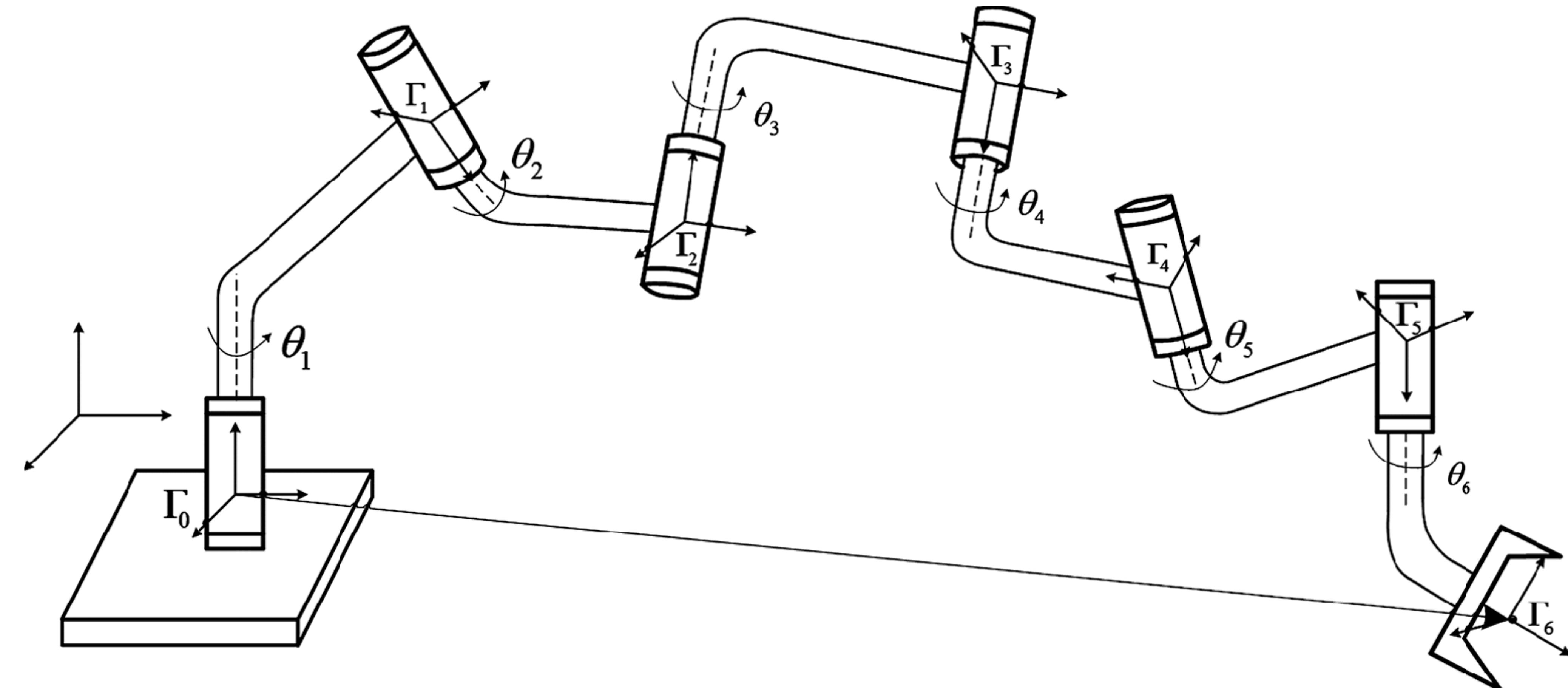


Lecture 06

Manipulation - I

Forward Kinematics & Decision Making



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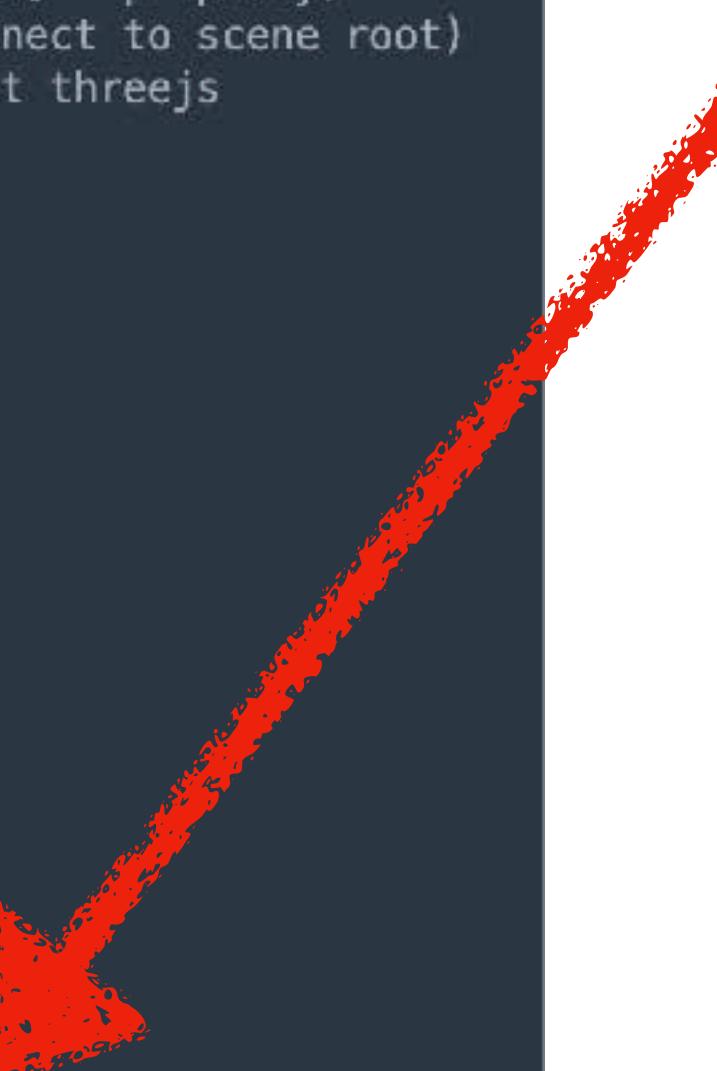
- Project 2 was posted on 01/31 and will be due **on Wed 02/07**.
- Quiz 3 will be posted tomorrow at 6 pm and will be due on Wed noon.
- Project 3 will be released on 02/07 and will be due on 02/14.
- Note: 3 Late Day Tokens are for the entire semester for P1-P6.
 - If you used 1 late token for P1, then you have 2 more for P2-P6.
 - If you used all 3 late tokens for P1, then you have no more late tokens left.
 - After the late tokens and due date, you will have to ask Chahyon Ku (TA) to submit, so we can consider the late submission with 25% penalty per day.
 - Feel free to talk to Karthik during his OH if you have any questions about this.



FAQs on P2

What to do in kineval/kineval_robot_init_joints.js?

```
12  kineval.initRobotJoints = function initRobotJoints() {
13      // build kinematic hierarchy by looping over each joint in the robot
14      // (object fields can be index through array-style indices, object[field] = property)
15      // and insert threejs scene graph (each joint and link are directly connect to scene root)
16      // NOTE: kinematic hierarchy is maintained independently by this code, not threejs
17
18      var x,tempmat;
19
20      for (x in robot.joints) {
21
22          // give the joint its name as an id
23          robot.joints[x].name = x;
24
25          // initialize joint angle value and control input value
26          robot.joints[x].angle = 0;
27          robot.joints[x].control = 0;
28          robot.joints[x].servo = {};
29
30          //set appropriate servo gains for arm setpoint control
31          robot.joints[x].servo.p_gain = 0.1;
32          robot.joints[x].servo.p_desired = 0;
33          robot.joints[x].servo.d_gain = 0.01;
34
35          /* STENCIL START */
36          // STENCIL: complete kinematic hierarchy of robot for convenience.
37          // robot description only specifies parent and child links for joints.
38          // additionally specify parent and CHILDREN joints for each link
39
40
41
42
43
44
45          /* STENCIL END */
46
47      }
```



robots/robot_mr2.js given to you has this information

```
54  // specify and create data objects for the joints of the robot
55  robot.joints = {};
56
57  robot.joints.clavicle_right_yaw = {parent:"base", child:"clavicle_right"};
58  robot.joints.clavicle_right_yaw.origin = {xyz: [0.3,0.4,0.0], rpy:[-Math.PI/2,0,0]};
59  robot.joints.clavicle_right_yaw.axis = [0.0,0.0,-1.0];
60
61  robot.joints.shoulder_right_yaw = {parent:"clavicle_right", child:"shoulder_right"};
62  robot.joints.shoulder_right_yaw.origin = {xyz: [0.0,-0.15,0.85], rpy:[Math.PI/2,0,0]};
63  robot.joints.shoulder_right_yaw.axis = [0.0,0.707,0.707];
64
65  robot.joints.upperarm_right_pitch = {parent:"shoulder_right", child:"upperarm_right"};
66  robot.joints.upperarm_right_pitch.origin = {xyz: [0.0,0.0,0.7], rpy:[0,0,0]};
67  robot.joints.upperarm_right_pitch.axis = [0.0,1.0,0.0];
68
69  robot.joints.forearm_right_yaw = {parent:"upperarm_right", child:"forearm_right"};
70  robot.joints.forearm_right_yaw.origin = {xyz: [0.0,0.0,0.7], rpy:[0,0,0]};
71  robot.joints.forearm_right_yaw.axis = [1.0,0.0,0.0];
72
73  robot.joints.clavicle_left_roll = {parent:"base", child:"clavicle_left"};
74  robot.joints.clavicle_left_roll.origin = {xyz: [-0.3,0.4,0.0], rpy:[-Math.PI/2,0,0]};
75  robot.joints.clavicle_left_roll.axis = [0.0,0.0,1.0];
76
77  // specify name of endeffector frame
78  robot.endeffector = {};
79  robot.endeffector.frame = "forearm_right_yaw";
80  robot.endeffector.position = [[0],[0],[0.5],[1]];
81
```

So we are asking you to populate the

- child (joint if any) of every link
- parent (joint) of every link

FAQs on P2

How do I go about kineval/kineval_forward_kinematics.js?

1 Answer



Chahyon Ku STAFF

2 days ago



You only need functions from `kineval_matrix.js` at this point.



The suggested structure is:



1. `kineval.robotForwardKinematics()` calls `kineval.buildFKTransforms()`
2. `kineval.buildFKTransforms()` calls `traverseFKBase()`
3. `traverseFKBase()` calls `traverseFKLink()`
4. `traverseFKLink()` calls `traverseFKJoint()`
5. `traverseFKJoint()` calls `traverseFKLink()`

, traversing the kinematic tree in depth-first order from root (base) to leaves (links with no children).

Feel free to make your question public as it doesn't include your code :)

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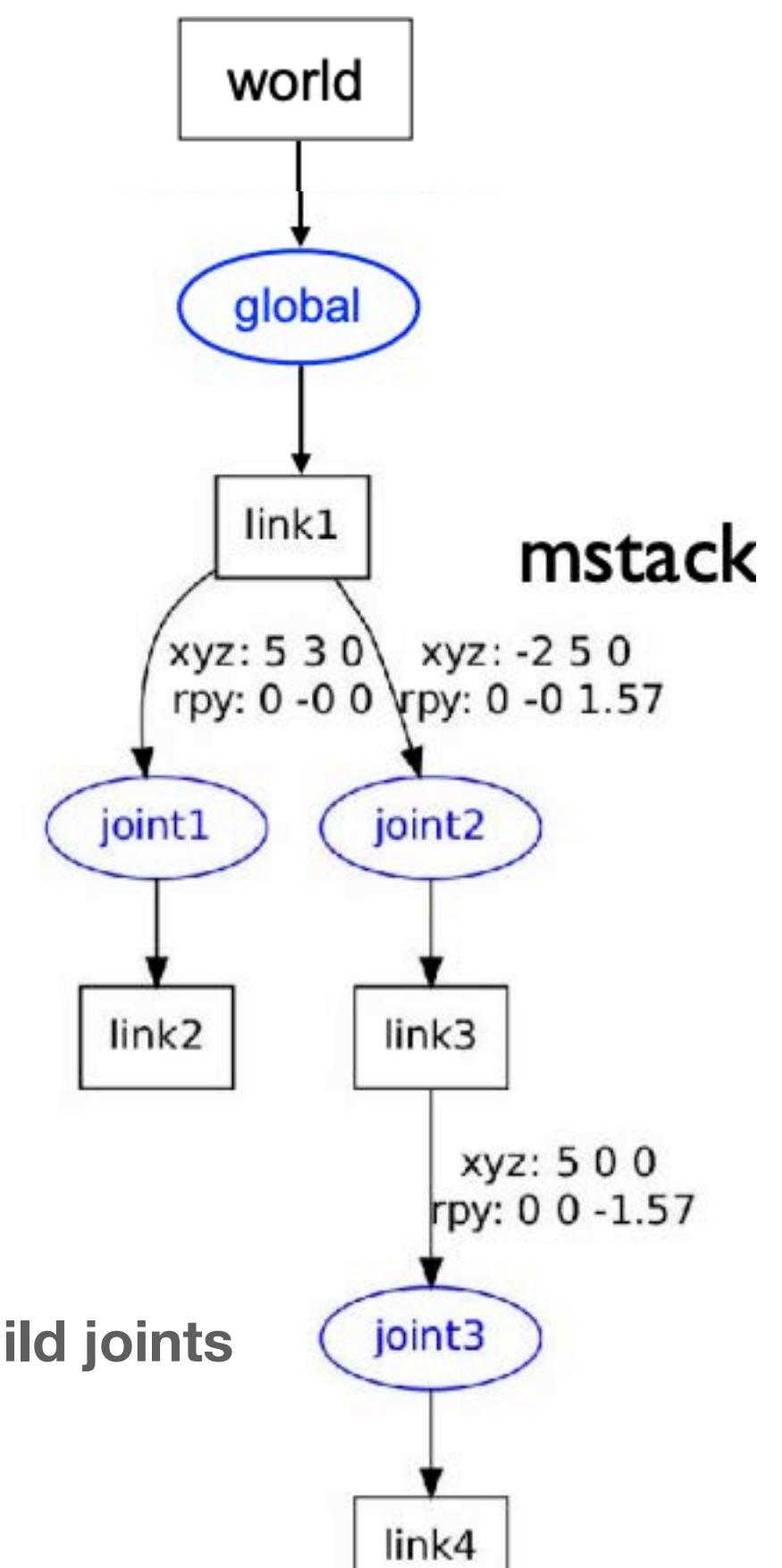
traverseFKBase()

traverseFKLink()

traverseFKJoint()

traverseFKLink()

Note: A link can have multiple child joints



FAQs on P2

How do I go about other robots (fetch, sawyer, baxter, etc)?

Project Page Instructions:

- ROS uses a different default coordinate system than threejs, which needs to be taken into account in the FK computation for these three robots. ROS assumes that the Z, X, and Y axes correspond to the up, forward, and side directions, respectively. In contrast, threejs assumes that the Y, Z, and X axes correspond to the up, forward, and side directions. The variable `robot.links_geom_imported` will be set to true when geometries have been imported from ROS and set to false when geometries are defined completely within the robot description file. You will need to extend your FK implementation to compensate for the coordinate frame difference when this variable is set to true.
- You can test and debug your implementation by opening `home.html` with parameters attached to the back such as `?robot=robots/robot_mr2.js` `?robot=robots/robot_crawler.js` `?robot=robots/robot_urdf_example.js` `robots/fetch/fetch.urdf.js` `?robot=robots/sawyer/sawyer.urdf.js` `?robot=robots/baxter/baxter.urdf.js`. Your implementation should look like this:

Check for the variable `robot.links_geom_imported` inside your `traverseFKBase()`

Ed Discussion Project 2 Tips:

3. As ROS -> threejs changes the front/left/up direction of the axes, it directly affects only the transform of the base link and indirectly (through chained multiplication) affects all descendant joints and links. You should not change the order of multiplications and only apply the matrix on the base transform! The matrix for Y, Z, X (threejs) -> Z, X, Y (ROS) can be verified in the following way:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = R \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = R \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = R \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Each representing Y -> Z, Z -> X, and X -> Y conversions.

If `robot.links_geom_imported` is true (For Fetch, Sawyer and Baxter), then multiple the Global Transform from robot base to the world, with additional one on the right that maps ROS to ThreeJs.

$$T_{\text{world}}_{\text{robot_base}}$$

$$T_{\text{world}}_{\text{robot_base}} T_{\text{ROS}}$$



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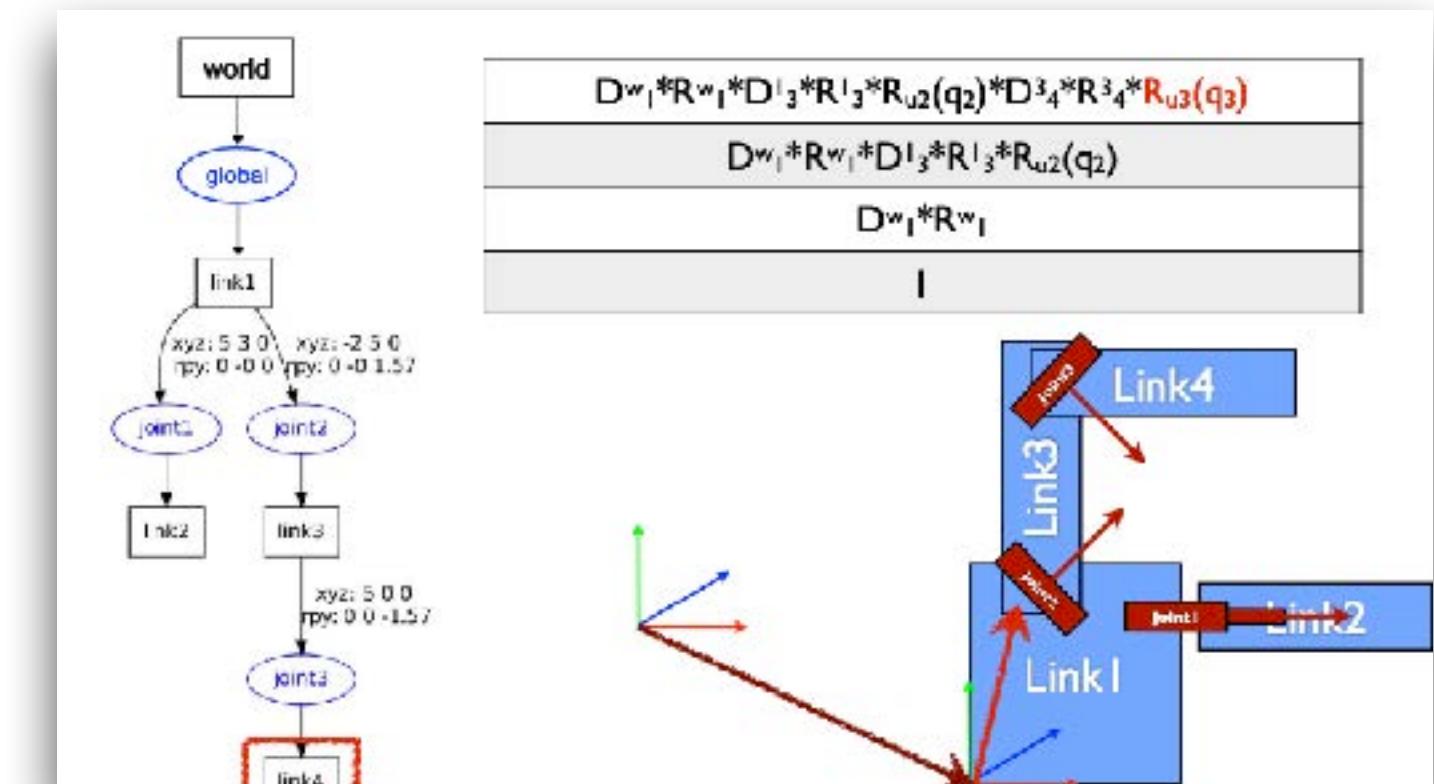
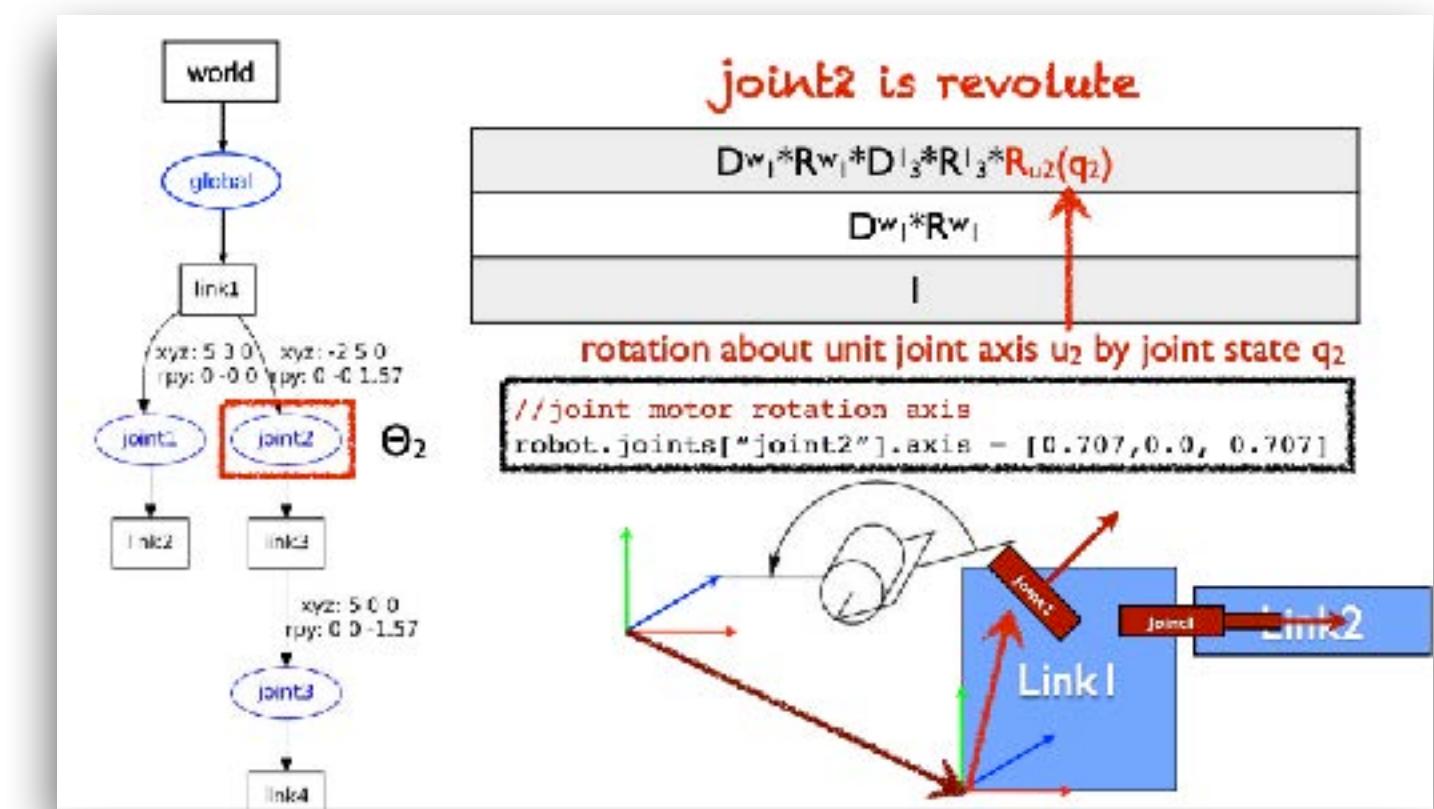
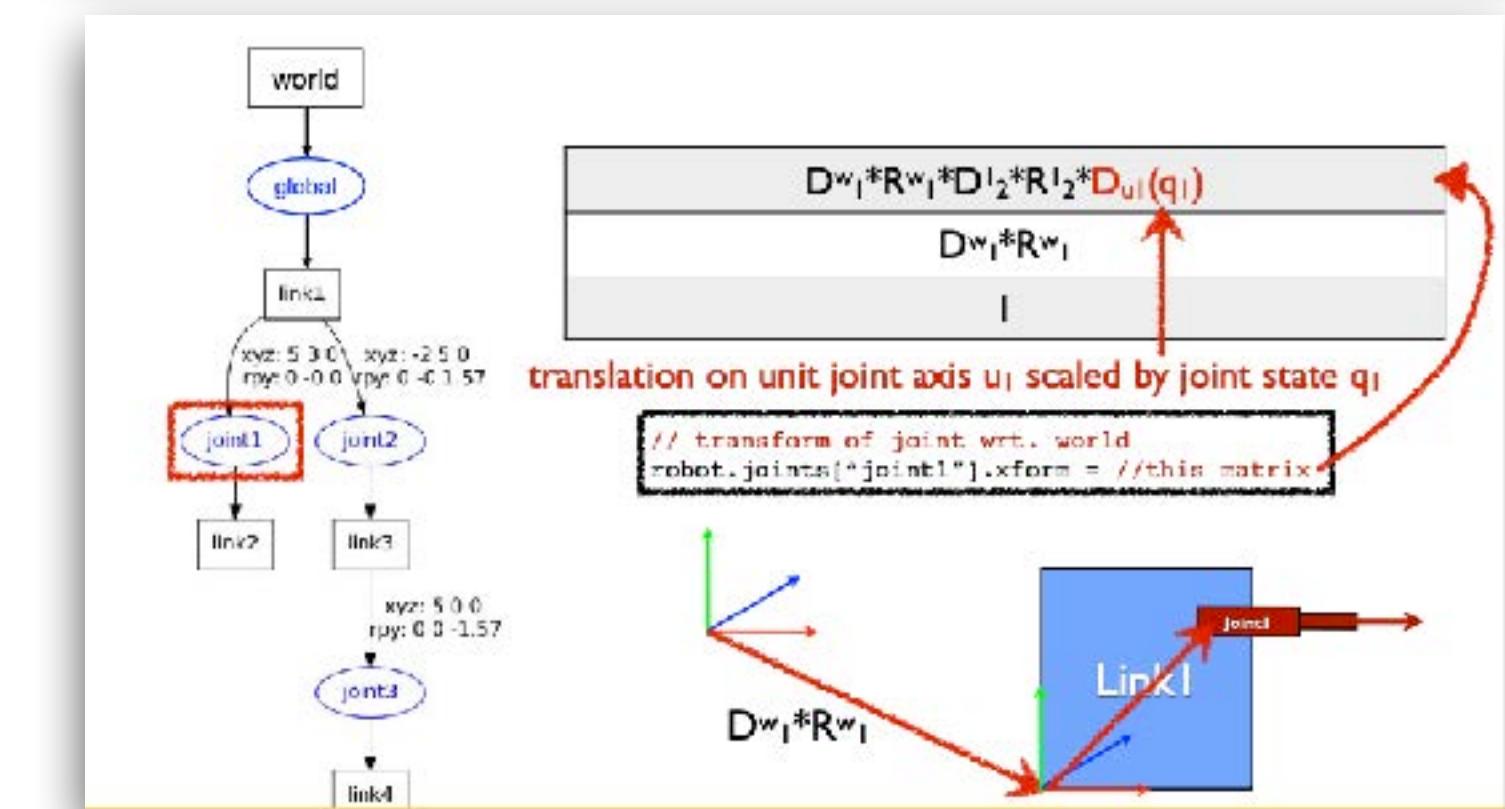
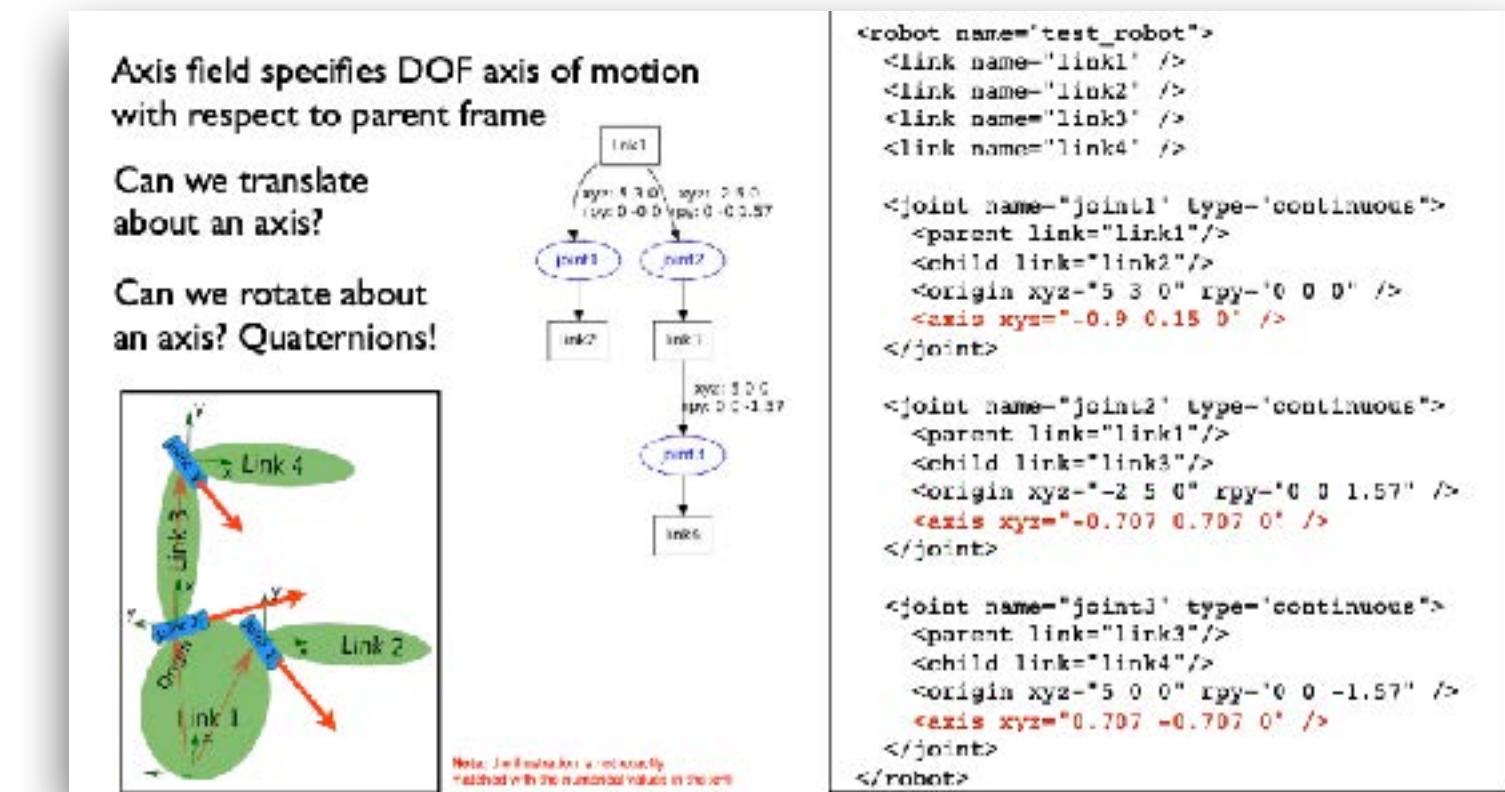


