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# Reasoning and Decision Making under Uncertainty

## Classification with Context and Sensor Fusion

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# Classification with Context

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## ► Basic idea of “context”

- Intuitively, it is obvious that classification in the context of multiple patterns should be possible with smaller error than classifying each pattern individually
  - Speech signals
  - Handwritten text
  - Other patterns embedded in a temporal or spatial context

- We now consider a sequence of features

$$\mathbf{C} = (^1\mathbf{c}, ^2\mathbf{c}, \dots, ^N\mathbf{c})$$

and the corresponding sequence of classes

$$\mathbf{\Omega} = (^1\Omega, ^2\Omega, \dots, ^N\Omega) \quad \text{with} \quad ^i\Omega \in \{\Omega_1, \Omega_2, \dots, \Omega_k\}$$

- We are looking for the best sequence of classes taking into account all  $N$  decisions made

# Classification with Context

- Obviously the Bayes classifier can be applied to a sequence of features and classes

$$p(\mathbf{\Omega}|\mathbf{C}) = \frac{p(\mathbf{\Omega})p(\mathbf{C}|\mathbf{\Omega})}{p(\mathbf{C})}$$

- Problem here: computational complexity

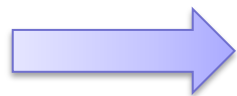
- There are  $k^N$  values of the a priori probabilities and  $k^N$  densities of  $nN$ -dimensional vectors
- First simplification: Feature vectors are statistically independent

$$p(\mathbf{C}|\mathbf{\Omega}) = \prod_{\rho=1}^N p({}^{\rho}\mathbf{c}|{}^{\rho}\mathbf{\Omega} = \mathbf{\Omega}_{\kappa})$$

Reduces to  $k$  densities of dimension  $n$  instead of  $k^N$  densities of  $nN$ -dimensional vectors

- Second simplification: Class depends only on the direct predecessor (Markov property)

$$p(\mathbf{\Omega}) = p({}^1\mathbf{\Omega}, {}^2\mathbf{\Omega}, \dots, {}^N\mathbf{\Omega}) = \boxed{p({}^1\mathbf{\Omega})} \boxed{p({}^2\mathbf{\Omega}|{}^1\mathbf{\Omega})p({}^3\mathbf{\Omega}|{}^1\mathbf{\Omega}{}^2\mathbf{\Omega}) \dots p({}^N\mathbf{\Omega}|{}^1\mathbf{\Omega} \dots {}^{N-1}\mathbf{\Omega})}$$



$$p(\mathbf{\Omega}) = \boxed{p({}^1\mathbf{\Omega})} \boxed{p({}^2\mathbf{\Omega}|{}^1\mathbf{\Omega})p({}^3\mathbf{\Omega}|{}^2\mathbf{\Omega}) \dots p({}^N\mathbf{\Omega}|{}^{N-1}\mathbf{\Omega})}$$

- Only  $k^2$  **transition probabilities** and  $k$  **probabilities** (instead of  $k^N$ ) left

# Classification with Context

- Finally, the initial equation “simplifies” to

$$p(\boldsymbol{\Omega}|\boldsymbol{C}) = \frac{1}{p(\boldsymbol{C})} p(\boldsymbol{\Omega}) p(\boldsymbol{C}|\boldsymbol{\Omega}) = \eta p(^1\Omega) \left( \prod_{\rho=2}^N p(^{\rho}\Omega|^{\rho-1}\Omega) \right) \left( \prod_{\rho=1}^N p(^{\rho}\boldsymbol{c}|^{\rho}\Omega = \Omega_{\kappa}) \right)$$

- Better numerical properties are obtained using the logarithmized version

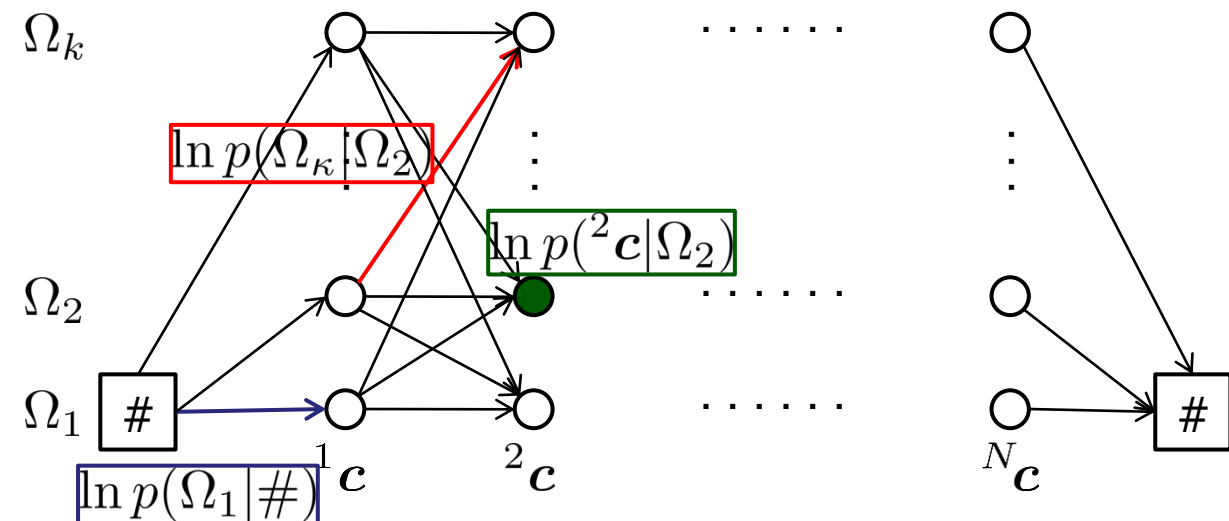
$$\ln p(\boldsymbol{\Omega}|\boldsymbol{C}) = \ln p(^1\Omega) + \sum_{\rho=2}^N \ln p(^{\rho}\Omega|^{\rho-1}\Omega) + \sum_{\rho=1}^N \ln p(^{\rho}\boldsymbol{c}|^{\rho}\Omega = \Omega_{\kappa})$$

- Do we know these densities and their parameters?

$$p(^{\rho}\boldsymbol{c}|\Omega_{\kappa}) \qquad p(\Omega_{\kappa}|\Omega_{\lambda})$$

# Classification with Context

- Solution of the context problem: Viterbi algorithm
  - Set up network for all feature vectors and all possible classes:  $kN$  nodes
  - Each node represents observation of a feature vector under the assumption of a class
    - Assign weights to all nodes:  $\ln p(\rho \mathbf{c} | \Omega_\kappa)$
  - Each edge between two nodes represents the assumption that one class follows another class
    - Assign weights to all edges:  $\ln p(\Omega_\kappa | \Omega_\lambda)$
  - Sequence of features is delimited by a special symbol #
    - Can assign weights to start and end of sequence
  - Each sequence of classes for the sequence  $\mathcal{C}$  corresponds to a path through the net
    - Weight of the path is sum of edge and node weights
    - Optimal path through the net is the one with maximum weight
  - Viterbi algorithm calculates the optimal path using principle of dynamic programming



# Classification with Context

- Viterbi algorithm [Vit67]

FOR  $\kappa = 1$  TO  $N$

FOR  $\lambda = 1$  TO  $k$

Calculate  $G_{\lambda,\rho} = \ln p({}^\rho c | \Omega_\lambda) + \max_{j \in \{1, \dots, k\}} (G_{j,\rho-1} + \ln p(\Omega_\lambda | \Omega_j))$

Special treatment for  $\rho = 1$

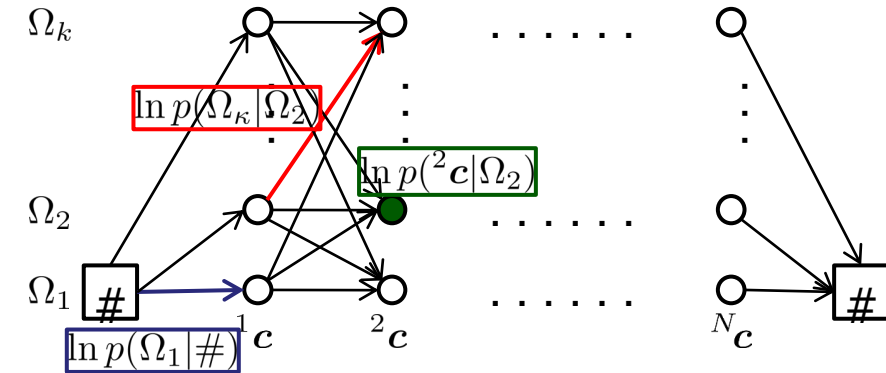
$$\max_j (G_{j,\rho-1} + \ln p(\Omega_\lambda | \Omega_j)) = \ln p(\Omega_\lambda | \#) = \ln p(\Omega_\lambda)$$

Store index of the predecessor node leading to the maximum of  $G_{\lambda,\rho}$

The last column contains  $k$  weights. Calculate largest weight

$$G_{\kappa,N} = \max_{\lambda} G_{\lambda,N}$$

Determine path with maximum weight by tracing stored indexes from end node to start node: Sequence of these nodes is  $\Omega$





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# Classification with Context – Hidden Markov Model

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- What we came across with the Viterbi algorithm is better known under the term

(Hidden) Markov Model (HMM)

- Getting closer to the common view of HMMs we need to broaden the mathematical perspective
- Change of notation from now on
  - We generalize our features to observations  $c \rightarrow o$
  - We generalize classes to states (may be continuous)  $\Omega \rightarrow q$
  - States can only be estimated, they can never be observed, they are hidden (latent variables)
  - States differ in some important properties from classes
    - A state is usually multivariate and sometimes continuous
    - A state represents a more comprehensive description of the world
- Notation of time-sequential states and observations

$$\langle \mathbf{q} \rangle_t = \mathbf{q}_t, \mathbf{q}_{t-1}, \dots, \mathbf{q}_0$$

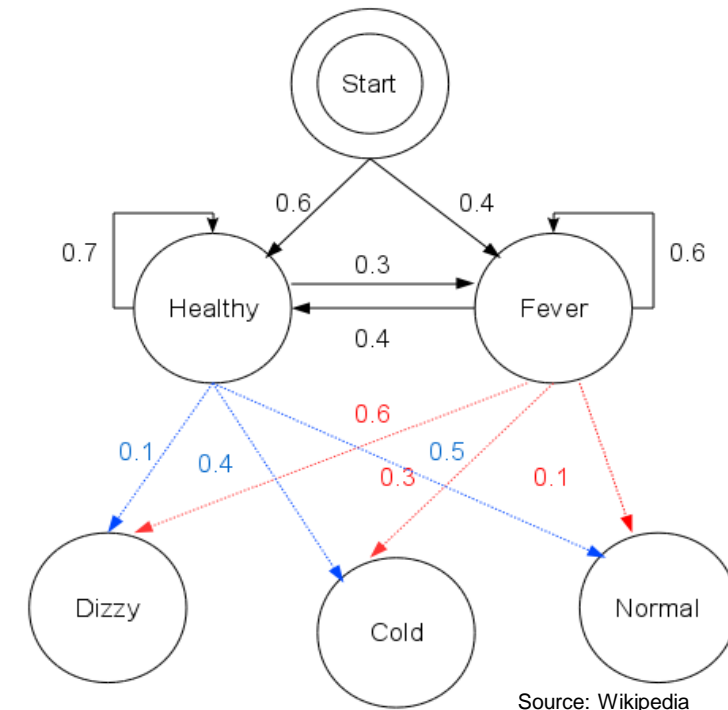
$$\langle \mathbf{o} \rangle_t = \mathbf{o}_t, \mathbf{o}_{t-1}, \dots, \mathbf{o}_0$$

