



Platform(s) and State of Simulation

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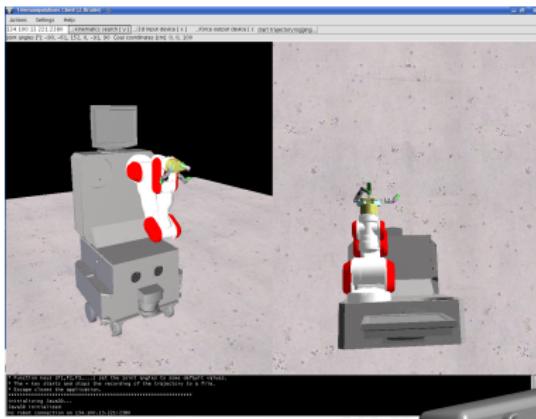
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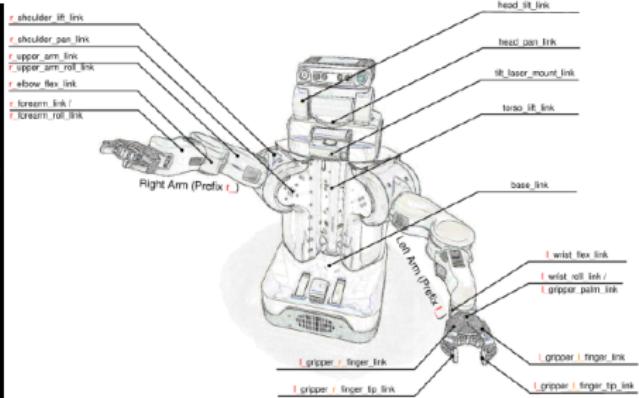
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PR2





PR2 - Users



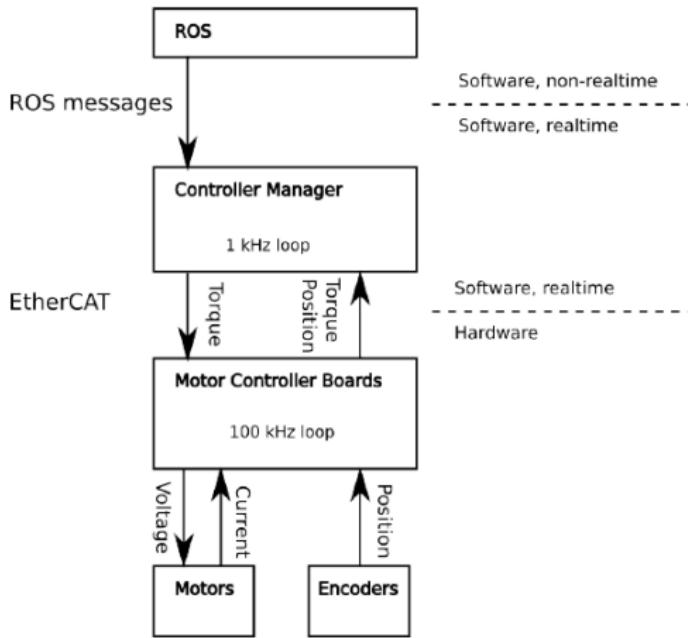


PR2 - Hardware Specification

- ▶ 2× computers with 24 Gb RAM and quad-core Nehalem processors
- ▶ 1.3 kWh Lion Battery Pack
- ▶ 2 hrs Approximate Runtime
- ▶ Coordinate system (for all links) positive z-axis up, positive x-axis forward, and positive y-axis robot-left when PR2 in the home pose

