

# BAYESIAN PROGRAMMING FOR ROBOTICS

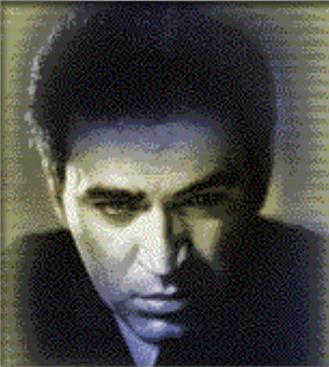
Pierre Bessière



# INCOMPLETENESS AND UNCERTAINTY

# Who is the cleverest ?

## PLAYING CHESS



**Garry Kasparov**  
The best player in the world shows no signs of slowing down



**Deep Blue**  
This 1.4 ton 8-year-old sure plays a mean game of chess

# Who is the cleverest ?



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## PLAYING WITH CHESS



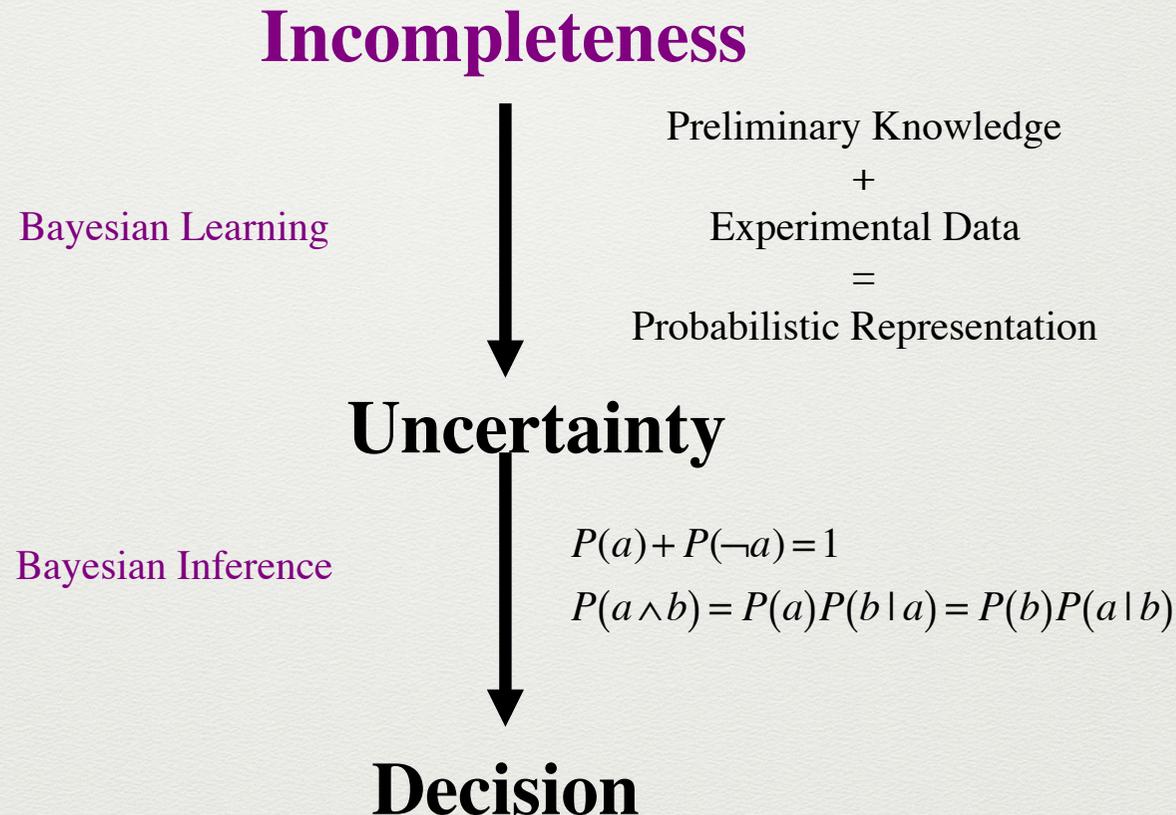
BARON WOLFGANG VON KEMPELEN (1769)

# Content

- Probability as an extension of logic
- Bayesian programming and ProBT
- Robotics applications
  - How to learn reactive behaviors
  - Bayesian filter
  - Hierarchies of models
  - Coherence variables
- Toward dedicated hardware

# PROBABILITY AS AN EXTENSION OF LOGIC

# Probability for incomplete problem?



# Probability as an extension of logic

**PROBABILISTIC INFERENCE AND LEARNING THEORY, CONSIDERED AS A MODEL OF REASONING**, IS AN ALTERNATIVE TO LOGIC TO EXPLAIN AND UNDERSTAND PERCEPTION, INFERENCE, DECISION, LEARNING AND ACTION.

Uncertainty is not in things but in our head: uncertainty is a lack of knowledge

**JACOB BERNOULLI**, Ars Conjectandi (Bernoulli, 1713)

LA THÉORIE DES PROBABILITÉS N'EST RIEN D'AUTRE QUE **LE SENS COMMUN FAIT CALCUL**.

**MARQUIS PIERRE-SIMON DE LAPLACE**, THÉORIE ANALYTIQUE DES PROBABILITÉS (LAPLACE 1812)

THE ACTUAL SCIENCE OF LOGIC IS CONVERSANT AT PRESENT ONLY WITH THINGS EITHER CERTAIN, IMPOSSIBLE, OR ENTIRELY DOUBTFUL, NONE OF WHICH (FORTUNATELY) WE HAVE TO REASON ON. THEREFORE **THE TRUE LOGIC FOR THIS WORLD IS THE CALCULUS OF PROBABILITIES**, WHICH TAKES ACCOUNT OF THE MAGNITUDE OF THE PROBABILITY WHICH IS, OR OUGHT TO BE, IN A REASONABLE MAN'S MIND .

**JAMES CLERK MAXWELL (1850)**

**RANDOMNESS IS JUST THE MEASURE OF OUR IGNORANCE.**

TO UNDERTAKE ANY PROBABILITY CALCULATION, AND EVEN FOR THIS CALCULATION TO HAVE A MEANING, WE HAVE TO ADMIT, AS A STARTING POINT, AN HYPOTHESIS OR A CONVENTION, THAT ALWAYS COMPRISES A CERTAIN AMOUNT OF ARBITRARINESS. IN THE CHOICE OF THIS CONVENTION, WE CAN BE GUIDED ONLY BY THE PRINCIPLE OF SUFFICIENT REASON. FROM THIS POINT OF VIEW, **EVERY SCIENCES WOULD JUST BE UNCONSCIOUS APPLICATIONS OF THE CALCULUS OF PROBABILITIES**. CONDEMNING THIS CALCULUS WOULD BE CONDEMNING THE WHOLE SCIENCE.

**HENRI POINCARÉ**, LA SCIENCE ET L'HYPOTHÈSE (POINCARÉ, 1902)

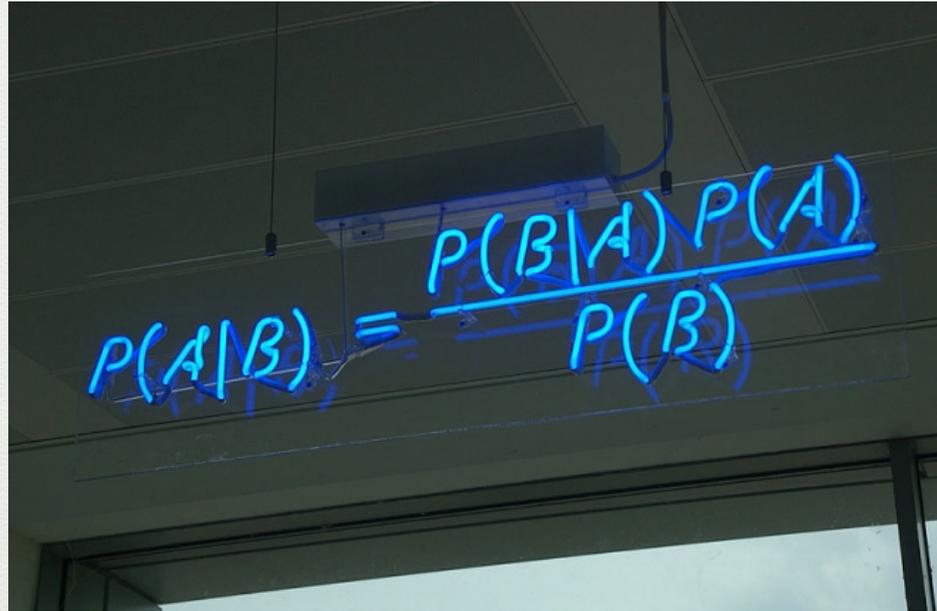
BY INFERENCE WE MEAN SIMPLY: DEDUCTIVE REASONING WHENEVER ENOUGH INFORMATION IS AT HAND TO PERMIT IT; INDUCTIVE OR PROBABILISTIC REASONING WHEN - AS IS ALMOST INVARIABLY THE CASE IN REAL PROBLEMS - ALL THE NECESSARY INFORMATION IS NOT AVAILABLE. THUS THE TOPIC OF « PROBABILITY AS LOGIC » IS **THE OPTIMAL PROCESSING OF UNCERTAIN AND INCOMPLETE KNOWLEDGE** .

**E.T. JAYNES**, PROBABILITY THEORY THEORY: THE LOGIC OF SCIENCE (JAYNES, 2003)



# What rules ?

$$\sum_A P(A) = 1$$



$$P(A, B) = P(A)P(B|A) = P(B)P(A|B)$$

# Syllogisms ?

Modus Ponens

$$a \wedge [a \Rightarrow b] \mapsto b$$

$$P(b | a) = 1$$

a: X is divisible by 9

b: X is divisible by 3

Modus Tollens

$$\neg b \wedge [a \Rightarrow b] \mapsto \neg a$$

$$P(\neg a | \neg b) = 1$$

$$b \wedge [a \Rightarrow b] \mapsto ???$$

$$P(a | b) = \frac{P(a)P(b | a)}{P(b)} \geq P(a)$$

$$\neg a \wedge [a \Rightarrow b] \mapsto ???$$

$$P(b | \neg a) \leq P(b)$$

# BAYESIAN PROGRAMMING

# Bayesian Programming

**BAYESIAN PROGRAM**

**DESCRIPTION**

**SPECIFICATION**

✦ **VARIABLES**

$$S^0, \dots, S^t, O^0, \dots, O^t$$

✦ **DECOMPOSITION**

$$P(S^0 \wedge \dots \wedge S^t \wedge O^0 \wedge \dots \wedge O^t) = P(S^0) \times P(O^0 | S^0) \times \prod_{i=2}^t [P(S^i | S^{i-1}) \times P(O^i | S^i)]$$

