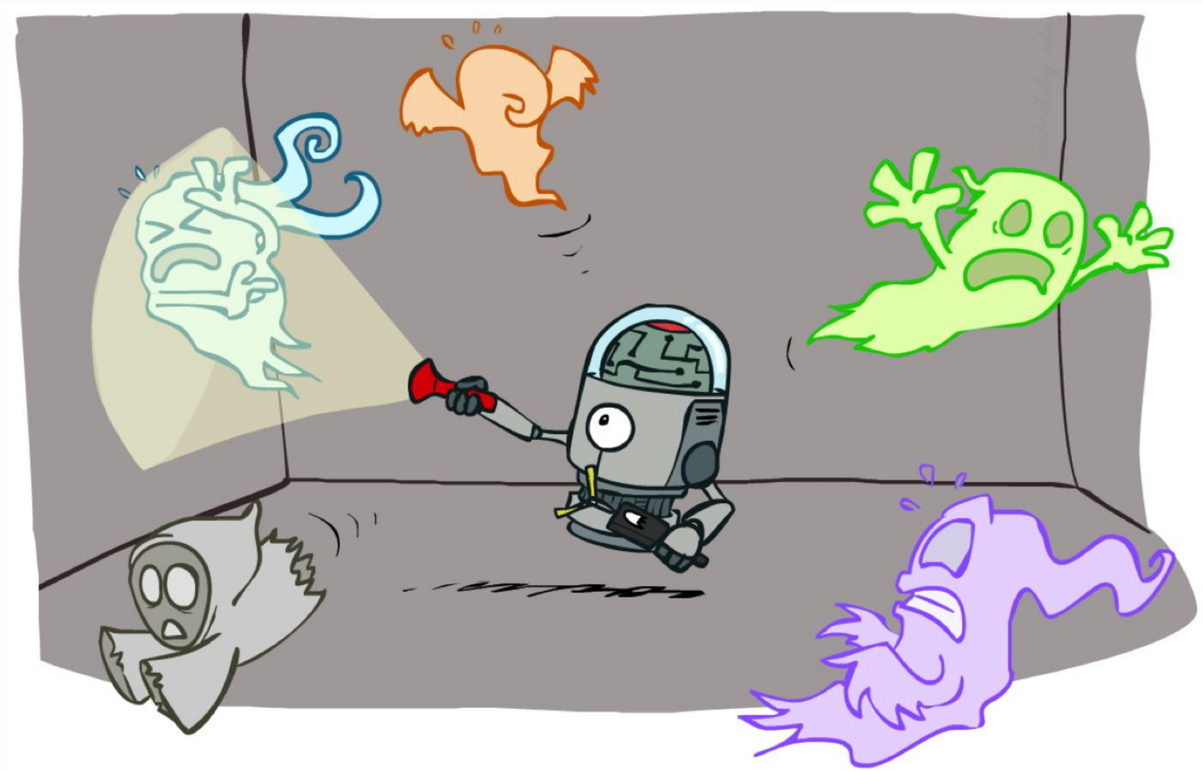
AI: Representation and Problem Solving

Particle Filtering



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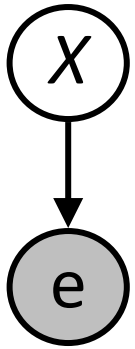
Warm-up

When sampling with likelihood weighting, what distribution do we have when we multiply fraction of counts times the weight?



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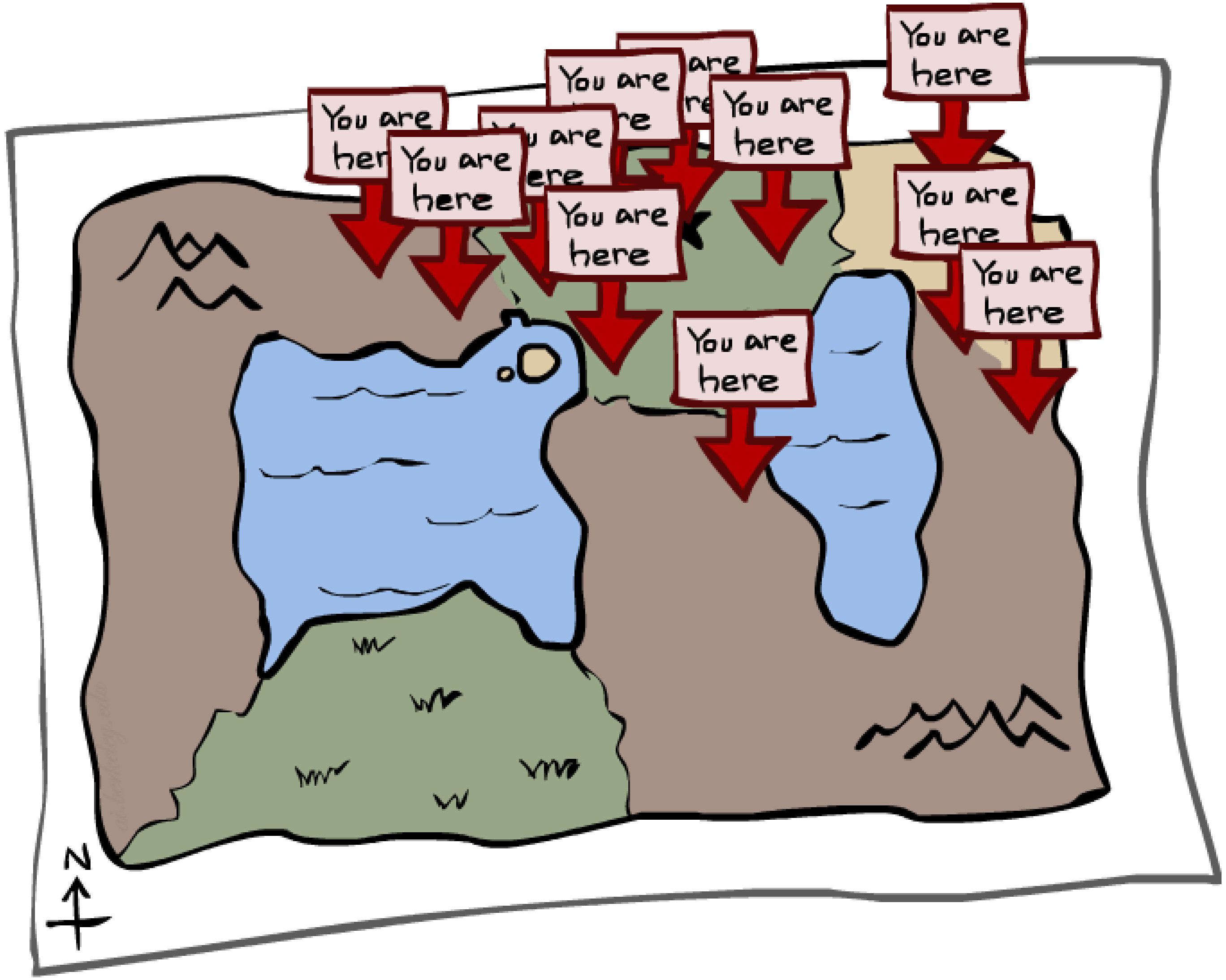

