

# Algorithm development using MATLAB

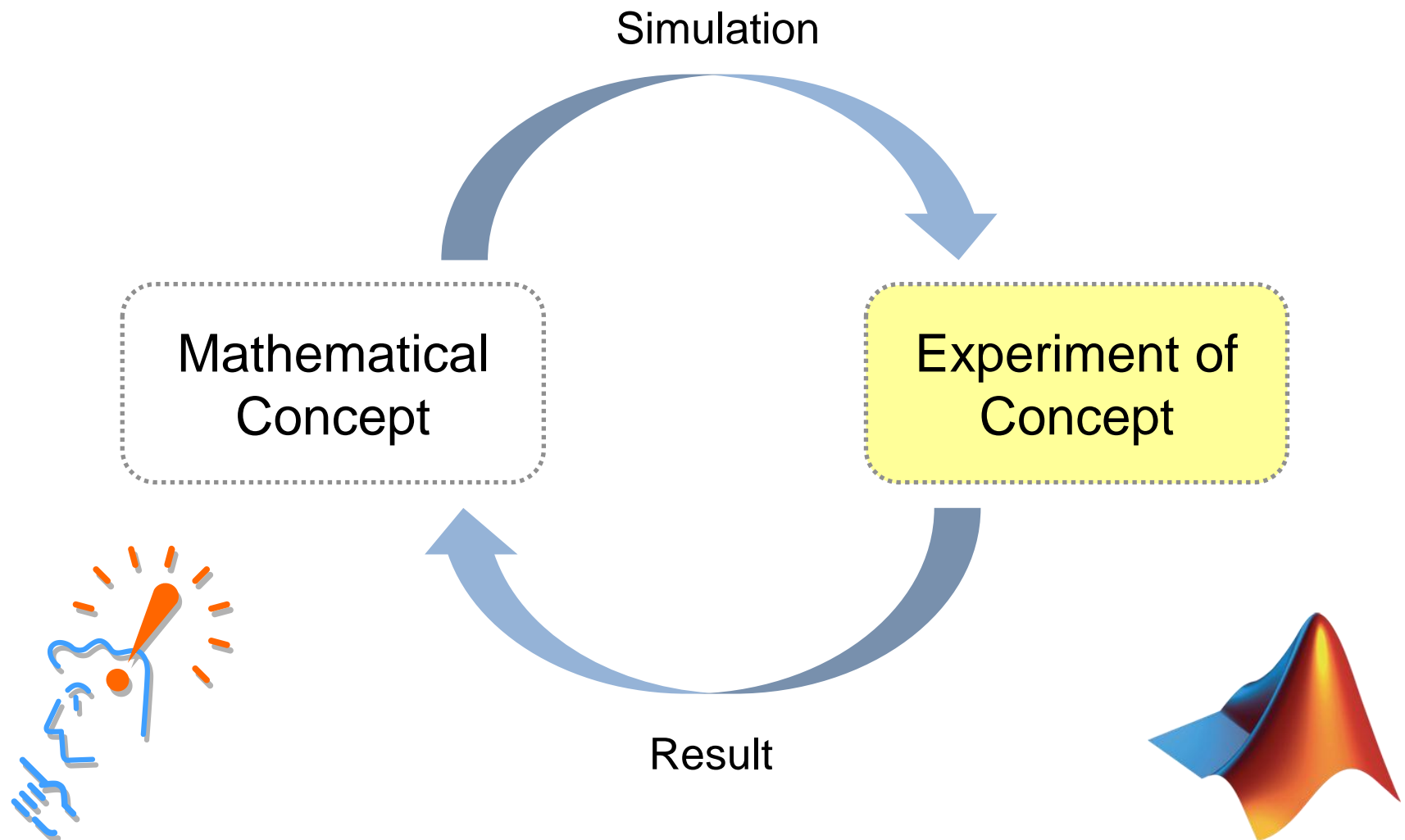
## - Object tracking by particle filter -

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# Big Loop in Algorithm Development



# Agenda

## 1. Introduction to particle filter

- What is particle filter ?
- How can we track an object in a movie ?



Mathematical  
Concept

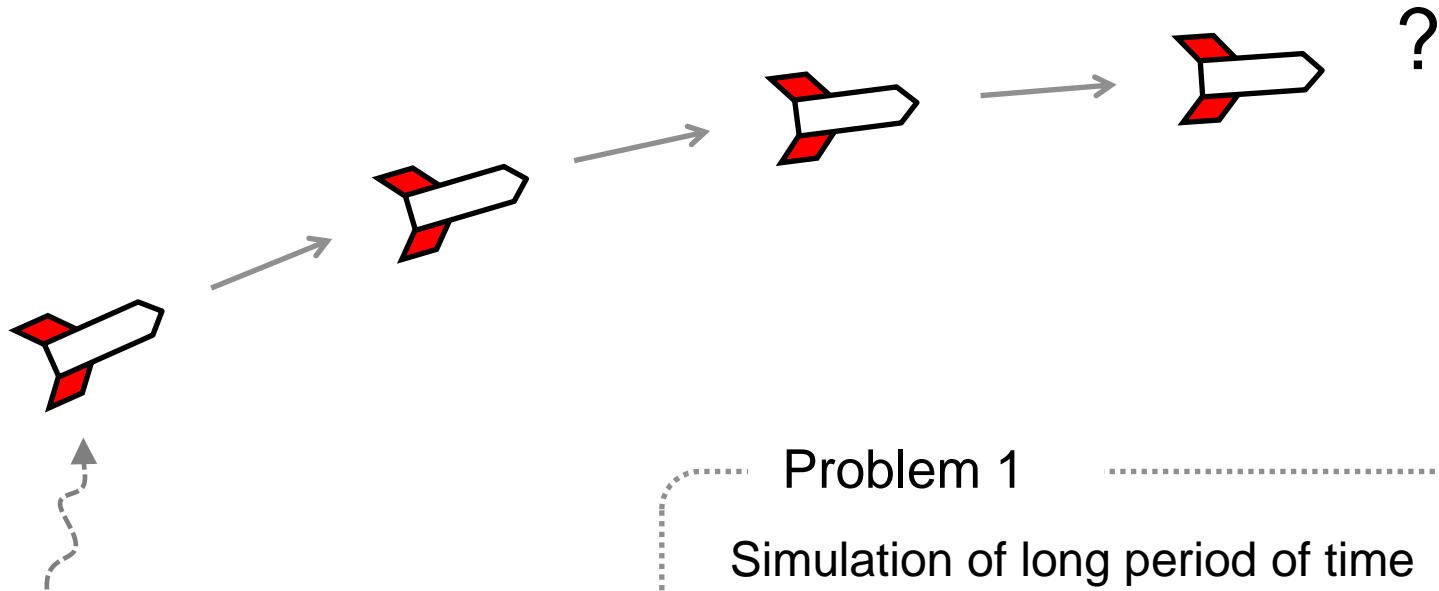
## 2. Review of sample program

- What is MATLAB ?
- How can code particle filter ?



