

A Concise Introduction to Robot Programming in ROS2

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Chapter 3: Avoiding Obstacles with FSMs

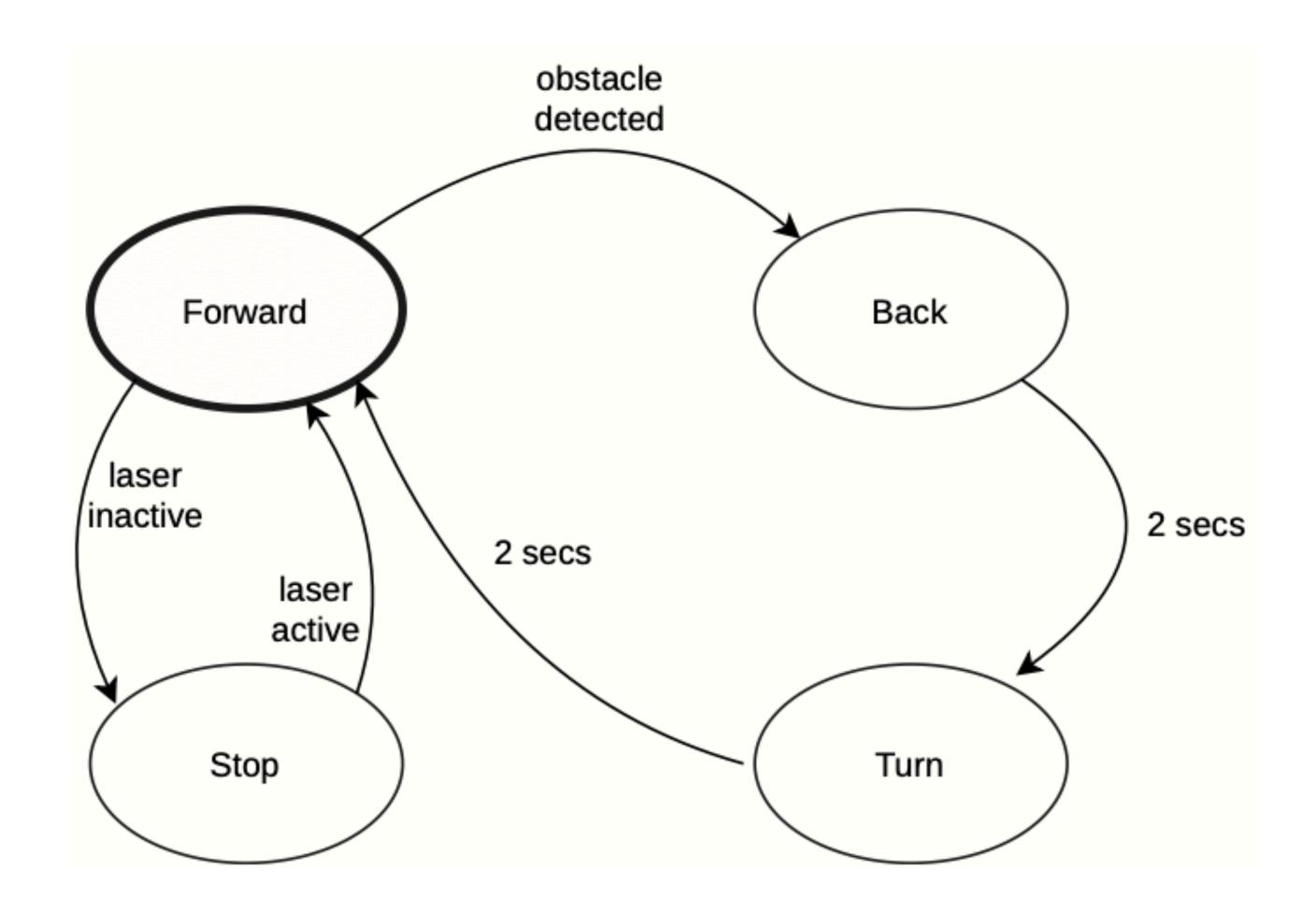
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## Finite State Machines (FSMs)

