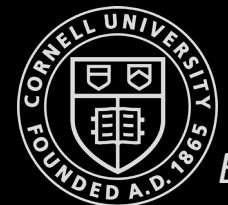


# Fast Robots



# Linear Systems Control

- Linear systems review
- Eigenvectors and eigenvalues
- Stability
- Discrete time systems
- Linearizing non-linear systems
- Controllability, LQR
- Observability
- Kalman Filters

# Linear Systems Control – “review of review”

- Linear system:

$$\dot{x} = Ax$$

- Solution:

$$x(t) = e^{At}x(0)$$

- Eigenvectors:

$$T = [\xi_1 \quad \xi_2 \quad \dots \quad \xi_n]$$

- Eigenvalues:

$$\gg [T, D] = \text{eig}(A)$$

$$D = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 & & & 0 \\ & \lambda_2 & & \\ & & \dots & \\ 0 & & & \lambda_n \end{bmatrix}$$

- Linear transform:

$$AT = TD$$

- Solution:

$$e^{At} = Te^{Dt}T^{-1}$$

- Mapping from z to x:

$$x(t) = Te^{Dt}T^{-1}x(0)$$

- Stability in continuous time:

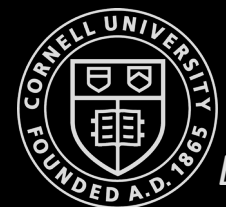
$$\lambda = a + ib, \text{ stable iff } a < 0$$

- Discrete time:

$$x(k+1) = \tilde{A}x(k), \tilde{A} = e^{A\Delta t}$$

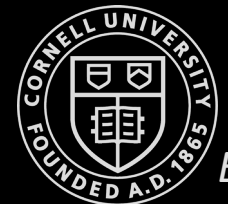
- Stability in discrete time:

$$\tilde{\lambda}^n = R^n e^{in\theta}, \text{ stable iff } R < 1$$



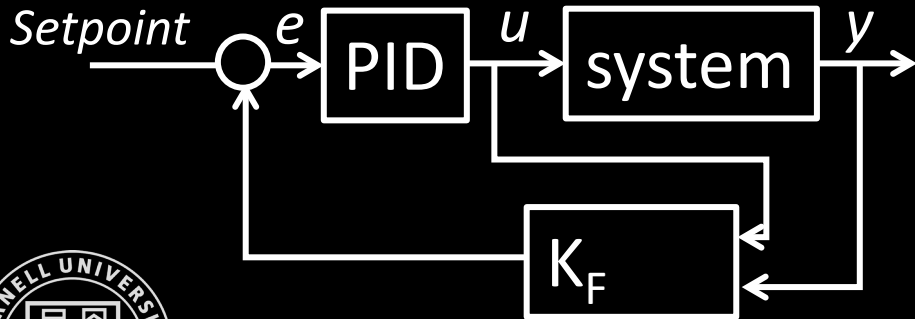
# Linear Systems Control – “review of review”

- Linearizing non-linear systems
  - Fixed points
  - Jacobian
- Controllability
  - **>>rank (ctrb (A , B ) )**
  - Reachability
  - Controllability Gramian
  - Pole placement
    - $\dot{x} = (A - BK)x$
  - LQR
- Observability
  - **>>rank (obsv (A , C ) )**
  - Observability Gramian
  - Kalman Filter

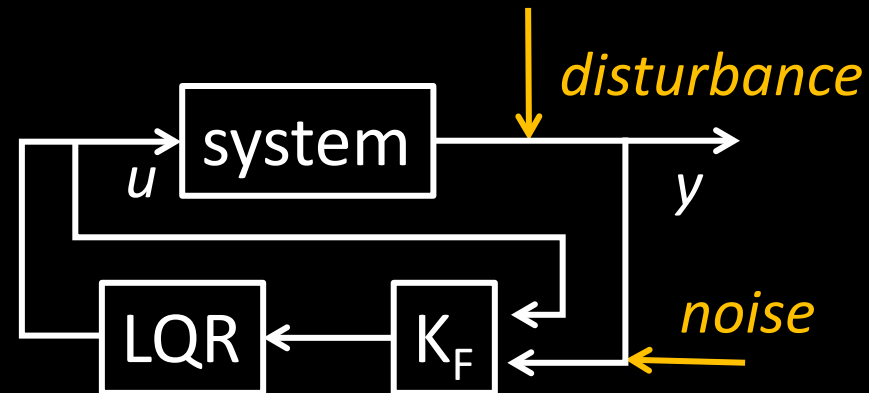


# Kalman Filter (continued)

KF with PID:

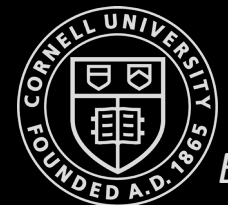


What you typically apply KF on:

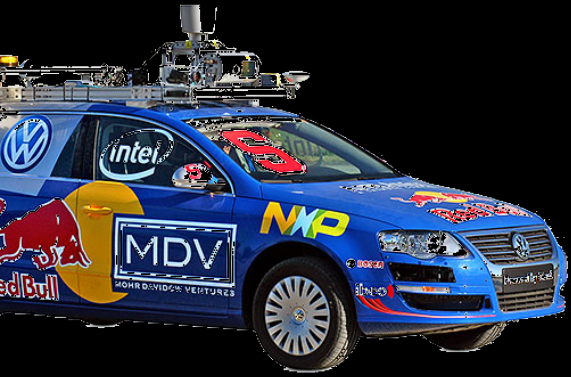


**Why KF?**

- Not full state feedback
- Bad sensors
- Slow feedback

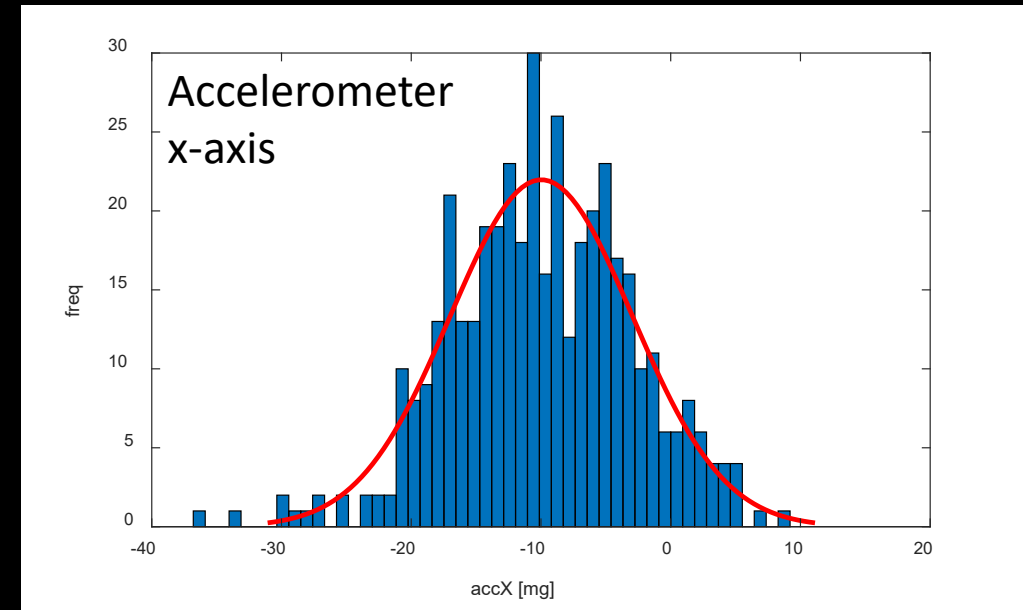
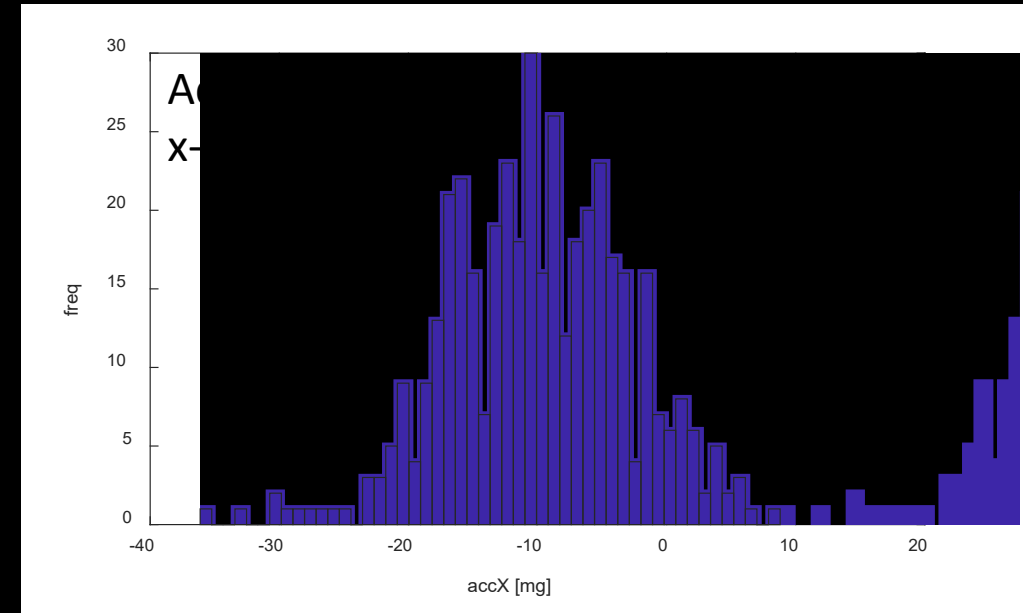


# Probabilistic Robotics



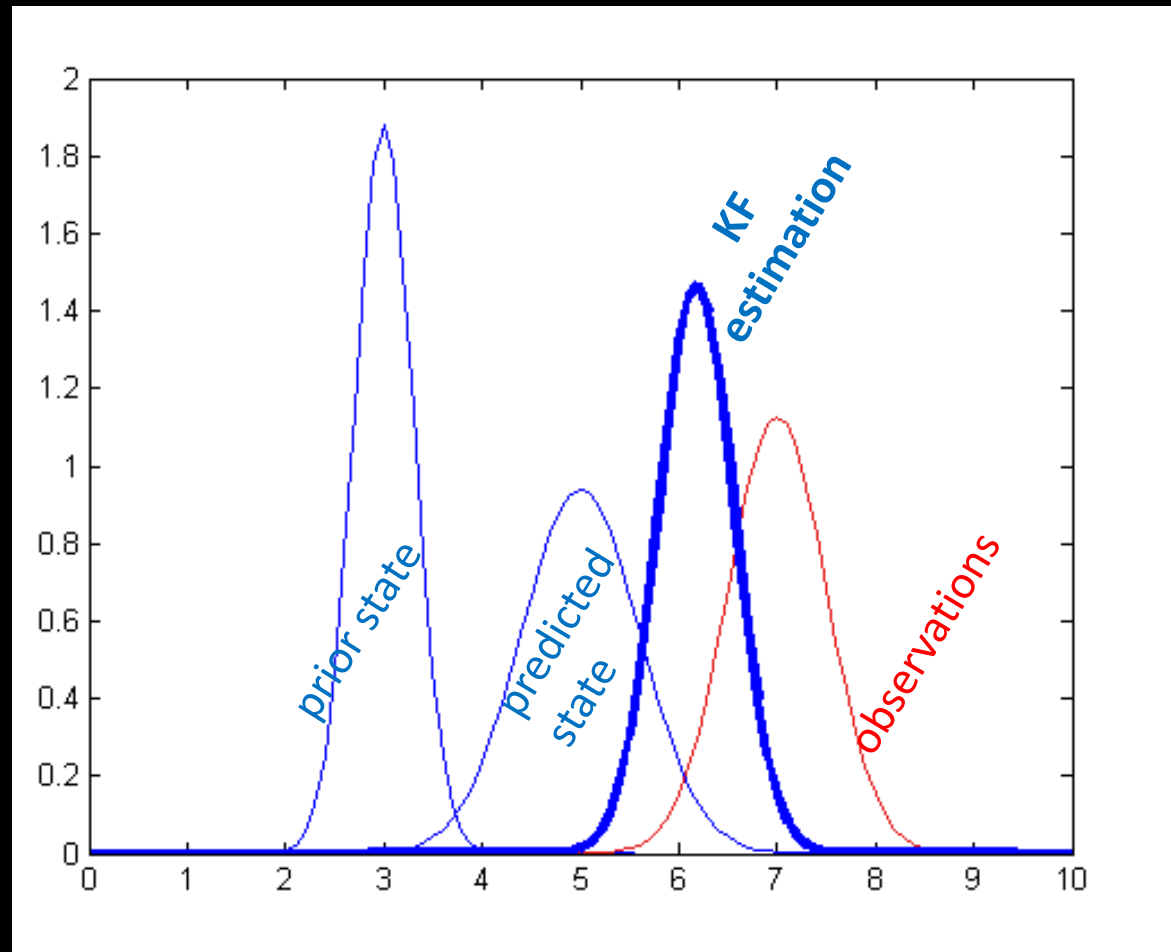
- Measurements are uncertain
- Actions are uncertain
- Models are uncertain
- States are uncertain

- Noise example: Accelerometer
- Solution?
  - Take more samples
  - Mean:  $\mu = -9.97306\text{mg}$
  - std dev:  $\sigma = 7.0318\text{mg}$
  - Variance:  $\sigma^2$
- Gaussian distributions
  - $[\mu \mp \sigma]$
  - Symmetric
  - Unimodal
  - Sum to “unity”



# Kalman Filter

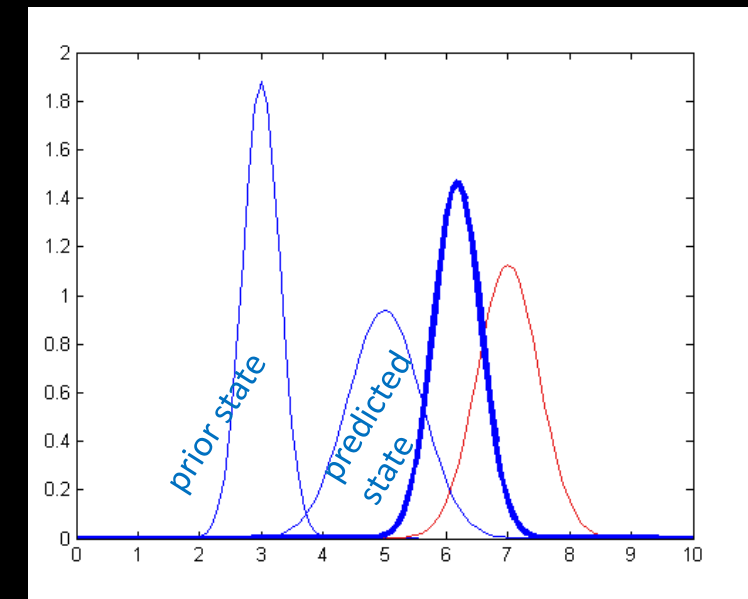
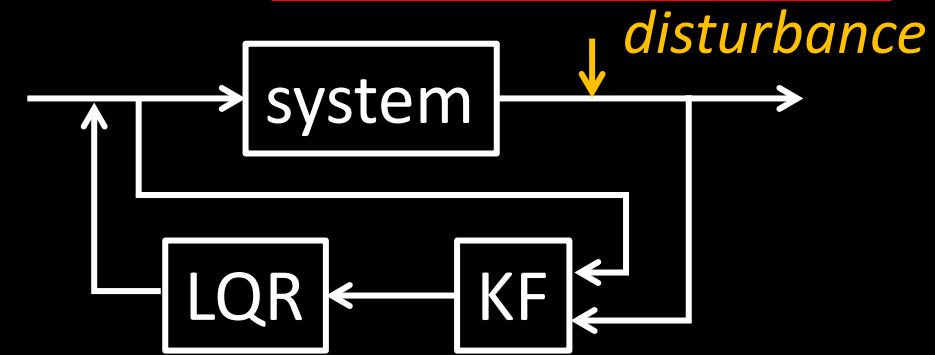
- Incorporate uncertainty to get better estimates based on inputs and observations



# Kalman Filter

- Assume that posterior and prior belief are Gaussian variables
  - Prediction step
    - $x(t) = A x(t-1) + B u(t) + n$ , where...
      - $\mu_p(t) = A \mu(t-1) + B u(t)$
      - $\Sigma_p(t) = A \Sigma(t-1) A^T + \Sigma_u$

State estimate:  $\mu(t)$   
State uncertainty:  $\Sigma(t)$   
Process noise:  $\Sigma_u$





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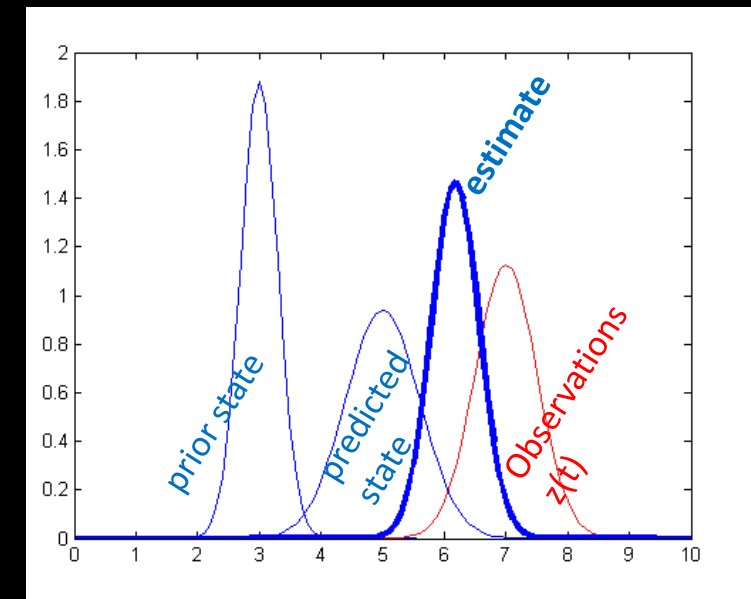
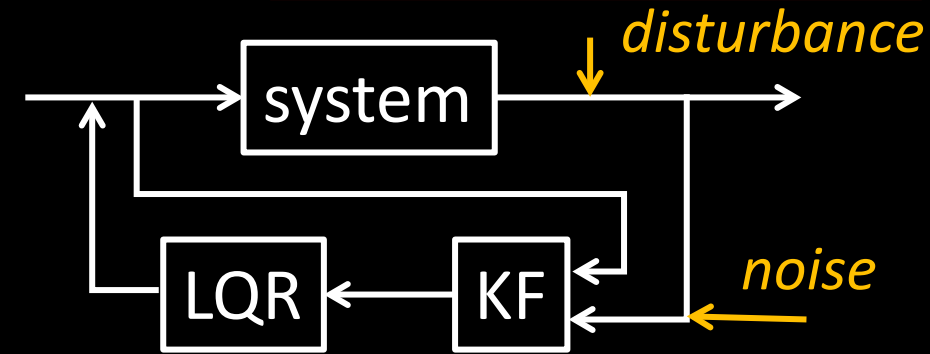
- Update step

