
INTELLIGENT ROBOTS

CHAPTER 0: INTRODUCTION

Contact Information

Instructor: Qi Hao

E-mail: hao.q@sustc.edu.cn

Office: Nanshan iPark A7 Room 906

Office Hours: M 2:00-4:00pm

Available other times by appointment or the open door policy

Office Phone: (0755) 8801-8537

QQ: 156368415 智能机器人2019

Web: <http://hqlab.sustc.science/teaching/>

Class Schedule

- **Lectures:** T 8:00 am - 9:50 am Lychee Hills Building 1 Room 102
- **Lab:** T 10:20 am – 12:10 pm Lychee Hills Building 6 Room 406
Research building 1, 2nd Floor
- **Grading policy**

Assignment (8~10 times):	15%	Quiz (5~10 times):	10%
Midterm Exam :	15%	Final Exam	15%
Projects (2 per group):	15%	Final Projects:	30%
90~93: A-	94~97: A	98~100: A+	
80~82: B-	83~86: B	87~89: B+	
70~72: C-	73~76: C	77~79: C+	
60~62: D-	63~66: D	67~69: D+	

Textbook and Lecture Notes

Textbooks:

- [1] Probabilistic Robotics, by Sebastian Thrun, Dieter Fox, and Wolfram Burgard

Other books:

- [1] Robotics: Control, Sensing, Vision, and Intelligence, by Fu King Sun
- [2] Introduction to Autonomous Mobile Robots, by Roland Siegwart
- [3] Robot Programming, Cameron Hughes and Kacey Hughes

Lecture notes:

<http://hqlab.sustc.science/teaching/>

Other Resources

Assignment platform: sakai.sustc.edu.cn

Textbook pdf: <http://www.doc88.com/p-3951558082918.html>

Teaching Objectives

- Fundamental knowledge of many of the basic tasks of intelligent mobile robots: locomotion, estimation, localization, planning, reconstruction and exploration.
- Intelligent robot system development methods with C/C++/Python through labs and projects
- Intelligent robot system design, integration, and verification skills through the final project, literature surveys and reports

Lecture Schedule

- Section 00 Course Introduction
- Section 01 Mobile Robots, Control and Decision Architecture
- Section 02 Locomotion and Sensors
- Section 03 Probabilistic Motion and Sensor Models
- Section 04 Motion Planning and Collision Avoidance
- Section 05 Occupancy and Mapping
- Section 06 Particle and Kalman Filters

==Midterm Exam==

- Section 07 Error Propagation and Feature Estimation
- Section 08 Localization
- Section 09 SLAM
- Section 10 Path Planning and Navigation
- Section 11 Reconstruction and Exploration

==Final Exam==

Lab Schedule

Section 00 Lab Tour

Section 01 Simulation Platform

Section 02 Experiment Platform

====Proposal====

Section 03 Robot Perception

Section 04 Robot Control and Decision

Section 05 Robot Communications

Section 06 Motion Planning and Collision Avoidance

Section 07 Occupancy and Mapping

Section 08 Robot Localization

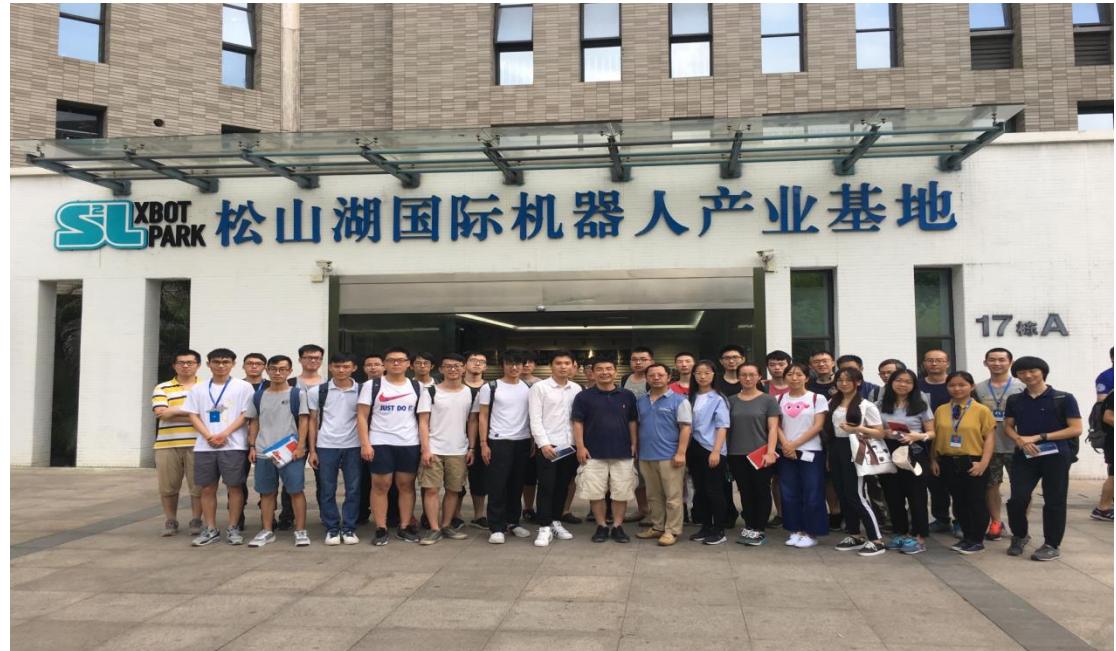
Section 09 SLAM

Section 10 Path Planning and Navigation

====Final Report====

Filed Trips

- Visit Companies
- Survey Papers
- Bonus Credits



Plagiarism

From Spring 2018, the plagiarism policy applied by the Computer Science and Engineering department is the following:

- * If an assignment is found to be plagiarized, the first time the score of the assignment will be 0.
- The second time the score of the course will be 0.

As it may be difficult when two assignments are identical or nearly identical who actually wrote it, the policy will apply to BOTH students, unless one confesses having copied without the knowledge of the other.

What is OK, and what isn't OK

It's OK

- to work on an assignment with a friend, and think together about the program structure, share ideas and even the global logic. At the time of actually writing the code, you should write it alone.
- to use in an assignment a piece of code found on the web, as long as you indicate in a comment where it was found and don't claim it as your own work.
- to help friends debug their programs (you'll probably learn a lot yourself by doing so).
- to show your code to friends to explain the logic, as long as the friends write their code on their own later.

It's NOT OK

- **to take the code of a friend, make a few cosmetic changes (comments, some variable names) and pass it as your own work.**
-

Make a Promise to Keep

Sign

the “Student Commitment for Assignments”

Keep

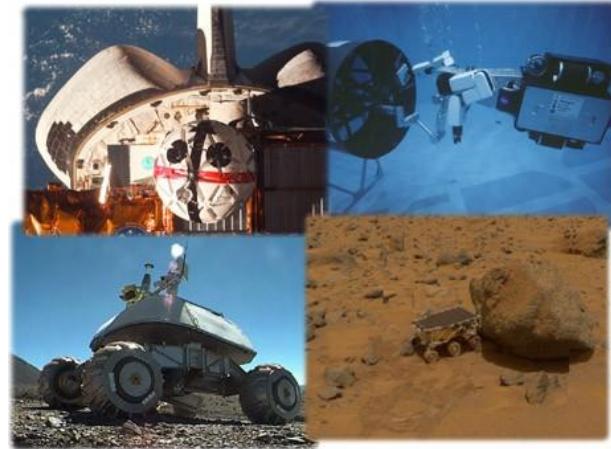
the promise during the whole semester!

Outlines

- Robot Types and Framework
 - Problem Statement
 - Related Areas
 - History
 - Optimization for Intelligent Robots
 - Algorithms
 - Platforms and Demos
-

Robot Types

- Robot Manipulators
 - Assembly, automation
- Field robots
 - Military applications
 - Space exploration
- Service robots
 - Cleaning robots
 - Medical robots
- Entertainment robots



Robot Manipulators

- Static Manipulators



- Mobile Manipulators



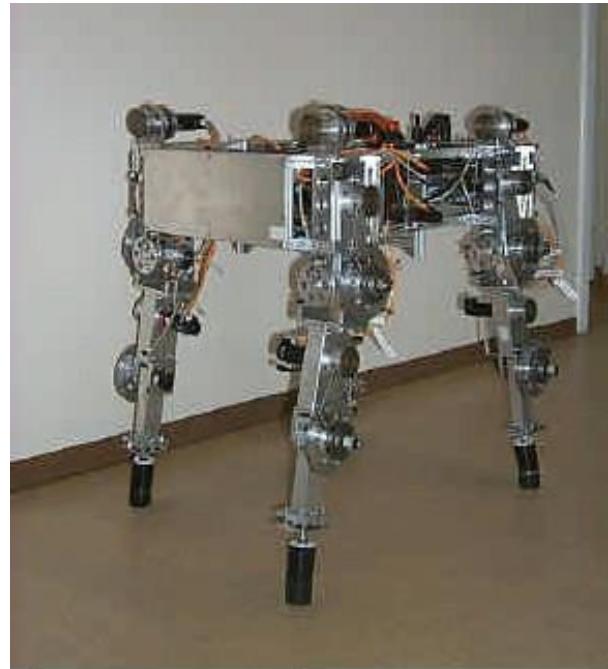
Field Robots: Locomotion



Aerial Robots



Wheeled mobile robots



Humanoid



Underwater robots



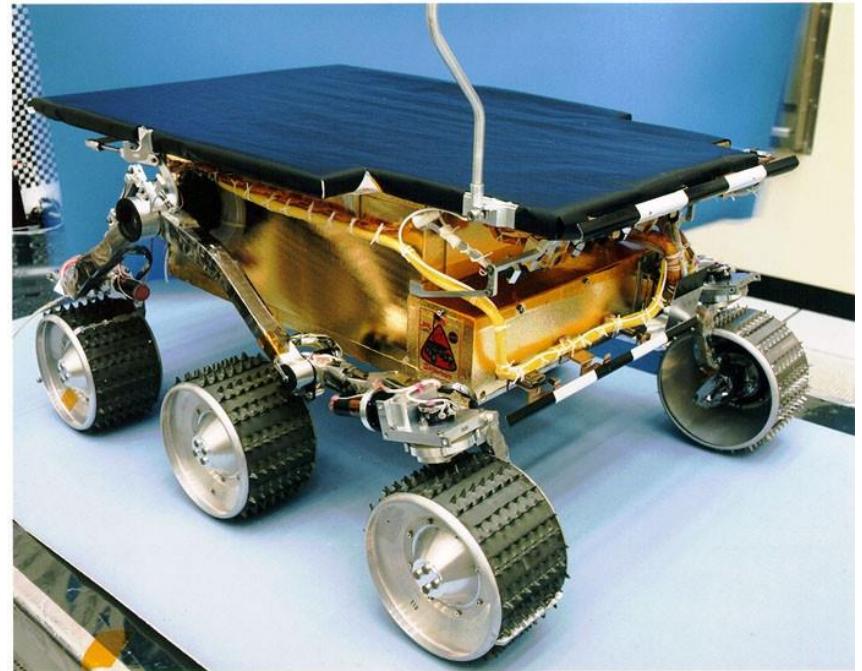
Legged robots

Field Robots: Mobile

Hilare II



Sojourner Rover



<http://www.laas.fr/~matthieu/robots/>

NASA and JPL, Mars exploration

Field Robots: Autonomous



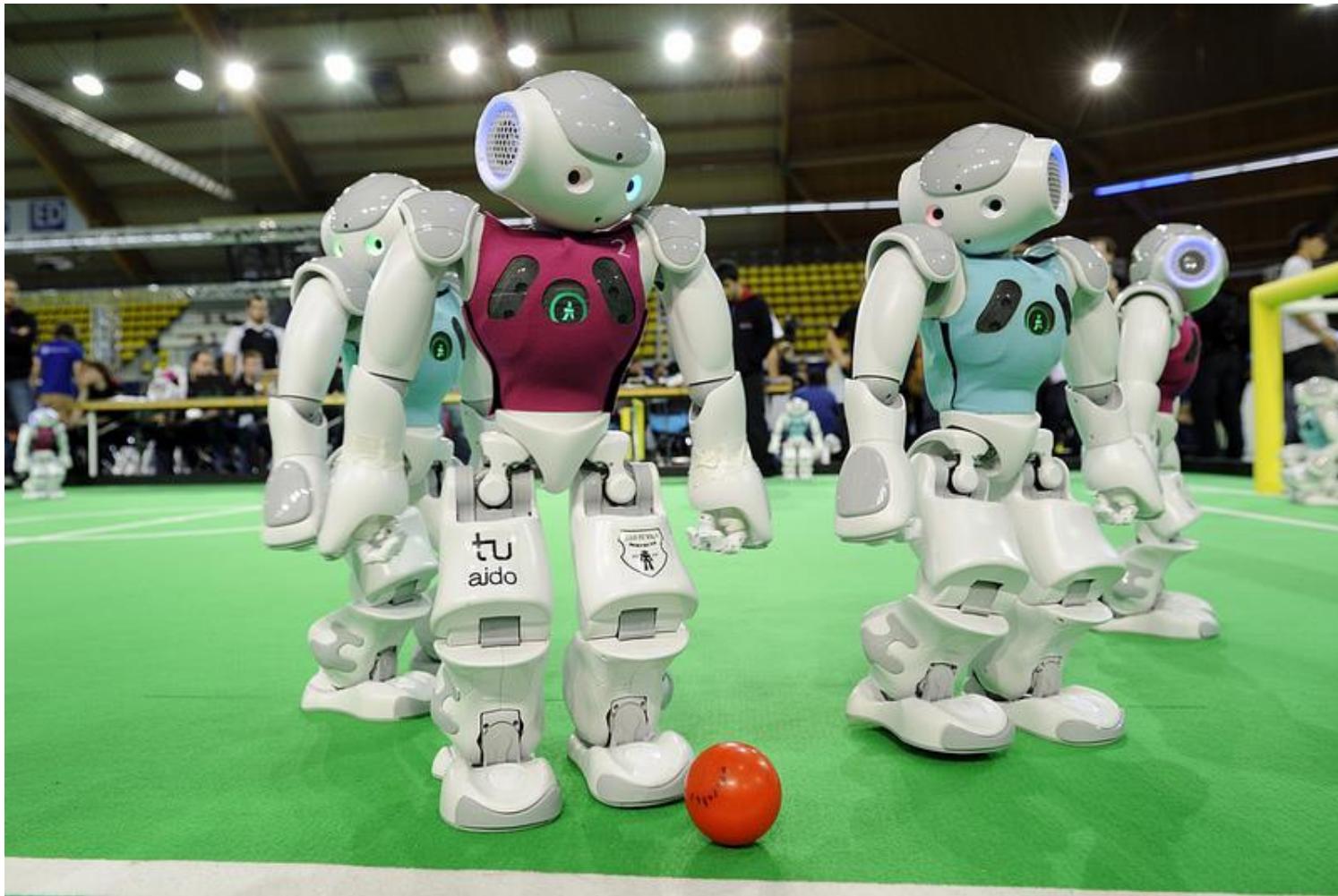
Service Robots



iRobot Scooba Robot



Entertainment Robots

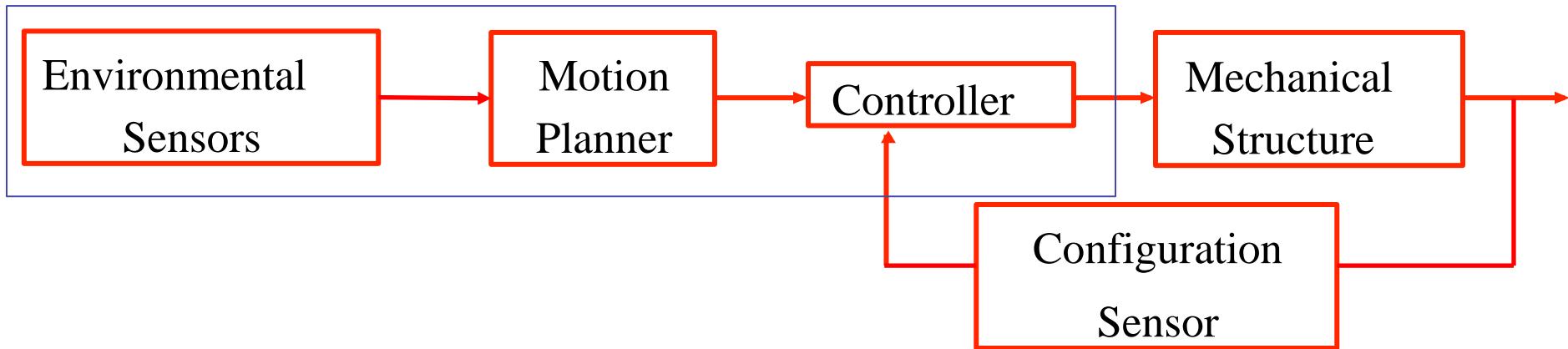


Why Use Robots?