- It a simple hay to encode behaviors
- States and transitions
- Goal: a Bump&Go behavior
- New concepts:
  - FSMs
  - Laser Processing
  - Robot Motion
  - Nodes in C++ and Python



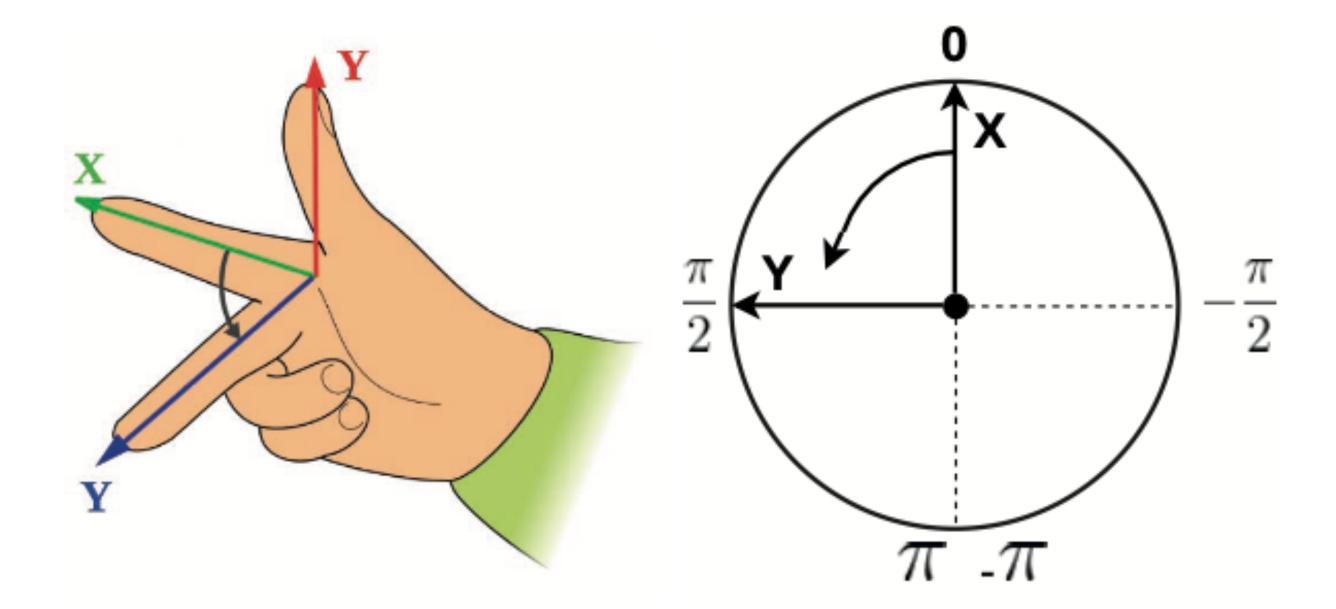




## Perception and Actuation Models

#### Conventions

International System of Measurements (SI)