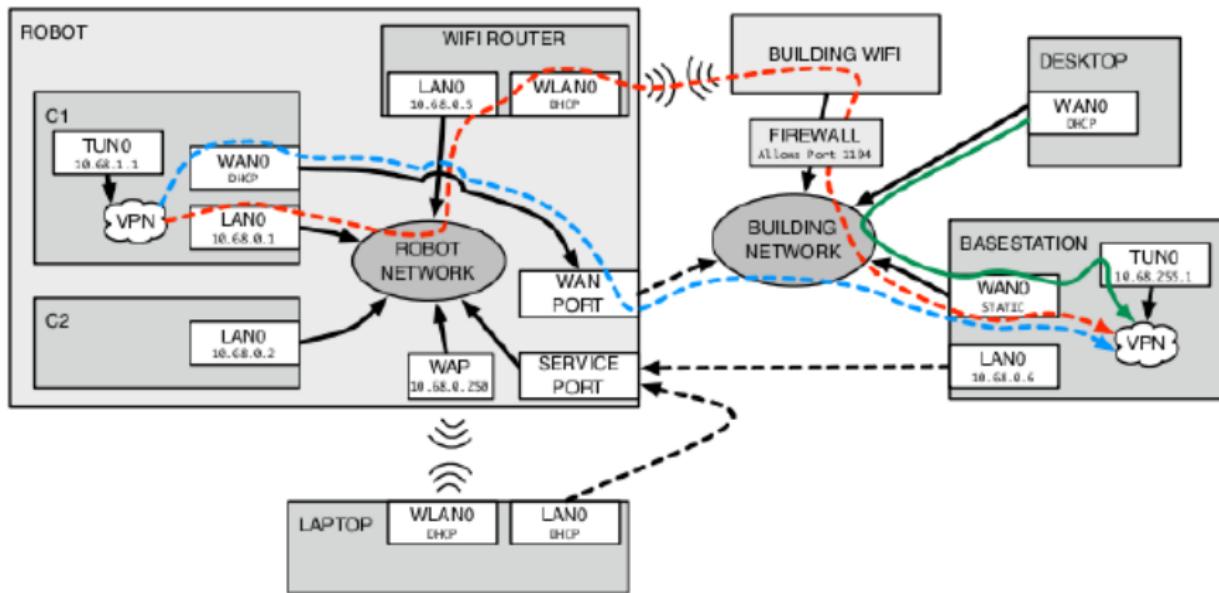


The PR2 motion control layout





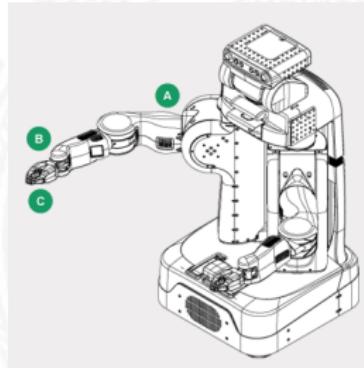
Network explanation





PR2 - Hardware Specification

- ▶ Arm DOFs: arm 4 (A), wrist 3 (B), gripper 1 (C)
- ▶ Link Lengths: upper arm 400 mm, forearm 321 mm, wrist to gripper surface 120 - 200 mm
- ▶ Range of motion: shoulder pan/tilt $170^0/115^0$, upper arm roll 270^0 , elbow flex 140^0 , forearm roll continuous, wrist pitch/roll 130^0 /continuous, gripper 90 mm max
- ▶ Force output: 4 DOF passive counterbalance, arm payload 1.8 Kg, wrist torque 4 Nm, grip force 80 N





PR2 - Intrinsic sensors

- ▶ Microstrain 3DM-GX2 IMU (above the shoulders)
- ▶ Three-Axis Accelerometer (gripper)
- ▶ Calibration LED (gripper)



PR2 - Extrinsic sensors - Head

- ▶ Microsoft Kinect (color/depth image/point cloud [$640 \times 480 @ 30\text{ fps}$])
- ▶ Global shutter color gigabit ethernet camera (Prosilica GC2450C, 5 MP, [$2448 \times 2050 @ 15\text{ fps}$])
- ▶ Wide stereo camera system (Aptina MT9V032C12STC, 100 Mb color ethernet, [$752 \times 480 @ 15\text{ fps}$])
- ▶ Narrow stereo system (Aptina MT9V032C12STM, 100 Mb monochrome ethernet, [$752 \times 480 @ 15\text{ fps}$])
- ▶ LED textured light projector (triggered with narrow-angle stereo camera)



PR2 - Extrinsic sensors - II

- ▶ Tilting laserscanner (Hokuyo UTM-30LX, 135° ($+90^{\circ}$ to -45°), above the shoulders)
- ▶ Laserscanner (Hokuyo UTM-30LX, base)
- ▶ Global shutter gigabit ethernet camera ($2 \times$, forearm)
- ▶ Fingertip pressure sensor arrays (gripper)
- ▶ Speaker





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ROS

- ▶ Meta Operating System for robotics
- ▶ Obtain, build, write and run code across multiple computers and robots
- ▶ Open Source
- ▶ BSD Licensed (very liberal¹)
- ▶ Willow Garage
- ▶ Community

¹http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/BSD_licenses



Introduction (cont.)

Robots Using ROS > 50





ROS Basics

- ▶ Supported Platforms
 - ▶ Linux, Mac OS, partial support for Windows
- ▶ Languages
 - ▶ C/C++, Python, Octave, Lisp, Java



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What does ROS cover?

ROS

- ▶ Simulation
- ▶ Task execution
- ▶ Mobile manipulation
- ▶ Navigation
- ▶ Visualization
- ▶ Client libraries
- ▶ Message passing



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ROS Nodes

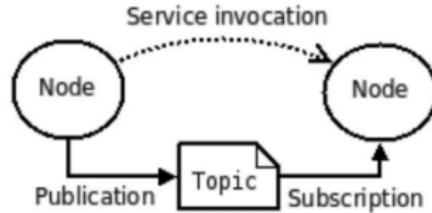
- ▶ Master (rosmaster)
 - ▶ provides naming and registration services
 - ▶ tracks topics and services
 - ▶ enables localization of nodes (nodes talk peer-to-peer)
 - ▶ XML-RPC-based API
- ▶ Generally: they are uniquely named



ROS Communication

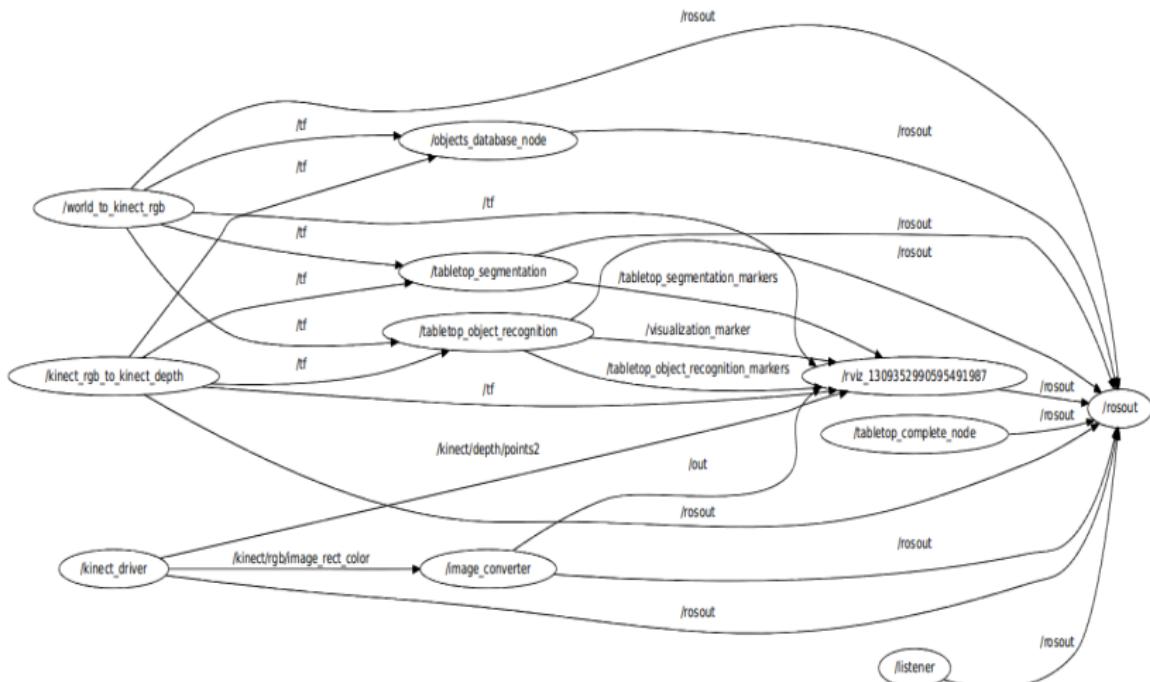
- ▶ Publisher sends message to subscribers
 - ▶ Usually TCP/IP transport
 - ▶ XML-RPC is only used to negotiate transport (no messages via XML-RPC)

