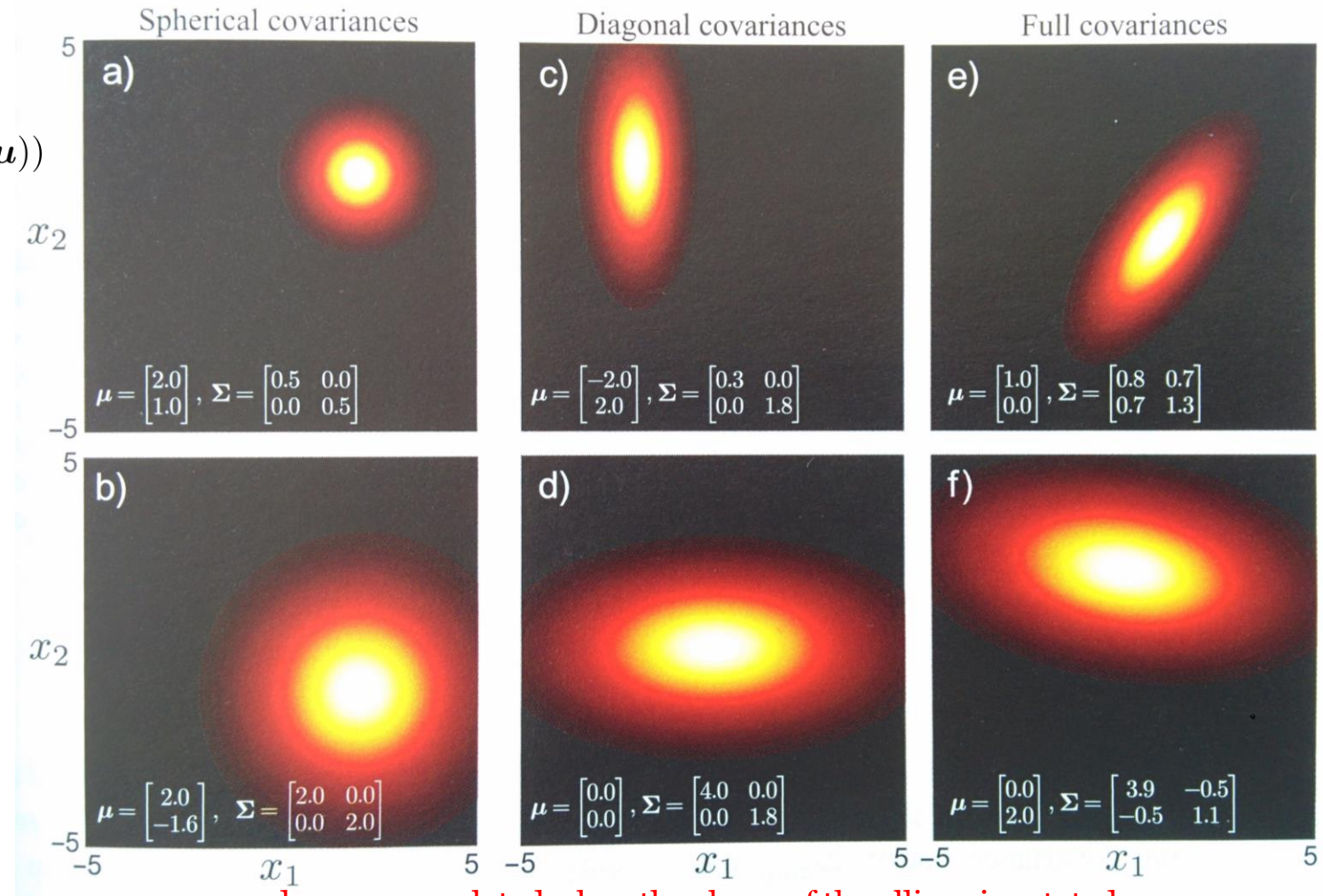


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$x_1$  and  $x_2$  are correlated when the shape of the ellipse is rotated, i.e. when there are nonzero off-diagonal terms in the covariance matrix. In this example, (e) and (f)

# Confidence regions

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- To quantify confidence and uncertainty define a confidence region  $R$  about a point  $x$  (e.g. the mode) such that at a confidence level  $c \leq 1$

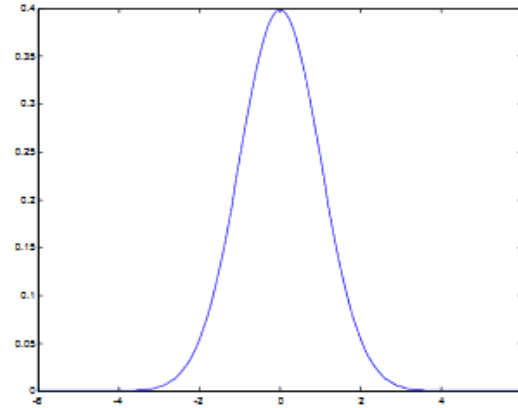
$$p(x \in R) = c$$

- we can then say (for example) there is a 99% probability that the true value is in  $R$
- e.g. for a univariate normal distribution  $N(\mu, \sigma^2)$

$$p(|x - \mu| < \sigma) \approx 0.67$$

$$p(|x - \mu| < 2\sigma) \approx 0.95$$

$$p(|x - \mu| < 3\sigma) \approx 0.997$$



# Expectation

- Expected value of a random variable X:

$$E_{p(X)}[X] = \int x p(X = x) dx$$

- E is linear:  $E_{p(X)}[X + c] = E_{p(X)}[X] + c$

$$E_{p(X)}[AX + b] = AE_{p(X)}[X] + b$$

- If X,Y are independent then [Note: inverse does not hold]

$$E_{p(X,Y)}[XY] = E_{p(X)}[X]E_{p(Y)}[Y]$$



# Covariance Matrix

- Measures linear dependence between random variables  $X, Y$ . Does **not** measure independence.

