



Behaving in Space

How Robots Play Soccer

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Chess – Benchmark for AI

- 1968 Levy bet: “For the next 10 years no chess computer will win against me.”
- 1997: Kasparov against Deep Blue: “I will win and preserve the honor of the human race.”

$3\frac{1}{2} : 2\frac{1}{2}$

(for Deep Blue)





Why robot soccer?

⚽ 1997 AI Conference in Japan:

- ⚽ Realization: Logical problems are quite easy to be solved by high computing power
- ⚽ Chess not interesting any more as a benchmark for Artificial Intelligence

→ New Challenge: Development of
autonomous robots



Why robot soccer?

⚽ Chess

- ⚽ Static environment
- ⚽ Discrete data
- ⚽ Full information
- ⚽ Step based course
- ⚽ Logical
- ⚽ Single world model

⚽ Robot soccer

- ⚽ Dynamic environment
- ⚽ Uncertain data
- ⚽ Partial Information
- ⚽ Real time
- ⚽ Autonomous agents
- ⚽ Each agent has an own world model



RoboCup – The Goal



**- By the year 2050,
develop a team of fully autonomous humanoid robots
that can win against the human world soccer champion team. -**



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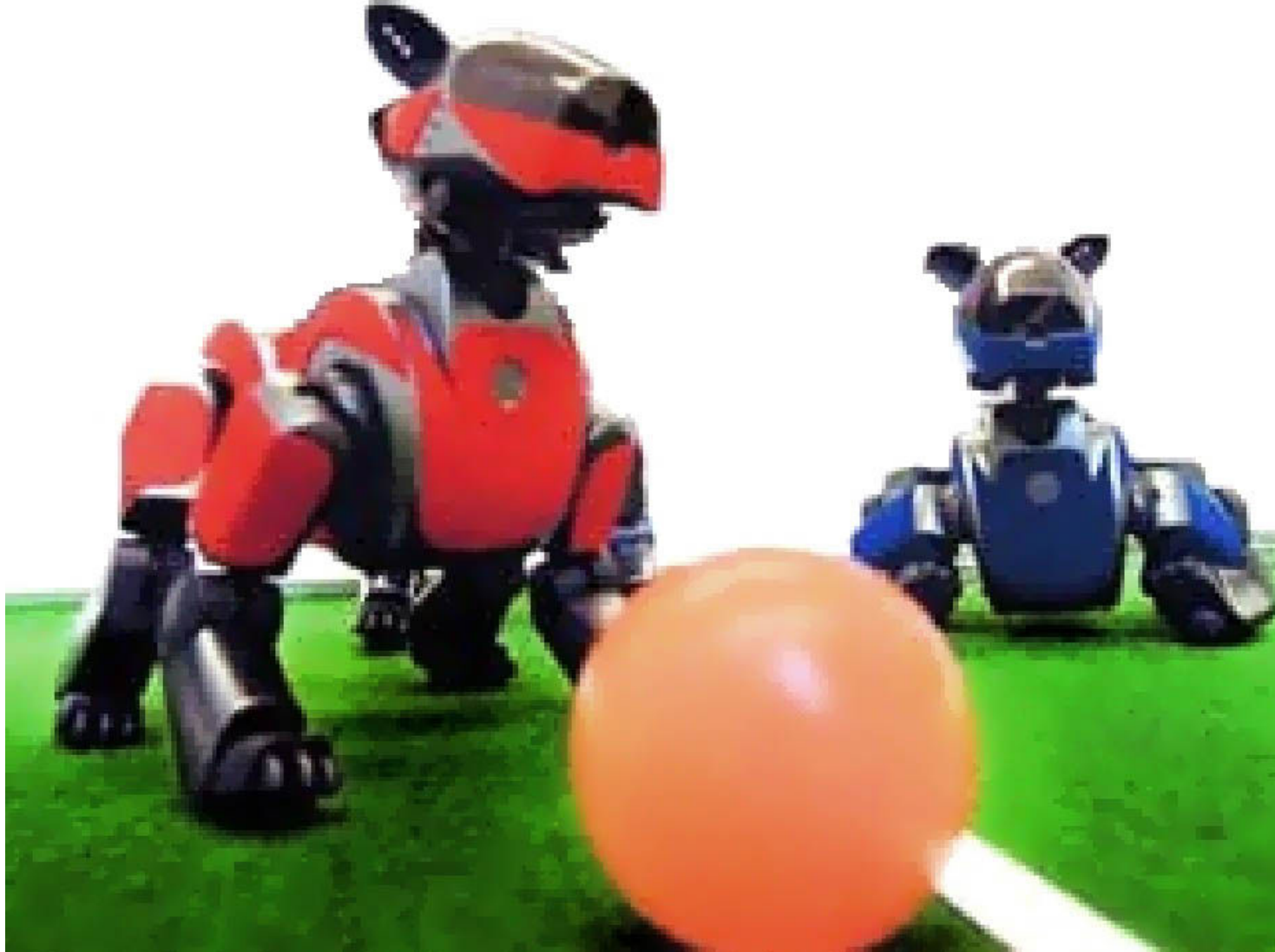


RoboCup – WM 2002 in Fukuoka





Sony Four-Legged Robot League



Sony Four-Legged Robot League

- ⚽ Sony Aibo ERS-210A
- ⚽ Four-legged robot
- ⚽ 20 degrees of freedom
- ⚽ 400 MHz Mips Processor
- ⚽ CCD Camera (176x144)
- ⚽ PSD infrared sensor
- ⚽ Acceleration sensors
- ⚽ Microphones & Speaker
- ⚽ PCMCIA Slot for Wireless-Lan card





The Field



- ⚽ Size: 2,70m x 4,20m
- ⚽ Landmarks and goals
- ⚽ 4 robots per team



The GermanTeam in the Sony Four-Legged Robot League

- ⚽ Robocup World Championship
 - ⚽ Once a year (2003 in Padua, Italy)
 - ⚽ Participants from all over the world
 - ⚽ GermanTeam plays as a single united team
- ⚽ German Open
 - ⚽ Once a year before the Robocup
 - ⚽ Open for teams from all over the world
 - ⚽ German university teams play separately



Who is the GermanTeam?



A part of the GermanTeam

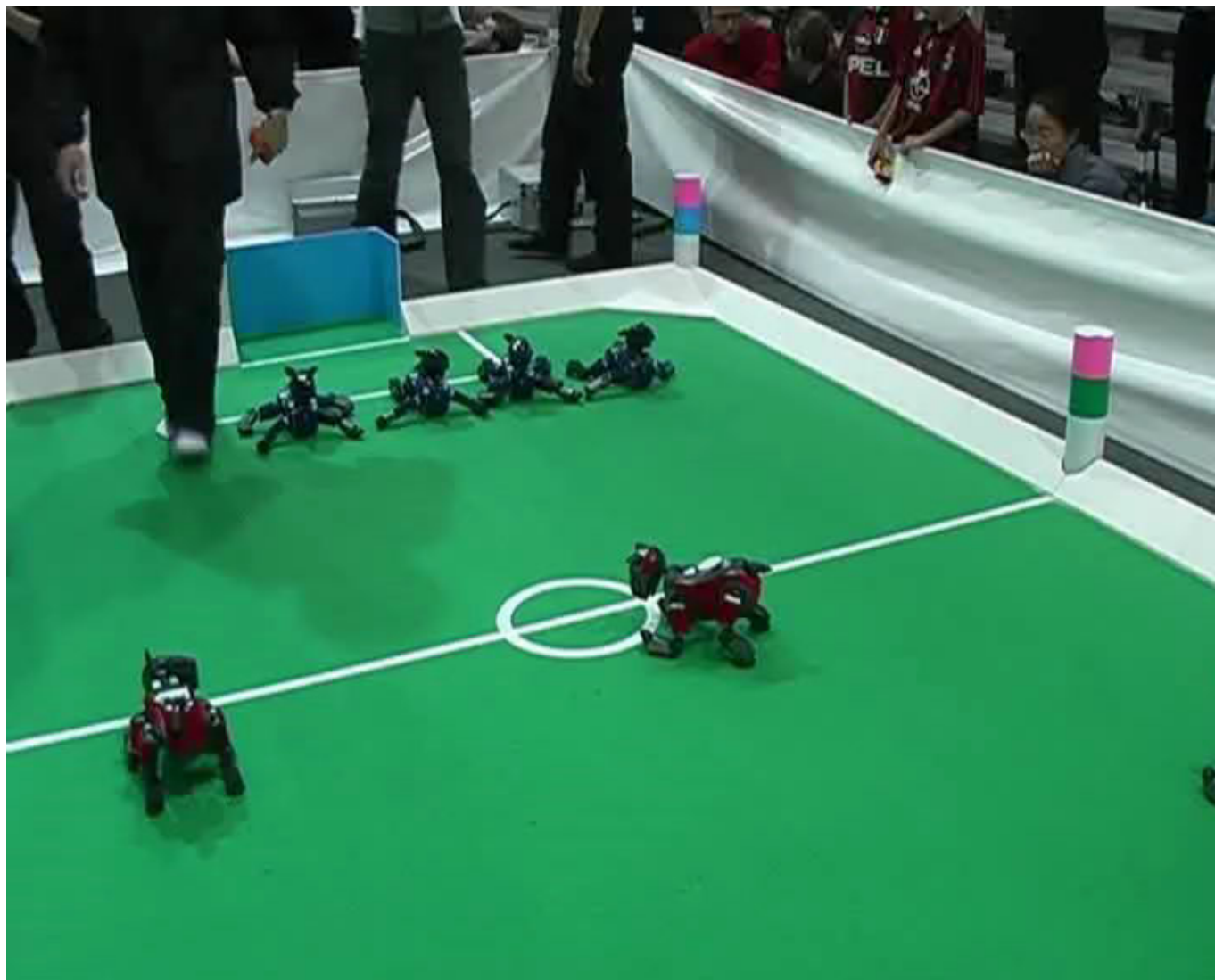


The GermanTeam

- ⚽ Community project of four universities:
 - ⚽ Humboldt Universität zu Berlin
 - ⚽ Universität Bremen
 - ⚽ Technische Universität Darmstadt
 - ⚽ Universität Dortmund
- ⚽ Communication via:
 - ⚽ Newsgroup, mailing list, phone
 - ⚽ Intranet
 - ⚽ CVS (Concurrent Versions System)
 - ⚽ *Source code*
 - ⚽ *Installation files*
 - ⚽ *Intranet, Papers, Slides (e.g. these ones)*
 - ⚽ Regular meetings and workshops
- ⚽ Development platform is Microsoft Developer Studio under Windows 2000/XP

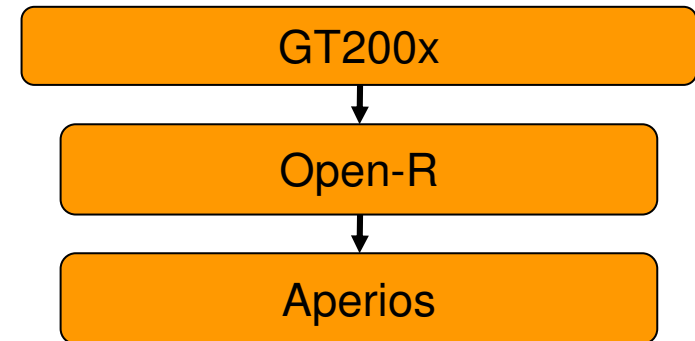


Example: GT2003 vs. UPennalizers, 2nd Half



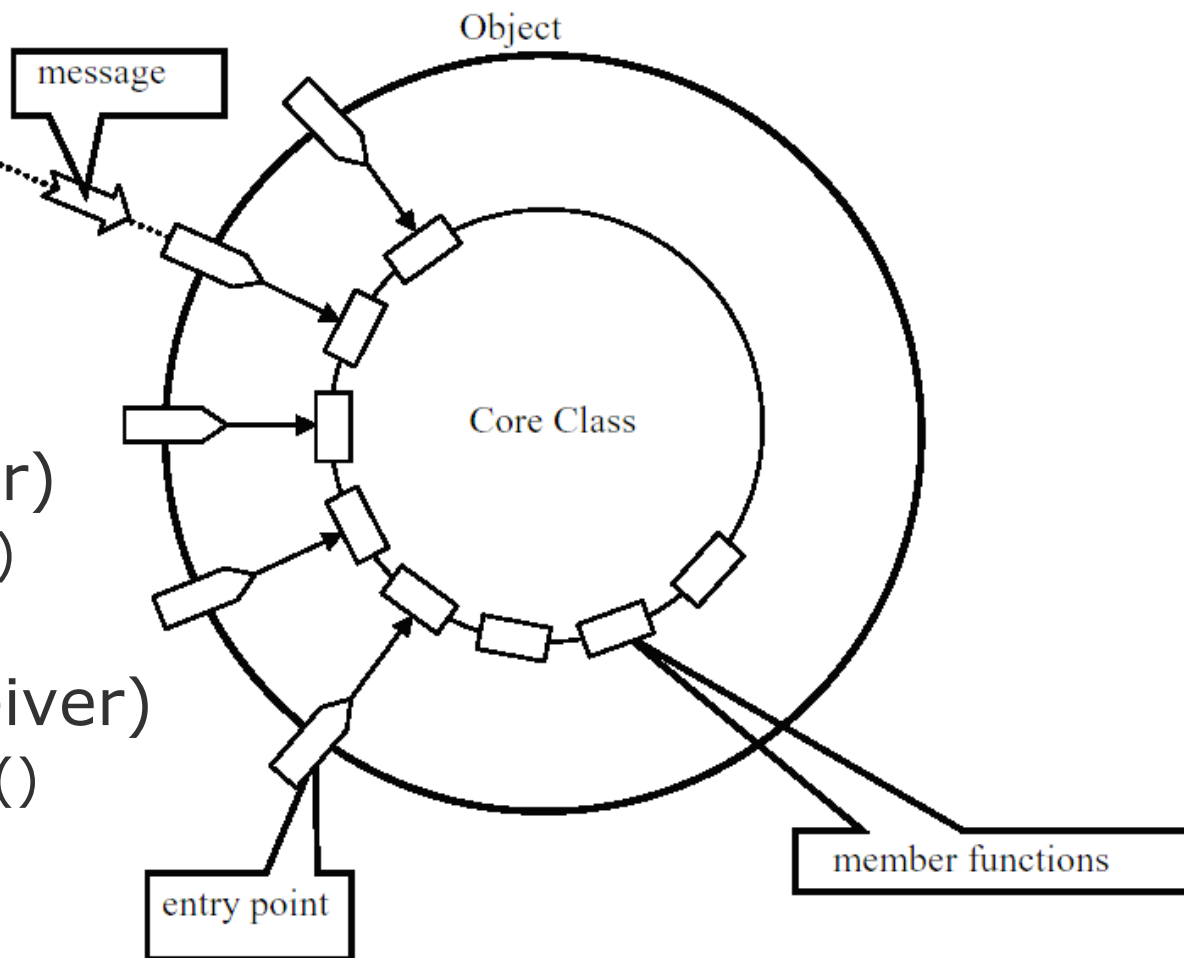
Aibo-OS: Aperios and Open-R

- ⚽ Everything is written in C++
- ⚽ Aperios
 - ⚽ Real-time operating system
 - ⚽ provides:
 - ⚽ *Processes*
 - ⚽ *Inter-process communication*
 - ⚽ *Memory management*
- ⚽ Open-R
 - ⚽ Interface processes to the robot
 - ⚽ Directly callable functions
- ⚽ GT200x
 - ⚽ Only processes



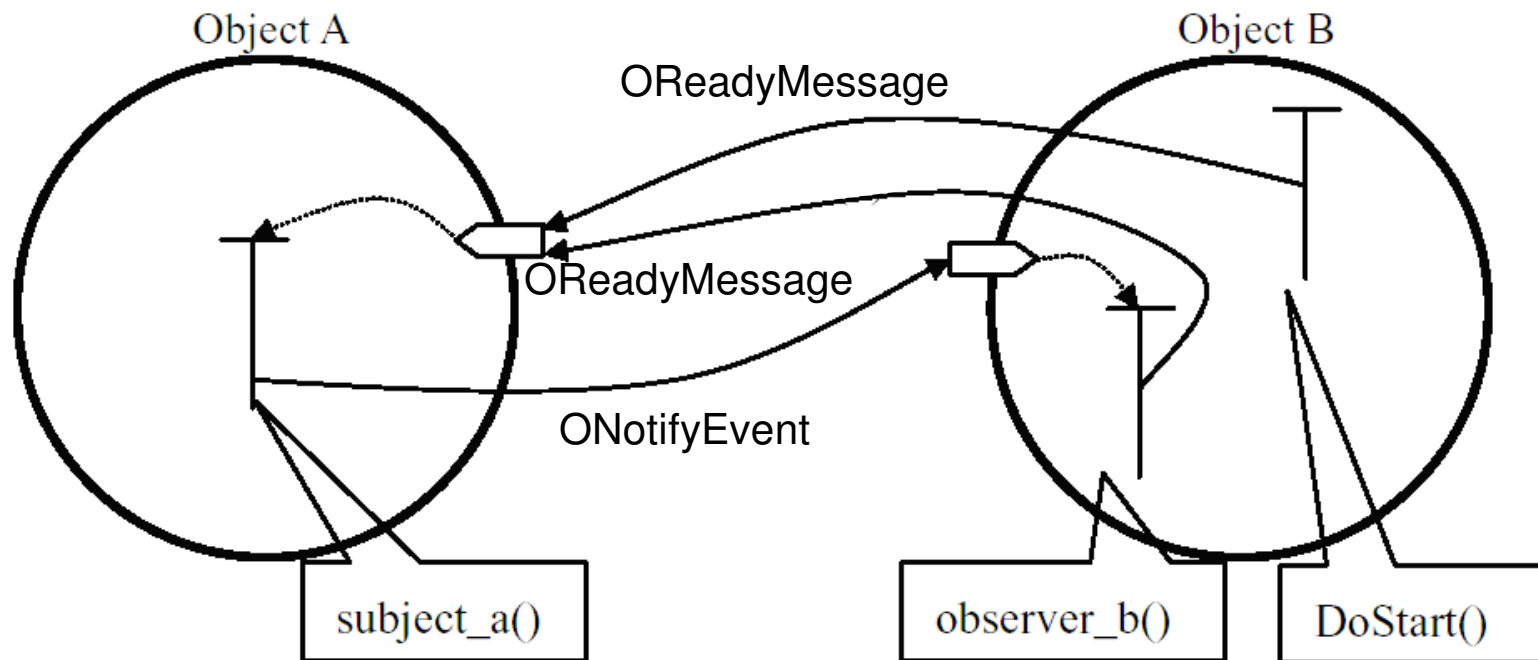
Aperios-Objects (Processes) & Events

- ⚽ Construction
 - ⚽ DoInit()
 - ⚽ DoStart()
- ⚽ Destruction
 - ⚽ DoStop()
 - ⚽ DoDestroy()
- ⚽ Subject (Sender)
 - ⚽ ControlHandler()
 - ⚽ ReadyHandler()
- ⚽ Observer (Receiver)
 - ⚽ ConnectHandler()
 - ⚽ NotifyHandler()
- ⚽ Timer



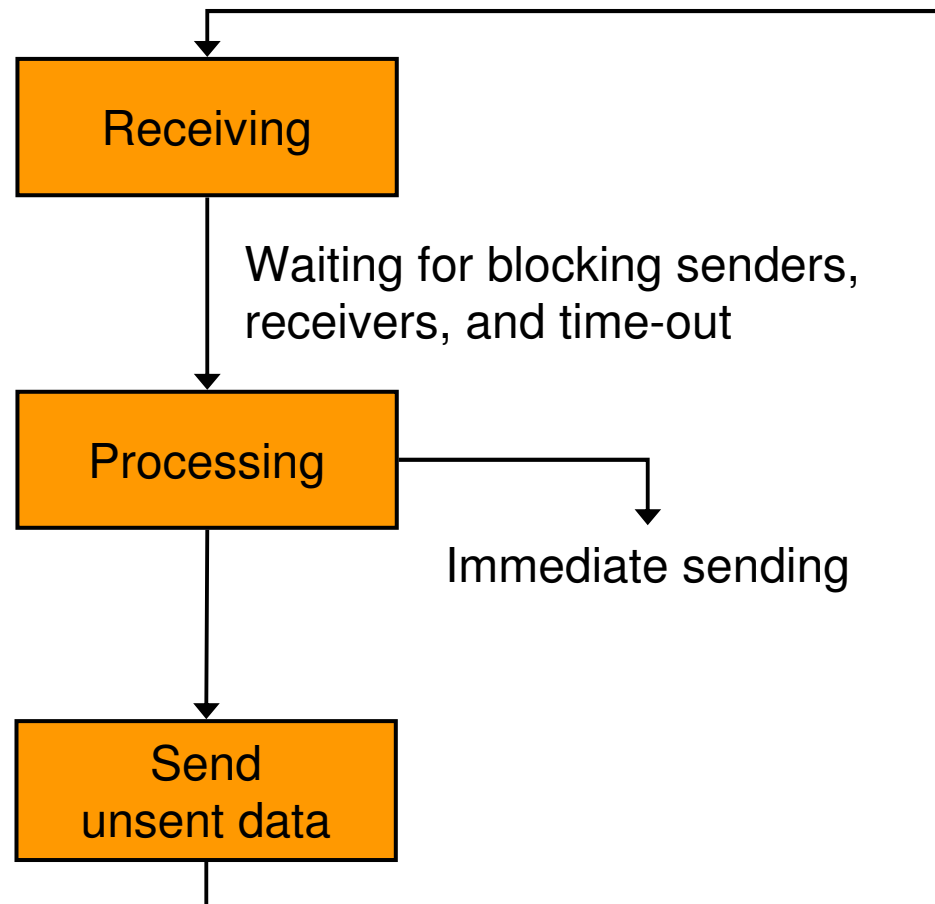
Kommunikation

- ⚽ DoInit()
 - ⚽ Establish all communication channels
- ⚽ DoStart()





GT200x Process Framework





Processes

```
#include "Tools/Process.h"

class Example : public Process
{
public:
    virtual int main()
    {
        printf("Hello World!\n");
        return 500;
    }
};

MAKE_PROCESS(Example);
```



Packages

```
class NumberPackage
{
    public:
        int number;
        NumberPackage() {number = 0;}
};

Out& operator<<(Out& stream,
                const NumberPackage& package)
{
    return stream << package.number;
}

In& operator>>(In& stream, NumberPackage& package)
{
    return stream >> package.number;
}
```



Sender

```
#include "Tools/Process.h"

class Example1 : public Process
{
private:
    SENDER(NumberPackage);
public:
    Example1() : INIT_SENDER(NumberPackage, false) {}

    virtual int main()
    {
        ++theNumberPackageSender.number;
        theNumberPackageSender.send();
        return 100;
    }
};

MAKE_PROCESS(Example1);
```