Service Invocation





ROS Communication (cont.)





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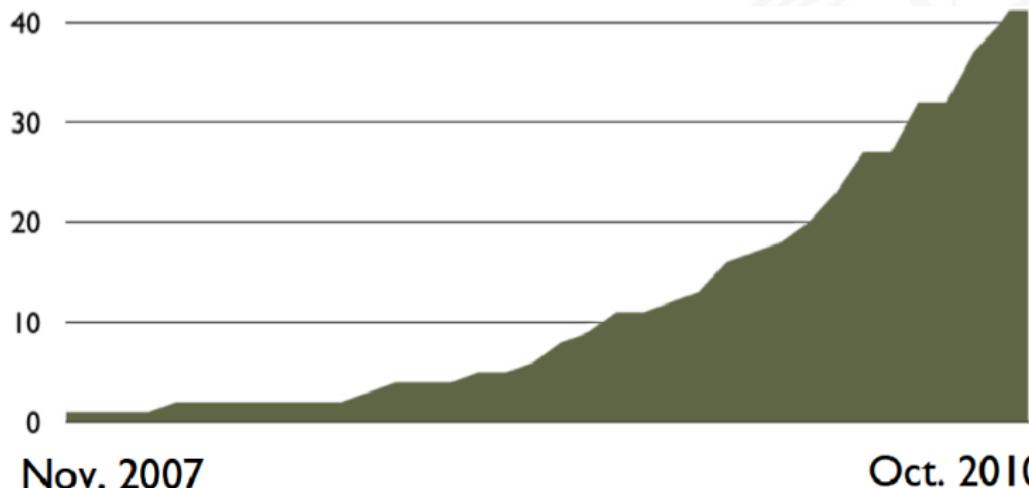
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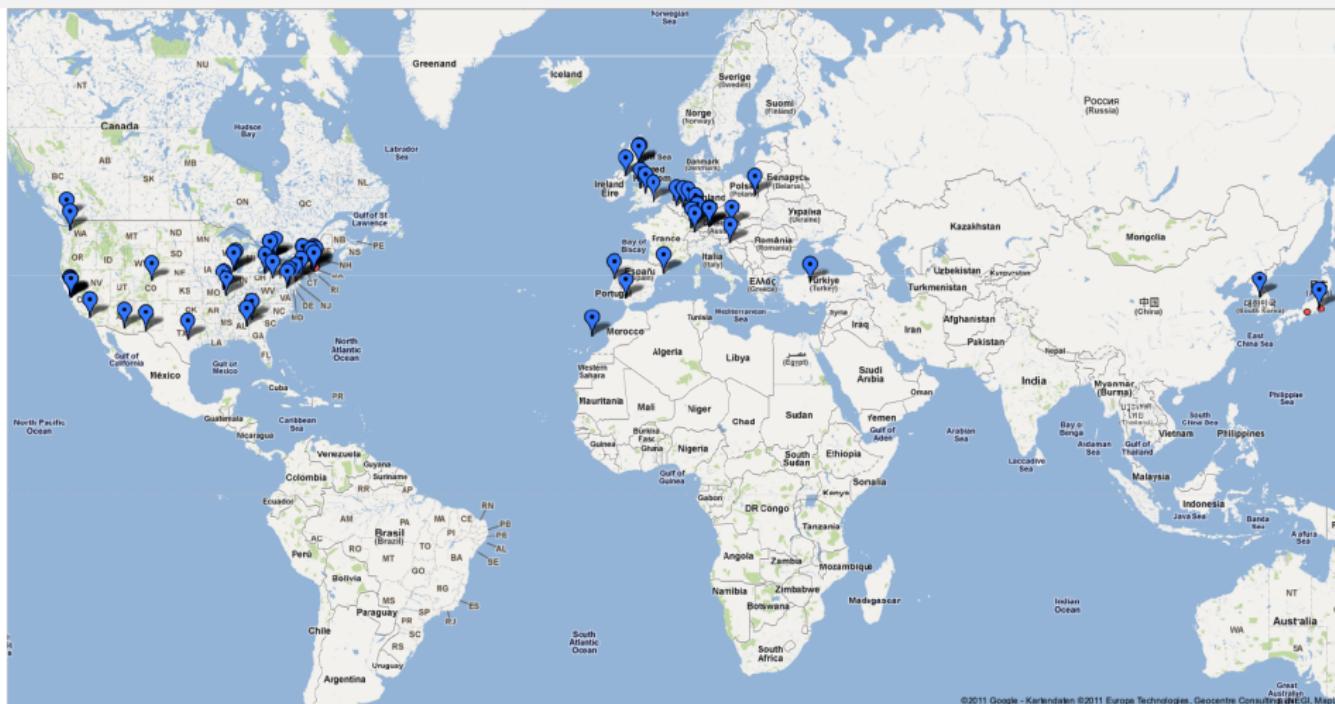
Repositories world-wide

- ▶ Collection of packages and stacks, hosted online
- ▶ many repositories (>50): Stanford, CMU, TUM ..





