

Intelligent Robots Practice

SLAM (Simultaneous Localization and Mapping)

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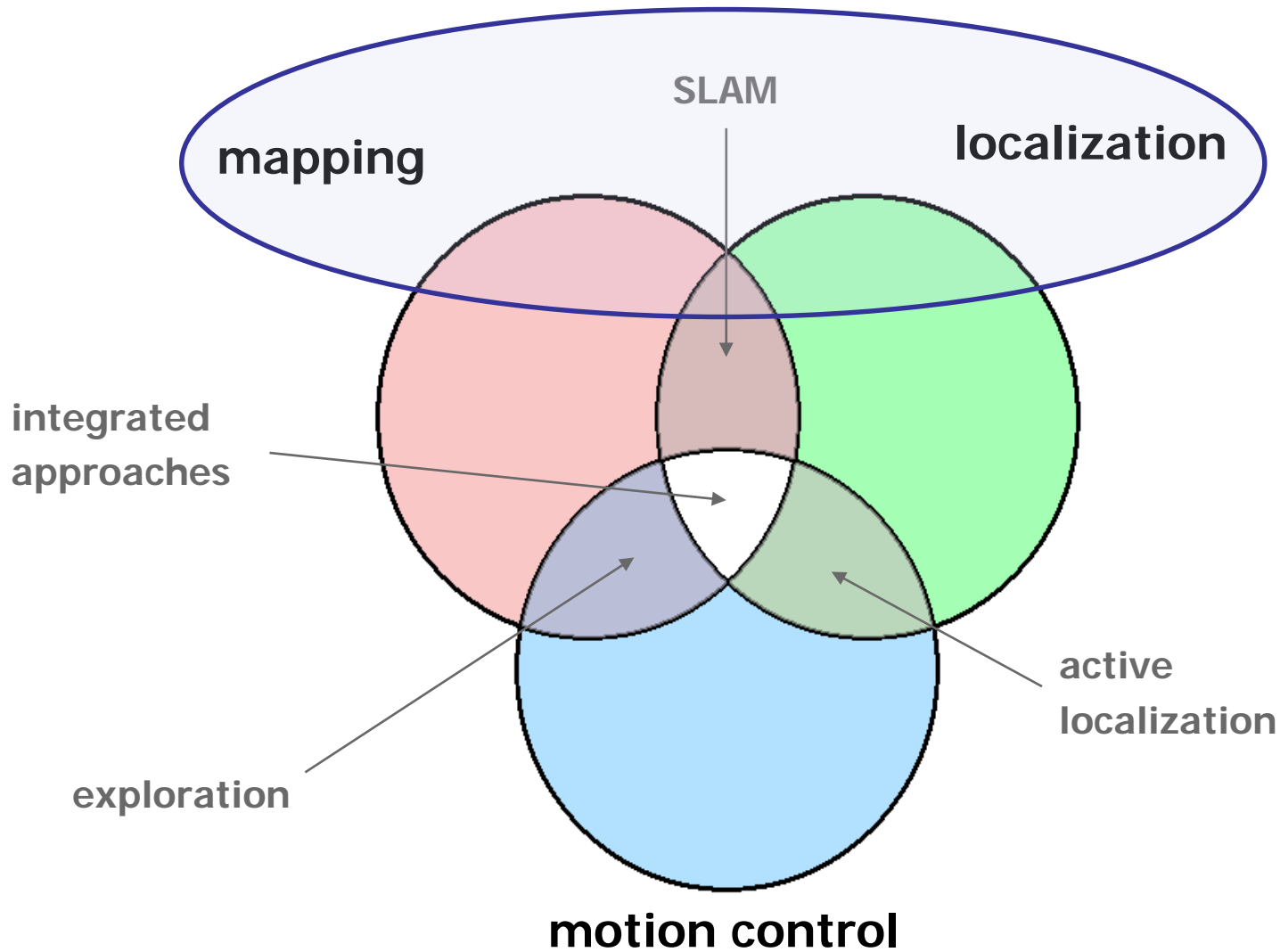
- The SLAM problem
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The SLAM problem



The SLAM Problem



The SLAM Problem

■ Navigation Problems

■ Map building problems

$$m^* = \underset{m}{\operatorname{argmax}} P(m | u_1, z_1, u_2, z_2 \dots u_n, z_n)$$

$u_{1:n}$: control input

$z_{1:n}$: measurement

m : map

$x_{1:n}$: robot state

■ Localization problems

$$P(x_n | u_1, z_1, u_2, z_2 \dots u_n, z_n)$$

■ SLAM (Simultaneous Localization And Mapping) problems

$$P(x_{1:n}, m | u_1, z_1, u_2, z_2 \dots u_n, z_n)$$

The SLAM Problem

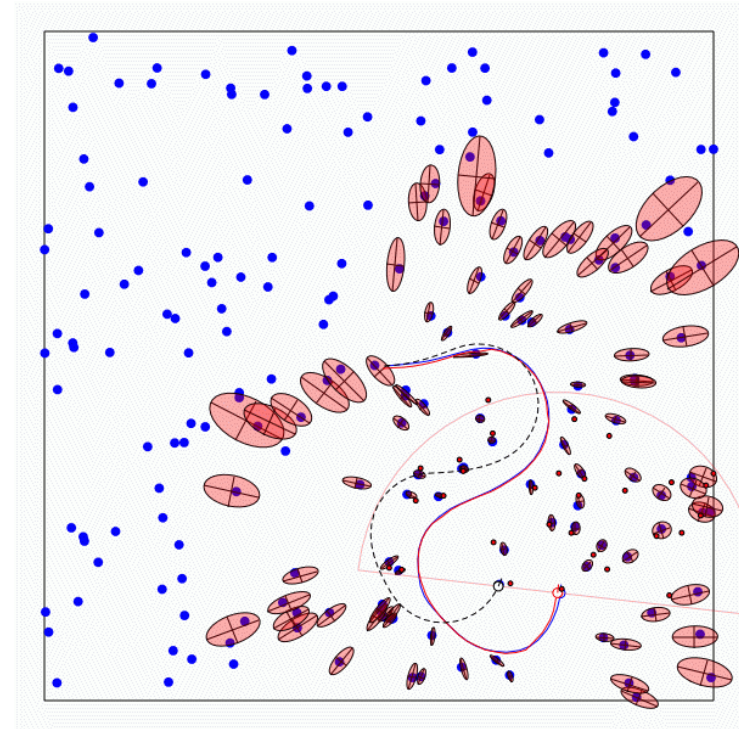
- A robot is exploring an unknown, static environment.

- Given:

- The robot's controls
- Observations of nearby features

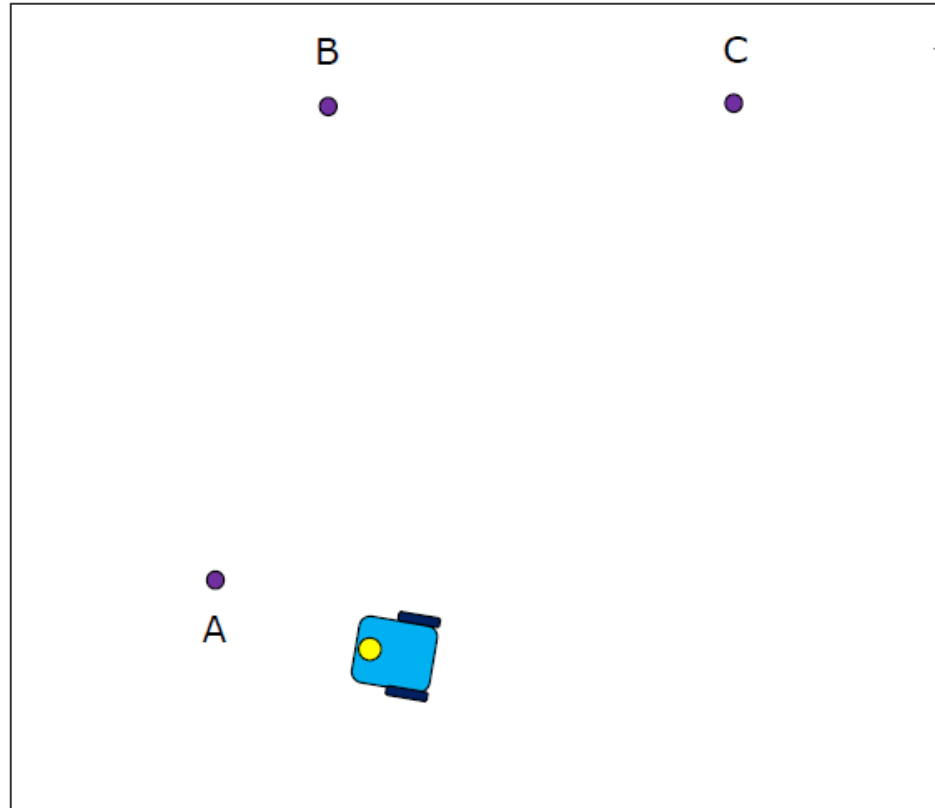
- Estimate:

