

# **Introduction to Artificial Intelligence**

## **COSC 4550 / COSC 5550**

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# **hidden Markov models**

a Markov process where the state  
is a single discrete variable

our example from last class was one of these  
(the world was described only by whether it rained or not)

having a single state variable allows for convenient representation of the transition model as a matrix (T)

$$T = P(X_t | X_{t-1}) = P(\text{Rain}_t | \text{Rain}_{t-1}) = \begin{matrix} & \begin{matrix} r_t = t & r_t = f \end{matrix} \\ \begin{matrix} r_{t-1} = t \\ r_{t-1} = f \end{matrix} & \begin{bmatrix} 0.7 & 0.3 \\ 0.3 & 0.7 \end{bmatrix} \end{matrix}$$

you can similarly represent the change of observing your evidence variables as a sensor model matrix (O)

if  $u_t = t$ :

$$\begin{matrix} r_t = t \\ r_t = f \end{matrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0.9 & 0 \\ 0 & 0.2 \end{bmatrix}$$

if  $u_t = f$ :

$$\begin{matrix} r_t = t \\ r_t = f \end{matrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0.1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0.8 \end{bmatrix}$$

(diagonal matrix with  $P(e_t | X_t = i)$  on main diagonal)

this matrix representation let's us compactly represent  
and compute our forward and backward passes

$$\mathbf{f}_{1:t+1} = \alpha \mathbf{O}_{t+1} \mathbf{T}^T \mathbf{f}_{1:t}$$

$$\mathbf{b}_{k+1:t} = \mathbf{T} \mathbf{O}_{k+1} \mathbf{b}_{k+2:t}$$

$$\begin{array}{c} \mathbf{P}(R_1 | u_1) \\ \downarrow \\ \mathbf{f}_{1:t+1} \end{array} = \alpha \mathbf{O}_{t+1} \mathbf{T}^T \begin{array}{c} \mathbf{P}(R_0) \\ \downarrow \\ \mathbf{f}_{1:t} \end{array} = \alpha \begin{bmatrix} 0.9 & 0 \\ 0 & 0.2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0.7 & 0.3 \\ 0.3 & 0.7 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0.5 \\ 0.5 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0.818 \\ 0.182 \end{bmatrix}$$

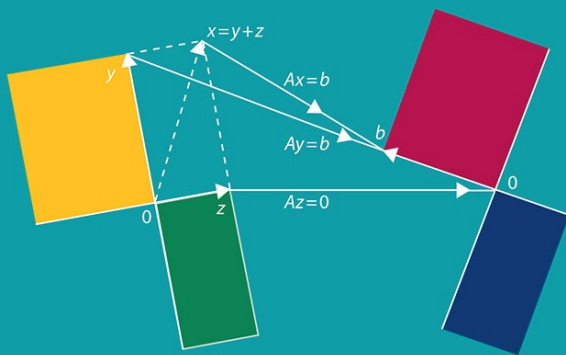
lots of other convenient (time and space saving)  
tricks you can do with matrix representations  
(some in your book!)

like the first-order Markov process trick,  
 you can get around the single variable constraint  
 by creating a “megavariabale” (tuple of any length)  
 and having each combination of states be a megastate

$$\mathbf{T} = \begin{matrix} & & & & (s_t = t, r_t = t) \\ & & & & (s_t = t, r_t = f) \\ & & & & (s_t = f, r_t = t) \\ & & & & (s_t = f, r_t = f) \\ (summer_{t-1} = t, r_{t-1} = t) & \left[ & & & \right] \\ (summer_{t-1} = t, r_{t-1} = f) & & & & \\ (summer_{t-1} = f, r_{t-1} = t) & & & & \\ (summer_{t-1} = f, r_{t-1} = f) & & & & \end{matrix}$$



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# **Kalman filters**

so far we've been iterating over the possible values  
of discrete variables over time with HMMs

but many interesting real world problems are continuous

and partially observable and/or noisy measurements  
(and models)

Kalman filters can deal with these types of problems  
(so they are used very widely in practice!)