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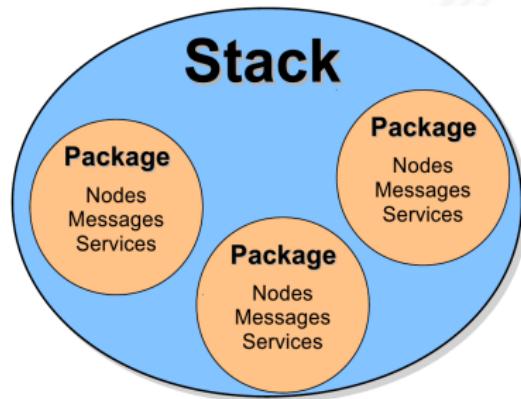


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ROS Stacks

- ▶ Collect similar packages that work together to achieve e.g.:
 - ▶ 2D Navigation
 - ▶ Manipulation
 - ▶ SLAM

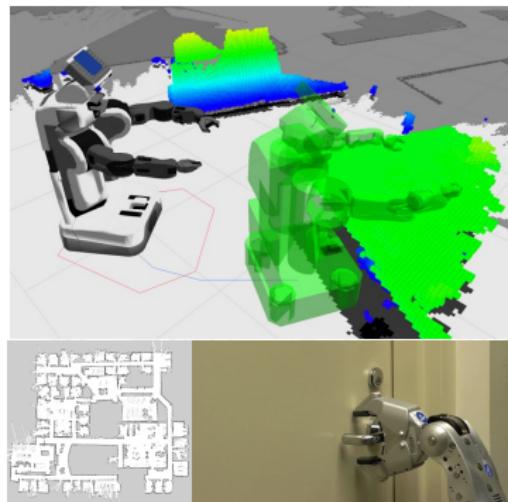




ROS Stacks Overview²

Currently > 400 Stacks available

- ▶ (2D/3D) Navigation
- ▶ PR2 arm navigation
- ▶ PR2 opening doors
- ▶ Exploration
- ▶ GUI for PR2 robot
- ▶ PR2 object manipulation
- ▶ PR2 simulator



