



Lecture 25: Trajectory Optimization for Motion Planning

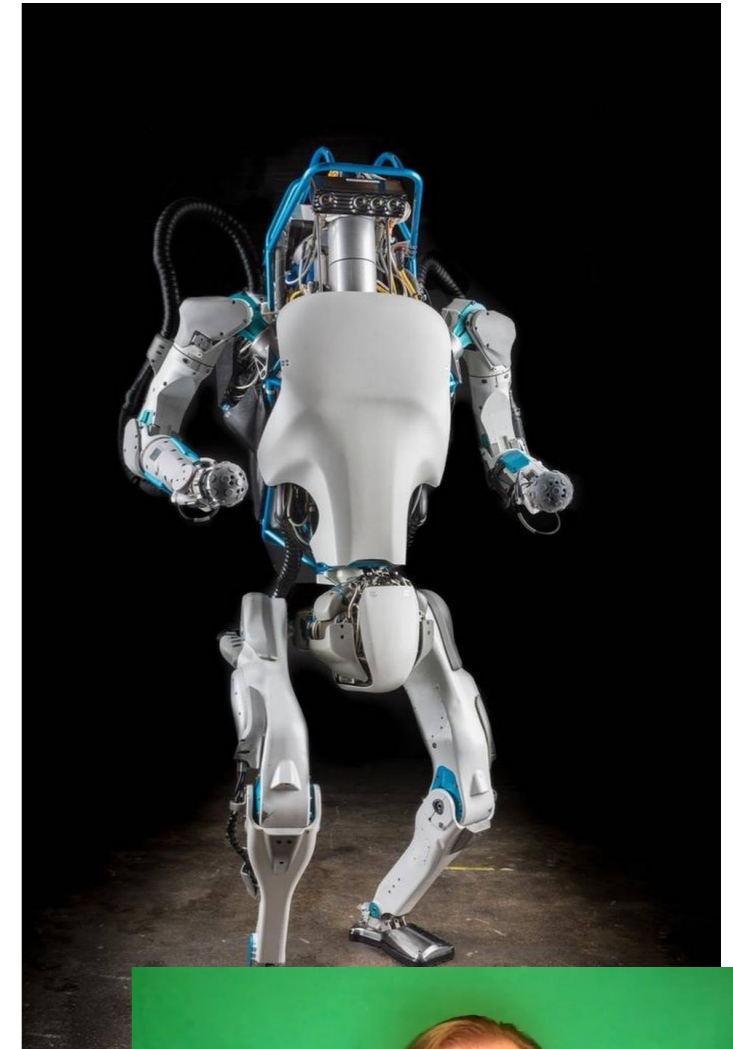
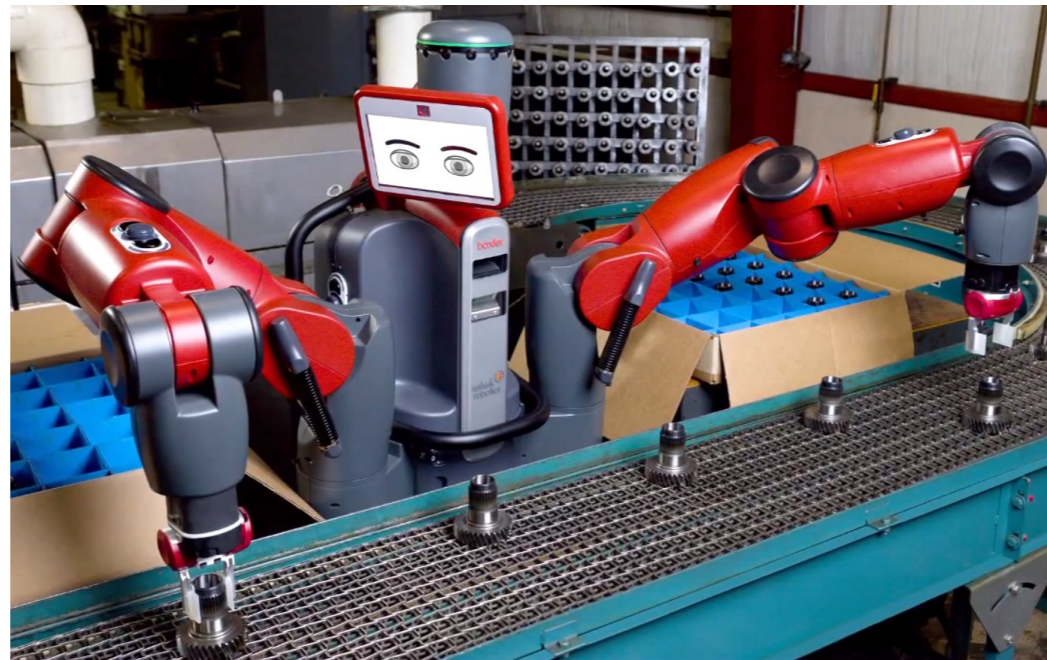
More research, all Georgia Tech!
Some cool applications in Art



- 1. Motion Planning w Factor Graphs**
- 2. Calligraphy and Graffiti**
- 3. STEAP: Simultaneous Trajectory Estimation and Planning**



Motion Planning



Motion Planning as Probabilistic Inference

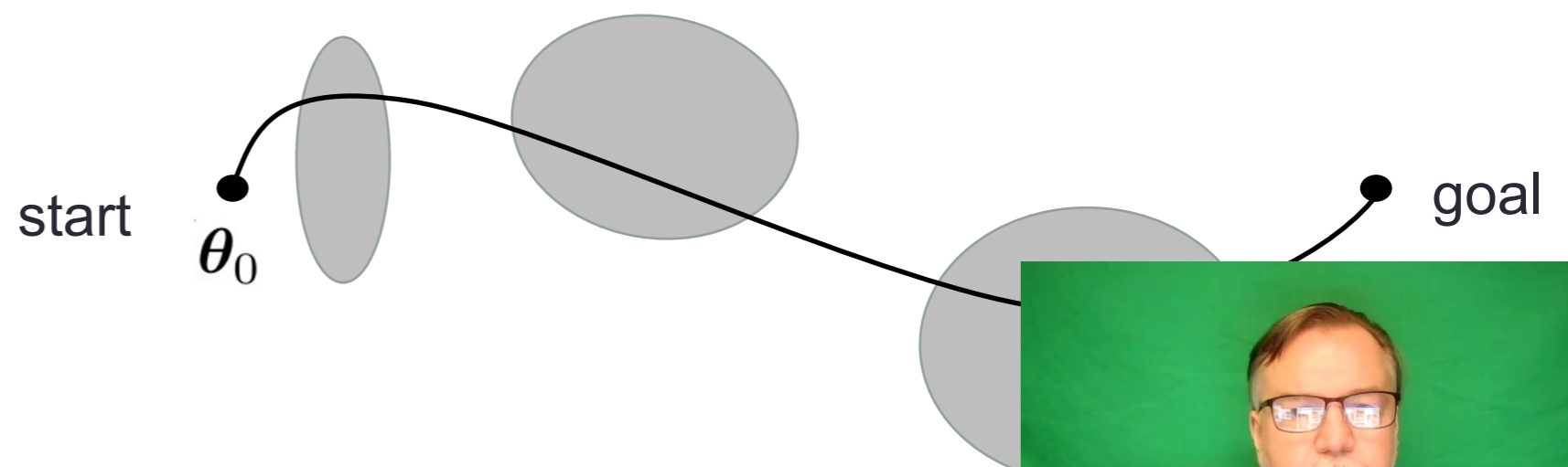
Jing Dong, Mustafa Mukadam, Frank Dellaert & Byron Boots
Robotics: Science and Systems, 2016



**Trajectory
Prior**

**Collision-free
Likelihood**

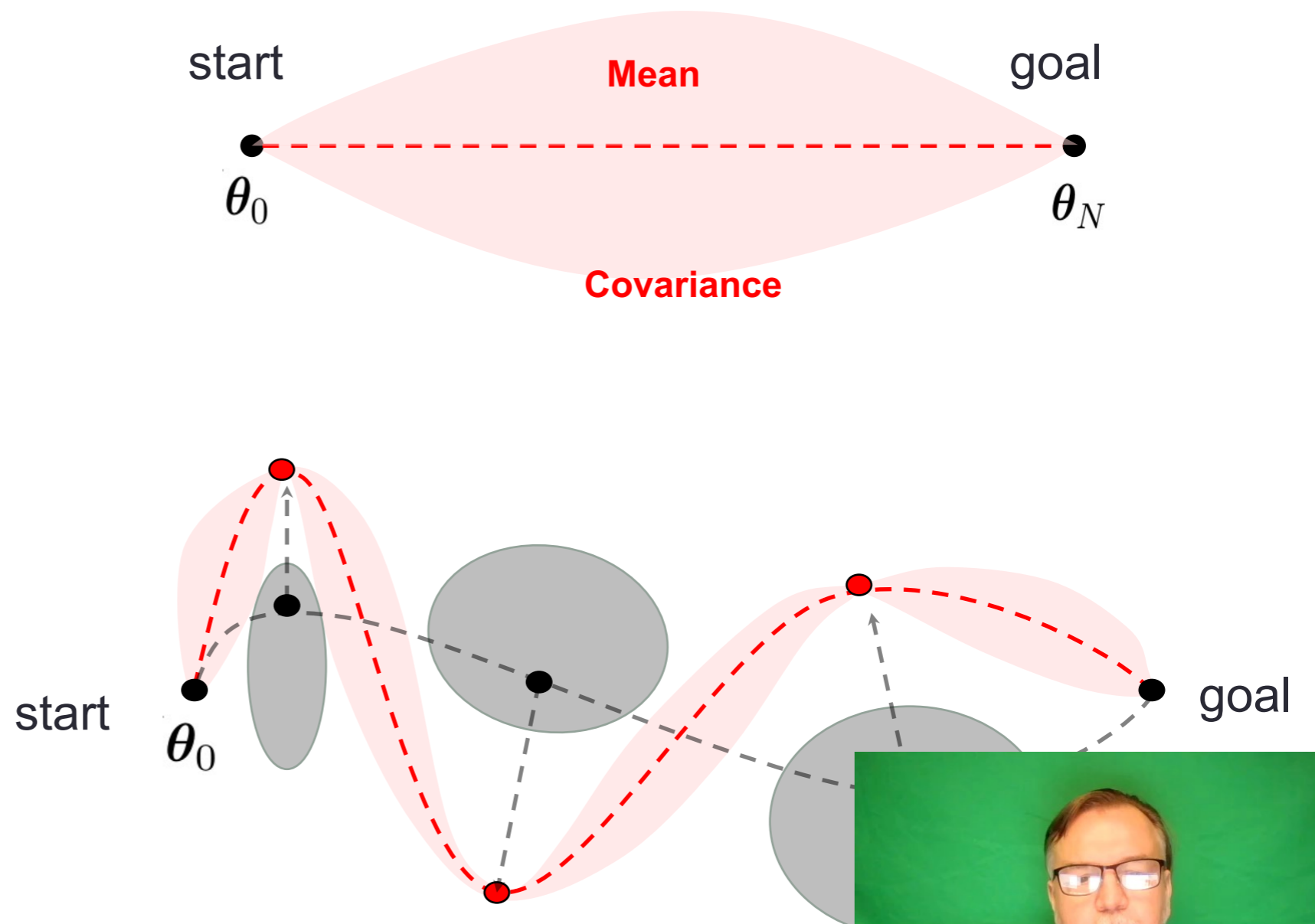
$$\theta^* = \operatorname{argmax}_{\theta} \left\{ P(\theta) \prod_i P(c_i | \theta_i) \right\}$$



