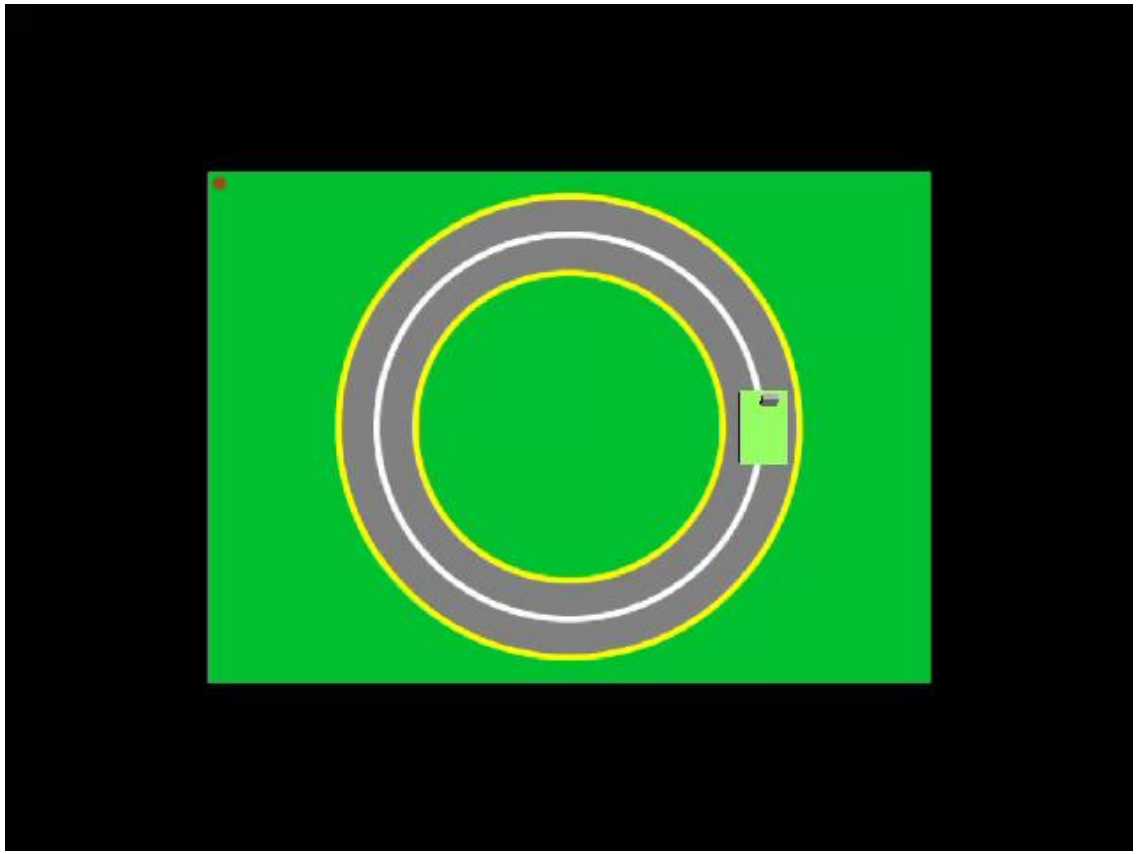
MATLAB® AI Robotics Workshop

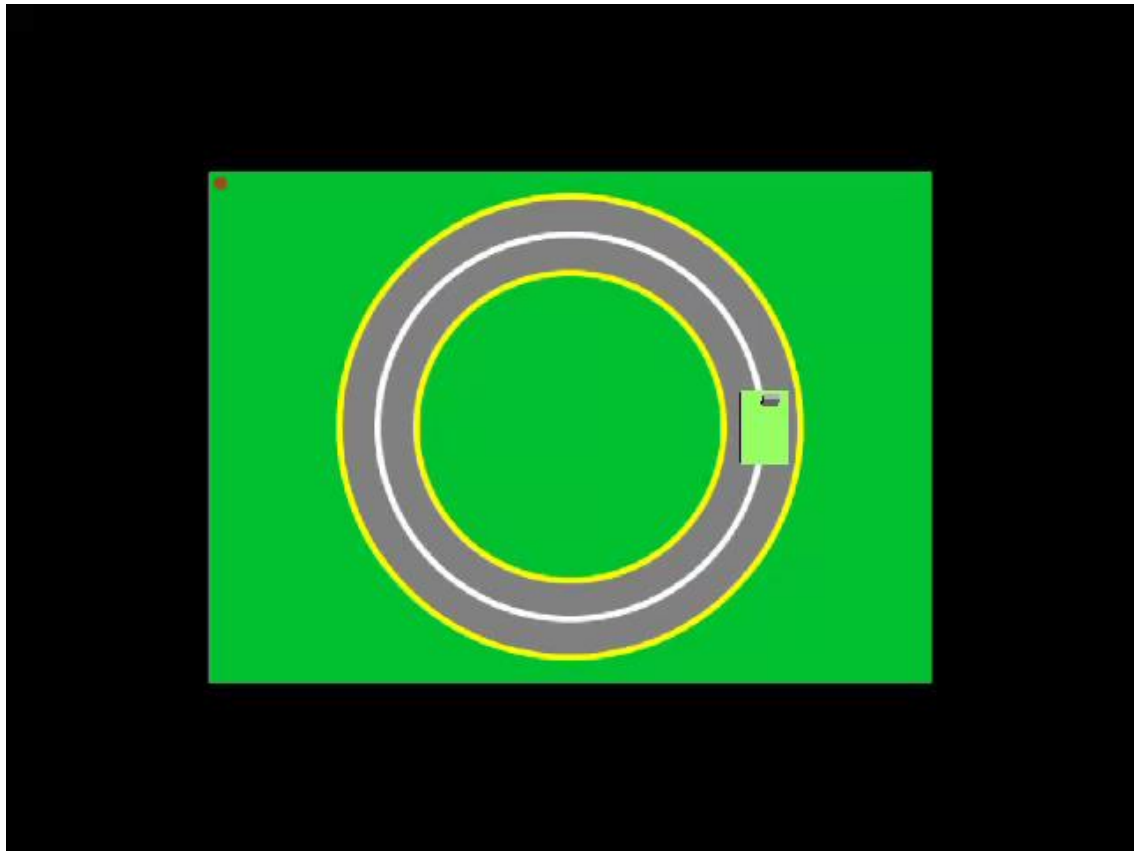
Line Following Robot with Deep Learning

MathWorks

Demo: Line Following Robot with Deep Learning



Failure case

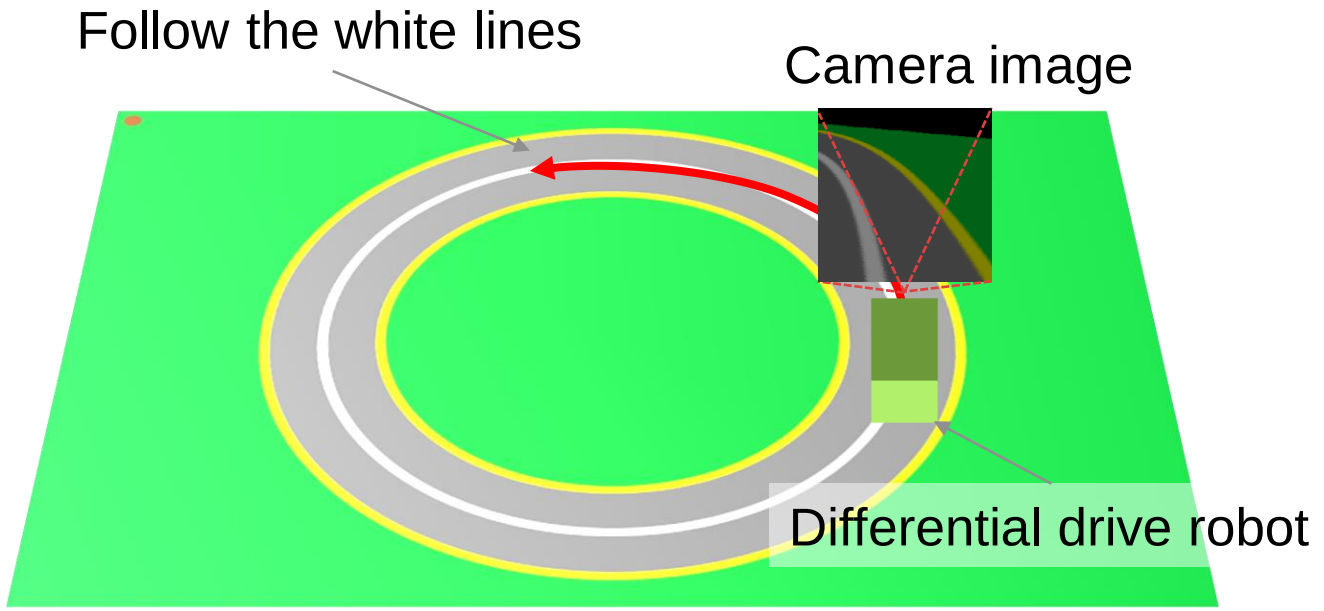


Success case

Objectives

Goal: Learn how to implement an AI based autonomous system combining deep learning-based object detection and classic control algorithms

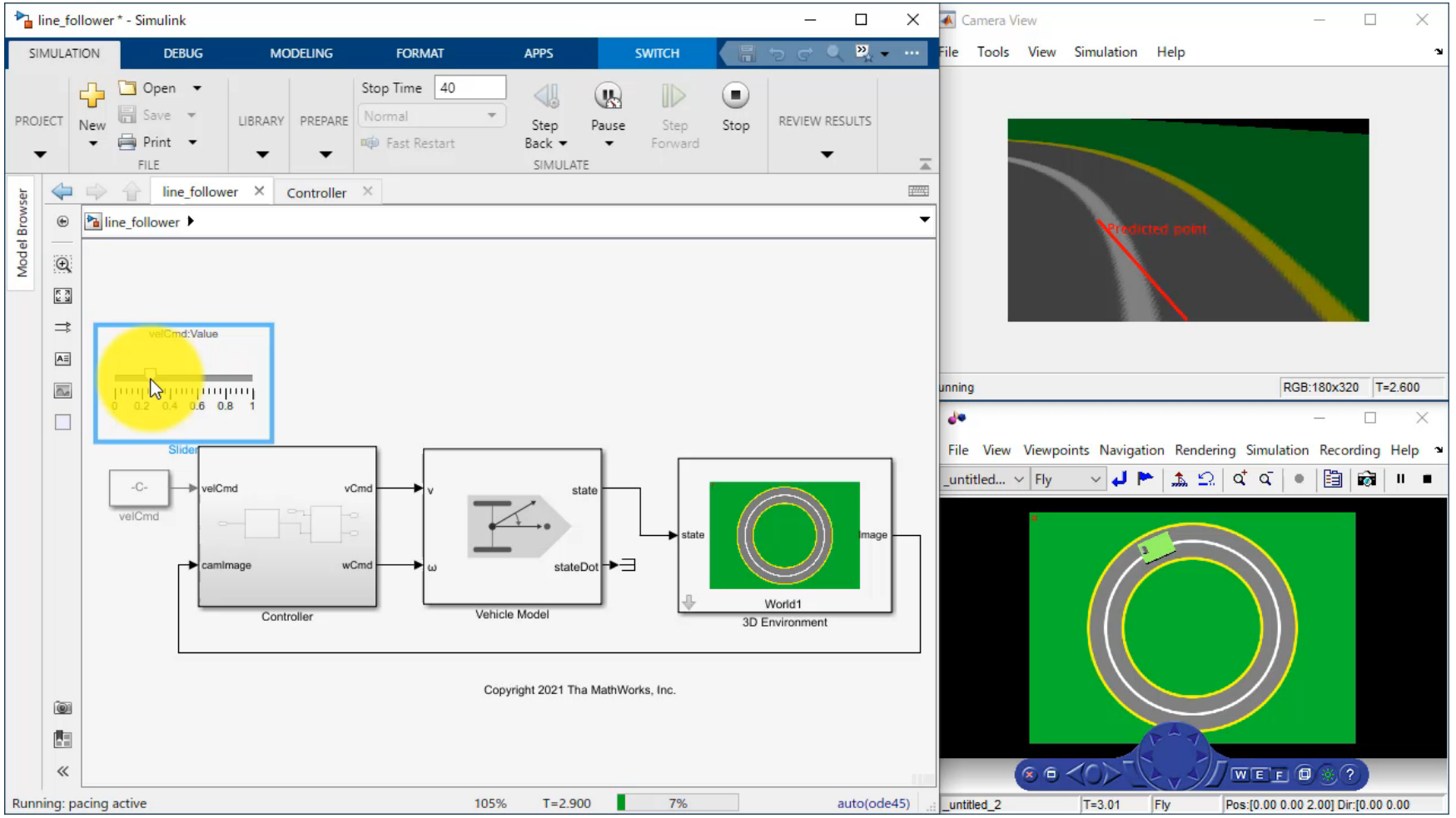
- What's line following?
  - Robot uses a sensor to detect lines on the floor and move along the lines.
- Challenge in line following
  - Rule-based image processing algorithms for line detection is not robust for variation of environmental lighting.
- Solution with deep learning
  - Robust line detection against changing of lighting conditions
  - Need additional tasks
    - Collect bunch of images
    - Annotation
    - Explore training hyper parameters



System overview

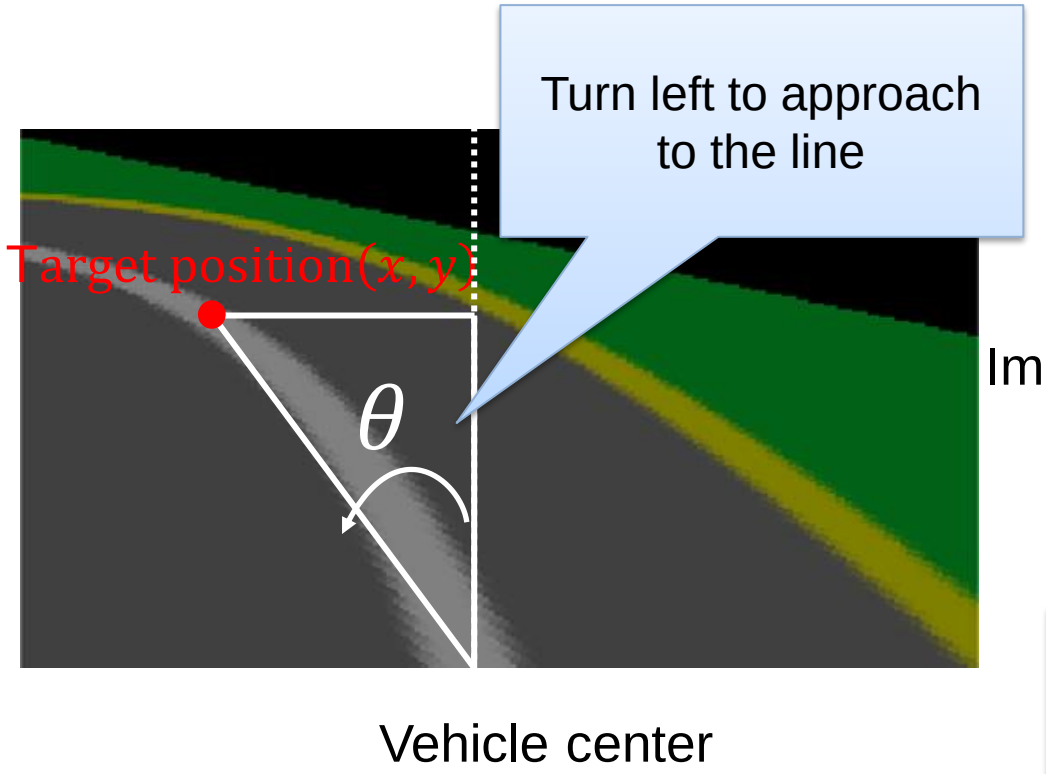
Simulink Model for Line Following

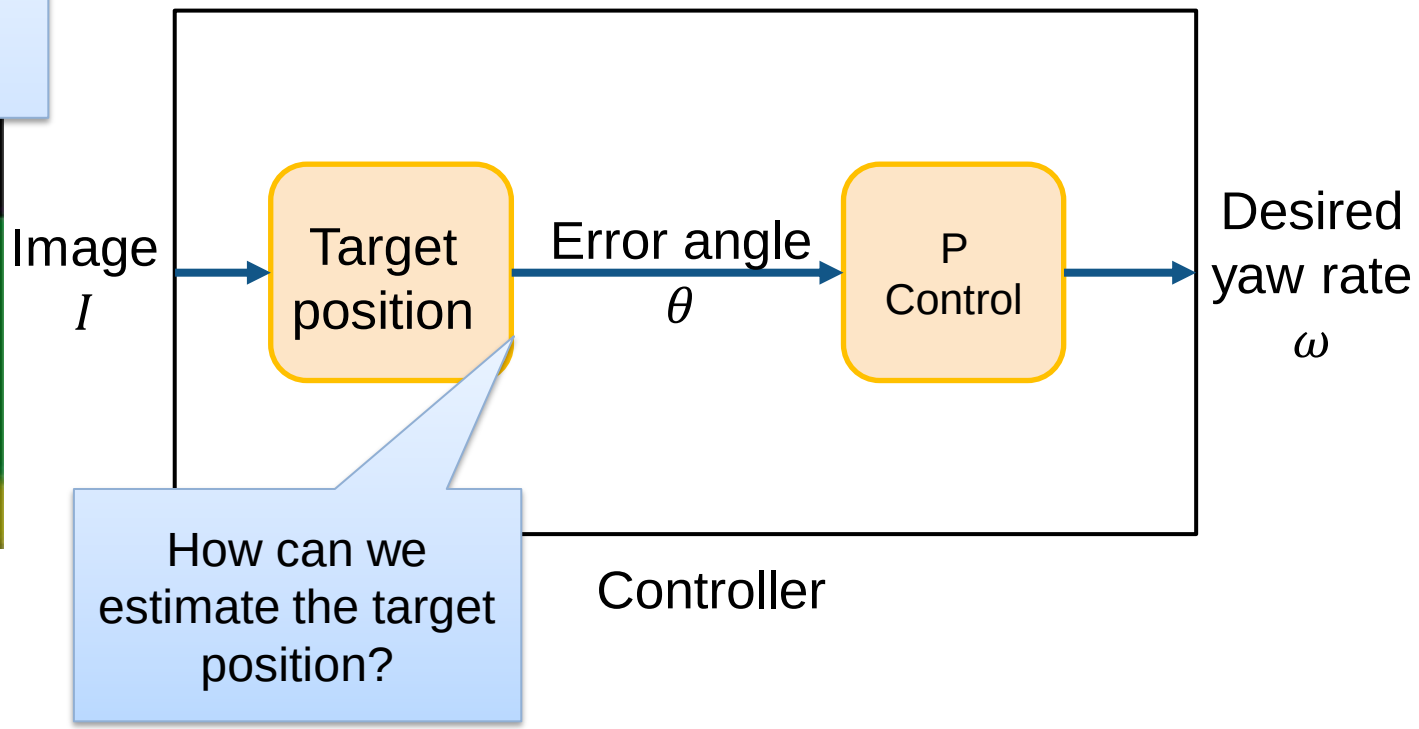
Goal: Line following with monocular camera image



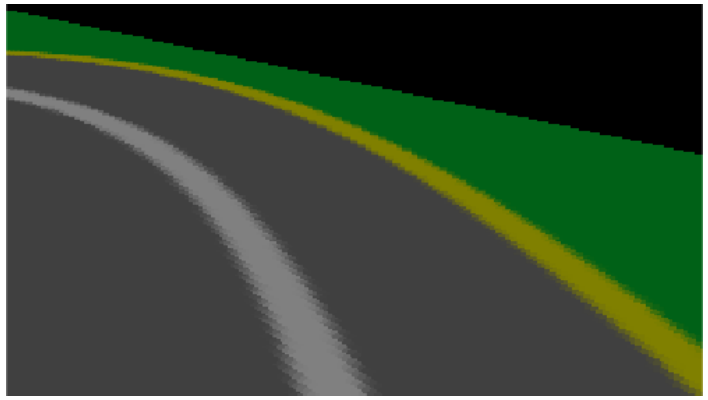
Concept of Line Following

- Calculate an error angleθ between the ego-vehicle center and target position
- Control the steering to make the error angle to be zero





Predict Target Position using Deep Learning



Deep Neural Network

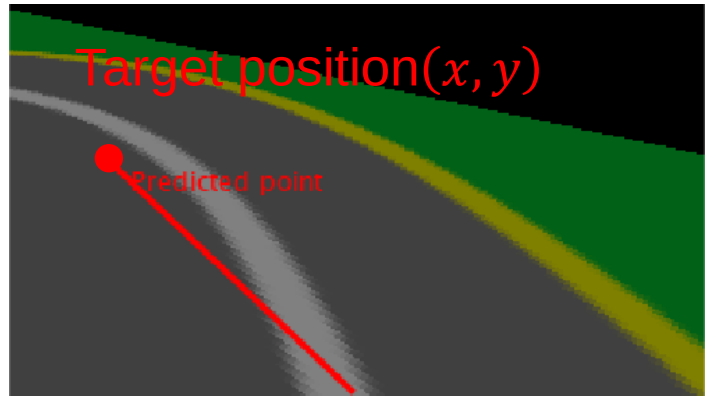


Image from camera
(224 x 224 x 3)

Target position(x, y)
(1 x 2)

Predict target position using a deep neural network model

Why deep learning?

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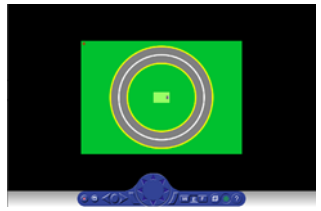

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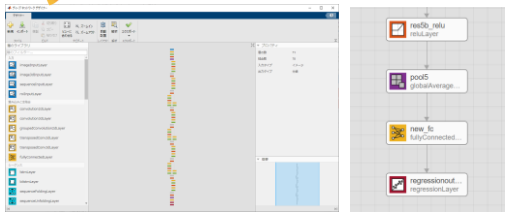

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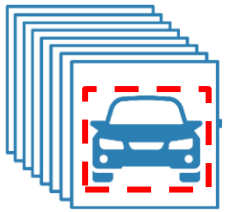

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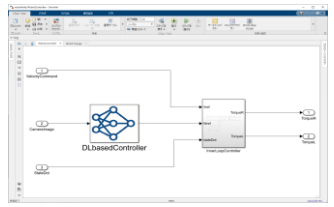

System-level simulation & validation

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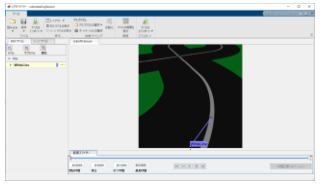

Video labeler

Workshop preparation

1. Launch "MATLAB R2021a"

2. Move to the demo folder

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>> cd c:¥ai-robotics-workshop
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3. Open the project file

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>> ai_robotics_workshop.prj
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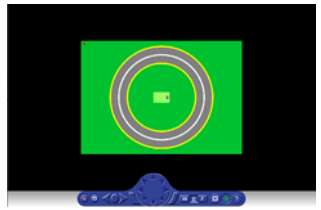

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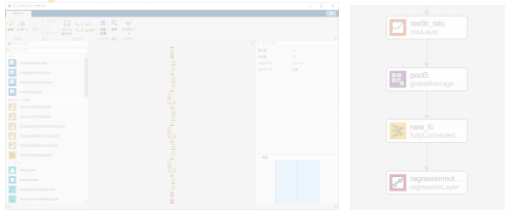

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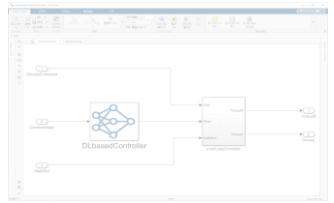

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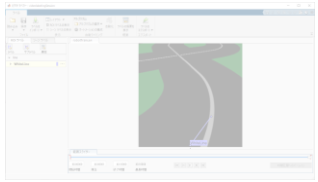
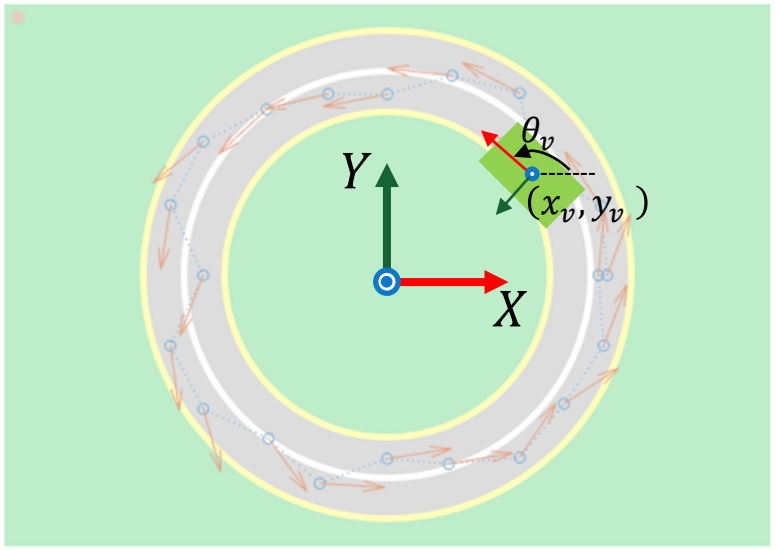


Video labeler

Generating Video Dataset using Simulation Model

- Deep neural networks require bunch of training dataset including varied camera angles
- Generate vehicle positions randomly and then generate training dataset

Generate vehicle position and orientation (x_v, y_v, θ_v) randomly.