²<http://www.ros.org/browse>



ROS based Navigation

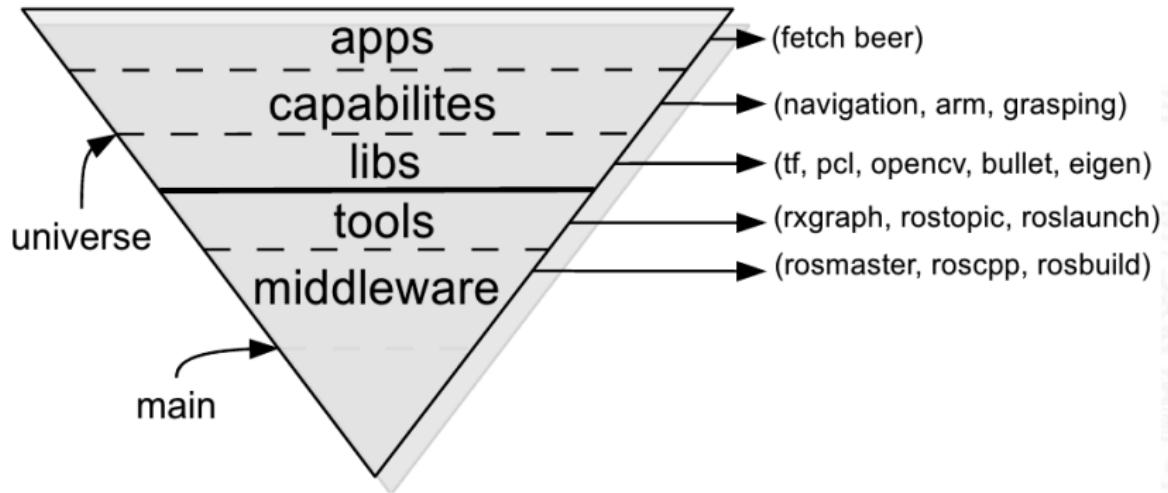
Includes

- ▶ Path planning, Obstacle avoidance, Automatic map making



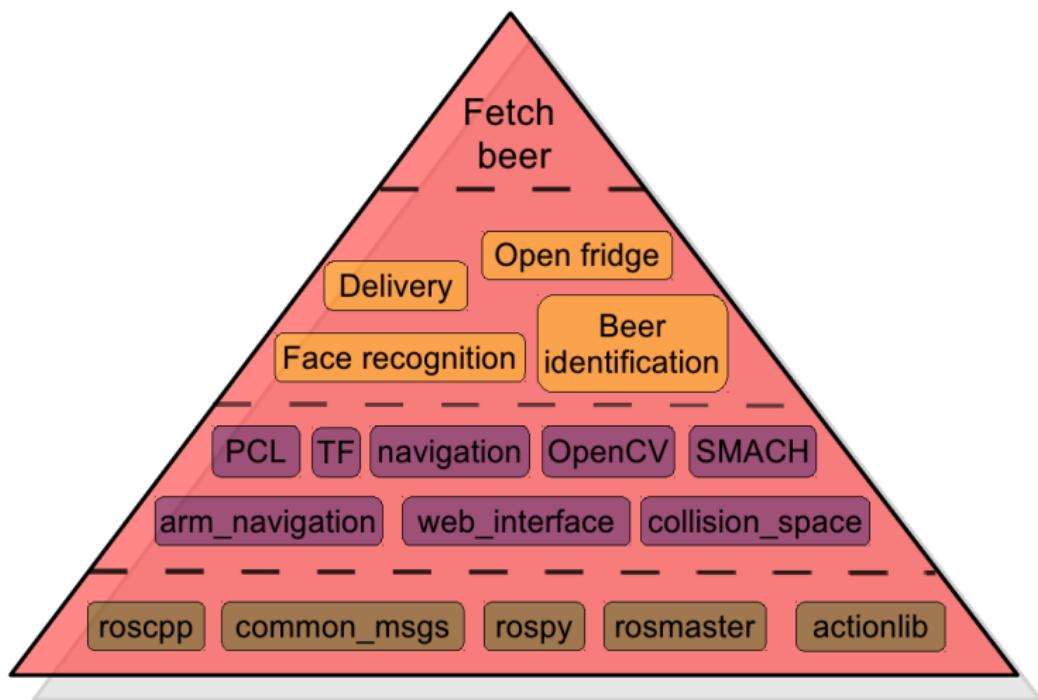


Example Application





Example Application (cont.)





ROS Strengths for RACE

- ▶ Visualization
- ▶ Object recognition
- ▶ Navigation
- ▶ Manipulation/Grasping
- ▶ Plugging in Sensors
 - ▶ already integrated
 - ▶ RACE specific



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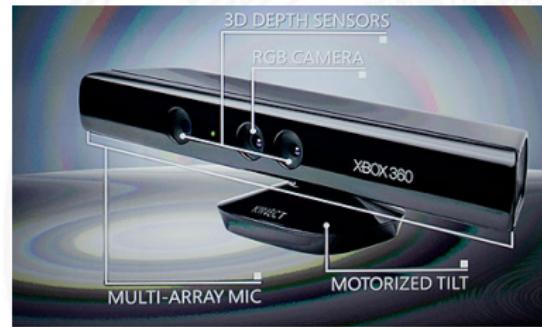
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Kinect

- ▶ Motion sensing input device by Microsoft for the Xbox 360 video game console
- ▶ Range camera technology by Israeli developer PrimeSense
- ▶ 3D scene information from a continuously-projected infrared structured light





Kinect operations - I

- ▶ The IR camera and the IR projector form a stereo pair with a baseline of approximately 7.5 cm
- ▶ The IR projector sends out a fixed pattern of light and dark speckles
- ▶ The pattern is generated from a set of diffraction gratings, with special care to lessening the effect of zero-order propagation of a center bright dot



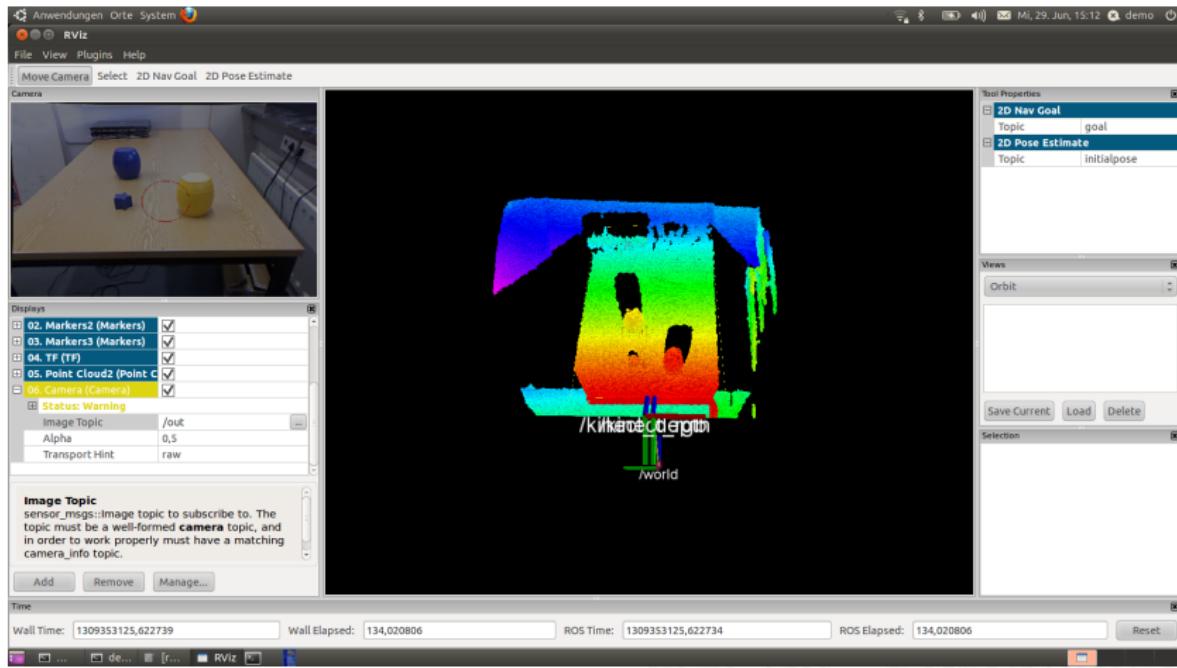


Kinect - technical data

- ▶ Resolution of (640×480) @ 30 Hz (color) and (320×240) @ 30 Hz (depth)
- ▶ Angular field of view of 57^0 horizontally and 43^0 vertically
- ▶ Range of approximately 0.7 - 6 m (practical 0.7 - 3.5 m)
- ▶ Physical tilt range (-31^0 to $+31^0$)
- ▶ Voice microphone and array supporting single speaker voice recognition (16-bit audio @ 16 kHz)
- ▶ OpenNI and Freenect drivers



