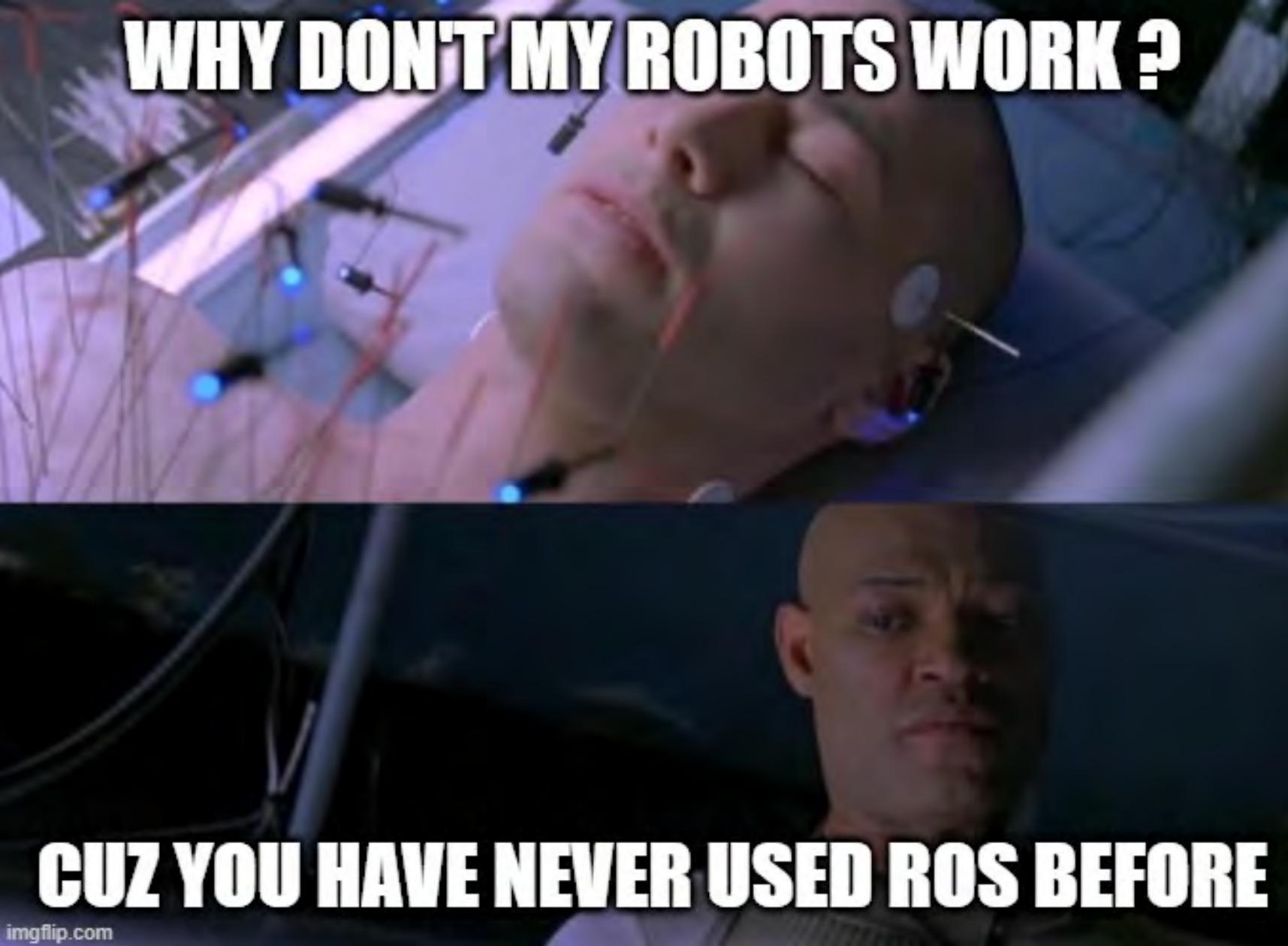


WHY DON'T MY ROBOTS WORK ?



CUZ YOU HAVE NEVER USED ROS BEFORE

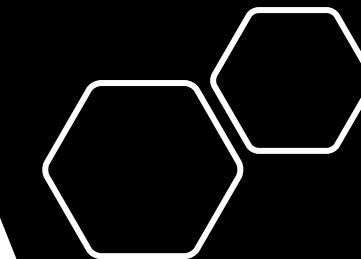
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ROS
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Cavalier
Autonomous Racing



**Introduction
to Robot
Operating
System
[ROS]**

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Announcements

- Access to Ubuntu 18.04 (Bionic)
- Install ROS Melodic – desktop-full

To programming using ROS you must setup a developer's PC:

- Ubuntu 18.04: <https://ubuntu.com/tutorials/tutorial-install-ubuntu-desktop#1-overview>
- ROS Melodic:
<http://wiki.ros.org/melodic/Installation/Ubuntu>

Dual boot vs Virtual Machine: A simplest way to setup the developer's PC is installing Linux on a Virtual Machine. This is not suggested due to the high hardware resources needed by the simulation scenes used in the evaluation. Moreover, you can use it in the first part of the course to test initial robotic programming examples.



“Does your car have any idea why my car pulled it over?”

This lecture

- Why do we need ROS ?
- What is ROS ?
- ROS Overview and Introduction
- What is ROS2 ?

Localization and Mapping

Where am I ?

Scene Understanding

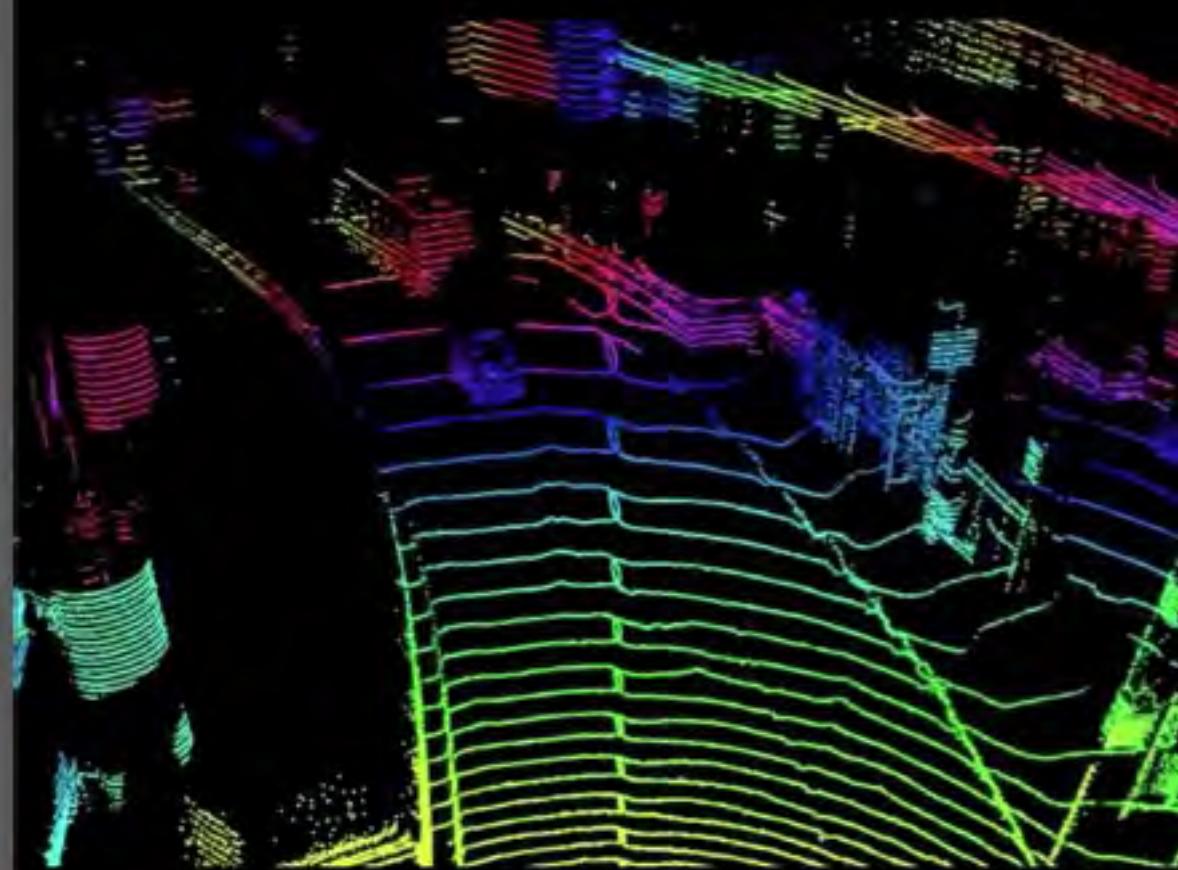
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everyone/everything else ?

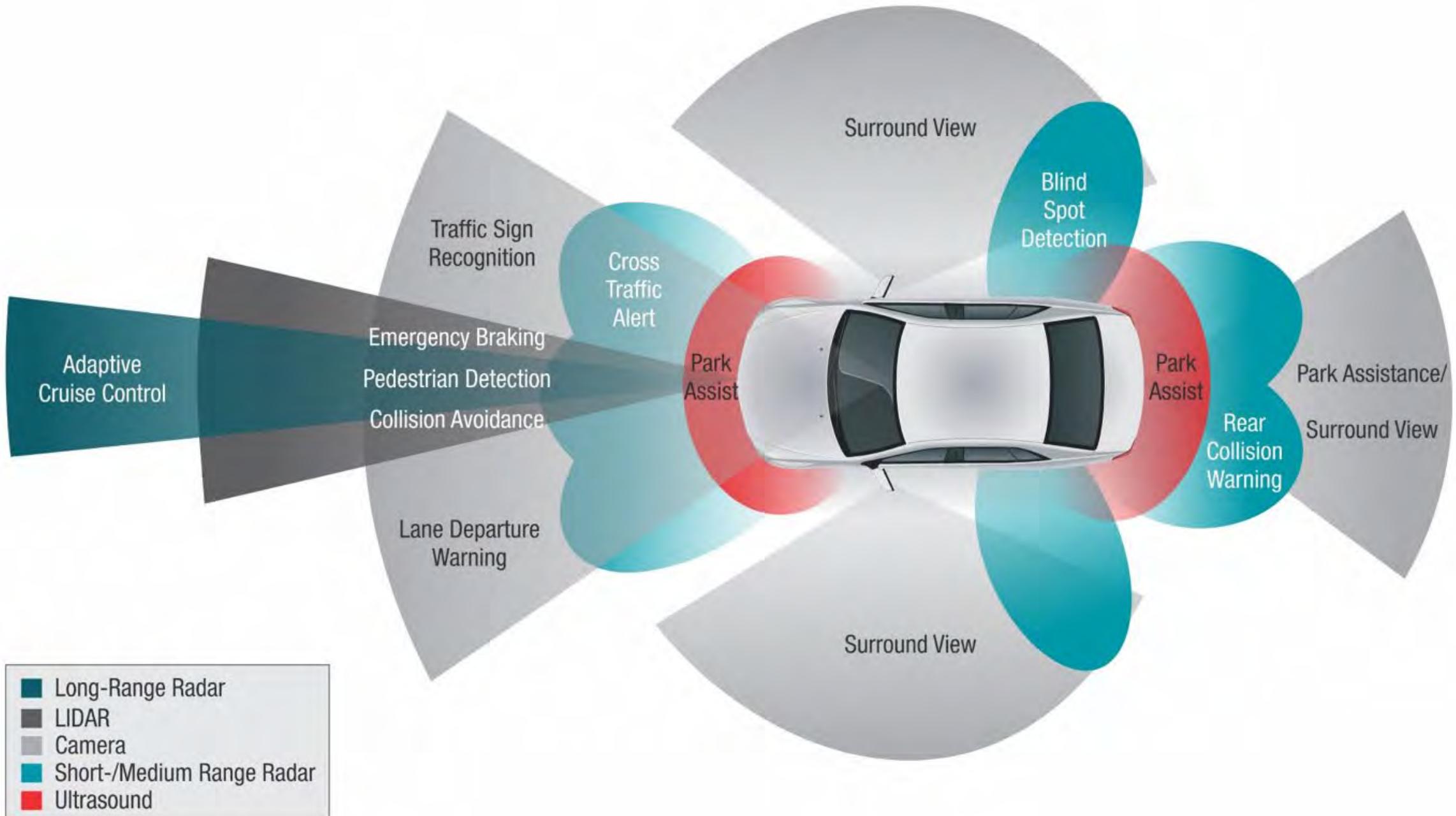
Trajectory Planning and Control

Where should I go next ?
How do I steer and accelerate ?

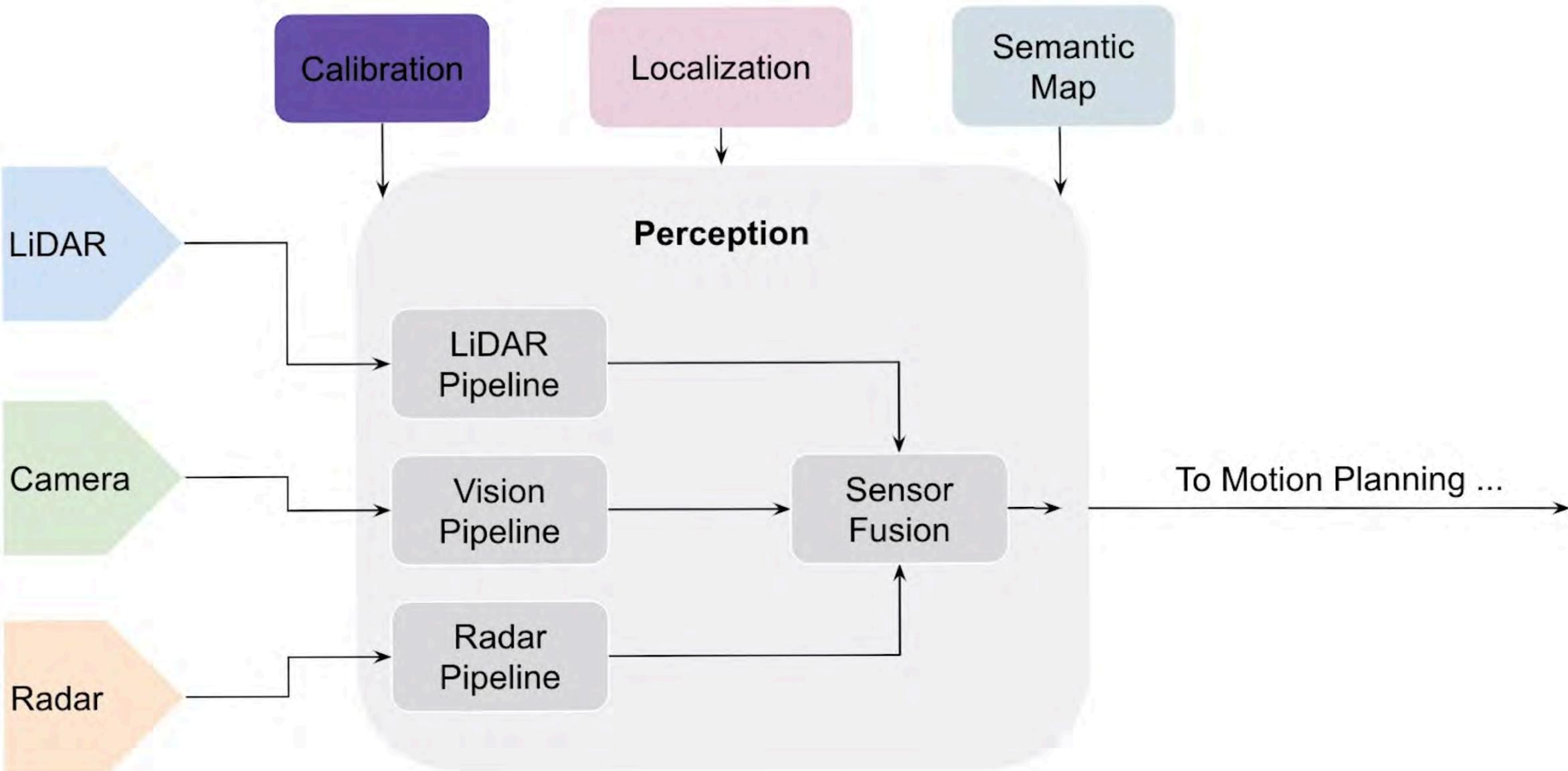
Human Interaction

How do I convey my intent to the
passenger and everyone else ?





Perception in AV Stack



CAR AUTOMATION SENSORS & DATA VOLUMES

| Sensor type | Quantity | Data generated |
|---------------------------|----------|------------------|
| Radar | 4–6 | 0.1–15 Mbit/s |
| LIDAR | 1–5 | 20–100 Mbit/s |
| Camera | 6–12 | 500–3,500 Mbit/s |
| Ultrasonic | 8–16 | <0.01 Mbit/s |
| Vehicle motion, GNSS, IMU | - | <0.1 Mbit/s |

TOTAL ESTIMATED BANDWIDTH

3 Gbit/s (~1.4TB/h) to 40 Gbit/s (~19 TB/h)

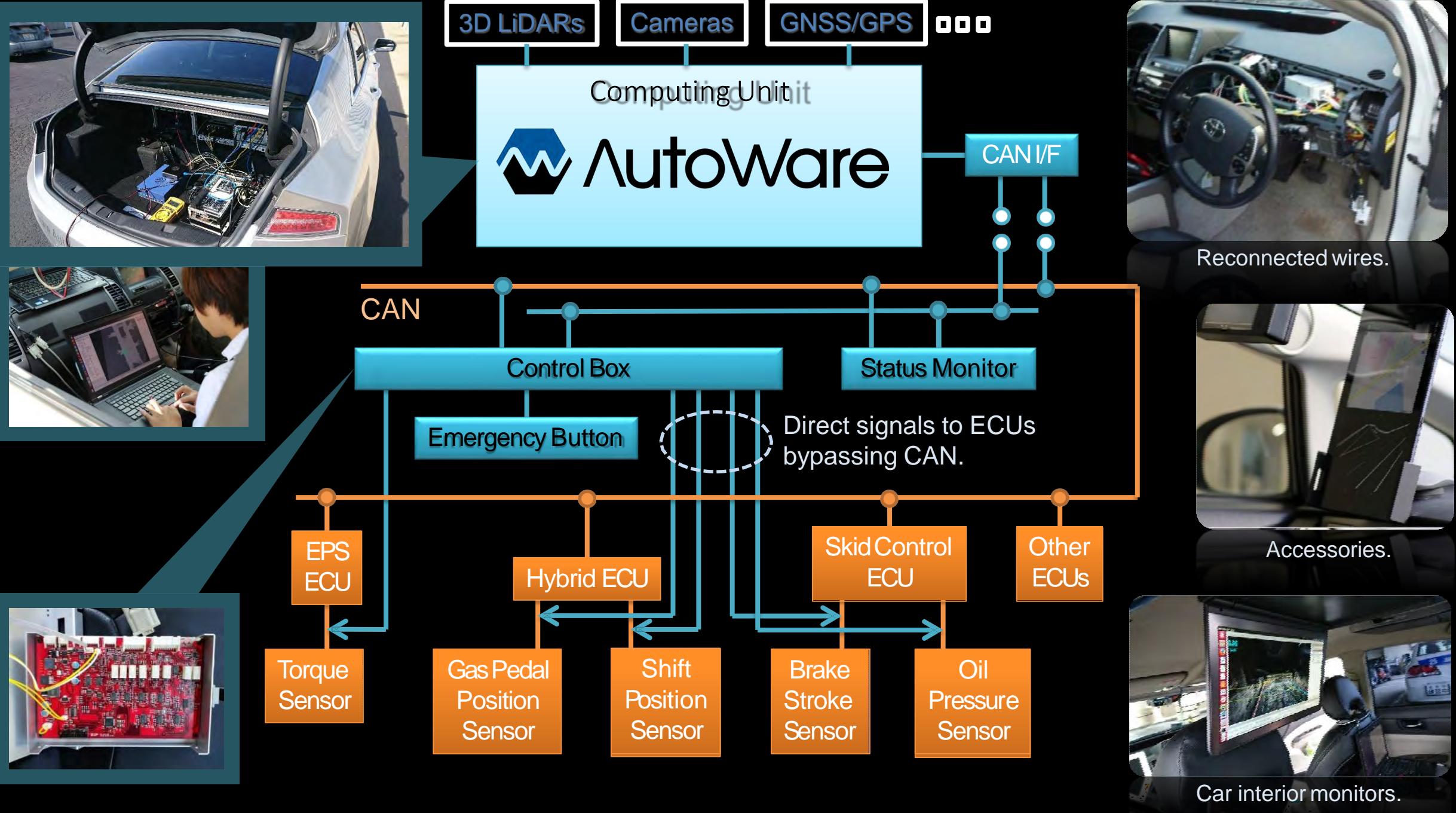


IBEO LUX 8L (3D LiDAR)



