

Particles Filter: a robot localization application



OutLine

- ☐ Introduction
- ☐ Basics
- ☐ Motion and Sensors Model

Inspired by :

Cyrill Stachniss, Robot Mapping Courses, UNI Freiburg

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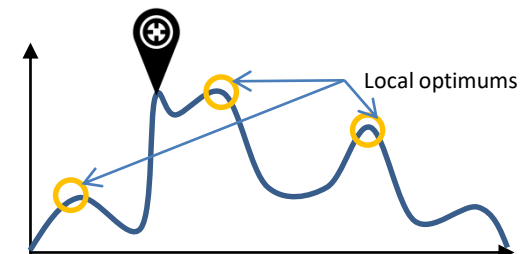
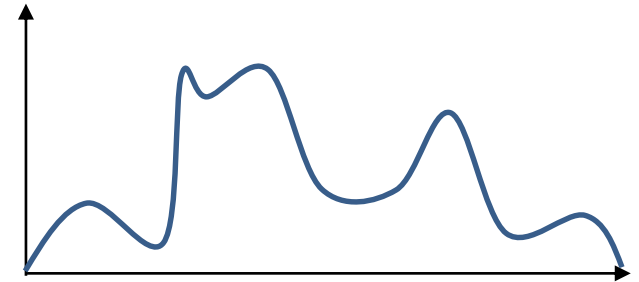
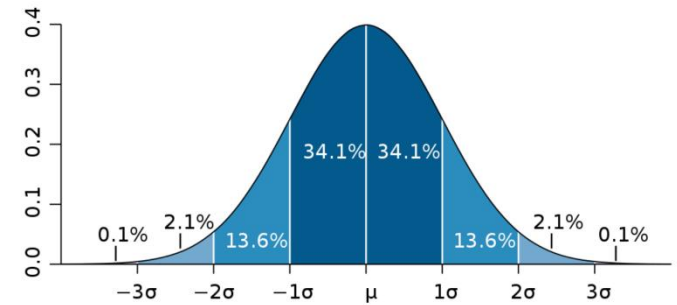




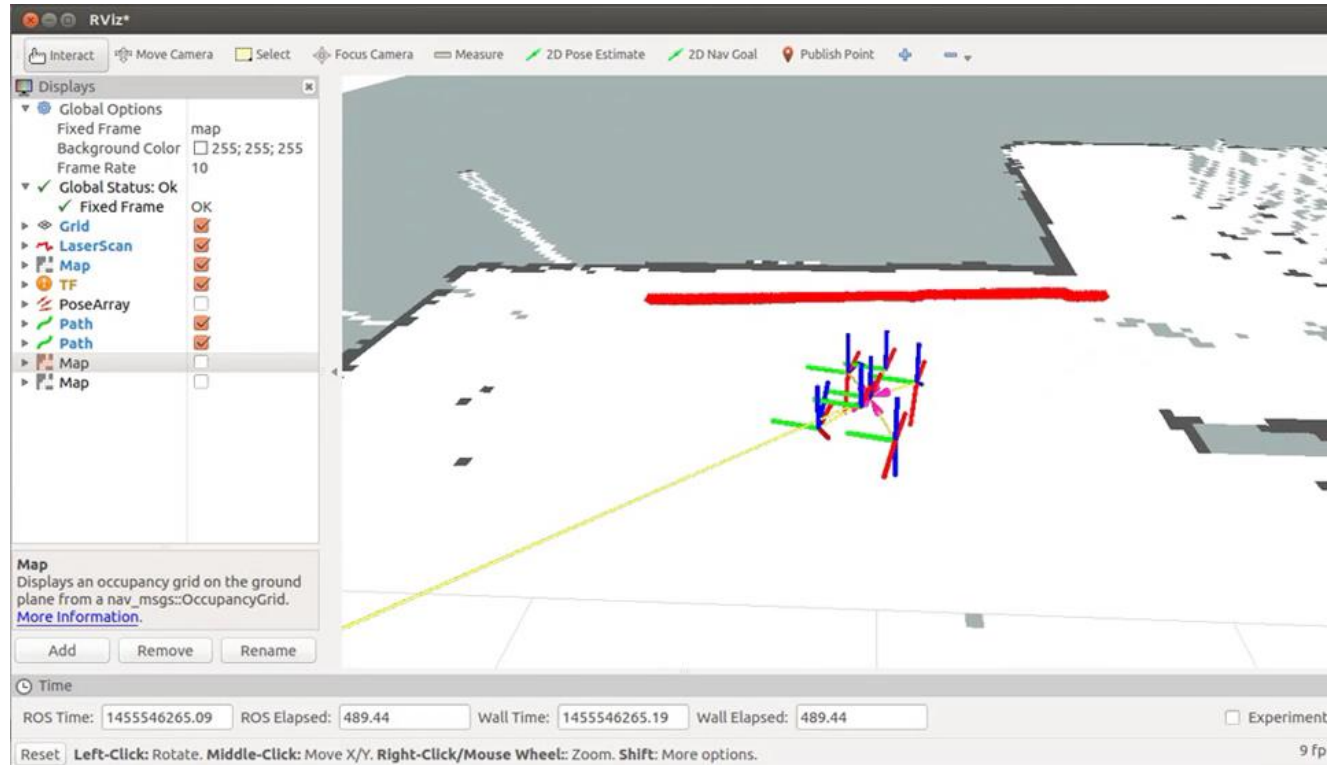
Particules filter, What is the need?

Needs

- ❑ Model distributions
 - ❑ For Gaussian distribution
 - Kalman Filter
 - ❑ For Arbitrary distribution
 - ?
- ❑ Application:
 - ❑ Robot localization
 - ❑ Function optimum finding



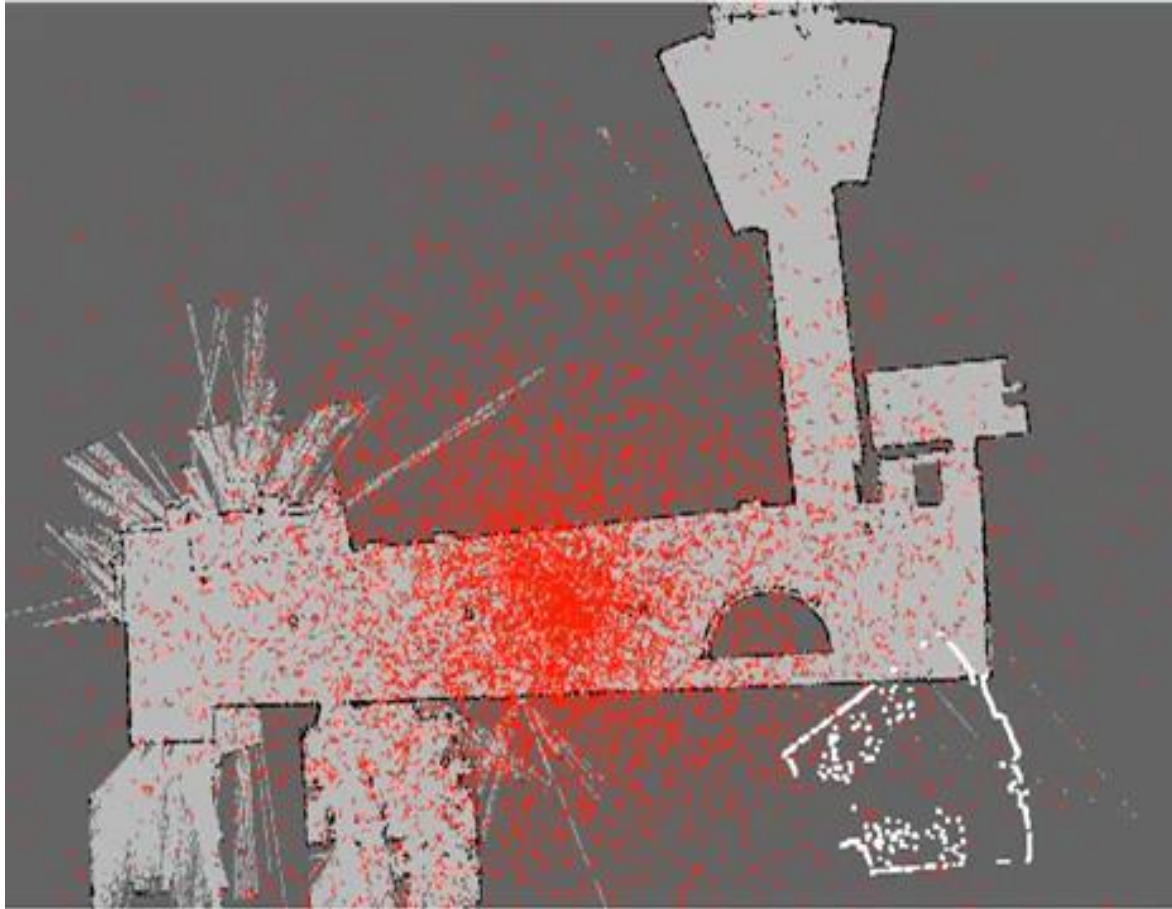
Needs



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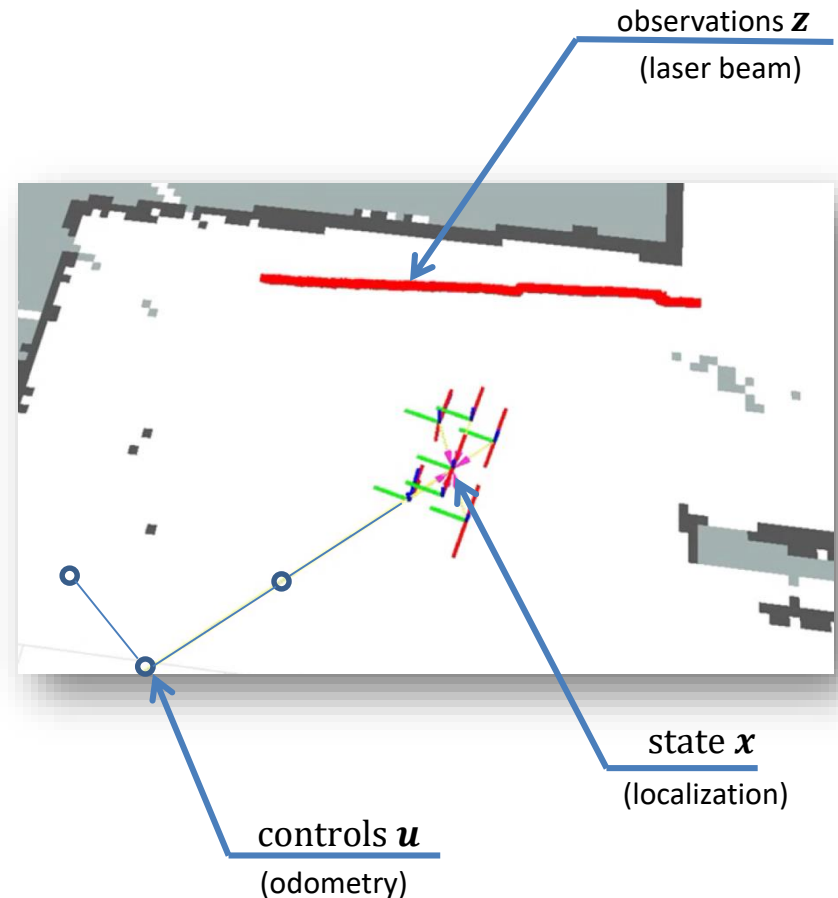
Needs