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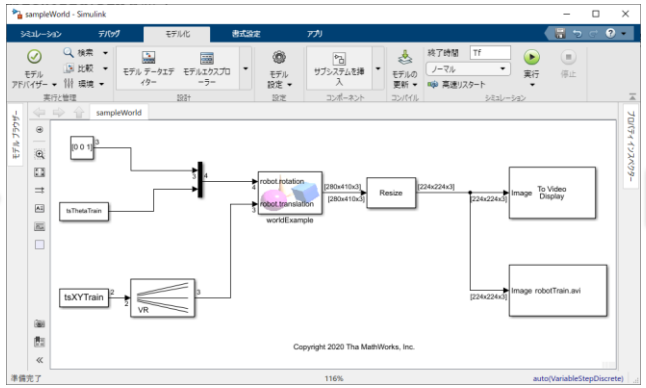
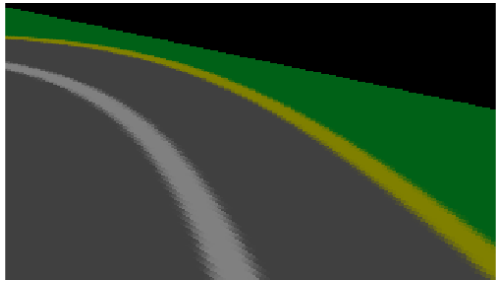


Generate as a video file



`robotTrain.avi`

Coordinate System

3-D coordinate systems

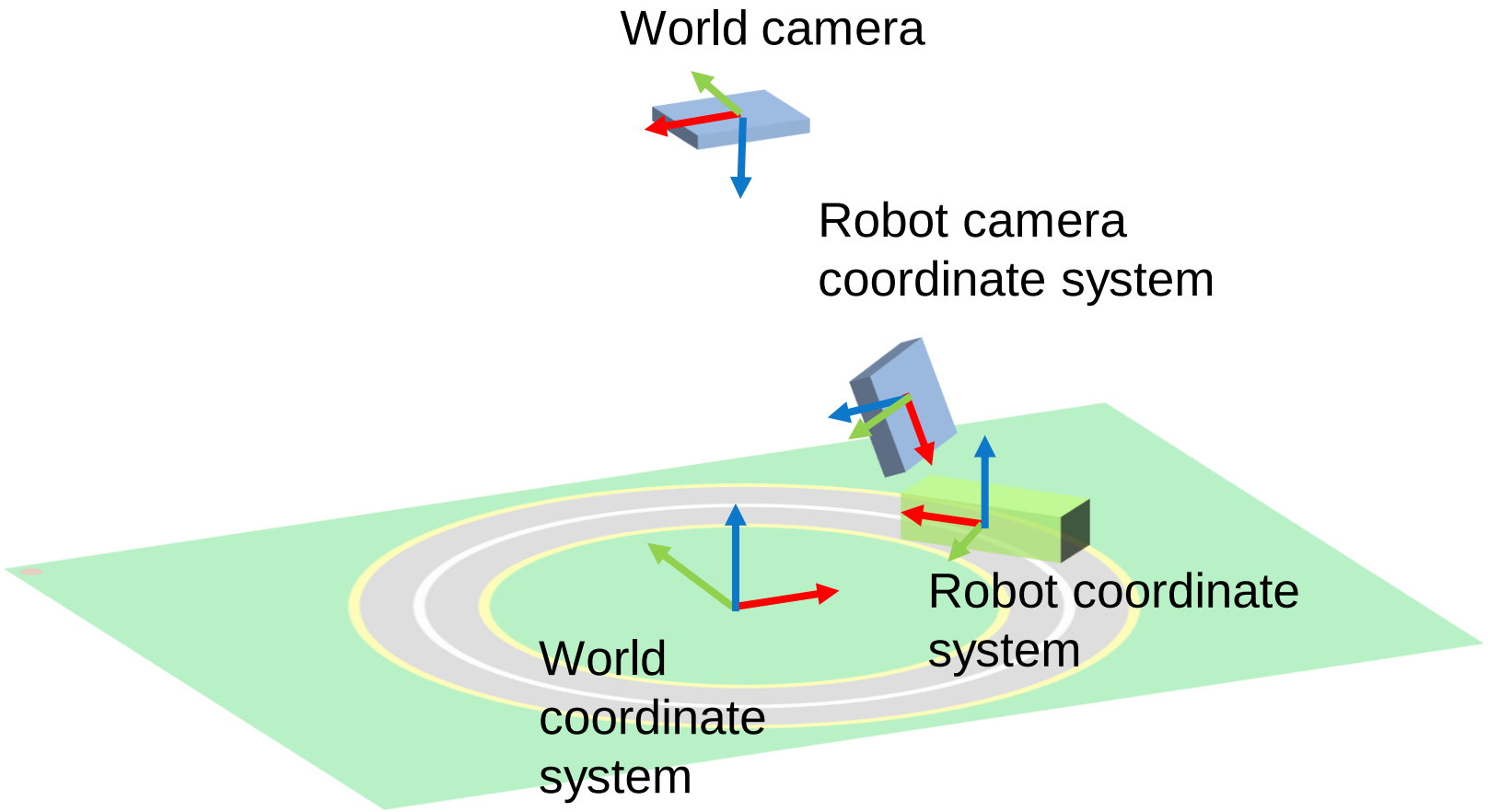
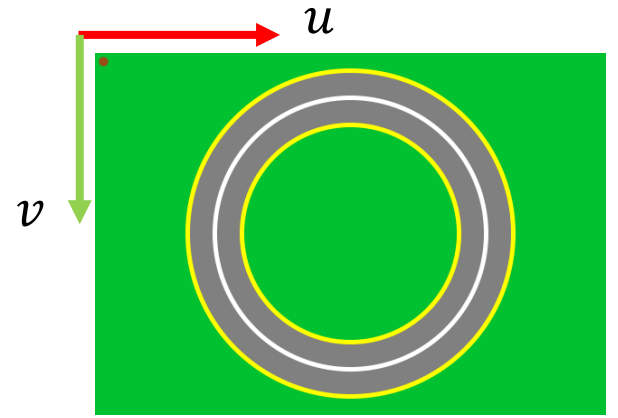
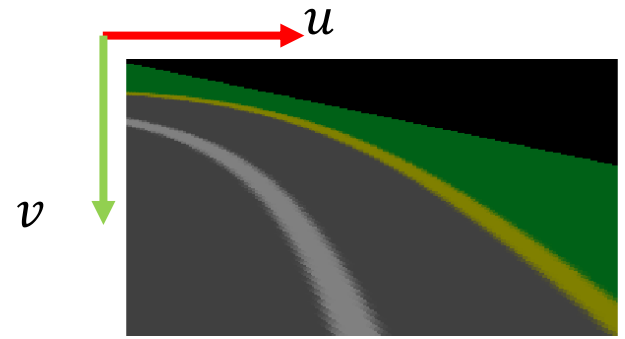


Image coordinate system



World camera



Robot camera

Exercise 1. Generate Video File

1. Open **genCourseTraj.mlx** and run it to generate trajectories.
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   >> edit genCourseTraj.mlx
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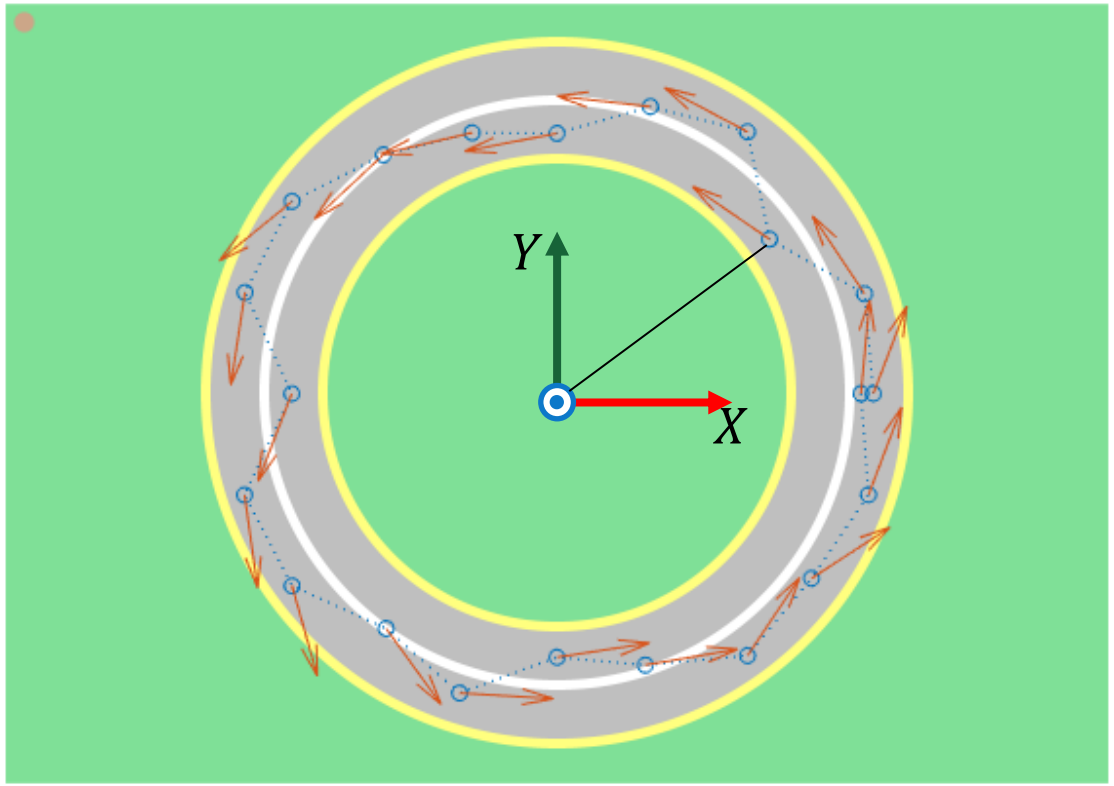

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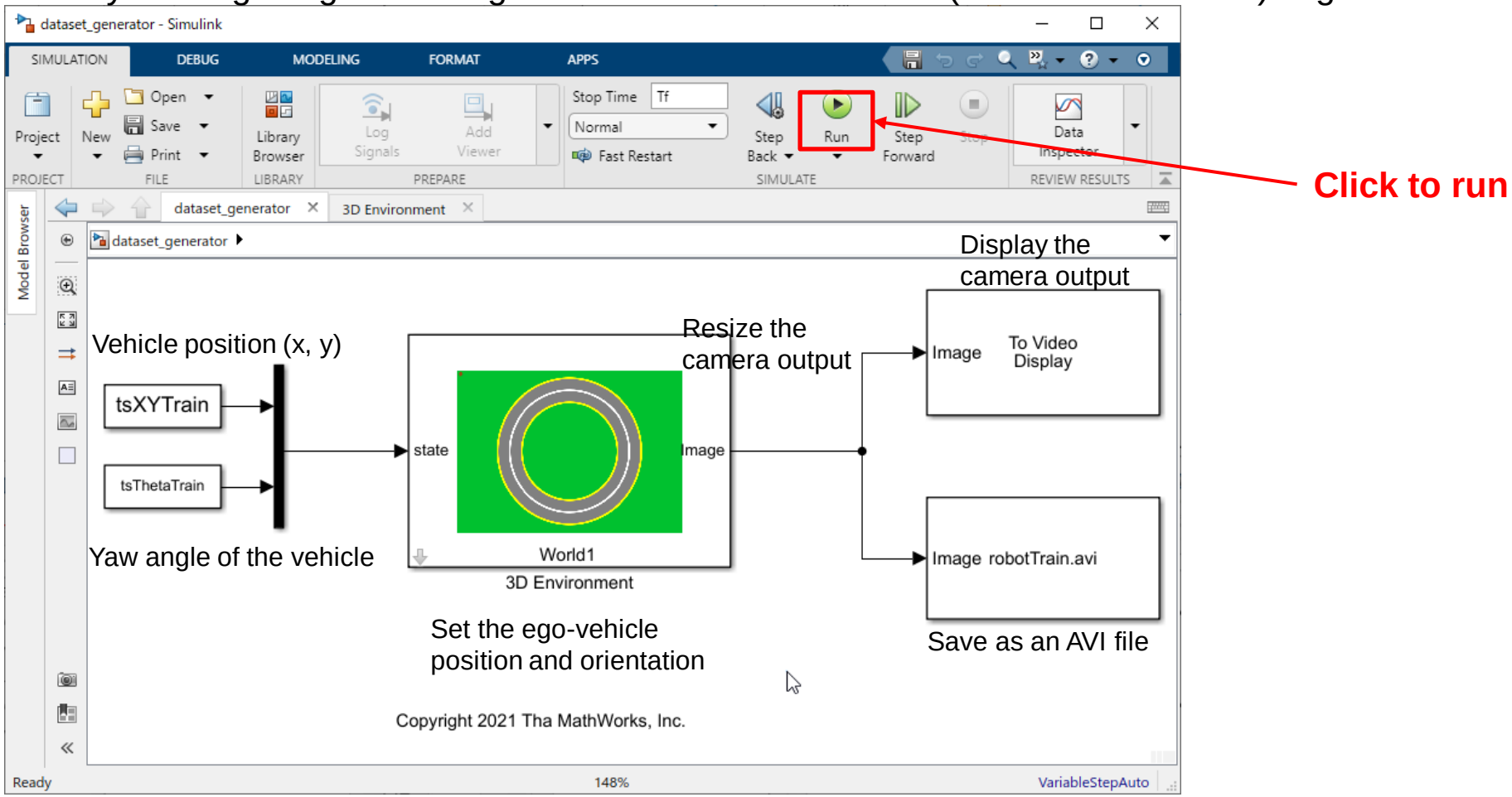
1. Oepn sampleWorld.slx and simulate the camera sensor outputs
   `>> dataset_generator.slx`
2. Run the simulation by clicking the green triangle button so that a video file (**`robotTrain.avi`**) is generated.



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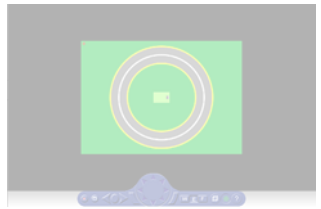

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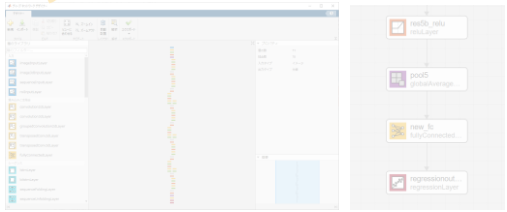

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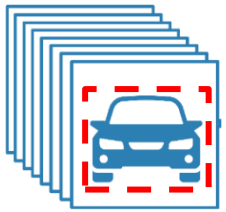

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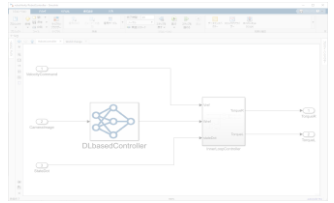

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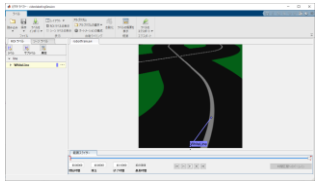
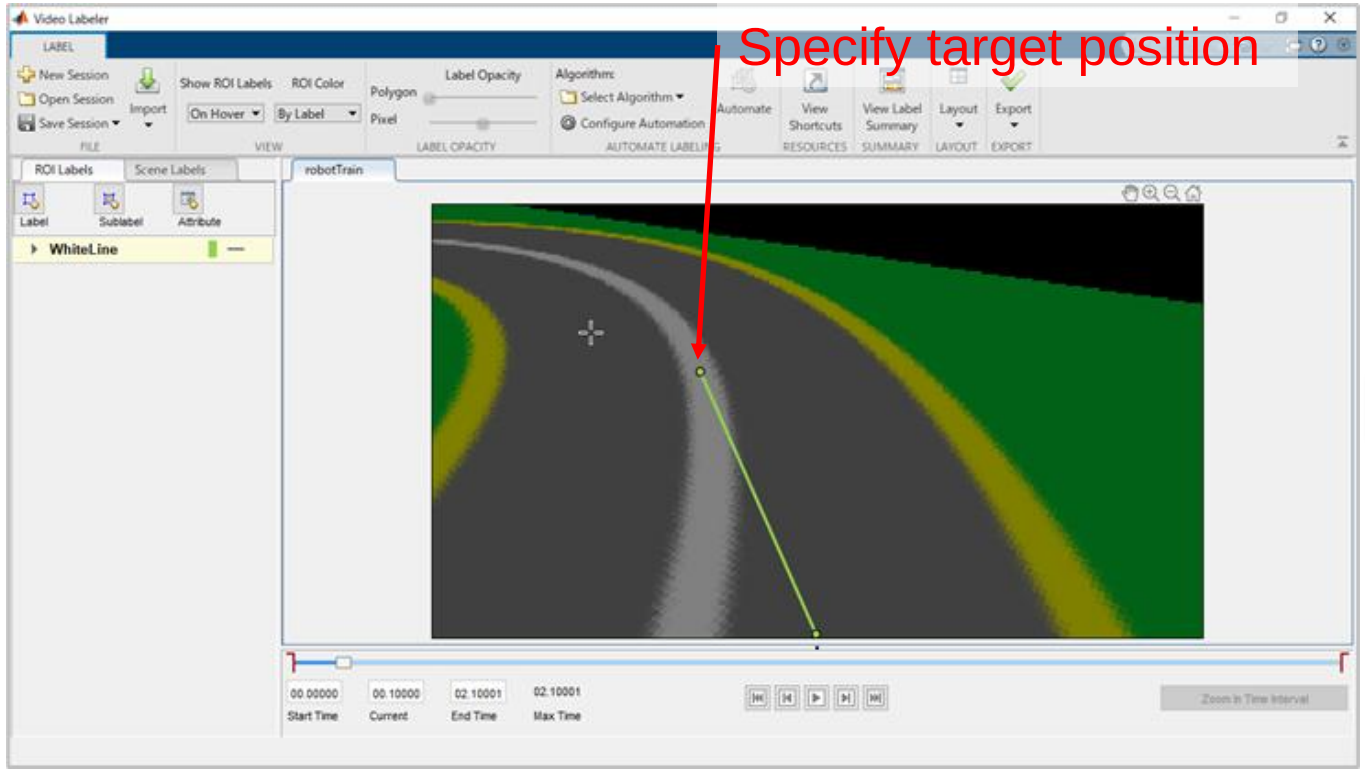
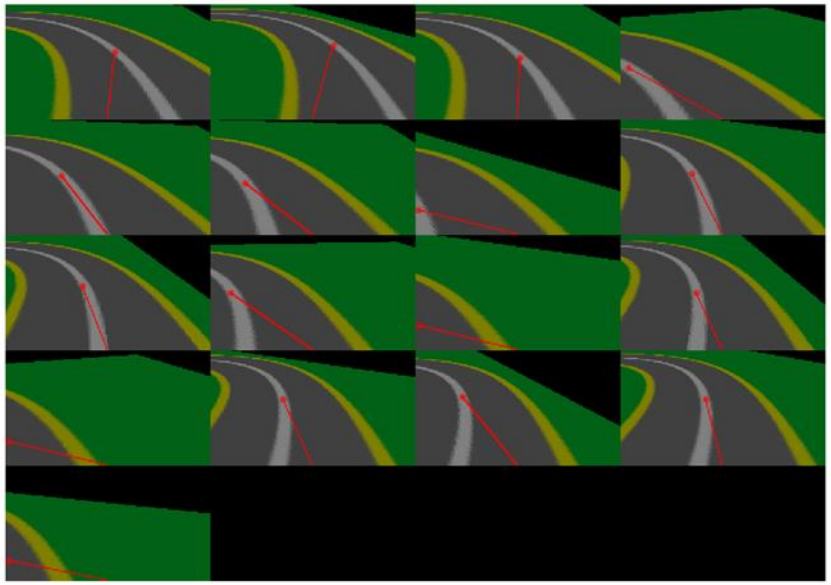


Video labeler

Annotating Video File

- Annotate target position each frame using Video Labeler in Computer Vision Toolbox to create training dataset

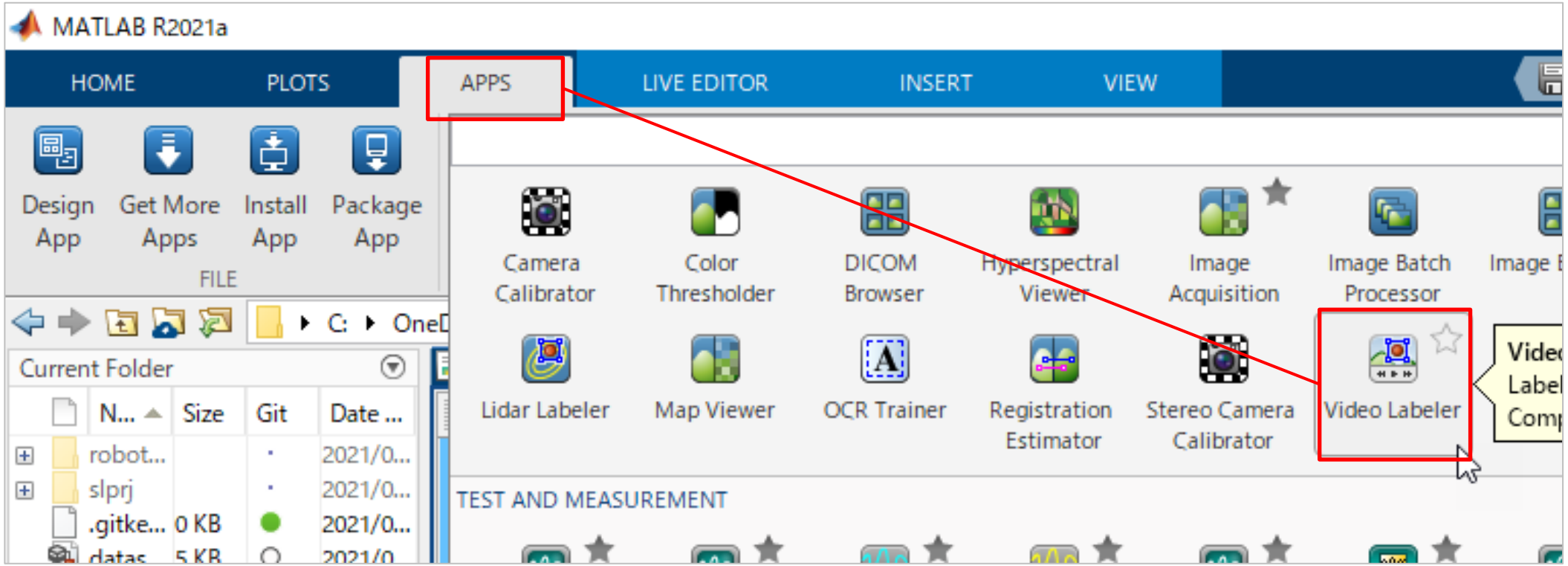




Training dataset
(Combined dataset with images and target positions)

Exercise 2. Annotate Video File using Video Labeler

1. Launch "Video Labeler" as below.



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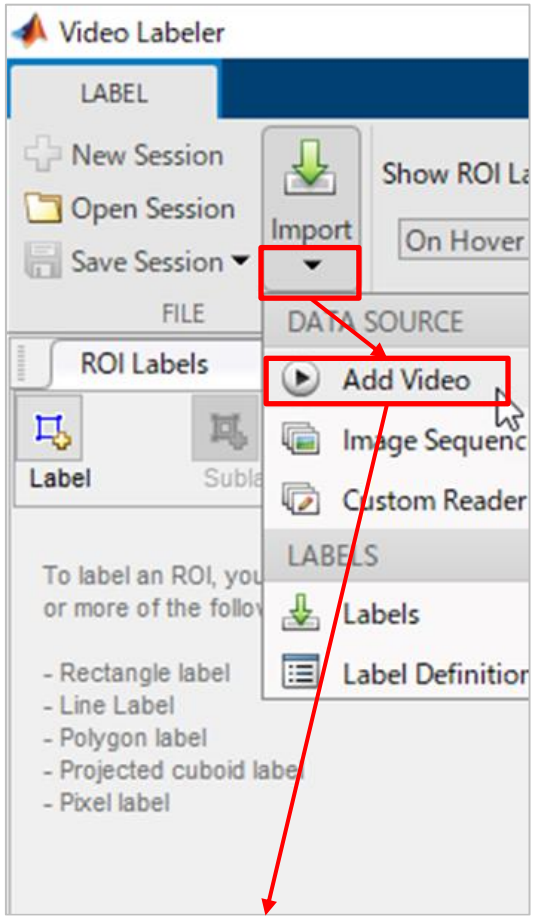
2. Load the video file



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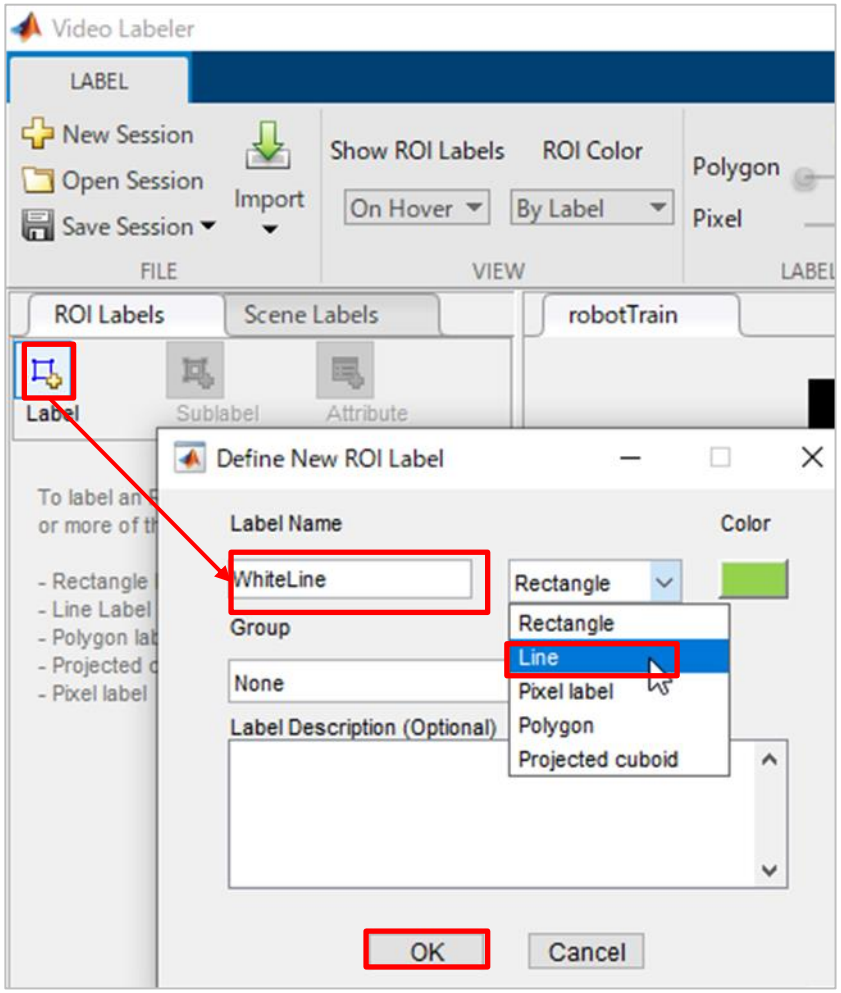
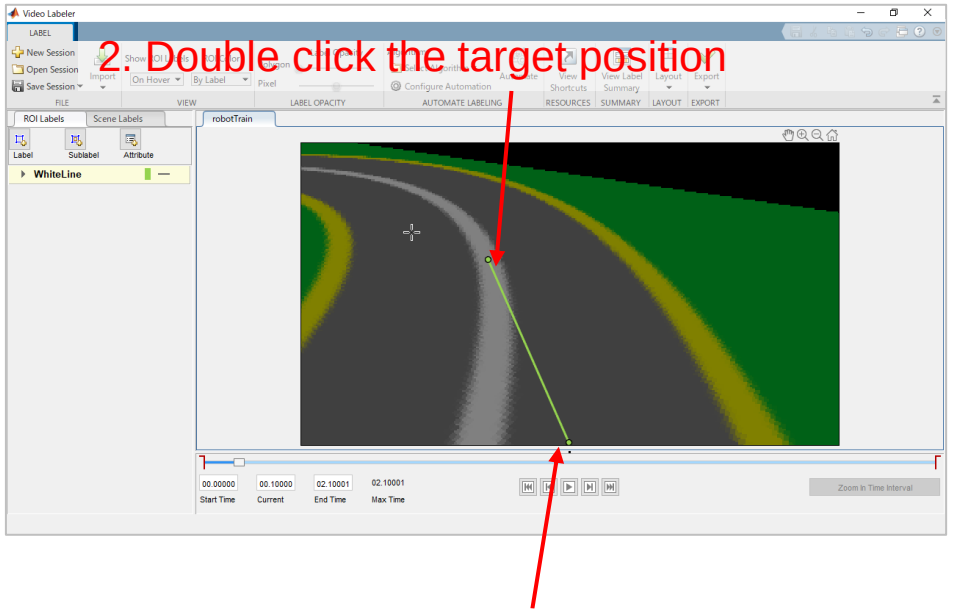
3. Define a label



4. Annotate about 20 images from the bottom-center of the image to the target position



If there three points or more, remove the all points and annotate again.

