

Finite-Set Statistics and SLAM

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Purpose



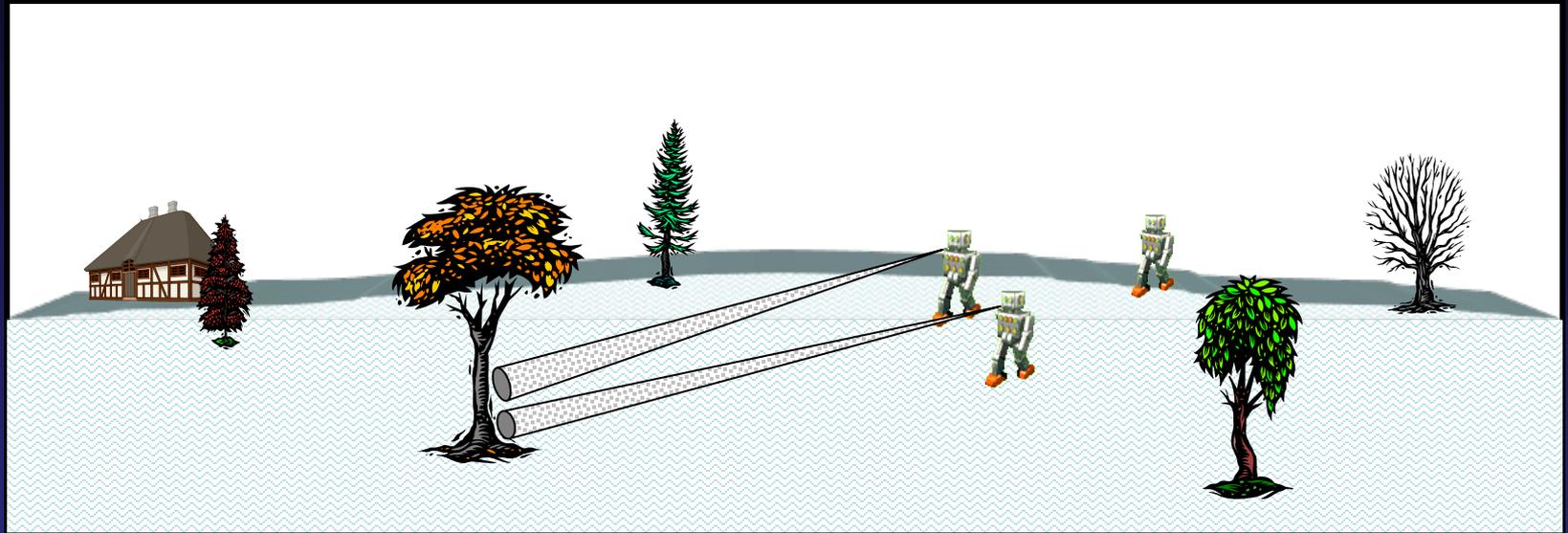
Describe the elements of a new, practical, Bayes-optimal, and theoretically unified foundation for multisensor-multitarget problems: “Finite-Set Statistics” (FISST).

Finite-set statistics is the basis for a fundamentally new, Bayes-optimal, and theoretically unified approach to SLAM and related robotics problems that is the focus of this workshop:

- Mullane, Vo, Adams, Vo: “A random-finite-set approach to Bayesian SLAM, *IEEE T-Robotics*, (27)2: 268-282, 2011.
- Mullane, Vo, Adams, Vo: *Random Finite Sets in Robotic Map Building and SLAM*, Springer, 2011.

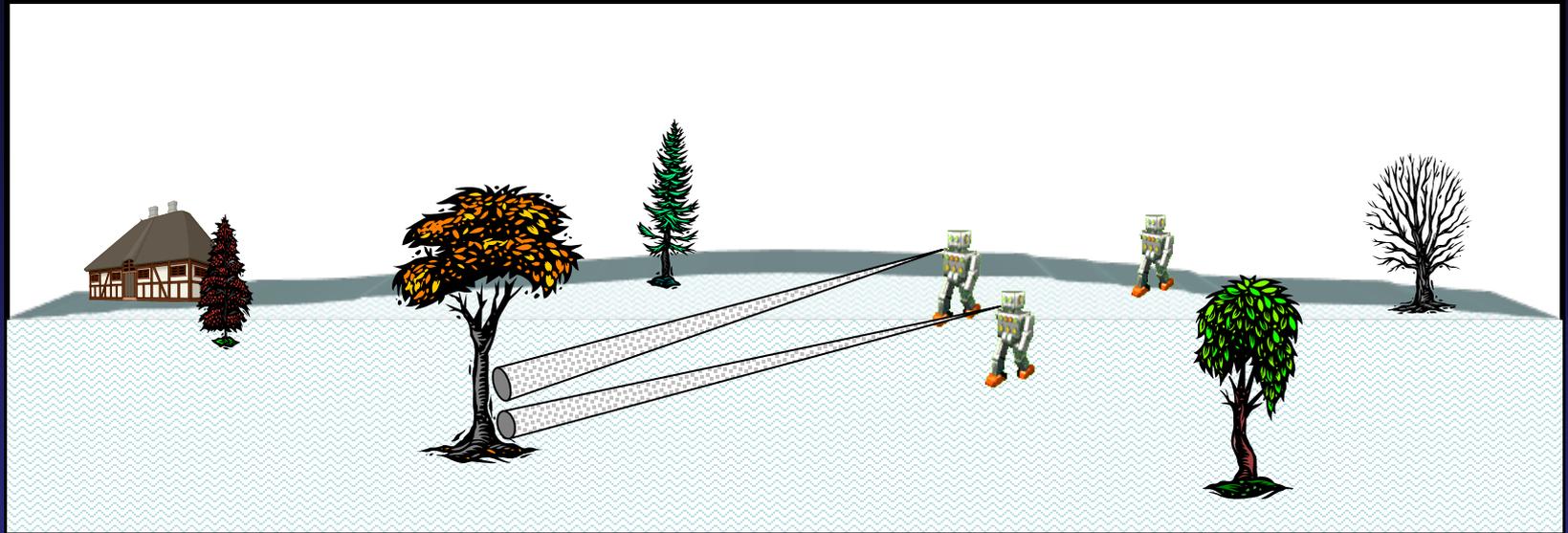
My purpose here is contextual: to provide an overview of FISST and to explain its pertinence for SLAM and similar applications

Simultaneous Localization and Mapping (SLAM)



- **Multiple moving robots explore an unfamiliar environment without access to GPS or a *priori* map (terrain, architectural) information**
- Without human intervention and by employing only their onboard sensors, the robots must detect and localize unknown stationary landmarks (“features”)
- **From these landmarks they must construct, *on-the-fly*, a local map of the environment**
- Then they must situate themselves within this map—along with any unknown, moving, and possibly noncooperative targets

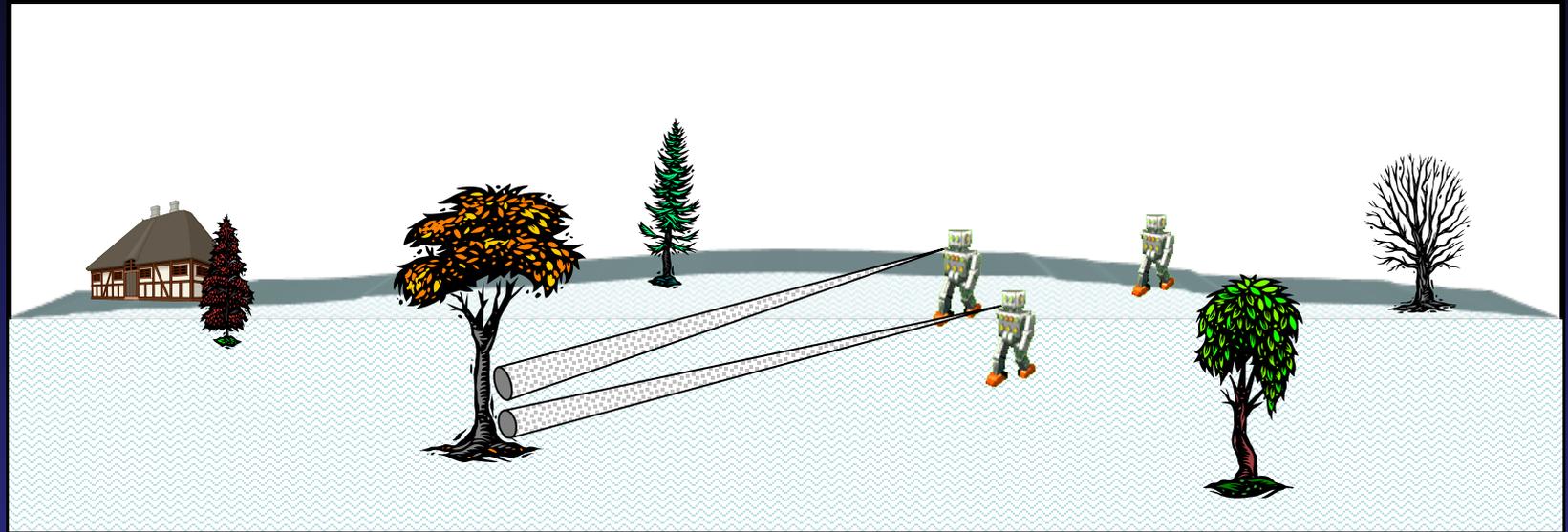
Important Points to Consider



- **The landmarks will be unknown, and of unknown, varying number**
- **The robots will be unknown and of unknown, varying number**
- **The sensor measurements—whether generated by robots, targets, landmarks, or clutter—will be varying and of varying number**
- **There is generally no *a priori* way to order the robots, the landmarks, the targets, or the measurements**



The Theoretical Challenge



- **Vector representations of SLAM scenarios are problematic**
- How can we measure the degree of deviation between between the actual map and a SLAM algorithm's estimate of it (which will differ not only in estimates of individual landmarks, but in their number)?
- **How can we claim that the algorithm's estimate is "optimal" in a Bayesian sense?**

The Approach: Finite-Set Statistics



- **Formulate SLAM problems in terms of random finite set (RFS) theory**
- **Generalize “Statistics 101” concepts to multitarget realm: multitarget probability laws, multitarget integro-differential calculus**
- **From formal statistical models of sensors & targets, create RFS multisensor-multitarget measurement models**
- **From formal statistical models of target motions (including appearance & disappearance) create RFS multitarget motion models**
- **From the RFS motion & measurement models, construct “true” multitarget Markov densities and likelihood functions**
- **From the Markov density & likelihood function, construct an optimal solution: a multisensor-multitarget Bayes recursive filter**
- **Construct principled approximations of the optimal filter—e.g., PHD filter, CPHD filter, multi-Bernoulli filter, etc.**

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- **Overview**
- **Single-sensor, single-target Bayes filter**
- **RFS multi-object calculus**
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- **Approximate multitarget Bayes filters**
- **Conclusions**