❑ How to know a system state x :

❑ Given observations z

❑ Given controls u

$$p(x \mid z, u)$$



Recursive Bayes Filter

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$$bel(x_t) = \underline{p(x_t \mid z_{1:t}, u_{1:t})}$$

Definition of the belief

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

$$= \eta p(z_t | x_t) p(x_t | z_{1:t-1}, u_{1:t}) \xrightarrow{\text{Markov assumption}} \begin{matrix} p(z_t | x_t, z_{1:t-1}, u_{1:t}) \\ \equiv \\ p(z_t | x_t) \end{matrix}$$

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Law of total probabilities \downarrow $P(A) = \int P(A|B).P(B) dB$

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

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Markov Assumption



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Markov Assumption



Future command u_t as no influence on current state x_{t-1}

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OBSERVATION

→ Correction step

MOTION / CONTROL

→ Prediction step

Recursive Bayes Filter

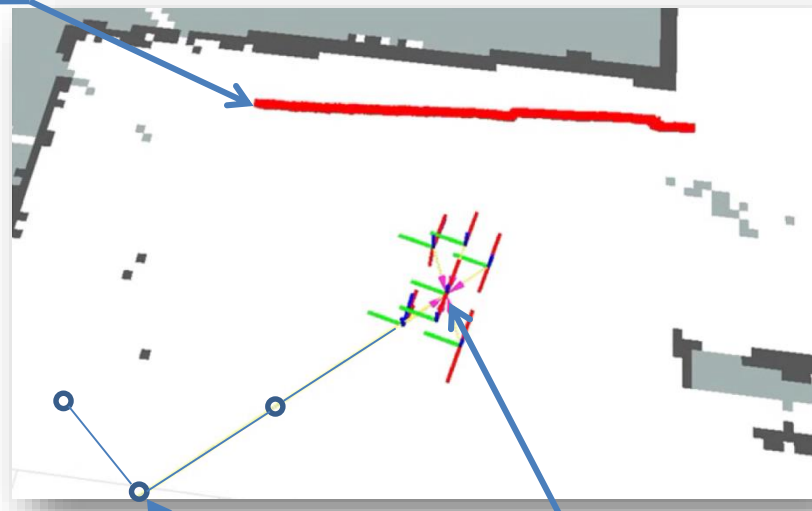
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$$bel(x_t) = \eta \underbrace{p(z_t | x_t)}_{\text{OBSERVATION}} \int \underbrace{p(x_t | x_{t-1}, u_t)}_{\text{MOTION / CONTROL}} bel(x_{t-1}) dx_{t-1}$$

OBSERVATION

MOTION / CONTROL

observations z
(lazer beam)



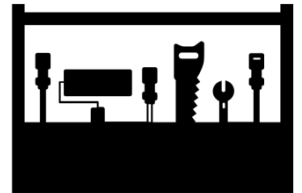
controls u
(odometry)

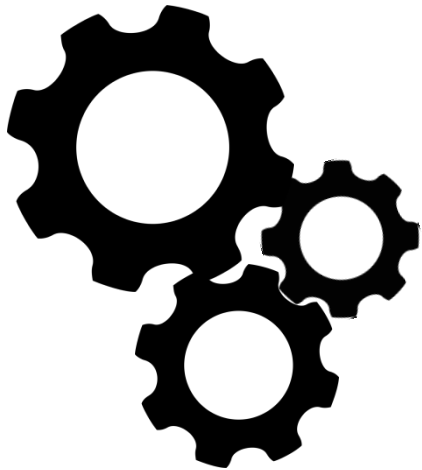
state x
(localization)

Bayes Filter

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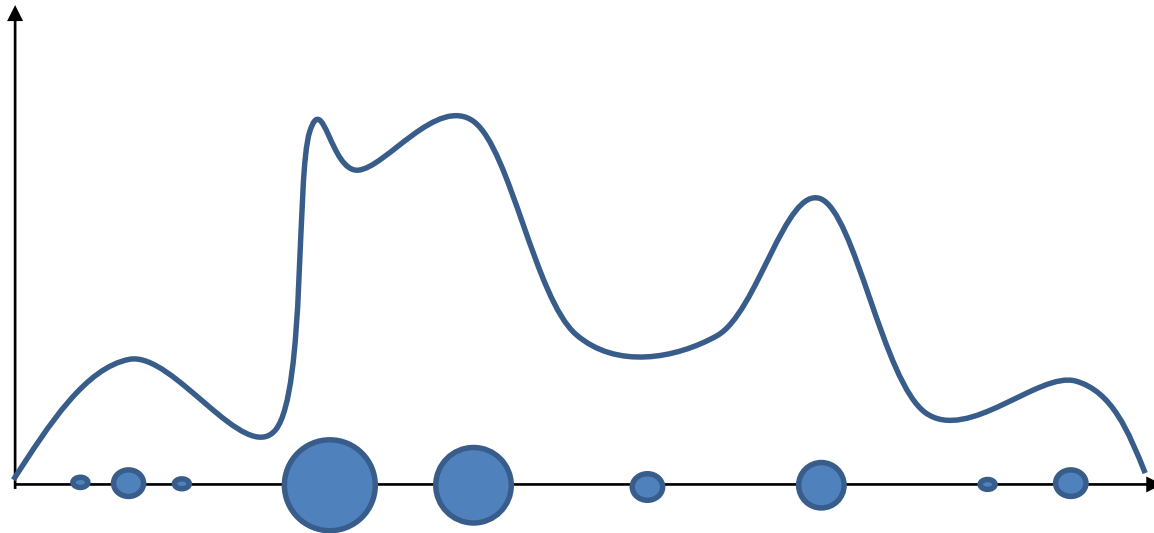
- ☐ Framework (template) for recursive state estimation
- ☐ Different possible instances depending:
 - ☐ **Model** for motion/control and observation (**linear vs non-linear**)
 - ☐ **Parametric vs non-parametric** filter
 - ☐ Dealing with **Gaussian distribution or not**





Particules Filter : Basics

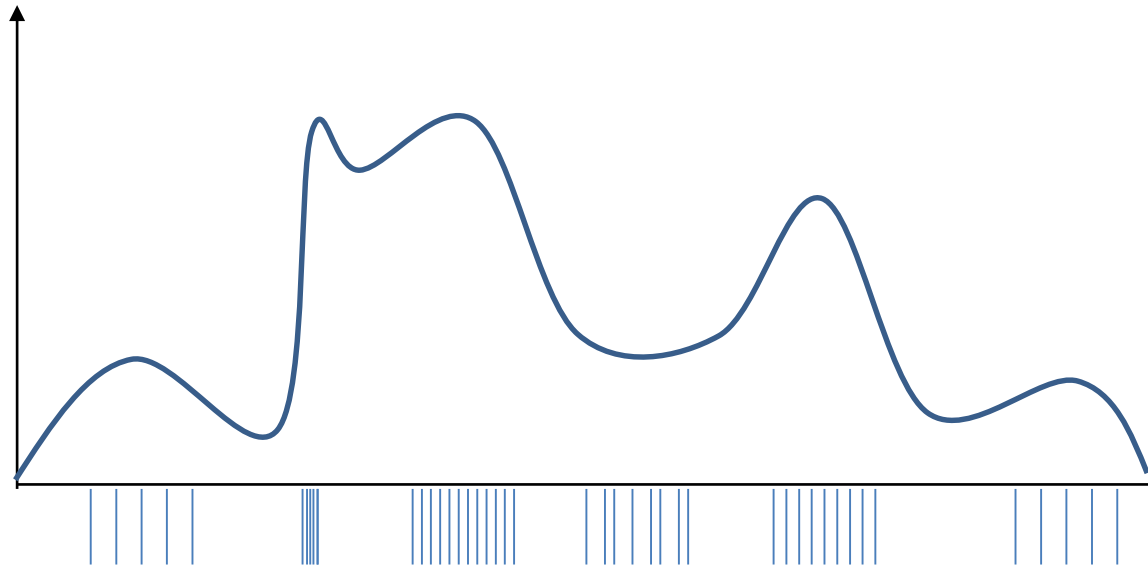
Principles



1

Set of **samples** (particules) **are distributed** across the environment. **Each sample is weighted** according to the distribution

