



# Behaving in Space

# How Robots Play Soccer

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## Outline of the Tutorial

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- ⚽ World-Modeling
- ⚽ Behavior Control
- ⚽ Motion

## 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





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## 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

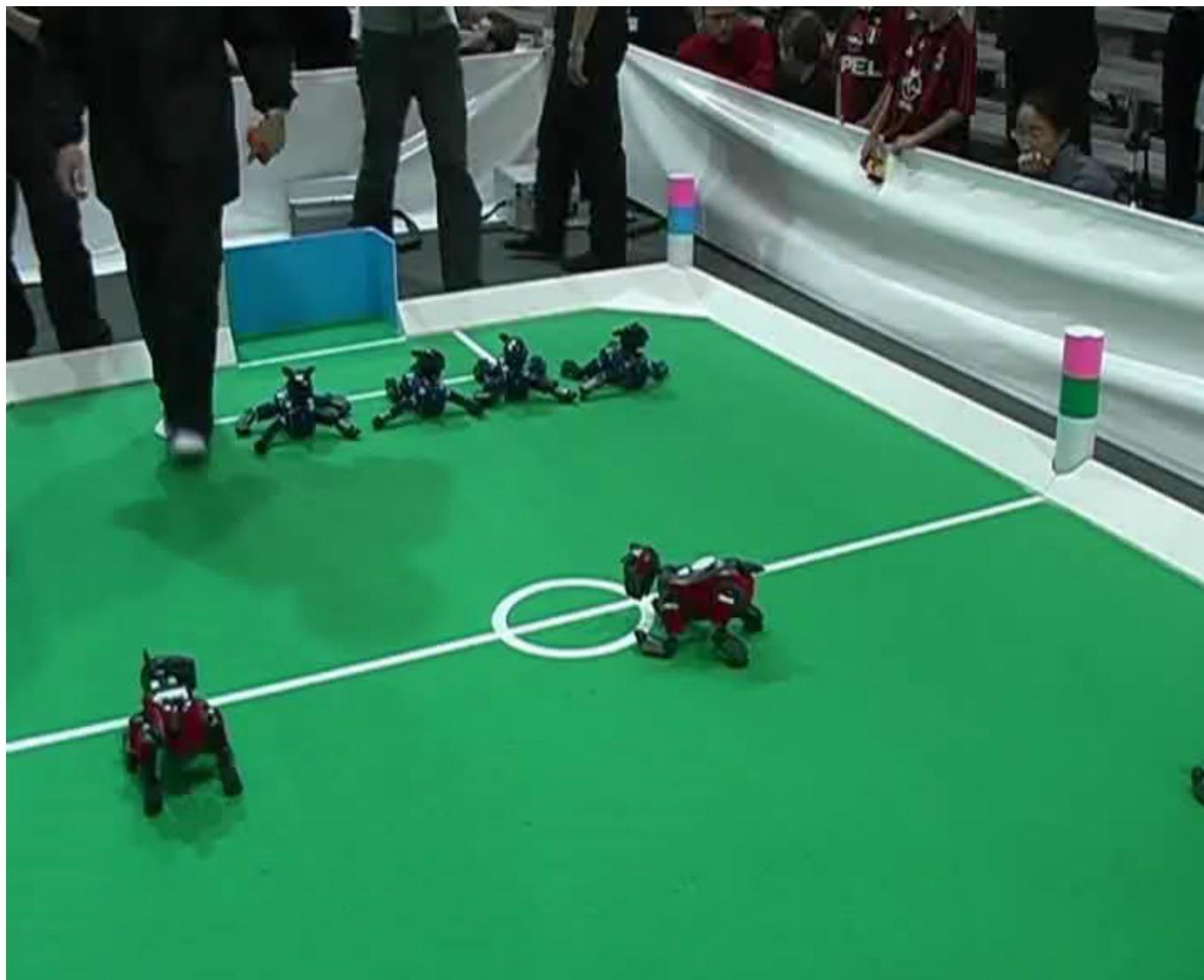


## The GermanTeam

- ⚽ 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



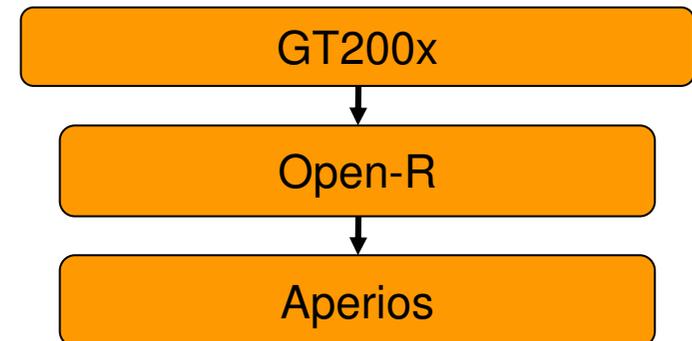
## Example: GT2003 vs. UPennalizers, 2nd Half





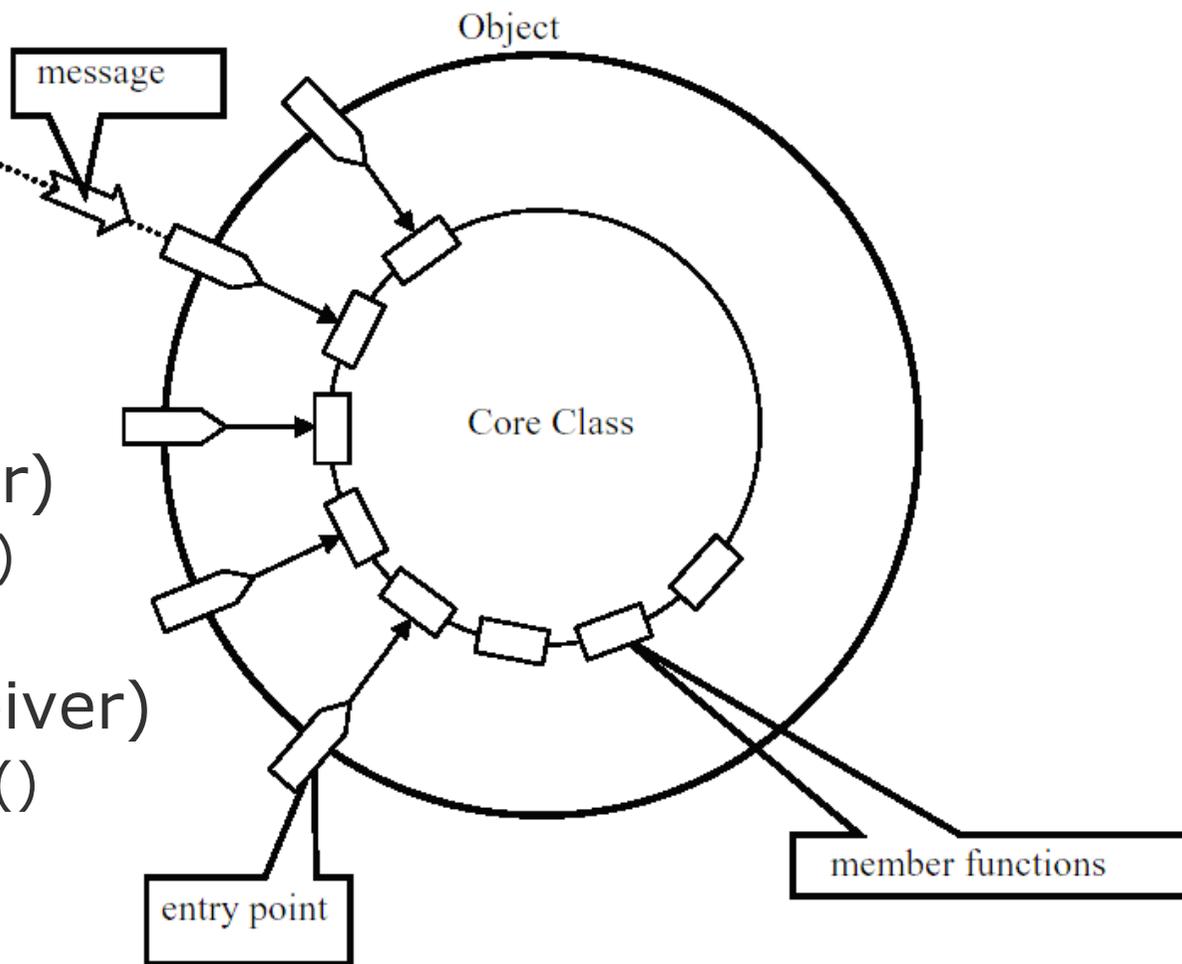
## Aibo-OS: Aperios and Open-R

- 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



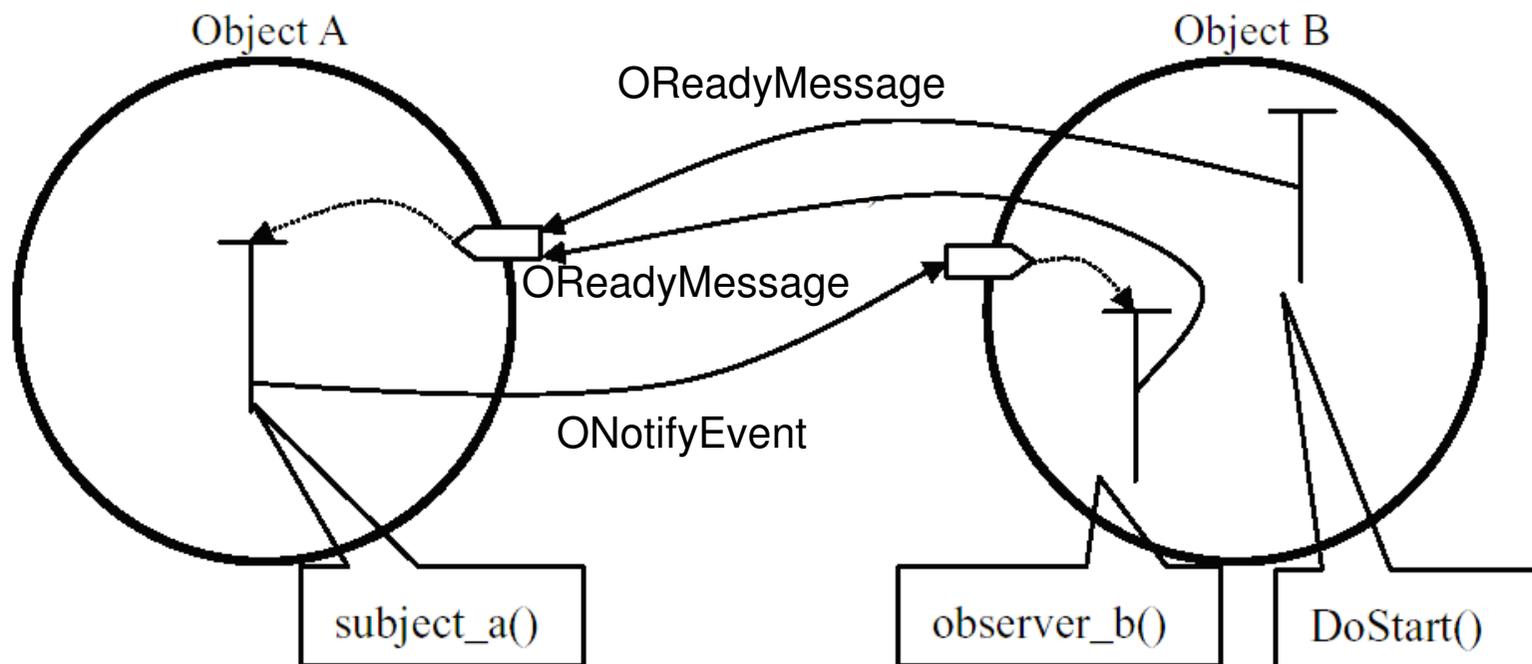
## Aperios-Objects (Processes) & Events

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



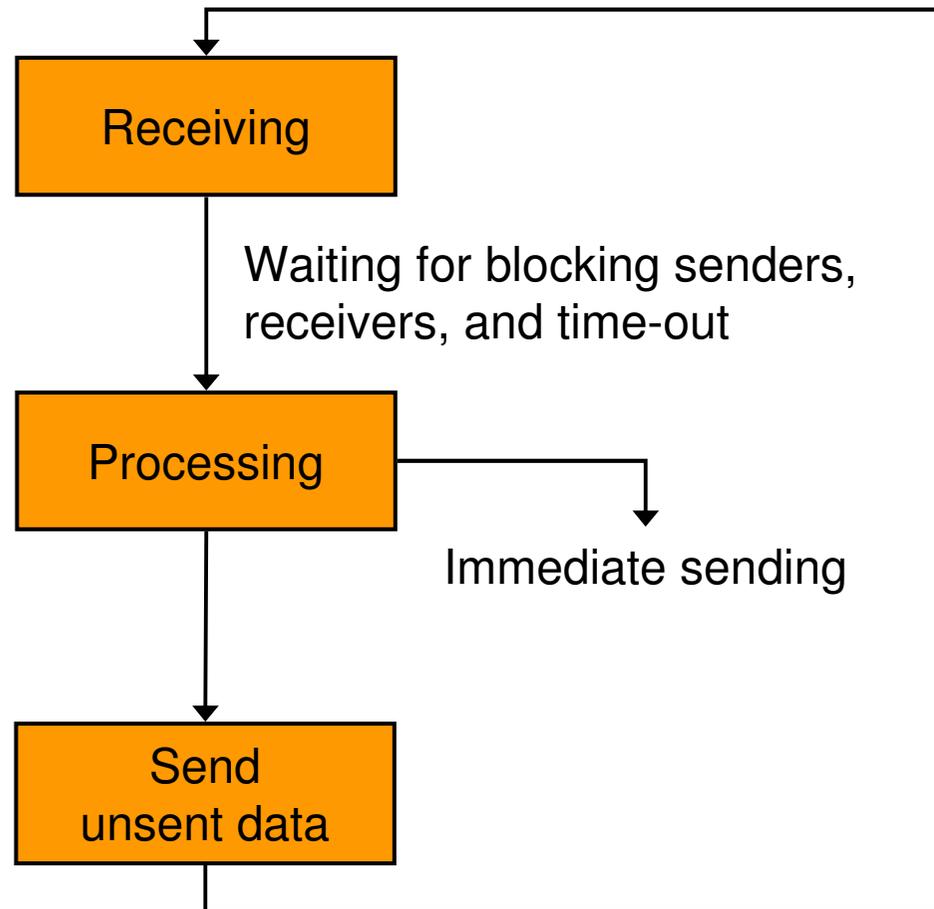
# Kommunikation

- ⚽ 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"

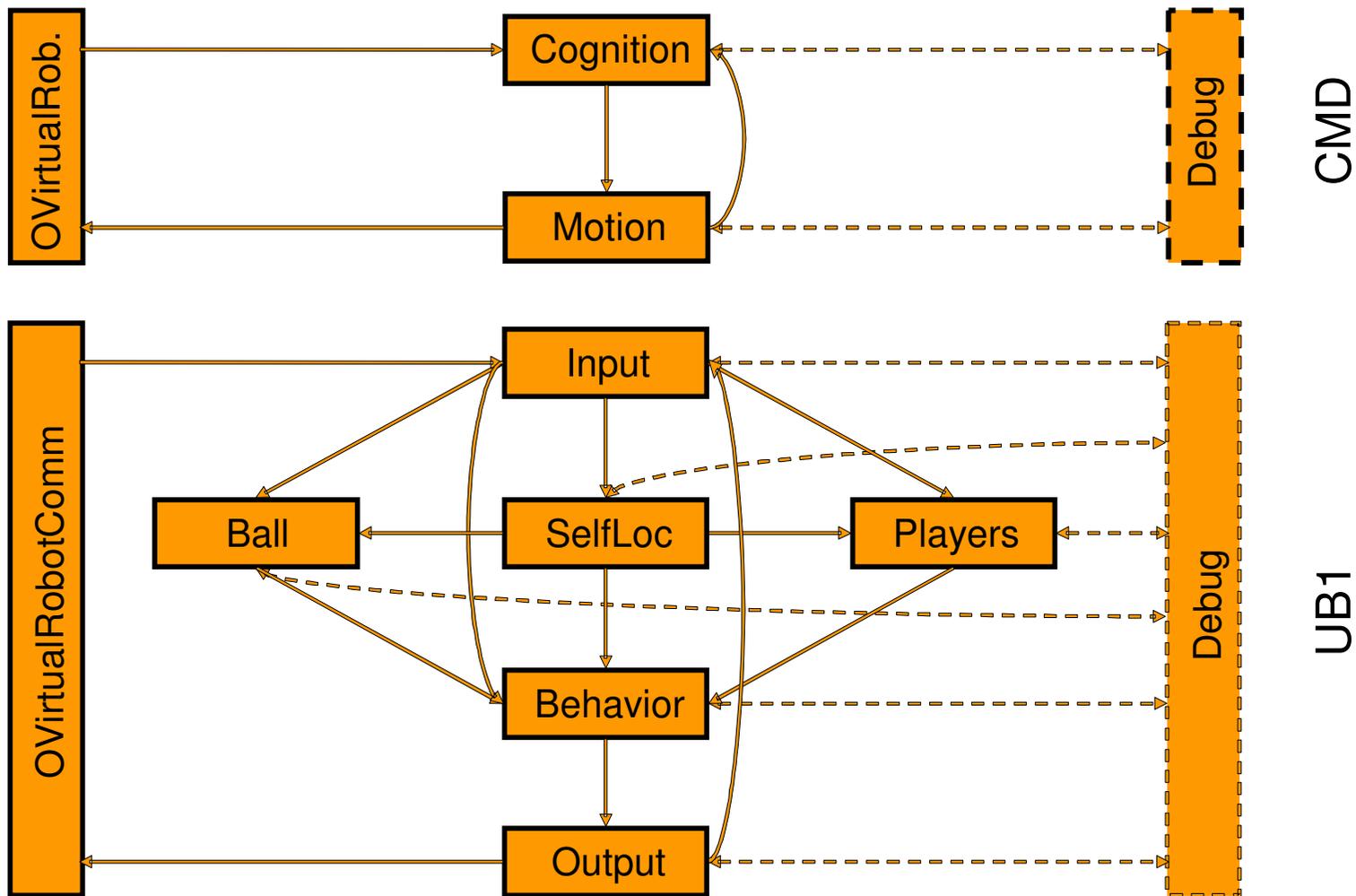
class Example2 : public Process
{
private:
    RECEIVER (NumberPackage) ;
public:
    Example2 () : INIT_RECEIVER (NumberPackage, true) {}

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

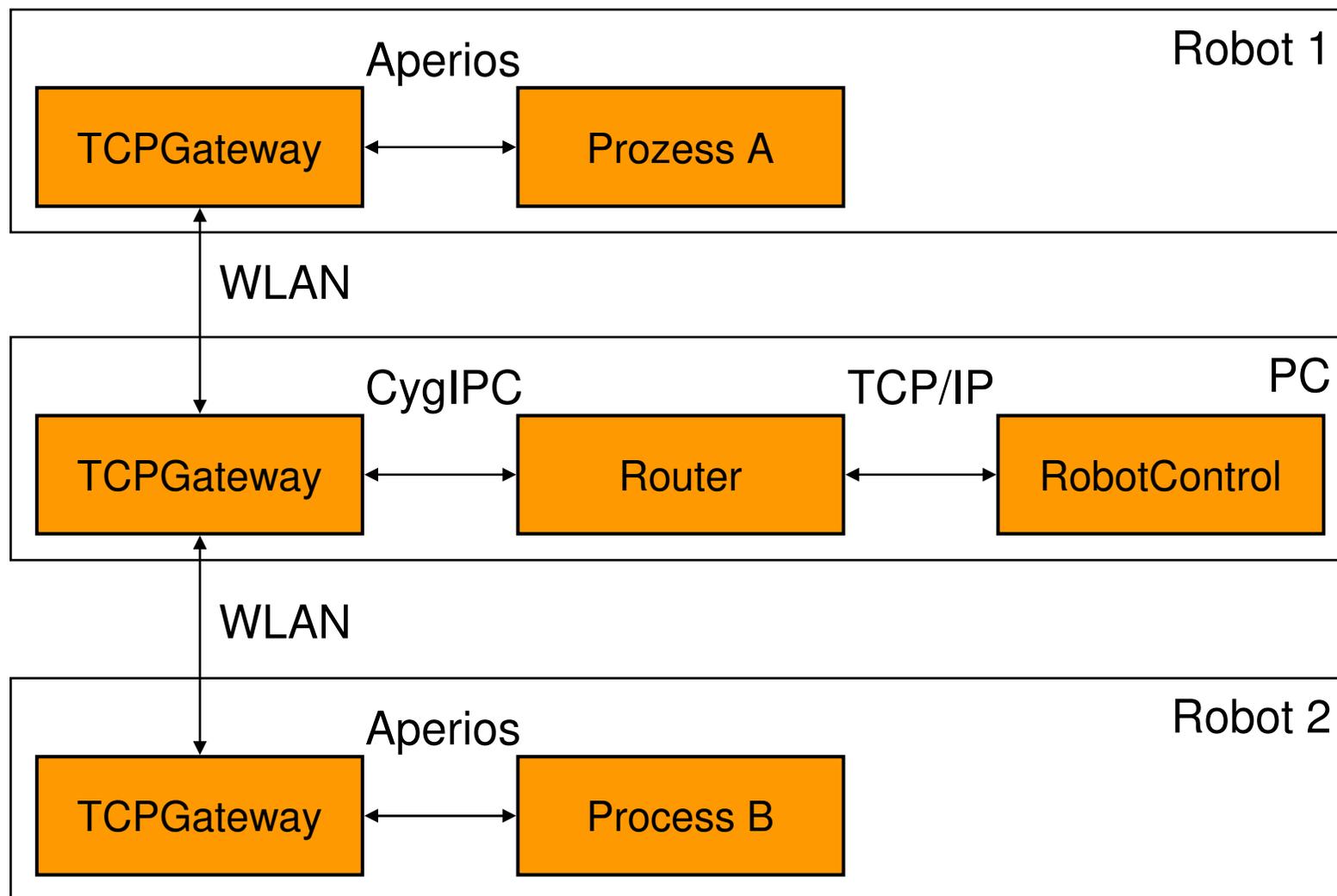
MAKE_PROCESS (Example2) ;
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# Process Layouts



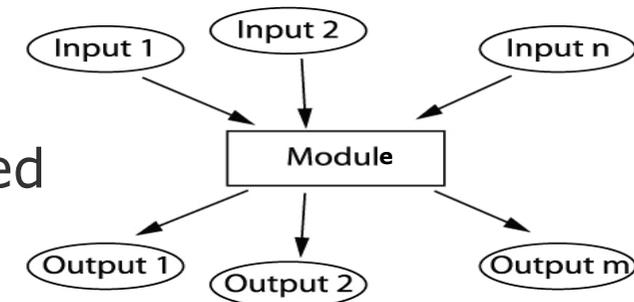
# WLAN



## Modules and Solutions

### ⚽ Modules

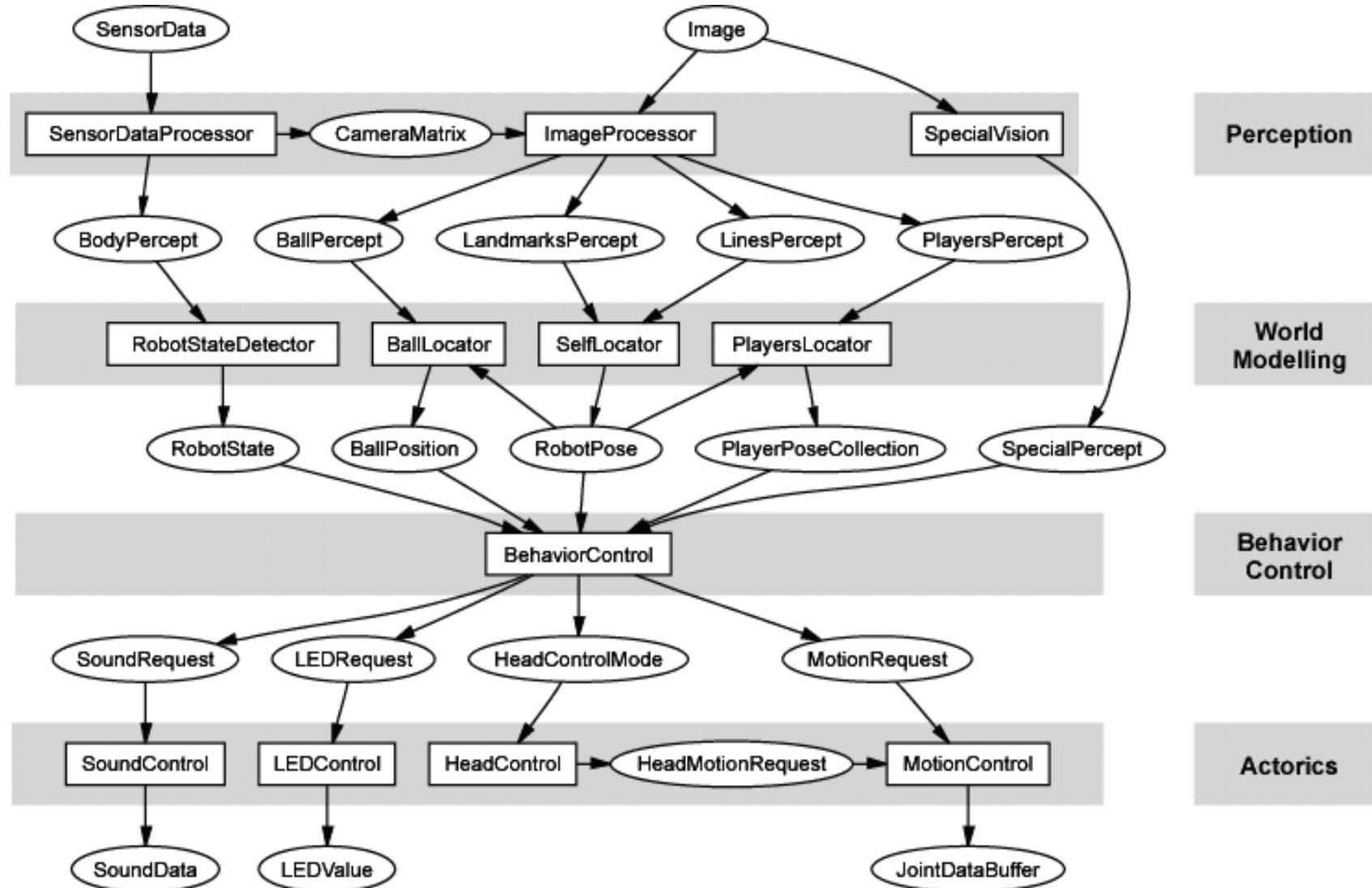
- ⚽ Definition of partial tasks in information processing
- ⚽ Interaction with other modules / with the robot only via well-defined data structures (intermediate representations)
- ⚽ No usage relations between them
- ⚽ Sequence of use is defined externally



### ⚽ Solutions

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

# Modules – Overview



# Modules – Perception

- SensorDataProcessor*

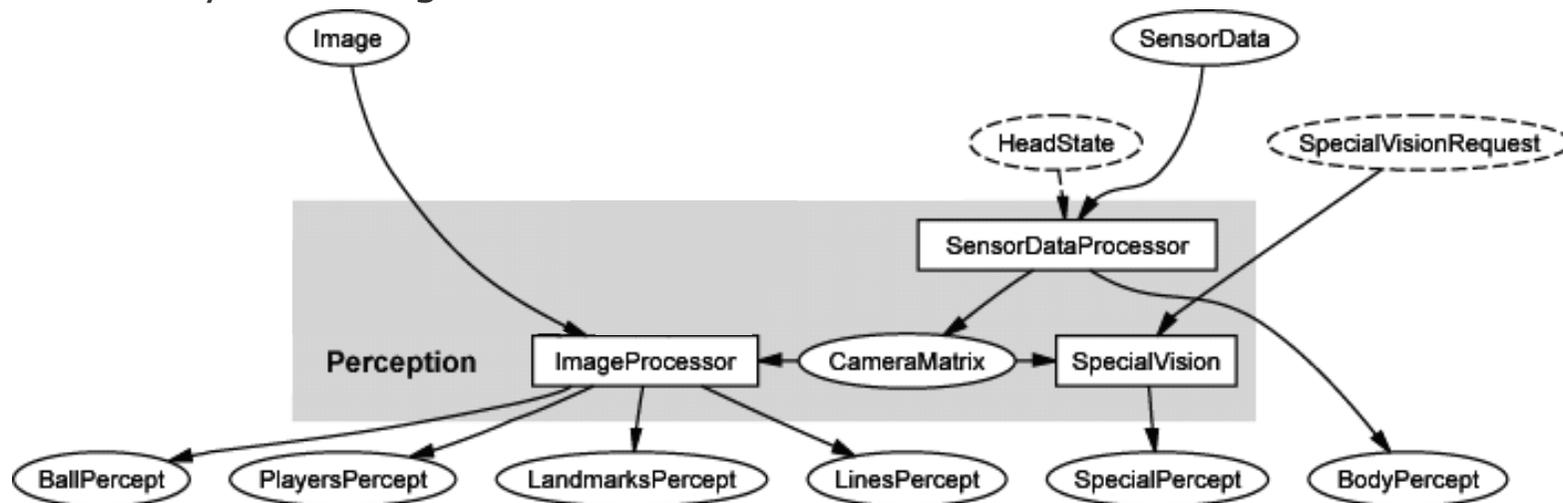
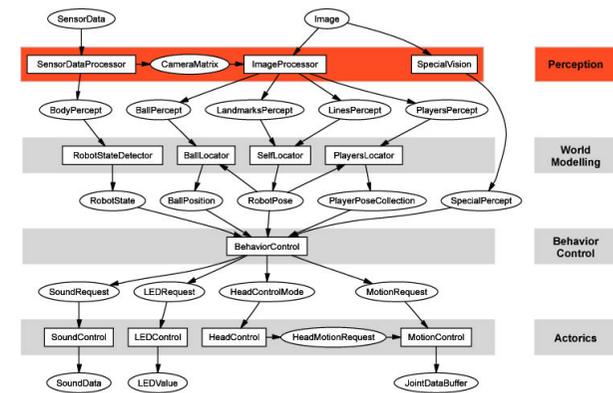
- Low pass filtering sensor data
  - Calculation of the *CameraMatrix*
  - Recognition of button presses

- ImageProcessor*

- Recognition of relevant objects in an image

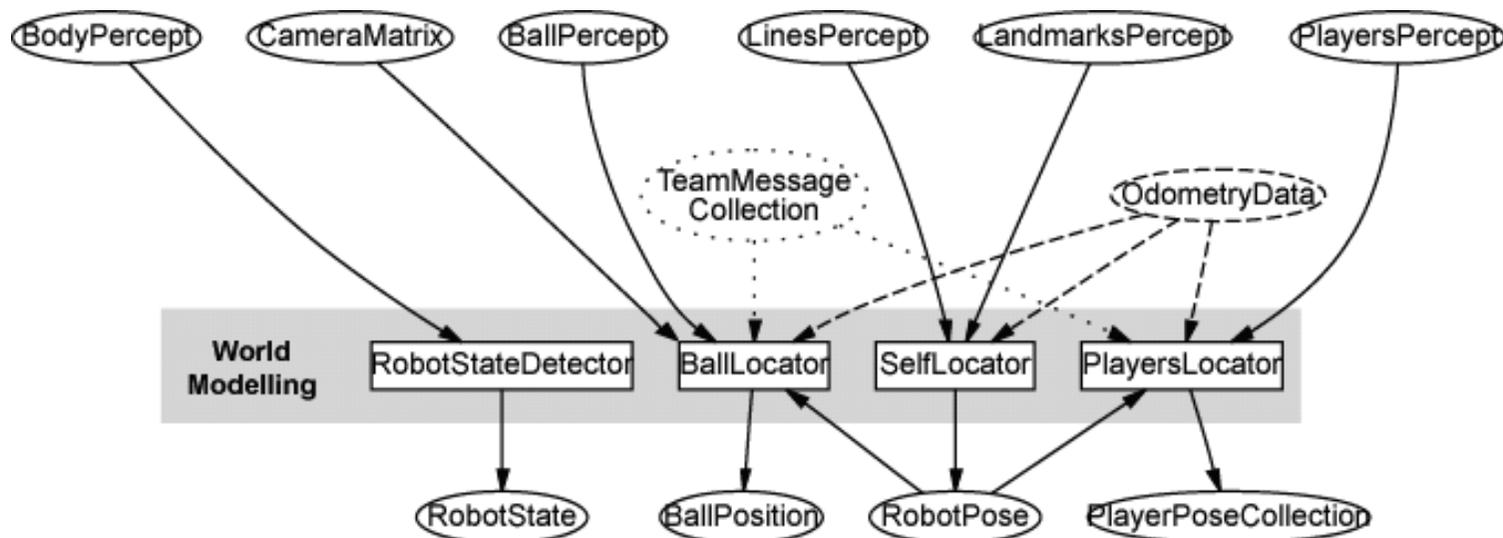
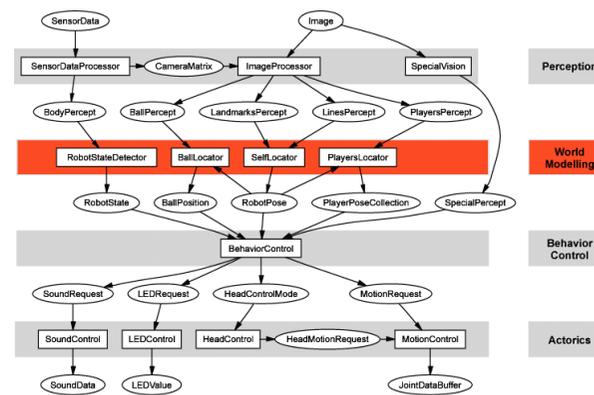
- SpecialVision*

- Special analyses of an image can be conducted on demand that may take longer



# Modules – World Modeling

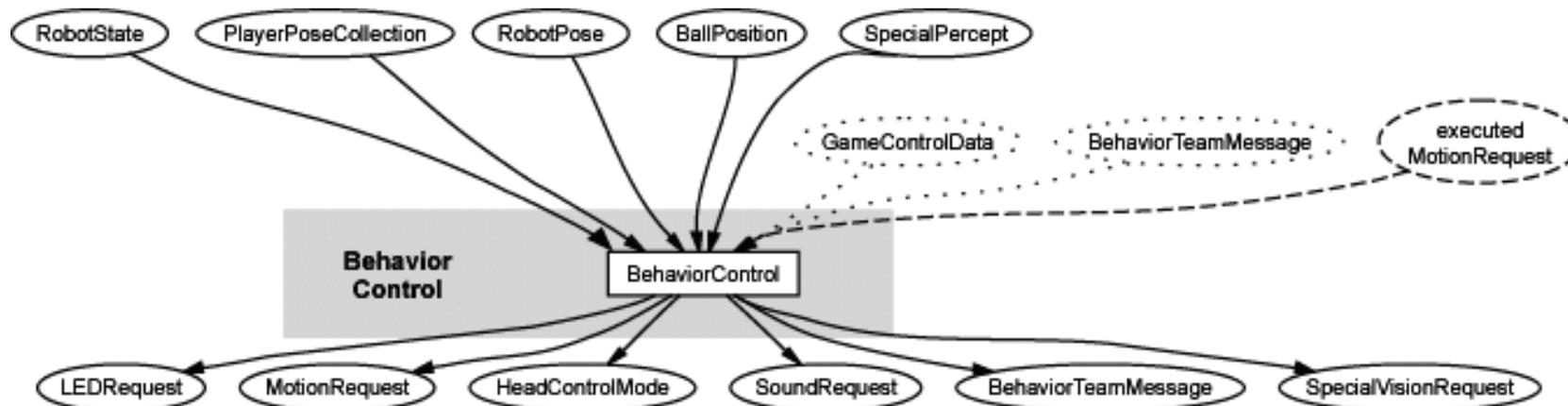
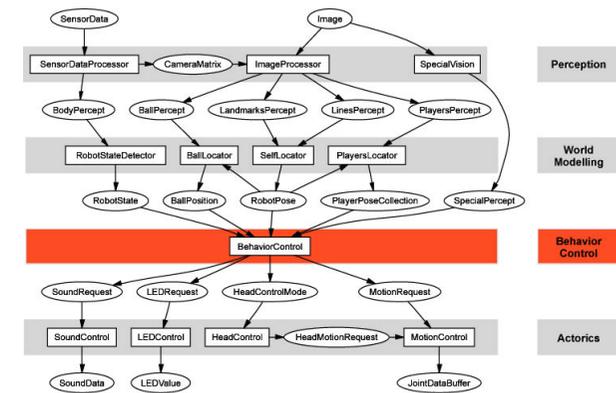
- SelfLocator, BallLocator, PlayersLocator, ObstaclesLocator, RobotStateDetector*
  - No access to sensor data
  - Integration of different percepts
  - Including information received from teammates
  - Generation of a consistent world model, even about objects not visible in the current image



