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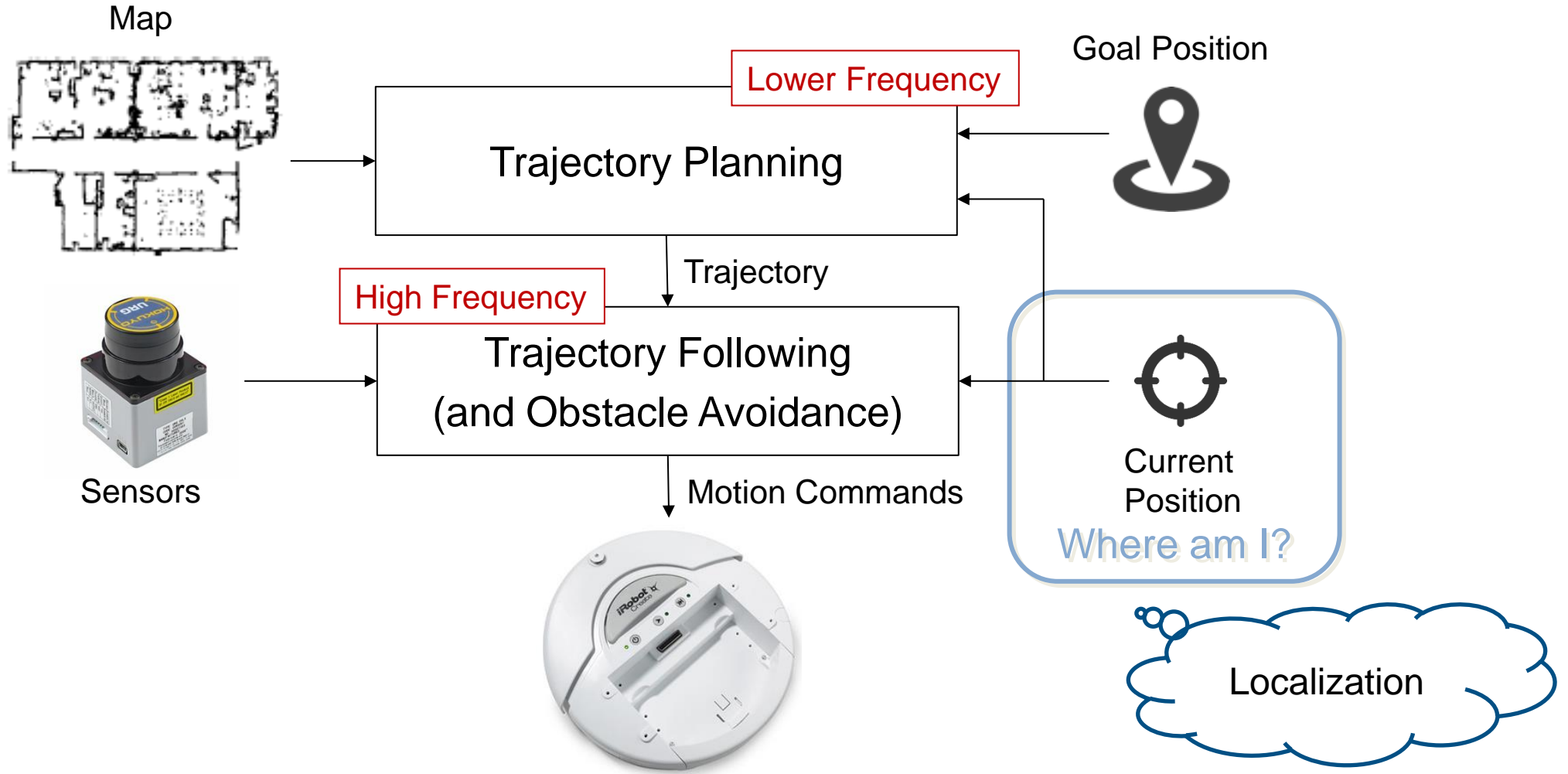
*Robot Localization – Sensor Models and Bayesian Filtering*

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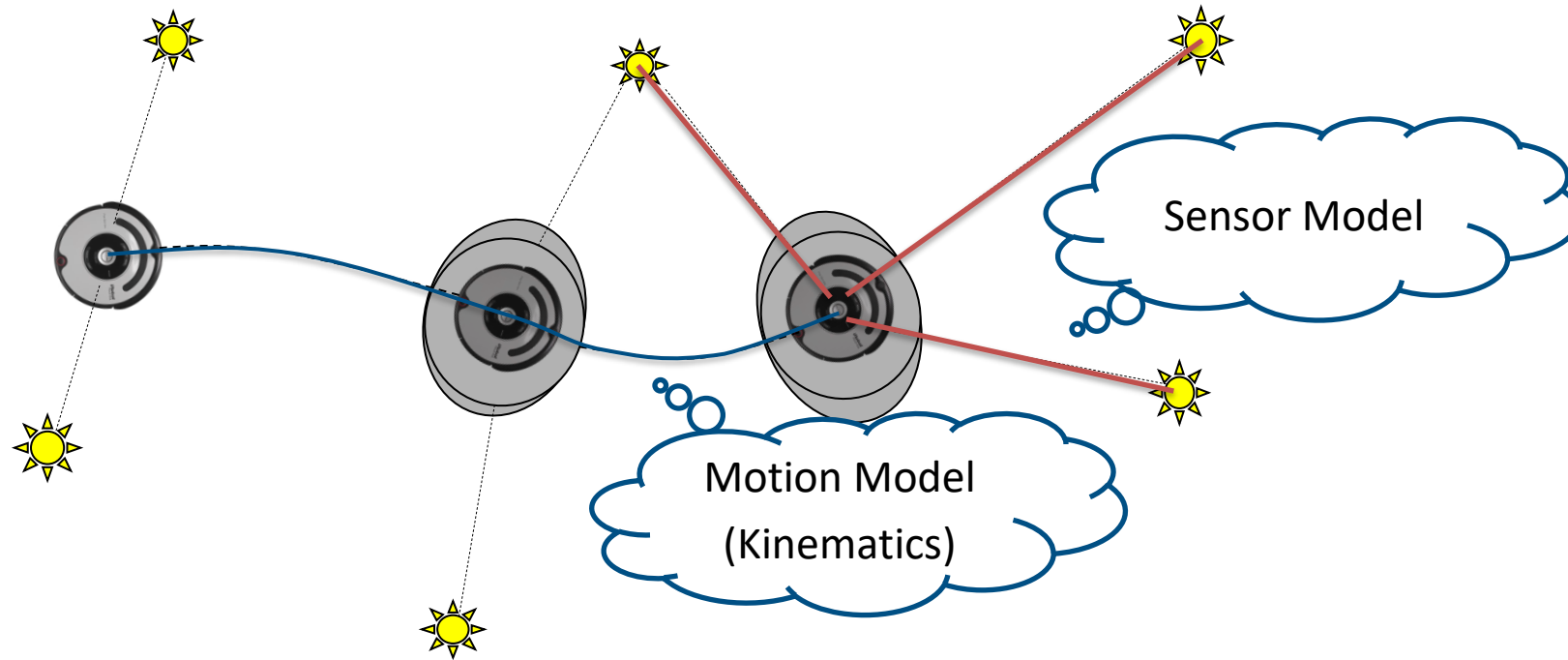


# A Simplified Sense-Plan-Act Architecture





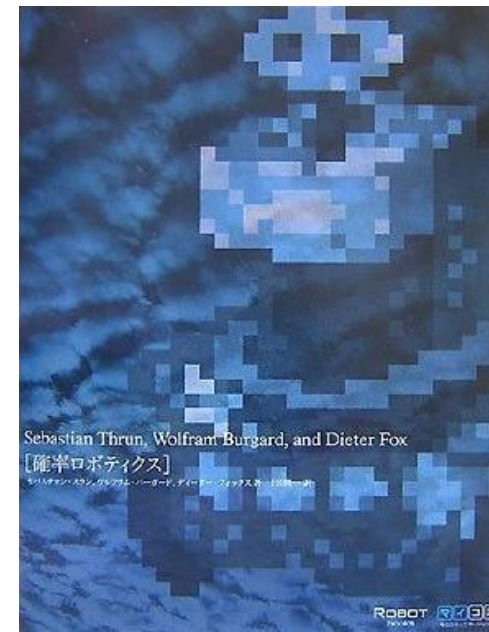
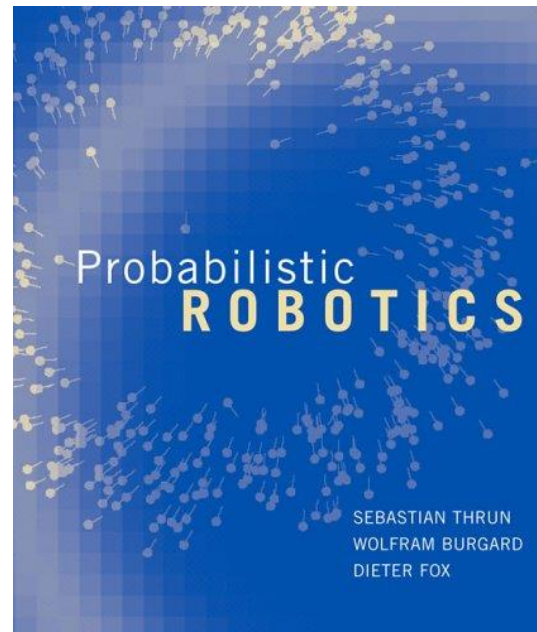
# Localization with Knowm Map





## Disclaimer ...

Slides from now on have been heavily “inspired” by the teaching material kindly provided with: S. Thrun, D. Fox, W. Burgard. “Probabilistic Robotics”. MIT Press, 2005



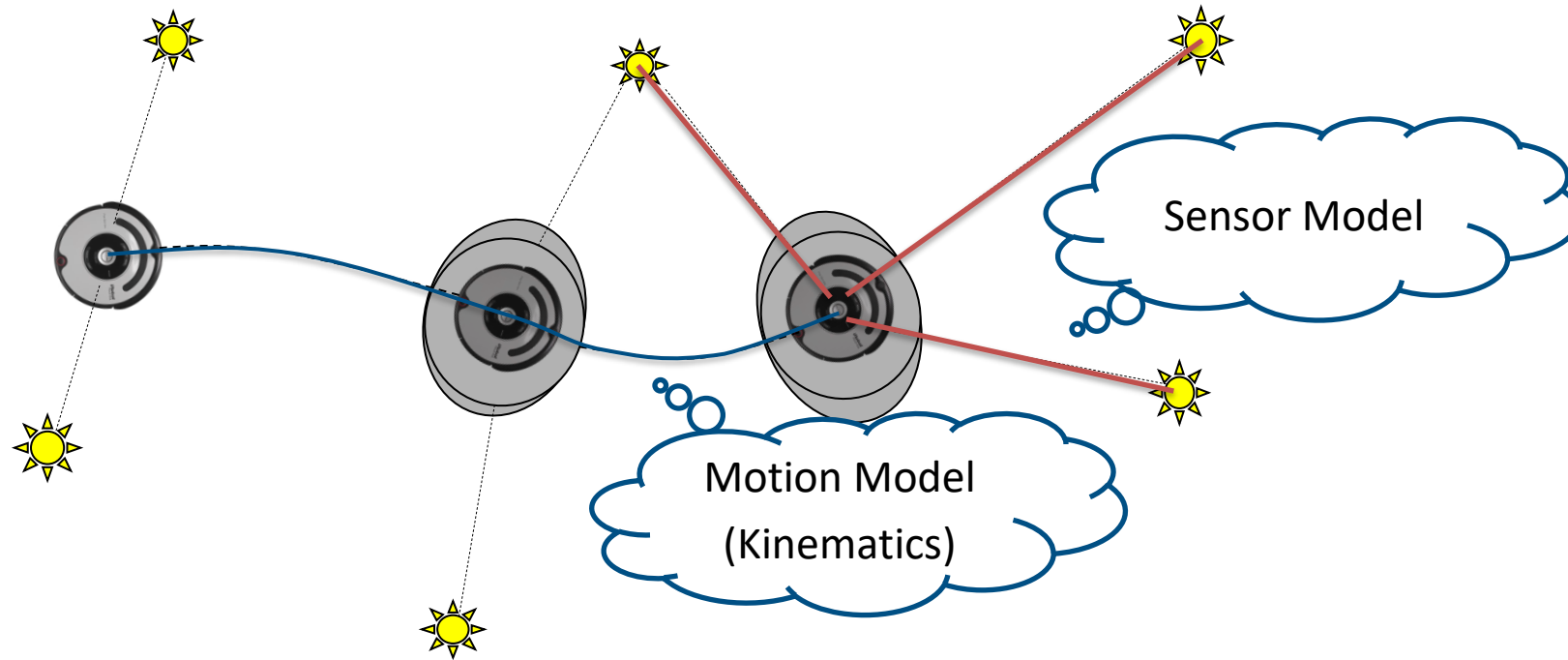
<http://robots.stanford.edu/probabilistic-robotics/>

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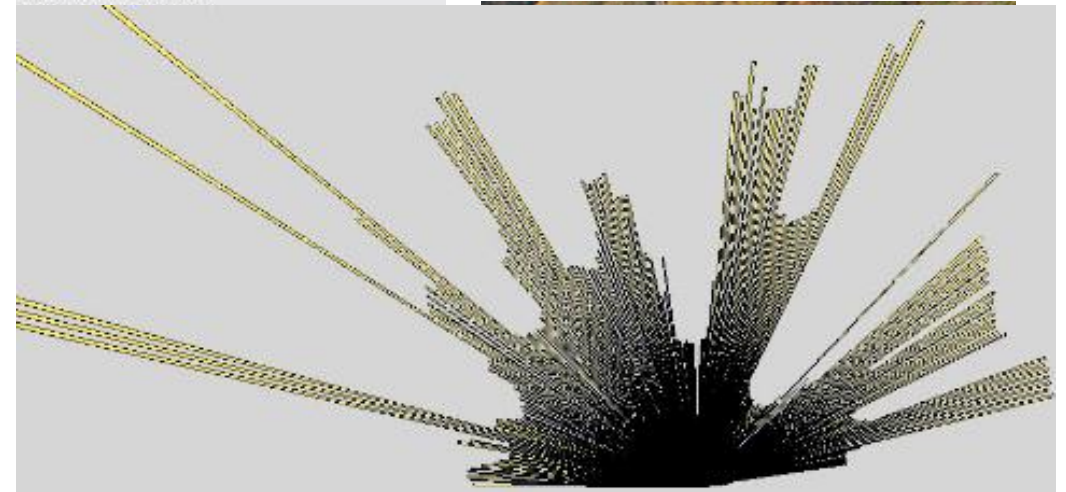




# Laser Range Finders

Lasers are definitely more accurate sensors

- Up to 360° horizontal plane field of view
- 1 to 128 planes scanned
- 10-75 scans/second
- <1cm range resolution
- Max range up to 300 m
- Problems only with mirrors, glass, and matte black.



< 1000 €



~ 6000 €



~ 40.000 €

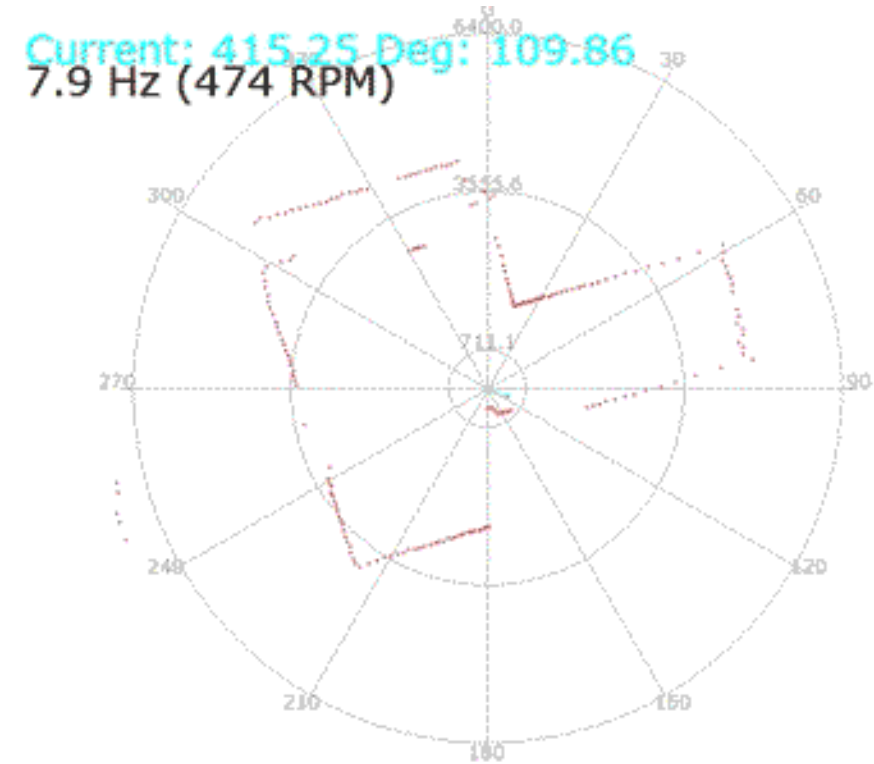


> 80.000 €



# Range Sensors Models

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# Range Sensors

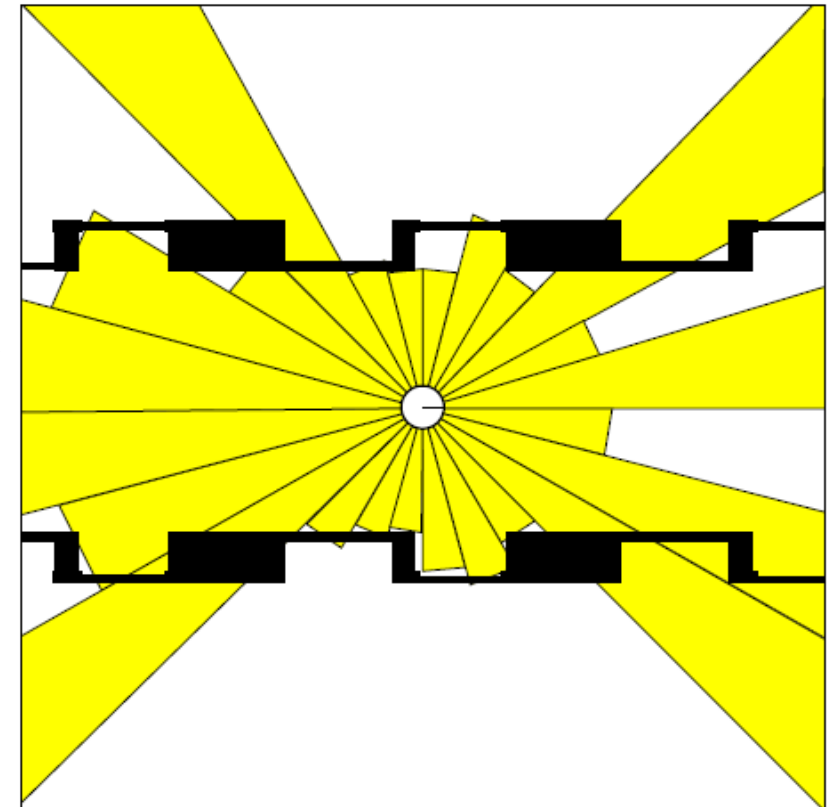
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In particular a scan  $z$  consists of  $K$  measurements.

$$z = \{z_1, z_2, \dots, z_K\}$$

Individual measurements are independent given robot position and surrounding map.

$$P(z \mid x, m) = \prod_{k=1}^K P(z_k \mid x, m)$$



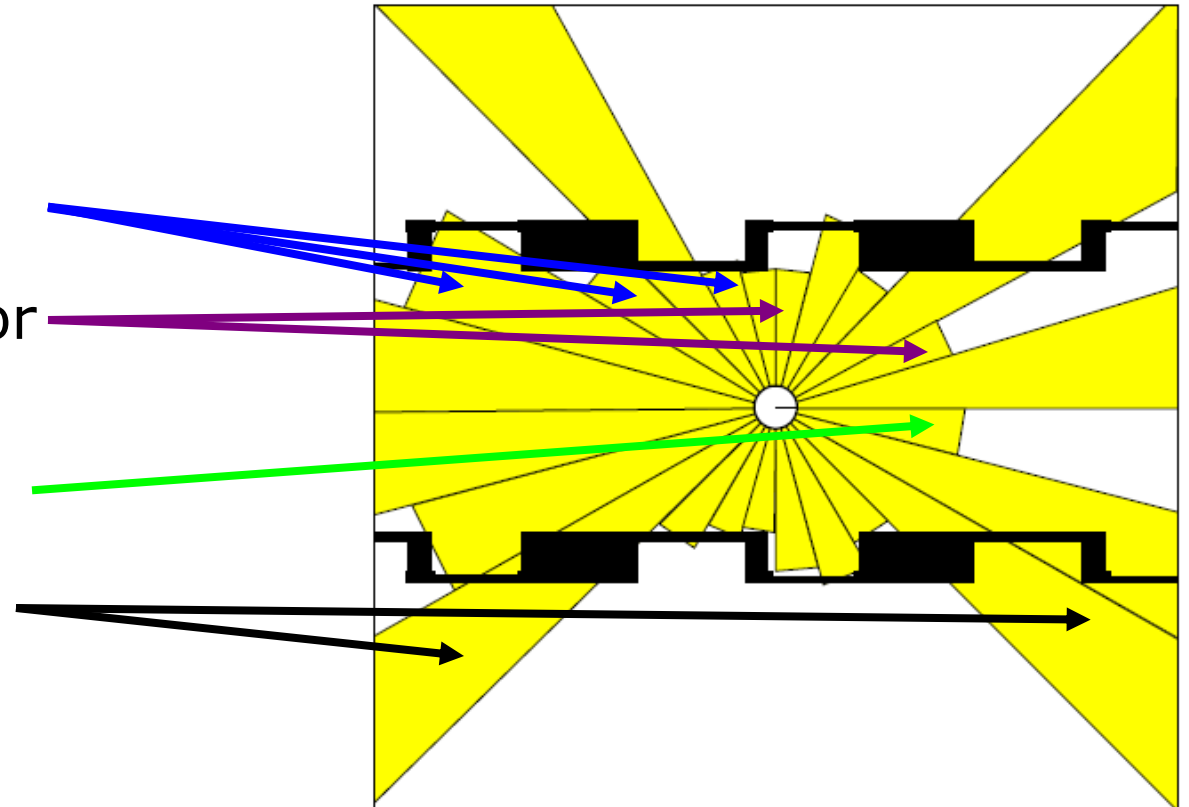


# Typical Measurement Errors of an Range Measurements

The sensor model describes  $P(z|x)$ , i.e., the probability of a measurement  $z$  given that the robot is at position  $x$ .

Measurements can come from:

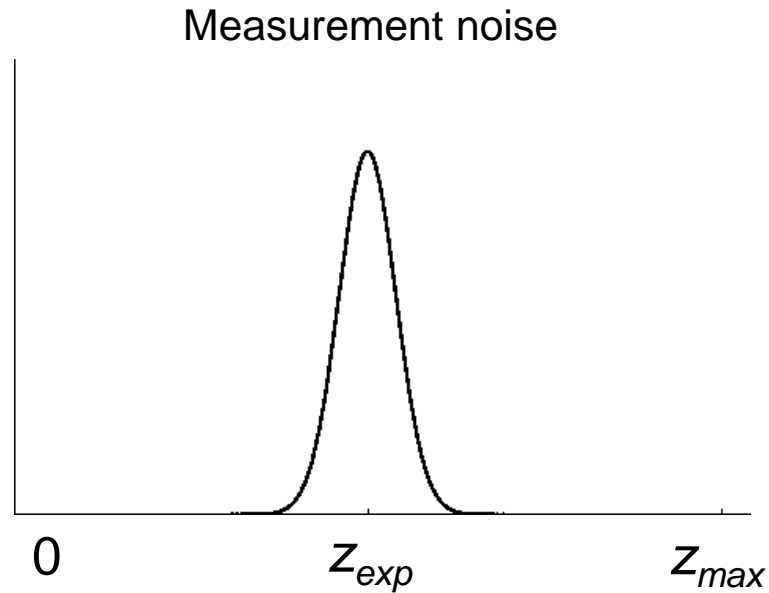
1. Beams reflected by obstacles
2. Beams reflected by persons or caused by crosstalk
3. Random measurements
4. Max range measurements



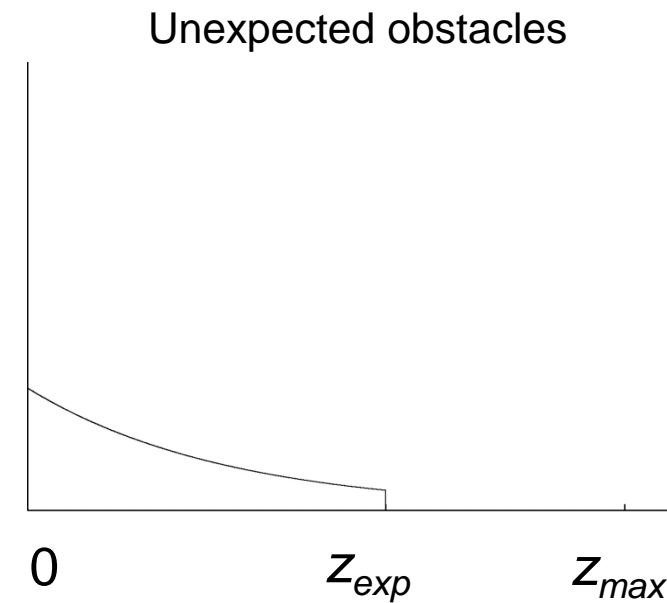


## Beam Sensor Model (I)

The laser range finder model describes each single measurement using



$$P_{hit}(z | x, m) = \eta \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi b}} e^{-\frac{1}{2} \frac{(z - z_{exp})^2}{b}}$$



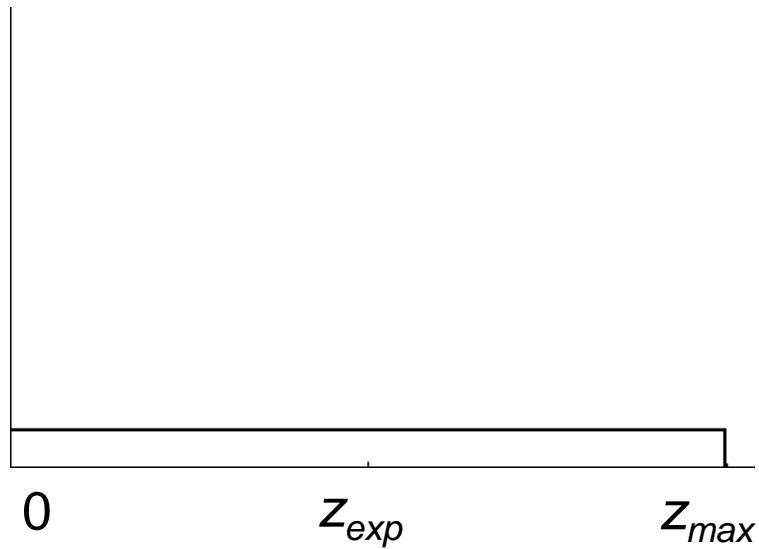
$$P_{unexp}(z | x, m) = \begin{cases} \eta \lambda e^{-\lambda z} & z < z_{exp} \\ 0 & otherwise \end{cases}$$



## Beam Sensor Model (II)

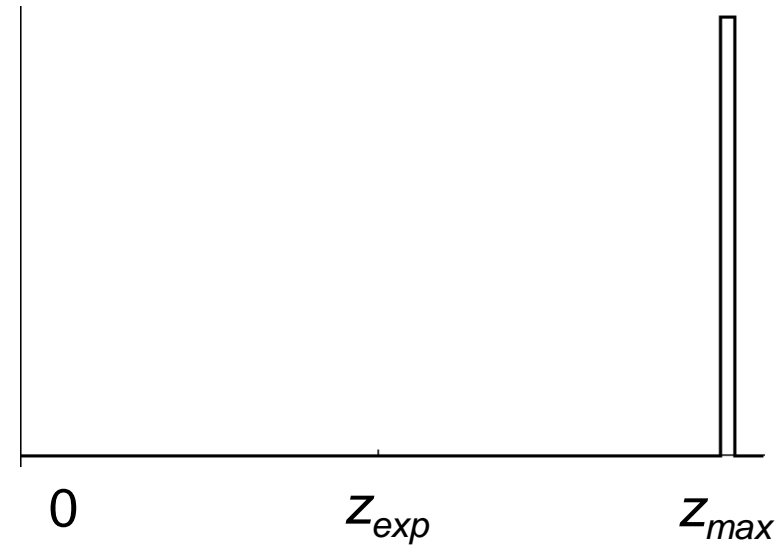
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Random measurement



$$P_{rand}(z | x, m) = \eta \frac{1}{z_{max}}$$

Max range



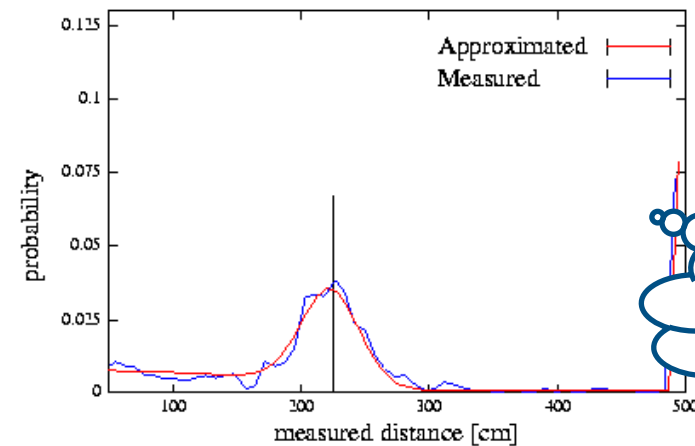
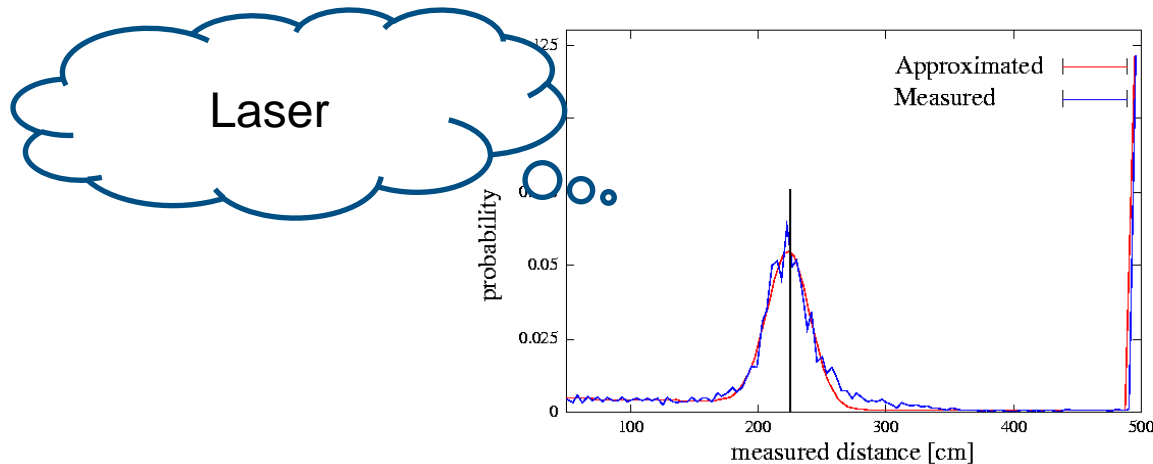
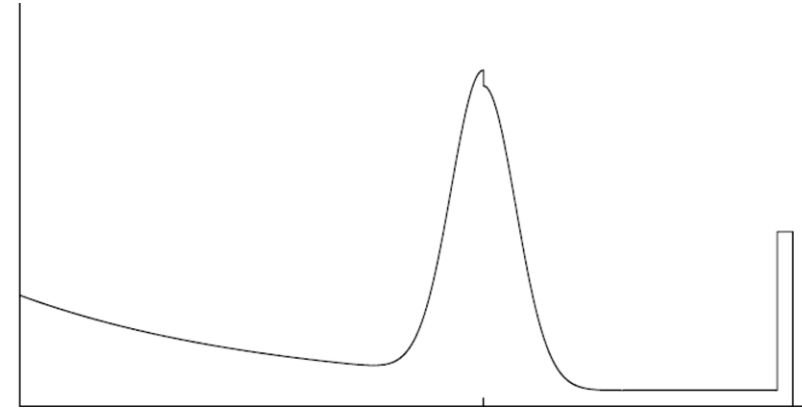
$$P_{max}(z | x, m) = \eta \frac{1}{z_{small}}$$



## Beam Sensor Model (III)

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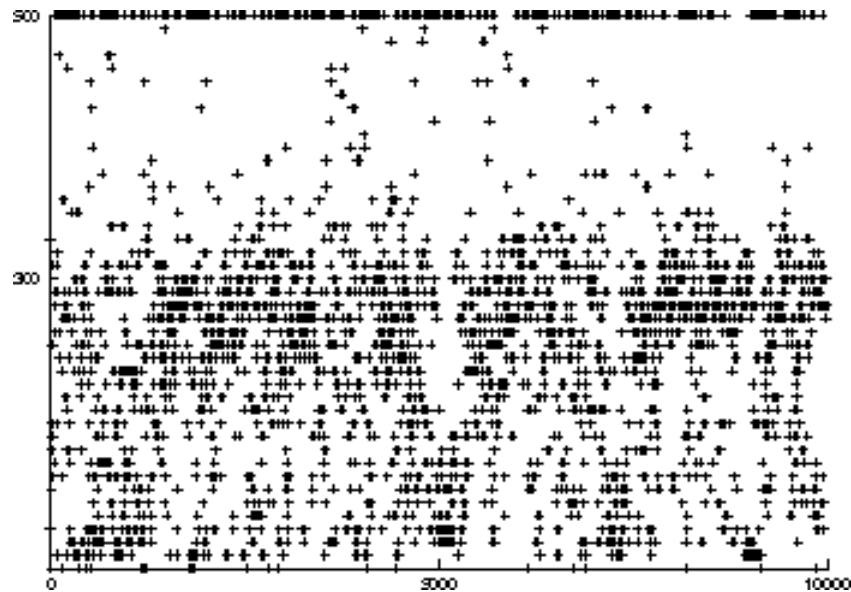
$$P(z | x, m) = \begin{pmatrix} \alpha_{\text{hit}} \\ \alpha_{\text{unexp}} \\ \alpha_{\text{max}} \\ \alpha_{\text{rand}} \end{pmatrix}^T \cdot \begin{pmatrix} P_{\text{hit}}(z | x, m) \\ P_{\text{unexp}}(z | x, m) \\ P_{\text{max}}(z | x, m) \\ P_{\text{rand}}(z | x, m) \end{pmatrix}$$