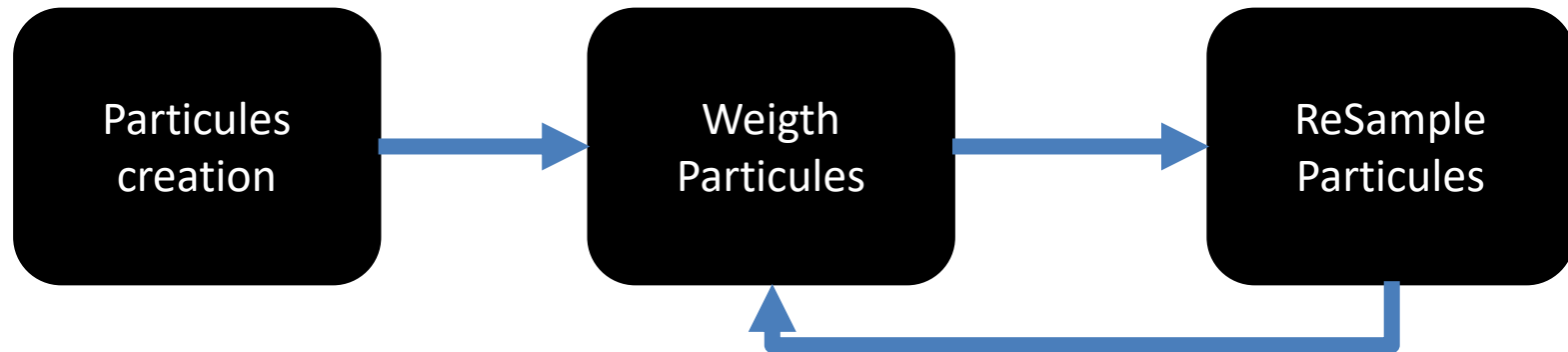
Principles



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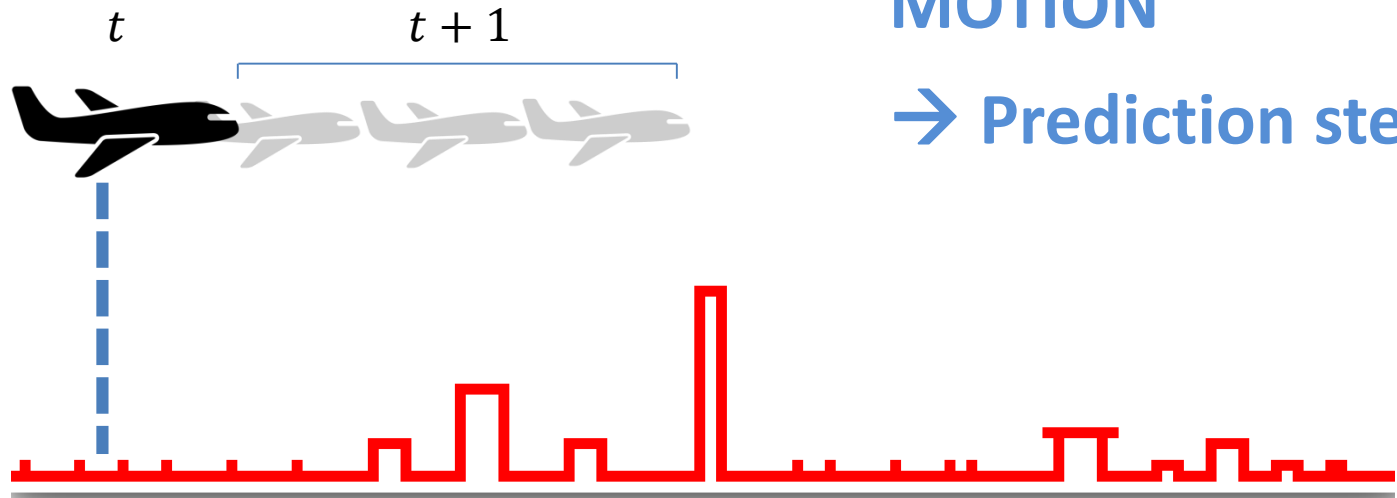
The **heigher** the sample **weight** is, the more particules are **distributed around**

Principles



How to obtain such samples ?

Example



MOTION

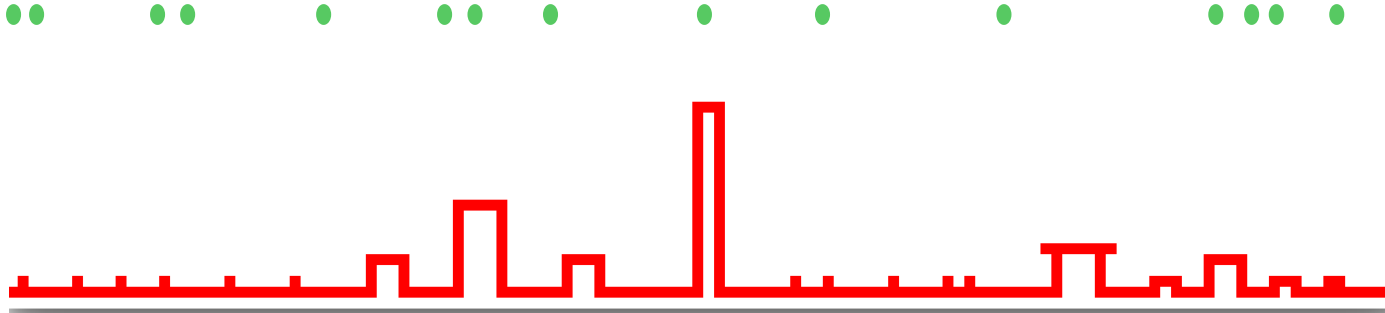
→ Prediction step

OBSERVATION

→ Correction step

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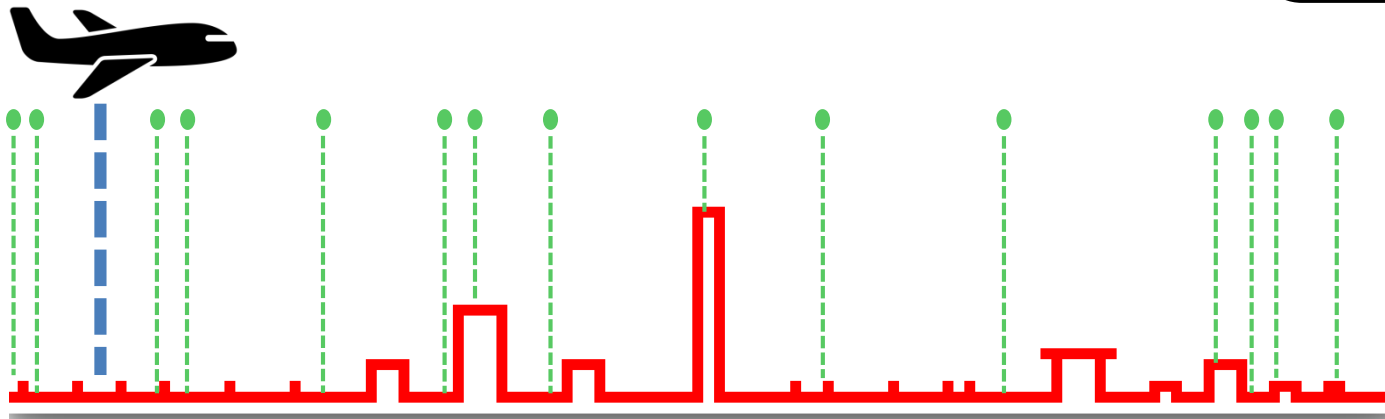
Particules
Creation



If no initial knowledge, uniform distribution of the particles accross the environment

2

Weight Particles

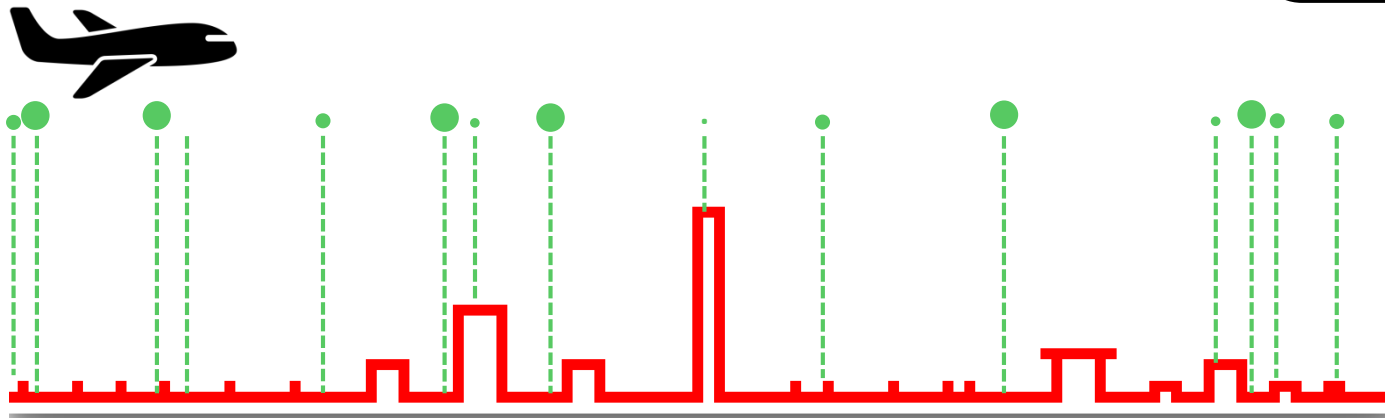


Weight particles according the current **observation** and the **estimate observation** at the particle position

Observation models is **combined** with an **Error model** (Gaussian error model is commonly used)