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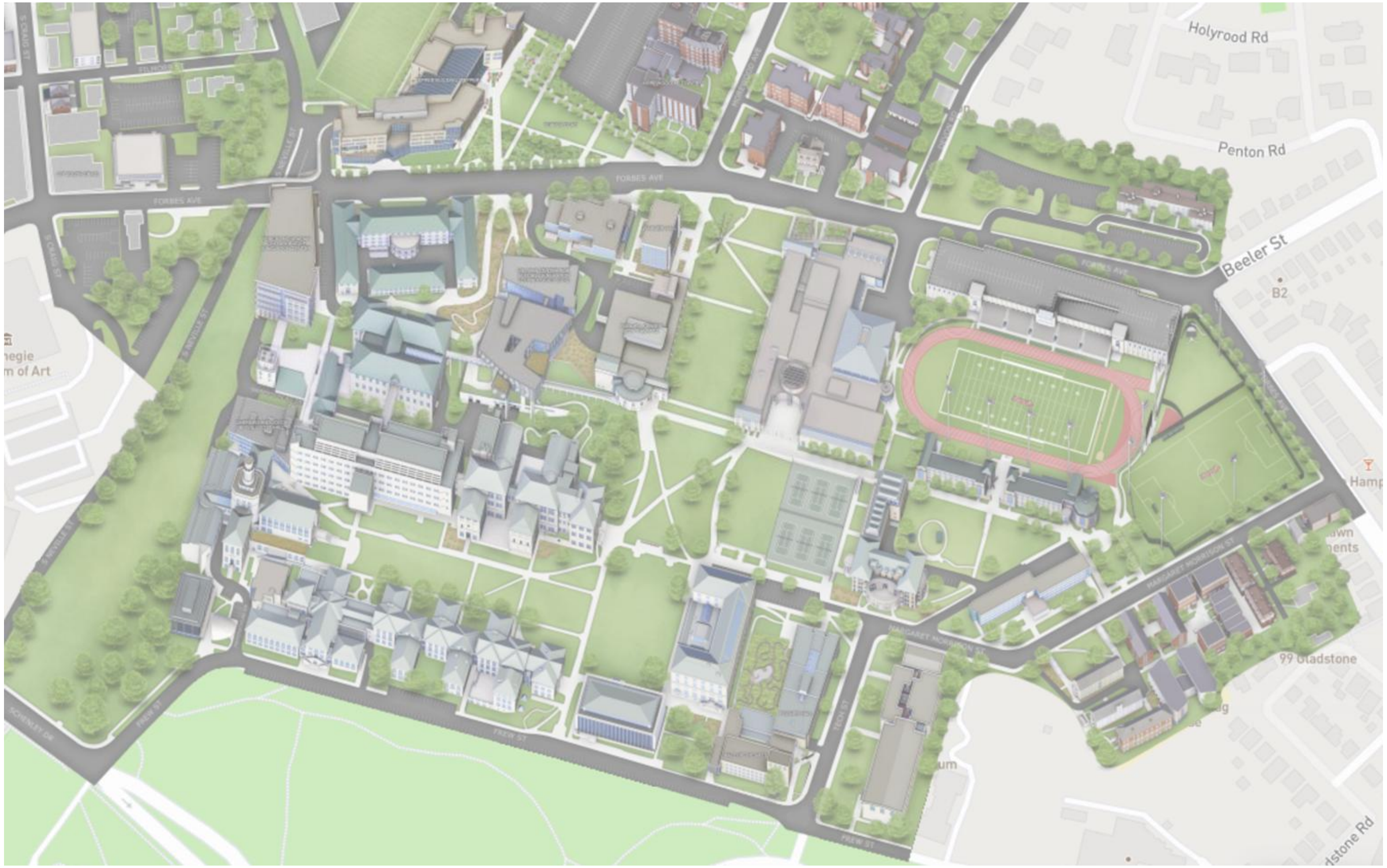
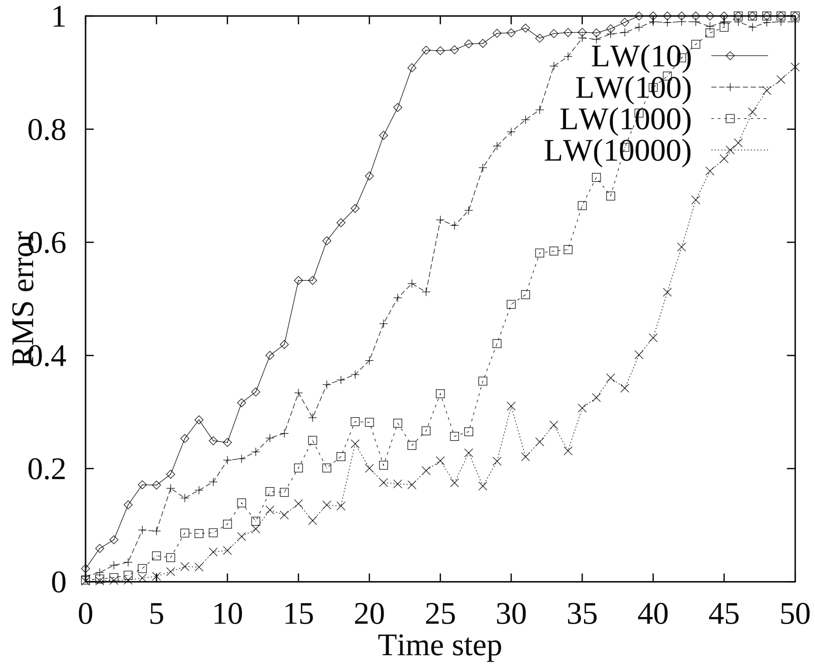
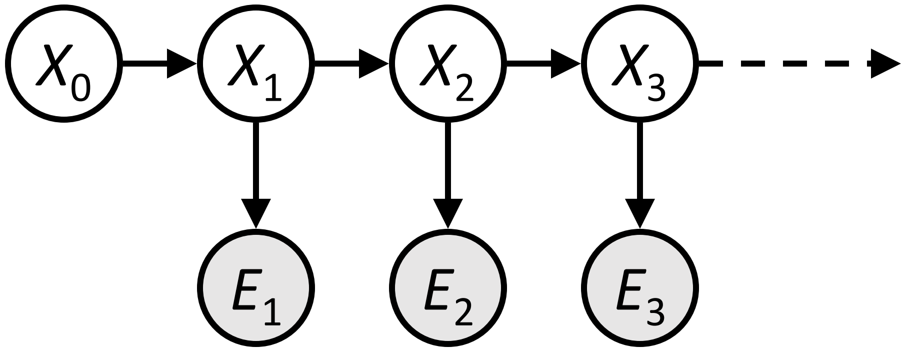


We need a new algorithm!

