



7 – Simultaneous Localization and Mapping

Advanced Methods for Mapping and Self-localization in Robotics (MPC-MAP)

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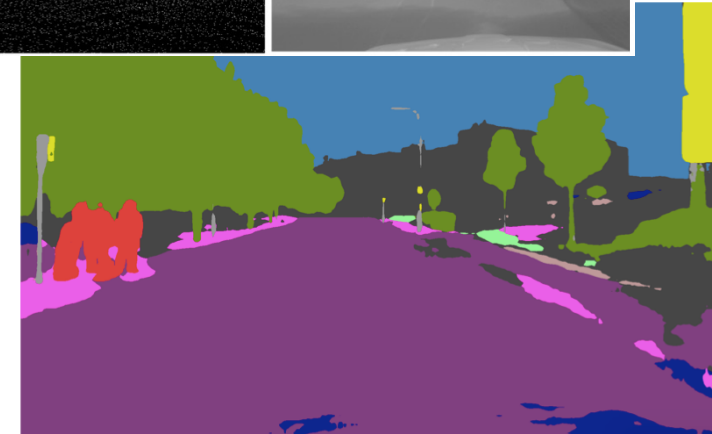
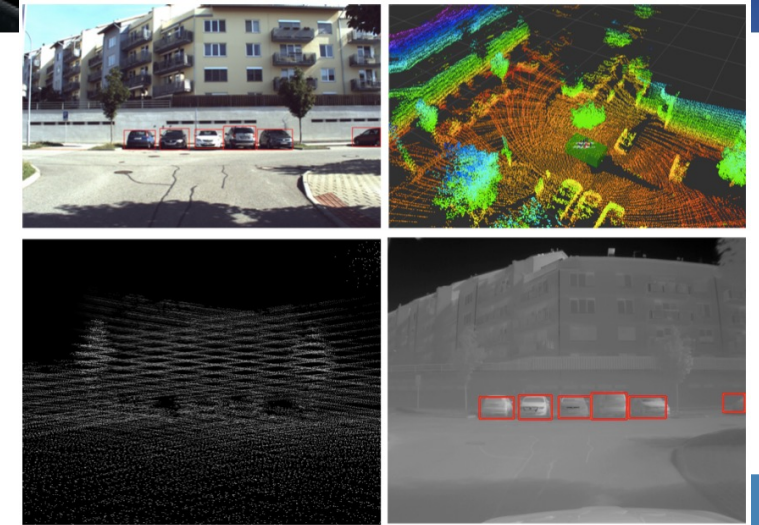
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Background:

- Artificial Intelligence
- Neural Networks
- Software Development





Simultaneous Localization and Mapping (SLAM)



Localization:

Collision Avoidance

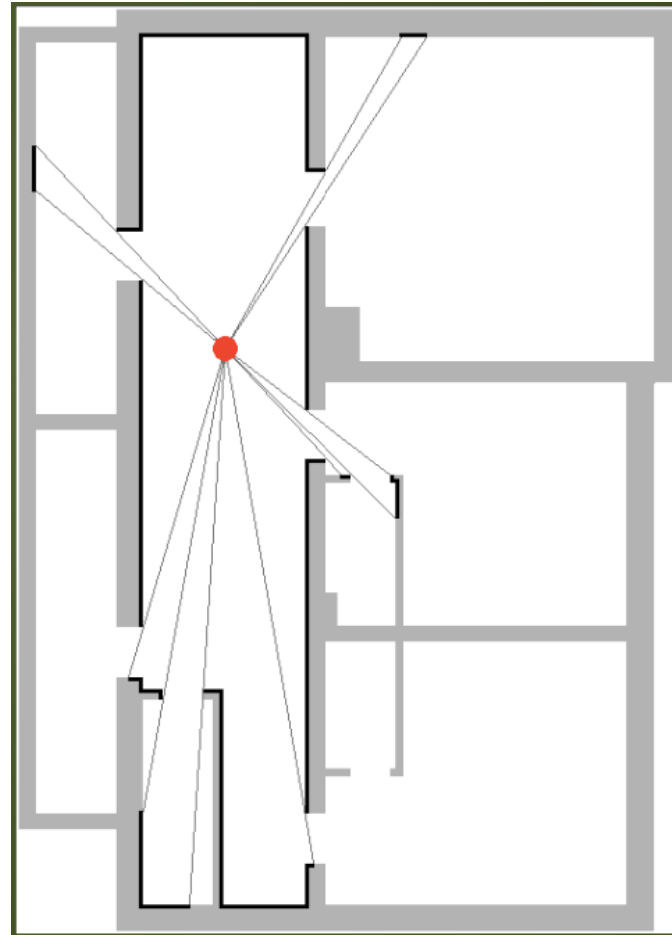
Orientation

Navigation

Mapping:

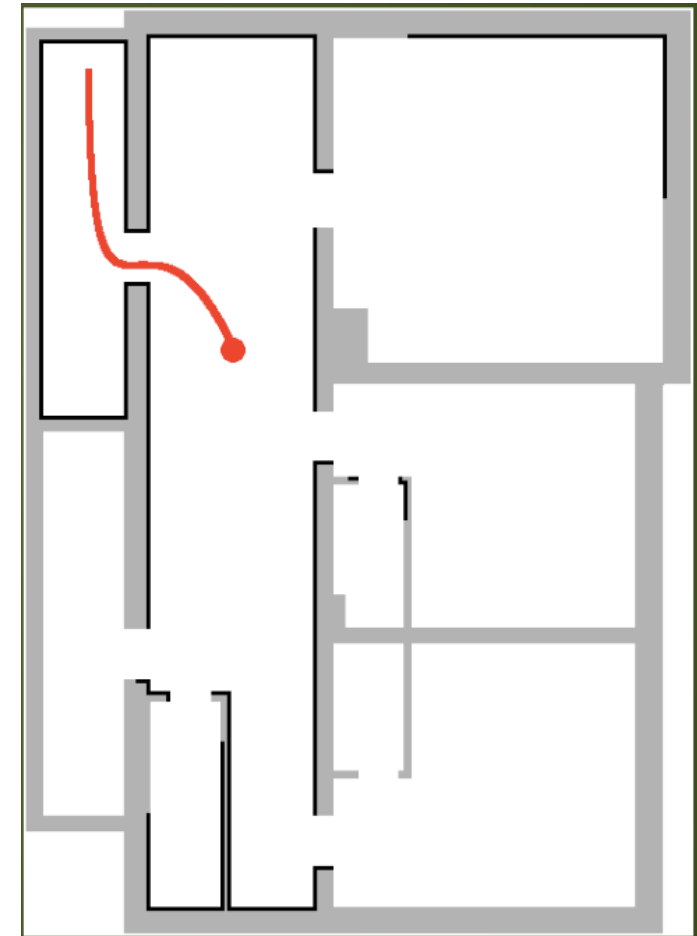
Exploring Unknown Environment

Mission Planning



Self-localization in
known environment

Mission Planning





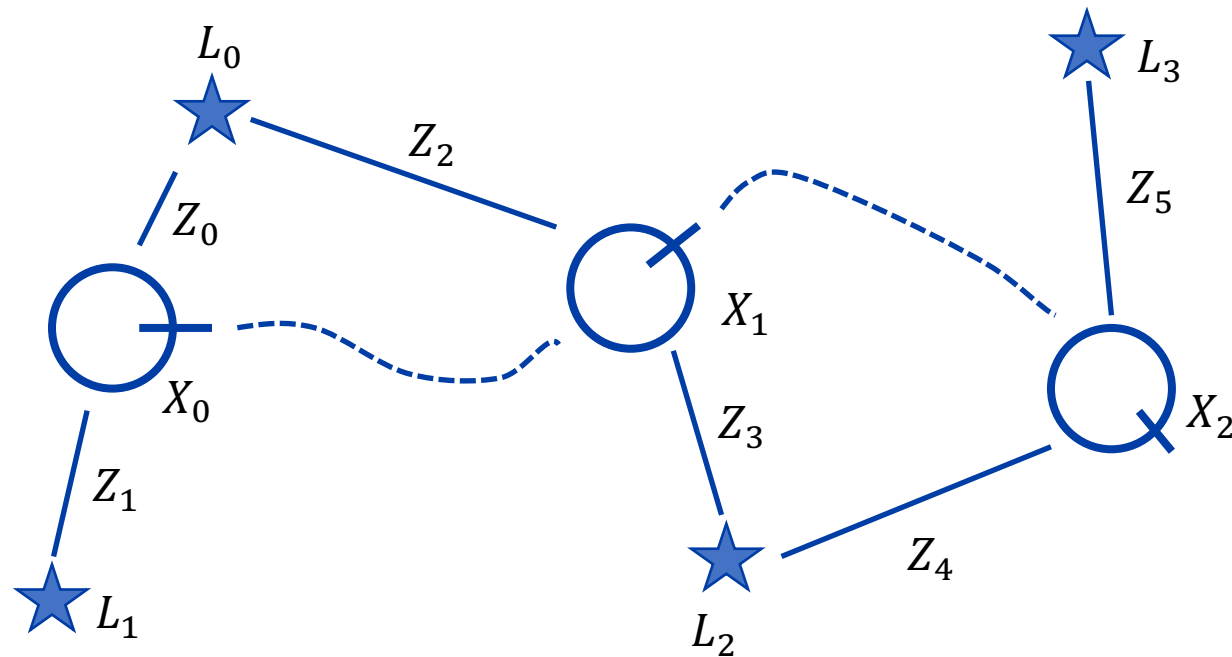
Simultaneous Localization and Mapping - SLAM

