



*Celebrating EECS*

## **MASTERWORKS 2008**

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where: R&D area: level 4, Stata center (building 32)

when: May 6th, 4:30 - 6:00pm

*Featuring over 35 posters across all areas of  
Electical Engineering & Computer Science.*



*Run over to:*

- *Vote for the best poster*
- *Check out a flying robot, and other exciting inventions*
- *Get free ice cream*

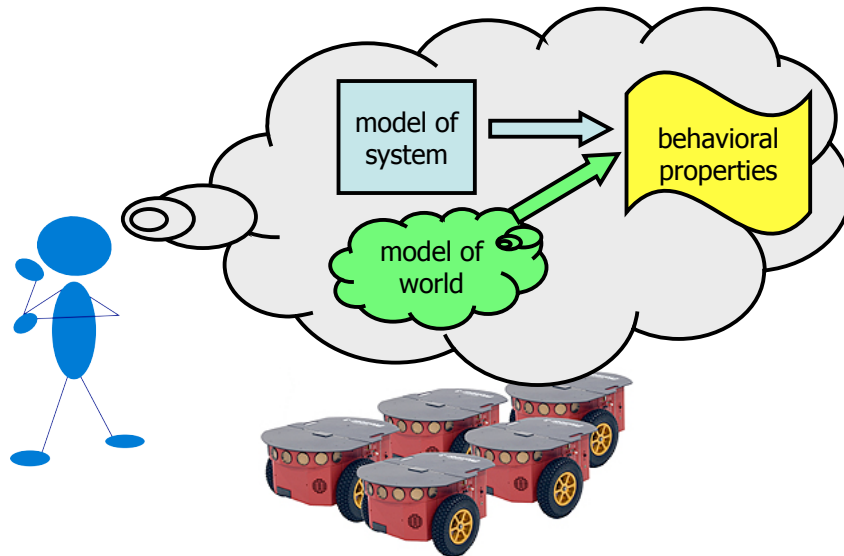
## **End Game**

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- Nano-quiz make-up night Wed May 7 from 5:30PM – 10PM in 32-123. Closed book, notes.
- Email [lpk@mit.edu](mailto:lpk@mit.edu) by 5PM on Tuesday (today) if you have an excused extra NQ to take
- Software lab write-up due this week Thu/Fri
- Design lab check-off required; no write-up
- Please do survey on the tutor
- Please do HKN review
- Practice final available on web; review sessions TBA
- Ex Camera Final Wed 21 May 1:30PM – 7:30PM  
Pick up and turn in exams in 34-501
- **We will be watching for collaboration**