- Map of features
- Path of the robot



The SLAM Problem

- How to do SLAM
 - Use internal representations for the positions of landmarks (: map)
 - Assumption: Robot's uncertainty at starting position is zero



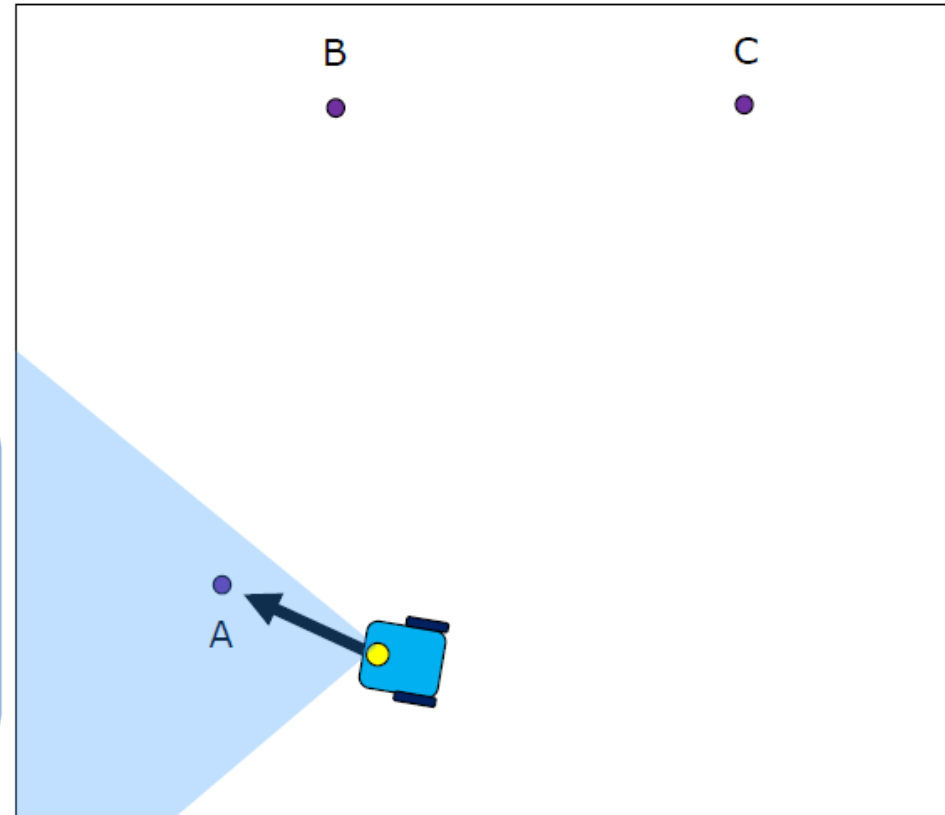
Start: robot has zero uncertainty

The SLAM Problem

■ How to do SLAM

On every frame:

- **Predict** how the robot has moved
- **Measure**
- **Update** the internal representations



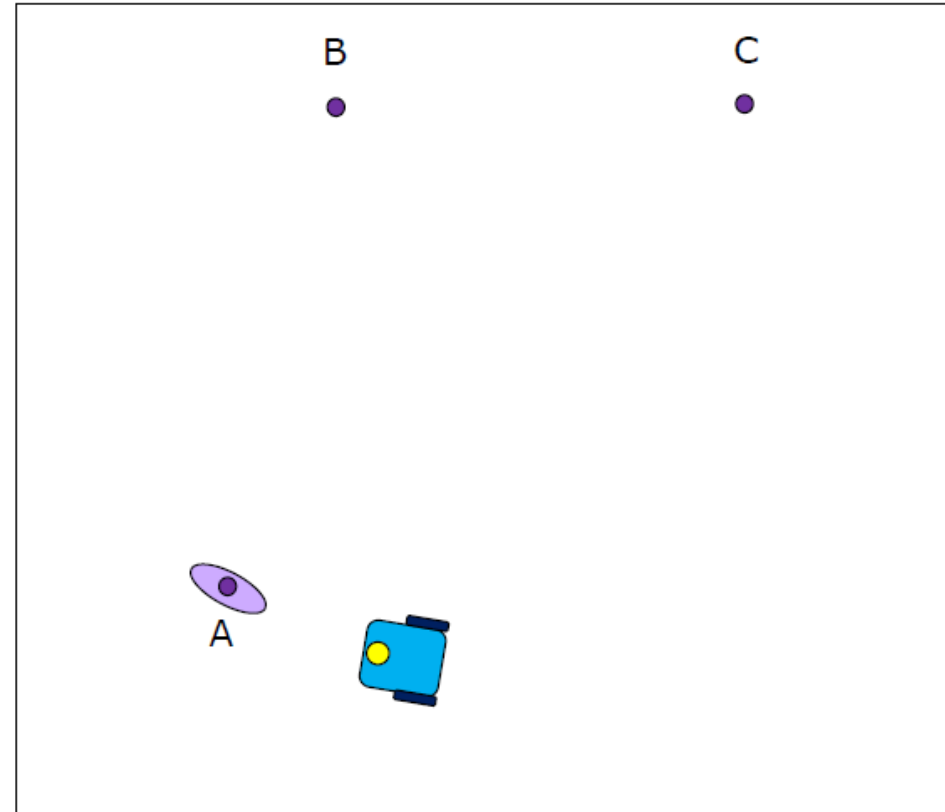
First measurement of feature A

The SLAM Problem

- How to do SLAM
 - The robot observes a feature which is mapped with an uncertainty related to the **measurement model**

On every frame:

- **Predict** how the robot has moved
- **Measure**
- **Update** the internal representations

