

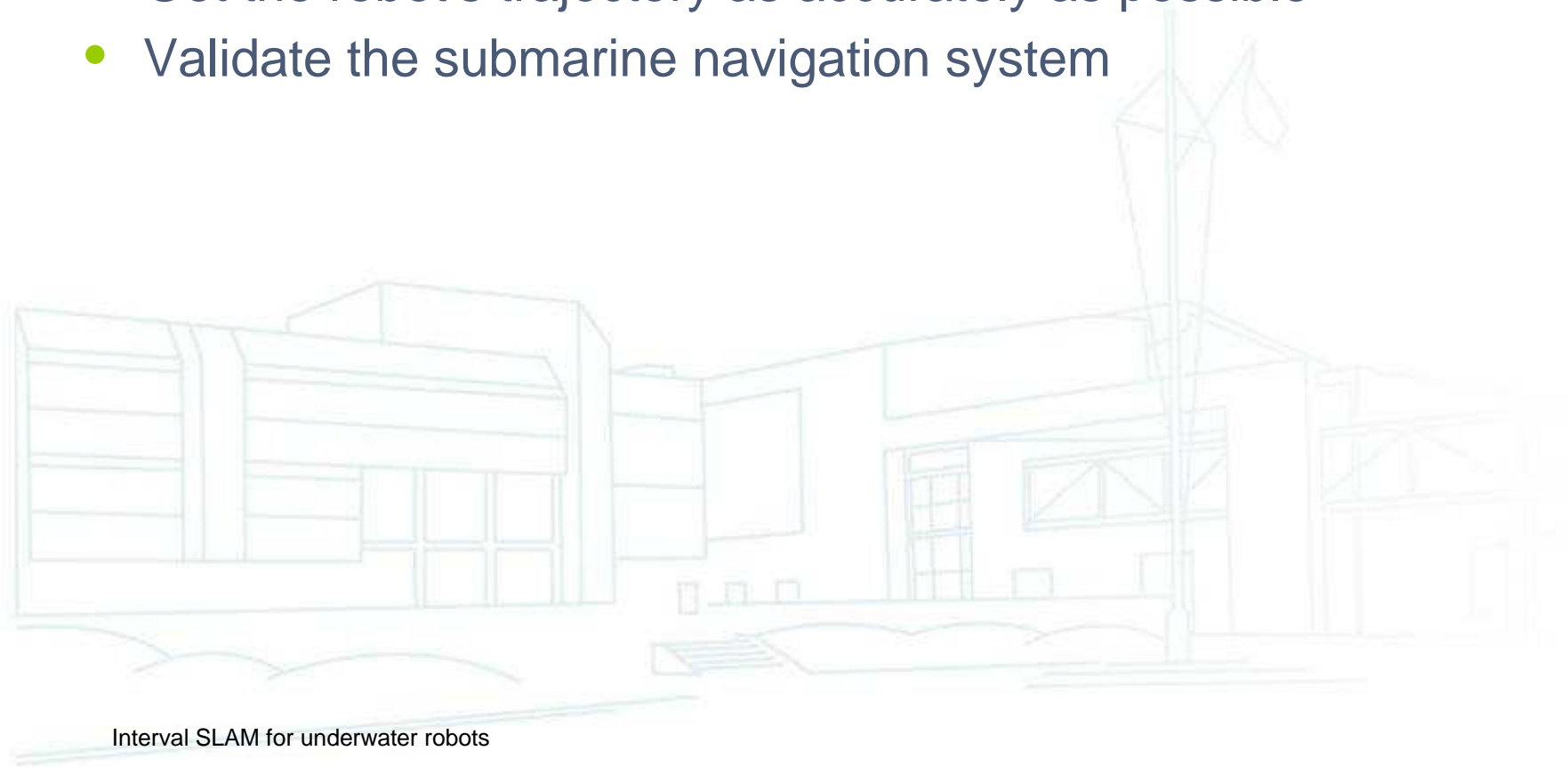


Interval SLAM for underwater robots

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Introduction

- Given an autonomous submarine covering an area with several unknown objects on the sea floor, how can we
 - Get the position of the objects
 - Get the robot's trajectory as accurately as possible
 - Validate the submarine navigation system