Previously

```
// roll-pitch-yaw defined by ROS as corresponding to x-y-z
// http://wiki.ros.org/urdf/Tutorials/Create+2Your+2Own+2Urdf
robots/robot_urdf_example.js
```

Joint specifies

- "parent" and "child" links
- Transform parameters for joint wrt. link frame
 - "xyz": T(x,y,z)
 - "rpy": R_x(roll), R_y(pitch), R_z(yaw)
- "axis" of motion for DOF
- "type" of joint motion for DOF state "angle"
 - "continuous" for rotation without limits
 - "revolute" for rotation within limits
 - "prismatic" for translation within limits



Rotation by Quaternion

- Rotations are represented by unit quaternions
 - quaternion is point on 4D unit sphere geometrically
- Quaternion $\mathbf{q} = (\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{u}) = a + b\mathbf{i} + c\mathbf{j} + d\mathbf{k} = (\cos(\Theta/2), \mathbf{u} \sin(\Theta/2)) = [\cos(\Theta/2), u_x \sin(\Theta/2), u_y \sin(\Theta/2), u_z \sin(\Theta/2)]$
 - $\mathbf{u} = [u_x, u_y, u_z]$ is rotation axis, Θ rotation angle
- Rotating a 3D point \mathbf{p} by unit quaternion \mathbf{q} is performed by conjugation of \mathbf{v} by \mathbf{q}
 - $\mathbf{v}' = \mathbf{qvq}^T$, where $\mathbf{q}^T = \mathbf{a} - \mathbf{u}$,
 - quaternion \mathbf{v} is constructed from point \mathbf{p} as $\mathbf{v} = 0 + \mathbf{p} = 0 + p_x\mathbf{i} + p_y\mathbf{j} + p_z\mathbf{k}$
 - rotated point $\mathbf{p}' = [\mathbf{v}'_x \mathbf{v}'_y \mathbf{v}'_z]$ is pulled from quaternion resulting from conjugation

1) form unit quaternion from axis and motor angle

$$\mathbf{q} = [\cos(\Theta/2), u_x \sin(\Theta/2), u_y \sin(\Theta/2), u_z \sin(\Theta/2)]$$

2) convert quaternion to rotation matrix

- Inhomogeneous conversion to 3D rotation matrix of $\mathbf{q} = [q_0 \ q_1 \ q_2 \ q_3]^T$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 - 2(q_2^2 + q_3^2) & 2(q_1q_2 - q_0q_3) & 2(q_0q_2 + q_1q_3) \\ 2(q_1q_2 + q_0q_3) & 1 - 2(q_1^2 + q_3^2) & 2(q_2q_3 - q_0q_1) \\ 2(q_1q_3 - q_0q_2) & 2(q_0q_1 + q_2q_3) & 1 - 2(q_1^2 + q_2^2) \end{bmatrix}$$

or equivalently, homogeneous conversion

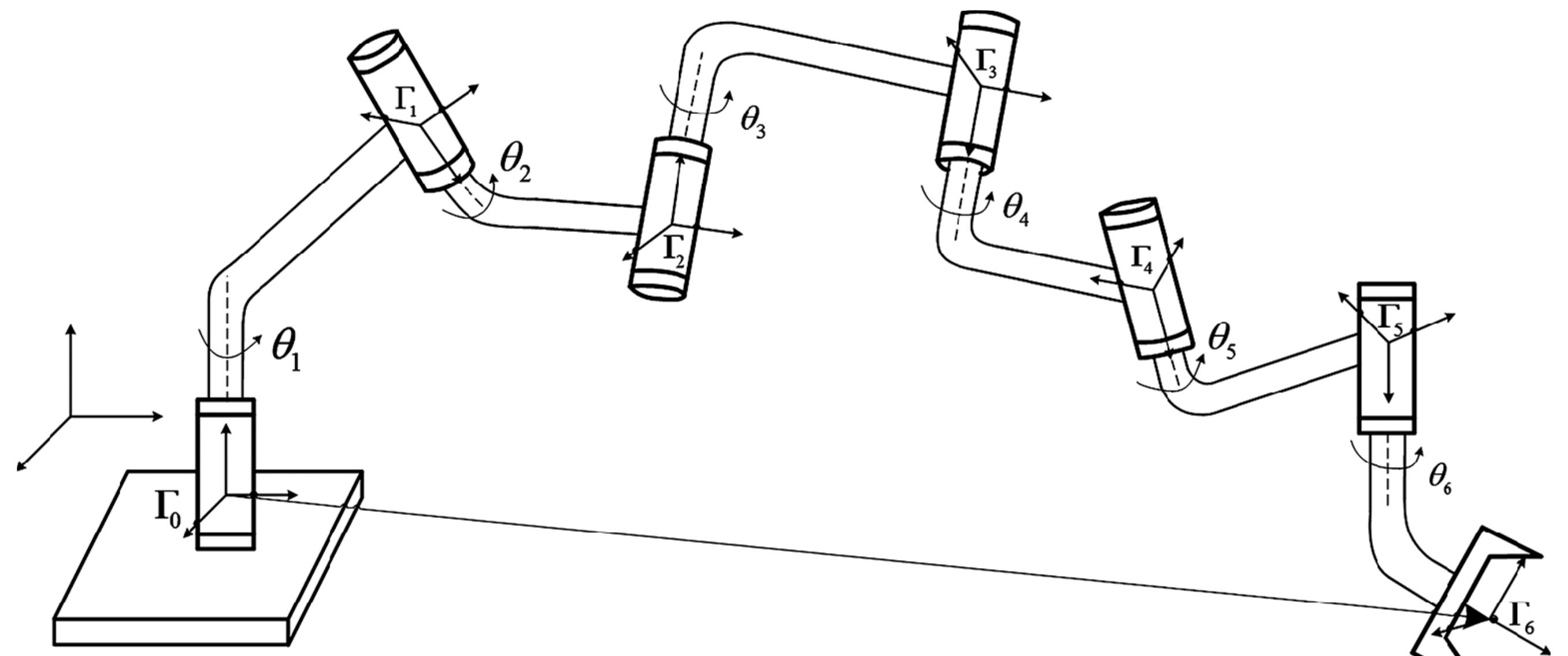
$$\begin{bmatrix} q_0^2 + q_1^2 - q_2^2 - q_3^2 & 2(q_1q_2 - q_0q_3) & 2(q_0q_2 + q_1q_3) \\ 2(q_1q_2 + q_0q_3) & q_0^2 - q_1^2 + q_2^2 - q_3^2 & 2(q_2q_3 - q_0q_1) \\ 2(q_1q_3 - q_0q_2) & 2(q_0q_1 + q_2q_3) & q_0^2 - q_1^2 - q_2^2 + q_3^2 \end{bmatrix}$$

- Rotation matrix to quaternion can also be performed

Robot Kinematics

Goal: Given the structure of a robot arm, compute

- **Forward kinematics:** infer the pose of the end-effector, given the state of each joint.
- **Inverse kinematics:** infer the joint states to reach a desired end-effector pose.



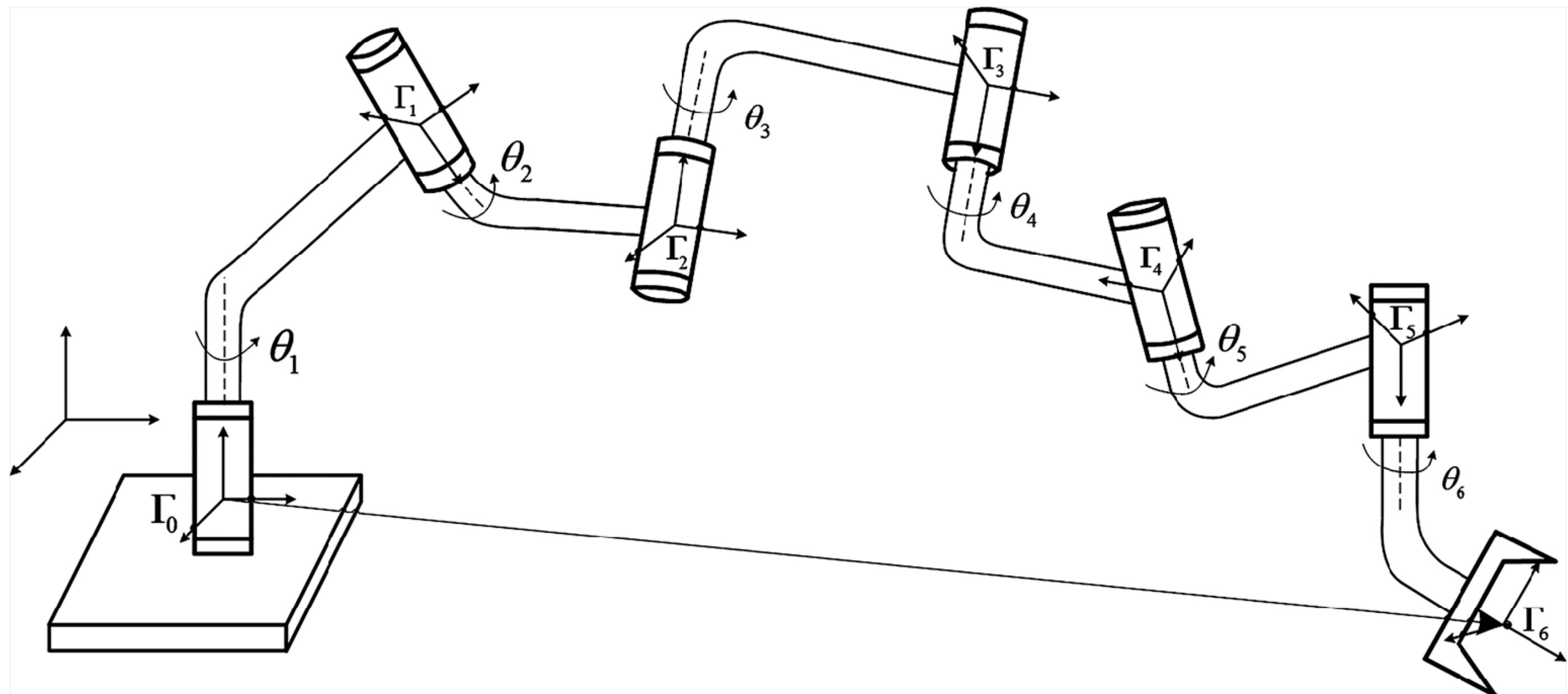
Robot Kinematics

– **Forward kinematics:** infer the pose of the end-effector, given the state of each joint.

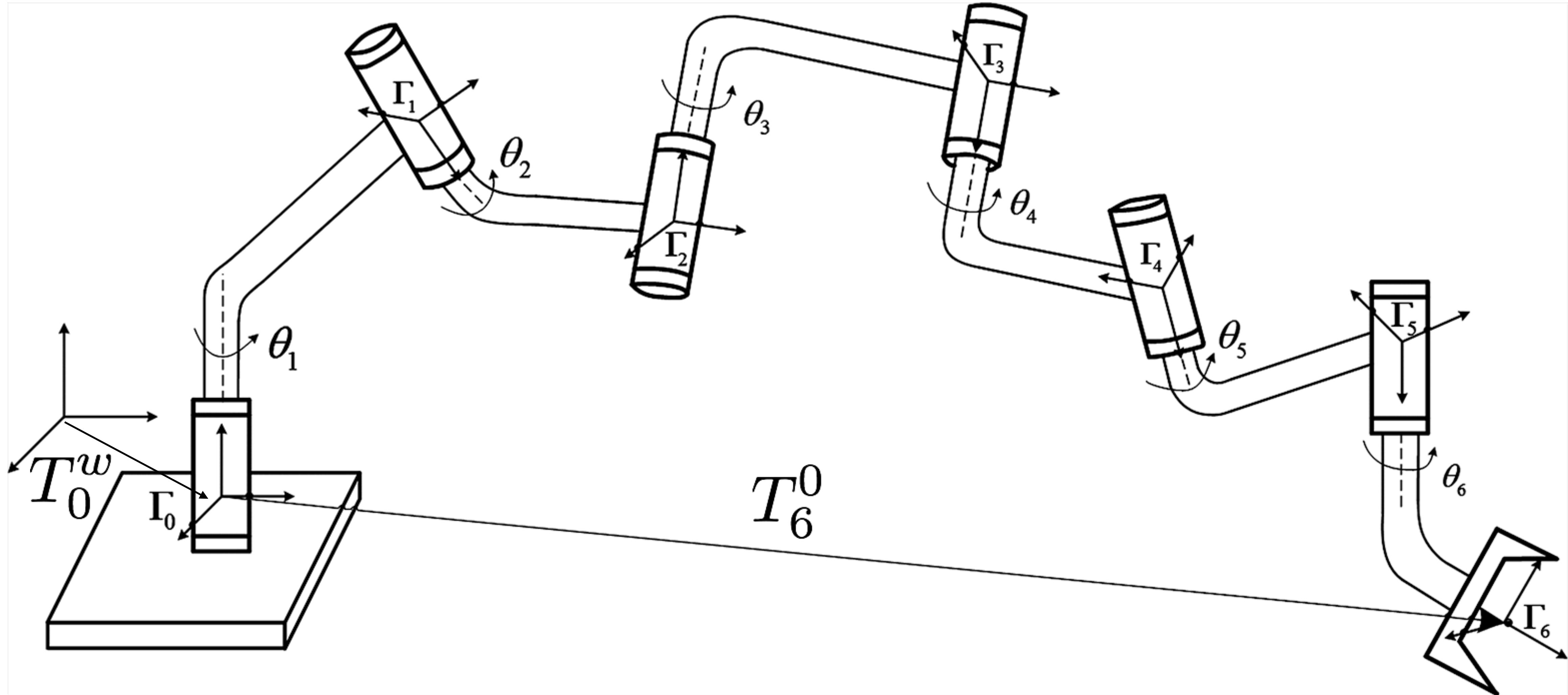
Infer: pose of each joint and link in a common world workspace

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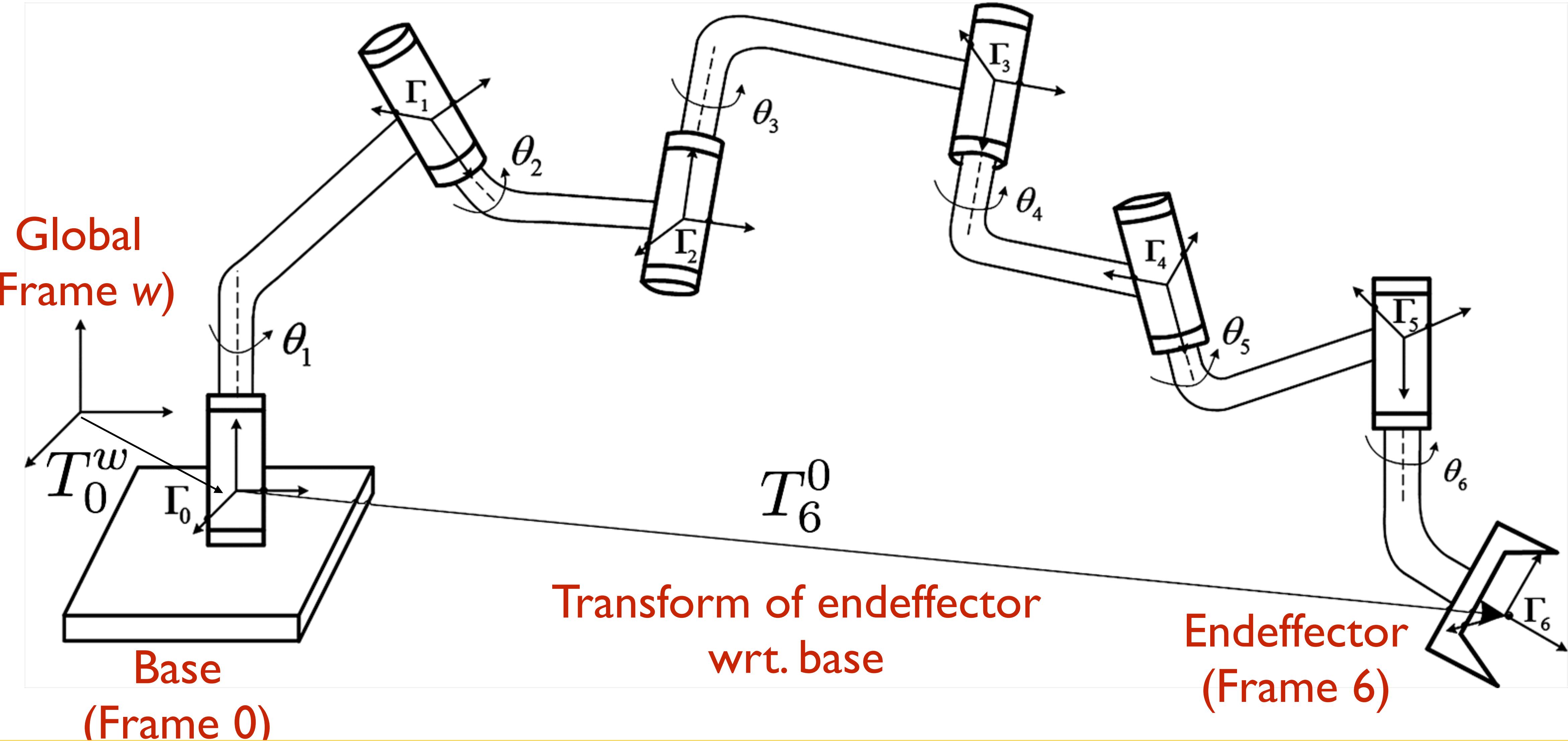
- robot's kinematic definition
- geometry of each link
- current state of all joints
 - zero configuration
 - add motor motion



