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Lab. Notes

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TurtleBot3 MatLab/ROS Interface - Overview

```
% Constructor (init ROS connection)
IP_TURTLEBOT = "192.168.1.xxx";           % virtual machine IP (or robot IP)
IP_HOST_COMPUTER = "192.168.1.xxx";      % local machine IP
tbot = TurtleBot3(IP_TURTLEBOT, IP_HOST_COMPUTER);

% send linear and angular velocity commands to robot
tbot.setVelocity(v, w);

% stop robot
tbot.stop();

% define/overwrite pose of robot
tbot.setPose(x, y, theta);

% reset pose: (x,y,theta) = (0,0,0)
tbot.resetPose();

% read 2D pose (and timestamp)
[x, y, theta, timestamp] = tbot.readPose();

% read LIDAR data
[scanMsg, lddata, ldtimestamp] = tbot.readLidar();

% read (simulated) encoders data
[dsr, dsl, pose2D, timestamp] = tbot.readEncoders();

% Destructor – deleting (tbot) object will shutdown ROS connection
clear tbot;
```

doc TurtleBot3

Query system

- [help TurtleBot3.TurtleBot3](#)
- [help TurtleBot3.getVersion](#)
- [help TurtleBot3.getWheelBaseline](#)
- [help TurtleBot3.getWheelRadius](#)
- [help TurtleBot3.getGazeboMapName](#)
- [help TurtleBot3.getNumberTicksPerRevolution](#)
- [help TurtleBot3.isRealRobot](#)
- [help TurtleBot3.getBatteryLevel](#)
- [help TurtleBot3.delete](#)

Robot control

- [help TurtleBot3.setVelocity](#)
- [help TurtleBot3.stop](#)
- [help TurtleBot3.setPose](#)
- [help TurtleBot3.resetPose](#)

Read sensors

- [help TurtleBot3.readPose](#)
- [help TurtleBot3.getPose](#)
- [help TurtleBot3.initEncoders](#)
- [help TurtleBot3.readEncoders](#)
- [help TurtleBot3.getEncodersData](#)
- [help TurtleBot3.readEncodersWithNoise](#)
- [help TurtleBot3.getEncodersDataWithNoise](#)
- [help TurtleBot3.readEncodersTicks](#)
- [help TurtleBot3.getEncodersDataTicks](#)
- [help TurtleBot3.readLidar](#)
- [help TurtleBot3.getLidarData](#)
- [help TurtleBot3.getInRangeLidarDataIdx](#)
- [help TurtleBot3.getOutOfRangeLidarDataIdx](#)
- [help TurtleBot3.readIMU](#)
- [help TurtleBot3.getIMUData](#)
- [help TurtleBot3.readCompass](#)
- [help TurtleBot3.getCompassData](#)

Gazebo control

- [help TurtleBot3.gazeboPlace3DCube](#)
- [help TurtleBot3.gazeboPlace3DCylinder](#)
- [help TurtleBot3.gazeboPlace3DCardboardBox](#)
- [help TurtleBot3.gazeboDeleteAllModels](#)
- [help TurtleBot3.gazeboPause](#)
- [help TurtleBot3.gazeboUnPause](#)
- [help TurtleBot3.gazeboResume](#)

Draw Tools

- [help drawTurtleBot](#)
- [help drawPolarHistogram](#)
- [help drawErrorEllipse](#)

TurtleBot3 software updates

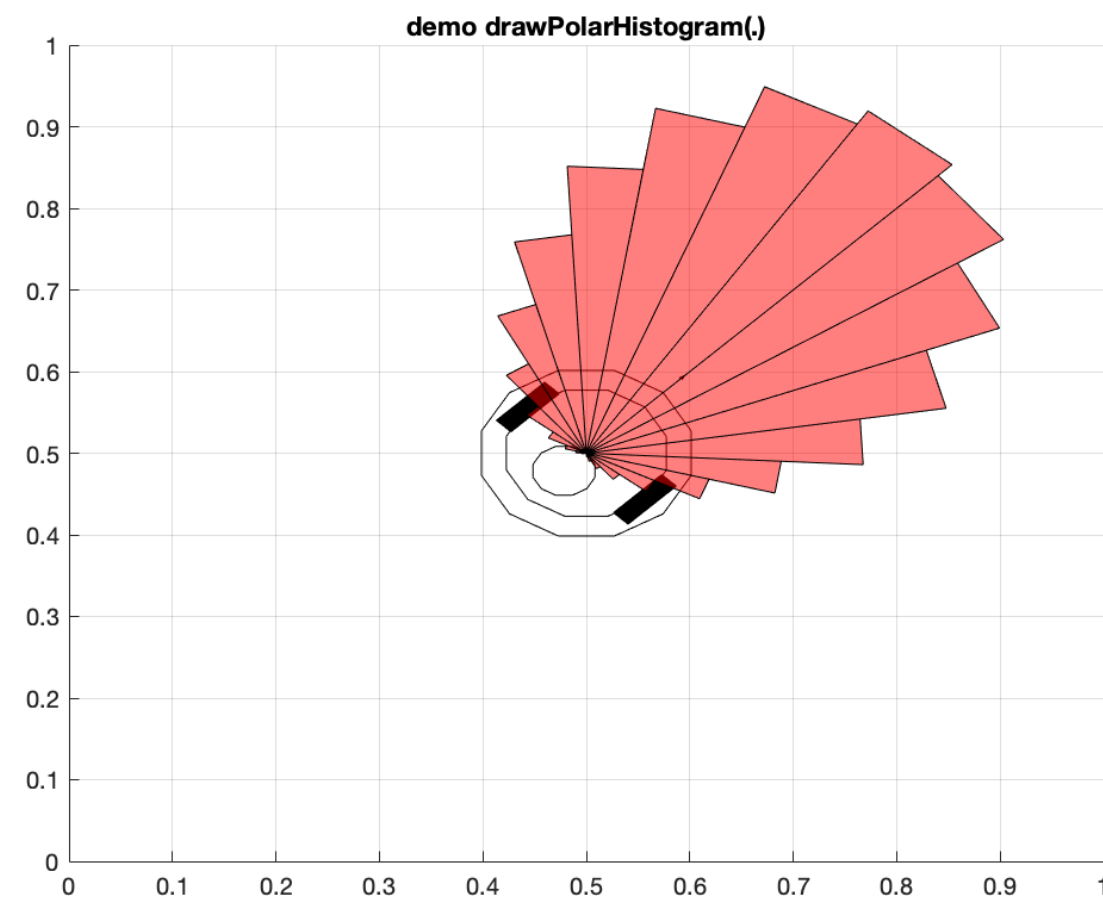
- v08 (lab #1)
- v09 (lab #2)
- v09b
- v09c (lab #3)
- v09d

TurtleBot3 software update (#v09)

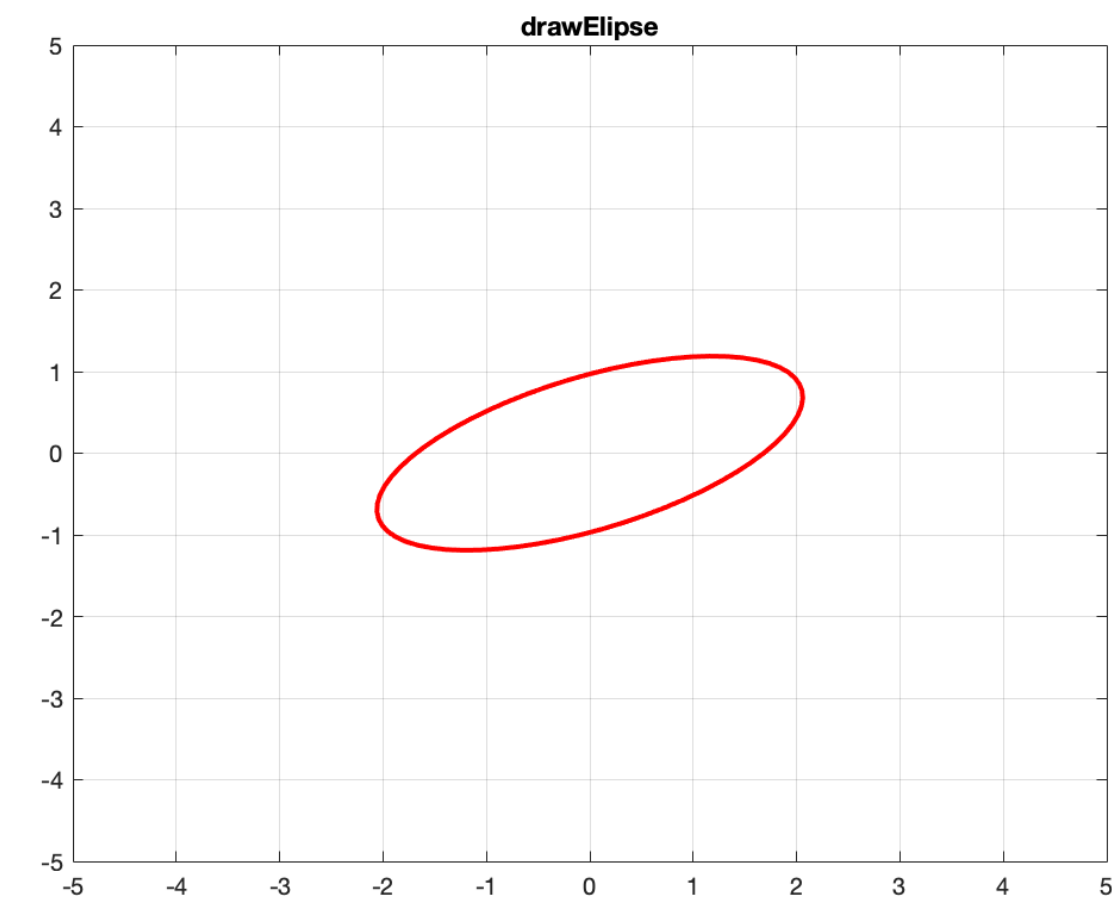
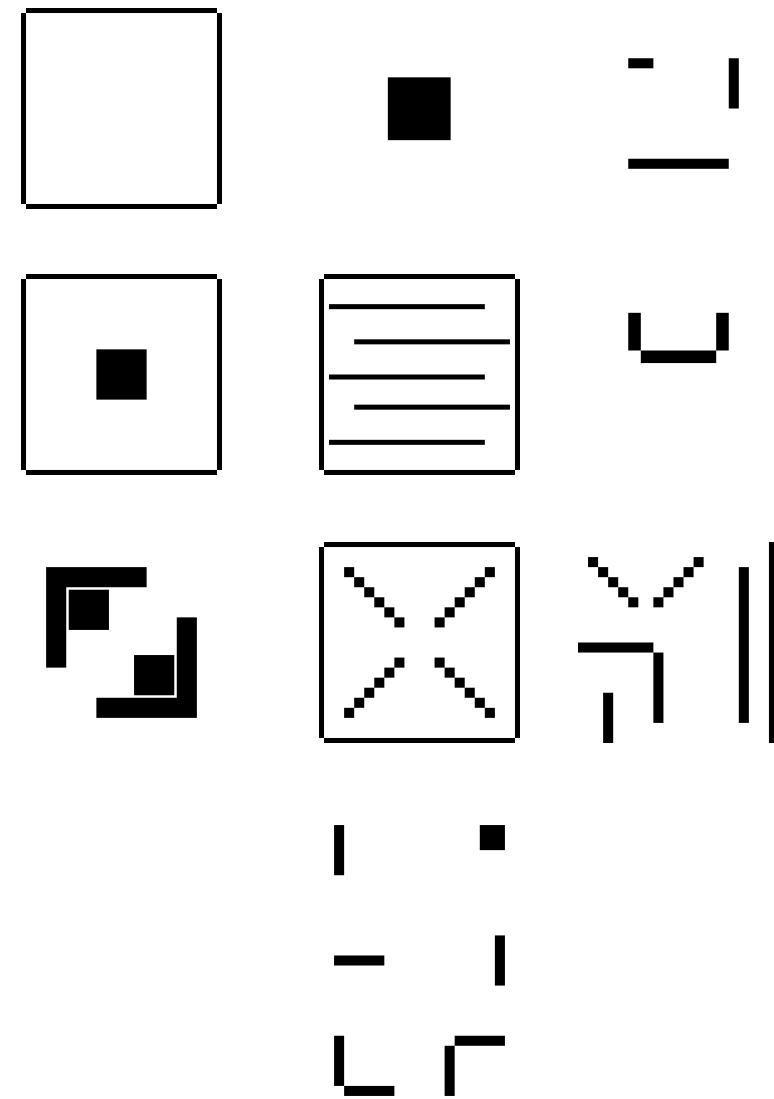
- Updated constructor format.
- **New 2D/3D maps (#10).**
- **drawPolarHistogram(.).**
- drawEllipse(.).
- Bresenham line algorithm (© Aaron Wetzler).

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tbot = TurtleBot3(IP_TURTLEBOT, IP_HOST_COMPUTER); % init TurtleBot obj
```



```
[hp] = drawPolarHistogram(x, y, theta, h, bins, radius, color);
```



```
[hp] = drawErrorEllipse( Cov, mu, level, color, linewidth);
```


TurtleBot3 software update (#v09b)

- Added **getGazeboMapName(.)** function that returns the 3D map basename (map loaded at simulator startup).
 - ➔ Requires to install 3D maps again.
- Improved documentation (support for help/doc directives).
- Visual update to drawTurtleBot(.). Added linewidth option.
- bug fixes (csqmap map config files) and minor details.

doc TurtleBot3

Query system

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- help TurtleBot3.getVersion
- help TurtleBot3.getWheelBaseline
- help TurtleBot3.getWheelRadius
- help TurtleBot3.getGazeboMapName
- help TurtleBot3.getNumberTicksPerRevolution
- help TurtleBot3.isRealRobot
- help TurtleBot3.getBatteryLevel
- help TurtleBot3.delete

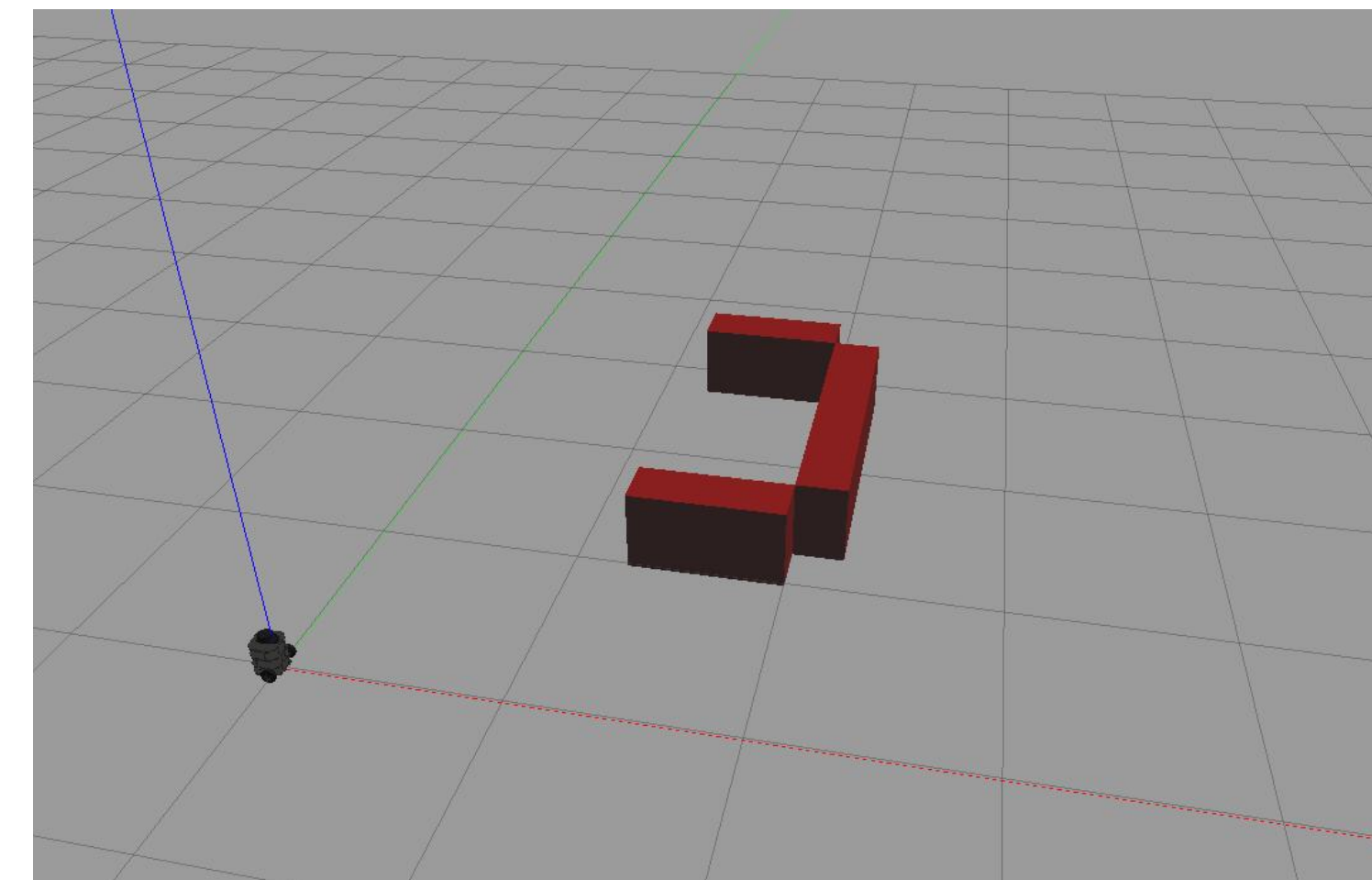
Read sensors

- help TurtleBot3.initEncoders
- help TurtleBot3.readEncodersData
- help TurtleBot3.readEncodersDataWithNoise
- help TurtleBot3.readEncodersTicks
- help TurtleBot3.readLidar
- help TurtleBot3.getLidarData
- help TurtleBot3.getInRangeLidarDataIdx
- help TurtleBot3.getOutOfRangeLidarDataIdx
- help TurtleBot3.readIMU
- help TurtleBot3.getIMUData
- help TurtleBot3.readCompass
- help TurtleBot3.getCompassData

Robot control

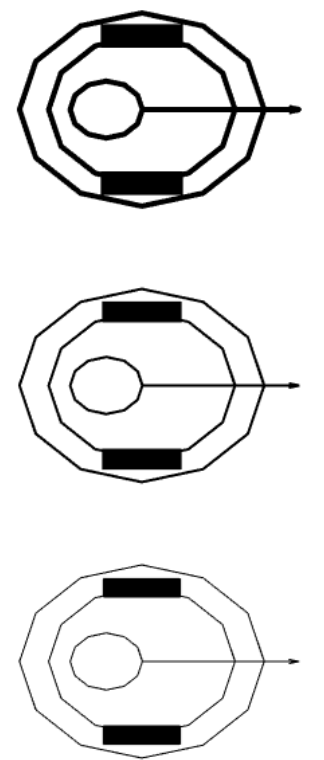
- help TurtleBot3.setVelocity
- help TurtleBot3.stop
- help TurtleBot3.readPose
- help TurtleBot3.getPose
- help TurtleBot3.setPose
- help TurtleBot3.resetPose

getGazeboMapName ()



'umap'

drawTurtleBot ()

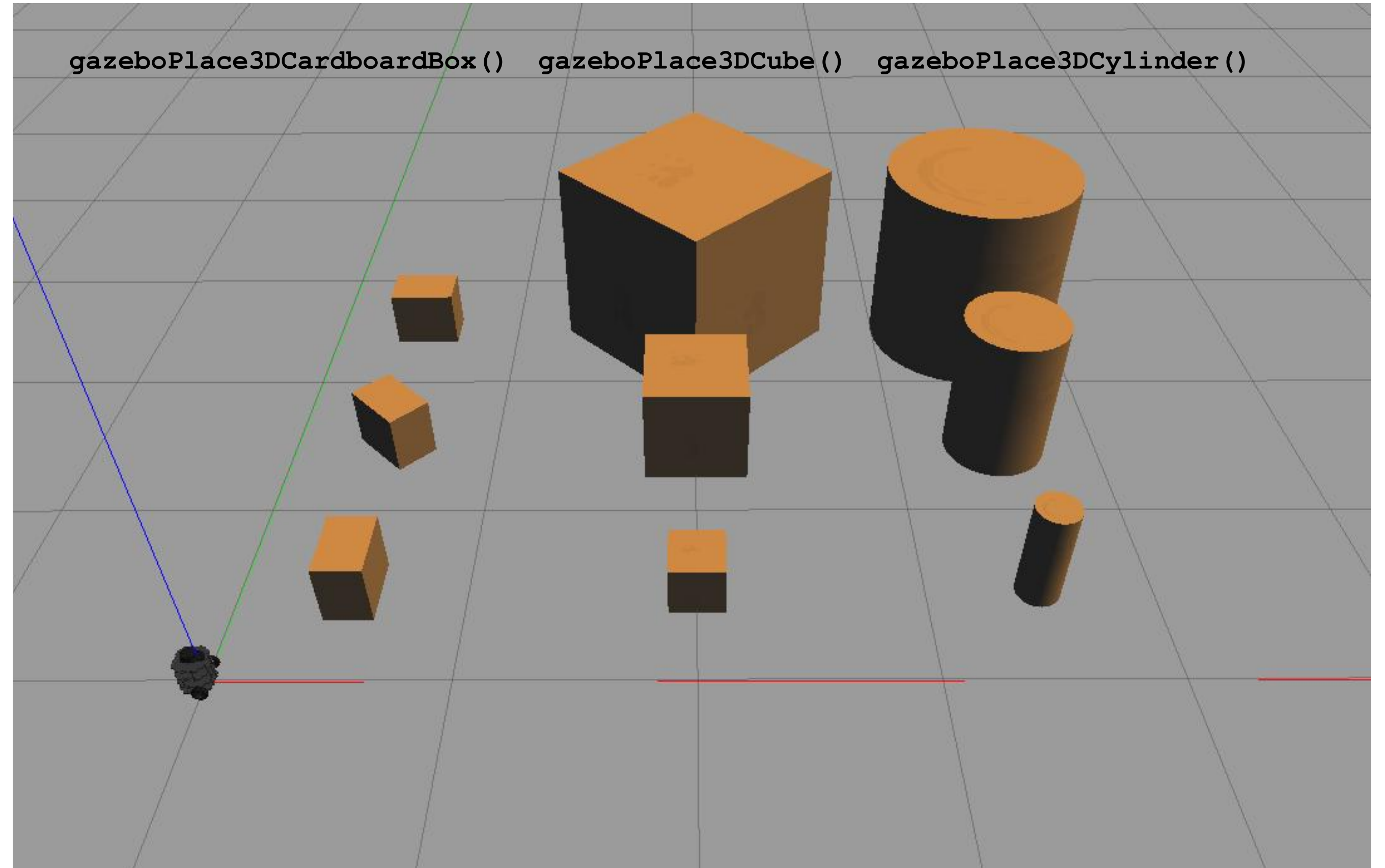


