

# Kalman Filter

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# Houston, we have a problem

Actual position of spacecraft???



Inertial Measurement Unit  
in lander

$$p = (x_a, y_a, z_a)$$



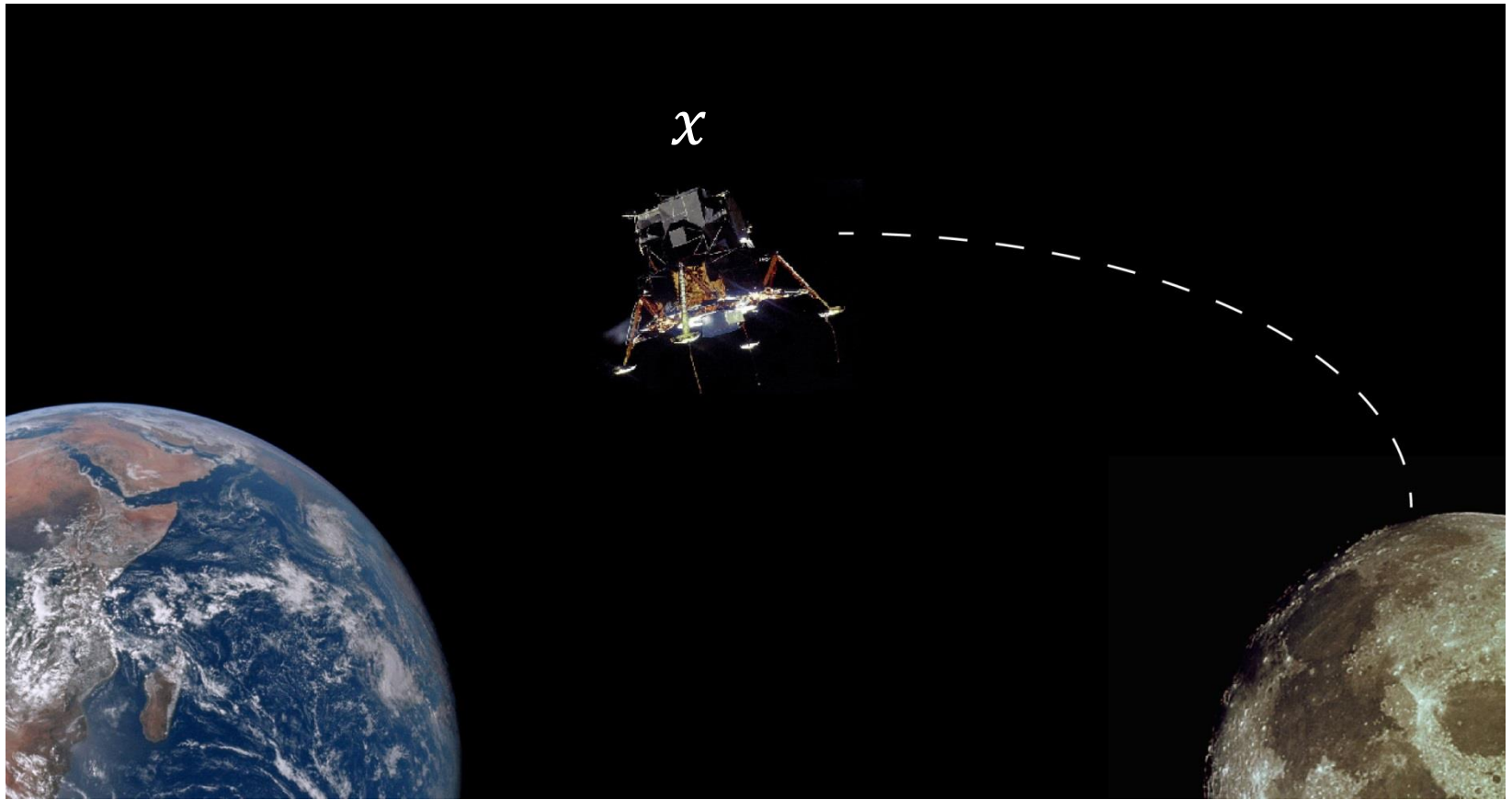
$$p = (x_d, y_e, z_f)$$

Ground-based doppler  
radar



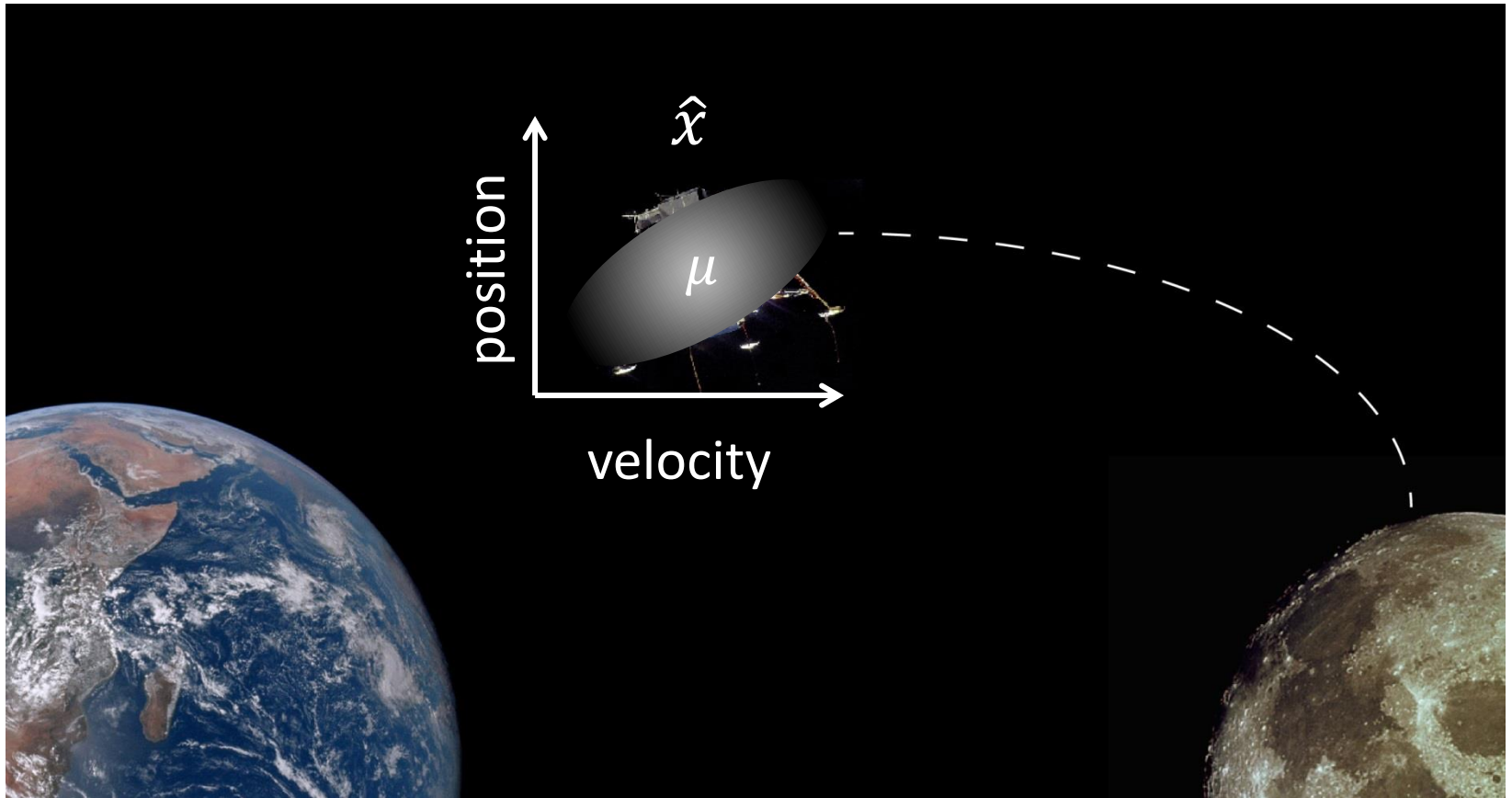
# Overview

- Takes in the latest estimate of the state of a system and provides a best estimate of the current state given some measurement
- Best used when:
  - Need to **combine** multiple **noisy** sources of information
  - We have approximate knowledge of how a system changes over time ( $p_k = p_{k-1} + \Delta t \times v_{k-1}$ )
  - Noise is modeled by a Gaussian process



$$x = \begin{bmatrix} position \\ velocity \end{bmatrix}$$

Don't forget, we're  
working with  
matrices!

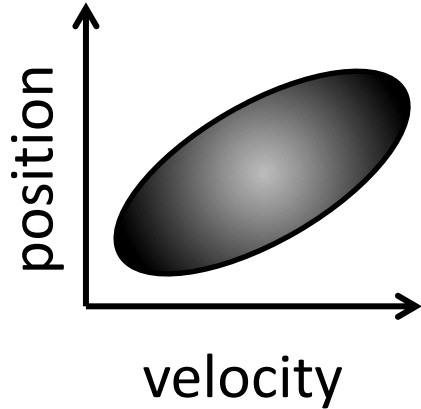


$$\hat{x} = \begin{bmatrix} position \\ velocity \end{bmatrix}$$

This is just an estimate of the state!

