

# Tracking of Animals Using Airborne Cameras

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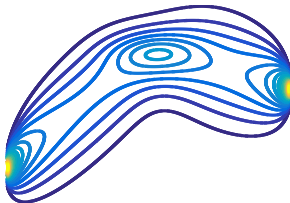
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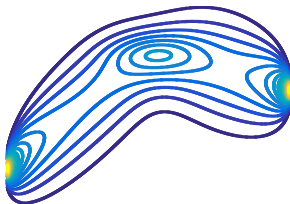
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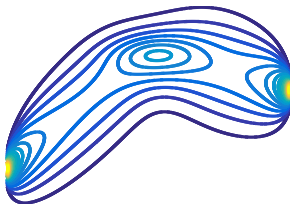


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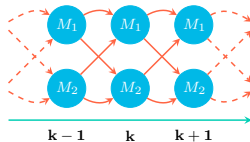
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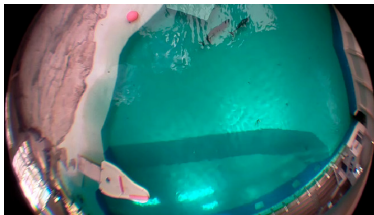
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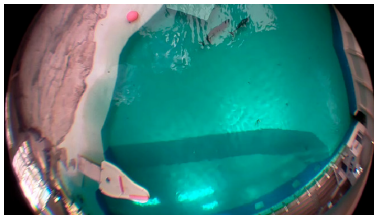


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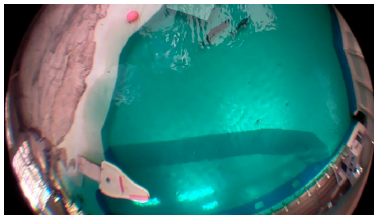
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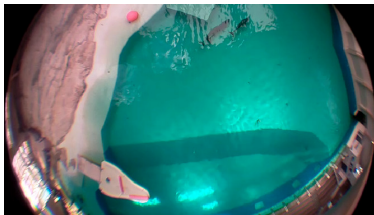
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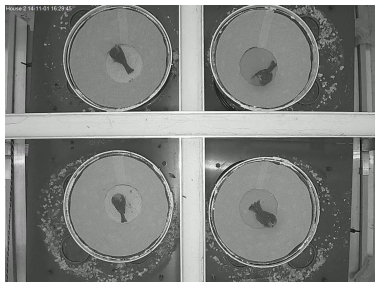
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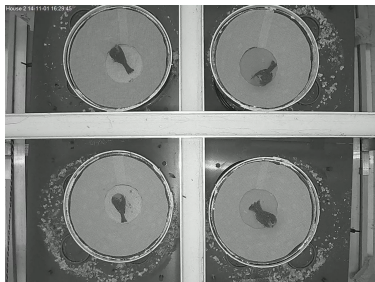
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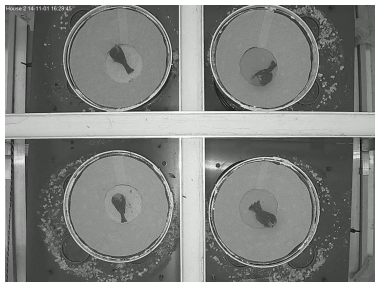
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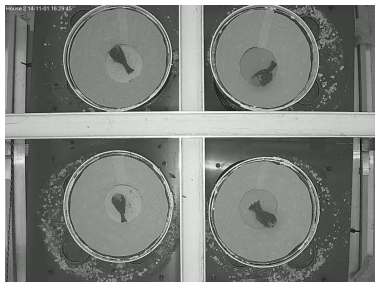