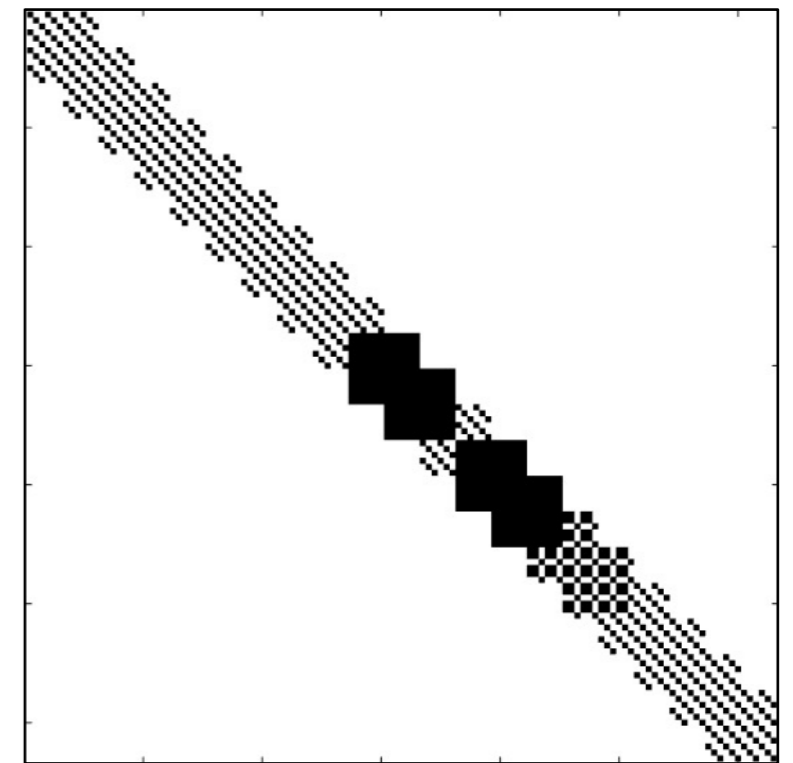
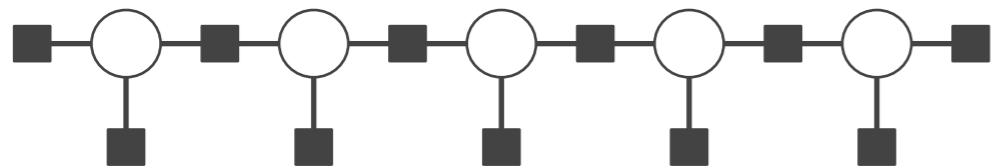
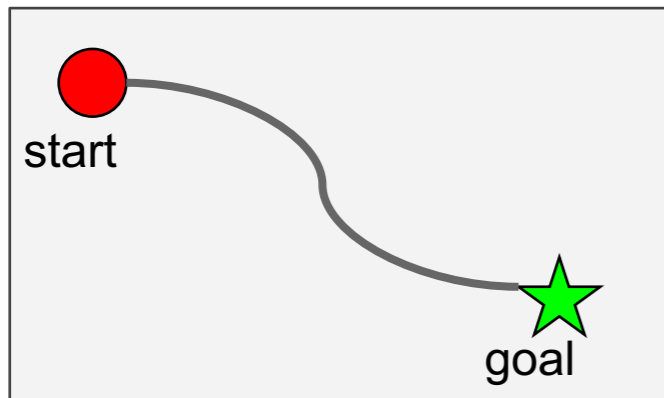
Trajectory as Gaussian Process (GP)

- Trajectory is represented by a few states
- Trajectory is interpolated

$$\theta(t) \sim \mathcal{GP}(\mu(t), \mathcal{K}(t, t'))$$



GPMP2: Efficient Least-Square Solution

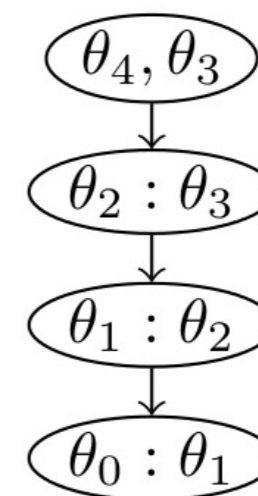
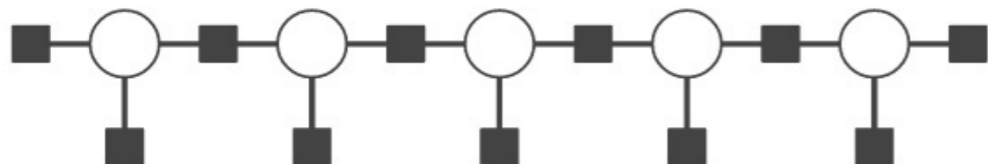
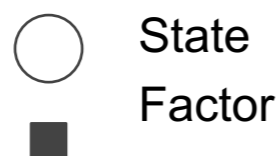
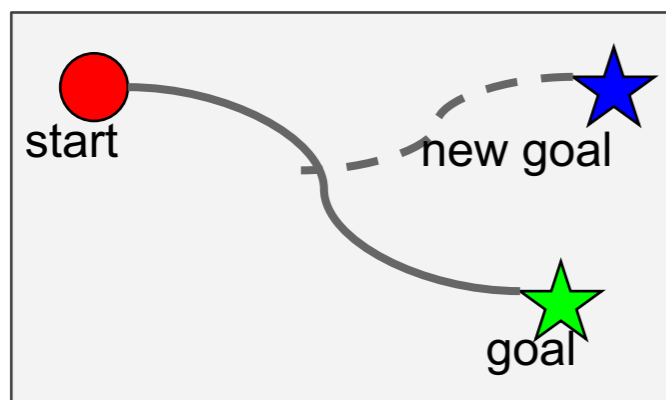


- Efficient inference in factor graphs by solving least-squares optimization problems
- Sparse linear algebra solver is used^[1]

[1] Dellaert, et al. Square Root SAM: Simultaneous localization and mapping via square root information smoothing. *International Journal of Robotics Research*



iGPMP2: Efficient *Updated* Solution



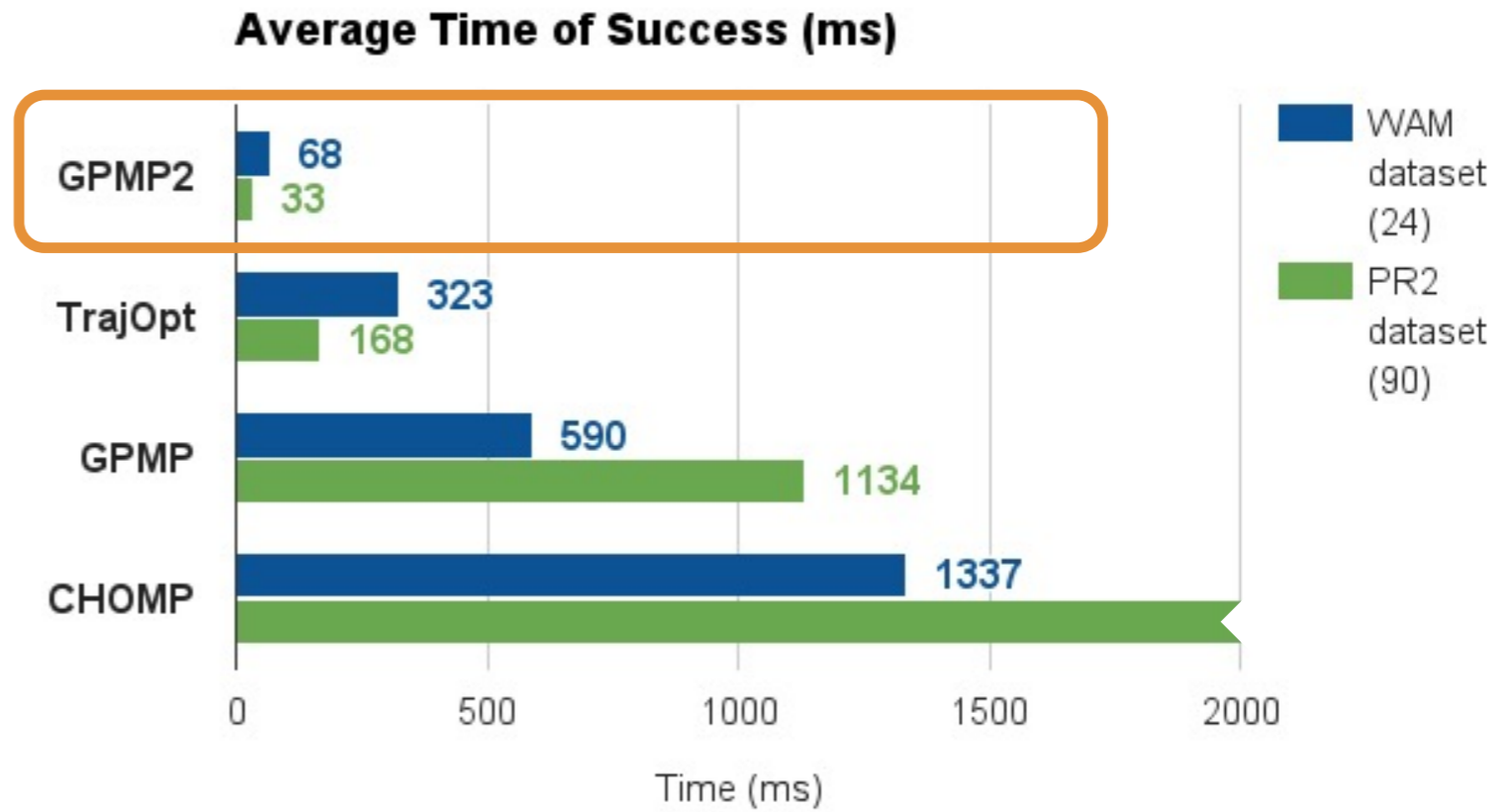
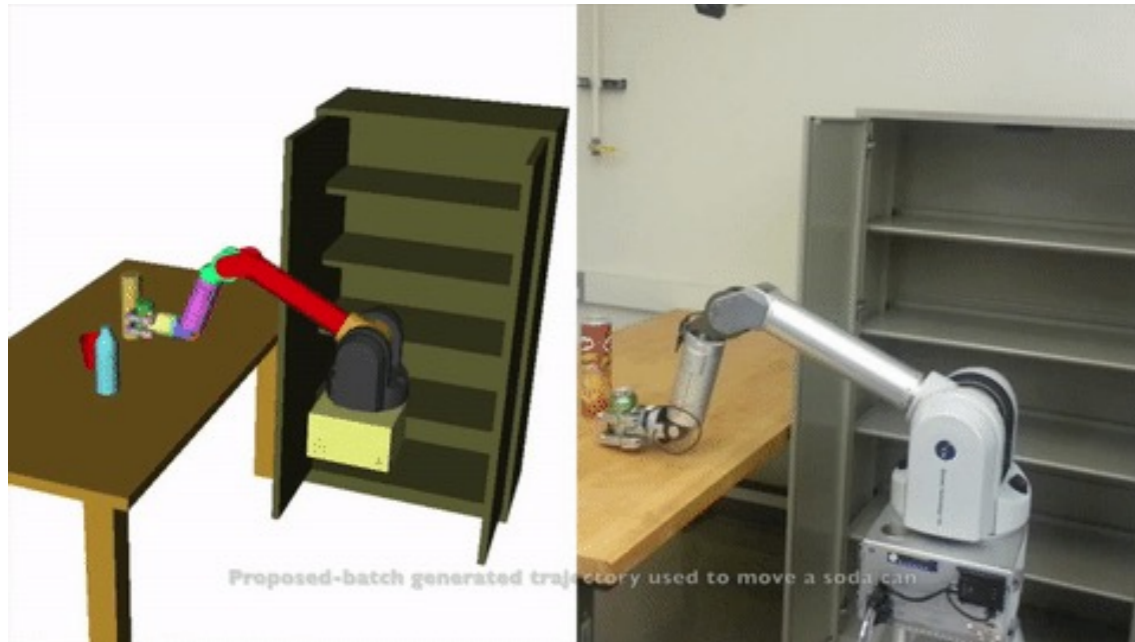
- *Re-planning*: change part of the original problem:
- Change parts of the factor graph
- Efficiently update solution via Bayes Tree^[2]