$$position = N(\mu, \sigma_p^2)$$

# How can we use the variance?

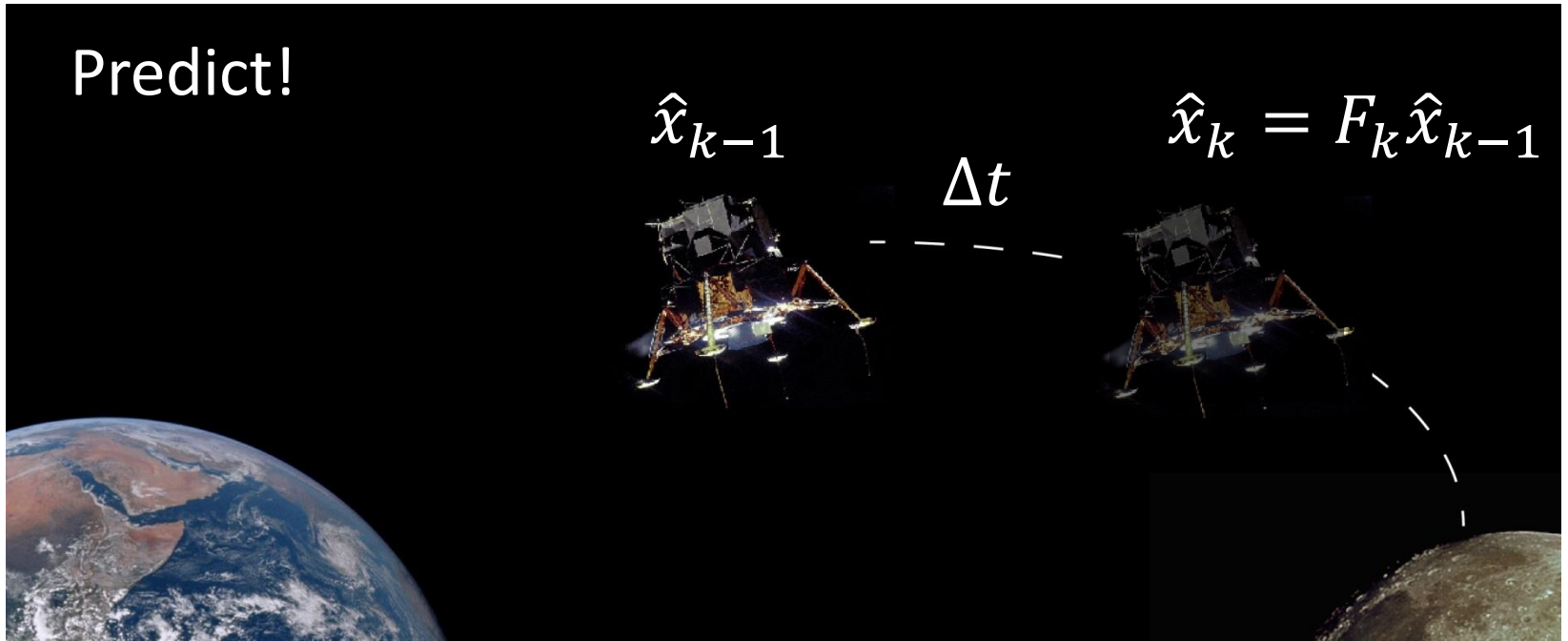


$$\mathbf{P}_k = \begin{bmatrix} \sum_{pp} & \sum_{pv} \\ \sum_{vp} & \sum_{vv} \end{bmatrix}$$

- We'll use the covariance to get a more accurate estimate of our current state
- $\mathbf{P}_k$  represents the accuracy of our state estimate

$$\sum_{ij} = \text{COV}(X_i, X_j) = \frac{\sum (X_i - \bar{X}_i)(X_j - \bar{X}_j)}{N - 1}$$

Predict!



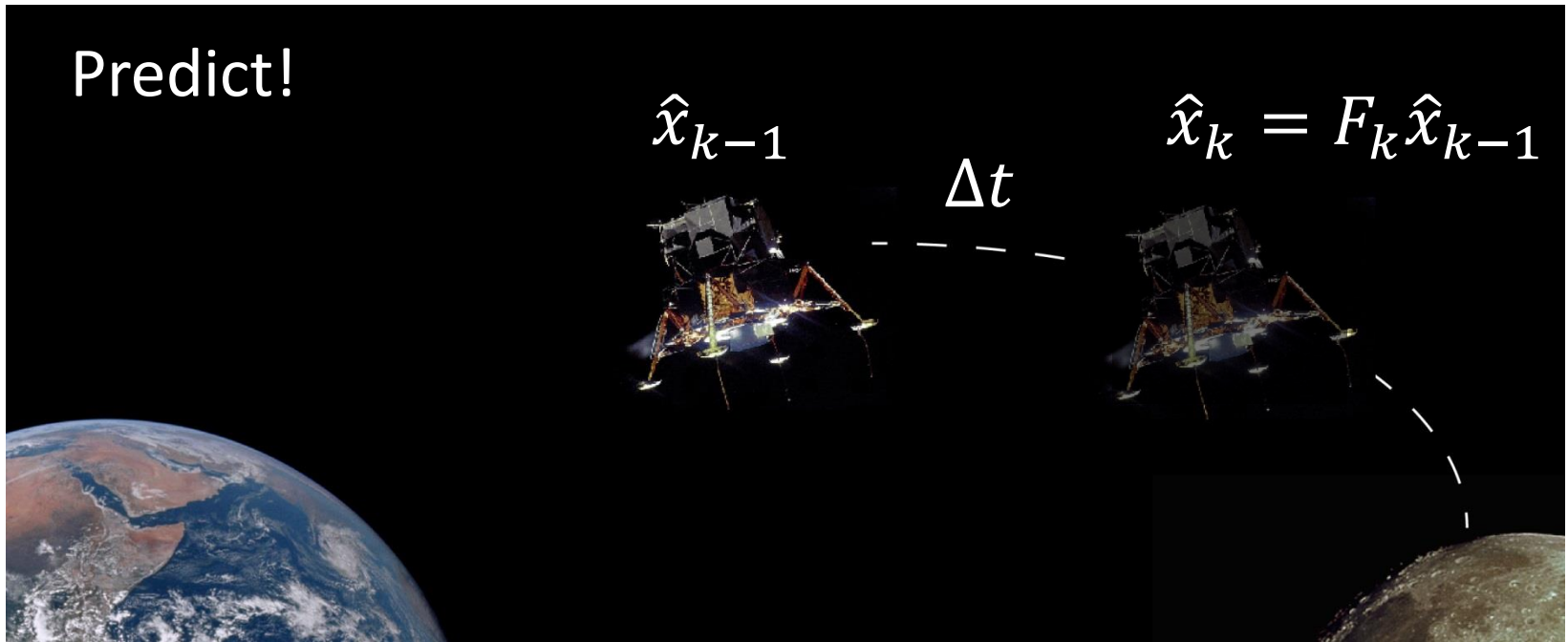
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$$\hat{v}_k = \hat{v}_{k-1}$$

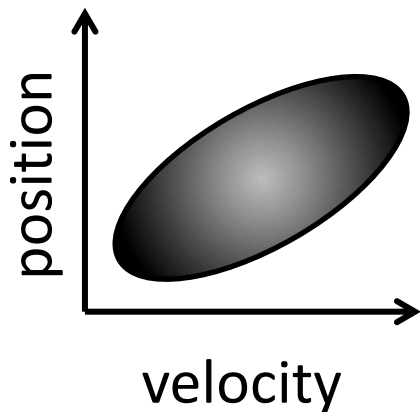
$$\hat{x}_k = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \Delta t \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \hat{x}_{k-1}$$

We will now apply a model  $F_k$  of how we believe our state will change by the next time time-step

Predict!



Need to update the covariance estimate....



$$\begin{aligned} \text{Cov Matrix}(X) &= \text{Cov}(X_i, X_j) \\ \text{Cov Matrix}(F_k X) &= \text{Cov}(F_k X_i, F_k X_j) = F_k \text{Cov}(X_i, X_j) F_k^T \end{aligned}$$

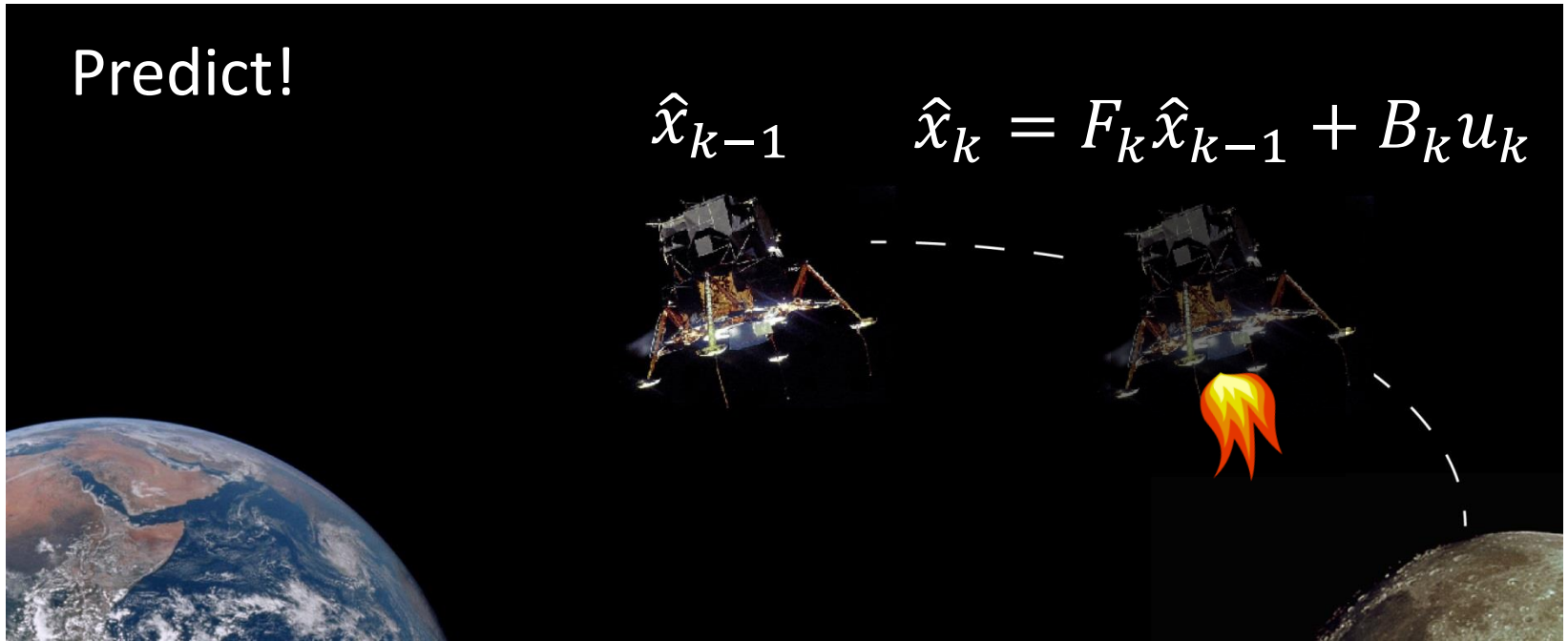
$$P_k = F_k P_{k-1} F_k^T$$



# How can we refine our prediction?

- Need to take into account *process noise*
  - forces acting on our system we don't know about (e.g. meteoroid impact)
  - Assumed to be drawn from a normal distribution
- What about input to the system?
  - Forces acting on our system that we DO know about! (e.g. thrusters being activated)
  - Need to apply a new model to convert this input to the resulting state

Predict!