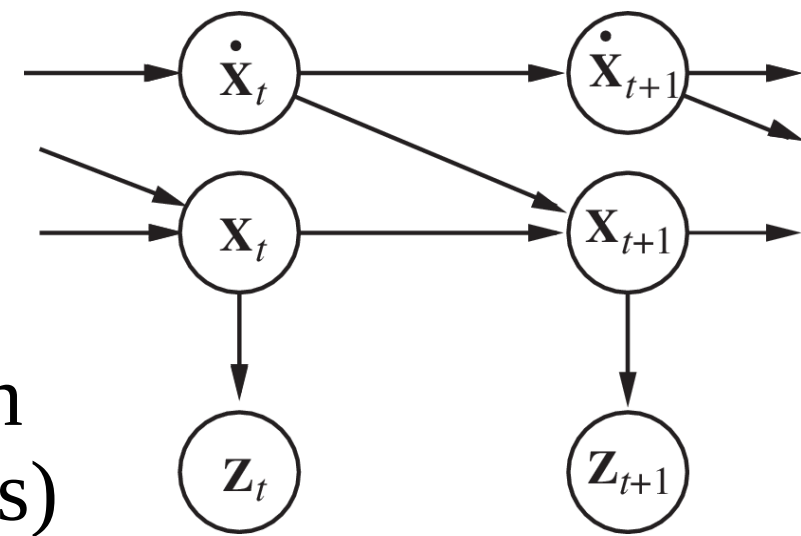
let's say we are interested in tracking the movement over time of something (car, plane, bird, ball, missile, ... )

our model to track the movement might incorporate information about the object's 3D position and velocity

our (linear) transition model:

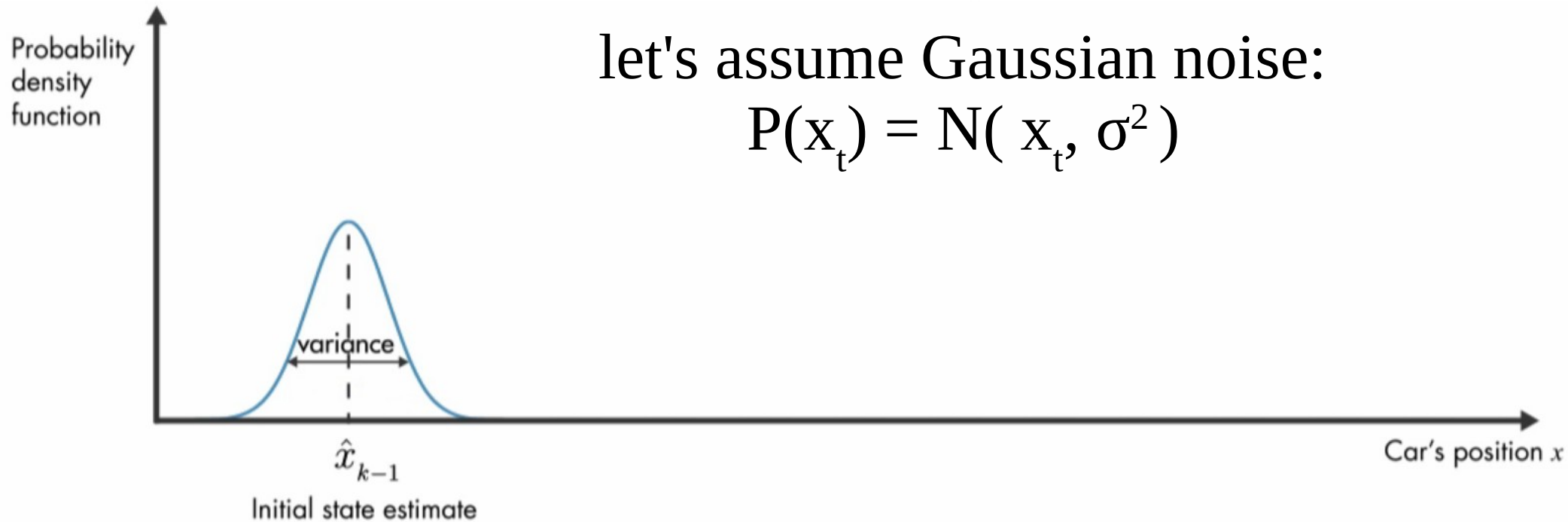
$$\mathbf{X}_{t+\Delta} = \mathbf{X}_t + \mathbf{X}' * \Delta$$

let's assume imperfect information  
(noisy measurements/state estimates)



let's assume Gaussian noise:

$$P(\mathbf{x}_t) = \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{x}_t, \sigma^2)$$

