

# SENSOR DATA FUSION

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# INTRODUCTION IN DATA FUSION

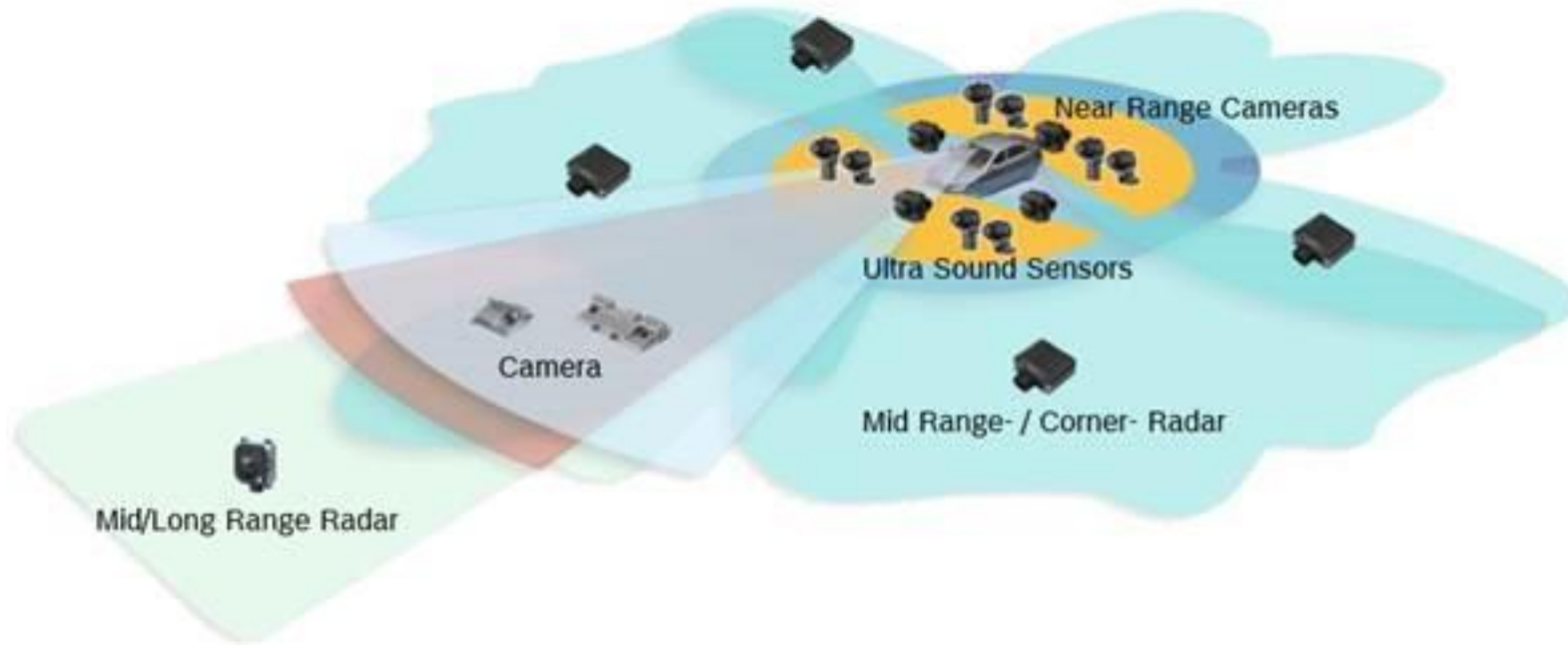
# INTRODUCTION IN DATA FUSION

## Why ?

- Each sensor has its uncertainty ( error in measurement )
  - i.e. GPS – give position with an accuracy of 3 meter
- Each sensor has its drawbacks
  - i.e. GPS – does not work well in tunnels
  - IMU (inertial measurement unit )– accumulate error due to the integration process
- Each estimation method does not meet exactly the process
  - i.e. A theoretical model works perfect, but the process has variation due to mechanical issues

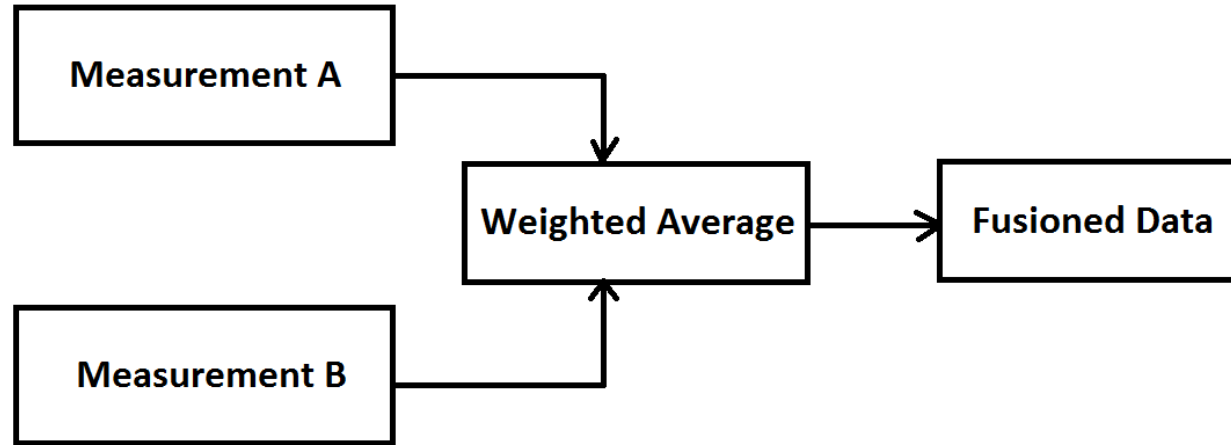
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## Why ?



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## How ?



- Which are the weights ?
- Why we want this fusion ?

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## How ?

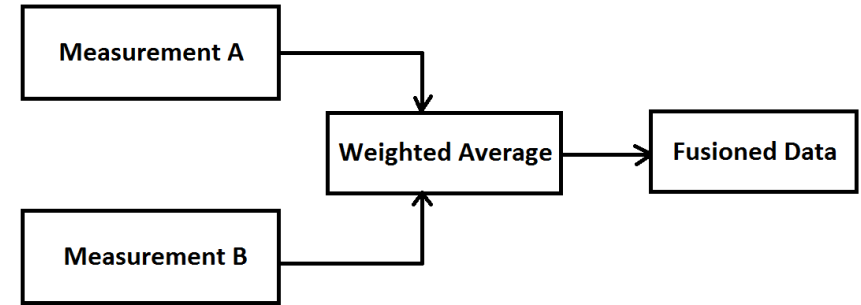
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Uncertainty

- Which are the weights ?

