SENSOR CALIBRATION: A NECESSARY EVIL

Calibration: A Necessary Evil

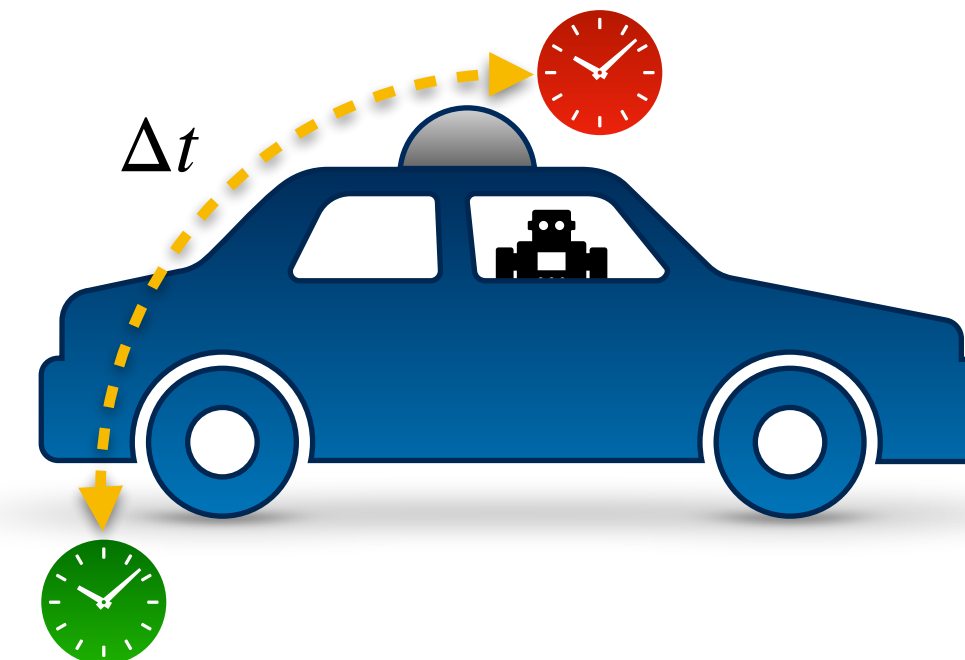Intrinsic Calibration

$$v = \omega R$$

R

Extrinsic Calibration

$$\left\{ \mathbf{C}_{LW}, \mathbf{r}_W^{LW} \right\}$$

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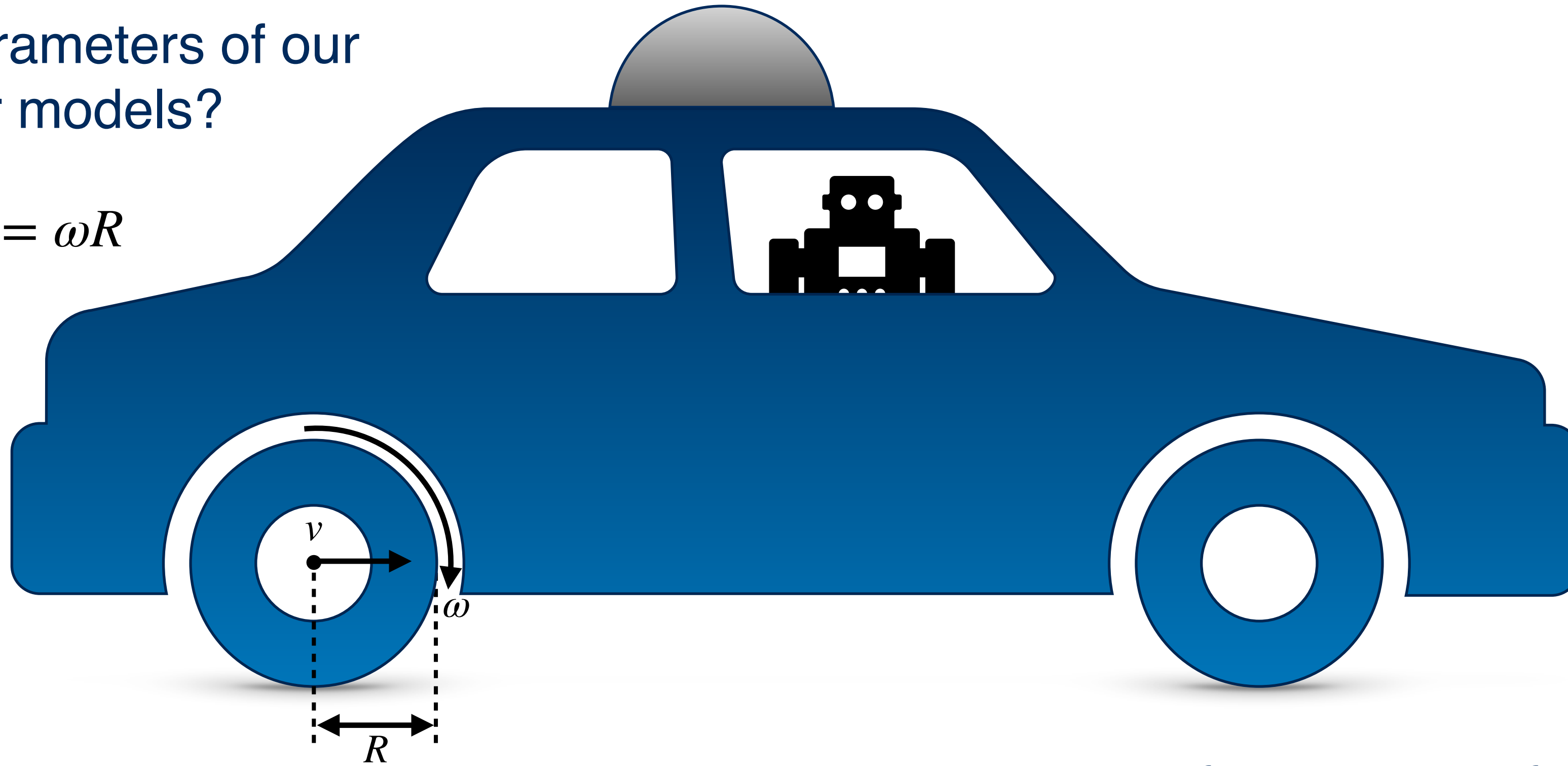$\underset{\longrightarrow W}{\mathscr{F}}$