✦ **PARAMETRIC FORMS**

$$P(S^0) \equiv G(S^0, \mu, \sigma)$$

$$P(S^i | S^{i-1}) \equiv G(S^i, A \cdot S^{i-1}, Q)$$

$$P(O^i | S^i) \equiv G(O^i, H \cdot S^i, R)$$

**IDENTIFICATION**

✦ **LEARNING FROM INSTANCES**

**QUESTION**

$$P(S^t | O^0 \wedge \dots \wedge O^t)$$

# Bayesian Programming

BAYESIAN PROGRAM

DESCRIPTION

QUESTION

```

main ()
{
    //SPECIFICATION
    plFloat
    plInteg
    plFloat
    p
    p
    S^0, ..

    //Par
    +DECON
    plProbV
    P(S^0

    //Const
    +PARAM
    plProbV

    //Const
    plKerne
    plValue
    t_and_id
    Pt_id.pl
    t_and_id
    Pt_id.pl

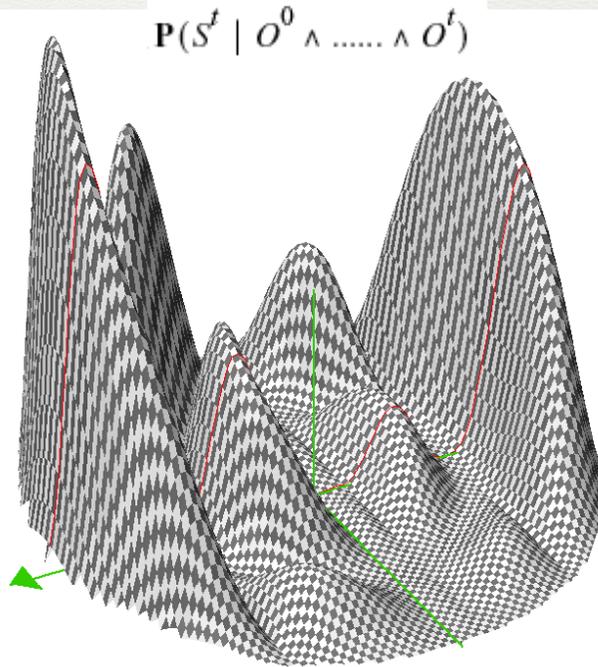
    +LEARN
    // P(tir
    plJoint

    P(S^t | O^0 ^ ..... ^ O^t)

    plKernel Pid_t;
    jd.ask(Pid_t,id,time);

    //Read a time from the key board
    cout<<"P(id,time)= "<<id<<"\n"
    cout<<"Time? : ";
    cin>>read_time;

    //Getting Pid,time & read_time
    plKernel Pid_readtime,
    
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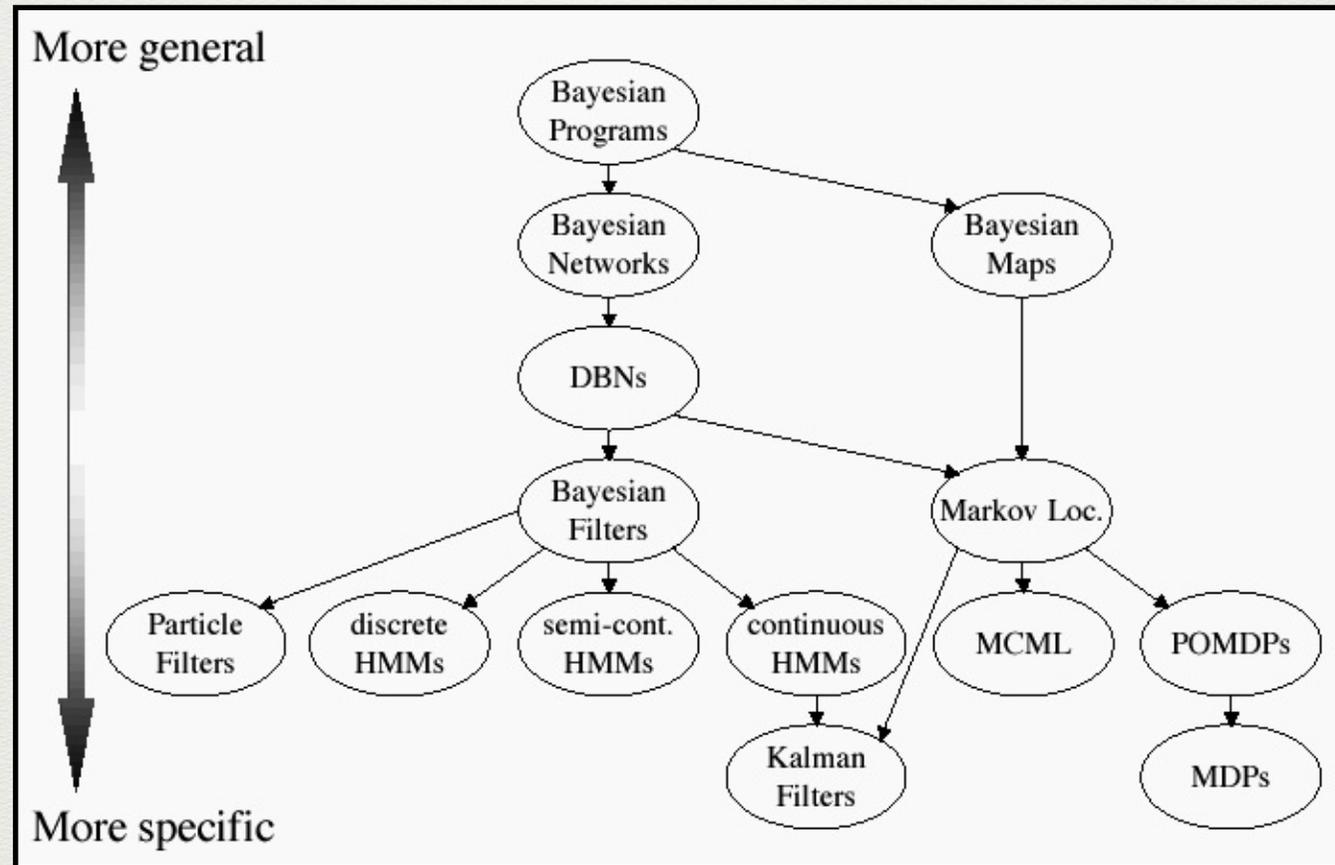


$$P(S^i | S^{i-1}) \times P(O^i | S^i)$$

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# Bayesian Programming



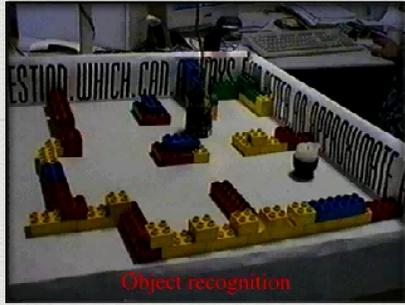
Equivalent to probabilistic factor graphs

# Why is it called „programming“?

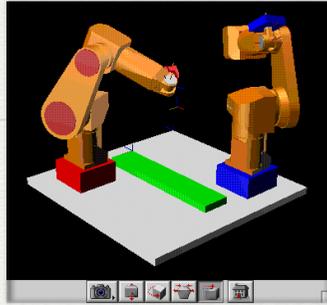