# 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

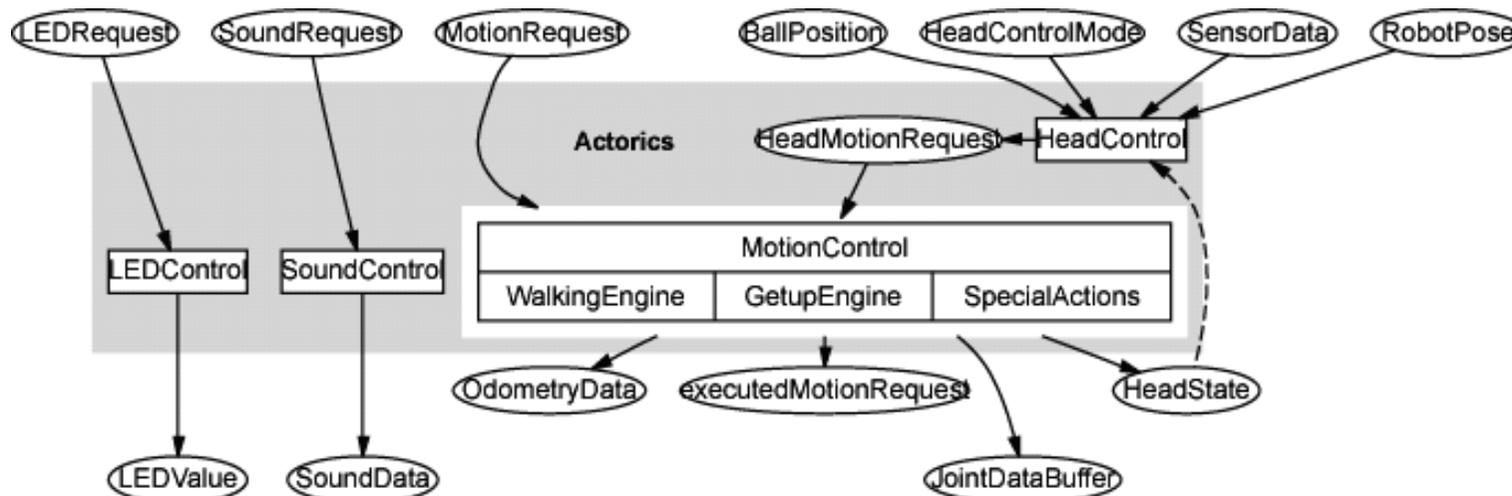
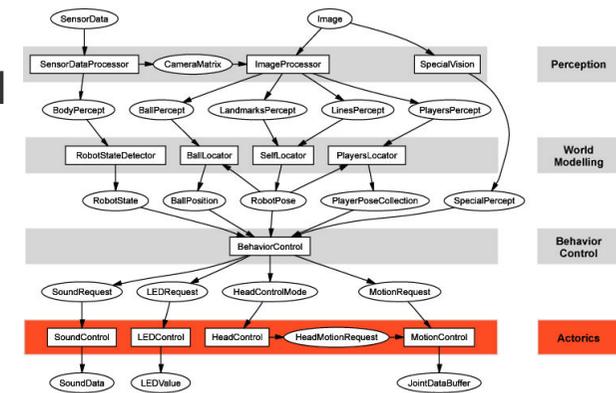
## ⚽ *HeadControl*

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

## ⚽ *MotionControl*

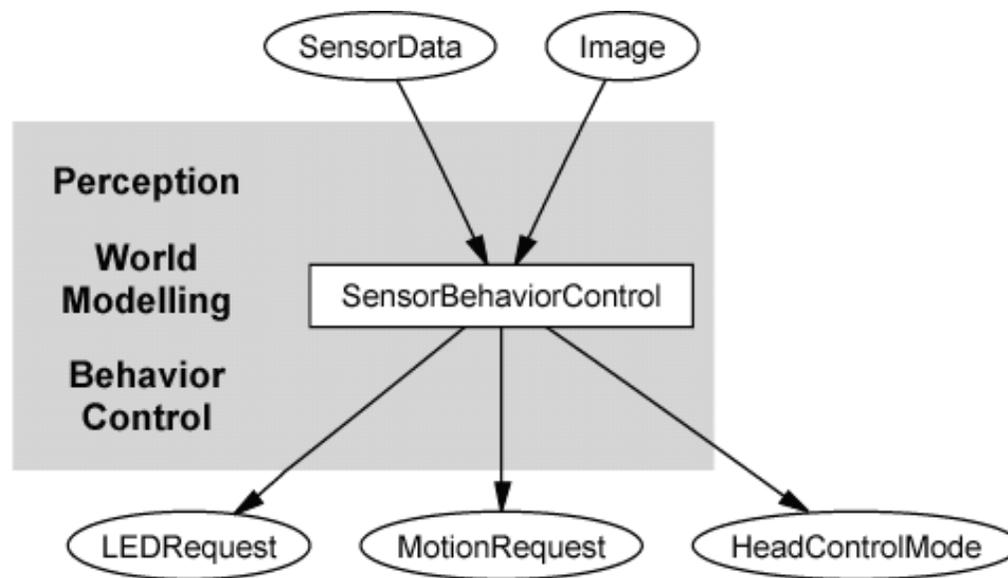
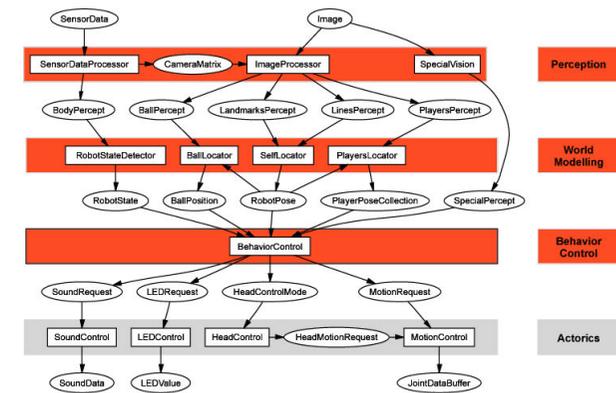
- ⚽ Walking: *WalkingEngine*
- ⚽ Kicks, tricks: *SpecialActions*
- ⚽ Standing up: *GetupEngine*
- ⚽ Integration of desired angles for head joints

## ⚽ Output for developers: *LEDControl, SoundControl*



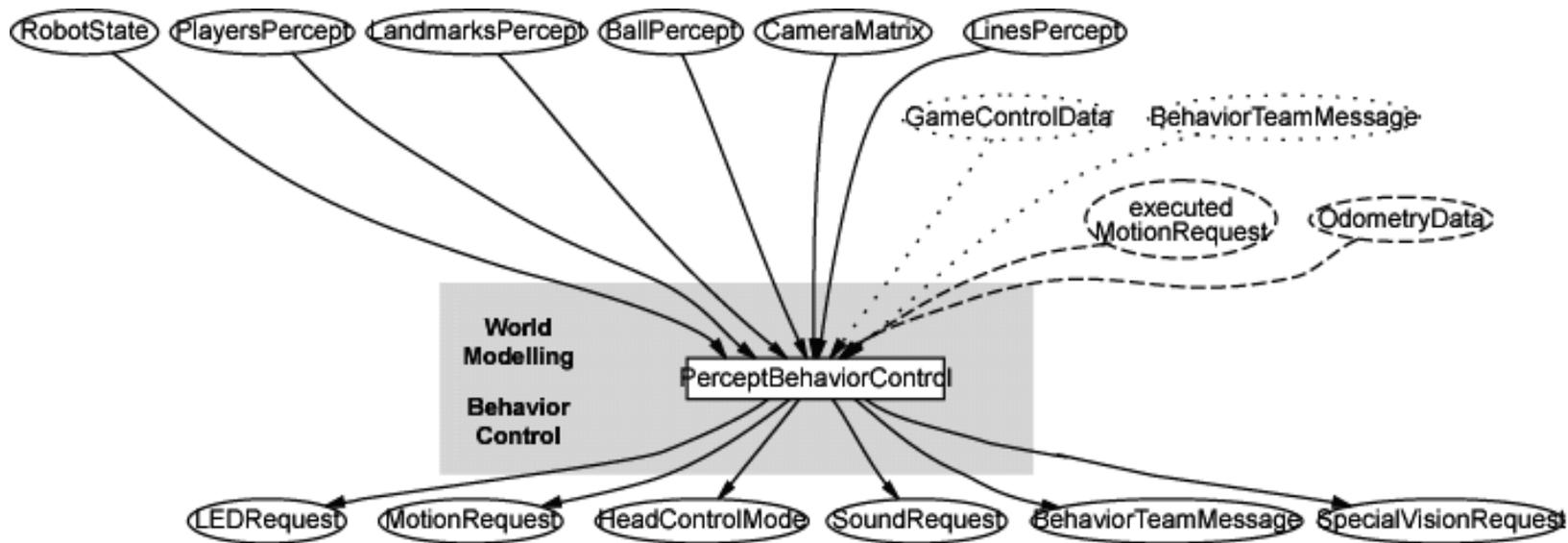
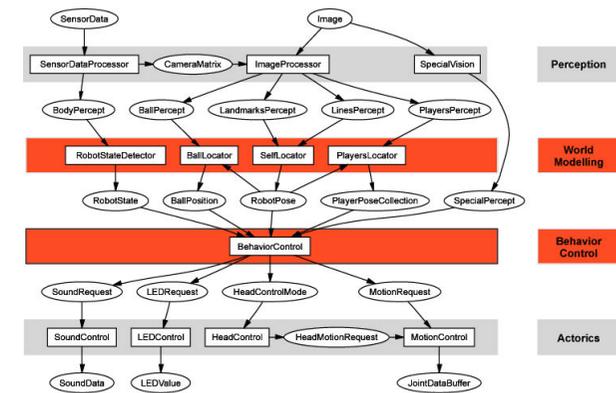
# Modules – Sensorimotor Coupling

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



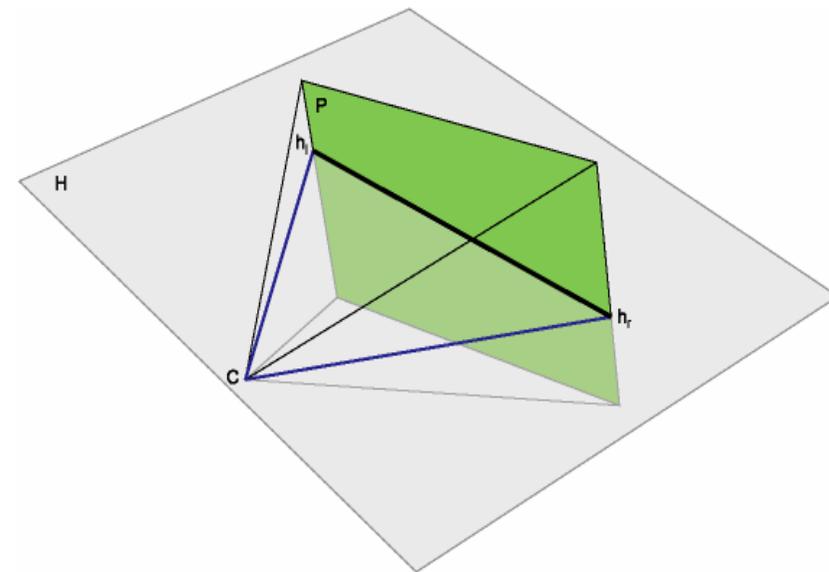
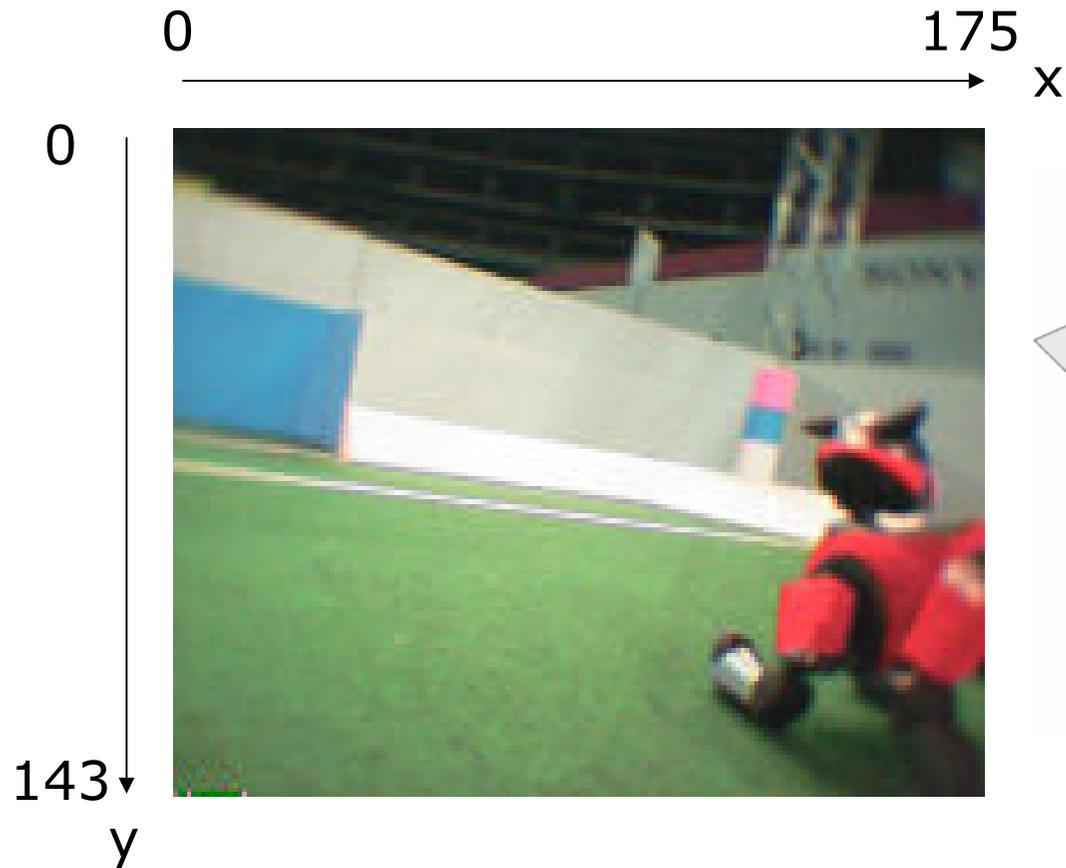
# Modules – Percept-Based Control

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





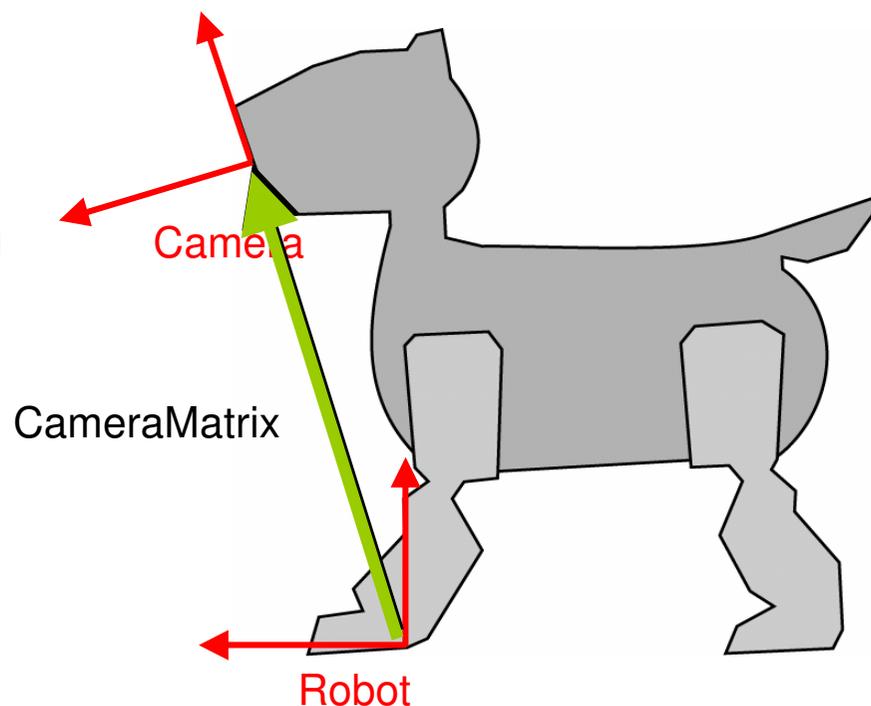
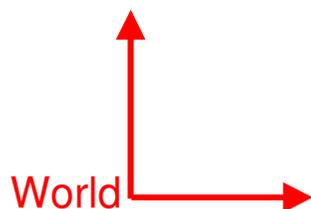
# Perception



## Perception – Position of the Camera (1)

CameraMatrix:

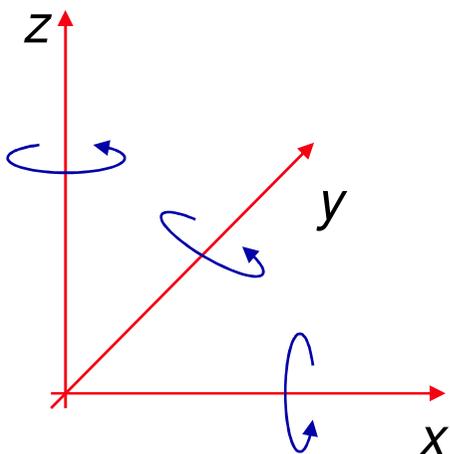
Transformation of the robot's system of coordinates into the system of coordinates of the camera



## 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

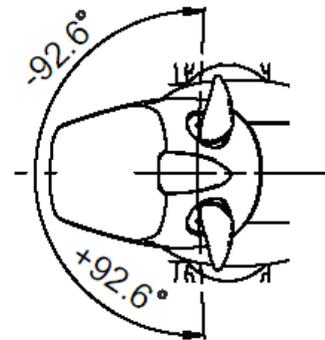
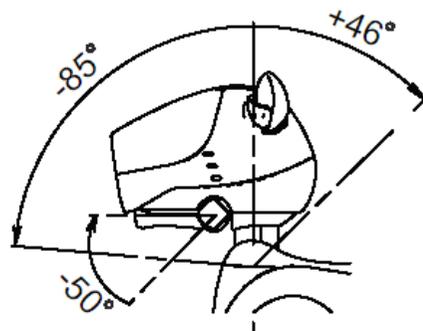
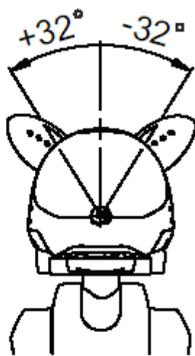
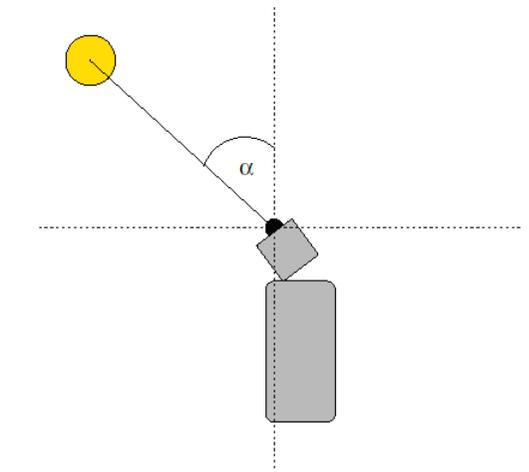
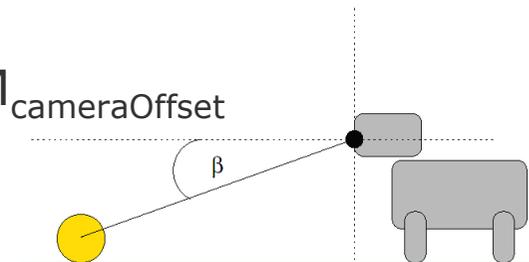
$$\text{⚽ } x_{\text{factor}} = (\tan(\text{width}_{\text{angle}} / 2) * 2) / \text{width}_{\text{pixel}}$$

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

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

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

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





# Perception – Color Spaces – YUV

RGB



Y



U



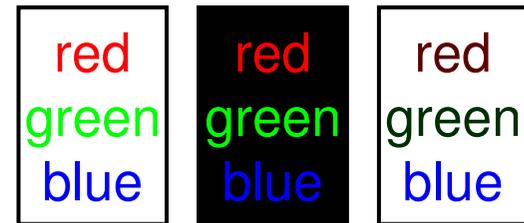
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# Perception – Color Spaces – Transformations

## ⚽ Assumption

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

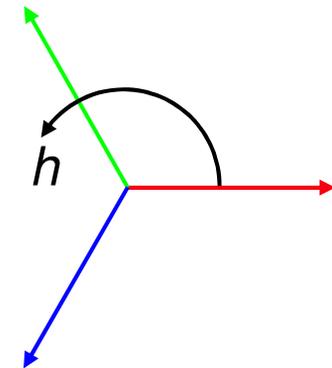


## ⚽ YUV → RGB

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

## ⚽ RGB → HSI

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



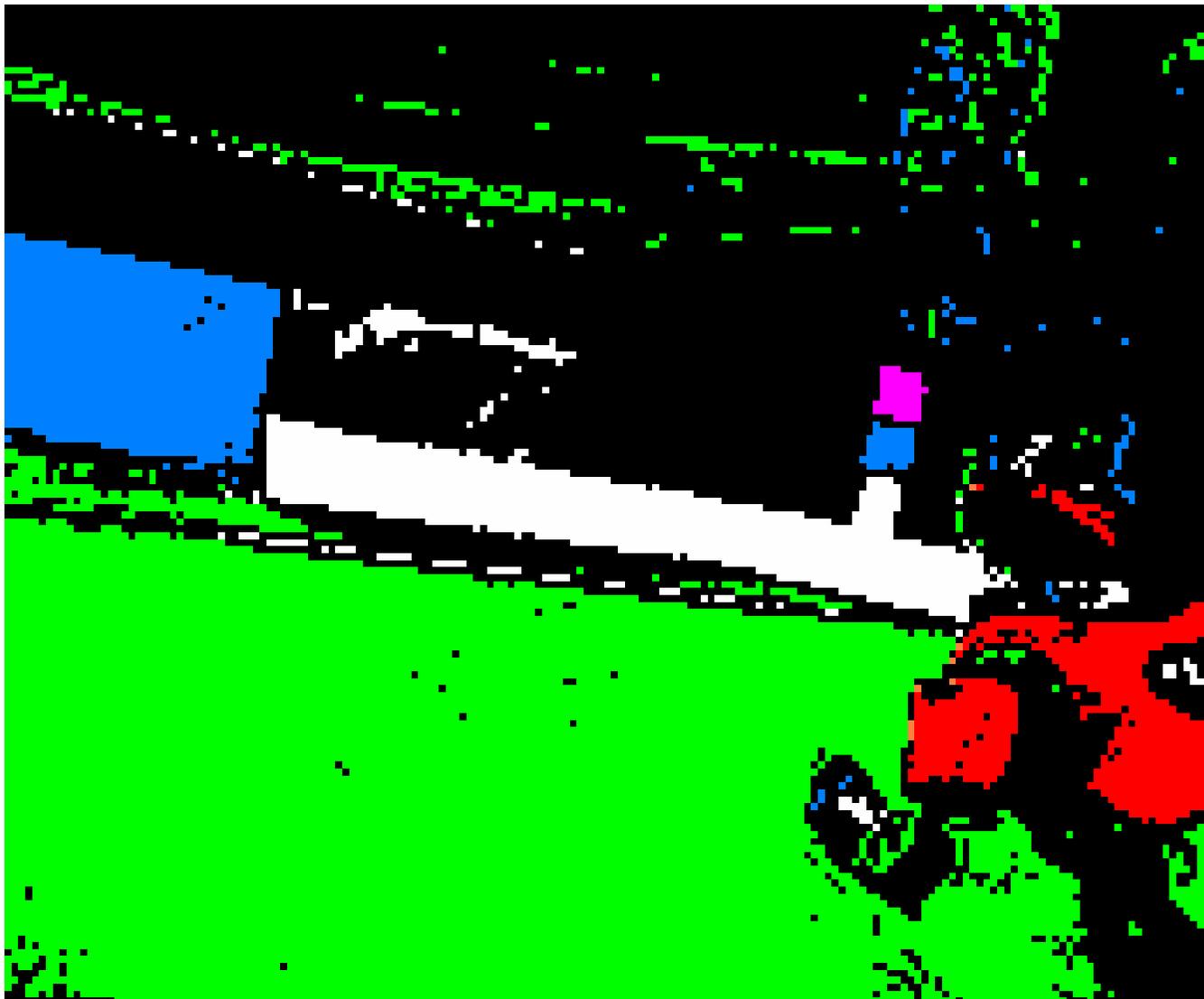


## Perception – Blob-Based Vision



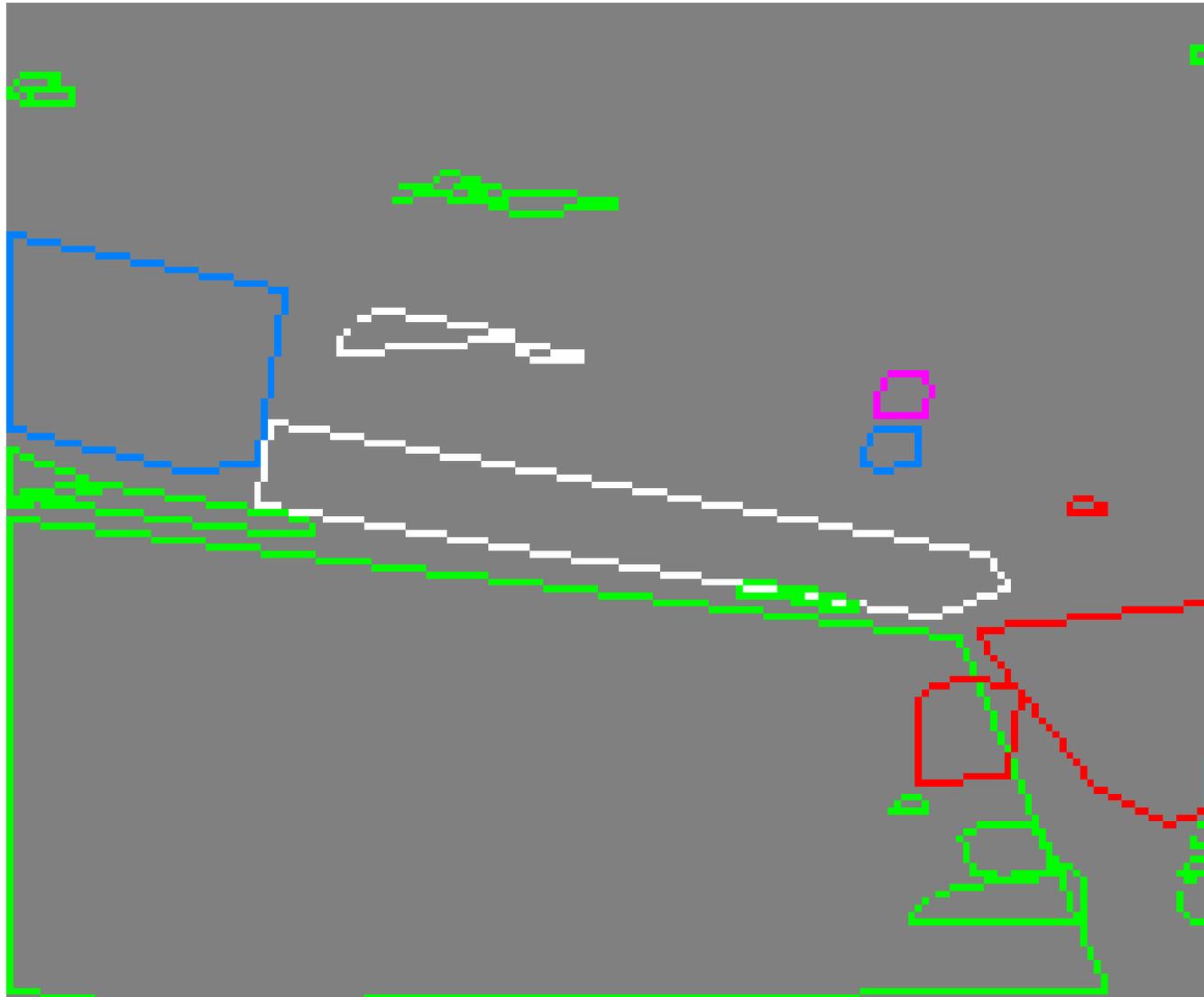


## Perception – Blob-Based Vision





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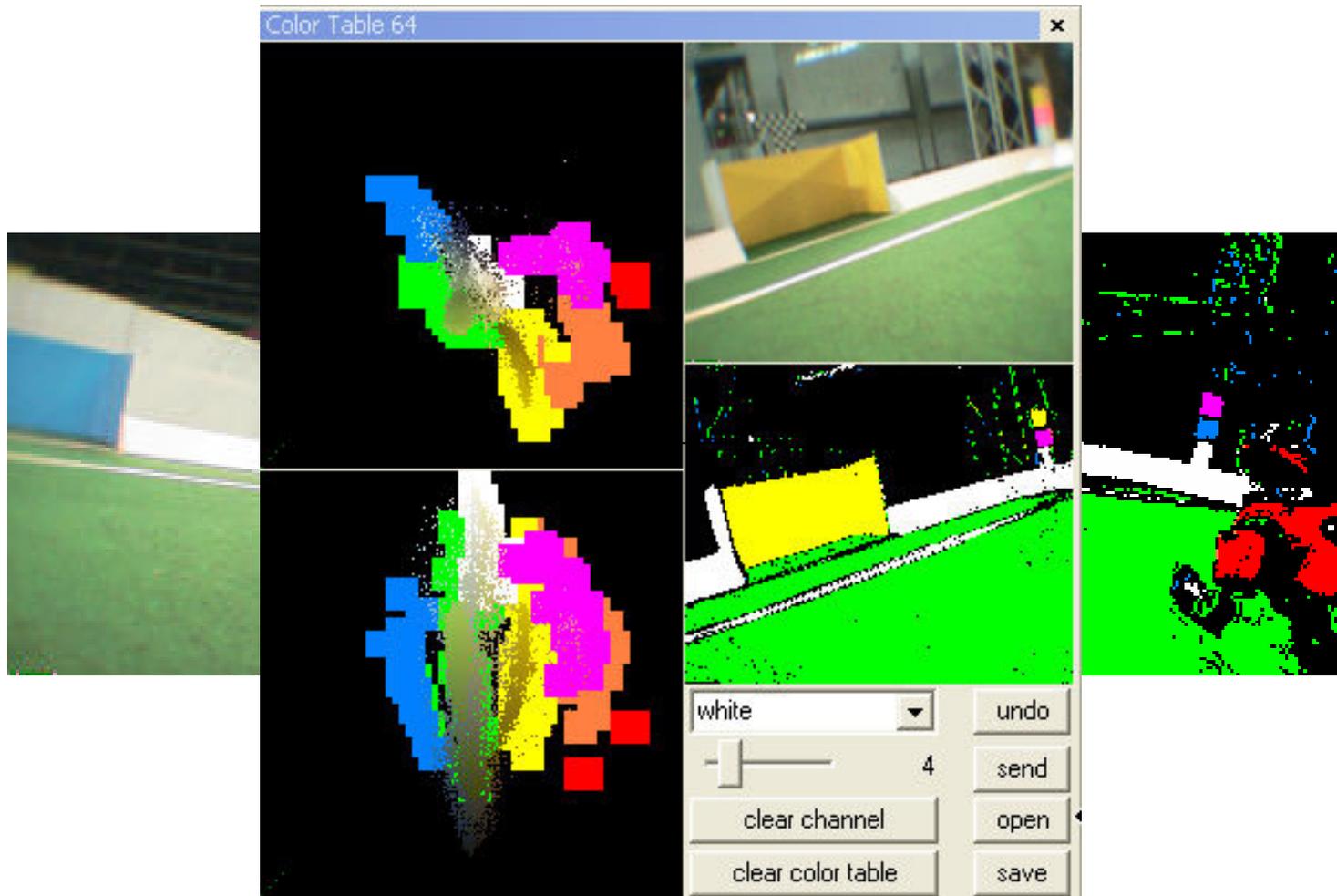


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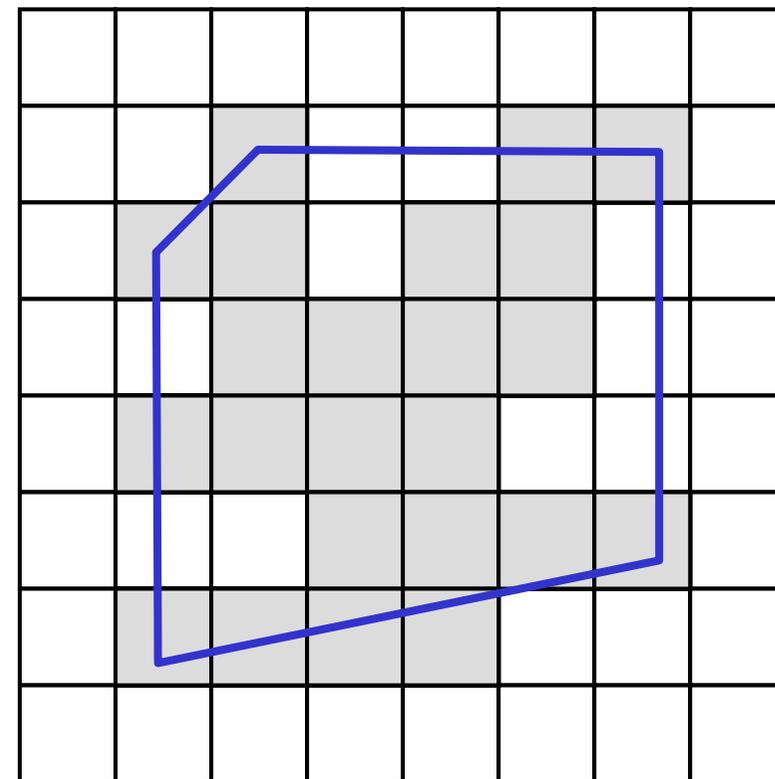


# Perception – Color Segmentation



## Perception – Recognition of Blobs

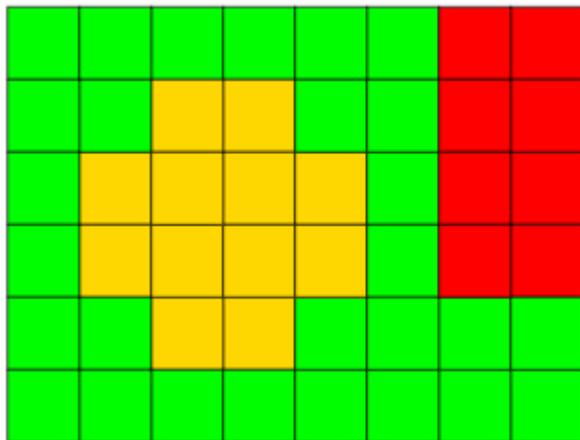
- ⊙ Find connected areas
  - ⊙ for all  $c(x,y)$ 
    - if  $c(x,y) \neq \text{noColor}$
    - fill pixels of class  $c(x,y)$
    - starting at  $(x,y)$
- ⊙ fill  $(c,x,y)$ 
  - ⊙ init boundary
  - push  $(x,y)$  on stack
  - clear  $c(x,y)$
  - ⊙ while stack not empty
    - pop  $(x',y')$  from stack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



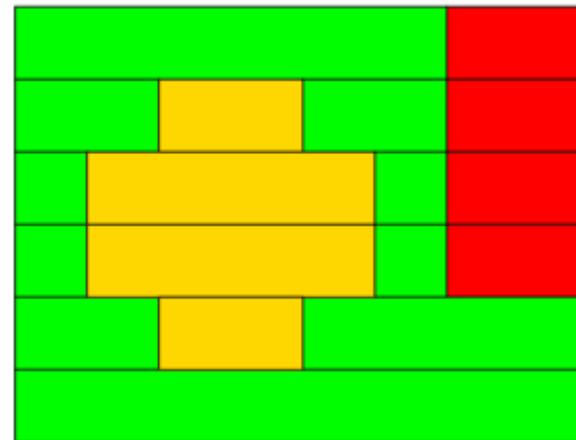
Example (4-connectedness)



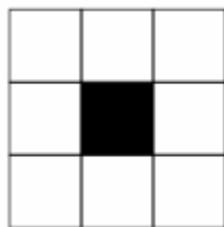
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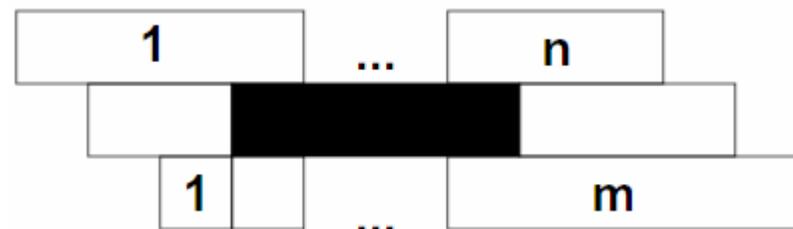
Normal image



Run-length encoded image



8 neighbors

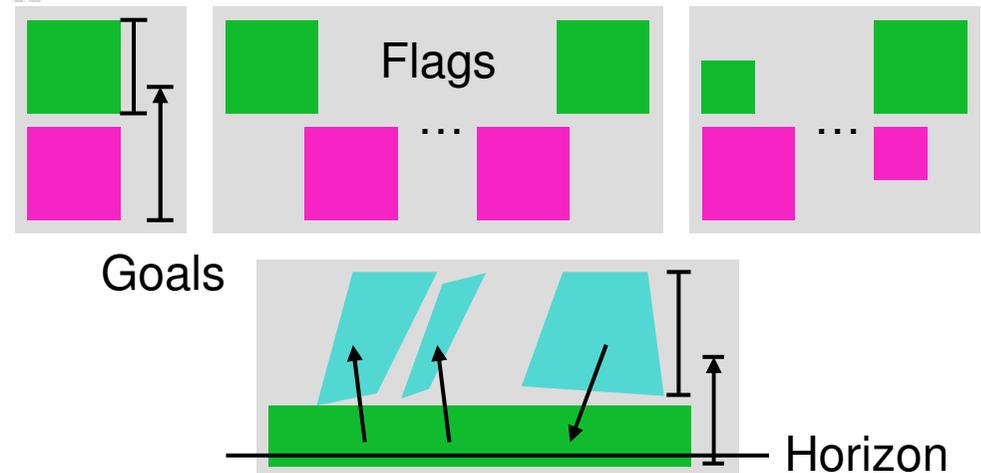
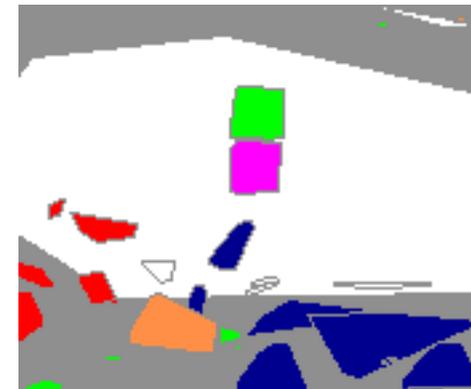