Greater weight to better data

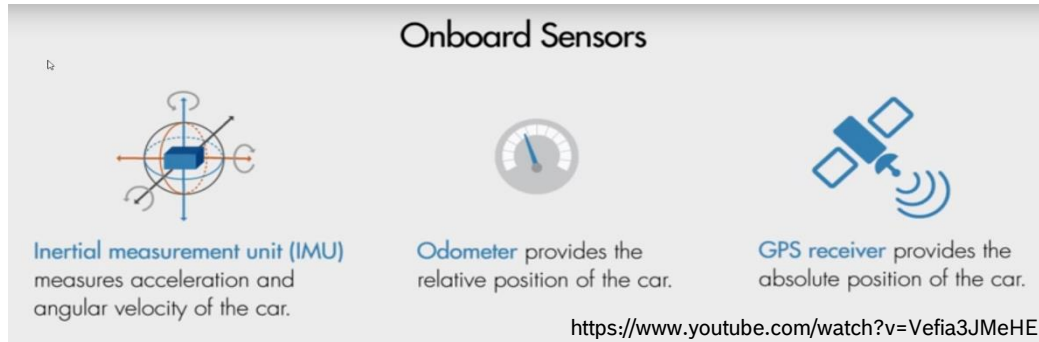
Some “good” weights





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## Example

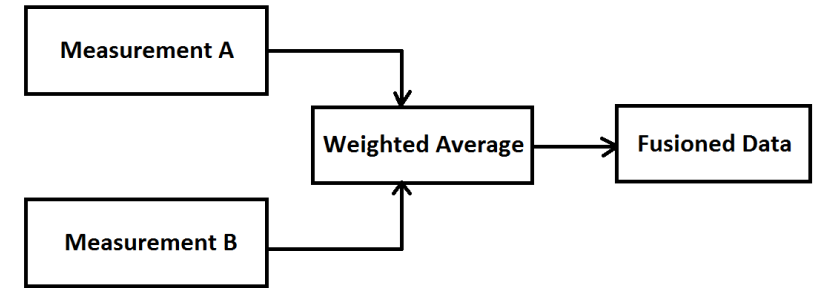


- Estimated relative position
- Accumulated error

A

- Absolute position
- Noisy

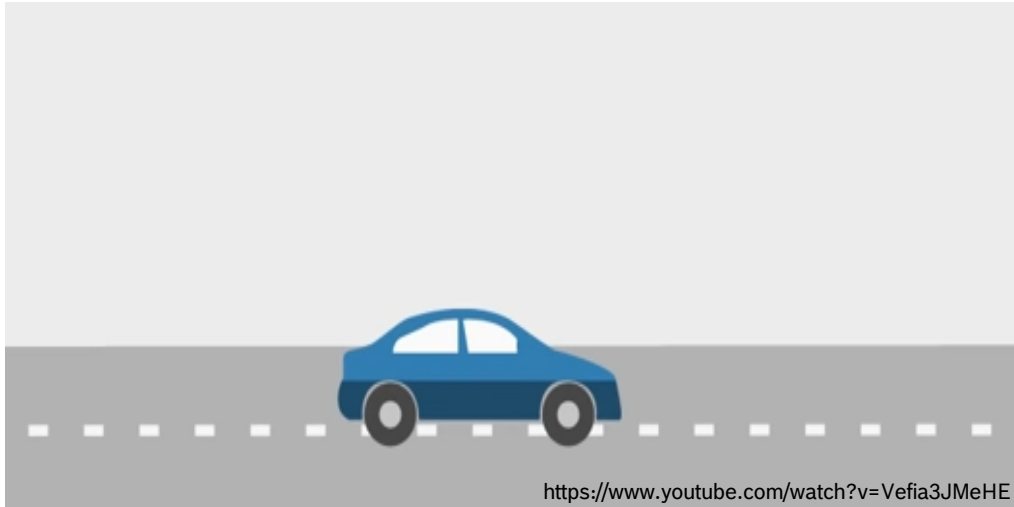
B



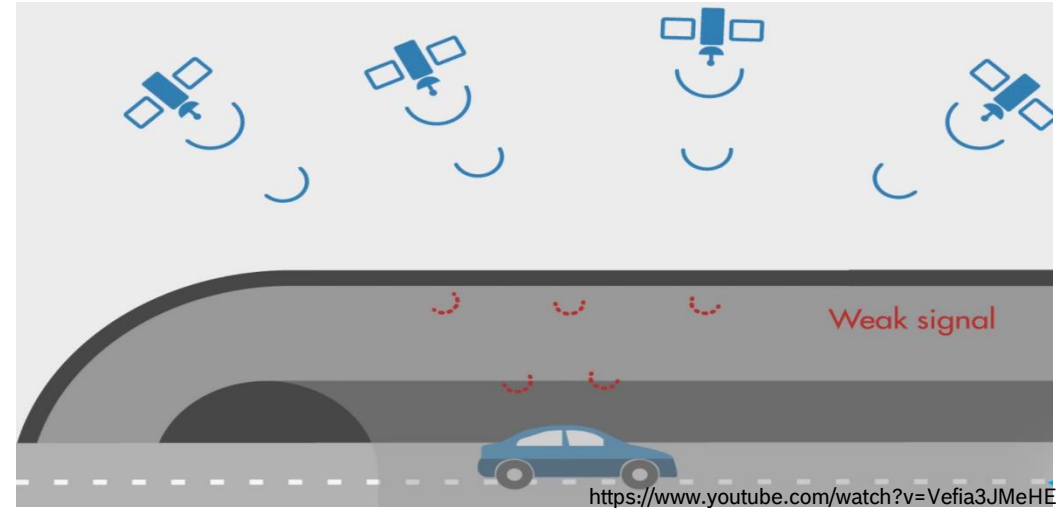
Which one you trust ?

# INTRODUCTION IN DATA FUSION

## Example



Good GPS – use A only for correction,  
position is based on B



Bad GPS – use A exclusively to predict from  
the other sensors

# PRELIMINARY NOTIONS

# Preliminary Notions

## Random Variable

Def.: A function which link a random event with a number.




$$X : E \rightarrow R$$

Example: Roll two dices. One roll represents an event. The random number associated with this event is the sum of the number of dices. This sum is a random variable.

# Preliminary Notions

## Expected Value

Take as random values the exam grades of all students from Control Engineering at math

$$E[X] = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^N (x_i)}{N}$$


Average of the students grades

What we expect to be the grade of a student?

# Preliminary Notions


## Variance

Take as random values the exam grades of all students from Control Engineering at math

$$Var(X) = E[(\bar{x} - X)^2] = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^N (\bar{x} - x_i)^2}{N}$$



How far from an average student are the best and the worst student


$$[Var] = [X]^2$$

# Preliminary Notions

## Standard Deviation

Take as random values the exam grades of all students from Control Engineering at math

$$\sigma(X) = \sqrt{\text{Var}(X)}$$



How far from an average student are the best and the worst student



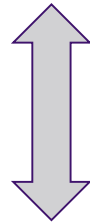
$[\sigma] = [X]$   
More convenient

# Preliminary Notions

## Covariance

Take as random values the exam grades of all students from Control Engineering at math and English

$$\text{Cov}(X, Y) = E[(\bar{x} - X)(\bar{y} - Y)] = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^N \sum_{j=1}^M (\bar{x} - x_i)(\bar{y} - y_i)}{N+M}$$

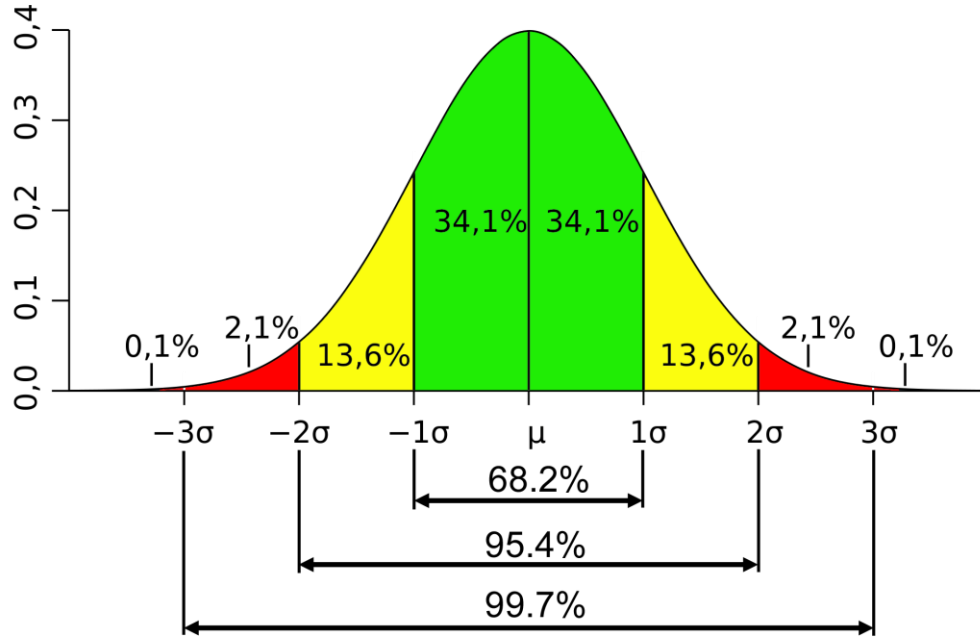


Express a linear dependence between two dimensions



# Preliminary Notions

## Gaussian Distribution



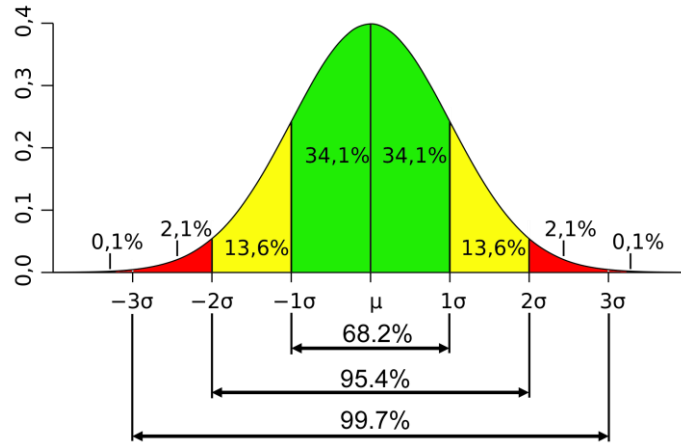
$$f(x | \mu, \sigma^2) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}} e^{-\frac{(x-\mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}}$$

Probability density function

Take as random value the exam grade of all students from Control Engineering at math  
How we interpret this graph ?