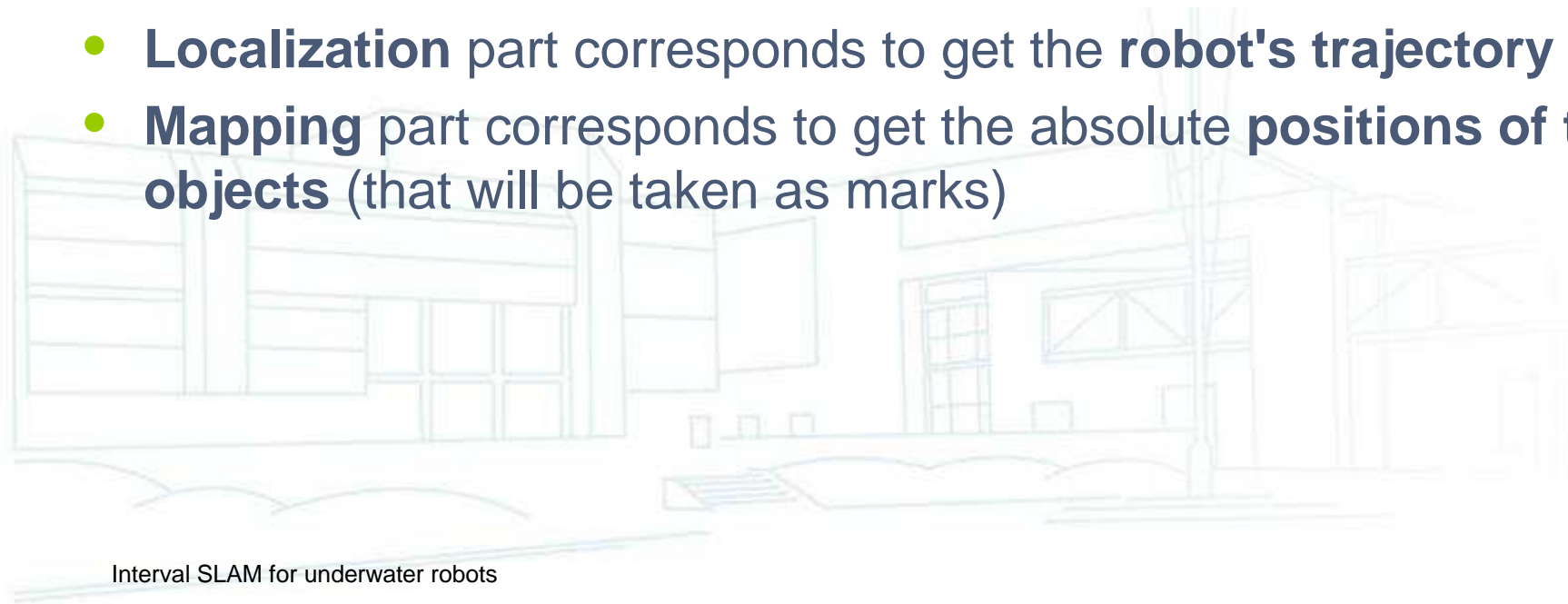
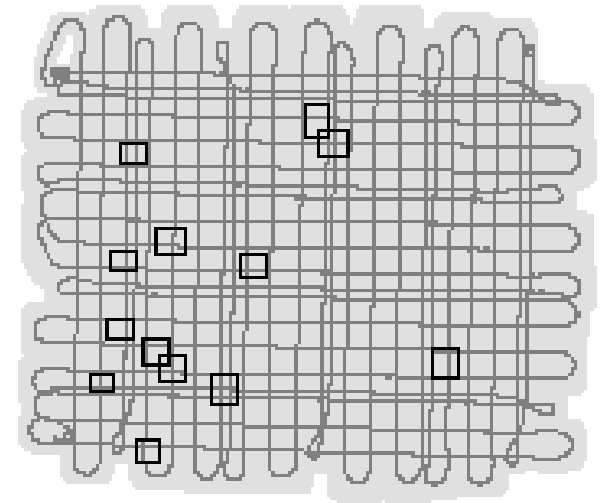


SLAM problem

- **SLAM** = Simultaneous Localization And Mapping :
localize in an **unknown environment** using **marks**
- A submarine robot knows
 - Its **initial position** (GPS when at surface)
 - Its moving model (**state equations**)
 - Navigation data (**depth, orientation, speed**)
 - Data related to its environment (**sonar images**)
- Its position estimation errors increase with time due to the uncertainties : the robot is getting lost