Mapping – Building model of the surrounding environment

Localization – Estimating robot's pose

SLAM – Build a model of the environment and estimate self position in it at the same time

Map Example:



X_n ... Pose
 L_n ... Landmark
 Z_n ... Measurement



Simultaneous Localization and Mapping - SLAM

Given:

x_0 ... initial position
 u_t ... robot's control
 z_t ... robot's observation

Wanted:

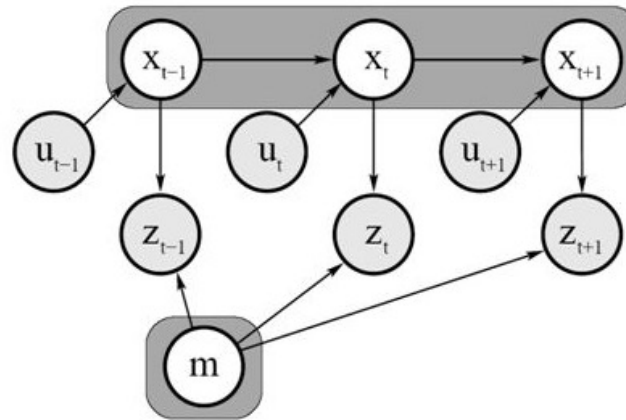
$x_{1:T}$... trajectory (vector of poses)
 m ... Map

Data are corrupted by errors -> not able to estimate x and m precisely.

Generic SLAM Usage Examples:

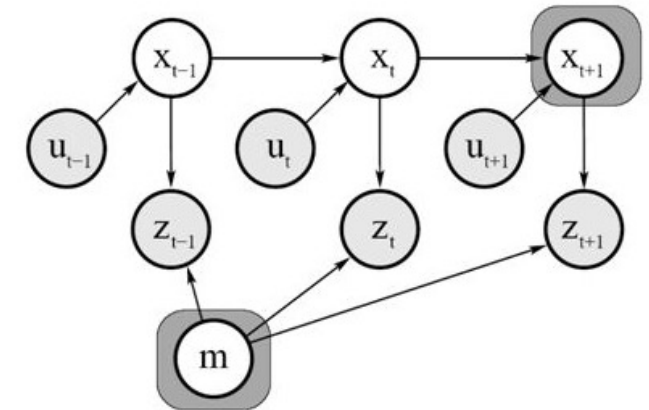
Vacuum cleaners
UGV, UAV
mining, space, sea explorations
AR (mobile phones), VR headsets

Full vs. Online SLAM



Full SLAM

$$p(x_{1:t}, m \mid z_{1:t}, u_{1:t})$$

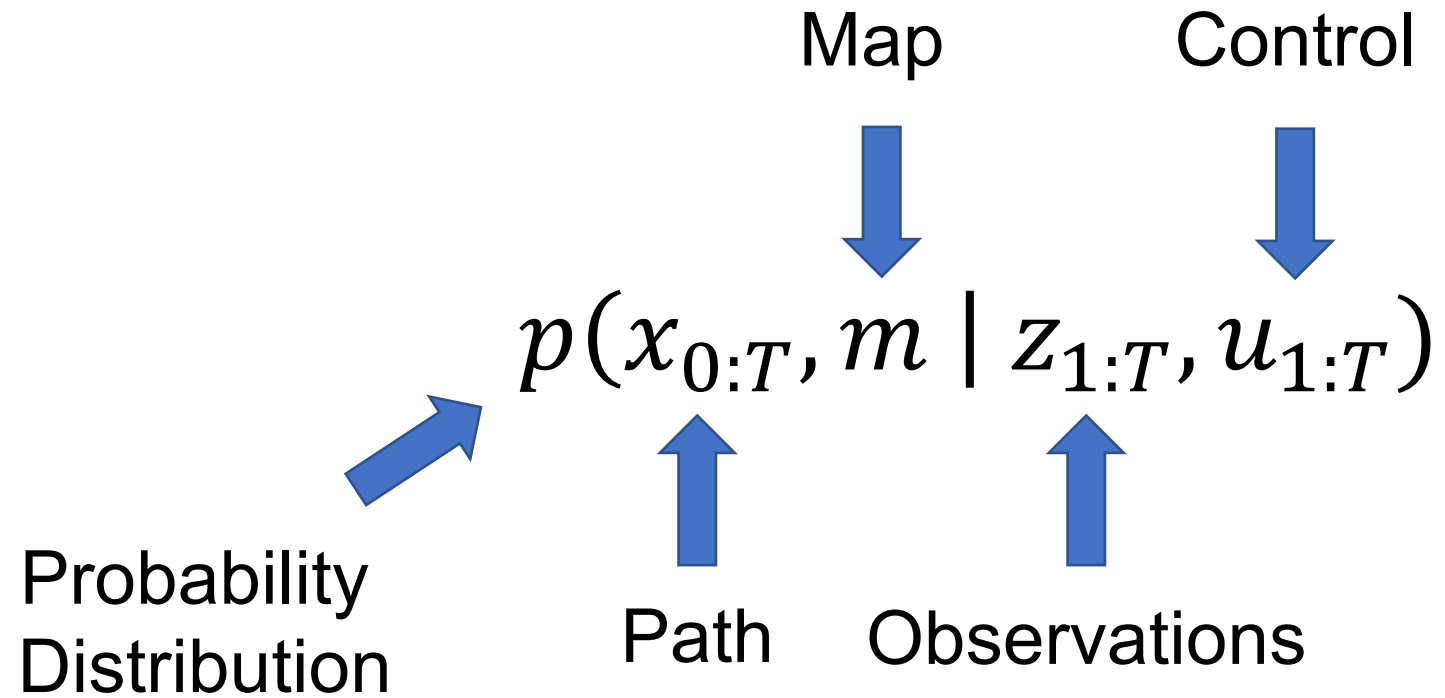


Online SLAM

$$p(x_t, m \mid z_{1:t}, u_{1:t}) = \int \int \dots \int p(x_{1:t}, m \mid z_{1:t}, u_{1:t}) dx_1 dx_2 \dots dx_{t-1}$$