When $|X|$ is more than 10^6 or so (e.g., 3 ghosts in a 10x20 world), exact inference becomes infeasible

Likelihood weighting fails completely – number of samples needed grows ***exponentially*** with T





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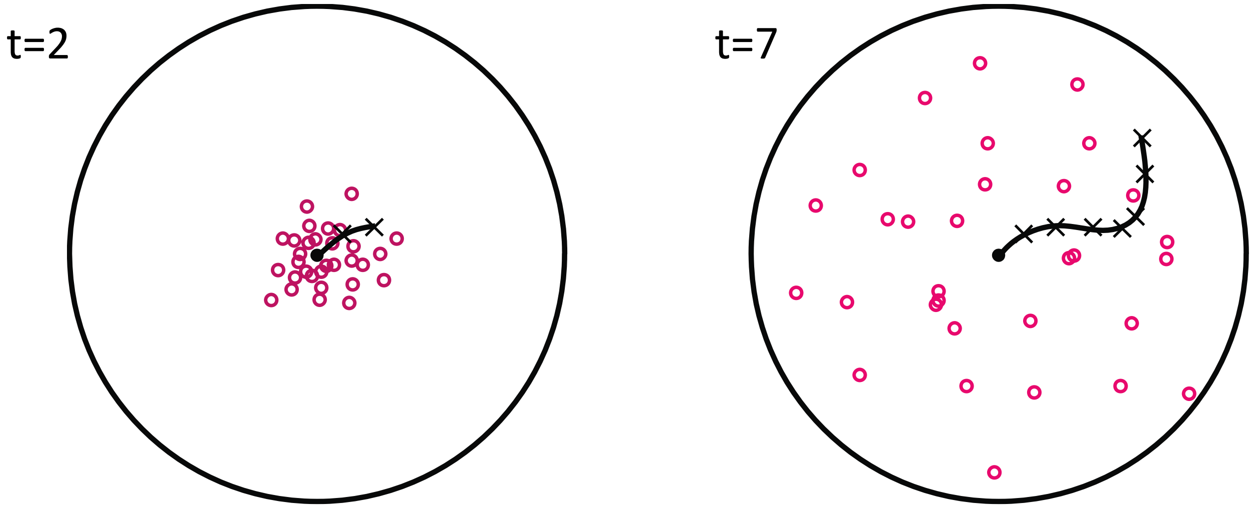


The problem: sample state trajectories go off into low-probability regions, ignoring the evidence; too few “reasonable” samples

Solution: kill the bad ones, make more of the good ones

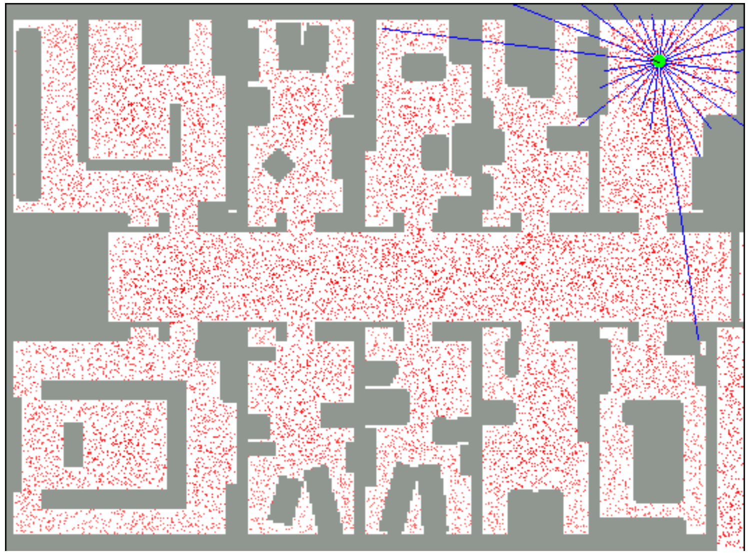
This way the population of samples stays in the high-probability region

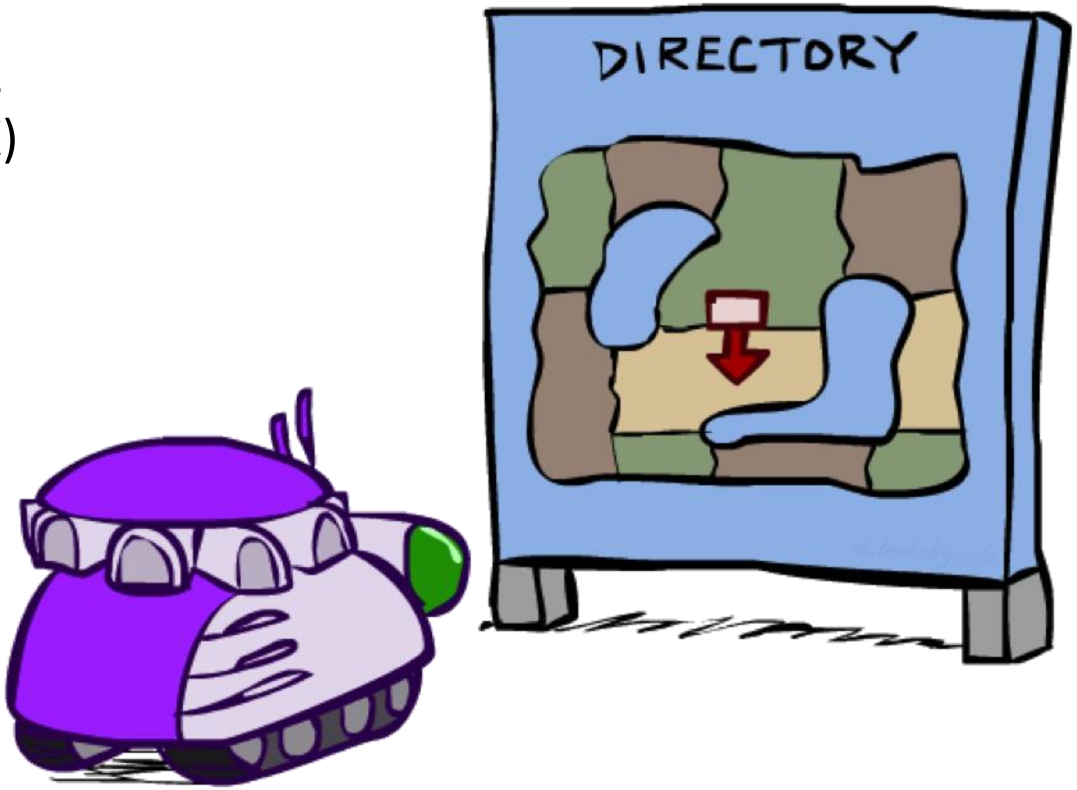
This is called resampling or survival of the fittest

