



Topics in Brain Computer Interfaces

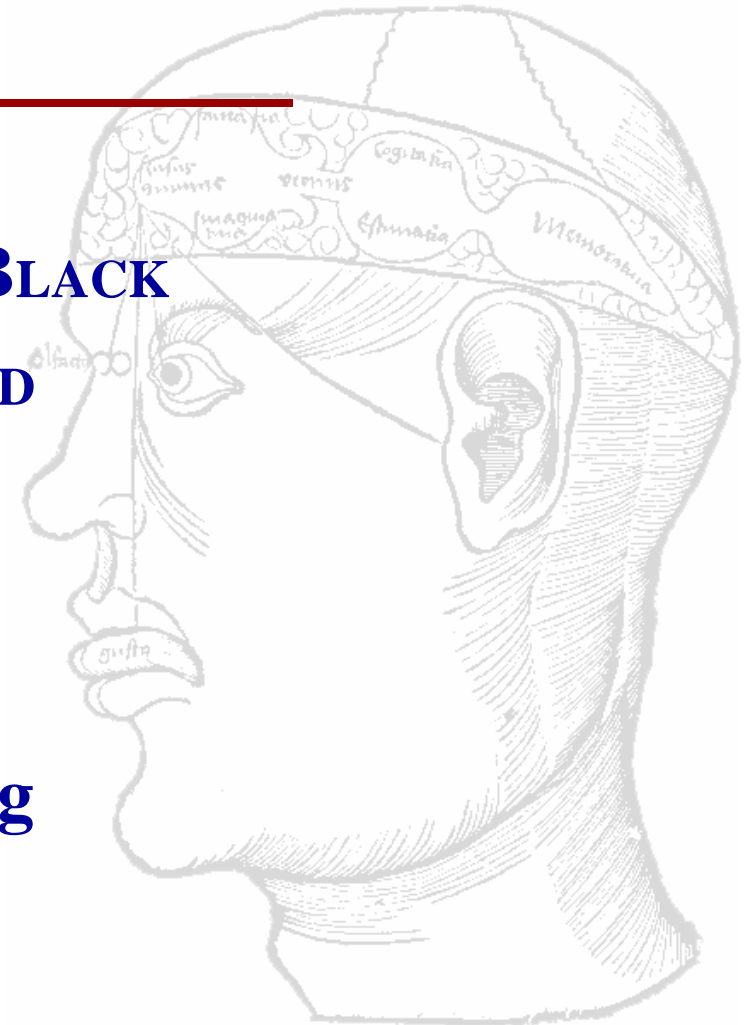
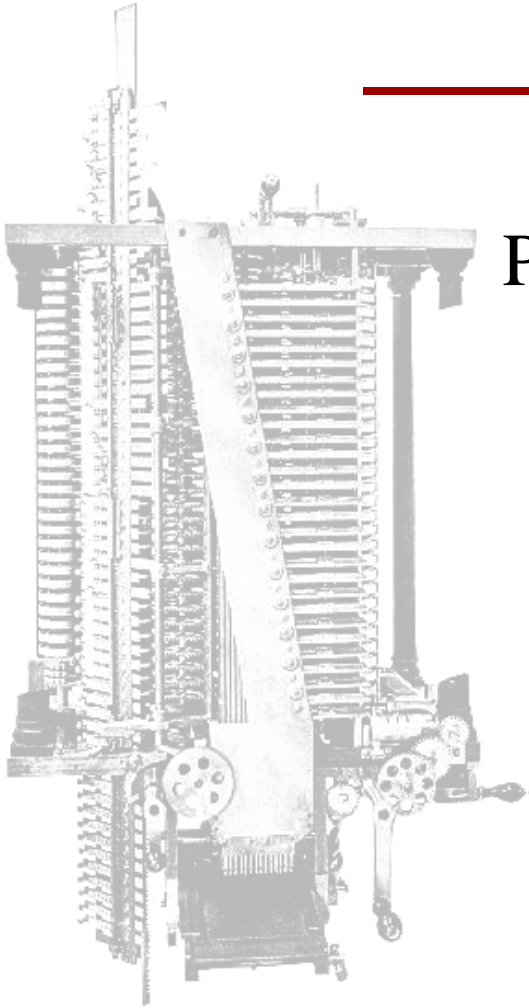
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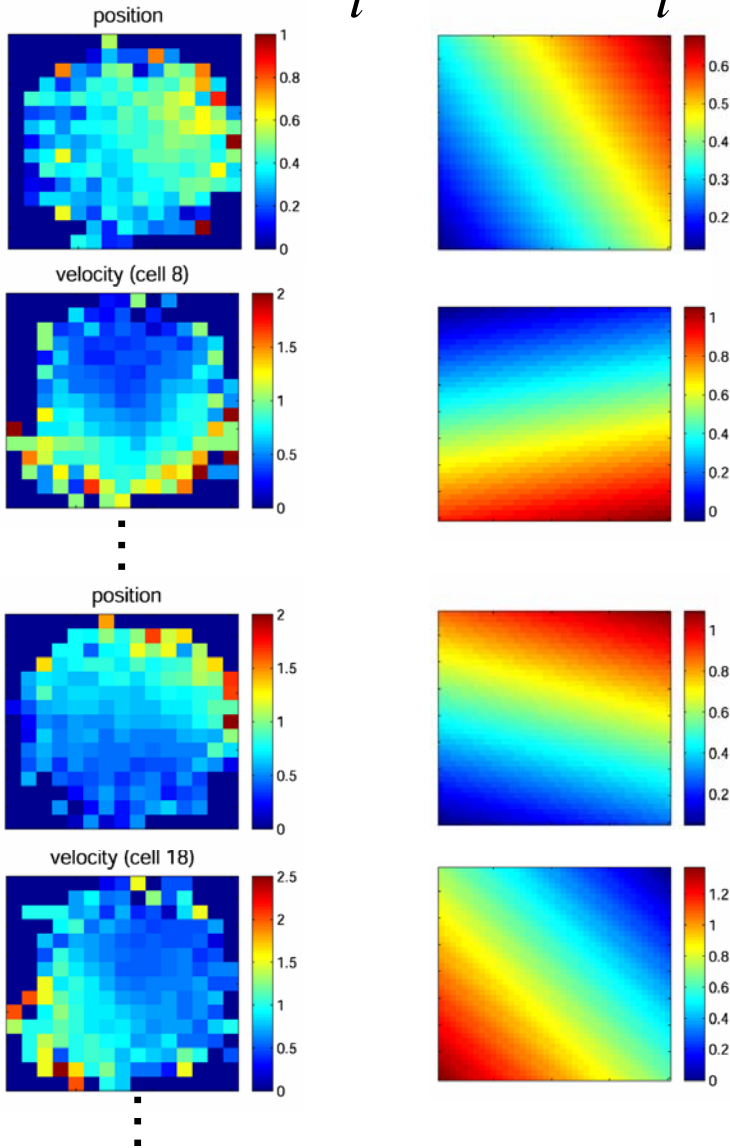
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Kalman Filtering





$$\vec{z}_t = H \vec{x}_t + \text{noise}$$



Approximation:
Linear Gaussian
(generative) model

observation model

$$\vec{z}_{t-j} \sim \mathcal{N}(H \vec{x}_t, Q_t)$$

Full covariance Q matrix
models correlations between
cells.

H models how firing rates
relate to full kinematic
model (position, velocity, and
acceleration).



Bayesian Inference

Posterior

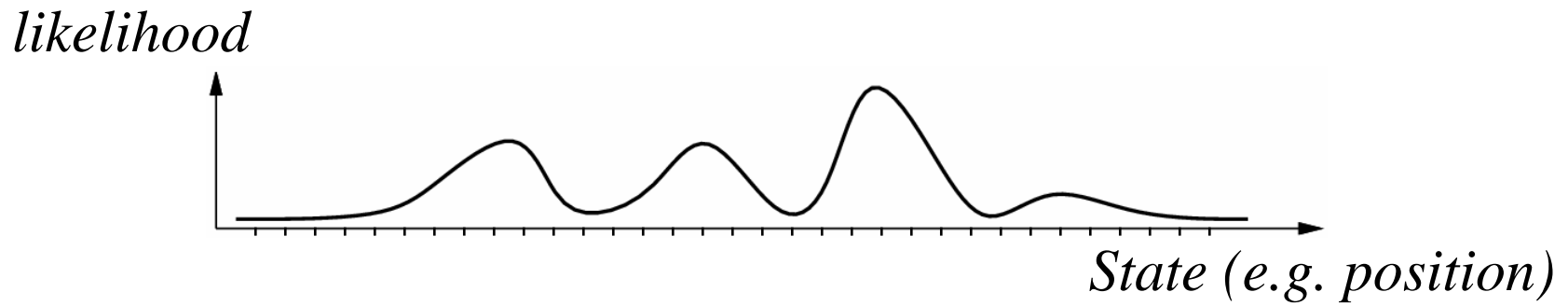
$$p(\text{kinematics} | \text{firing}) = \frac{\overset{\text{Likelihood (evidence)}}{p(\text{firing} | \text{kinematics})} \overset{\text{Prior (a priori - before the evidence)}}{p(\text{kinematics})}}{\underset{\text{normalization constant (independent of mouth)}}{p(\text{firing})}}$$

a posteriori probability (after the evidence)

We *infer* hand kinematics from uncertain evidence and our prior knowledge of how hands move.