NVIDIA DRIVE PX2





Sensor Integration



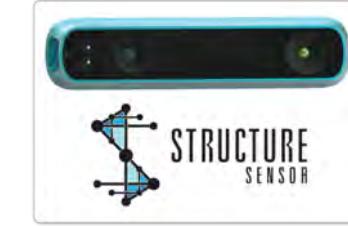
LiDAR



Camera



IMU



IR Depth Cameras



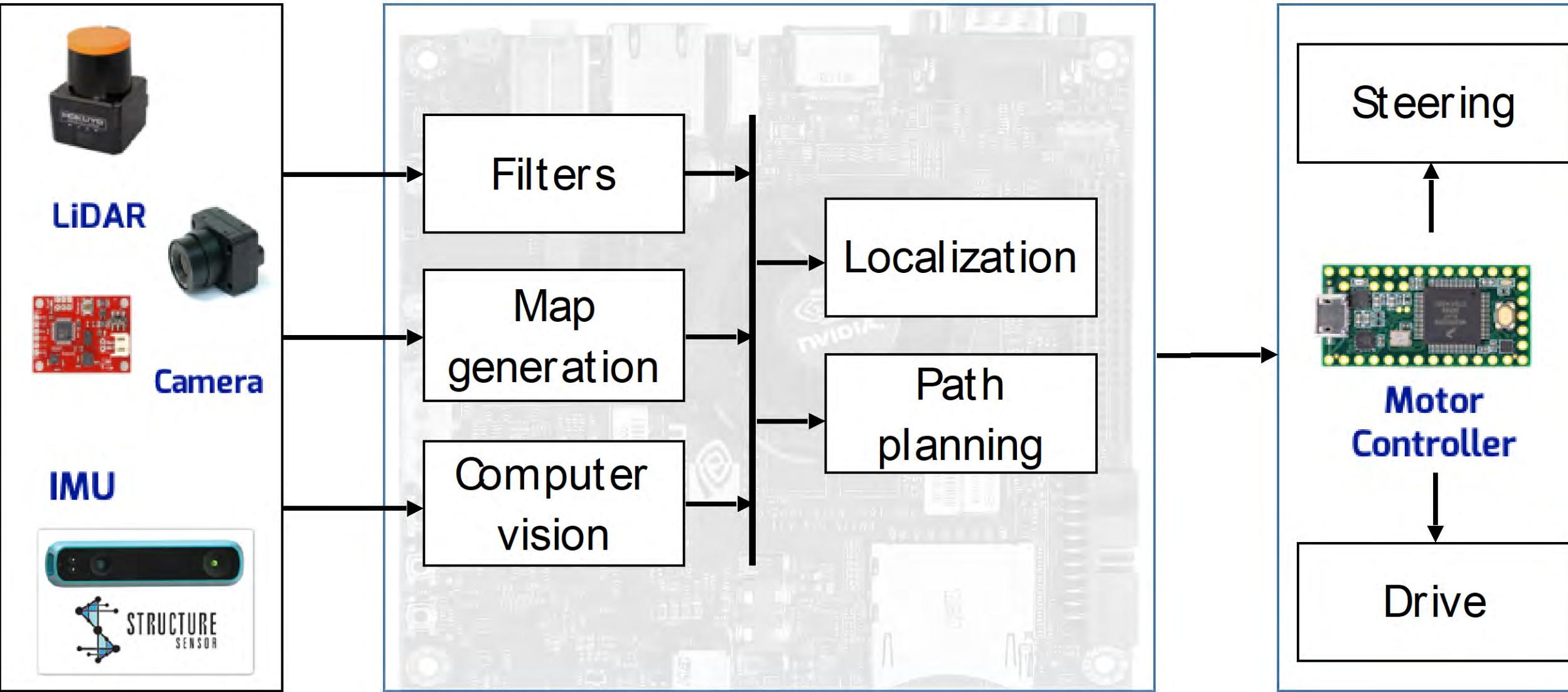
Wi-fi Telemetry



Onboard Computer



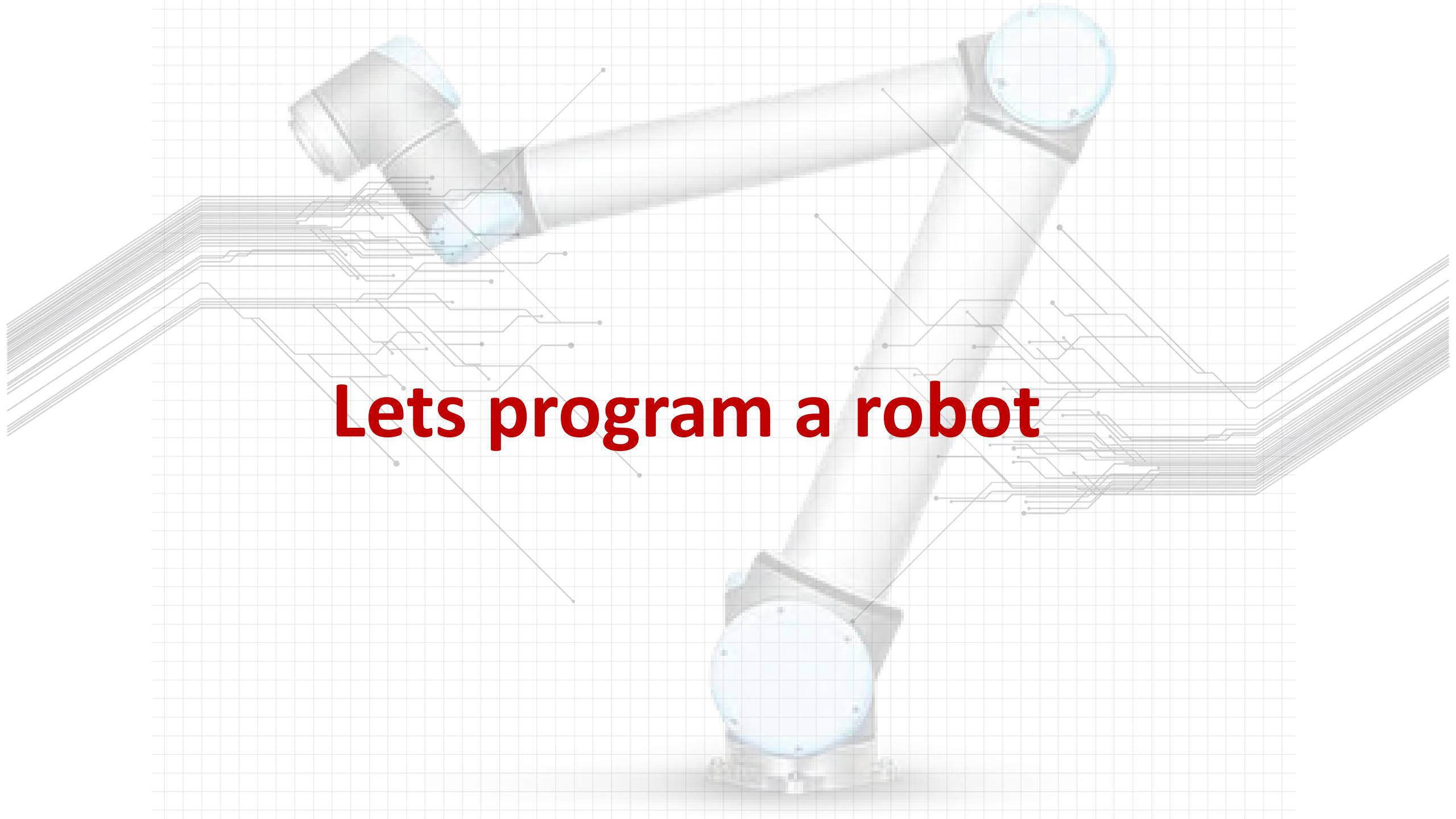
Motor Controller



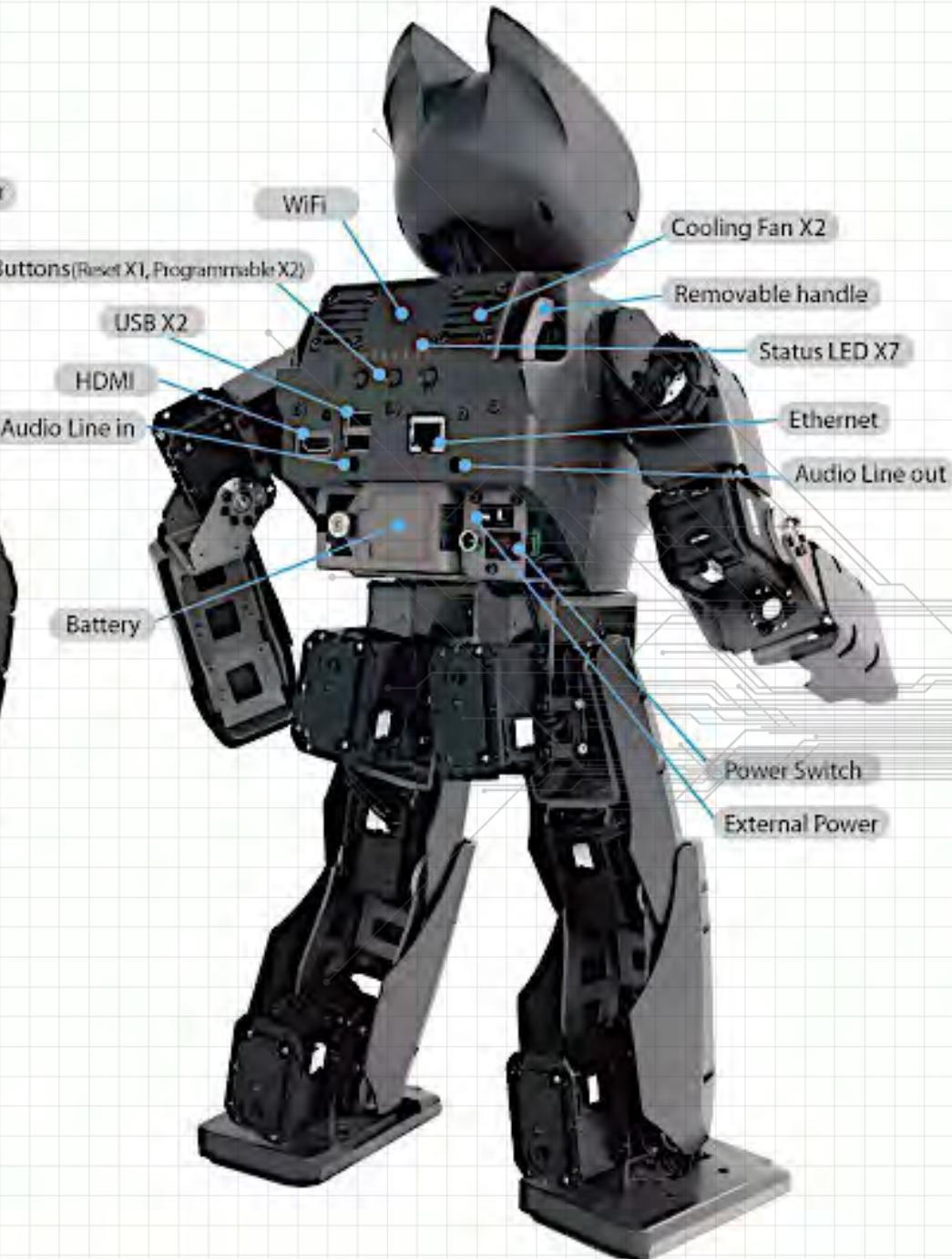
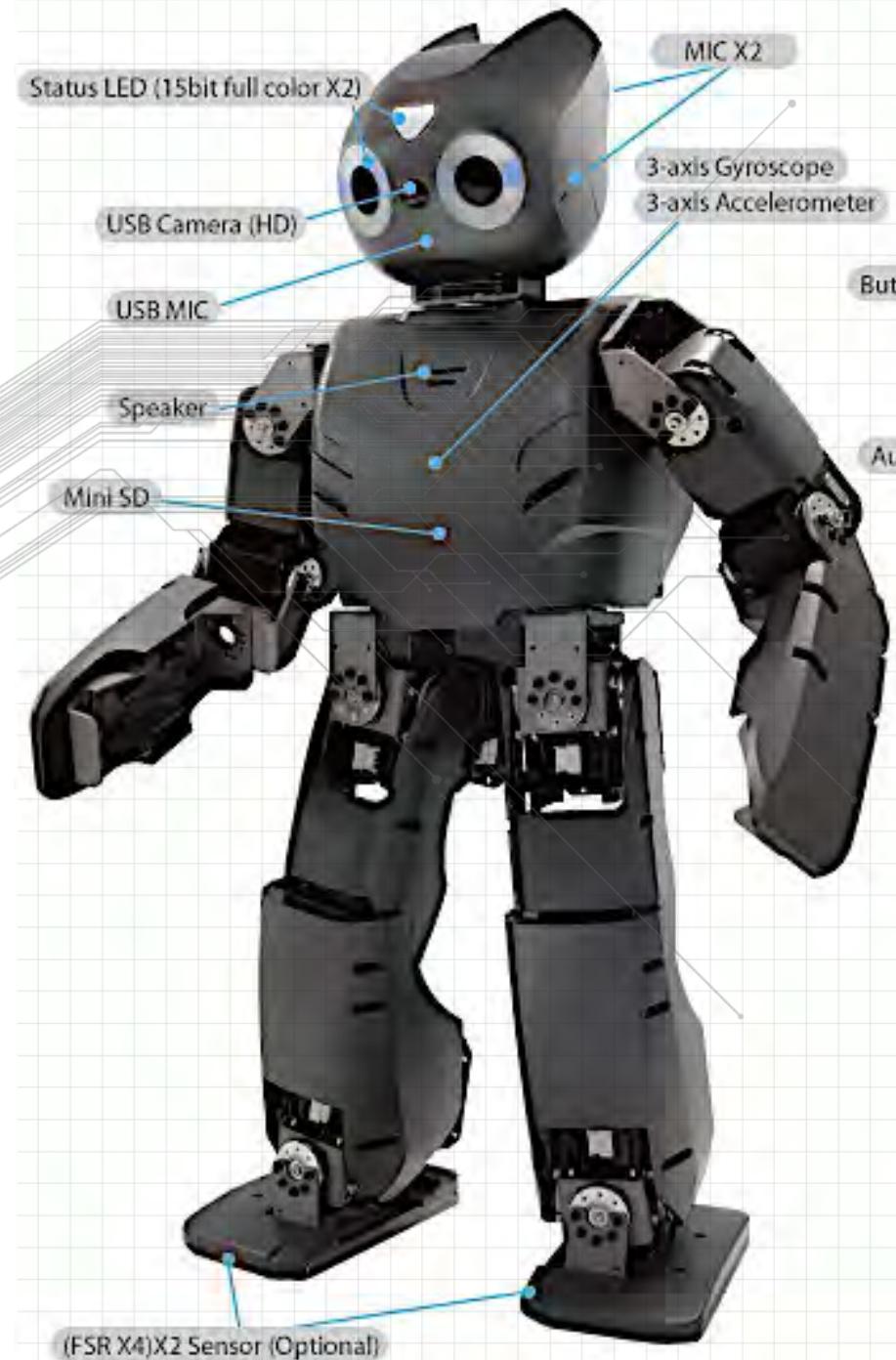
Perception

Planning

Control



Lets program a robot





Monolithic, Sequential

while()

```
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read_from_rgbd_camera(...)  
detect_soccer_ball(...)  
update_ball_tracker(...)  
convert_rgbd_to_laser(...)  
    read_odometry(...)  
update_localization(...)  
    update_motion_plan(...)  
send_motion_commands(...)
```



Challenges of Robotics Software Development*

- // **Complexity**

- Interconnected algorithms
- Significant internal state
- Concurrency
- Multi-rate and asynchronicity
- Multi-agent / distributed

- **Large-scale**//

- Distributed expertise

- **Resilience**

- Fault isolation

- **Flexibility**

- Changing configurations
- Rapid prototyping

- **Difficult algorithms**

- Real-time
- Computation, bandwidth, & memory

- **Re-use**

- Integration into other systems
- Portability to other robot platforms



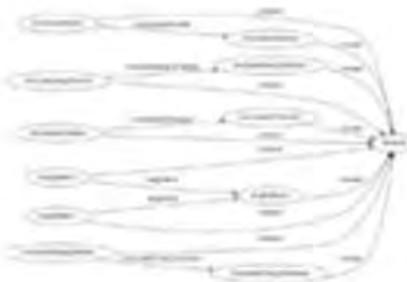
What a mess!

How can we deal with it ?

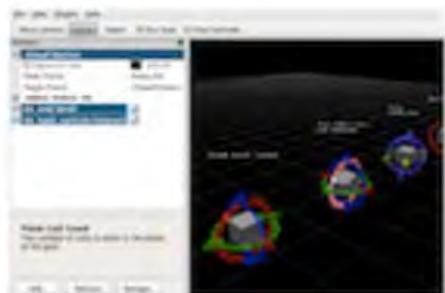
ROS: Robot Operating System

The screenshot shows the official ROS website. At the top, there's a navigation bar with links for About, Why ROS?, Getting Started, Get Involved, and Blog. Below the navigation is a large banner featuring a white PR2 robot against a dark background. To the left of the robot is a box containing the heading "What is ROS?" and a brief description: "The Robot Operating System (ROS) is a set of software libraries and tools that help you build robot applications. From drivers to state-of-the-art algorithms, and with powerful developer tools, ROS has what you need for your next robotics project. And it's all open source." A "Read More" button is at the bottom of this box. On the right side of the banner, there's a terminal window displaying ROS message definitions, specifically for a "covariant" topic. The code includes fields like "header", "covariance", "pose", "position", "pose.position", "pose.orientation", and "rosmsg.Publisher.publish(msg)". The overall theme is technical and focused on robotics development.