[2] Kaess et al. iSAM2: Incremental Smoothing and Mapping Using the Bayes Tree, *The International Journal of Robotics Research* (2011)

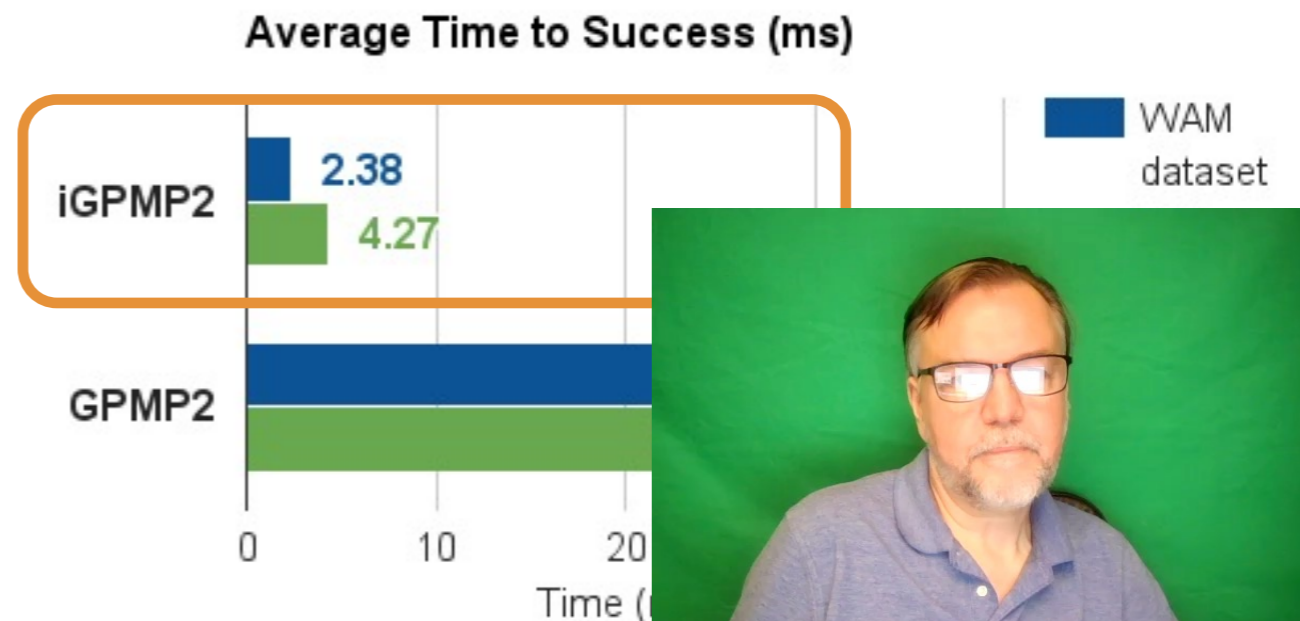
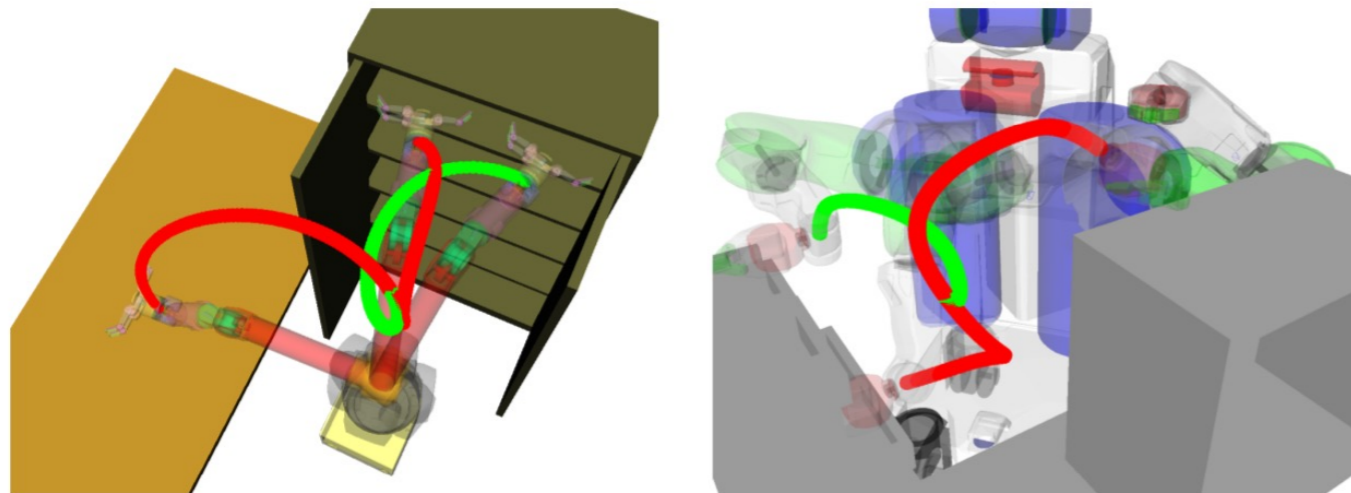


Results

Planning Experiments



Re-planning Experiments



Application: Robot Calligraphy!

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我



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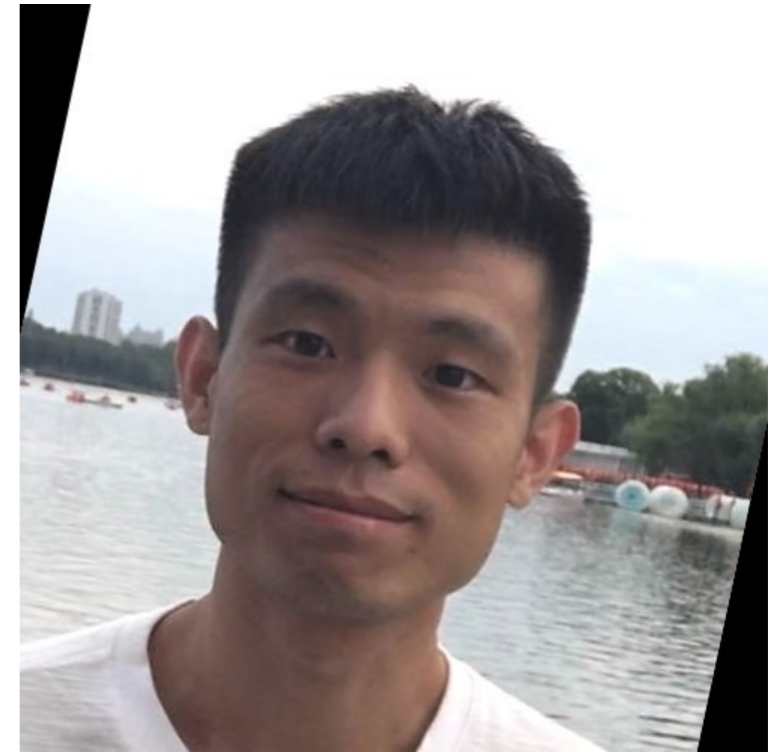
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Robot calligraphy

- Calligraphy is beautiful art
- It is also difficult, because it takes human many years of practice to learn
- Controlling the writing brushes successfully would be inspired to many related areas such as robot art and soft robotics



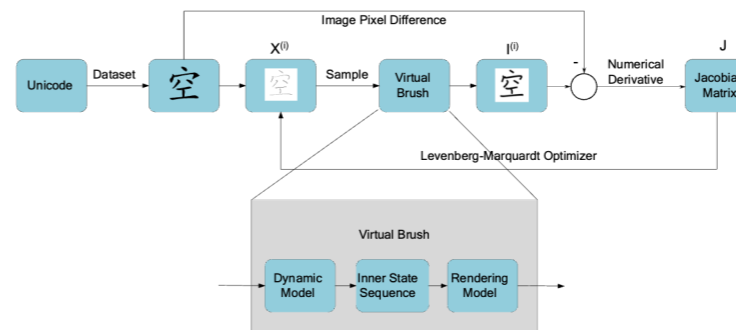
Methodology

Any character
unicode

Input



Open-loop control



Trajectory Optimization



Written results



Dipping Ink

Reasons:

- Supply ink to the brush
- Avoid simulation error accumulate

The basic idea is simple: given a circular ink stone, the brush is pushed down heavily at first to make the tip flat, and we then slowly move it to the edge of the ink stone in different directions with gradually smaller extent.

