

Kalman filter: linear GAUSSIAN likelihood/dynamics, $\mathbf{x}_k = (\mathbf{r}_k^\top, \dot{\mathbf{r}}_k^\top, \ddot{\mathbf{r}}_k^\top)^\top$, $\mathcal{Z}^k = \{\mathbf{z}_k, \mathcal{Z}^{k-1}\}$

initiation: $p(\mathbf{x}_0) = \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{x}_0; \mathbf{x}_{0|0}, \mathbf{P}_{0|0})$, initial ignorance: $\mathbf{P}_{0|0}$ 'large'

prediction: $\mathcal{N}(\mathbf{x}_{k-1}; \mathbf{x}_{k-1|k-1}, \mathbf{P}_{k-1|k-1}) \xrightarrow[\mathbf{F}_{k|k-1}, \mathbf{D}_{k|k-1}]{\text{dynamics model}} \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{x}_k; \mathbf{x}_{k|k-1}, \mathbf{P}_{k|k-1})$

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filtering: $\mathcal{N}(\mathbf{x}_k; \mathbf{x}_{k|k-1}, \mathbf{P}_{k|k-1}) \xrightarrow[\text{sensor model: } \mathbf{H}_k, \mathbf{R}_k]{\text{current measurement } \mathbf{z}_k} \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{x}_k; \mathbf{x}_{k|k}, \mathbf{P}_{k|k})$

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retrodiction: $\mathcal{N}(\mathbf{x}_l; \mathbf{x}_{l|k}, \mathbf{P}_{l|k}) \xleftarrow[\text{dynamics model}]{\text{filtering, prediction}} \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{x}_{l+1}; \mathbf{x}_{l+1|k}, \mathbf{P}_{l+1|k})$

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Continuous Time Retrodiction for $t_l < t_{l+\theta} < t_{l+1}$ with $0 < \theta < 1$

Interpolate between $p(\mathbf{x}_l | \mathcal{Z}^k)$ and $p(\mathbf{x}_{l+1} | \mathcal{Z}^k)$ based on the evolution model:

$$p(\mathbf{x}_{l+\theta} | \mathcal{Z}^k) = \int d\mathbf{x}_{l+1} p(\mathbf{x}_{l+\theta} | \mathbf{x}_{l+1}, \mathcal{Z}^k) p(\mathbf{x}_{l+1} | \mathcal{Z}^k)$$

where:
$$p(\mathbf{x}_{l+\theta} | \mathbf{x}_{l+1}, \mathcal{Z}^k) = \frac{p(\mathbf{x}_{l+1} | \mathbf{x}_{l+\theta}) p(\mathbf{x}_{l+\theta} | \mathcal{Z}^l)}{\int d\mathbf{x}_{l+\theta} p(\mathbf{x}_{l+1} | \mathbf{x}_{l+\theta}) p(\mathbf{x}_{l+\theta} | \mathcal{Z}^l)}$$

Looks like a Kalman update!

with:
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Looks like Kalman prediction!

One possible sensor data fusion strategy:

Create a single effective measurement z_k with measurement error R_k
by preprocessing of individual sensor measurements $z_k^i, R_k^i, i = 1, \dots, S_k!$