# Preliminary Notions

## Gaussian Distribution



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

$$E[X_f] = \mu$$

Grade of an average student

$$\text{Var}(X_f) = \sigma^2$$

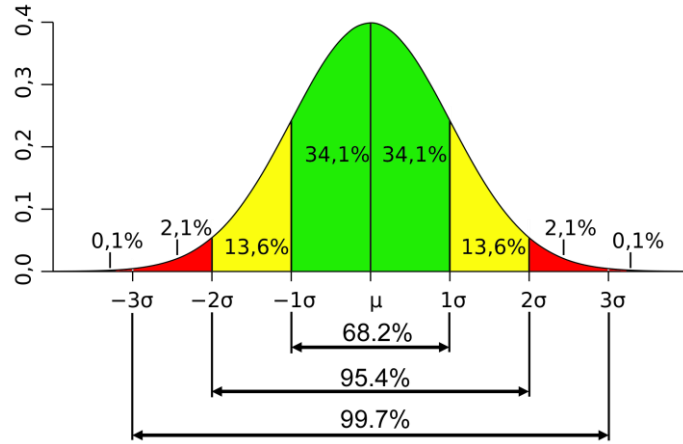
How far away is the best and the worst student

Take as random value the exam grade of all students from Control Engineering at math

How we interpret this graph ?

# Preliminary Notions

## White Noise



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

$$E[X_f] = \mu = 0$$

We expect the noise to be zero

$$\text{Var}(X_f) = \sigma^2$$

Depends on the signal source  
⇔ how distorted is the signal

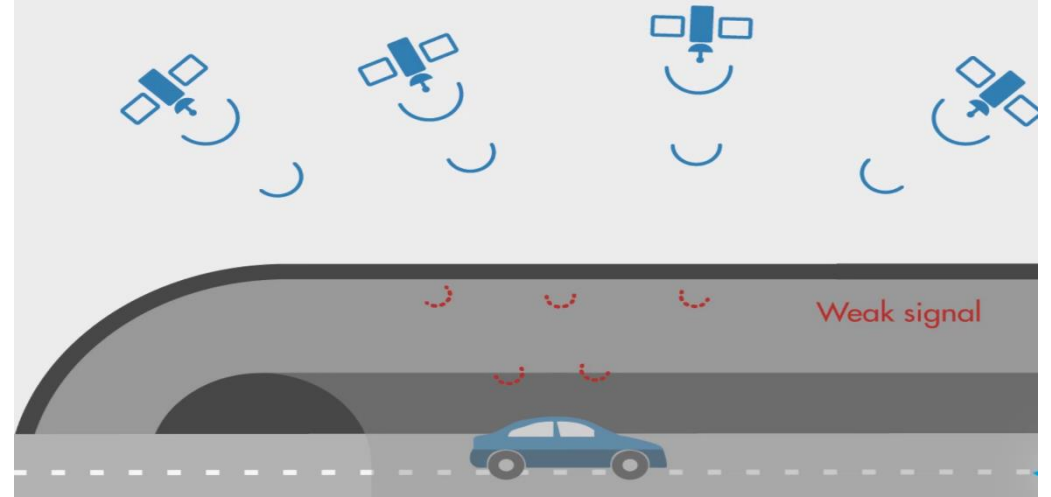
A white noise is a deviation around the 0 which disturb the original signal

Example: Ground variation from an oscilloscope

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## Vehicle tracking

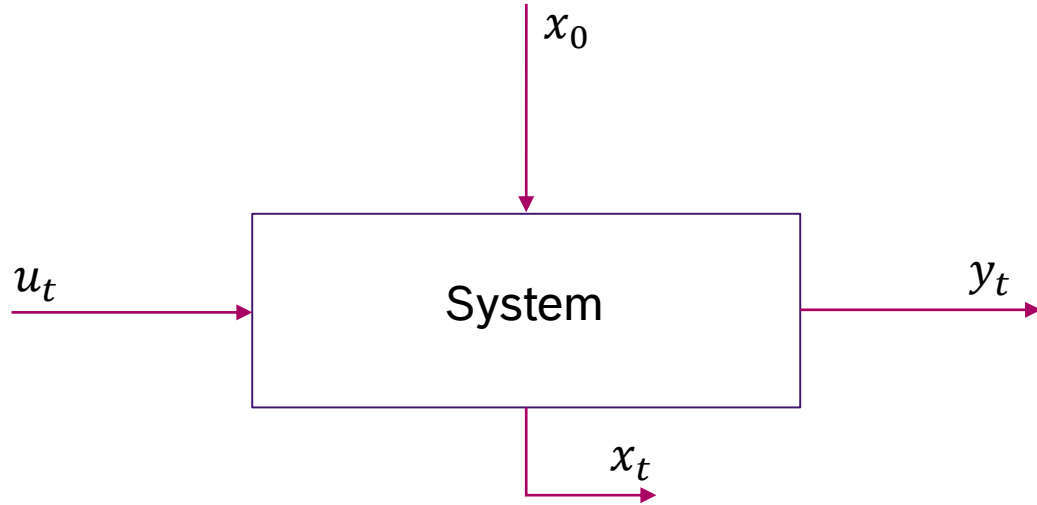


- Assume that the trajectory is a line
- You know the velocity of the car as input to the system
- You measure the position of the car via GPS system

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## Introduction



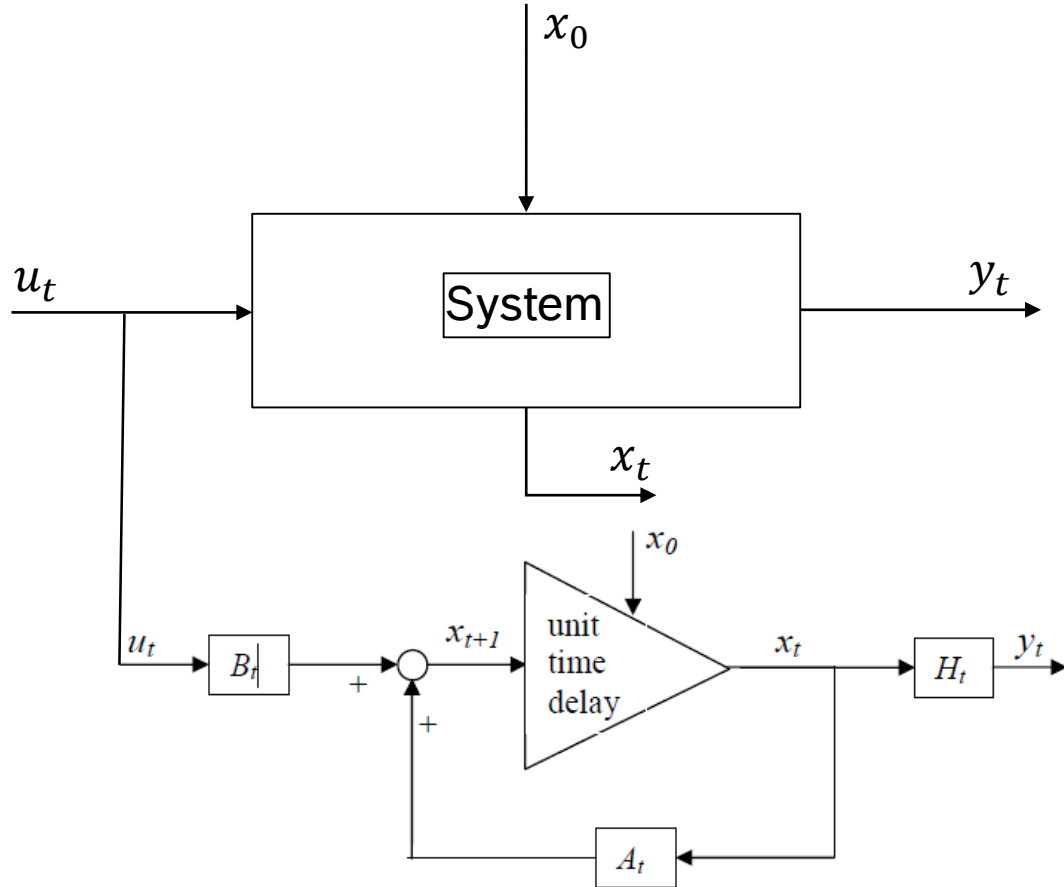
$$\begin{aligned}x_{t+1} &= A_t x_t + B_t u_t \\ y_t &= H_t x_t\end{aligned}$$