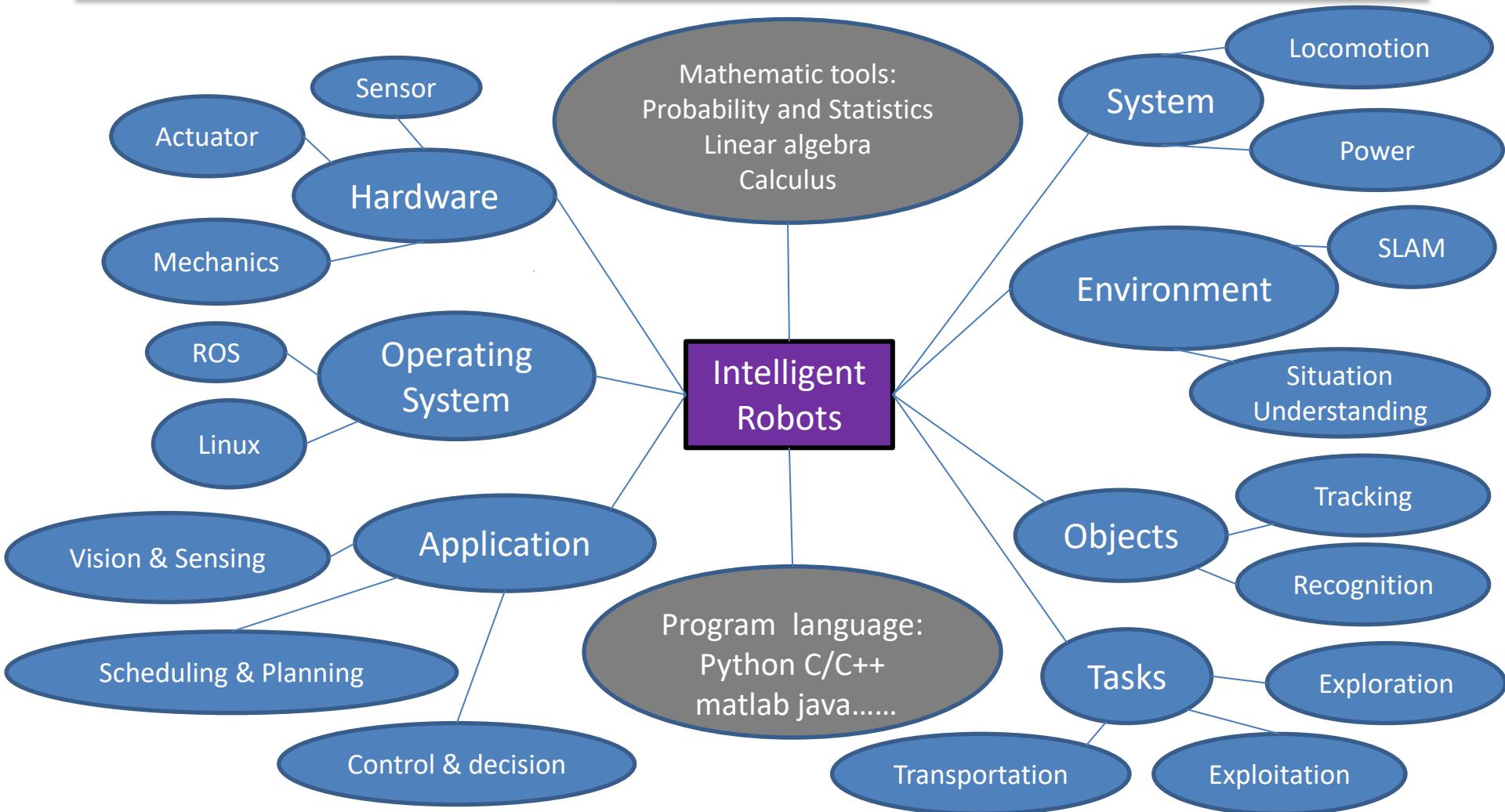
- Application in 4D environments
 - Dangerous
 - Dirty
 - Dull
 - Difficult
- 4A tasks
 - Automation
 - Augmentation
 - Assistance
 - Autonomous

Architecture of Robotic Systems

- Mechanical Structure
 - Kinematics and dynamics
- Actuators:
 - Electrical, hydraulic, pneumatic, artificial muscle
- Sensors
 - Passive: optical, infrared, electro-magnetic, acoustic, IMU, GPS
 - Active: laser, ultrasound, microwave
- Computation, communication, and control
- User interface and power unit



Framework



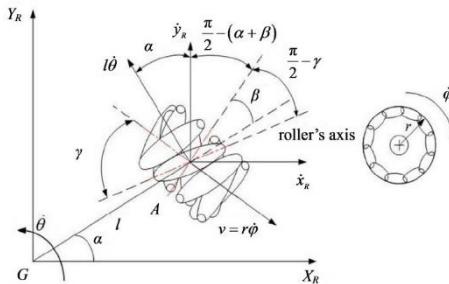
Outlines

- Robot Types and Framework
 - Problem Statement
 - Related Areas
 - History
 - Optimization for Robots
 - Algorithms
 - Platforms and Demos
-

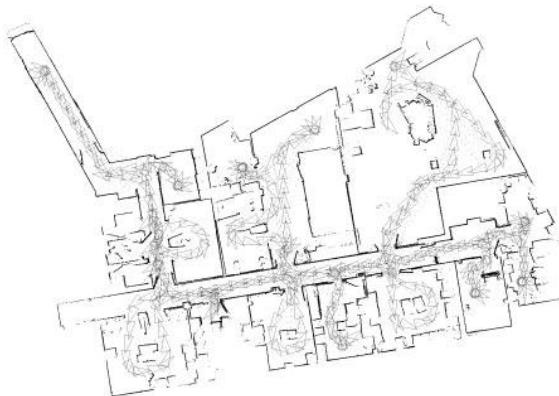
Problem Statement

■ Problems:

- Motion Control



- Range Sensing
- Mapping
- Stereo Vision
- Reconstruction
- Tracking
- Recognition
- SLAM
- Motion Planning
- Path Planning



$$\begin{bmatrix} \dot{x}_I \\ \dot{y}_I \\ \dot{\theta} \end{bmatrix} = -\left(\sqrt{2}/2\right)r\mathbf{J}^+ \begin{bmatrix} \dot{\phi}_1 \\ \dot{\phi}_2 \\ \dot{\phi}_3 \\ \dot{\phi}_4 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} P_x(k+1) \\ P_y(k+1) \\ V_x(k+1) \\ V_y(k+1) \end{pmatrix}}_{X(k+1)} = \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & T & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & T \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}}_{A} \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} P_x(k) \\ P_y(k) \\ V_x(k) \\ V_y(k) \end{pmatrix}}_{X(k)} + \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ \sigma_v \\ \sigma_v \end{pmatrix}}_{w(k)}$$

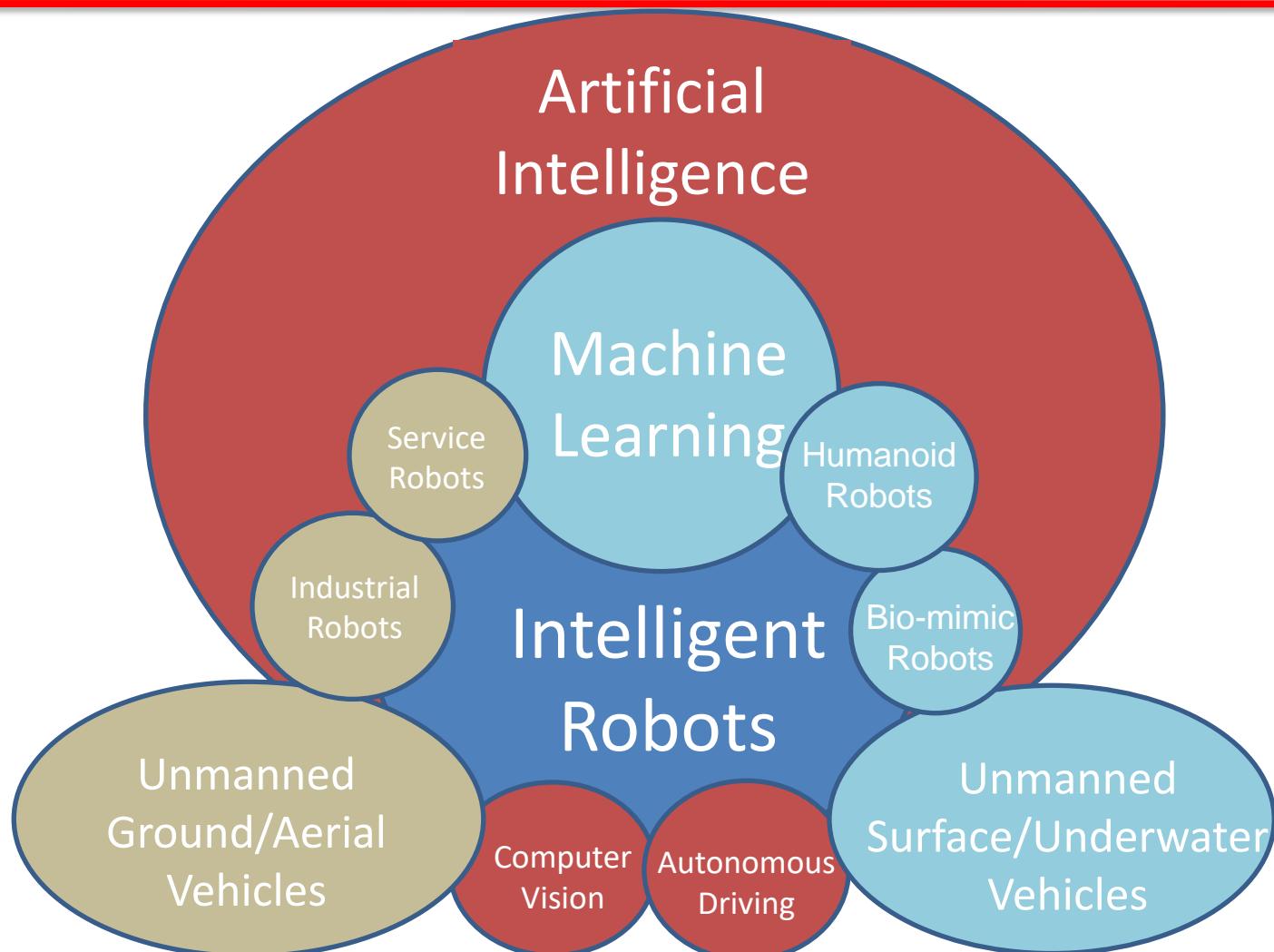
$$\underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} P_x(k) \\ P_y(k) \end{pmatrix}}_{Y(k)} = \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}}_{C} \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} P_x(k) \\ P_y(k) \\ V_x(k) \\ V_y(k) \end{pmatrix}}_{X(k)} + \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} \sigma_p \\ \sigma_p \end{pmatrix}}_{v(k)}$$

$$f(n) = g(n) + h(n)$$

Outlines

- Robot Types and Framework
 - Problem Statement
 - Related Areas
 - History
 - Optimization for Intelligent Robots
 - Algorithms
 - Platforms and Demos
-

Related Areas



What is AI

- Knowledge representation
 - Understanding natural language
 - Learning
 - Planning and problem solving
 - Inference
 - Search
 - Vision
-

Learning and Evolution

- Learning
 - Skills vs Task (Map acquisition)
 - Learning Methods
 - Learning by instruction
 - Learning by imitation
 - Learning by skill transfer
 - Learning by trial-and-error
 - Evolution and adaptation
-

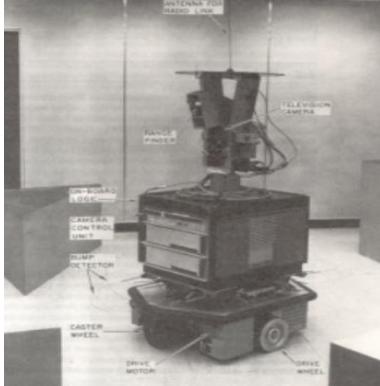
Outlines

- Robot Types and Framework
 - Problem Statement
 - Related Areas
 - History
 - Optimization for Intelligent Robots
 - Algorithms
 - Platforms and Demos
-