- $K_{KF} = \Sigma_p(t) C^T (C \Sigma_p(t) C^T + \Sigma_z)^{-1}$

- $\mu(t) = \mu_p(t) + K_{KF} (z(t) - C \mu_p(t))$

- $\Sigma(t) = (I - K_{KF} C) \Sigma_p(t)$

State estimate:  $\mu(t)$   
State uncertainty:  $\Sigma(t)$   
Process noise:  $\Sigma_u$   
Kalman filter gain:  $K_{KF}$   
Measurement noise:  $\Sigma_z$

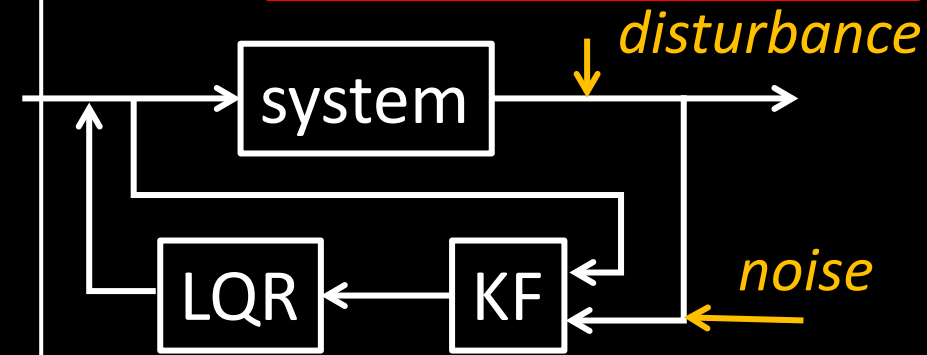


# Kalman Filter Implementation

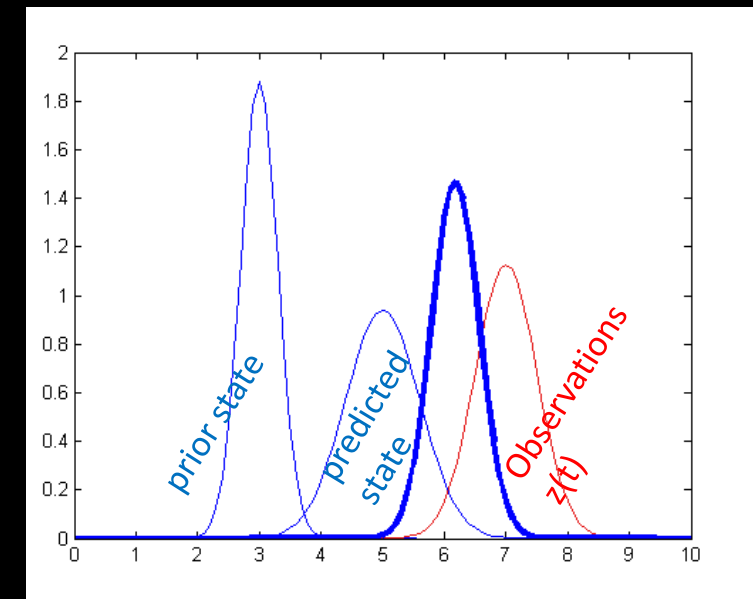
Kalman Filter (  $\mu(t-1)$ ,  $\Sigma(t-1)$ ,  $u(t)$ ,  $z(t)$  )

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  2.  $\Sigma_p(t) = A \Sigma(t-1) A^T + \Sigma_u$
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  5.  $\Sigma(t) = (I - K_{KF} C) \Sigma_p(t)$
  6. Return  $\mu(t)$  and  $\Sigma(t)$
- } prediction  
} update

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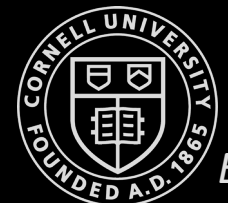


$$\Sigma_u = \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_1^2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \sigma_2^2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \sigma_3^2 \end{bmatrix}, \Sigma_z = \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_4^2 & 0 \\ 0 & \sigma_5^2 \end{bmatrix}$$



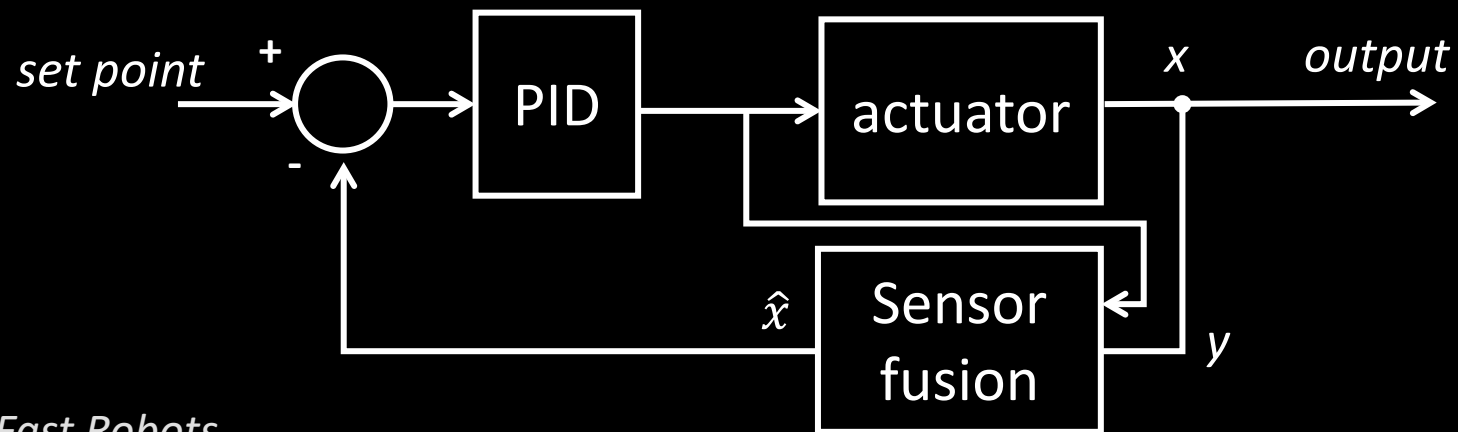
# Lab Prep

- Lab 6: PID control
- Lab 7: Sensor Fusion
- Lab 8: Stunt



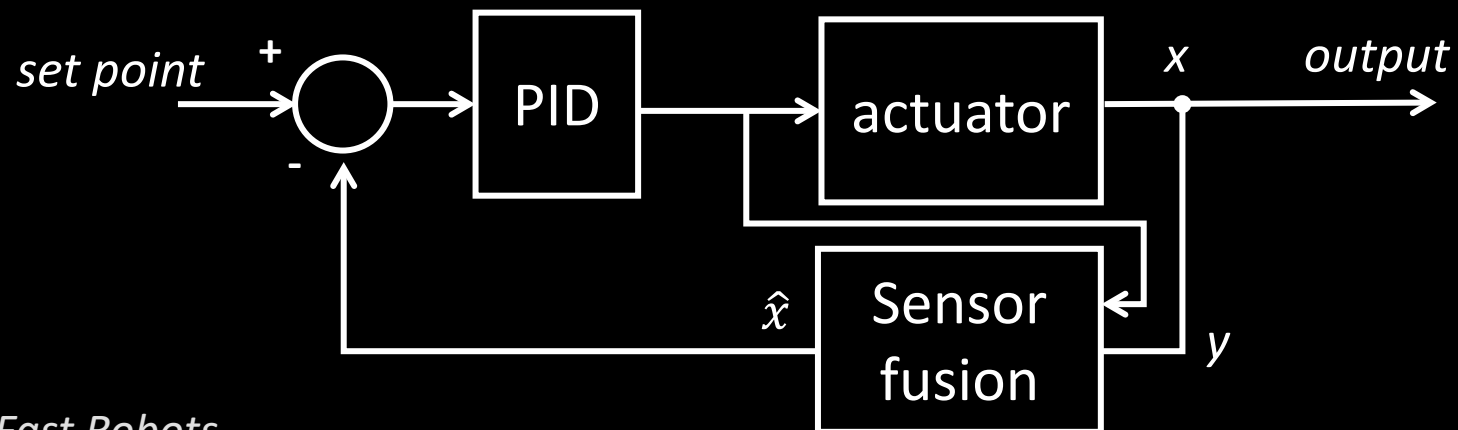
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- Task A: Don't Hit the Wall!
- Benefit: Easiest



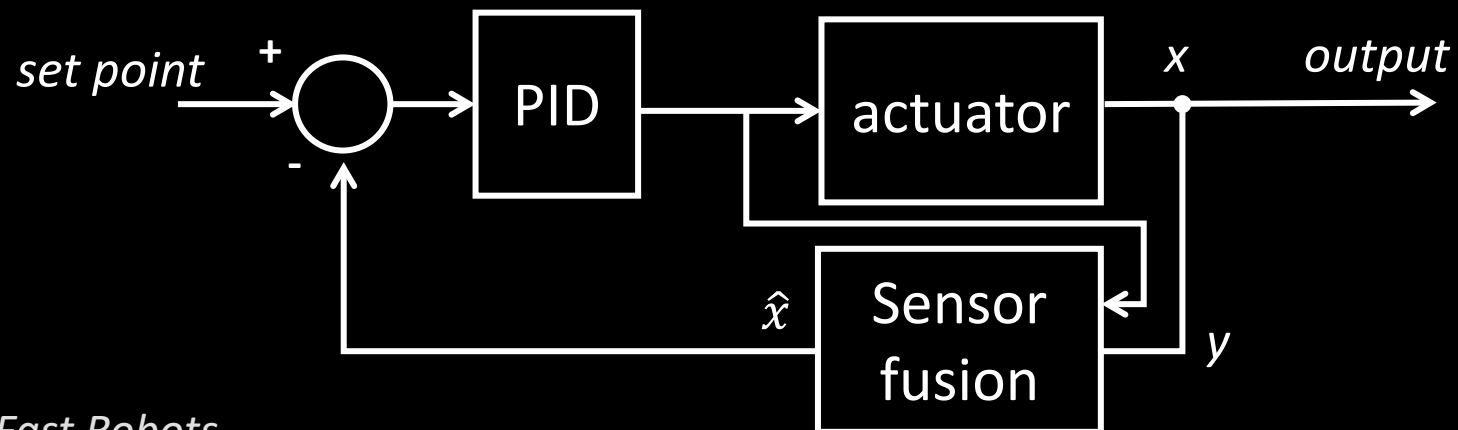
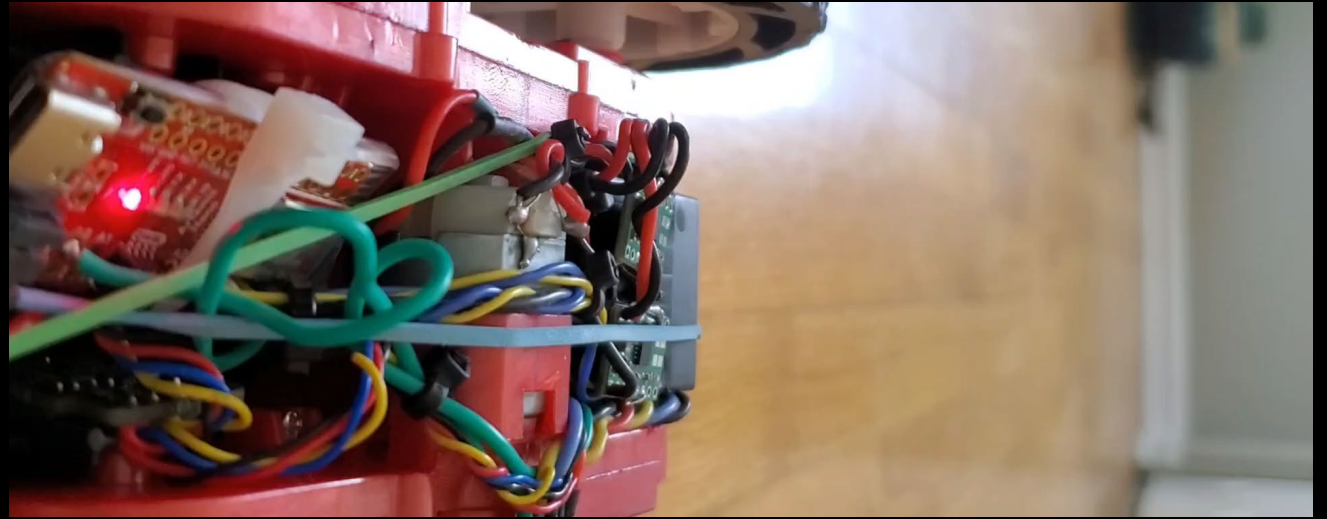
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- Task B: Drift much?
  - Benefit: Good start to lab 9



## Lab 6-8: PID control – Sensor Fusion - Stunt

- Task A: Don't Hit the Wall!
- Task B: Drift much?
- Task C: Thread the Needle!
  - Benefit: Best use of a Kalman Filter and LQG
- *Team up and work together!*

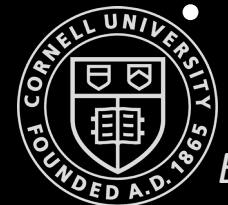


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### Procedure

- Lab 6: Get basic PID to work
- Do the pre-lab: you need good debugging scripts
- Start simple and work your way up, then hack away...
  - Start slow (sampling rates, control frequency)
  - Avoid blocking statements
- Wind-up, derivative LPF, derivative kick
- Motor scaling function
  - Range of analogWrite: [0;255]
  - Directionality
  - Deadband



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## Lab 6: Closed-loop control (PID)

### Objective

The purpose of this lab is to get experience with PID control. The lab is fairly open ended, you can choose to do closed loop control on position or orientation, and you may do so with whatever works best for your system (P, PI, PID, PD). Your hand-in will be judged upon your demonstrated understanding of PID control and practical implementation constraints, and the quality of your solution.

This lab is part of a series of labs (6-8) on PID control, sensor fusion, and stunts, and you will continue to improve on your system throughout these weeks. This week, we will simply aim to get the basic behavior working. While we give you tips for improving the behavior now, if you run out of time, you can optimize more over the coming weeks.

### Parts Required

- 1 x [R/C stunt car](#)
- 1 x [SparkFun RedBoard Artemis Nano](#)
- 1 x [USB cable](#)
- 2 x [Li-Po 3.7V 650mAh \(or more\) battery](#)
- 2 x [Dual motor driver](#)
- 2 x [4m ToF sensor](#)
- 1 x [9DOF IMU sensor](#)
- 1 x [Qwiic connector](#)