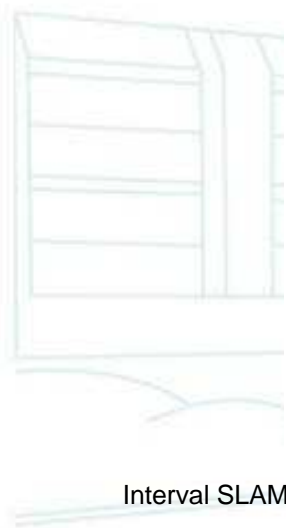
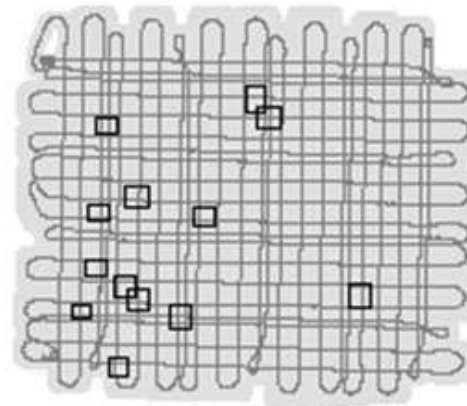
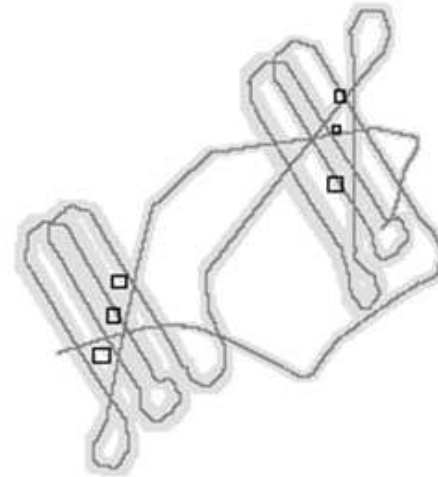
SLAM problem

- SLAM idea
 - Localize marks from a known position
 - Use them to localize when we are lost
 - Alternate these 2 steps
- In our case
 - **Localization** part corresponds to get the **robot's trajectory**