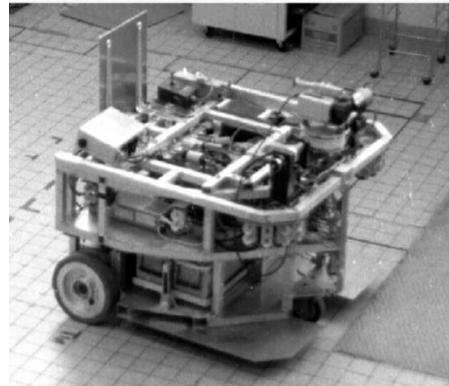
History



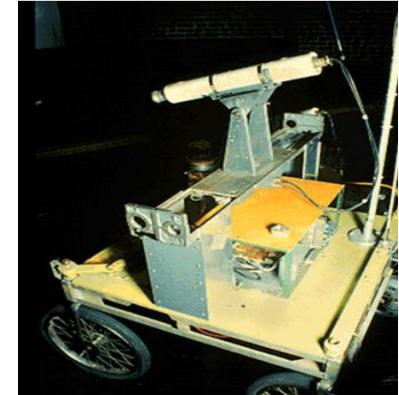
1950 Grey Walter



1969 Shakey



1977 Hilare 1



1979 Stanford Research Institute's Mobile Robot



1990 Hilare II



1998-2000 RAMS



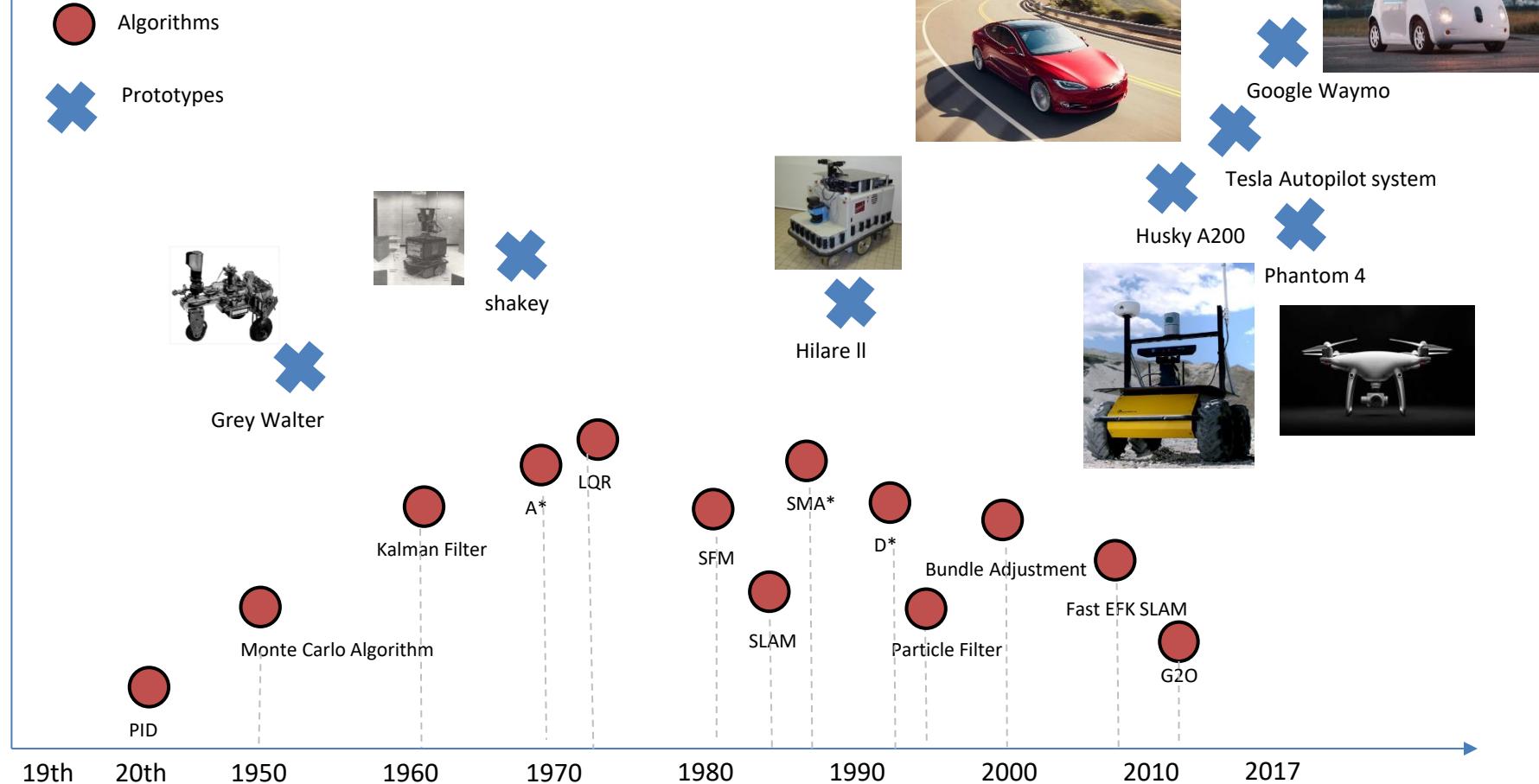
2011 husky a200



2017 Waymo

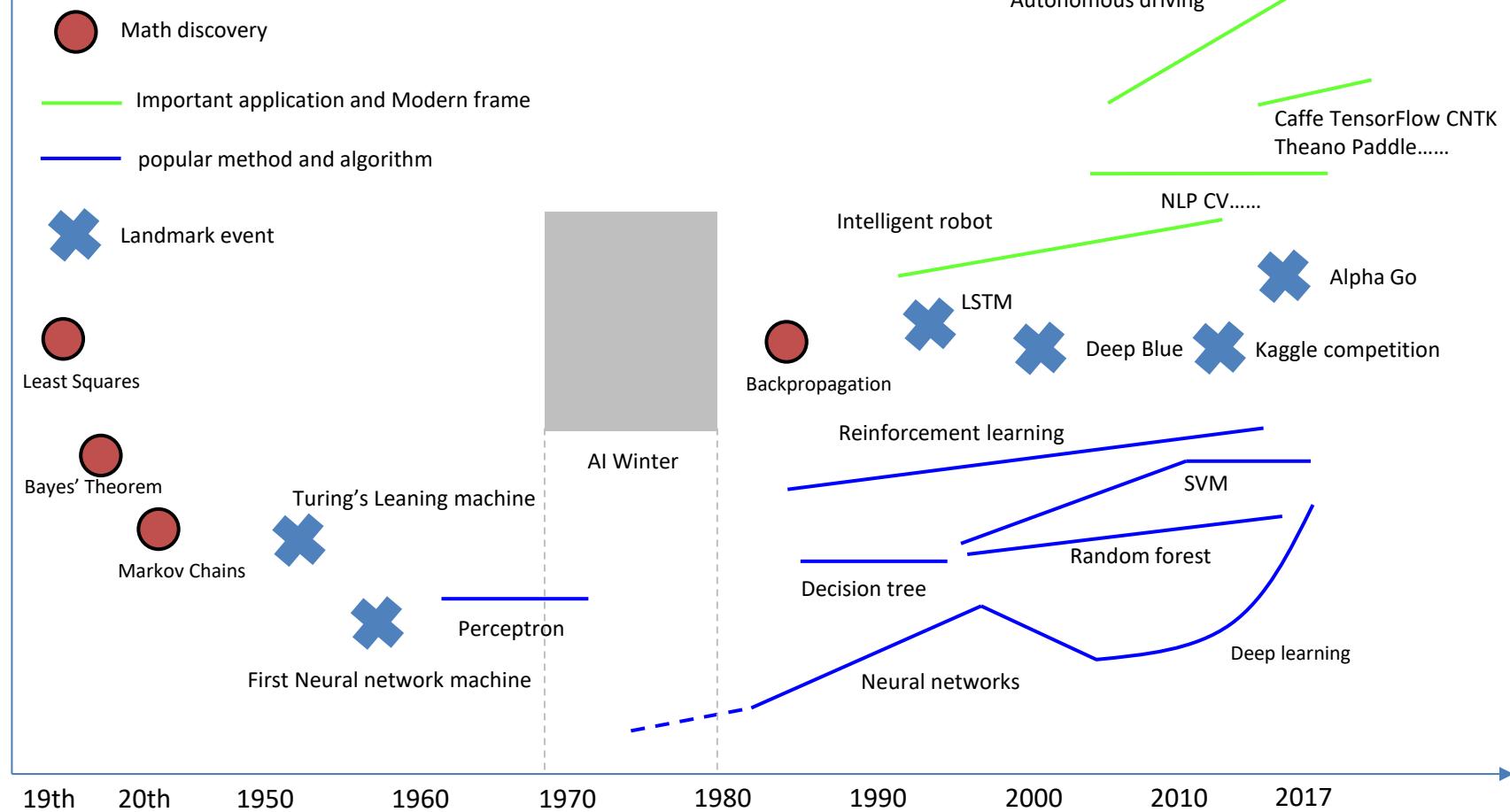
History

Development of Algorithms and prototypes



History

Popularity and degree of application



Outlines

- Robot Types and Framework
 - Problem Statement
 - Related Areas
 - History
 - Optimization for Intelligent Robot
 - Algorithms
 - Platforms and Demos
-

➤ Optimization for Intelligent Robots

■ Perception

- Estimation / Prediction / Classification
- Fusion / Mapping / Reconstruction
- Situation understanding

■ Control

- Kinematics / Dynamics Control
- Optimal/Robust control
- Adaptive control

■ Decision

- Markov Decision Process
- Information Gain Based Exploration

■ Planning

- Multi-objectives
- Path/Motion planning

■ Scheduling

- Multi-tasks
- Resource allocation

What is optimization?

- Finding (one or more) minimizer of a function subject to constraints

$$\arg \min_x f_0(x)$$

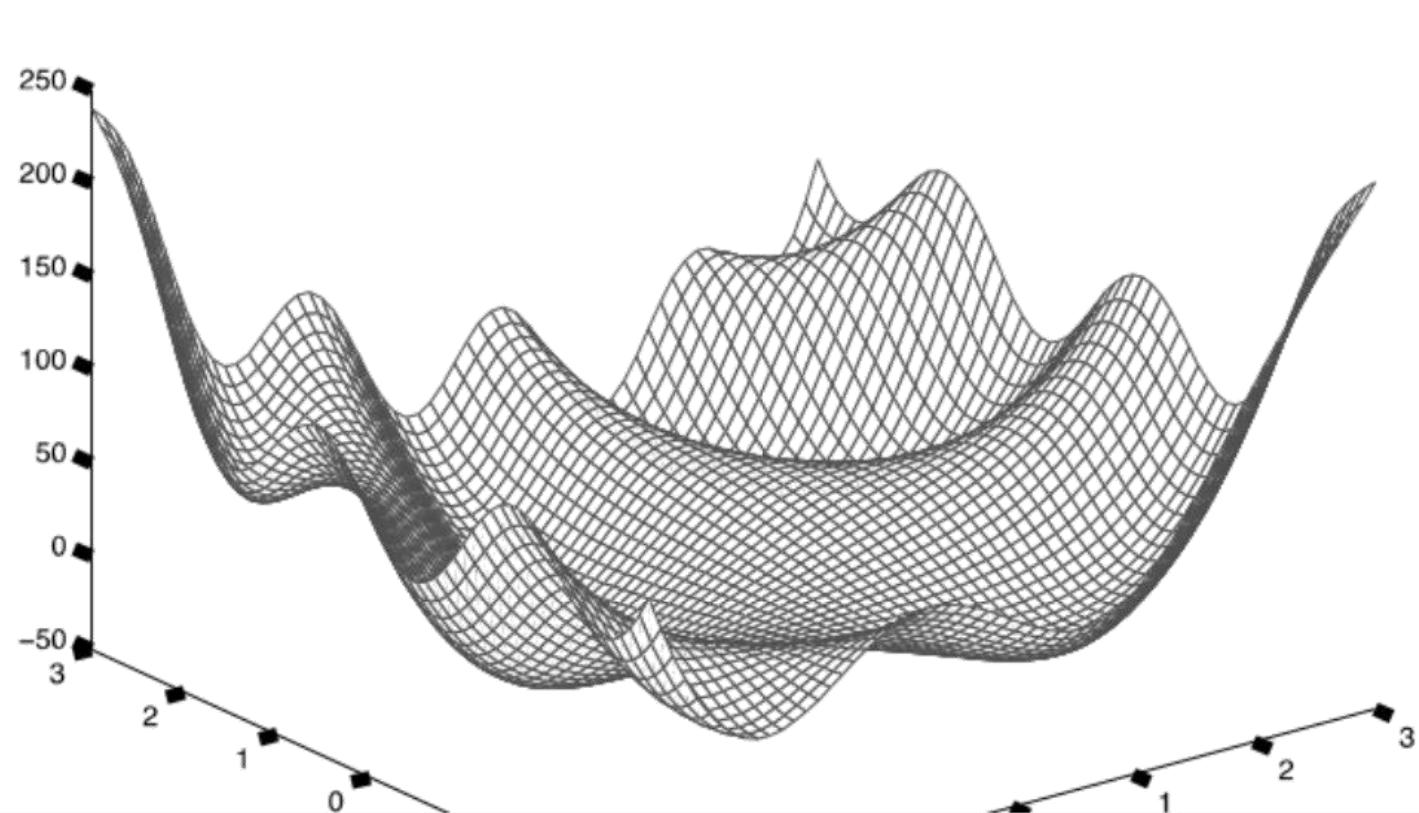
$$s.t. f_i(x) \leq 0, i = \{1, \dots, k\}$$

$$f_j(x) = 0, i = \{1, \dots, l\}$$

- Most of the machine learning problems are, in the end, optimization problems
-

General Problem

■ Minimize $f(x)$



Optimization

■ Convex

- Unconstrained optimization
- Constrained optimization

■ Non-convex

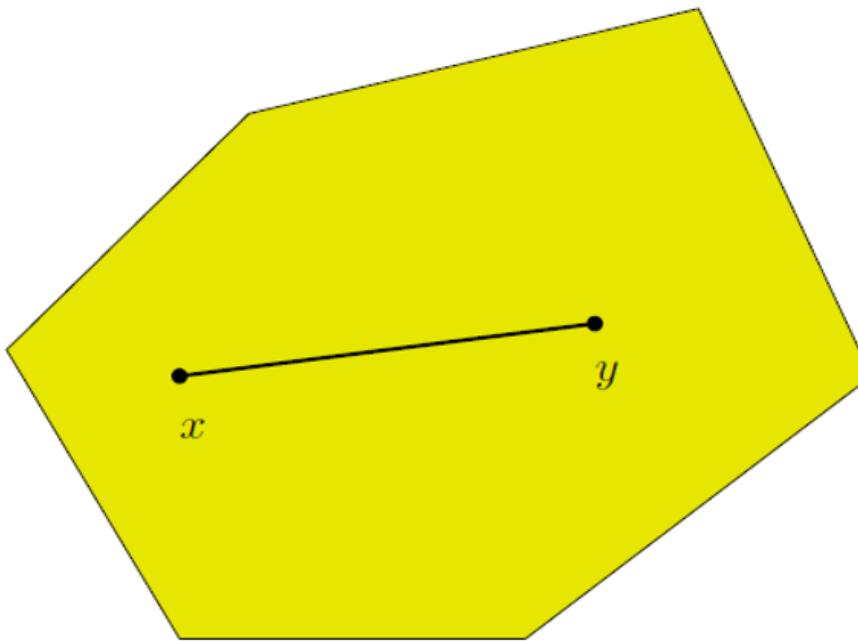
- Heuristic algorithms
 - Approximate methods
-

What is Convex?

■ Convex sets

Def: A set $C \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ is convex if for $x, y \in C$; $a \in [0, 1]$

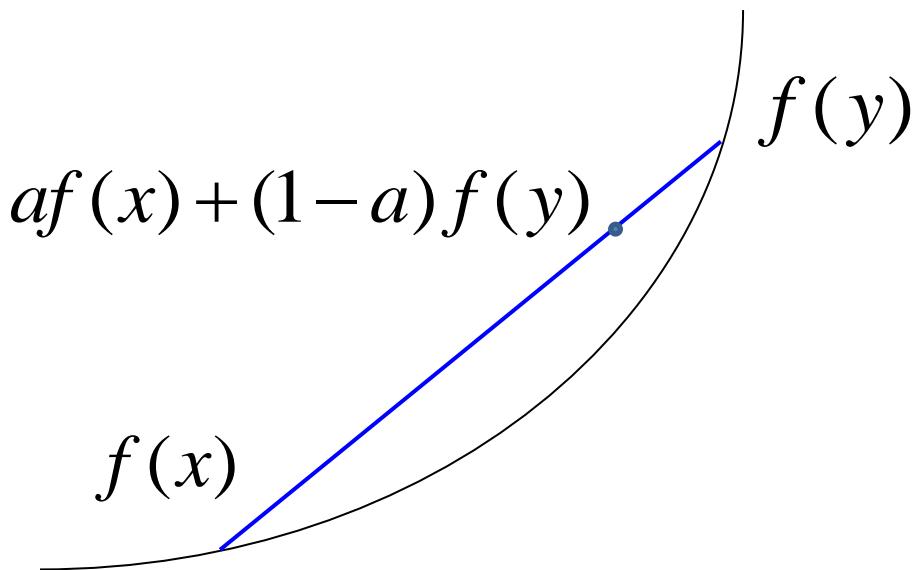
$$ax + (1 - a)y \in C$$



What is Convex?