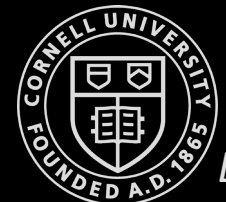


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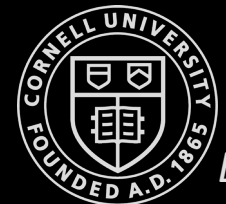
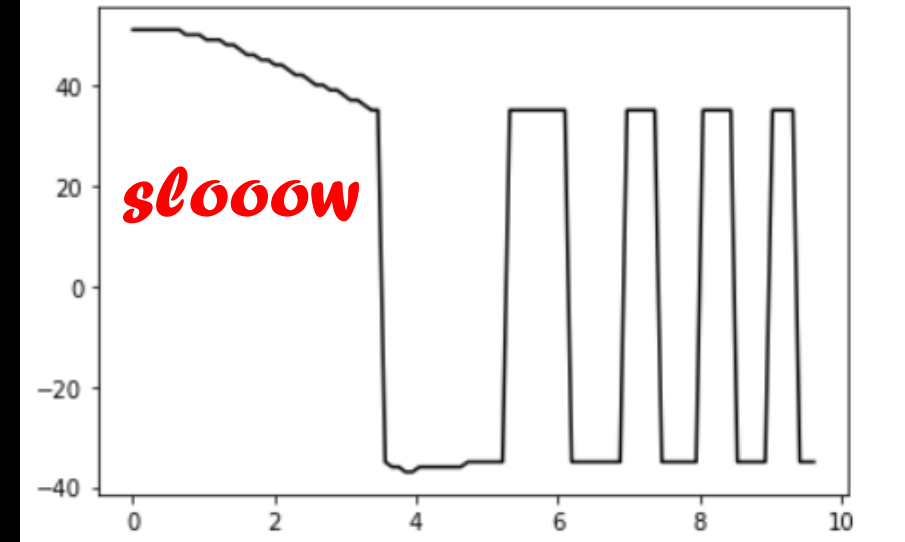
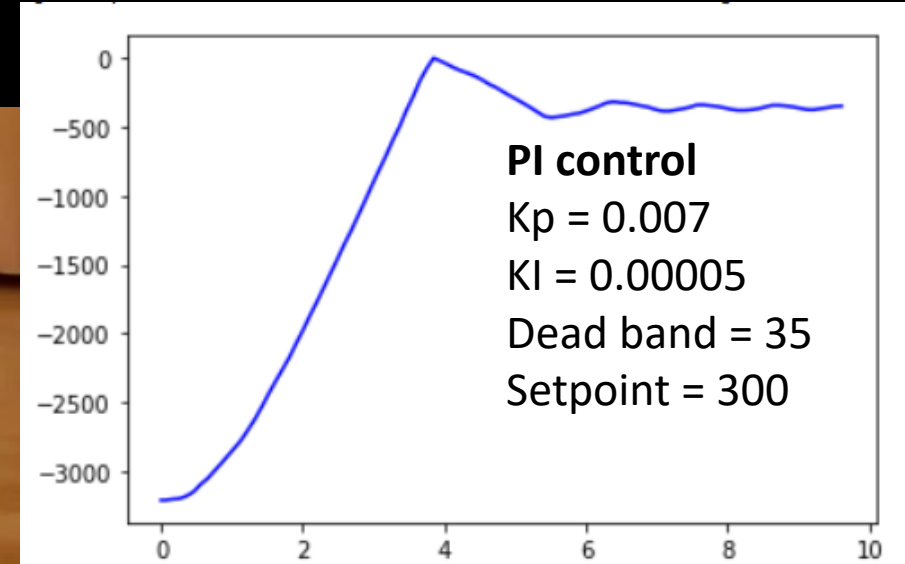
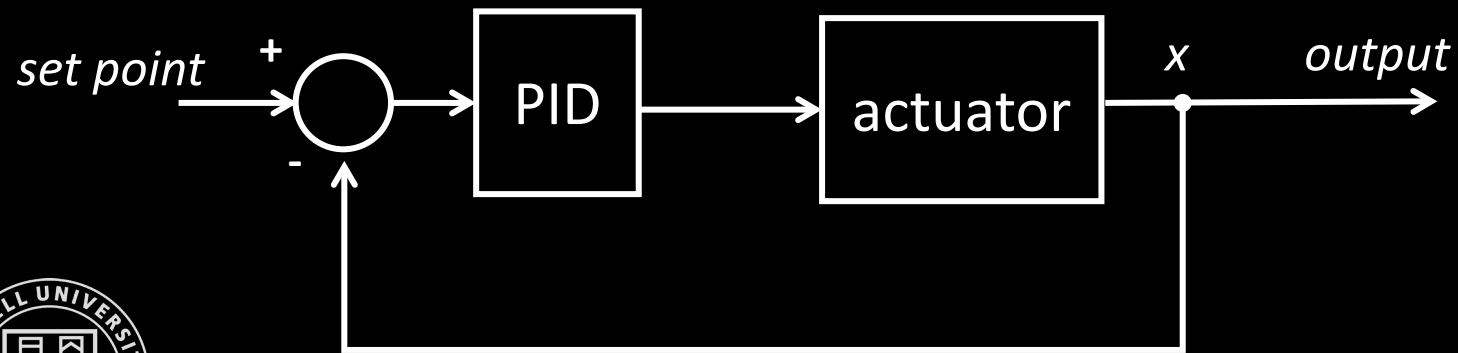
### Procedure

- Lab 6: Get basic PID to work
- Lab 7: Sensor Fusion
  - Approximate the state space equations
    - Step response
  - Implement Kalman Filter
    - Determine process and measurement noise
    - Try it offline on solution from lab 6
    - Try it online on your robot
- Lab 8: Use KF and PID control to execute fast stunts



# Task A: Don't Hit the Wall

- Lab 6, Task A, example solution



# Lab 7, Task A: State Space Equations

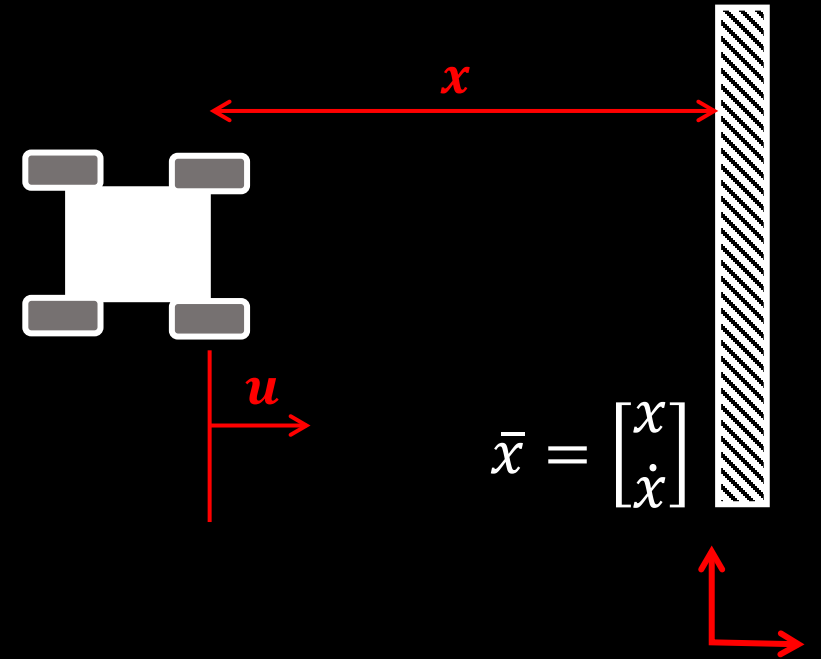
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**What is  $d$  and  $m$ ?**



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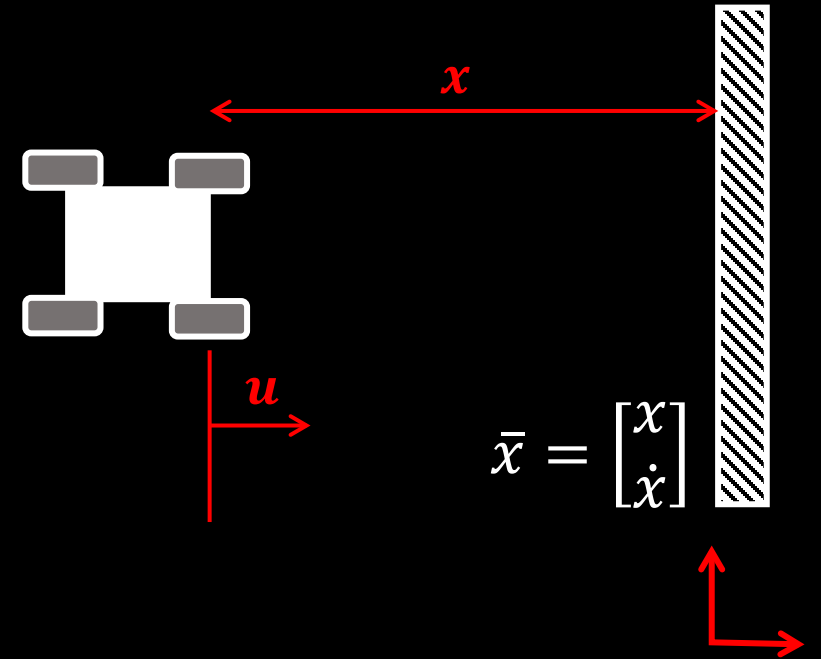
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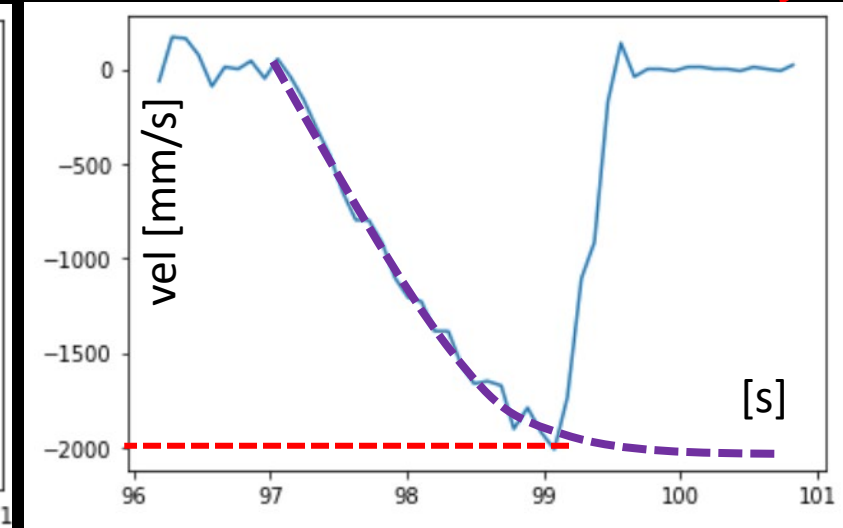
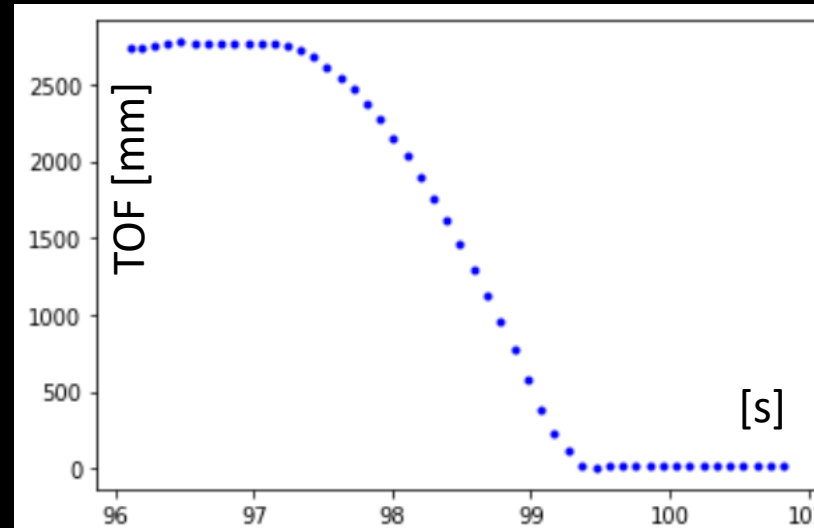
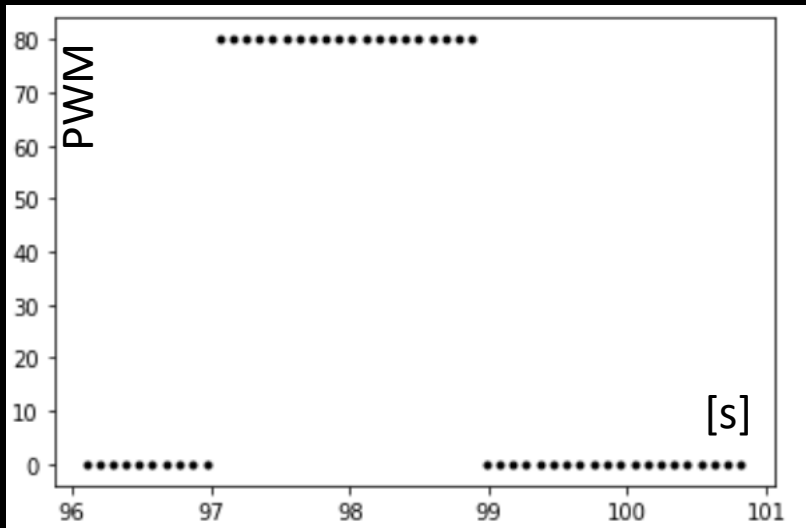
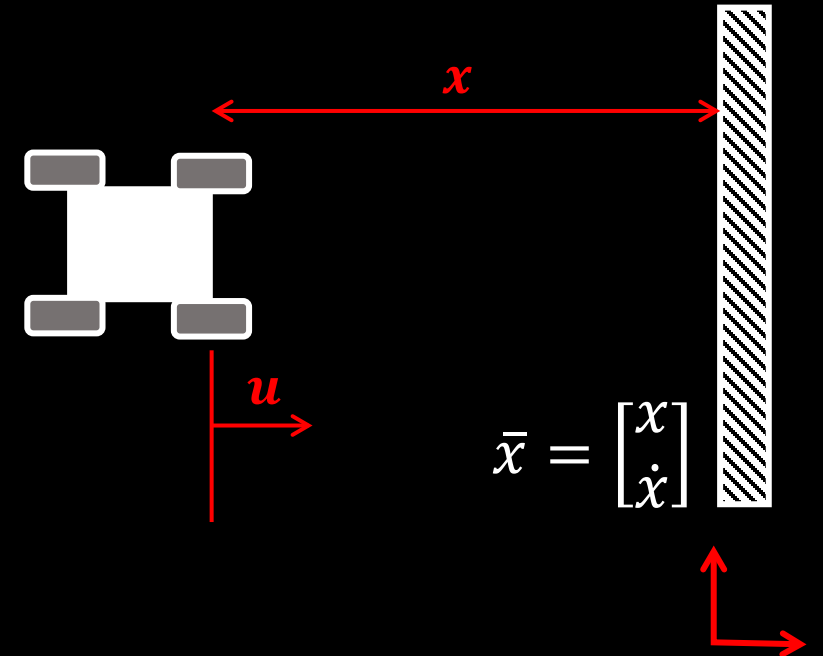
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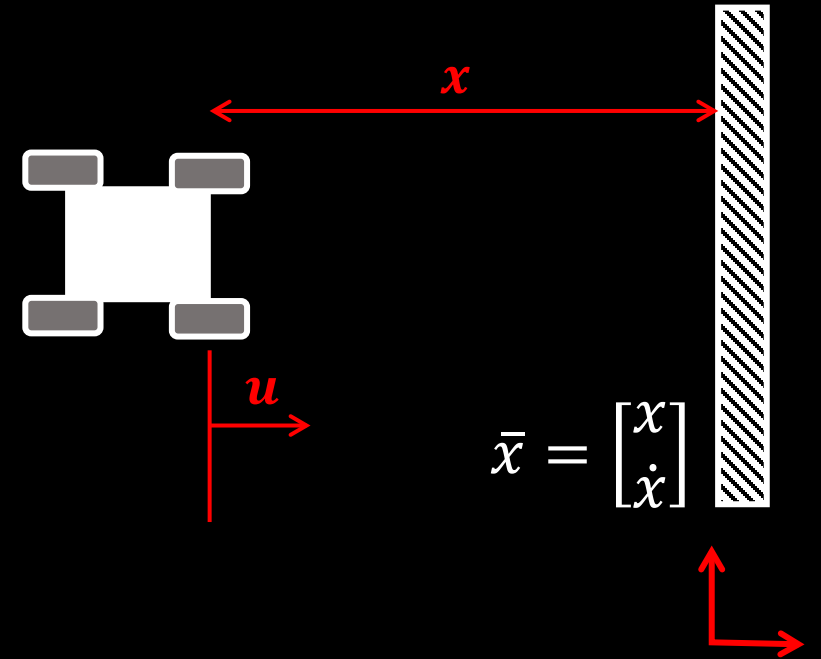
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- $d \approx \frac{1}{2000\text{mm/s}}$  (Assume  $u=1$  for now)



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Unit step response solution:

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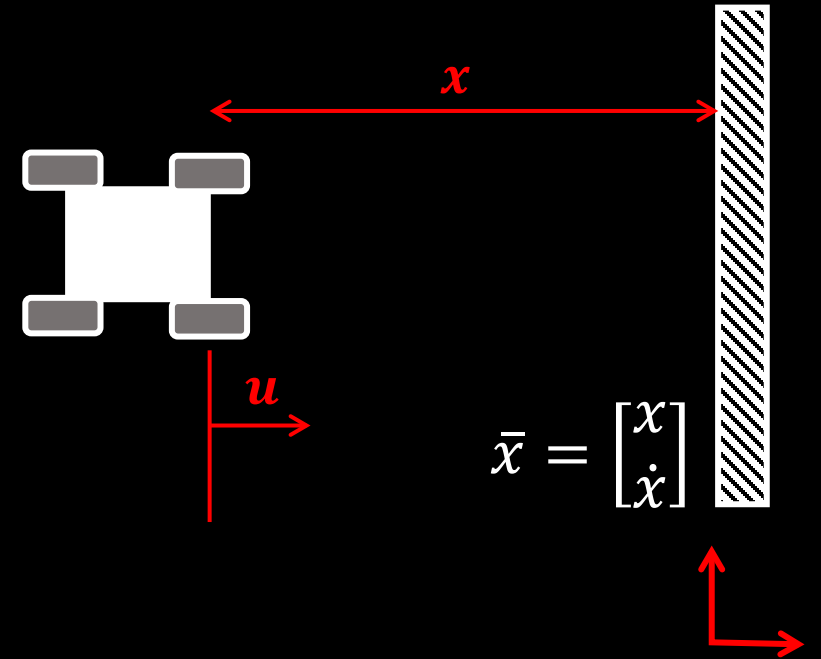
- Find  $m$
- Use the 90% rise time to determine  $m$

- $\dot{v} = \frac{u}{m} - \frac{d}{m}v$

- $v = 1 - e^{-\frac{d}{m}t_{0.9}} \leftrightarrow 1 - v = e^{-\frac{d}{m}t_{0.9}}$