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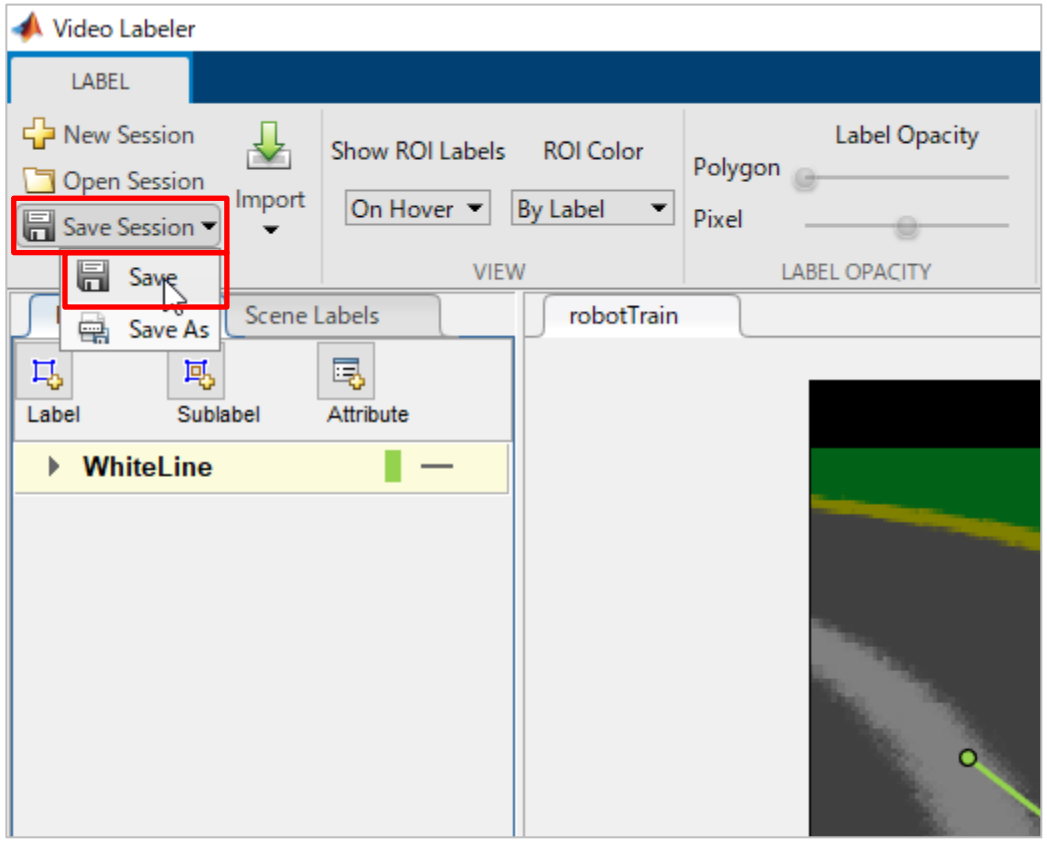
5. Save the session as needed
   (Just leave the file name as default)



6. Export the annotated data as
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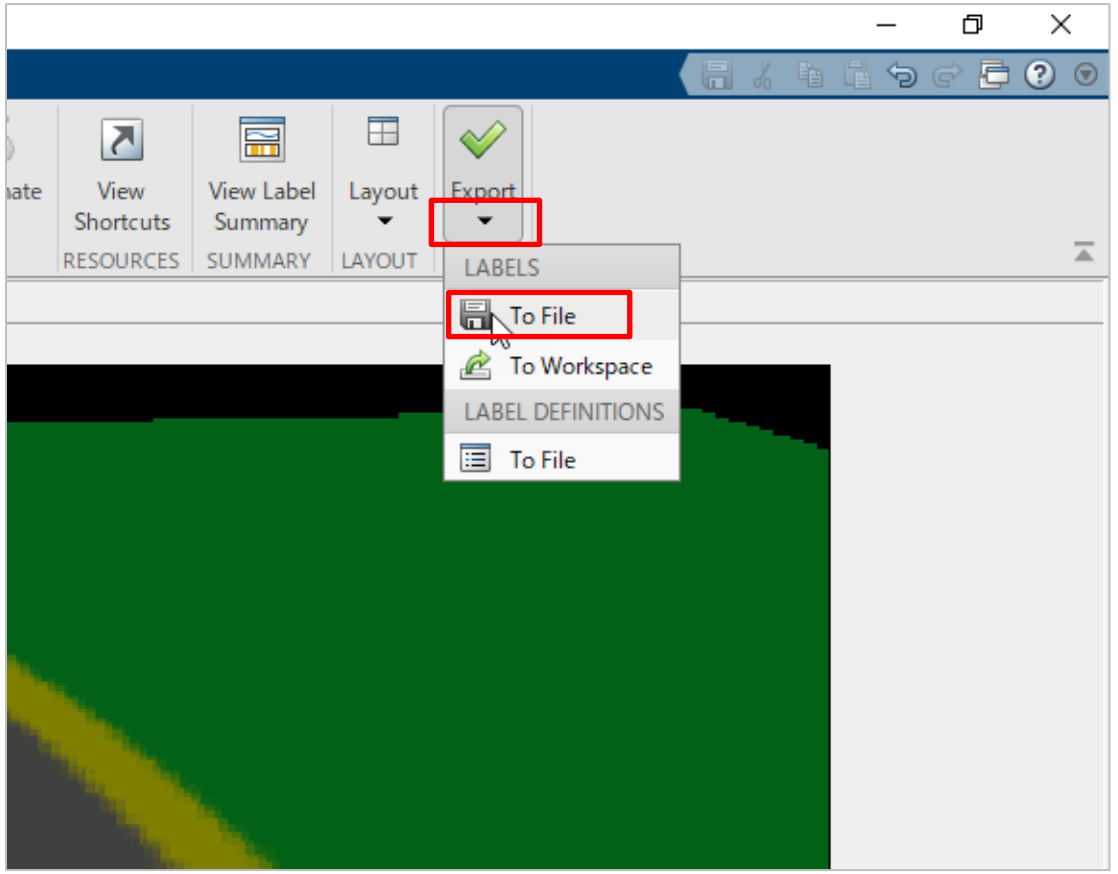

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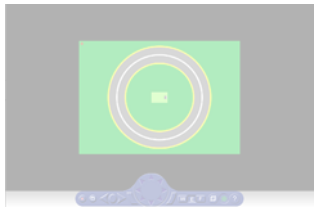

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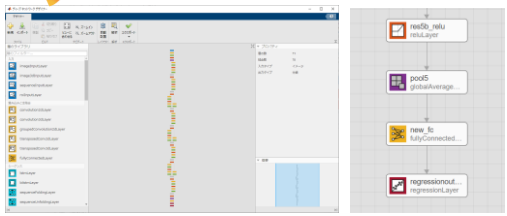

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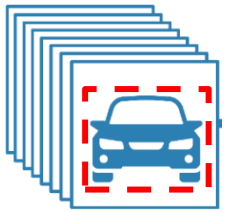

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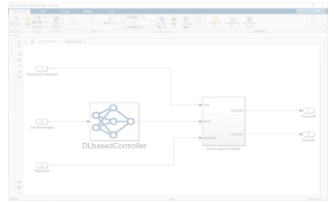

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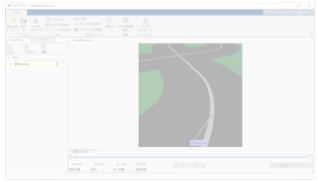

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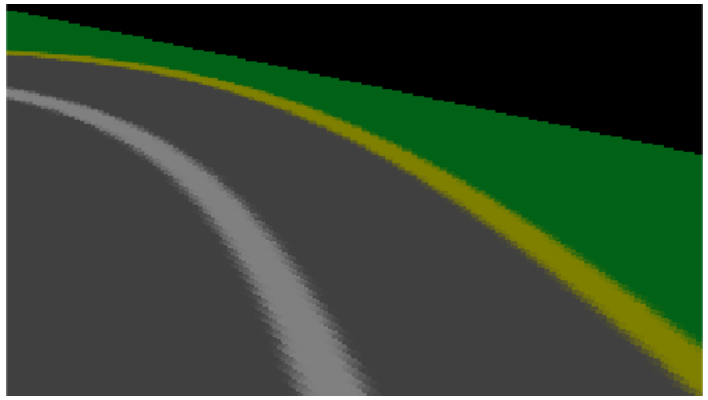

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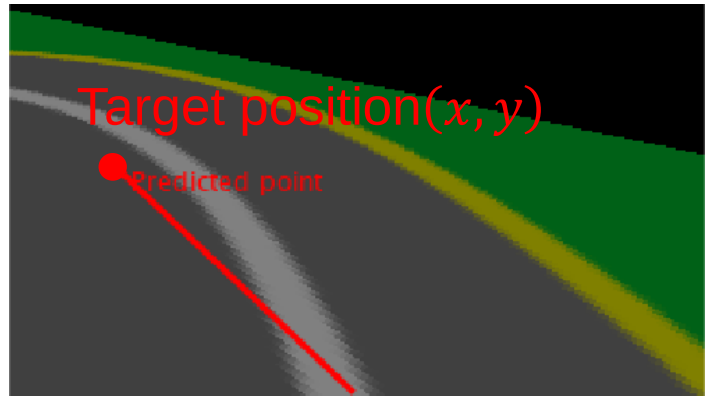

Image from camera
(180 x 320 x 3)

Target position(x, y)
(1 x 2)

Predict target position using a deep neural regression model

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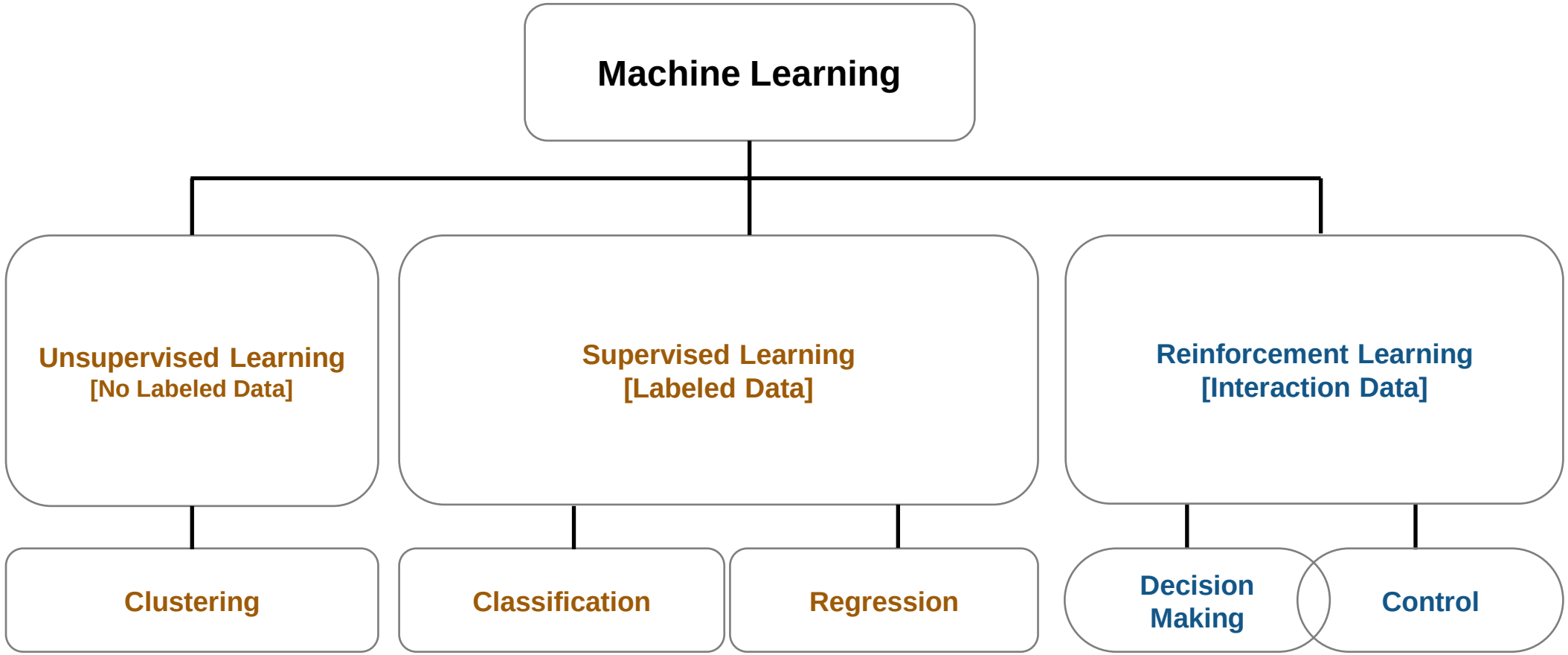
- Not easy to extract low-dimensional features from high-dimensional data like images using classical image processing and machine learning
- Deep learning is flexible and can handle those high-dimensional data

What is Regression?



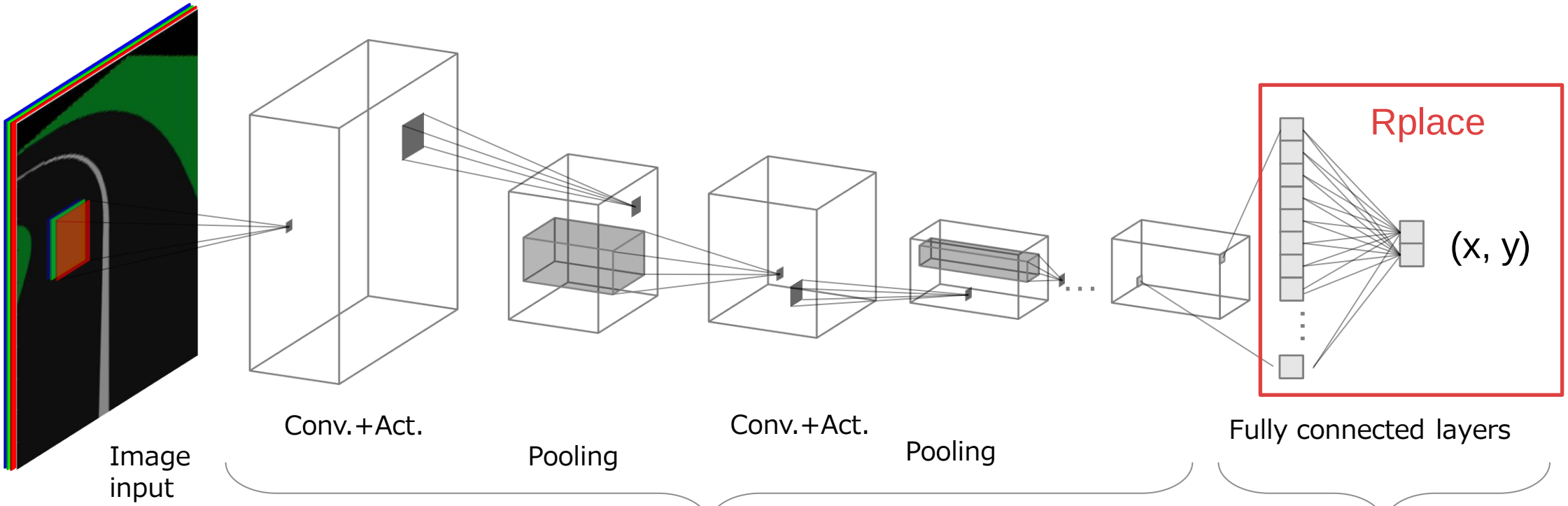
Predict discrete values
ex. Red apple or green apple

Predict continuous values
ex. Diameter of an apple

Predicting target position (x,y) as continuous values from image is a regression problem

Deep Neural Regression with Transfer Learning

Use a pretrained image classification model as a feature extractor
Change the head of the model to a regression layer

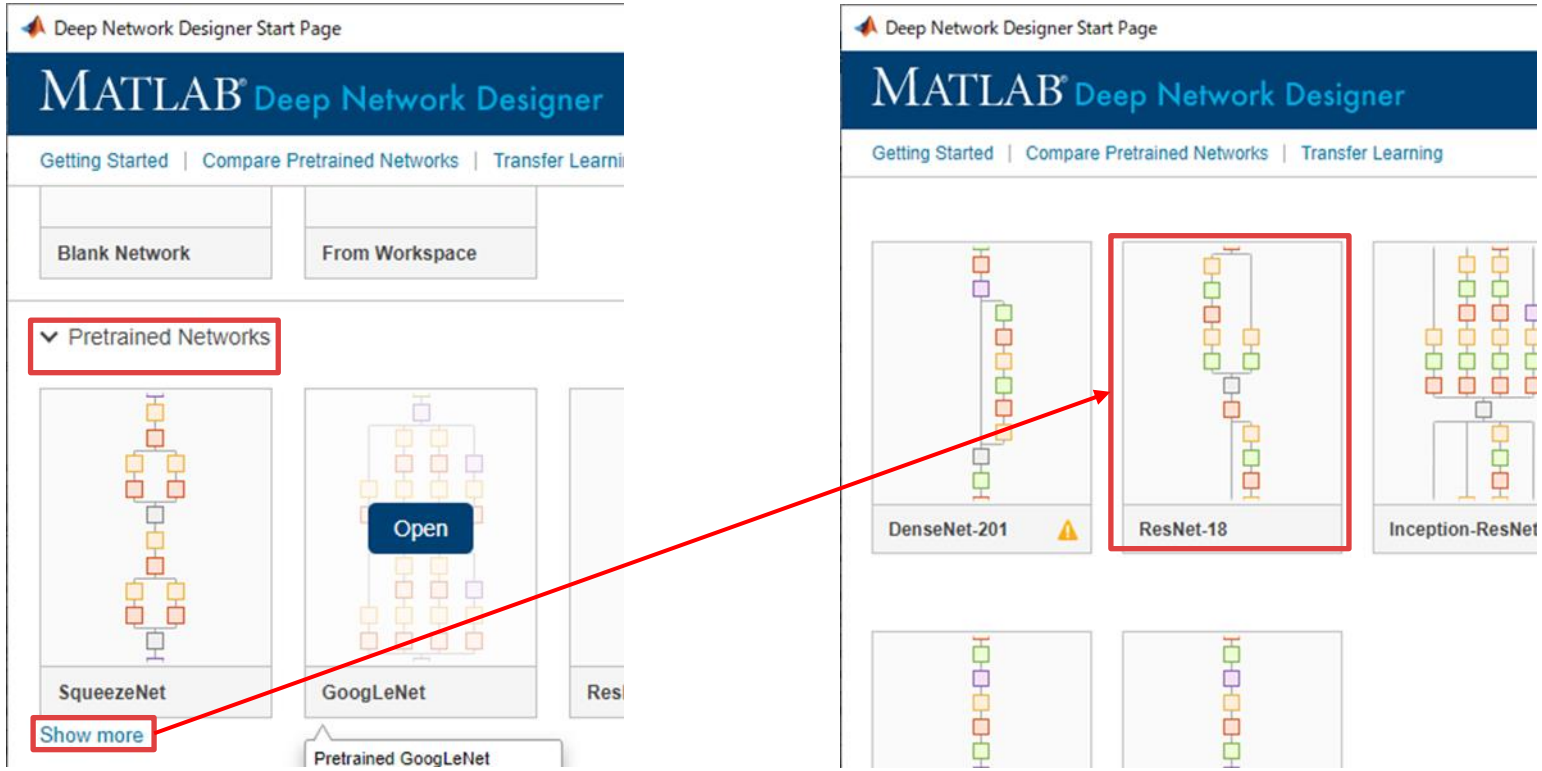


Reference : Convert Classification Network into Regression Network
https://jp.mathworks.com/help/deeplearning/examples/convert-classification-network-into-regression-network.html

Exercise 3. Design and Train Regression Model

Train a regression model by modifying the last classification layers in the pretrained image classification model.

1. Open the live script as below
   ```
   >> edit trainWhiteLine.mlx
   ```
2. Click "Run and Advance" in the "Live Editor" ribbon to line 71
3. Run line 72 and then Deep Network Designer will be launched. Click "ResNet-18".



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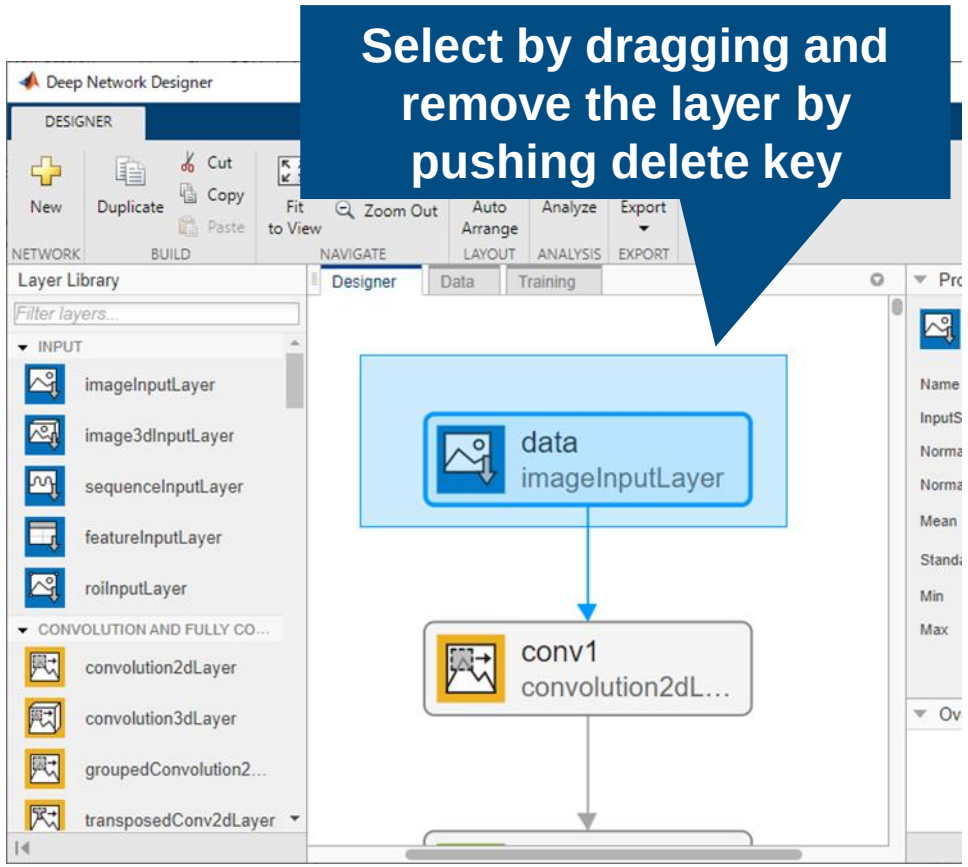
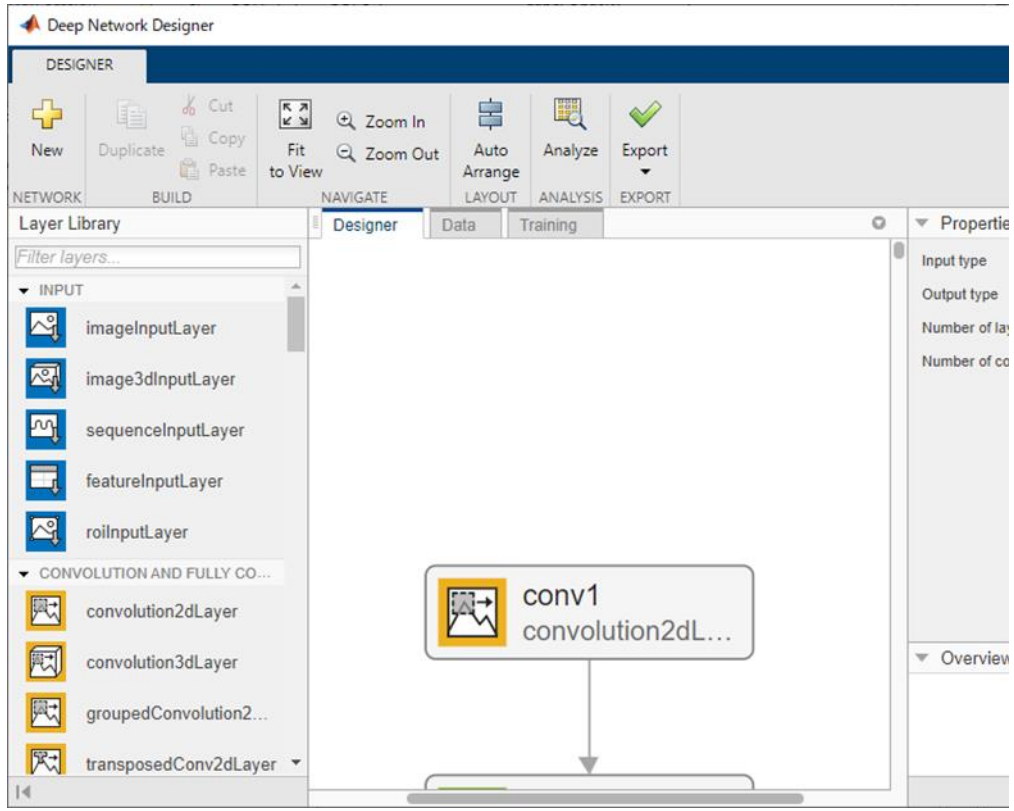
4. Select data layer by dragging and then remove them by pushing delete key
(Need to replace the input layer because the input size of the pretrained ResNet18 is 224 x 224 x 3 while the size of the training images is 180 x 320 x 3)