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                        # is moving, this will be used in interpolating pos
                        # of 3d points
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float32 scan_time
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float32 range_min
float32 range_max
                        # maximum range value [m]
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                        # range data [m]
                        # (Note: values < range_min or > range_max should be
                        # discarded)
                       # intensity data [device-specific units]. If your
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                        # device does not provide intensities, please leave
                        # the array empty.
```

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header:
    stamp:
    sec: 11071
    nanosec: 445000000
    frame_id: base_laser_link
angle_min: -1.9198600053787231
angle_max: 1.9198600053787231
angle_increment: 0.005774015095084906
time_increment: 0.0
scan_time: 0.0
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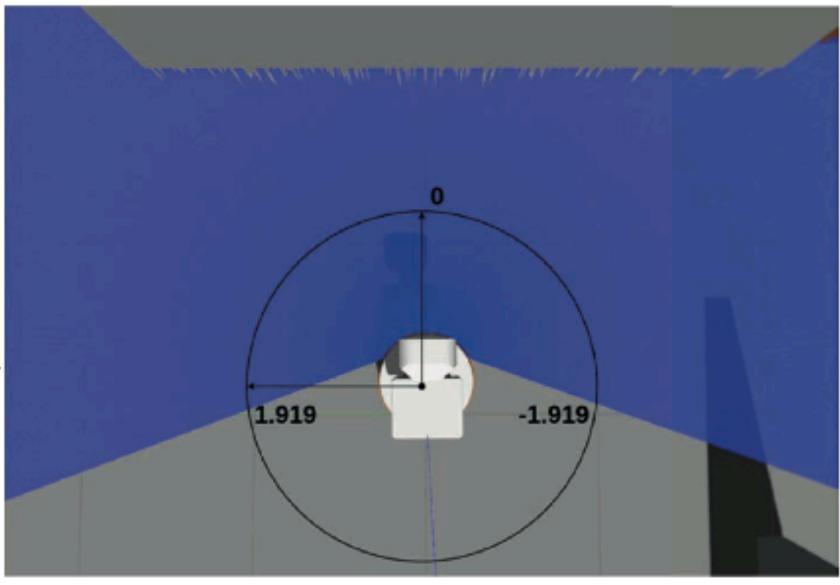


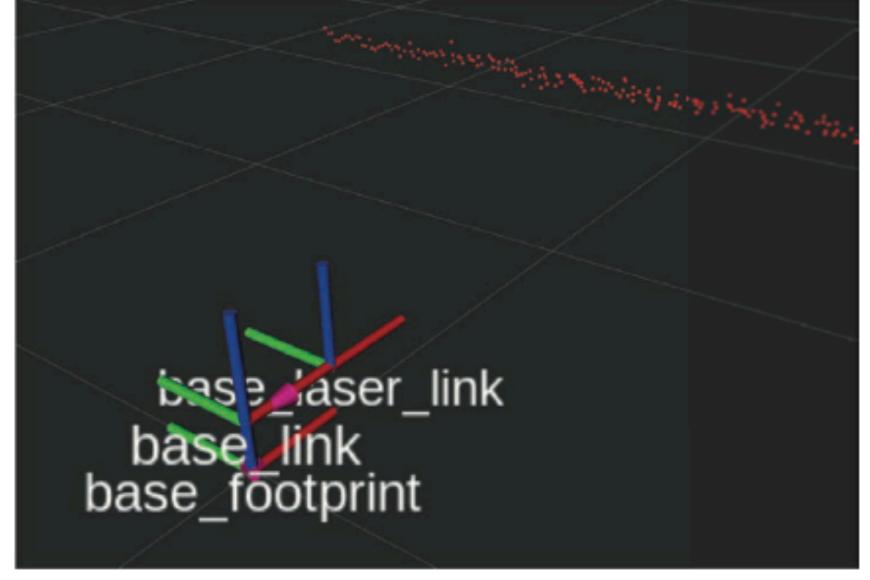


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Vector3 linear

Vector3 angular

$ ros2 interface show geometry_msgs/msg/Vector3

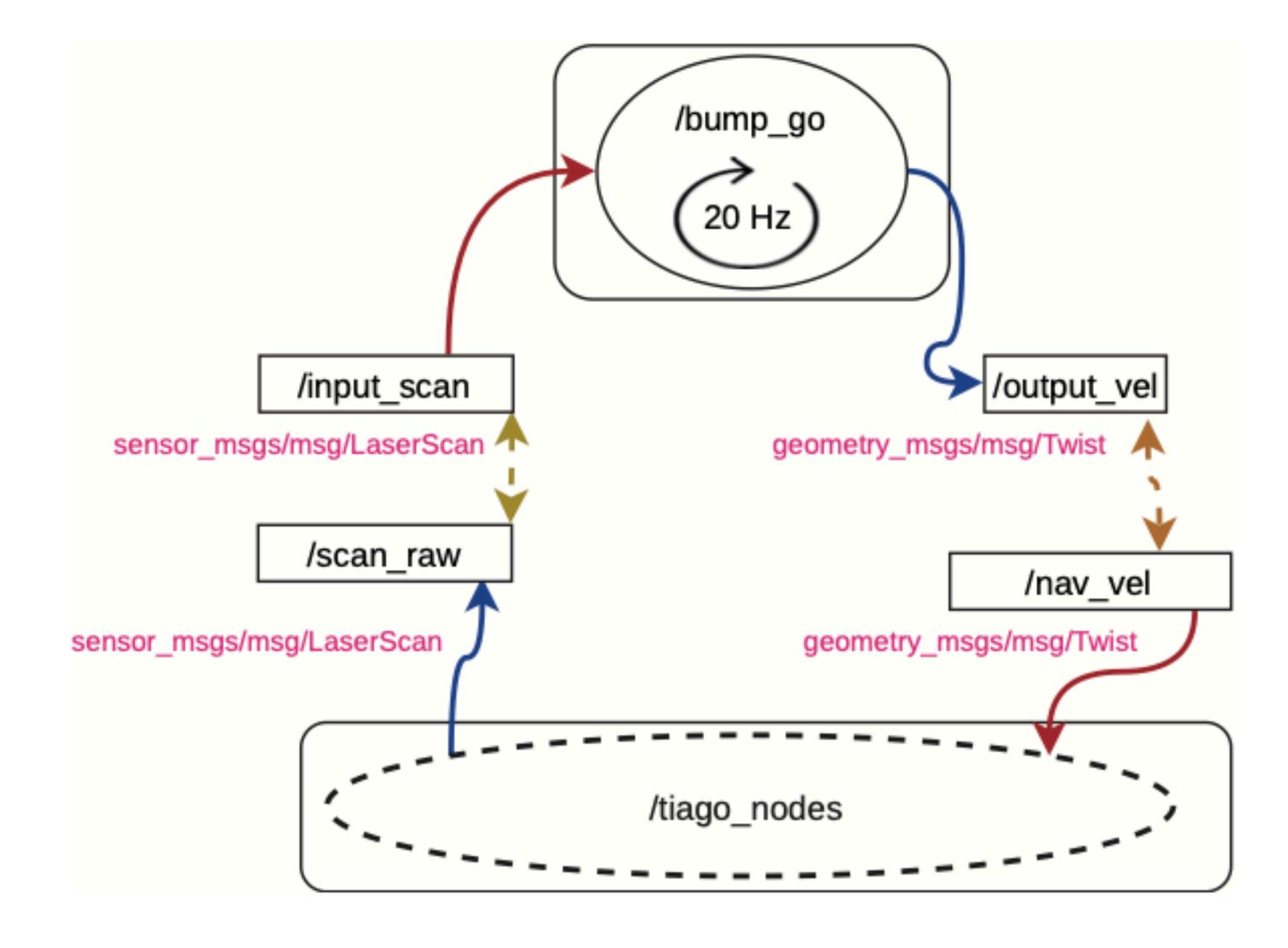
float64 x

float64 y

float64 z
```