# Classification with Context – Hidden Markov Model

- The context equation now changes to

$$\begin{aligned} p(\mathbf{q}_t, \mathbf{q}_{t-1}, \dots, \mathbf{q}_0 | \mathbf{o}_t, \mathbf{o}_{t-1}, \dots, \mathbf{o}_0) &= p(\langle \mathbf{q} \rangle_t | \langle \mathbf{o} \rangle_t) \\ &= \frac{p(\langle \mathbf{q} \rangle_t) p(\langle \mathbf{o} \rangle_t | \langle \mathbf{q} \rangle_t)}{p(\langle \mathbf{o} \rangle_t)} \\ &= \eta \prod_t p(\mathbf{q}_t | \mathbf{q}_{t-1}) \prod_t p(\mathbf{o}_t | \mathbf{q}_t) \end{aligned}$$

- What about  $p(\mathbf{q}_0 | \mathbf{q}_{-1})$  ?
- In the context of HMM the “transition probabilities” are based mostly on discrete states
  - Just like our discrete classes from above
  - This leads to a transition matrix that contains all the transition probabilities
  - But: we do not want to restrict to discrete states
- In the context of HMM the observations are discrete most of the time
  - At each time any of the (finite) observations can occur
  - This leads to an observation matrix that contains the probabilities for an observation under the condition of a specific current state
  - But: we do not want to restrict to discrete observations



# Classification with Context – Hidden Markov Model

- Known states:  $s_1 = \text{Healthy}$ ,  $s_2 = \text{Fever}$
- Known observations:  $v_1 = \text{Dizzy}$ ,  $v_2 = \text{Cold}$ ,  $v_3 = \text{Normal}$

- Start probabilities

$$\pi = (0.6 \quad 0.4) \quad \pi_i = p(q_0 = s_i)$$

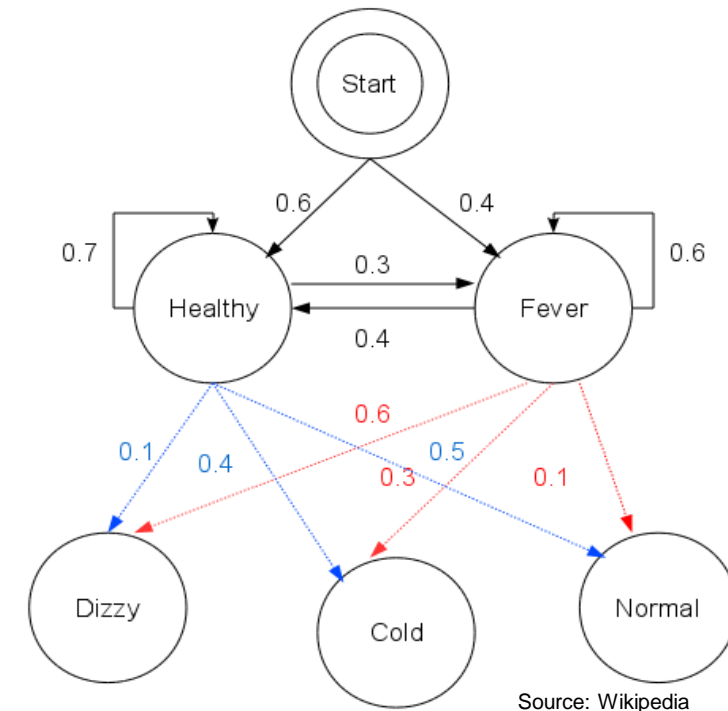
- State transition probabilities written as matrix

$$\mathbf{T} = \begin{pmatrix} 0.7 & 0.3 \\ 0.6 & 0.4 \end{pmatrix} \quad t_{ij} = p(q_t = s_j | q_{t-1} = s_i)$$

- Output probabilities (emission probabilities) written as matrix

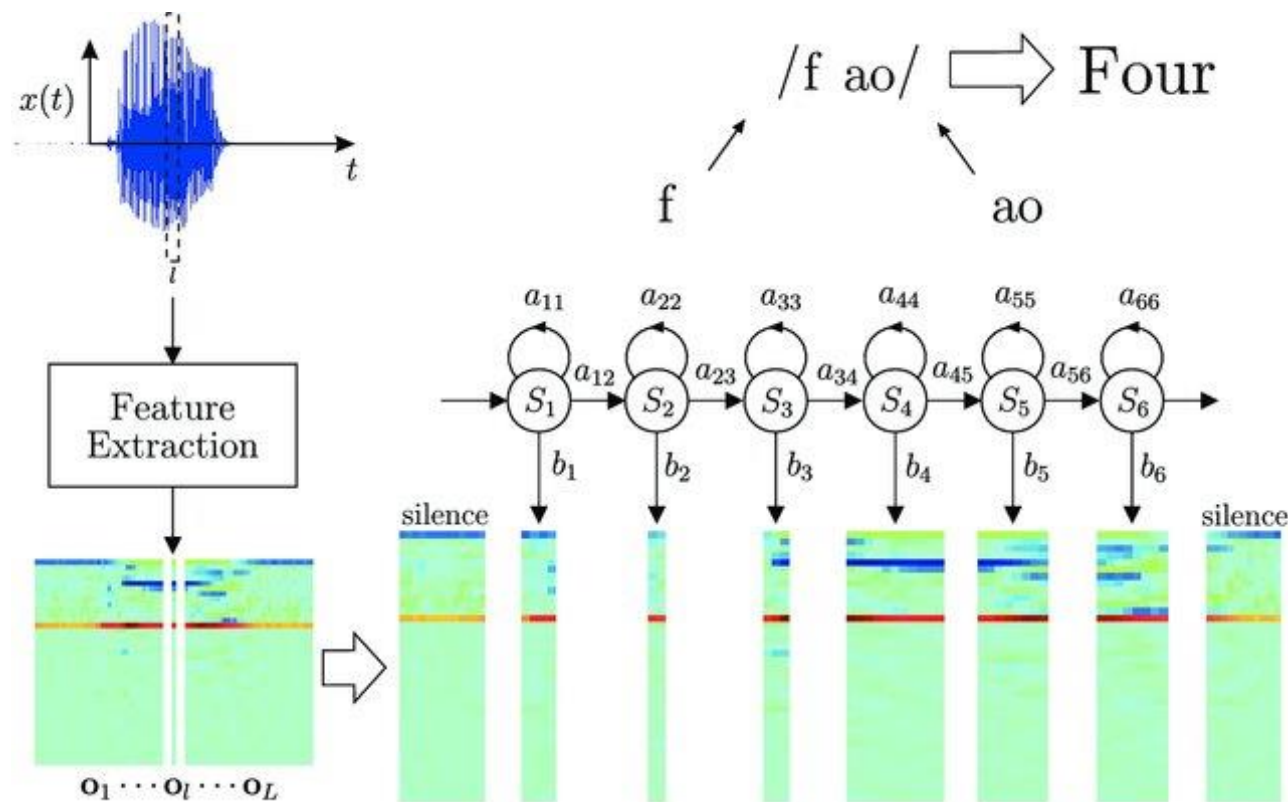
$$\mathbf{E} = \begin{pmatrix} 0.1 & 0.4 & 0.5 \\ 0.6 & 0.3 & 0.1 \end{pmatrix} \quad e_{ij} = p(o_t = v_j | q_t = s_i) = e_i(j)$$

- Example state sequence  $\langle q \rangle_4 = (\text{Healthy}, \text{Healthy}, \text{Fever}, \text{Fever}, \text{Healthy})$
- Example observation sequence  $\langle o \rangle_4 = (\text{Cold}, \text{Dizzy}, \text{Dizzy}, \text{Normal}, \text{Cold})$



# Classification with Context – Hidden Markov Model

- Classification with discrete observations and discrete states makes sense for many applications
  - Example: speech recognition
    - Observation in HMM model: short-term spectra of the speech signal
    - (Hidden) state in HMM model: semantic units (e.g. phonemes in speech recognition)
    - HMM model used to detect sequence of semantic units in the sequential data



Source: Ramon Fernandez Astudillo, Integration of Short-Time Fourier Domain Speech Enhancement and Observation Uncertainty Techniques for Robust Automatic Speech Recognition, DOI: 10.14279/depositonce-2483

# Classification with Context – Hidden Markov Model

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- Important HMM concepts
  - Filtering problem
    - Given a HMM and an observation sequence of length  $T$
    - Looking for the probability that the instantaneous hidden state at the last time  $T$  is some specific state
    - An efficient method for solving the filtering problem is the **forward algorithm**
  - Prediction problem
    - Given a HMM and an observation sequence of length  $T$
    - We are looking for the probability that the HMM will be in a specific hidden state at future time  $T + t$  ( $t$  time-steps ahead in the future)
    - Prediction is repeated filtering without new observations
    - An efficient method for solving the prediction problem is the **forward algorithm**
  - Smoothing problem
    - Given a HMM and an observation sequence of length  $T$
    - We are looking for the probability that the model was in a certain state at a previous time  $T - t$
    - Smoothing uses future observations
    - An efficient method for solving the smoothing problem is the **forward-backward algorithm**

# Classification with Context – Hidden Markov Model

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- Decoding problem
  - Given an HMM and an observation sequence
  - Determine the most probable sequence of states that could have produced a given output sequence
  - An efficient method for solving the decoding problem is the **Viterbi algorithm**
- Learning problem
  - Given only an observation sequence
  - Determine the parameters of an HMM that are most likely to produce the output sequence
  - An efficient method for solving the decoding problem is the **Baum-Welch algorithm** (specialized EM-Algorithm)

# Classification with Context – Hidden Markov Model

- Forward algorithm

- Probability in the given HMM to make series of observations  $\langle o \rangle_T$

1. Initialization for all known states  $j$  at first time step 0

$$\alpha_0(j) = \pi_j e_j(o_0)$$

2. Recursion for a all known states  $j$  and time steps  $t$

$$\alpha_t(j) = e_j(o_t) \sum_i \alpha_{t-1}(i) t_{ij}$$

3. Termination

$$p(\langle o \rangle_T | \boldsymbol{\pi}, \mathbf{T}, \mathbf{E}) = \sum_i \alpha_T(i)$$

$$\pi_i = p(q_0 = s_i)$$

$$t_{ij} = p(q_t = s_j | q_{t-1} = s_i)$$

$$e_{ij} = p(o_t = v_j | q_t = s_i) = e_i(j)$$



# Classification with Context – Hidden Markov Model

- Backward algorithm

- Probability of partial observation sequence from  $t+1$  to end  $T$ , given state at time  $t$