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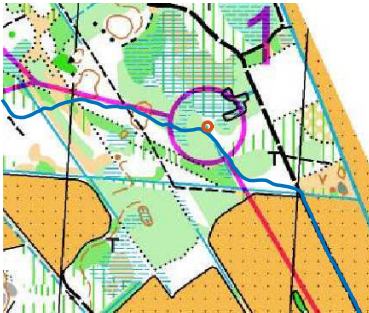
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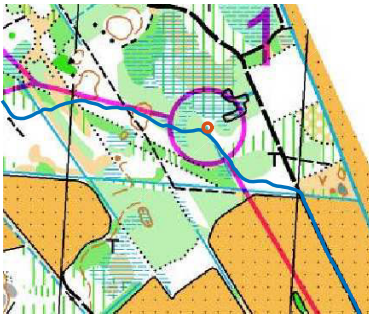
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# Orienteering Application



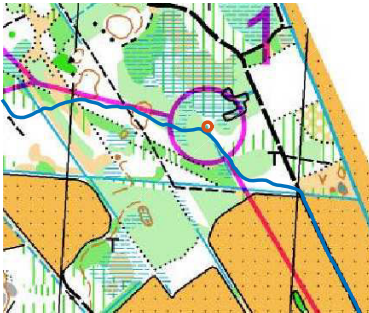
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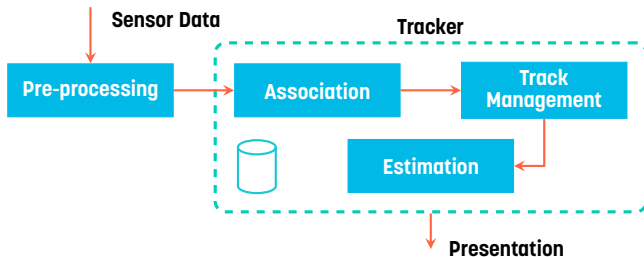
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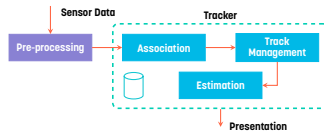
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# Target Tracking



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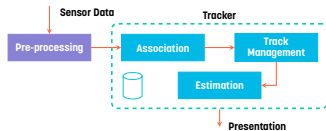
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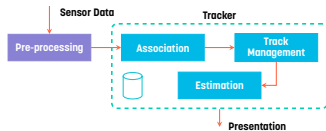
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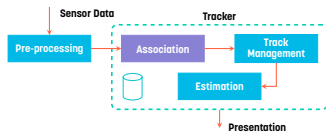


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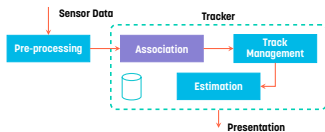
- Raw Sensor Data
- Signal and Image Processing
- Detections

# Association



- Targets

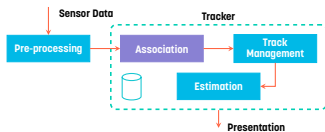
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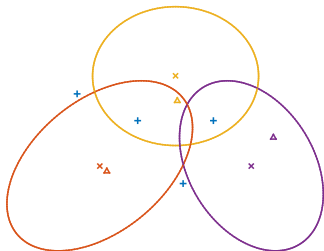


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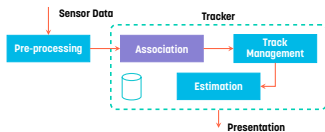


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- Detections
- False and Missed Detections

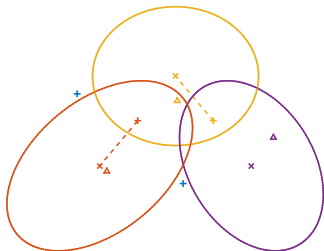
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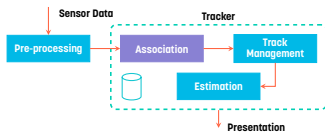
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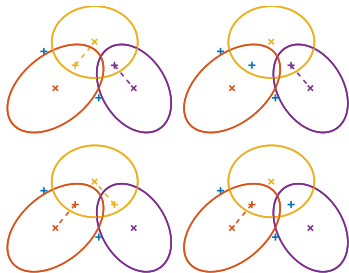
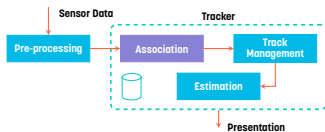
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- Detections
- False and Missed Detections
- Tracks
- Hypothesis