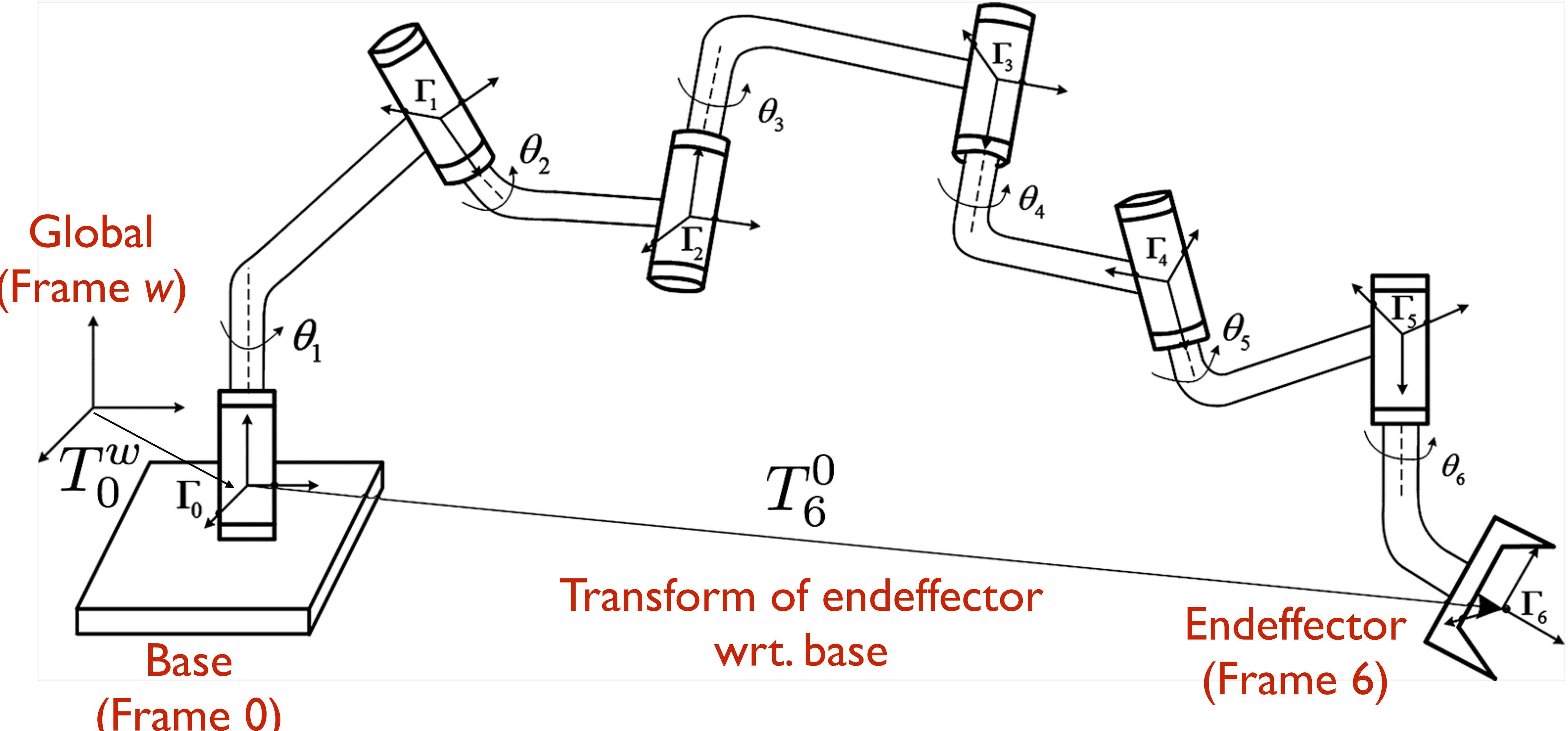
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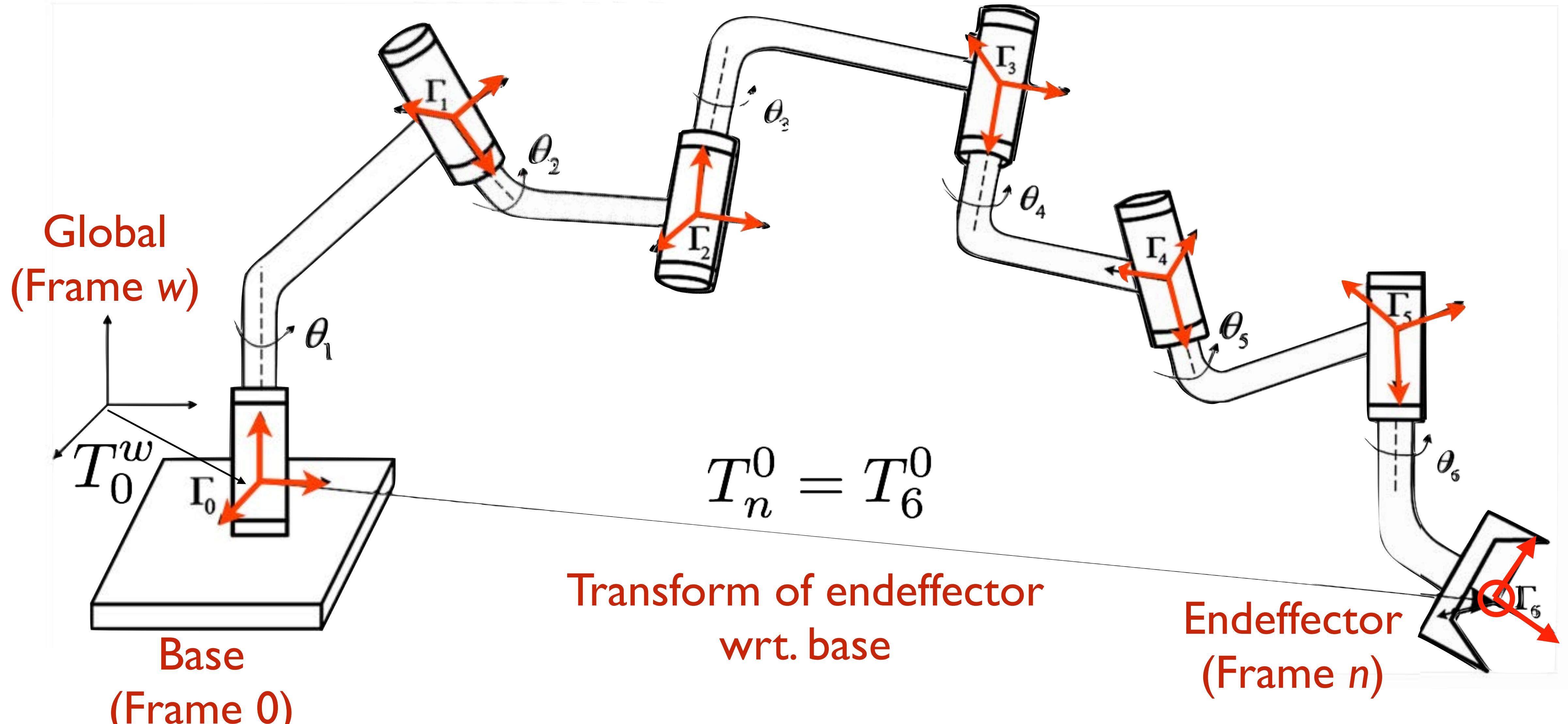
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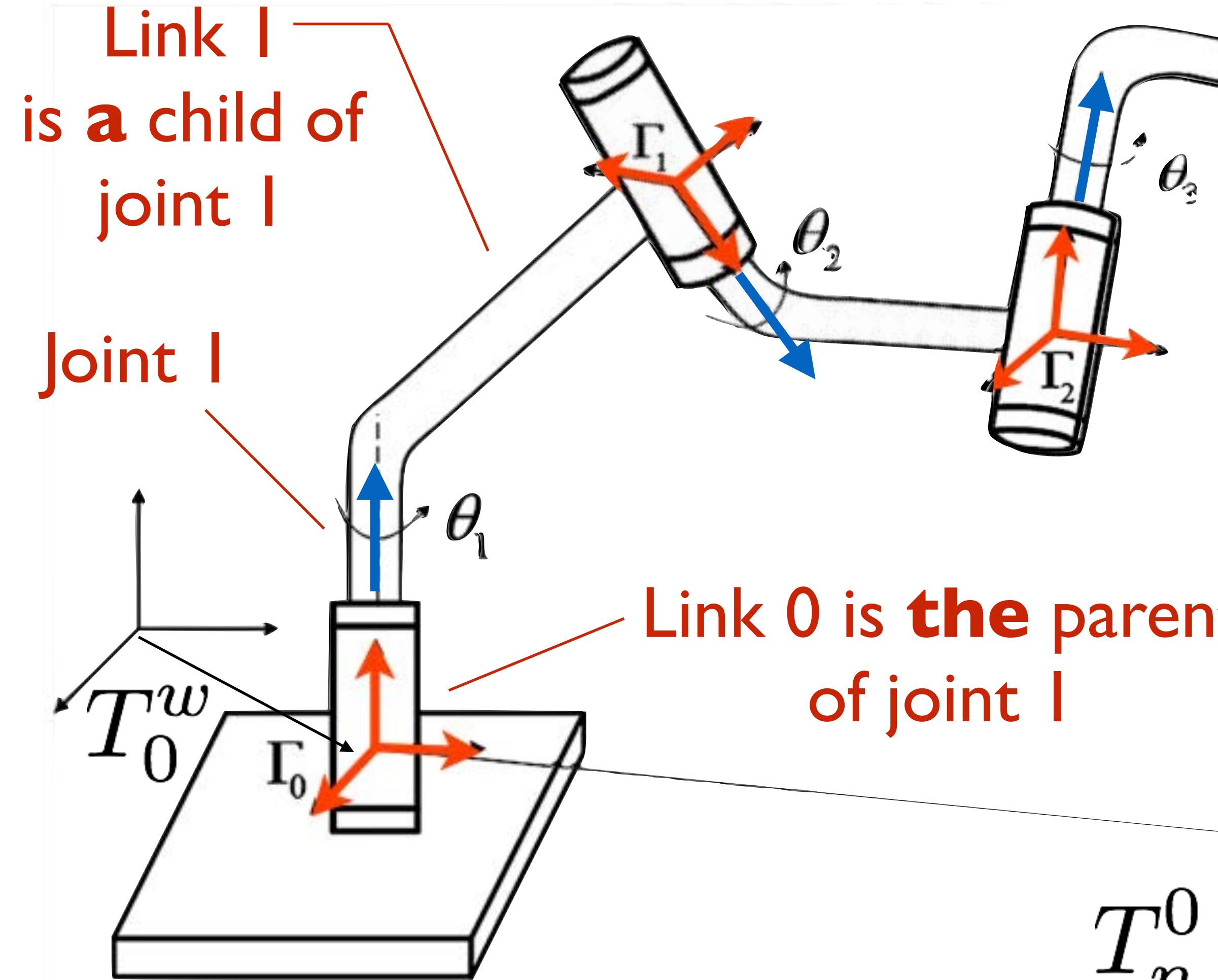
Workspace: 3D space defined in the global frame



Kinematic chain: connects $N+1$ links together by N joints;
with a coordinate frame on each link

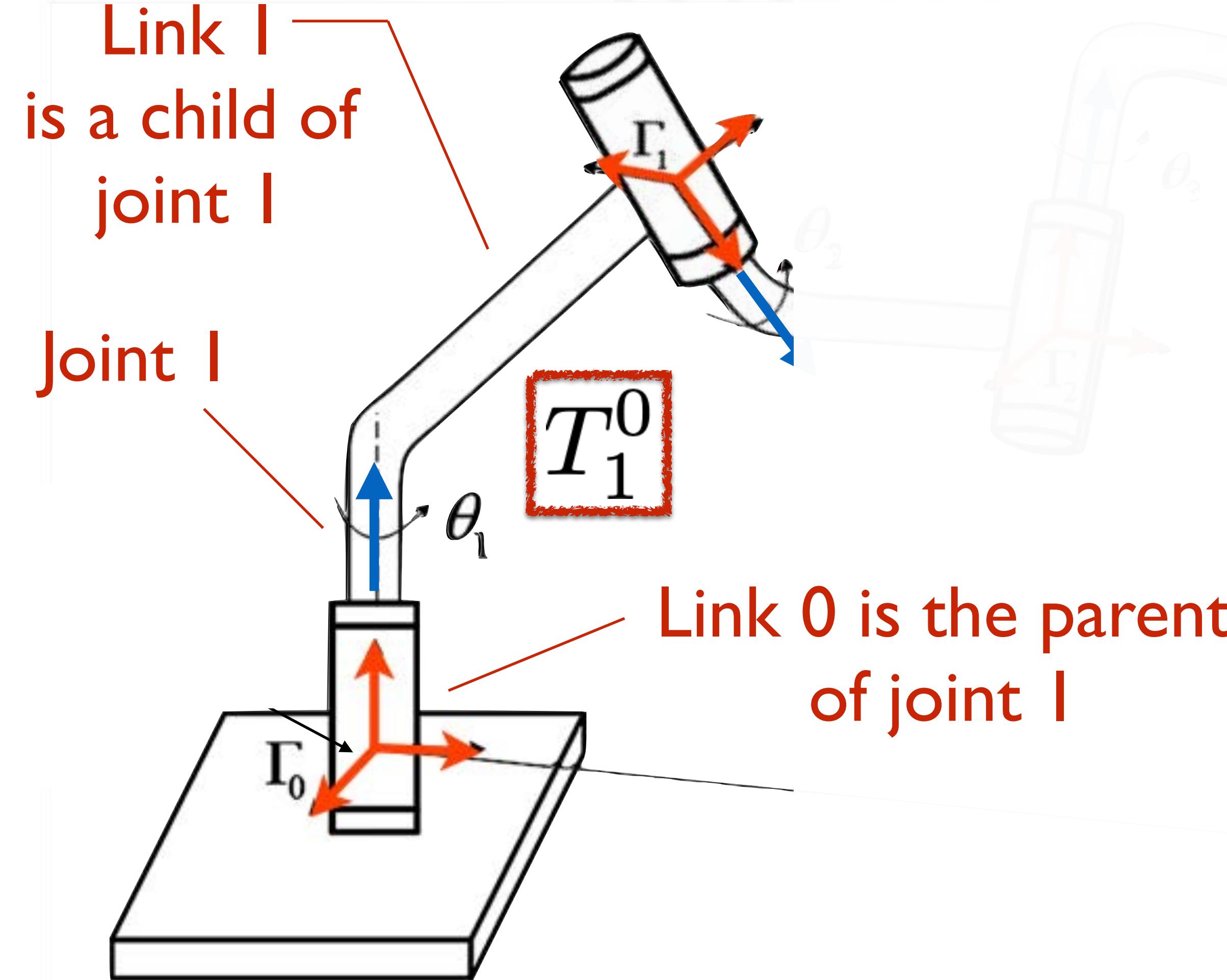


Joint (q_i): relates the motion of one link (the child link) wrt. another link (the parent)
joint motion only affects the child link



$$q_i = \begin{cases} \theta_i, & \text{if revolute} \\ d_i, & \text{if prismatic} \end{cases}$$

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joint motion only affects the child link, where its state



$$q_i = \begin{cases} \theta_i, & \text{if revolute} \\ d_i, & \text{if prismatic} \end{cases}$$

is used to express a 4-by-4 homogeneous transform $A_i(q_i)$:

$$A_i = \begin{bmatrix} R_i^{i-1} & o^{i-1} \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

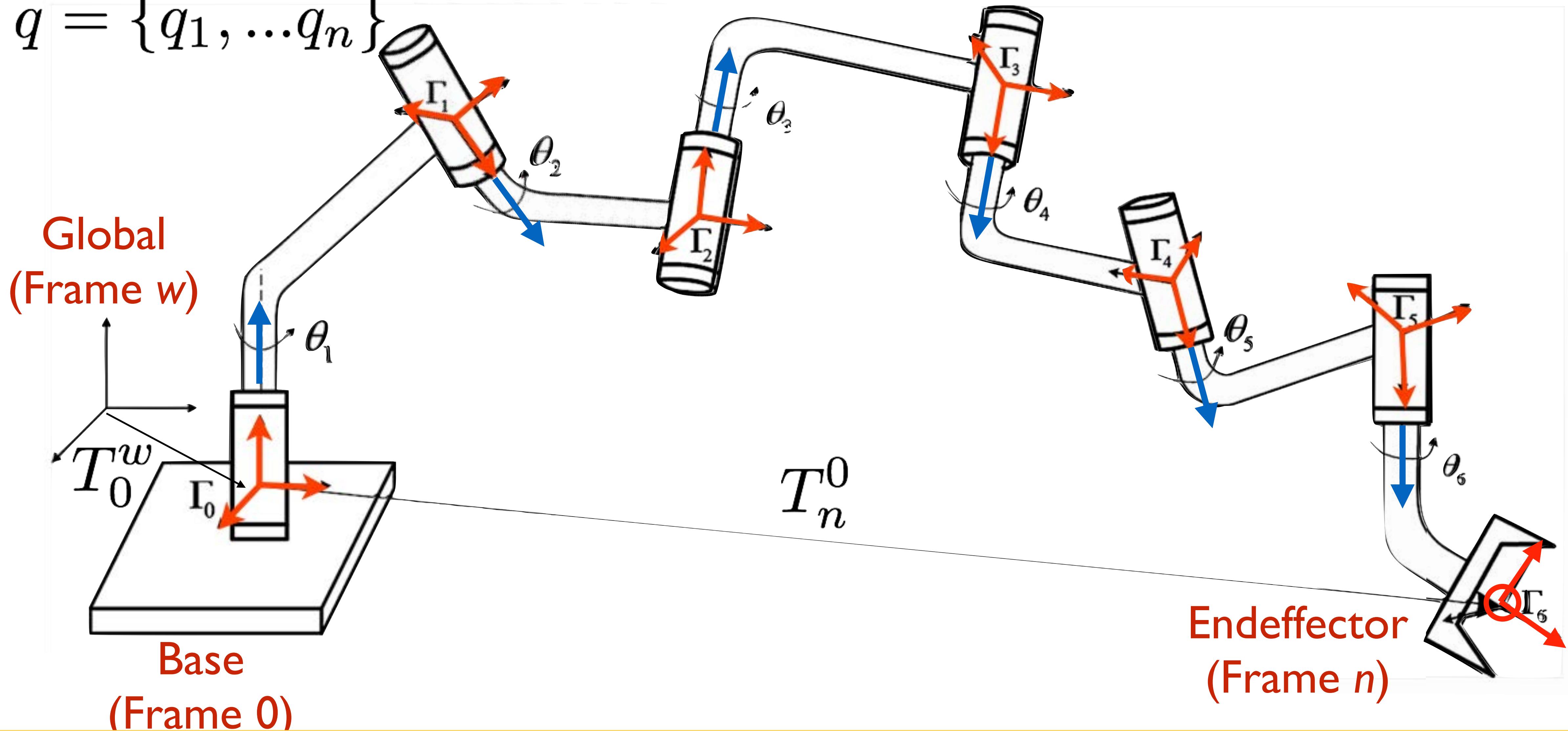
such that frames in a kinematic chain are related as by T_j^i :

$$T_j^i = \begin{cases} A_{i+1}A_{i+2}\dots A_{j-1}A_j & \text{if } i < j \\ I & \text{if } i = j \\ (T_j^i)^{-1} & \text{if } j > i \end{cases}$$

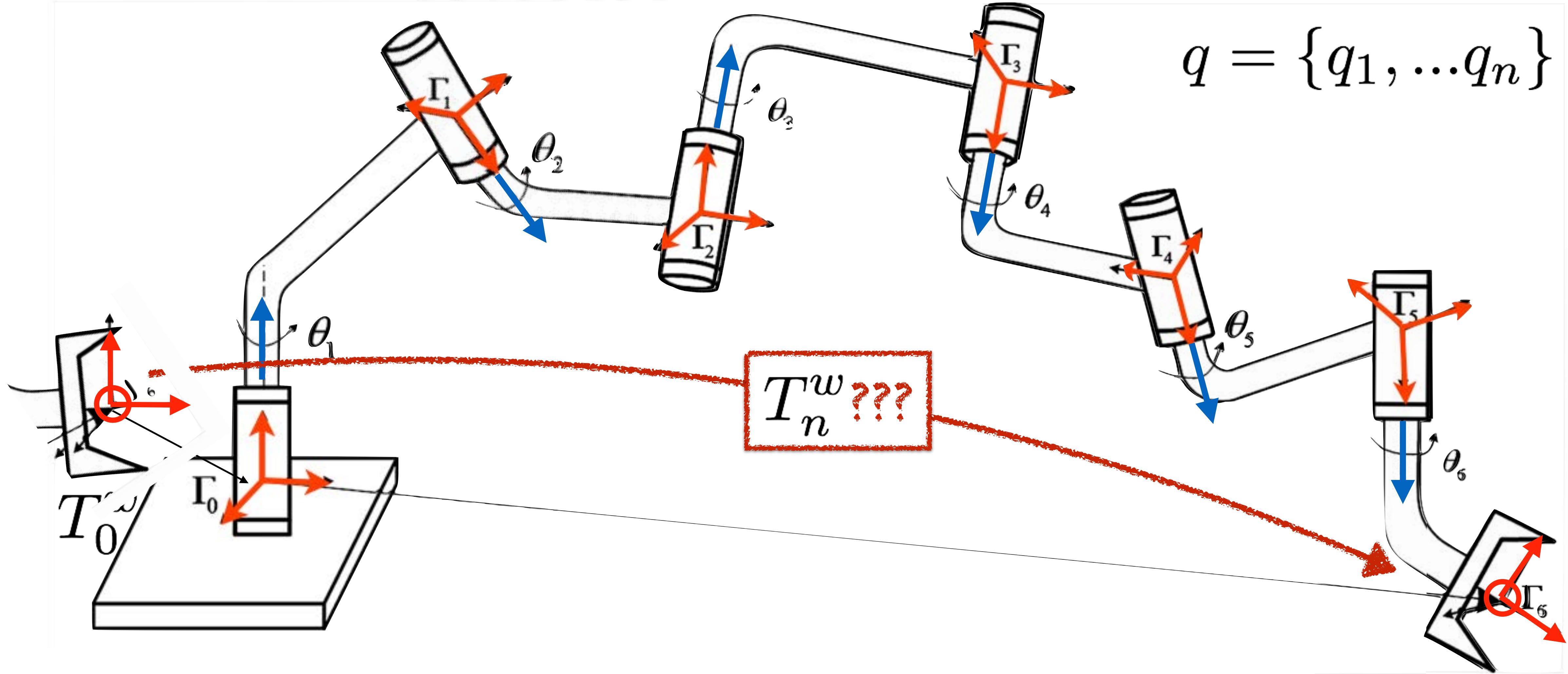
Configuration (q): is the state of all joints in the kinematic chain