$$\text{Cov}[X, Y] = E[XY] - E[X]E[Y]$$

- Variance of  $X$

$$\text{Var}[X] = \text{Cov}[X] = \text{Cov}[X, X] = E[X^2] - E[X]^2$$

$$\text{Cov}[AX + b] = A\text{Cov}[X]A^T$$

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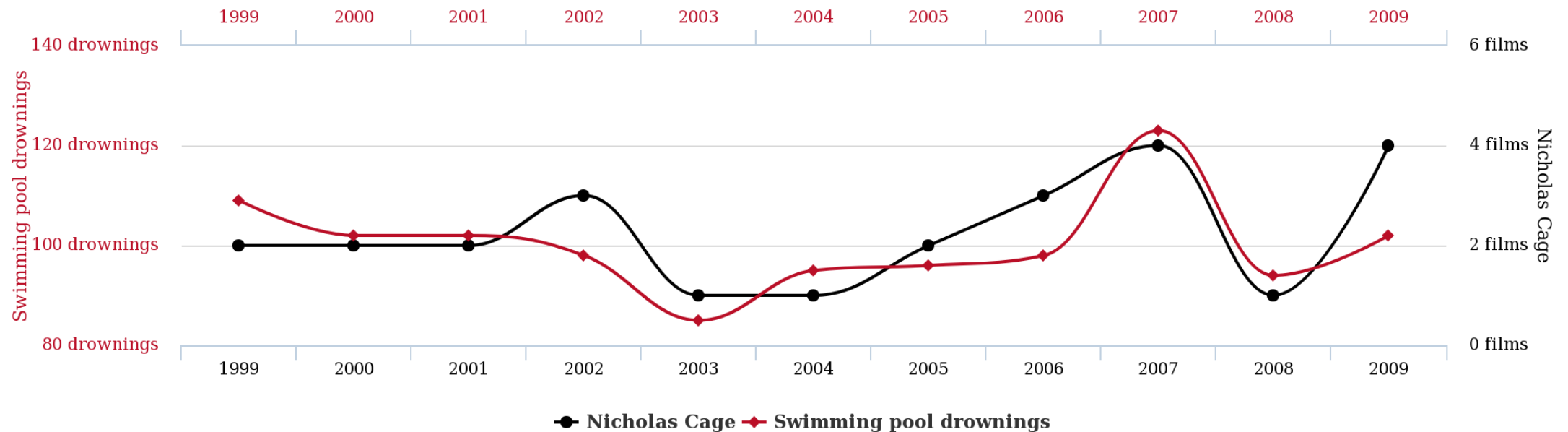
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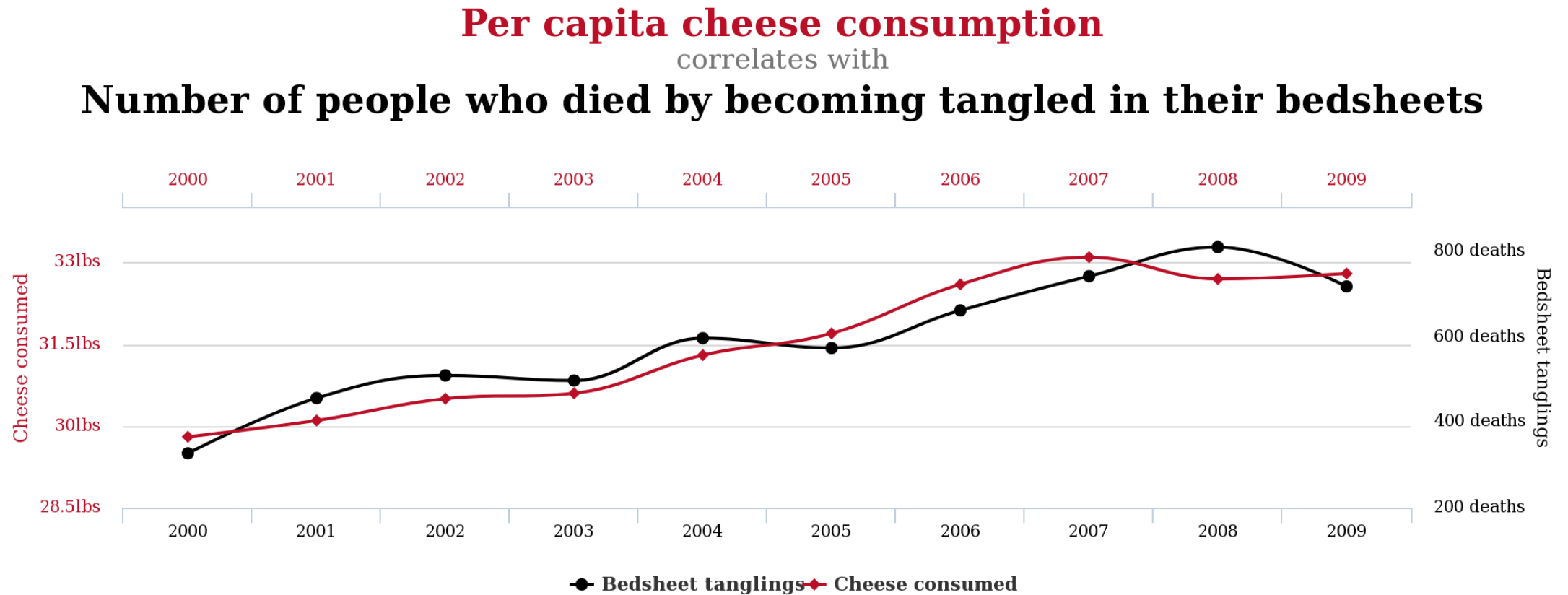
- Entry (i,j) of the covariance matrix measures whether changes in variable  $X_i$  co-occur with changes in variable  $Y_j$
- It does not measure whether one causes the other.

# Correlation does not imply causation

**Number of people who drowned by falling into a pool**  
correlates with  
**Films Nicolas Cage appeared in**



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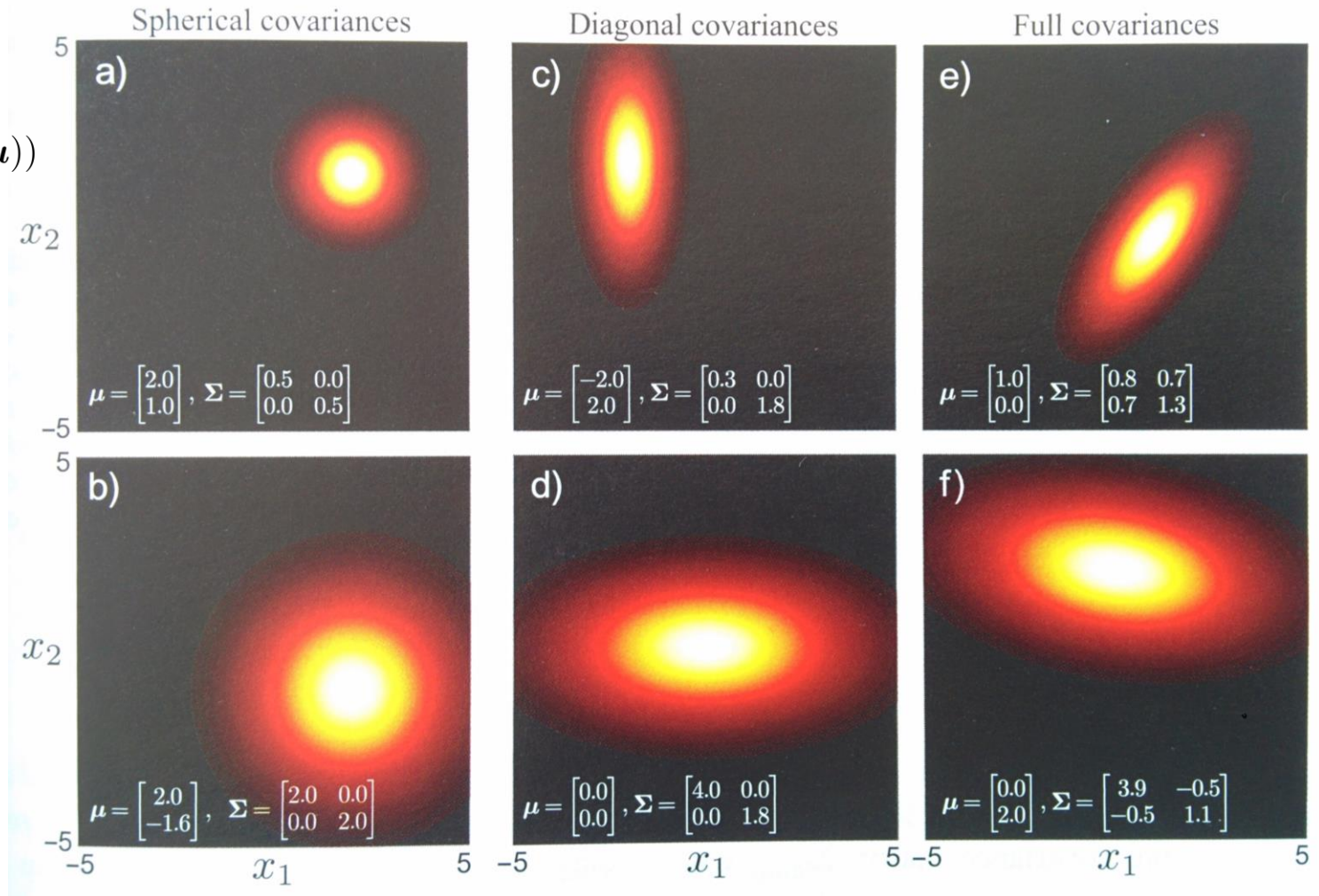
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For multivariate Gaussians:

$$E[\mathbf{x}] = \boldsymbol{\mu}$$

$$\text{Cov}[\mathbf{x}] = \Sigma$$



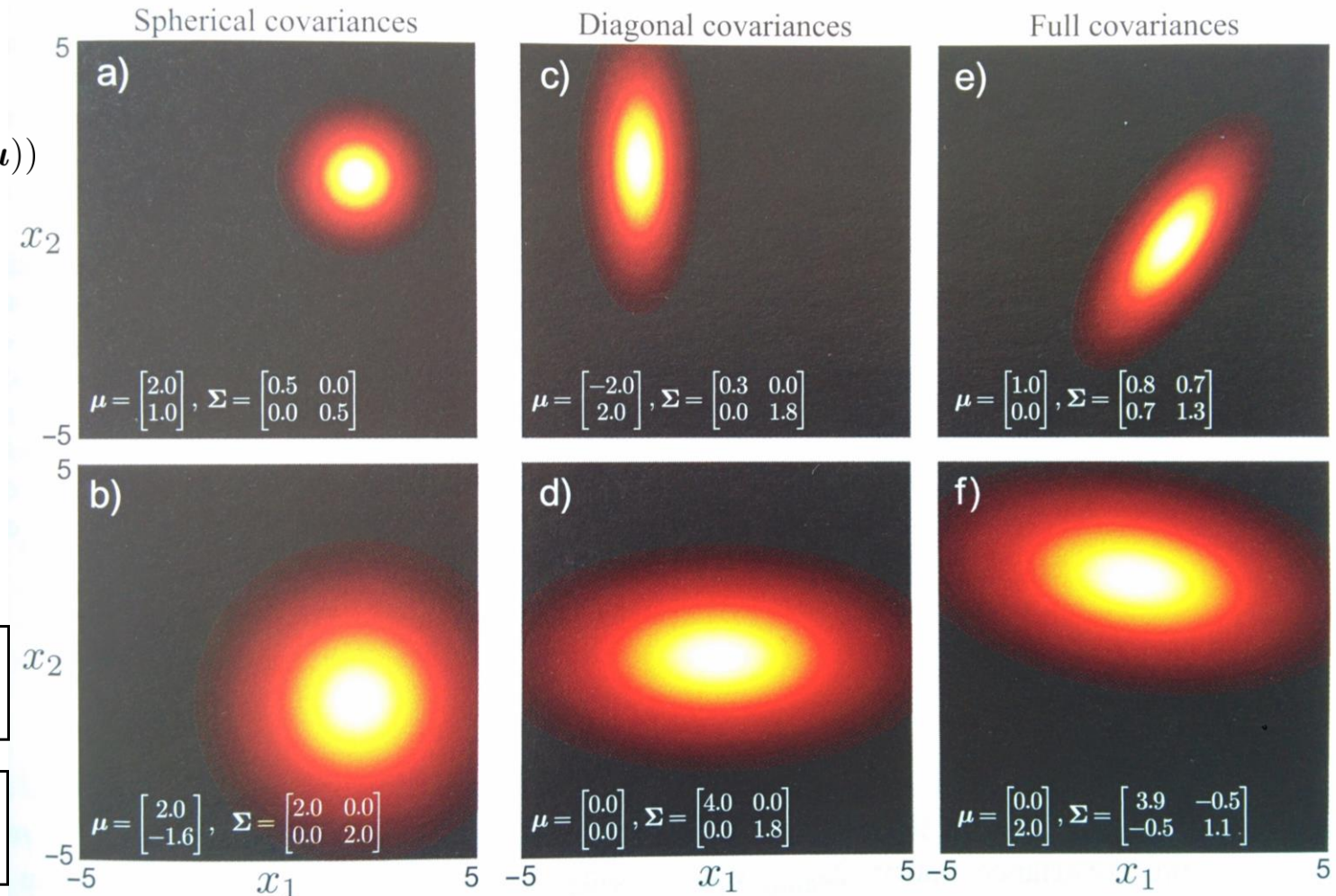
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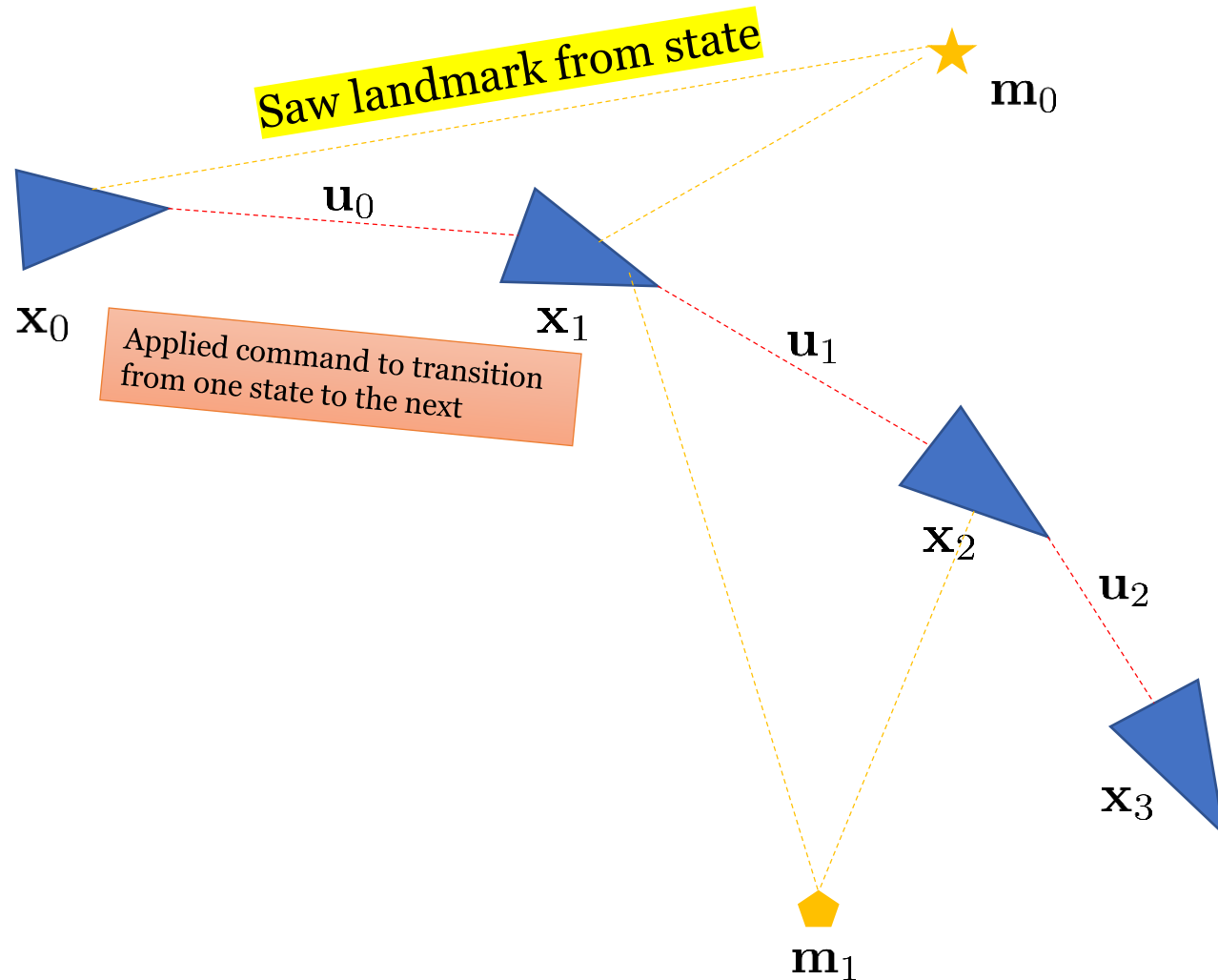
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Since we have 2D examples here:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Cov}[\mathbf{x}] = \Sigma &= \begin{bmatrix} \text{Cov}[x_1, x_1] & \text{Cov}[x_1, x_2] \\ \text{Cov}[x_2, x_1] & \text{Cov}[x_2, x_2] \end{bmatrix} \begin{matrix} x_2 \\ x_1 \end{matrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} \text{Var}[x_1] & \text{Cov}[x_1, x_2] \\ \text{Cov}[x_2, x_1] & \text{Var}[x_2] \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$