 - **Mapping** part corresponds to get the absolute **positions of the objects** (that will be taken as marks)

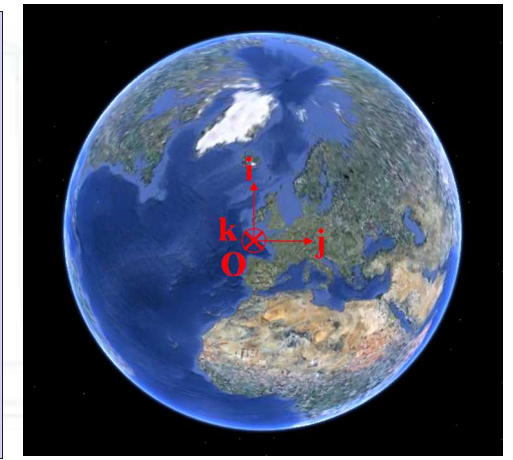
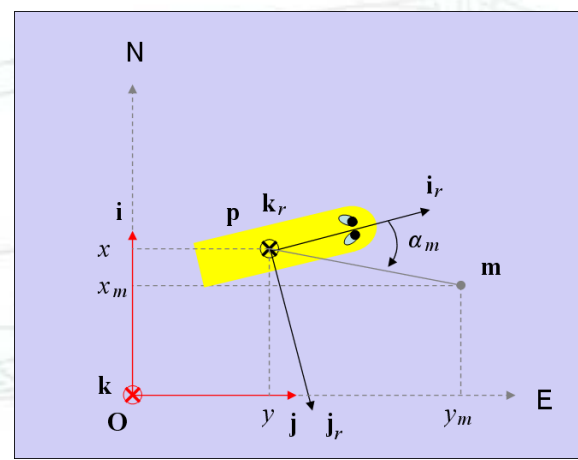
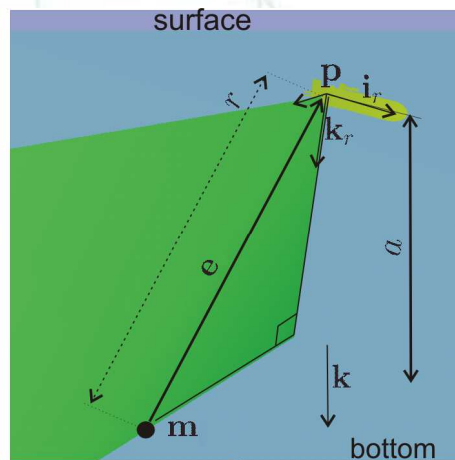
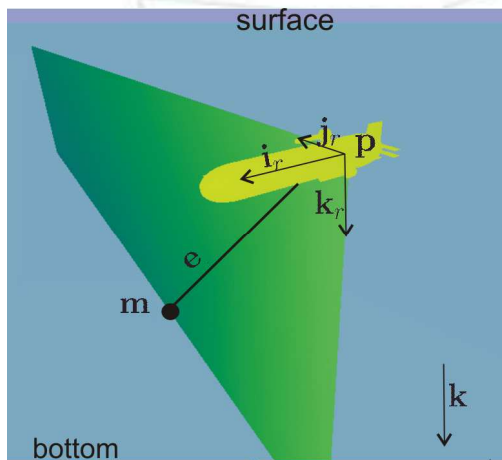
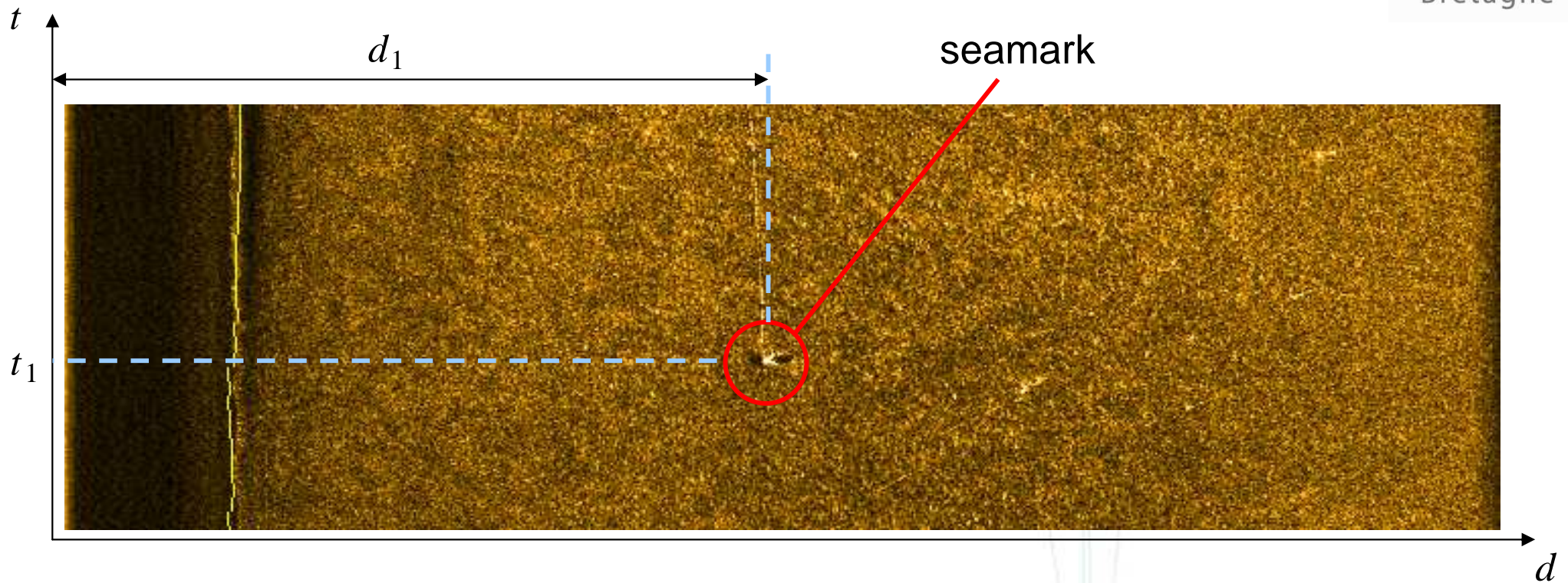