ROS: Robot Operating System



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ros.org

Plumbing

- Process management
- Inter-process communication
- Device drivers

Tools

- Simulation
- Visualization
- Graphical user interface
- Data logging

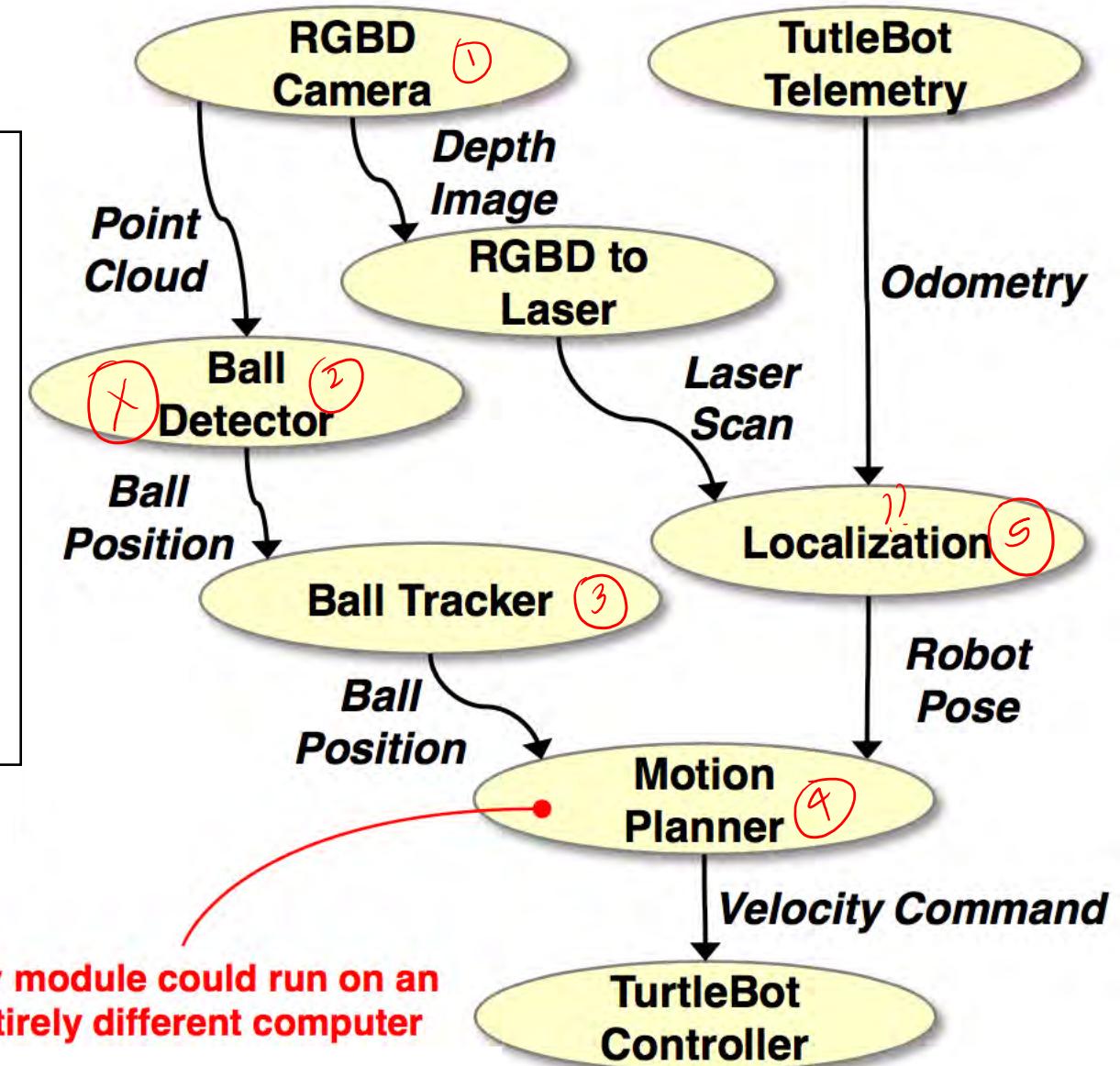
Capabilities

- Control
- Planning
- Perception
- Mapping
- Manipulation

Ecosystem

- Package organization
- Software distribution
- Documentation
- Tutorials

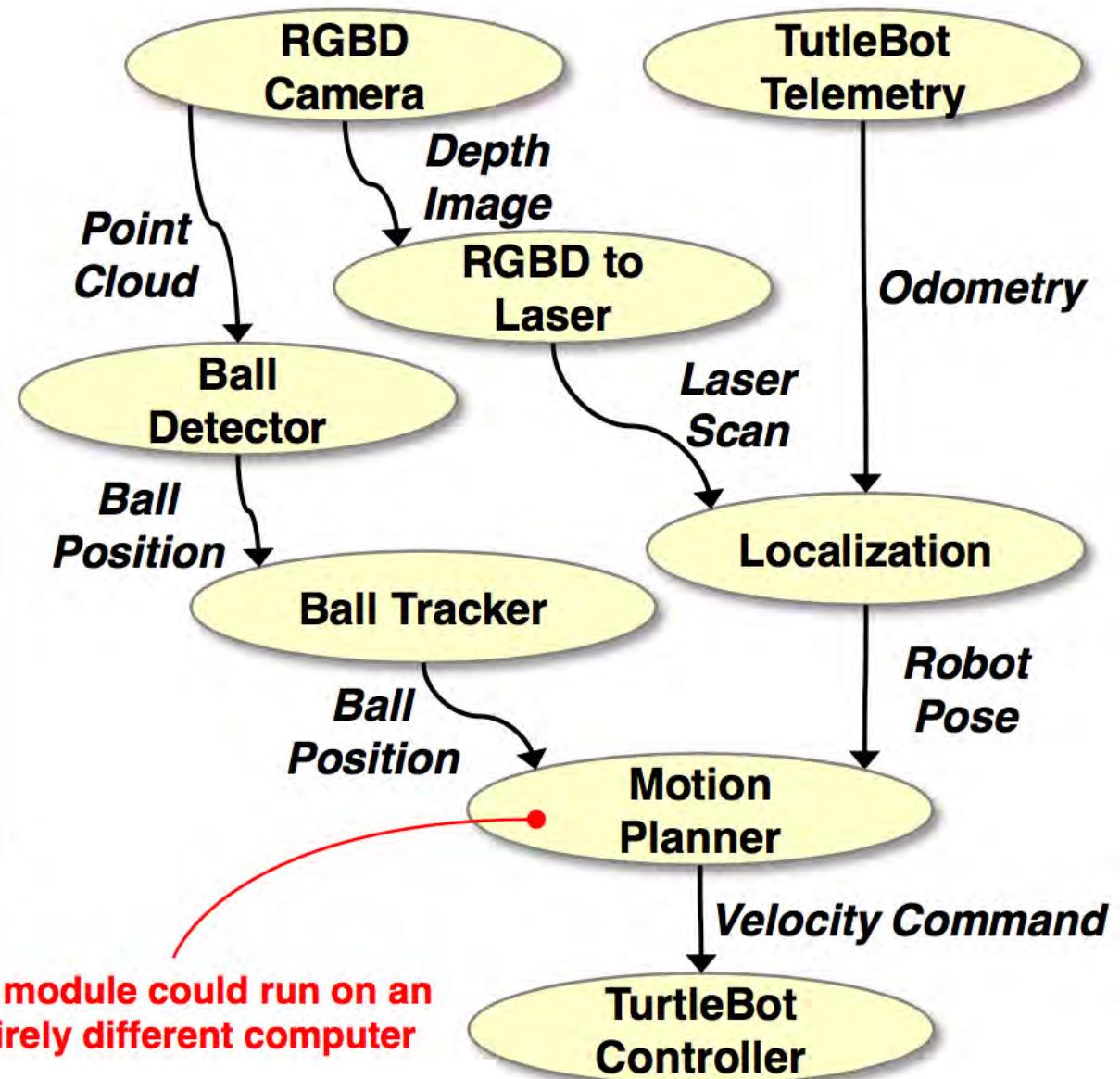
Modular, Parallel



Monolithic, Sequential

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```

Modular, Parallel



ROS Philosophy

- **Peer to peer**
Individual programs communicate over defined API (ROS *messages, services, etc.*).
- **Distributed**
Programs can be run on multiple computers and communicate over the network.
- **Multi-lingual**
ROS modules can be written in any language for which a client library exists (C++, Python, MATLAB, Java, etc.).
- **Light-weight**
Stand-alone libraries are wrapped around with a thin ROS layer.
- **Free and open-source**
Most ROS software is open-source and free to use.

Landmark Robots



(some of the) ROS-based products available today



ROS History

- 2007 - Stanford Switchyard
Part of the STanford Artificial Intelligence Robot (STAIR) project

- 2008 - Willow Garage increasingly assumes stewardship of ROS

- 2/2009 - ROS 0.4 (first “stable” release)

- 4/2009 - Lincoln starts using ROS

- 1/2010 - ROS 1.0

- 3/2010 - Box Turtle

- 8/2010 - C Turtle

- 3/2011 - Diamondback

- 8/2011 - Electric Emys

- 4/2012 - Fuerte

- 4/2012 - Tully Foote becomes ROS Platform Manager

- 1/2013 - Groovy Galapagos

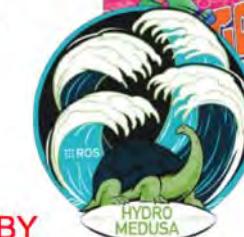
- 2/2013 - ROS stewardship transfers to the Open Source Robotics Foundation (OSRF)

- 9/2013 - Hydro Medusa

- 7/2014 - Indigo Igloo



Willow Garage

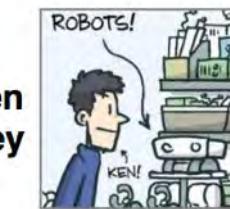


STAIR I

STAIR II



Morgan Quigley



Ken Conley



Tully Foote



Brian Gerkey



Open Source Robotics Foundation

The Organization



Open Robotics

We support the development,
distribution, and adoption of open
software and hardware for use in
robotics research, education, and
product development.

ROS distributions



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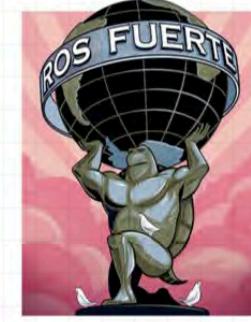
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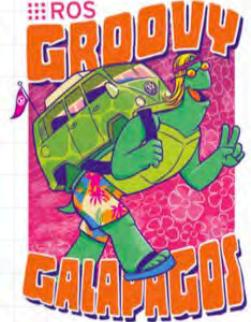
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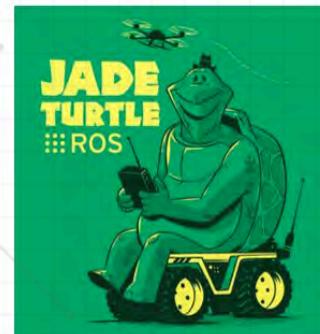
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2015



2016



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2018



2020

ROS2 distributions



2017



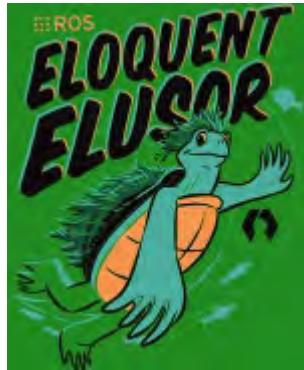
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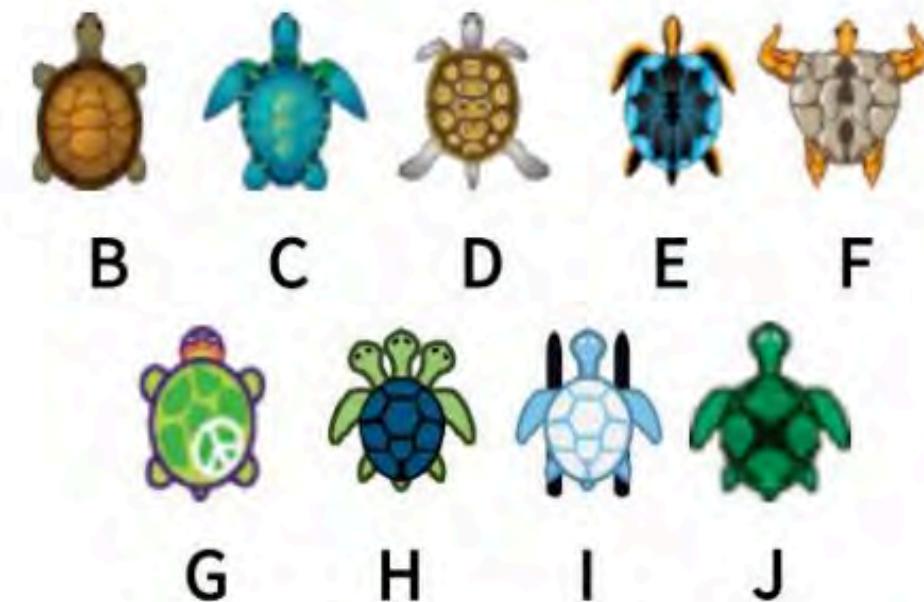
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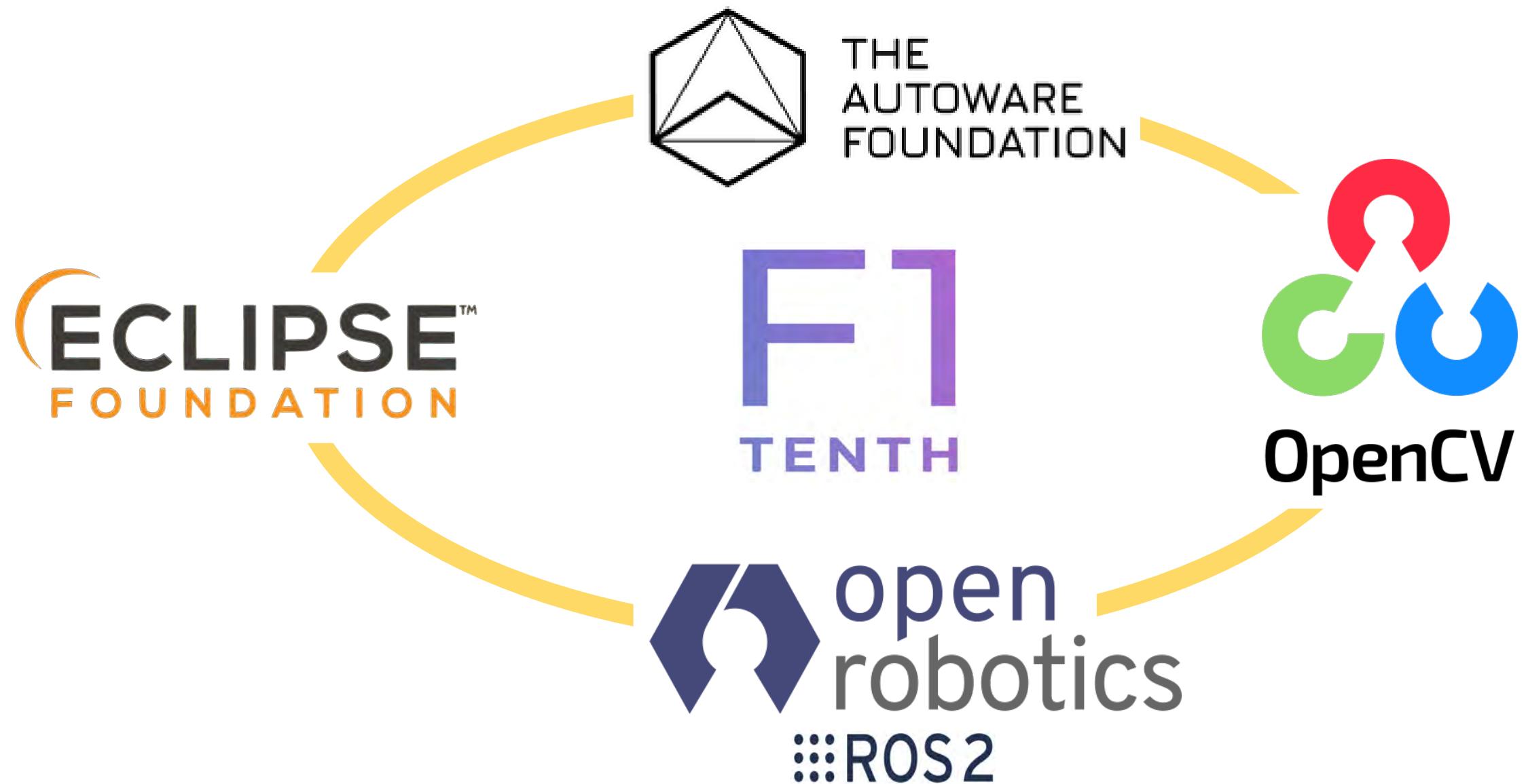
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2020



race for open source adoption & contribution



ROS Community: The “Who” and “How”

Who Contributes to & Uses ROS?

- “Full-time” ROS developers
 - Open Source Robotics Foundation (OSRF)
- Independent contributors
 - Academia
 - Mostly graduate students
 - Industry
 - Robot builders & application developers
 - Hobbyists



How Do They Contribute / Coordinate?

- **ROS.org**
 - Wiki documentation & ROS standards
 - Special Interest Groups (SIG)
 - ROS Enhancement Proposal (REP)
 - ros-users mailing list
- **ROSCon**
- **Shared code repositories**
 - Linked by ROS.org, most moving to GitHub



Quick filter: *, SYNC, REGRESSION, DIFF, BLUE, RED, ORANGE, YELLOW, GRAY, ORPHANED

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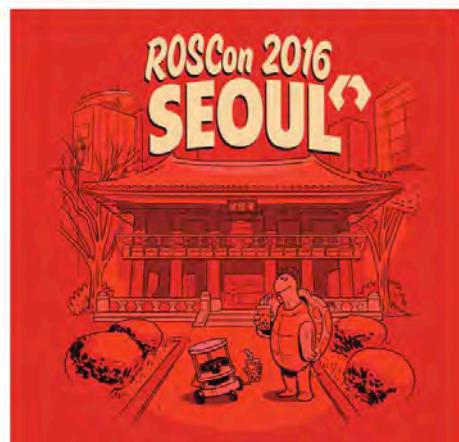
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ROS Build farm and packages

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ROSCon





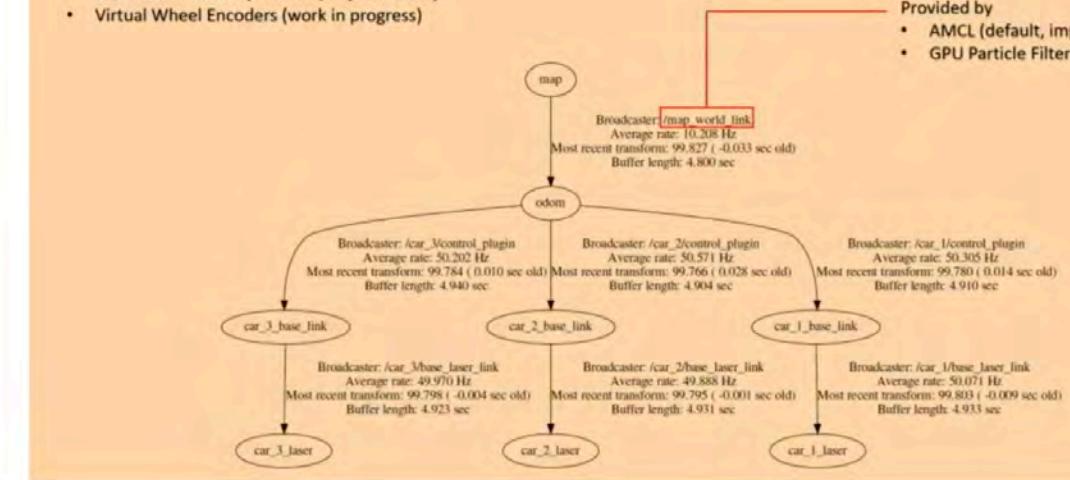
Localization

(Implemented for multiple vehicles)

Odometry sources

- Gazebo (available, default option)
- Laser Scanmatcher (available, implemented)
- Virtual Wheel Encoders (work in progress)

- Provided by
- AMCL (default, implemented)
 - GPU Particle Filter (available, tested)



roscon.ros.org/2019

#ROSCon @OpenRoboticsOrg

A relevant degree is required, for instance in Computer Science or Engineering. A background in Robotics/Computer Vision is desirable, **while knowledge of the Robot Operating System (ROS)**, the Point Cloud Library (PCL), or the Open Source Computer Vision Library (OpenCV) is a big plus.