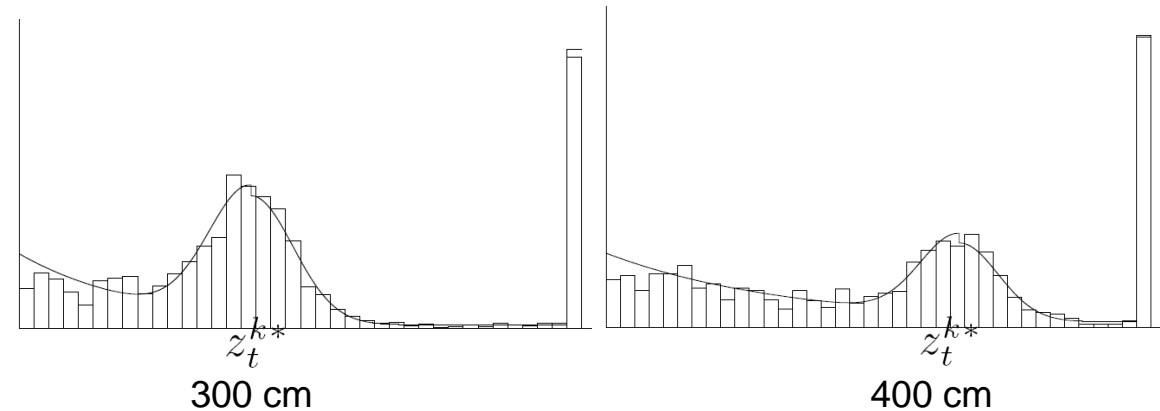


# Sensor Model Calibration (Sonar)

Acquire some data from the sensor, e.g., when the target is at 300 cm and 400 cm



Sonar

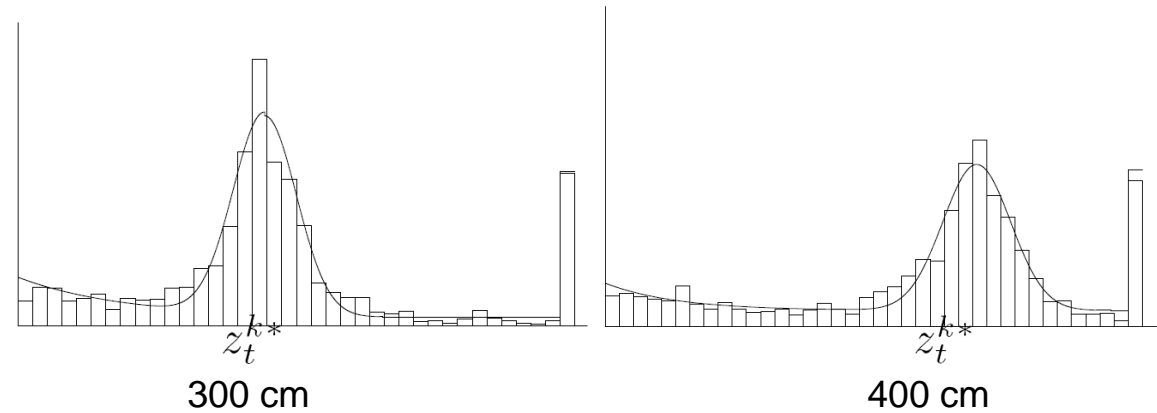
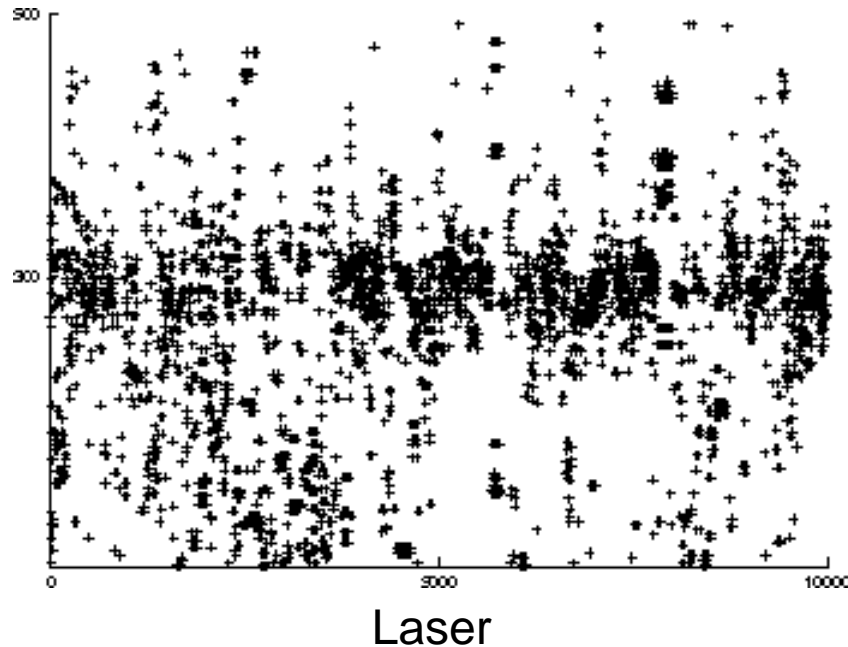


Then estimate the model parameters via maximum likelihood:  $P(z \mid z_{\text{exp}})$



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Acquire some data from the sensor, e.g., when the target is at 300 cm and 400 cm

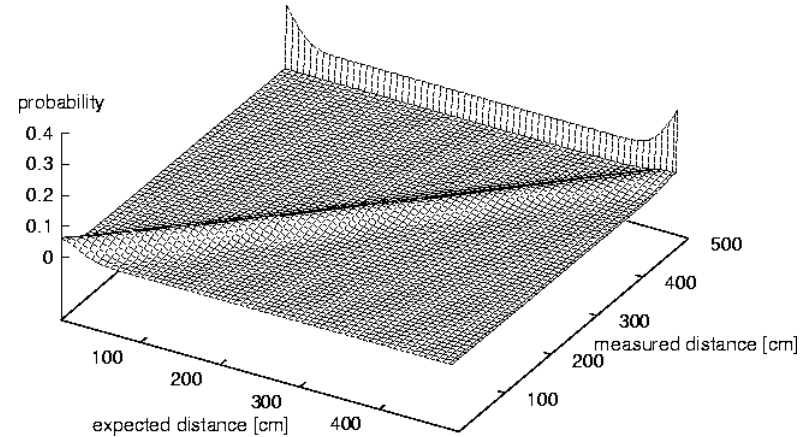
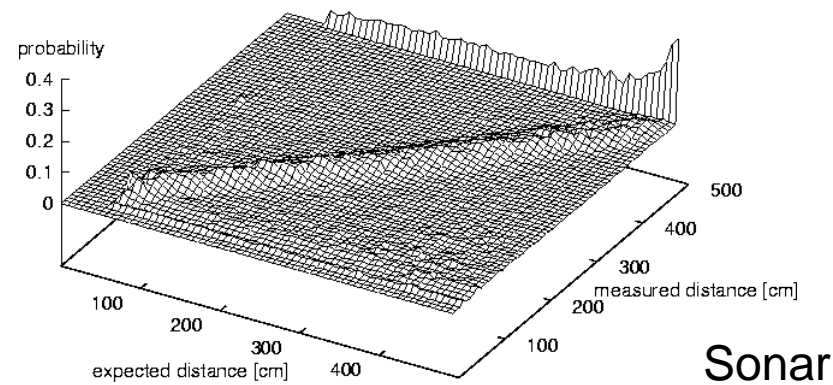
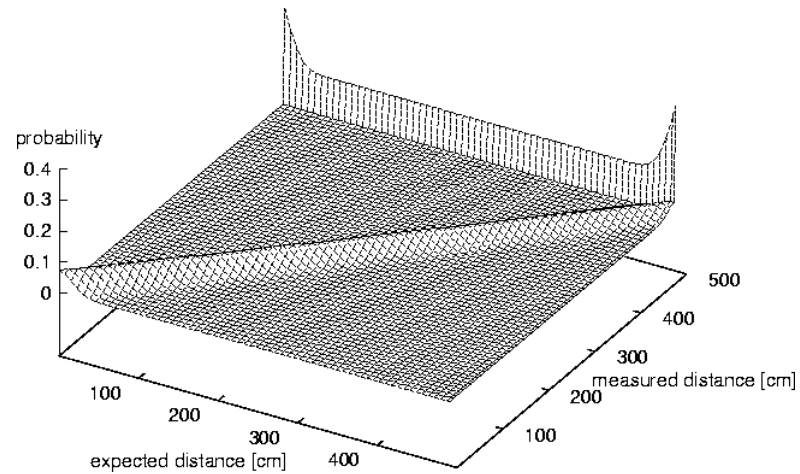
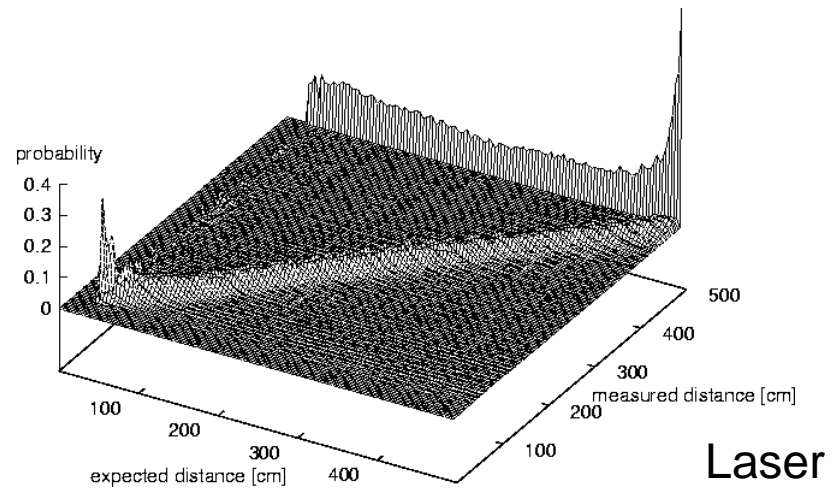


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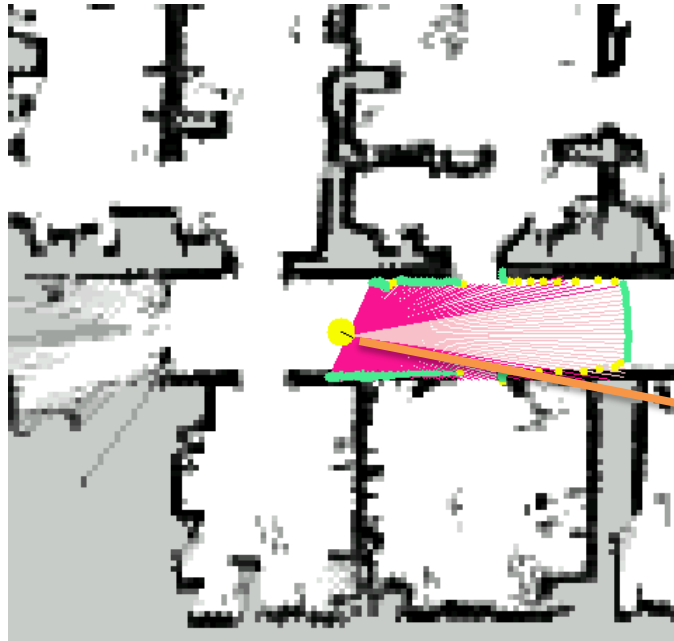
# Discete Model for Range Sensor

Instead of densities, consider discrete steps along the sensor beam

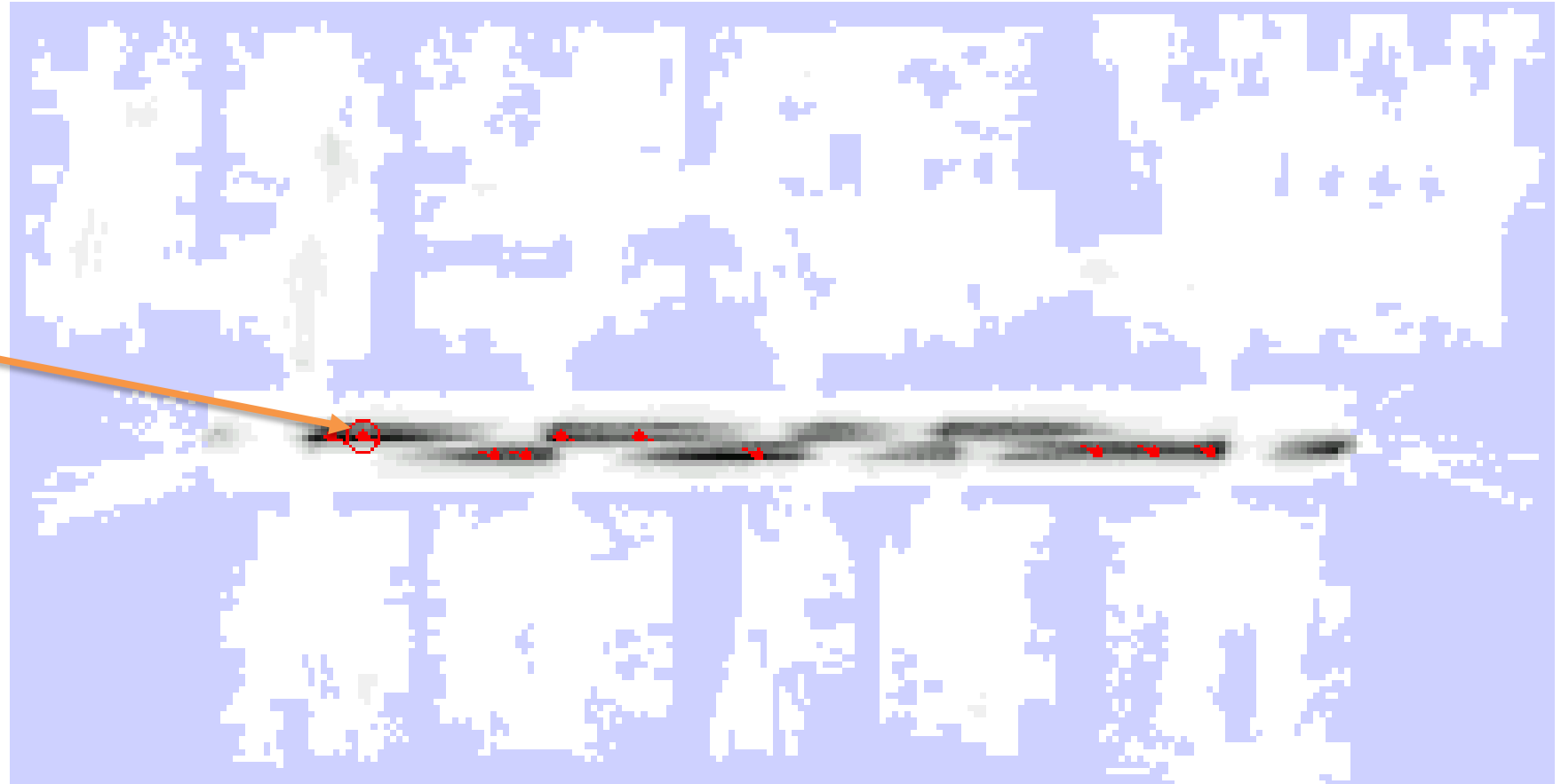




## Sensor Model Likelihood



$z$



$P(z|x,m)$



## Scan Sensor Model

The Beam sensor model assumes independence between beams and between physical causes of measurements and turns out to have some issues:

- Overconfident because of independency assumptions
- Need to learn parameters from data
- A different model should be learned for different angles w.r.t. obstacles
- Inefficient because it uses ray tracing

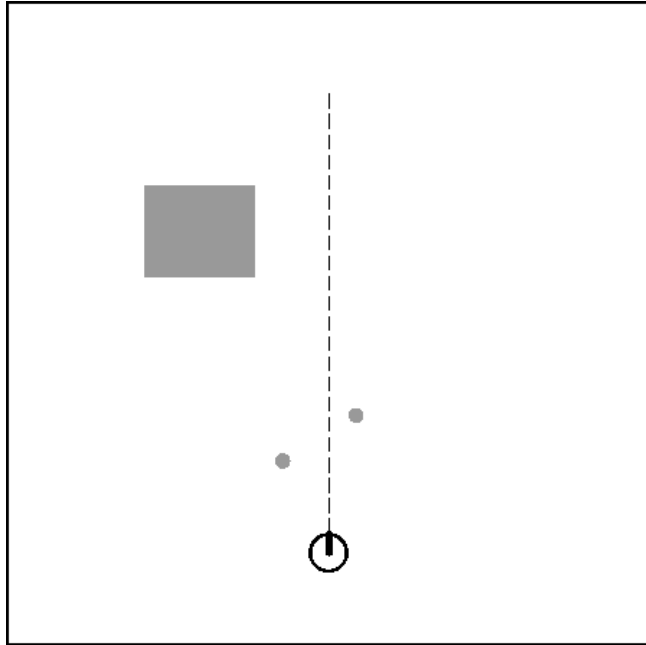
The Scan Sensor Model simplifies Beam Sensor Model with:

- Gaussian distribution with mean at distance to **closest** obstacle,
- Uniform distribution for random measurements, and
- Small uniform distribution for max range measurements

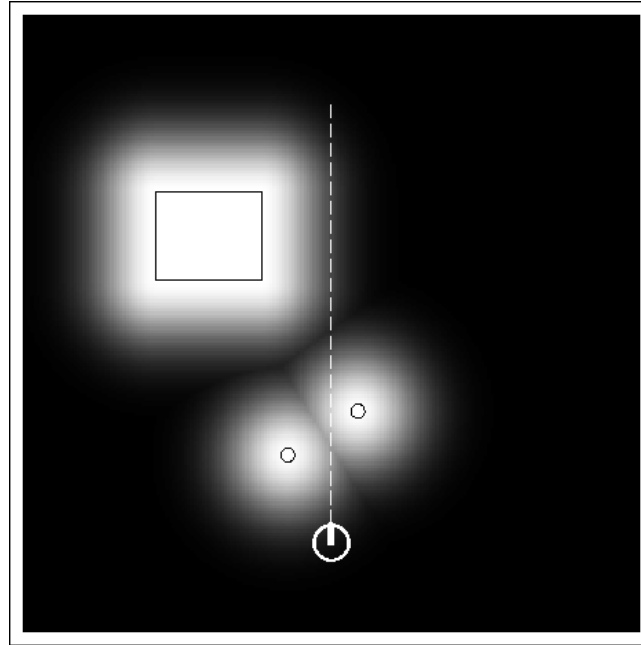




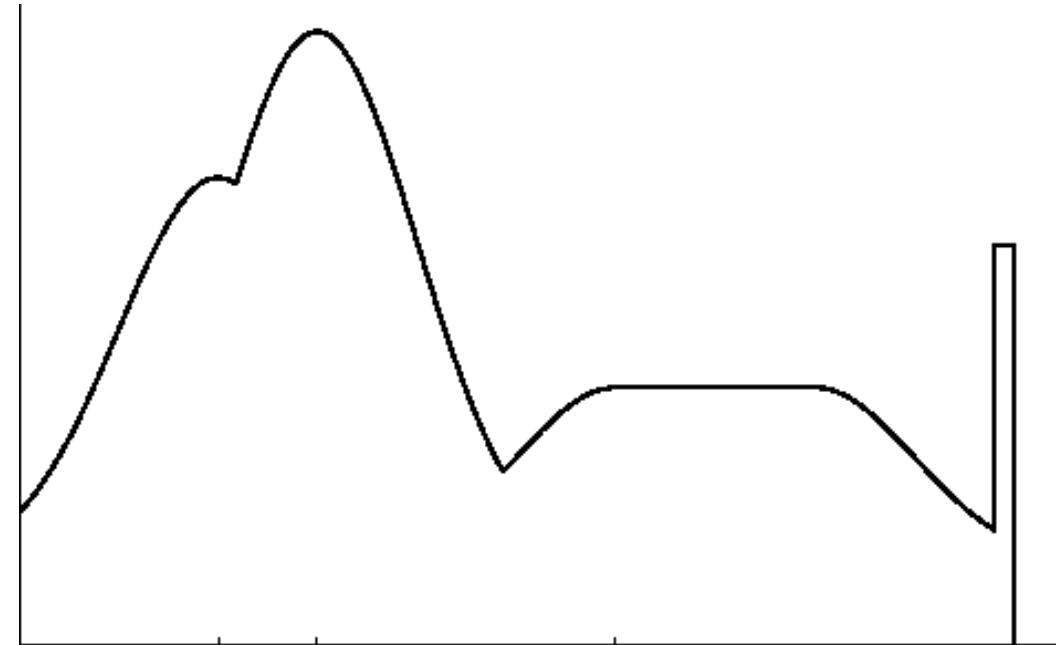
# Scan Sensor Model Example



Map  $m$



Likelihood field

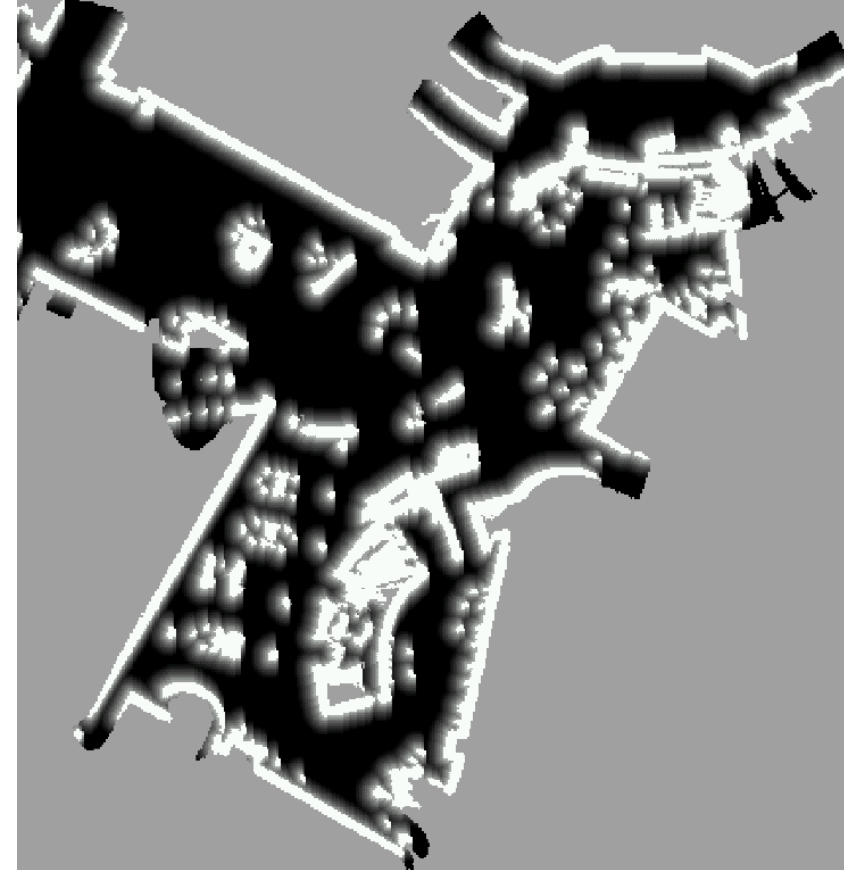


$P(z|x, m)$





Occupancy grid map

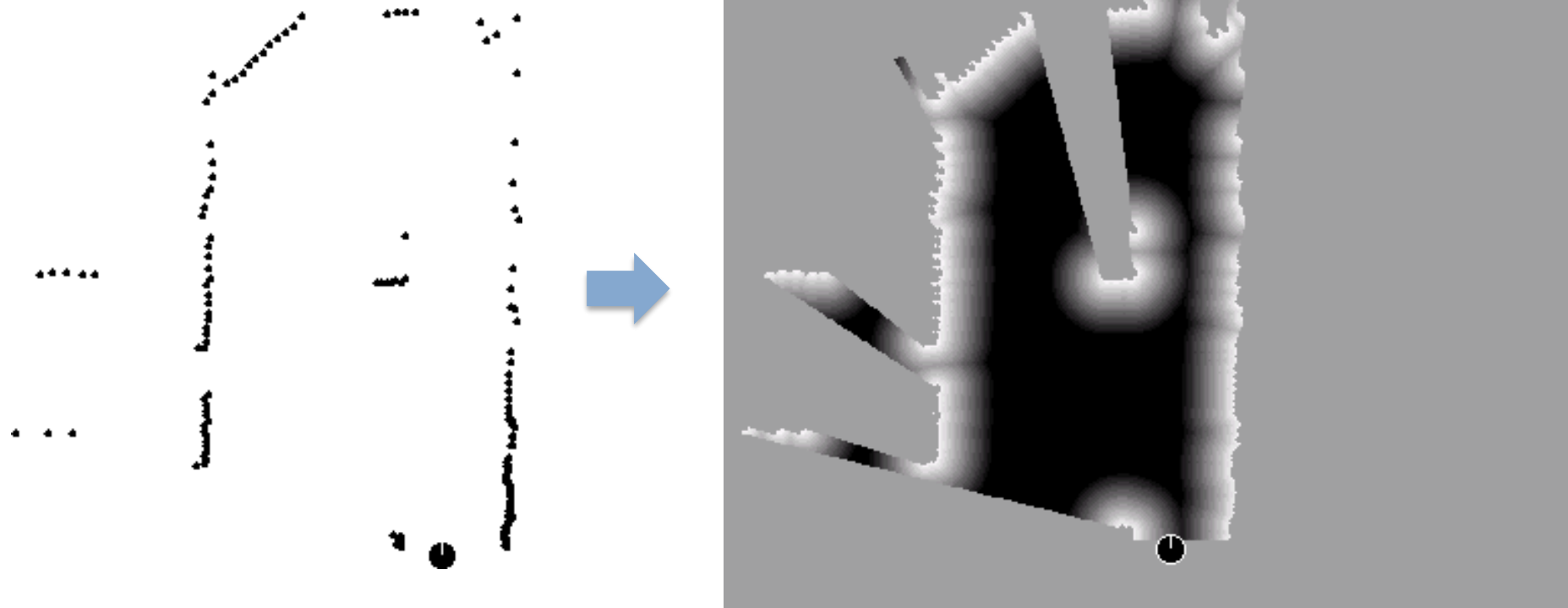


Likelihood field



## Scan Matching via Likelihood Field

Extract likelihood field from scan and use it to match different scan:





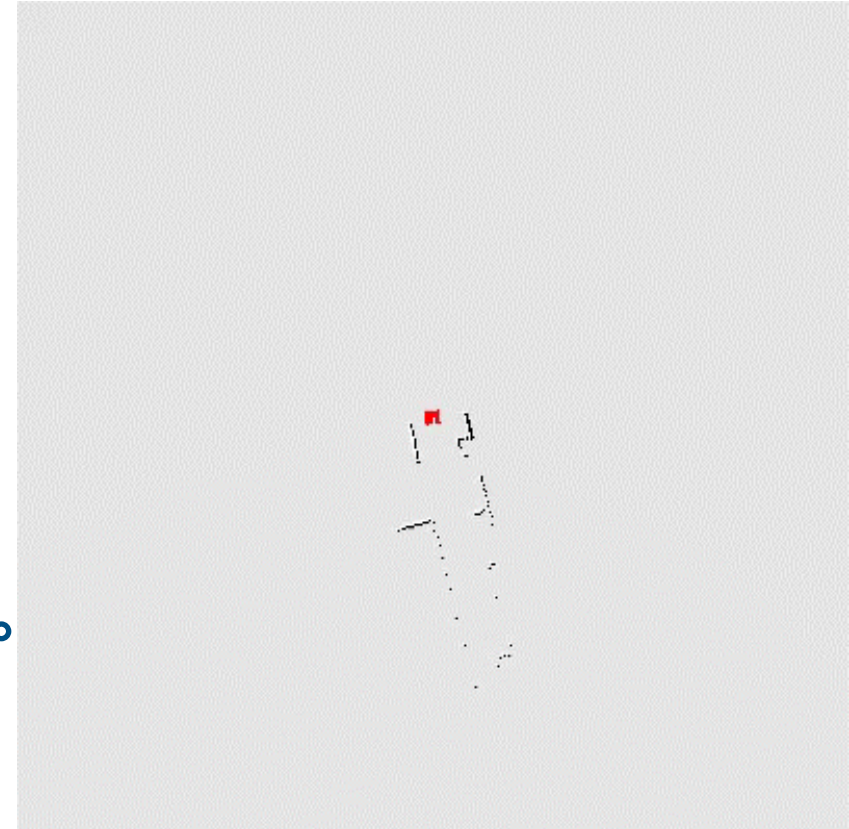
# Scan Matching via Likelihood Field

However it does not work with sonars ...

Extract likelihood field from scan and use it to match different scan:

- Highly efficient, uses 2D tables only.
- Smooth with respect to small changes in robot position
- Allows gradient descent pose optimization
- Ignores physical properties of beams.

In this video we are doing more than simple scan matching ...

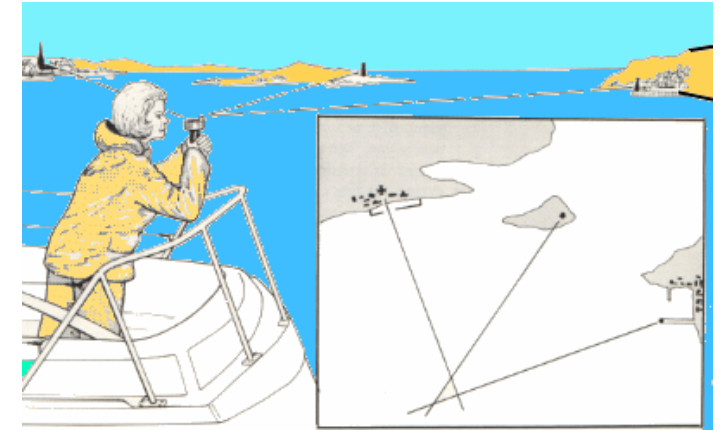
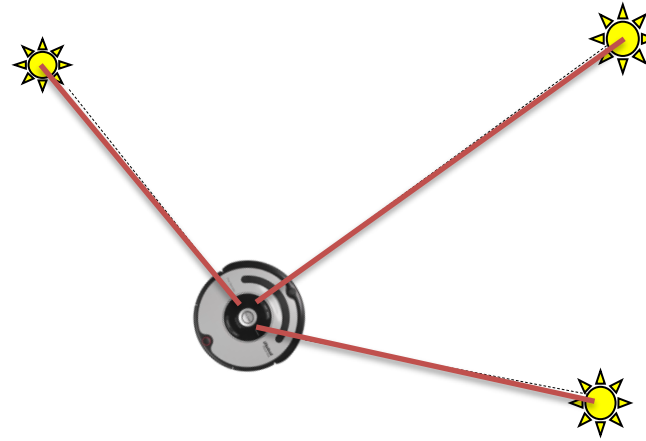




# Landmarks

Landmark sensors provides

- Distance (or)
- Bearing (or)
- Distance and bearing



Can be obtained via

- Active beacons (e.g., radio, GPS)
- Passive (e.g., visual, retro-reflective)

Standard approach is triangulation

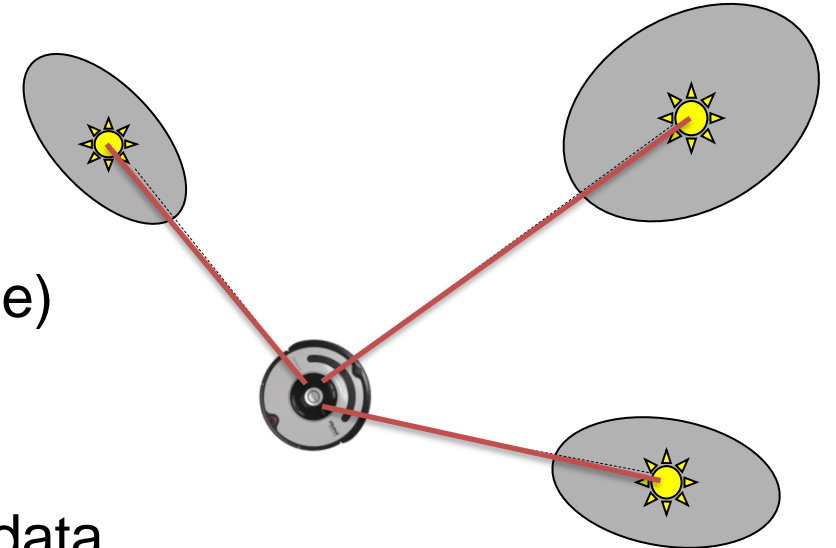




# Landmark Models with Uncertainty

Explicitly modeling uncertainty in sensing is key to robustness:

- Determine parametric model for noise free measurement
- Analyze sources of noise (e.g., distance and angle)
- Add adequate noise to parameters (eventually mix in densities for noise)
- Learn (and verify) parameters by fitting model to data



The likelihood of measurement is given by “probabilistically comparing” actual measurements against the expected ones.