Configuration space: the space of all possible configurations

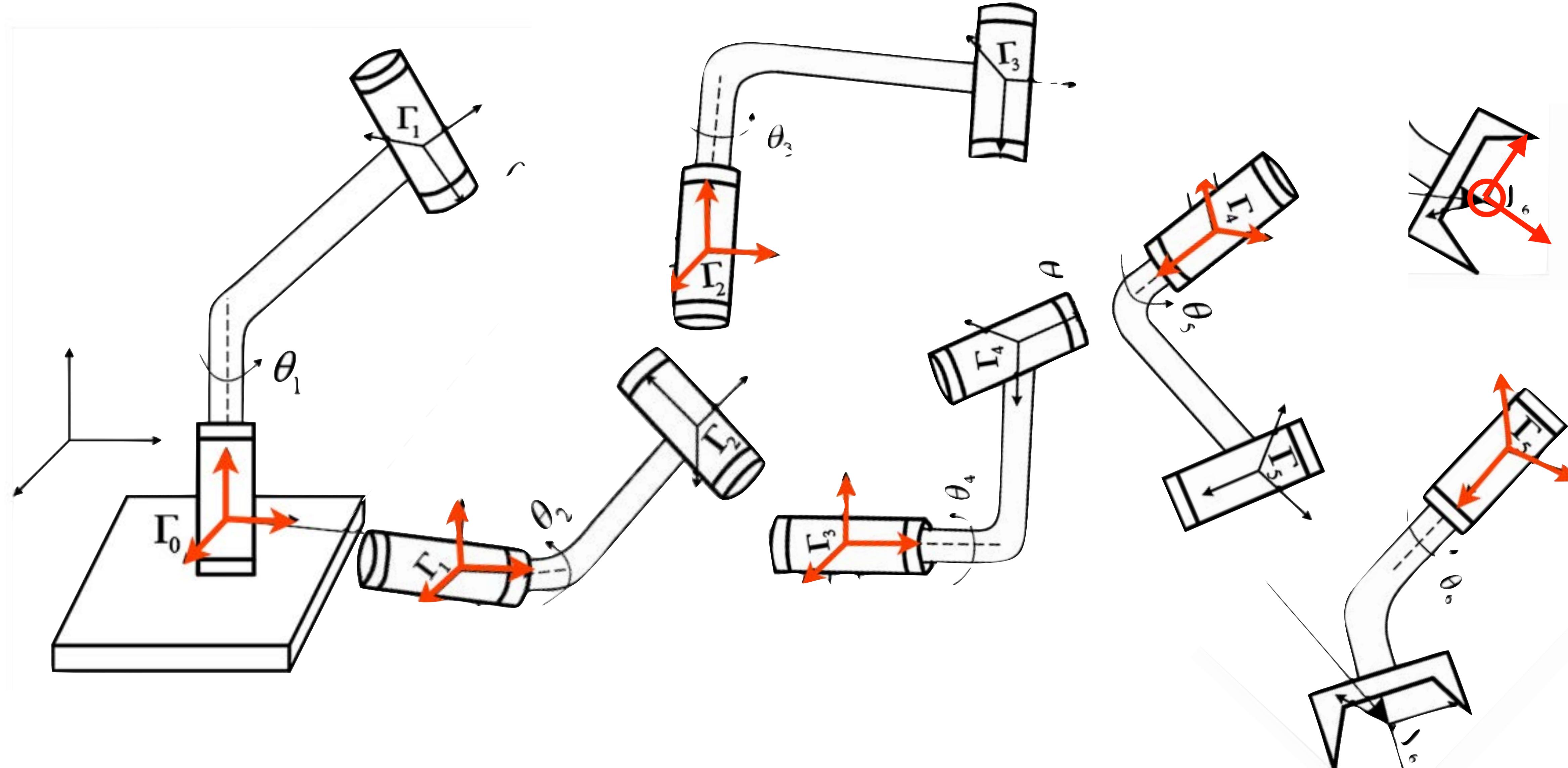
$$q = \{q_1, \dots q_n\}$$



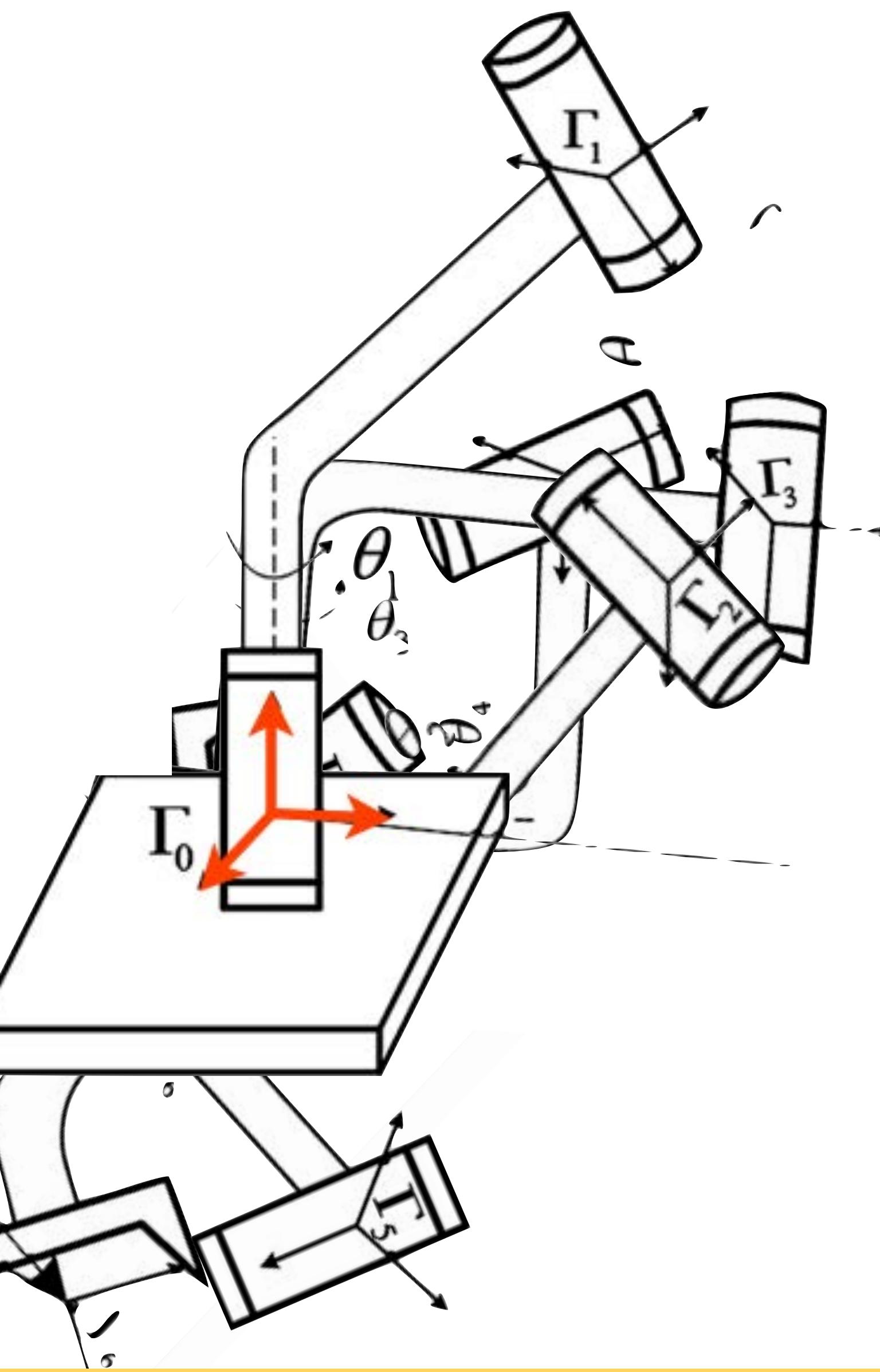
Forward kinematics restated: Given \mathbf{q} , find T^w_n ;
 T^w_n transforms endeffector into workspace



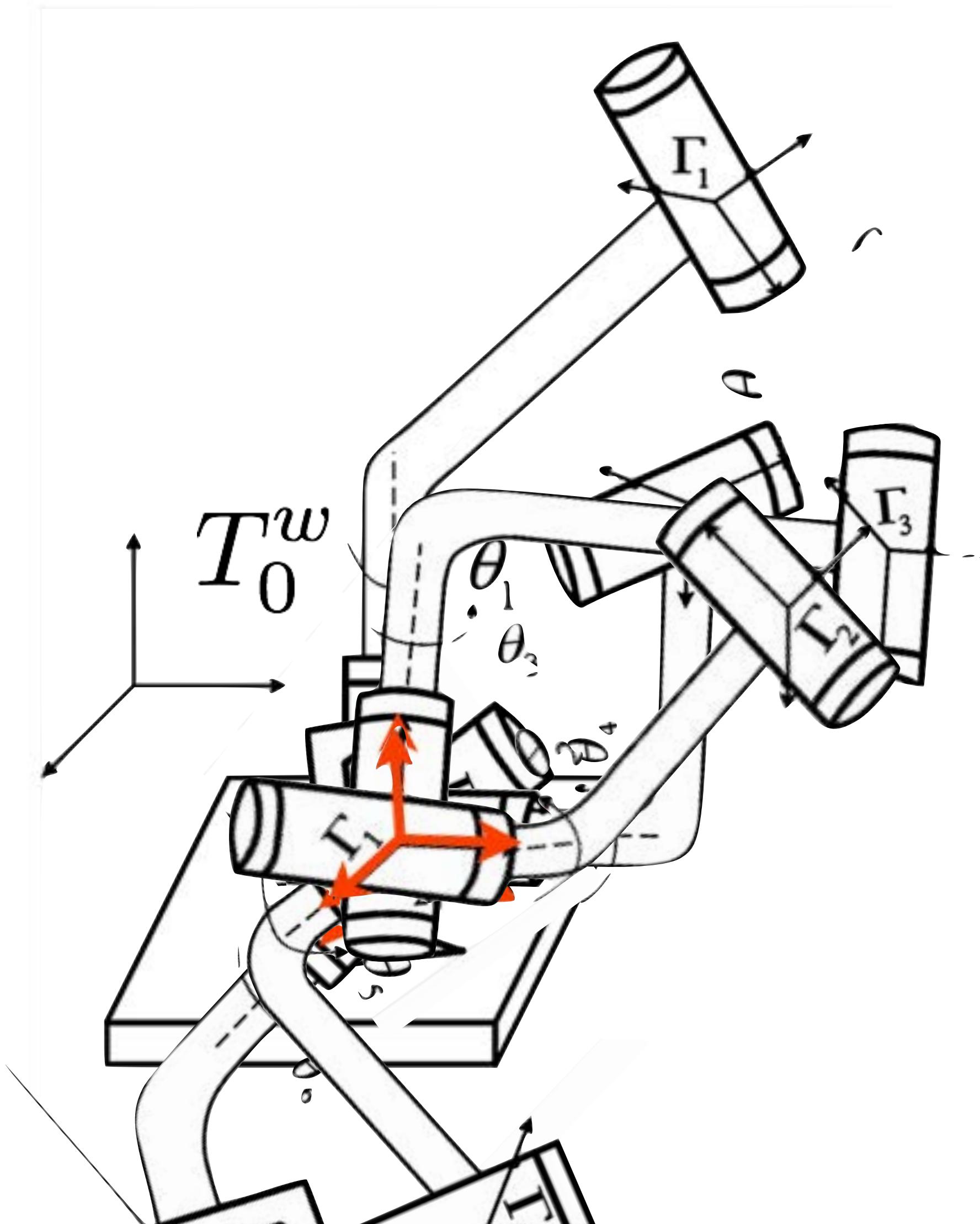
Problem: Every link considers itself to be the center of the universe.
How do we properly pose link with respect to each other?

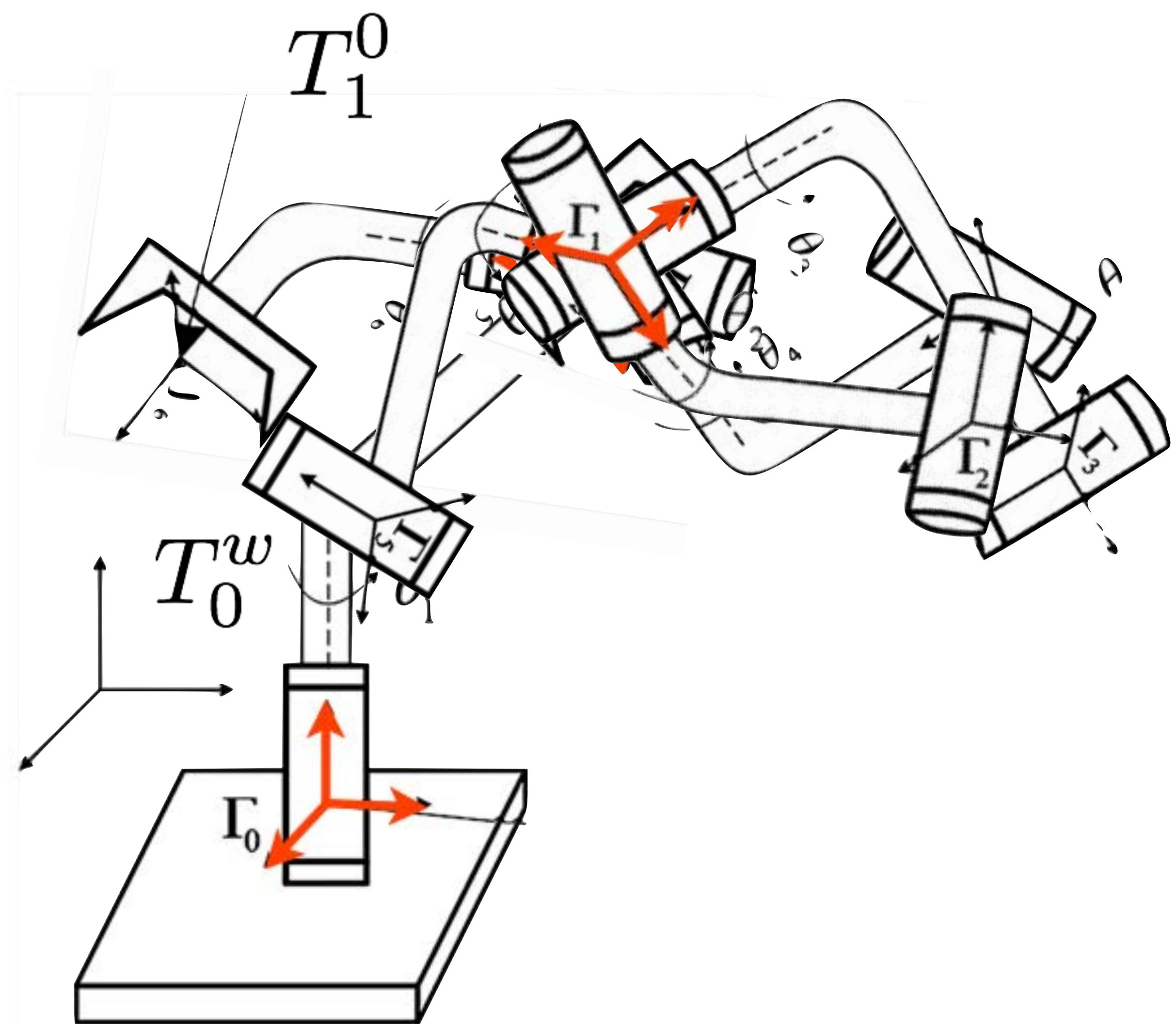


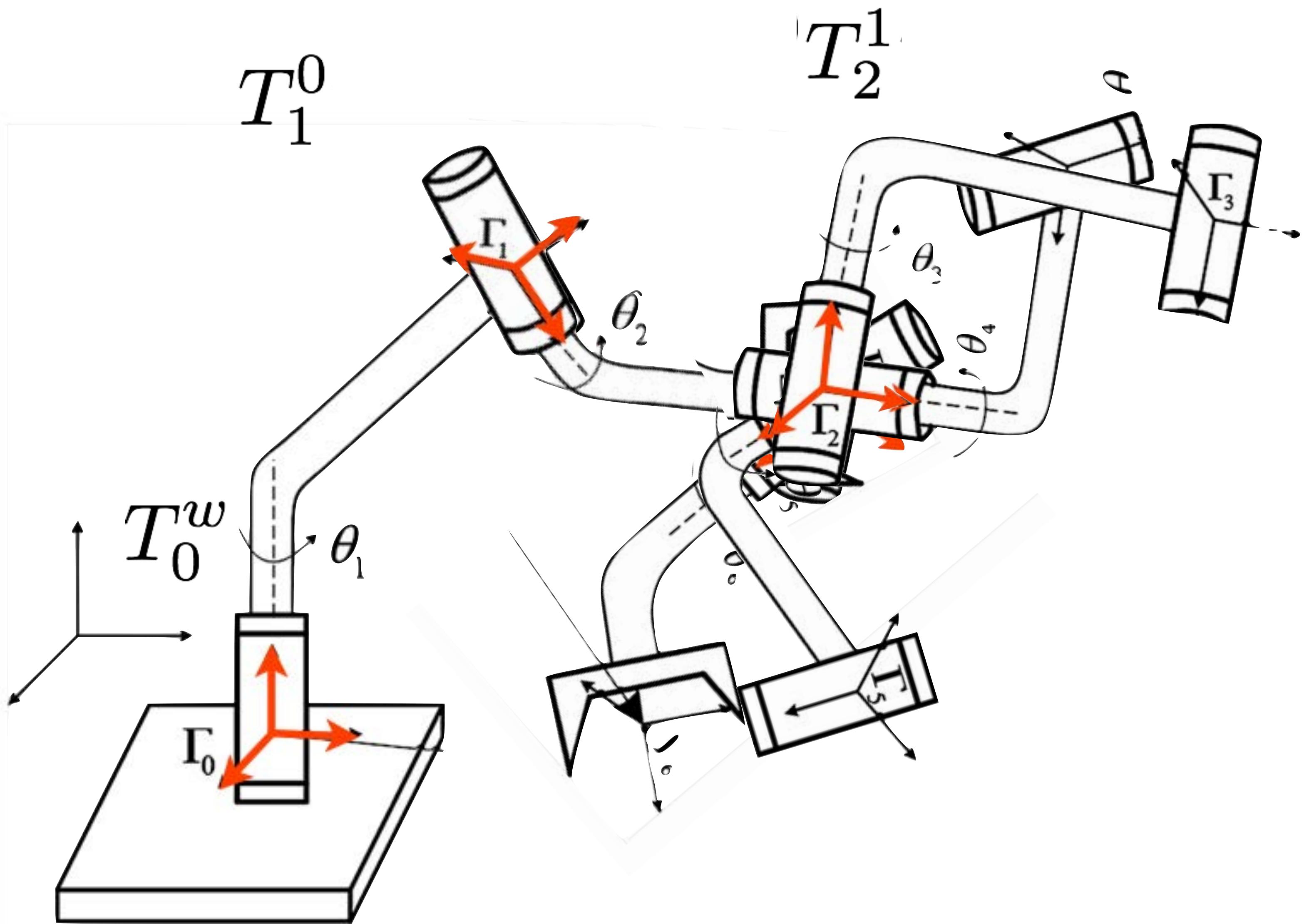
Approach: Consider all links to be aligned with the global origin ...

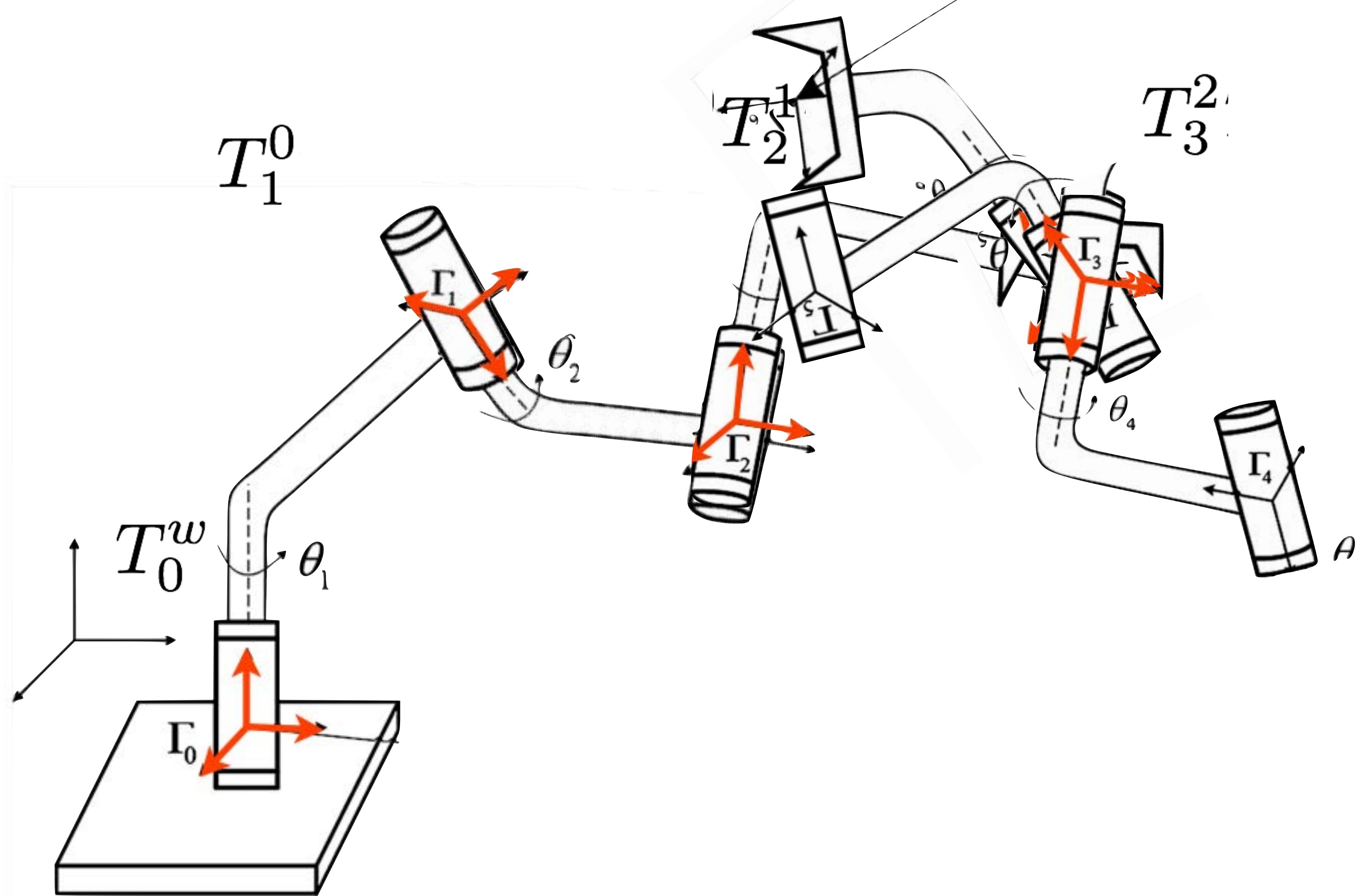


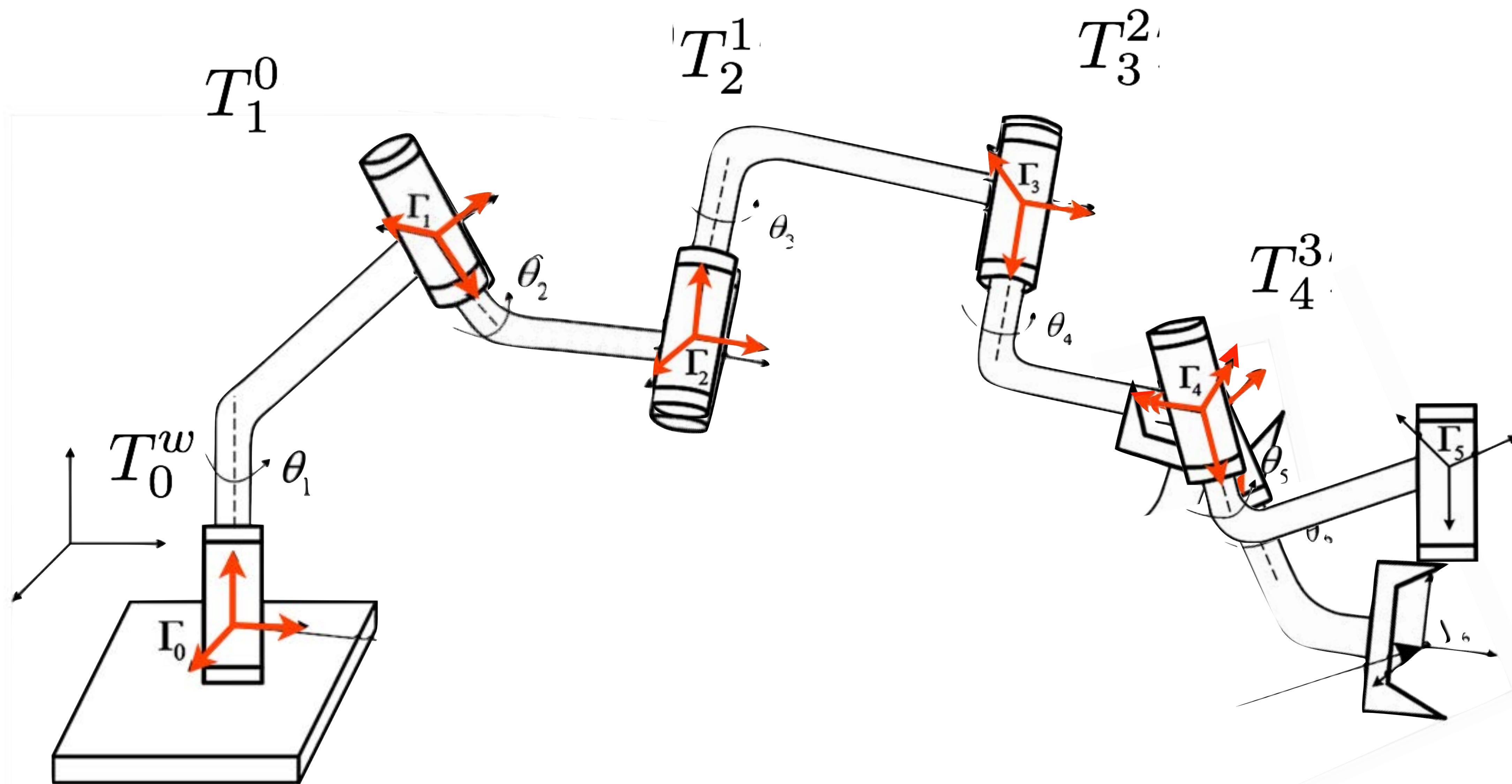
Approach: transform along kinematic chain bringing descendants along; each transform will consist of a rotation and a translation