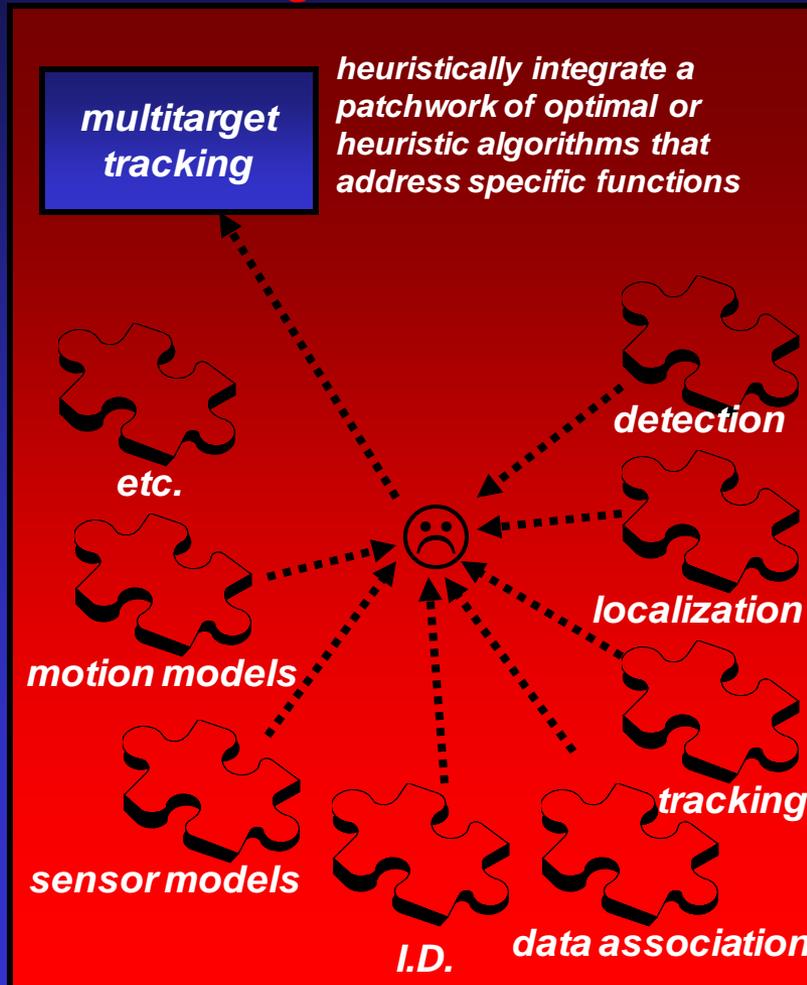
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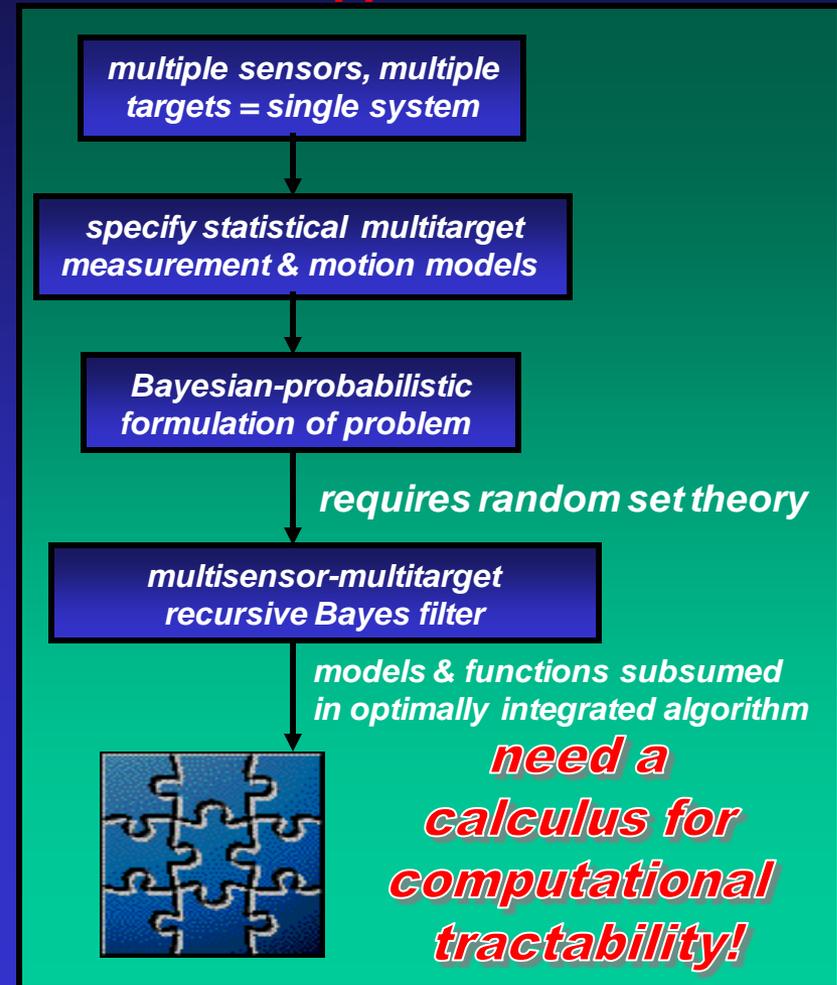
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Top-Down versus Bottom-Up Multitarget Data Fusion

usual "bottom-up" approach to multitarget information fusion

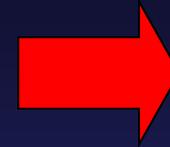
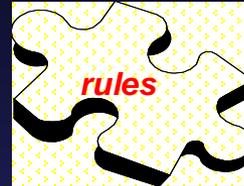
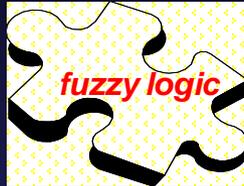


"top-down," system-level approach

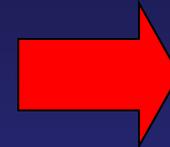
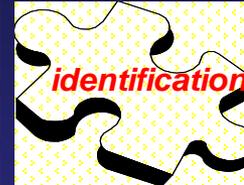
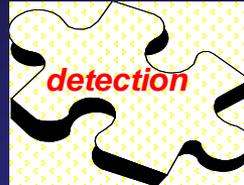


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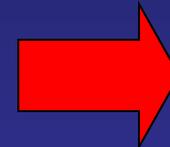
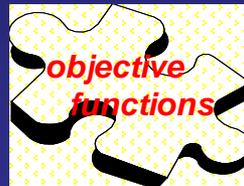
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expert systems
theory



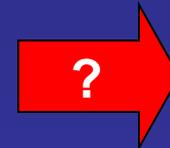
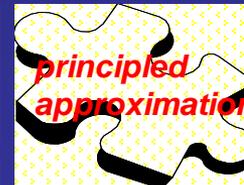
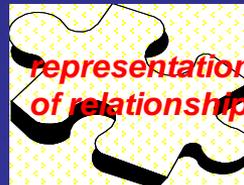
Advance 2:
unification of
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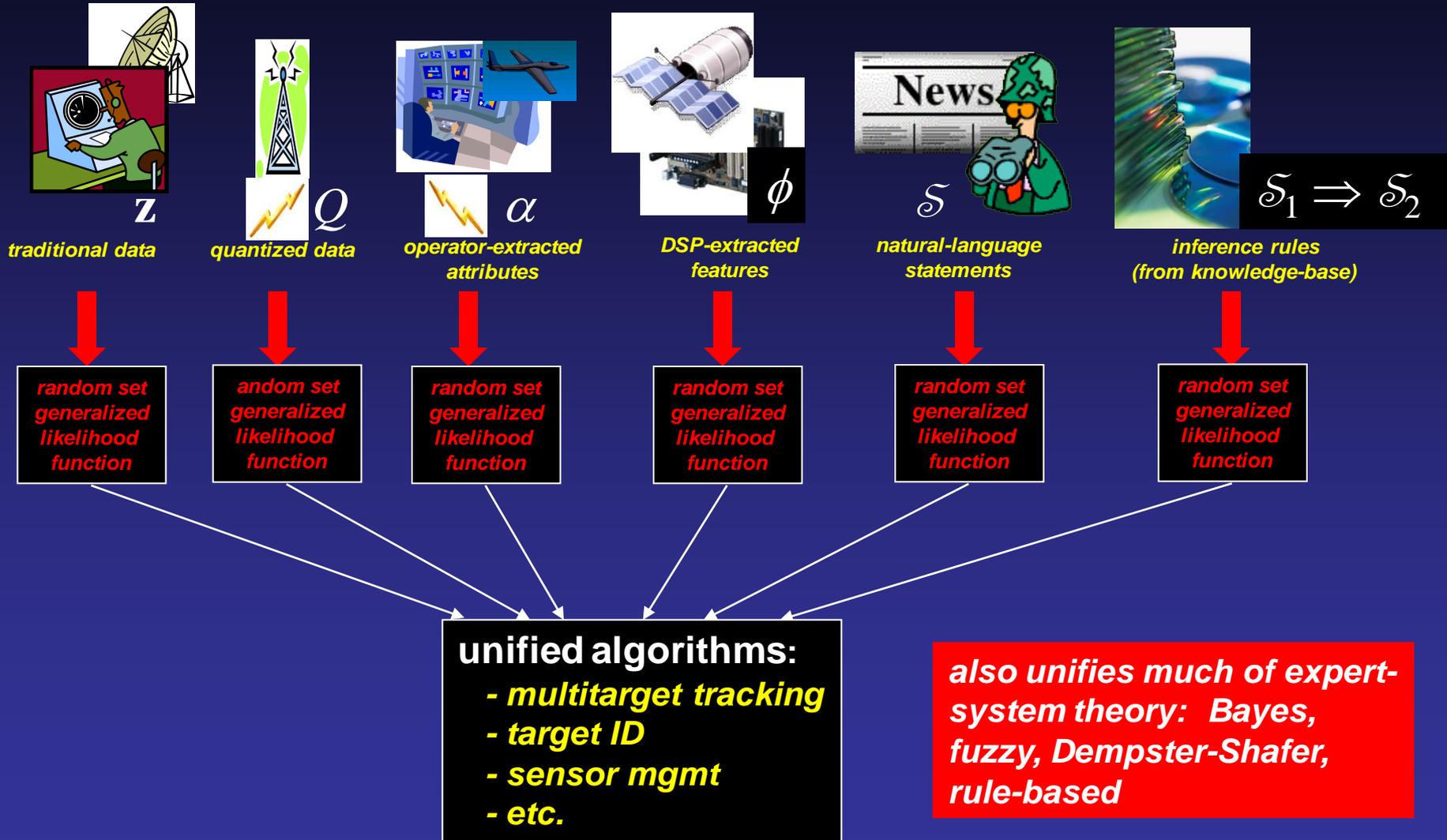
Advance 3:
unification of
Level 1 sensor
mgmt



Advance 4?
beginnings of a
foundation for
Levels 2/3?