1. Initialization for all known states  $i$  at last time step  $T$

$$\beta_T(i) = 1 \quad \forall i$$

2. Recursion for a all known states  $i$  and time steps  $t$

$$\beta_t(i) = \sum_j t_{ij} e_j(o_{t+1}) \beta_{t+1}(j)$$

3. Termination

$$p(\langle o \rangle_T | \boldsymbol{\pi}, \mathbf{T}, \mathbf{E}) = \sum_j \pi_j e_j(o_0) \beta_0(j)$$

$$\pi_i = p(q_0 = s_i)$$

$$t_{ij} = p(q_t = s_j | q_{t-1} = s_i)$$

$$e_{ij} = p(o_t = v_j | q_t = s_i) = e_i(j)$$

# Classification with Context – Hidden Markov Model

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- Using forward and backward variables for solving the smoothing problem
  - Probability that the model was in a certain state at a previous time if complete sequence of observations is available
  - Use combination of forward and backward variables
- Matrix  $S$  aggregates these probabilities for all states and time steps

$$s_{it} = \alpha_t(i)\beta_t(i) = s_t(i)$$

# Classification with Context – Hidden Markov Model

- Viterbi algorithm

- Find the most probable sequence of states given a series of observations

1. Initialization for all known states  $j$  at first time step 0

$$v_0(j) = \pi_j e_j(o_0)$$

$$b_0(j) = 0$$

2. Recursion for all known states  $j$  and time steps  $t$

$$v_t(j) = \max_i v_{t-1}(i) t_{ij} e_j(o_t)$$

$$b_t(j) = \operatorname{argmax}_i v_{t-1}(i) t_{ij} e_j(o_t)$$

3. Termination

- Best possible score:  $\max_i v_T(i)$

- Start of backtrace:  $\operatorname{argmax}_i v_T(i)$

$$\pi_i = p(q_0 = s_i)$$

$$t_{ij} = p(q_t = s_j | q_{t-1} = s_i)$$

$$e_{ij} = p(o_t = v_j | q_t = s_i) = e_i(j)$$

# Classification with Context – Hidden Markov Model

- Baum-Welch Algorithm

- Finds/calculates the parameters  $\pi, \mathbf{T}, \mathbf{E}$  of the HMM
- Initialization parameters  $\pi, \mathbf{T}, \mathbf{E}$  of the HMM randomly or with prior knowledge
- Compute forward and backward variables:  $\alpha_t(j), \beta_t(i)$
- Remember that

$$p(\langle o \rangle_T | \pi, \mathbf{T}, \mathbf{E}) = \sum_i \alpha_T(i) = \sum_j \pi_j e_j(o_0) \beta_0(j)$$

$$\pi_i = p(q_0 = s_i)$$

$$t_{ij} = p(q_t = s_j | q_{t-1} = s_i)$$

$$e_{ij} = p(o_t = v_j | q_t = s_i) = e_i(j)$$

# Classification with Context – Hidden Markov Model

- EM-Algorithm: Iterate until convergence

- E-step

- Probability of being in state  $s_i$  at time  $t$ , given observation sequence and model

$$\gamma_t(i) = p(q_t = s_i | \langle o \rangle_T, \boldsymbol{\pi}, \mathbf{T}, \mathbf{E}) = \frac{\alpha_t(i)\beta_t(i)}{p(\langle o \rangle_T | \boldsymbol{\pi}, \mathbf{T}, \mathbf{E})}$$

- Probability of being in state  $s_i$  at time  $t$  and state  $s_j$  at time  $t+1$ , given observation sequence and model

$$\xi_t(i, j) = p(q_t = s_i, q_{t+1} = s_j | \langle o \rangle_T, \boldsymbol{\pi}, \mathbf{T}, \mathbf{E}) = \frac{\alpha_t(i)t_{ij}e_j(o_{t+1})\beta_{t+1}(j)}{p(\langle o \rangle_T | \boldsymbol{\pi}, \mathbf{T}, \mathbf{E})}$$

- This satisfies the relationship

$$\gamma_t(i) = \sum_j \xi_t(i, j)$$

$$\pi_i = p(q_0 = s_i)$$

$$t_{ij} = p(q_t = s_j | q_{t-1} = s_i)$$

$$e_{ij} = p(o_t = v_j | q_t = s_i) = e_i(j)$$

# Classification with Context – Hidden Markov Model

- M-step
  - Update state transition probabilities

$$t_{ij} = \frac{\sum_{t=0}^{T-1} \xi_t(i, j)}{\sum_{t=0}^{T-1} \sum_k \xi_t(i, k)}$$

- Update emission probabilities

$$e_j(k) = \frac{\sum_{t=0}^T f(o_t, v_k) \gamma_t(j)}{\sum_{t=0}^T \gamma_t(j)}$$
$$f(a, b) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } a = b \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

- Convergence criteria: maximize likelihood

# Classification with Context – Hidden Markov Model

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- Baum-Welch algorithm so far estimates parameters from only **one** sequence of observations
  - Many observation sequences are used for practical implementations
  - E-step: Estimate  $\gamma$  and  $\xi$  for every single observation
  - M-step: Average over updates for transition and emission probabilities
- All terms in the estimation process are significantly less than 1.0
  - Products and summations converge to 0.0 very quickly (the larger  $T$  becomes, the faster the calculations will converge towards 0.0)
  - Precision of computation of forward/backward variables will exceed the floating-point accuracy of CPU
- Solution is a proper scaling of forward and backward variables
  - See eLearning: Dawei Shen. "Some Mathematics for HMM"

# Classification with Context – Sensor Fusion

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## ► Disadvantages Forward Algorithm and Viterbi Algorithm

- All observations must be available at the time of calculation
- Disadvantage 1: Stepwise integration of new information not possible

$$p(\langle \mathbf{q}_t \rangle | \langle \mathbf{o}_t \rangle) = \eta \prod_t p(\mathbf{q}_t | \mathbf{q}_{t-1}) \prod_t p(\mathbf{o}_t | \mathbf{q}_t)$$

- Need to have all observations available
  - Calculation goes over complete sequence of observations
- Disadvantage 2: Need to find proper family of densities that describes scenario
    - In common HMM applications this is often achieved by discrete transitions and discrete observations



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# Recursive Density Estimation

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► More general approach: recursive density estimation

- Start again with same Bayes classifier as before
- Limit our interest to an estimate of the state at the current time

$$p(\langle \mathbf{q} \rangle_t | \langle \mathbf{o} \rangle_t) = p(\mathbf{q}_t | \langle \mathbf{o} \rangle_t)$$

- Previous states have already been calculated

- This can be rewritten as

$$p(\langle \mathbf{q} \rangle_t | \langle \mathbf{o} \rangle_t) = p(\mathbf{q}_t | \langle \mathbf{o} \rangle_t) = p(\mathbf{o}_t | \mathbf{q}_t) \int p(\mathbf{q}_t | \mathbf{q}_{t-1}) p(\mathbf{q}_{t-1} | \langle \mathbf{o} \rangle_{t-1}) d\mathbf{q}_{t-1}$$

# Recursive Density Estimation

- Components of the recursive formulation

$$p(\mathbf{q}_t | \langle \mathbf{o} \rangle_t) = p(\mathbf{o}_t | \mathbf{q}_t) \int p(\mathbf{q}_t | \mathbf{q}_{t-1}) p(\mathbf{q}_{t-1} | \langle \mathbf{o} \rangle_{t-1}) d\mathbf{q}_{t-1}$$

- **Estimate density for state at current time:** Old information is not of interest in dynamic environment
  - **Recursive part** contains all information up to the last time step. Recursion until time step 0 is reached
  - **State transition** contains information about system dynamics
  - **Observation** integrates new information/observations/patterns
- Disadvantage 1 solved: Stepwise integration of new information now possible
    - Only density from last time step, system dynamics (known) and current observation is needed at any time

# Recursive Density Estimation

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- Disadvantage 2: There are different solutions

$$p(\mathbf{q}_t | \langle \mathbf{o} \rangle_t) = p(\mathbf{o}_t | \mathbf{q}_t) \int p(\mathbf{q}_t | \mathbf{q}_{t-1}) p(\mathbf{q}_{t-1} | \langle \mathbf{o} \rangle_{t-1}) d\mathbf{q}_{t-1}$$

- It is always only a matter of implementing the above formula
- We are looking for ways to describe these densities
- Will discuss two techniques
  - Kalman Filter
  - Particle Filter

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# Kalman Filter

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## ► Realization of Recursive Density Estimation: Kalman Filter

- Dynamic environments rely on interaction with the environment

- Introduce (control) actions  $\mathbf{a}$  in addition to observations
- Extend recursive formula by actions

$$p(\mathbf{q}_t | \langle \mathbf{o} \rangle_t, \langle \mathbf{a} \rangle_{t-1}) = p(\mathbf{o}_t | \mathbf{q}_t) \int p(\mathbf{q}_t | \mathbf{q}_{t-1}, \mathbf{a}_{t-1}) p(\mathbf{q}_{t-1} | \langle \mathbf{o} \rangle_{t-1}, \langle \mathbf{a} \rangle_{t-2}) d\mathbf{q}_{t-1}$$

- State is thus dependent on
  - Observations: passive component, has no own influence on the environment, only observes the environment
  - Actions: our own commands for interaction with the environment, own decision, if no actions exist then omit them

- Kalman filter has two major requirements

- Linear state transition
- Normally distributed densities

# Kalman Filter

$$p(\mathbf{q}_t | \langle \mathbf{o} \rangle_t, \langle \mathbf{a} \rangle_{t-1}) = p(\mathbf{o}_t | \mathbf{q}_t) \int p(\mathbf{q}_t | \mathbf{q}_{t-1}, \mathbf{a}_{t-1}) p(\mathbf{q}_{t-1} | \langle \mathbf{o} \rangle_{t-1}, \langle \mathbf{a} \rangle_{t-2}) d\mathbf{q}_{t-1}$$

- Kalman requirement: linear state transition
  - Realization of

$$p(\mathbf{q}_t | \mathbf{q}_{t-1}, \mathbf{a}_{t-1})$$

with linear state transition

$$\mathbf{q}_t = \mathbf{A}_t \mathbf{q}_{t-1} + \mathbf{B}_t \mathbf{a}_{t-1} + \epsilon_t$$

Normally distributed  
random variable with  
covariance matrix  $\mathbf{Q}$

and normally distributed uncertainty leads to density:

$$p(\mathbf{q}_t | \mathbf{q}_{t-1}, \mathbf{a}_{t-1}) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\det(2\pi\mathbf{Q}_t)}} \exp \left( -\frac{(\mathbf{q}_t - (\mathbf{A}_t \mathbf{q}_{t-1} + \mathbf{B}_t \mathbf{a}_{t-1}))^T \mathbf{Q}_t^{-1} (\mathbf{q}_t - (\mathbf{A}_t \mathbf{q}_{t-1} + \mathbf{B}_t \mathbf{a}_{t-1}))}{2} \right)$$

# Kalman Filter

$$p(\mathbf{q}_t | \langle \mathbf{o} \rangle_t, \langle \mathbf{a} \rangle_{t-1}) = p(\mathbf{o}_t | \mathbf{q}_t) \int p(\mathbf{q}_t | \mathbf{q}_{t-1}, \mathbf{a}_{t-1}) p(\mathbf{q}_{t-1} | \langle \mathbf{o} \rangle_{t-1}, \langle \mathbf{a} \rangle_{t-2}) d\mathbf{q}_{t-1}$$