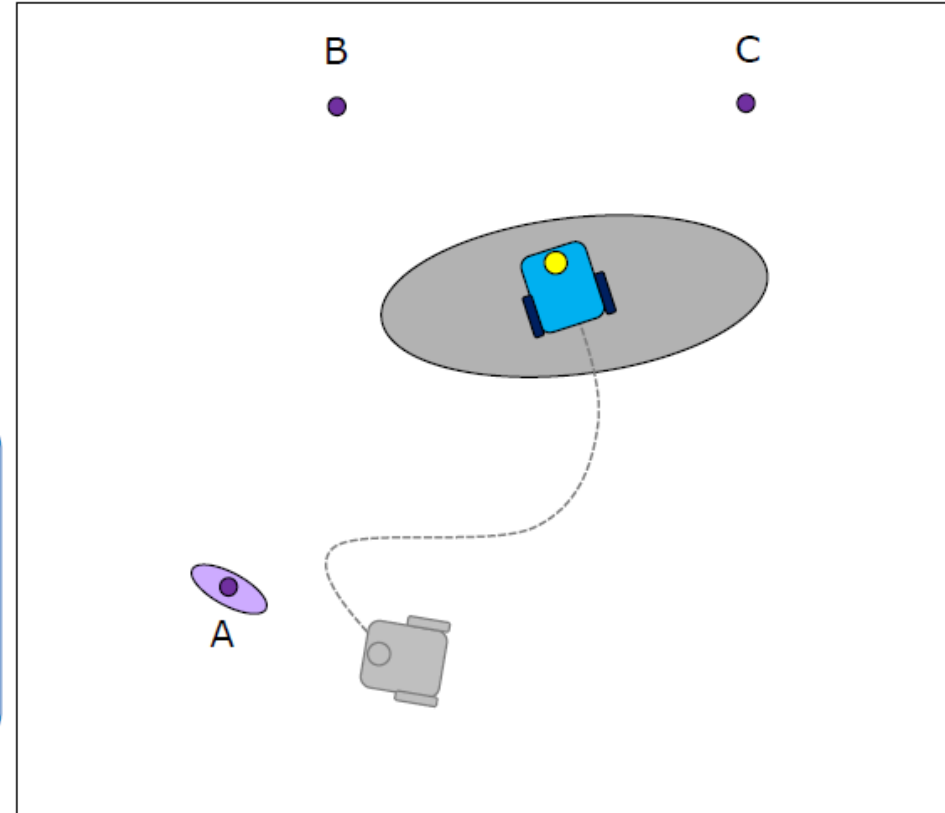


The SLAM Problem

- How to do SLAM
 - As the robot moves, its pose uncertainty increases, obeying the robot's **motion model**.

On every frame:

- **Predict** how the robot has moved
- **Measure**
- **Update** the internal representations



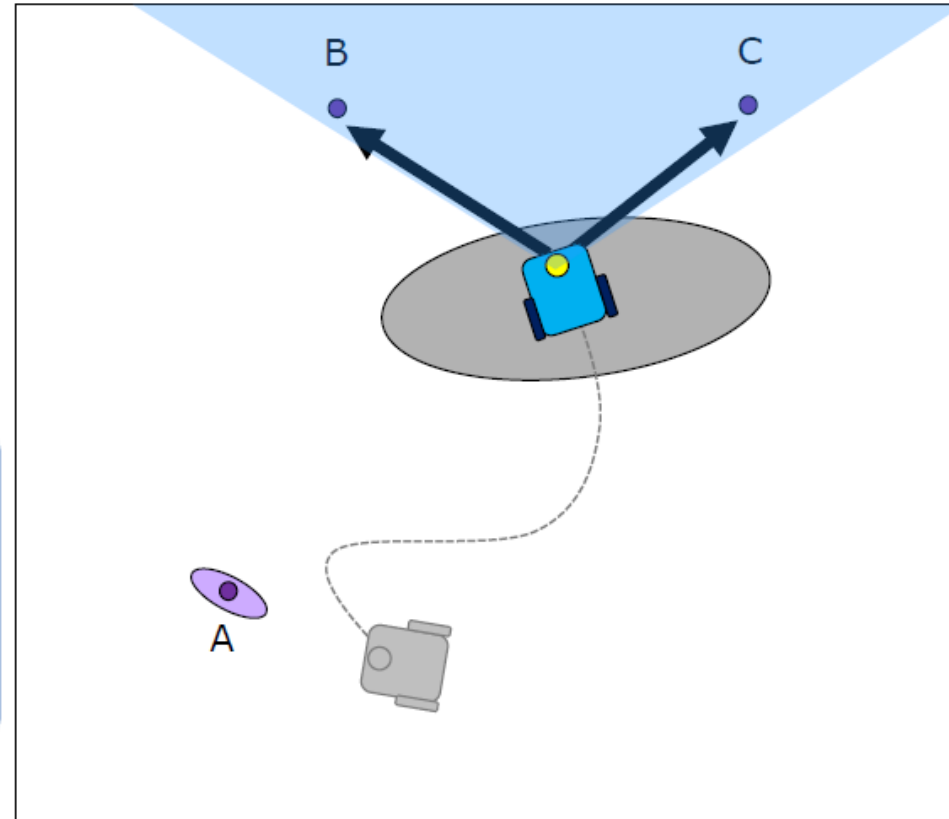
Robot moves forwards: uncertainty grows

The SLAM Problem

- How to do SLAM
 - Robot observes two new features.

On every frame:

- **Predict** how the robot has moved
- **Measure**
- **Update** the internal representations



Robot makes first measurements of B & C

The SLAM Problem

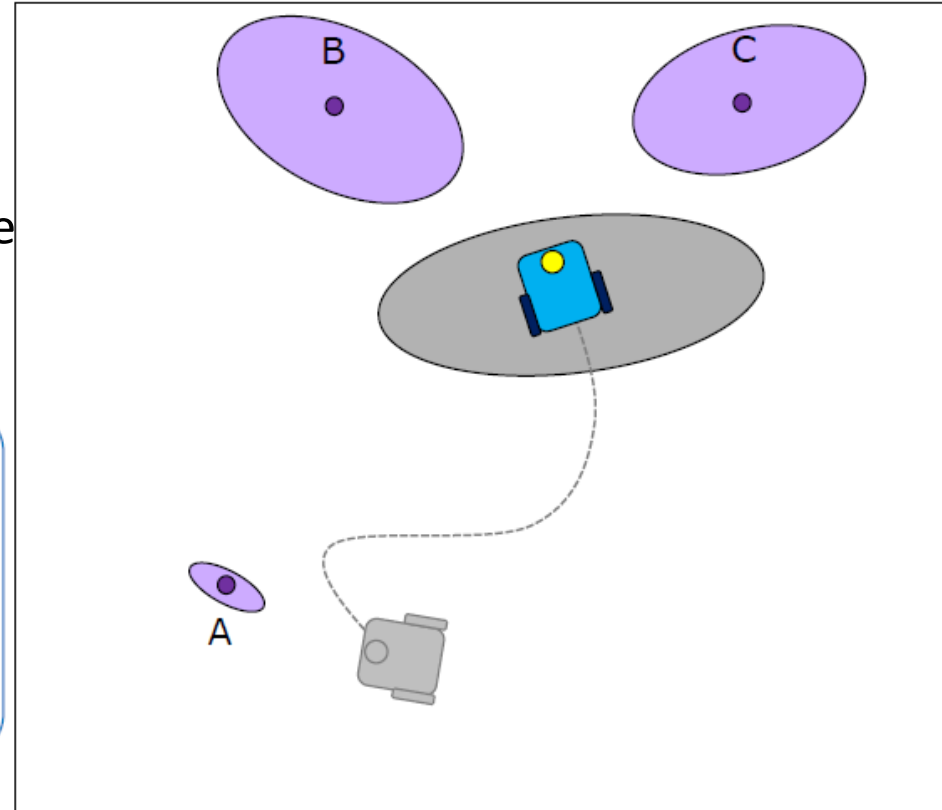
■ How to do SLAM

- Their position uncertainty results from the **combination** of the measurement error with the robot pose uncertainty.

→ map becomes **correlated** with the robot pose estimate.