# Landmark Detection Model

For landmark  $i$  in map  $m$ , i.e.,  $m(i)$ , the measurement  $z = (i, d, \alpha)$  for a robot at position  $(x, y, \theta)$  is given by

$$\hat{d} = \sqrt{(m_x(i) - x)^2 + (m_y(i) - y)^2}$$

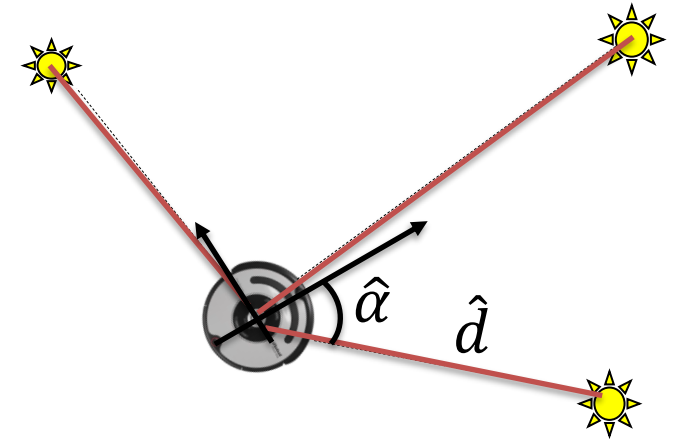
$$\hat{\alpha} = \text{atan2}(m_y(i) - y, m_x(i) - x) - \theta$$

Detection probability might depend on the distance/bearing

$$p_{\text{det}} = \text{prob}(\hat{d} - d, \varepsilon_d) \cdot \text{prob}(\hat{\alpha} - \alpha, \varepsilon_\alpha)$$

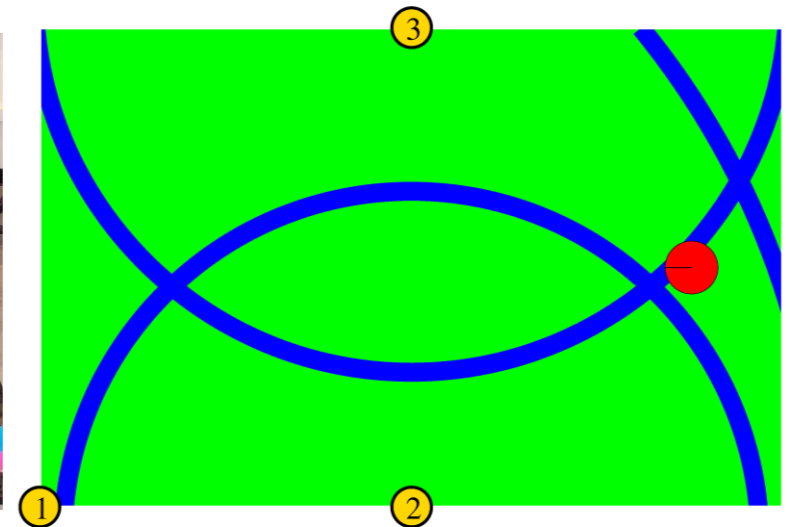
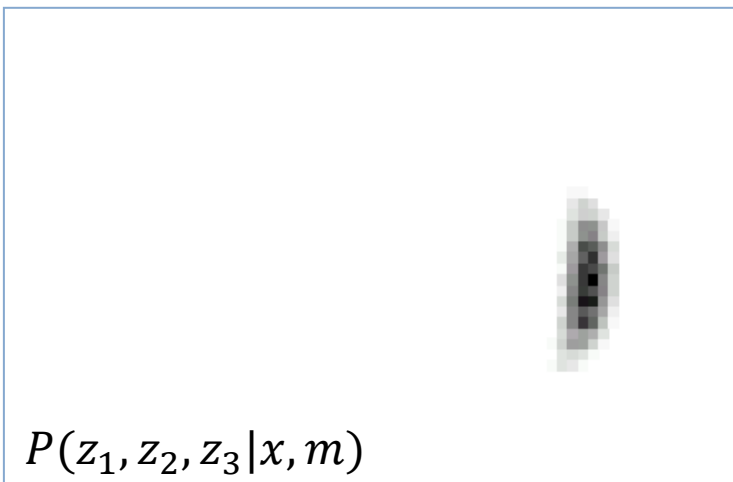
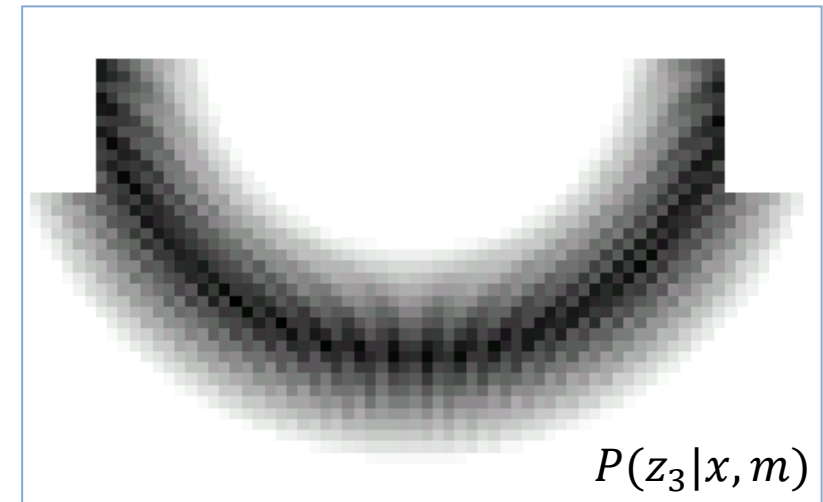
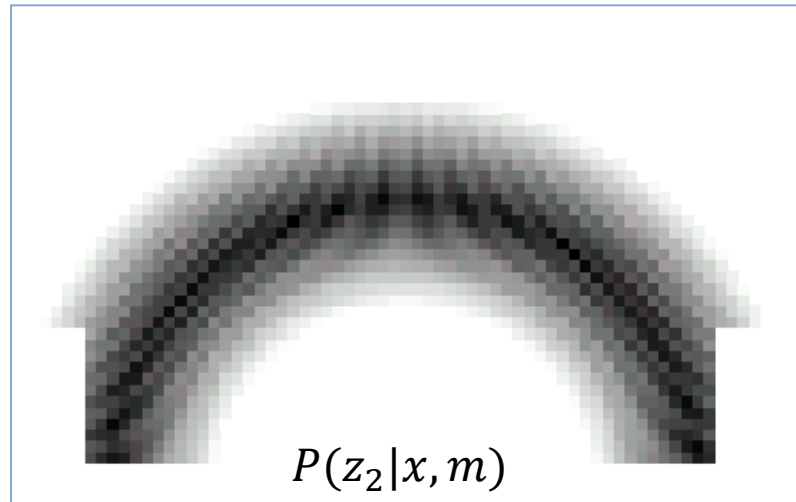
Then we have to take into account false positives too

$$z_{\text{det}} p_{\text{det}} + z_{\text{fp}} P_{\text{uniform}}(z \mid x, m)$$



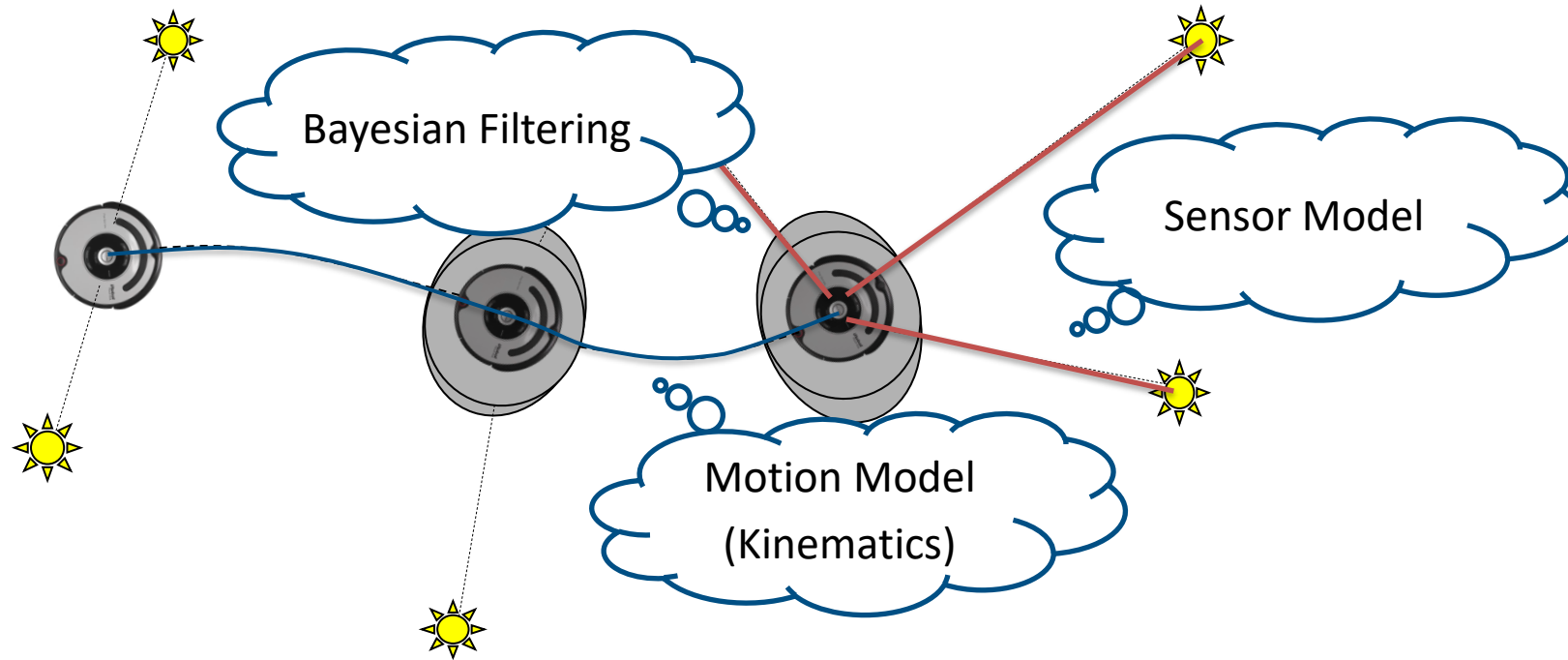


# RoboCup Example



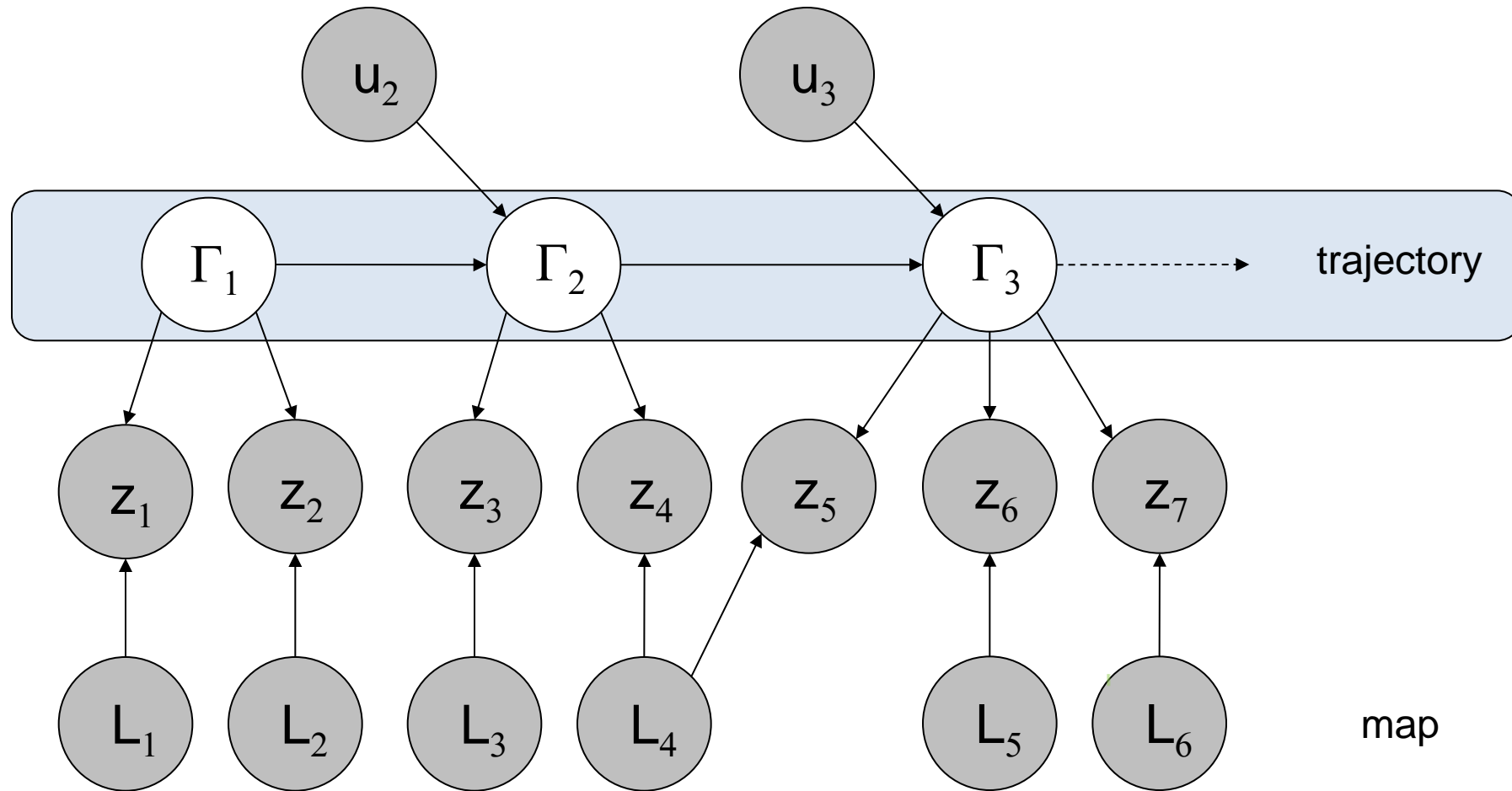


# Localization with Knowm Map





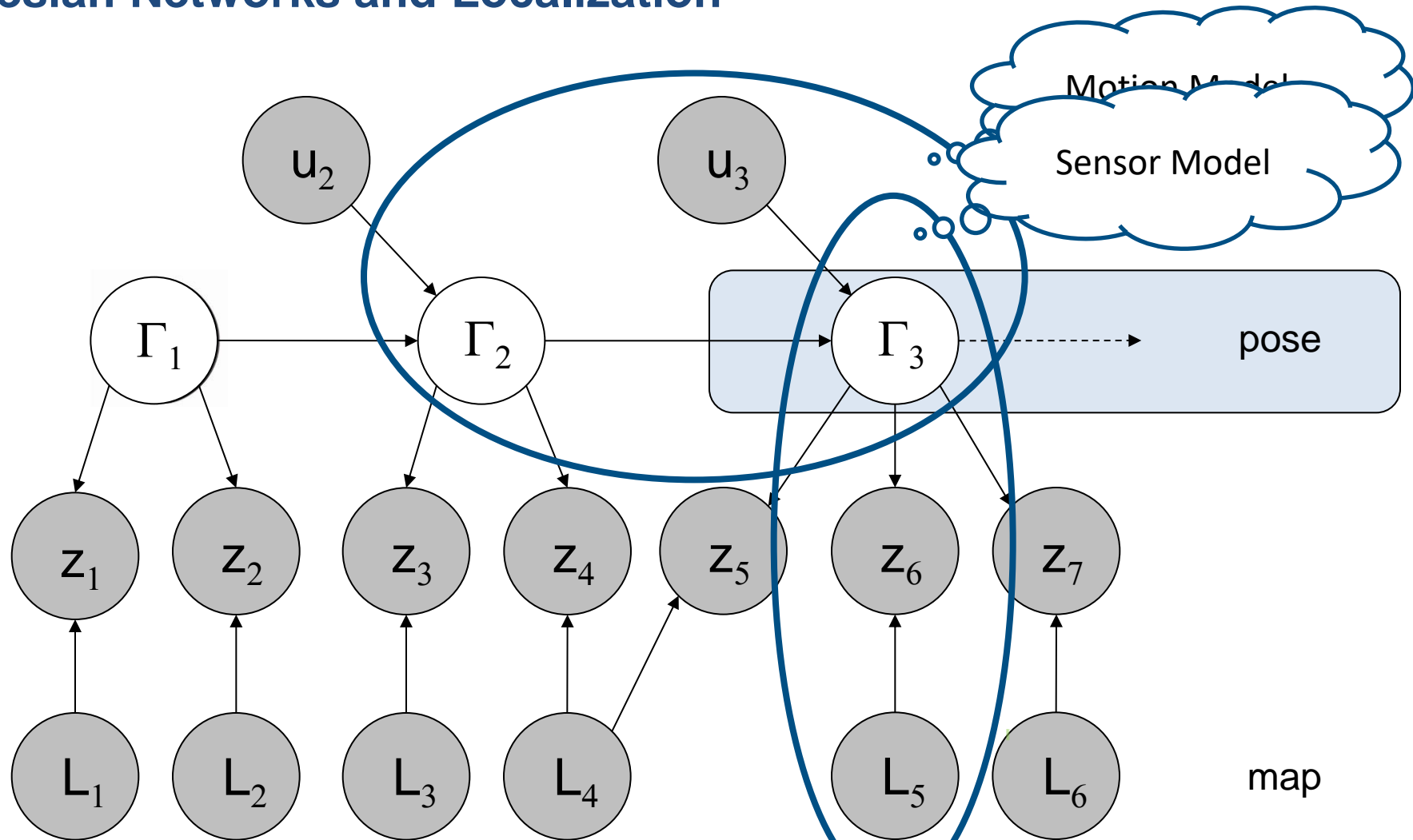
# Dynamic Bayesian Networks and Localization



Smoothing:  $p(\Gamma_{1:t} | Z_{1:t}, l_1, \dots, l_N, U_{1:t})$



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Filtering: 
$$p(\Gamma_t | Z_{1:t}, l_1, \dots, l_N, U_{1:t}) = \iiint_{1:t-1} p(\Gamma_{1:t} | Z_{1:t}, l_1, \dots, l_N, U_{1:t})$$



# Bayesian Filtering Framework

We want to compute an estimate of the posterior probability of robot state  $x_t$

$$Bel(x_t) = P(x_t | u_1, z_1 \dots, u_t, z_t, m)$$

from the stream of information about movement and sensors

$$d_t = \{u_1, z_1 \dots, u_t, z_t\}$$

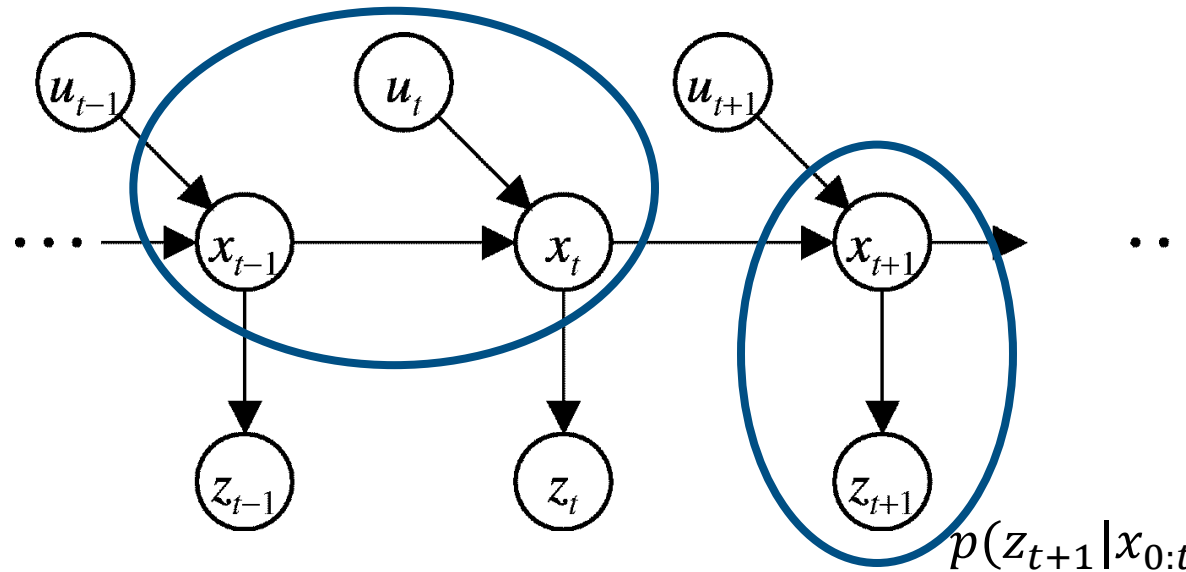
In particular we assume known:

- The prior probability of the system state  $P(x_0)$
- The motion model  $P(x' | x, u)$
- The sensor model  $P(z | x, m)$



# Markov Assumptions

$$p(x_t \mid x_{1:t-1}, z_{1:t}, u_{1:t}) = p(x_t \mid x_{t-1}, u_t)$$



$$p(z_{t+1} \mid x_{0:t+1}, z_{1:t}, u_{1:t+1}) = p(z_{t+1} \mid x_{t+1})$$

Underlining assumption behind Bayes filtering:

- Perfect model, no approximation errors
- Static and stationary world
- Independent noise

Map is known as well, these are simplified here ...



# Bayes Filters

$$\boxed{Bel(x_t)} = P(x_t | u_1, z_1, \dots, u_t, z_t, m)$$

z = observation  
u = action  
x = state  
m = map

$$\text{Bayes} = \eta P(z_t | x_t, u_1, z_1, \dots, u_t, m) P(x_t | u_1, z_1, \dots, u_t, m)$$

$$\text{Markov} = \eta P(z_t | x_t, m) P(x_t | u_1, z_1, \dots, u_t, m)$$

$$\text{Total prob.} = \eta P(z_t | x_t, m) \int P(x_t | u_1, z_1, \dots, u_t, x_{t-1}, m) \\ P(x_{t-1} | u_1, z_1, \dots, u_t, m) dx_{t-1}$$

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$$\boxed{= \eta P(z_t | x_t, m) \int P(x_t | u_t, x_{t-1}) Bel(x_{t-1}) dx_{t-1}}$$





# Bayes Filter Algorithm

$$Bel(x_t|m) = \eta P(z_t|x_t, m) \int P(x_t|u_t, x_{t-1}, m) Bel(x_{t-1}|m) dx_{t-1}$$

Algorithm Bayes\_filter(  $Bel(x)$ ,  $d$  ):

if  $d$  is a perceptual data item  $z$  then

For all  $x$  do

$$Bel'(x) = P(z | x) Bel(x)$$

Normalize  $Bel'(x)$

else if  $d$  is an action data item  $u$  then

For all  $x$  do

$$Bel'(x) = \int P(x | u, x') Bel(x') dx'$$

return  $Bel'(x)$

How to represent  
such belief?

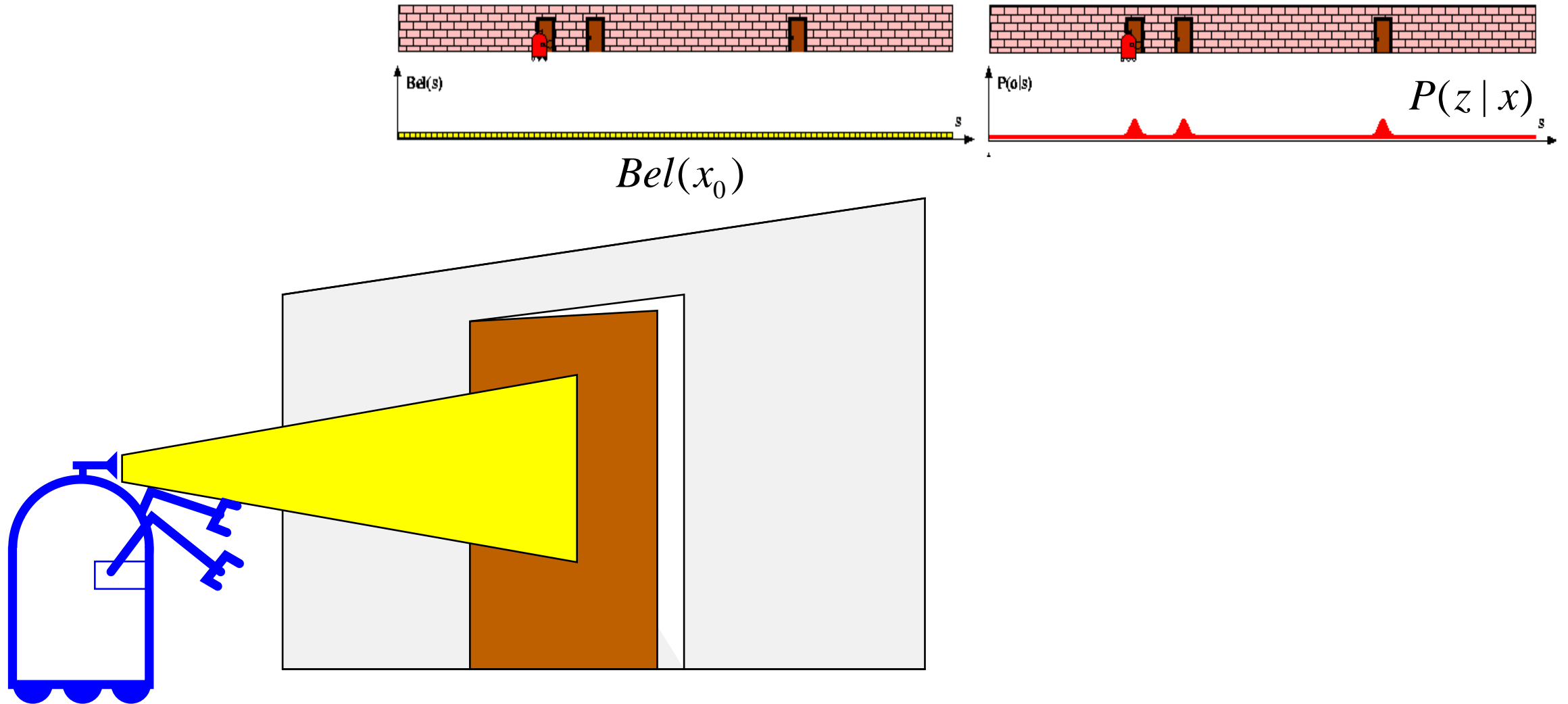
Based on such representation:

- Discrete filters
- Kalman filters
- Sigma-point filters
- Particle filters
- ...



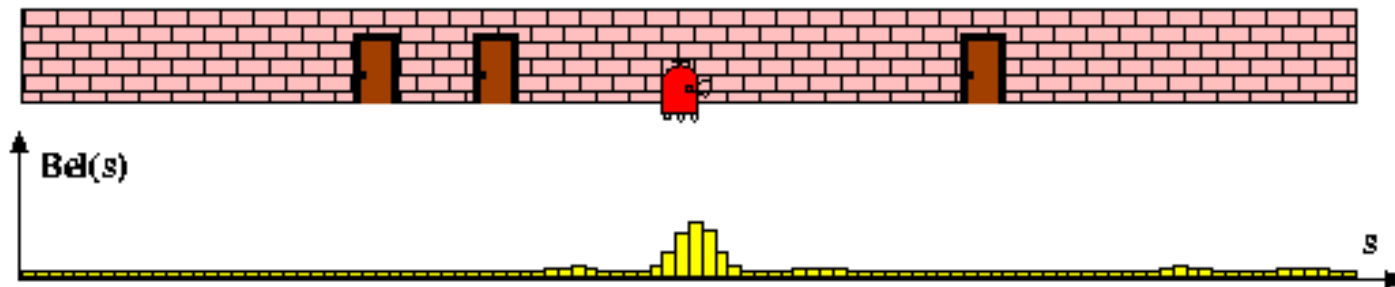
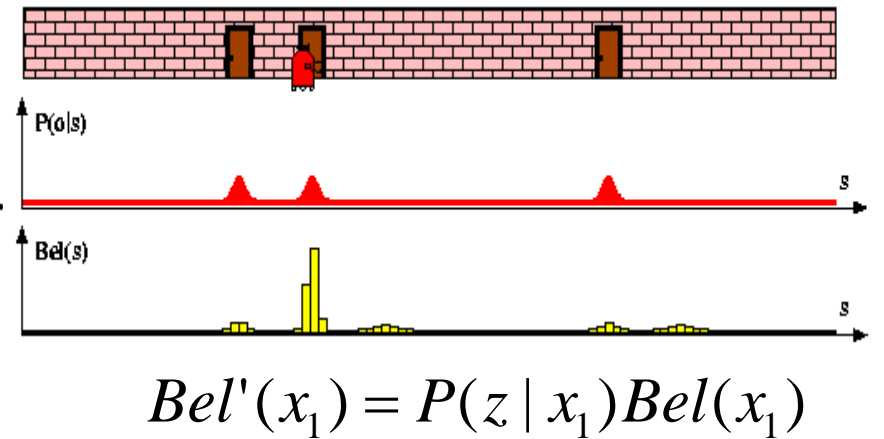
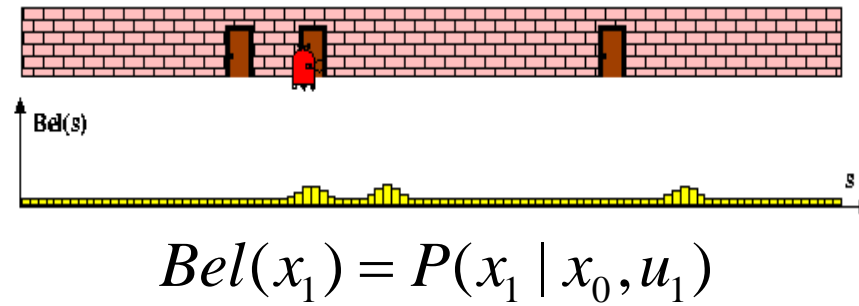
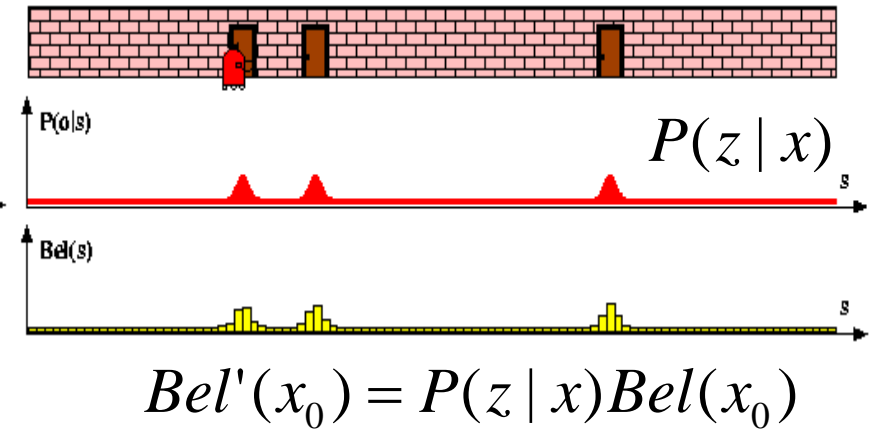
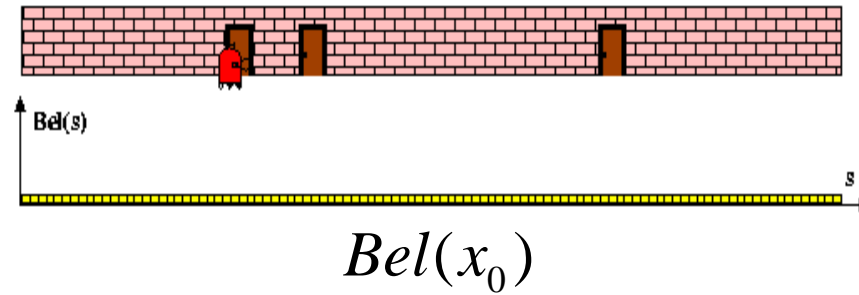


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# Discrete Bayesian Filter Algorithm

Algorithm Discrete\_Bayes\_filter(  $Bel(x), d$  ):

$h=0$

If  $d$  is a perceptual data item  $z$  then

For all  $x$  do

$$Bel'(x) = P(z | x) Bel(x)$$

$$\eta = \eta + Bel'(x)$$

For all  $x$  do

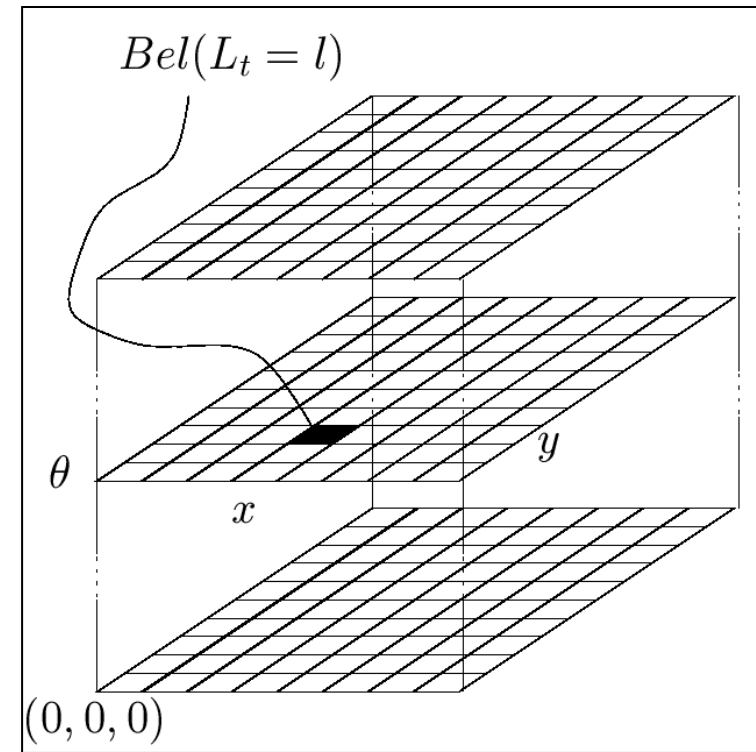
$$Bel'(x) = \eta^{-1} Bel'(x)$$

Else if  $d$  is an action data item  $u$  then

For all  $x$  do

$$Bel'(x) = \sum_{x'} P(x | u, x') Bel(x')$$

Return  $Bel'(x)$





## Tips and Tricks

Belief update upon sensory input and normalization iterates over all cells

- When the belief is peaked (e.g., during position tracking), avoid updating irrelevant parts.
- Do not update entire sub-spaces of the state space and monitor whether the robot is de-localized or not by considering likelihood of observations given the active components

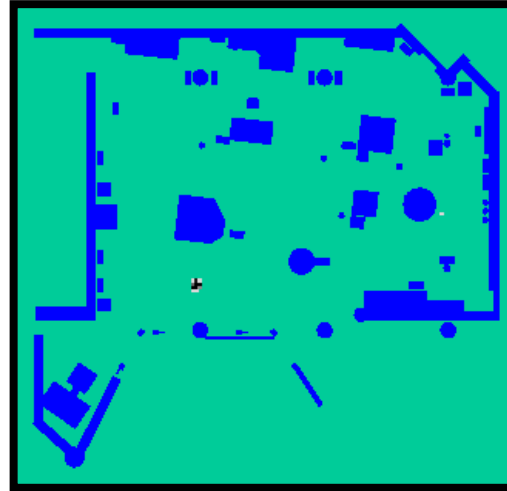
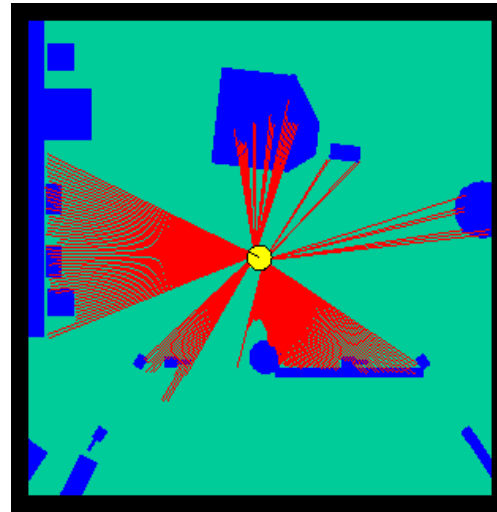
To update the belief upon robot motions, assumes a bounded Gaussian model to reduce the update from  $O(n^2)$  to  $O(n)$

- Update by shifting the data in the grid according to measured motion
- Then convolve the grid using a Gaussian Kernel.





# Grid Based Localization





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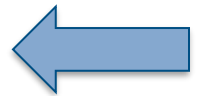
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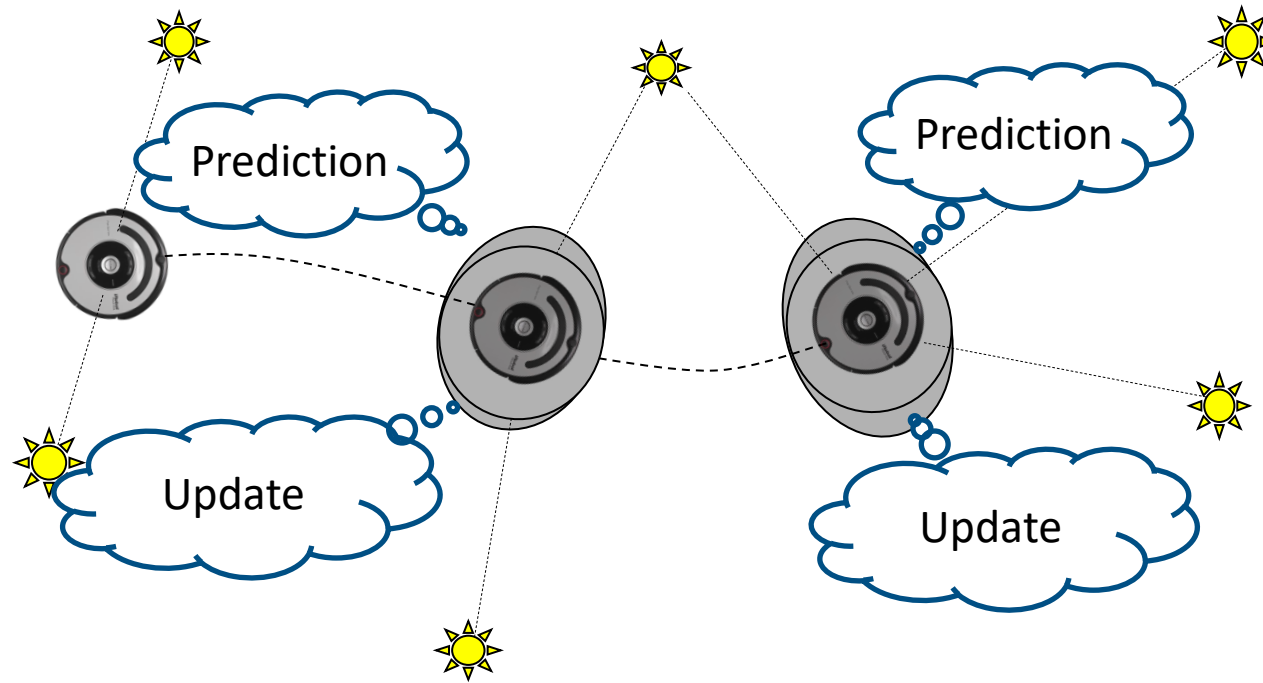
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# Localization with Knowm Map





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Can we compute the integrals ( $\eta$  is an integral too) in closed form for continuous distributions?