Simultaneous Localization and Mapping - SLAM



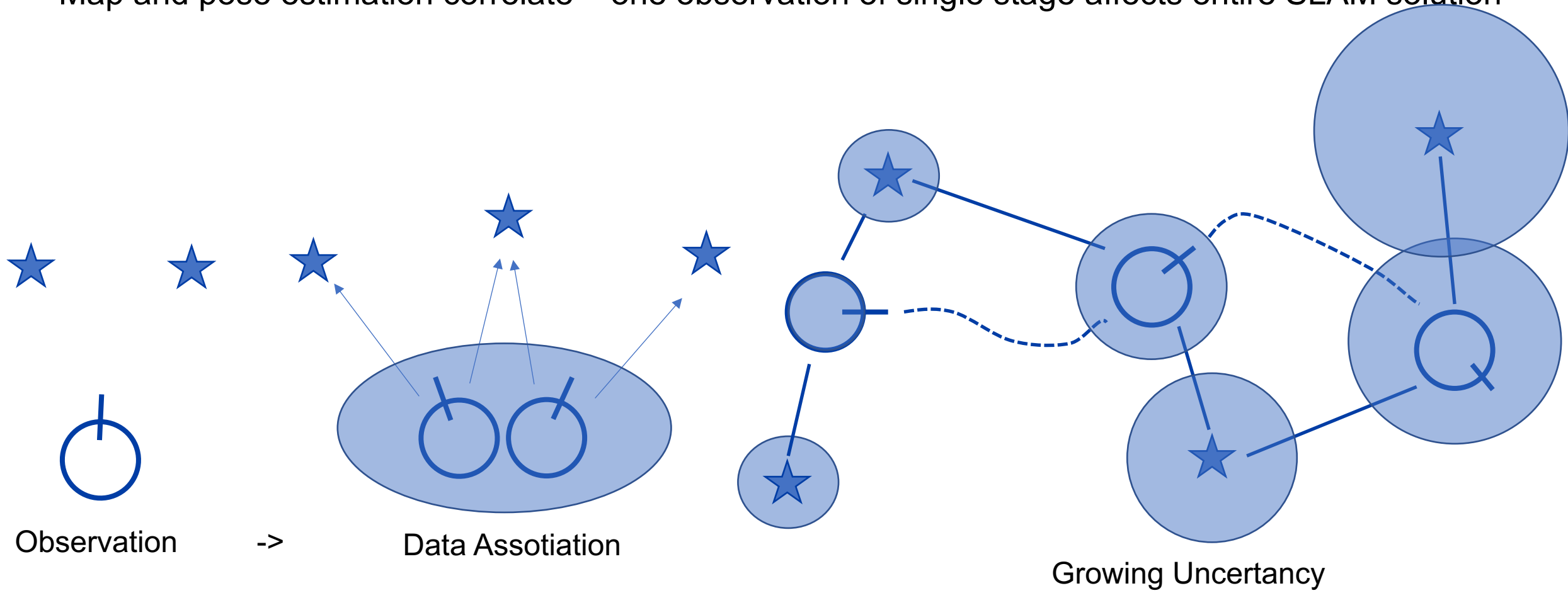


Simultaneous Localization and Mapping - SLAM

Why is SLAM Hard?

Robot's path and map of the environment are both unknown

Map and pose estimation correlate – one observation of single stage affects entire SLAM solution





Human SLAM

Brain evolved in way, it is good in solving highly abstract tasks, like:

Complex pattern matching

Extracting feature points (remember important marks in the environment)

Constructing topological representation of the environment (building map in our head)

Human perception has **high uncertainty**.

Machine SLAM

Very fast and precise calculations and **measurements**

Limited computational power

Fast, but very specialized **pattern matching** and **feature point extraction**



Localization and “Mapping” on Mars - Ingenuity

Visual Odometry Technique

Sensory Equipment:

IMU: Bosch Sensortec BMI-160

Camera: Omnivision OV7251

Laser rangefinder: Garmin Lidar-Lite-V3

NO GNSS

NO radio navigation

Navigation Principle:

Detecting FAST featurepoints in images.

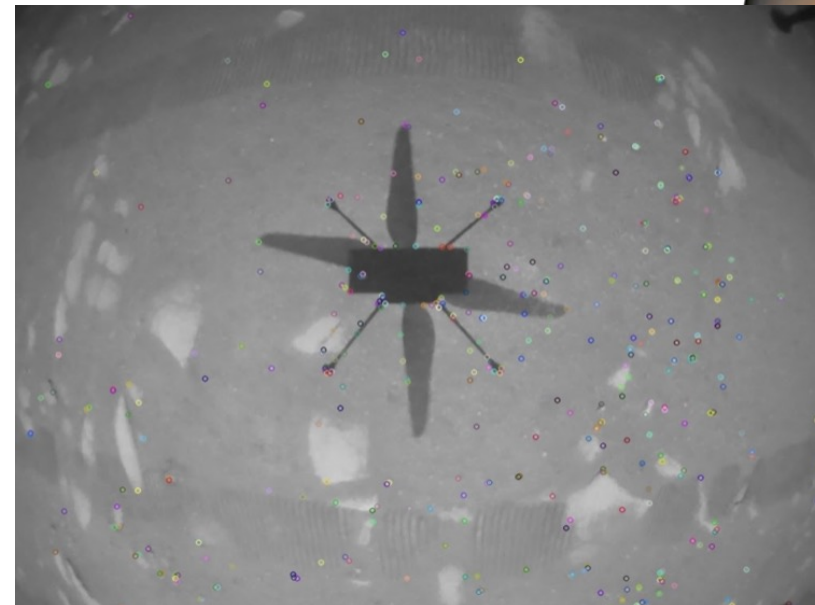
Matching featurepoints between images.

Considering the motion of the featurepoints between the images robot estimates the change of the position.

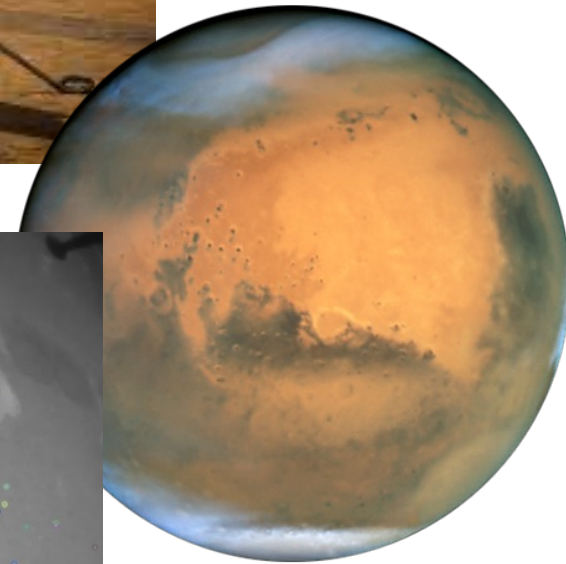
Combined with IMU data.



www.kosmonautix.cz



<https://www.therobotreport.com/ingenuity-helicopter-state-estimation-localization/>





Taxonomy of SLAM

Volumetric
models full env

vs

Featured
models only important points of the env

Topological
models struct. of
important points

vs

Geometric
models exact geometry
of the env.

Known

vs

Unknown Data Association

Static

vs

Dynamic Environment

Active
Robot takes its own
decisions how to
build a map

vs

Passive SLAM
Robot is controlled
by other entity

Single Robot

vs

Swarm SLAM



Bayes Filter

Bayes Filter is **generic mathematical framework** to estimate inner states of the system (world).

Prediction:

Motion Model



$$\overline{bel}(x_t) = \int p(x_t | u_t, x_{t-1}) bel(x_{t-1}) dx_{t-1}$$

Correction:

$$bel(x_t) = \eta p(z_t | x_t) \overline{bel}(x_t)$$



Observation Model



Most Common Paradigmas in SLAM

Kalman Filter

Particle Filter

Graph Based

Kalman Filter

Extended Kalman Filter

Particle Filter

Least Squares

Approaches:

Unscented Kalman Filter

Information Filter

**Sparse Extended
Information Filter**

EKF SLAM

FAST SLAM

Least Squares SLAM

SLAMs:

SEIF SLAM

Grid-based SLAM with PF



Information Filter, Sparse Extended Information Filter (SEIF)

Kalman vs Information Filter

- Kalman is cheap for states update, but very expensive for states correction (matrix inversion)
- Information filter is a different implementation of the bayes filter, that makes states update expensive, but states correction is very cheap

$$\Sigma = \Omega^{-1} \quad \Omega = \Sigma^{-1} \quad \Omega \dots \text{Information matrix}$$

$$\mu = \Omega^{-1} \varepsilon \quad \varepsilon = \Sigma^{-1} \mu \quad \varepsilon \dots \text{Information vector}$$

- Information matrix is usually very sparse (majority of components are 0 or close to 0). It allows to ignore them and make matrix multiplication and inversion very fast

$$\mu_{t-1} = \Omega_{t-1}^{-1} \varepsilon_{t-1}$$

$$\bar{\Omega}_t = (G_t \Omega_{t-1}^{-1} G_t^T + R_t)^{-1}$$

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

$$\bar{\varepsilon}_t = \bar{\Omega}_t \bar{\mu}_t$$

$$\Omega_t = \bar{\Omega}_t + H_t^T Q_t^{-1} H_t$$

$$\varepsilon_t = \bar{\varepsilon}_t + H_t^T Q_t^{-1} (z_t - h(\bar{\mu}_t) + H_t \bar{\mu}_t)$$