Multi-Modal Likelihood

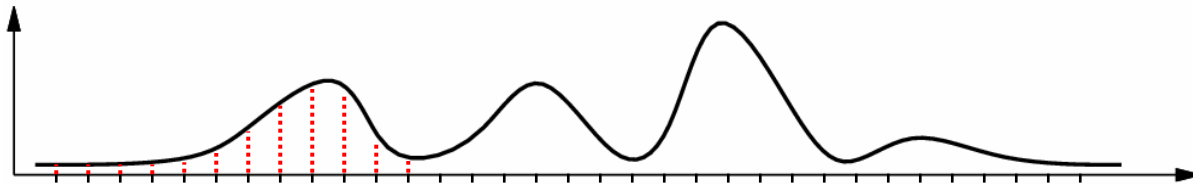


How can we represent this?



Non-Parametric Approximation

- We could sample at regular intervals



Problems?

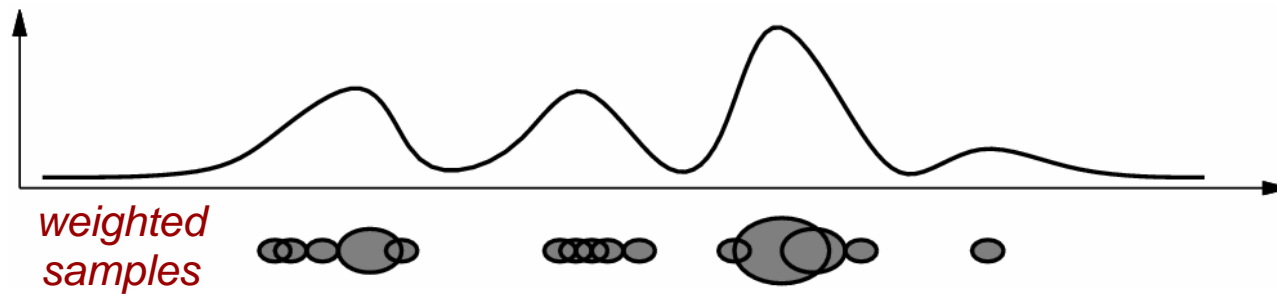
most samples have low probability – wasted computation

How finely to discretize

High dimensional space – discretization impractical



Factored Sampling



Weighted samples $S = \{(\mathbf{x}^{(i)}, w^{(i)}); i = 1 \dots N\}$

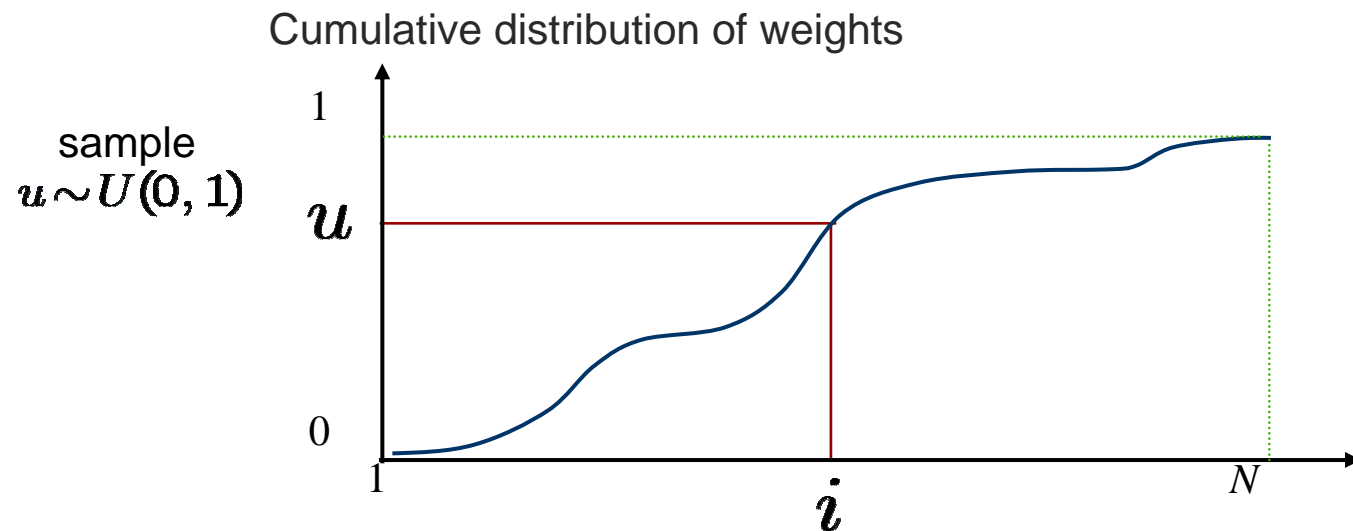
Normalized likelihood:

$$w_t^{(n)} = \frac{p(\mathbf{z}_t | \mathbf{x}_t^{(n)})}{\sum_{i=1}^N p(\mathbf{z}_t | \mathbf{x}_t^{(i)})}$$



Monte-Carlo Sampling

Given a weighted sample set $S = \{(\mathbf{x}^{(i)}, w^{(i)}); i = 1 \dots N\}$





Bayesian Tracking

Posterior over model parameters given an image sequence.

$$p(\mathbf{x}_t | \mathbf{Z}_t) = \kappa p(\mathbf{z}_t | \mathbf{x}_t) \int (p(\mathbf{x}_t | \mathbf{x}_{t-1}) p(\mathbf{x}_{t-1} | \mathbf{Z}_{t-1})) d\mathbf{x}_{t-1}$$

Temporal model (prior)

Likelihood of observing the firing rates given the hand kinematics.