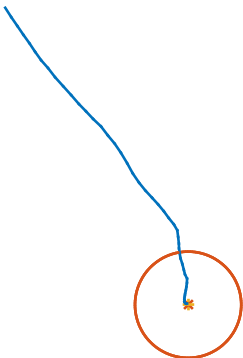
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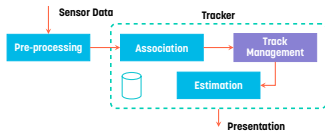
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- Multiple Hypotheses



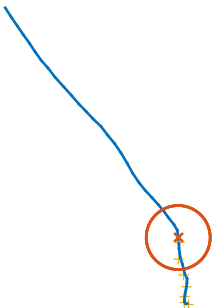
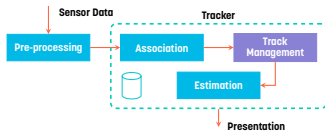
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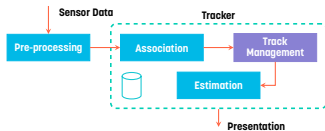
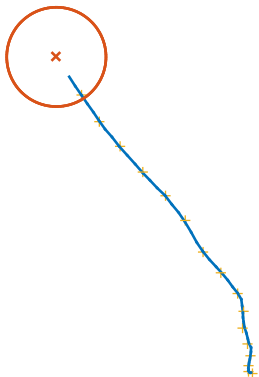


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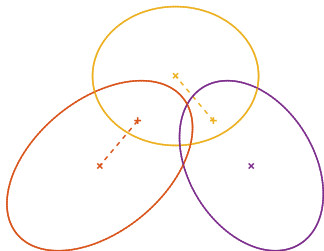
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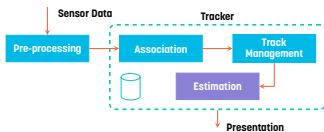


- New track
- Confirmed track
- Dead track

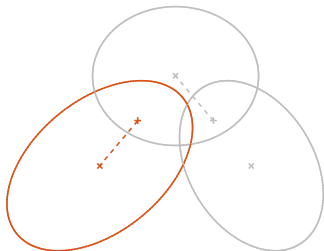
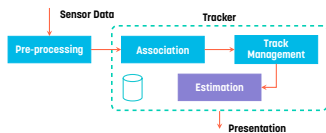
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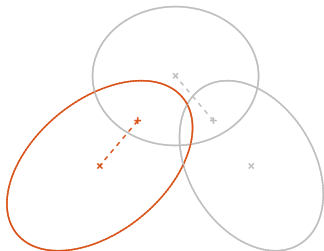
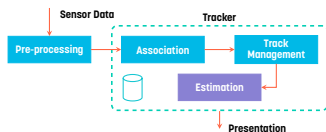


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- Over time using model

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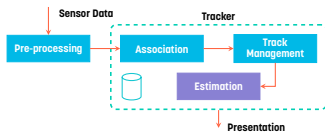
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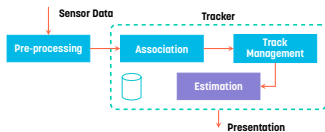
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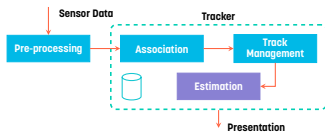
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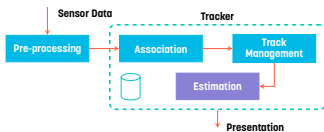
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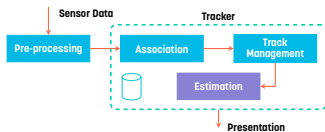
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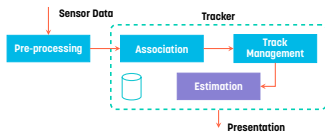
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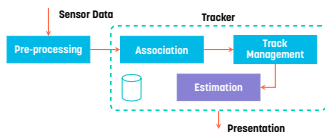
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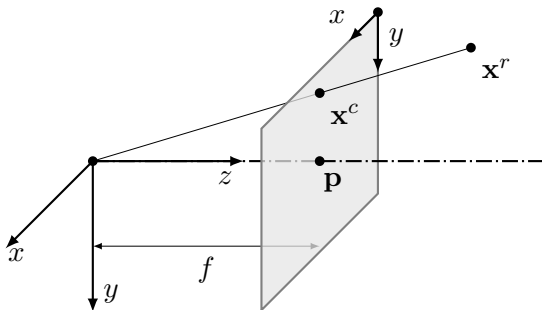