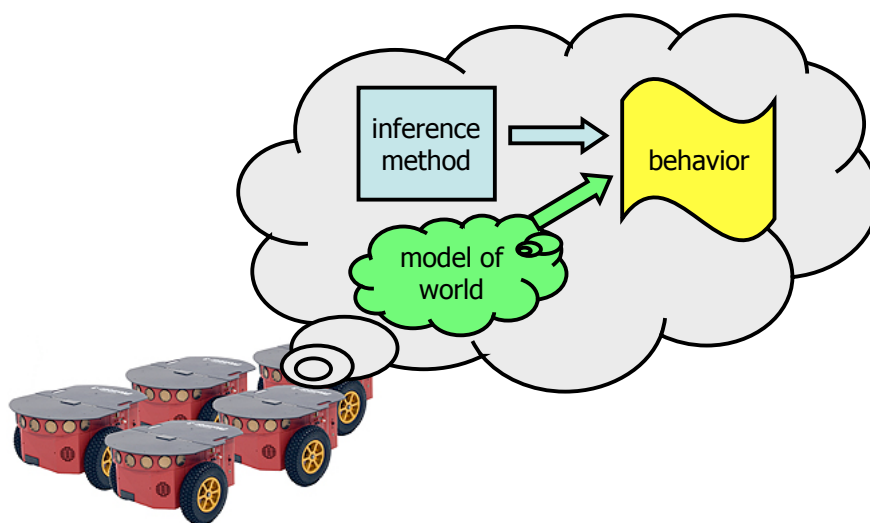
## Model-based Analysis

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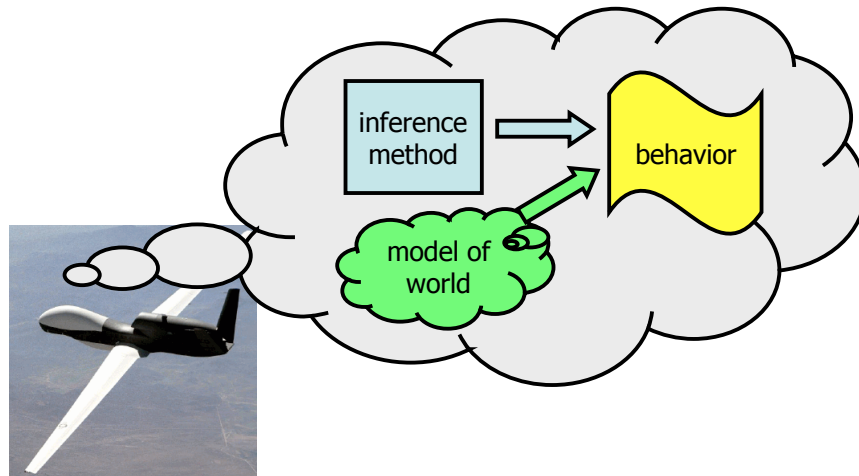
## Model-based Implementation

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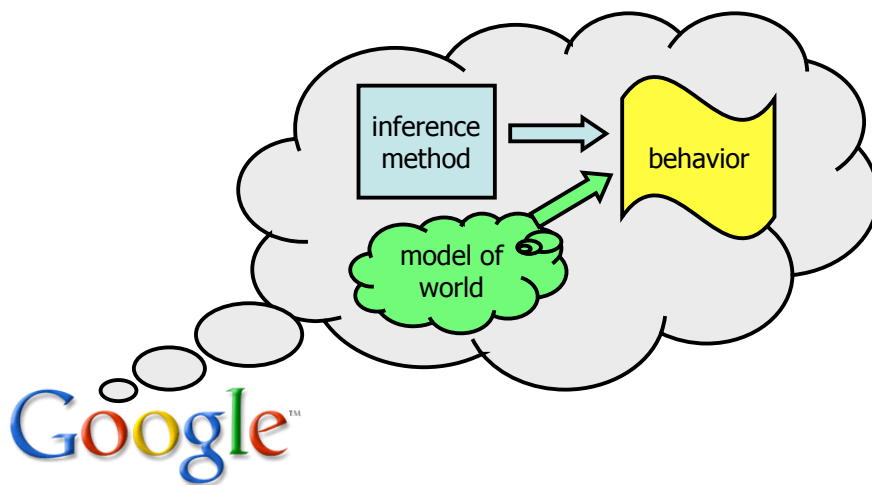
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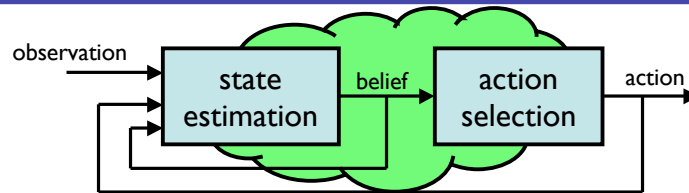
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## Model-Based Inference Problems

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**State estimation:** What can I conclude about the current state of the world given my history of actions and observations?

**Action selection:** What action should I take given my current beliefs about the state of the world?

## Markov Model

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- States
- Actions
- Observations
- $P(S(0))$
- $P(S(t) | S(t-1), A(t-1))$
- $P(O(t) | S(t))$

A model is Markov if: the state contains all information relevant to predicting next state and observation

## State Estimation

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Given a sequence of actions and observations,  
what state is the system in?

Answer is a “belief state”: probability distribution  
over states

## Copy Machine Problem

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**Initial state distribution**

	$s$	
	good	bad
$P(S_0 = s)$	0.9	0.1

**State transition model**

	$s$	
	good	bad
$P(S_{t+1} = s   S_t = good)$	0.7	0.3
$P(S_{t+1} = s   S_t = bad)$	0.1	0.9