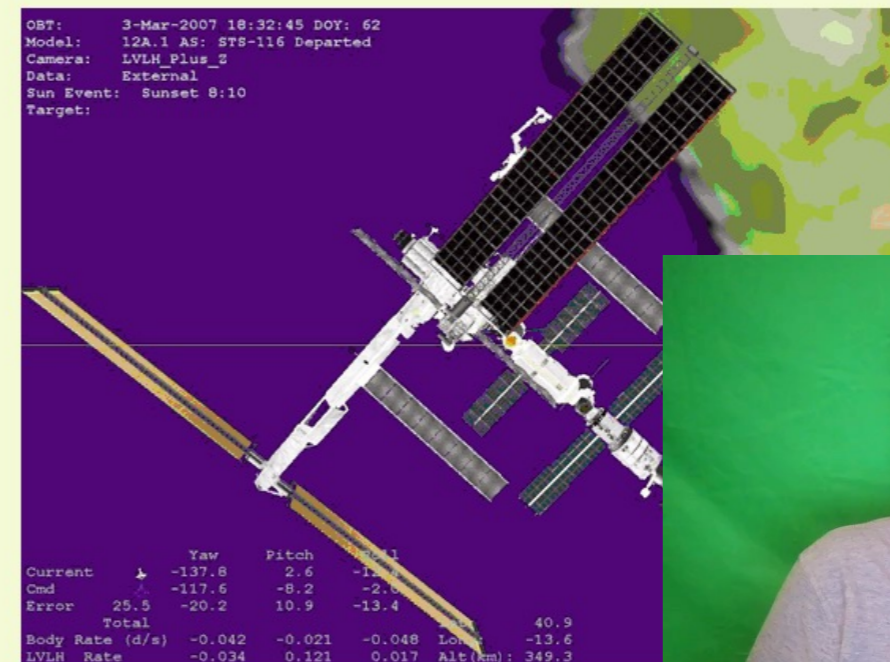
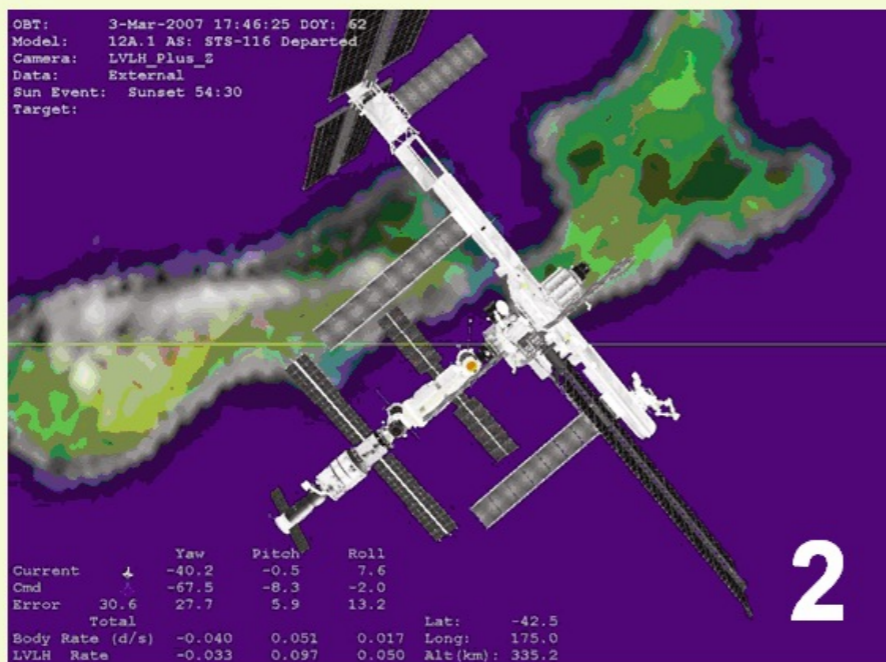
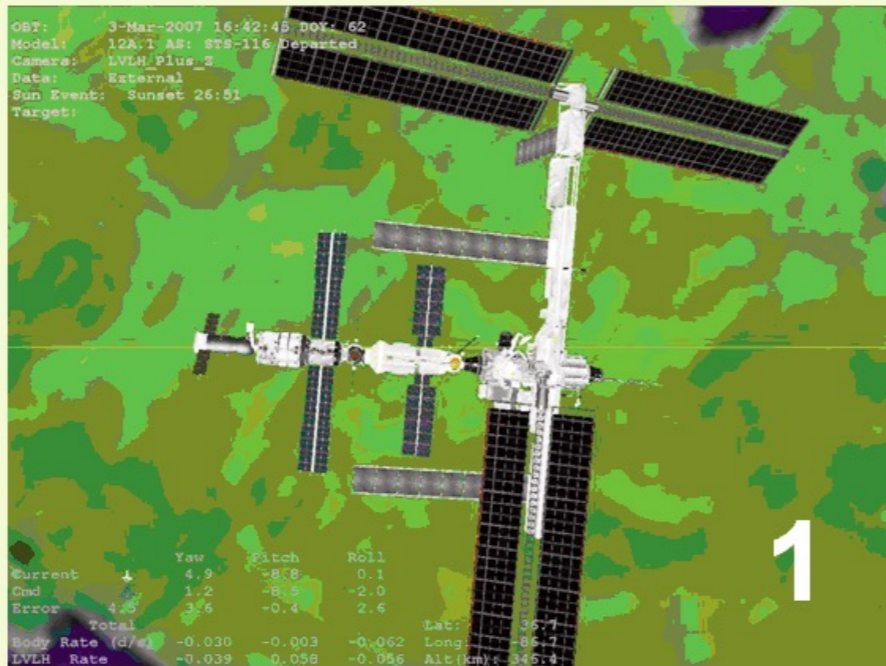


Dipping ink
play speed



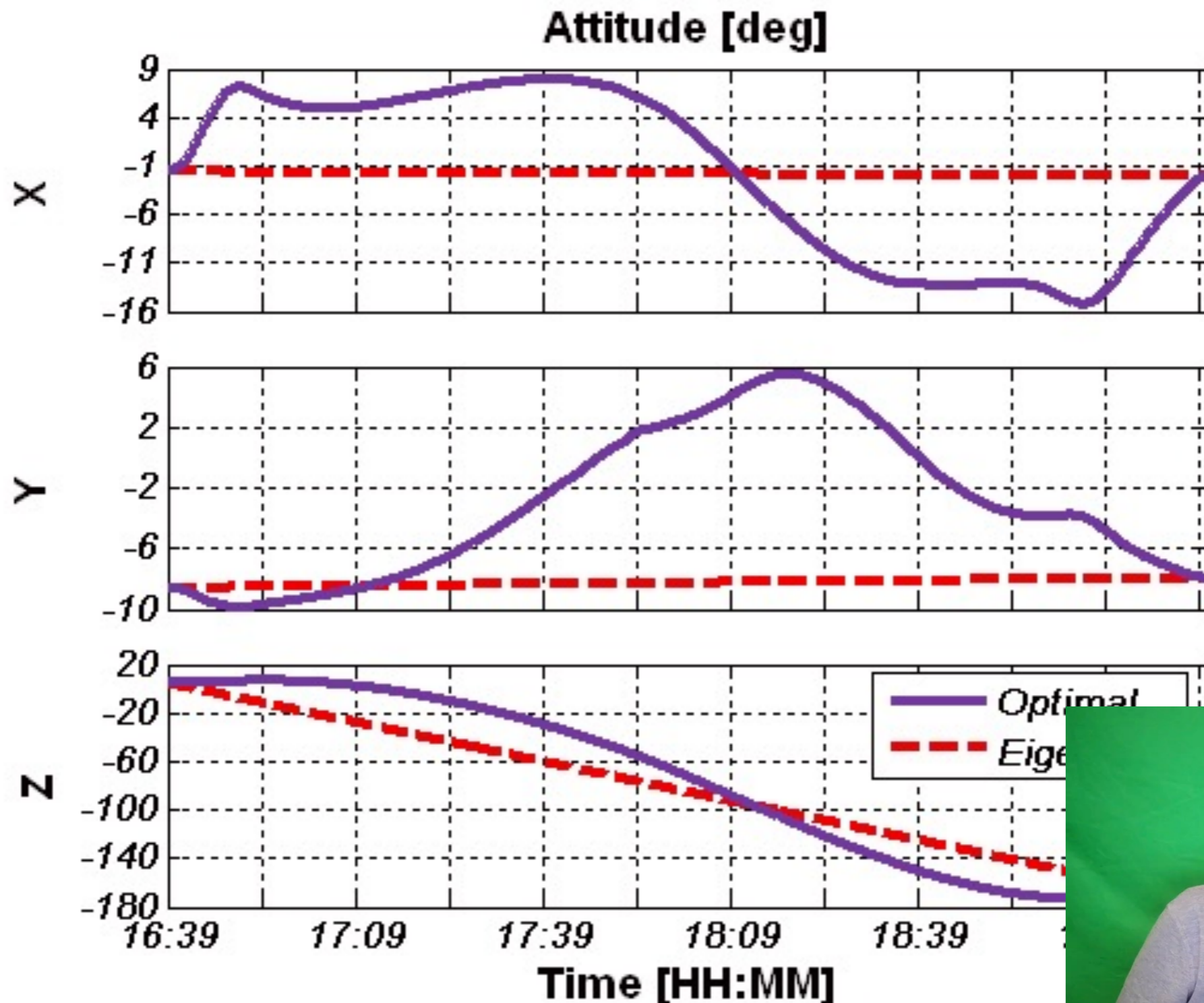
Pseudospectral Optimal Control

- Save NASA \$1M !