Receiver

```
#include "Tools/Process.h"

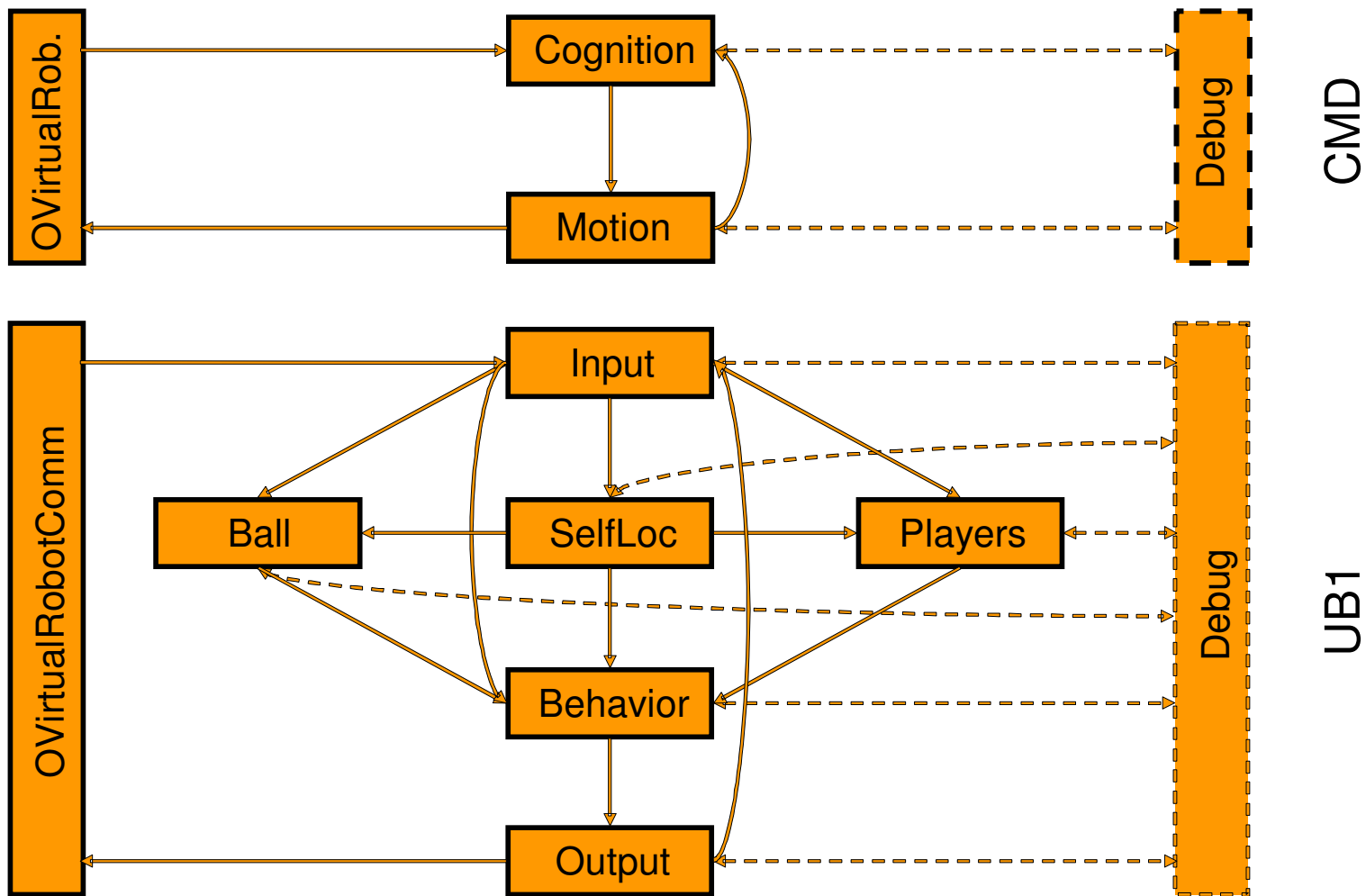
class Example2 : public Process
{
private:
    RECEIVER (NumberPackage) ;
public:
    Example2 () : INIT_RECEIVER (NumberPackage, true) {}

    virtual int main()
    {
        printf ("Number %d\n",
                theNumberPackageReceiver.number) ;
        return 0 ;
    }
};

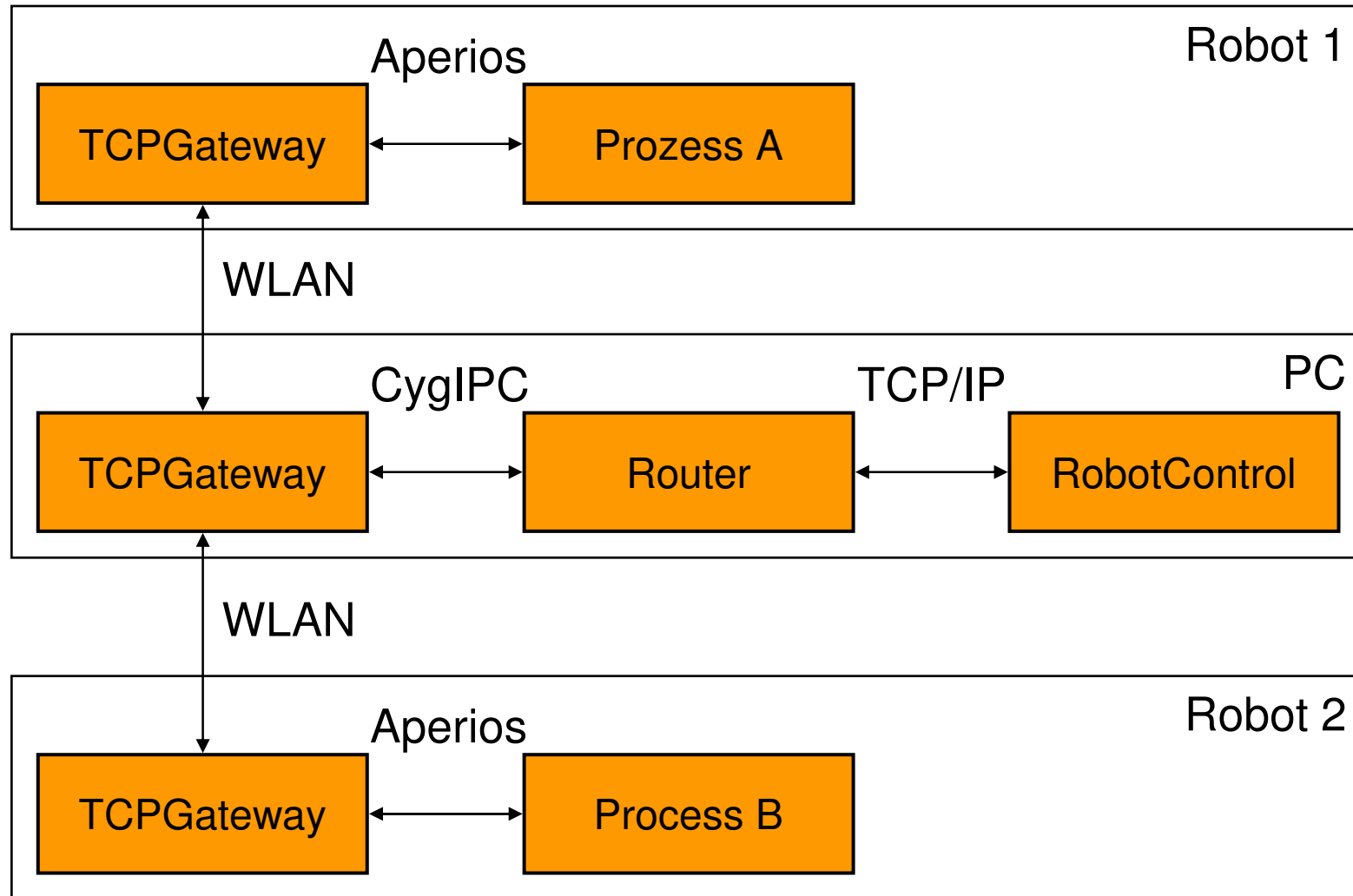
MAKE_PROCESS (Example2) ;
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Process Layouts



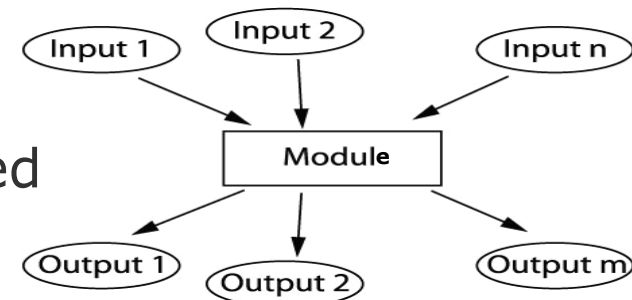
WLAN



Modules and Solutions

⚽ Modules

- ⚽ Definition of partial tasks in information processing
- ⚽ Interaction with other modules / with the robot only via well-defined data structures (intermediate representations)
- ⚽ No usage relations between them
- ⚽ Sequence of use is defined externally

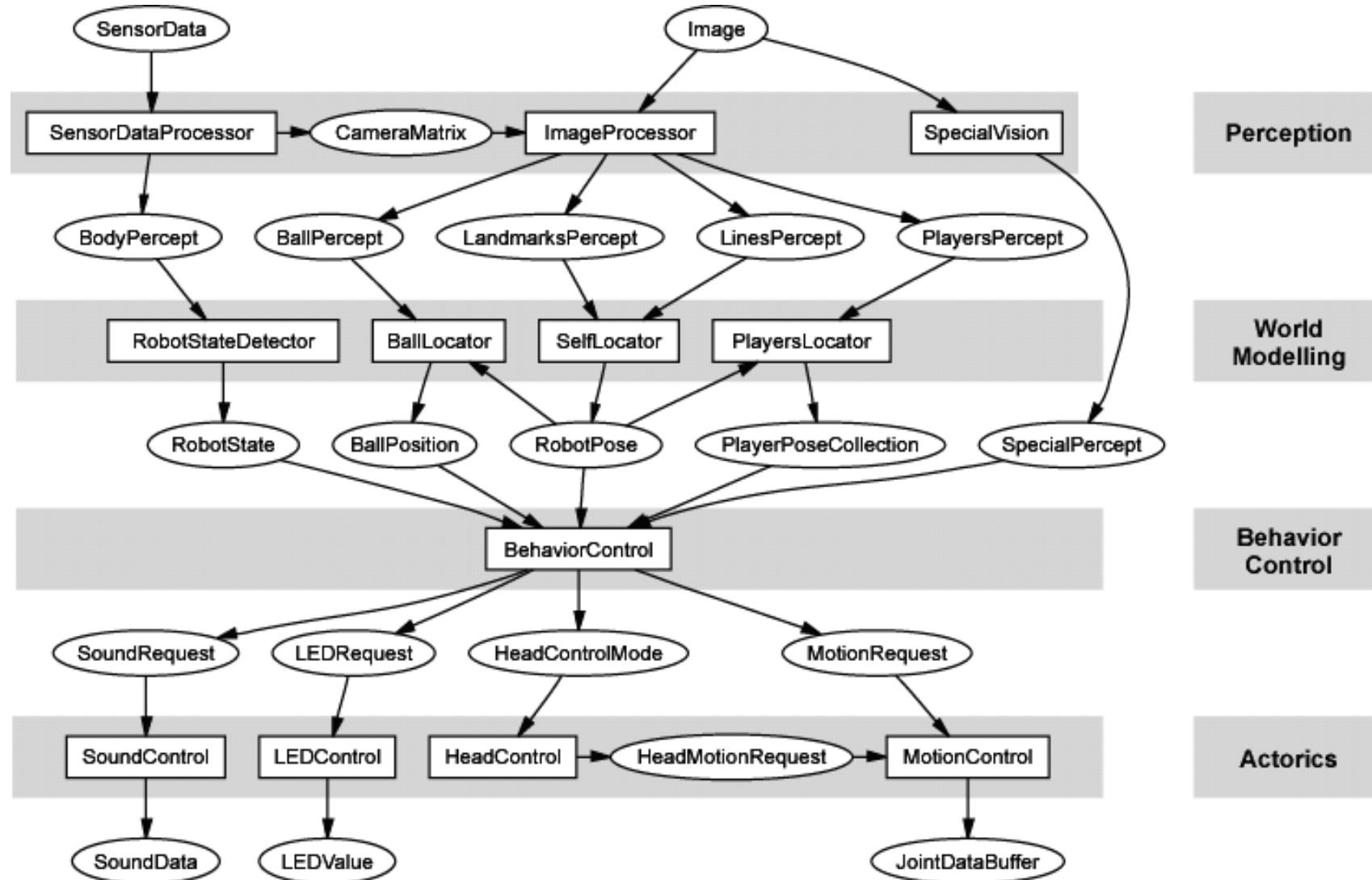


⚽ Solutions

- ⚽ Different solutions for a single module
- ⚽ Switching between solutions at runtime
- ⚽ Modules can also be switched off

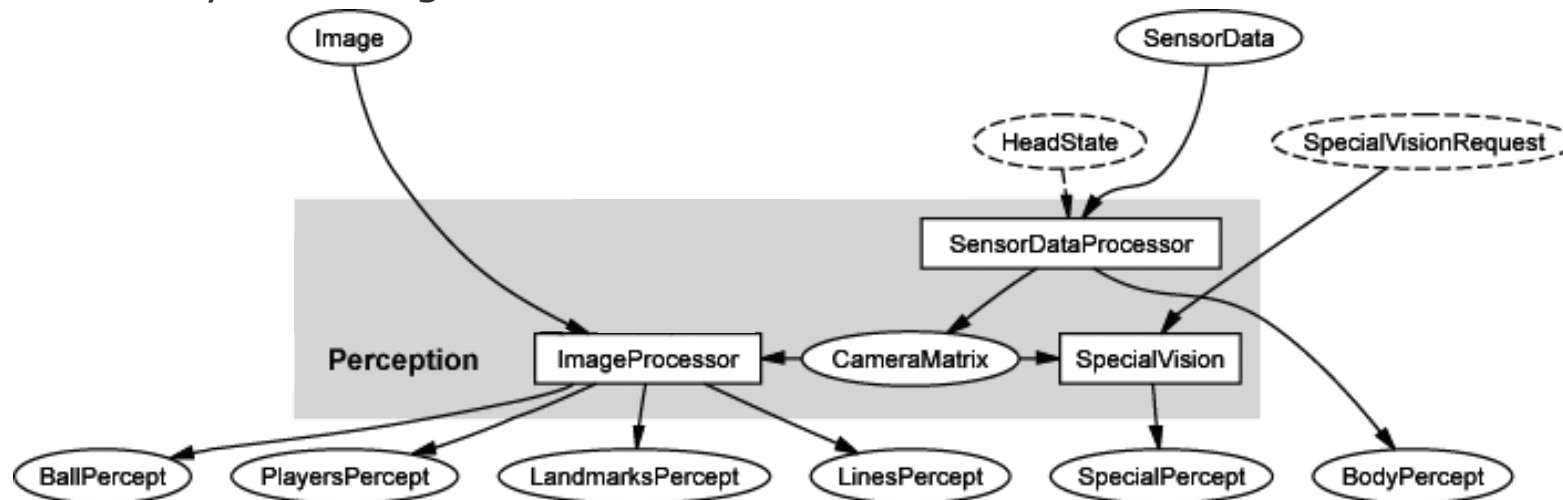
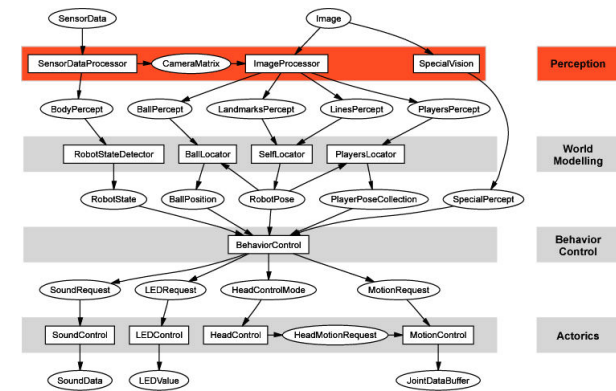


Modules – Overview



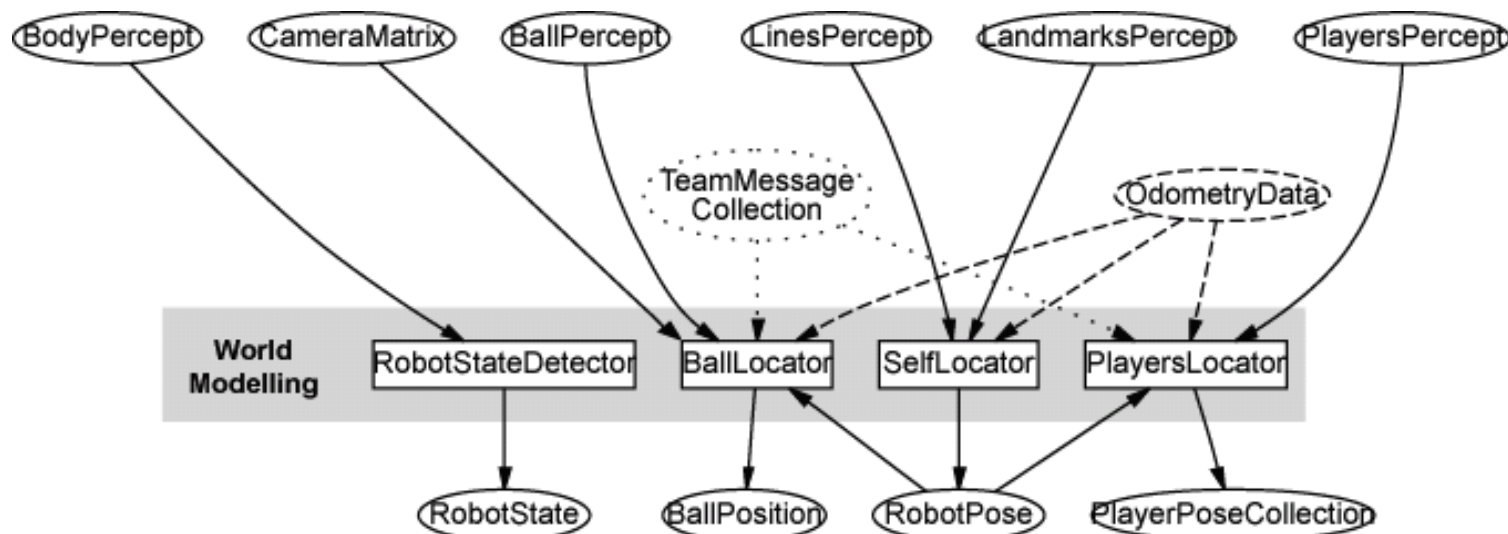
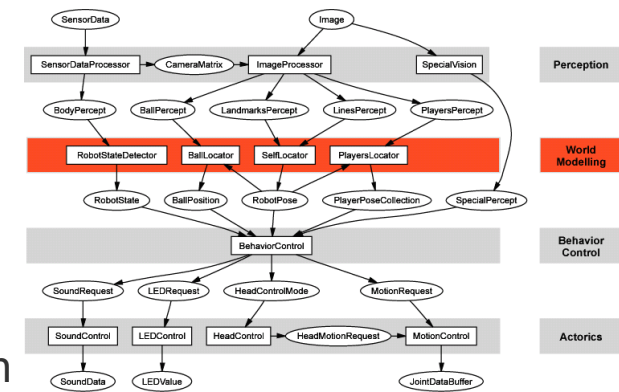
Modules – Perception

- SensorDataProcessor**
 - Low pass filtering sensor data
 - Calculation of the *CameraMatrix*
 - Recognition of button presses
- ImageProcessor**
 - Recognition of relevant objects in an image
- SpecialVision**
 - Special analyses of an image can be conducted on demand that may take longer



Modules – World Modeling

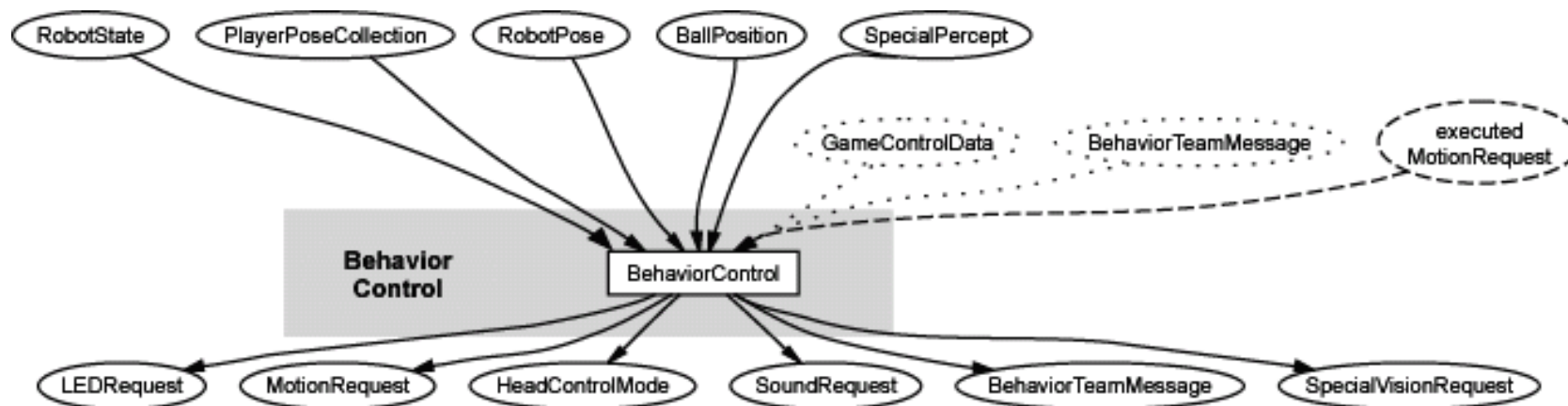
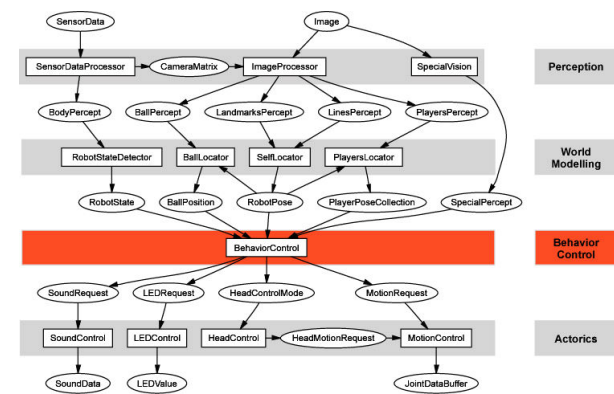
- SelfLocator, BallLocator, PlayersLocator, ObstaclesLocator, RobotStateDetector*
 - No access to sensor data
 - Integration of different percepts
 - Including information received from teammates
 - Generation of a consistent world model, even about objects not visible in the current image



Modules – Behavior Control

⚽ BehaviorControl

- ⚽ No access to percepts
- ⚽ Commands to actuators
- ⚽ Requests output via LEDs and loudspeaker
- ⚽ Controls robot's attention
- ⚽ Influences information processing
- ⚽ Communication with teammates
- ⚽ Processes commands from the referee



Modules – Actuatorics

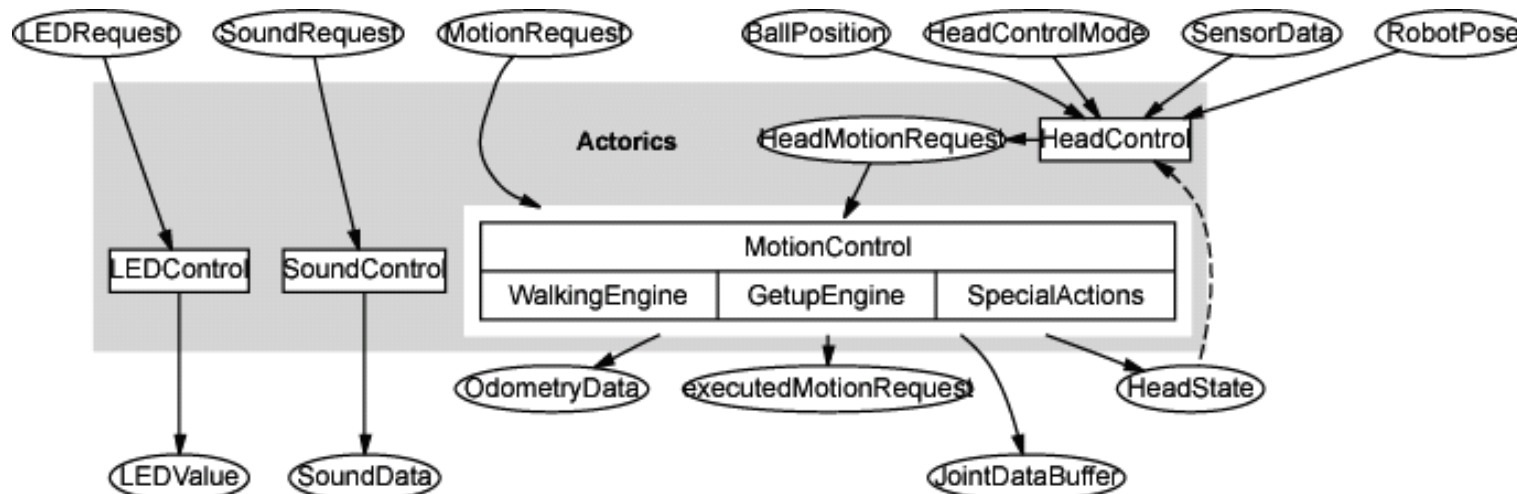
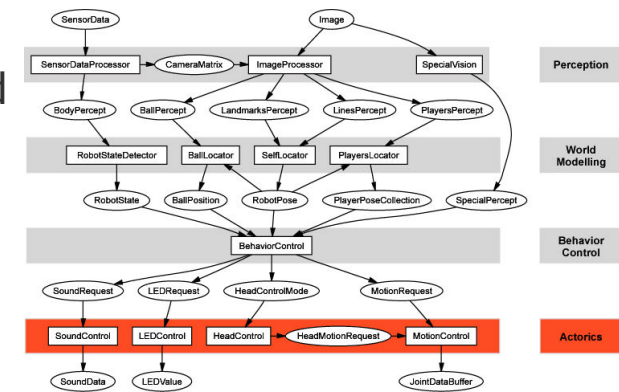
⚽ *HeadControl*

- ⚽ View of the camera on the objects of the world
- ⚽ Takes preferences of behavior control into account

⚽ *MotionControl*

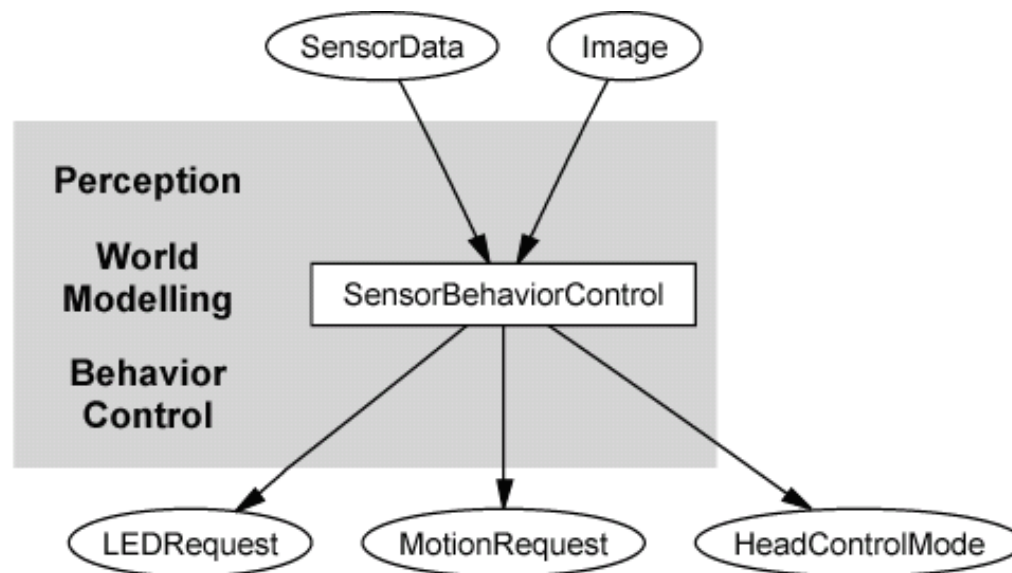
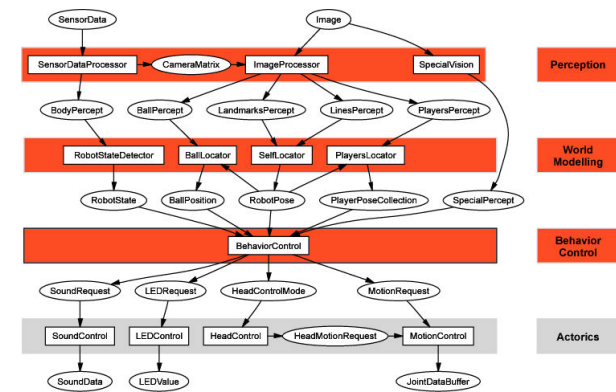
- ⚽ Walking: *WalkingEngine*
- ⚽ Kicks, tricks: *SpecialActions*
- ⚽ Standing up: *GetupEngine*
- ⚽ Integration of desired angles for head joints

⚽ Output for developers: *LEDControl, SoundControl*



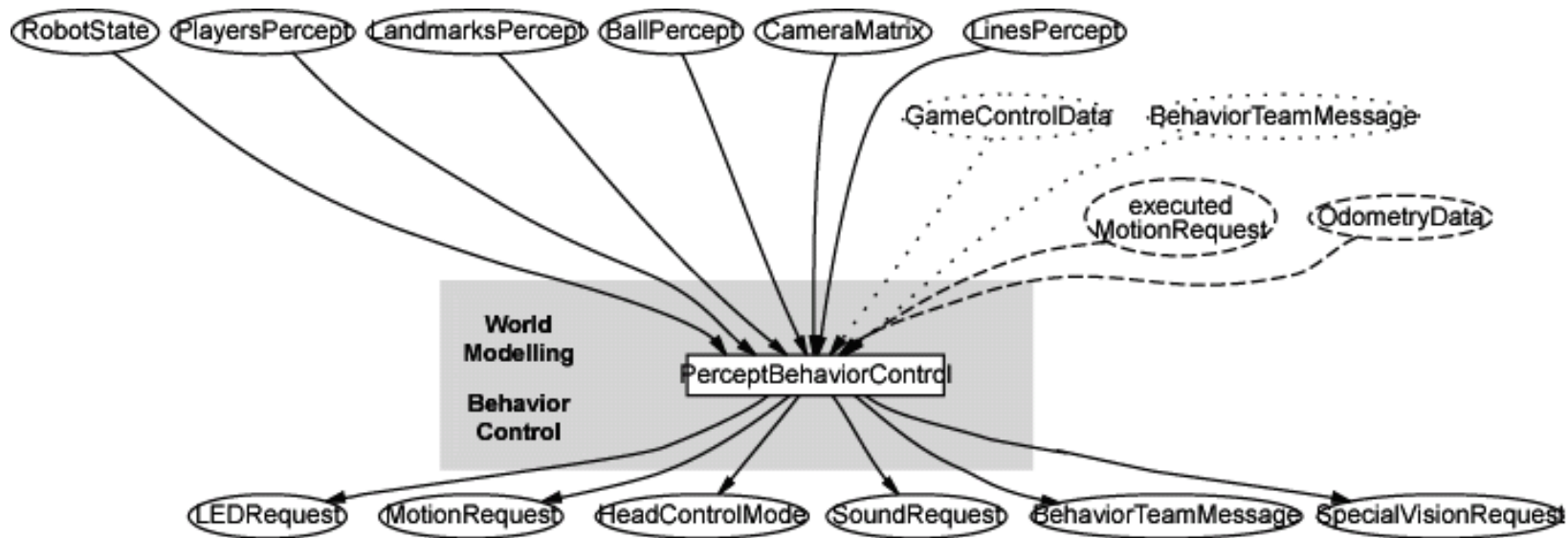
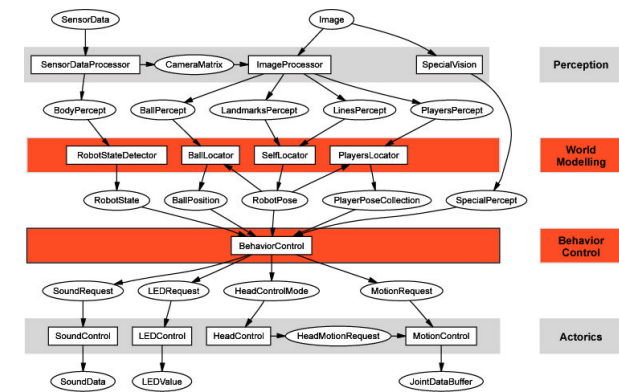
Modules – Sensorimotor Coupling

- ⚽ Direct generation of commands to actuators from sensor data: *SensorBehaviorControl*
- ⚽ Own image processing
- ⚽ Own modeling
- ⚽ For experiments



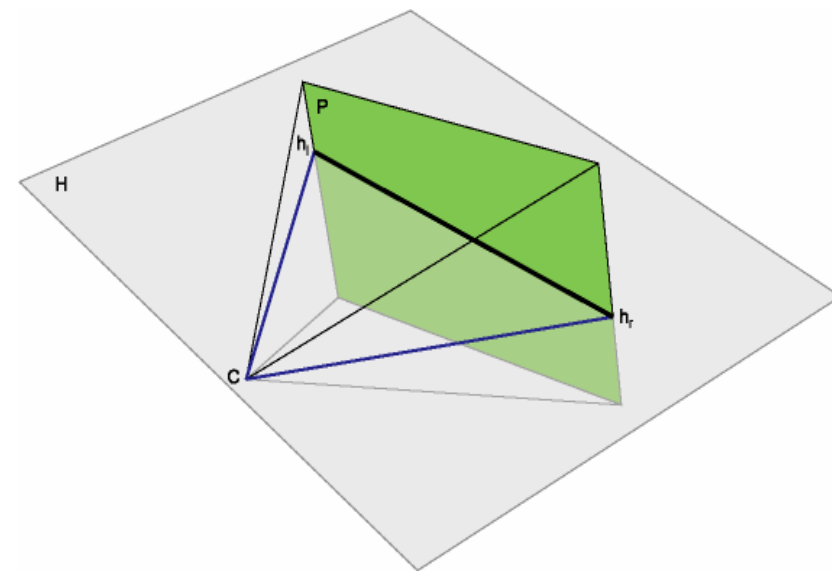