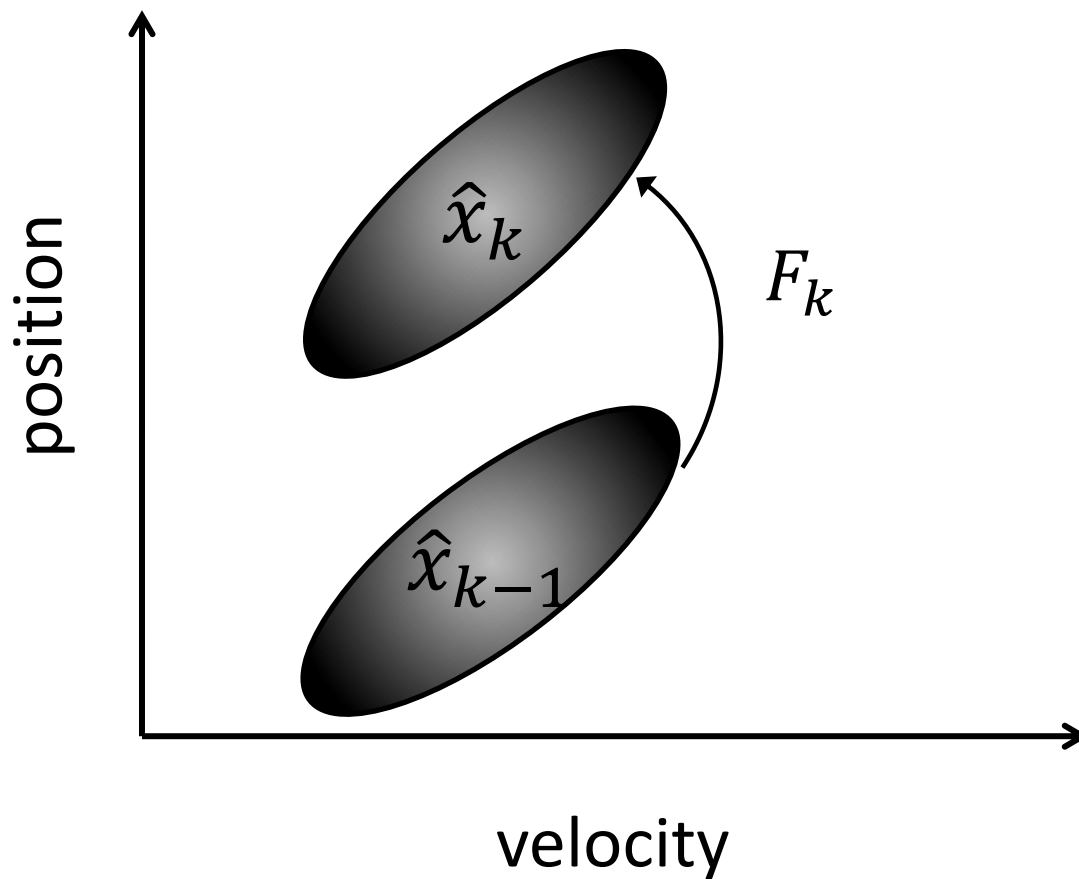
$$\hat{p}_k = \hat{p}_{k-1} + \Delta t \times \hat{v}_{k-1} + \frac{1}{2} a \Delta t^2$$

$$\hat{v}_k = \hat{v}_{k-1} + a \Delta t$$

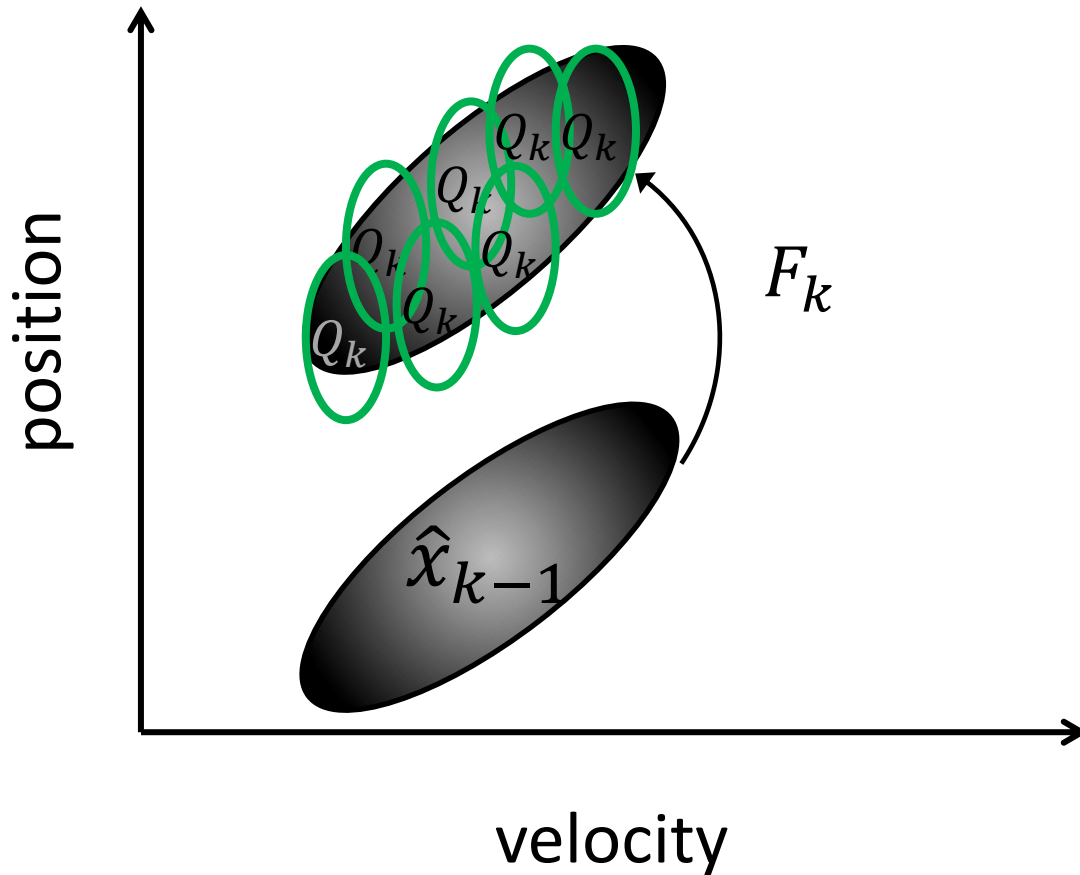
$$\hat{x}_k = F_k \hat{x}_{k-1} + \begin{bmatrix} \Delta t^2 / 2 \\ \Delta t \end{bmatrix} a$$

We will now apply a model  $\mathbf{B}_k$  of how we believe our input  $\mathbf{u}_k$  will change our state