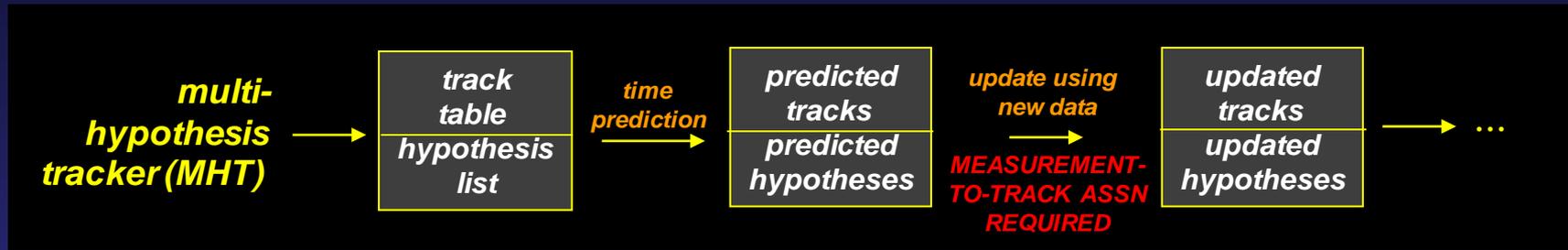
Unified Information Fusion





Approximate Multitarget Filters: MHT, PHD, CPHD

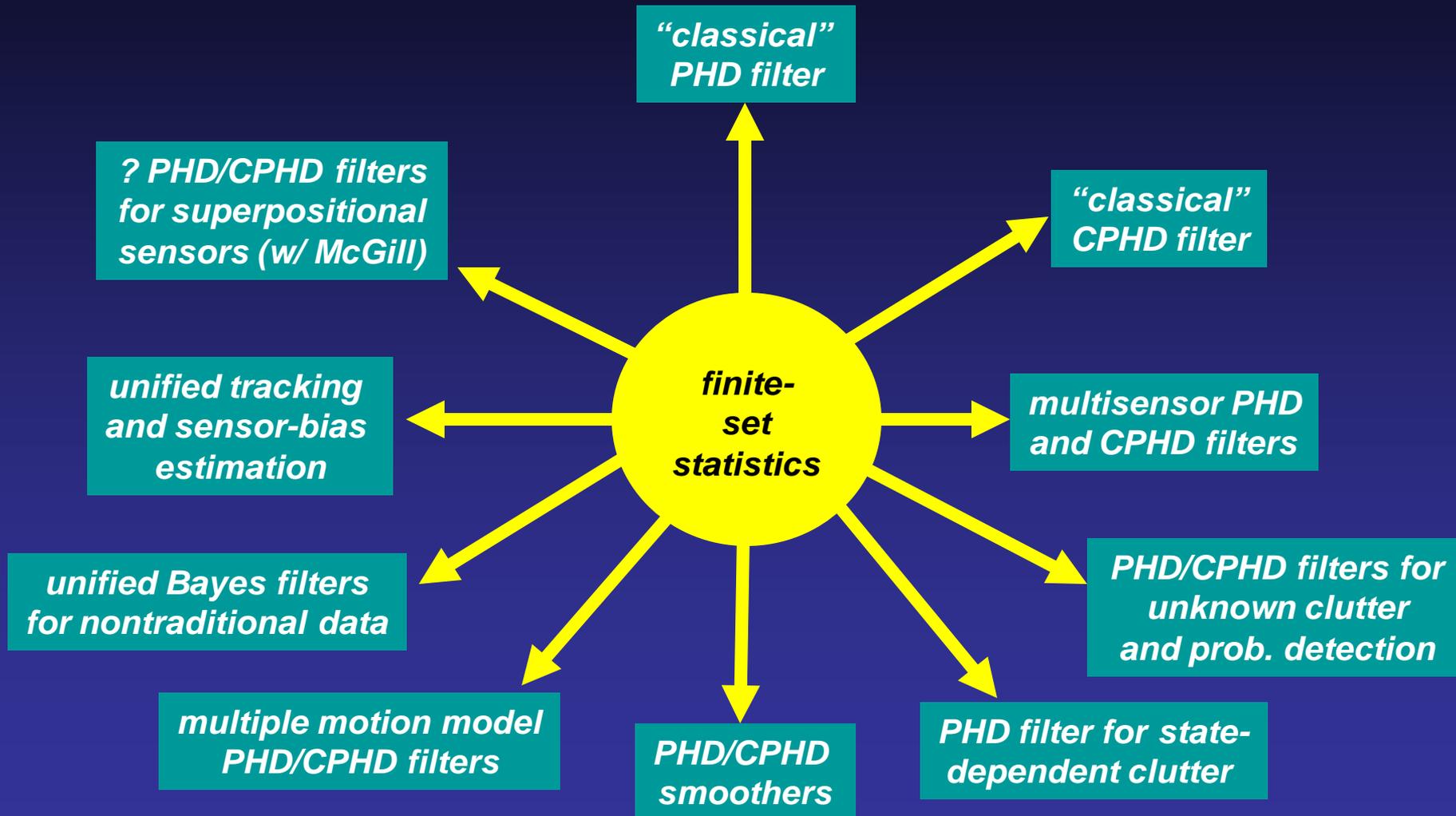
given time-sequence of measurement-sets: $Z^{(k)} : Z_1, \dots, Z_k$



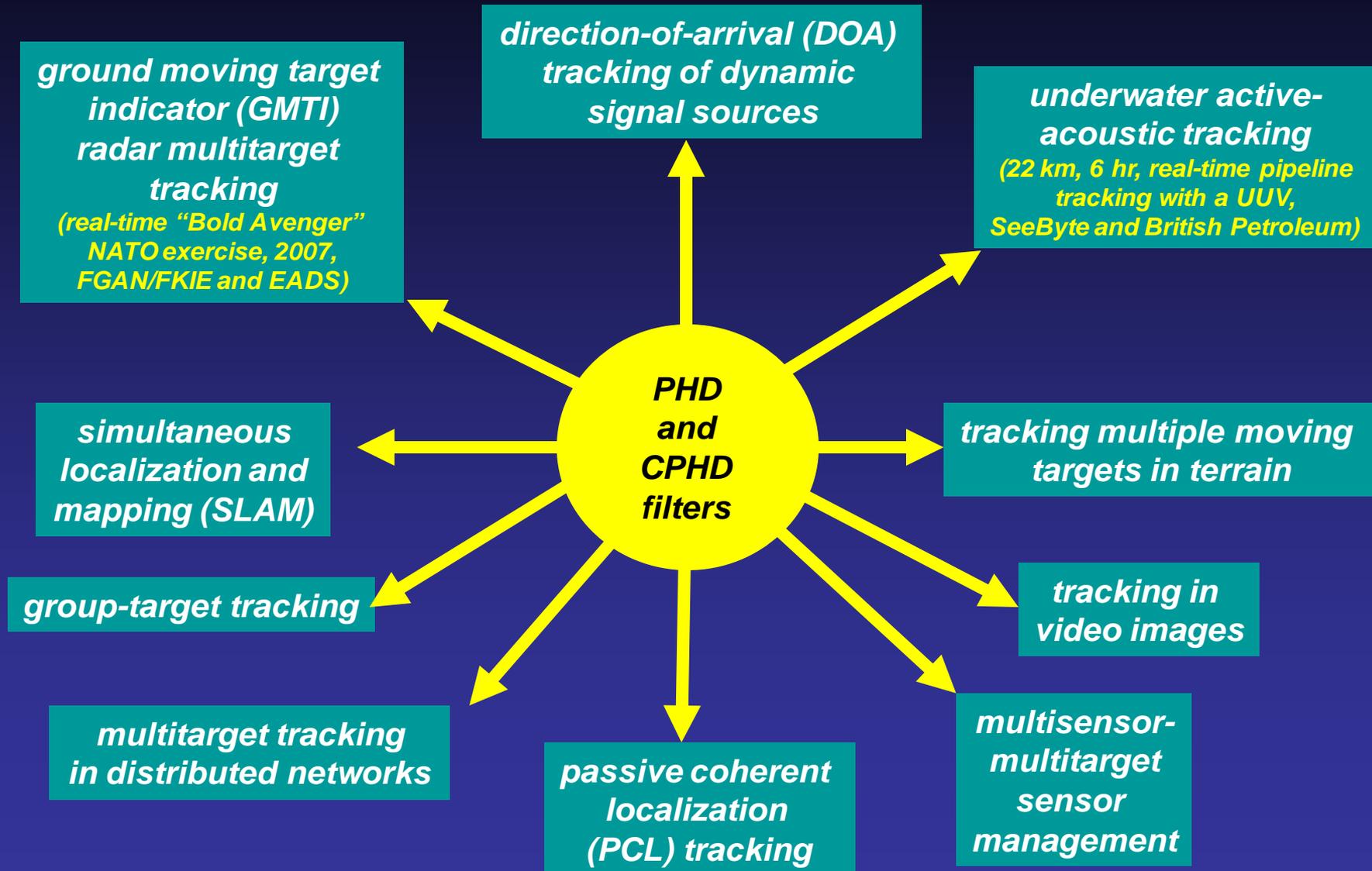
PHD filter (introduced 2000) *filter on probability hypothesis densities (PHDs)*
 $\dots \rightarrow D_{k|k}(\mathbf{x}|Z^{(k)}) \rightarrow D_{k+1|k}(\mathbf{x}|Z^{(k)}) \rightarrow D_{k+1|k+1}(\mathbf{x}|Z^{(k+1)}) \rightarrow \dots$
no measurement-to-track association required

CPHD filter (introduced 2006) *filter on PHDs*
 $\dots \rightarrow D_{k|k}(\mathbf{x}|Z^{(k)}) \rightarrow D_{k+1|k}(\mathbf{x}|Z^{(k)}) \rightarrow D_{k+1|k+1}(\mathbf{x}|Z^{(k+1)}) \rightarrow \dots$
 $\dots \rightarrow p_{k|k}(n|Z^{(k)}) \rightarrow p_{k+1|k}(n|Z^{(k)}) \rightarrow p_{k+1|k+1}(n|Z^{(k+1)}) \rightarrow \dots$
filter on target-number distributions **no measurement-to-track association required**

Algorithms Derived Using Finite-Set Statistics



Selected Applications



The Random Set Filtering Website

RFS Filtering Website

- **United Kingdom mirror** Prof. Daniel Clark, D.E.Clark@hw.ac.uk
 - <http://randomsets.eps.hw.ac.uk/index.html>
- **Australian mirror** Prof. Ba-Ngu Vo, ba-ngu.vo@uwa.edu.au
 - <http://randomsets.ee.unimelb.edu.au/index.html>

RFS-SLAM Website

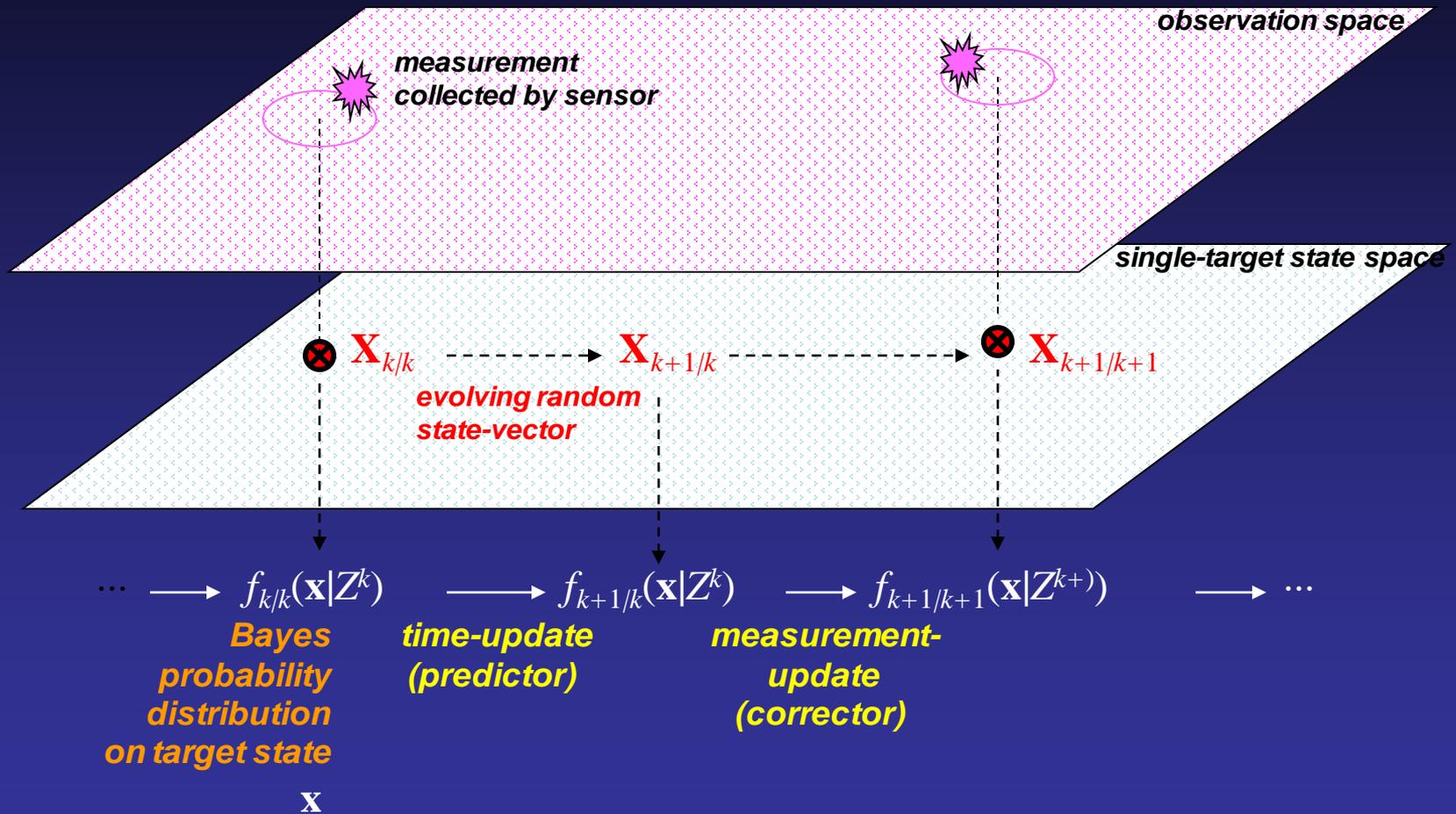
- Prof. Martin Adams, martin@ing.uchile.cl
 - http://www.cec.uchile.cl/~martin/Martin_research_18_8_11.html