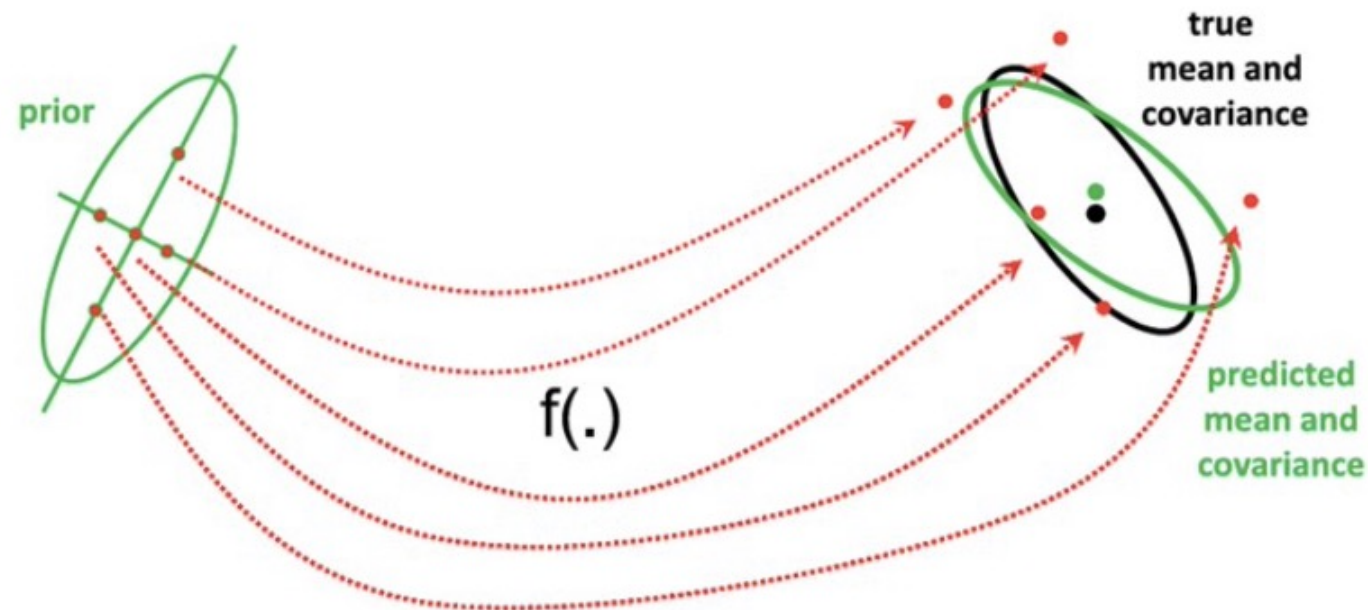
Unscented Kalman Filter

Kalman Filter – linear models

EKF – linearization via Taylor expansion

Unscented Kalman Filter (UKF) – applying non-linear transformation on gaussian variable.

- Based on state vector and covariance matrix generate “sigma points”
- Apply non linear transformation on sigma points
- Recover state vector and covariance matrix from transformed sigma points





Extended Kalman Filter SLAM (EKF SLAM)



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Basic principle:

Using the Extended Kalman Filter (EKF) to model the robot's pose and pose of all observed landmarks.

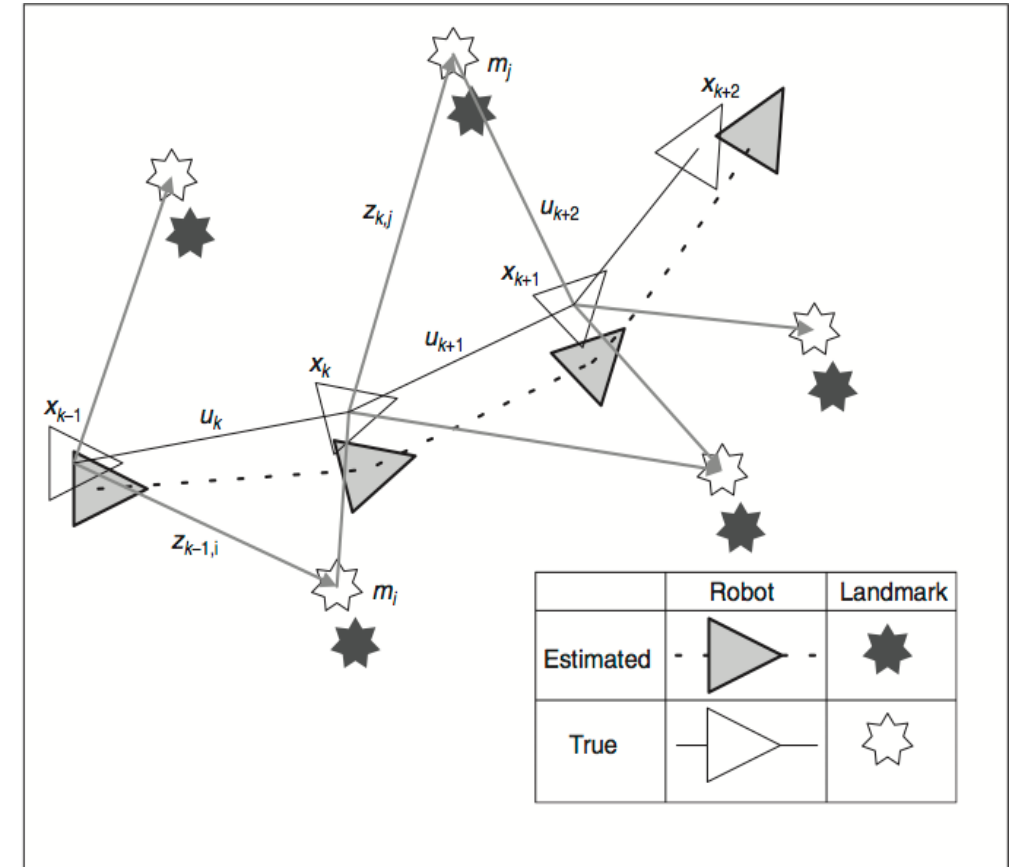
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Handy overview available at:

https://www.iri.upc.edu/people/jsola/JoanSola/objectes/curs_SLAM/SLAM2D/SLAM%20course.pdf

<http://gopalmenon.github.io/Rasberri-Pi-GoPiGo-Robot-EKF-SLAM-Manuscript/images/EssSlam.png>



Extended Kalman Filter SLAM (EKF SLAM)

$$\mu = \begin{bmatrix} x_{robot} \\ y_{robot} \\ \theta_{robot} \\ m_{1x} \\ m_{1y} \\ \dots \\ m_{nx} \\ m_{ny} \end{bmatrix} \quad \Sigma = \begin{bmatrix} \Sigma_{xr,xr} & \Sigma_{xr,yr} & \dots & \Sigma_{xr,m1y} \\ \Sigma_{yr,xr} & \Sigma_{yr,yr} & \dots & \dots \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ \Sigma_{m1yr,xr} & \dots & \dots & \Sigma_{m1y,m1y} \end{bmatrix}$$

Motion Model



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Observation Model

Extended Kalman Filter($\mu_{t-1}, \Sigma_{t-1}, \mu_{t-1}, z_t$)

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

$$\bar{\Sigma}_t = G_t \Sigma_{t-1} G_t^T + R_t$$

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1) Motion Prediction

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2) Measurement Prediction

$$\bar{\Sigma}_t = G_t \Sigma_{t-1} G_t^T + R_t$$

3) Measurement

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

4) Data Association

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

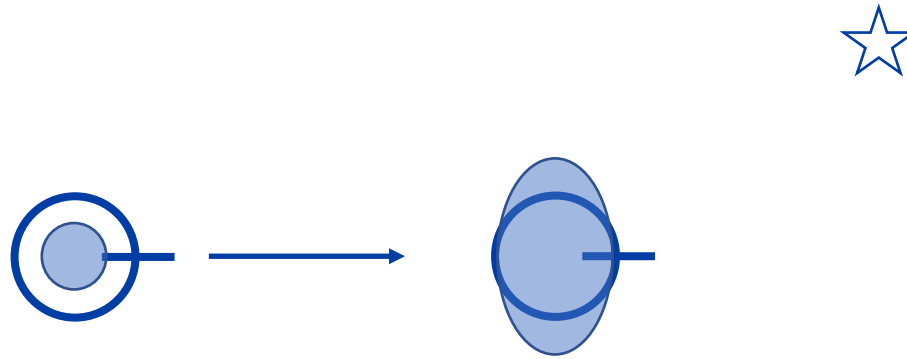
5) Correction

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

return μ_t, Σ_t



EKF SLAM Phases: Motion Prediction (State Prediction)