```
image = imread( sprintf( 'maps/%s_grid1.png', tbot.getGazeboMapName() ) );
```

TurtleBot3 software update (#v09c)

- Added Gazebo control functions:
 - `gazeboPlace3DCube(x, y, orientation, edgeSize);`
 - `gazeboPlace3DCylinder(x, y, radius, length);`
 - `gazeboPlace3DCardboardBox(x, y, orientation);`
 - `gazeboDeleteAllModels();`
 - `gazeboPause();`
 - `gazeboUnPause();`
- Cardboard Box model
 - Size (length x width x height): 33 x 22 x 30 cm

[help](#) TurtleBot3.gazeboPlace3DCube
[help](#) TurtleBot3.gazeboPlace3DCylinder
[help](#) TurtleBot3.gazeboPlace3DCardboardBox
[help](#) TurtleBot3.gazeboDeleteAllModels
[help](#) TurtleBot3.gazeboPause
[help](#) TurtleBot3.gazeboUnPause

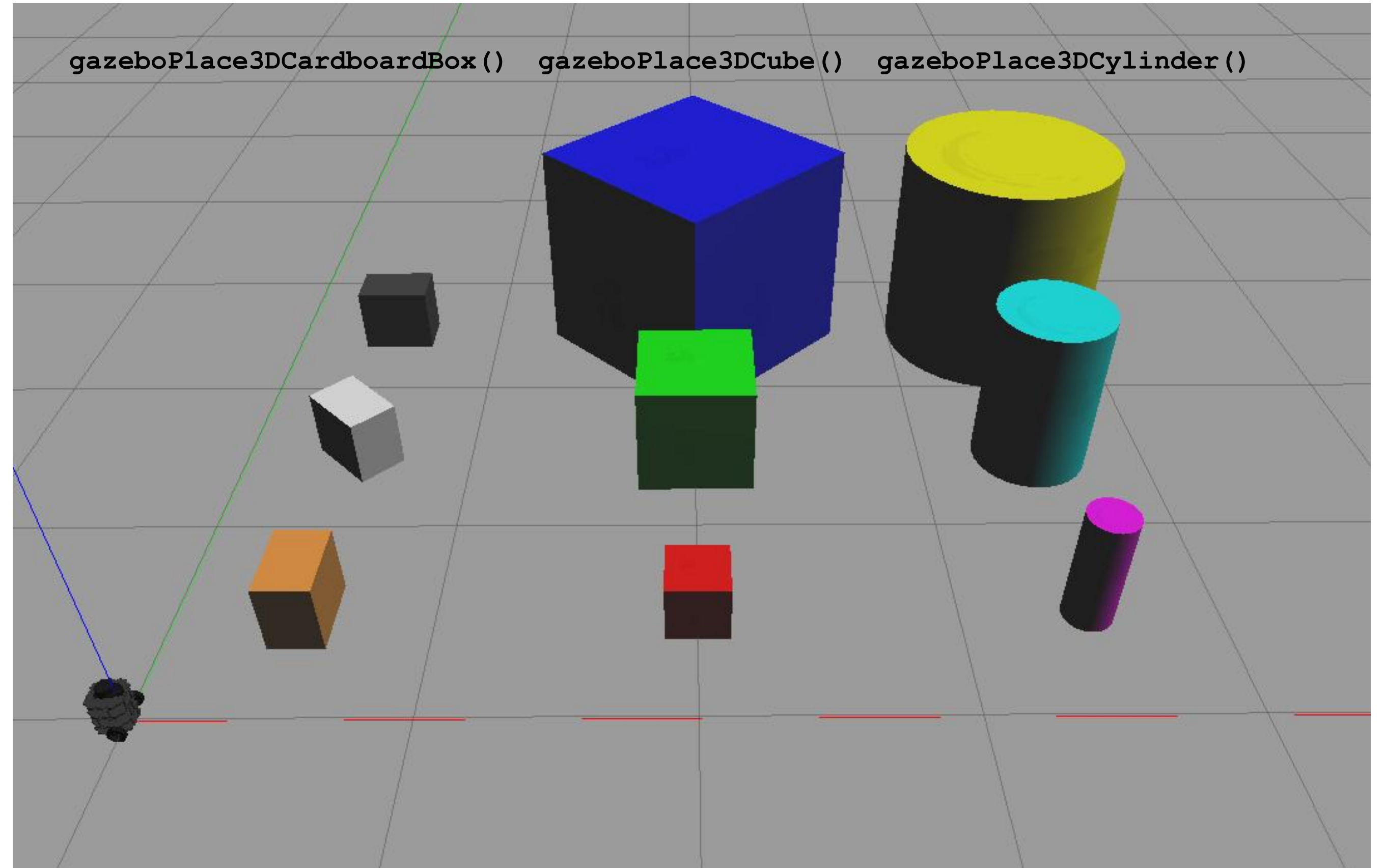


See `demoGazeboObjects.m`

TurtleBot3 software update (#v09d)

- Updated Gazebo control functions:
 - `gazeboResume()`;
 - Color support in placing objects:
 - `gazeboPlace3DCube(.)`
 - `gazeboPlace3DCylinder(.)`
 - `gazeboPlace3DCardboardBox(.)`
- Updates to LIDAR data index retrieval
 - Added `maxRange` (optional input argument)
 - `[vidx] = tbot.getInRangeLidarDataIdx(lddata, maxRange);`
 - `[nidx] = tbot.getOutOfRangeLidarDataIdx(lddata, maxRange);`
- Function naming standardization (`readSensor(.)`, `getSensorData(.)`)
 - `readEncoders(.)`, `getEncodersData(.)`.
 - `readEncodersWithNoise(.)`, `getEncodersDataWithNoise(.)`.
 - `readEncodersTicks(.)`, `getEncodersDataTicks(.)`.
 - `readLidar(.)`, `getLidarData(.)`.

[help](#) TurtleBot3.gazeboPlace3DCube
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[help](#) TurtleBot3.gazeboResume

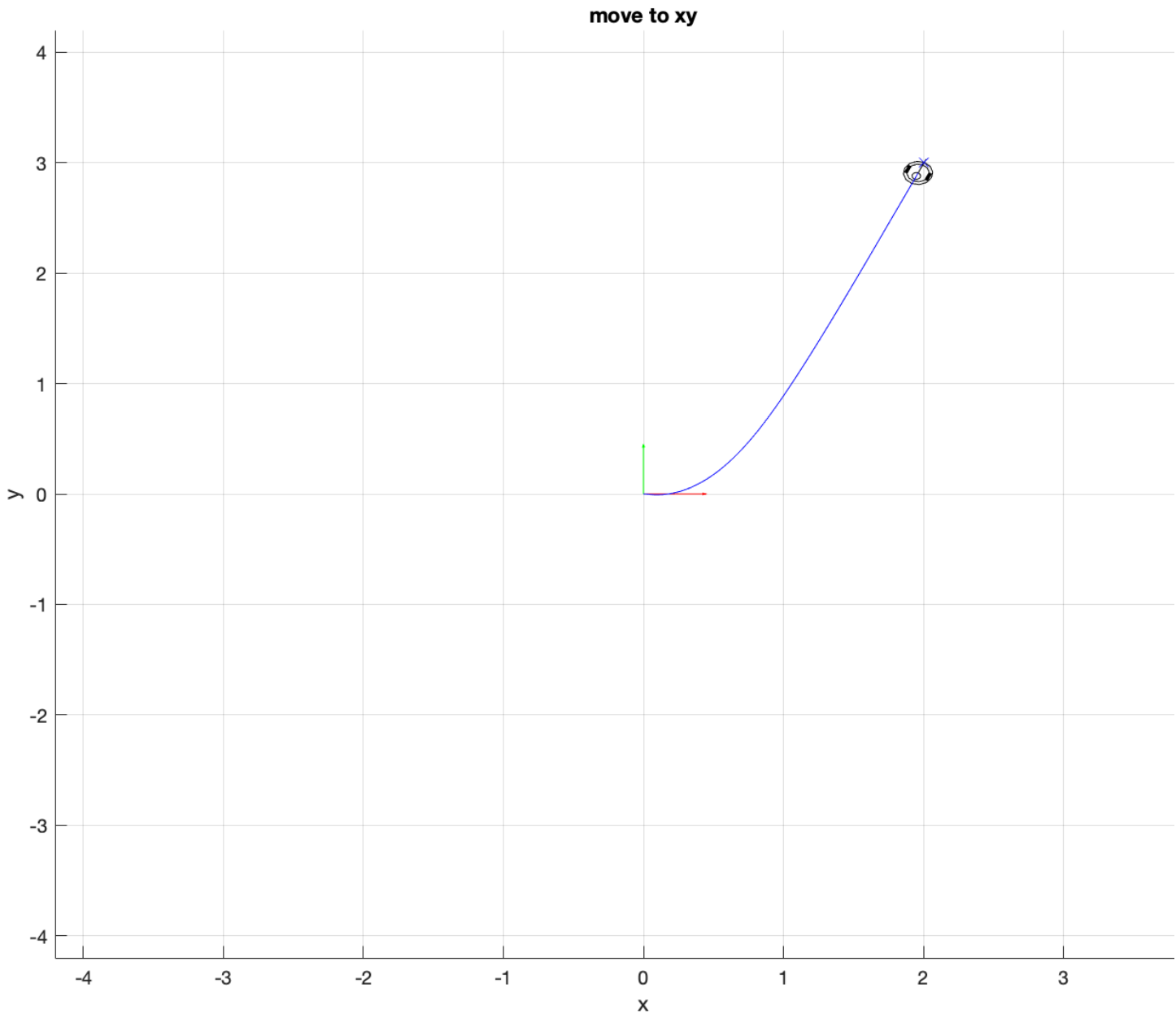


See `demoGazeboObjects.m`

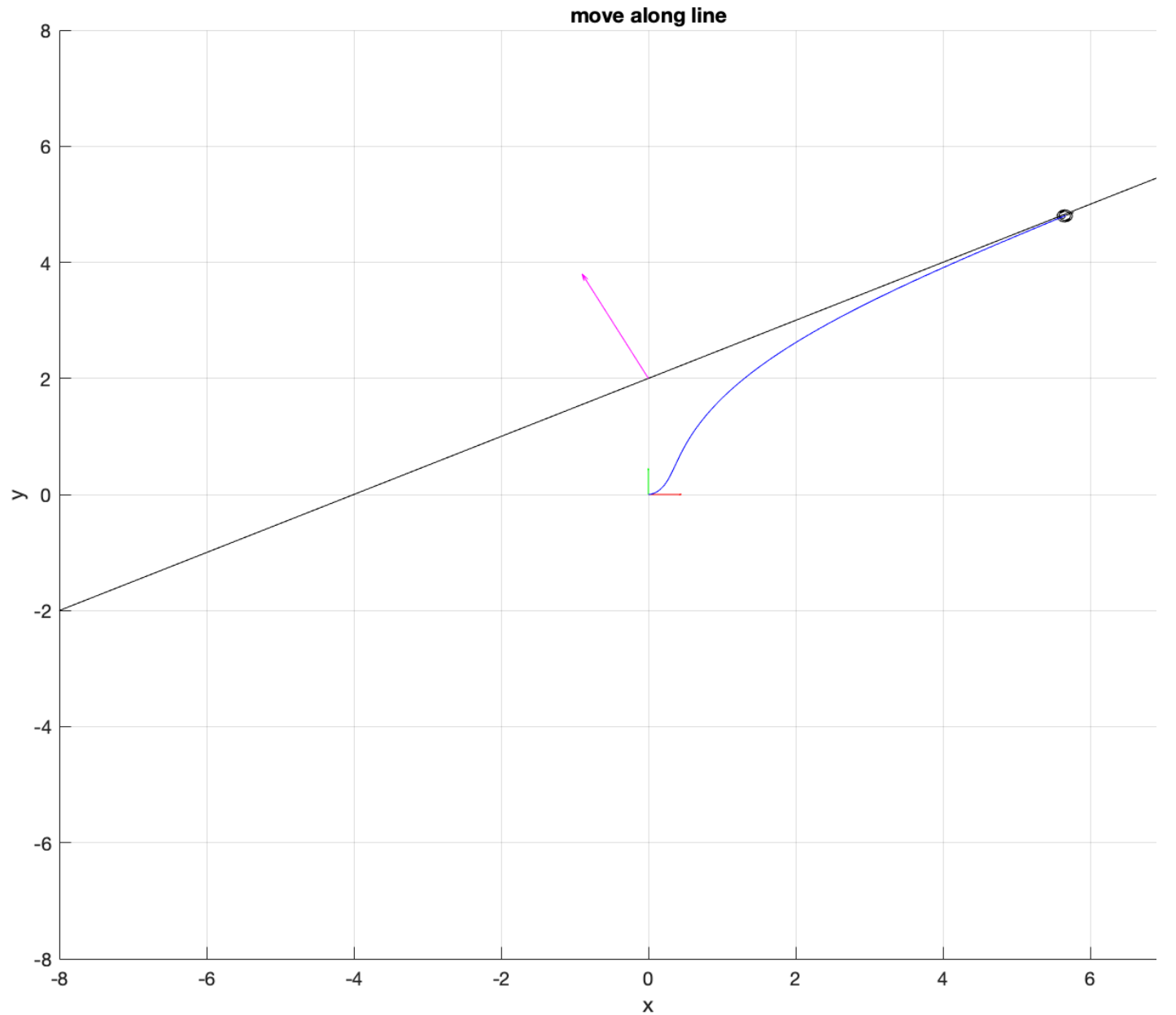
Lab #1

- Move to (x,y) position.
- Move along a line.
- Move to an arbitrary (x,y,θ) pose.

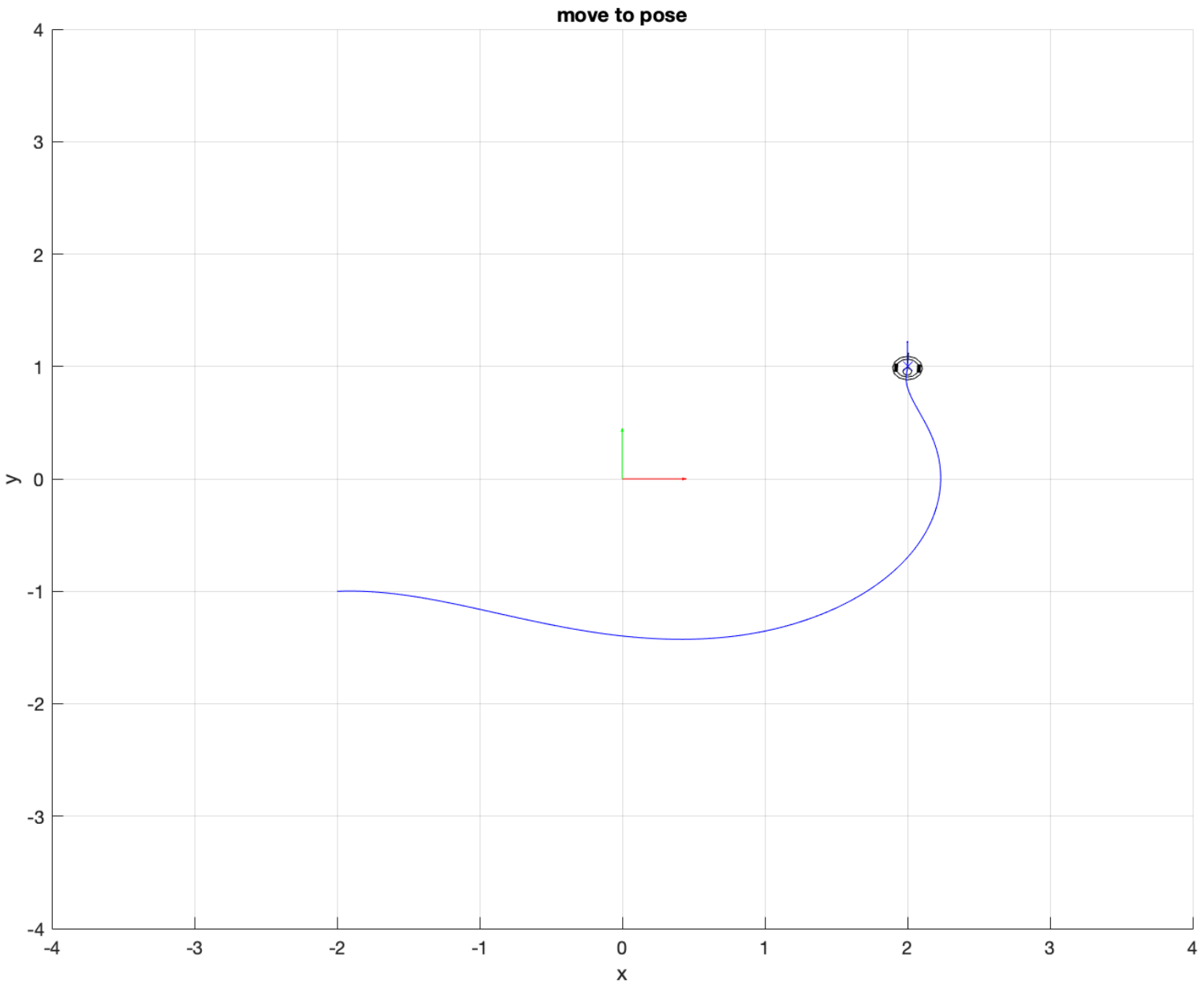
Motion Control



Moving to a point



Moving along a line



Moving to an arbitrary pose

StartUp Code Template

```
% (anonymous function) normalize angle in range [-pi, pi]
normalizeAngle = @(angle) atan2( sin(angle), cos(angle) );

% Max number of iterations
maxIterations = 500;

% Trajectory buffer
trajectory = zeros(maxIterations, 3);

% init ratecontrol obj
r = rateControl(5); % run at 5Hz (soft constraint)

for it=1:1:maxIterations

    % read TurtleBot pose (x, y, theta and timestamp)
    [x, y, theta, timestamp] = tbot.readPose();

    % normalize theta in range [-pi, pi]
    theta = normalizeAngle(theta);

    % termination criteria
    if( Robot_near_Target_Position ) tbot.stop(); break; end;

    %
    % YOU CODE HERE
    %

    % display
    figure(1); clf; hold on; % clear figure, hold plots
    drawTurtleBot(x, y, theta); % draw Robot
    plot(trajectory(1:it,1), trajectory(1:it,2),'b') % show trajectory
    quiver(0,0,0.5,0,'r') % draw arrow for x-axis
    quiver(0,0,0,0.5,'g') % draw arrow for y-axis
    axis([-0.1, 4, -0.1, 4]) % the limits for the current axes [xmin xmax ymin ymax]
    grid on; % enable grid
    xlabel('x') % axis labels
    ylabel('y')

    % adaptive pause (wait according to rateControl settings)
    waitfor(r);