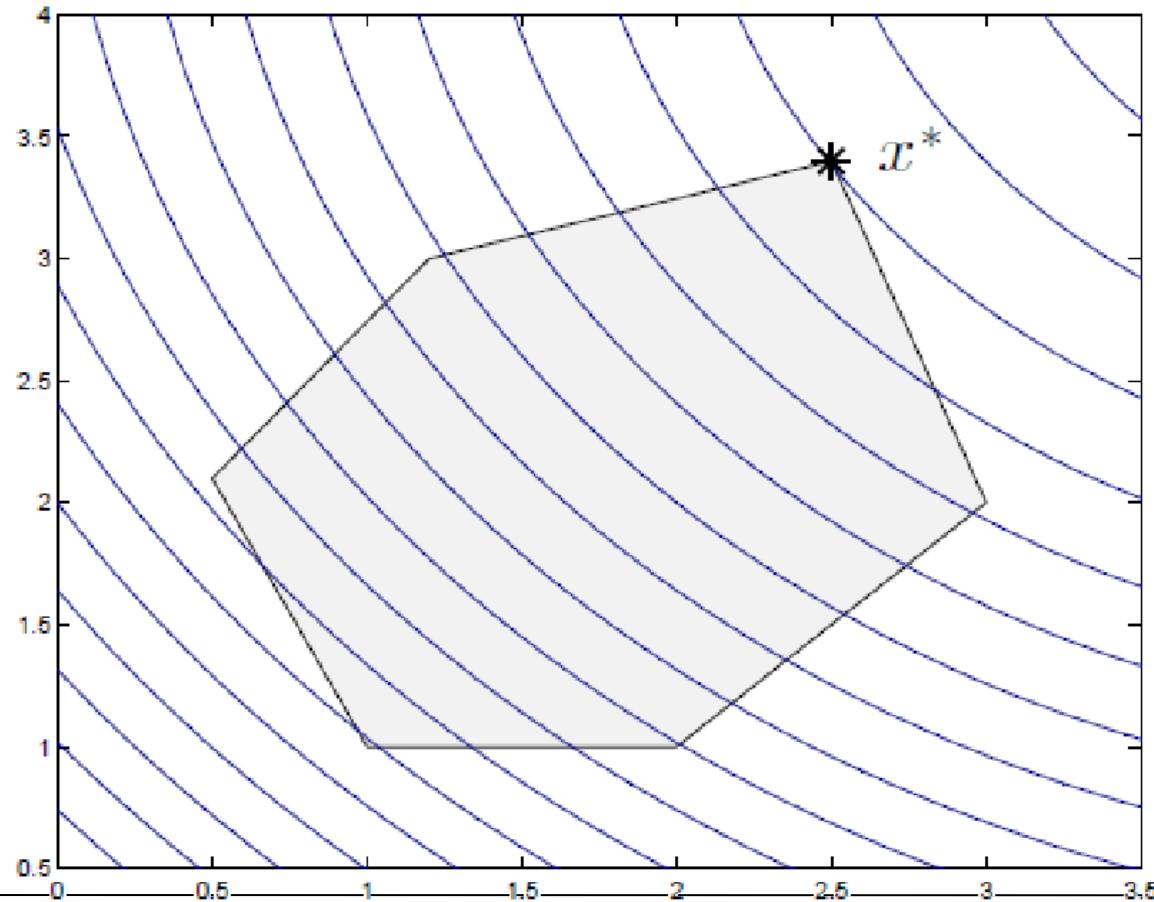
■ Convex functions

$$f(ax + (1-a)y) \leq af(x) + (1-a)f(y)$$



Convex Optimization

- Local minimizer = Global minimizer



Convex Optimization

■ Unconstrained optimization

- Gradient descent
- Newton's method

■ Constrained optimization

- Lagrange function
 - General methods
-

Convex optimization

■ Unconstrained optimization

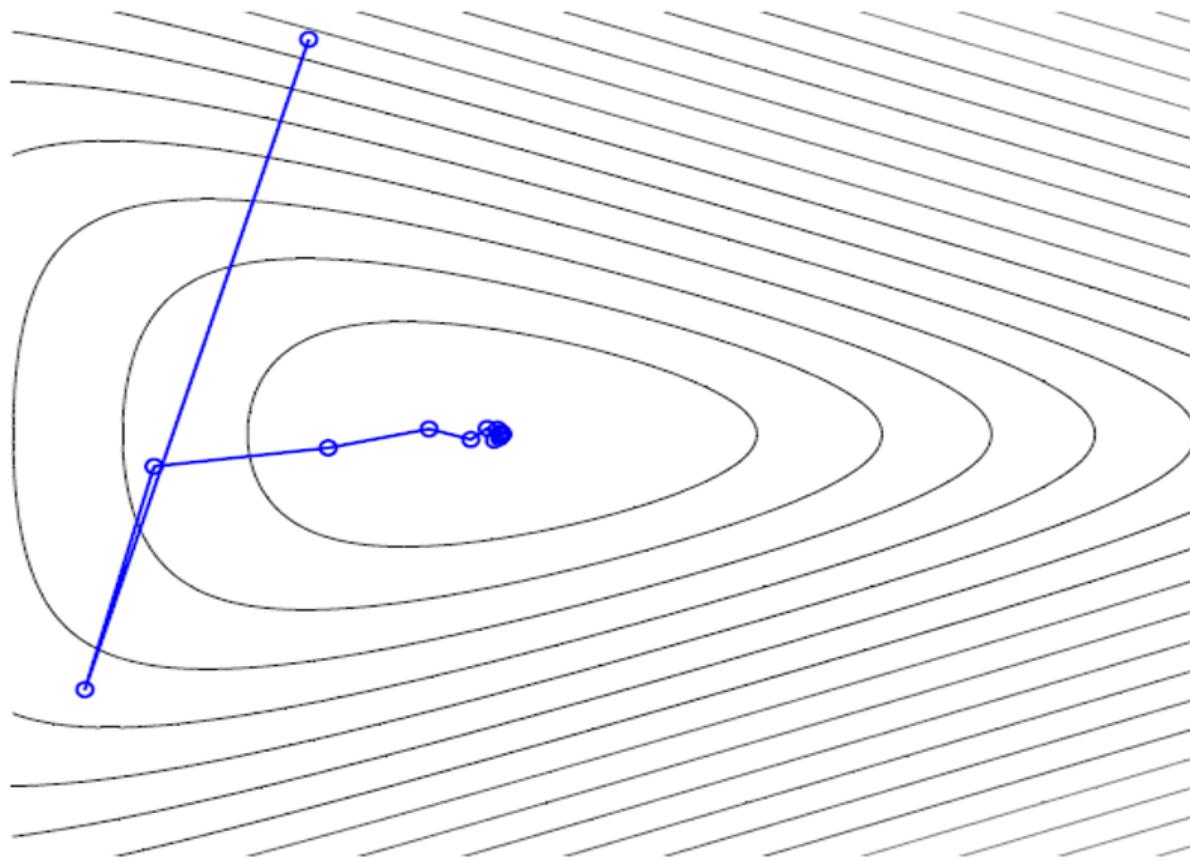
- Gradient descent
- Newton's method
- Batch learning
- Stochastic Gradient Descent

■ Constrained optimization

- Lagrange function
 - General methods
-

Gradient Descent

$$f(x_{t+1}) = f(x_t) - \eta \nabla f(x_t)^T (x - x_t)$$



Newton's Method

- Idea: use a second-order approximation to function

$$f(x + \Delta x) \approx f(x) + \nabla f(x)^T \Delta x + \frac{1}{2} \Delta x^T \nabla^2 f(x) \Delta x$$

- Choose Δx to minimize above:

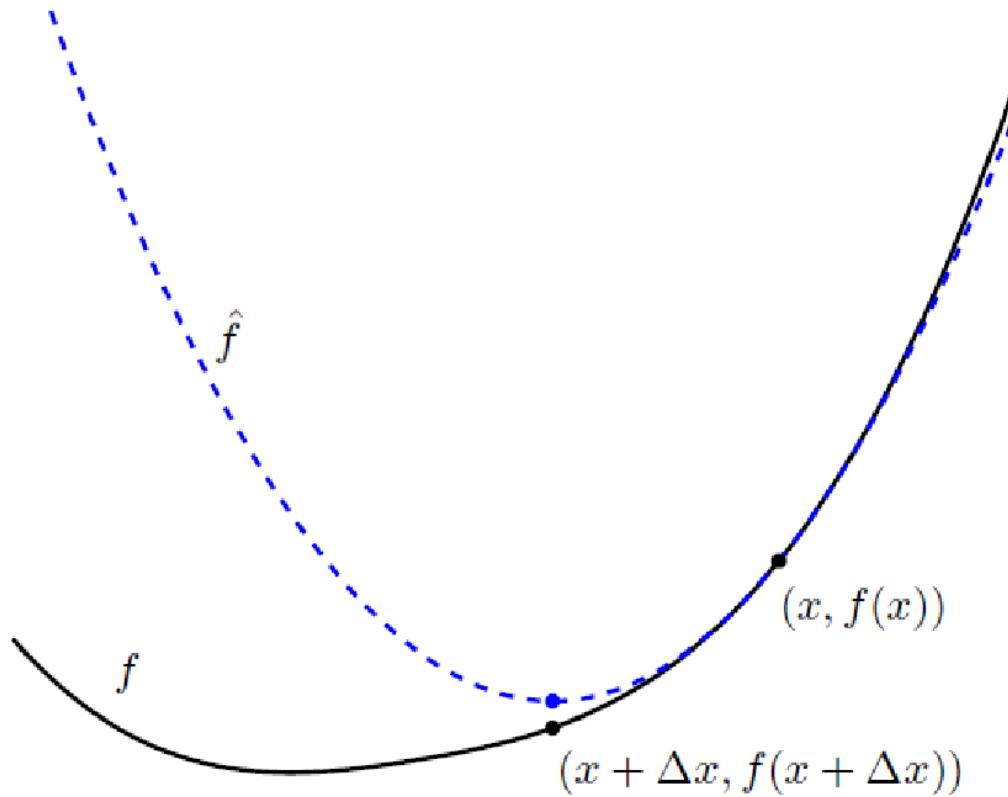
$$\Delta x = -[\nabla^2 f(x)]^{-1} \nabla f(x)$$

- This is descent direction:

$$\nabla f(x)^T \Delta x = -\nabla f(x)^T [\nabla^2 f(x)]^{-1} \nabla f(x) < 0$$

Newton's Method

\hat{f} is 2-order approximation, f is true function.



Convex Optimization

■ Unconstrained optimization

- Gradient descent
- Newton's method
- Batch learning
- Stochastic Gradient Descent

■ Constrained optimization

- Lagrange function
 - General methods
-

Lagrange Function

- Start with optimization problem:

$$\arg \min_x f_0(x)$$

$$s.t. f_i(x) \leq 0, i = \{1, \dots, k\}$$

$$f_j(x) = 0, i = \{1, \dots, l\}$$

- Is equivalent to min-max optimization:

$$\arg \min_x \left[\sup_{\lambda > 0, \nu} (f_0(x) + \sum_{i=1}^k \lambda_i f_i(x) + \sum_{j=1}^l \nu_j h_j(x)) \right]$$

Optimization

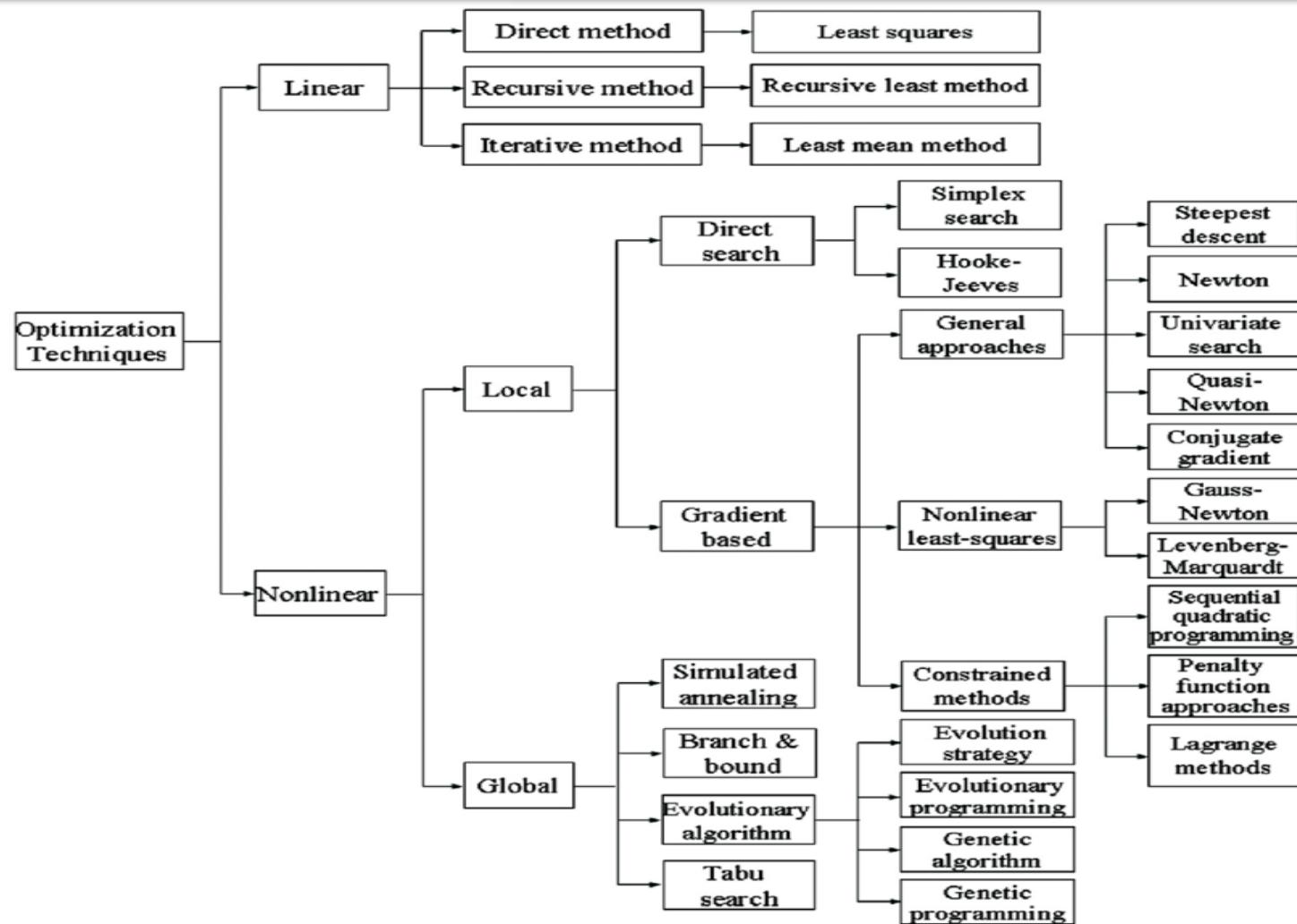
■ Convex

- Unconstrained optimization
- Constrained optimization

■ Non-convex

- Heuristic algorithms
 - Approximate methods
-

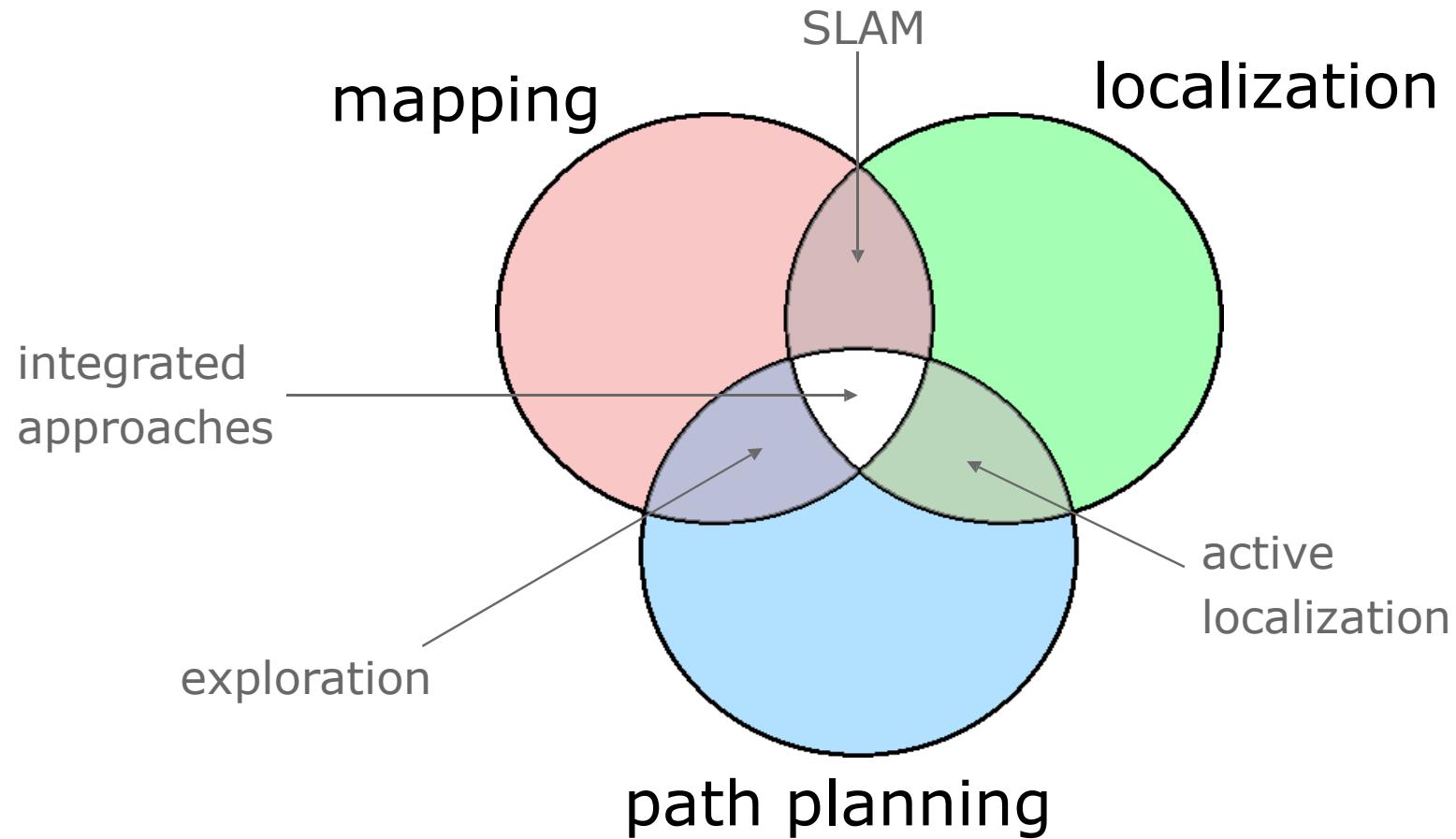
Optimization Methods



Outlines

- Robot Types and Framework
 - Problem Statement
 - Related Areas
 - History
 - Optimization for Intelligent Robots
 - Algorithms
 - Platforms and Demos
-