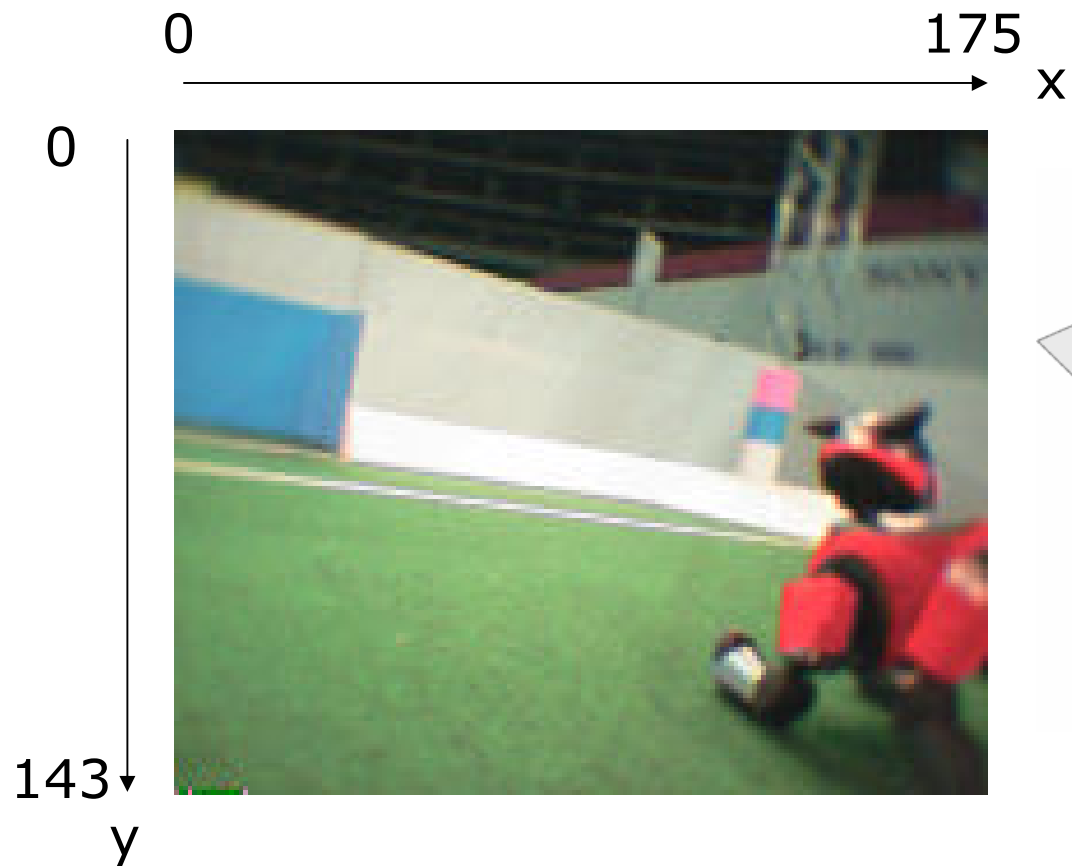
Modules – Percept-Based Control

- ⚽ Direct generation of commands to actuators from Percepts: *PerceptBehaviorControl*
- ⚽ Own modeling
- ⚽ „Probabilistic behavior“





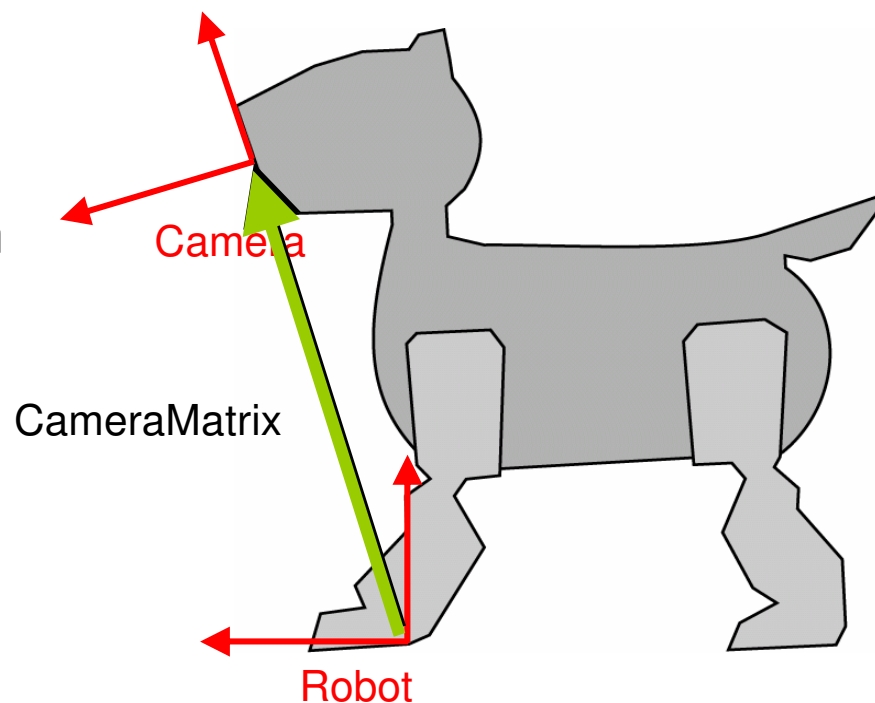
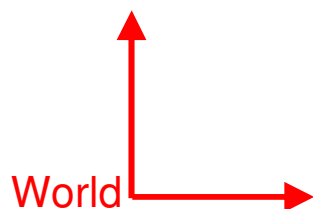
Perception



Perception – Position of the Camera (1)

CameraMatrix:

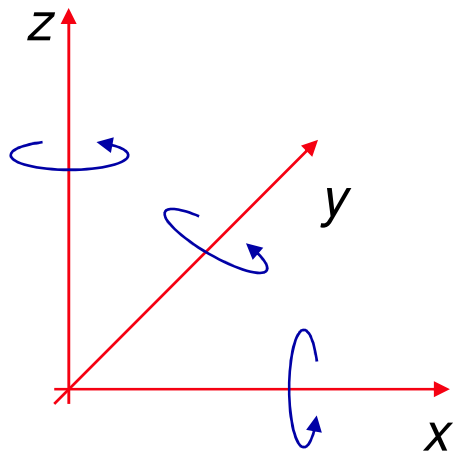
Transformation of the robot's system of coordinates into the system of coordinates of the camera



Perception – Position of the Camera (2)

translation by (x,y,z)

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & x \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & y \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & z \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$



rotation around z-axis by $\chi \rightarrow$

$$\begin{pmatrix} \cos \chi & -\sin \chi & 0 & 0 \\ \sin \chi & \cos \chi & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

... around y-axis by $\beta \rightarrow$

$$\begin{pmatrix} \cos \beta & 0 & -\sin \beta & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ \sin \beta & 0 & \cos \beta & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

... around x-axis by $\alpha \rightarrow$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \cos \alpha & -\sin \alpha & 0 \\ 0 & \sin \alpha & \cos \alpha & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Perception – Position of the Camera (3)

⚽ CameraMatrix

$$\text{⚽ } M_{\text{camera}} = M_{\text{neckHeight}} M_{\text{tilt}} M_{\text{neckLength}} M_{\text{pan}} M_{\text{roll}} M_{\text{cameraOffset}}$$

⚽ Angular coordinates

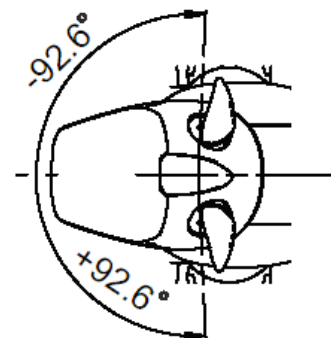
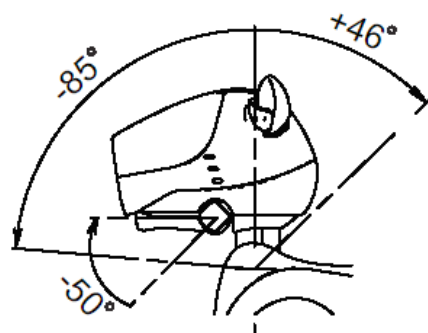
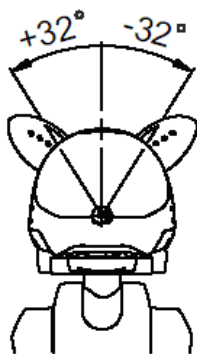
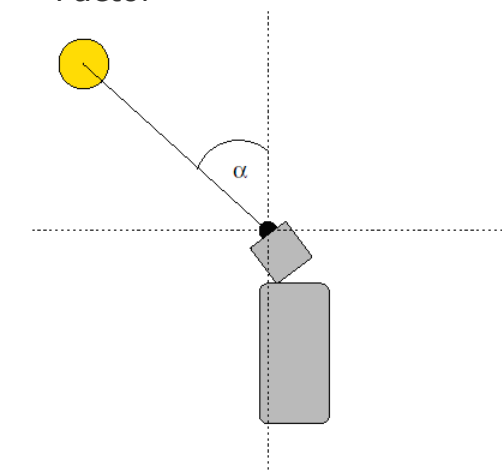
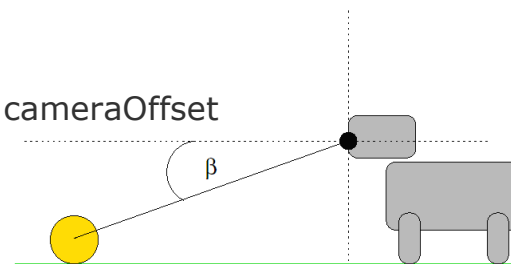
$$\text{⚽ } X_{\text{factor}} = (\tan(\text{width}_{\text{angle}} / 2) * 2) / \text{width}_{\text{pixel}}$$

$$\text{⚽ } Y_{\text{factor}} = (\tan(\text{height}_{\text{angle}} / 2) * 2) / \text{height}_{\text{pixel}}$$

$$\text{⚽ } V = M_{\text{camera}} \cdot \text{rotation} \left(1, \left(\text{width}_{\text{pixel}} / 2 - x \right) * X_{\text{factor}}, \left(\text{height}_{\text{pixel}} / 2 - y \right) * Y_{\text{factor}} \right)$$

$$\text{⚽ } \alpha = \text{atan2}(V.y, V.x);$$

$$\text{⚽ } \beta = \text{atan2}(V.z, \sqrt{V.x^2 + V.y^2});$$





Perception – Color Spaces – YUV

RGB



Y



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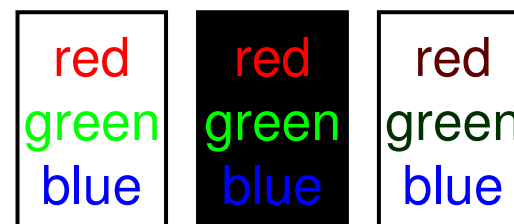
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Perception – Color Spaces – Transformations

⚽ Assumption

- ⚽ All values are in the range [0..1]

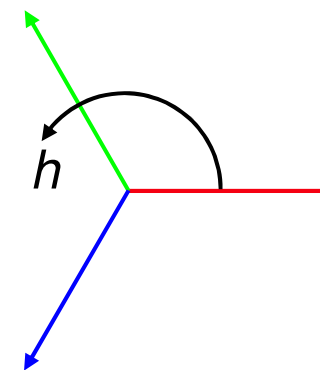


⚽ YUV → RGB

- ⚽ $r := \text{fix}(1.164 (y - 0.0625) + 1.596 (v - 0.5))$
- ⚽ $g := \text{fix}(1.164 (y - 0.0625) - 0.392 (u - 0.5) - 0.813 (v - 0.5))$
- ⚽ $b := \text{fix}(1.164 (y - 0.0625) + 2.017 (u - 0.5))$
where $\text{fix}(a) = \max(0, \min(1, a))$

⚽ RGB → HSI

- ⚽ $i := 0.3 r + 0.59 g + 0.11 b$
or $i := (r + g + b) / 3$