end

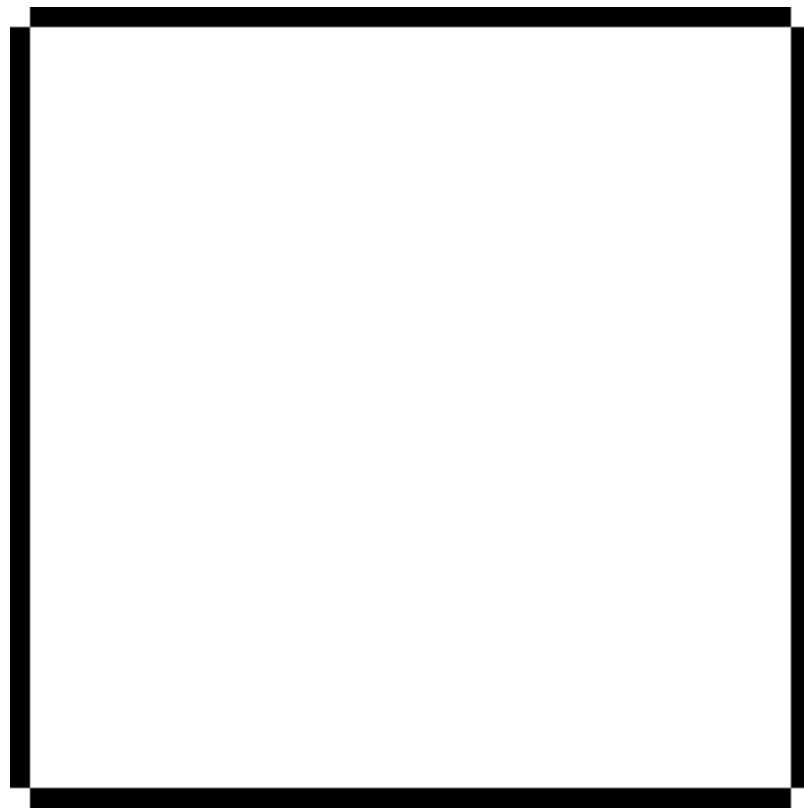
% check statistics of past execution periods
rStats = statistics(r);
```

Lab #2

- 2D + 3D Maps.
- Load a 2D Map from an image file.
- Virtual Force Field (VFF).
- Vector Field Histogram (VFH).

2D Maps

Note: Each map data is stored in image format. MatLab display will look different (see map coordinate systems).



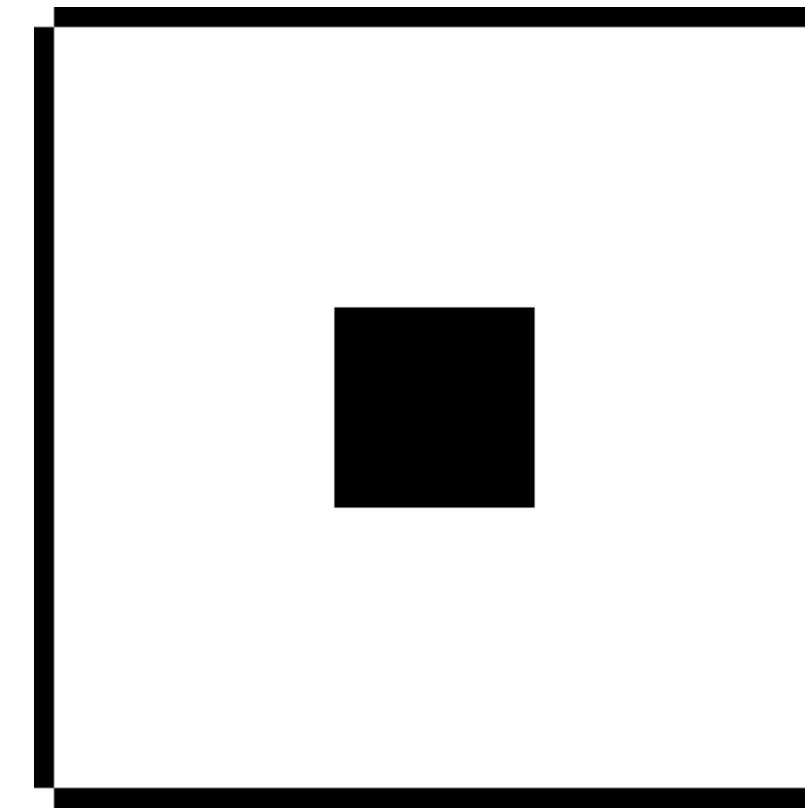
bxmap



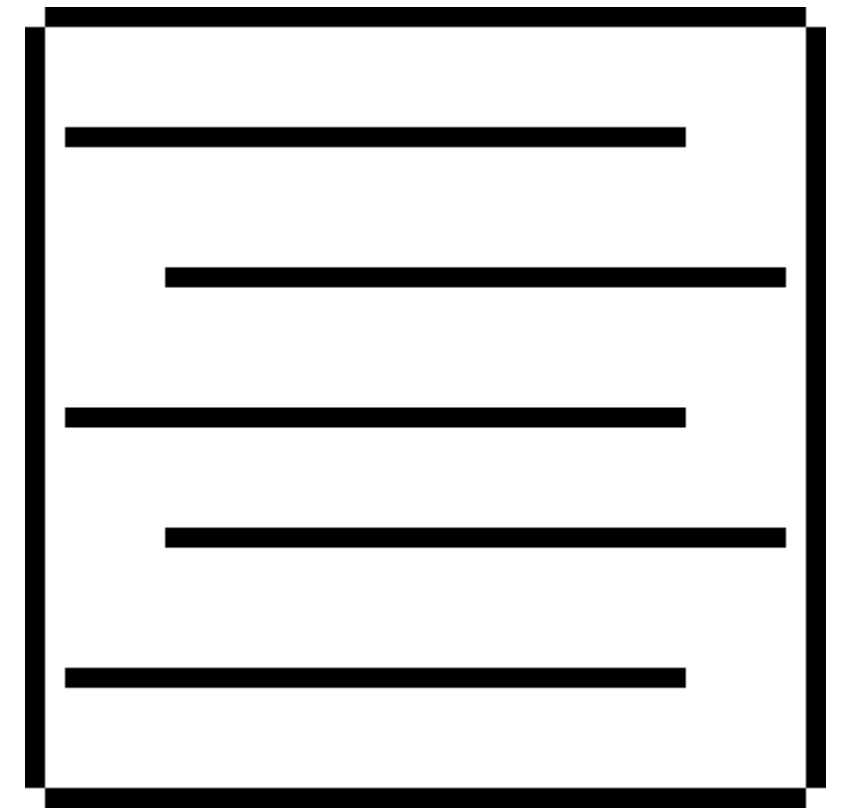
csqmap



fmap



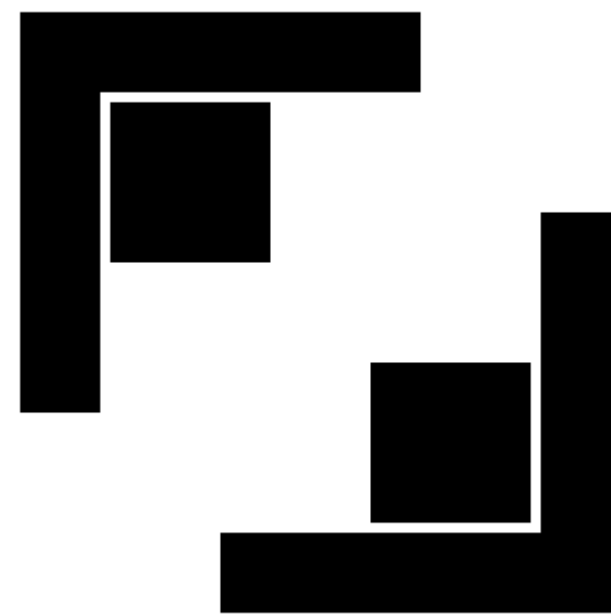
scmap



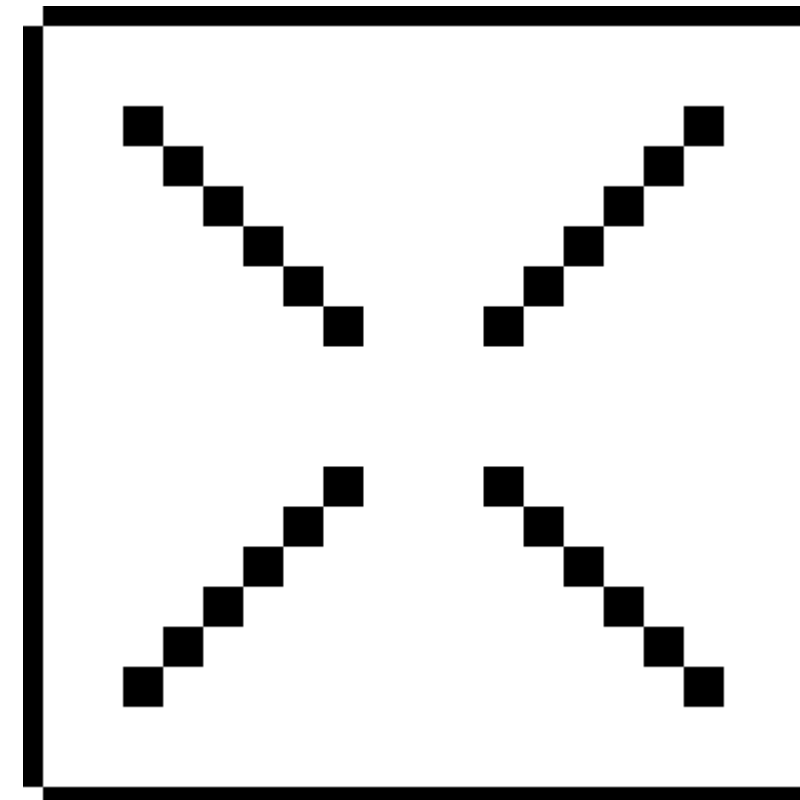
lcmap



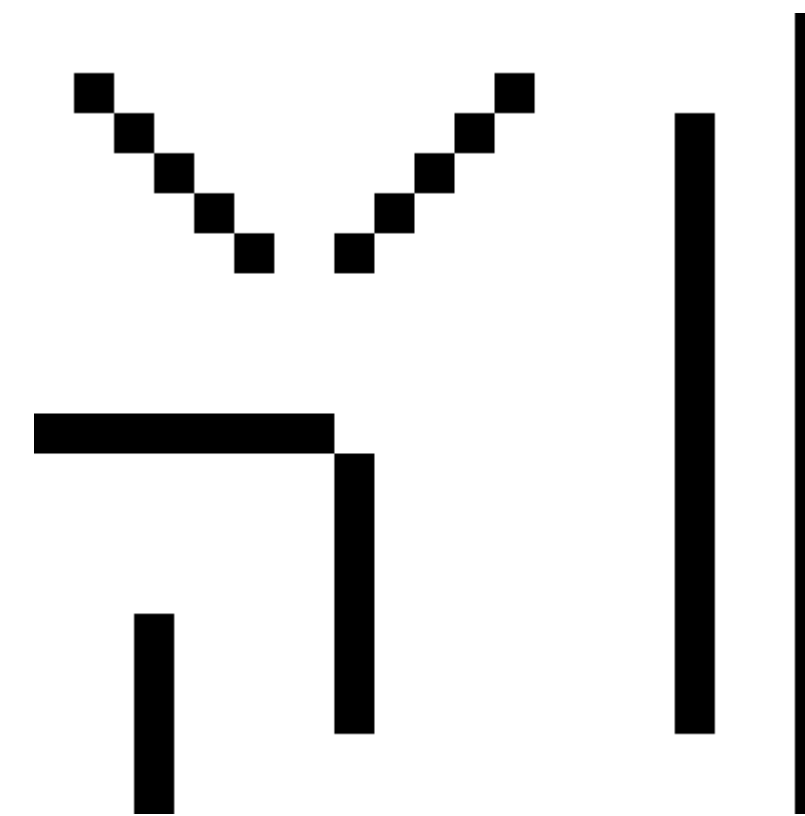
umap



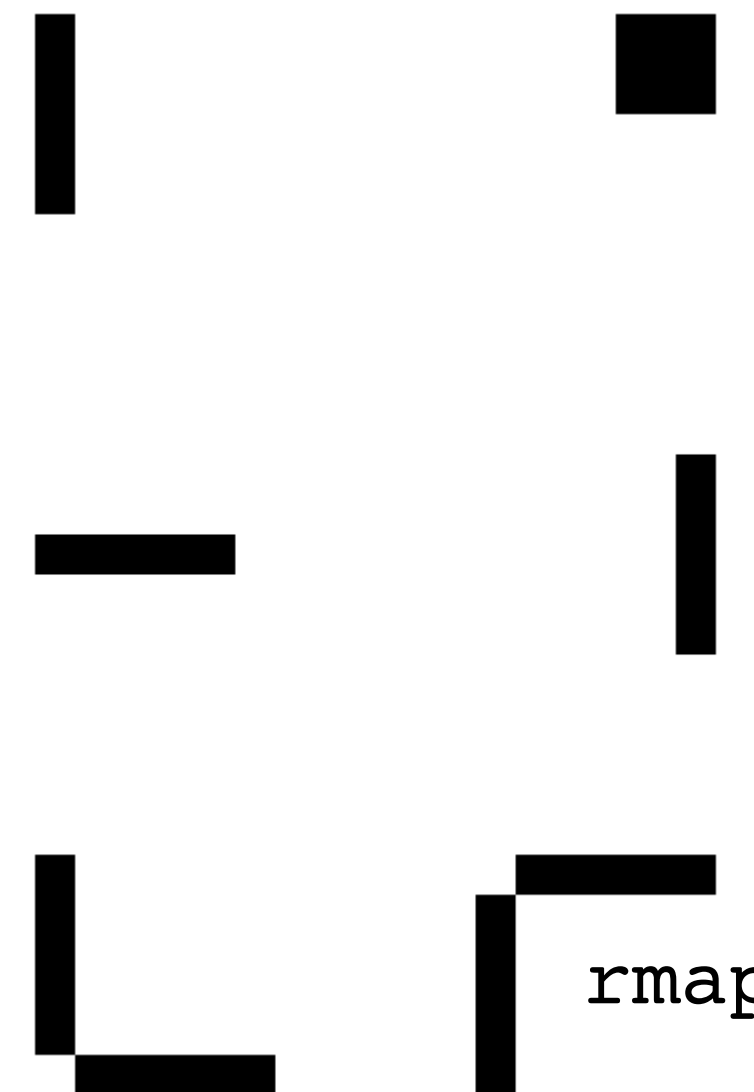
stmap



xmap



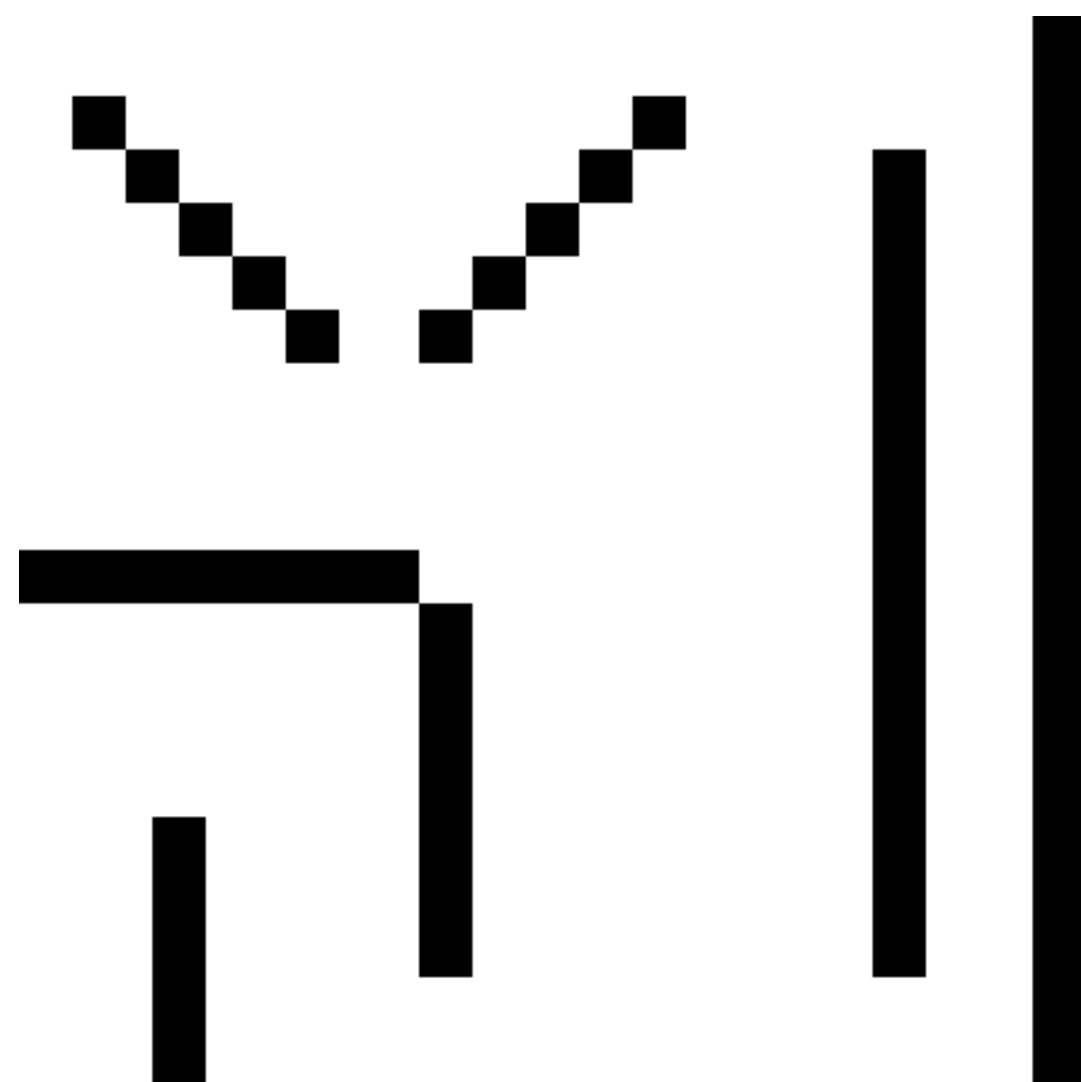
ymap



rmap

Occupation grids

- All maps have a square working area with 4x4 meters (except *rmap* that has rectangular area with 6x4 meters).
- Several occupation grids (images) are available:
 - "map"_grid1.png -> each image pixel represents 1x1 cm of working area (400x400x3 image).
 - "map"_grid5.png -> each image pixel represents 5x5 cm of working area (80x80x3 image).
 - "map"_grid10.png -> each image pixel represents 10x10 cm of working area (40x40x3 image).
 - Each map has also a .svg image file (vector format).



ymap (1x1cm grid)



ymap (5x5cm grid)



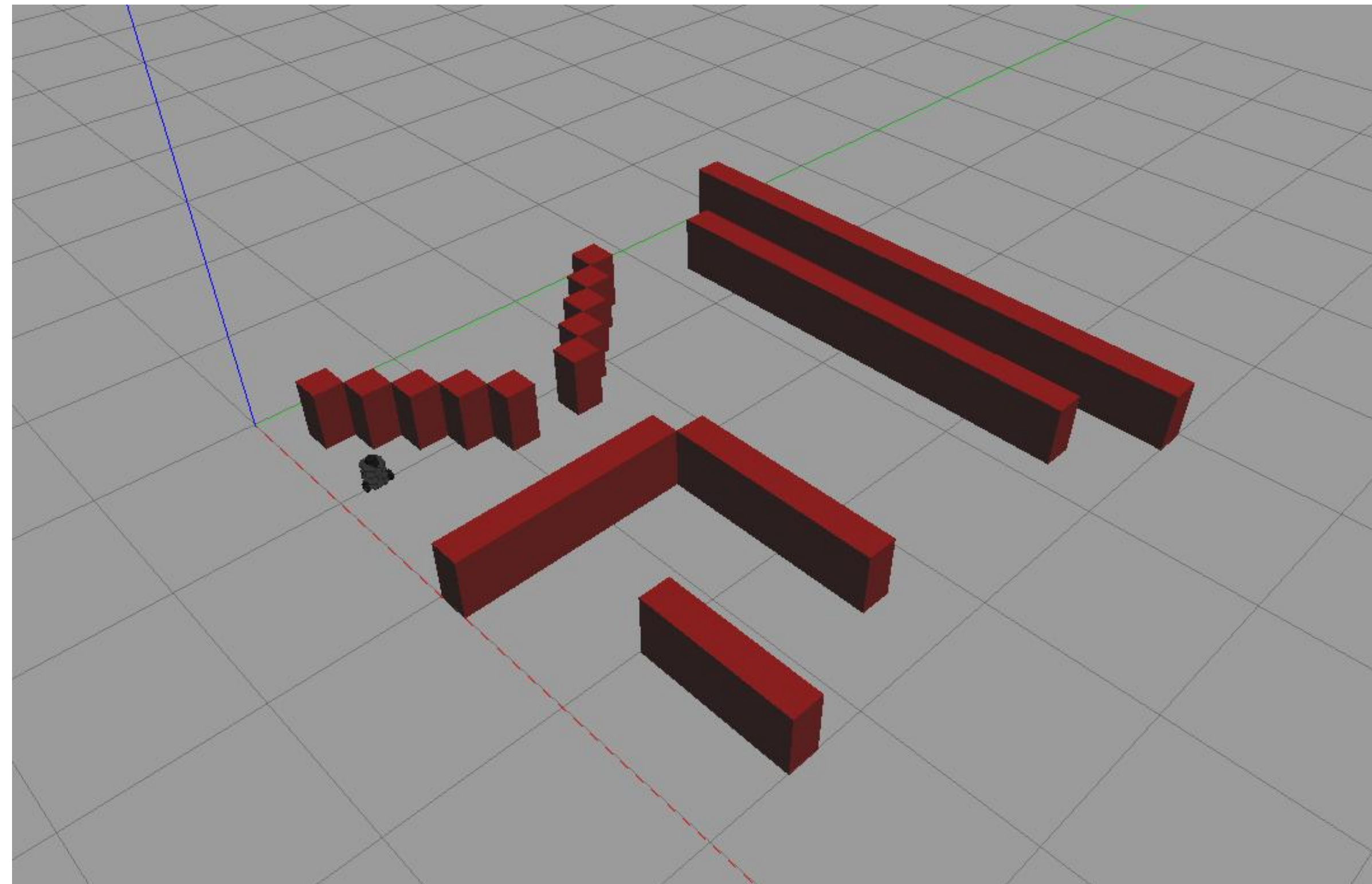
ymap (10x10cm grid)

3D Maps Installation

- **Copy the entire "maps" folder to the virtual machine** (to any location):
 - Some virtual machines support simple drag-and-drop functionality.
 - Windows users can use WinSCP to copy data between host and the virtual machine (use sftp connection).
 - MacOs users can use the free Cyberduck App.
 - Linux users just need to write in the location path: sftp://user@192.168.1.xxx
- Open terminal, navigate to the directory location of the maps folder, and run the install script as
 - **>> user@ubuntu:~\$ sh install_maps.sh**
The message "---done---" should appear upon a successful installation.
 - The home folder (/home/user) should hold ten new scripts (start-gazebo-"map".sh).
- Uninstall:
 - >> user@ubuntu:~\$ sh uninstall_maps.sh

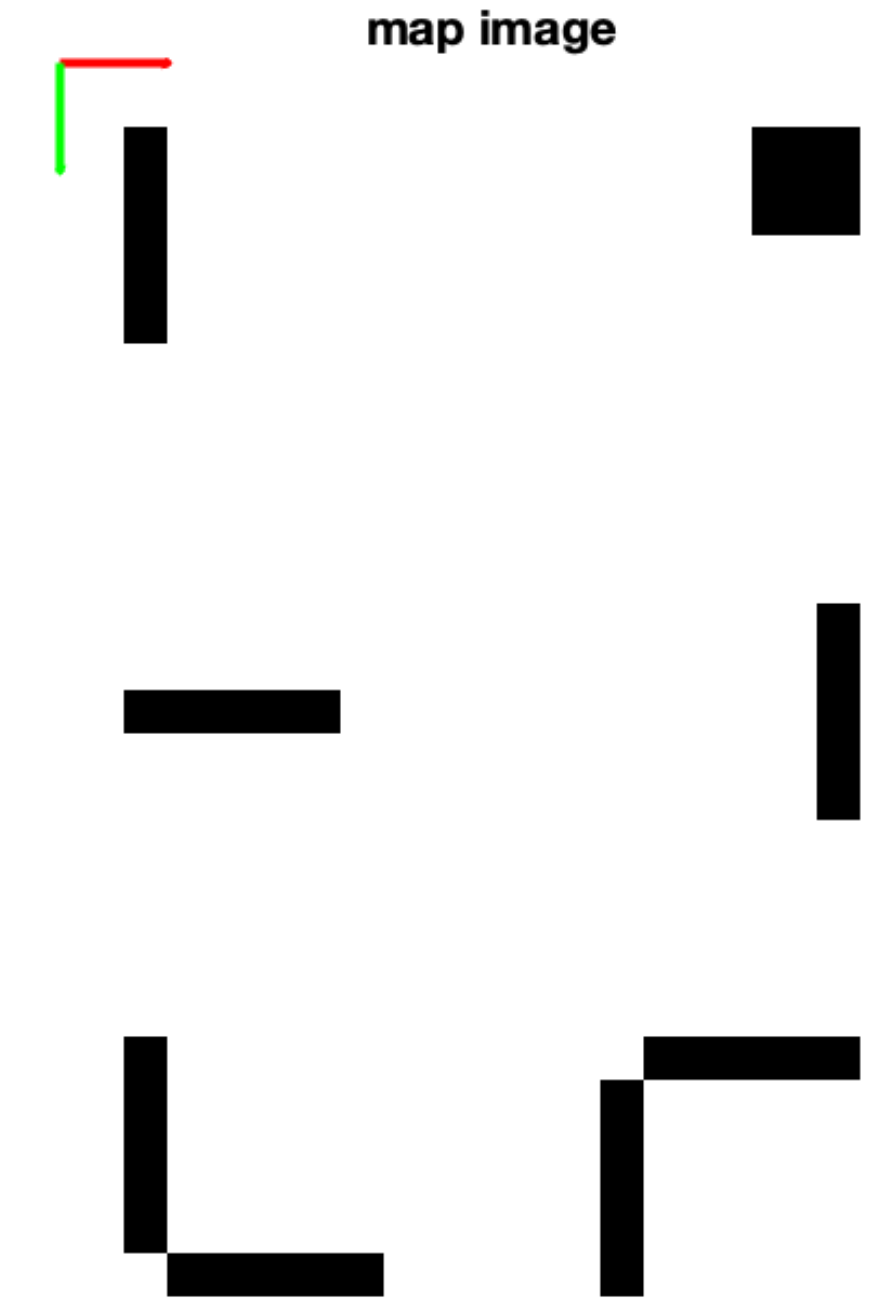
Start Gazebo+ROS with a 3D map

- Run, in the command line, the script associated with the desired map:
- p.e.:
 - `>> user@ubuntu:~$./start-gazebo-ymap.sh`

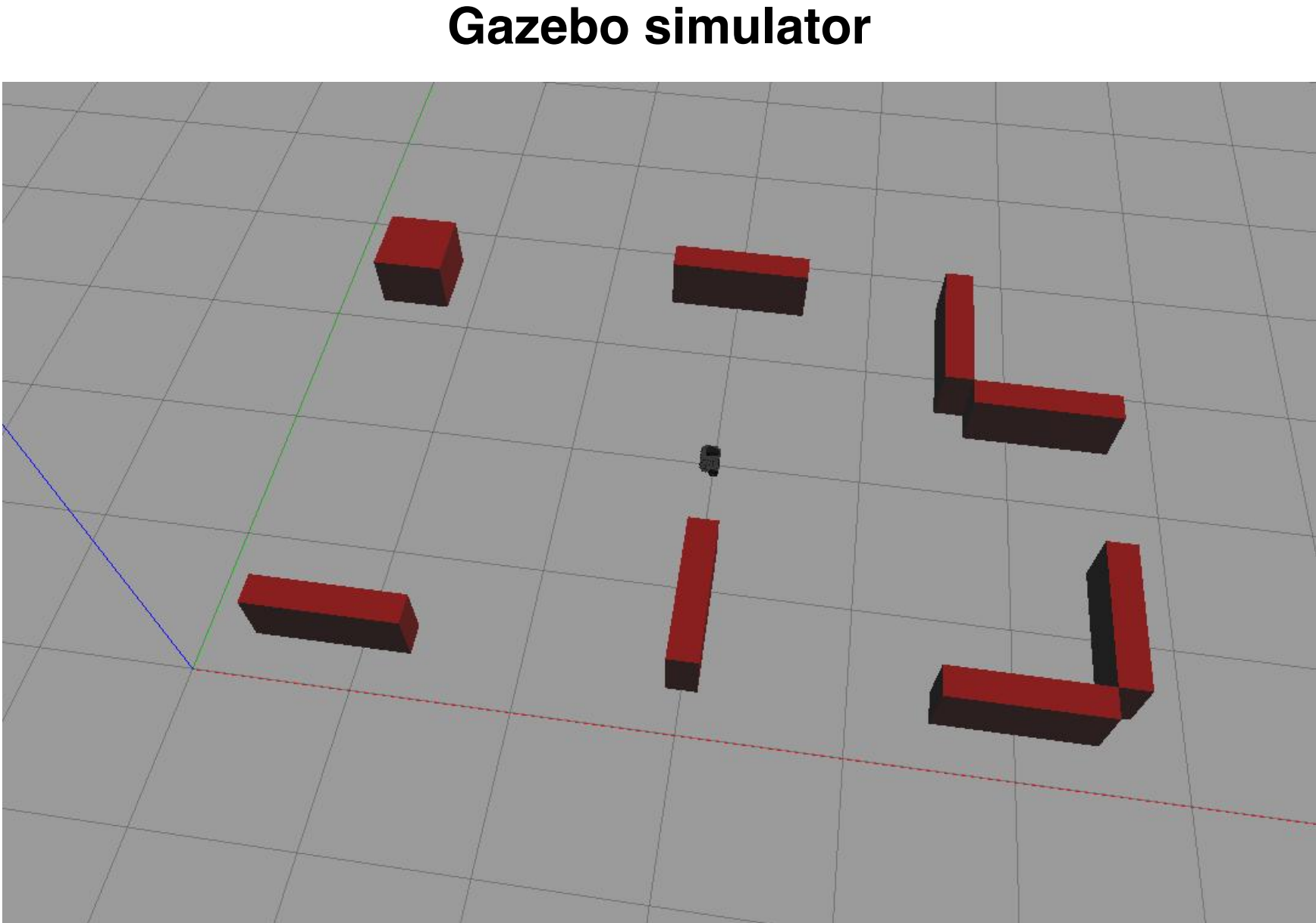


Map Coordinate Systems

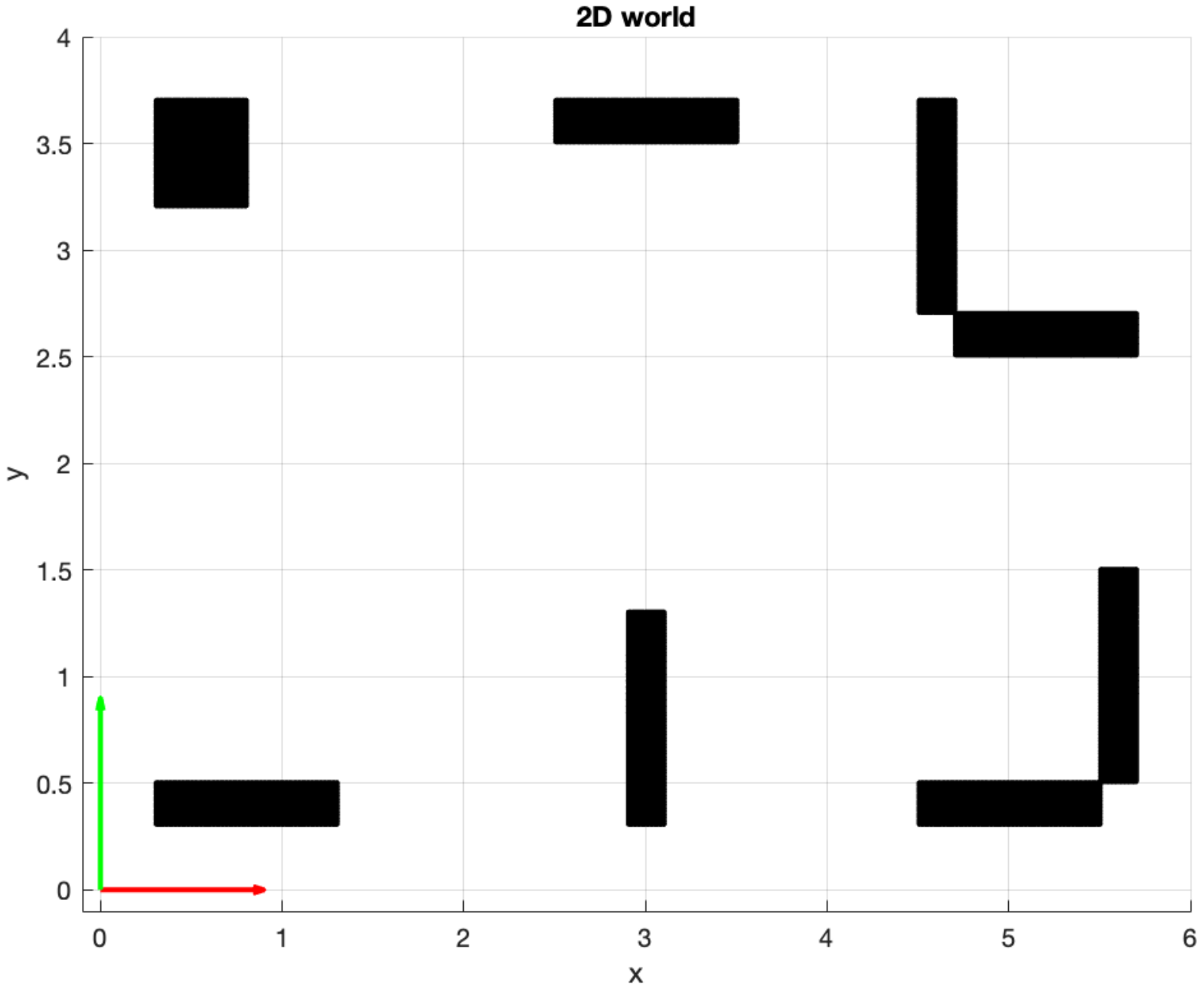
(rmap - rectangular map 6x4m)



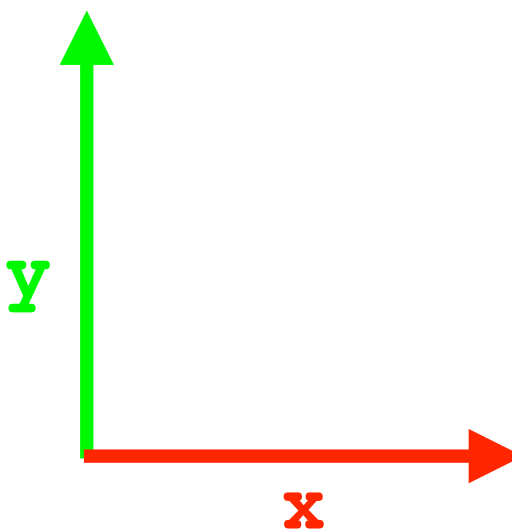
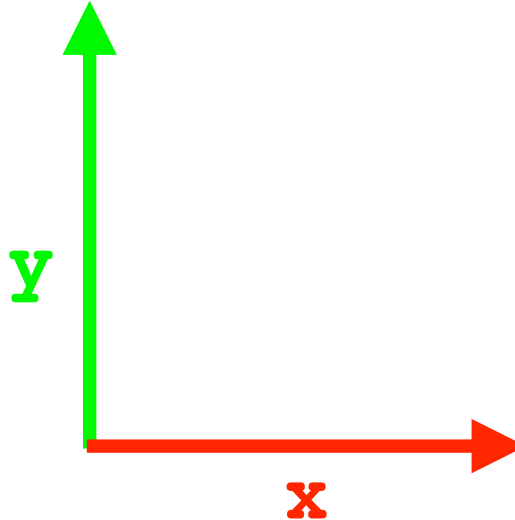
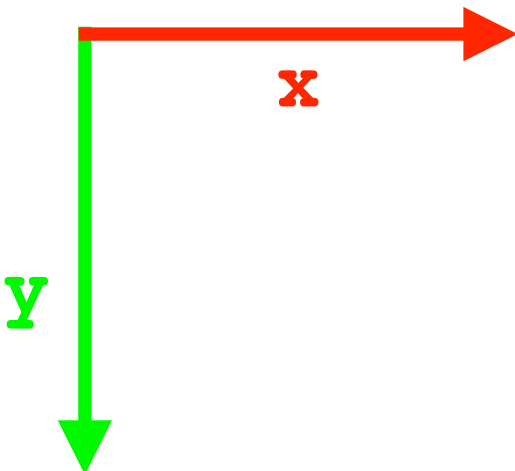
map image



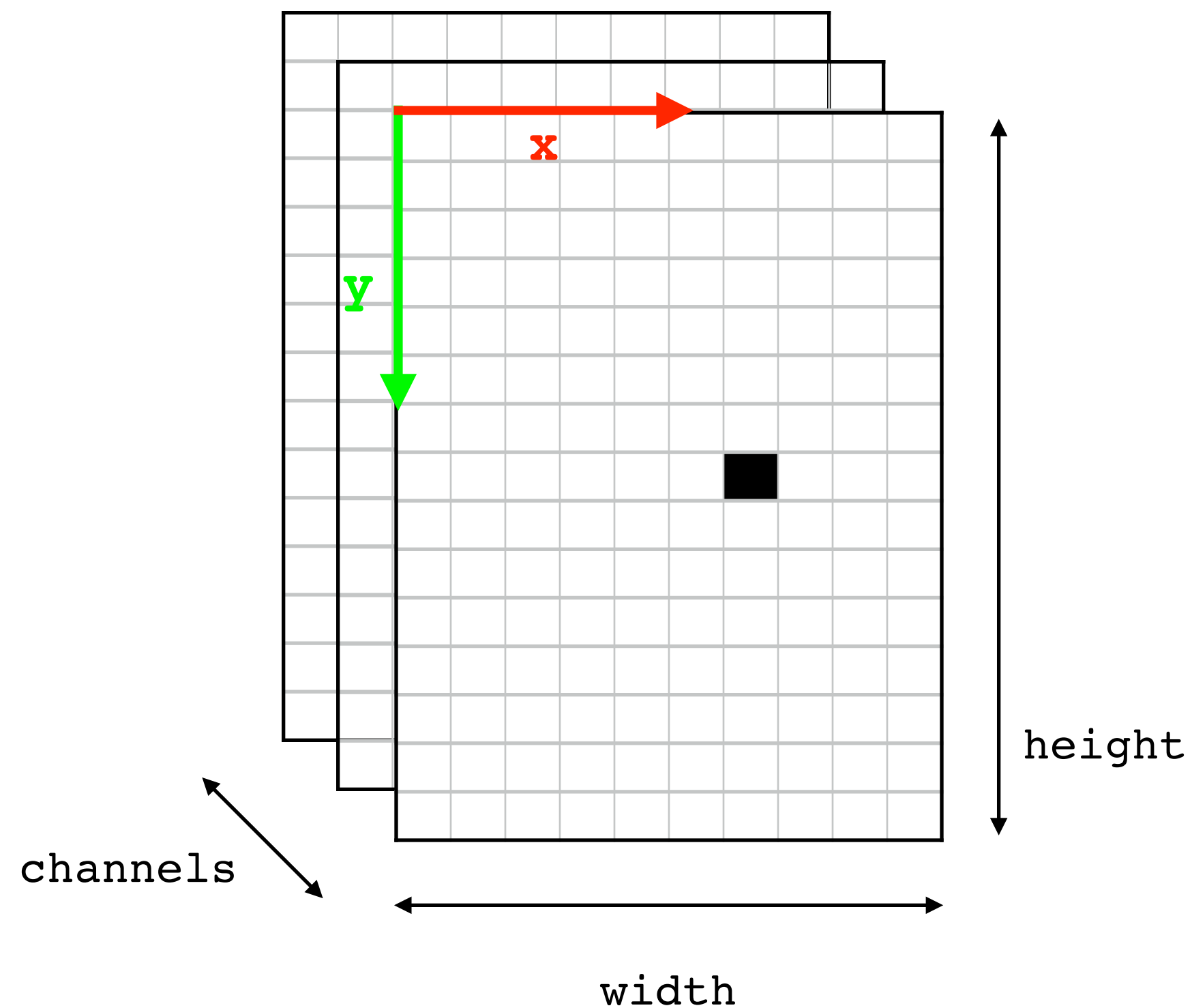
Gazebo simulator



2D world



MatLab Image Access



```
% load image
image = imread('map.png');

% get image size
[height, width, channels] = size(image);

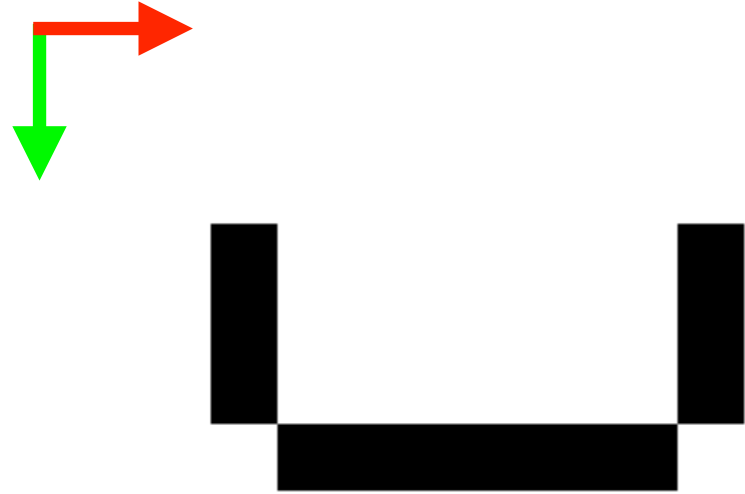
% read pixel, p.e. row=100, col=200, ch=1
pxVal = image(row, col, channel);

% show image
figure(1); clf;
imshow(image); hold on;

% plot pixel location (w/ red marker)
plot(col, row, 'r+')
```

Load Map data from an Image

2D image



```
% Load high resolution image map
% image = imread('maps/umap_grid1.png');
image = imread( sprintf('maps/%s_grid1.png', tbot.getGazeboMapName()) );
```

```
% define map scale ratio (number of pixels that represent 1 meter)
mscale = 100; % grid 1x1
%mscale = 20; % grid 5x5
%mscale = 10; % grid 10x10
```

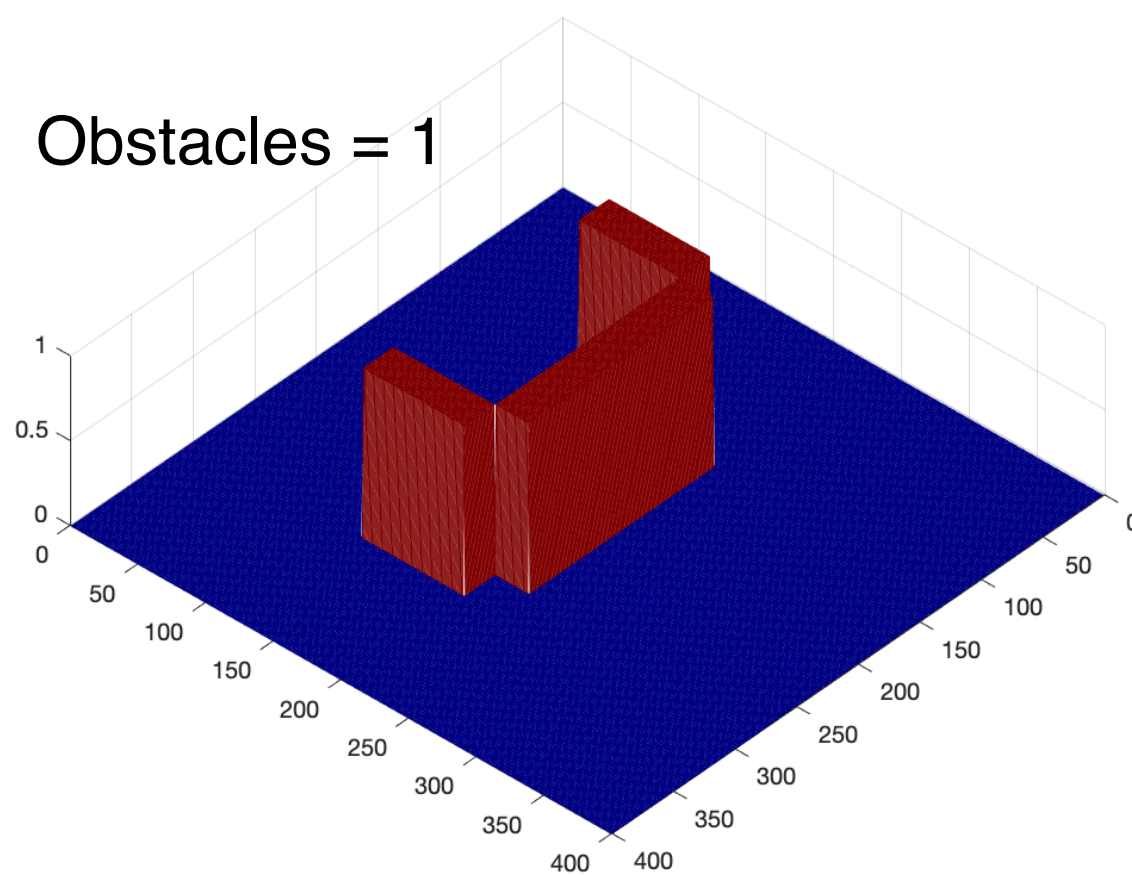
```
% Convert map into occupation grid format (obstacles = 1)
map = 1 - double( image(:,:,1) ) ./ 255;
```