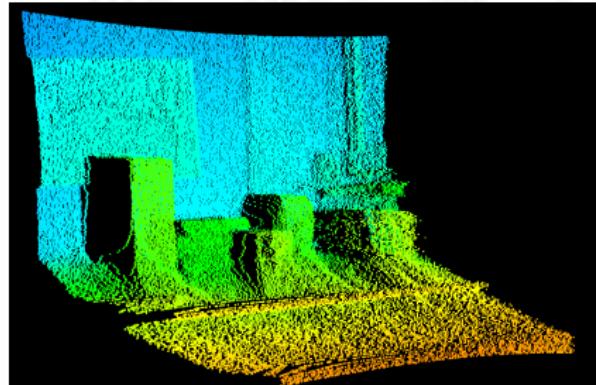
Kinect - first results





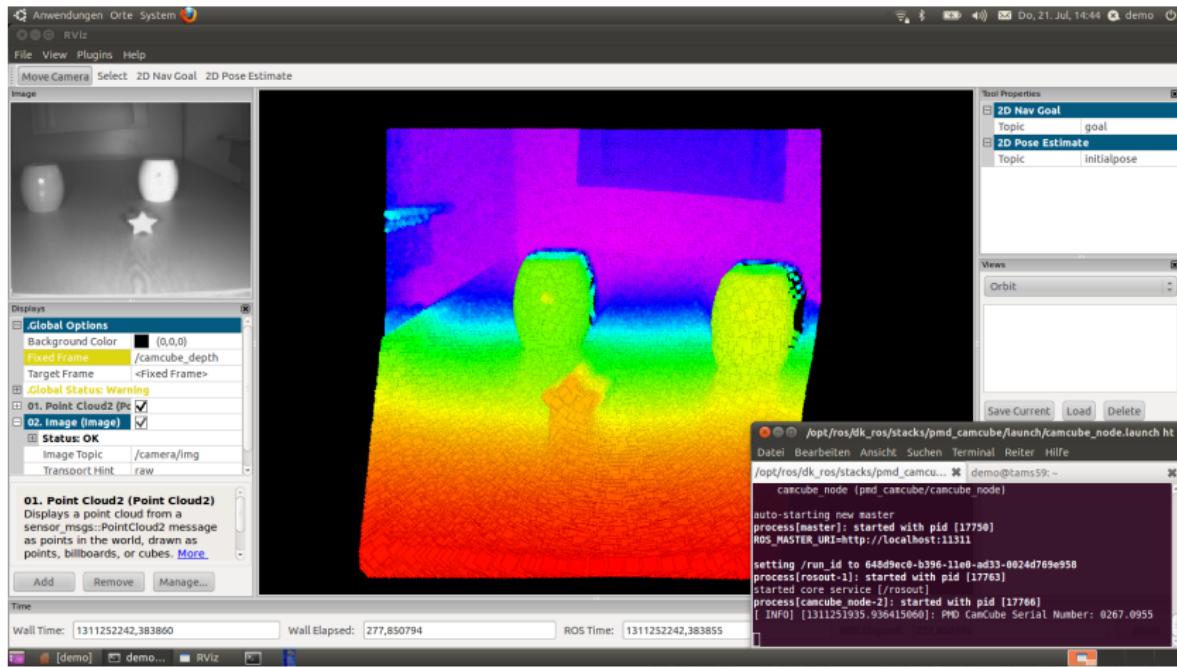
Kinect - summary

- ▶ Fast sensor with large resolution
- ▶ Stable, repeatable results
- ▶ Ideal for surfaces, inaccuracy on edges (remedy through fusion with the tof-camera ($200 \times 200 @ 40$ fps) or other sensors)