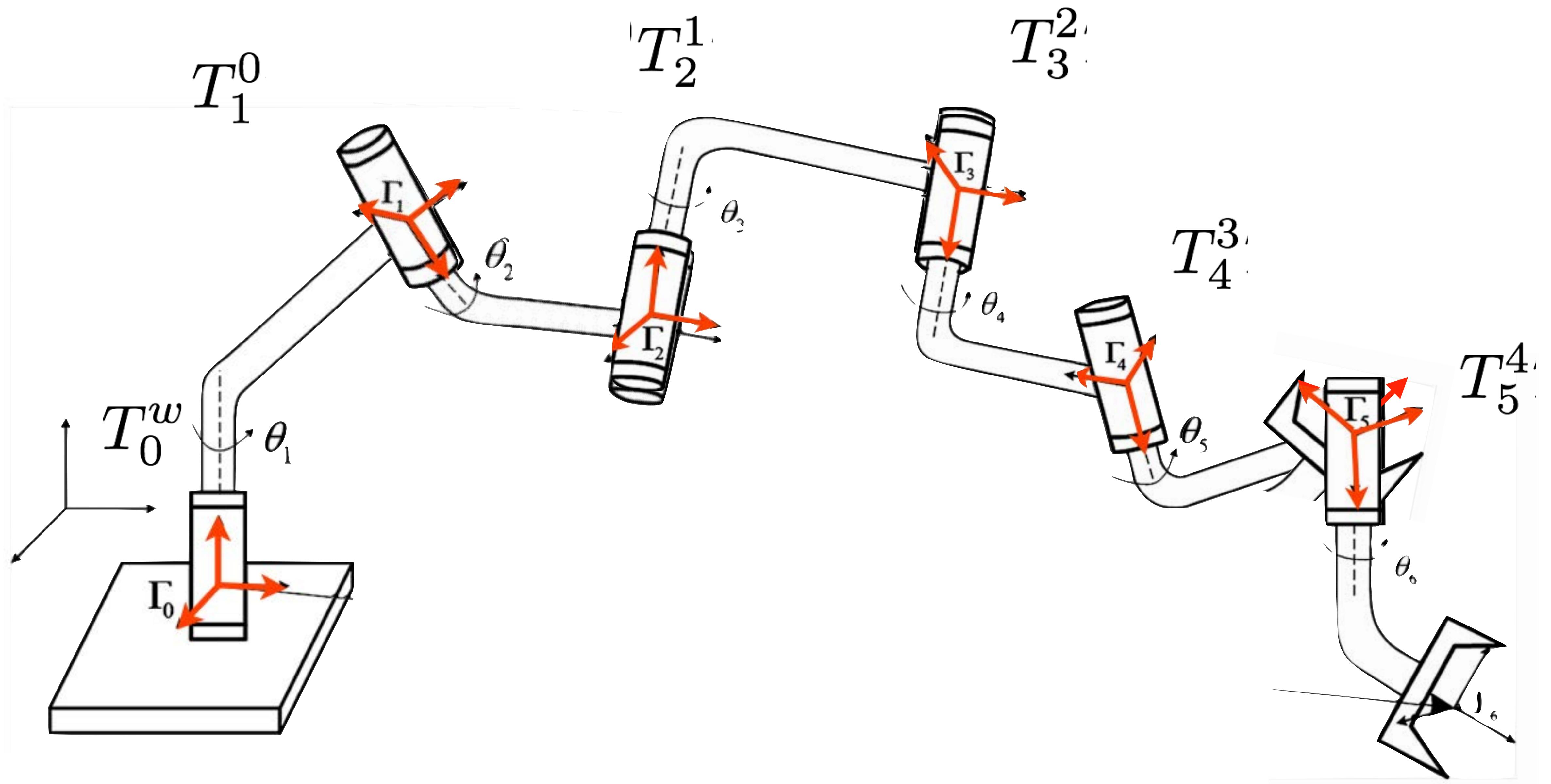


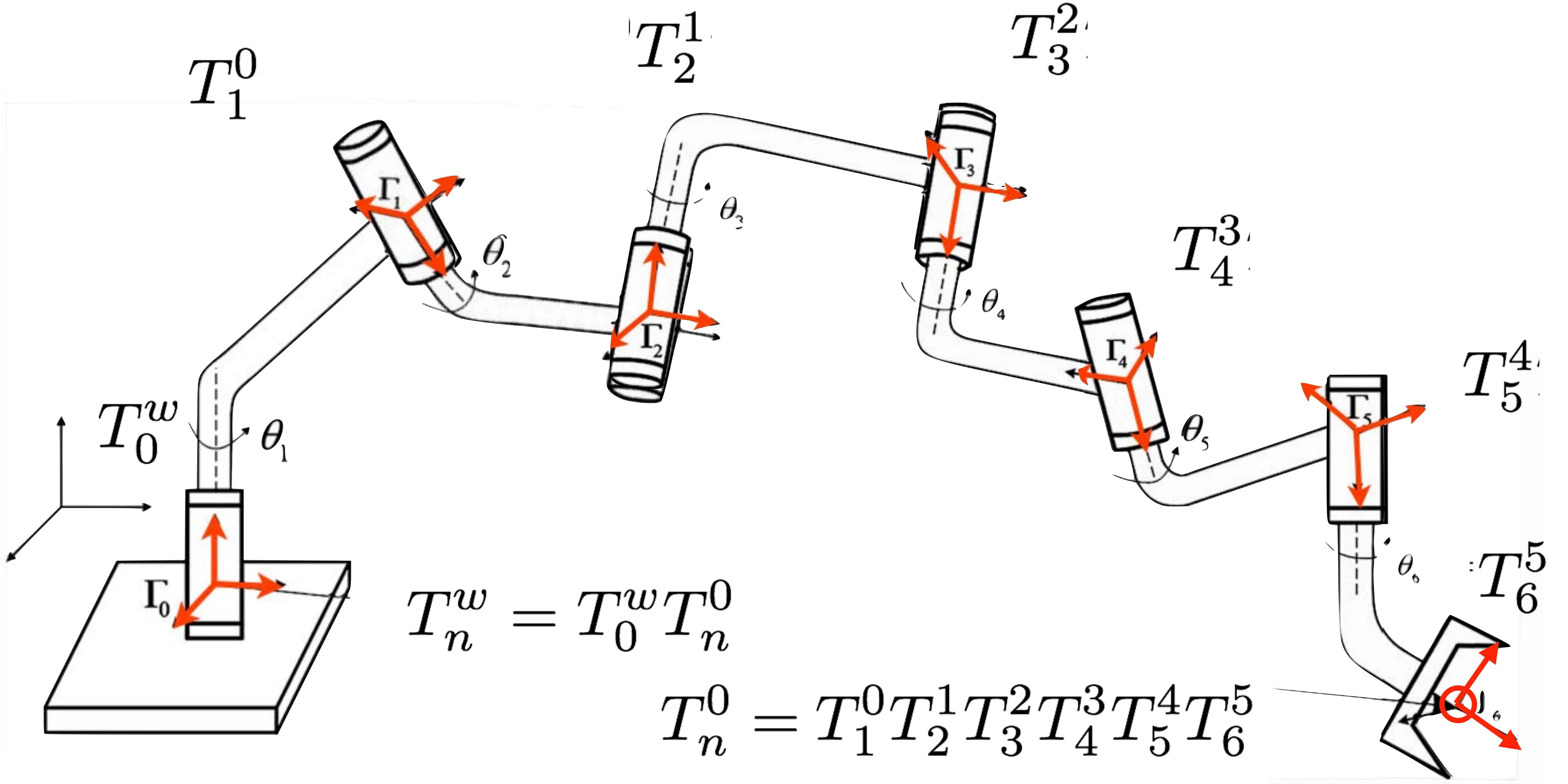




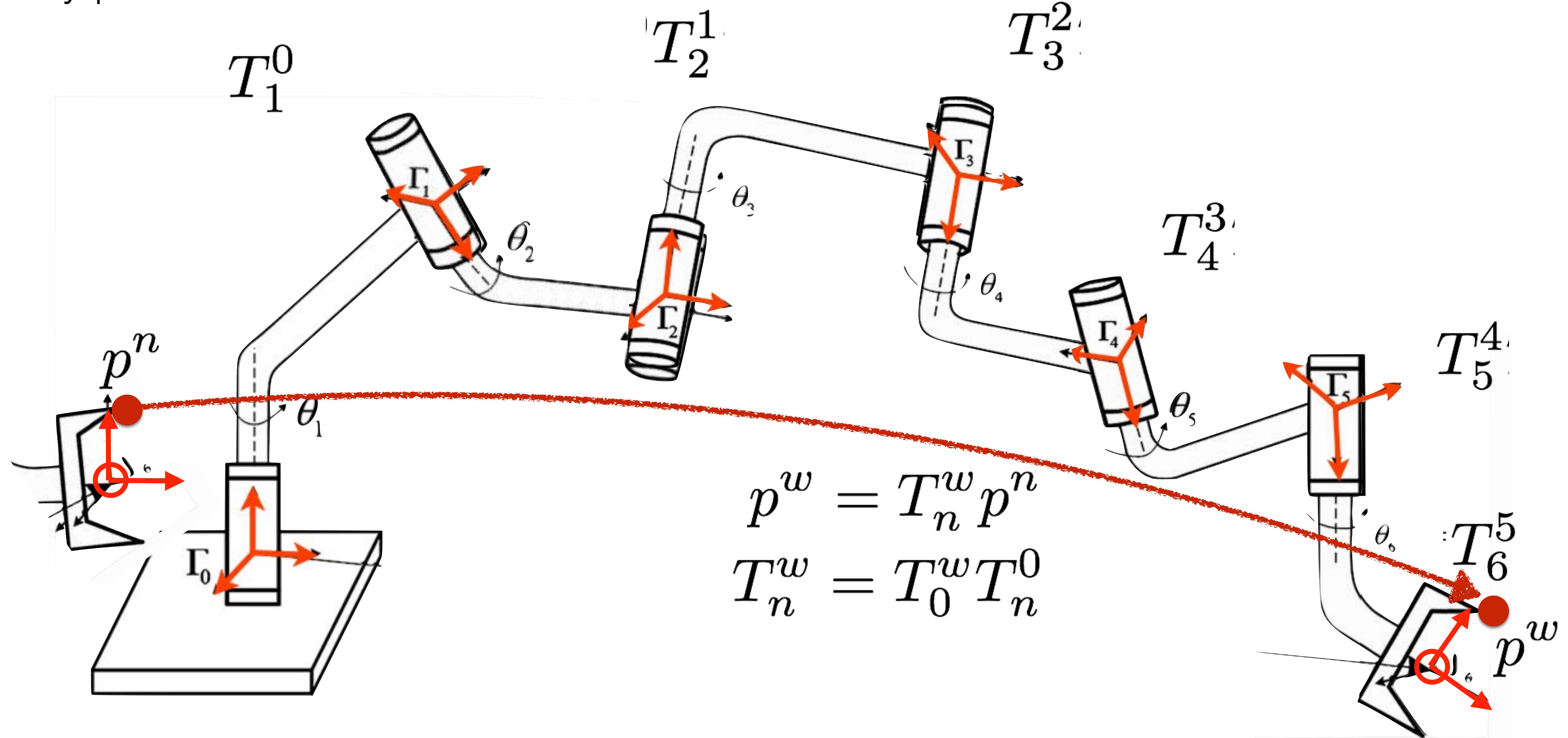




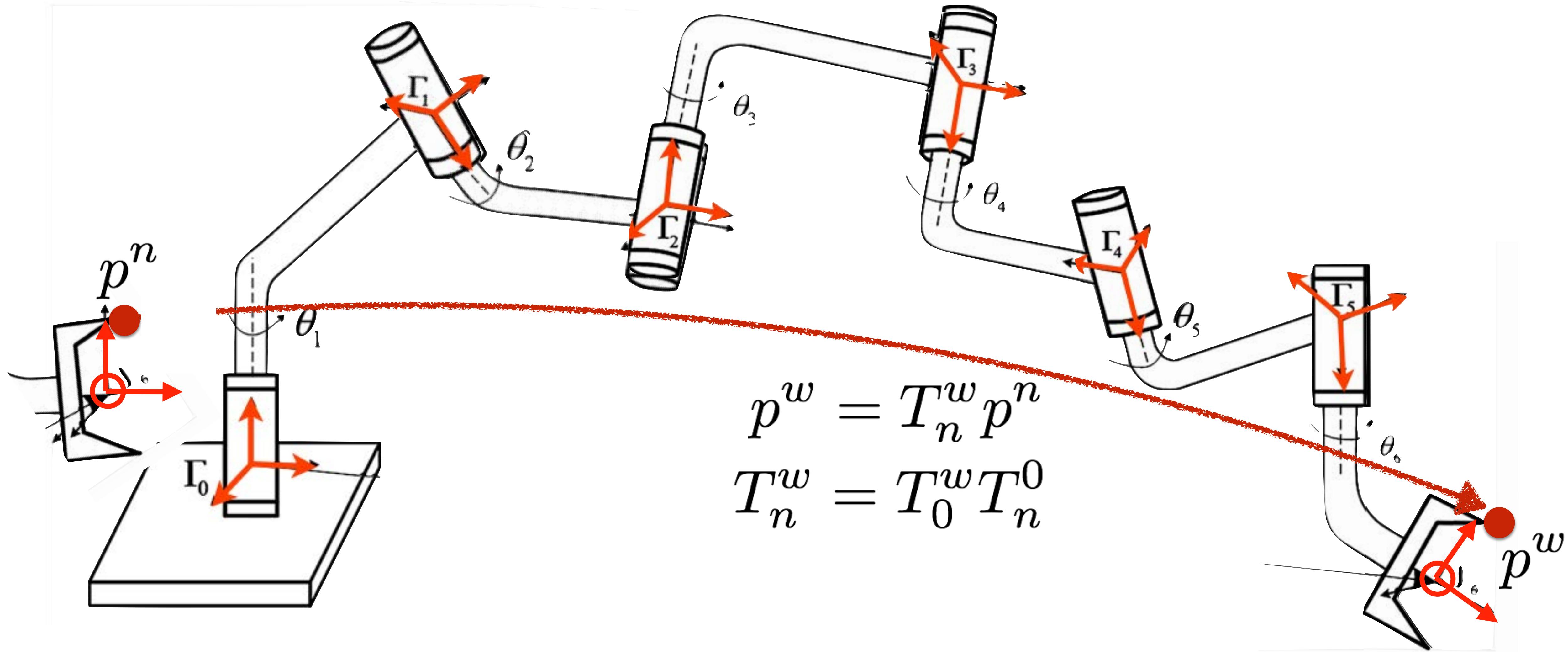




Any point on the endeffector can be transformed to its location in the world



- 1) How to represent homogeneous transforms?
- 2) How to compute transform to endeffector?



Homogeneous Transform

defines $SE(2)$: Special Euclidean Group 2

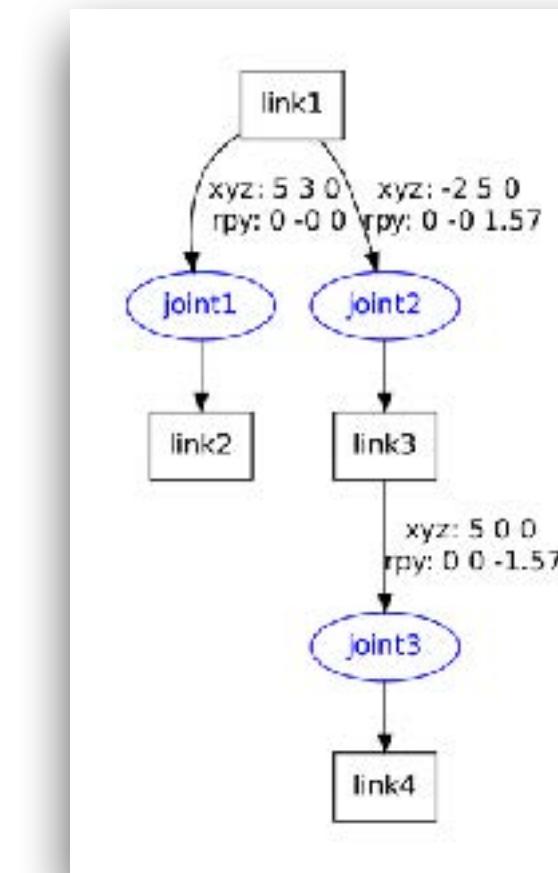
$$H = \begin{bmatrix} R_{00} & R_{01} & d_x \\ R_{10} & R_{11} & d_y \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{R}_{2 \times 2} & \mathbf{d}_{2 \times 1} \\ \mathbf{0}_{1 \times 2} & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$H \in SE(2) \quad \mathbf{R}_{2 \times 2} \in SO(2) \quad \mathbf{d}_{2 \times 1} \in \mathbb{R}^2$$

1) How to represent homogeneous transforms?

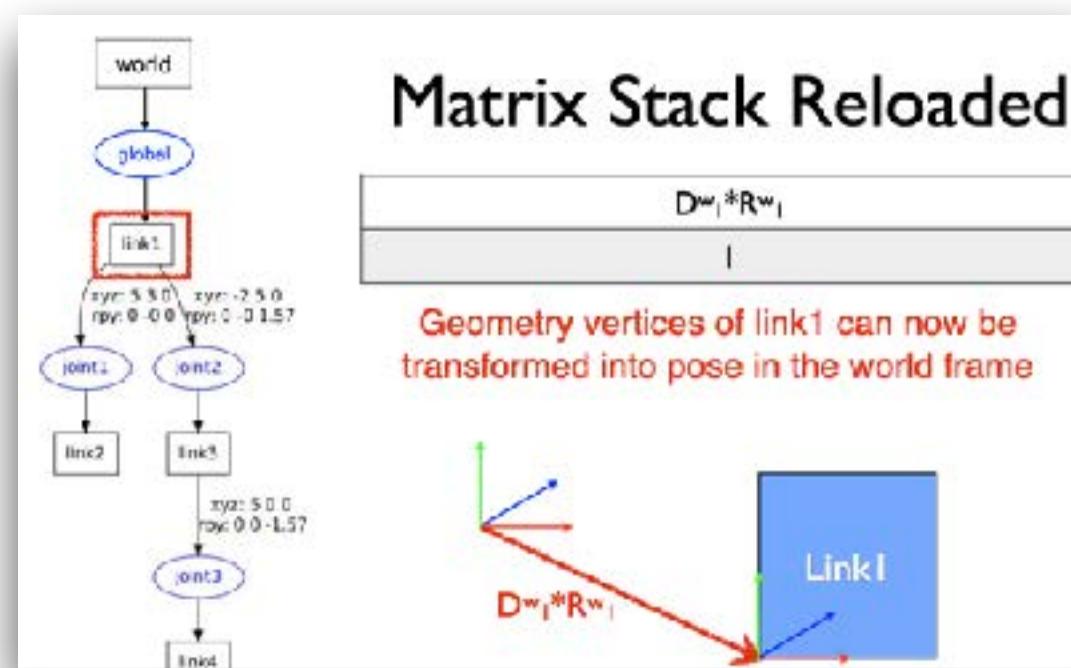
Assuming as given the:

- geometry of each link
- robot's kinematic definition



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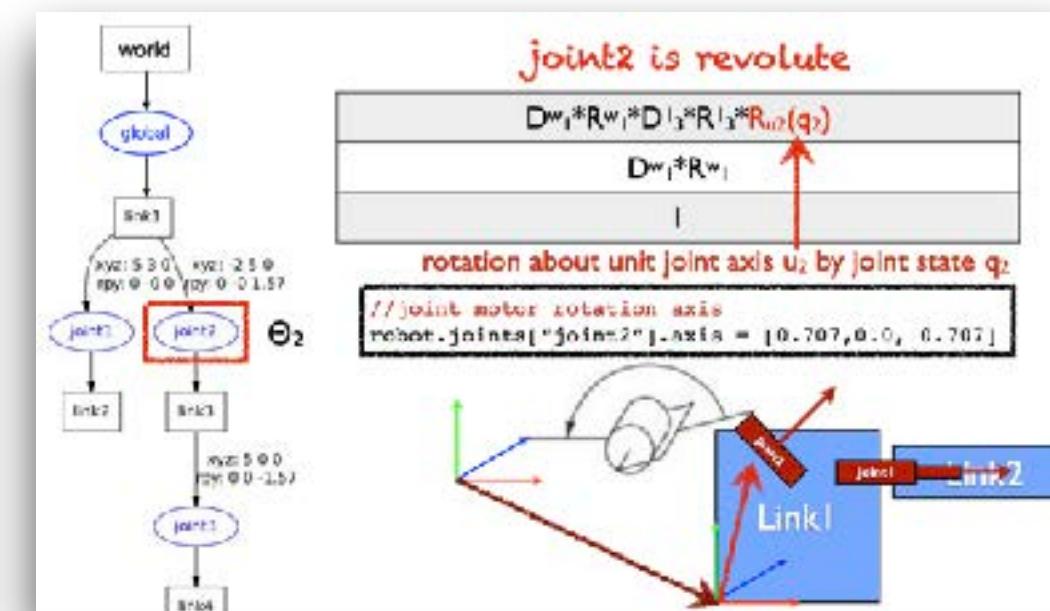
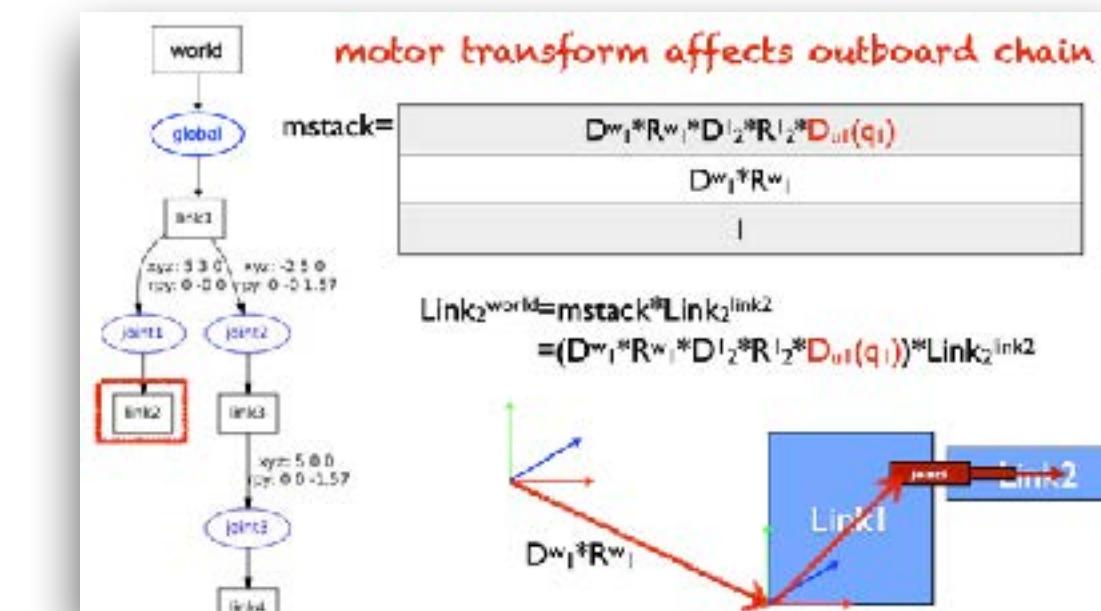
Zero configuration



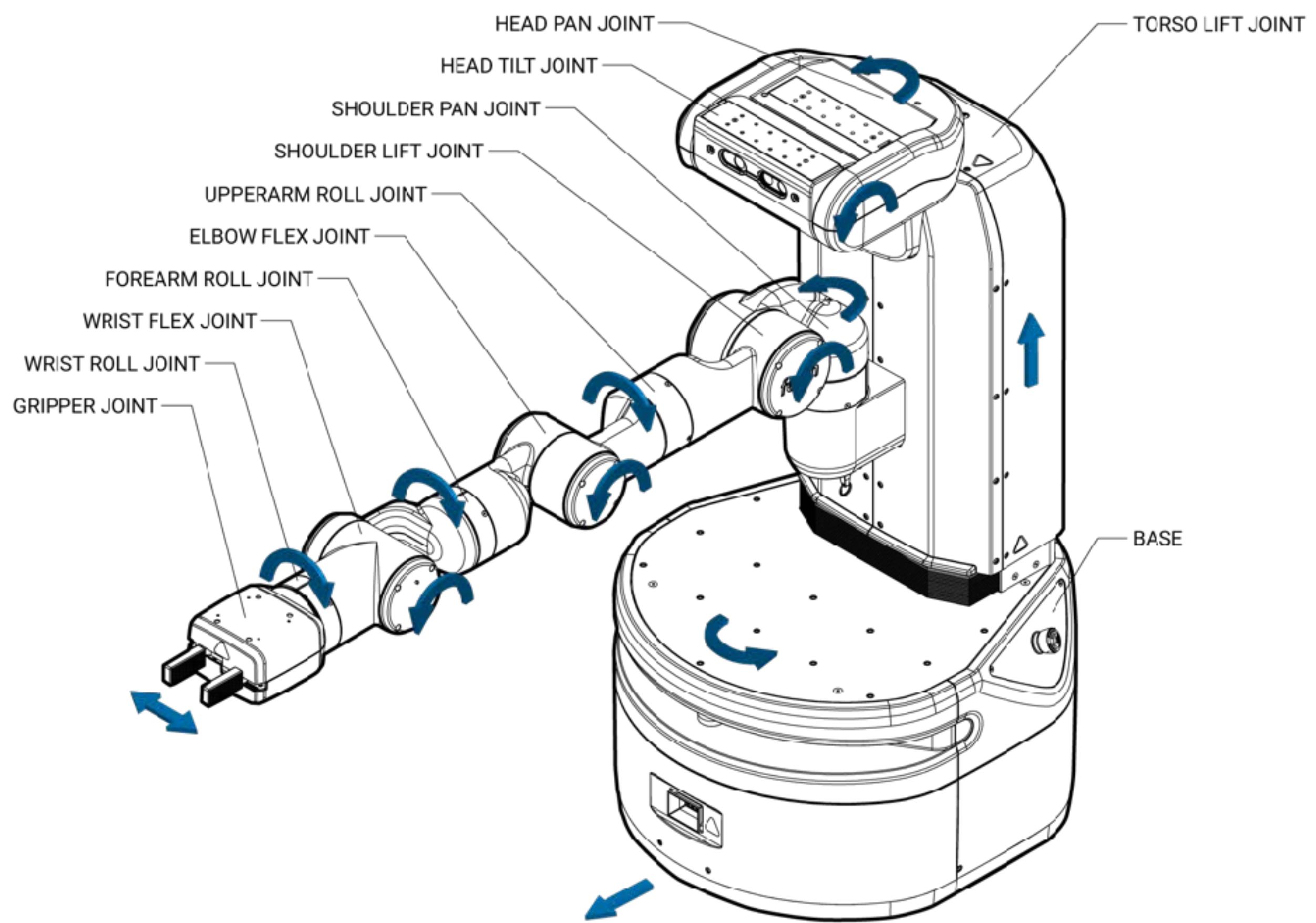
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- **current state of all joints**

Add motor motion



Can a joint move infinitely far?