**NO!**

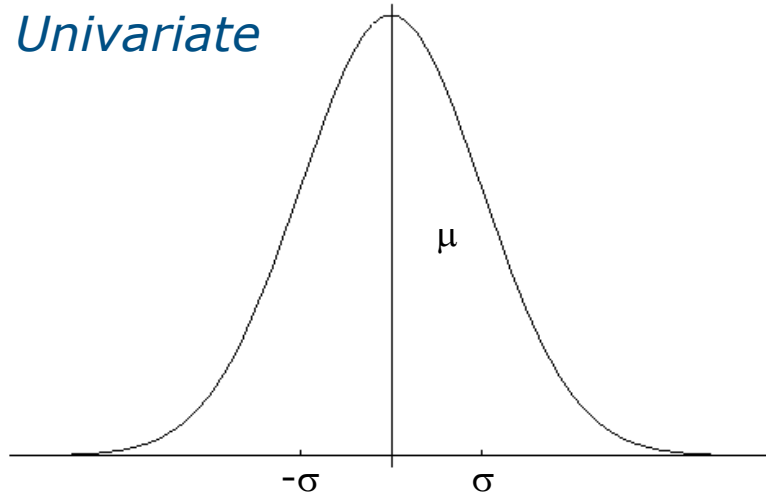
Is there any continuous distribution for which this is possible?

**YES!**



# Gaussian Distribution

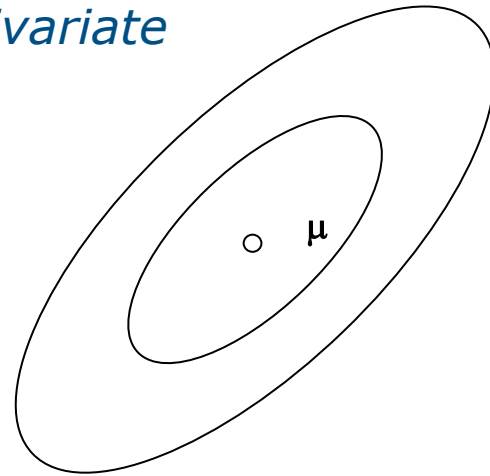
*Univariate*



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*Multivariate*



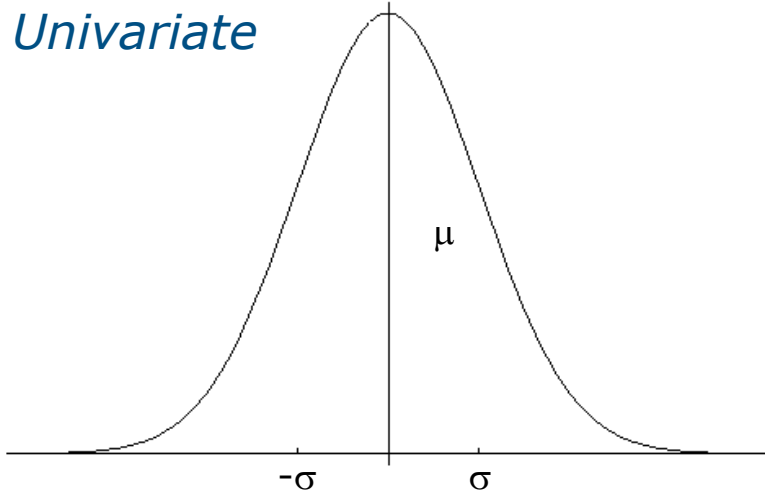
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# Properties of Gaussian Distribution

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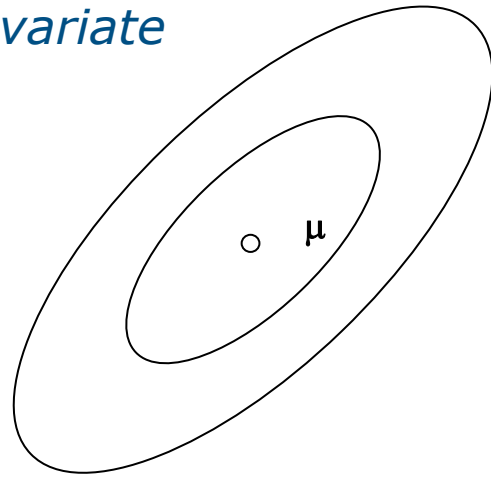
$$\left. \begin{array}{l} X \sim N(\mu, \sigma^2) \\ Y = aX + b \end{array} \right\} \Rightarrow Y \sim N(a\mu + b, a^2\sigma^2)$$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} X_1 \sim N(\mu_1, \sigma_1^2) \\ X_2 \sim N(\mu_2, \sigma_2^2) \end{array} \right\} \Rightarrow p(X_1) \cdot p(X_2) \sim N\left(\frac{\sigma_2^2}{\sigma_1^2 + \sigma_2^2} \mu_1 + \frac{\sigma_1^2}{\sigma_1^2 + \sigma_2^2} \mu_2, \frac{1}{\sigma_1^{-2} + \sigma_2^{-2}}\right)$$



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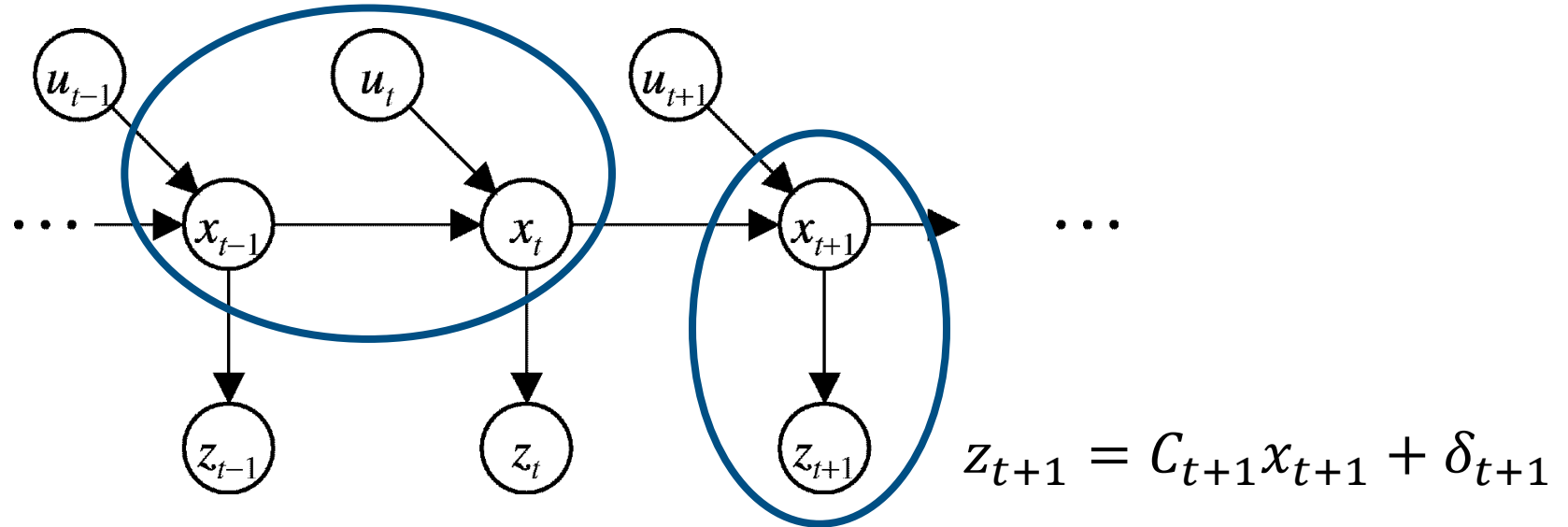
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# Discrete Time Kalman Filter

$$x_t = A_t x_{t-1} + B_t u_t + \varepsilon_t$$

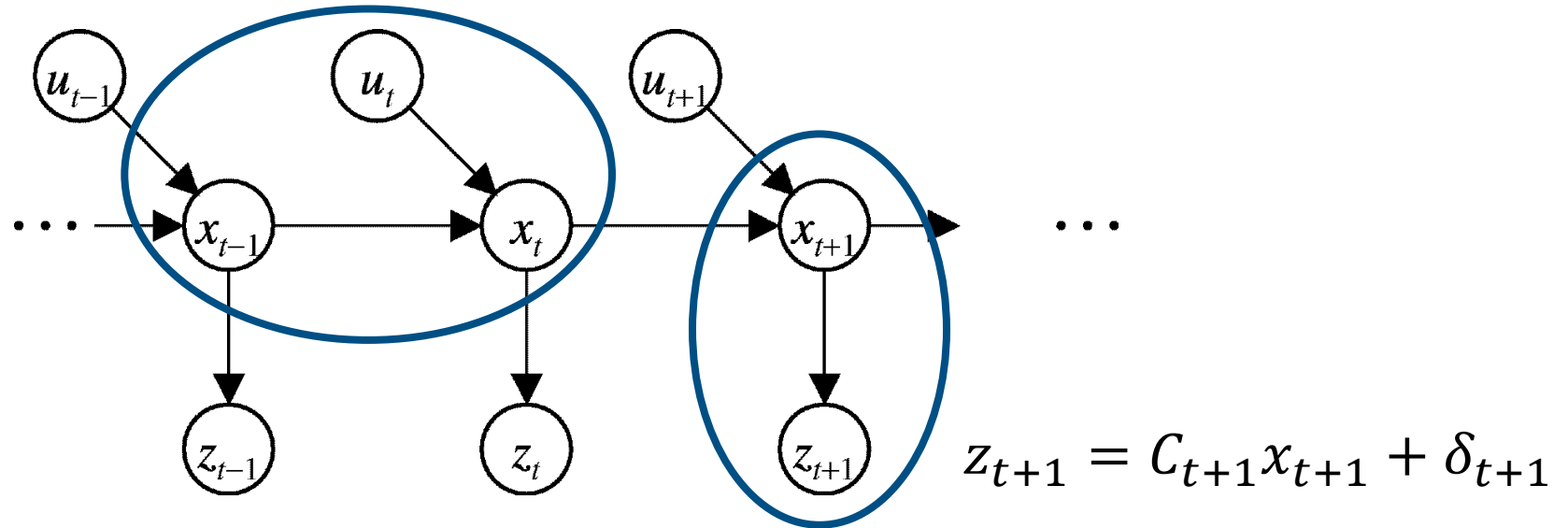


- $A_t$  ( $n \times n$ ) describes how state evolves from  $t-1$  to  $t$  w/o controls or noise
- $B_t$  ( $n \times l$ ) describes how control  $u_t$  changes the state from  $t-1$  to  $t$
- $C_t$  ( $k \times n$ ) describes how to map the state  $x_t$  to an observation  $z_t$
- $\varepsilon_t$   $\delta_t$  random variables representing process and measurement noise assumed independent and normally distributed with covariance  $R_t$  and  $Q_t$  respectively.



# Linear Gaussian Systems

$$x_t = A_t x_{t-1} + B_t u_t + \varepsilon_t$$



Initial belief is normally distributed:  $Bel(x_0) = N(\mu_0, \Sigma_0)$

Dynamics are linear function of state and control plus additive noise:

$$x_t = A_t x_{t-1} + B_t u_t + \varepsilon_t \quad \Rightarrow \quad p(x_t | u_t, x_{t-1}) = N(x_t; A_t x_{t-1} + B_t u_t, R_t)$$

Observations are linear function of state plus additive noise:

$$z_t = C_t x_t + \delta_t \quad \Rightarrow \quad p(z_t | x_t) = N(z_t; C_t x_t, Q_t)$$



## Linear Gaussian System: Prediction

Prediction:

$$\overline{Bel}(x_t) = \int p(x_t | u_t, x_{t-1}) \cdot Bel(x_{t-1}) dx_{t-1}$$
$$\sim N(x_t; A_t x_{t-1} + B_t u_t, R_t) \quad \sim N(x_{t-1}; \mu_{t-1}, \Sigma_{t-1})$$

$$\overline{Bel}(x_t) = \eta \int \exp\left\{-\frac{1}{2}(x_t - A_t x_{t-1} - B_t u_t)^T R_t^{-1} (x_t - A_t x_{t-1} - B_t u_t)\right\}$$
$$\exp\left\{-\frac{1}{2}(x_{t-1} - \mu_{t-1})^T \Sigma_{t-1}^{-1} (x_{t-1} - \mu_{t-1})\right\} dx_{t-1}$$

$$\overline{Bel}(x_t) = \begin{cases} \bar{\mu}_t = A_t \mu_{t-1} + B_t u_t \\ \bar{\Sigma}_t = A_t \Sigma_{t-1} A_t^T + R_t \end{cases}$$

Closed form  
prediction step



## Linear Gaussian System: Observation

Update:  $Bel(x_t) = \eta \cdot p(z_t | x_t) \cdot \overline{bel}(x_t)$

$$\sim N(z_t; C_t x_t, Q_t) \quad \sim N(x_t; \bar{\mu}_t, \bar{\Sigma}_t)$$

$$Bel(x_t) = \eta \exp\left\{-\frac{1}{2}(z_t - C_t x_t)^T Q_t^{-1}(z_t - C_t x_t)\right\} \exp\left\{-\frac{1}{2}(x_t - \bar{\mu}_t)^T \bar{\Sigma}_t^{-1}(x_t - \bar{\mu}_t)\right\}$$

$$Bel(x_t) = \begin{cases} \mu_t = \bar{\mu}_t + K_t(z_t - C_t \bar{\mu}_t) \\ \Sigma_t = (I - K_t C_t) \bar{\Sigma}_t \end{cases} \quad \text{with} \quad K_t = \bar{\Sigma}_t C_t^T (C_t \bar{\Sigma}_t C_t^T + Q_t)^{-1}$$

Closed form  
update step



# Kalman Filter Algorithm

Algorithm Kalman\_filter(  $\mu_{t-1}$ ,  $\Sigma_{t-1}$ ,  $u_t$ ,  $z_t$ ):

Prediction:

$$\bar{\mu}_t = A_t \mu_{t-1} + B_t u_t$$

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

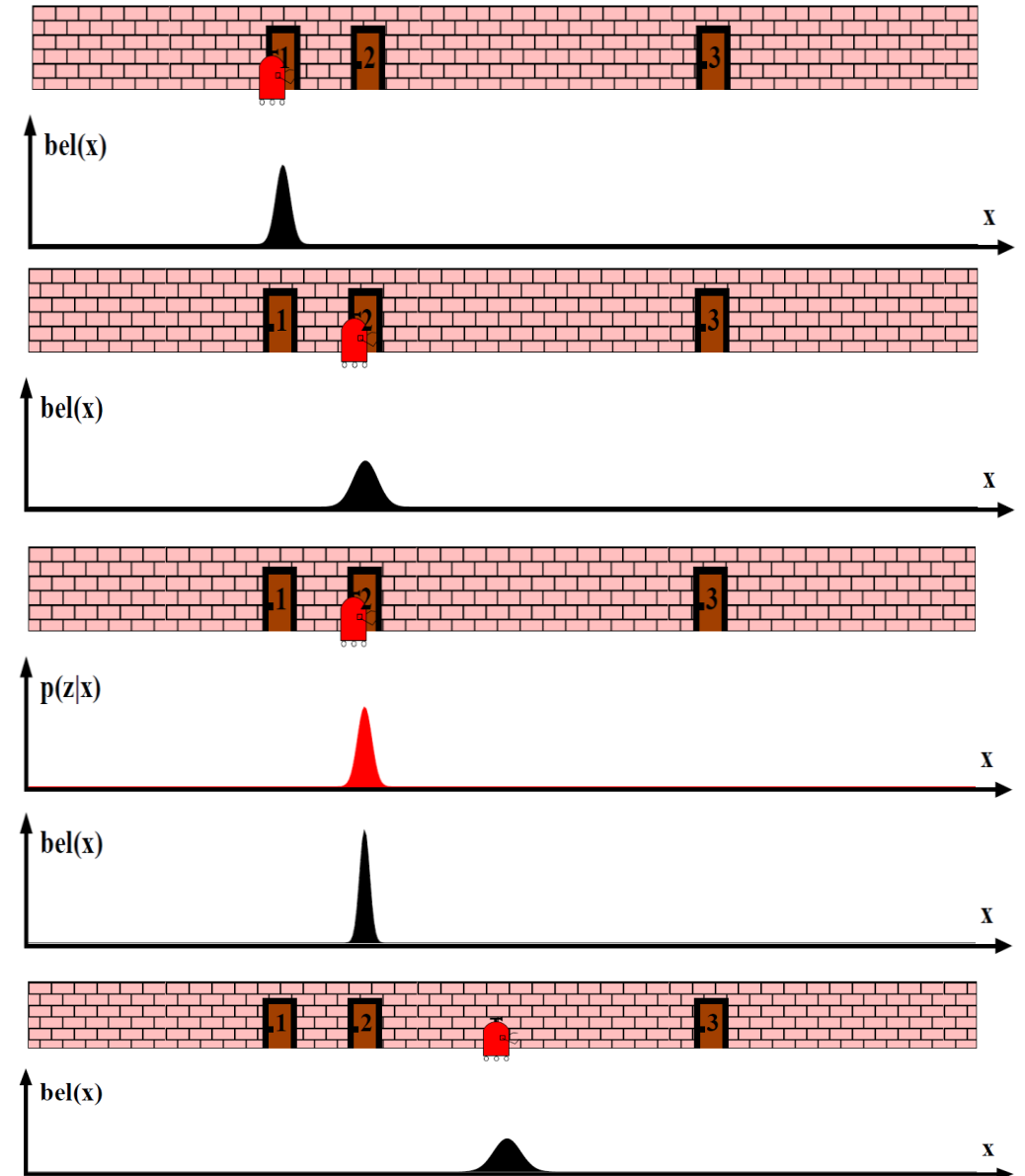
Correction:

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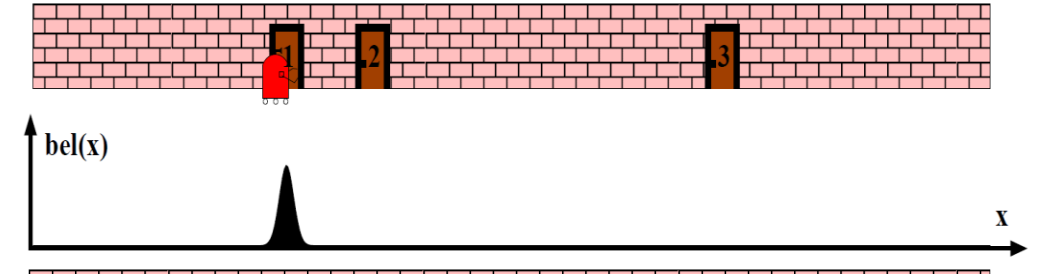
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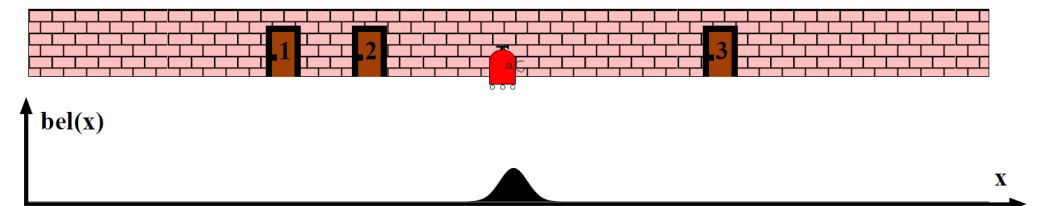
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- Polynomial in measurement dimensionality  $k$  and state dimensionality  $n$ :  $O(k^{2.376} + n^2)$
- Optimal for linear Gaussian systems ☺
- Most robotics systems are nonlinear ☹
- It represents unimodal distributions ☹

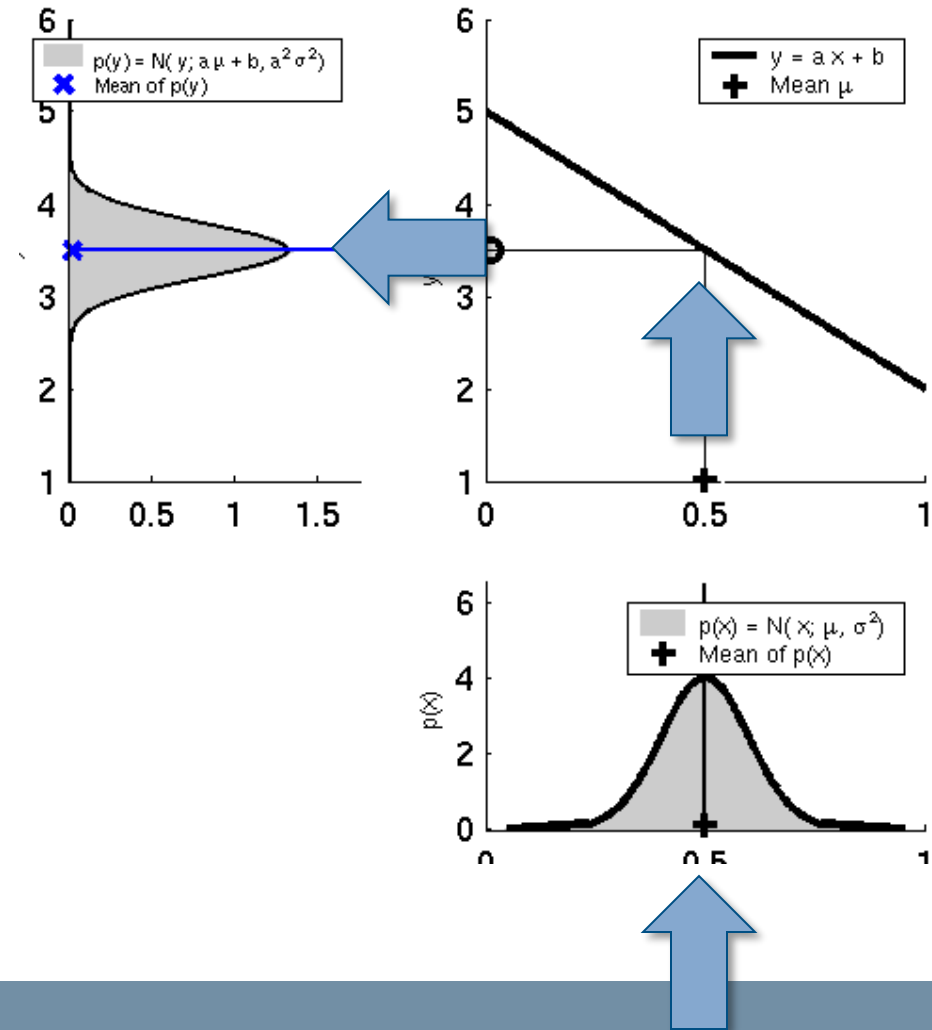




# How to Deal with Non Linear Dynamic Systems?

Gaussian noise in linear systems

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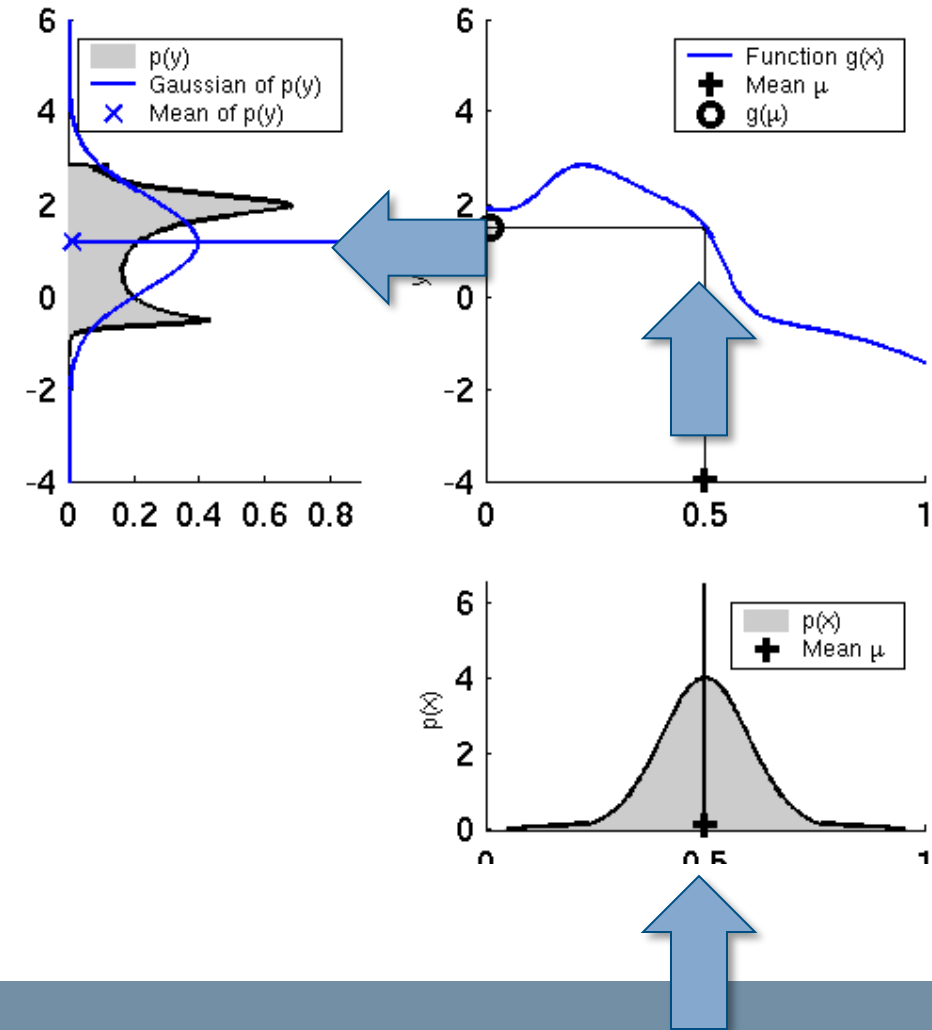




# How to Deal with Non Linear Dynamic Systems?

Gaussian noise in non-linear systems

$$x_t = g(u_t, x_{t-1})$$
$$z_t = h(x_t)$$





# Extended Kalman Filter (First order Taylor approximation)

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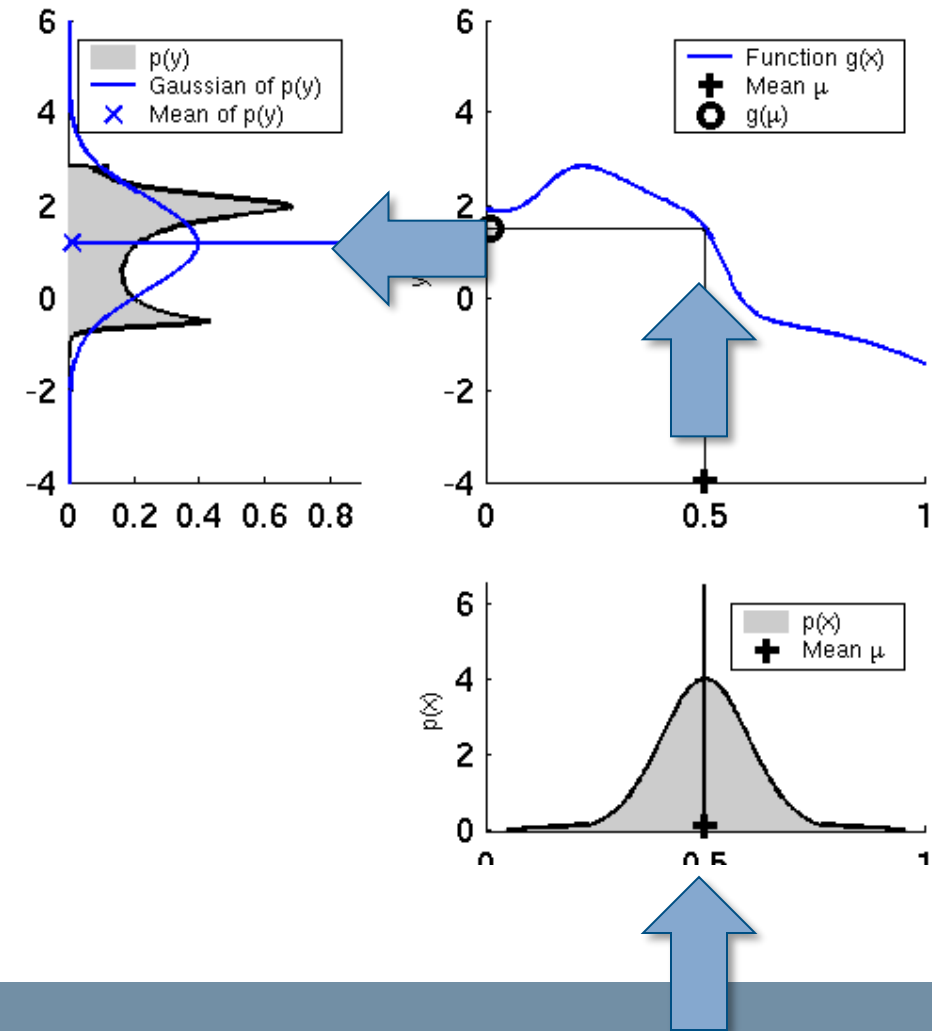
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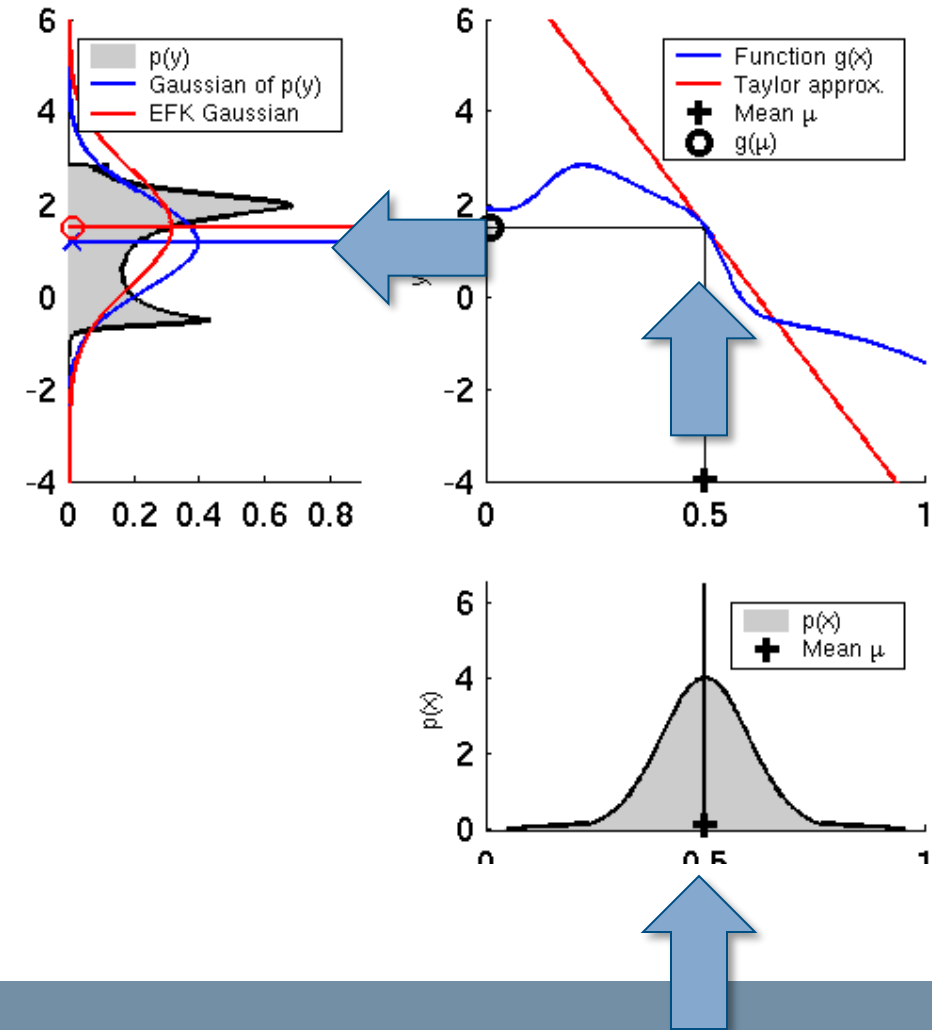
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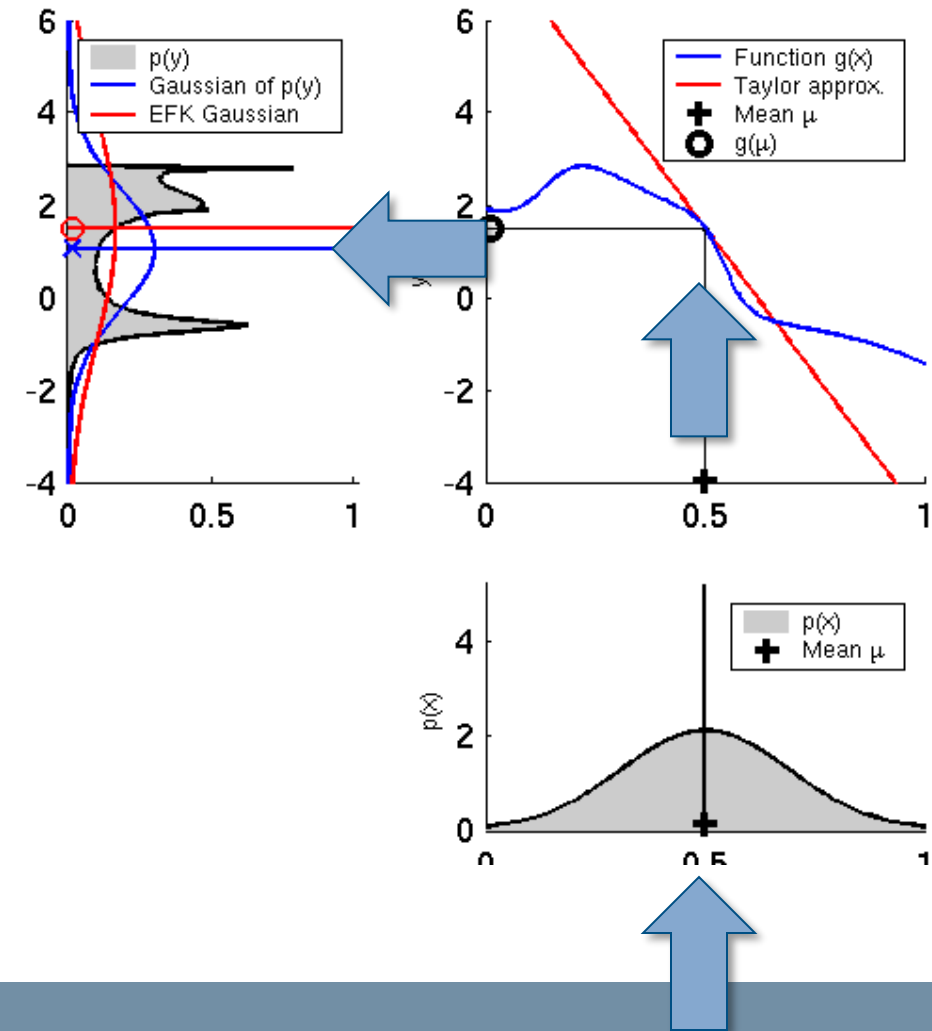
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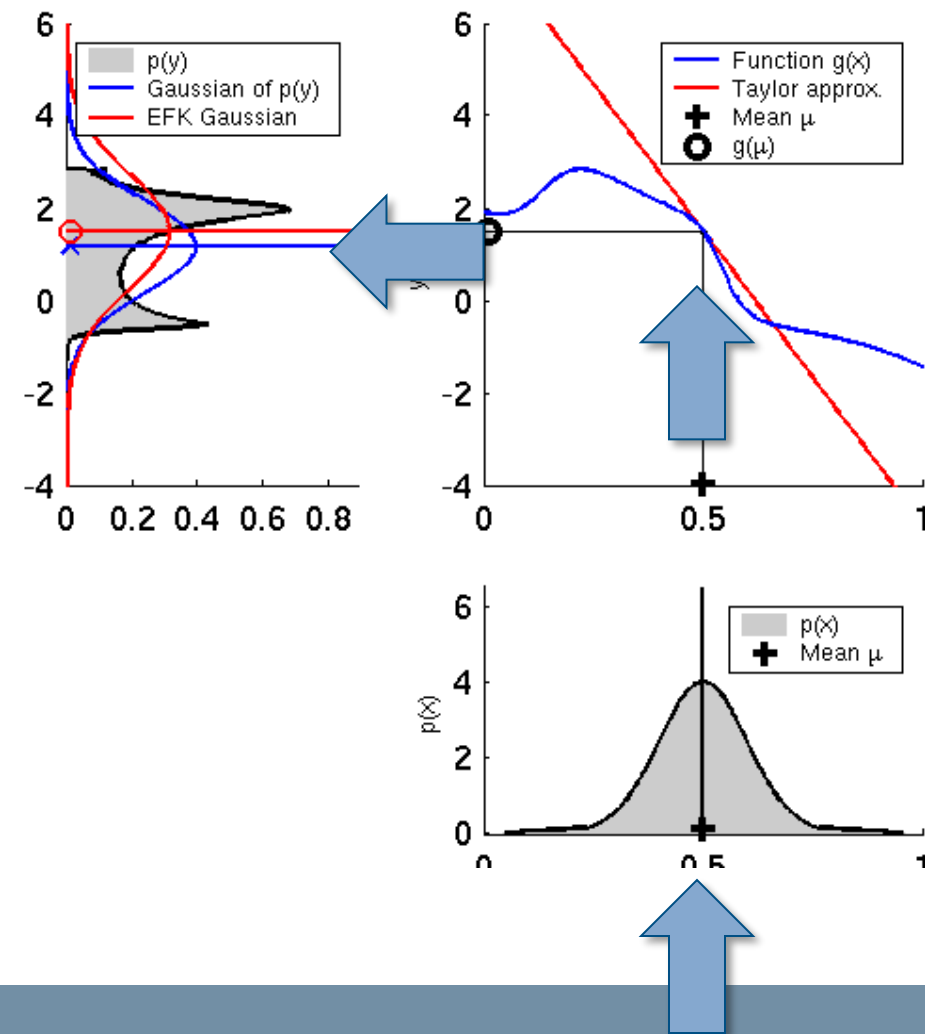
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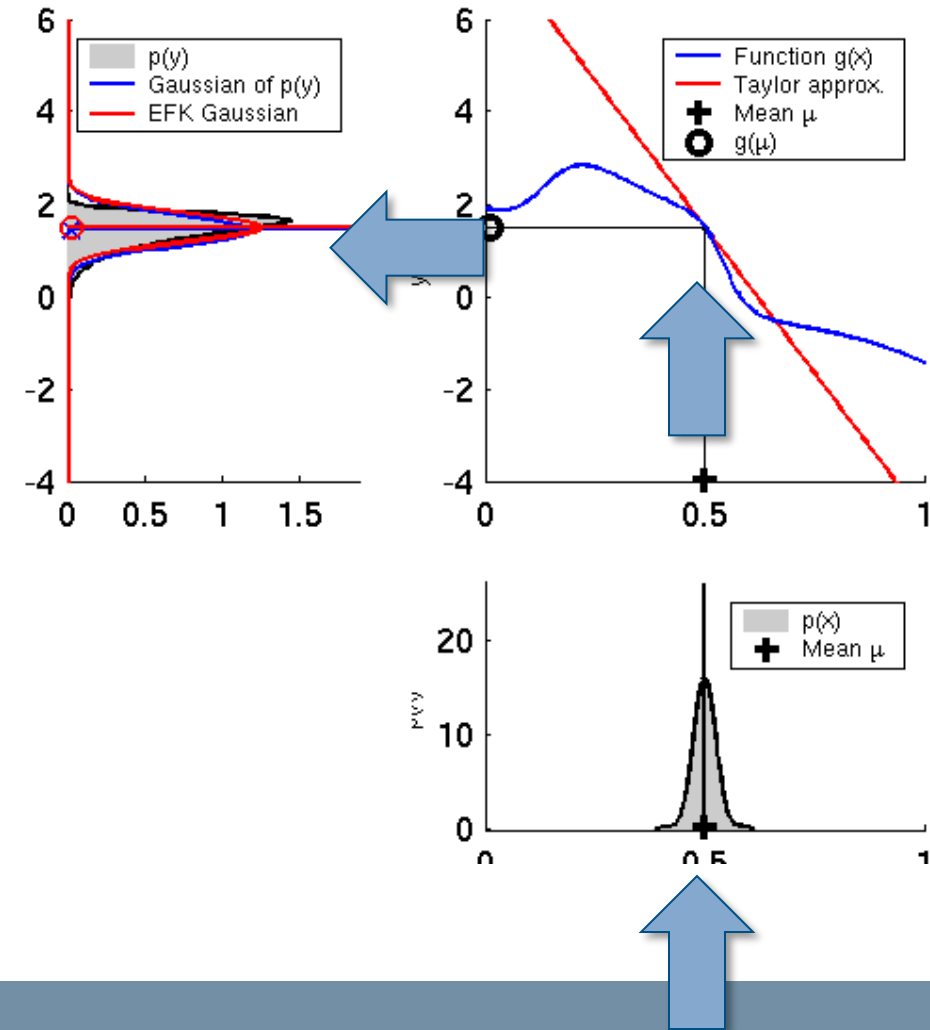
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# EKF Algorithm