$n+m$  neighbors

# Perception – Blob Combination

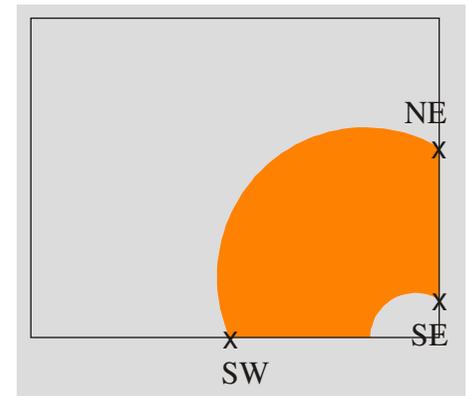
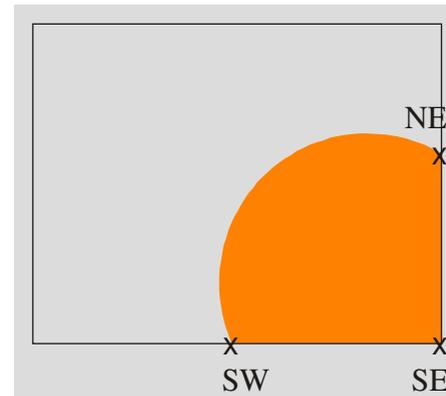
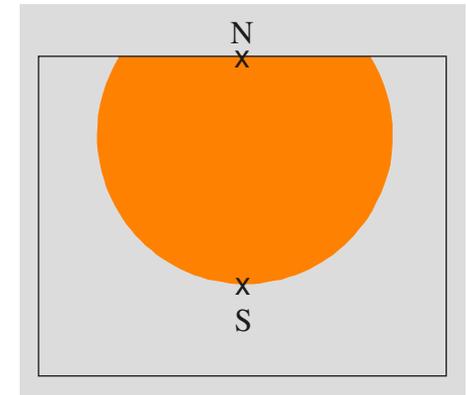
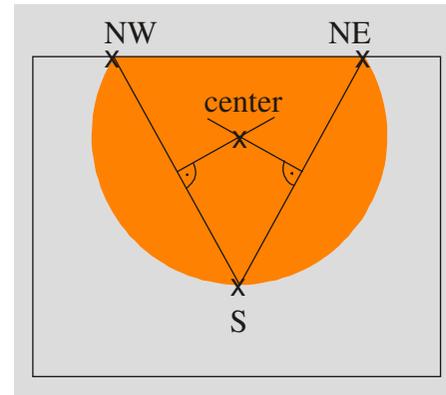
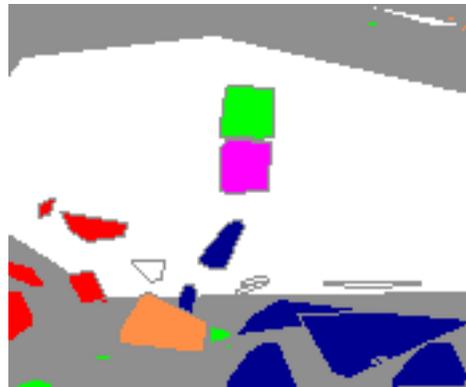
## ⚽ Constraints: Allen-Relations

$A < B$ $B > A$		<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>



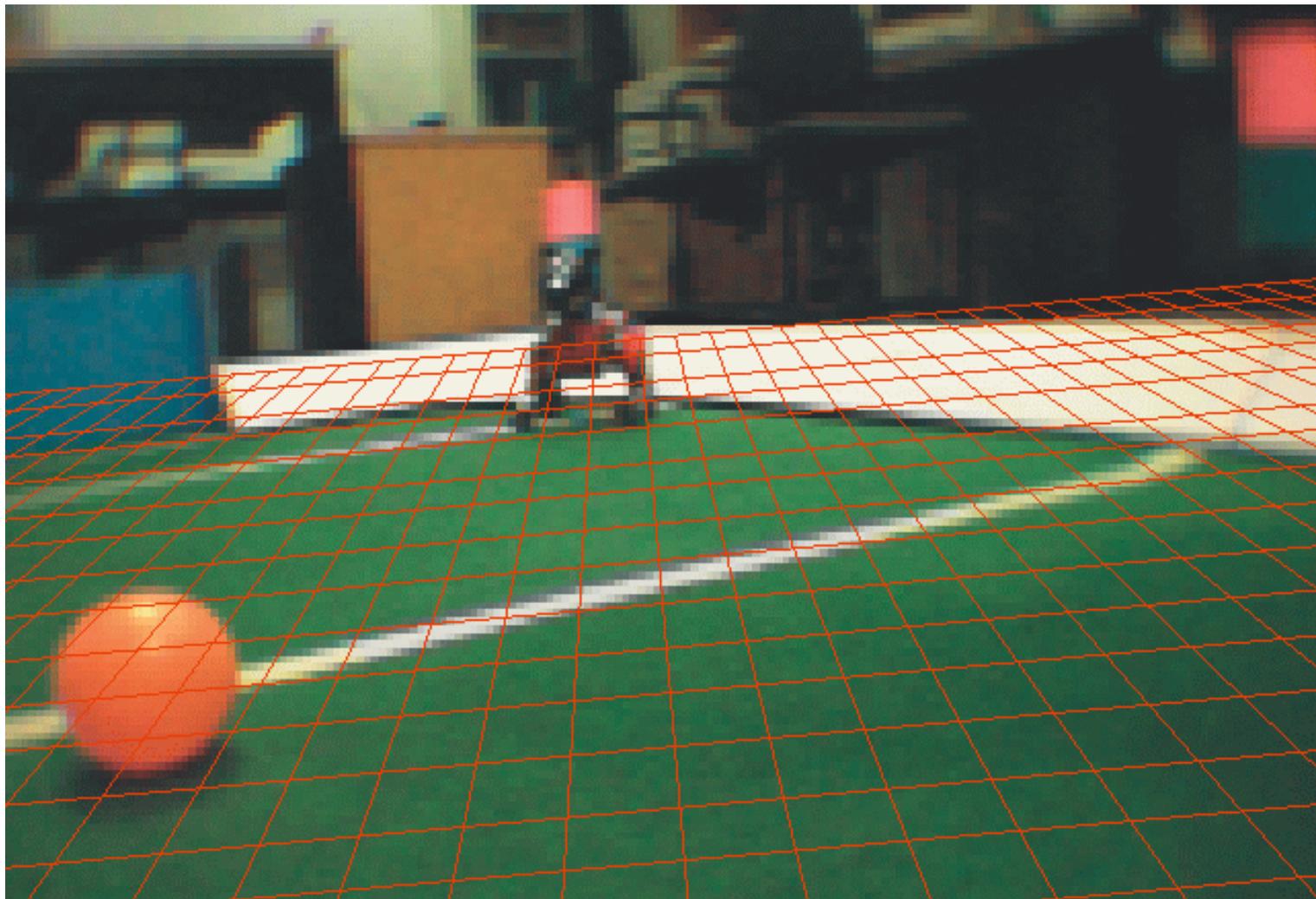
# Perception – Ball and Players

- ⚽ 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



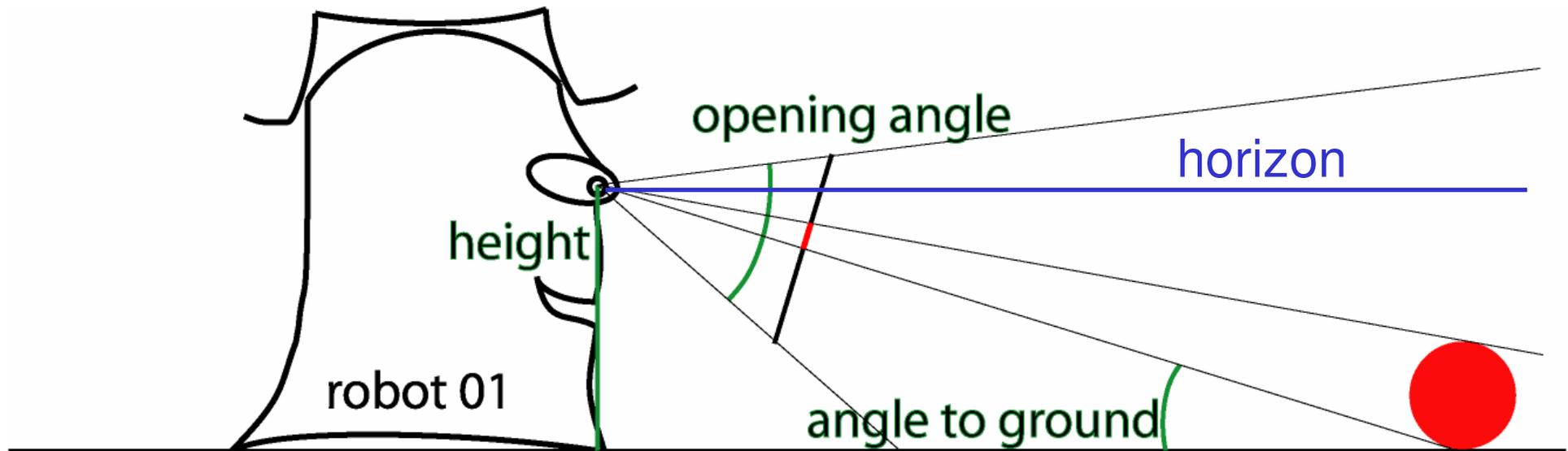


## Perception – Alternative Approach





# Perception – Calculation of the Horizon (1)



## Perception – Calculation of the Horizon (2)

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

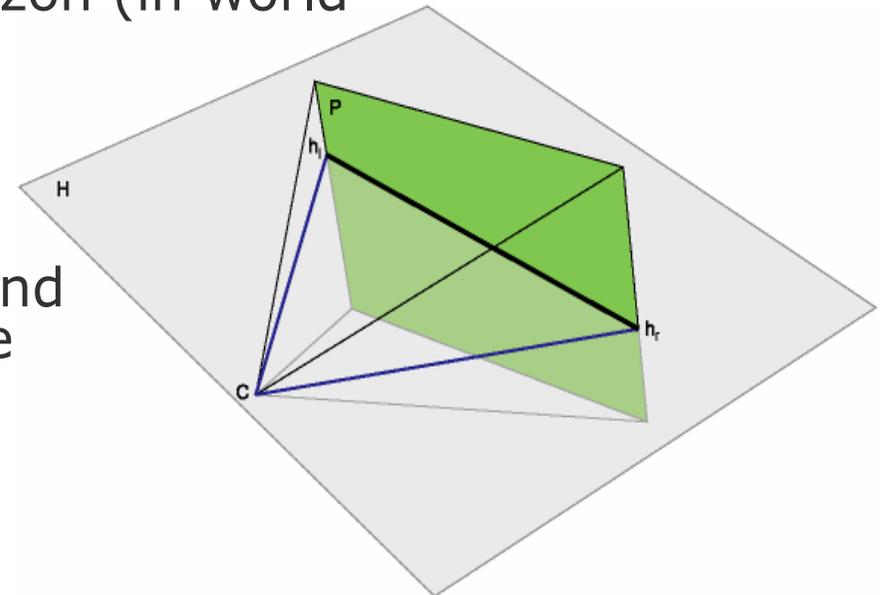
$$w = (w_x, w_y, 0)$$

- ⚽ In camera coordinates:

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

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

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



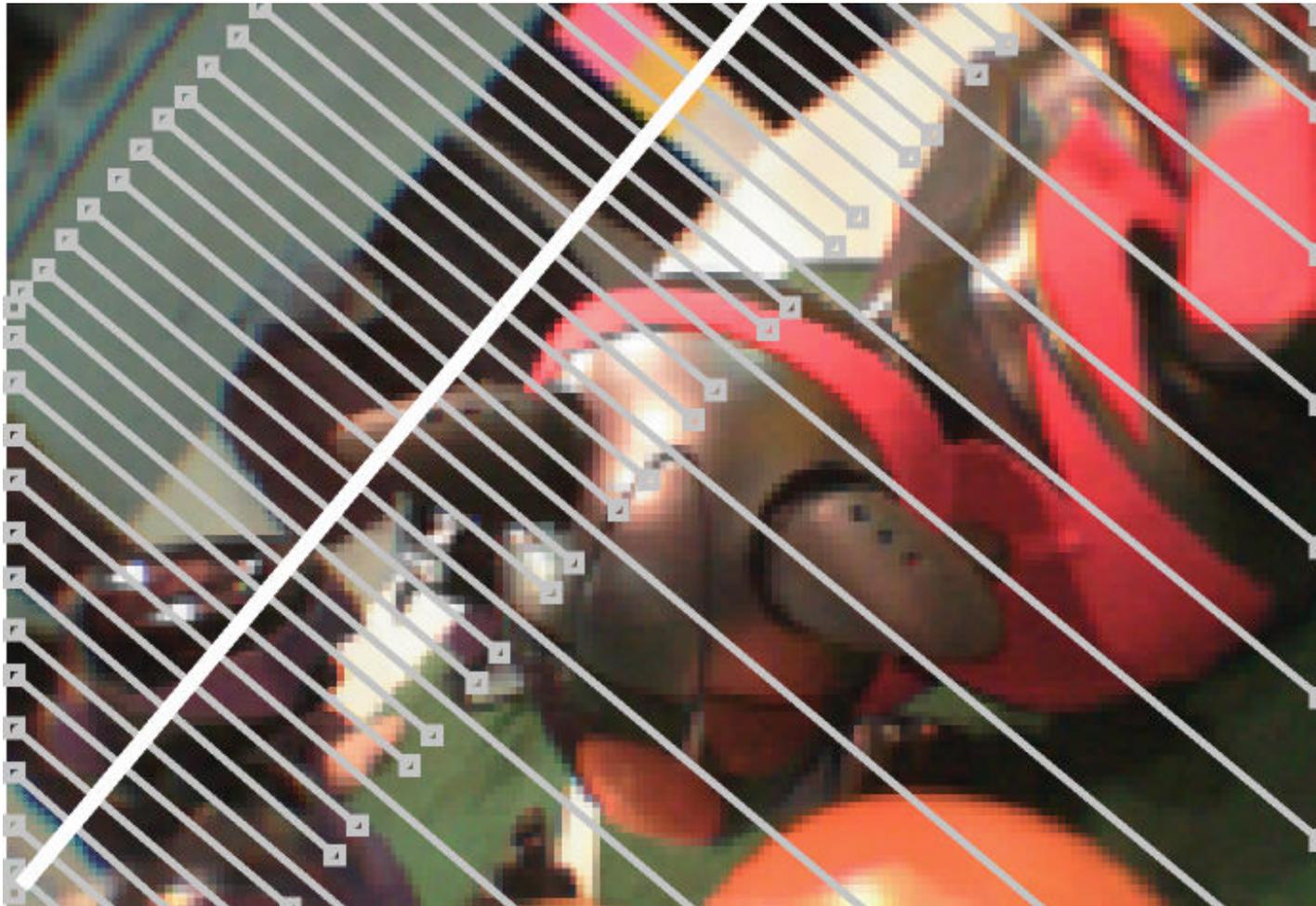
- ⚽ If  $h_l$  and  $h_r$  are on the horizon, they satisfy

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

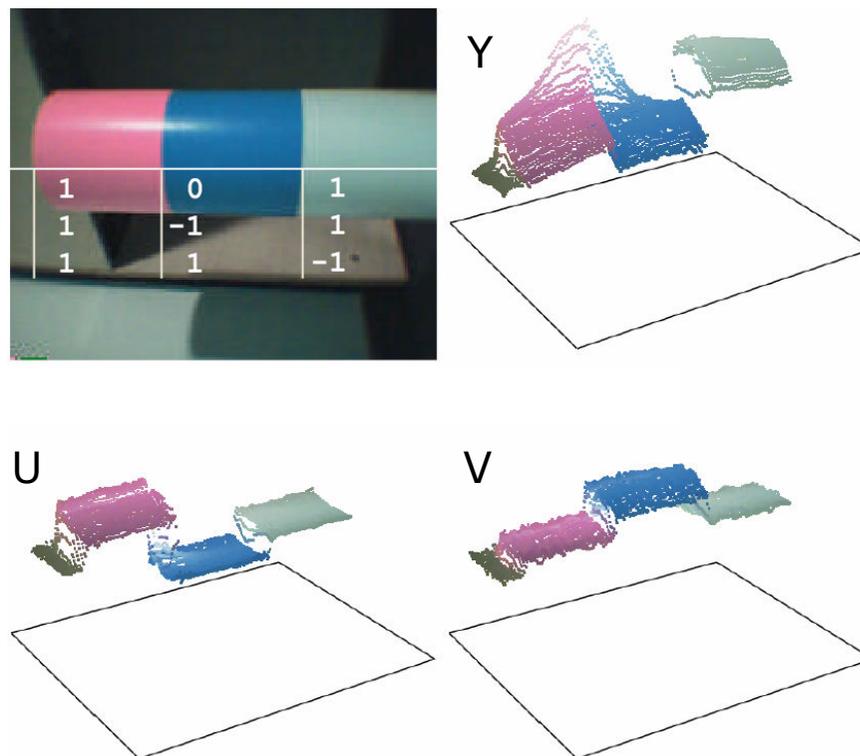


## Perception – Grid Perpendicular to Horizon



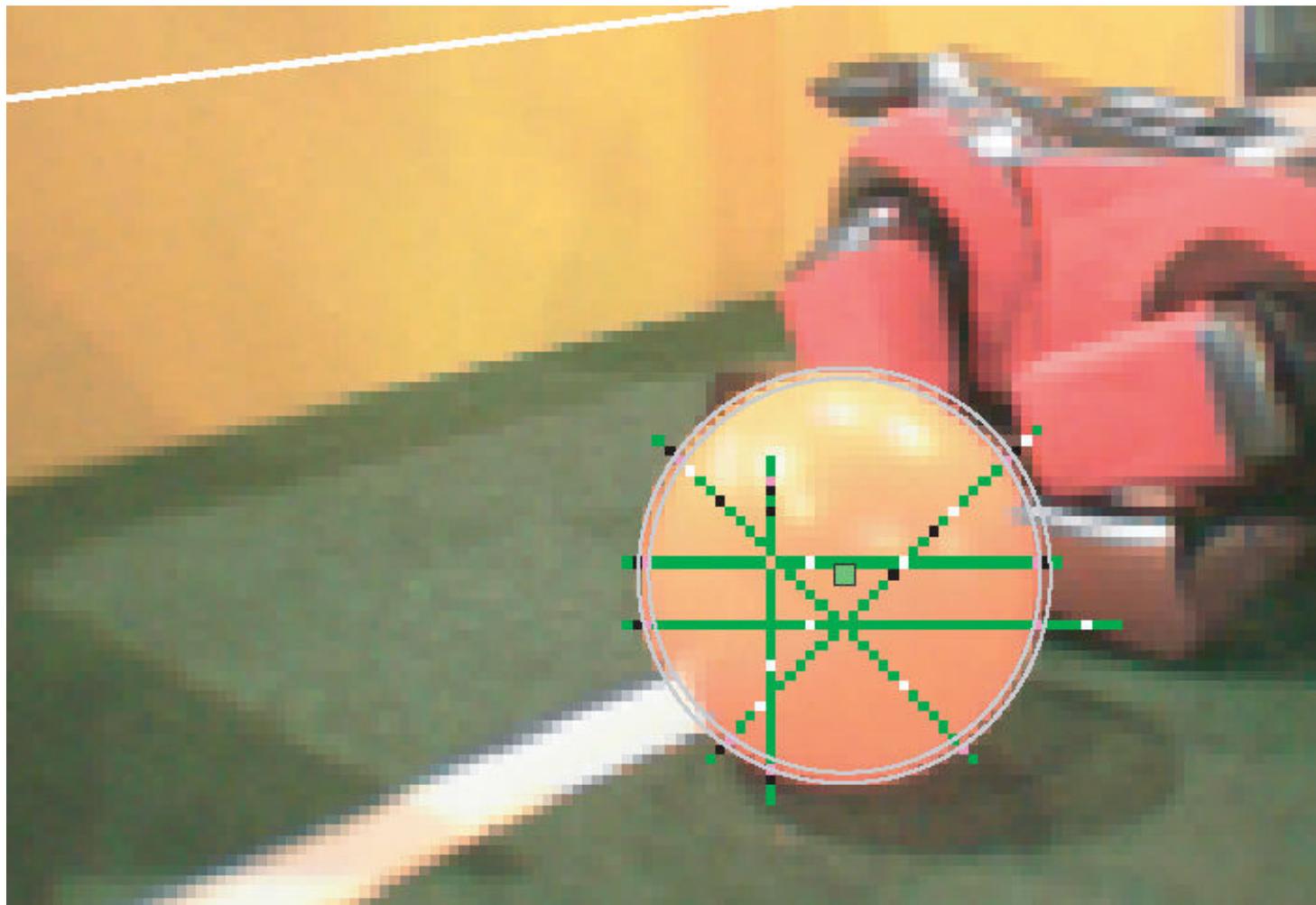
## Perception – Object Recognition

- ⚽ 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



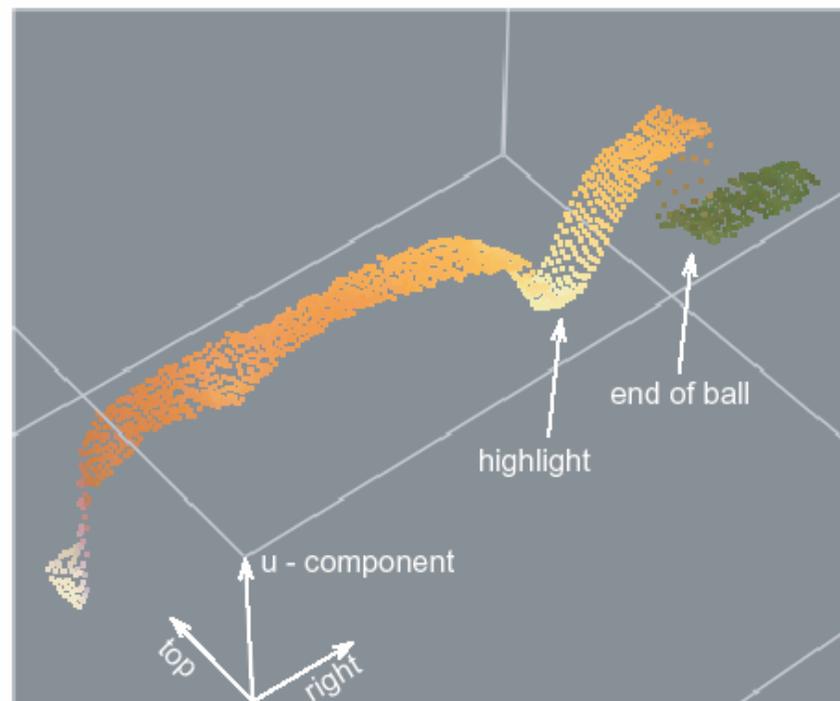
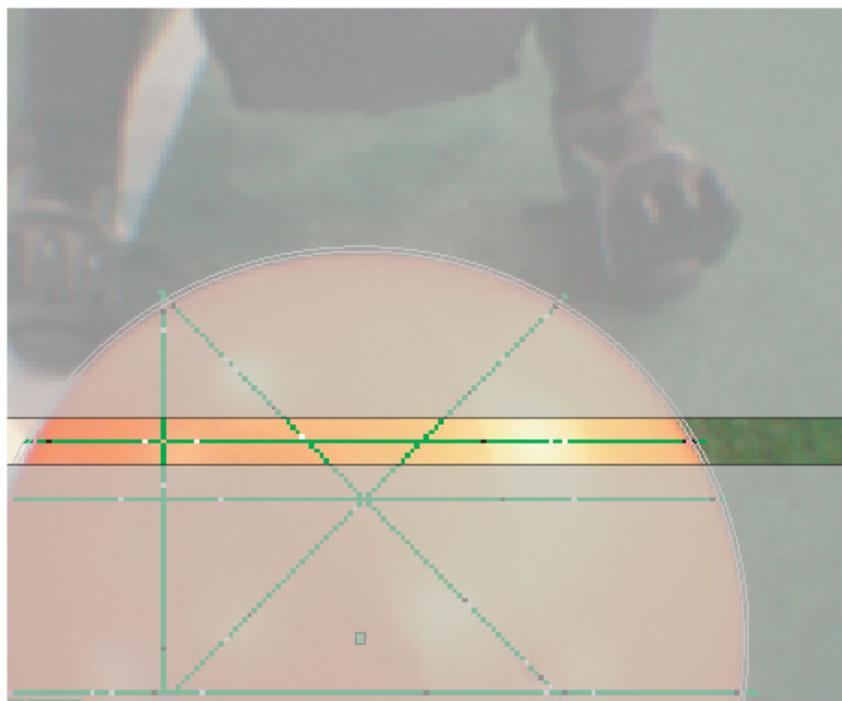


## Perception – Specialists



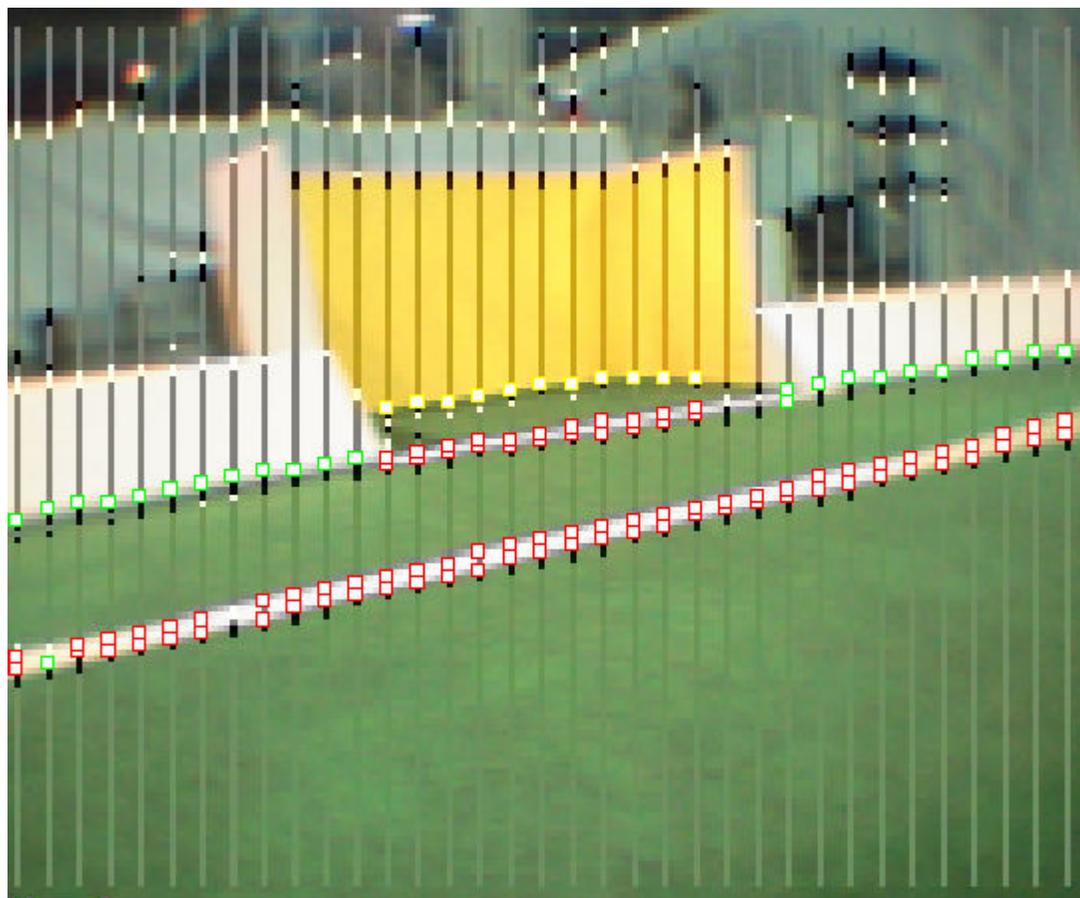


# Perception – Using Gradients



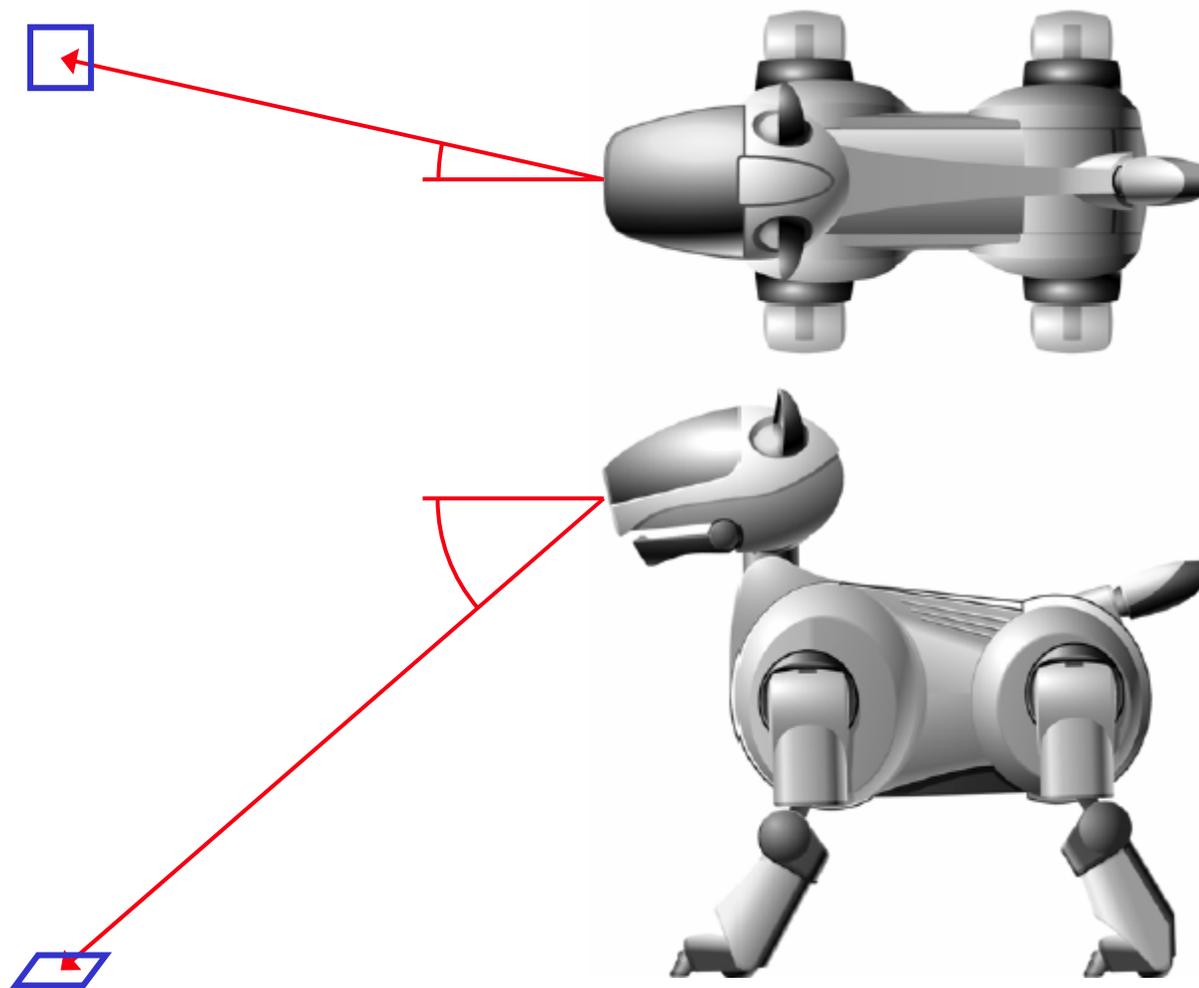
## Perception – Detecting Edges

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



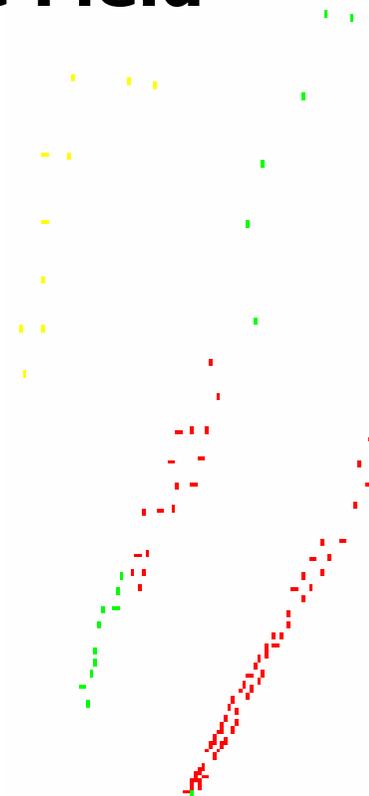
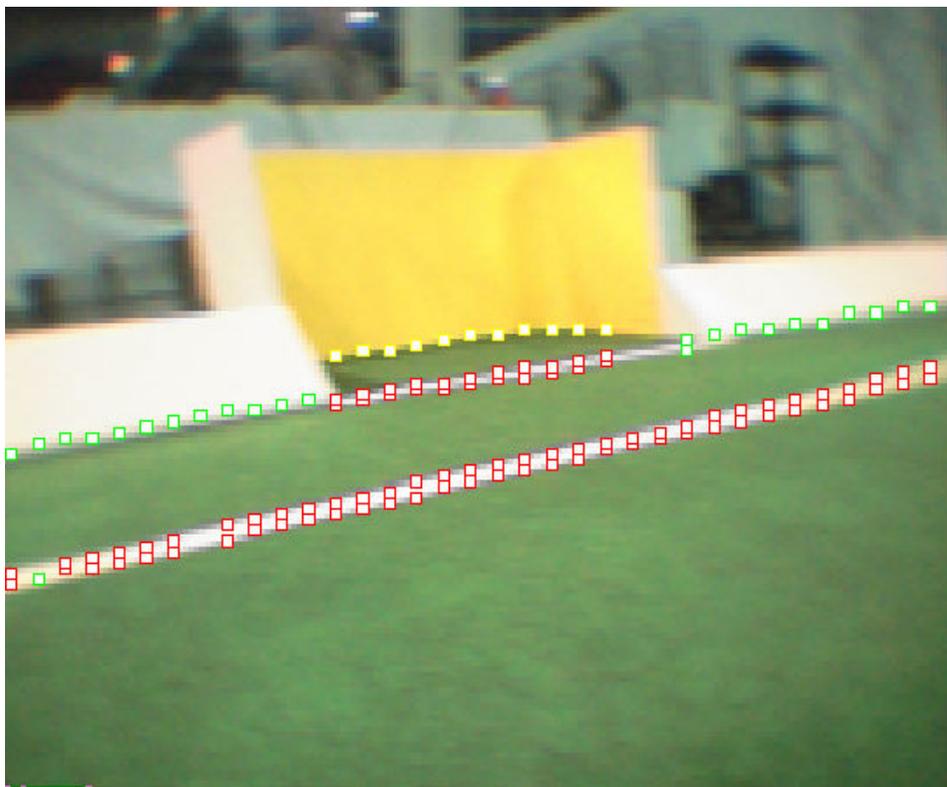