- $\ln(1 - v) = -\frac{d}{m}t_{0.9}$

- $m = \frac{-dt_{0.9}}{\ln(1-0.9)}$



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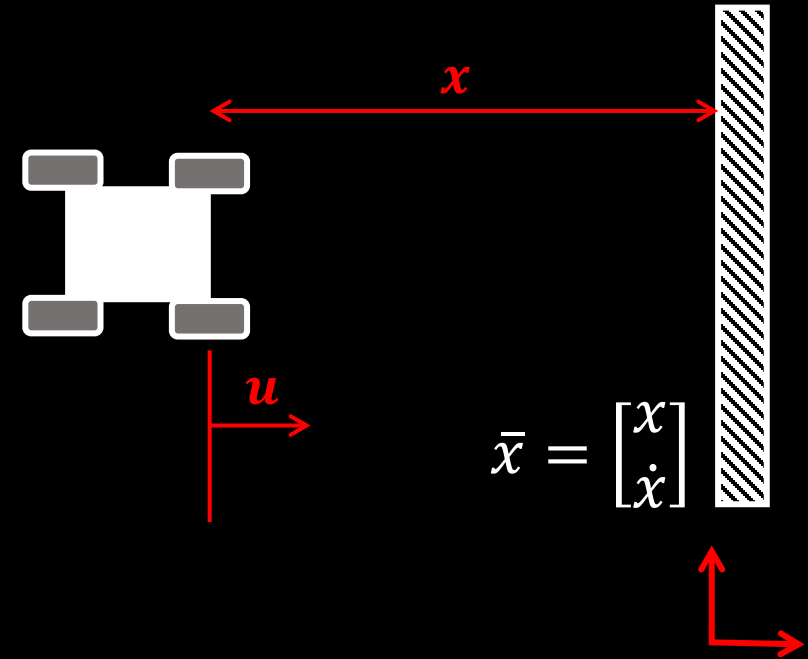
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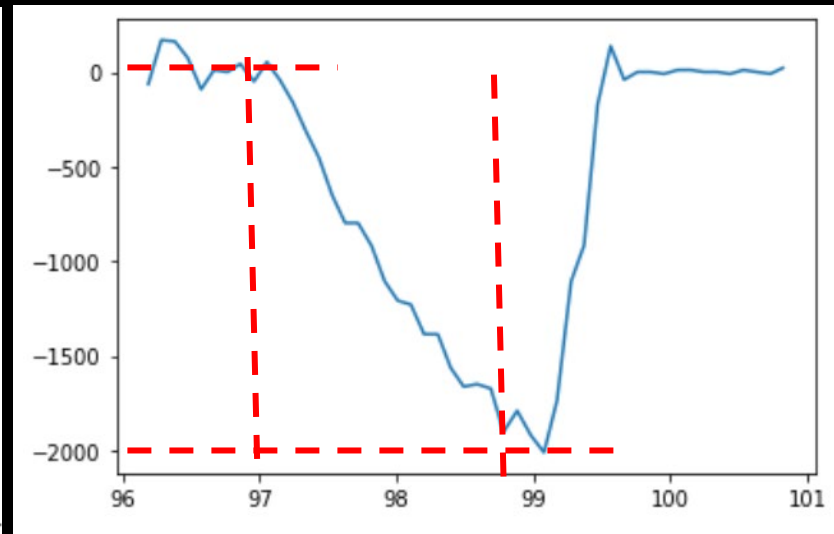
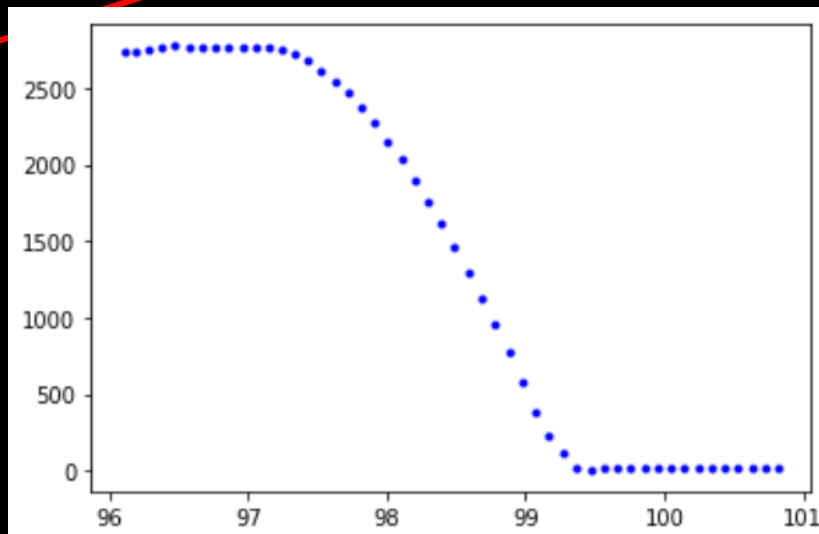
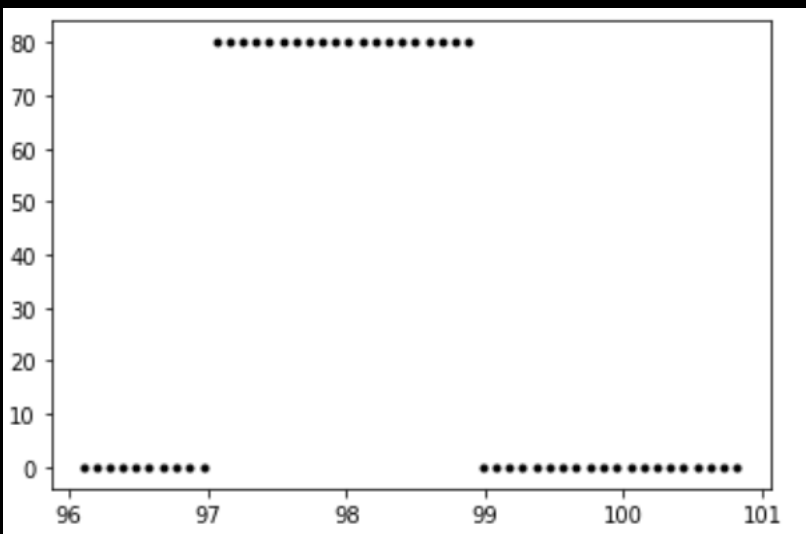
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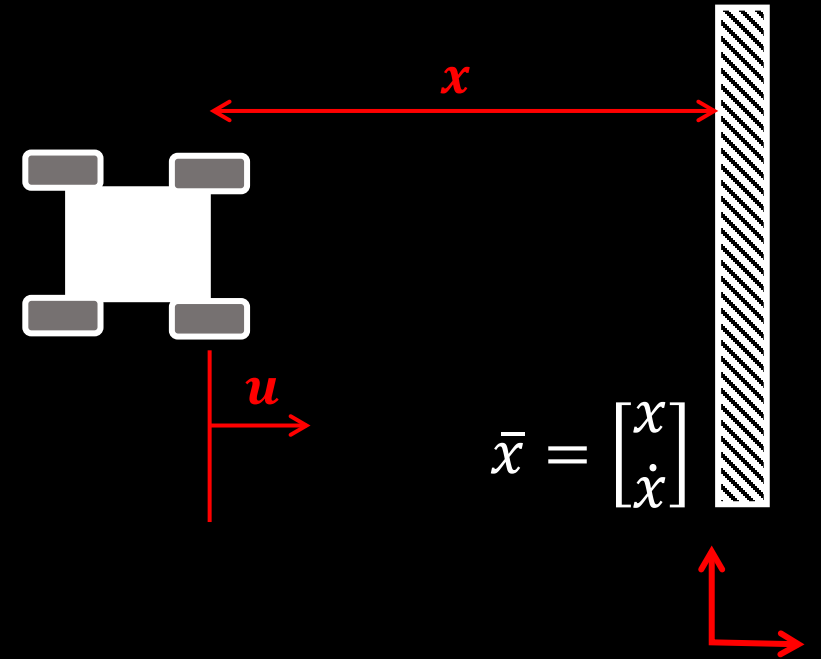
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- $\ln(1 - v) = -\frac{d}{m}t_{0.9}$

- $m = \frac{-dt_{0.9}}{\ln(1-0.9)} = \frac{-0.0005 \cdot 1.9}{\ln(0.1)} = 4.1258 \cdot 10^{-4}$



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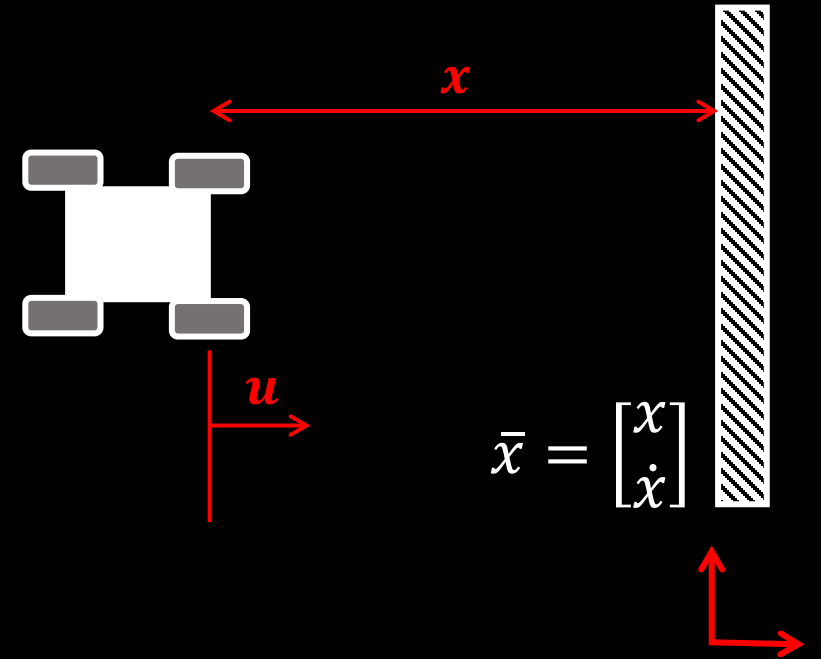
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- At steady state (cst speed), we can find  $d$ 
  - $d = \frac{u}{\dot{x}} \approx 0.0005$  (Assume  $u=1$  for now)
- We can use the 90% rise time to find  $m$ 
  - $m = \frac{-dt_{0.9}}{\ln(0.1)} \approx 4.1258 \cdot 10^{-4}$



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# Lab 7, Task A: State Space Equations

## Implement the Kalman Filter

- Process noise (dependent on sampling rate)

$$\Sigma_u = \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_1^2 & 0 \\ 0 & \sigma_2^2 \end{bmatrix}$$

- Trust in modeled position:

- Position std after 1s:  $\sqrt{10^2 \cdot \frac{1}{0.13}} = 27.7\text{mm}$

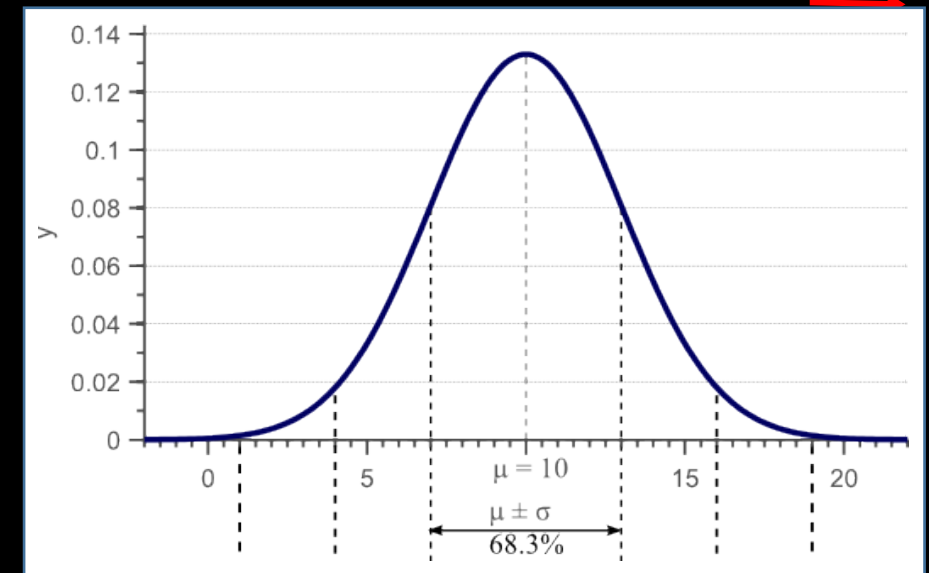
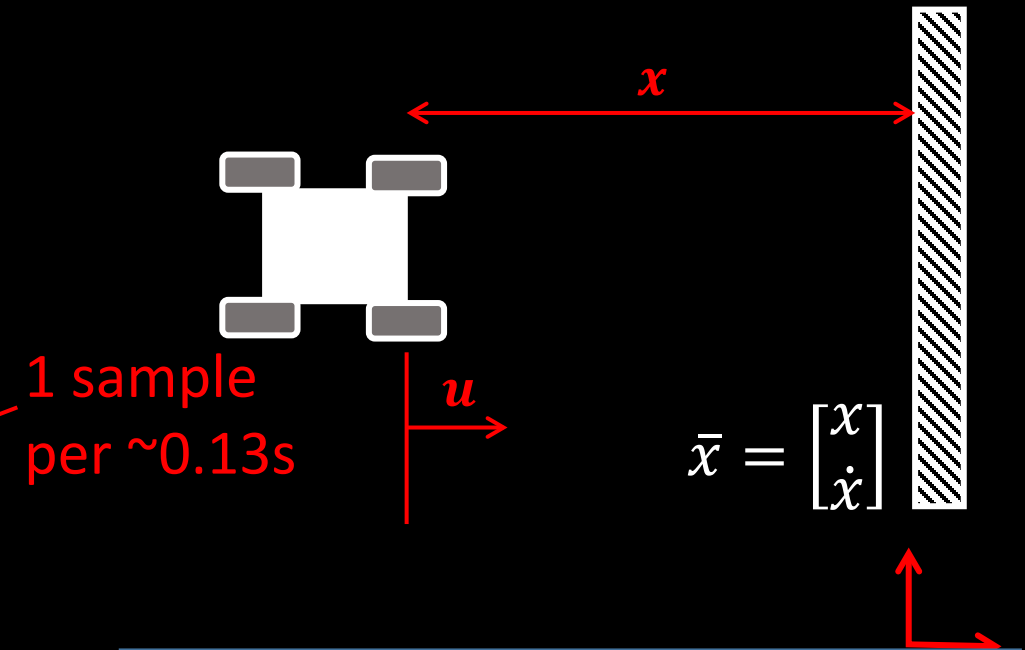
- Trust in modeled speed:

- Speed std after 1s:  $\sqrt{10^2 \cdot \frac{1}{0.13}} = 27.7\text{mm/s}$

- Measurement noise

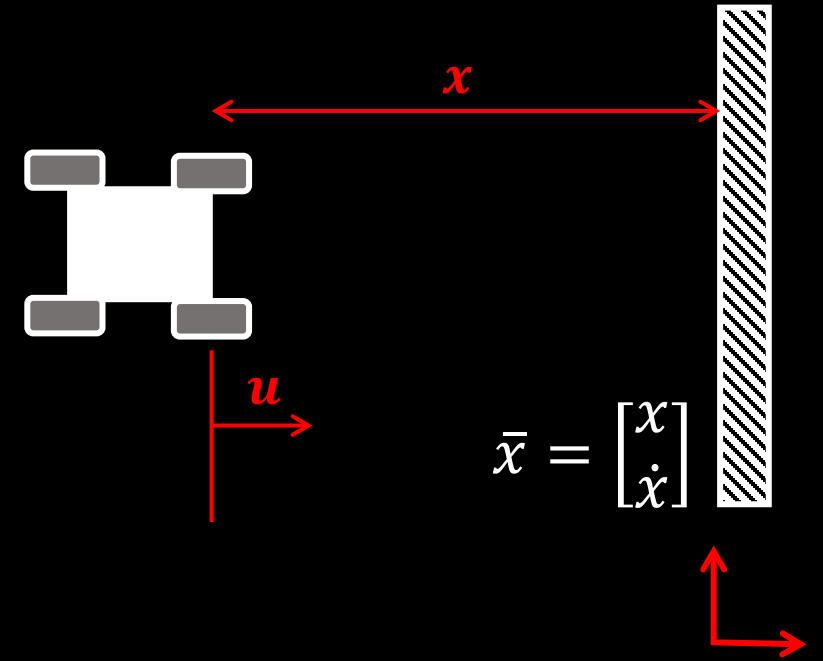
- $\Sigma_z = [\sigma_3^2]$

- $\sigma_3^2 = (20\text{mm})^2$



# Lab 7, Task A: State Space Equations

- We have  $A, B, C, \Sigma_u, \Sigma_z$
- Discretize the  $A$  and  $B$  matrices
  - $x(n+1) = x(n) + dx$
  - $dx = dt (Ax + Bu)$
  - $x(n+1) = x(n) + dt (Ax(n) + Bu)$
  - $x(n+1) = \underbrace{(I + dt*A)}_{A_d} x(n) + \underbrace{dt*B}_{B_d} u$
  - $dt$  is our sampling time (0.130s)
- Rescale from unity input to actual input