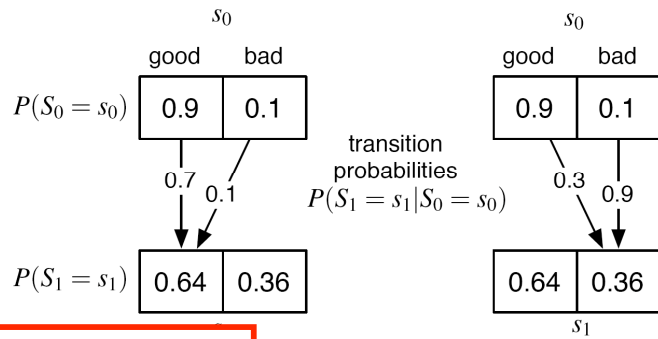


**Observation model**

	$o$		
	perfect	smudge	black
$P(O_t = o   S_t = good)$	0.8	0.1	0.1
$P(O_t = o   S_t = bad)$	0.1	0.7	0.2

## Time Passes

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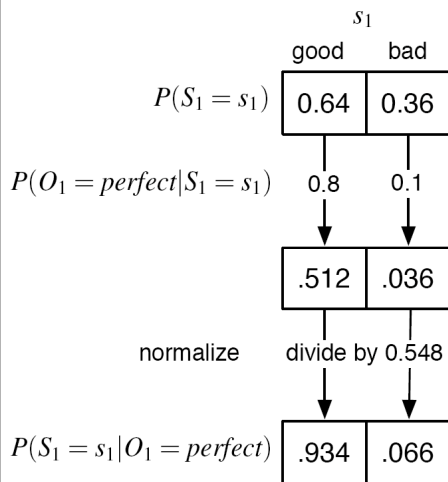


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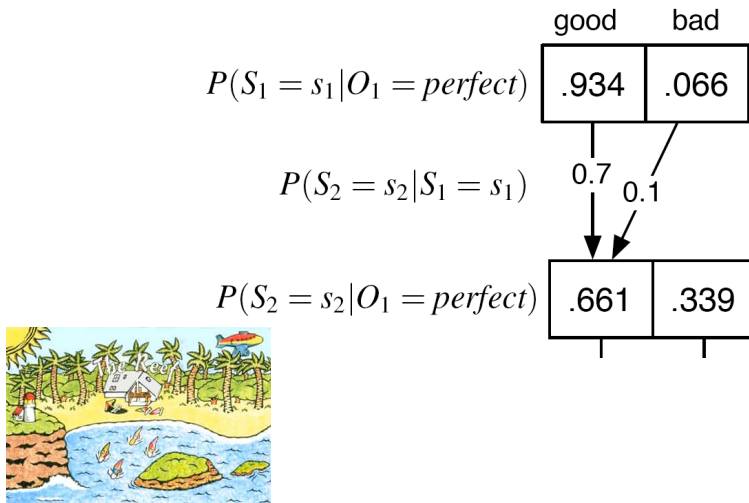
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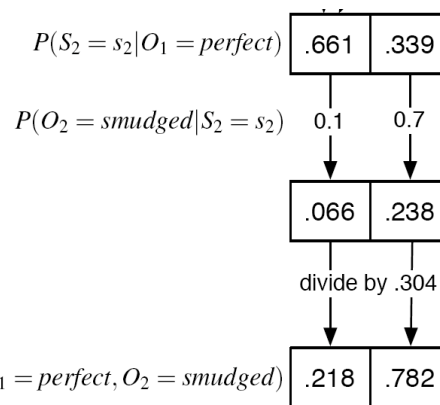
## Another Day in Paradise



## A Blot on our Escutcheon

**Observation model**

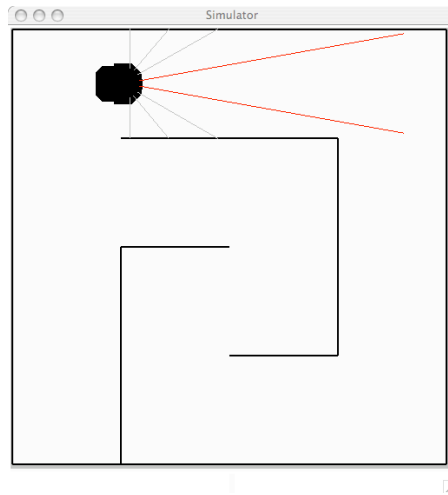
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## Robot Localization

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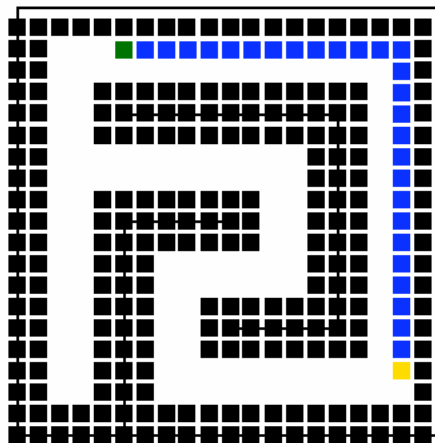
States: robot poses  
Actions: robot motions  
Observations: sonar readings