Experiment  
of Concept

# How can we predict or estimate something we cannot see or touch?



You can predict this rocket's trajectory by solving differential equation... but

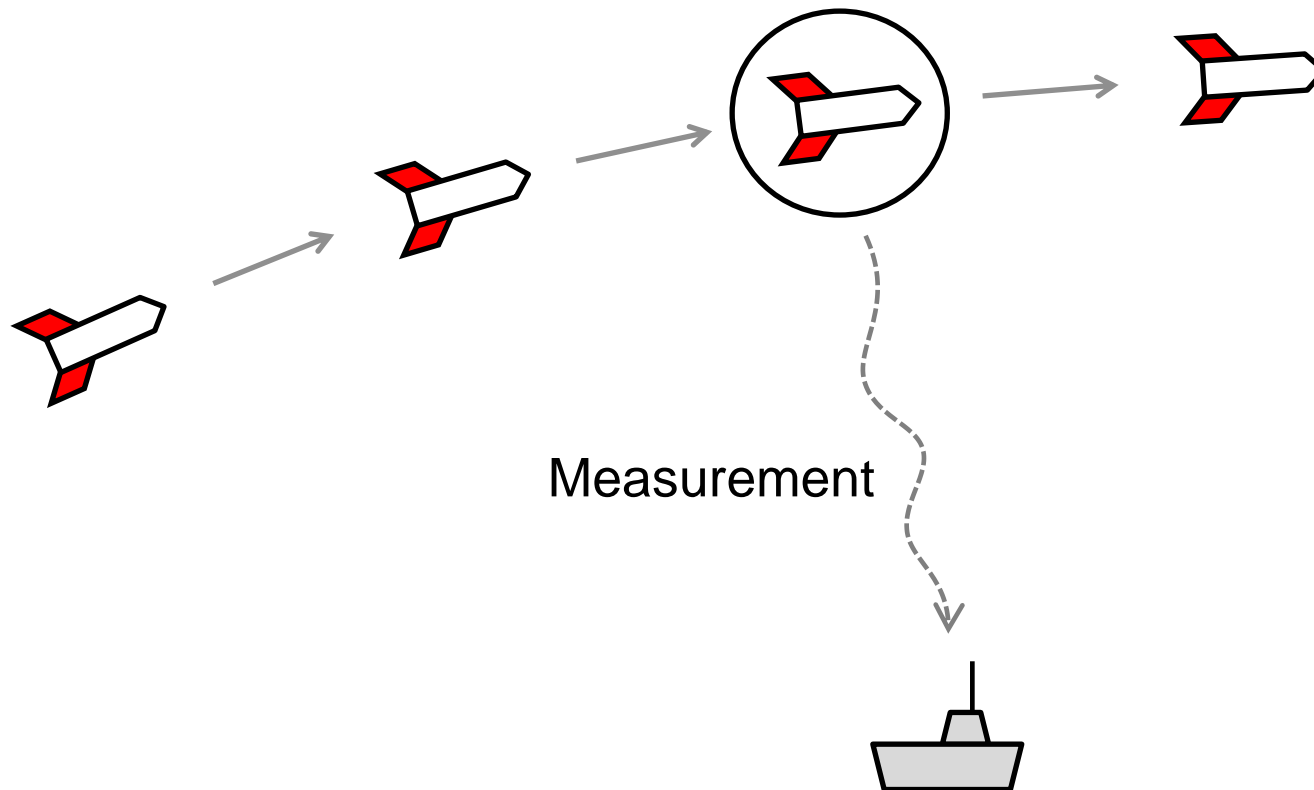
## Problem 1

Simulation of long period of time might cause accumulation of error

## Problem 2

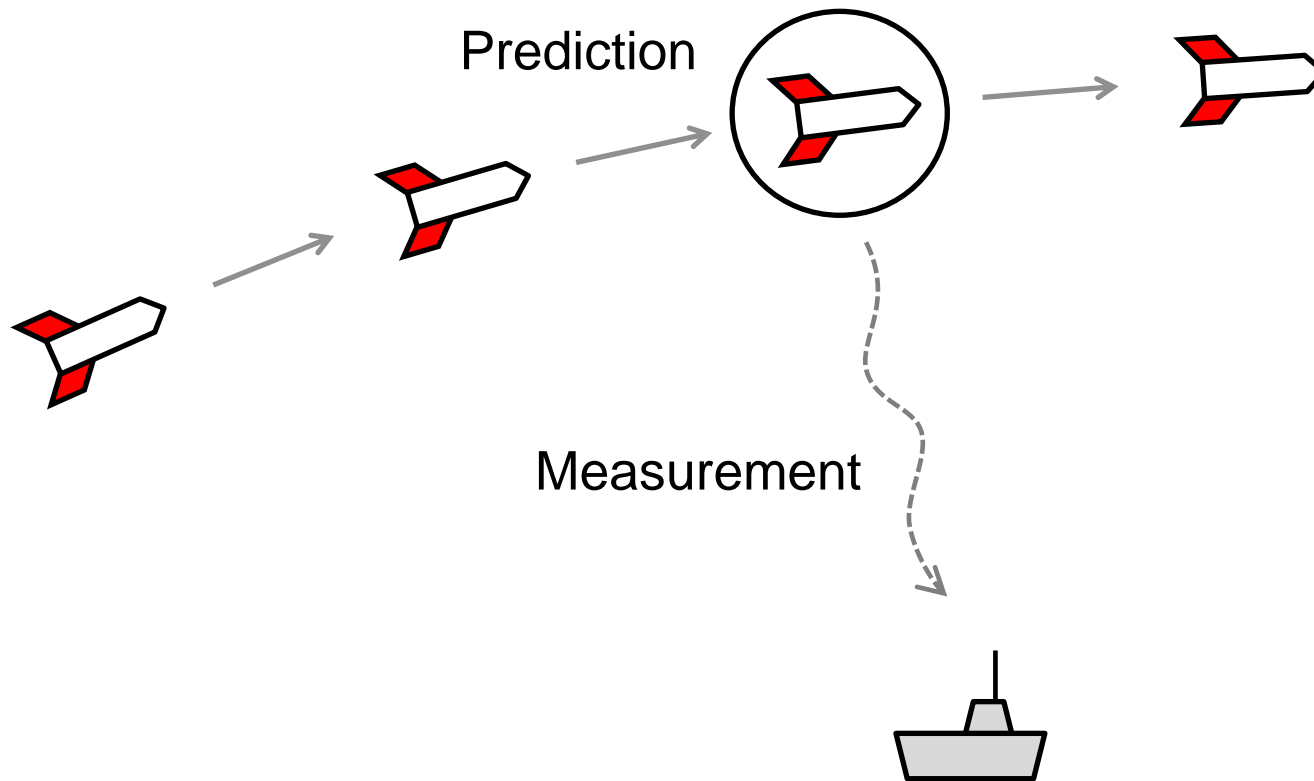
Smallest error of initial value might cause a drastic change of solution (Butterfly effects)

**You might think a good measurement might solve this problem ...**



But single measurement might not be enough to estimate the location of rocket accurately ...

# If neither perfect prediction nor perfect measurement exists ...



Why don't we combine these two methods ?

# What is data assimilation ?

Simulation



Measurement

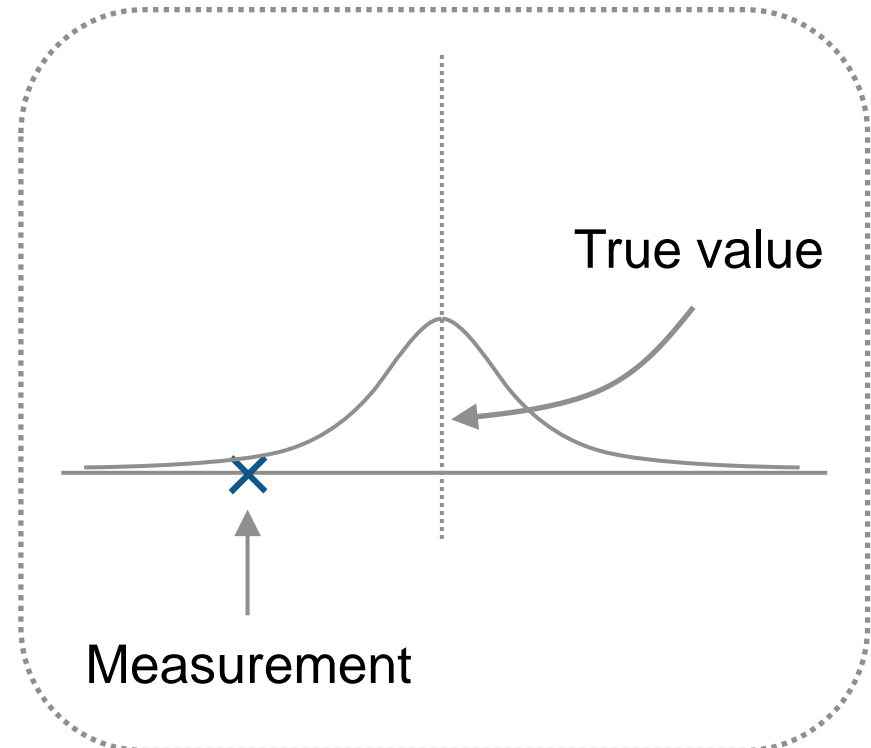
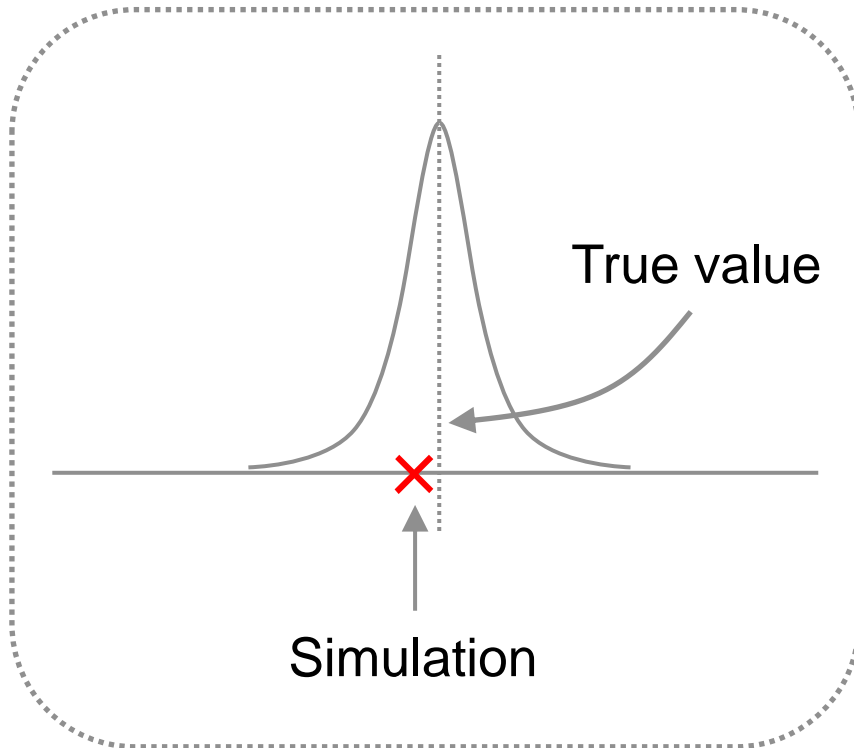
Mathematical technique combining simulation and measurement



**Data Assimilation**

Popular examples are karman filter, particle filter, and etc.