- Iteration: Filters
- Calling subroutines: Hierarchies
- Conditional statements
- Variable equality, assignation and matching:  
Coherence variables

# APPLICATIONS IN ROBOTICS

# Robotics



PhD Olivier Lebeltel (1999)  
*Advanced Robotics* (2004)



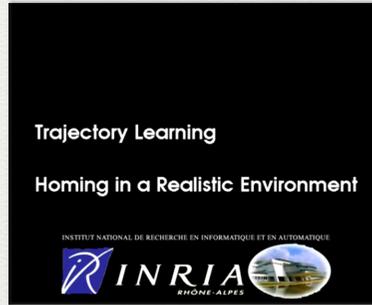
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PhD Cédric Pradalier (2004)  
*Robotics and Autonomous systems* (2005)



PhD Carla Koike (2005)



PhD Ronan Le Hy (2007)  
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PhD Gabriel Synnaeve (2012)  
*IEEE Tr. Computational Intelligence and AI in Games* (2015)

# LEARNING REACTIVE BEHAVIORS

# Learning reactive behaviors

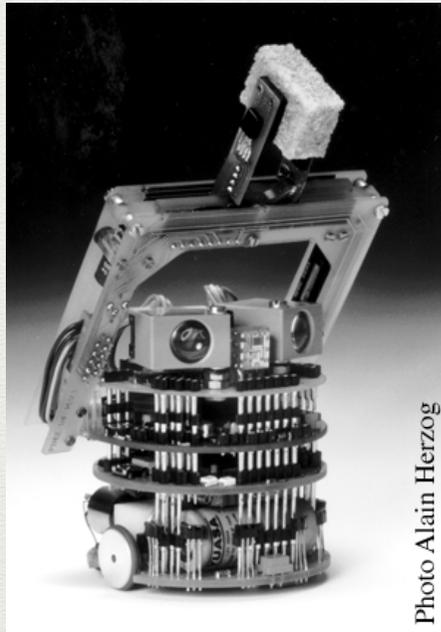
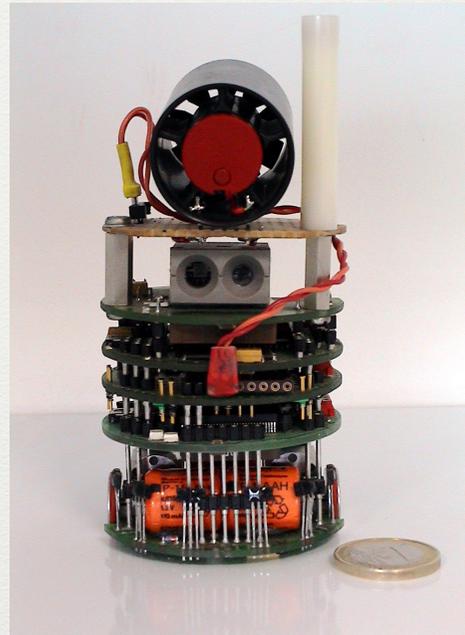


Photo Alain Herzog

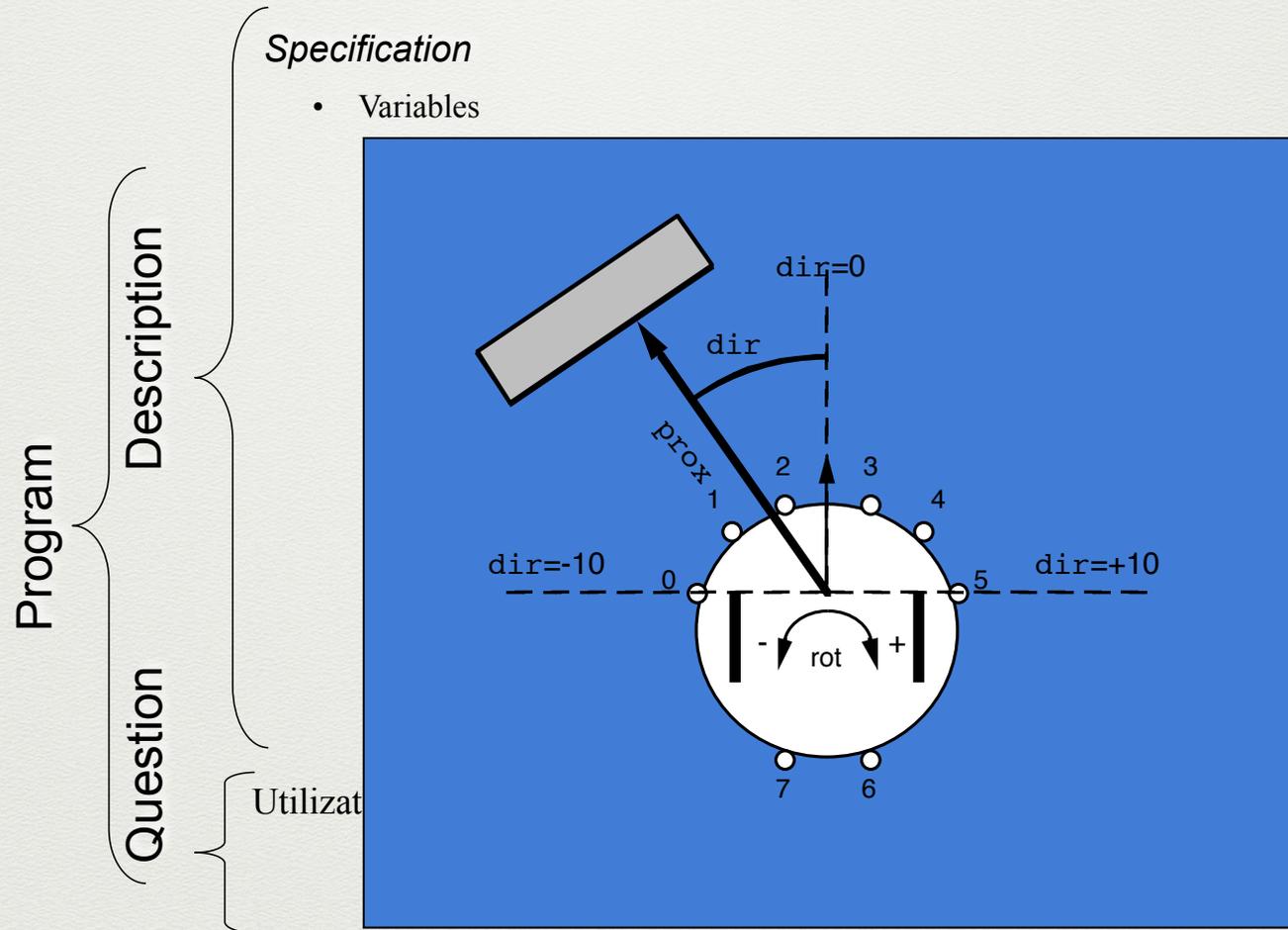


- Avoiding Obstacle
- Contour Following
- Piano mover
- Phototaxy
- etc.

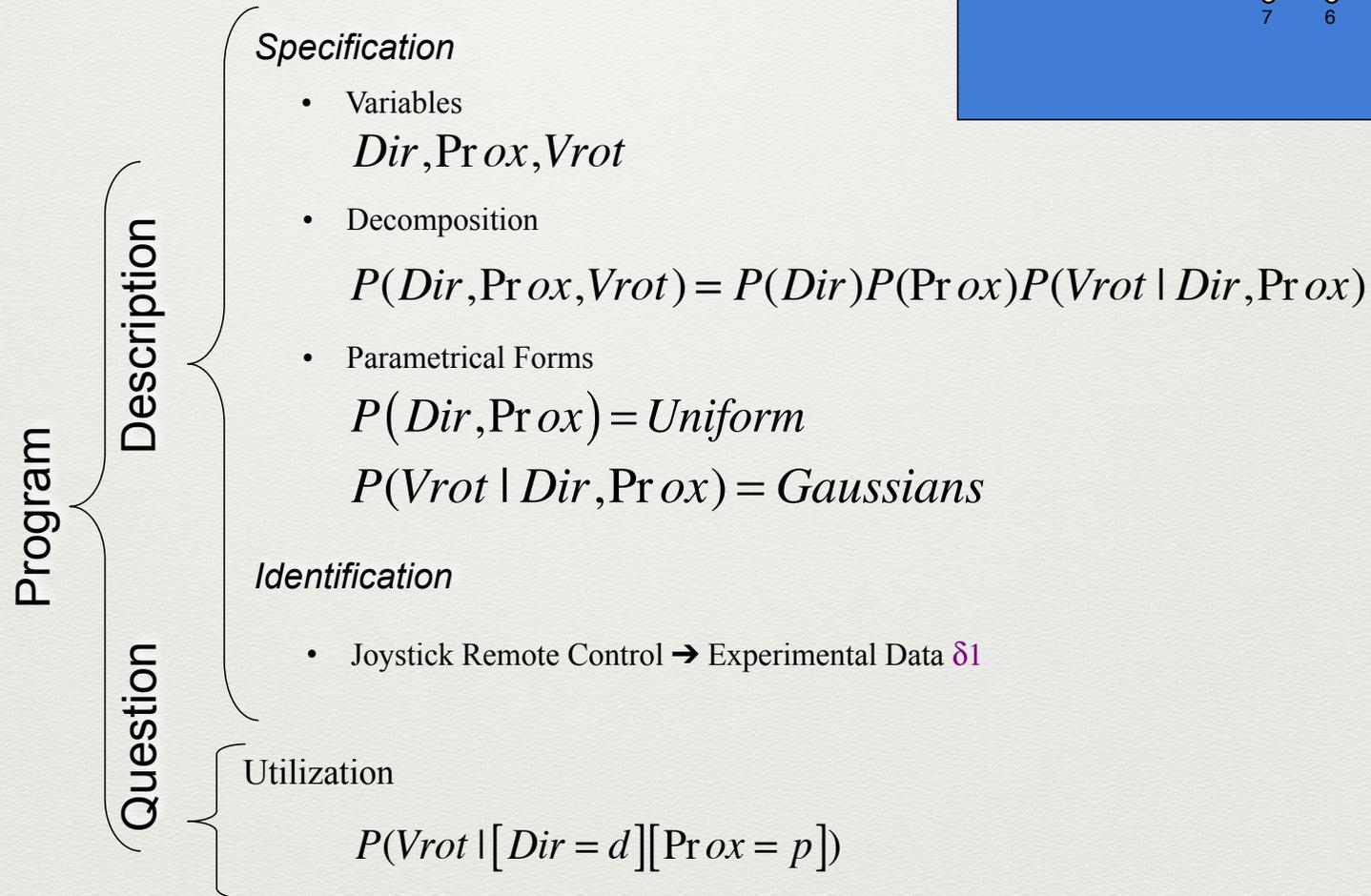
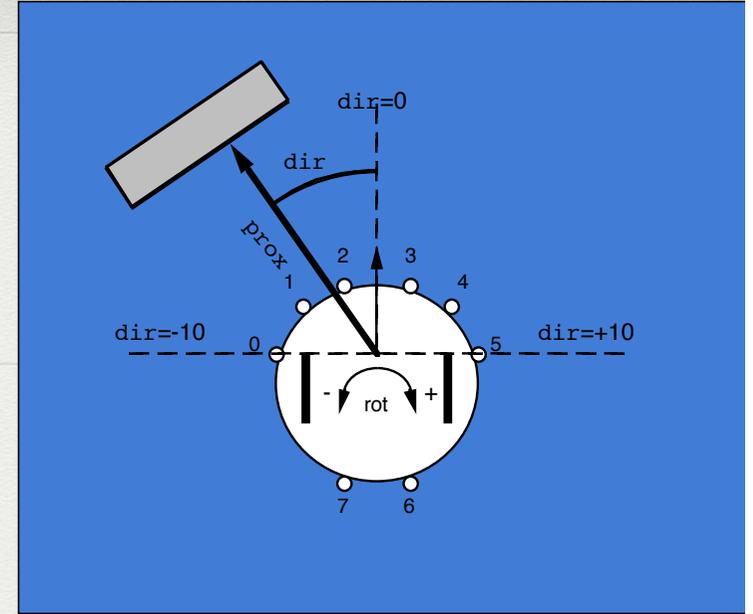
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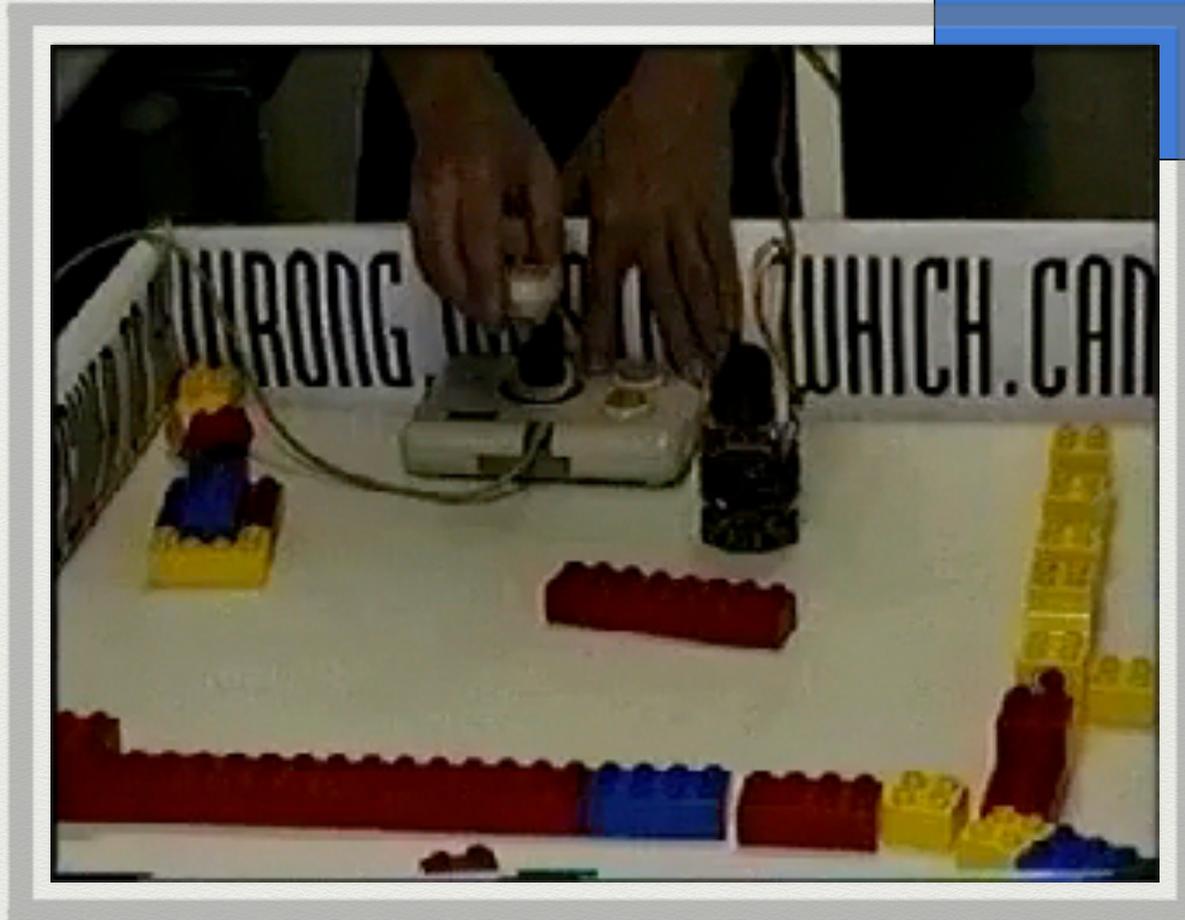
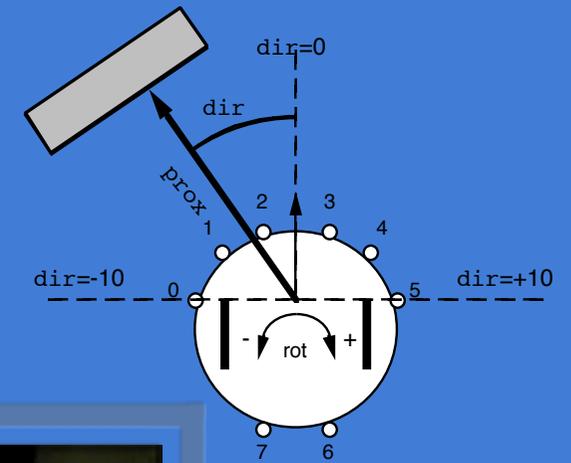
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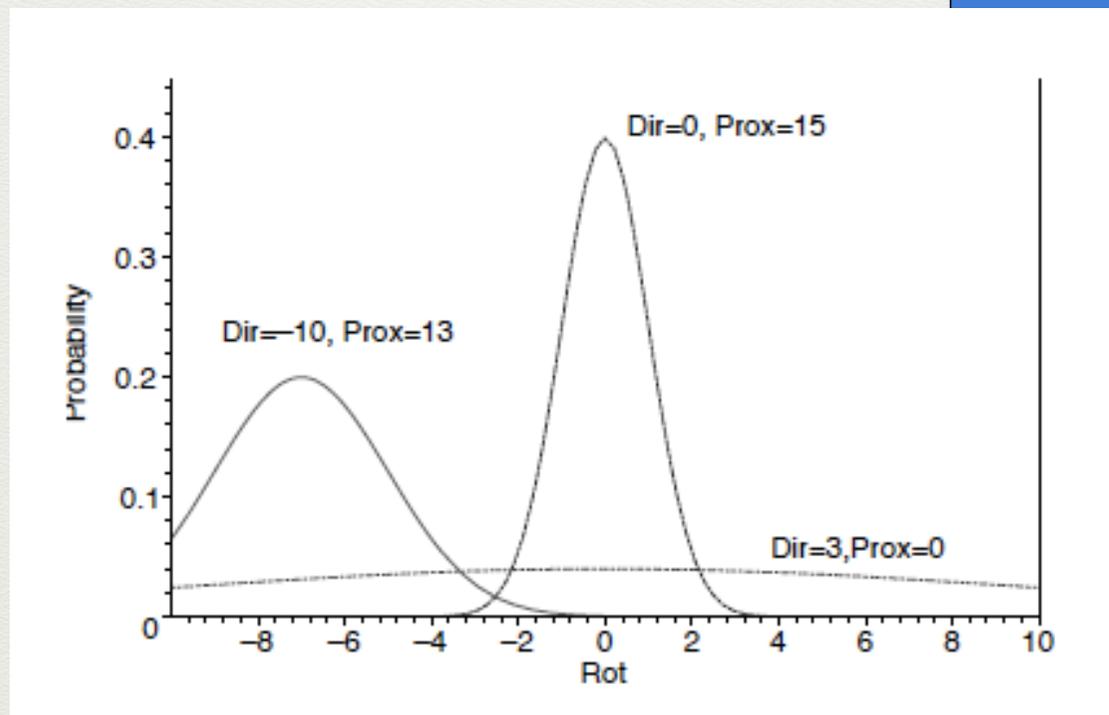
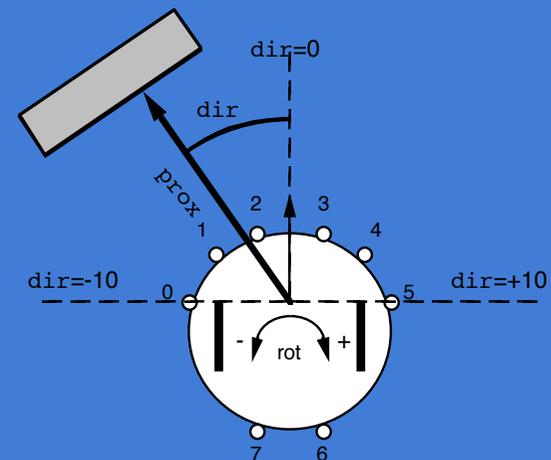