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Weight Particles

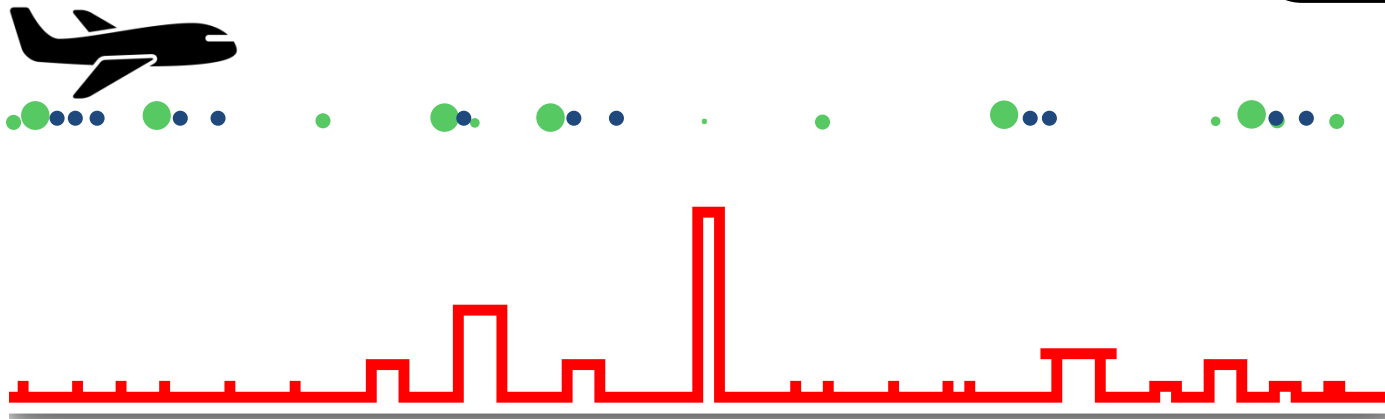


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Particles

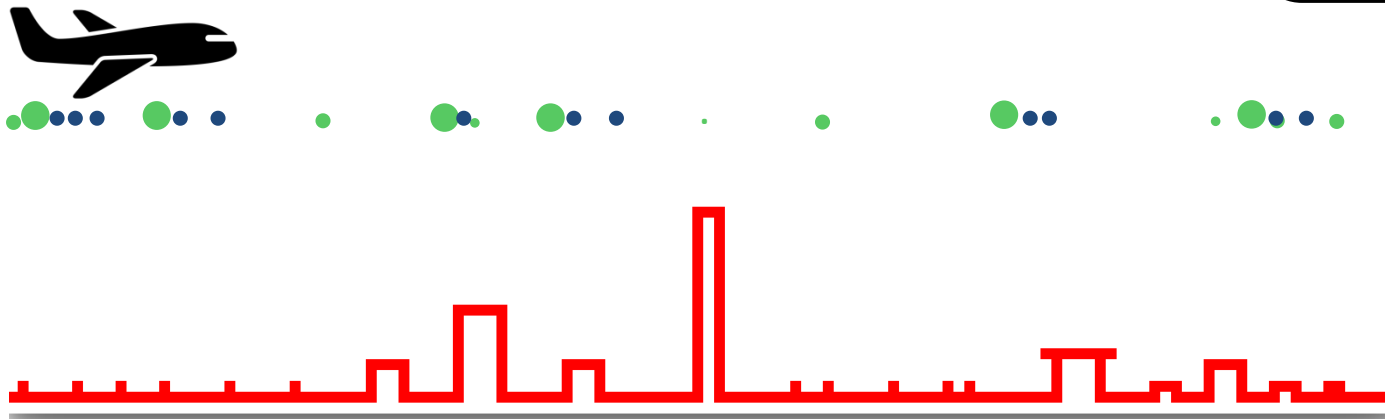


Resample Particules according their weight.

Spread new particules close to heigher weighted particules according to a motion model (also combined with an error model)

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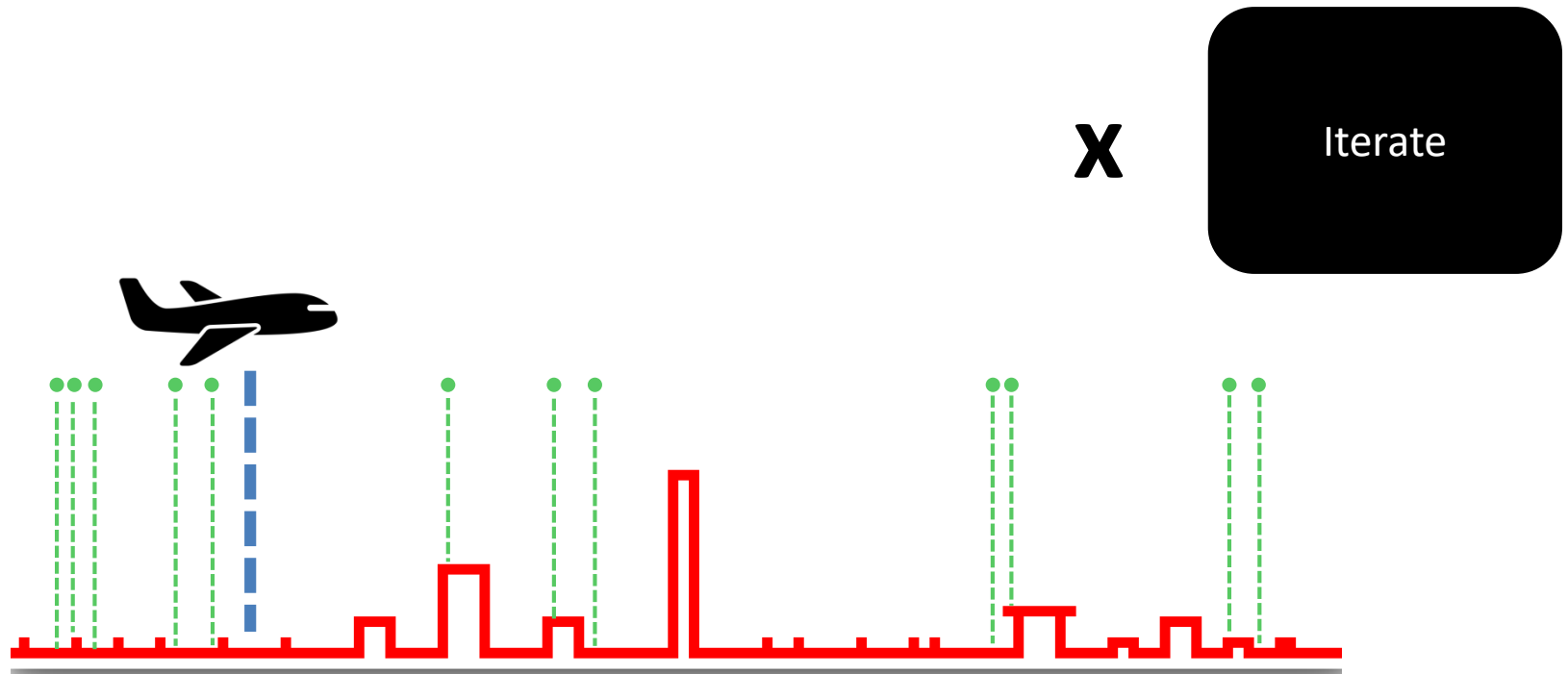
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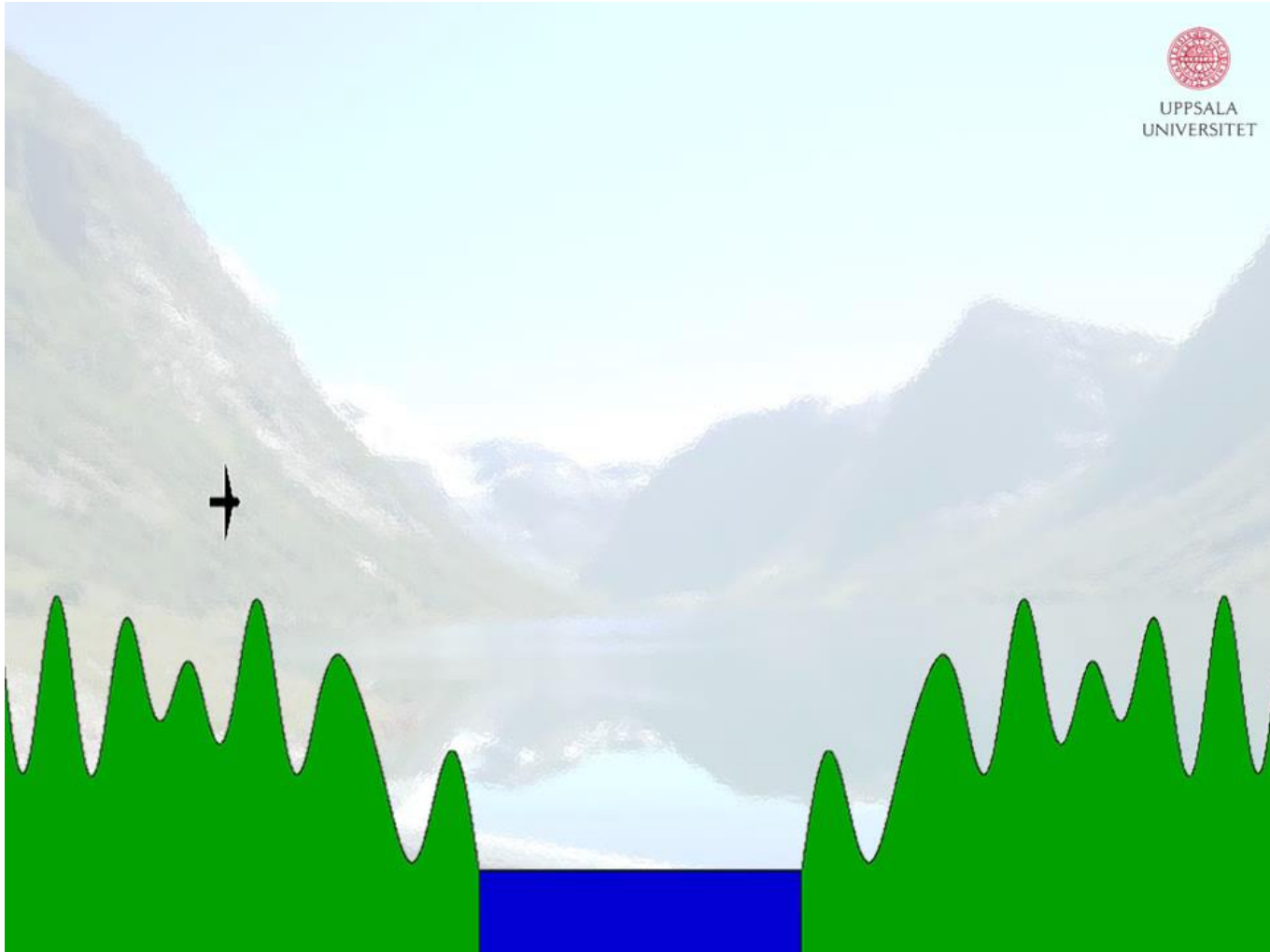


Make Observation at $t+1$ (plane move)