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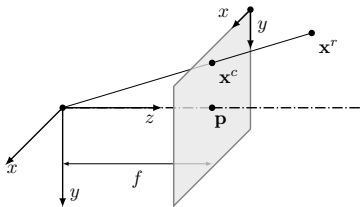
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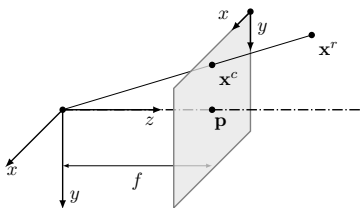
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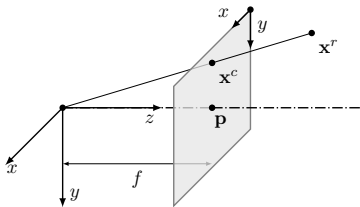


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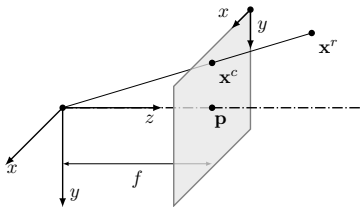
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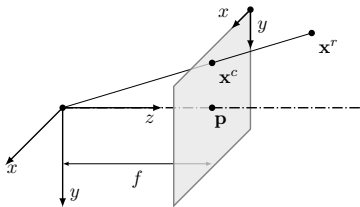
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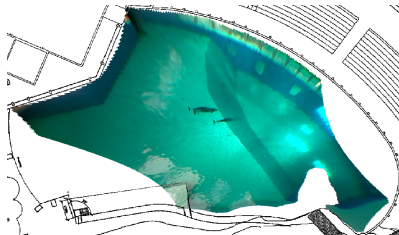
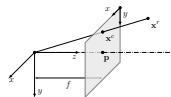
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- Perspective compensation

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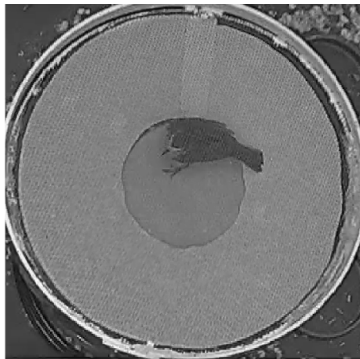
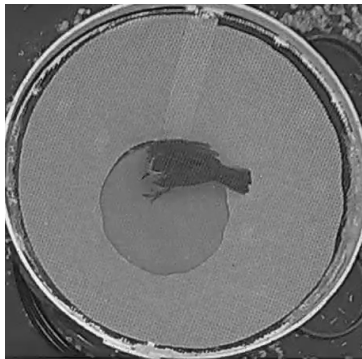
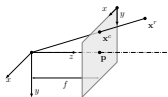


- Camera extrinsics
- Camera intrinsics
- Projection
- Perspective compensation
- Lens distortion

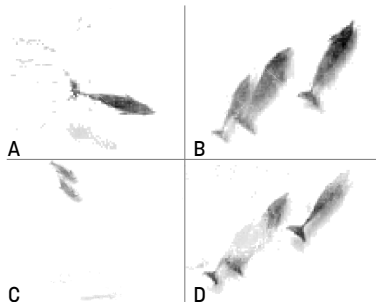
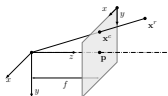
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# Bird - Camera Model