## Discrete Grid

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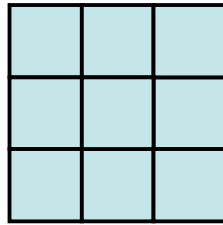
- Discretize x, y
- Discretize angle into same granularity
- Markov?
- Big!!
- But there's structure





## Transitions

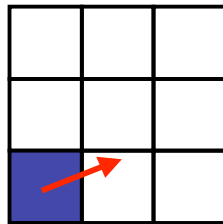
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odometry since  
last belief update

## Transitions

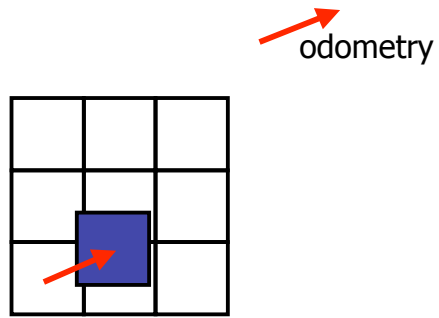
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odometry

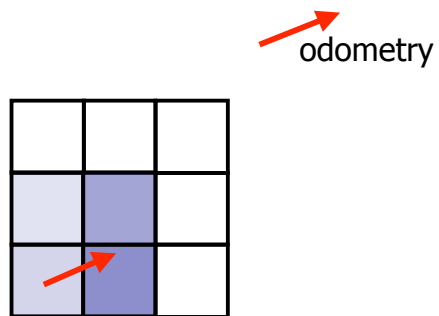
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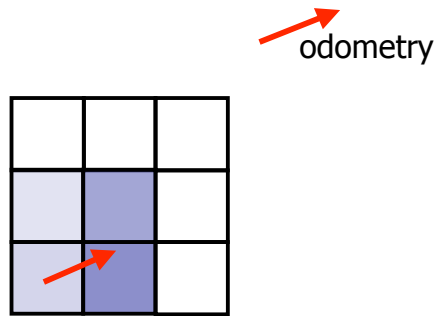
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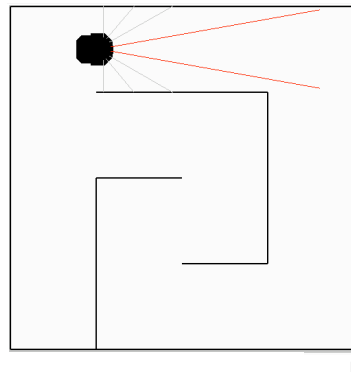


Discretization introduces error;  
should add odometry error as well

## Observations

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- 8 sonar readings
- model readings as independent given state



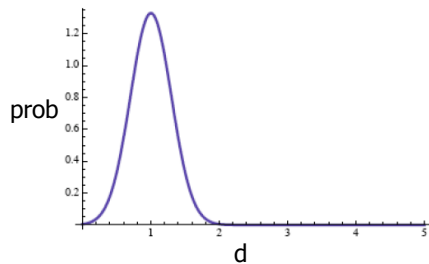
$$\begin{aligned}\Pr(\langle o_0 \dots o_7 \rangle | x, y, \theta) &= \Pr(\langle o_0 \dots o_7 \rangle | \langle g_0 \dots g_7 \rangle) \\ &= \prod_{i=0}^7 \Pr(o_i | g_i)\end{aligned}$$

nominal reading

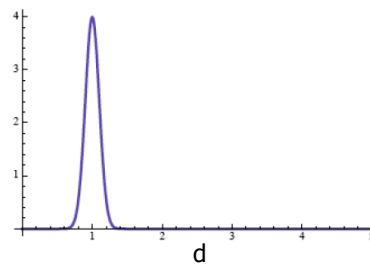
## Gaussian Distribution

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$$g(d) = \frac{1}{\sigma\sqrt{2\pi}}e^{-(d-m)^2/2\sigma^2}$$



mean = 1, sigma 0.3



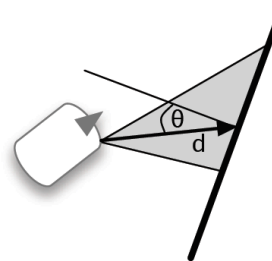
mean = 1, sigma 0.1

## Sonar Modeling

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“Nominal readings” assume

- scattering (good reading for any angle)
- no beam width
- robot at center of grid (x, y, th) cell