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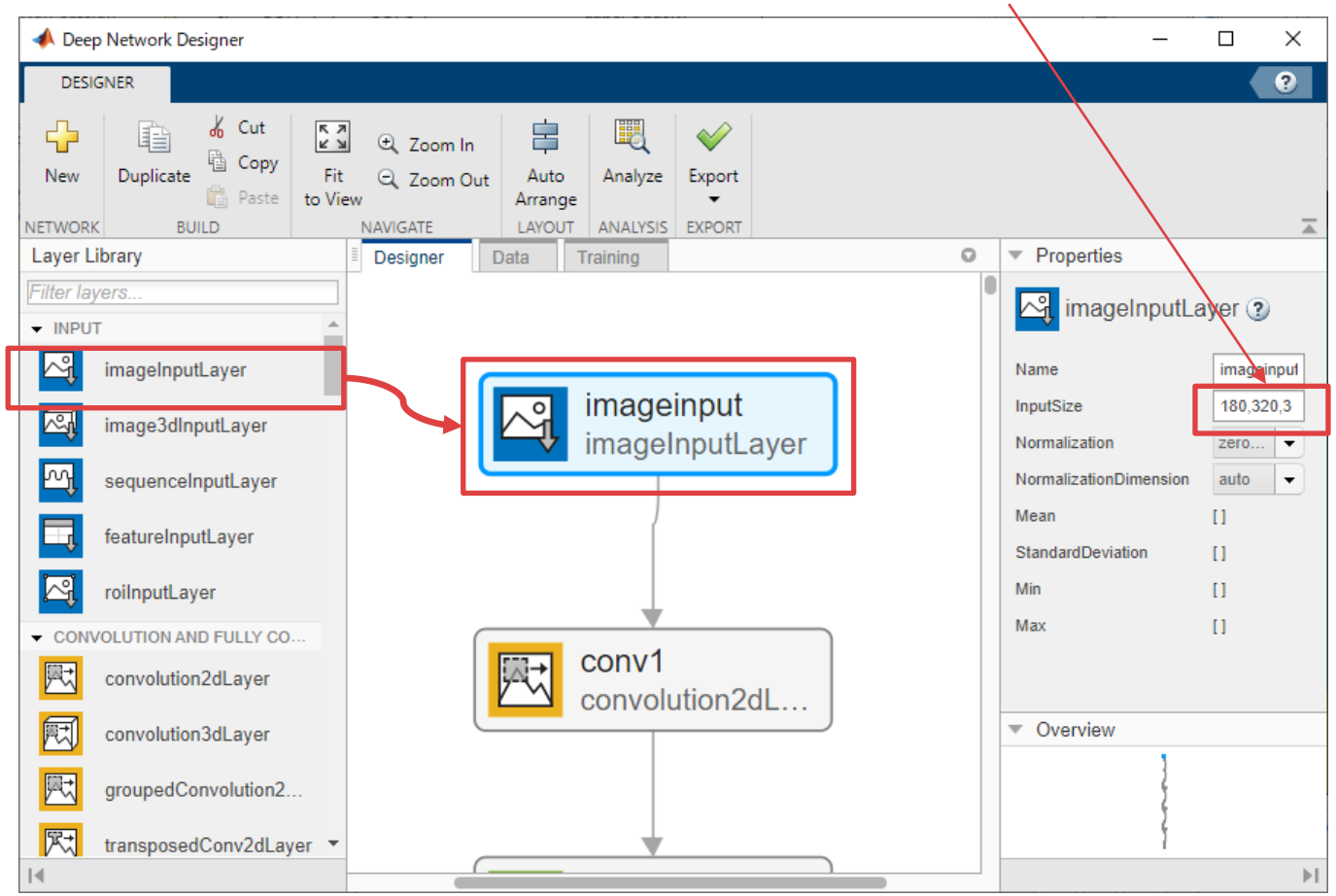
5. Drag & drop the "imageInputLayer" in the "INPUT" group in the "Layer Library" tab to the designer campus.
Drag the edge of the **`imageinput`** layer to connect to the **`conv1`**.
Set the "**`InputSize`**" property in the **`imageinput`** layer to "**`180,320,3`**".



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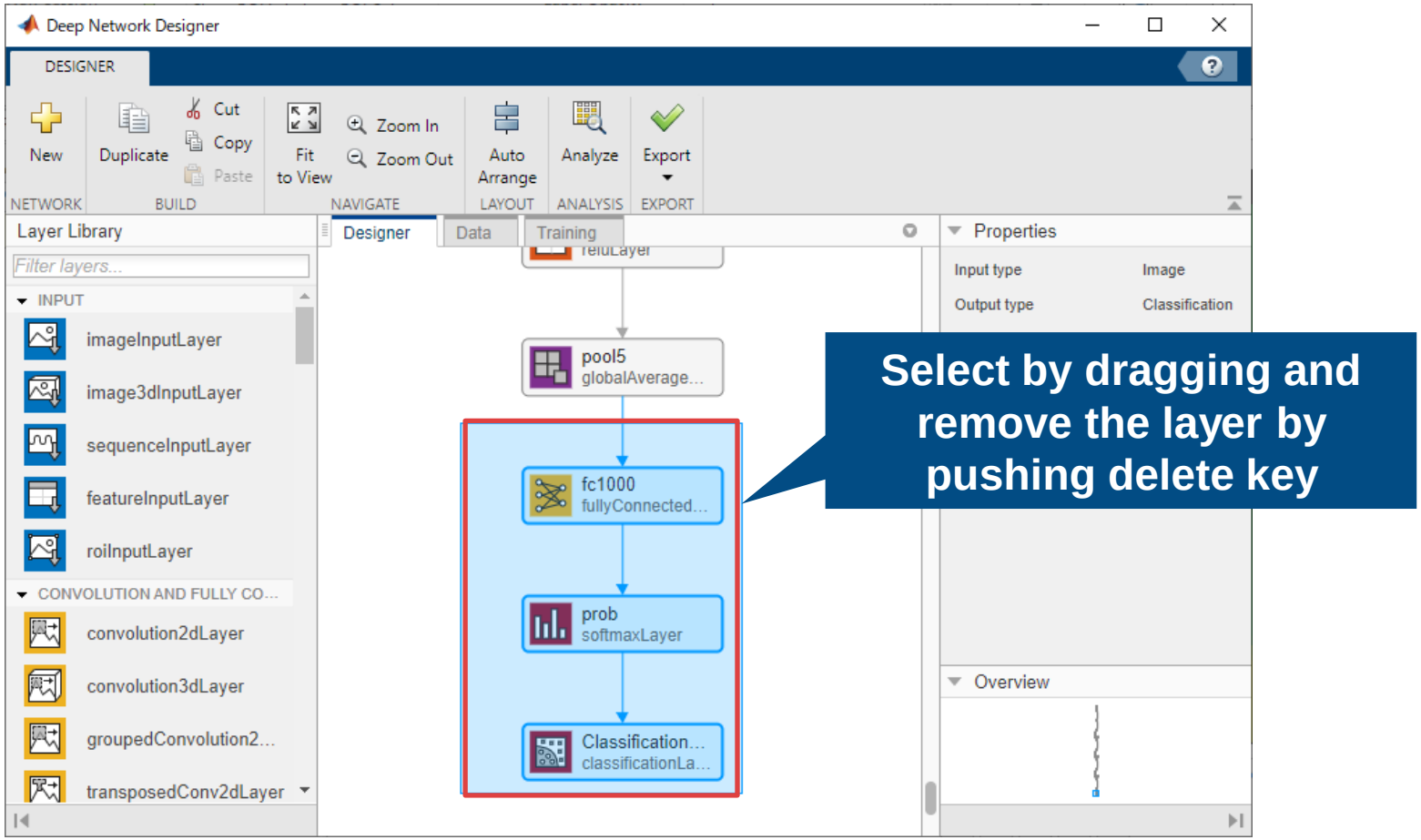
6. Select "**`fc1000`**" layer and the successive layers by dragging and then remove them by pushing delete key (Need to change the 1,000 classes classification model to a 2 outputs regression model)



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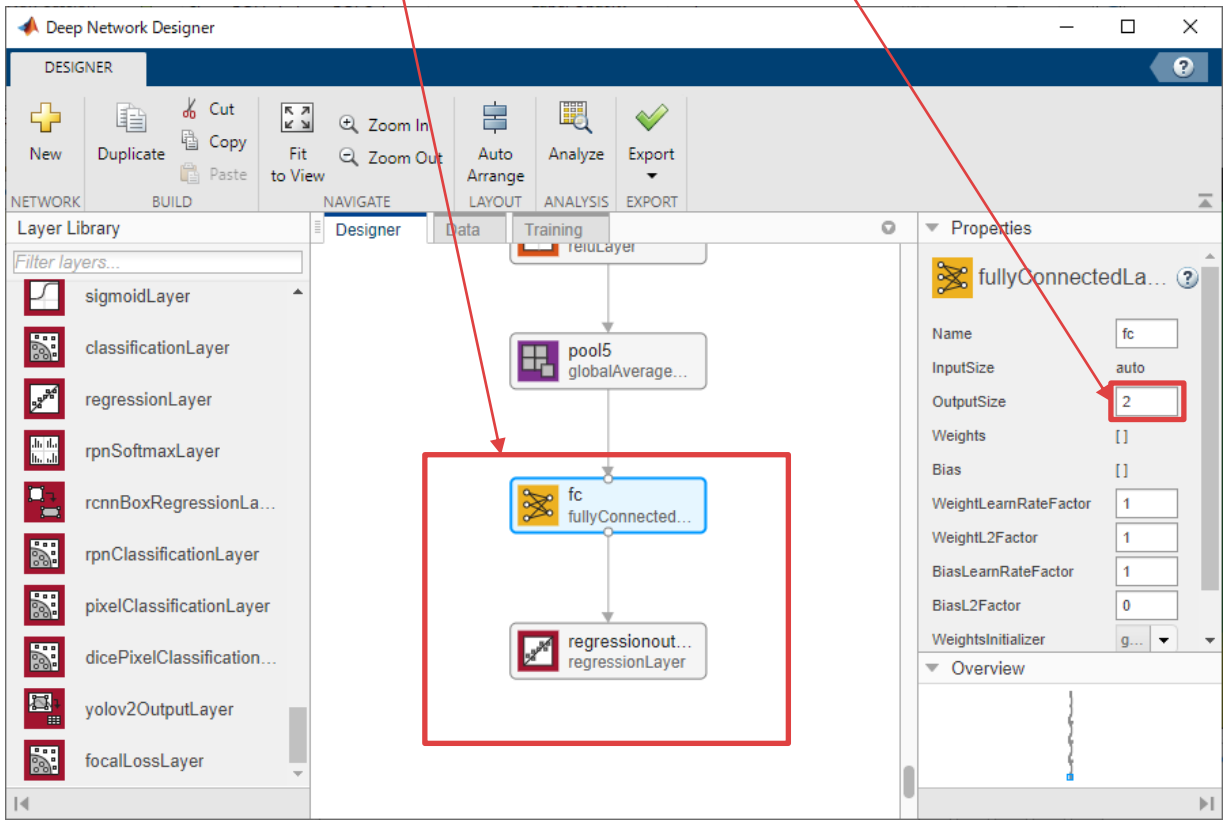
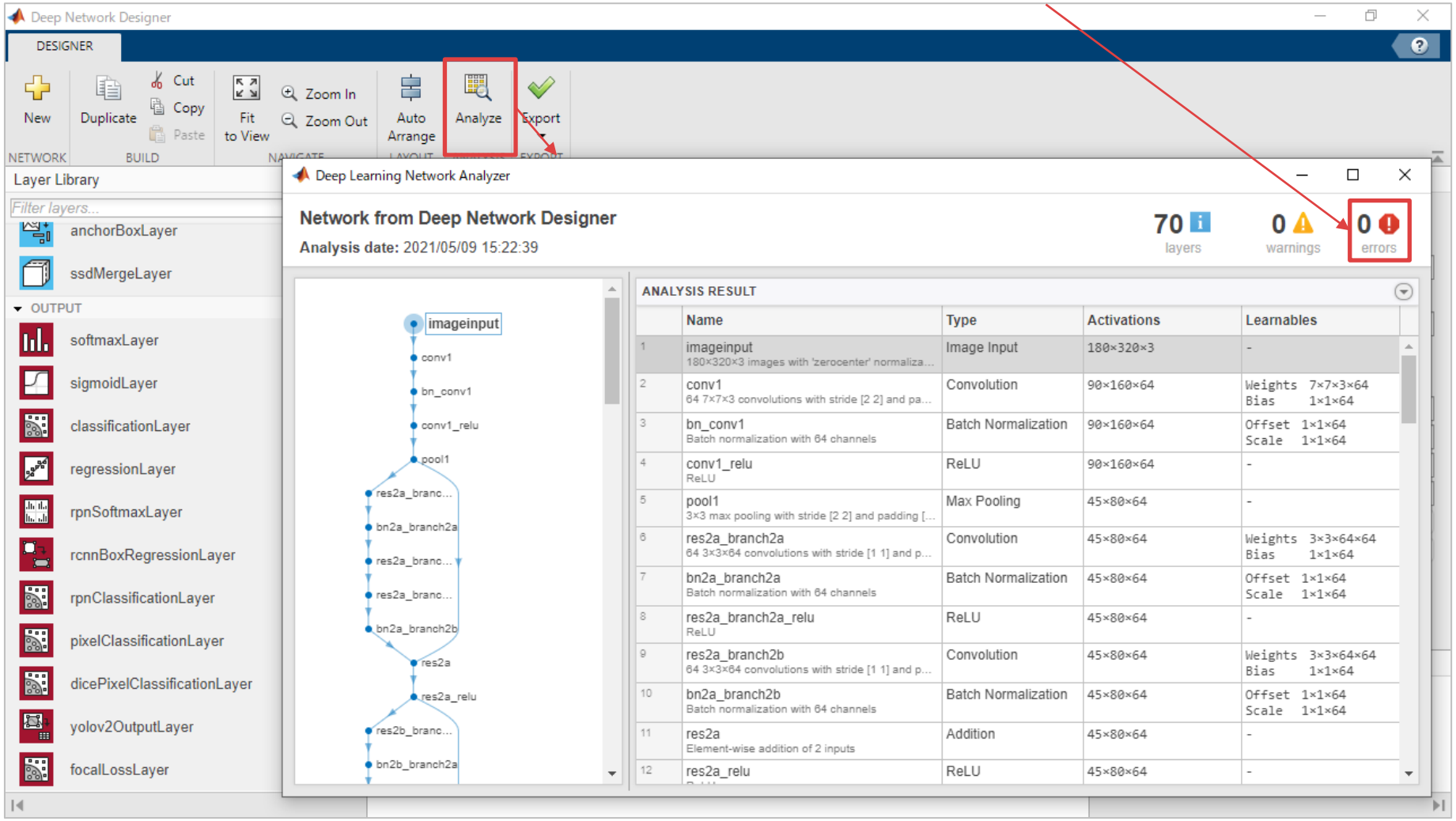
7. Add fullyConnectedLayer from "Convolution and fully connected layers" section and "regressionOutputLayer" from "Output" section in "Layer Library" located in the left panel.
8. Change the OutputSize to 2 because the number of output values are two (x, y)
9. Connect pool5 to fc and fc to regressionOutput respectively



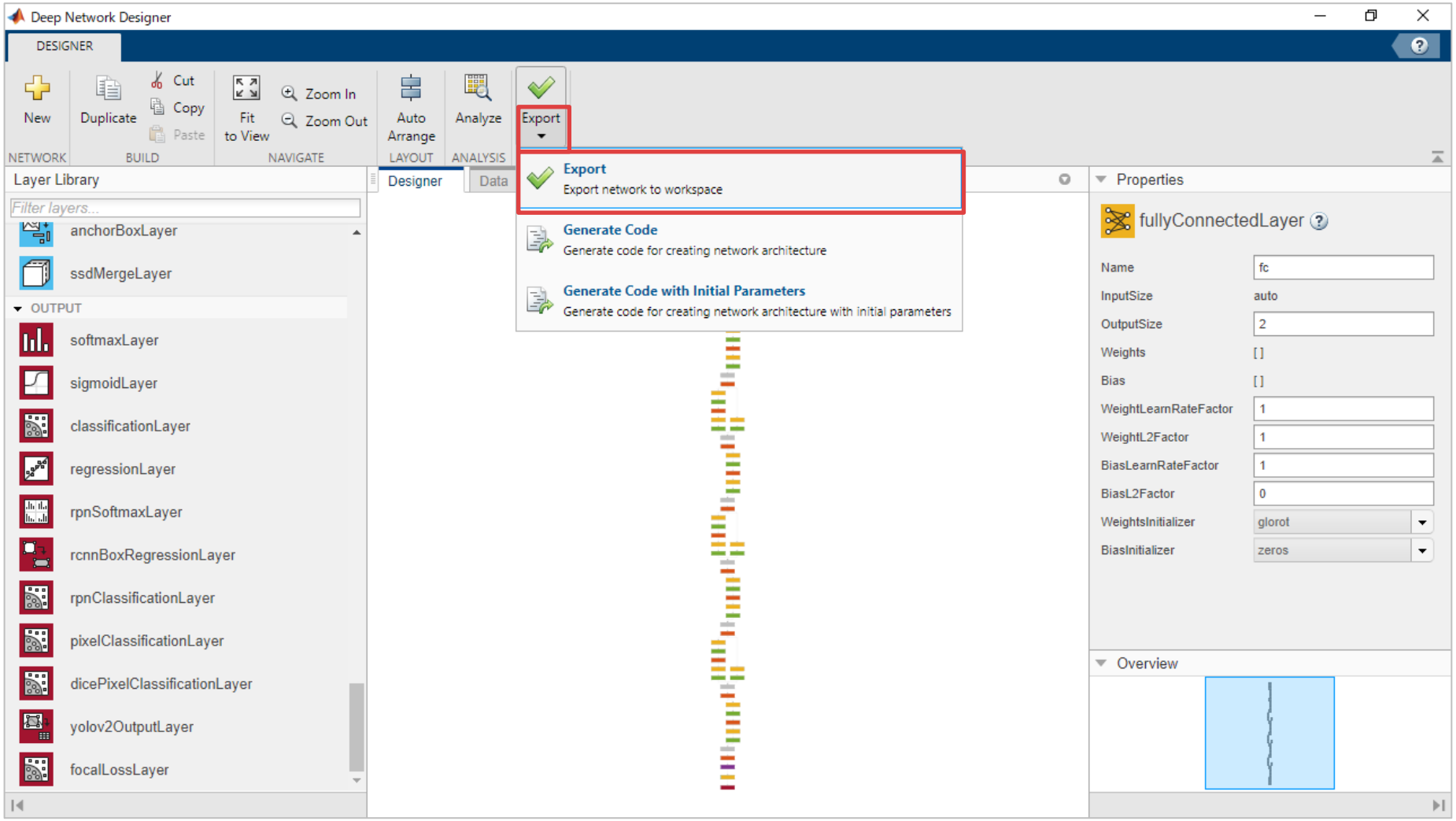
Exercise 3. Design and Train Regression Model

8. Make sure the network is consistent and the number of errors is zero by clicking "Analyze" button



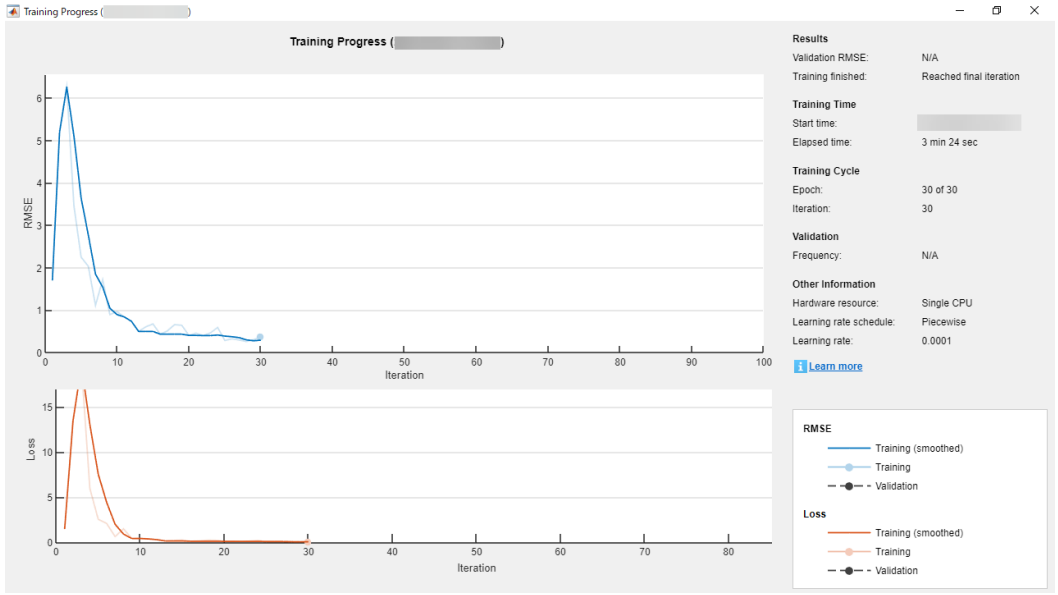
Exercise 3. Design and Train Regression Model

9. Export the model to workspace by clicking "Export" in "Export" button.

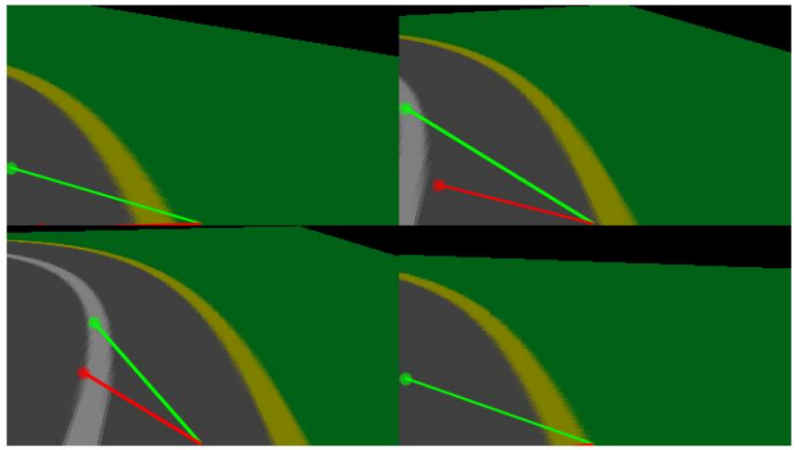


Exercise 3. Design and Train Regression Model

10. Run the rest of the code to end
The training progress will be shown up as below when training begins (It may take 5 minutes with CPU)
11. **`mynet_new.mat`** is generated once the training is completed



Training progress



Predicted results
(Green: ground truth
Red: predicted)