# Process noise

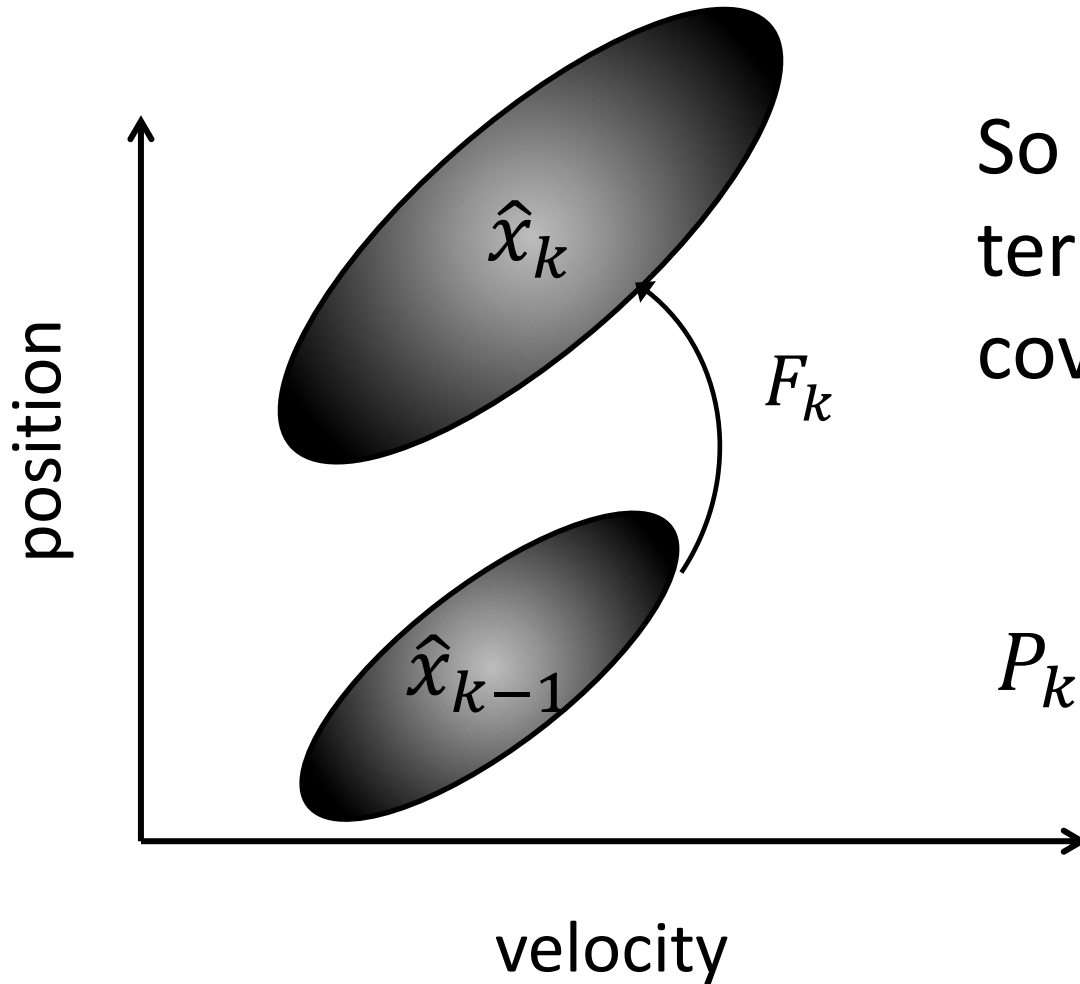


# Process noise



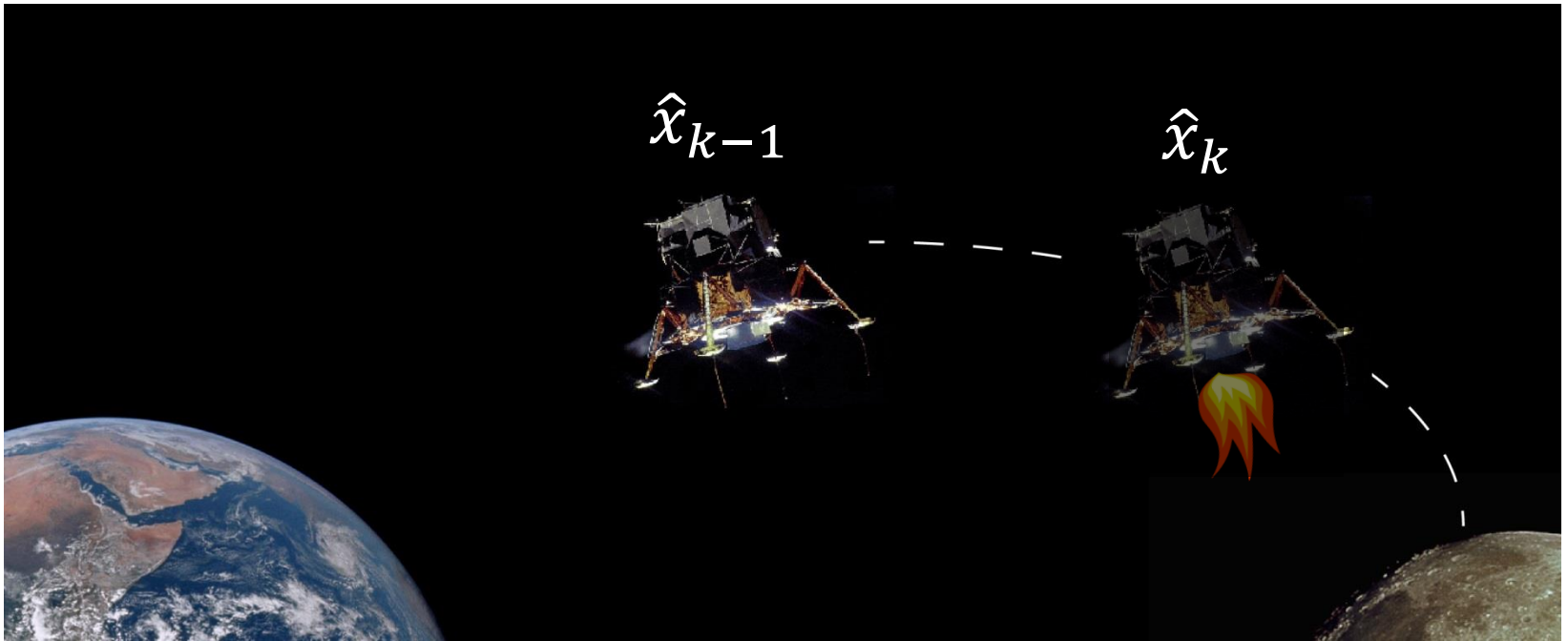
Don't know what  
the noise is,  
assume it's drawn  
from a normal  
distribution  
 $N(0, Q_k)$

# Process noise



So we'll just add this term to our existing covariance:

$$P_k = F_k P_{k-1} F_k^T + Q_k$$



## Predict Phase:

Predicted (*a priori*) state estimate:  $\hat{x}_k = F_k \hat{x}_{k-1} + B_k u_k$

Predicted (*a priori*) estimate covariance:  $P_k = F_k P_{k-1} F_k^T + Q_k$

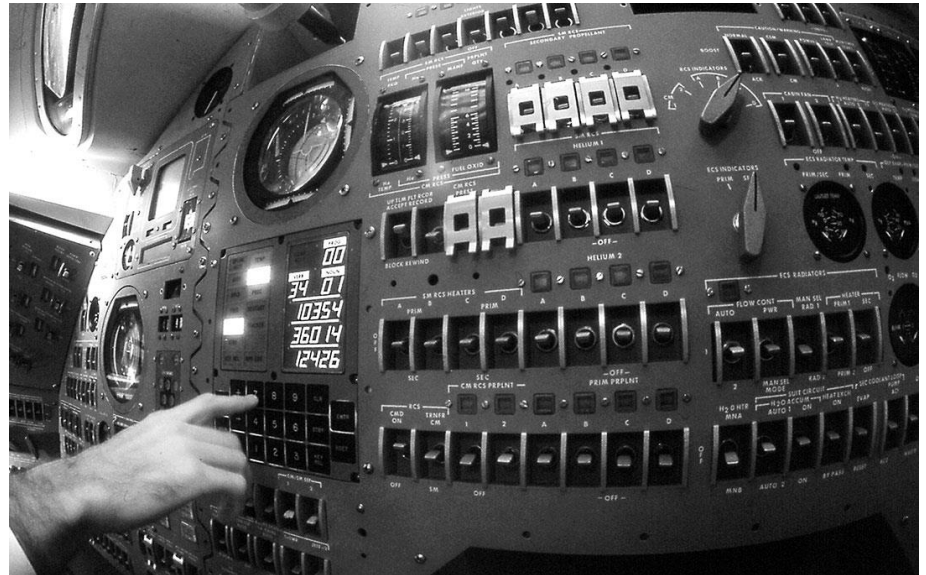
# Now to update our estimate

- We'll make an observation  $z_k$  of our state  $x_k$

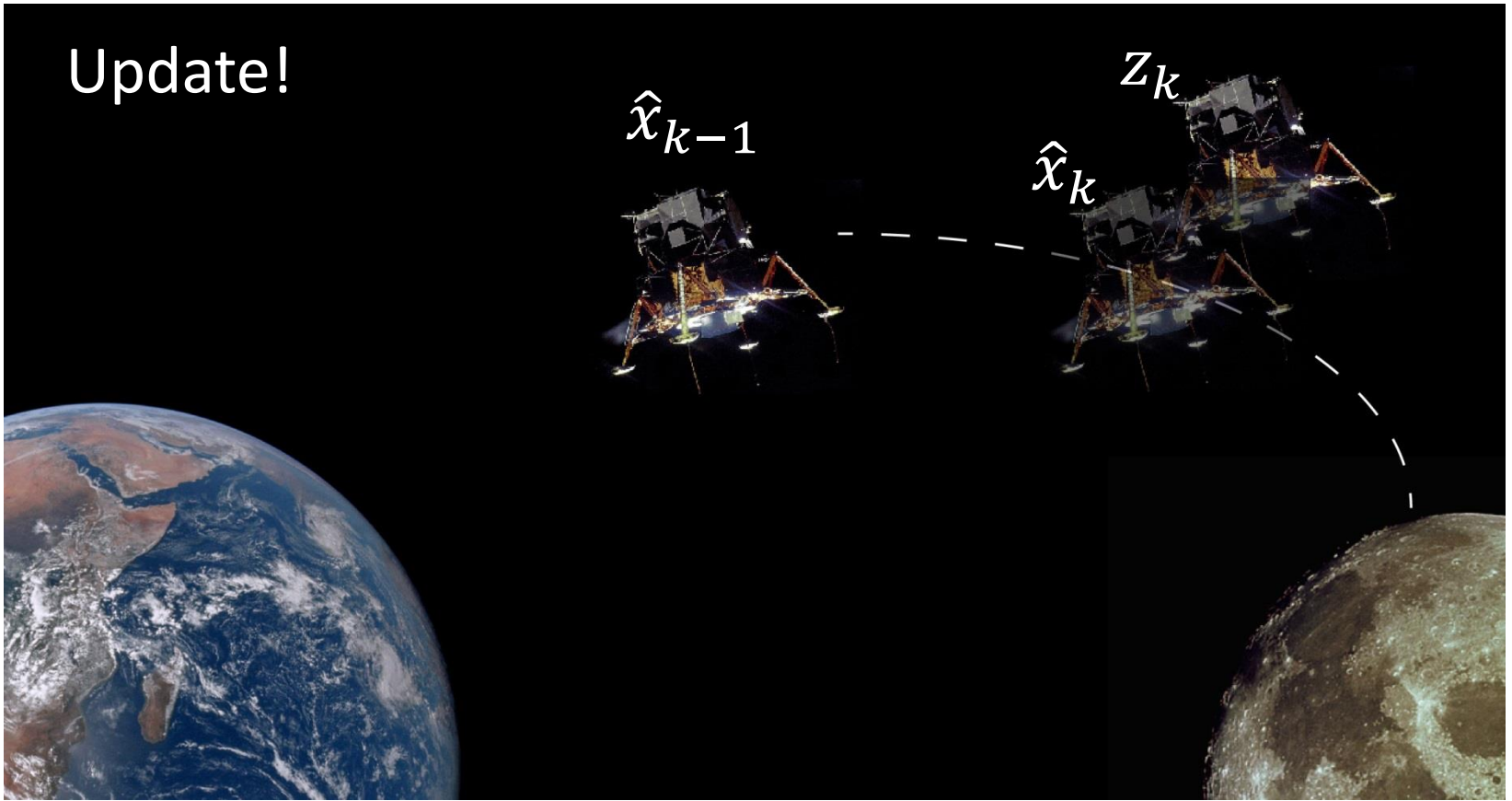
$$z_k = H_k x_k + v_k$$

Where  $H_k$  is a model of how to transform our observation into the state (e.g. sensor has different units/scale than state)