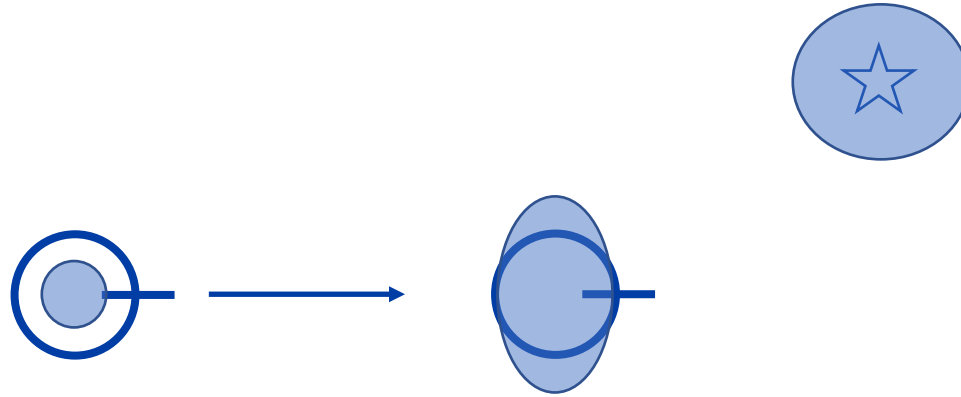


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EKF SLAM Phases: Predict Measurement

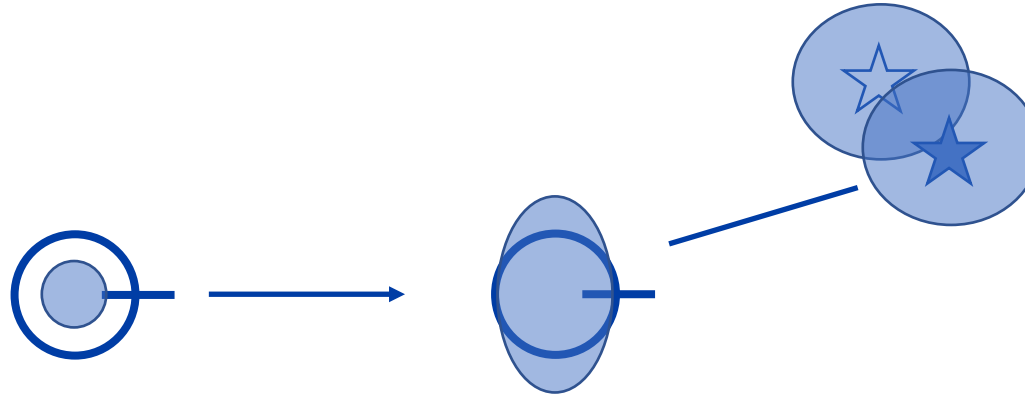


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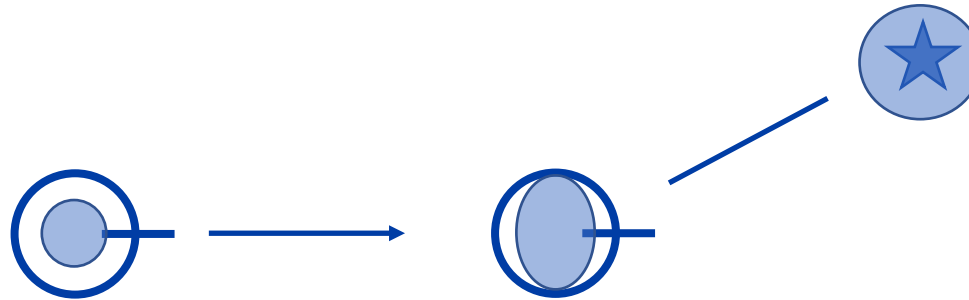


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EKF SLAM Phases: Correction



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Robotic setup for our example:

- Platform moving in 2D
- Velocity based motion model
- Observation of point landmarks
- Range-bearing sensor
- Known data association
- Known number of landmarks



EKF SLAM - Initialization

- The robot takes it's original position as a origin of the entire map
- Robot know its position with absolute certancy
- Robot know nothing about landmarks
- Robot does not know any relation between itself, lendmarks, and relation between landmarks
- μ and Σ dims: $3 + 2 * \text{num_of_landmarks}$ num_of_landmarks -> N

$$\mu = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ \dots \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\Sigma = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \infty & \dots & 0 \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & \infty \end{bmatrix}$$



1) Motion Prediction

2) Measurement Prediction

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EKF SLAM – Motion Model

$$\begin{bmatrix} \dot{x} \\ \dot{y} \\ \dot{\theta} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} v * \cos(\theta) \\ v * \sin(\theta) \\ \omega \end{bmatrix} * \Delta t$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} x' \\ y' \\ \theta' \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ \theta \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} \dot{x} \\ \dot{y} \\ \dot{\theta} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ \theta \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} v * \cos(\theta) \\ v * \sin(\theta) \\ \omega \end{bmatrix} * \Delta t$$

$$\bar{\mu}_t = \begin{bmatrix} x' \\ y' \\ \theta' \end{bmatrix} = g(\mathbf{u}_t, \mu_{t-1}) = \begin{bmatrix} x + v * \cos(\theta) * \Delta t \\ y + v * \sin(\theta) * \Delta t \\ \theta + \omega * \Delta t \end{bmatrix}$$

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EKF SLAM – Jacobian of Motion

Function $g(\mathbf{u}_t, \mu_{t-1})$ affects only robot's states, not the landmarks

$$\bar{\Sigma}_t = G_t \Sigma_{t-1} G_t^T + R_t$$

$$G_t = \begin{bmatrix} G_t^r & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0} & I \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned} G_t^r &\rightarrow 3 \times 3 \\ I &\rightarrow 2N \times 2N \end{aligned}$$

$$G_t^r = \frac{\delta}{\delta(x,y,\theta)} [g(u_t, \mu_{t-1})] = \frac{\delta}{\delta(x,y,\theta)} \left(\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ \theta \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} v * \cos(\theta) \\ v * \sin(\theta) \\ \omega \end{bmatrix} * \Delta t \right)$$

$$G_t^r = I + \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & -v * \sin(\theta) * \Delta t \\ 0 & 0 & v * \cos(\theta) * \Delta t \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -v * \sin(\theta) * \Delta t \\ 0 & 1 & v * \cos(\theta) * \Delta t \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

R_t ... User defined matrix of motion uncertainty, usually diagonal matrix



EKF SLAM – Update Covariance

$$\bar{\Sigma}_t = G_t \Sigma_{t-1} G_t^T + R_t$$

$$\bar{\Sigma}_t = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{G}_t^r & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{I} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \Sigma_{xx} & \Sigma_{xm} \\ \Sigma_{mx} & \Sigma_{mm} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} (\mathbf{G}_t^r)^T & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{I} \end{bmatrix} + \mathbf{R}_t$$

$$\bar{\Sigma}_t = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{G}_t^r \Sigma_{xx} (\mathbf{G}_t^r)^T & \mathbf{G}_t^r \Sigma_{xm} \\ (\mathbf{G}_t^r \Sigma_{xm})^T & \Sigma_{mm} \end{bmatrix} + \mathbf{R}_t$$

\mathbf{R}_t ... User defined matrix of motion uncertainty, usually diagonal matrix (robot pose covariance only)

Updating covariance affects only robot's pose uncertainty and robot-landmark pose covariance.

Landmarks' pose uncertainty and landmark-landmark pose covariance stays unchanged.