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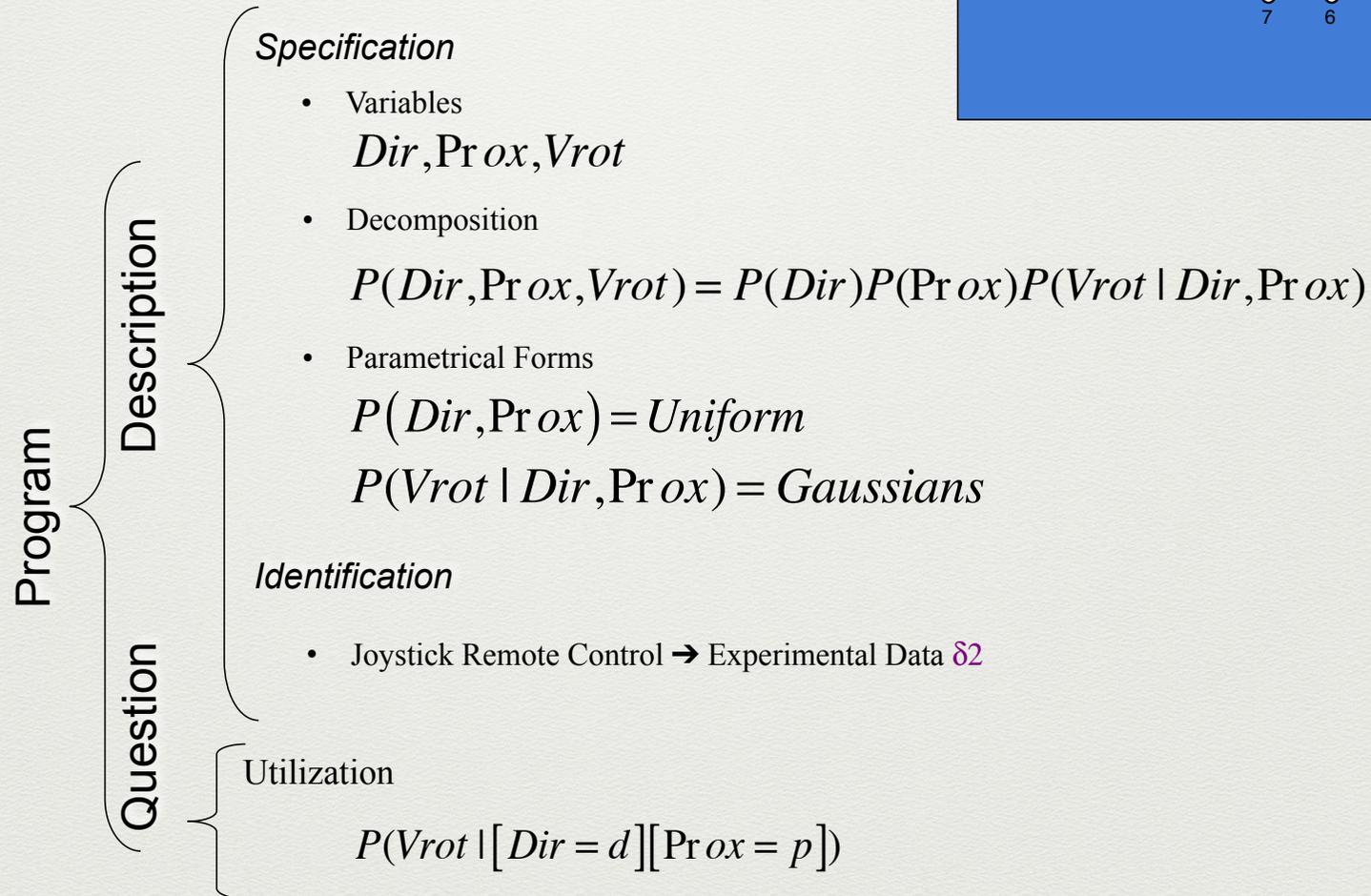
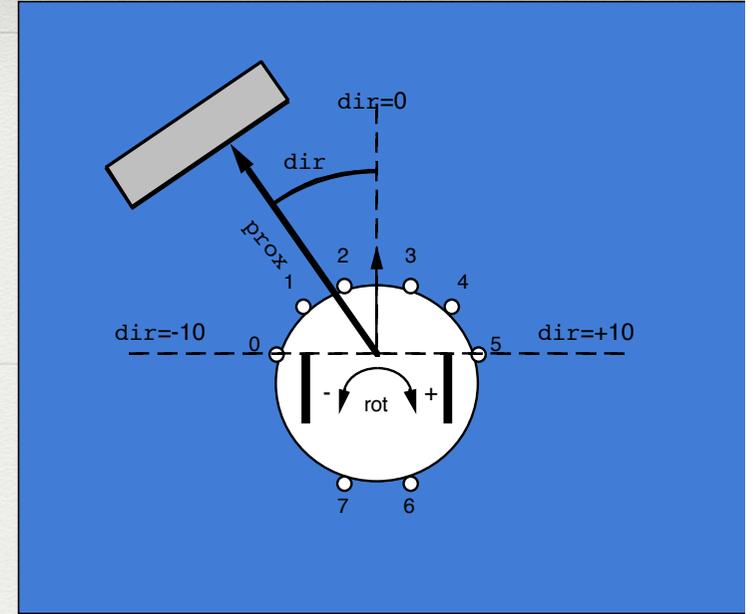
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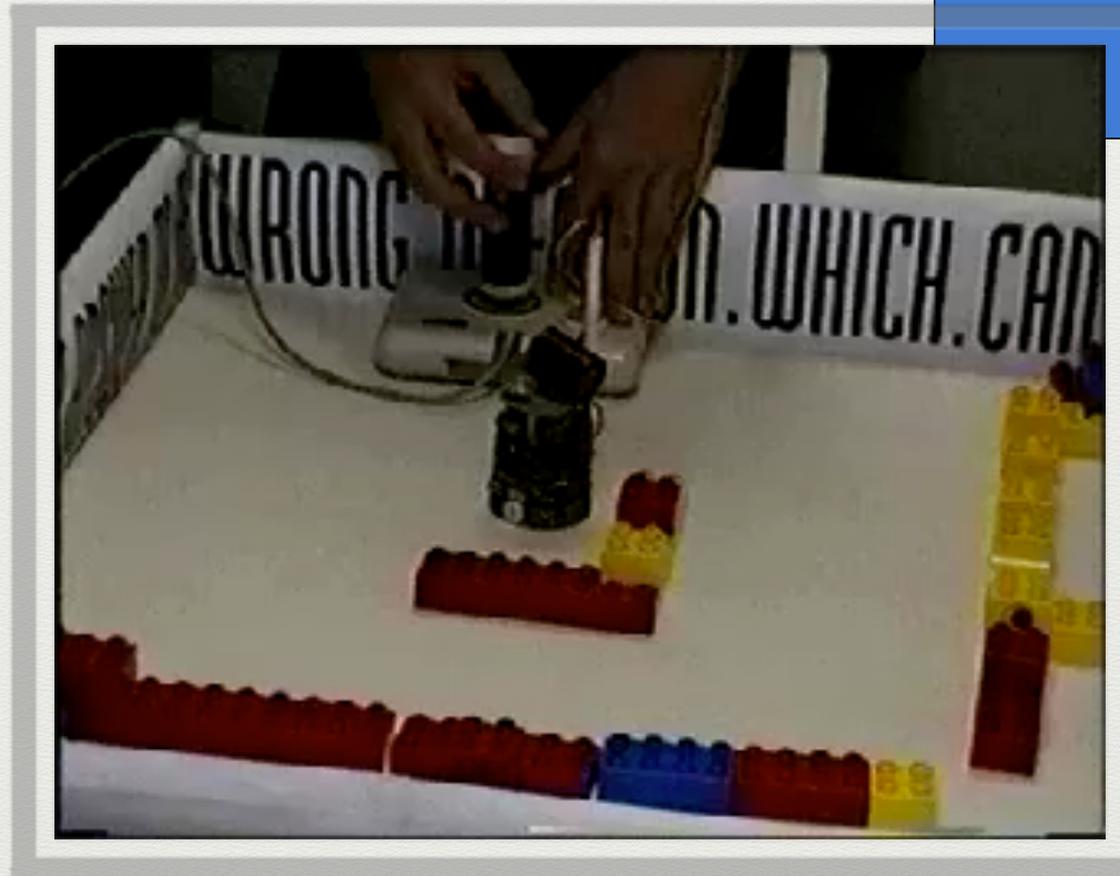
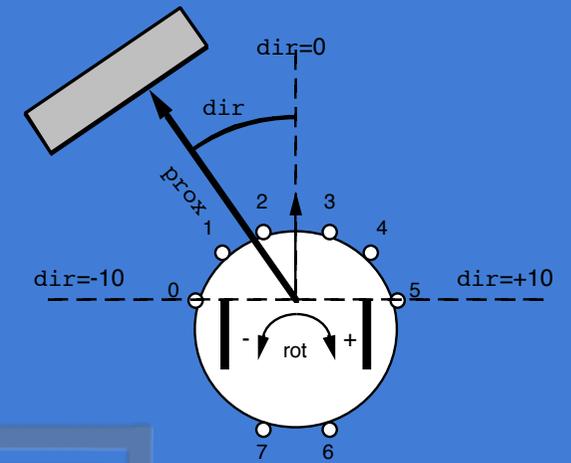
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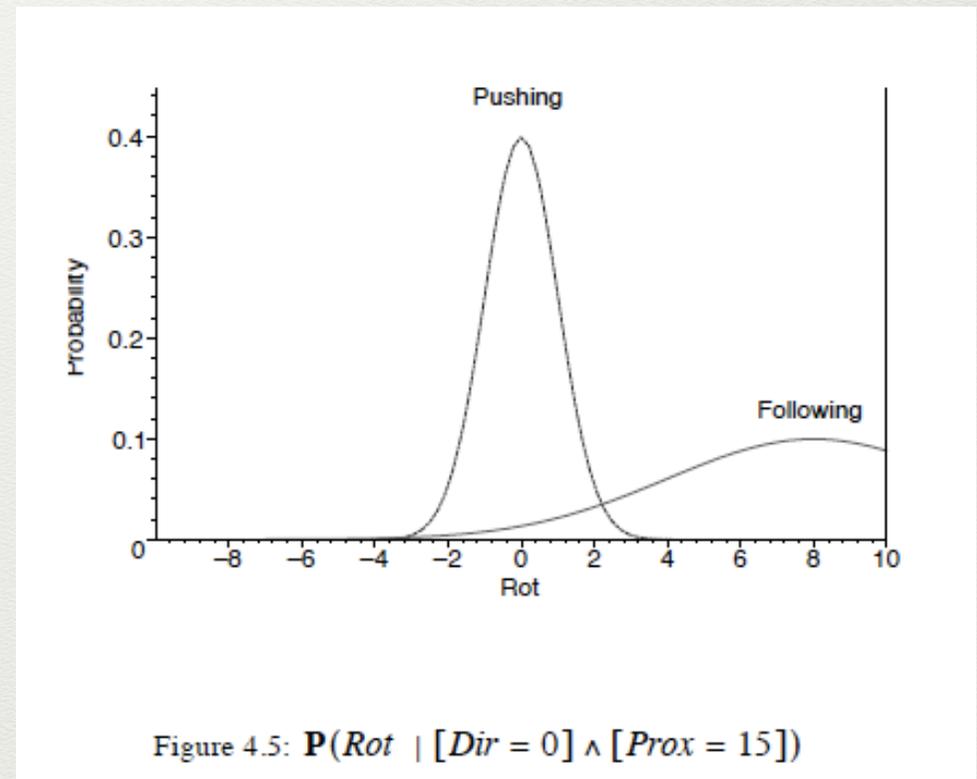
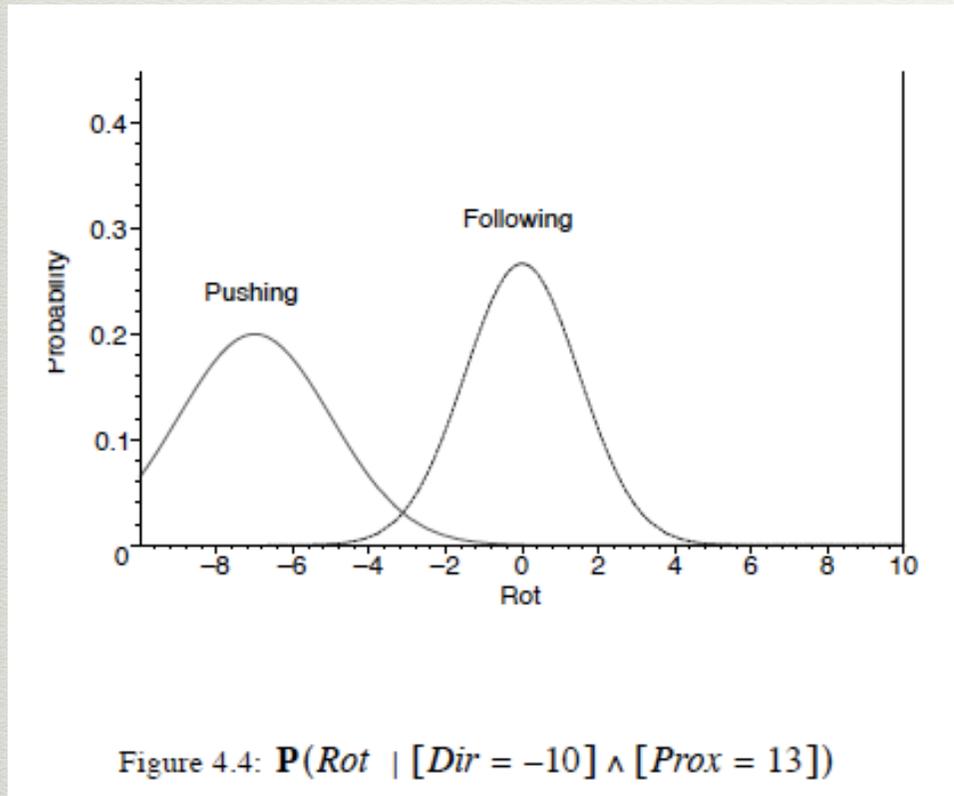
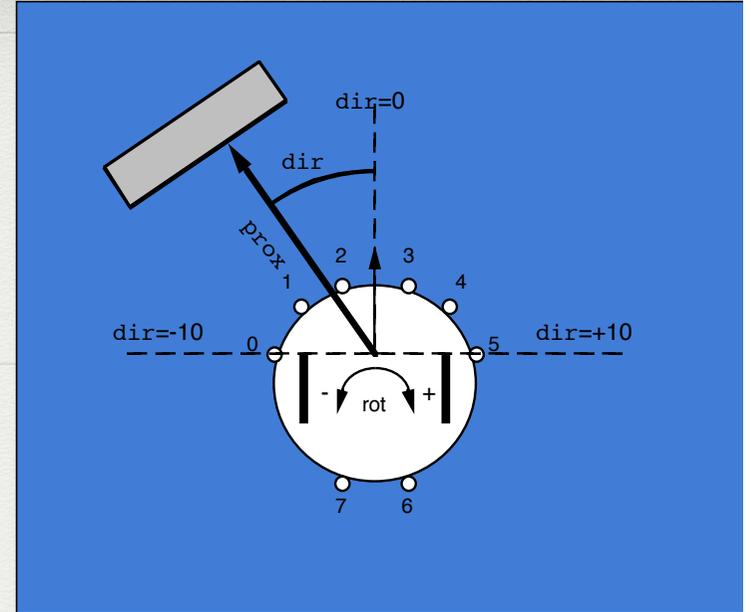
# Contour following



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# Pushing vs. following



# Mobile Robot Navigation

PhD C. Pradalier (2004)



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**Trajectory Learning**

**Homing in a Realistic Environment**

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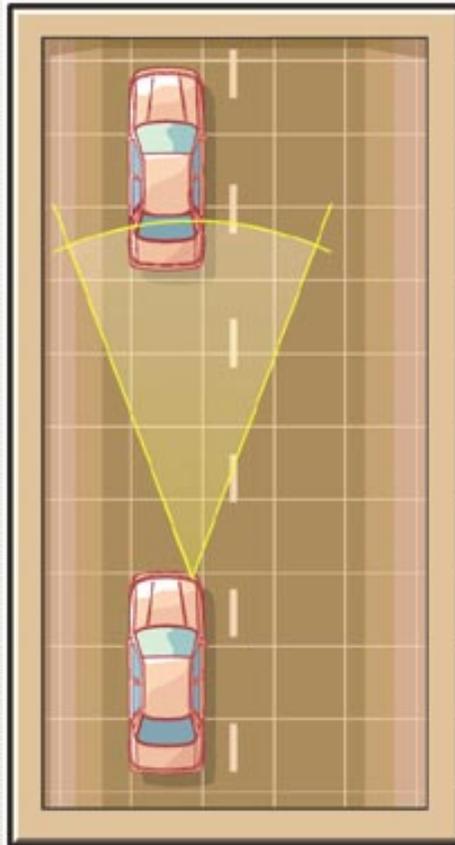


# BAYESIAN FILTERS

# Specification

$$\begin{array}{l}
 Pr \left\{ \begin{array}{l}
 Ds \left\{ \begin{array}{l}
 Sp \left\{ \begin{array}{l}
 Va : \begin{cases} S^t, \forall t \in [0, \dots, T] : S^t \in D_S \\
 O^t, \forall t \in [1, \dots, T] : O^t \in D_O \end{cases} \\
 Dc : \begin{cases} P(S^0 \wedge O^1, \dots, S^t \wedge O^t \dots S^T \wedge O^T) = \\
 \prod_{t \in [1 \dots T]} (P(S^t | S^{t-1}) P(O^t | S^t)) \\
 P(S^0) = \text{Initial condition} \\
 P(S^t | S^{t-1}) = \text{Transition Model} \\