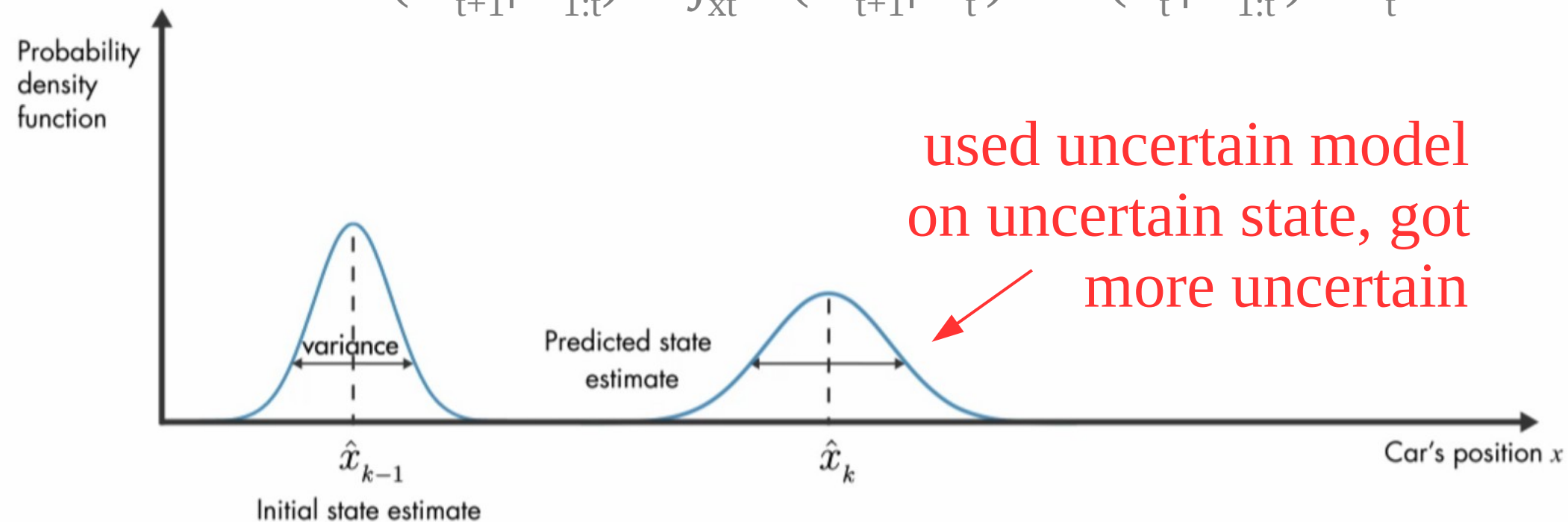


let's also assume a noisy model (also w/ Gaussian noise):