- We measure the output  $y_t$
- What about the internal state  $x_t$ ? Can estimate the internal state ?

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# STATE OBSERVER

## System estimator



$$x_{t+1} = A_t x_t + B_t u_t$$
$$y_t = H_t x_t$$

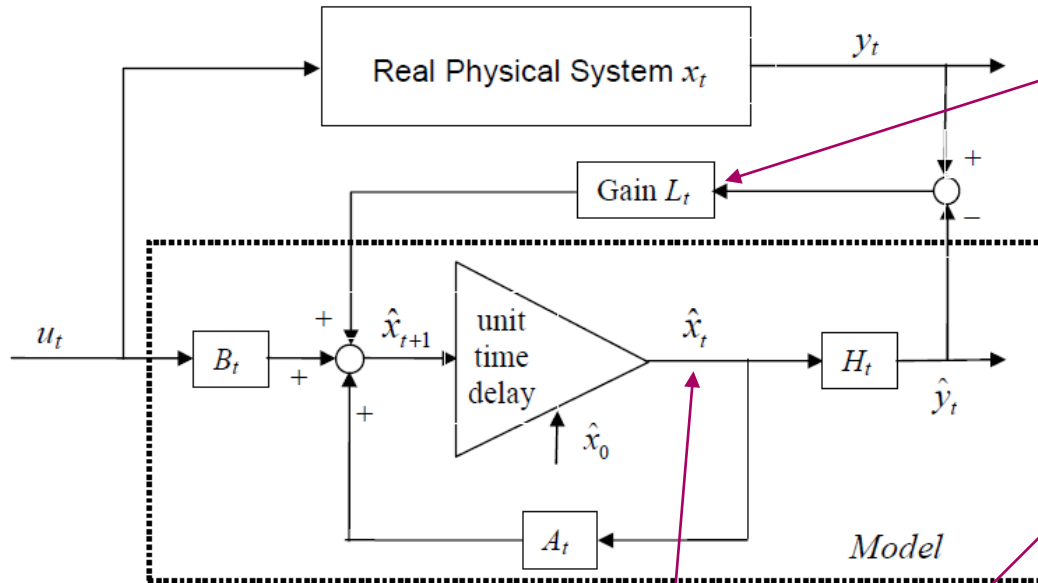
Is it the same ?

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## Optimal State Estimator



Feedback ensure the convergence of estimation error to 0

$$\hat{x}_{t+1} = A_t \hat{x}_t + B_t u_t + L_t(y_t - \hat{y}_t)$$
$$\hat{y}_t = H_t \hat{x}_t$$

- What about the noise ?
- How you handle it ?
- How certain is the estimation?

Corrected car's position

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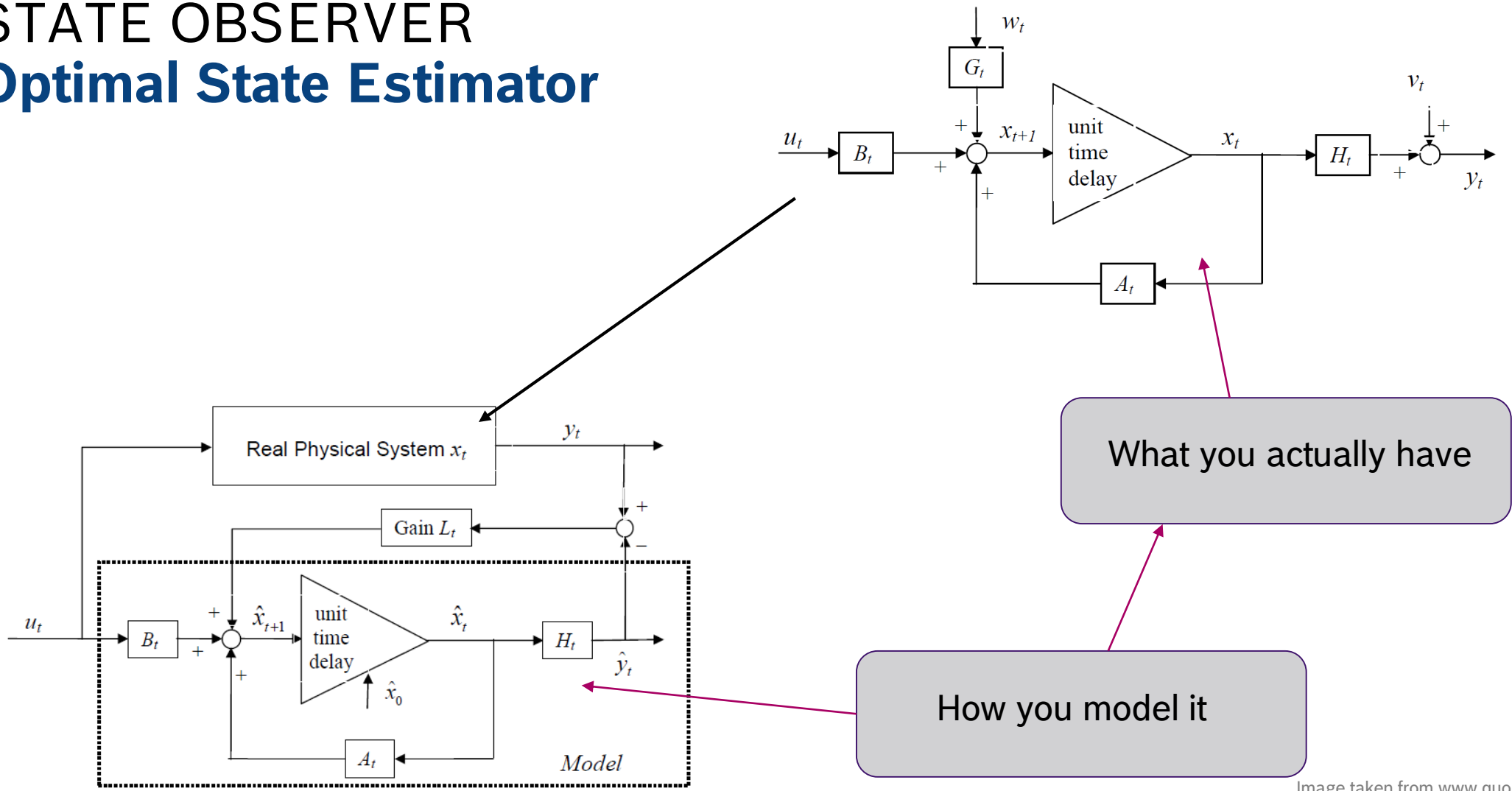
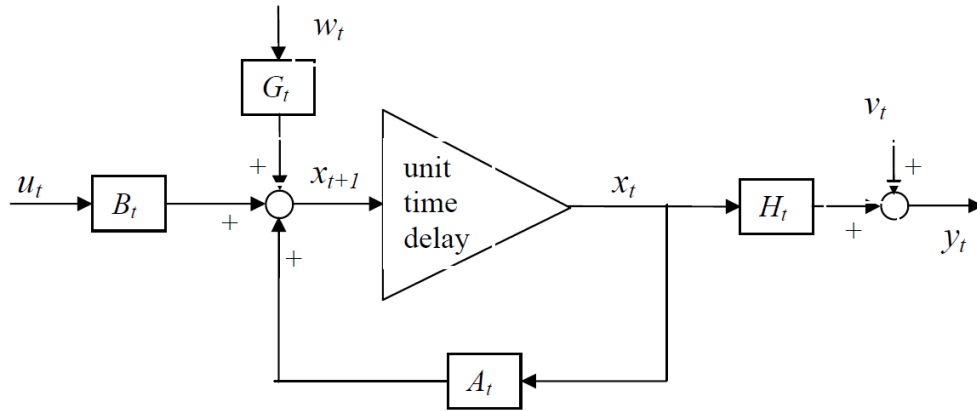