Weight Particules

Remove old Particules

Example



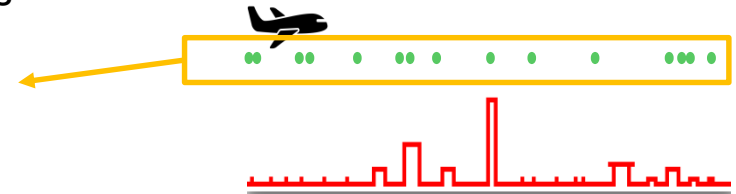
Particules Filter

□ Mathematic explanation

- let X_t the set of particles $p_t^{[m]}$ such as

$$X_t := x_t^{[0]}, x_t^{[1]}, \dots, x_t^{[M]}$$

Where $1 \leq m \leq M$



- Inspired by Baye filter

$$x_t^{[m]} \sim p(x_t | z_{1:t}, u_{1:t})$$

Particule m depends of a previous particule at $t - 1$

$$x_t^{[m]} \sim p(x_t | u_t, x_{t-1}^{[m]})$$

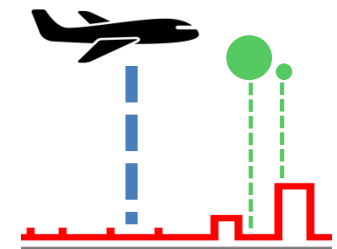
Particule m get an importance factor according observation

$$w_t^{[m]} = p(z_t | x_t^{[m]})$$

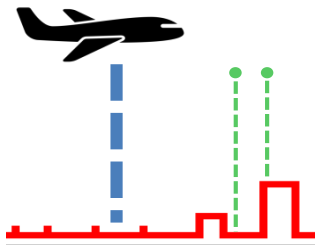
Particules Filter

- ❑ Mathematic explanation
 - ❑ the particule set can be redefined as followed:

$$X_t := \left\{ \left\langle \underbrace{x_t^{[m]}}_{\text{State Hypothesis}}, \underbrace{w_t^{[m]}}_{\text{Importance Weight}} \right\rangle \right\}_{m=1, \dots, M}$$



State Hypothesis



Particules Filter

□ Algorithm

1: **Algorithm Particle_filter**($\mathcal{X}_{t-1}, u_t, z_t$):

2: $\bar{\mathcal{X}}_t = \mathcal{X}_t = \emptyset$

3: for $m = 1$ to M do

4: $\text{sample } x_t^{[m]} \sim p(x_t \mid u_t, x_{t-1}^{[m]})$

→ How to get samples ?

5: $w_t^{[m]} = p(z_t \mid x_t^{[m]})$

→ How to weight ?

6: $\bar{\mathcal{X}}_t = \bar{\mathcal{X}}_t + \langle x_t^{[m]}, w_t^{[m]} \rangle$

7: endfor

8: for $m = 1$ to M do

9: $\text{draw } i \text{ with probability } \propto w_t^{[i]}$

→ How to get new particles ?

10: add $x_t^{[i]}$ to \mathcal{X}_t

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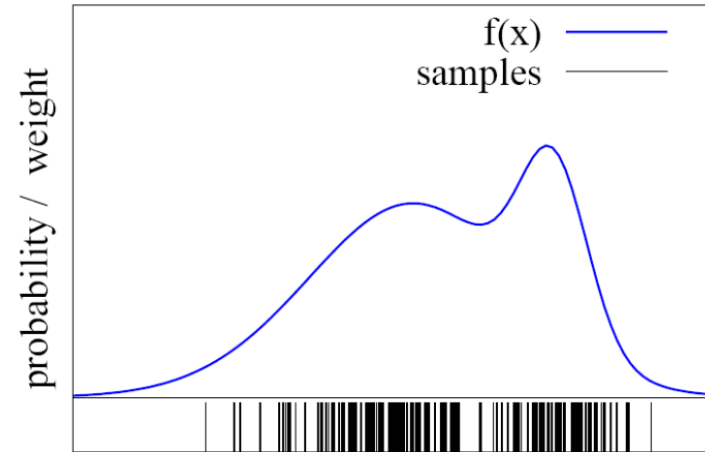
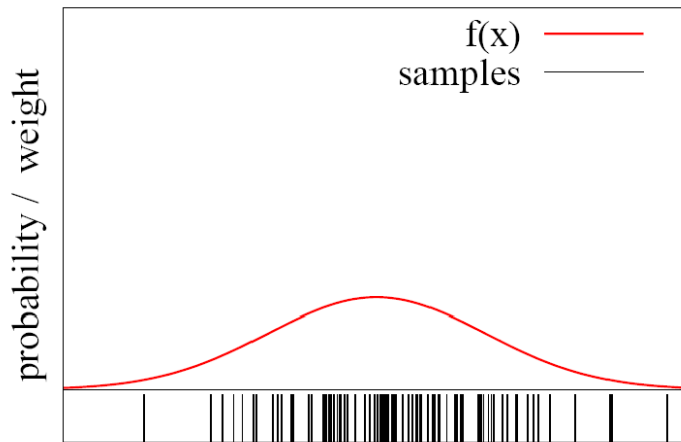
12: return \mathcal{X}_t

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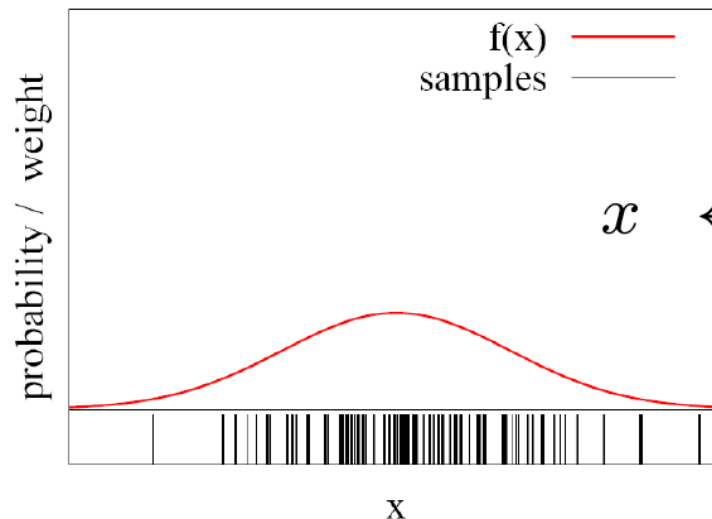
The **more particles fall into a region**, the **higher the probability** of the region

How to obtain such samples?

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- ❑ How to get samples ?
 - ❑ Closed Form Sampling is Only Possible for a Few Distributions
 - ❑ E.g Gaussian



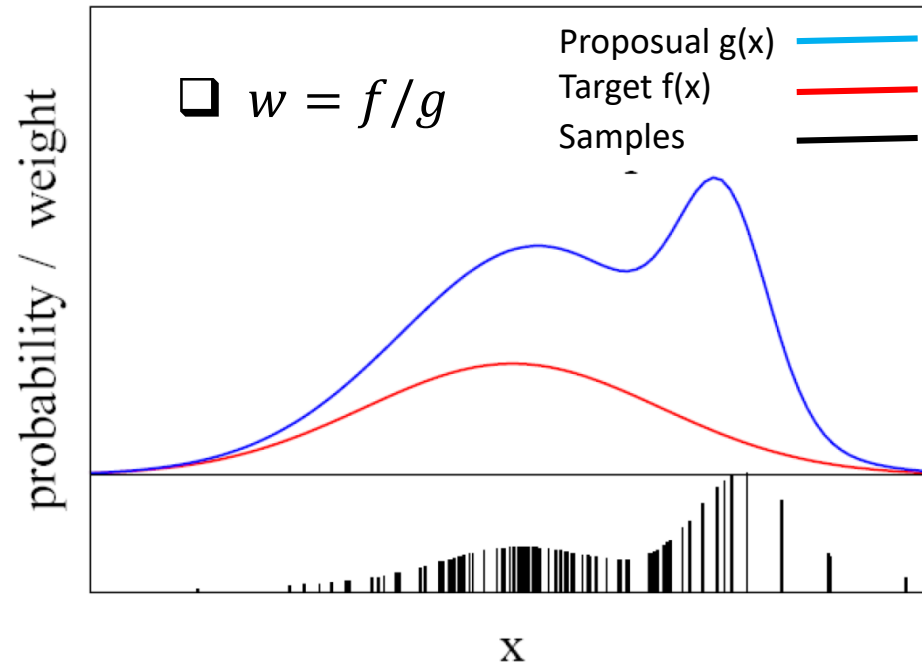
$$x \leftarrow \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^{12} \text{rand}(-\sigma, \sigma)$$

How to sample from **other** distributions?

Particules Filter

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- ❑ How to get samples ?
 - ❑ Use a different distribution g to generate samples from f
 - ❑ According for the “ differences between g and f ” using a weight $w = f/g$



Particules Filter

- ❑ How to Weight ?
- ❑ According for the “ differences between g and f ” using a weight $w = f/g$

$$w_t^{[m]} = \frac{\text{target } f(x_t^{[m]})}{\text{proposual } g(x_t^{[m]})}$$
$$\sim p(z_t | x_t^{[m]})$$

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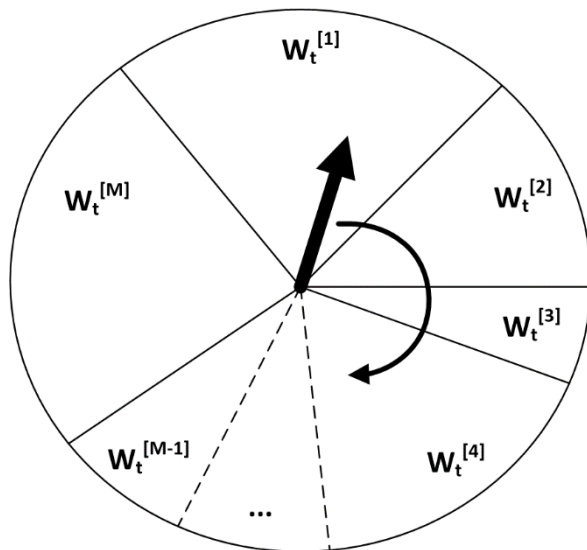
Particules Filter

□ How to get new particles ?

$$X_t := \left\{ \left\langle x_t^{[m]}, w_t^{[m]} \right\rangle \right\}_{m=1, \dots, M}$$

