

# Robot Mapping

## FastSLAM – Feature-Based SLAM with Particle Filters

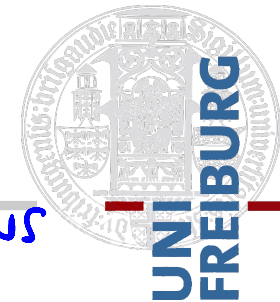
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**PARTICLE FILTER**

STATE ESTIMATION IN THE CONTEXT OF NON PARAMETRIC DISTRIBUTIONS

- SET of SAMPLES, sample = 1 possible state
- key: very flexible in terms of distribution to represent

How to use PARTICLE FILTERS to solve the SLAM problem.



**AiS** Autonomous  
Intelligent  
Systems

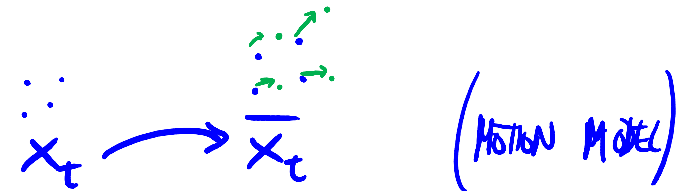
# Particle Filter

- ↗ non abbiamo una descrizione parametrica, ma ensemble di SAMPLE
- Non-parametric recursive Bayes filter
  - Posterior is represented by a set of weighted samples → How MANY?

- Can model arbitrary distributions
- Works well in low-dimensional spaces

## 3-Step procedure

- Sampling from proposal



- Importance Weighting

$$\text{weights} = \frac{\text{target}(x_t^i)}{\text{proposal}(x_t^i)}$$

- Resampling

CREA NUOVI SAMPLE (con RIMPIAZZO)  
α al pass dots in precedente.

# Particle Filter Algorithm

1. Sample the particles from the proposal distribution

$$x_t^{[j]} \sim \pi(x_t \mid \dots)$$

2. Compute the importance weights

$$w_t^{[j]} = \frac{\text{target}(x_t^{[j]})}{\text{proposal}(x_t^{[j]})}$$

3. Resampling: Draw sample  $i$  with probability  $w_t^{[i]}$  and repeat  $J$  times

# Particle Representation

- A set of weighted samples

$$\mathcal{X} = \left\{ \langle x^{[i]}, w^{[i]} \rangle \right\}_{i=1, \dots, N} \rightarrow \text{SAMPLE SET} \times \text{LOCALIZZAZIONE} \\ (x; y; \theta) \underline{\text{3 dimensions}}$$

- Think of a sample as one hypothesis about the state
- For feature-based SLAM:

$$x = \left( \underbrace{x_{1:t}}_{\text{poses}}, \underbrace{m_{1,x}, m_{1,y}, \dots, m_{M,x}, m_{M,y}}_{\text{ALL landmarks LOCATIONS}} \right)^T$$

STATE SPACE ?  
3 DIM. IN LOCALIZATION TO ...  
MUCH HIGHER DIMEN. SPACE.

PARTICLE FILTER E' OK QUANDO LO SPAZIO DEGLI STATI E' PICCOLO (3...4...10.. STOP!) MA SE  
 ABBIAMO x ES 1 MILIONE DI LANDMARKS + LUNGA TRAIETTORIA = TROPPO GRANDE LA DIMENSIONE DEGLI STATI

# Dimensionality Problem

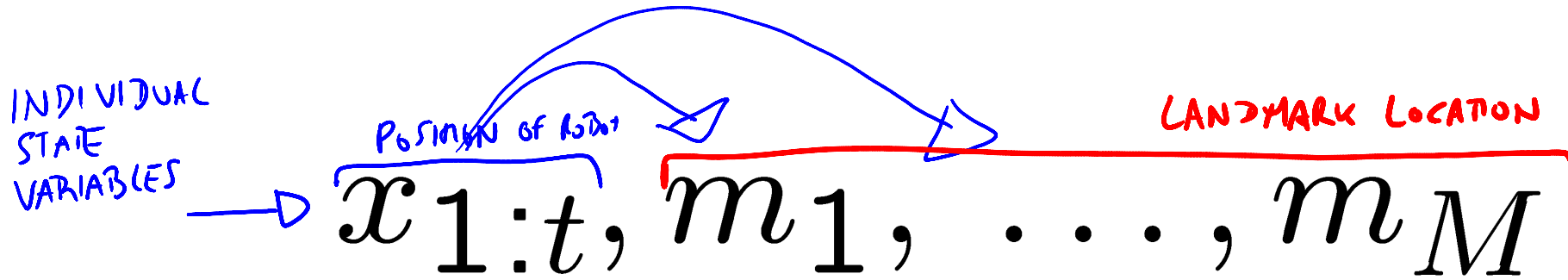
Particle filters are effective in low dimensional spaces as the likely regions of the state space need to be covered with samples.

$$x = (x_{1:t}, m_{1,x}, m_{1,y}, \dots, m_{M,x}, m_{M,y})^T$$

**high-dimensional**

NO WAY TO HANDLE SUCH A PROBLEM WITH PARTICLE FILTER LIKE THIS

# Can We Exploit Dependencies Between the Different Dimensions of the State Space?



POSSIAMO SFRUTTARE LA DIPENDENZA TRA LE SINGOLE VARIABILI ?

C'E' DIPENDENZA TRA LE POSE ed OGNI SINGOLO LANDMARK? • Y/N ☹️

• QUALI SONO LE DIPENDENZE CHE POSSIAMO SFRUTTARE ?

### IDEA

PARTICLE FILTER TO REPRESENT THE POSES OF THE ROBOT

SE CONOSCIAMO LE POSIZIONI DEL ROBOT MAPPING IS EASY

PARTICLE

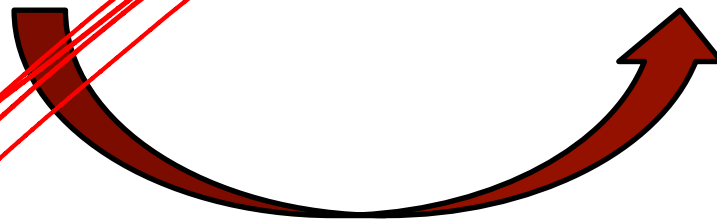
1 →	PARTICELLA 1	ha la giusta traiettoria, quindi il MONDO sono $w_1$	} distribution of the POSSIBLE MAPS	condizionate da SAMPLE OVER ALL PARTICLE
2 →	" 2	" " " " " " " "		
...	"	"		
n	"	"		

*(position of  $x_{1:t}$  found by mapping with KNOWN poses)*

**If We Know the Poses of the  
Robot, Mapping is Easy!**

$x_{1:t}, m_1, \dots, m_M$

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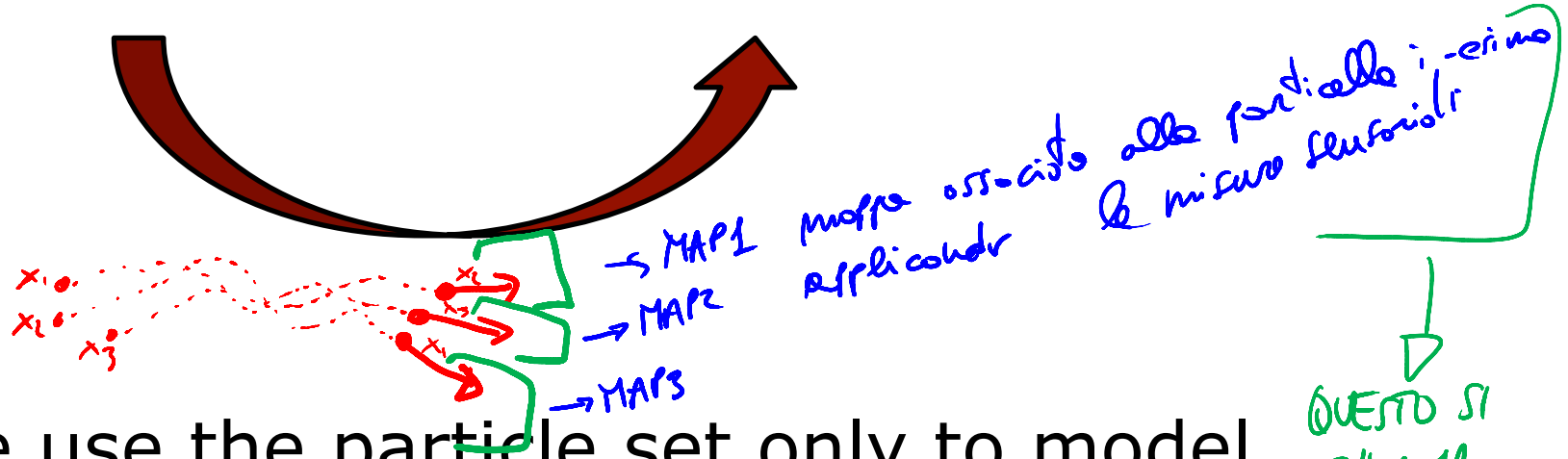


COSA C'E' IN PIU' IN OGNI PARTICLE RISPETTO ALLA LOCALIZZAZIONE?  
 IN LOCALIZZAZIONE COSA C'ERA DENTRO UNA PARTICLE?  $\{x, y, \theta\}$  → POSITION + ORIENTATION

# Key Idea

+ LANDMARKS POSITIONS → The MAP

$$\underline{x_{1:t}}, \underline{m_1, \dots, m_M}$$



If we use the particle set only to model the robot's path, each sample is a path hypothesis. For each sample, we can compute an individual map of landmarks.

RAO BLACKWELLIZATION



# Rao-Blackwellization

- Factorization to exploit dependencies between variables:

SFRUTTA:  
SE DUE EVENTI SONO CONDIZIONATI L'UNO DALL'ALTRO, ALLORA POSSIAMO DIRE CHE LA

PROBABILITÀ CONGIUNTA

$$p(a, b) = p(b | a) p(a)$$

$$p(\text{POSE}, \text{MAP}) = p(\text{MAP} | \text{POSE}) p(\text{POSE})$$

• SE POSSIAMO FARLO VELOCEMENTE E FACILE, DUERO SE "B" DATO "A" E' FACILE ALLORA

RAPPRESENTAMO

$p(A)$  CON PARTICELLE (ovvero le pose e del robot) E B È la mappa

- If  $p(b | a)$  can be computed efficiently, represent only  $p(a)$  with samples and compute  $p(b | a)$  for every sample

Invece che computare  $p(\text{pose AND map})$ , prendiamo dei SAMPLE per rappresentare le pose e poi per ogni sample  $\&$  computiamo  $p(b | a)$  [  $p(b)$  DATO  $a$  ] ovvero la likelihood delle MAPPA date la posizione. Le particelle dovranno coprire solamente lo spazio degli stati di POSE e non di POSE + MAP. Questo è OK perché POSE  $\rightarrow$  LOW DIMENSIONAL w.r.t. MAP

# Rao-Blackwellization for SLAM

- Factorization of the SLAM posterior

poses      map      observations & movements

↓      ↓      ↓

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


First introduced for SLAM by Murphy in 1999

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$$p(\underbrace{x_{0:t}}_A, \underbrace{m_{1:M}}_B \mid z_{1:t}, u_{1:t}) = \text{DIVIDIAMOLO UTILIZZANDO } P(A,B) = P(B|A) \cdot P(A)$$

$$p(x_{0:t} \mid z_{1:t}, u_{1:t}) \cdot p(m_{1:M} \mid x_{0:t}, z_{1:t})$$

$$P(A, B) =$$

path posterior  
 $P(A)$

map posterior  
 $P(B|A)$

QUI DIVIDENTO  
AVERE ANCHE  
 $\mu_{1:t}$  ma  
se abbiamo le  
posizioni allora  
non ci interessano  
i controlli

2 POSTERIOR = PATH stime quale "traiettoria" il robot ha preso, le nuove posizioni  
MAP, che DIPENDE da quale "traiettoria" ha preso il robot, ovvero le nuove pose

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# Rao-Blackwellization for SLAM

- Factorization of the SLAM posterior

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

How to compute this term efficiently?