Submarine SLAM with fleeting data

- Experiments with Daurade and Redermor submarines



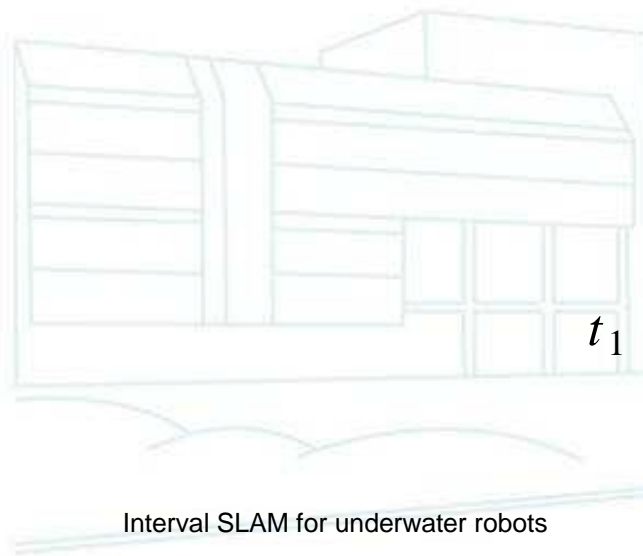
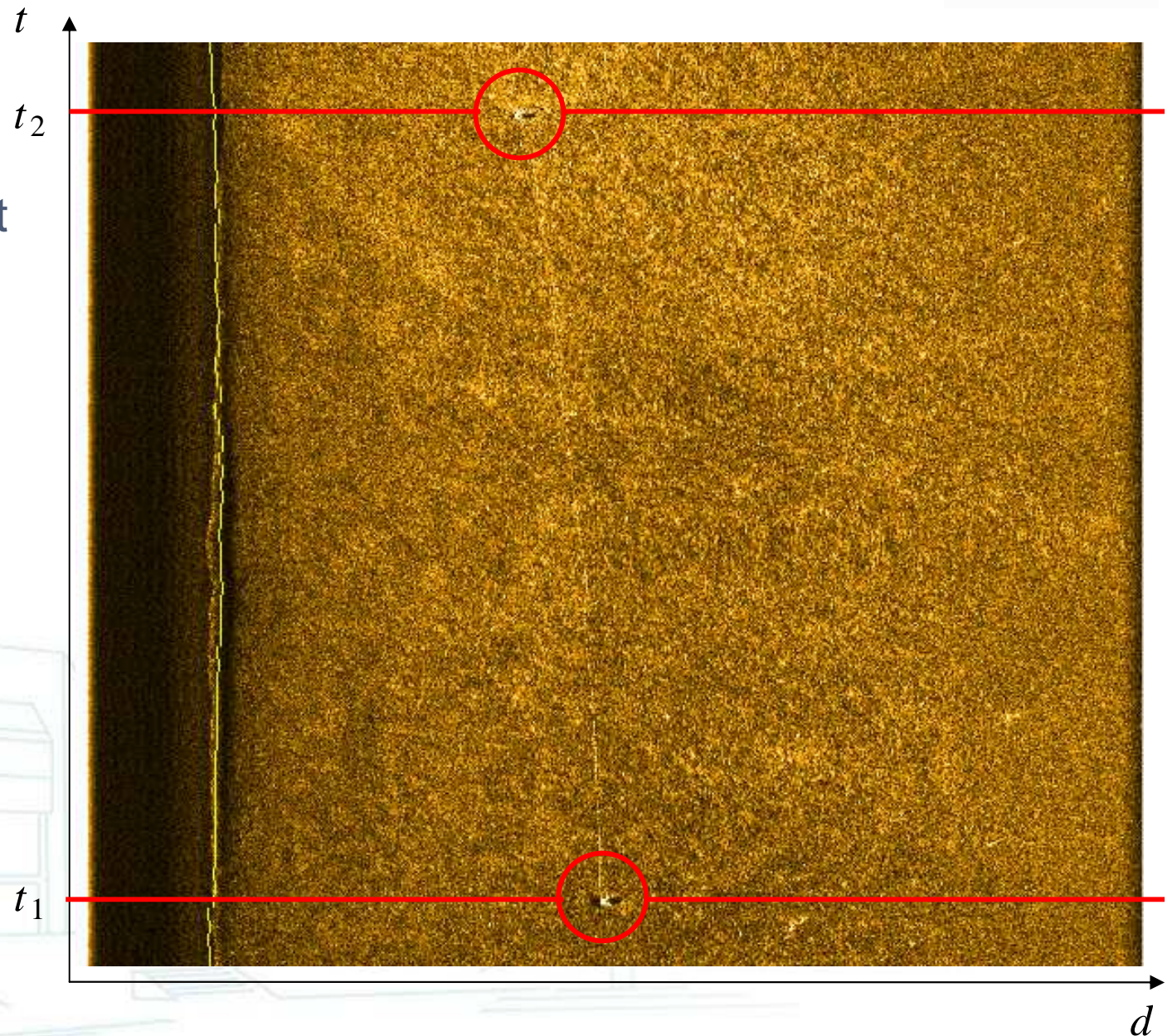
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Submarine SLAM with fleeting data