- Kalman requirement: linear observation model
  - Realization of

$$p(\mathbf{o}_t | \mathbf{q}_t)$$

with linear observation model

$$\mathbf{o}_t = \mathbf{C}_t \mathbf{q}_t + \delta_t$$

Normally distributed  
random variable with  
covariance matrix  $\mathbf{R}$

and normally distributed uncertainty leads to density:

$$p(\mathbf{o}_t | \mathbf{q}_t) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\det(2\pi \mathbf{R}_t)}} \exp \left( -\frac{(\mathbf{o}_t - \mathbf{C}_t \mathbf{q}_t)^T \mathbf{R}_t^{-1} (\mathbf{o}_t - \mathbf{C}_t \mathbf{q}_t)}{2} \right)$$



# Kalman Filter

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- Famous Kalman algorithm [Kal60] is a realization of this linear state transition and linear observation model

- Need mean vector and covariance matrix of a normal distribution representing

$$p(\mathbf{q}_t | \mathbf{q}_{t-1}, \mathbf{a}_{t-1})$$

- Inputs for one iteration of the Kalman filter
  - Mean vector and covariance matrix of last iteration (last time step)
  - Current observation and action
- State at time 0 must be normally distributed
  - Need initial mean vector and covariance matrix

# Kalman Filter

$\text{Kalman}(\mu_{t-1}, \Sigma_{t-1}, o_t, a_{t-1})$

$$1. \mu'_t = A_t \mu_{t-1} + B_t a_{t-1}$$

$$2. \Sigma'_t = A_t \Sigma_{t-1} A_t^T + Q_t$$

$$3. K_t = \Sigma'_t C_t^T (C_t \Sigma'_t C_t^T + R_t)^{-1}$$

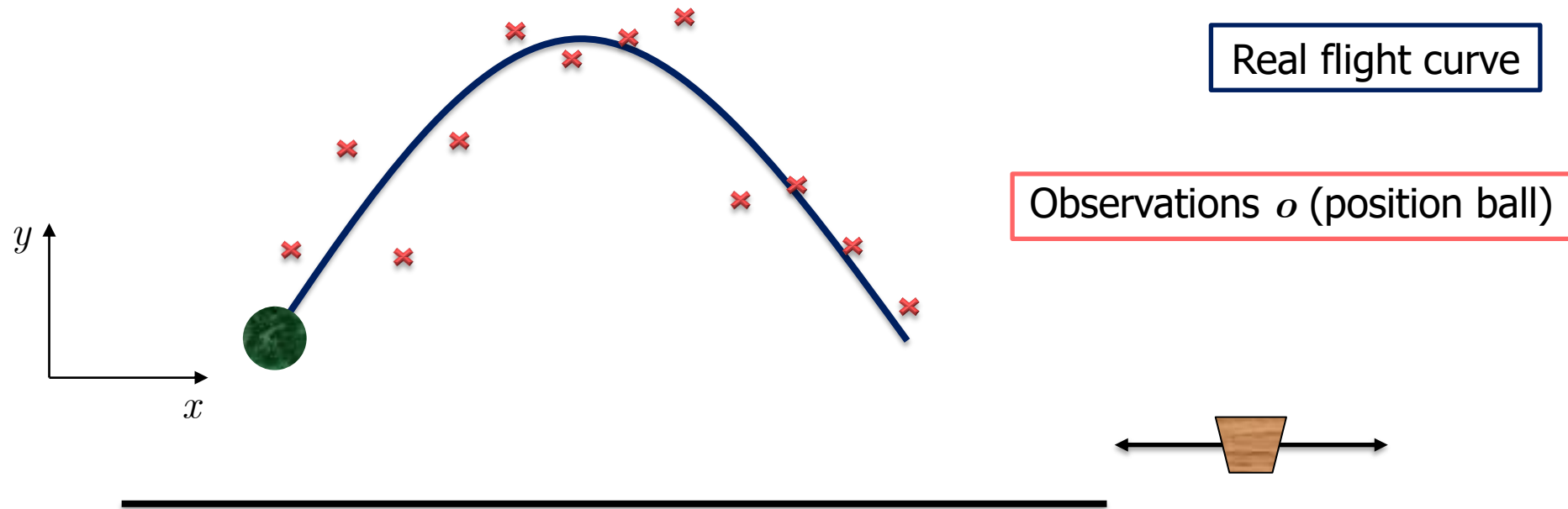
$$4. \mu_t = \mu'_t + K_t(o_t - C_t \mu'_t)$$

$$5. \Sigma_t = (I - K_t C_t) \Sigma'_t$$

- Important component: Kalman gain  $K$  [Thr05]
  - Degree/Weighting with which observation is integrated
  - Minimizes the expected, a posteriori error
  - Solves question: Greater confidence in prediction or in measurement of observation?

# Kalman Filter

- Example Kalman filter: parabolic throw



- Physical movement

$$x_{t+1} = x_t + v_x \Delta t$$

$$y_{t+1} = y_t + v_y \Delta t - 0.5g\Delta t^2$$

# Kalman Filter

- Required: transition and observation model

Transition model:

$$\mathbf{q}_t = \mathbf{A}_t \mathbf{q}_{t-1} + \mathbf{B}_t \mathbf{a}_{t-1} + \boldsymbol{\epsilon}_t$$

$$\mathbf{q}_t = \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ v_x \\ v_y \end{pmatrix}_t = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & \Delta t & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & \Delta t \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ v_x \\ v_y \end{pmatrix}_{t-1} + \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0.5\Delta t^2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \Delta t & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ -g \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}_{t-1} + \boldsymbol{\epsilon}_{t-1}$$

Observation model:

$$\mathbf{o}_t = \mathbf{C}_t \mathbf{q}_t + \boldsymbol{\delta}_t$$

$$\mathbf{o}_t = \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix}_t = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ v_x \\ v_y \end{pmatrix}_t + \boldsymbol{\delta}_t$$

# Kalman Filter

- Estimated mean vector corresponds to our state  $\mu = q$

- Arbitrary initial mean vector, e.g.

$$\mu_0 = (0, 0, 0, 0)^T$$

- Arbitrary initial covariance matrix, e.g.

$$\Sigma_0 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

- Action constant: acceleration due to gravity

$$a = (0, -g, 0)^T$$

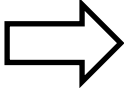
- Information about noise in  $Q$  and  $R$  depend on type of observation

Kalman( $\mu_{t-1}, \Sigma_{t-1}, o_t, a_{t-1}$ )

1.  $\mu'_t = A_t \mu_{t-1} + B_t a_{t-1}$
2.  $\Sigma'_t = A_t \Sigma_{t-1} A_t^T + Q_t$
3.  $K_t = \Sigma'_t C_t^T (C_t \Sigma'_t C_t^T + R_t)^{-1}$
4.  $\mu_t = \mu'_t + K_t (o_t - C_t \mu'_t)$
5.  $\Sigma_t = (I - K_t C_t) \Sigma'_t$

# Kalman Filter

- Limitations of the Kalman filter
  - Linear state transition and observation: unrealistic/wrong in most applications
    - Example: Robot moving on circular path cannot be described with linear motion model
  - Only unimodal, Gaussian distributed states can be modeled
  - Noise component limited
- Extended Kalman Filter (EKF)
  - Eliminates linearity requirement: nonlinear functions  $g$  and  $h$

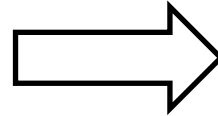
Kalman		EKF
$q_t = A_t q_{t-1} + B_t a_{t-1} + \epsilon_t$		$q_t = g(q_{t-1}, a_{t-1}) + \epsilon_t$
$o_t = C_t q_t + \delta_t$		$o_t = h(q_t) + \delta_t$

# Kalman Filter

- EKF idea: Linearization
  - Calculate a function that locally approximates a nonlinear function
  - There are many methods for linearization
    - Common idea: Take first both terms of the Taylor series expansion
    - Leads to usage of Jacobian  $G$  and  $H$  of the functions  $g$  and  $h$

Kalman( $\mu_{t-1}, \Sigma_{t-1}, o_t, a_{t-1}$ )

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EKF ( $\mu_{t-1}, \Sigma_{t-1}, o_t, a_{t-1}$ )

1.  $\mu'_t = g(\mu_{t-1}, a_{t-1})$
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3.  $K_t = \Sigma'_t H_t^T (H_t \Sigma'_t H_t^T + R_t)^{-1}$
4.  $\mu_t = \mu'_t + K_t (o_t - h(\mu_t)')$
5.  $\Sigma_t = (I - K_t H_t) \Sigma'_t$

- EKF still has serious limitations
  - Only unimodal, Gaussian distributed states can be modeled
  - Noise component limited

# Kalman Filter

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- There are many other methods that deal with these constraints
  - Unscented Kalman filter
    - For highly nonlinear state transitions and observation
    - Samples around mean vector
  - Information filter
  - Histogram filter
  - **Particle filter**



# Content and Overview

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- ▶ Classification with Context
  - Viterbi Algorithm
- ▶ Hidden Markov Models
  - Concepts: Filtering, Prediction, Smoothing, Decoding, Learning
- ▶ Recursive Density Estimation
  - Kalman Filter
  - Particle Filter

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# Particle Filter

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## ► Realization recursive density estimation: Particle Filter

- Can approximate any kind of complex densities
  - Not restricted to normal distributions
  - Non-parametric
  - Suitable for nonlinear problems
  - Solution possibility for recursive density estimation
  
- Need to look for solutions for two questions and find suitable components
  - Task 1: Unlimited possibility to model arbitrary densities
    - Solution: Particle Sets
    - Particle sets model densities
  
  - Task 2: Any system dynamics should be describable
    - Solution: Particle Filter
    - Particle filters model system dynamic

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# Particle Filter

- Task 1: Approximate single density by particle set

- Particle set consists of individual particles

$$S_t = \{s_t^1, s_t^2, \dots, s_t^n\}$$

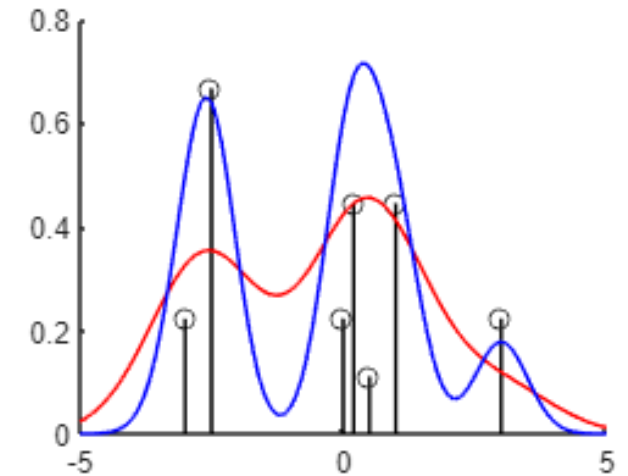
- Each particle contains necessary data  $s$  for modeling the state  $q$ , e.g. 2d position

$$s = q = (x, y)^T \quad s = \{s, w\} = \{(x, y)^T, w\}$$

- Each particle contains state information: application-dependent, usually same as  $q$
  - Each particle contains weighting  $w$  (think of it as probability of this particle)
- Each particle describes an evaluation of the density at a location in the state space
- Approximation of complete density from particle set

$$p(\mathbf{q}_t | \langle \mathbf{o} \rangle_t) \approx \sum_i w_t^i \delta(s_t^i - \mathbf{q}_t) \quad \sum_i w_t^i = 1$$

- Very similar to Parzen estimate, only additional weighting for particle (like in mixture distributions)
- If number of particles runs to infinity, window function  $\delta$  can be arbitrary small and density can be approximated with arbitrary accuracy



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# Particle Filter

- Task 2: Particle filter that handles system dynamics over time
  - Most important particle filter: Condensation Algorithm [Isa98]

## Condensation Algorithm

1. Create particle set  $S_0$  for initial density  $p(\mathbf{q}_0)$
2. Sample particles from  $S_{t-1}$  for new particle set  $S_t$
3. Propagate each particle from  $S_t$  with state transition model
4. Evaluate each particle from  $S_t$  with observation model
5. Repeat from (2.)

