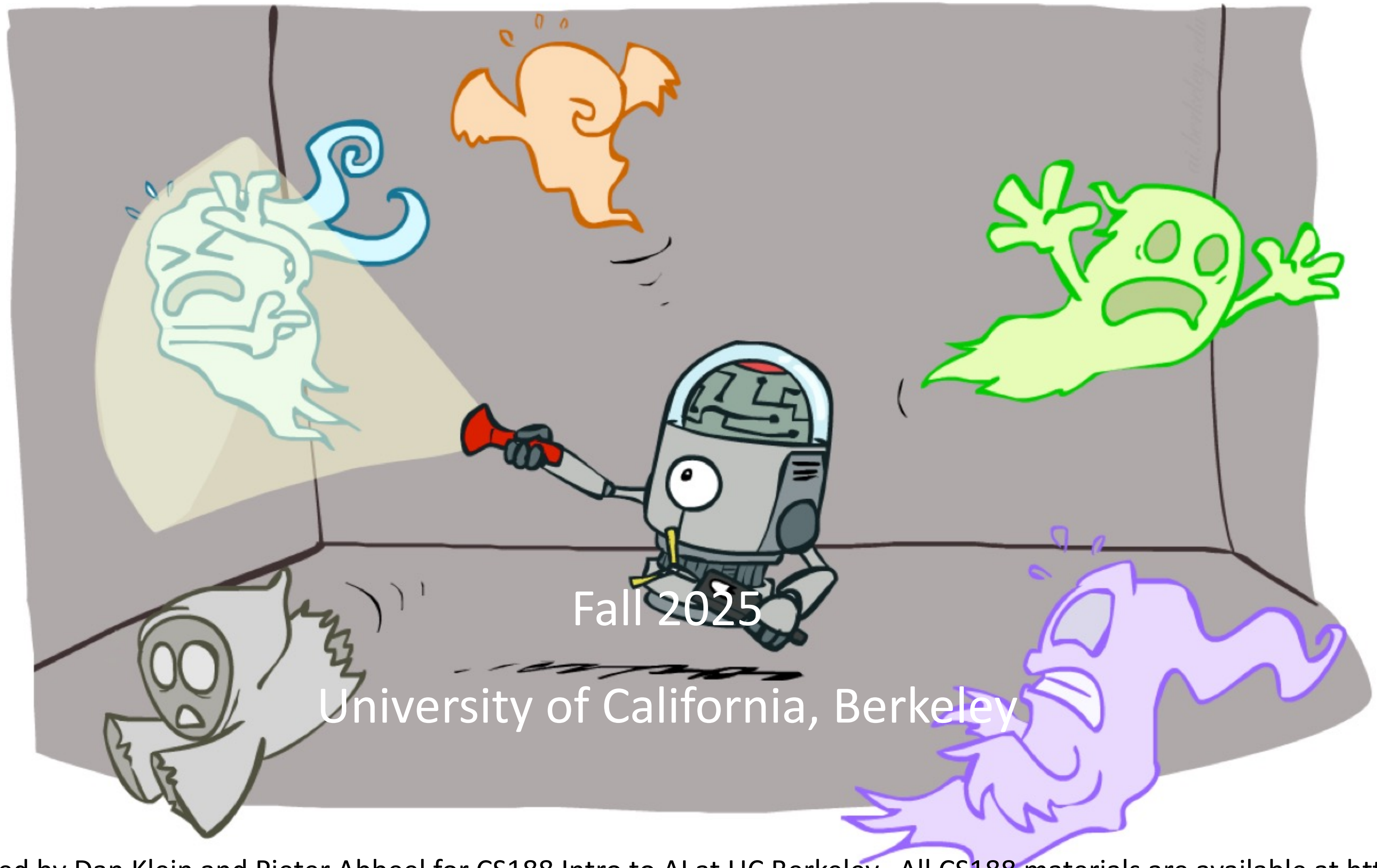
CS 188: Artificial Intelligence

HMMs, Particle Filters, and Applications



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Today

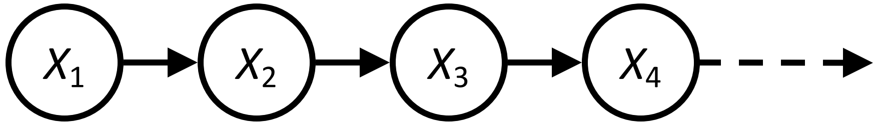
- HMMs
  - Particle filters
  - Demos!
  - Most-likely-explanation queries

- Applications:
  - Robot localization / mapping
  - Speech recognition (later)

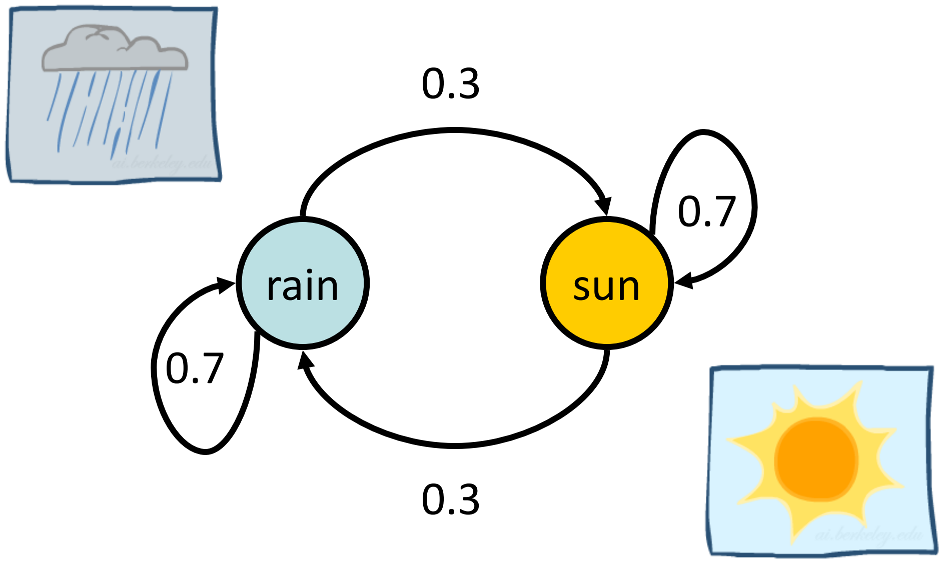
[Demo: Ghostbusters Markov Model (L15D1)]