# Combining simulation and measured data

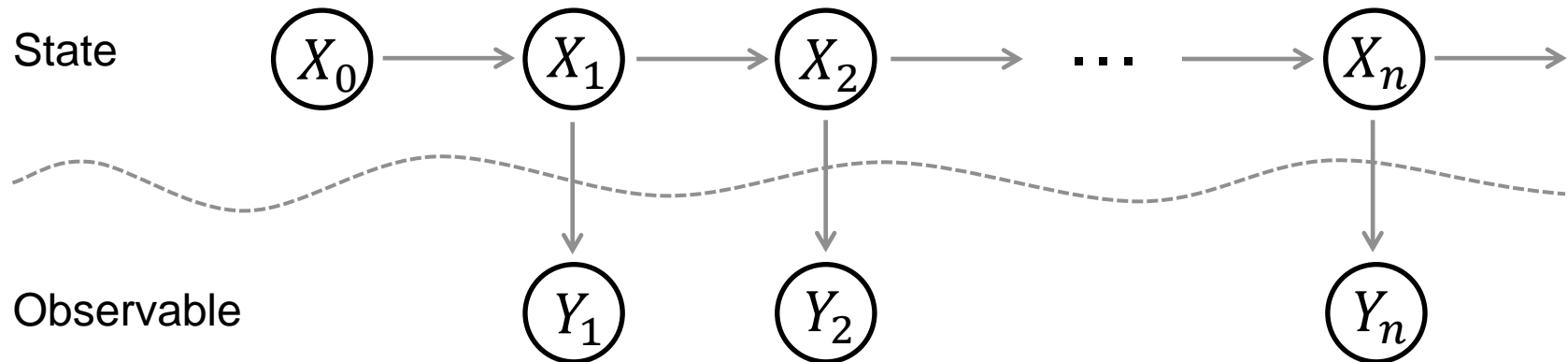



Mean value of these 2 values is good enough? No!!


→ We need more delicate argument



# General State Space Model

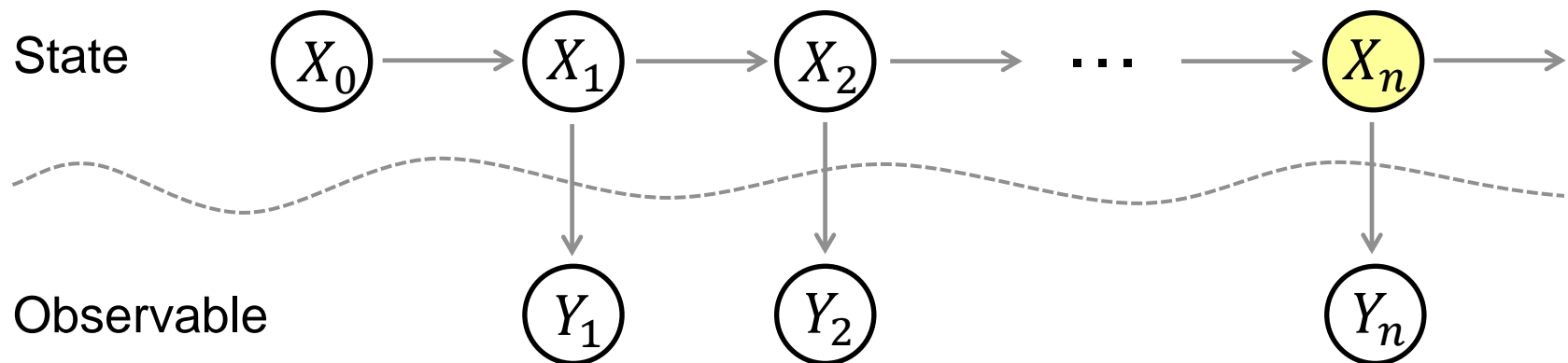


System Model :  $X_n = f(X_{n-1}) + W_n$   System Noise

Observation Model :  $Y_n = g(X_n) + V_n$   Observation Noise

# What is the purpose of particle filter?

⇒ Generate samples which follows filter distribution

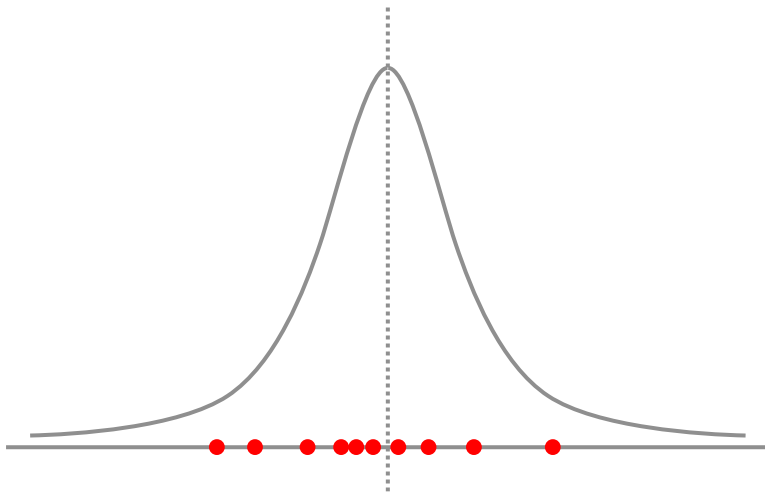


$P(X_n | Y_1, Y_2, \dots, Y_n)$  ← Filter distribution

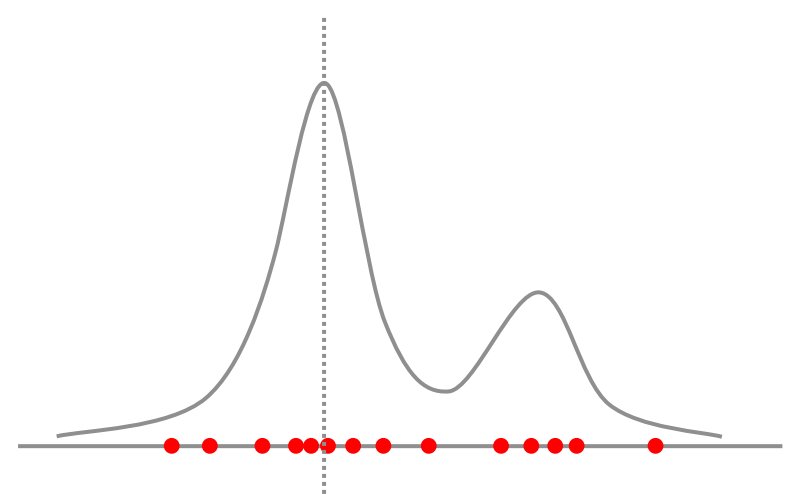
$$= \int \dots \int P(X_0, X_1, \dots, X_n | Y_1, Y_2, \dots, Y_n) dX_{n-1} \dots dX_0$$