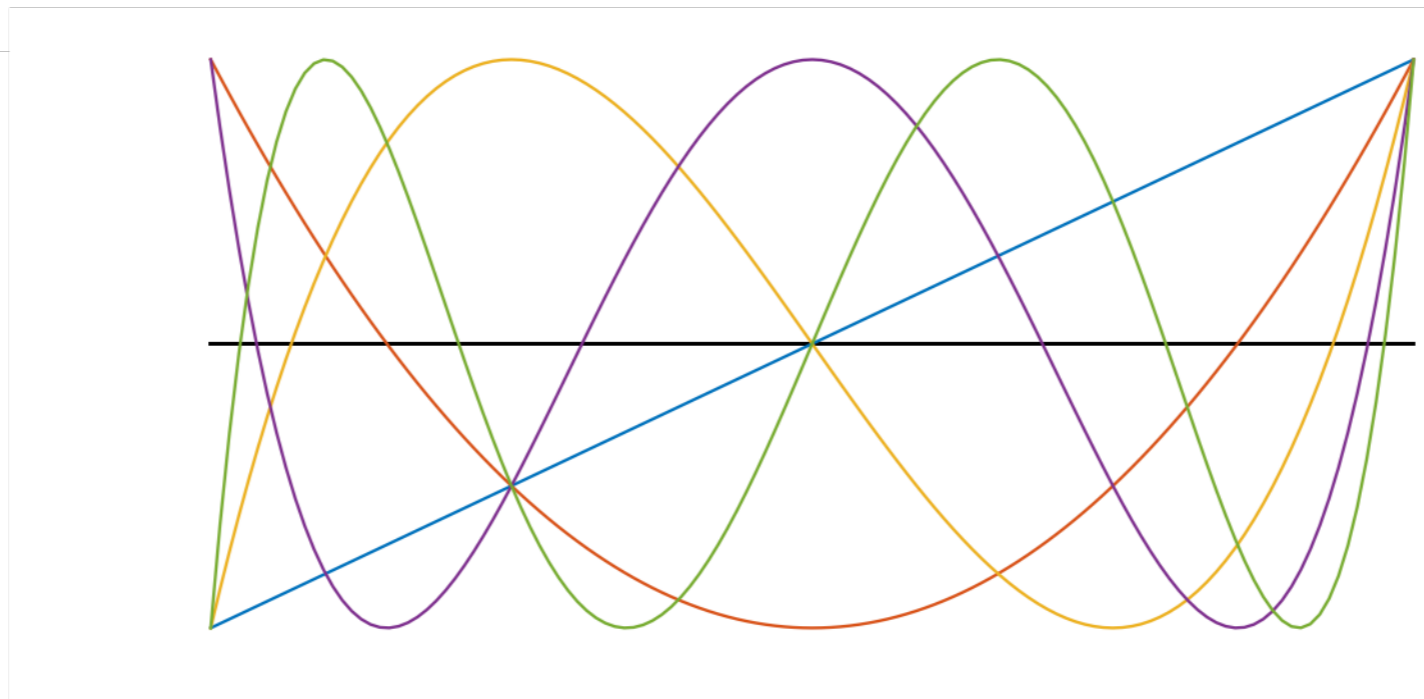
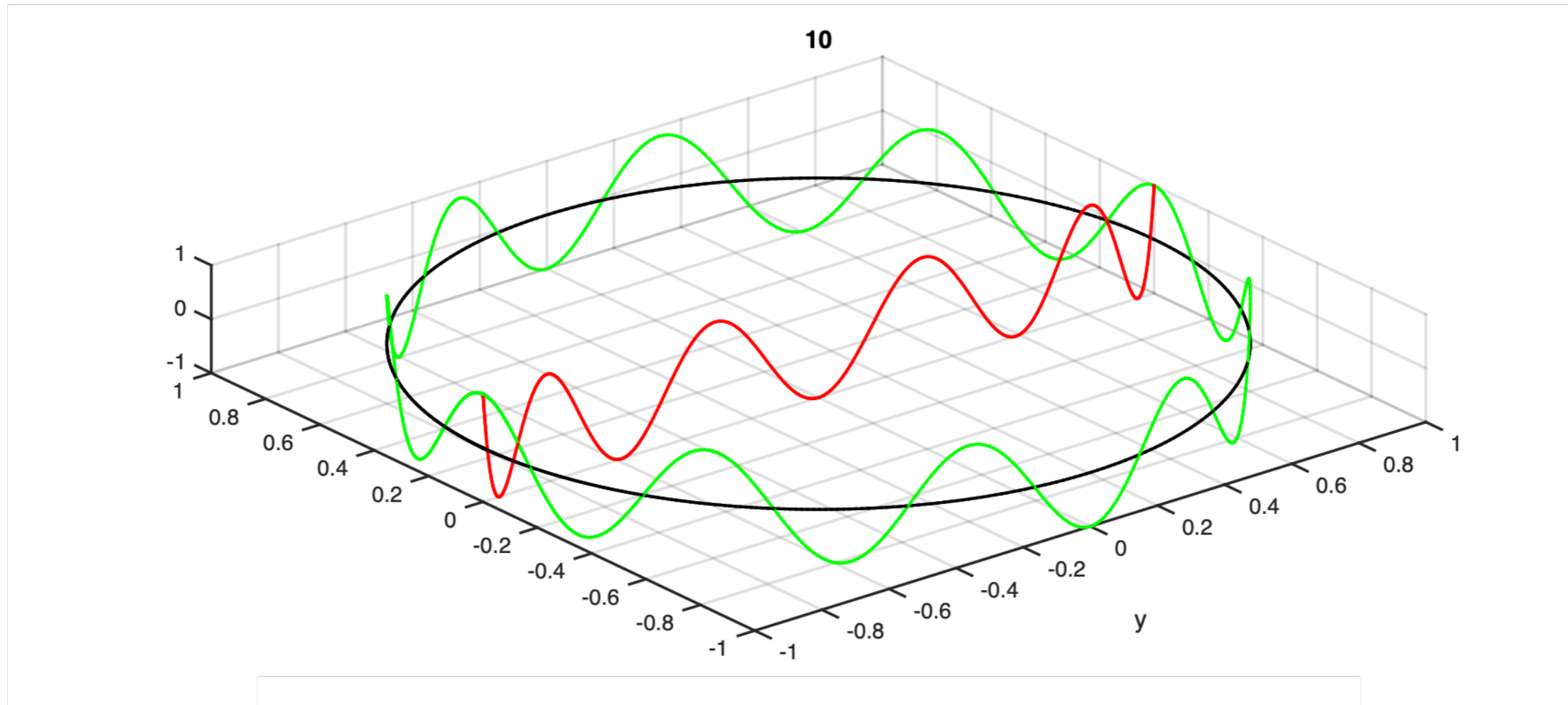


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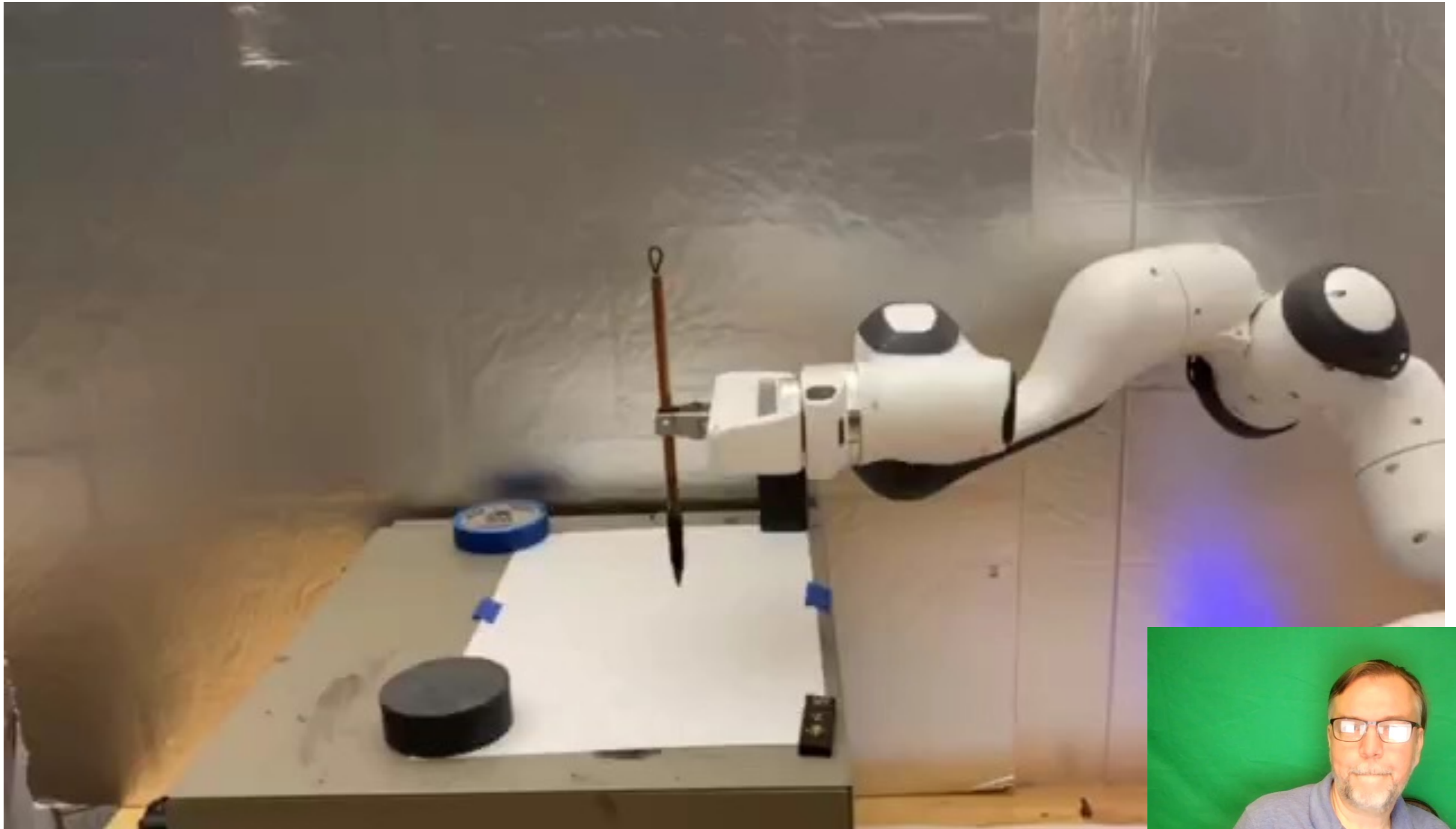
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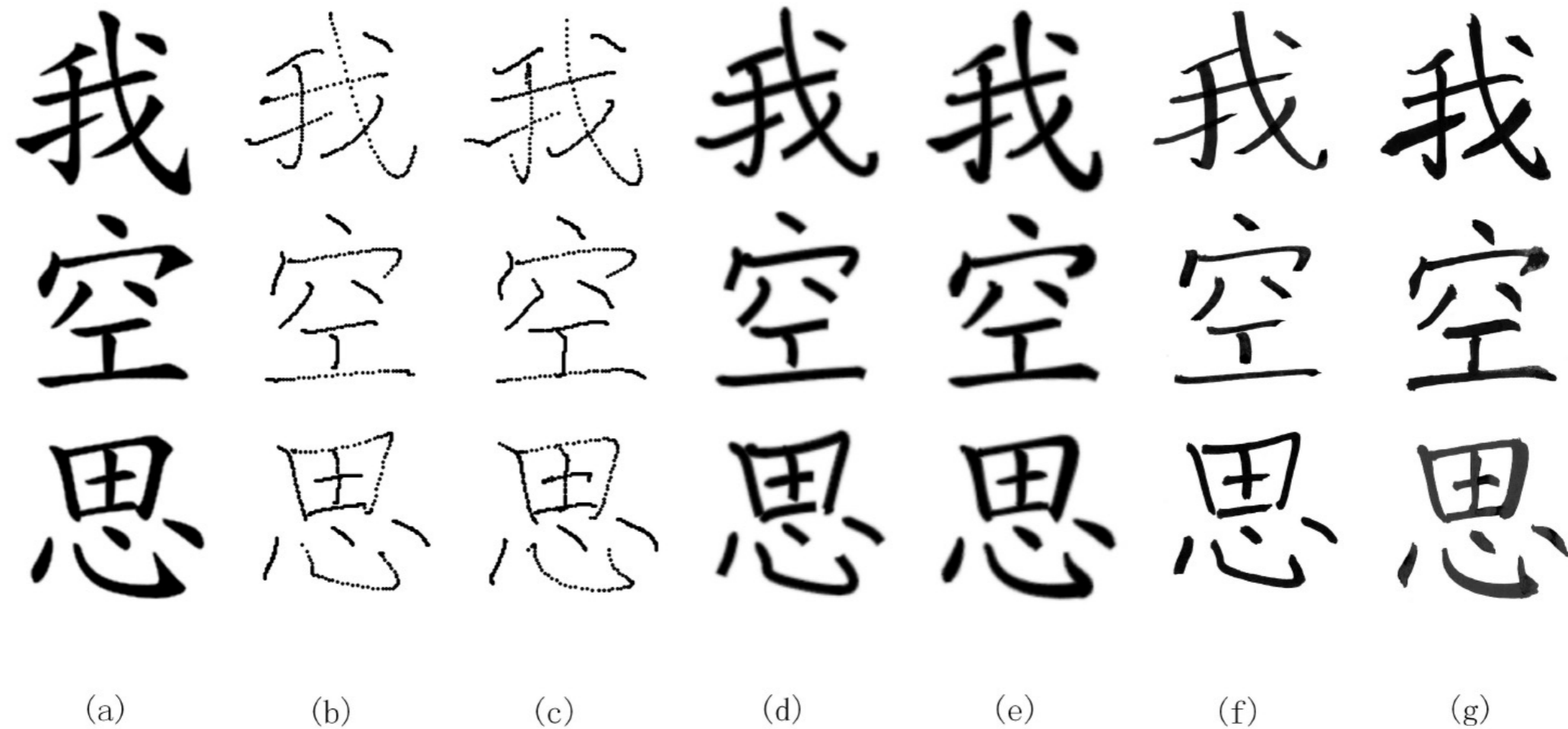
Strokes: Chebyshev polynomials



