
Non-Standard-Datenbanken und Data Mining

Probabilistic Spatio-Temporal
Databases and Streams

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Location-aware Query Processing and Optimization: A Tutorial

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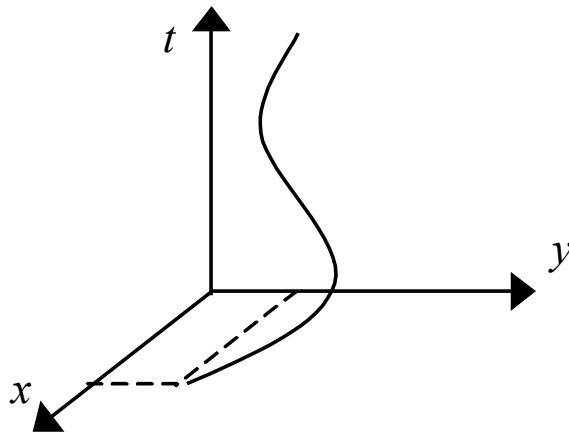
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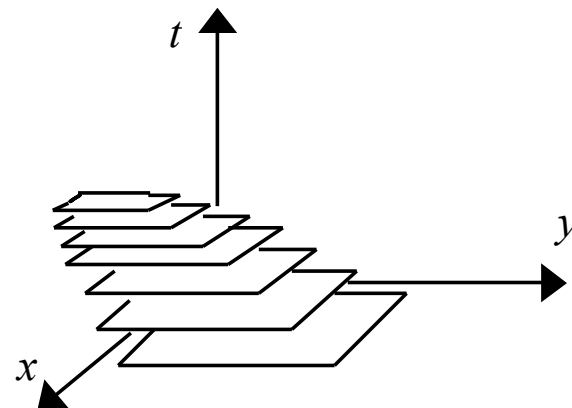
Spatio-Temporal Objects

- **Moving points** (extent does not matter)
 - Each object is modeled as a point (e.g., moving vehicles in a GIS based transportation system)
- **Moving regions** (extent matters)
 - Each object is represented by an MBR, the MBR can change as the object moves (e.g., thunderstorm, noise)



(a)

a moving point



(b)

a moving and shrinking region

Location-aware Queries

Continuously report the number of cars on freeway 71-75

- *Type:* Range query
- *Time:* Present
- *Duration:* **Continuous**
- *Query:* Stationary
- *Objects:* Moving

What are my nearest McDonalds for the next hour?

- *Type:* Nearest-neighbor query
- *Time:* **Future**
- *Duration:* **Continuous** / **Snapshot**
- *Query:* Moving (reference rectangle)
- *Objects:* Stationary (McDonalds)

Send E-coupons to all cars that I am their nearest gas station

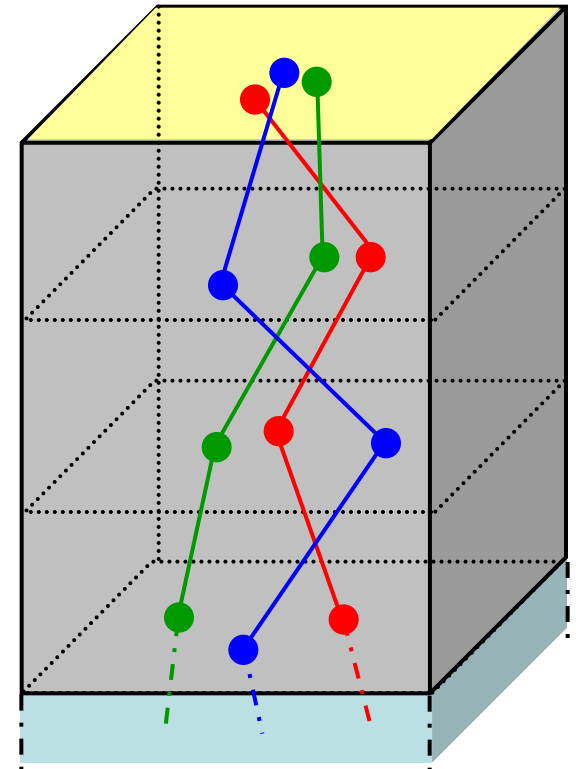
- *Type:* Reverse NN query
- *Time:* **Present**
- *Duration:* **Snapshot**
- *Query:* Stationary (gas station)
- *Objects:* Moving

What was the closest distance between Taxi A & me yesterday?

- *Type:* Closest-point query
- *Time:* **Past**
- *Duration:* **Snapshot**
- *Query:* Moving
- *Objects:* Moving

Snapshot Querying the Past

- Examples:
 - **Temporal** Dimension:
What was the location of a certain object from 7:00 AM to 10:00 AM yesterday?
 - **Spatial** Dimension:
Find all objects that were in a certain area at 7:00 AM yesterday
 - **Spatio-temporal** Dimension:
Find all objects that were close to each other from 7:00 AM to 8:00 AM yesterday
- Features:
 - Large number of historical trajectories
 - Persistent read-only data
 - Query spatial and/or temporal dimensions

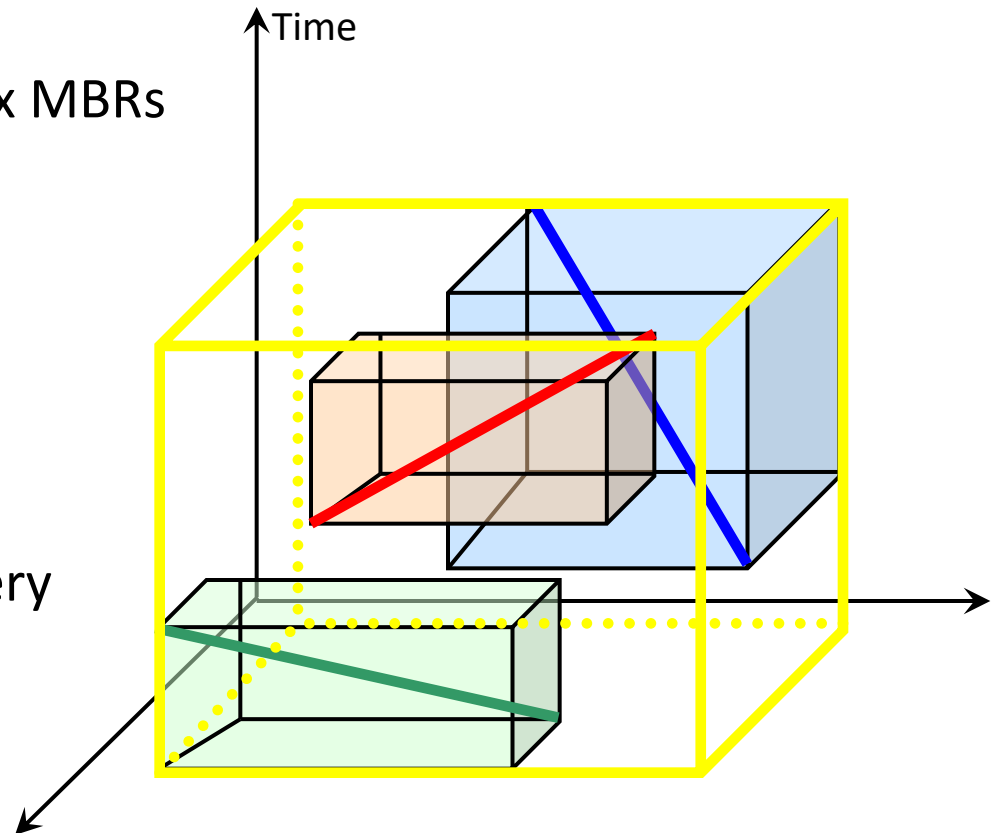


Indexing the Time Dimension

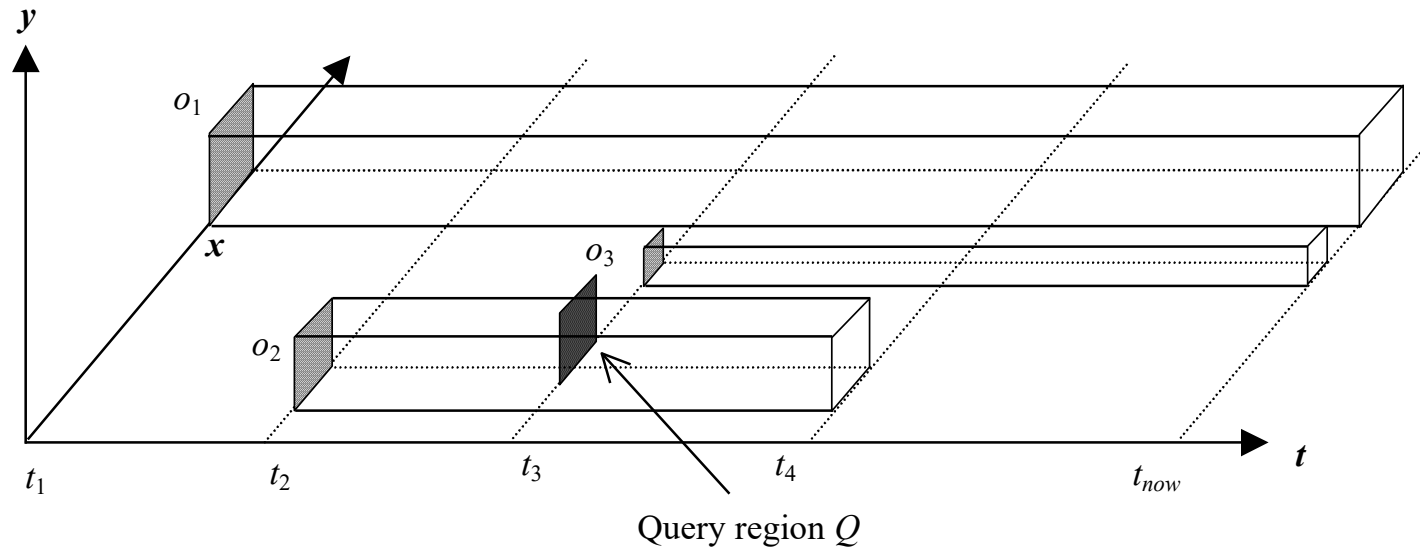
Historical trajectories are represented by their three-dimensional Minimum Bounding Rectangle (MBR)

- 3D R-tree can be used to index MBRs

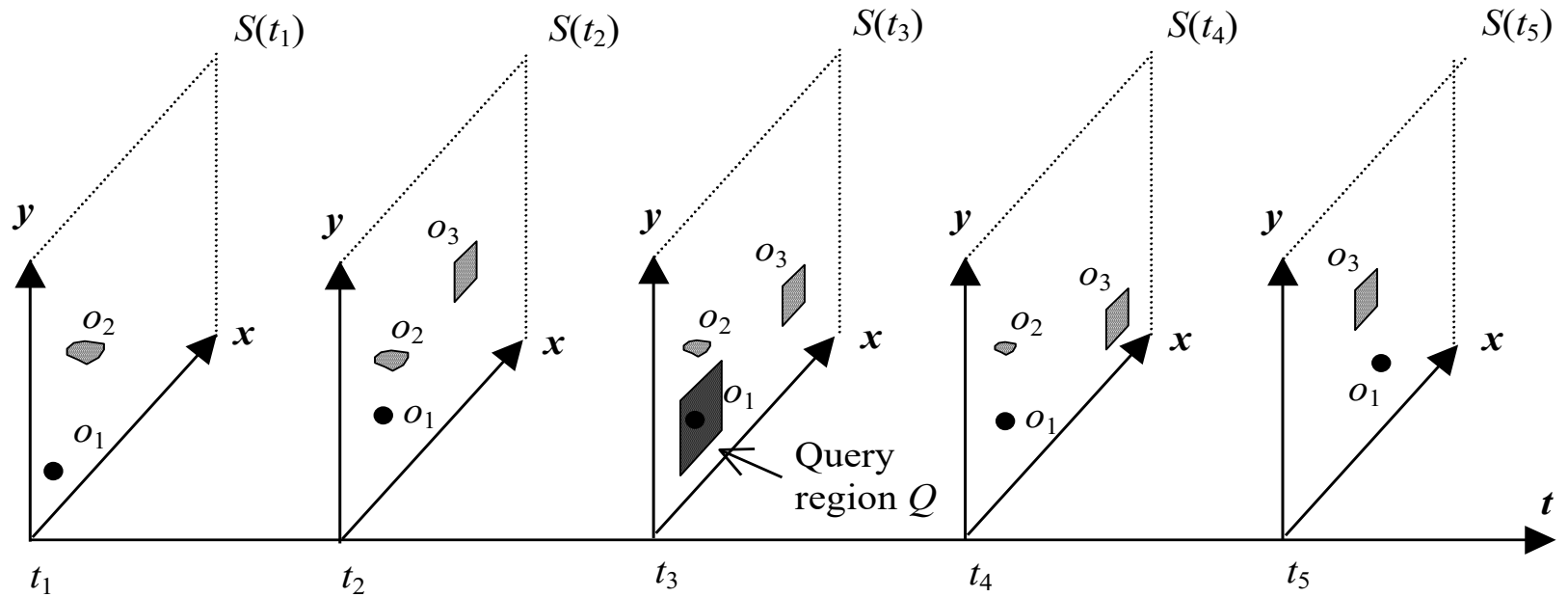
- Technique simple and easy to implement
- Does not scale well
- Does not provide efficient query support for snapshot queries (aka timestamp queries)



3D R-Tree



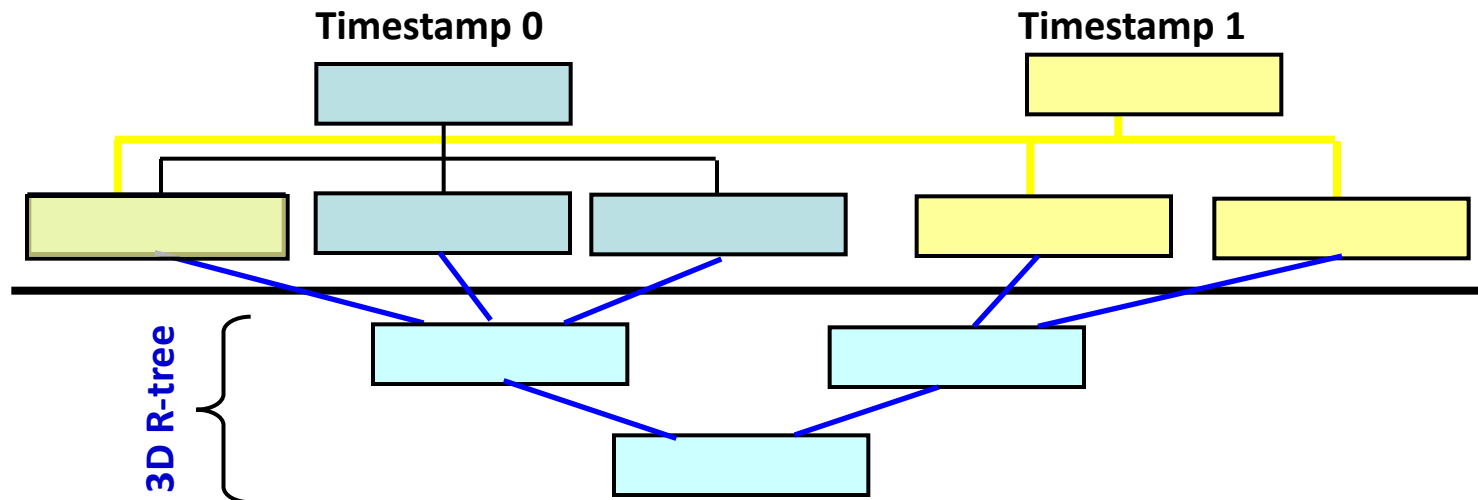
Modeling Evolution: Historical R-Trees



Snapshot query

Multi-Version Index Structures (MVR-Trees)

- Maintain an R-tree for each time instance (aka historical r-tree, [HR-tree](#))
- R-tree nodes that are not changed across consecutive time instances are linked together (remove redundancies: [MVR-tree](#))