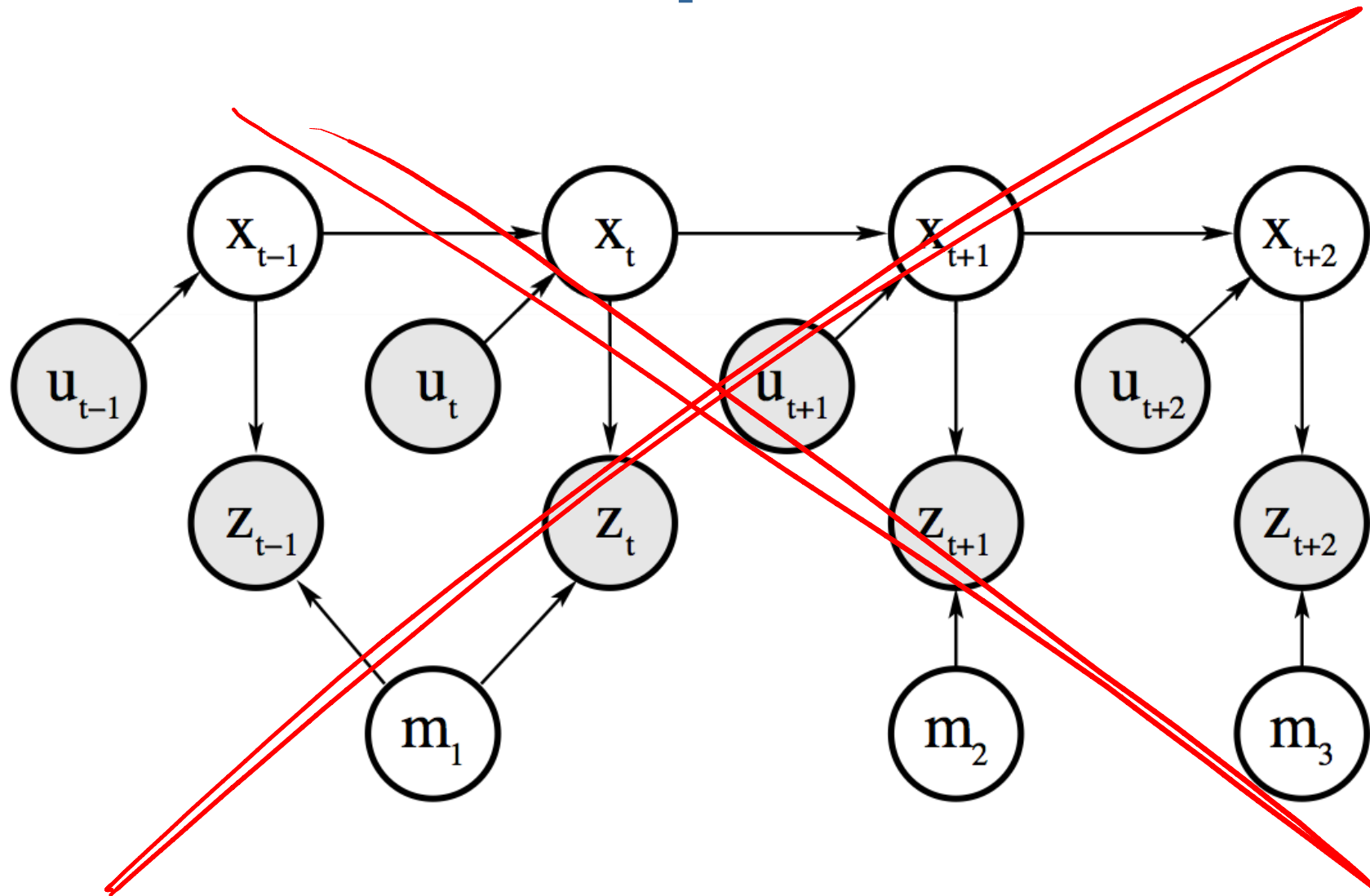
QUESTO E' CHIAMATO

MAPPING WITH KNOWN POSES

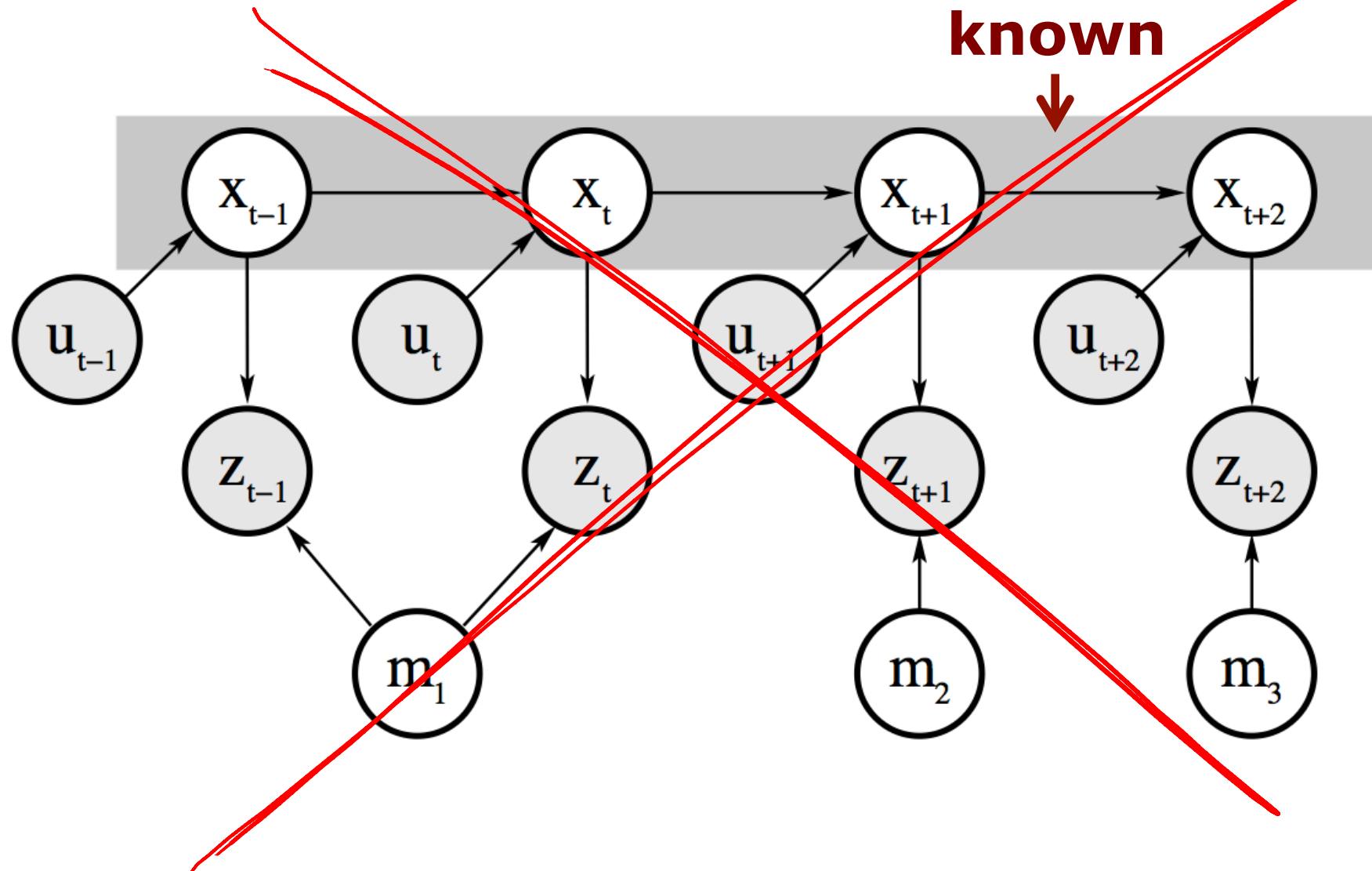
↓  
X VEDERE COME QUESTO SI PUO' FARE FACILMENTE,  
GUARDIAMO IL GRAPHICAL MODEL ASSOCIATO AL  
PROBLEMA

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# Revisit the Graphical Model



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DALLA SLIDE PRECEDENTE...  $P(x_{0:t}, m | z_{1:t}, u_{1:t}) = p(\dots) \cdot p(\dots)$

# Landmarks are Conditionally Independent Given the Poses

$P(m_{1:t} | x_{0:t}, z_{1:t})$   
 e abbiamo detto che le osservazioni

IF WE KNOW THE POSES

SE NON C'E' UN CAMMINO TRA DUE LANDMARK SENZA PASSARE DA  $x_t$

ALLORA SONO INDIPENDENTI UNA DALL'ALTRA DA TO

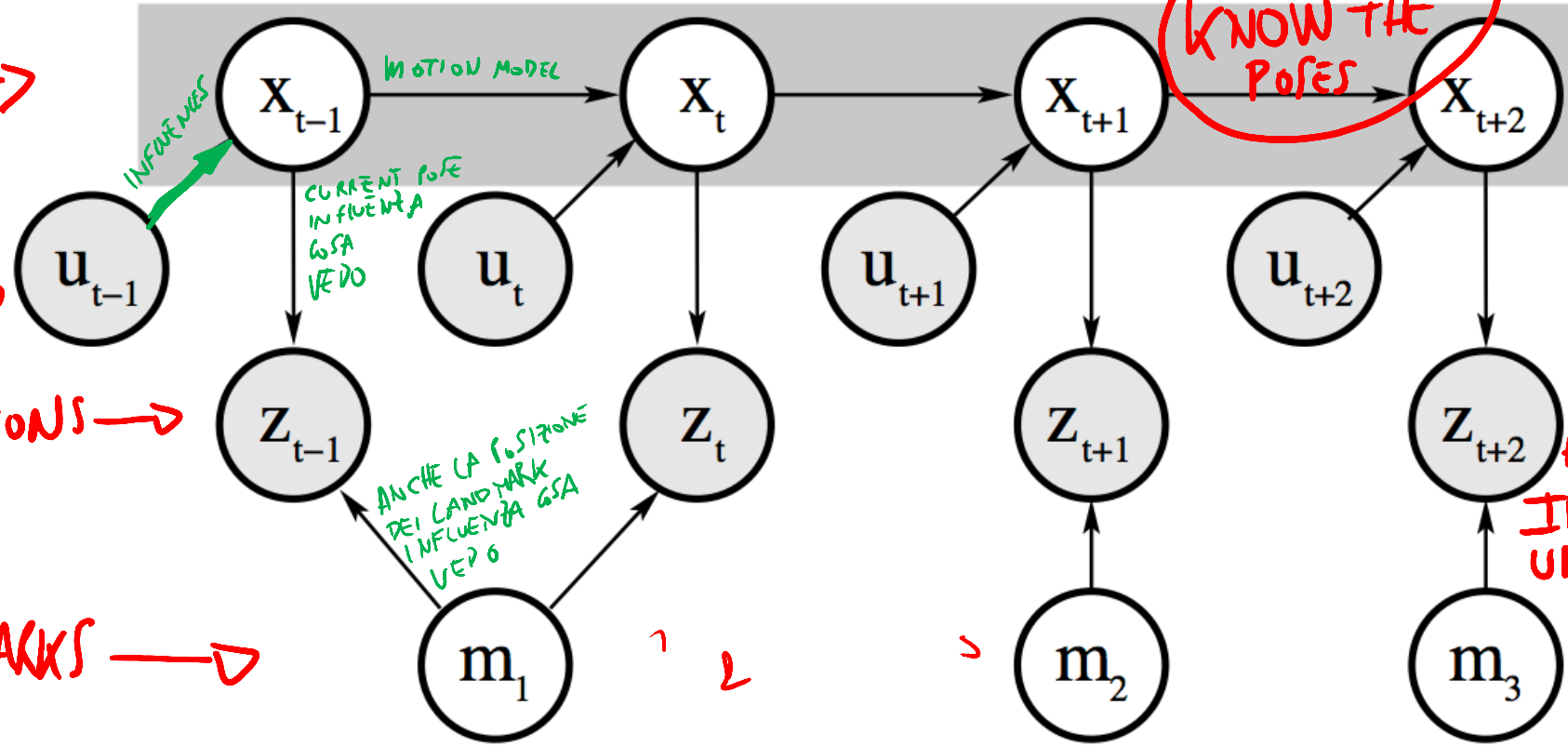
$x_i$   
The poses

POSES →

CONTROLS →

OBSERVATIONS →

LANDMARKS →



**Landmark variables are all disconnected (i.e. independent) given the robot's path**

# Rao-Blackwellization for SLAM

- Factorization of the SLAM posterior

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

QUINDI SE SAPPIAMO  
CHE TUTTI I LANDMARK  
SONO INDEPENDENTI UNO  
DALL'ALTRO....

Landmarks are conditionally independent given the poses

$$P(M_1 \wedge M_2 \wedge M_3 \dots M_n) = P(M_1) \cdot P(M_2) \cdot \dots \cdot P(M_n)$$

QUESTO PERCHÉ SONO INDEPENDENTI!