Results



Results



The optimization of different characters: from top down, 'wo', 'kong', and 'si', meaning 'me', 'empty', and 'think'. (a) original; (b) trajectory estimates; (c) Optimized trajectory.



Working on graffiti as well!



STEAP: Sim. Trajectory Estimation and Planning

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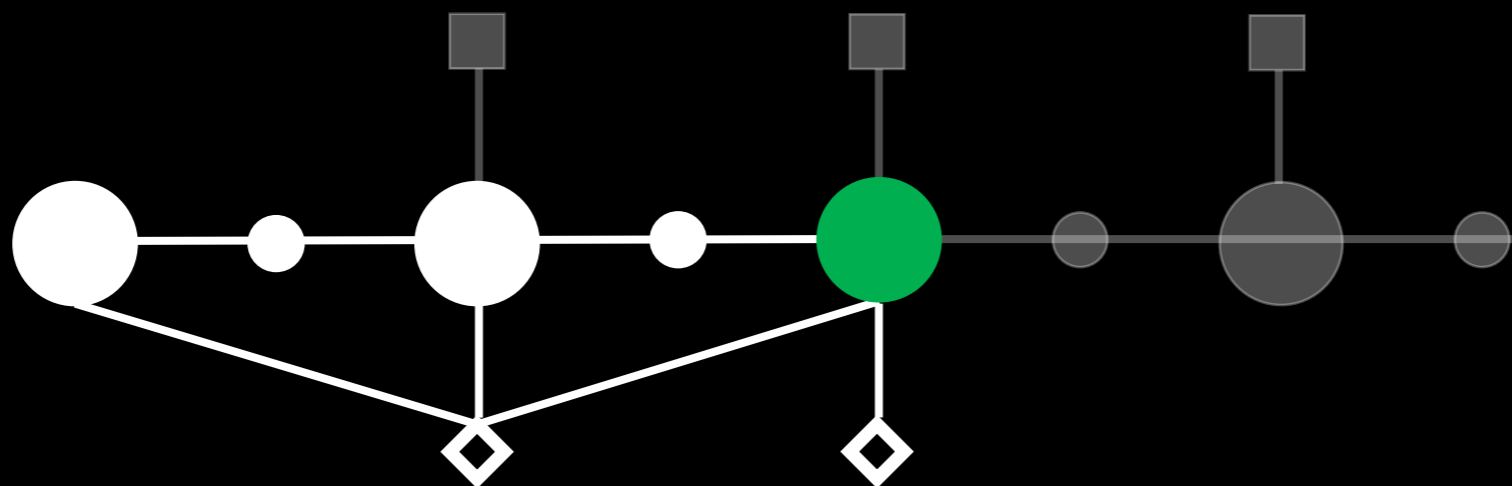
Autonomous Robotics, 2018

SLAM \rightarrow STEAP



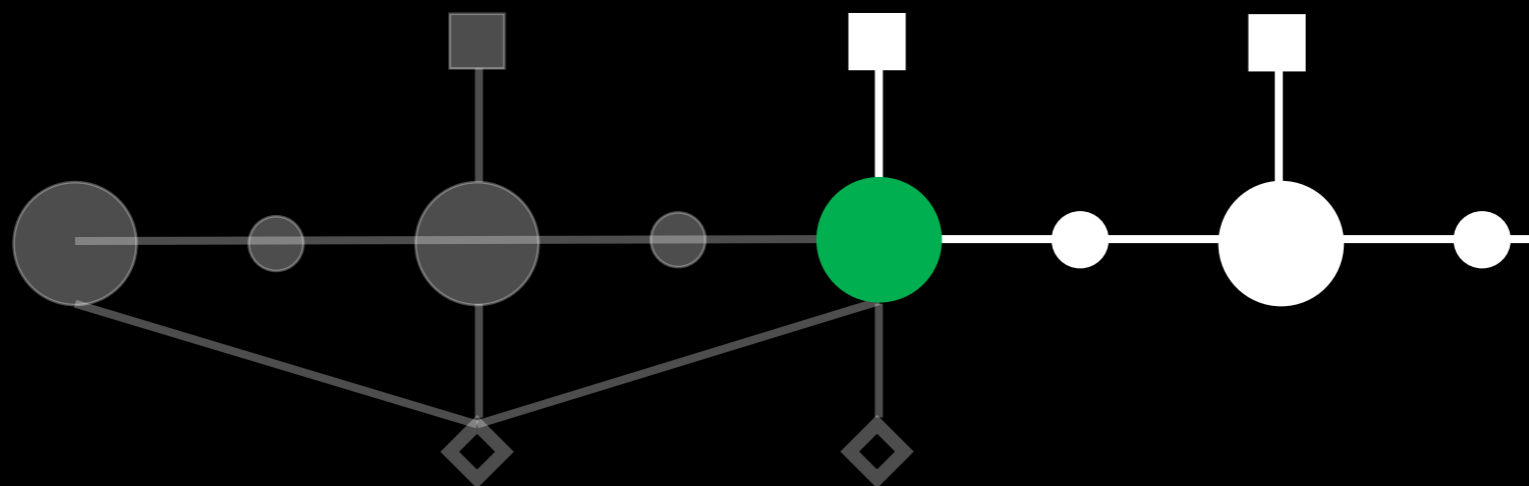
STEAM: Simultaneous Trajectory Estimation and Mapping

Barfoot et al., RSS 2014



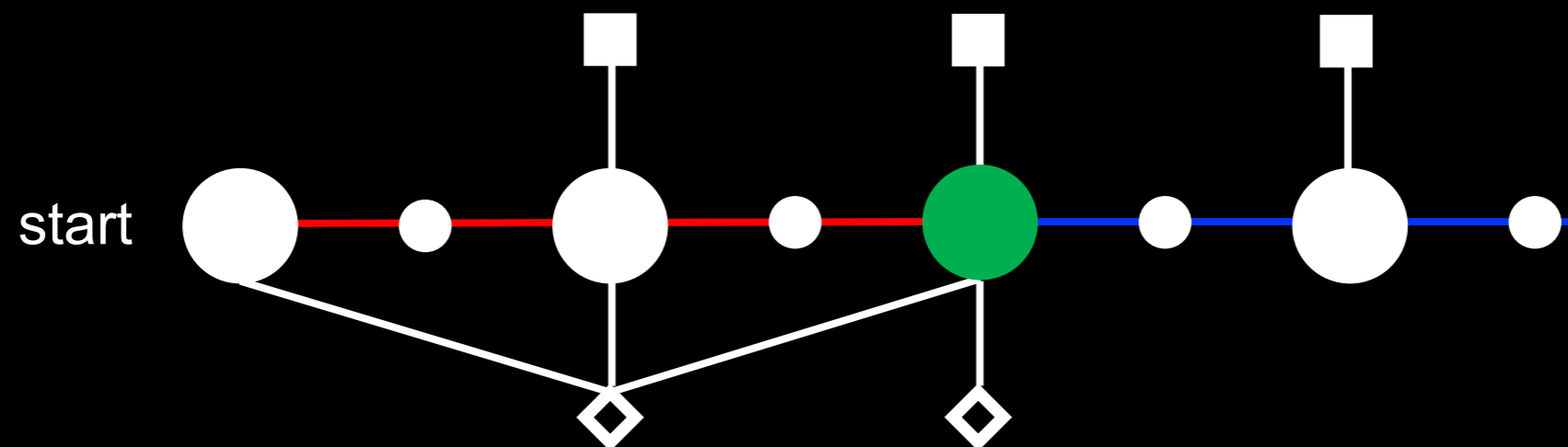
GPMP2: Gaussian Process Motion Planner 2