- ⚽ $s := 1 - \min(r, g, b) / i$
- ⚽ $h := \text{atan2}(\sqrt{3} (g - b), 2 r - g - b) / 2\pi$



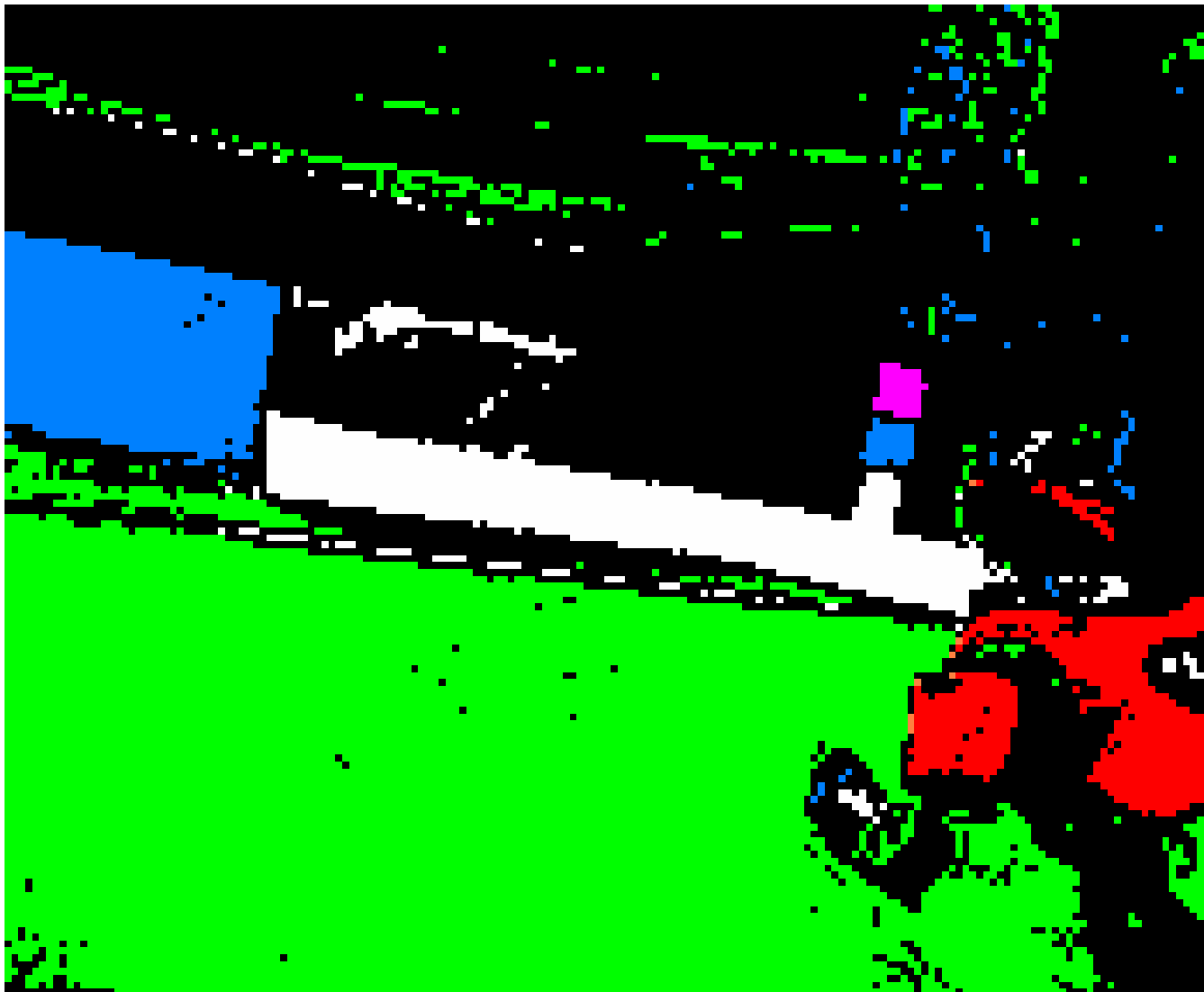


Perception – Blob-Based Vision



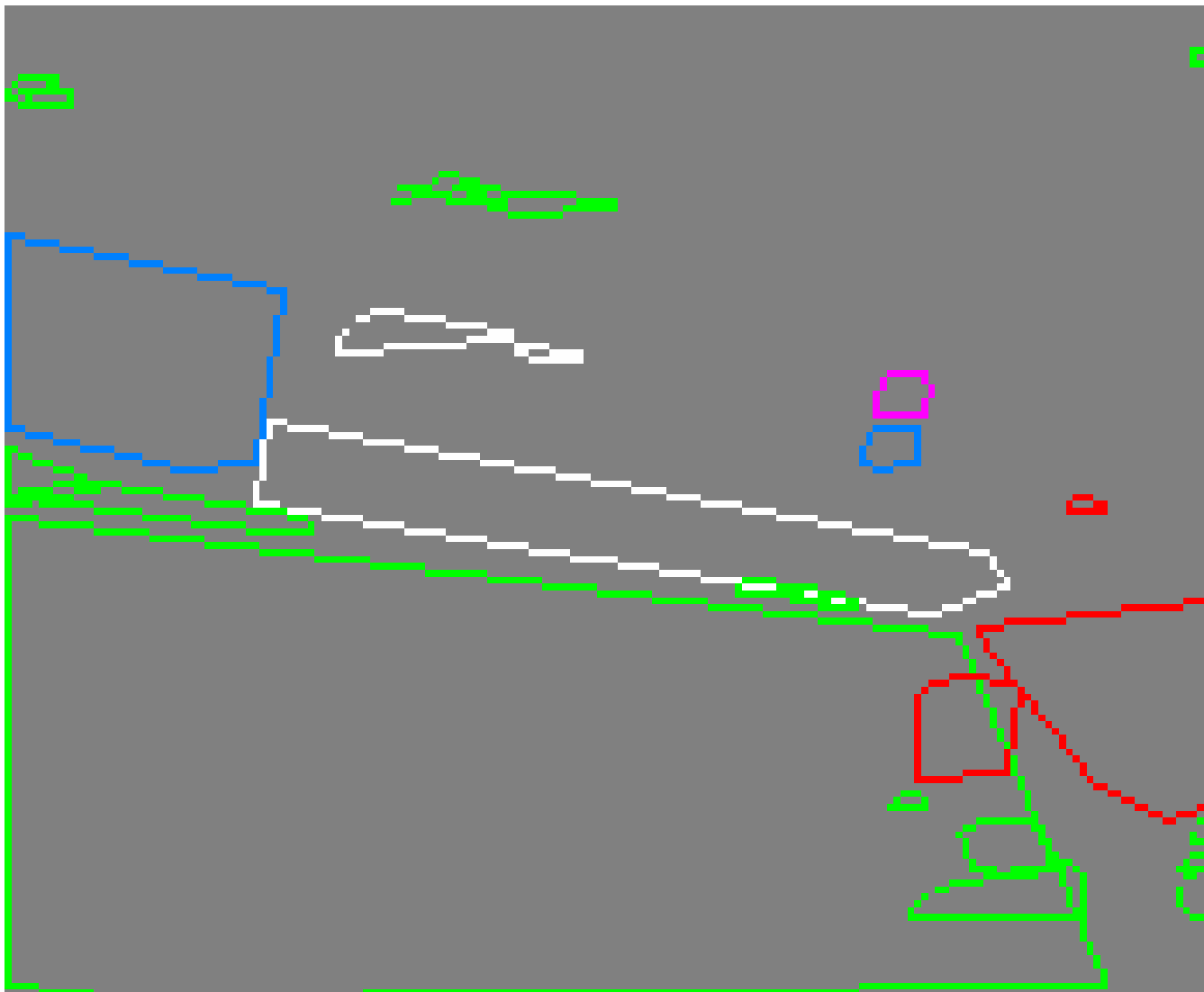


Perception – Blob-Based Vision





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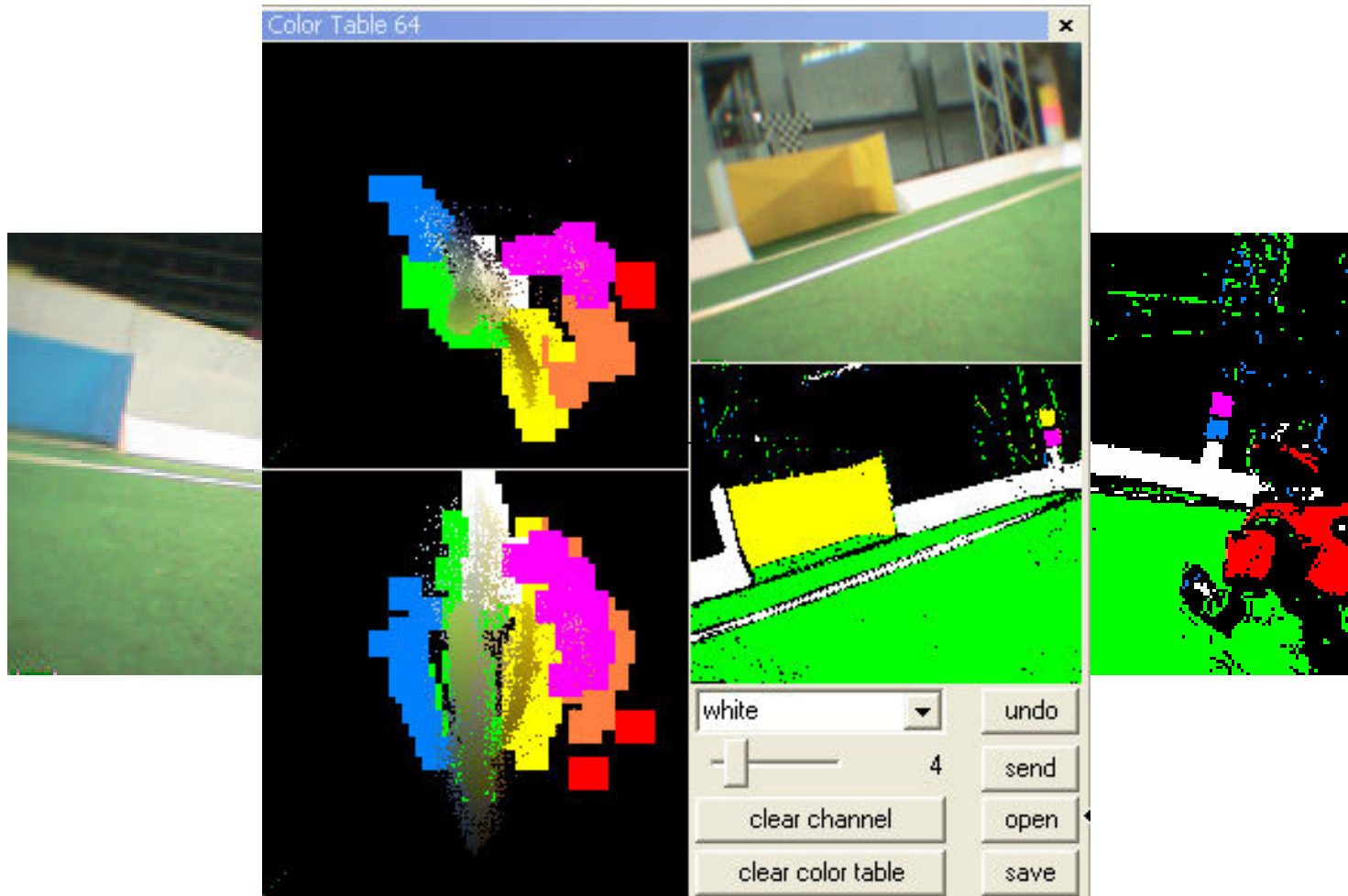


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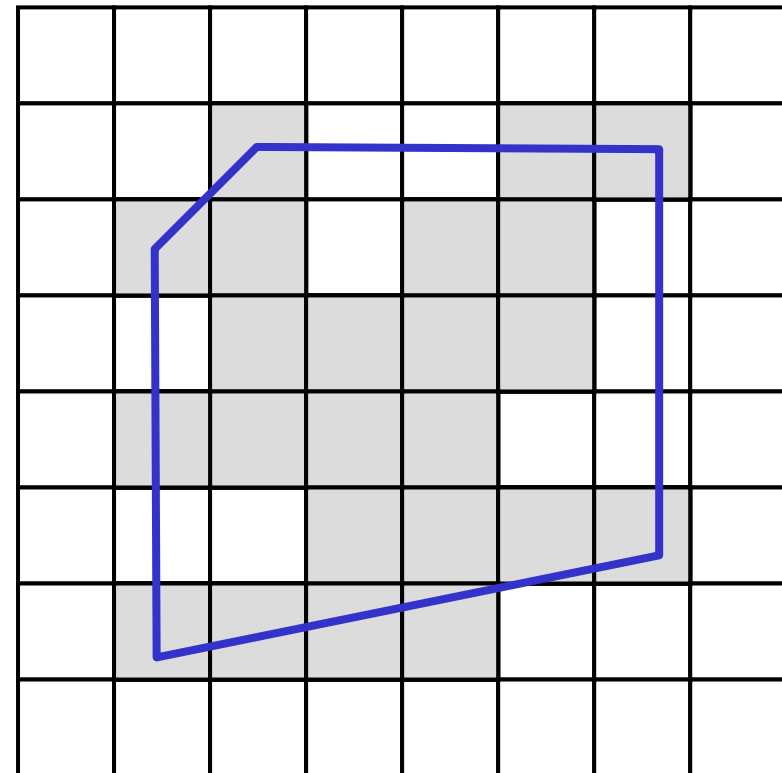


Perception – Color Segmentation



Perception – Recognition of Blobs

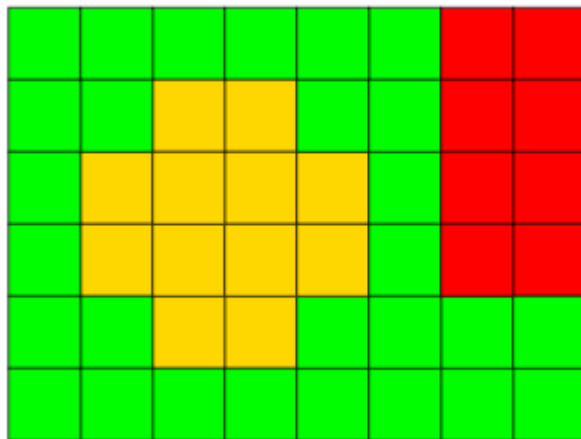
- ⊙ Find connected areas
 - ⊙ for all $c(x,y)$
 - if $c(x,y) \neq \text{noColor}$
 - fill pixels of class $c(x,y)$
 - starting at (x,y)
- ⊙ fill (c,x,y)
 - ⊙ init boundary
 - push (x,y) on stack
 - clear $c(x,y)$
 - ⊙ while stack not empty
 - pop (x',y') from stack
 - update boundary
 - for each neighbor (x'',y'') of (x',y') with $c(x'',y'') = c$
 - push (x'',y'') on stack
 - clear $c(x'',y'')$



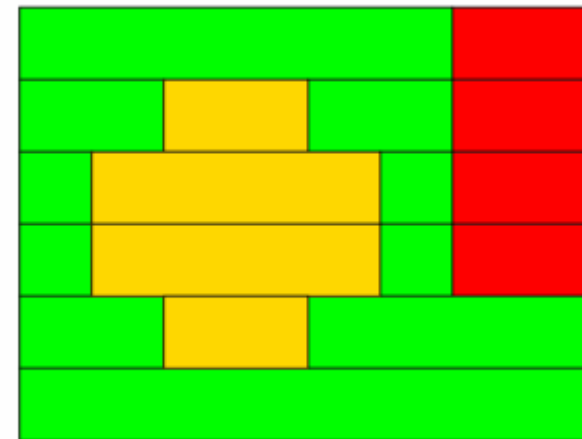
Example (4-connectedness)



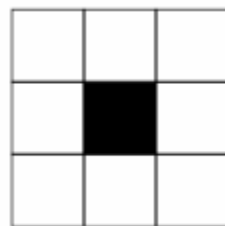
Perception – RLE Compression



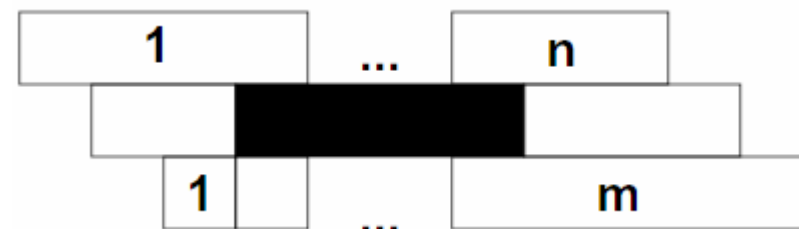
Normal image



Run-length encoded image



8 neighbors

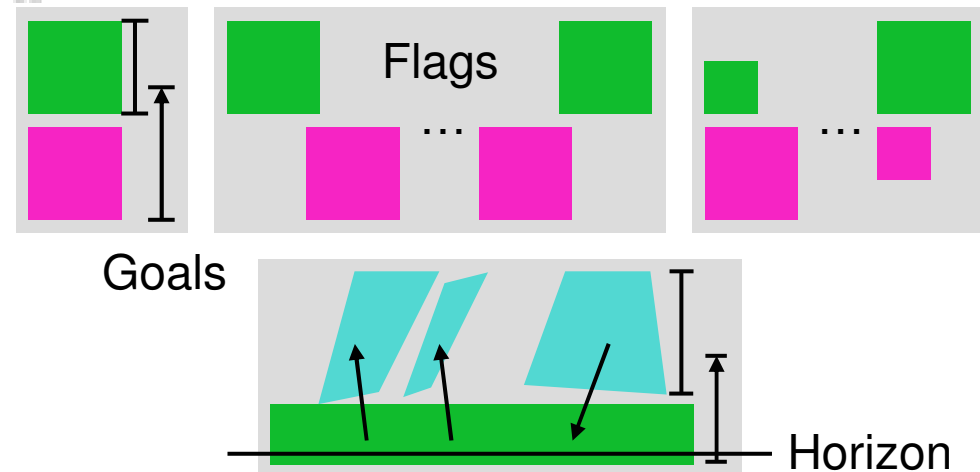
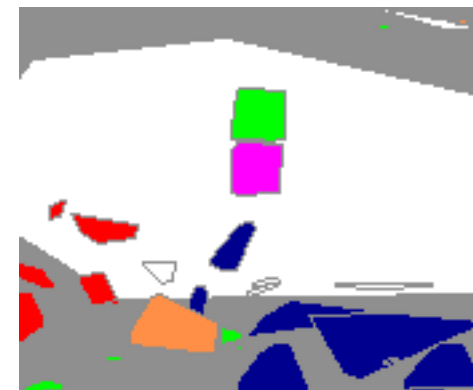


$n+m$ neighbors

Perception – Blob Combination

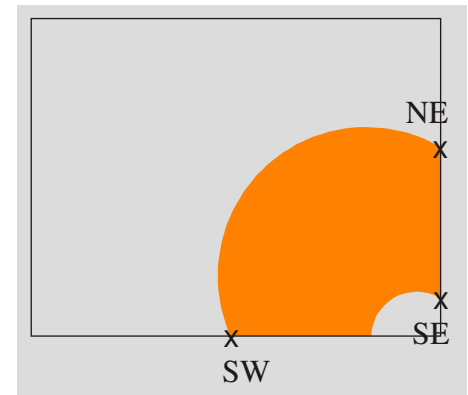
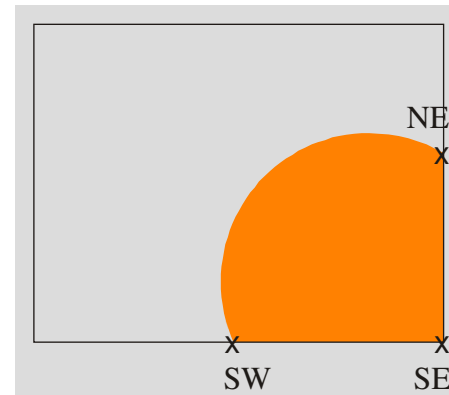
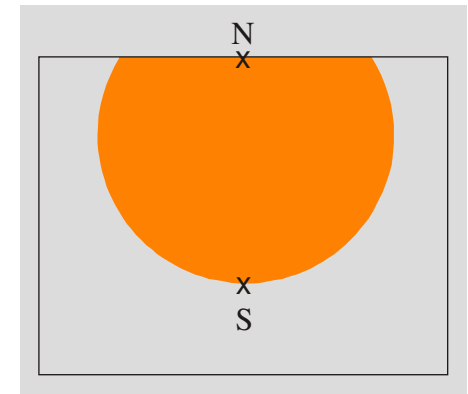
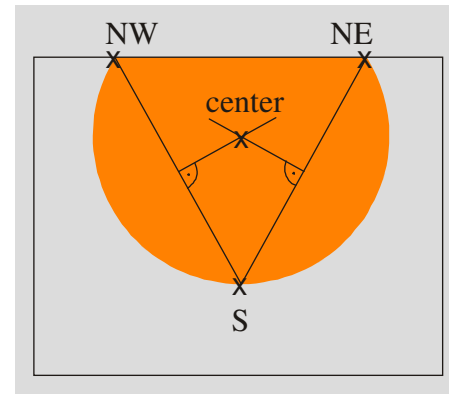
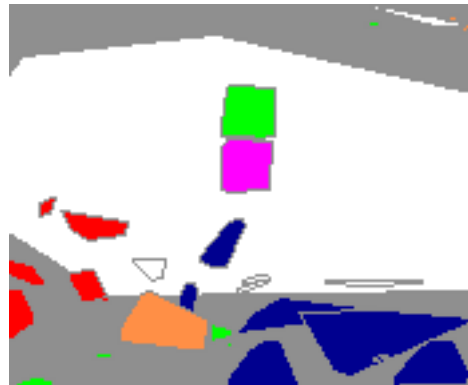
⚽ Constraints: Allen-Relations

$A < B$ $B > A$		<i>A before B</i> <i>B after A</i>
$A m B$ $B m i A$		<i>A meets B</i> <i>B met by A</i>
$A o B$ $B o i A$		<i>A overlaps B</i> <i>B overlapped by A</i>
$A s B$ $B s i A$		<i>A starts B</i> <i>B started by A</i>
$A d B$ $B d i A$		<i>A during B</i> <i>B contains A</i>
$A f B$ $B f i A$		<i>A finishes B</i> <i>B finished by A</i>
$A = B$		<i>A equals B</i>



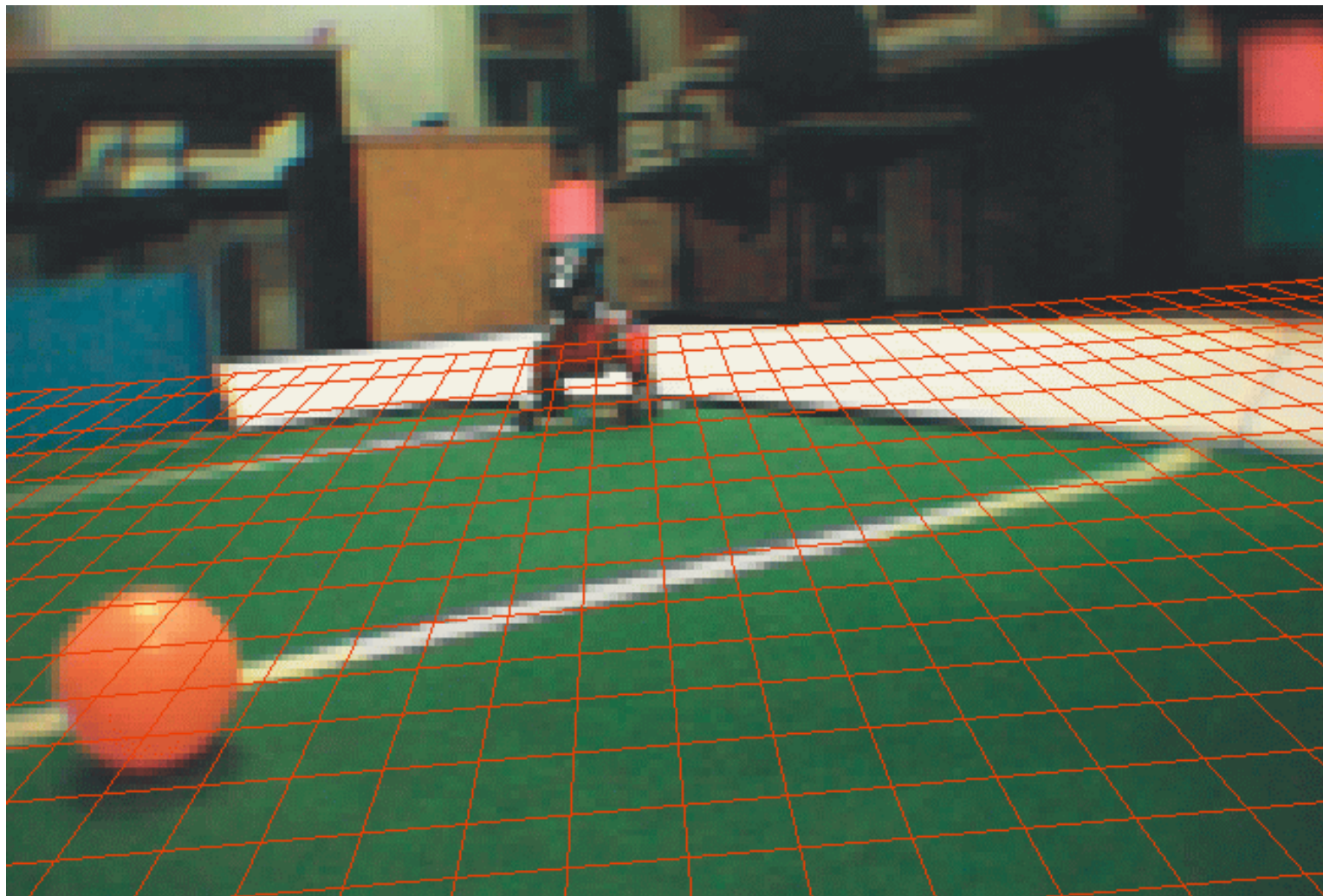
Perception – Ball and Players

- ⚽ Ball
 - ⚽ Orange blob, either large or close to green
 - ⚽ Selection of boundary points
 - ⚽ Intersection of middle perpendiculars
- ⚽ Players
 - ⚽ Cluster red and blue blobs
 - ⚽ Find largest blob in cluster
 - ⚽ Calculate distance from height



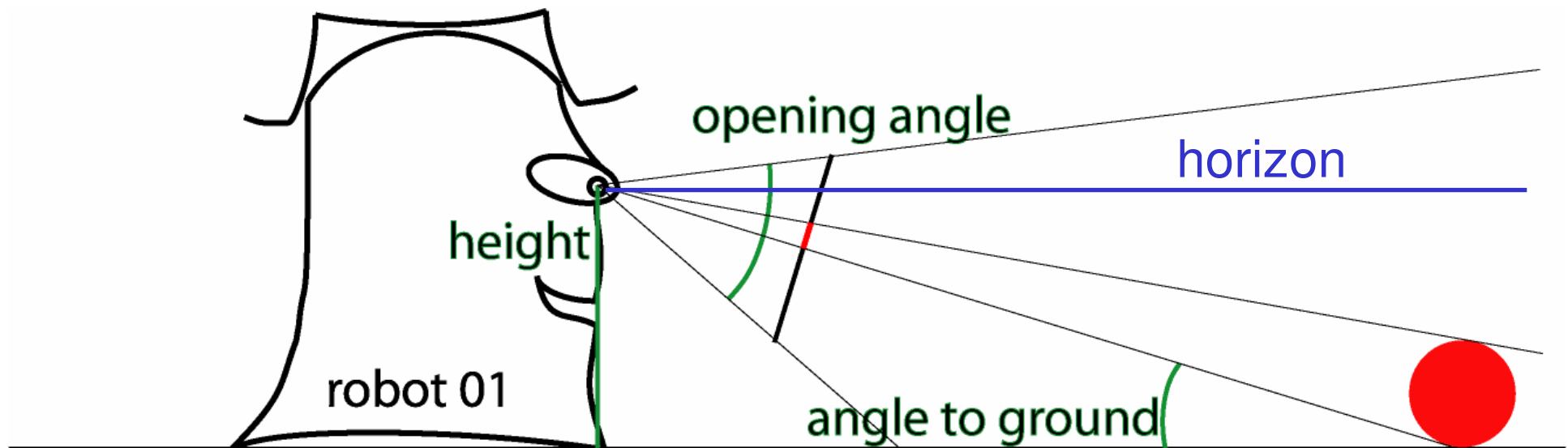


Perception – Alternative Approach





Perception – Calculation of the Horizon (1)



Perception – Calculation of the Horizon (2)

- ⚽ Vectors in direction of the horizon (in world coordinates):

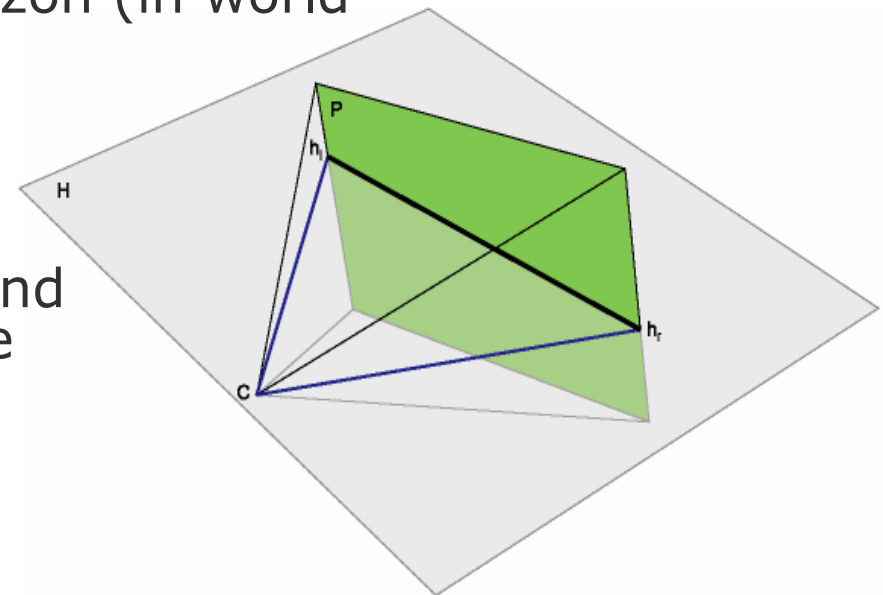
$$w = (w_x, w_y, 0)$$

- ⚽ In camera coordinates:

$$w^* = M_{camera} \cdot rotation \ w$$

- ⚽ With opening angle being 2α and camera resolution s , $h_{l/r}$ can be calculated as:

$$h_l = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{s}{\tan \alpha} \\ s \\ z_l \end{pmatrix}, h_r = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{s}{\tan \alpha} \\ -s \\ z_r \end{pmatrix}$$



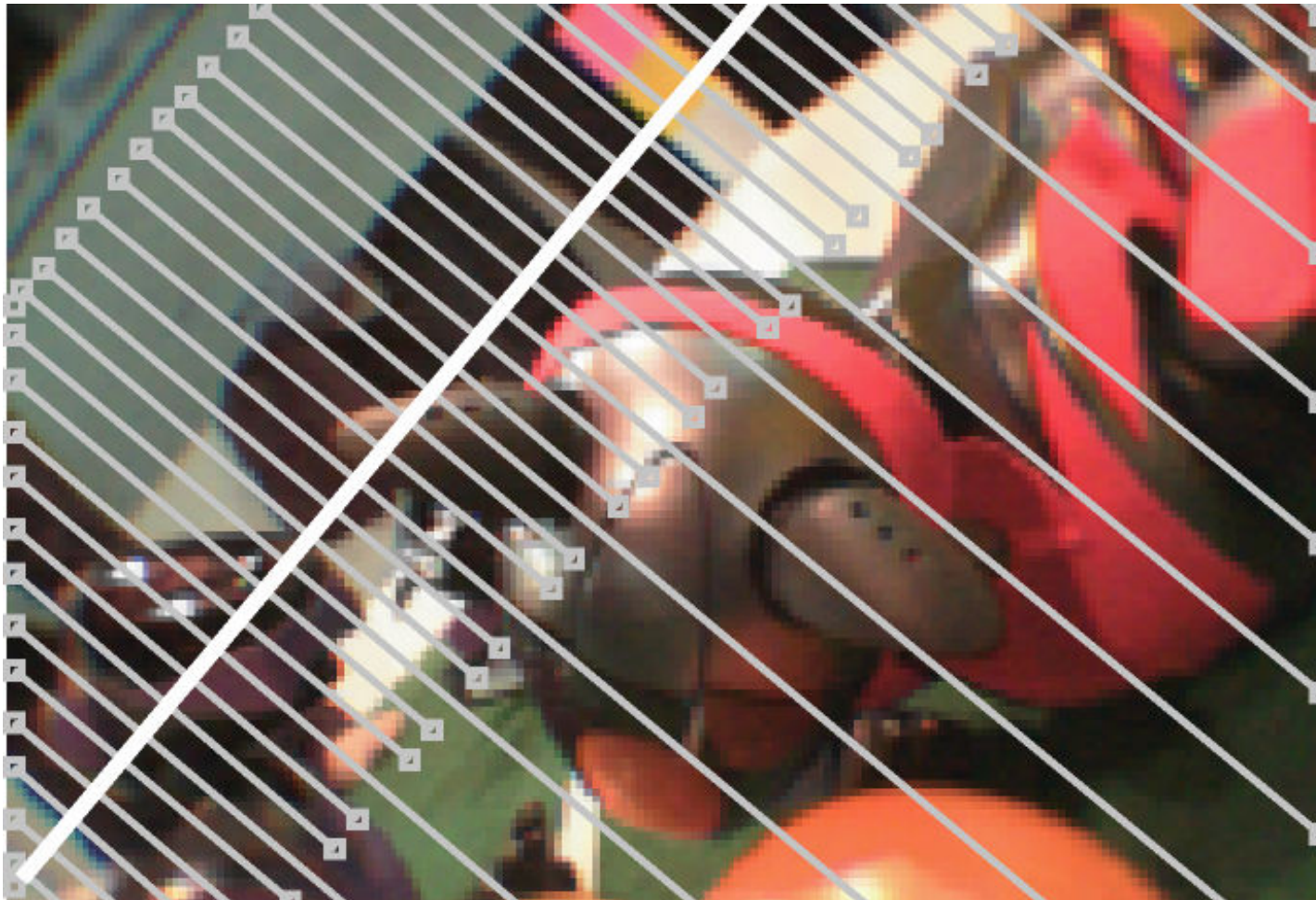
- ⚽ If h_l and h_r are on the horizon, they satisfy