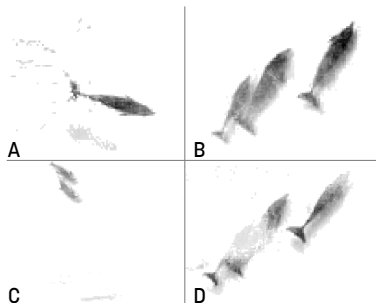
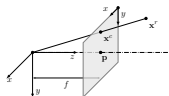
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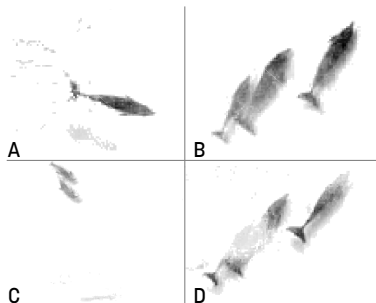
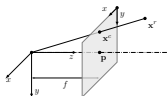


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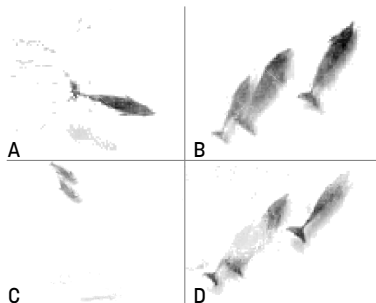
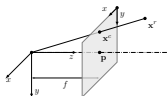
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- Degree of confidence

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- Similar behaviour

# Turning Model



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- Nearly constant speed

$$\mathbf{x} = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{p} \\ \dot{\mathbf{p}} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ \dot{x} \\ \dot{y} \end{pmatrix}$$

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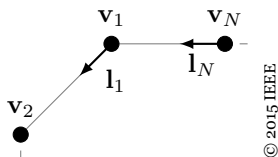
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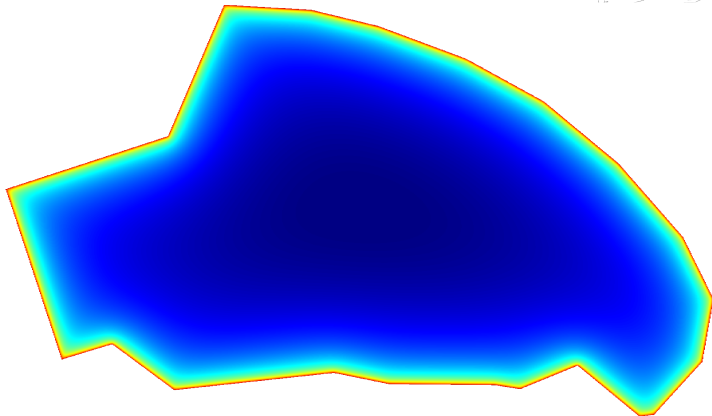


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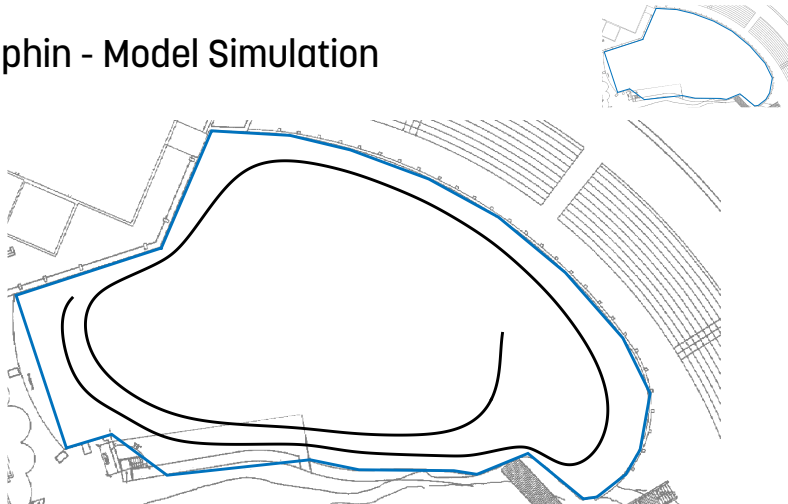
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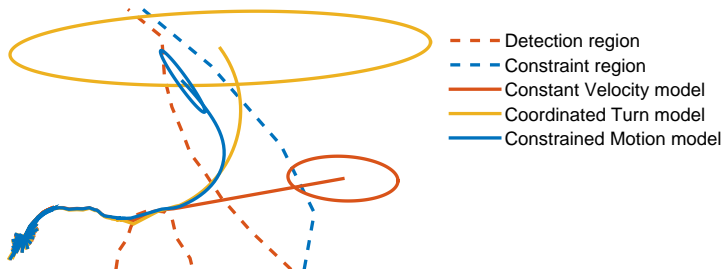