- Waterfall
 - On a waterfall, it is difficult to distinguish 2 different marks

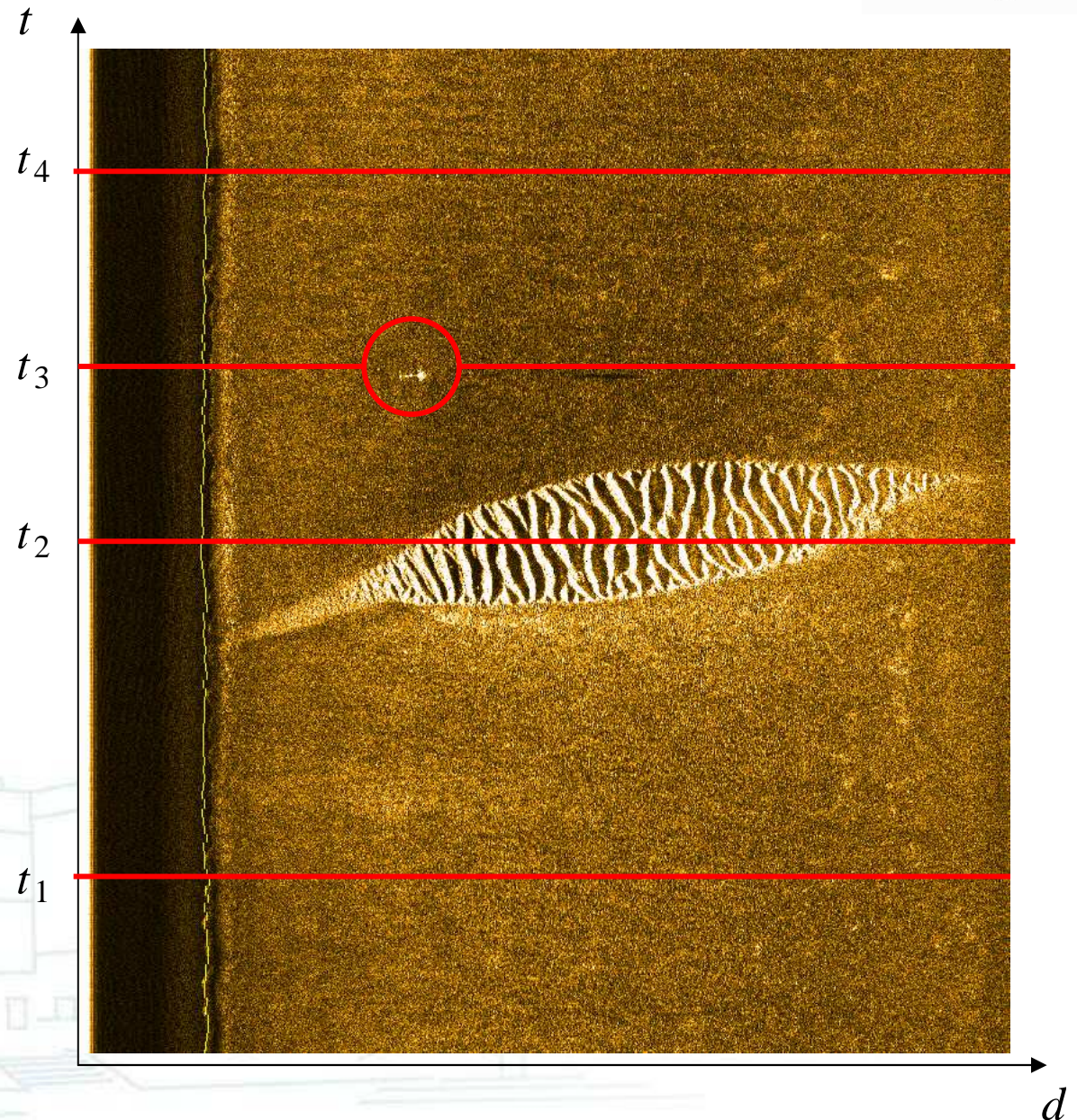


Submarine SLAM with fleeting data

■ Waterfall

● Hypothesis

- On a waterfall, we detect parts where we are sure there is no mark rather than the marks
- When there is a mark, it is seen punctually (fleeting)



Submarine SLAM with fleeting data

■ Representations of uncertainties

● Probabilistic methods

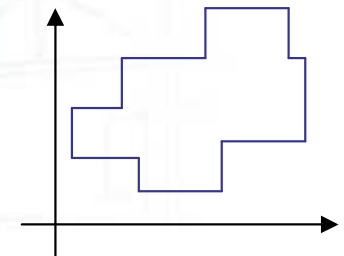
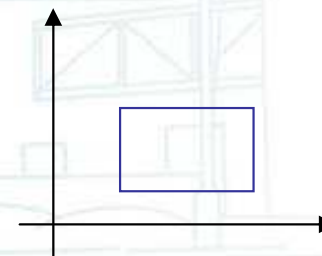
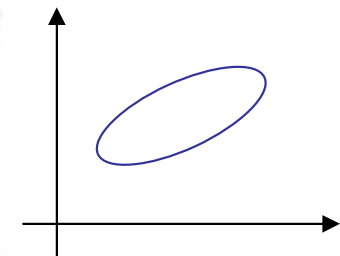
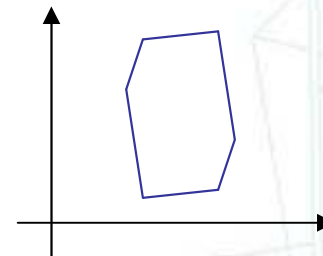
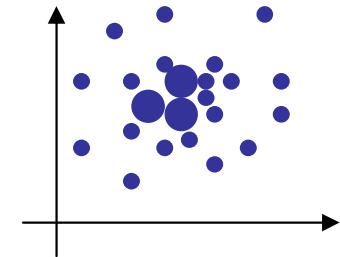
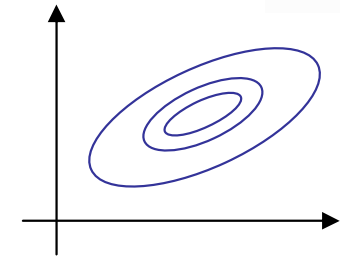
- Gaussian
- Particles