Temporal Calibration

Δt

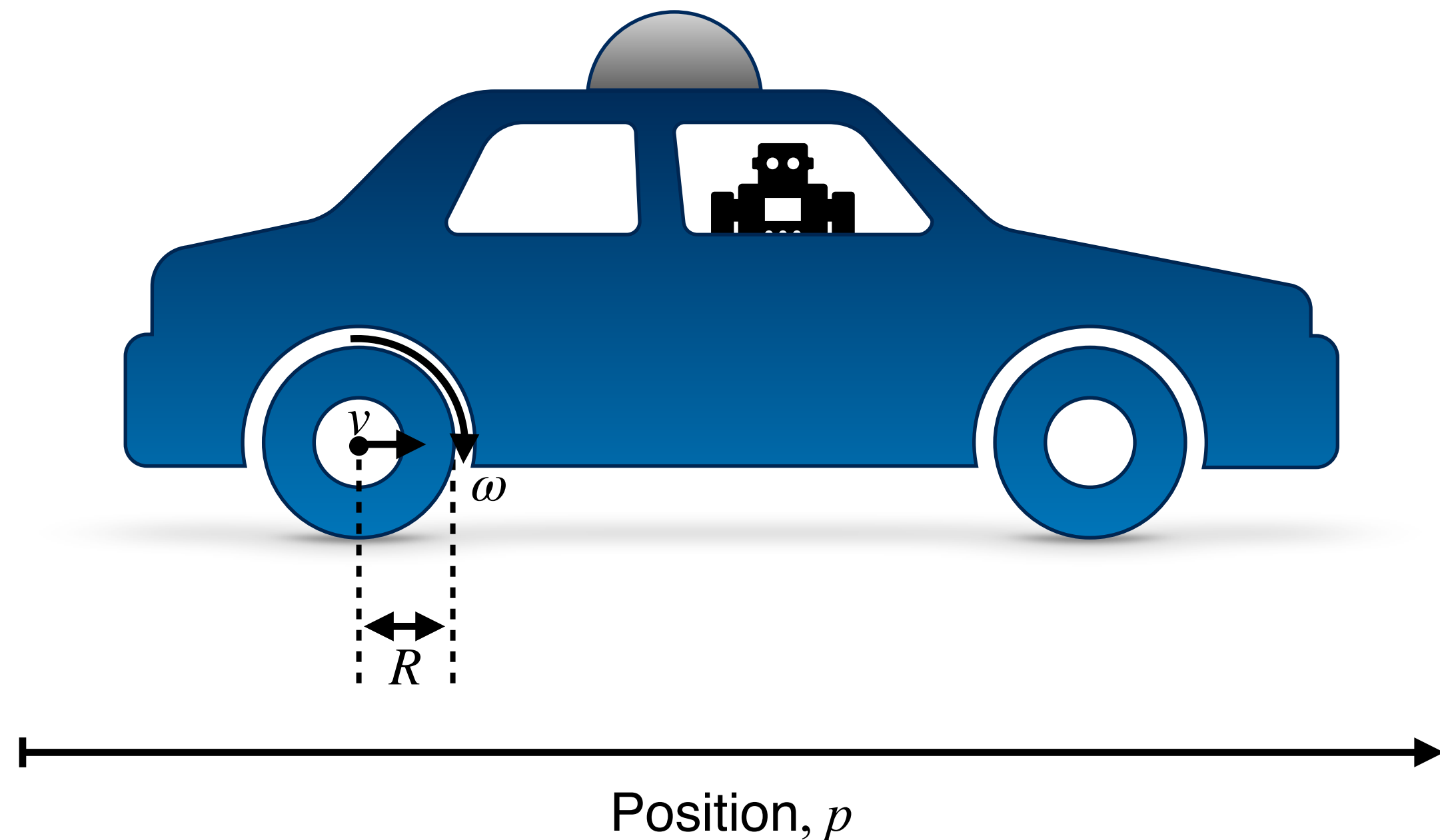# Intrinsic Sensor Calibration

How can we determine
the parameters of our
sensor models?

$$v = \omega R$$

- Manufacturer specifications
- Measure by hand
- Estimate as part of the state

Calibration by Estimation

Position, p

$$\mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} p \\ \dot{p} \\ R \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{u} = \ddot{p}$$

$$\dot{p} = v = \omega R$$