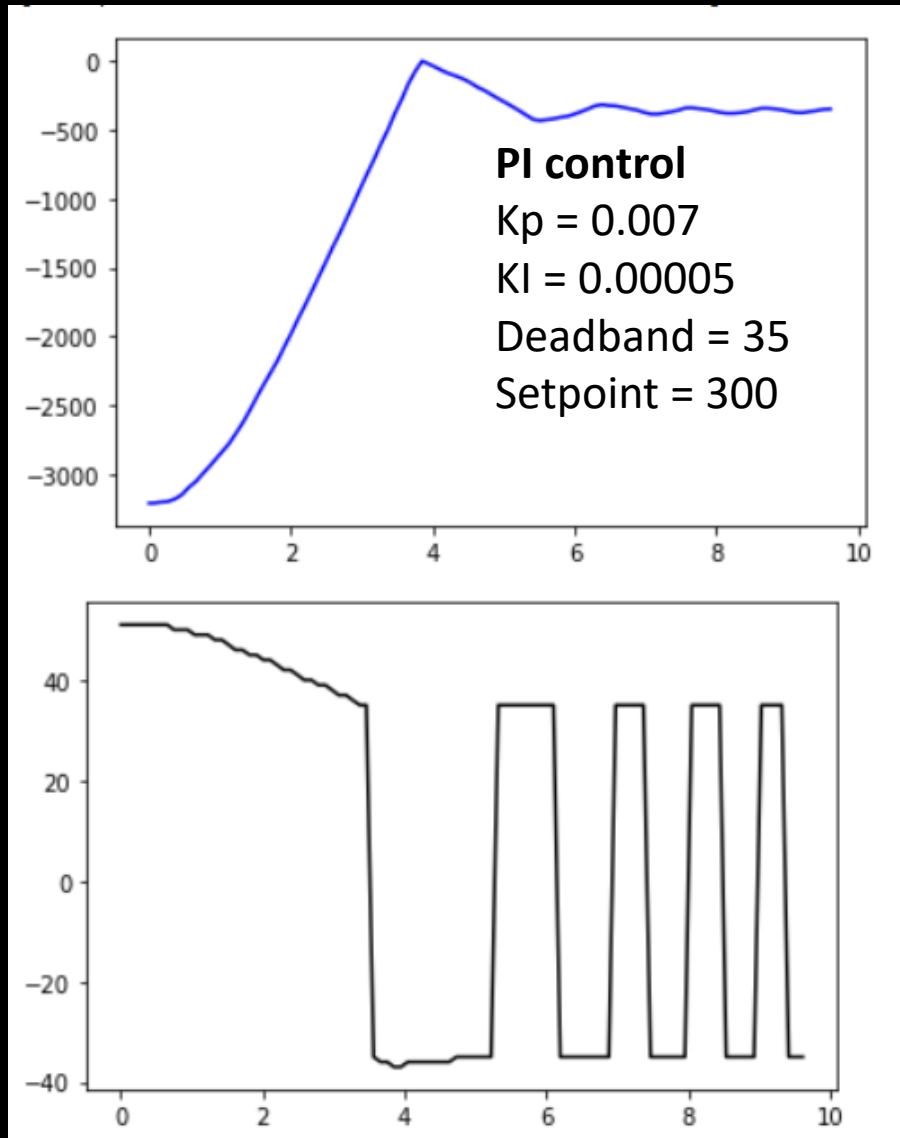


State space equation

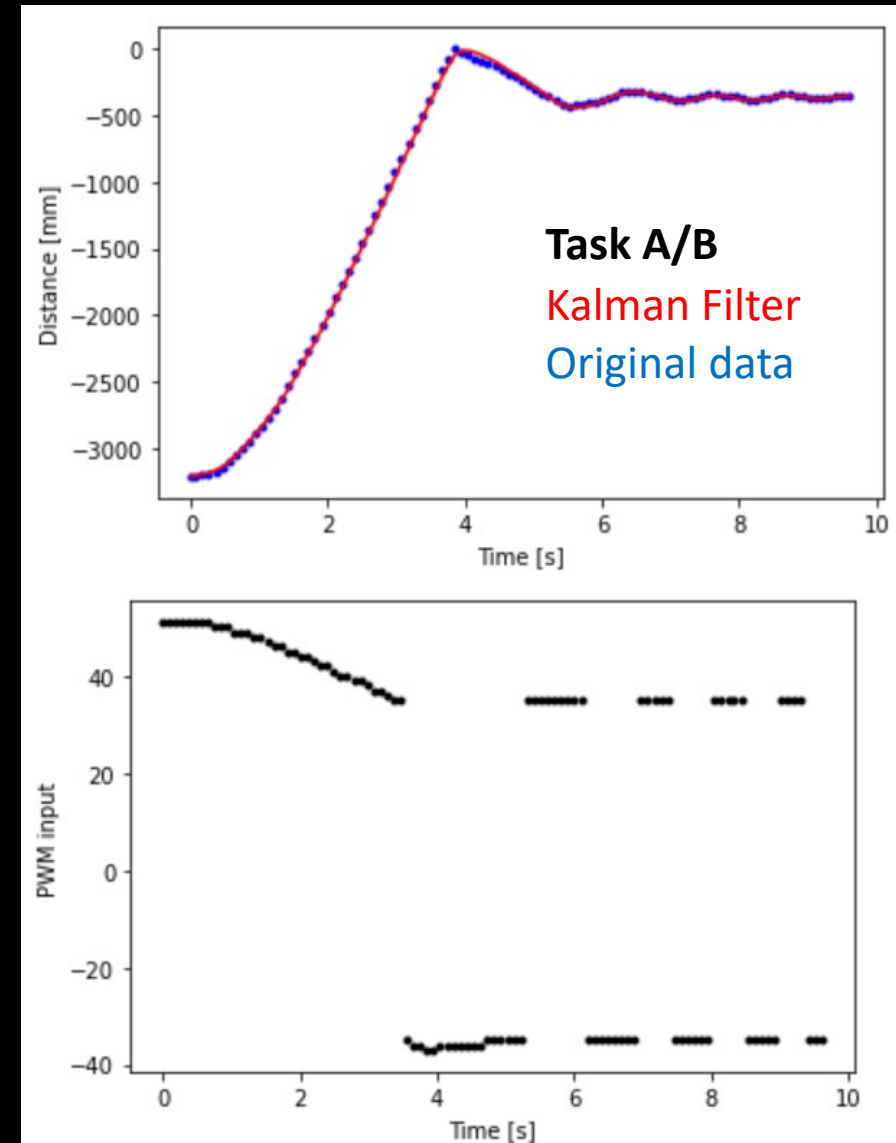
$$\begin{bmatrix} \dot{x} \\ \dot{\dot{x}} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & -\frac{d}{m} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ \dot{x} \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ \frac{1}{m} \end{bmatrix} u$$

$$C = [-1 \quad 0]$$

# Lab 7, Task A: Kalman Filter



## With Kalman filter



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## Lab 7: Kalman Filter

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### Objective

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The objective of Lab 7 is to implement a Kalman Filter, which will help you execute the behavior you did in [Lab 6](#) fast, such that you can complete stunts in [Lab 8](#). Remember to stick to the Task (A/B/C) you completed in Lab 6.

### Parts Required

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- 1 x Fully assembled [robot](#), with [Artemis](#), [batteries](#), [TOF sensor](#), and [IMU](#).
- If you intend to do most of your testing at home, you'll need to find an obstacle free path (at least 2m), and a bright pillow or similar to mitigate a potential crash. Remember, you will have to eventually re-calibrate everything to the lab floor where we will perform the stunts.

### Lab Procedure

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#### 1. Step Response

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Recall [Lectures 11](#) and [12](#). To implement a Kalman Filter, you will need to estimate the terms in your A and B matrices using a step response.

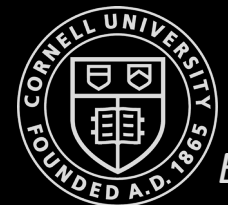
- If you chose Task A or B, you will now use sensor fusion to help you estimate the distance to the wall frequently, inspite of the slow sampling time of the ToF sensor.

## Lab 6-8: PID control – Sensor Fusion - Stunt

- Task A: Don't Hit the Wall!
- Task B: Drift much?
- Task C: Thread the Needle!

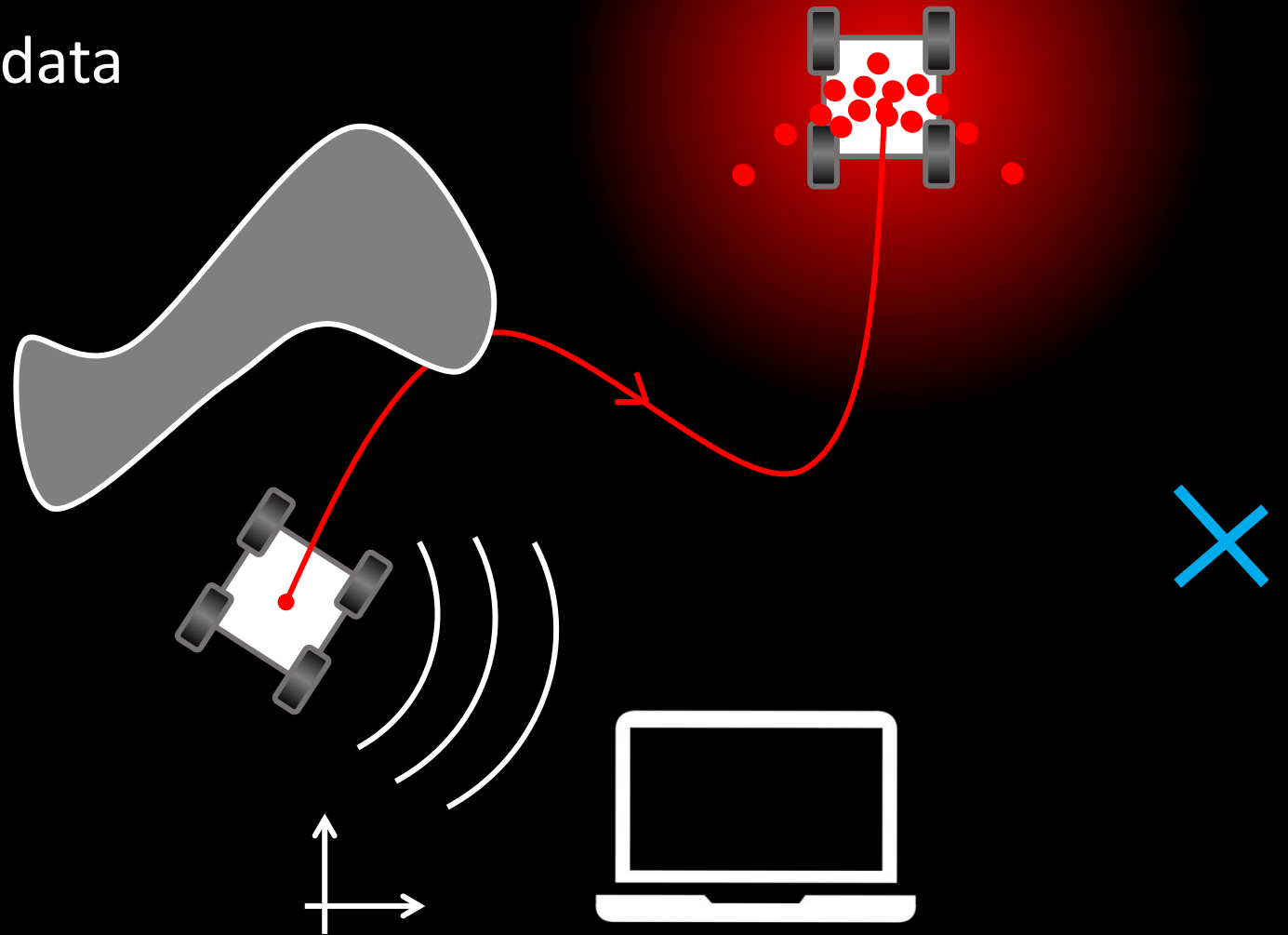
### Procedure

- Lab 6: Get basic PID to work, consider sampling time, start slow
- Lab 7: Sensor Fusion
  - Approximate the state space equations
    - Step response
  - Implement Kalman Filter
    - Determine process and measurement noise
    - Try it offline on solution from lab 6
    - Try it online on your robot
- Lab 8: Use KF and PID control to execute stunt
  - *\*You're welcome to try an LQG (LQR and KF) controller!*



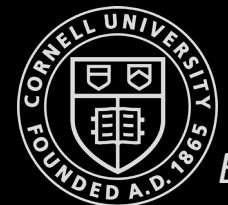
# What we covered in class so far...

- Transformation matrices
- Bluetooth communication and data types
- Distance Sensors
- Odometry and IMU
- Actuators
- Controllers
  - PID control
  - LQR
- Observers
- Navigation
  - Deterministic → Probabilistic robots





# Navigation



# Navigation and Path Planning

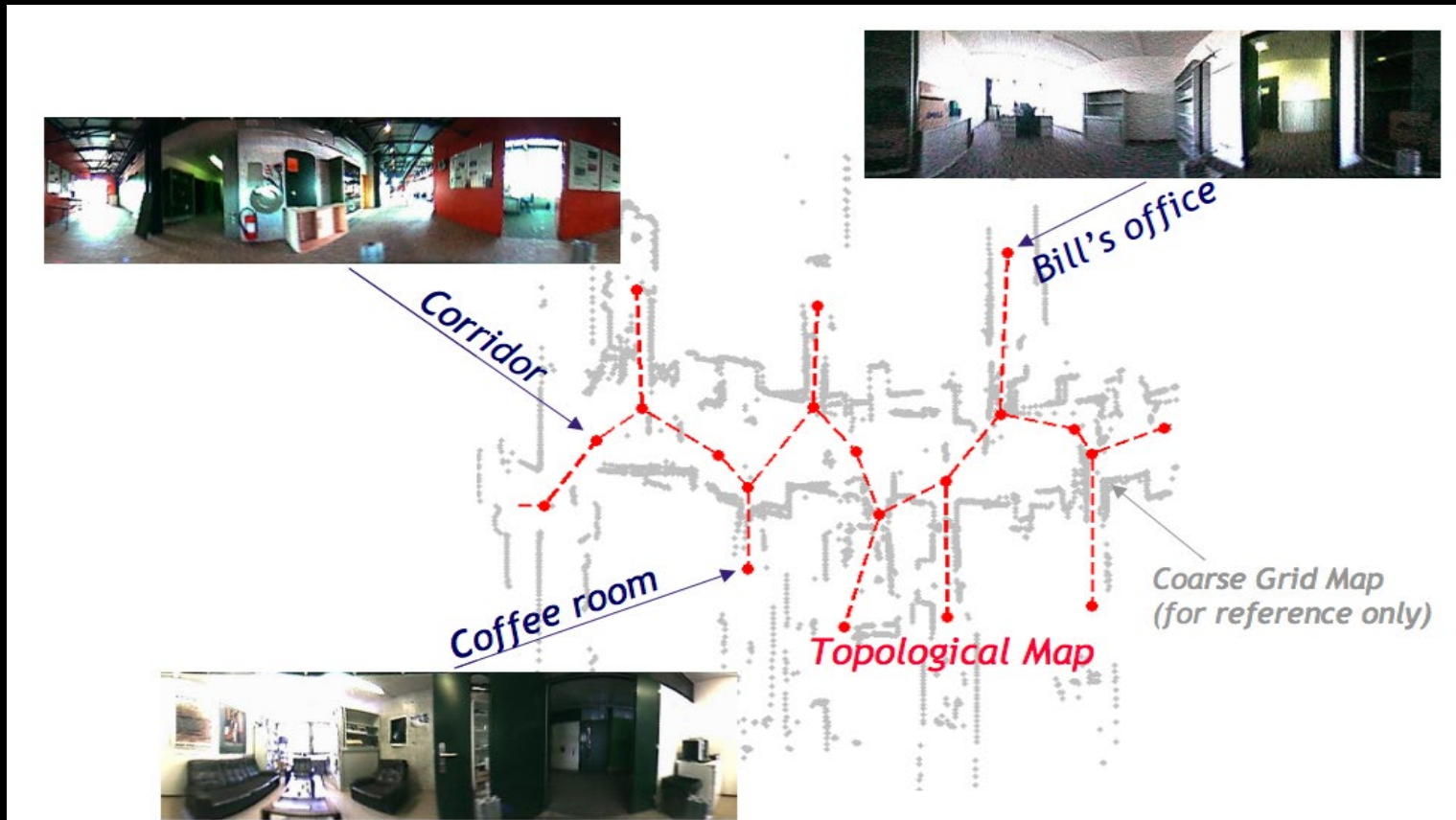
- How do you get to your goal?
- No simple answers...
  - Can you see your goal?
  - Do you have a map?
  - Are obstacles unknown or dynamic?
  - Does it matter how fast you get there?
  - Does it matter how smooth the path is?
  - How much computing power do you have?
  - How precise and accurate is your motion control?