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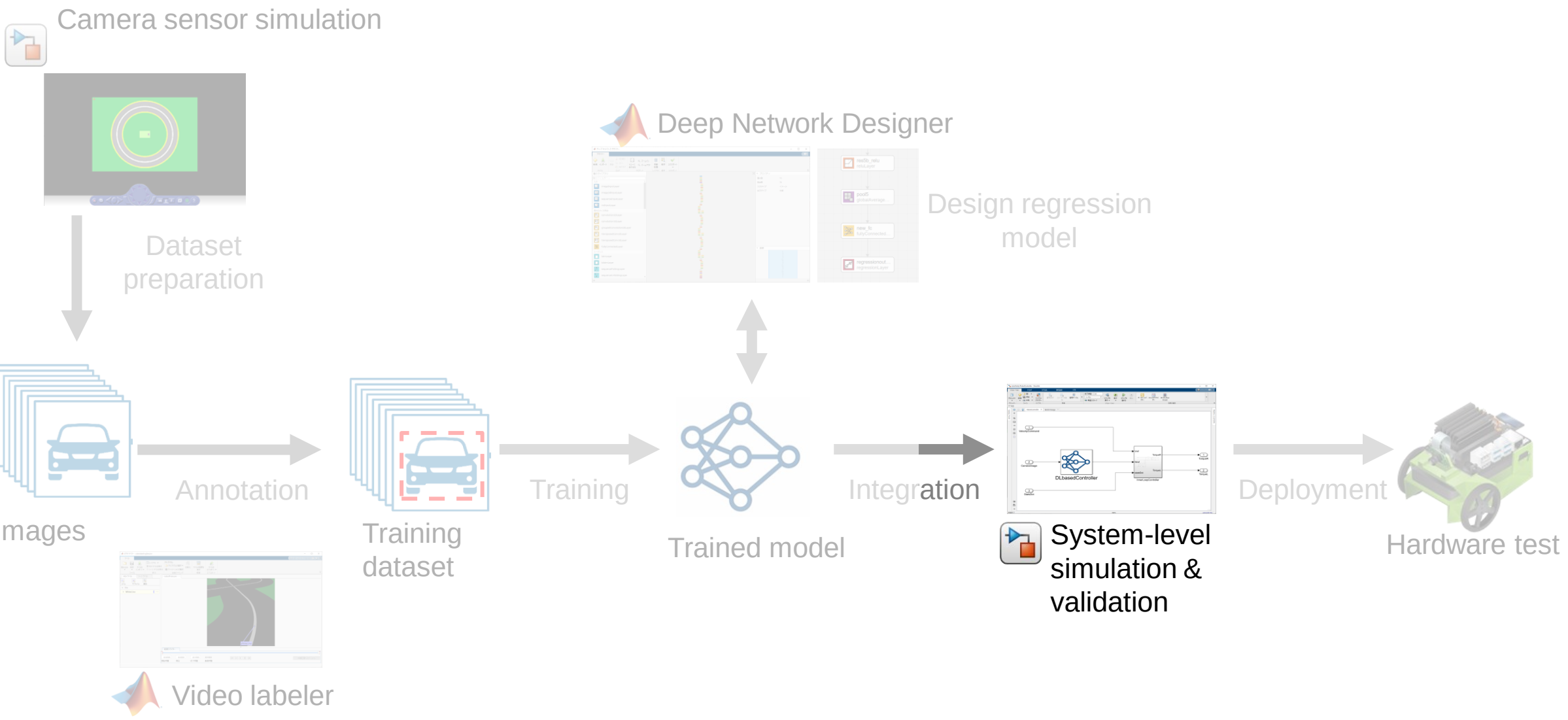
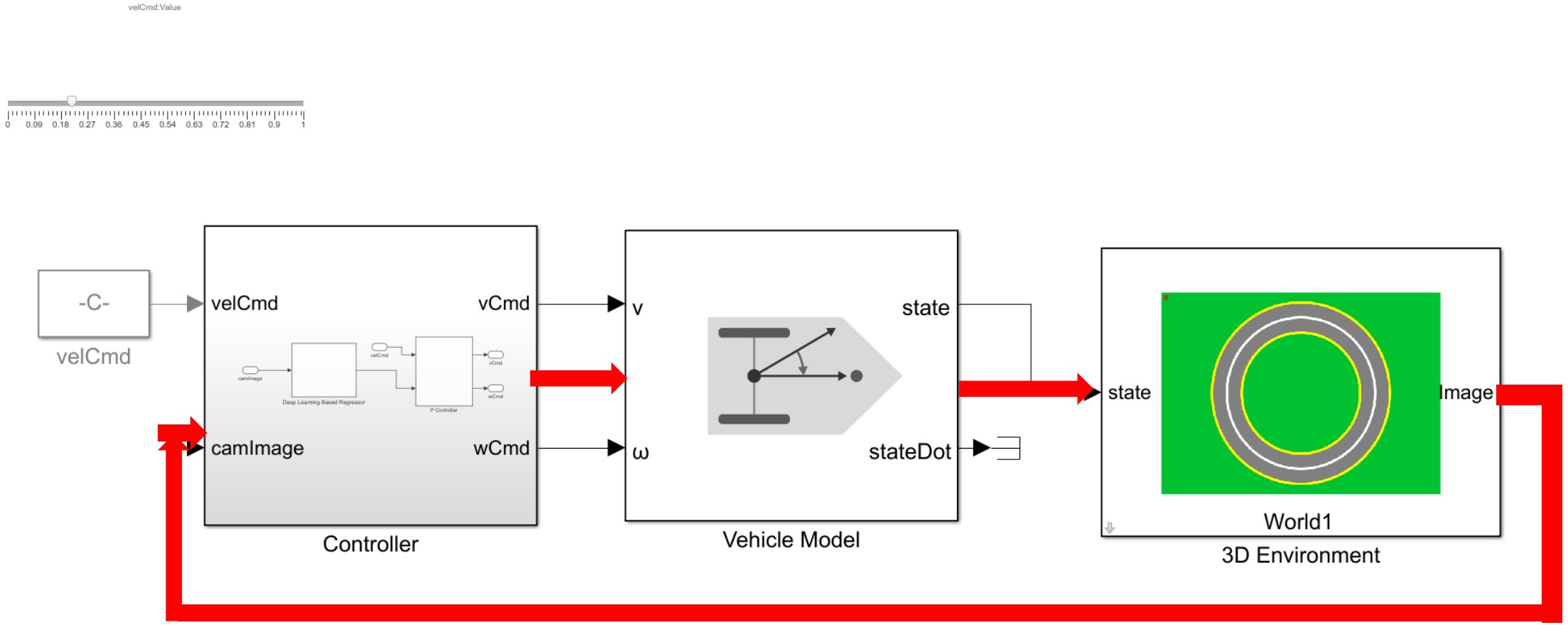


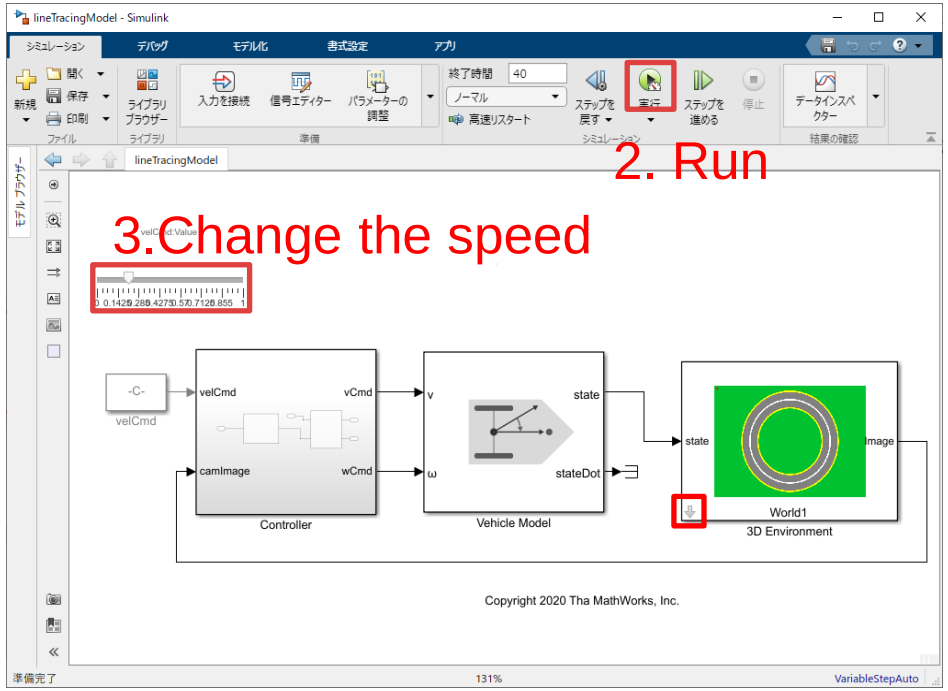
Test Line Following Algorithms Integrating Components as System



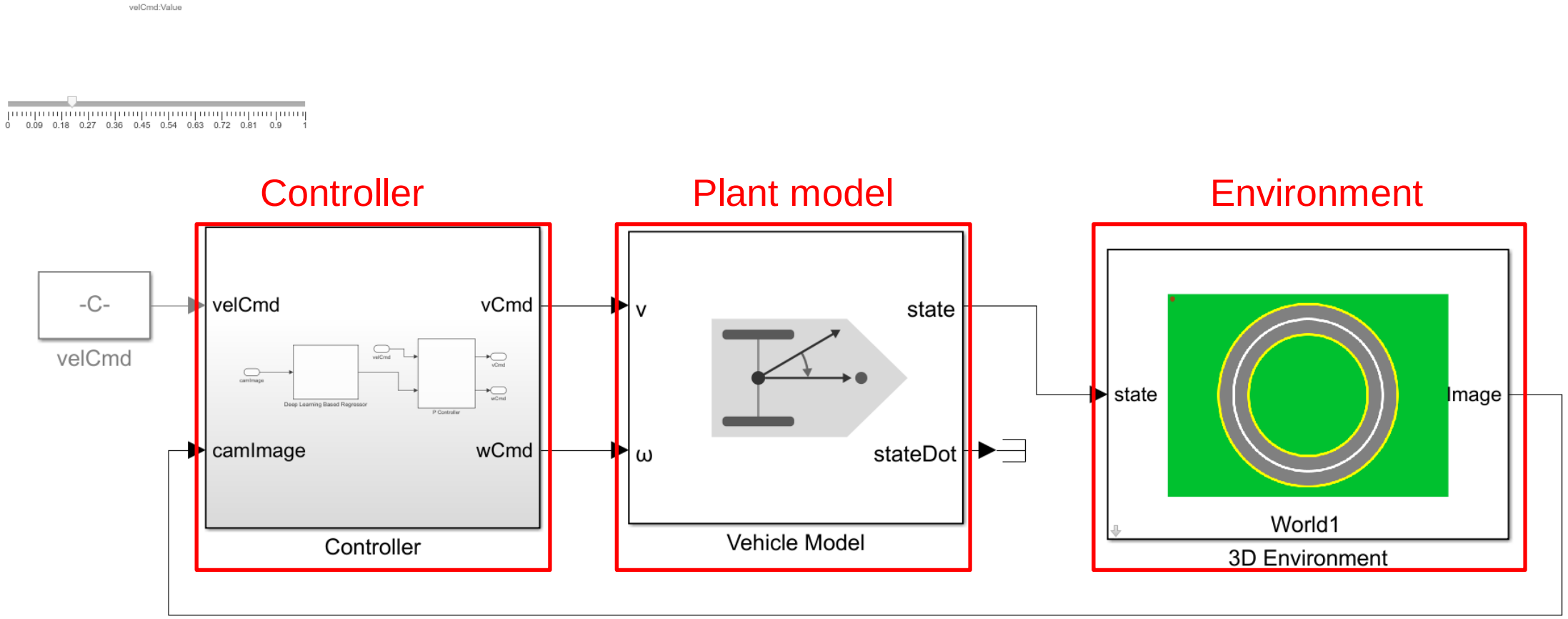
Autonomous system can be a closed loop system
Performance test and validation as a system are required

Exercise 4. Test Line Following Algorithm as System

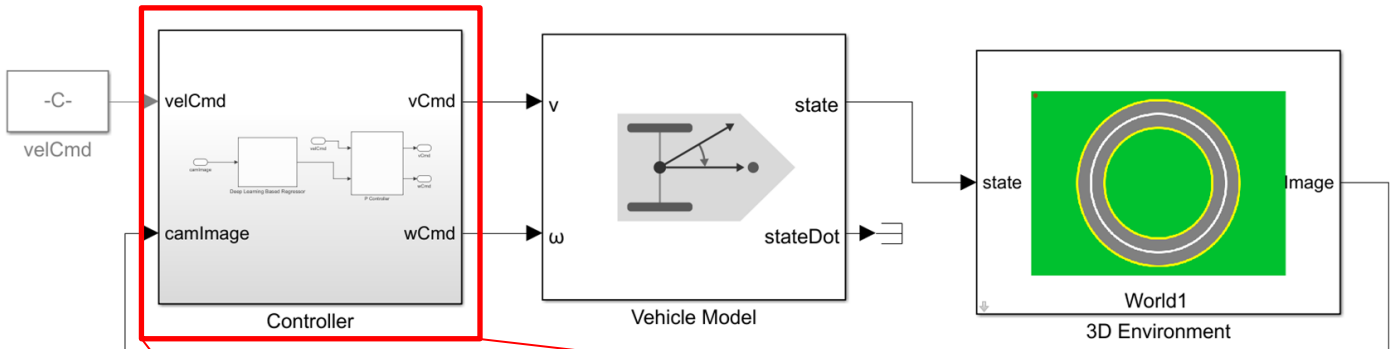
1. **Open `line_follower.slx`** and click run button in "Simulation" tab
   Click stop button (gray square button) if you want to stop the simulation
   `>> line_follower.slx`
2. Change the bar for speed and then observe what will be happened in the line following
3. Try to change the initial position and observe what will be happened (See p.35)
4. Try to change the P gain and see how the following performance changes (See p.34)
5. Try to change the map data for 3-D world and see how the following behavior changes (See p.36)
6. Save the simulation results as a video (See p.37)

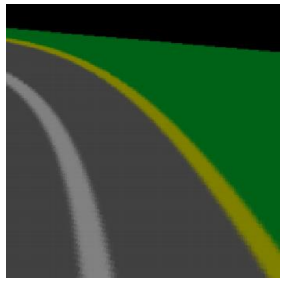


System Overview



System-level Simulation : Controller





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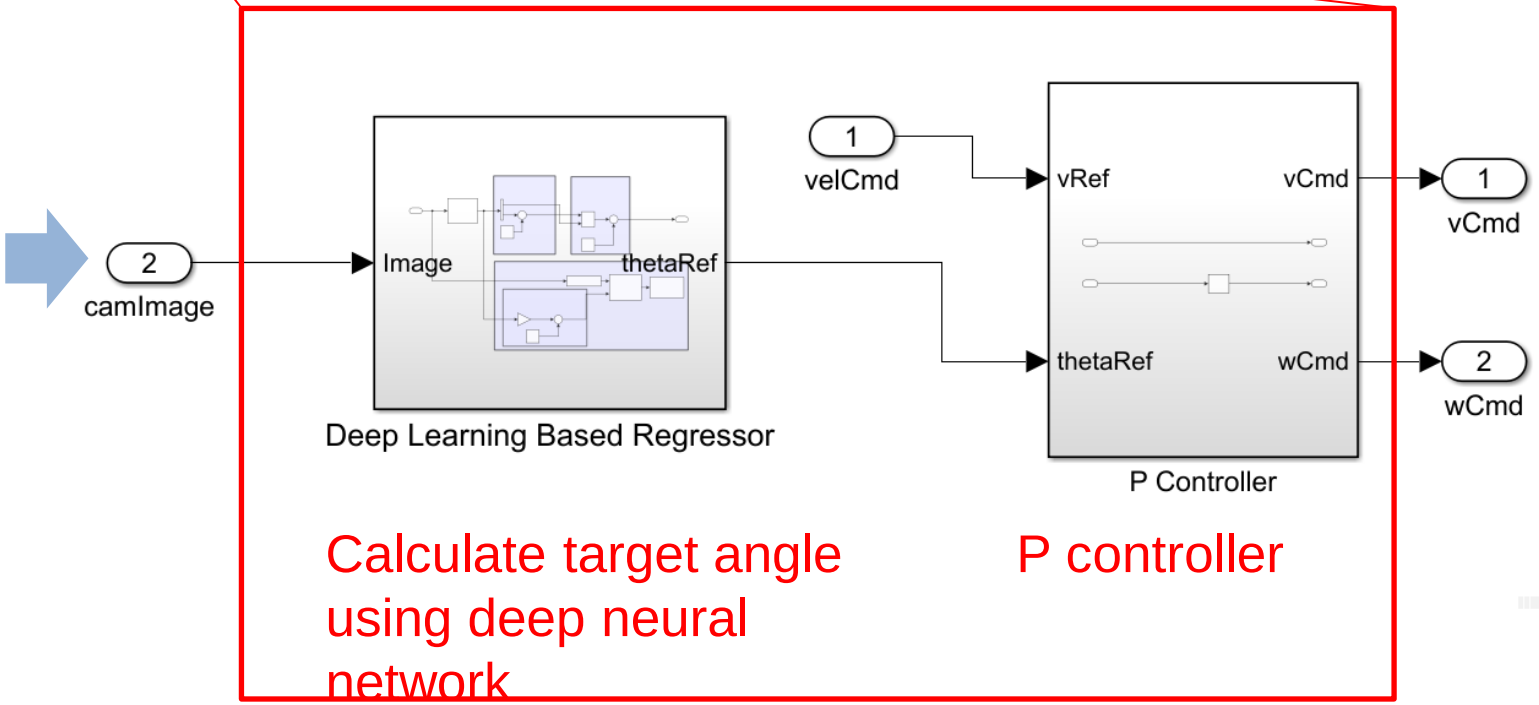
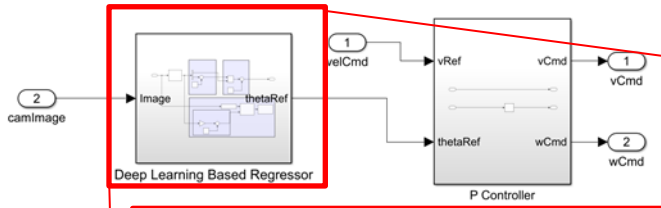
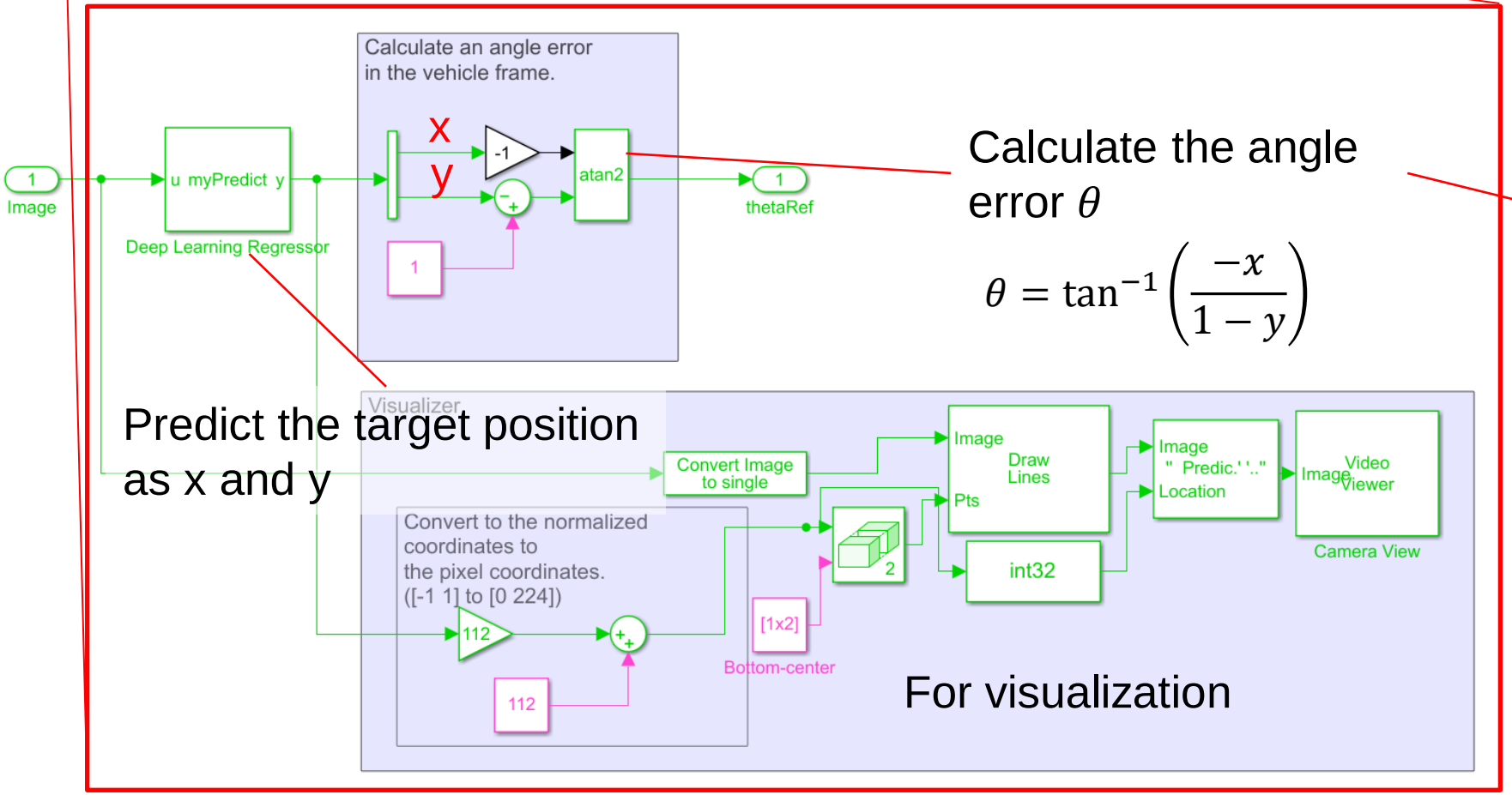


Target linear velocity
Target angular velocity

System-level Simulation : Calculate Angle Error

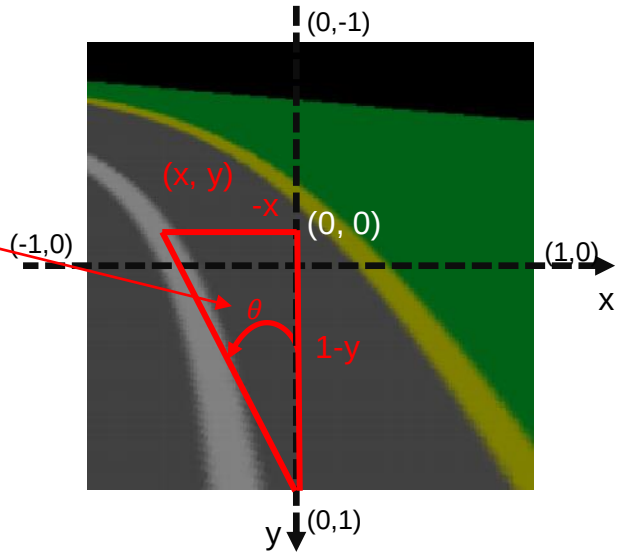




Predict the target position as x and y

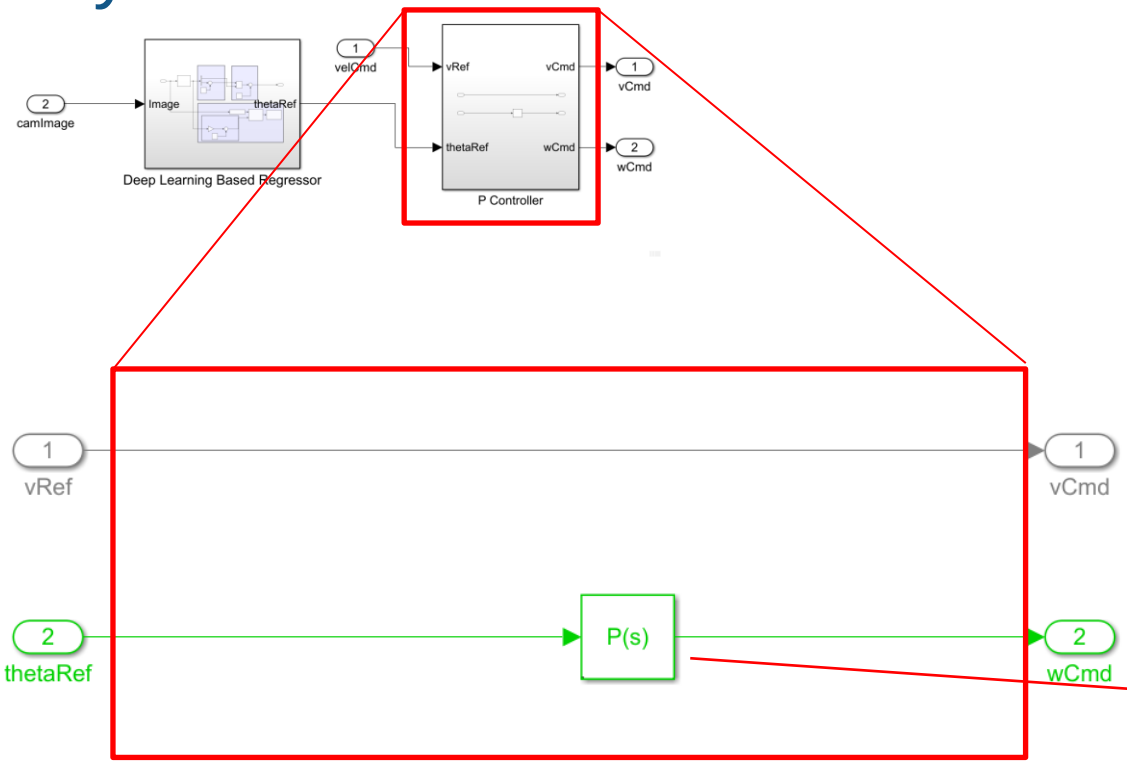
Calculate the angle error θ

$$\theta = \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{-x}{1-y}\right)$$