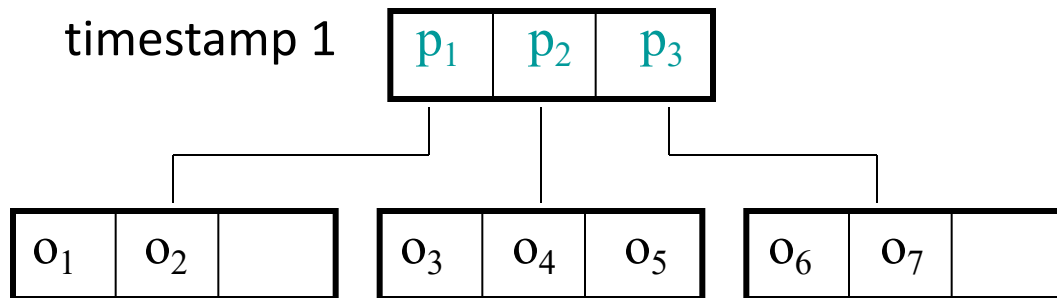
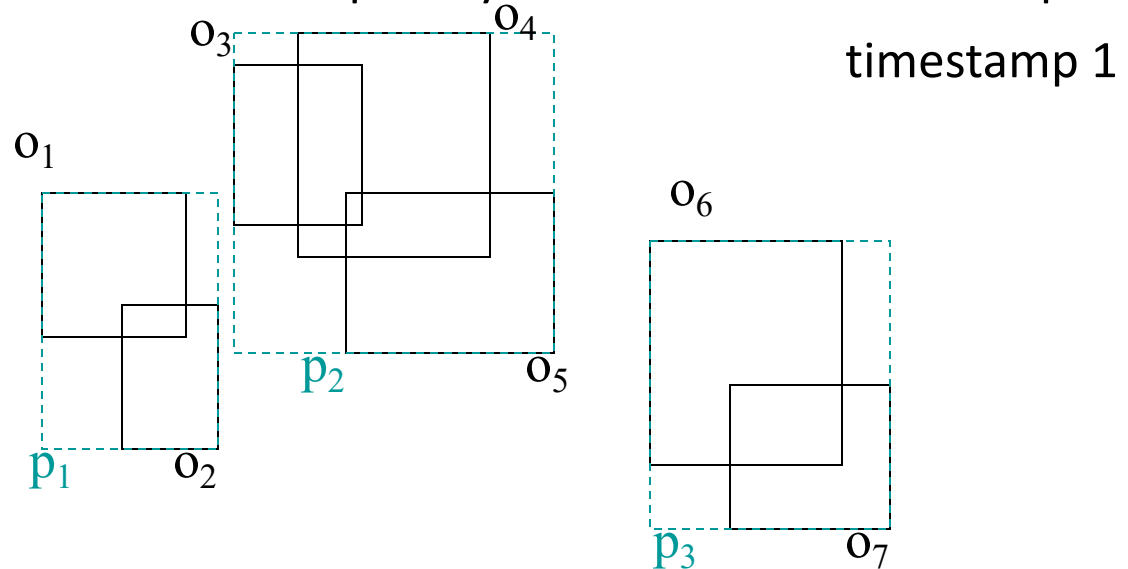


- A multi-version R-tree can be combined with a 3D-R-tree to support interval queries (combination is called MV3R-Tree)

Historical R-trees (HR-trees)

An R-tree is maintained for each timestamp in history.

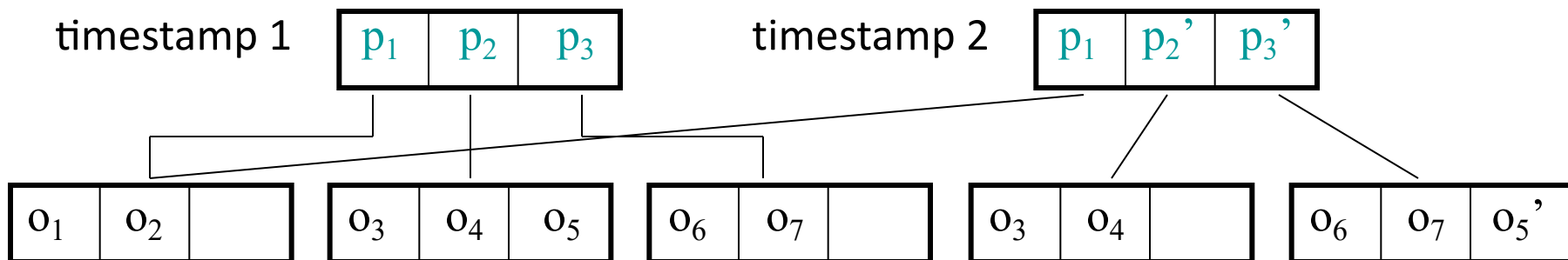
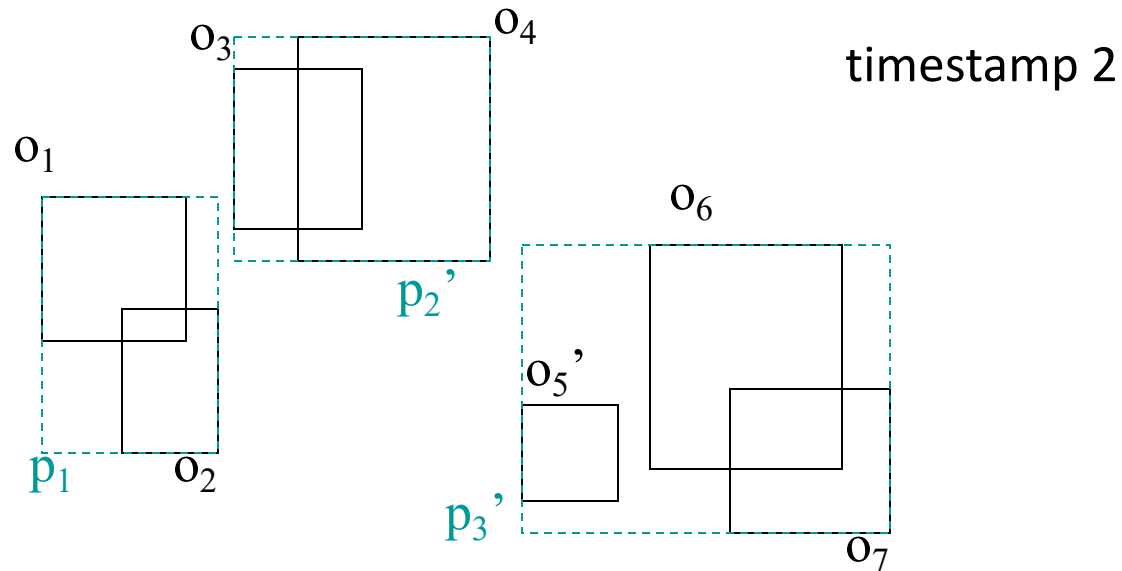
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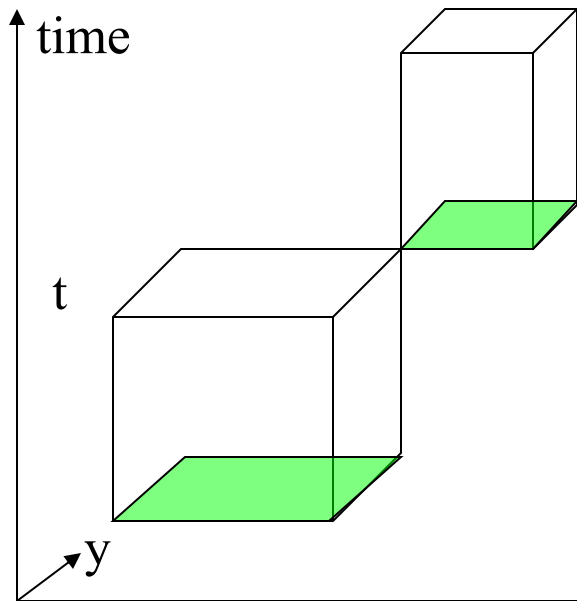
Building a 3D R-tree on the Leaves of the MVR-tree

- Size of the 3D R-tree is much smaller than a complete 3D R-tree as the number of leaf nodes is significantly lower than the number of actual objects.
- Long interval queries can be processed with auxiliary 3D R-trees

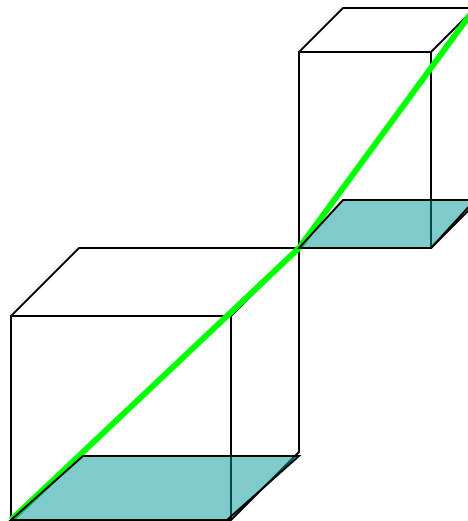
Rectangles

Problem of indexing any type of moving objects can be reduced to indexing **discrete rectangles**

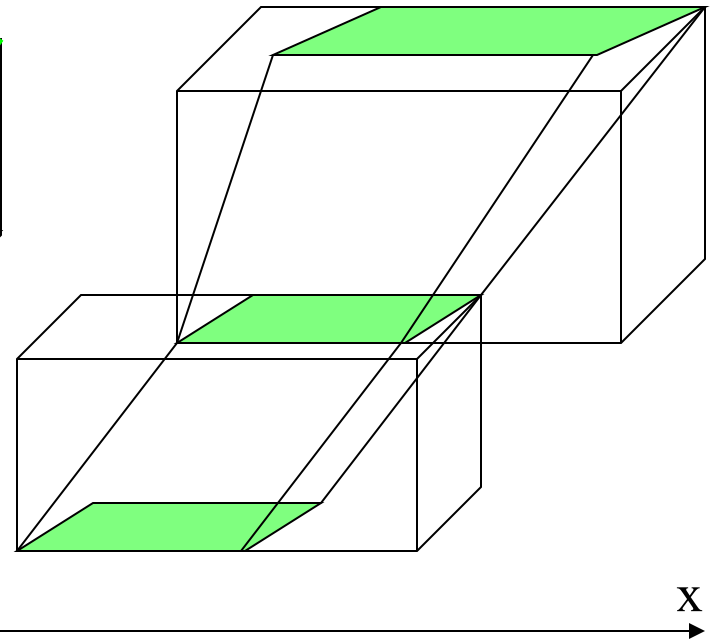
Discrete rectangles



Continuous points



Continuous rectangles

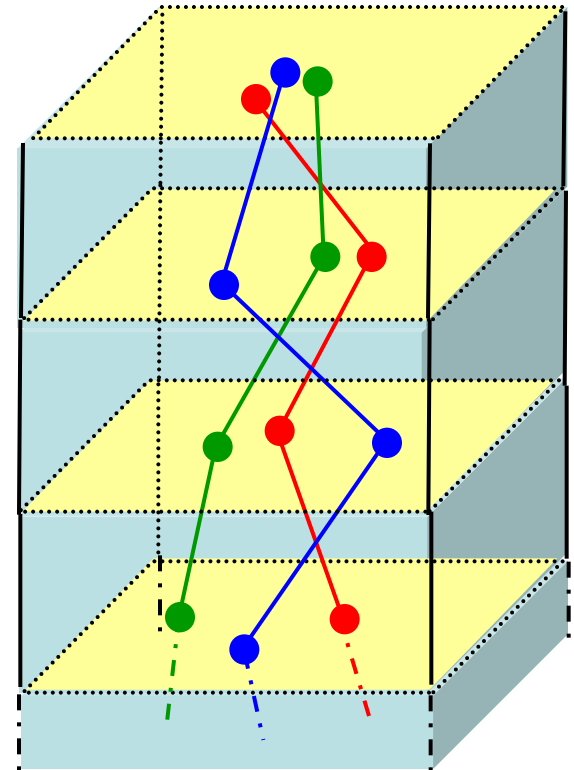


Optimization

- If N objects move with linear functions of time:
- Minimize total volume by splitting in equidistant points
- Given K splits you can decide the best splits in $O(K \log N)$ time.

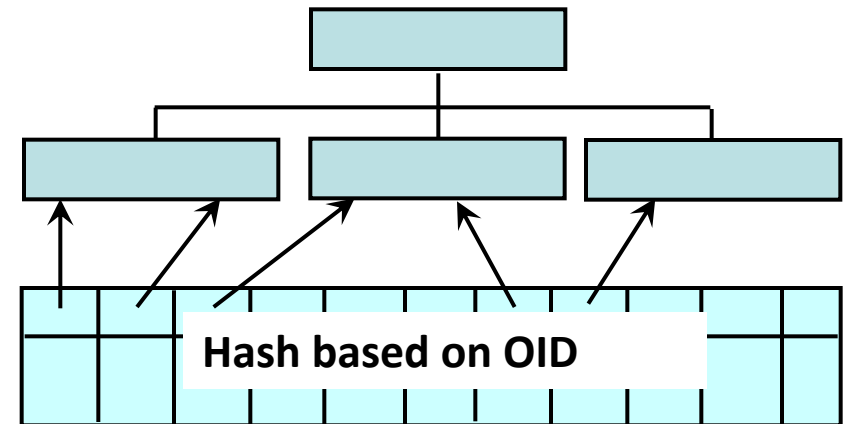
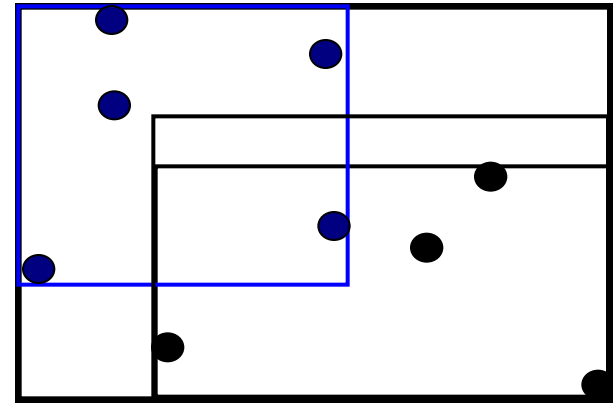
Querying the Present

- Time is always NOW
- Example Queries:
 - Find the number of objects in a certain area
 - What is the current location of a certain object?
- Features:
 - Continuously changing data
 - Real-time query support is required
 - Index structures should be update-tolerant
- Present data is always accessed through **continuous** queries



Updating Index Structures

- Traditional R-tree updates are *top-down*
- Updates translated to delete and insert transactions
- To support frequent updates:
 - Updates can be managed “inline” without the need for deletion or insertions
 - *Bottom-up* approaches through auxiliary index structures to locate the object identifier



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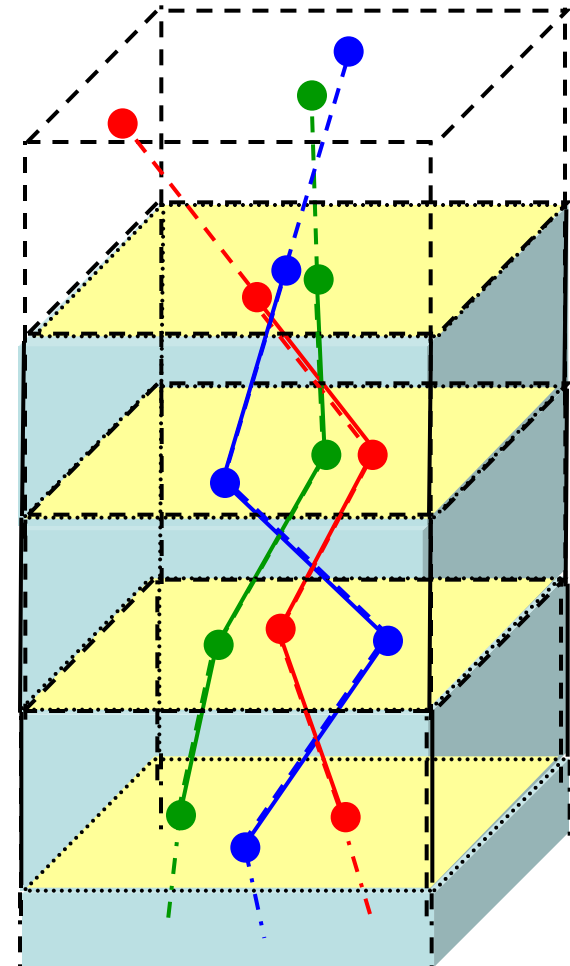
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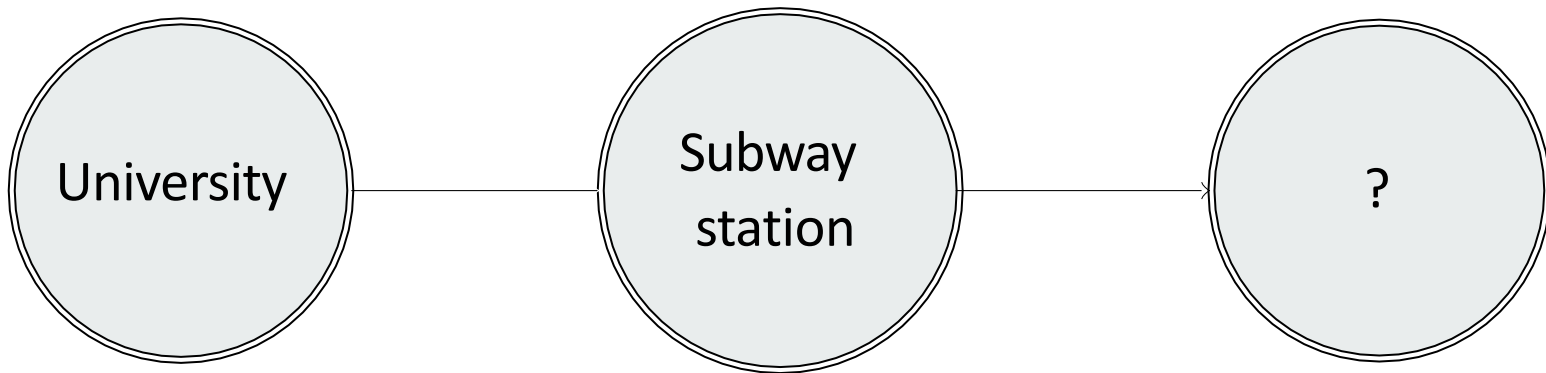
Querying the Future

- Examples:
 - *What will my nearest restaurant be after 30 minutes?*
 - *Does my path conflict with any other cars for the next hour?*
- Features:
 - Predict the movement through a velocity vector
 - Prediction could be valid for only a limited time horizon in the future
- Methods:
 - Dynamic Bayesian networks
 - Hidden Markov models
 - Kalman Filters
 - Others ...