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CALM  
AND  
CALL ME  
ENGINEER

# Navigation and Path Planning

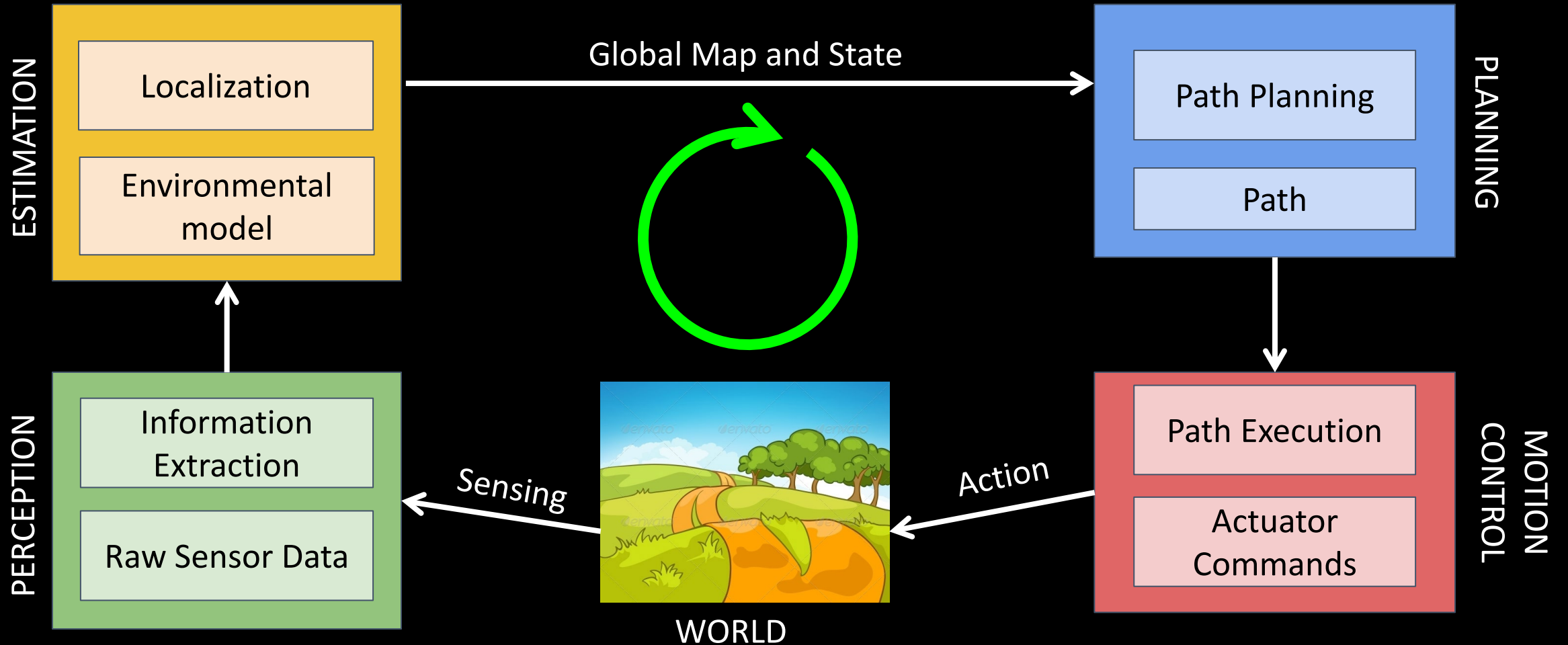
- **Problem:** Find the path in the workspace from an initial location to a goal location, while avoiding collisions
- **Assumption:** There exists a good map of the environment for navigation



- **Global navigation**
  - Given a map and a goal location, find and execute a trajectory that brings the robot to the goal
  - (Long term plan)
- **Local navigation**
  - Given real-time sensor readings, modulate the robot trajectory to avoid collisions
  - (Short term plan)

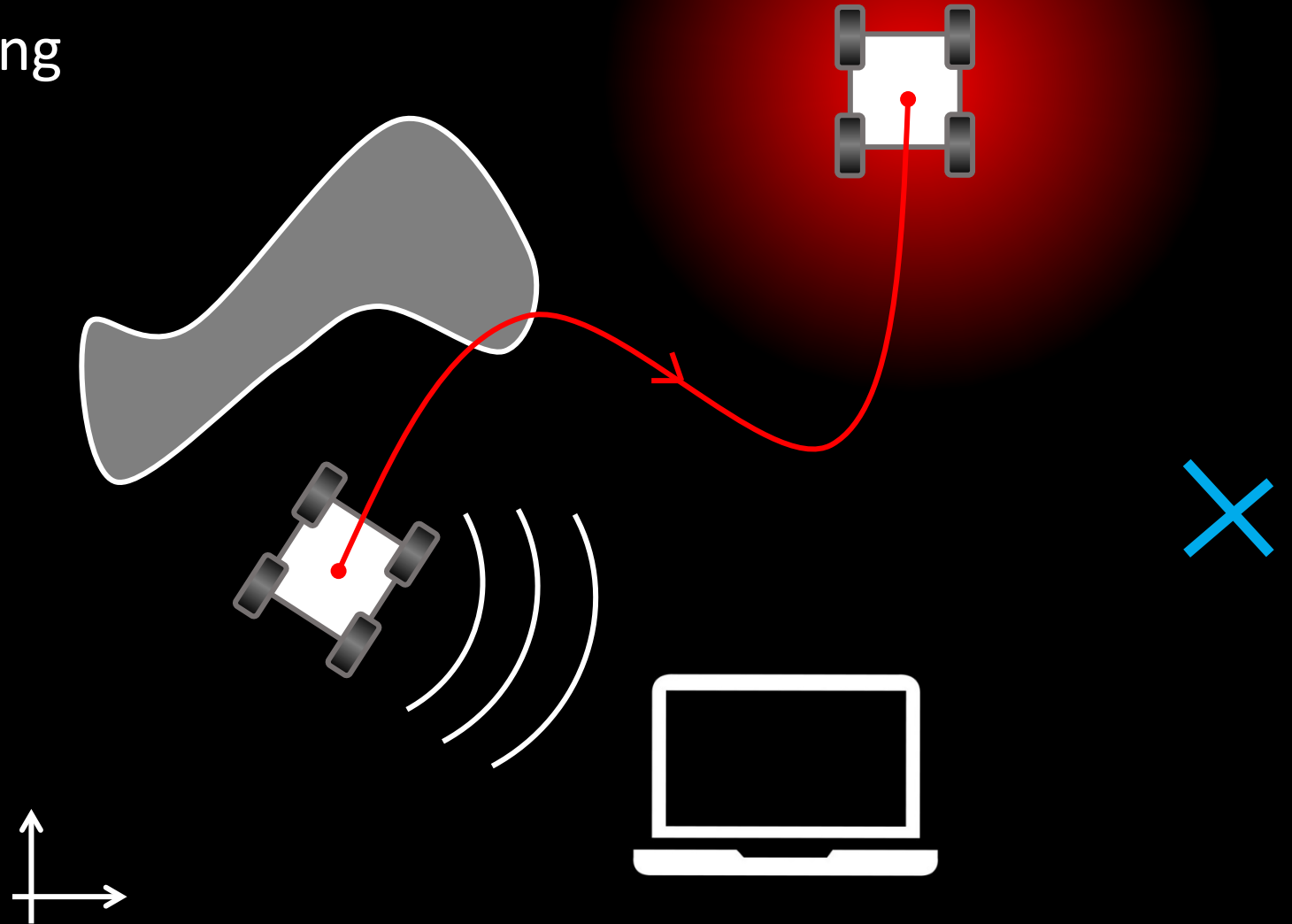
# Navigation and Path Planning

- Navigation breaks down to: Localization, Map Building, Path Planning

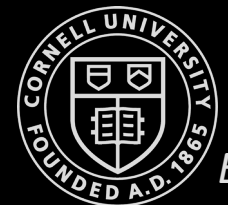


# Outline of the next module on Navigation

- Local planners
- Global localization and planning
  - Map representations
    - Continuous
    - Discrete
    - Topological
- Maps as graphs
- Graph Search Algorithms
  - Breadth First Search
  - Depth First Search
  - Dijkstras
  - A\*



# Local Planners



# Local Path Planning / Obstacle Avoidance

- Utilize goal position, recent sensor readings, and relative position of robot to goal
  - Implemented as a separate task most of the times
  - Runs at a much faster rate than the global planning
- BUG Algorithms
- Vector Field Histogram (VFH)
- Dynamic Window Approach (DWA)

Wagner, ITS 2015

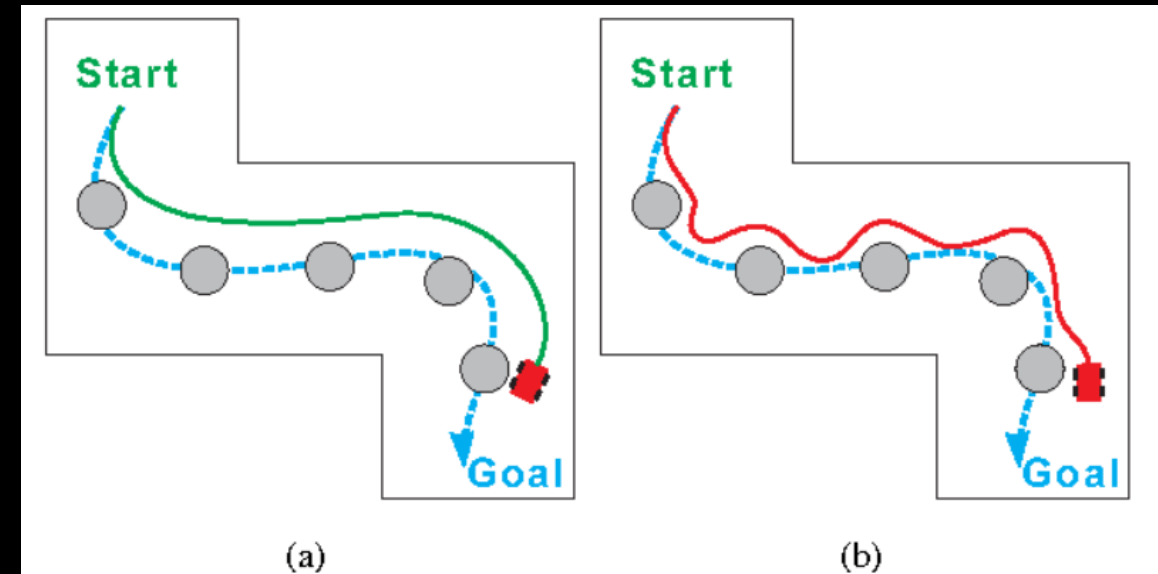
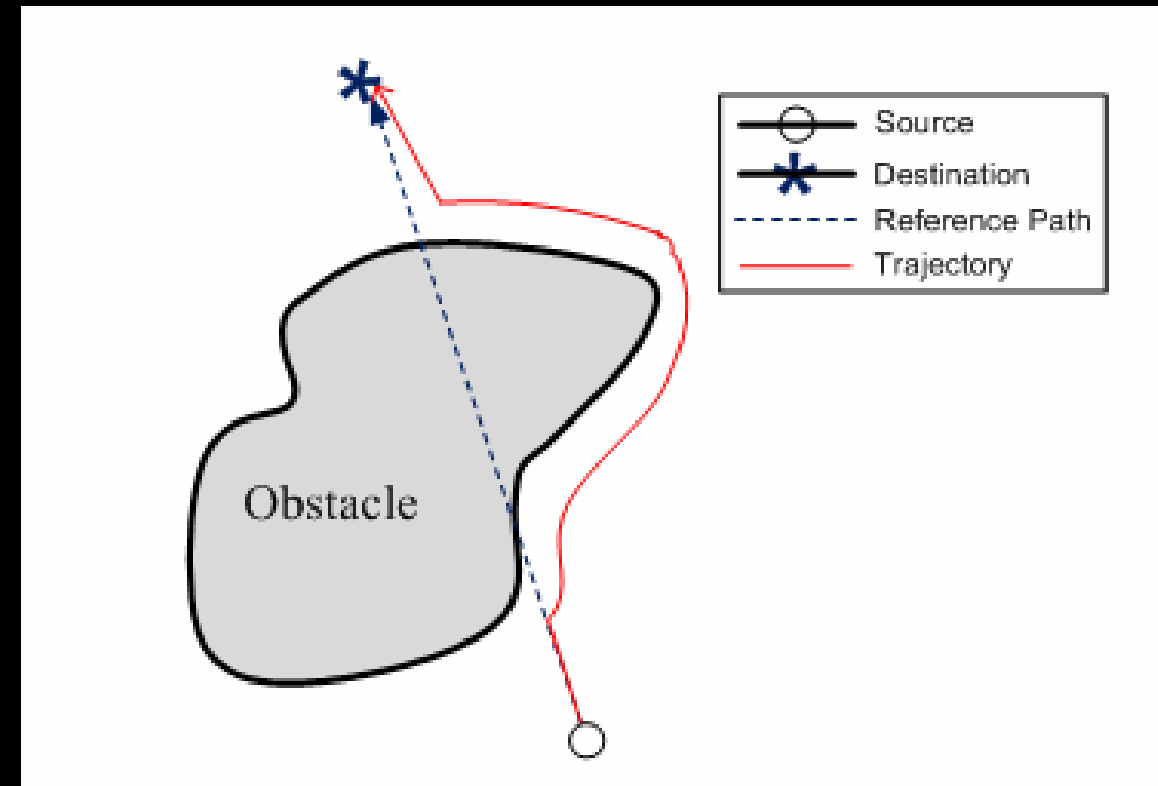


Fig. 1. Dashed blue spline is global path: a) Green spline is ideal local path; b) Red spline is actual local path

# Bug Algorithms

- Uses local knowledge, and the direction and distance to the goal
- Basic idea
  - Follow the contour of obstacles until you see the goal
  - State 1: Seek goal
  - State 2: follow wall
- Different variants: Bug0, Bug1, Bug2
- Advantages
  - Super simple
  - No global map
  - Completeness
- Disadvantages
  - Suboptimal