Where  $v_k$  is the observation noise, drawn from a Gaussian  $N(0, R_k)$



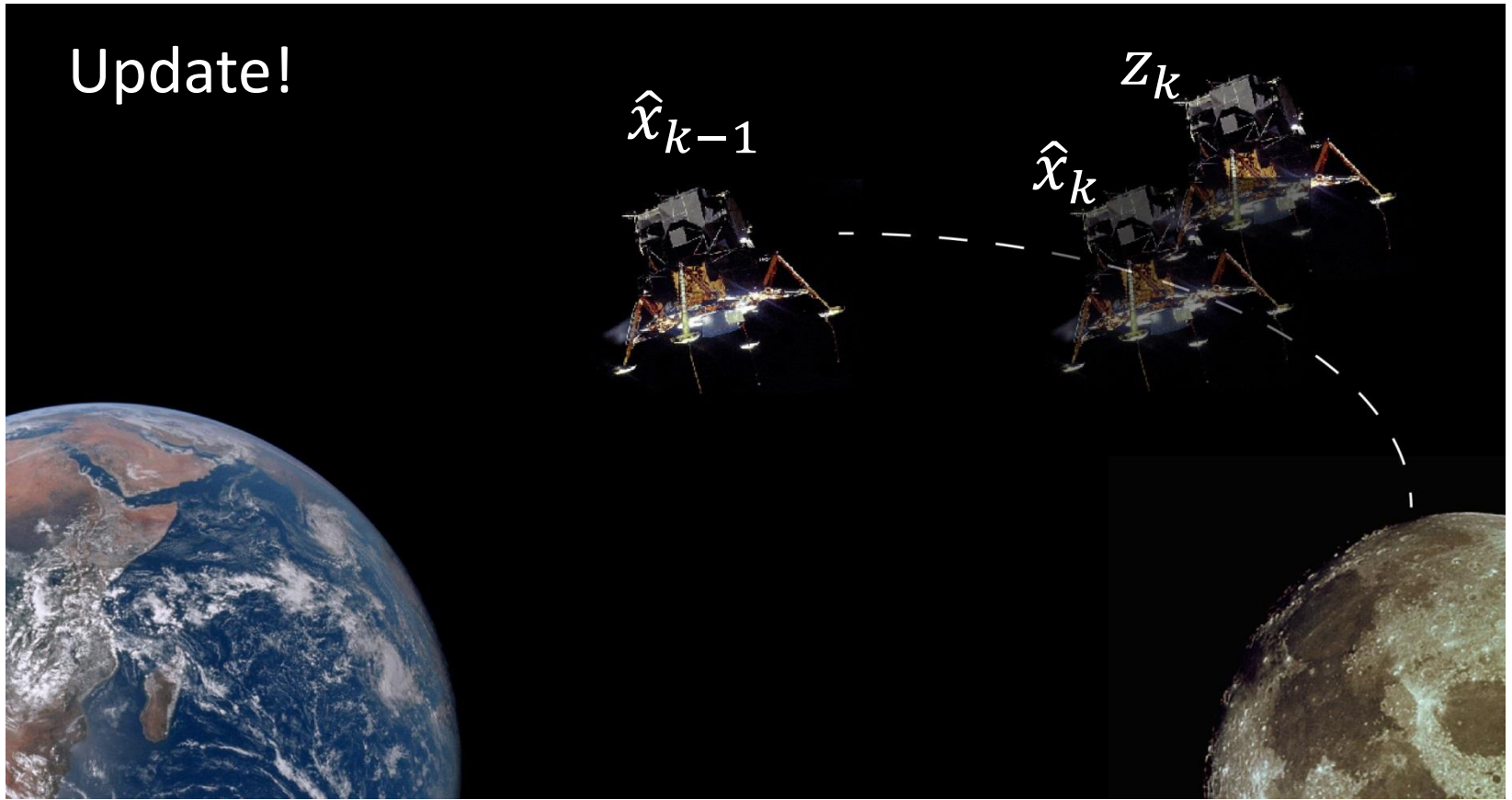
Update!



How can we reconcile  
our prediction of the  
state with our sensor  
readings?



Update!



We'll apply a term to the measurement residual:  $K_k$ , our Kalman gain

Updated (*a posteriori*) state estimate:

$$\hat{x}_k = \hat{x}_k + K_k(z_k - H_k \hat{x}_k)$$

# Kalman Gain

- Minimum mean-square estimator,  $E[|x_k - \hat{x}_k|^2]$
- When the gain is zero we keep our prediction:

$$\hat{x}_k = \hat{x}_k + 0(z_k - \hat{x}_k)$$

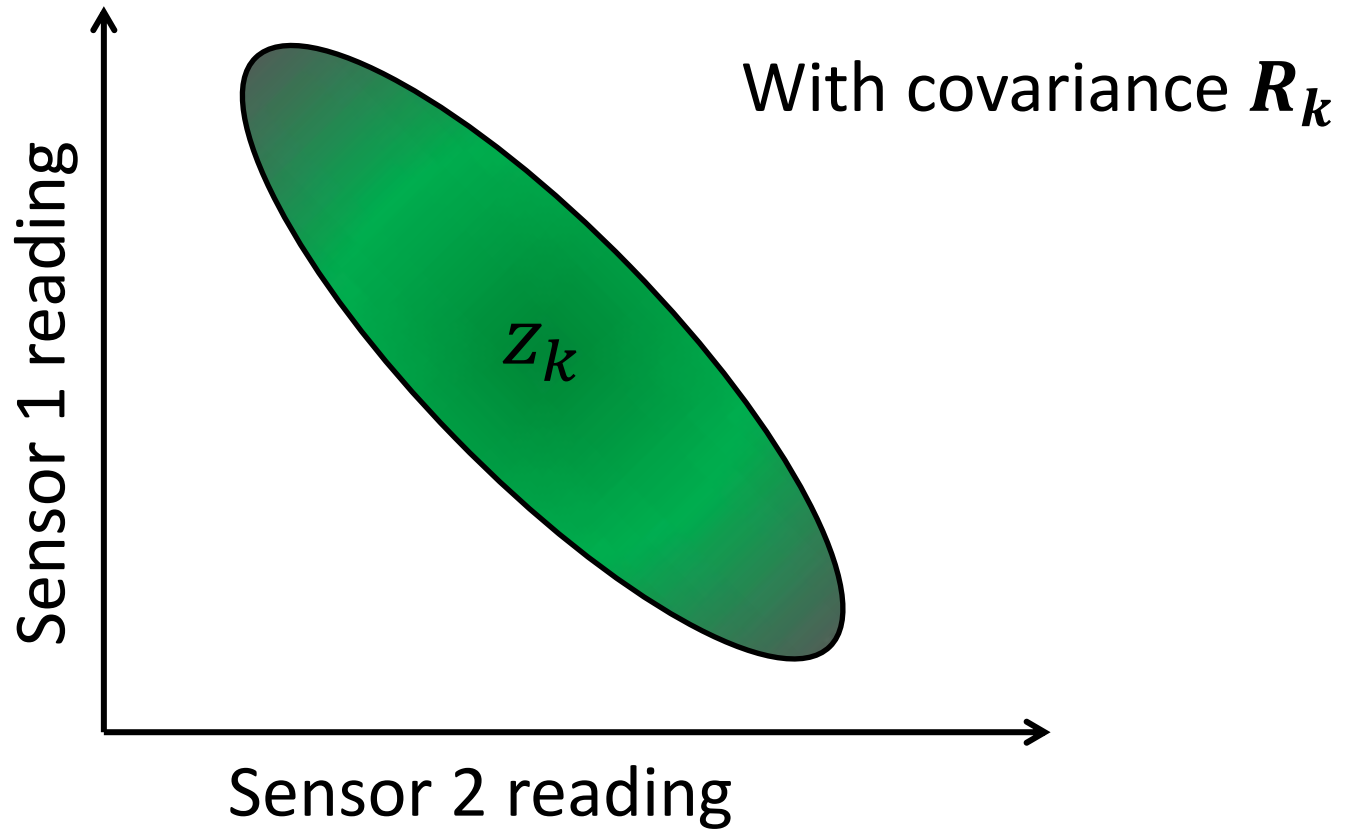
$$\hat{x}_k = \hat{x}_k$$

- When the gain is one we ignore the prediction:

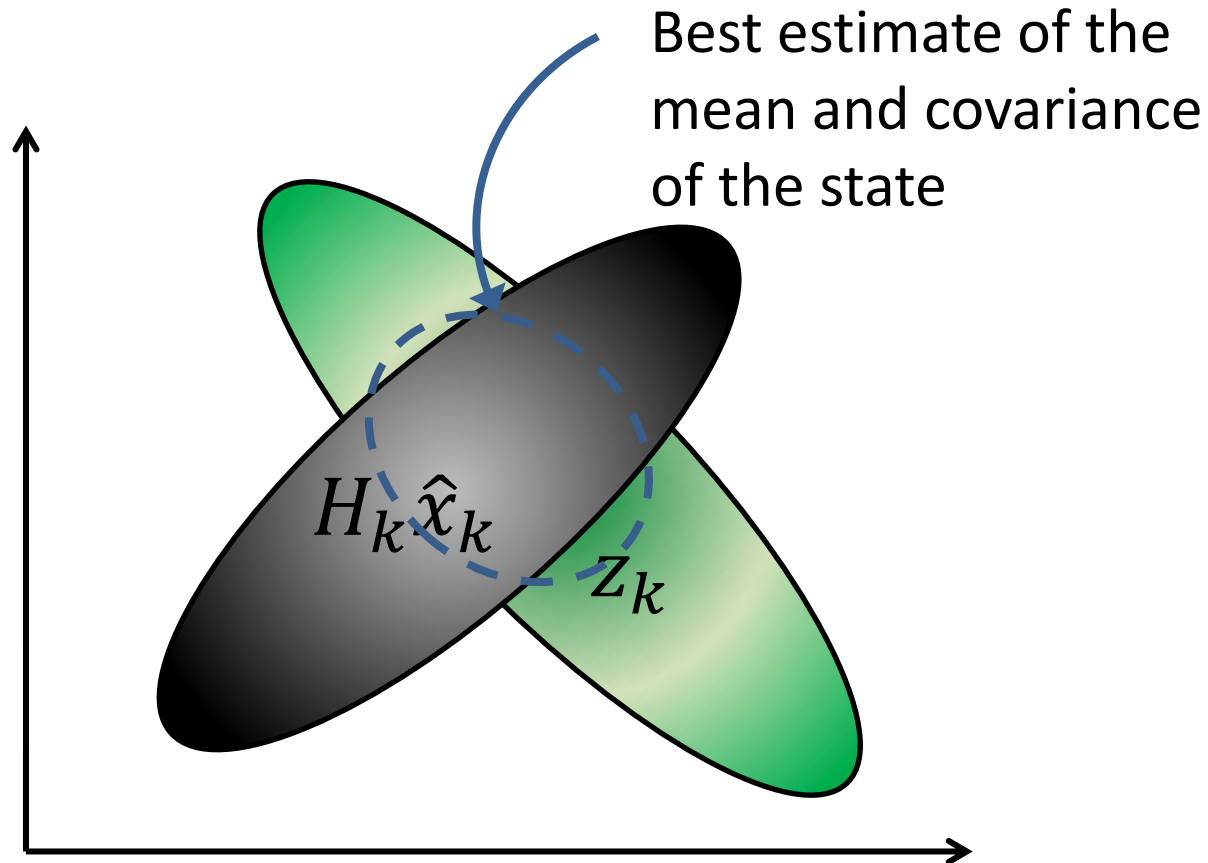
$$\hat{x}_k = \hat{x}_k + 1(z_k - \hat{x}_k)$$