On every frame:

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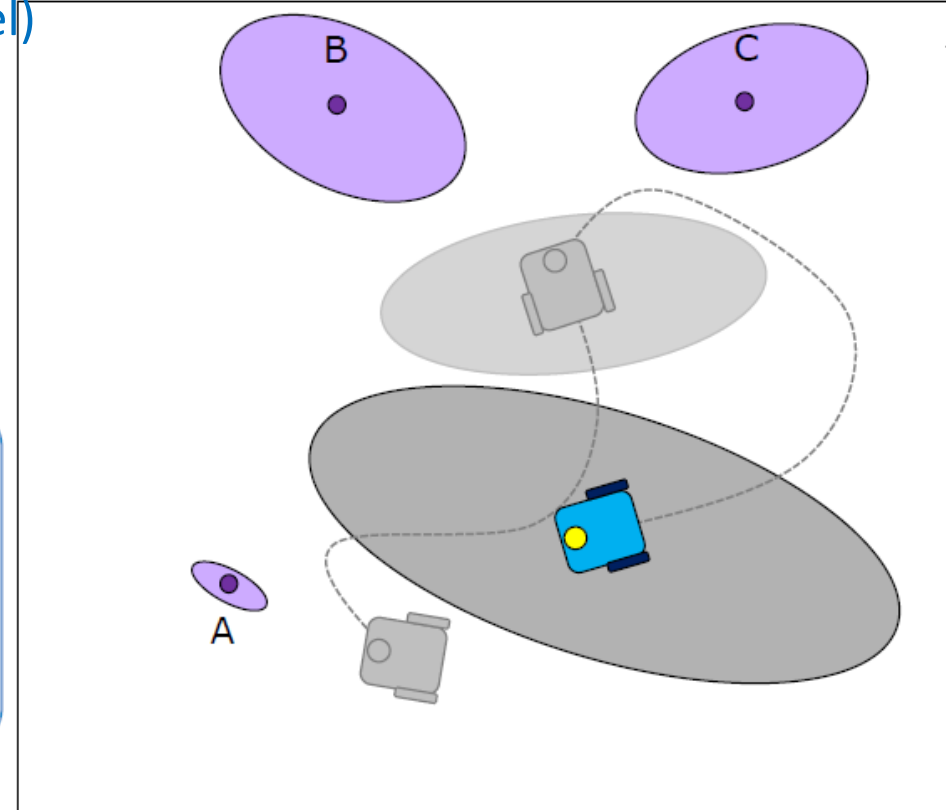
Robot makes first measurements of B & C

The SLAM Problem

- How to do SLAM
 - Robot moves again and its uncertainty increases (motion model)

On every frame:

- **Predict** how the robot has moved
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Robot moves again: uncertainty grows more

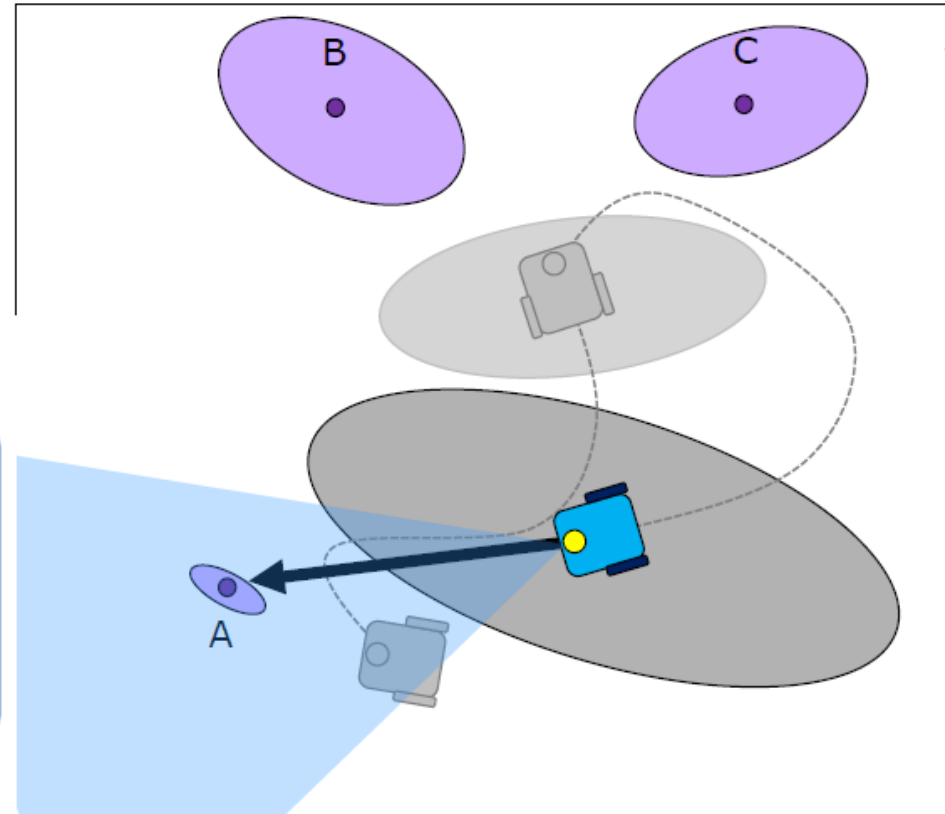
The SLAM Problem

■ How to do SLAM

- Robot re-observes an old feature →
Loop closure detection

On every frame:

- **Predict** how the robot has moved
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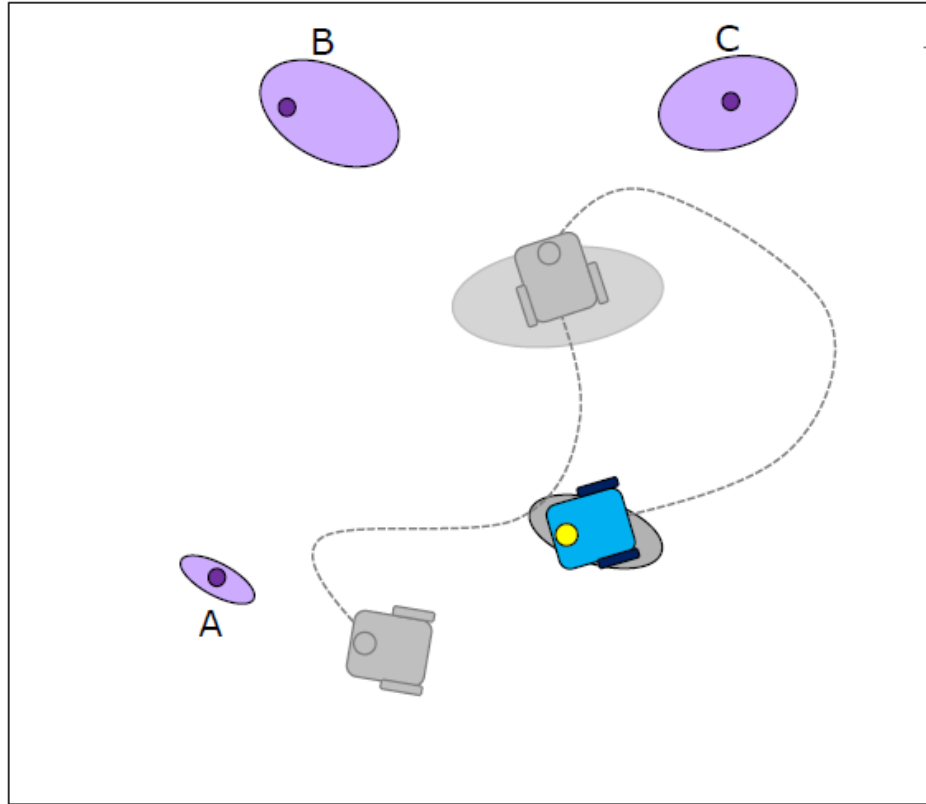
Robot re-measures A: "loop closure"

The SLAM Problem

- How to do SLAM
 - Robot updates its position: the resulting **pose** estimate becomes **correlated** with the feature **location estimates**.
 - Robot's uncertainty **shrinks** and so does the uncertainty in the rest of the map

On every frame:

- **Predict** how the robot has moved
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- **Update** the internal representations



Robot re-measures A: "loop closure"
uncertainty shrinks

The SLAM Problem

■ SLAM: Simultaneous Localization And Mapping

■ Full SLAM:

■ Estimates entire path and map

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

■ Online SLAM:

■ Estimates most recent pose and map

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

Issues in SLAM



Issues in SLAM

■ Basic SLAM Paradigms

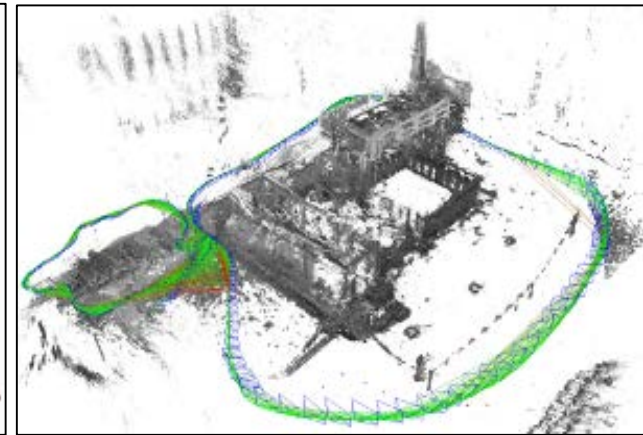
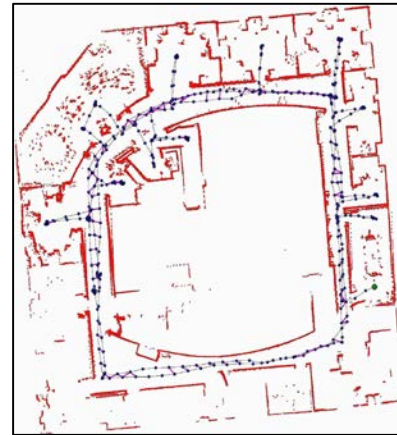
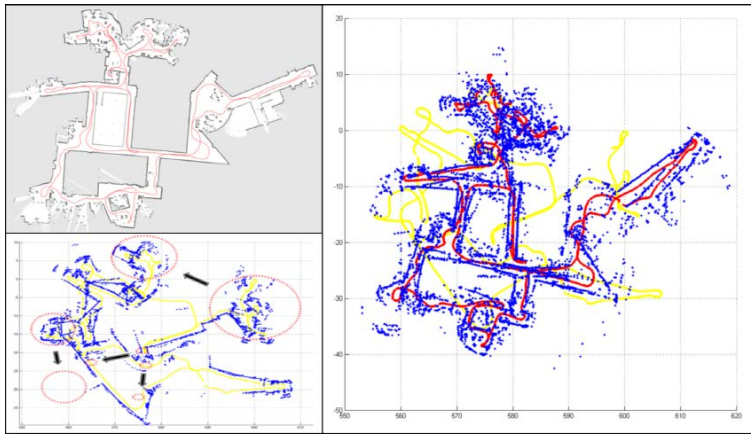
■ Filtering Based Approaches

■ EKF SLAM

■ Particle Filter SLAM (FastSLAM, RBPF SLAM)

■ Optimization Based Approaches

■ Graph-based SLAM



Issues in SLAM

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■ Map with N landmarks:(3+2N)-dimensional Gaussian

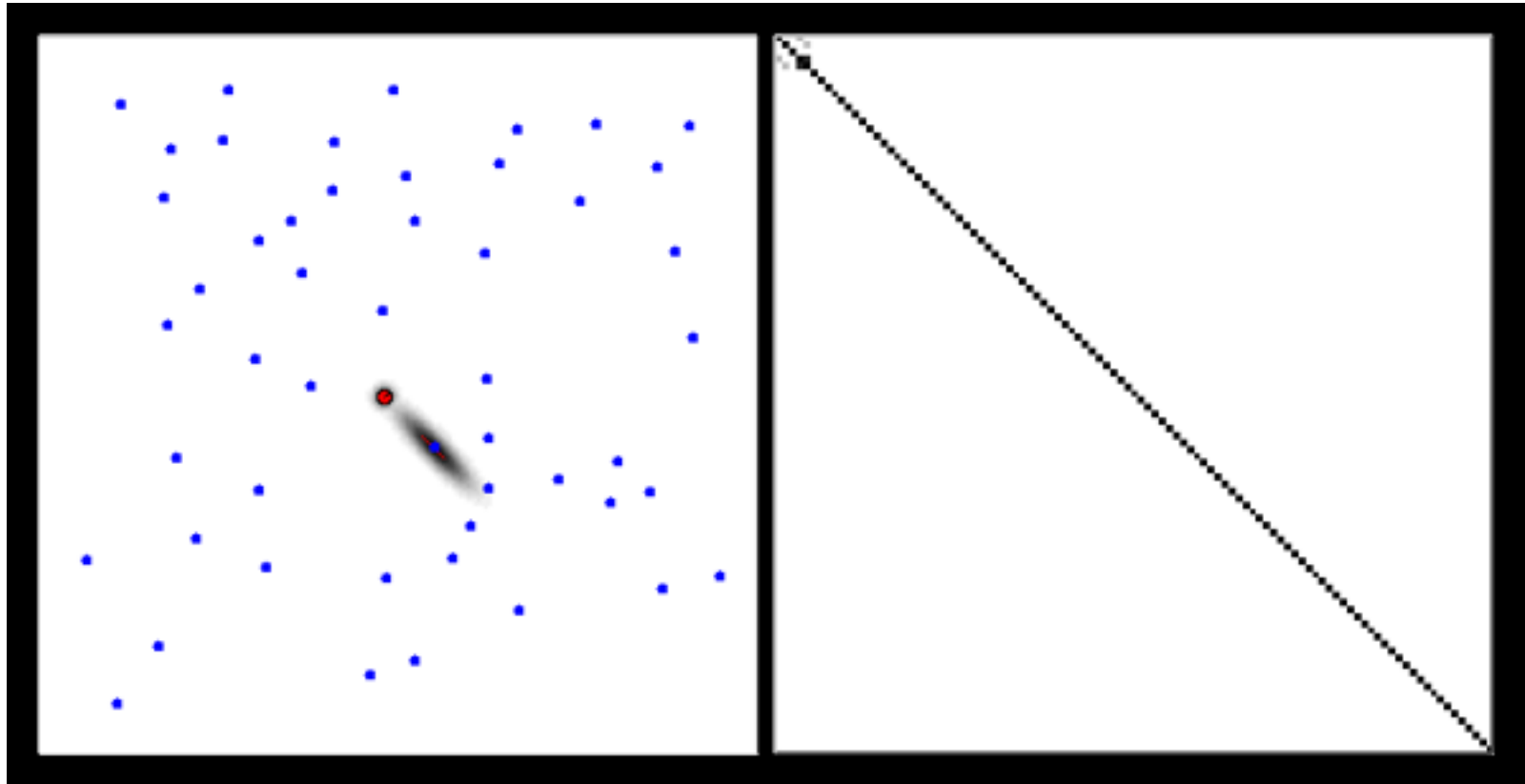
$$Bel(x_t, m_t) = \left\langle \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ \theta \\ l_1 \\ l_2 \\ \vdots \\ l_N \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} \sigma_x^2 & \sigma_{xy} & \sigma_{x\theta} & \sigma_{xl_1} & \sigma_{xl_2} & \cdots & \sigma_{xl_N} \\ \sigma_{xy} & \sigma_y^2 & \sigma_{y\theta} & \sigma_{yl_1} & \sigma_{yl_2} & \cdots & \sigma_{yl_N} \\ \sigma_{x\theta} & \sigma_{y\theta} & \sigma_\theta^2 & \sigma_{\theta l_1} & \sigma_{\theta l_2} & \cdots & \sigma_{\theta l_N} \\ \sigma_{xl_1} & \sigma_{yl_1} & \sigma_{\theta l_1} & \sigma_{l_1 l_2}^2 & \sigma_{l_1 l_2} & \cdots & \sigma_{l_1 l_N} \\ \sigma_{xl_2} & \sigma_{yl_2} & \sigma_{\theta l_2} & \sigma_{l_1 l_2} & \sigma_{l_2}^2 & \cdots & \sigma_{l_2 l_N} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \sigma_{xl_N} & \sigma_{yl_N} & \sigma_{\theta l_N} & \sigma_{l_1 l_N} & \sigma_{l_2 l_N} & \cdots & \sigma_{l_N}^2 \end{pmatrix} \right\rangle$$