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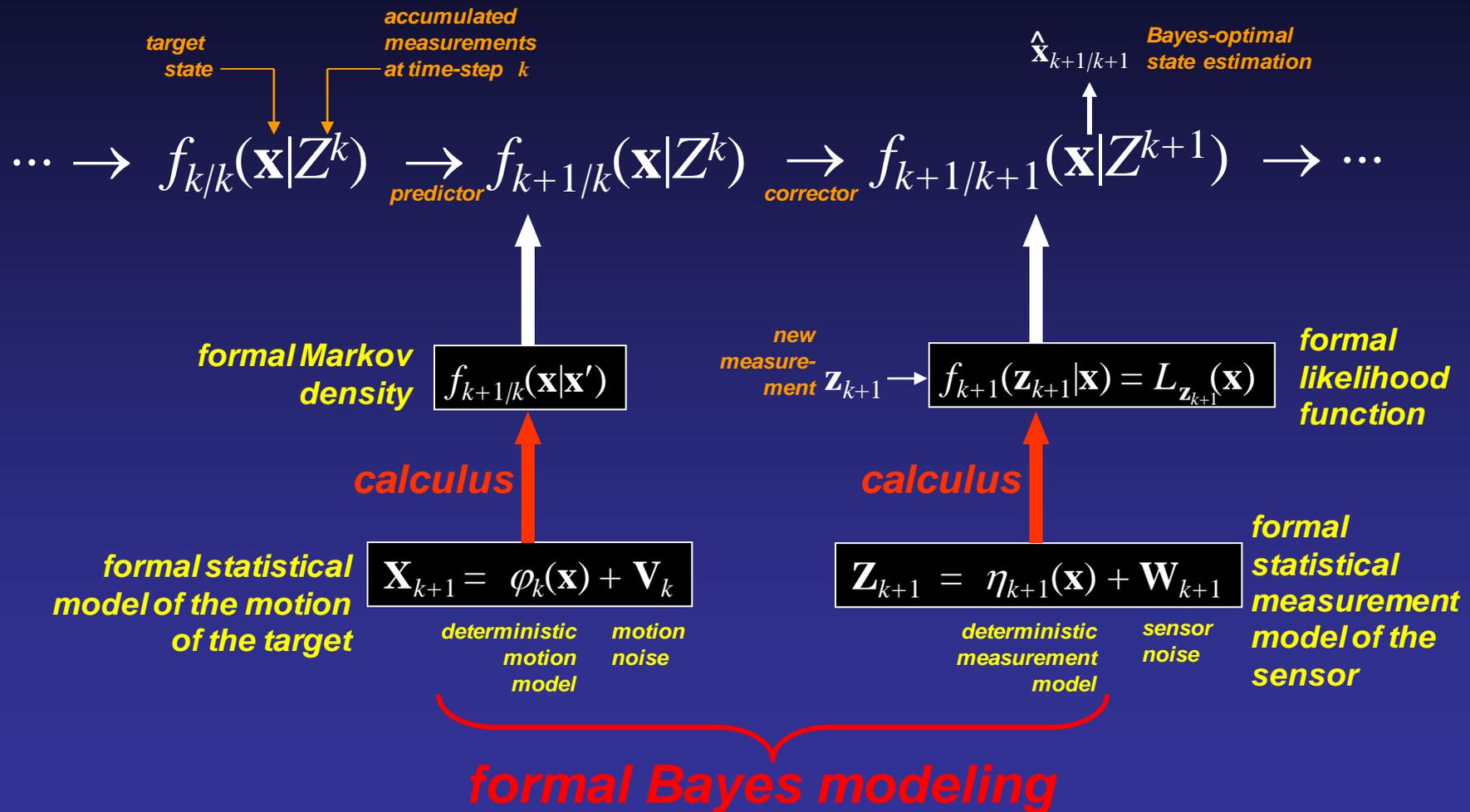


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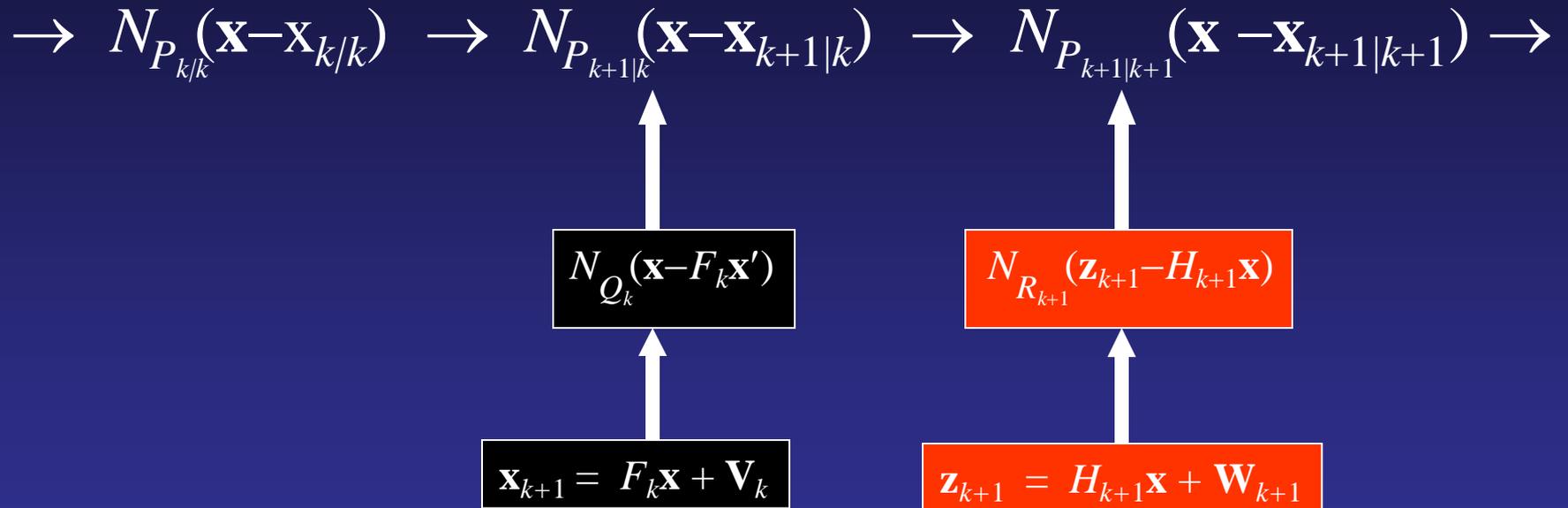
Foundation: The Single-Target Bayes Filter



Foundation: The Single-Target Bayes Filter, 2



Special Case: The Kalman Filter



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Mathematical Core of Single-Target Bayes Filter

formal Bayes modeling

(prevent model-mismatch due to a heuristics-generated fictitious sensor!)

$p_{\mathbf{X}}(S)$ *probability measures / probability-mass functions of random vector \mathbf{X}*



$\frac{\delta p_{\mathbf{X}}}{\delta \mathbf{X}}(S)$ *integrals & derivatives* $\int f_{\mathbf{X}}(\mathbf{x}) d\mathbf{x}$

single-target filtering

$f_{\mathbf{X}}(\mathbf{x})$ *probability density functions of random vector \mathbf{X}*

ordinary calculus permits derivation of concrete algorithm formulas

Mathematical Core of Multitarget Bayes Filter

formal Bayes modeling

(prevent model-mismatch due to a heuristics-generated fictitious sensor!)

$$\beta_{\Psi}(S)$$

belief-mass functions of random finite set Ψ



$$\frac{\delta\beta_{\Psi}}{\delta Y}(S)$$

set integrals & derivatives

$$\int f_{\Psi}(Y)\delta Y$$

multitarget filtering

$$f_{\Psi}(Y)$$

multi-object probability density functions of random finite set Ψ



$$\frac{\delta G_{\Psi}}{\delta Y}[h]$$

set integrals & functional derivatives

$$\int f_{\Psi}(Y)\delta Y$$

principled approximation

$$G_{\Psi}[h]$$

probability generating functionals (p.g.fl.'s) of random finite set Ψ

Multi-Object Calculus, 1

**set
integrals**

$$\int f_{\Psi}(Y)\delta Y = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n!} \int f_{\Psi}(\{\mathbf{y}_1, \dots, \mathbf{y}_n\}) d\mathbf{y}_1 \cdots d\mathbf{y}_n$$

**probability generating
functional (p.g.fl.)**

$$G_{\Psi}[h] = \int h^Y \cdot f_{\Psi}(Y)\delta Y$$

functional power

$$h^Y = \prod_{\mathbf{y} \in Y} h(\mathbf{y})$$

Dirac delta function

**functional
derivatives**

$$\frac{\delta G_{\Psi}}{\delta \mathbf{y}} [h] = \lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} \frac{G_{\Psi}[h + \varepsilon \cdot \delta_{\mathbf{y}}] - G_{\Psi}[h]}{\varepsilon}$$

$$\frac{\delta G_{\Psi}}{\delta Y} [h] = \frac{\delta^n G_{\Psi}}{\delta \mathbf{y}_1 \cdots \delta \mathbf{y}_n} [h]$$

Multi-Object Calculus, 2

*multitarget
distribution*

$$f_{\Psi}(Y) = \frac{\delta G_{\Psi}}{\delta Y}[0]$$

*functional
derivative*

*probability
hypothesis
density (PHD)*

$$D_{\Psi}(\mathbf{y}) = \frac{\delta G_{\Psi}}{\delta \mathbf{y}}[1] = \int f_{\Psi}(\{\mathbf{y}\} \cup Y) \delta Y$$

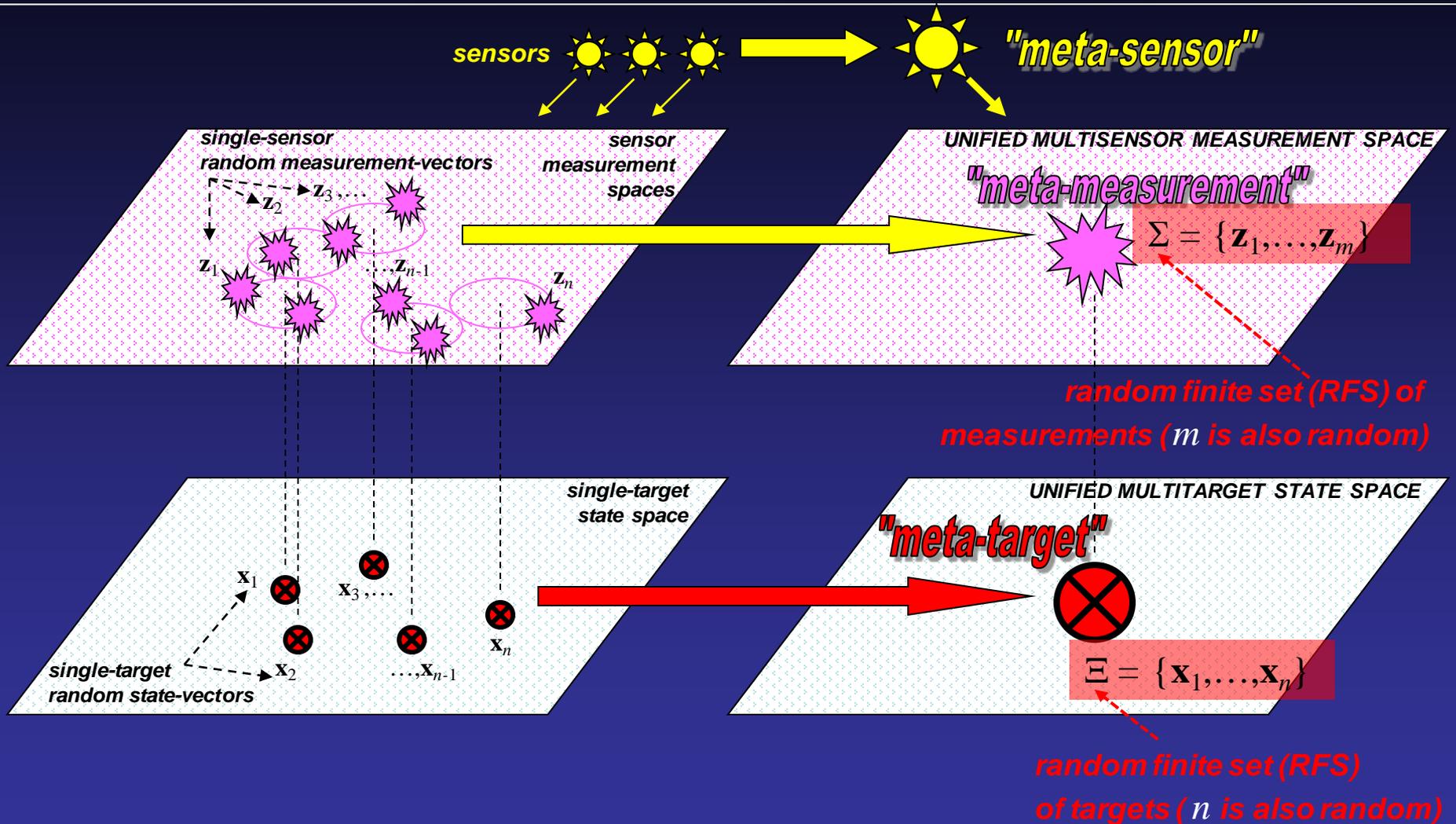
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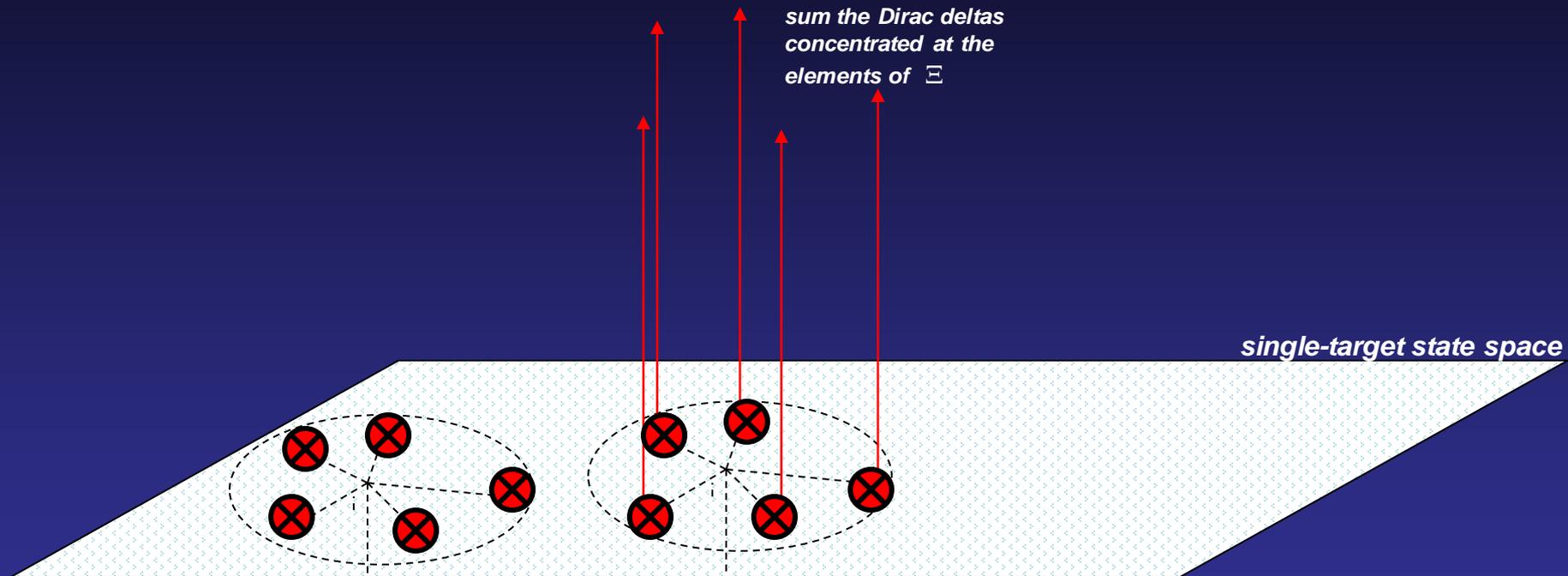
Multisensor-Multitarget Statistics