$$h_{l/r} = w^* = M_{camera} \cdot rotation \ w$$

- ⚽ This can easily be solved for $z_{l/r}$, resulting in the intersection points of the horizon with the image borders

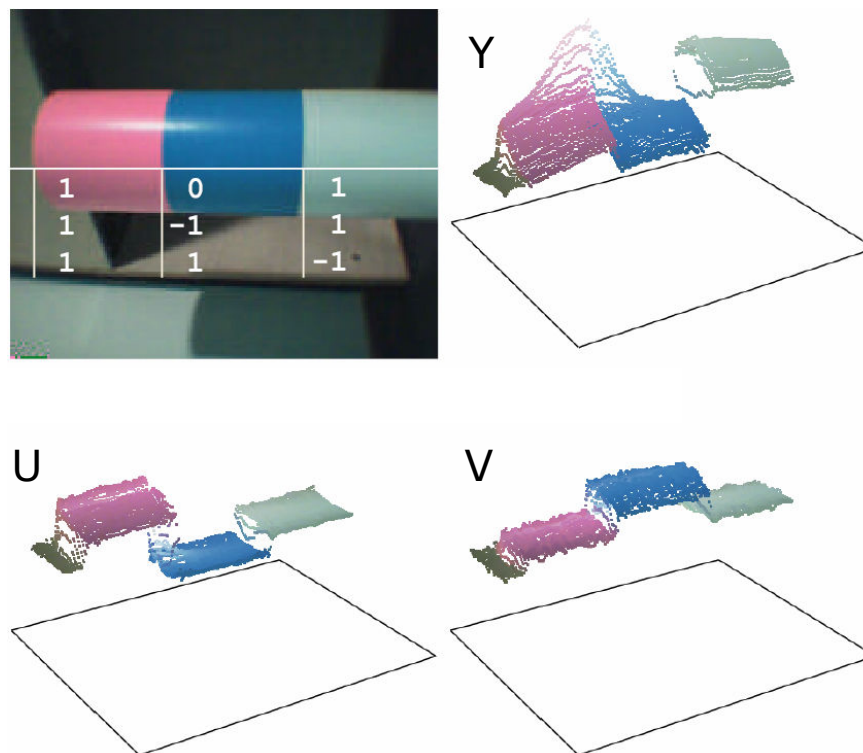


Perception – Grid Perpendicular to Horizon



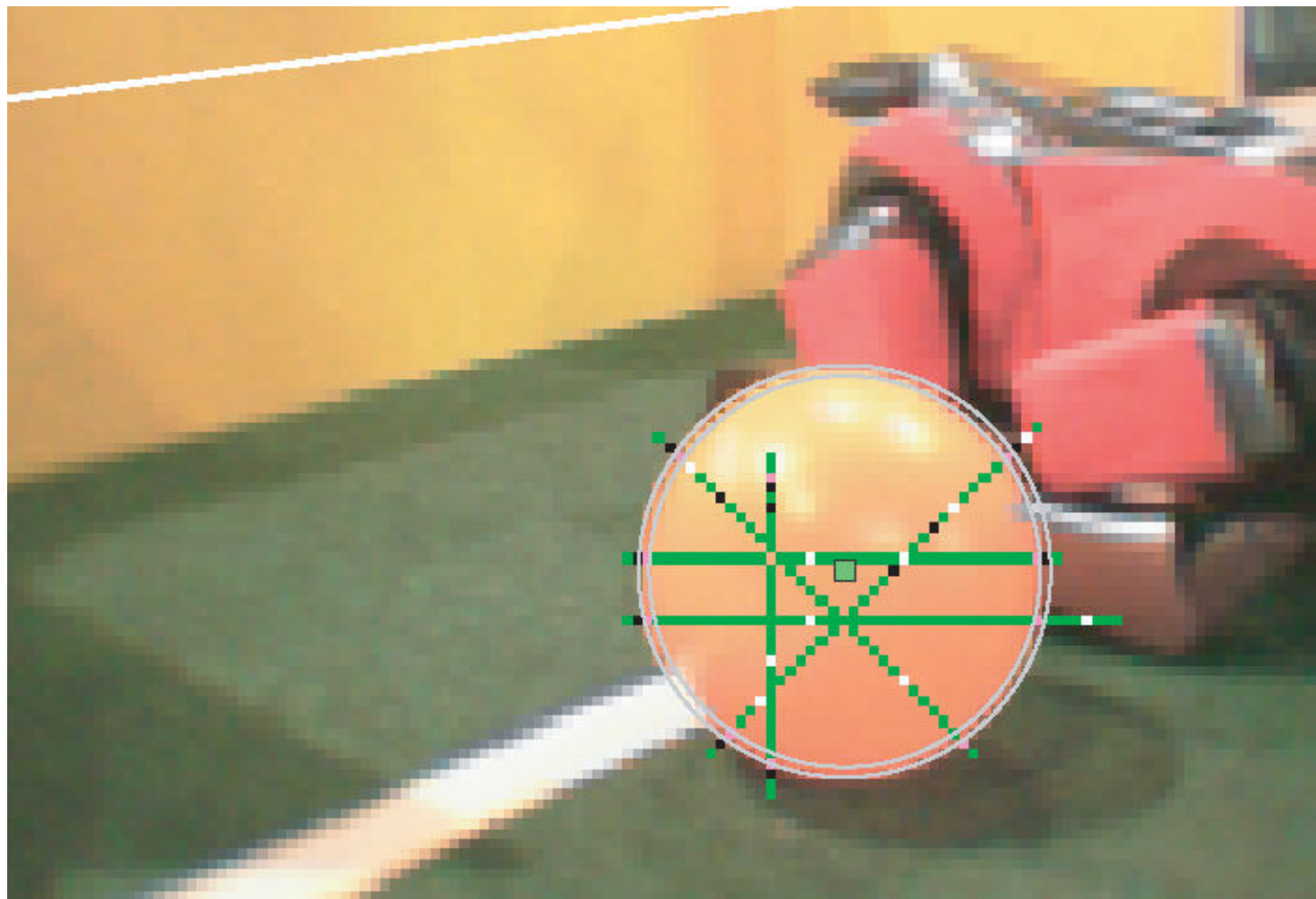
Perception – Object Recognition

- ⚽ Edge detection along scan lines is used for object recognition
- ⚽ Color class (not all colors classifiable)
- ⚽ Patterns in contrast in the YUV channels are used to resolve color ambiguities
- ⚽ Anchor points for specialists



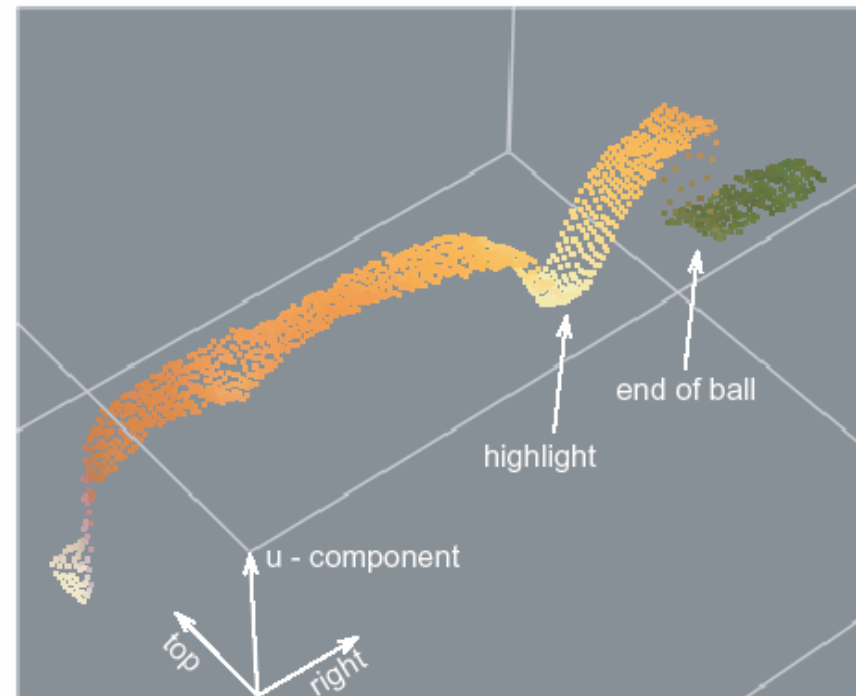
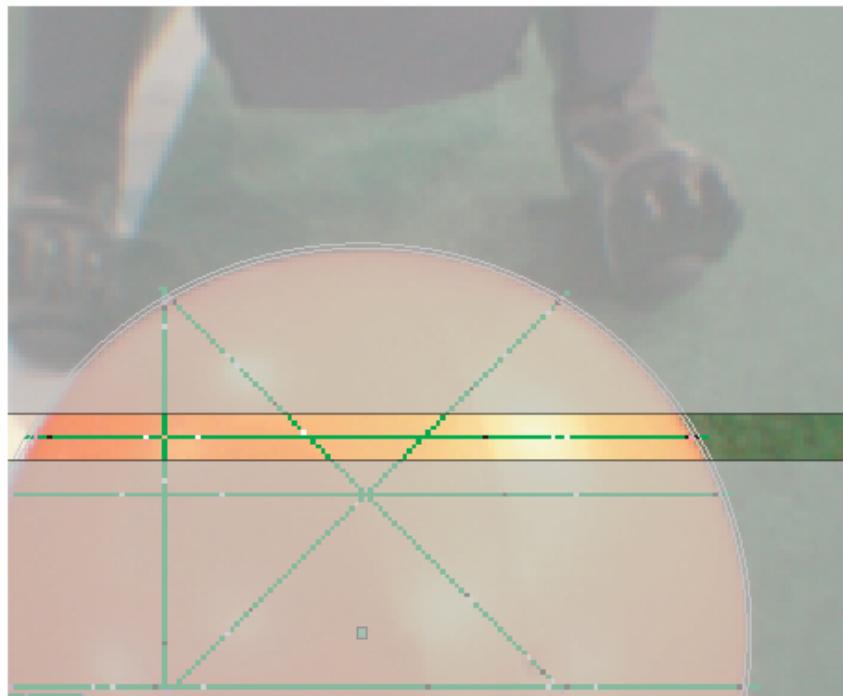


Perception – Specialists



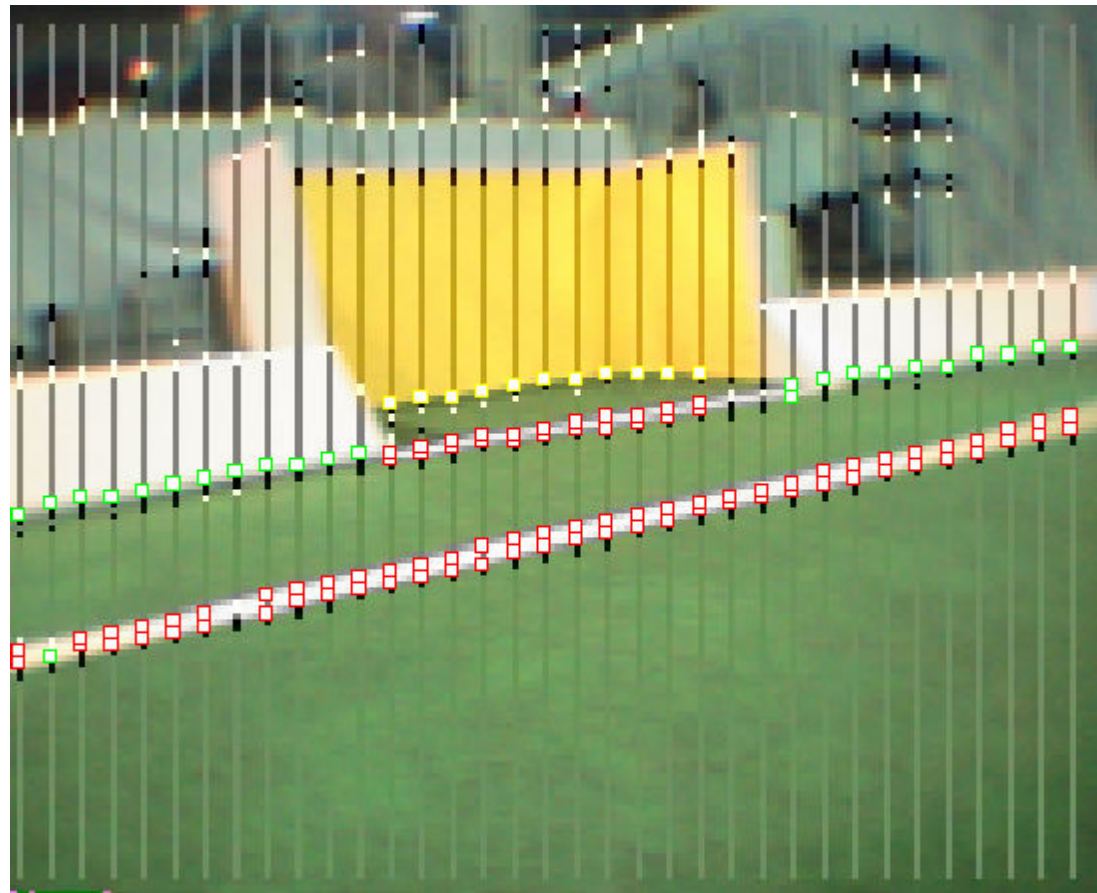


Perception – Using Gradients



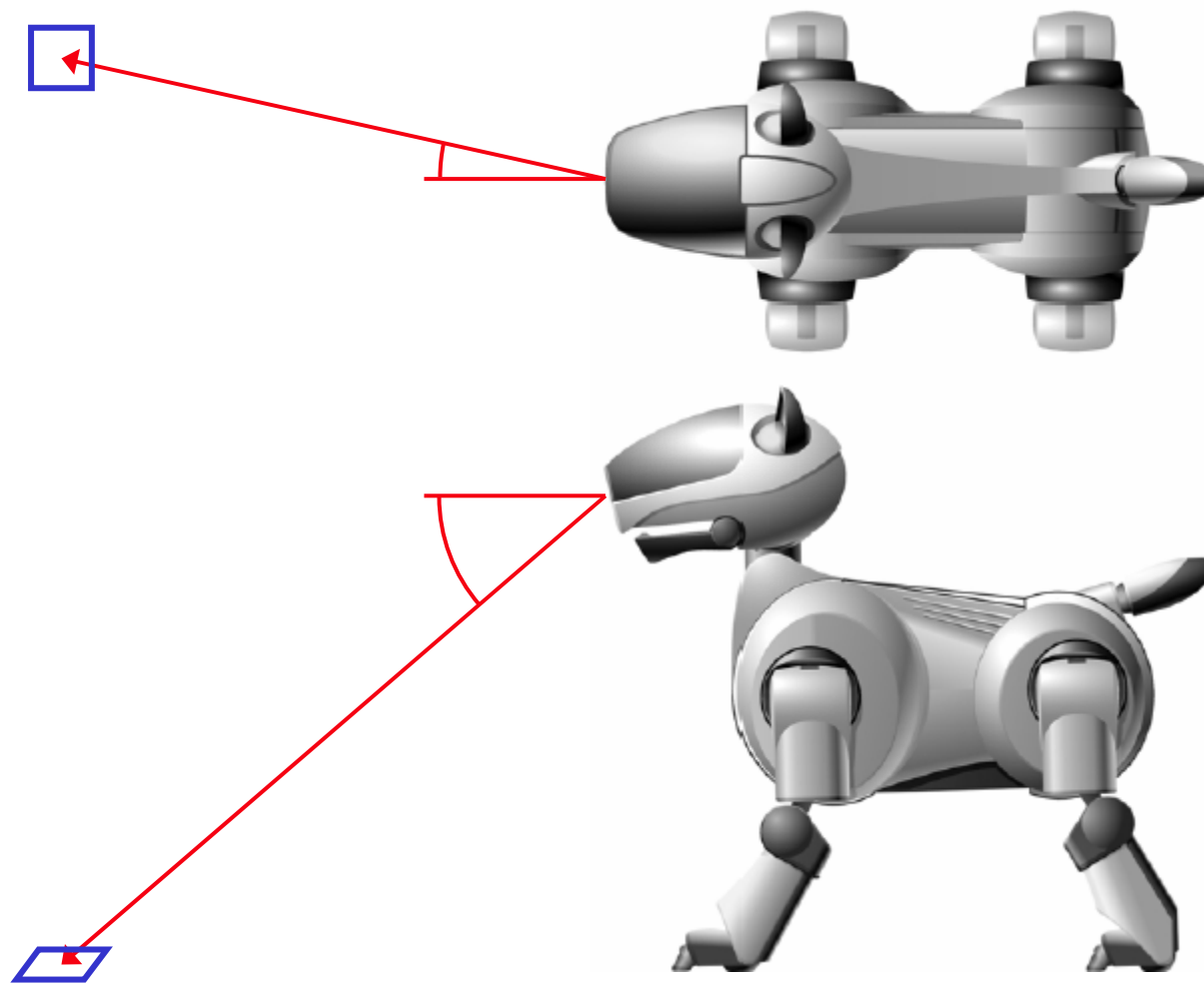
Perception – Detecting Edges

- ⚽ Between field and
- ⚽ Border
- ⚽ Field lines
- ⚽ Goals
 - ⚽ *yellow*
 - ⚽ *skyblue*



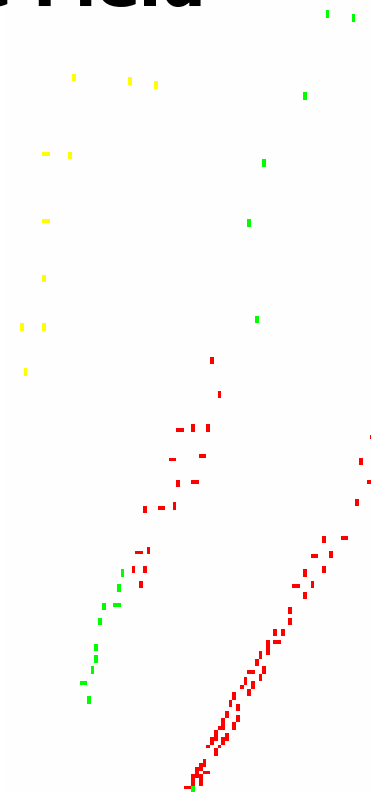
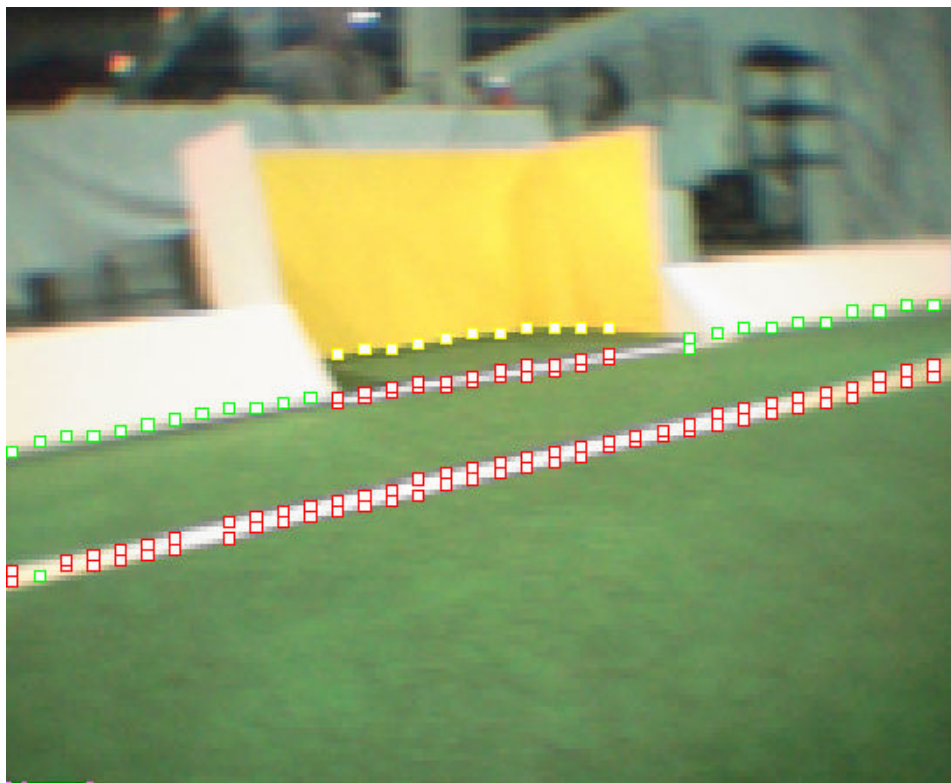


Perception – Distances



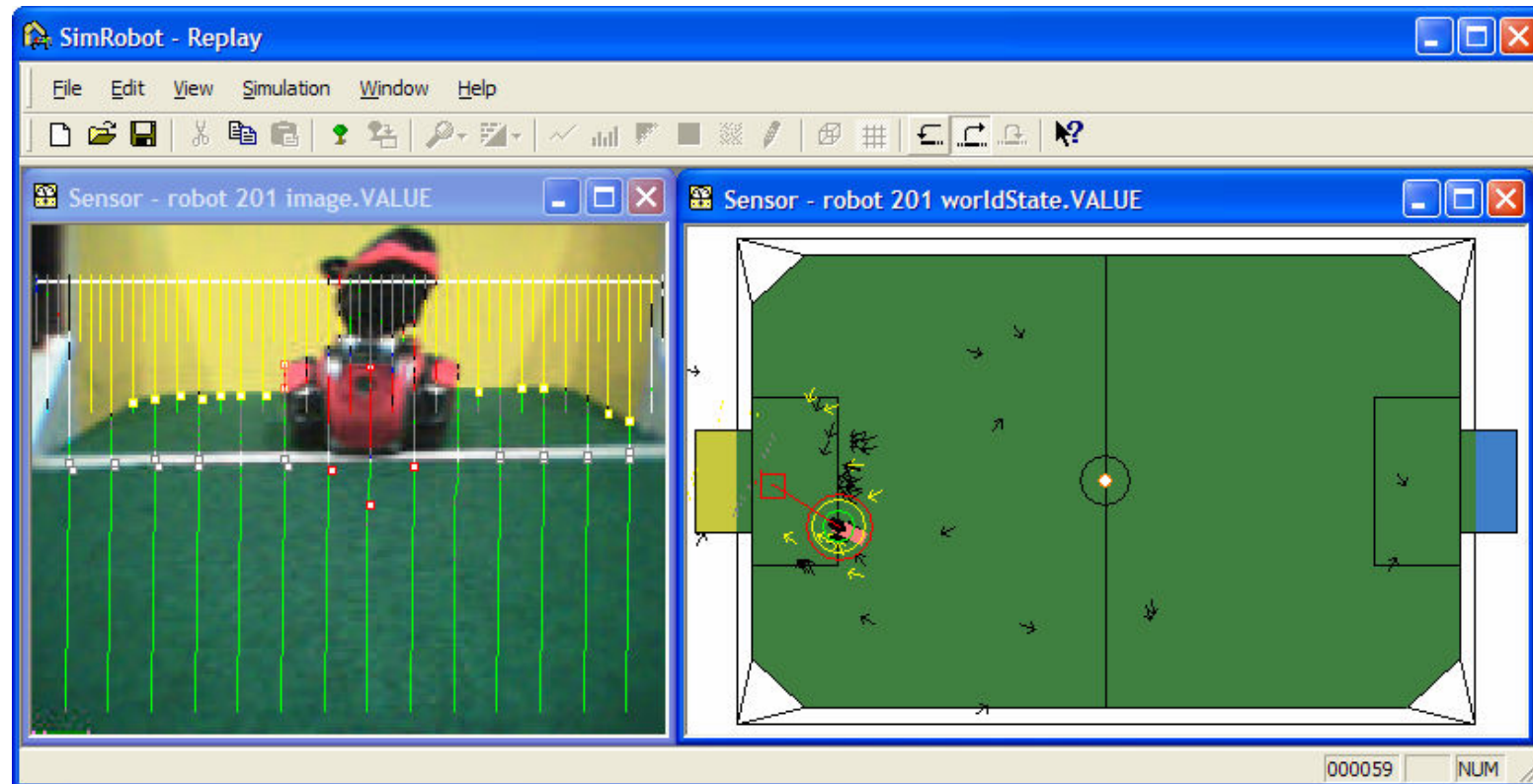


Perception – Projection on the Field



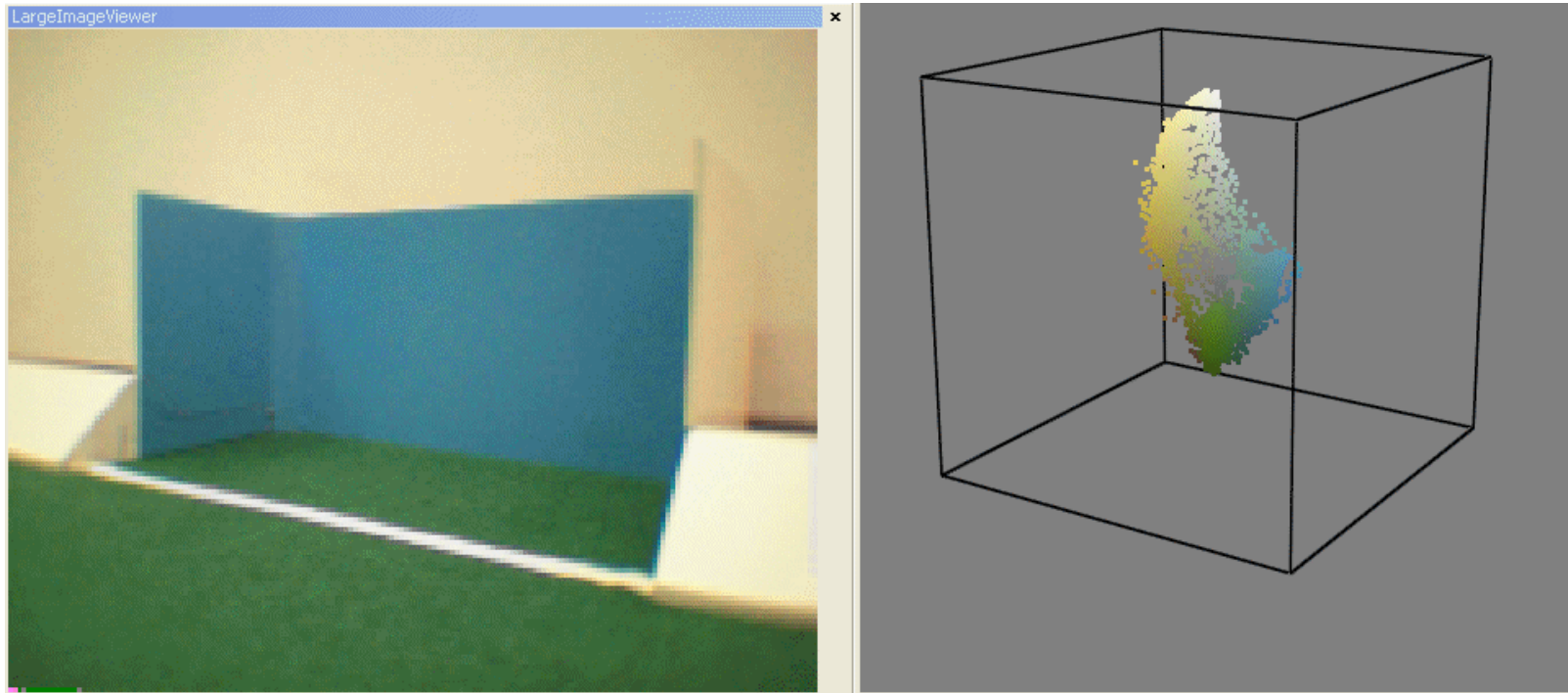


Perception – Example





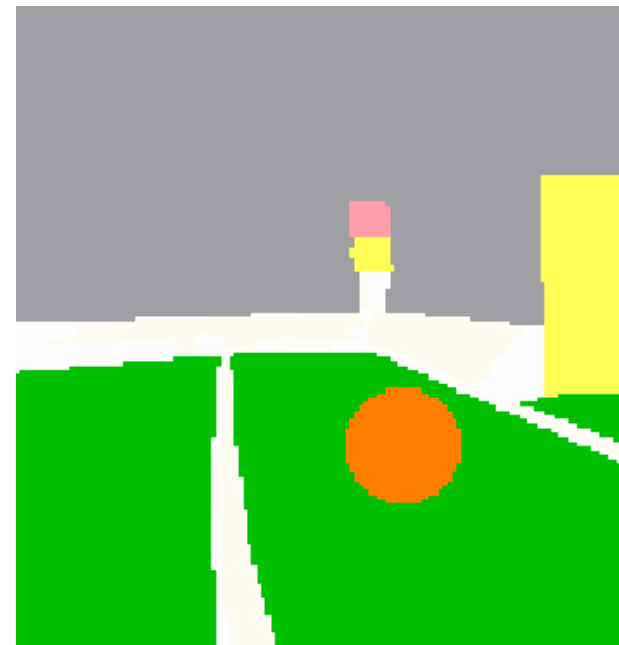
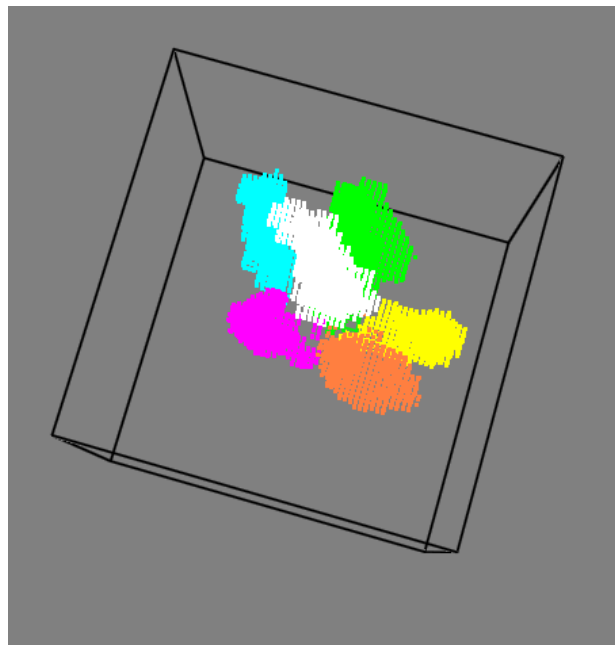
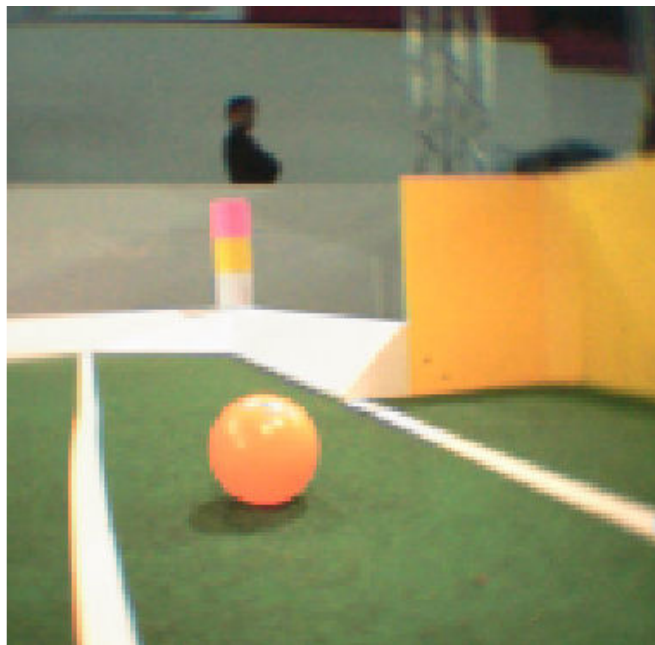
Perception – Different Lighting Conditions



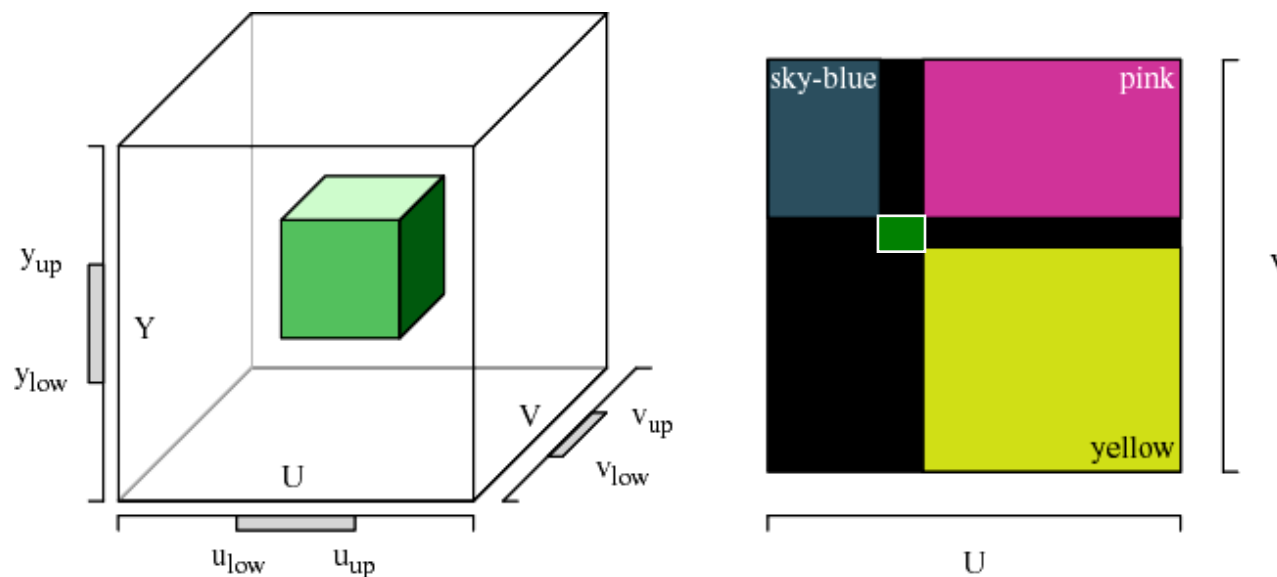
Color Labeled Environment
→ Color Classification



Perception – Color Segmentation



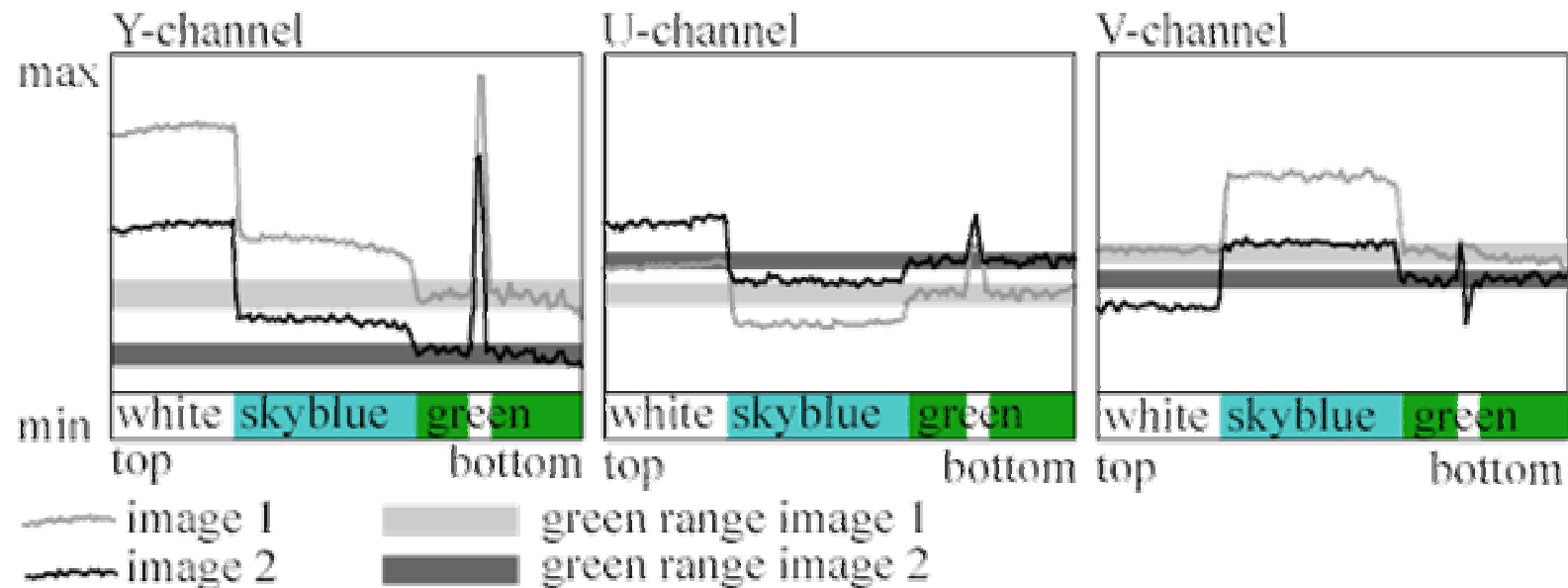
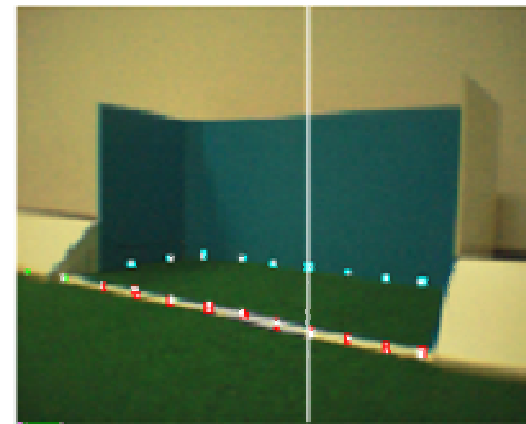
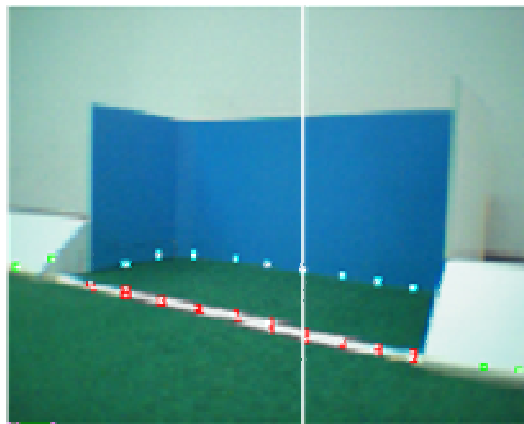
Perception – Classification Relative to a Reference Color



Colors are classified relative to green in the UV plane

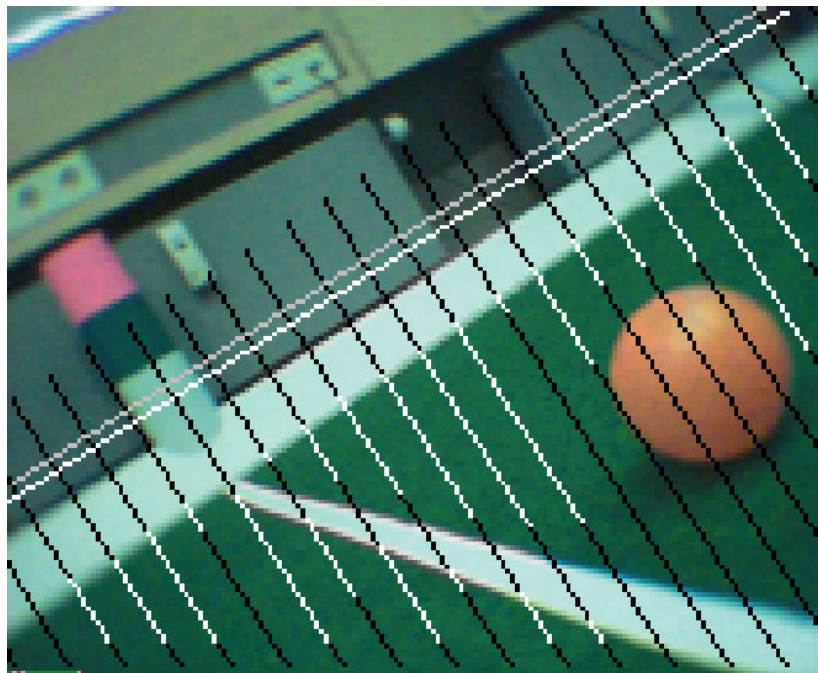


Perception – Reference Color Green





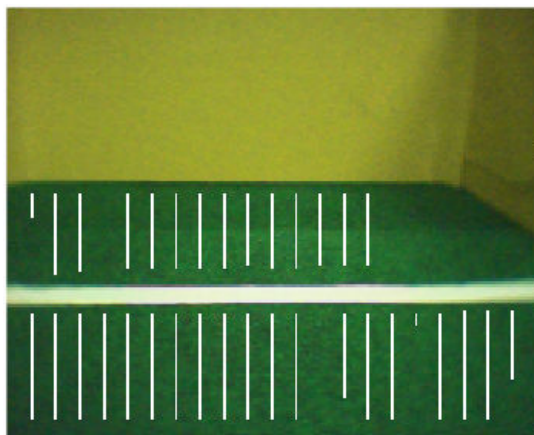
Perception – Calibration Using Knowledge about the Environment



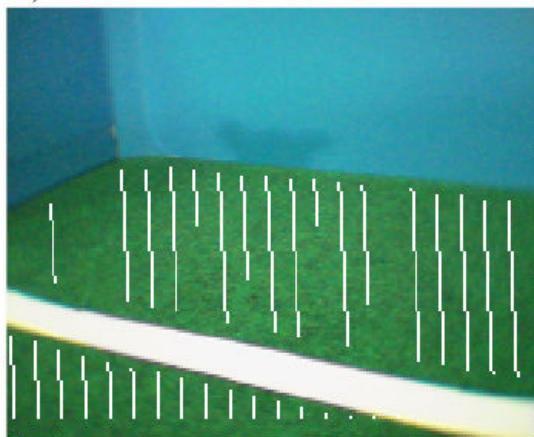
Green pixels can be identified by characteristic edges along scan lines in the YUV channels



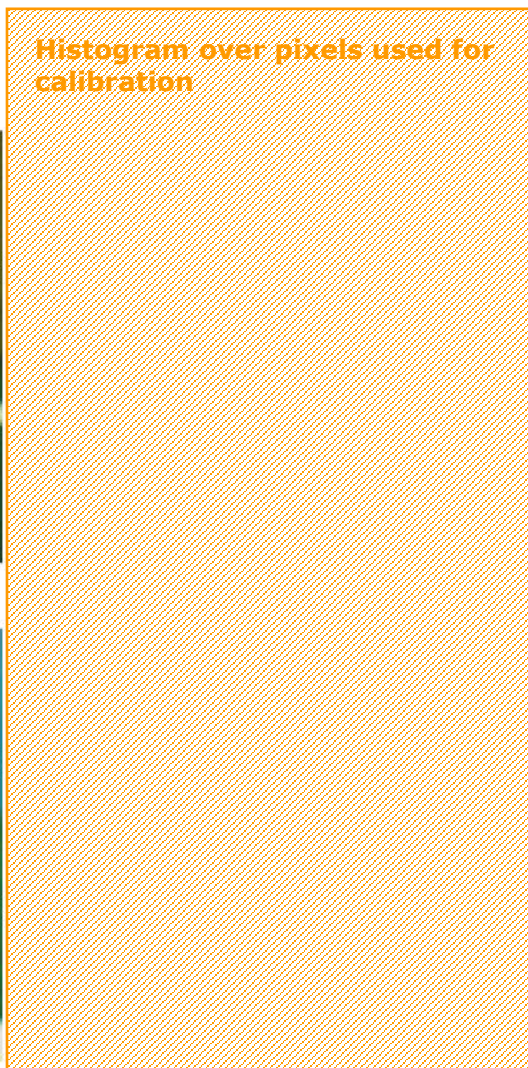
Perception – Color Histogram



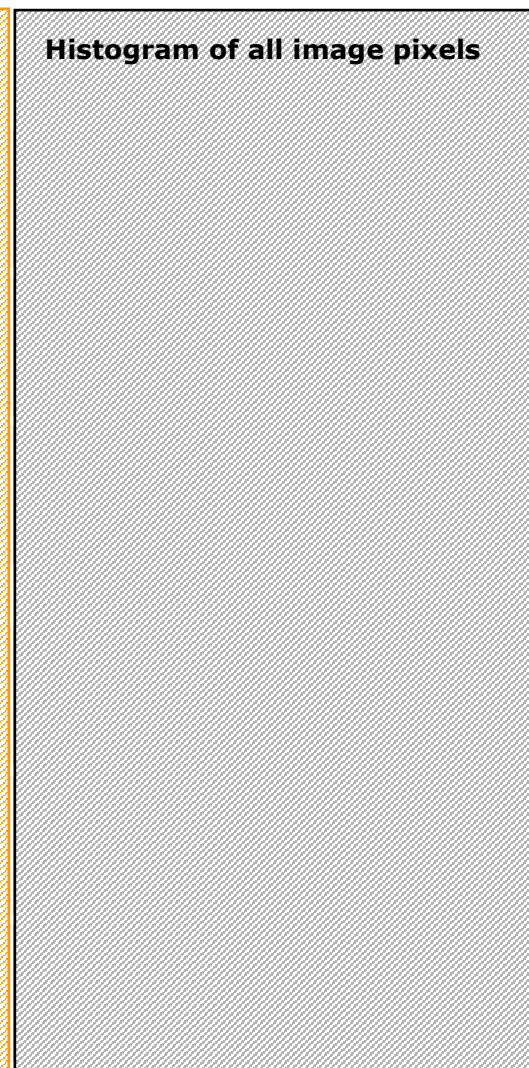
b)



Histogram over pixels used for calibration

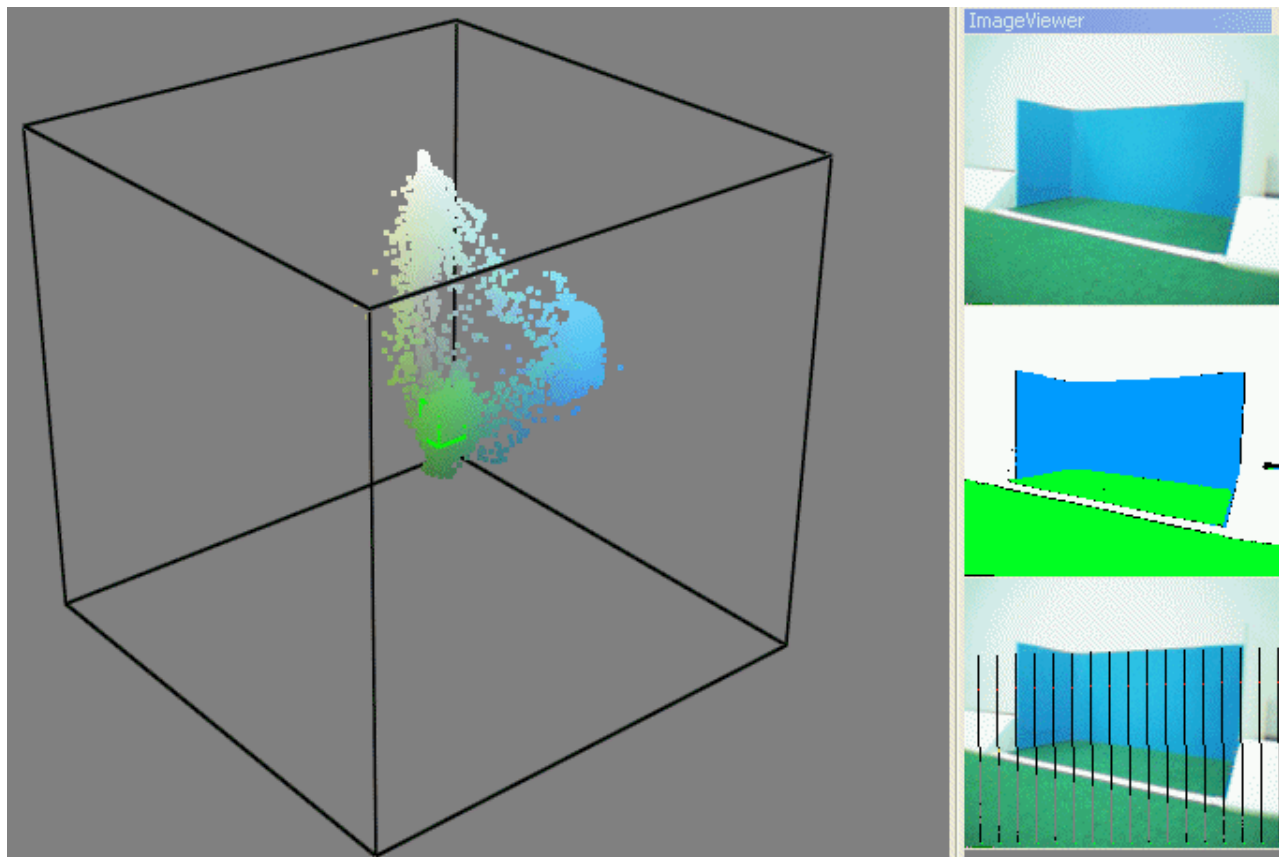


Histogram of all image pixels



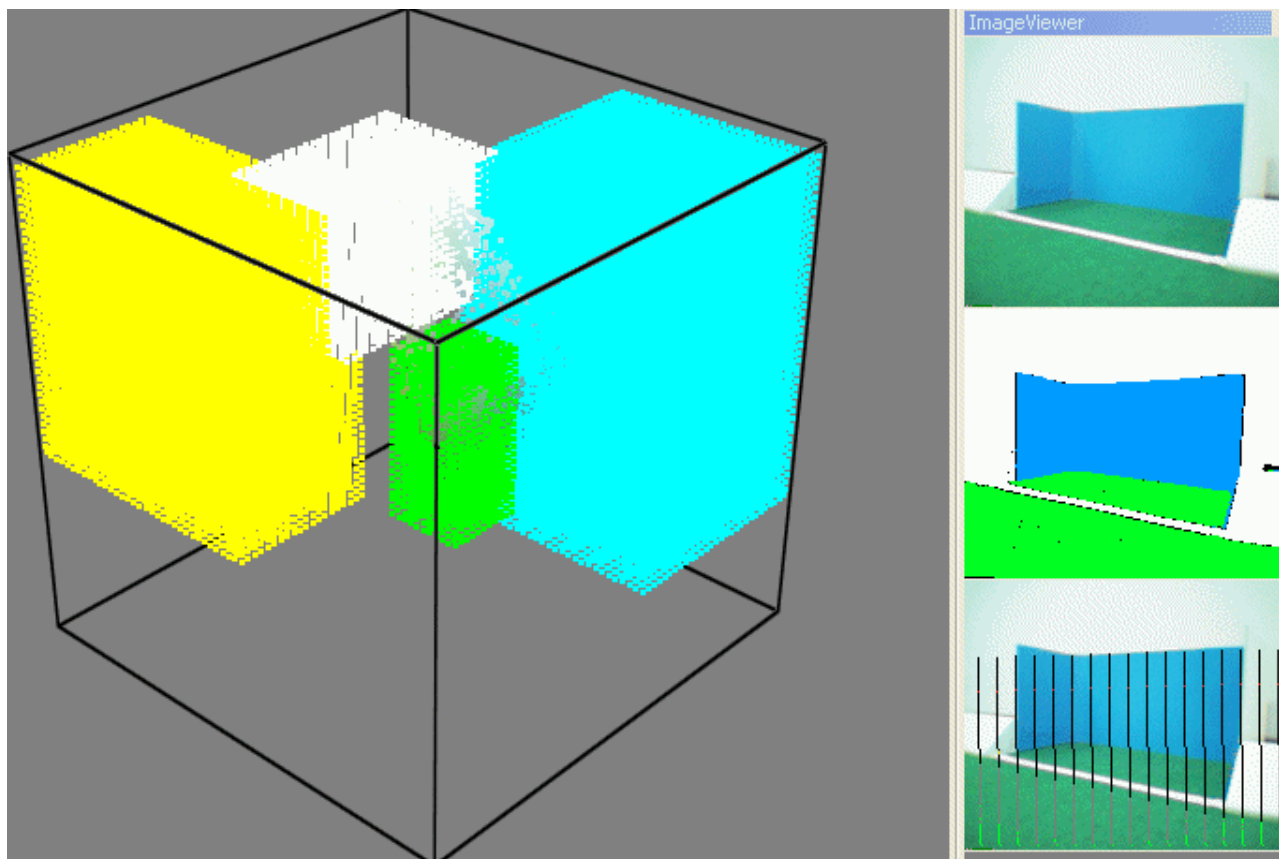


Perception – Auto Adaptation





Auto Adaptation





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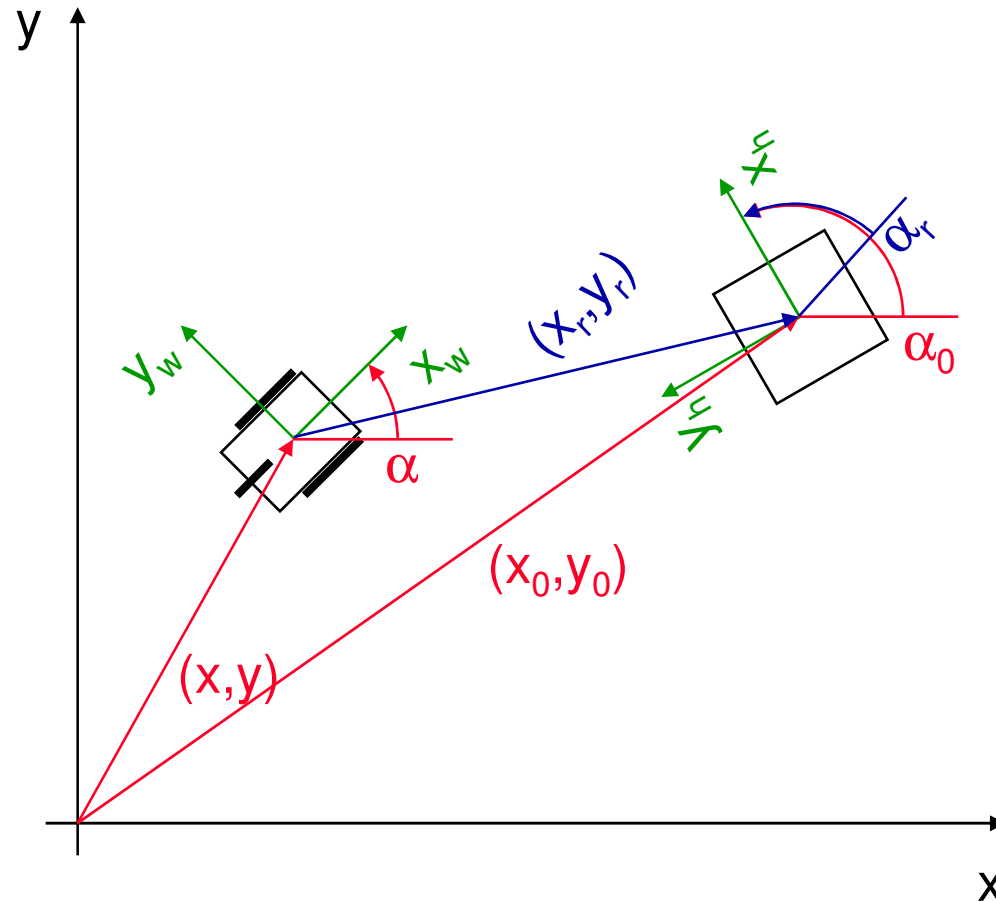
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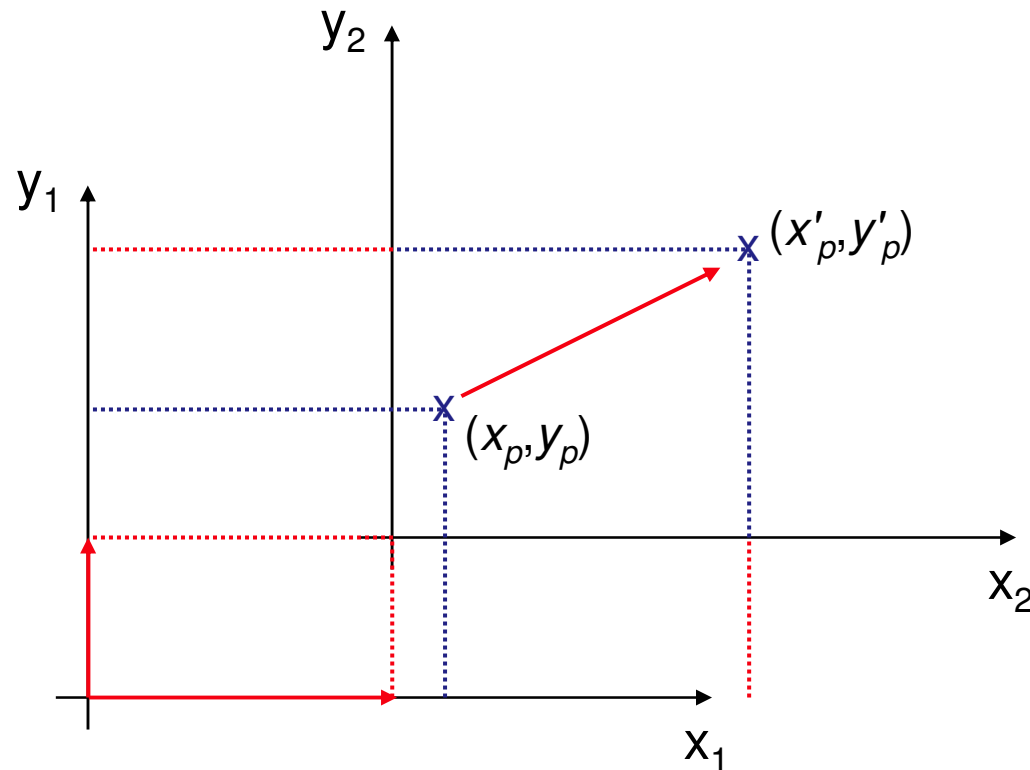
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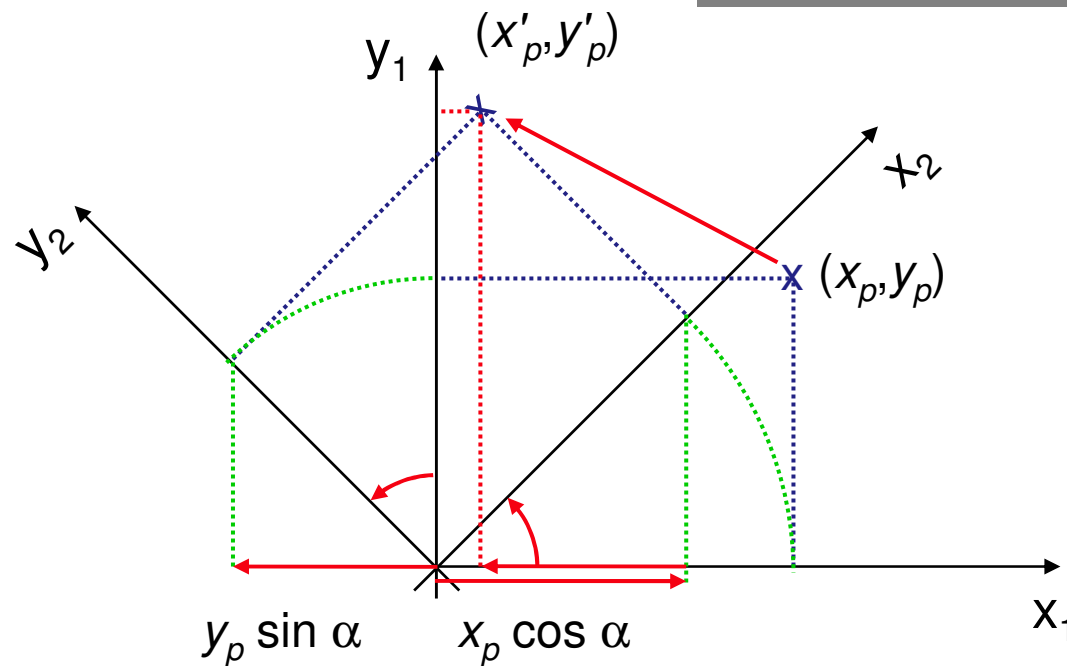


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- ⚽ Operations
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 - ⚽ Rotation

$$x'_p = x_p \cos \alpha - y_p \sin \alpha$$

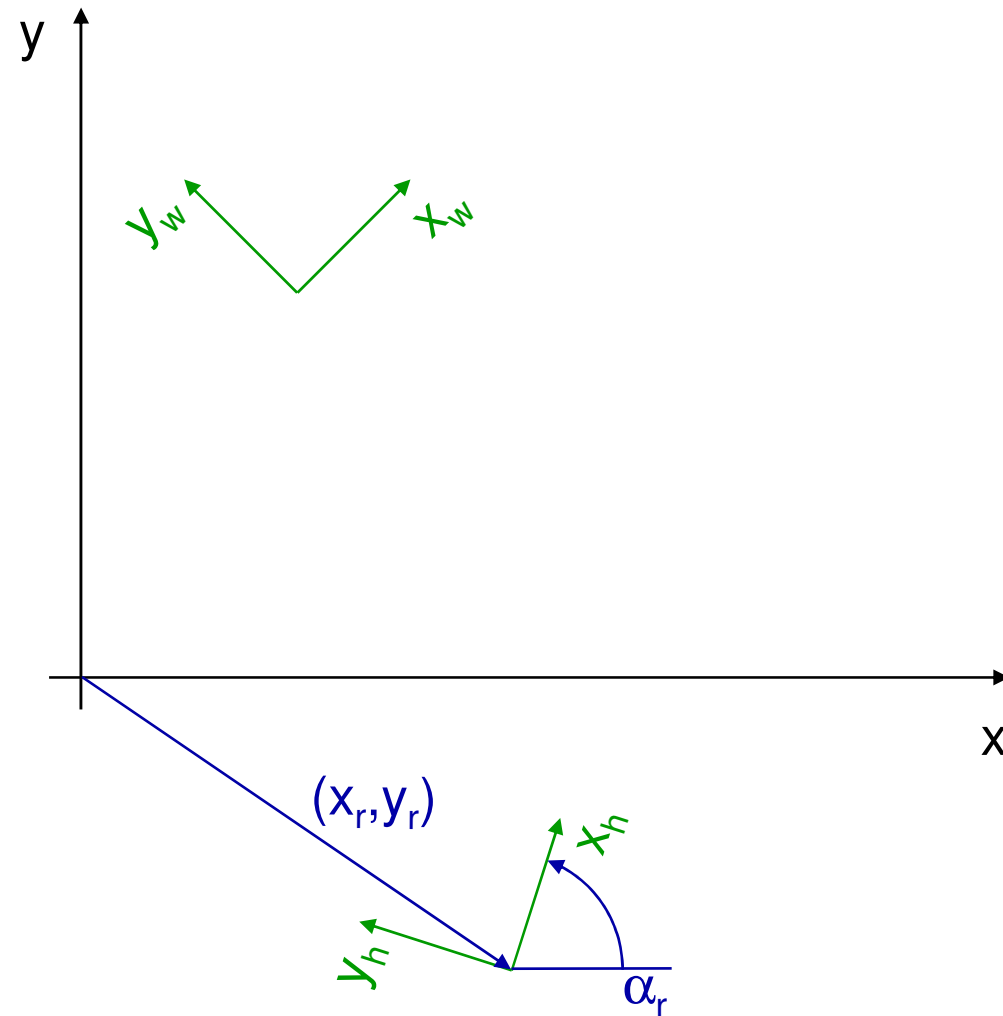
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- ⚽ Addition



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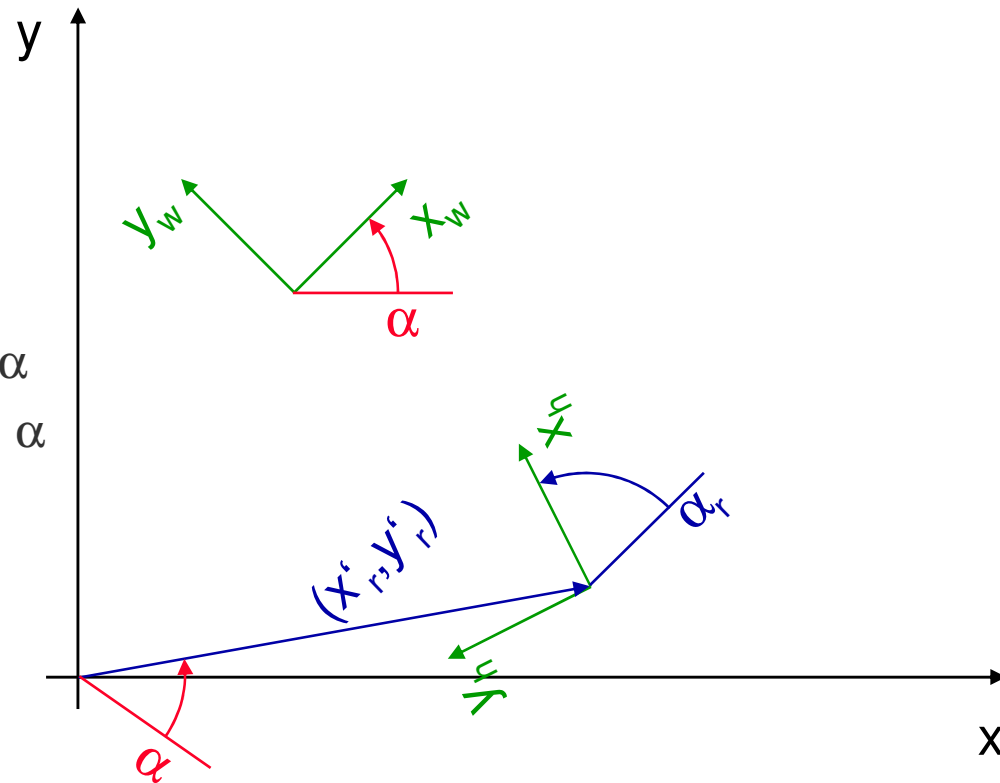