Joint Limits

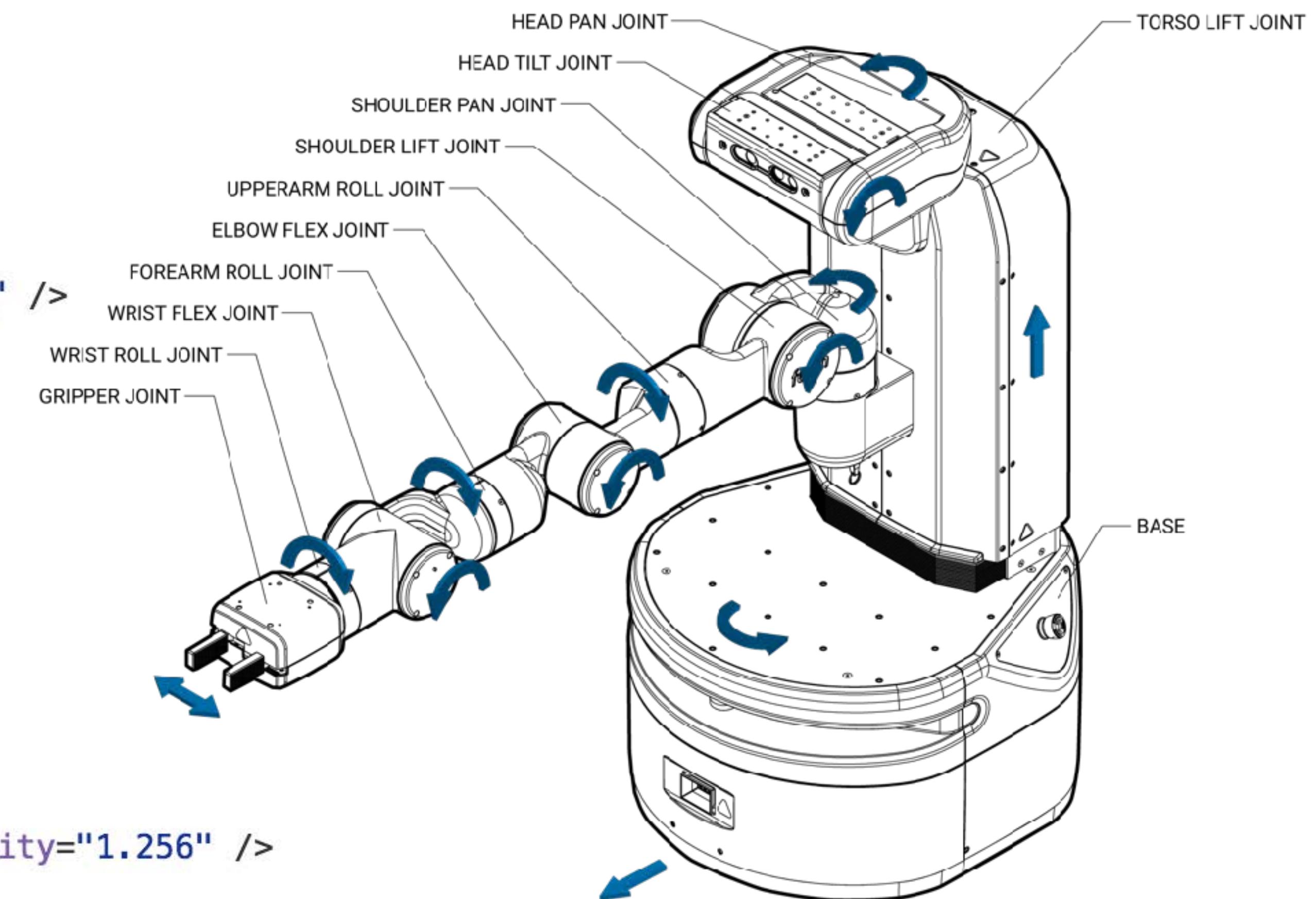
Prismatic joint description

```
<joint name="torso_lift_joint" type="prismatic">
  <origin rpy="-6.123E-17 0 0" xyz="-0.086875 0 0.37743" />
  <parent link="base_link" />
  <child link="torso_lift_link" />
  <axis xyz="0 0 1" />
  <limit effort="450.0" lower="0" upper="0.4" velocity="0.1" />
</joint>
```

Revolute joint description

```
<joint name="shoulder_pan_joint" type="revolute">
  <origin rpy="0 0 0" xyz="0.119525 0 0.34858" />
  <parent link="torso_lift_link" />
  <child link="shoulder_pan_link" />
  <axis xyz="0 0 1" />
  <dynamics damping="1.0" />
  <limit effort="33.82" lower="-1.6056" upper="1.6056" velocity="1.256" />
</joint>
```

Continuous joints have no limits



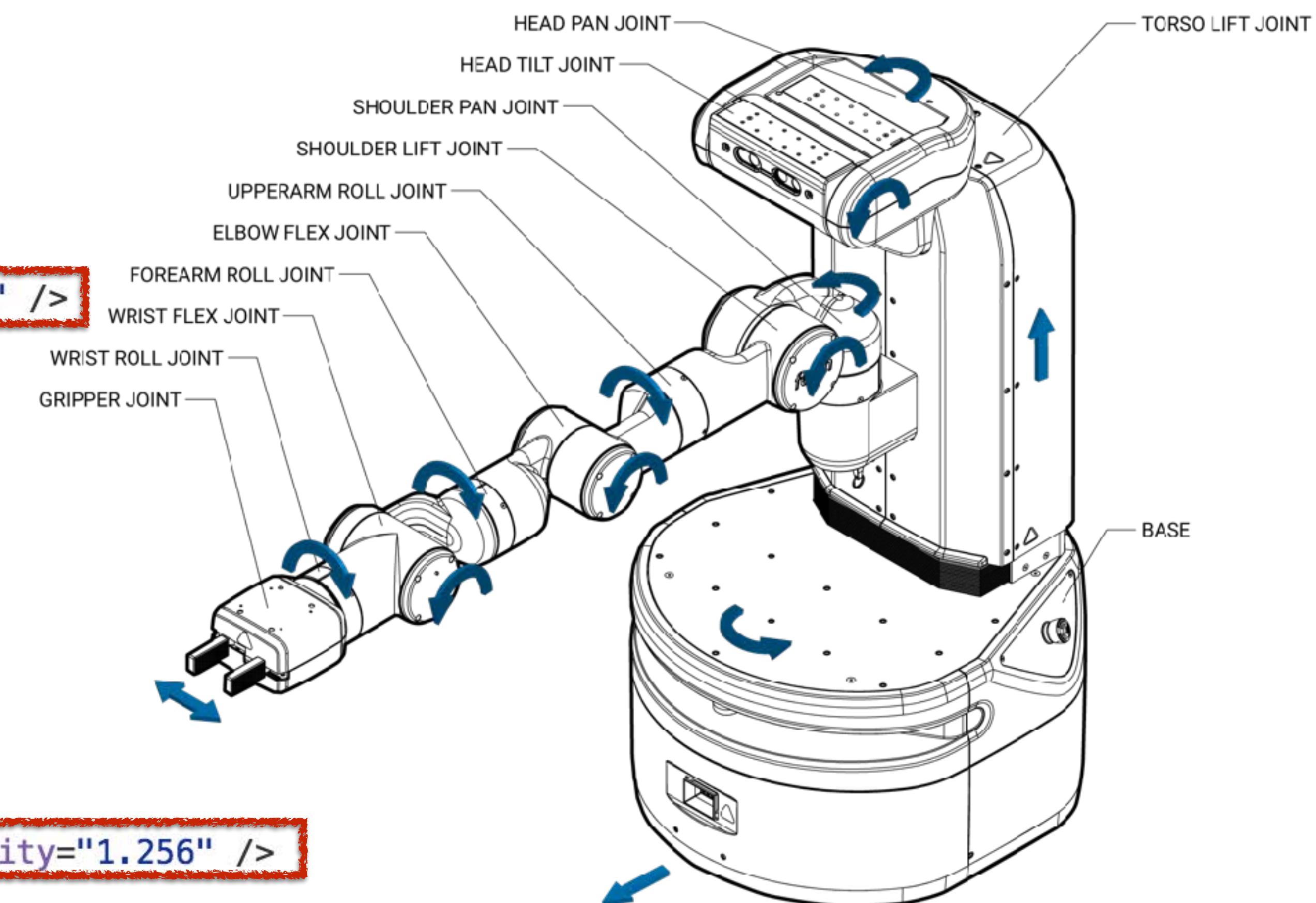
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  <dynamics damping="1.0" />
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</joint>
```



```

robot.joints.torso_lift_joint = {parent:"base_link", child:"torso_lift_link"};
robot.joints.torso_lift_joint.axis = [0,0,1];
robot.joints.torso_lift_joint.type = "prismatic";
robot.joints.torso_lift_joint.origin = {xyz: [-0.086875,0,0.37743], rpy:[-6.123E-17,0,0]};
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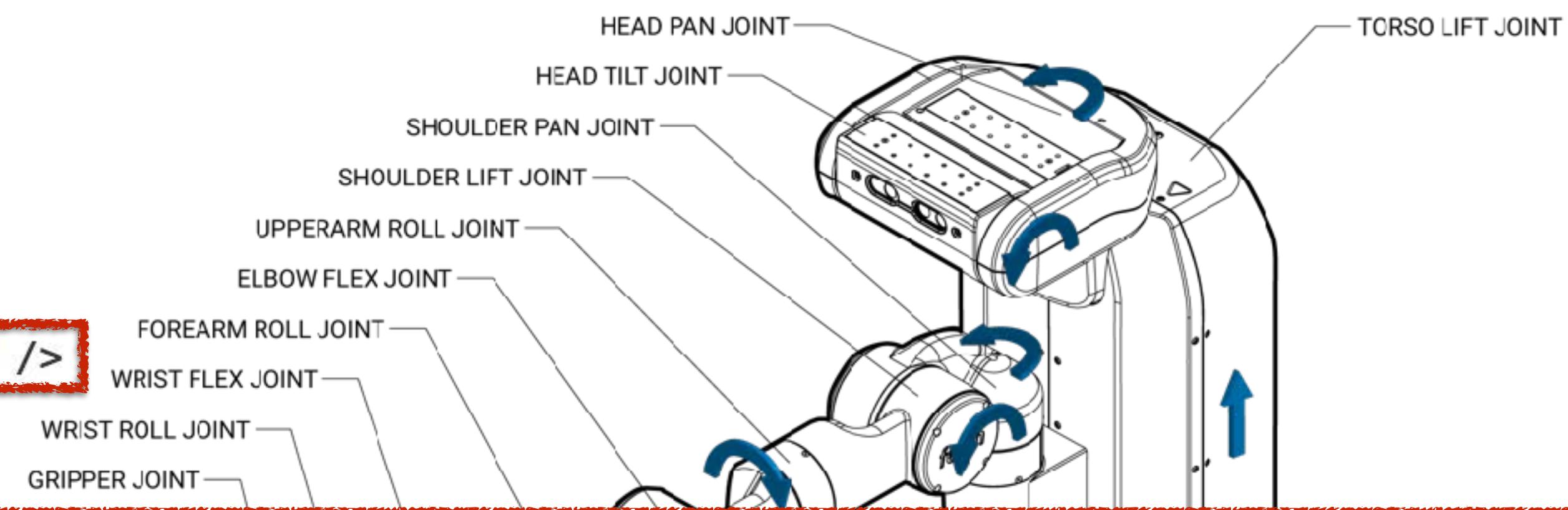
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Prismatic joint description

```

<joint name="torso_lift_joint" type="prismatic">
  <origin rpy="-6.123E-17 0 0" xyz="-0.086875 0 0.37743" />
  <parent link="base_link" />
  <child link="torso_lift_link" />
  <axis xyz="0 0 1" />
  <limit effort="450.0" lower="0" upper="0.4" velocity="0.1" />
  <dynamics damping="100.0" /></joint>

```



Revolute joint description

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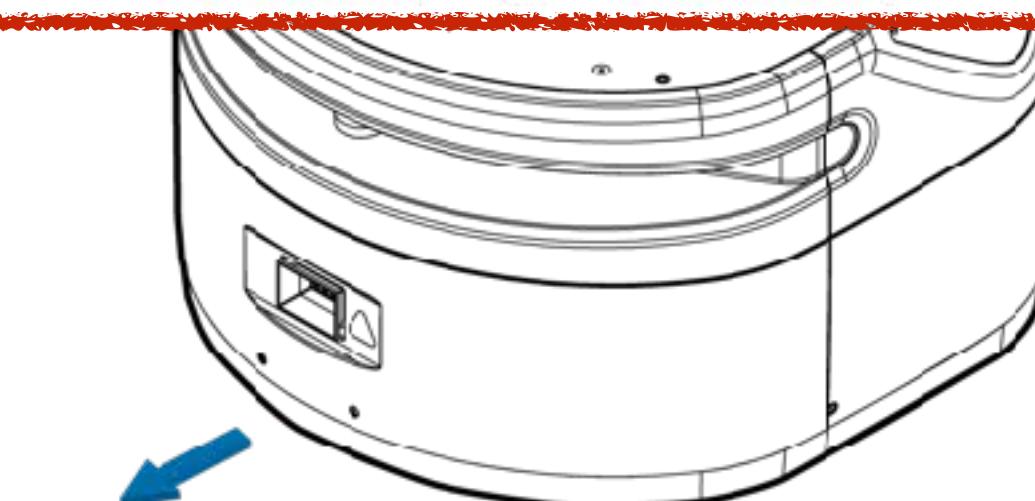
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  <axis xyz="0 0 1" />
  <dynamics damping="1.0" />
  <limit effort="33.82" lower="-1.6056" upper="1.6056" velocity="1.256" />
</joint>

```