```
% get map size (rows, cols)
[hm, wm] = size(map);
```

```
% find (rows, columns) coordinates of obstacles
[rowm, colm] = find( map == 1 );
```

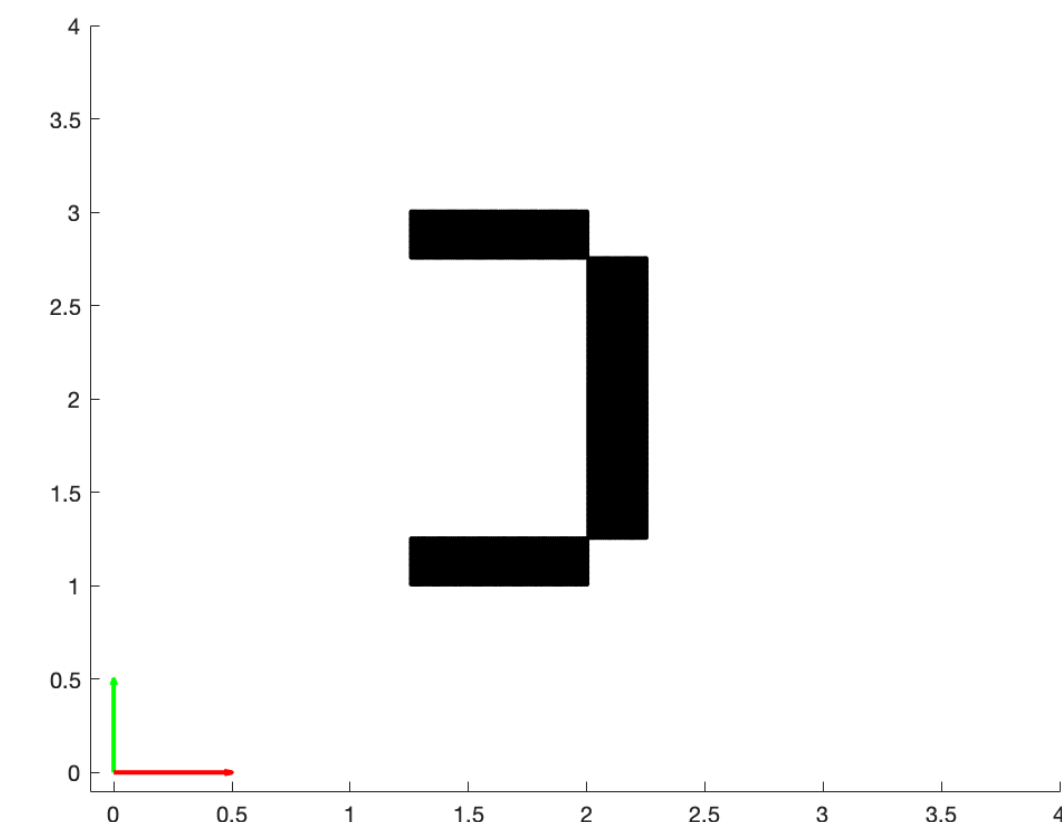
```
% display map
figure(1); clf; hold on;
plot( rowm./mscale, colm./mscale, 'k.' ) % plot obstacles (as black dots)
quiver(0,0,1,0,0.5,'r') % draw arrow for x-axis
quiver(0,0,0,1,0.5,'g') % draw arrow for y-axis
axis([-0.1, hm/mscale, -0.1, wm/mscale]) % set limits for the current axis
grid on; % enable grid
xlabel('x') % axis labels
ylabel('y')
title('2D map')
```

imshow(image)

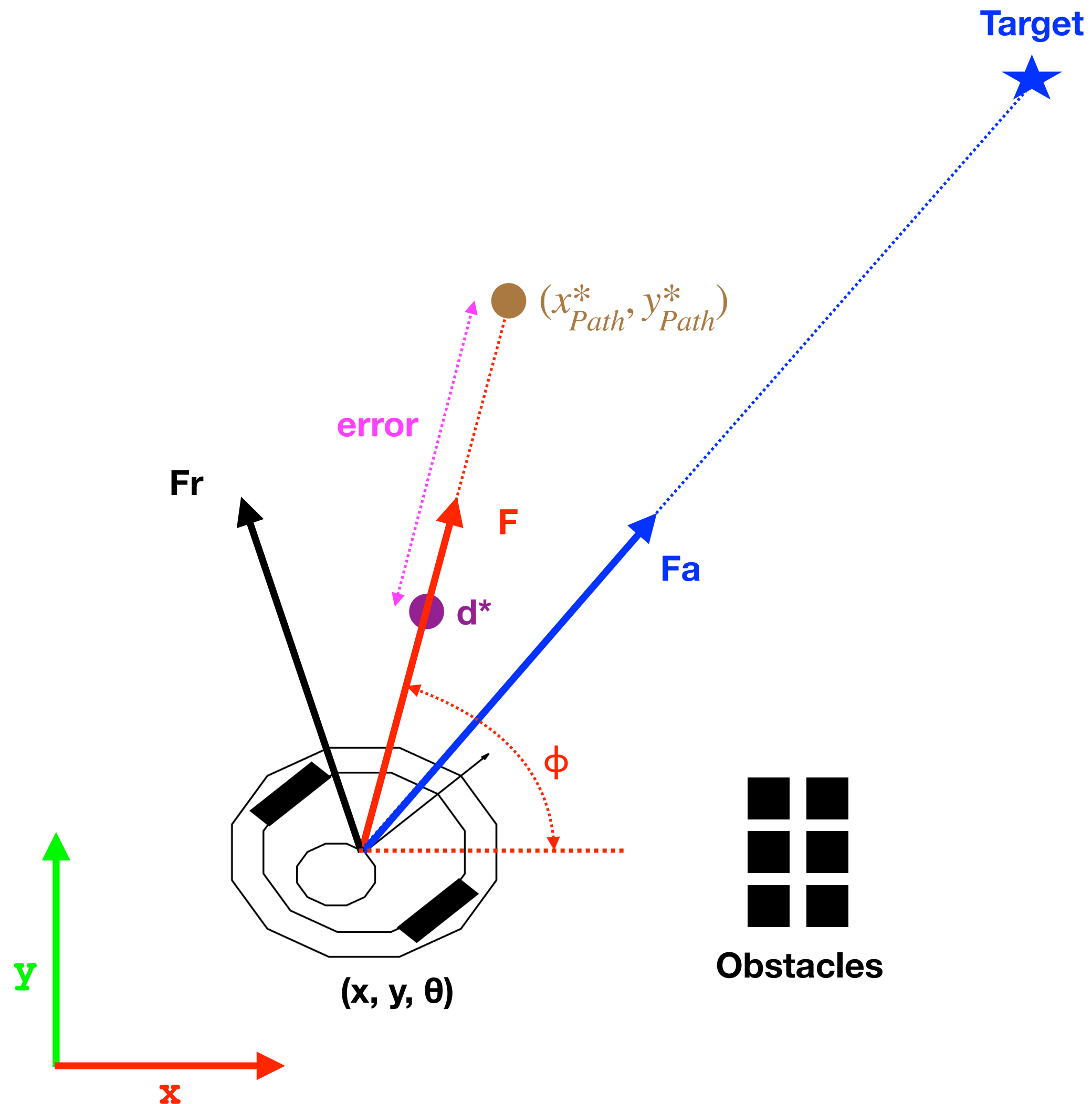


mesh(map)

MatLab '2D map' plot



Path Following (VFF)



`% Virtual Force Field`

`[Fa, Fr] = VFF(currentPose, targetPose, map, searchWindow);`

$$error = \sqrt{(x_{Path}^* - x)^2 + (y_{Path}^* - y)^2} - d^*$$

$$\phi = \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{y_{Path} - y}{x_{Path} - x} \right)$$

PI Controller (velocity)

$$v(k) = k_v error(k) + k_i \int error(k) dt$$

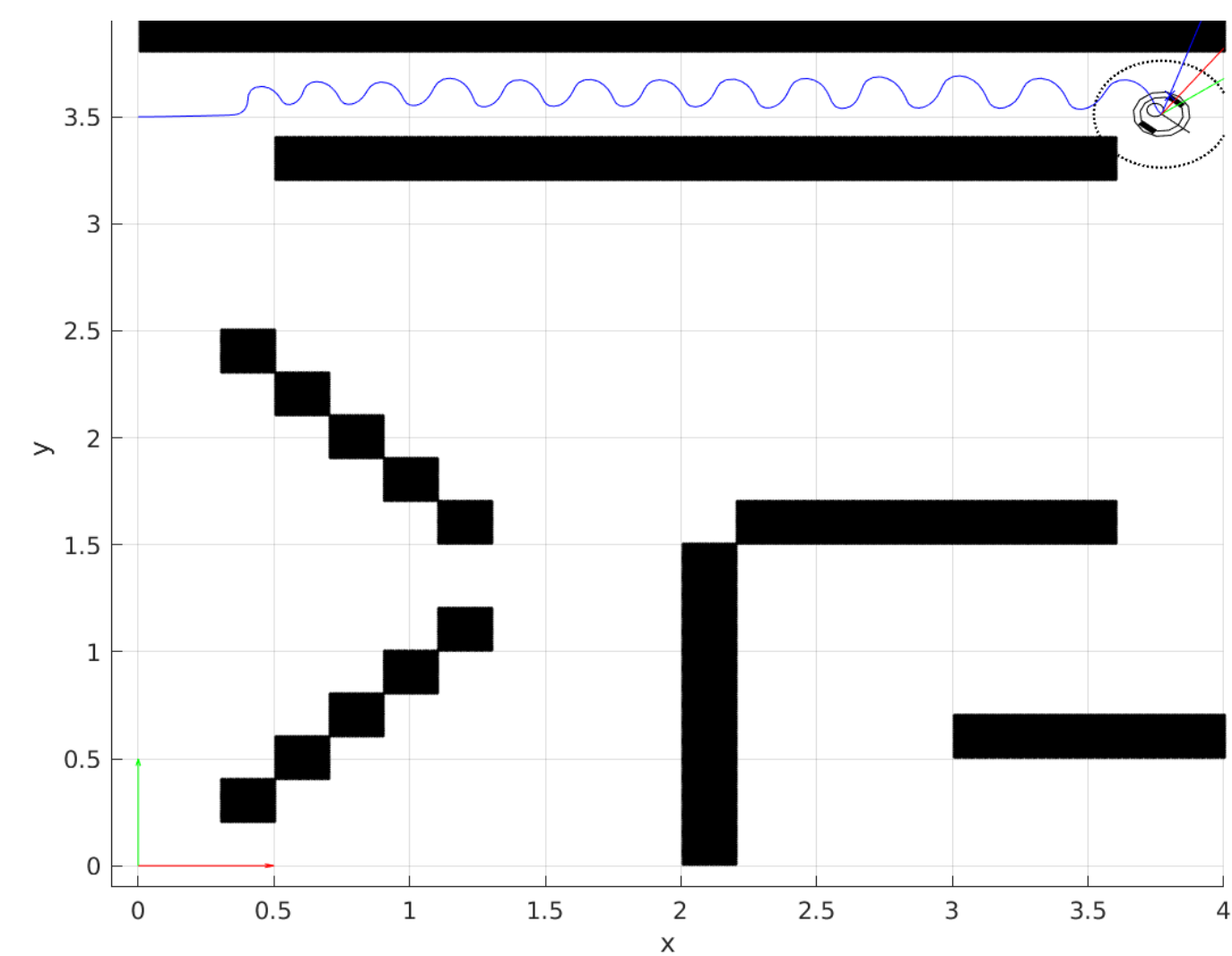
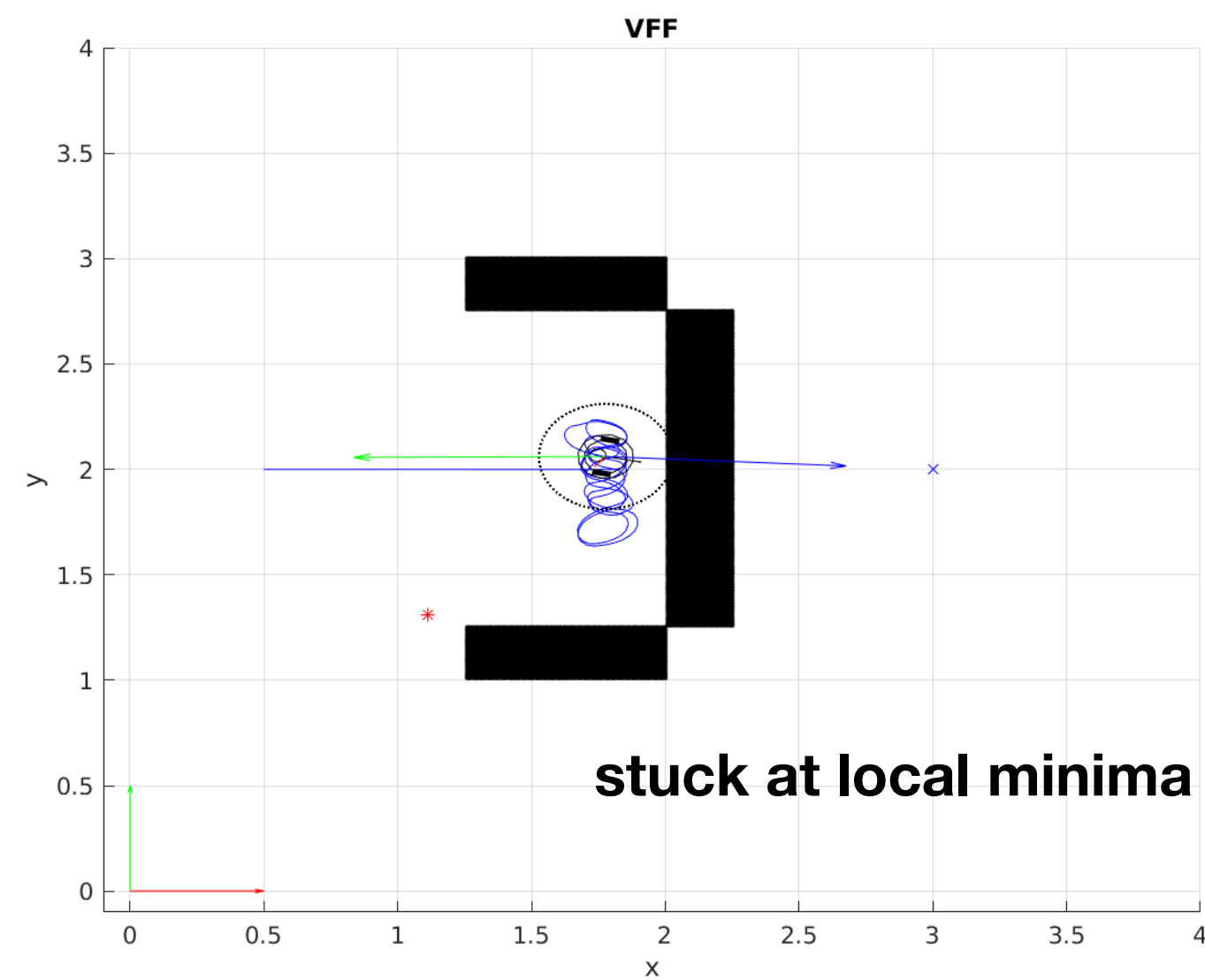
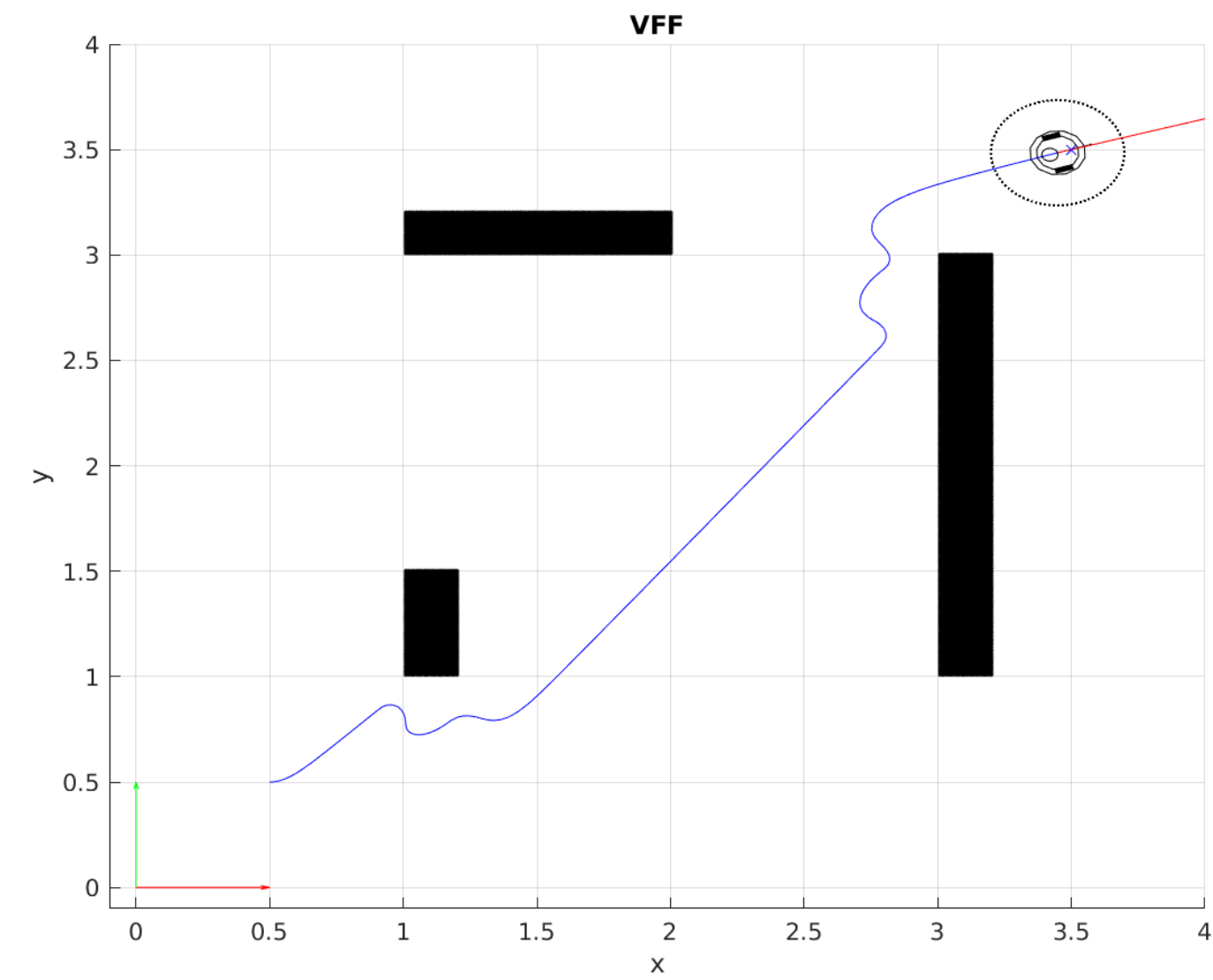
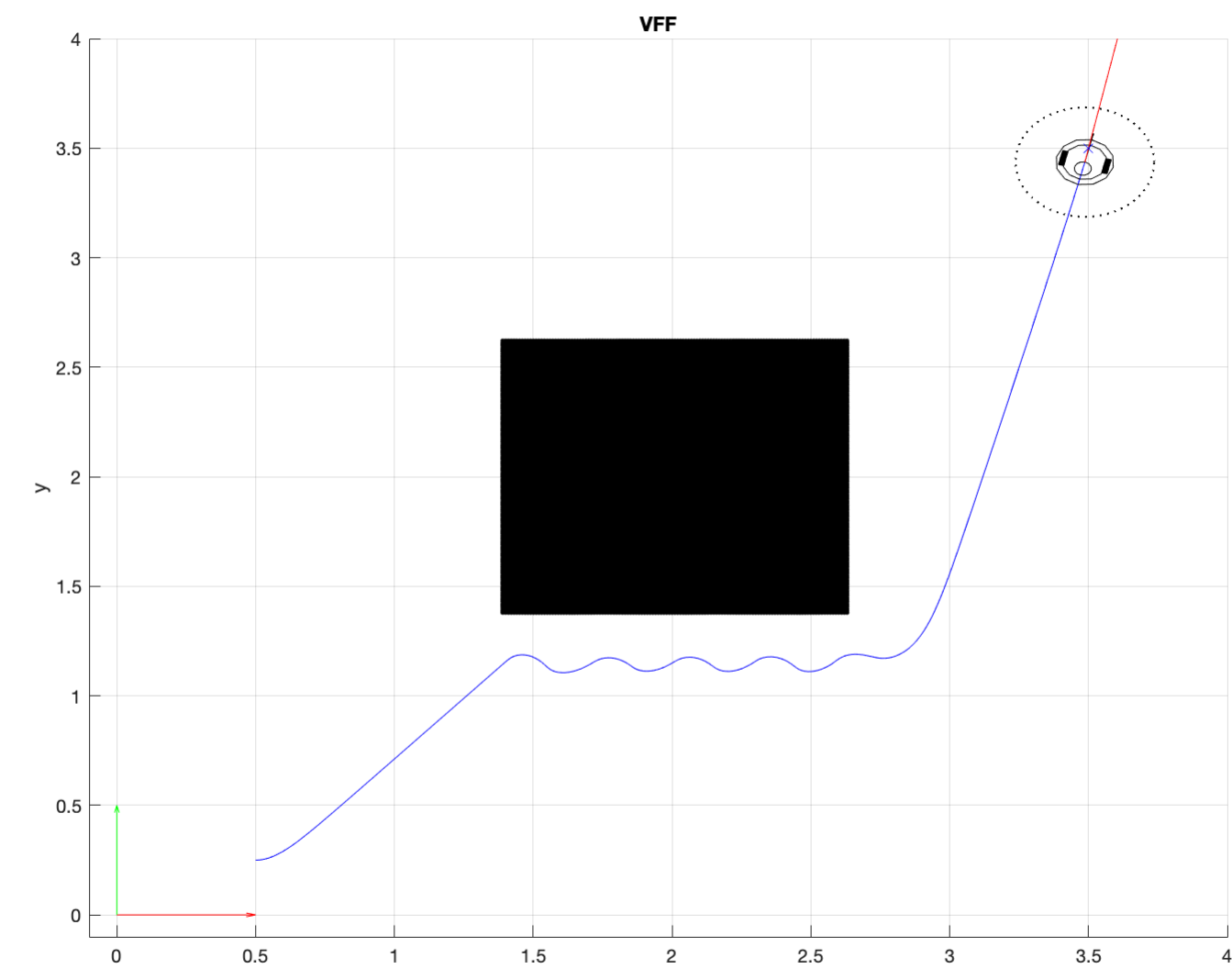
$$error = \sqrt{(x_{Path}^* - x)^2 + (y_{Path}^* - y)^2} - d^*$$

```
% Basic computation of integral error
% IntegralError = IntegralError + Error * dt;

% -> Improved computation of integral error
IntegralError = IntegralError + (Error + previousError) * dt / 2;

% Proportional-Integral (PI) control
v = kv .* Error + ki .* IntegralError;
```

VFF (example trajectories)



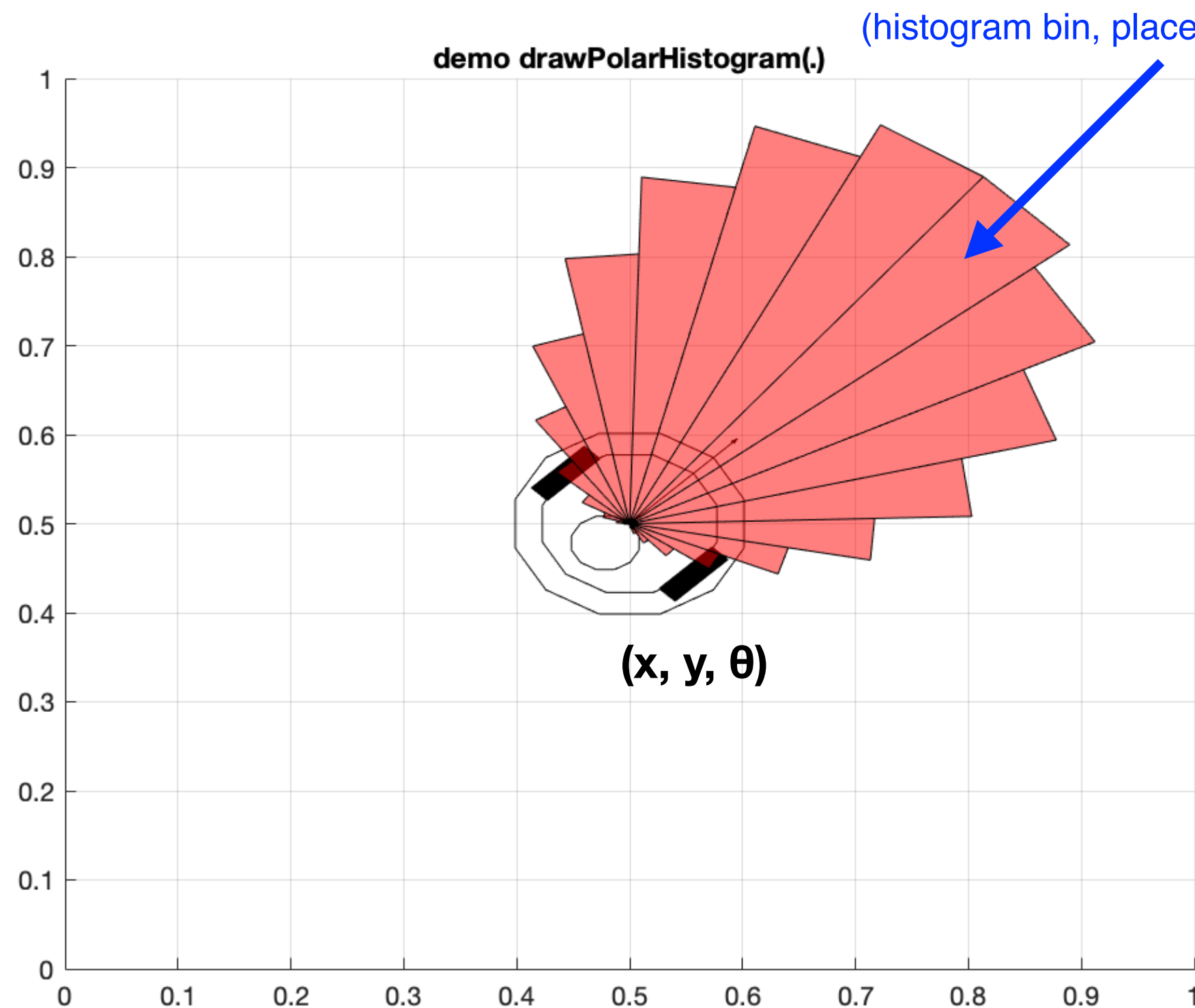
VFH Algorithm (high level steps)

- Define number of sectors (n) and an orientation range $[-\pi, \pi]$ (or $[0, 2\pi]$).
- Compute histogram (h):
 - For each obstacle in local search region:
 - compute β , m , and sector k .
 - Add to histogram count: $h(k) = h(k) + m$
- Smooth the histogram (p.e. apply 1D Gaussian filtering).
- Project the target direction into the corresponding histogram bin.
- If there is enough free sectors around the direction of the target: **steerDirection = targetDirection**.
- Find the two nearest “zero crossing” transitions (bin locations) of the histogram (w/ circular wrap around).
 - Ignore histogram counts lower than a small threshold (requires tuning).
- Select the closest bin location (k_n).
- Scan, in the appropriate direction, for s_{\max} empty cells.
 - If there is enough empty cells: **steerDirection = $(k_n \pm s_{\max} / 2) \alpha$** [wide valley].
 - Otherwise: **steerDirection = $(k_{n1} + k_{n1}) \alpha / 2$** [small valley].
 - Stop, if there is no free space.

Draw Polar Histogram

The histogram is drawn w.r.t robot orientation (theta).

(for histogram orientation w.r.t. world coordinate system use theta = 0)

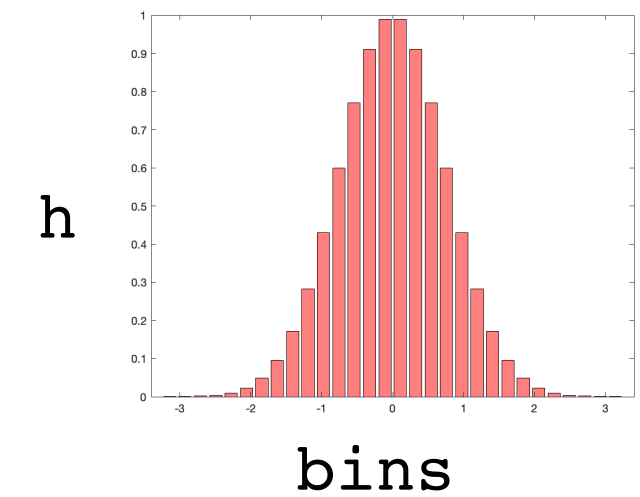


% Example usage:

```
n = 30;
bins = linspace(-pi, pi, n);
```

```
mu = 0; sigma = 0.75;
h = exp( - (bins-mu).^2 ./ (2*sigma.^2) );
x = 0.5; y = 0.5; theta = pi/4;
```

```
figure(1); clf;
drawTurtleBot(x,y,theta);
drawPolarHistogram(x, y, theta, h, bins, 0.5, 'r'); % draw polar histogram
axis([0,1,0,1]); grid on;
```



```
% define number of bins
% generate bins in [-pi,pi]
```

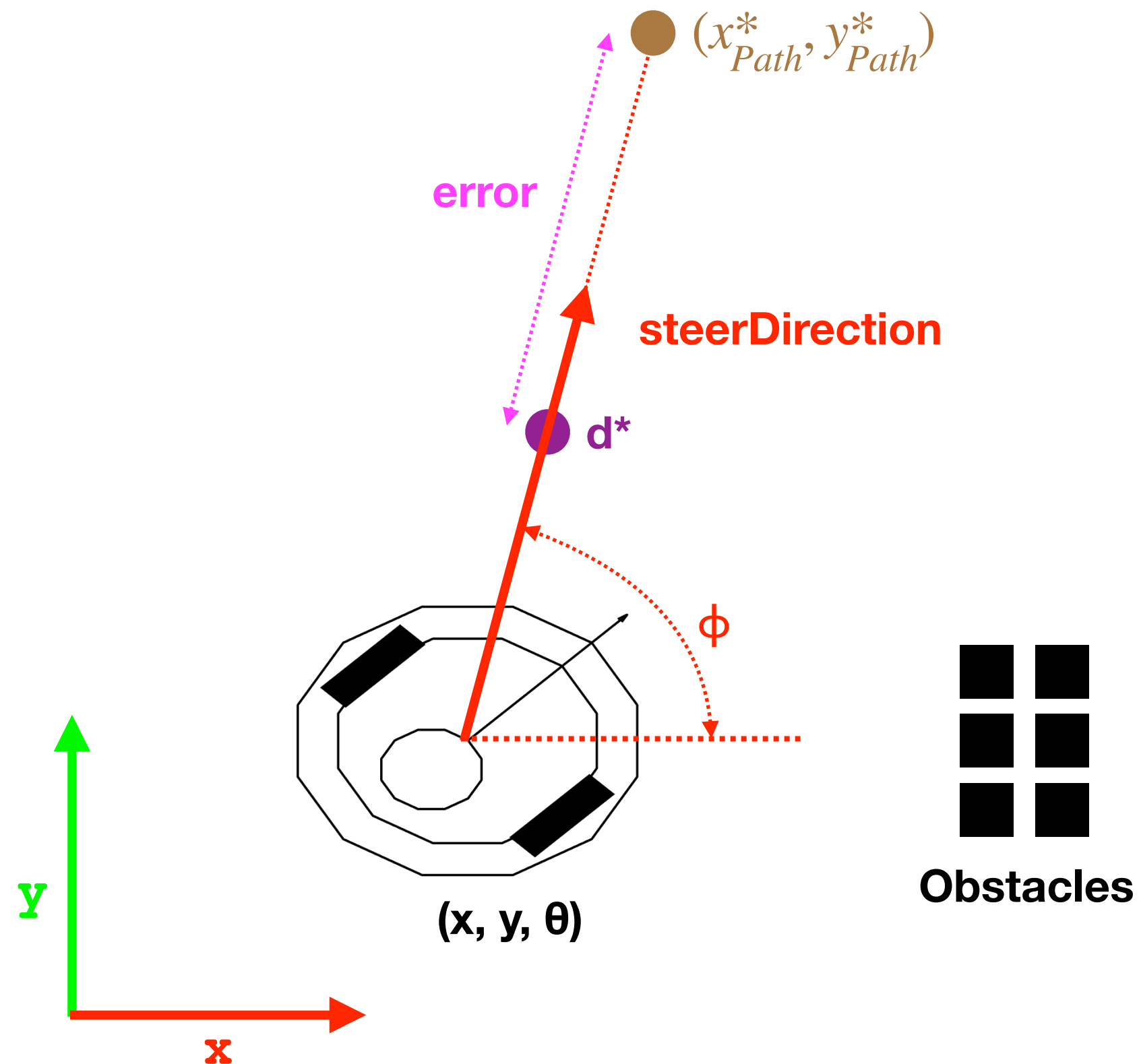
```
% Gaussian parameters
% generate Gaussian histogram
% define robot pose
```

```
% init figure & clear graphics
% draw robot
% set plot limits
```

```
drawPolarHistogram(x, y, theta, h, bins, radius, color);
```

Path Following (VFH)

Target
★