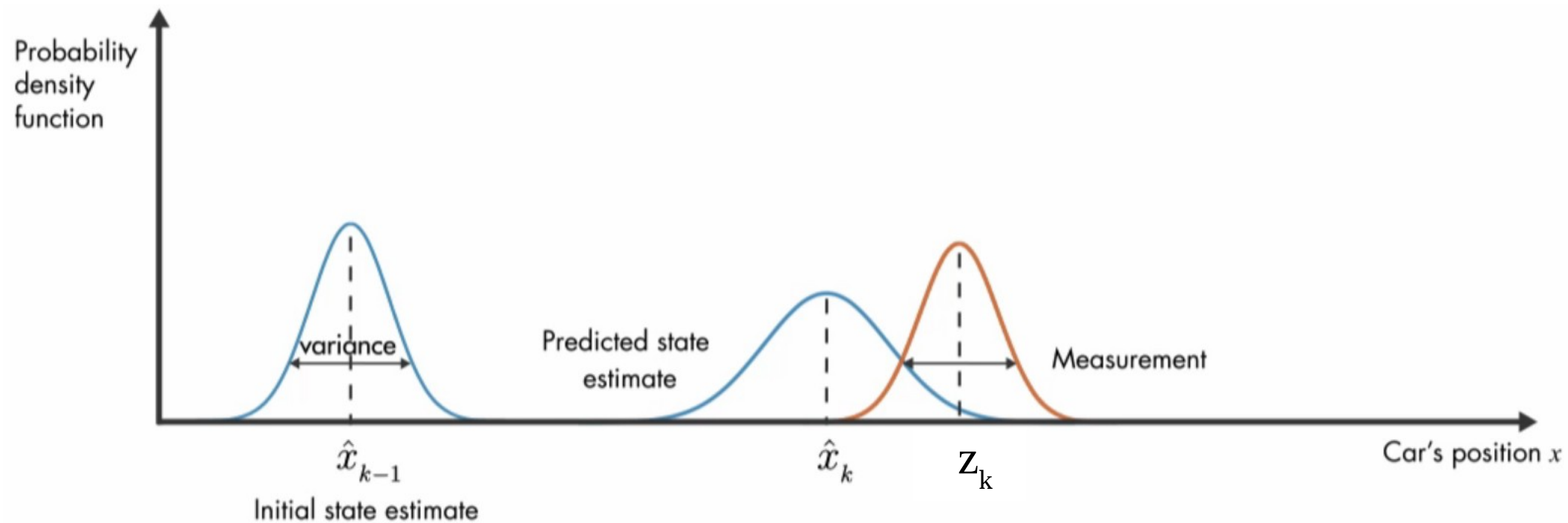
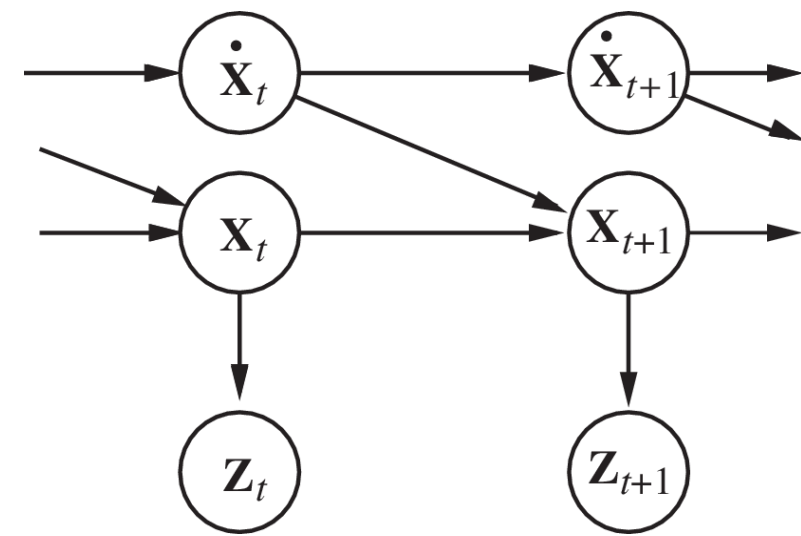
$$P(x_{t+\Delta} | x_t, x'_t) = N(x_t + x'_t * \Delta, \sigma^2)(x_{t+\Delta})$$

side note, since we these are continuous variables,  
all probability functions are integrals:

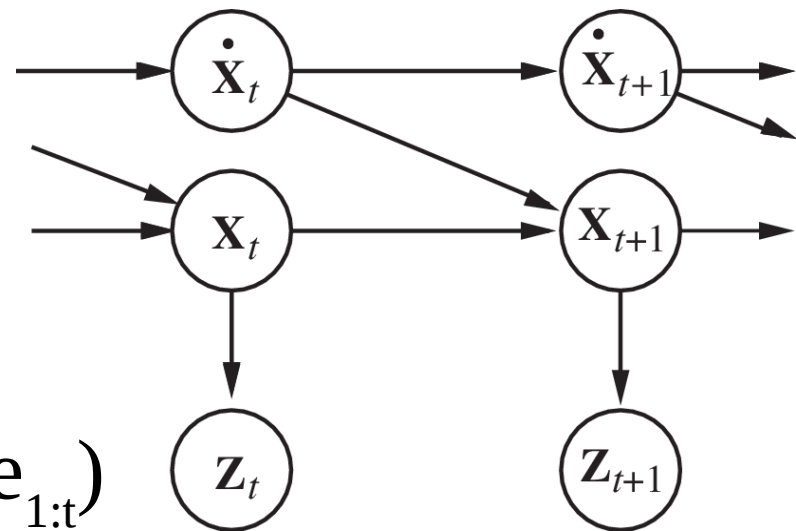
$$P(X_{t+1} | e_{1:t}) = \int_{x_t} P(X_{t+1} | x_t) * P(x_t | e_{1:t}) dx_t$$