EKF SLAM - Correction

Assumptions:

Known data association
Range-bearing sensor

Components:

$\bar{\mu}_t$...	predicted states
z_t	...	measurement
$h(\bar{\mu}_t)$...	predicted measurement
H_t	...	measurement Jacobian
K_t	...	Kalman gain
Q_t	...	measurement noise

μ_t	...	corrected states
Σ_t	...	corrected covariance

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EKF SLAM – Range-bearing sensor model

$$z_i = [r_i \quad \phi_i]^T$$
$$\begin{matrix} & \text{Robot's} \\ & \text{pose} \\ \begin{bmatrix} \mu_{ix} \\ \mu_{iy} \end{bmatrix} &= \begin{bmatrix} \mu_x \\ \mu_y \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} r_i * \cos(\phi_i + \mu_\theta) \\ r_i * \sin(\phi_i + \mu_\theta) \end{bmatrix} \\ \text{Landmark's} & & \text{Robot's} \\ \text{pose} & & \text{measurement} \end{matrix}$$

$$\delta = \begin{bmatrix} \delta_x \\ \delta_y \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \mu_{ix} - \mu_x \\ \mu_{iy} - \mu_y \end{bmatrix} \quad q = \delta^T \delta$$

$$h_i(\bar{\mu}_t) = \begin{bmatrix} \sqrt{q} \\ \text{atan2}(\delta_y, \delta_x) - \mu_\theta \end{bmatrix} = \bar{z}_i$$




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$$H_{i-low} = \frac{\delta h(\bar{\mu}_t)}{\delta \bar{\mu}_t} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\delta \sqrt{q}}{\delta x} & \frac{\delta \sqrt{q}}{\delta y} & \dots \\ \frac{\delta \text{atan2}(\dots)}{\delta x} & \frac{\delta \text{atan2}(\dots)}{\delta y} & \dots \end{bmatrix}$$

$$H_{i-low} = \frac{1}{q} \begin{bmatrix} -\sqrt{q}\delta_x & -\sqrt{q}\delta_y & 0 & \sqrt{q}\delta_x & \sqrt{q}\delta_y \\ \delta_y & -\delta_x & -q & -\delta_y & \delta_x \end{bmatrix}$$

$$H_i = H_{i-low} * F$$


 $(x, y, \theta, \mu_{ix}, \mu_{iy})$

$$F = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & \dots & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$



Implementation tips:

Always normalize the angular components between π and $-\pi$

F matrix is not necessary – it is just helps to understand topic

Landmarks association: usually nearest neighbour

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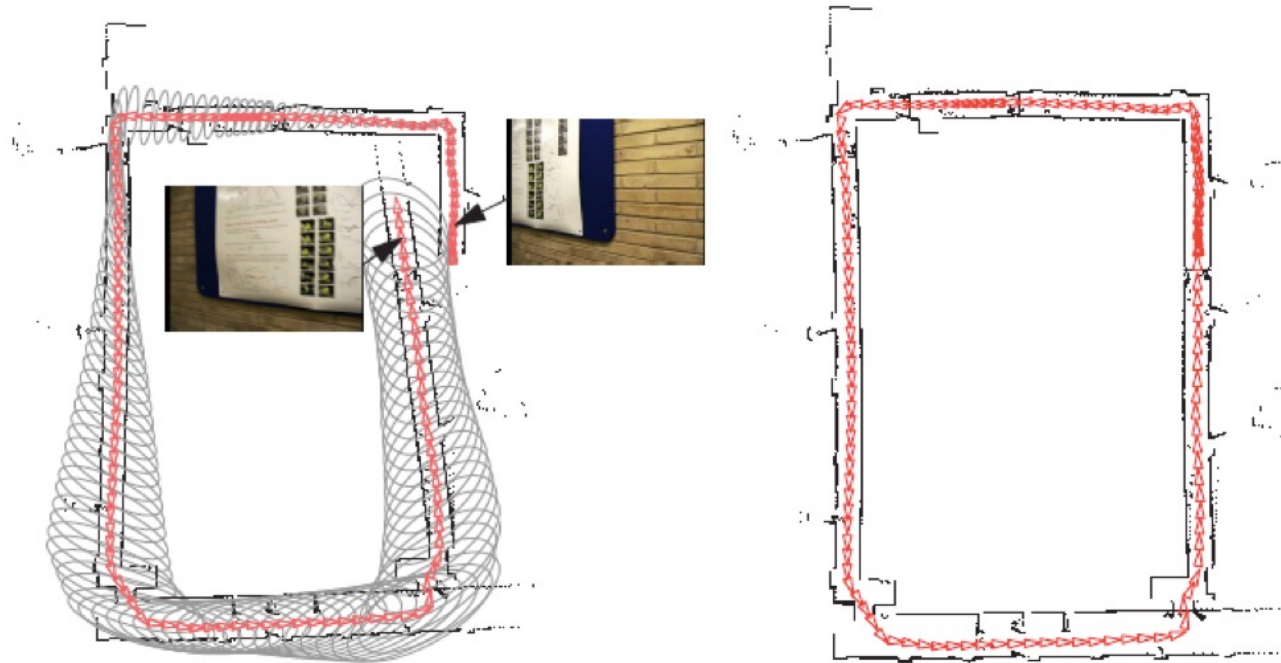
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EKF SLAM – Loop Closure

- Loop closing allows distributing low uncertainty through the map
- Helps to reduce cumulated positioning error by creating relations between observations with high and low error
- Wrong loop closure assumption leads to map divergence

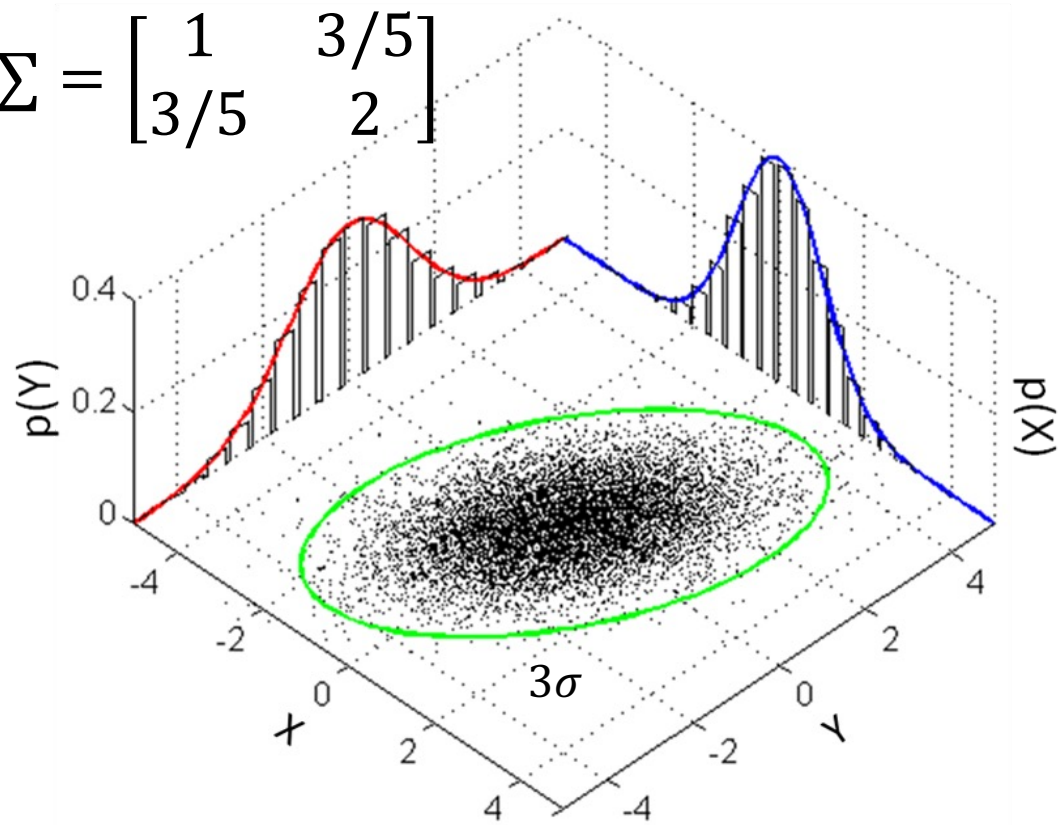




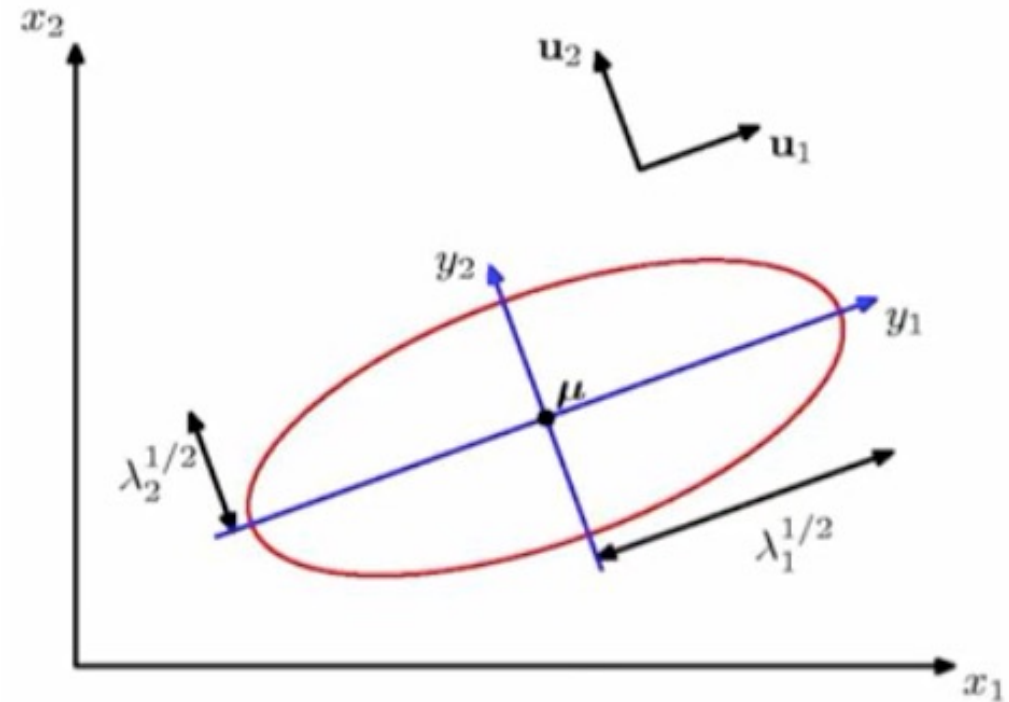
EKF SLAM – Covariance Matrix

$$\mu = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\Sigma = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3/5 \\ 3/5 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$



$$\Sigma = U\Lambda U^T = \begin{bmatrix} u_1 & u_2 \\ u_1 & u_2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda_2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} u_1 & u_1 \\ u_2 & u_2 \end{bmatrix}$$