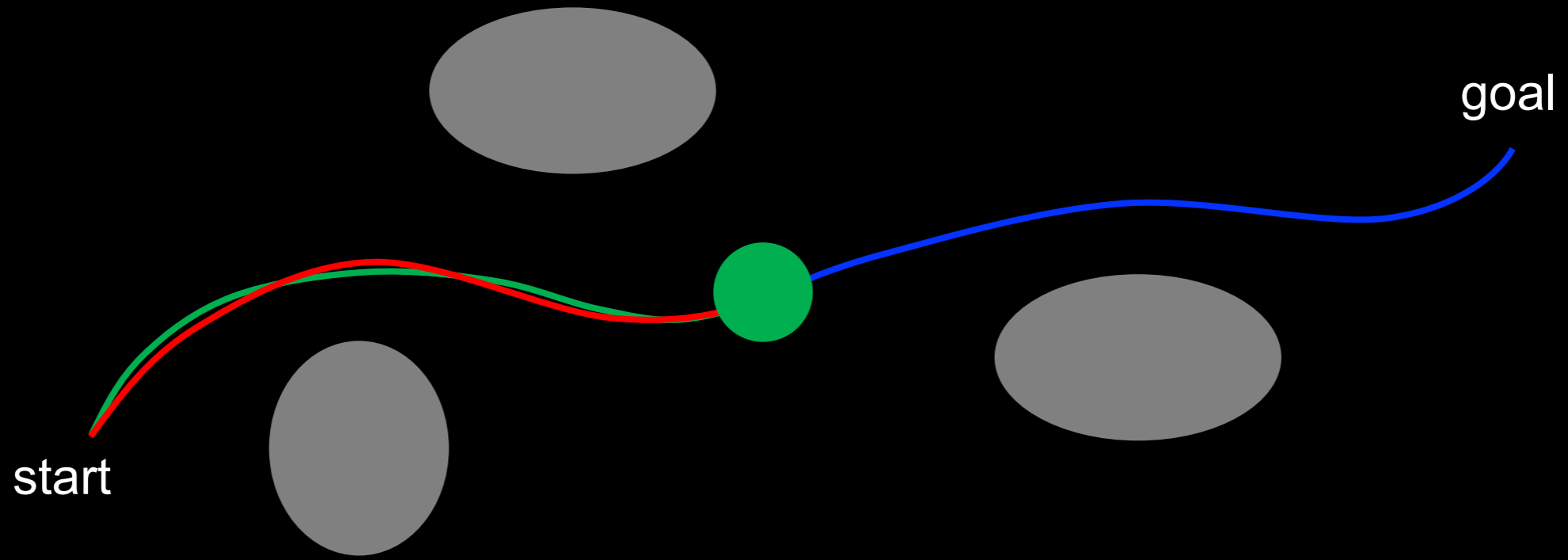
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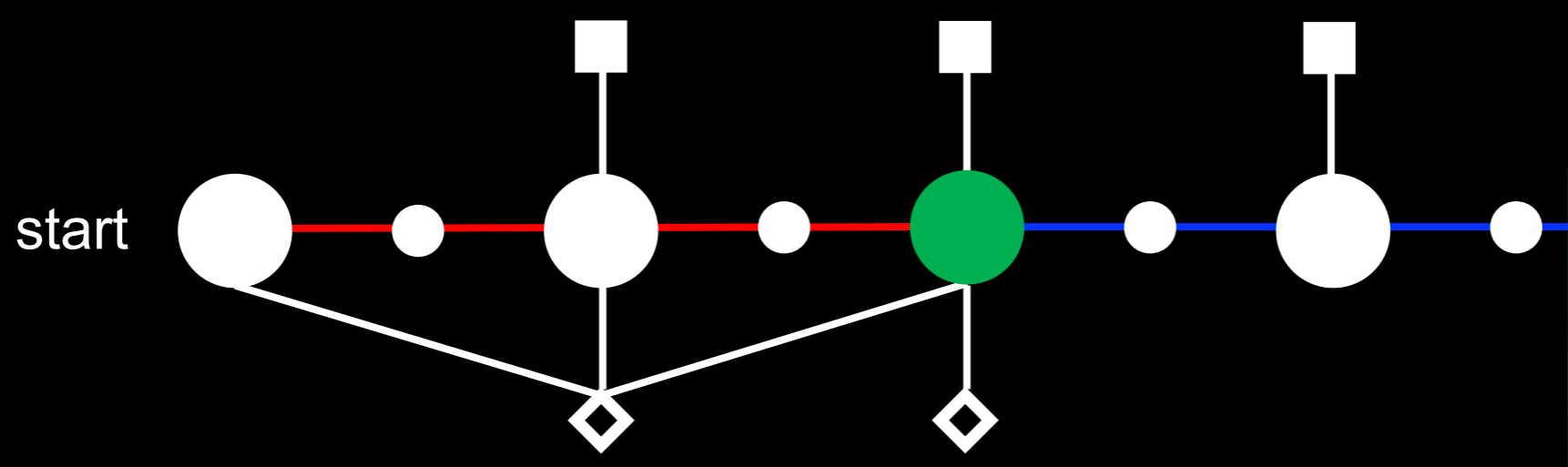
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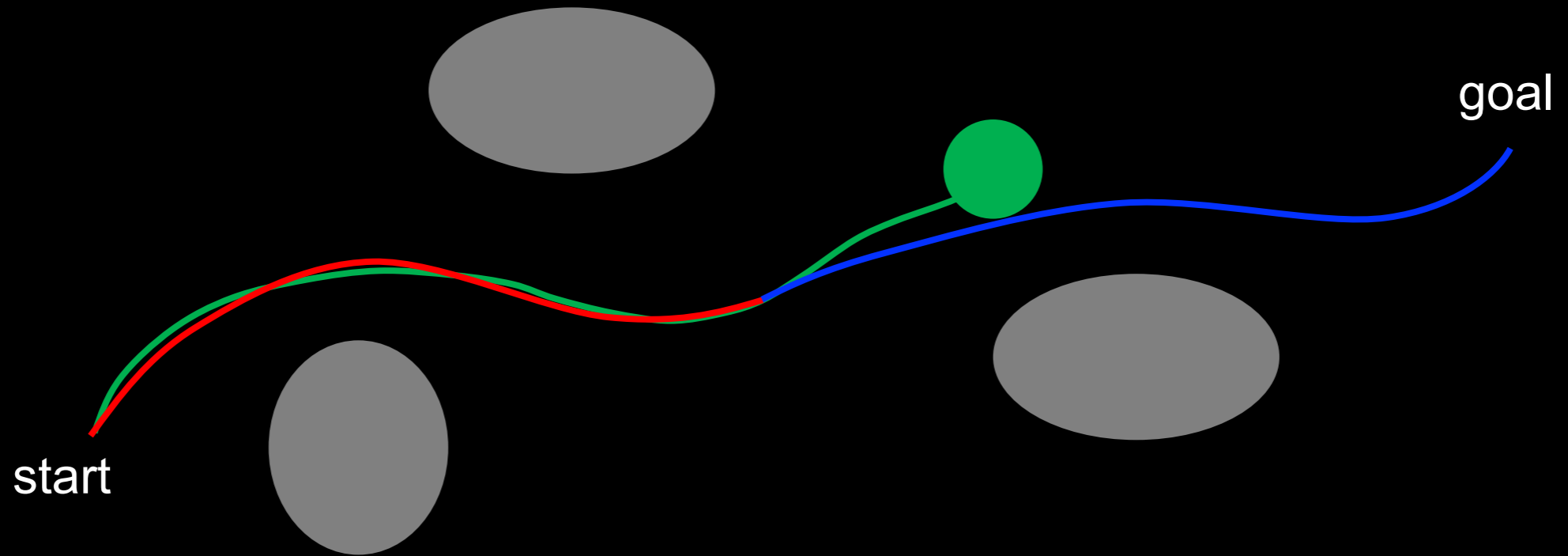
estimated trajectory
planned trajectory
current state



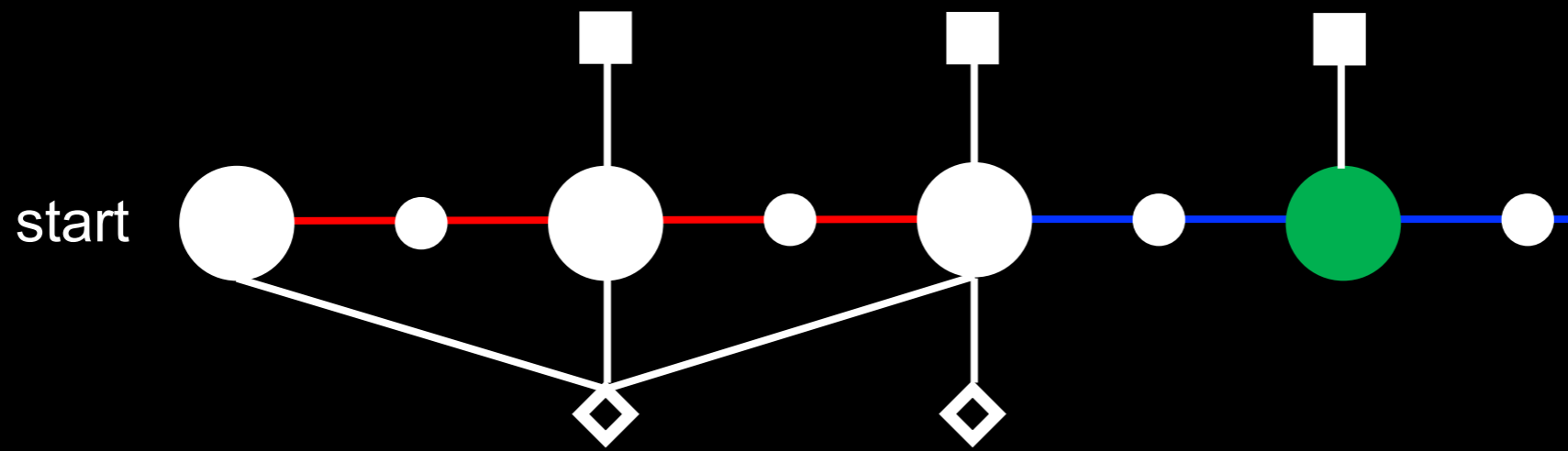


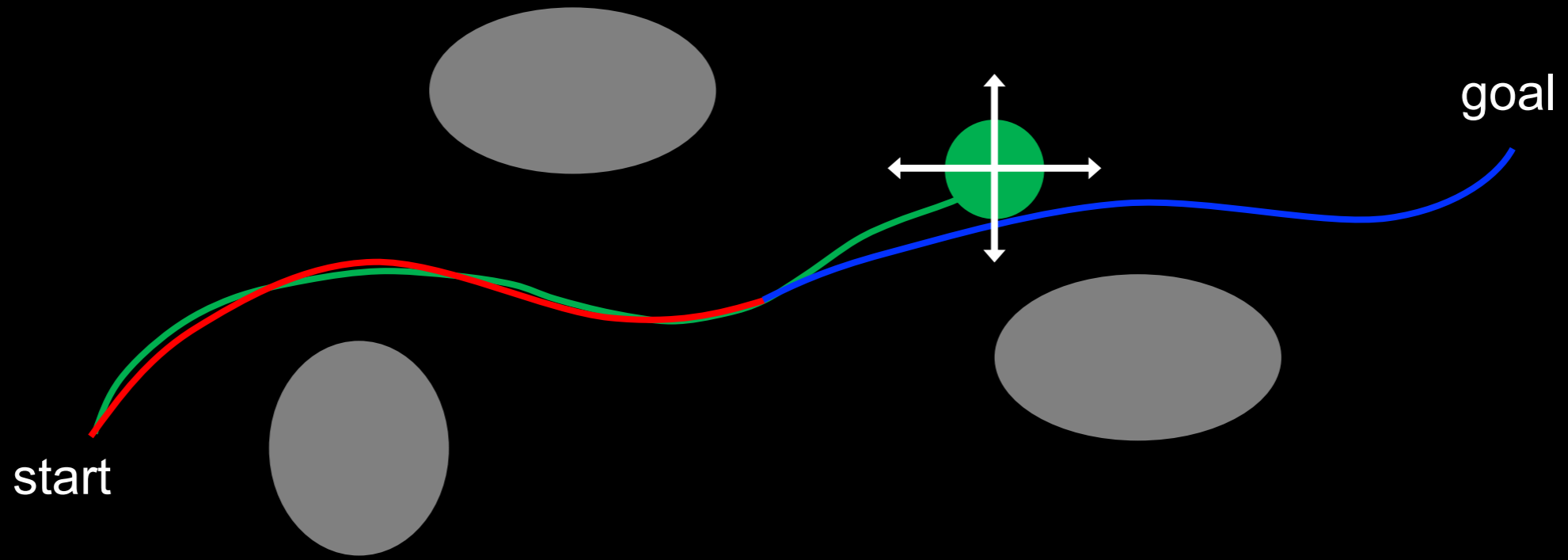
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ground-truth trajectory