Motion Model

$$\mathbf{x}_k = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \Delta t & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{x}_{k-1} + \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ \Delta t \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{u}_{k-1} + \mathbf{w}_{k-1}$$

$$\mathbf{w}_k \sim \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{0}, \mathbf{Q}_k)$$
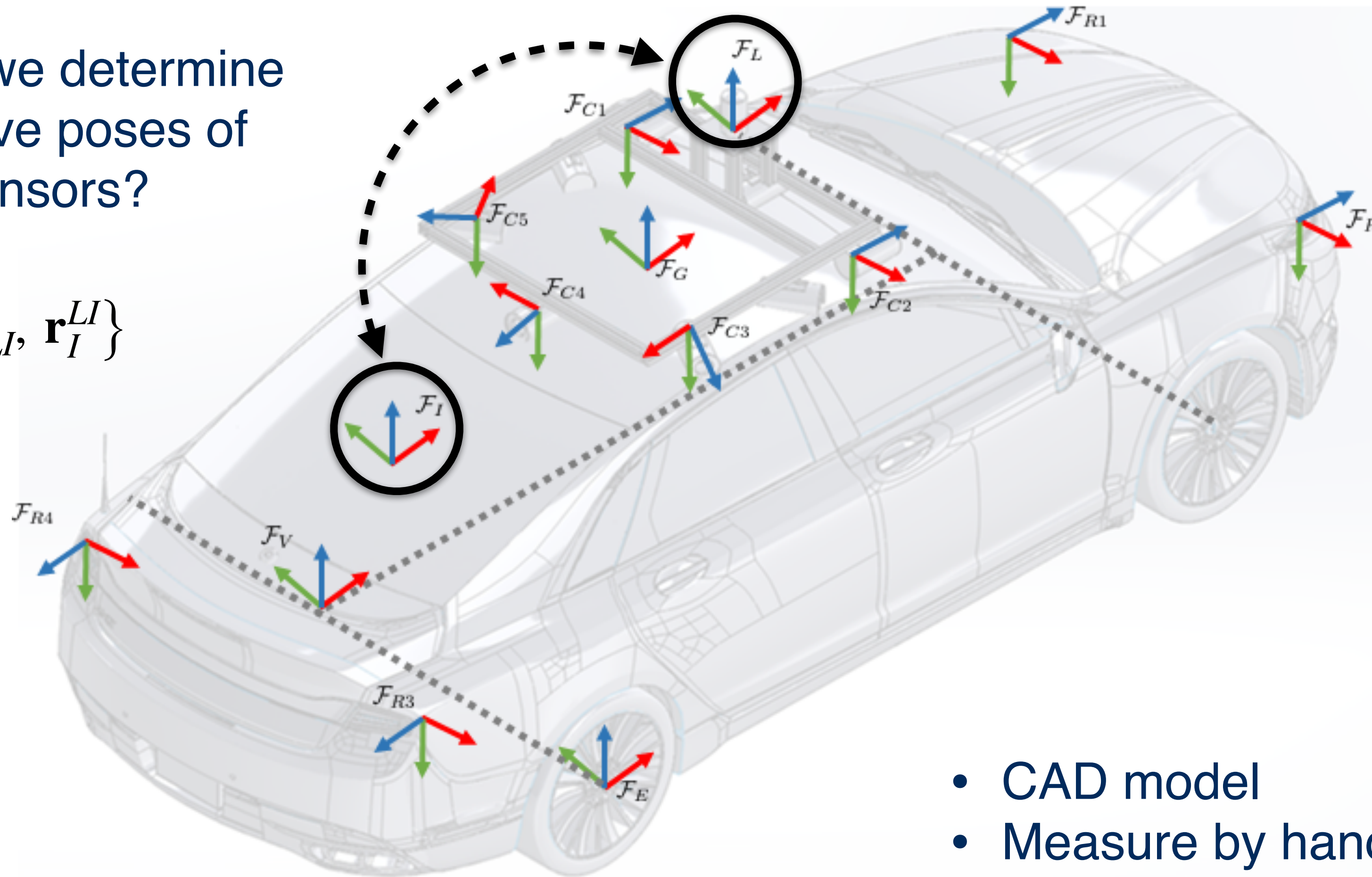
Position / Wheel Rate Observations