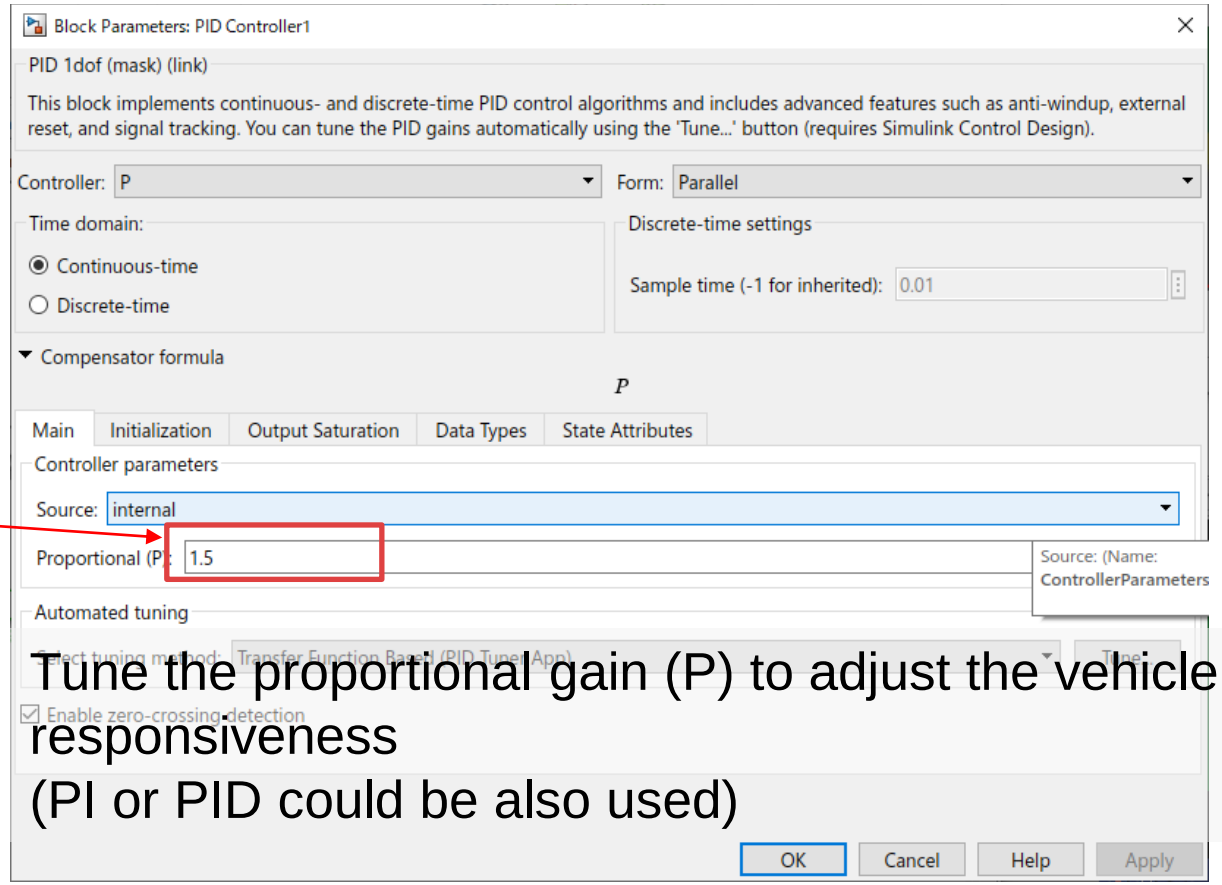


For visualization

System-level Simulation : Feedback Controller

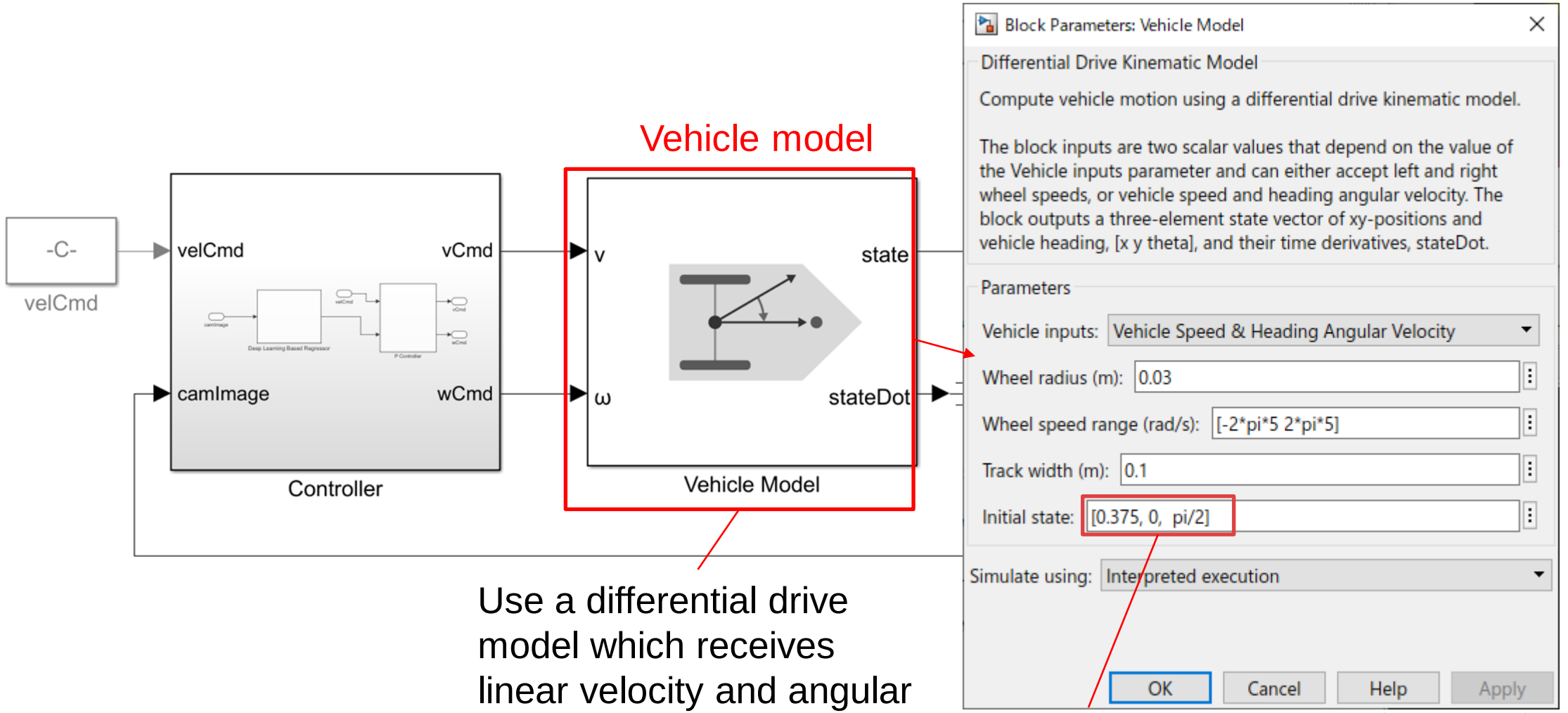


Feedback to make the error angle to be zero
Control only steering
Linear velocity is constant



Tune the proportional gain (P) to adjust the vehicle responsiveness
(PI or PID could be also used)

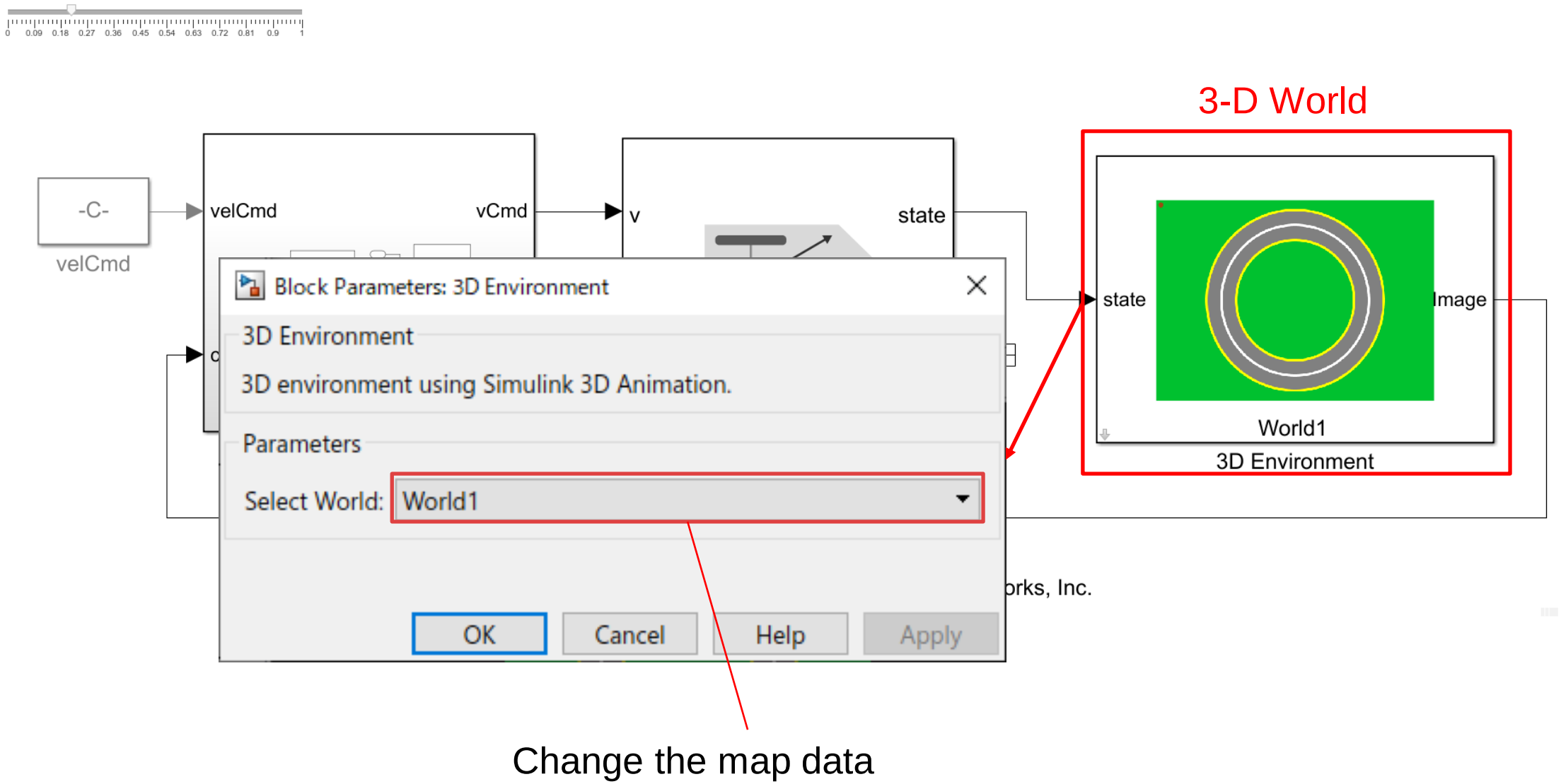
System-level Simulation : Plant Model



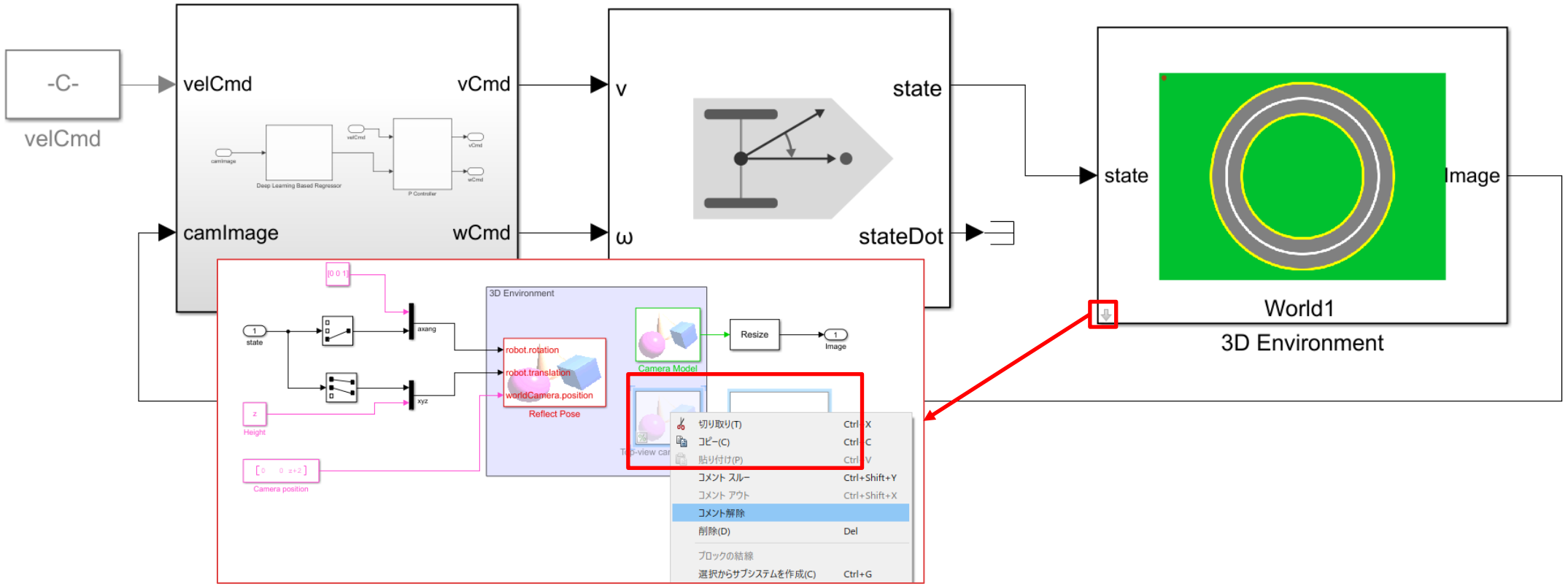
Use a differential drive model which receives linear velocity and angular velocity as inputs then outputs position and orientation (x_v, y_v, θ_v)

Change the initial states (x_v, y_v, θ_v) and observe how the line following works

System-level Simulation : Change Map in 3D Environment



シミュレーションによる検証: 3Dワールドの実行結果動画保存



Enabling "Top-view camera" and "To Multimedia File" allows to generate a video file during simulation

Hints : Improve Line Following Performance

- Increase the training dataset (See ex. 1)
  - Generate more trajectories to generate different perspectives
- Improve the annotation (See ex. 2)
  - Reduce the variation of the target points
- Change the training options (See ex.3)
  - Increate the max number of epochs
  - Change the learning rate and the scheduling
- Change P gain (See ex.4)
  - Tune the P gain in Controller/P Controller block
  - Increase the P gain to improve the following performance
  - Decrease the P gain if oscillating

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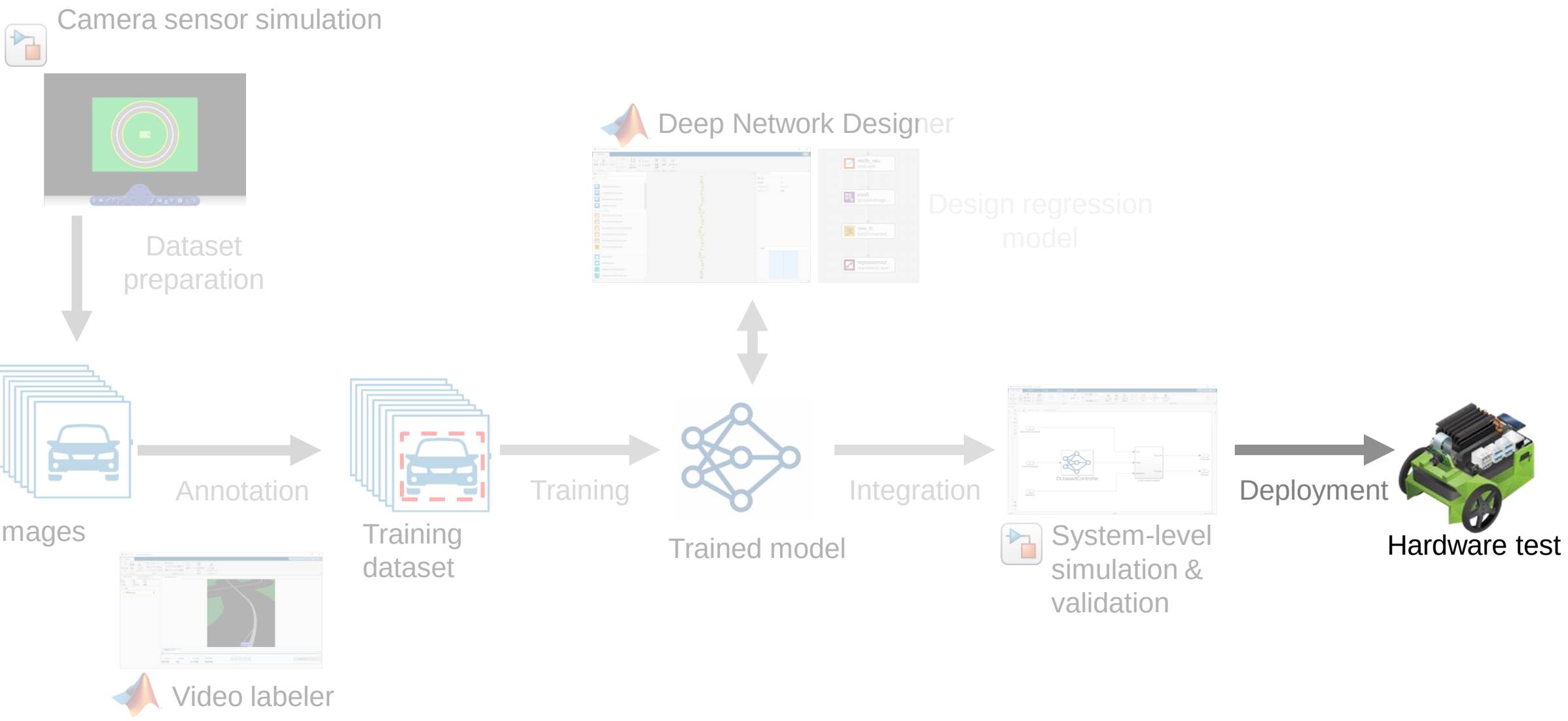
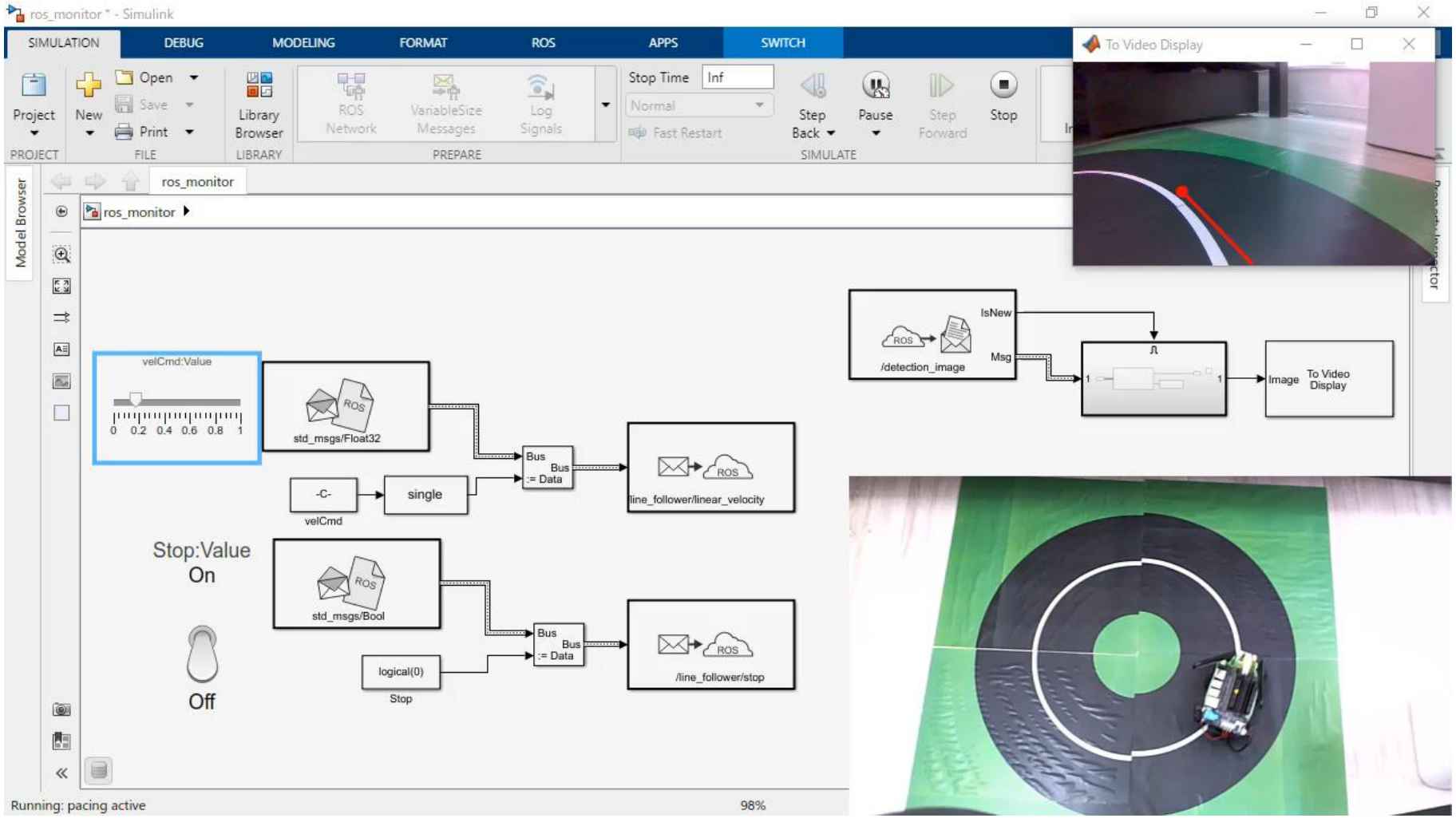
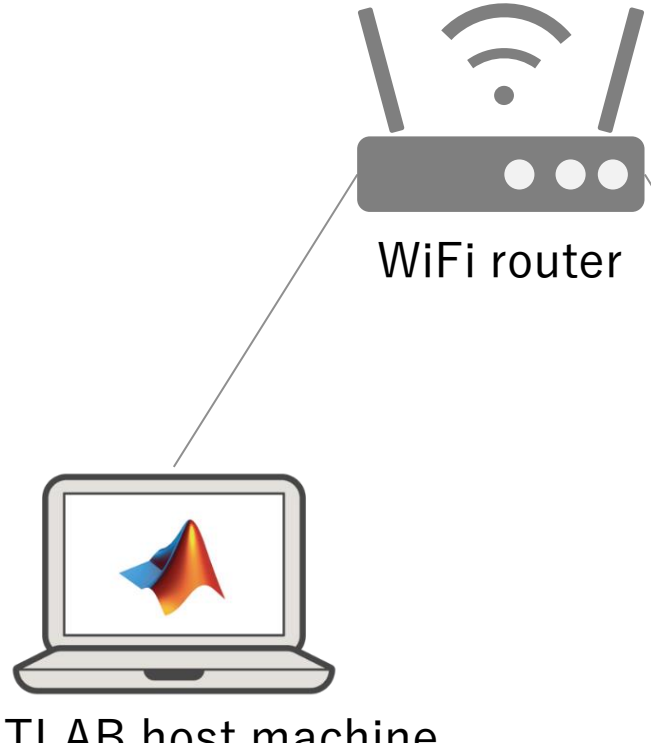


Goal: Hardware Testing of Line Following Algorithm

Deploy the line tracing algorithm integrating into a middleware, ROS



Connect MATLAB and JetBot*



JetBot (Jetson Nano™)
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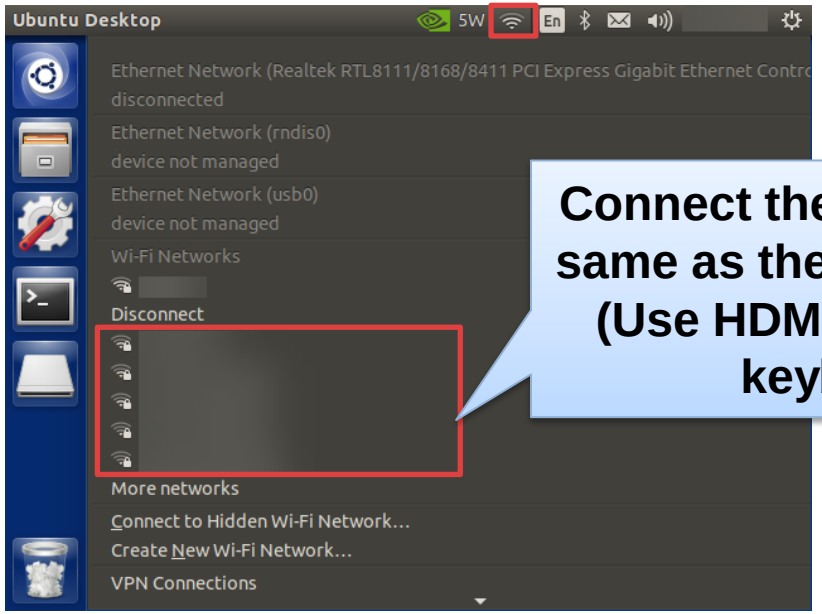
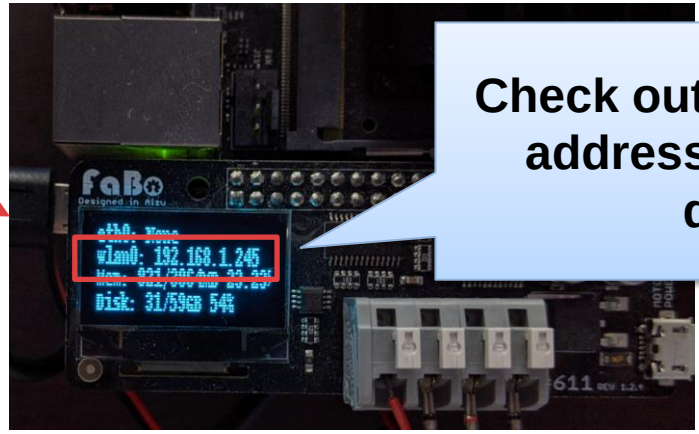
password: jetbot



Connect the WiFi network same as the host machine (Use HDMI display and keyboard)



Check out the acquired IP address on the OLED display.

*JetBot setup instruction can be found in the appendix section

What is NVIDIA® Jetson Nano™ and NVIDIA® JetBot?

- NVIDIA® low-cost embedded GPU
  - ARM® Cortex®-A57 + NVIDIA® Maxwell
  - GPIO, CSI and other peripherals and I/Os
  - 5W/10W mode, 5V DCin
  - Linux OS
  - NVIDIA® CUDA/cuDNN/TensorRT
- MATLAB Coder/GPU Coder hardware support package for NVIDIA Jetson is available
- Applications
  - Image classification
  - Object detection
  - Segmentation
  - Audio processing

- Open robot hardware platform
  - NVIDIA® Jetson Nano™ based
  - Simple monocular camera and differential drive robot
  - The BOM list is opened in the GitHub repository
  - Can build the JetBot from scratch
  - https://jetbot.org/
- Application
  - Obstacle avoidance
  - Line following
  - Object recognition

What is ROS?