- There are many other particle filters [Dou01]

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# Particle Filter

- Initial particle set  $S_0$

## Condensation Algorithm

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- Mostly no prior knowledge about initial state available: Uniform distribution assumption for  $p(\mathbf{q}_0)$ 
  - Create initial particle set by distributing  $n$  particles uniformly over state space
- If prior knowledge available: Draw  $n$  particles from this distribution
- Set particle weights  $w_0^i = \frac{1}{n}$

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# Particle Filter

- Sample  $n$  particles from  $S_{t-1}$  and create new particle set  $S_t$

## How to sample new particles

- Create uniformly distributed random number [0.0 - 1.0]
- Find particles with matching cumulative range (random number within range)
- Copy particles into new particle set
- This is the same as sampling from multinomial distribution

Example:

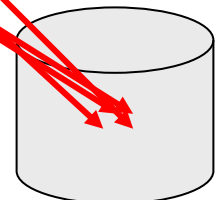
- Created random number: 0.92
- Created random number: 0.58
- Created random number: 0.89
- Created random number: 0.27

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Particle	Weight	Cumulative Range
$s_1$	0.1	0.0 – 0.1
$s_2$	0.3	0.1 – 0.4
$s_3$	0.45	0.4 – 0.85
$s_4$	0.15	0.85 – 1.0

$$S_t = \{s_4, s_3, s_4, s_2\}$$



New particle set

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# Particle Filter

- Propagate particles

- State transition model

$$p(\mathbf{q}_t | \mathbf{q}_{t-1}, \mathbf{a}_{t-1})$$

or

$$p(\mathbf{q}_t | \mathbf{q}_{t-1})$$

or

$$p(\mathbf{q}_t | \mathbf{q}_{t-1}, \mathbf{o}_{t-1})$$

or ...

- Goal: Adapt state data in particle due to (known or assumed) system dynamics
  - In general, state transition is not deterministic: sample from appropriate density

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# Particle Filter

- Evaluate particle

$$p(\mathbf{o}_t | \mathbf{q}_t)$$

- Set weight of each particle
  - Calculate new particle weight with classifier
  - Example for simple normal distribution classifier

$$w_t^i = p(\mathbf{o}_t | (x_t^i, y_t^i)^T) = \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{o}_t | (x_t^i, y_t^i)^T, \Sigma)$$

- Usually: Use your statistical classifier here
  - Calculate probability for each sample for the current, given observation
  - This is like evaluating density for feature vector  $\mathbf{o}$

- After evaluating all particles: Normalize weighting

$$w_t^i = \frac{w_t^i}{\sum_j w_t^j}$$

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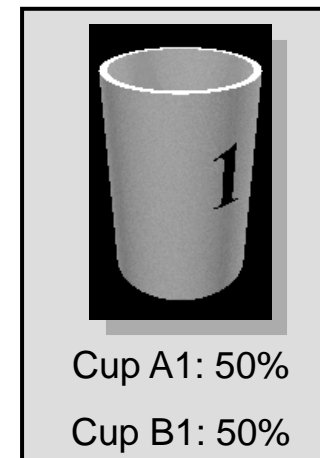
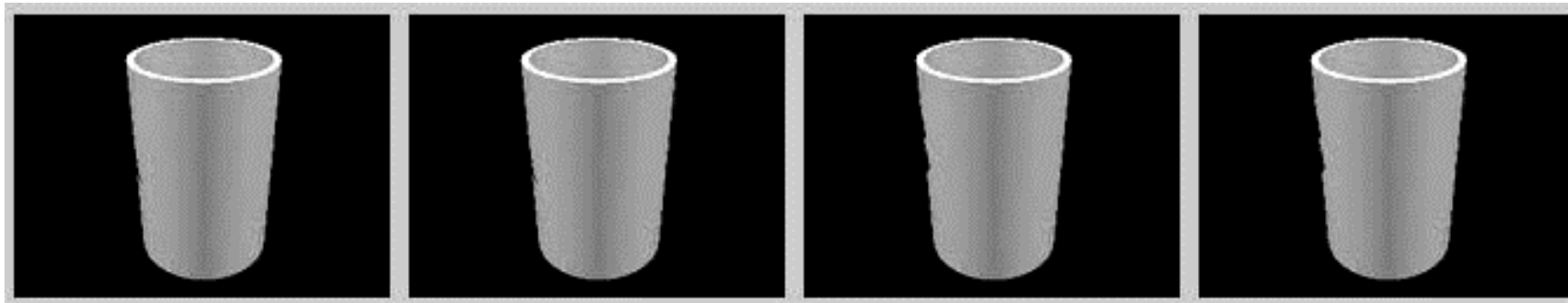
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# Particle Filter – Classification/Localization Example

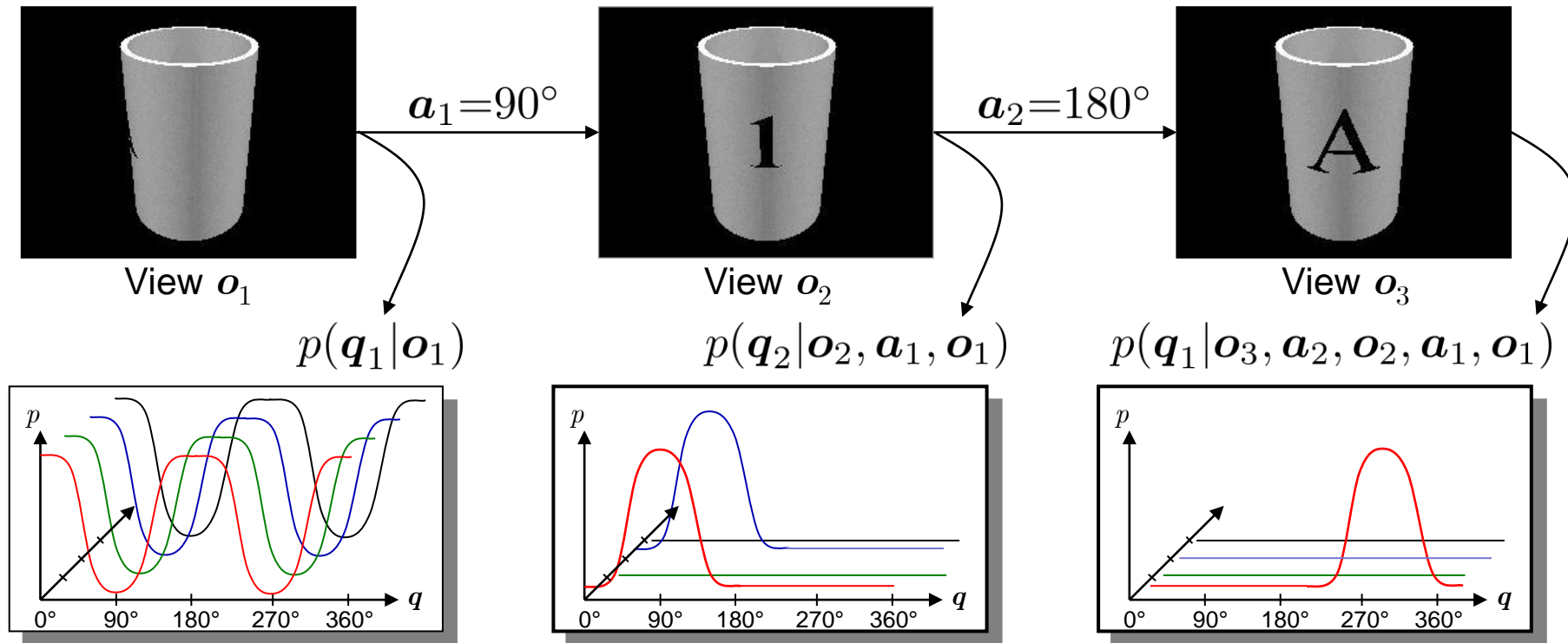
- Example particle filter: Classification
  - Recognize ambiguous objects [Dei01]



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# Particle Filter – Classification/Localization Example

- Example particle filter: Classification
  - Fusion of information from 3 images

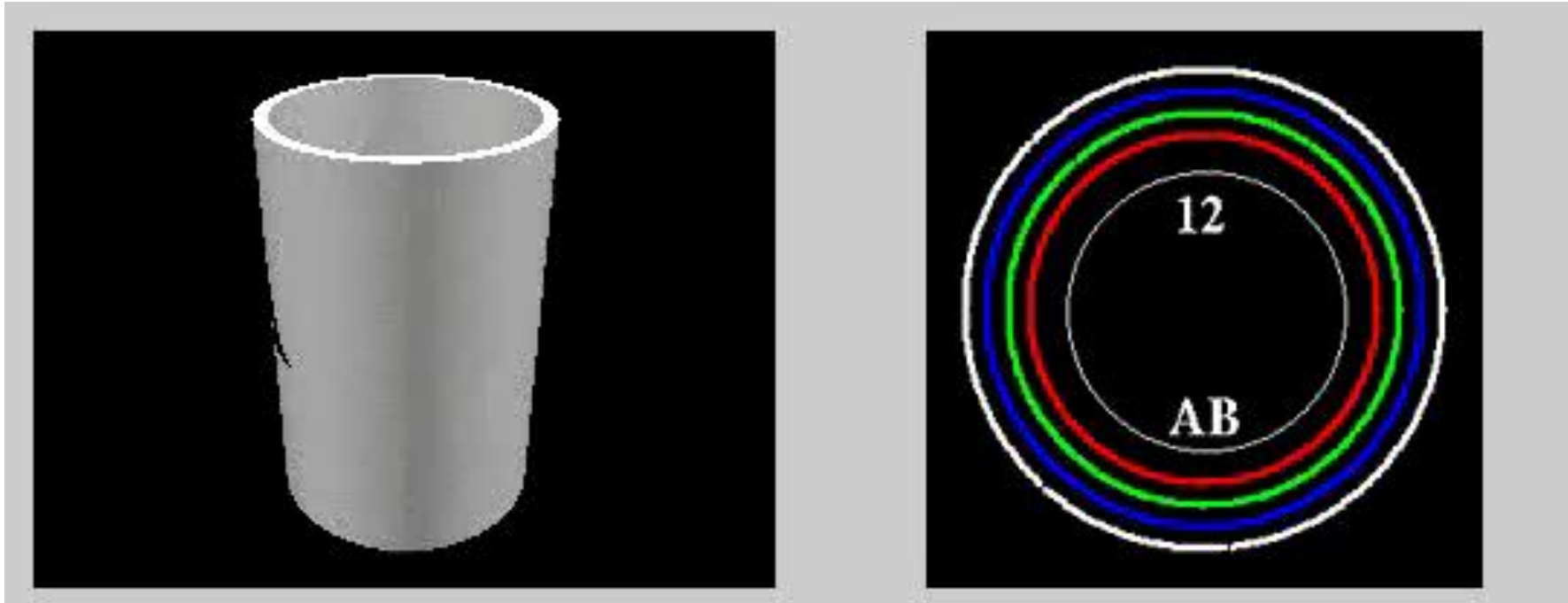


Cup A1, Cup A2, Cup B1, Cup B2

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# Particle Filter – Classification/Localization Example