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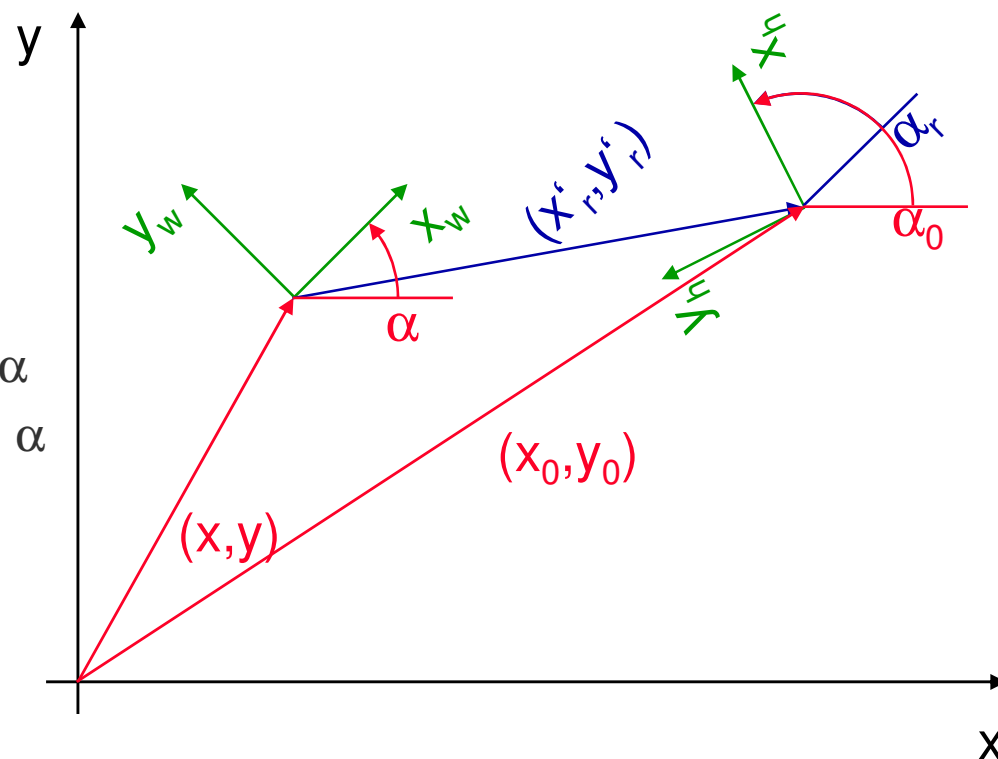
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- ⚽ $y_0 = y + y'_r$

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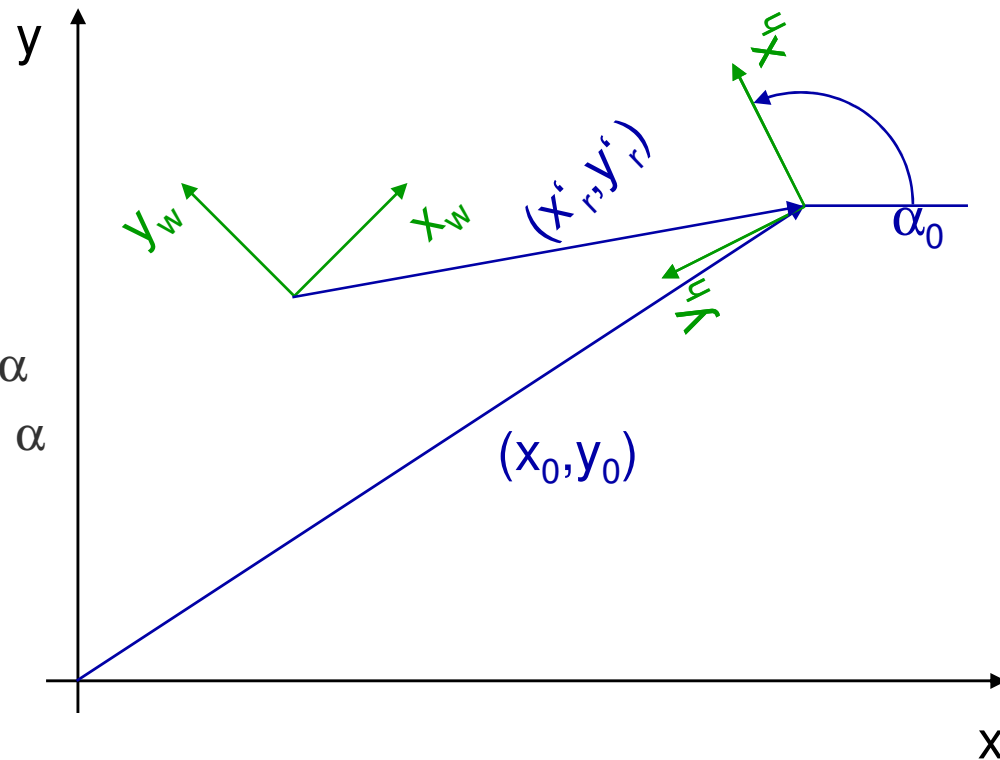
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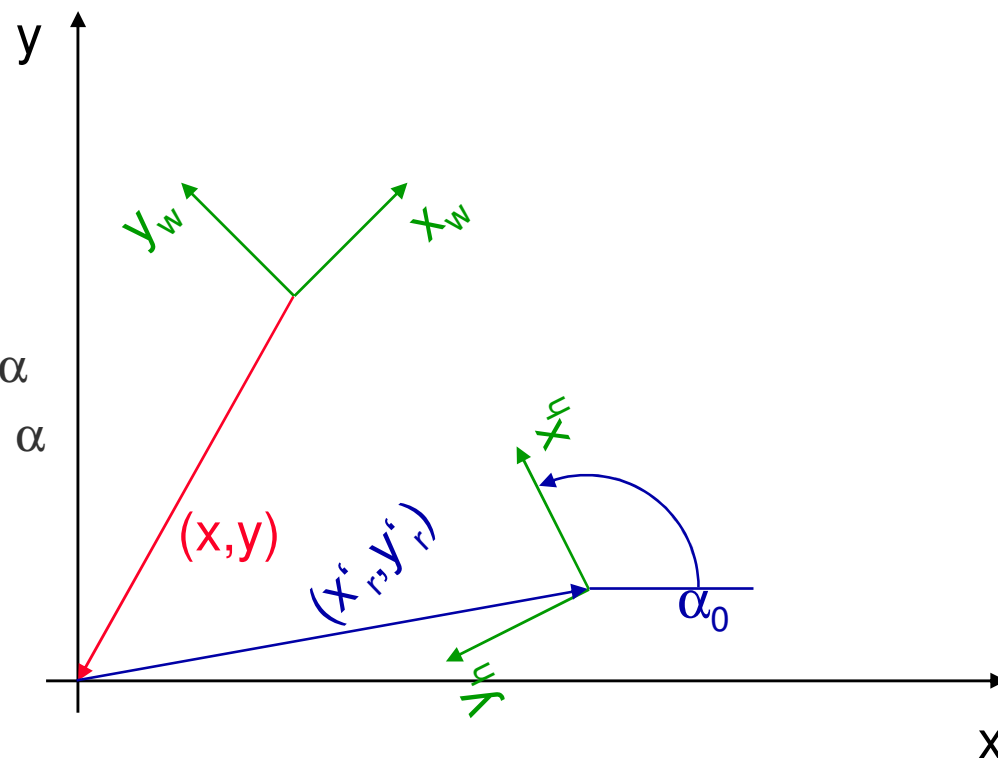
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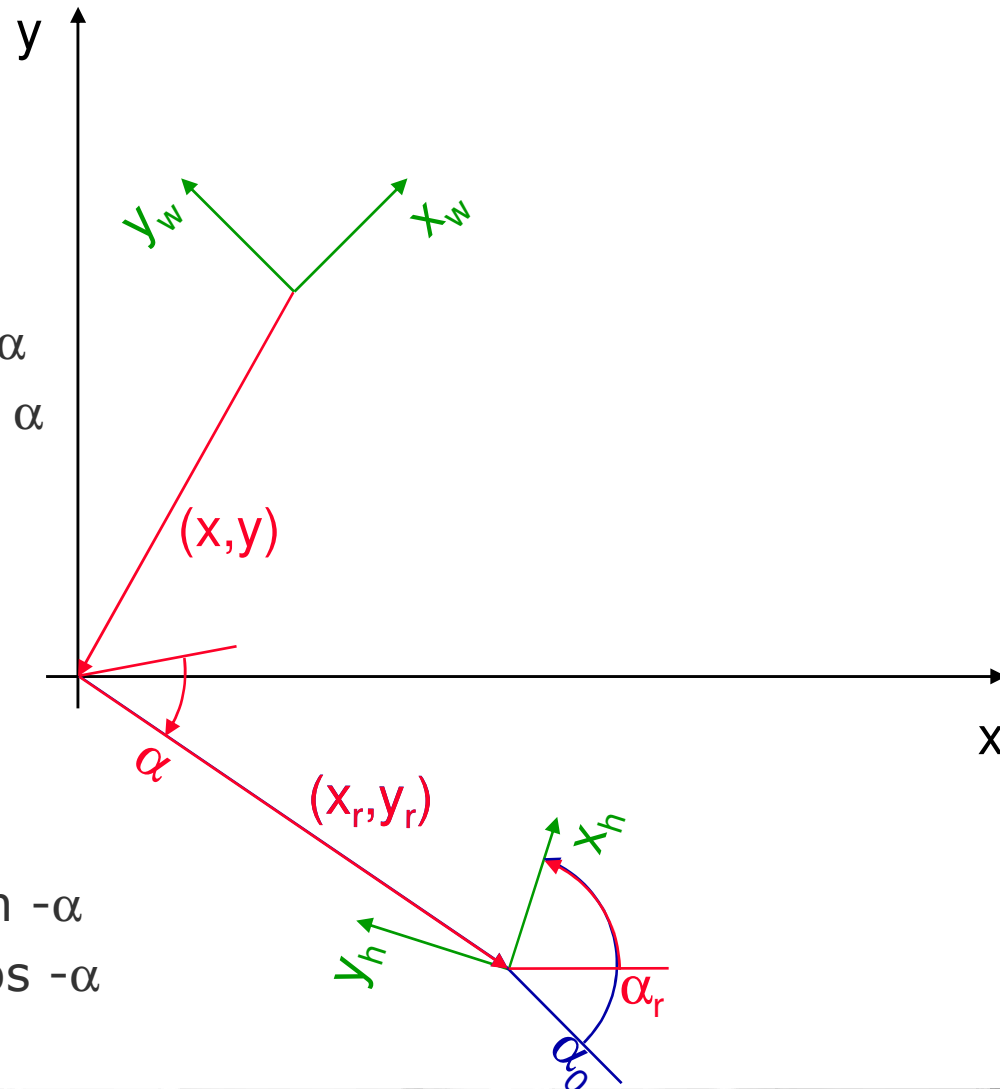
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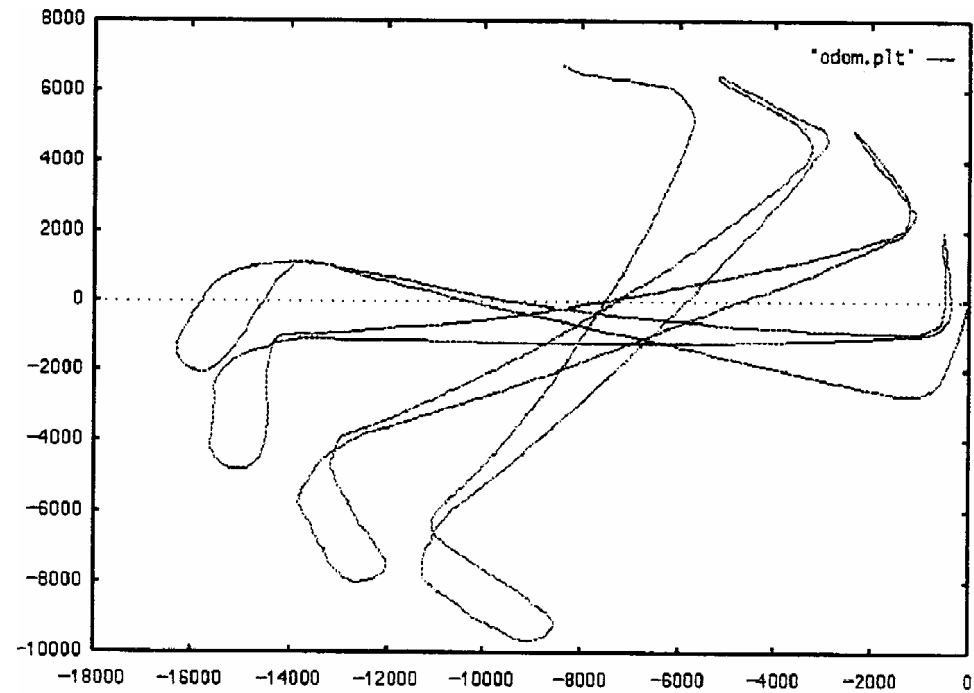
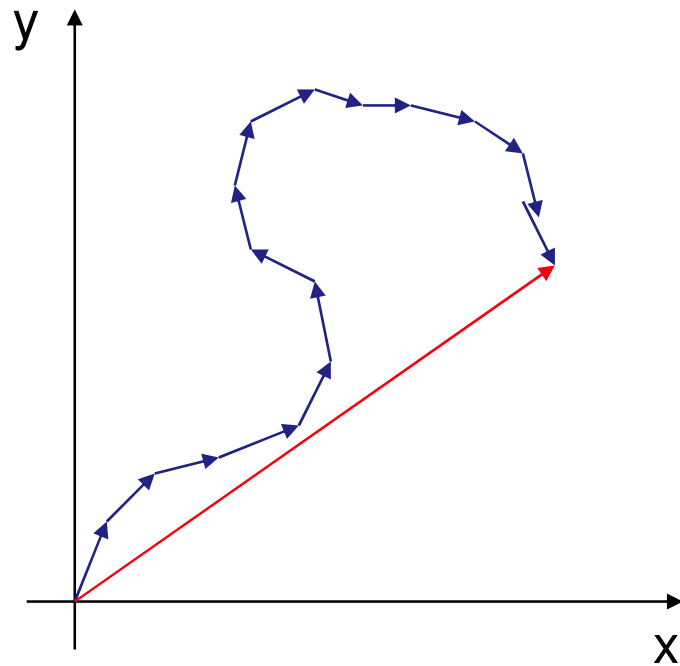
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- ⚽ $x'_r = x_0 - x$
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- ⚽ $\alpha_r = \alpha_0 - \alpha$

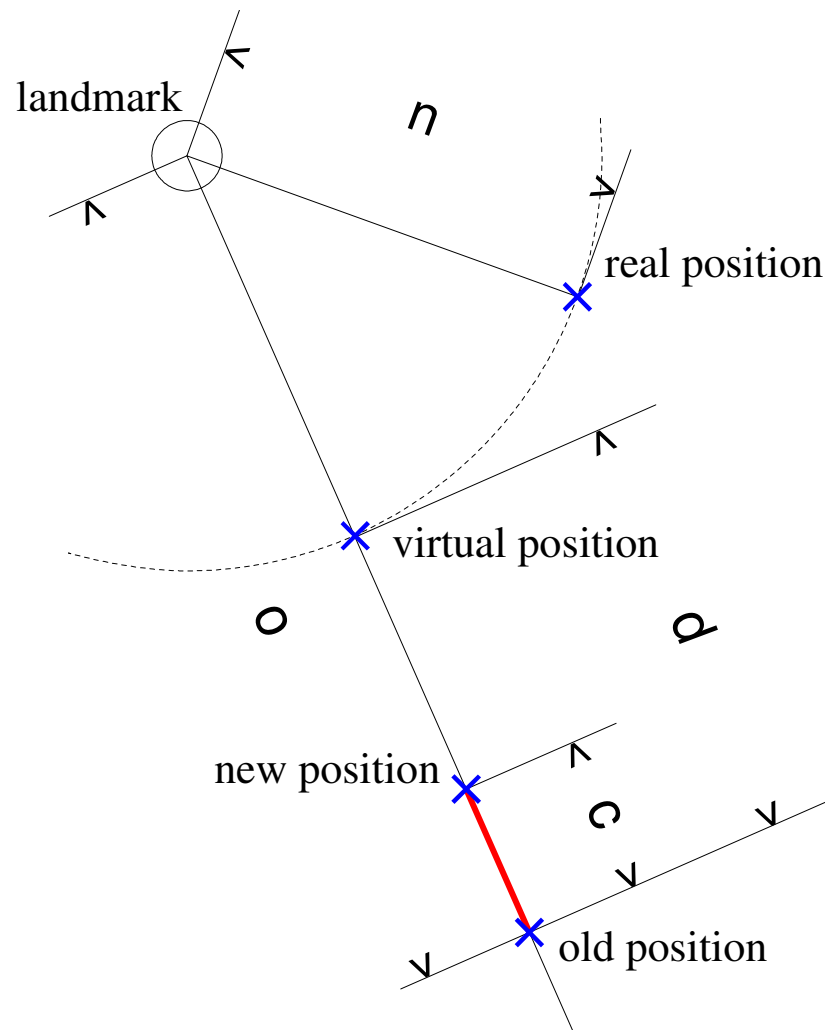




Localization – Odometry



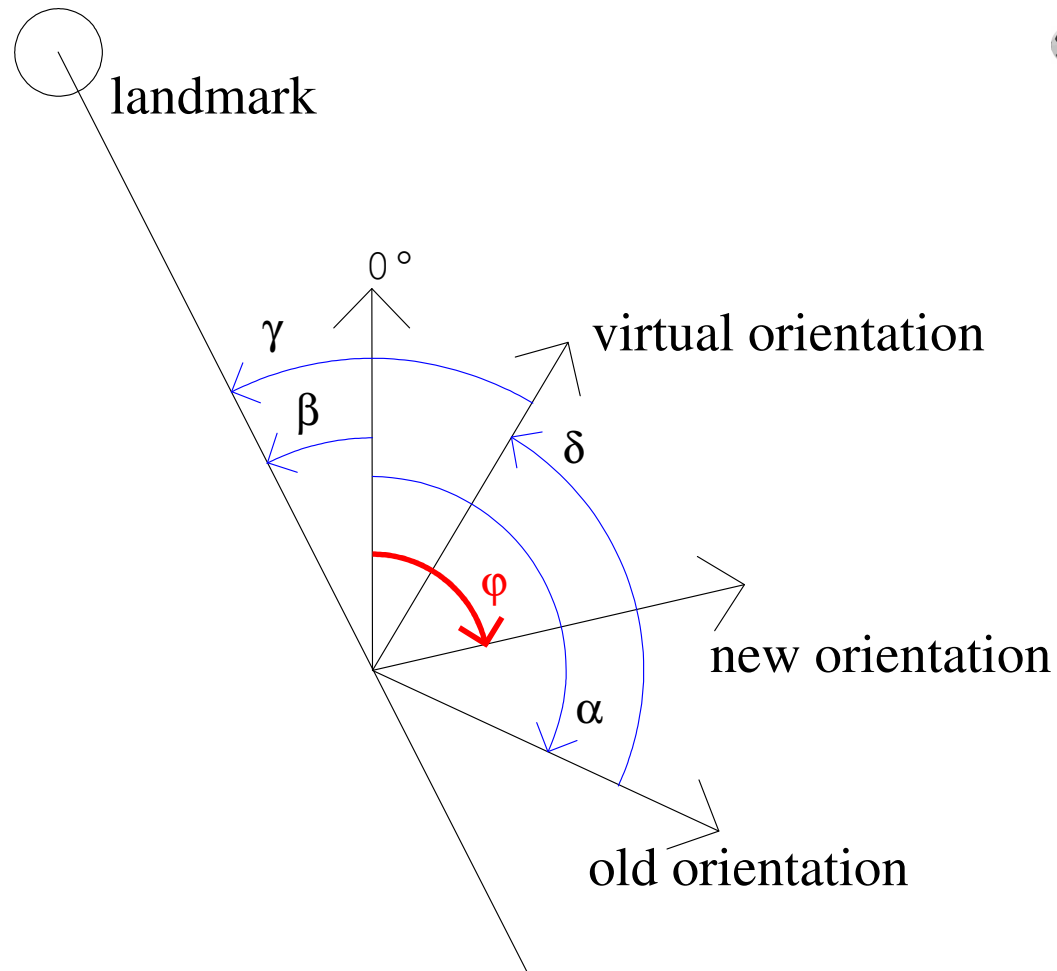
Localization – Iterative Approach



- Calculation of new position based on
 - old position
 - Reliability of old position
 - current distance measurement n
 - Reliability of the measurement

- New position is always on the straight line between old position and landmark

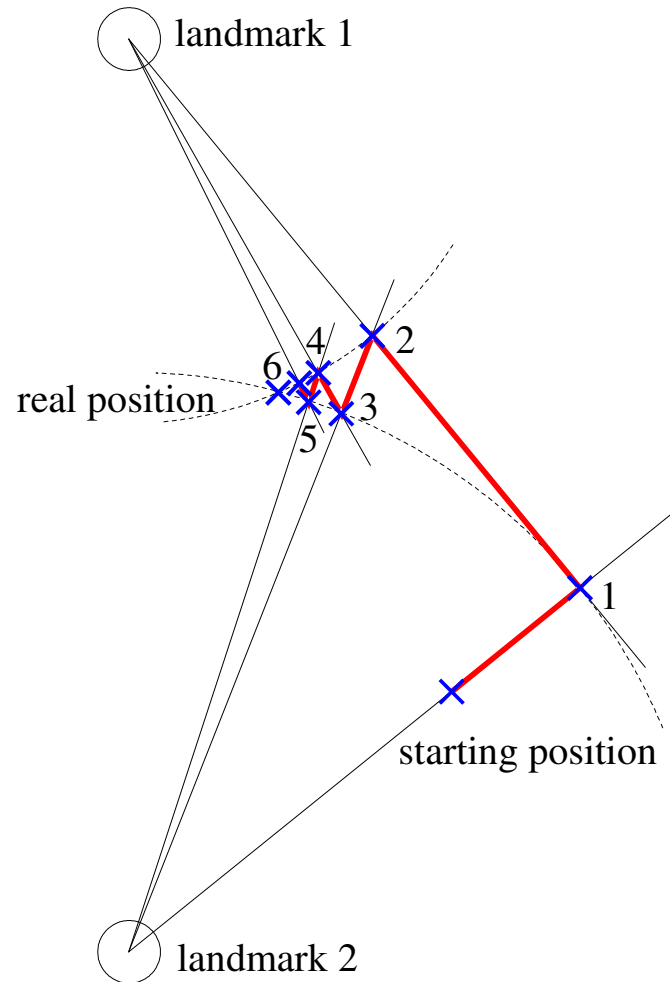
Localization – Iterative Approach



- Calculation of new orientation φ based on
 - old orientation α
 - Reliability of the old orientation
 - Measured angle γ to landmark
 - Reliability of the measurement



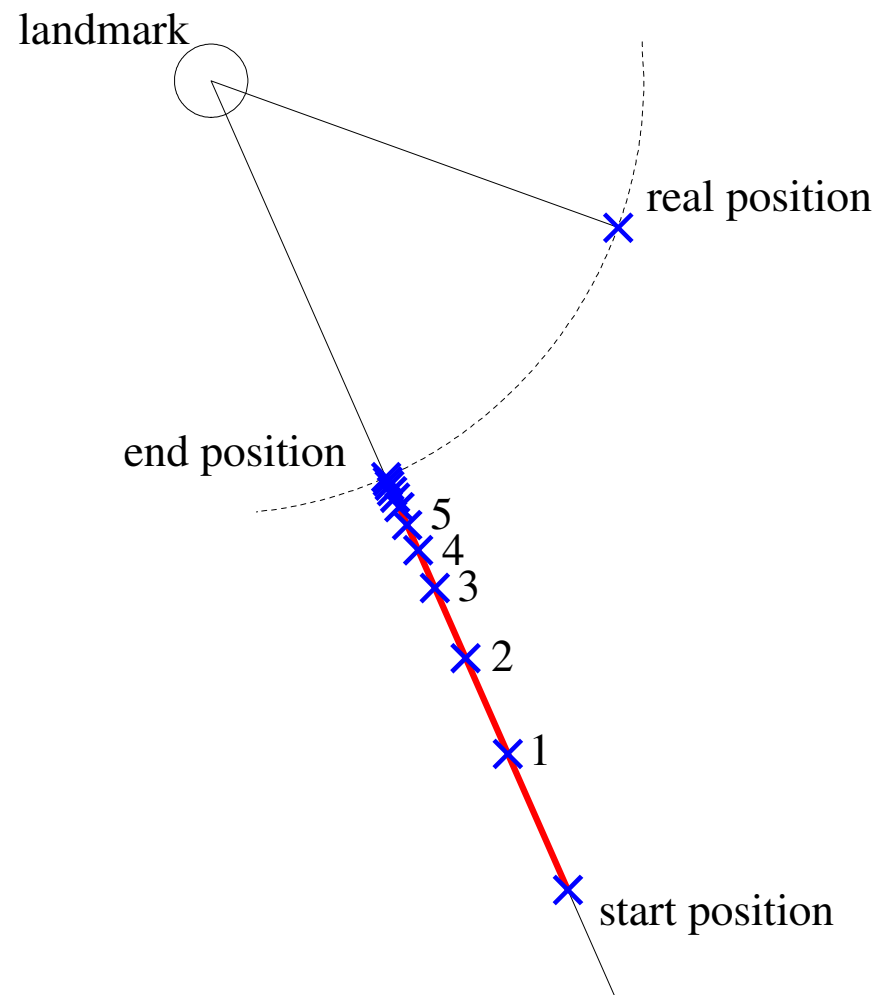
Localization – Iterative Approach



- Normal case
 - Different landmarks are seen alternately
- Result
 - The estimated position converges towards the real position



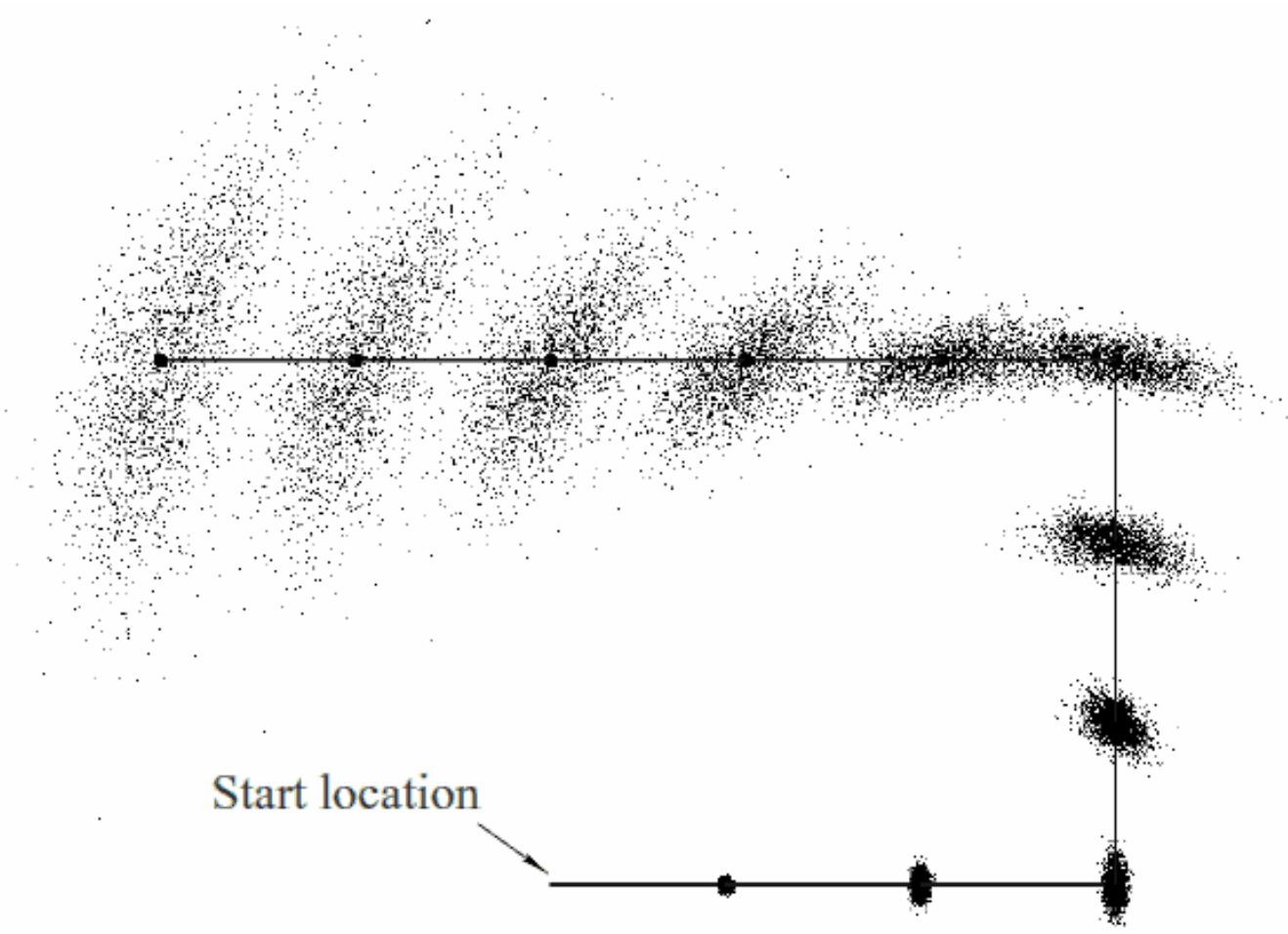
Localization – Iterative Approach



- Problem
 - Only a single landmark is visible for a long time
- Result
 - Position is always on the straight line between the initial position and the landmark

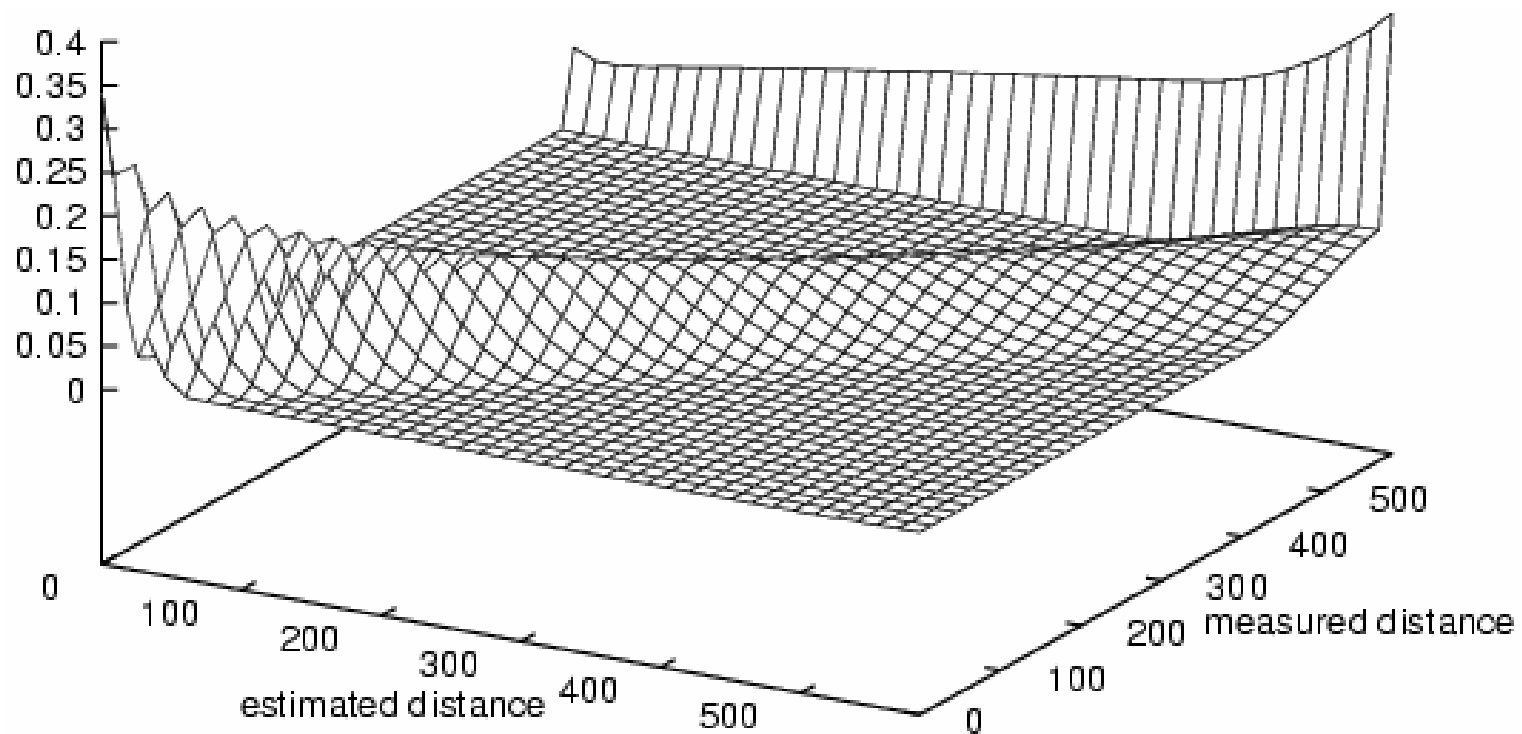


Localization – Uncertainty in Motion

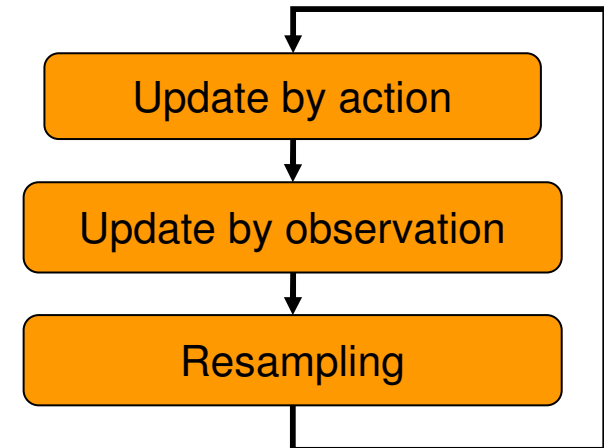
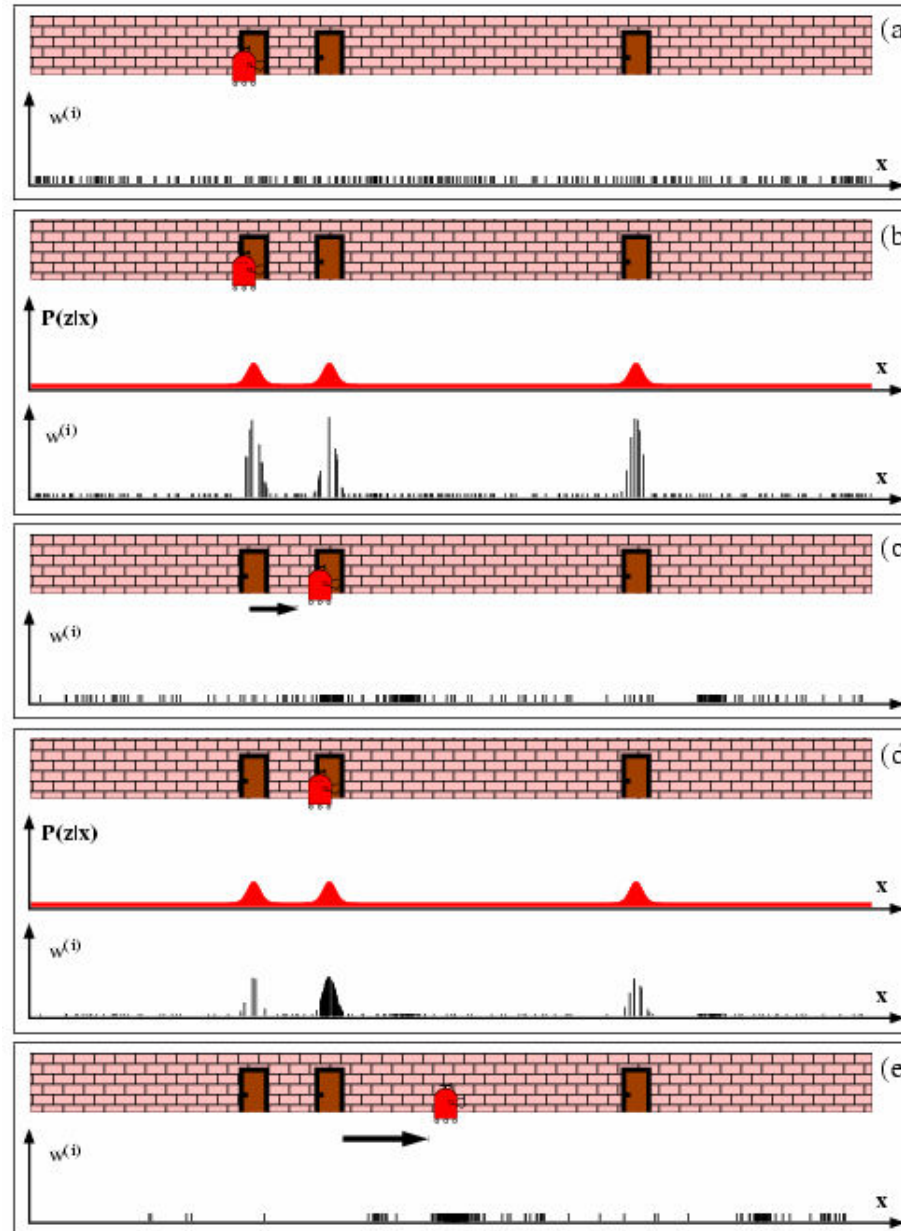




Localization – Uncertainty in Observation

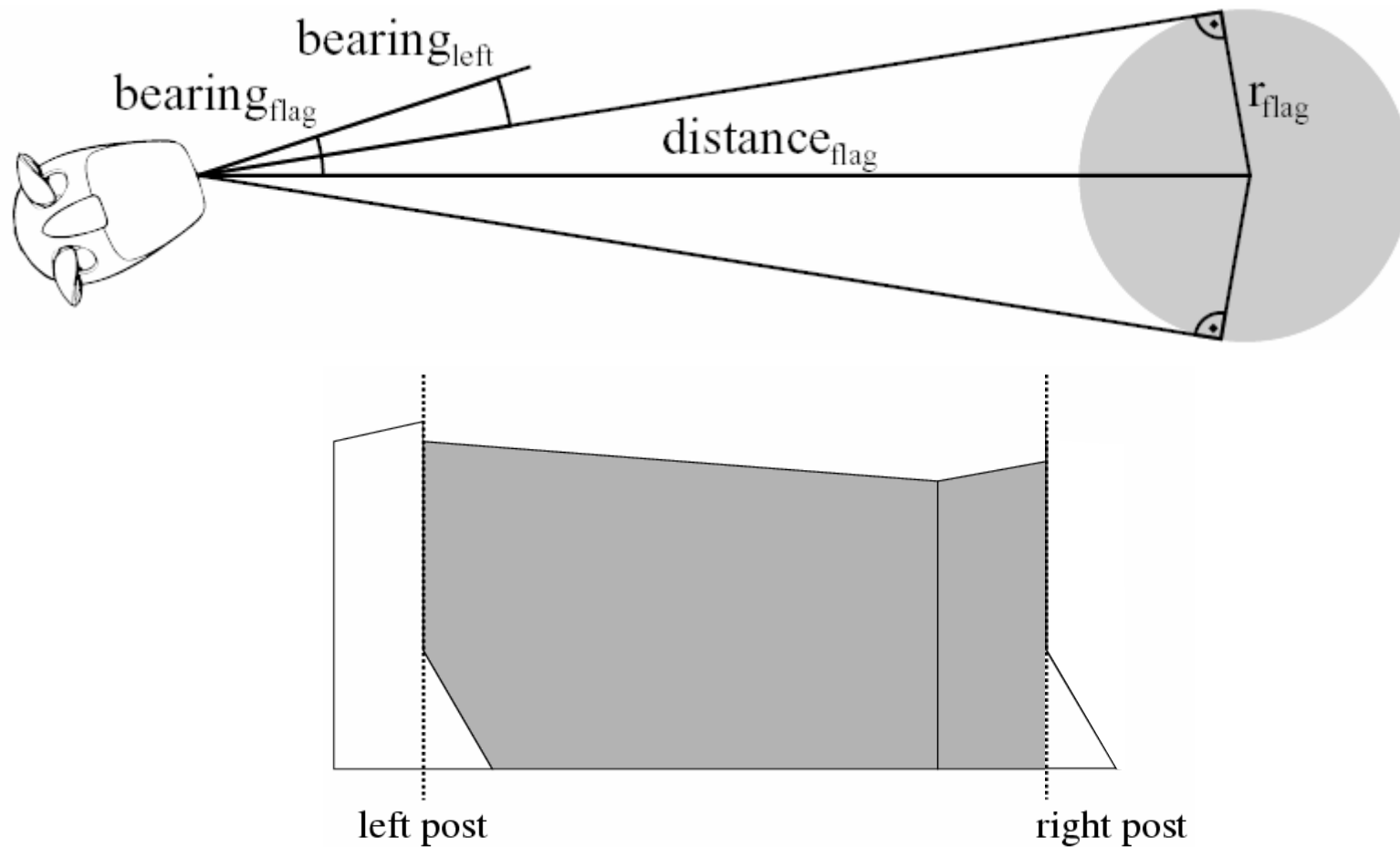


Localization – General Approach



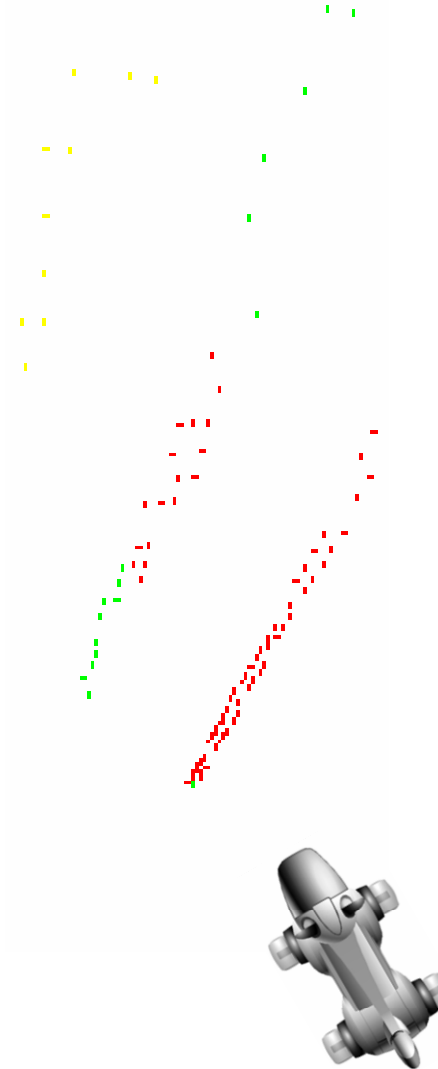
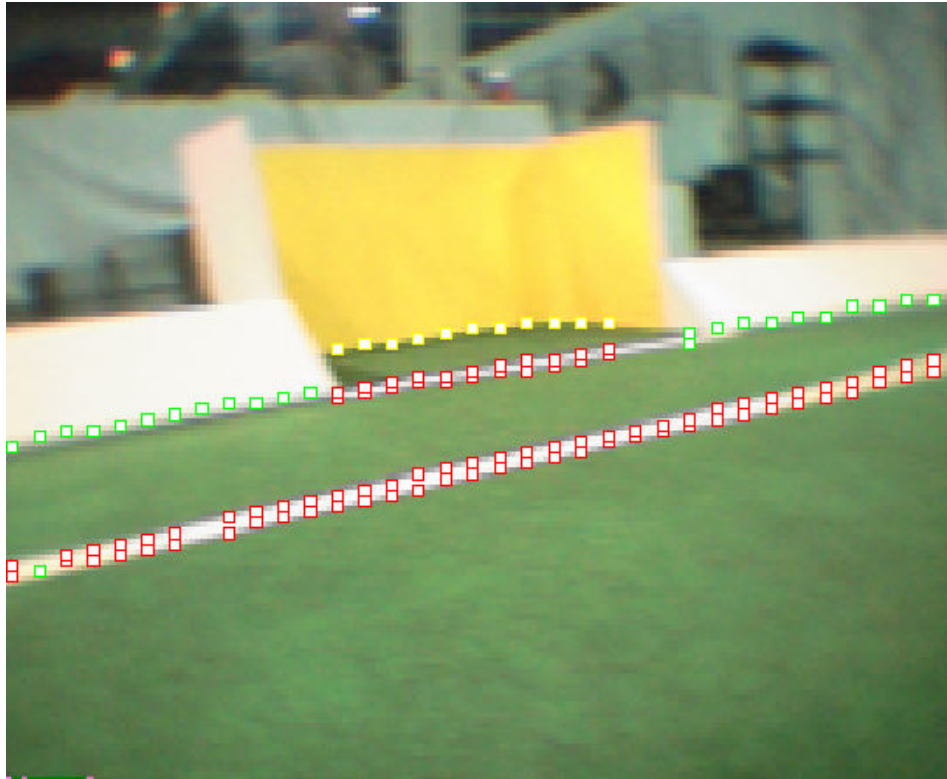


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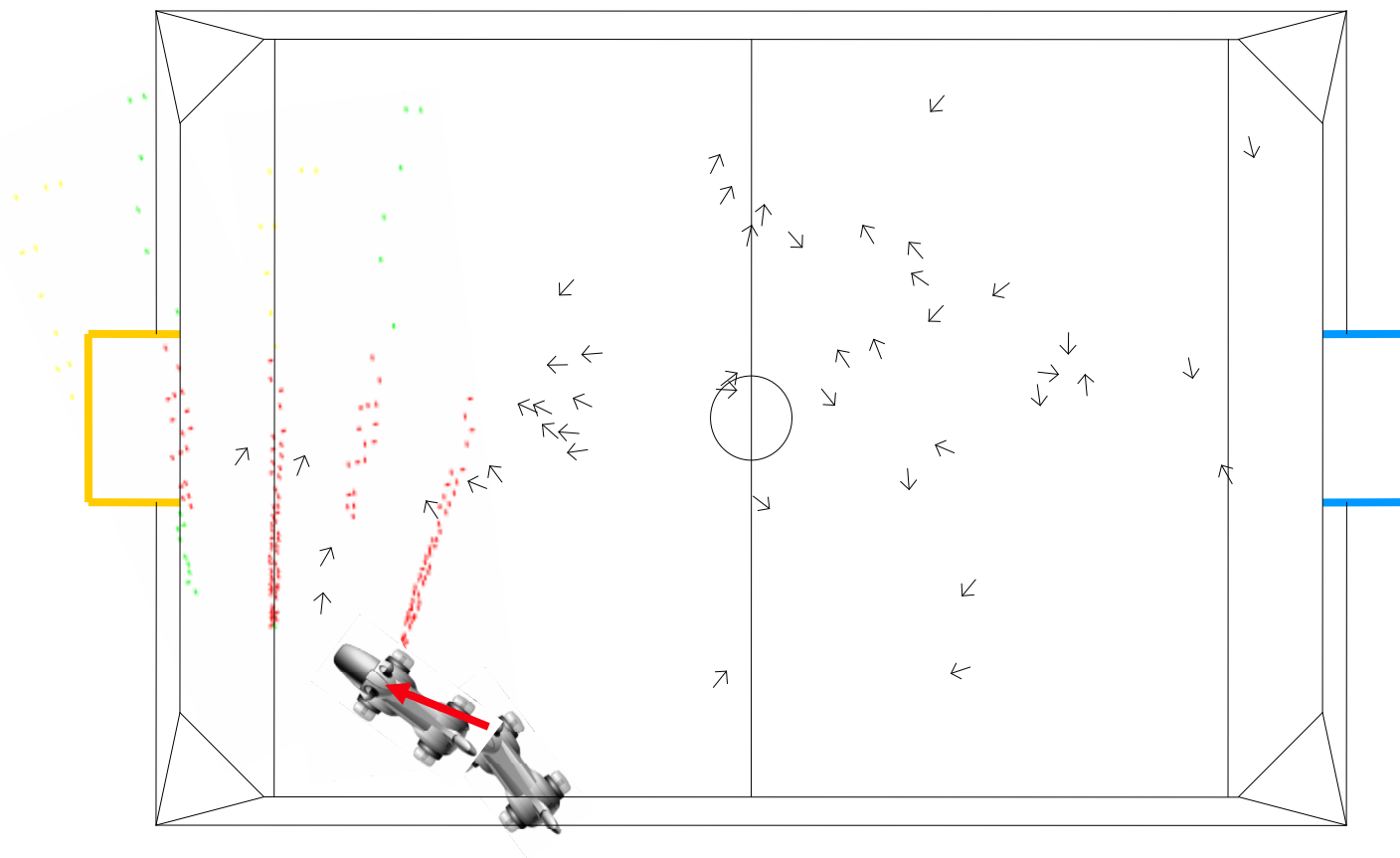


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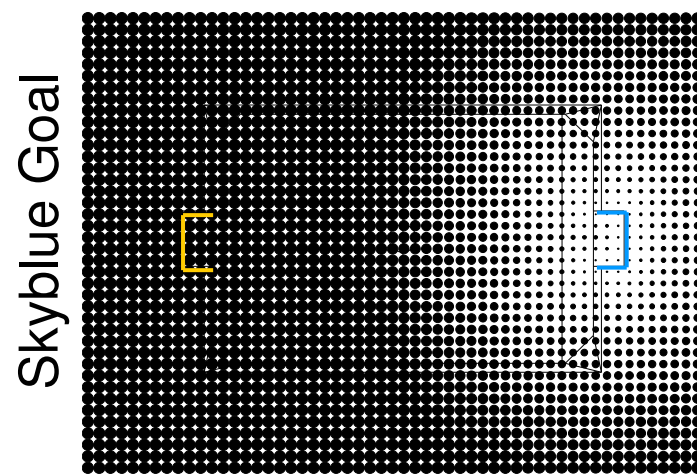
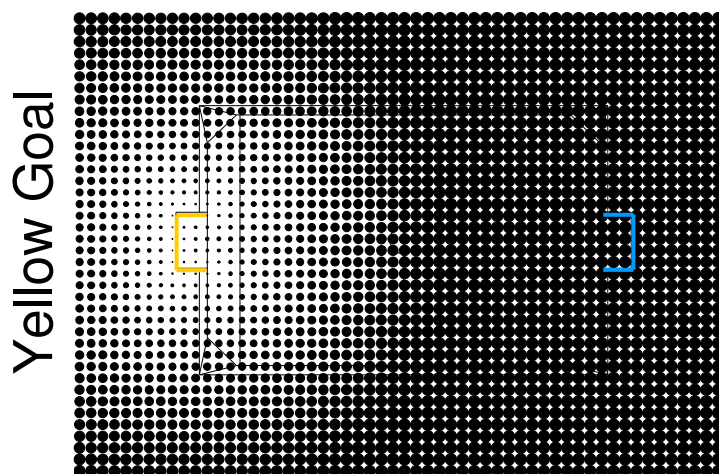
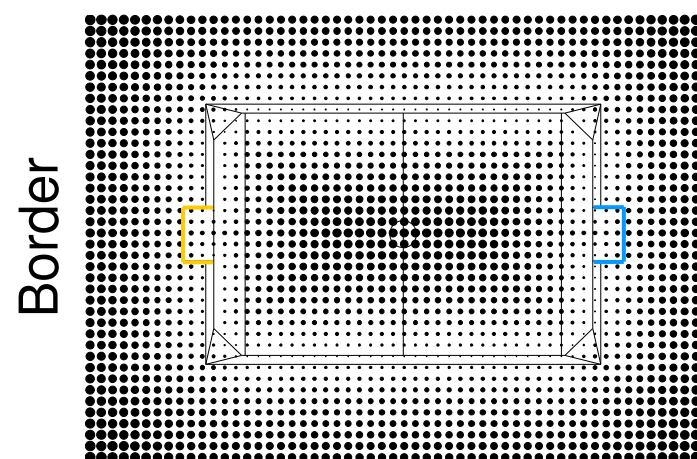
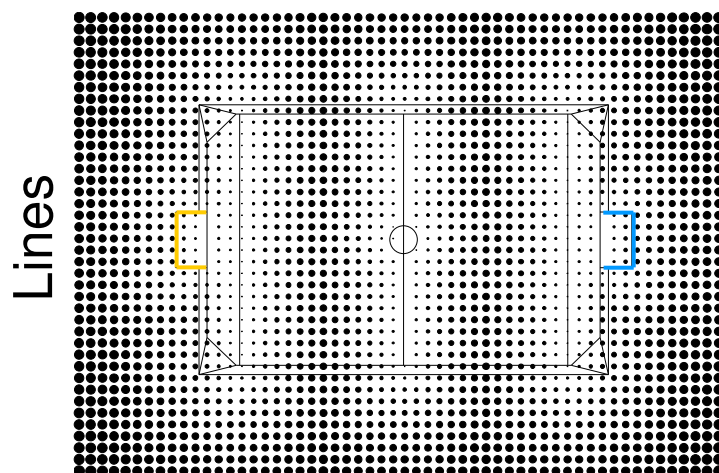


Localization – Approach



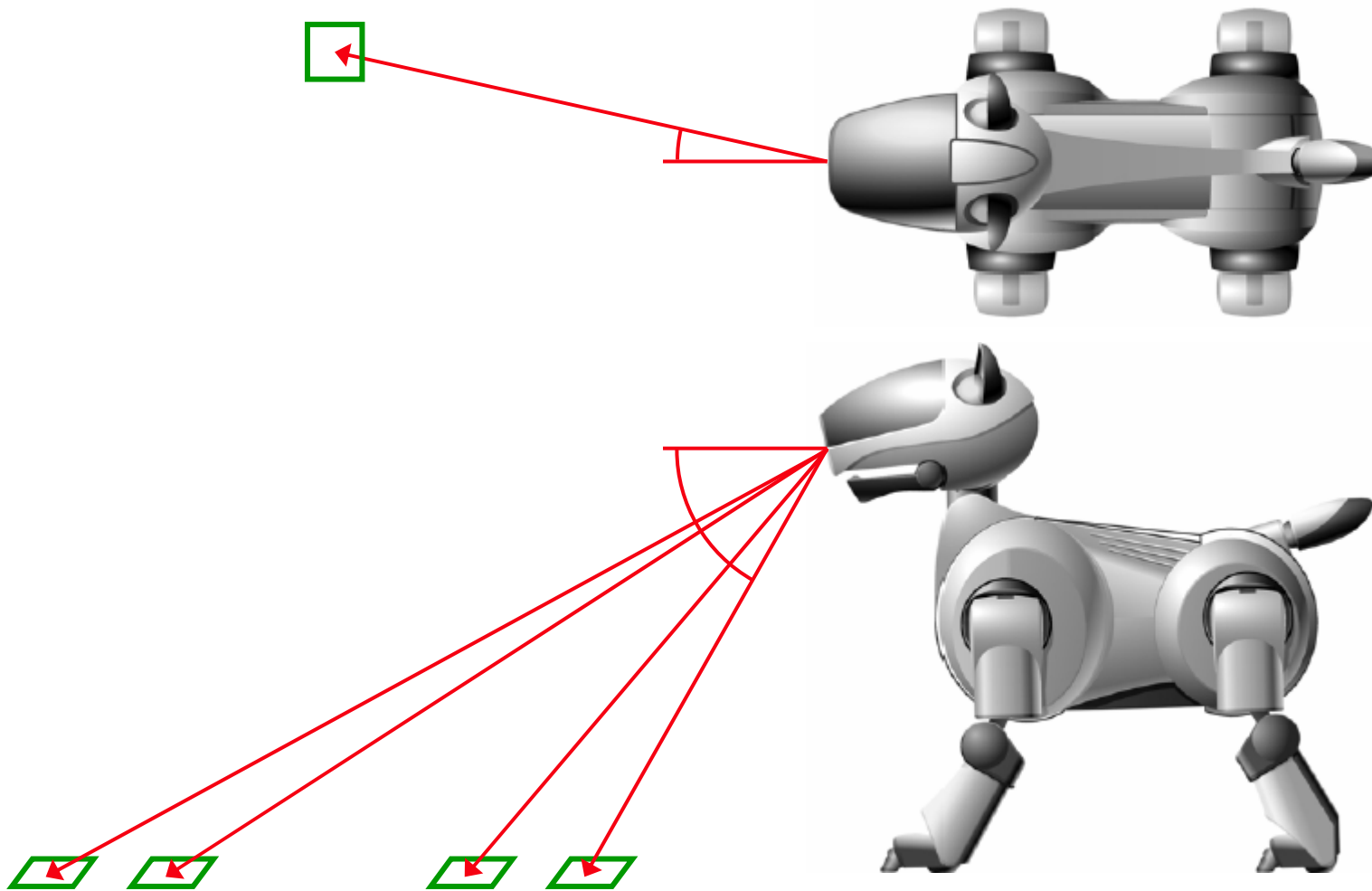


Localization – Assigning Observations to Field Model



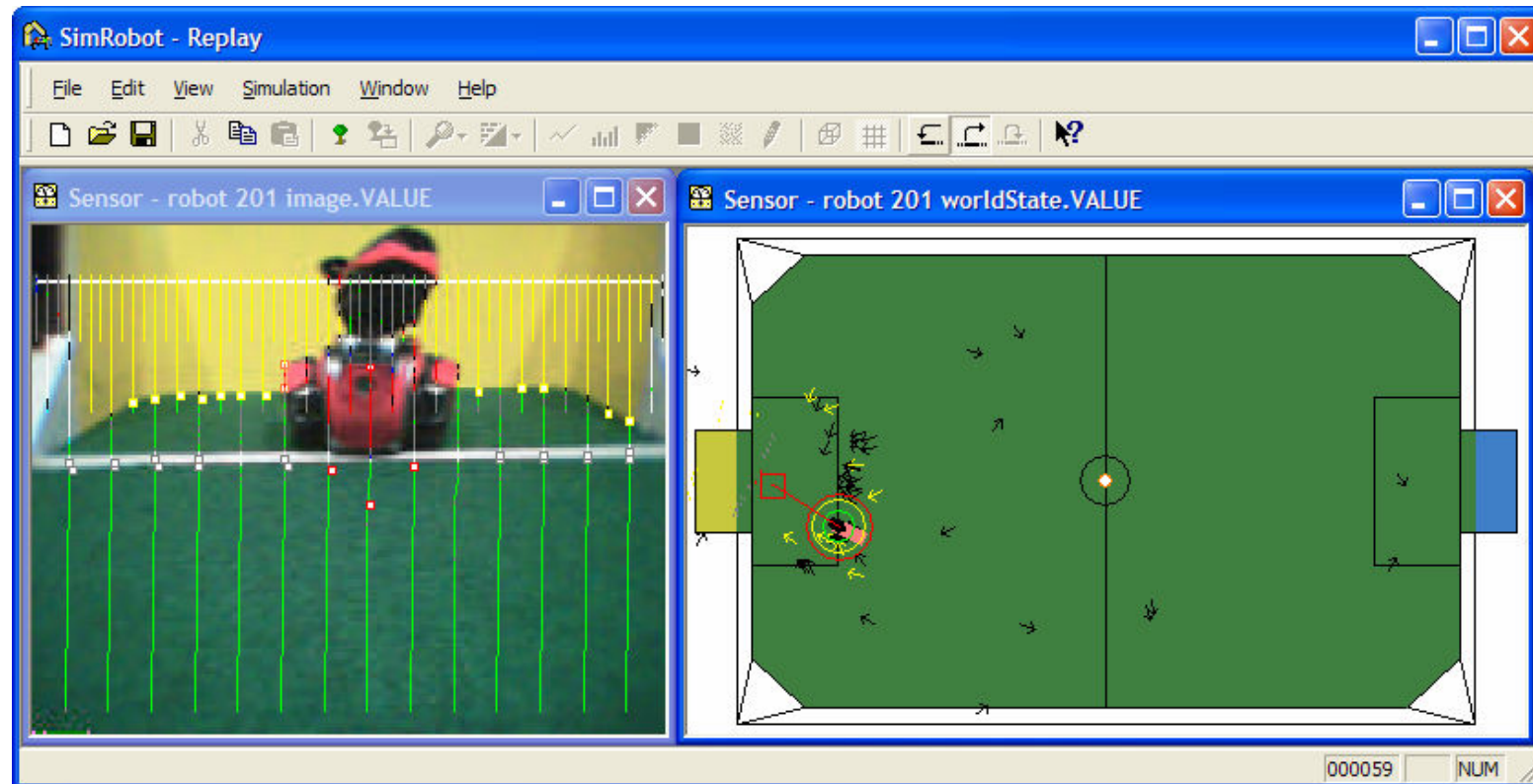


Localization – Sensor Model





Localization – Example



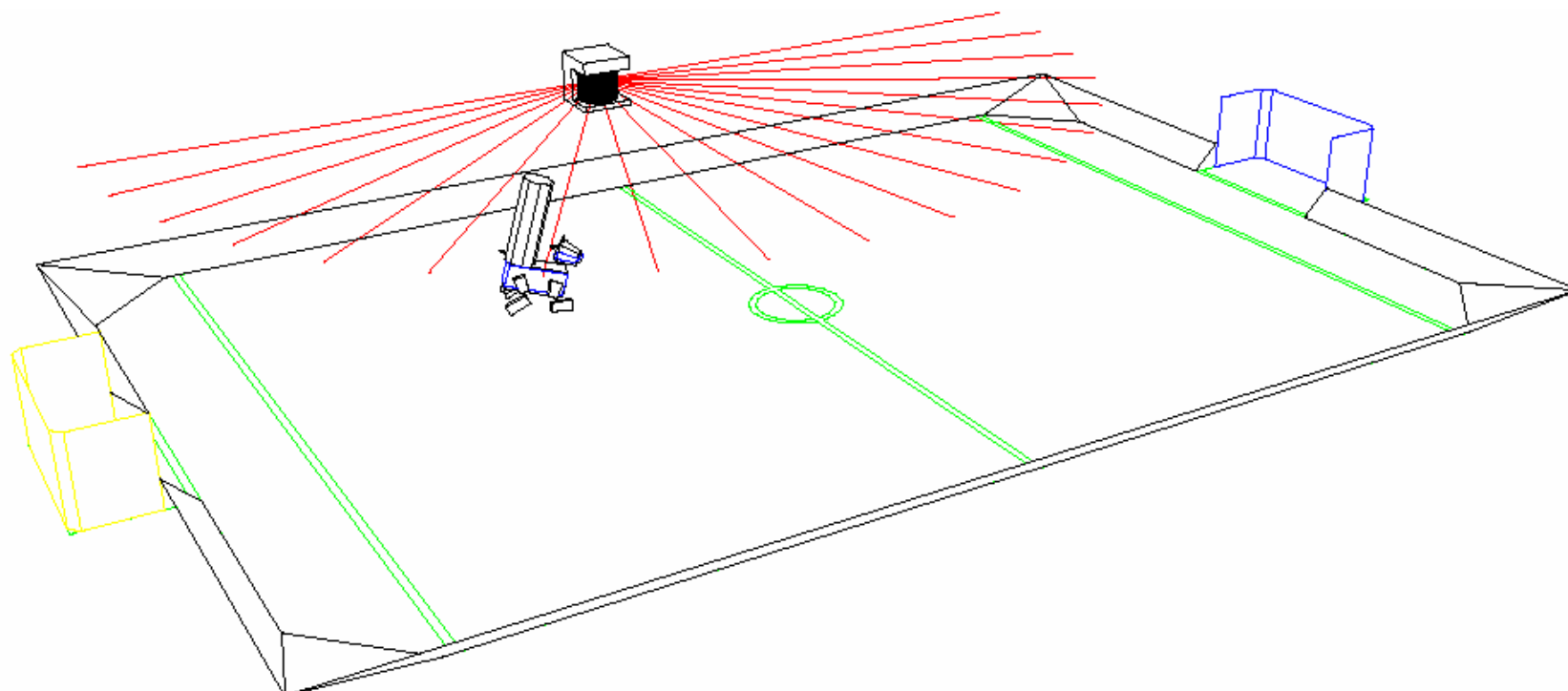


Localization – Details

- ⚽ Probability of samples
 - ⚽ Probability is adapted slowly
 - ⚽ Separate probabilities for different observation types
 - ⚽ Samples are randomly moved, weighted by their probabilities
- ⚽ Sensor resetting
 - ⚽ Draw samples based on the ratio of their probability and the average probability