## Perception – Distances



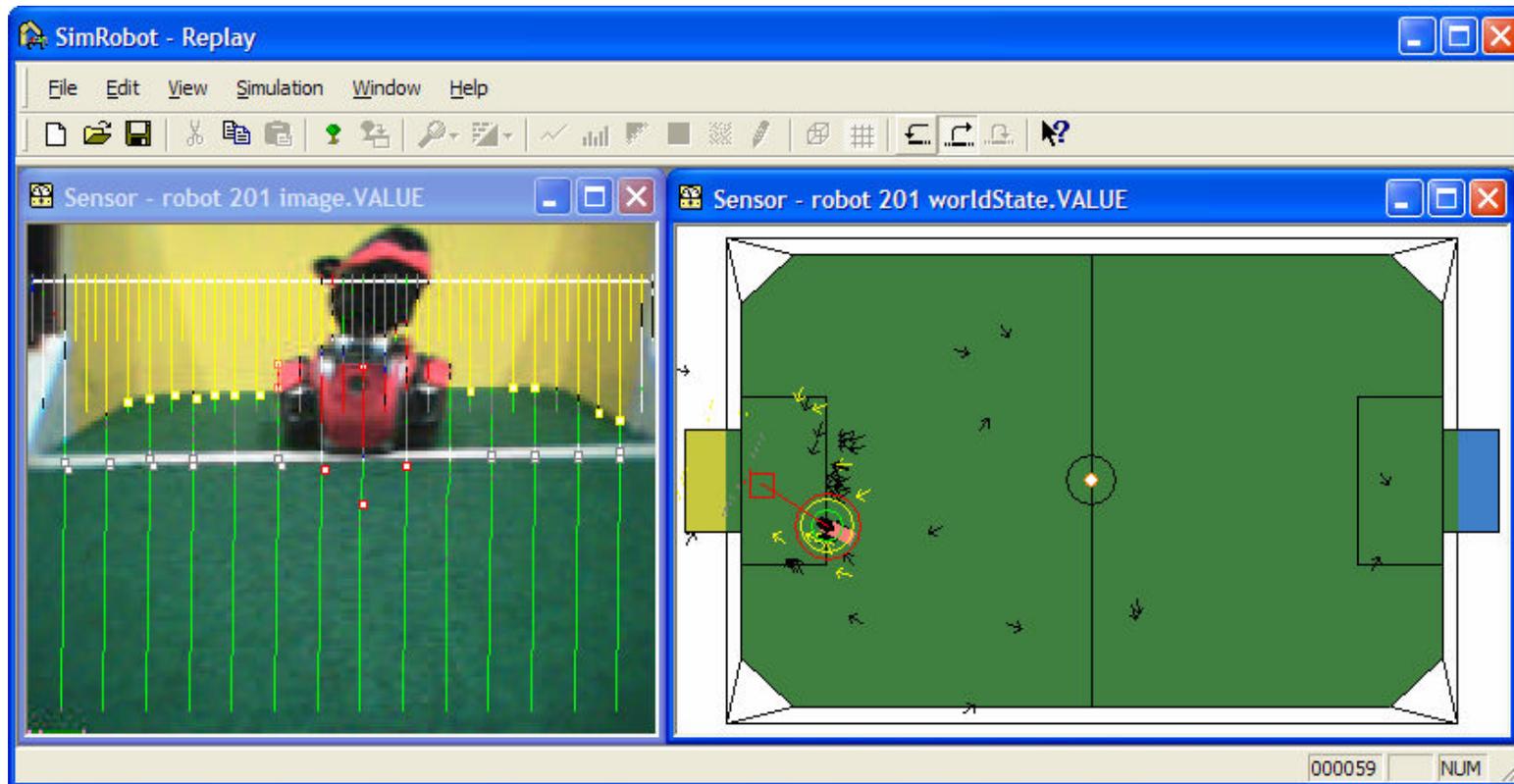


# Perception – Projection on the Field



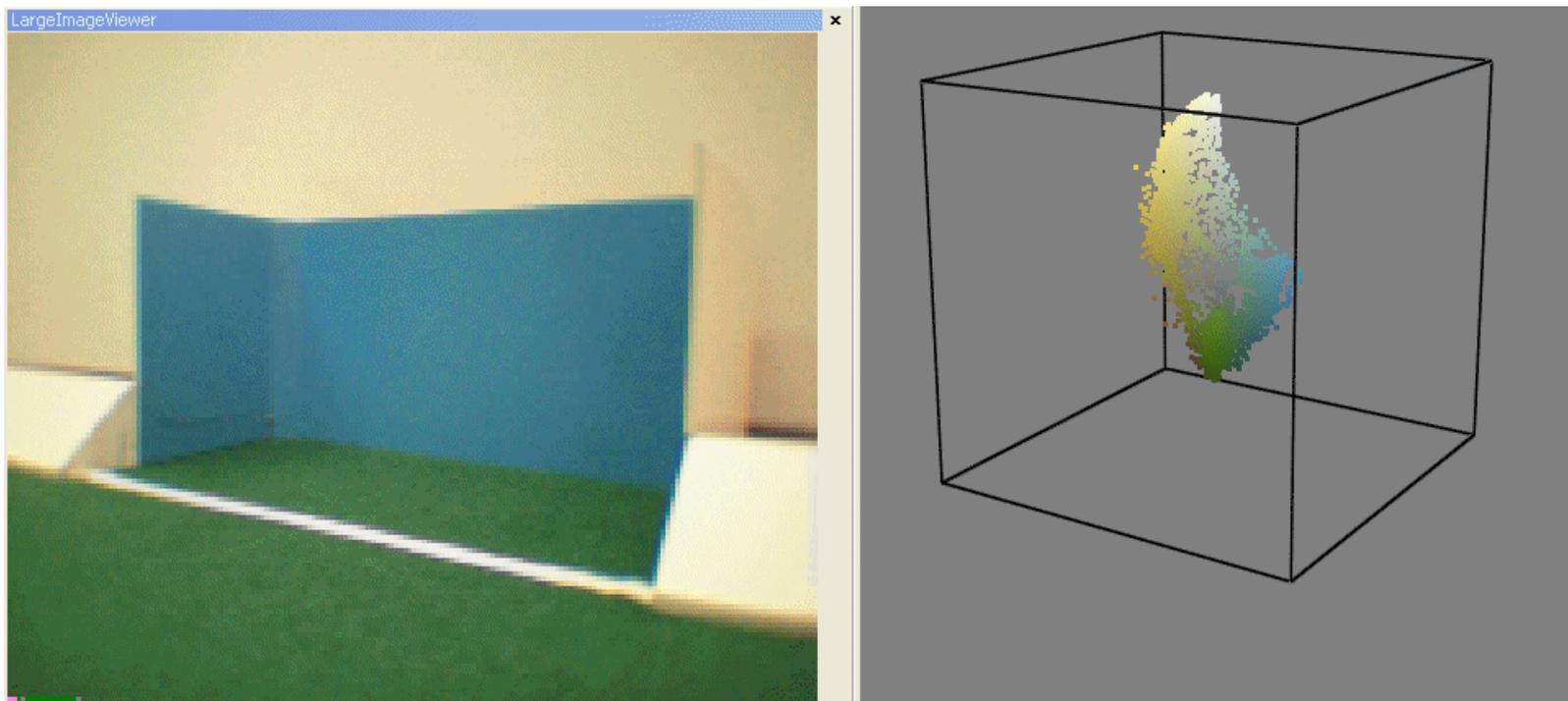


# Perception – Example





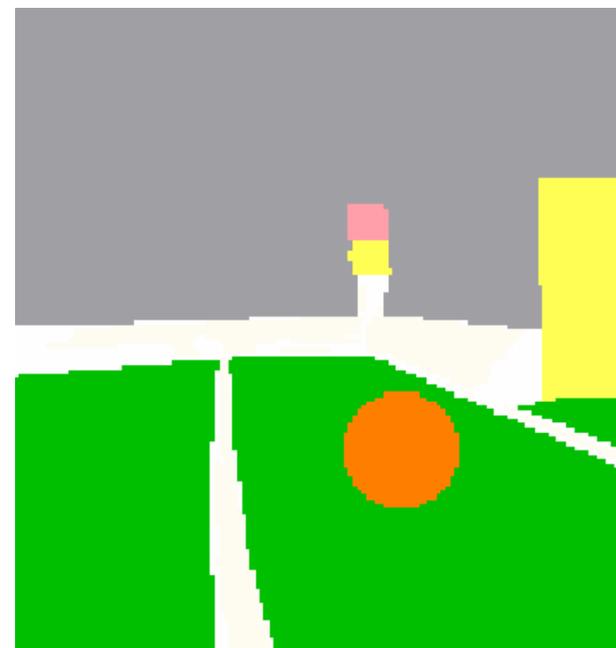
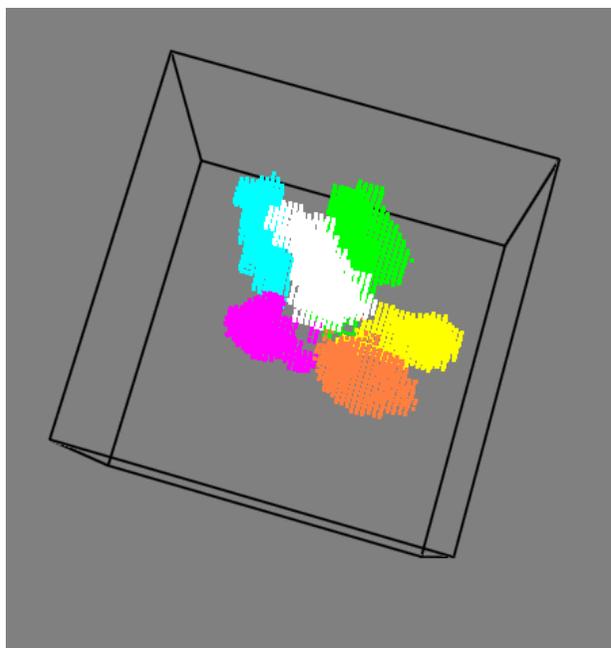
## Perception – Different Lighting Conditions



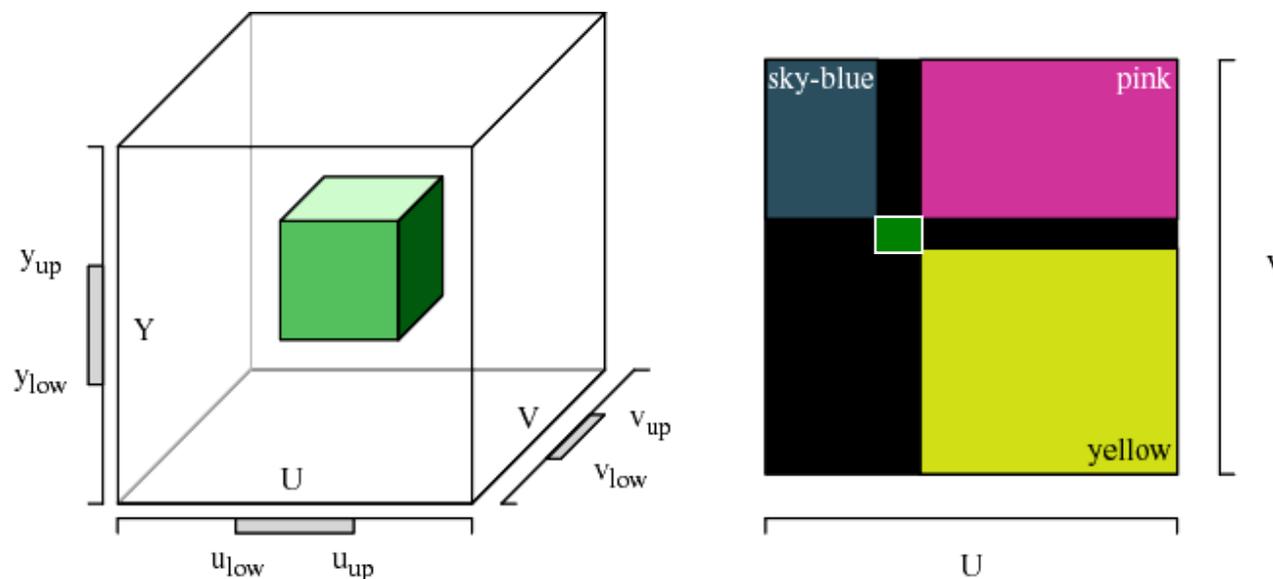
Color Labeled Environment  
→ Color Classification



# Perception – Color Segmentation



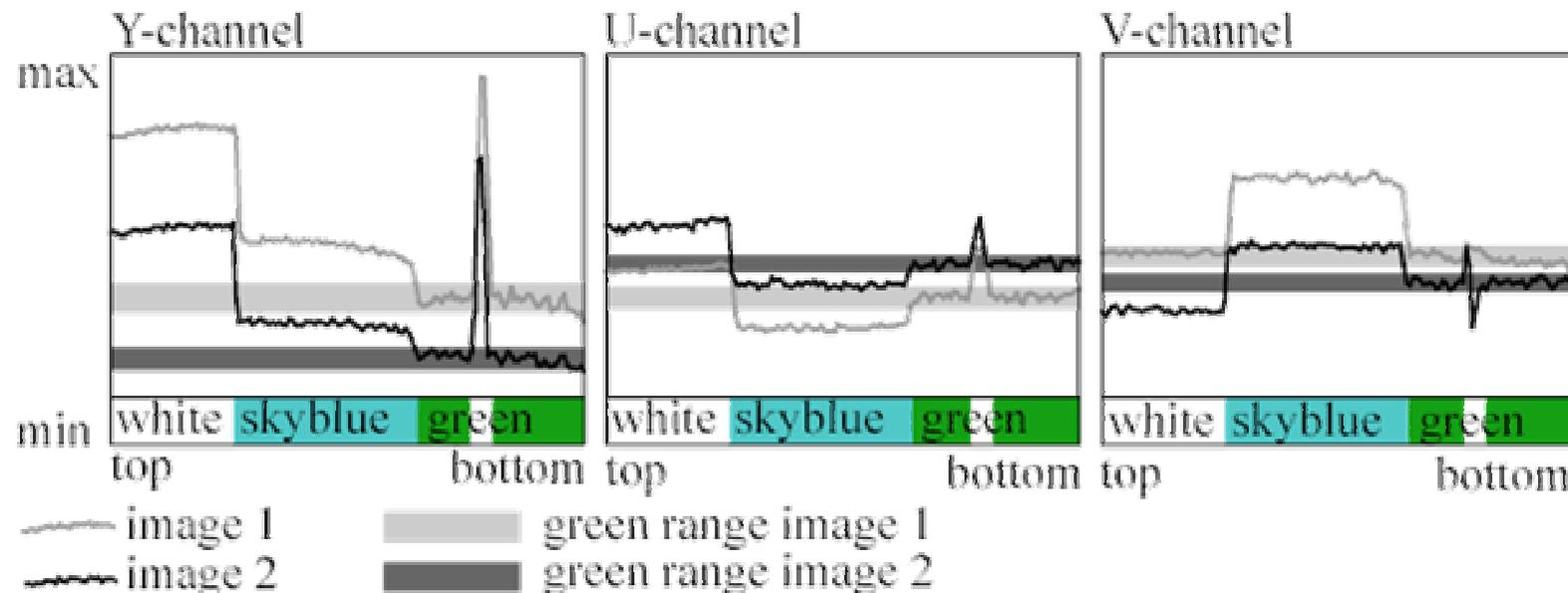
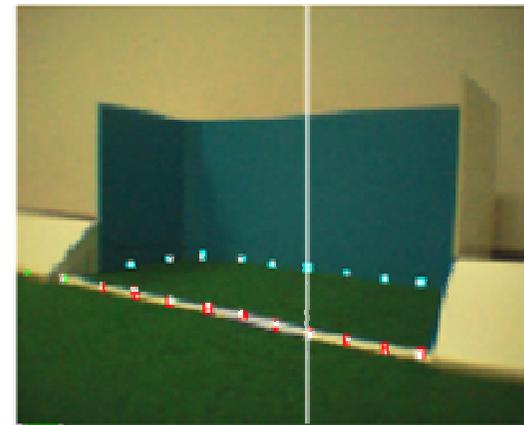
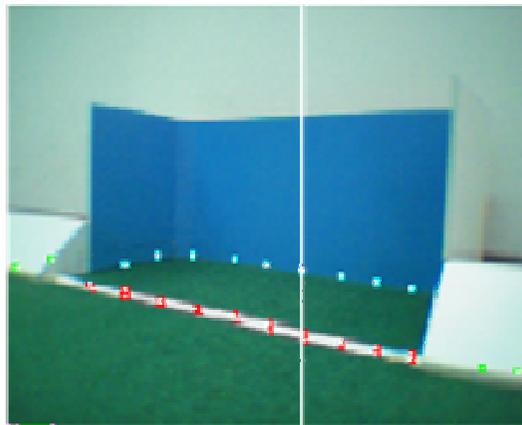
## Perception – Classification Relative to a Reference Color



Colors are classified relative to green in the UV plane

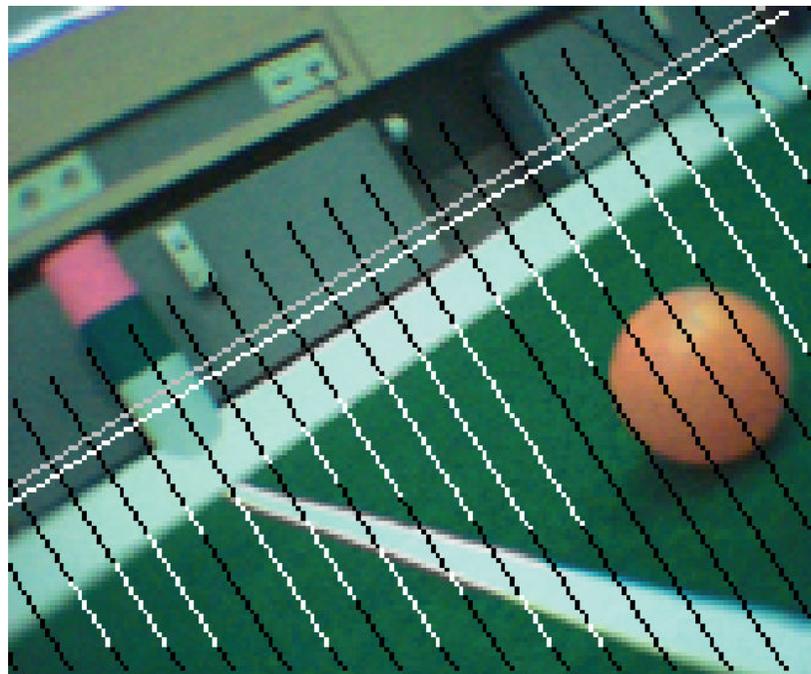


# Perception – Reference Color Green





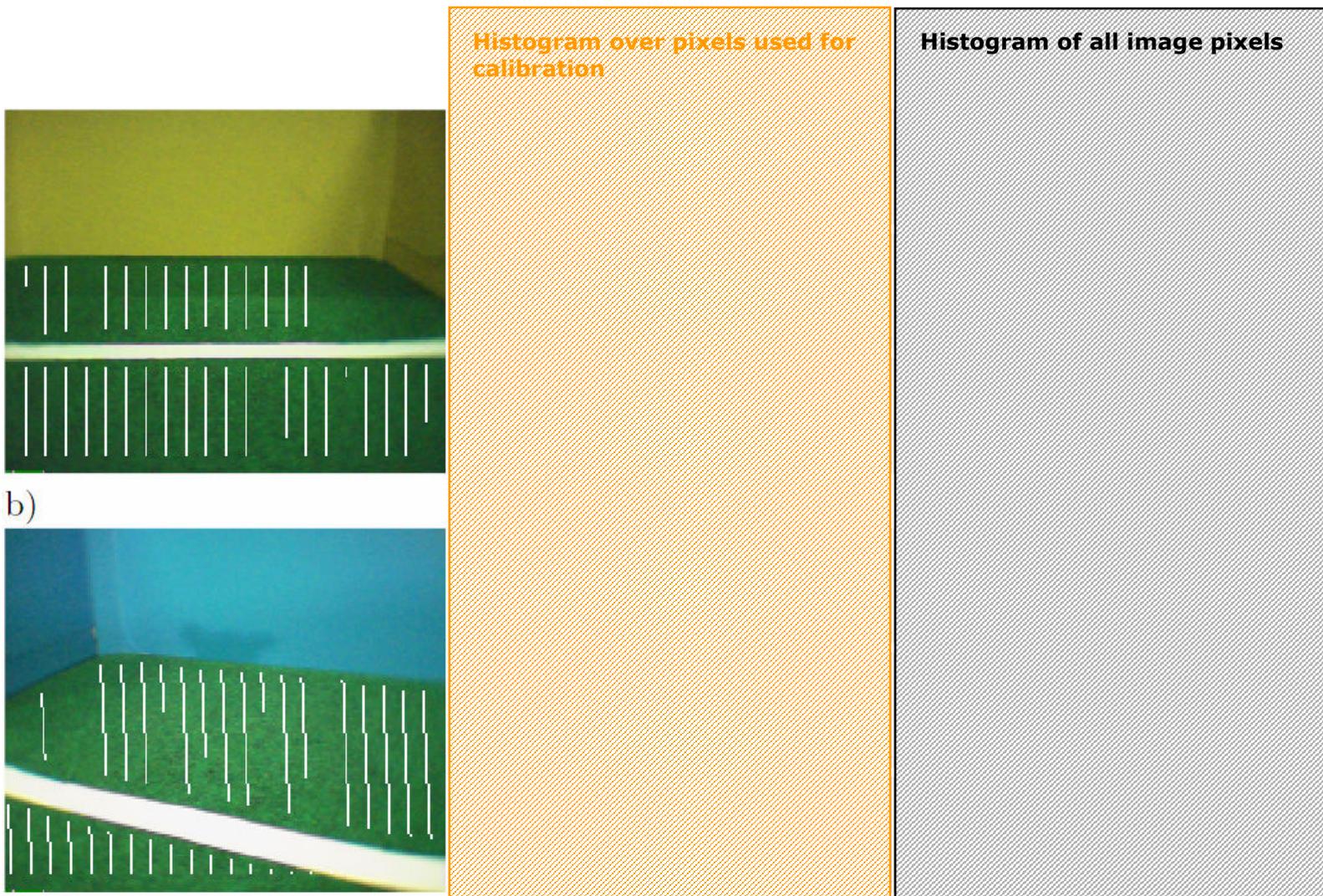
## Perception – Calibration Using Knowledge about the Environment



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

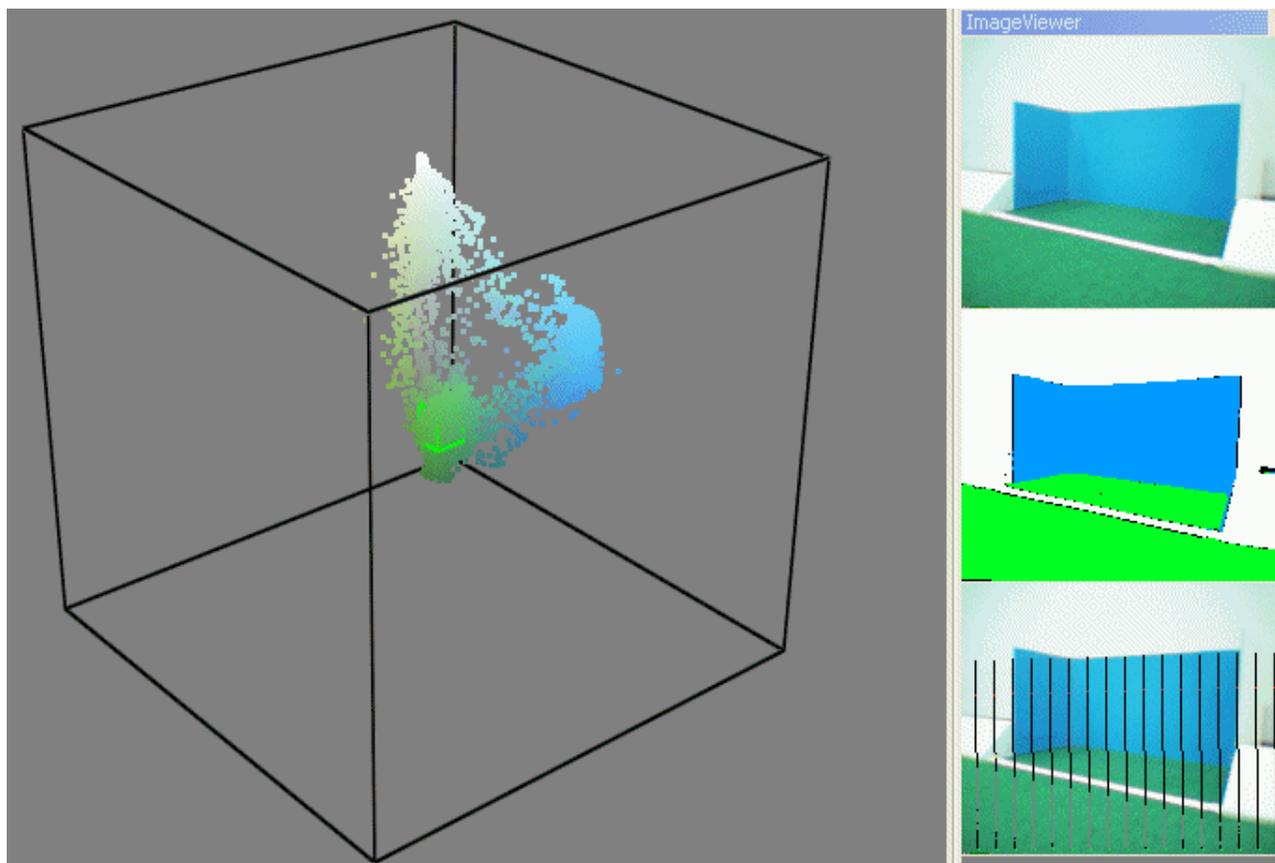


# Perception – Color Histogram



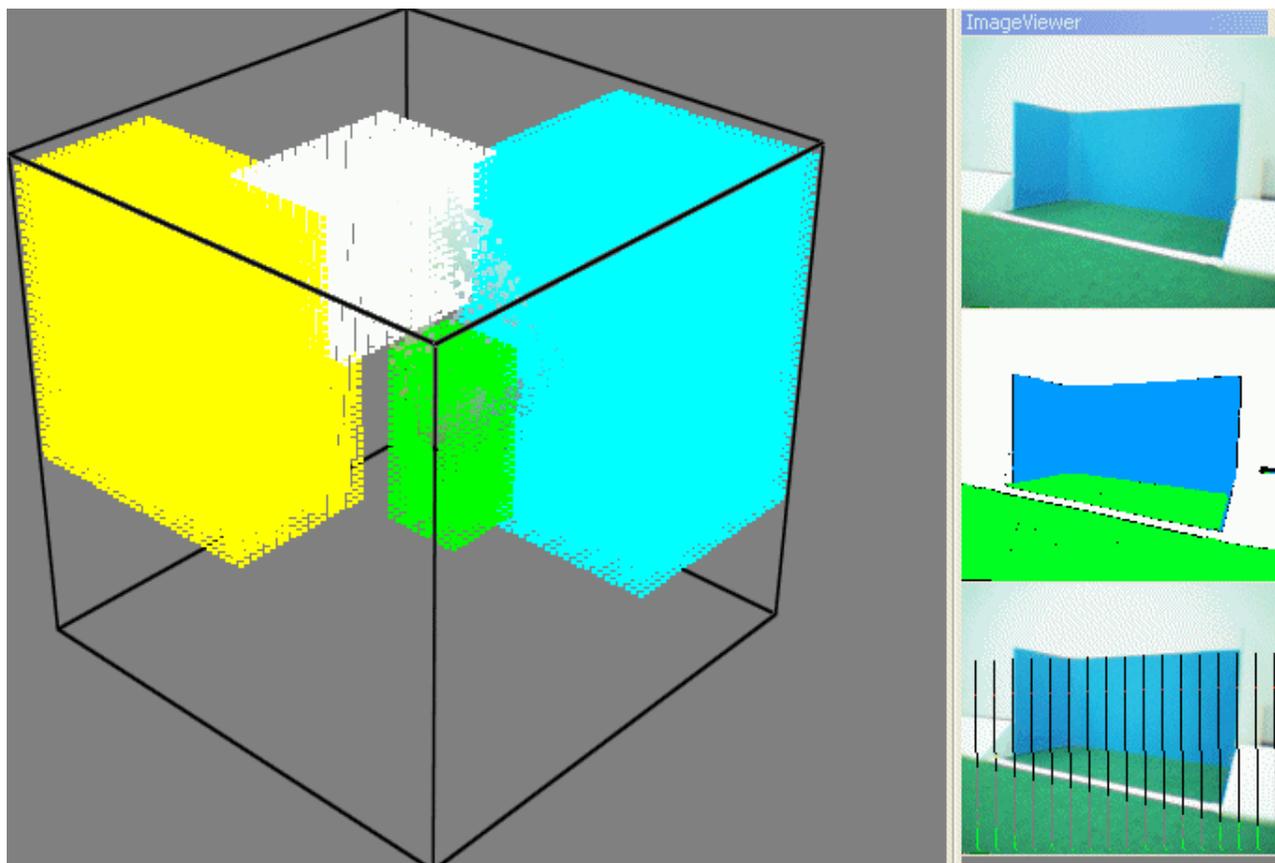


# Perception – Auto Adaptation





# Auto Adaptation





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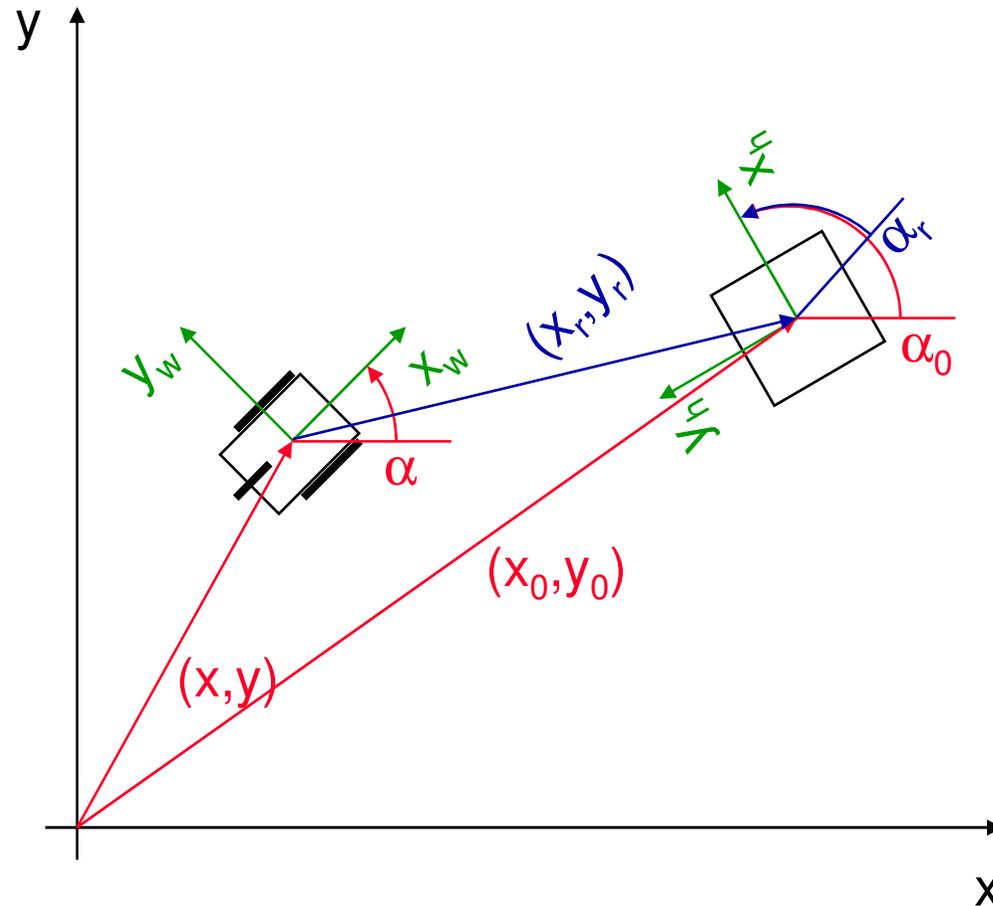
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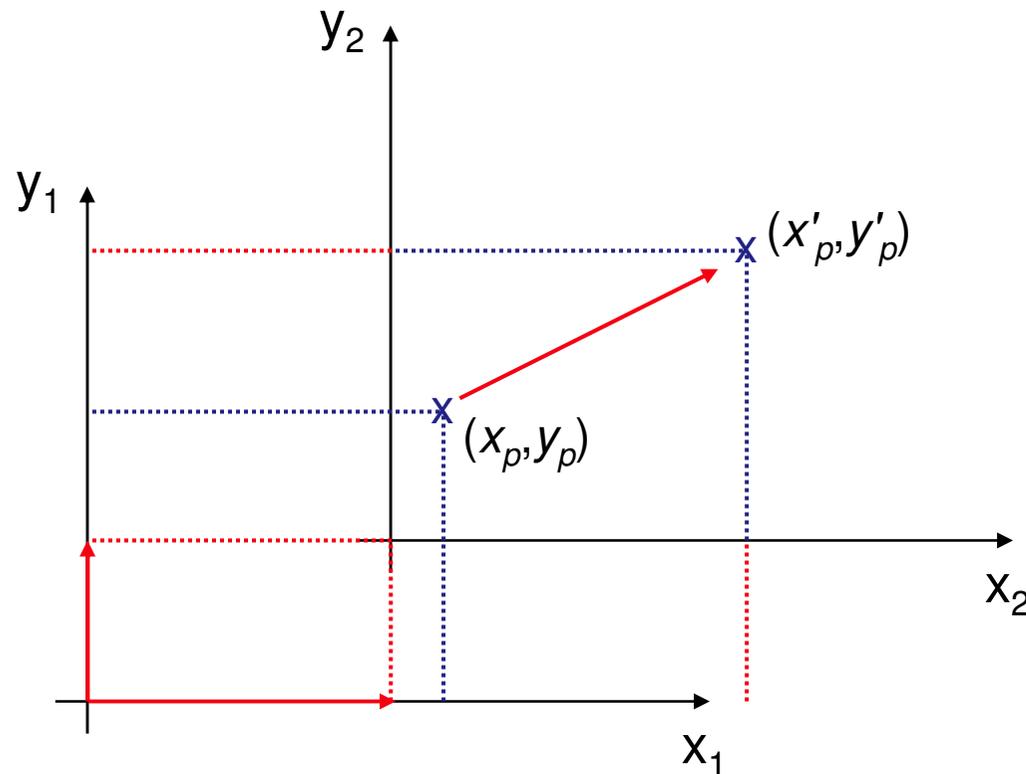
## Operations