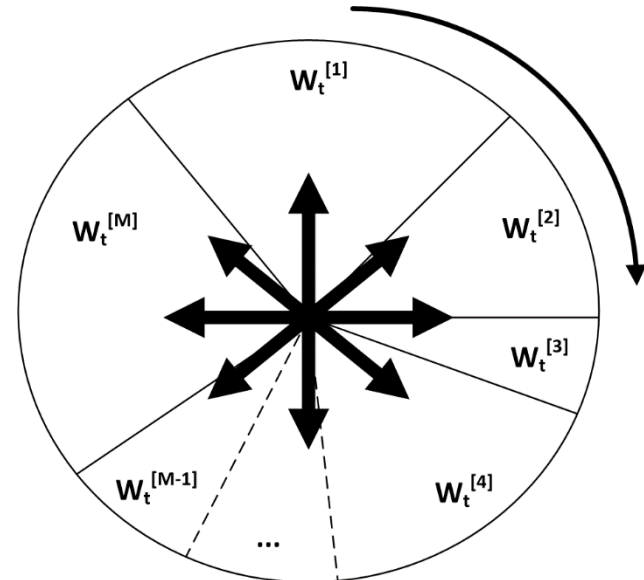
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Roulette wheel



$O (M \text{ Log } M)$

Stochastic universal sampling



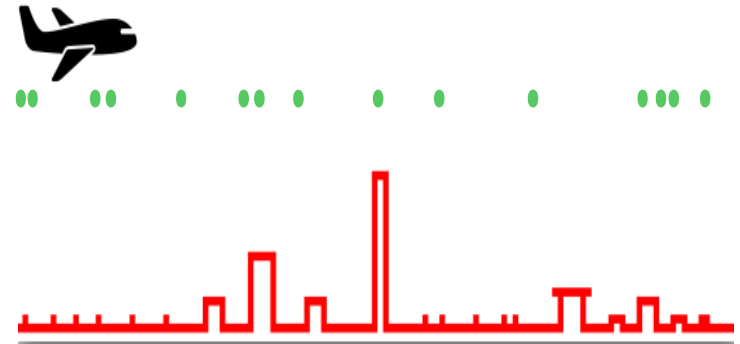
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Particules Filter

□ Example

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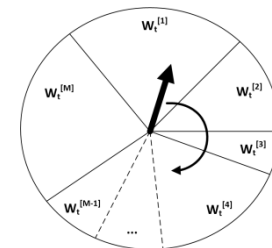
$$u_t \sim \text{Rand Uniform} [-1, 10] = \Delta x_t$$

$$x_t^{[m]} = x_{t-1}^{[m]} + \Delta x_t$$

How to weight ? $w_t^{[m]} \sim p(z_t | x_t^{[m]})$

$$w_t^{[m]} = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } z_t = \text{esimate}(z_t^{[m]}) \\ 0 & \end{cases}$$

How to get new particles ?



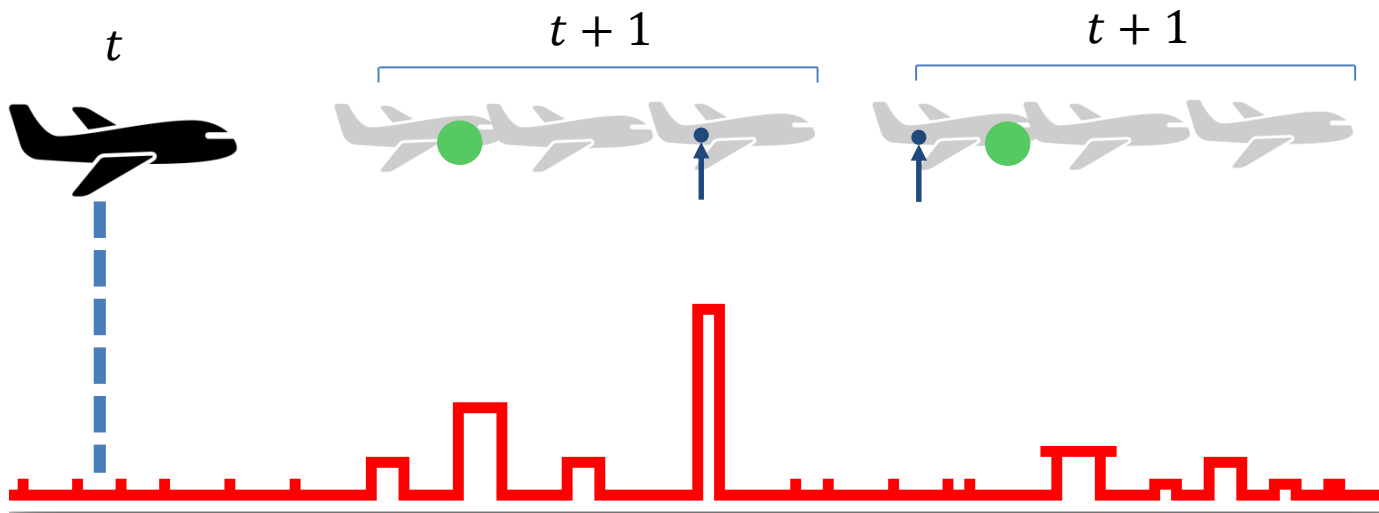
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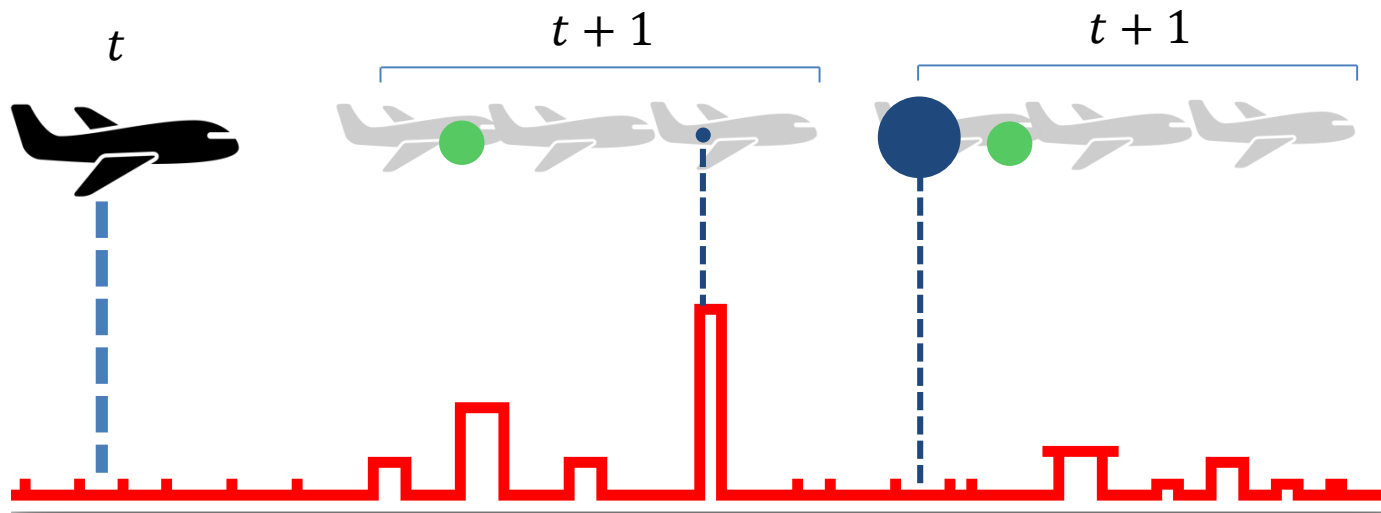
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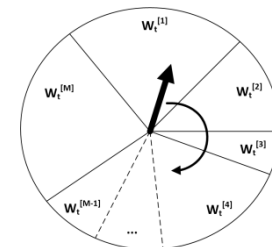
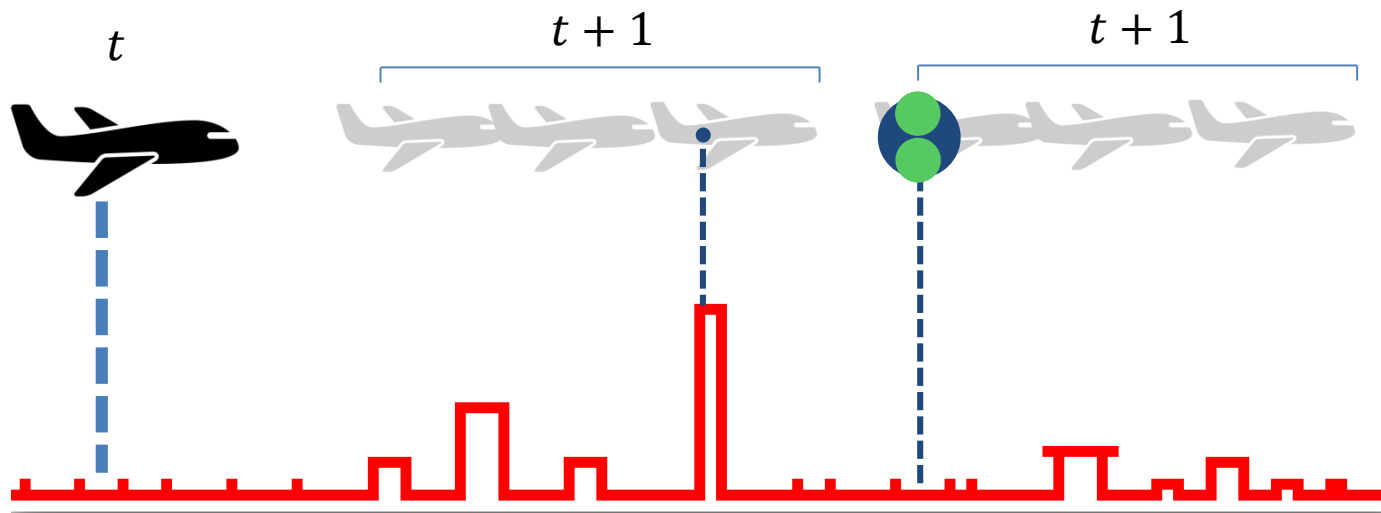
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...
    