Robot Localization

In robot localization:

- We know the map, but not the robot's position
- Observations may be vectors of range finder readings
- State space and readings are typically continuous (works basically like a very fine grid) and so we cannot store B(X)
- Particle filtering is a main technique





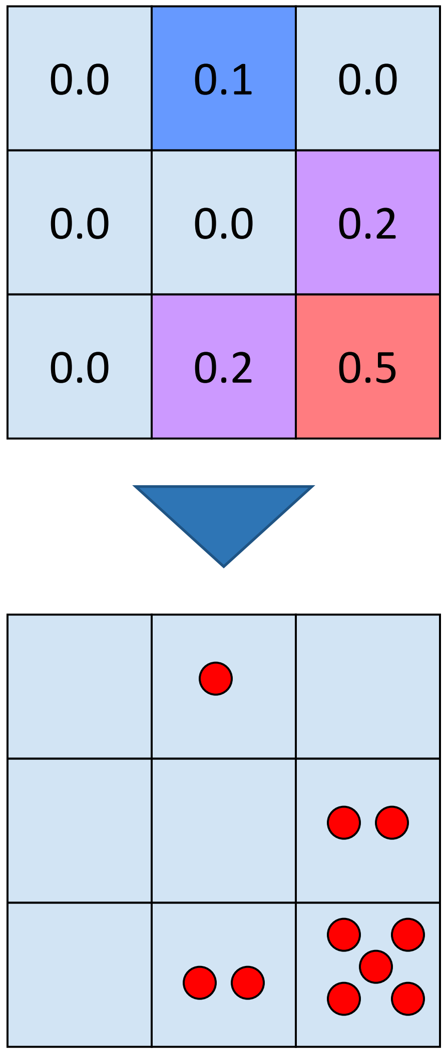
Particle Filter Localization (Sonar)

[Dieter Fox, et al.]

[Video: global-sonar-uw-annotated.avi]

Particle Filtering

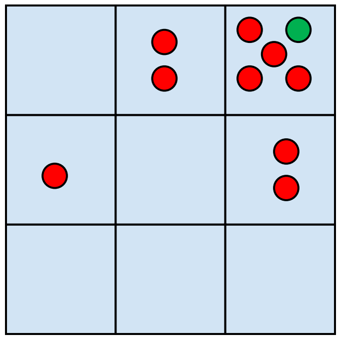
- Represent belief state by a set of samples
  - Samples are called ***particles***
  - Time per step is linear in the number of samples
  - But: number needed may be large
- This is how robot localization works in practice



Representation: Particles

Our representation of P(X) is now a list of N particles (samples)

- Generally, N << |X|
- Storing map from X to counts would defeat the point



P(x) approximated by number of particles with value x

- So, many x may have P(x) = 0!
- More particles, more accuracy
- Usually we want a low-dimensional marginal
  - E.g., “Where is ghost 1?” rather than “Are ghosts 1,2,3 in {2,6], [5,6], and [8,11]?”

For now, all particles have a weight of 1

Particles:
(3,3)
(2,3)
(3,3)
(3,2)
(3,3)
(3,2)
(1,2)
(3,3)
(3,3)
(2,3)

Particle Filtering: Propagate forward

- A particle in state x_t is moved by sampling its next position directly from the transition model:
  - $x_{t+1} \sim P(X_{t+1} \mid x_t)$
  - Here, most samples move clockwise, but some move in another direction or stay in place

- This captures the passage of time
  - If enough samples, close to exact values before and after (consistent)

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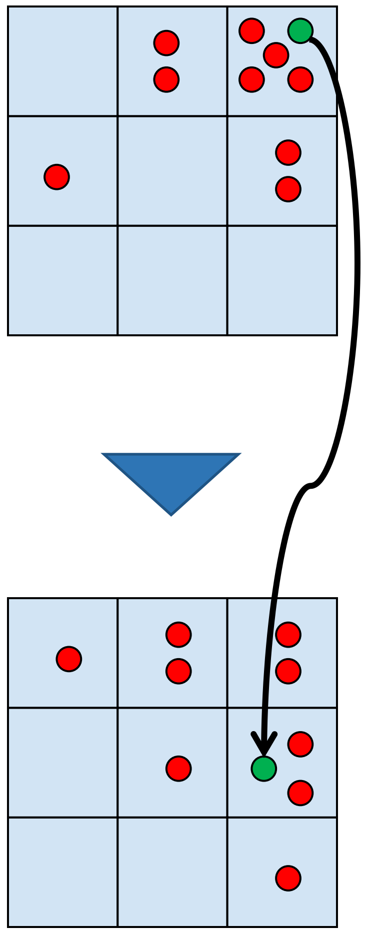

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Particle Filtering: Observe

- Slightly trickier:
  - Don’t sample observation, fix it
  - Similar to likelihood weighting, weight samples based on the evidence
    - $W = P(e_t | x_t)$
  - Normalize the weights: particles that fit the data better get higher weights, others get lower weights

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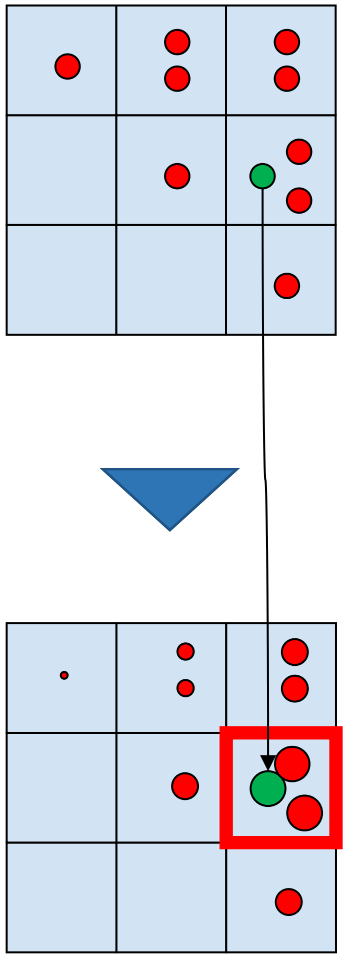

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(1,3) w=.1
(2,3) w=.2
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Particle Filtering: Resample