 P(O^t | S^t) = \text{Sensor Model} \end{cases} \\
 Id : \\
 Qu : P(S^T | o^1 \dots o^T) \end{array} \right. \end{array} \right.
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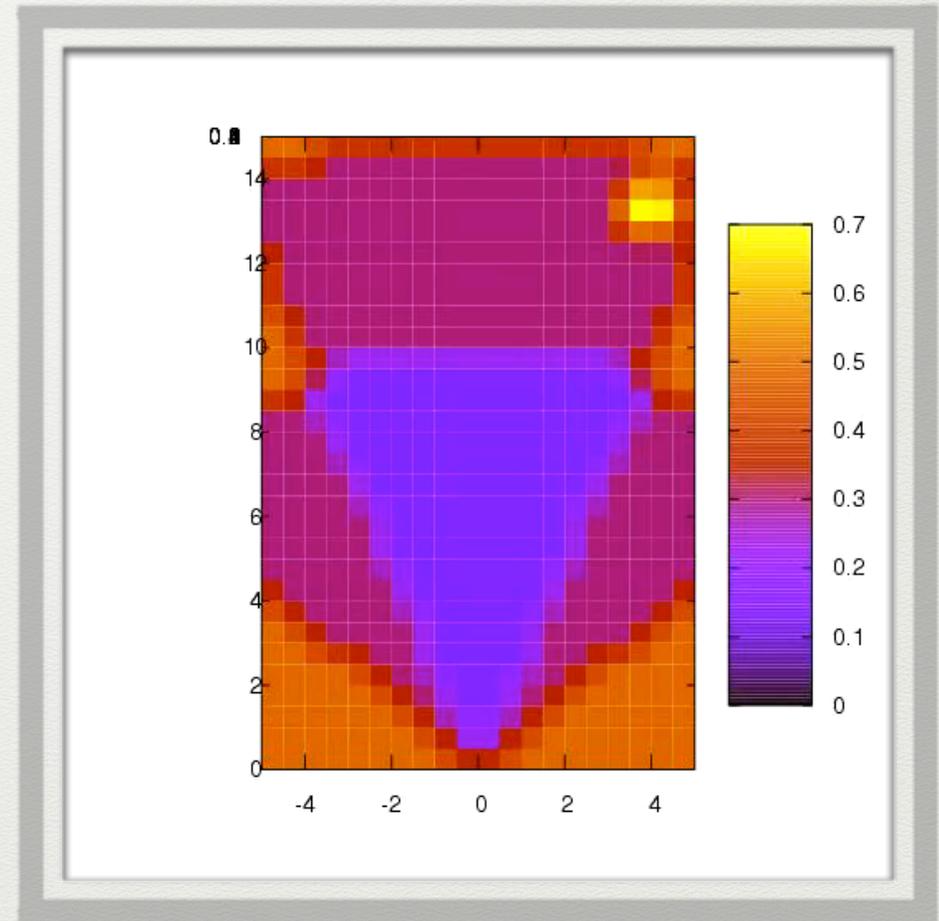
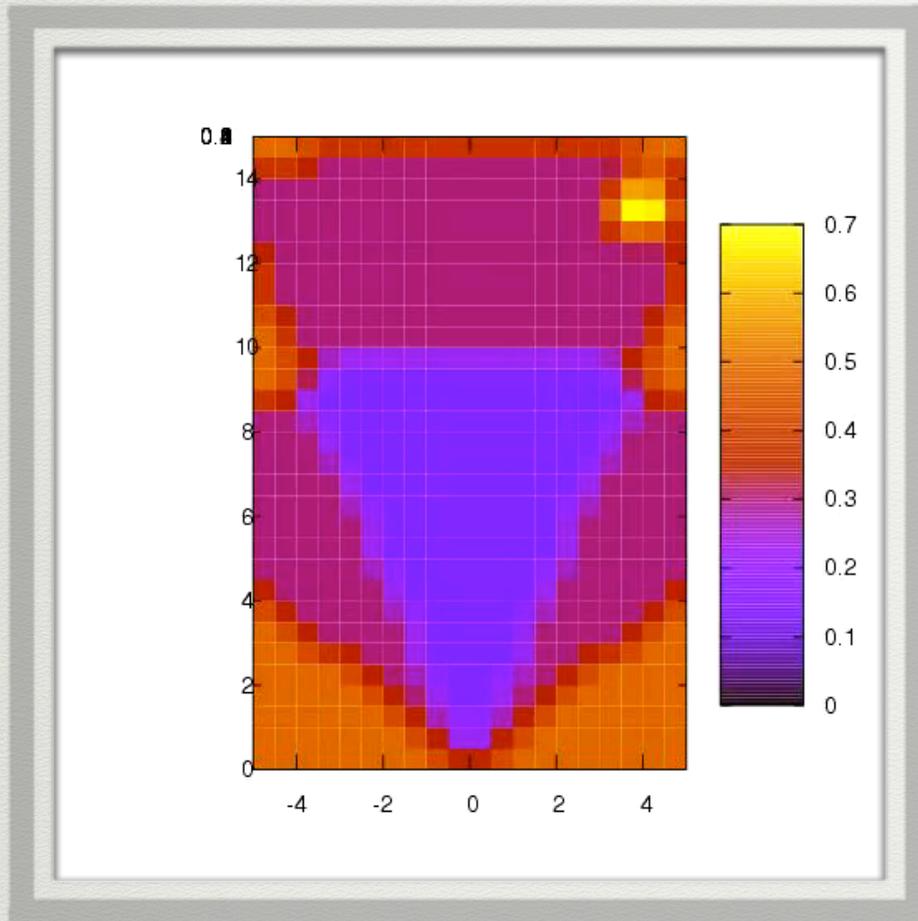
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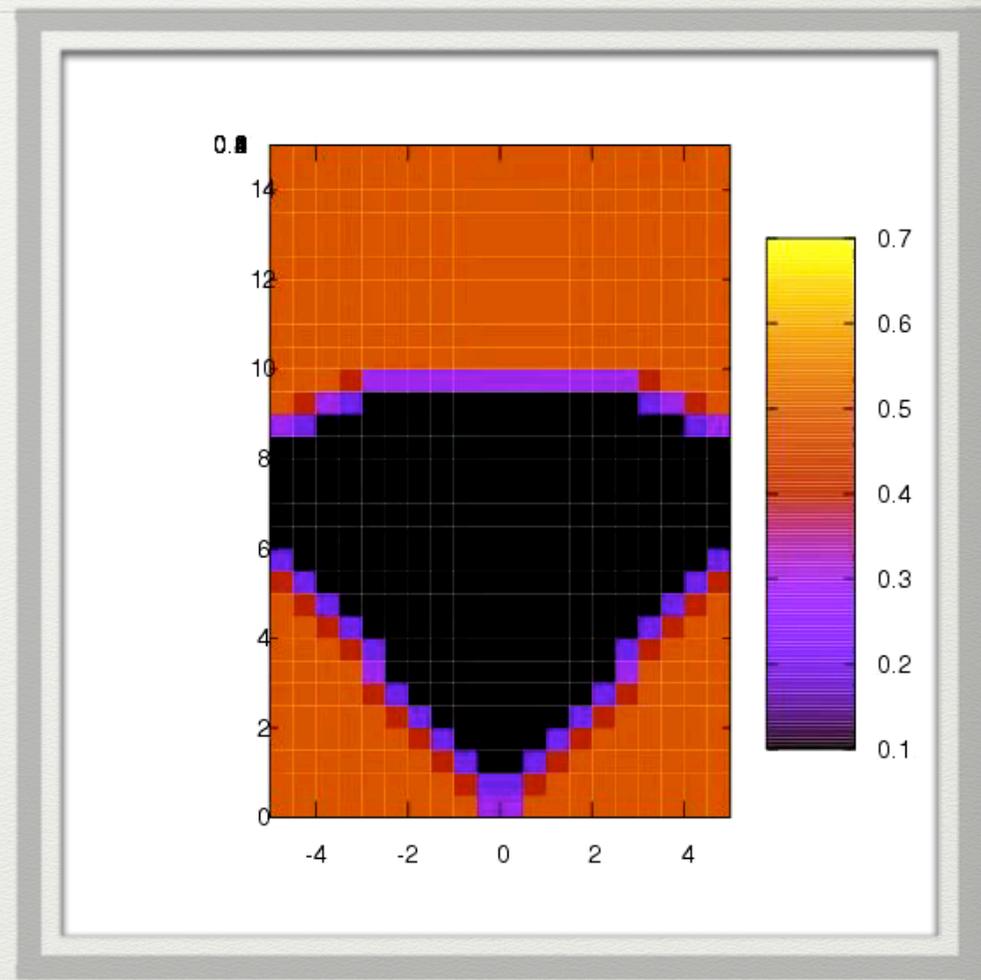
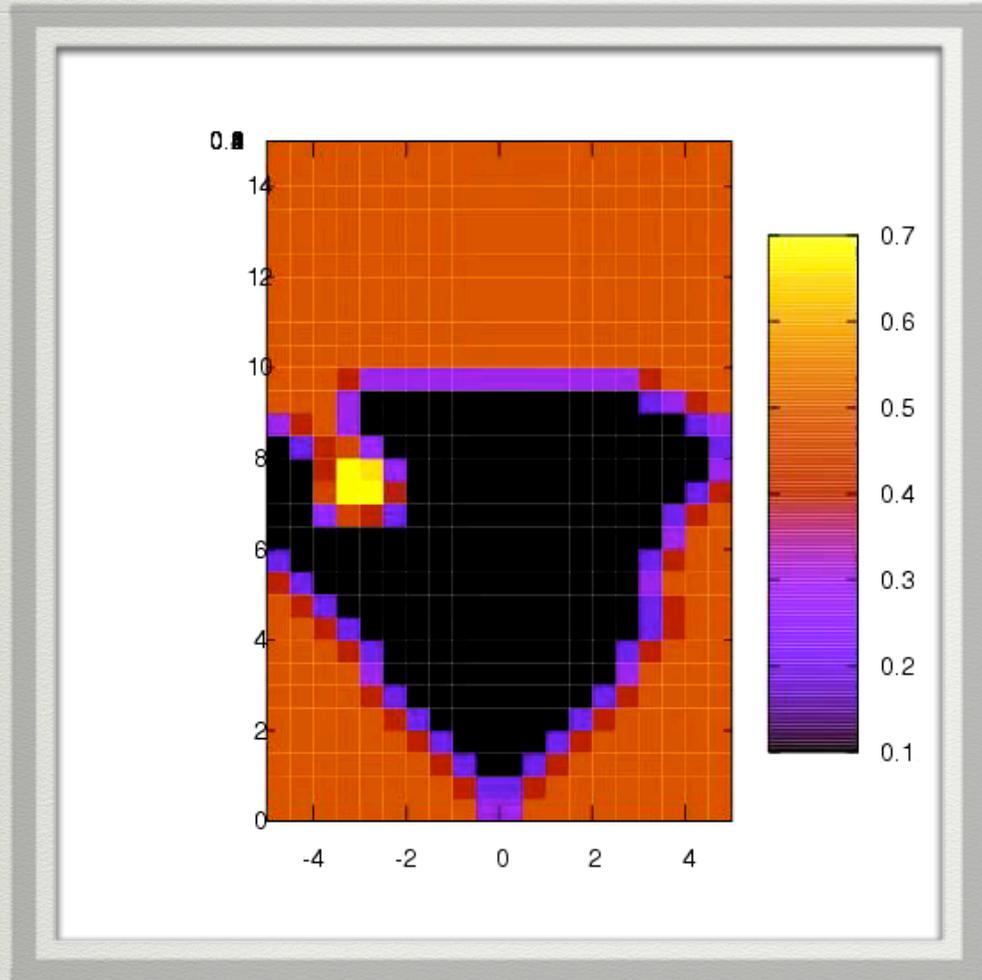
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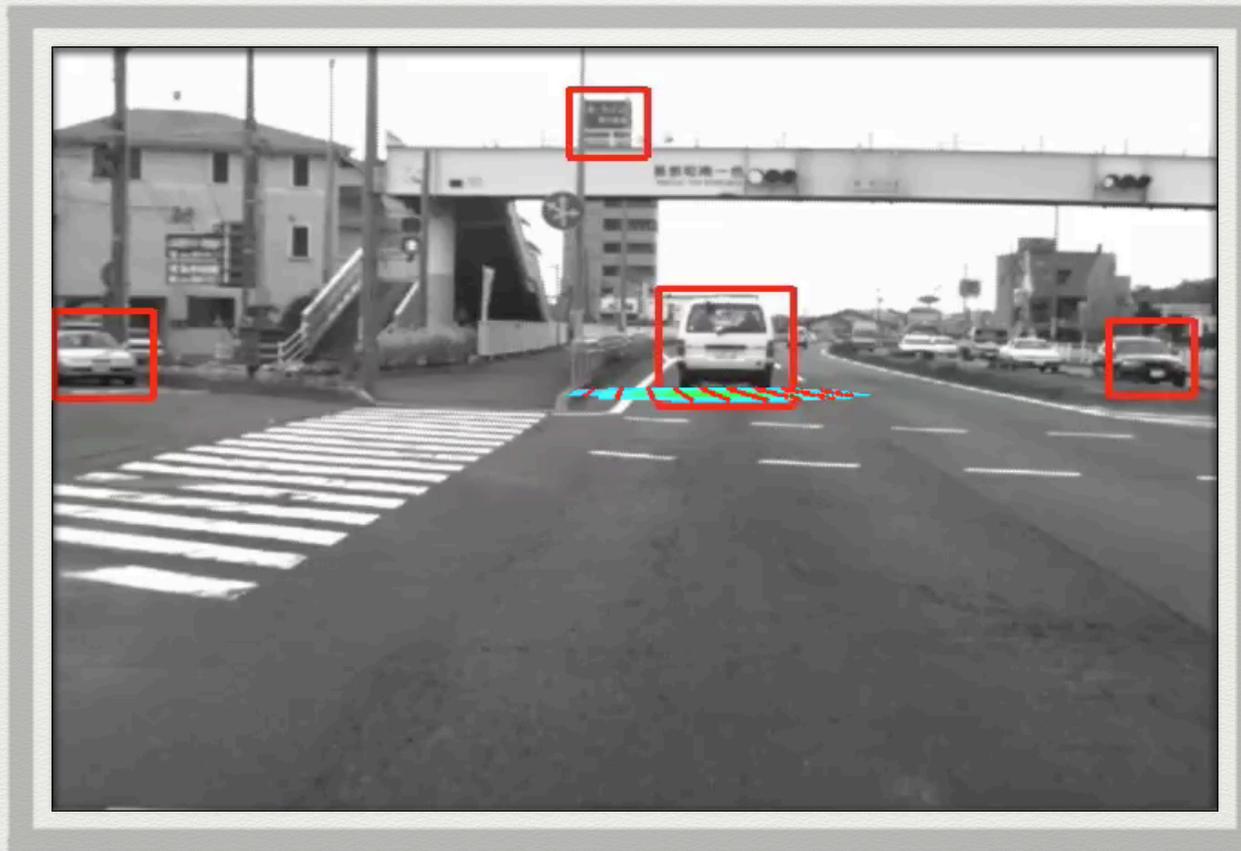
# Temporal filter



# Occultation



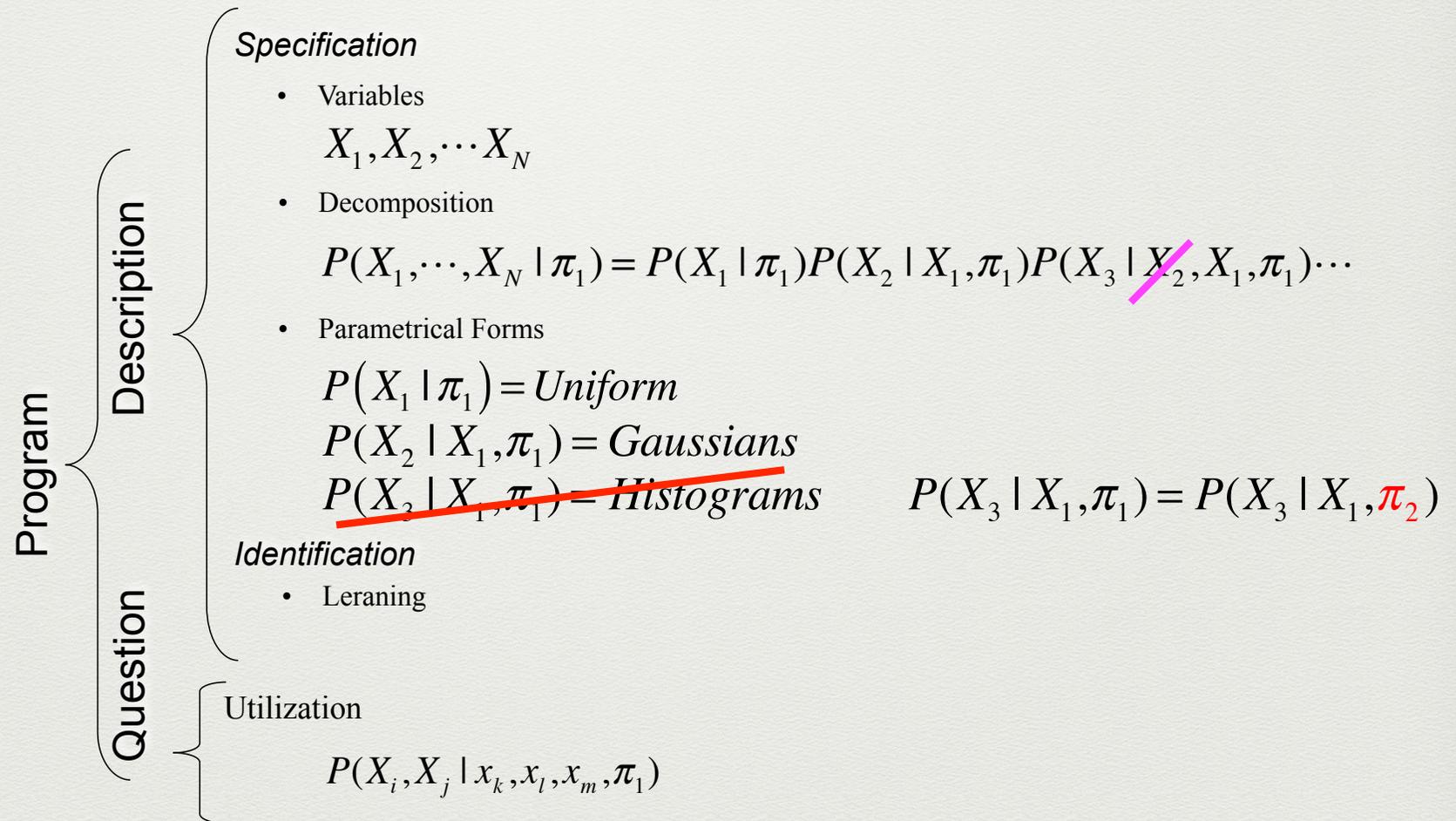
# Real time ADAS



<http://www.probayes.com>

# HIERARCHIES OF MODELS

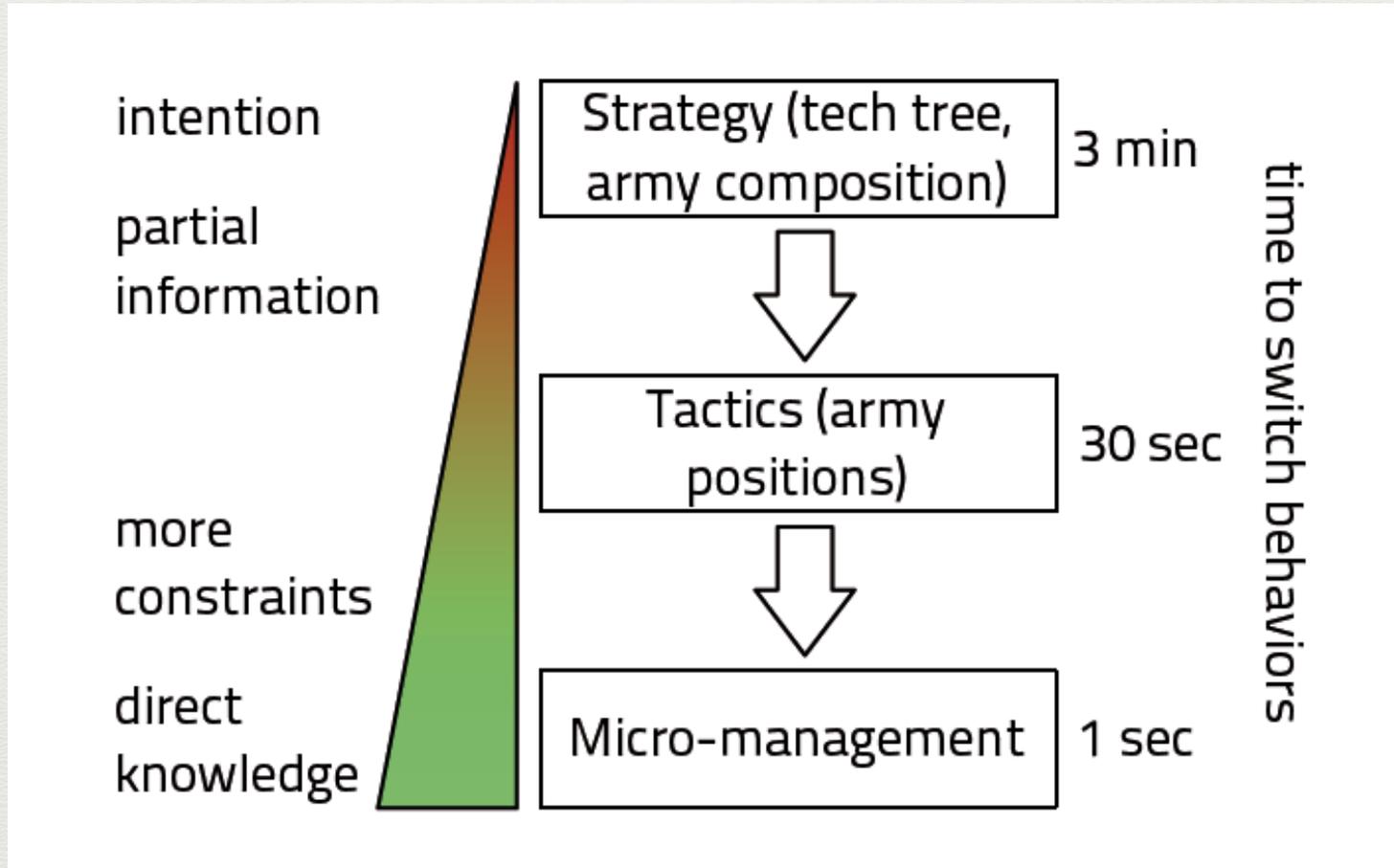
# Calling subroutines



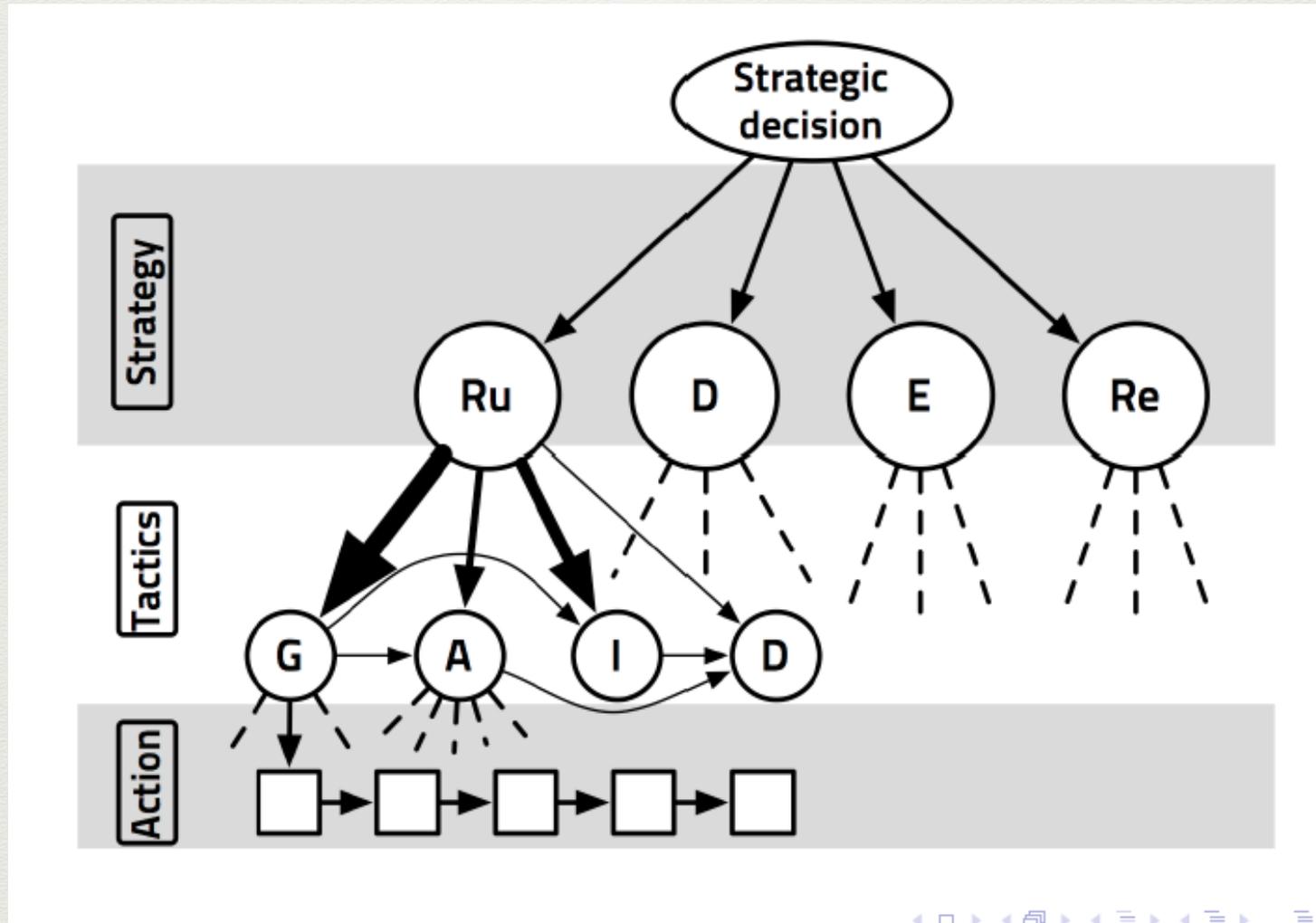
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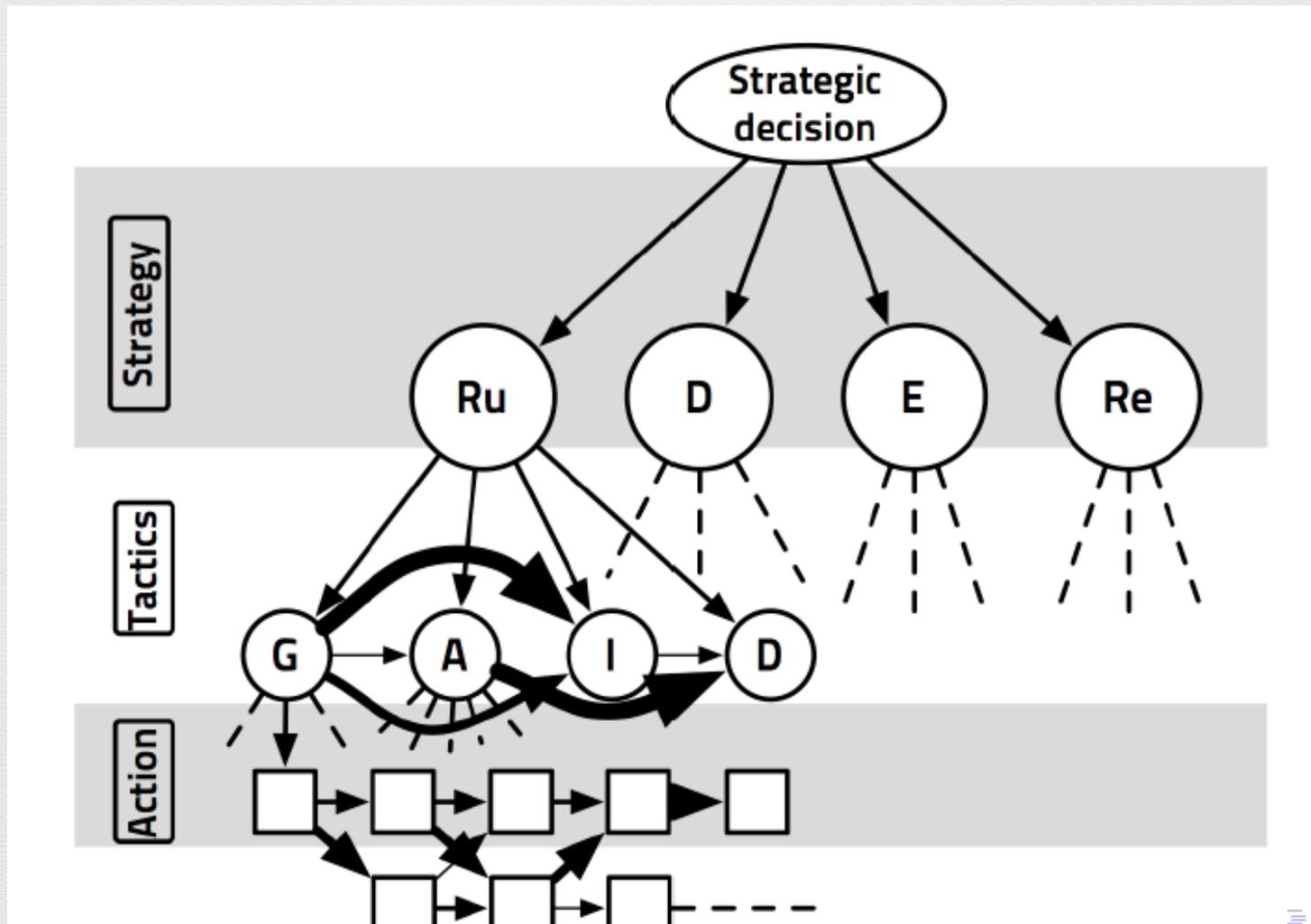


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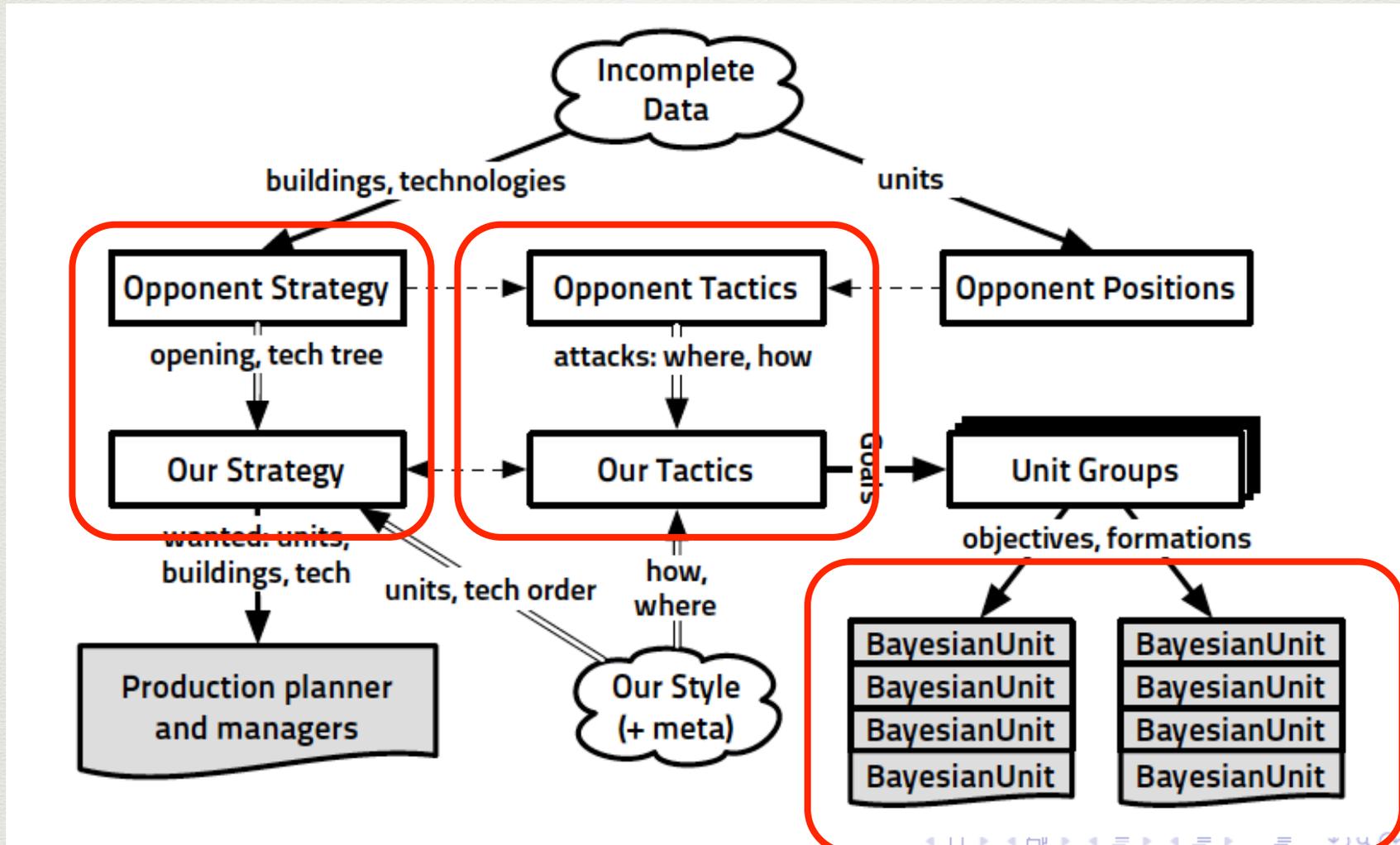


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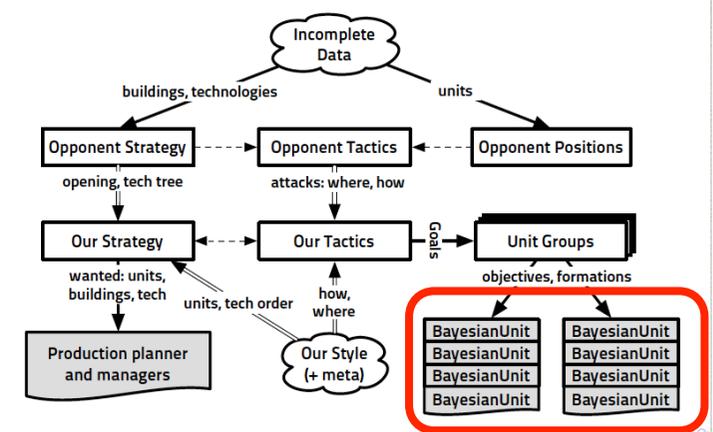
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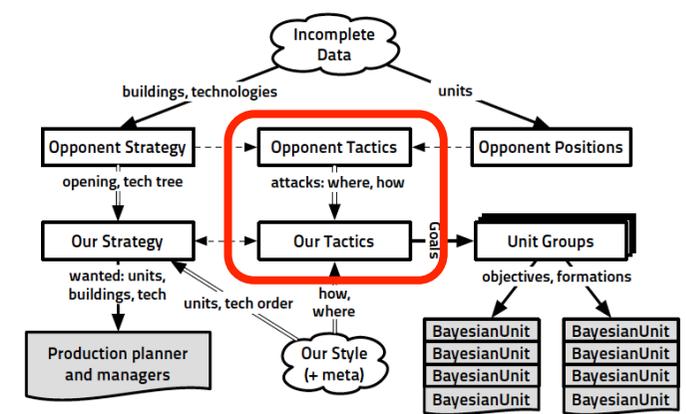
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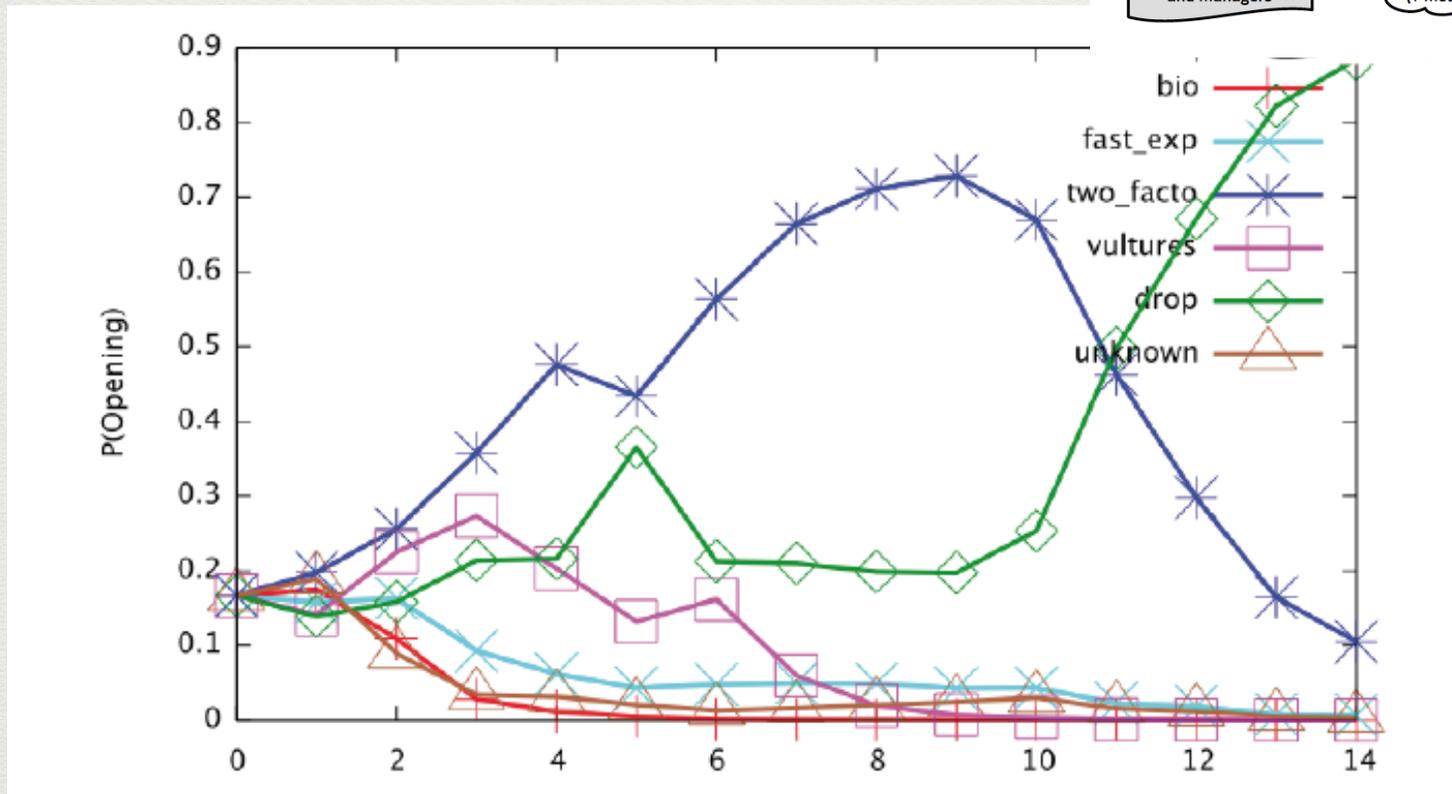
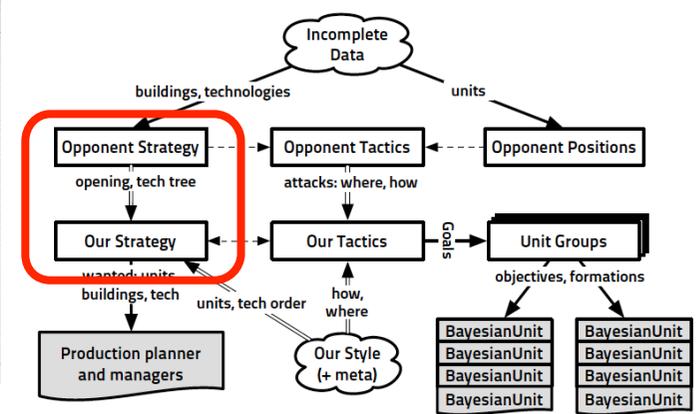
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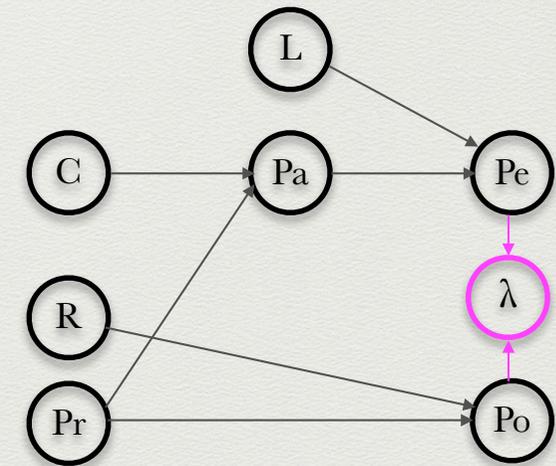