Extended\_Kalman\_filter( $\mu_{t-1}, \Sigma_{t-1}, u_t, z_t$ ):

$$G_t = \frac{\partial g(u_t, \mu_{t-1})}{\partial x_{t-1}} \quad H_t = \frac{\partial h(\bar{\mu}_t)}{\partial x_t}$$

Prediction:

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



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Linear form  
equations

Correction:

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

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Return  $\mu_t, \Sigma_t$

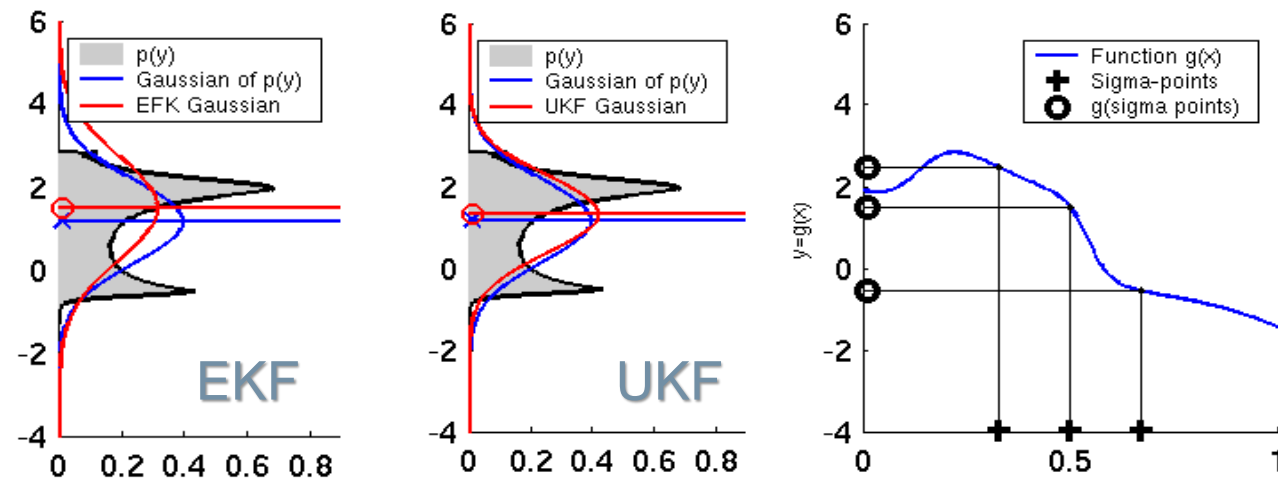
Extended Kalman  
Filter Equations





## Extended Kalman Filter:

- Polynomial in measurement  $k$  and state  $n$  dimensionality:  $O(k^{2.376} + n^2)$
- Not optimal and can diverge if nonlinearities are large!
- Works surprisingly well even when all assumptions are violated!
- There are possible alternative like the Unscented Kalman Transform ...





# Bayes Filter Algorithm

$$Bel(x_t|m) = \eta P(z_t|x_t, m) \int P(x_t|u_t, x_{t-1}, m) Bel(x_{t-1}|m) dx_{t-1}$$

Algorithm Bayes\_filter(  $Bel(x)$ ,  $d$  ):

if  $d$  is a perceptual data item  $z$  then

For all  $x$  do

$$Bel'(x) = P(z | x) Bel(x)$$

Normalize  $Bel'(x)$

else if  $d$  is an action data item  $u$  then

For all  $x$  do

$$Bel'(x) = \int P(x | u, x') Bel(x') dx'$$

return  $Bel'(x)$

*How to represent  
such belief?*

Based on such representation:

- Discrete filters
- Kalman filters
- Sigma-point filters
- Particle filters
- ...





# Particle Filters

Represent belief by random samples

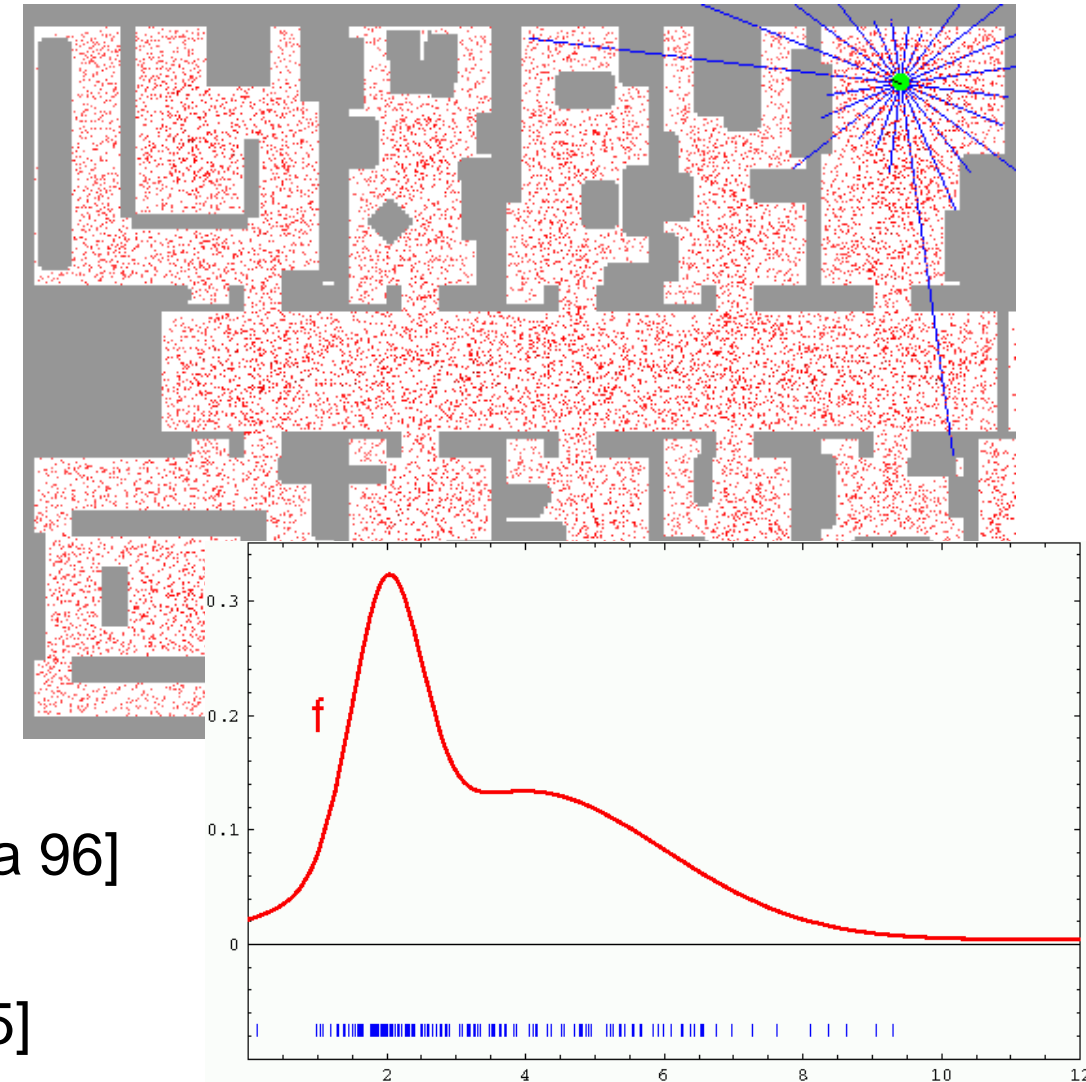
Estimation of non-Gaussian, nonlinear processes

- Monte Carlo filter
- Survival of the fittest
- Condensation
- Bootstrap filter
- Particle filter

Filtering: [Rubin, 88], [Gordon et al., 93], [Kitagawa 96]

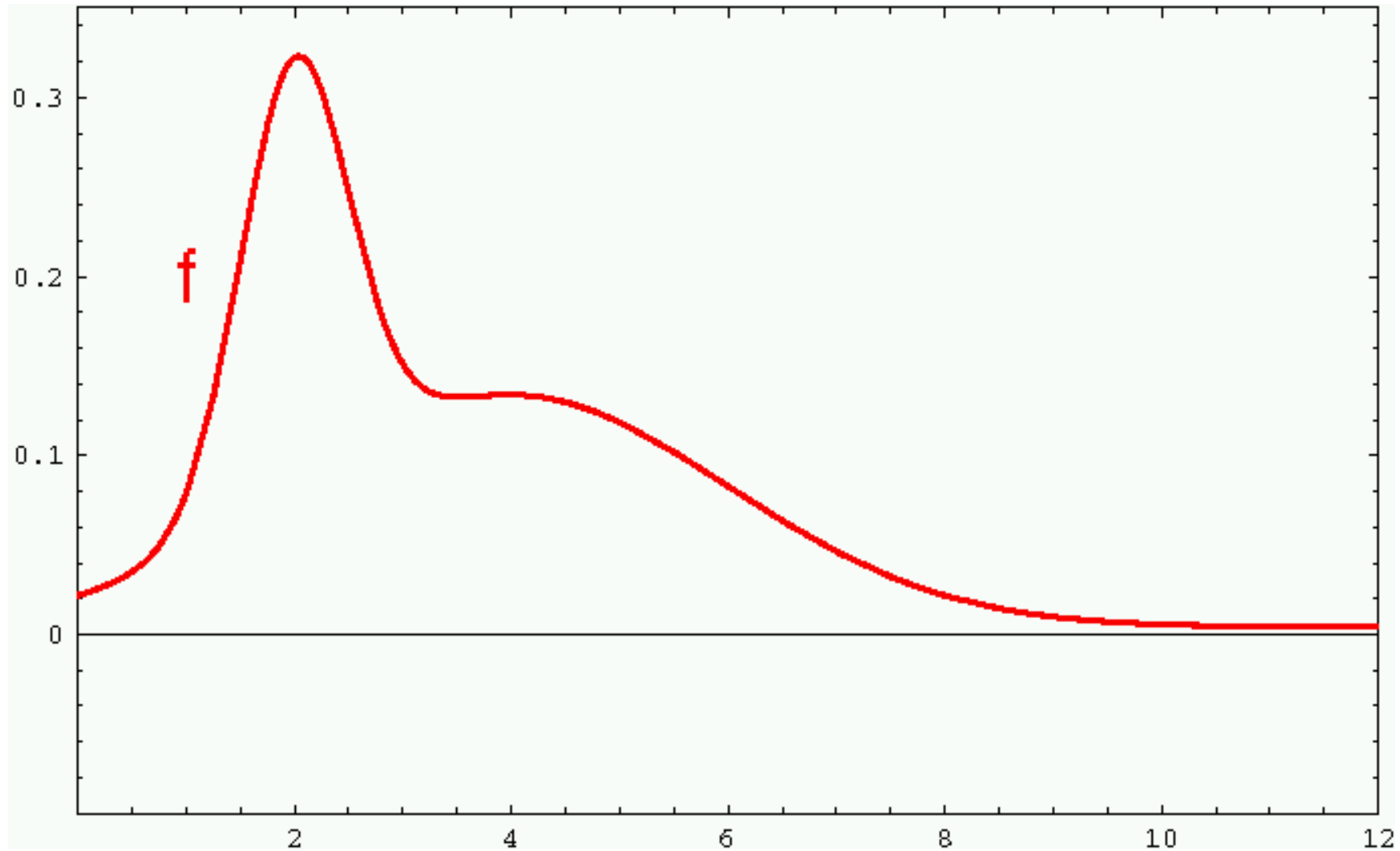
Computer vision: [Isard and Blake 96, 98]

Dynamic Bayesian Networks: [Kanazawa et al., 95]



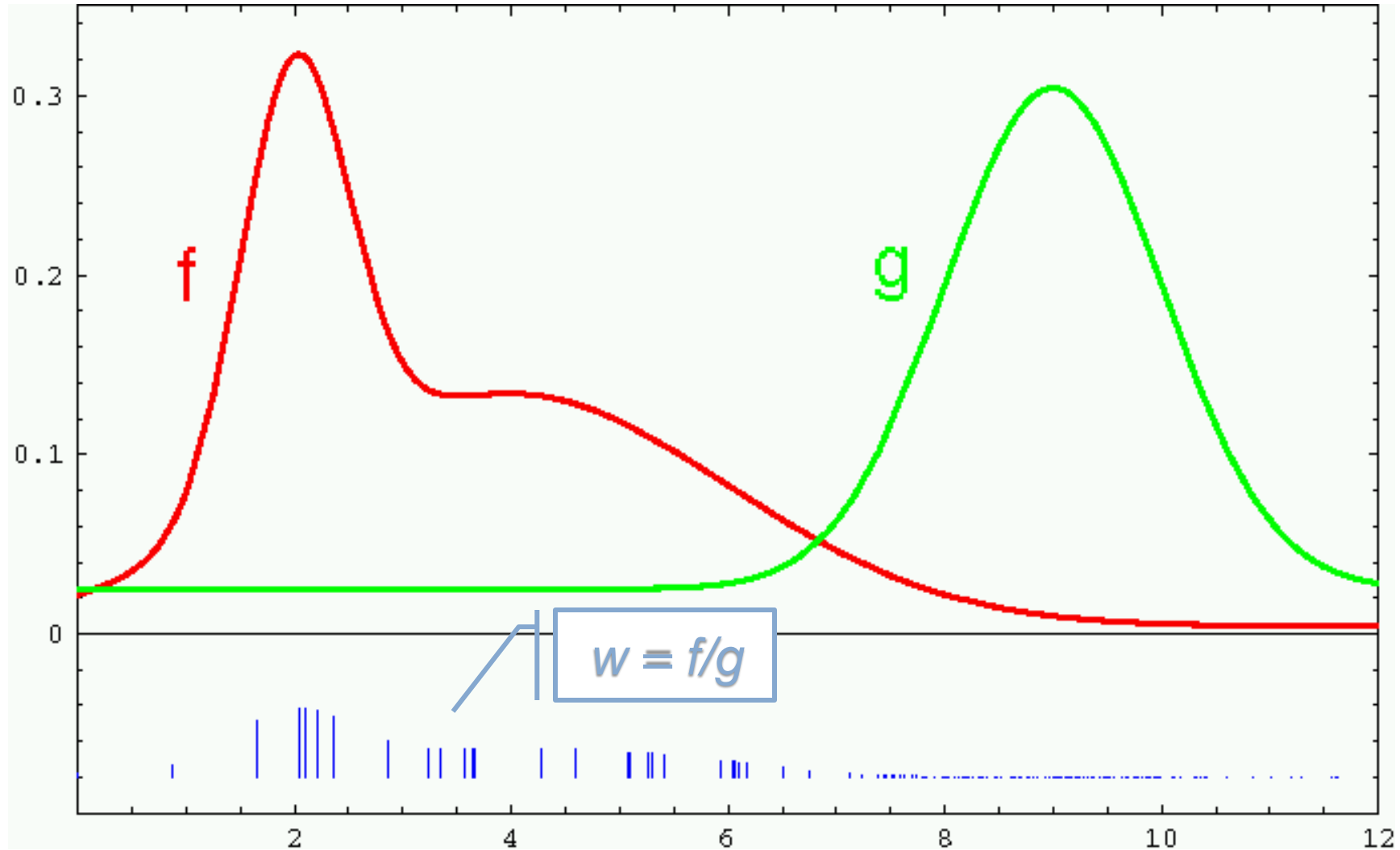


# Importance Resampling



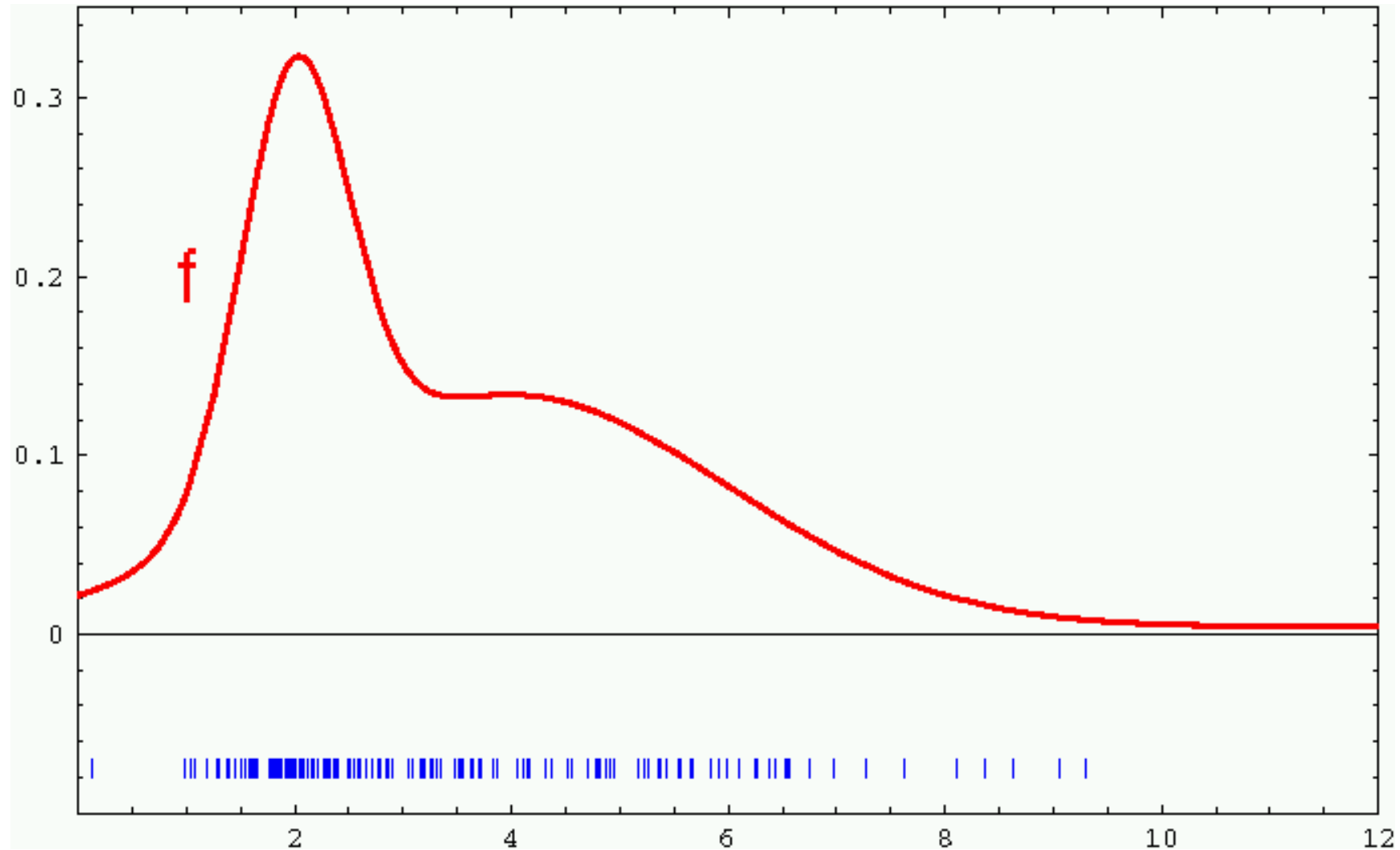


# Importance Resampling





# Importance Resampling (with smoothing)





# Particle Filter Algorithm

$$Bel(x_t) = \underbrace{\eta}_{\text{Importance factor for } x_t^i} \underbrace{p(z_t | x_t)}_{\text{f}} \underbrace{\int p(x_t | x_{t-1}, u_{t-1}) Bel(x_{t-1}) dx_{t-1}}_{\text{g}}$$

draw  $x_{t-1}^i$  from  $Bel(x_{t-1})$

draw  $x_t^i$  from  $p(x_t | x_{t-1}^i, u_{t-1})$

$$\begin{aligned} w_t^i &= \frac{\text{target distribution}}{\text{proposal distribution}} \\ &= \frac{\eta p(z_t | x_t) p(x_t | x_{t-1}, u_{t-1}) Bel(x_{t-1})}{p(x_t | x_{t-1}, u_{t-1}) Bel(x_{t-1})} \\ &\propto p(z_t | x_t) \end{aligned}$$



# Particle Filter Algorithm

Algorithm **particle\_filter**( $S_{t-1}, u_{t-1}, z_t$ ):

$$S_t = \emptyset, \quad \eta = 0$$

**For**  $i = 1 \dots n$

*Generate new samples*

Sample index  $j(i)$  from the discrete distribution given by  $w_{t-1}$

Sample  $x_t^i$  from  $p(x_t | x_{t-1}, u_{t-1})$  using  $x_{t-1}^{j(i)}$  and  $u_{t-1}$

$$w_t^i = p(z_t | x_t^i)$$

*Compute importance weight*

$$\eta = \eta + w_t^i$$

*Update normalization factor*

$$S_t = S_t \cup \{ \langle x_t^i, w_t^i \rangle \}$$

*Insert*

**For**  $i = 1 \dots n$

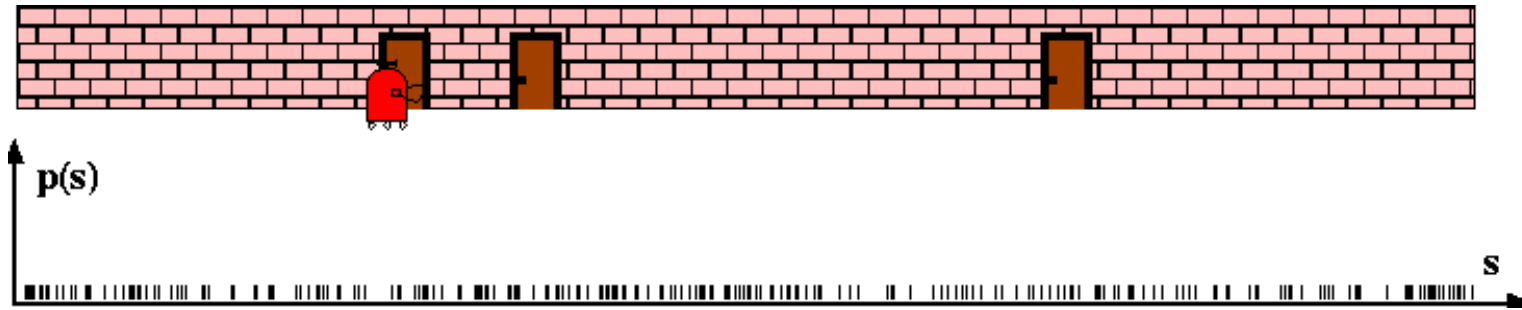
$$w_t^i = w_t^i / \eta$$

*Normalize weights*

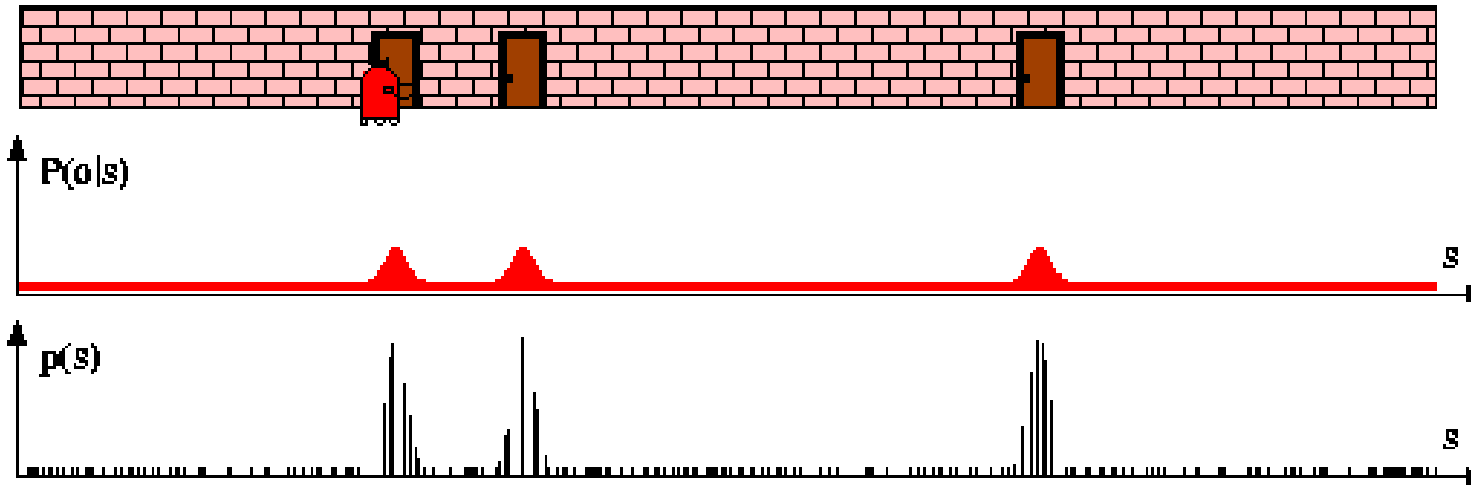




# Sensor Information: Importance Sampling

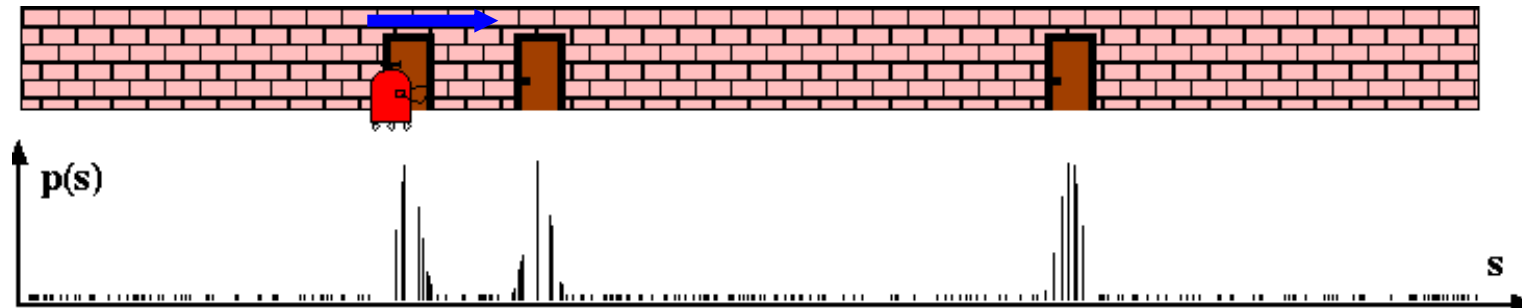


$$Bel(x) \leftarrow \alpha p(z | x) Bel^-(x) \quad w \leftarrow \frac{\alpha p(z | x) Bel^-(x)}{Bel^-(x)} = \alpha p(z | x)$$

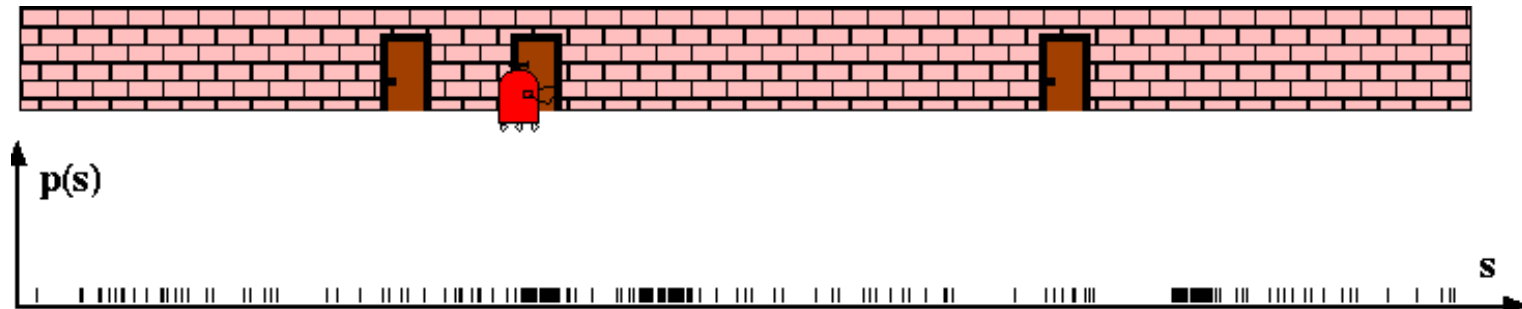




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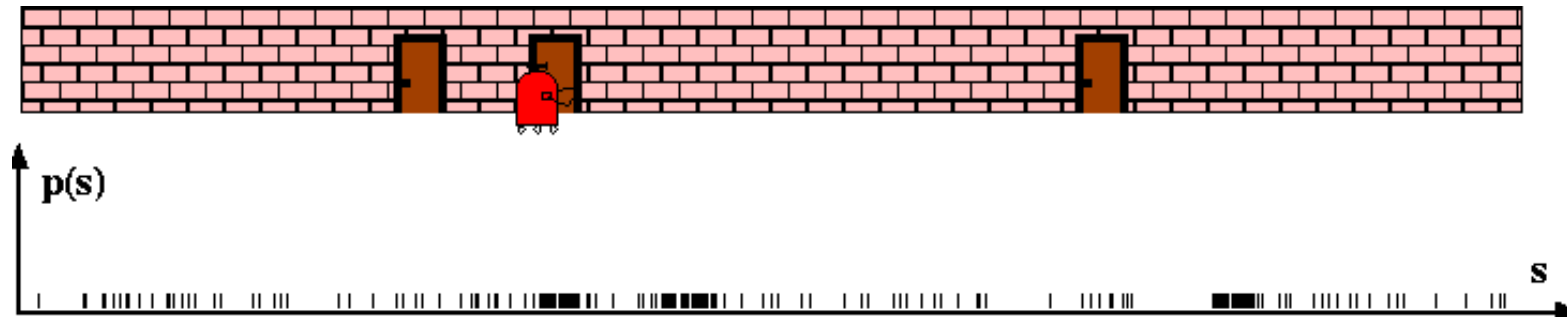


$$Bel^-(x) \leftarrow \int p(x|u, x') Bel(x') \, dx'$$

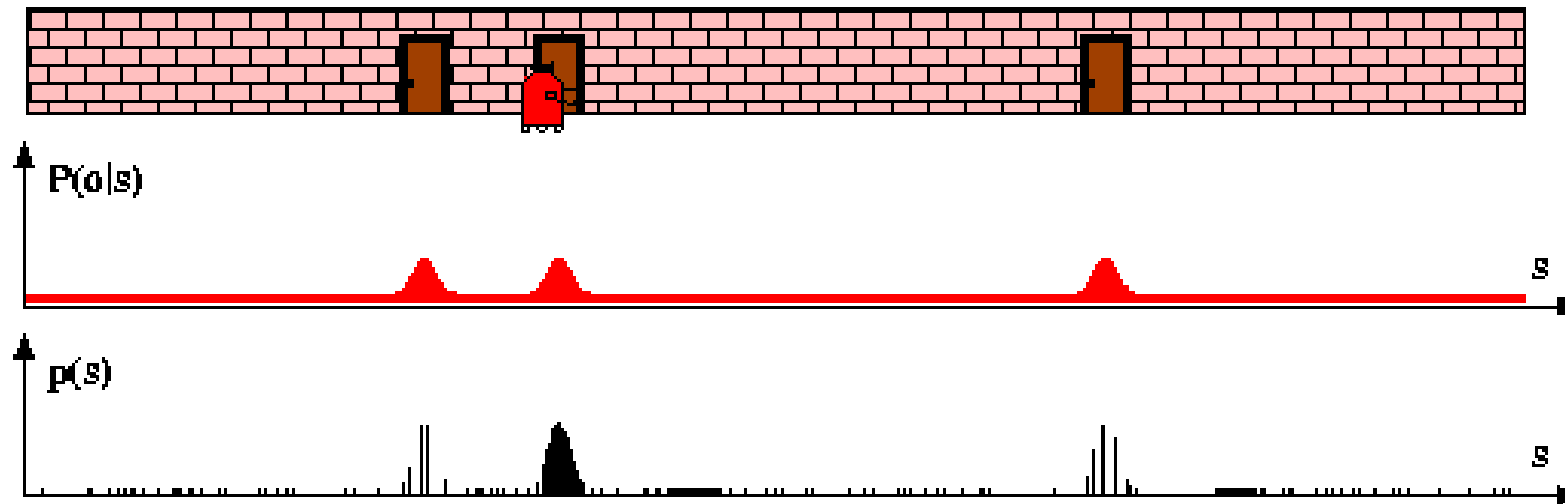




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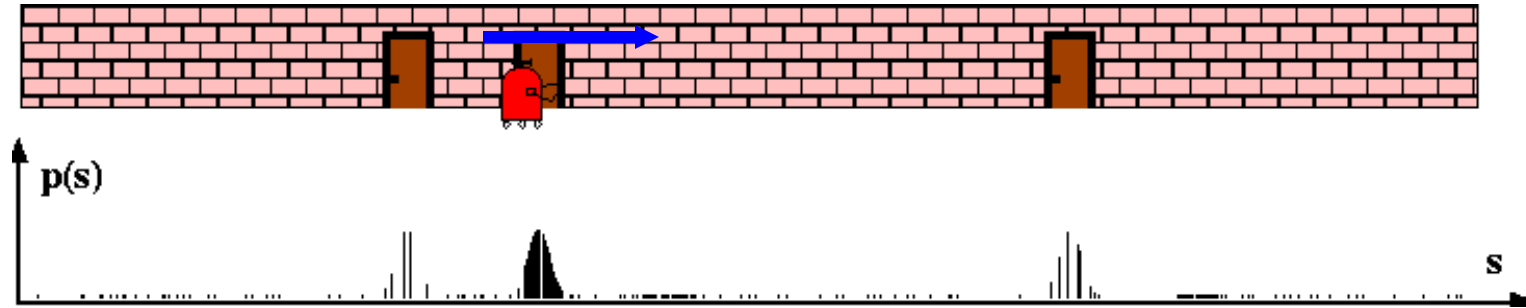


$$Bel(x) \leftarrow \alpha p(z | x) Bel^-(x) \quad w \leftarrow \frac{\alpha p(z | x) Bel^-(x)}{Bel^-(x)} = \alpha p(z | x)$$