Goal of this PhD is to study, **design and build novel industry-level software based on ROS or ROS-Industry** which is modular, reconfigurable, adaptive, easy to use to integrate and control various robotic systems.

**** Job Requirements ****

- Experience with software development and integration preferably in a Linux environment
- Proficient in C, C++, Python and Matlab
- **Those with past experience using ROS will be preferred**

The candidate must be a **proficient user of C/C++ and ROS and any relevant computer vision library (e.g., ViSP, OpenCV, PCL)**. Scientific curiosity, large autonomy and ability to work independently are also expected.

**** Required Qualifications ****

- A university degree (Master or Diplom-Ingenieur)
- **Proven programming skills in Matlab, C / C ++, ROS**
- Good knowledge of cooperative software development with GIT or SVN

Required Skills

- * MSc in Engineering / Computer Science or equivalent.
- * Experience with Robotics
- * **Knowledge about ROS (Robot Operating System) and CV.**
- * Advanced experience with C++ and soft real-time programming.
- * Team spirit and ability to work independently.
- * Excellent communication skills, flexibility and creativity.



ROSCon 2015
Hamburg, Germany

AUTOMATED DRIVING WITH ROS AT BMW.

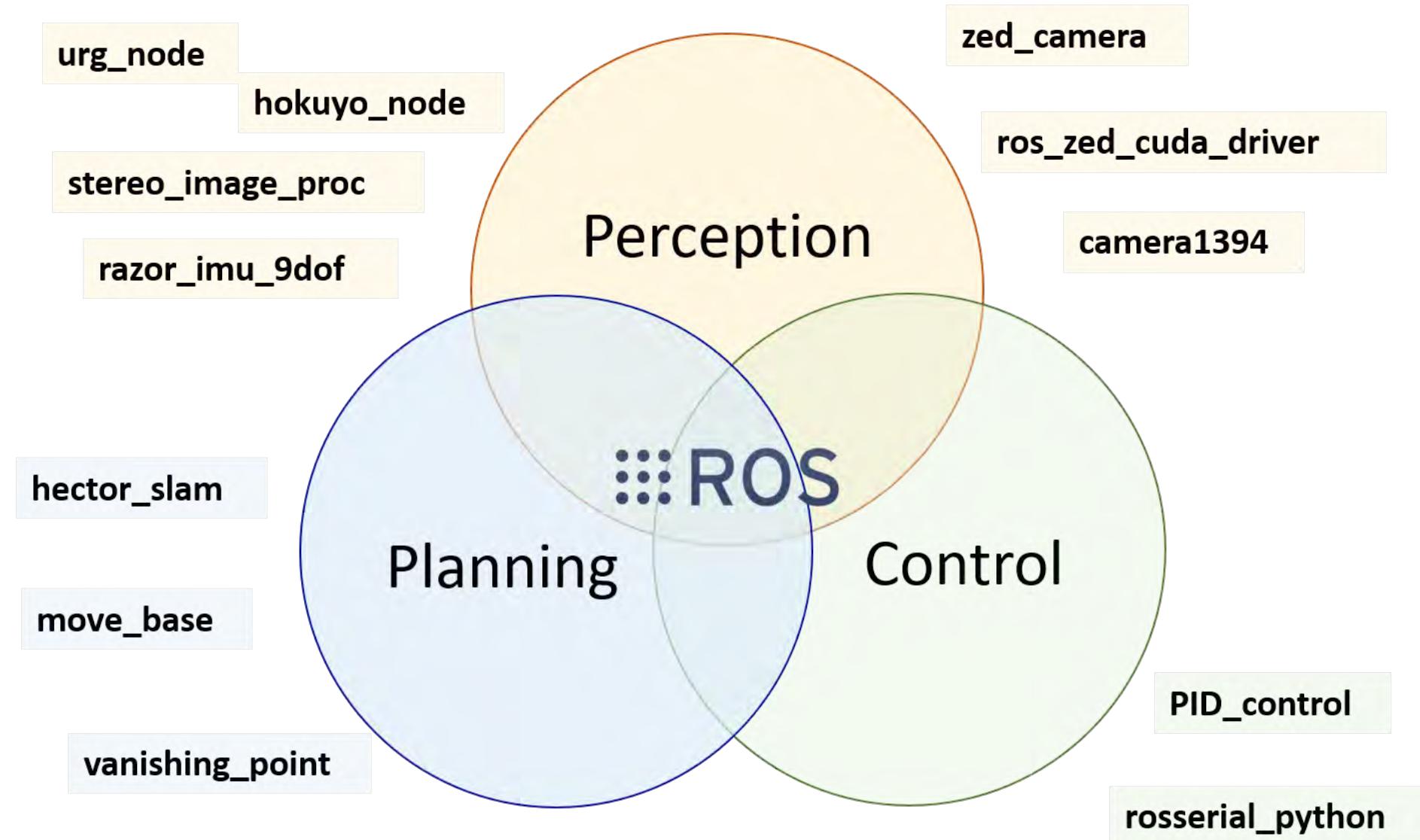
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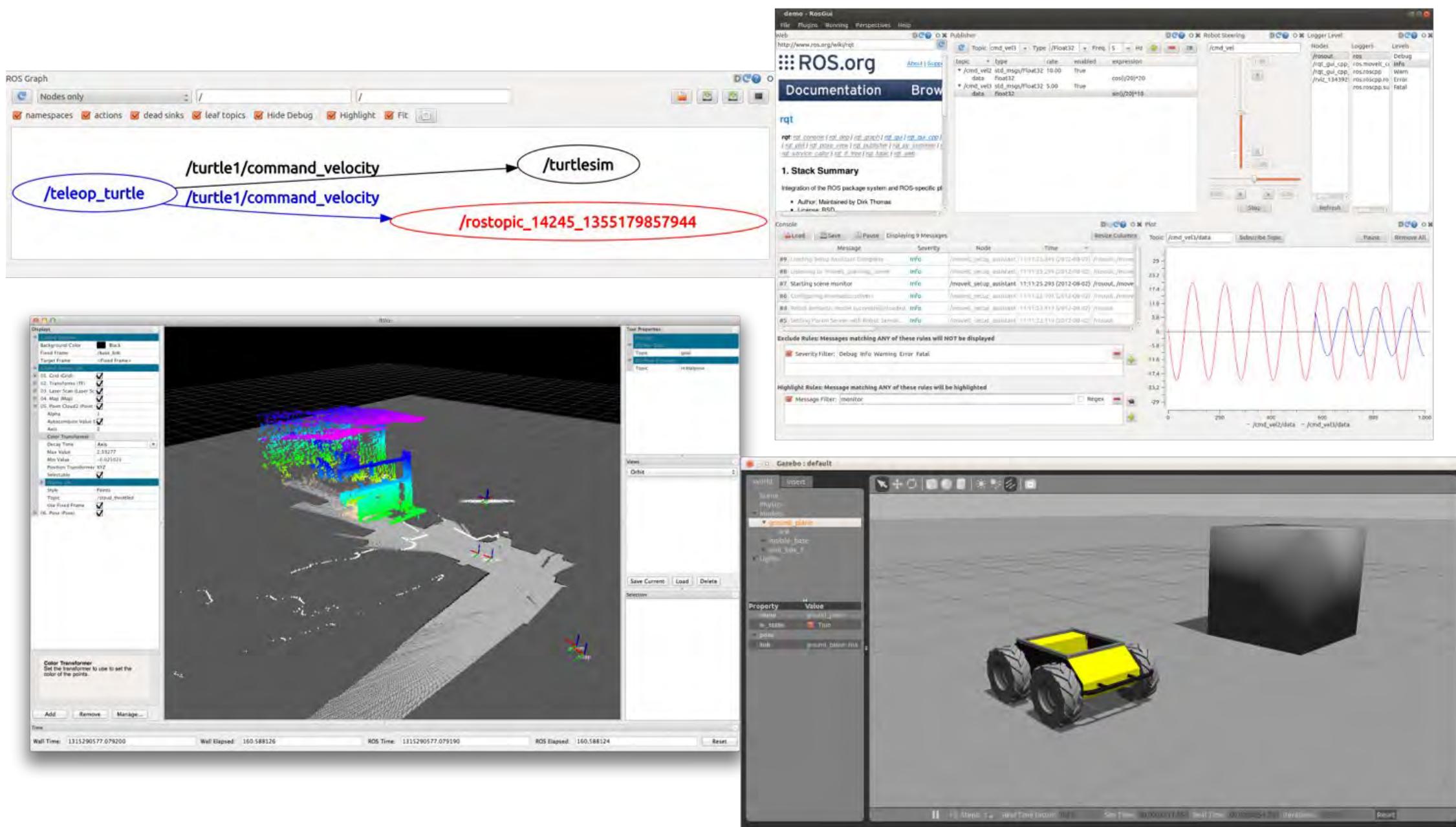
ROS Ecosystem:

Example F1/10 ROS Packages



Visualization, debugging and diagnostics, logging, and simulation

ROS Tools

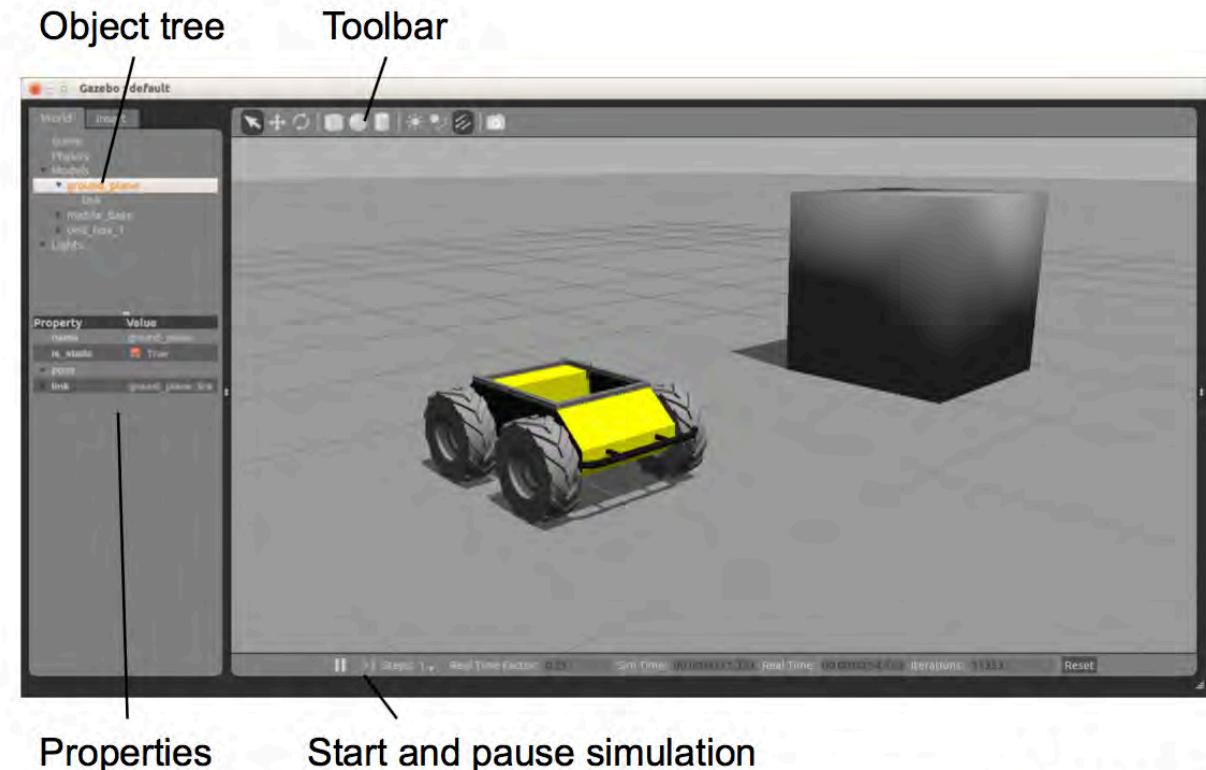


Gazebo Simulator

- Simulate 3d rigid-body dynamics
- Simulate a variety of sensors including noise
- 3d visualization and user interaction
- Includes a database of many robots and environments (*Gazebo worlds*)
- Provides a ROS interface
- Extensible with plugins