=> Try to get most probable solutions

● Set-membership methods

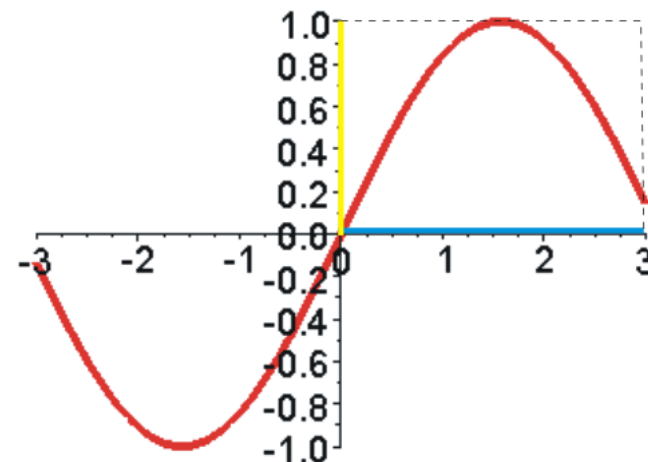
- Zonotopes
- Ellipsoids
- Intervals

=> Try to enclose all possible solutions



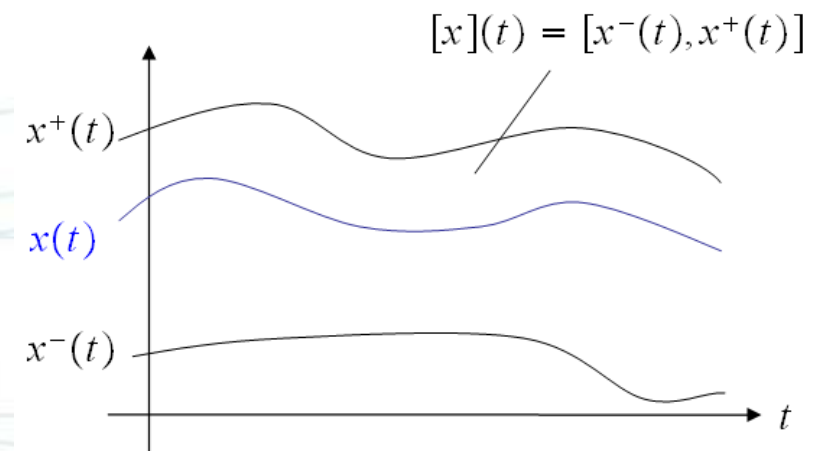
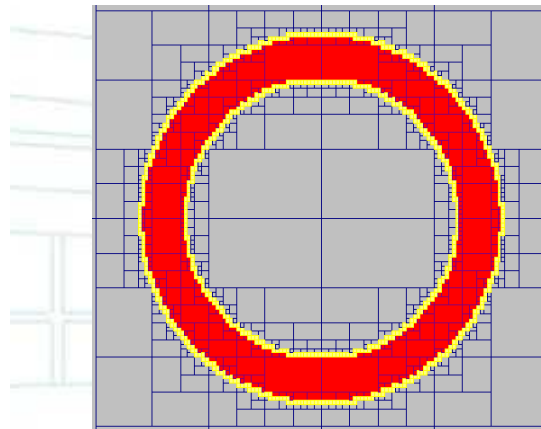
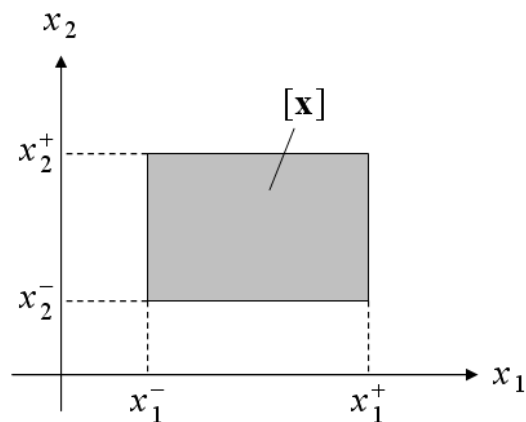
Interval arithmetic