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  - ⚽ Translation

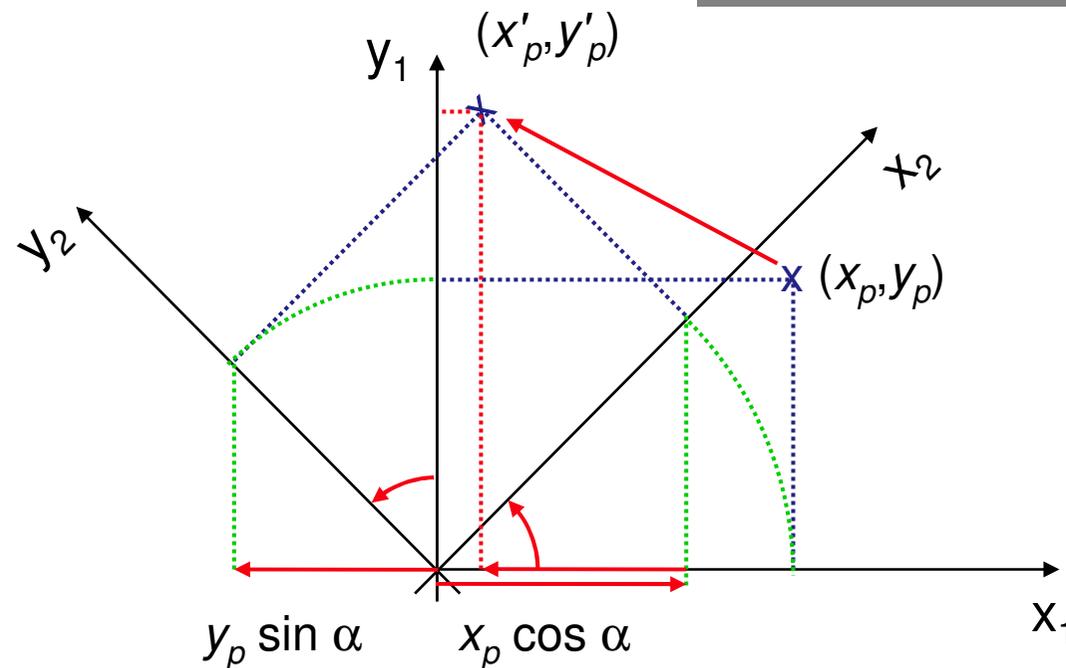


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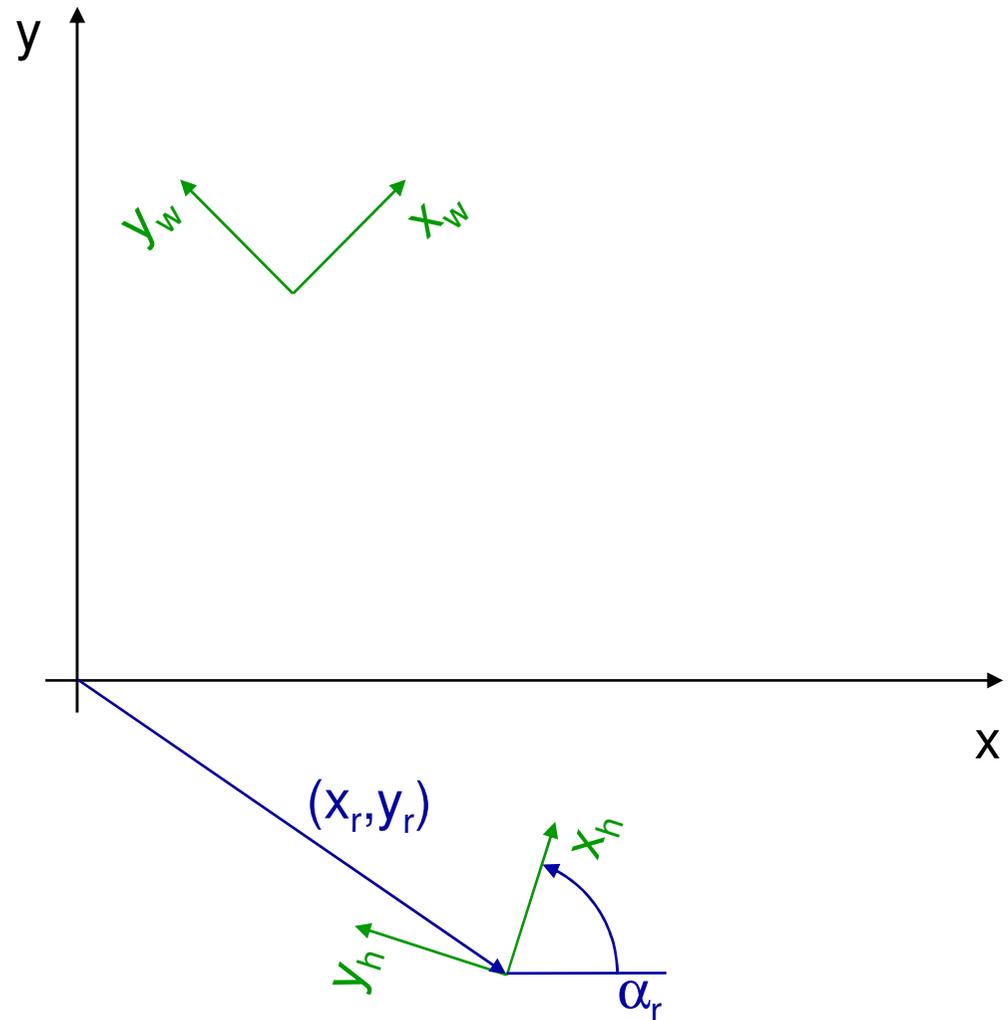
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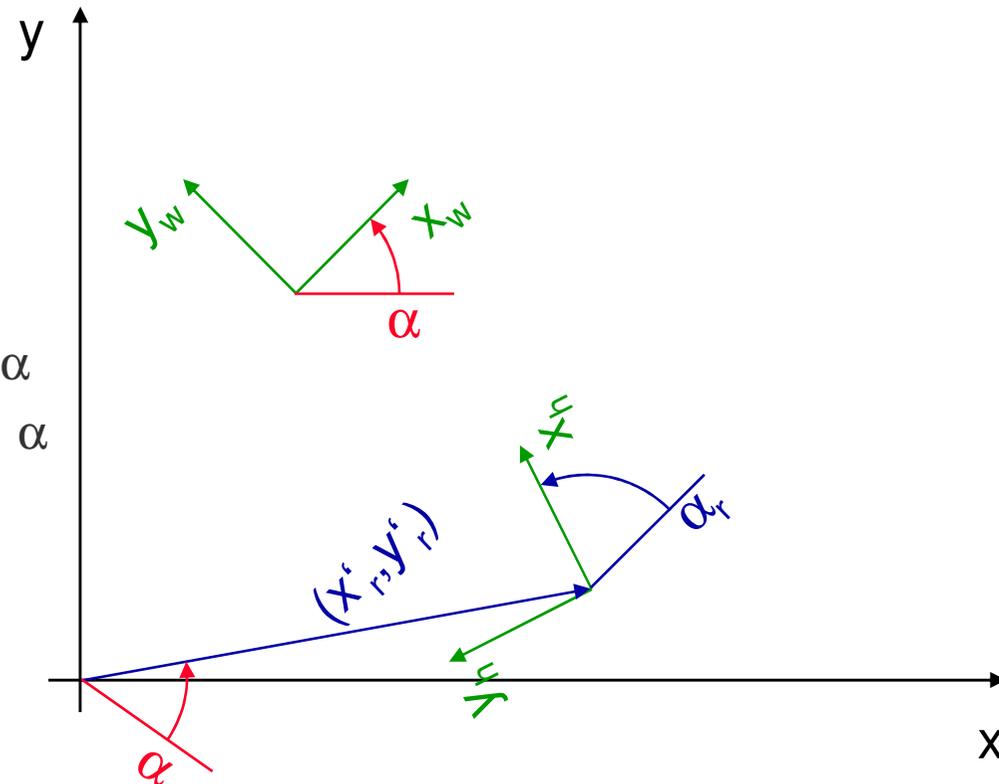
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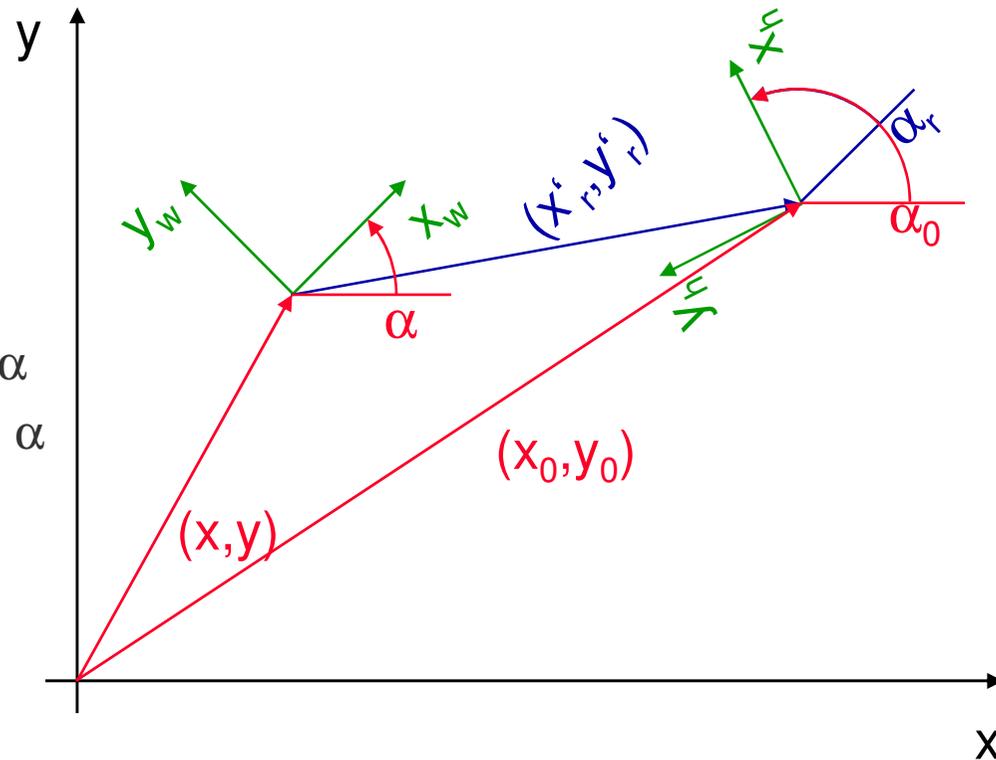
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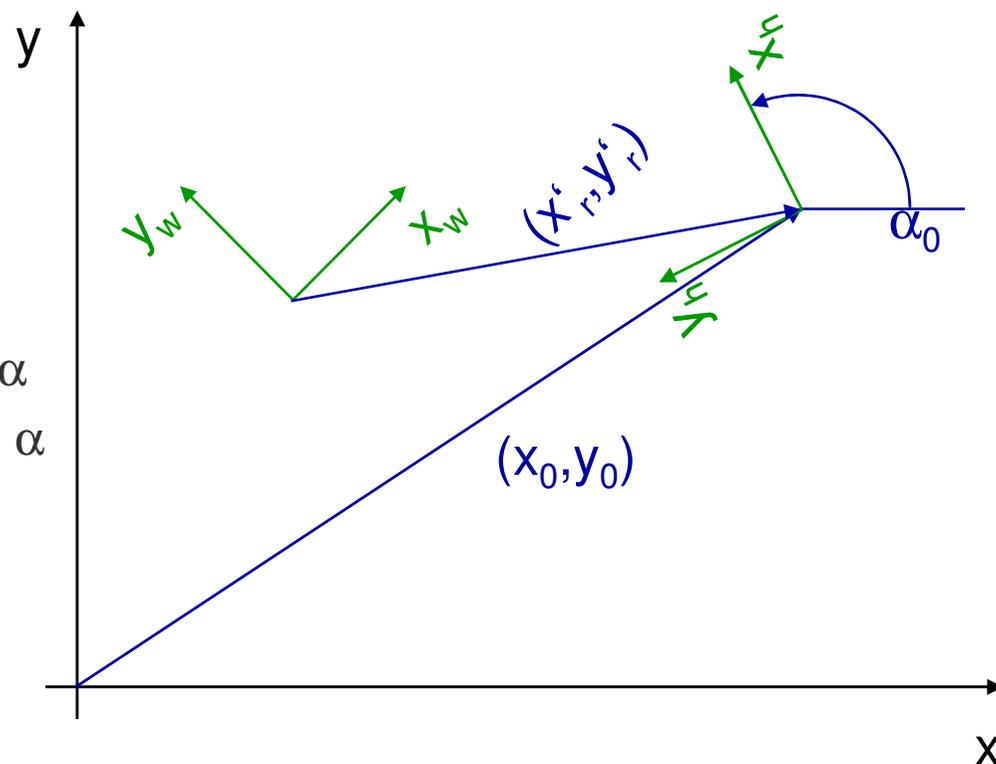
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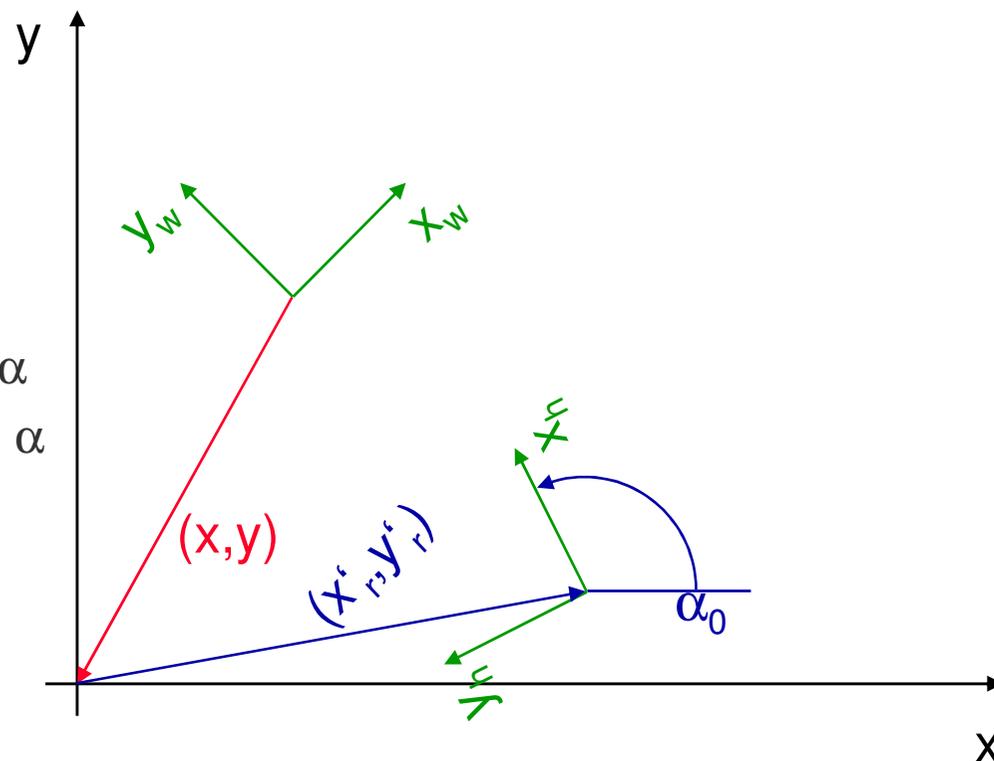
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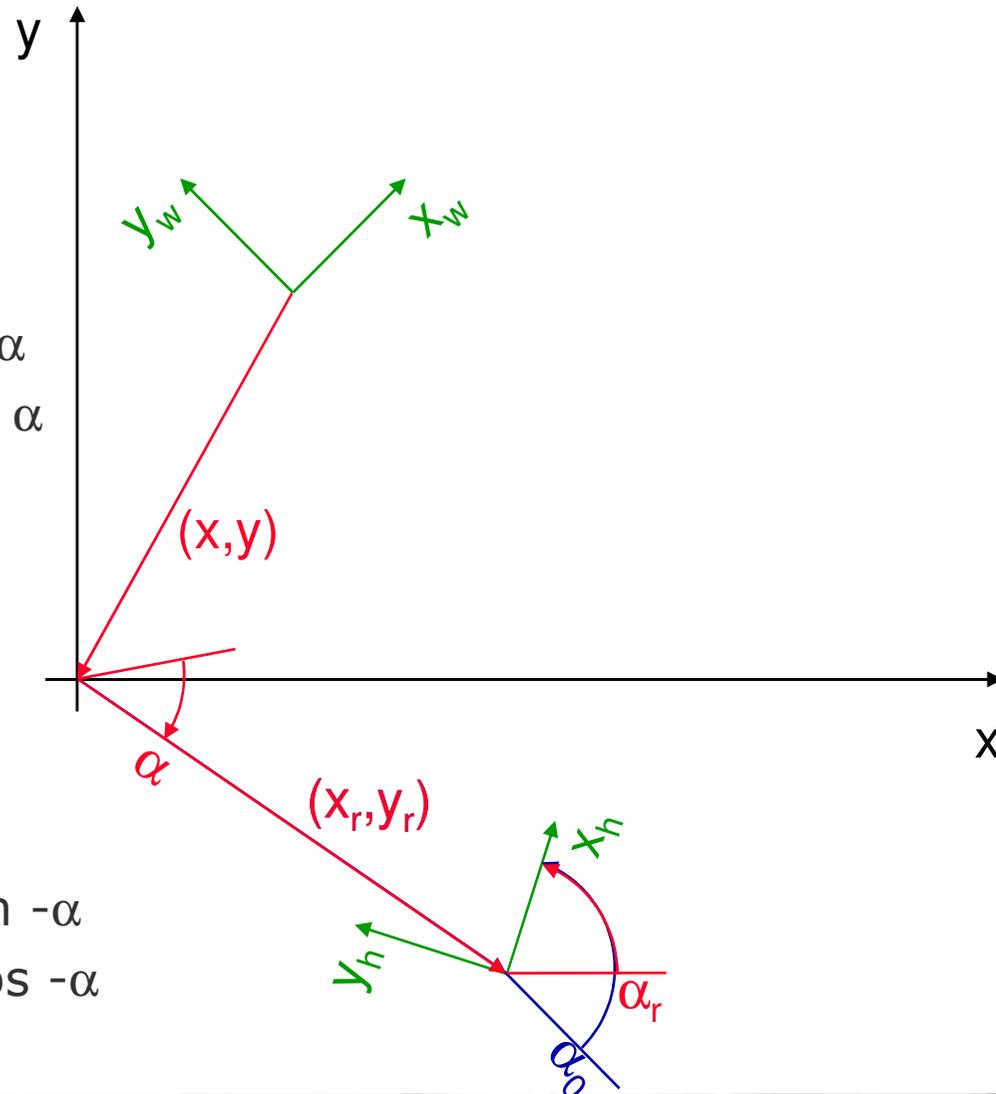
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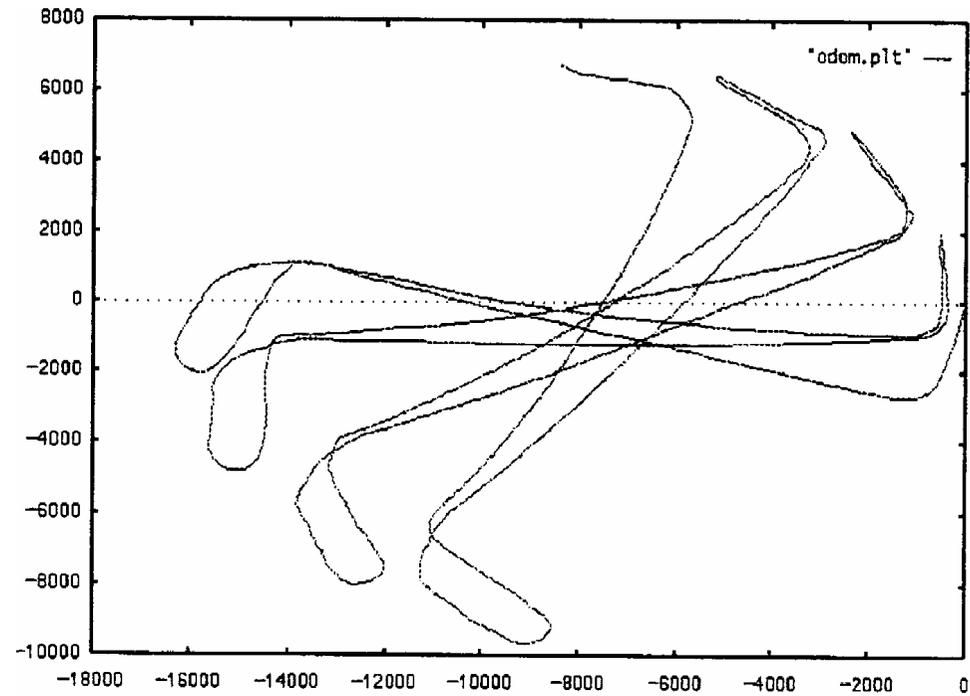
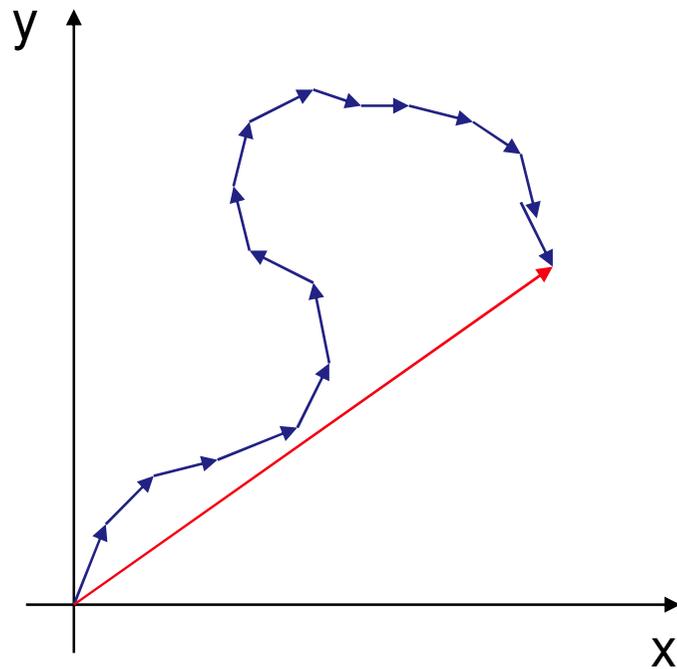
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- ⚽  $x_r = x'_r \cos -\alpha - y'_r \sin -\alpha$
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- ⚽  $\alpha_r = \alpha_0 - \alpha$

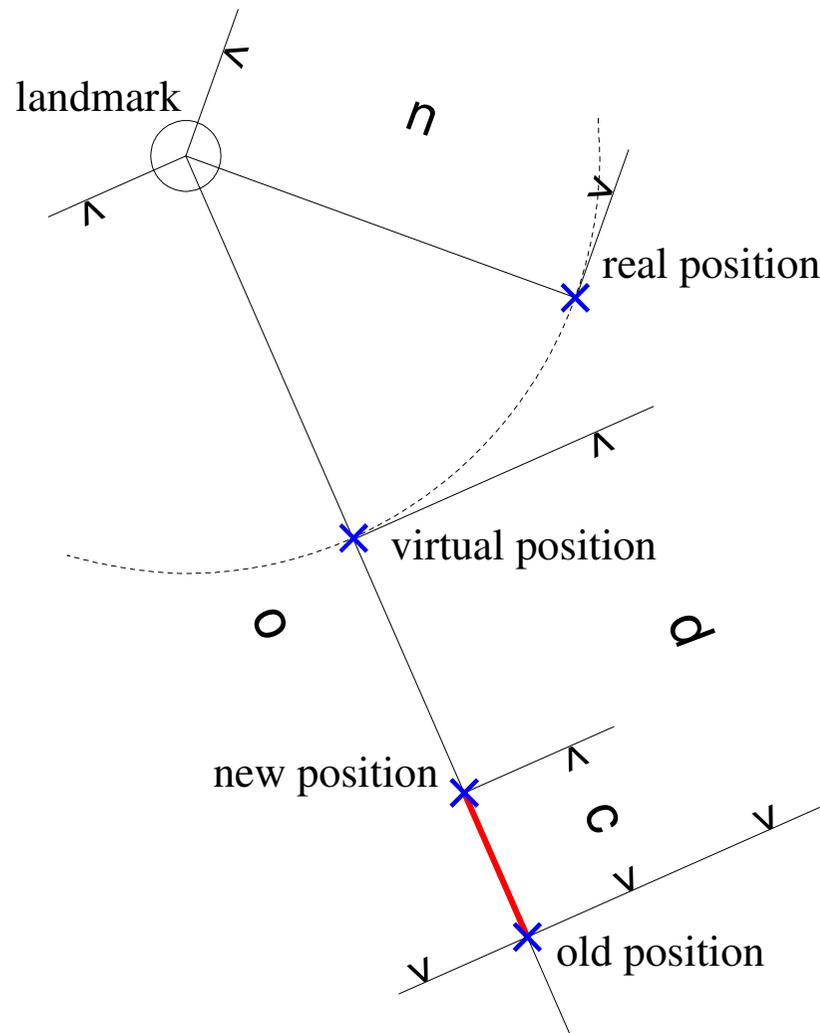




# Localization – Odometry

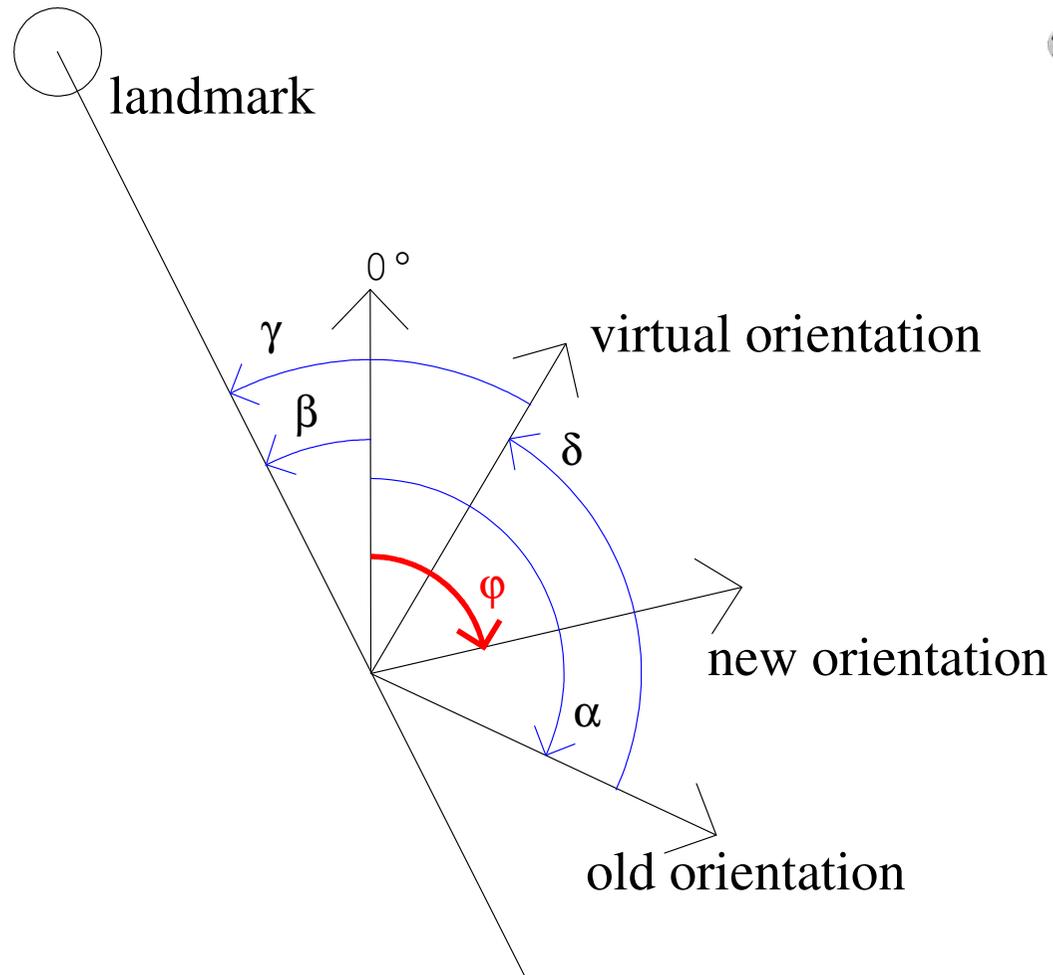


## Localization – Iterative Approach



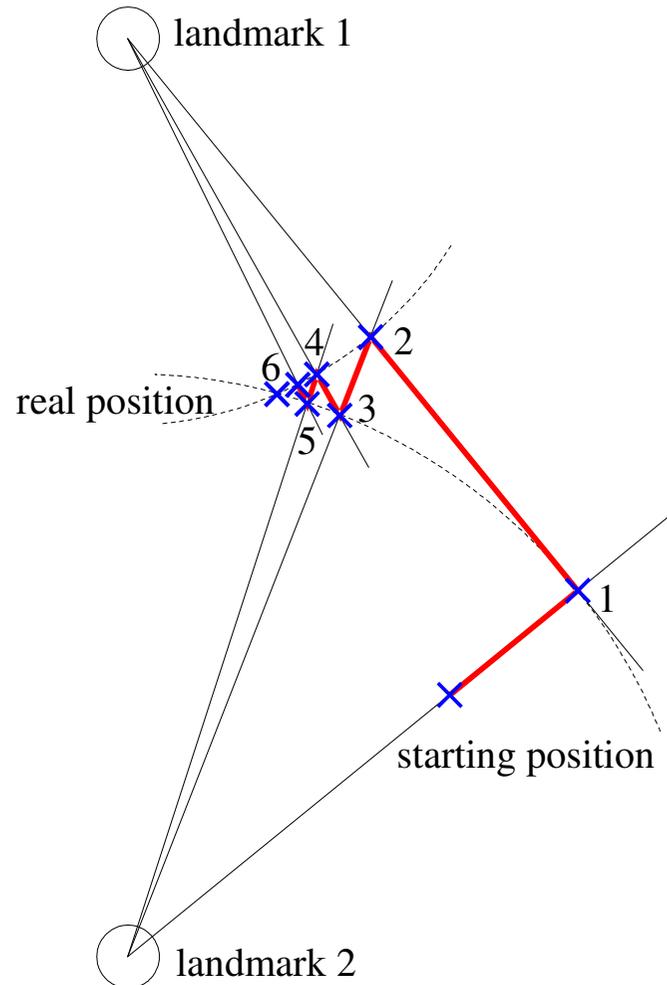
- Calculation of new position based on
  - old position
  - Reliability of old position
  - current distance measurement  $n$
  - Reliability of the measurement
  
- New position is always on the straight line between old position and landmark

## Localization – Iterative Approach



- Calculation of new orientation  $\varphi$  based on
  - old orientation  $\alpha$
  - Reliability of the old orientation
  - Measured angle  $\gamma$  to landmark
  - Reliability of the measurement

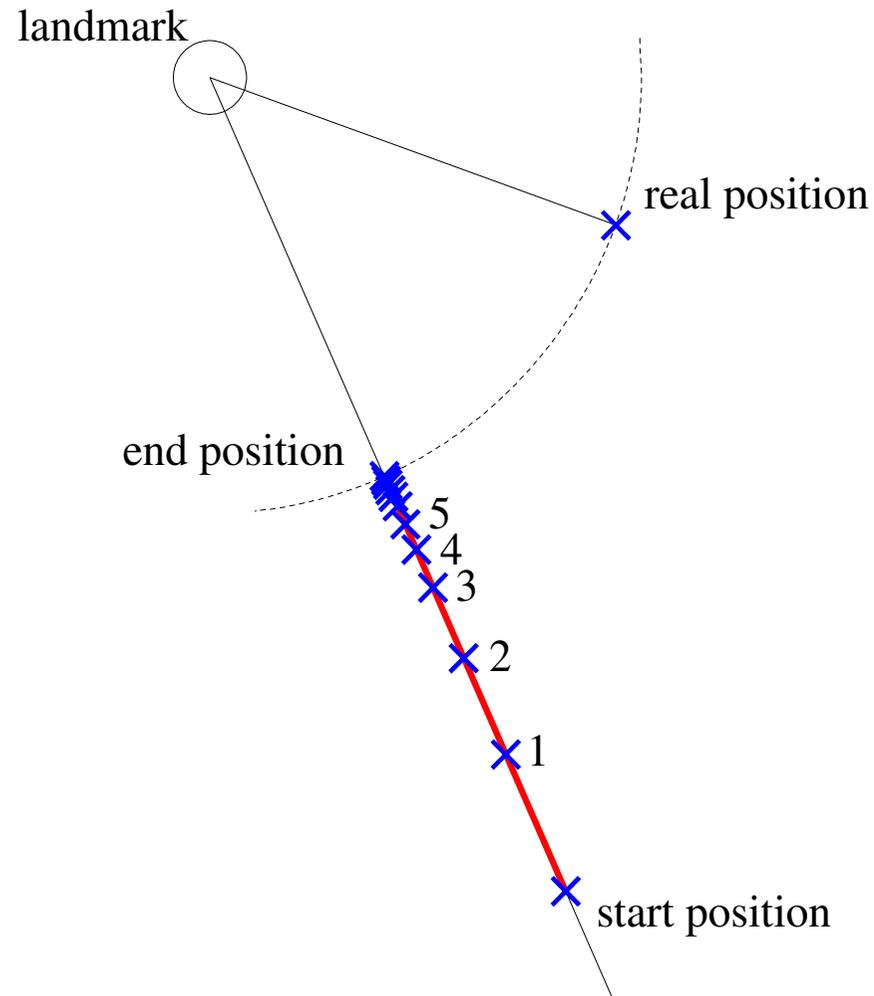
## Localization – Iterative Approach



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



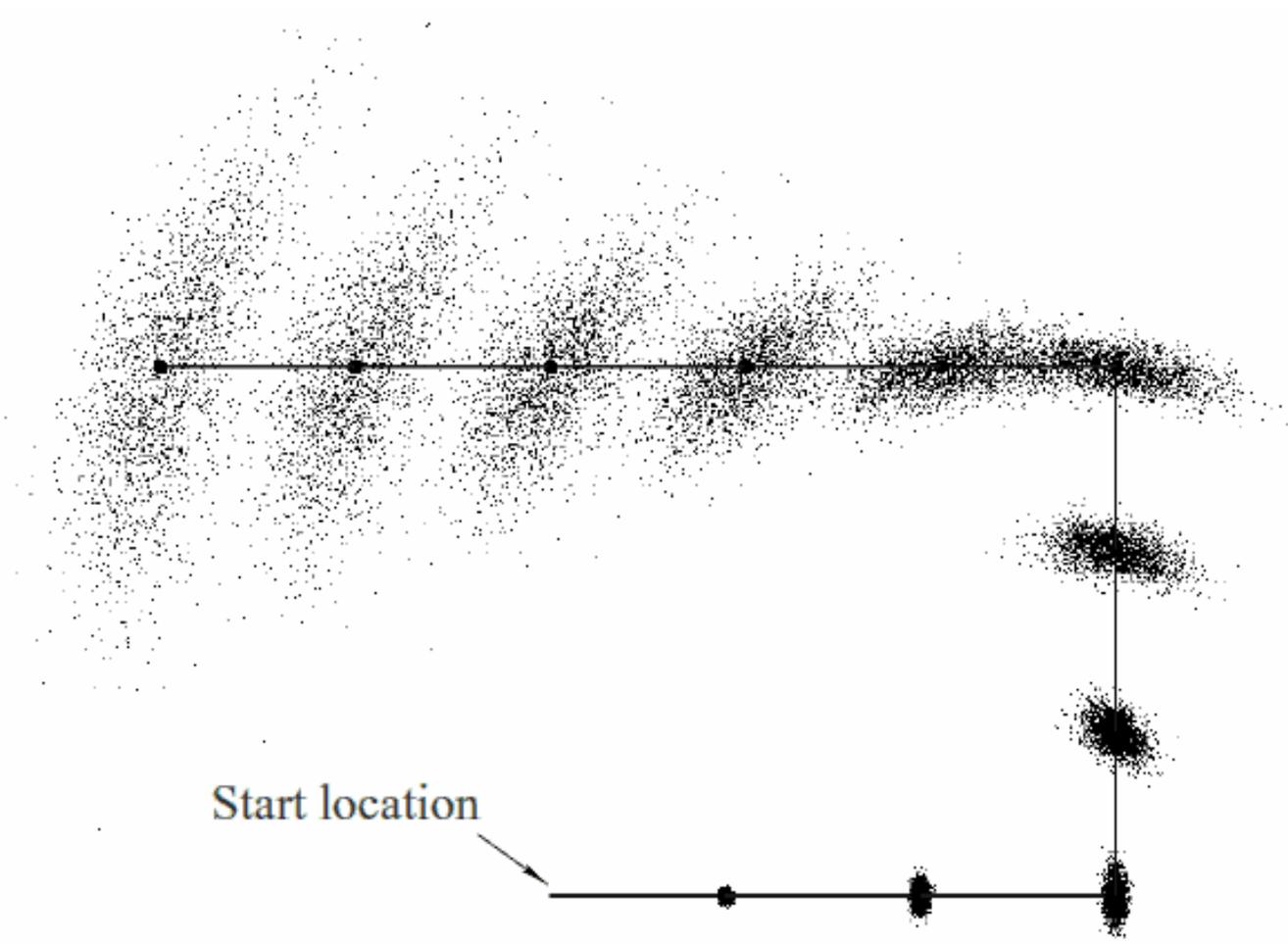
## Localization – Iterative Approach



- 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

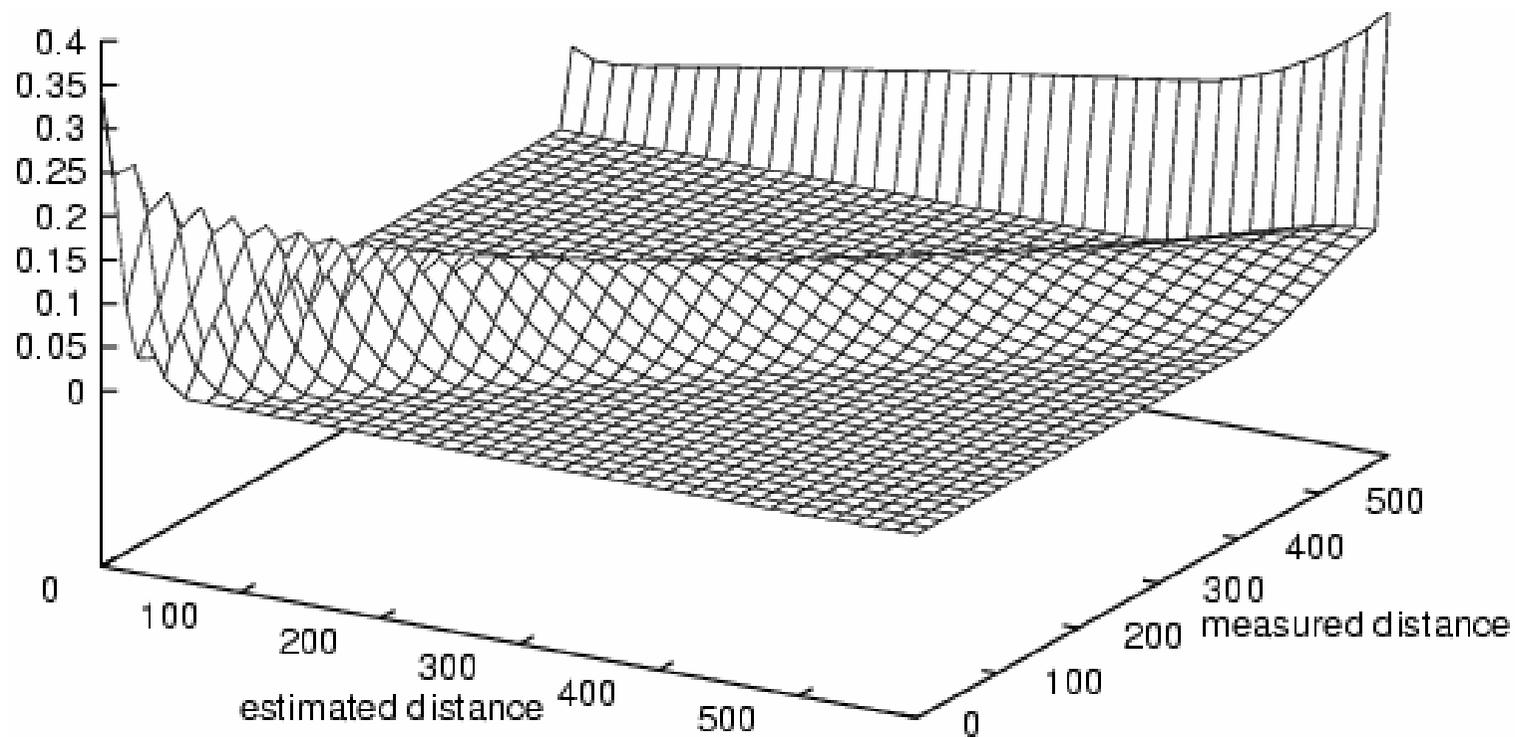


# Localization – Uncertainty in Motion

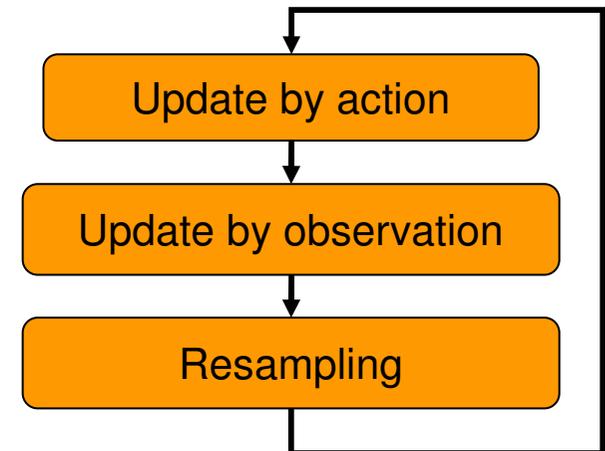
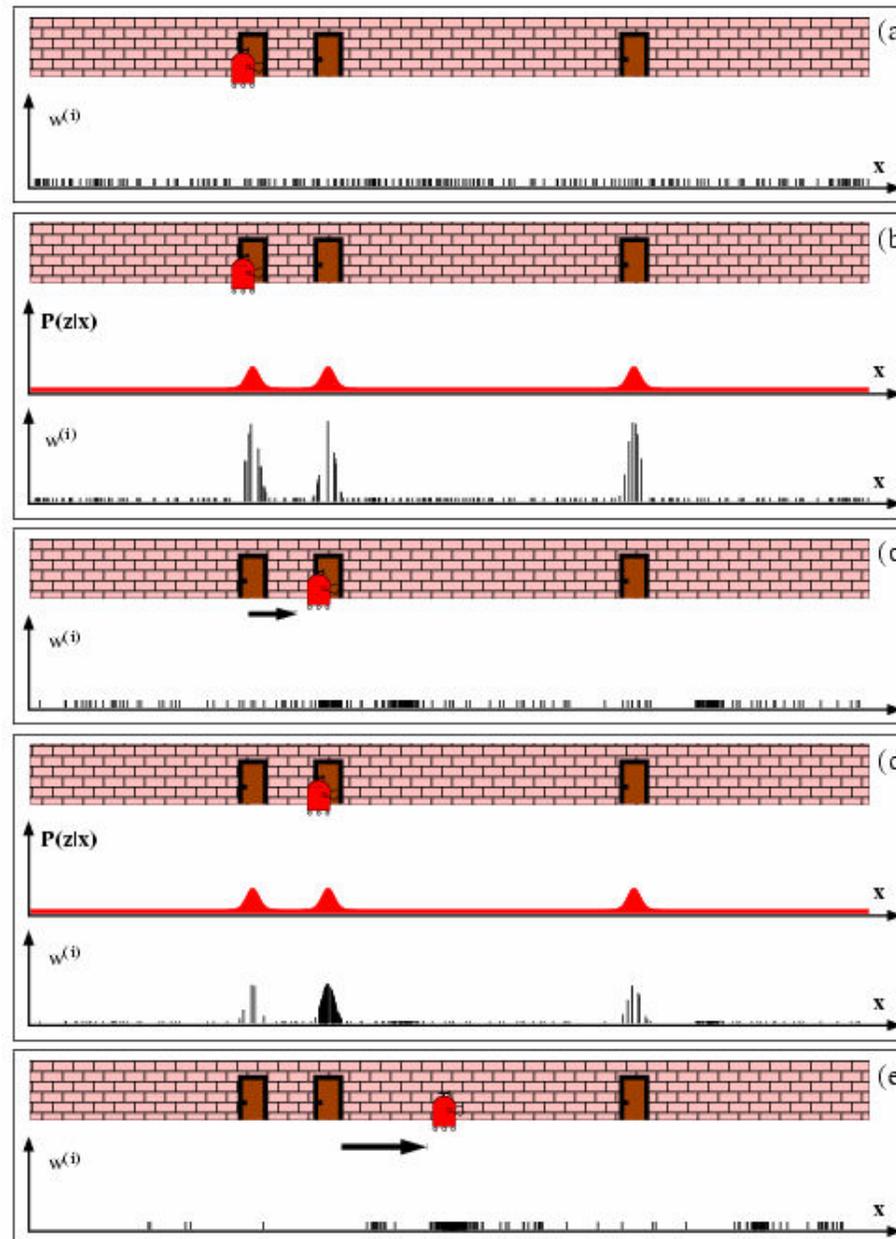