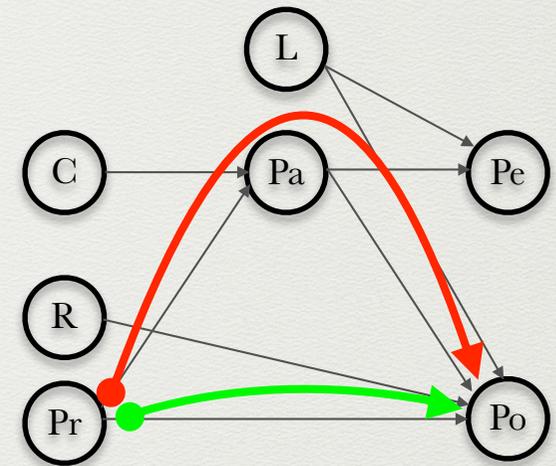
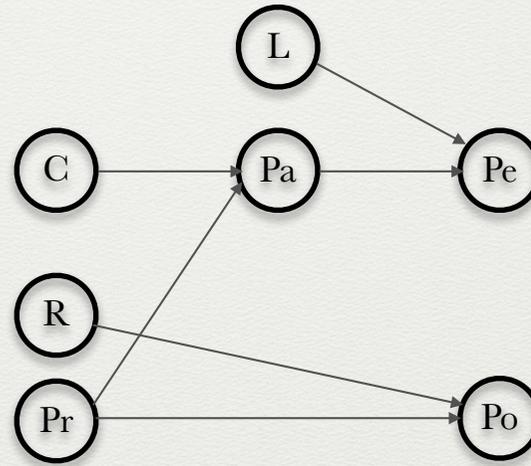
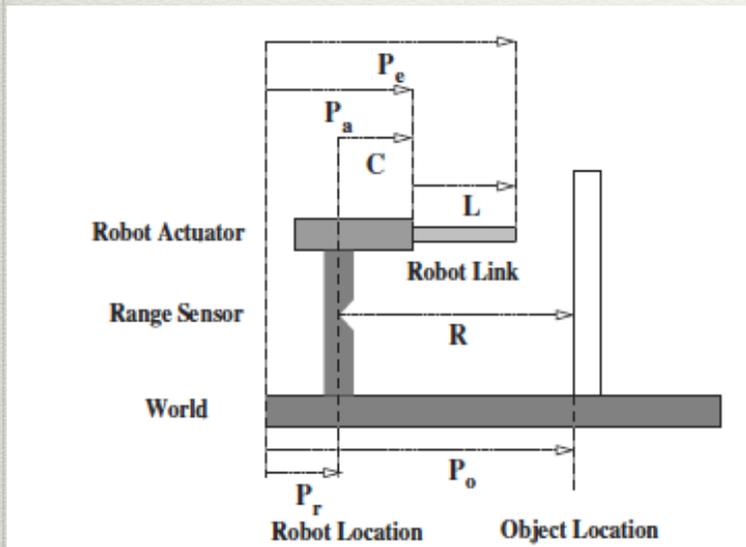


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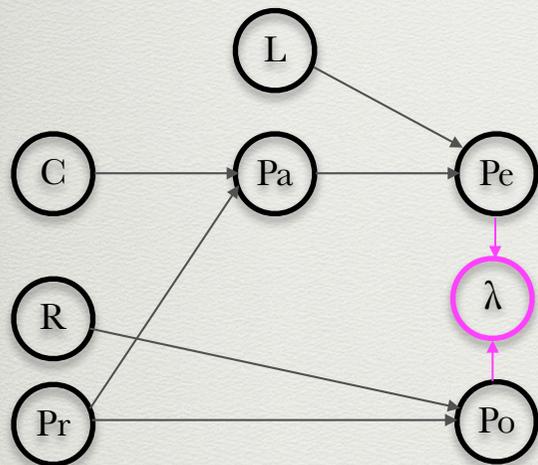
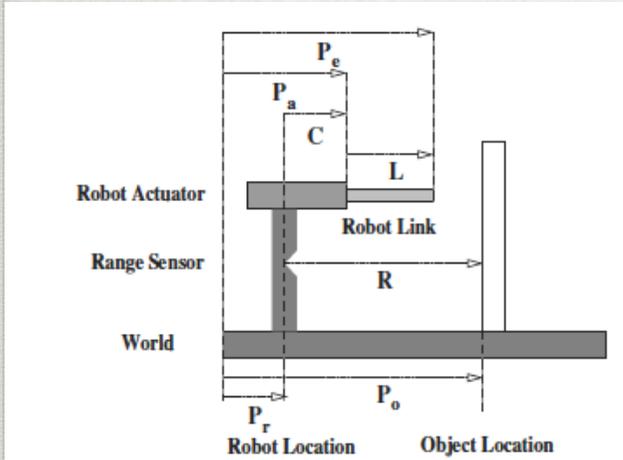


COHERENCE VARIABLES  
TO DEAL WITH  
MULTI-INFERENCE PATHS  
AND  
SOFT EVIDENCE

# Multi inference paths

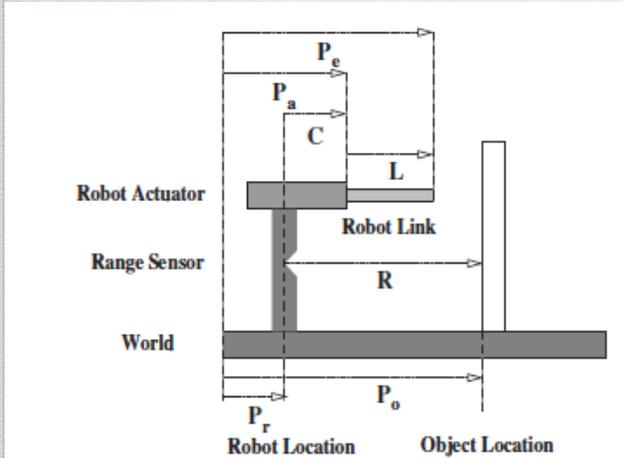


# Multi inference paths



$$\left. \begin{array}{l}
 D_s \\
 P_r \\
 I_d \\
 Q_u :
 \end{array} \right\} \left\{ \begin{array}{l}
 V_a : \\
 P_r, R, P_o, C, P_a, L, P_e, \Lambda \\
 D_c : \\
 \left\{ \begin{array}{l}
 P(P_r \wedge \dots \wedge \Lambda | \pi) \\
 = P(P_r | \pi) \times P(R | \pi) \times P(P_o | P_r \wedge R \wedge \pi) \\
 \times P(C | \pi) \times P(P_a | P_r \wedge C \wedge \pi) \\
 \times P(L | \pi) \times P(P_e | P_a \wedge L \wedge \pi) \\
 \times P(\Lambda | P_o \wedge P_e \wedge \pi)
 \end{array} \right. \\
 F_o : \\
 \left\{ \begin{array}{l}
 P(P_o | P_r \wedge R \wedge \pi) = Normal(P_r, \epsilon_r) \\
 P(C | \pi) = Uniform \\
 P(P_a | P_r \wedge C \wedge \pi) = Normal(p_r + c, \epsilon_c) \\
 P(L | \pi) = Normal(L_0, \epsilon_L) \\
 P(P_e | P_a \wedge L \wedge \pi) = \delta_{p_e = p_a + l} \\