Example: Location Prediction

Location prediction seems to be a simple task in some cases:

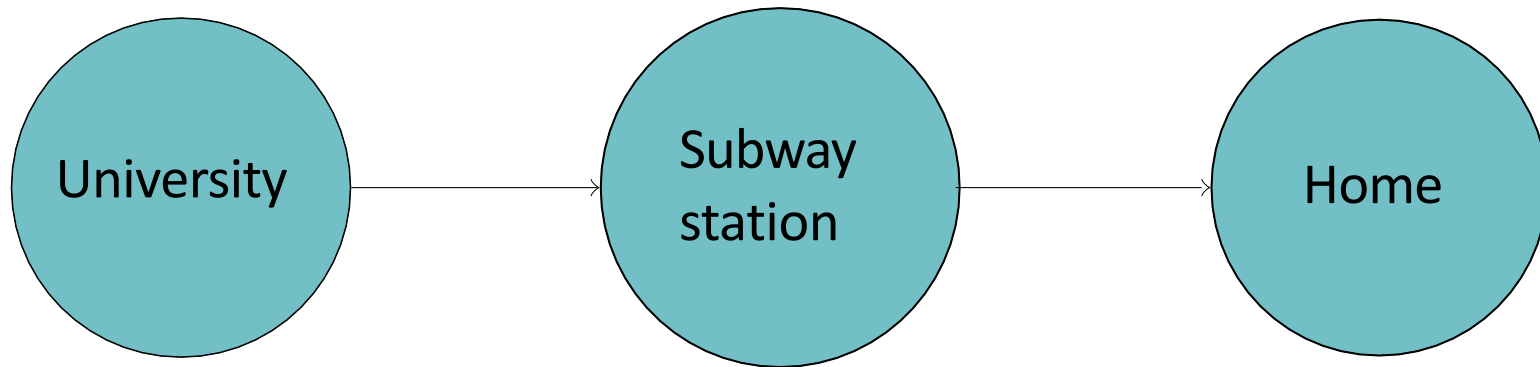


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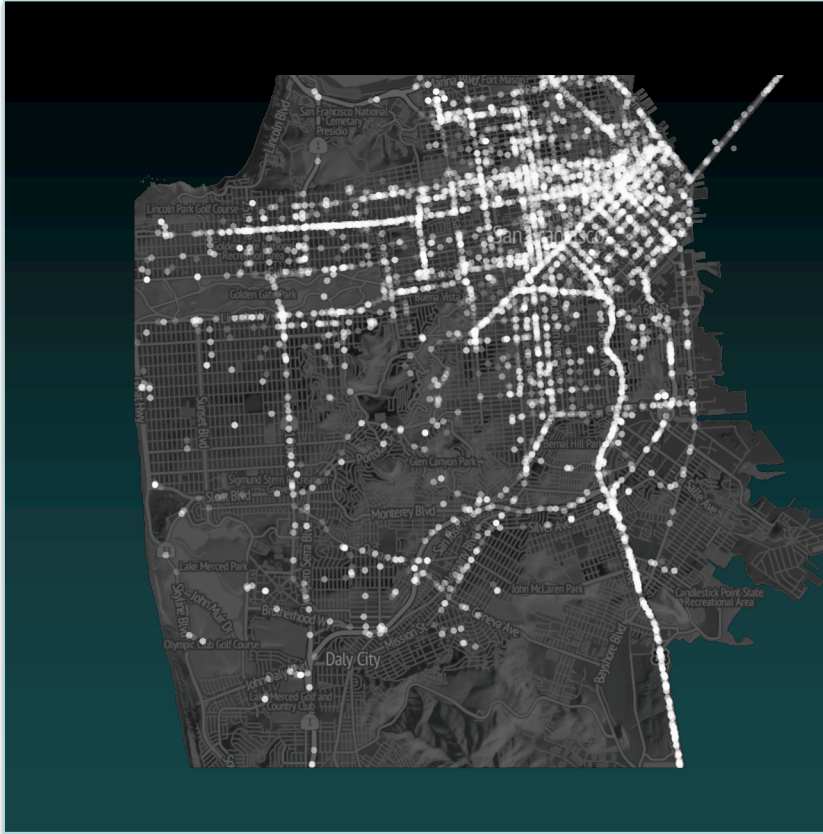
Location Prediction - Approach

Location prediction seems to be a simple task in some cases:



Previous observations can enable an educated guess

Example: Location History Data



Cabspotting data set:

- GPS coordinates collected from 563 cabs in San Francisco over 30 days
- Interval between measurements < 60seconds
- Ten taxis selected for testing (with regard to measurement density, measurement errors)

- Spatial probability distribution could be estimated from this (e.g., GMM)
- *Spatiotemporal* probability distribution is needed

Delay Embedding

Embed location time series in $2m$ -dimensional space using a delay v :

- Time series is iteratively sampled using delay time v
- Every m subsequent locations are combined into one vector (*delay vector*)

Starting from each location x_n , combine x_n with m subsequent locations if they were observed at a time interval v

$\mathbf{x}_n = (x_n^1, x_n^2)$ location data points, index $n \in \{1, \dots, N\}$

$$\boldsymbol{\delta}_n = [x_{n-(m-1)}^1, x_{n-(m-1)}^2, x_{n-(m-2)}^1, x_{n-(m-2)}^2, \dots, x_n^1, x_n^2]$$

For example: $m = 2$: $\boldsymbol{\delta}_n = [x_{n-1}^1, x_{n-1}^2, x_n^1, x_n^2]$

Delay Embedding – Benefits

- Euclidean distance is a measure for similarity between subsequences
- Similar subsequences are close in embedding space
- Density is a measure for likelihood of a subsequence
- Mobility patterns can be extracted in terms of density

Prediction Approach

Learn mobility patterns from large amount of history data:

- Delay embedding to map mobility patterns to density
- Density estimation based on embedding space

$$P(X_t = x, X_{t-1}, \dots, X_{t-(m-1)})$$

- Derive conditional distribution

$$P(X_t = x | X_{t-1}, \dots, X_{t-(m-1)}) = \alpha P(X_t = x, X_{t-1}, \dots, X_{t-(m-1)})$$

Predict location given the last $m - 1$ locations (current context):

- Maximization of probability density
to obtain most likely location (**MLL problem**)

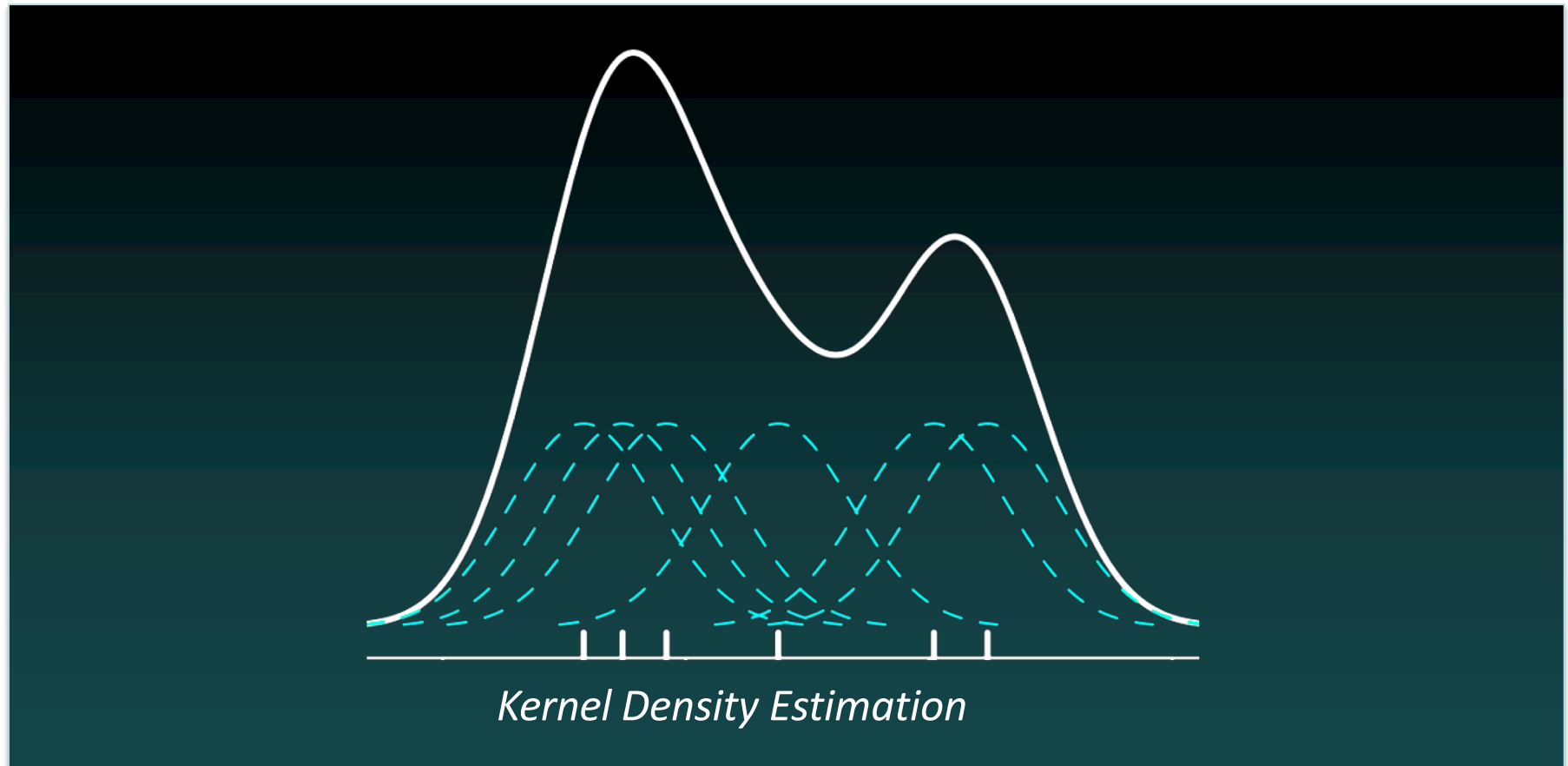
$$x^* = \underset{x}{\operatorname{argmax}} P(X_t = x, X_{t-1}, \dots, X_{t-(m-1)})$$

Assuming $(m - 1)$ -th order Markov process ..



What about $m=2$?

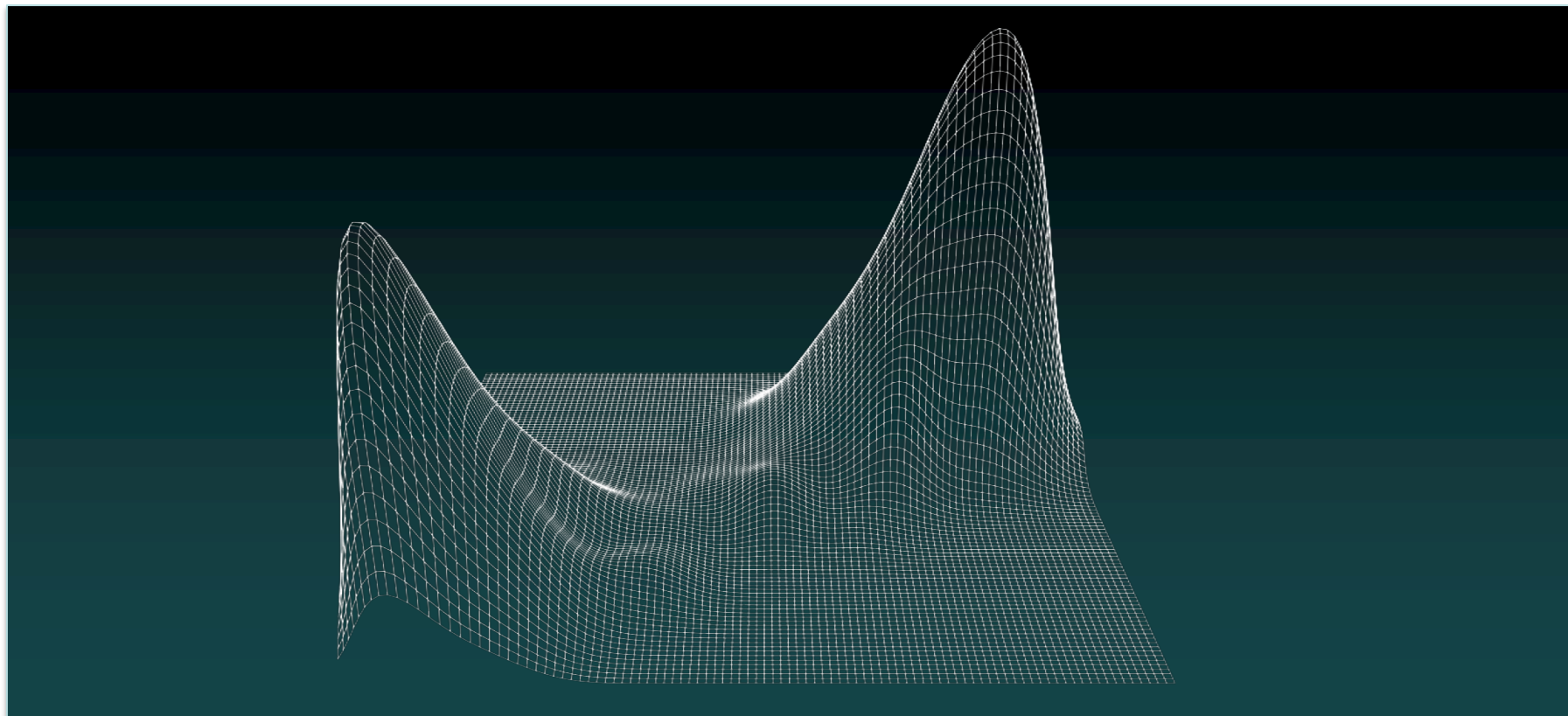
Density Estimation



Optimization problem:

Minimize distance between estimated and unknown underlying distribution (AMISE, asymptotic mean integrated square error)

Gaussian Mixture Models



$$P(\mathbf{x}) = \sum_{m \in M} \omega_m N(\mathbf{x} | \boldsymbol{\mu}_m, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_m)$$