# If you have a lot of samples of filter distribution...

You can estimate the state by these methods



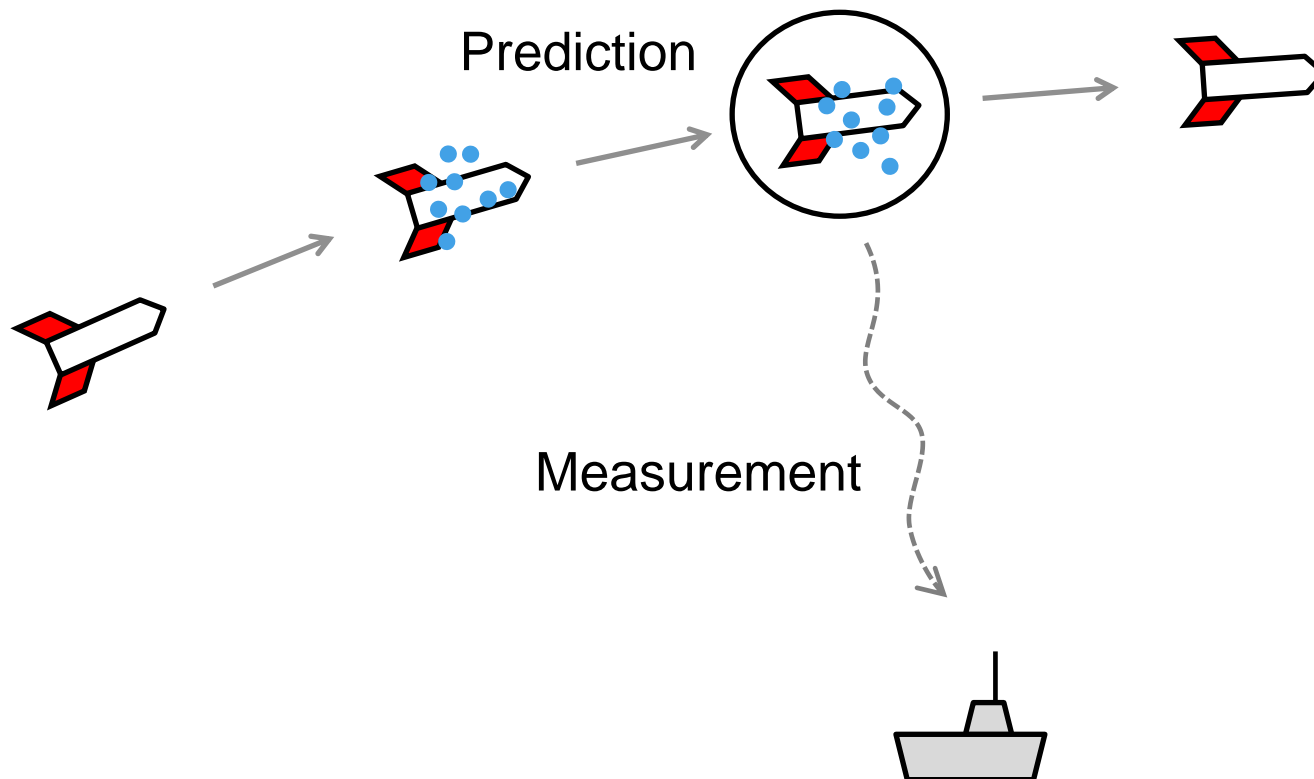
1. Using mean or median



2. Using empirical distribution

# What is particle filter?

State estimation method using a lot of particles



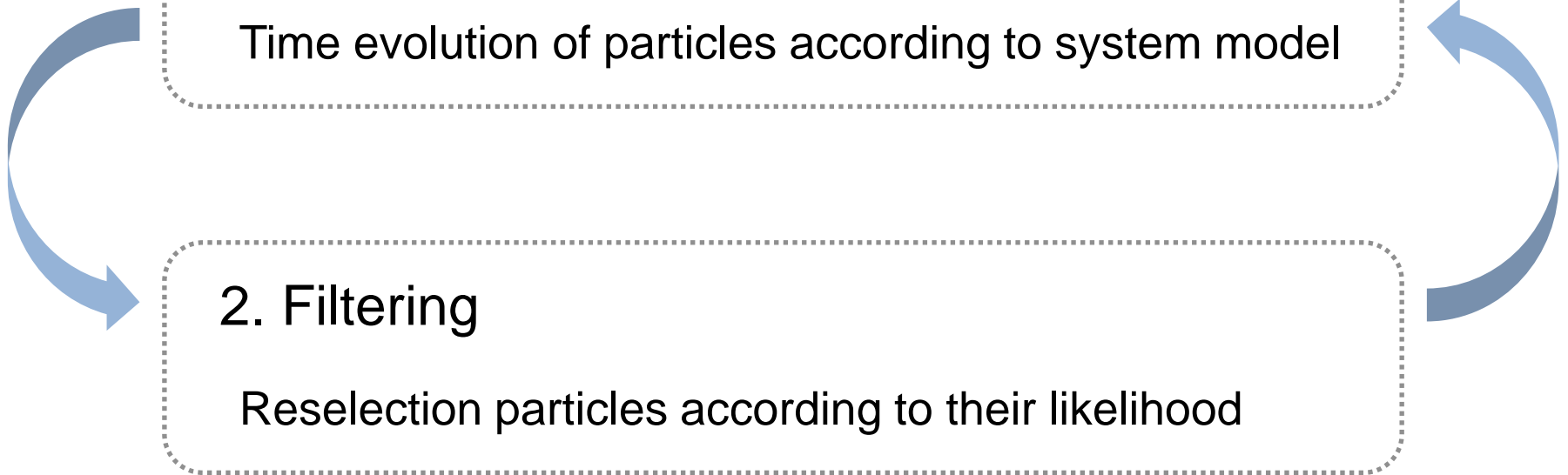
# Algorithm

## 1. Prediction

Time evolution of particles according to system model

## 2. Filtering

Reselection particles according to their likelihood

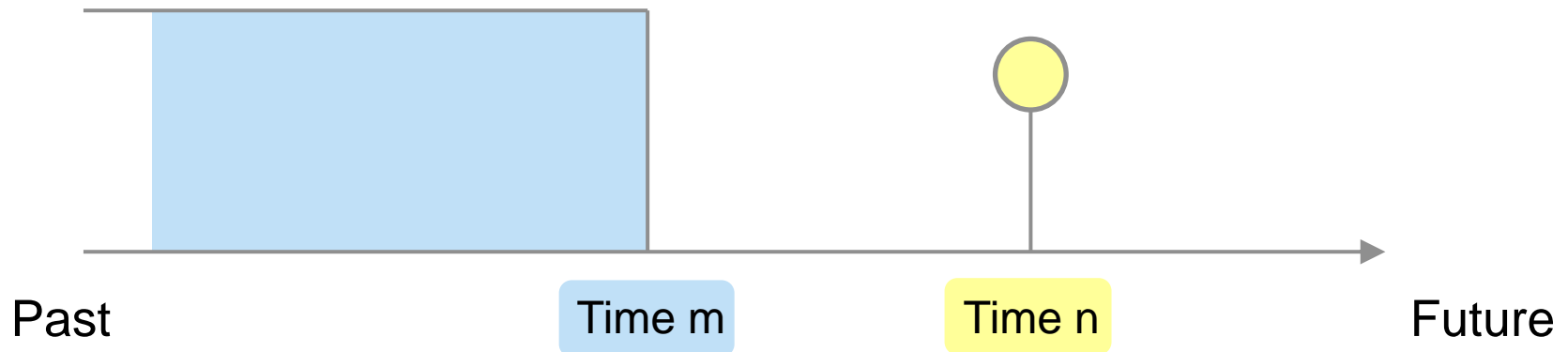


# How we describe variables

$X_n$  : Estimator of state at time n

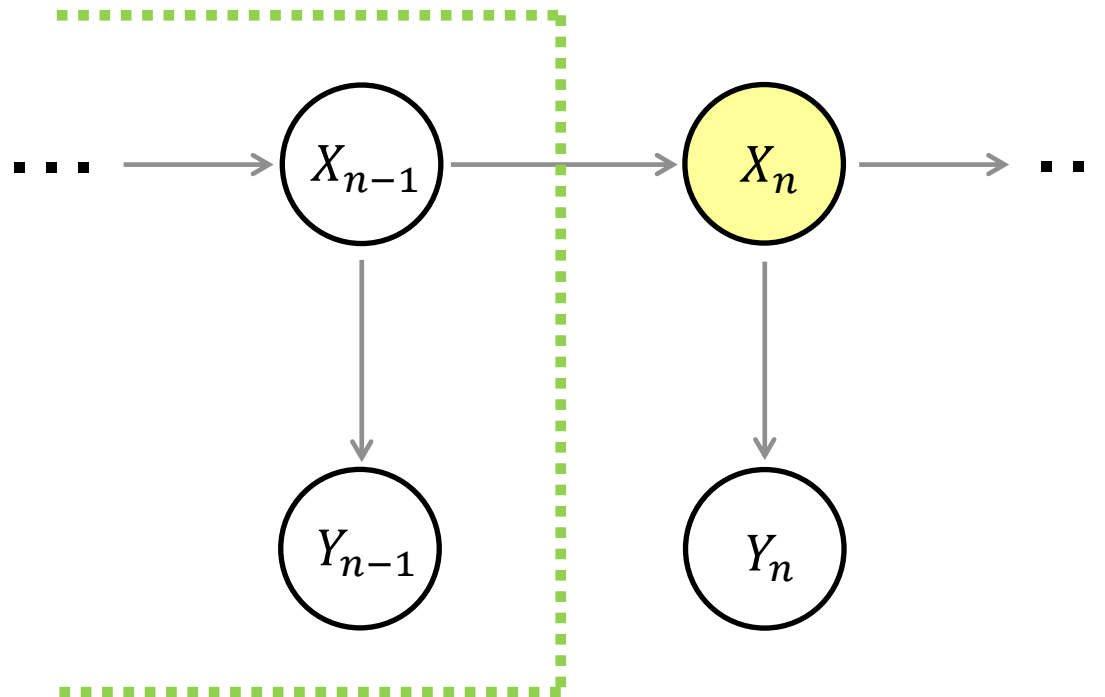
$X_{n|m}$  : Estimator of state at time n  
(when you emphasize  $X_n$  is using information up to time m)

$X_{n|m}^{(k)}$  : Estimator of state at time n  
(when you emphasize  $X_{n|m}$  is from k-th particle)



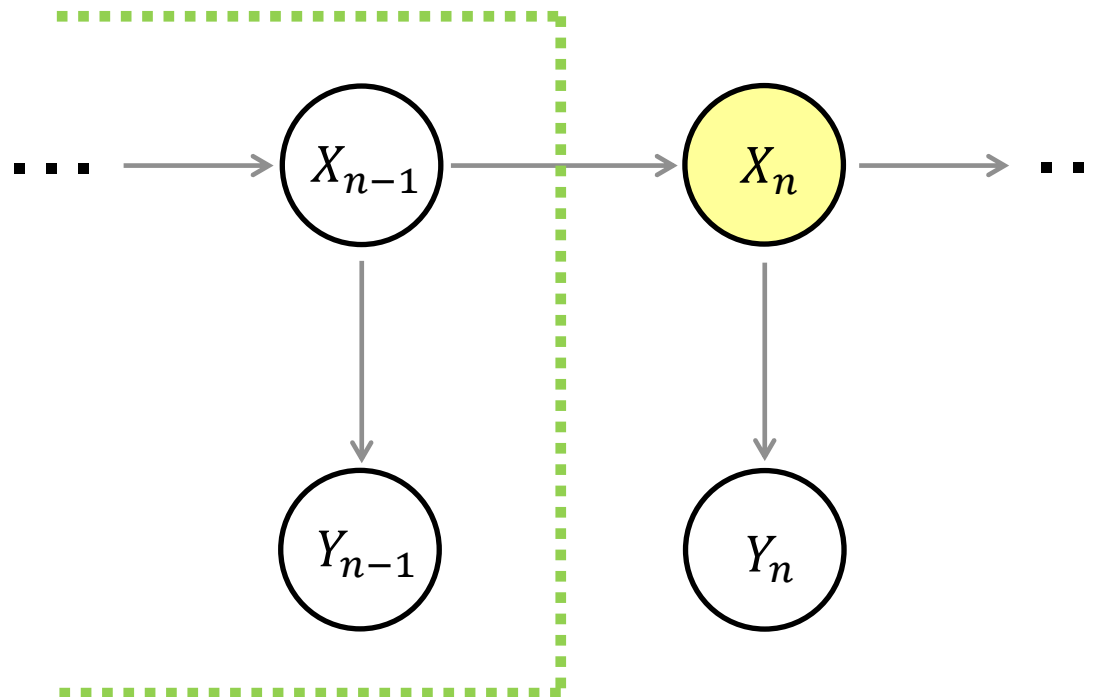
## EX ) $X_{n|n-1}$ means

“Estimator of state at time  $n$  using information up to time  $n-1$ ”