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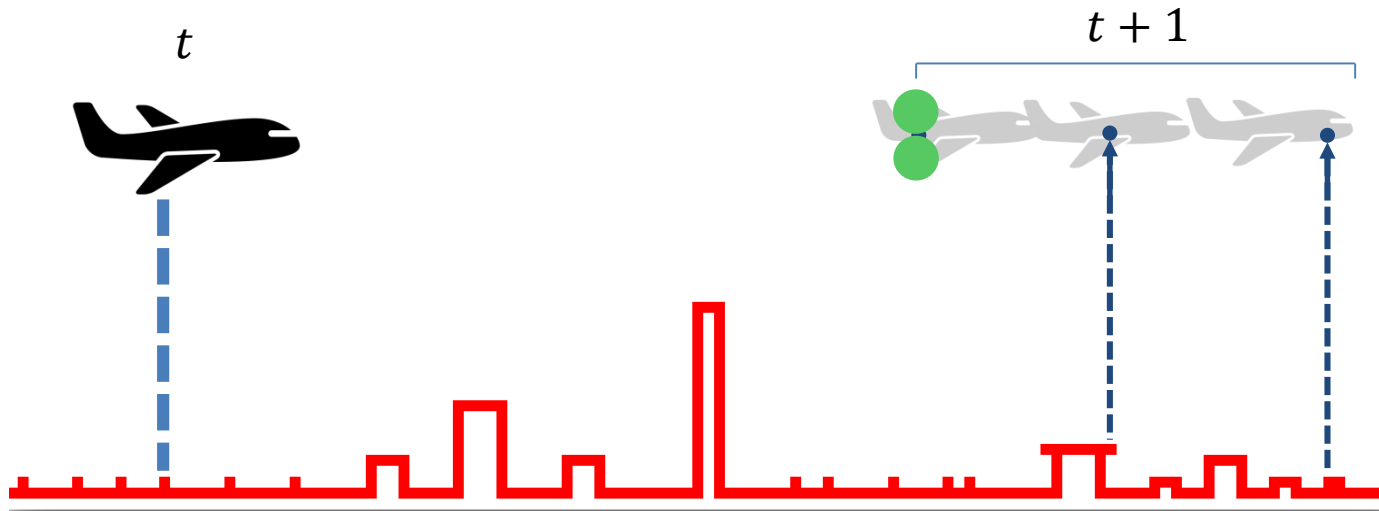
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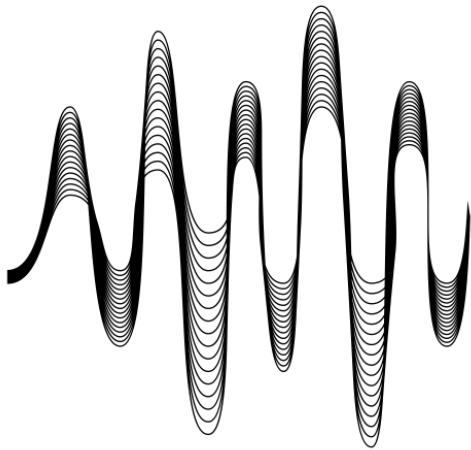
□ Example

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for  $m = 1$  to  $M$  do
  sample  $x_t^{[m]} \sim p(x_t \mid u_t, x_{t-1}^{[m]})$ 
   $w_t^{[m]} = p(z_t \mid x_t^{[m]})$ 
   $\bar{\mathcal{X}}_t = \bar{\mathcal{X}}_t + \langle x_t^{[m]}, w_t^{[m]} \rangle$ 
endfor
...

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Motion and Sensors data Modeling

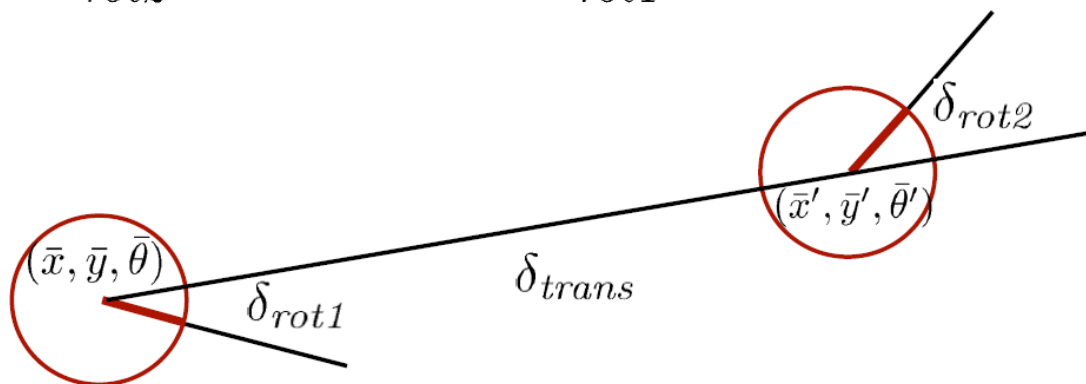
Motion Model

□ Odometry model (e.g vehicle)

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- Robot moves from $(\bar{x}, \bar{y}, \bar{\theta})$ to $(\bar{x}', \bar{y}', \bar{\theta}')$
- Odometry information $u = (\delta_{rot1}, \delta_{trans}, \delta_{rot2})$

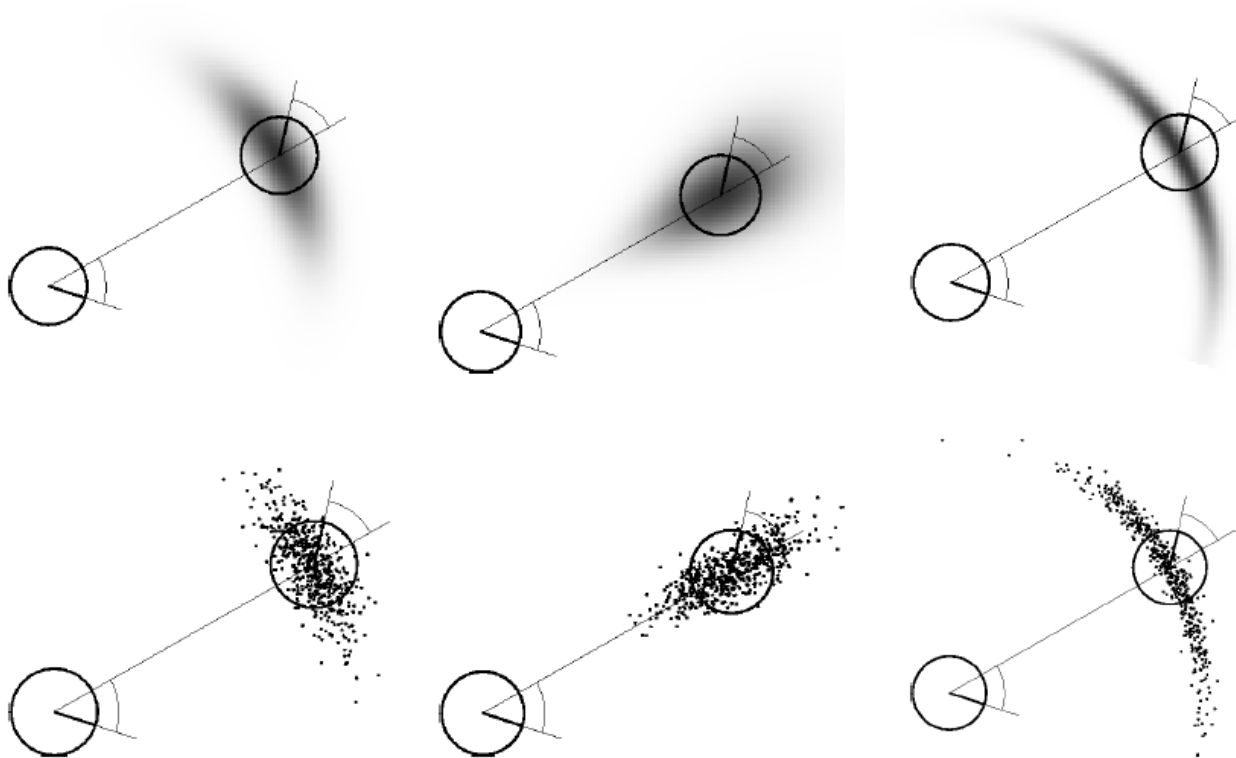
$$\begin{aligned}\delta_{trans} &= \sqrt{(\bar{x}' - \bar{x})^2 + (\bar{y}' - \bar{y})^2} \\ \delta_{rot1} &= \text{atan2}(\bar{y}' - \bar{y}, \bar{x}' - \bar{x}) - \bar{\theta} \\ \delta_{rot2} &= \bar{\theta}' - \bar{\theta} - \delta_{rot1}\end{aligned}$$



Motion Model

- ❑ Odometry model (e.g vehicle)

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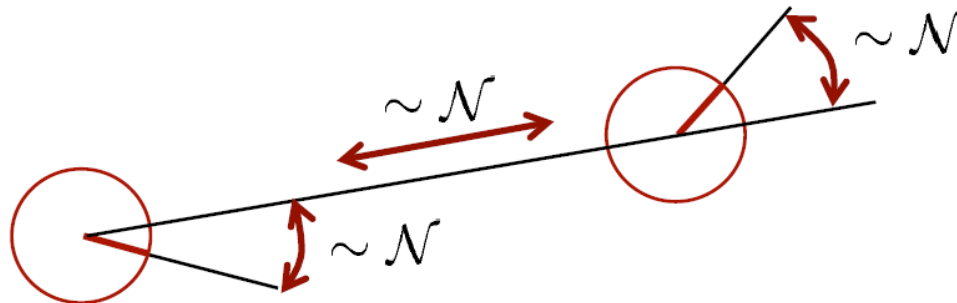
Motion Model

❑ Odometry model (e.g vehicle)

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- Noise in odometry $u = (\delta_{rot1}, \delta_{trans}, \delta_{rot2})$
- Example: Gaussian noise