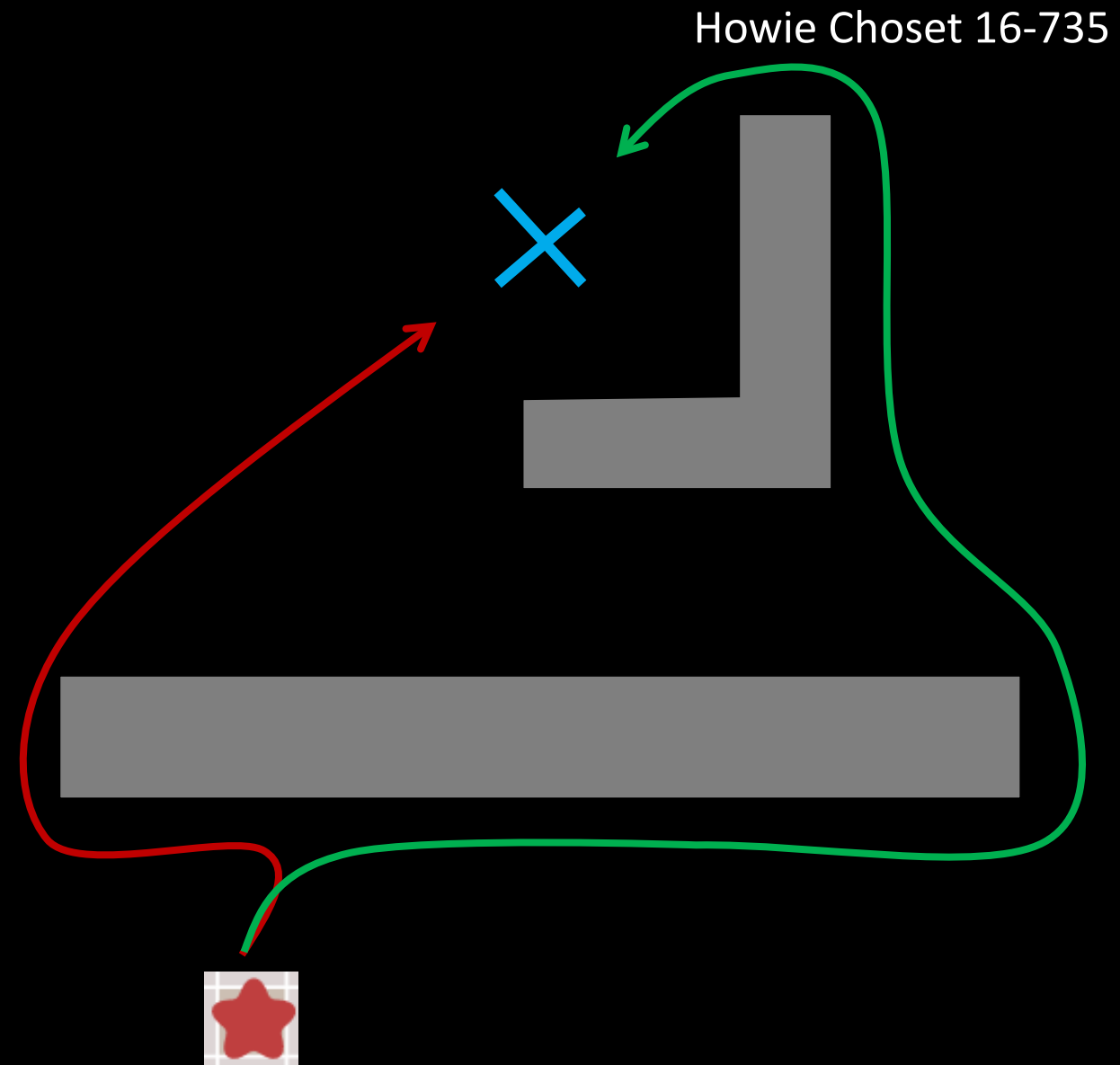
# Bug 0

## Sensor Assumptions

- Direction to the goal
- Detect walls

## Algorithm

1. Go towards goal
2. Follow obstacles until you can go towards goal again
3. Loop





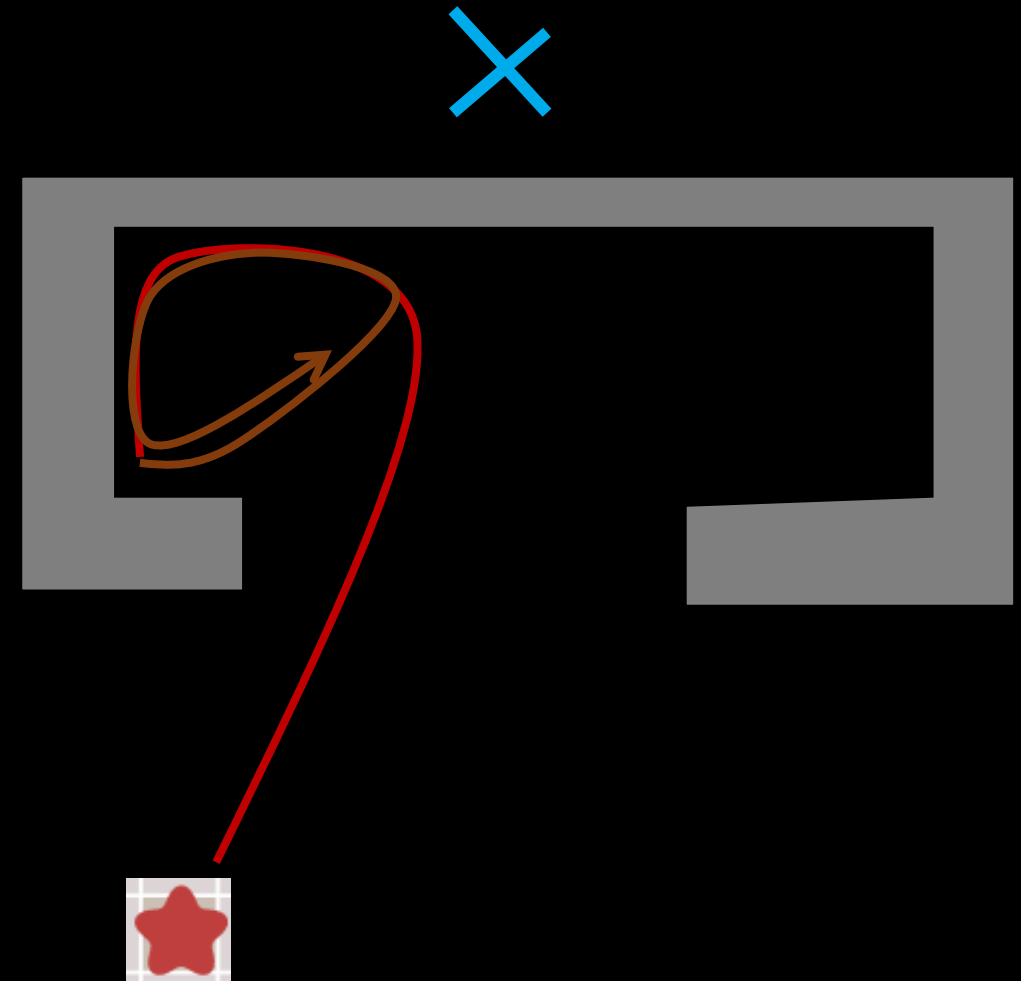
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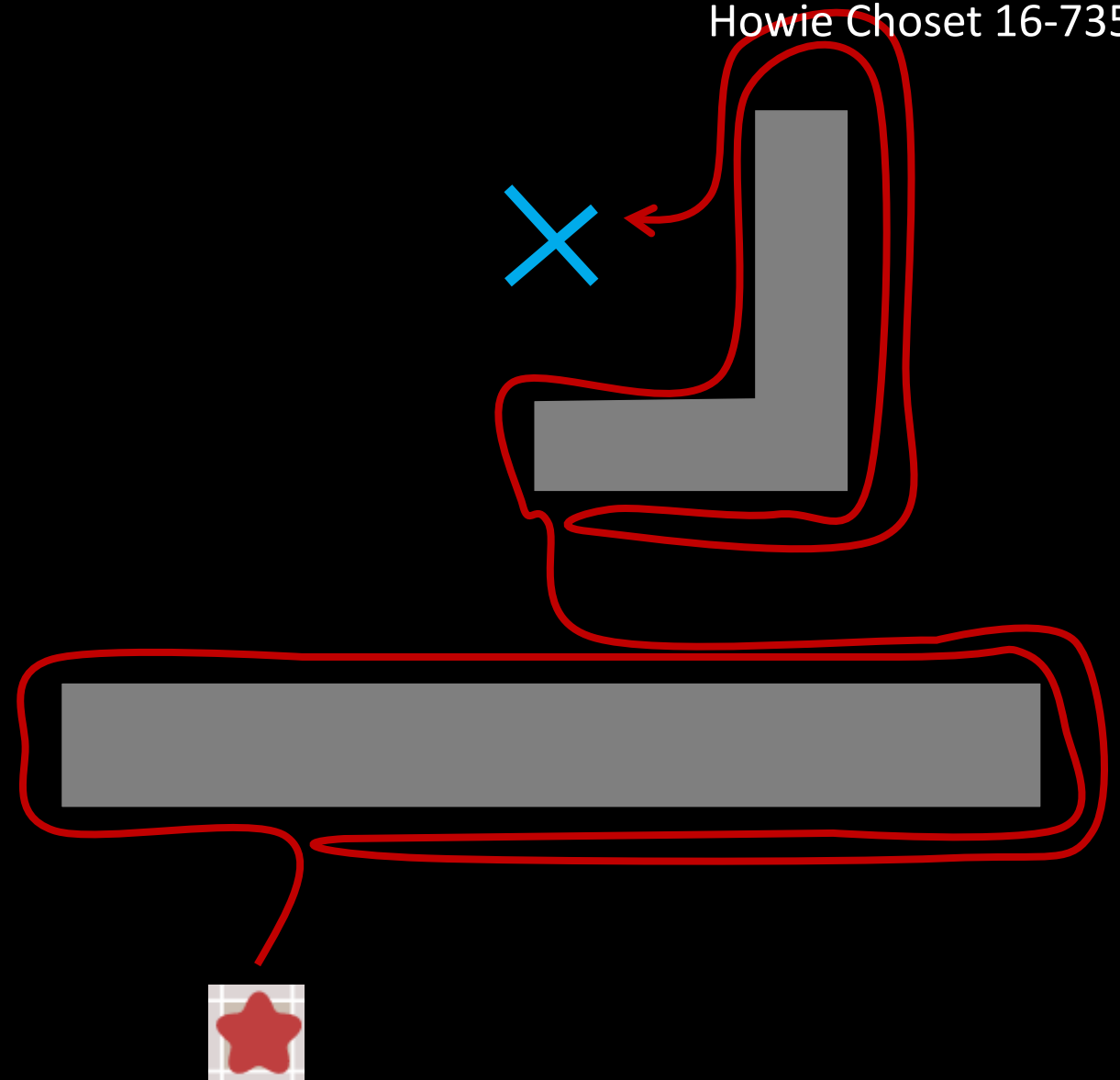
# Bug 1

## Sensor Assumptions

- Direction to the goal
- Detect walls
- Odometry

## Algorithm

1. Go towards goal
2. Follow obstacles *and remember how close you got to the goal*
3. Return to the closest point, and loop

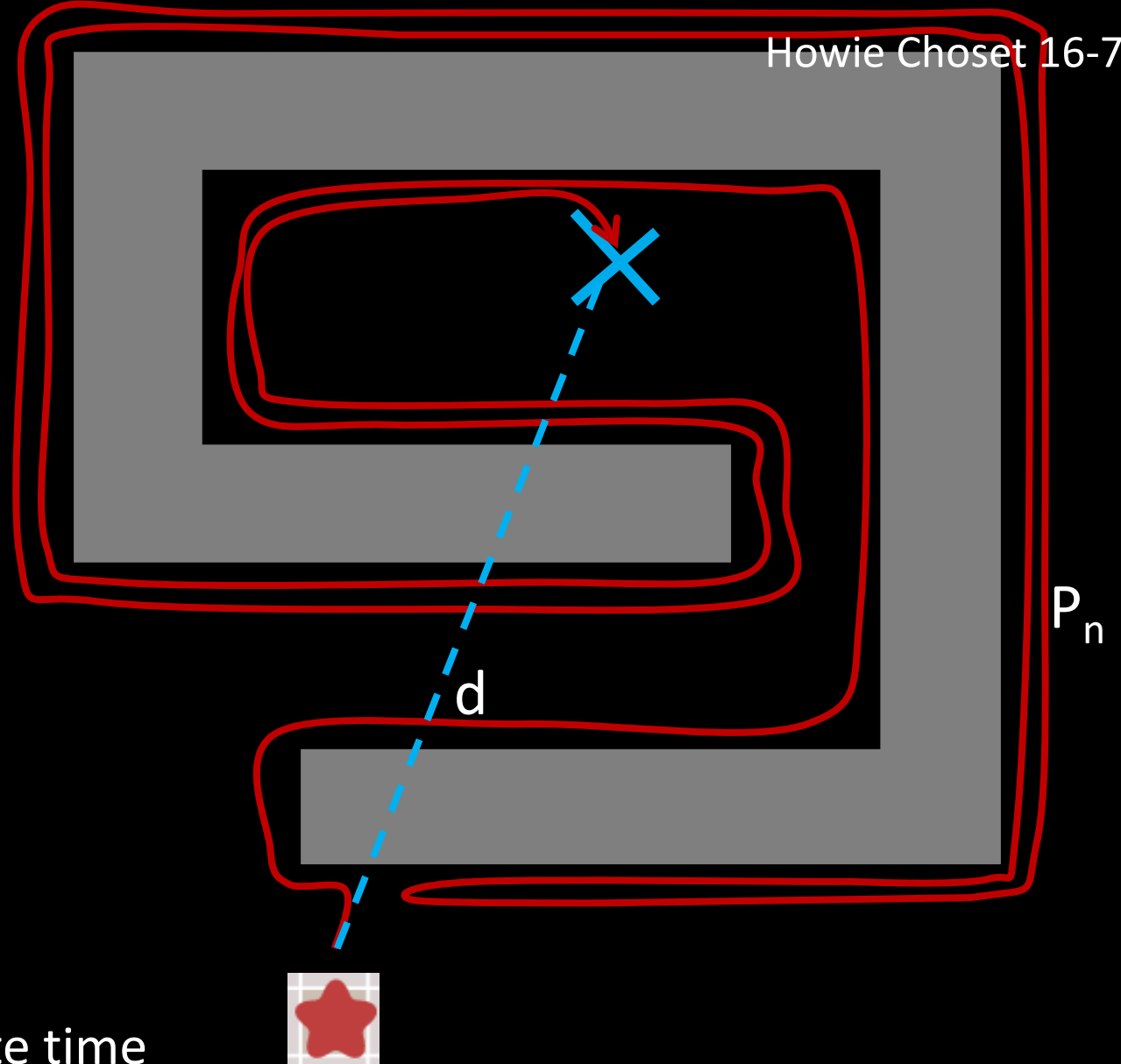




# Bug 1 - formally

## Sensor Assumptions

- Direction to the goal
  - Detect walls
  - Odometry
- **Lower bound traversal?**
    - $d$
  - **Upper bound traversal?**
    - $d + 1.5 \cdot \text{Sum}(P_n)$
  - **Pros?**
    - If a path exist, it returns one in finite time
    - AND it knows if *none* exist!



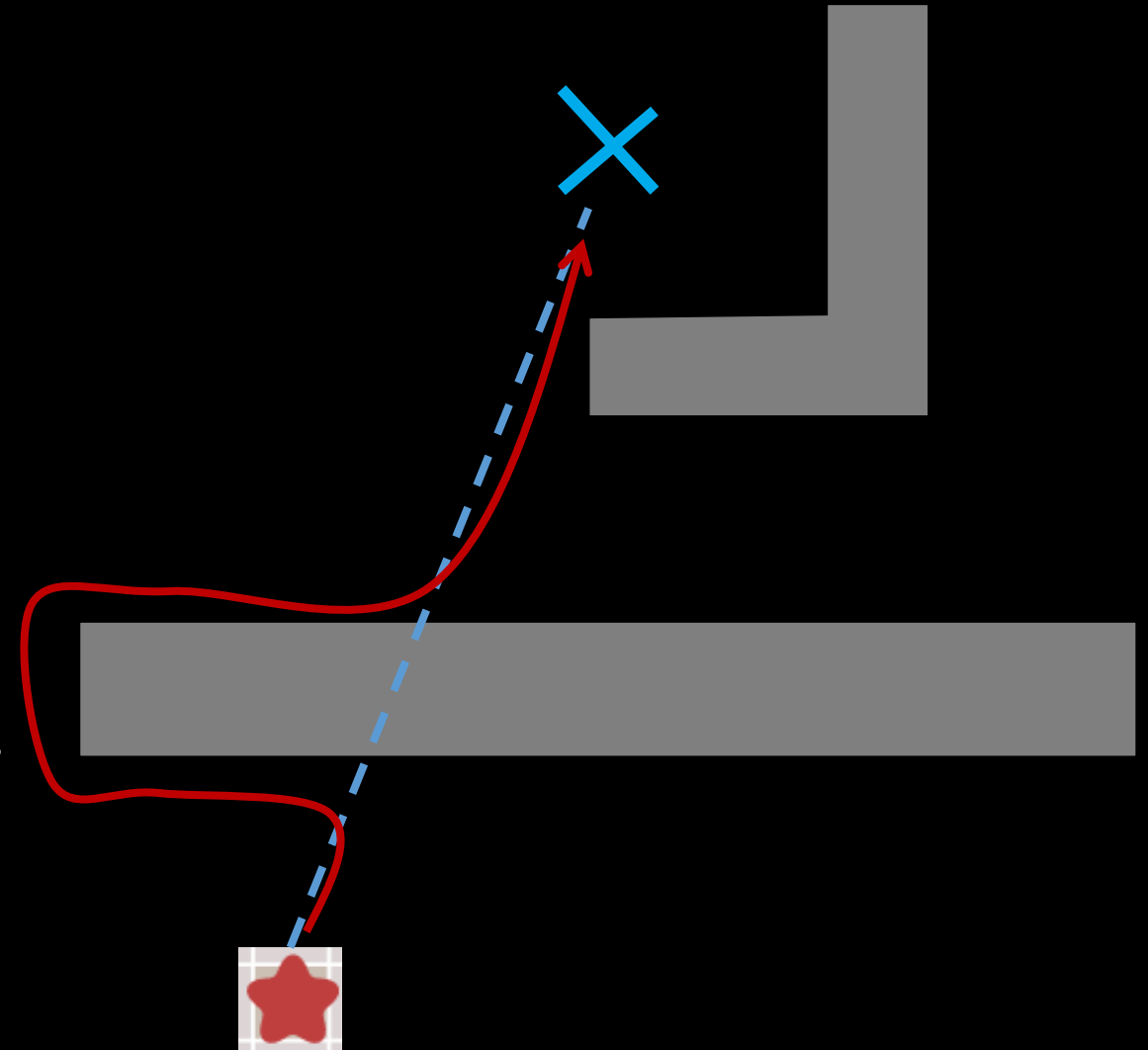
## Bug 2

### Sensor Assumptions

- Direction to the goal
- Detect walls
- Odometry
- Original vector to the goal

### Algorithm

1. Go towards goal on the vector
2. Follow obstacles *until you are back on the vector (and closer to the obstacle)*
3. Loop



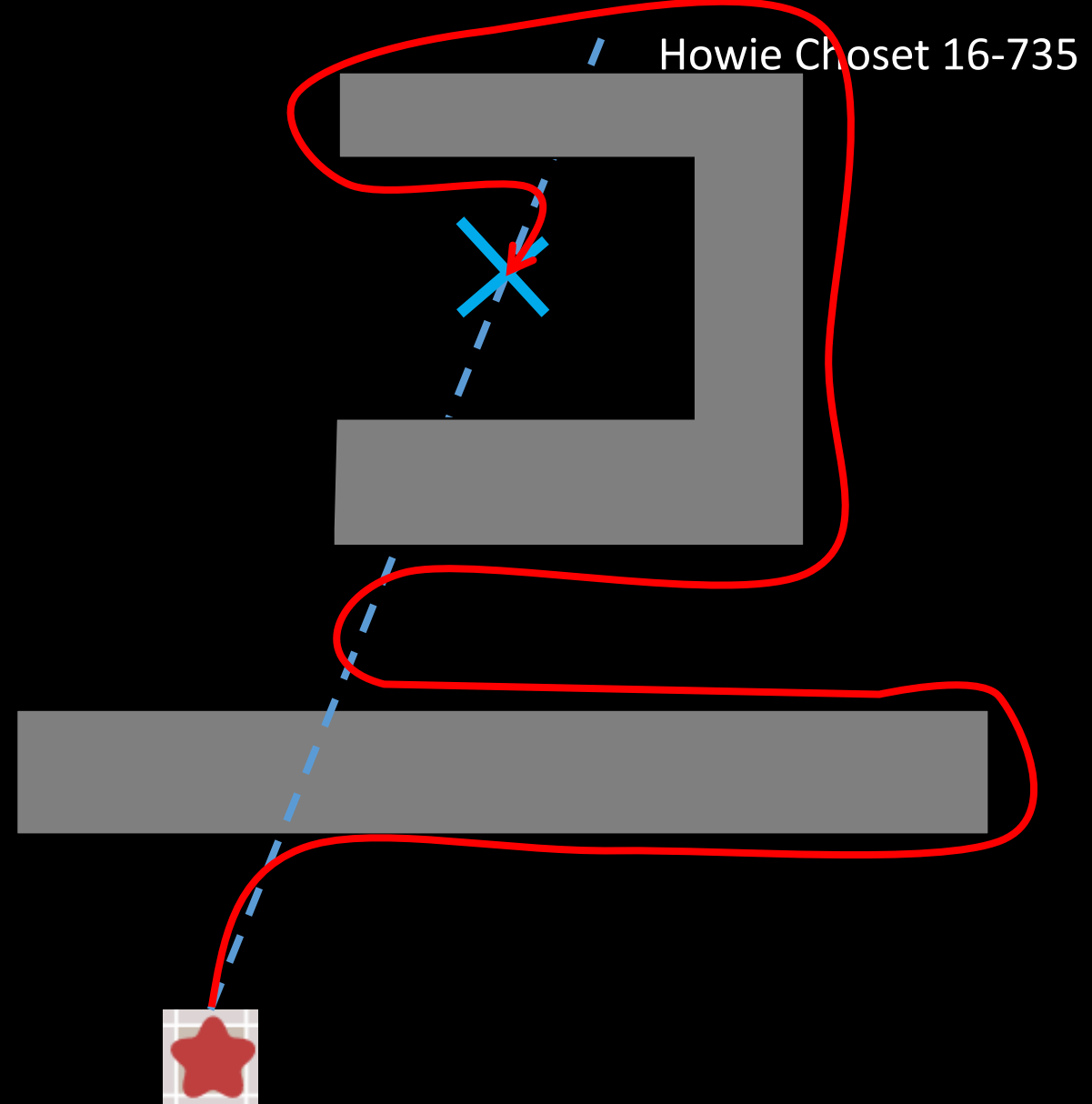
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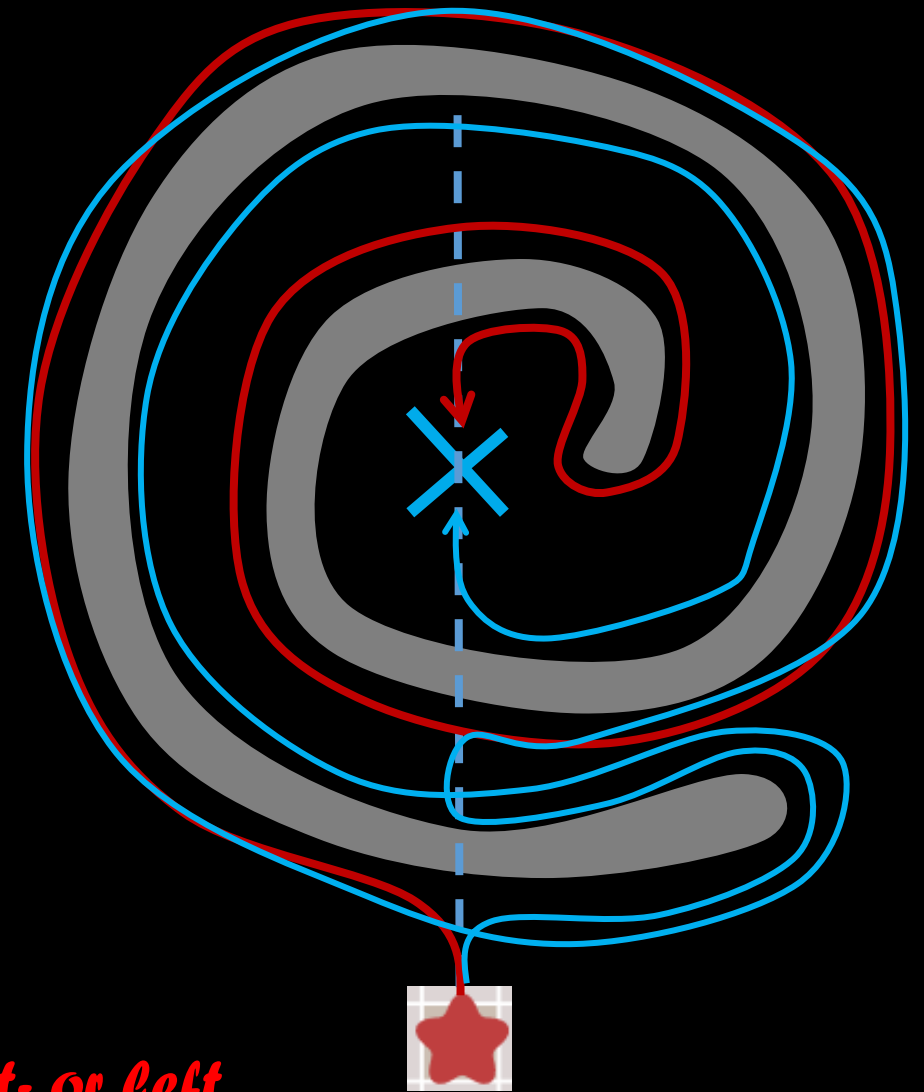
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*What is faster, right- or left wall following?*