## **Computation Graph**





Package content

```
br2_fsm_bumpgo_cpp

--- CMakeLists.txt
--- include
--- br2_fsm_bumpgo_cpp
--- BumpGoNode.hpp
--- launch
--- bump_and_go.launch.py
--- package.xml
--- src
--- br2_fsm_bumpgo_cpp
--- BumpGoNode.cpp
--- bumpgo_main.cpp
```



#### **Execution Control**

```
class BumpGoNode : public rclcpp::Node
{
    ...
private:
    void scan_callback(sensor_msgs::msg::LaserScan::UniquePtr msg);
    void control_cycle();

    rclcpp::Publisher<geometry_msgs::msg::Twist>::SharedPtr vel_pub_;
    rclcpp::Subscription<sensor_msgs::msg::LaserScan>::SharedPtr scan_sub_;
    rclcpp::TimerBase::SharedPtr timer_;

    sensor_msgs::msg::LaserScan::UniquePtr last_scan_;
};
```

```
    void scan_callback(const sensor_msgs::msg::LaserScan & msg);
    void scan_callback(sensor_msgs::msg::LaserScan::UniquePtr msg);
    void scan_callback(sensor_msgs::msg::LaserScan::SharedConstPtr msg);
    void scan_callback(const sensor_msgs::msg::LaserScan::SharedConstPtr & msg);
    void scan_callback(sensor_msgs::msg::LaserScan::SharedPtr msg);
```





#### Subscriptions and publications

```
BumpGoNode::BumpGoNode()
: Node("bump_go")
 scan_sub_ = create_subscription<sensor_msgs::msg::LaserScan>(
    "input_scan", rclcpp::SensorDataQoS(),
    std::bind(&BumpGoNode::scan_callback, this, _1));
 vel_pub_ = create_publisher<geometry_msgs::msg::Twist>("output_vel", 10);
 timer_ = create_wall_timer(50ms, std::bind(&BumpGoNode::control_cycle, this));
void
BumpGoNode::scan_callback(sensor_msgs::msg::LaserScan::UniquePtr msg)
 last_scan_ = std::move(msg);
void
BumpGoNode::control_cycle()
 // Do nothing until the first sensor read
 if (last_scan_ == nullptr)
   return;
   vel_pub_->publish(...);
```





#### Implementing a FSM

```
class BumpGoNode : public rclcpp::Node
{
    ...
private:
    void control_cycle();

    static const int FORWARD = 0;
    static const int BACK = 1;
    static const int TURN = 2;
    static const int STOP = 3;
    int state_;
    rclcpp::Time state_ts_;
};
```

```
bool
BumpGoNode::check_forward_2_back()
{
    // going forward when deteting an obstacle
    // at 0.5 meters with the front laser read
    size_t pos = last_scan_->ranges.size() / 2;
    return last_scan_->ranges[pos] < OBSTACLE_DISTANCE;
}</pre>
```

```
bool
BumpGoNode::check_forward_2_stop()
{
    // Stop if no sensor readings for 1 second
    auto elapsed = now() - rclcpp::Time(last_scan_->header.stamp);
    return elapsed > SCAN_TIMEOUT;
}
```

```
bool
BumpGoNode::check_back_2_turn()
{
    // Going back for 2 seconds
    return (now() - state_ts_) > BACKING_TIME;
}
```

```
BumpGoNode::BumpGoNode()
: Node("bump_go"),
  state_(FORWARD)
  state_ts_ = now();
BumpGoNode::control_cycle()
  switch (state_) {
    case FORWARD:
      // Do whatever you should do in this state.
      // In this case, set the output speed.
      // Checking the condition to go to another state in the next iteration
      if (check_forward_2_stop())
        go_state(STOP);
      if (check_forward_2_back())
        go_state(BACK);
      break;
      . . .
BumpGoNode::go_state(int new_state)
  state_ = new_state;
  state_ts_ = now();
```



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#### Running the code

```
int main(int argc, char * argv[])
{
  rclcpp::init(argc, argv);
  auto bumpgo_node = std::make_shared<br2_fsm_bumpgo_cpp::BumpGoNode>();
  rclcpp::spin(bumpgo_node);
  rclcpp::shutdown();
  return 0;
}
```

```
$ ros2 launch br2_tiago sim.launch.py
```

```
$ ros2 run br2_fsm_bumpgo_cpp bumpgo --ros-args -r output_vel:=/nav_vel -r
input_scan:=/scan_raw -p use_sim_time:=true
```





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\$ ros2 launch br2\_tiago sim.launch.py

\$ ros2 launch br2\_fsm\_bumpgo\_cpp bump\_and\_go.launch.py



Package content

```
br2_fsm_bumpgo_py
   br2_fsm_bumpgo_py
      bump_go_main.py
       __init__.py
    launch
    bump_and_go.launch.py
   package.xml
   resource
    br2_fsm_bumpgo_py
    setup.cfg
    setup.py
    test
     — test_copyright.py
     — test_flake8.py
      test_pep257.py
```