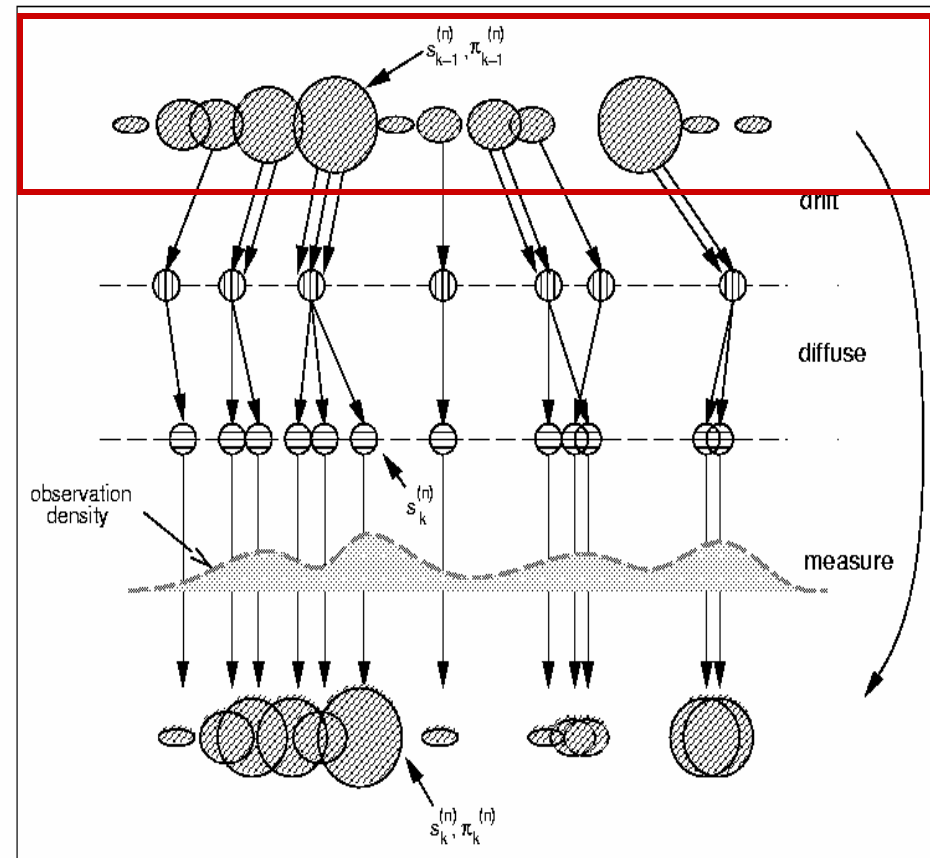
Posterior from previous time instant

Monte Carlo integration



Particle Filter

Posterior $p(\mathbf{x}_{t-1} | \mathbf{Z}_{t-1})$



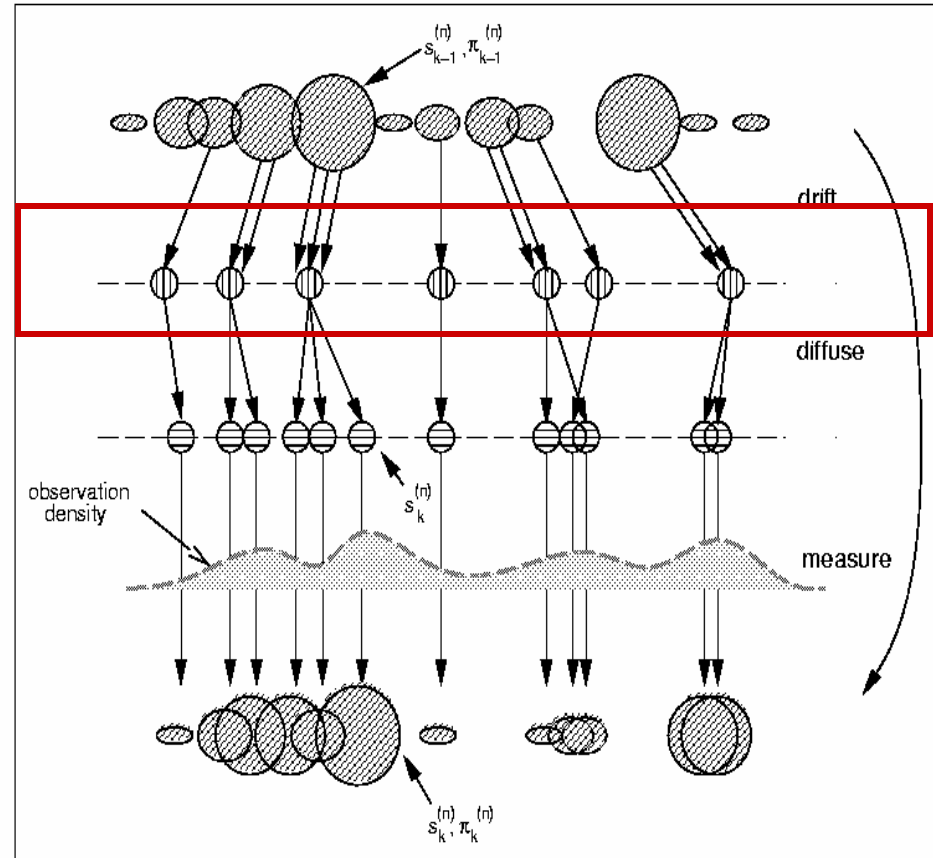
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Particle Filter

Posterior $p(\mathbf{x}_{t-1} | \mathbf{Z}_{t-1})$

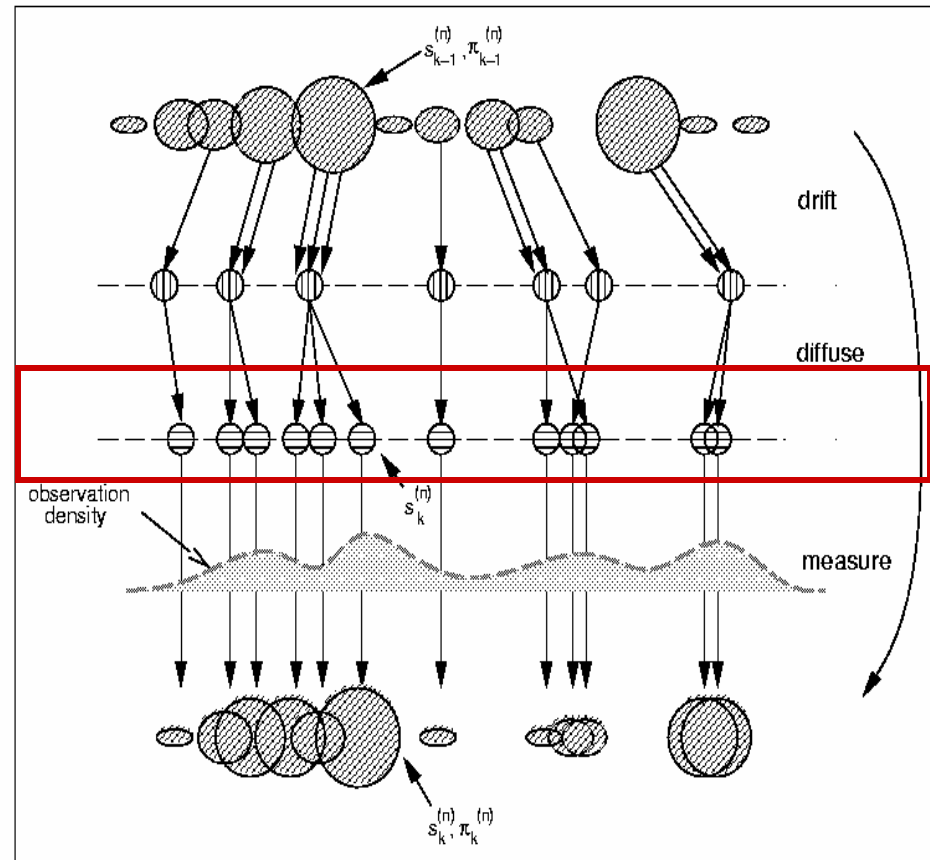
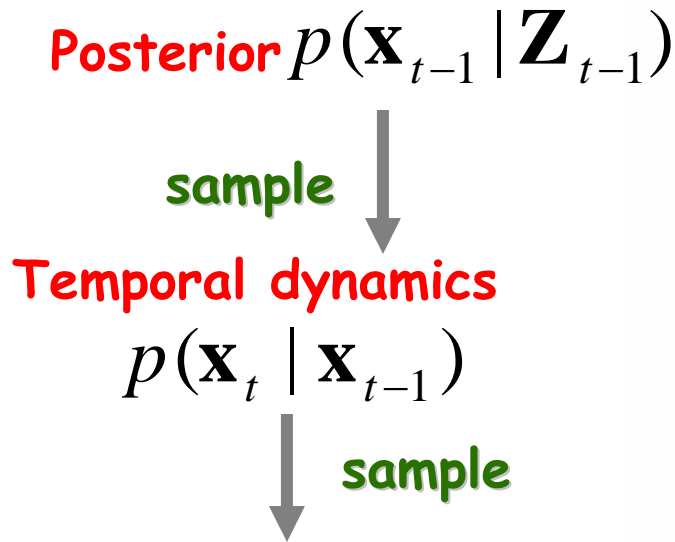
sample