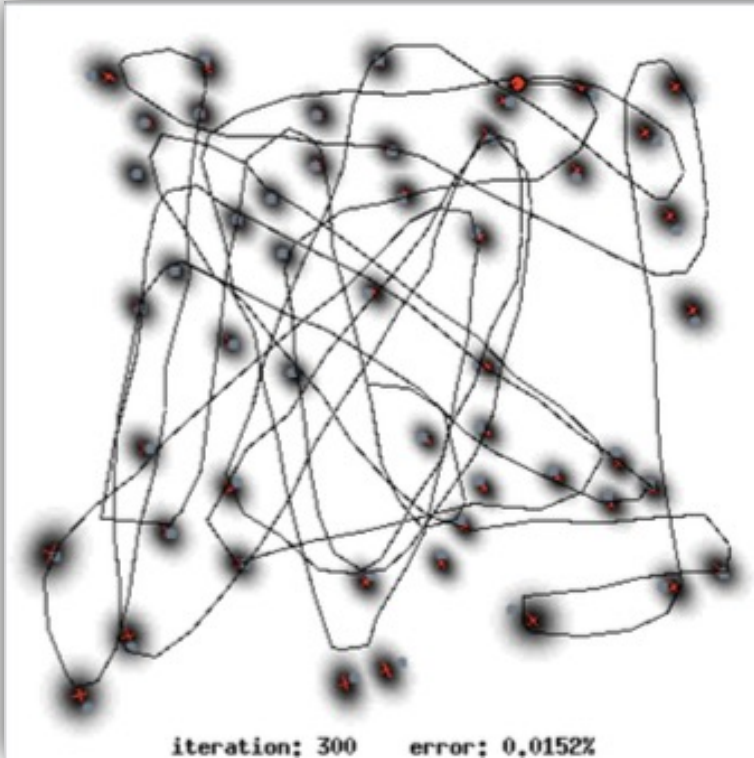
[1] https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Multivariate_normal_distribution

[2] <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eho8xH3E6mE>

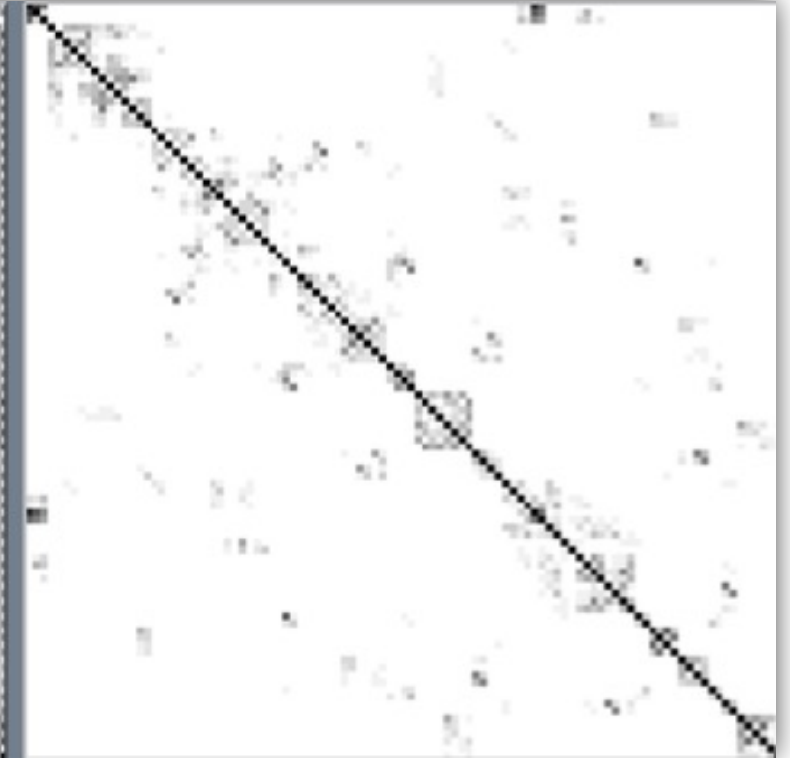


EKF SLAM – Covariance Matrix

Map with landmarks' uncertainty



Information matrix



Covariance matrix

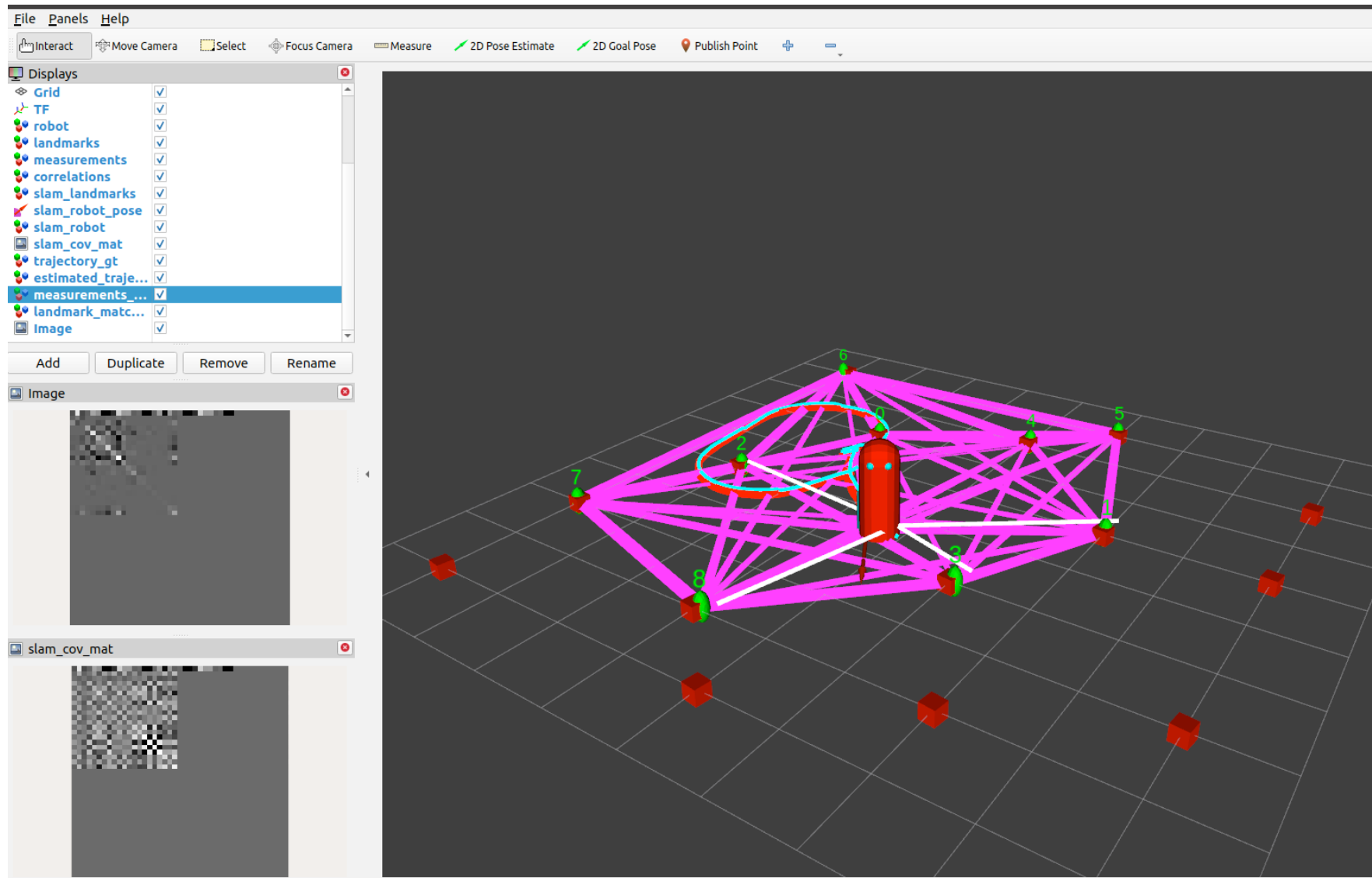




- Algorithm converges for linear Gaussian cases
- Diverges for large non-linearities
- Unimodal states estimation
- Works for small up to mid-size scenes
- Used for short term estimations (visual odometry)
- Complexity: computational – $O(n^2)$, memory - $O(n^2)$