#### **Execution Control**

```
from rclpy.duration import Duration
from rclpy.node import Node
from rclpy.qos import qos_profile_sensor_data
from rclpy.time import Time
from geometry_msgs.msg import Twist
from sensor_msgs.msg import LaserScan
class BumpGoNode(Node):
   def __init__(self):
        super().__init__('bump_go')
        . . .
        self.last_scan = None
        self.scan_sub = self.create_subscription(
            LaserScan,
            'input_scan',
            self.scan_callback,
            qos_profile_sensor_data)
        self.vel_pub = self.create_publisher(Twist, 'output_vel', 10)
        self.timer = self.create_timer(0.05, self.control_cycle)
    def scan_callback(self, msg):
        self.last_scan = msg
```

```
def scan_callback(self, msg):
        self.last_scan = msg
    def control_cycle(self):
        if self.last_scan is None:
            return
        out_vel = Twist()
        # FSM
        self.vel_pub.publish(out_vel)
def main(args=None):
   rclpy.init(args=args)
    bump_go_node = BumpGoNode()
   rclpy.spin(bump_go_node)
    bump_go_node.destroy_node()
   rclpy.shutdown()
if __name__ == '__main__':
    main()
```





#### Implementing a FSM

```
class BumpGoNode(Node):
    def __init__(self):
        super().__init__('bump_go')
        self.FORWARD = 0
        self.BACK = 1
        self.TURN = 2
        self.STOP = 3
        self.state = self.FORWARD
        self.state_ts = self.get_clock().now()
   def control_cycle(self):
        if self.state == self.FORWARD:
          out_vel.linear.x = self.SPEED_LINEAR
          if self.check_forward_2_stop():
            self.go_state(self.STOP)
          if self.check_forward_2_back():
            self.go_state(self.BACK)
        self.vel_pub.publish(out_vel)
    def go_state(self, new_state):
        self.state = new_state
        self.state_ts = self.get_clock().now()
```

```
def check_forward_2_back(self):
    pos = round(len(self.last_scan.ranges) / 2)
    return self.last_scan.ranges[pos] < self.OBSTACLE_DISTANCE

def check_forward_2_stop(self):
    elapsed = self.get_clock().now() - Time.from_msg(self.last_scan.header.stamp)
    return elapsed > Duration(seconds=self.SCAN_TIMEOUT)

def check_back_2_turn(self):
    elapsed = self.get_clock().now() - self.state_ts
    return elapsed > Duration(seconds=self.BACKING_TIME)
```





#### Running the code

• setup.py

```
import os
from glob import glob
from setuptools import setup
package_name = 'br2_fsm_bumpgo_py'
setup(
    name=package_name,
    version='0.0.0',
    packages=[package_name],
    data_files=[
        ('share/ament_index/resource_index/packages',
            ['resource/' + package_name]),
        ('share/' + package_name, ['package.xml']),
        (os.path.join('share', package_name, 'launch'), glob('launch/*.launch.py'))
    install_requires=['setuptools'],
    zip_safe=True,
    maintainer='johndoe',
    maintainer_email='john.doe@evilrobot.com',
    description='BumpGo in Python package',
    license='Apache 2.0',
    tests_require=['pytest'],
    entry_points={
         console_scripts': [
          'bump_go_main = br2_fsm_bumpgo_py.bump_go_main:main'
   },
```





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```
$ colcon build --symlink-install
```

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```

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## **Proposed Exercises**

- 1. Modify the *Bump and Go* project so that the robot perceives an obstacle in front, on its left and right diagonal. Instead of always turning to the same side, it turns to the side with no obstacle.
- 2. Modify the *Bump and Go* project so that the robot turns exactly to the angle with no obstacles or the more far perceived obstacle. Try two approaches:
  - Open-loop: Calculate before turning time and speed to turn.
  - Closed-loop: Turns until a clear space in front is detected.