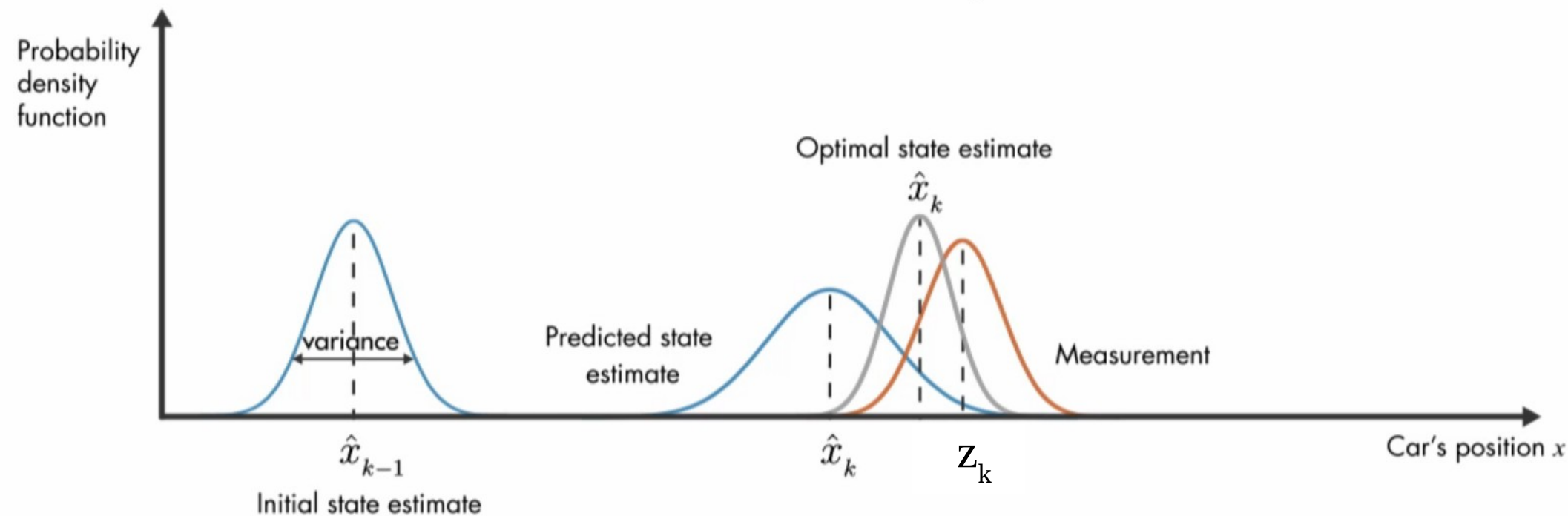
our observation at the next timestep provides new information about the world, but is also uncertain (and biased)



combining the forward prediction  
with our new observation  
give us a more informed estimate