EKF SLAM - Example



<https://github.com/adamek727/EKF-SLAM-Example>

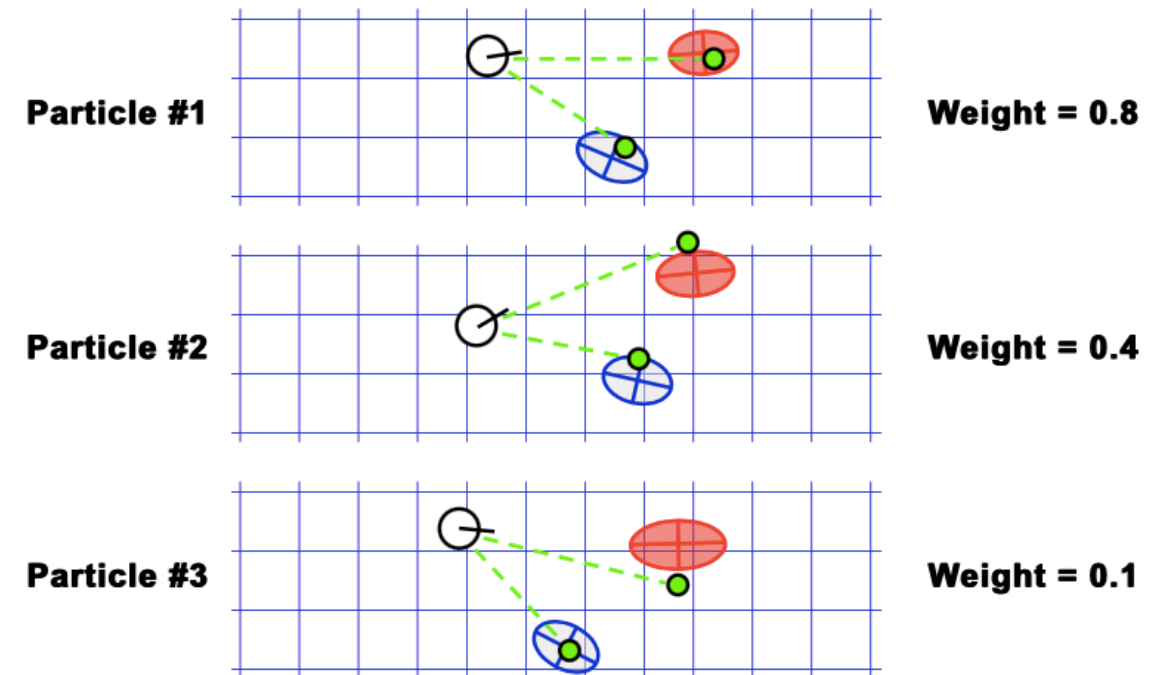


FastSLAM



- Combination of Particle Filter and Kalman Filter
- FastSLAM keeps large number of particles. Each particle represents entire map.
- Each particle uses multiple Kalman Filters to represent previously observed landmarks
- The better particle corresponds with current observation, the higher chance it has to survive
- Each particle represents different hypothesis, how the world looks like
- Lower complexity compared to Kalman Filter
KF: $O(m^2)$
FastSLAM: $O(n \log(m))$, n ... no of particles
 m ... no of landmarks

FastSLAM – Sensor Update





Least Squares (Graph) SLAM



Least Squares (Graph) SLAM

SLAM is based on building graph and numerical optimization

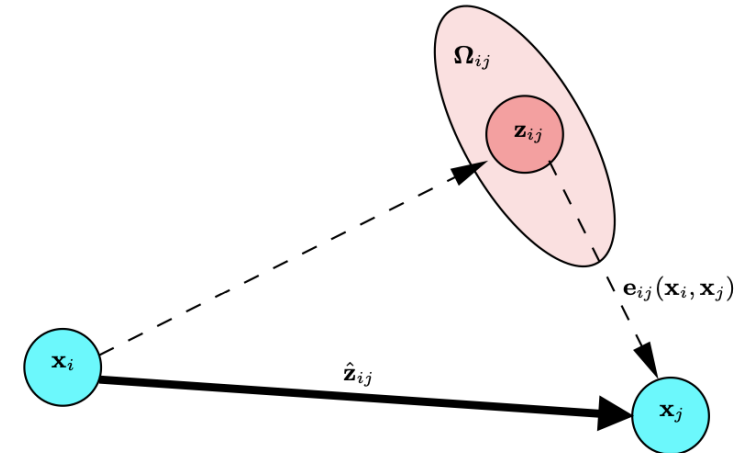
- **Graph Nodes**
 - List of robot poses
 - Important parts of the map
- **Graph Edges** – Relation between nodes
 - Odometry
 - Environment observations (measurements)

$$\bar{e}_i(x) = z_i - f_i(x)$$

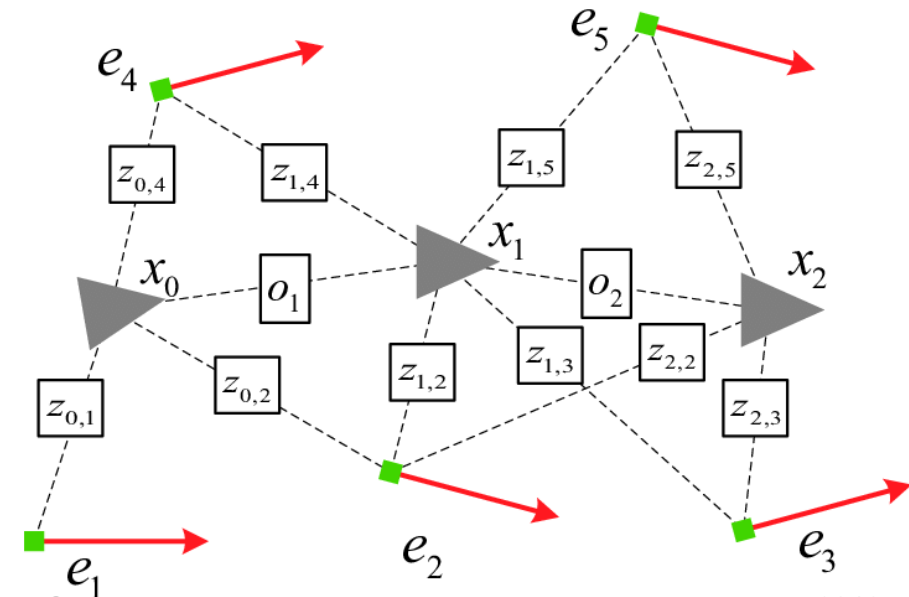
$$e_i(x) = \bar{e}_i(x)^T \Omega^{-1} \bar{e}_i(x)$$

$$x^* = \operatorname{argmin}_x \sum_i e_i(x)$$

Graph SLAM allows to create hierarchical structures



<http://www2.informatik.uni-freiburg.de/~stachnis/pdf/grisetti10titsmag.pdf>



Gao, H., Zhang, X., Wen, J., Yuan, J. and Fang, Y., 2018. Autonomous indoor exploration via polygon map construction and graph-based SLAM using directional endpoint features.



SLAM Comparison

	KF	EKF	SEIF	PF	Graph
Complexity	n^2	n^2	const	$M \ln(n) *$	edges-related
Assumpt. Dist.	gauss	gauss	gauss	pose: any landmrk: gauss	gauss + outlayers
Linearization	all linear	once	once	no needed	re-linearization**
Flexibility	medium	medium	medium	good	good
Large Scalse SLAM	bad	bad	ok	ok	good

* ... M – number of particles; N – number of landmarks

** ... closer to ground truth solution -> better linearization



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