Run Gazebo with

```
> rosrun gazebo_ros gazebo
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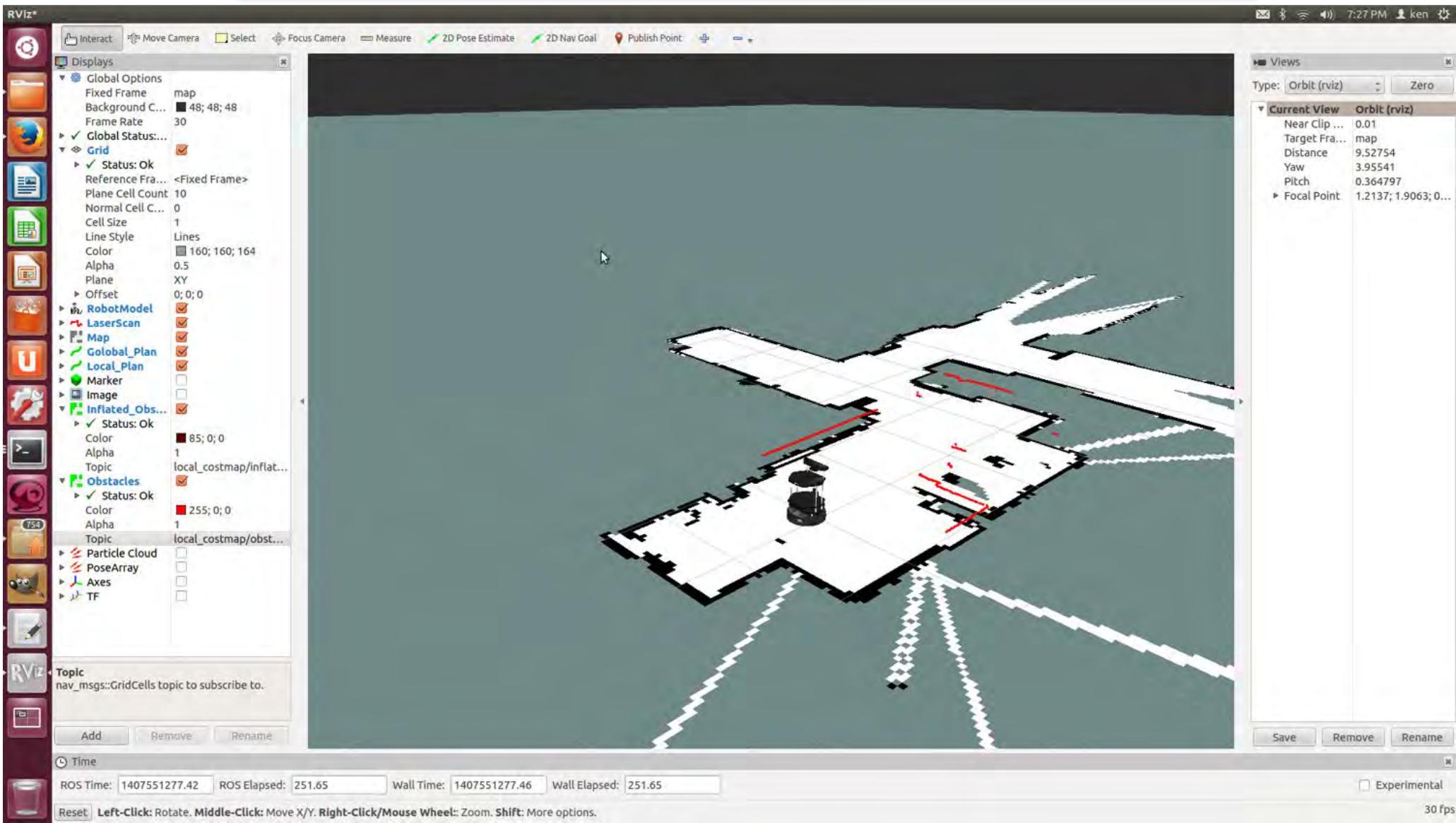
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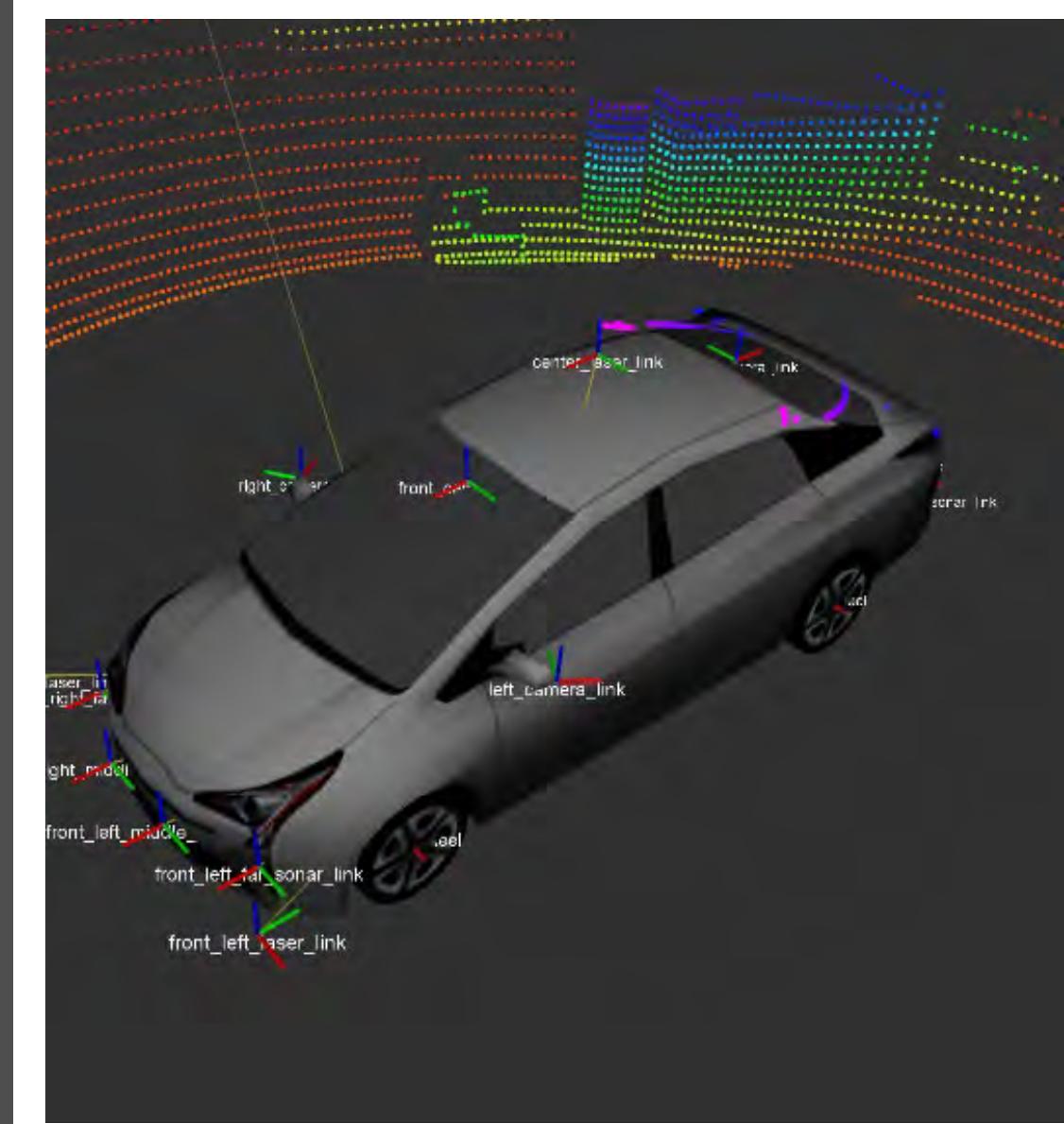
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3D visualization tool: rviz

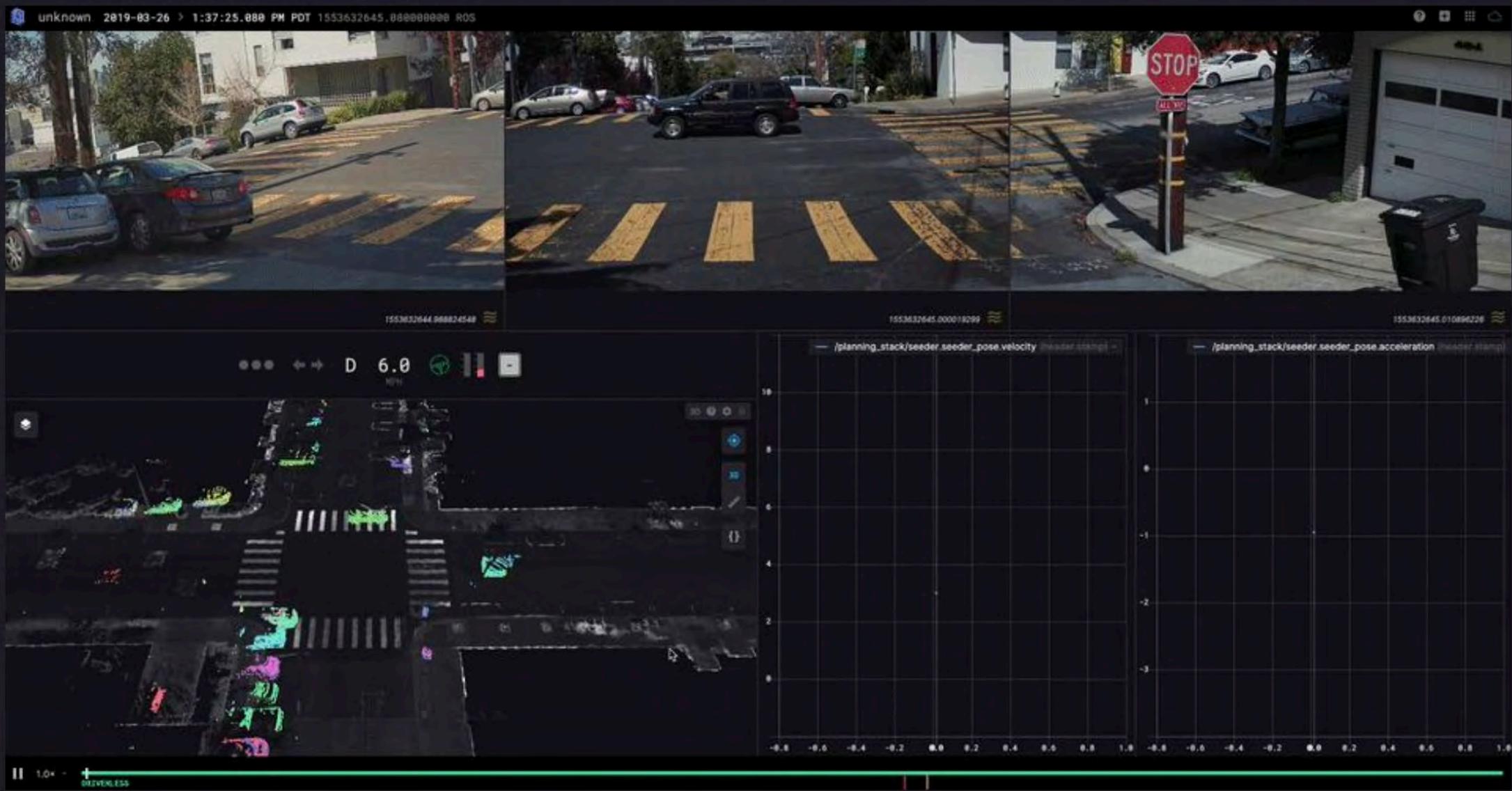
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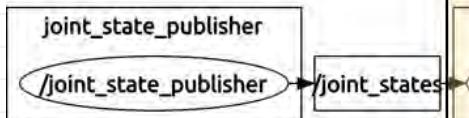
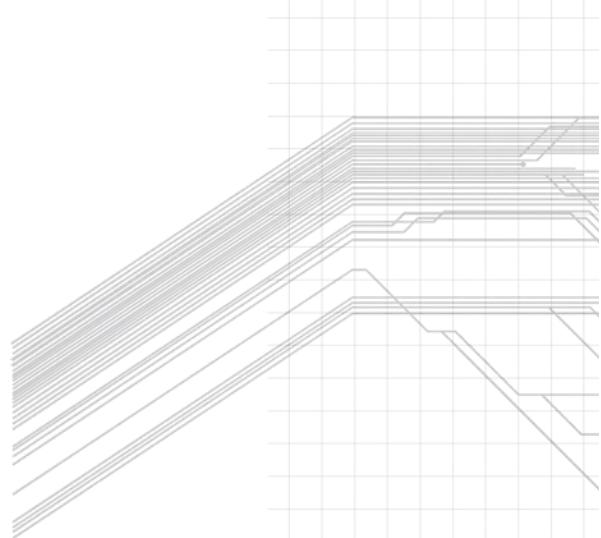




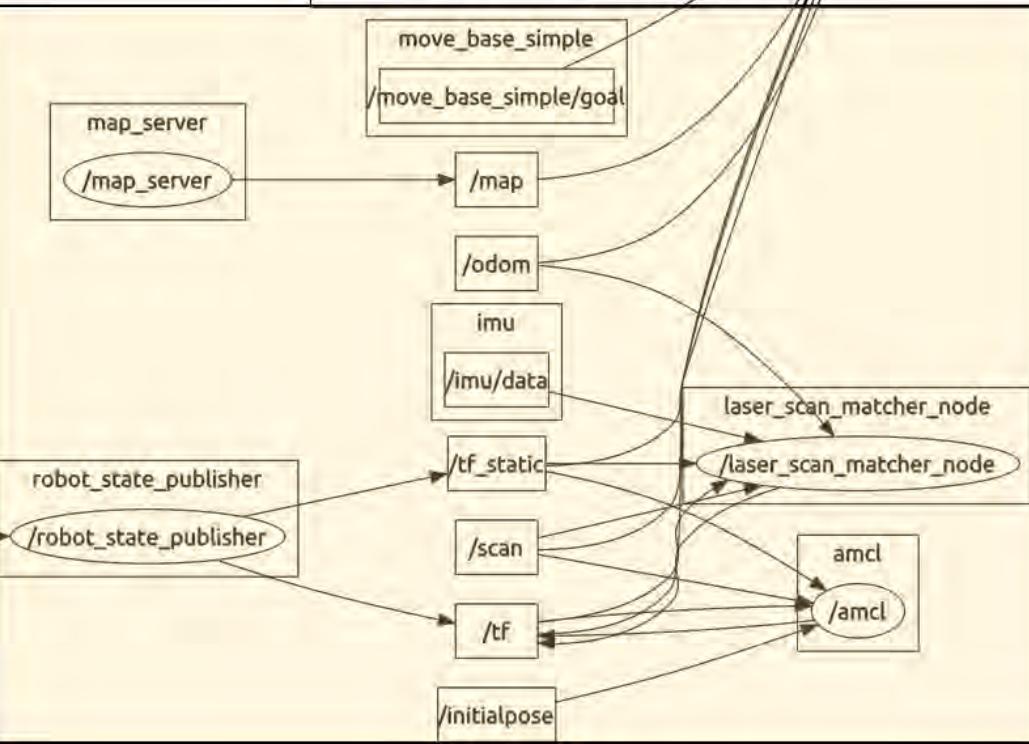
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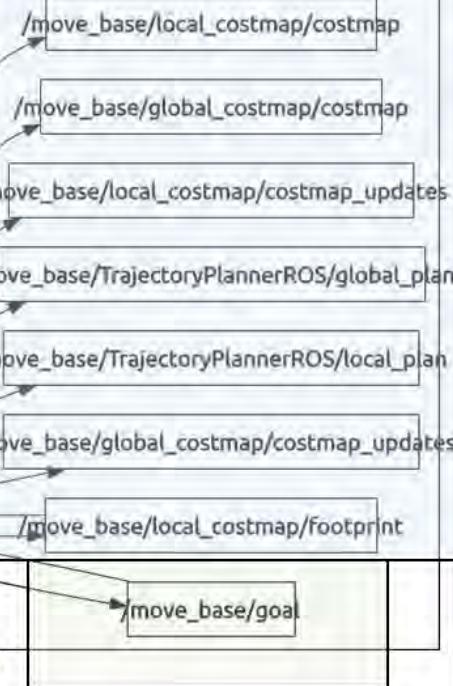
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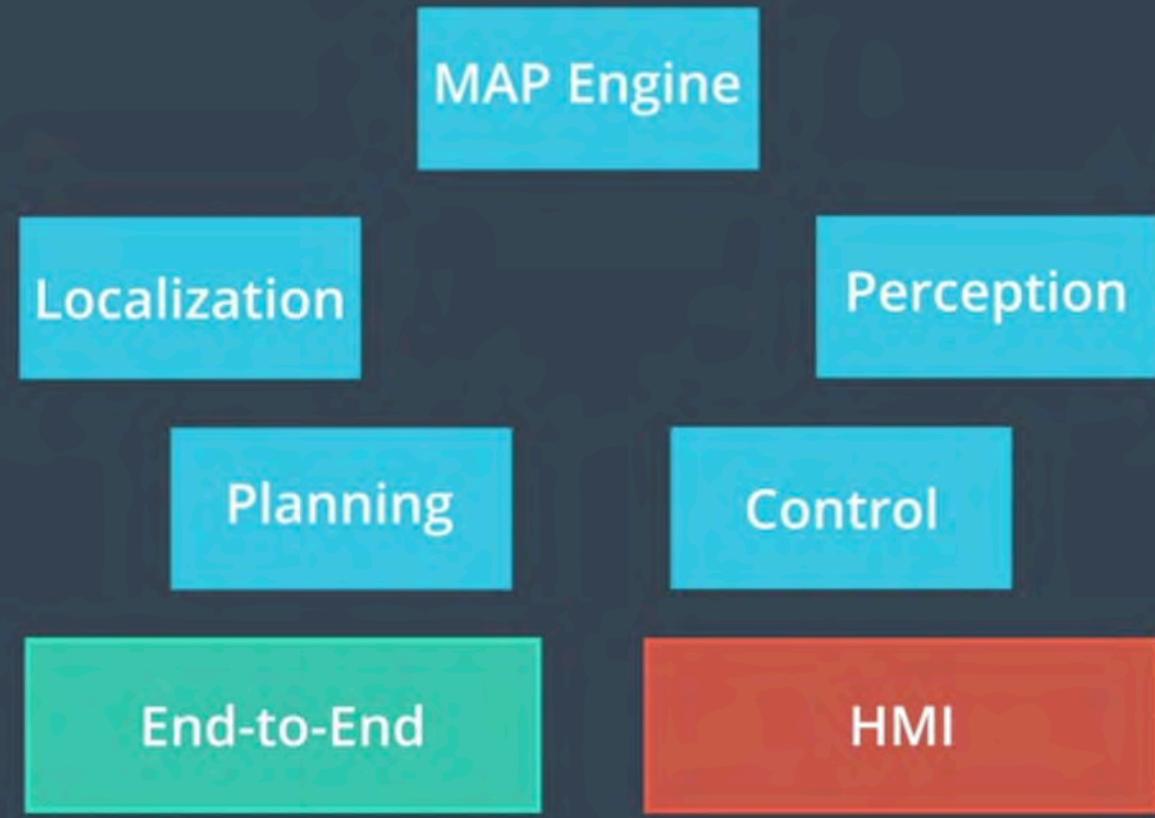
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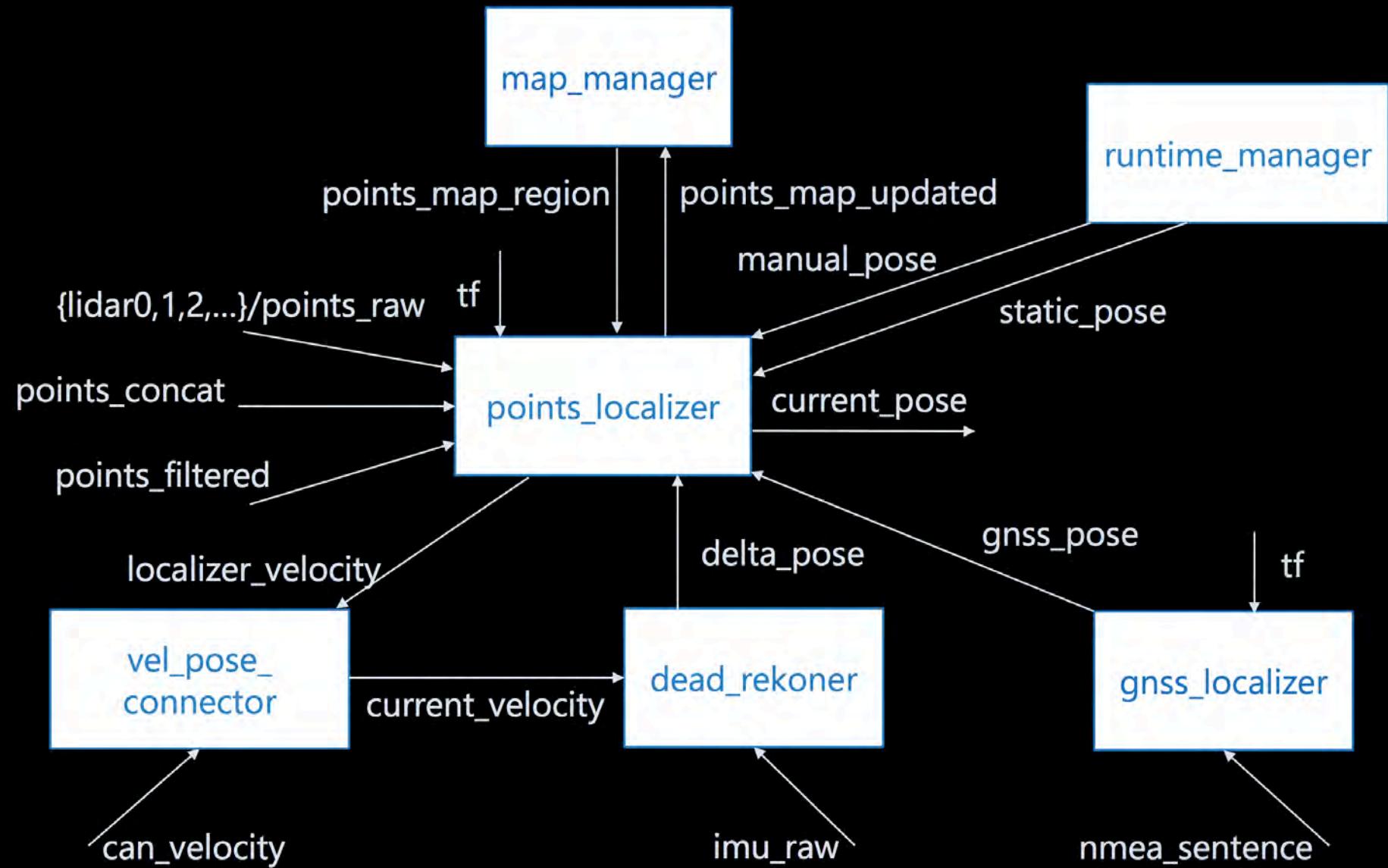
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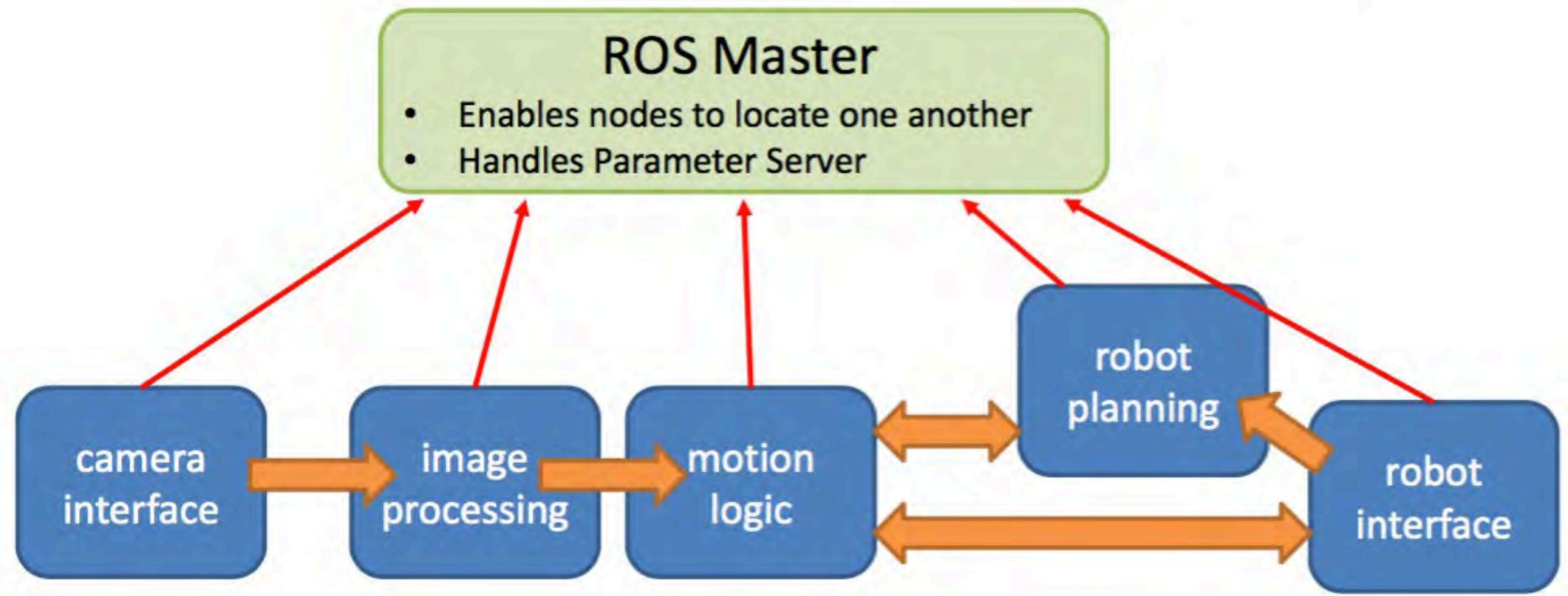
Control



Packages Example (Localization)



ROS: Nodes



Node: Program with a specific functionality, that runs as a single process.

Nodes communicate with other nodes using **topics** and **messages**

ROS Master

- Manages the communication between nodes
- Every node registers at startup with the master

ROS Master

Start a master with