 P(\Lambda | P_o \wedge P_e \wedge \pi) = \delta_{0 \leq p_e - p_o \leq \epsilon_t}
 \end{array} \right.
 \end{array} \right.$$

# Multi inference paths



Inverse kinematic :

$$P(C|r,\lambda)$$

$$\propto \sum_{P_r, P_o, P_a, L} [P(P_r)P(P_o|P_r,r)P(C)P(P_a|P_r,C)P(L)P([P_e = P_o]|P_a,L)]$$

Localization :

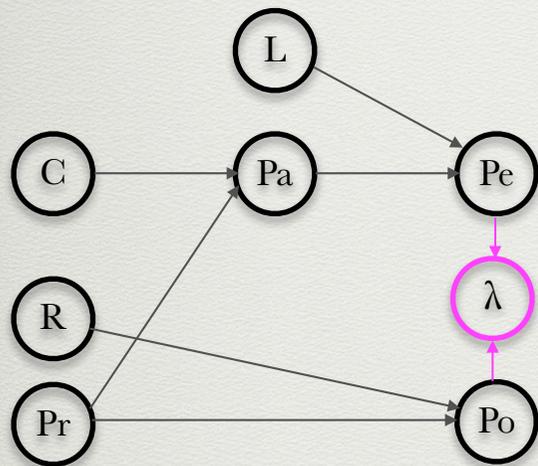
$$P(P_o|r,c,\lambda)$$

$$\propto \sum_{P_r, P_a, L} [P(P_r)P(P_o|P_r,r)P(P_a|P_r,c)P(L)P([P_e = P_o]|P_a,L)]$$

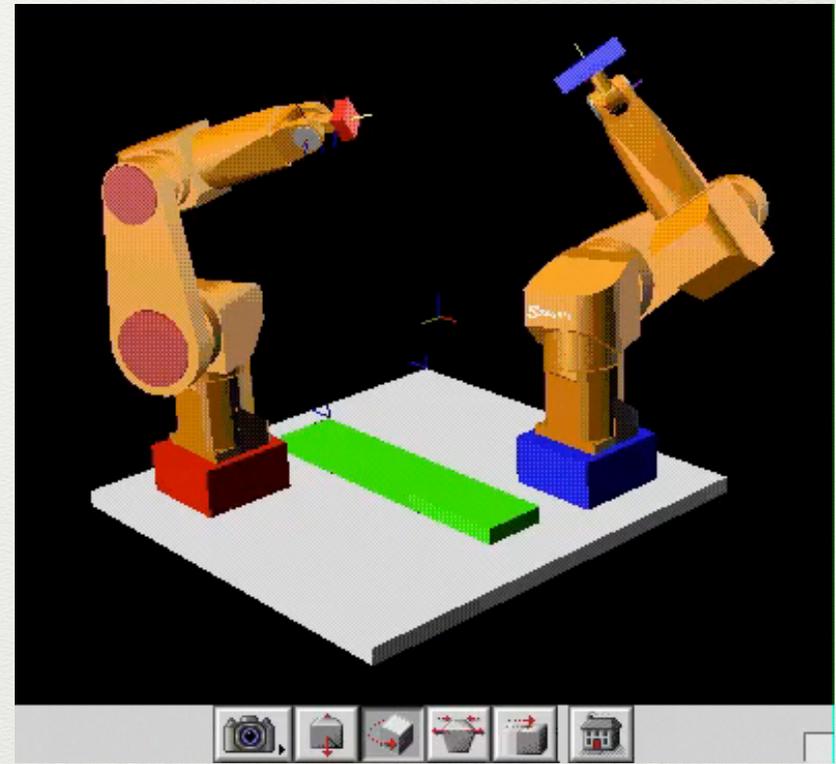
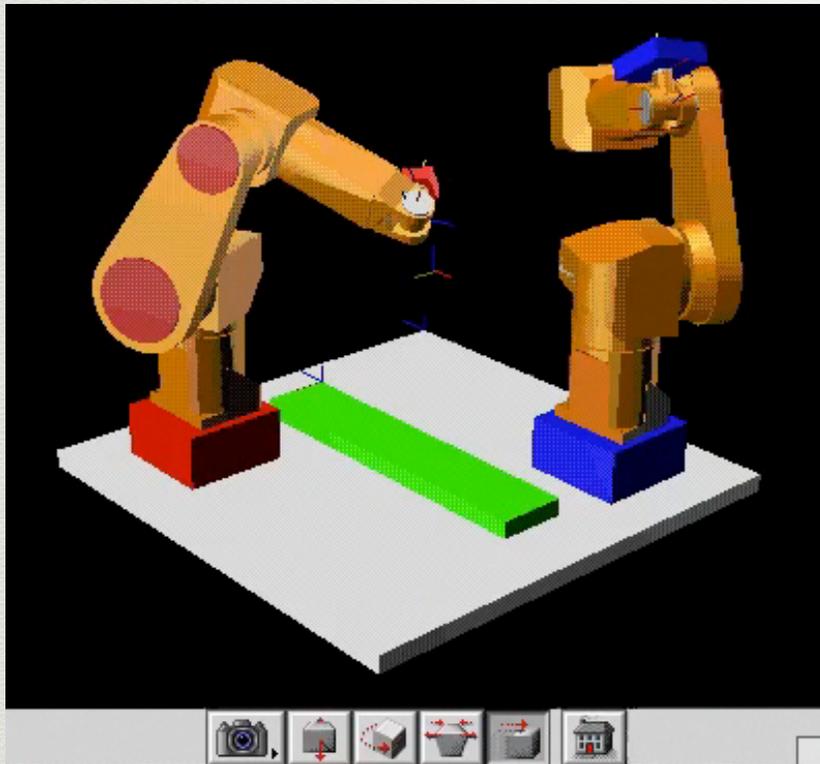
Calibration :

$$P(L|r,c,\lambda)$$

$$\propto \sum_{P_r, P_o, P_a} [P(P_r)P(P_o|P_r,r)P(P_a|P_r,c)P(L)P([P_e = P_o]|P_a,L)]$$



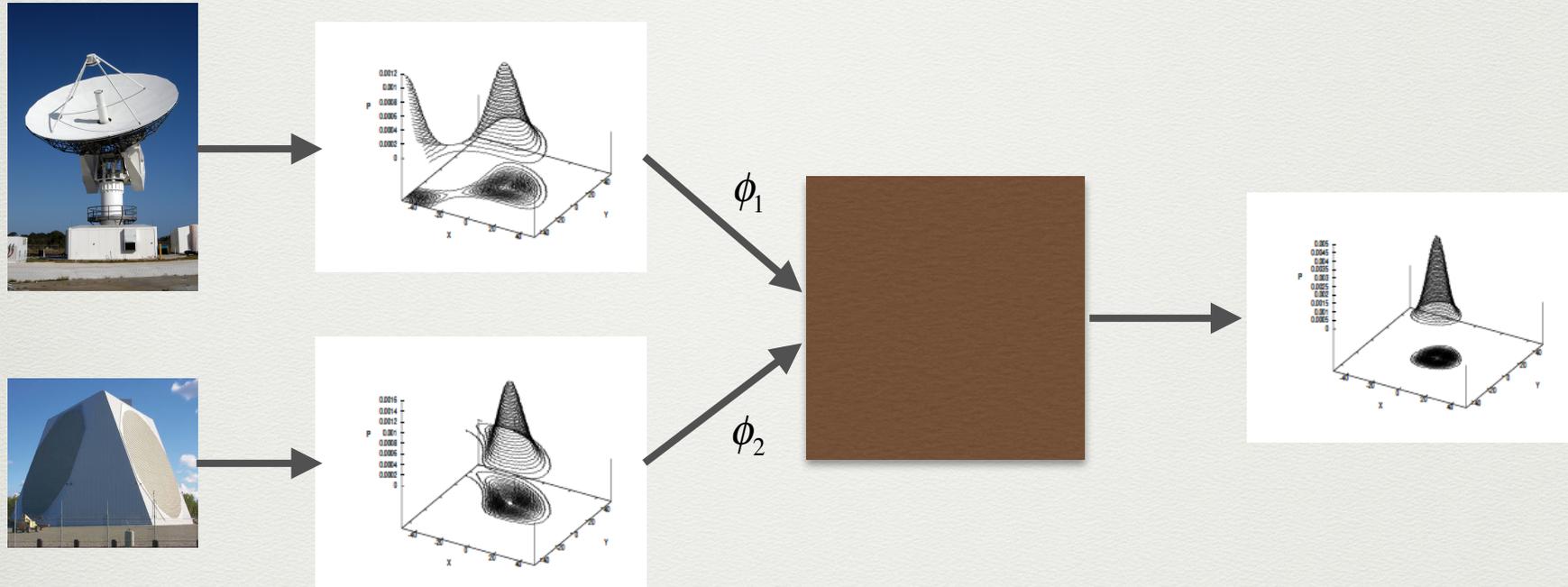
# Inverse kinematic



# Localization



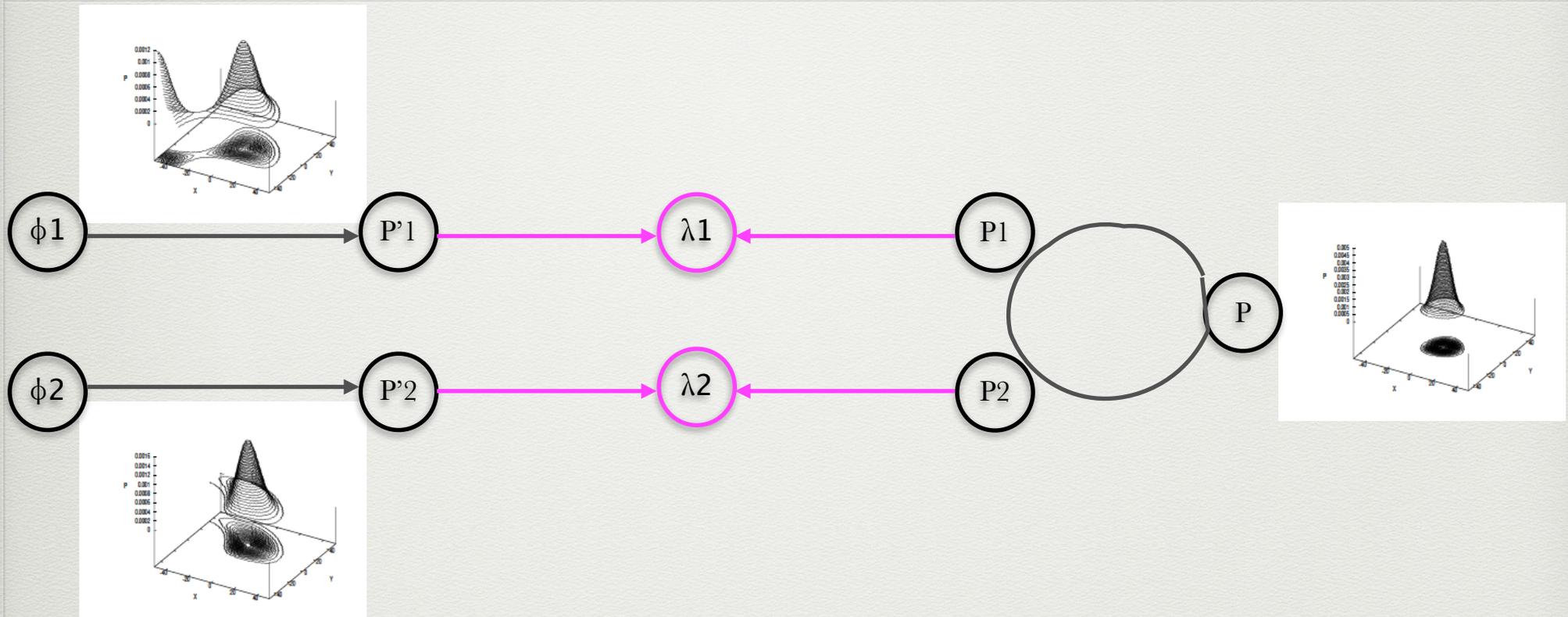
# Reasoning with soft evidence



$$P(X \wedge Y | x_1 \wedge y_1 \wedge x_2 \wedge y_2) \longrightarrow P(X \wedge Y | \cancel{P(X_1 \wedge Y_1)} \wedge P(X_2 \wedge Y_2))$$

$$P(X \wedge Y | \phi_1 \wedge \phi_2)$$

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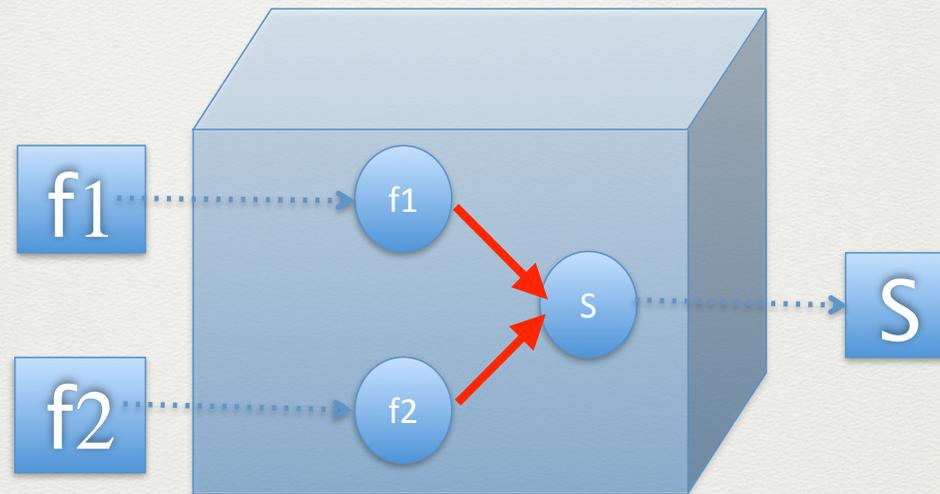


$$P(\Phi_1)P(P'_1|\Phi_1)P(\Phi_2)P(P'_2|\Phi_2)P(\lambda_1|P_1,P'_1)P(\lambda_2|P_2,P'_2)P(P_1,P_2,P)$$

$$P(P|\phi_1,\phi_2,\lambda_1,\lambda_2) \propto \sum_{P_1,P_2} [P(P_1,P_2,P)P([P'_1 = P_1]|\phi_1)P([P'_2 = P_2]|\phi_2)]$$