First exploited in FastSLAM by Montemerlo et al., 2002



# Rao-Blackwellization for SLAM

- Factorization of the SLAM posterior

$$\begin{aligned} p(x_{0:t}, m_{1:M} \mid z_{1:t}, u_{1:t}) &= \\ & p(x_{0:t} \mid z_{1:t}, u_{1:t}) p(m_{1:M} \mid x_{0:t}, z_{1:t}) \\ & p(x_{0:t} \mid z_{1:t}, u_{1:t}) \prod_{i=1}^M p(m_i \mid x_{0:t}, z_{1:t}) \end{aligned}$$

E FACENDO IN QUESTO MODO C'È UNA GRANDE SEMPLIFICAZIONE:  
per capire quale sia, dobbiamo pensare a cosa fa EKF-SLAM. Come sono i landmark in EKF-SLAM, come sono rappresentati? IN EKF abbiamo una UNICA matrice per tutti i landmark e la complessità di EKF deriva proprio dall'avere matrici molto grandi. Ma qui abbiamo appena detto che ogni landmark può essere stimato INDIPENDENTEMENTE da tutto il resto DATE le poses

# Rao-Blackwellization for SLAM

- Factorization of the SLAM posterior

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

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

*SIMILE A MCL (multi-catch LOCALIZATION)*

$$p(x_{0:t} \mid z_{1:t}, u_{1:t}) \prod_{i=1}^M p(m_i \mid x_{0:t}, z_{1:t})$$

QUINDI POSSIAMO PENSARE DI AVERE, PER  
OGNI POSIZIONE, UNA LISTA DI PICCOLI  
EKF, UNO PER OGNI LANDMARK, TENENDO  
TRACCIA DELLA POSIZIONE DI OGNI LANDMARK  
E QUINDI POSIZIONE =  $\{x, y\}$

**2-dimensional EKFs!**

# Rao-Blackwellization for SLAM

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$$p(x_{0:t} \mid z_{1:t}, u_{1:t}) p(m_{1:M} \mid x_{0:t}, z_{1:t})$$
$$\frac{p(x_{0:t} \mid z_{1:t}, u_{1:t})}{\text{particle filter similar to MCL}} \prod_{i=1}^M \frac{p(m_i \mid x_{0:t}, z_{1:t})}{\text{2-dimensional EKFs!}}$$

**particle filter similar to MCL**

**2-dimensional EKFs!**

VEDIAMO COME FUNZIONA IN DETTAGLIO:

ABBIAMO DETTO CHE USIAMO UN **PARTICLE FILTER** PER TRACCIARE LE POSIZIONI

# Modeling the Robot's Path

POSE

- Sample-based representation for  $p(x_{0:t} | z_{1:t}, u_{1:t})$  } SAMPLES
- Each sample is a path hypothesis

$x_0$



starting location, typically (0,0,0)

$x_1$



pose hypothesis at time  $t=1$

$x_2$



$T=2$

LE POSE AI TEMPI ( $T-1$ ) "PRECEDENTI"

...

- Past poses of a sample are **not revised** NON LE TOCCHIAMO, NON LE RI-AGGIORNAMO. QUINDI
- No need to maintain past poses** in the sample set

SEGUE CHE LE PARTICLE TRACCIANO "LE POSIZIONI" CORRENTI  $\begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ \theta \end{pmatrix} + \text{LANDM.}$  <sup>20</sup>

# FastSLAM

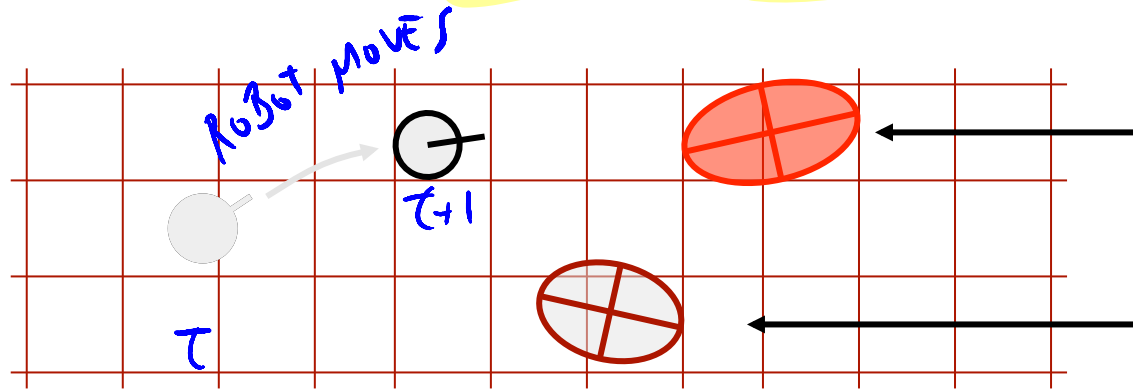
- Proposed by Montemerlo et al. in 2002
- Each landmark is represented by a 2x2 EKF
- Each particle therefore has to maintain M individual EKFs



# FastSLAM – Action Update

→ GEOMETRY MODEL

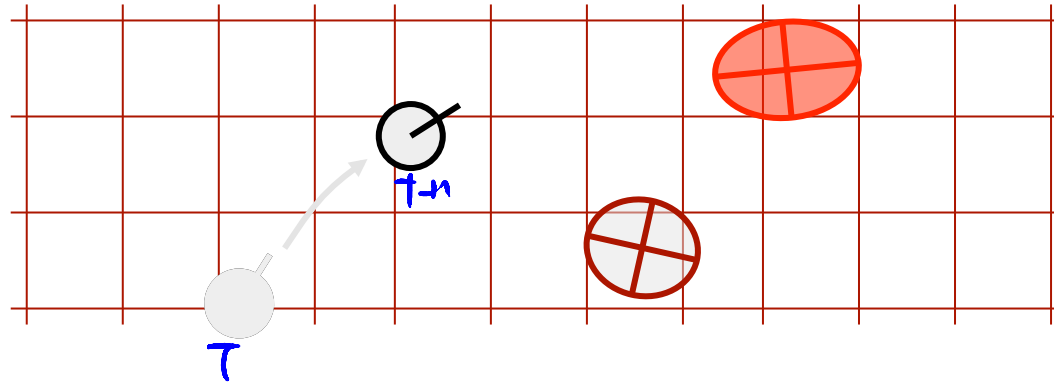
Particle #1



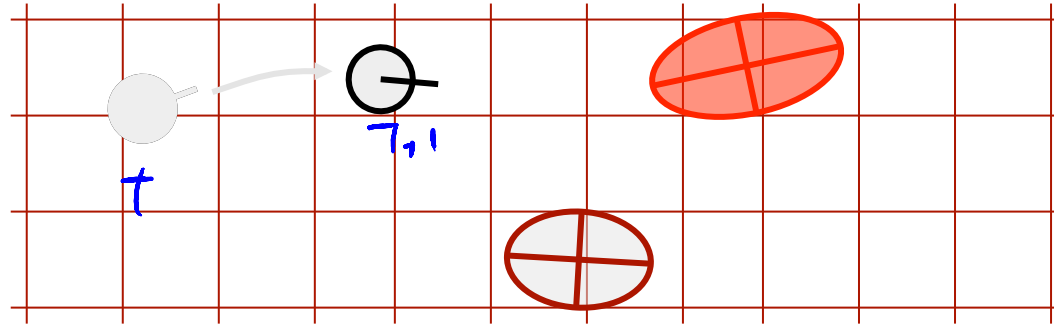
Landmark 1  
2x2 EKF

Landmark 2  
2x2 EKF

Particle #2



Particle #3



STEP 1/3

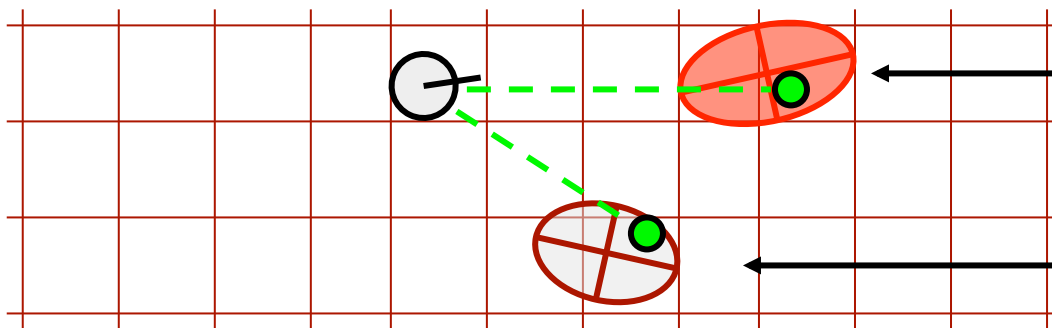
# FastSLAM – Sensor Update

INTEGRATE

1 MISURA

CASO

Particle #1

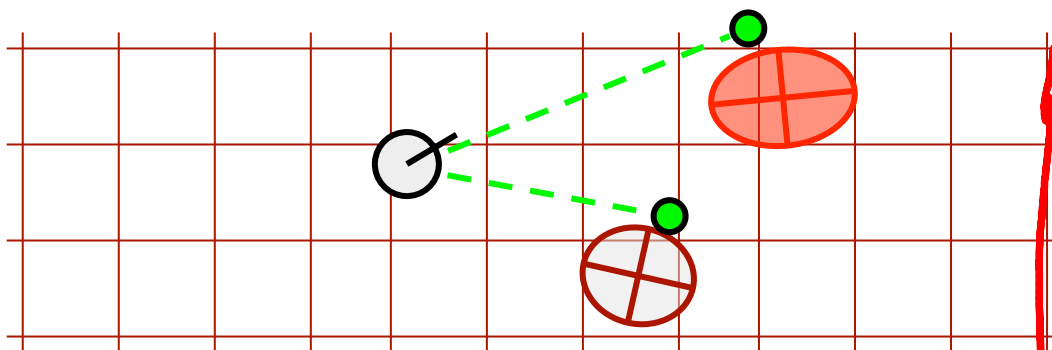


Landmark 1  
2x2 EKF

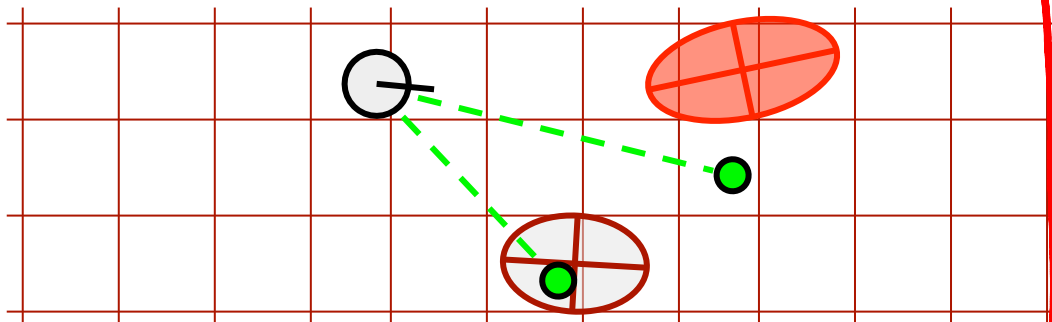
Landmark 2  
2x2 EKF

CASO

Particle #2



Particle #3



QUANTO BENE LA  
PARTICELLA  
APPROSSIMA LA  
MAPPA DATA  
L'INFORMAZIONE  
SENSORIALE ?

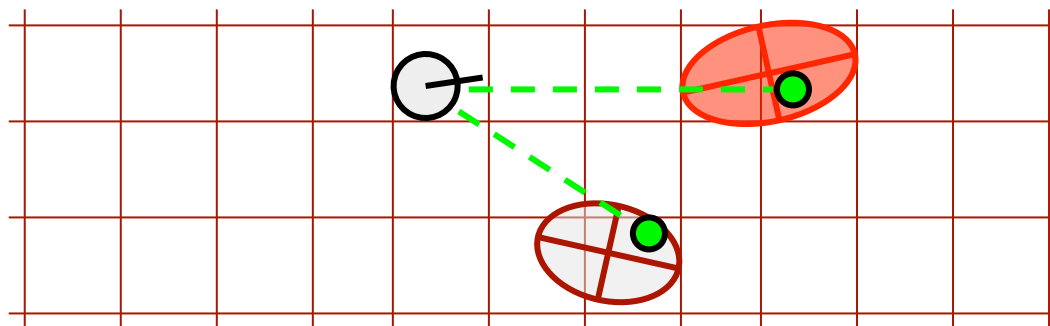
WEIGHT<sub>23</sub>

OVVERO QUANTO SONO "ALLINEATE"  
LE MISURE w.r.t. la mappa della i-esima particella?

STEP  
2/3

# FastSLAM – Sensor Update

Particle #1

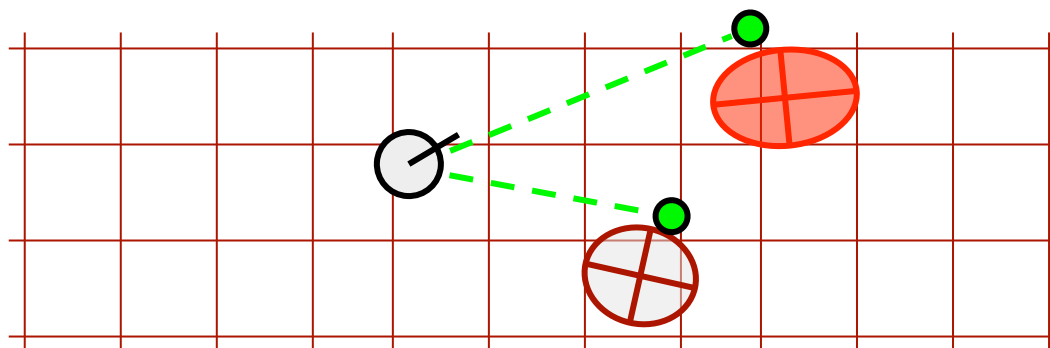


QUI FEMBRA QUASI OK

Weight = 0.8

OK ✓

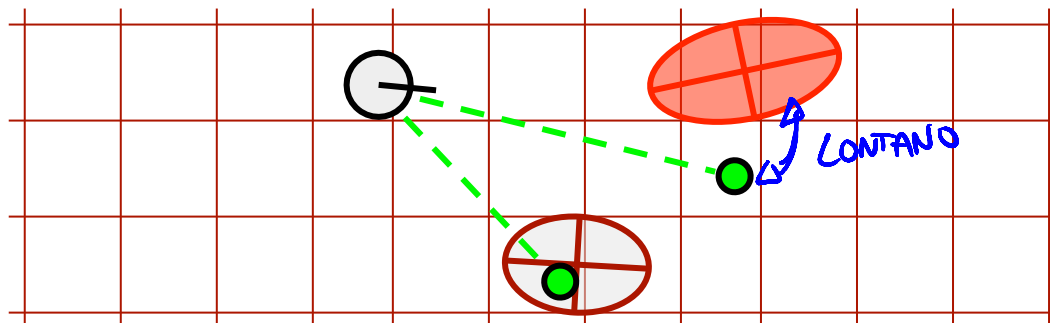
Particle #2



Weight = 0.4

MAH...?