$$\hat{x}_k = z_k$$

# Optimal Kalman gain

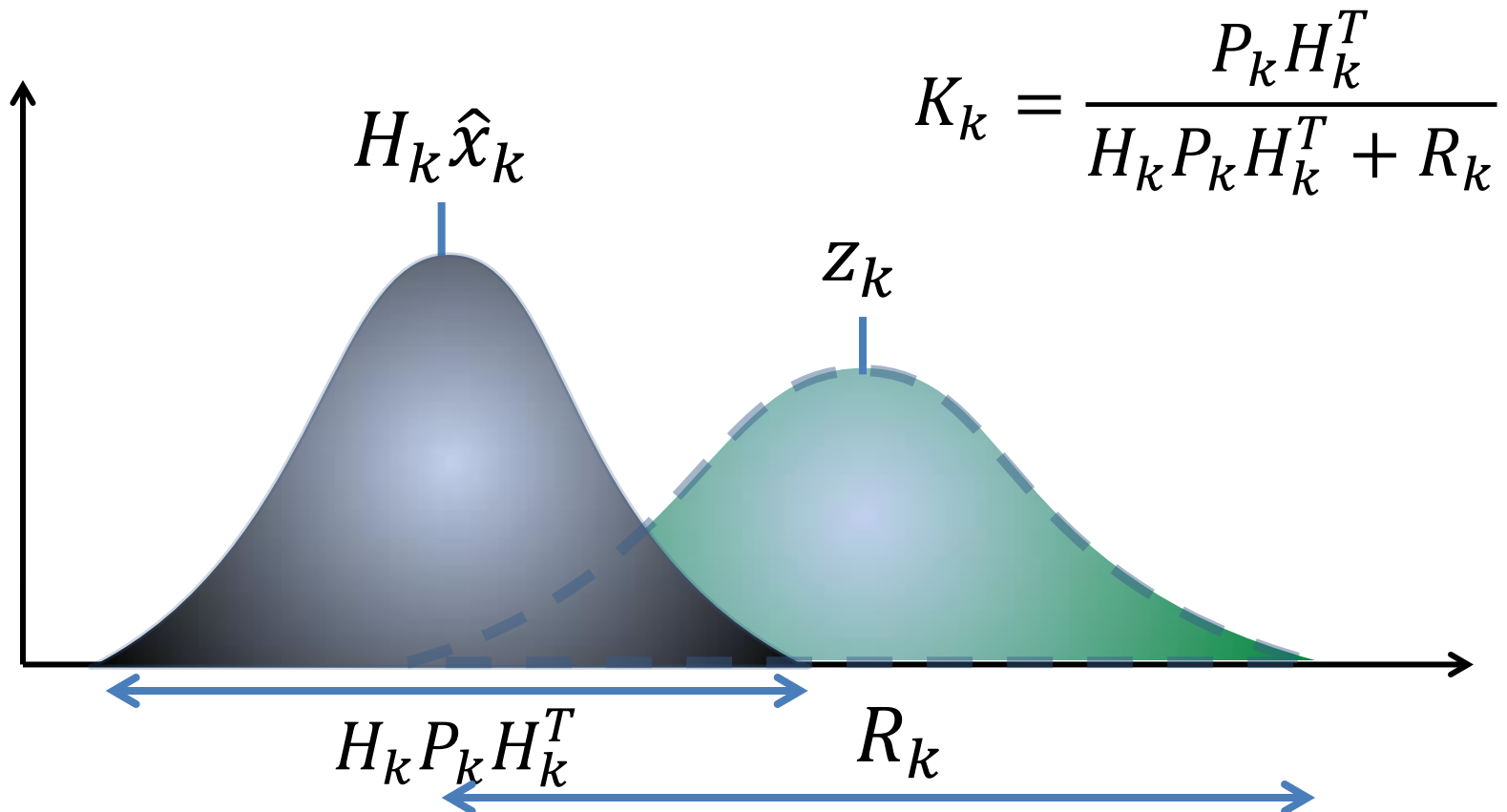


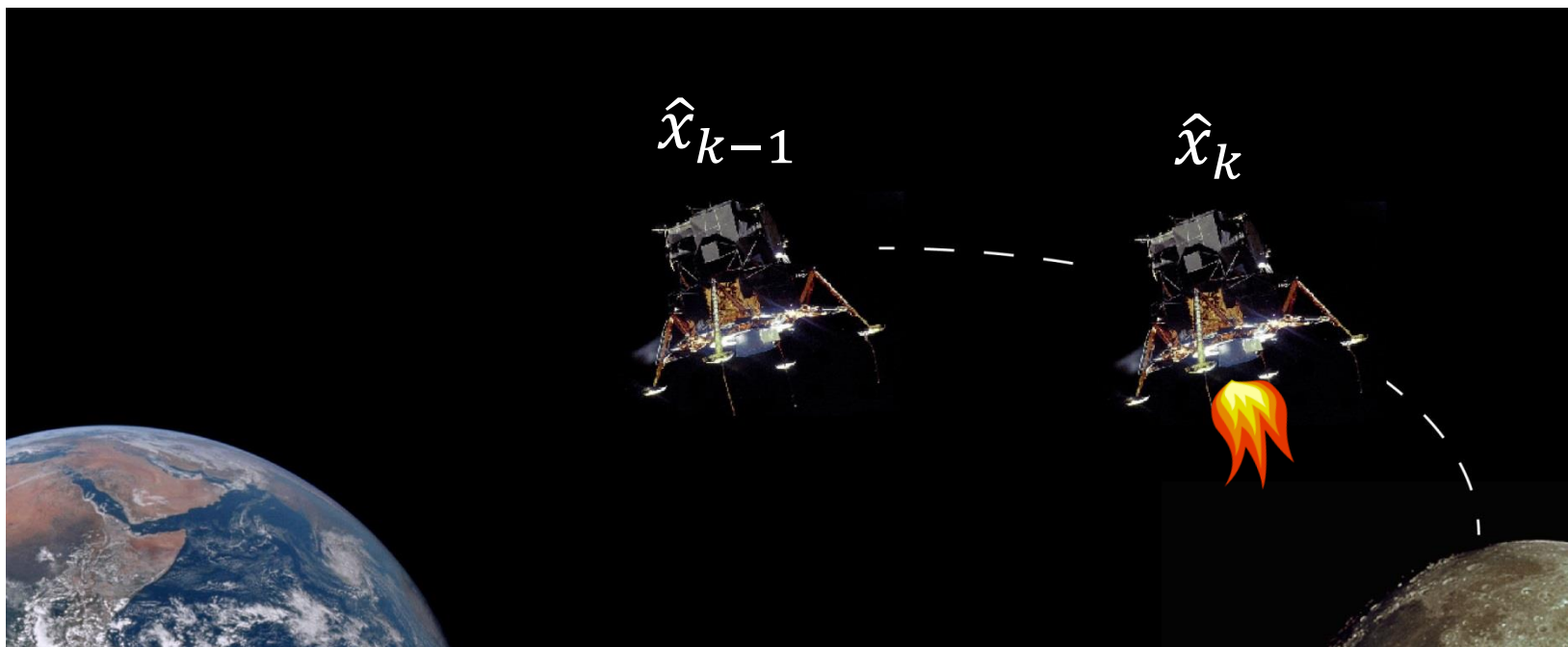
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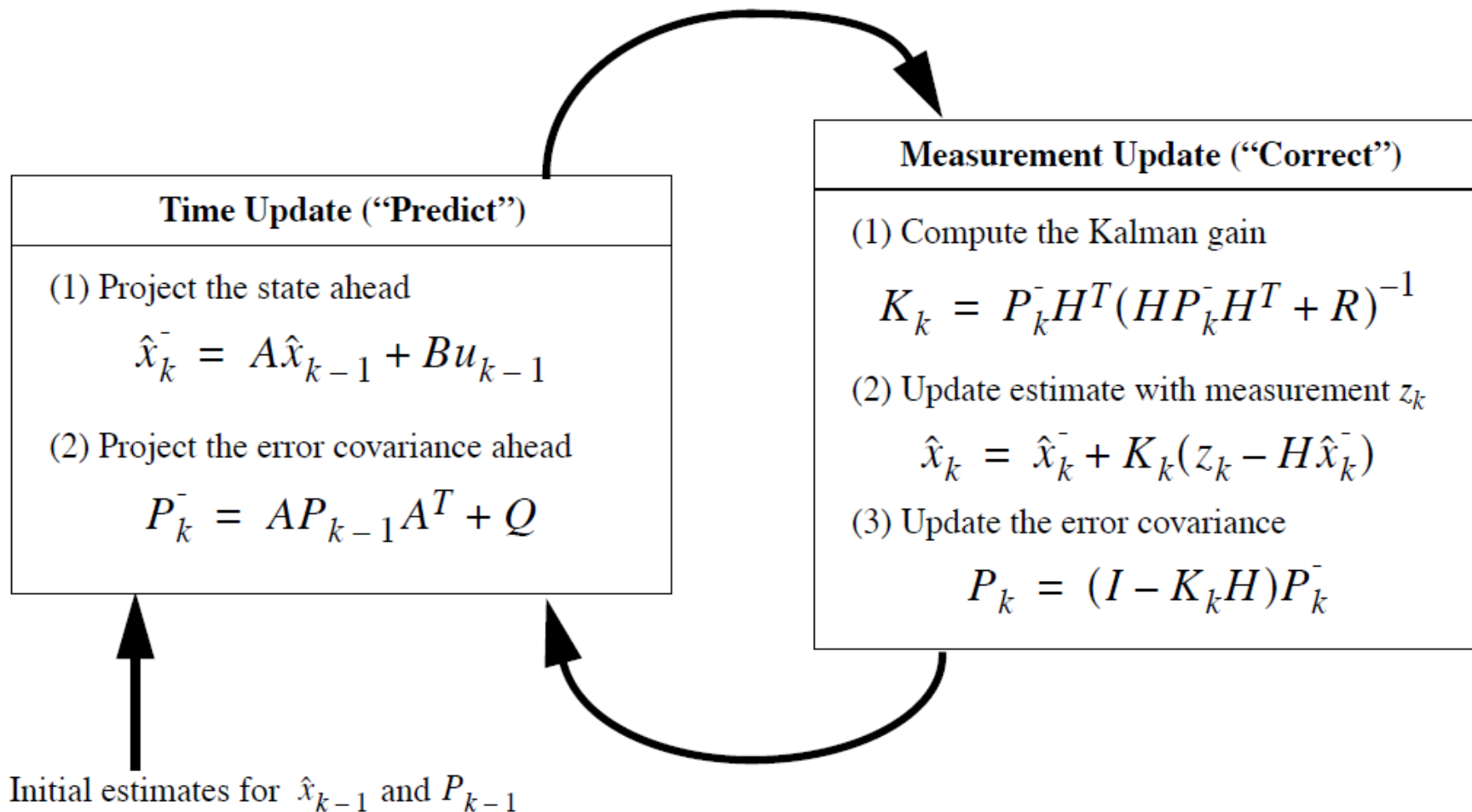
- Probably easier to conceptualize in 1-dimension