```
> roscore
```

More info

<http://wiki.ros.org/Master>

ROS Nodes

- Single-purpose, executable program
- Individually compiled, executed, and managed
- Organized in *packages*

Run a node with

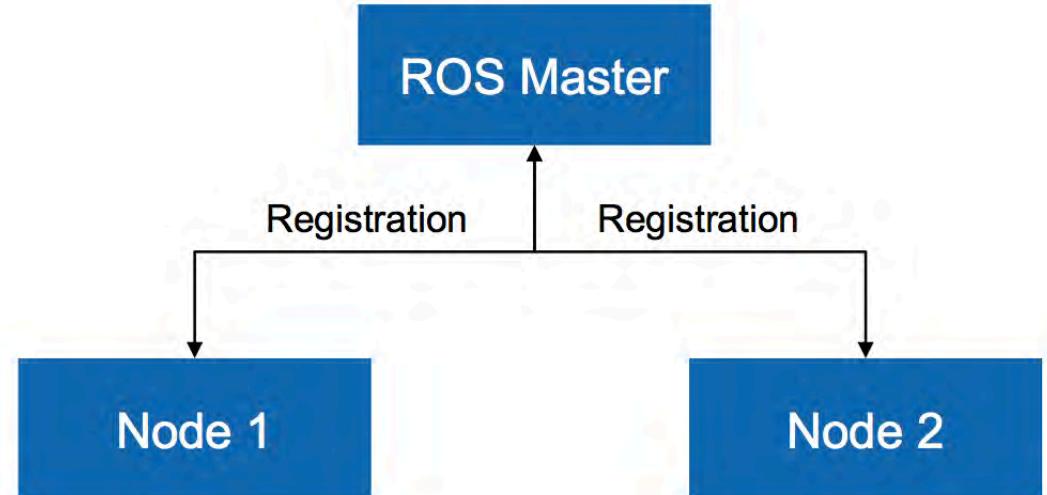
```
> rosrun package_name node_name
```

See active nodes with

```
> rosnodes list
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Retrieve information about a node with

```
> rosnodes info node_name
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More info

<http://wiki.ros.org/rosnodes>

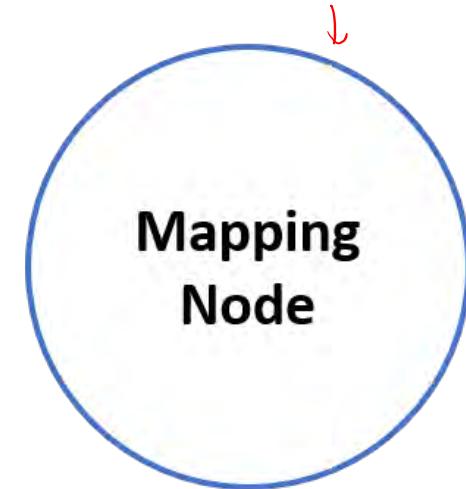
ROS: Topics

Topics are channels over which *nodes* exchange *messages*.

They are for **streaming data**



Publishes on topic: Scan



hokuyo_node

Subscribes to topic: Scan

Publisher Node

Subscriber Node

ROS Topics

- Nodes communicate over *topics*
 - Nodes can *publish* or *subscribe* to a topic
 - Typically, 1 publisher and n subscribers
- Topic is a name for a stream of *messages*

List active topics with

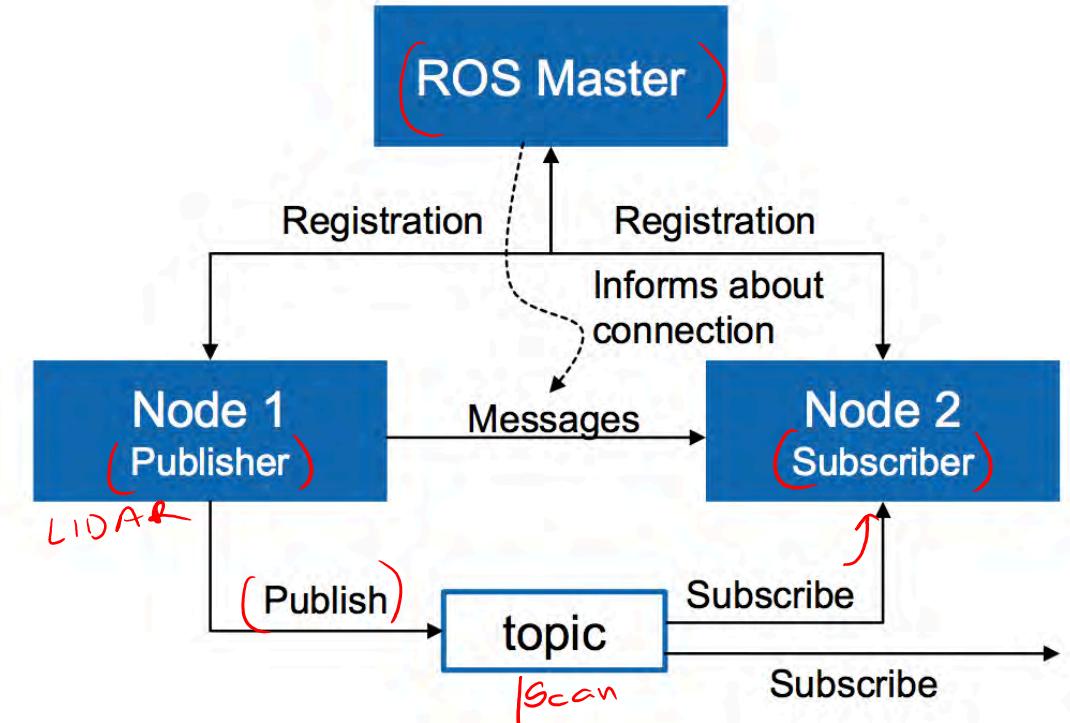
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> rostopic list
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Subscribe and print the contents of a topic with

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> rostopic echo /topic
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Show information about a topic with

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> rostopic info /topic
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More info

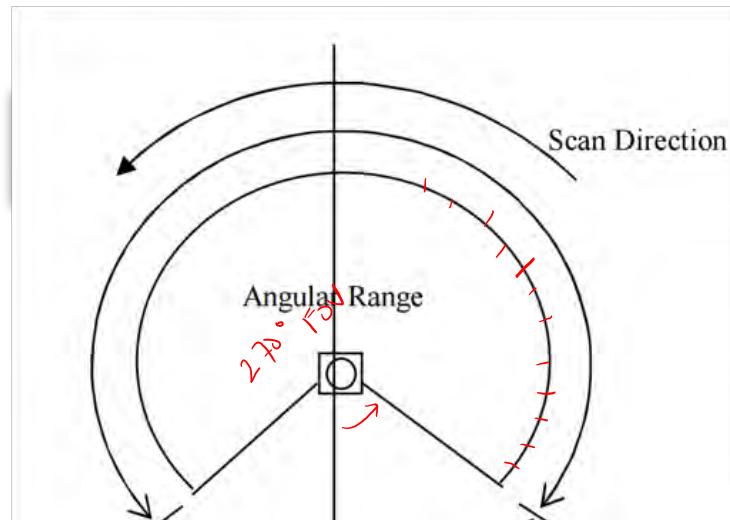
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ROS: Messages

Messages are the strongly-typed data structure for a topic.



hokuyo_node



LaserScan [Message]
Scan [Topic]

std_msgs/Header header
float32 angle_min ✓
float32 angle_max ✓
float32 angle_increment
float32 time_increment
float32 scan_time
float32 range_min ✓
float32 range_max ✓
float32[] ranges ← 10 →
float32[] intensities

Mapping Node

Subscriber Node

ROS Messages

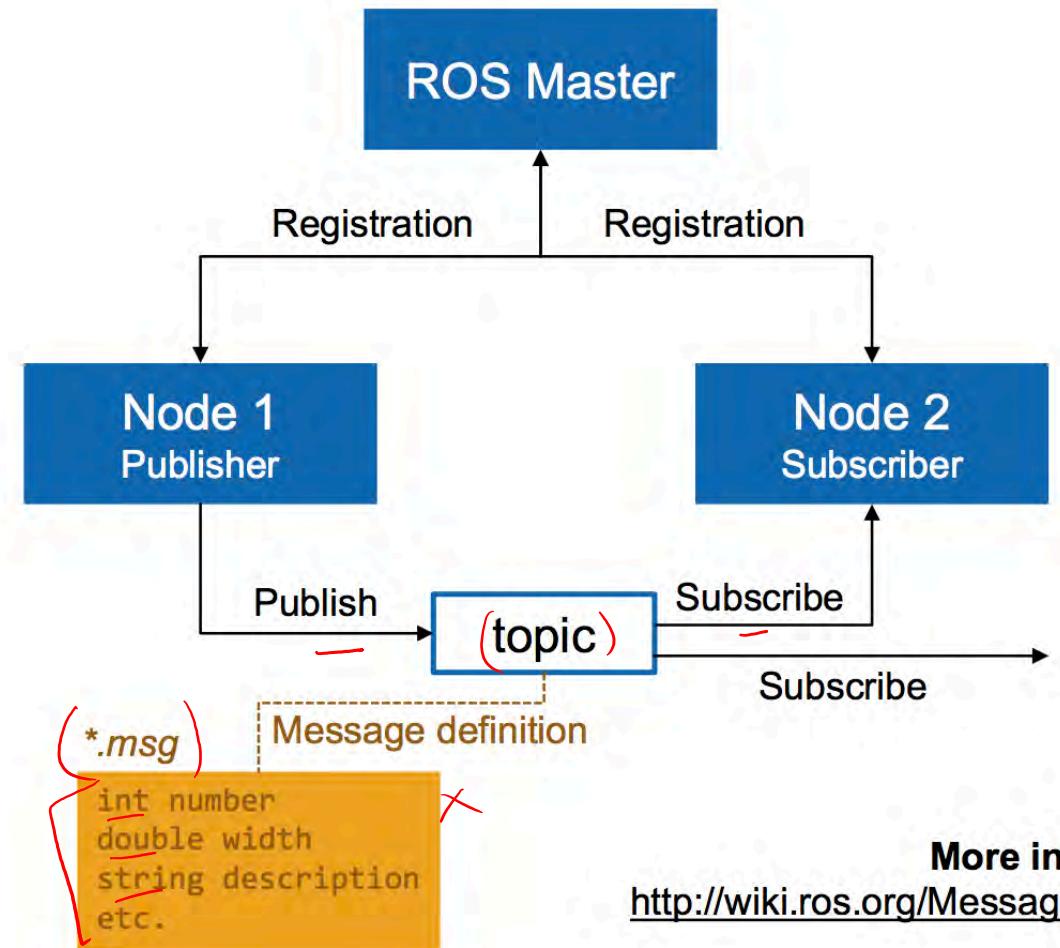
- Data structure defining the *type* of a topic
- Comprised of a nested structure of integers, floats, booleans, strings etc. and arrays of objects
- Defined in **.msg* files

See the type of a topic

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> rostopic type /topic
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Publish a message to a topic

```
> rostopic pub /topic type args
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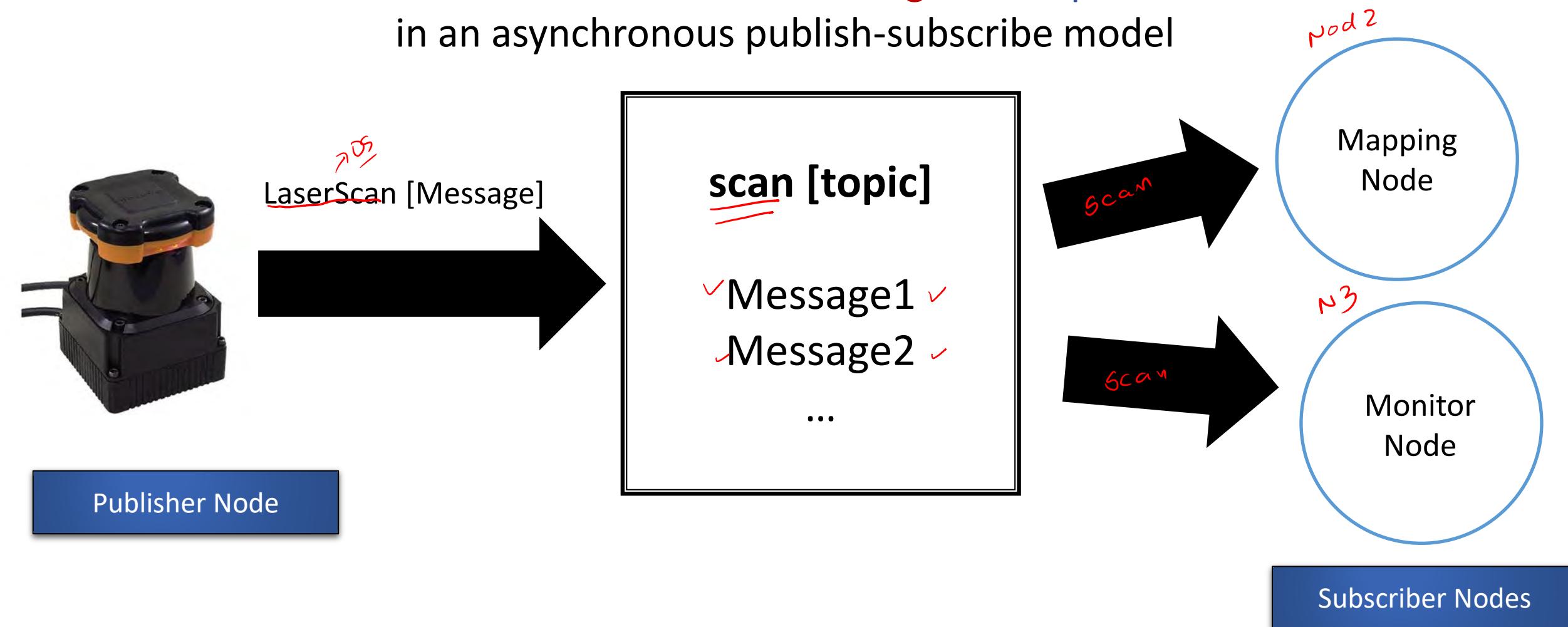


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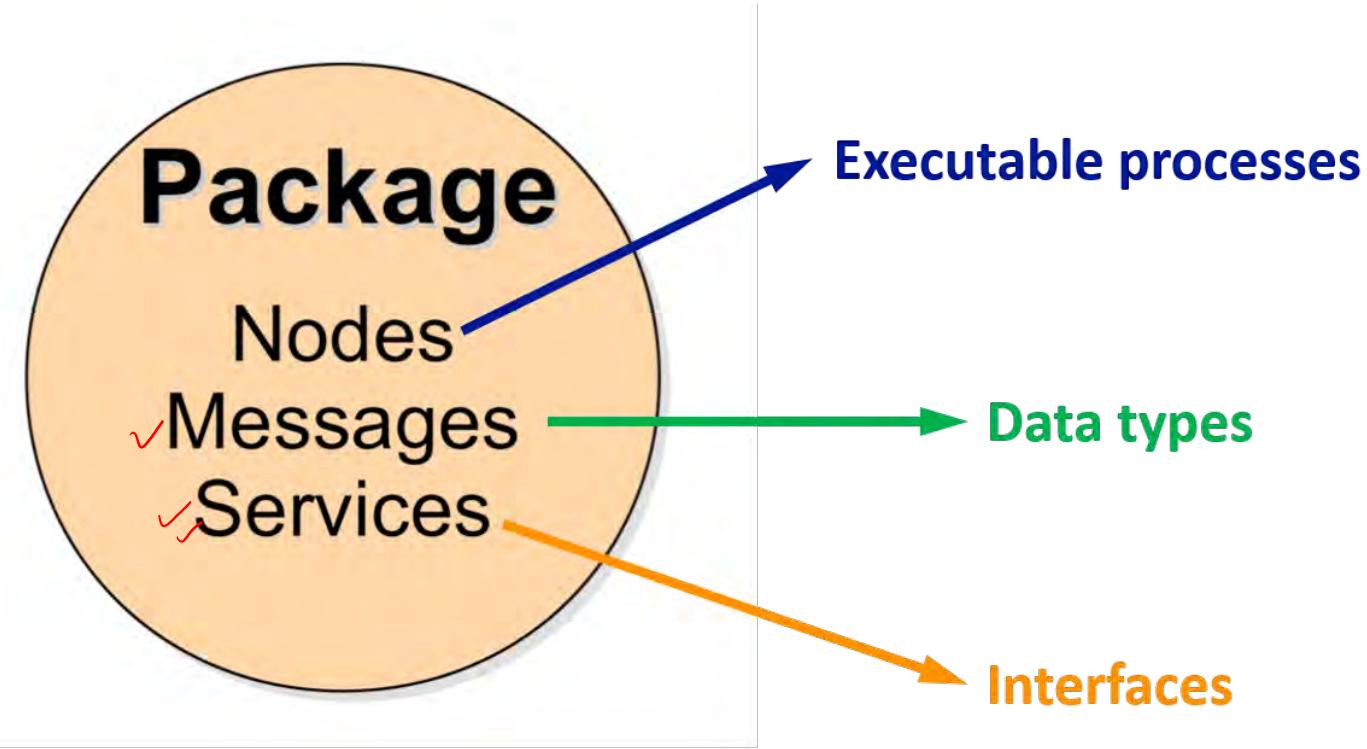
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Communication between nodes

Nodes communicate **messages** via **topics**
in an asynchronous publish-subscribe model