Particle #3



Weight = 0.1

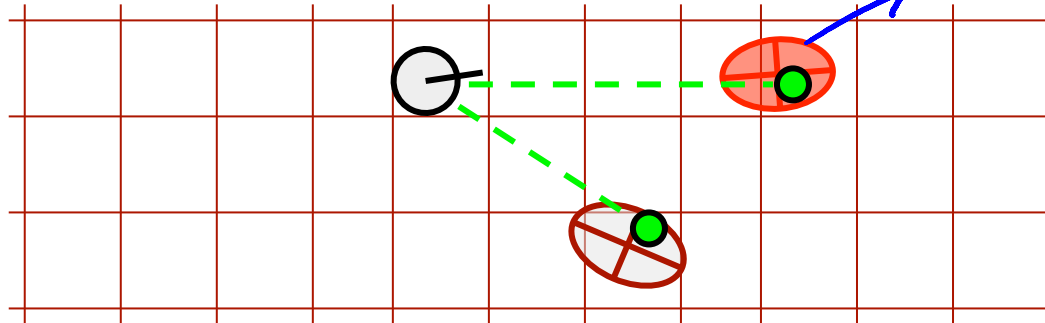
NO X



STEP 3/3

# FastSLAM – Sensor Update

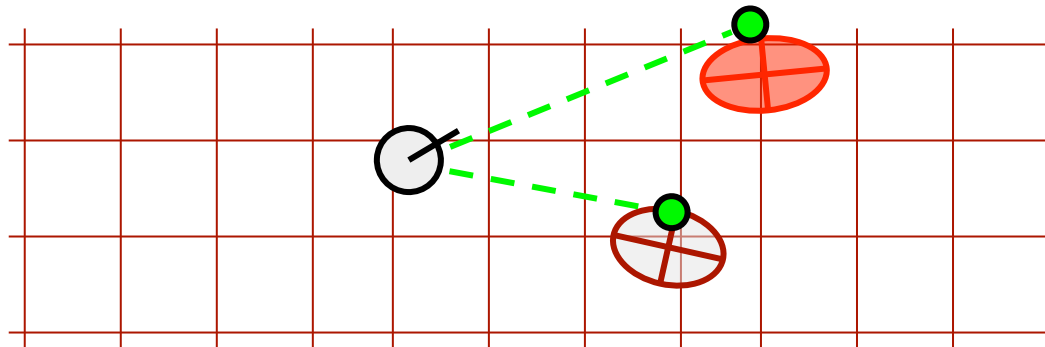
Particle #1



AGGIORNA I LANDMARK, SONO EKF!

Update map (LIST OF LANDMARKS) of particle 1

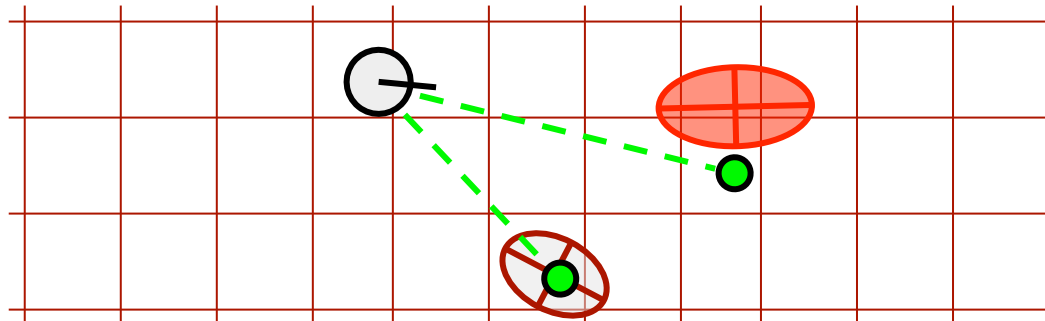
Particle #2



EKF 2x2, E' VELOCE RISPETTO AD EKF-SLAM

Update map of particle 2

Particle #3



Update map of particle 3

RECAP:

# Key Steps of FastSLAM 1.0

1. Extend the path posterior by sampling a new pose for each sample

PROPAGATE

$$x_t^{[k]} \sim p(x_t | x_{t-1}^{[k]}, u_t)$$

MOTION MODEL SAME AS MCL

MONTE CARLO LOCALIZATION

COMPUTE IMPORTANCE WEIGHTS

2. Compute particle weight

$w^{[k]} = \frac{\text{TARGET}}{\text{PROPOSAL}}$

$$w^{[k]} = |2\pi Q|^{-\frac{1}{2}} \exp \left\{ -\frac{1}{2} (z_t - \hat{z}^{[k]})^T Q^{-1} (z_t - \hat{z}^{[k]}) \right\}$$

exp. observation

CALCOLATA PER OGNI PARTICLE

OSSERVAZIONE CORRENTE, i.e. MISURA SENSORE

measurement covariance

3. Update belief of observed landmarks (EKF update rule)

QUI DENTRO CI SONO LE INCERTEZZE PRODOTTE DEI LANDMARK + INCERTEZZE DELLE OSSERVAZIONI (sensori)

4. Resample

# FastSLAM 1.0 – Part 1

- 1: FastSLAM1.0\_known\_correspondence( $z_t, c_t, u_t, \mathcal{X}_{t-1}$ ):
- 2:     for  $k = 1$  to  $N$  do **EKF**  <sup>$\mu$ : mean</sup>  <sup>$\Sigma$ : covariance</sup>     // loop over all particles ✓
- 3: **SAMPLE** Let  $\langle x_{t-1}^{[k]}, \langle \mu_{1,t-1}^{[k]}, \Sigma_{1,t-1}^{[k]} \rangle, \dots \rangle$  be particle  $k$  in  $\mathcal{X}_{t-1}$   
     **POSE** + **1 LANDMARK** + **2... 3... n**
- 4:     1.  $x_t^{[k]} \overset{\text{SAMPLE}}{\sim} p(x_t | x_{t-1}^{[k]}, u_t)$      // sample pose  
        **ODOMETRY MODEL**

# FastSLAM 1.0 – Part 1

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1: FastSLAM1.0_known_correspondence( $z_t, c_t, u_t, \mathcal{X}_{t-1}$ ):
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3:     Let  $\langle x_{t-1}^{[k]}, \langle \mu_{1,t-1}^{[k]}, \Sigma_{1,t-1}^{[k]} \rangle, \dots \rangle$  be particle  $k$  in  $\mathcal{X}_{t-1}$ 
4:      $x_t^{[k]} \sim p(x_t | x_{t-1}^{[k]}, u_t)$  // sample pose
5:      $j = c_t$  // observed feature
6:     if feature  $j$  never seen before
7:        $\mu_{j,t}^{[k]} = h^{-1}(z_t, x_t^{[k]})$  // initialize mean
8:        $H = h'(\mu_{j,t}^{[k]}, x_t^{[k]})$  // calculate Jacobian
9:        $\Sigma_{j,t}^{[k]} = H^{-1} Q_t (H^{-1})^T$  // initialize covariance
10:       $w^{[k]} = p_0$  // default importance weight
11:    else

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NEW ONE

INCERTIEZA INTRINSECA  
DELA MISURA (COVARIANZA)

non abbiamo mai visto la  
feature (landmark) quindi lo  
inizializziamo con la sua misura

STANDARD  
VALUE

# FastSLAM 1.0 – Part 2

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11:     else
12:          $\langle \mu_{j,t}^{[k]}, \Sigma_{j,t}^{[k]} \rangle = \text{EKF-Update}(\dots)$  // update landmark
13:          $w^{[k]} = |2\pi Q|^{-\frac{1}{2}} \exp \left\{ -\frac{1}{2} (z_t - \hat{z}^{[k]})^T Q^{-1} (z_t - \hat{z}^{[k]}) \right\}$ 
14:     endif
15:     for all unobserved features  $j'$  do
16:          $\langle \mu_{j',t}^{[k]}, \Sigma_{j',t}^{[k]} \rangle = \langle \mu_{j',t-1}^{[k]}, \Sigma_{j',t-1}^{[k]} \rangle$  // leave unchanged
17:     endfor
18: endfor
19:  $\mathcal{X}_t = \text{resample} \left( \left\langle x_t^{[k]}, \langle \mu_{1,t}^{[k]}, \Sigma_{1,t}^{[k]} \rangle, \dots, w^{[k]} \right\rangle_{k=1, \dots, N} \right)$ 
20: return  $\mathcal{X}_t$ 

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SE INVECE NON E' UNA NUOVA FEATURE/LANDMARK ...

EKF-PREDICTION? NO! QUELLA E' FATTA CON LE PARTICLE!

IMPORTANCE WEIGHT

measurement cov.  $Q = H \Sigma_{j,t-1}^{[k]} H^T + Q_t$

exp. observation PARTICLE

INCERTEZZA CHE AVIAMO AL TEMPO PRECEDENTE + INCERTEZZA SULLA MISURA

QUELLE CHE NON VEDIAMO LA SCIAMOLE COME SONO

ESPANDIAMO LA PARTE DI EKF-UPDATE

# FastSLAM 1.0 – Part 2 (long)

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11:         else
12:              $\hat{z}^{[k]} = h(\mu_{j,t-1}^{[k]}, x_t^{[k]})$  // measurement prediction
13:              $H = h'(\mu_{j,t-1}^{[k]}, x_t^{[k]})$  // calculate Jacobian
14:             EKF update  $Q = H \Sigma_{j,t-1}^{[k]} H^T + Q_t$  // measurement covariance
15:              $K = \Sigma_{j,t-1}^{[k]} H^T Q^{-1}$  // calculate Kalman gain
16:              $\mu_{j,t}^{[k]} = \mu_{j,t-1}^{[k]} + K(z_t - \hat{z}^{[k]})$  // update mean
17:              $\Sigma_{j,t}^{[k]} = (I - K H) \Sigma_{j,t-1}^{[k]}$  // update covariance
18:              $w^{[k]} = |2\pi Q|^{-\frac{1}{2}} \exp \left\{ -\frac{1}{2} (z_t - \hat{z}^{[k]})^T Q^{-1} (z_t - \hat{z}^{[k]}) \right\}$  // importance factor
19:         endif
20:         for all unobserved features  $j'$  do
21:              $\langle \mu_{j',t}^{[k]}, \Sigma_{j',t}^{[k]} \rangle = \langle \mu_{j',t-1}^{[k]}, \Sigma_{j',t-1}^{[k]} \rangle$  // leave unchanged
23:         endfor
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26:     return  $\mathcal{X}_t$ 