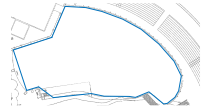
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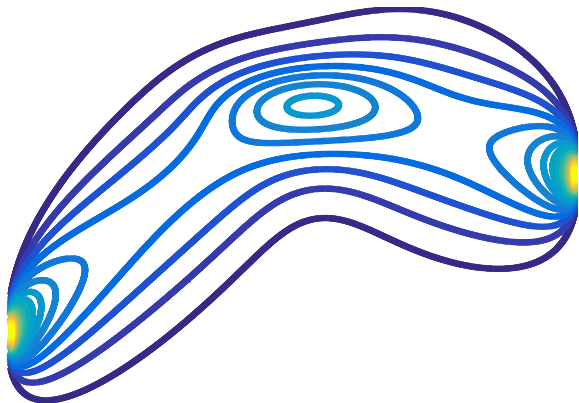


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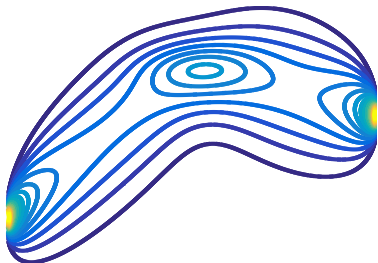


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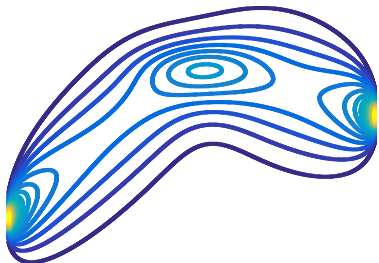


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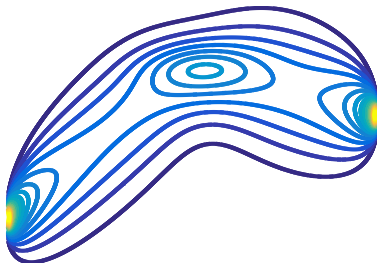
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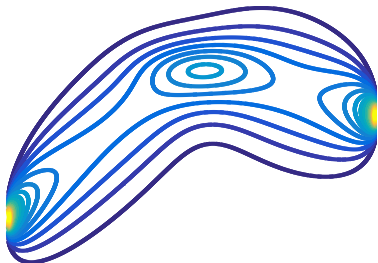
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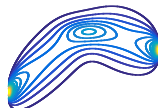