$$\mathbf{y}_k = \begin{bmatrix} p_k \\ \dot{p}_k \, / \, R_k \end{bmatrix} + \mathbf{v}_k$$

$$\mathbf{v}_k \sim \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{0}, \mathbf{R}_k)$$

Extrinsic Sensor Calibration

How do we determine the relative poses of all the sensors?

$$\{\mathbf{C}_{LI}, \mathbf{r}_I^{LI}\}$$

- CAD model
- Measure by hand
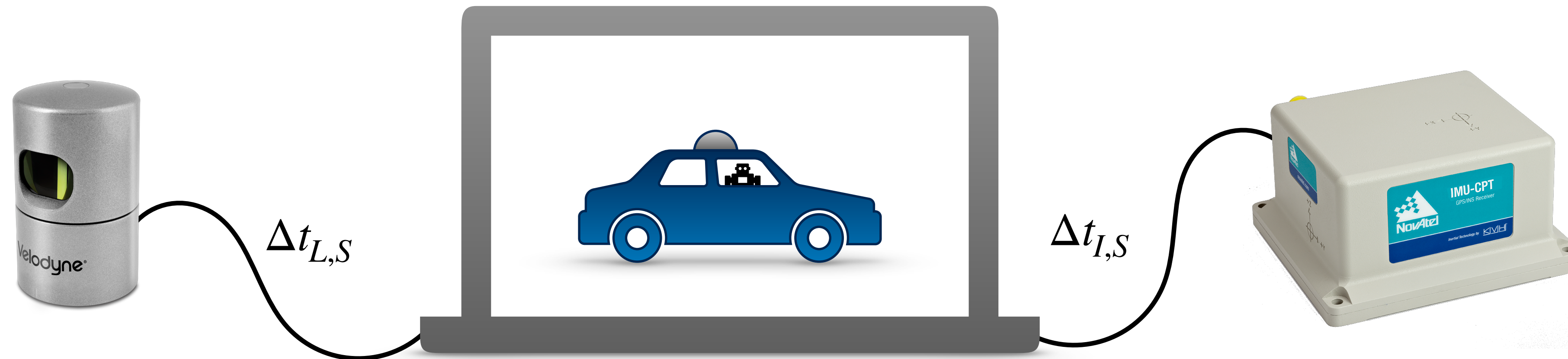- Estimate as part of the state