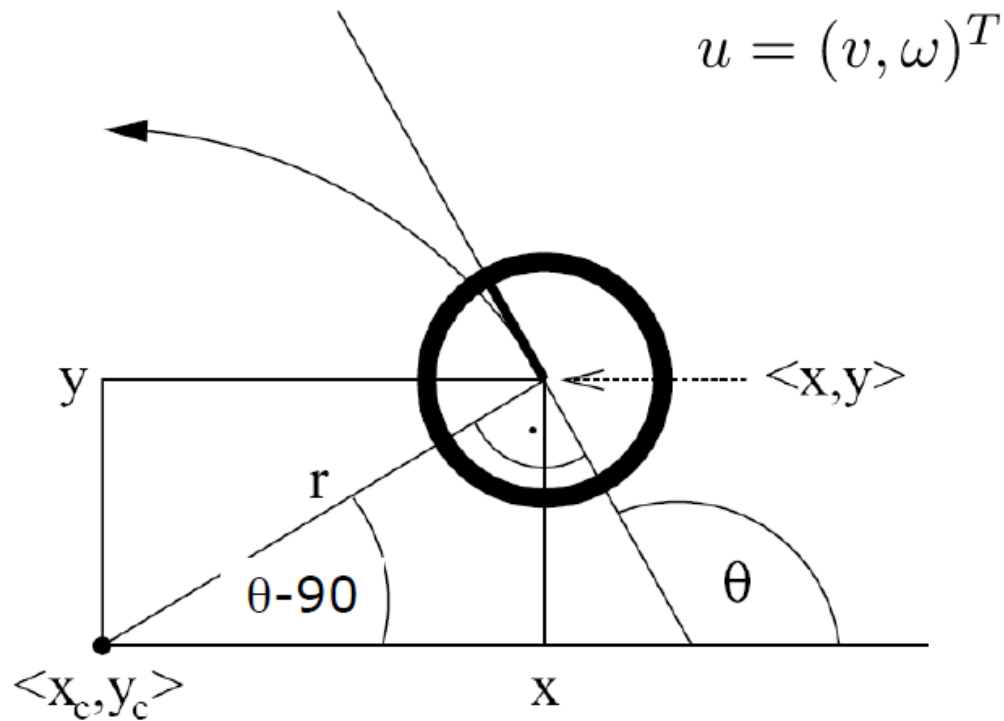
$$u \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \Sigma)$$



Motion Model

- Velocity model (e.g vehicle)

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Motion Model

- ❑ Velocity model (e.g vehicle)

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$$\begin{pmatrix} x' \\ y' \\ \theta' \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ \theta \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} -\frac{v}{\omega} \sin \theta + \frac{v}{\omega} \sin(\theta + \omega \Delta t) \\ \frac{v}{\omega} \cos \theta - \frac{v}{\omega} \cos(\theta + \omega \Delta t) \\ \omega \Delta t + \gamma \Delta t \end{pmatrix}$$

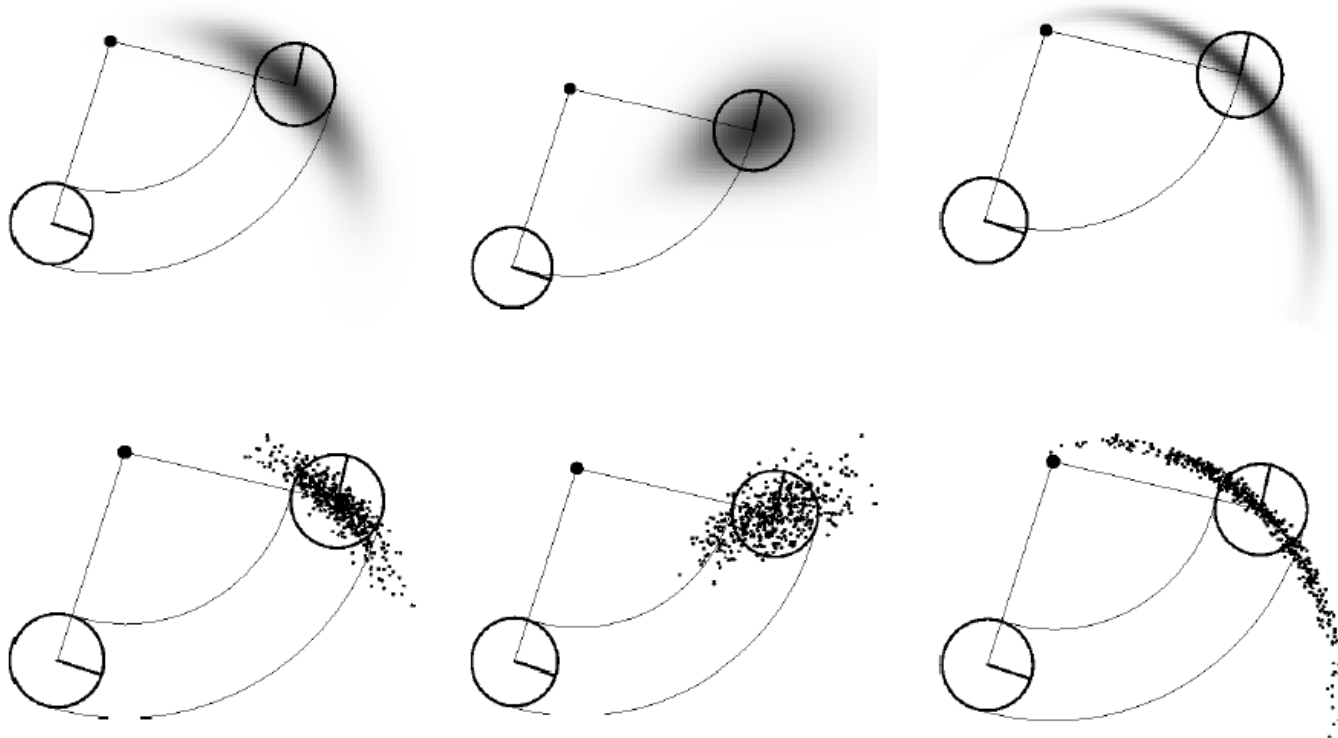
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Term to account for the final rotation

Motion Model

- Velocity model (e.g vehicle)

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Sensor Model

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Model for Laser Scanners

- Scan z consists of K measurements.

$$z_t = \{z_t^1, \dots, z_t^k\}$$

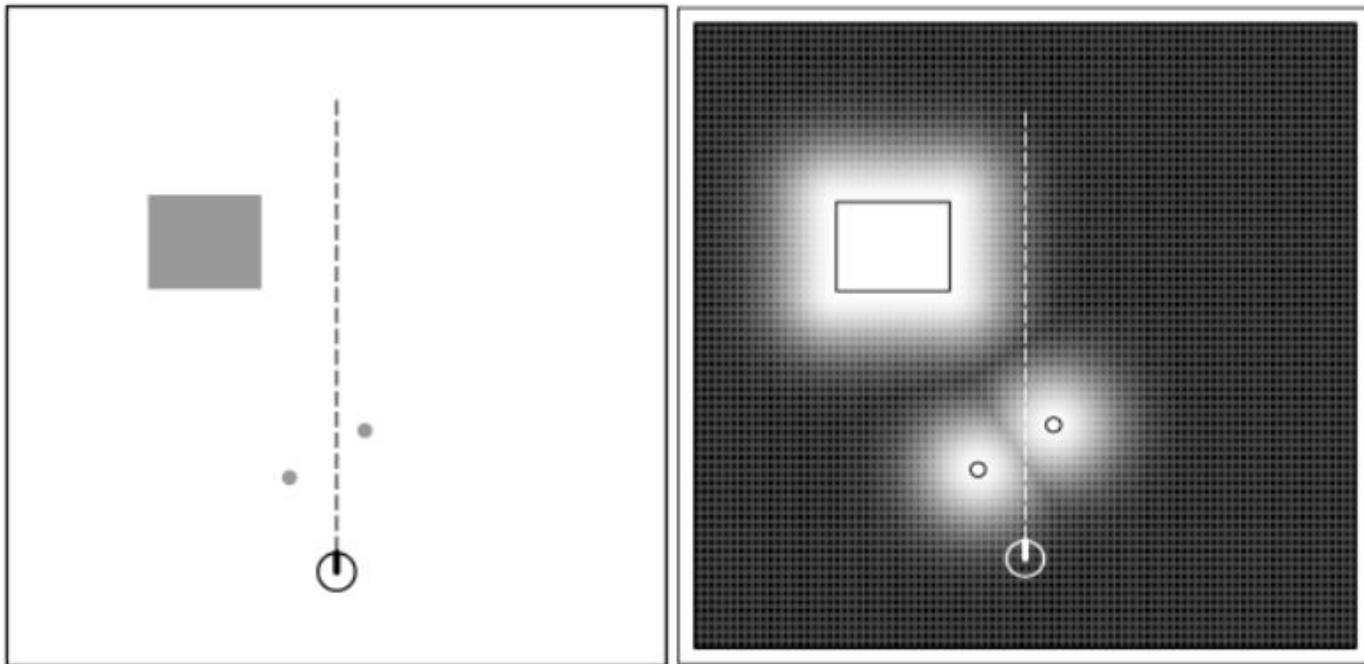
- Individual measurements are independent given the robot position

$$p(z_t \mid x_t, m) = \prod_{i=1}^k p(z_t^i \mid x_t, m)$$

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Beam-Endpoint Model

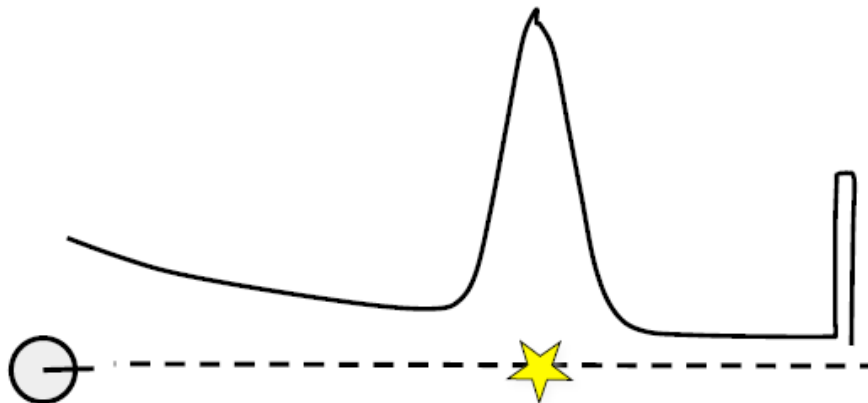


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Ray-cast Model

- Ray-cast model considers the first obstacle long the line of sight
- Mixture of four models





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