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## Optimal State Estimator For Stochastic Systems



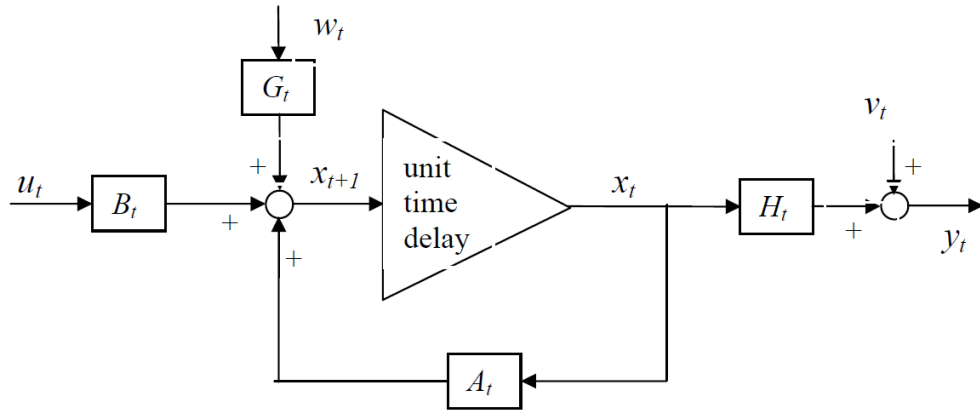
$v_t = \text{measurement noise}$   
 $w_t = \text{process noise}$

- $v_t, w_t$  – is assumed to be white noises
- $v_t = N(0, R_t)$ ,  $R_t$  is covariance of measurement noise
- $w_t = N(0, Q_t)$ ,  $Q_t$  is covariance of process noise

Obs.: Process and measurement noise are uncorrelated

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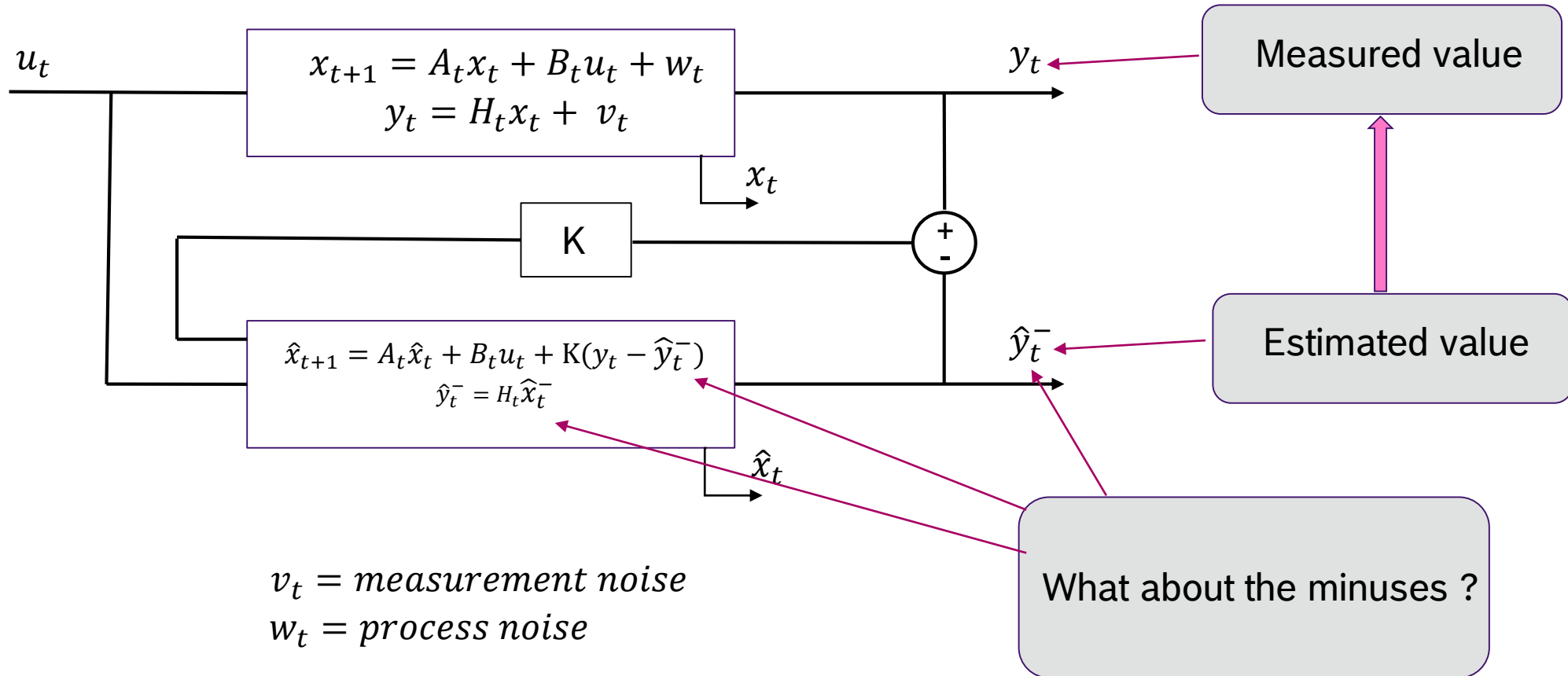
$$x_{t+1} = A_t x_t + B_t u_t + w_t$$
$$y_t = H_t x_t + v_t$$

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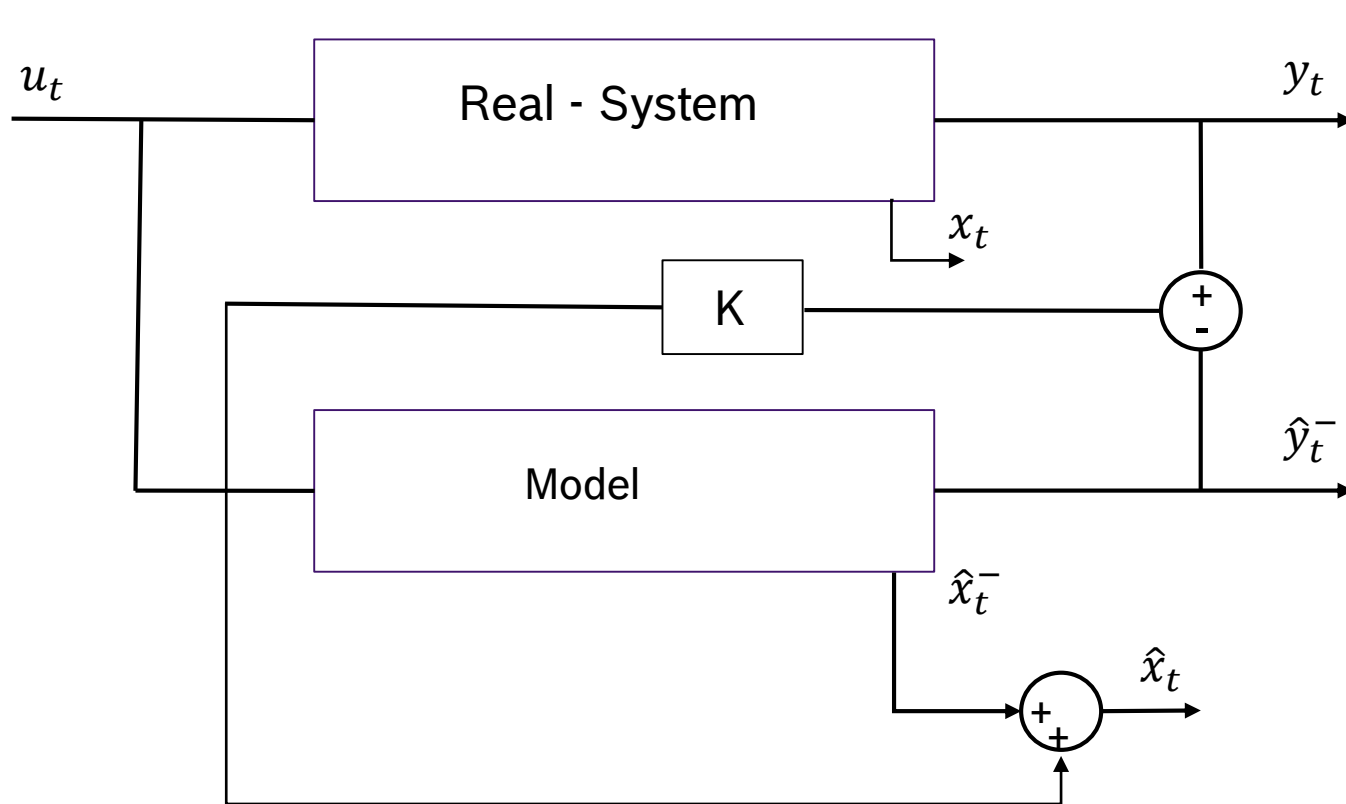
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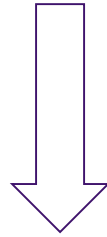
$$\hat{x}_t = \underbrace{A\hat{x}_{t-1} + Bu_t}_{\hat{x}_t^-} + \underbrace{K_t(y_t - H(A\hat{x}_{t-1} + Bu_t))}_{\hat{x}_t^-}$$