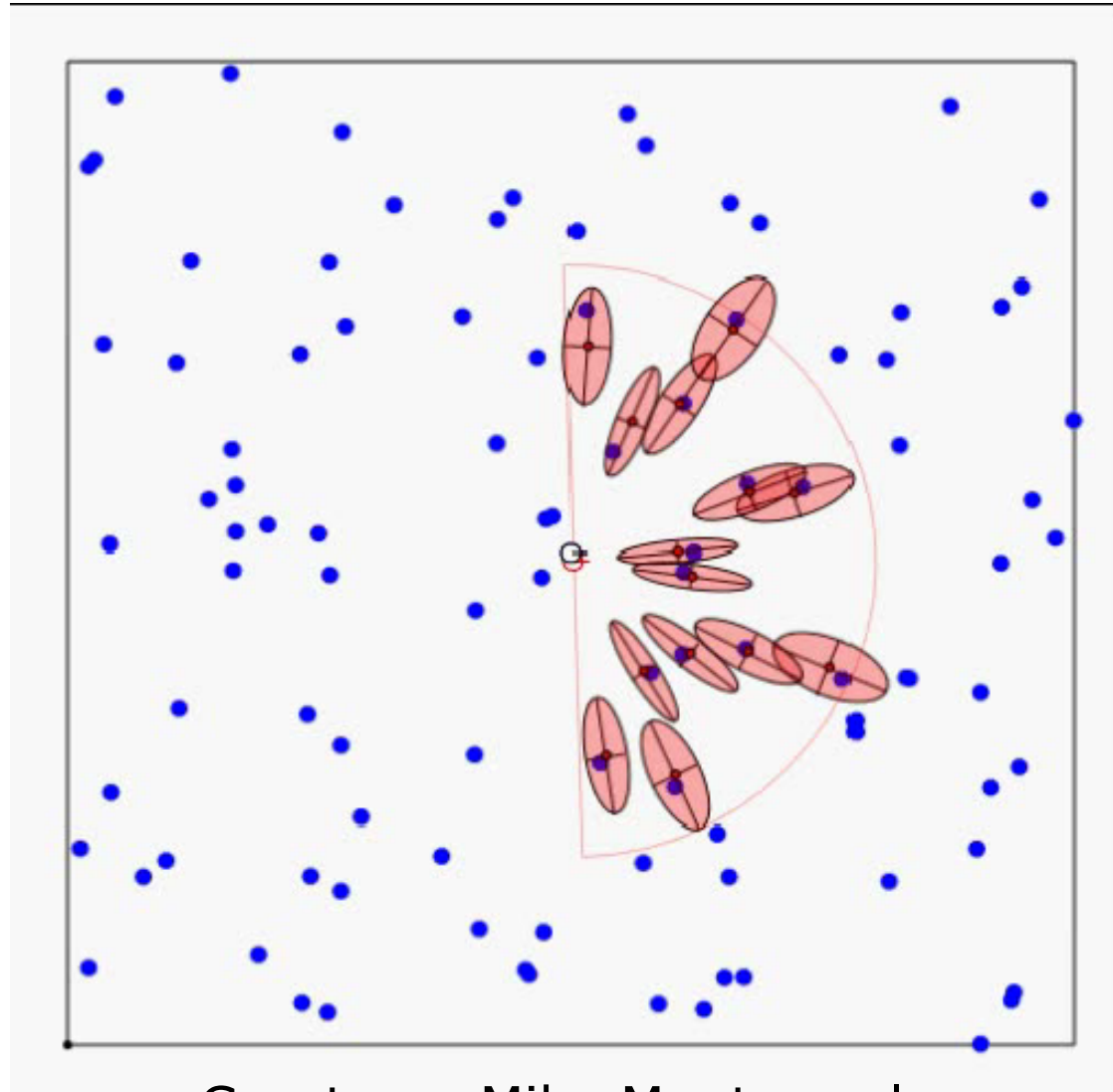
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PERCHE' →

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SEARCH ON YOUTUBE: "FASTSLAM 1.0 with 100 particles and 150 obstacles"

## FastSLAM in Action



Courtesy: Mike Montemerlo

WHY THE IMPORTANCE WEIGHT IS LIKE THIS?

## The Weight is a Result From the Importance Sampling Principle

- Importance weight is given by the ratio of target and proposal in  $x^{[k]}$
- See: importance sampling principle

$$w^{[k]} = \frac{\text{target}(x^{[k]})}{\text{proposal}(x^{[k]})}$$

THE DISTRIBUTION WE WANT TO APPROXIMATE

DISTRIBUZIONE DALLA QUALE ABBIAMO CREATO I "SAMPLE" E I TESTI



# The Importance Weight

- The target distribution is

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

VOGLIAMO APPROSSIMARE LE POSIZIONI / TRAIETTORIE, DATE LE OSSERVAZIONI ED I CONTROLLI

- The proposal distribution is

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

TUTTE LE INFORMAZIONI ECCETTO L'ULTIMA MISURA (OSSERVAZIONI)

- Proposal is used **step-by-step**, CON ASSUNZIONE MARKOVIANA...

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

$$= \underbrace{p(x_t \mid x_{t-1}, u_t)}_{\text{from } \mathcal{X}_{t-1} \text{ to } \bar{\mathcal{X}}_t} \underbrace{p(x_{1:t-1} \mid z_{1:t-1}, u_{1:t-1})}_{\mathcal{X}_{t-1}}$$

PRENDIAMO LO STATO AL TEMPO PRECEDENTE ED ANDIAMO 1-PASSO IN AVANTI.


ODOMETRIA

• CIO' CHE VIENE DAI BELIEF PRECEDENTI

# The Importance Weight

$$w^{[k]} = \frac{\text{target}(x^{[k]})}{\text{proposal}(x^{[k]})}$$
$$= \frac{p(x_{1:t}^{[k]} | z_{1:t}, u_{1:t})}{p(x_t^{[k]} | x_{t-1}, u_t) p(x_{1:t-1}^{[k]} | z_{1:t-1}, u_{1:t-1})}$$

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**Bayes rule + factorization**

$$P(A|B) = \frac{P(B|A) \cdot P(A)}{P(B)}$$

# The Importance Weight

BAYES + FACTORIZATION



$$P(z | x_{1:t}, z_{1:t-1}, \mu_{1:t}) *$$

$$P(x_t | x_{t-1}, \mu_t) *$$

$$P(x_{1:t-1} | z_{1:t-1}, \mu_{1:t-1})$$

BELIEF ALL PREVIOUS POSSES

CURRENT POSE GIVEN THE PREVIOUS

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BAYES RULE:

$$P(A|B) = \frac{P(B|A) \cdot P(A)}{P(B)}$$

normalize

$$\eta P(z_t | x_{1:t}^{[k]}, z_{1:t-1}) \cdot p(x_t | x_{t-1}^{[k]}, \mu_t) \cdot p(x_{1:t-1}^{[k]} | z_{1:t-1}, \mu_{1:t-1})$$

CURRENT

$\pi$  $\pi$ 

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FATTA LA DERIVAZIONE NOTIAMO CHE, SEMPLIFICANDO:

## The Importance Weight

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 &= \frac{\eta p(z_t \mid x_{1:t}^{[k]}, z_{1:t-1}) \cancel{p(x_t \mid x_{t-1}, u_t)}}{\cancel{p(x_t \mid x_{t-1}, u_t)} \frac{\cancel{p(x_{1:t-1}^{[k]} \mid z_{1:t-1}, u_{1:t-1})}}{\cancel{p(x_{1:t-1}^{[k]} \mid z_{1:t-1}, u_{1:t-1})}}}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$w^{[k]} = \eta p(z_t \mid \underbrace{x_{1:t}^{[k]}, z_{1:t-1}}_{\text{normalization?}})$$

normalization?  
 per far sì che i pesi  
 sommino ad 1

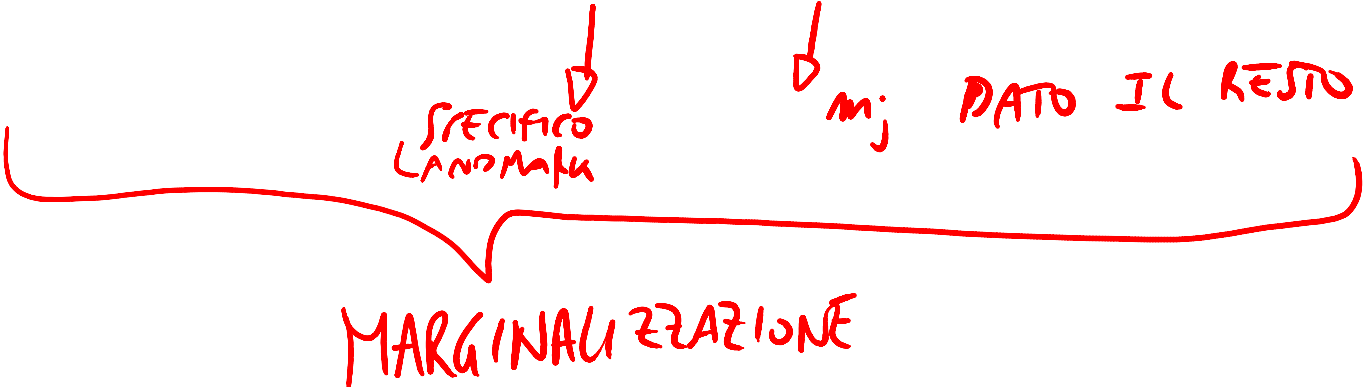
ALL THE PASSES + PAST OBSERVATIONS

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# The Importance Weight

- Integrating over the pose of the observed landmark leads to

$$\begin{aligned} w^{[k]} &= \eta p(z_t \mid x_{1:t}^{[k]}, z_{1:t-1}) \\ &= \eta \int p(z_t \mid x_{1:t}^{[k]}, z_{1:t-1}, m_j) p(m_j \mid x_{1:t}^{[k]}, z_{1:t-1}) dm_j \end{aligned}$$



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DATO  $x_t$  DELLE  
PASSATE MISURE  
POSSIAMO FARE  
A MENO

QUI SE ABBIAMO LE MISURE  
E FINO A  $T-1$ , DI  $X_T$   
NON CE NE FACCIAMO  
NIENTE

(Se sappiamo la posizione nel  
FUTURO, questo non ci aiuta a  
conoscere la posizione del LANDMARK  
da)



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$$= \eta \int \underbrace{p(z_t | x_t^{[k]}, m_j)}_{\text{LIKELIHOOD OF THE CURRENT } z_t \text{ GIVEN THE PREDICTED } \hat{z} \text{ AND THE UNCERTAINTY OF THE OBSERVATION}} \underbrace{p(m_j | x_{1:t-1}^{[k]}, z_{1:t-1})}_{\text{SAME AS EKF}} dm_j$$

SAME AS EKF →  $\mathcal{N}(z_t; \hat{z}^{[k]}, Q_t)$

$\mathcal{N}(m_j; \mu_{j,t-1}^{[k]}, \Sigma_{j,t-1}^{[k]})$

LIKELIHOOD OF AN OBSERVATION  
GIVEN POSE AND THE LANDMARK  
LOCATION

CHE PROBLEMA E' QUESTO: ? DATE LE POSIZIONI  
DEL ROBOT 1..t E LE MISURE 1..t

MAPPING WITH KNOWN POSES <sup>41</sup>

# The Importance Weight

- This leads to

$$w^{[k]} = \eta \int \underbrace{p(m_j | x_{1:t-1}^{[k]}, z_{1:t-1})}_{\mathcal{N}(m_j; \mu_{j,t-1}^{[k]}, \Sigma_{j,t-1}^{[k]})} \underbrace{p(z_t | x_t^{[k]}, m_j)}_{\mathcal{N}(z_t; \hat{z}^{[k]}, Q_t)} dm_j$$

$$Q = H \Sigma_{j,t-1}^{[k]} H^T + Q_t$$

**measurement covariance (pose uncertainty of the landmark estimate plus measurement noise)**

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QUANTO SONO CERTI  
SULLA POSIZIONE DEL  
LANDMARK + UNCERTAINTY OF  
THE SENSOR

$$w^{[k]} \simeq |2\pi Q|^{-\frac{1}{2}} \exp \left\{ -\frac{1}{2} (z_t - \hat{z}^{[k]})^T Q^{-1} (z_t - \hat{z}^{[k]}) \right\}$$

IS SIMILAR BUT NOT  
EXACT DUE TO LINEARIZATION INTRODUCED WITH EKF

# FastSLAM 1.0 – Part 2

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11:     else
12:          $\langle \mu_{j,t}^{[k]}, \Sigma_{j,t}^{[k]} \rangle = \text{EKF-Update}(\dots)$  // update landmark
13:
14:     endif
15:     for all unobserved features  $j'$  do
16:          $\langle \mu_{j',t}^{[k]}, \Sigma_{j',t}^{[k]} \rangle = \langle \mu_{j',t-1}^{[k]}, \Sigma_{j',t-1}^{[k]} \rangle$  // leave unchanged
17:     endfor
18: endfor
19:  $\mathcal{X}_t = \text{resample} \left( \left\langle x_t^{[k]}, \langle \mu_{1,t}^{[k]}, \Sigma_{1,t}^{[k]} \rangle, \dots, w^{[k]} \right\rangle_{k=1, \dots, N} \right)$ 
20: return  $\mathcal{X}_t$ 
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QUANTO È  
CONSISTENTE LA  
RAPPRESENTAZIONE  
DEL MONDO CHE  
I SAMPLE / PARTICLES  
HANNO GENERATO,  
CON QUANTO  
"VEDE" IL ROBOT  
IN QUELLO  
MOMENTO?

$$w^{[k]} = |2\pi Q|^{-\frac{1}{2}} \exp \left\{ -\frac{1}{2} (z_t - \hat{z}^{[k]})^T Q^{-1} (z_t - \hat{z}^{[k]}) \right\}$$

COSA VEDE IL  
ROBOT

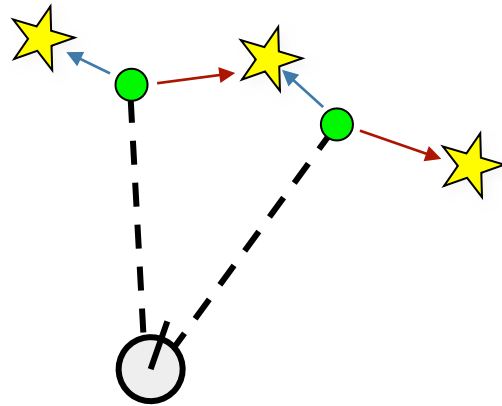
COSA STIMA LA  
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SENSOR NOISE  
+  
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FINAL  
STEP