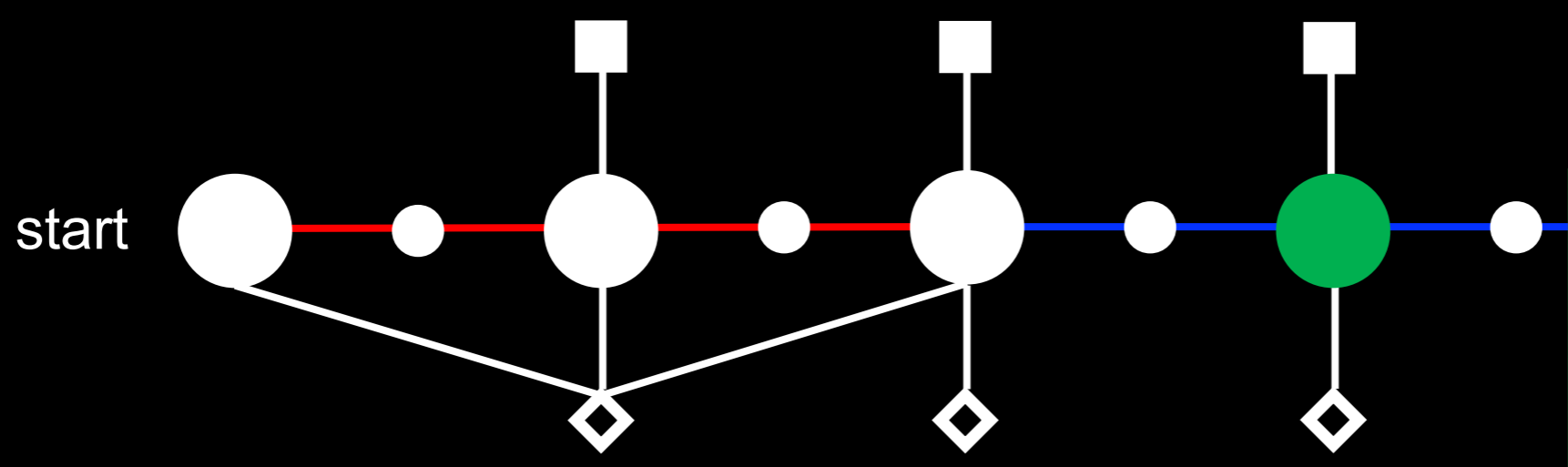


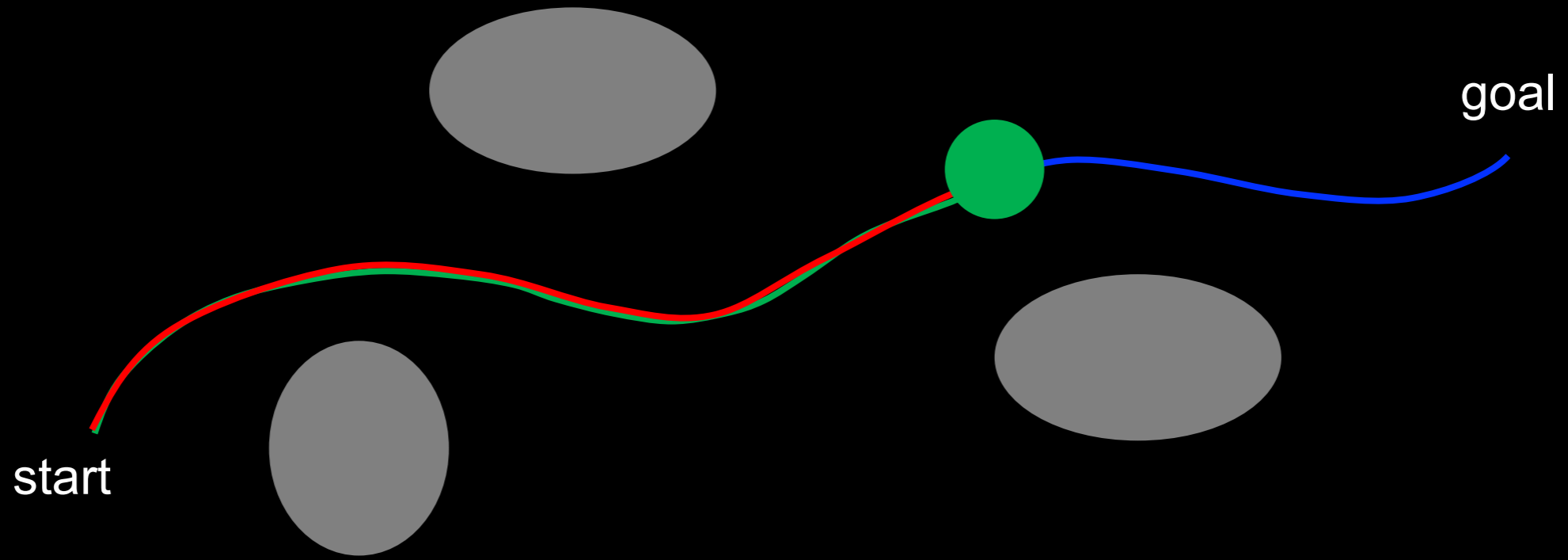
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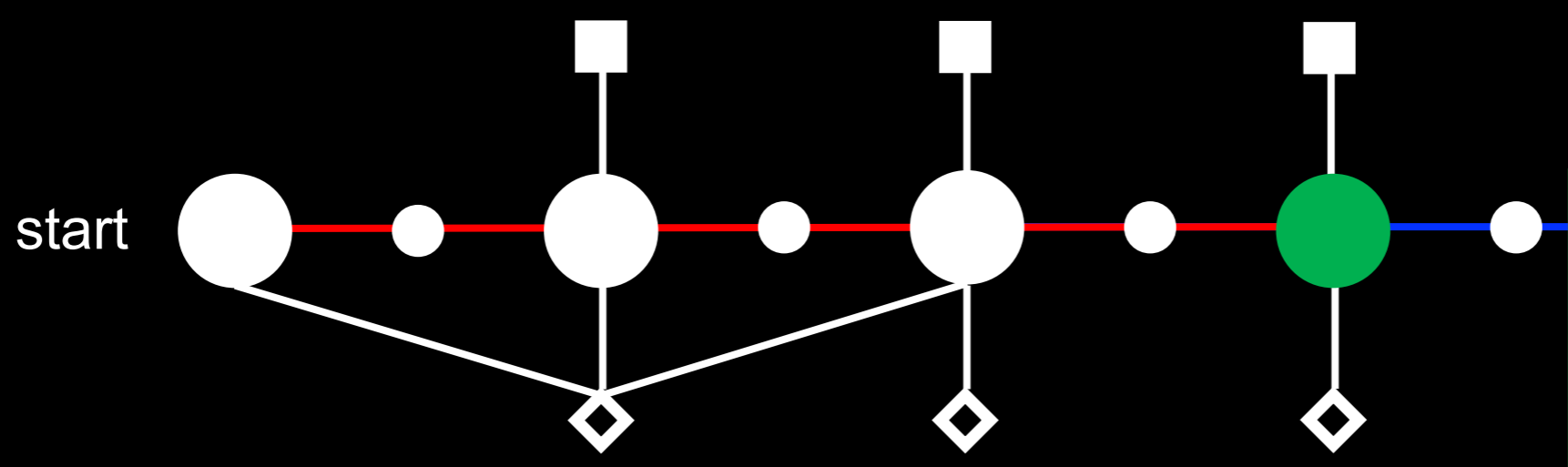


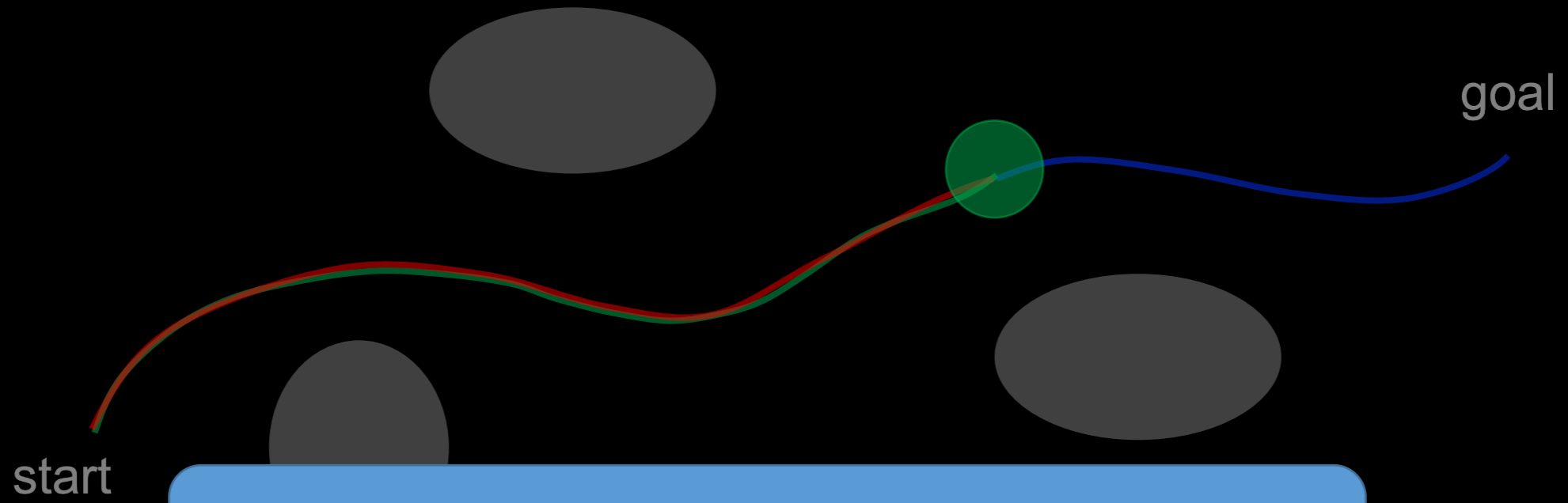
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Incremental inference on factor graphs
 Bayes tree: Kaess et al., WAFR 2011

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