# FRR: CAREER: Active Bayesian Inference for Collaborative Robot Mapping

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# Challenge

- Establish foundations for Active Bayesian Inference
- Develop robot curiosity mechanisms for exploration and active uncertainty reduction

# **Technical Approach**

- Task A: formalize Active Bayesian Inference as an optimal control problem for multi-robot sensing policy synthesis
- Task B: apply the techniques of Task A to collaborative robot mapping

#### **Education Plan**

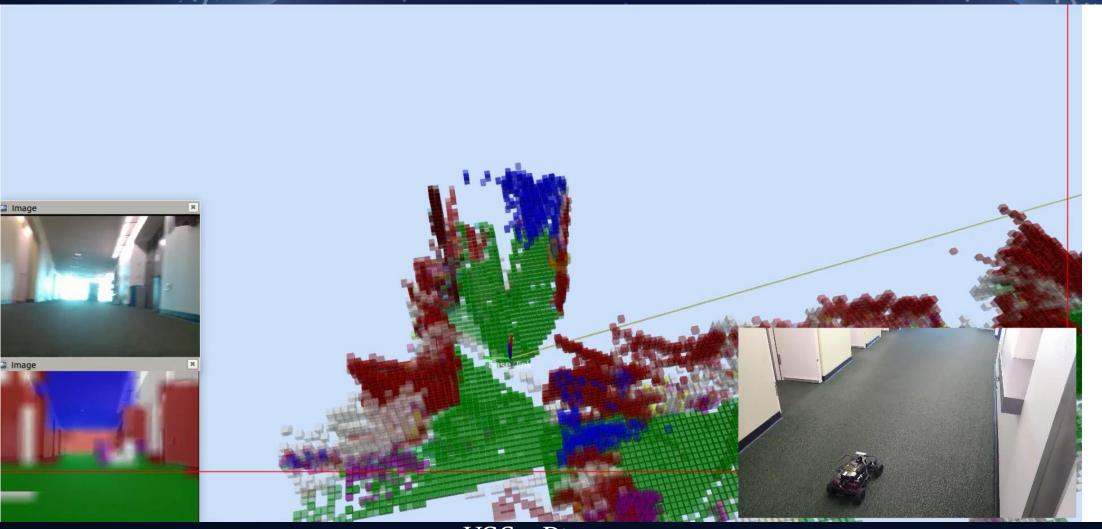
• Develop Robot Proving Grounds (RPG), open-source educational materials for robot autonomy education



### **Broader Impacts**

- Demonstration of active mapping using a team of ground and aerial robots
- Outreach and research activities for underrepresented K12 and undergrad students using RPG platform and support from UCSD outreach programs

# Active Bayesian Inference for Metric-Semantic Mapping



Wall

Window

■ Ground

Office Furniture

Ceiling

☐ Others

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