# SLAM: graph representation



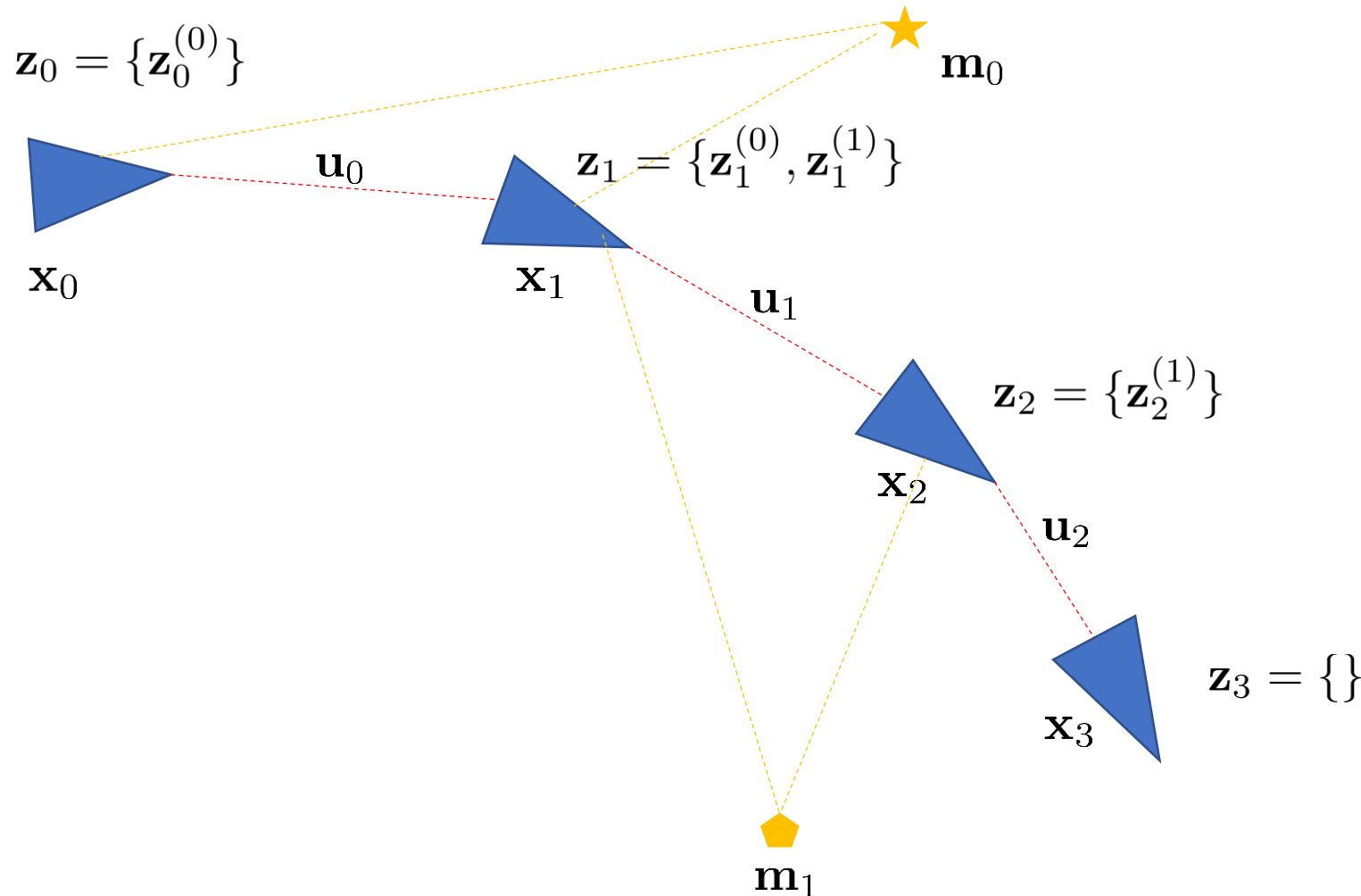
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i.e. we are avoiding the data association problem here.