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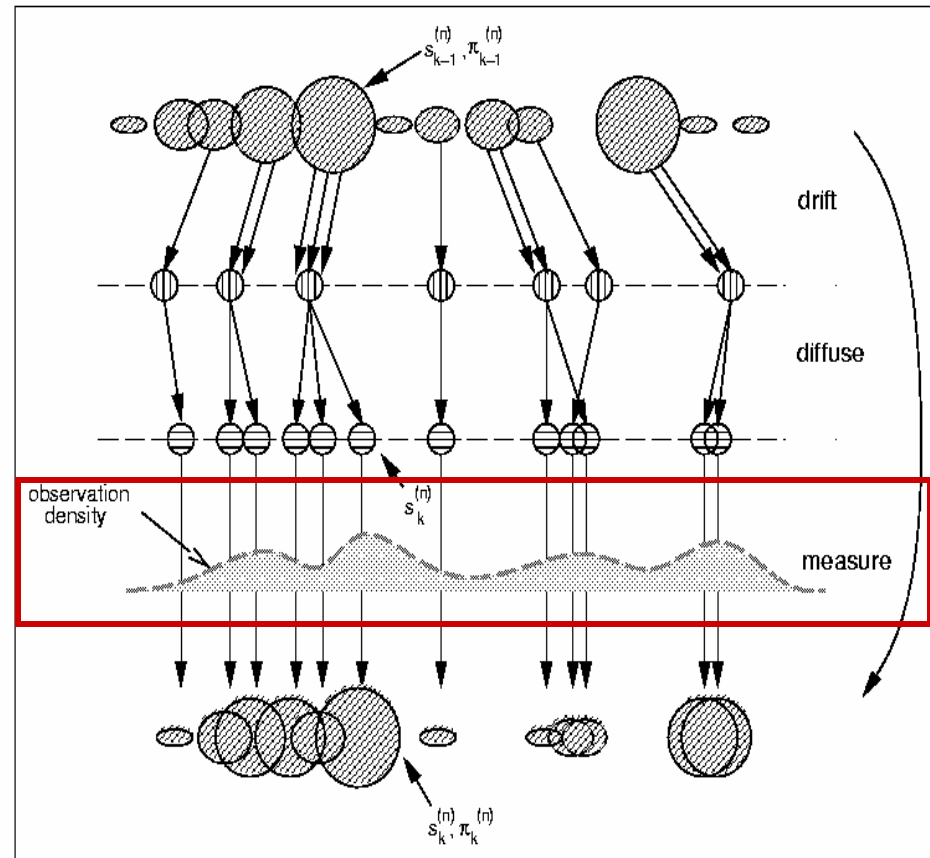
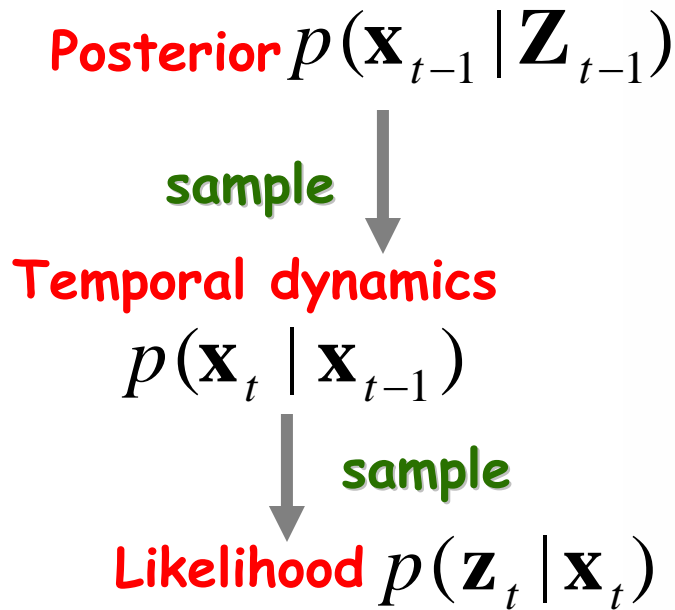
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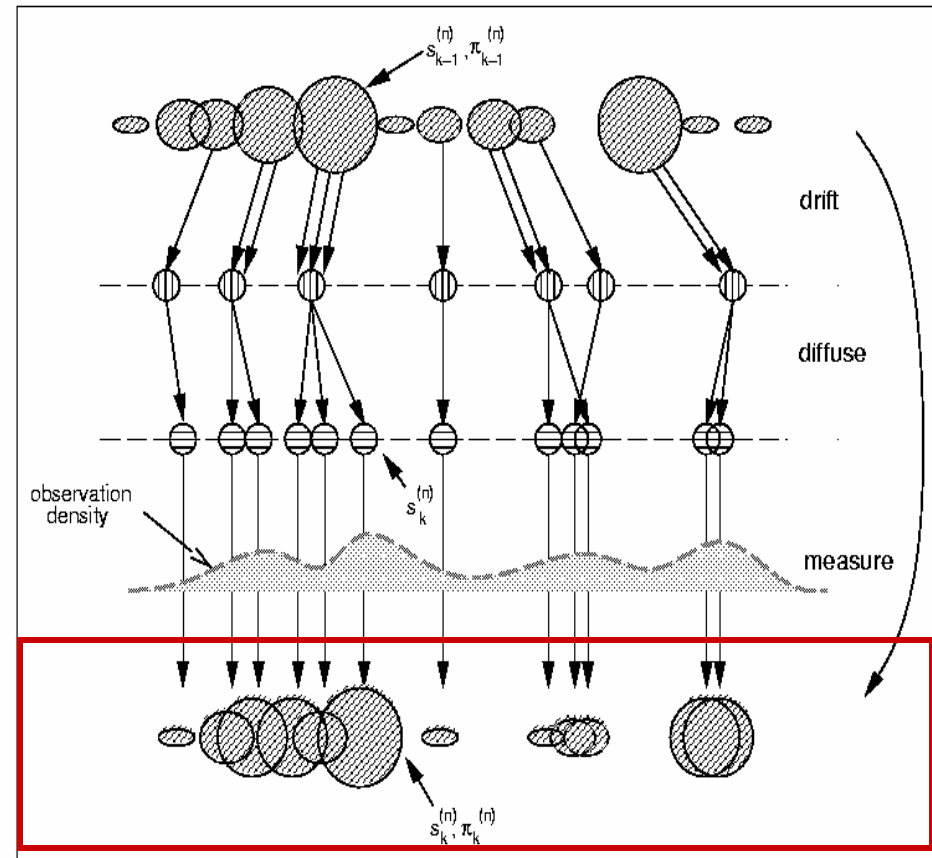
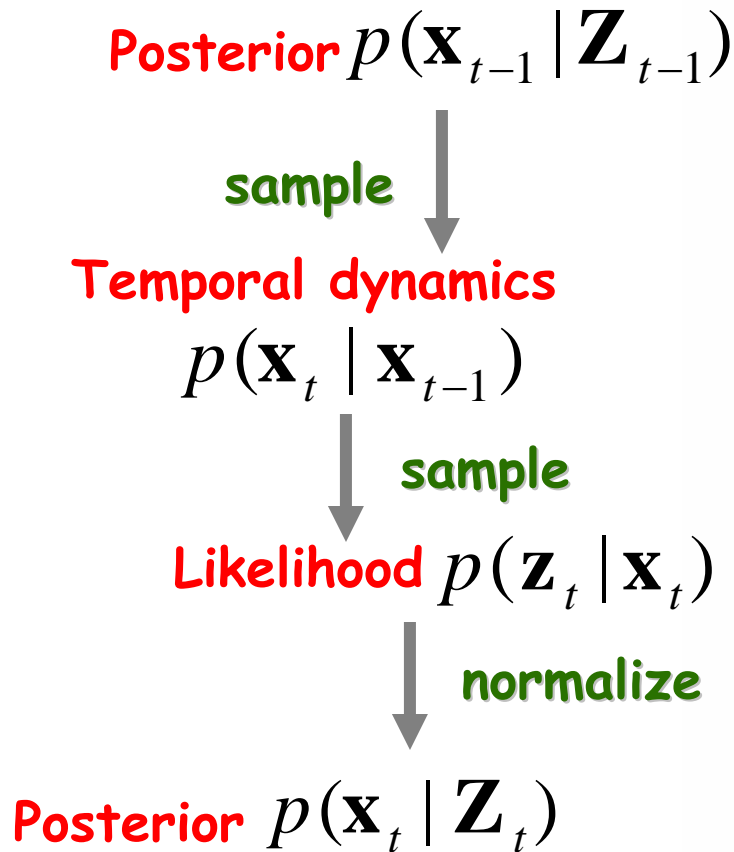
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Pseudocode

condense1step

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% generate cumulative distribution for posterior at t-1
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% generate a vector of uniform random numbers.
% if a the number is greater than refreshRate then
    % generate a vector of uniform random numbers
    % use these to search the cumulative probability
    % find the indices of the corresponding particles
    % for each of these particles, predict the new state (eg. Add Gaussian
    noise!)
    % for each of these new states compute the log likelihood
% else generate a particle at random and compute its log likelihood.
% find the maximum log likelihood and subtract it from all the other
log likelihoods
% construct the posterior at time t by exponentiating all the log
likelihoods and normalizing so they sum to 1.
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Linear Gaussian Likelihood

Generative model for the observation:

$$\mathbf{z}_k = \mathbf{H}_k \mathbf{x}_k + \mathbf{q}_k$$

$$\mathbf{H}_k \in \mathbf{R}^{c \times d}, \quad \mathbf{Q}_k \in \mathbf{R}^{c \times c}, \quad \mathbf{q}_k \sim N(0, \mathbf{Q}_k), \quad k = 1, 2, \dots, M.$$



Explicit Form

The likelihood model is equivalent to that

$$\mathbf{z}_k \sim N(\mathbf{H}_k \mathbf{x}_k, \mathbf{Q}_k)$$

The conditional probability has explicit form:

$$p(\mathbf{z}_k | \mathbf{x}_k) = \frac{1}{((2\pi)^c \det(\mathbf{Q}_k))^{1/2}} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2} (\mathbf{z}_k - \mathbf{H}_k \mathbf{x}_k)^T \mathbf{Q}_k^{-1} (\mathbf{z}_k - \mathbf{H}_k \mathbf{x}_k)\right)$$



Linear Gaussian Temporal Prior

Temporal prior of the state:

$$\mathbf{x}_k = \mathbf{A}_k \mathbf{x}_{k-1} + \mathbf{w}_k$$

$$\mathbf{A}_k \in \mathbf{R}^{d \times d}, \quad \mathbf{w}_k \sim N(0, \mathbf{W}_k), \quad \mathbf{W}_k \in \mathbf{R}^{d \times d}, \quad k = 2, 3, \dots, M.$$



Explicit Form

The prior model is equivalent to that

$$\mathbf{x}_{k+1} \sim N(\mathbf{A}_k \mathbf{x}_k, \mathbf{W}_k)$$

The conditional probability has explicit form:

$$p(\mathbf{x}_{k+1} | \mathbf{x}_k) = \frac{1}{((2\pi)^d \det(\mathbf{W}_k))^{1/2}} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2} (\mathbf{x}_{k+1} - \mathbf{A}_k \mathbf{x}_k)^T \mathbf{W}_k^{-1} (\mathbf{x}_{k+1} - \mathbf{A}_k \mathbf{x}_k)\right)$$



Kalman Filter Model

Definition:

System Equation:

$$\mathbf{x}_k = \mathbf{A}_k \mathbf{x}_{k-1} + \mathbf{w}_k,$$

$$\mathbf{w}_k \in N(0, \mathbf{W}_k) \\ k=2,3,\dots$$

Measurement Equation:

$$\mathbf{z}_k = \mathbf{H}_k \mathbf{x}_k + \mathbf{q}_k,$$

$$\mathbf{q}_k \in N(0, \mathbf{Q}_k) \\ k=1,2,\dots$$

Assumption:

All random variables have Gaussian distributions
and they are linearly related



Linear Gaussian Model

$$p(\mathbf{x}_t | \mathbf{Z}_t) = \kappa p(\mathbf{z}_t | \mathbf{x}_t) \int (p(\mathbf{x}_t | \mathbf{x}_{t-1}) p(\mathbf{x}_{t-1} | \mathbf{Z}_{t-1})) d\mathbf{x}_{t-1}$$

Some basic facts about Gaussians:

Marginal of a Gaussian is Gaussian

Gaussian times a Gaussian is Gaussian

$$p_1(\mathbf{x}) = N(\mu_1, \Sigma_1), \quad p_2(\mathbf{x}) = N(\mu_2, \Sigma_2)$$

$$p_1(\mathbf{x}) p_2(\mathbf{x}) = z N(\mu_3, \Sigma_3)$$

$$\mu_3 = \Sigma_3 (\Sigma_1^{-1} \mu_1 + \Sigma_2^{-1} \mu_2)$$

$$\Sigma_3 = (\Sigma_1^{-1} + \Sigma_2^{-1})^{-1}$$



Linear Gaussian Model

$$p(\mathbf{x}_t | \mathbf{Z}_t) = \kappa p(\mathbf{z}_t | \mathbf{x}_t) \int (p(\mathbf{x}_t | \mathbf{x}_{t-1}) p(\mathbf{x}_{t-1} | \mathbf{Z}_{t-1})) d\mathbf{x}_{t-1}$$

A linear transformation of a Gaussian distributed random variable is also Gaussian:

$$\mathbf{x} \sim N(\bar{\mathbf{x}}, \mathbf{Q})$$

$$\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{b}$$

$$\mathbf{y} \sim N(\mathbf{A}\bar{\mathbf{x}} + \mathbf{b}, \mathbf{A}\mathbf{Q}\mathbf{A}^T)$$



Linear Gaussian Model

$$\begin{aligned} p(\mathbf{x}_t | \mathbf{Z}_t) &= \\ \kappa p(\mathbf{z}_t | \mathbf{x}_t) &\int \underbrace{(p(\mathbf{x}_t | \mathbf{x}_{t-1}))}_{N(\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x}_{t-1}, \mathbf{W})} \underbrace{p(\mathbf{x}_{t-1} | \mathbf{Z}_{t-1})}_{N(\bar{\mathbf{x}}_{t-1}, \mathbf{P}_{t-1})} d\mathbf{x}_{t-1} \\ &\underbrace{\hspace{10em}} \\ \mathbf{x}_t &\sim N(\mathbf{A}\bar{\mathbf{x}}_{t-1}, \mathbf{A}\mathbf{P}_{t-1}\mathbf{A}^T + \mathbf{W}) \\ &\underbrace{\hspace{10em}} \\ \mathbf{x}_t &\sim N(\hat{\mathbf{x}}_t^-, \mathbf{P}_t^-) \end{aligned}$$



Linear Gaussian Model

$$p(\mathbf{x}_t | \mathbf{Z}_t) =$$

$$\underbrace{\kappa p(\mathbf{z}_t | \mathbf{x}_t)}_{N(\mathbf{H}\mathbf{x}_t, \mathbf{Q})} \underbrace{\int (p(\mathbf{x}_t | \mathbf{x}_{t-1}) p(\mathbf{x}_{t-1} | \mathbf{Z}_{t-1})) d\mathbf{x}_{t-1}}_{\mathbf{x}_t \sim N(\hat{\mathbf{x}}_t^-, \mathbf{P}_t^-)}$$

$$\text{const} \times \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{z}_t - \mathbf{H}\mathbf{x}_t)^T \mathbf{Q}^{-1}(\mathbf{z}_t - \mathbf{H}\mathbf{x}_t) - \frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{x}_t - \hat{\mathbf{x}}_t^-)^T \mathbf{P}_t^{-1}(\mathbf{x}_t - \hat{\mathbf{x}}_t^-)\right)$$



Linear Gaussian Model

$$p(\mathbf{x}_t | \mathbf{z}_t)$$

$$= \text{const} \times \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{z}_t - \mathbf{H}\mathbf{x}_t)^T \mathbf{Q}^{-1}(\mathbf{z}_t - \mathbf{H}\mathbf{x}_t) - \frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{x}_t - \hat{\mathbf{x}}_t^-)^T \mathbf{P}_t^{-1}(\mathbf{x}_t - \hat{\mathbf{x}}_t^-)\right)$$

$$= N(\hat{\mathbf{x}}_t | \mathbf{P}_t)$$

$$\hat{\mathbf{x}}_t = \left(\mathbf{P}_t^{-1} + \mathbf{H}^T \mathbf{Q}^{-1} \mathbf{H}\right)^{-1} \left(\mathbf{P}_t^{-1} \hat{\mathbf{x}}_t^- + \mathbf{H}^T \mathbf{Q}^{-1} \mathbf{z}_t\right)$$

$$\hat{\mathbf{x}}_t = \mathbf{P}_t \left(\mathbf{P}_t^{-1} \hat{\mathbf{x}}_t^- + \mathbf{H}^T \mathbf{Q}^{-1} \mathbf{z}_t\right)$$

$$\mathbf{P}_t = \left(\mathbf{P}_t^{-1} + \mathbf{H}^T \mathbf{Q}^{-1} \mathbf{H}\right)^{-1}$$



Linear Gaussian Model

$$\hat{\mathbf{x}}_t = \left(\mathbf{P}_t^{-1} + \mathbf{H}^T \mathbf{Q}^{-1} \mathbf{H} \right)^{-1} \left(\mathbf{P}_t^{-1} \hat{\mathbf{x}}_t^- + \mathbf{H}^T \mathbf{Q}^{-1} \mathbf{z}_t \right)$$

$$\mathbf{P}_t = \left(\mathbf{P}_t^{-1} + \mathbf{H}^T \mathbf{Q}^{-1} \mathbf{H} \right)^{-1}$$



Some algebra.

$$\hat{\mathbf{x}}_t = \hat{\mathbf{x}}_t^- + \mathbf{K}_t (\mathbf{z}_t - \mathbf{H} \hat{\mathbf{x}}_t^-)$$

$$\mathbf{K}_t = \mathbf{P}_t \mathbf{H}^T \mathbf{Q}^{-1}$$

$$\mathbf{K}_t = \left(\mathbf{P}_t^{-1} + \mathbf{H}^T \mathbf{Q}^{-1} \mathbf{H} \right)^{-1} \mathbf{H}^T \mathbf{Q}^{-1}$$