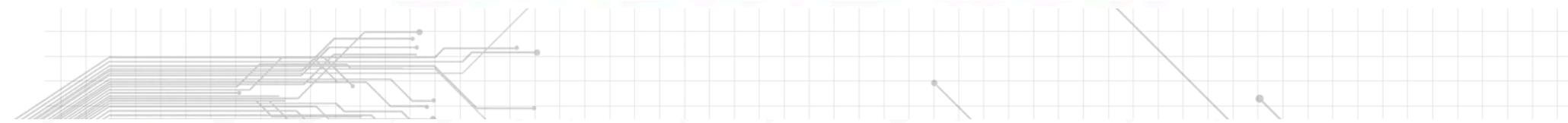
ROS: Packages



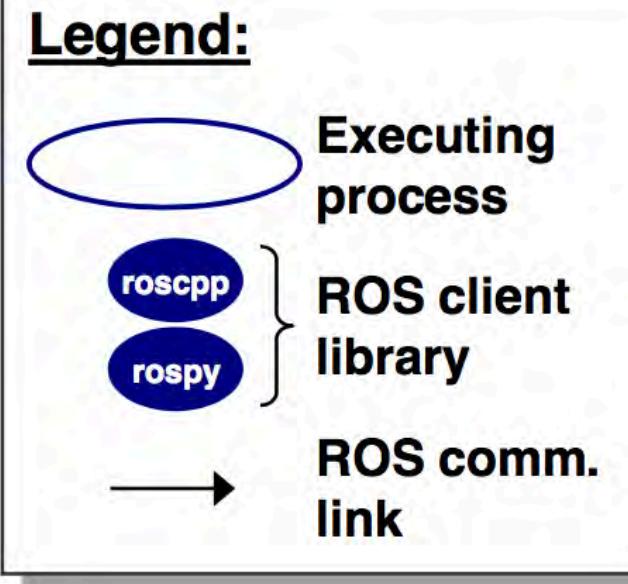
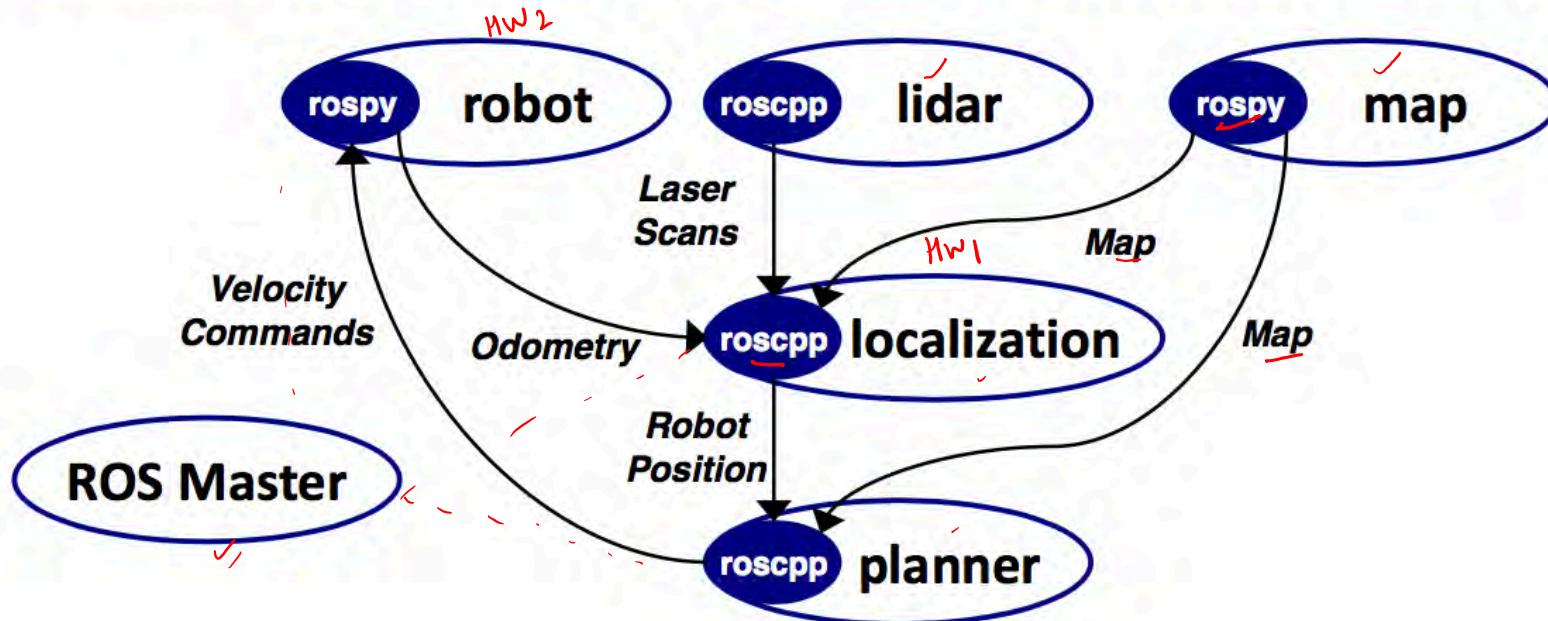
Software in ROS is organized into **packages**.

A **package** contains one or more **nodes**.

ROS Computational Graph / Communication: Computational Graph

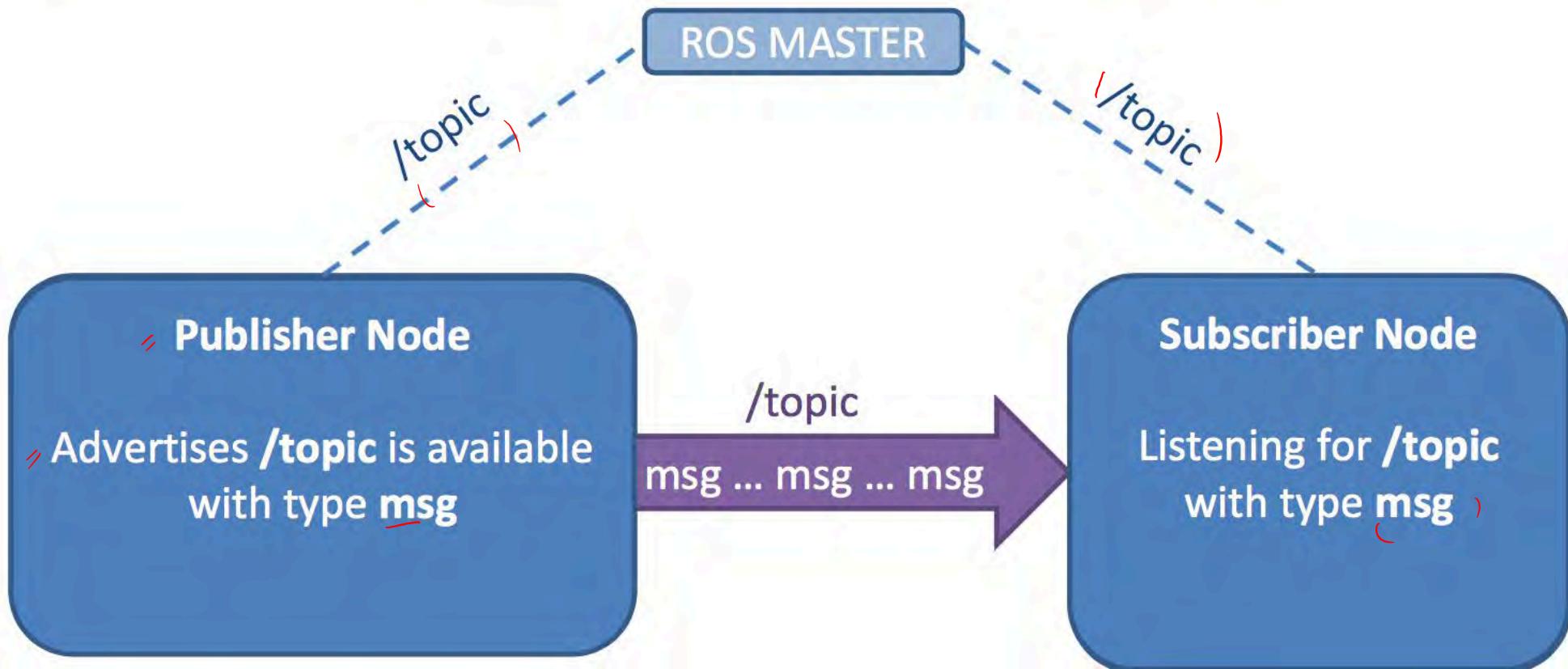


An example robot application (known-map navigation):



ROS Topics/Messages

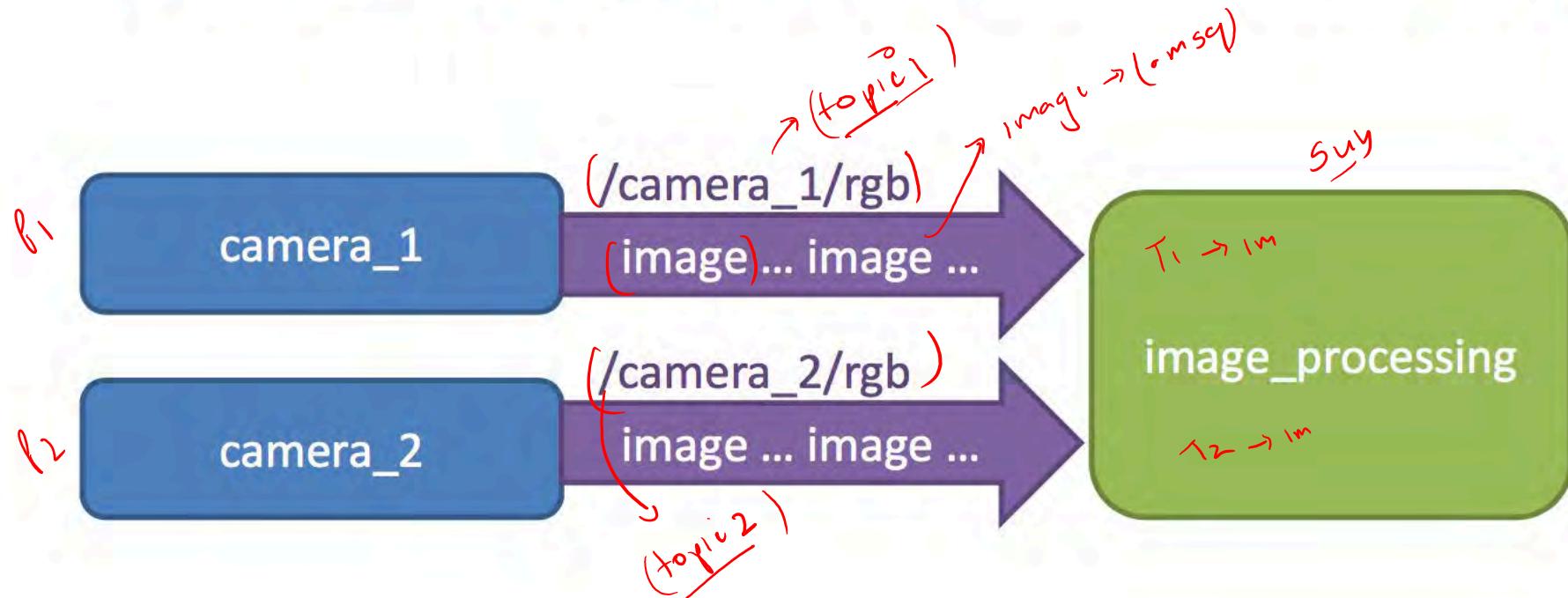
Topics are for **Streaming Data**



- Each **Topic** is a stream of **Messages**:
 - sent by **publisher(s)**, received by **subscriber(s)**
- Messages are **asynchronous** *(pub -> sub)*
 - publishers don't know if anyone's listening
 - messages may be dropped
 - subscribers are event-triggered (by incoming messages)
- Typical Uses:
 - Sensor Readings: camera images, distance, I/O
 - Feedback: robot status/^{pub}position
 - Open-Loop Commands: desired position

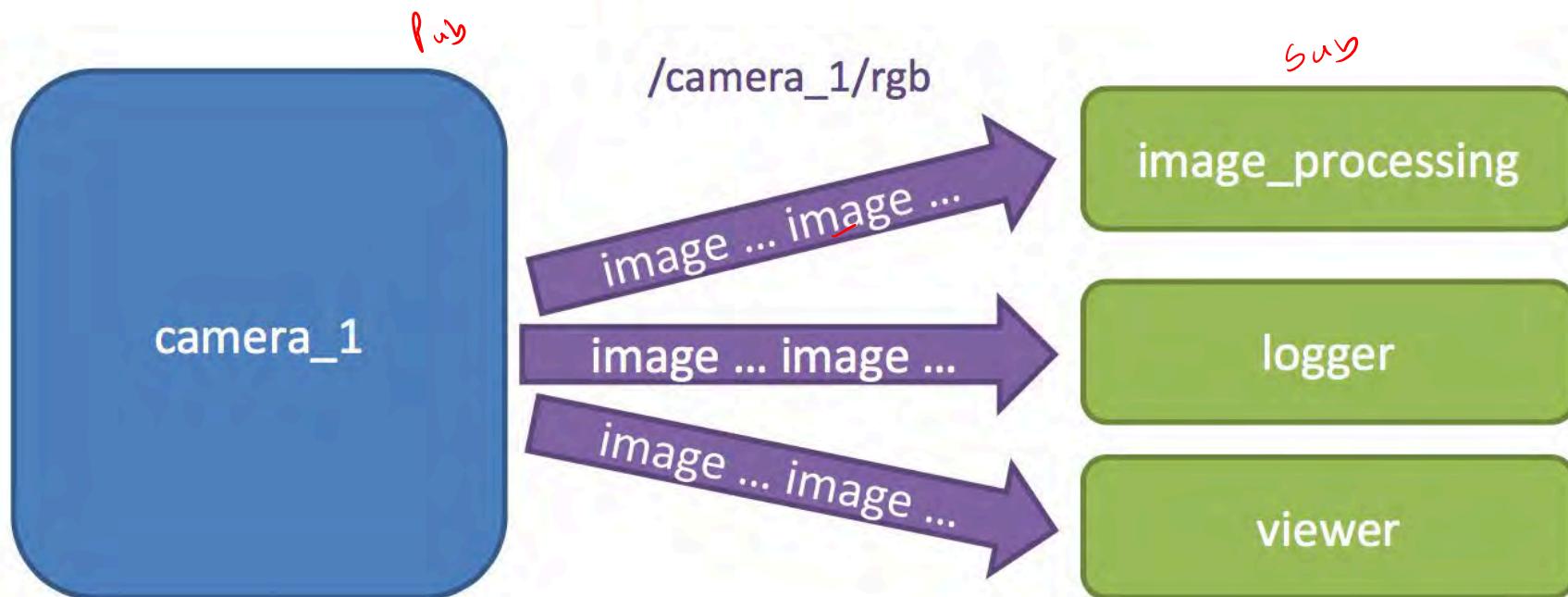
Topics vs. Messages

- Topics are **channels**, Messages are **data types**
 - Different topics can use the same Message type