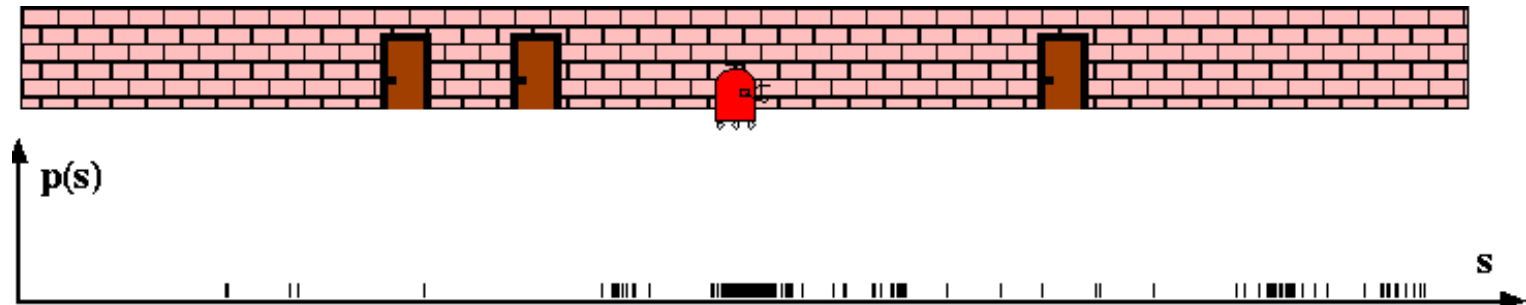




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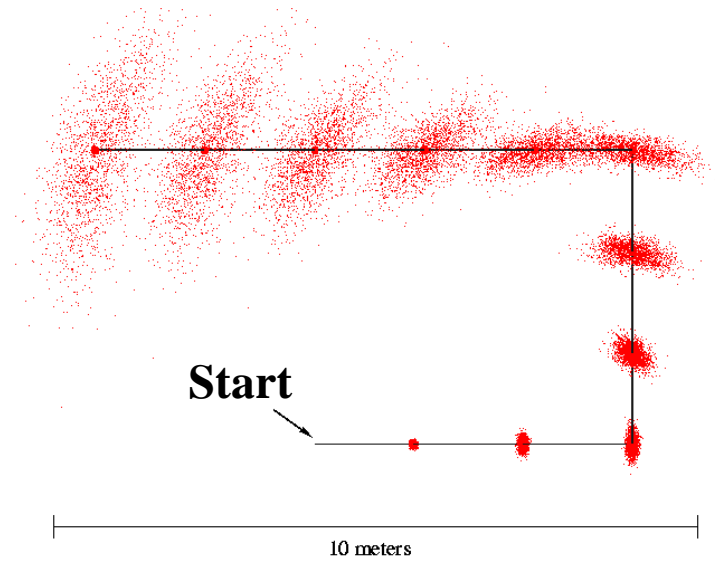
$$Bel^-(x) \leftarrow \int p(x|u, x') Bel(x') \, dx'$$



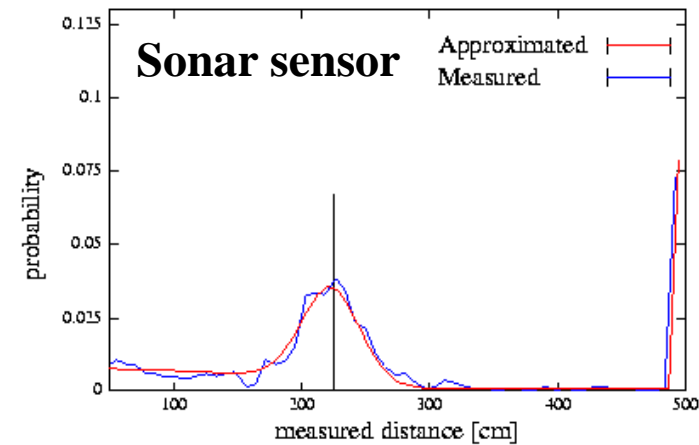
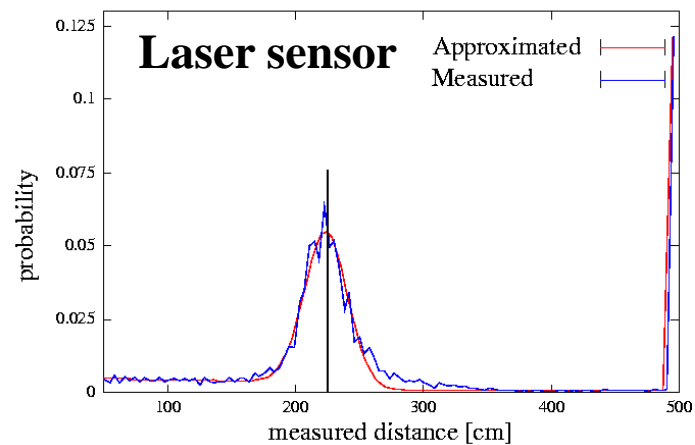


# Monte Carlo Localization with Laser

Stochastic motion model

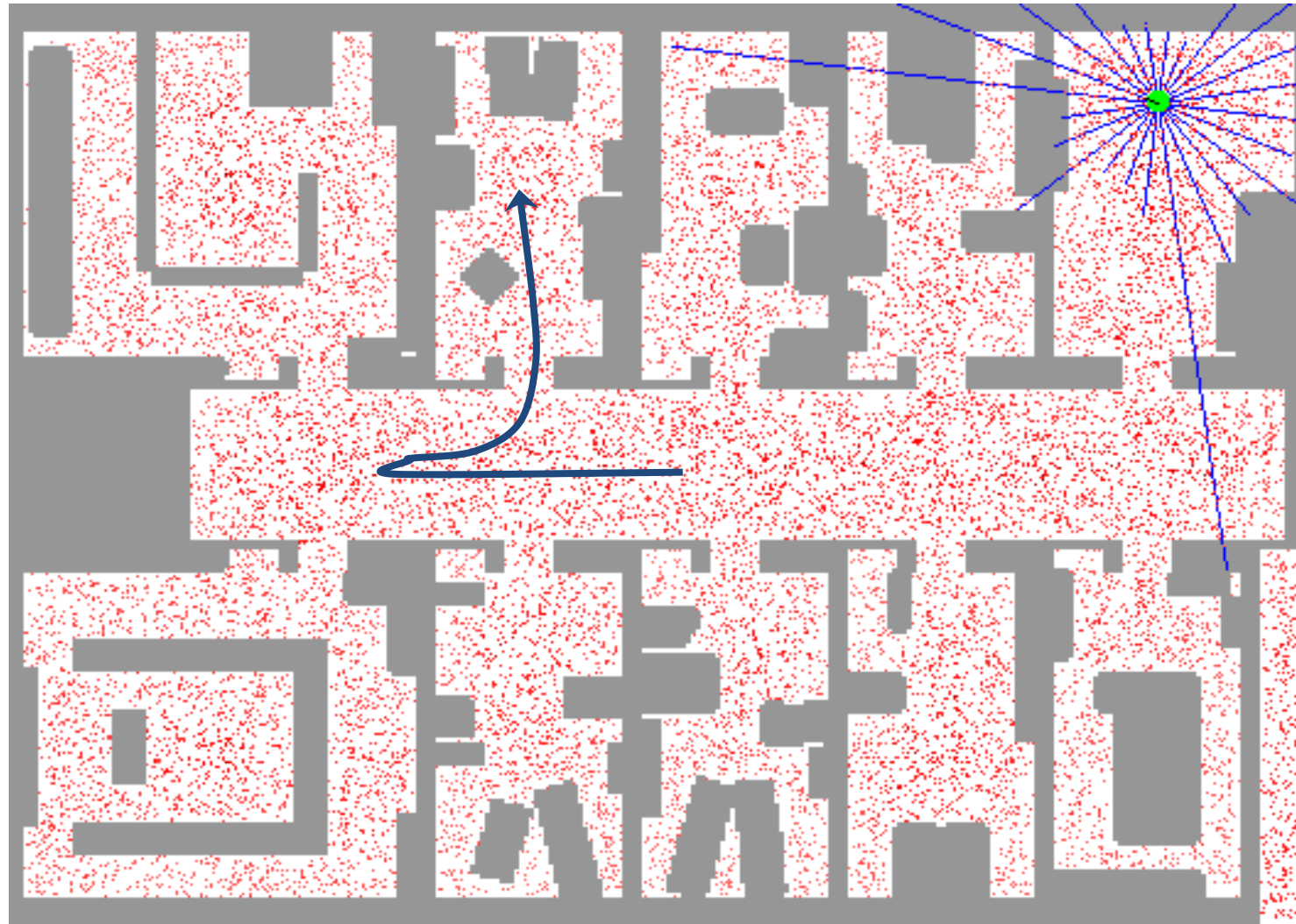


Range sensor model

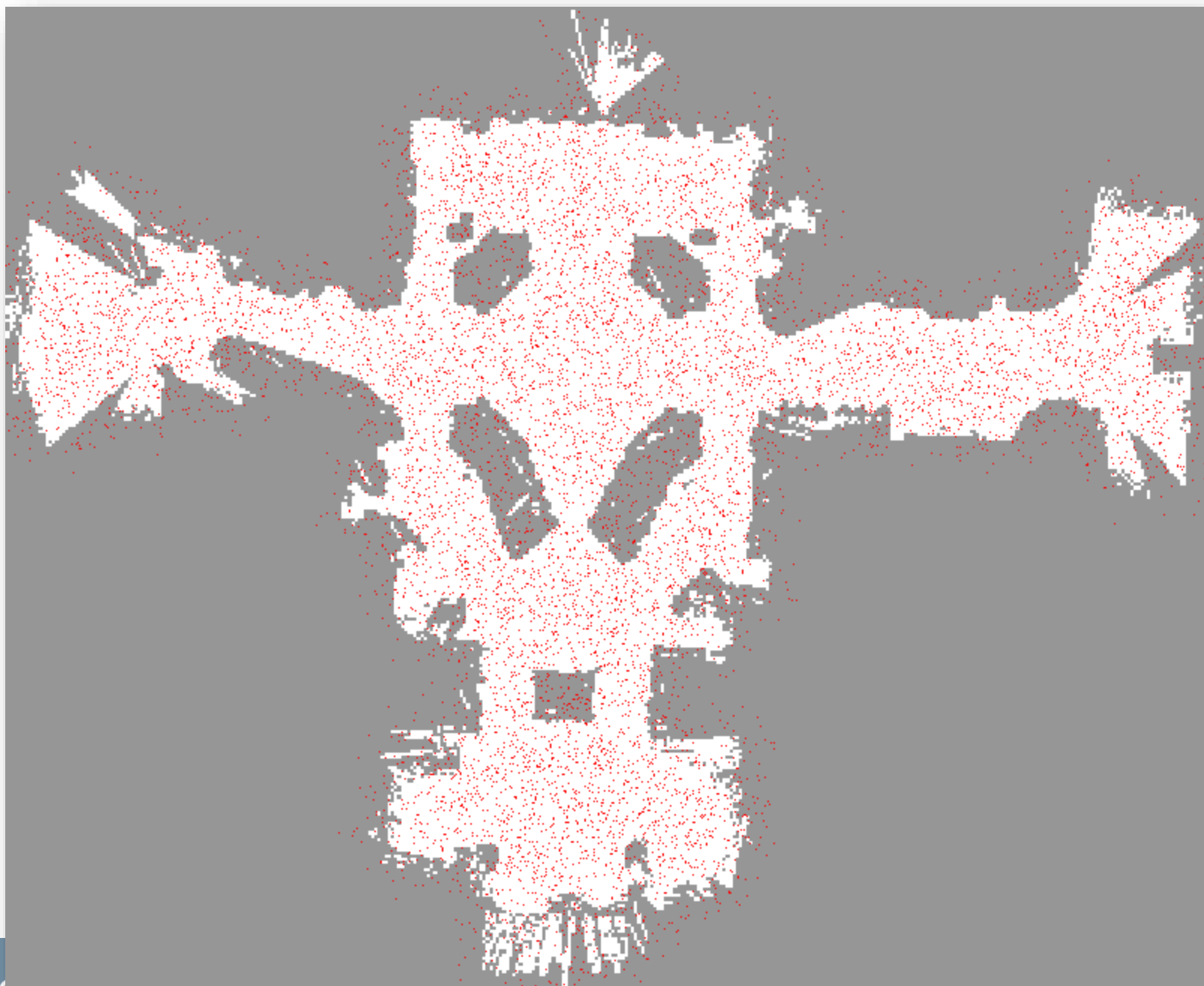




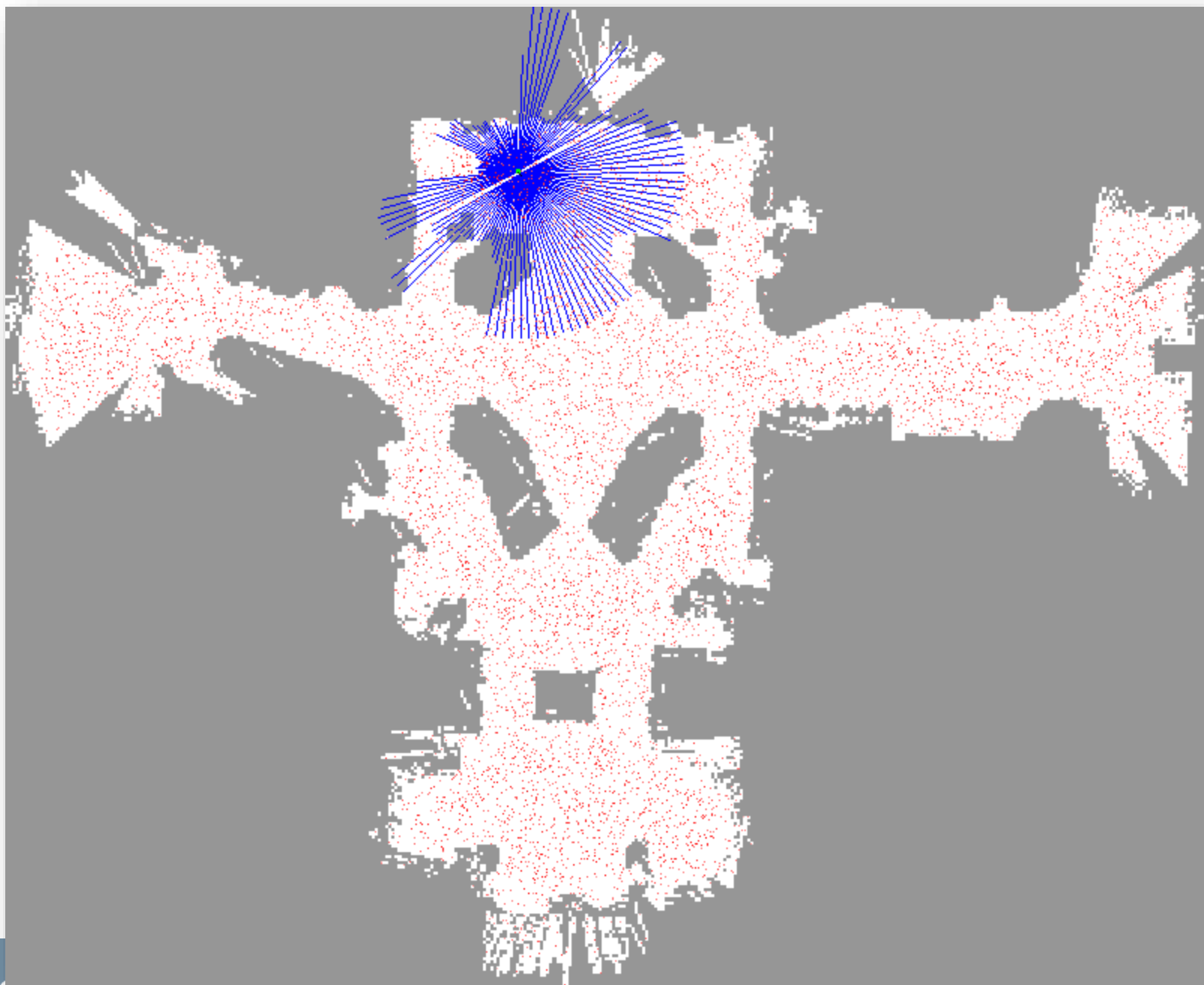
## Sample-based Localization (sonar)