multisensor, multitarget transformed to single-sensor, single-target

Statistical Representation of a Multitarget System

equivalent notations for a (multidimensional) simple point process



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random state-set

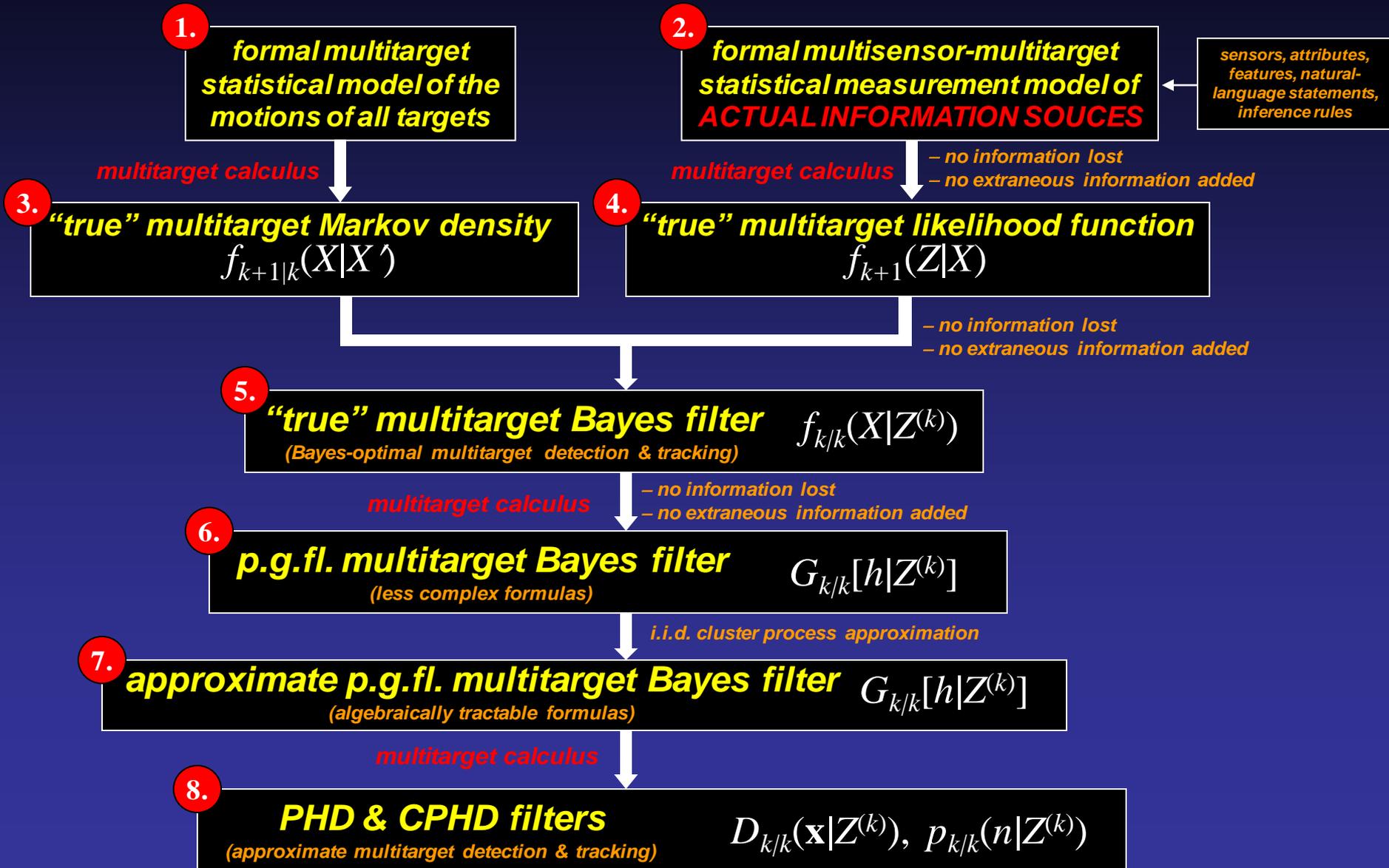
*a particular formulation
of a random point process
(stochastic geometry
formulation)*

$$\delta_{\Xi}(\mathbf{x}) = \sum_{y \in \Xi} \delta_y(\mathbf{x})$$

**random density/
random measure**

*(point process theory
formulation)*

Systematic Multitarget Modeling & Approximation



Systematic Multitarget Modeling & Approximation, 2

PHD approximation of multitarget Bayes filter (OR OTHER APPROXIMATE FILTERS)

(sub-optimal)

$$\dots \rightarrow D_{k/k}(\mathbf{x}) \rightarrow D_{k+1/k}(\mathbf{x}) \rightarrow D_{k+1/k+1}(\mathbf{x}) \rightarrow \dots$$



p.g.fl. form of multitarget Bayes filter

(optimal, intractable, but algebraically simpler)

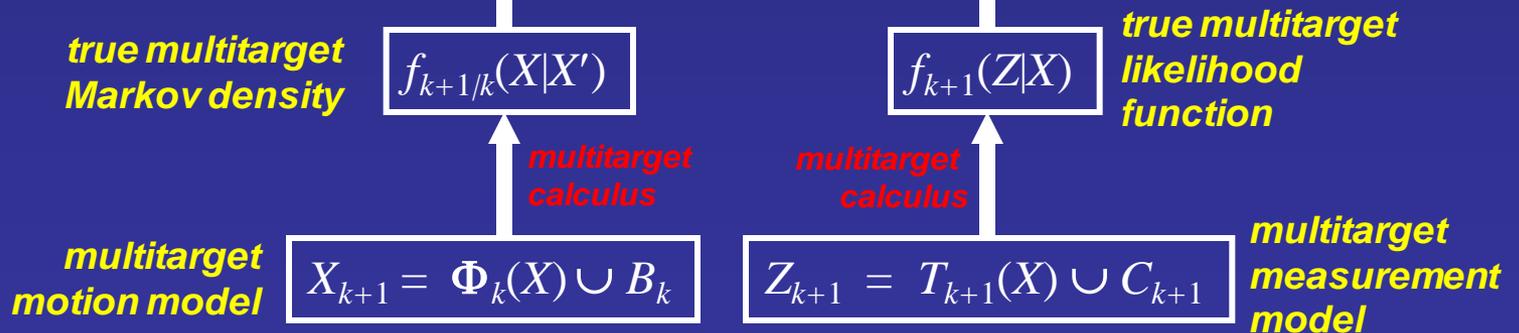
$$\dots \rightarrow G_{k/k}[h] \rightarrow G_{k+1/k}[h] \rightarrow G_{k+1/k+1}[h] \rightarrow \dots$$



$$\dots \rightarrow f_{k/k}(X|Z^{(k)}) \rightarrow f_{k+1/k}(X|Z^{(k)}) \rightarrow f_{k+1/k+1}(X|Z^{(k+1)}) \rightarrow \dots$$

multitarget Bayes filter

(optimal but usually intractable solution)

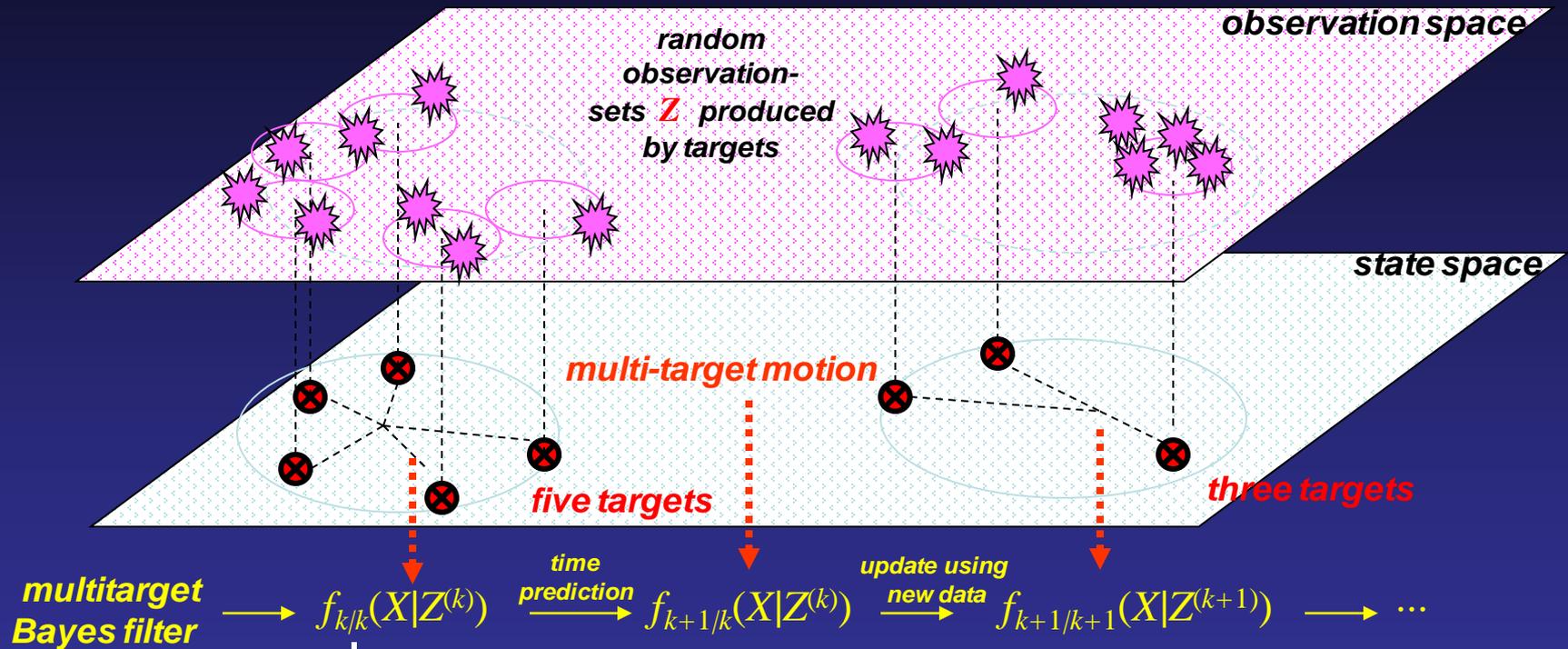


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The Multitarget Bayes Filter



multitarget probability density function

$$f_{k|k}(\emptyset/Z^{(k)})$$

(probability that there are no targets present)

$$f_{k|k}(\{\mathbf{x}_1\})$$

(probability of one target with state \mathbf{x}_1)