Simplifying

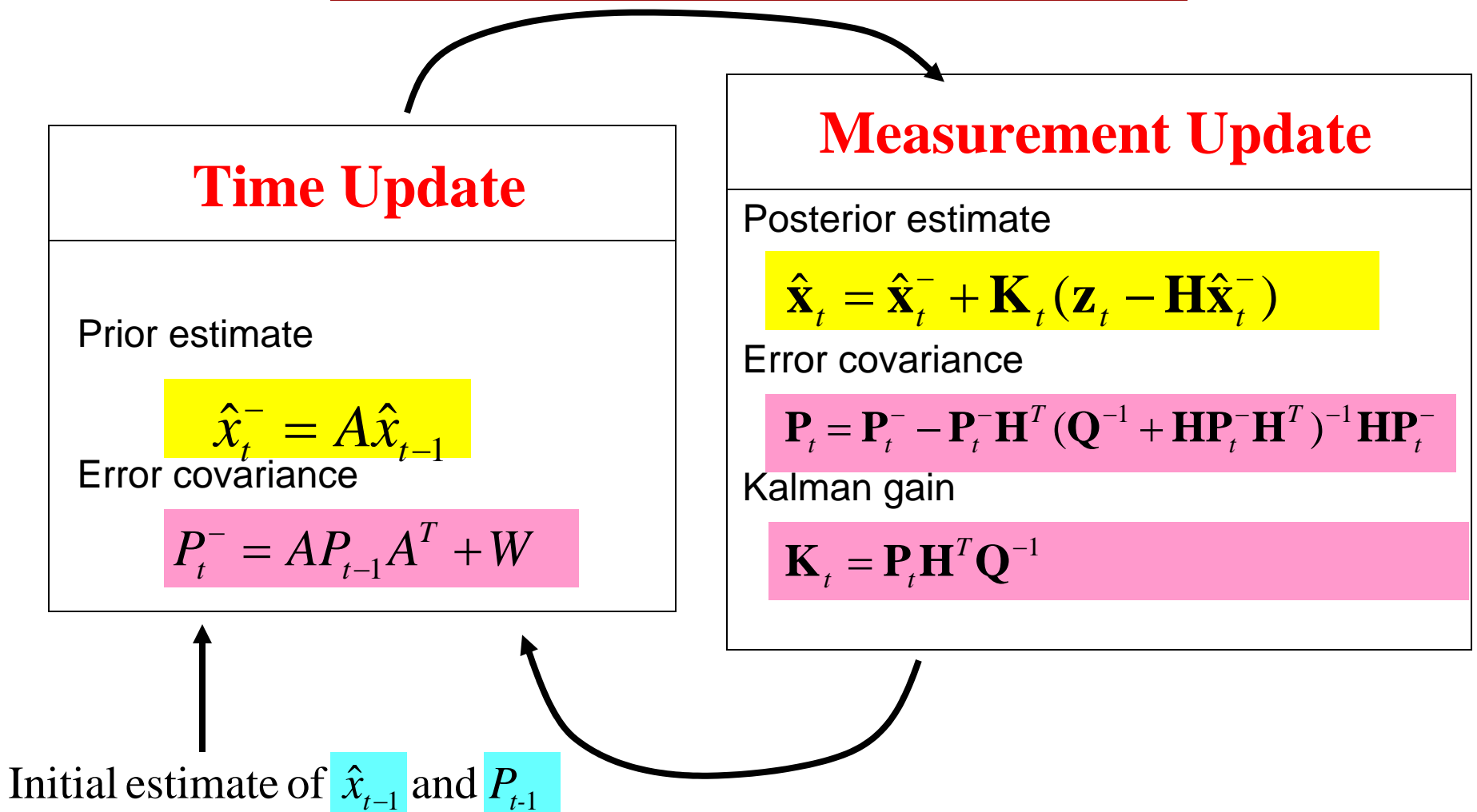
Matrix inversion lemma

$$\mathbf{K}_t = \underbrace{\left(\mathbf{P}_t^{-1} + \mathbf{H}^T \mathbf{Q}^{-1} \mathbf{H} \right)^{-1}} \mathbf{H}^T \mathbf{Q}^{-1}$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \left(\mathbf{P}_t^{-1} + \mathbf{H}^T \mathbf{Q}^{-1} \mathbf{H} \right)^{-1} \\ &= \mathbf{P}_t^{-1} - \mathbf{P}_t^{-1} \mathbf{H}^T \left(\mathbf{Q}^{-1} + \mathbf{H} \mathbf{P}_t^{-1} \mathbf{H}^T \right)^{-1} \mathbf{H} \mathbf{P}_t^{-1} \\ &= \mathbf{P}_t \end{aligned}$$



KALMAN FILTER ALGORITHM



Welch and Bishop 2002



Learning Kalman Model

- In practice, the parameters in the model need to be estimated from training data. (In training data, we know both hidden states and measurements.)

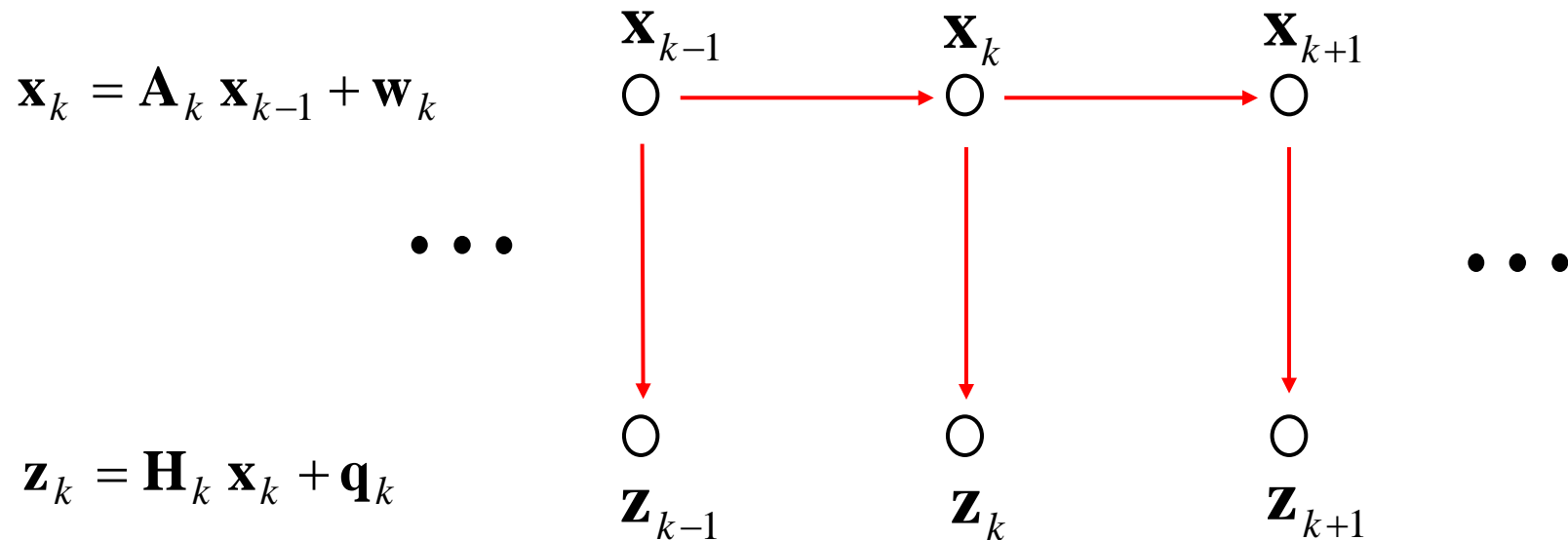
- Common simplification: $\mathbf{A}_k, \mathbf{H}_k, \mathbf{W}_k, \mathbf{Q}_k$ are constant over time (independent of k).

- The $\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{H}, \mathbf{W}, \mathbf{Q}$ can be estimated by maximizing the joint probability

$$p(\mathbf{X}_M, \mathbf{Z}_M)$$



Bayesian Graphical Model



$$p(\mathbf{X}_M, \mathbf{Z}_M) = p(\mathbf{X}_M) p(\mathbf{Z}_M | \mathbf{X}_M)$$
$$= [p(\mathbf{x}_1) \prod_{k=2}^M p(\mathbf{x}_k | \mathbf{x}_{k-1})] [\prod_{k=1}^M p(\mathbf{z}_k | \mathbf{x}_k)]$$



Splitting the Joint Distribution

$$\begin{aligned} & \arg \max_{A, W, H, Q} p(\mathbf{X}_M, \mathbf{Z}_M) \\ &= \arg \max_{A, W} p(\mathbf{X}_M) \arg \max_{H, Q} p(\mathbf{Z}_M | \mathbf{X}_M) \\ &= \arg \min_{A, W} f(\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{W}) \arg \min_{H, Q} g(\mathbf{H}, \mathbf{Q}) \end{aligned}$$

where

$$f(\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{W}) = -\alpha \log p(\mathbf{X}_M) = \sum_{k=2}^M [\log(\det \mathbf{W}) + (\mathbf{x}_k - \mathbf{A}\mathbf{x}_{k-1})^T \mathbf{W}^{-1} (\mathbf{x}_k - \mathbf{A}\mathbf{x}_{k-1})],$$

$$g(\mathbf{H}, \mathbf{Q}) = -\beta \log p(\mathbf{Z}_M | \mathbf{X}_M) = \sum_{k=1}^M [\log(\det \mathbf{Q}) + (\mathbf{z}_k - \mathbf{H}\mathbf{x}_k)^T \mathbf{Q}^{-1} (\mathbf{z}_k - \mathbf{H}\mathbf{x}_k)].$$

How to optimize functions with matrix variables ???



Closed-form Solutions:

$$\mathbf{A} = \left(\sum_{k=2}^M \mathbf{x}_k \mathbf{x}_{k-1}^T \right) \left(\sum_{k=2}^M \mathbf{x}_{k-1} \mathbf{x}_{k-1}^T \right)^{-1},$$

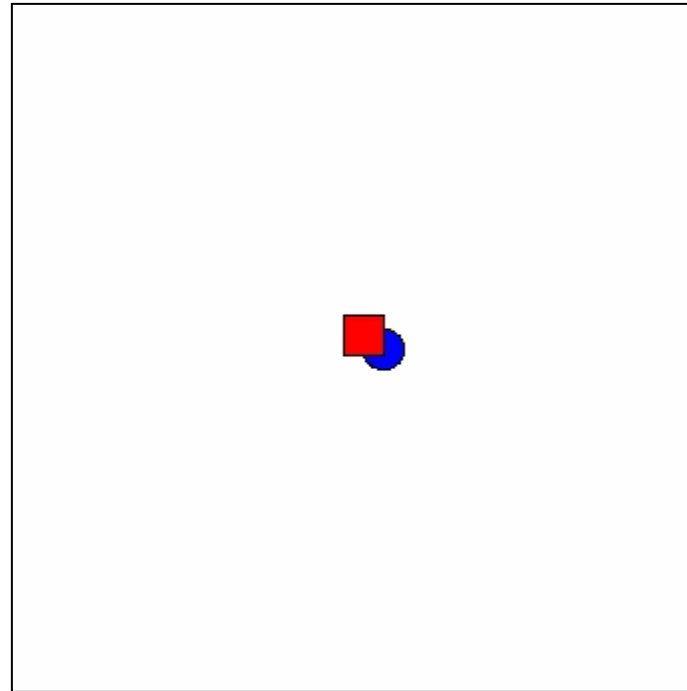
$$\mathbf{W} = \frac{1}{M-1} \left(\sum_{k=2}^M \mathbf{x}_k \mathbf{x}_k^T - \mathbf{A} \sum_{k=2}^M \mathbf{x}_{k-1} \mathbf{x}_k^T \right),$$

$$\mathbf{H} = \left(\sum_{k=1}^M \mathbf{z}_k \mathbf{x}_k^T \right) \left(\sum_{k=1}^M \mathbf{x}_k \mathbf{x}_k^T \right)^{-1},$$

$$\mathbf{Q} = \frac{1}{M} \left(\sum_{k=1}^M \mathbf{z}_k \mathbf{z}_k^T - \mathbf{H} \sum_{k=1}^M \mathbf{x}_k \mathbf{z}_k^T \right).$$