$$P(X_{t+1} | e_{1:t+1}) = \alpha P(e_{t+1} | X_{t+1}) * P(X_{t+1} | e_{1:t})$$

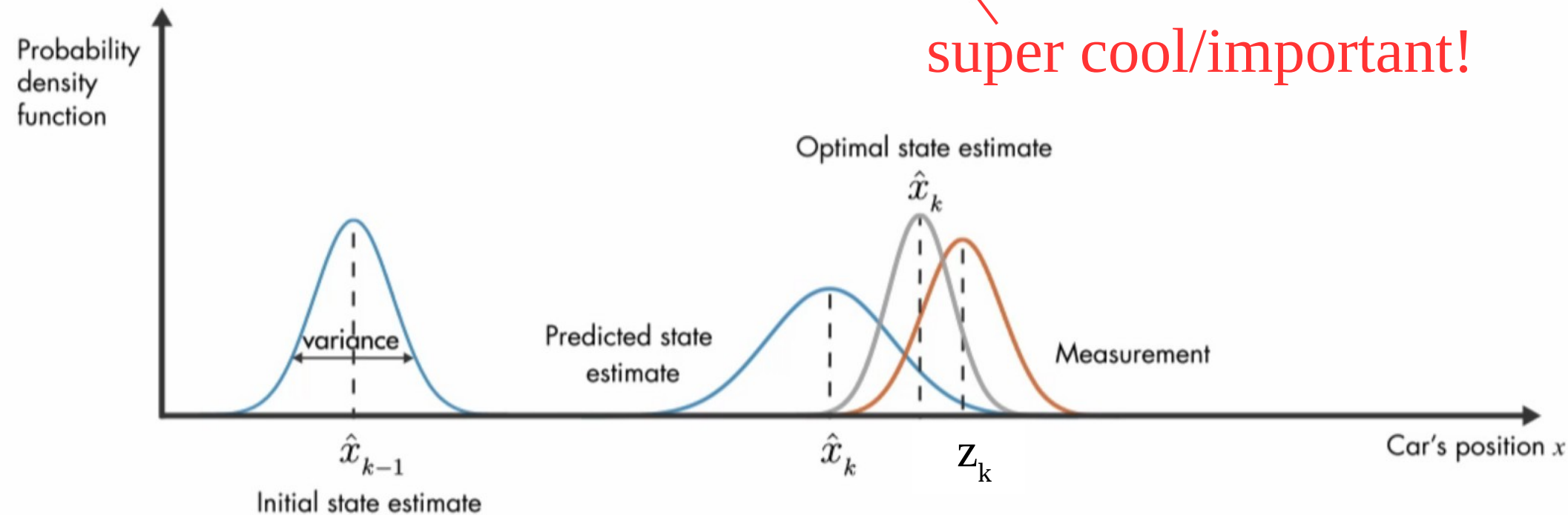




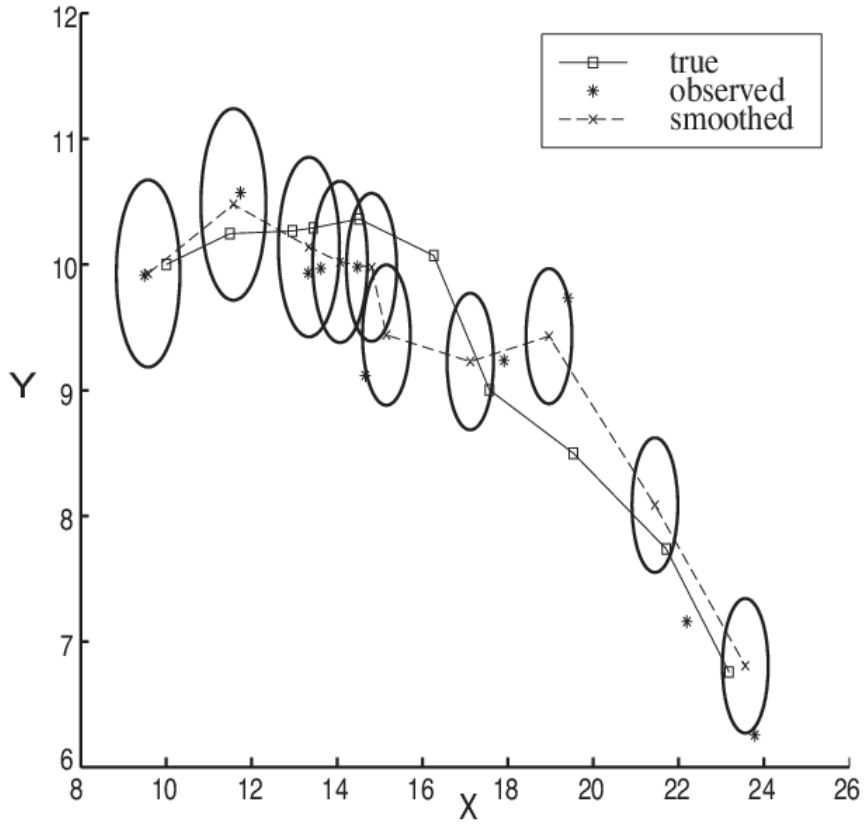
the variance of our new estimate is less than either our predicted state or our measurement (combining two estimates gives us more certainty!)

this is a property of multiplying Gaussian distribution (variance often grows when multiplying other distributions)

super cool/important!



2D filtering



2D smoothing