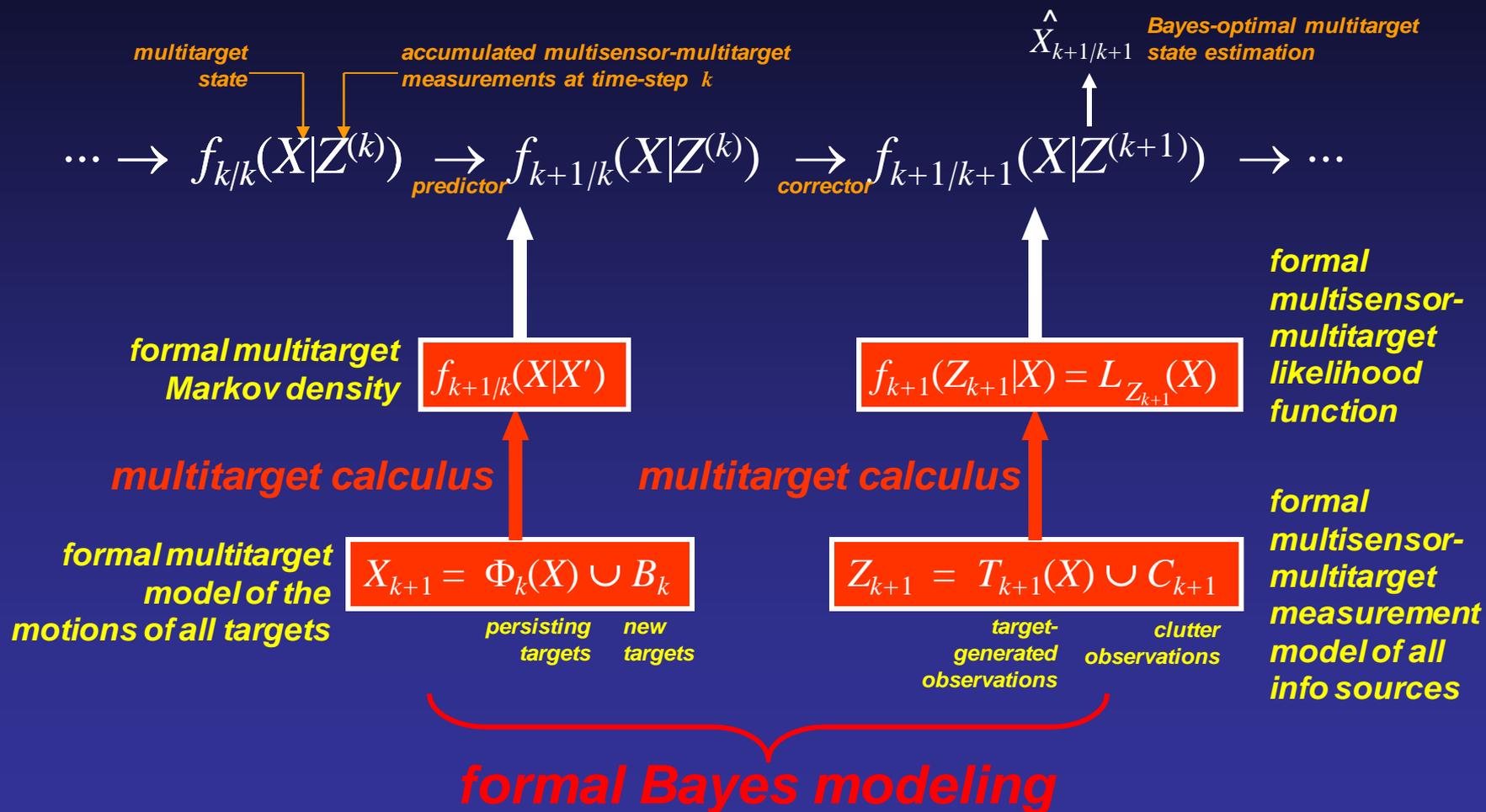
$$f_{k|k}(\{\mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{x}_2\}/Z^{(k)})$$

(probability of two targets with states $\mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{x}_2$)

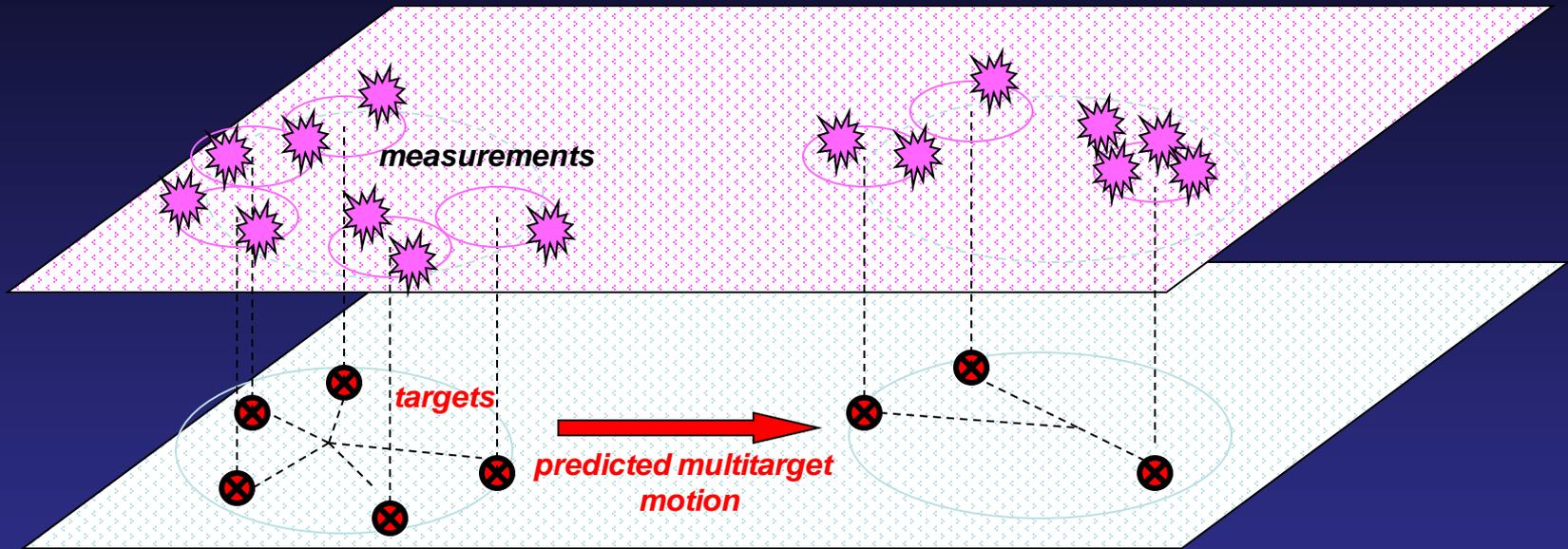
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$$f_{k|k}(\{\mathbf{x}_1, \dots, \mathbf{x}_n\}/Z^{(k)}) \text{ (probability of } n \text{ targets with states } \mathbf{x}_1, \dots, \mathbf{x}_n)$$

The Multitarget Bayes Filter, 2



Conventional Multitarget Filtering (multi-hypothesis correlation trackers)



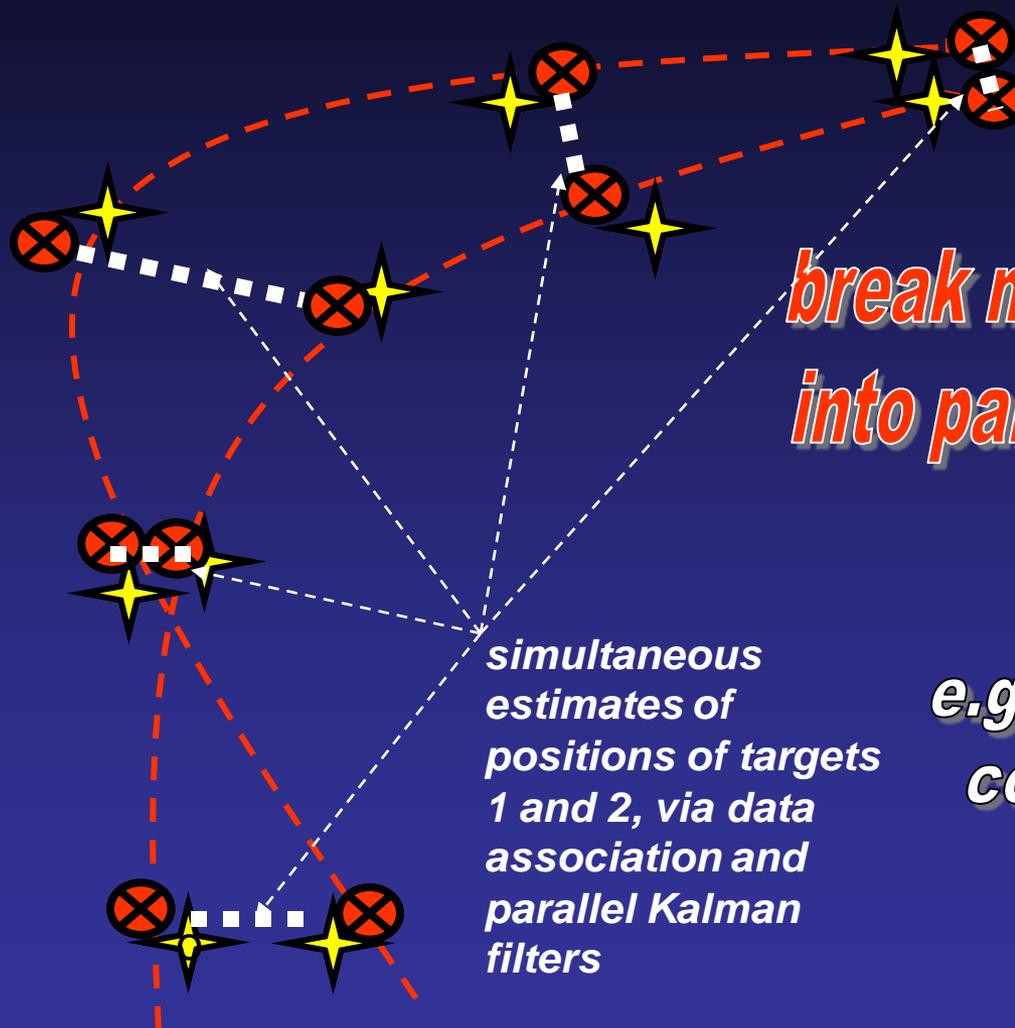
multitarget Bayes filter (optimal) $\rightarrow f_{k|k}(X|Z^{(k)}, w^{(k)}, \text{time})$ **intractable in general!** $\rightarrow \dots$

multi-hypothesis correlator tracker

"tracking barrier" challenges

track hypothesis list $\xrightarrow{\text{approximation}}$ predicted hypotheses $\xrightarrow{\text{approximation}}$ updated hypotheses