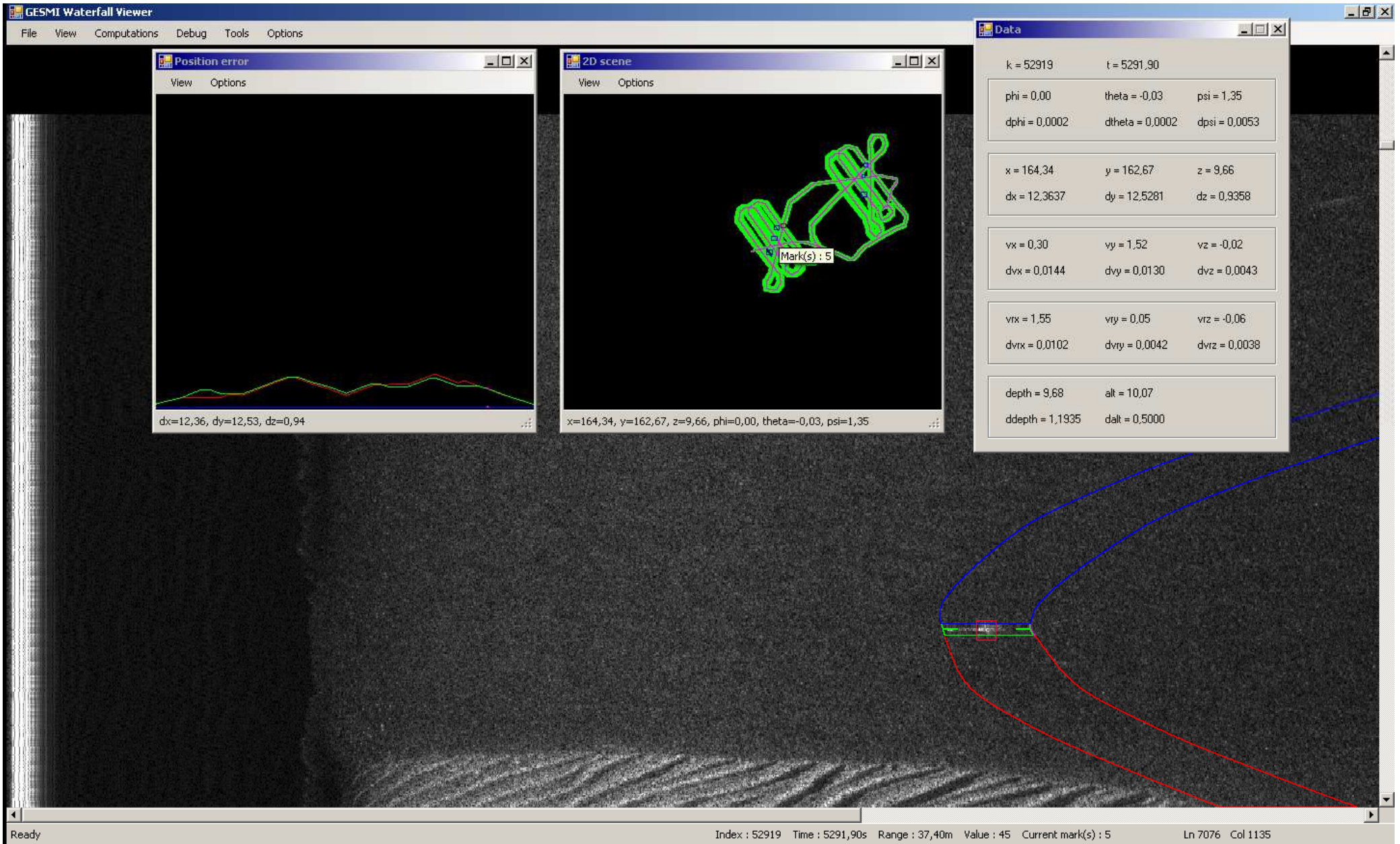
- $[-\infty, 2]$, $[-1, 4]$, $[-\infty, \infty]$ are examples of intervals
- Operations $\diamond \in \{+, -, *, /\}$
 - $[x^-, x^+] \diamond [y^-, y^+] =$ smallest interval containing the set of all possible values for $x \diamond y$
 - $[-1, 4] + [2, 3] = [1, 7]$
 - $[-1, 4] * [2, 3] = [-3, 12]$
 - $[-1, 4] / [2, 3] = [-1/2, 2]$
- Multiplication by a number, intersection, union
 - $2[-1, 4] = [-2, 8]$
 - $[-1, 3] \cap [2, 4] = [2, 3]$
 - $[-1, 2] \sqcup [3, 4] = [-1, 4]$
- Image by a function
 - $\sin([0, \pi]) = [0, 1]$



Interval arithmetic

- Real-valued intervals can be generalized
 - Intervals of vectors (boxes)
 - Intervals of sets
 - Intervals of functions (tubes)





Questions?