## Update Phase:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Optimal Kalman Gain: } K_k &= P_k H_k^T \overbrace{(H_k P_k H_k^T + R_k)^{-1}}^{\text{Covariance residual}} \\ \text{Updated (} a \text{ posteriori) state estimate: } \hat{x}_k &= \hat{x}_k + K_k \underbrace{(z_k - H_k \hat{x}_k)}_{\text{Measurement residual}} \\ \text{Updated (} a \text{ posteriori) estimate covariance: } P_k &= (I - K_k H_k) P_k \end{aligned}$$



# Sensor Fusion Example

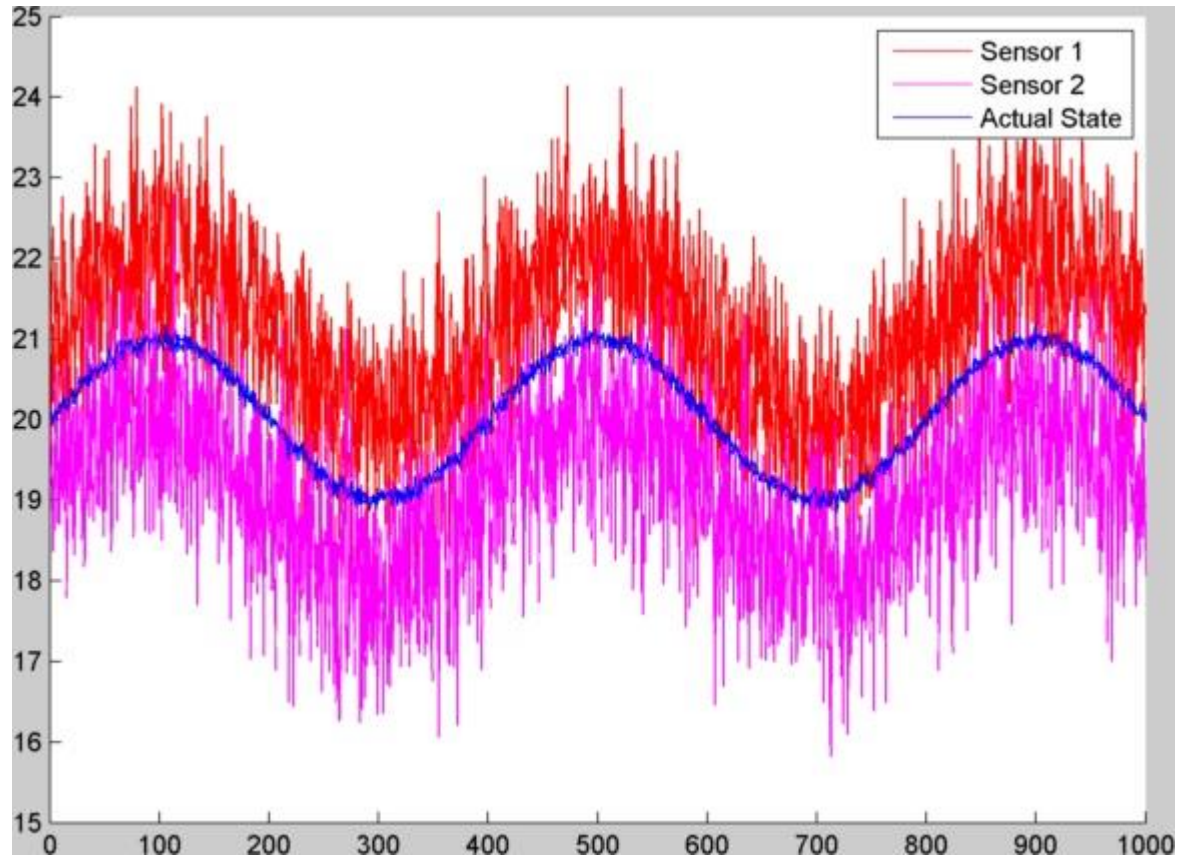
- How can we integrate the information from multiple sensors?

$$\begin{bmatrix} gyroscope_k \\ gps_k \\ accelerometer_k \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} position_{k-1} \\ velocity_{k-1} \end{bmatrix}$$