Temporal Calibration

LIDAR clock

System clock

IMU clock

$\Delta t_{L,S}$

$\Delta t_{I,S}$

How do we determine the
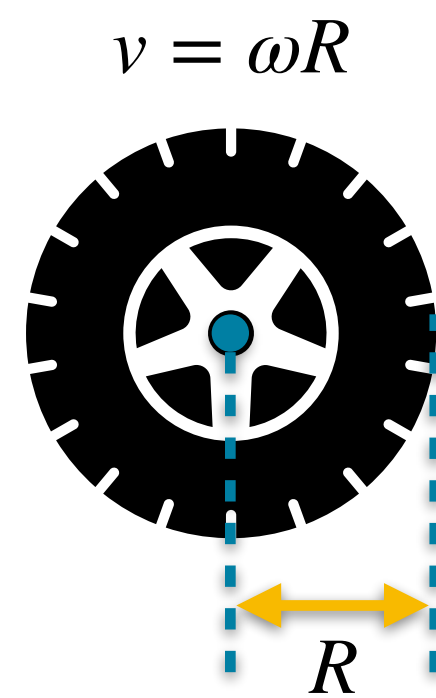relative time delays of all the
sensors?

- Assume zero
- Hardware synchronization
- Estimate as part of the
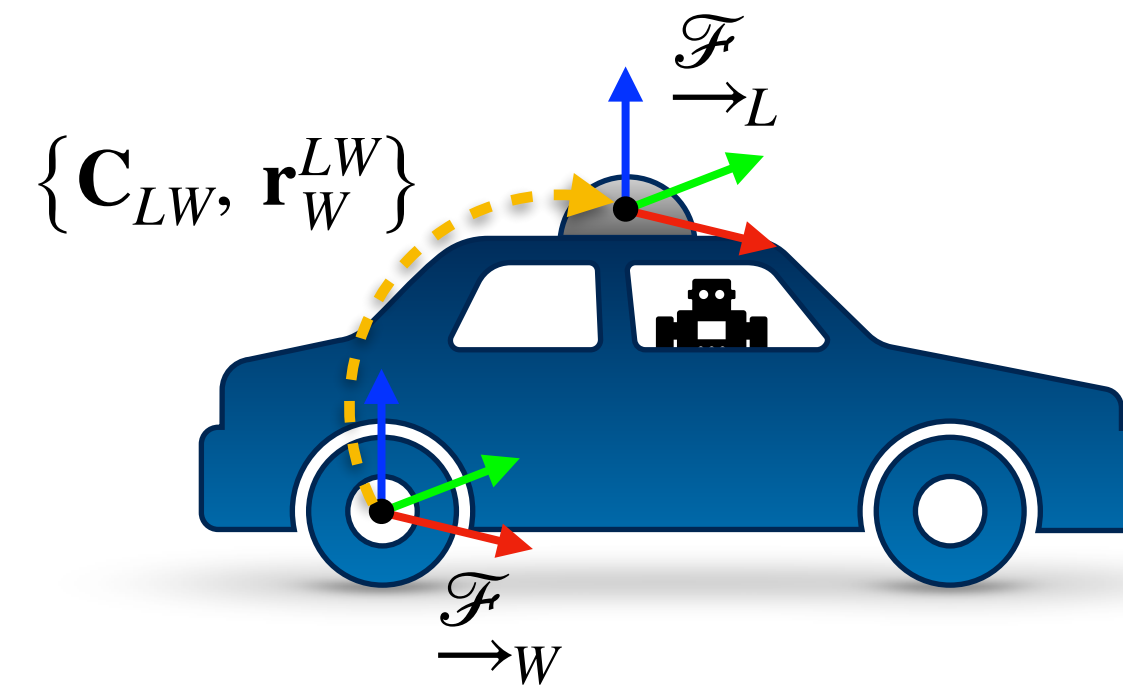 state

Bad Calibration vs Good Calibration

B-roll: Lidar map creation with good/bad calibration (from Autonomoose?)

Summary | Calibration

Intrinsic Calibration	Extrinsic Calibration	Temporal Calibration

Intrinsic Calibration: $v = \omega R$, R

Extrinsic Calibration: $\{\mathbf{C}_{LW}, \mathbf{r}_W^{LW}\}$, $\underset{\longrightarrow L}{\mathcal{F}}$, $\underset{\longrightarrow W}{\mathcal{F}}$

Temporal Calibration: Δt