# Localization – Uncertainty in Observation

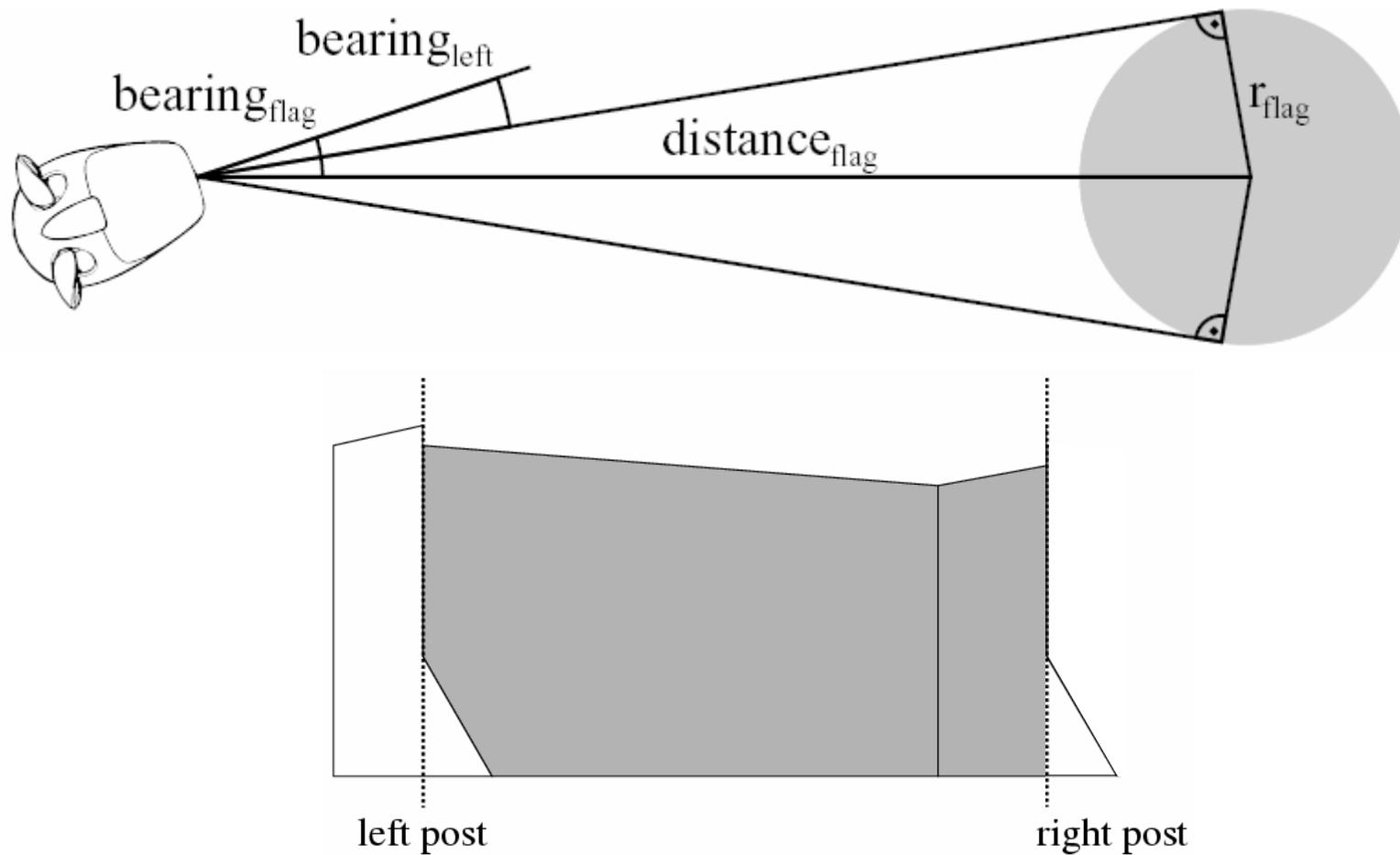


# Localization – General Approach



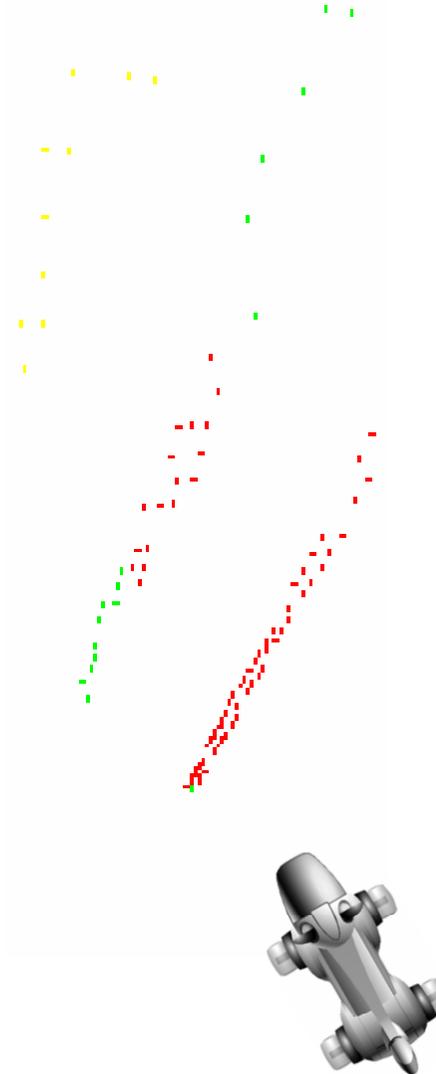
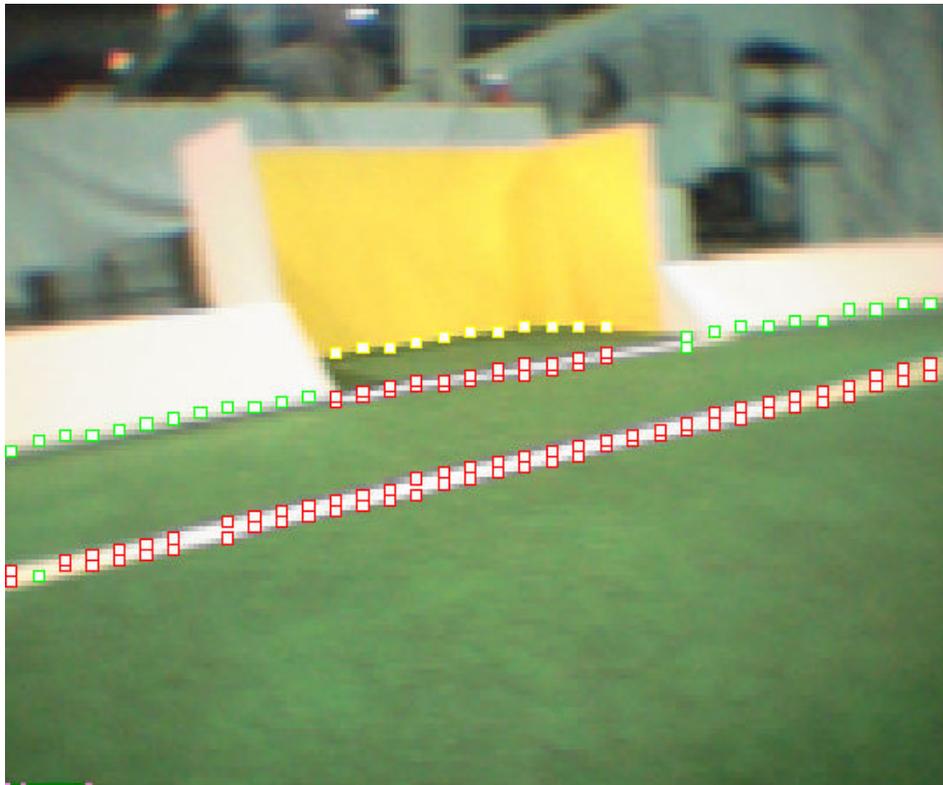


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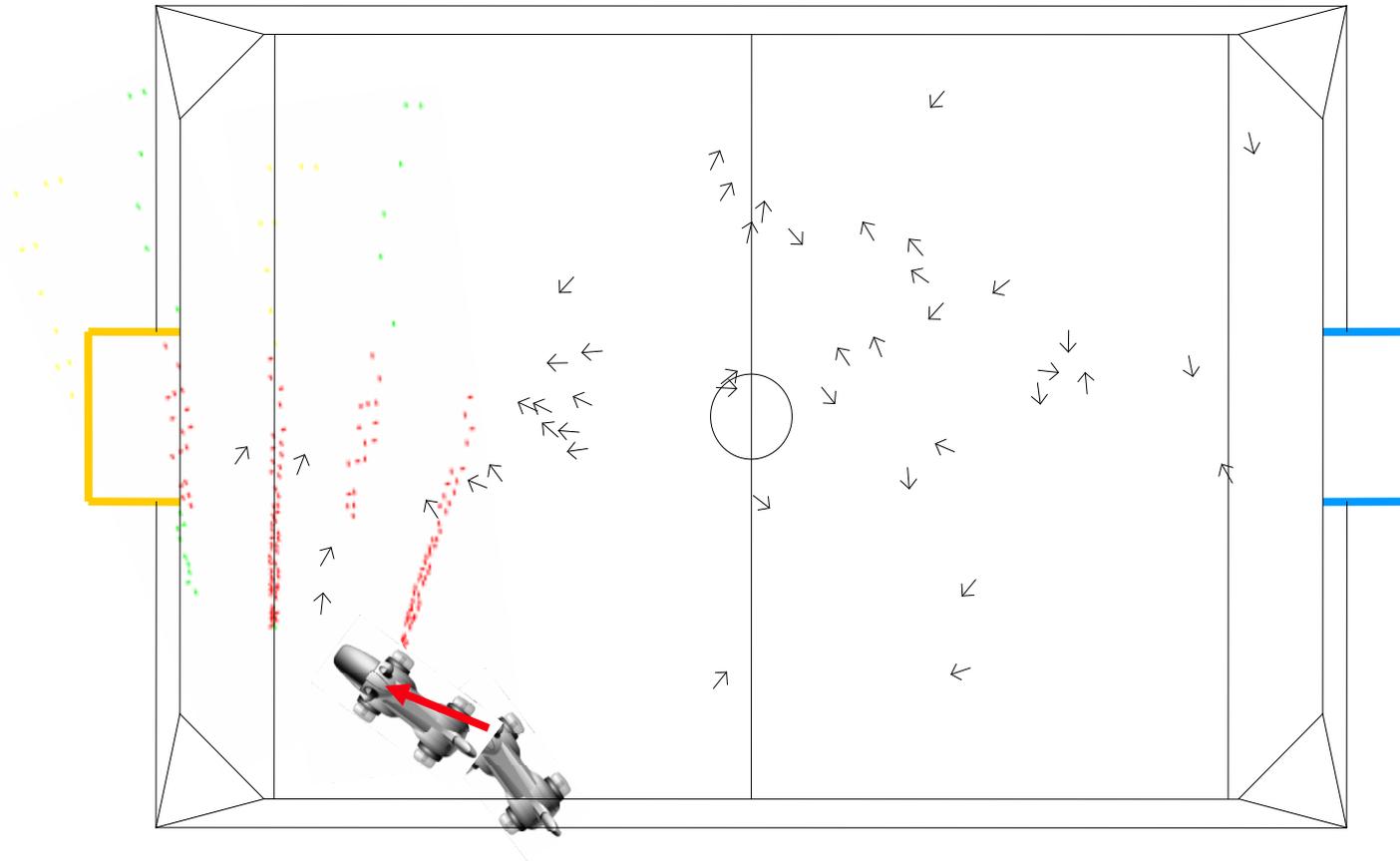


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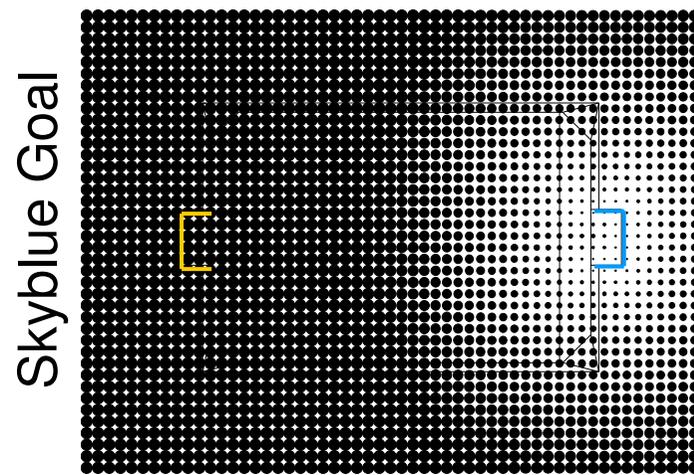
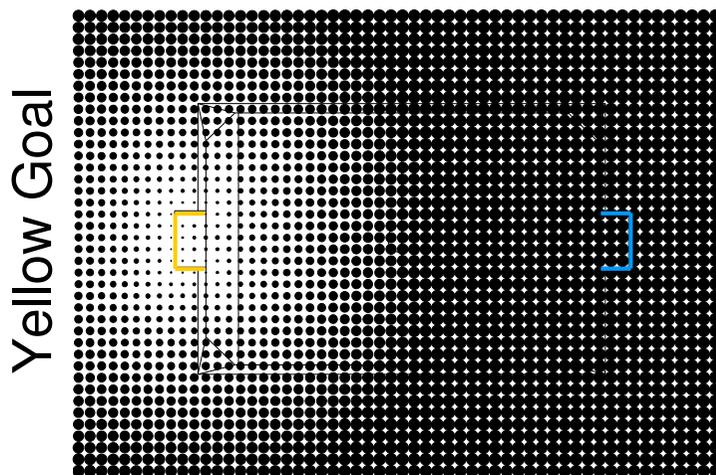
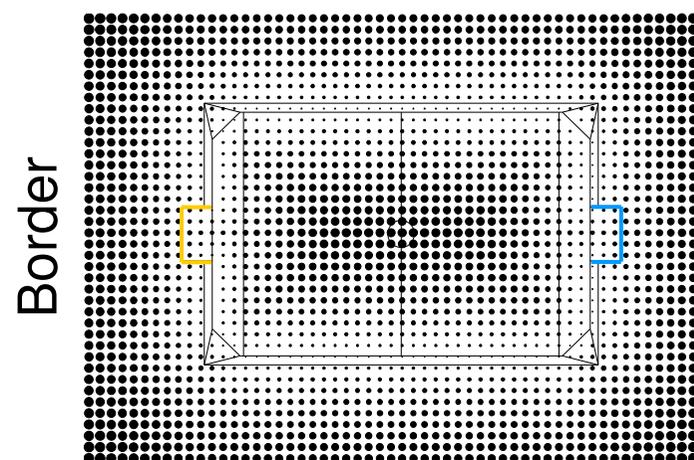
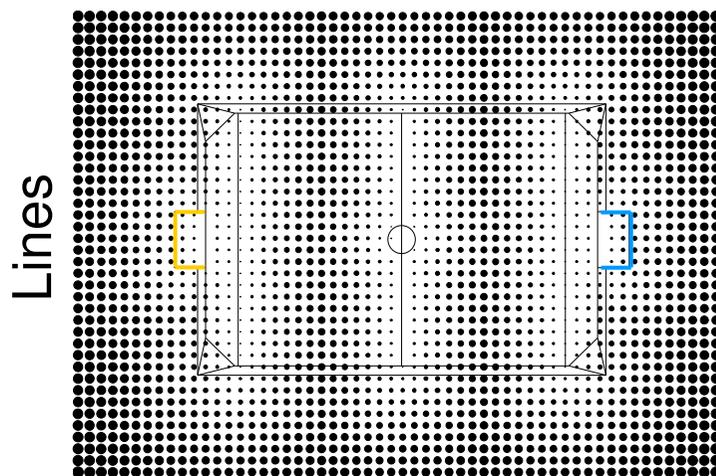


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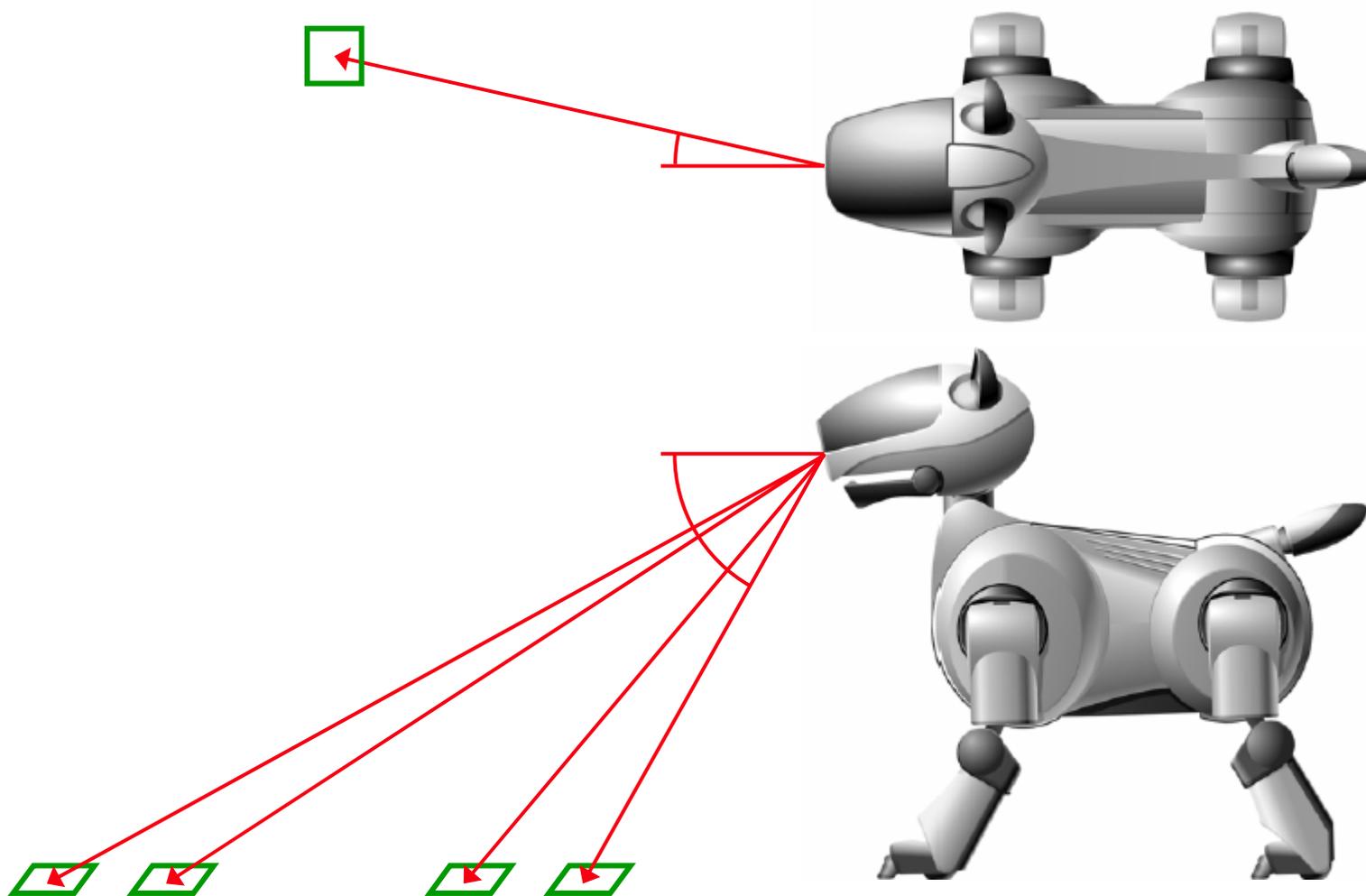


# Localization – Assigning Observations to Field Model



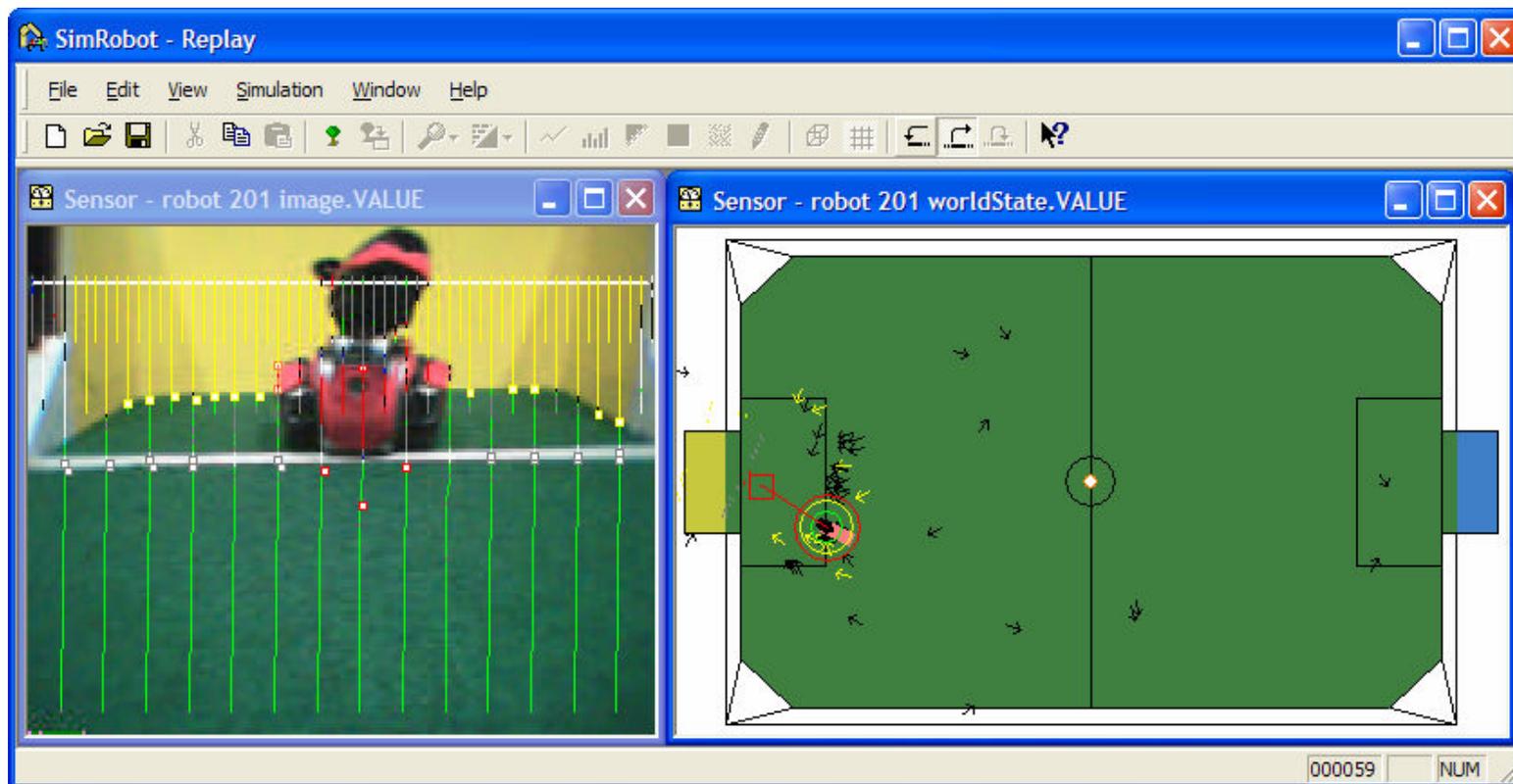


## Localization – Sensor Model





# Localization – Example



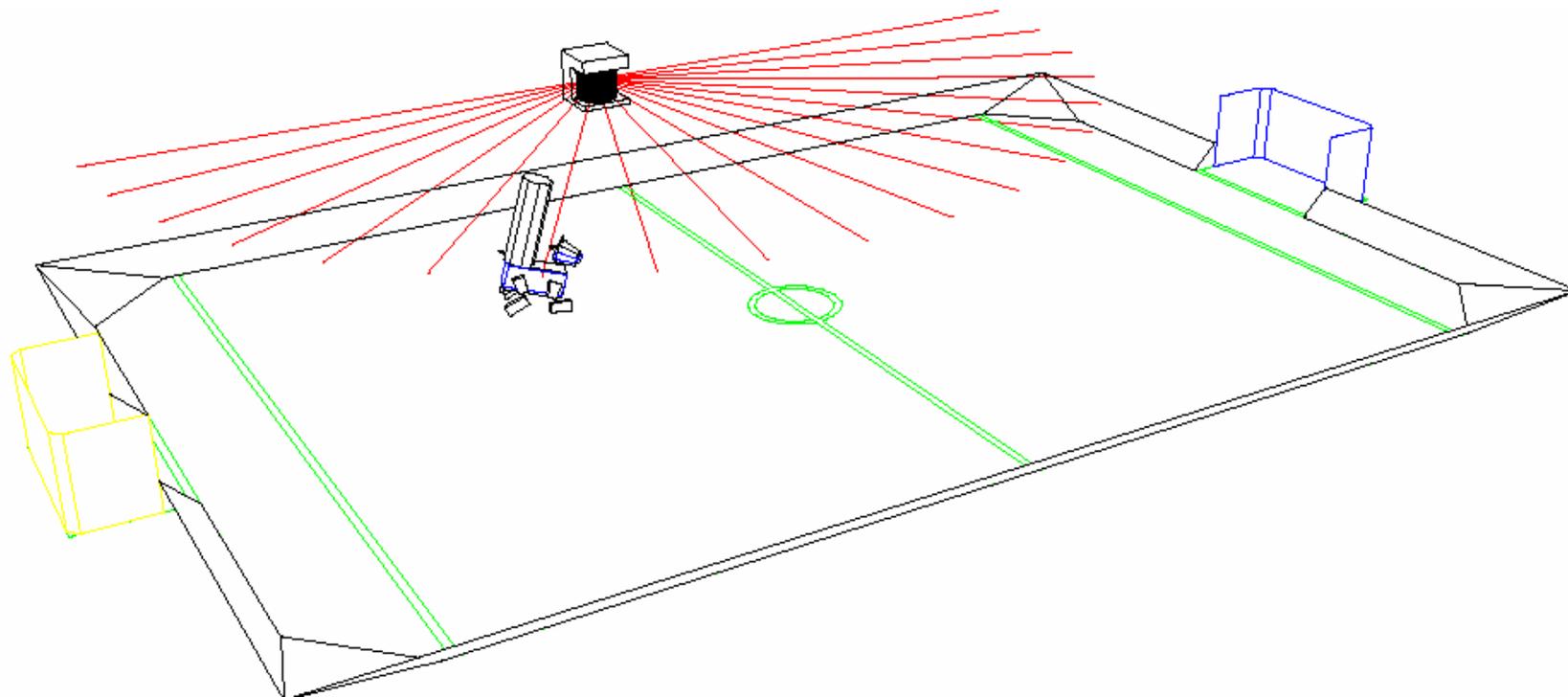


## Localization – Details

- ⚽ 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

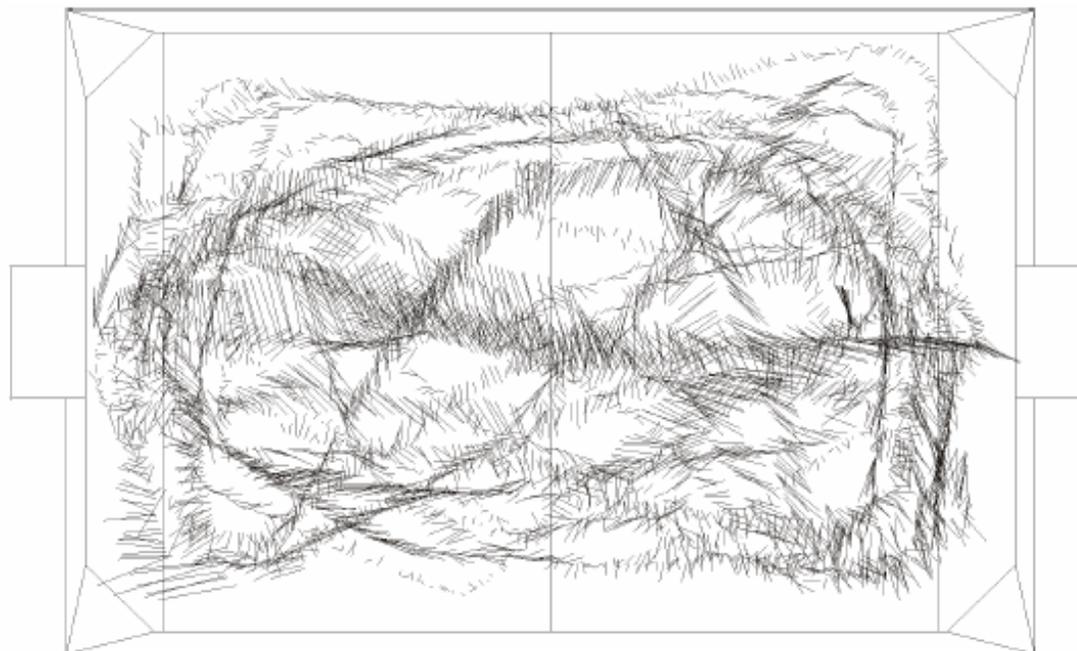


## Localization – Experimental Setup



## Localization – Experiment 1

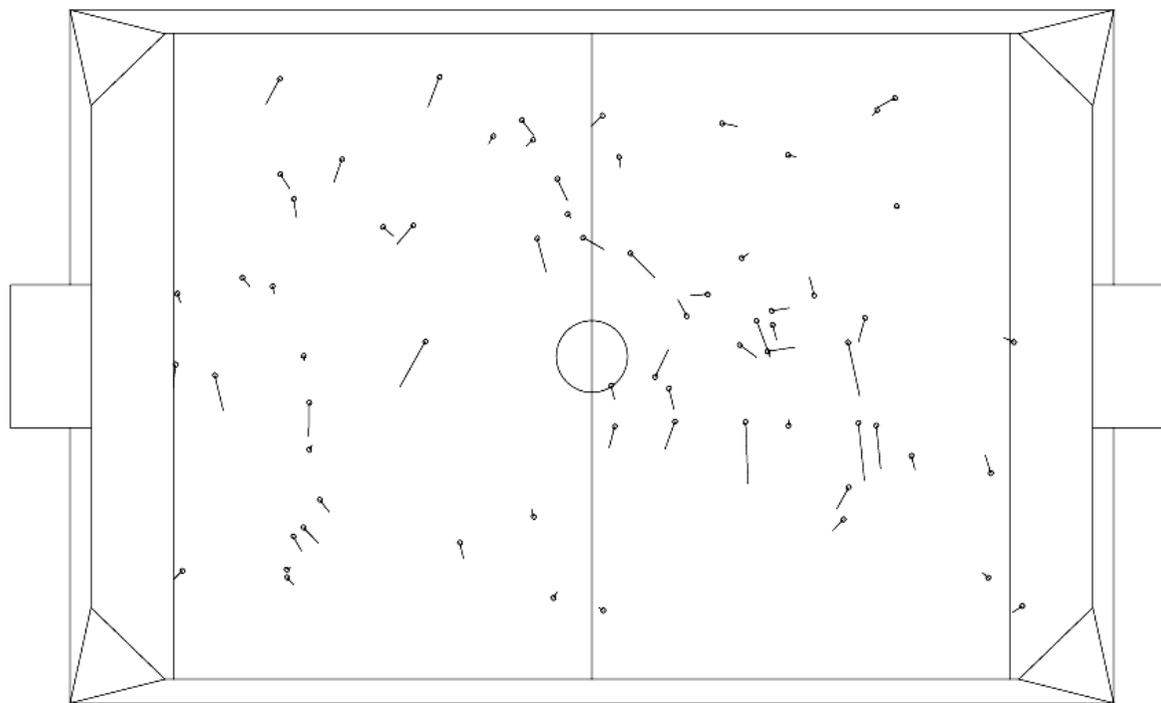
- ⚽ Robot continuously moving (by joystick)
- ⚽ Approx. 5300 measurements
- ⚽ Average error < 10.5 cm  
(field size is 420 x 270 cm<sup>2</sup>)





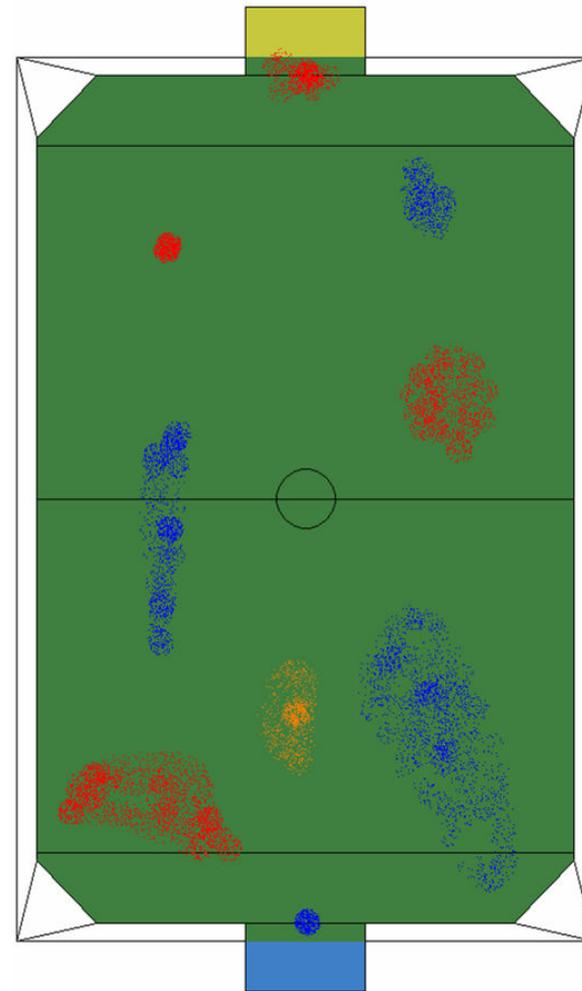
## Localization – Experiment 2

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



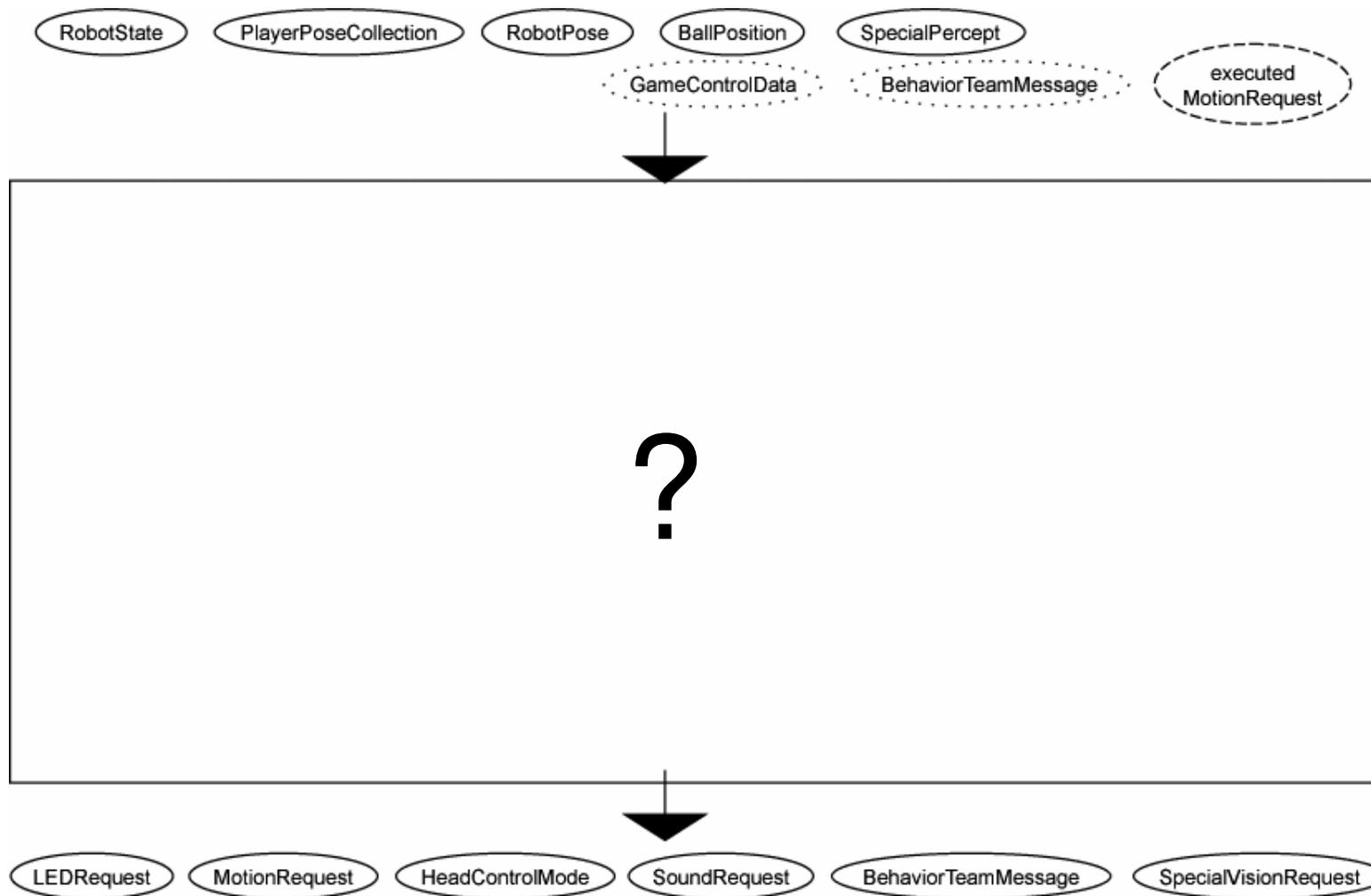
## World Modeling - Probabilistic Approach