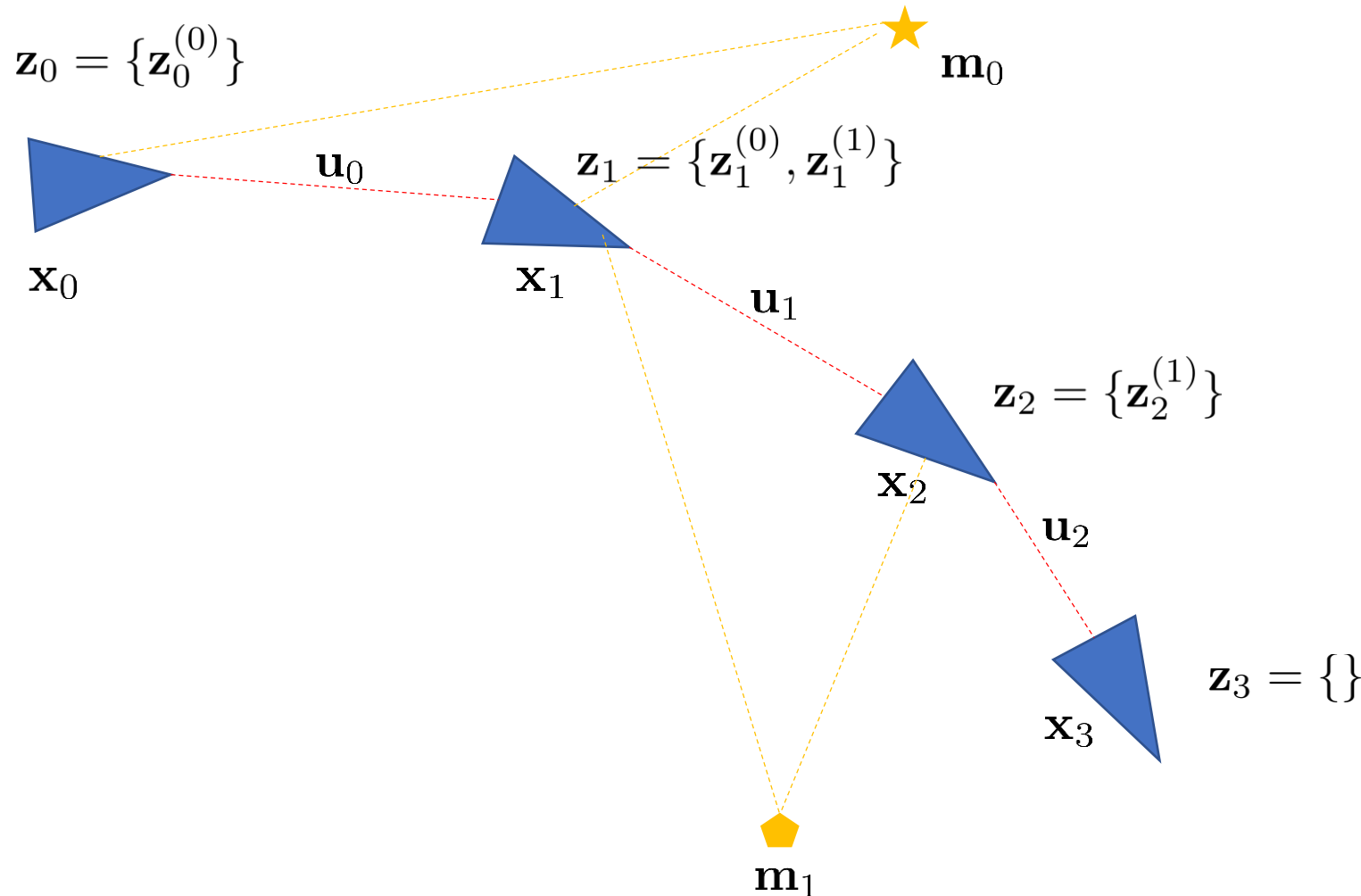
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Notice that the graph is mostly sparse as long as not many states observe the same landmark.

That implies that there are many symbolic dependencies between random variables in  $p(\mathbf{x}_{1:T}, \mathbf{m} \mid \mathbf{z}_{0:T}, \mathbf{u}_{0:T-1}, \mathbf{x}_0)$  that are not necessary and can be dropped.

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See least  
squares lecture

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by definition  
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See Appendix 1 for the  
derivation of this step

Observation of landmark k at  
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↑ Probabilistic dynamics model

Probabilistic sensor measurement model  
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Main GraphSLAM  
assumptions:

1. Uncertainty in  
the dynamics  
model is Gaussian

$$\mathbf{x}_t = \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}_{t-1}, \mathbf{u}_{t-1}) + \mathbf{w}_t$$

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

so

$$\mathbf{x}_t \mid \mathbf{x}_{t-1}, \mathbf{u}_{t-1} \sim \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}_{t-1}, \mathbf{u}_{t-1}), \mathbf{R}_t)$$

2. Uncertainty in  
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$$\mathbf{z}_t^{(k)} = \mathbf{h}(\mathbf{x}_t, \mathbf{m}_k) + \mathbf{v}_t$$

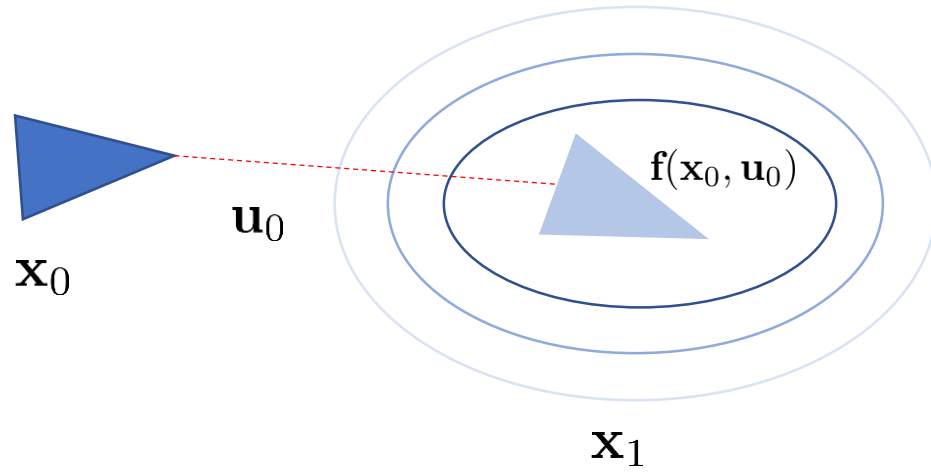
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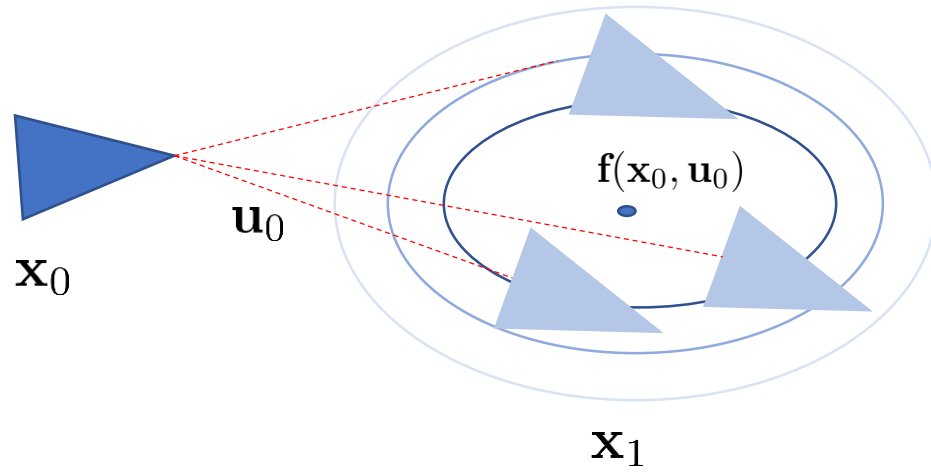
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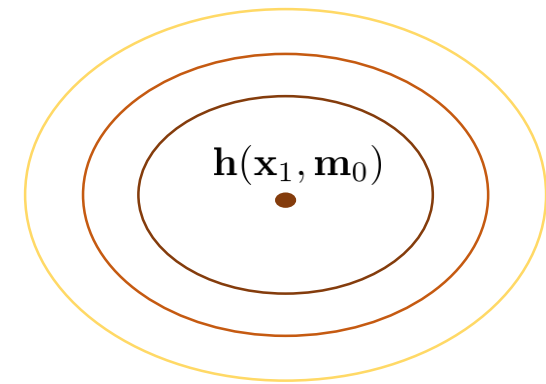
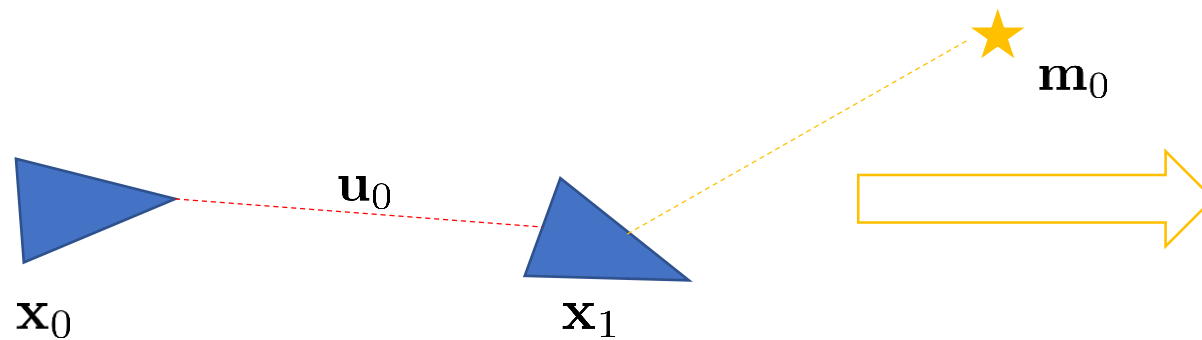
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Expected to get measurement  $\mathbf{h}(\mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{m}_0)$  at state  $\mathbf{x}_1$  but it might be somewhere within the ellipse defined by the covariance matrix  $\mathbf{Q}_1$