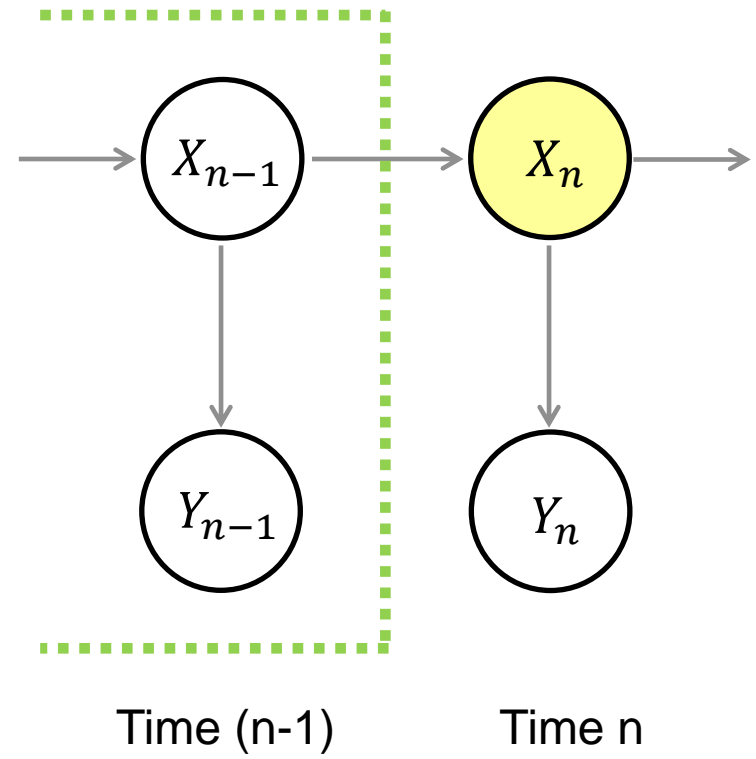
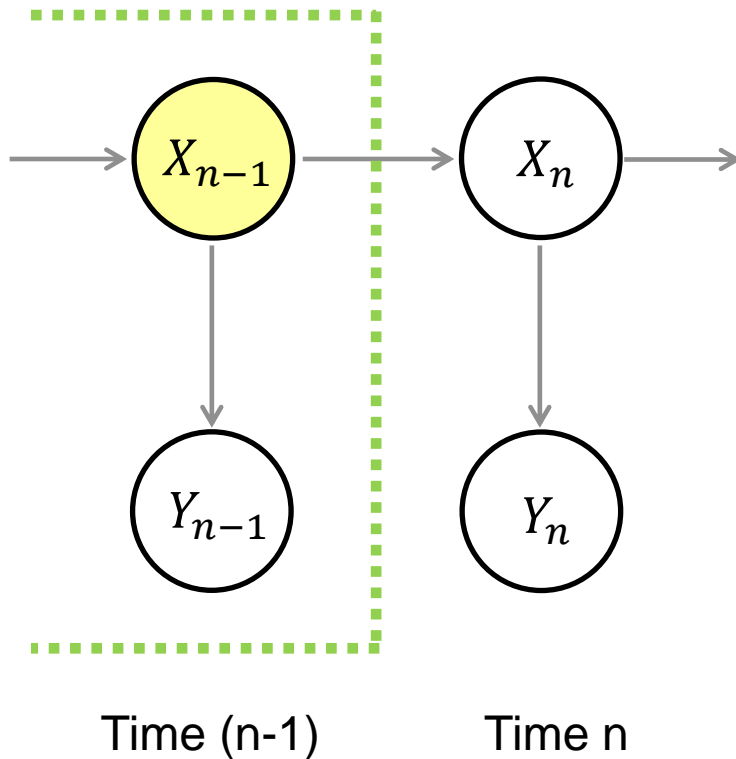
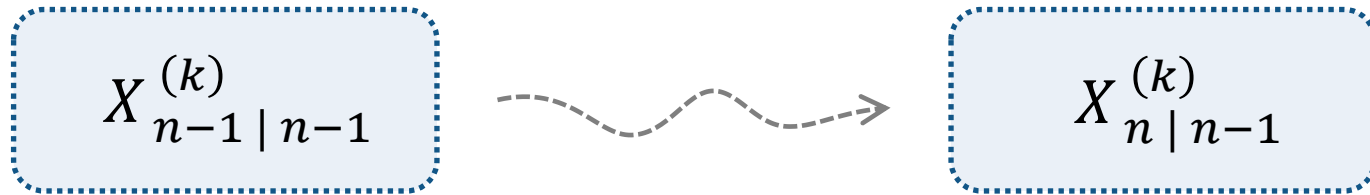
## EX ) $X_{n|n}$ means

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# Prediction



# Prediction

Time (n-1)

$$X_{n-1}^{(k)} | n-1$$



Time n

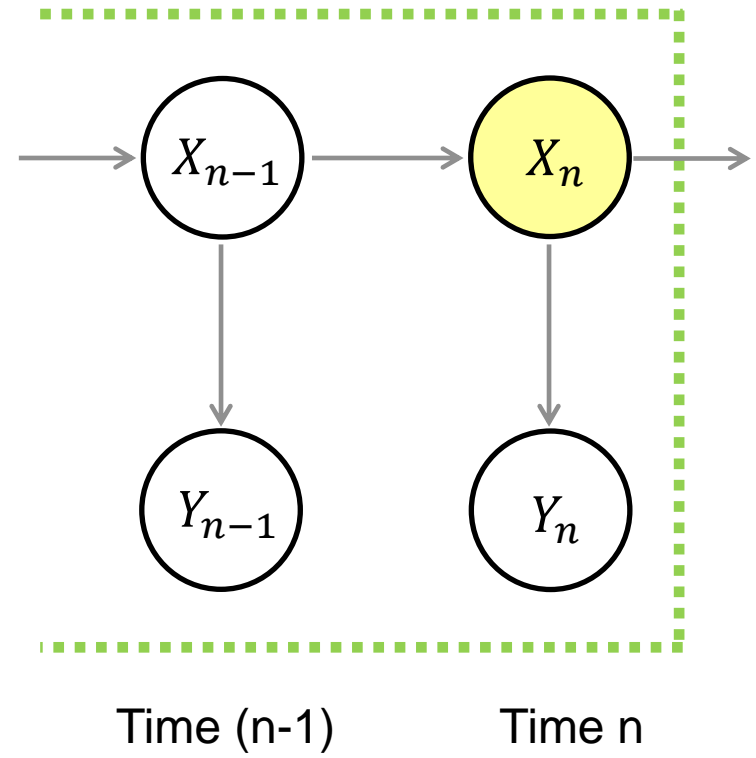
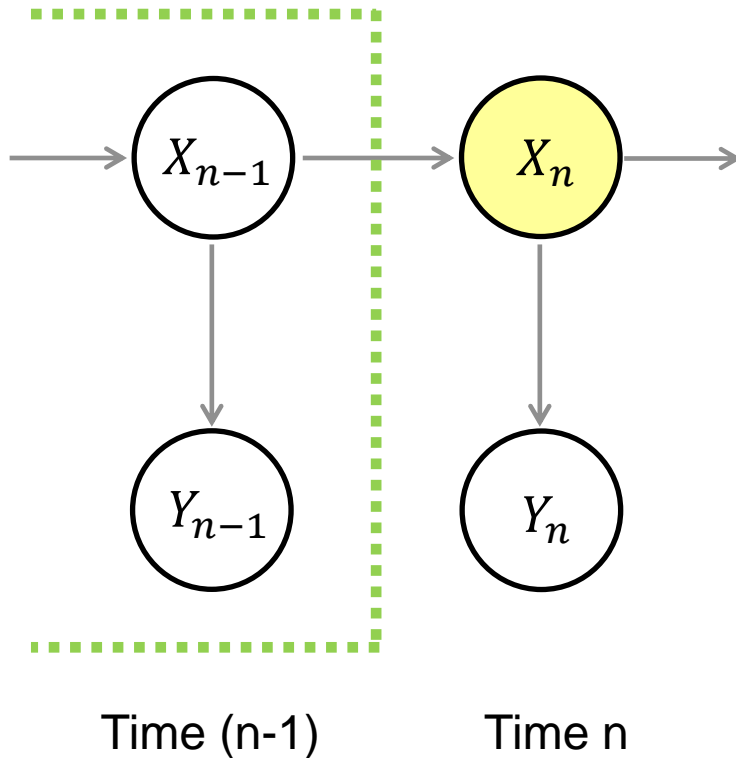
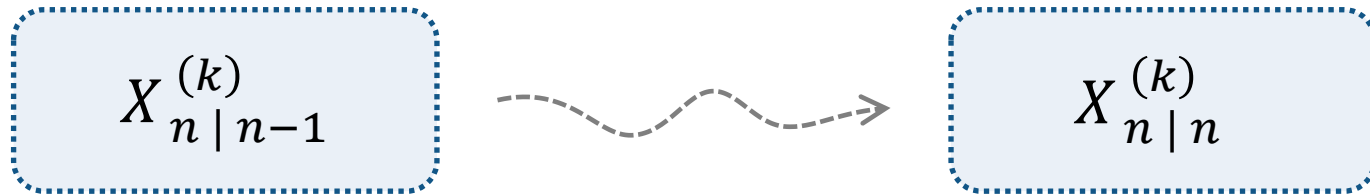
$$f \left( X_{n-1}^{(k)} | n-1 \right) + W_n$$