```
% Vector Field Histogram  
[steerDirection] = VFH(currentPose, targetPose, map, searchWindow);
```

$$error = \sqrt{(x_{Path}^* - x)^2 + (y_{Path}^* - y)^2} - d^*$$

$$\phi = \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{y_{Path} - y}{x_{Path} - x} \right)$$

Lab #3

- TurtleBot3 LIDAR functions.
- Convert LIDAR readings into world coordinates.
- Adding Gazebo Objects.
- Map update rules.
- Bresenham line algorithm.
- Map Building Demo.

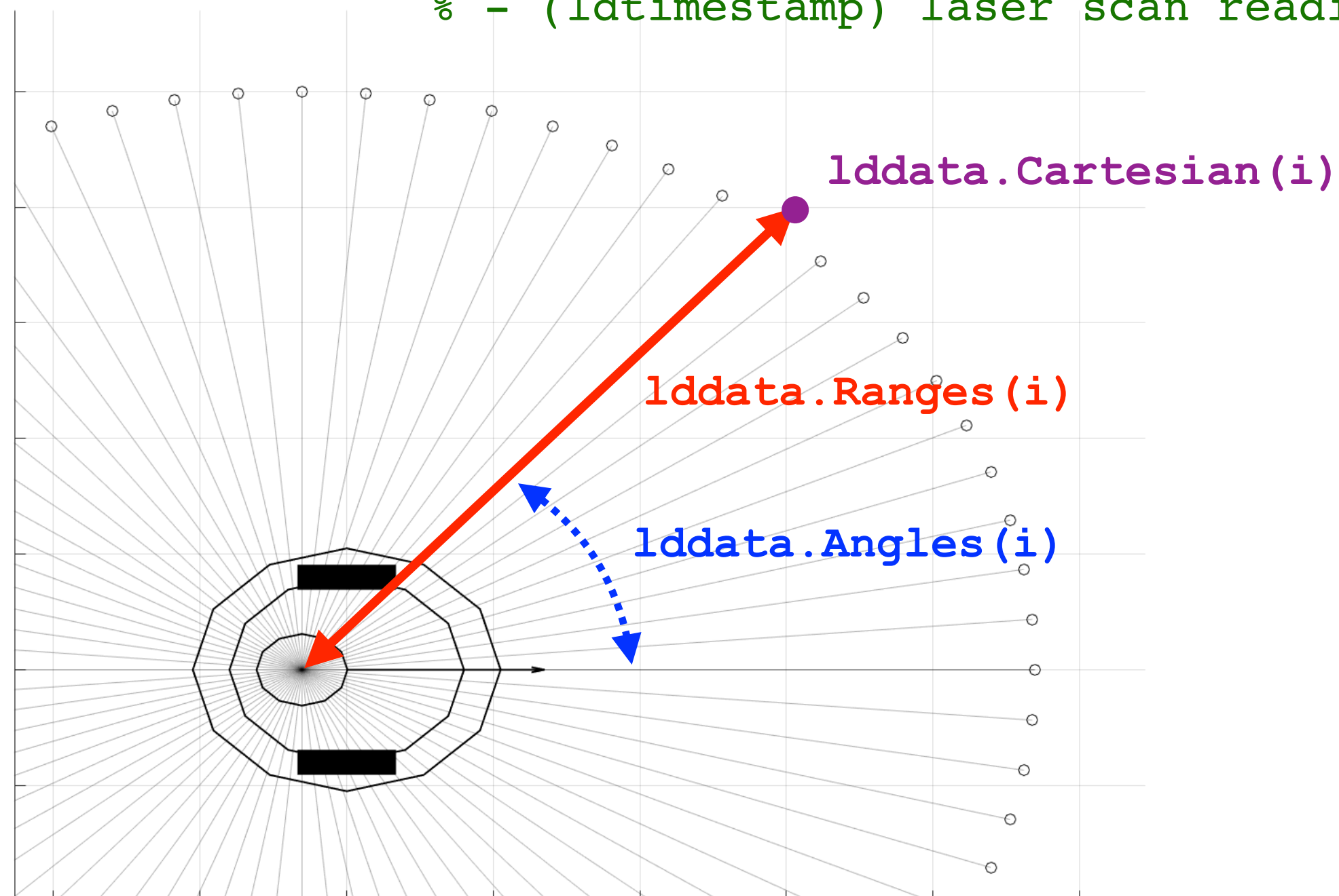
TurtleBot3 LIDAR functions



LDS-01 LIDAR
Hitachi-LG Data Storage

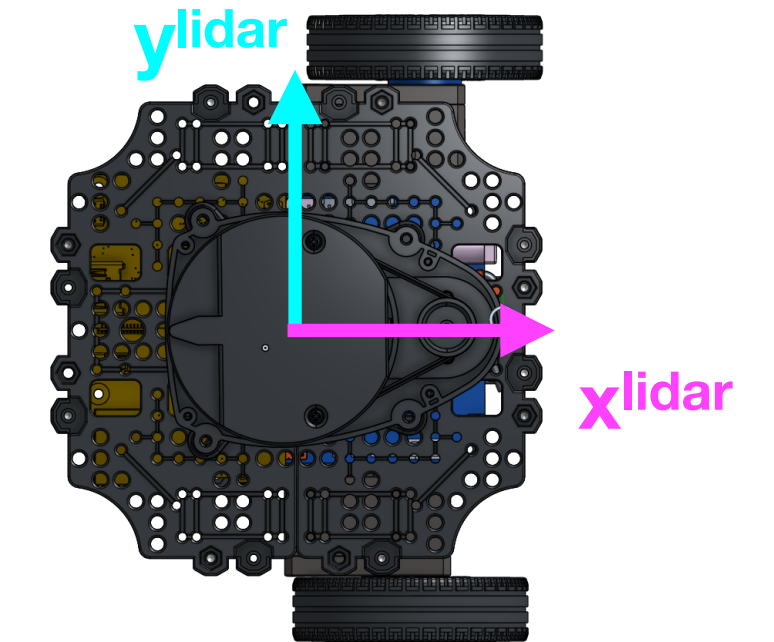
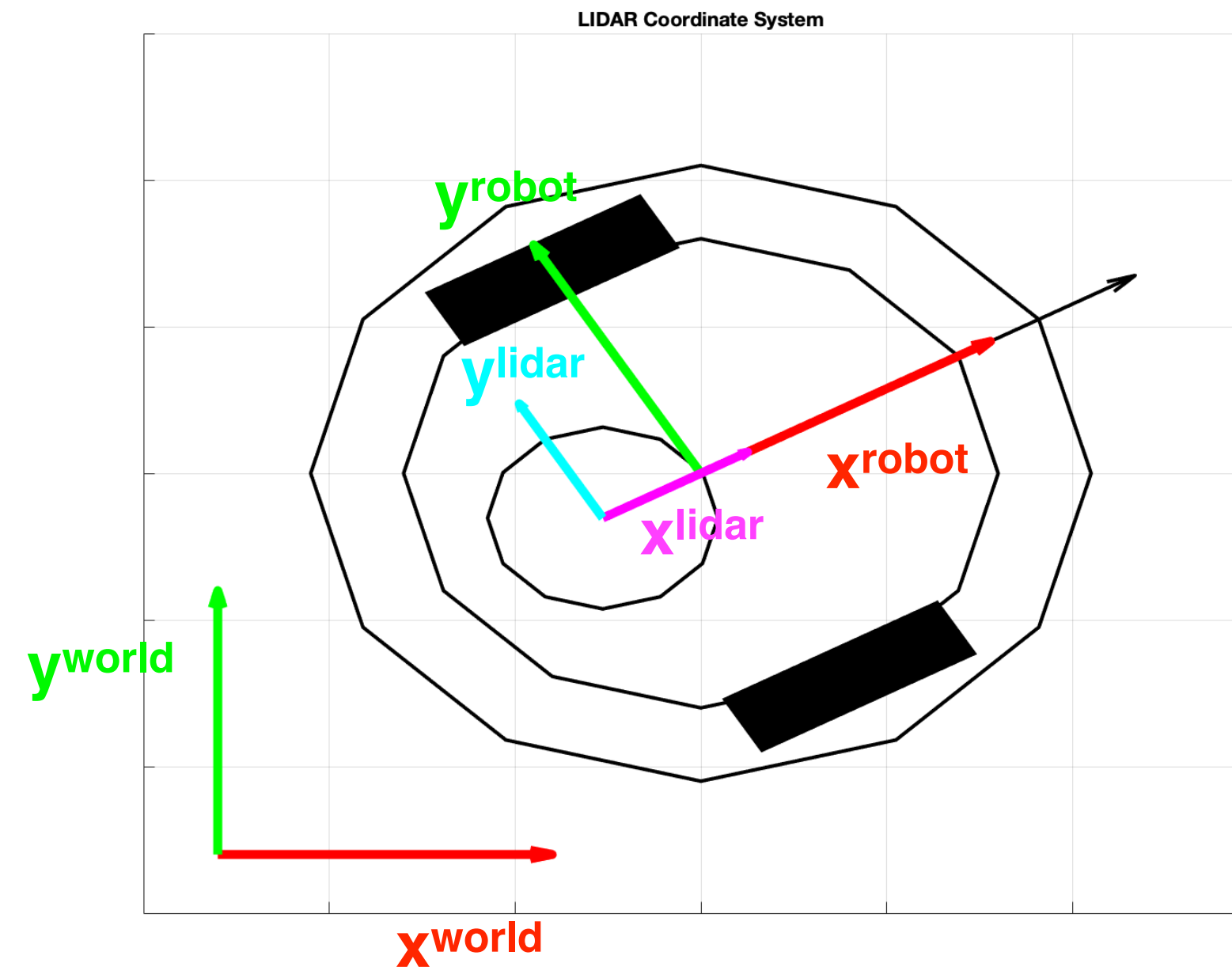
```
% Read lidar data
[scanMsg, lddata, ldtimestamp] = tbot.readLidar();    % or [...] = tbot.getLidarData();

% returns:
% - (scanMsg) lidar obj struct (ROS message)
% - (lddata) lidar data struct
%     - lddata.Ranges - (radial/polar) distance measurement [meters] (360 x 1) vector
%     - lddata.Angles - angular measurement [radians] (360 x 1) vector
%     - lddata.Cartesian - X/Y cartesian data (360 x 2) matrix
% - (ldtimestamp) laser scan reading timestamp (in seconds)
```



- All measurements are given in w.r.t. the LIDAR sensor placed at top of the robot.
- The first array **index** matches the 0° measure: `lddata.Angles(1) = 0`.
- The sensor provides 360 measurements per revolution ($\sim 1^\circ$ angular resolution).
- Angles are expressed in **radians** and distances in **meters**.
- LIDAR Range:
 - Min 12cm
 - Max 3.5m
- The `lddata` (struct field) arrays could have 'Inf' (or zero) values to represent no laser reflections (representing too near or too far readings).
- The `getInRangeLidarDataIdx(.)` and `getOutOfRangeLidarDataIdx(.)` functions return the array **indexes** of the respective data.

Convert LIDAR readings into global coordinates (“world frame”)

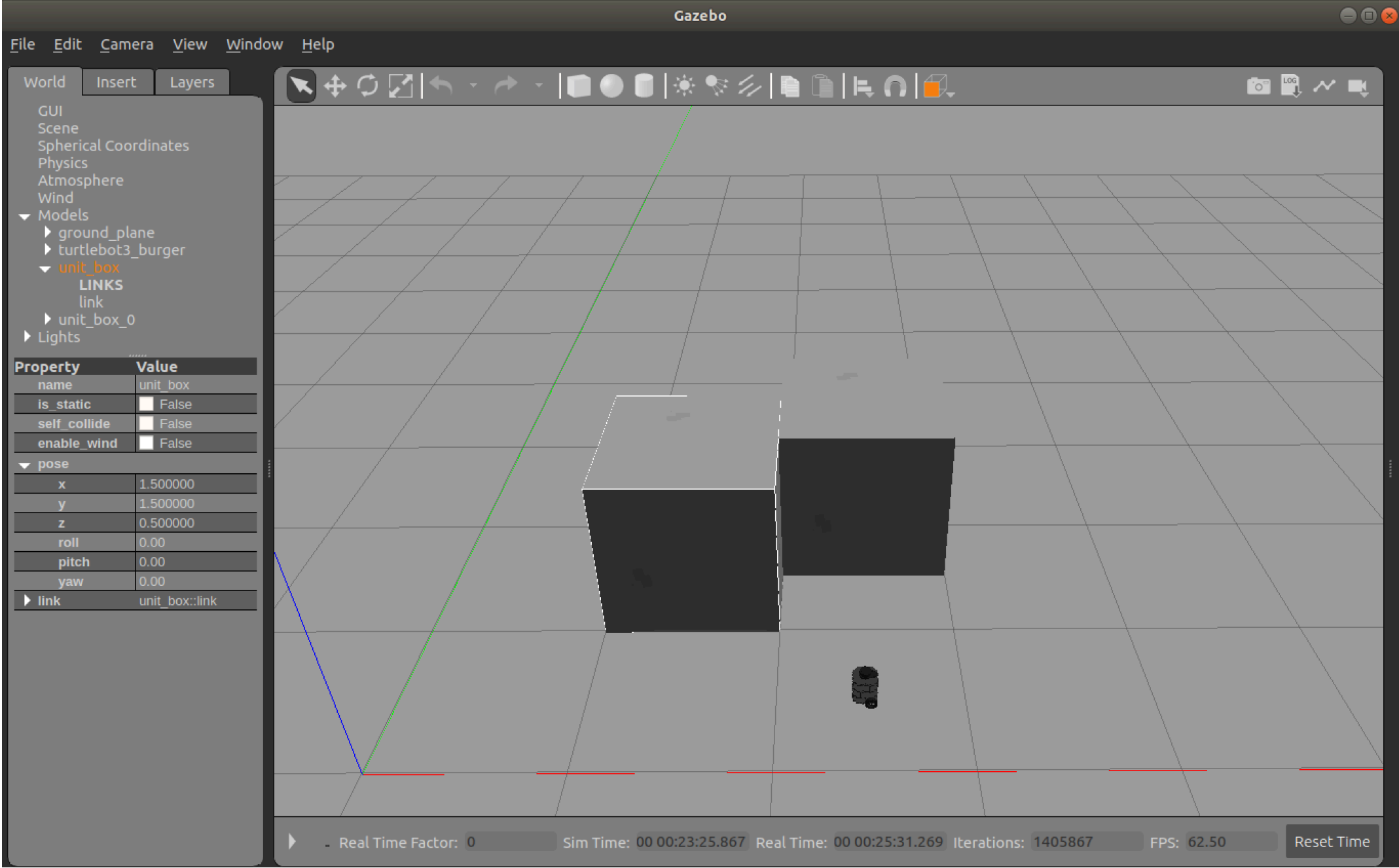


TurtleBot3 top view

$$\begin{pmatrix} x_1^{world} & \dots & x_n^{world} \\ y_1^{world} & \dots & y_n^{world} \\ 1 & \dots & 1 \end{pmatrix}_{3 \times n} = \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} \cos(\theta) & -\sin(\theta) & x - 0.0305 \cos(\theta) \\ \sin(\theta) & \cos(\theta) & y - 0.0305 \sin(\theta) \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}}_{T(x,y,\theta)} \begin{pmatrix} x_1^{lidar} & \dots & x_n^{lidar} \\ y_1^{lidar} & \dots & y_n^{lidar} \\ 1 & \dots & 1 \end{pmatrix}_{3 \times n}$$

data points at WORLD coordinate system
data points at LIDAR coordinate system

Navigate around Gazebo Objects



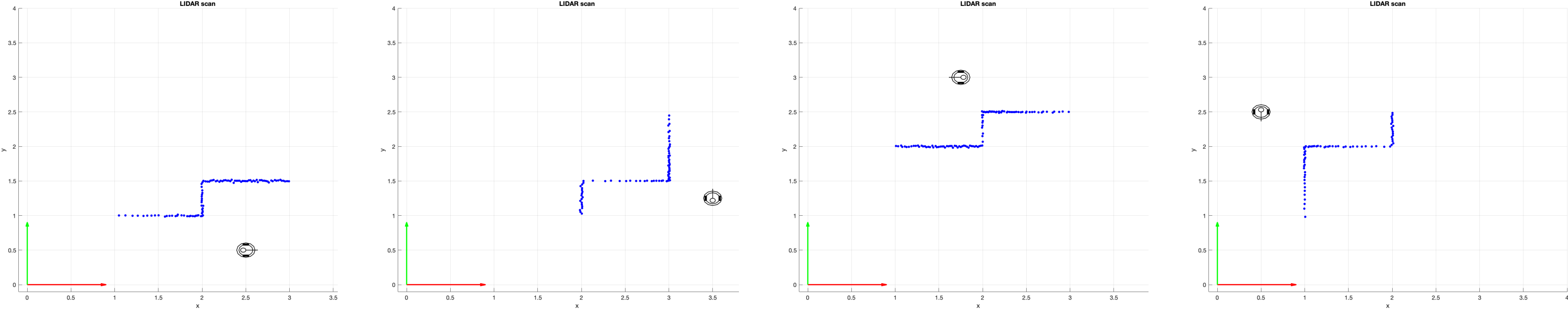
2 cubes placed at $(x=1.5, y=1.5)$ and $(x=2.5, y=2)$, respectively.

- **Gazebo**

- Start an empty-world simulation.
- Place 3D objects (manually):
 - Pause simulation.
 - Add unit cube (edge = 1m).
 - Select the corresponding `unit_box` model at `World->Models` tab.
 - Modify the pose properties.
 - Unpause simulation.

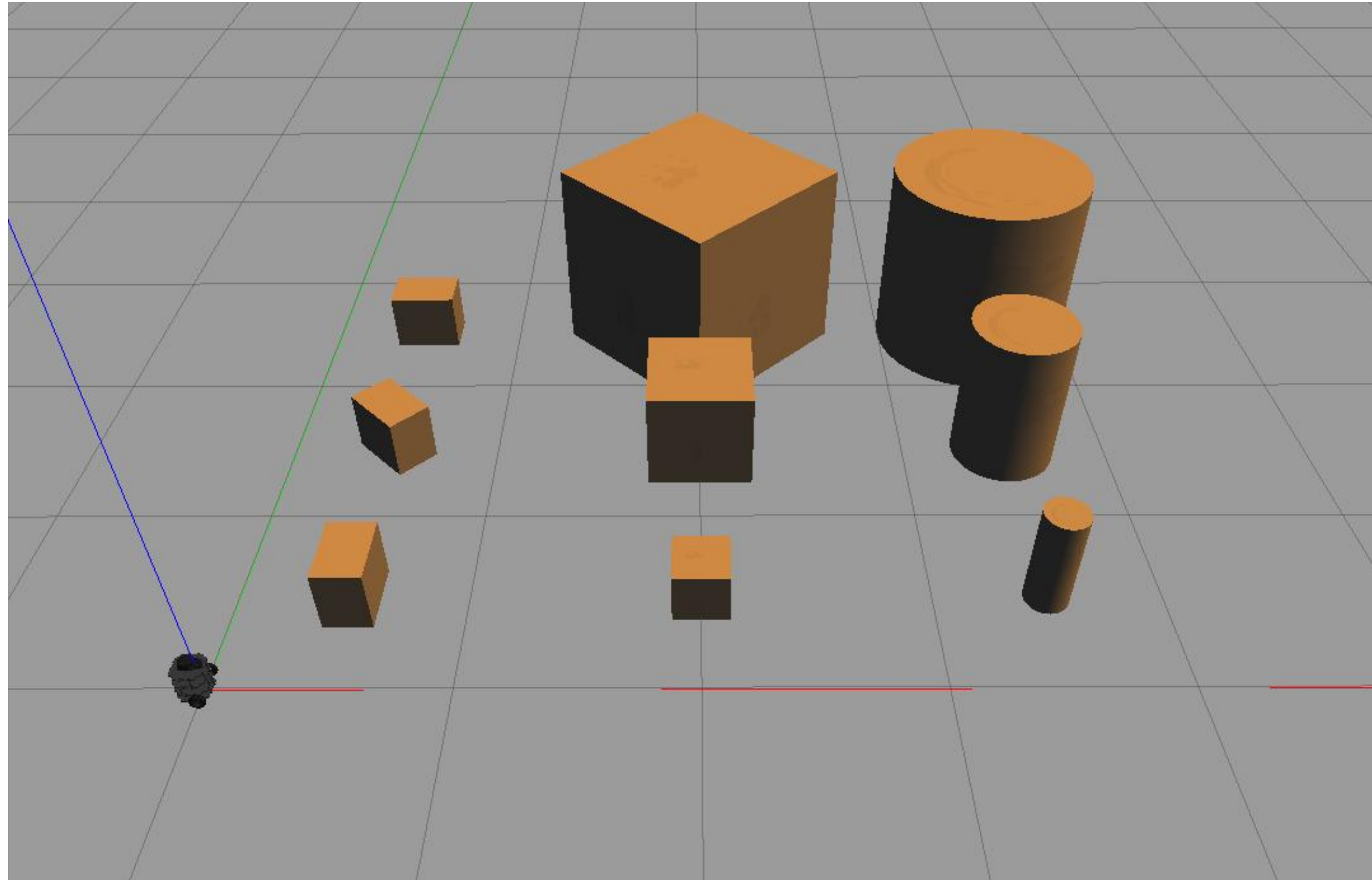
- **MATLAB**

- Place via-points around objects.
- Navigate between via-points.
- Read LIDAR data and convert points into world coordinate frame.



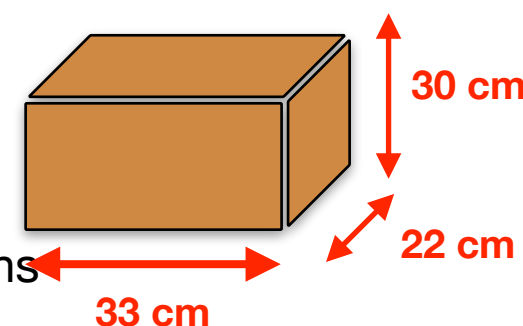
Place Gazebo 3D Objects w/ TurtleBot3 MatLab Interface

• Requires TurtleBot3 v09c update



demoGazeboObjects.m

- Cardboard Box model.
 - Size (length x width x height): 33 x 22 x 30 cm



```
% clear memory
clearvars -except tbot;

% start ROS connection and add 3D objects [only if required]
if ( ~exist("tbot") )
    % init by assigning the IPs directly to the TurtleBot constructor
    IP_TURTLEBOT = "192.168.1.xxx"; % virtual machine IP (or robot IP)
    IP_HOST_COMPUTER = "192.168.1.xxx"; % local machine IP
    % Init TurtleBot3 ROS connection & check version
    tbot = TurtleBot3(IP_TURTLEBOT, IP_HOST_COMPUTER);
    if( tbot.getVersion() < 0.92 ) error('TurtleBot3 v09c required'); end

    % -----
    % Place 3D Objects - ONLY ONCE at startup
    % -----
    % Delete all supported 3D objects
    tbot.gazeboDeleteAllModels();

    % Pause Gazebo physics simulation (not required, but faster!)
    tbot.gazeboPause();

    % gazeboPlace3DCardboardBox(x, y, orientation);
    tbot.gazeboPlace3DCardboardBox(0.5, 0.5, 0);
    tbot.gazeboPlace3DCardboardBox(0.5, 1.5, pi/4);
    tbot.gazeboPlace3DCardboardBox(0.5, 2.5, pi/2);

    % gazeboPlace3DCube(x, y, orientation, edgeSize);
    tbot.gazeboPlace3DCube(2, 0.5, 0, 0.25);
    tbot.gazeboPlace3DCube(2, 1.5, 0, 0.5);
    tbot.gazeboPlace3DCube(2, 2.5, pi/4, 1);

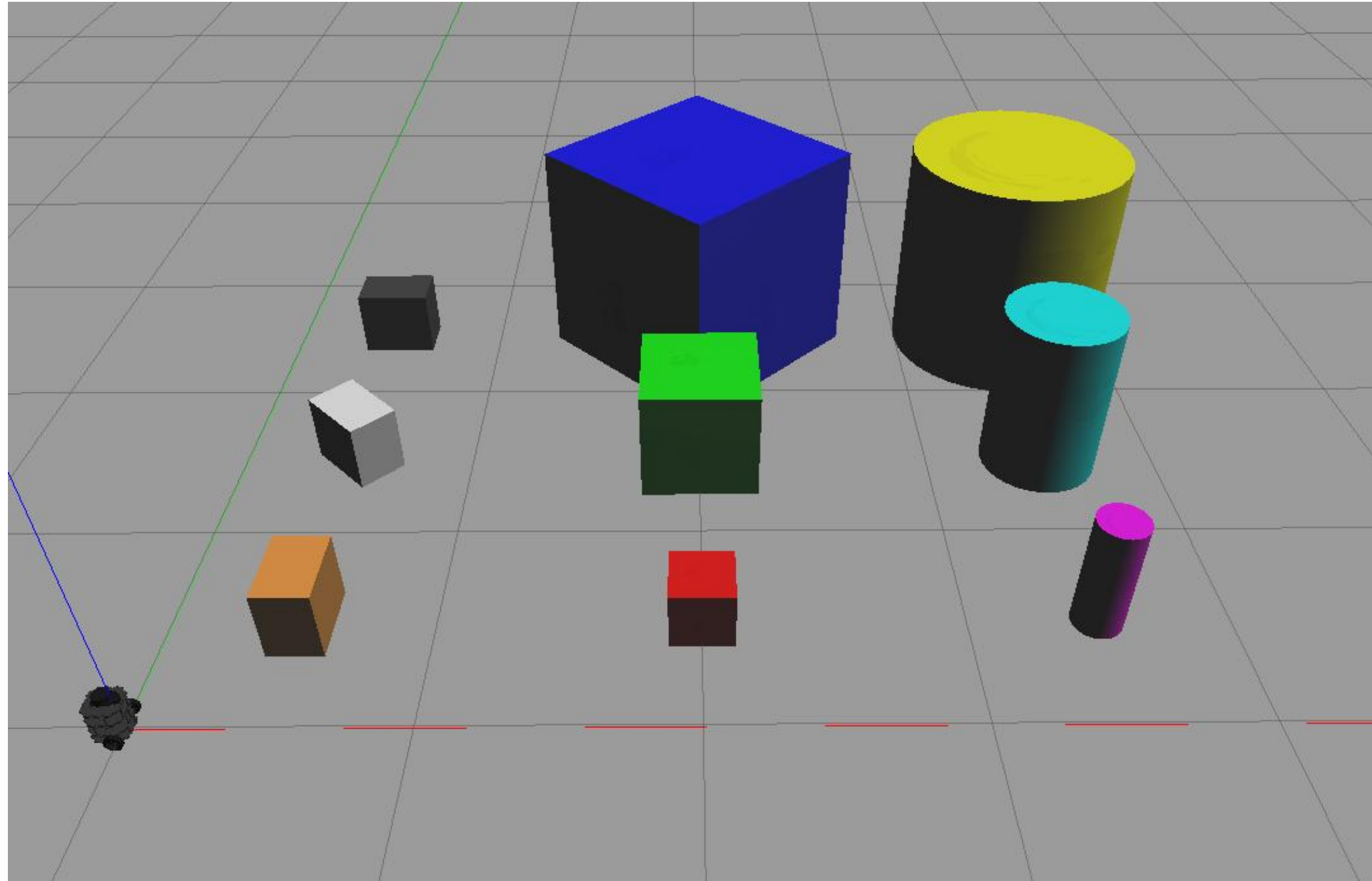
    % gazeboPlace3DCylinder(x, y, radius, length);
    tbot.gazeboPlace3DCylinder(3.5, 0.5, 0.1, 0.5);
    tbot.gazeboPlace3DCylinder(3.5, 1.5, 0.25, 0.75);
    tbot.gazeboPlace3DCylinder(3.5, 2.5, 0.5, 1);

    % UnPause/Resume Gazebo physics simulation
    tbot.gazeboUnPause();

end
```

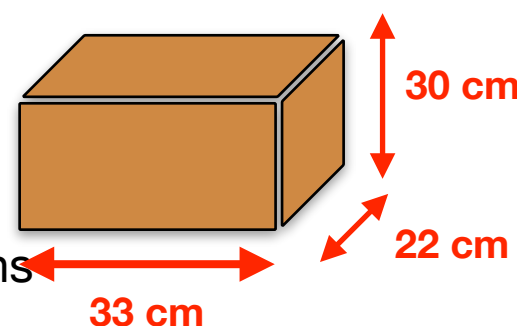
Place Gazebo 3D Objects w/ TurtleBot3 MatLab Interface

• Requires TurtleBot3 v09d update



demoGazeboObjects.m

- Cardboard Box model.
 - Size (length x width x height): 33 x 22 x 30 cm



```
% clear memory
clearvars -except tbot;

% start ROS connection and add 3D objects [only if required]
if ( ~exist("tbot") )
    % init by assigning the IPs directly to the TurtleBot constructor
    IP_TURTLEBOT = "192.168.1.xxx";      % virtual machine IP (or robot IP)
    IP_HOST_COMPUTER = "192.168.1.xxx"; % local machine IP
    % Init TurtleBot3 ROS connection & check version
    tbot = TurtleBot3(IP_TURTLEBOT, IP_HOST_COMPUTER);
    if( tbot.getVersion() < 0.93 ) error('TurtleBot3 v09d required'); end

    % -----
    % Place 3D Objects - ONLY ONCE at startup
    % -----

    % Delete all supported 3D objects
    tbot.gazeboDeleteAllModels();

    % Pause Gazebo physics simulation (not required, but faster!)
    tbot.gazeboPause();

    % gazeboPlace3DCardboardBox(x, y, orientation, color); # custom [r,g,b] color
    tbot.gazeboPlace3DCardboardBox(0.5, 0.5, 0);           % default color
    tbot.gazeboPlace3DCardboardBox(0.5, 1.5, pi/4, 'w');   % white box
    tbot.gazeboPlace3DCardboardBox(0.5, 2.5, pi/2, [0.3, 0.3, 0.3]); % dark grey box

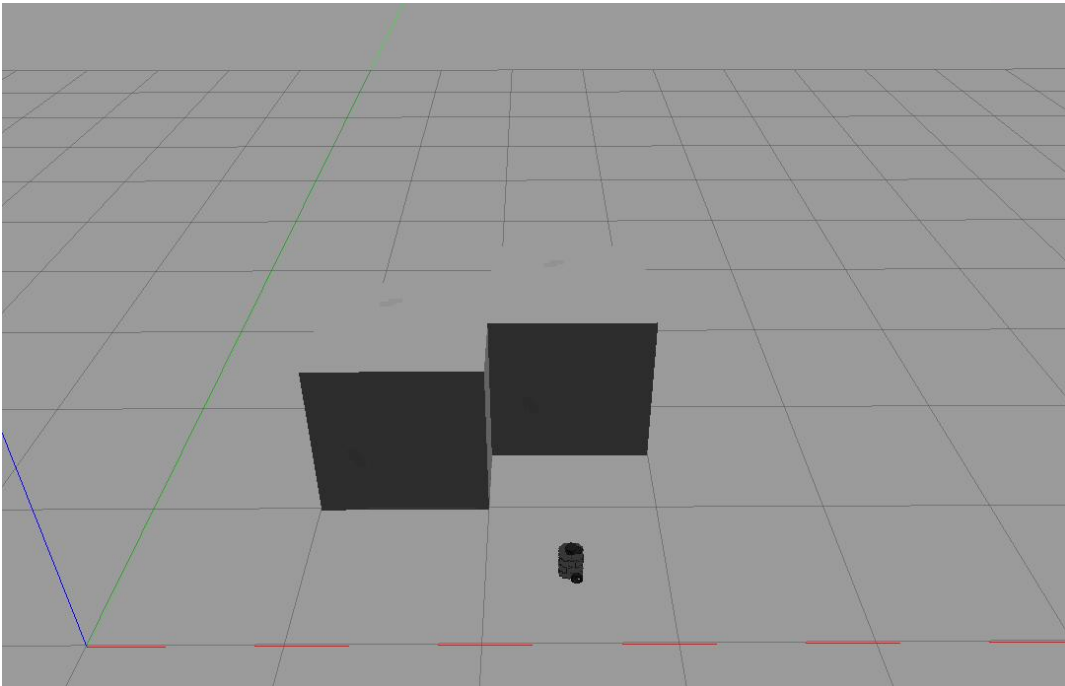
    % gazeboPlace3DCube(x, y, orientation, edgeSize, color);
    tbot.gazeboPlace3DCube(2, 0.5, 0, 0.25, 'r');
    tbot.gazeboPlace3DCube(2, 1.5, 0, 0.5, 'g');
    tbot.gazeboPlace3DCube(2, 2.5, pi/4, 1, 'b');

    % gazeboPlace3DCylinder(x, y, radius, length, color);
    tbot.gazeboPlace3DCylinder(3.5, 0.5, 0.1, 0.5, 'm');
    tbot.gazeboPlace3DCylinder(3.5, 1.5, 0.25, 0.75, 'c');
    tbot.gazeboPlace3DCylinder(3.5, 2.5, 0.5, 1, 'y');