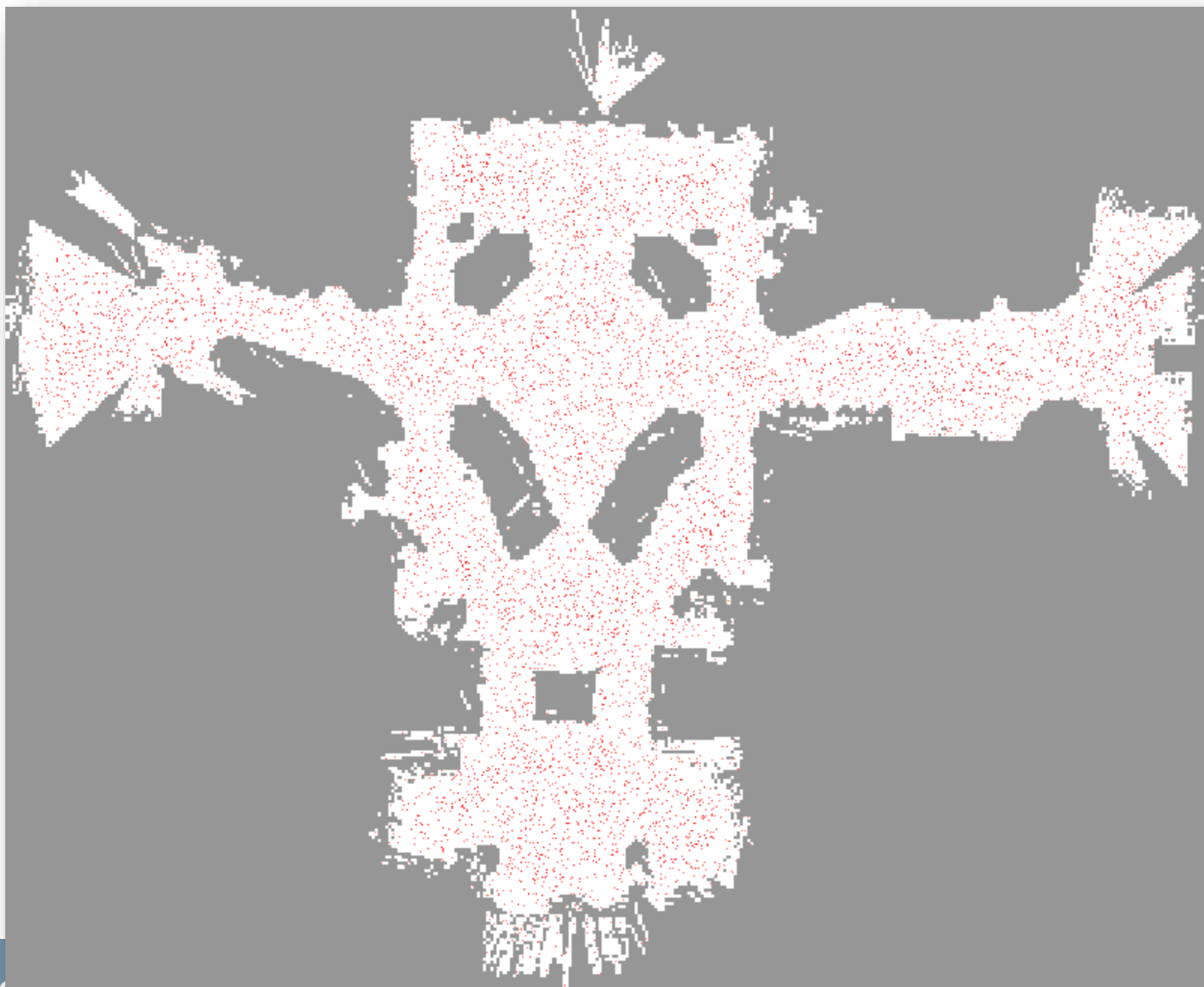




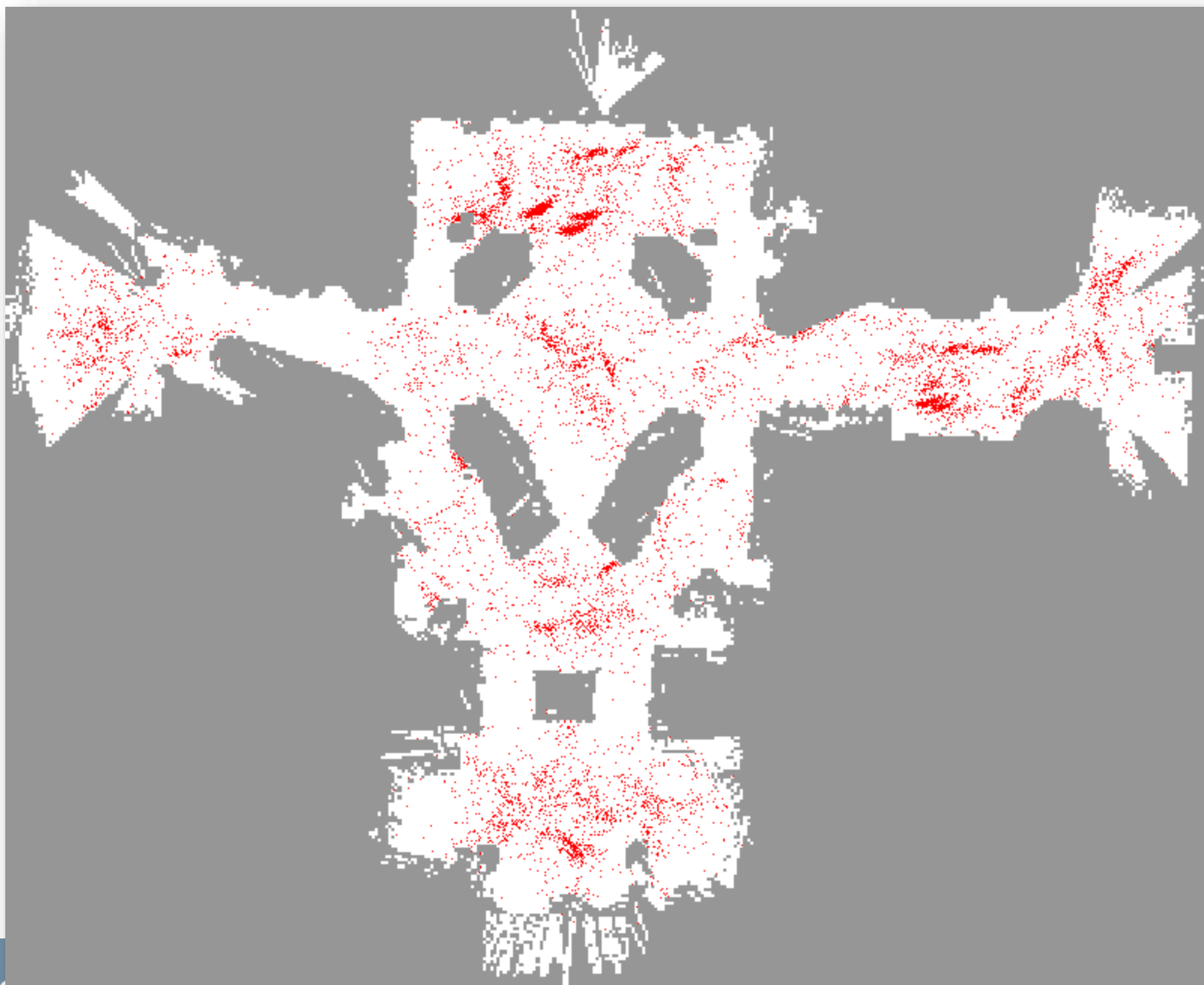




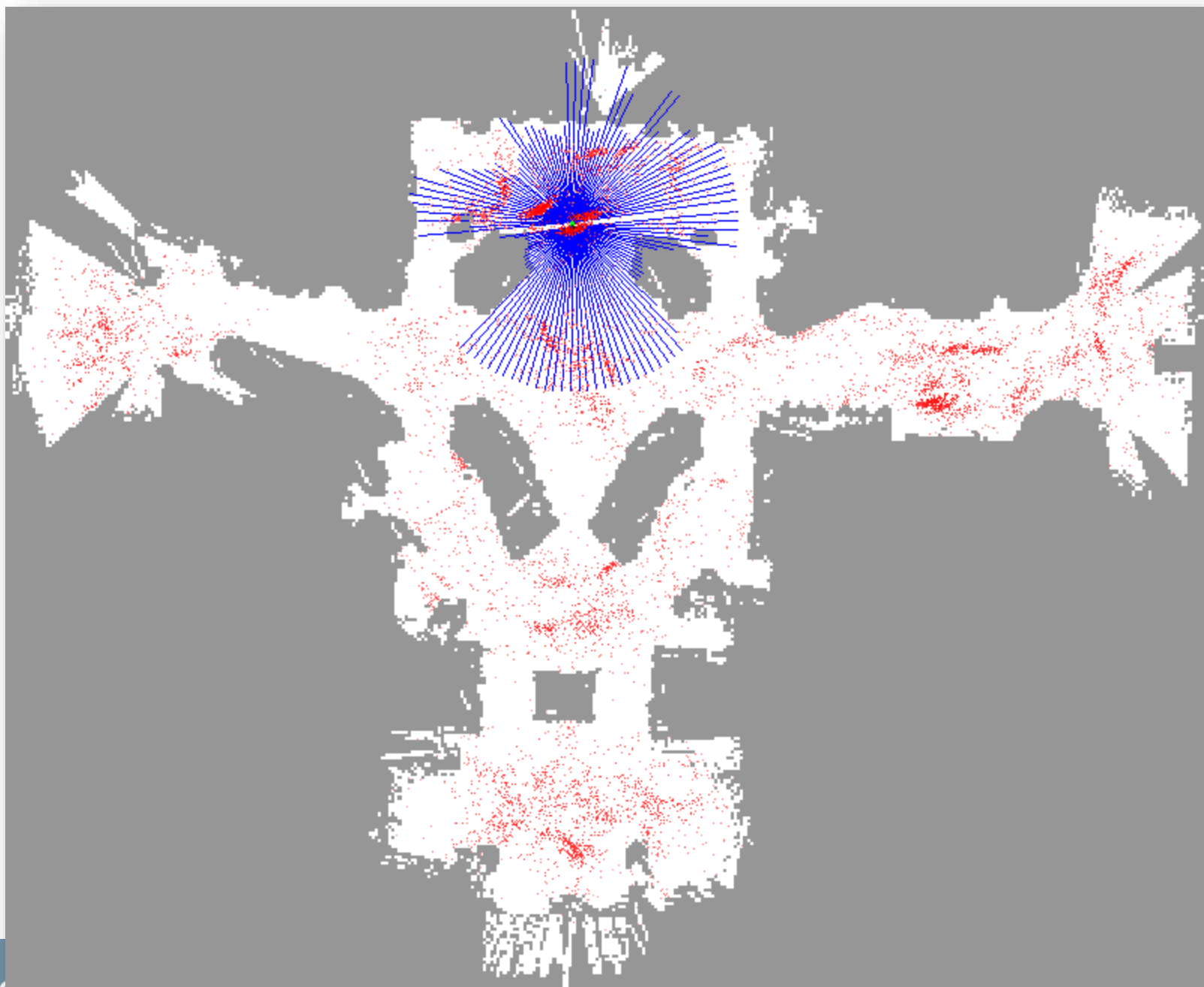




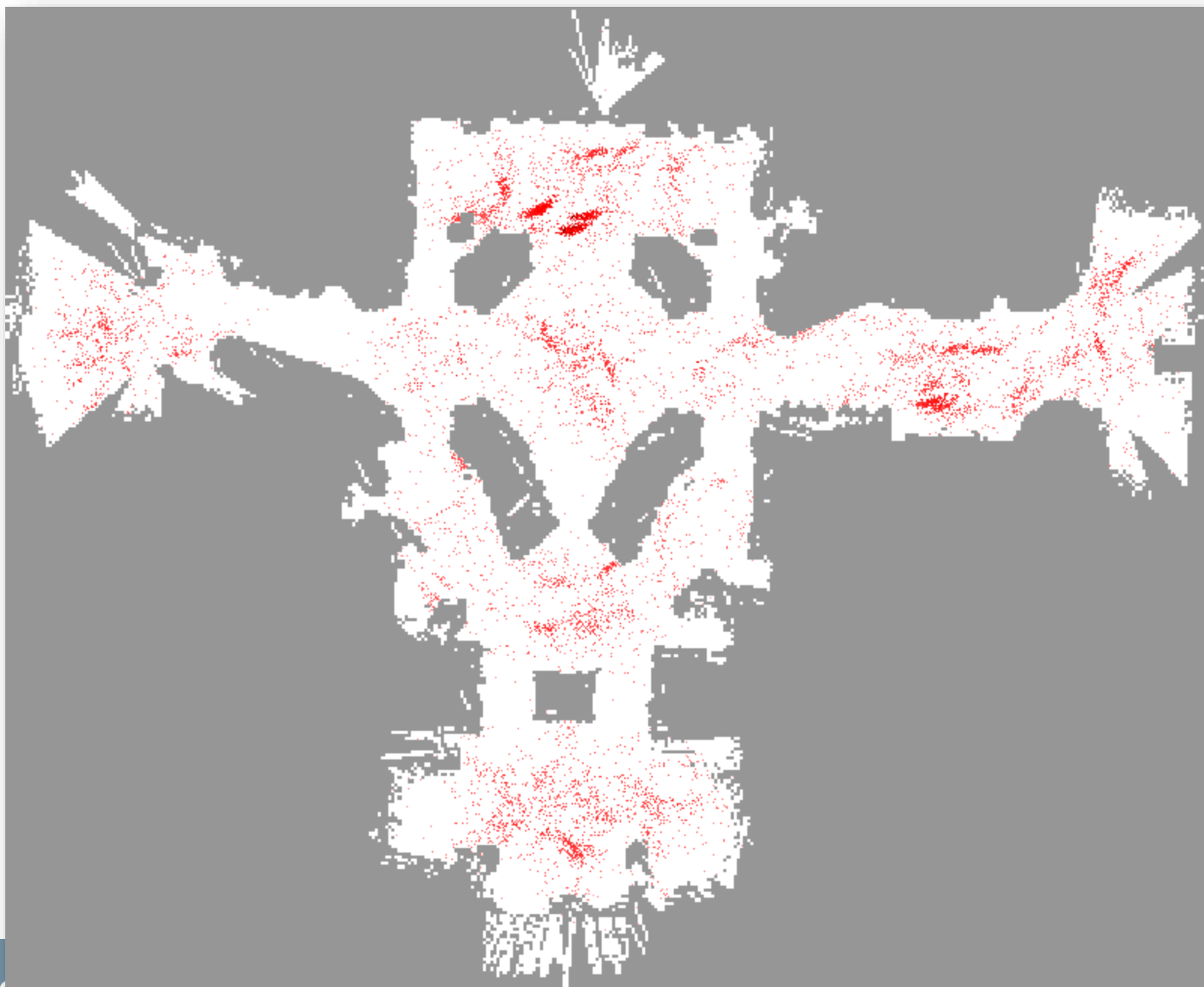




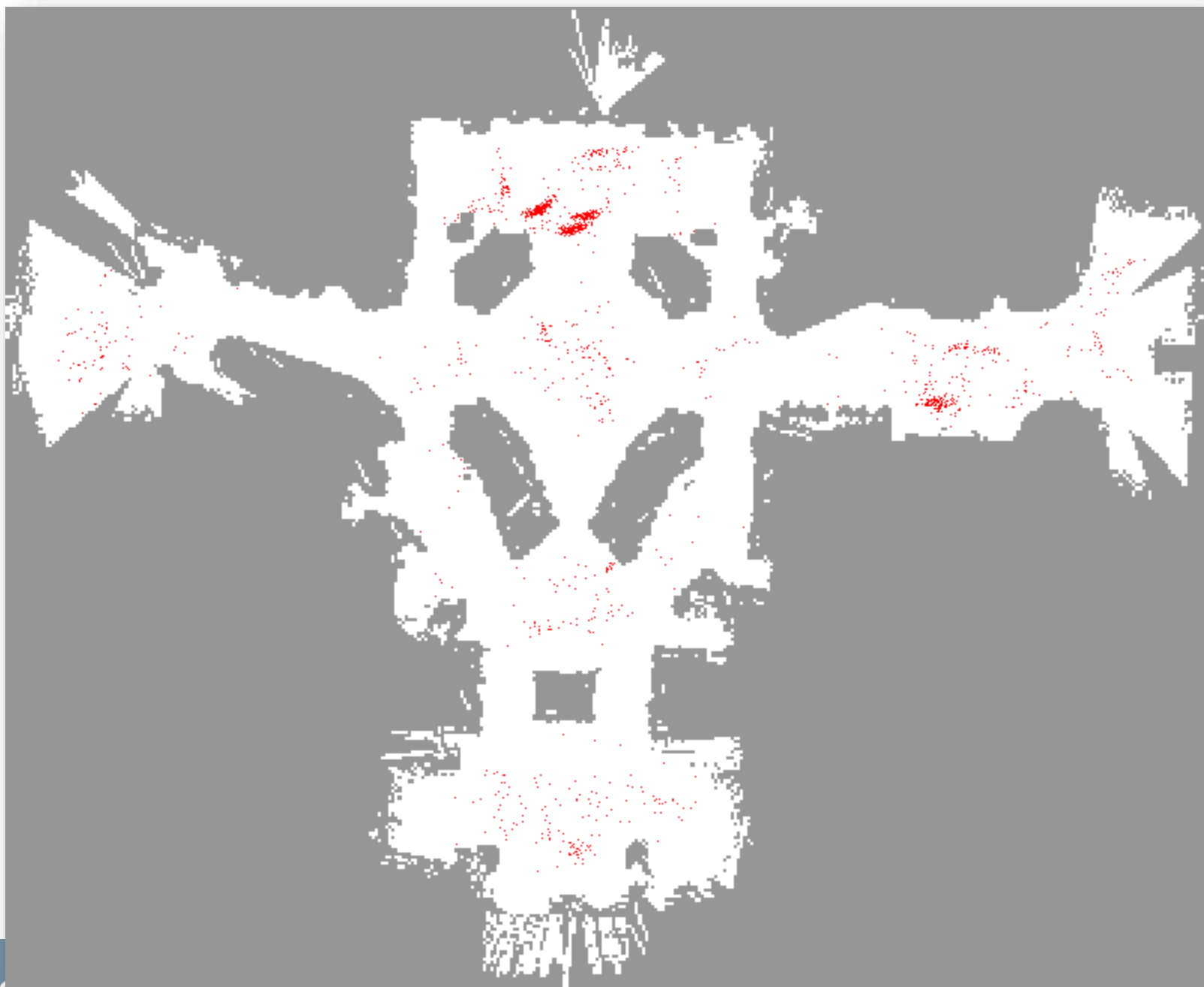








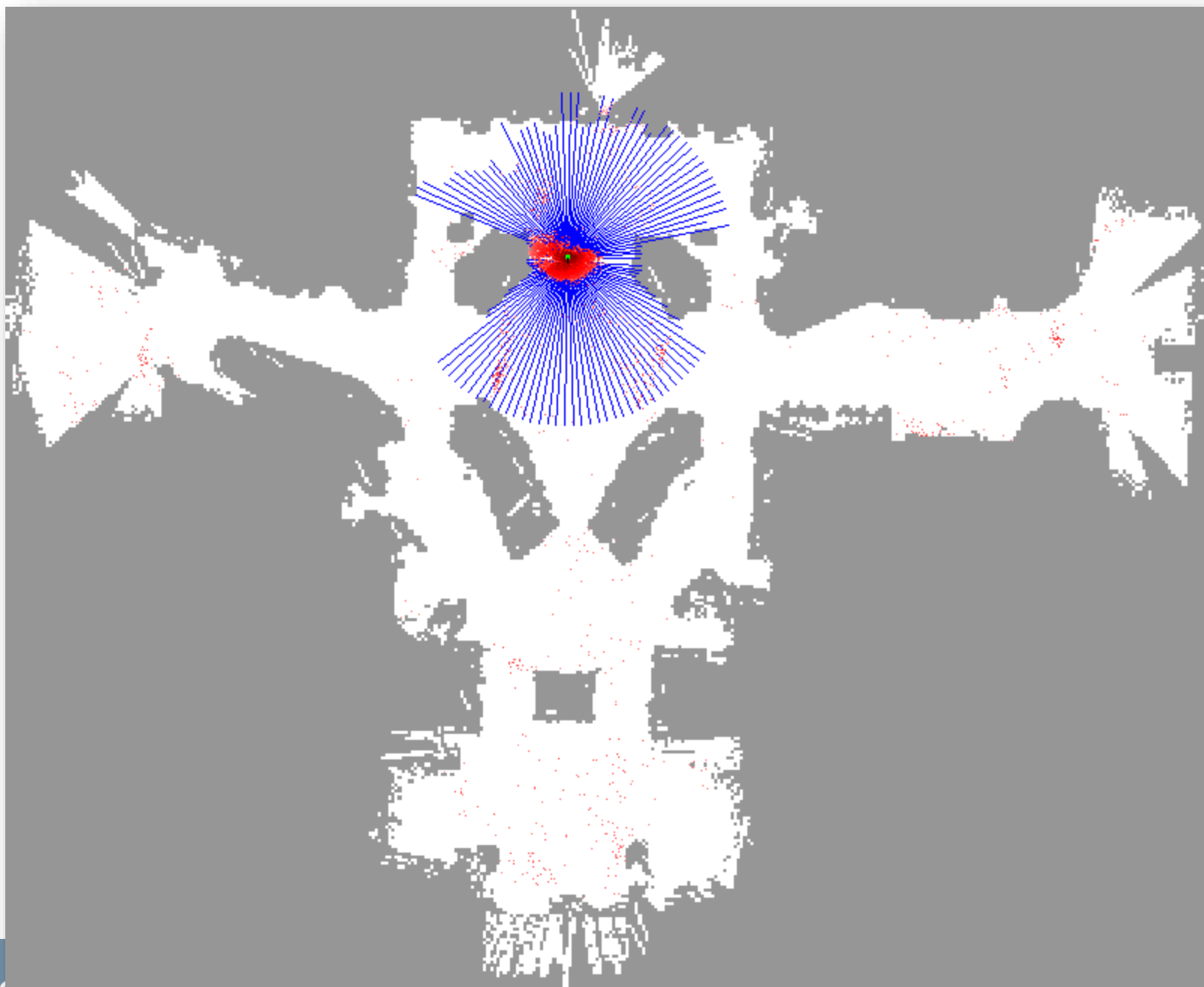








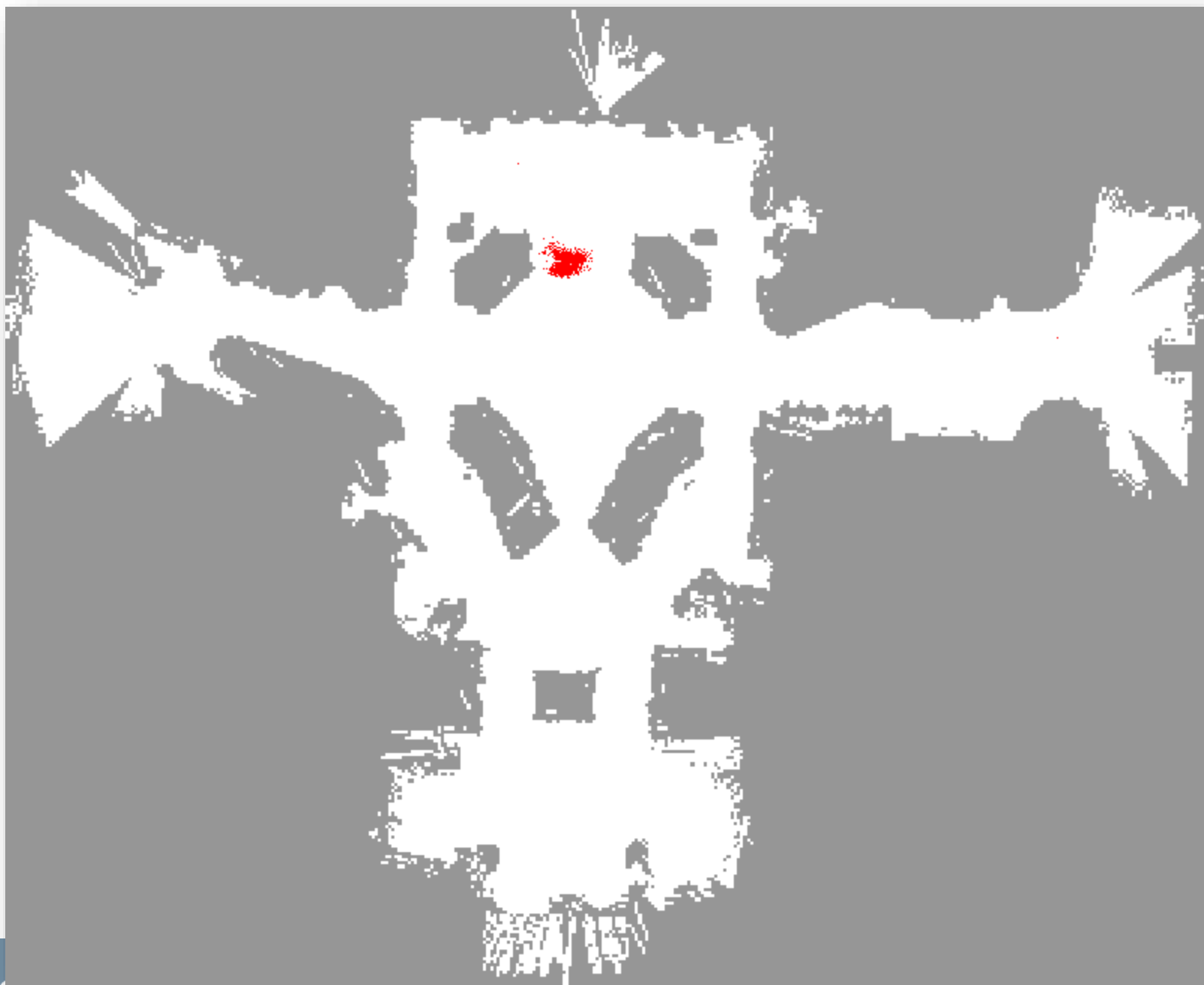




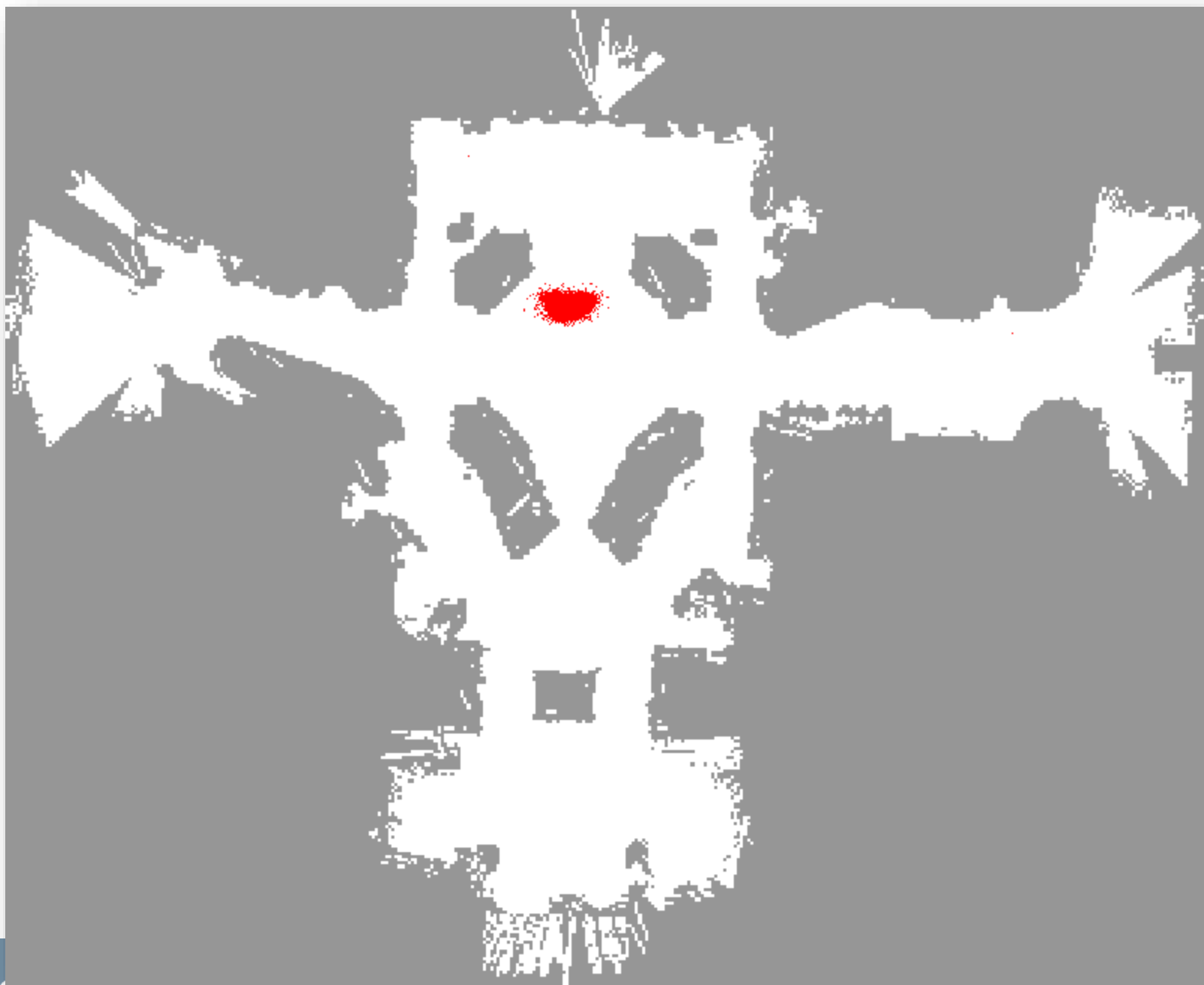




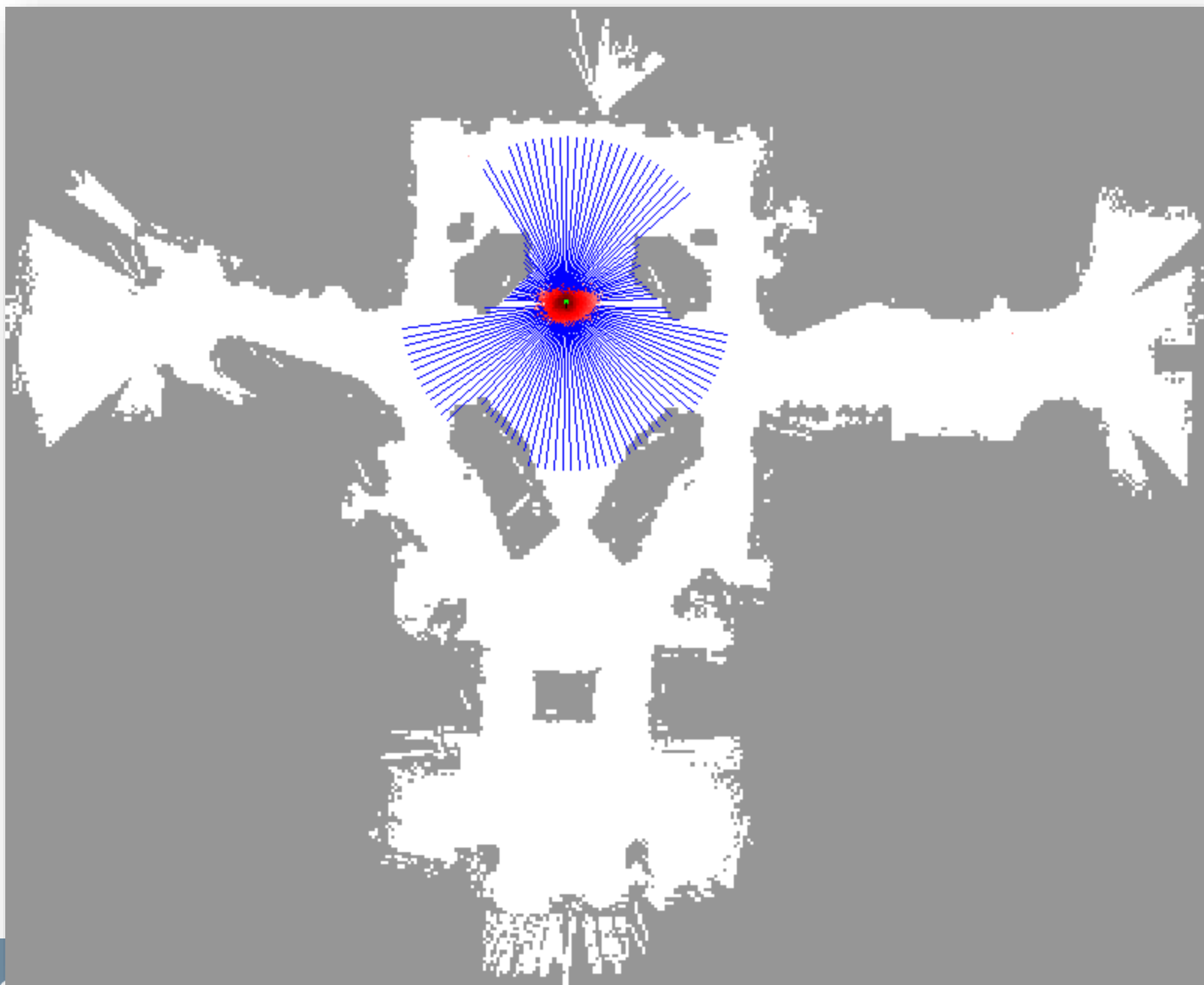




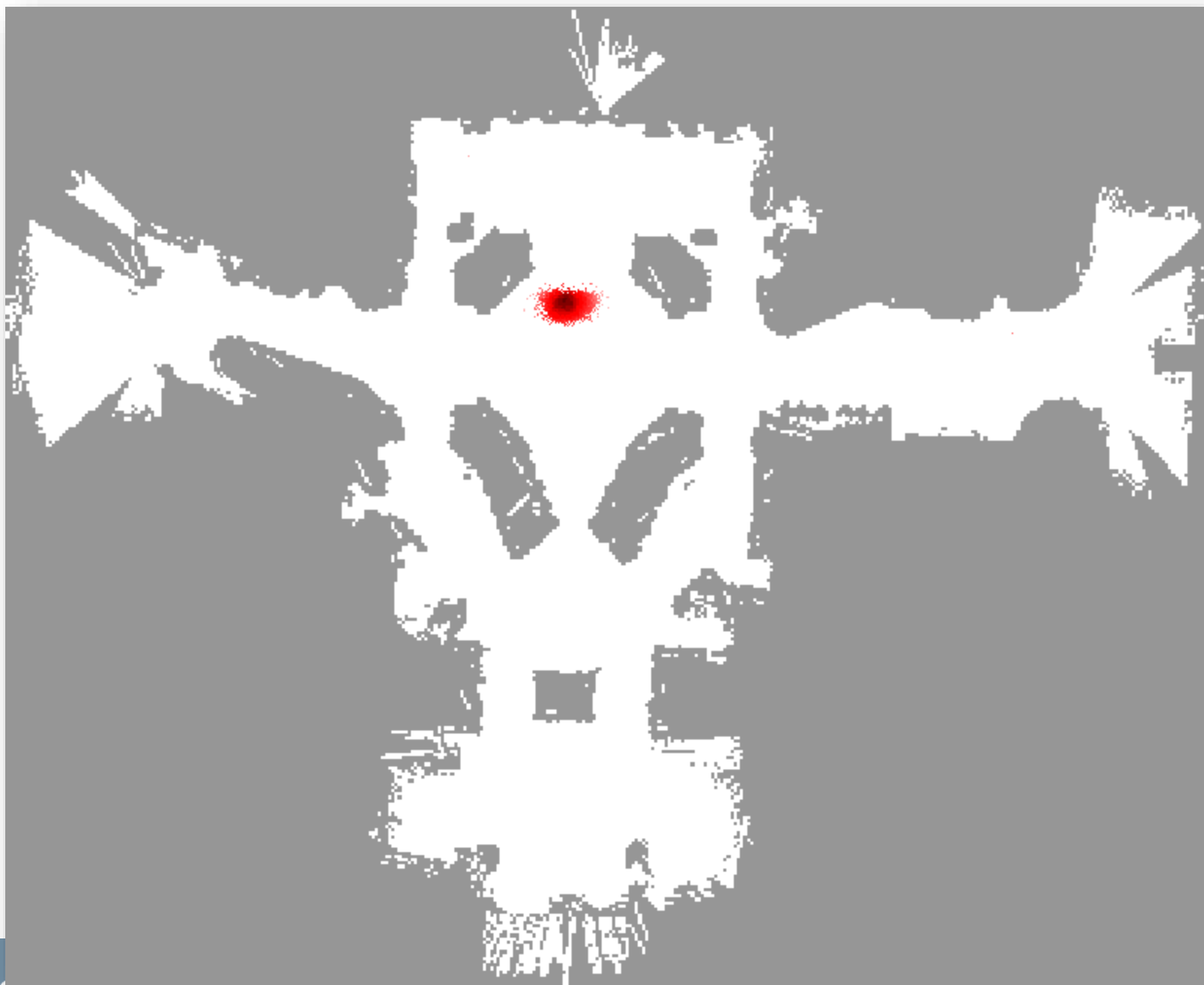




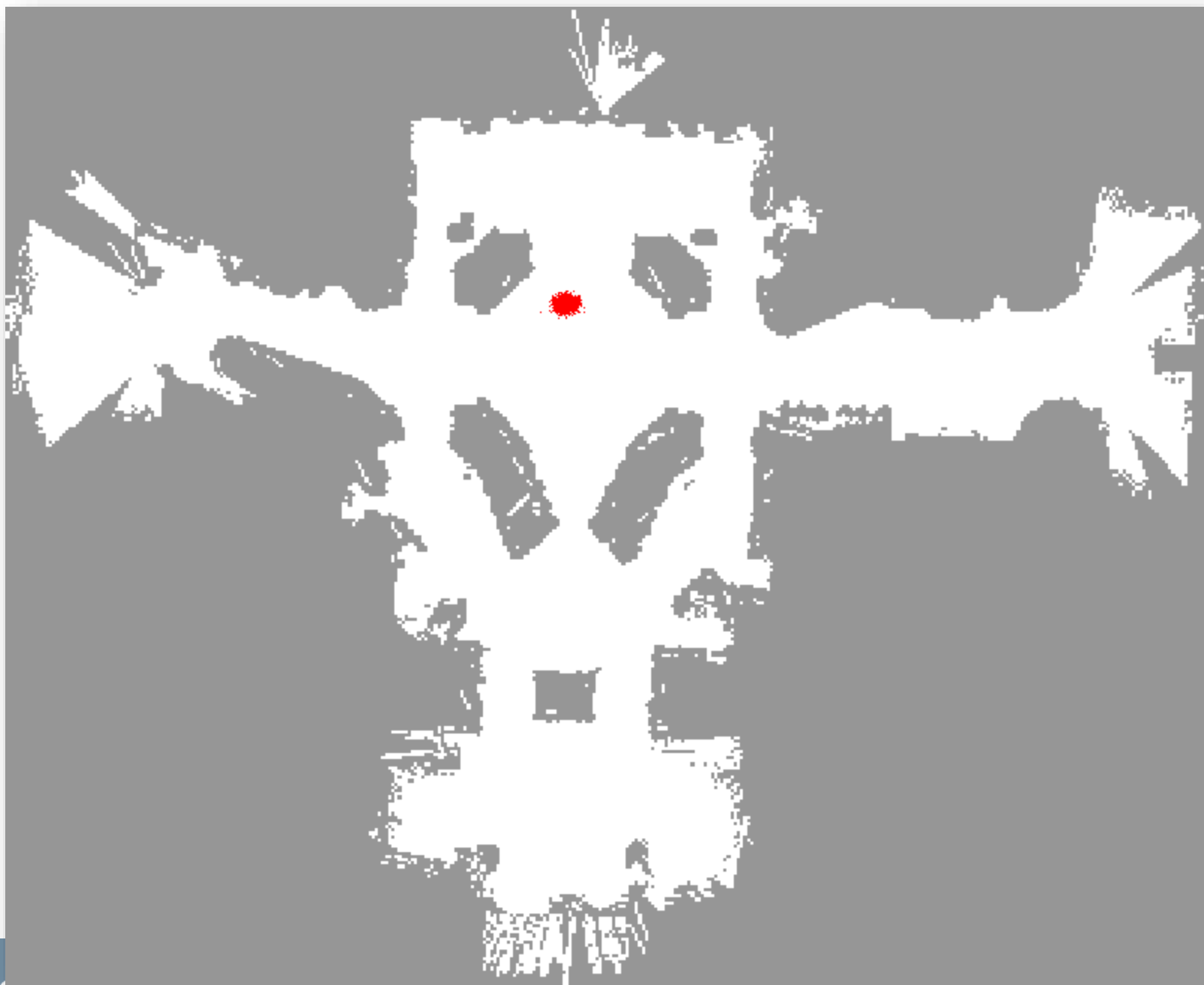




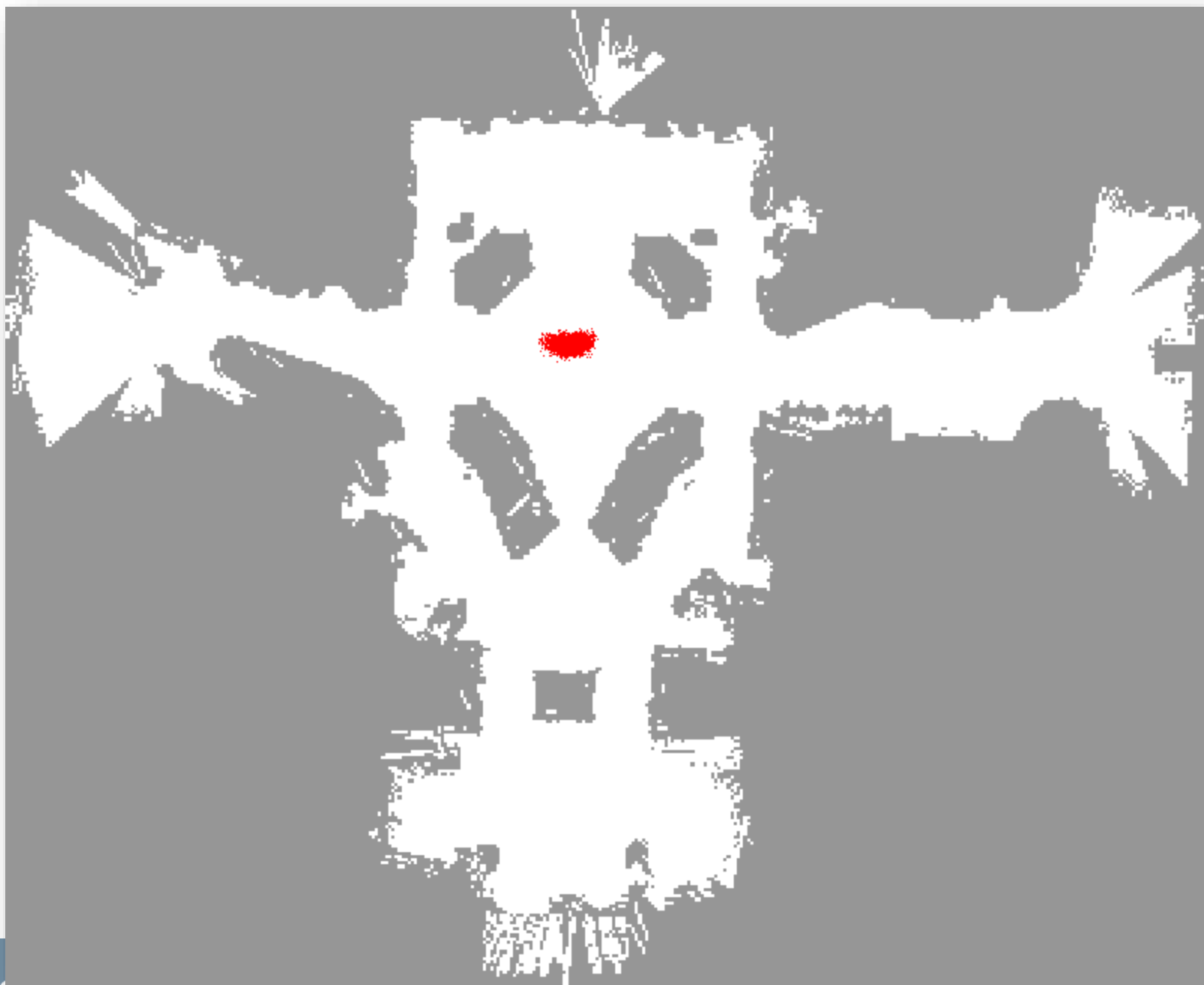




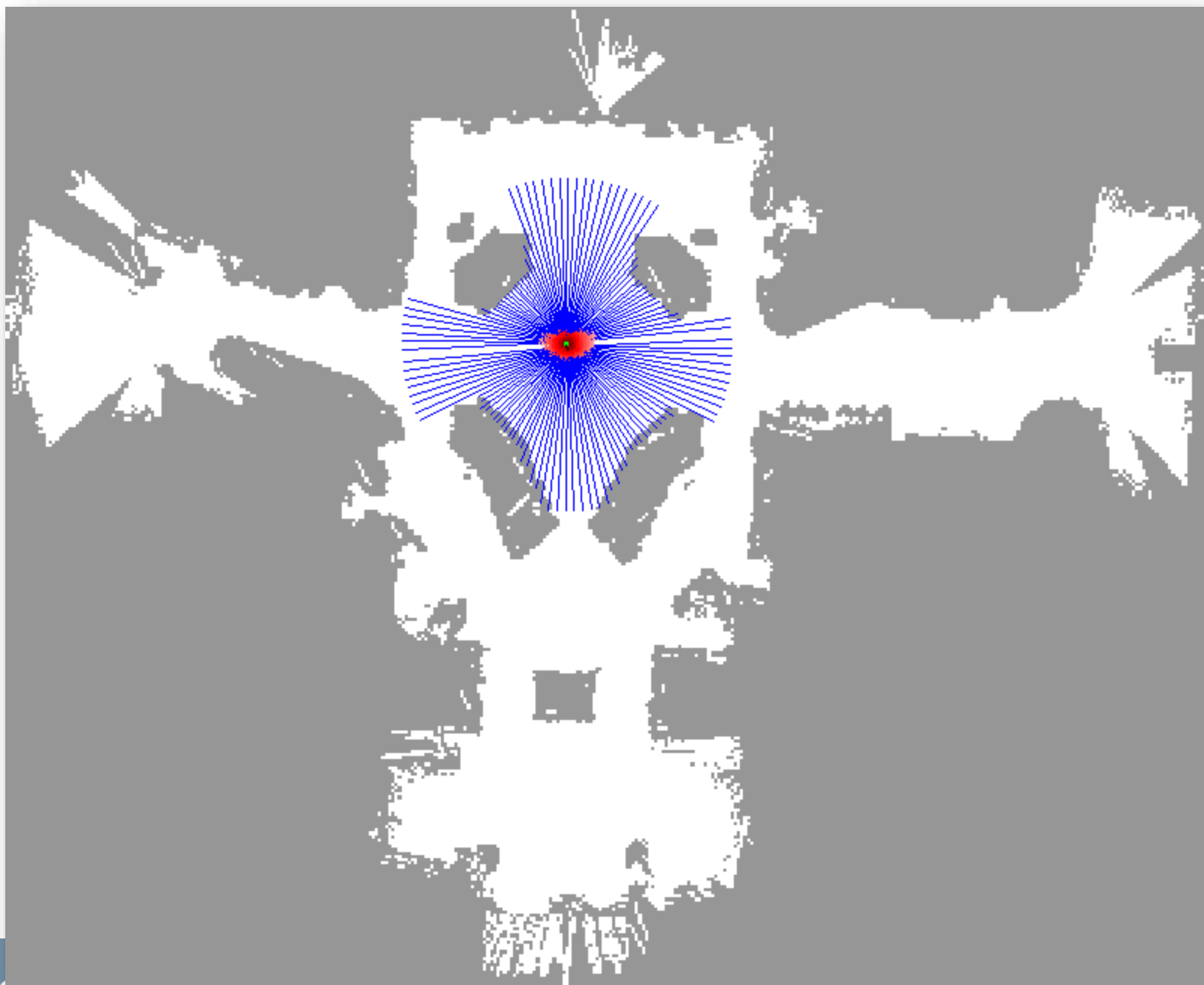




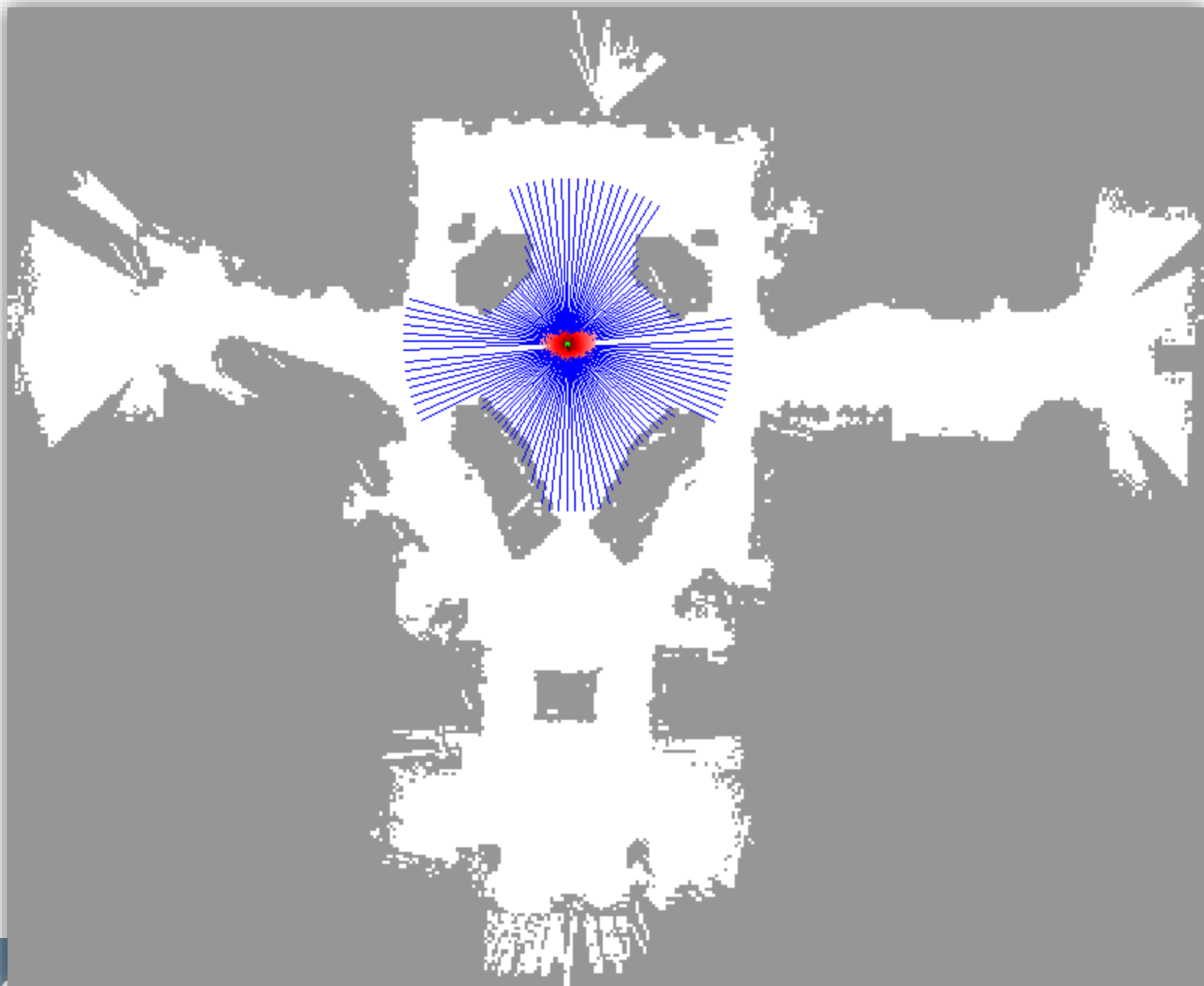






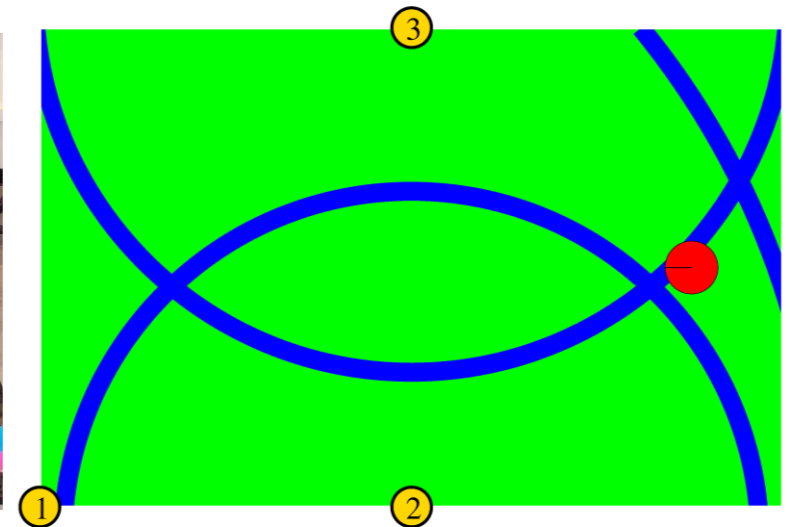
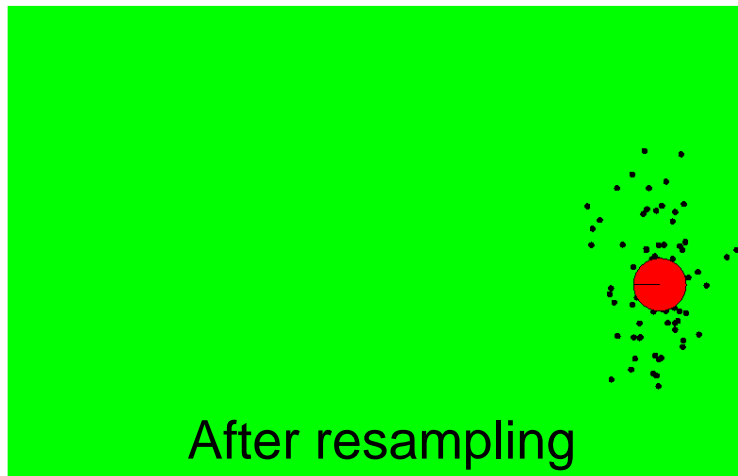
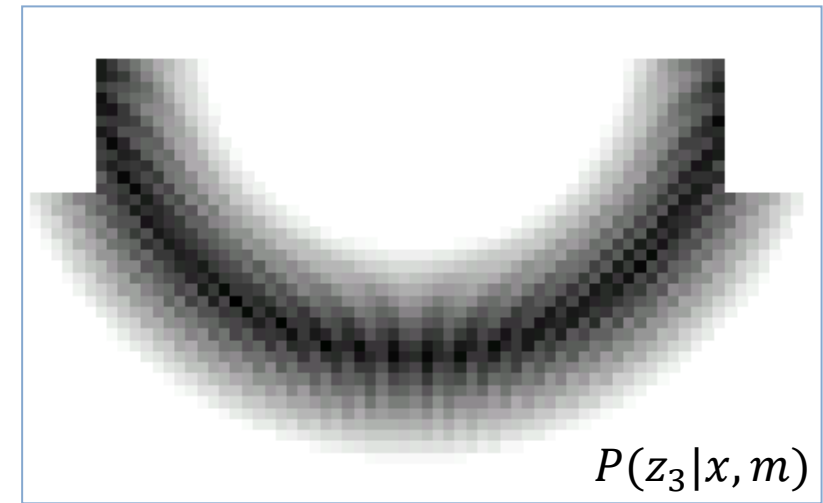
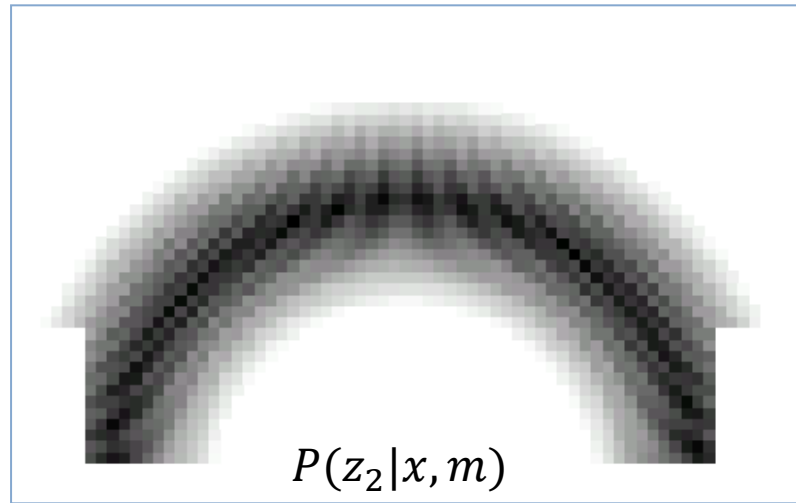
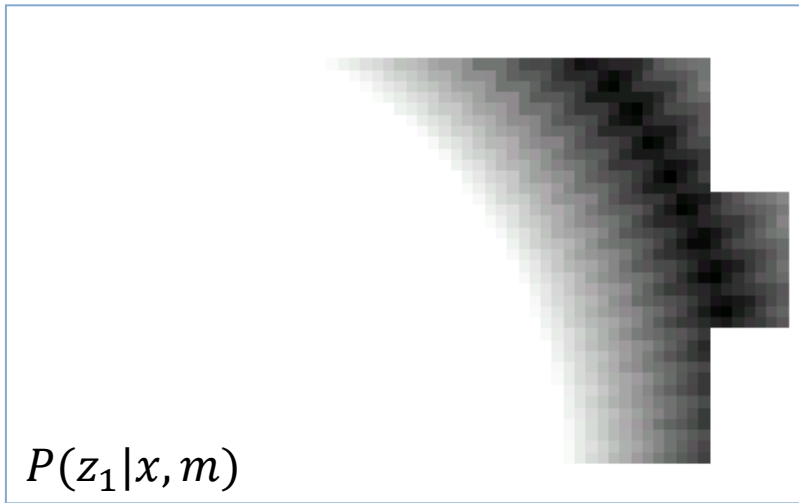






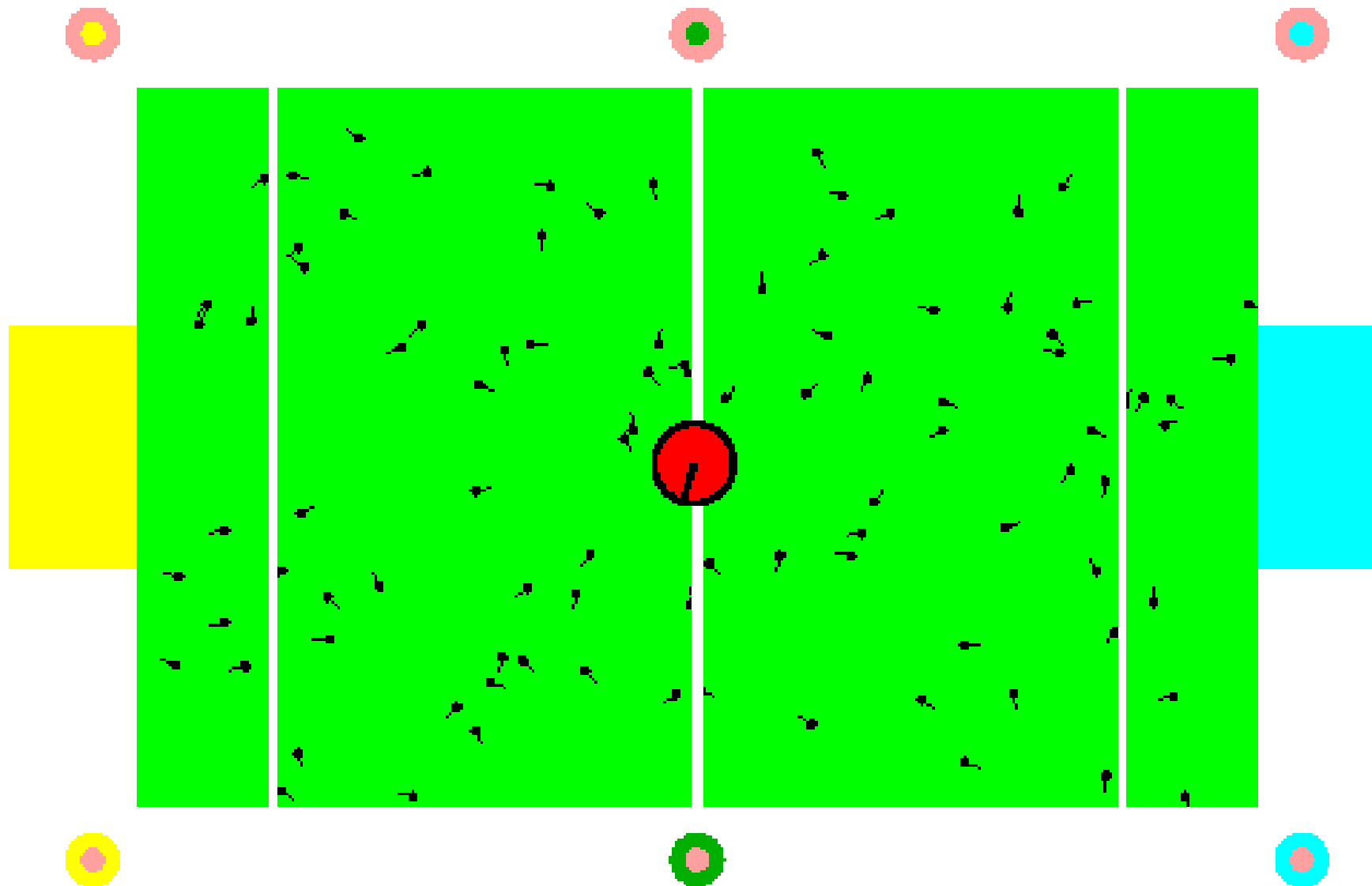


# RoboCup Example



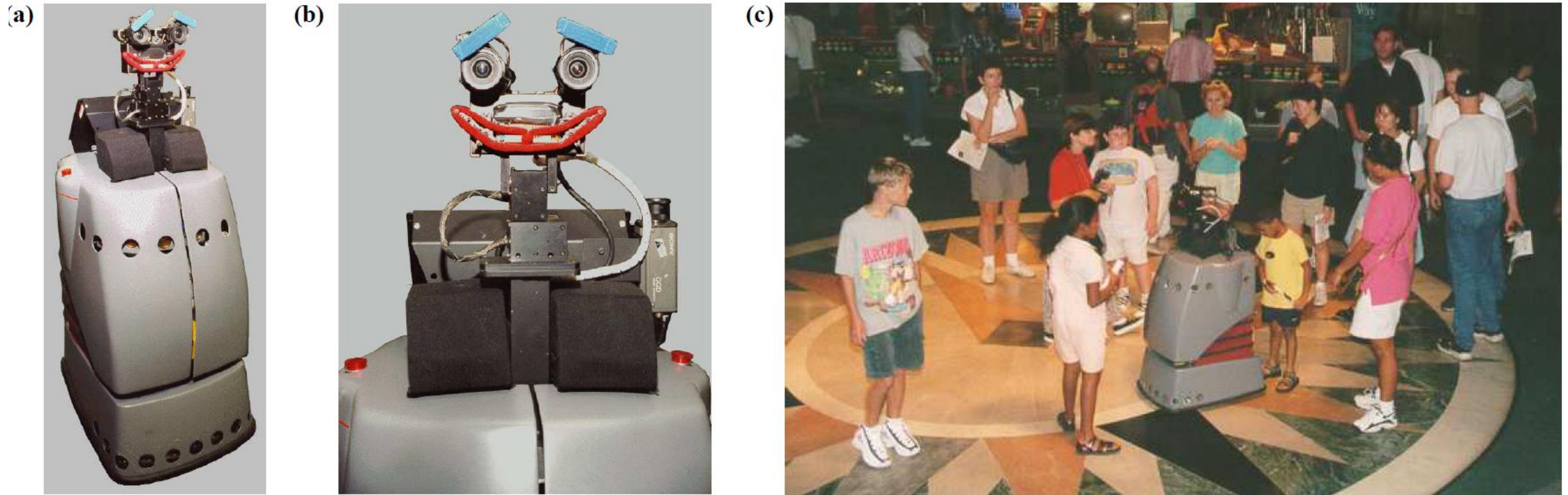


# Localization for AIBO robots





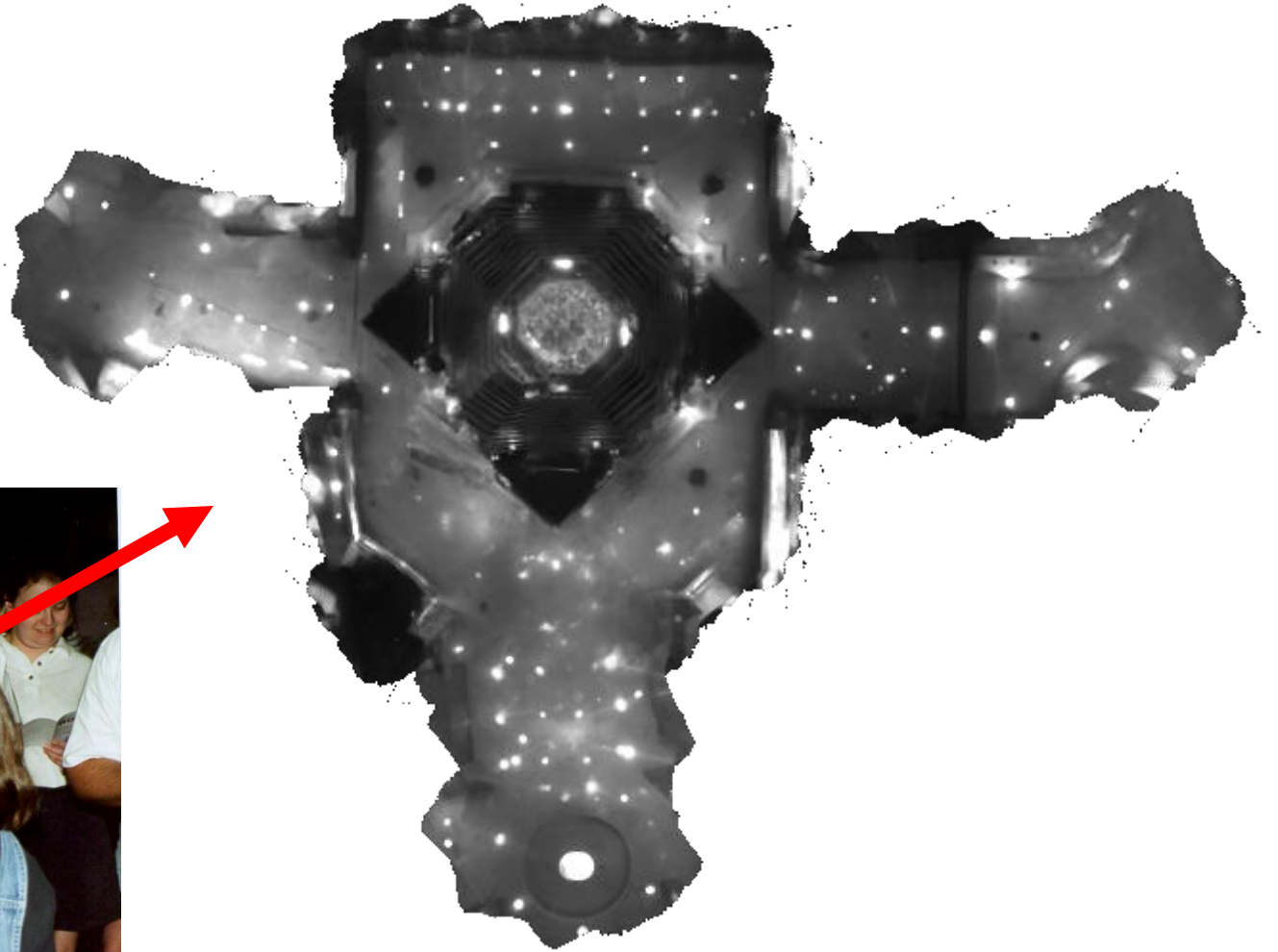