Recap: Reasoning Over Time

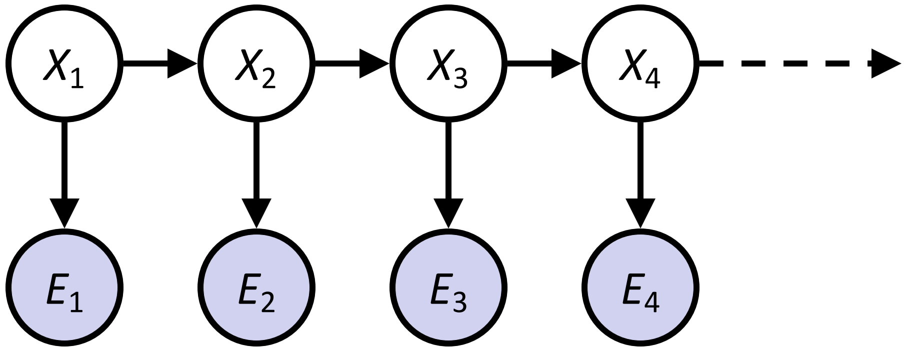
- Markov models



$P(X_1)$ $P(X|X_{-1})$



- Hidden Markov models

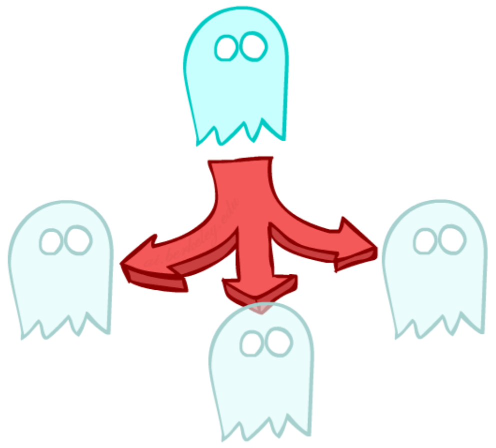


$P(E|X)$

X	E	P
rain	umbrella	0.9
rain	no umbrella	0.1
sun	umbrella	0.2
sun	no umbrella	0.8

Inference: Base Cases

$$\begin{tikzcd} X_1 \arrow[d] \\ E_1 \end{tikzcd}$$



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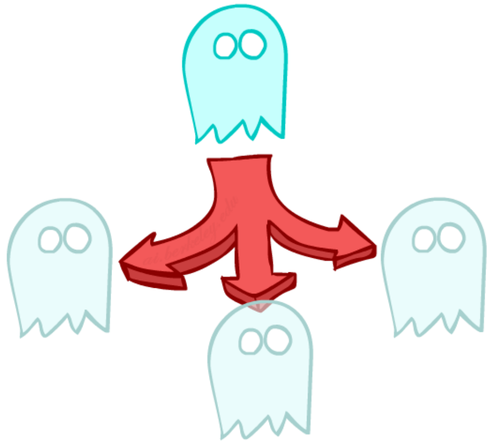

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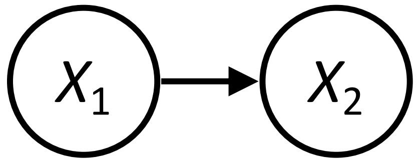
Passage of Time

- Assume we have current belief P(X | evidence to date)

$$B(X_t) = P(X_t|e_{1:t})$$



- Then, after one time step passes:

$$\begin{aligned} P(X_{t+1}|e_{1:t}) &= \sum_{x_t} P(X_{t+1}, x_t|e_{1:t}) \\ &= \sum_{x_t} P(X_{t+1}|x_t, e_{1:t})P(x_t|e_{1:t}) \\ &= \sum_{x_t} P(X_{t+1}|x_t)P(x_t|e_{1:t}) \end{aligned}$$

- Or compactly:

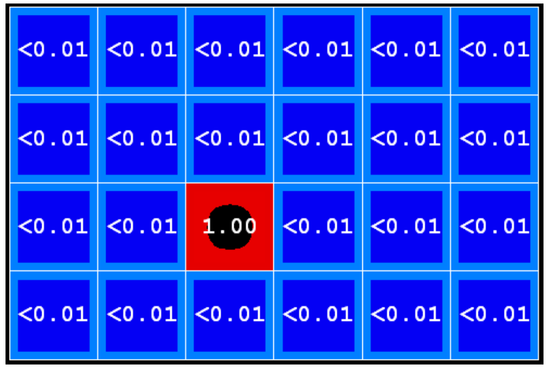
$$B'(X_{t+1}) = \sum_{x_t} P(X'|x_t)B(x_t)$$

- Basic idea: beliefs get "pushed" through the transitions
  - With the "B" notation, we have to be careful about what time step t the belief is about, and what evidence it includes

Example: Passage of Time

- As time passes, uncertainty "accumulates"

(Transition model: ghosts usually go clockwise)



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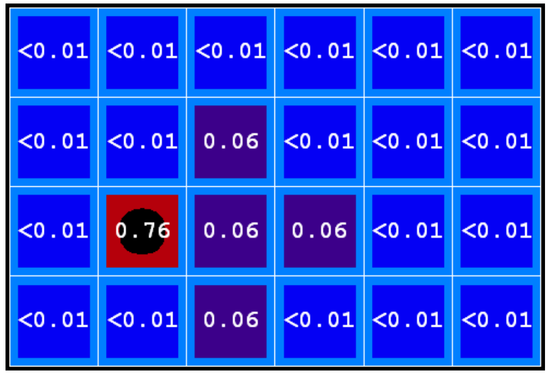

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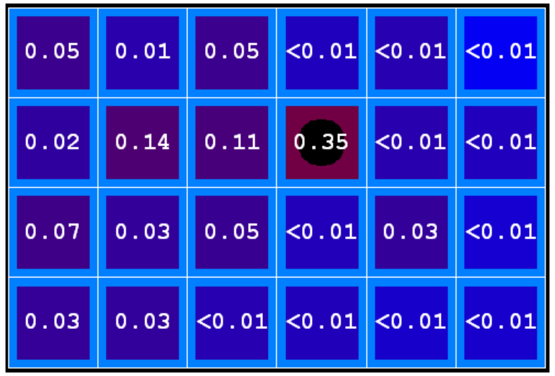

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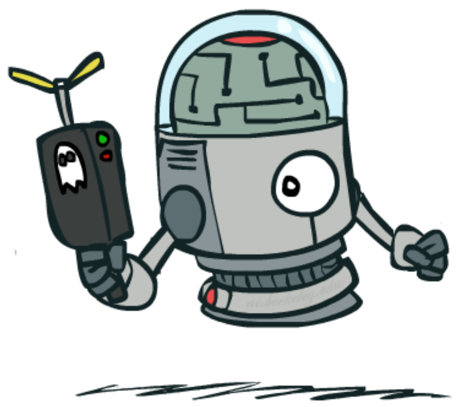

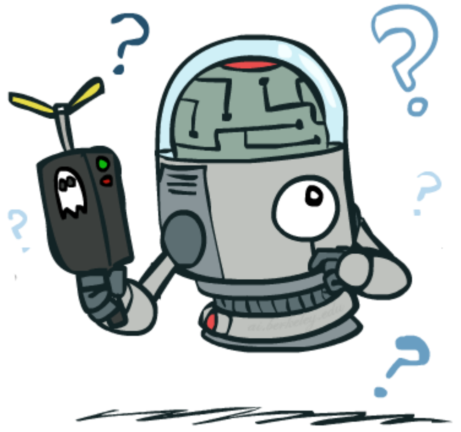

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Observation

- Assume we have current belief P(X | previous evidence):

$$B'(X_{t+1}) = P(X_{t+1}|e_{1:t})$$

- Then, after evidence comes in:

$$\begin{aligned} P(X_{t+1}|e_{1:t+1}) &= P(X_{t+1}, e_{t+1}|e_{1:t})/P(e_{t+1}|e_{1:t}) \\ &\propto_{X_{t+1}} P(X_{t+1}, e_{t+1}|e_{1:t}) \\ &= P(e_{t+1}|e_{1:t}, X_{t+1})P(X_{t+1}|e_{1:t}) \\ &= P(e_{t+1}|X_{t+1})P(X_{t+1}|e_{1:t}) \end{aligned}$$