A priori Estimation

# KALMAN FILTER

## Optimal State Estimator For Stochastic Systems

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$$\hat{x}_t = \hat{x}_t^- + K_t(y_t - H\hat{x}_t^-)$$

A posteriori State Estimation

A priori State Estimation

Correction via Kalman Gain



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## Kalman Gain

- A posteriori estimation error:

$$\varepsilon = x_t - \hat{x}_t$$



Is a stochastic variable due to process noise  $w_t$

- Take the expected value of a posteriori error as an estimation's measure

$$f(K) = E[\varepsilon^T \varepsilon]$$

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## Kalman Gain

- Take the expected value of a posteriori error as an estimation measure

$$f(K) = E[\varepsilon^T \varepsilon]$$

- Minimizing  $f$  with respect to  $K$  will give us the best  $K$

$$\frac{df}{dK} = 0 \quad \longrightarrow \quad K_t = \frac{P_t^- H^T}{H P_t^- H^T + R_t}, \text{ where } P_t^- \text{ is a priori error covariance}$$
$$P_t^- = E[(x_t - \hat{x}_t^-)^T (x_t - \hat{x}_t^-)]$$

# KALMAN FILTER

## Updating the error covariance

- Starting from the definition of the a posteriori error covariance

$$P_t = E[\varepsilon^T \varepsilon]$$

- Expanding the above equation by using the model of a posteriori estimation we obtain that

$$P_t = (I - K_t H) P_t^-$$

# KALMAN FILTER

## Estimation of a priori error covariance

- As we estimate a priori the state of the system, we must estimate the a priori error covariance in order to compute the Kalman gain
- Starting from the definition of the a priori error covariance

$$P_t^- = E[(x_t - \hat{x}_t^-)^T (x_t - \hat{x}_t^-)]$$

- By using the system transition model and considering the expected values of the independent signals to be 0 we obtain the a priori error covariance

$$P_t^- = AP_{t-1}A^T + Q_t$$

# KALMAN FILTER

## Summary

### Prediction

$$\hat{x}_t^- = A\hat{x}_{t-1} + Bu_{t-1}$$

$$P_t^- = AP_{t-1}A^T + Q_t$$

### Update

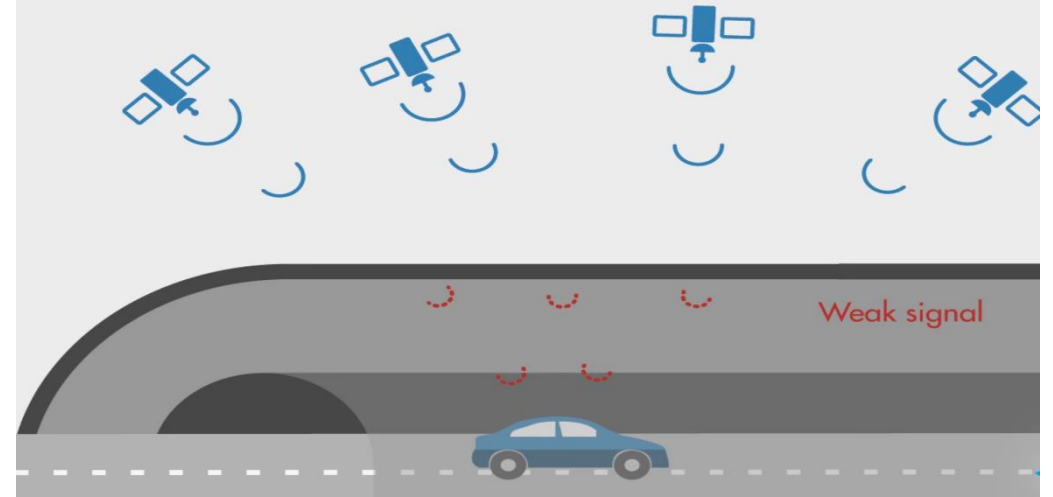
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$$P_t = (I - K_t H)P_t^-$$