- ⚽ 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



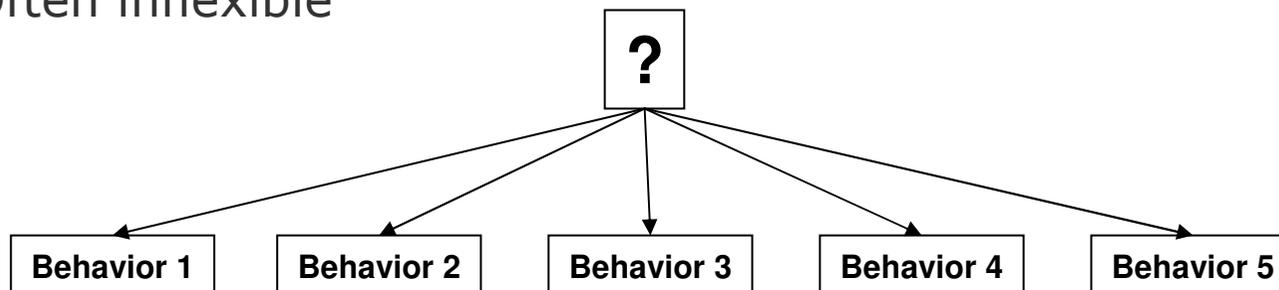


## Behavior Control – Demands

- ⚽ 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*

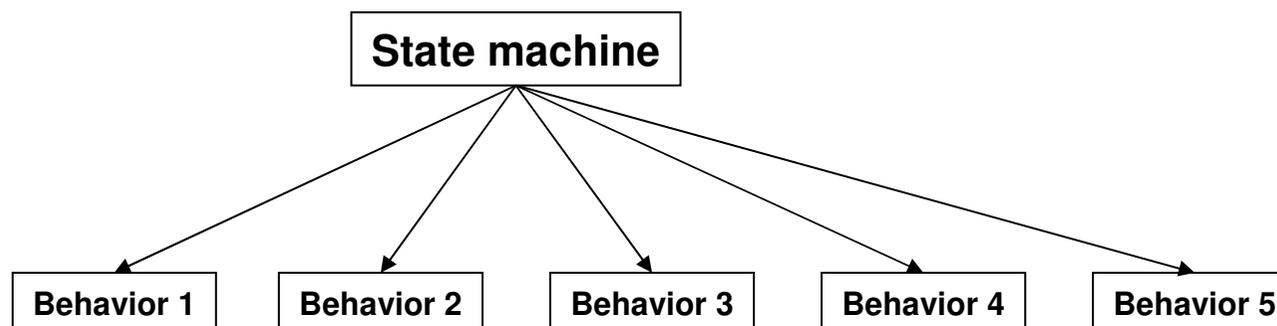
## Behavior Control – Approaches

- ⚽ 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



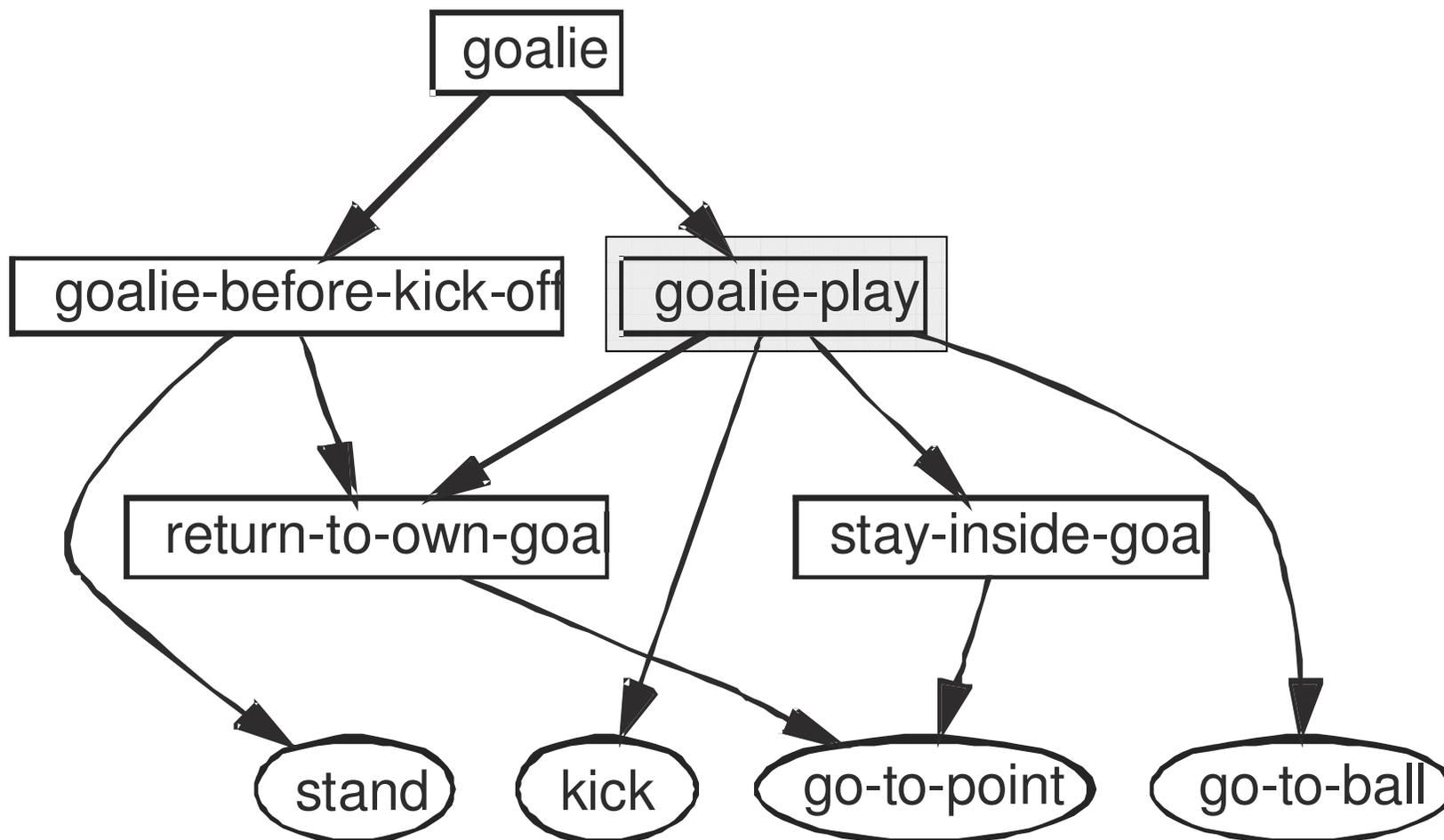
## Behavior Control – State Machines

- ⚽ 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**



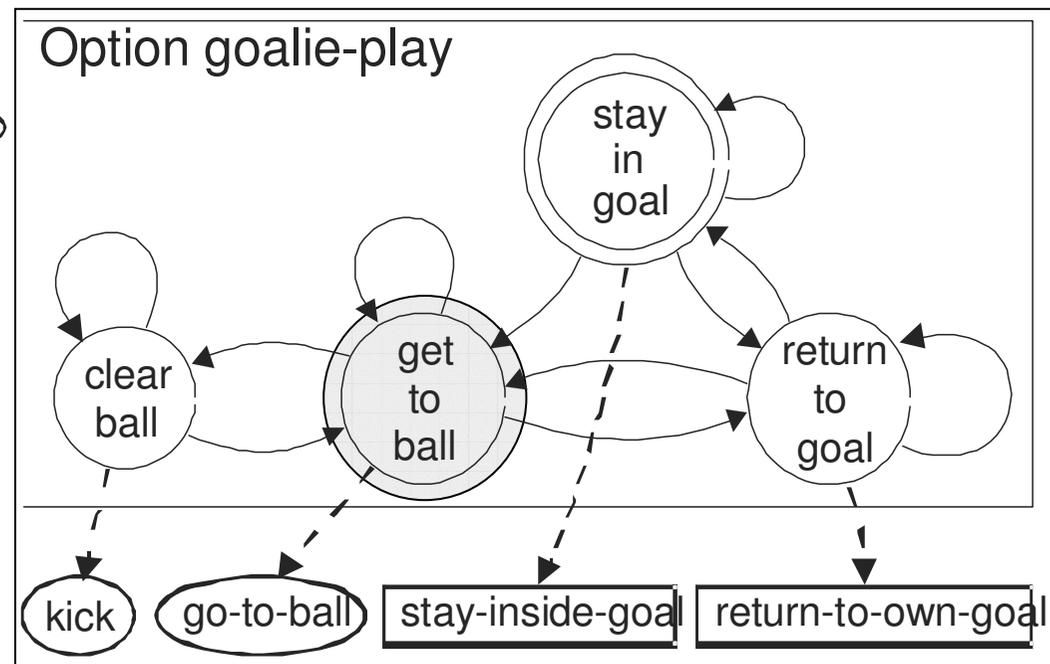
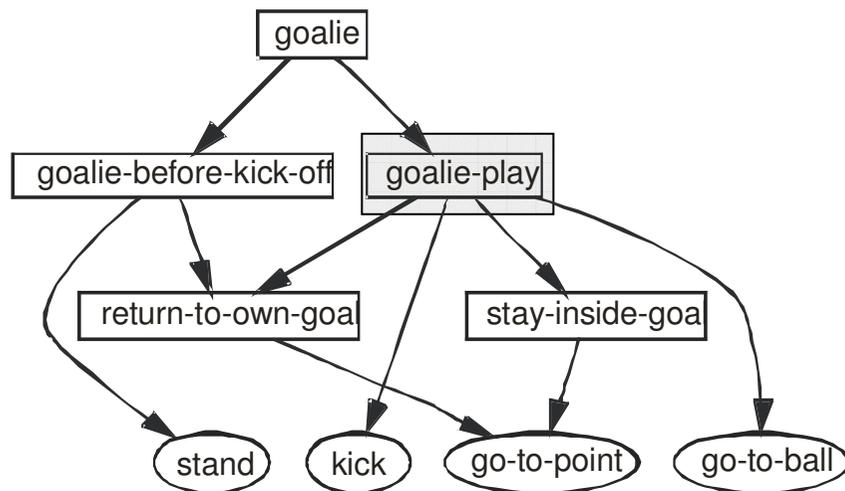


## Behavior Control – Hierarchy of Options

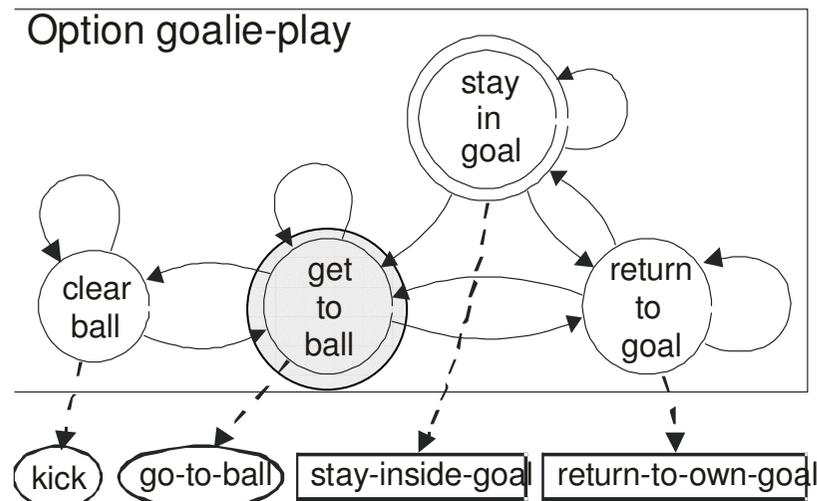
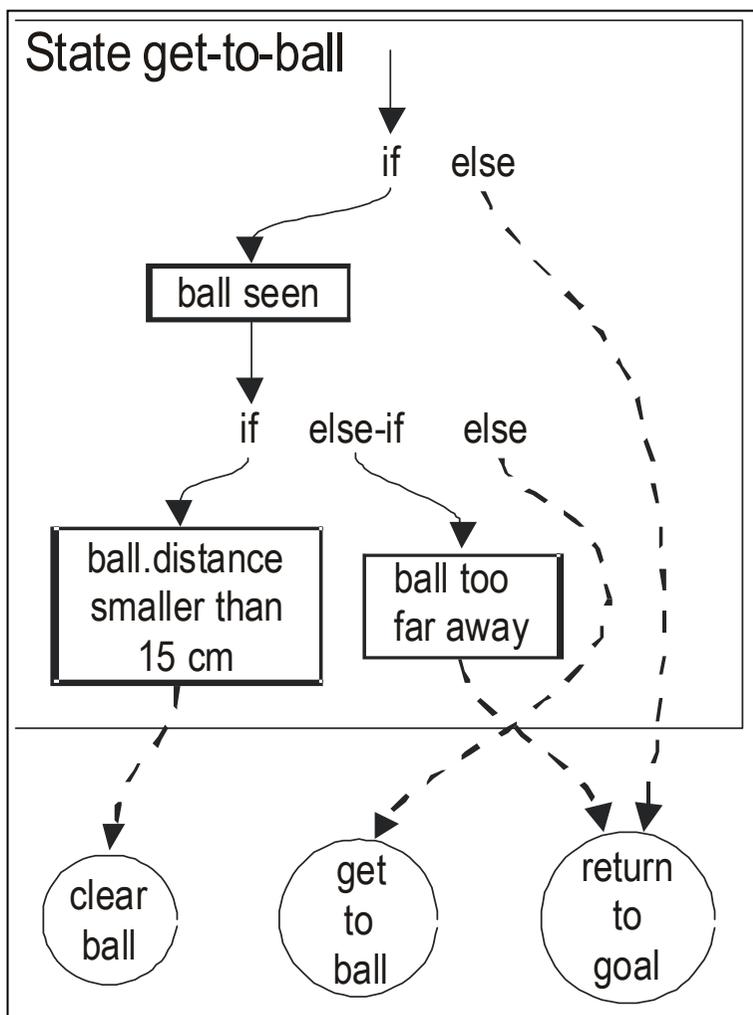




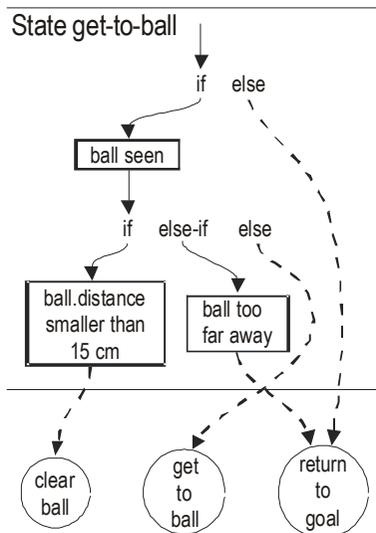
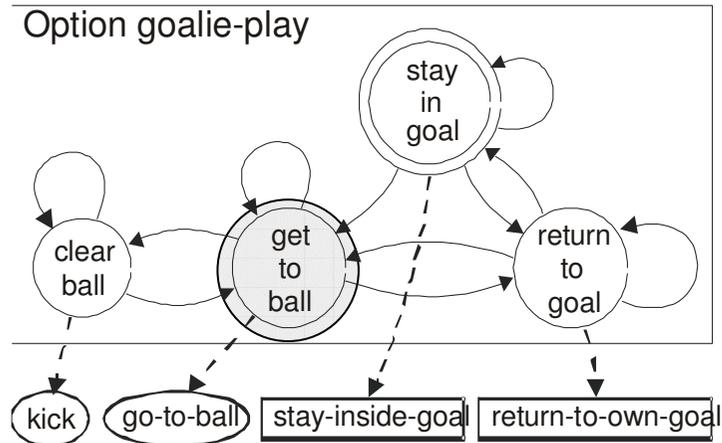
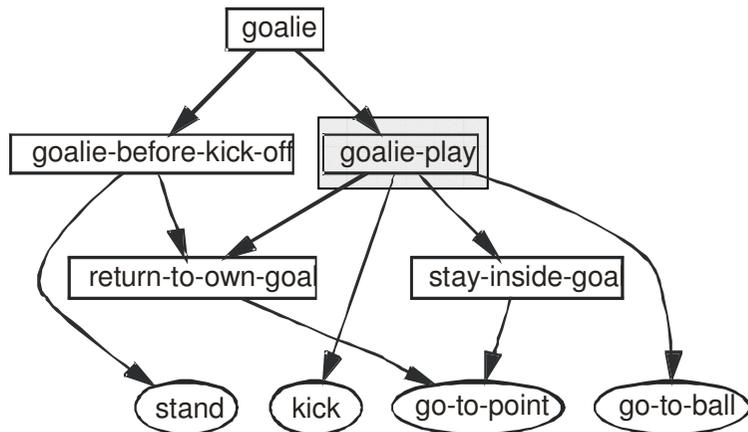
# Behavior Control – Options → States