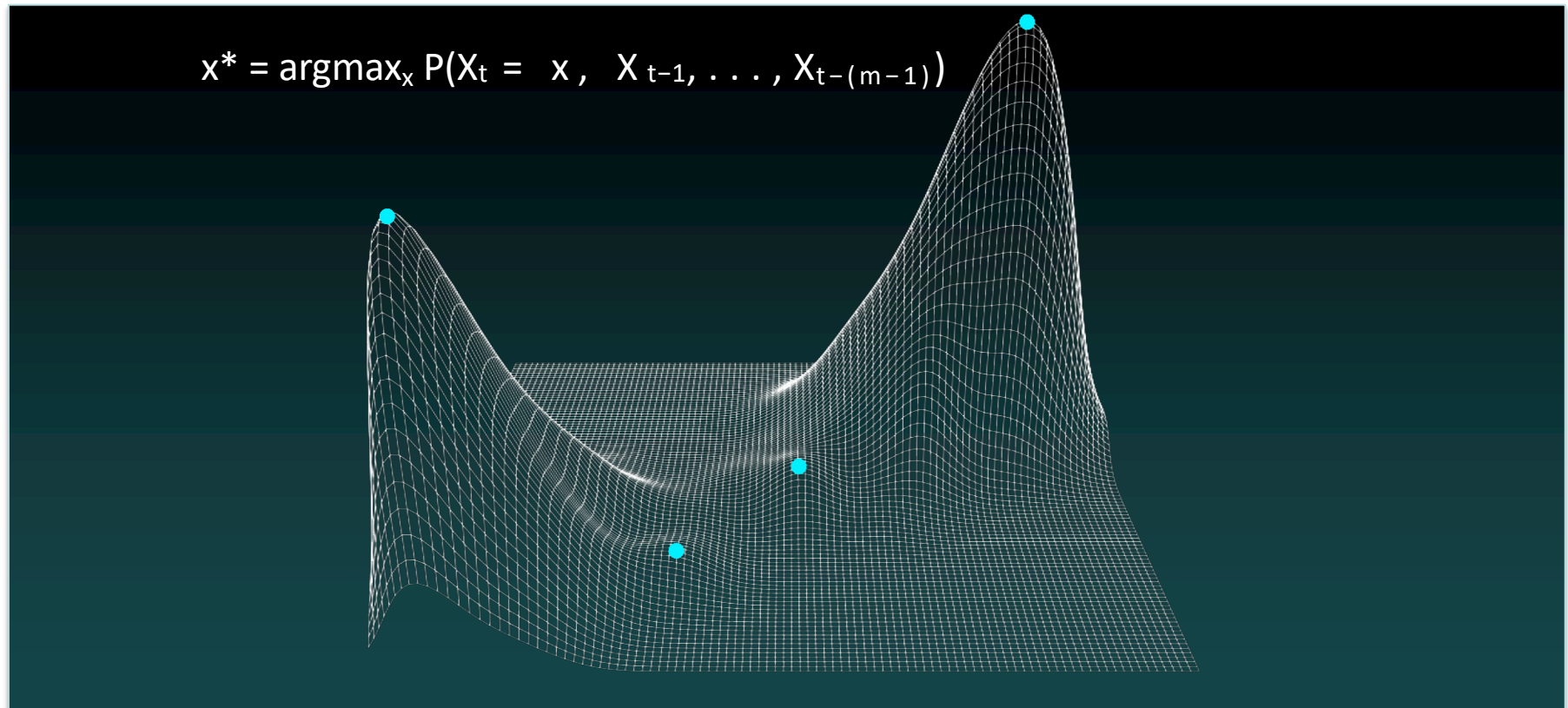
Online Kernel Density Estimation

- Incremental - can be updated as new data arrives
- Uses compression to keep memory footprint small

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online kernel density estimation with Gaussian kernels. Pattern Recogn.
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Solving MLL: Mode Finding

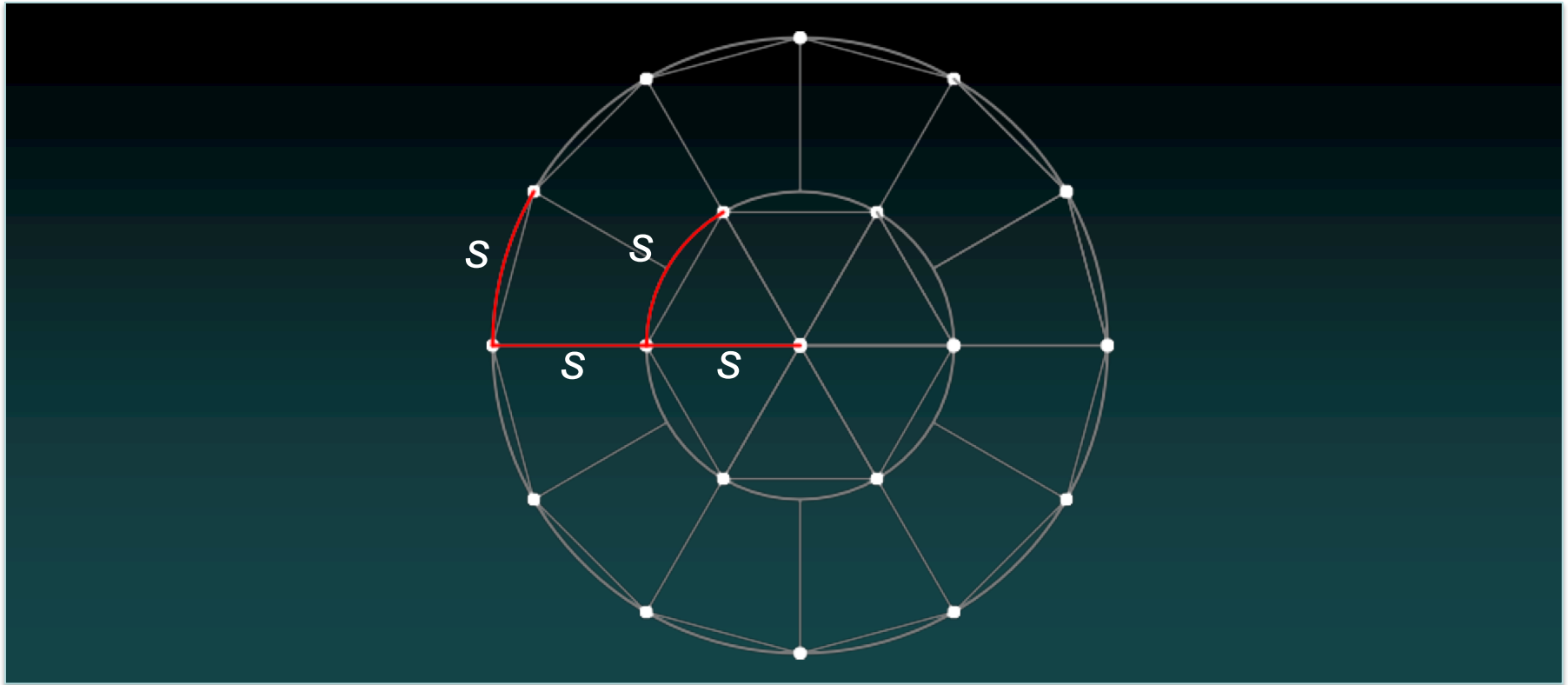


- Use hill-climbing search to find position of maximum
- Starting points?

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Starting Points for Maxima Search

- Define search region around last observed location
- If radius large enough, all relevant maxima are found

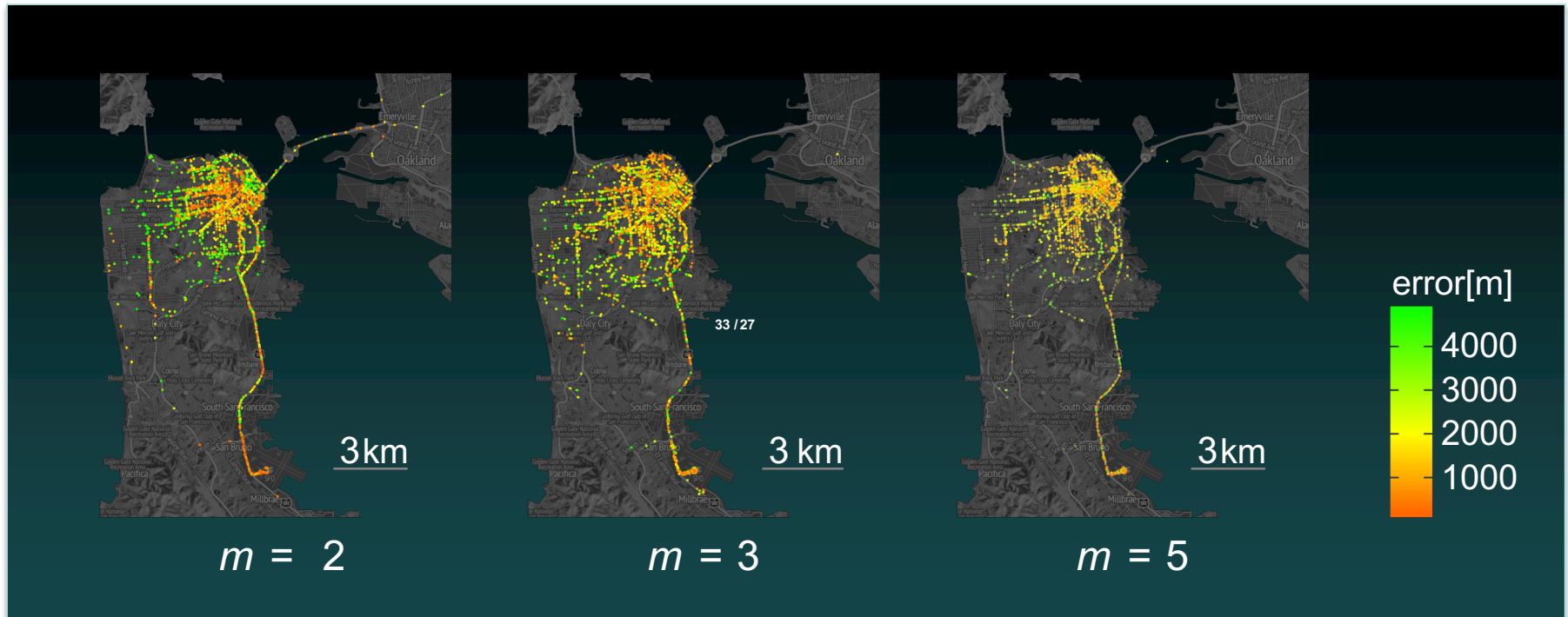


Summary - Prediction

- **Delay embedding:**
Map mobility patterns to density
- **Density estimation:**
Assigns probability to each possible location sequence
- **Mode finding:**
Searches the most likely future location

Test Results

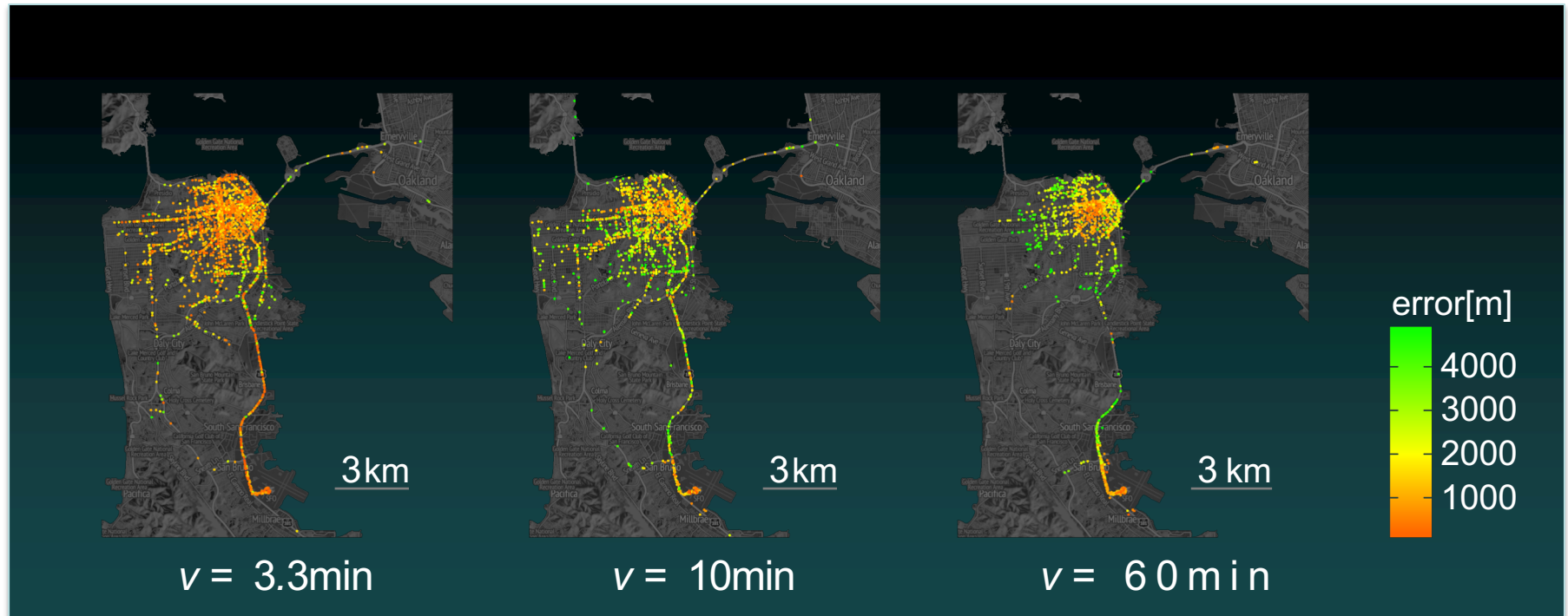
Varied m , fixed $\nu = 6\text{min}$:



Accurate predictions are more uniformly distributed for $m = 3$ and $m = 5$.

Test Results

Varied ν , fixed $m = 3$:



Accurate predictions are increasingly clustered as ν increases.

Test Result Analysis

- Algorithm is based on *sequential correlation* in data (delay embedding)
- Locations in taxi data only correlated if part of same trip
- For each trip the client defines new destination
- Recurring similar location sequences only observed when limiting time span to average trip time
- Else prediction falls back to $m = 2$

Similar Approaches:

- Song et al. - Markov predictor
- Scellato et al. - Nonlinear predictor

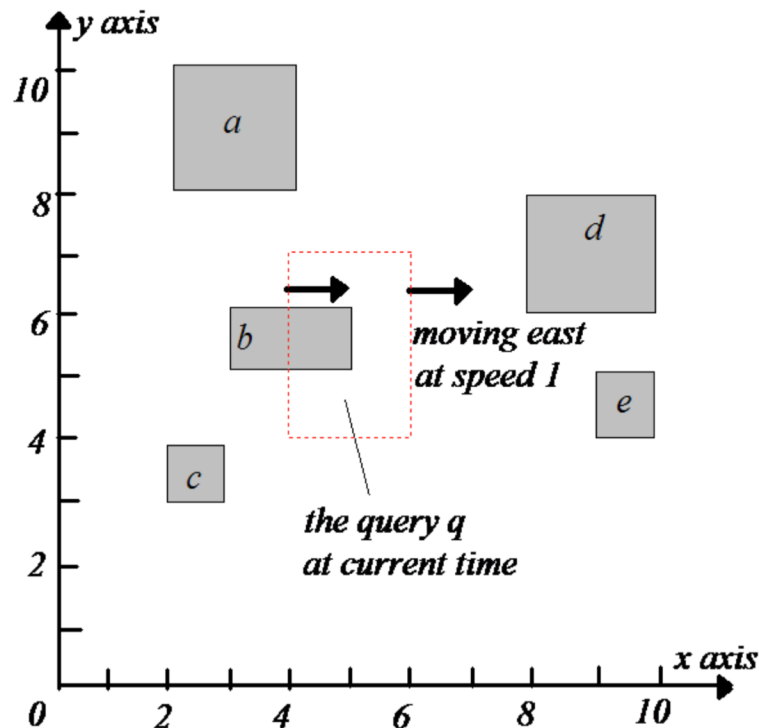
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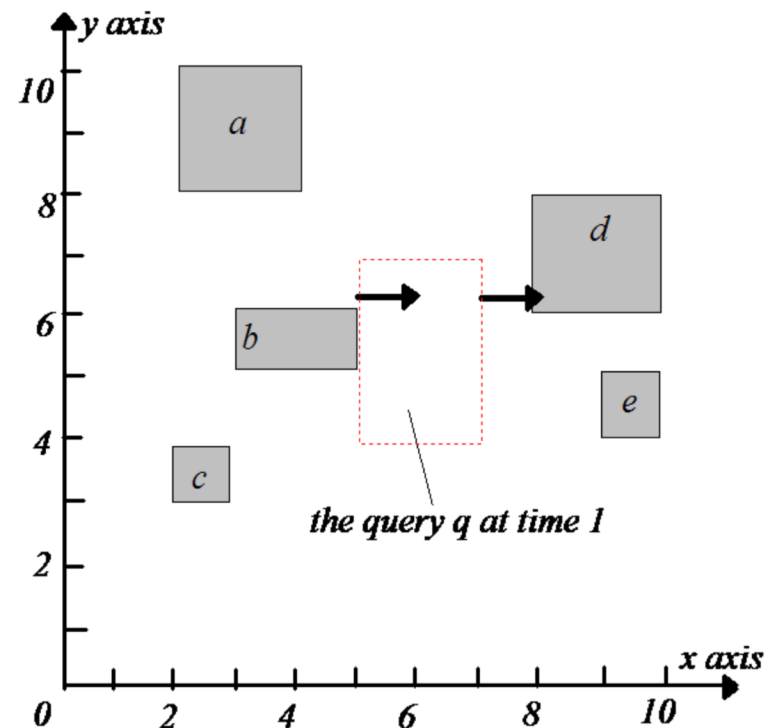
Duality Transformation: Avoid 3D-Rtrees?