 - ⚽ Replace them by candidate postures that can be derived from observations
- ⚽ Calculating candidates in advance
 - ⚽ A large number of random postures is generated
 - ⚽ Their distance to the edge they are pointing to is determined
 - ⚽ The postures are indexed by their distance and edge type

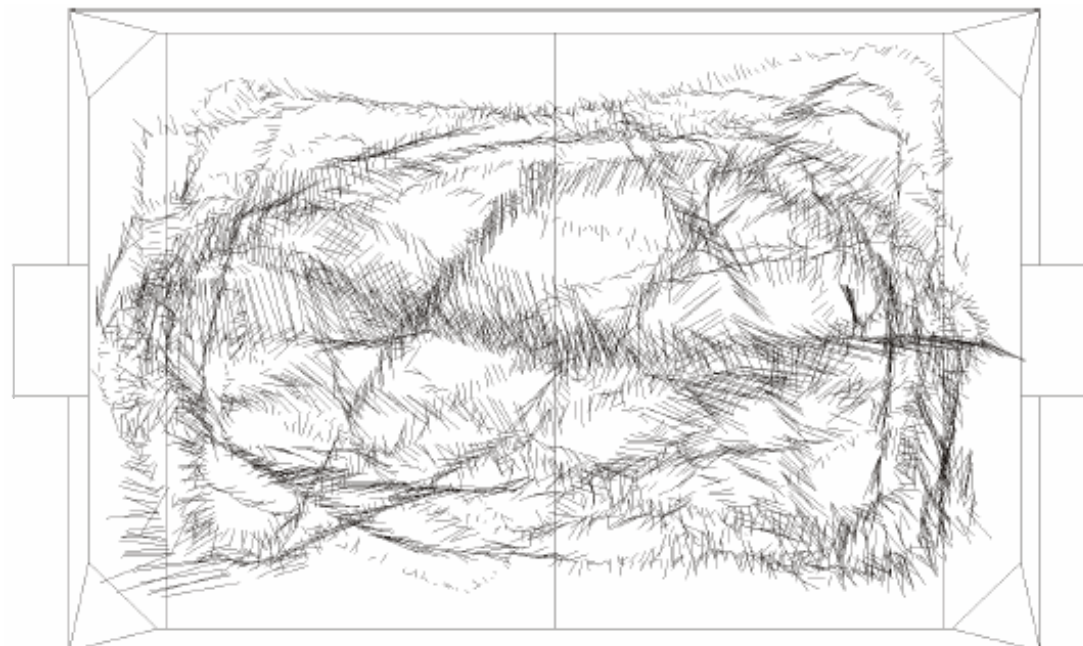


Localization – Experimental Setup



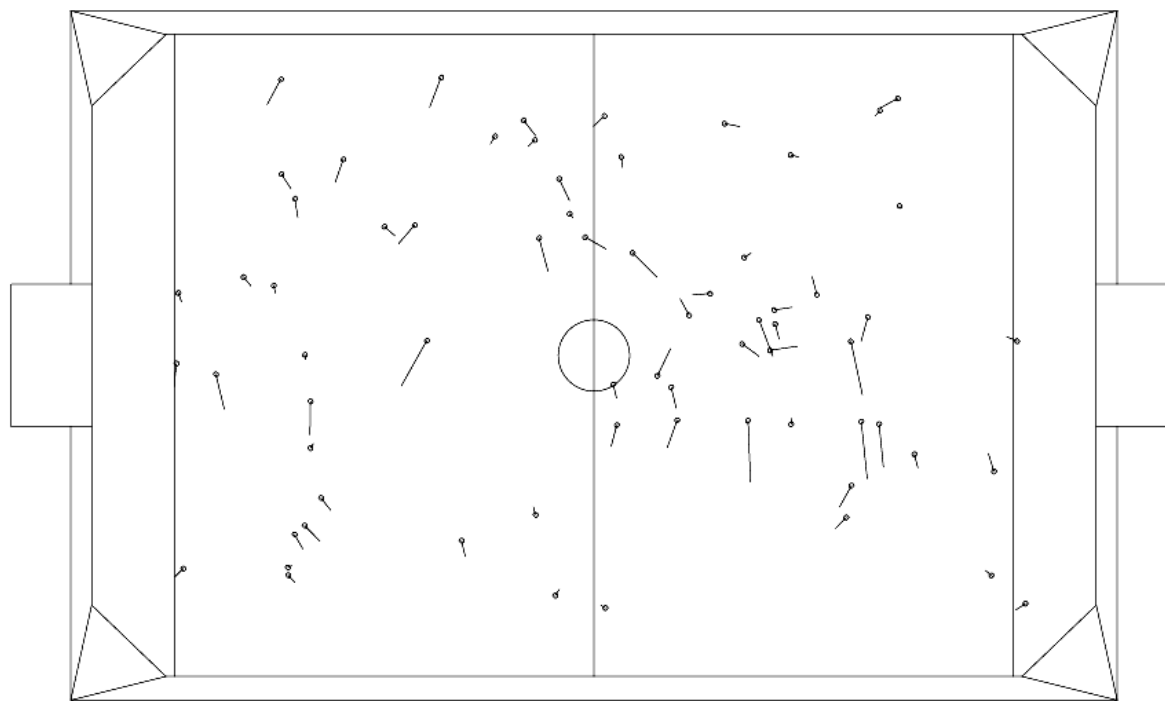
Localization – Experiment 1

- ⚽ Robot continuously moving (by joystick)
- ⚽ Approx. 5300 measurements
- ⚽ Average error < 10.5 cm
(field size is 420 x 270 cm²)



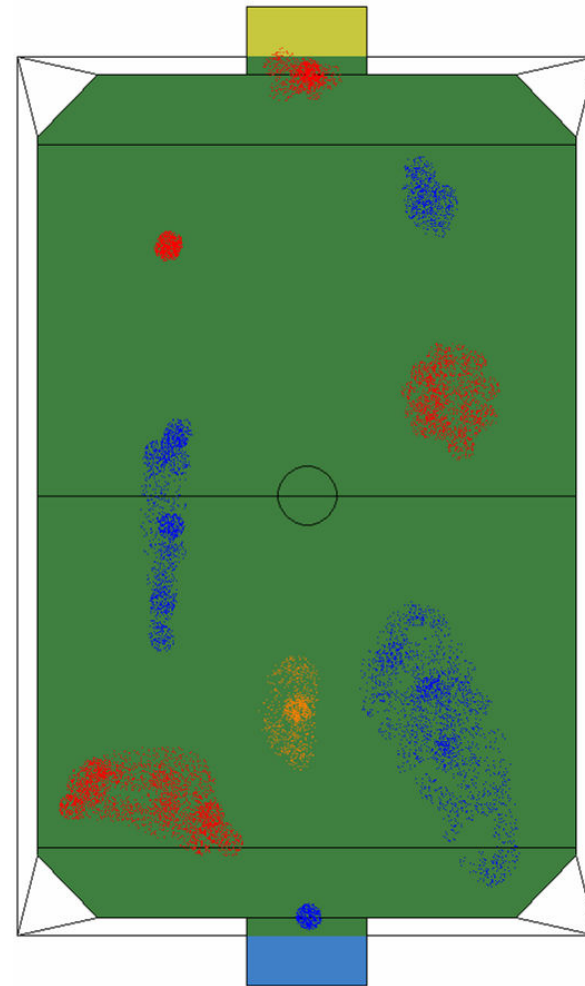
Localization – Experiment 2

- ⚽ Robot walks to random positions (approx. 70)
- ⚽ Average error in positioning < 9.5 cm
- ⚽ Average error in localization < 8.5 cm



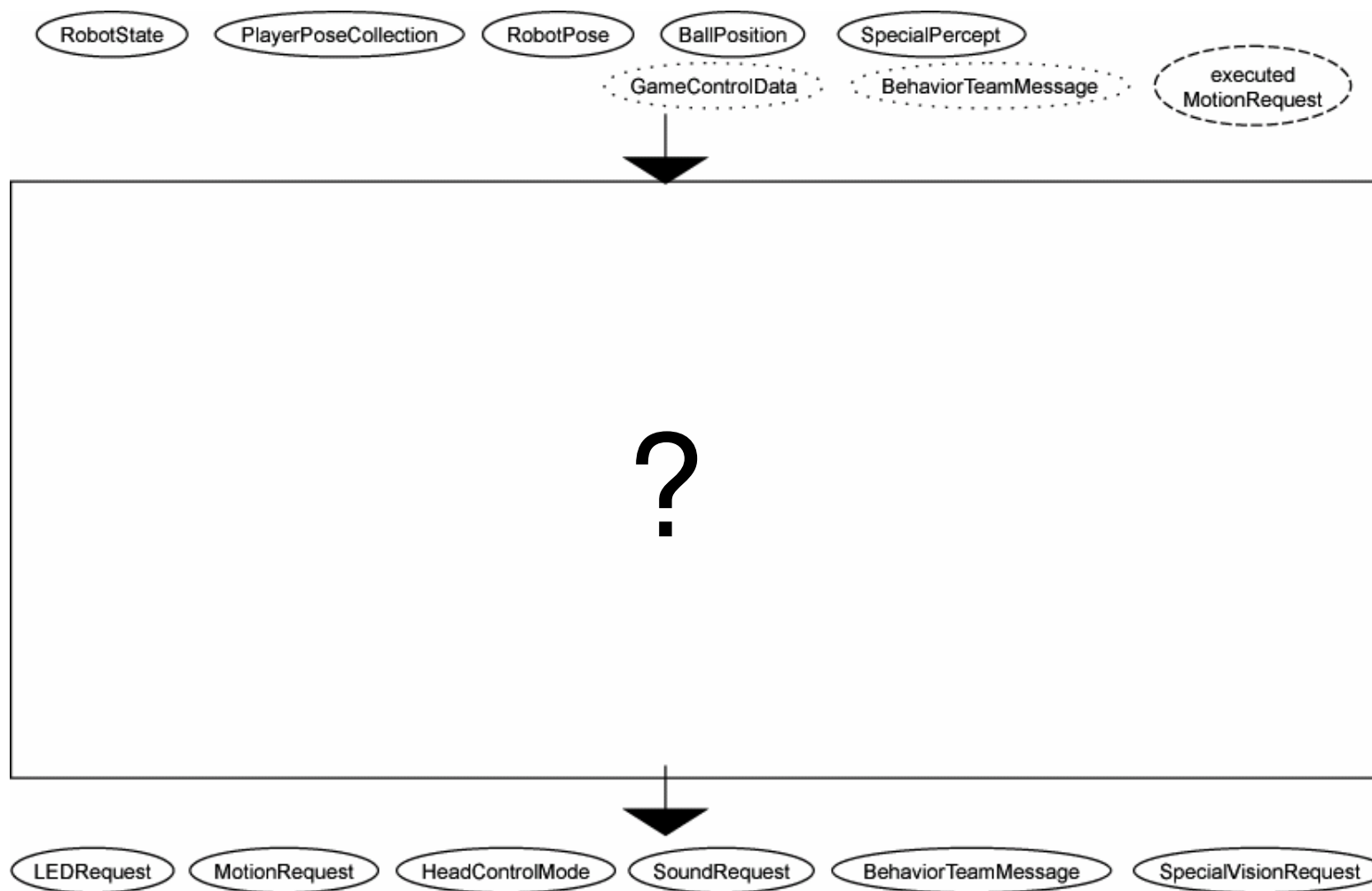
World Modeling - Probabilistic Approach

- ⚽ Modeling the
 - ⚽ own position
 - ⚽ position of the ball
 - ⚽ positions of teammates
 - ⚽ positions of opponents
 - ⚽ positions of obstacles
- ⚽ Hierarchy
 - ⚽ Local world model
 - ⚽ Shared world model
- ⚽ Communication as essential part





Behavior Control



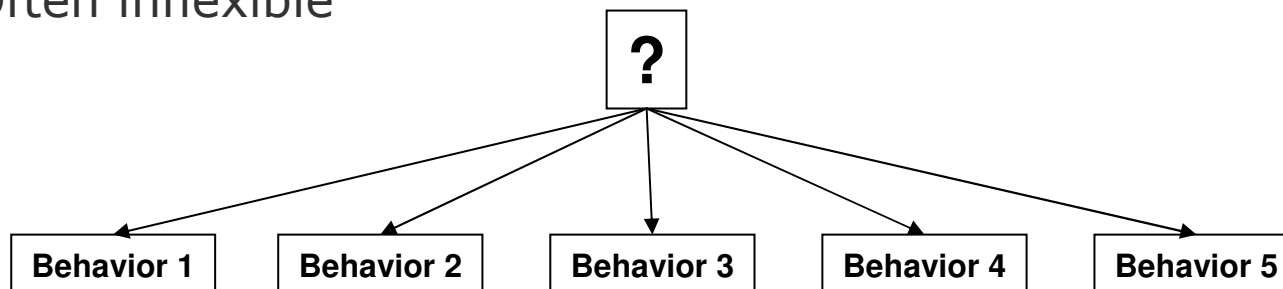


Behavior Control – Demands

- ⚽ Uncertainty: noisy world model
- ⚽ Communication with teammates: long delays
- ⚽ Flexibility vs. stability
 - ⚽ Flexibility:
 - ⚽ *Quick changes of behavior / adaptation to the environment*
 - ⚽ *Drawbacks: oscillations, behaviors are not finished*
 - ⚽ Stability:
 - ⚽ *Continuing behaviors if they were started*
 - ⚽ *Advantages: Reliability during cooperation, better handling of imprecise perception. Long-term behaviors can be performed*
 - ⚽ *Drawback: fanaticism*

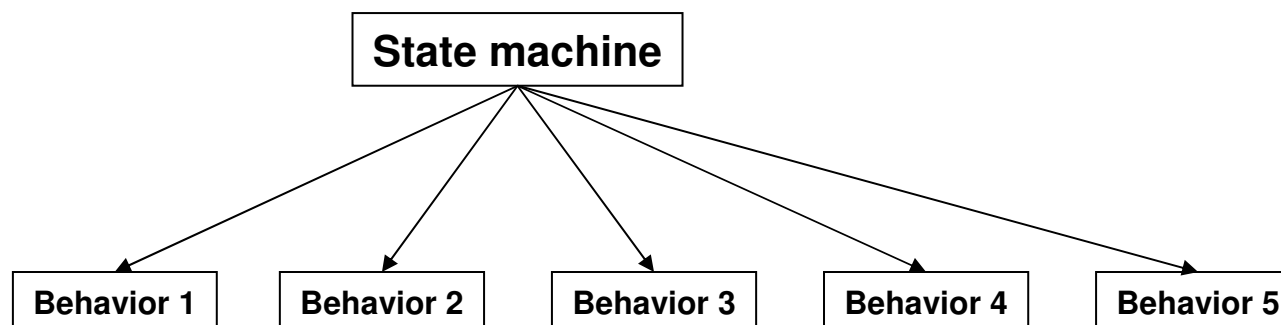
Behavior Control – Approaches

- ⚽ Approaches
 - ⚽ With utilities
 - ⚽ Potential fields
 - ⚽ Artificial Neural Networks
 - ⚽ Decision trees
- ⚽ Problems
 - ⚽ Decision do not only depend on sensor data but also on the context
 - ⚽ Universal hierarchies of utilities are hard to find
 - ⚽ Hard to continue behaviors once started
 - ⚽ Often inflexible



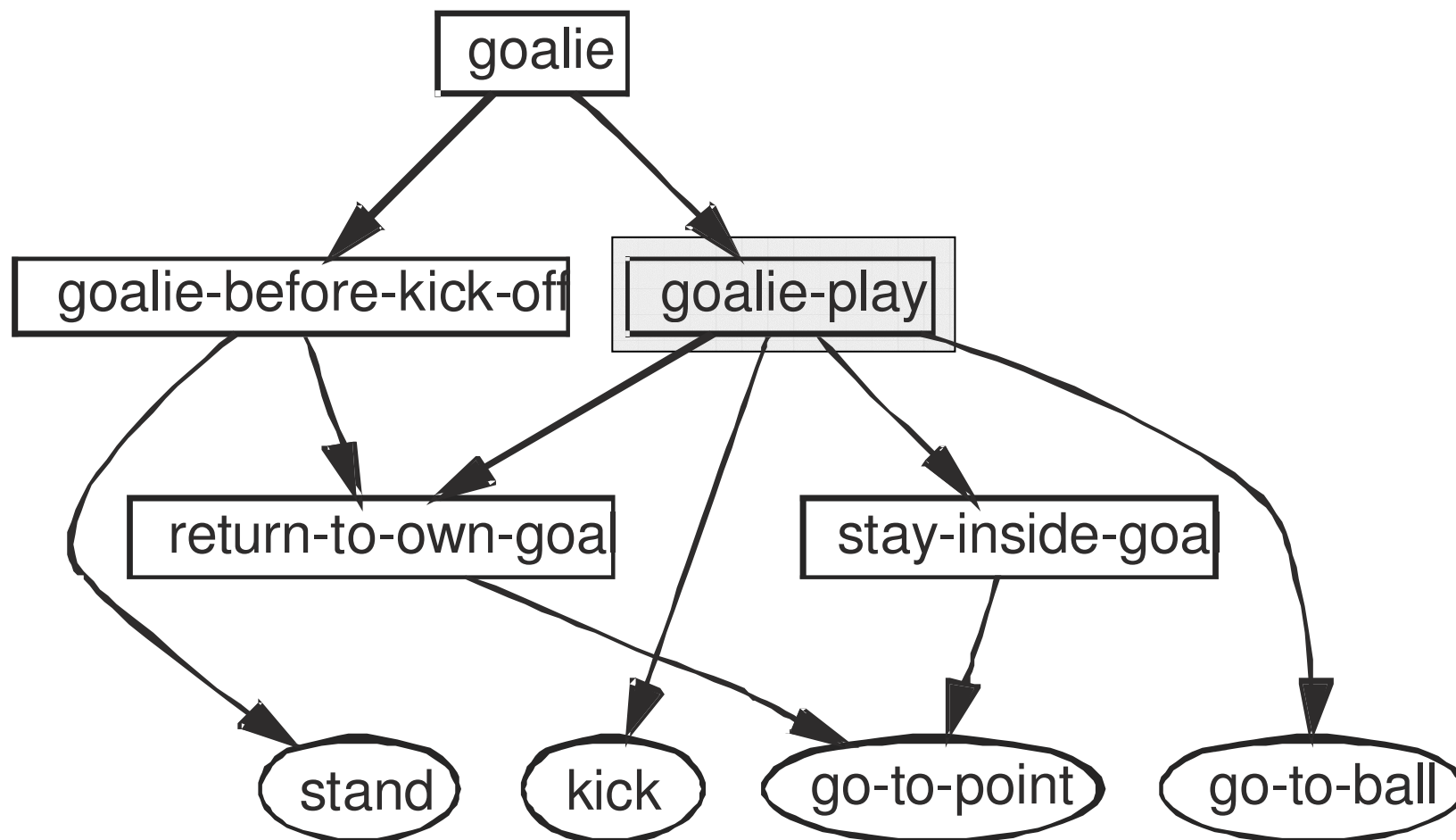
Behavior Control – State Machines

- ⚽ Behavior selection with state machines
 - ⚽ Currently selected behavior corresponds to the state of a state machine
 - ⚽ A state remains actual until a condition for switching to a different state is satisfied
 - ⚽ Hence: only sequences of sensible behaviors
 - ⚽ Hysteresis is possible
- ⚽ Context problem
 - ⚽ The transitions between states differ in different contexts → **Hierarchy of state machines**



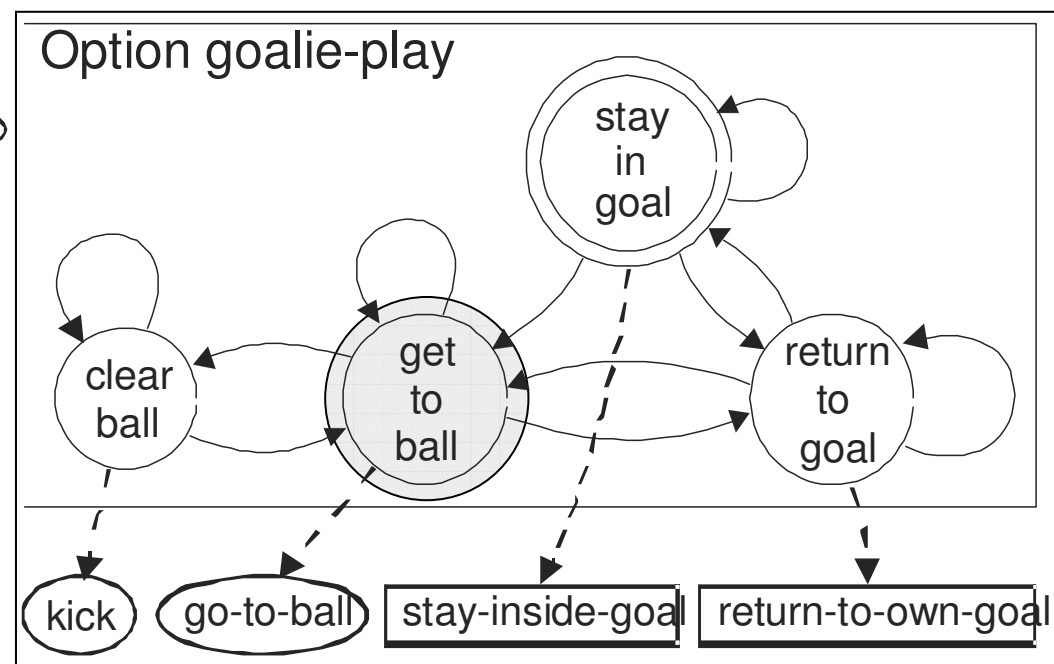
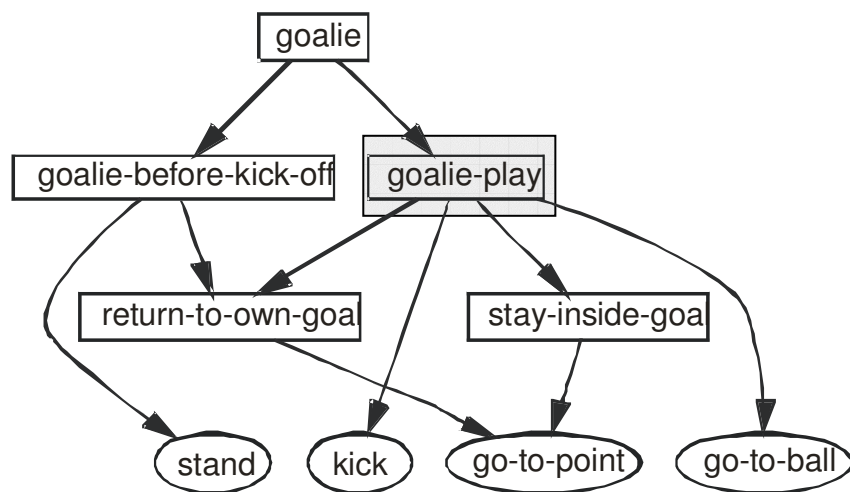


Behavior Control – Hierarchy of Options

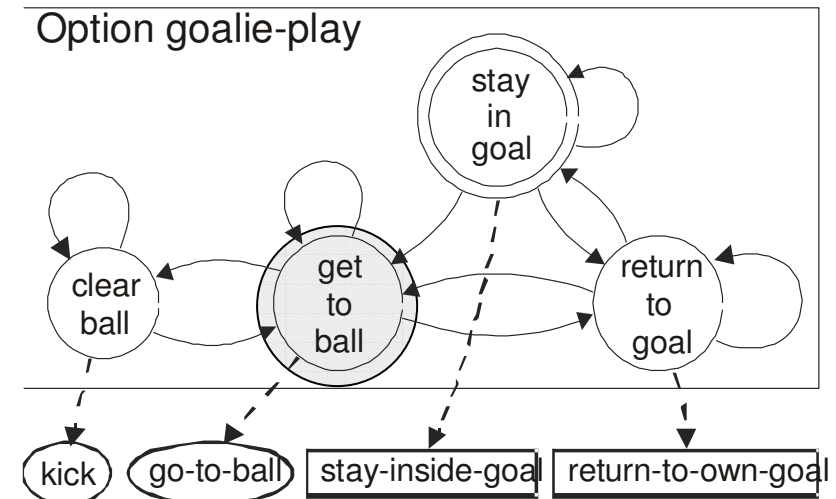
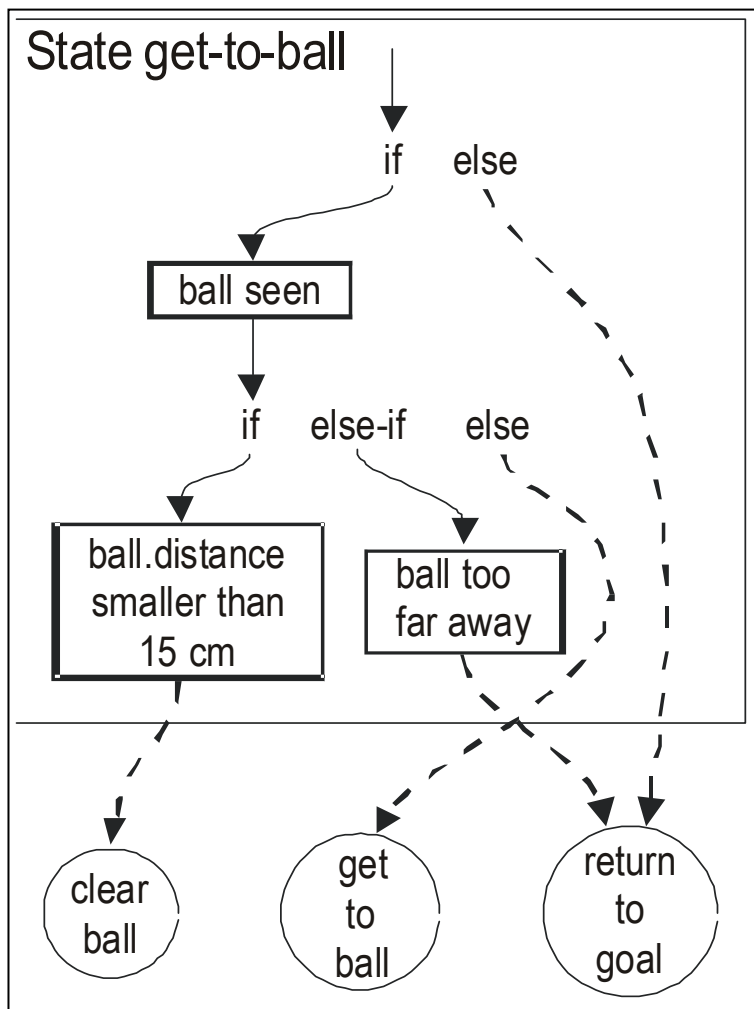




Behavior Control – Options → States

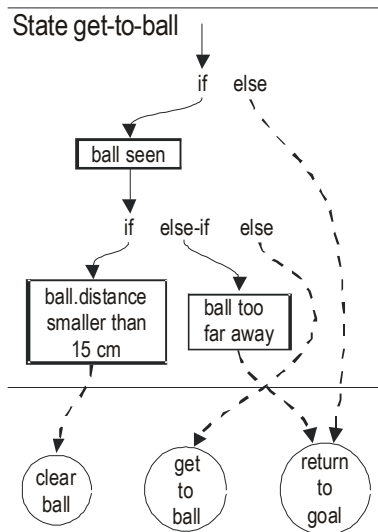
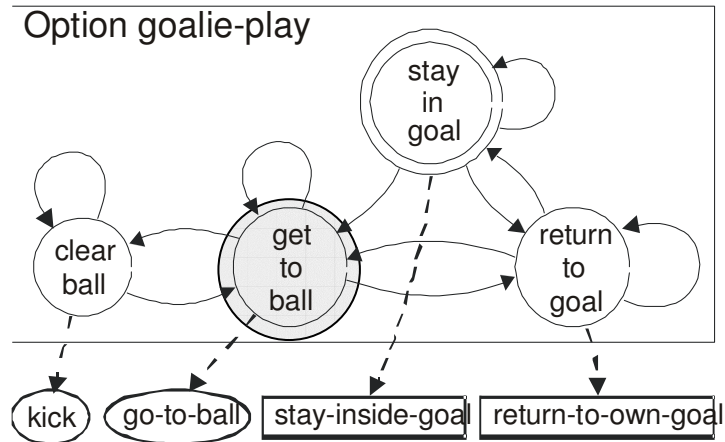
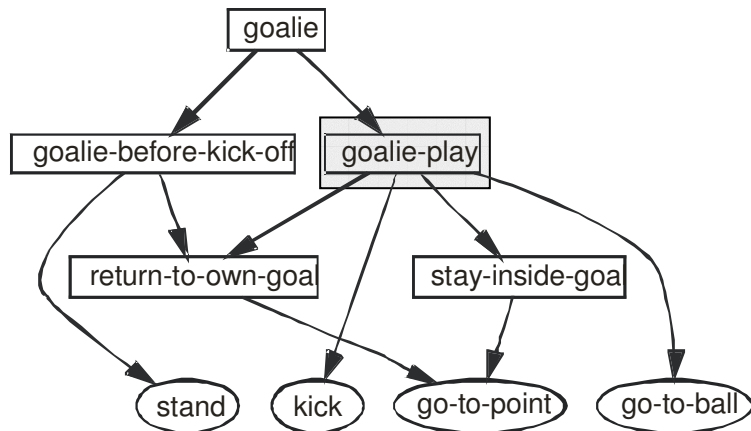


Behavior Control – States → Decision Trees





Behavior Control – Hierarchy of Options