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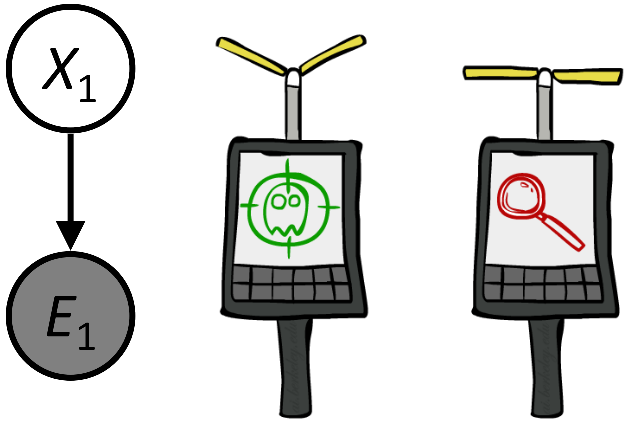
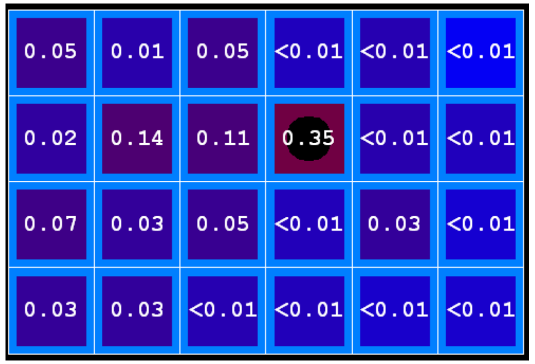


- Basic idea: beliefs “reweighted” by likelihood of evidence
- Unlike passage of time, we have to renormalize

Example: Observation

- As we get observations, beliefs get reweighted, uncertainty “decreases”



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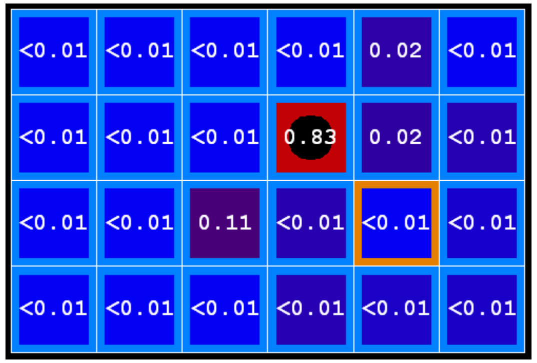
Before observation



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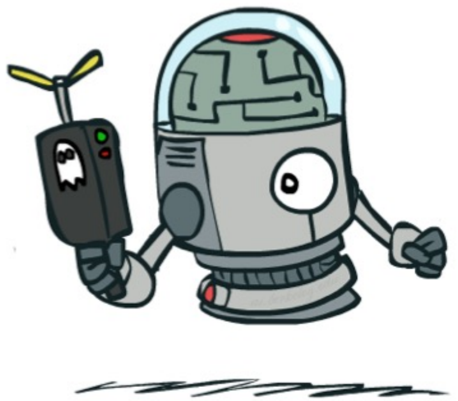
After observation



$$B(X) \propto P(e|X)B'(X)$$

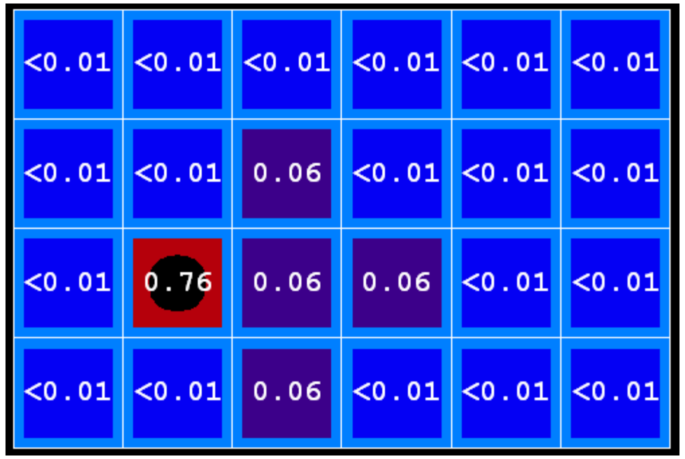
Filtering

Elapse time: compute P(X_t | $e_{1:t-1}$)

$$P(x_t|e_{1:t-1}) = \sum_{x_{t-1}} P(x_{t-1}|e_{1:t-1}) \cdot P(x_t|x_{t-1})$$

Observe: compute P(X_t | $e_{1:t}$)

$$P(x_t|e_{1:t}) \propto P(x_t|e_{1:t-1}) \cdot P(e_t|x_t)$$



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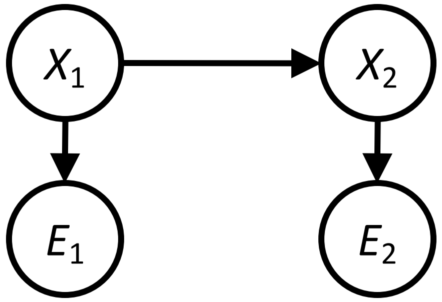

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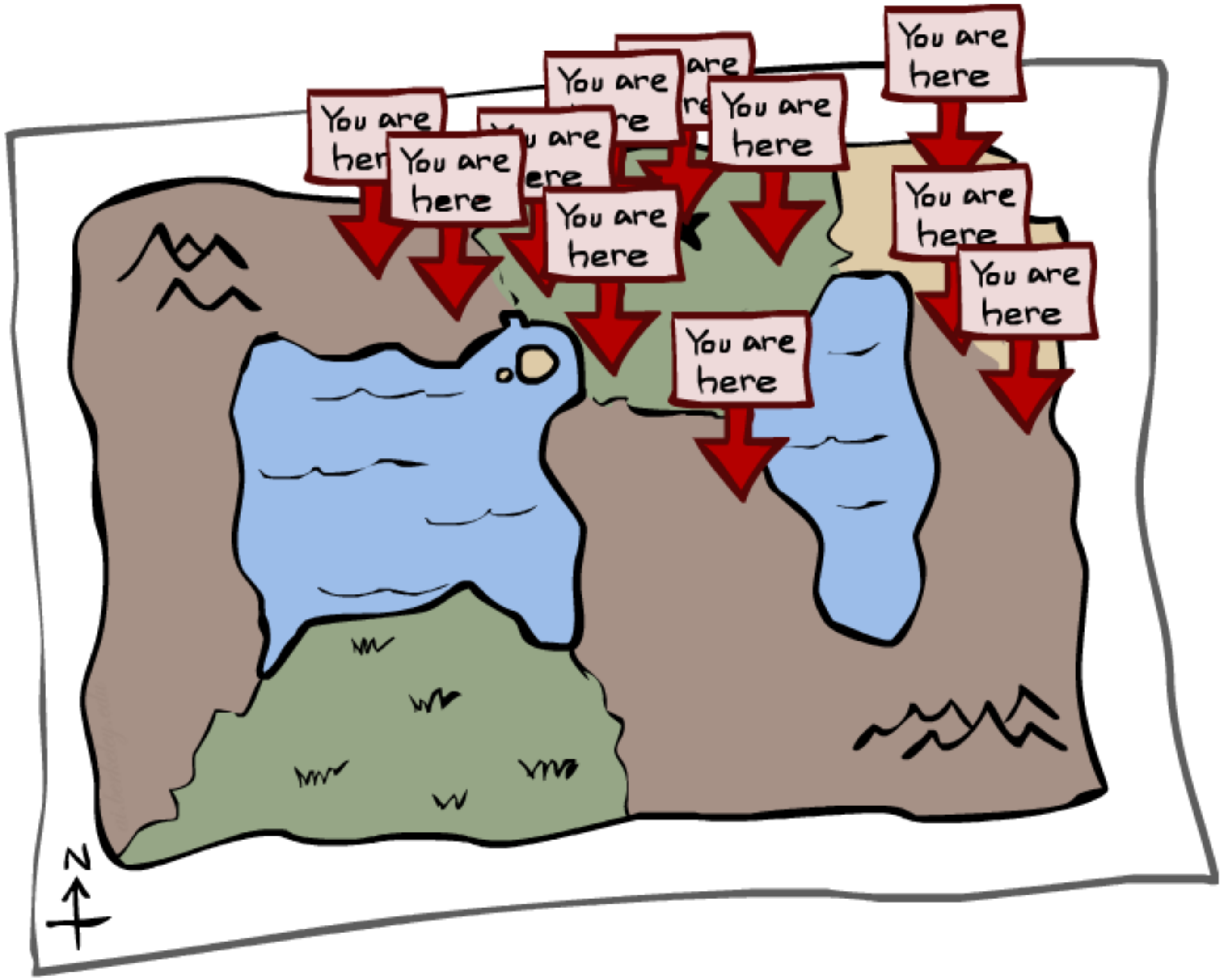
Belief: <P(rain), P(sun)>