- A linear trajectory in two-dimensional space can be transformed into a point in another *dual* two-dimensional space
- Trajectory: $x(t) = vt + a \rightarrow$ Point: (v, a)
- Embedding in more dimensions
- All queries will need to be transformed into the dual space

Time Parameterized Queries



- Result={b}
- Conventional Query



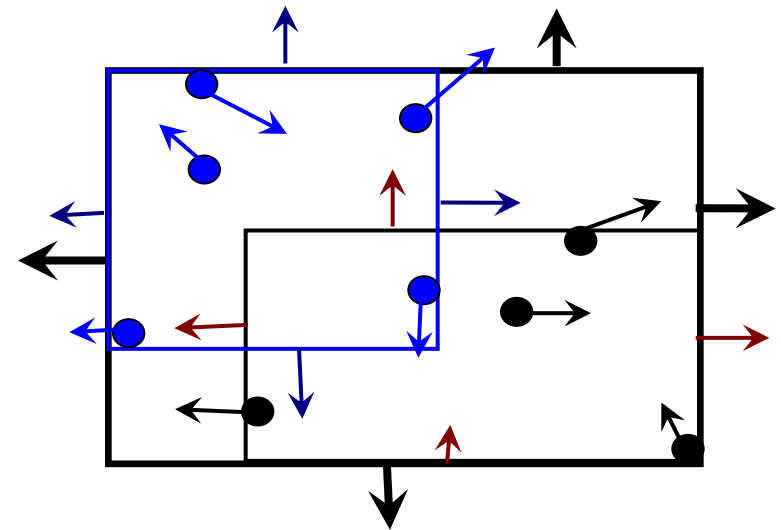
- At time 1 b would be the nearest neighbor, after that time the results expire and d would be the new nearest neighbor
- Time Parameterized Query

Time Parameterized queries (TP queries)

- Whenever a query is issued, a TP returns
 - The **actual result** that satisfies the corresponding spatial query.
 - The **validity period/expiration time** of the result.
 - The **change** that cause the expiration of the results
- Can be used for prediction

Time-Parameterized Data Structures

- The Time-Parameterized R-tree (**TPR-tree**) consists of:
 - Minimum bounding rectangles (MBR)
 - Velocity bounding rectangles (VBR)
- A bounding rectangle with MBR & VBR is guaranteed to contain all its moving objects as long as they maintain their velocity vector
- Optimization: Minimize area of the bounding rectangle
- Time-Parameterized Bounding Rectangles (TPBRs) for **answering TP queries**



Indexing Past, Present, and Future

- A unified index structure for both past, present, and future data
- Makes use of the partial-persistent **R-tree for past data** and the **TPR-tree for current and future data**

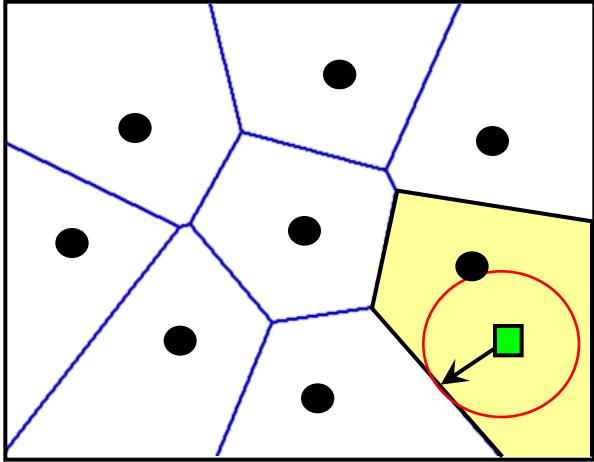
Outline

- Location-aware Environments
- Location-aware *Snapshot* Query Processing
- Location-aware *Continuous* Query Processing
- Scalable Execution of Continuous Queries
- Location-aware Query Optimizer
- Uncertainty in Location-aware Query Processing

Approaches

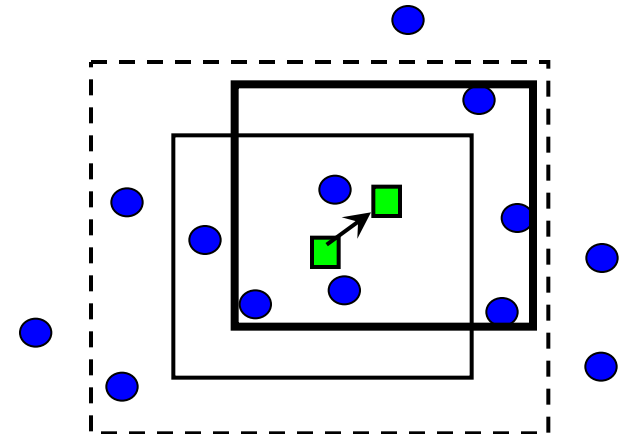
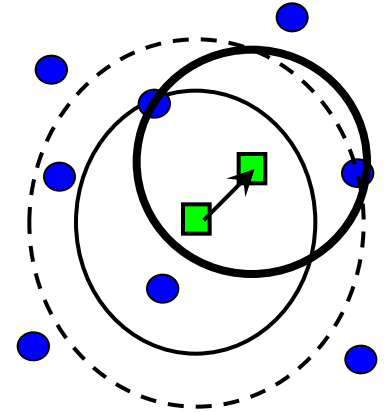
- *Straightforward Approach*
 - Abstract the continuous queries to a series of snapshot queries evaluated periodically (and possibly incrementally)
- *Result Validation*
- *Result Caching*
- *Result Prediction*
- *Incremental Evaluation*

Result Validation

- Associate a *validation* condition with each query answer
 - *Valid time (t)*:
 - The query answer is valid for the next t time units
 - *Valid region (R)*
 - The query answer is valid as long as you are within a region R
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- It is challenging to maintain the computation of valid time/region for querying *moving objects*
 - Once the associated validation condition expires, the query will be *reevaluated*

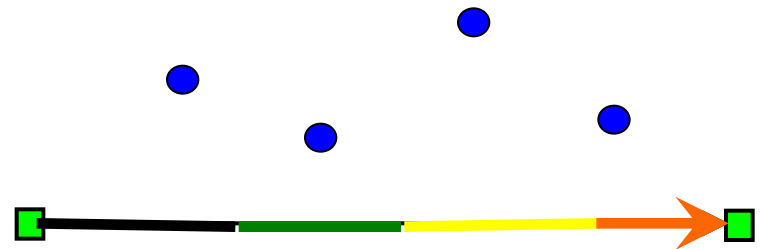
Caching the Result

- *Observation:* Consecutive evaluations of a continuous query yield very similar results
- *Idea:* Upon evaluation of a continuous query, retrieve more data that can be used later
- *K-NN query*
 - Initially, retrieve more than k
- *Range query*
 - Evaluate the query with a larger range
- How much do we need to pre-compute?
- How do we do re-caching?



Predicting the Result

- Given a future trajectory movement, the query answer can be pre-computed in advance
- The trajectory movement is divided into N intervals, each with its own query answers A_i

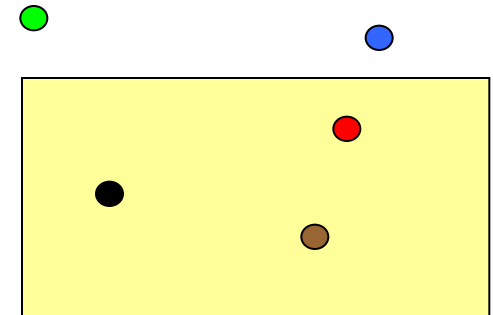


Nearest-Neighbor Query

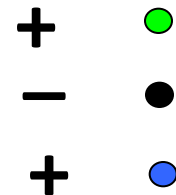
- The query is evaluated once (as a snapshot query). Yet, the answer is valid for longer time periods
- Once the trajectory changes, the query will be reevaluated

Incremental Evaluation

- The query is evaluated only once. Then, only the *updates* of the query answer are evaluated
- There are two types of updates. *Positive* and *Negative* updates
- Only the objects that cross the query boundary are taken into account
- Need to continuously listen for notifications that someone cross the query boundary



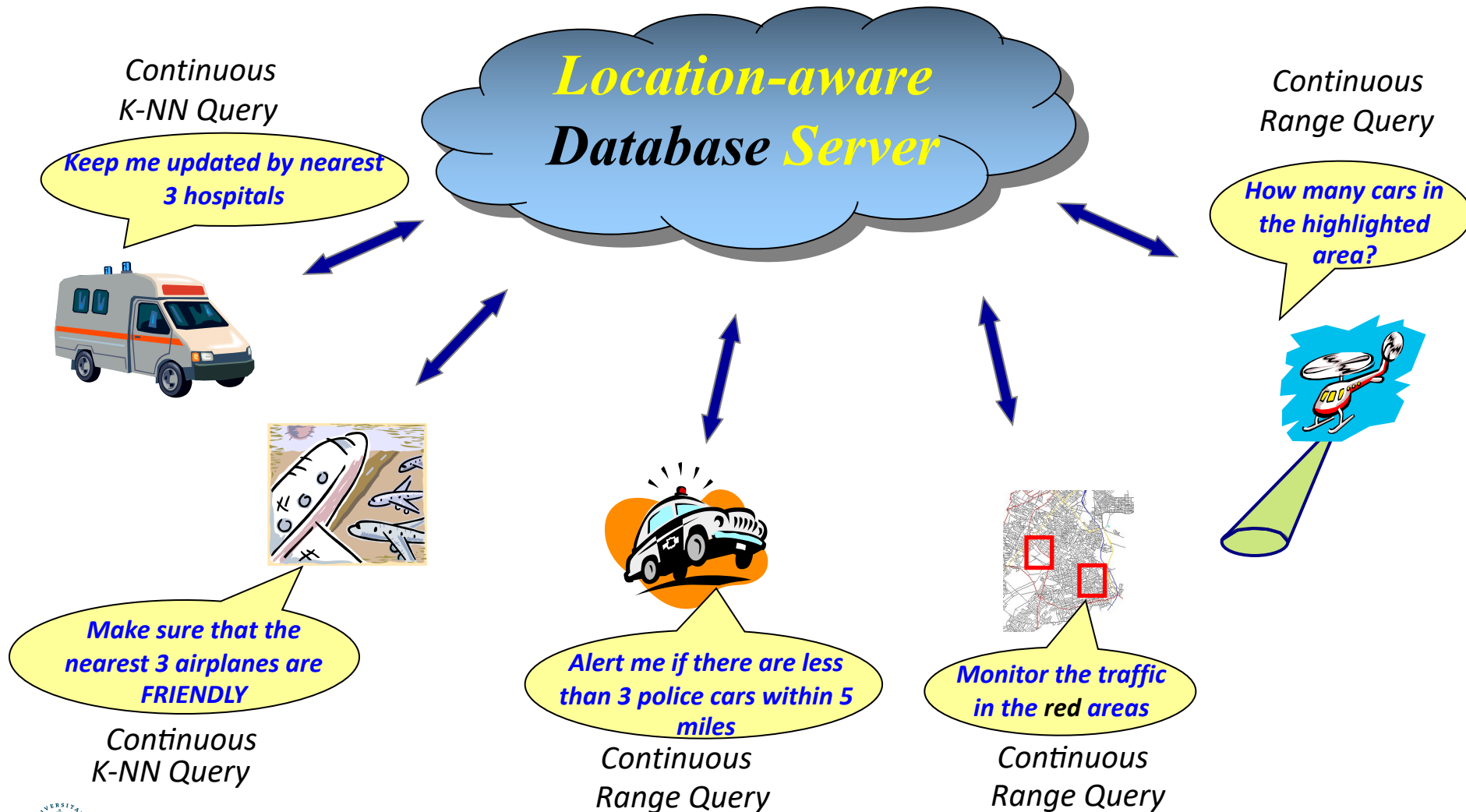
Query Result



Outline

- Location-aware Environments
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 - Location-aware Distributed Database Systems
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Queries as Data – Motivation



Main Concepts

Continuous queries last for long times at the server side

- While a query is active in the server, other queries will be submitted
- ❑ *Shared execution among multiple queries*

Should we index data OR queries?

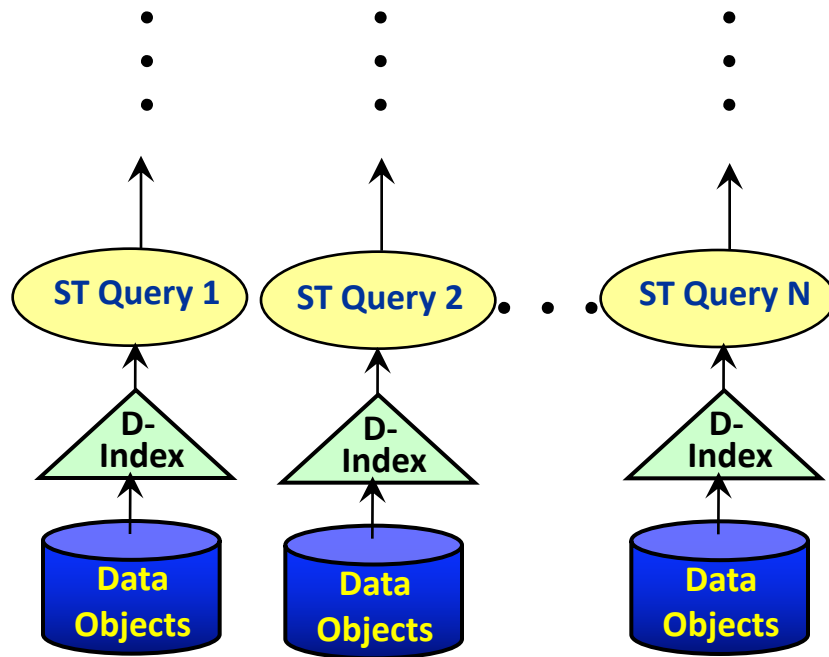
- Data and queries may be stationary or moving
- Data and queries are of large size
- Data and queries arrive to the system with very high rates
- ❑ *Treat data and queries similarly*

Queries are coming to data OR data are coming to queries?

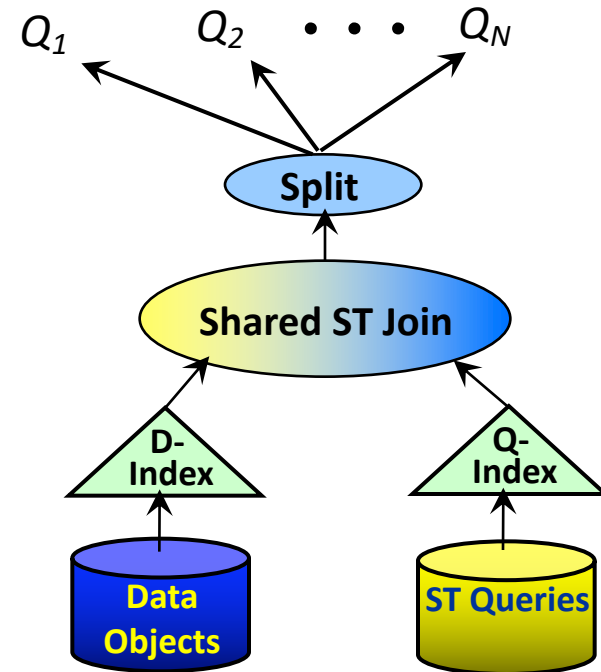
- Both data and queries are subjected to each other
- ❑ *Join data with queries*

Main Concepts (Cont.)