- Example particle filter: Classification
  - Fusion of a sequence of many images [Dei01]



# Particle Filter – Medical Example (Angiography)

- Example particle filter: Medical Application in Angiography
  - 2-D X-ray imaging basis of many applications in interventional radiology
  - Specialized **C-arm** systems used for treatment of strokes, heart attacks, tumors



# Particle Filter – Medical Example (Angiography)

- Example particle filter: Medical Application in Angiography
  - 3-D interventional imaging essential technique nowadays
  - Information from 3D volume often not visible in 2D X-ray images
  - No real-time 3D imaging



# Particle Filter – Medical Example (Angiography)

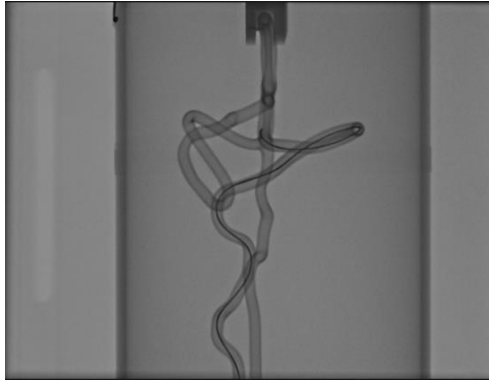
- Example particle filter: Medical Application in Angiography
  - Application: Overlay of rendered 3D volume
  - Preprocessing of 3D volume (e.g. remove unwanted anatomic details) possible
  - Overlaid volume will follow any C-arm system parameter changes and movements
  - Here: Treatment of an aneurysm



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# Particle Filter – Medical Example (Angiography)

- Example particle filter: Medical Application in Angiography
  - Track and reconstruct medical guidewire in patient vessel system [Brü09]



Sequence of  
X-ray images

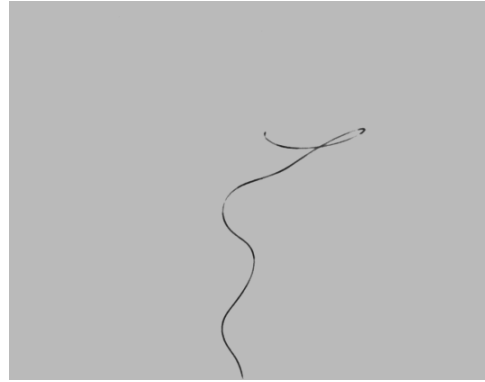


Image processing using  
mask images:  
only guidewire visible



3D reconstruction  
from CT-scanner

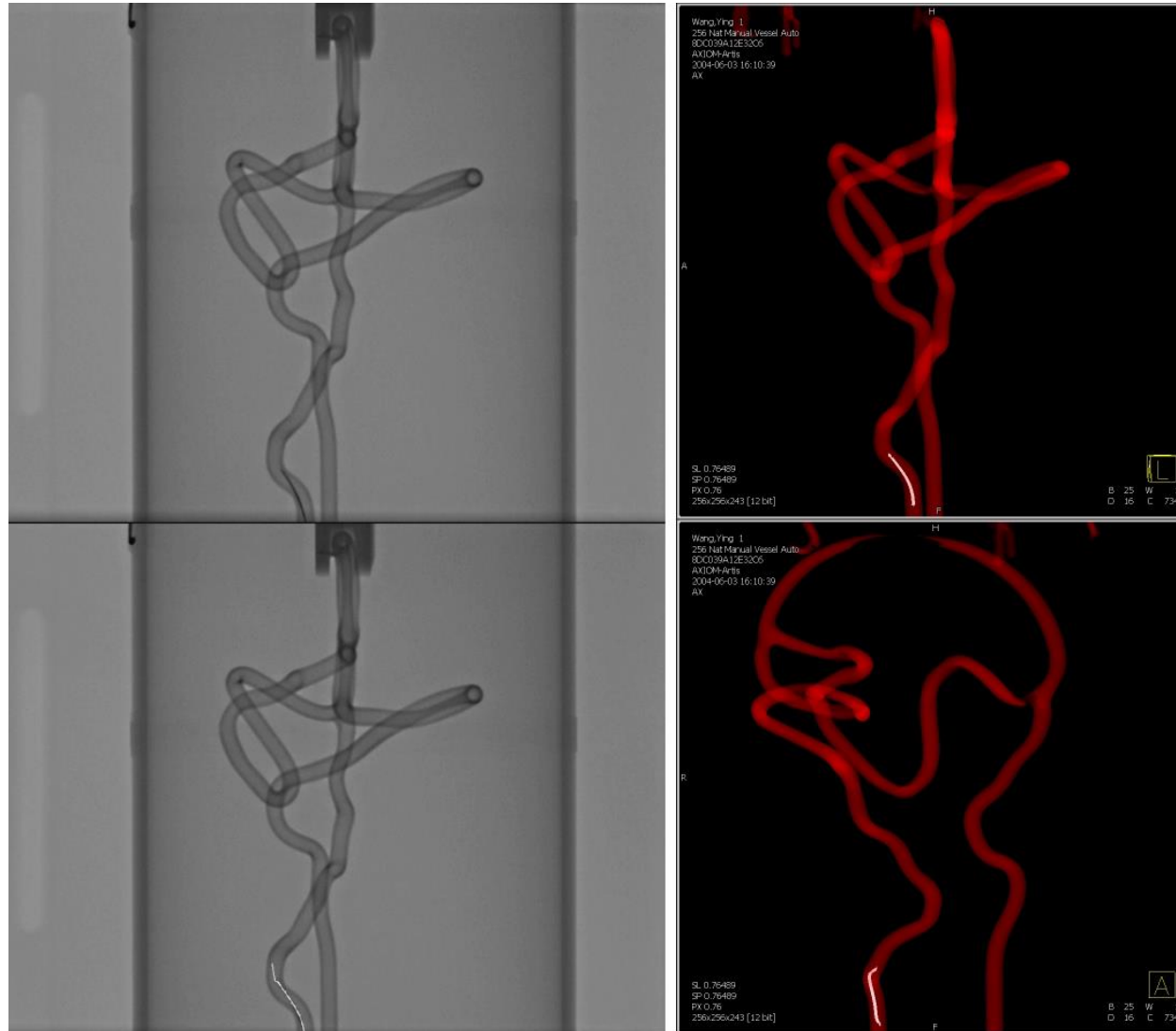
- Difficult problem in case of  
complex vessel systems





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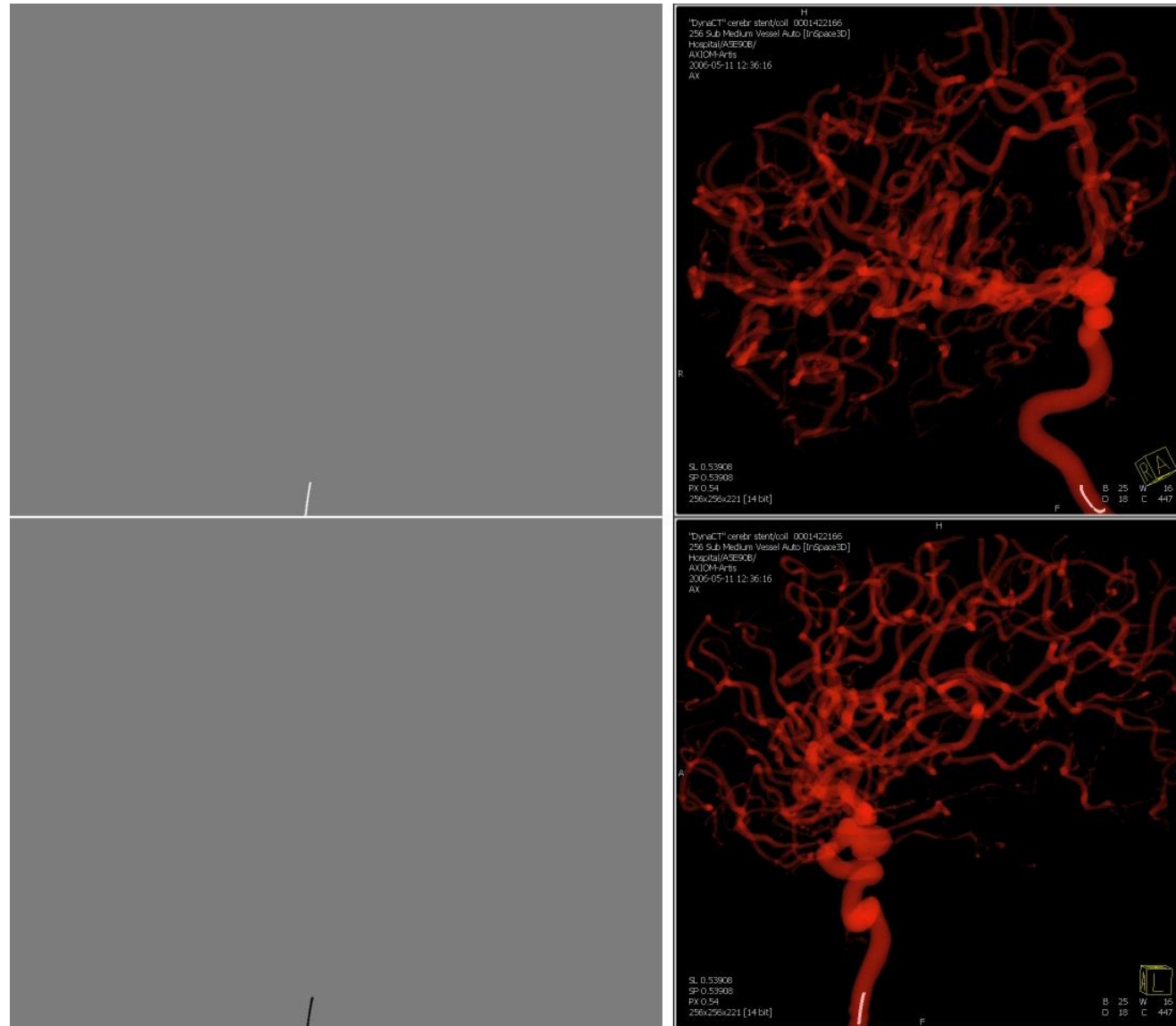
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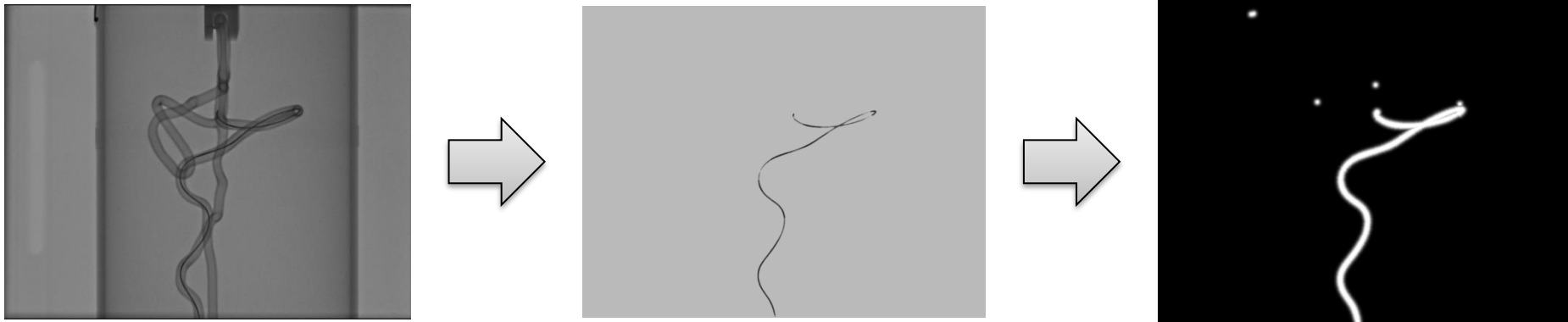
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# Particle Filter – Medical Example (Angiography)