$P(X_1)$	<0.5, 0.5>	*Prior on X_1*
$P(X_1 \mid E_1 = umbrella)$	<0.82, 0.18>	*Observe*
$P(X_2 \mid E_1 = umbrella)$	<0.63, 0.37>	*Elapse time*
$P(X_2 \mid E_1 = umb, E_2 = umb)$	<0.88, 0.12>	*Observe*

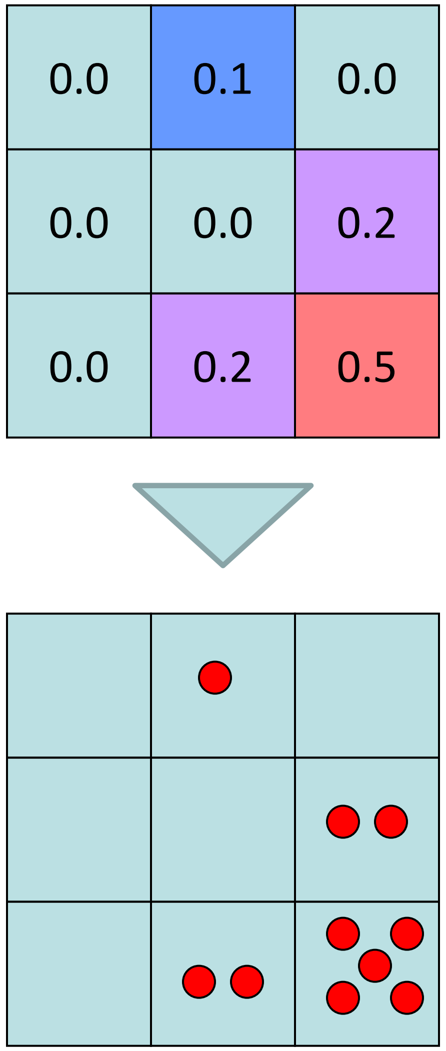
[Demo: Ghostbusters Exact Filtering (L15D2)]

Particle Filtering



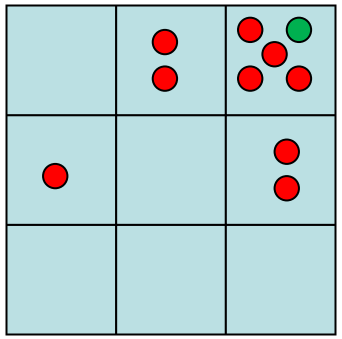
Particle Filtering

- Filtering: approximate solution
- Sometimes |X| is too big to use exact inference
  - |X| may be too big to even store B(X)
  - E.g. X is continuous
- Solution: approximate inference
  - Track samples of X, not all values
  - Samples are called particles
  - Time per step is linear in the number of samples
  - But: number needed may be large
  - In memory: list of particles, not states
- This is how robot localization works in practice
- Particle is just new name for sample



Representation: Particles

- Our representation of P(X) is now a list of N particles (samples)
  - Generally, N << |X|
  - Storing map from X to counts would defeat the point
- P(x) approximated by number of particles with value x
  - So, many x may have P(x) = 0!
  - More particles, more accuracy
- For now, all particles have a weight of 1



Particles:
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(2,3)

Particle Filtering: Elapse Time

- Each particle is moved by sampling its next position from the transition model

$$x' = \text{sample}(P(X'|x))$$

  - This is like prior sampling – samples' frequencies reflect the transition probabilities
  - Here, most samples move clockwise, but some move in another direction or stay in place

- This captures the passage of time
  - If enough samples, close to exact values before and after (consistent)

Particles:
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(2,3)
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Particles:
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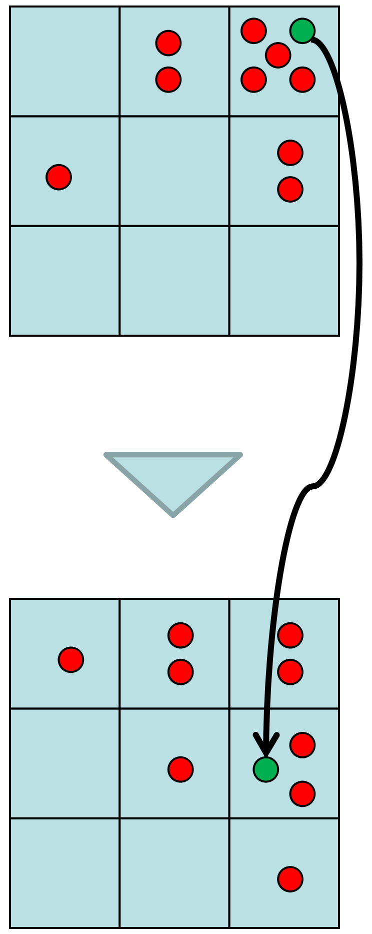

Particle Filtering: Observe

- Slightly trickier:
  - Don't sample observation, fix it
  - Similar to likelihood weighting, downweight samples based on the evidence

$$w(x) = P(e|x)$$

$$B(X) \propto P(e|X)B'(X)$$

  - As before, the probabilities don't sum to one, since all have been downweighted (in fact they now sum to (N times) an approximation of P(e))