```

robot.joints.shoulder_pan_joint = {parent:"torso_lift_link", child:"shoulder_pan_link"};
robot.joints.shoulder_pan_joint.axis = [0,0,1];
robot.joints.shoulder_pan_joint.type = "revolute";
robot.joints.shoulder_pan_joint.origin = {xyz: [0.119525,0,0.34858], rpy:[0,0,0]};
robot.joints.shoulder_pan_joint.limit = {lower:-1.6056, upper:1.6056};

```



Important notes



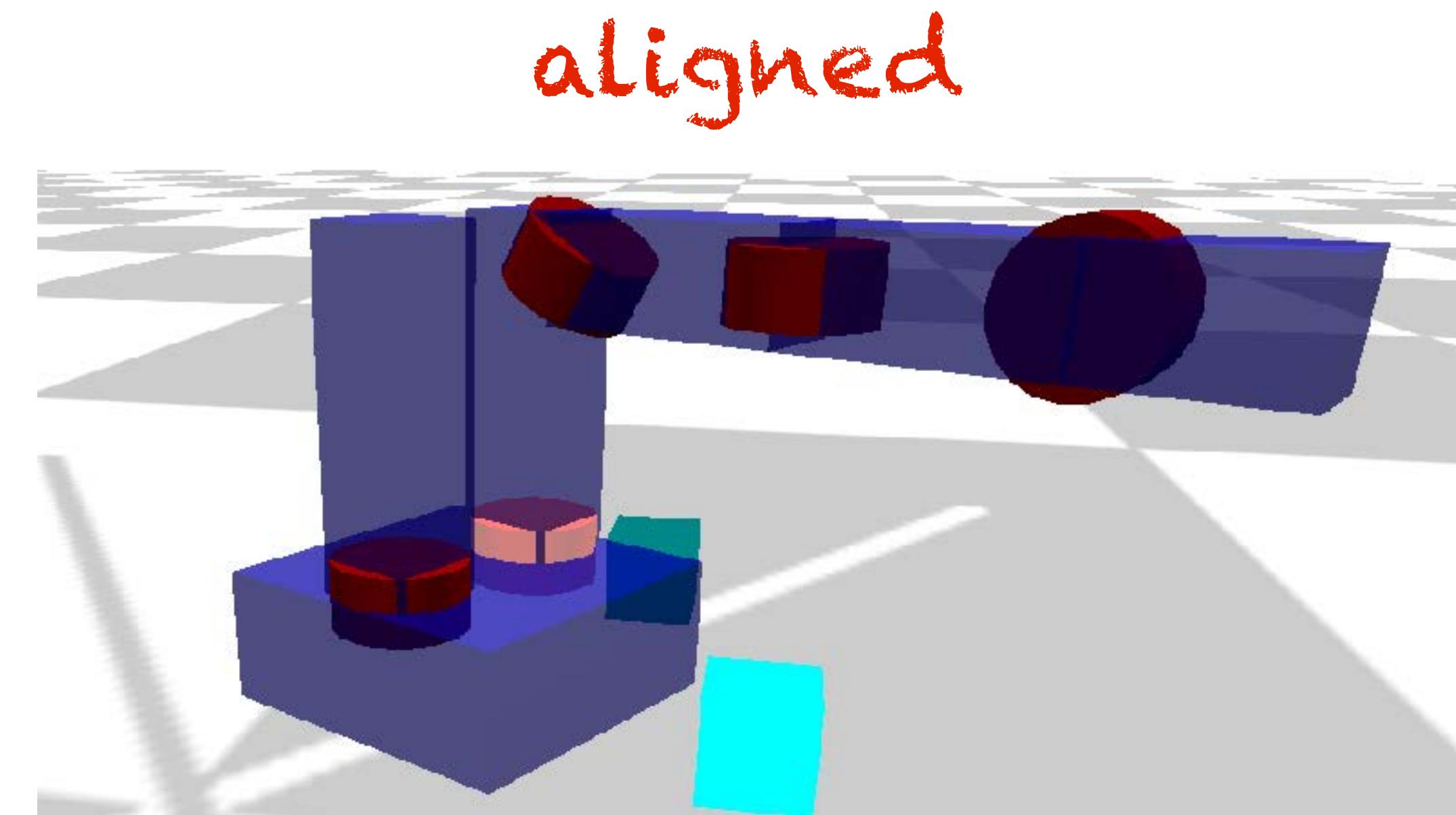
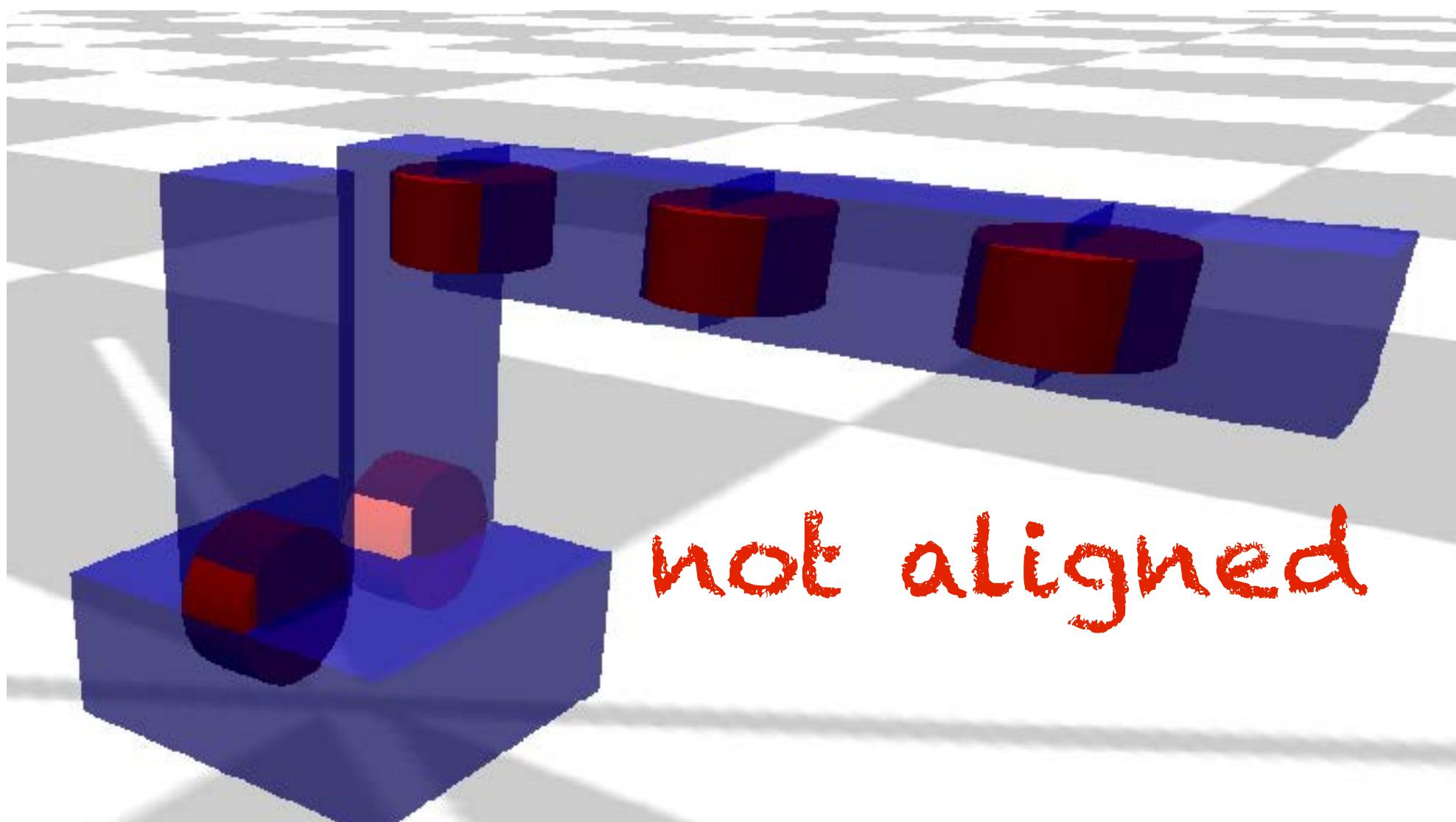
Important notes

- Rotation order I use: **XYZ** ($R_zR_yR_x$)
- `vector_cross()`: code stencil tests for and uses this function
- A joint and its child link will share the same coordinate frame



KinEval joint cylinder rendering

- threejs creates cylinders with axes aligned along y-axis
- you need to implement `vector_cross()` for KinEval to render joint cylinders properly along joint axis



Global controls for base

- Assume we have a base that is holonomic wrt. ground plane
 - holonomic: can move in any direction
 - kineval_userinput.js assumes:

How to perform this
base movement?

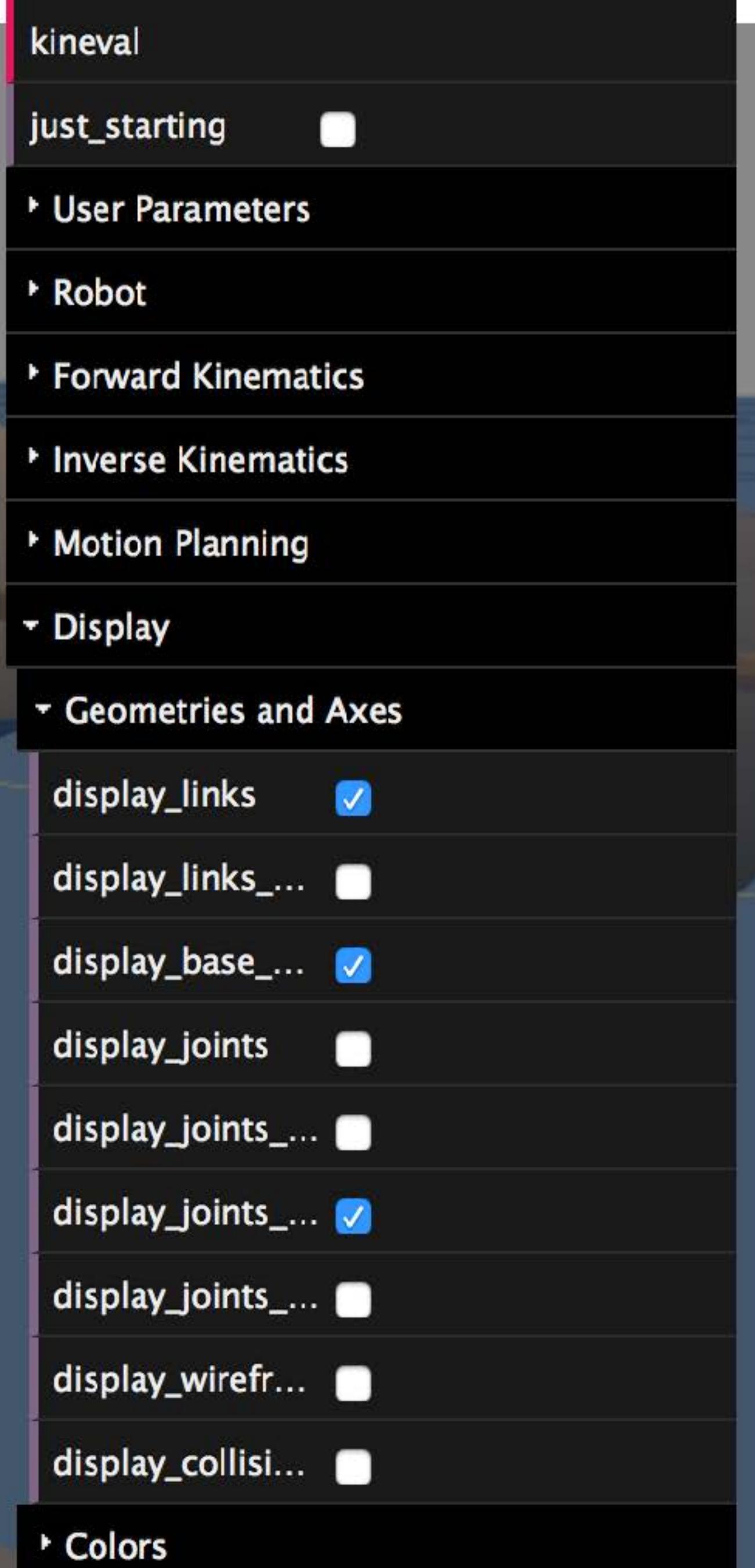
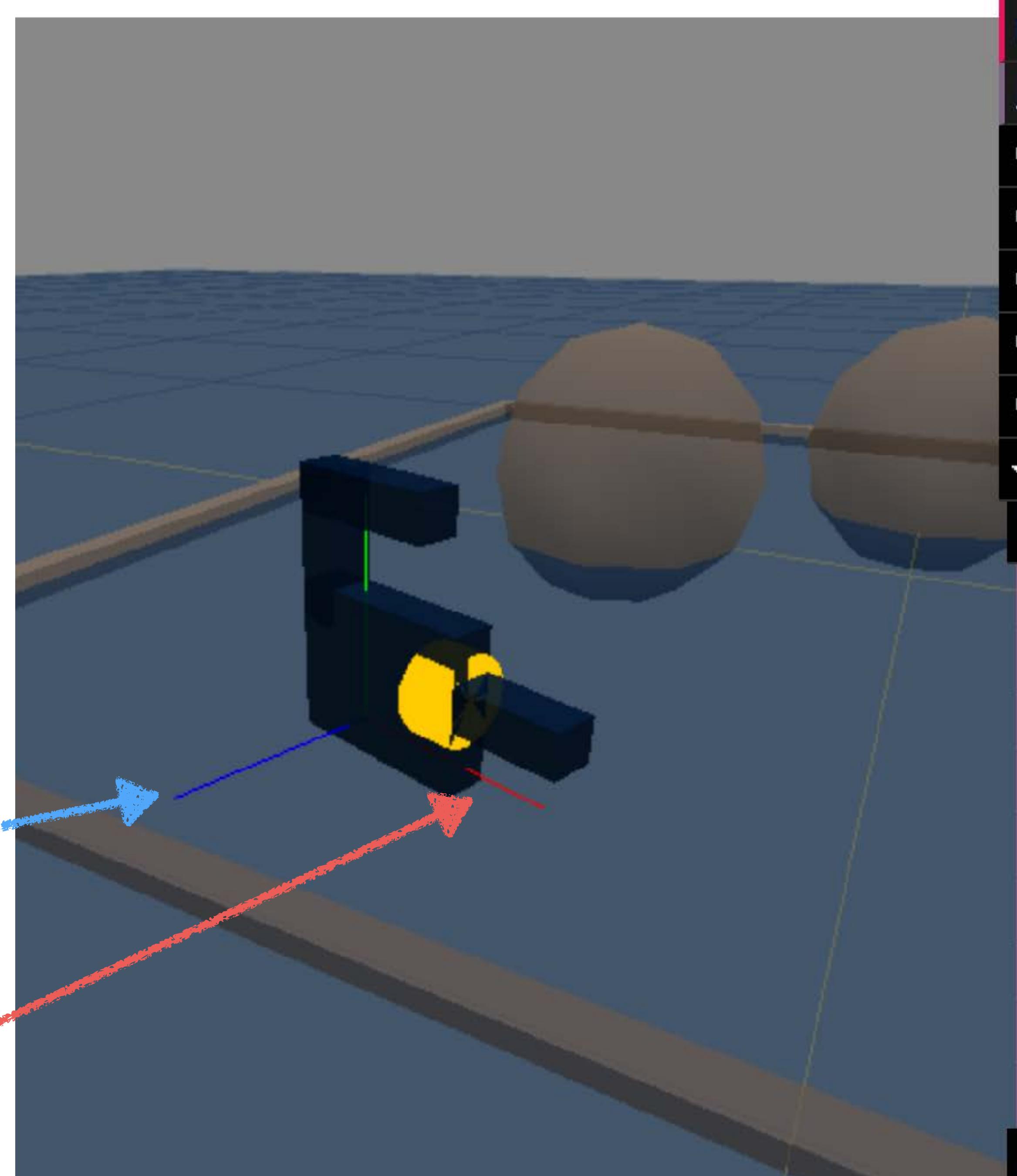


Transform vectors for heading (local z-axis) and lateral (local x-axis) of robot base into world coordinates

Store transformed vectors in variables “robot_heading” and “robot_lateral”

Forward heading
of the robot

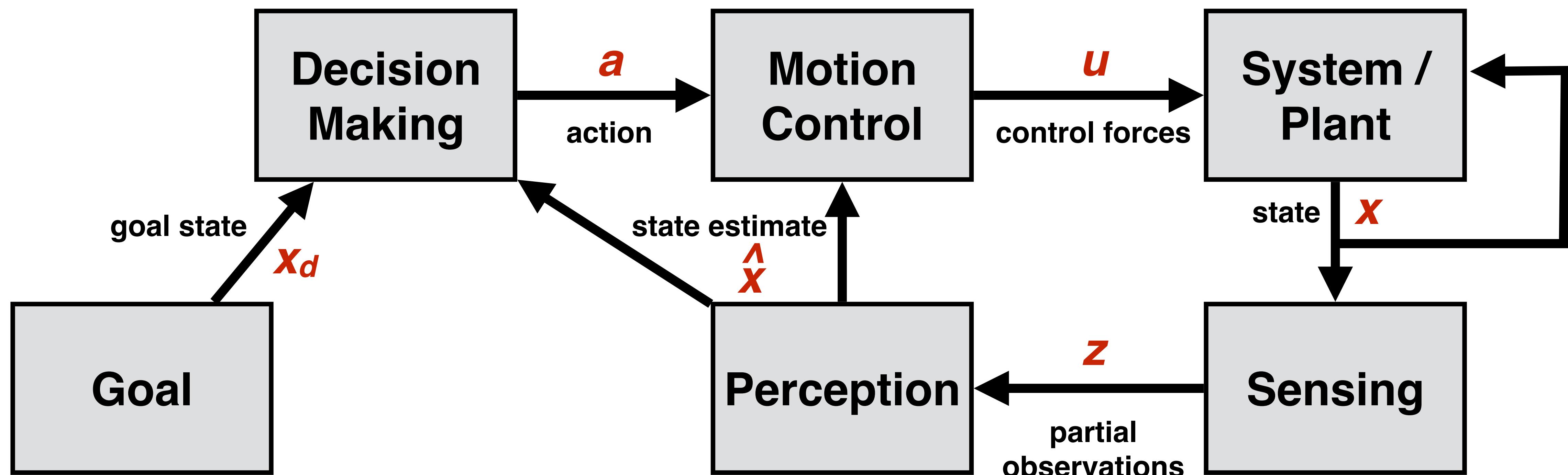
Lateral heading
of the robot



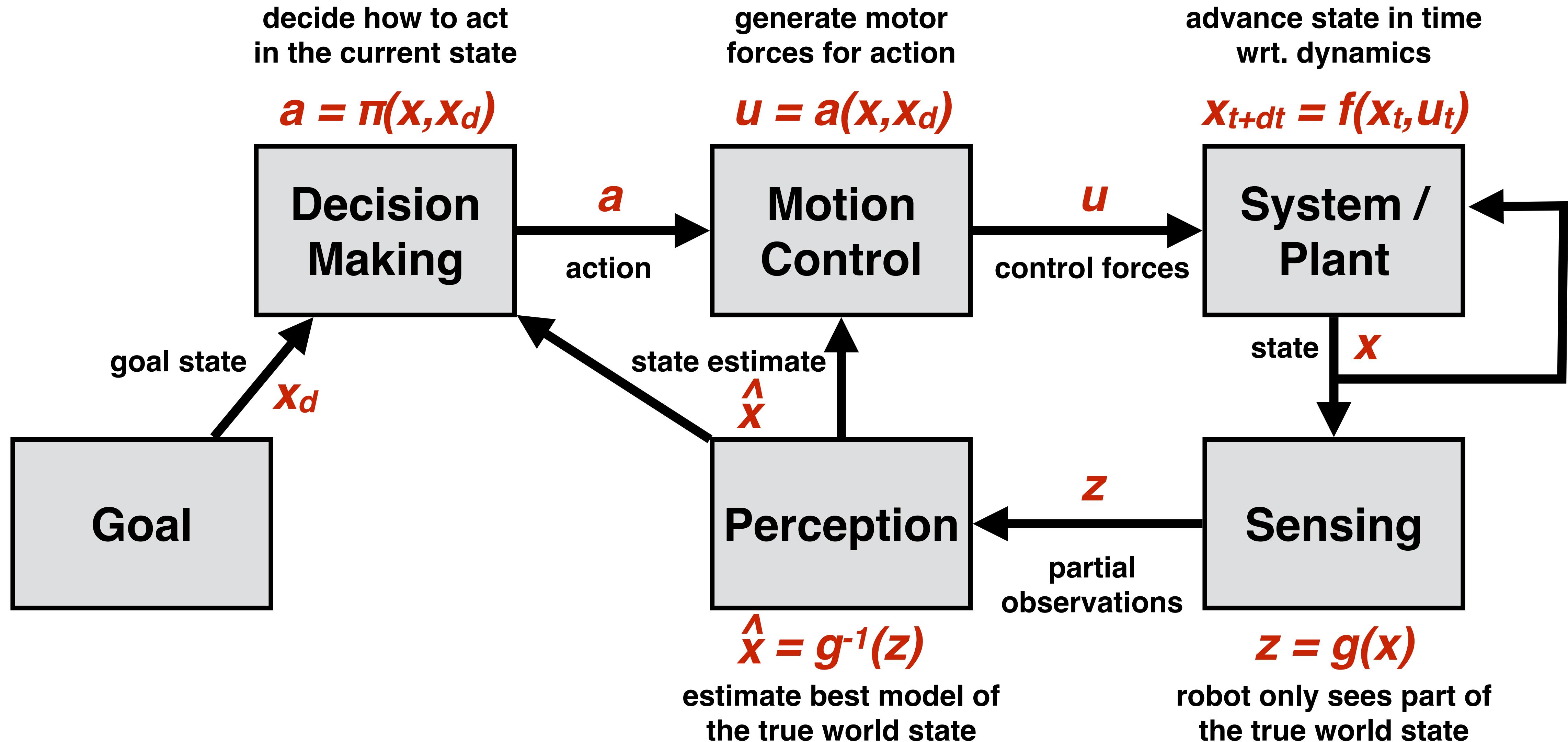
Decision Making



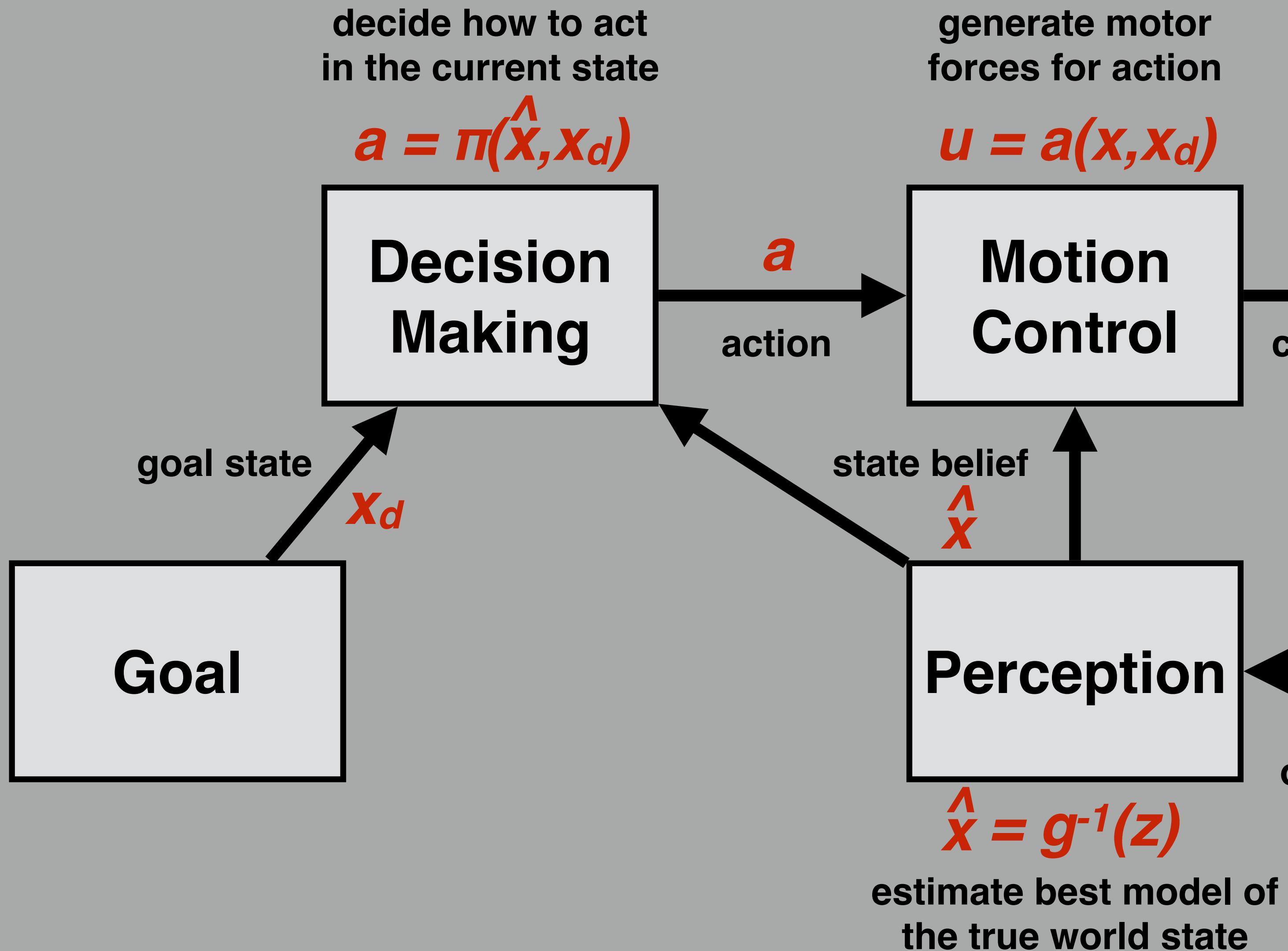
Robot Control Loop



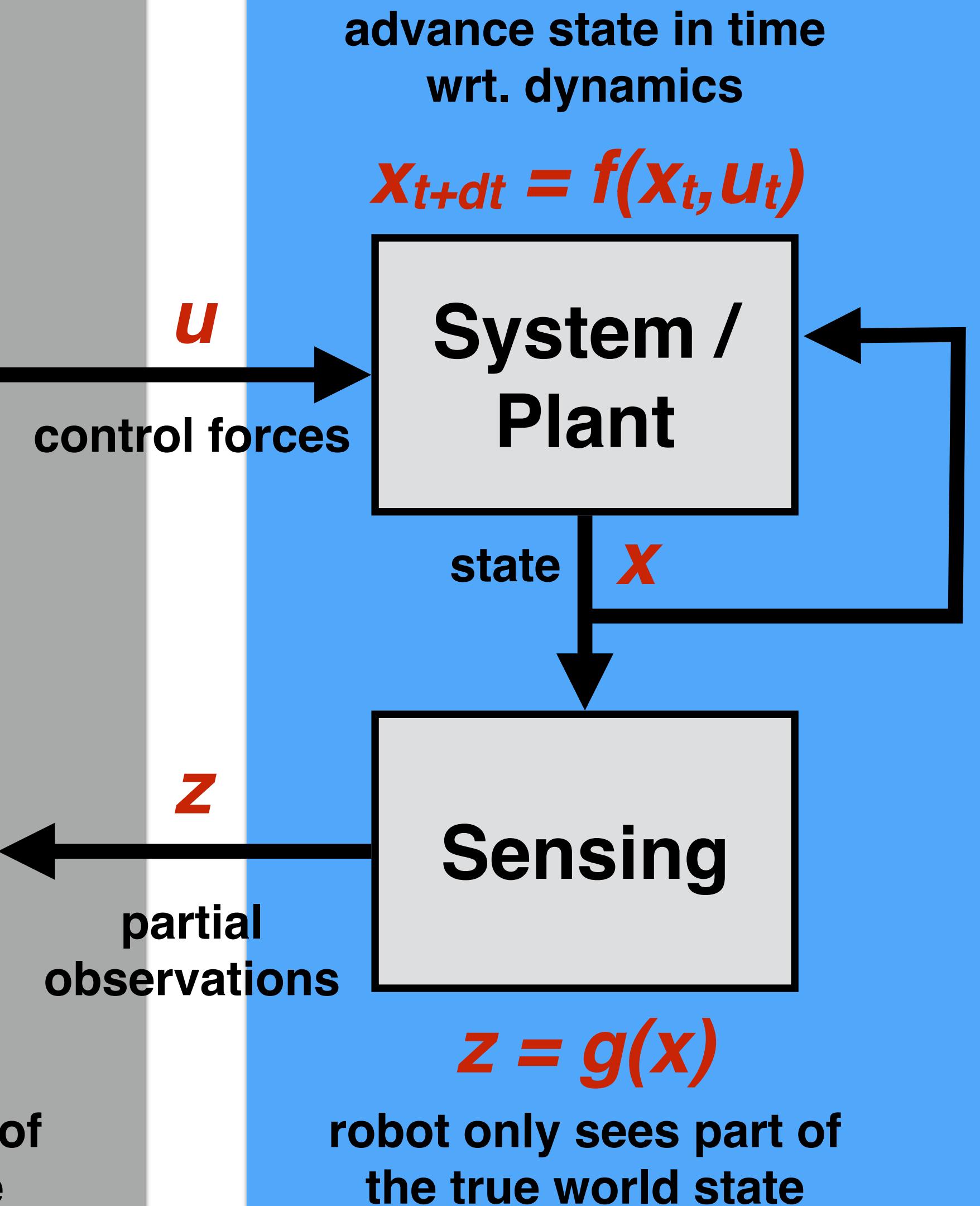
Robot Control Loop



Autonomy



Embodiment



App

Task

decide how to act
in the current state

$$a = \pi(\hat{x}, x_d)$$

Decision Making

a

action

goal state