# Data Association Problem

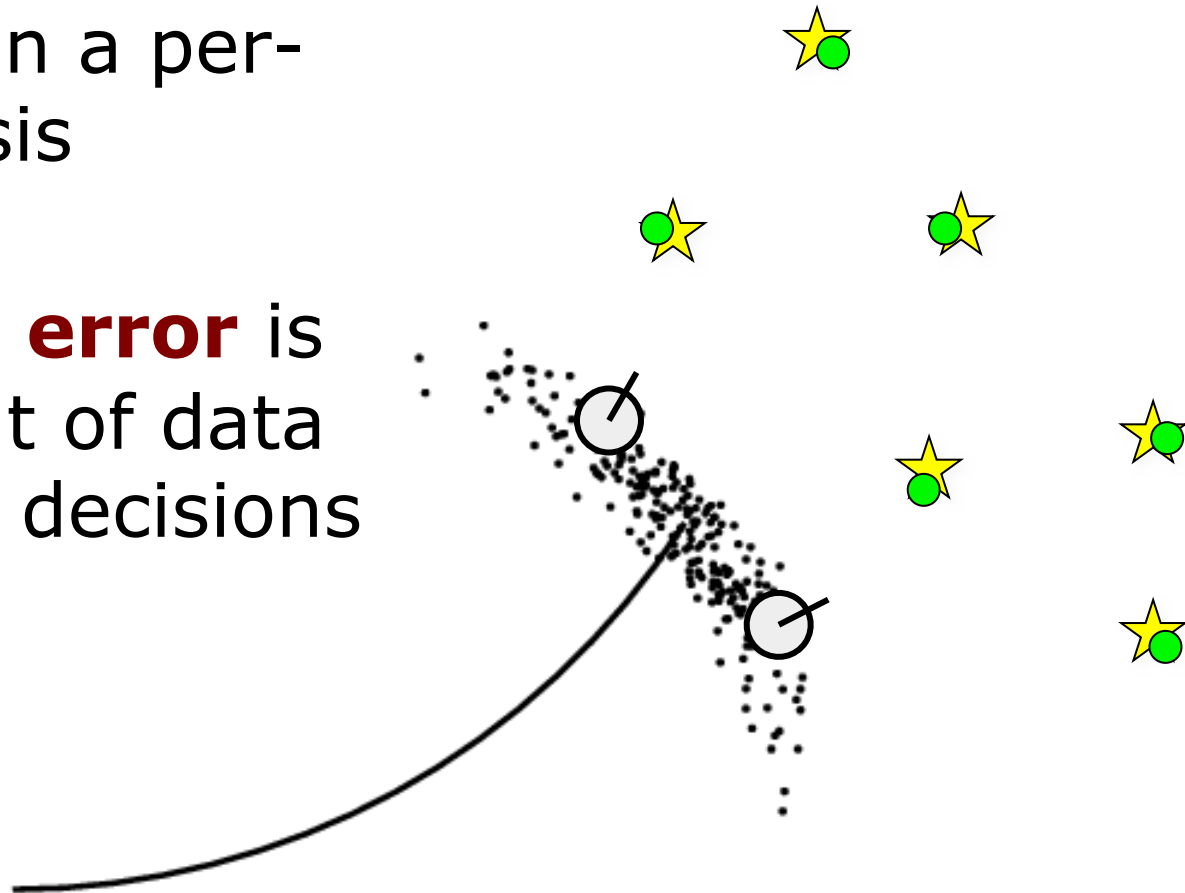
- Which observation belongs to which landmark?



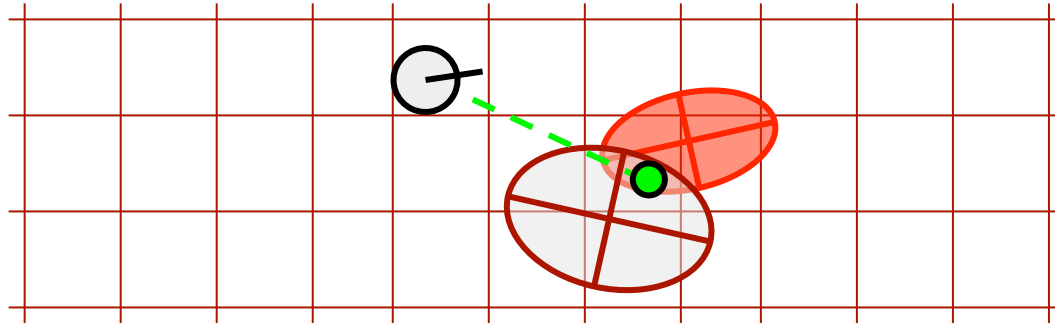
- More than one possible association
- **Potential data associations depend on the pose of the robot**

# Particles Support for Multi-Hypotheses Data Association

- Decisions on a per-particle basis
- Robot pose **error** is factored out of data association decisions



# Per-Particle Data Association



Was the observation generated by the **red** or by the **brown** landmark?

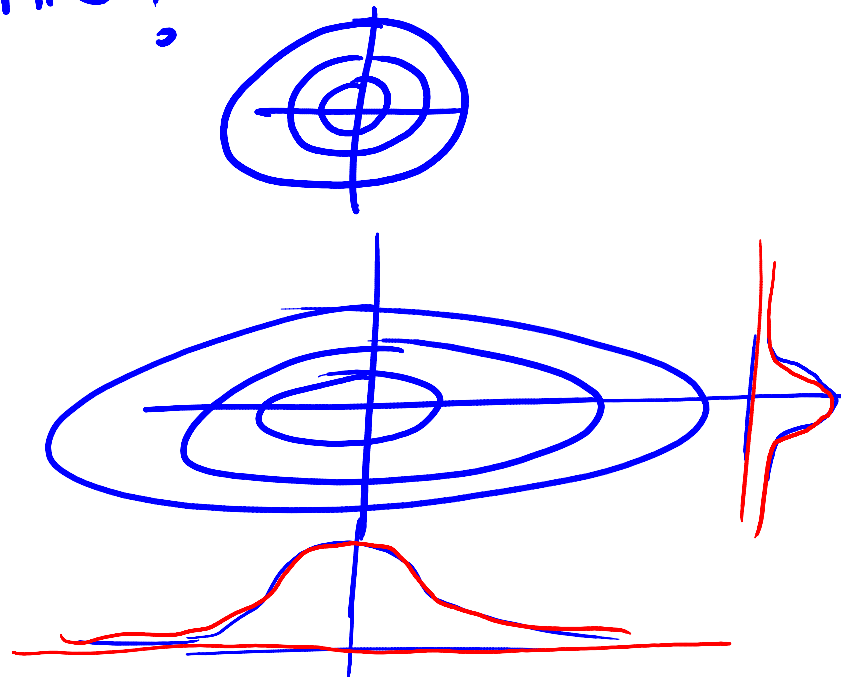
$$P(\text{observation}|\text{red}) = 0.3$$

$$P(\text{observation}|\text{brown}) = 0.7$$

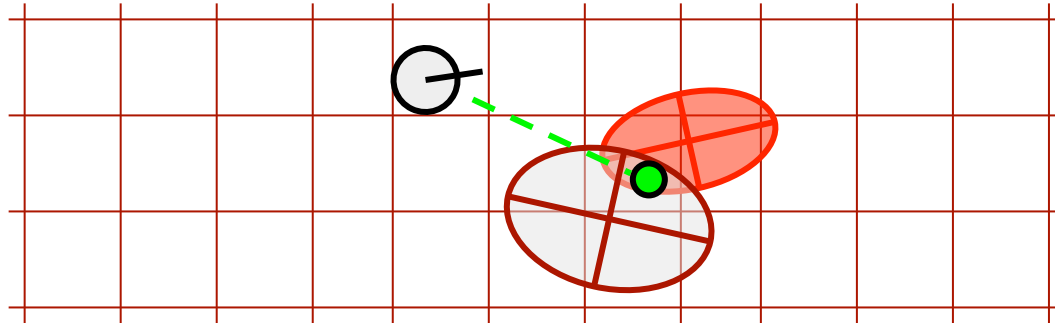
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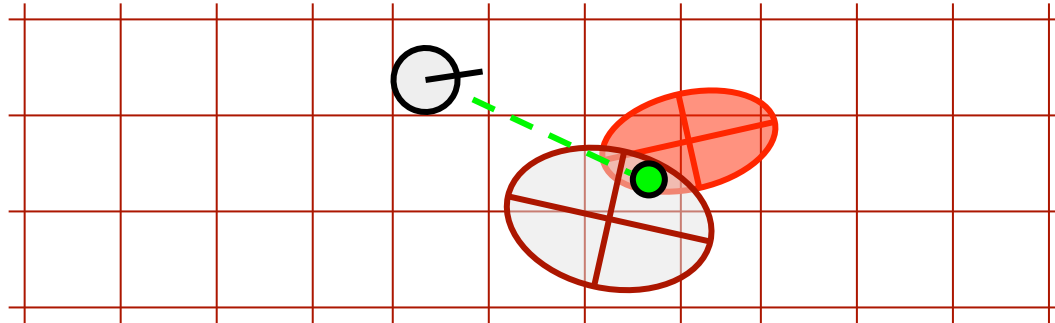
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- Two options for per-particle data association
  - Pick the most probable match
  - Pick an random association weighted by the observation likelihoods
- If the probability for an assignment is too low, generate a new landmark



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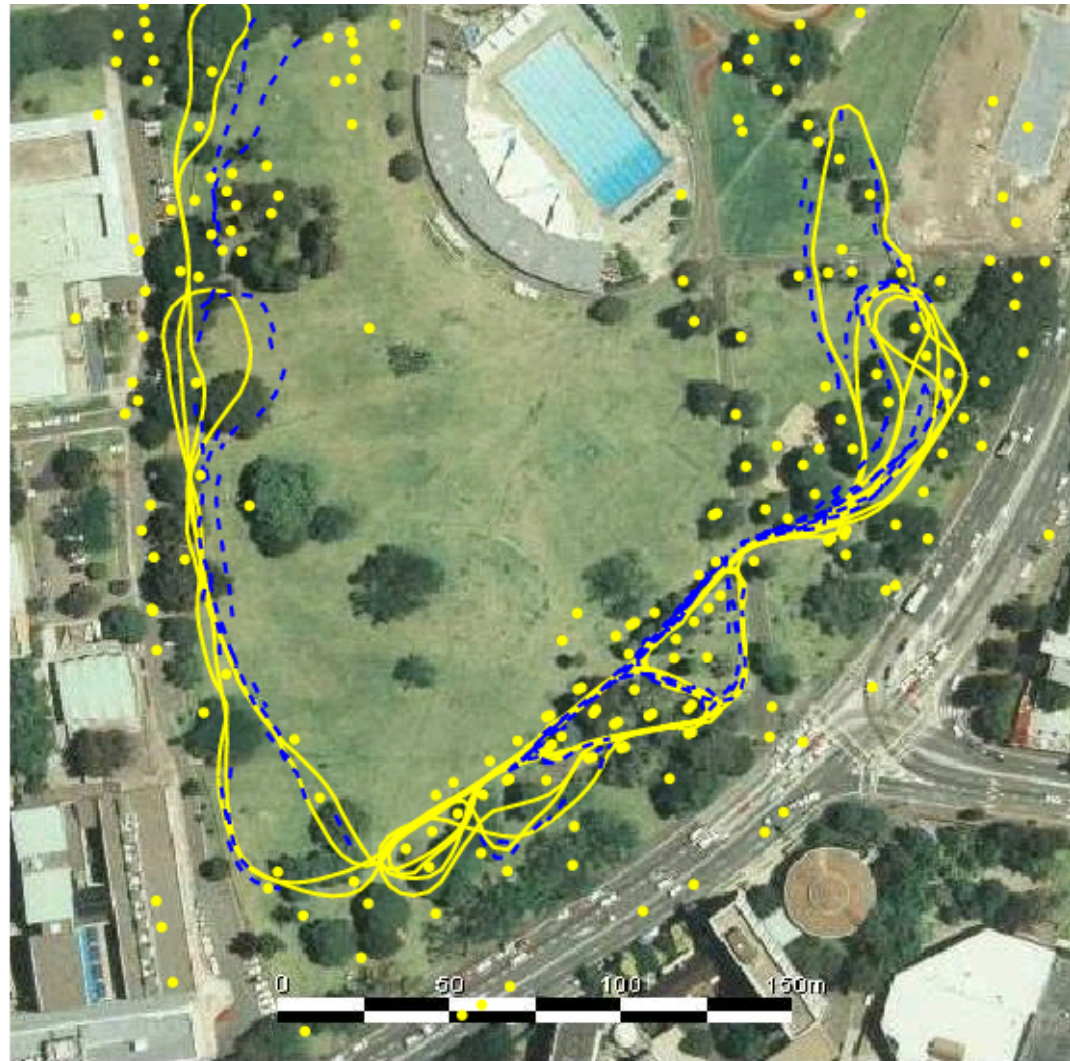
- Multi-modal belief
- Pose error is factored out of data association decisions
- **Simple but effective** data association
- Big **advantage of FastSLAM** over EKF