Each query is a single thread



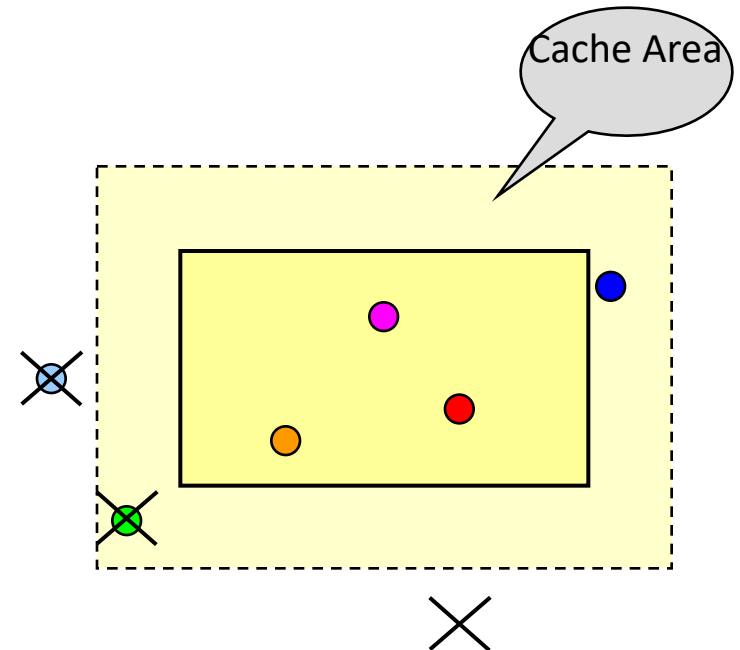
One thread for all continuous queries



- Evaluating a large number of concurrent continuous spatio-temporal queries is abstracted as a *spatio-temporal join* between moving objects and moving queries

Location-aware Data Stream Management Systems

- Only *significant* objects are stored in-memory
- An object is considered *significant* if it is either in the query area or the cache area

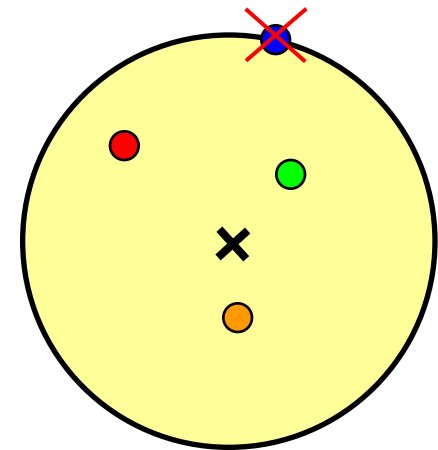


- Due to the query and object movements, a stored object may become *insignificant* at any time
- Larger cache area indicates more storage overhead and more accurate answer

Location-aware Data Stream Management Systems (Cont.)

- The first k objects are considered an initial answer
- K -NN query is reduced to a circular range query

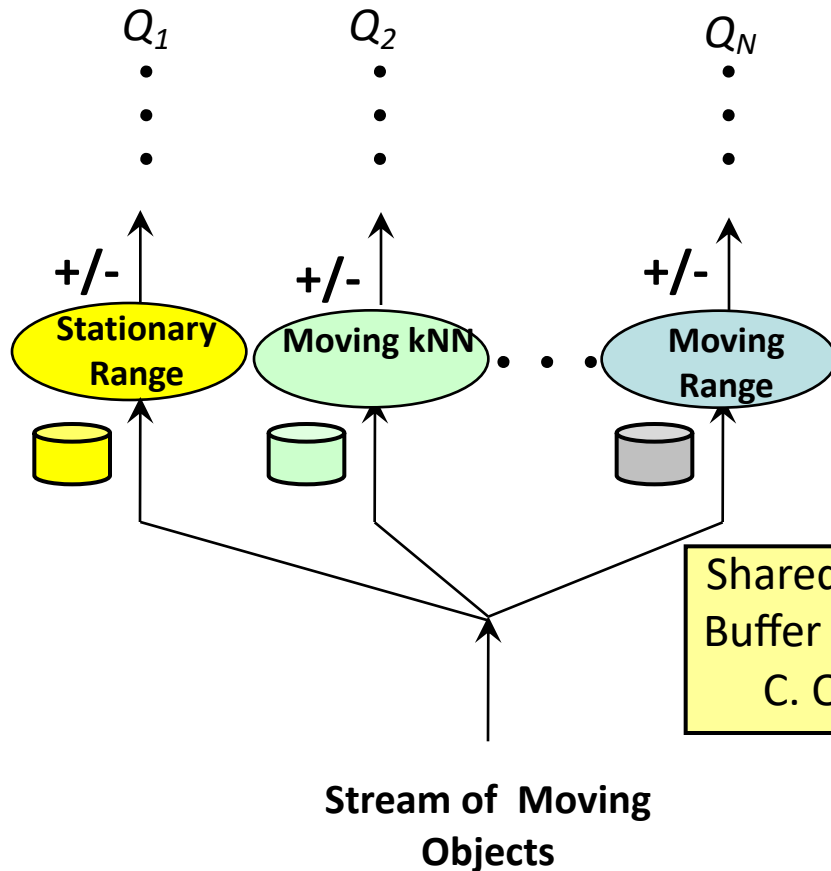
However, the query area may shrink or grow



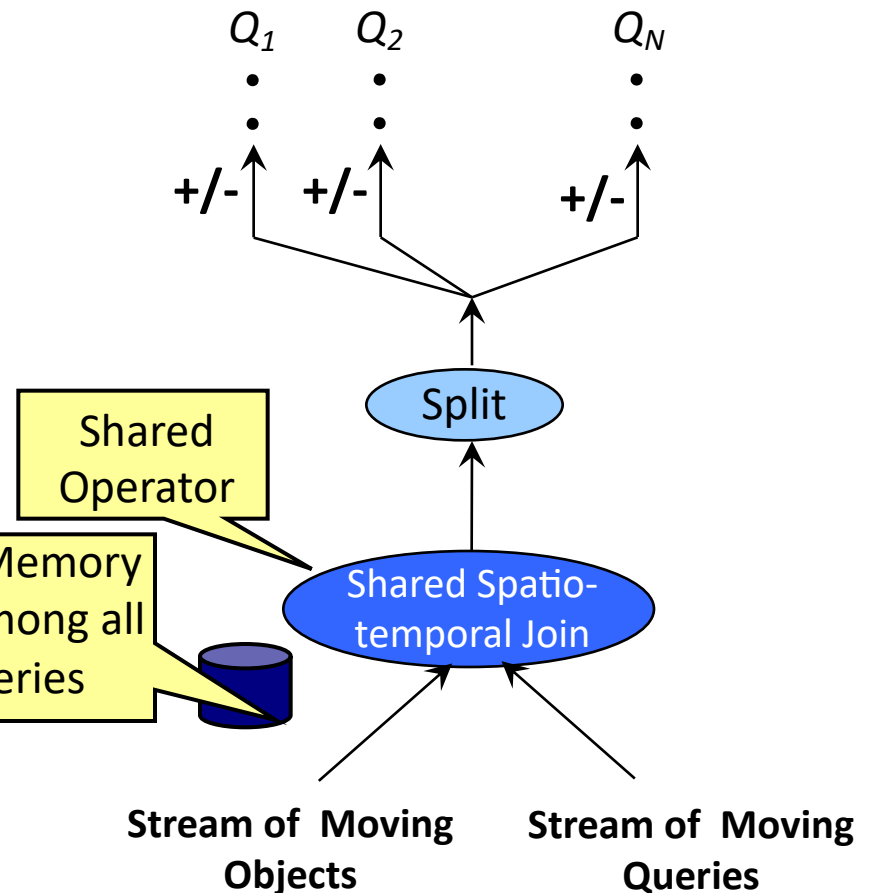
$K = 3$

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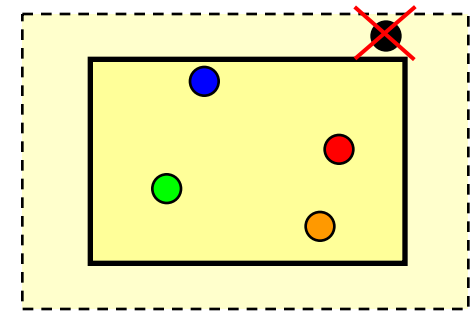
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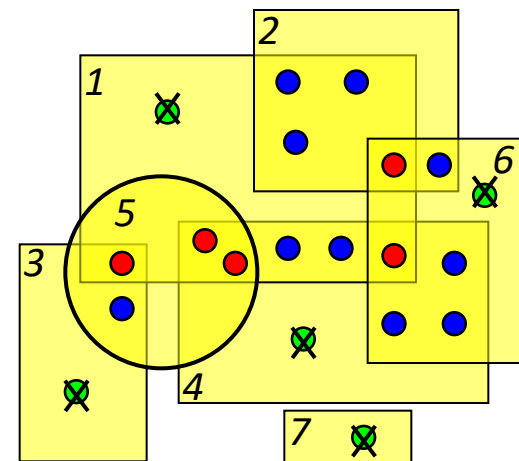
- Query Load Shedding

- Reduce the cache area
- Possibly reduce the query area
- *Immediately drop insignificant tuples*
- Intuitive and simple to implement



- Object Load Shedding

- Objects that satisfy less than k queries are *insignificant*
- *Lazily drop insignificant tuples*
- *Challenge I*: How to choose k ?
- *Challenge II*: How to provide a lower bound for the query accuracy?



$K = 2$

Tutorial Outline

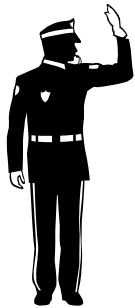
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Location-aware Query Optimization

- Spatio-temporal pipelinable query operators
 - Range queries
 - Nearest-neighbor queries
- Selectivity estimation for spatio-temporal queries/operators
 - Spatio-temporal histograms
 - Sampling
- Adaptive query optimization for continuous queries

Spatio-temporal Query Operators

- Existing Approaches are Built on Top of DBMS (at the Application Level)



Continuously report the **trucks** in this area



*Scalar functions
(Stored procedure)*

Only produce objects in the

**The performance of
scalar functions is
limited**

Engine

```
SELECT O.ID
FROM   Objects O
WHERE  O.type = truck
INSIDE Area A
```

**Database
Engine**

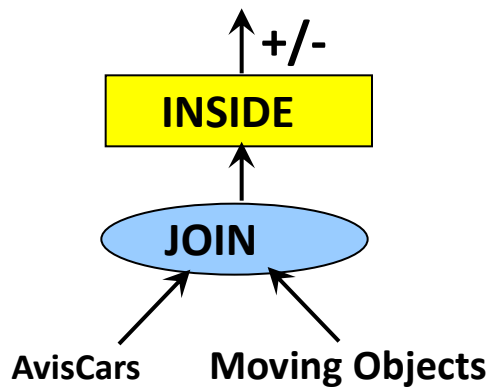
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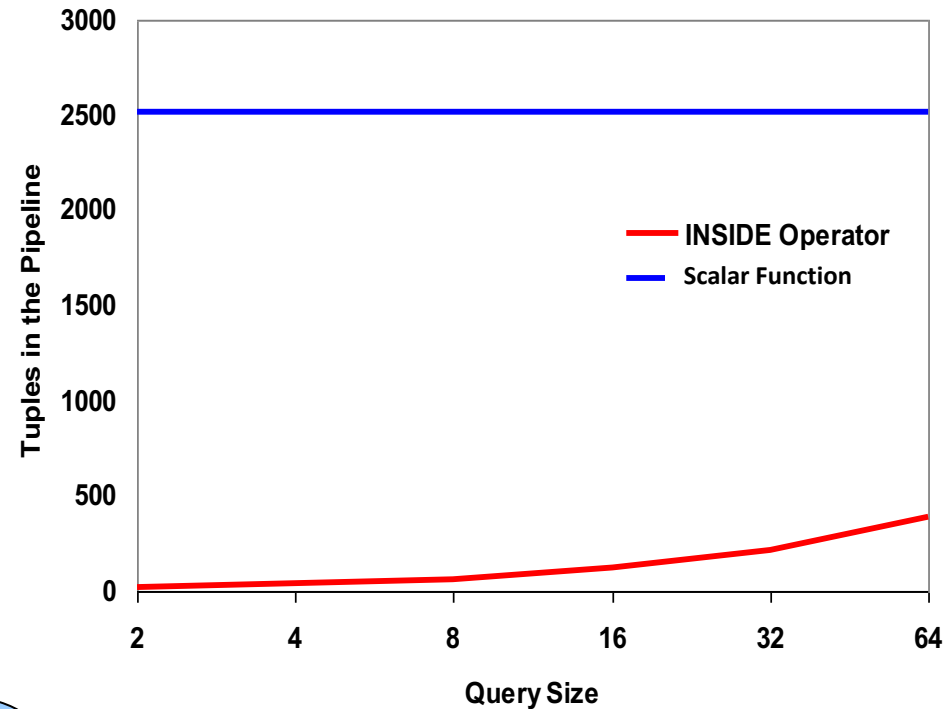
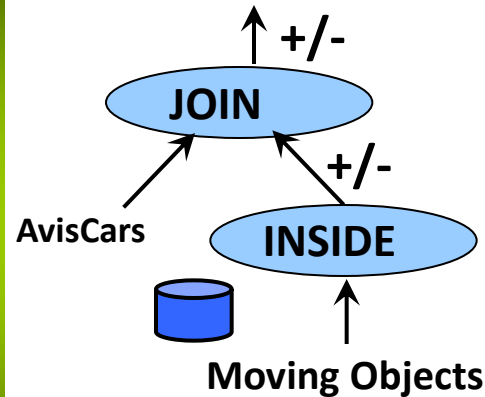
- “Continuously report the Avis cars in a certain area”

```
SELECT M.ObjectID
FROM   MovingObjects M, AvisCars A
WHERE  M.ID = A.ID
INSIDE RegionR
```

Scalar Function



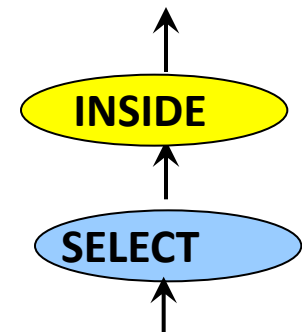
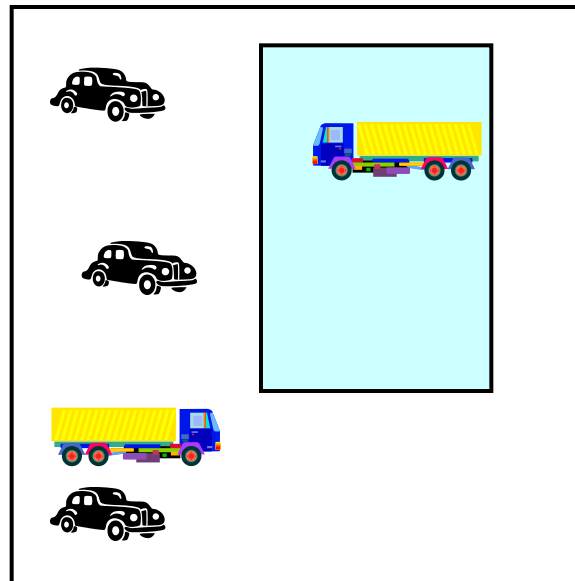
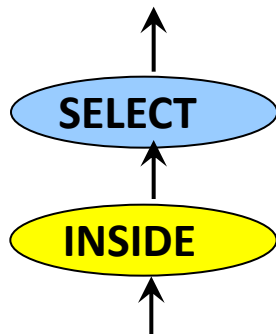
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Spatio-temporal Selectivity Estimation