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Notation:

$$\mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{Q}^{-1} \mathbf{x} = \|\mathbf{x}\|_{\mathbf{Q}}^2$$

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# GraphSLAM: SLAM as a least squares problem

Instead of computing the posterior  $p(\mathbf{x}_{1:T}, \mathbf{m} \mid \mathbf{z}_{0:T}, \mathbf{u}_{0:T-1}, \mathbf{x}_0)$  we are going to compute its max

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{x}_{1:T}^*, \mathbf{m}^* &= \operatorname{argmax}_{\mathbf{x}_{1:T}, \mathbf{m}} \left[ \sum_{t=1}^T \log p(\mathbf{x}_t \mid \mathbf{x}_{t-1}, \mathbf{u}_{t-1}) + \sum_{t=0}^T \sum_{\mathbf{z}_t^{(k)} \in \mathbf{z}_t} \log p(\mathbf{z}_t^{(k)} \mid \mathbf{x}_t, \mathbf{m}_k) \right] \\ &= \operatorname{argmax}_{\mathbf{x}_{1:T}, \mathbf{m}} \left[ - \sum_{t=1}^T \|\mathbf{x}_t - \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}_{t-1}, \mathbf{u}_{t-1})\|_{\mathbf{R}_t}^2 - \sum_{t=0}^T \sum_{\mathbf{z}_t^{(k)} \in \mathbf{z}_t} \|\mathbf{z}_t^{(k)} - \mathbf{h}(\mathbf{x}_t, \mathbf{m}_k)\|_{\mathbf{Q}_t}^2 \right] \\ &= \operatorname{argmin}_{\mathbf{x}_{1:T}, \mathbf{m}} \left[ \sum_{t=1}^T \|\mathbf{x}_t - \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}_{t-1}, \mathbf{u}_{t-1})\|_{\mathbf{R}_t}^2 + \sum_{t=0}^T \sum_{\mathbf{z}_t^{(k)} \in \mathbf{z}_t} \|\mathbf{z}_t^{(k)} - \mathbf{h}(\mathbf{x}_t, \mathbf{m}_k)\|_{\mathbf{Q}_t}^2 \right]\end{aligned}$$

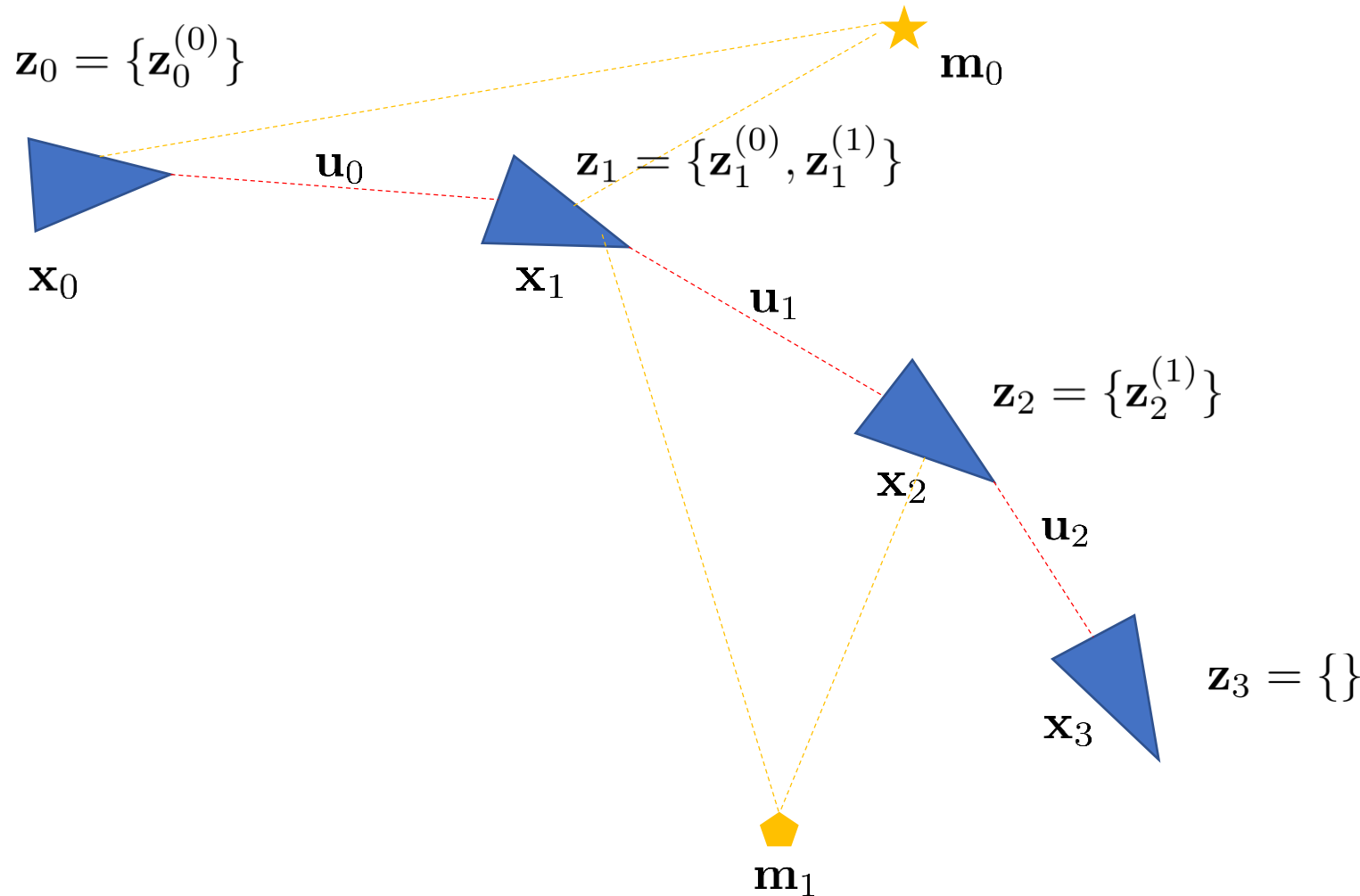
Notation:

$$\mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{Q}^{-1} \mathbf{x} = \|\mathbf{x}\|_{\mathbf{Q}}^2$$

$$\mathbf{x}_t \mid \mathbf{x}_{t-1}, \mathbf{u}_{t-1} \sim \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}_{t-1}, \mathbf{u}_{t-1}), \mathbf{R}_t)$$

$$\mathbf{z}_t^{(k)} \mid \mathbf{x}_t, \mathbf{m}_k \sim \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{h}(\mathbf{x}_t, \mathbf{m}_k), \mathbf{Q}_t)$$

# GraphSLAM: example



Need to minimize the sum of the following quadratic terms:

$$\|\mathbf{x}_1 - \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}_0, \mathbf{u}_0)\|_{\mathbf{R}_1}^2$$

$$\|\mathbf{x}_2 - \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{u}_1)\|_{\mathbf{R}_2}^2$$

$$\|\mathbf{x}_3 - \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}_2, \mathbf{u}_2)\|_{\mathbf{R}_3}^2$$

$$\|\mathbf{z}_0^{(0)} - \mathbf{h}(\mathbf{x}_0, \mathbf{m}_0)\|_{\mathbf{Q}_0}^2$$

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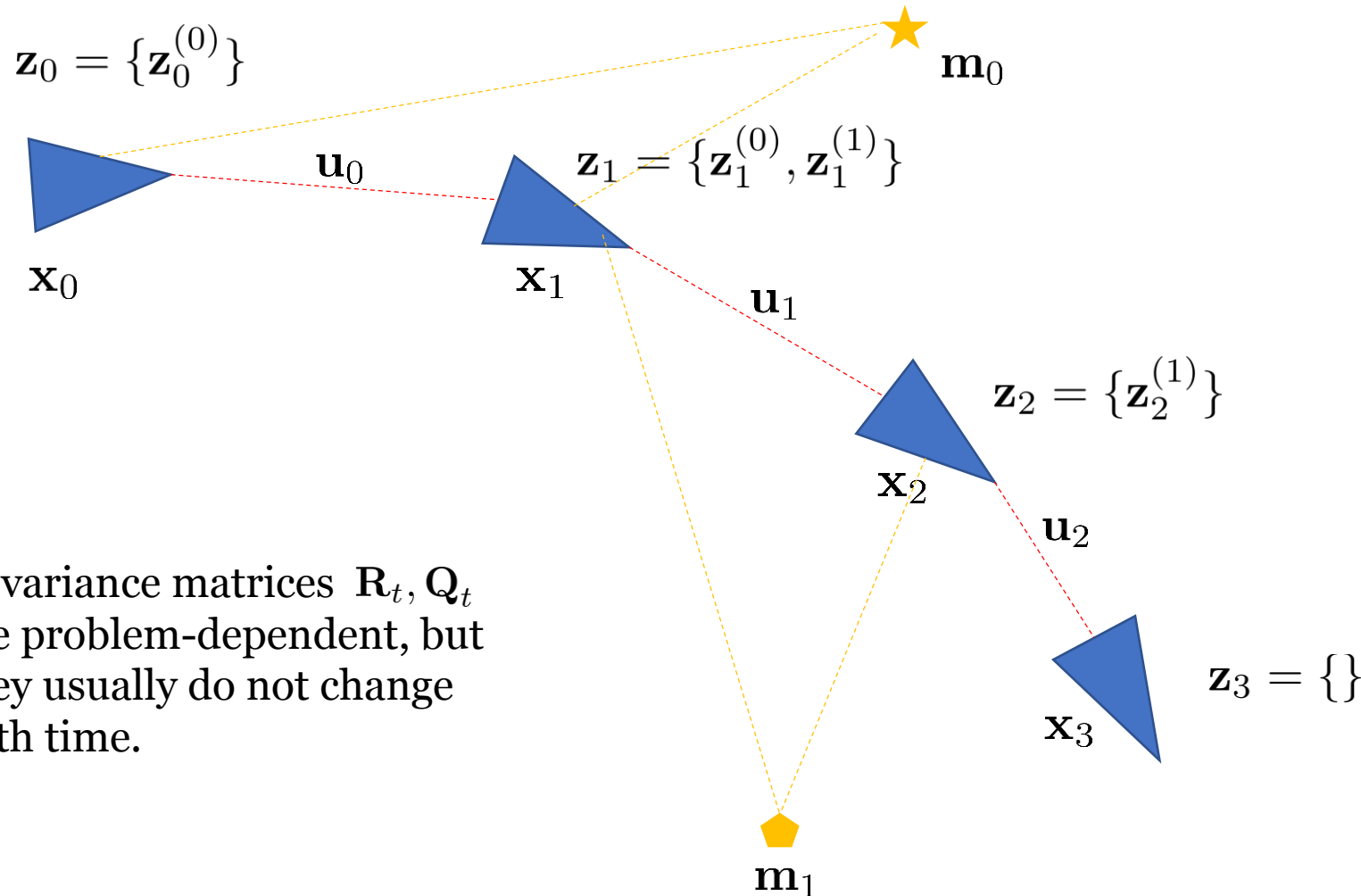
$$\|\mathbf{z}_2^{(1)} - \mathbf{h}(\mathbf{x}_2, \mathbf{m}_1)\|_{\mathbf{Q}_2}^2$$

with respect to variables:

$\mathbf{x}_1 \quad \mathbf{x}_2 \quad \mathbf{x}_3 \quad \mathbf{m}_0 \quad \mathbf{m}_1$

initial state  $\mathbf{x}_0$  is given

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Covariance matrices  $\mathbf{R}_t, \mathbf{Q}_t$  are problem-dependent, but they usually do not change with time.