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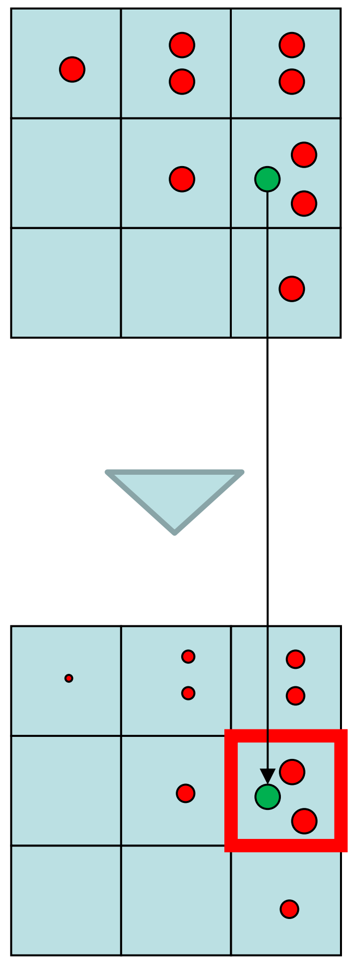

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(3,1) w=.4
(3,3) w=.4
(3,2) w=.9
(1,3) w=.1
(2,3) w=.2
(3,2) w=.9
(2,2) w=.4

Particle Filtering: Resample

- Rather than tracking weighted samples, we resample
- N times, we choose from our weighted sample distribution (i.e. draw with replacement)
- This is equivalent to renormalizing the distribution
- Now the update is complete for this time step, continue with the next one

Particles:

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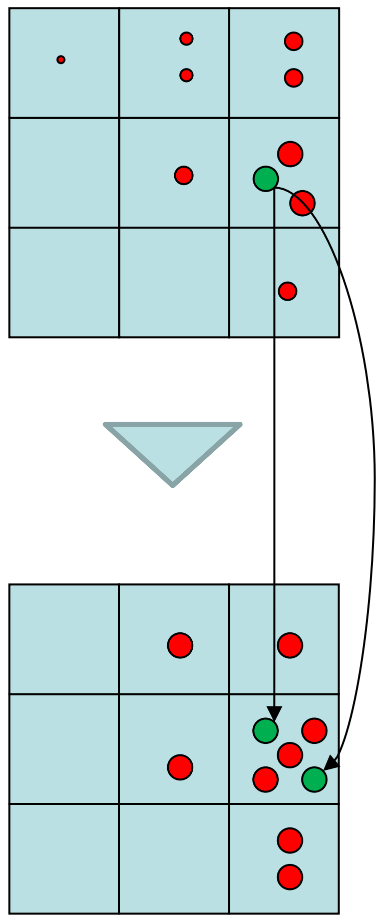

(New) Particles:

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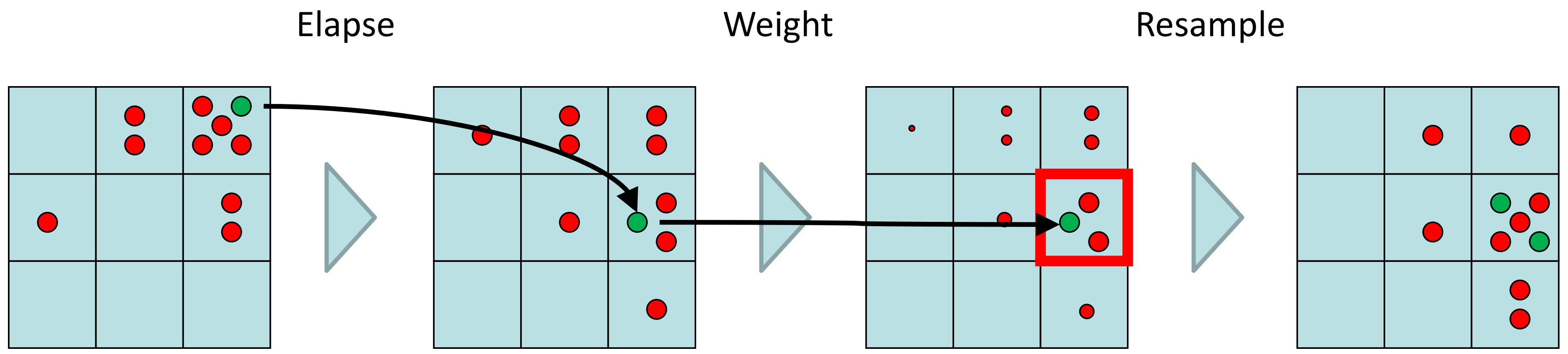
Recap: Particle Filtering

- Particles: track samples of states rather than an explicit distribution



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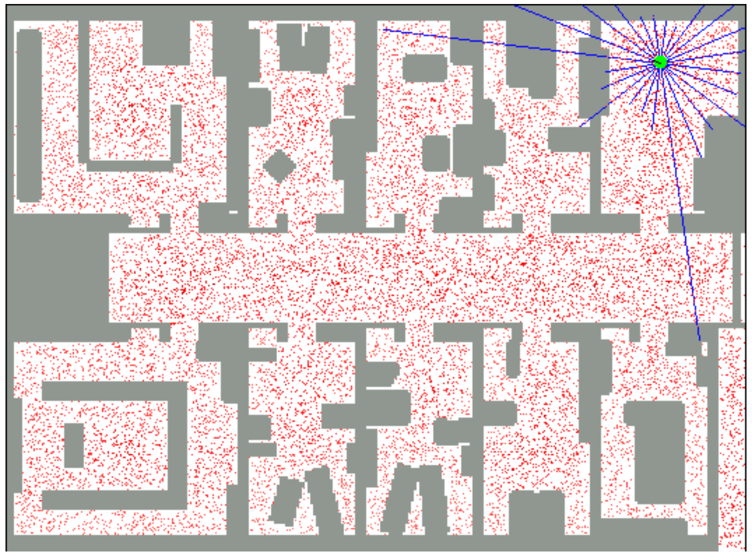
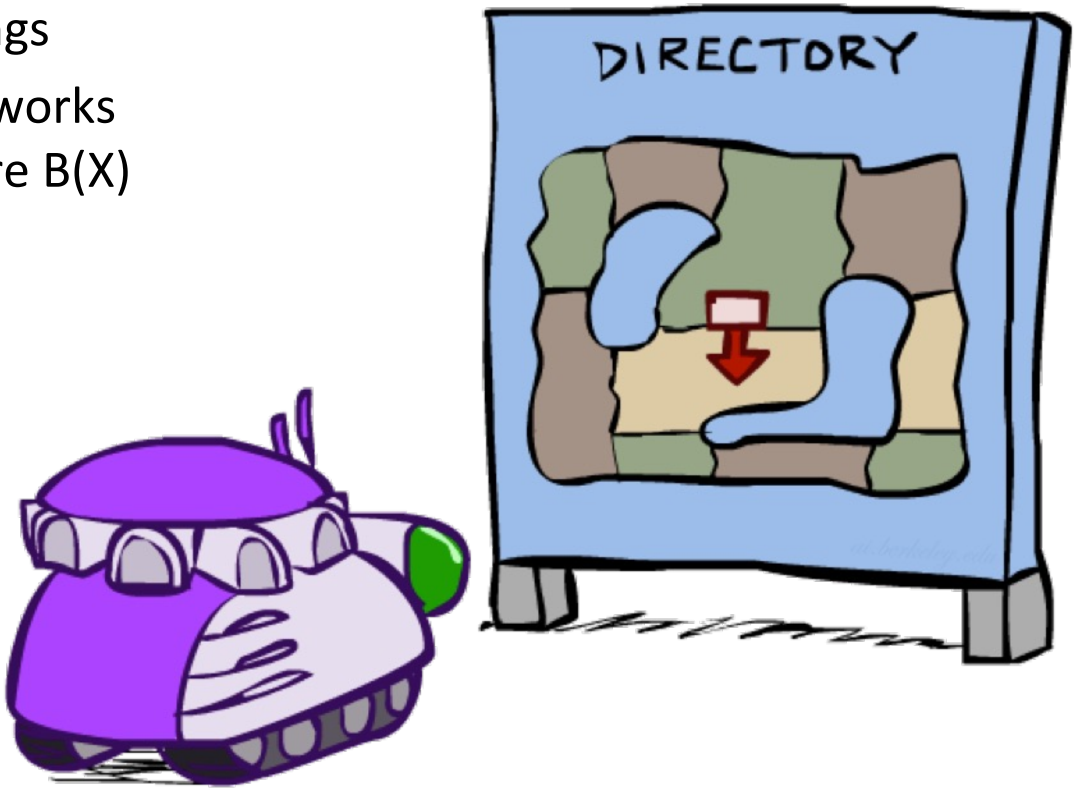
[Demos: ghostbusters particle filtering (L15D3,4,5)]