# Particle Filter – Medical Example (Angiography)

- Example particle filter: Catheter Tracking
  - Use 3D coordinates as state  $\mathbf{q} = (x, y, z)^T$
  - Observation  $p(\mathbf{o}_t | \mathbf{q}_t)$
  - Use image difference (live image – mask image)  $\mathbf{o}_t$
  - Apply some kind of blurring → model inaccuracies
  - Density  $p(\mathbf{o}_t | \mathbf{q}_t)$  of observations depend on known projective geometry (just like for catheter tip)



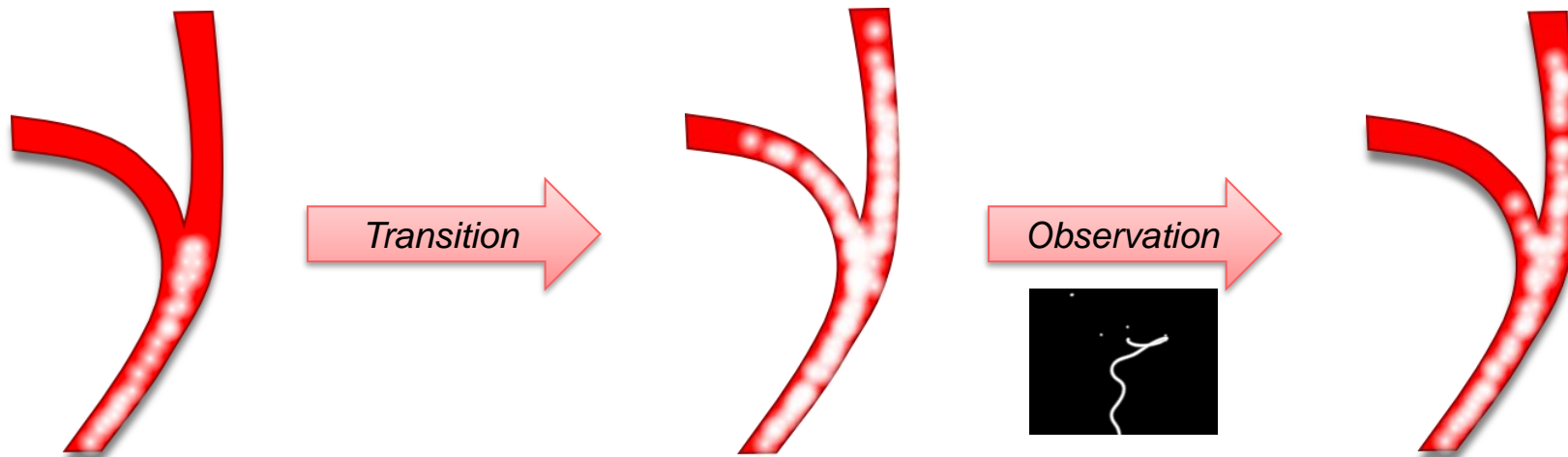
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- Example particle filter: Catheter Tracking

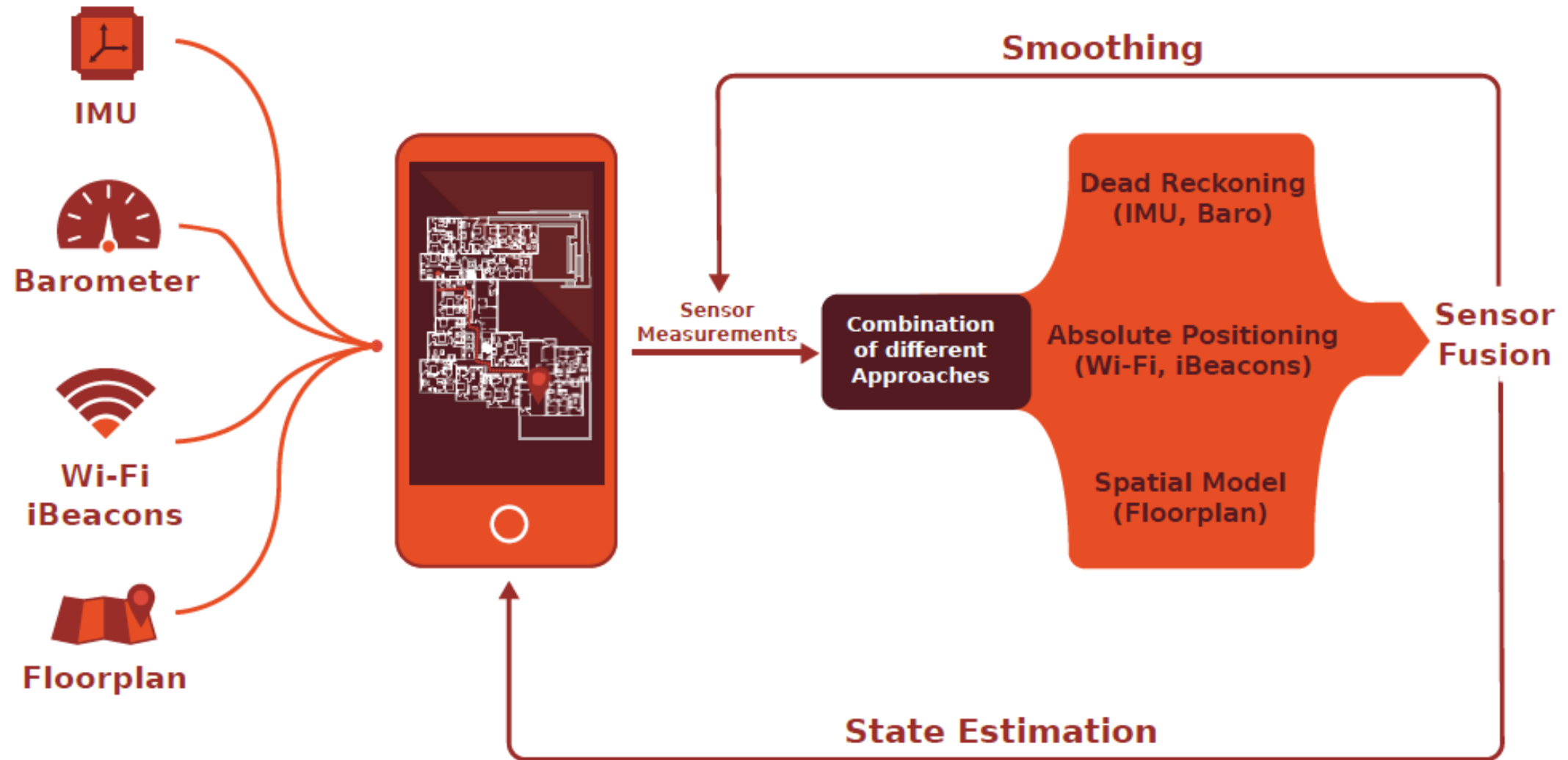
- Transition  $p(\mathbf{q}_t | \mathbf{q}_{t-1}, \langle \mathbf{o} \rangle_{t-1})$
- Along the way of the catheter probabilities shall be evenly distributed
- Traditional transition without prior observations will avoid this
- Integrating observations allows a formulation in the form

$$p(\mathbf{q}_t | \mathbf{q}_{t-1}, \langle \mathbf{o} \rangle_{t-1}) \propto \frac{p(\mathbf{q}_t | \mathbf{q}_{t-1})}{\int_{\epsilon \in A} \int p(\mathbf{q}_t + \epsilon | \mathbf{q}_{t-1}) p(\mathbf{q}_{t-1} | \mathbf{o}_{t-1}) d\mathbf{q}_{t-1} d\epsilon}$$

- $A$  describes a local area around  $\mathbf{q}_t$
- Denominator acts as smoothing of transition probability