Off-line Reconstruction



69 cells with
1.5 minutes of
training data

- Actual hand position
- Estimated/decoded position (reconstruction)

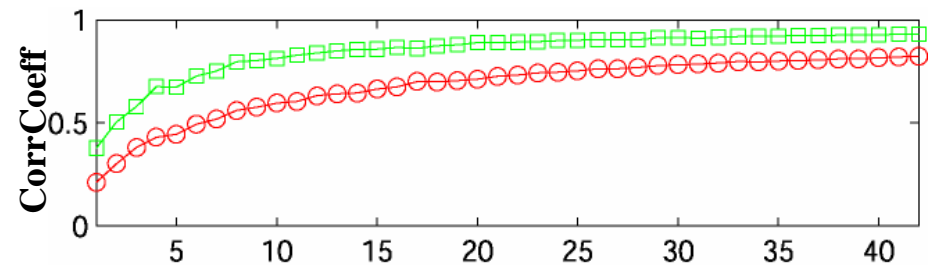
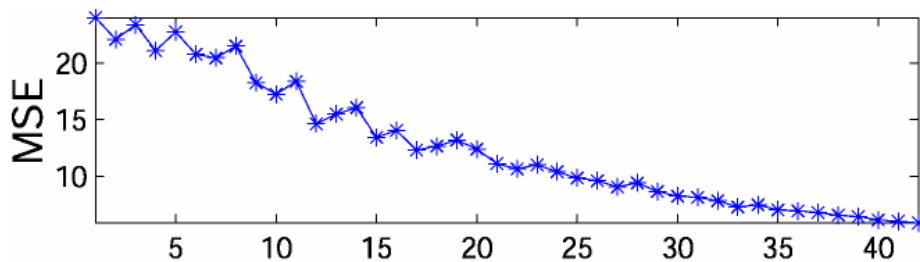


Accuracy

Continuous 2D hand motion (off-line reconstruction):

Method	RMSE (cm)
Population vector	8.66
Linear regression method	2.55
Kalman filter	2.18

As number of cells increases:





Optimal “Lag”

Measurement Equation

$$\vec{z}_k = H \vec{x}_k + \vec{q}_k$$

Firing precedes motion:

* Uniform: lag j time steps (1 time step = 70ms)

$$\vec{z}_{k-j} = H \vec{x}_k + \vec{q}_k \quad j = 0,1,2,3,4$$

* Non-uniform: lag $(j_1, j_2, \dots, j_{42})$ time steps



Reconstruction and Lag

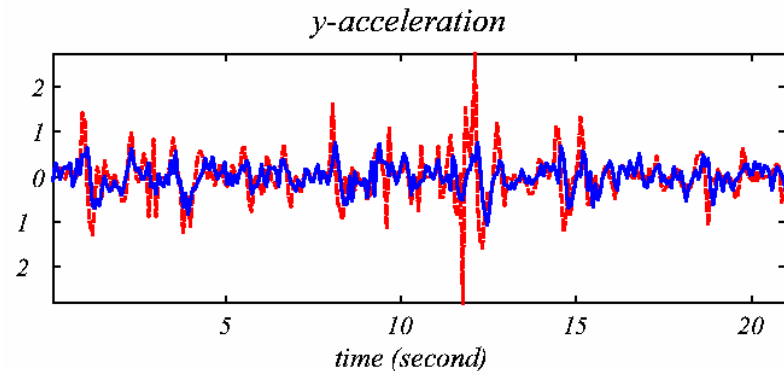
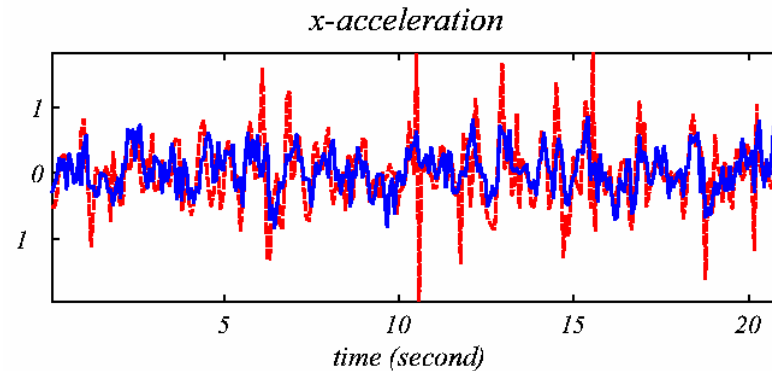
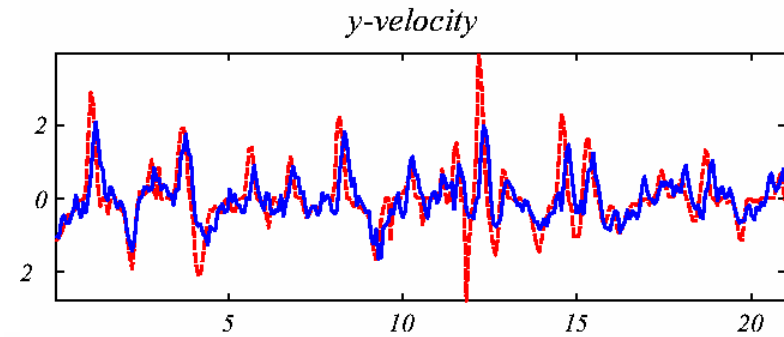
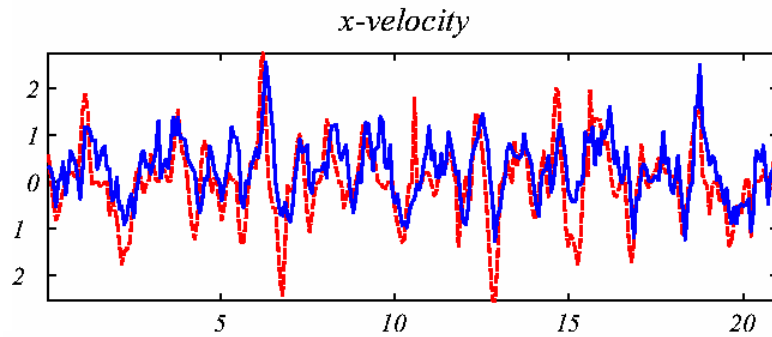
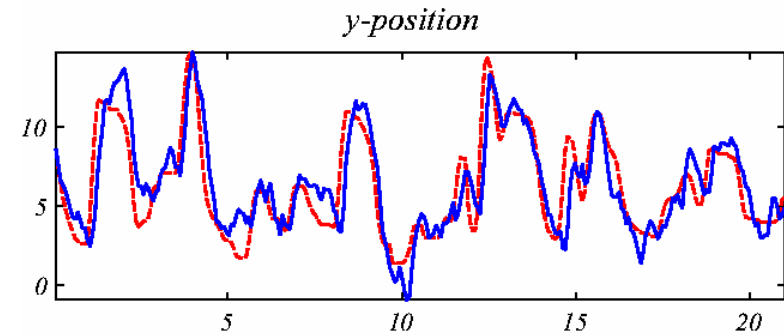
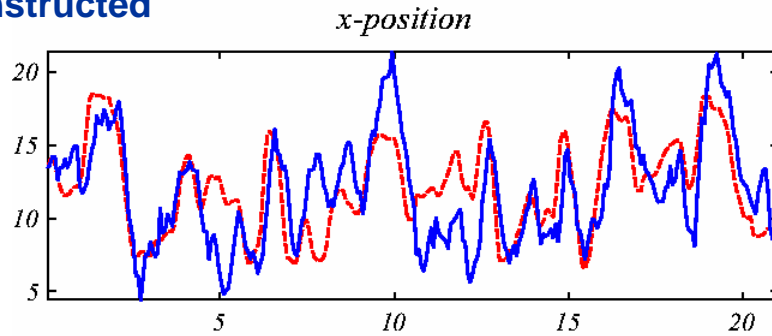
Methods	CC (x, y)	MSE (cm^2)
Kalman (0ms lag)	(0.77, 0.91)	6.96
Kalman (70ms lag)	(0.79, 0.93)	6.67
Kalman (140ms lag)	(0.81, 0.93)	6.09
Kalman (210ms lag)	(0.81, 0.89)	6.98
Kalman (280ms lag)	(0.76, 0.82)	8.91
Kalman (non-uniform)	(0.82, 0.93)	5.24