Rather than tracking weighted samples, we ***resample***

We have an updated belief distribution based on the weighted particles

We sample N new particles from the weighted belief distributions

Now the update is complete for this time step, continue with the next one

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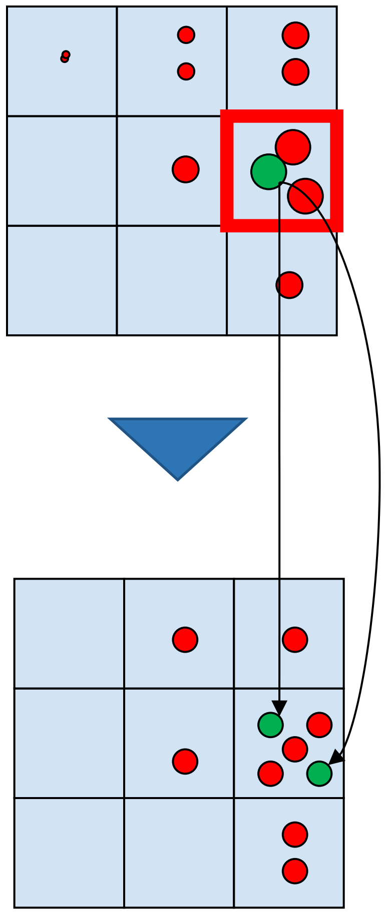

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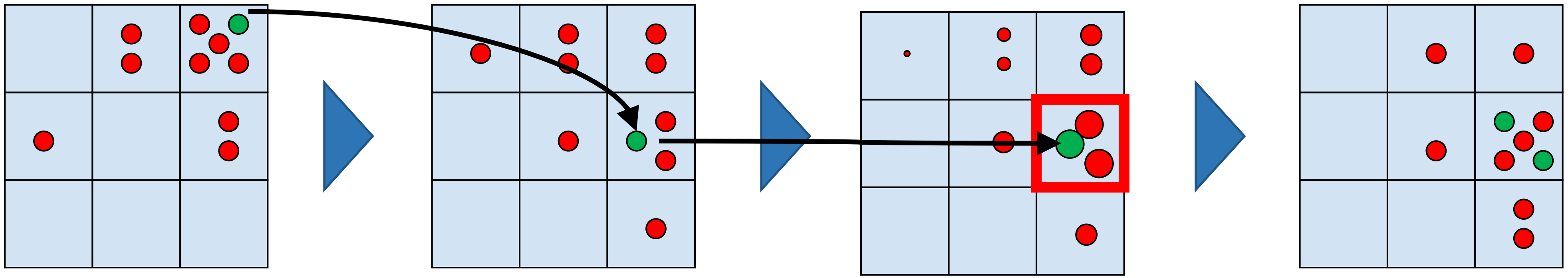
Particles: track samples of states rather than an explicit distribution

Propagate forward Weight Resample



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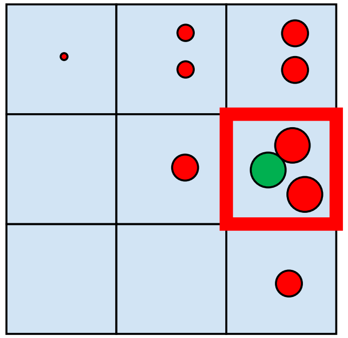
Consistency: see proof in AIMA Ch. 14

[Demos: ghostbusters particle filtering (L15D3,4,5)]

Weighting and Resampling

How to compute a belief distribution given weighted particles

Weight



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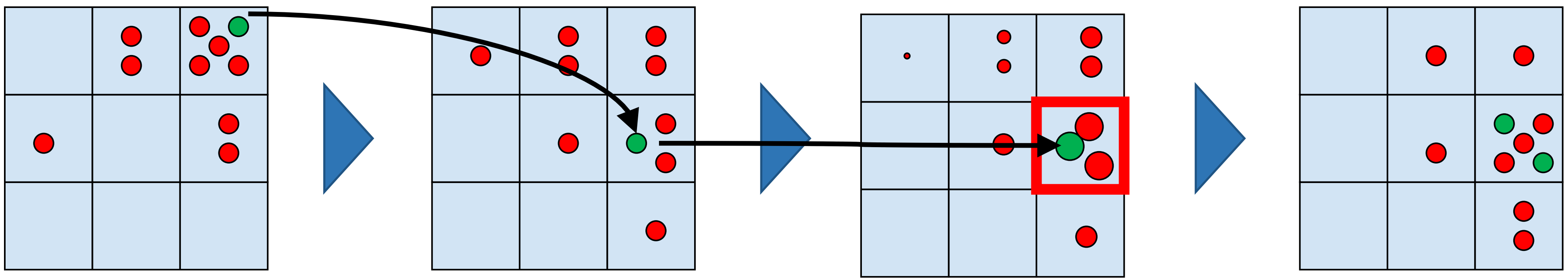
Propagate forward — Weight — Resample



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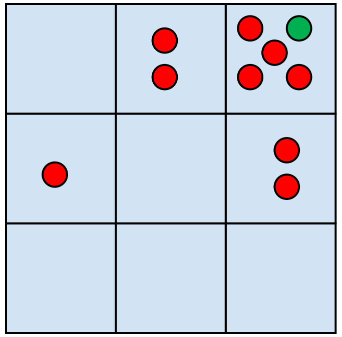

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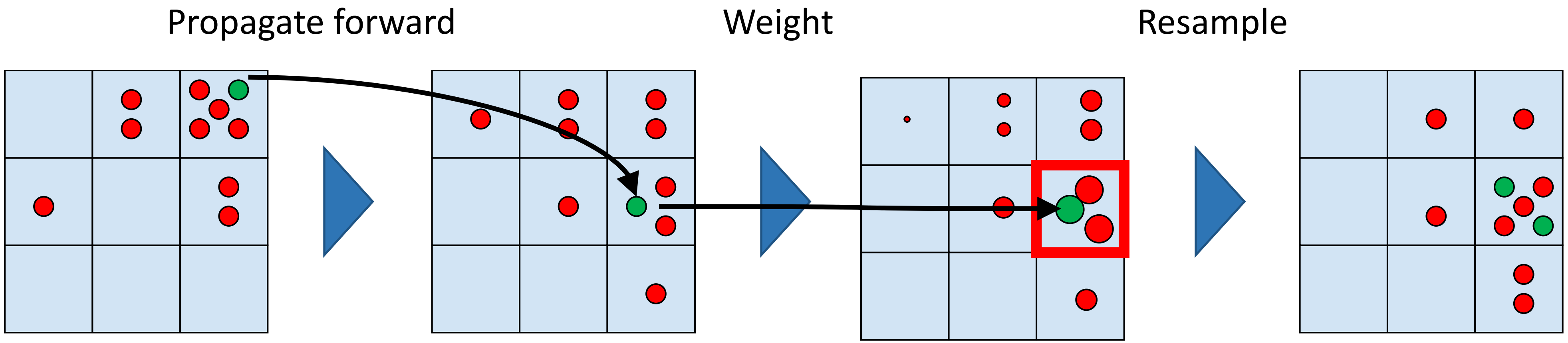

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Unless the weight is zero, in which case, you'll want to resample from the beginning ☹