Tasks of Mobile Robots



Algorithms

Control & Perception



- PID, LQR, Sliding Mode

- Kalman Filter

- Structure from motion

Motion and Path Planning



- A*

- SMA*

- D*

Localization & Mapping



- Recursive Bayesian estimation

- Gaussian Particle Filter, Monte Carlo localization

- Bundle Adjustment, graph optimization

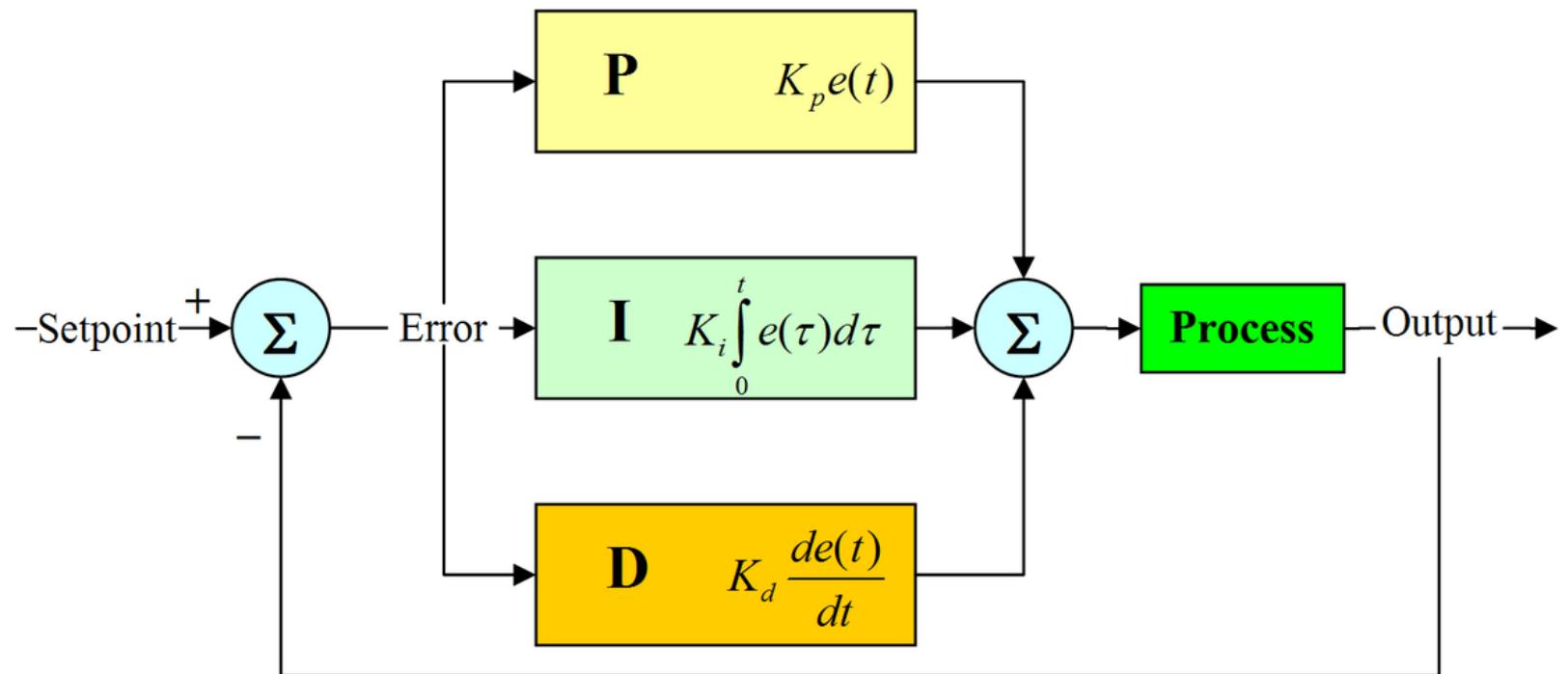
Reconstruction & Exploration



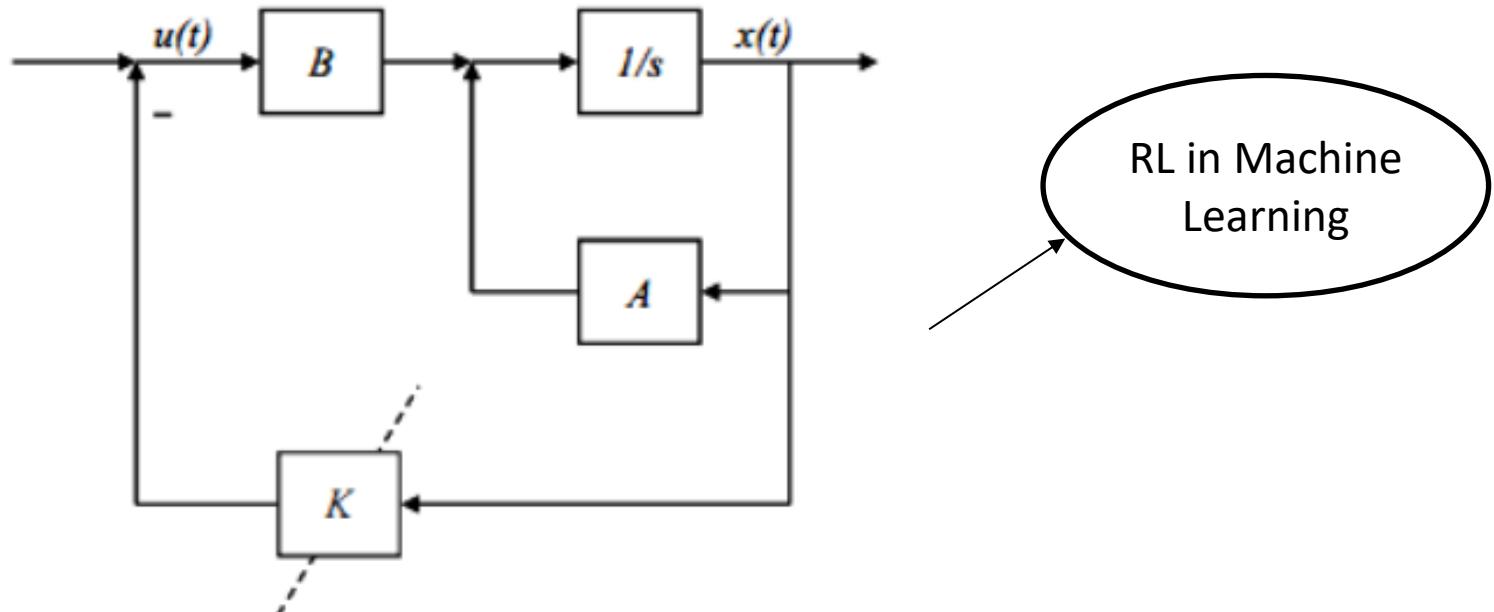
- ICP

- igExplore

PID



LQR



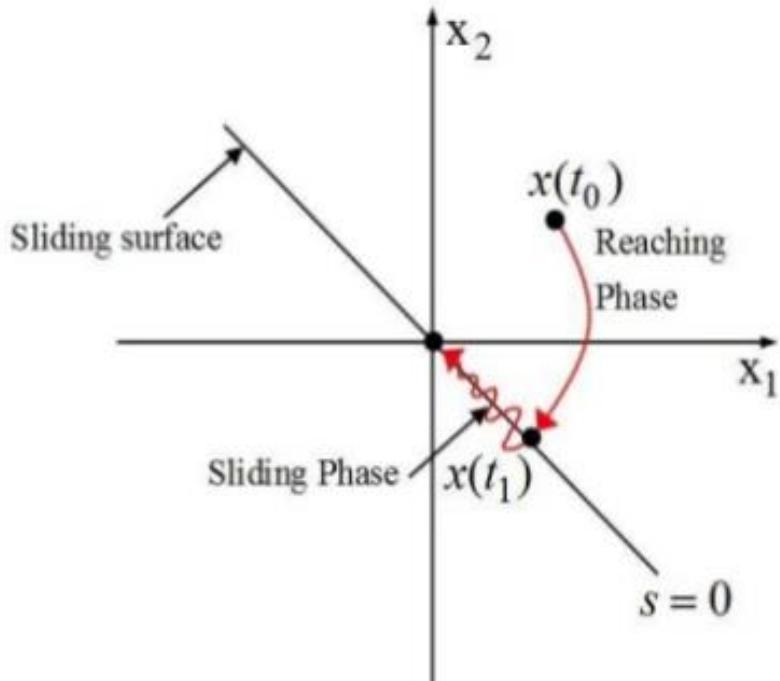
State space function:

$$\begin{cases} \dot{x} = Ax + Bu \\ y = Cx + Du \end{cases}$$
$$u = -Kx$$

Optimize function:

$$J = \frac{1}{2} \int_0^{\infty} x^T Q x + u^T R u \, dt$$

Sliding Mode



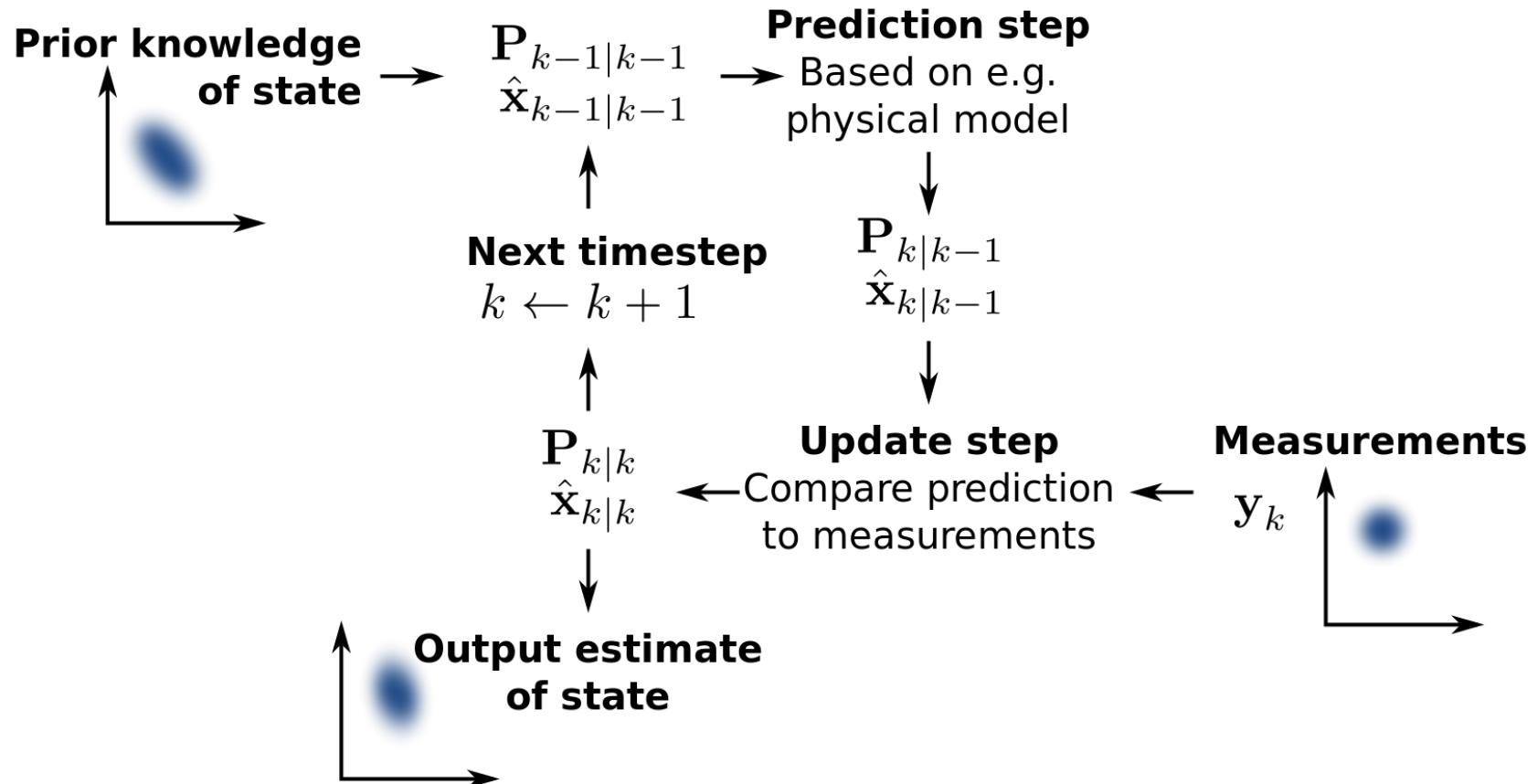
System state equation: $\dot{x} = f(x, u, t)$

Determine switching function: $S(x), S \in R$

Control law:

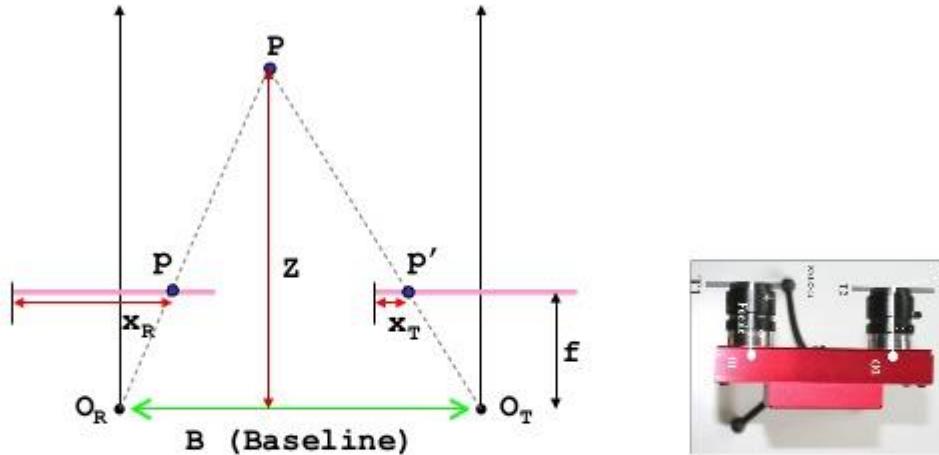
$$u = \begin{cases} u^+(x), & S(x) > 0 \\ u^-(x), & S(x) < 0 \end{cases}$$

Kalman Filter



Stereo Vision

Disparity and depth



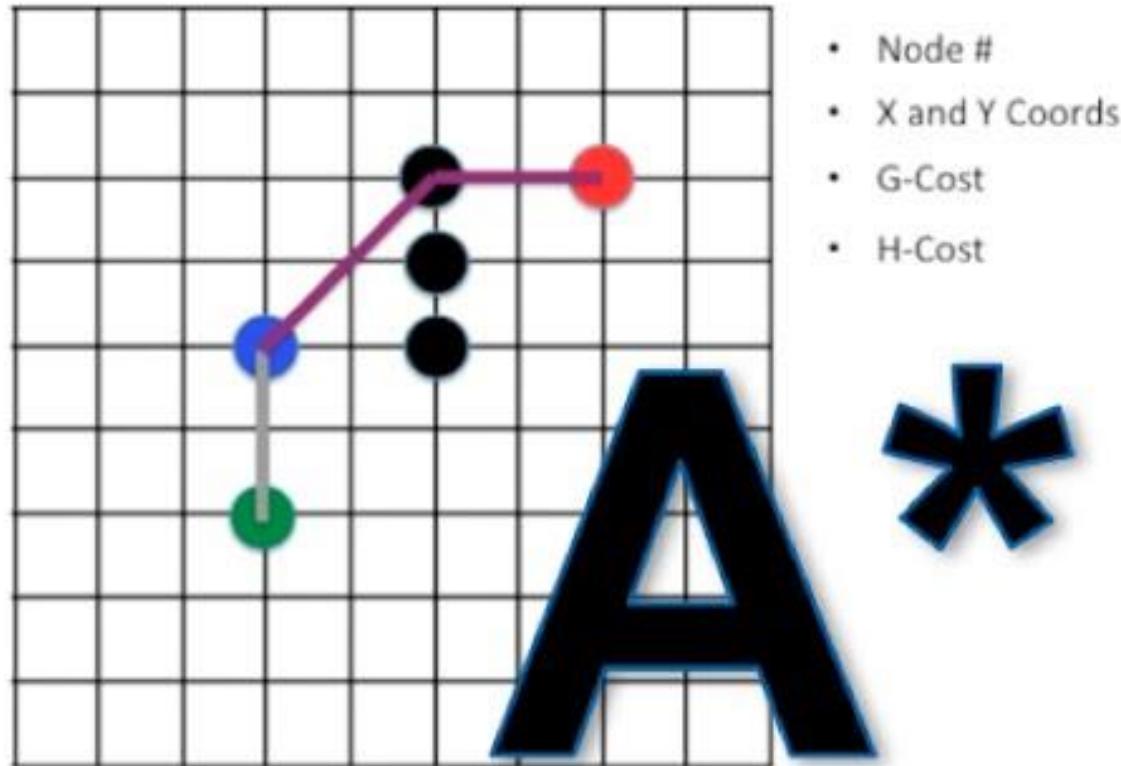
With the stereo rig in standard form and by considering similar triangles (PO_RO_T and Ppp'):

$$\frac{b}{Z} = \frac{(b + x_T) - x_R}{Z - f} \rightarrow Z = \frac{b \cdot f}{x_R - x_T} = \frac{b \cdot f}{d}$$