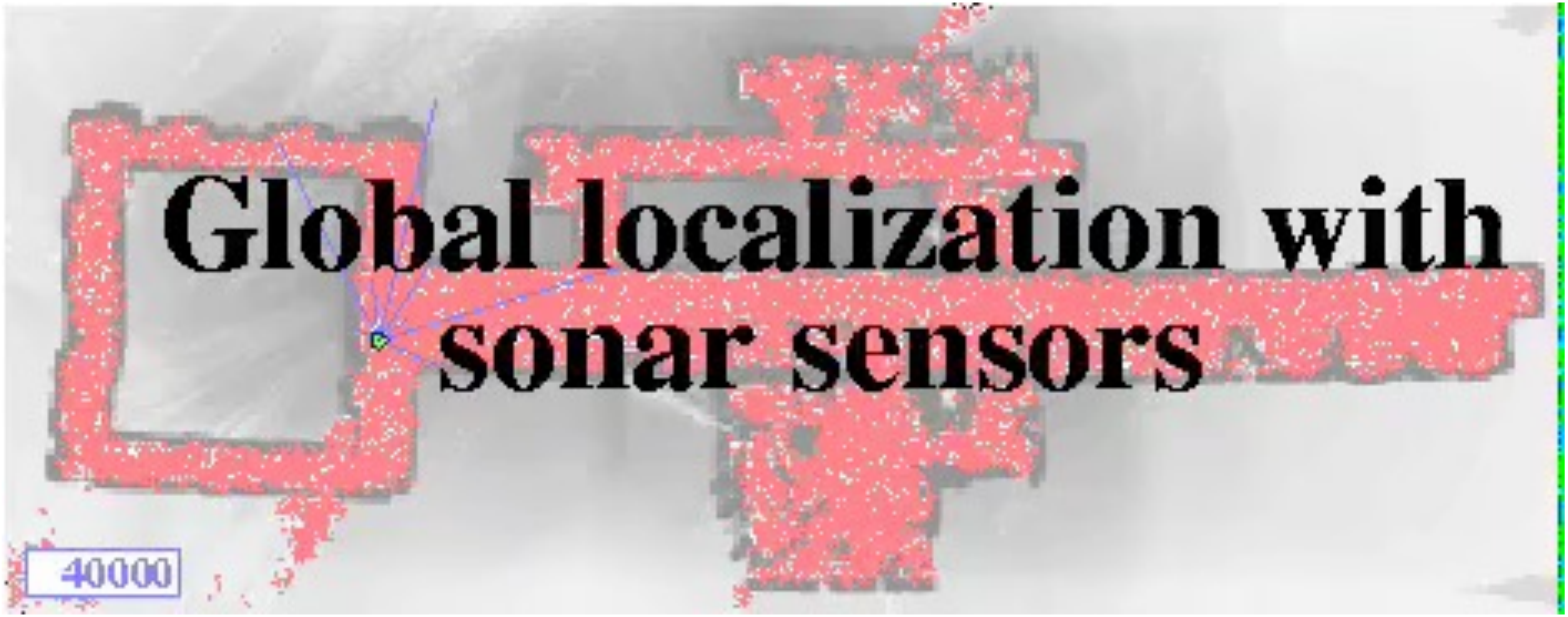
Robot Localization

- In robot localization:
  - We know the map, but not the robot's position
  - Observations may be vectors of range finder readings
  - State space and readings are typically continuous (works basically like a very fine grid) and so we cannot store B(X)
  - Particle filtering is a main technique