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## Vehicle tracking

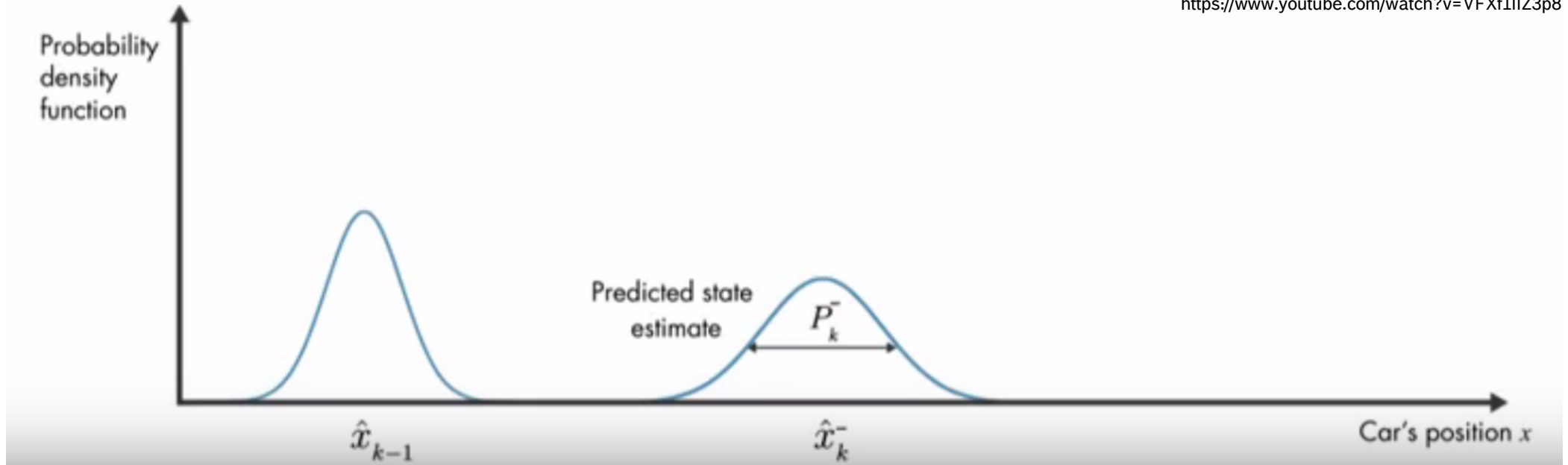


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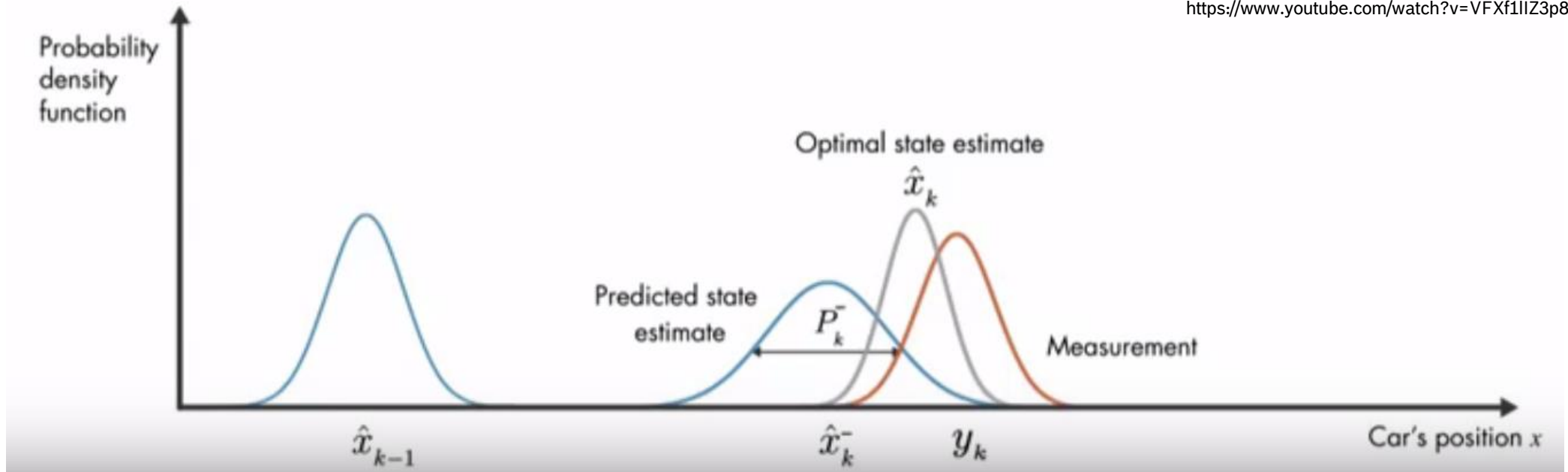
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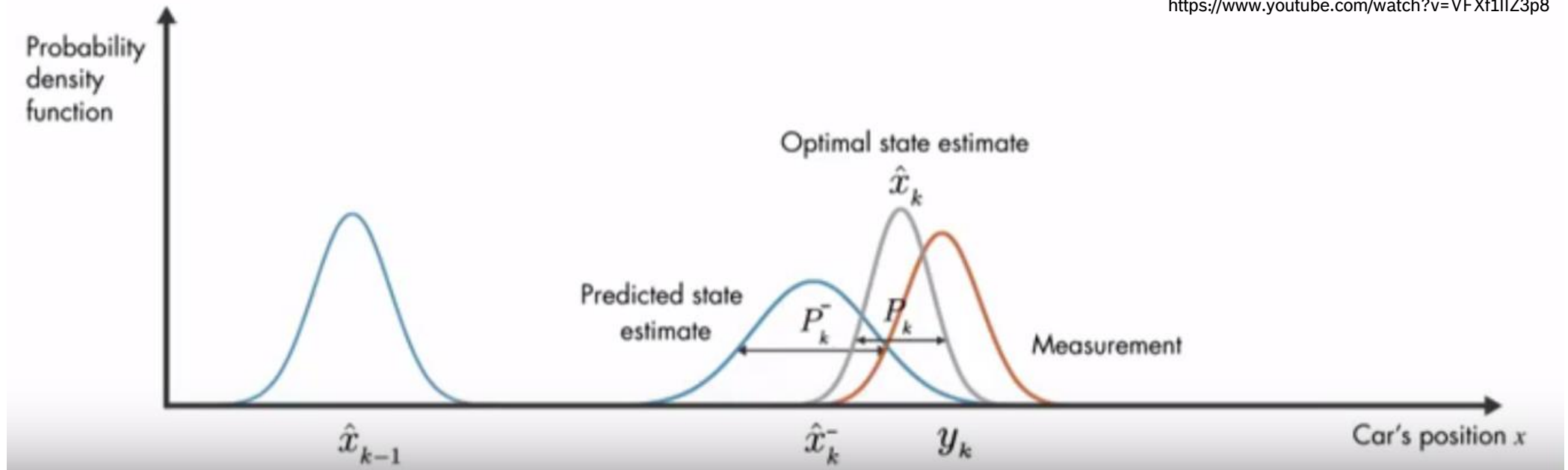




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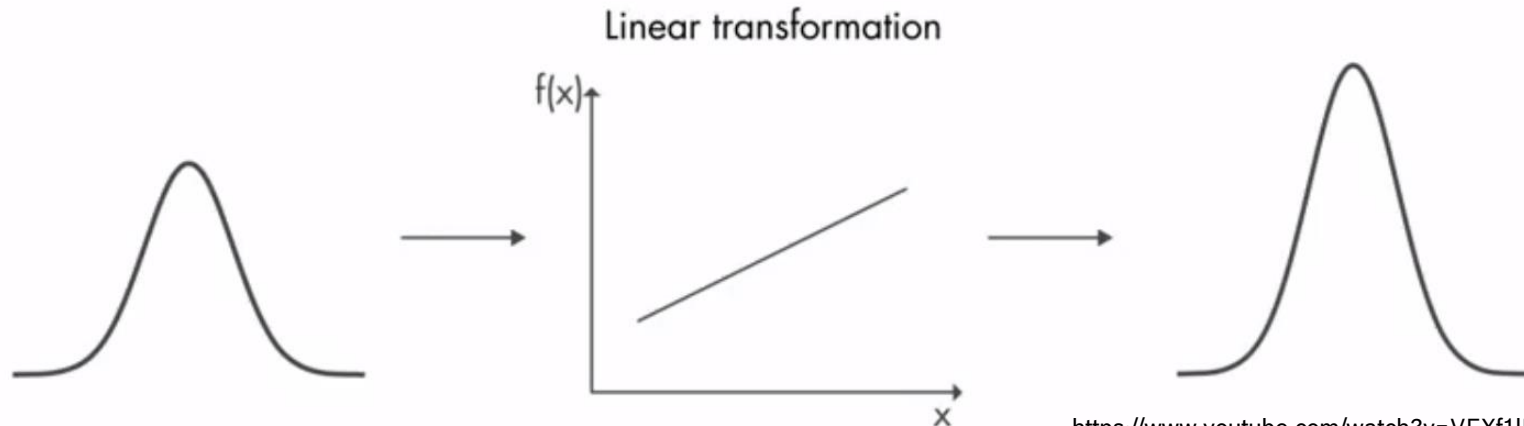
# KALMAN FILTER

## Principal drawback

- Kalman filter assume that the model of the system is linear

$$x_{t+1} = A_t x_t + B_t u_t$$
$$y_t = H_t x_t$$

- If we map an Gaussian distribution with a linear model we obtain another Gaussian distribution