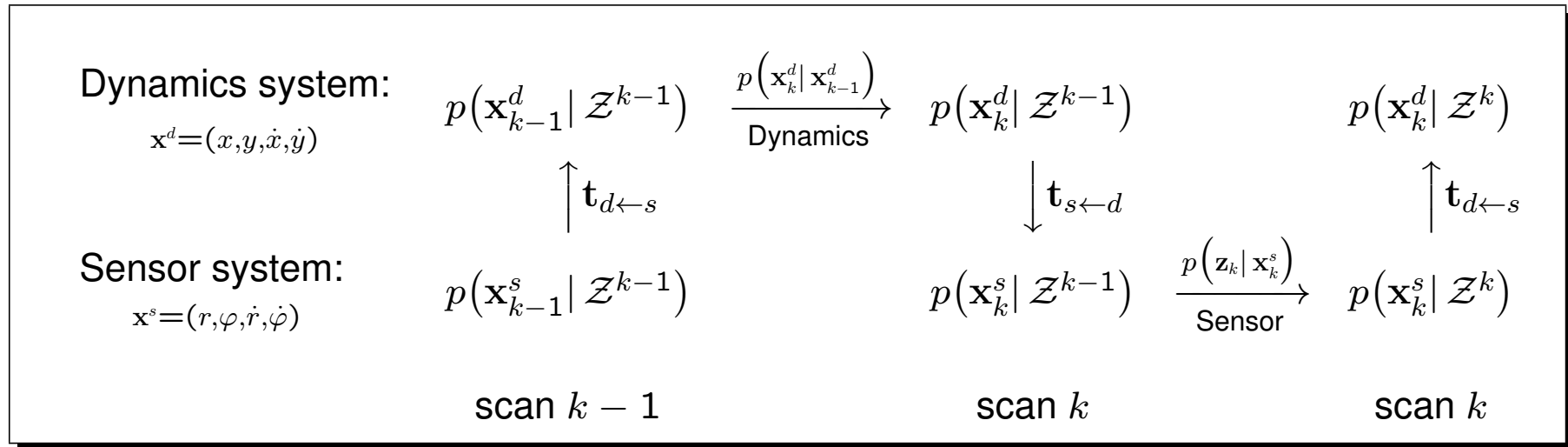
$$z_k = R_k \sum_{s=1}^{S_k} (R_k^s)^{-1} z_k^s \quad \text{weighted arithmetic mean}$$

$$R_k^{-1} = \sum_{s=1}^{S_k} (R_k^s)^{-1} \quad \text{harmonic mean}$$

A typical structure for fusion equations!

Sensor data: range, azimuth, range-rate

Coordinates: Sensor data \rightarrow *polar*, object evolution \rightarrow *Cartesian*



***non-linear* coordinate transformations:**

$$\mathbf{t}_{d \leftarrow s}[\mathbf{x}^s] = \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ \dot{x} \\ \dot{y} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} r \cos \varphi \\ r \sin \varphi \\ \dot{r} \cos \varphi - r \dot{\varphi} \sin \varphi \\ \dot{r} \sin \varphi + r \dot{\varphi} \cos \varphi \end{pmatrix} \quad \mathbf{t}_{s \leftarrow d}[\mathbf{x}^d] = \begin{pmatrix} r \\ \varphi \\ \dot{r} \\ \dot{\varphi} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \sqrt{x^2 + y^2} \\ \arctan y/x \\ (x\dot{y} + y\dot{x})/\sqrt{x^2 + y^2} \\ (x\dot{y} - y\dot{x})/(x^2 + y^2) \end{pmatrix}$$

Extended *Kalman* filter: be wise - linearize!

non-linear transformations: Taylor expansion up to 1st order

around $\mathbf{x}_{k|k}^s$ (filtering):
$$\mathbf{t}_{d \leftarrow s}[\mathbf{x}_k^s] \approx \mathbf{t}_{d \leftarrow s}[\mathbf{x}_{k|k}^s] + \mathbf{T}_{d \leftarrow s}[\mathbf{x}_{k|k}^s] (\mathbf{x}_k^s - \mathbf{x}_{k|k}^s)$$

mit: $\mathbf{T}_{d \leftarrow s}[\mathbf{x}_{k|k}^s] = \partial \mathbf{t}_{d \leftarrow s}[\mathbf{x}_{k|k}^s] / \partial \mathbf{x}_{k|k}^s$ (Jacobian)

around $\mathbf{x}_{k|k-1}^d$ (Prediction):
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affine transformation of Gaussian random variables:

$$\mathcal{N}(x; \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{X}) \xrightarrow{y = \mathbf{a} + \mathbf{A}x} \mathcal{N}(y; \mathbf{a} + \mathbf{A}\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{A}\mathbf{X}\mathbf{A}^\top)$$

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innovation:

$$\boldsymbol{\nu}_{k|k-1} = \mathbf{z}_k - \mathbf{H}_k \mathbf{x}_{k|k-1},$$

innovation covariance:

$$\mathbf{S}_{k|k-1} = \mathbf{H}_k \mathbf{P}_{k|k-1} \mathbf{H}_k^\top + \mathbf{R}_k$$

expectation gate:

$$\boldsymbol{\nu}_{k|k-1}^\top \mathbf{S}_{k|k-1}^{-1} \boldsymbol{\nu}_{k|k-1} \leq \lambda(P_c)$$