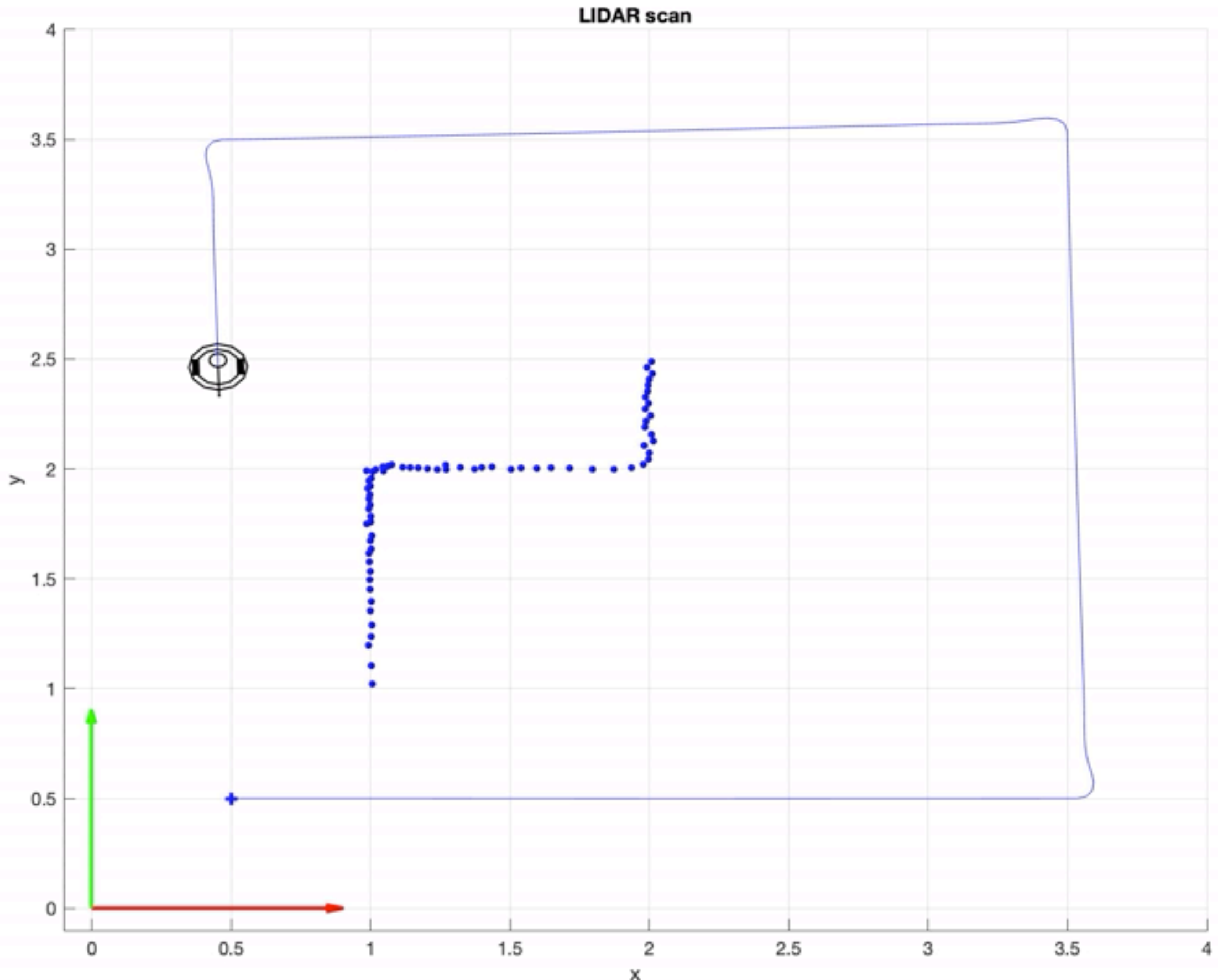
    % UnPause/Resume Gazebo physics simulation
    tbot.gazeboResume();

end
```


LIDAR Example - Navigate around 2 Cubes



Gazebo Objects



Navigate w/ Map Building

```
% init map (probability of each cell being obstacle = 50%)
map = 0.5 .* ones(h, w);
```

```
% Read Odometry data
[x, y, theta, timestamp] = tbot.readPose();
```

```
% Read LIDAR data
[scanMsg, lddata, ldtimestamp] = tbot.readLidar();
```

```
% Convert LIDAR data into World Coordinates
# ...
```

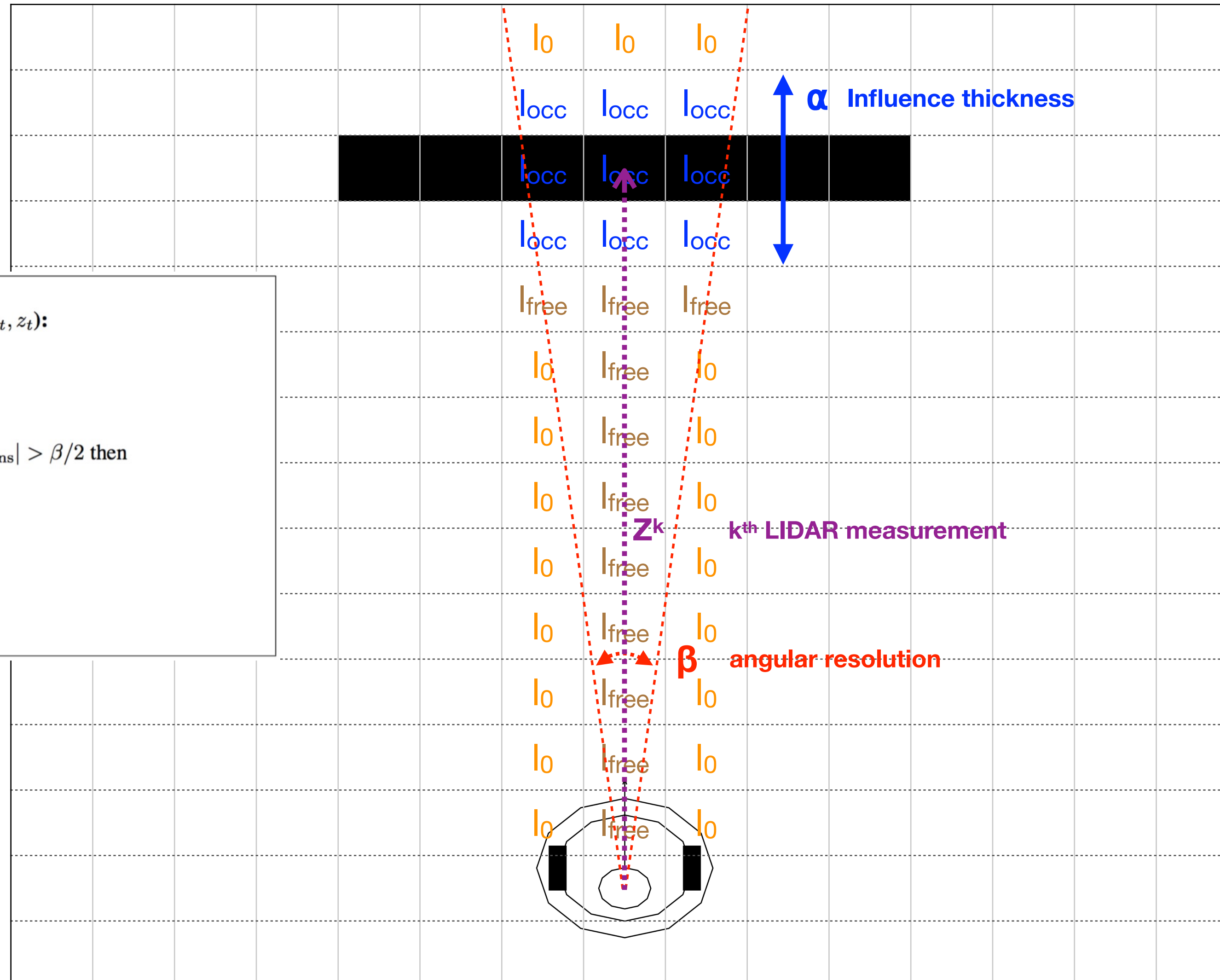
```
% convert probability into log odds
map = log( map ./ (1 - map) );
```

```
% Map Building Process
[map] = MapUpdate(map, robotPose, LidarData, ...);
```

```
% convert log odds back to probability
map = 1 - 1 ./ (1 + exp(map) );
```

```
% Run Navigation Algorithm
# VFF(map, ...) or VFH(map, ...);
```

Map Update (w/ Inverse Sensor Model)

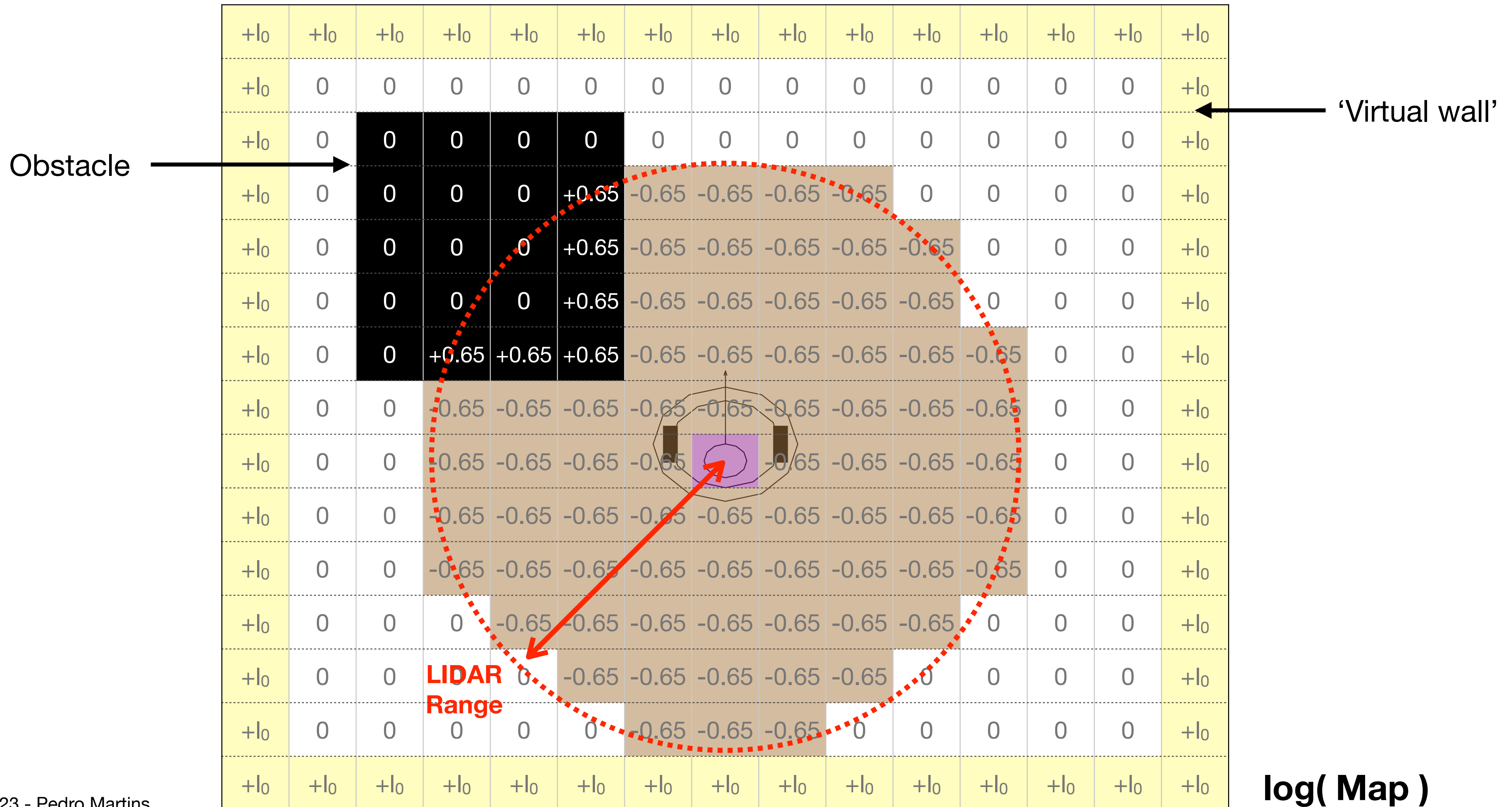


```

1: Algorithm inverse_range_sensor_model( $i, x_t, z_t$ ):
2:   Let  $x_i, y_i$  be the center-of-mass of  $m_i$ 
3:    $r = \sqrt{(x_i - x)^2 + (y_i - y)^2}$ 
4:    $\phi = \text{atan2}(y_i - y, x_i - x) - \theta$ 
5:    $k = \text{argmin}_j |\phi - \theta_{j,\text{sens}}|$ 
6:   if  $r > \min(z_{\text{max}}, z_t^k + \alpha/2)$  or  $|\phi - \theta_{k,\text{sens}}| > \beta/2$  then
7:     return  $l_0$ 
8:   if  $z_t^k < z_{\text{max}}$  and  $|r - z_t^k| < \alpha/2$ 
9:     return  $l_{\text{occ}}$ 
10:  if  $r \leq z_t^k - \alpha/2$ 
11:    return  $l_{\text{free}}$ 
12:  endif
  
```

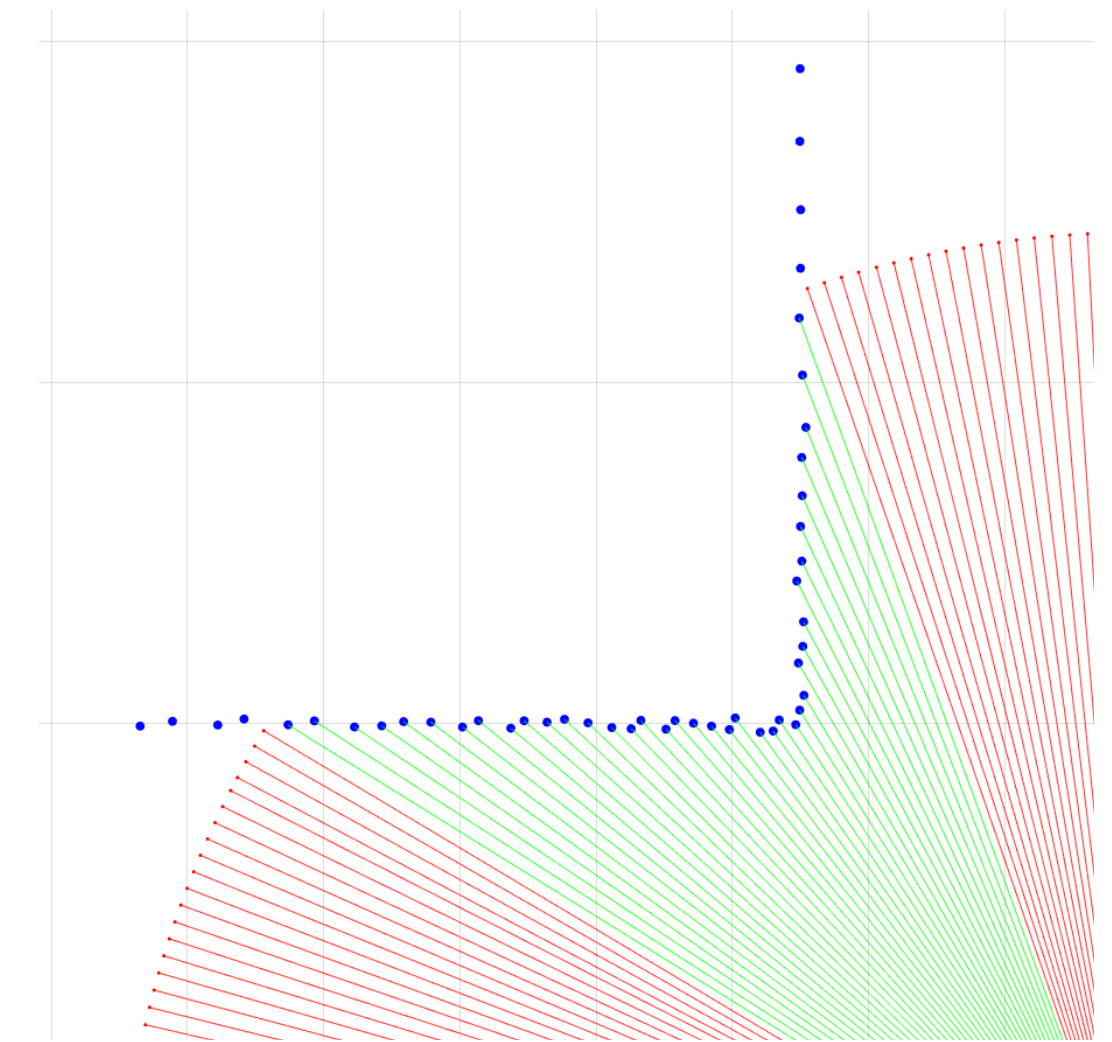
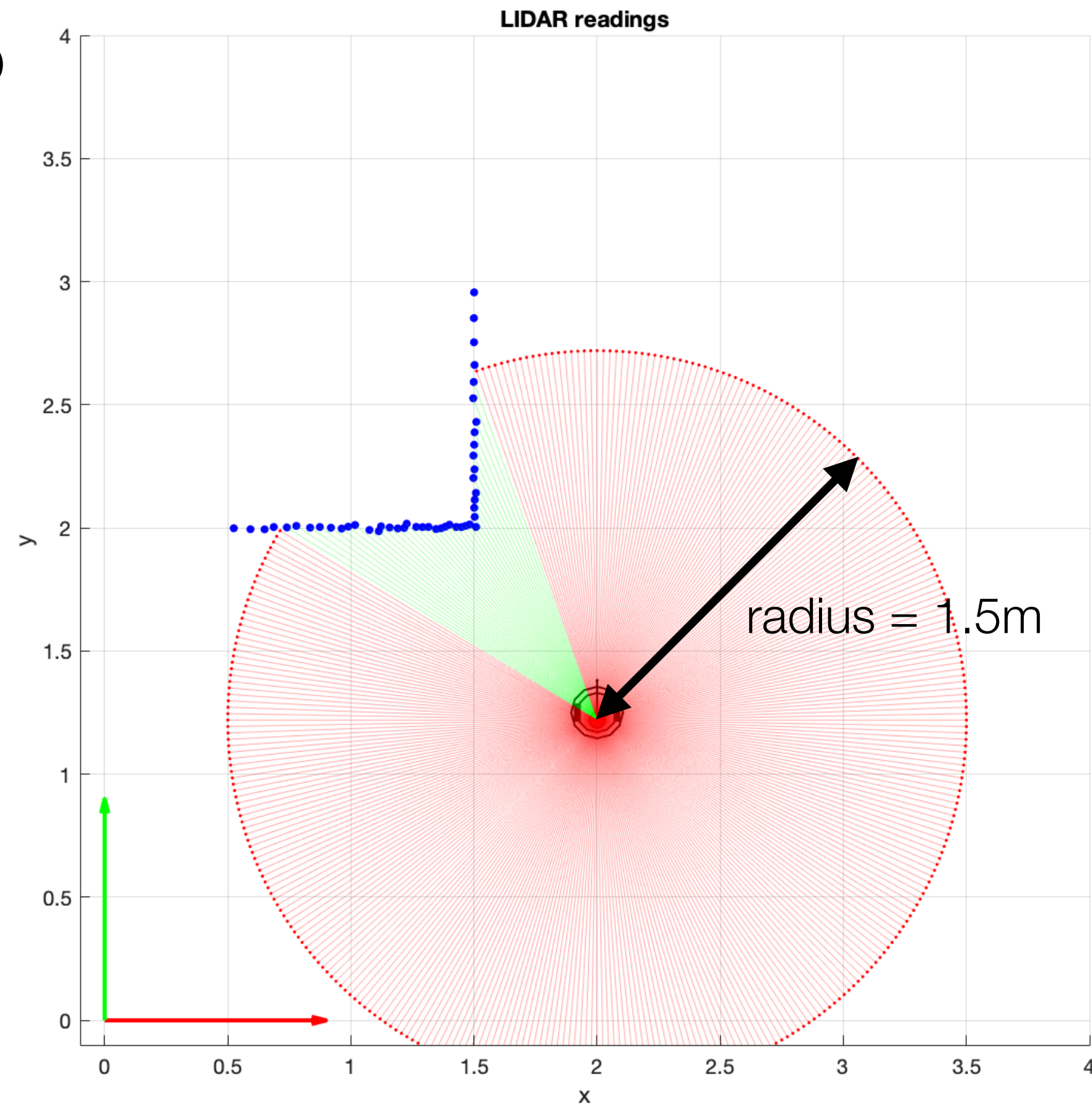
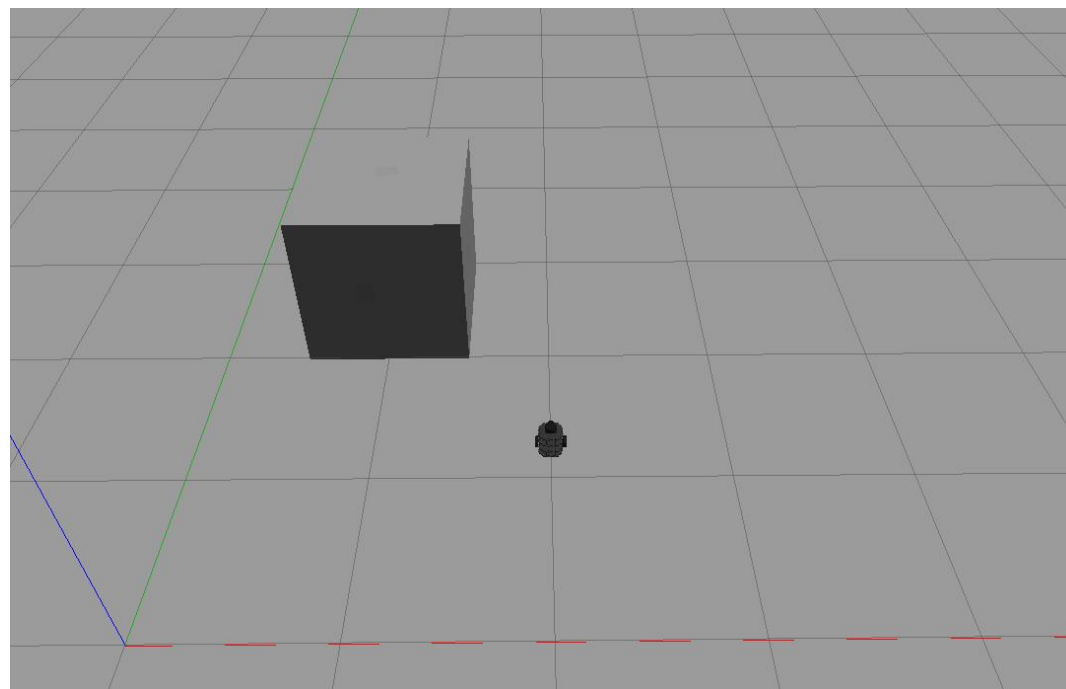
single LIDAR
measurement

Map Update (simplified model)



In Range / Out of Range - LIDAR Readings

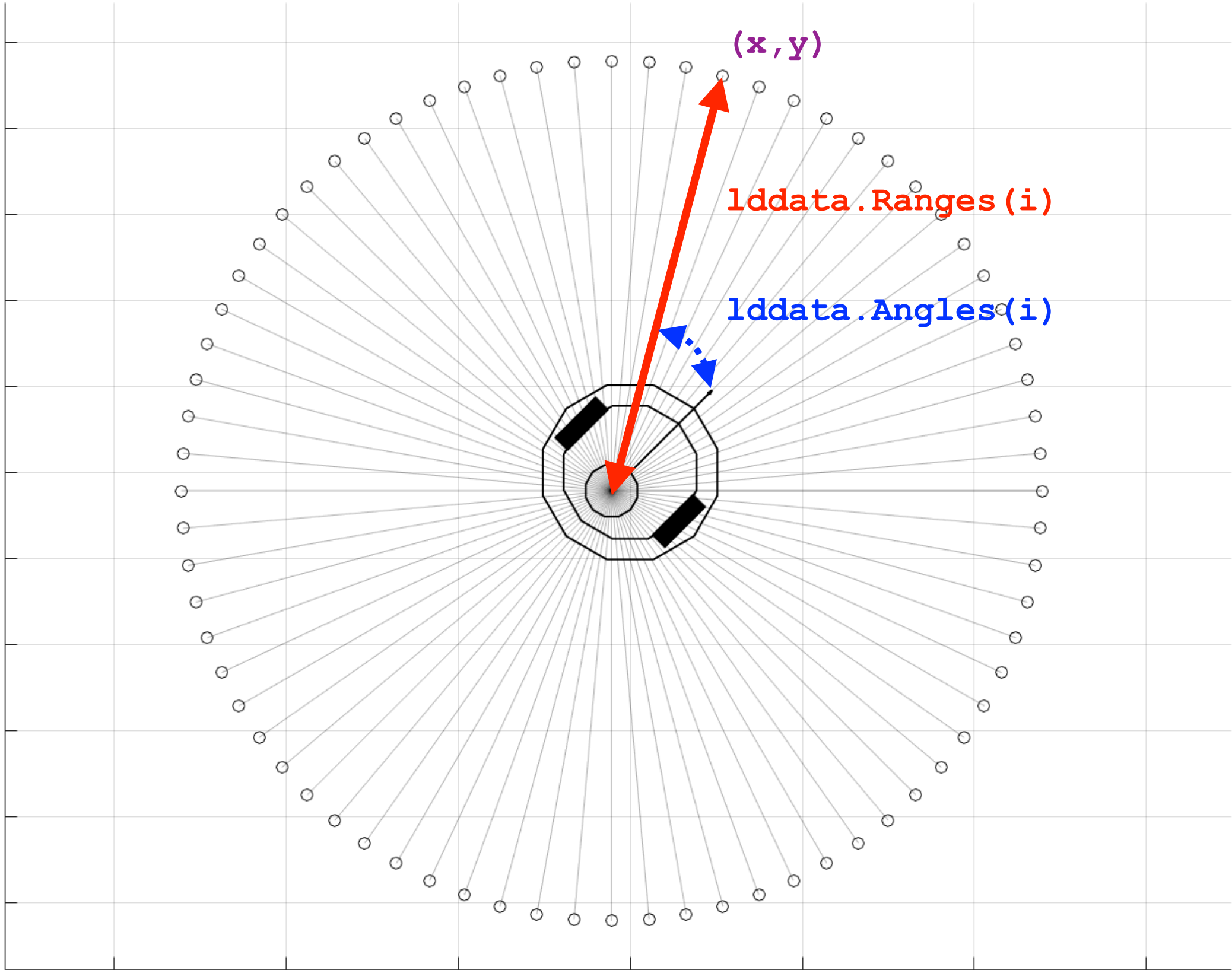
MinRange (12cm) < Valid Measure < MaxRange (3.5m)



Detailed view

```
% Get in range LIDAR data indexes  
[vidx] = tbot.getInRangeLidarDataIdx(lddata, maxRange);  
  