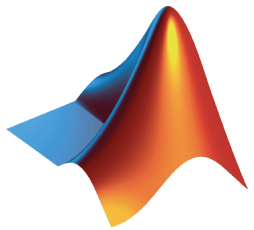
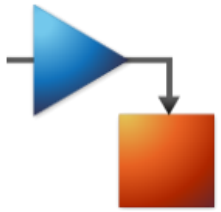
- ROS = Robot Operating System
  - Not an operating system – it's middleware
  - Messaging/distributed computing tools
  - Packaging and build management system
  - Vibrant open-source community for application-related code (drivers, simulation, motion planning, perception, etc.)
  - ROS2 was recently released, and the community is moving to ROS2

Easy to develop autonomous systems by leveraging ROS

https://www.ros.org/about-ros/

ROS integration using ROS Toolbox

Used in this workshop

	ROS	ROS 2
	• Topic – Publish / Subscribe • Service – Server / Client • Action – Client • Parameter – Get / Set • custom message • rosbag reading • ROS node generation R2021a	• Topic – Publish / Subscribe • custom message • ros2bag reading R2021a
	• Topic – Publish / Subscribe • Service – Call • Parameter – Get / Set • ROS Time • rosbag playback • ROS node generation	• Topic – Publish / Subscribe • ROS node generation
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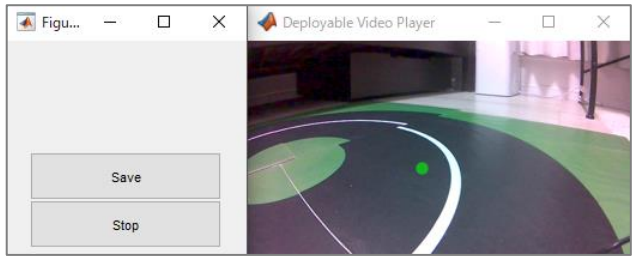
Step1: ROS connection and collecting training images



dataset generation

video

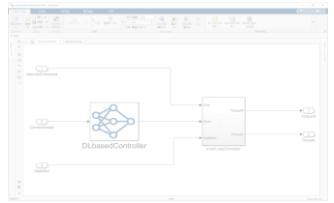
Labeling

Labeled images

Training

Trained model

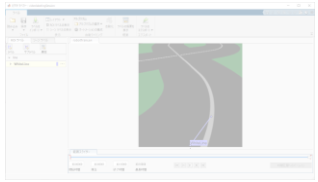
Integrate



System simulation

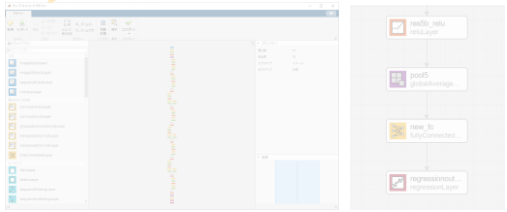
Deployment

Hardware test



Video labeler

Deep network designer



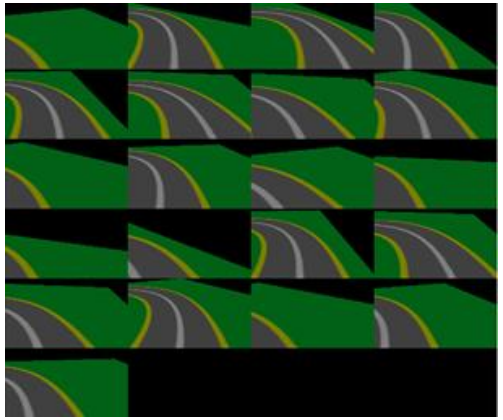
Design a network

Difference between simulation and real

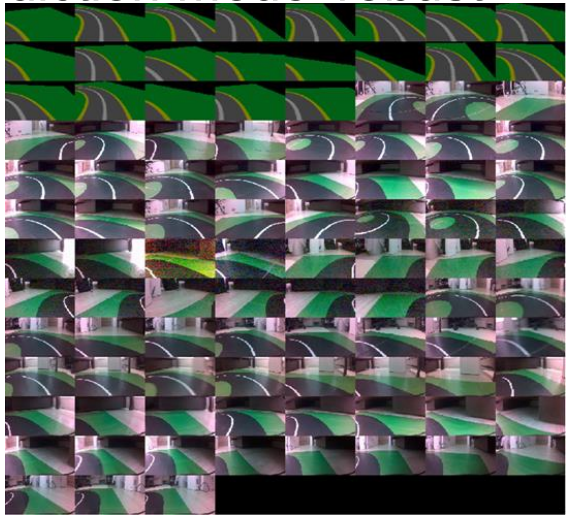
Trained model with the dataset from simulation may not work for the real environment due to the following factors:

- Background objects
- Lighting condition
- Image sensor noise

Collect images from the hardware to make the prediction model robust.



Collected in simulation

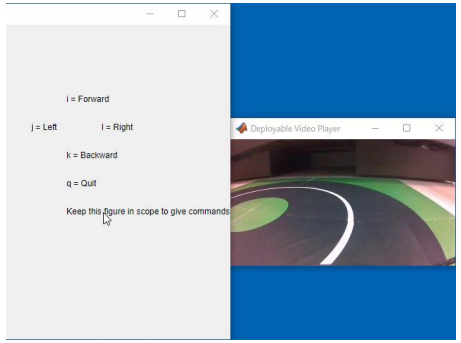


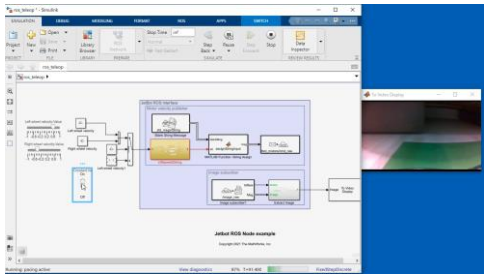
Images taken from the hardware added

*High fidelity simulation for training is also researched area.

ROS connection and colleting training images

Connect MATLAB and Simulink with JetBot
- Send the motor rotation speeds
- Receive the camera images





.avi

Windows/Mac/Linux

ROS

ROS Core

ROS node

Motor node

Camera node

Ubuntu Linux

Development Machine

```
>> edit teleopTestJetBot.mlx
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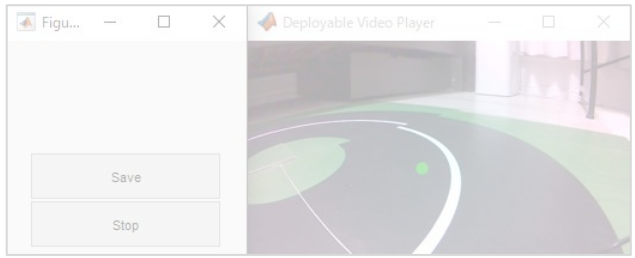
Locate the JetBot to get the variety of the images
or
Drive the JetBot

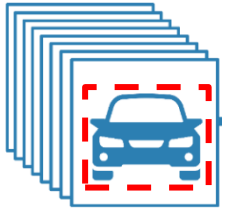
Step2: Improve line detector



dataset generation

video

Labeling

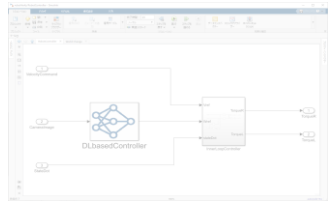


Labeled images

Training

Trained model

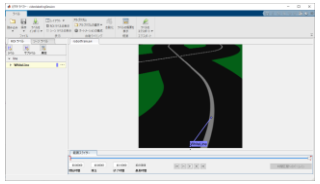
Integrate



System simulation

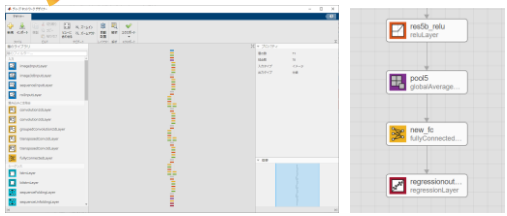
Deployment

Hardware test



Video labeler

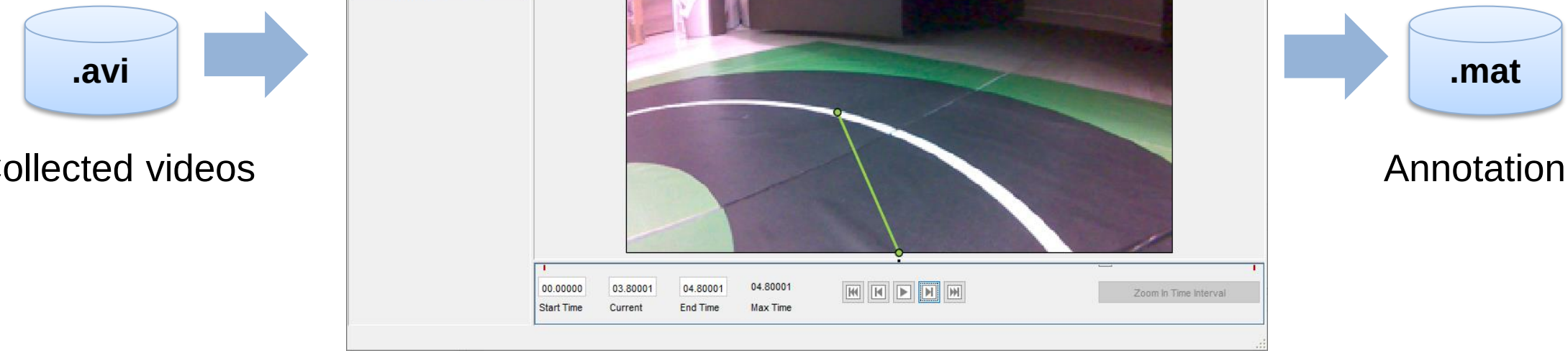
Deep network designer



Design a network

Labeling

- Annotate the images taken from the hardware as well as simulation's one



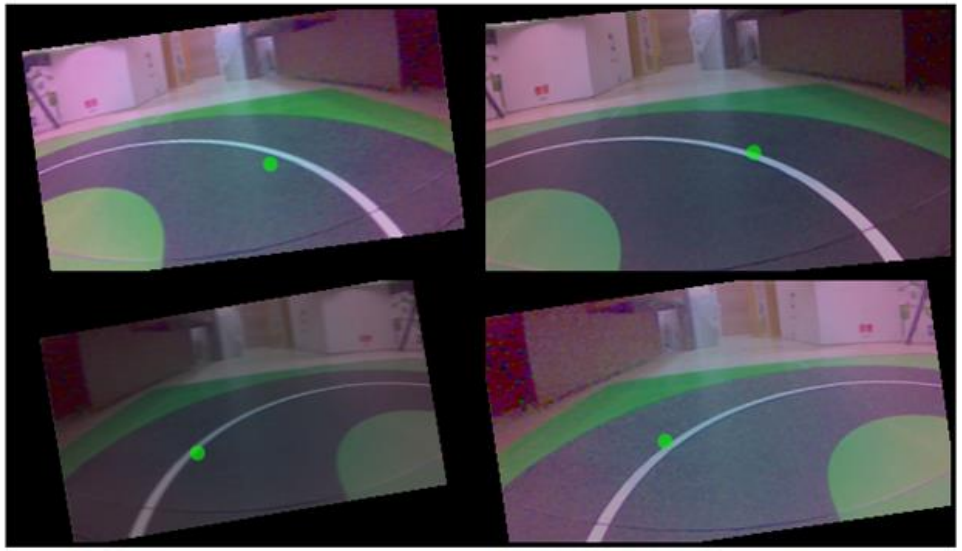
Collected videos

Annotation data

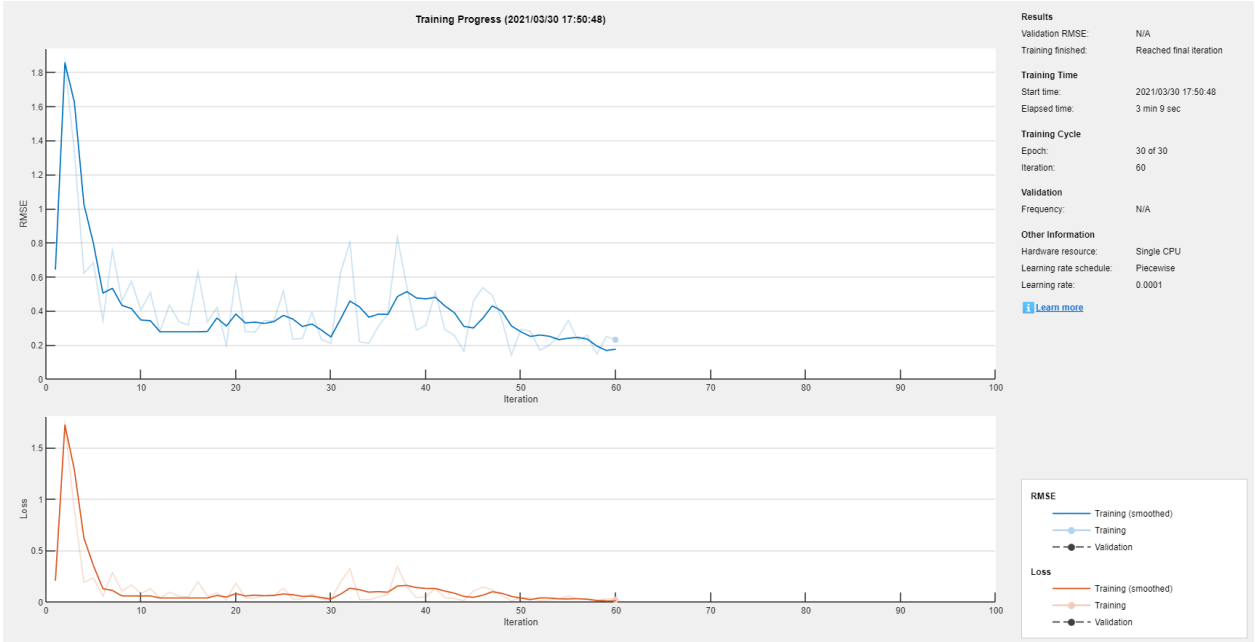
```
>> edit trainWhiteLineWithHardware.mlx
```

Data augmentation and retraining

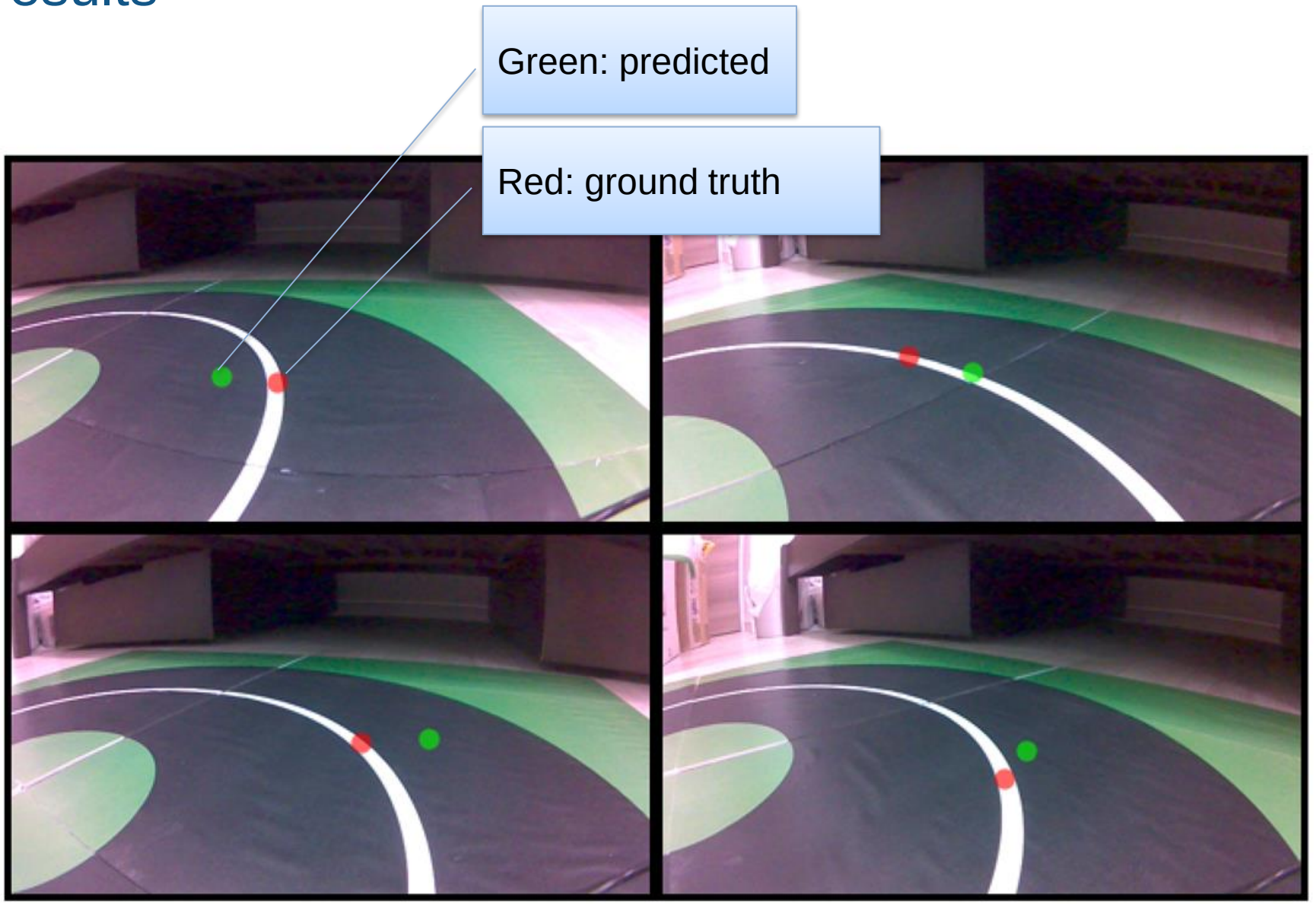
- Retraining the line detector
- Augment the image to mimic the environment change



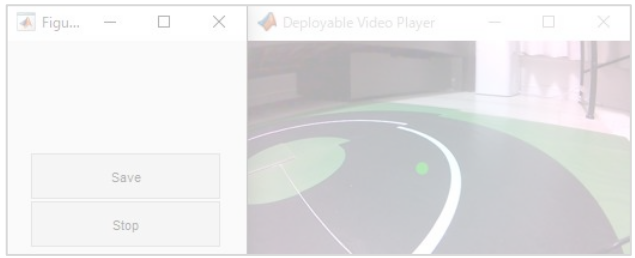
Augment the images



Training results

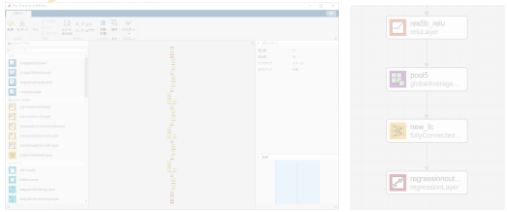


Step3: Test algorithms through hardware connection



dataset generation

Deep network designer



Design a network

video

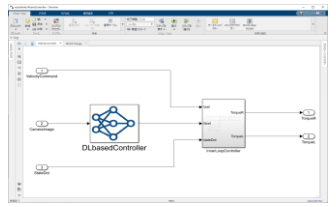
Labeling

Labeled images

Training

Trained model

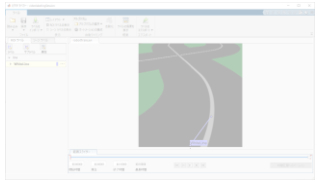
Integrate



System test

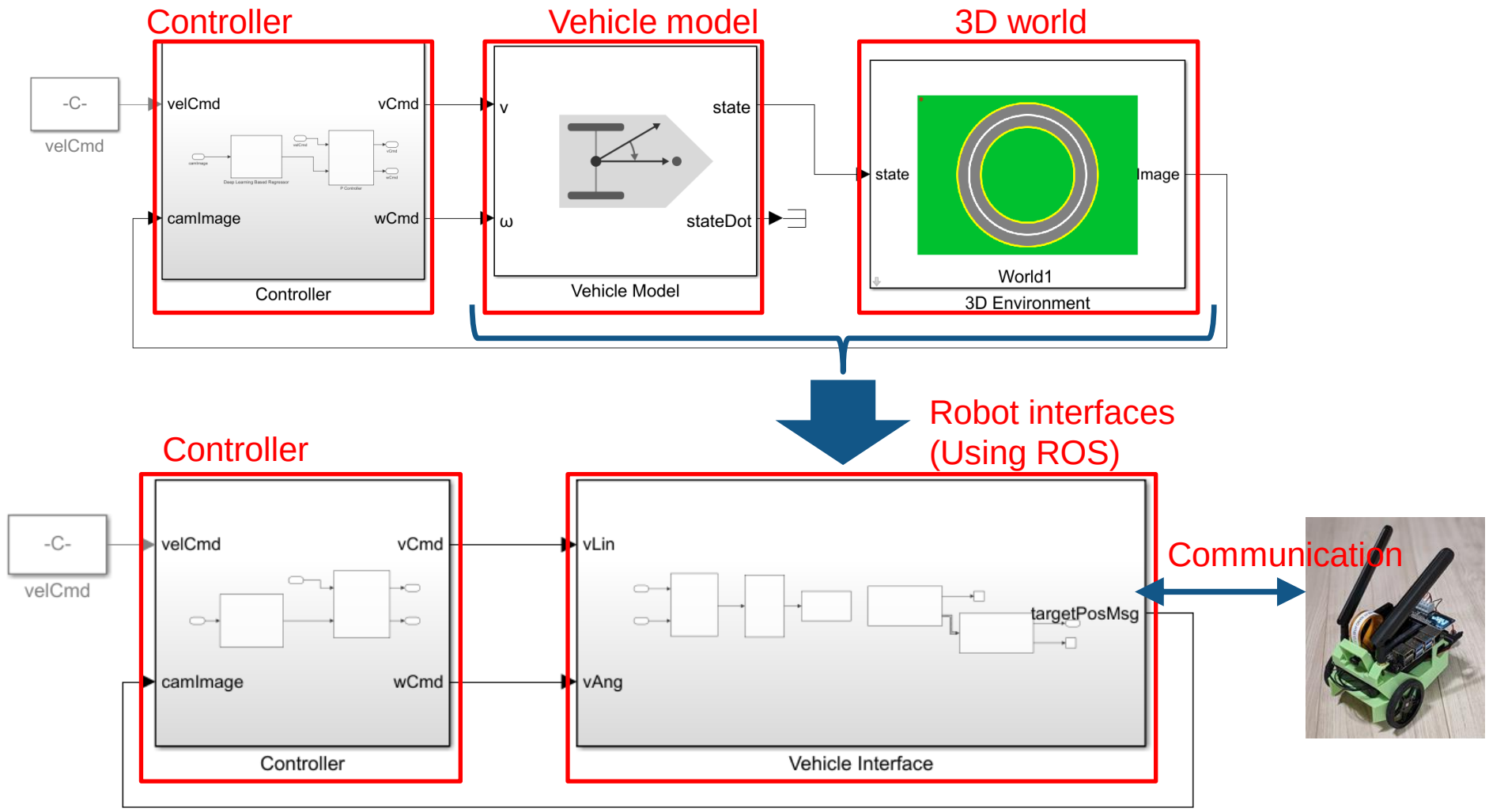
Deployment

Hardware test

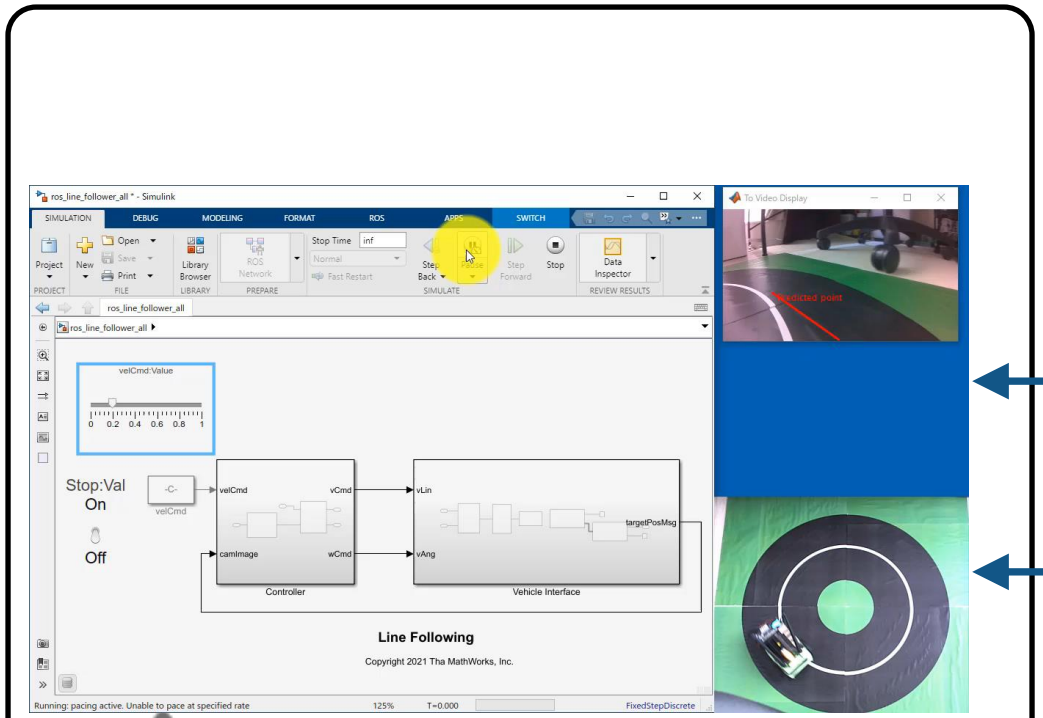


Video labeler

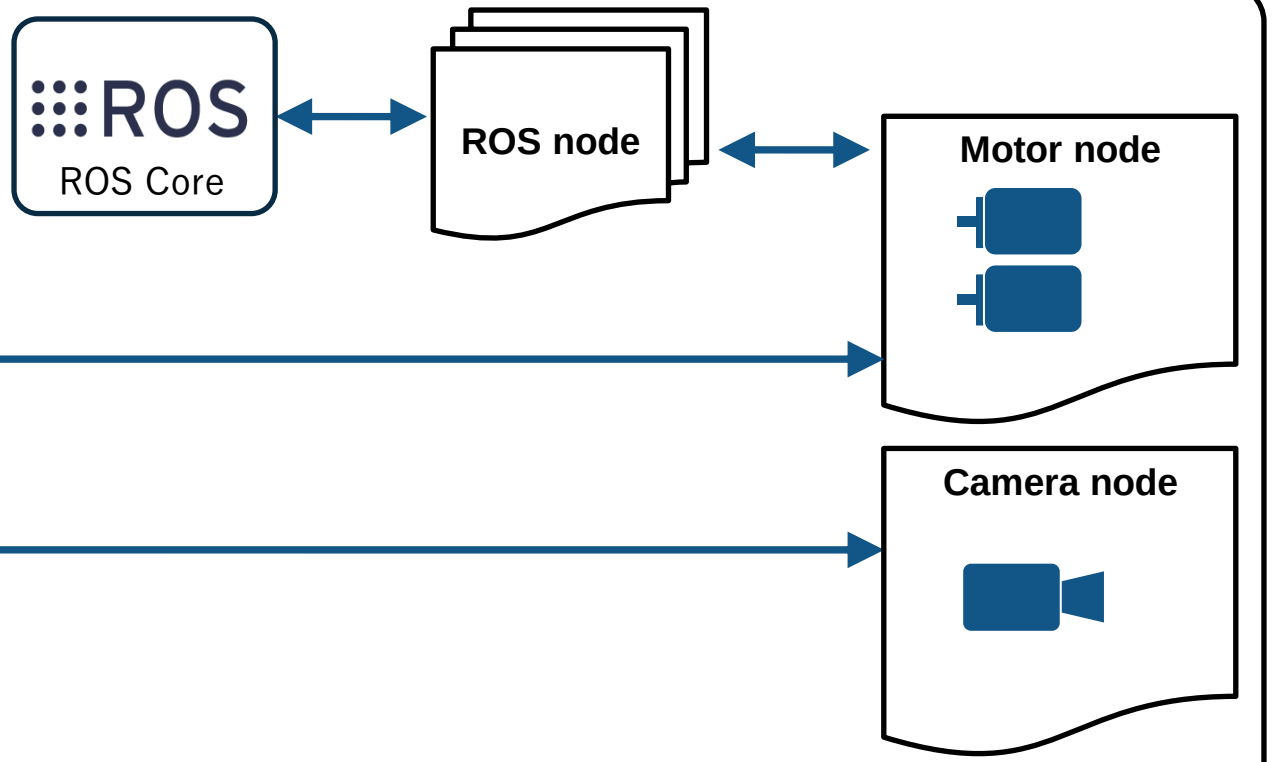
Replace the simulation models with ROS interfaces



Algorithm test through hardware communication



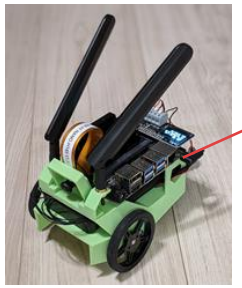
Windows/Mac/Linux



Ubuntu Linux

Development Machine

Communication delay may affect, but the functional algorithm test can be done.



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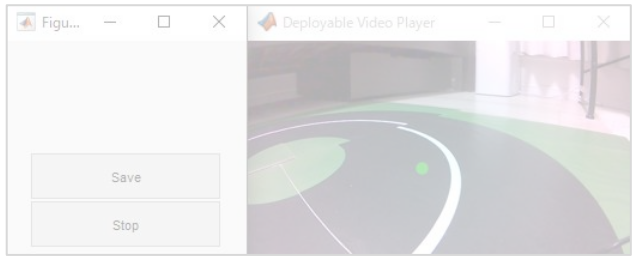
```
>> edit testLineFollowerWithROS.mlx
```

Step4: Standalone hardware deployment using code generation



dataset generation

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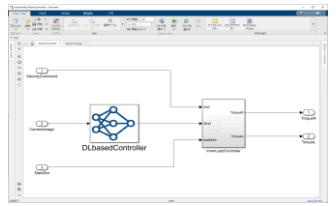
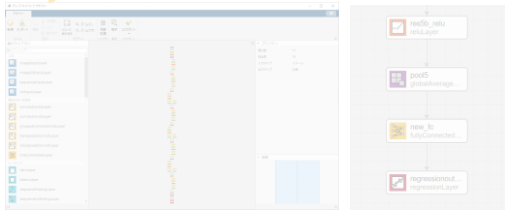


System test

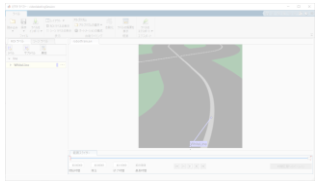
Deployment

Hardware test

Deep network designer

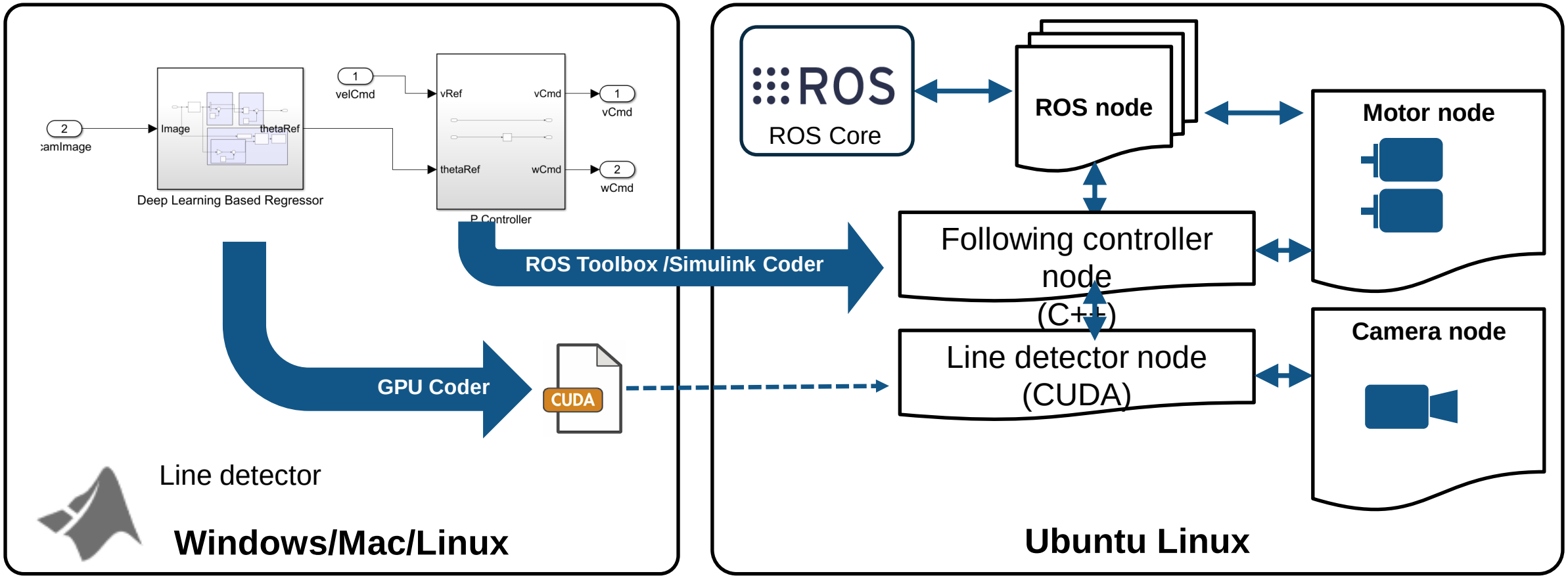


Design a network



Video labeler

Generate ROS nodes and run them on the hardware



Development Machine

Split the original Simulink model into the detector part and the following controller part and then generate ROS nodes, respectively.

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>> edit deployLineFollower.mlx
```