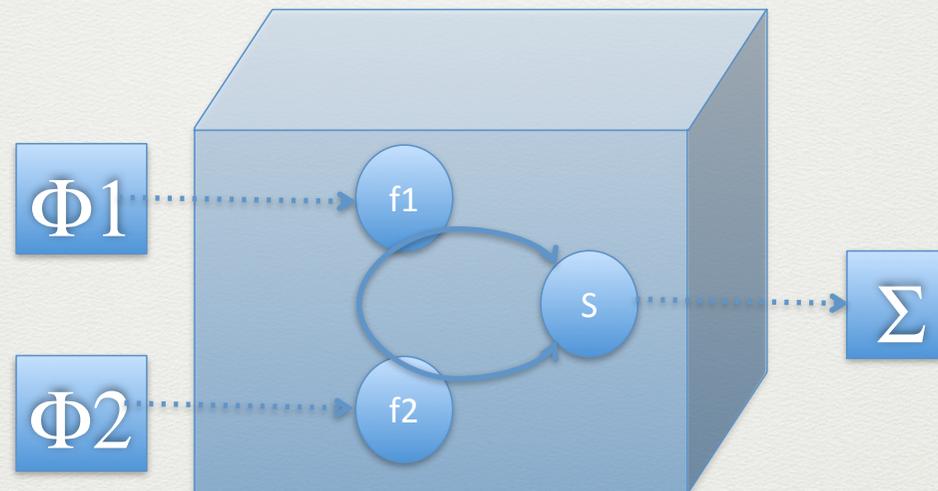
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# Boolean gates with 2 entries

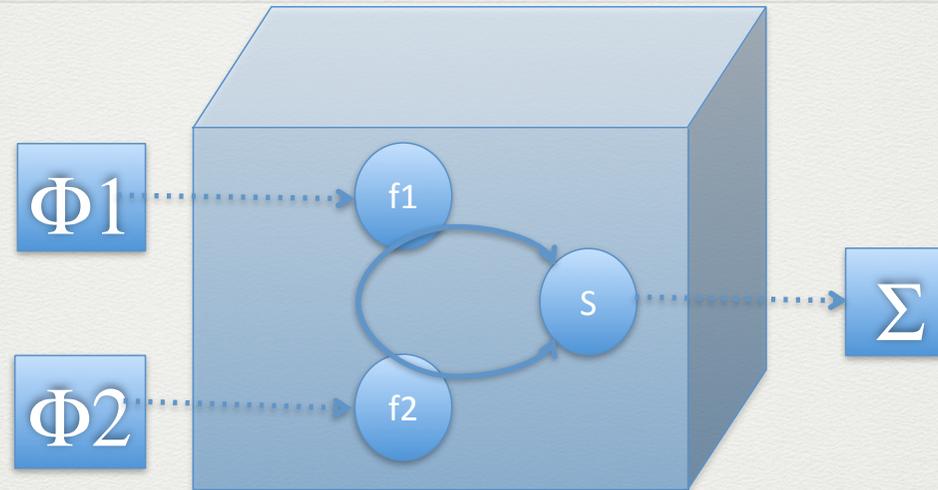


f1	f2	S
0	0	0
0	1	0
1	0	0
1	1	1

# Bayesian gates with 2 entries



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$$P(\Phi_1, \Phi_2, F'_1, F'_2, F_1, F_2, S, \lambda_1, \lambda_2)$$

$$= P(\Phi_1)P(\Phi_2)P(F'_1 | \Phi_1)P(F'_2 | \Phi_2)P(F_1, F_2, S)P(\lambda_1 | F_1, F'_1)P(\lambda_2 | F_2, F'_2)$$

$$\Sigma = \frac{P([S=1] | \phi_1, \phi_2, \lambda_1, \lambda_2)}{P([S=0] | \phi_1, \phi_2, \lambda_1, \lambda_2)}$$

$$\Sigma = \frac{P(001) + P(011)\phi_2 + P(101)\phi_1 + P(111)\phi_1\phi_2}{P(000) + P(010)\phi_2 + P(100)\phi_1 + P(110)\phi_1\phi_2}$$

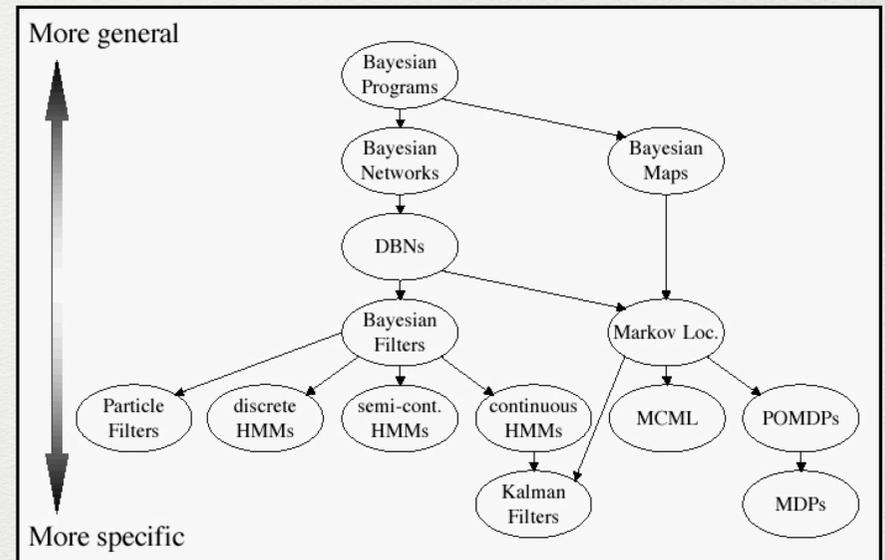
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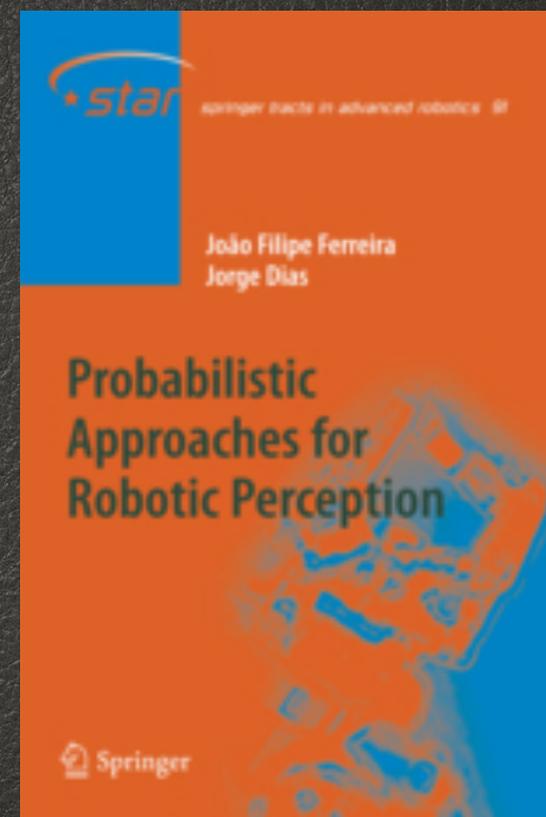
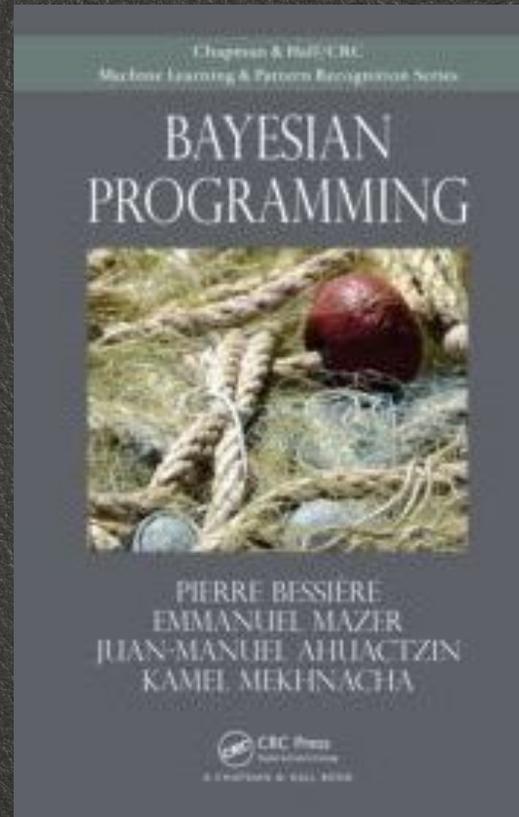
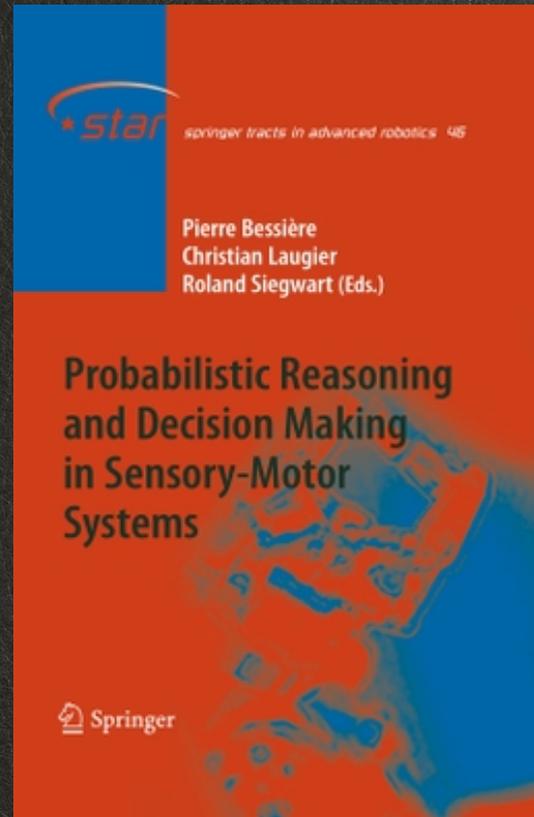
F1	F2	S	P(F1,F2,S)
0	0	0	P(000)
0	0	1	P(001)
0	1	0	P(010)
0	1	1	P(011)
1	0	0	P(100)
1	0	1	P(101)
1	1	0	P(110)
1	1	1	P(111)

# Take home messages

- A generic formalism
- A programming language
- An inference engine: ProBT
- Numerous robotics examples
- Toward dedicated hardware



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