% Get the out of range LIDAR data indexes  
[nidx] = tbot.getOutOfRangeLidarDataIdx(lddata, maxRange);
```

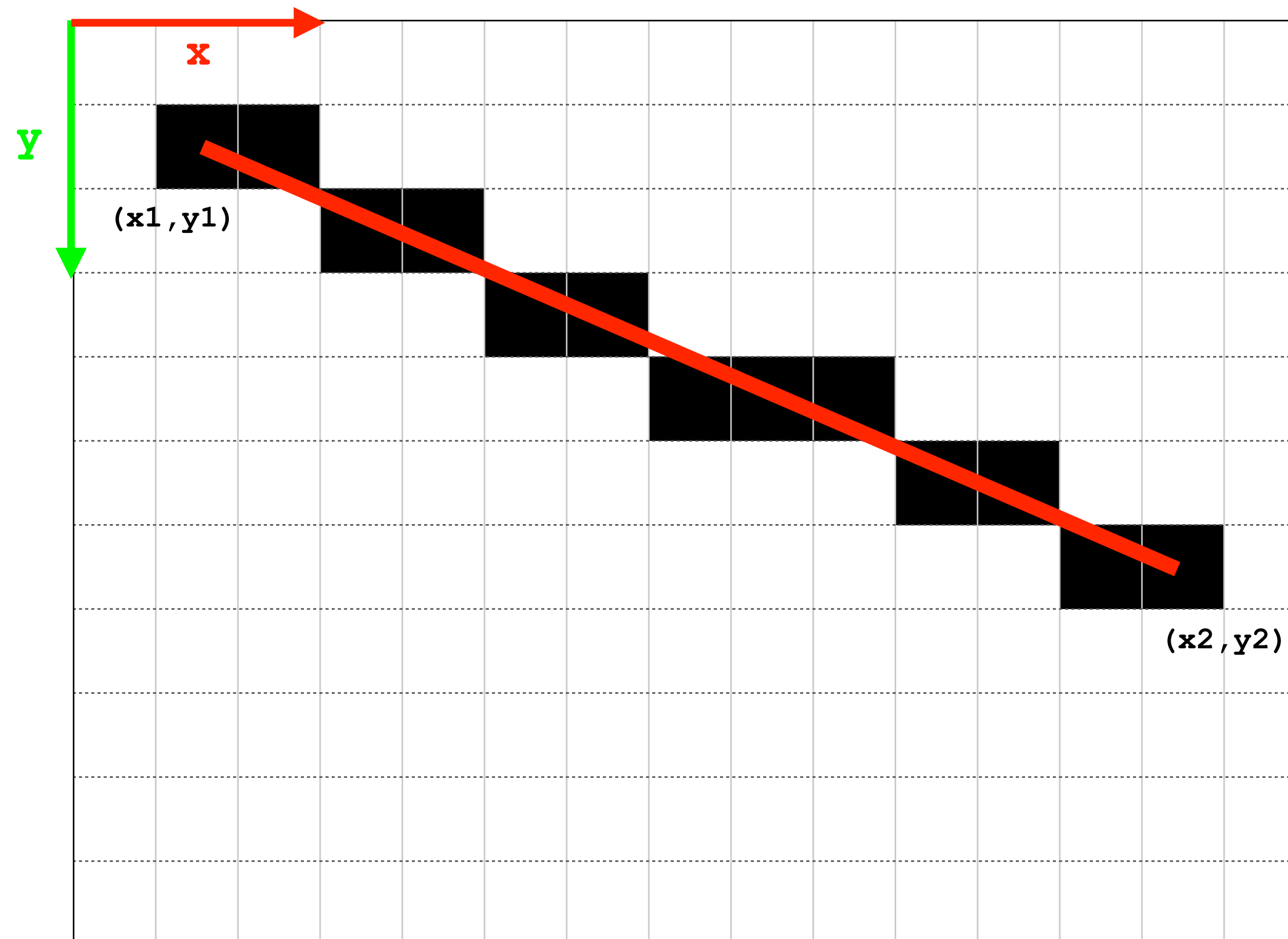
LIDAR Readings



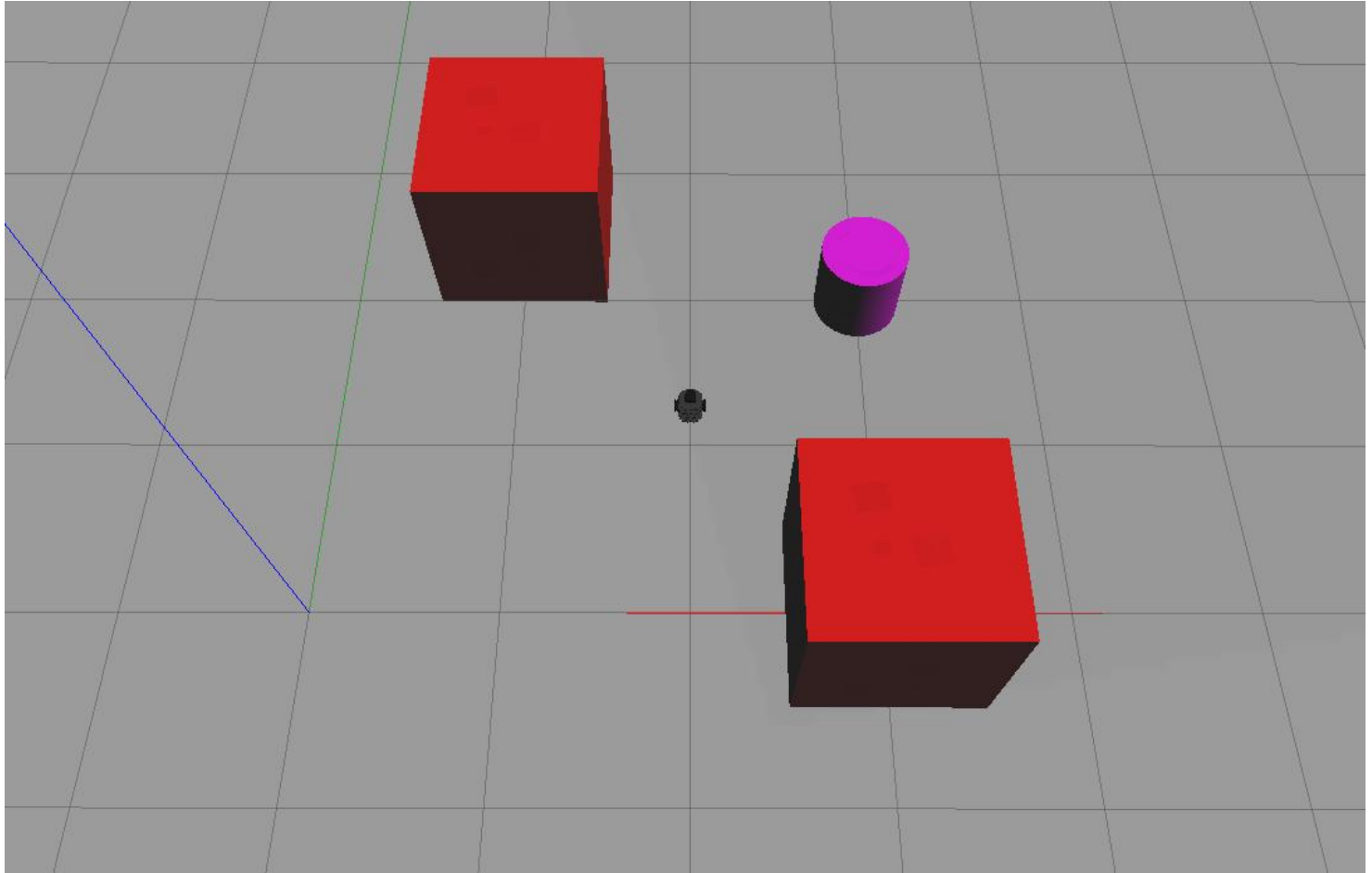
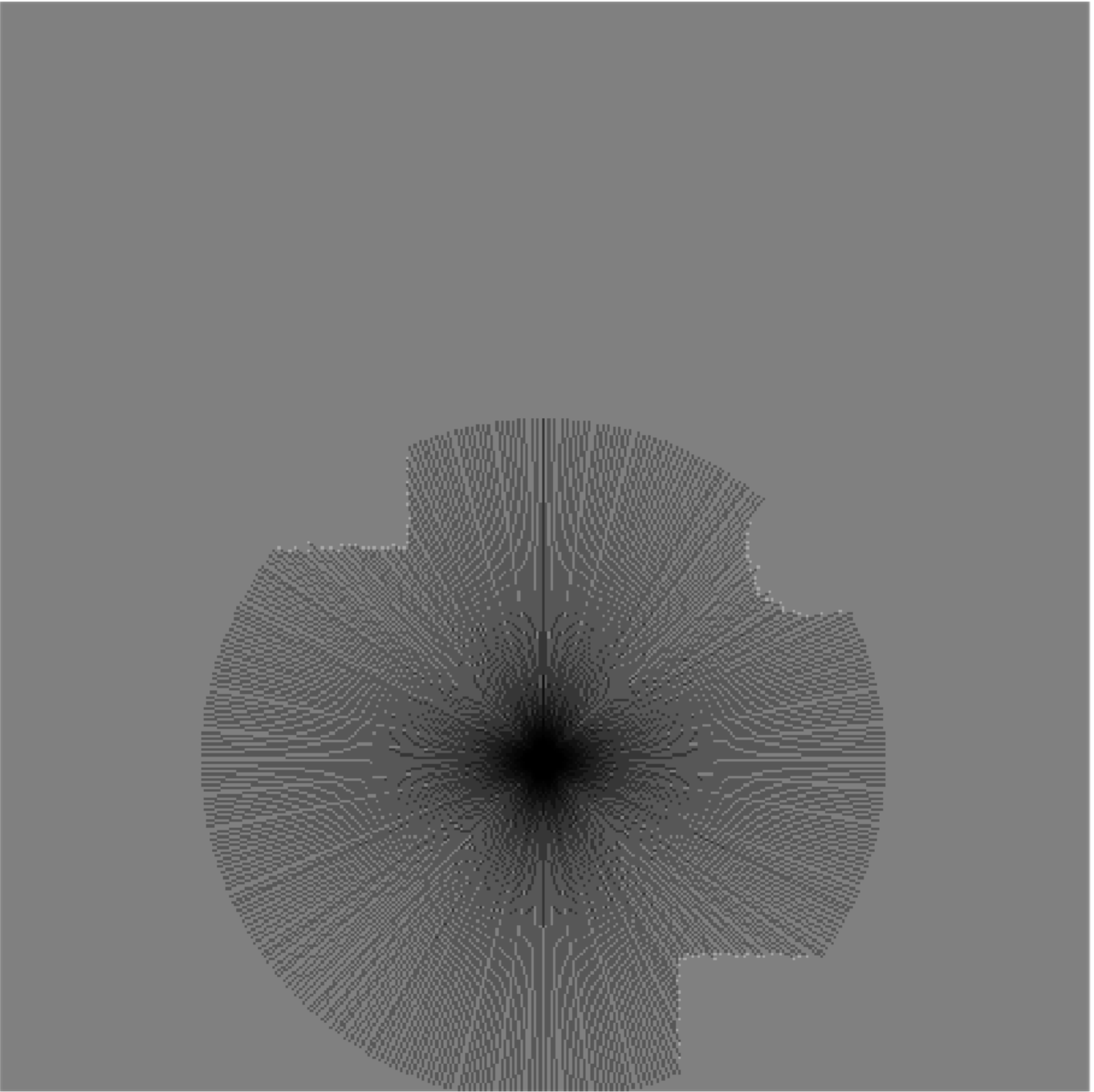
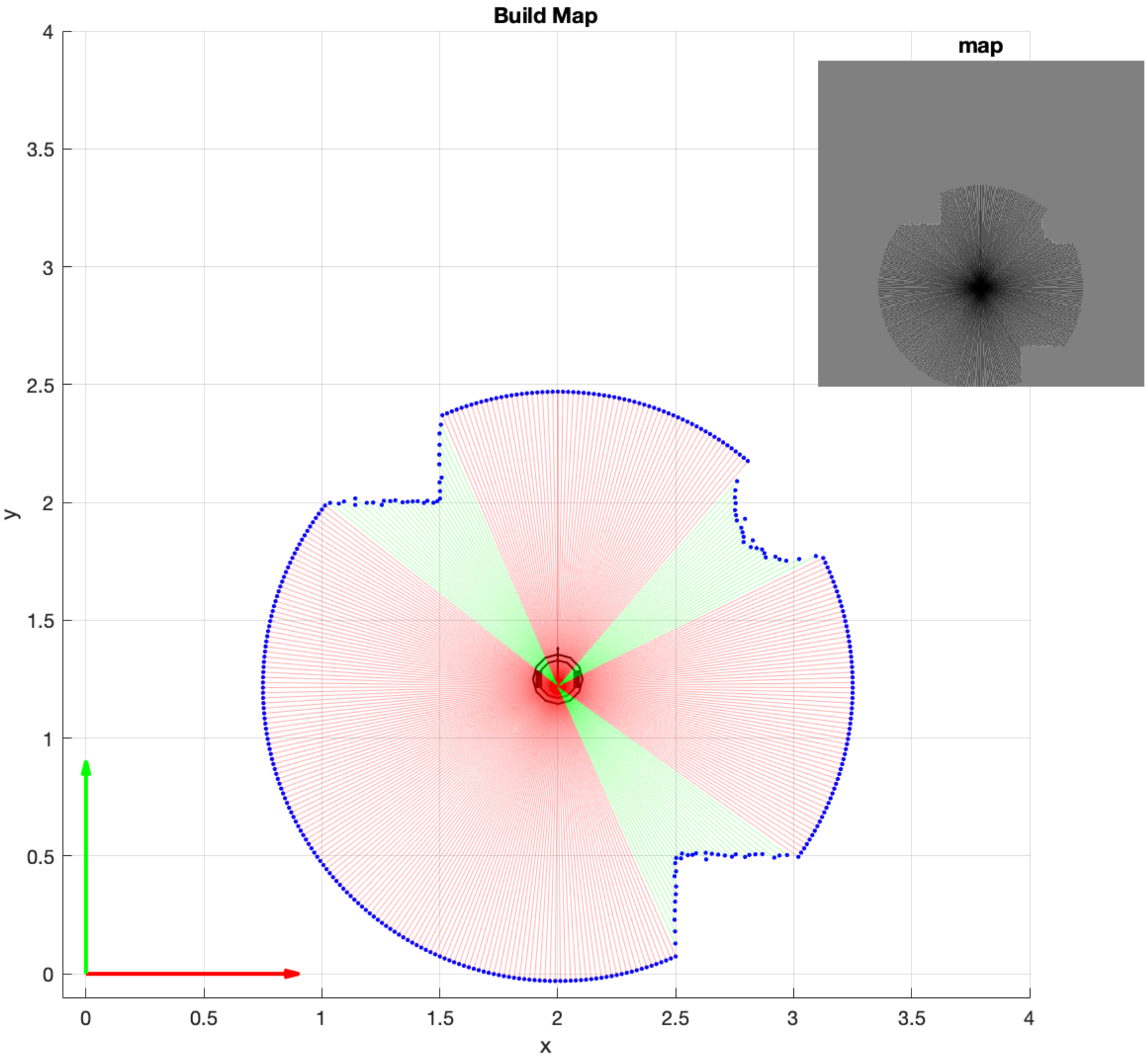
Bresenham Line Algorithm

```
% Bresenham line algorithm
[x, y] = bresenham( x1, y1, x2, y2);

% (x1,y1) - start position
% (x2,y2) - end position
% return (x,y) - vectors w/ line coordinates from (x1,y1) to (x2,y2)
```



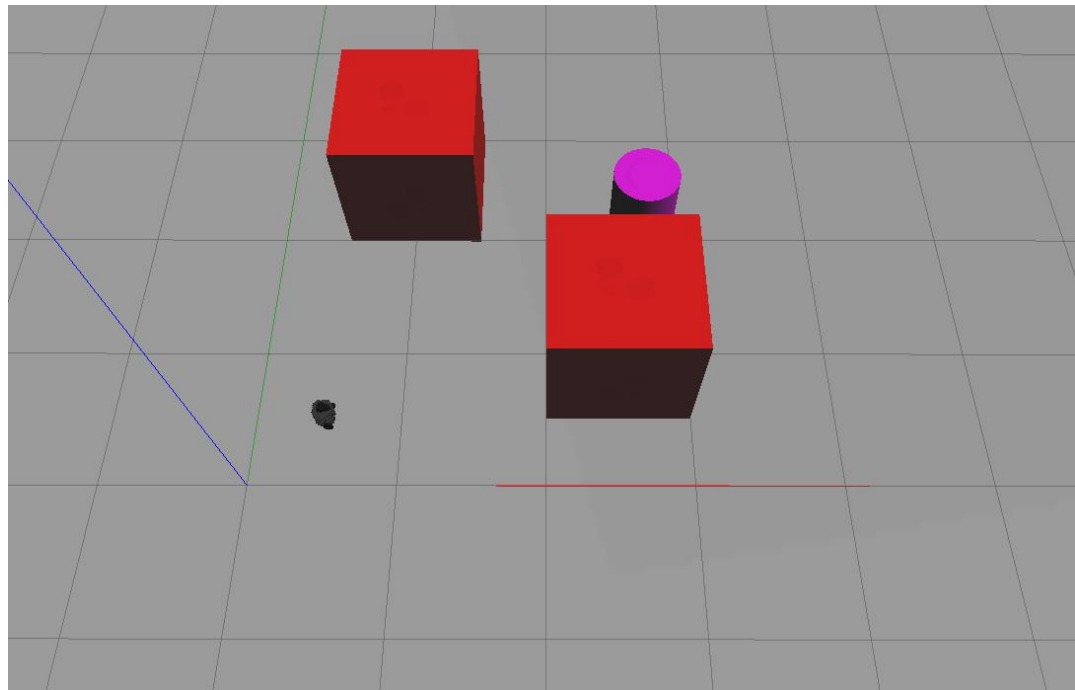
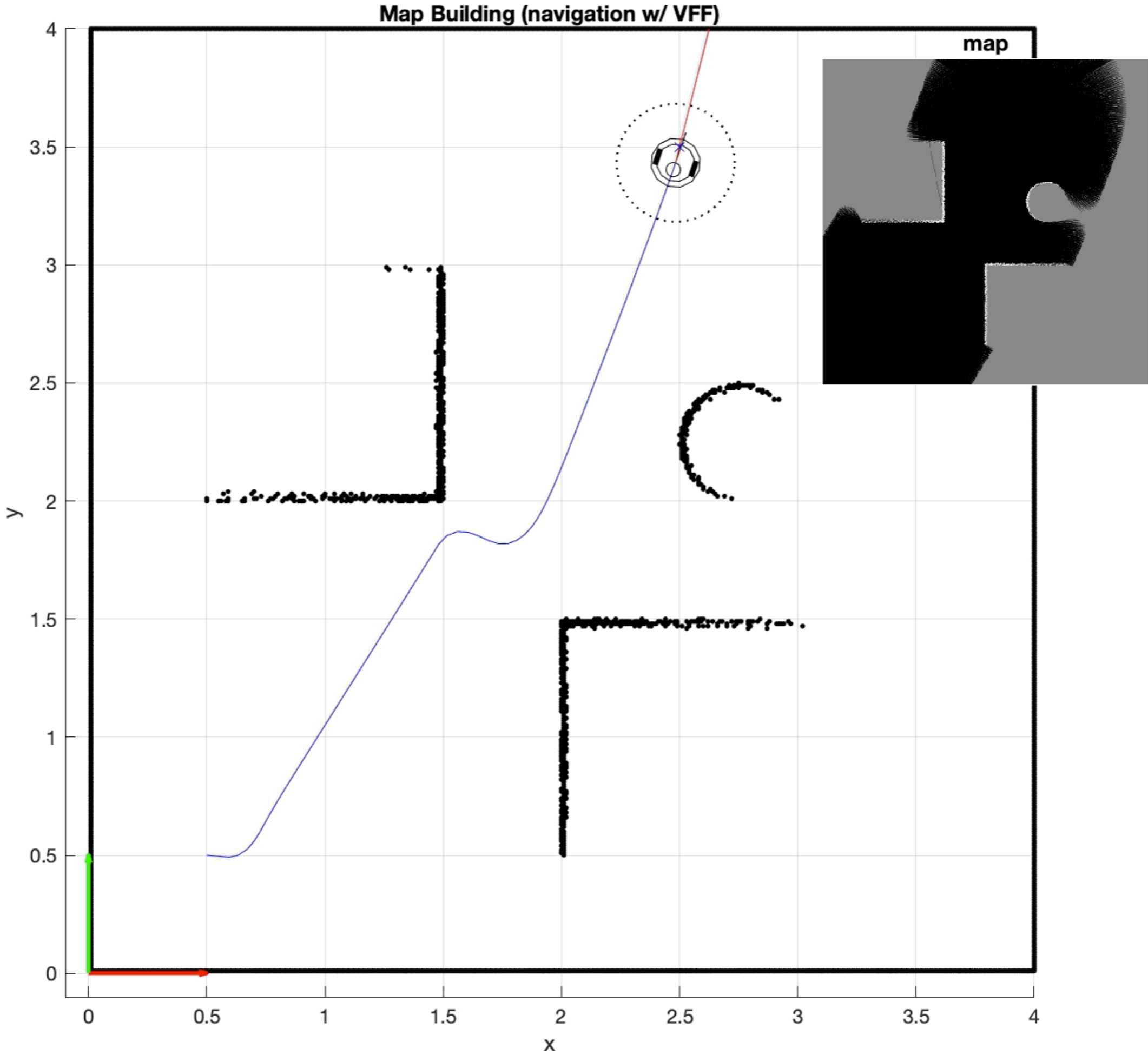
Map Building (single update)



3D Map

Detailed view

Map Building (demo)



3D Map

Lab #4

- Differential Drive Kinematics Model
- TurtleBot3 Encoders data functions.
- Demo EKF localization.
- Extended Kalman Filter eqs.
- Kalman Prediction
- Kalman Correction/Update
- Observation - Prediction Correspondences.
- StartUp Code.
- Gradient Computation (w/ Symbolic MatLab Toolbox).

Differential Drive Kinematics Model

$$f(p, u) = \begin{pmatrix} x + D \cos(\theta + \frac{\Delta\theta}{2}) \\ y + D \sin(\theta + \frac{\Delta\theta}{2}) \\ \theta + \Delta\theta \end{pmatrix}$$

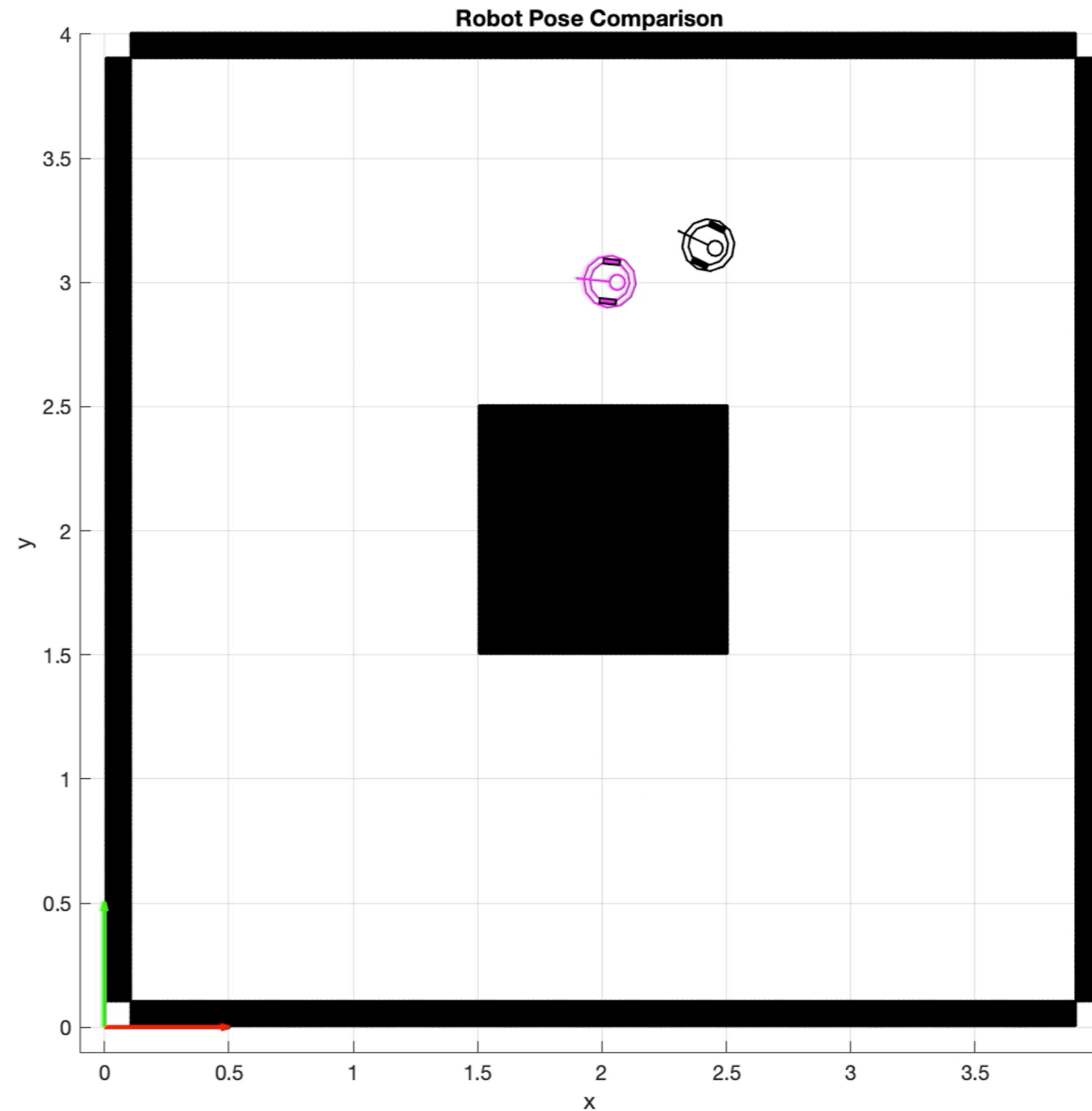
$$p = \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ \theta \end{pmatrix}$$

$$u = \begin{pmatrix} D_r \\ D_l \end{pmatrix}$$

$$D = \frac{D_r + D_l}{2}$$

$$\Delta\theta = \frac{D_r - D_l}{b}$$

- D_r - Displacement of right wheel
- D_l - Displacement of left wheel
- b - baseline (separation between wheels)



- Black Robot (baseline = 16cm)
- Magenta Robot (baseline = 18cm)

TurtleBot3 Encoders data functions

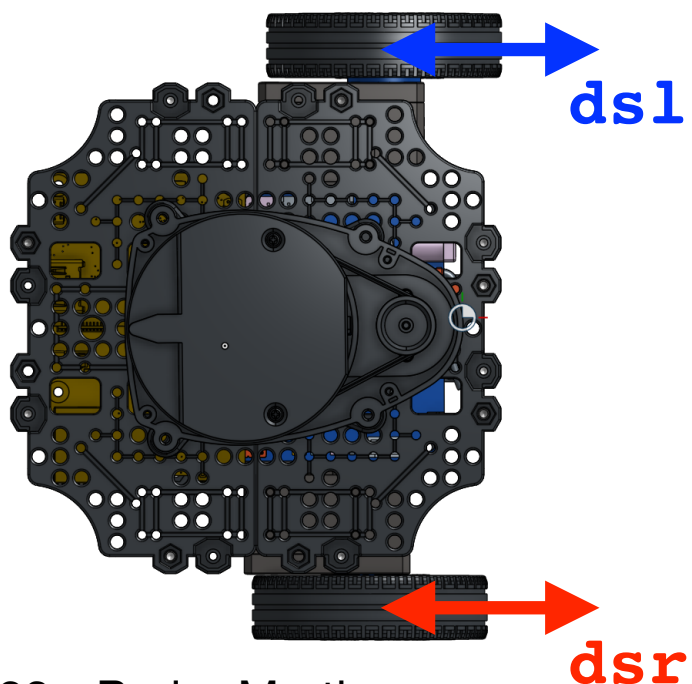
```
% Initialize the encoders module (required at startup).
tbot.initEncoders();

% Get (simulated) encoders data.
[dsr, dsl, pose2D, timestamp] = tbot.readEncoders();

% returns:
% - (dsr) incremental motion of the right wheel [in meters].
% - (dsl) incremental motion of the left wheel [in meters].
% - (pose2D) [x,y,theta] 2D pose given by the TurtleBot's odometry model.
% - (timestamp) data reading timestamp [seconds].

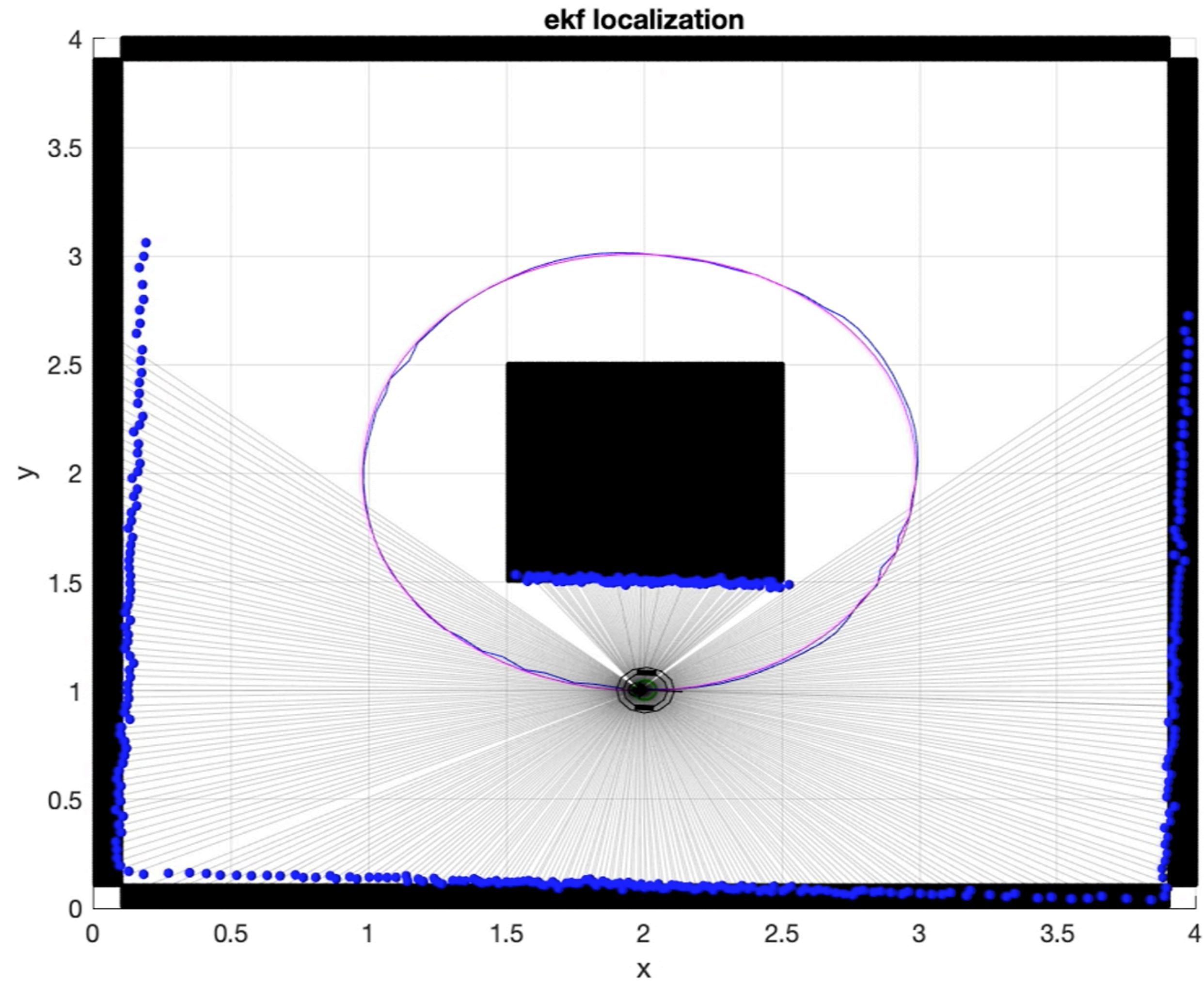
% Get (simulated) Encoders Data + Gaussian Noise
[dsr, dsl, pose2D, timestamp] = tbot.readEncodersWithNoise(noise_std);