```

if (ball.time-since-last-seen < 2000) //ball seen
{
  if (ball.distance < 150) //ball. distance smaller than 15 cm
  {
    transition-to-state (clear-ball);
  }
  else if (ball.distance > 900) //ball too far away
  {
    transition-to-state (return-to-goal);
  }
  else
  {
    transition-to-own-state (get-to-ball);
  }
}
else
{
  transition-to-state (return-to-goal);
}

```

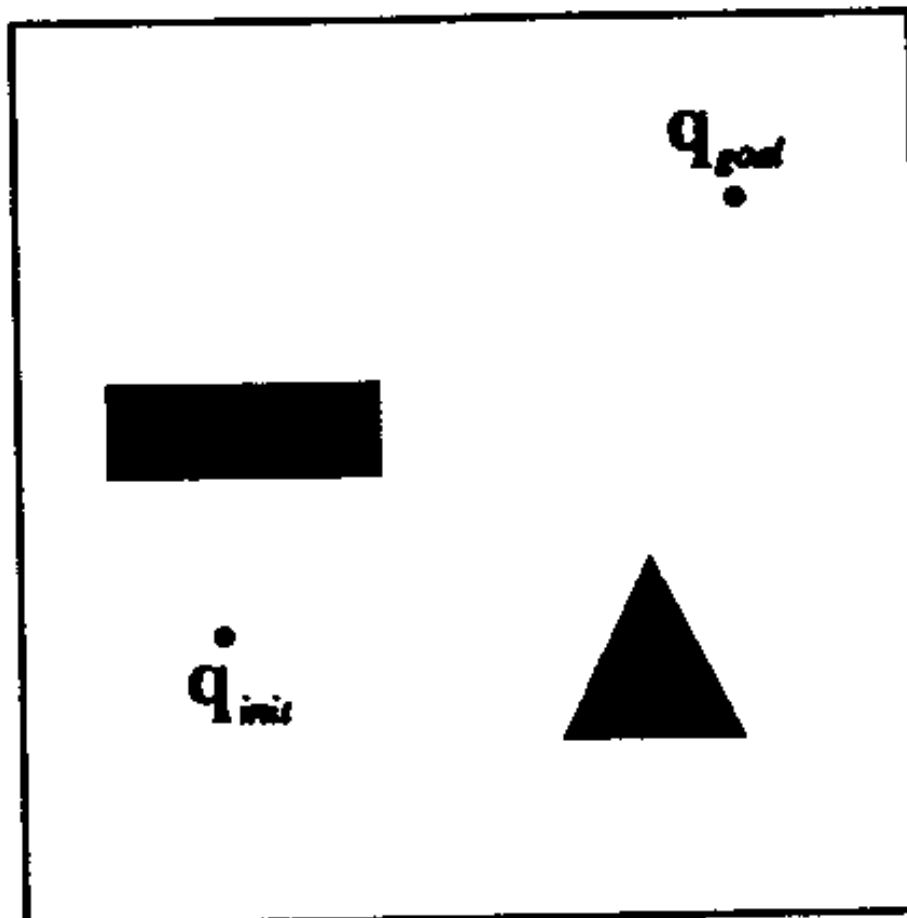



Behavior Control – Extensible Agent Behavior Specification Language (XABSL)

- ⚽ Formalization of the software environment
 - ⚽ Definition of basic behaviors and symbols
- ⚽ Formalization of the option tree
 - ⚽ Options
 - ⚽ States
 - ⚽ Decision trees
 - ⚽ Conditions
 - ⚽ Output Symbols
- ⚽ Generation of
 - ⚽ Intermediate code
 - ⚽ Documentation
 - ⚽ Debugging symbols
- ⚽ XabslEngine
 - ⚽ Executes intermediate code
 - ⚽ Embedding into software environment
 - ⚽ *XabslSymbolProvider*
 - ⚽ *XabslBasicBehaviors*
 - ⚽ Debugging interfaces

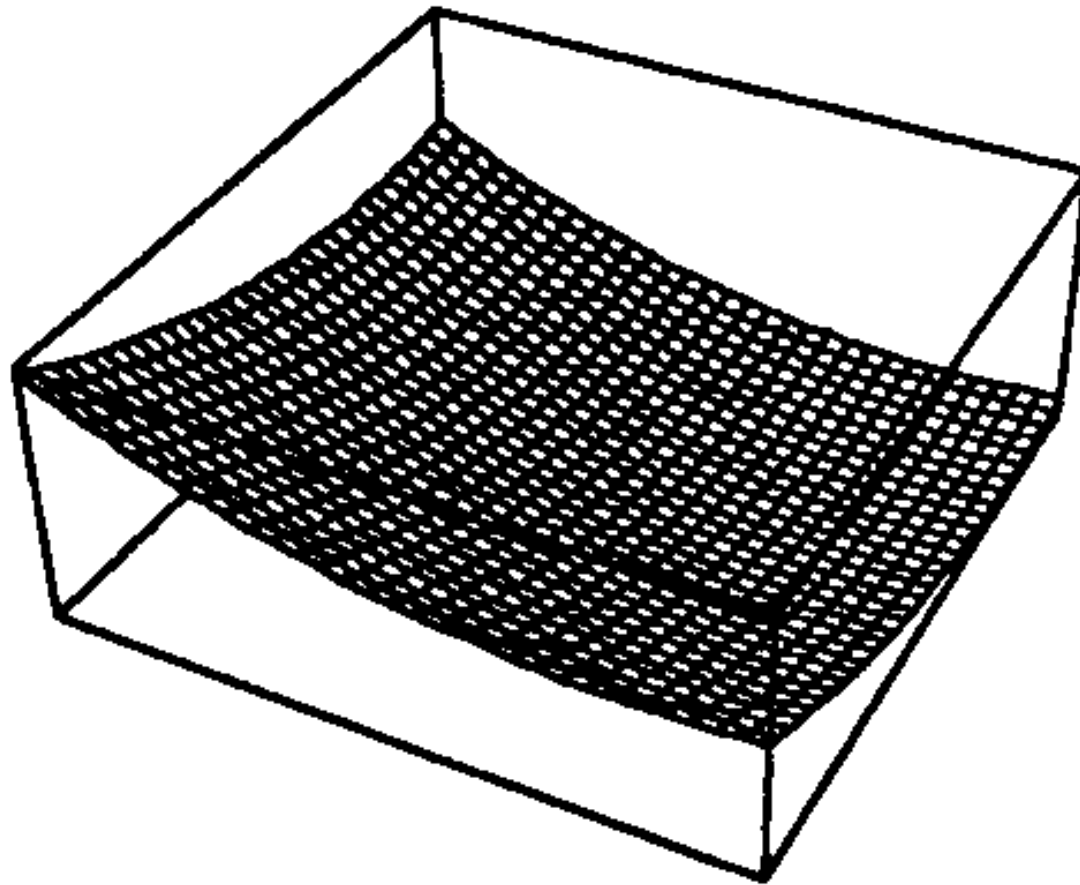


Potential Fields – Motion Planning



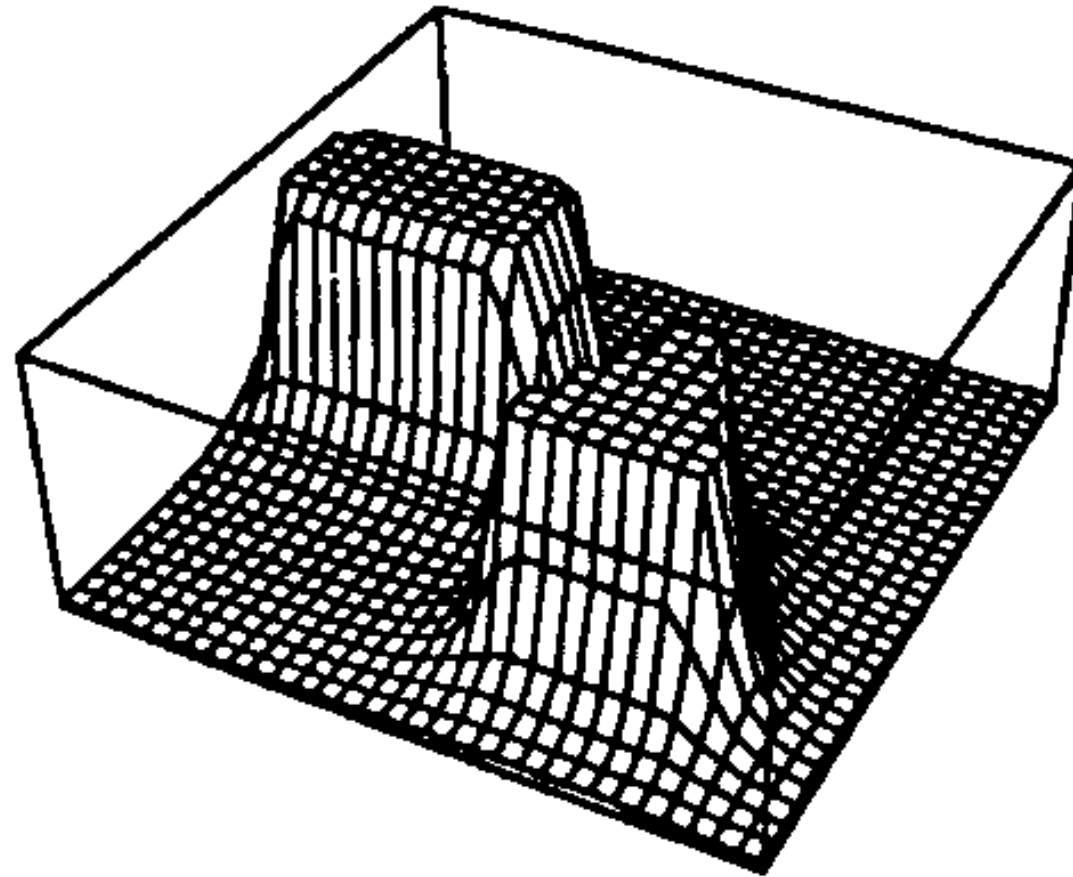


Potential Fields – Goal



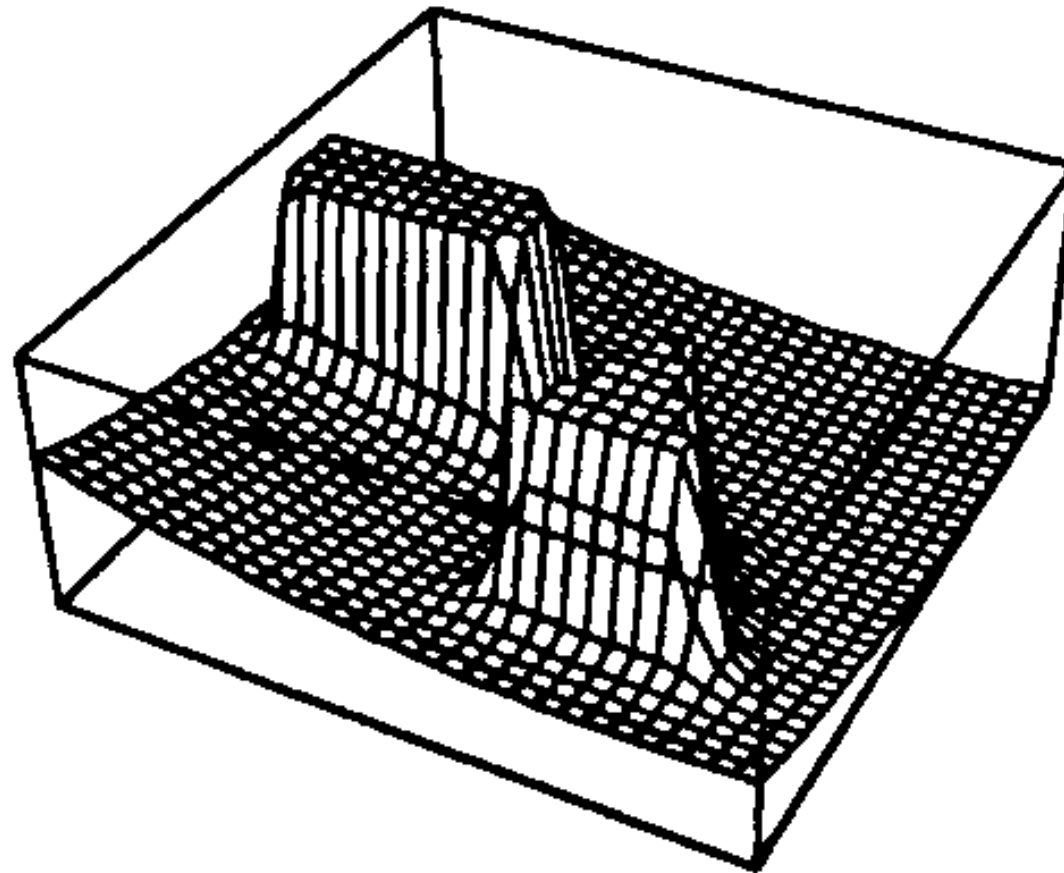


Potential Fields – Obstacles



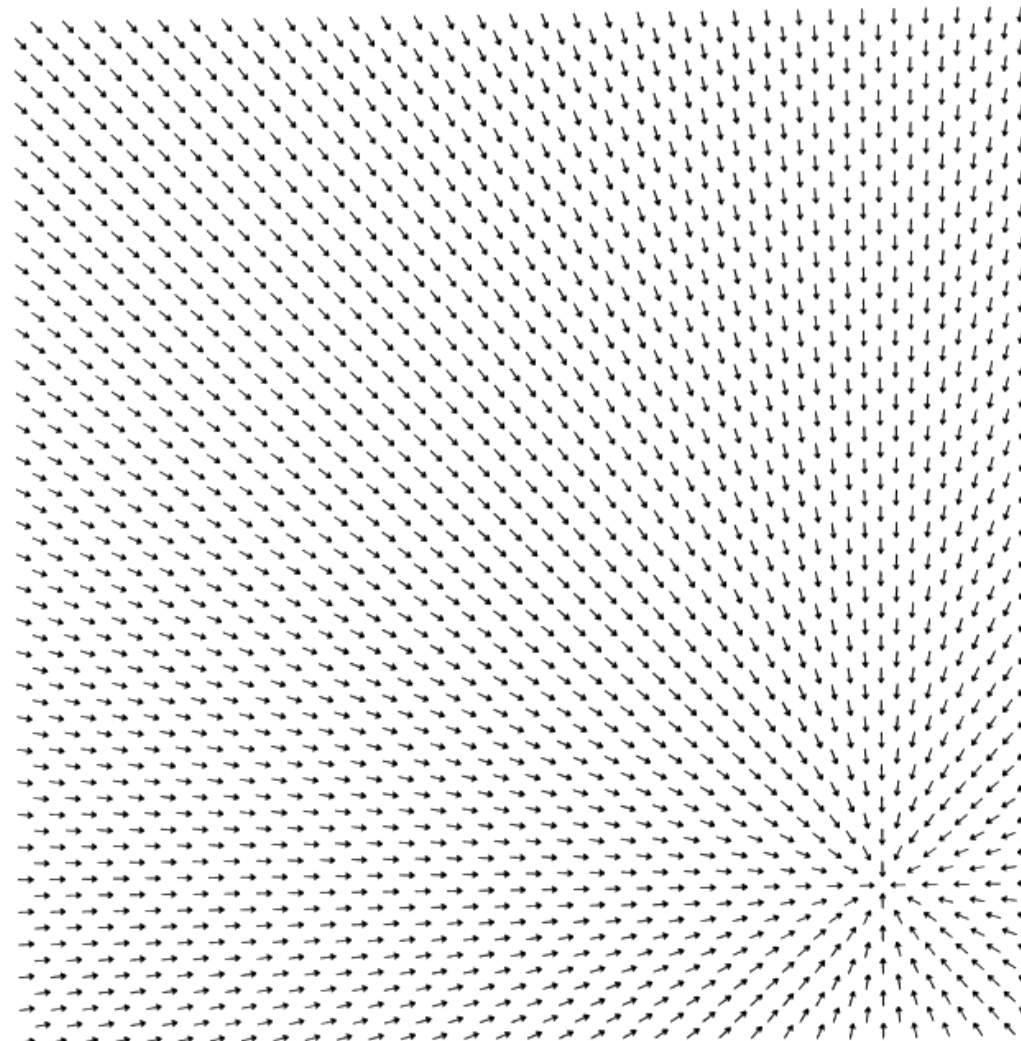


Potential Fields – Combination



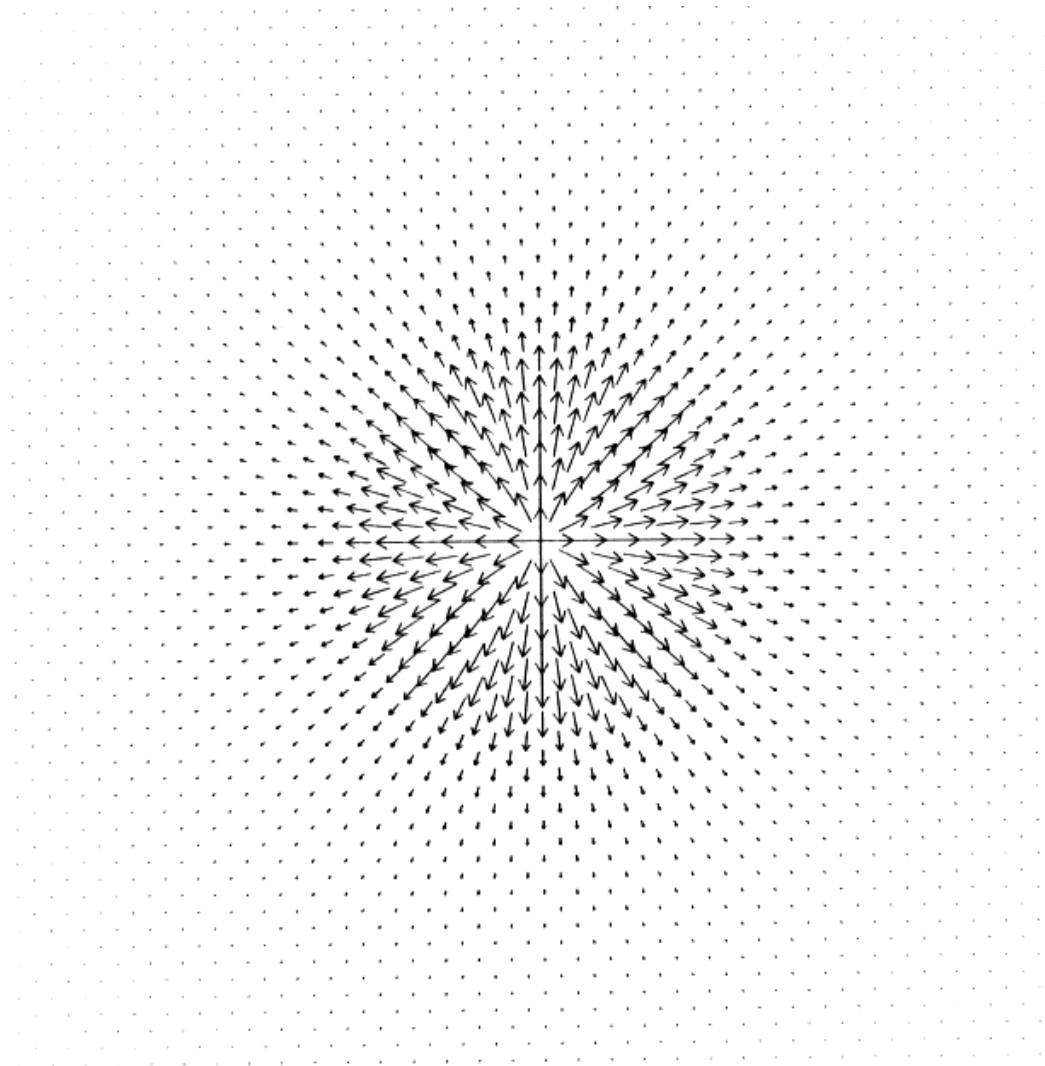


Potential Fields – Gradients



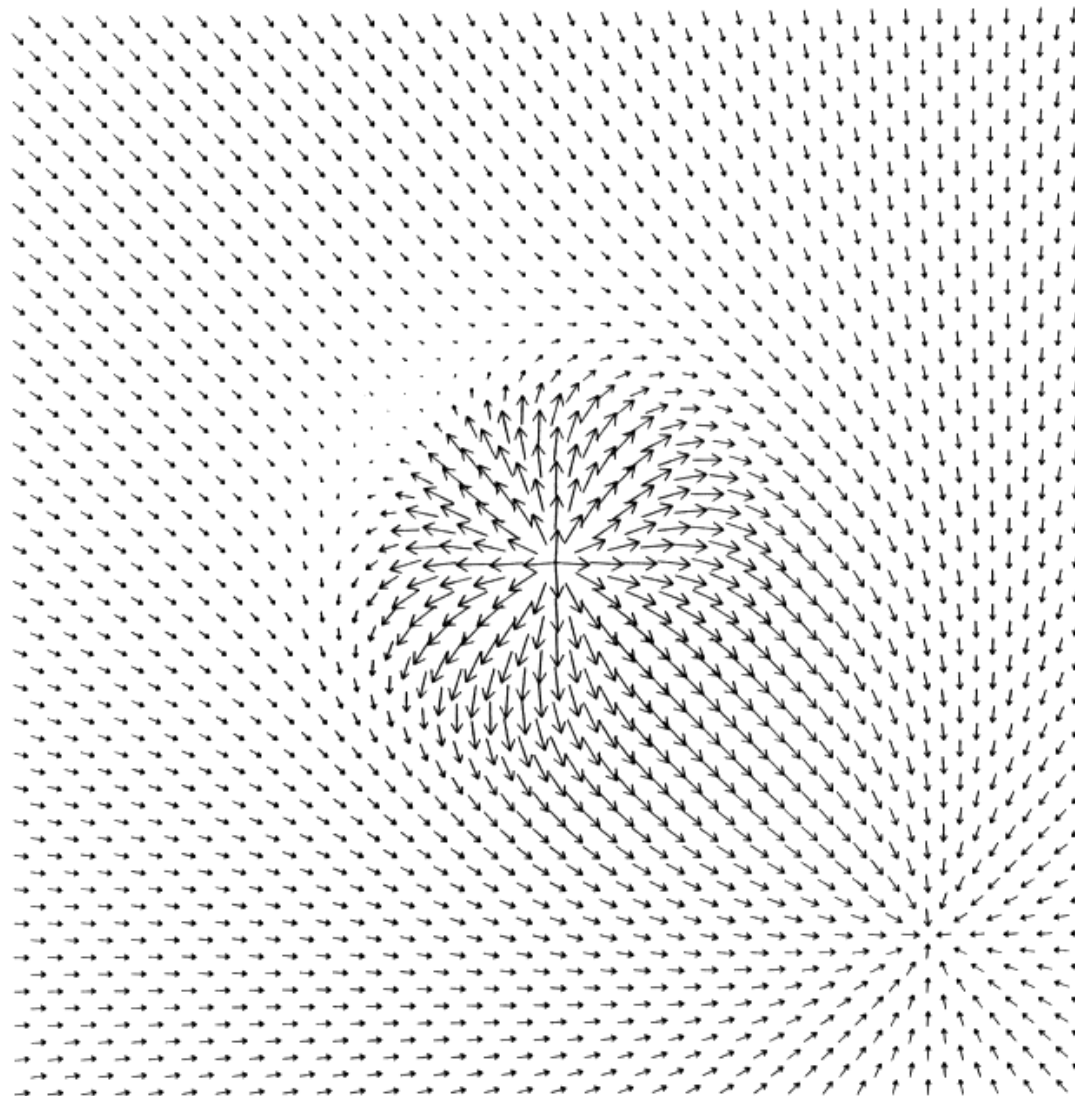


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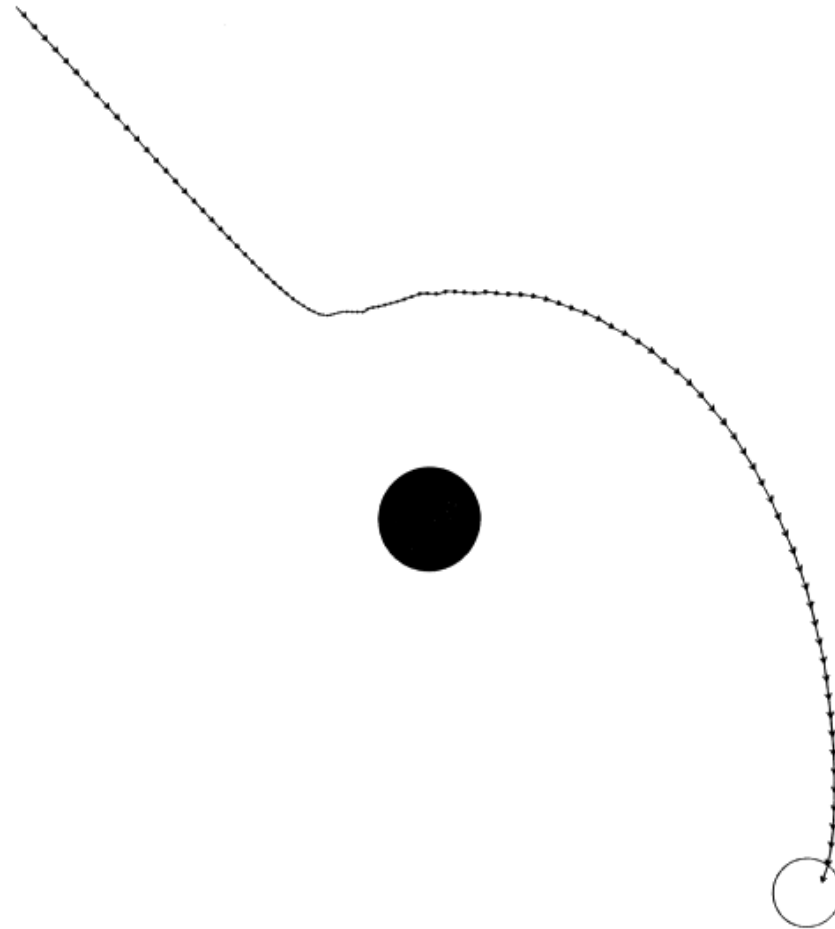


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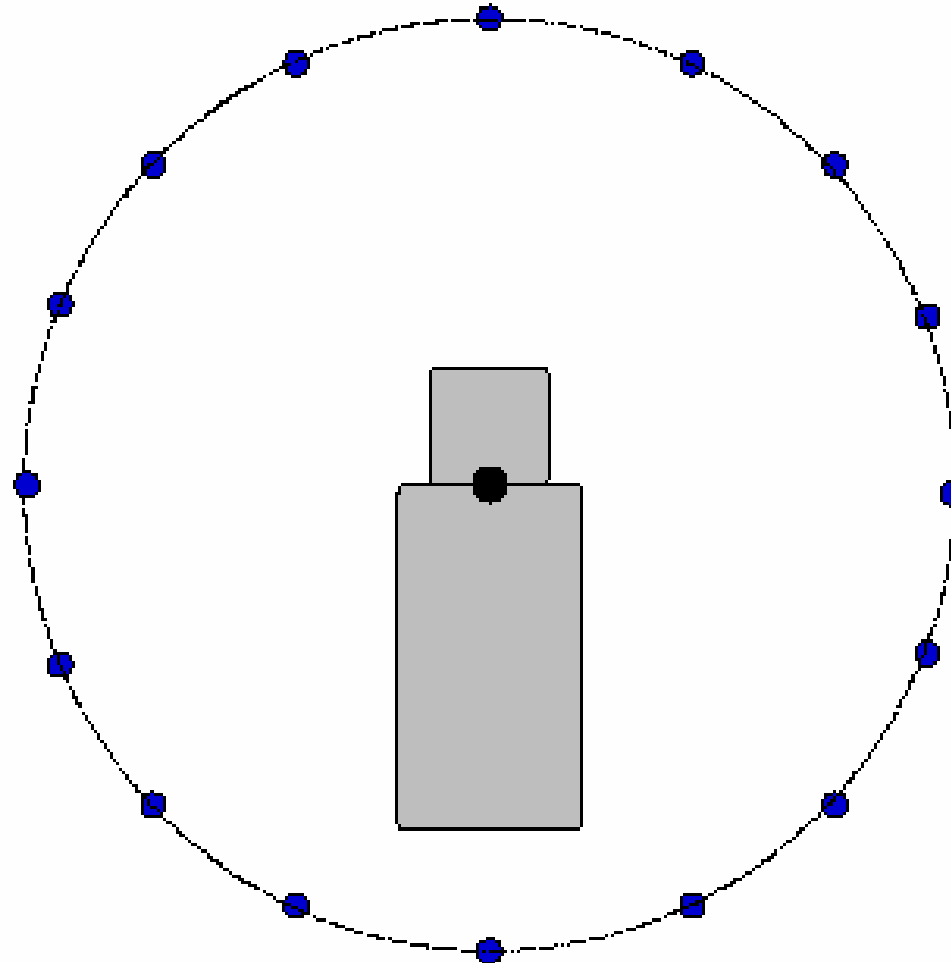


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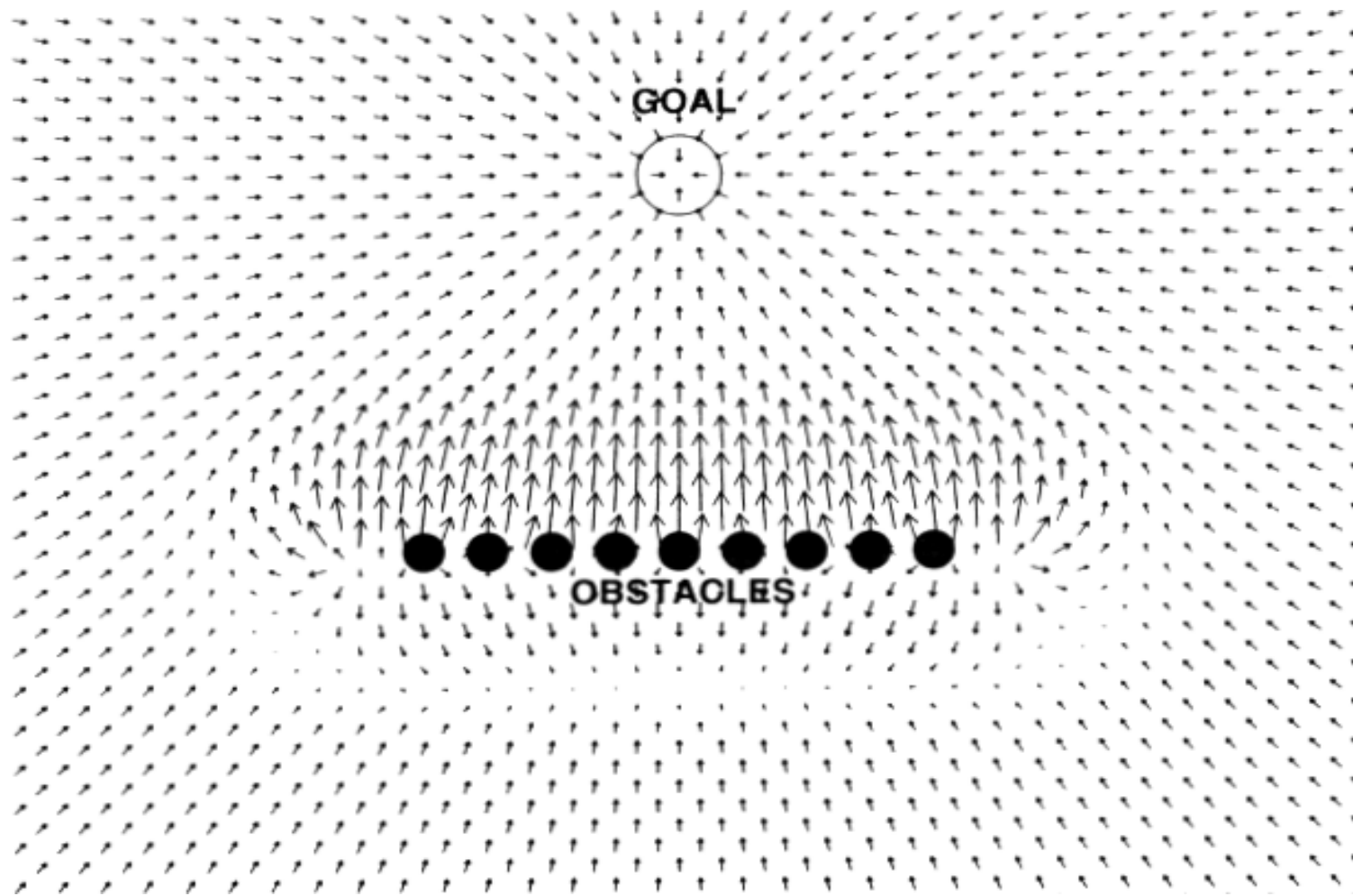


Potential Fields – Sampling



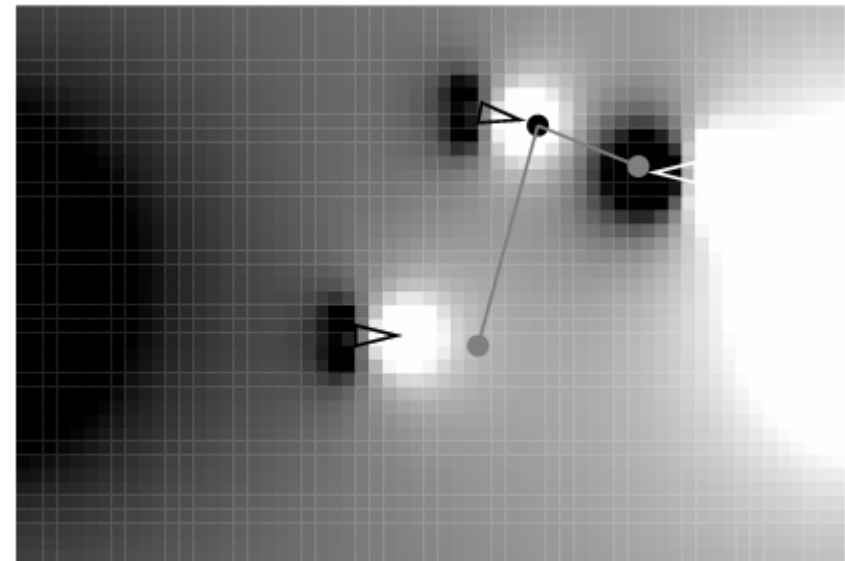
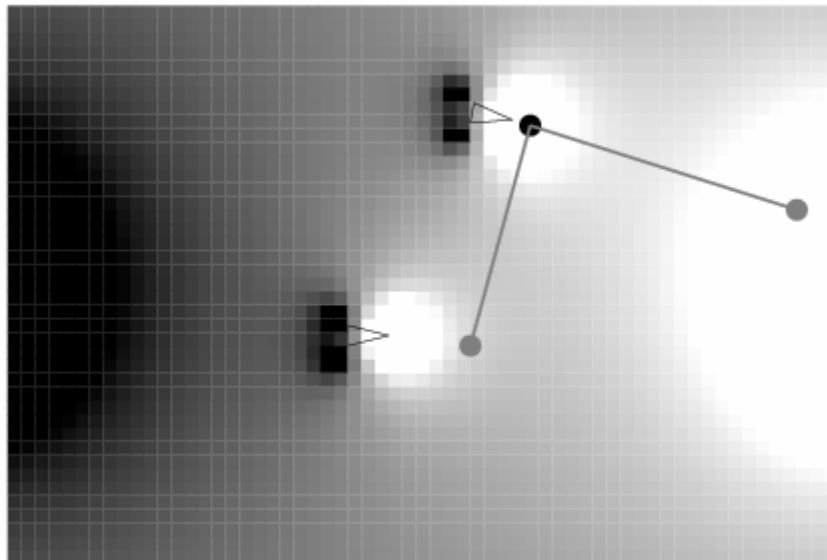


Potential Fields – Local Minima





Potential Fields – Action Planning





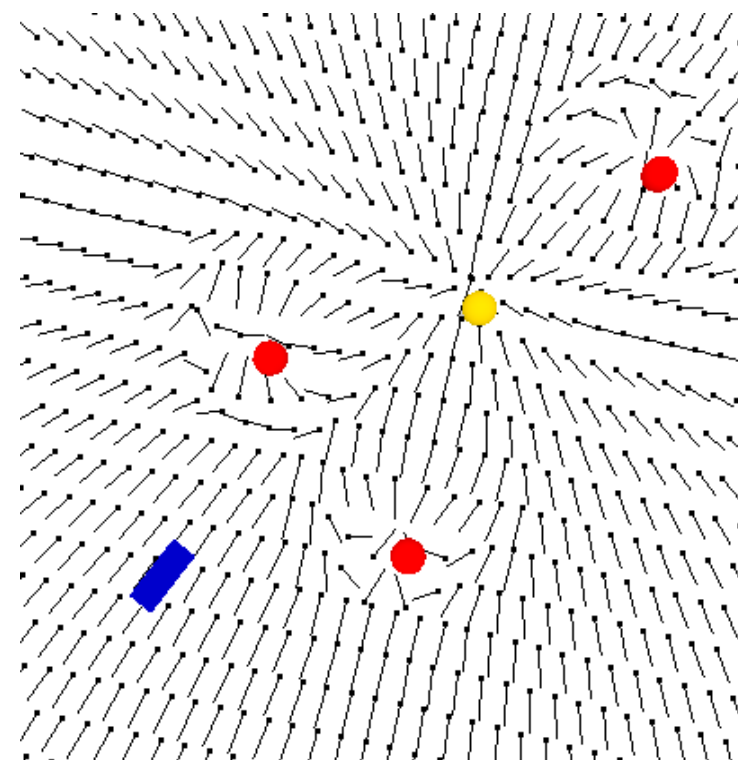
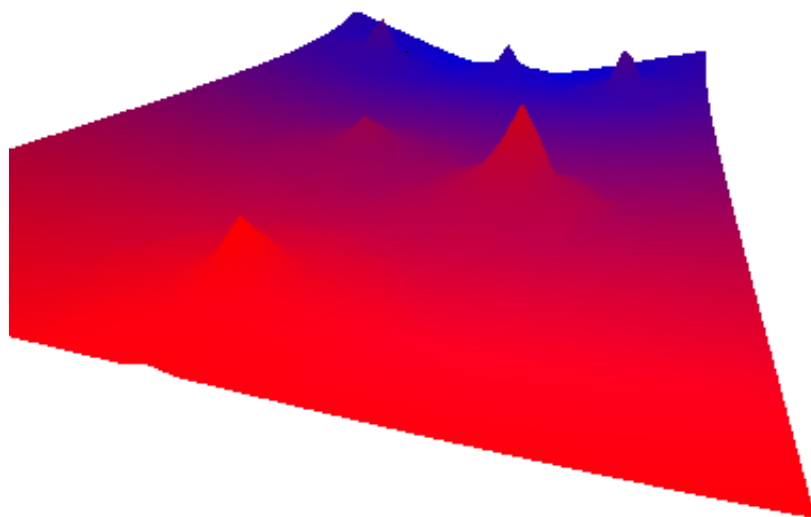
Potential Fields – Definition in XML

```
<object name="Opponent-Robot" type="repulsive">  
  <asymptotic-function range="200"  
    at-zero="1000"  
    const-interval="1"/>  
  <point-field/>  
  <circle radius="90"/>  
</object>
```

```
<motionfield name="go-to-ball">  
  <return-const value="-1"/>  
  <include name="ball"/>  
  <include name="own-penalty-area"/>  
  <include-group name="all-robots"/>  
</motionfield>
```



Potential Fields – Visualization





Actuatorics – Mof

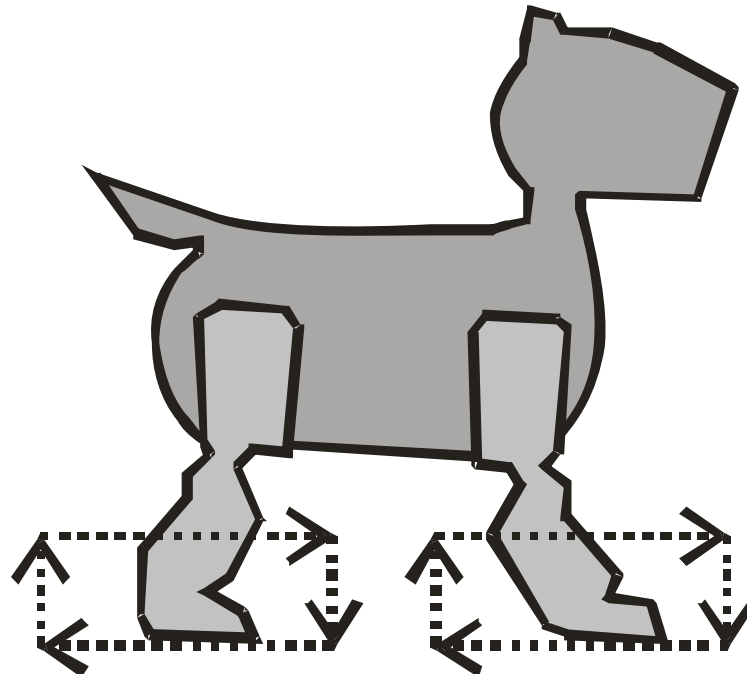
```
motion_id = unswBash
label start
//catch ball
0 0 0 ~ ~ ~ 1034 300 1000 1034 300 1000 -500 2500 2600 -500 2500 2600 0 25
0 0 0 ~ ~ ~ 1034 800 1000 1034 800 1000 -500 2500 2600 -500 2500 2600 0 40
label fromhold
-300 0 0 ~ ~ ~ 1034 -700 500 1034 -700 500 -500 2500 2600 -500 2500 2600 0 40
//kick
0 0 0 ~ ~ ~ 2550 0 2000 2550 0 2000 -500 2500 2600 -500 2500 2600 0 25
0 0 0 ~ ~ ~ 2550 -400 2000 2550 -400 2000 -500 2500 2600 -500 2500 2600 1 15
0 0 0 ~ ~ ~ 1034 -400 500 1034 -400 500 -500 2500 2600 -500 2500 2600 0 30
//stand
0 0 0 ~ ~ ~ -100 200 2100 -100 200 2100 -700 250 1500 -700 250 1500 0 25
0 0 0 ~ ~ ~ -115 262 1913 -70 256 1924 -579 222 1382 -547 188 1384 0 25
transition allMotions extern start
```

Parameters:

- ⚽ 3 x Head
- ⚽ 1 x Mouth
- ⚽ 2 x Tail
- ⚽ 3 per leg
- ⚽ Interpolation
- ⚽ Duration

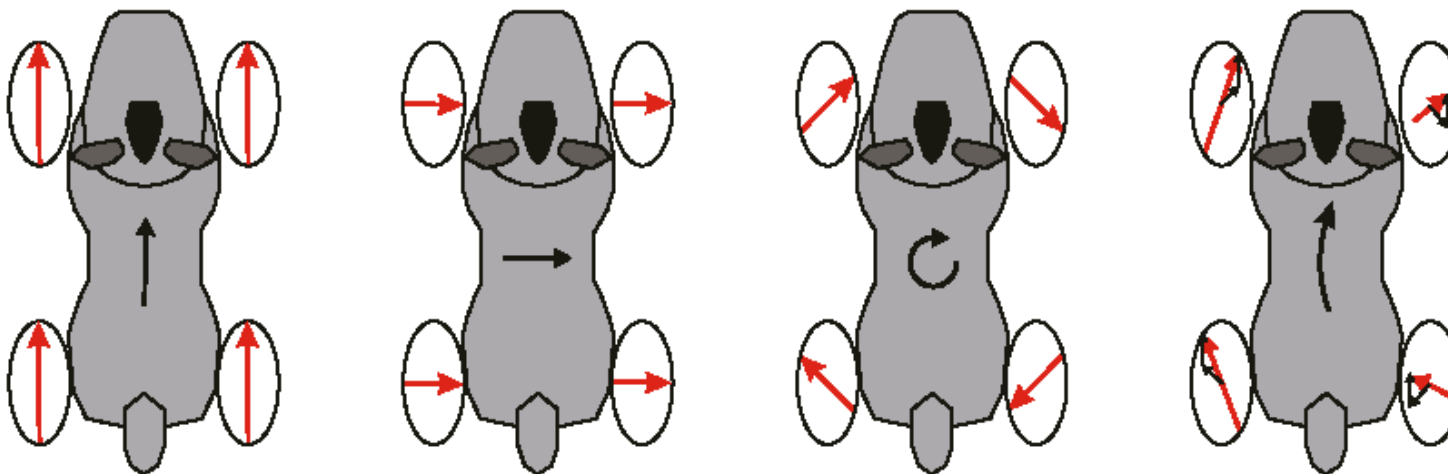
Actuatorics – Walking engine

- ⚽ Robot 's maximum speed: ~ 23 cm/s
 - ⚽ Requested speed defines the step size
 - ⚽ Joint angles are generated every 8 ms
 - ⚽ Foot motion: e.g. rectangular



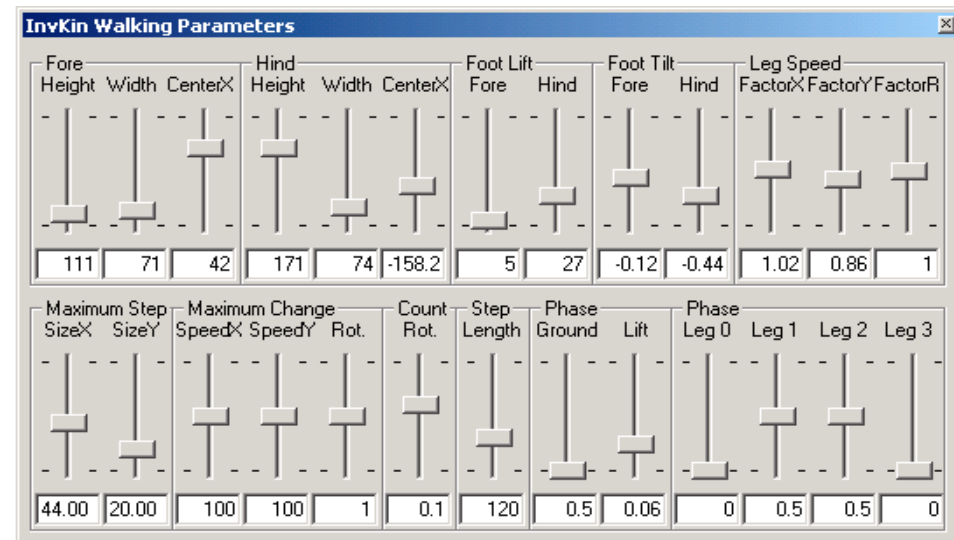
Actuatorics – Walking engine

- ⚽ Direction of foot movement defines walk direction
- ⚽ Trot walk
 - ⚽ diagonal foot pairs move at the same time
 - ⚽ Both pairs are shifted by a half step



Actuatorics – Walking engine

- 30 parameters
 - max. step size
 - step height
 - step length
 - ...



- Different parameter sets cause different walk types



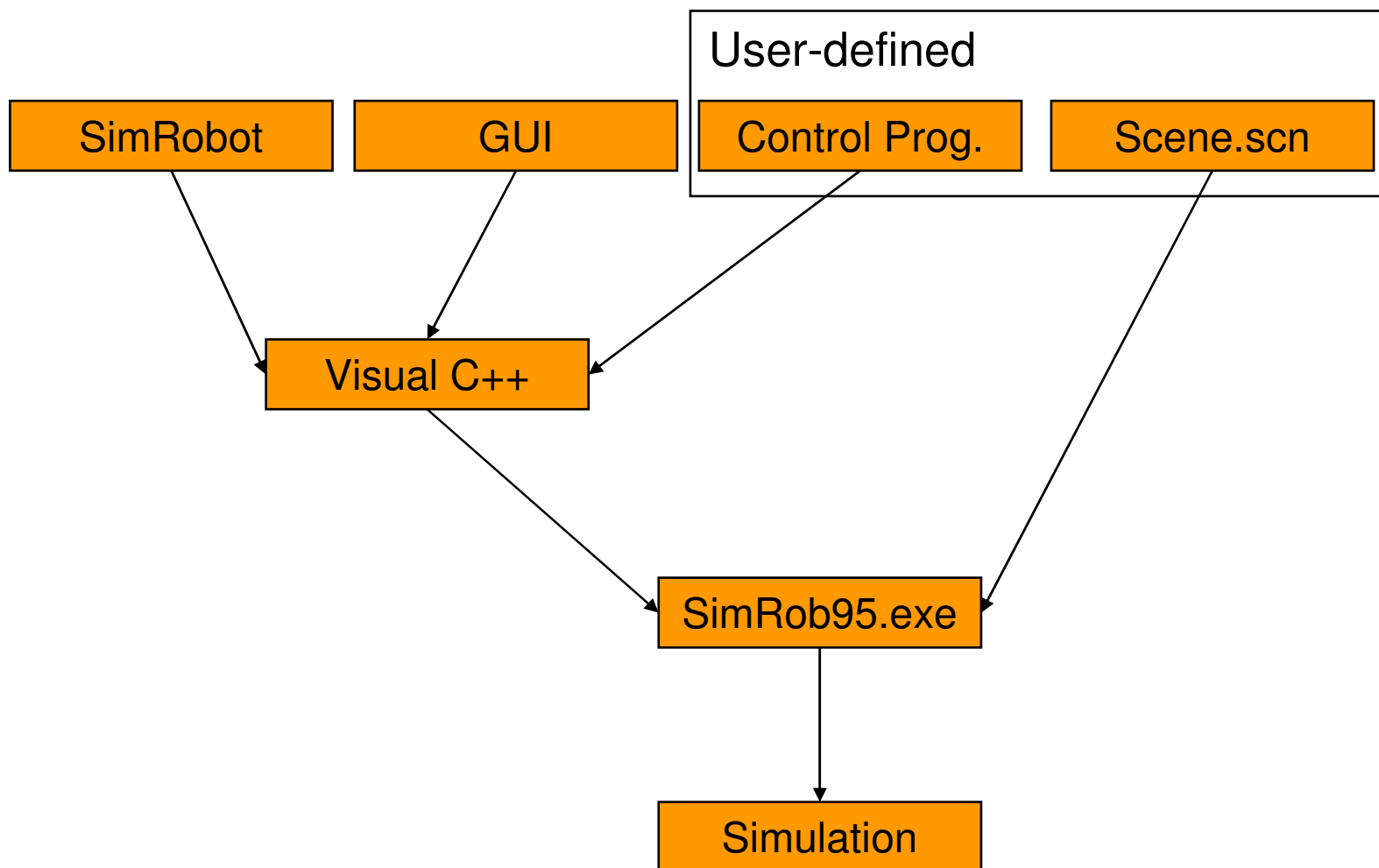
Tools – SimRobot



<http://www.tzi.de/simrobot>

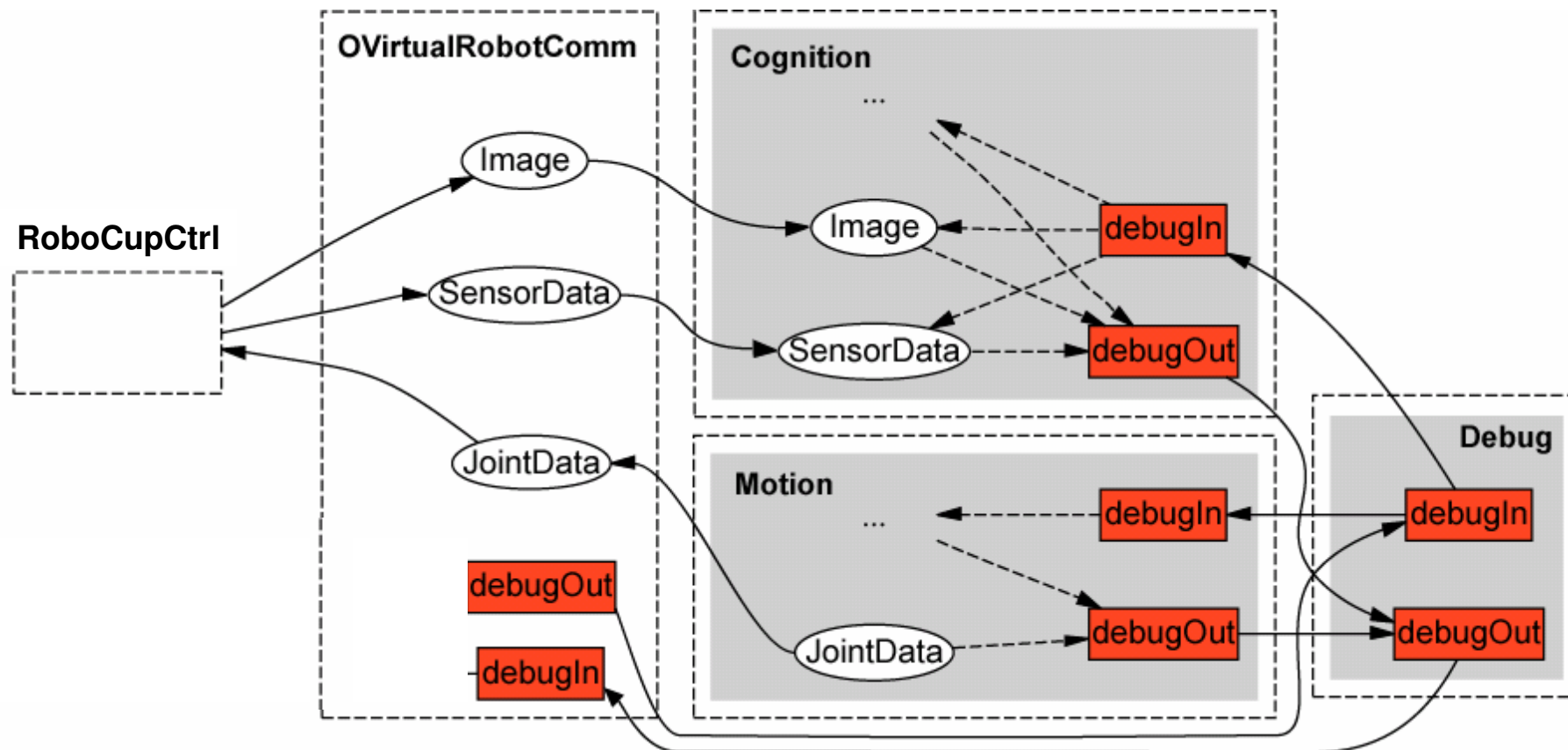


Tools – Structure of SimRobot





Tools – SFLRL Simulation in SimRobot





Tools – SimRobot Demo