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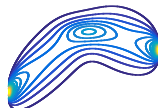
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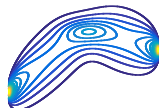
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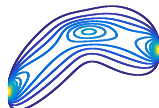
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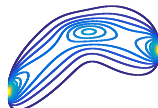
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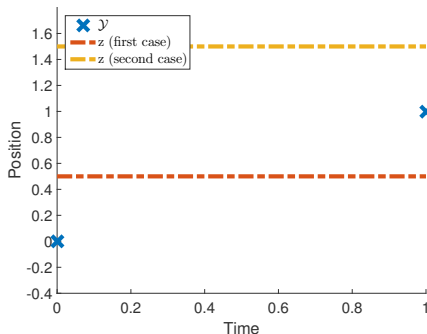
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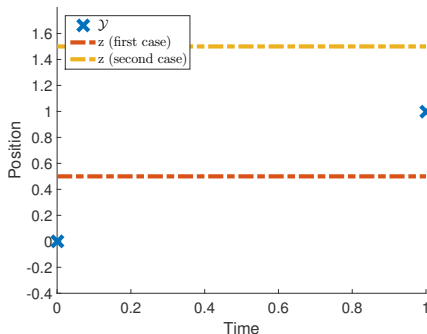
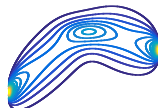
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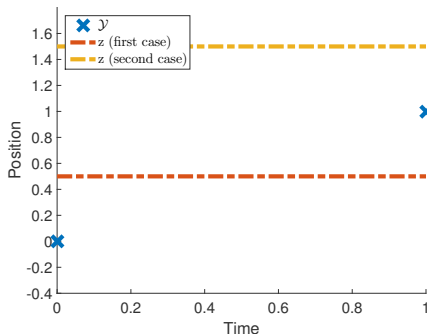
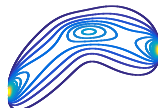
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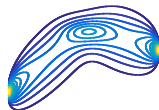
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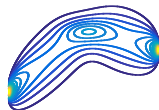
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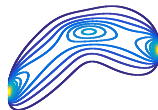
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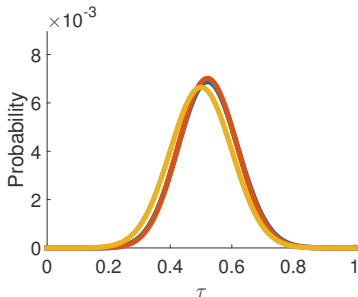
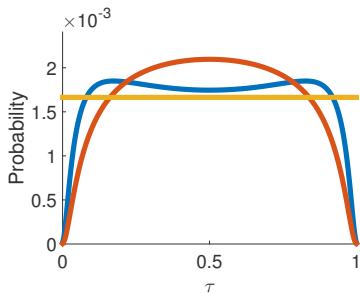
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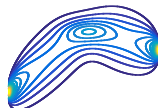
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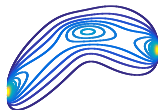
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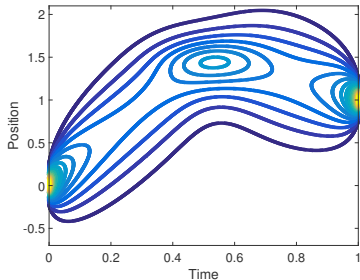
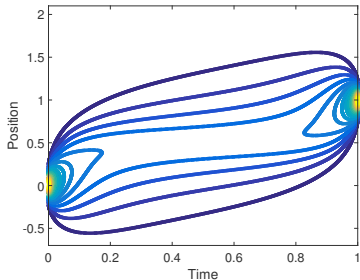
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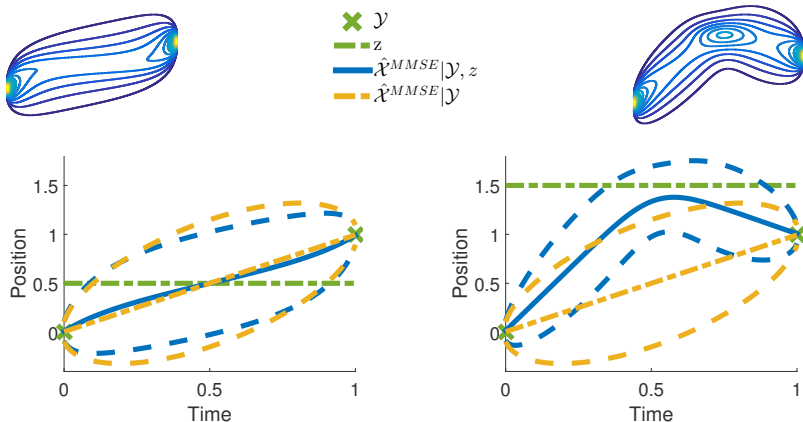
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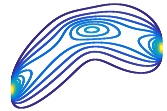
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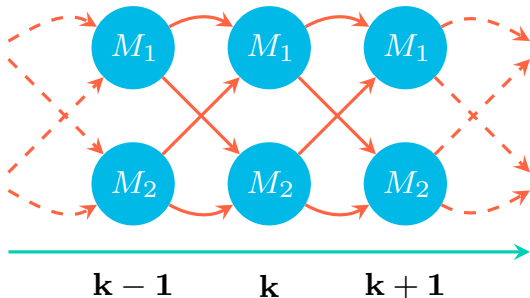