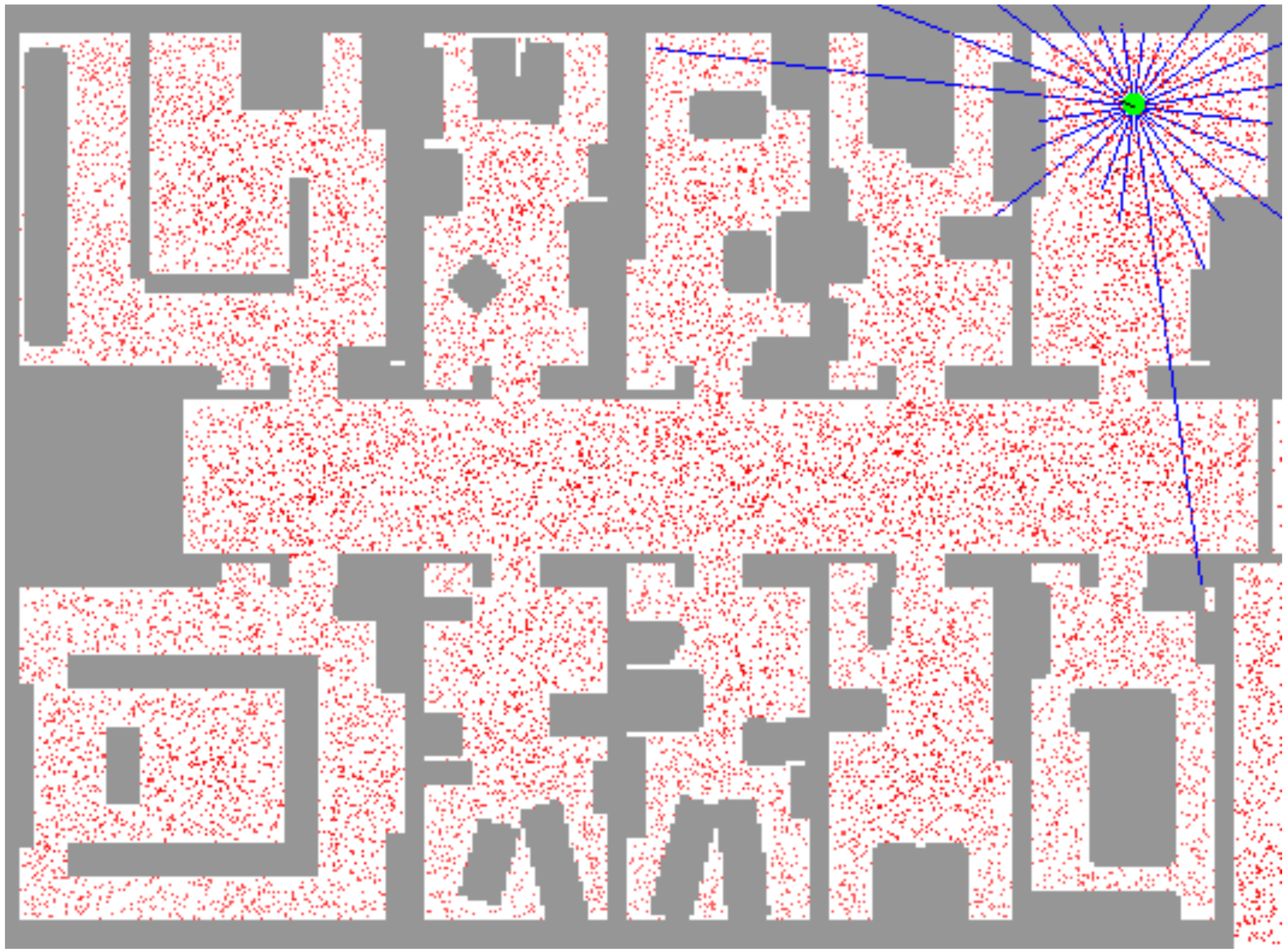


Particle Filter Localization (Sonar)



[Video: global-sonar-uw-annotated.avi]

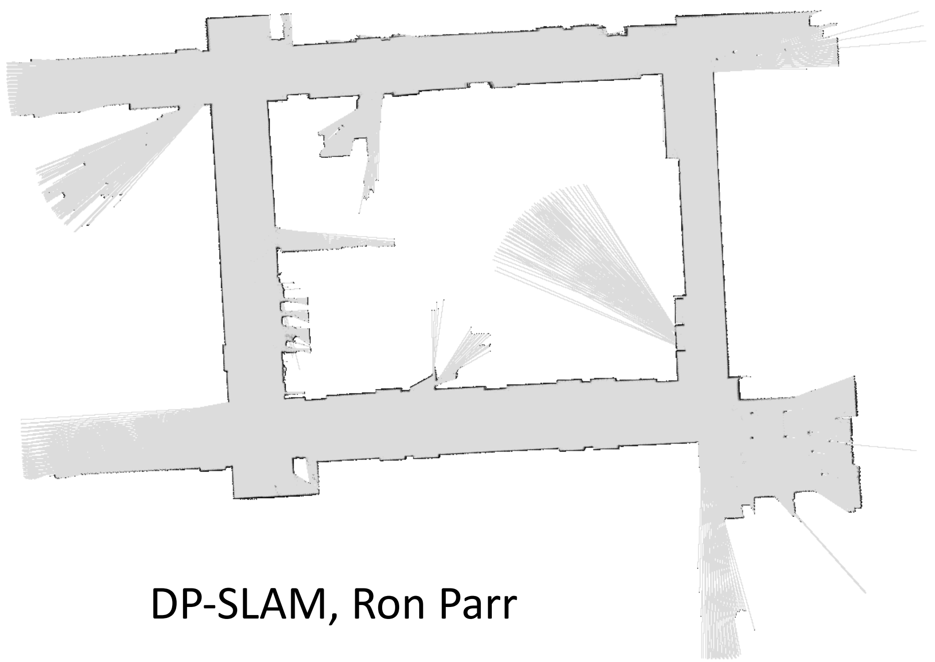
Particle Filter Localization (Laser)



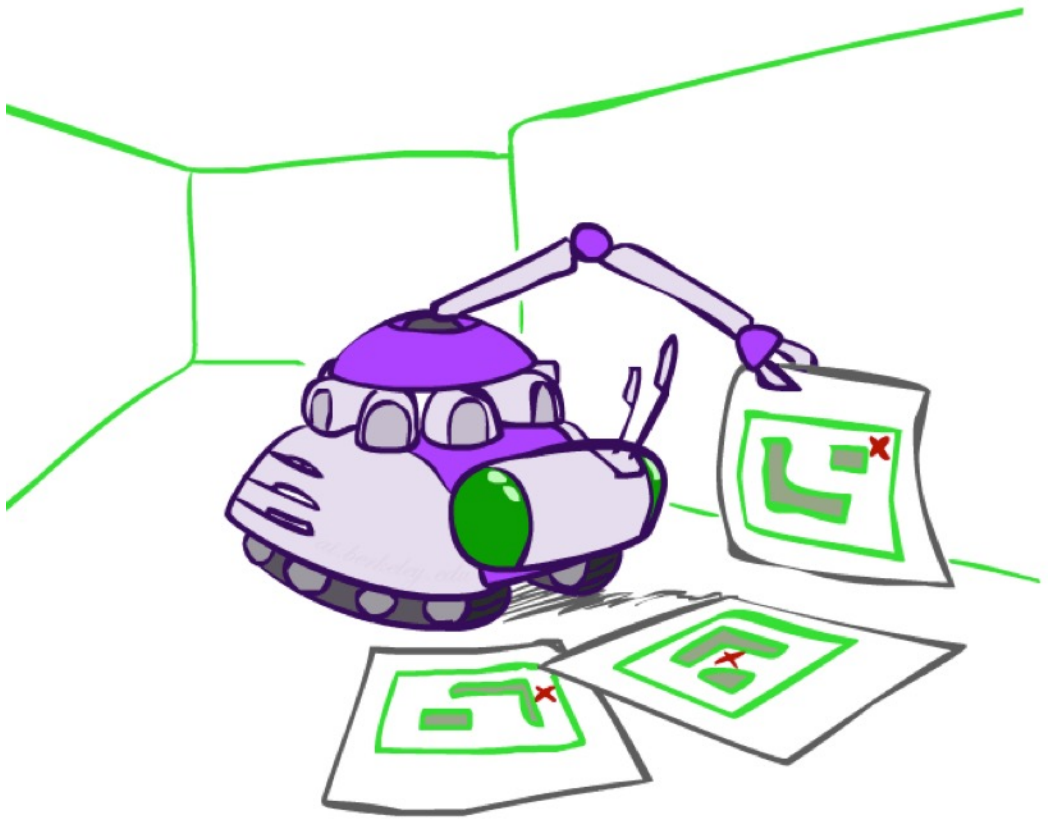
[Video: global-floor.gif]

Robot Mapping

- SLAM: Simultaneous Localization And Mapping
  - We do not know the map or our location
  - State consists of position AND map!
  - Main techniques: Kalman filtering (Gaussian HMMs) and particle methods