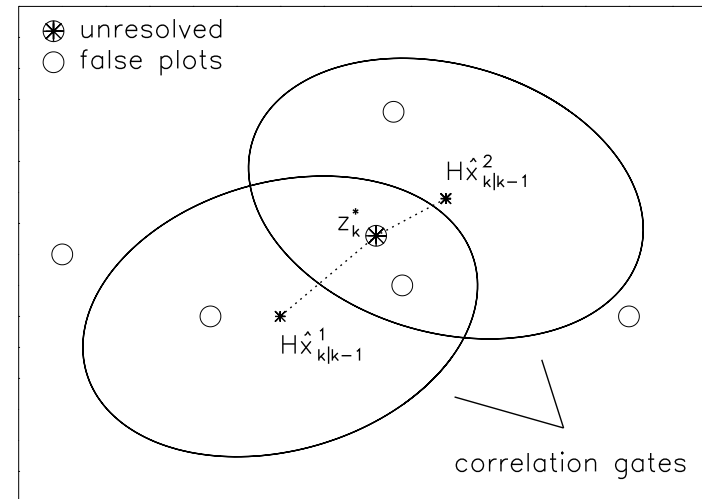
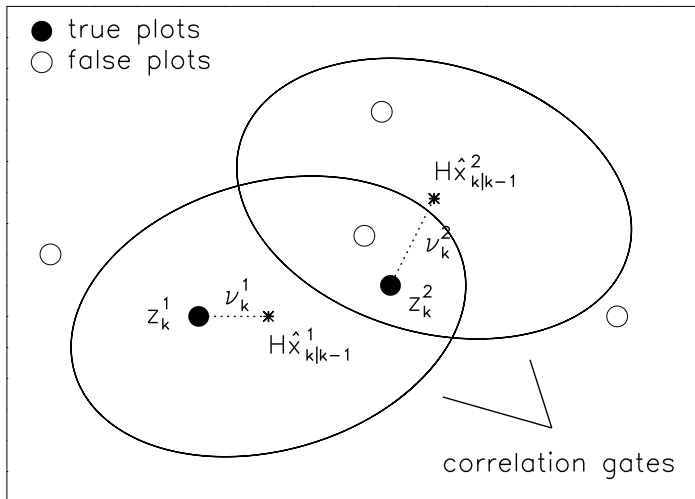
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ellipsoid containing \mathbf{z}_k with certain probability P_c

Choose $\lambda(P_c)$ (“gating parameter”) properly!

Can be looked up in a χ^2 -table - discussed later!