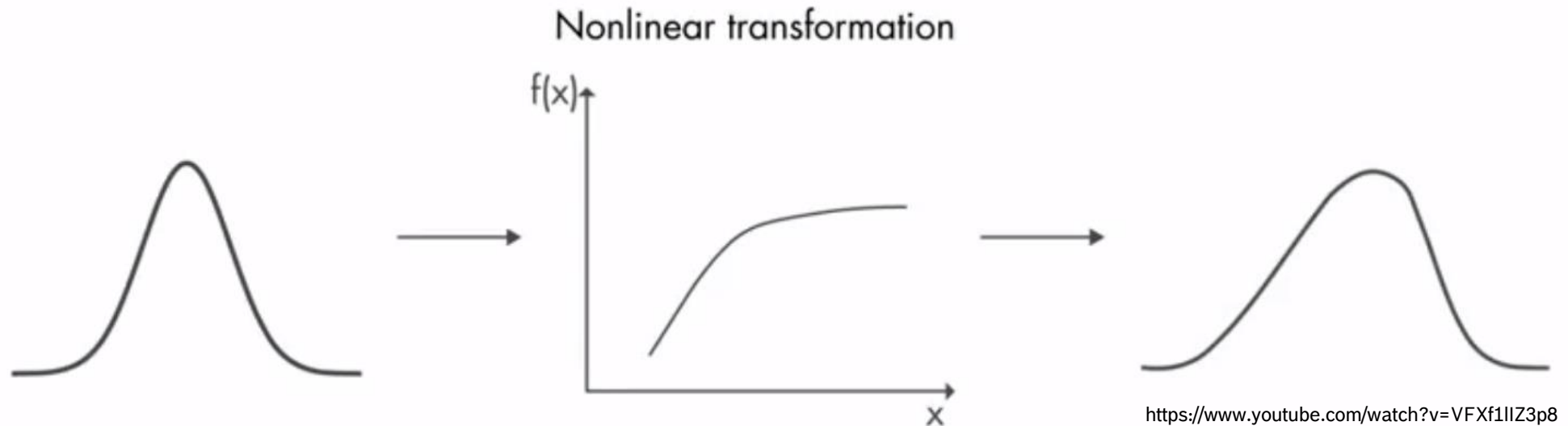
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## Principal drawback

- If model is nonlinear the Gaussian distribution is distorted

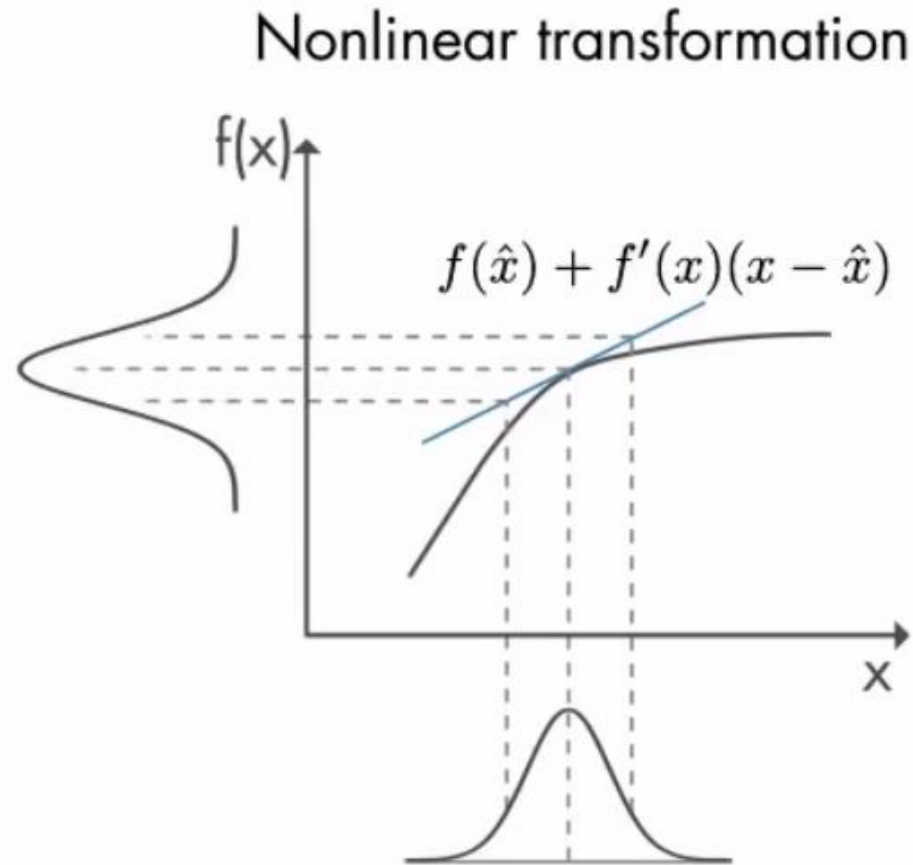
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$$y_t = g(x_t)$$



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## Model linearization

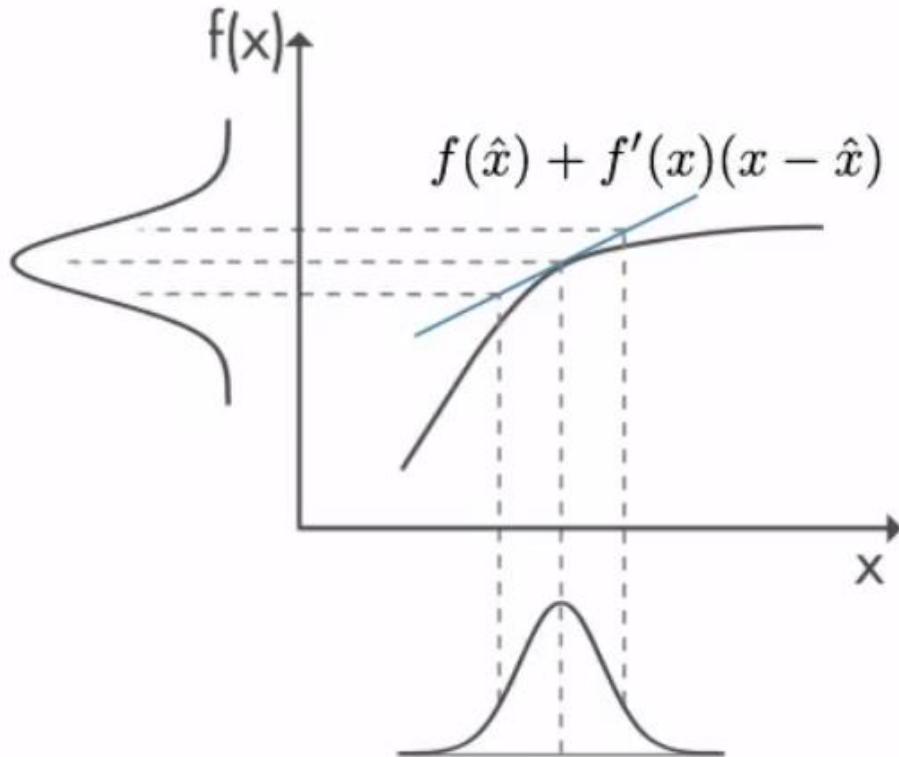


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# EXTENDED KALMAN FILTER

## Model linearization

Nonlinear transformation



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$$f(x) = f(x_k) + \frac{\partial f}{\partial x}(x_k - x)$$

For multidimensional function with multivariable input, here we have the Jacobian matrix

# EXTENDED KALMAN FILTER

## Model linearization

$$\begin{aligned}x_{t+1} &= f(x_t, u_t) \\ y_t &= g(x_t)\end{aligned}$$



$$F_K = \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \big|_{\hat{x}_{k-1}, \hat{u}_k}$$

$$G_K = \frac{\partial g}{\partial x} \big|_{\hat{x}_k}$$

Jacobians

# EXTENDED KALMAN FILTER

## Jacobian Matrix

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} F_K = \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \big|_{\hat{x}_{k-1}, \hat{u}_k} \\ G_K = \frac{\partial g}{\partial x} \big|_{\hat{x}_k} \end{array} \right.$$

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial x_1} & \dots & \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial x_n} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \frac{\partial f_m}{\partial x_1} & \dots & \frac{\partial f_m}{\partial x_n} \end{bmatrix}$$



# EXTENDED KALMAN FILTER

## Modified Kalman Algorithm

### Prediction

$$\hat{x}_t^- = f(\hat{x}_{t-1}, u_{t-1})$$

$$P_t^- = F P_{t-1} F^T + Q_t$$

### Update

$$\hat{x}_t = \hat{x}_t^- + K_t(y_t - h(\hat{x}_t^-))$$

$$K_t = \frac{P_t^- G^T}{G P_t^- G^T + R_t}$$

$$P_t = (I - K_t G) P_t^-$$

At each step, Jacobians must be recomputed !!

# EXTENDED KALMAN FILTER

## Modified Kalman Algorithm - drawbacks

- Jacobian matrix is difficult to compute analytically
- Numerical computation of Jacobian has a high computational cost
- If system has hard nonlinear parts the first order Taylor approximation fails
- If system has hard nonlinear parts, the kalman filter is not an optimal approach

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