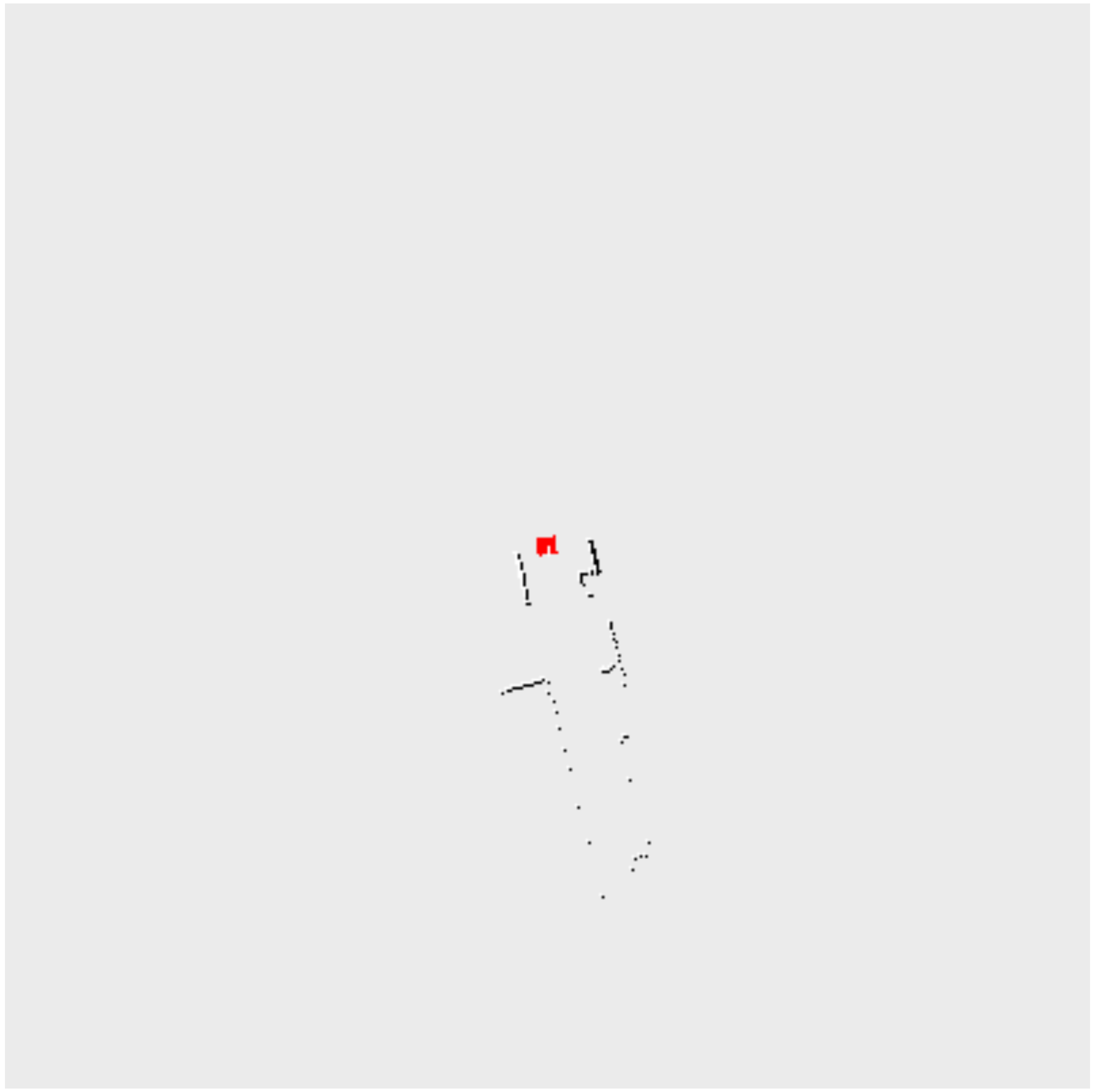


DP-SLAM, Ron Parr



[Demo: PARTICLES-SLAM-mapping1-new.avi]

Particle Filter SLAM – Video 1



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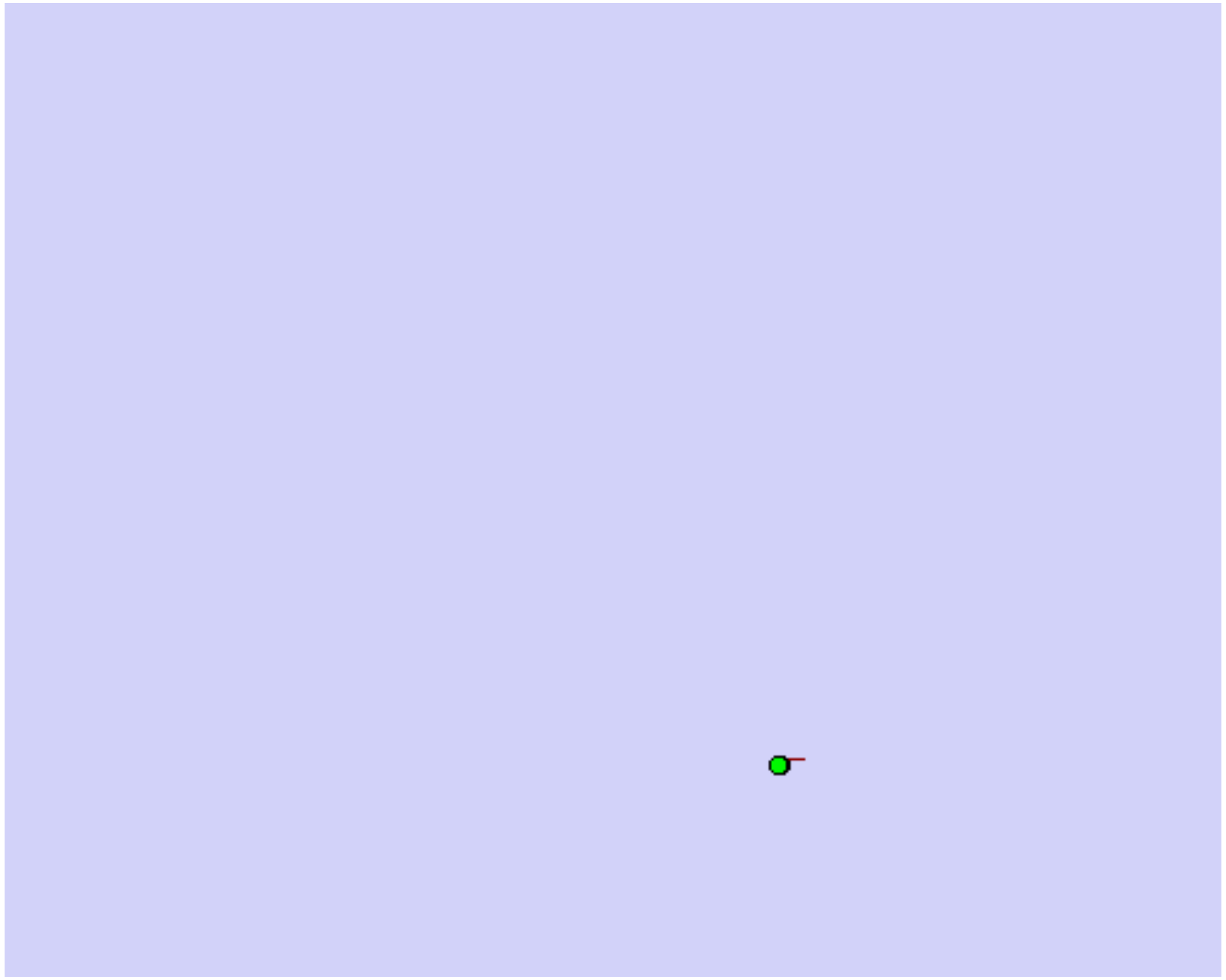
Particle Filter SLAM – Video 2



[Demo: PARTICLES-SLAM-fastslam.avi]