Prediction

Random Number

Gap from mathematical model

# Filtering



# Likelihood

$$P \left( Y_n \mid X_{n|n-1}^{(k)} \right)$$

Probability : Observable  $Y_n$  occurs when state is  $X_{n|n-1}^{(k)}$

# Filtering

$$X_{n|n-1}^{(k)}$$

Estimator at time n  
using information up to time (n-1)

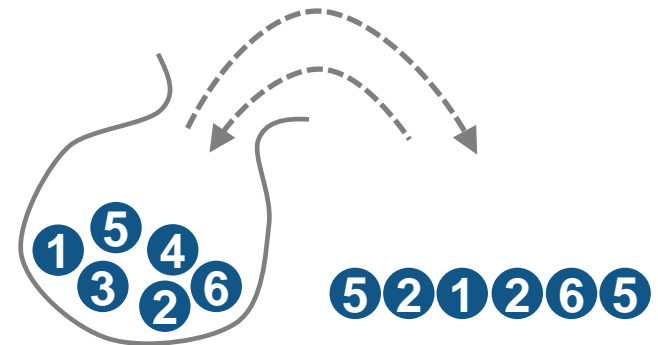


$$X_{n|n}^{(k)}$$

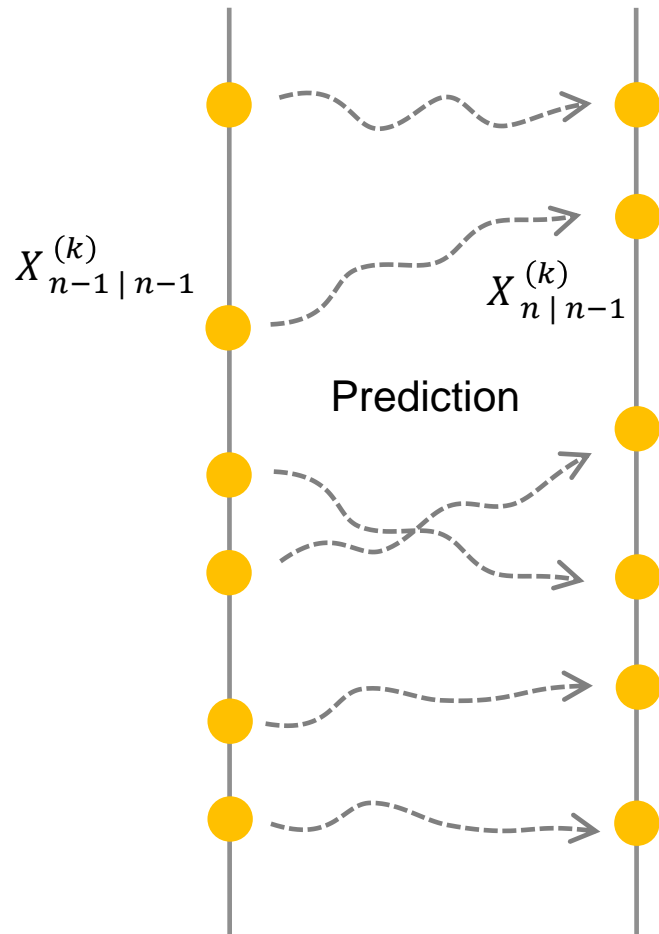
Estimator at time n  
using information up to time n

Execute resampling with replacement according to likelihood ratio

$$\frac{P\left(Y_n \mid X_{n|n-1}^{(k)}\right)}{\sum_k P\left(Y_n \mid X_{n|n-1}^{(k)}\right)} \quad (k = 1, \dots, N)$$