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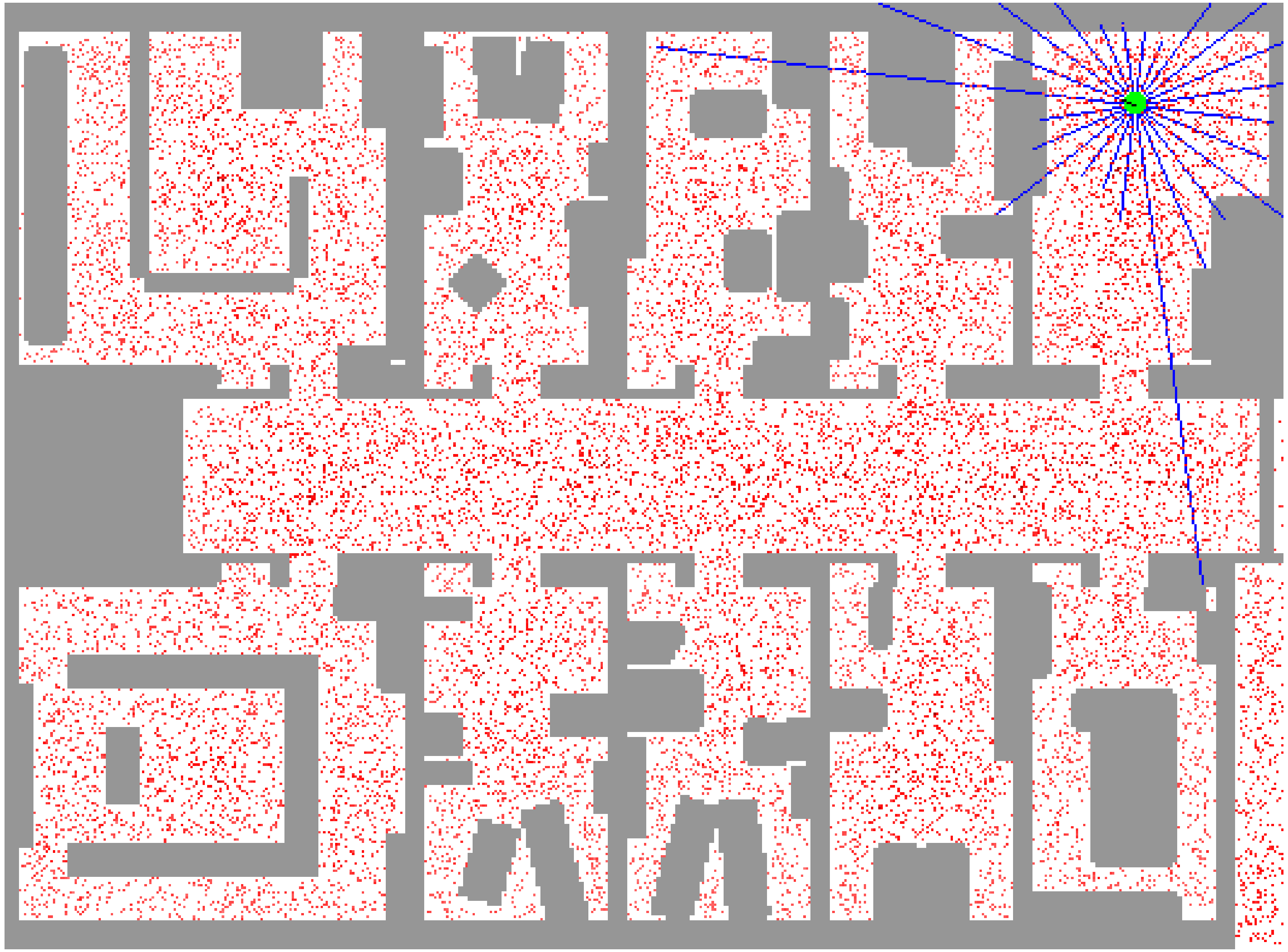
Particle Filter Localization (Laser)



[Dieter Fox, et al.]

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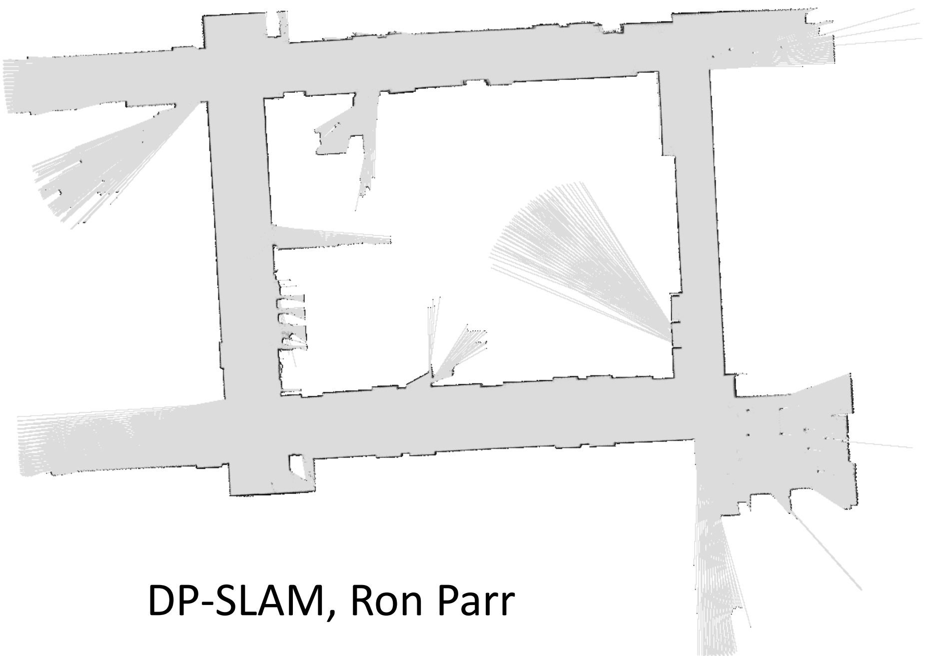
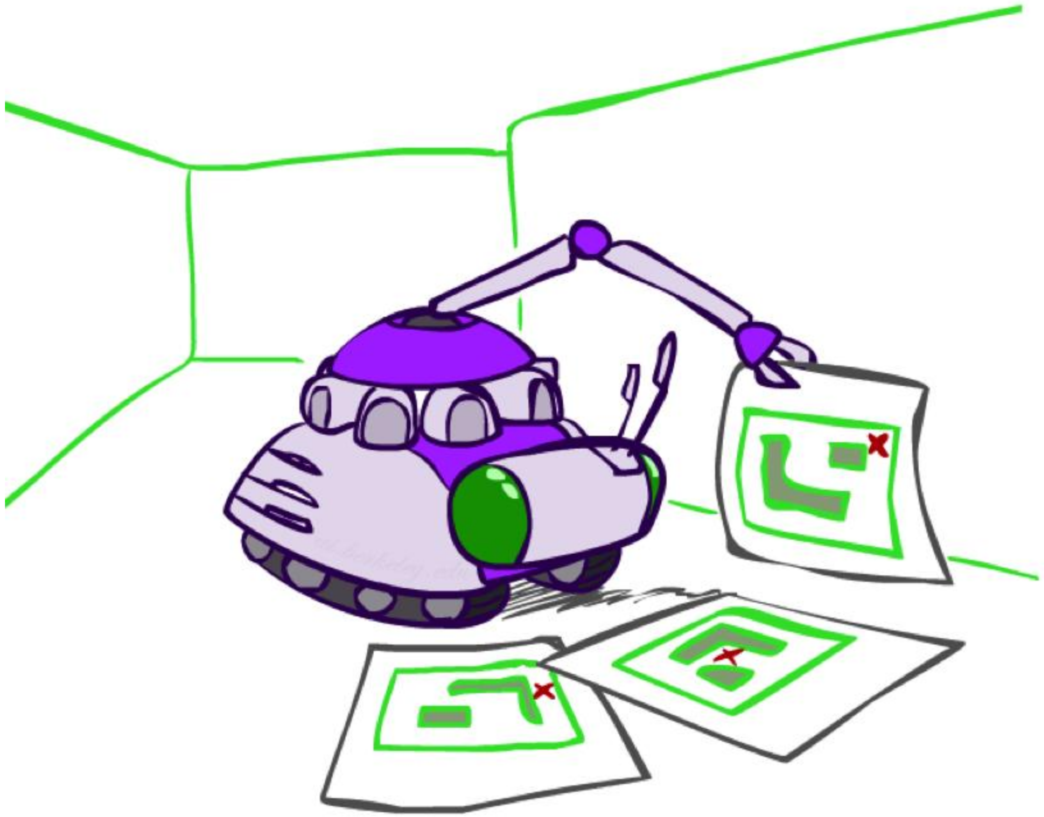
Robot Mapping