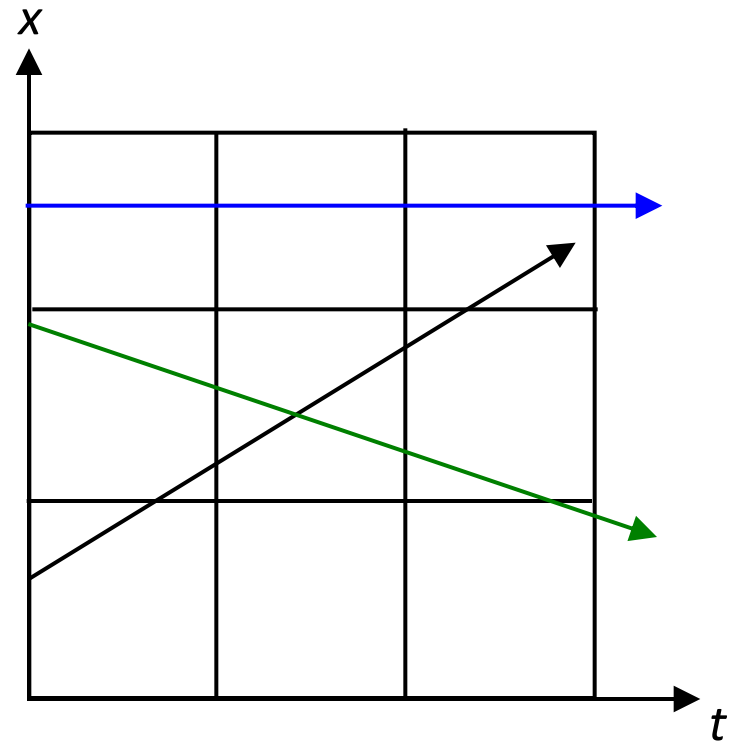
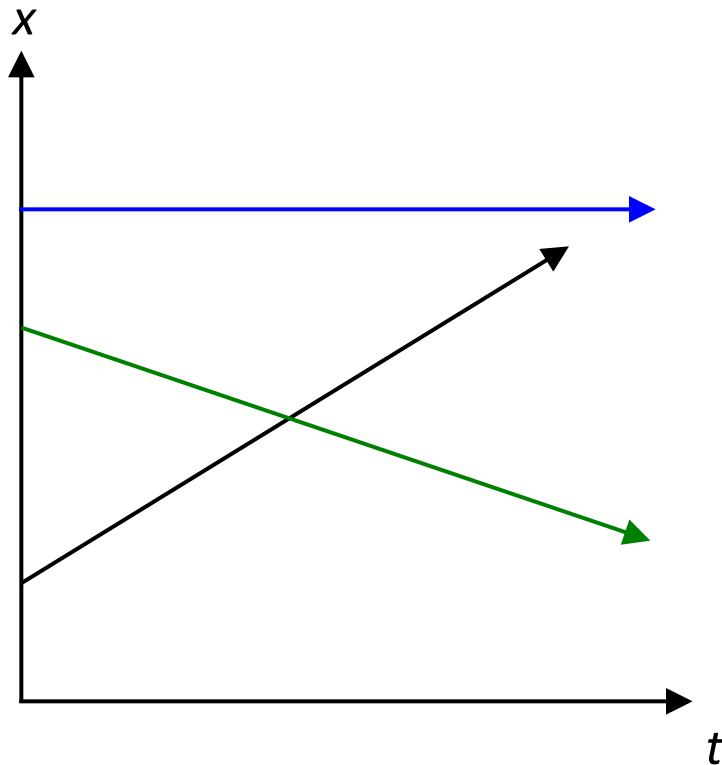
- Estimating the selectivity of spatio-temporal operators is crucial in determining the best plan for spatio-temporal queries

```
SELECT ObjectID  
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INSIDE Region R
```



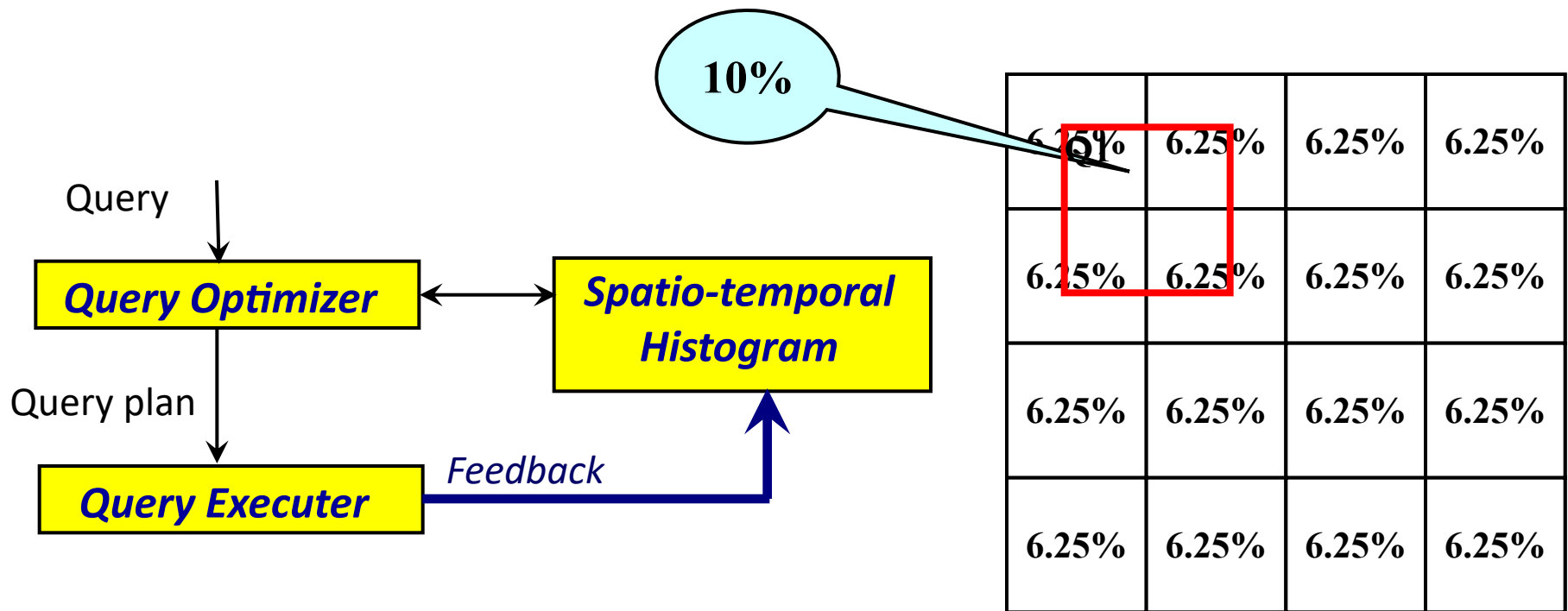
Spatio-temporal Histograms

- Moving objects in D-dimensional space are mapped to 2D-dimensional histogram buckets



Spatio-temporal Histograms with Query Feedback

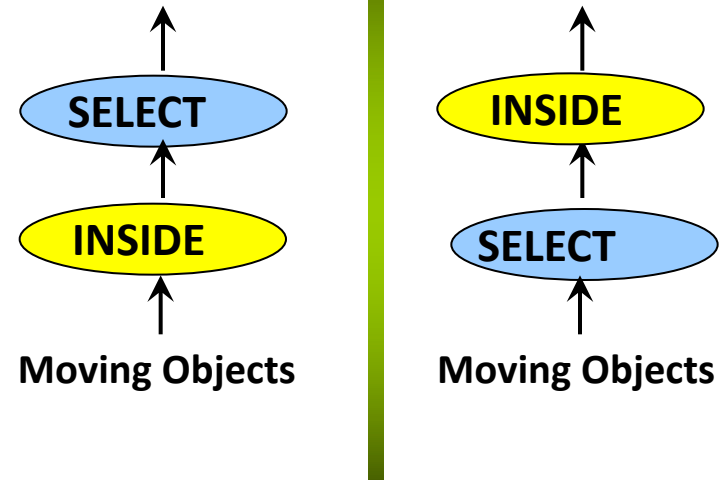
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Adaptive Query Optimization

- Continuous queries last for long time (hours, days, weeks)
 - Environment variables are likely to change
 - The initial decision for building a query plan may not be valid after a while
- Need continuous optimization and ability to change the query plan:
 - Training period: Spatio-temporal histogram, periodicity mining
 - Online detection of changes

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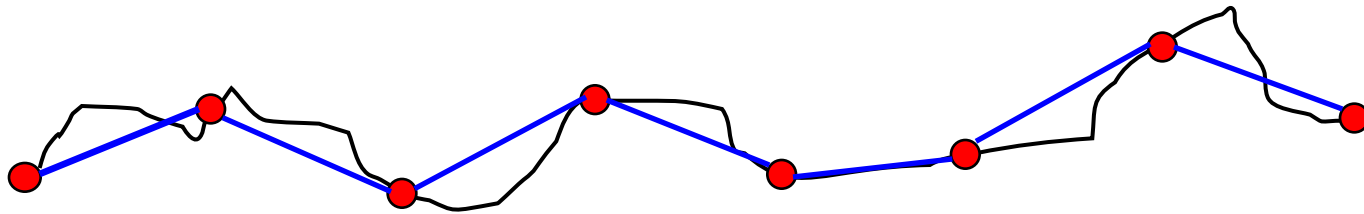


Uncertainty in Moving Objects

- Location information from moving objects is inherently inaccurate
- Sources of uncertainty:
 - Sampling. A moving object sends its location information once every t time units. Within any two consecutive locations, we have no clue about the object's exact location
 - Reading accuracy. Location-aware devices do not provide the exact location
 - Object movement and network delay. By the time that a certain reading is received by the server, the moving object has already changed its location

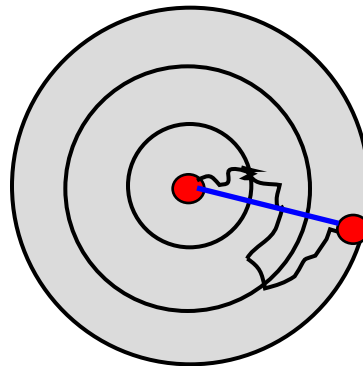
Uncertainty in Moving Objects

- Historical data (Trajectories)



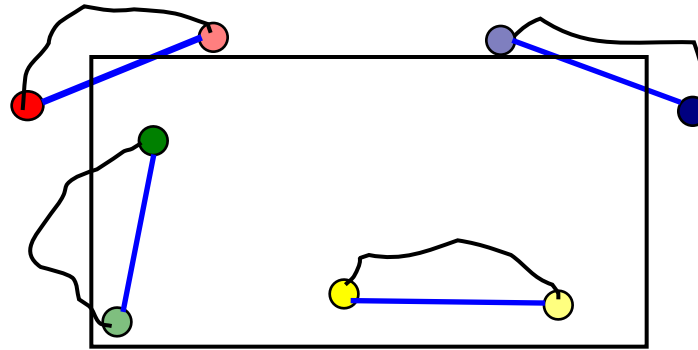
- Current data

$T_0 + \epsilon_0$

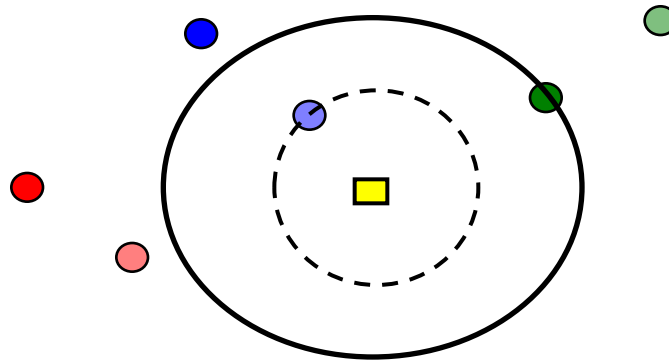


Error in Query Answer

- Range Queries

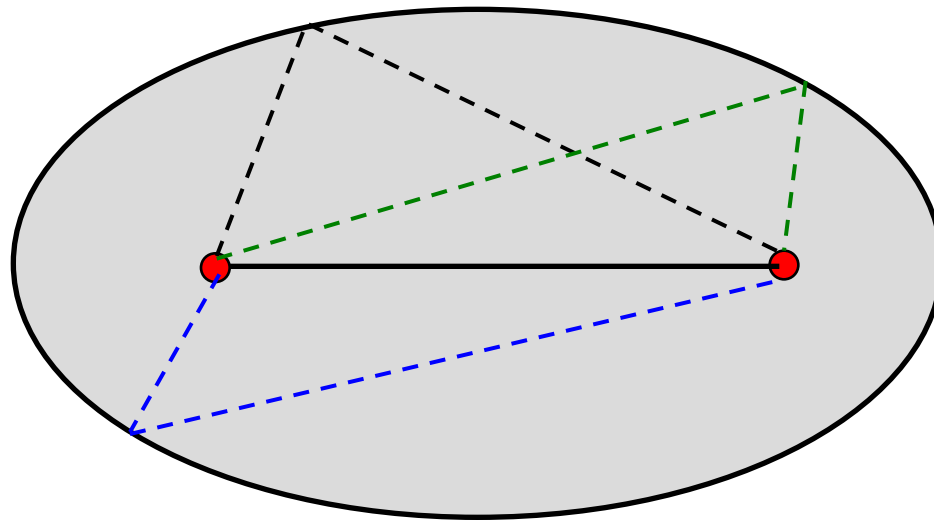


- Nearest Neighbor Queries



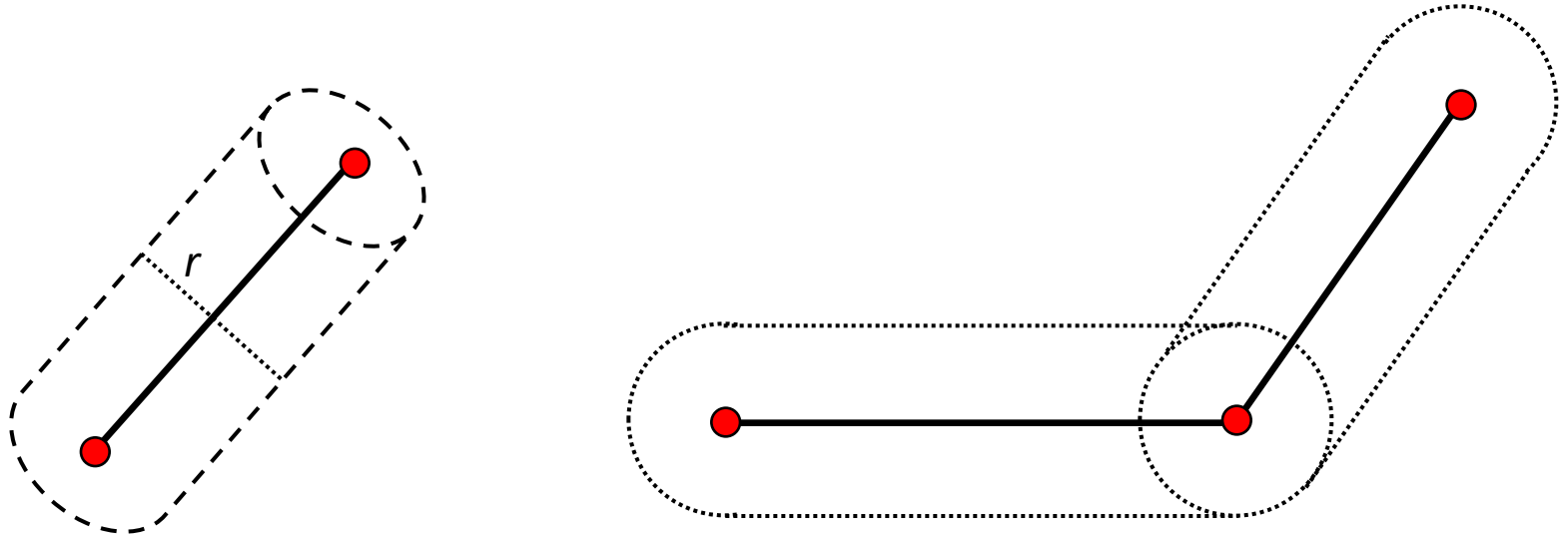
Representing Uncertain Data using Ellipses

- Given :
 - Start point
 - End point
 - Maximum possible speed \rightarrow Maximum traveling distance S
- If S is greater than the distance between the two end points, then the moving object may have deviated from the given route



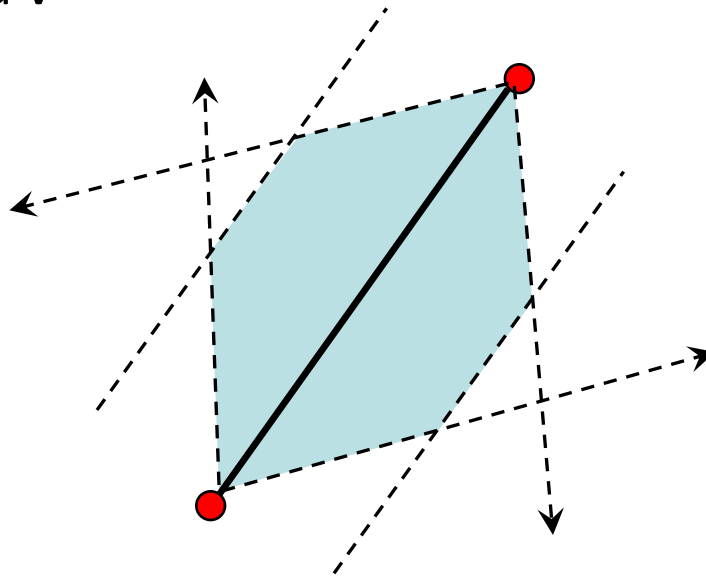
Representing Uncertain Data using Cylinders

- Given:
 - Start and end points
- Constraint:
 - An object would report its location only if it is deviated by a certain distance r from the predicted trajectory