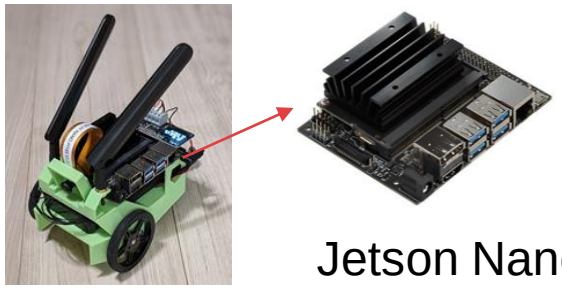

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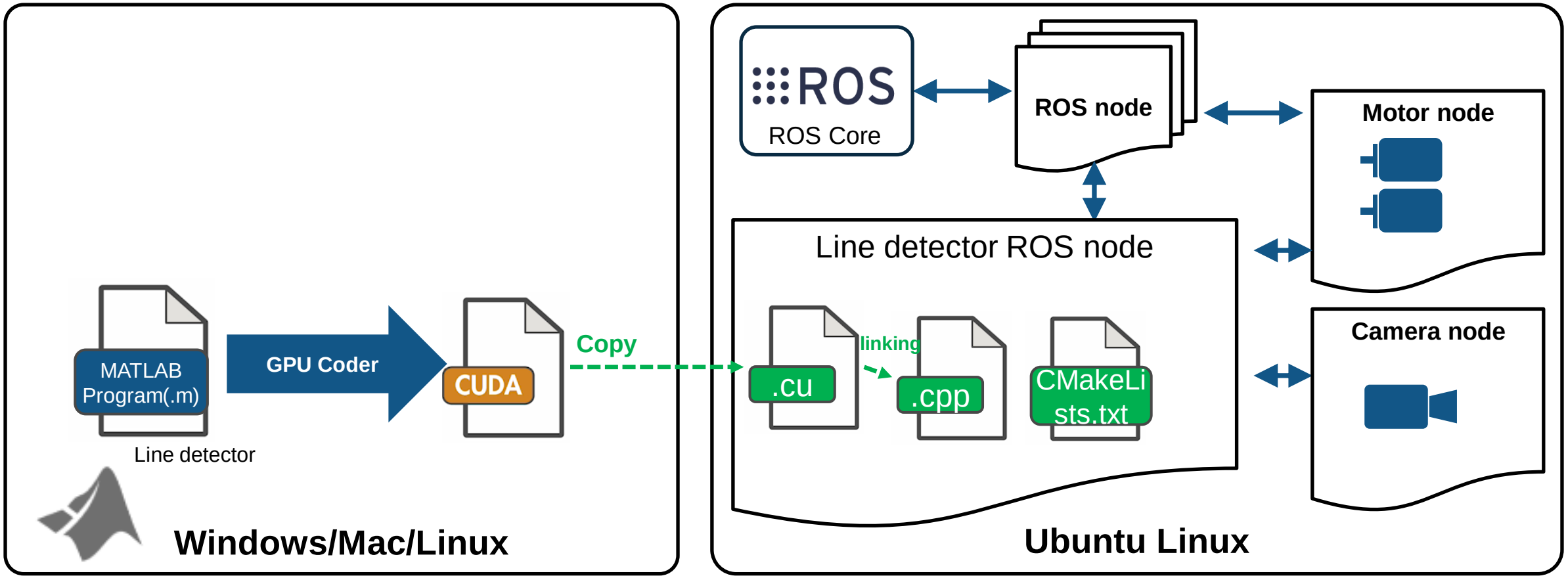
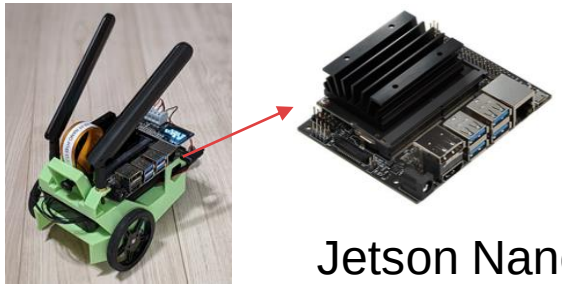
CUDA code generation and wrap it as ROS node



Development Machine

CUDA code generation using GPU Coder and wrap the CUDA code as a ROS node



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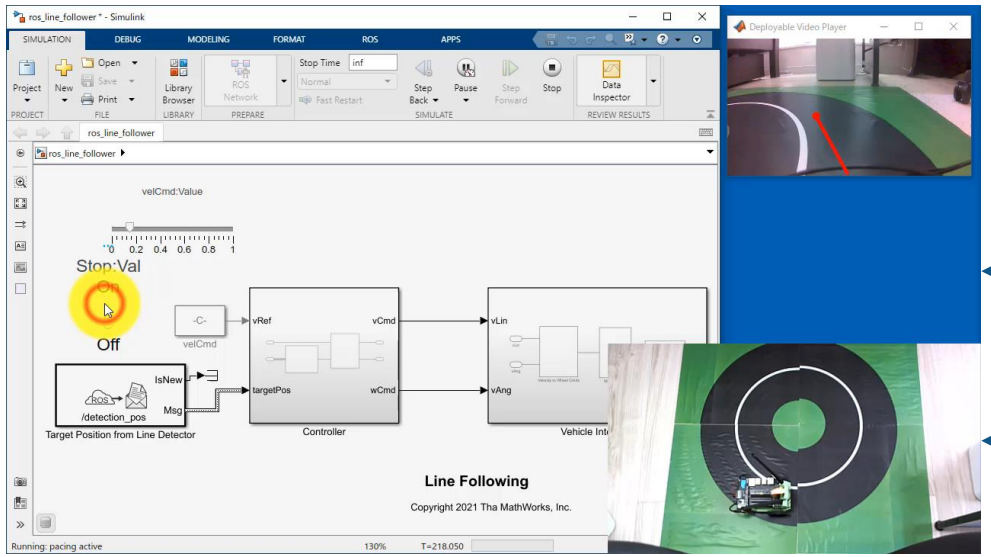
Co-execution with deployed line detector



Following controller

Windows/Mac/Linux

ROS

ROS Core

ROS node

Motor node

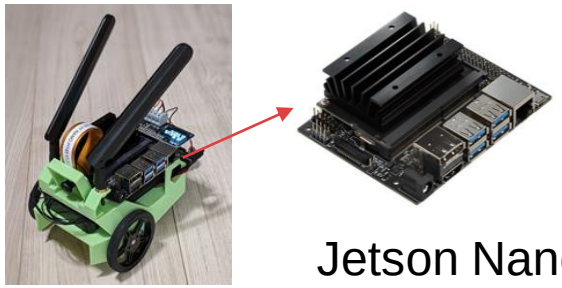
Line detector node (CUDA)

Camera node

Ubuntu Linux

Development Machine

Co-execution with the deployed line detector to check the behavior of the following controller model.



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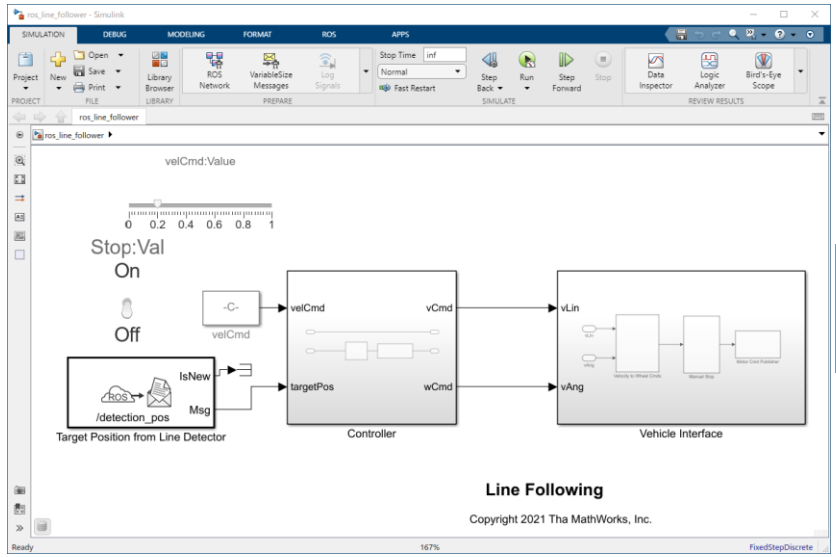
Deploy the following controller model as ROS node



Following controller

Windows/Mac/Linux

ROS Toolbox /Simulink Coder

ROS Core

ROS node

Following controller node(C++)

Line detector node (CUDA)

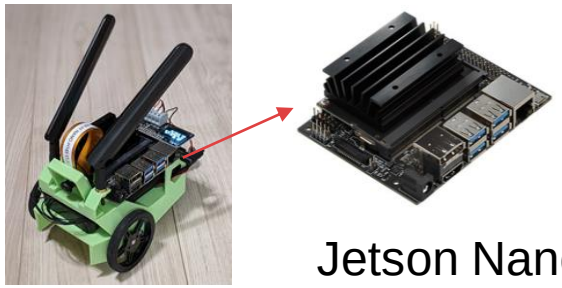
Motor node

Camera node

Ubuntu Linux

Development Machine

Deploy the following controller model as ROS node using ROS Toolbox and Simulink Coder



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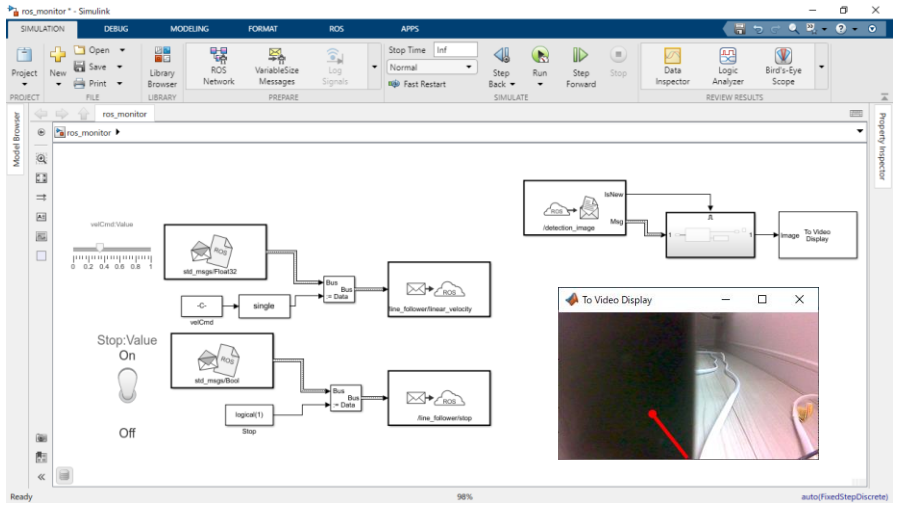
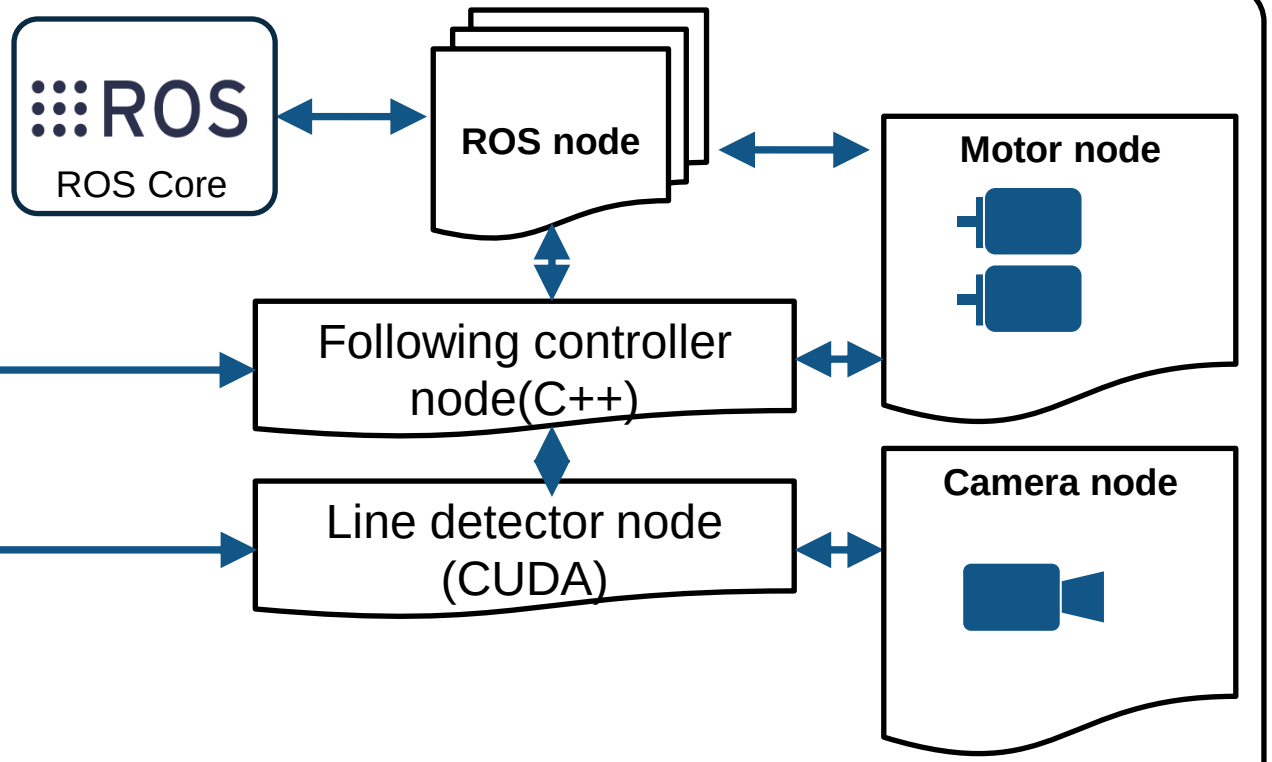
Standalone execution with all deployed ROS nodes



Operator model to manage the deployed ROS nodes

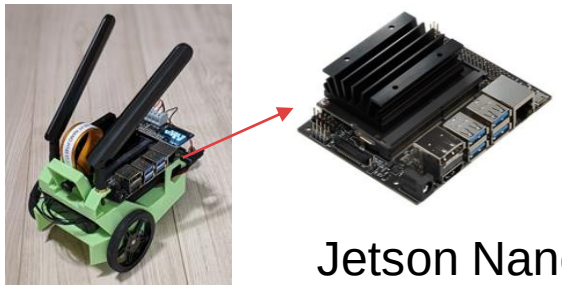
Windows/Mac/Linux



Ubuntu Linux

Development Machine

Standalone execution on the target
Another Simulink to specify the target velocity and the start/stop operation.



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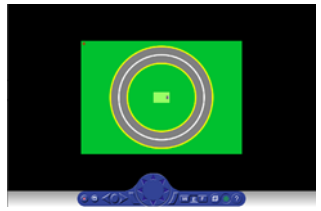
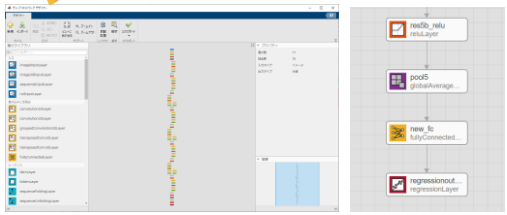
Recap: AI-based Autonomous System Development Workflow

Camera sensor simulation



Dataset preparation

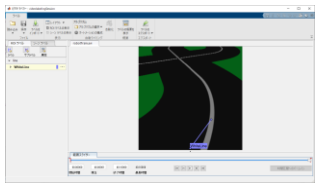
Deep Network Designer



Design regression model

Images

Annotation



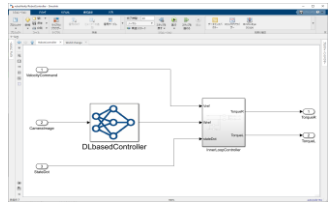
Video labeler

Training dataset

Training

Trained model

Integration



System-level simulation & validation

Deployment

Hardware test

Appendix A. Preparation for simulation

Workshop host machine

- System requirements
  - https://mathworks.com/support/requirements/matlab-system-requirements.html

- Required software
  - MATLAB R2021a or later
  - Simulink
  - Image Processing Toolbox
  - Computer Vision Toolbox
  - Deep Learning Toolbox
  - Robotics System Toolbox
  - Simulink 3D Animation
  - Deep Learning Toolbox Model for ResNet-18 Network
    - Type the below command and follow the appeared instruction
    - `>> resnet18`
  - Parallel Computing Toolbox (if NVIDIA® GPU is available)

Appendix B. hardware deployment (Setting up a JetBot)

開発環境：MathWorks製品

- シミュレーションに加えて以下のソフトウェアが必要
- Toolbox
  - MATLAB Coder
  - GPU Coder
  - Simulink Coder
  - ROS Toolbox
- アドオン
  - MATLAB Coder Support Package for NVIDIA® Jetson™ and NVIDIA® DRIVE™ Platforms
    - インストール手順は下記参照
    - https://www.mathworks.com/help/supportpkg/nvidia/ug/install-support-for-nvidia-devices.html

Development environment for hardware deployment

- Hardware
  - NVIDIA® JetBot (Tested with FaBo JB-4GB-S-G)
    - Jetson Nano™ 4GB
- Software
  - JetPack 4.3, JetBot 0.4.0 (jetbot_image_v0p4p0.zip)
    - L4T R32.3.1 (K4.9)
    - Ubuntu 18.04 LTS aarch64
    - CUDA 10.0
    - cuDNN 7.6.3
    - TensorRT 6.0.1
    - OpenCV 4.1
  - JetBot ROS package
    - https://github.com/dusty-nv/jetbot_ros
    - Tested with the revision c7d0e611b037947a0df855293c9848a7c8bc6e90 by patching
    - ROS Melodic + JetBot's camera and motor ROS driver nodes
  - Jetson CSI camera ROS nodelet package
    - https://github.com/sfalexrog/jetson_camera
    - Tested with rev. 7ec8e364880fceb5bbe31800bd6224af2370ca1b

Setting up JetBot (1/3)

- Setup the software by following the official JetBot documentation
  - https://jetbot.org/v0.4.3/software_setup/sd_card.html
  - Use jetbot_image_v0p4p0.zip image
- Setup ROS environment
  - Setup by following instruction
  - https://github.com/dusty-nv/jetbot_ros
  - Use the tested revision for jetbot_ros
    - $ git clone https://github.com/dusty-nv/jetbot_ros
    - $ git checkout c7d0e611b037947a0df855293c9848a7c8bc6e90
- Add ROS environment variables as below
  - `$ 'export ROS_IP=$(hostname -I | awk '{print $1;}' | tr -d [:blank:])' >> ~/.bashrc`
  - `$ 'export ROS_MASTER_URI=http://$ROS_IP:11311' >> ~/.bashrc`

Setting up JetBot (2/3)

- Ptach 'jetbot_ros' code
  - Motor velocity controller has not been implemented on the original jetbot_ros
  - Copy jetbot_ros_for_c7d0e61.patch in the setup folder in the root demo folder to the JetBot and then run the following command:
  - **`$ cd /home/jetbot/workspace/catkin_ws/src/jetbot_ros`**
  - **`$ patch -p1 < ~/jetbot_ros_for_c7d0e61.patch`**
- Setup Jetson CSI camera ROS nodelet package
  - **`$ cd /home/jetbot/workspace/catkin_ws/src/`**
  - **`$ git clone https://github.com/sfalexrog/jetson_camera.git`**
  - **`$ cd /home/jetbot/workspace/catkin_ws`**
  - **`$ catkin_make`**
  - If you face the "OpenCV3 was not found" error, remove the following "3"
    (Because the default OpenCV is "4" for JetPack4.3)
  - **`$ gedit ~/workspace/catkin_ws/src/jetson_camera/CMakeLists.txt`**
    find_package(OpenCV 3 REQUIRED)

Setting up JetBot (3/3)

- Connection test with MATLAB
  - Launch MATLAB R2021a
  - `>> cd c:¥ai-robotics-workshop`
  - `>> matlab_ai_robotics_workshop.prj`
  - `>> edit teleopTestJetBot_jp.mlx`
- Make sure JetBot is moving and an image from the camera is visualized.