SLAM: Simultaneous Localization And Mapping

- We do not know the map or our location
- State consists of position AND map!
- Main techniques: Kalman filtering (Gaussian HMMs) and particle methods



DP-SLAM, Ron Parr



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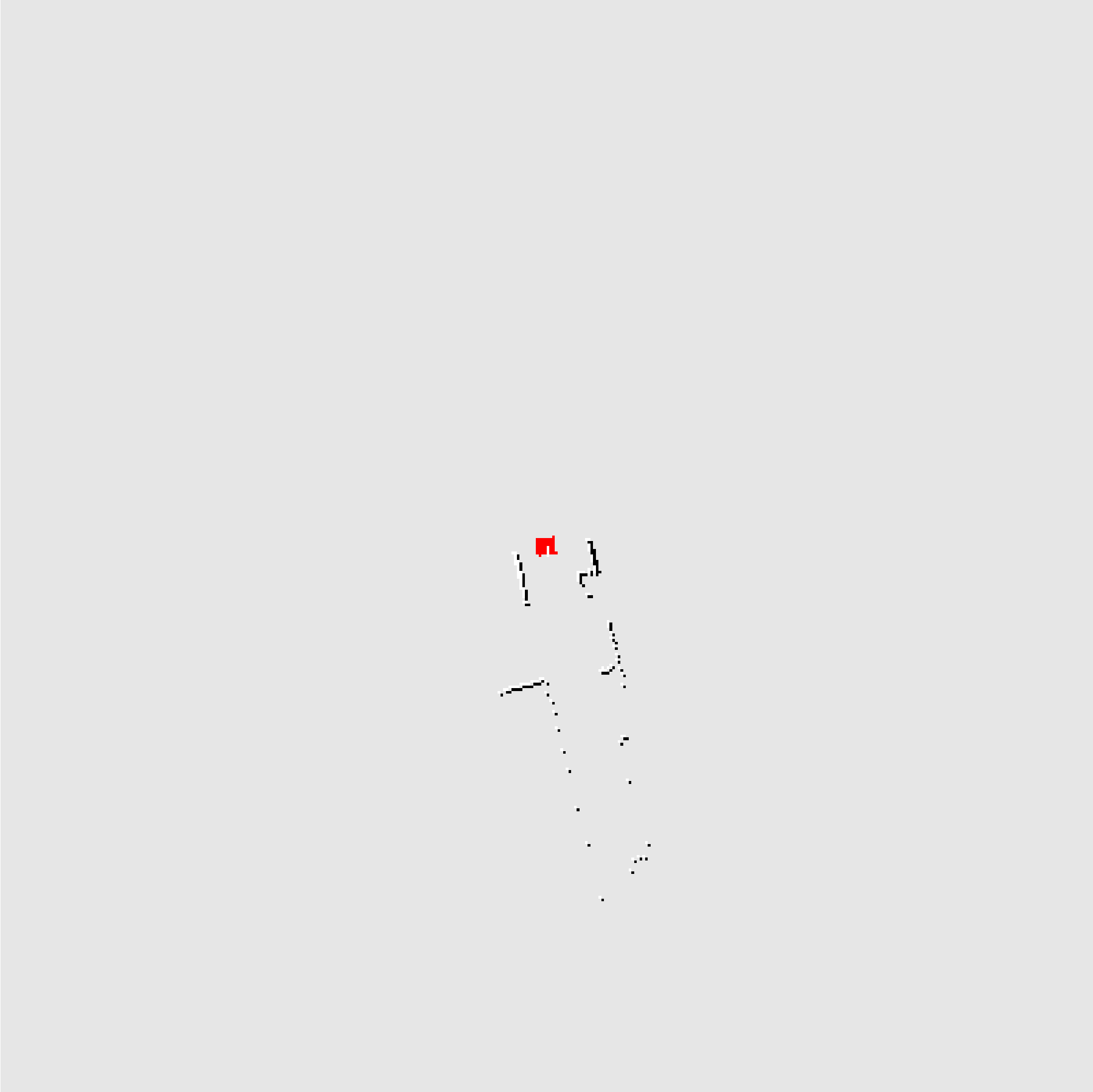
Particle Filter SLAM – Video 1