Representing Uncertain Data in Road Networks

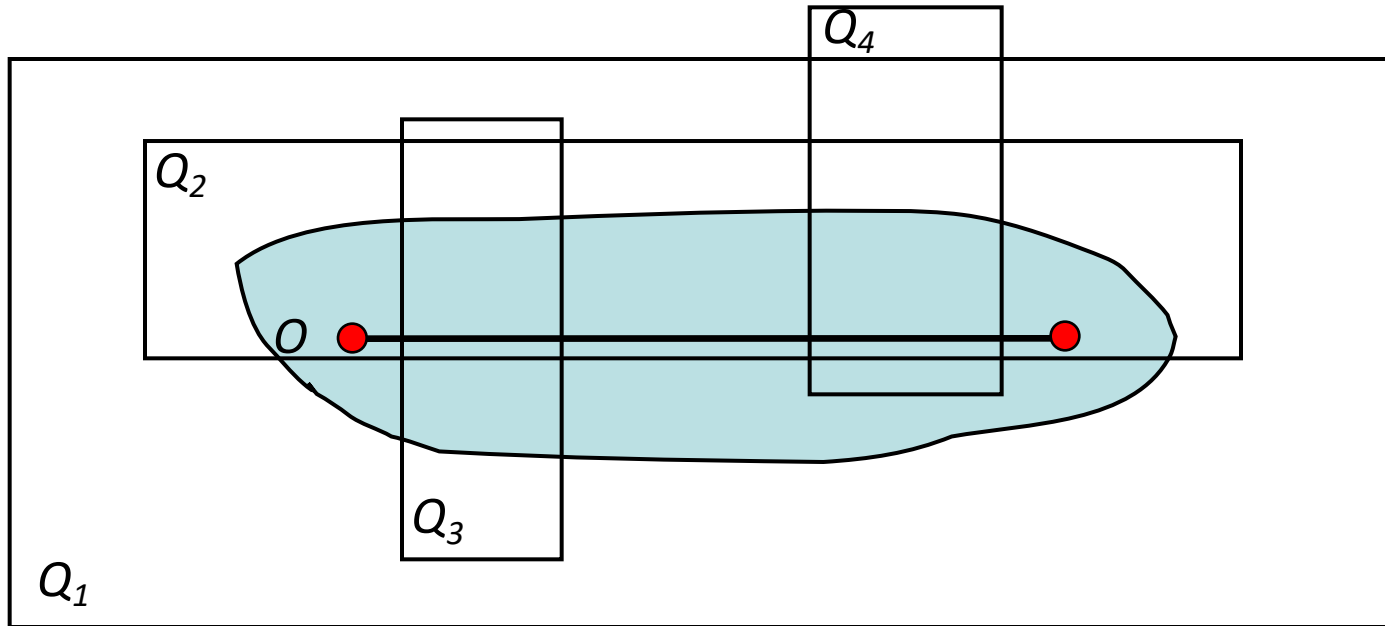
- Given:
 - Start and end points
- Constraints :
 - Deviation threshold r
 - Speed threshold v



Querying Uncertain Data **Uncertain Keywords**

- KEYWORDS:
 - Probability: *possibly, definitely*
 - Temporal: *sometimes, always*
 - Spatial: *somewhere, everywhere*
- *Examples:*
 - *What are the objects that are possibly sometimes within area R at time interval T ?*
 - *What are the objects that definitely passed through a certain region?*
 - *Retrieve all the objects that are always inside a certain region*
 - *Retrieve all the objects that are sometimes definitely inside region R*

Querying Uncertain Data **Uncertain Keywords (Cont.)**

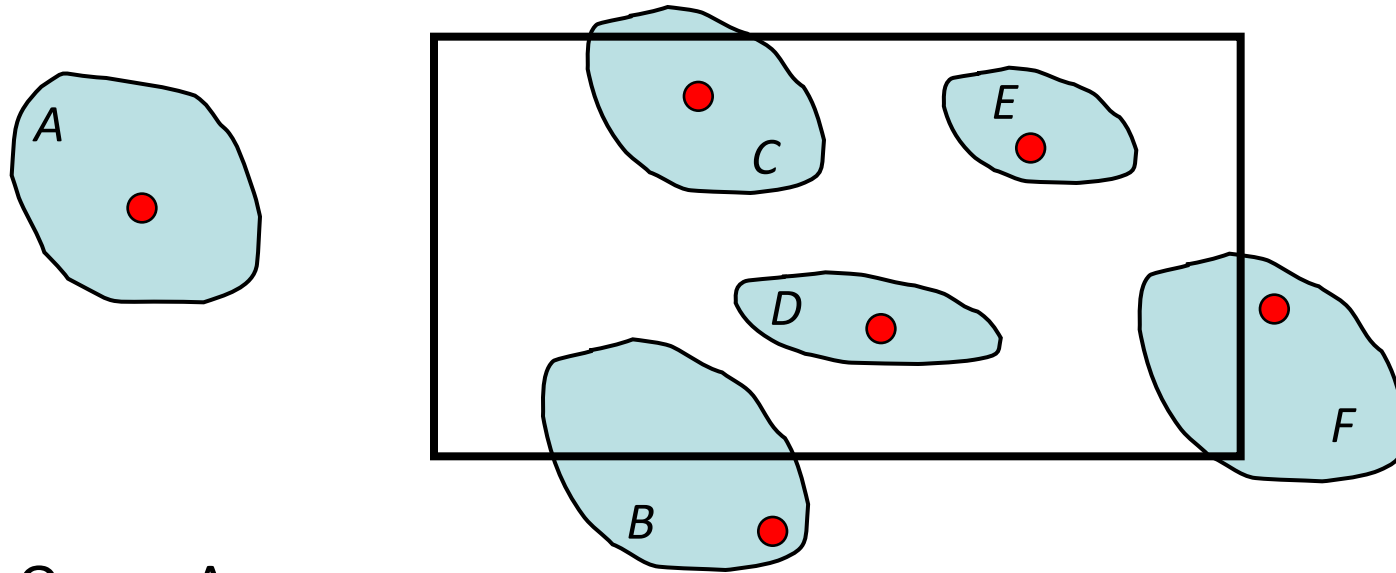


- *Object O is definitely always in Q_1*
- *Object O is possibly always in Q_2*
- *Object O is definitely sometimes in Q_3*
- *Object O is possibly sometimes in Q_4*

Querying Uncertain Data Probabilistic Queries

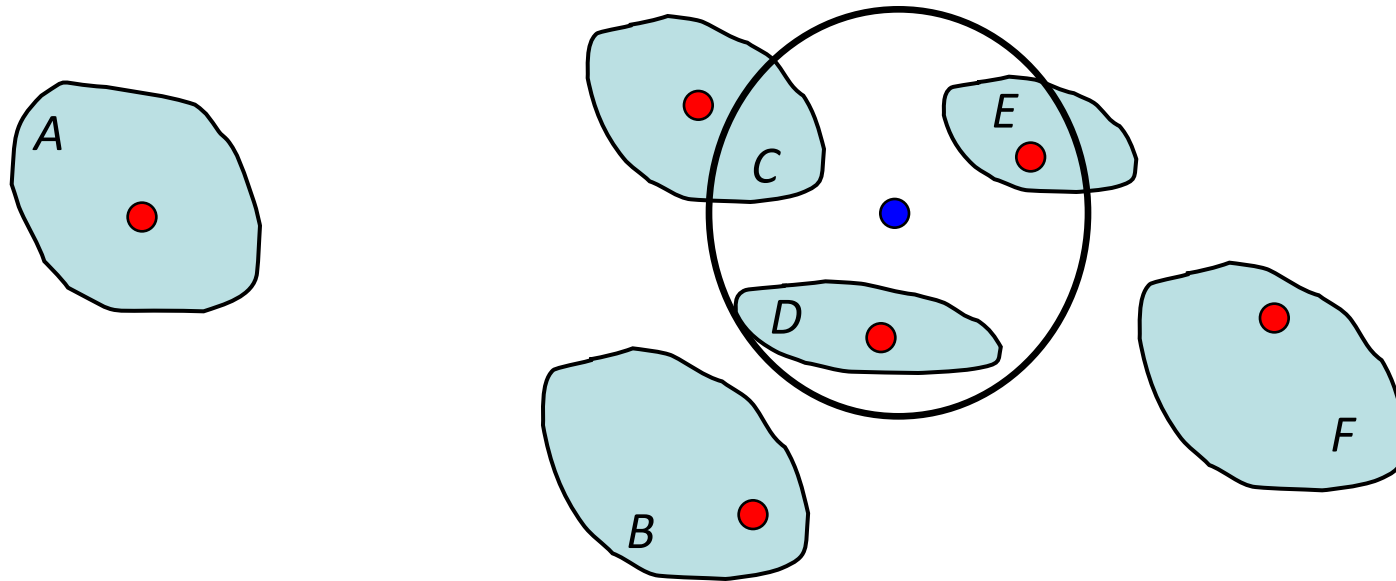
- With each query answer, associate a probability that this answer is true
- The answer set of a query Q is represented as a set of tuples $\langle ID, p \rangle$ where ID is the tuple identifier and p is the probability that the object ID belongs to the answer set of Q
- Assumptions:
 - Objects can lie anywhere uniformly within their uncertainty region

Querying Uncertain Data Probabilistic Range Queries



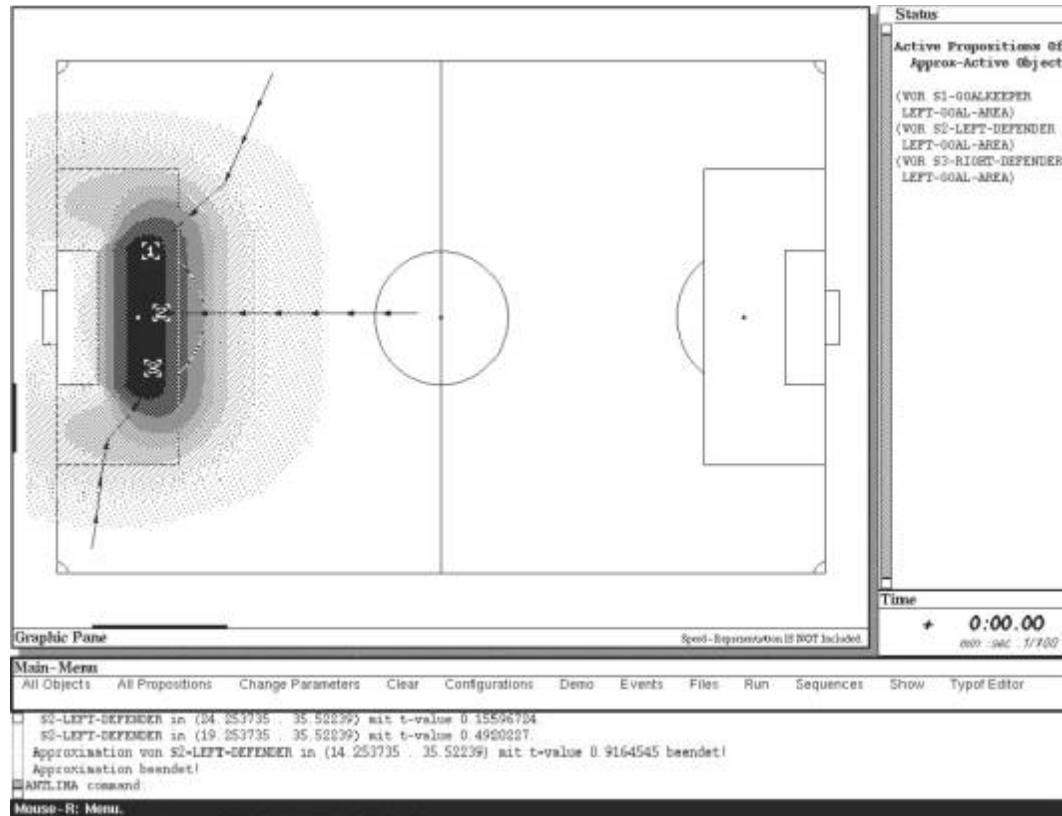
- Query Answer:
 - (B, 50%)
 - (C, 90%)
 - D
 - E
 - (F, 30%)

Querying Uncertain Data Probabilistic NN Queries



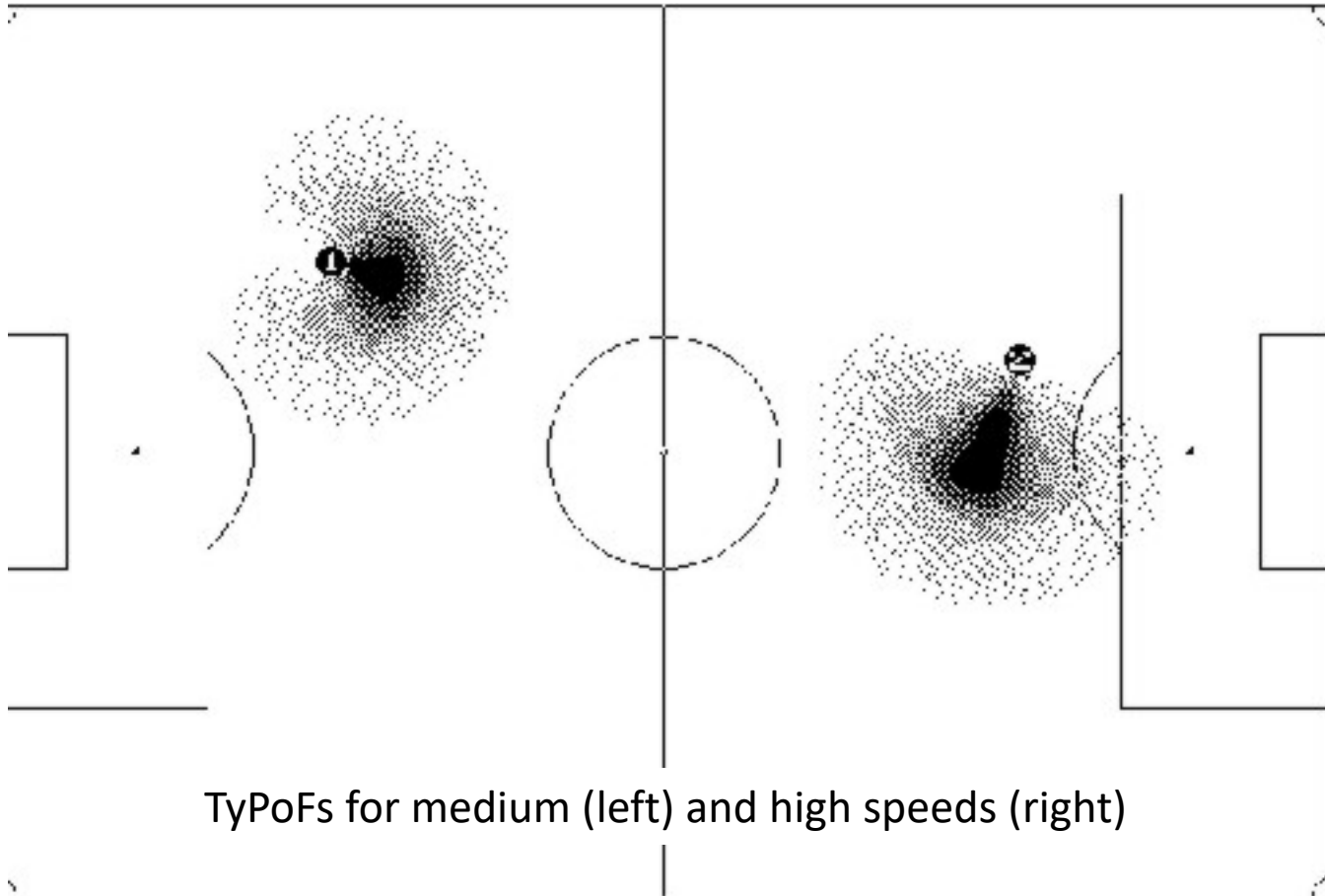
- Query Answer ($k=1$):
 - (C, p_1)
 - (D, p_2)
 - (E, p_3)

Typicality Potential Fields (TyPoFs)



‘Spieler vor dem Strafraum’

Typicality Potential Fields



TyPoFs for medium (left) and high speeds (right)

J.R.J. Schirra: Bildbeschreibung als Verbindung von visuellem und sprachlichem Raum – Eine interdisziplinäre Untersuchung von Bildvorstellungen in einem Hörermodell. Dissertation. Infix, St. Augustin, **1994**

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Open Research Issues: Location Privacy



“New technologies can pinpoint your location at any time and place. They promise safety and convenience but threaten privacy and security”

Cover story, IEEE Spectrum, July 2003

Spatio-Temporal Data Mining

- Mining the history → Predicting the future
- Online outlier detection for moving objects
- Suspicious movement in video surveillance
- Analysis of tsunami, hurricanes, or earthquakes
- Phenomena detection and tracking