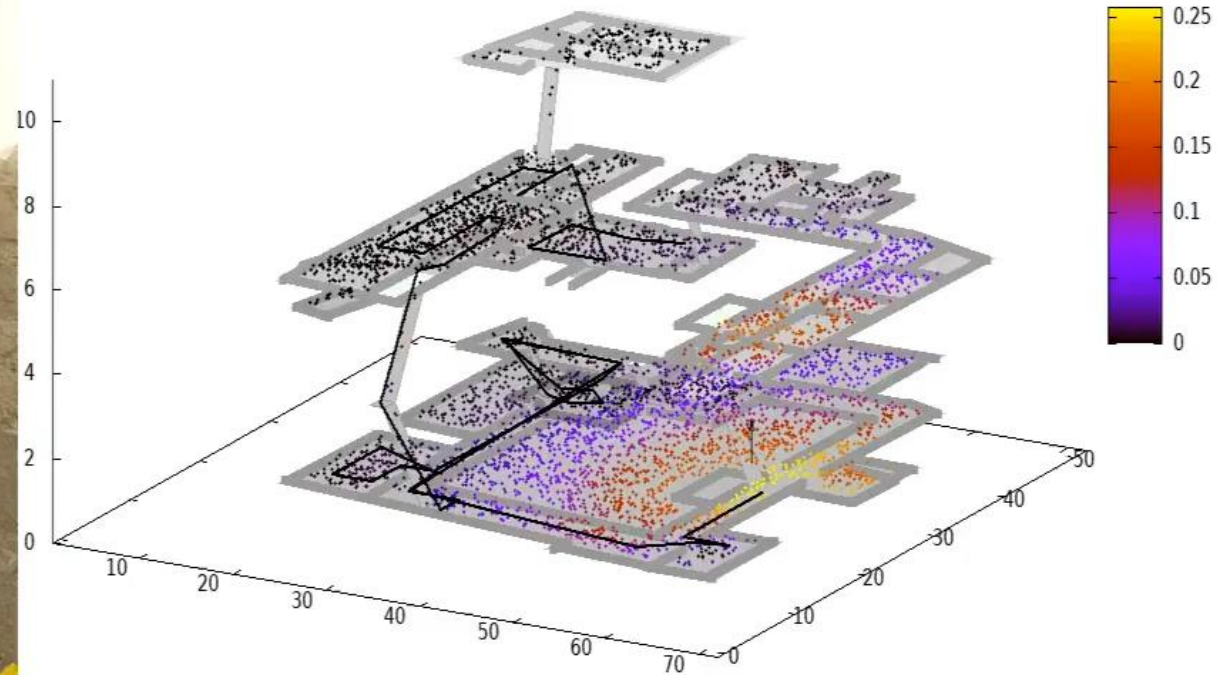


# Particle Filter – Indoor Localization



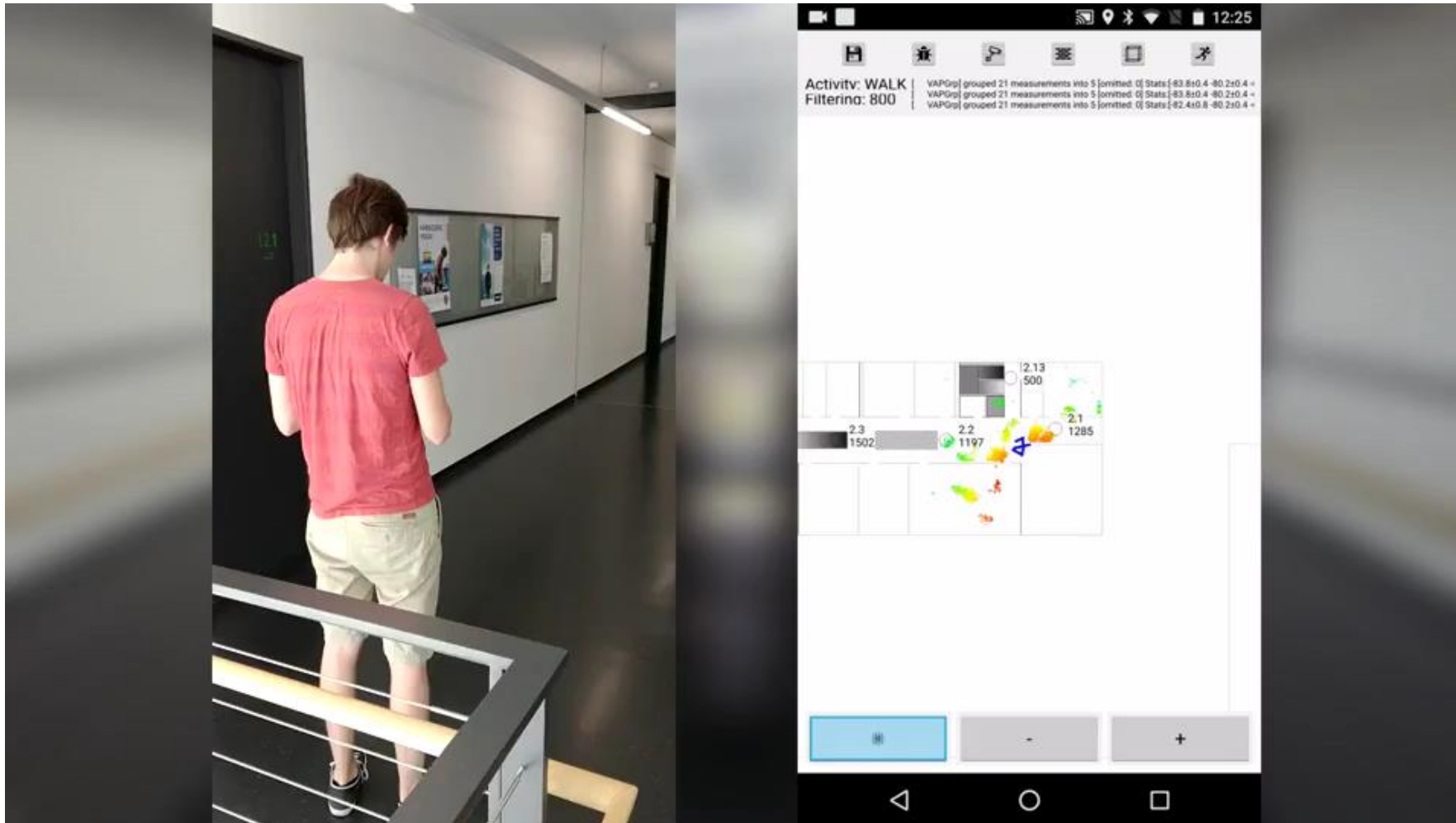
# Particle Filter – Indoor Localization

- Example: Indoor Localization [Fet18], More Videos [SimpleLoc YouTube](#)



# Particle Filter – Indoor Localization

- ▶ Example: Indoor Localization @ SHL, More Videos [SimpleLoc YouTube](#)





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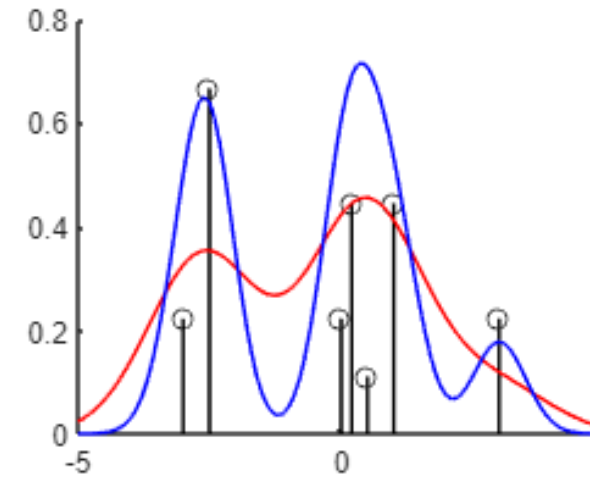
# Particle Filter

## ► Particle Filtering Revisited

- Approximate posterior by particle set (= set of weighted samples)

$$p(\langle \mathbf{q} \rangle_t | \langle \mathbf{o} \rangle_t) = p(\mathbf{q}_t | \langle \mathbf{o} \rangle_t) \approx \sum_i w_t^i \delta(\mathbf{s}_t^i - \mathbf{q}_t)$$

- Sample-based approximation has an obvious difficulty
  - Posterior is unknown
  - Hence sampling from posterior is impossible
- Solution: Importance Sampling
  - If we cannot sample from the desired posterior, then we sample from other density
  - We need to correct the error that we are making as a result of this
  - This other density is called *proposal density* or *importance density* and denoted by  $q$



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# Particle Filter

- When sampling from a proposal density  $q$  we need to compute the weights without knowing the posterior

- Can be done this way [Thr05]

$$w_t^i \propto \frac{p(\langle \mathbf{s}^i \rangle_t | \langle \mathbf{o} \rangle_t)}{q(\langle \mathbf{s}^i \rangle_t | \langle \mathbf{o} \rangle_t)}$$

- Luckily, we are not interested in the full sequence of states over time, but only in the current state
- Weighting can thus be reformulated similarly to the derivation of the recursive density estimate

$$w_t^i \propto w_{t-1}^i \frac{p(\mathbf{o}_t | \mathbf{s}_t^i) p(\mathbf{s}_t^i | \mathbf{s}_{t-1}^i)}{q(\mathbf{s}_t^i | \mathbf{s}_{t-1}^i, \mathbf{o}_t)}$$

- These are the weights for our sampled density

$$p(\mathbf{q}_t | \langle \mathbf{o} \rangle_t) \approx \sum_i w_t^i \delta(\mathbf{s}_t^i - \mathbf{q}_t)$$

- This is the **Sequential Importance Sampling** (SIS) algorithm. These weights are optimal



$$p(\langle \mathbf{q} \rangle_t | \langle \mathbf{o} \rangle_t) = p(\mathbf{q}_t | \langle \mathbf{o} \rangle_t) = p(\mathbf{o}_t | \mathbf{q}_t) \int p(\mathbf{q}_t | \mathbf{q}_{t-1}) p(\mathbf{q}_{t-1} | \langle \mathbf{o} \rangle_{t-1}) d\mathbf{q}_{t-1}$$

# Particle Filter

- At first glance, it looks as if we now have two unknown densities instead of one

$$w_t^i \propto w_{t-1}^i \frac{p(\mathbf{o}_t | \mathbf{s}_t^i) p(\mathbf{s}_t^i | \mathbf{s}_{t-1}^i)}{q(\mathbf{s}_t^i | \mathbf{s}_{t-1}^i, \mathbf{o}_t)}$$

- It is up to you to use a suitable proposal density
  - Known from importance sampling: you can choose any proposal density you want (if they fulfill some basic properties)
  - Most common choice (Condensation algorithm does it that way) is

$$q(\mathbf{s}_t^i | \mathbf{s}_{t-1}^i, \mathbf{o}_t) = p(\mathbf{s}_t^i | \mathbf{s}_{t-1}^i)$$

- The transition model shall be the proposal density, because with that choice the weight update simplifies to

$$w_t^i \propto w_{t-1}^i p(\mathbf{o}_t | \mathbf{s}_t^i)$$

- Condensation algorithm
  - Sample from proposal density
  - Update weights

## Condensation Algorithm

- Create particle set  $S_0$  for initial density  $p(\mathbf{q}_0)$
- Sample particles from  $S_{t-1}$  for new particle set  $S_t$
- Propagate each particle from  $S_t$  with state transition model
- Evaluate each particle from  $S_t$  with observation model
- Repeat from (2.)

$$p(\langle \mathbf{q} \rangle_t | \langle \mathbf{o} \rangle_t) = p(\mathbf{q}_t | \langle \mathbf{o} \rangle_t) = p(\mathbf{o}_t | \mathbf{q}_t) \int p(\mathbf{q}_t | \mathbf{q}_{t-1}) p(\mathbf{q}_{t-1} | \langle \mathbf{o} \rangle_{t-1}) d\mathbf{q}_{t-1}$$

# Particle Filter

- The Condensation algorithm incorporates a **resampling step** to solve the *degeneracy problem*

- Performing without step (2.)

- After few iterations weight of **one** particle will be close to 1.0
- All other particle weights will be almost zero
- This is the degeneracy problem

- Resampling of the particle set leads to new, equal weights

- Degeneracy problem solved

- This is the **Sequential Importance Resampling** (SIR) filter

- Transition prior used as proposal function
- SIR filters are commonly known as **Bootstrap Filter** and **Condensation Algorithm**

## Condensation Algorithm

1. Create particle set  $S_0$  for initial density  $p(\mathbf{q}_0)$
2. **Sample particles from  $S_{t-1}$  for new particle set  $S_t$**
3. Propagate each particle from  $S_t$  with state transition model
4. Evaluate each particle from  $S_t$  with observation model
5. Repeat from (2.)

$$p(\langle \mathbf{q} \rangle_t | \langle \mathbf{o} \rangle_t) = p(\mathbf{q}_t | \langle \mathbf{o} \rangle_t) = p(\mathbf{o}_t | \mathbf{q}_t) \int p(\mathbf{q}_t | \mathbf{q}_{t-1}) p(\mathbf{q}_{t-1} | \langle \mathbf{o} \rangle_{t-1}) d\mathbf{q}_{t-1}$$

# Particle Filter

- There are many more challenges in particle filtering
  - Sample Impoverishment: Transition step contains a deterministic and a stochastic part. Particles with same state will diversify during transition, but if noise variance is low, samples will not diversify enough. After some iterations particles will collapse into a single point in state space
  - Particle Filter Divergence: Poor tuning of filter, incorrect modeling assumptions, inconsistent measurements. Filter will diverge to “somewhere”
  - Proposal Density: Good proposal function is important. Transition as proposal is not always a good choice
  - Realtime Performance: There are many expensive components in a particle filter
    - Evaluation: Every particle must be evaluated
    - Transition: Every particle must be processed by transition model
    - Resampling: Particle set must be resampled. There are many different resampling strategies
    - Number of particles: Curse of dimensionality. Many parameters in state will lead to large particle sets
  - Good reading: [Elf21]

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