■ Can handle hundreds of dimensions

Issues in SLAM

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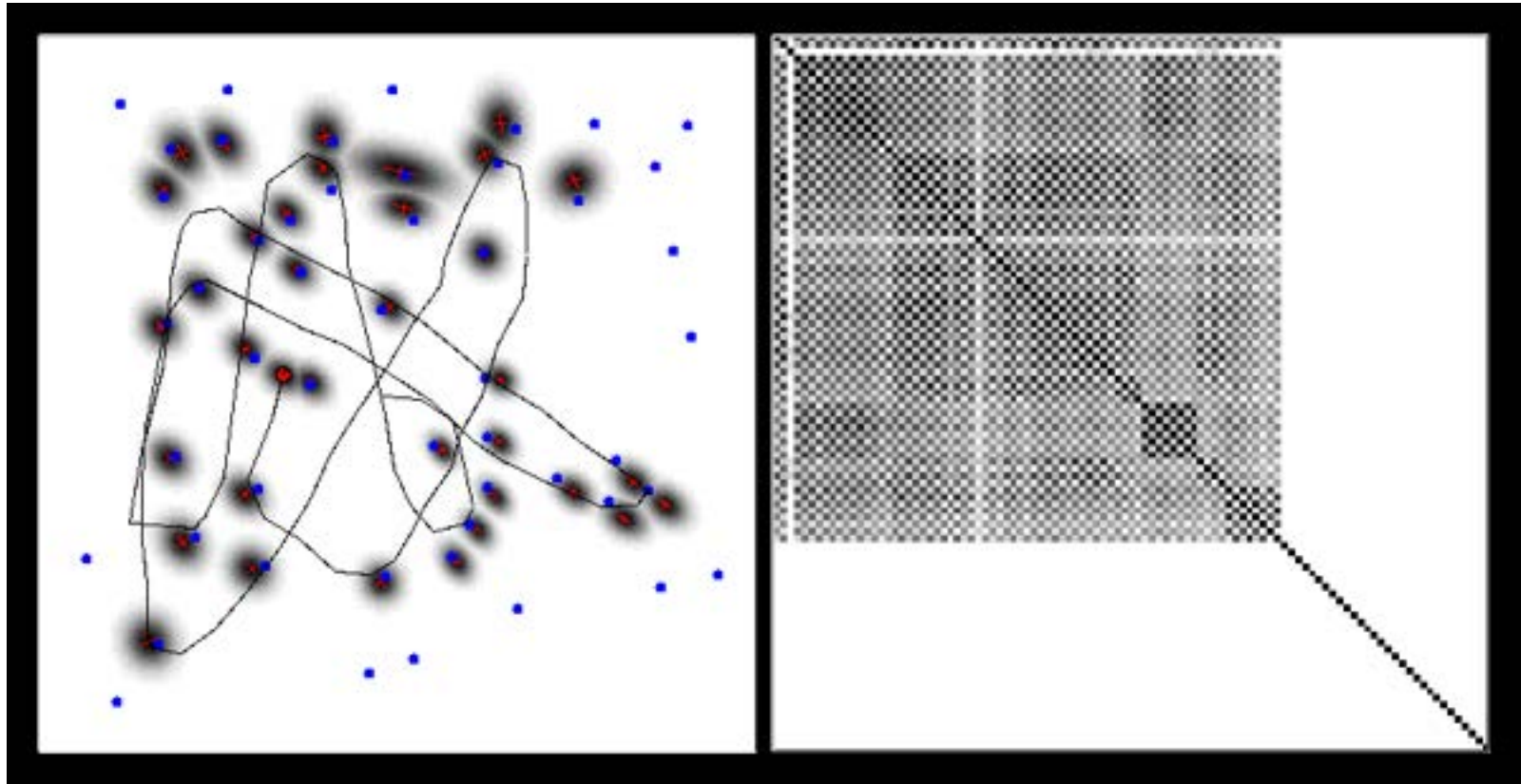
Map

Correlation matrix

Issues in SLAM

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■ EKF SLAM



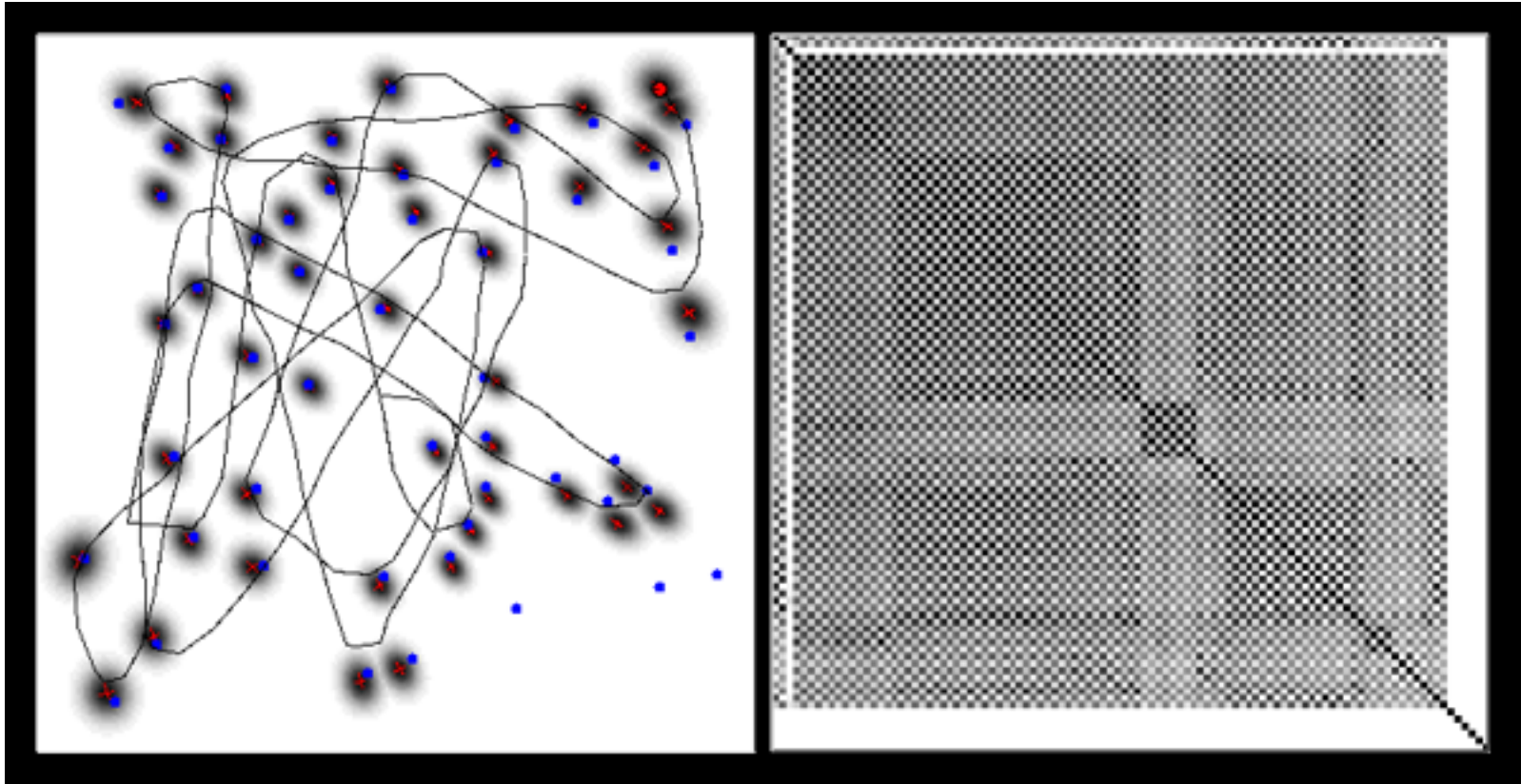
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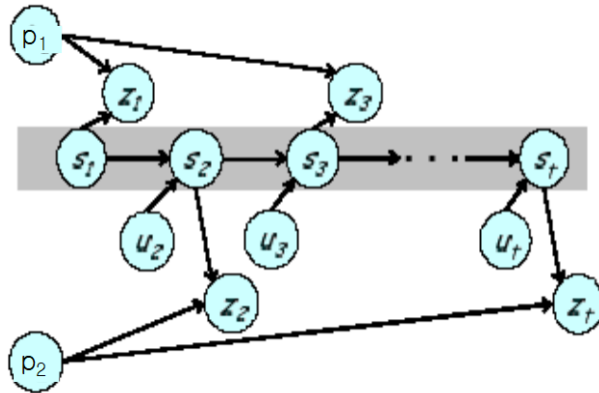
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Issues in SLAM