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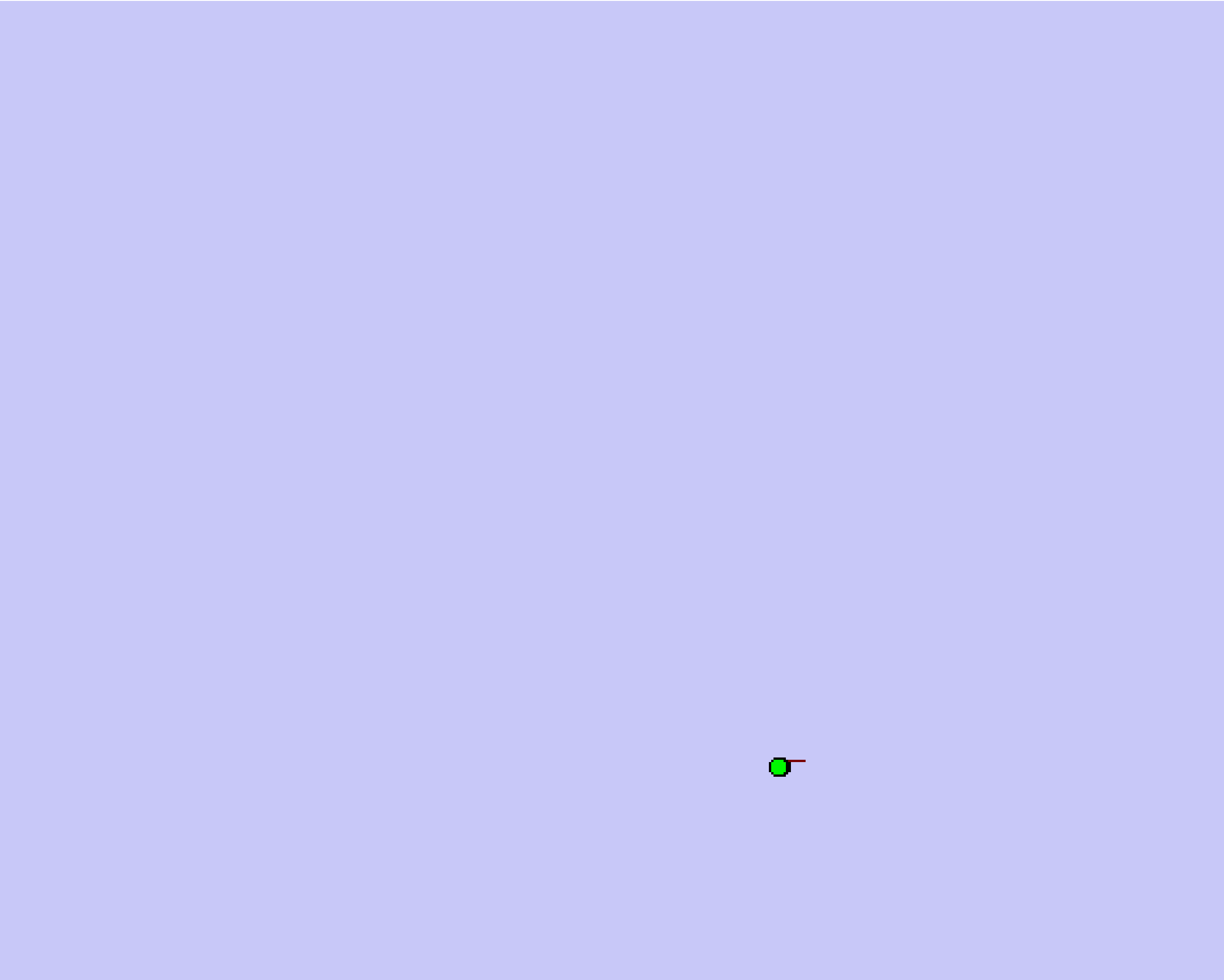

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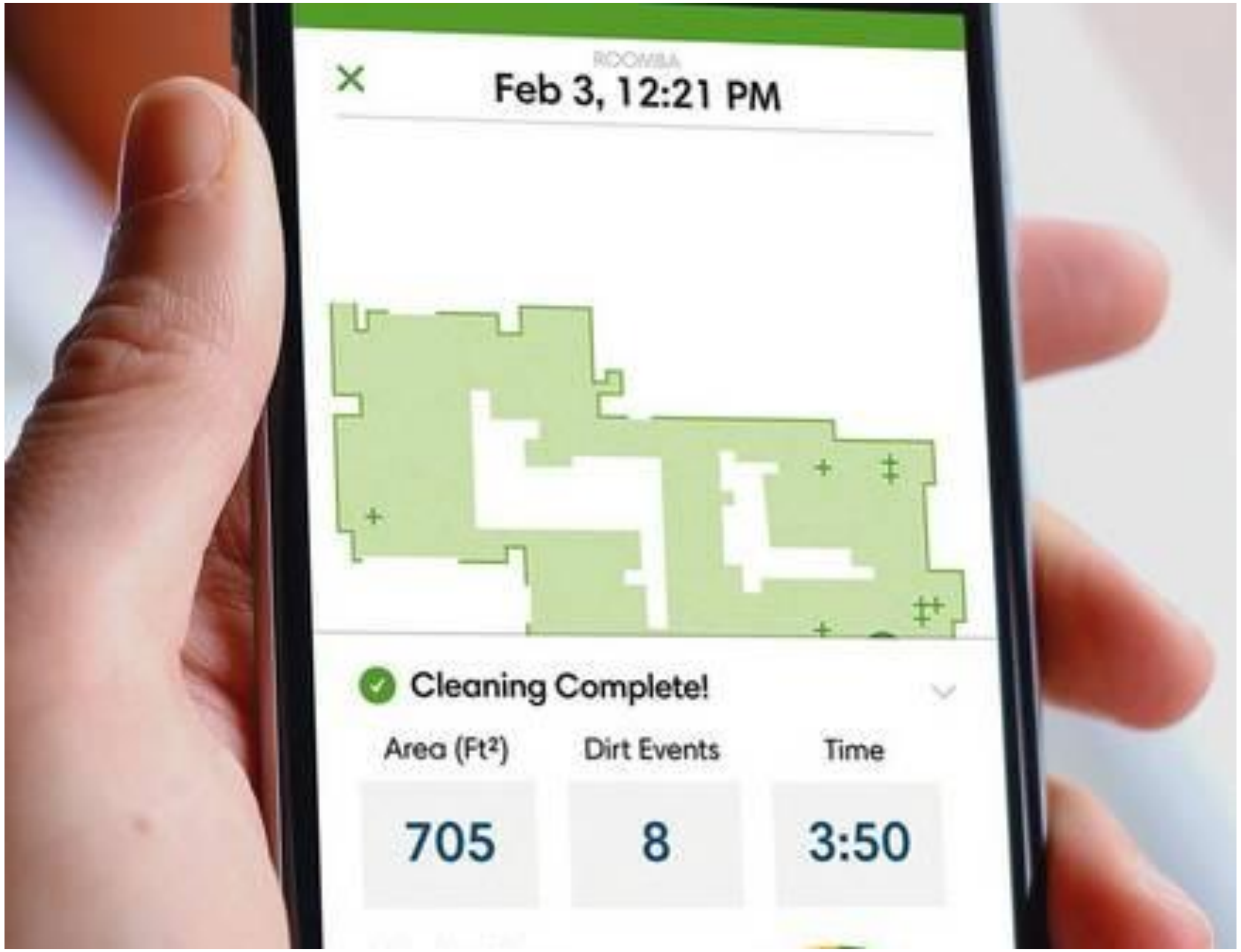

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