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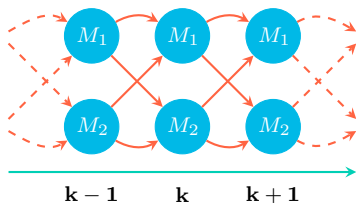


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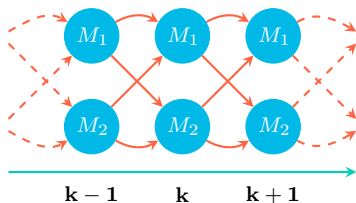


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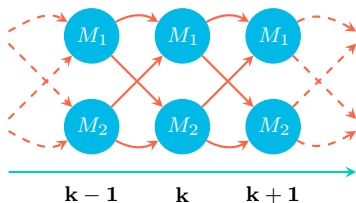
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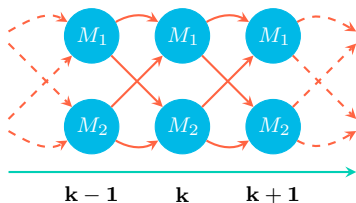
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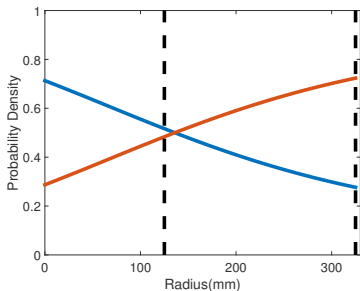


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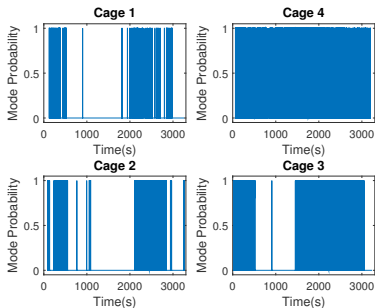
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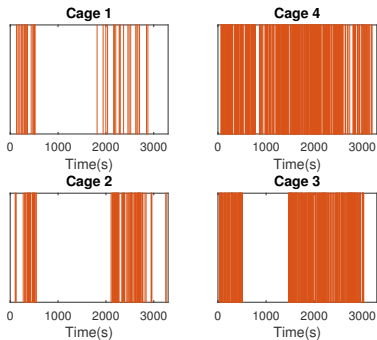
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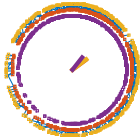
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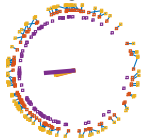
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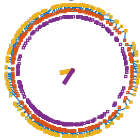
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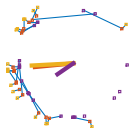
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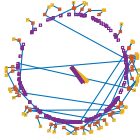


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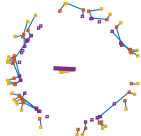
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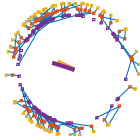
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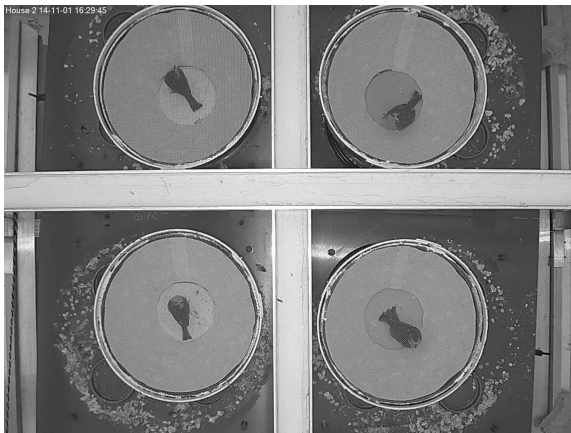


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