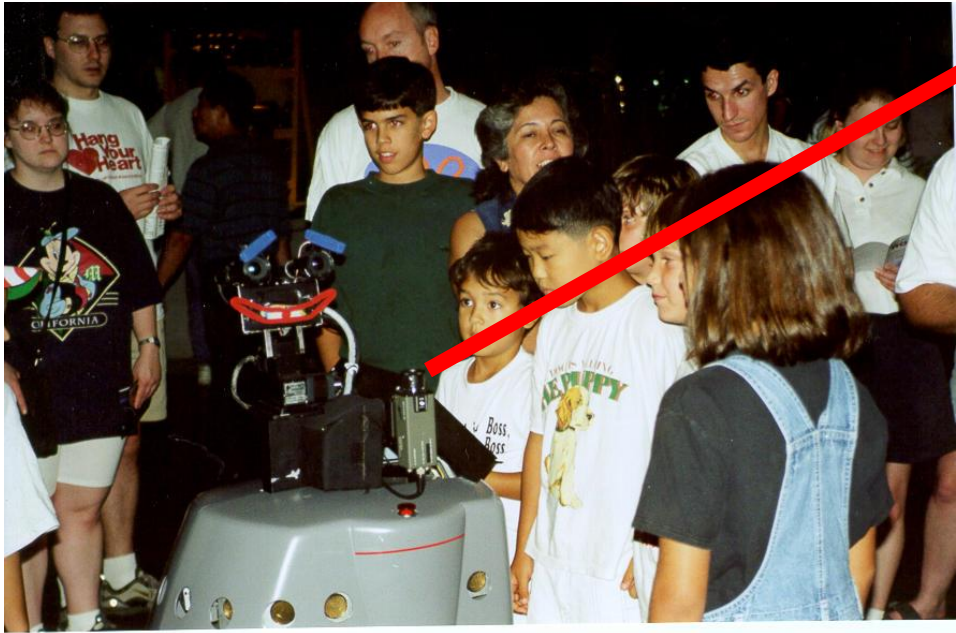
# Project Minerva



**Figure 1:** (a) Minerva. (b) Minerva's motorized face. (c) Minerva gives a tour in the Smithsonian's National Museum of American History.

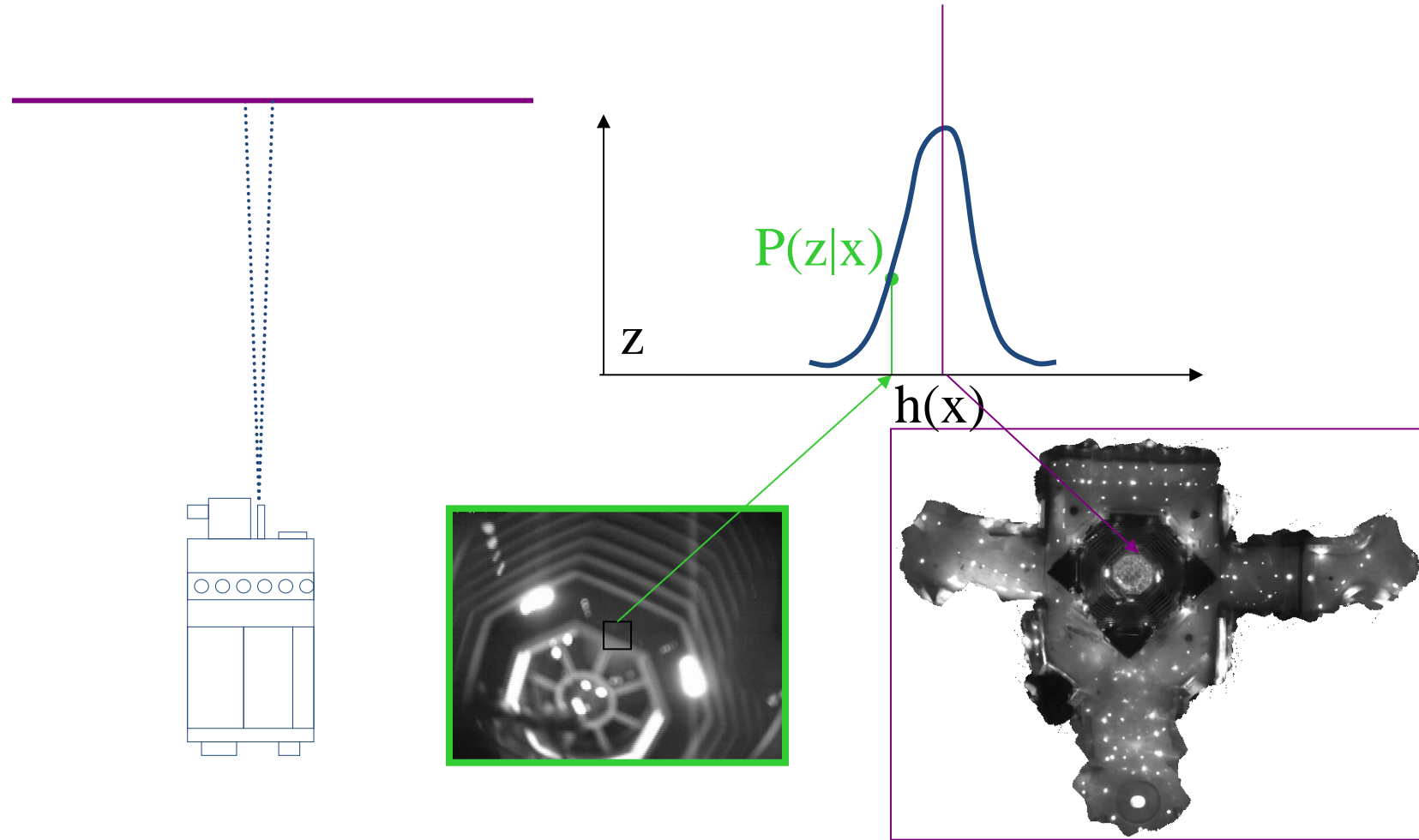


# Using Ceiling Maps for Localization





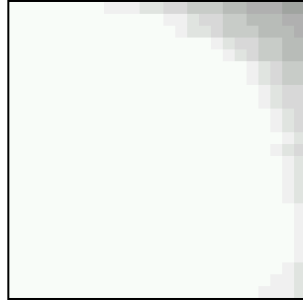
# Vision-based Localization



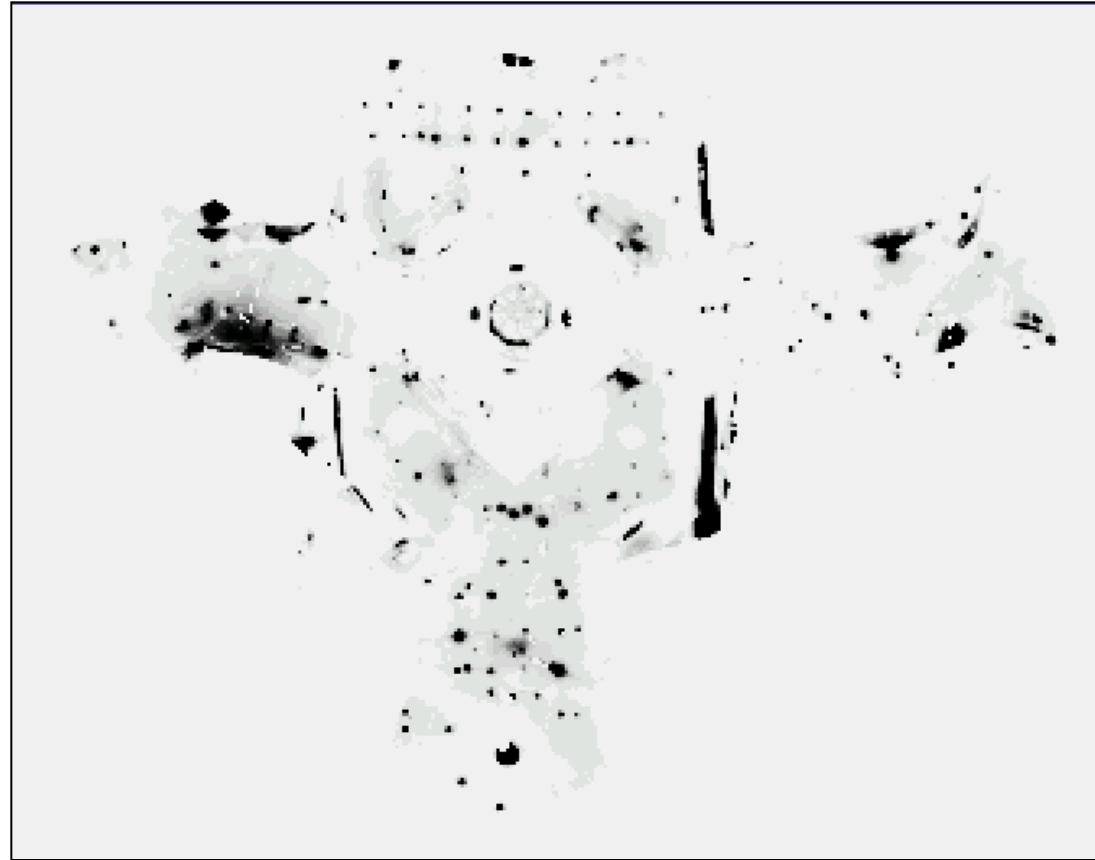


# Under a Light

**Measurement  $z$ :**



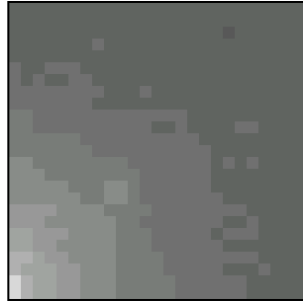
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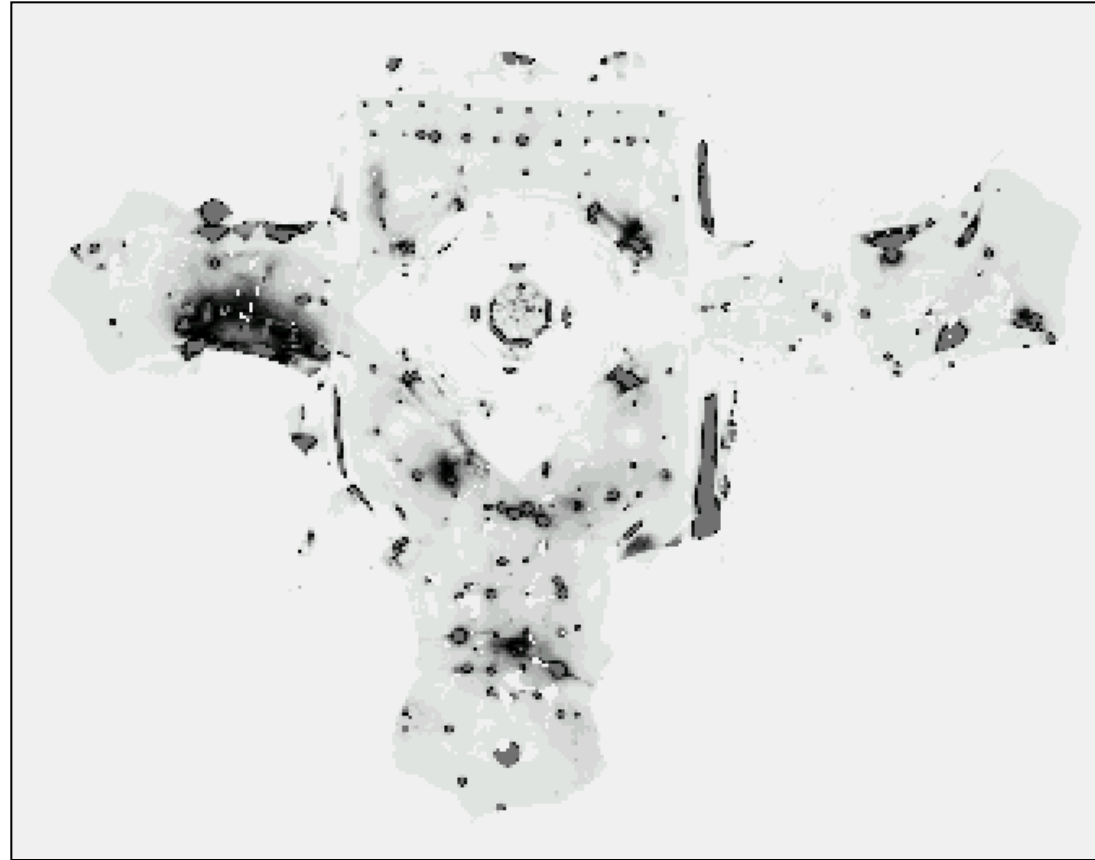


## Next to a Light

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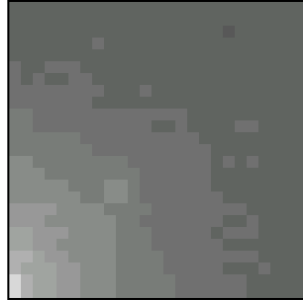
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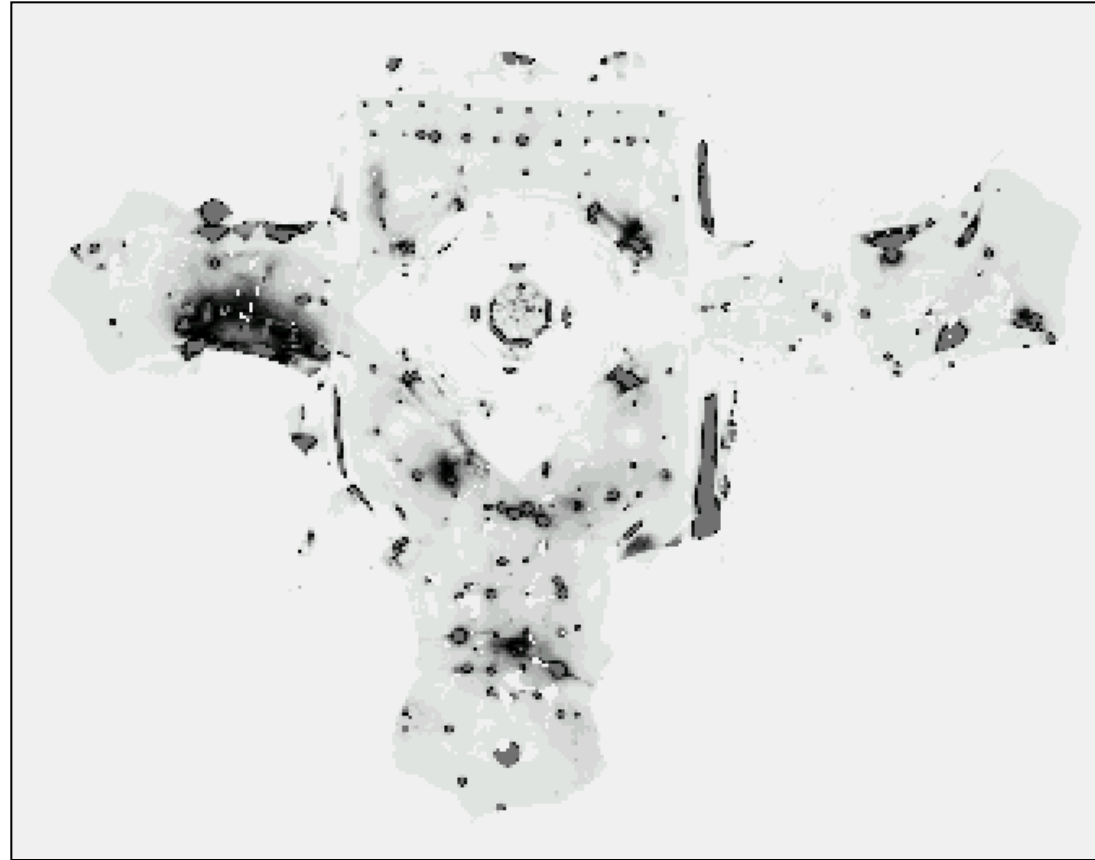


## Next to a Light

Measurement  $z$ :



$P(z/x)$ :

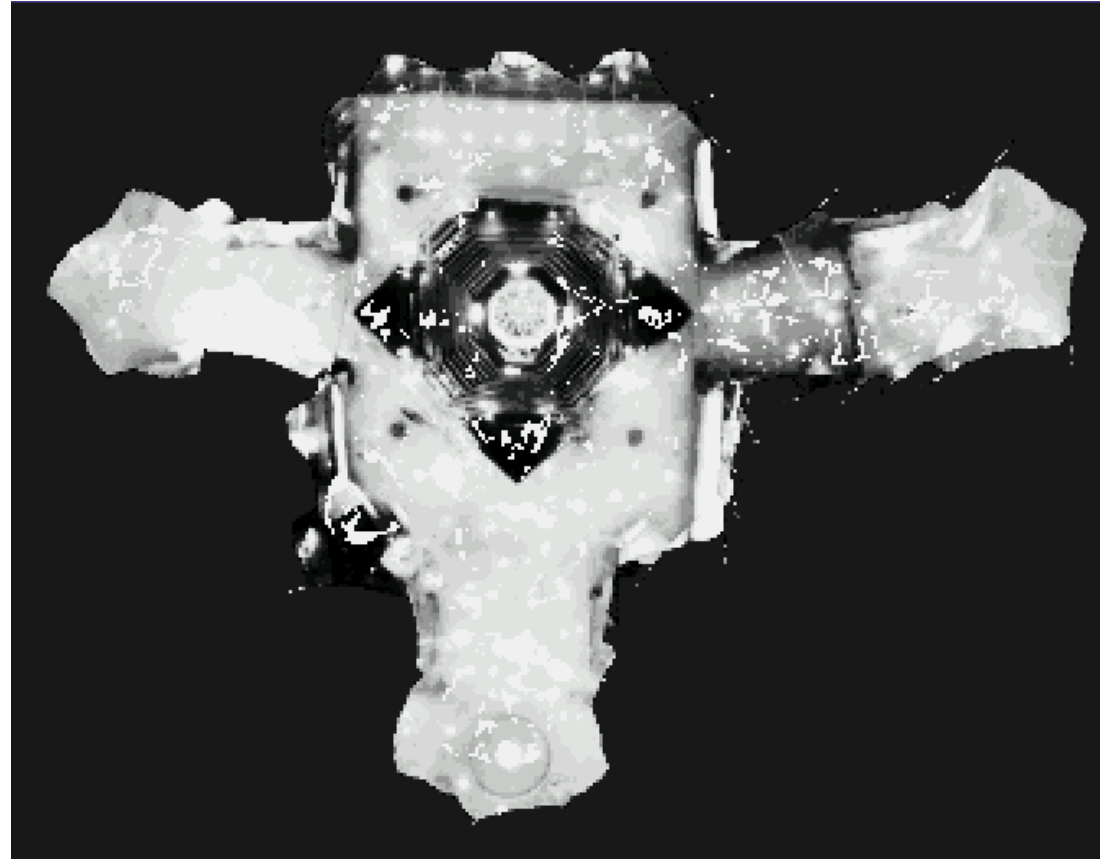




Measurement  $z$ :



$P(z/x)$ :





# Global Localization Using Vision