# Behavior Control – States → Decision Trees



# Behavior Control – Hierarchy of Options



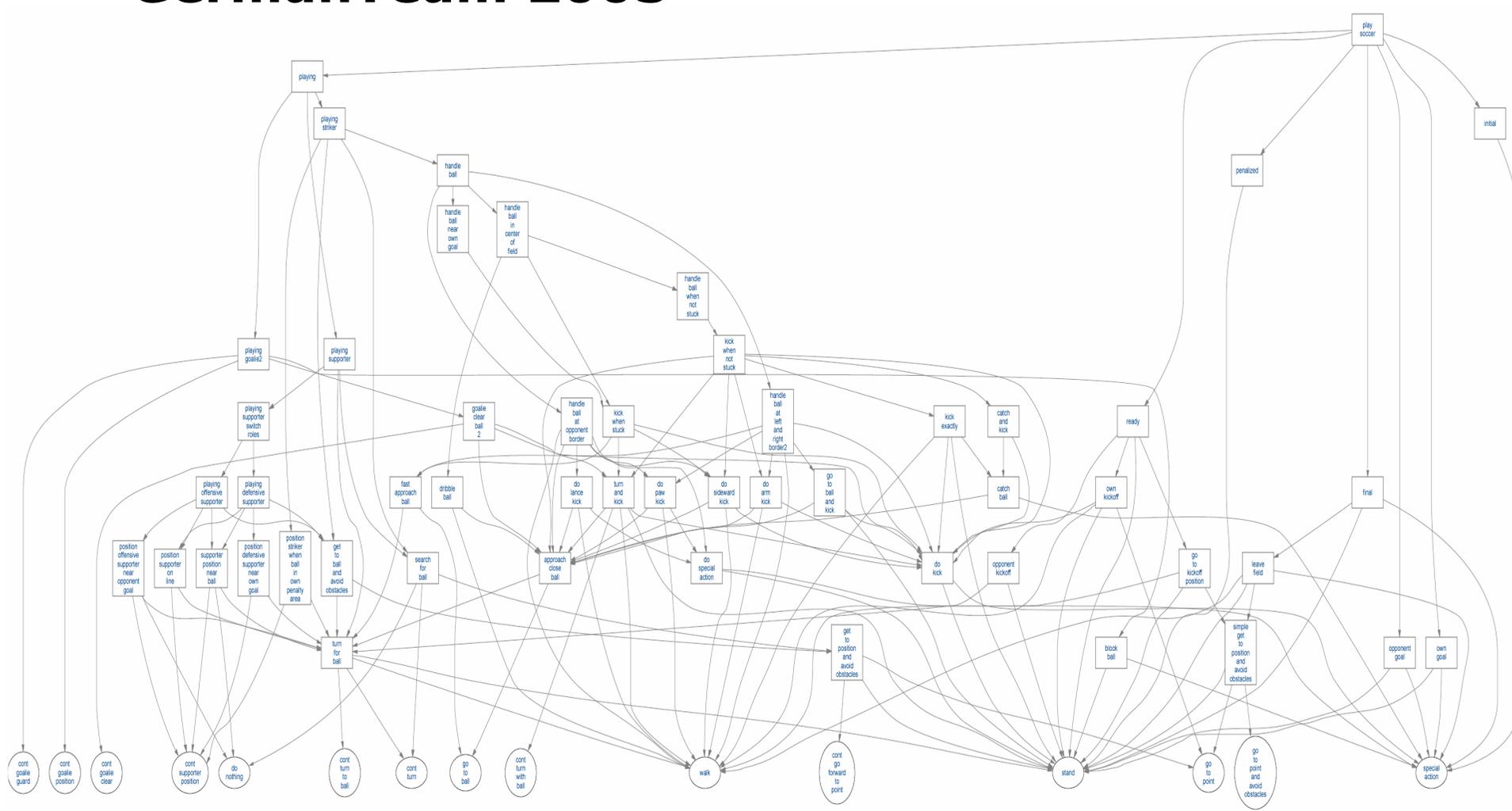
```

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 - Option Graph of GermanTeam 2003



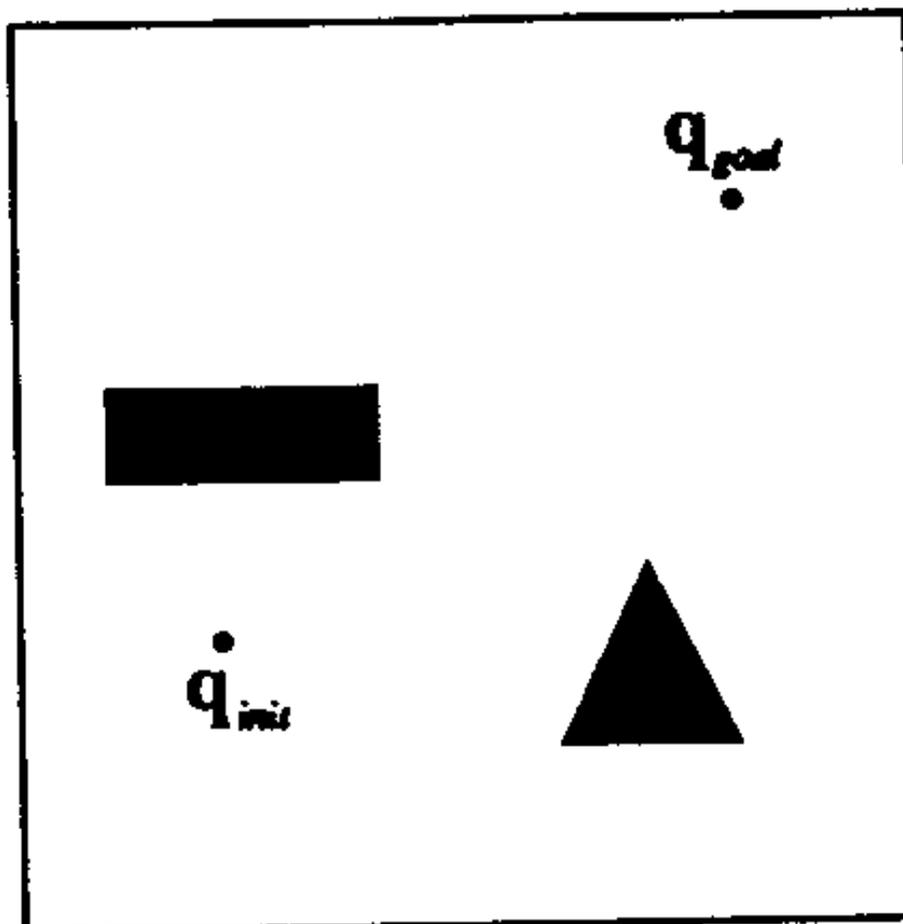


## Behavior Control – Extensible Agent Behavior Specification Language (XABSL)

- ⚽ 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

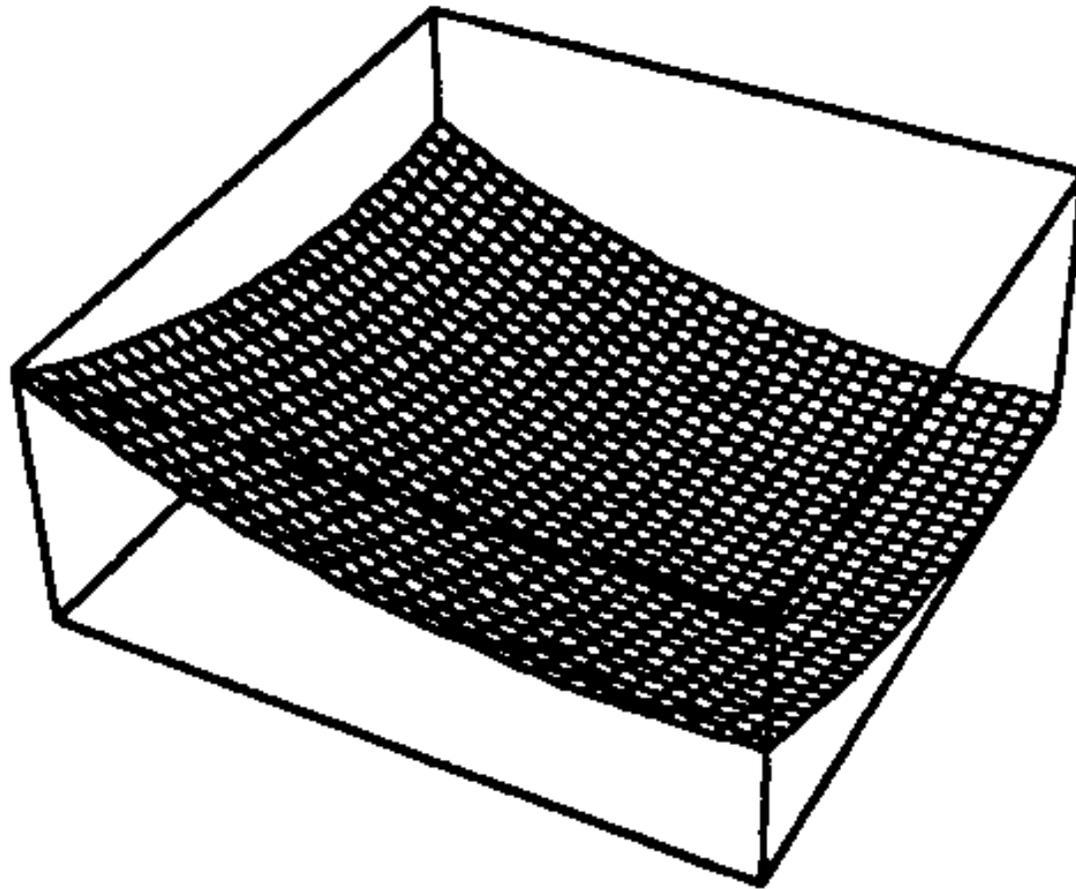


# Potential Fields – Motion Planning



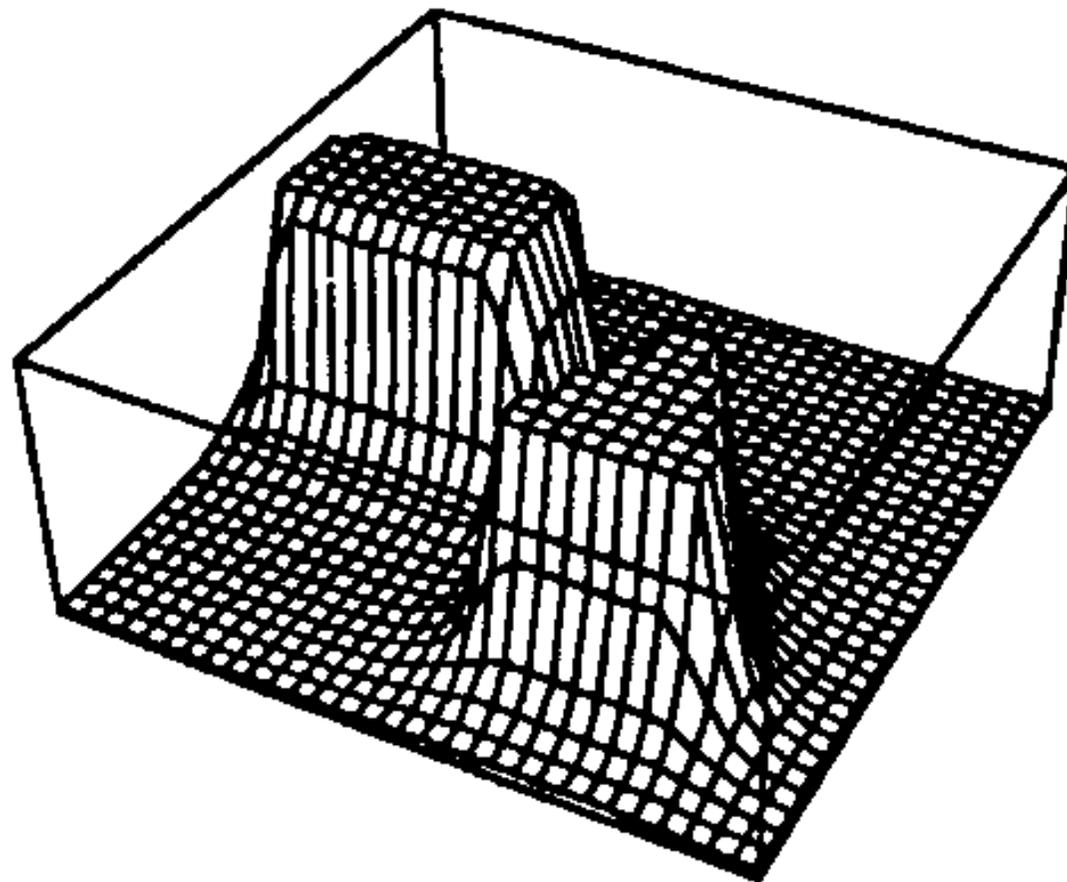


## Potential Fields – Goal



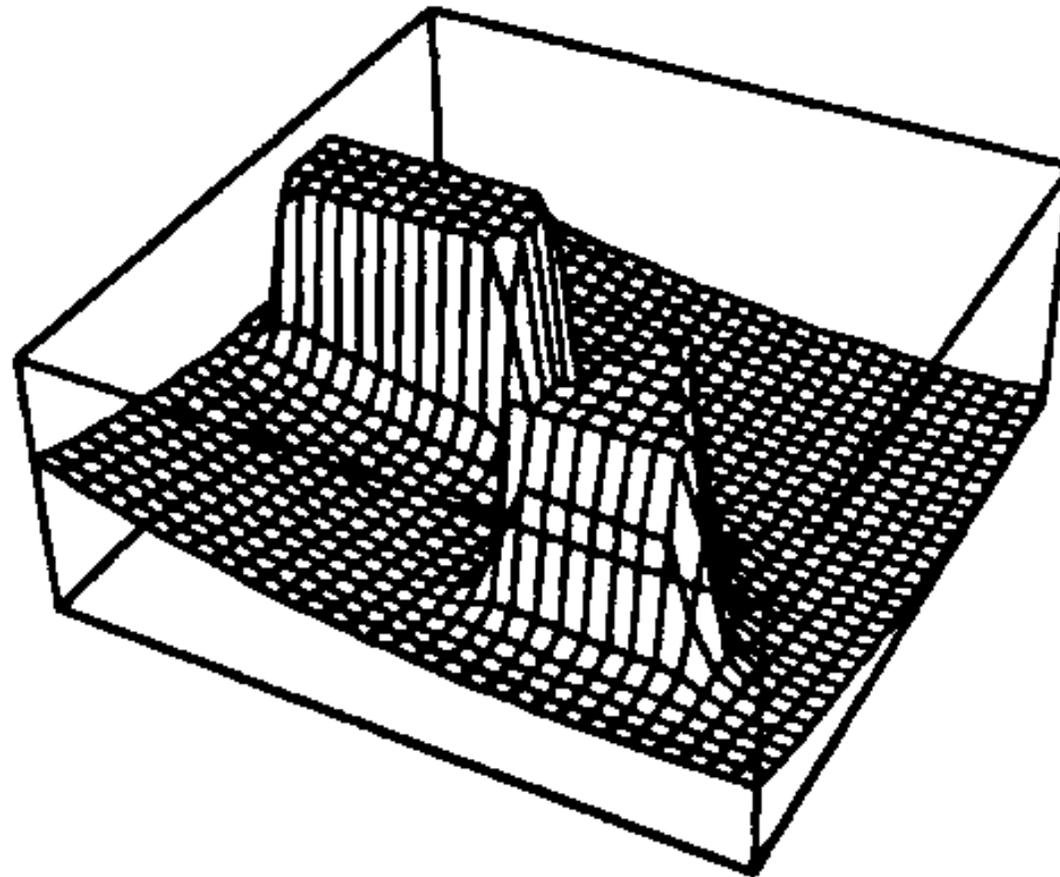


## Potential Fields – Obstacles



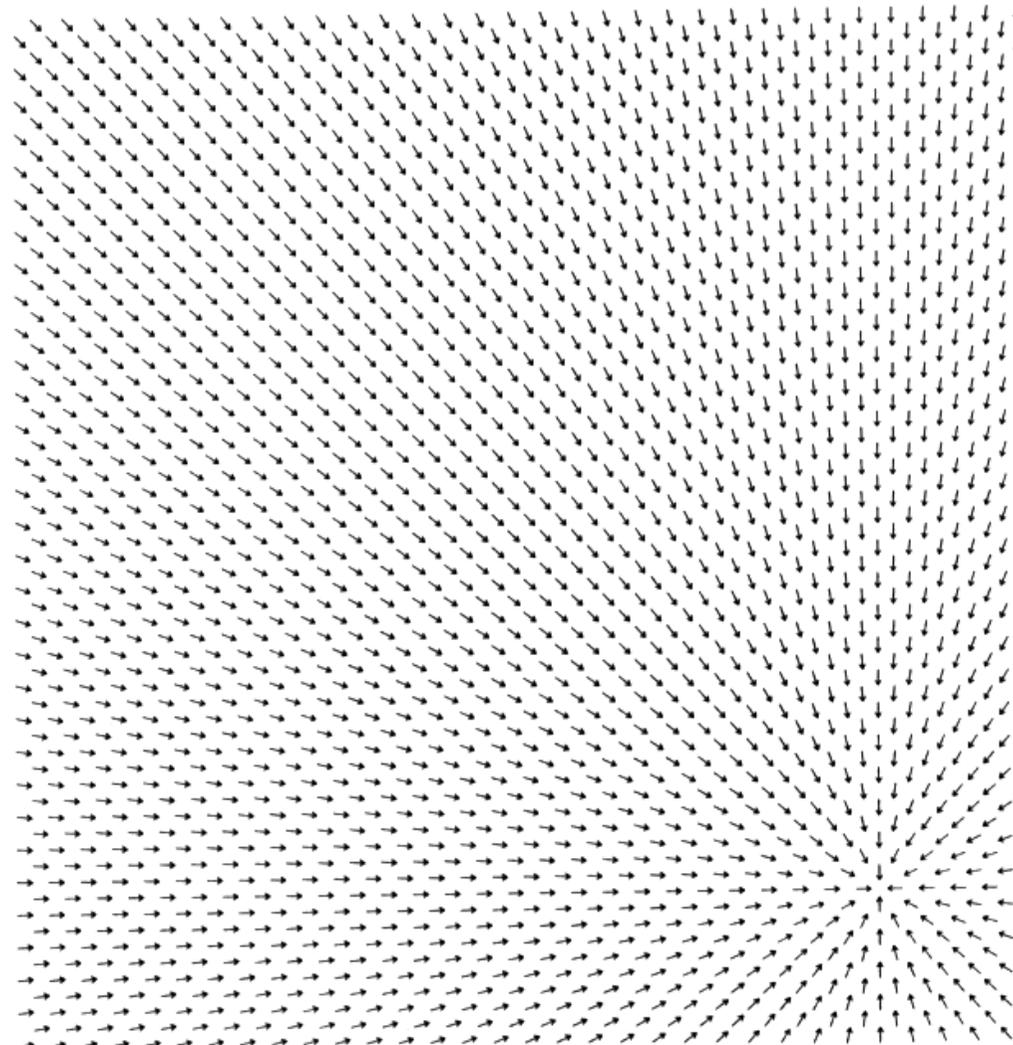


## Potential Fields – Combination



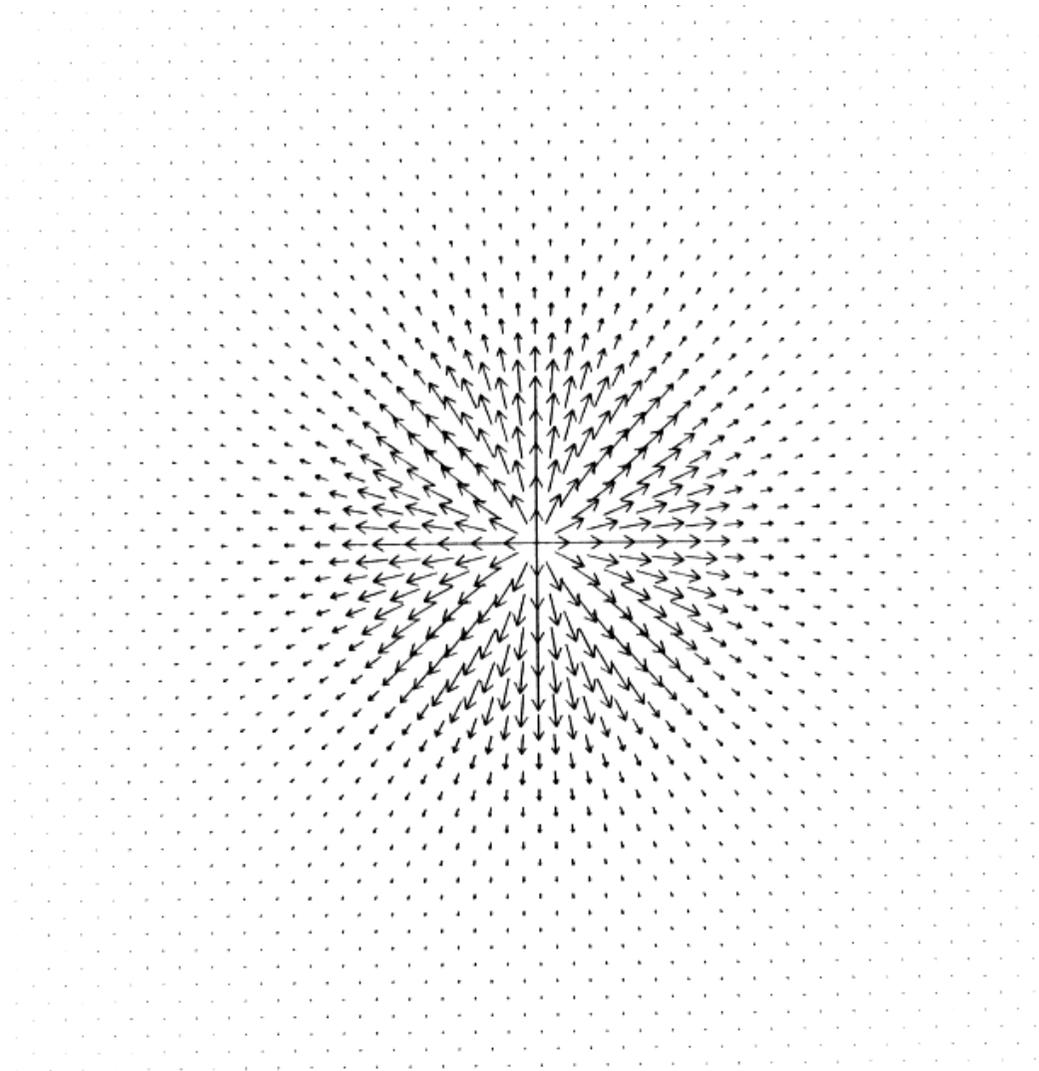


## Potential Fields – Gradients



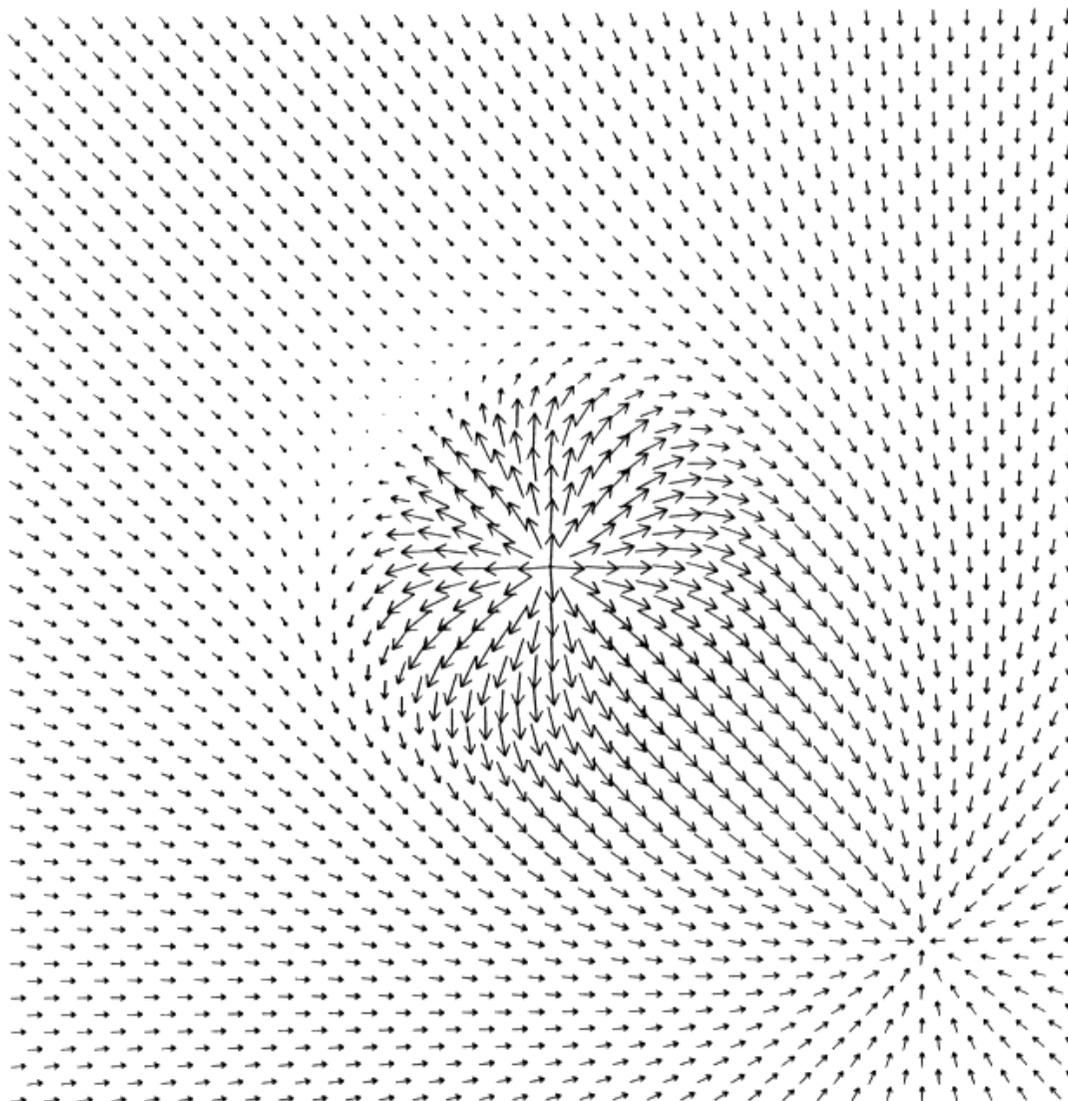


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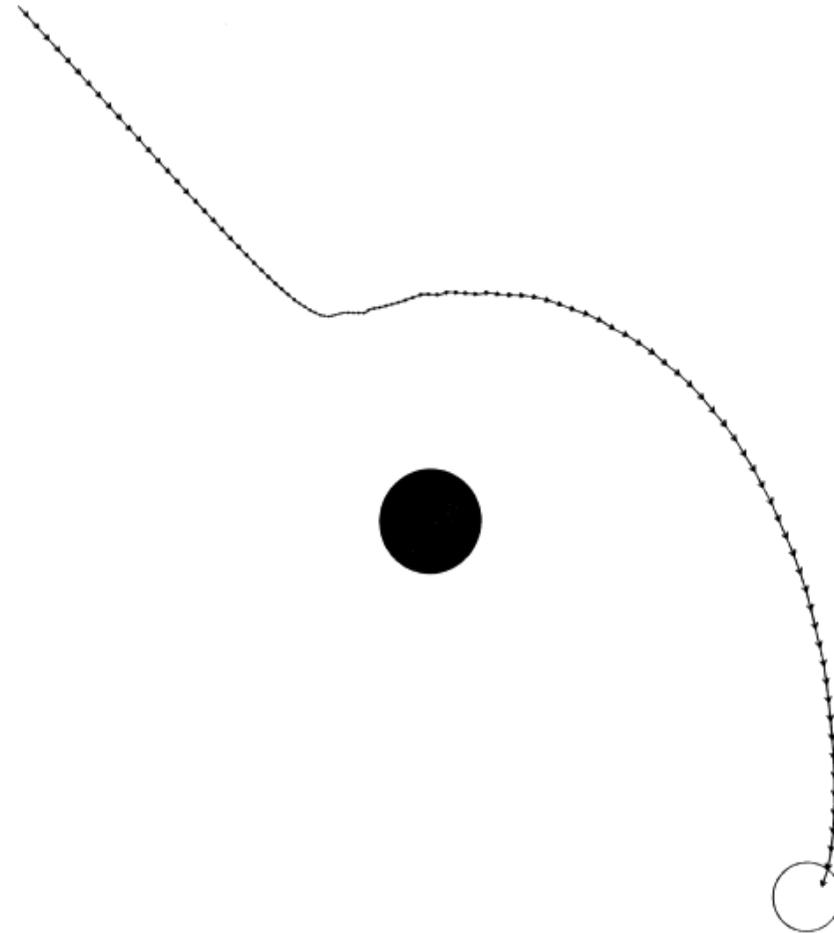


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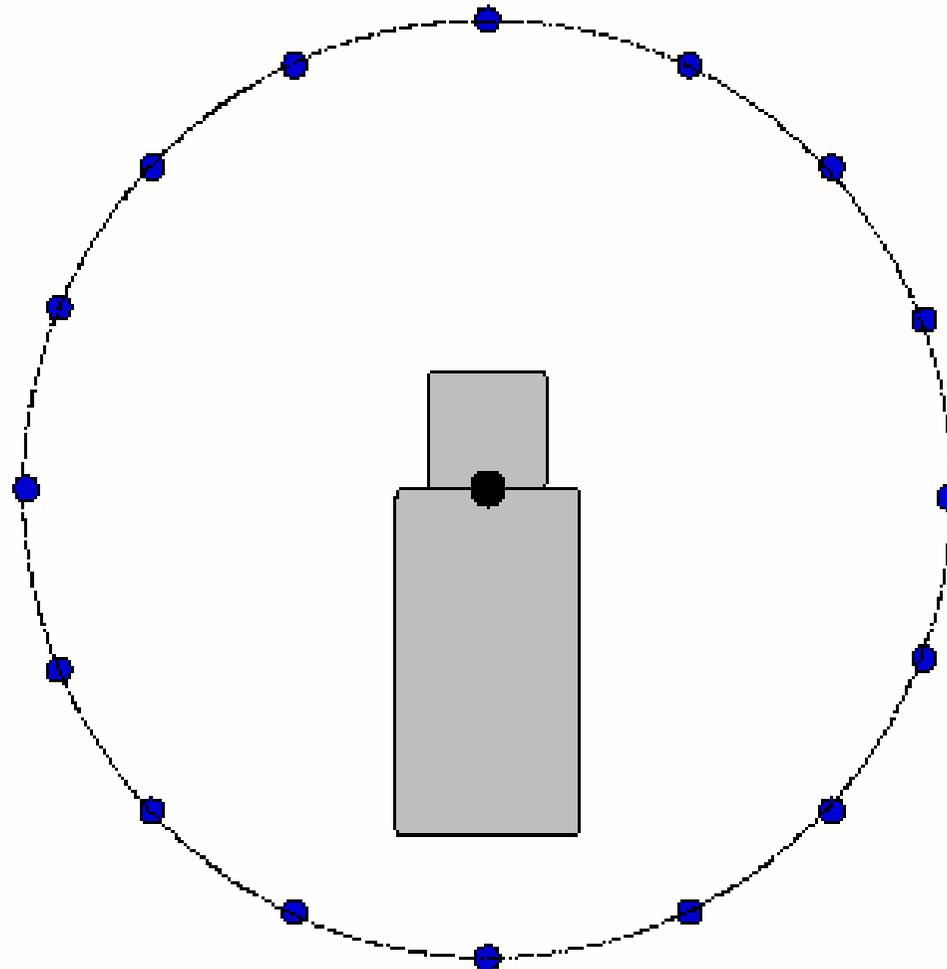


## Potential Fields – Gradients



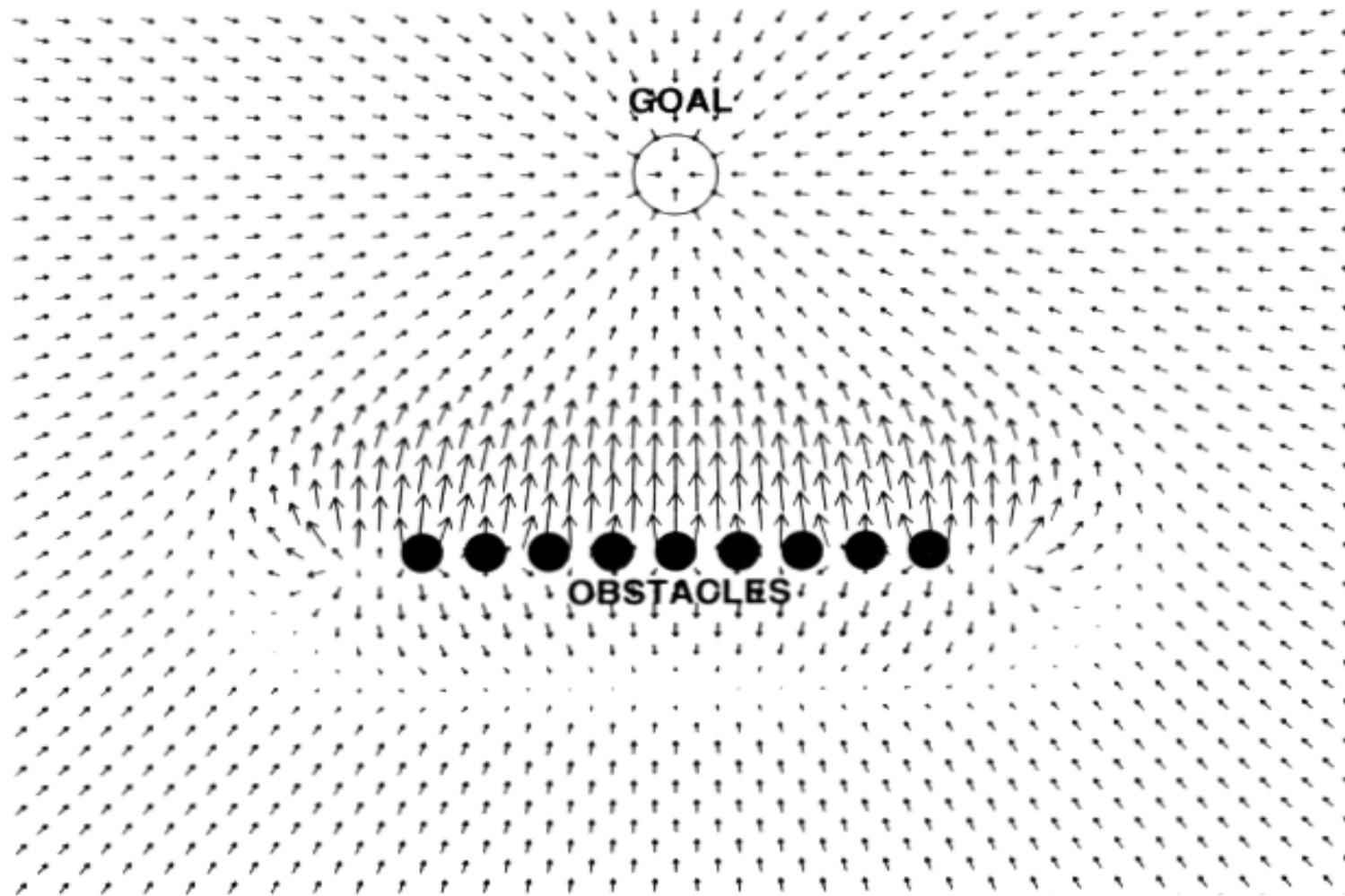


## Potential Fields – Sampling



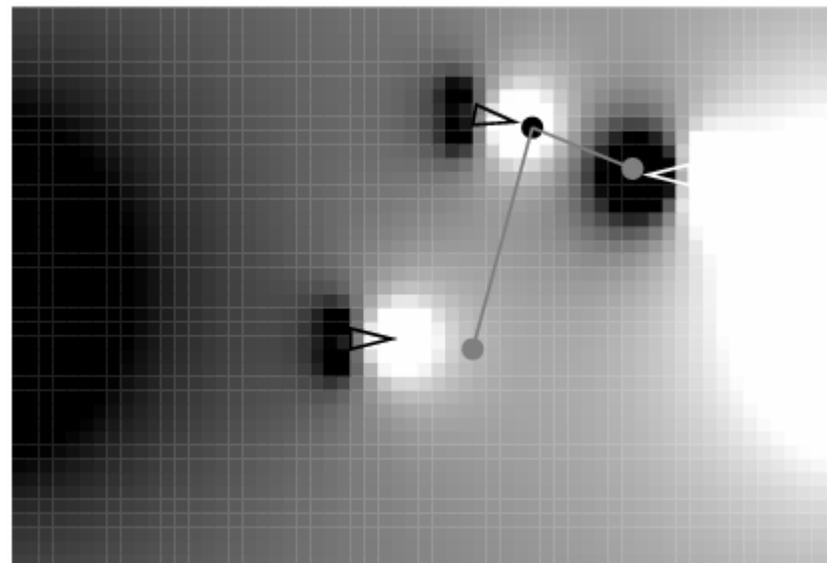
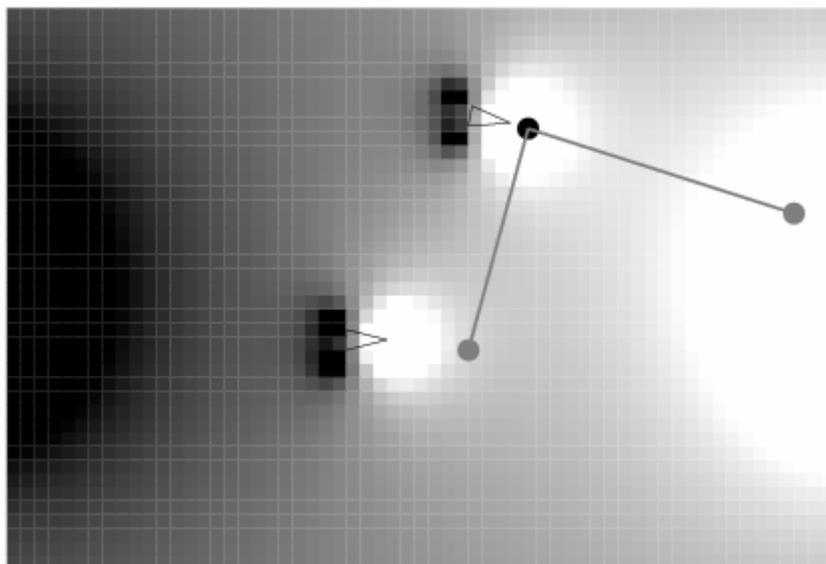


# Potential Fields – Local Minima





## Potential Fields – Action Planning





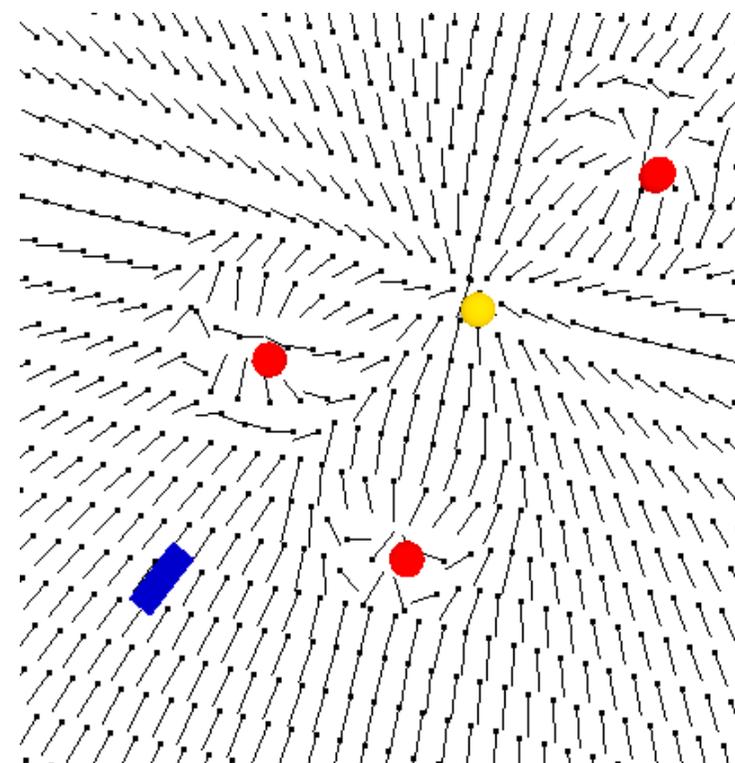
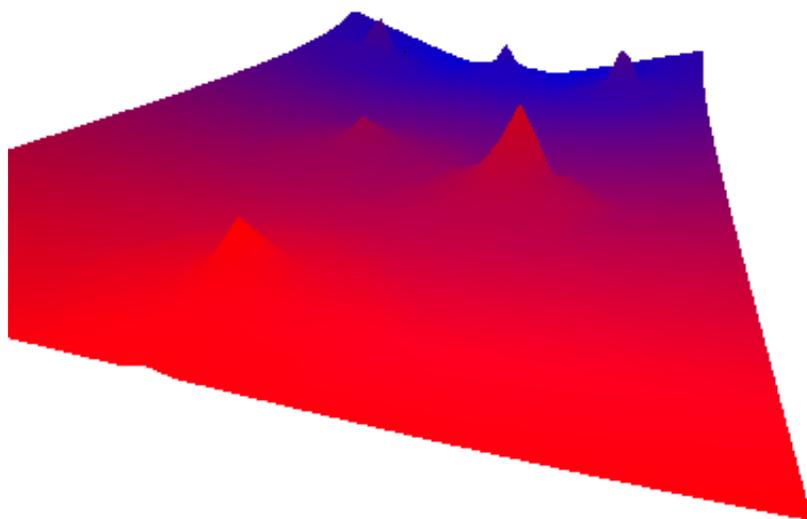
## Potential Fields – Definition in XML

```
<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

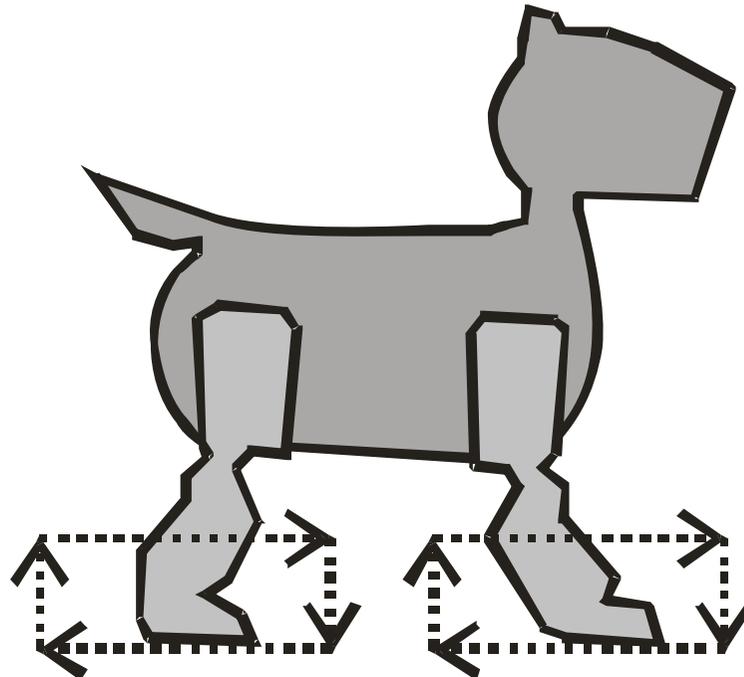
⚽ 3 per leg

⚽ Interpolation

⚽ Duration

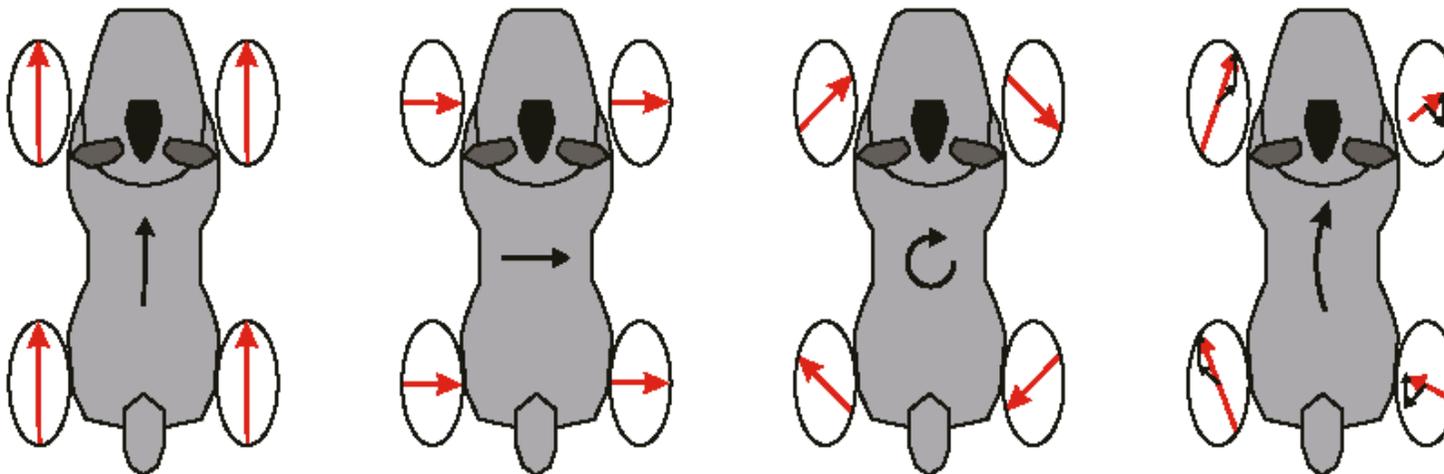
## Actuatorics – Walking engine

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



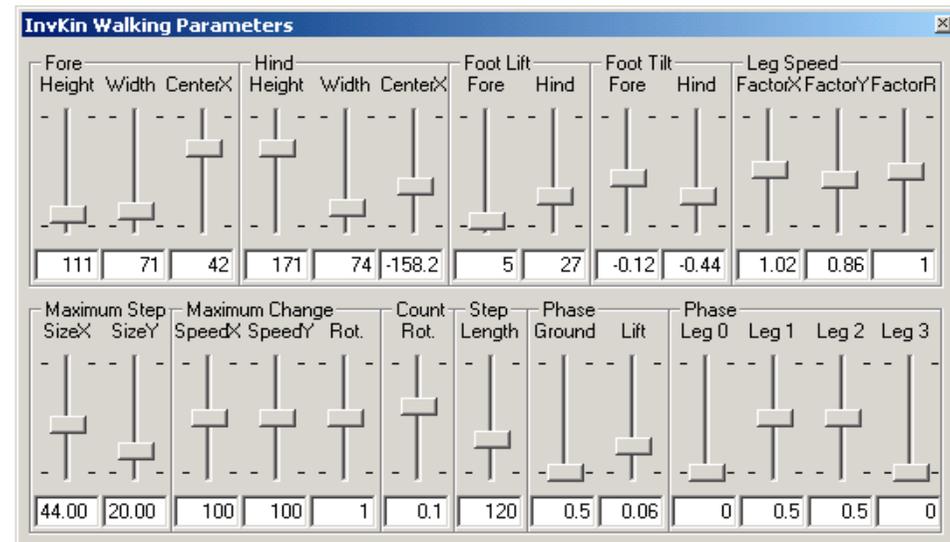
## Actuatorics – Walking engine

- ⚽ 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

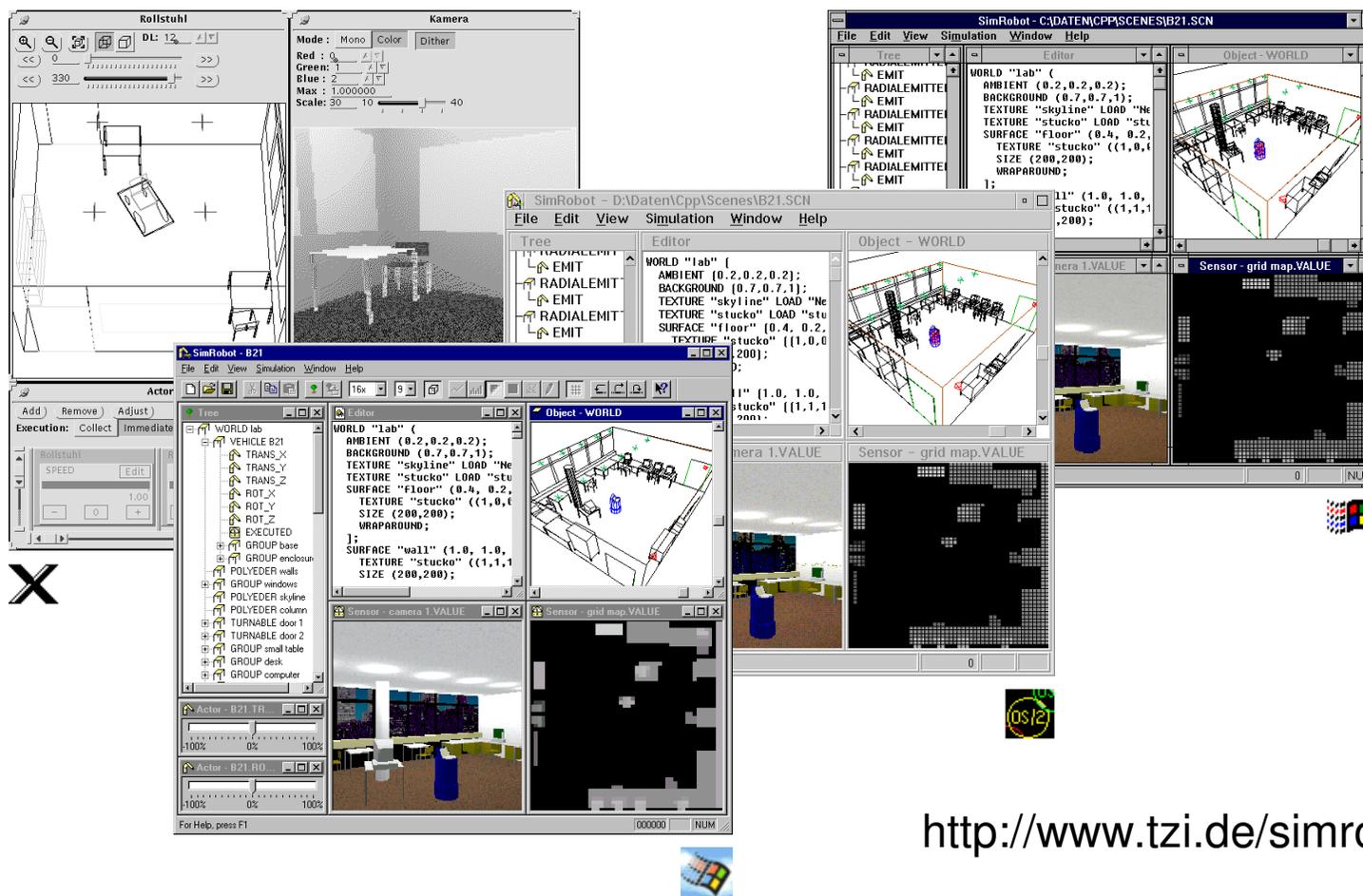
- 30 parameters
  - max. step size
  - step height
  - step length
  - ...



- Different parameter sets cause different walk types



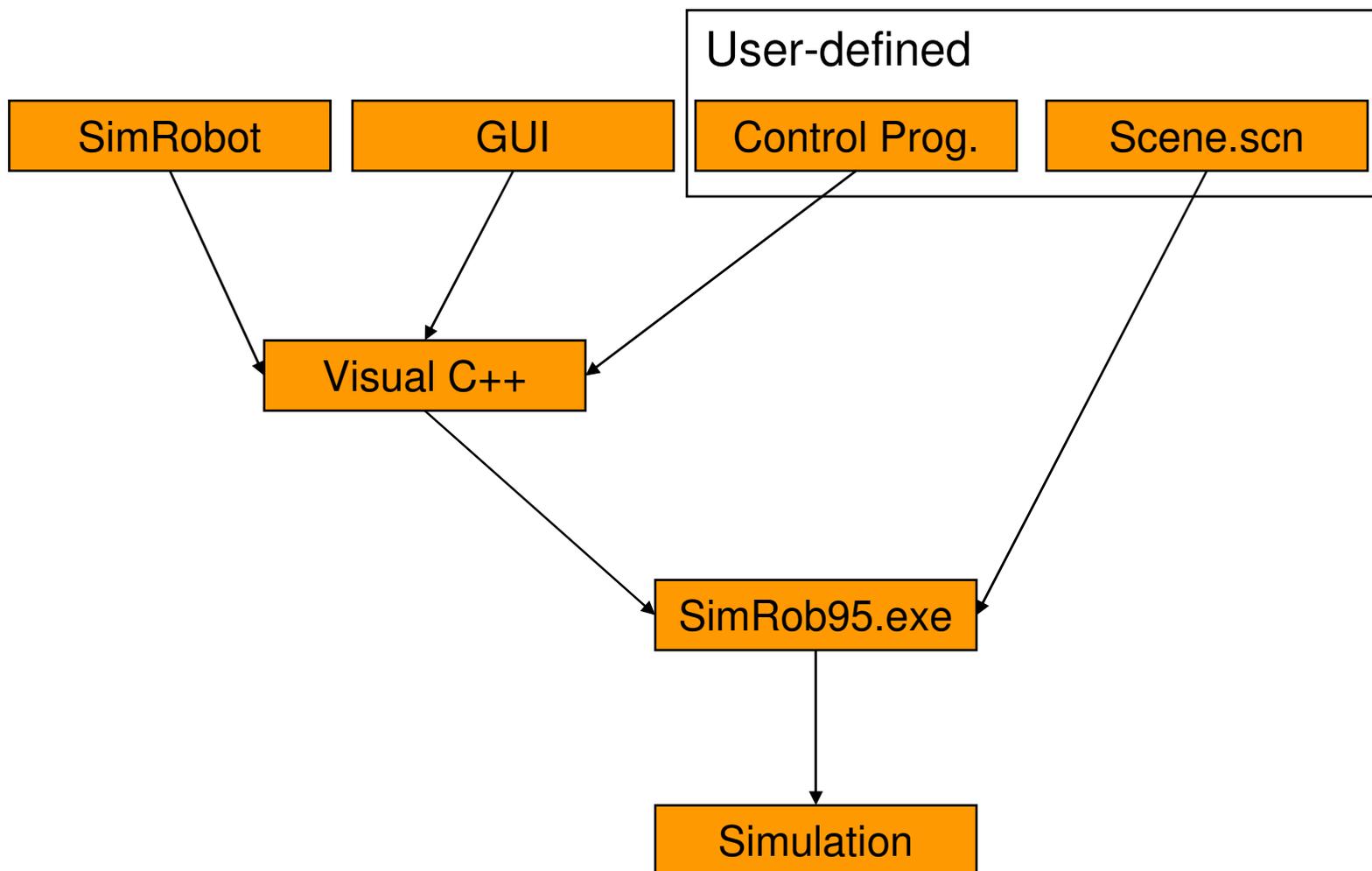
# Tools – SimRobot



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

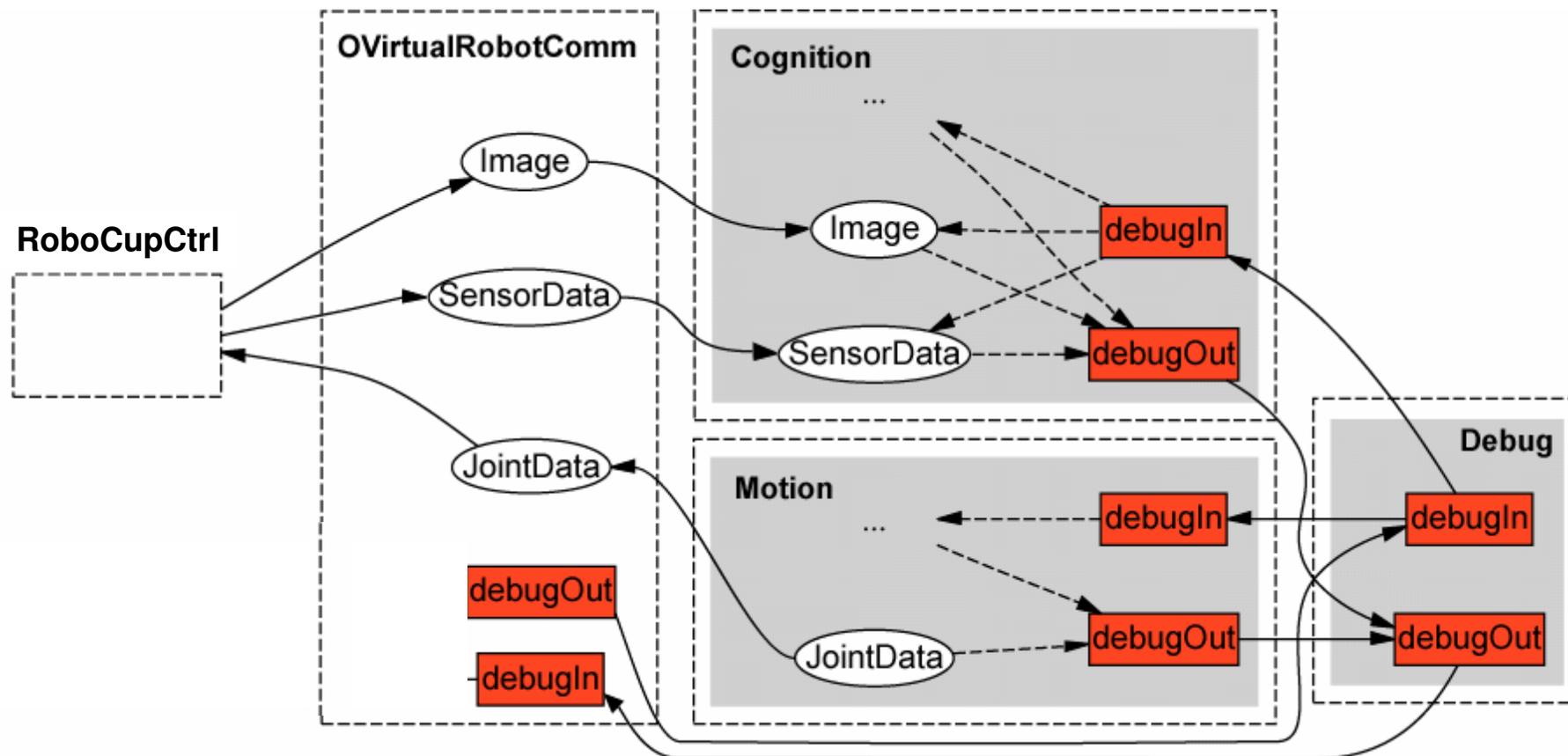


## Tools – Structure of SimRobot





## Tools – SFLRL Simulation in SimRobot





# Tools – SimRobot Demo