Conventional Multitarget Tracking



*bottom-up:
break multitarget problem
into parallel single-target
problems*

*e.g., multi-hypothesis
correlator trackers
(MHTs)*

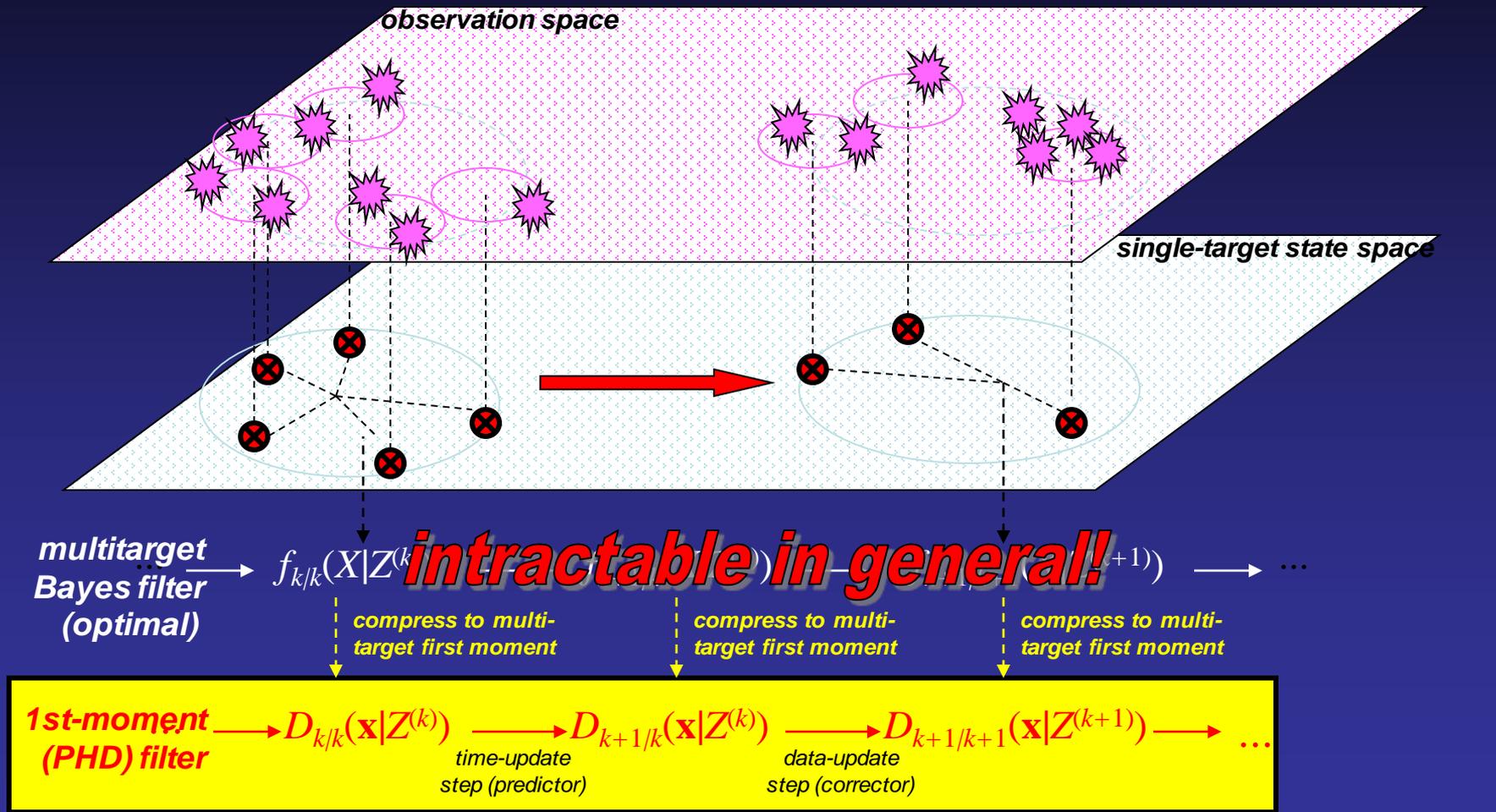
difficulty: combinatorially complex

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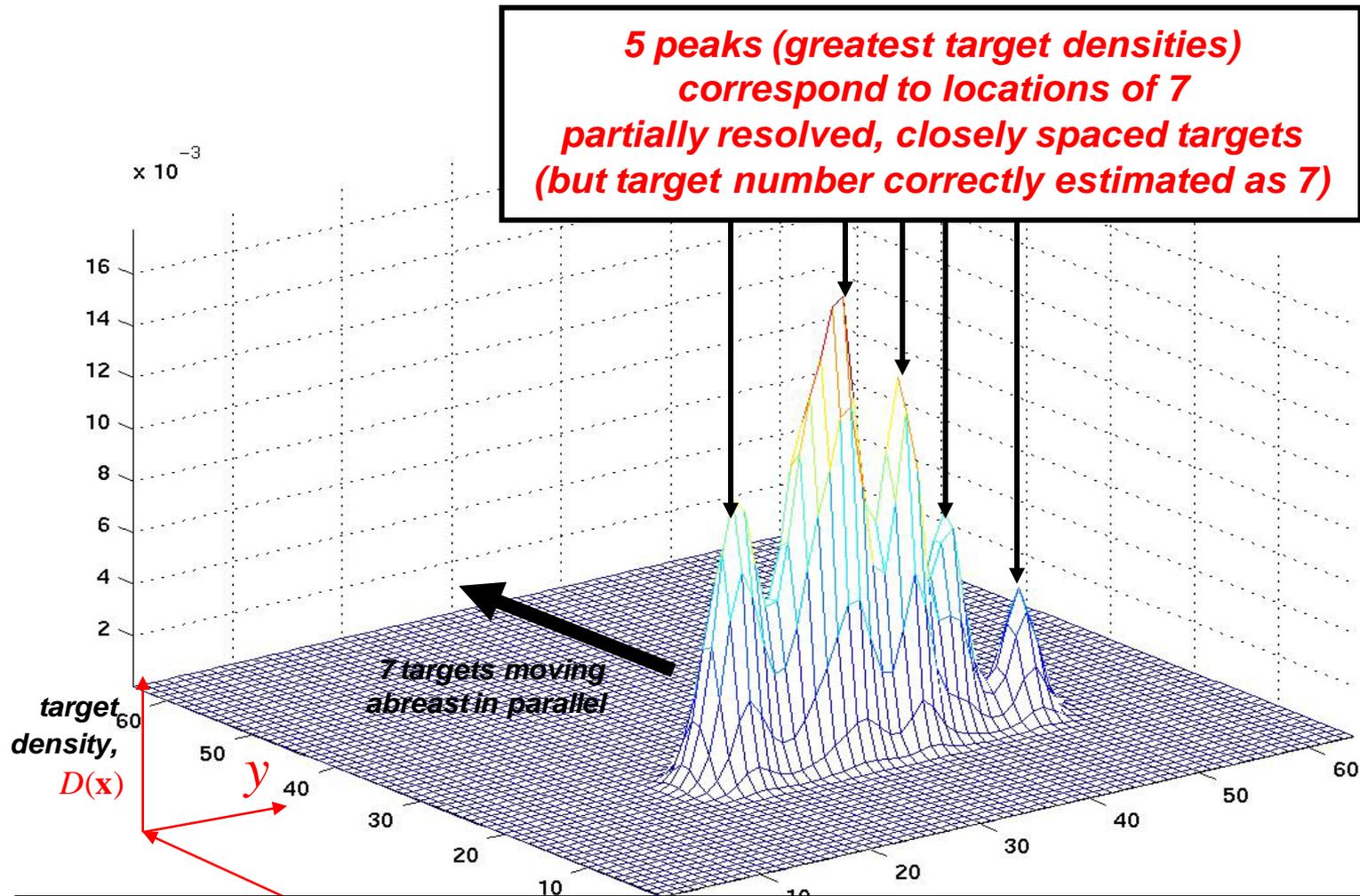
Probability Hypothesis Density (PHD) Filter



computational complexity $O(mn)$, $n = \text{no. targets}$, $m = \text{no. measurements}$