# Results – Victoria Park

- 4 km traverse
- $< 2.5$  m RMS position error
- 100 particles

**Blue** = GPS

**Yellow** = FastSLAM



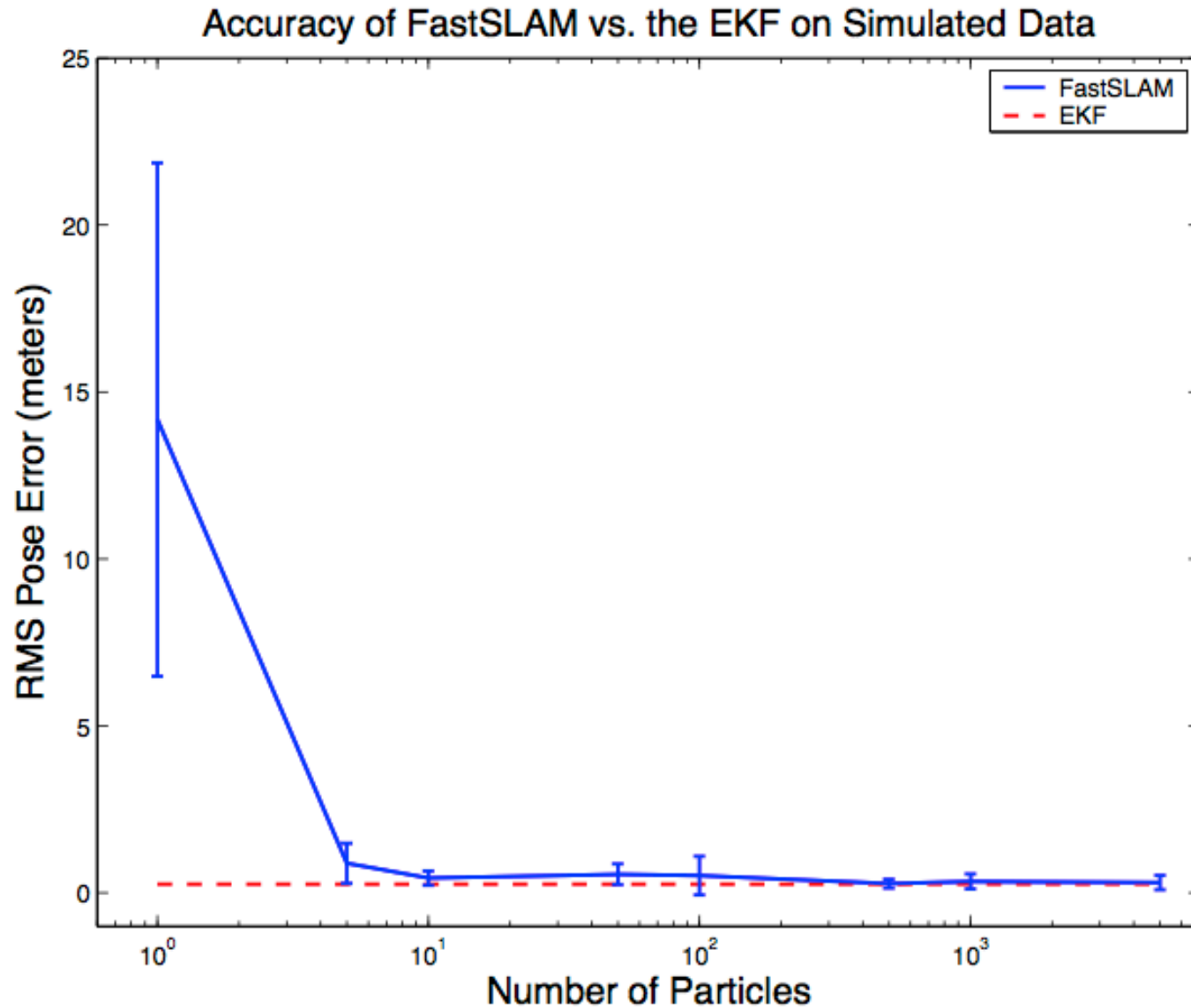
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# Results – Victoria Park (Video)

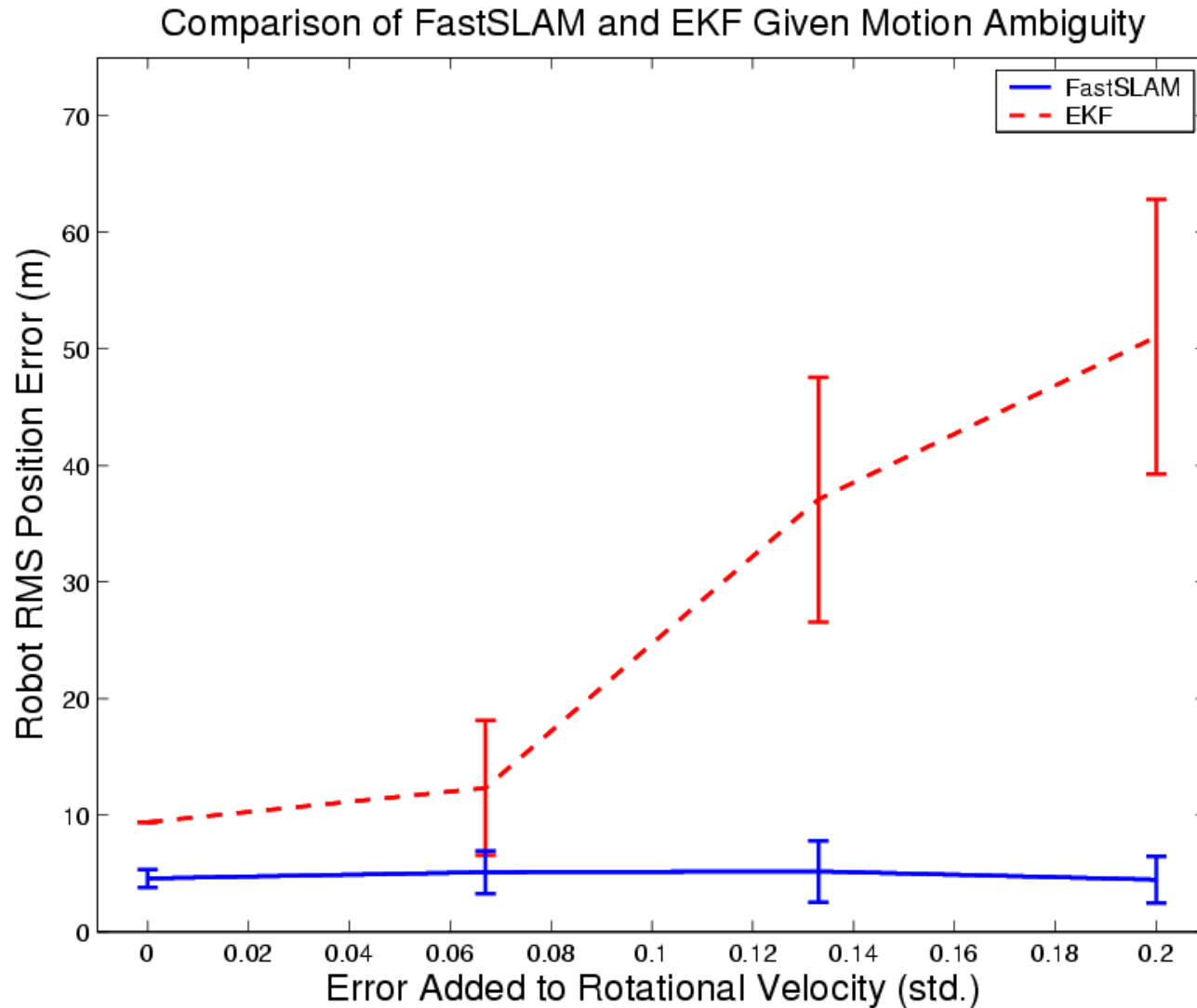


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# Results (Sample Size)



# Results (Motion Uncertainty)



# FastSLAM 1.0 Summary

- Use a particle filter to model the belief
- Factors the SLAM posterior into low-dimensional estimation problems
- Model only the robot's path by sampling
- Compute the landmarks given the path
- Per-particle data association
- No robot pose uncertainty in the per-particle data association

# FastSLAM Complexity – Simple Implementation

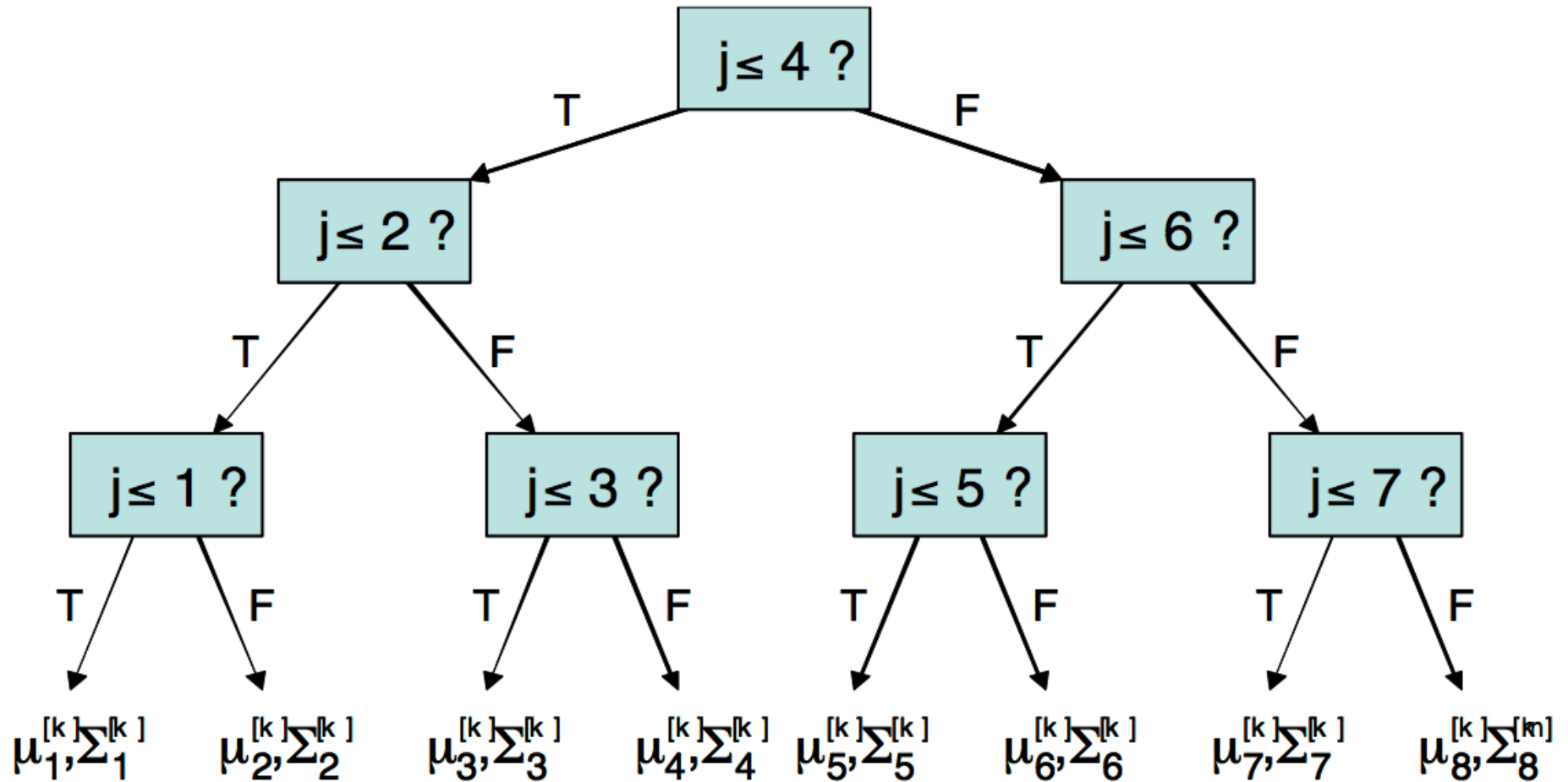
- Update robot particles based on the control  $\mathcal{O}(N)$
- Incorporate an observation into the Kalman filters  $\mathcal{O}(N)$
- Resample particle set  $\mathcal{O}(NM)$