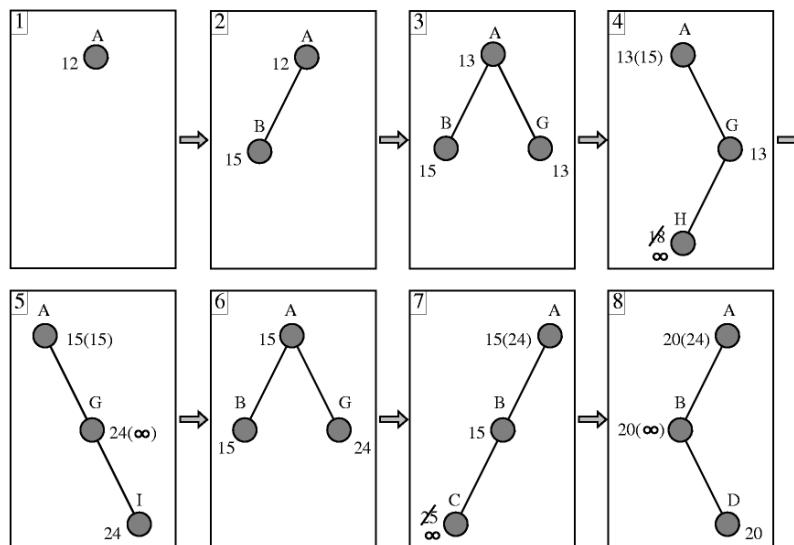
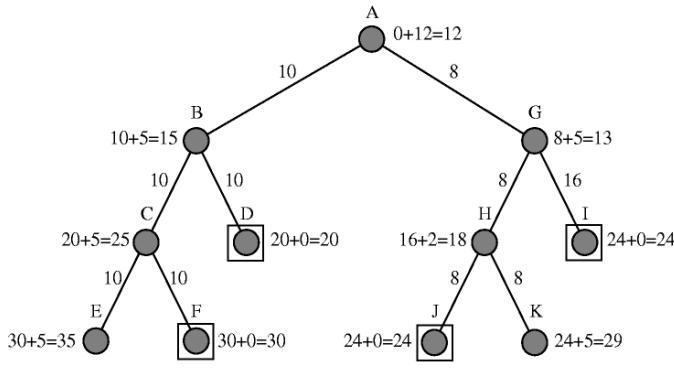
$x_R - x_T$ is the **disparity**

Stefano Mattoccia

A*



SMA*



D* Lite

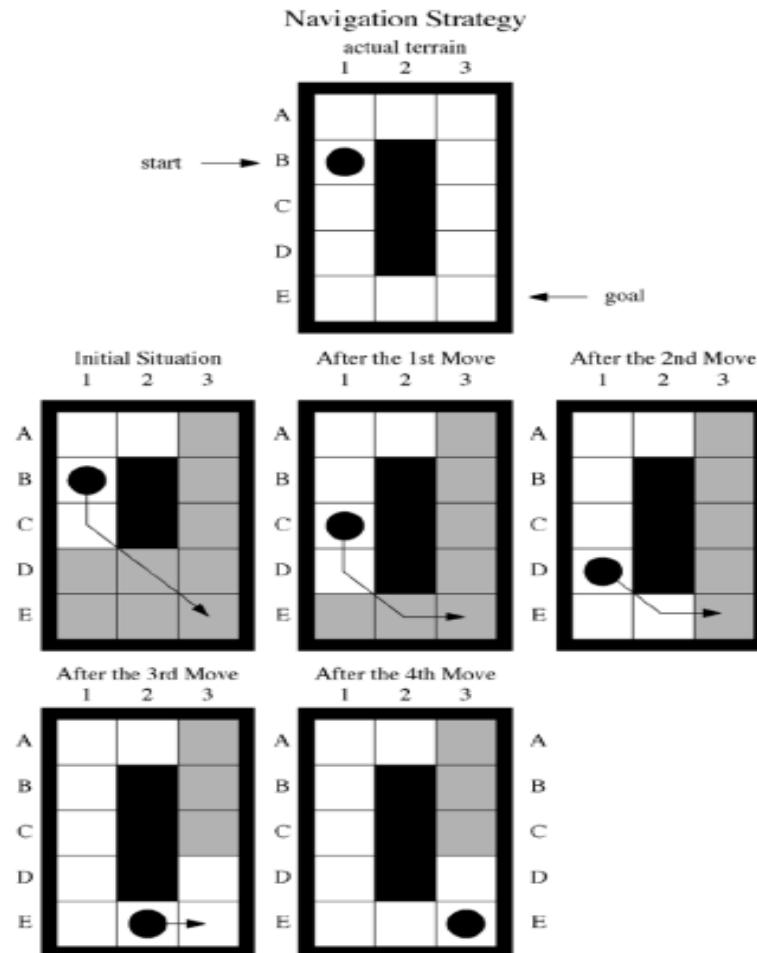
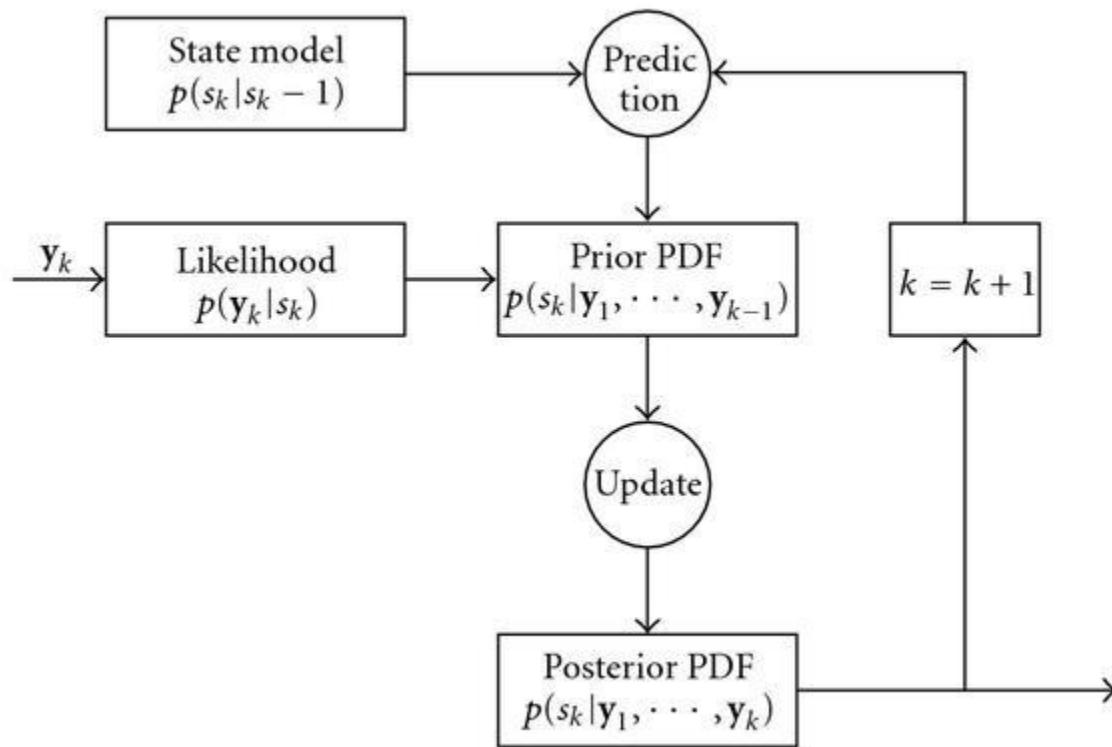
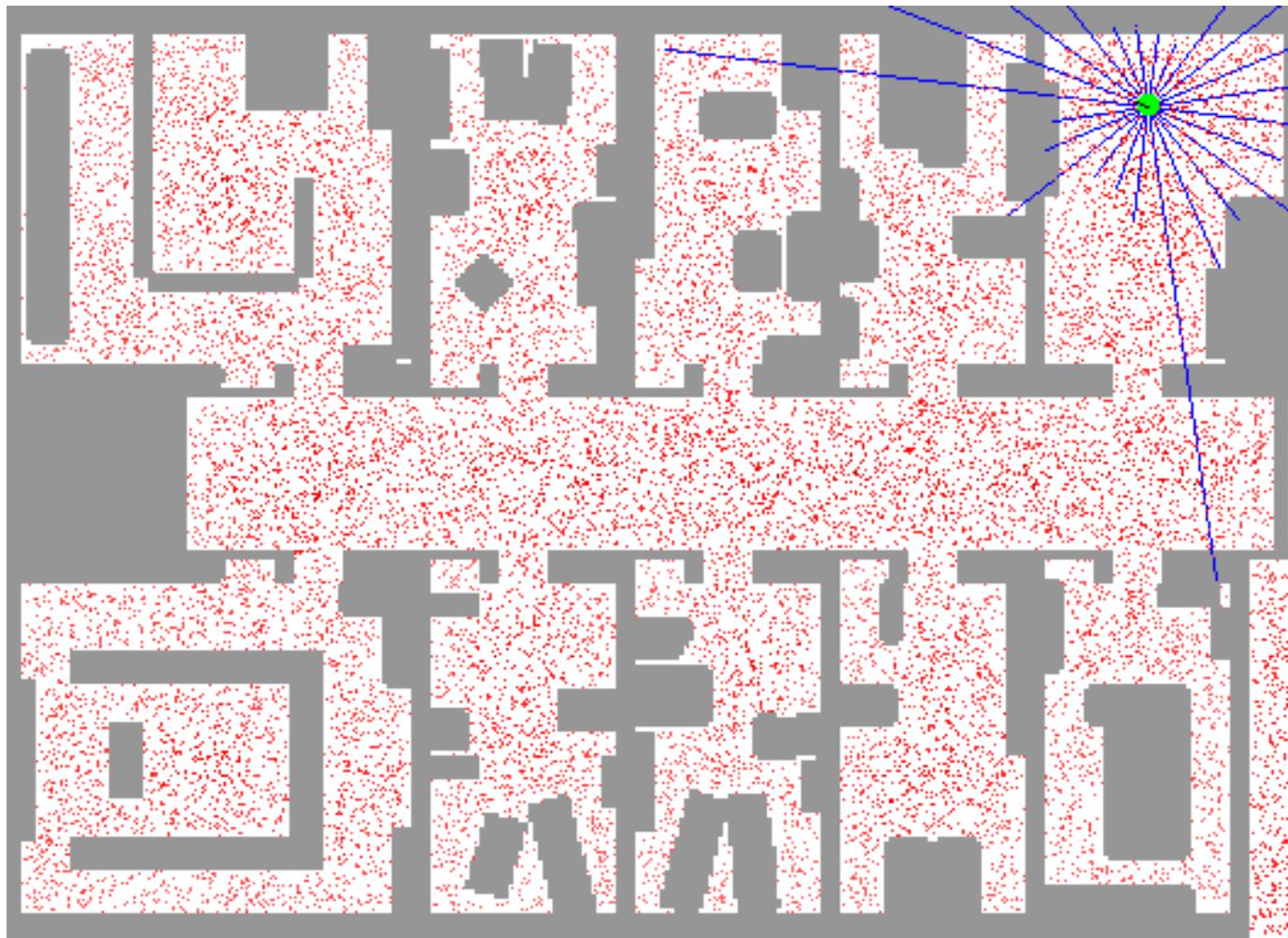


Fig. 1. Illustration of the navigation strategy. Gray cells are cells with unknown blockage status.