PMD Camcube in ROS





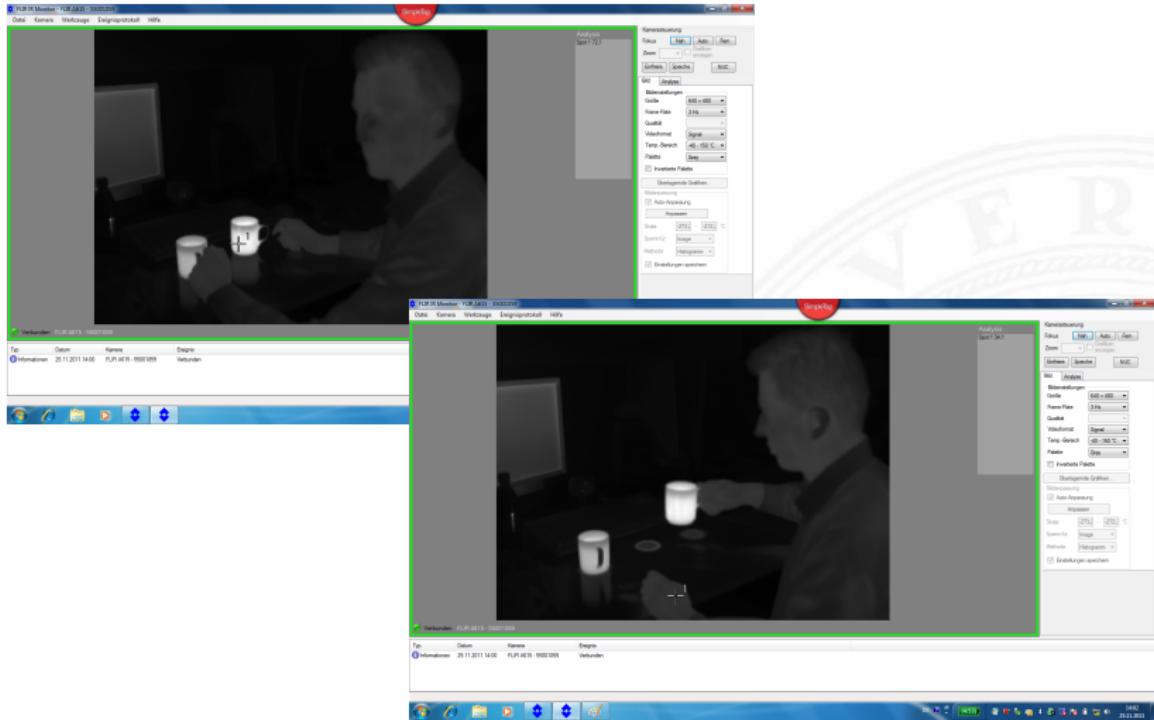
FLIR A615

- ▶ FOV $25^0 \times 19^0$
- ▶ IR resolution $[640 \times 480]@50$ Hz
- ▶ Accuracy $\pm 2^0 C$ or $\pm 2\%$ of reading
- ▶ Image and control over Gigabit Ethernet





FLIR A615





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Gazebo

- ▶ Developed to be fully compatible with the Player³ device server
- ▶ Full integrated in ROS (version 1.0)
- ▶ 3D dynamic multi-robot simulation
- ▶ Open source
- ▶ ODE - Open Dynamics Engine (Bullet)

³The Player/Stage Projekt, <http://playerstage.sourceforge.net/>

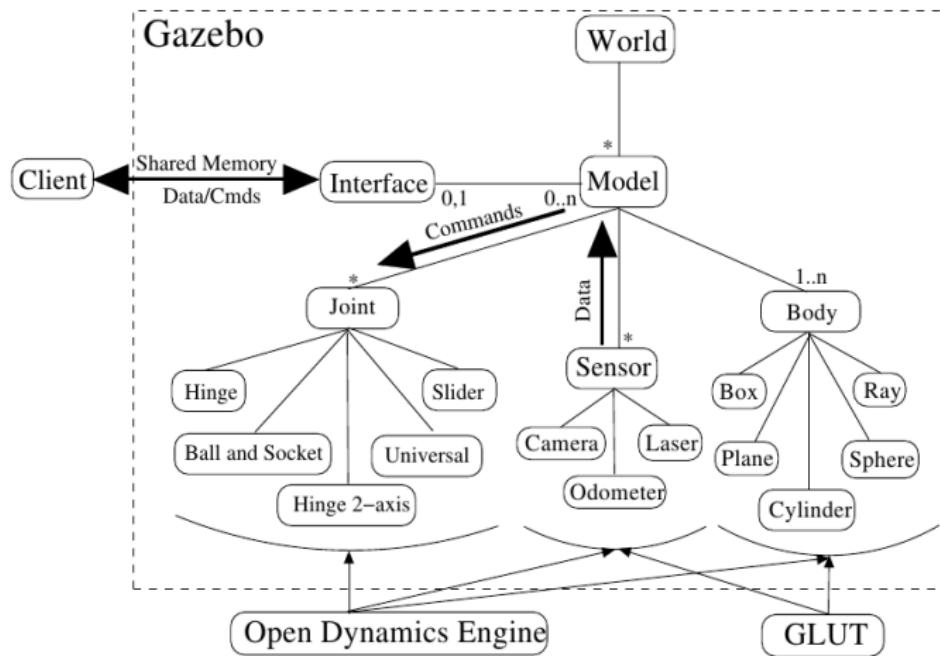


Gazebo

- ▶ The World represents the set of all models and environmental factors such as gravity and lighting
- ▶ Accuracy in terms of robot sensors and actuators
- ▶ API for easily create new robots, actuators, sensors, and arbitrary objects
- ▶ Possibilities to create complex worlds
- ▶ Simulation of remote environments
- ▶ GUI for data visualization
- ▶ Visualization with help of OpenGL and GLUT