■ Filtering Based Approaches

■ Particle Filter SLAM (FastSLAM, RBPF SLAM)



- **Measurement** : $z^t = \{z_1, z_2, \dots, z_t\}$
- **States** : $s^t = \{s_1, s_2, \dots, s_t\}$
- **Control input** : $u^t = \{u_1, u_2, \dots, u_t\}$
- **Landmarks** : $P = \{p_1, p_2, \dots, p_N\}$

■ M particles & N landmarks in the particle filter

	Robot Pose	Landmark 1	Landmark 2	...	Landmark N
Particle 1:	$x \ y \ p$	$\mu_1 \ \Sigma_1$	$\mu_2 \ \Sigma_2$...	$\mu_N \ \Sigma_N$
Particle 2:	$x \ y \ p$	$\mu_1 \ \Sigma_1$	$\mu_2 \ \Sigma_2$...	$\mu_N \ \Sigma_N$
...					
Particle M:	$x \ y \ p$	$\mu_1 \ \Sigma_1$	$\mu_2 \ \Sigma_2$...	$\mu_N \ \Sigma_N$

2nd particle

$$S_t^{[2]} = \langle s^{t,[2]}, \mu_{1,t}^{[2]}, \Sigma_{1,t}^{[2]}, \dots, \mu_{N,t}^{[2]}, \Sigma_{N,t}^{[2]} \rangle$$

Issues in SLAM

■ Particle Filter SLAM (FastSLAM, RBPF SLAM)

$$\begin{aligned} & p(x_{1:t}, l_{1:m} \mid z_{1:t}, u_{0:t-1}) \\ &= p(x_{1:t} \mid z_{1:t}, u_{0:t-1}) \cdot p(l_{1:m} \mid x_{1:t}, z_{1:t}) \\ &= p(x_{1:t} \mid z_{1:t}, u_{0:t-1}) \cdot \prod_{i=1}^M p(l_i \mid x_{1:t}, z_{1:t}) \end{aligned}$$

Robot path posterior
(localization problem)

Conditionally independent
landmark positions

■ Robot Path Posterior

- Estimate a path posterior using a particle filter

■ Landmark Estimators

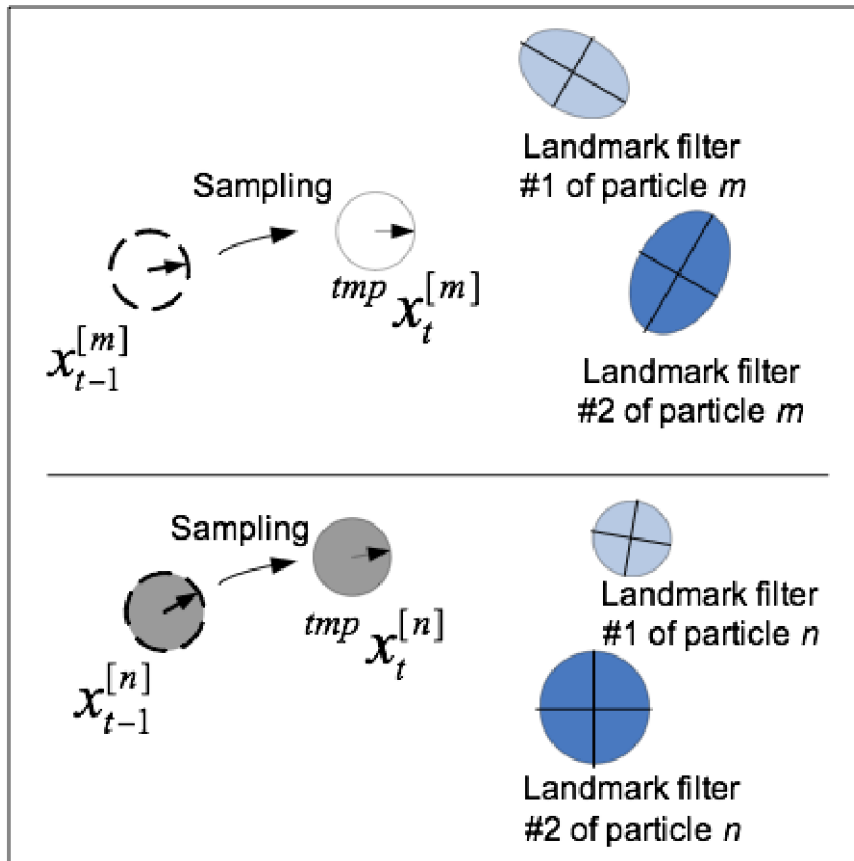
- Estimate each landmark using Extended Kalman Filter
- All EKF filters are low-dimensional

Issues in SLAM

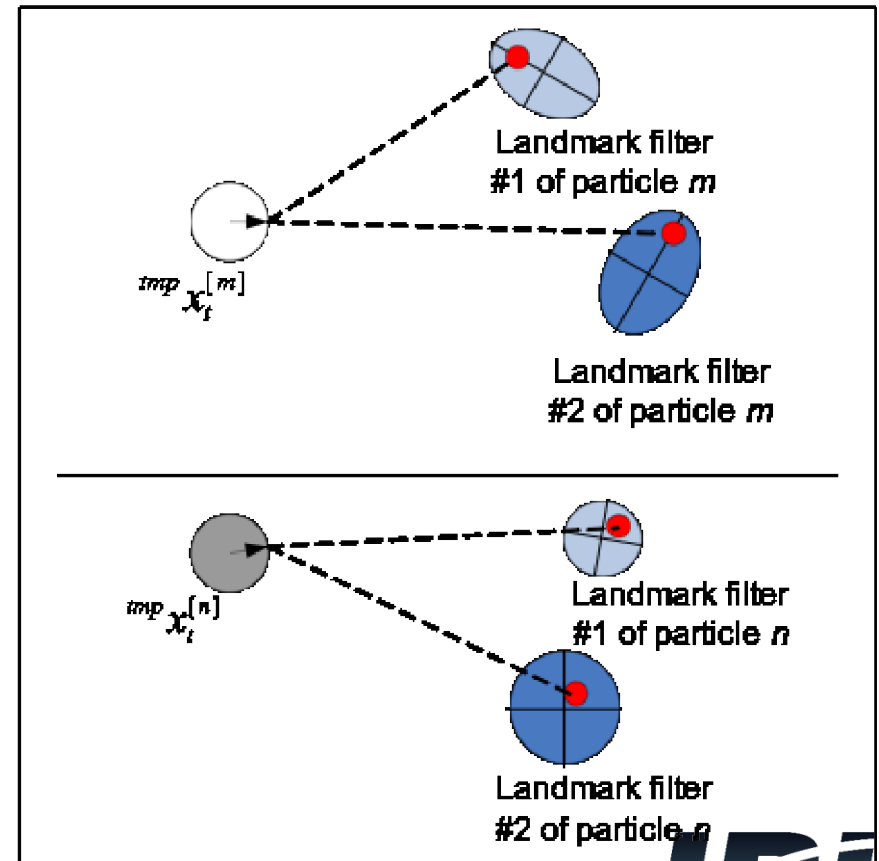
■ Particle Filter SLAM (FastSLAM, RBPF SLAM)