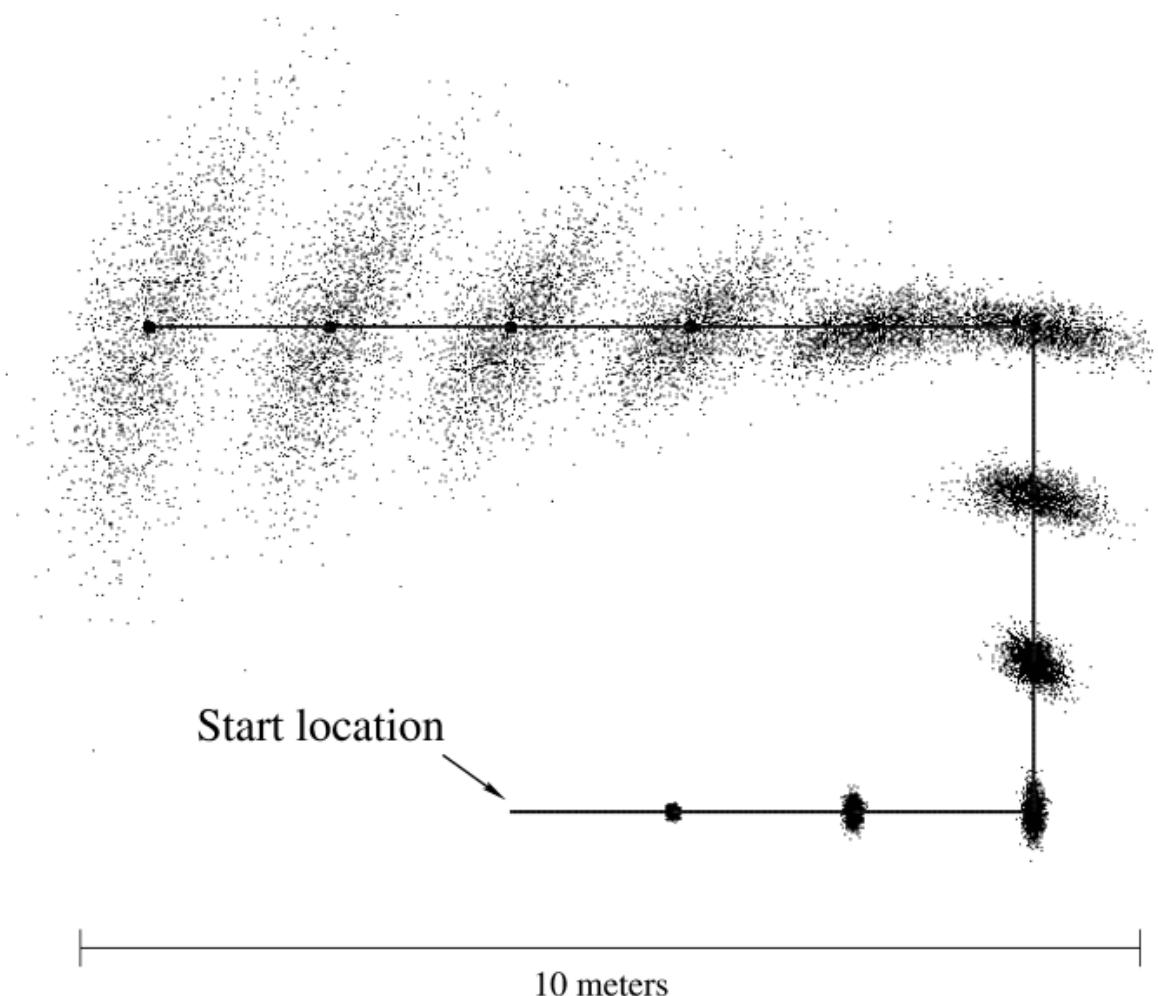
Recursive Bayesian estimation



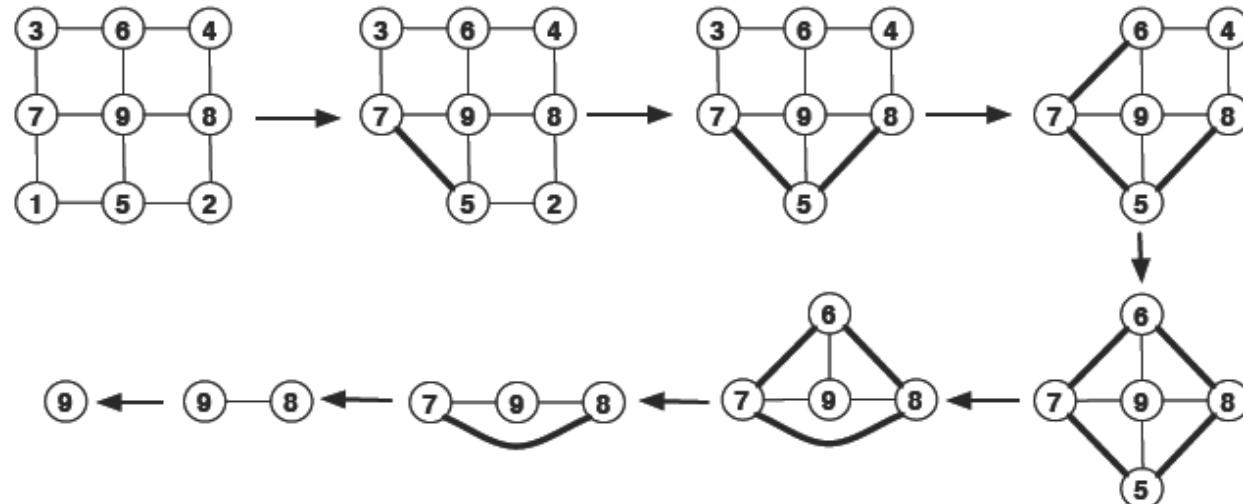
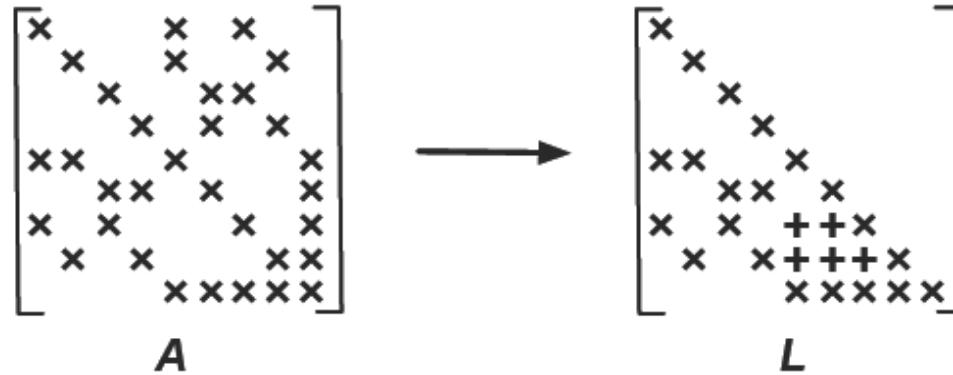
Gaussian Particle Filter



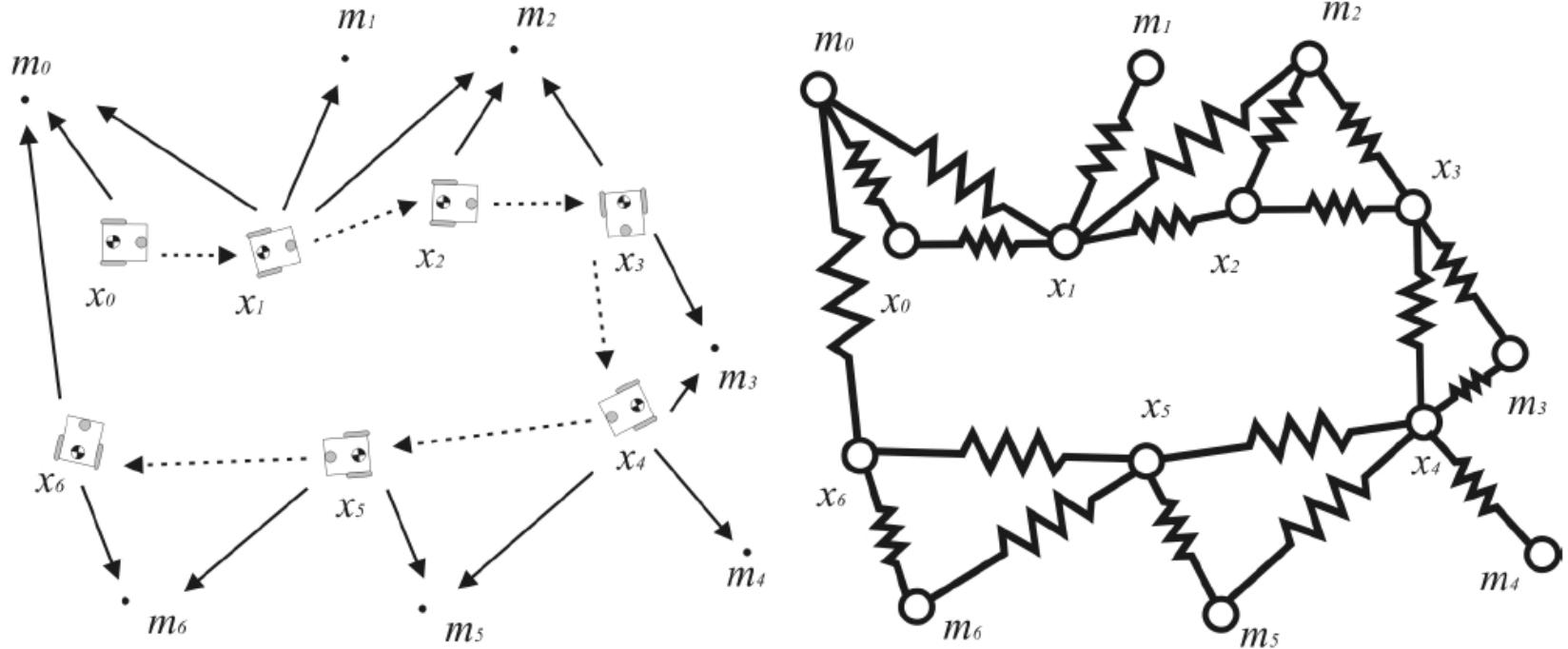
Monte Carlo localization



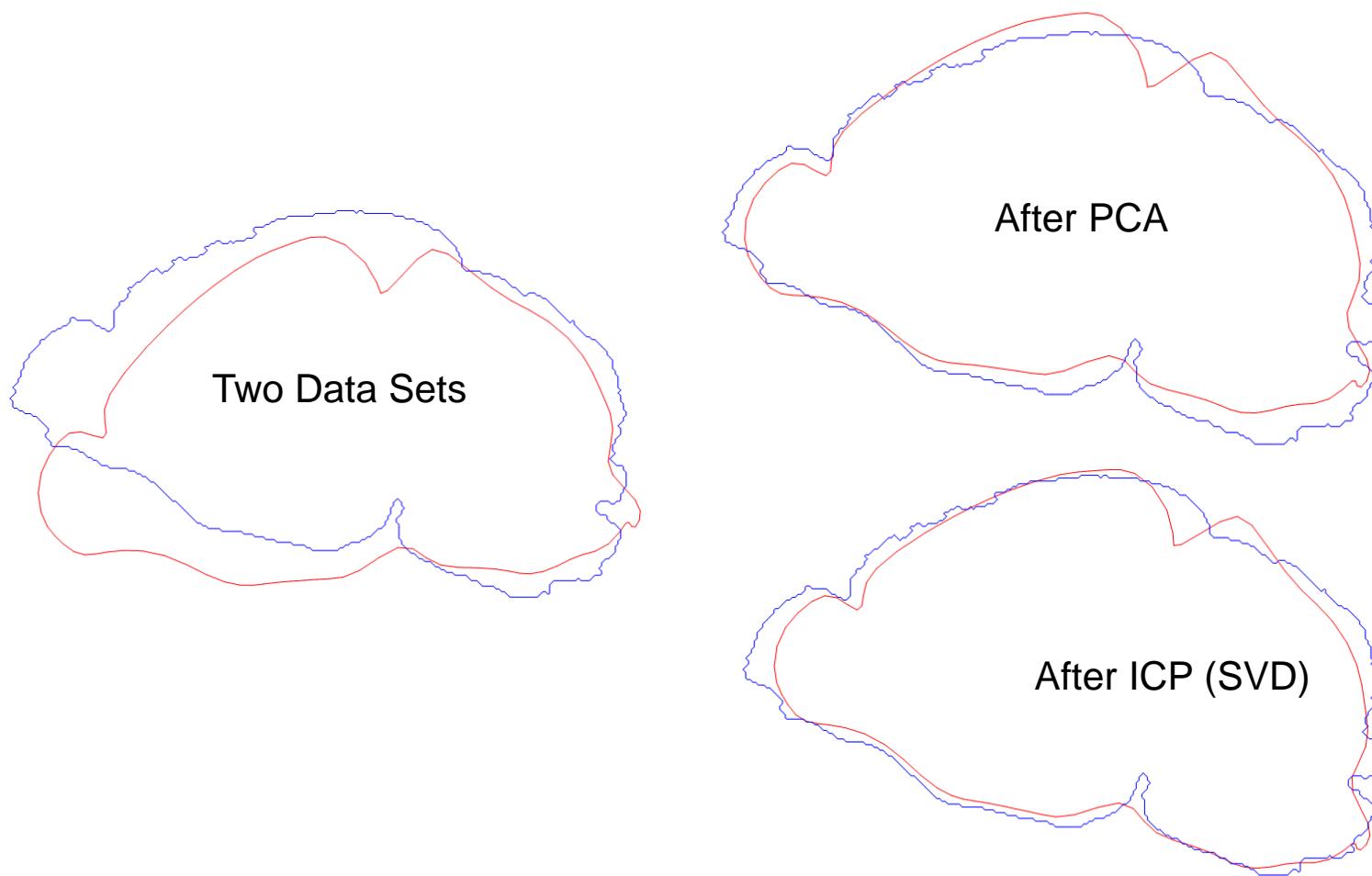
Bundle Adjustment



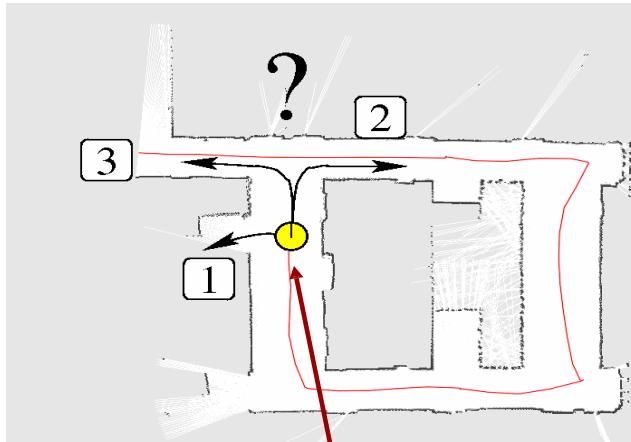
Graph Optimization



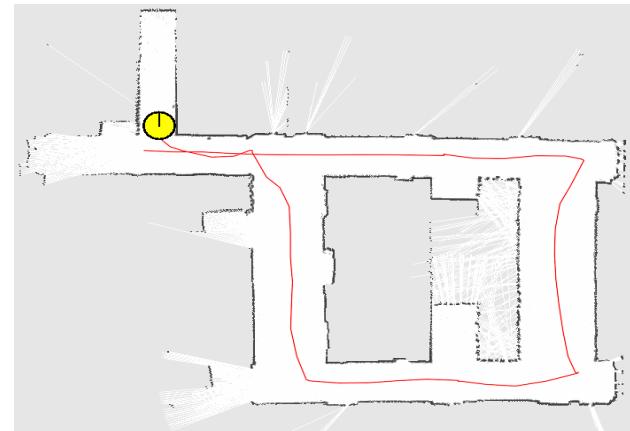
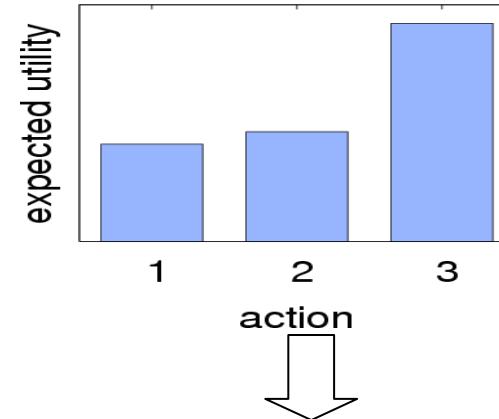
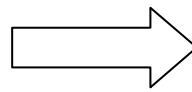
Iterative Closest Points



Information Gain Based Exploration



high pose
uncertainty



Outlines

- Robot Types and Framework
 - Problem Statement
 - Related Areas
 - History
 - Optimization for Intelligent Robots
 - Algorithms
 - Platforms and Demos
-