# Battle of the Bugs (1 vs 2)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=T2PVaKyxMmY>

Bug 1  
Layout 1

Bug 2  
Layout 1

# Battle of the Bugs (1 vs 2)

Exhaustive Search

Greedy Search

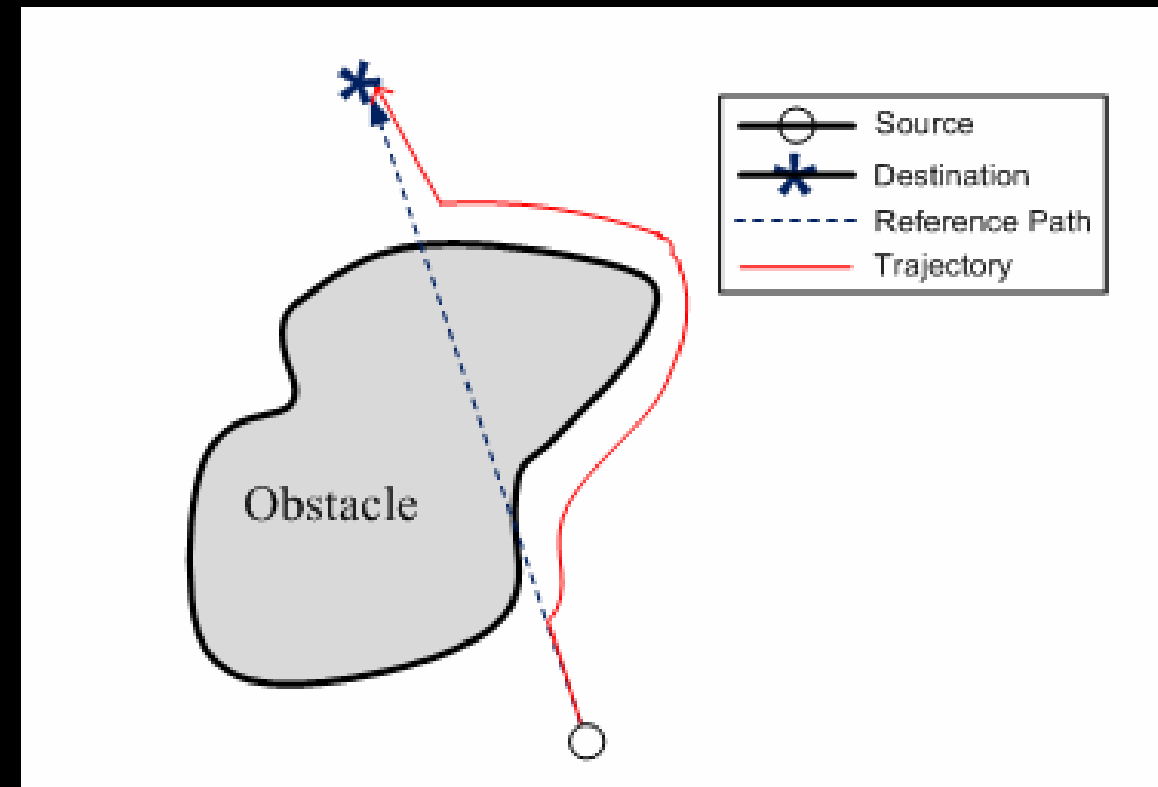
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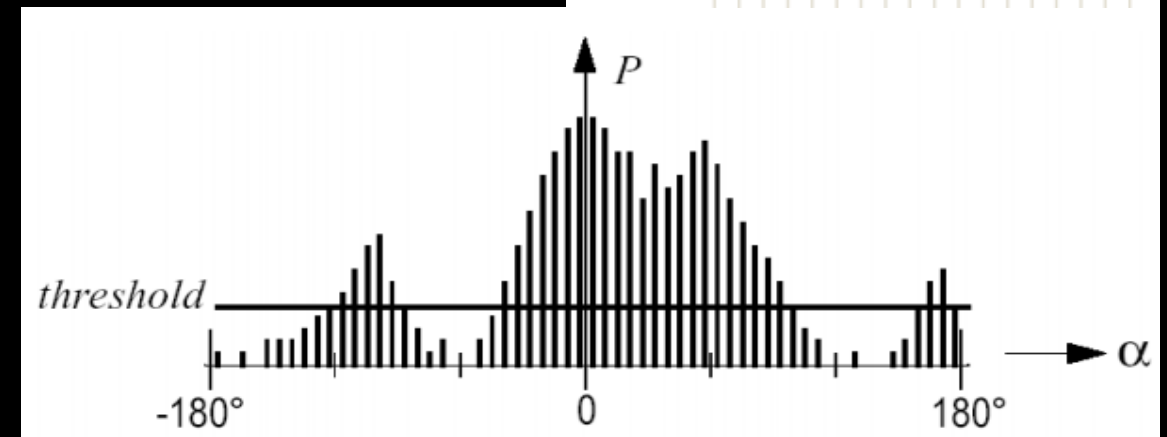
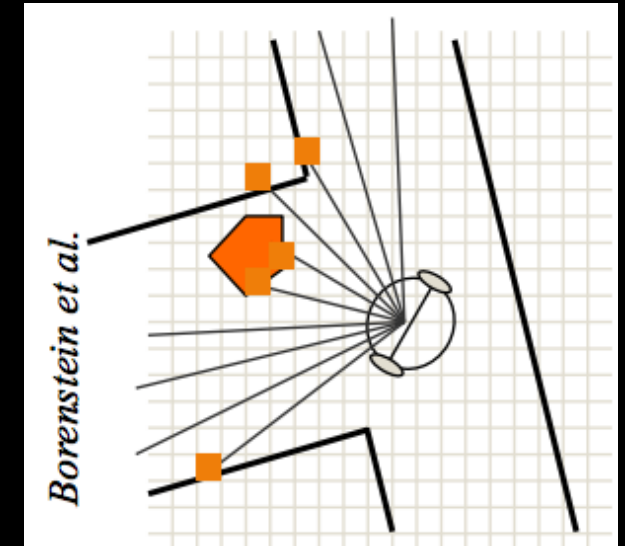
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- The robot motion behavior is *reactive*
- Issues if the instantaneous sensor readings do not provide enough information or are noisy



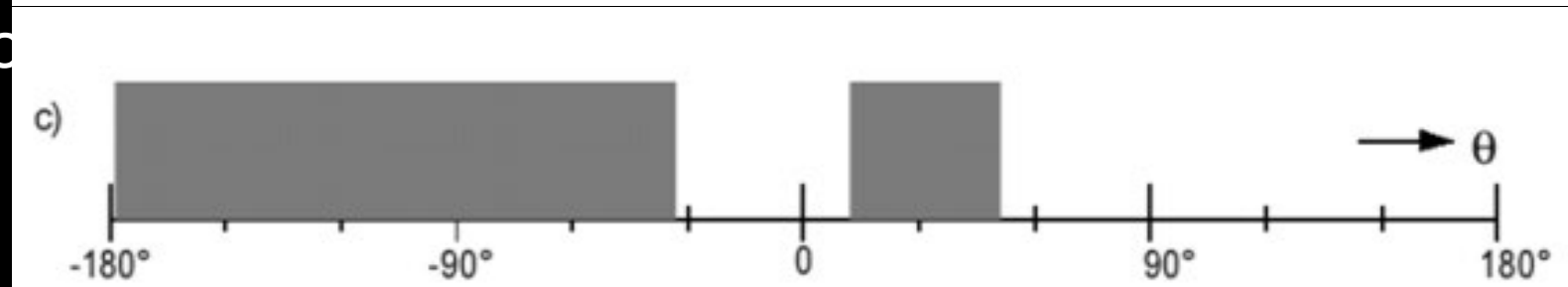
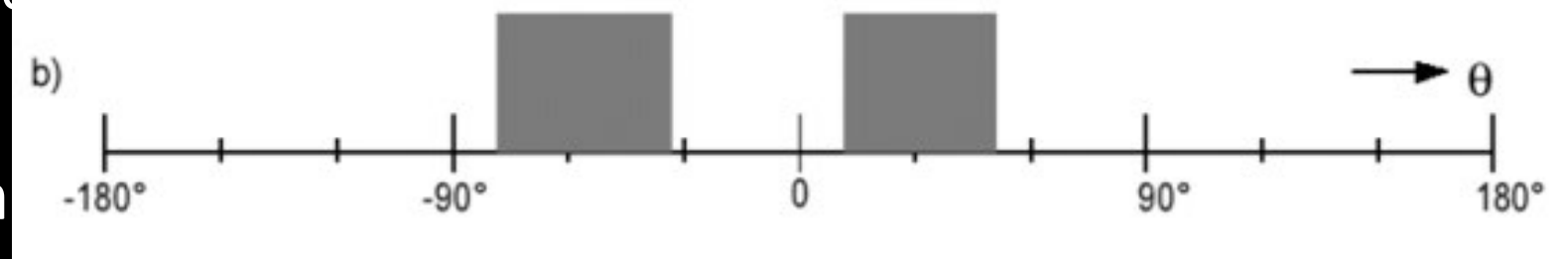
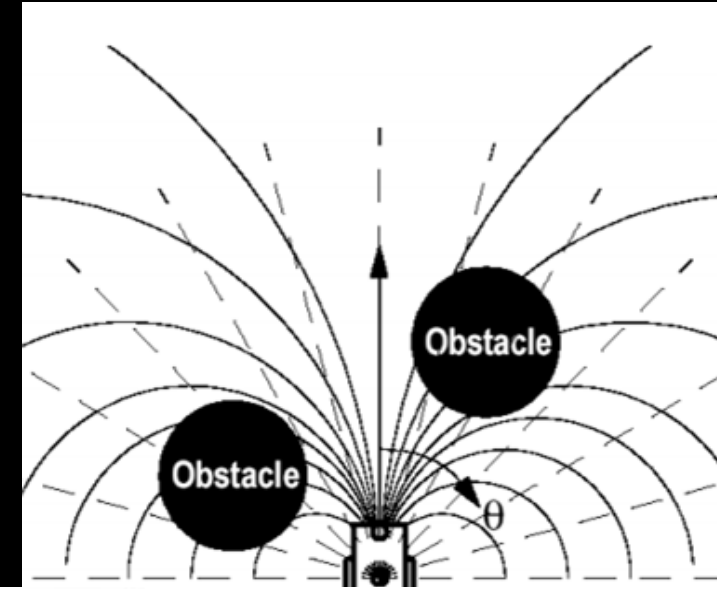
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- Build a local 2D grid map  $\rightarrow$  reduce to 1-DoF histogram
- Planning
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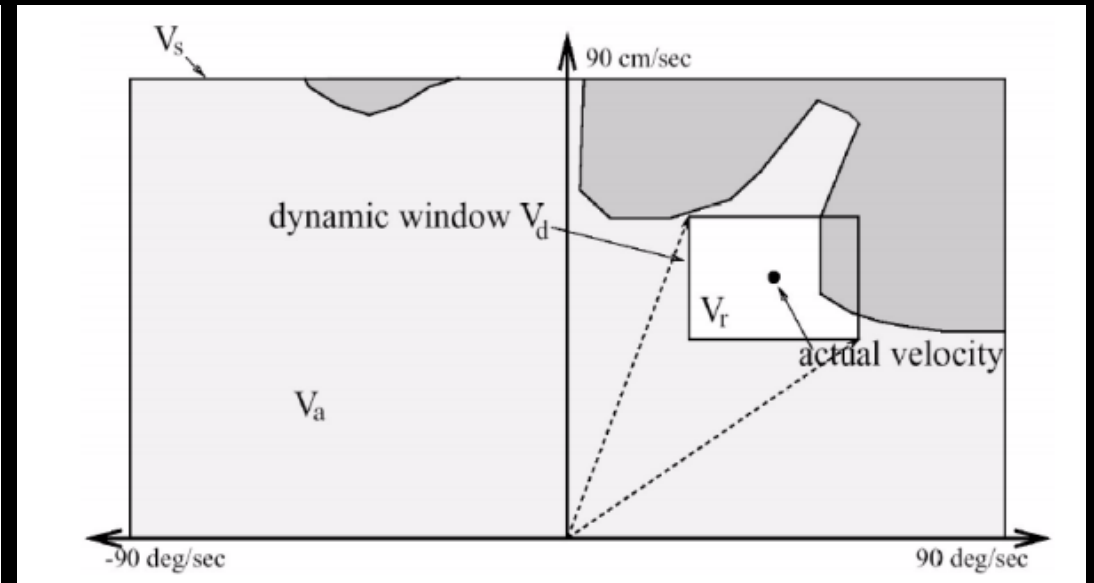
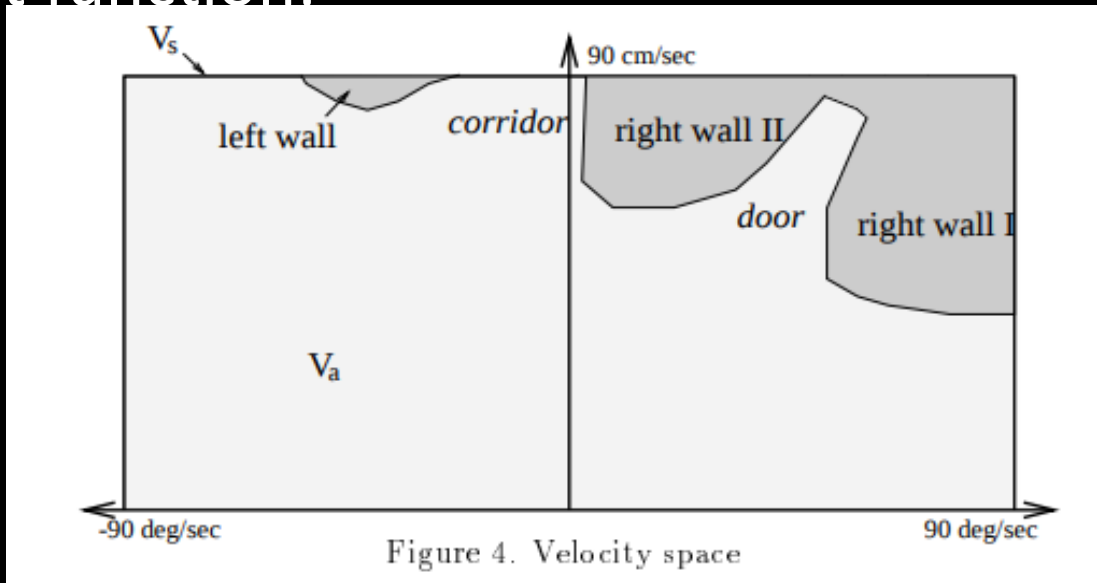
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  - VHF+: Incorporate kinematics
- Limitations
- Does not avoid local minima
- Not guaranteed to reach goal



# Dynamic Window Approach

- Search in the velocity space (robot moves in circular arcs)
  - Takes into account robot acceleration capabilities and update rate
- A dynamic window,  $V_d$ , is the set of all tuples  $(v_d, \omega_d)$  that can be reached
- Admissible velocities,  $V_a$ , include those where the robot can stop before collision
- The search space  $\mathcal{C}(v, \omega) = \sigma(\alpha \cdot heading(v, \omega) + \beta \cdot dist(v, \omega) + \gamma \cdot velocity(v, \omega))$
- Cost function:



# Local Planning Algorithms, Summary

- Bug Algorithms
  - Inefficient, but can be exhaustive
- Vector Field Histograms
  - Takes into account probabilistic sensor measurements
- Vector Field Histograms +
  - Takes into account probabilistic sensor measurements and robot kinematics
- Dynamic Window Approach
  - Takes into account robot dynamics