% input:
% - (noise_std) 2 x 1 vector w/ noise standard deviations of dsr and dsl [in meters].
% - if noise_std is a scalar value, the same amount of noise is applied in both readings (dsl and dsr).
```



- Provides simulated data (check source code).
- Must be initialized by `initEncoders()` function.
- The `readEncoders()`, `readEncodersWithNoise()` and `readPose()` can't be used together in a loop.

EKF Localization Demo



Extended Kalman Filter Eqs.

state vector

$$p_k = \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ \theta \end{pmatrix}$$

Prediction

$$\bar{p}_k = f(p_{k-1}, u_k)$$

$$(p_k, \Sigma_k) = EKF(p_{k-1}, \Sigma_{k-1}, u_k, z_k)$$

(3 x 1) (3 x 3)

process noise
covariance

$$\bar{\Sigma}_k = \nabla f_p \Sigma_{k-1} \nabla f_p^T + \nabla f_u \Sigma_u \nabla f_u^T + Q_k$$

measurement / observation

control input

previous state covariance

previous state vector

Correction / Update

Kalman
gain

$$K = \bar{\Sigma}_k \nabla h^T (\nabla h \bar{\Sigma}_k \nabla h^T + R_k)^{-1}$$

noise
covariance

innovation
covariance

state
vector

$$p_k = \bar{p}_k + K (z_k - h(\bar{p}_k))$$

innovation

state
covariance

$$\Sigma_k = (I_3 - K \nabla h) \bar{\Sigma}_k$$

• Note:

- Some gradient were derived in the main lecture.
- The MatLab Symbolic Toolbox the toolbox can be used to calculate the missing gradients.

EKF - Prediction

predicted state vector

$$\bar{p}_k = f(p_{k-1}, u_k)$$

(3 x 1) kinematic model

predicted state covariance

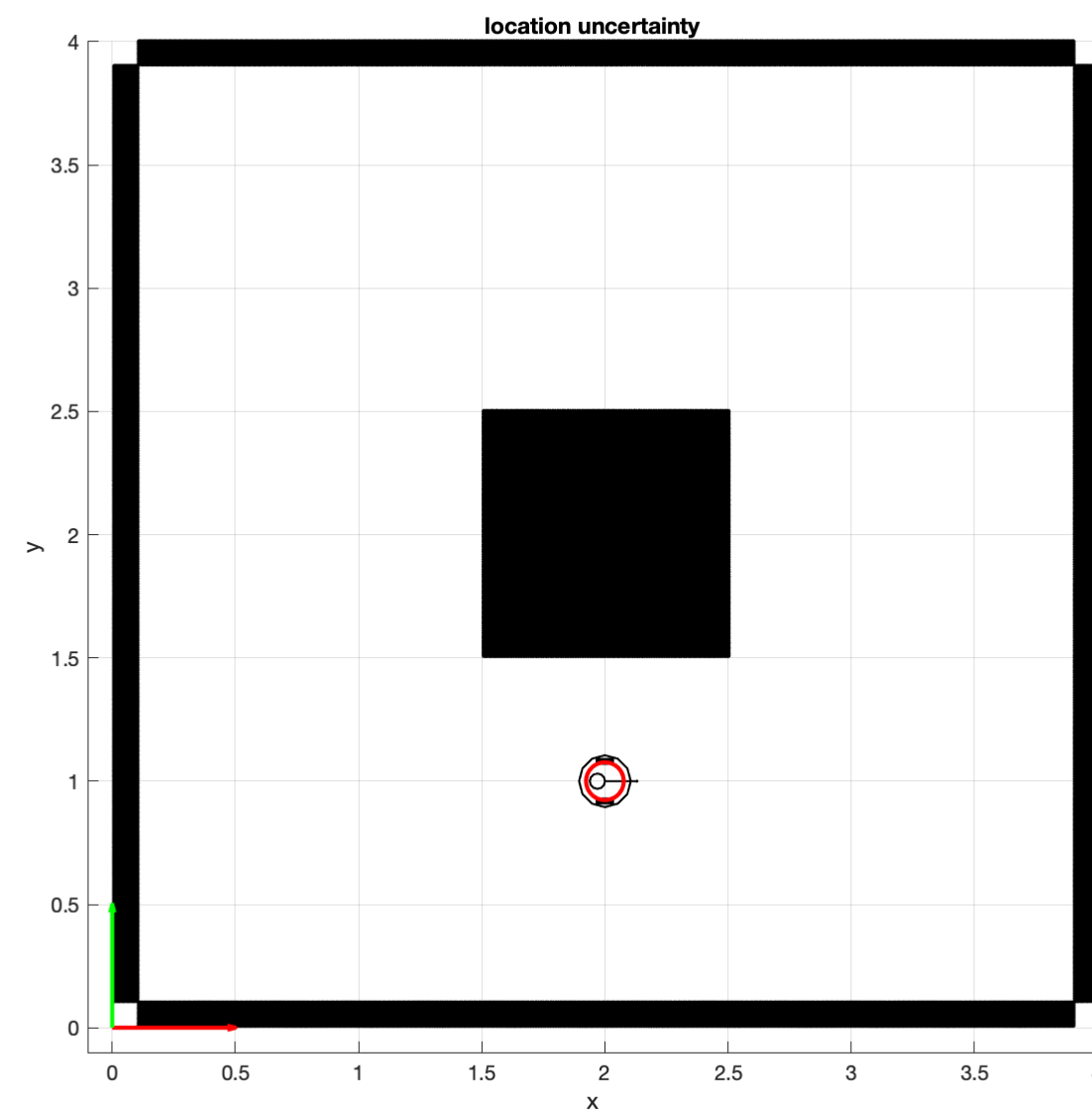
$$\bar{\Sigma}_k = \nabla f_p \Sigma_{k-1} \nabla f_p^T + \nabla f_u \Sigma_u \nabla f_u^T + Q_k$$

(3 x 3) (3 x 3) (3 x 3) (3 x 3) (3 x 2) (2 x 2) (2 x 3) (3 x 3)

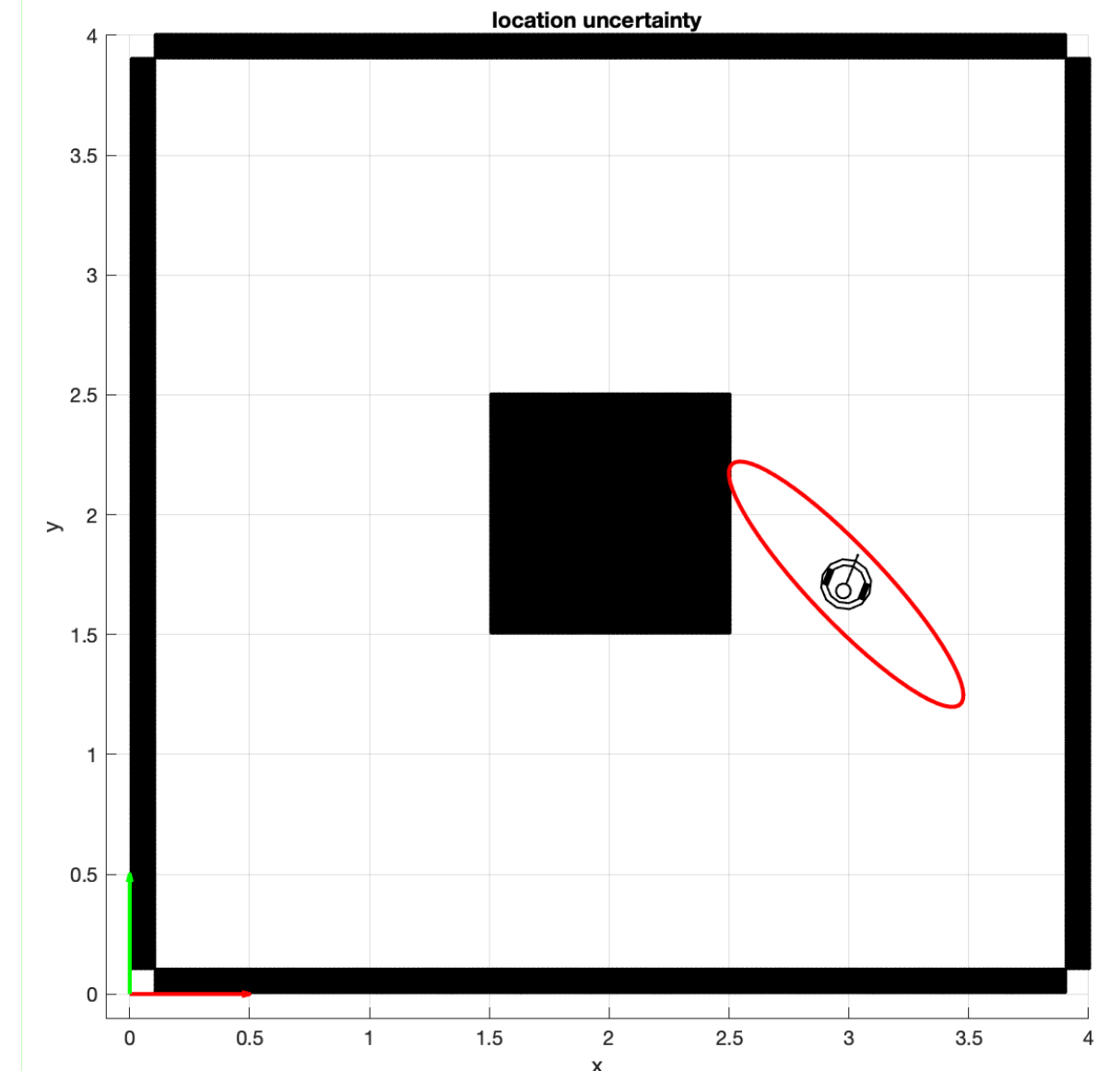
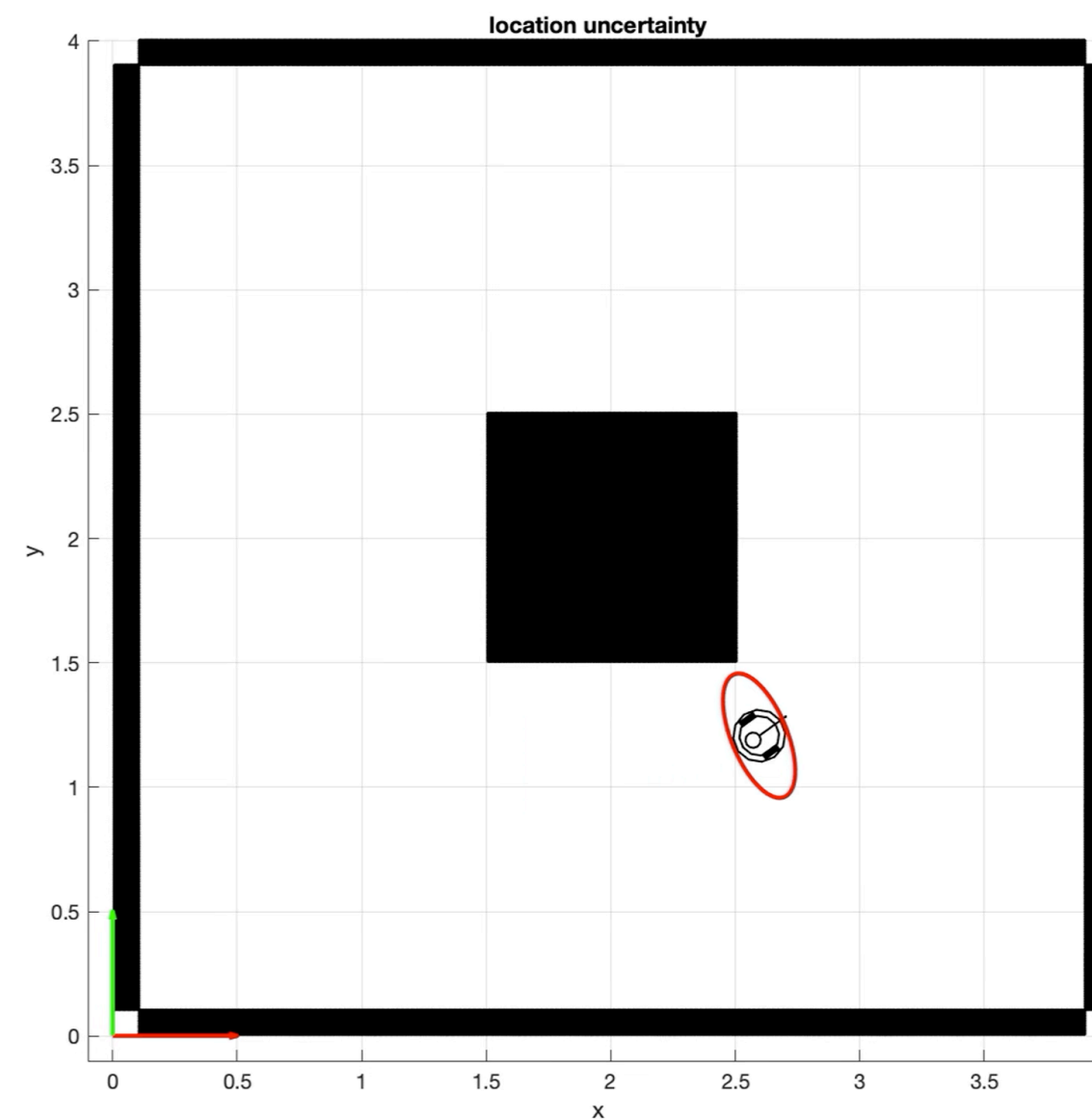
$$\Sigma_u = \begin{pmatrix} k_r |D_r| & 0 \\ 0 & k_l |D_l| \end{pmatrix}$$

$$p_0 = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\Sigma_0 = \begin{pmatrix} \sigma_x^2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \sigma_y^2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \sigma_\theta^2 \end{pmatrix}$$



initial estimate



spacial uncertainty

EKF - Correction / Update

observation model

$$o_i(k) = g_i(X(k), M) + h_i(k), \quad h_i(k) \sim N(0, R_i)$$

Correction / Update

Kalman gain

$$K = \bar{\Sigma}_k \nabla h^T (\underbrace{\nabla h \bar{\Sigma}_k \nabla h^T + R_k}_{S})^{-1}$$

$(3 \times n)$ (3×3) $(3 \times n)$ $(n \times 3)$ (3×3) $(3 \times n)$ $(n \times n)$ $(n \times n)$

$$R_k = \begin{pmatrix} r_1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & r_i & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & r_n \end{pmatrix}$$

$$r_i = (3.5\% \text{ of } z_k)^2$$

state vector

$$p_k = \bar{p}_k + K (z_k - h(\bar{p}_k))$$

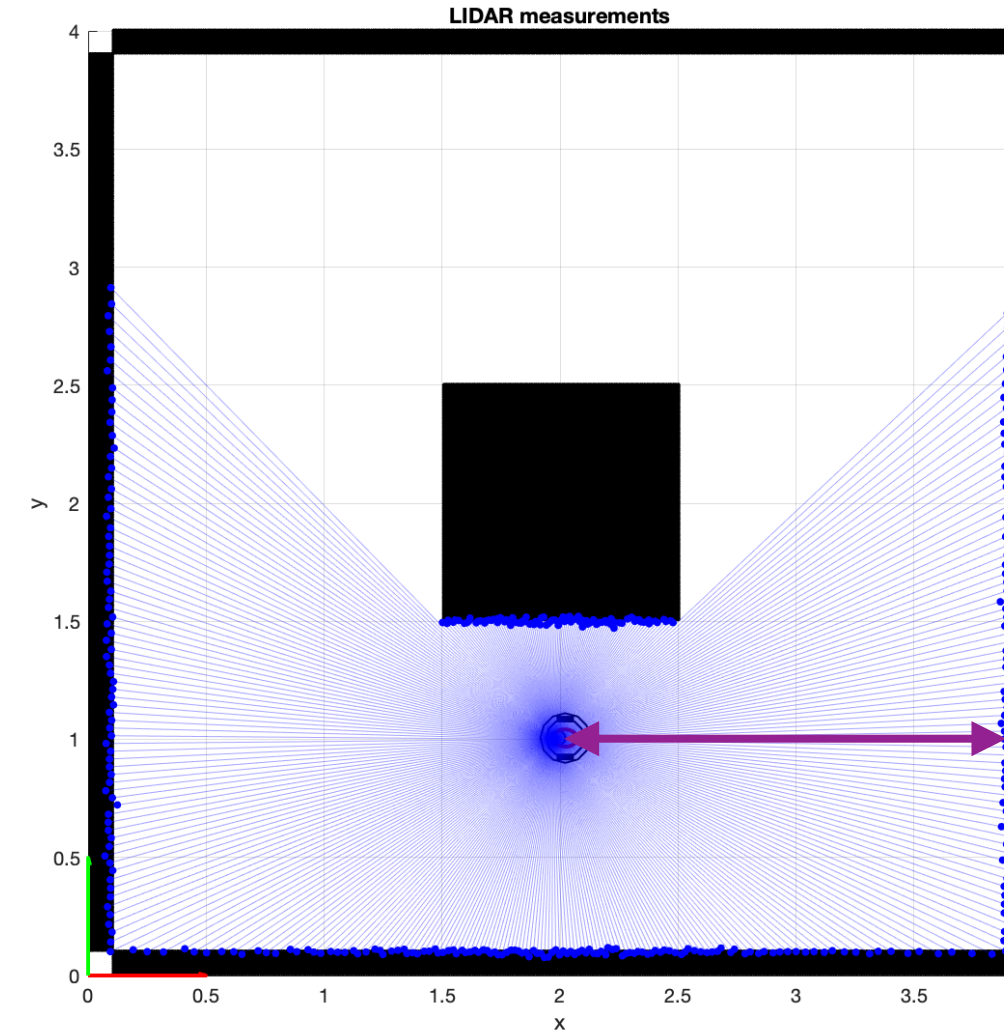
(3×1) (3×1) $(3 \times n)$ $(n \times 1)$ $(n \times 1)$

V (n x 1) innovation

state covariance

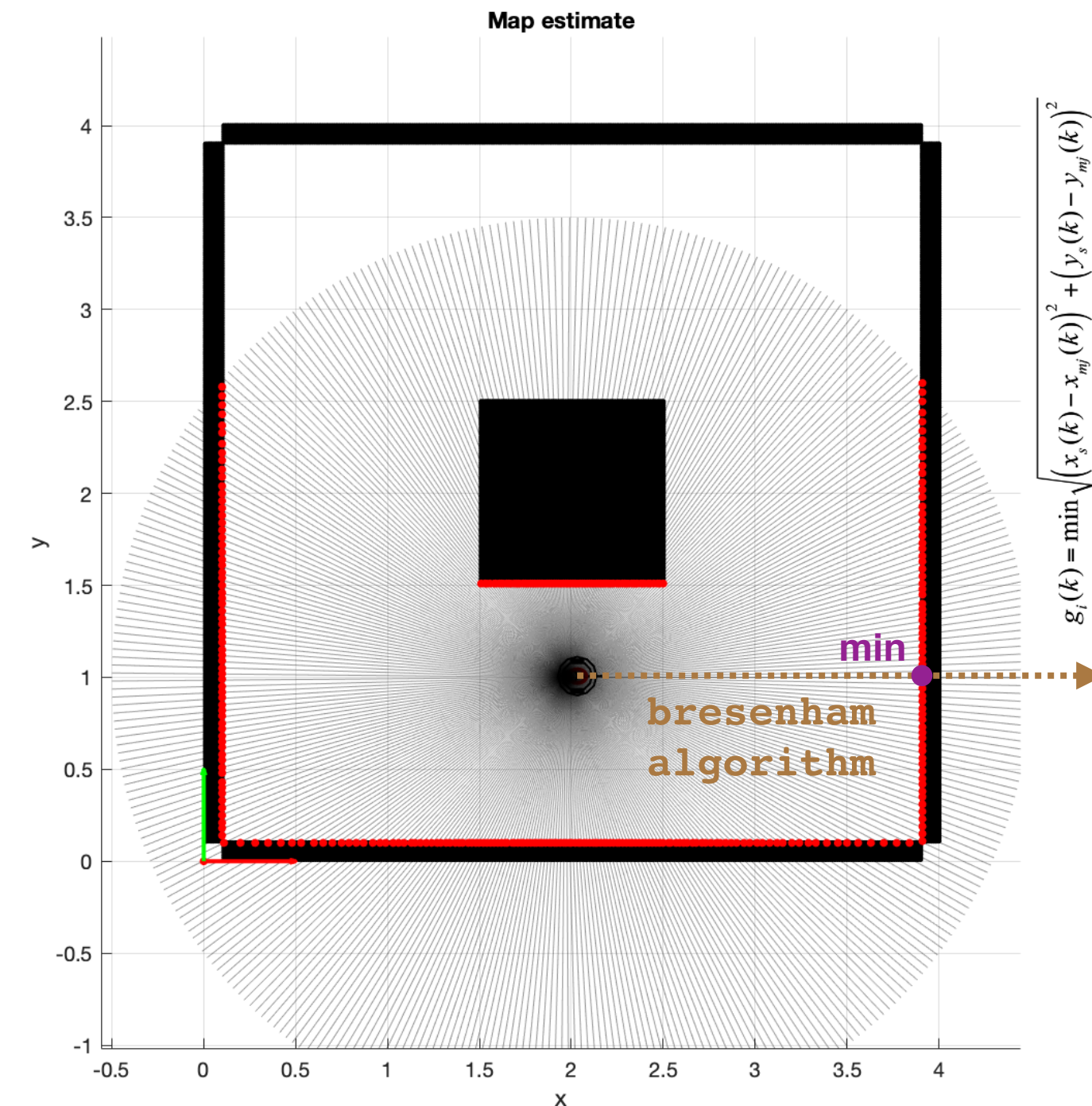
$$\Sigma_k = (I_3 - K \nabla h) \bar{\Sigma}_k$$

(3×3) (3×3) $(3 \times n)$ $(n \times 3)$ (3×3)



observation

z_k



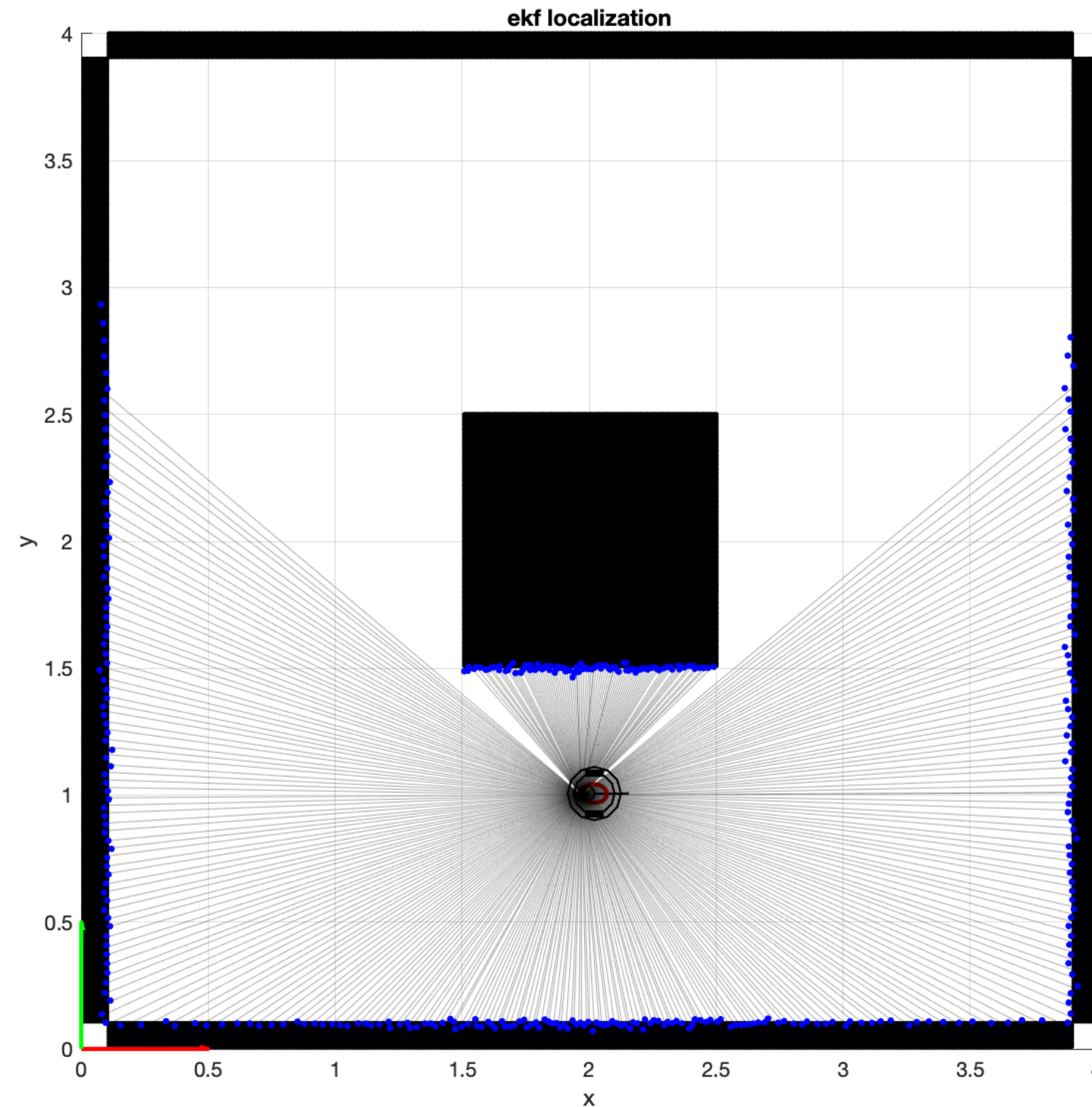
predicted observation

$h(\bar{p}_k)$

Observations - Predictions Correspondences

Range Observations

$$z_k$$



Distance Prediction
(Map Query)

$$h(\bar{p}_k)$$

Outliers must to be removed from the innovation vector (v)

Observations - Predictions Correspondences (2)

Criteria for accepting matches (Mahalanobis distance):

$$v_i^T s_i^{-1} v_i < e^2$$

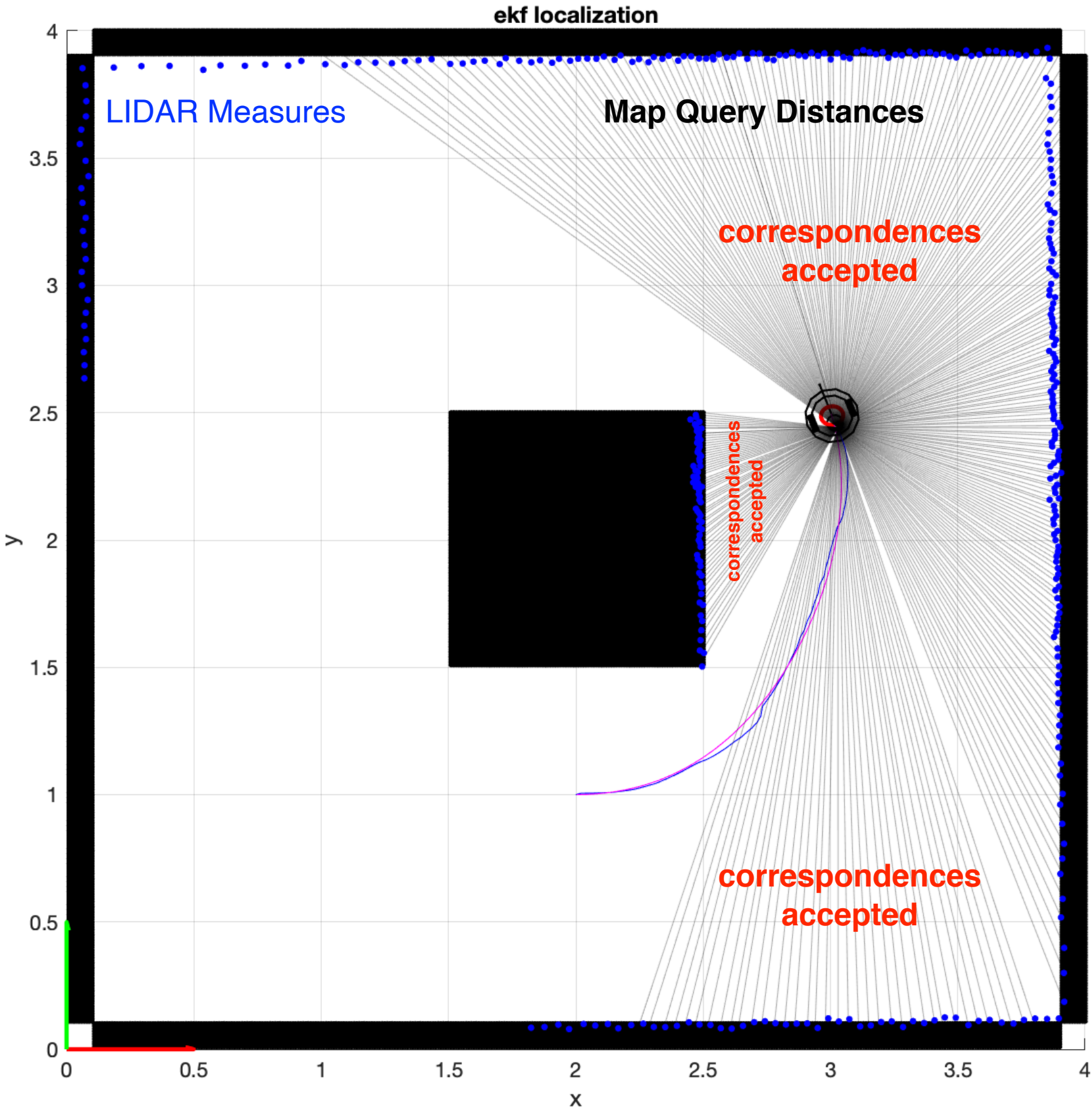
- Apply for each LIDAR measure individually (i)
- v_i innovation value (scalar).
- s_i innovation covariance (scalar query).

- Evaluate s_i individually (per LIDAR measure):

$$s_i = \nabla h_i \bar{\Sigma}_k \nabla h_i^T + r_i$$

$(1 \times 1) \quad (1 \times 3) \quad (3 \times 3) \quad (3 \times 1) \quad (1 \times 1)$

$$\nabla h_i = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial h_i}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial h_i}{\partial y} & \frac{\partial h_i}{\partial \theta} \end{bmatrix}$$



Lab #4 StartUp Code

```
p = [2, 1, 0] ;           % state vector (default value for scmap)
tbot.setPose(.);        % set initial pose
Sigma = diag( [sigma_x  sigma_y  deg2rad(sigma_theta)].^2 );      % state Covariance
tbot.setVelocity(.);    % assign velocities
tbot.initEncoders();    % startup the encoders module
r = rateControl(5);     % init rateControl obj - set loop at 5Hz
tic;
while (toc < 30)        % run for a given time (s)
    [.] = tbot.readEncoders();    % read data from encoders
    [.] = tbot.readLidar();      % read lidar data

    u = [delta_sr, delta_sl]';

    % Extended Kalman Filter Prediction
    [p, Sigma]= ekfPredict(p, Sigma, u, ... );

    % Measurement
    for i=1:1:360        % for each LIDAR reading
        % get observation
        observation = lddata.Ranges(i);

        % uncertainty is 3.5% of reading
        R = diag(.);

        % estimate distance according to map (predicted observation)
        estimate = g(p, ... );

        % innovation
        v_in = observation - estimate;

        % accept correspondences if:
        v_in * 1/S_i * v_in < e^2
    end

    % Extended Kalman Filter Update/Correction
    [p, Sigma, S] = ekfUpdate(p, Sigma, ... );

    % Display
    plot(.)
    waitfor(r);        % adaptive pause
end
tbot.stop();          % stop robot
```

Gradient Computation (w/ Symbolic MatLab Toolbox).

Demo example:

```
% clean memory
clear;

% initialize symbolic variables (type real)
syms x y theta f real;

% define generic expression function of the symbolic variables
f = [cos(theta), -sin(theta) x; sin(theta), cos(theta) y; 0, 0, 1] * [1; 2; 1];

% -----
% compute gradients
% -----

% derivative of (f) w.r.t. (x)
dfdx = diff(f, 'x')

% derivative of (f) w.r.t. (y)
dfdy = diff(f, 'y')

% derivative of (f) w.r.t. (theta)
dfdtheta = diff(f, 'theta')

% -----
% print symbolic expressions
% -----
pretty(dfdx)
pretty(dfdy)
pretty(dfdtheta)
```

Console output:

```
>> pretty(dfdx)
/ 1 \
| 0 |
\ 0 /

>> pretty(dfdy)
/ 0 \
| 1 |
\ 0 /

>> pretty(dfdtheta)
/ - 2 cos(theta) - sin(theta) \
| cos(theta) - 2 sin(theta) |
\ 0 /
```