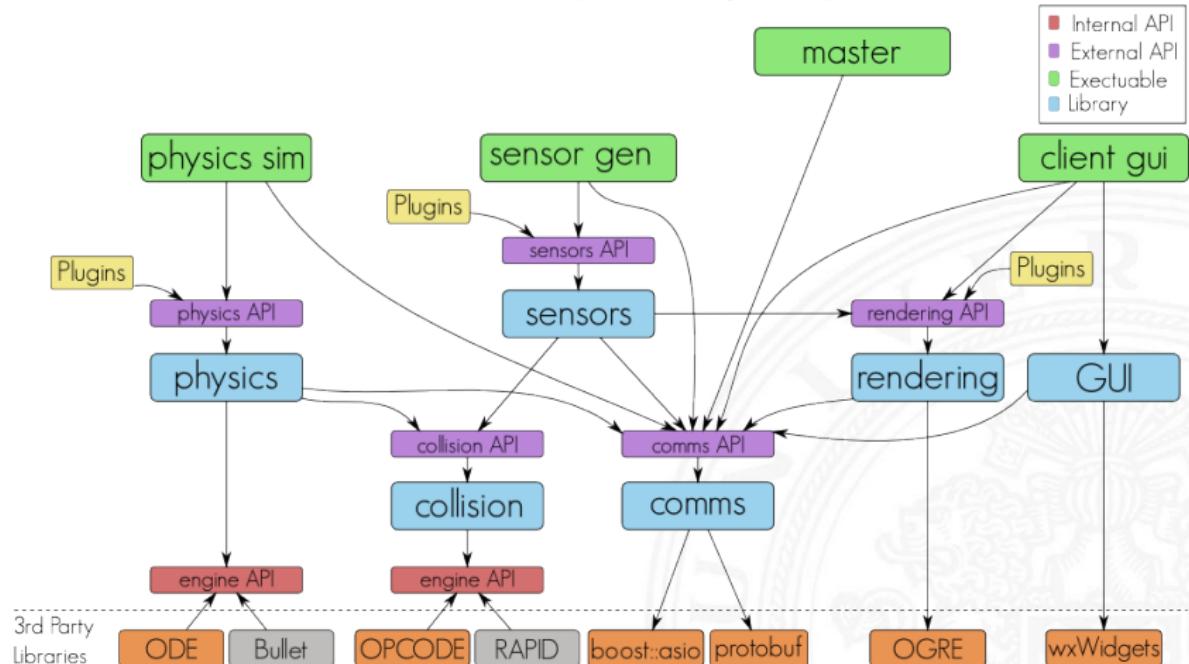


General Structure of Gazebo components



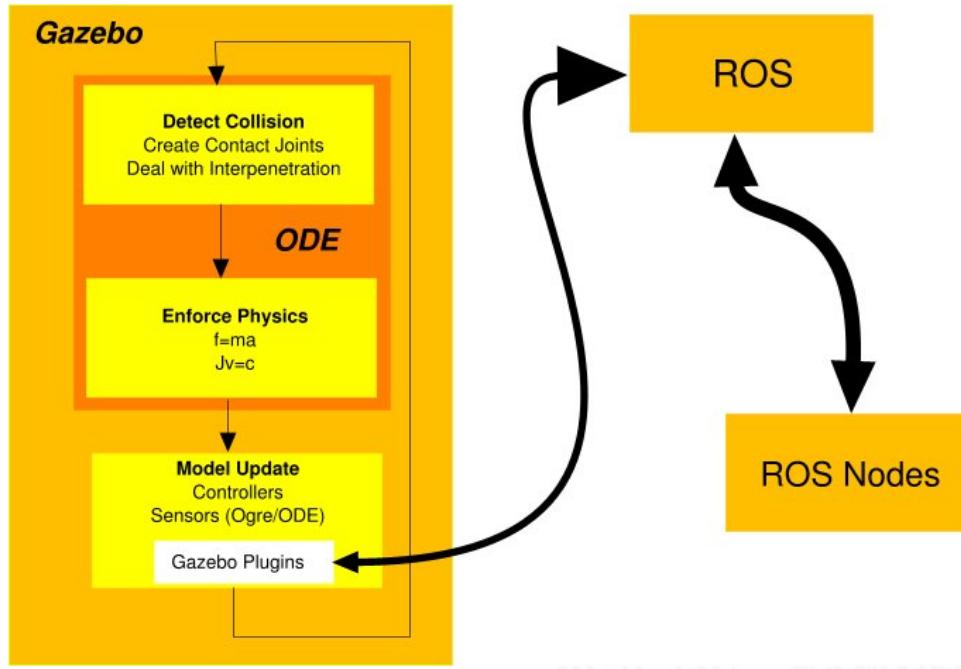


Gazebo Dependency Graph



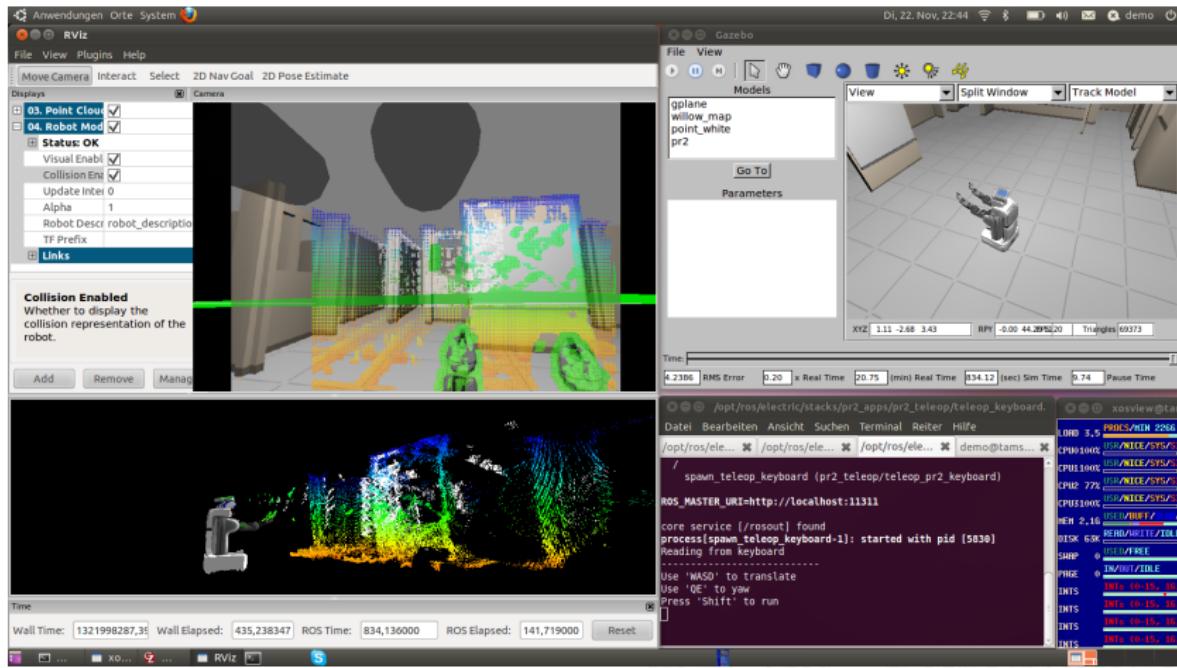


ROS Simulation Interface





ROS, Stage, PR2





Thank You!

Any questions?





Further Reading