**N = Number of particles**  
**M = Number of map features**

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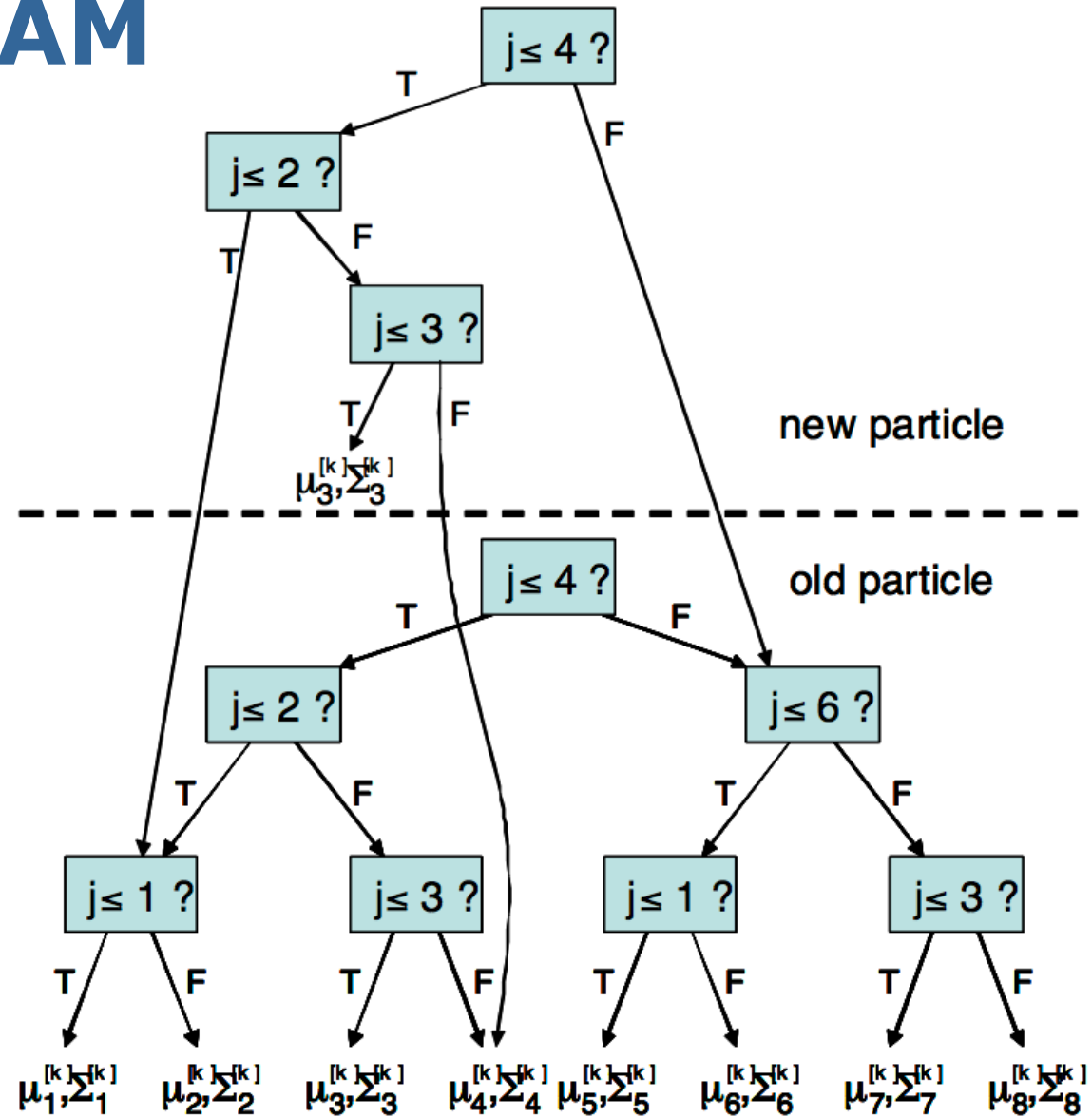
$$\mathcal{O}(NM)$$

# A Better Data Structure for FastSLAM





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# FastSLAM Complexity

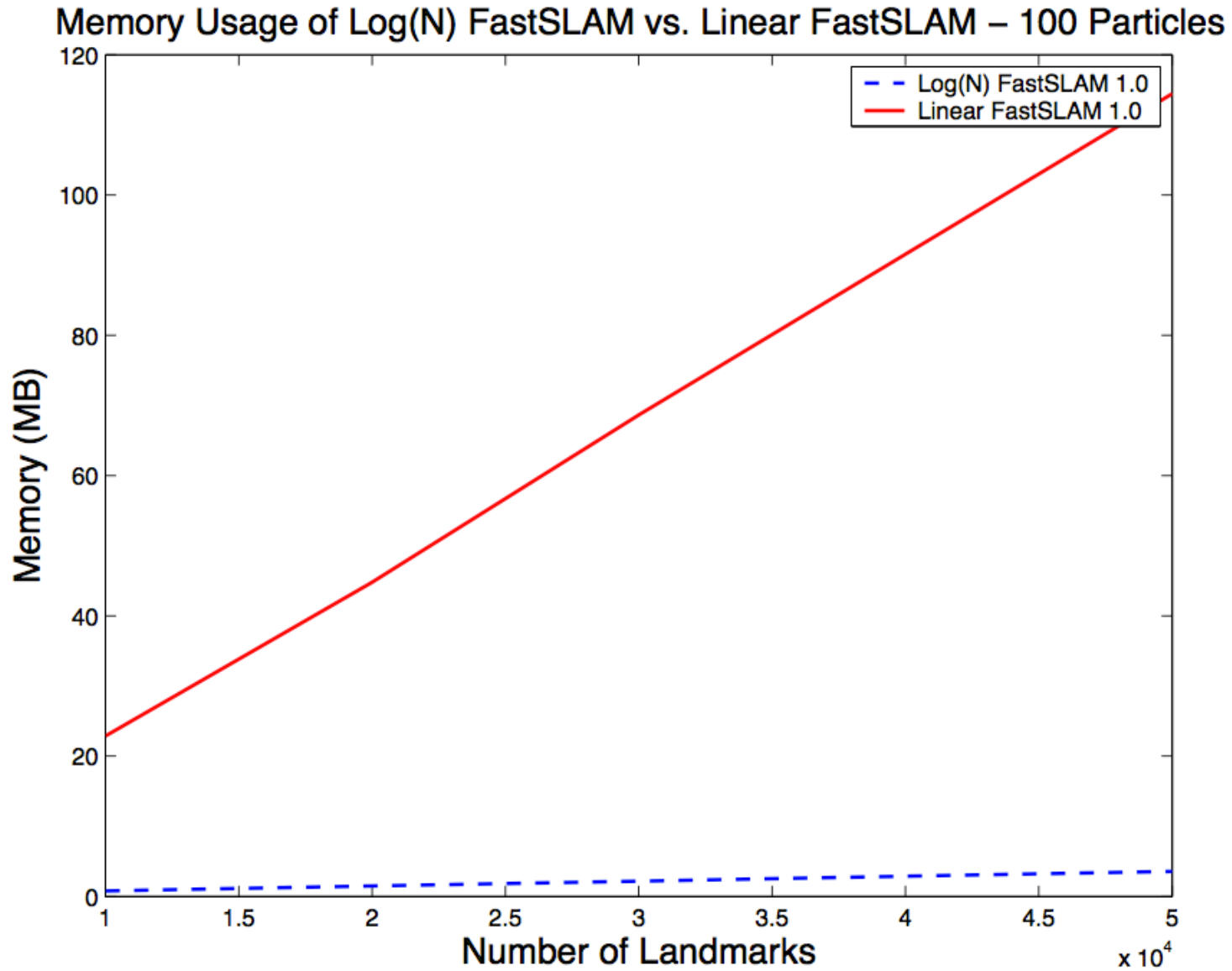
- Update robot particles based on the control  $\mathcal{O}(N)$
- Incorporate an observation into the Kalman filters  $\mathcal{O}(N \log M)$
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$$\mathcal{O}(N \log M)$$

# Memory Complexity



# FastSLAM 1.0

- FastSLAM 1.0 uses the motion model as the proposal distribution

$$x_t^{[k]} \sim p(x_t | x_{t-1}^{[k]}, u_t)$$

- **Is there a better distribution to sample from?**

# FastSLAM 1.0 to FastSLAM 2.0

- FastSLAM 1.0 uses the motion model as the proposal distribution

$$x_t^{[k]} \sim p(x_t | x_{t-1}^{[k]}, u_t)$$

- FastSLAM 2.0 **considers also the measurements during sampling**
- Especially useful if an accurate sensor is used (compared to the motion noise)

# FastSLAM 2.0 (Informally)

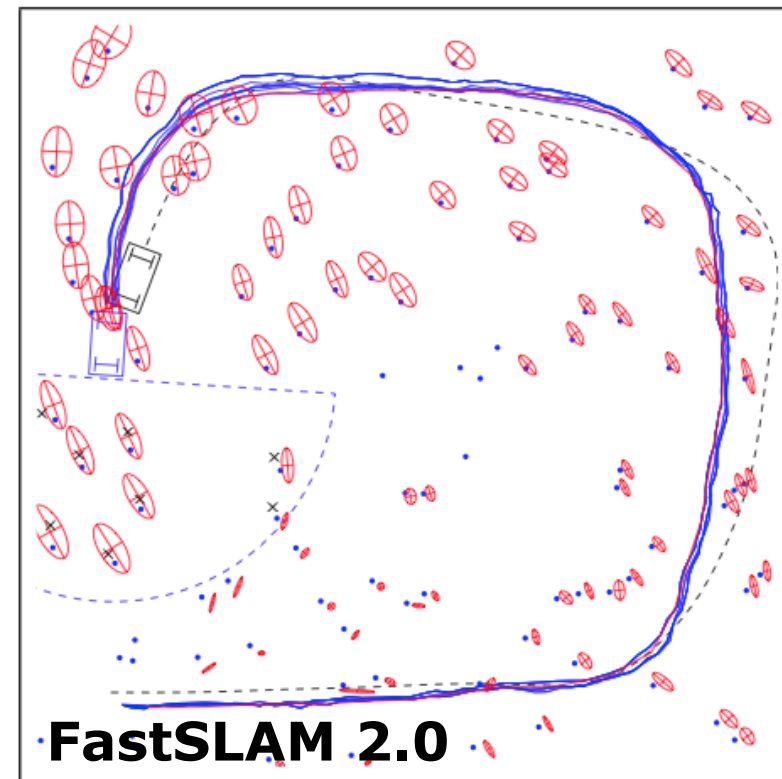
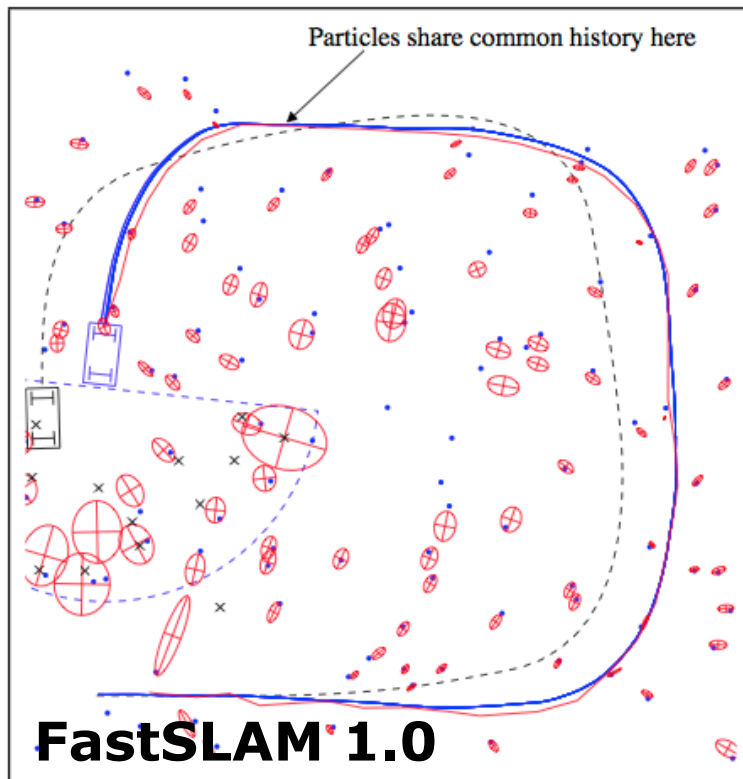
- FastSLAM 2.0 samples from

$$x_t^{[k]} \sim p(x_t \mid x_{1:t-1}^{[k]}, u_{1:t}, z_{1:t})$$

- Results in a more peaked proposal distribution
- Less particles are required
- More robust and accurate
- But more complex...

# FastSLAM Problems

- How to determine the sample size?
- Particle deprivation, especially when closing (multiple) loops



# FastSLAM Summary

- Particle filter-based SLAM
- Rao-Blackwellization: model the robot's path by sampling and compute the landmarks given the poses
- Allow for per-particle data association
- FastSLAM 1.0 and 2.0 differ in the proposal distribution
- Complexity  $\mathcal{O}(N \log M)$



# FastSLAM Results

- Scales well (1 million+ features)
- Robust to ambiguities in the data association
- Advantages compared to the classical EKF approach (especially with non-linearities)

# Literature

## FastSLAM

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