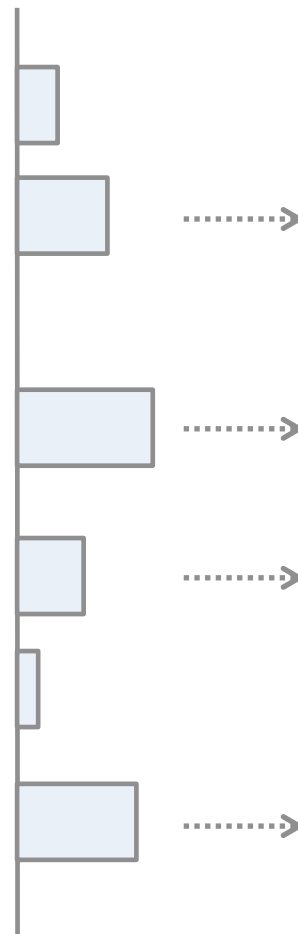
Prediction



$n - 1$

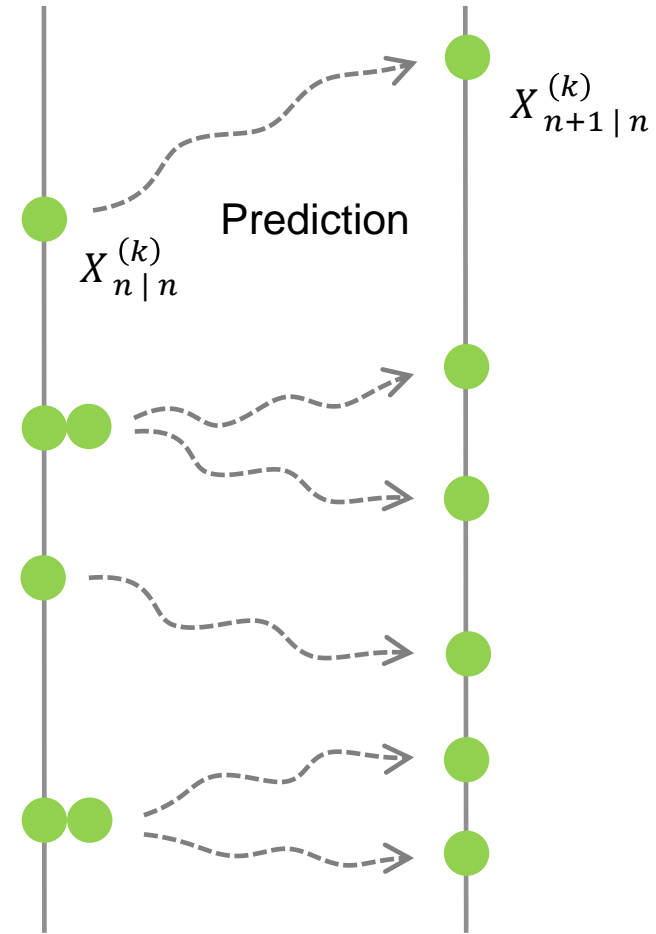
$n$

Filtering



Likelihood

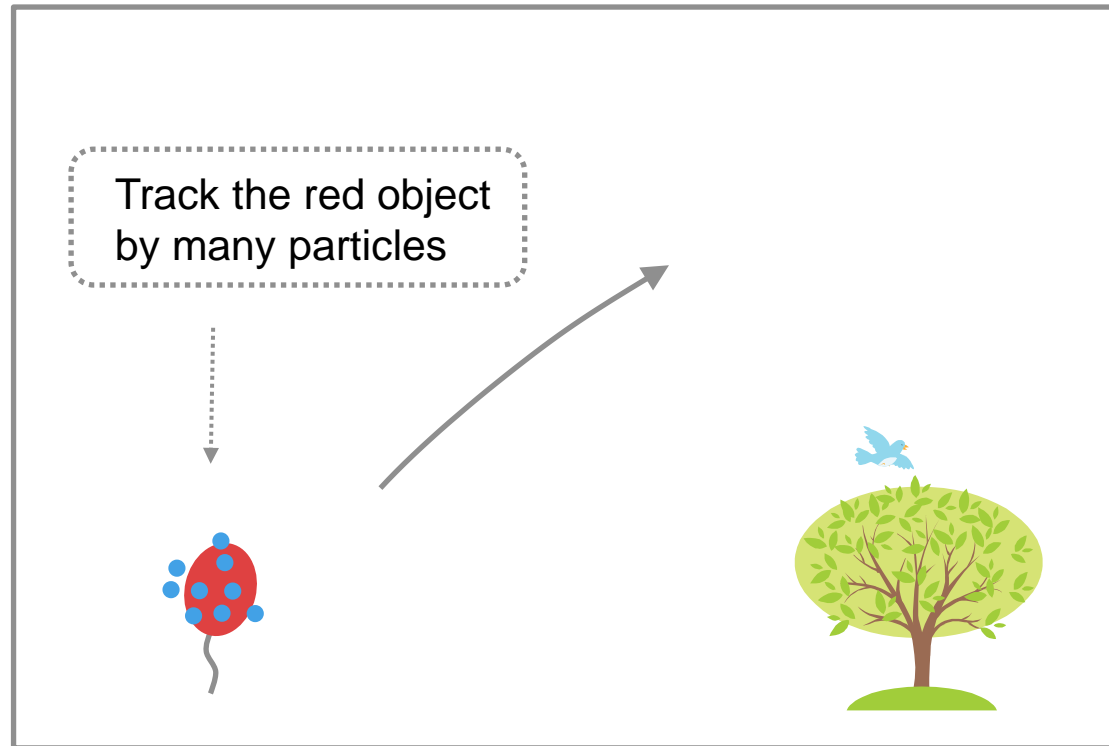
Prediction



$n$

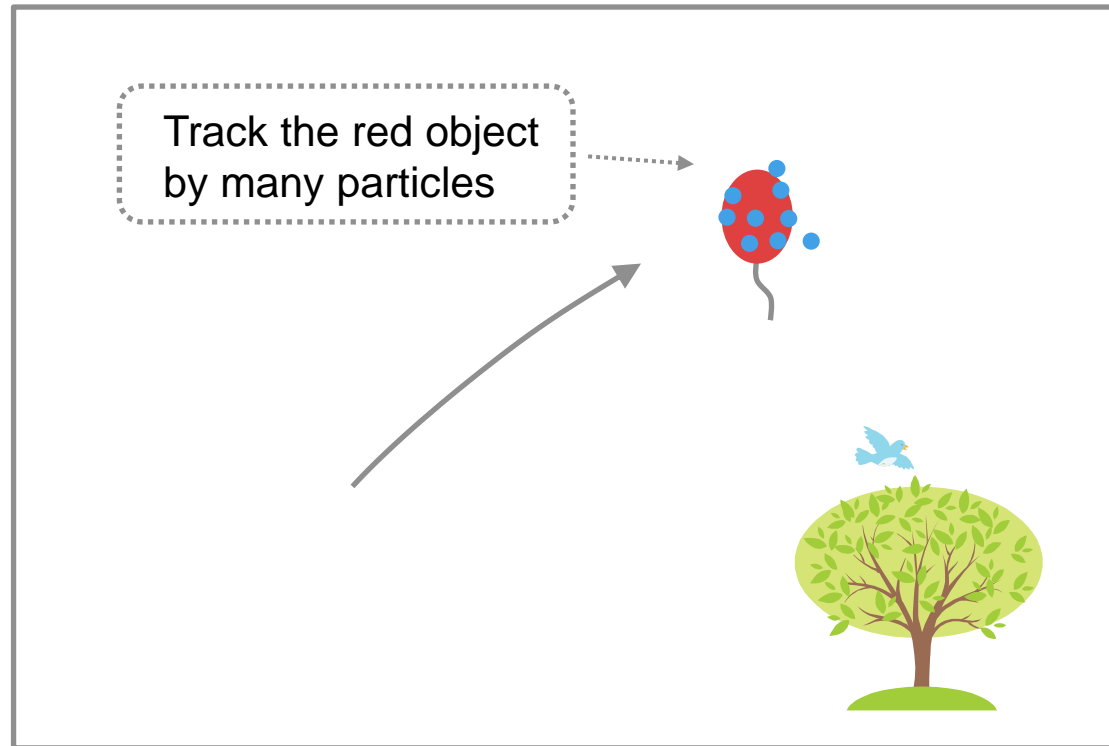
$n + 1$

# Example of Particle Filter (Object tracking)



We are going to track the red object in the movie

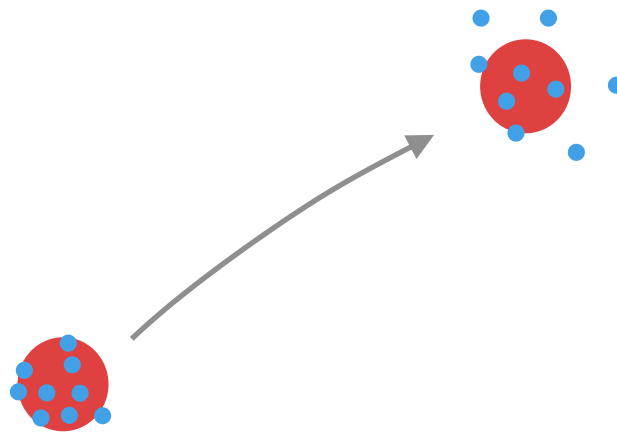
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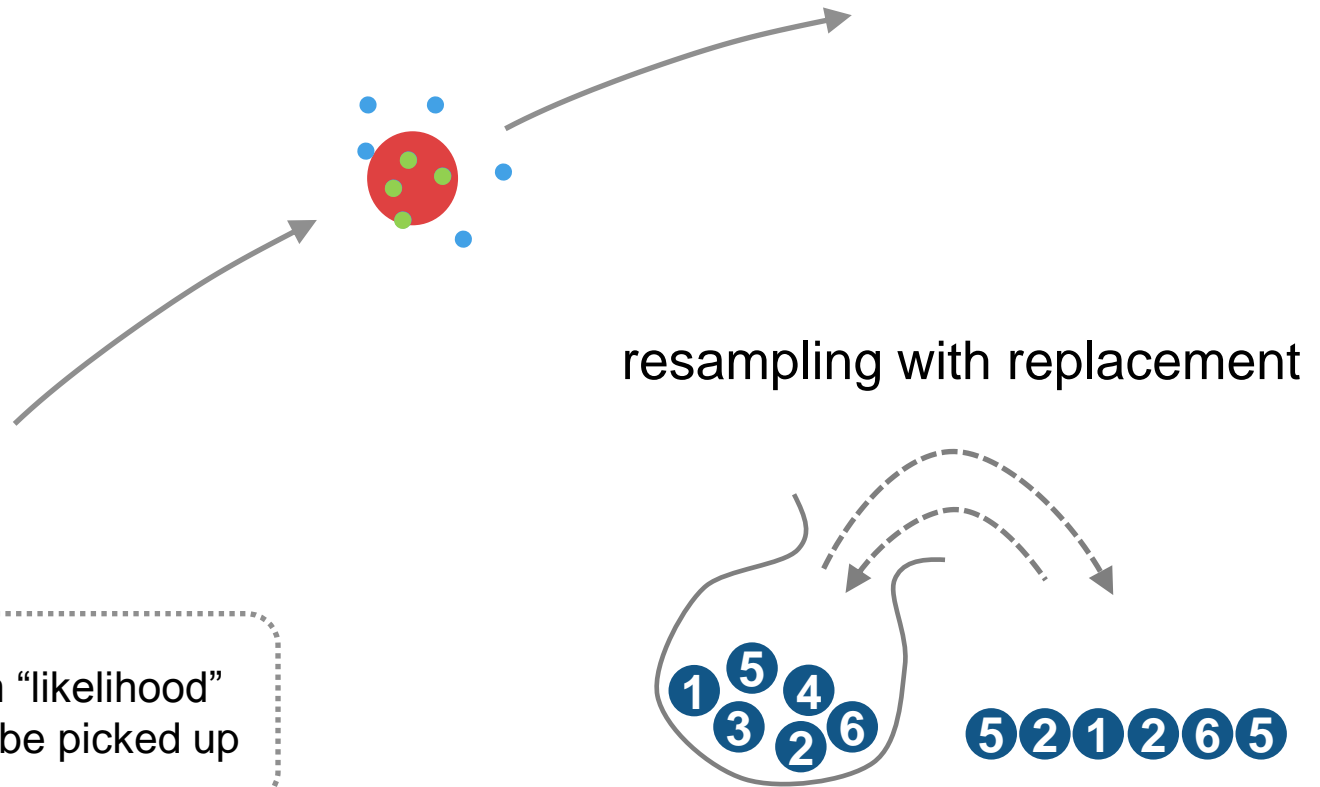


# Prediction (move particles)

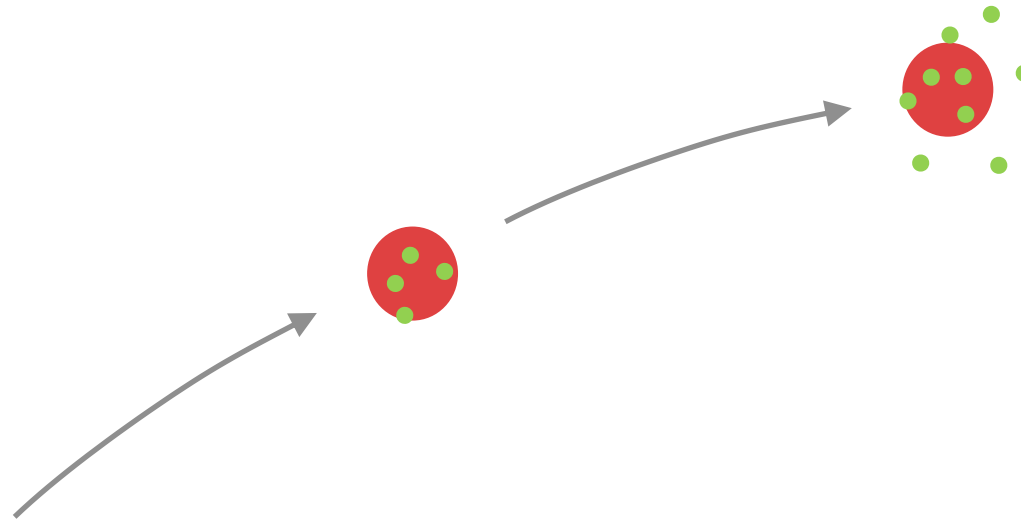


$$\begin{array}{c}
 \text{Location / Speed} \quad \text{Noise} \\
 \downarrow \qquad \qquad \downarrow \\
 \begin{pmatrix} x_n \\ y_n \\ \dot{x}_n \\ \dot{y}_n \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_{n-1} \\ y_{n-1} \\ \dot{x}_{n-1} \\ \dot{y}_{n-1} \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} v_x \\ v_y \\ v_{\dot{x}} \\ v_{\dot{y}} \end{pmatrix}
 \end{array}$$