■ Graphical Overview

1. Sampling



2. Measurement update

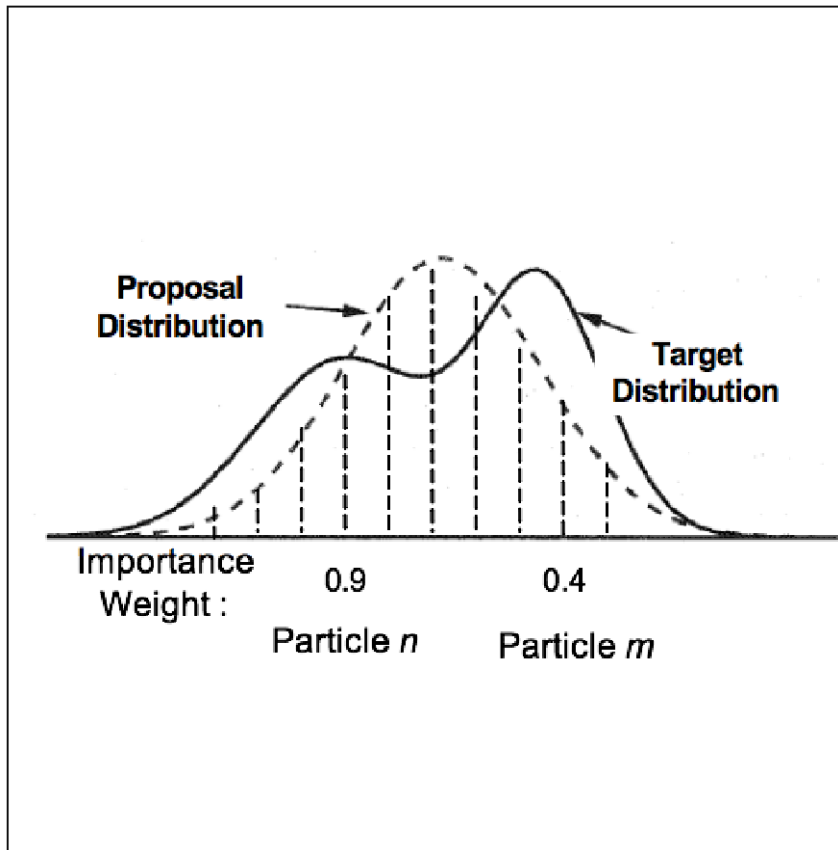


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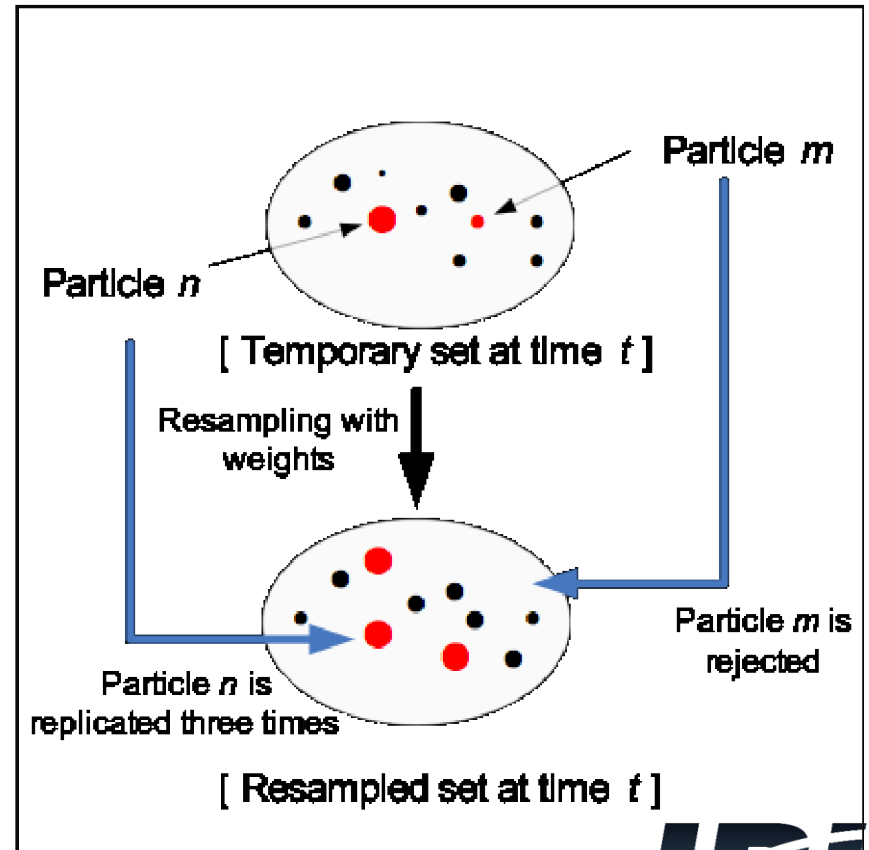
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■ Graphical Overview

3. Importance weight



4. Resampling



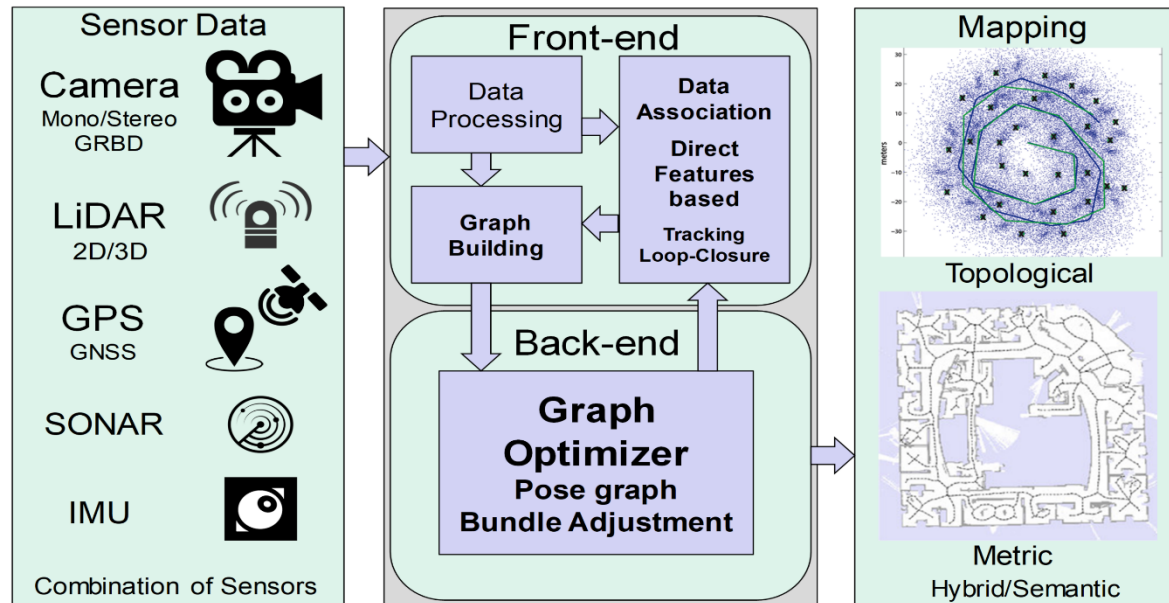
Issues in SLAM

■ Modern SLAM

■ Graph based SLAM

$$\mathbf{x}^* = \underset{\mathbf{x}}{\operatorname{argmin}} \sum_{k=1}^K (h_k(\mathbf{x}) - z_k)^T \Omega_k (h_k(\mathbf{x}) - z_k)$$

- Front-end: graph construction through raw measurements
- Back-end: graph optimization



Issues in SLAM

- Modern SLAM

- Semantic SLAM

- An approach that includes the semantic information into the SLAM process

- Challenging Issues in SLAM

- Dynamic Environments
 - Loop Closure
 - Robust Perception
 - Semantic Reasoning