Multiple Pub/Sub

- Many nodes can pub/sub to same topic
 - comms are direct node-to-node

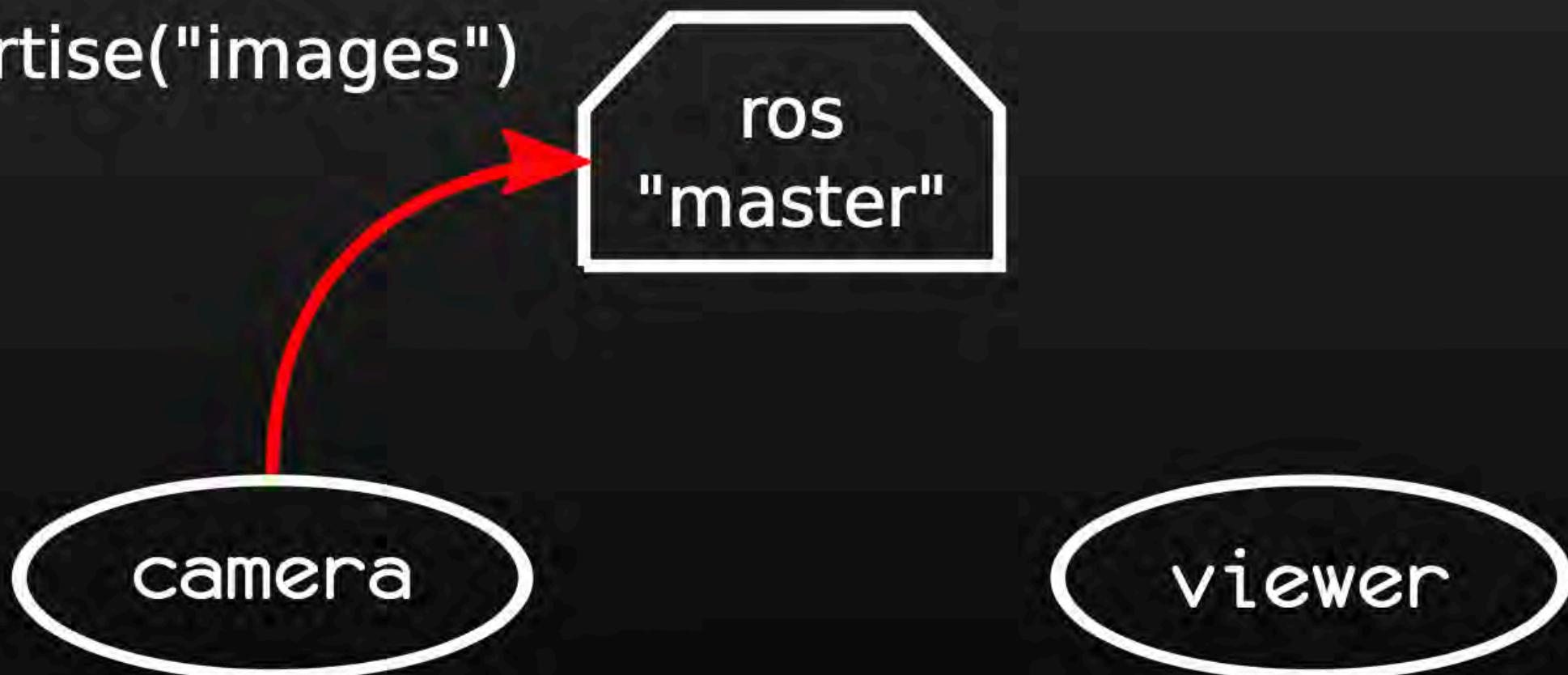


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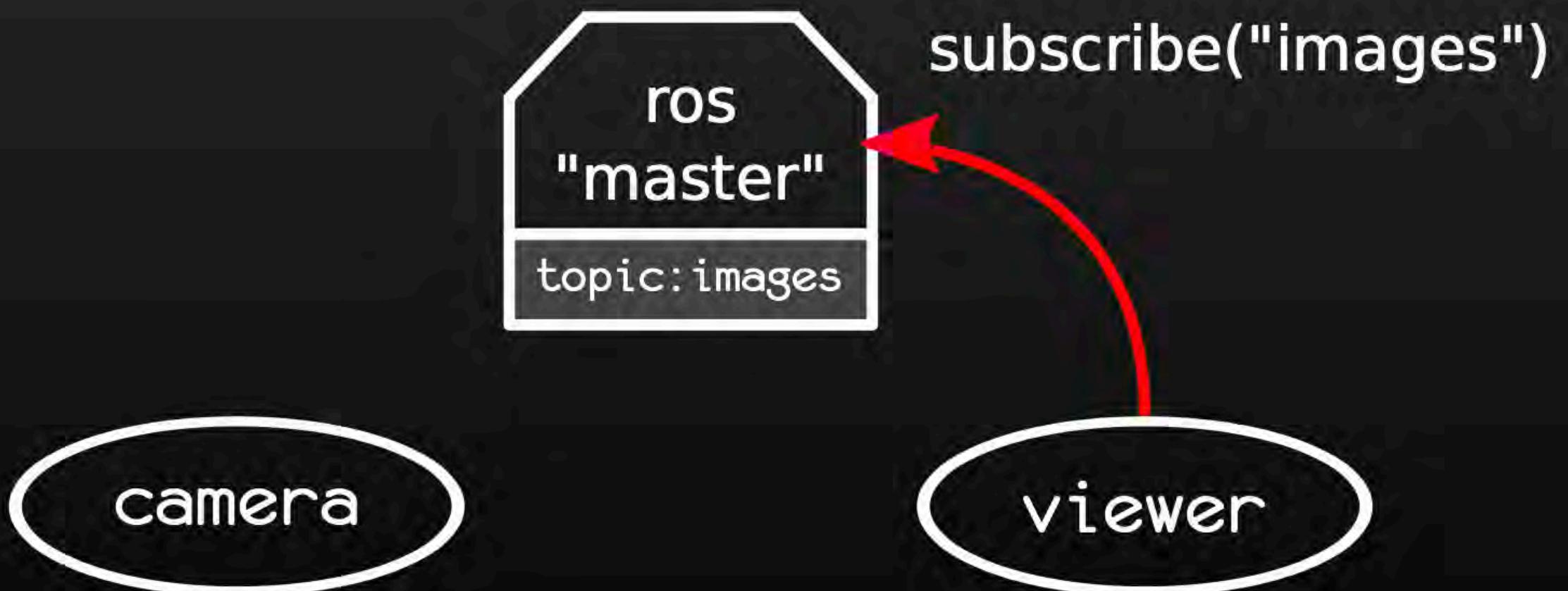
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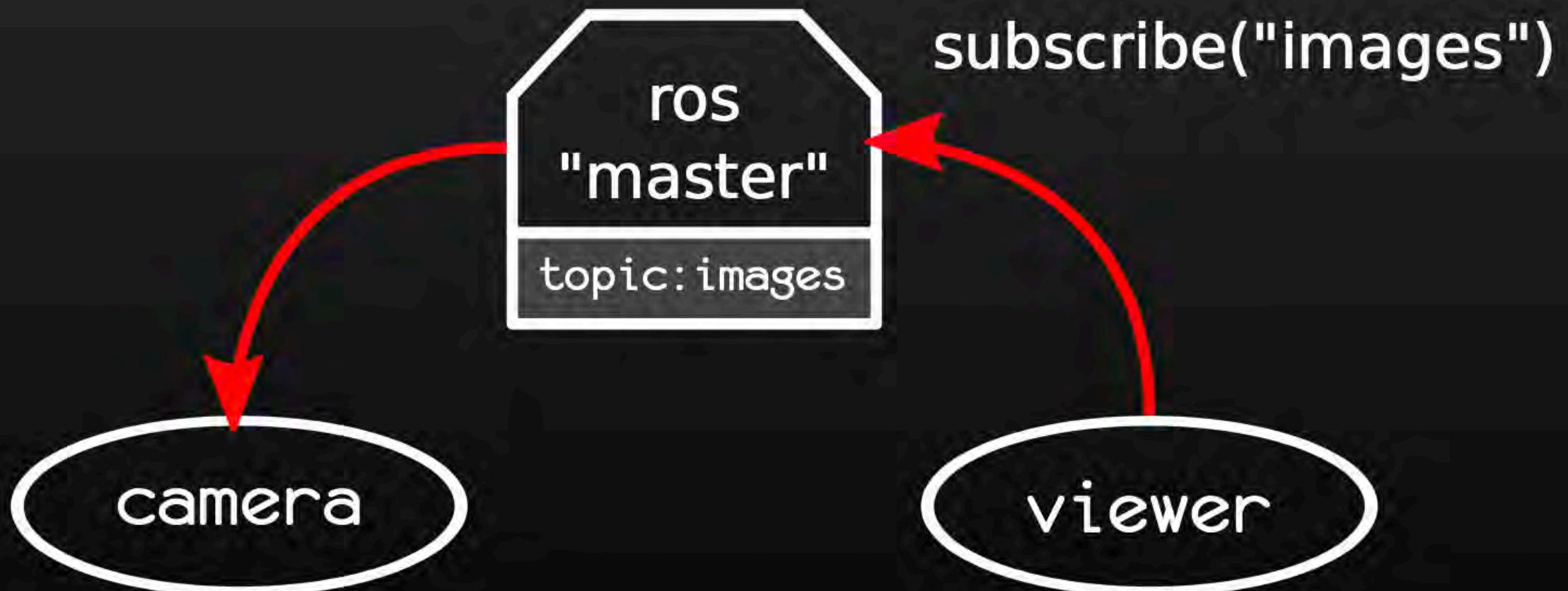




camera

viewer









images (tcp)

camera

viewer

publish(img)



images (tcp)

camera

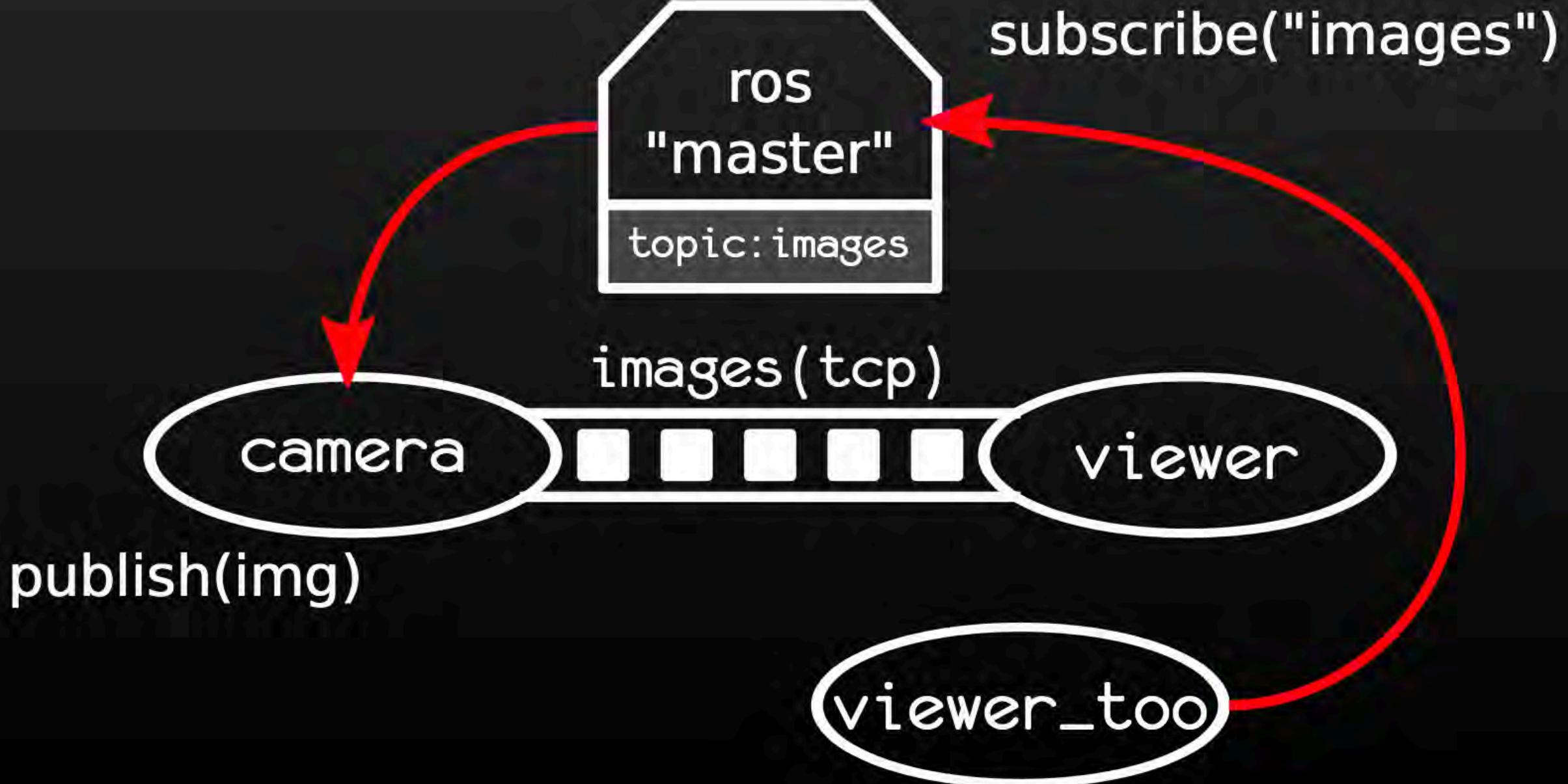
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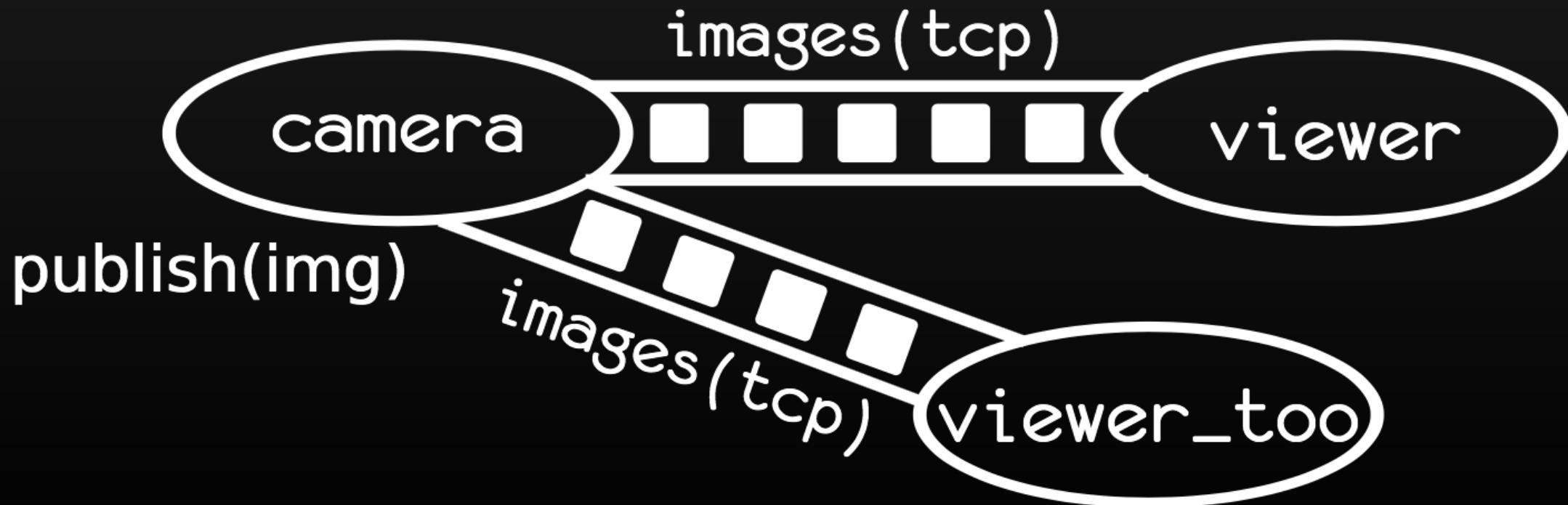
publish(img)



publish(img)







Basic ROS commands: `roscore`

`roscore` is the first thing that you should run when starting ROS.

```
$ roscore
```

Collection of nodes and programs that are pre-requisites of a ROS-based system.

It starts up:

- ✓ The ROS Master
- ✓ A rosout logging node.

Basic ROS commands: `rosrun`

`rosrun` executes a ROS node.

```
$ rosrun <package_name> <node_name>
```

Example

```
$ rosrun hokuyo_node hokuyo_node
```



Publishes on topic: Scan

Scan [Topic]

hokuyo_node

Basic ROS commands: rosnode

| Command | Description |
|--|-------------------------------------|
| <code>rosnode list</code> | List all active nodes |
| <code>rosnode <u>info</u> node_name</code> | Display information about a node |
| <code>rosnode <u>kill</u> node_name</code> | Kill running node |
| <code>Rosnode <u>ping</u> node_name</code> | Test connectivity to an active node |

Basic ROS commands: rostopic

| Command | Description |
|---|---|
| <code>rostopic list</code> | List all topics currently subscribed to and/or publishing |
| <code>rostopic info <topic></code> | Show topic message type, subscribers, publishers etc. |
| <code>//rostopic echo <topic></code> | Echo messages published to the topic on the terminal window |
| <code>rostopic find <message_type></code> | Find topics of the given message type |

ROS Client Libraries

| Client Library | Language | Comments |
|----------------|-----------------|---|
| //roscpp | C++ | Most widely used, high performance |
| /rospy | Python | Good for rapid-prototyping and non-critical-path code |
| roslisp | LISP | Used for planning libraries |
| /rosjava | Java | Android support |
| roslua | Lua | Light-weight scripting |
| roscs | Mono/.Net | Any Mono/.Net language |
| roseus | EusLisp | |
| PhaROS | Pharo Smalltalk | |
| rosR | R | Statistical programming |

Experimental

Client API Commonly Used Features

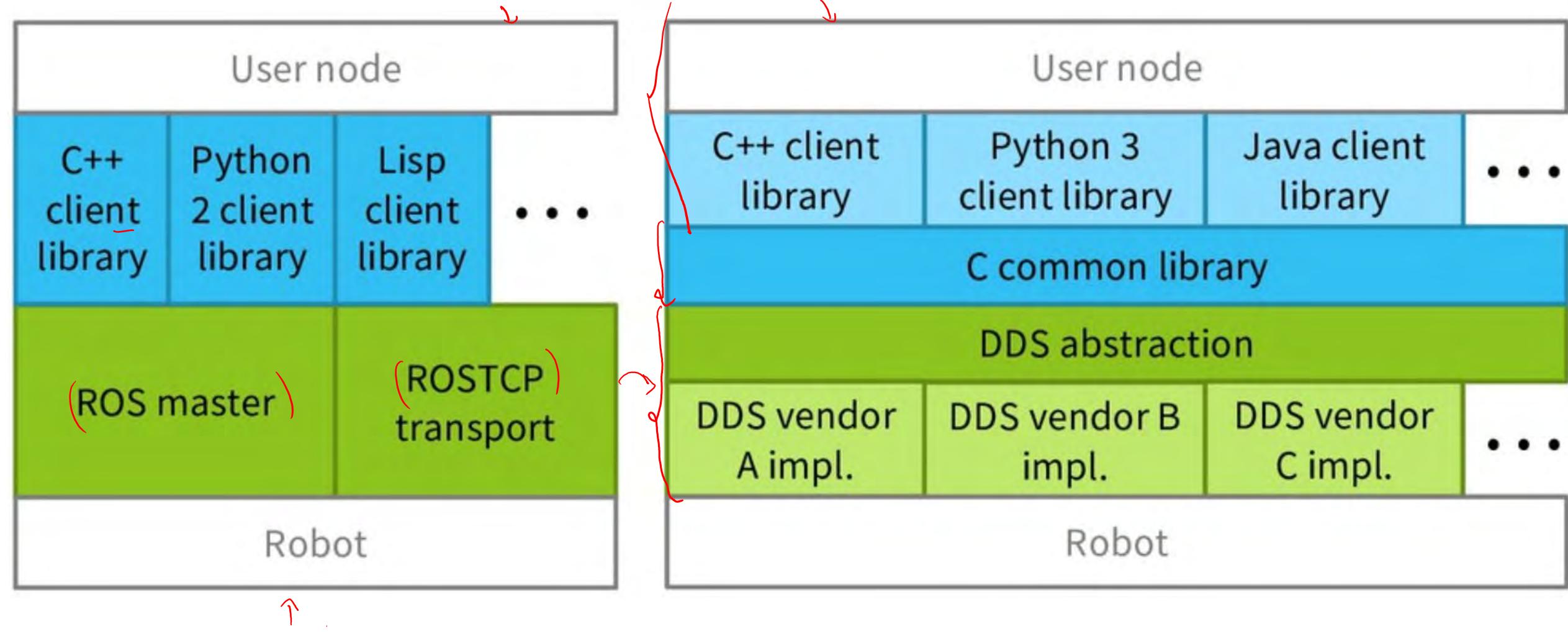
| Object / Feature | Description | roscpp | rospy |
|-----------------------------|--|--|---|
| API root | Objects and methods for interacting with ROS | ros::NodeHandle | rospy |
| Parameter server client | Query and set parameter server dictionary entries | .getParam .param .searchParam .setParam | .get_param .search_param .set_param |
| Subscriber | Receive messages from a topic | .subscribe | .Subscriber |
| (Publisher) | Send messages to a topic | (.advertise) | (.Publisher) |
| Service | Serve and call remote procedures | .advertiseService .serviceClient | .Service .ServiceProxy |
| Timer | Periodic interrupt | .createTimer | .Timer |
| Logging | Output strings to rosconsole | ROS_DEBUG, ROS_INFO, ROS_WARN, etc. | .logdebug, .loginfo, .logwarn, .logerr, .logfatal |
| Initialization & Event Loop | Set node name, contact Master, enter main event loop | ros::init .spin | .init_node .spin |
| Messages | Create and extract data from ROS messages | Specifics depends on message | |
| | | std_msgs::String | std_msgs.msg.String |

ROS1 vs ROS2.

- ROS1: ROS Noetic (release date: 2020) is the last ROS1 version
- Provides Python3 support
- ROS Noetic's EOL (End of Life) is scheduled for 2025
- For ROS2, the current LTS version is Foxy Fitzroy (release date: 2020)

ROS1

ROS2



Some key features differences between ROS and ROS2

| Features | ROS | ROS2 |
|--------------------------------------|---|--|
| Platforms | Tested on Ubuntu Maintained on other Linux flavors as well as OS X | ROS2 is currently being CI tested and supported on Ubuntu Xenial, OS X El Capitan as well as Windows 10 |
| C++ | C++03 // don't use C++11 features in its API | Mainly uses C++11 Start and plan to use C++14 & C++17 |
| Python | Target Python 2 | >= Python 3.5 |
| Middleware | Custom serialization format (transport protocol + central discovery mechanism) | Currently all implementations of this interface are based on the DDS standard. |
| Unify duration and time types | The duration and time types are defined in the client libraries, they are in C++ and Python | In ROS2 these types are defined as messages and therefore are consistent across languages. |
| Components with life cycle | In ROS every node usually has its own main function. | The life cycle can be used by tools like roslaunch to start a system composed of many components in a deterministic way. |
| Threading model | In ROS the developer can only choose between single-threaded execution or multi-threaded execution. | In ROS2 more granular execution models are available and custom executors can be implemented easily. |
| Multiple nodes | In ROS it is not possible to create more than one node in a process. | In ROS2 it is possible to create multiple nodes in a process. |
| roslaunch | In ROS roslaunch files are defined in XML with very limited capabilities. | In ROS2 launch files are written in Python which enables to use more complex logic like conditionals etc. |

But what about the turtles ?



Next time

TurtleSim

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