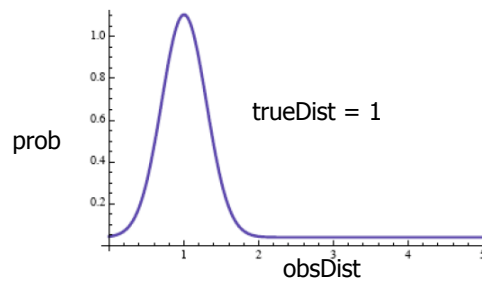


Our robots

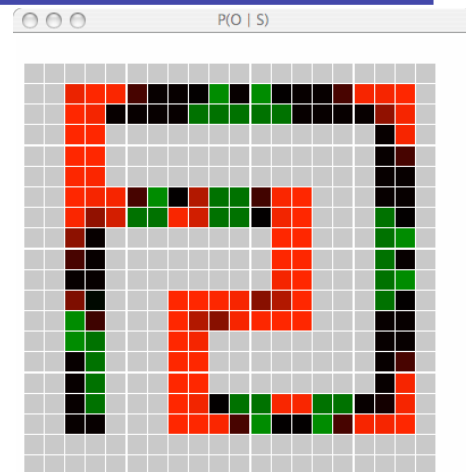
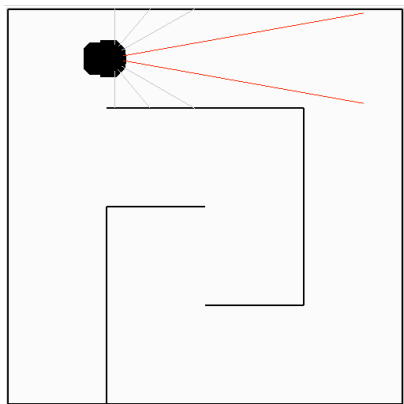
- have different max readings (5.0, 2.465)
- usually generate a max reading after 1.5 meters

# Sonar Modeling

```
def obsProb(obsDist, trueDist):  
    if trueDist < maxGoodReading:  
        expected = trueDist  
    else:  
        expected = maxReading  
    predProb = gaussian(obsDist, expected, sigma)  
    uniformError = (1/maxReading)  
    prob = 0.9*predProb + 0.1*uniformError  
    return prob
```



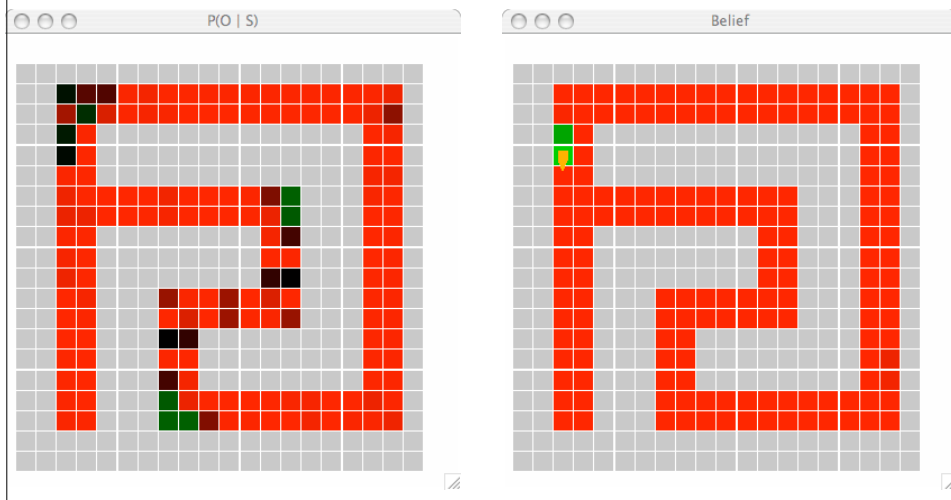
# $P(O | S)$



high avg low

## State Estimation

Belief incorporates history of observations and actions



## Planning

- Assume most likely state
- Use 4 headings in state representation (decreases spinning)
- Update belief after each macro action
- Replan