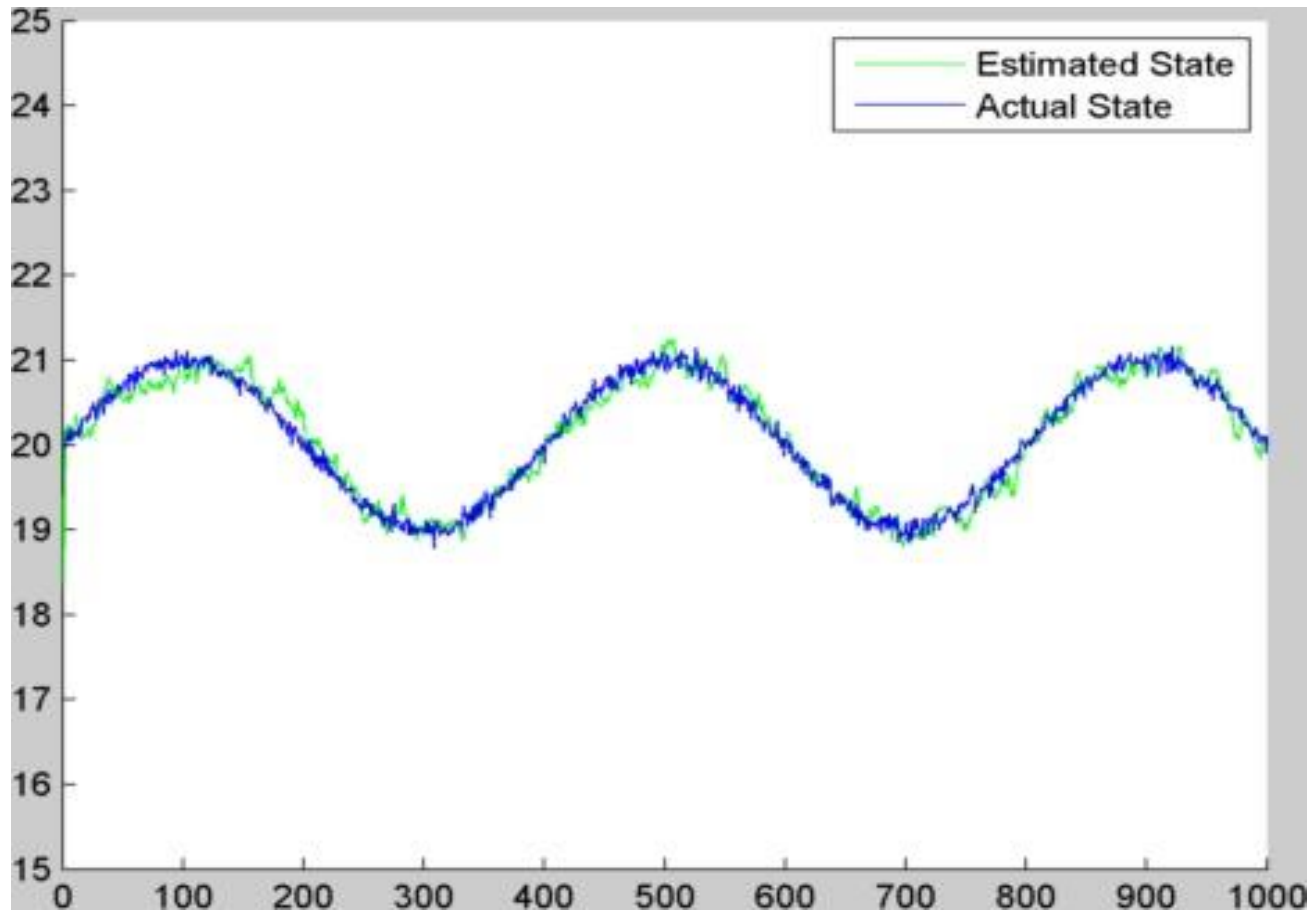




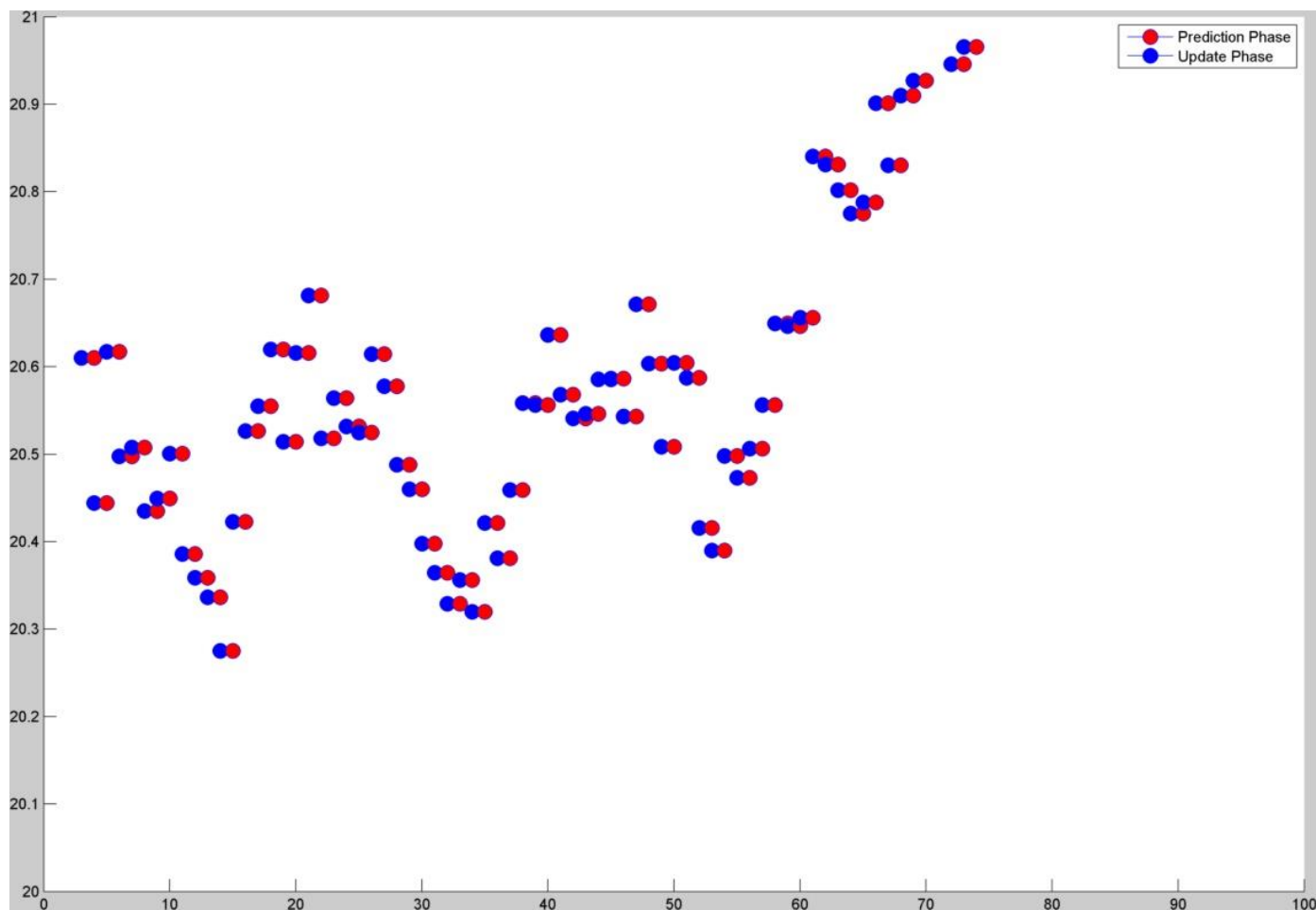
# Matlab demo



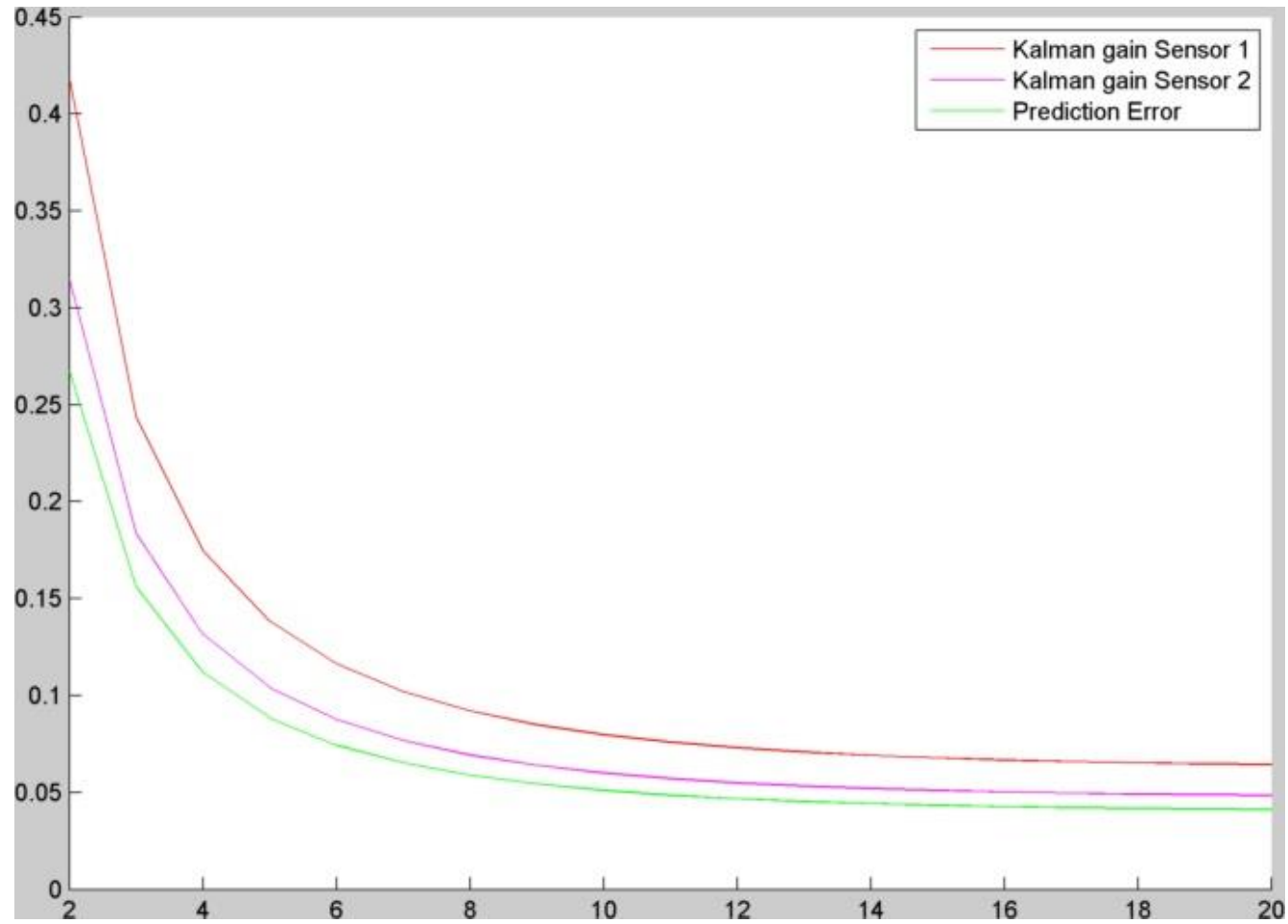
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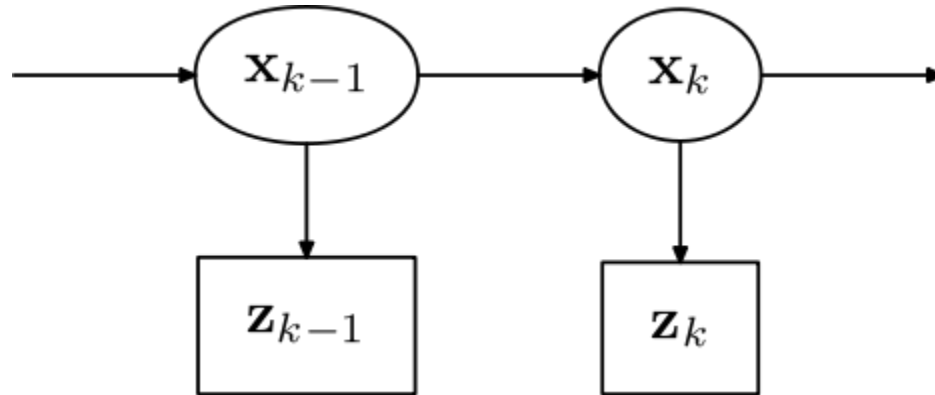
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# Recursive bayesian estimation



- Assume that our true state is a Markov process

$$p(x_k | x_0 \dots x_{k-1}) = p(x_k | x_{k-1})$$

$$p(z_k | x_0 \dots x_k) = p(z_k | x_k)$$

$$p(x_k | Z_{k-1}) = \int p(x_k | x_{k-1}) p(x_{k-1} | Z_{k-1}) dx_{k-1}$$

# Extended Kalman Filter

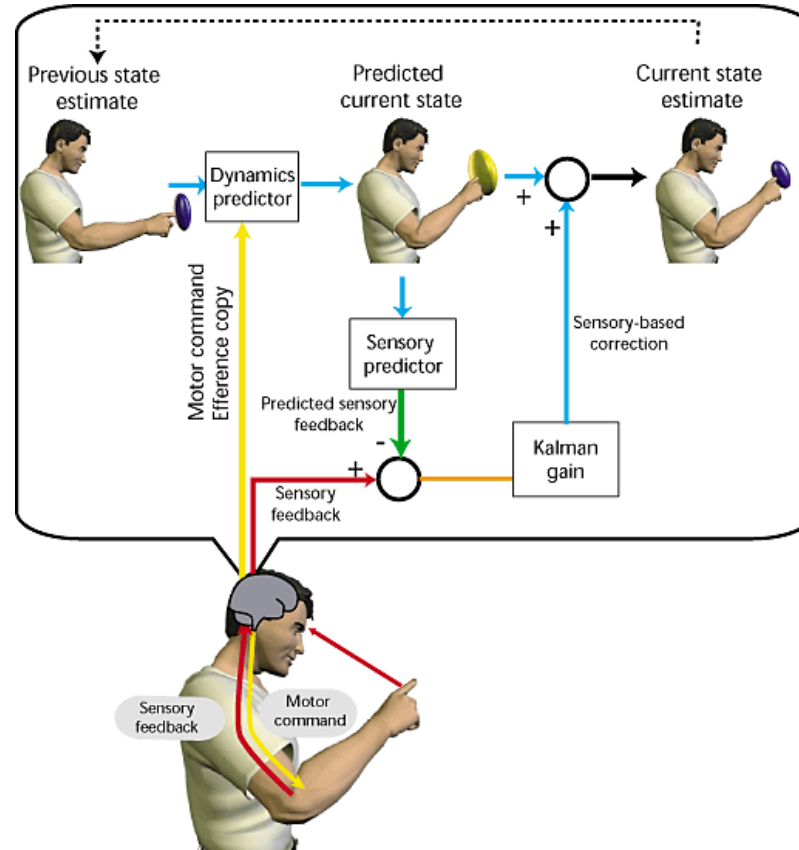
- Allows us to model nonlinear processes (e.g. exponential, quadratic, periodic)

$$\begin{aligned}x_k &= f(x_{k-1}, u_k) + w_k \\z_k &= h(x_k) + v_k\end{aligned}$$

- Our  $H_k$  will be a matrix with the first derivative of each sensor value with respect to each state value, known as the Jacobian

$$z_k = H_k x_k \qquad z_k = \begin{bmatrix} c_{11} & c_{12} \\ c_{21} & c_{22} \\ c_{31} & c_{32} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_{k1} \\ x_{k2} \end{bmatrix}$$

# Estimating current state of motor system



# Thank You!