Husky A200

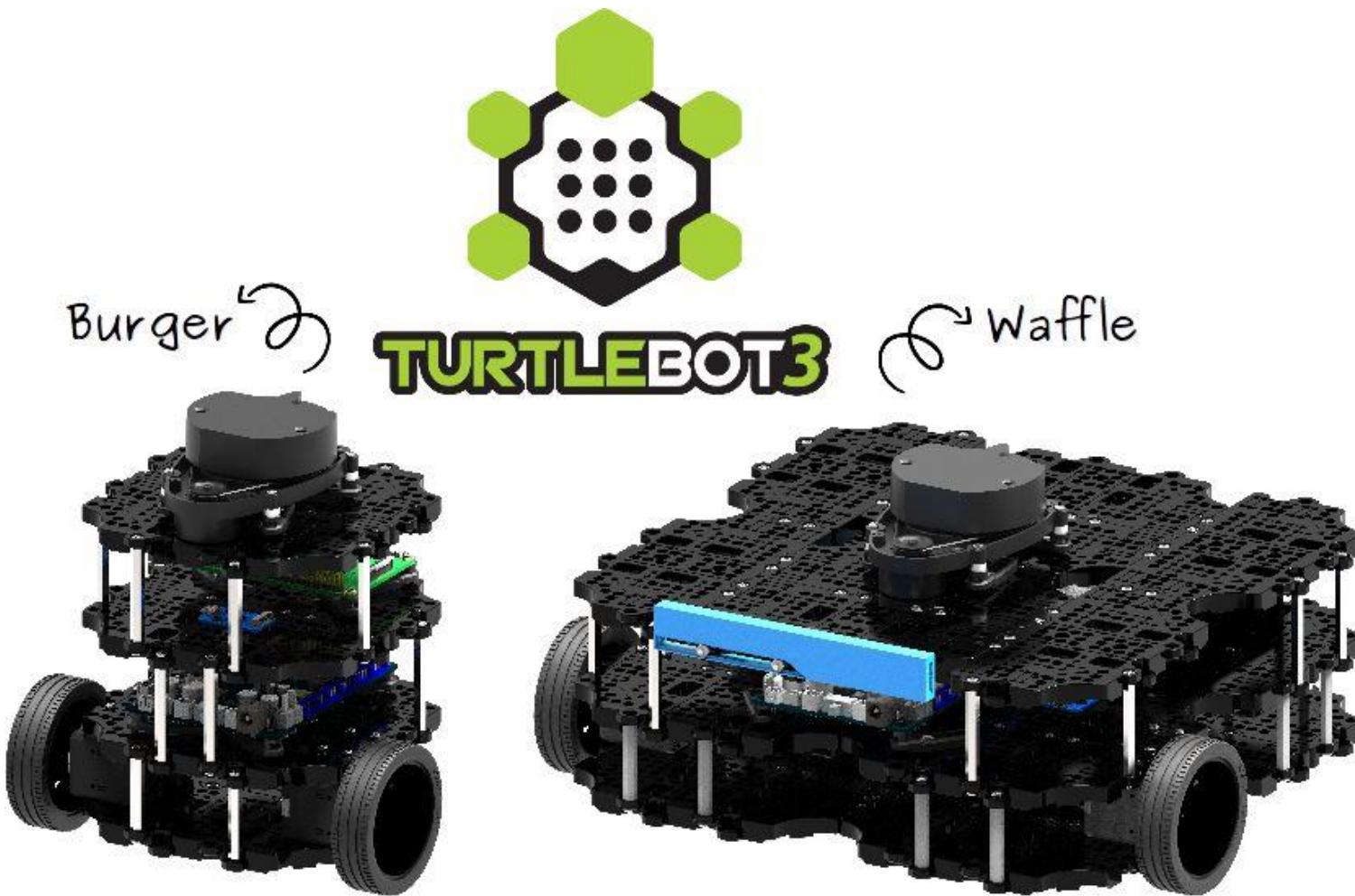


Turtlebot2



Turtlebot 2

Turtlebot3



OpenROV



DJI M100



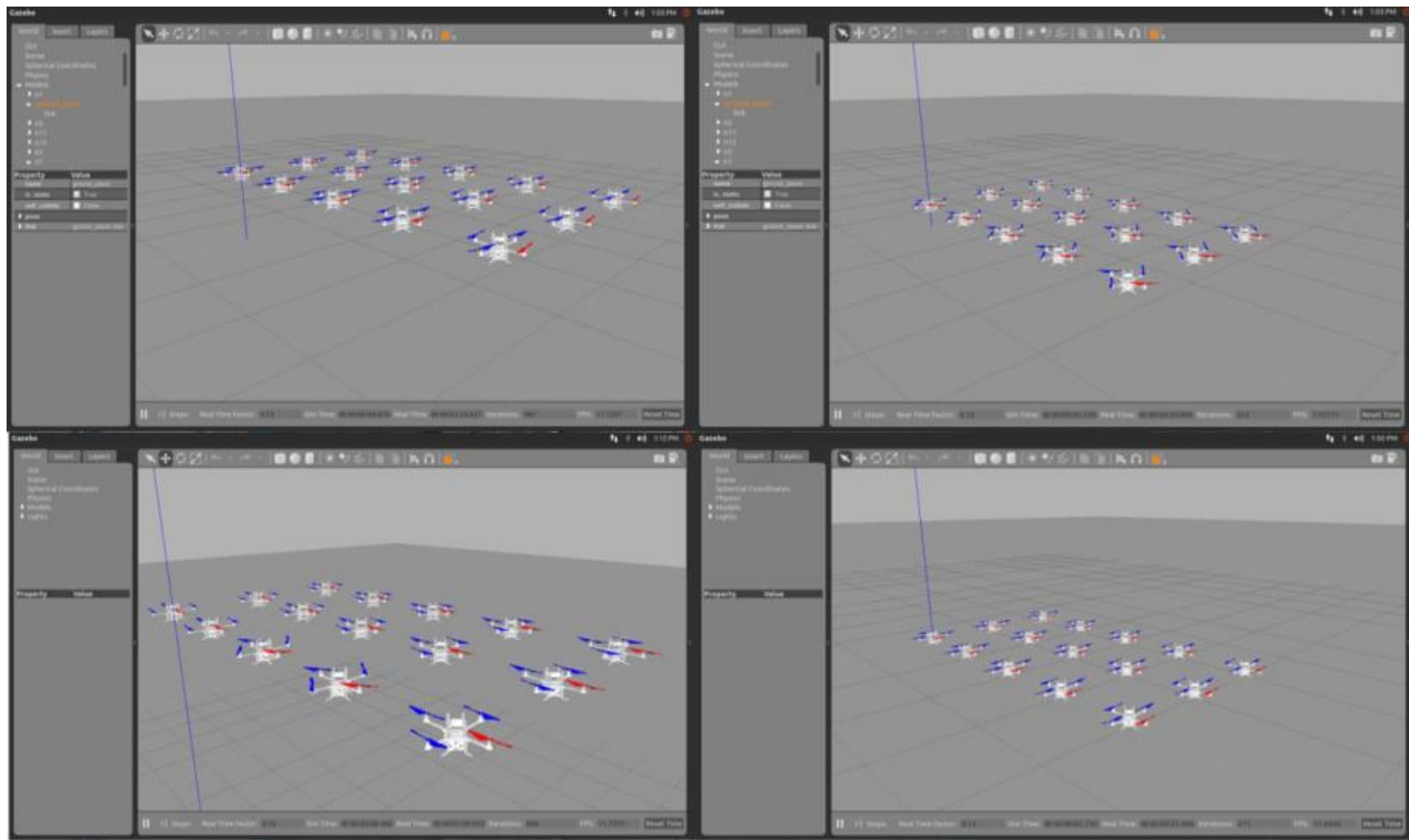
Self-Driving Car



Self-Driving Bus



Simulation Environment: Gazebo



Indoor Environment



Outdoor Environment



3D Reconstruction



Simulation for Reinforcement Learning

Collision#24 with Road_89 - ObjID 34

Reverse: (API)
Throttle: (API)
Steering: (API)
Footbrake: (API)
Speed: 5.3 m/s
Gear: 3



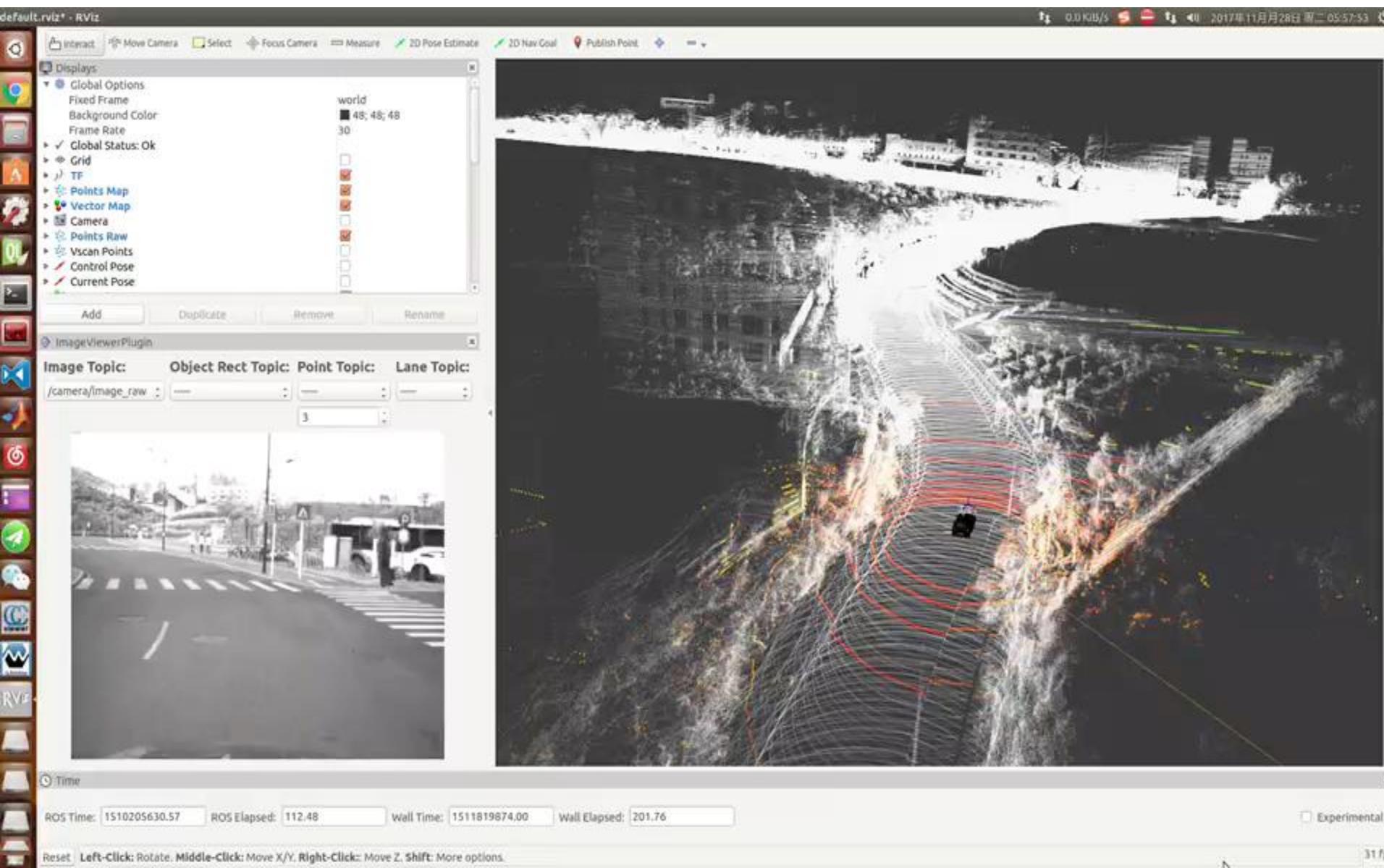
Indoor SLAM Experiment

RRT Exploration with Turtlebot

Turtlebot 2
Intel NUC
Hokuyo UTM-30LX

Chengyang Li
Cheng Li
Fan Yang
Shuyi Chen

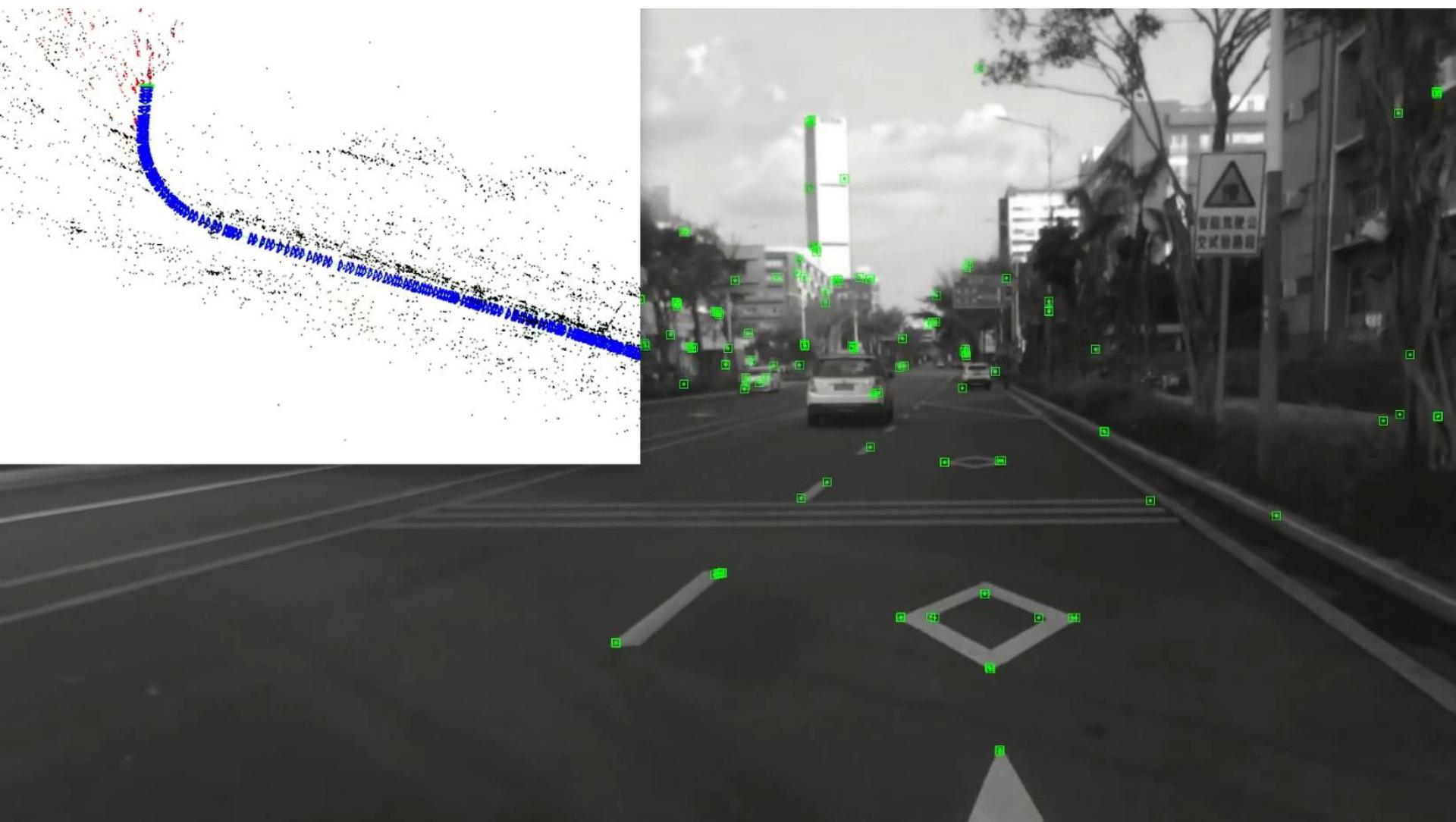
Outdoor SLAM Experiment



Outdoor Autonomous Driving



Vision Based Odometry



Outdoor Autonomous Driving

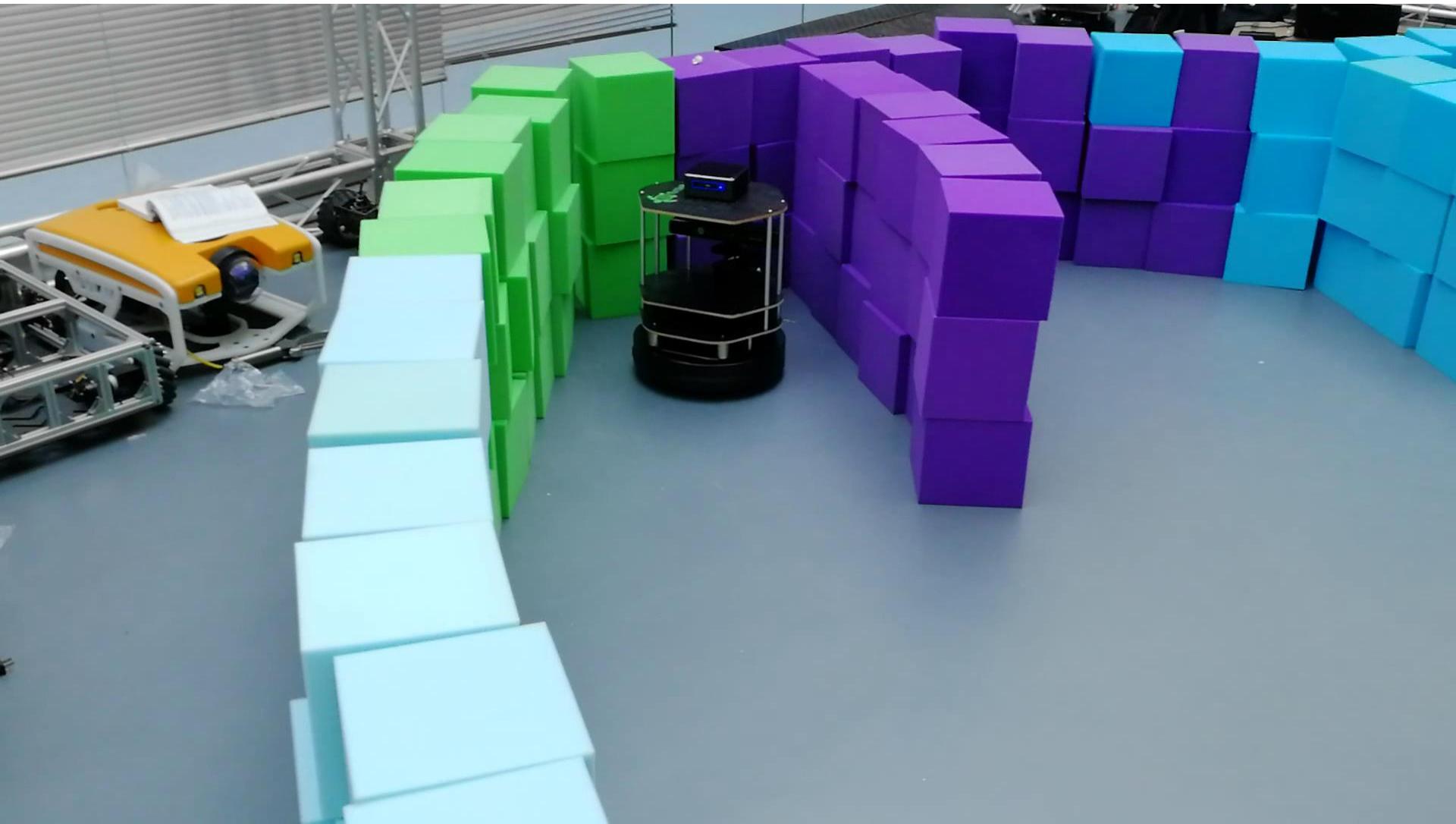


Final Project Example I

智能机器人
Project

Final Project Example II

Final Project Example III



Thanks !