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$$\begin{aligned} & \|\mathbf{x}_1 - \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}_0, \mathbf{u}_0)\|_{\mathbf{R}_1}^2 \\ & \|\mathbf{x}_2 - \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{u}_1)\|_{\mathbf{R}_2}^2 \\ & \|\mathbf{x}_3 - \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}_2, \mathbf{u}_2)\|_{\mathbf{R}_3}^2 \\ & \|\mathbf{z}_0^{(0)} - \mathbf{h}(\mathbf{x}_0, \mathbf{m}_0)\|_{\mathbf{Q}_0}^2 \\ & \|\mathbf{z}_1^{(0)} - \mathbf{h}(\mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{m}_0)\|_{\mathbf{Q}_1}^2 \\ & \|\mathbf{z}_1^{(1)} - \mathbf{h}(\mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{m}_1)\|_{\mathbf{Q}_1}^2 \\ & \|\mathbf{z}_2^{(1)} - \mathbf{h}(\mathbf{x}_2, \mathbf{m}_1)\|_{\mathbf{Q}_2}^2 \end{aligned}$$

with respect to variables:  
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# Examples of dynamics and sensor models

$$\mathbf{x}_t = \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}_{t-1}, \mathbf{u}_{t-1}) + \mathbf{w}_t$$

Can be any of the dynamical systems we saw in Lecture 2.

$$\mathbf{z}_t^{(k)} = \mathbf{h}(\mathbf{x}_t, \mathbf{m}_k) + \mathbf{v}_t$$

- $\mathbf{z}_t^{(k)}$  can be any of the sensors we saw in Lecture 4:
- Laser scan  $\{(r_i, \theta_i)\}_{i=1:K}$  where  $\mathbf{m}_k$  is an occupancy grid
  - Range and bearing  $(r, \theta)$  to the landmark  $\mathbf{m}_k = (x_k, y_k, z_k)$
  - Bearing measurements from images
  - Altitude/Depth
  - Gyroscope
  - Accelerometer



# Appendix 1

Claim: 
$$p(\mathbf{x}_{1:T}, \mathbf{m}, \mathbf{z}_{0:T}, \mathbf{u}_{0:T-1}, \mathbf{x}_0) = p(\mathbf{x}_0) \prod_{t=1}^T p(\mathbf{x}_t | \mathbf{x}_{t-1}, \mathbf{u}_{t-1}) \prod_{t=0}^T \prod_{\mathbf{z}_t^{(k)} \in \mathbf{z}_t} p(\mathbf{z}_t^{(k)} | \mathbf{x}_t, \mathbf{m}_k)$$

Proof:

$$\begin{aligned}
 p(\mathbf{x}_{1:T}, \mathbf{m}, \mathbf{z}_{0:T}, \mathbf{u}_{0:T-1}, \mathbf{x}_0) &= p(\mathbf{z}_T | \mathbf{x}_{1:T}, \mathbf{m}, \mathbf{z}_{0:T-1}, \mathbf{u}_{0:T-1}, \mathbf{x}_0) p(\mathbf{x}_{1:T}, \mathbf{m}, \mathbf{z}_{0:T-1}, \mathbf{u}_{0:T-1}, \mathbf{x}_0) \\
 &= p(\mathbf{z}_T | \mathbf{x}_T, \mathbf{m}) p(\mathbf{x}_{1:T}, \mathbf{m}, \mathbf{z}_{0:T-1}, \mathbf{u}_{0:T-1}, \mathbf{x}_0) \\
 &= p(\mathbf{z}_T | \mathbf{x}_T, \mathbf{m}) p(\mathbf{z}_{T-1} | \mathbf{x}_{1:T}, \mathbf{m}, \mathbf{z}_{0:T-2}, \mathbf{u}_{0:T-1}, \mathbf{x}_0) p(\mathbf{x}_{1:T}, \mathbf{m}, \mathbf{z}_{0:T-2}, \mathbf{u}_{0:T-1}, \mathbf{x}_0) \\
 &= p(\mathbf{z}_T | \mathbf{x}_T, \mathbf{m}) p(\mathbf{z}_{T-1} | \mathbf{x}_{T-1}, \mathbf{m}) p(\mathbf{x}_{1:T}, \mathbf{m}, \mathbf{z}_{0:T-2}, \mathbf{u}_{0:T-1}, \mathbf{x}_0) \\
 &\dots \\
 &= \prod_{t=0}^T p(\mathbf{z}_t | \mathbf{x}_t, \mathbf{m}) p(\mathbf{x}_{1:T}, \mathbf{m}, \mathbf{u}_{0:T-1}, \mathbf{x}_0) \\
 &= \prod_{t=0}^T p(\mathbf{z}_t | \mathbf{x}_t, \mathbf{m}) p(\mathbf{x}_T | \mathbf{x}_{1:T-1}, \mathbf{m}, \mathbf{u}_{0:T-1}, \mathbf{x}_0) p(\mathbf{x}_{1:T-1}, \mathbf{m}, \mathbf{u}_{0:T-1}, \mathbf{x}_0) \\
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 &\dots \\
 &= \left[ \prod_{t=0}^T p(\mathbf{z}_t | \mathbf{x}_t, \mathbf{m}) \right] p(\mathbf{x}_0) \prod_{t=1}^T p(\mathbf{x}_t | \mathbf{x}_{t-1}, \mathbf{u}_{t-1})
 \end{aligned}$$

# Appendix 1

Claim:  $p(\mathbf{z}_t | \mathbf{x}_t, \mathbf{m}) = \prod_{\mathbf{z}_t^{(k)} \in \mathbf{z}_t} p(\mathbf{z}_t^{(k)} | \mathbf{x}_t, \mathbf{m}_k)$  where  $\mathbf{z}_t = \{\mathbf{z}_t^{(k)} \text{ iff landmark } \mathbf{m}_k \text{ was observed}\}$   
 $\mathbf{m} = \{\text{landmarks } \mathbf{m}_k\}$

Proof:

Suppose without loss of generality that  $\mathbf{z}_t = \{\mathbf{z}_t^{(k)}, k = 1 \dots K\}$  and  $\mathbf{m} = \{\mathbf{m}_k, k = 1 \dots K\}$   
i.e. that all landmarks were observed from the state at time t. Then:

$$\begin{aligned}
 p(\mathbf{z}_t^{(1)}, \dots, \mathbf{z}_t^{(K)} | \mathbf{x}_t, \mathbf{m}) &= p(\mathbf{z}_t^{(1)} | \mathbf{z}_t^{(2)}, \dots, \mathbf{z}_t^{(K)}, \mathbf{x}_t, \mathbf{m}) p(\mathbf{z}_t^{(2)}, \dots, \mathbf{z}_t^{(K)} | \mathbf{x}_t, \mathbf{m}) \\
 &= p(\mathbf{z}_t^{(1)} | \mathbf{x}_t, \mathbf{m}_1) p(\mathbf{z}_t^{(2)}, \dots, \mathbf{z}_t^{(K)} | \mathbf{x}_t, \mathbf{m}) \\
 &= p(\mathbf{z}_t^{(1)} | \mathbf{x}_t, \mathbf{m}_1) p(\mathbf{z}_t^{(2)} | \mathbf{z}_t^{(3)}, \dots, \mathbf{z}_t^{(K)}, \mathbf{x}_t, \mathbf{m}) p(\mathbf{z}_t^{(3)}, \dots, \mathbf{z}_t^{(K)} | \mathbf{x}_t, \mathbf{m}) \\
 &= p(\mathbf{z}_t^{(1)} | \mathbf{x}_t, \mathbf{m}_1) p(\mathbf{z}_t^{(2)} | \mathbf{x}_t, \mathbf{m}_2) p(\mathbf{z}_t^{(3)}, \dots, \mathbf{z}_t^{(K)} | \mathbf{x}_t, \mathbf{m}) \\
 &\dots \\
 &= \prod_{k=1}^K p(\mathbf{z}_t^{(k)} | \mathbf{x}_t, \mathbf{m}_k)
 \end{aligned}$$