Sensor data of uncertain origin

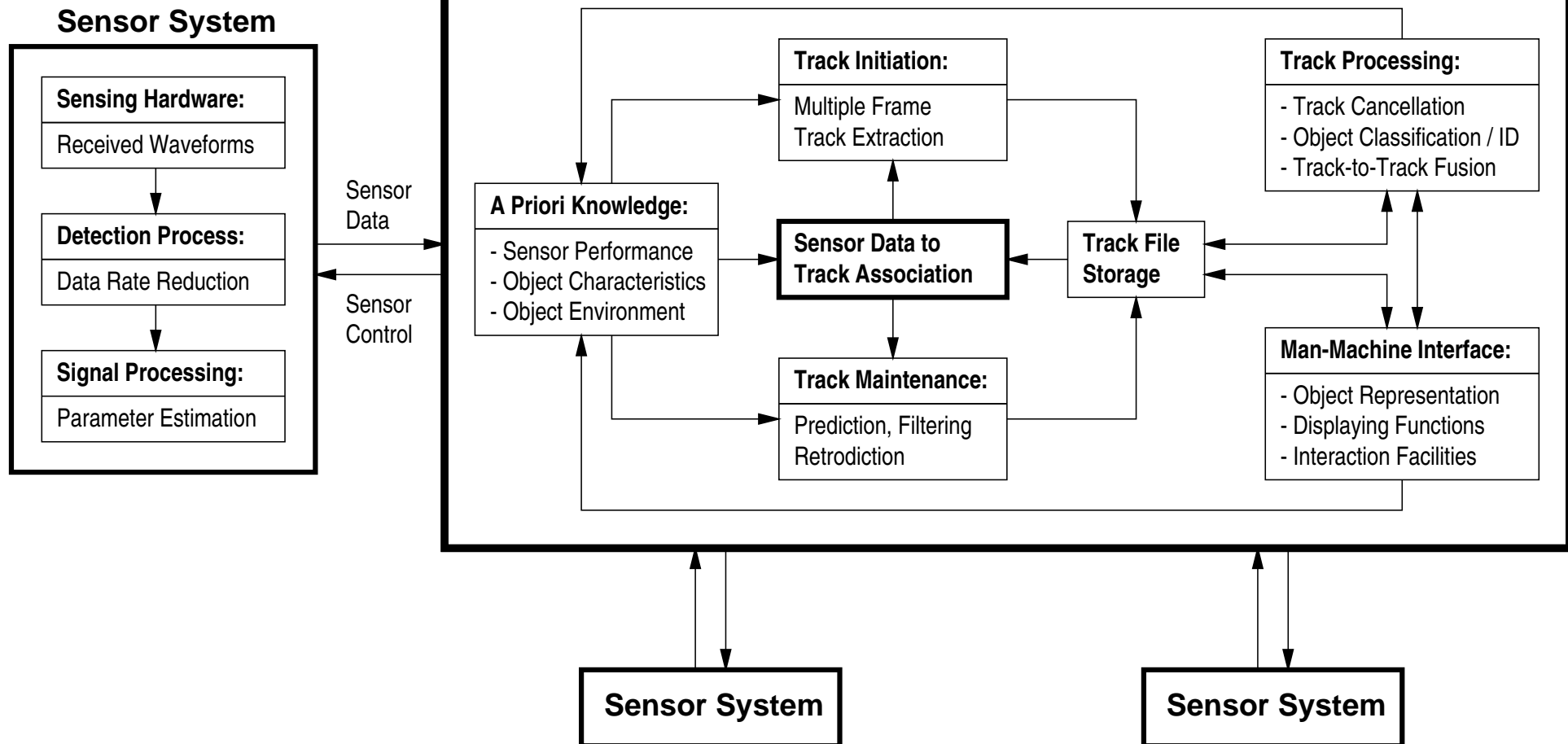


- prediction: $\mathbf{x}_{k|k-1}$, $\mathbf{P}_{k|k-1}$ (dynamics)
- innovation: $\boldsymbol{\nu}_k = \mathbf{z}_k - \mathbf{H}\mathbf{x}_{k|k-1}$, white
- Mahalanobis norm: $\|\boldsymbol{\nu}_k\|^2 = \boldsymbol{\nu}_k^\top \mathbf{S}_k^{-1} \boldsymbol{\nu}_k$
- expected plot: $\mathbf{z}_k \sim N(\mathbf{H}\mathbf{x}_{k|k-1}, \mathbf{S}_k)$
- $\boldsymbol{\nu}_k \sim N(0, \mathbf{S}_k)$, $\mathbf{S}_k = \mathbf{H}\mathbf{P}_{k|k-1}\mathbf{H}^\top + \mathbf{R}$
- gating: $\|\boldsymbol{\nu}_k\| < \lambda$, $P_c(\lambda)$ correlation prob.

missing/false plots, measurement errors, scan rate, agile targets: large gates

A Generic Tracking and Sensor Data Fusion System

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example (Swerling I model): $P_D = P_D(P_F, \text{SNR}) = P_F^{1/(1+\text{SNR})}$

detector design: Maximize detection probability P_D
for a given, predefined false alarm probability P_F !

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false measurements: Poisson distributed in #, uniformly distributed in the FoV

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Insert Poisson distribution: $p_F(n_k) = \frac{(\rho_F |\text{FoV}|)^{-n_k}}{n_k!} e^{-\rho_F |\text{FoV}|}$

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Likelihood Functions

The likelihood function answers the question:

What does the sensor tell about the state \mathbf{x} of the object?

(input: sensor data, sensor model)

- **ideal conditions, one object:** $P_D = 1, \rho_F = 0$

at each time one measurement:

$$p(\mathbf{z}_k | \mathbf{x}_k) = \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{z}_k; \mathbf{H}\mathbf{x}_k, \mathbf{R})$$

- **real conditions, one object:** $P_D < 1, \rho_F > 0$

at each time n_k measurements $Z_k = \{\mathbf{z}_k^1, \dots, \mathbf{z}_k^{n_k}\}!$

$$p(Z_k, n_k | \mathbf{x}_k) \propto (1 - P_D)\rho_F + P_D \sum_{j=1}^{n_k} \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{z}_k^j; \mathbf{H}\mathbf{x}_k, \mathbf{R})$$