Example of a PHD

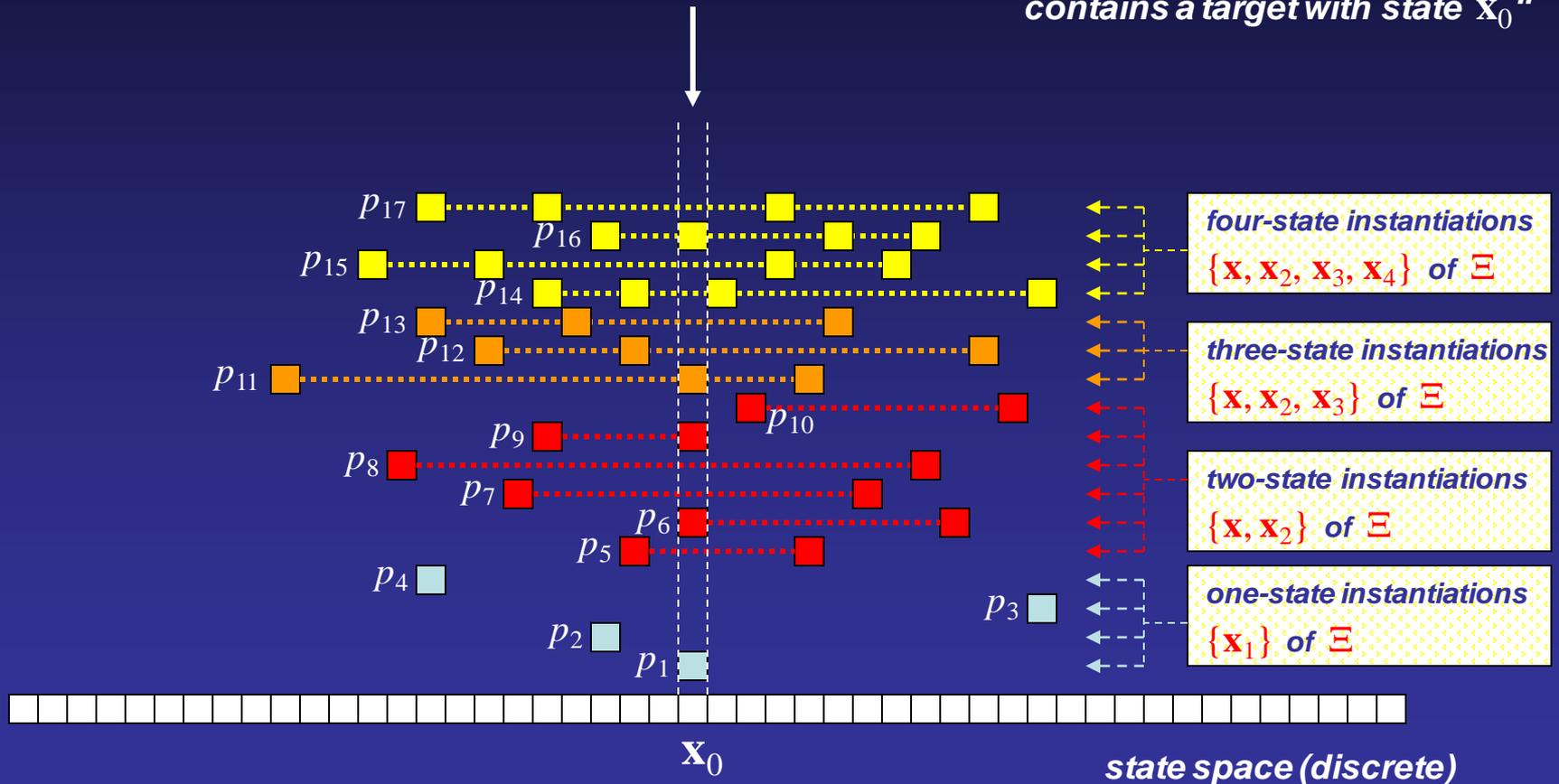


PHD represents targets first as a group, then as individual targets

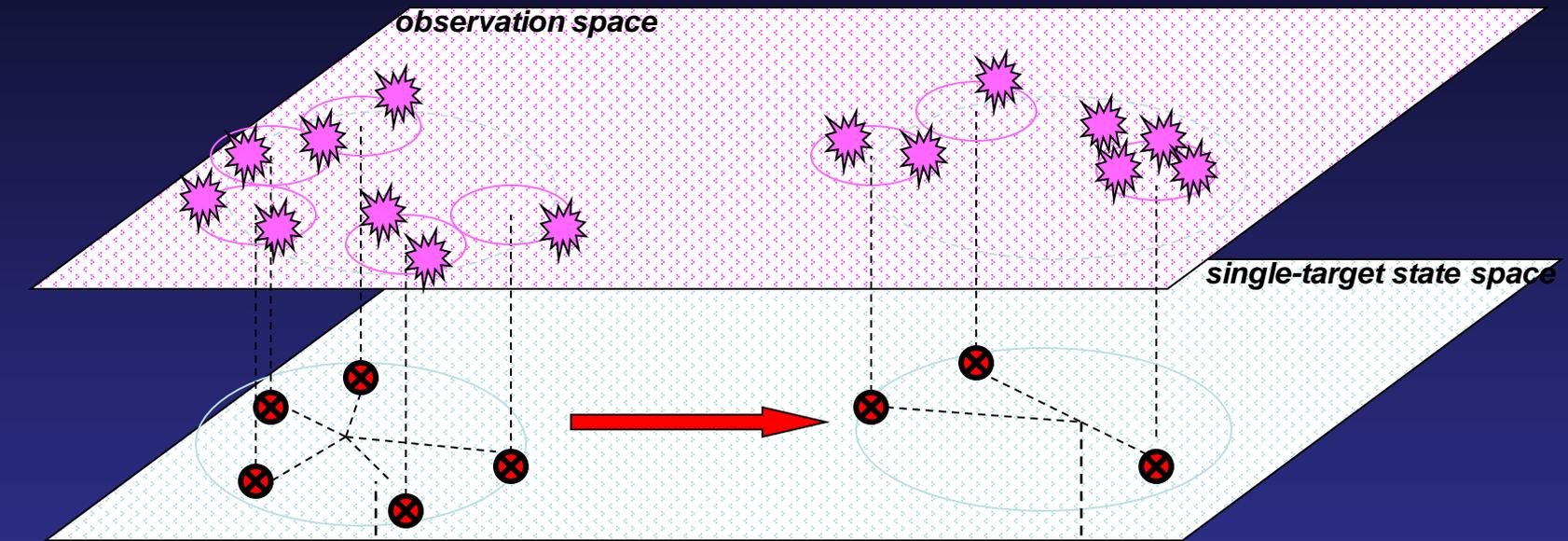
Probability Hypothesis Density: Picture

$$D_{\Xi}(\mathbf{x}_0) = \Pr(\mathbf{x}_0 \in \Xi)$$
$$= p_1 + p_6 + p_9 + p_{11} + p_{16}$$

= probability of the hypothesis: "the multitarget system contains a target with state \mathbf{x}_0 "

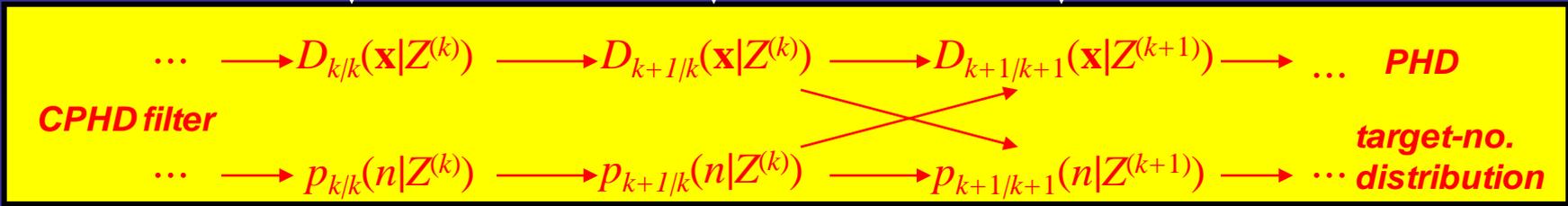


The Cardinalized PHD (CPHD) Filter



multitarget Bayes filter $\rightarrow f_{k/k}(X|Z^{(k)})$ **intractable in general!** $\rightarrow \dots$

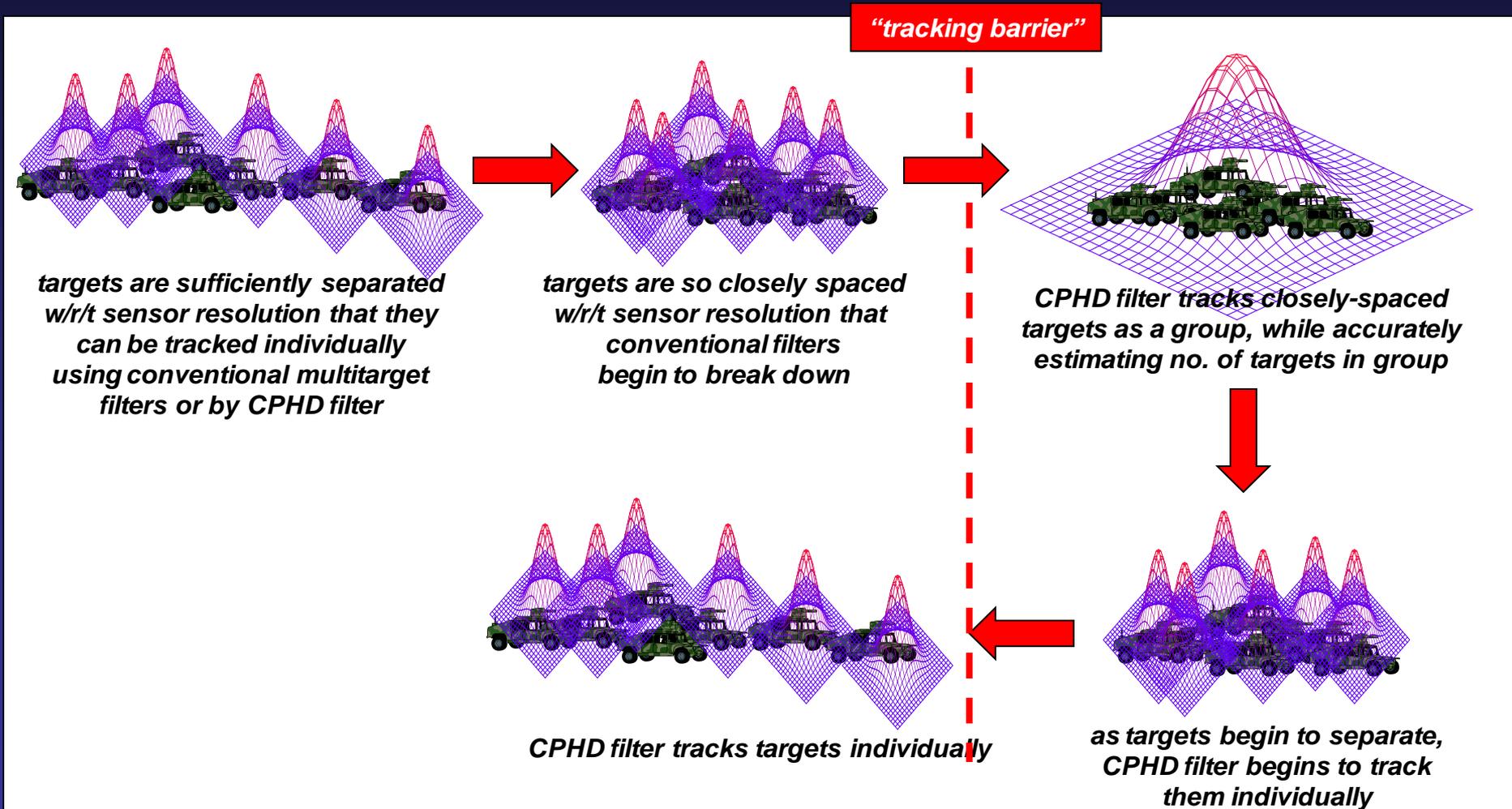
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computational complexity $O(m^3n)$, $n = \text{no. targets}$, $m = \text{no. measurements}$

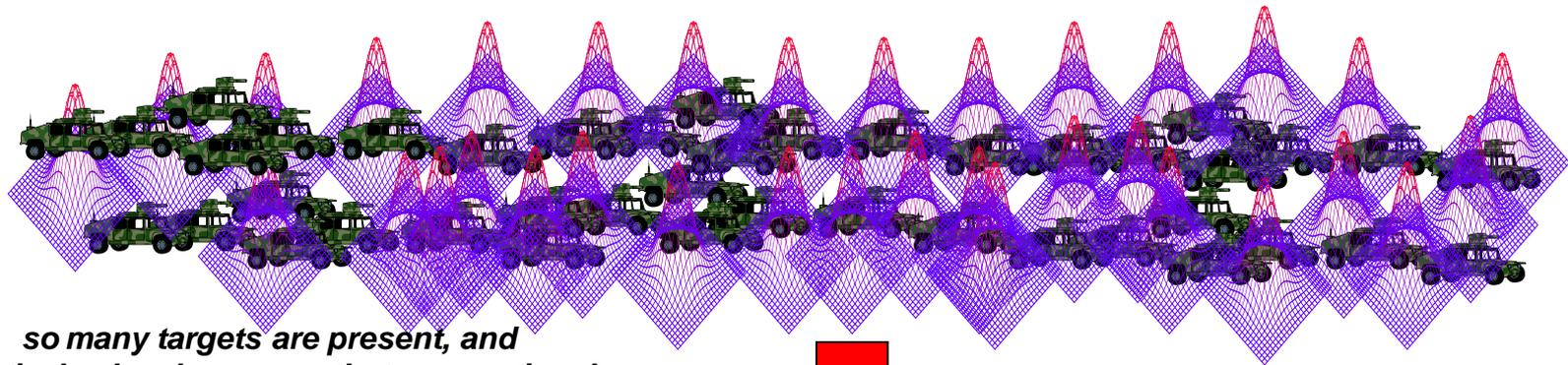
The PHD/CPHD Filters and Closely-Spaced Targets

PHD / CPHD filters permit detection and tracking of multiple targets when conventional approaches begin to perform poorly

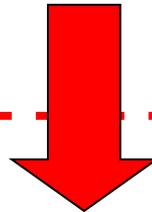


The PHD/CPHD Filter and Large Target Clusters

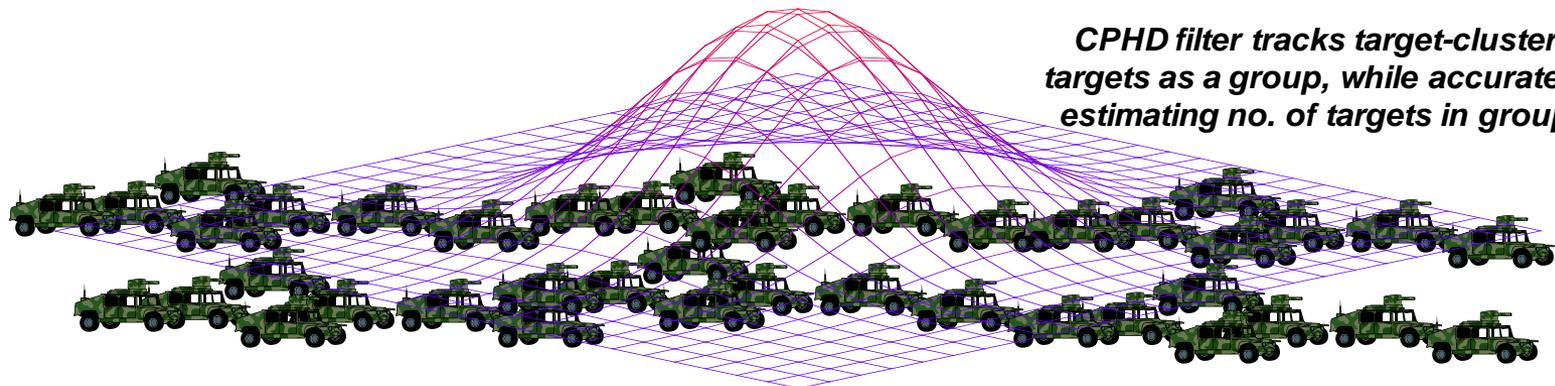
PHD / CPHD filter permits tracking of dense target clusters when conventional approaches begin to perform poorly



so many targets are present, and relatively closely spaces, that conventional multitarget filters begin experiencing computational difficulties



“tracking barrier”



CPHD filter tracks target-cluster targets as a group, while accurately estimating no. of targets in group

Conclusions



- **Finite-set statistics is the basis for a new, Bayes-optimal, and theoretically unified approach to SLAM**
- **Permits a more principled way of approaching SLAM**
- **Promising new SLAM algorithms**

- **For more details on finite-set statistics**
 - Handbook of Multisensor Data Fusion, *2nd Ed.*, Chapter 16
 - Statistical Multisource-Multitarget Information Fusion
 - “*Statistics ‘101’ for multisensor, multitarget data fusion*”
 - *papers listed in bibliography of the workshop paper*

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Thank You!