RECONSTRUCTION (TEST DATA)

reconstructed

true





Covariance

Diagonal covariance assumes noise in firing rates is statistically independent.

$$p(\mathbf{z}_t | \mathbf{x}_t) = \prod_{i=1}^c p(z_{i,t} | \mathbf{x}_t) = \prod_{i=1}^c \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma_i}} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2\sigma_i^2} (z_{i,t} - \mathbf{H}_i \mathbf{x}_t)^2\right)$$

Kalman decoding

- * Full covariance: MSE = 5.99 cm²
- * Diagonal covariance: MSE = 6.35 cm²



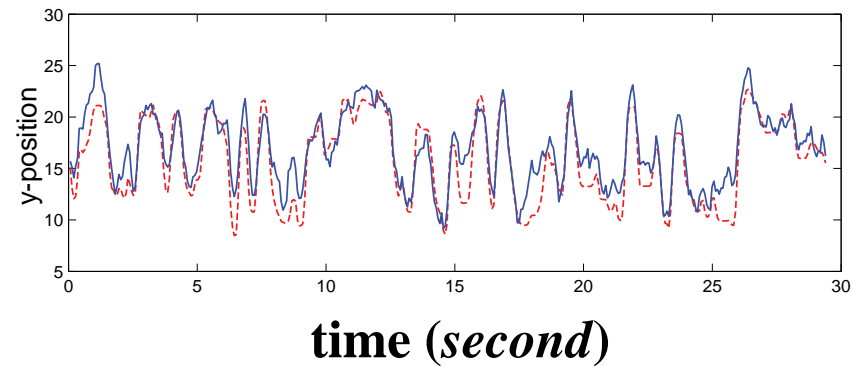
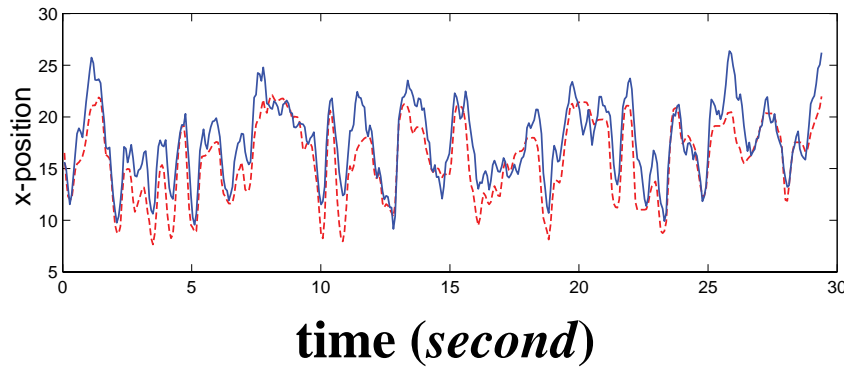
Off-line Decoding

# of cells	Kalman filter		Linear regression	
	<i>CC</i>	<i>RMSE (cm)</i>	<i>CC</i>	<i>RMSE (cm)</i>
23	(0.79, 0.82)	3.61	(0.70, 0.72)	4.35
30	(0.88, 0.79)	3.26	(0.85, 0.72)	3.49
36	(0.75, 0.74)	4.36	(0.77, 0.64)	4.38
26	(0.71, 0.76)	4.48	(0.71, 0.74)	4.39
69	(0.88, 0.89)	3.11	(0.72, 0.78)	5.30
69	(0.86, 0.88)	3.26	(0.71, 0.80)	3.99

Kalman filter	$CC = 0.81 \pm 0.06, RMSE = 3.7 \pm 0.6$ (cm)
Linear regression	$CC = 0.74 \pm 0.05, RMSE = 4.3 \pm 0.6$ (cm)

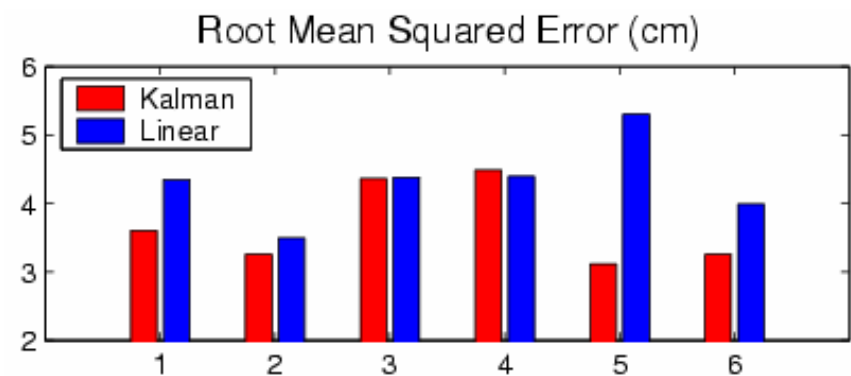
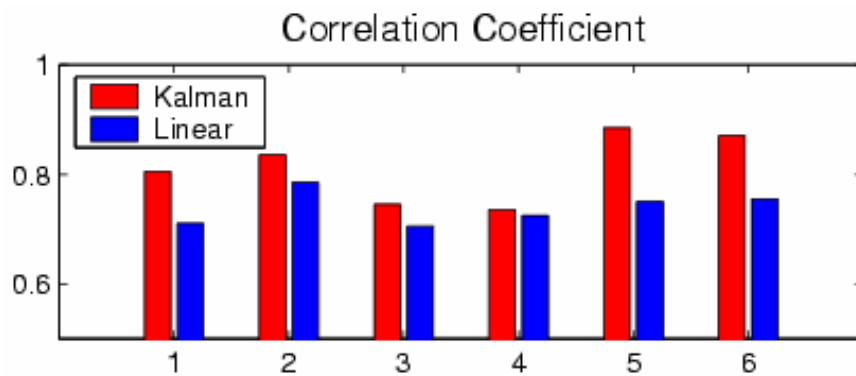


Decoding



..... True — Reconstructed

Decoding results over all six experiments:

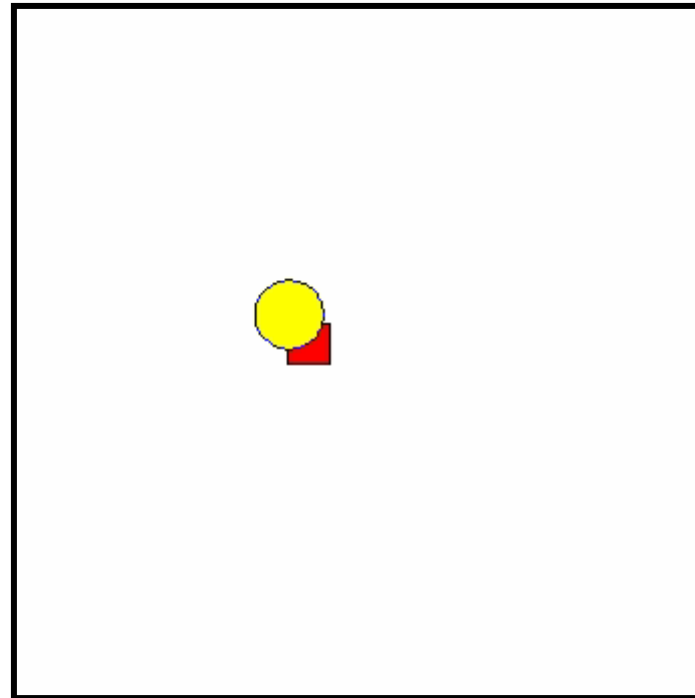




On-line Neural Control

Neural control
of a computer
cursor in real
time.

Brain substitutes
for hand.



Kalman filter
decoder.
Only 18 cells.

Directly exploits
the generative
encoding model.

 Target

 Visual feedback



On-line Task Performance

# of cells	Kalman filter			Linear regression		
	time	targets	rate	time	targets	rate
17	60sec	38	38/min			
30	105sec	55	31/min	58sec	24	25/min
36	57sec	28	29/min	42sec	15	21/min
69	45sec	28	37/min	60sec	22	22/min

Average results:

Kalman filter

Linear regression

50% improvement

33.75 targets/min

22.67 targets/min



Non-Gaussian Likelihood

Inhomogeneous Poisson:

$$p(z | \mathbf{x}) = \frac{1}{z!} (\mathbf{H}\mathbf{x})^z e^{-\mathbf{H}\mathbf{x}}$$

$\mathbf{H}\mathbf{x}$ is the predicted mean firing rate.
 z is the observed rate for a *single* cell.

Problems? $\mathbf{H}\mathbf{x}$ may be negative.

No clear way to model correlated noise.