# Filtering (resample particles)

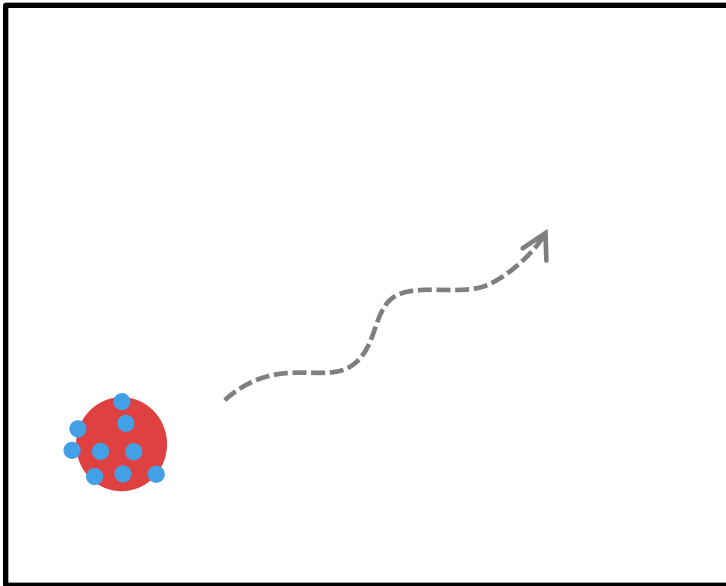


# Prediction (move particles)



$$\begin{array}{c}
 \text{Location / Speed} \quad \text{Noise} \\
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 \end{array}$$

# State and Observables in Object Tracking



## State

Location and speed of red object

$$X = (x, y, \dot{x}, \dot{y})$$

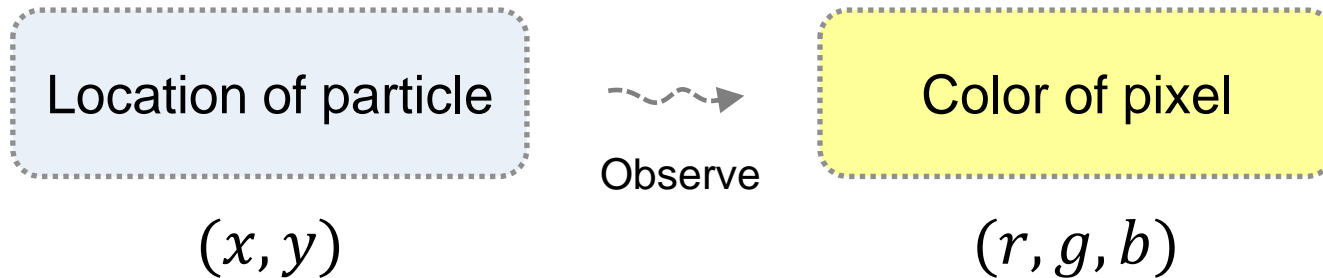
## Observables

Color of pixel on which particles exist

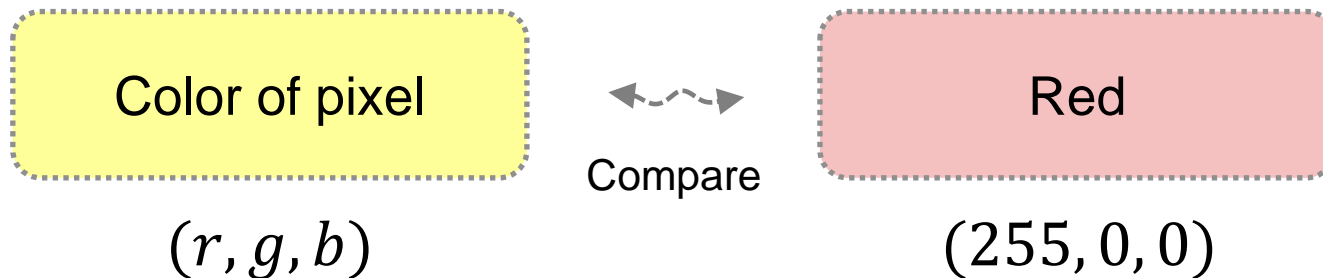
$$Y = (r, g, b)$$

# Calculation of “likelihood”

1) Get the color of pixel on which particle exists (observation)



2) Compare the RGB of pixel with red (255, 0, 0)



## Calculation of “likelihood”

$$P \left( Y_n \mid X_{n \mid n-1}^{(k)} \right) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma}} \cdot \exp \left( -\frac{d^2}{2\sigma^2} \right) \quad \leftarrow \text{Likelihood}$$

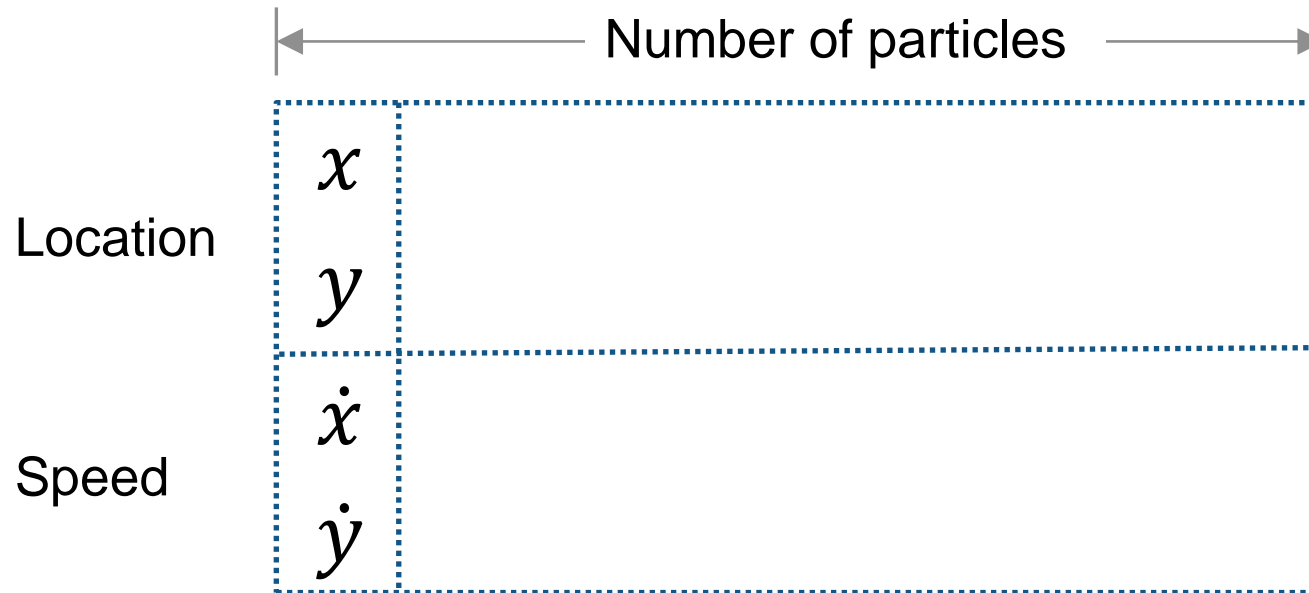
$$d = \sqrt{(r - 255)^2 + g^2 + b^2}$$

We are supposing gauss distribution for simplicity

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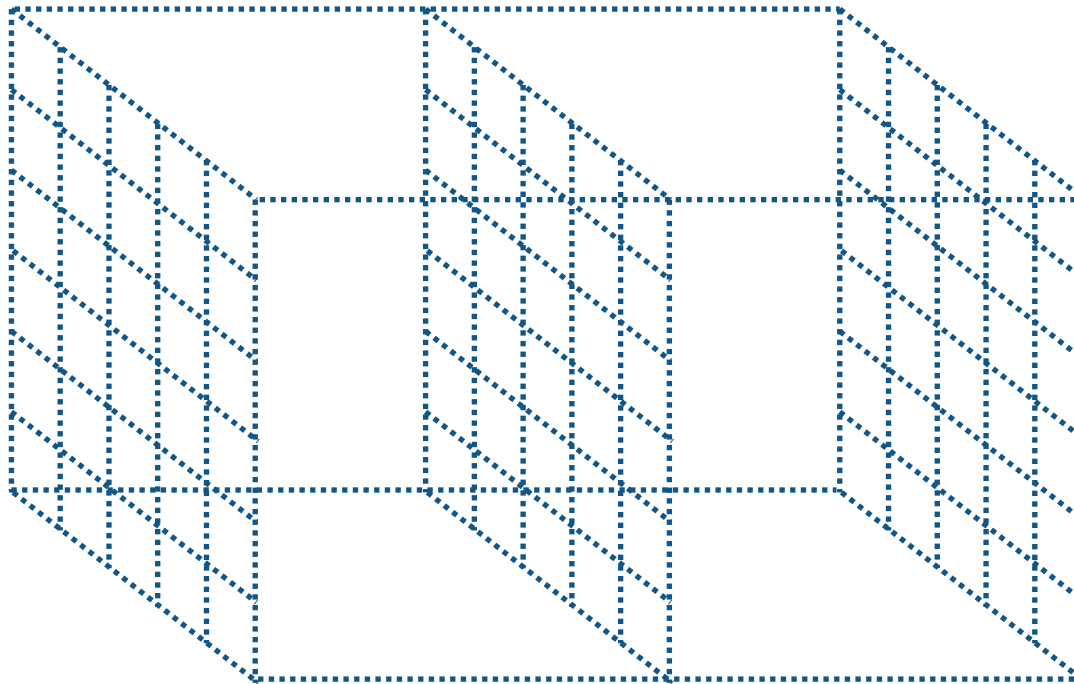
The closer the color we observe becomes red, the bigger the likelihood of particle becomes.

# Explanation of variable (particles)



When you multiple matrix  $F = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$  from left, particles move

# Explanation of variable (color photo)

**R****G****B**

*480 X 640 X 3*