x_d

Goal

State-Action

generate motor
forces for action

$$u = a(x, x_d)$$

Motion Control

u

control forces

state belief

\hat{x}

Perception

$$\hat{x} = g^{-1}(z)$$

estimate best model of
the true world state

Embodiment

advance state in time
wrt. dynamics

$$x_{t+dt} = f(x_t, u_t)$$

**System /
Plant**

state

x

Sensing

z

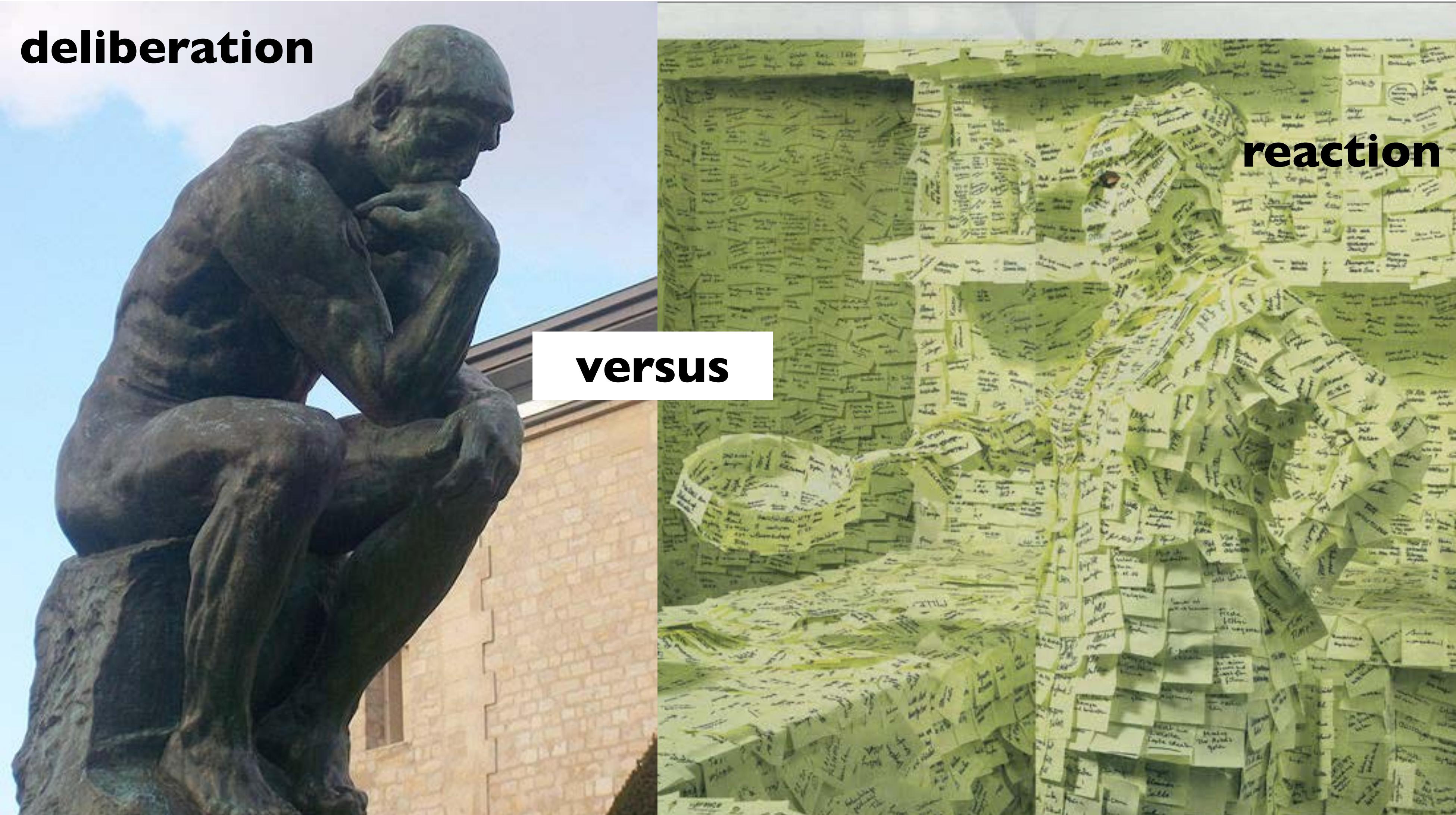
partial
observations

$$z = g(x)$$

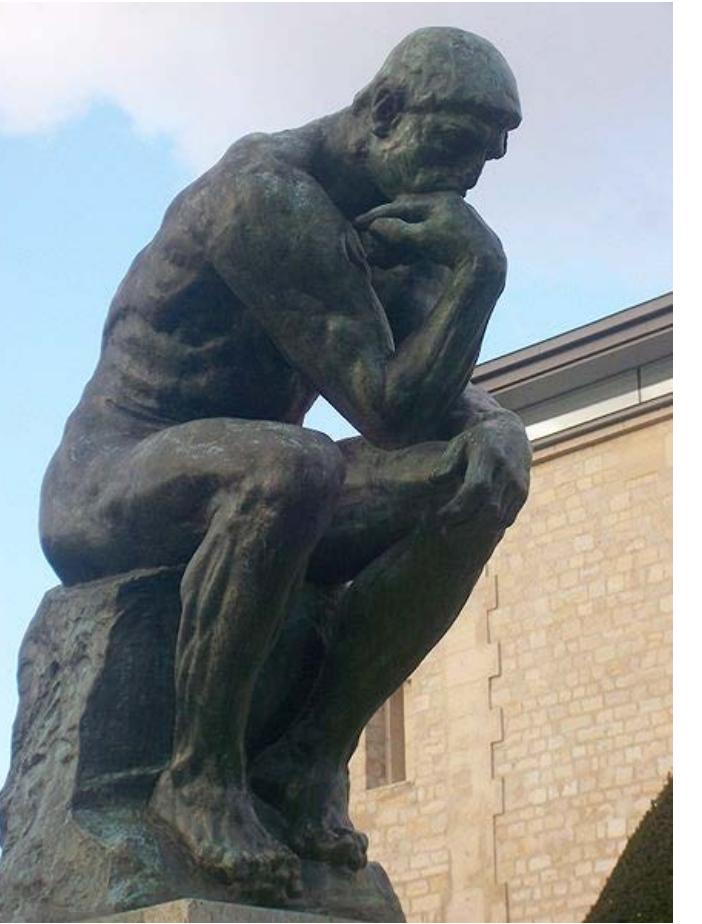
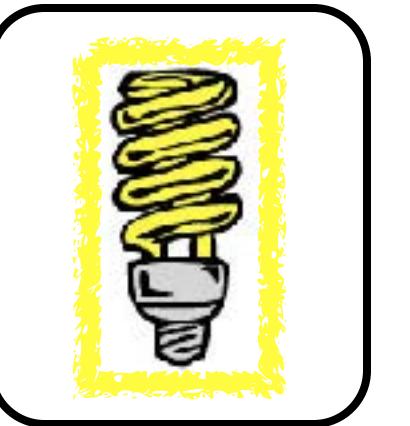
robot only sees part of
the true world state



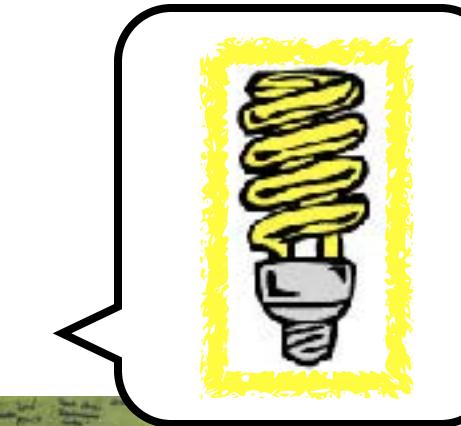
Robot Decision Making



Should your robot's decision making



OR

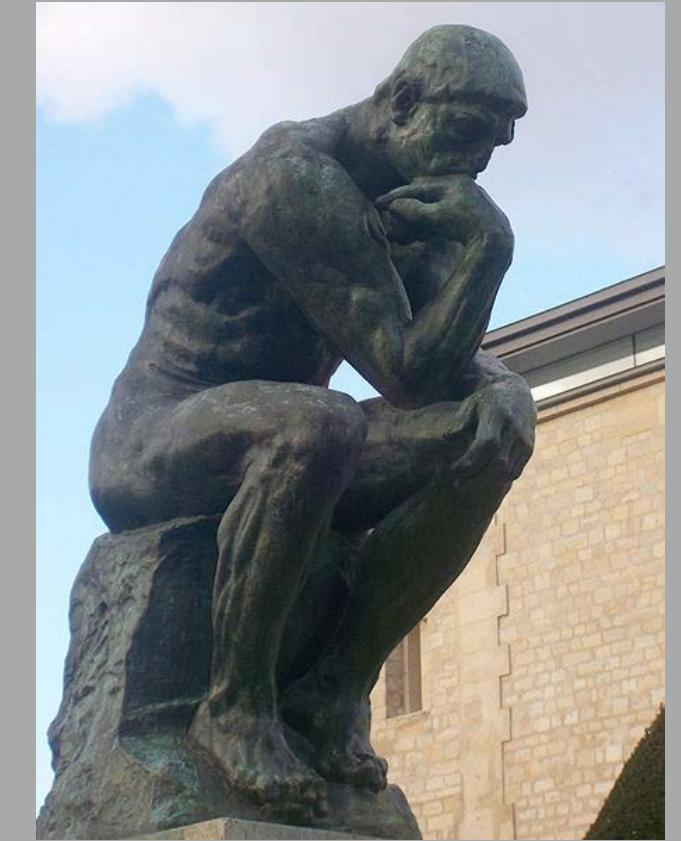
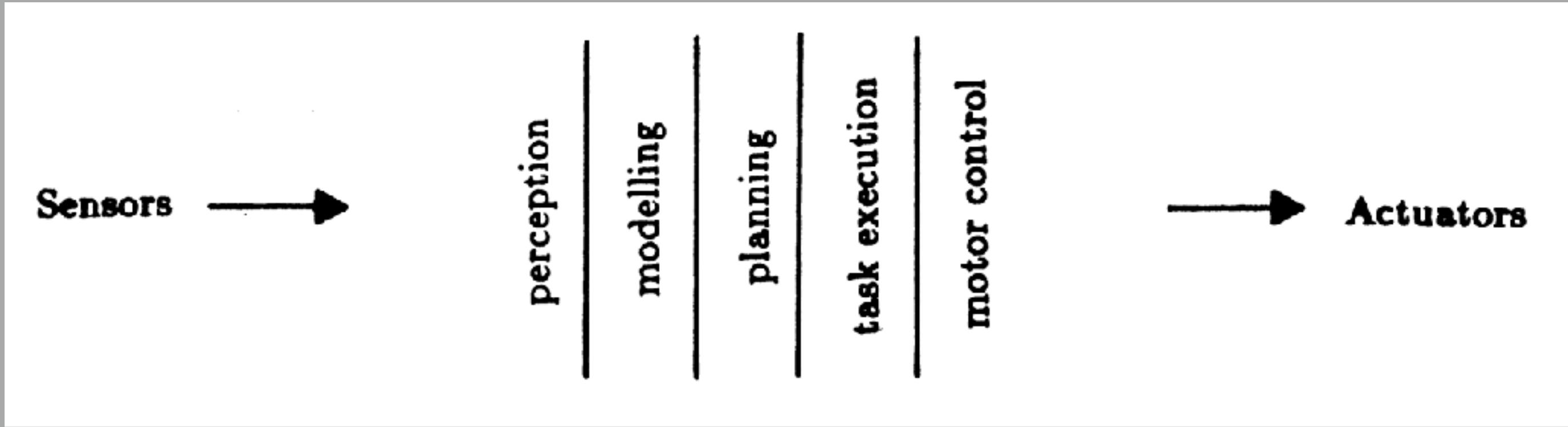


fully think through
solving a problem?

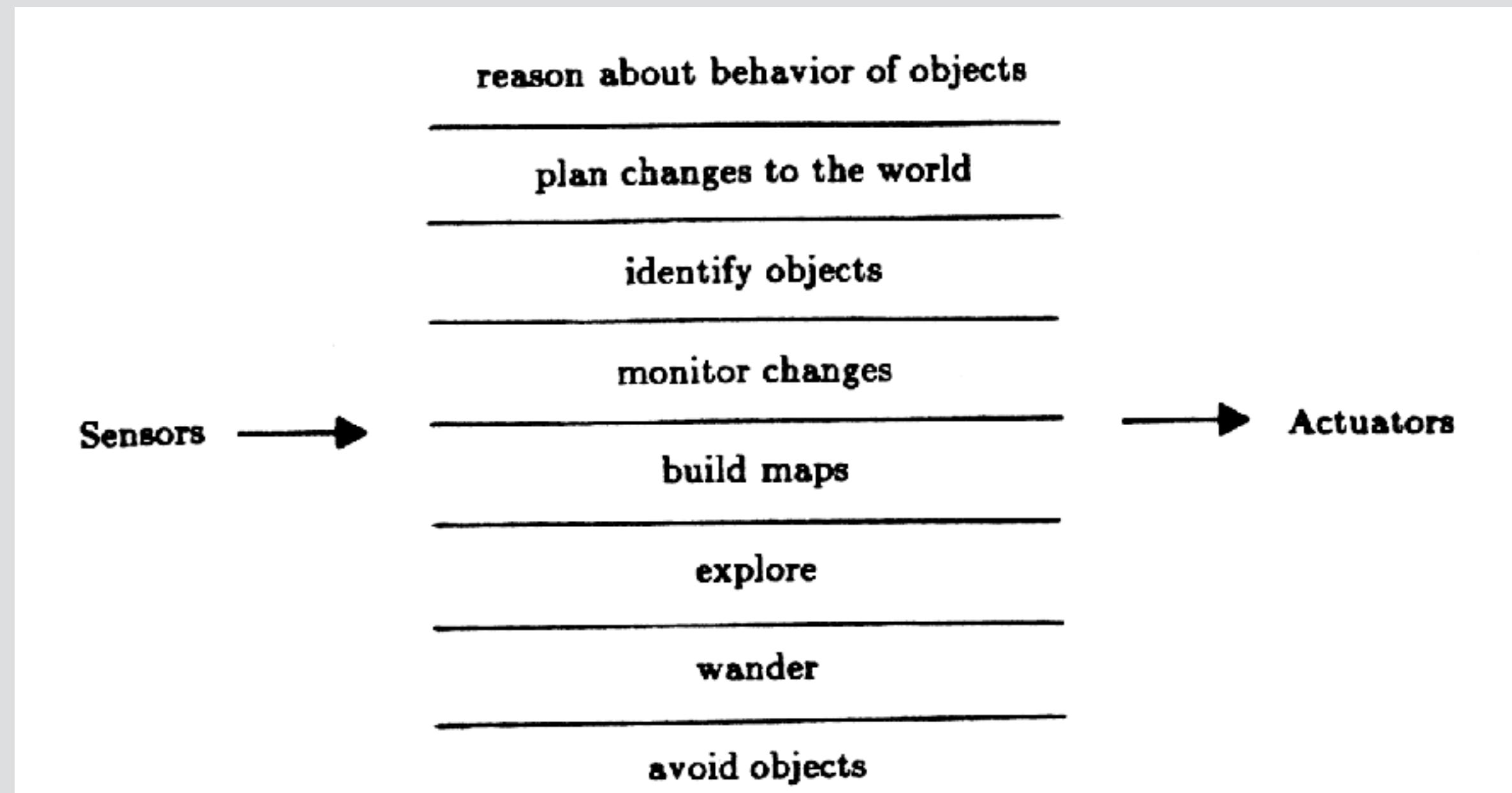
react quickly to
changes in its world?

Deliberation v. Reaction

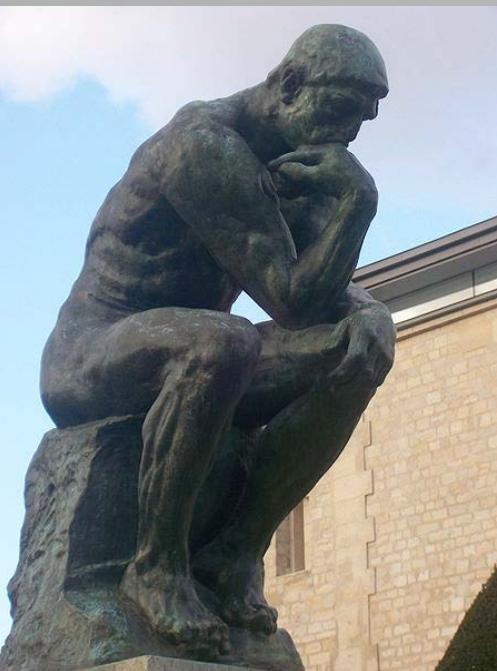
deliberative:
sense-plan-act,
path planning
motion planning



reaction:
controllers acting in parallel
subsumption,
Finite State Machine



Deliberation-Reaction spectrum



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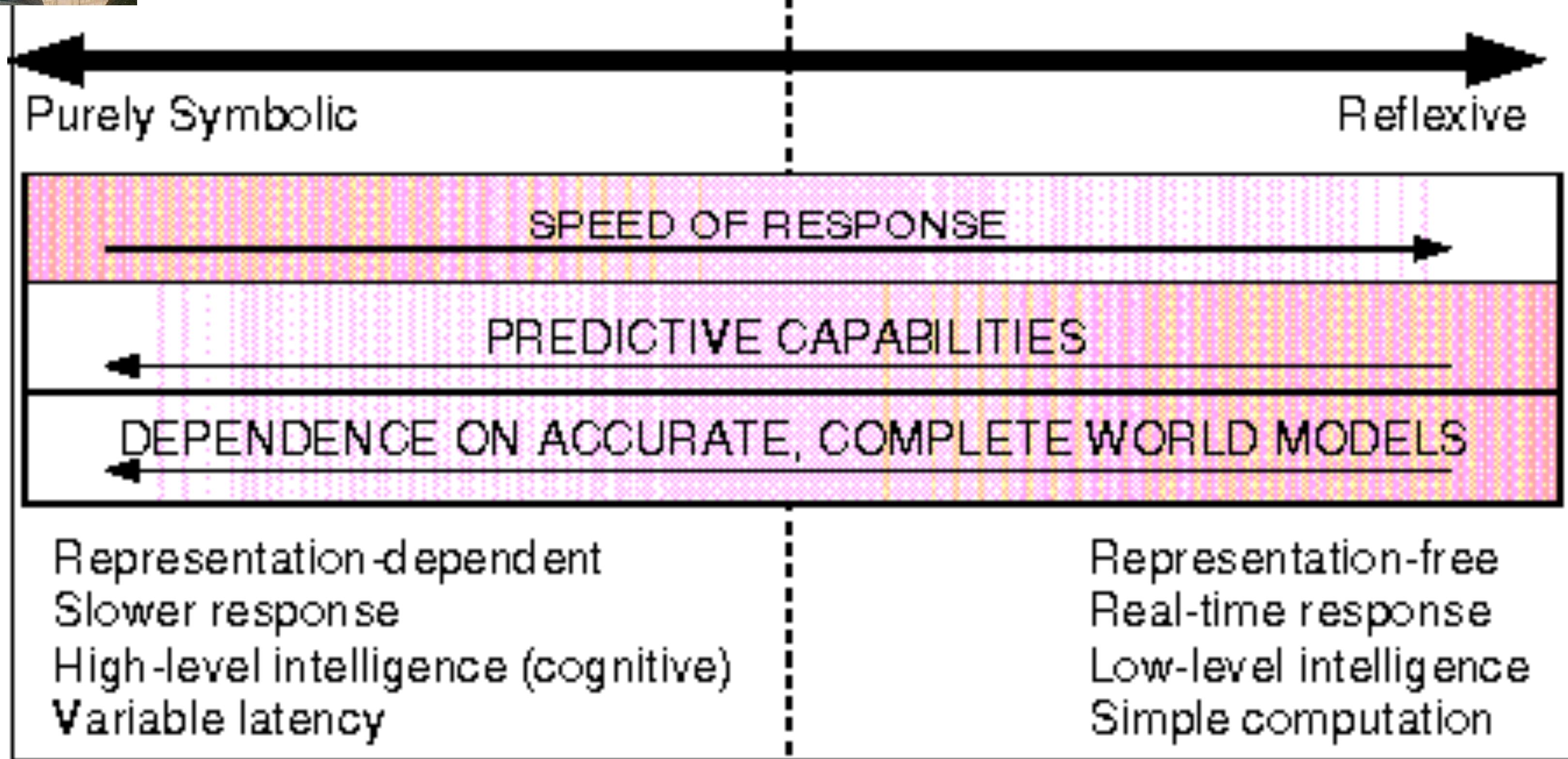
REACTIVE

Complete
Adaptive
Optimal
Slower

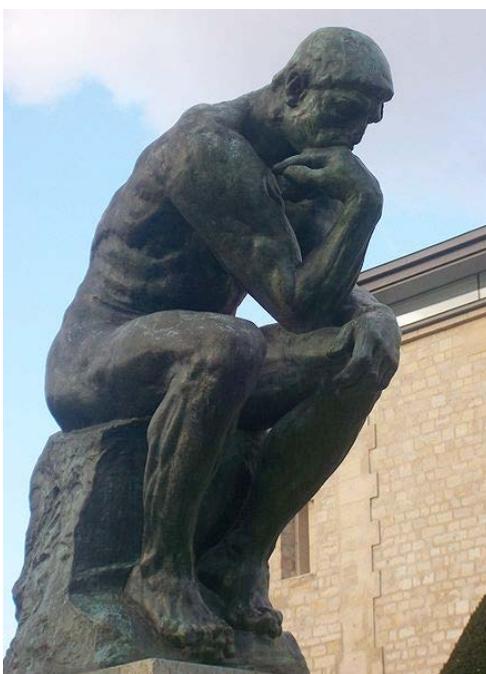
Faster
Cheaper
More robust
Forgetful

Requires
complete model
of the world

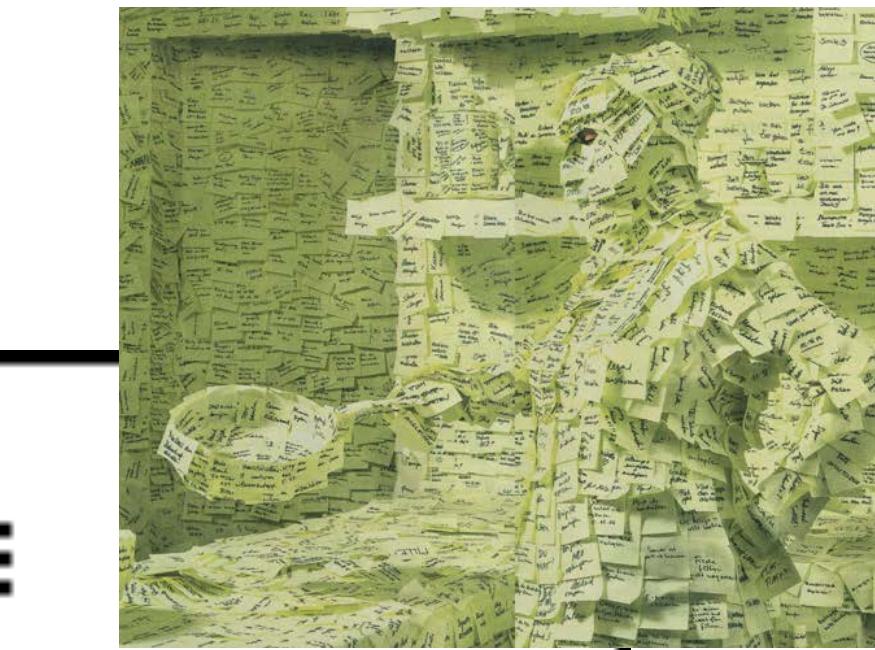
Requires a
complete design
of the problem



Examples?



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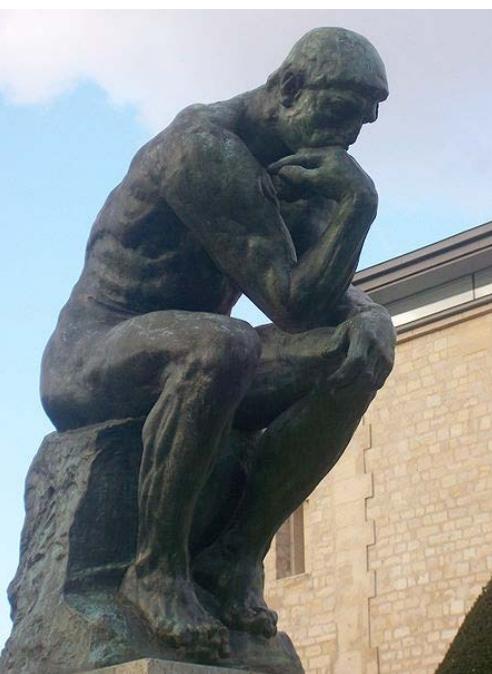
REACTIVE

example???

Purely Symbolic

Reflexive

Examples?



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REACTIVE

Purely Symbolic

Reflexive



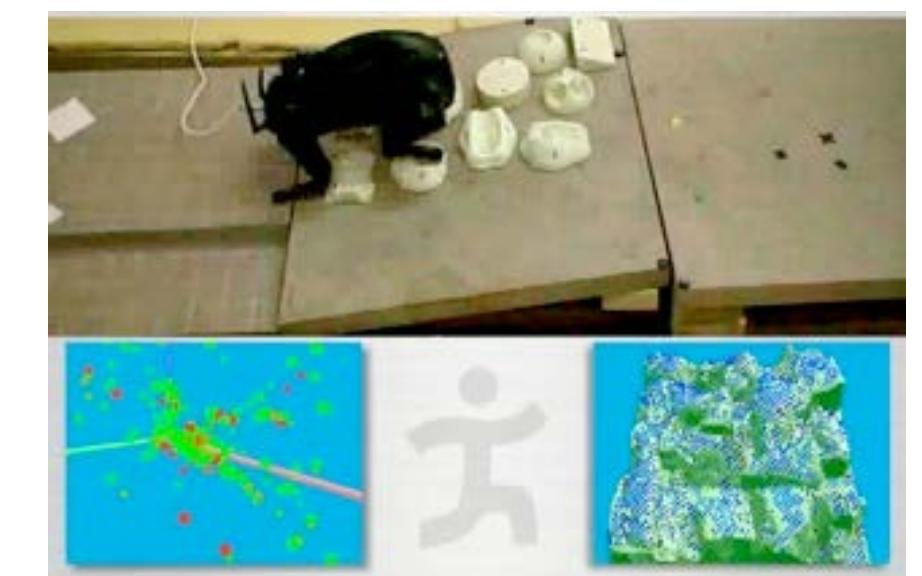
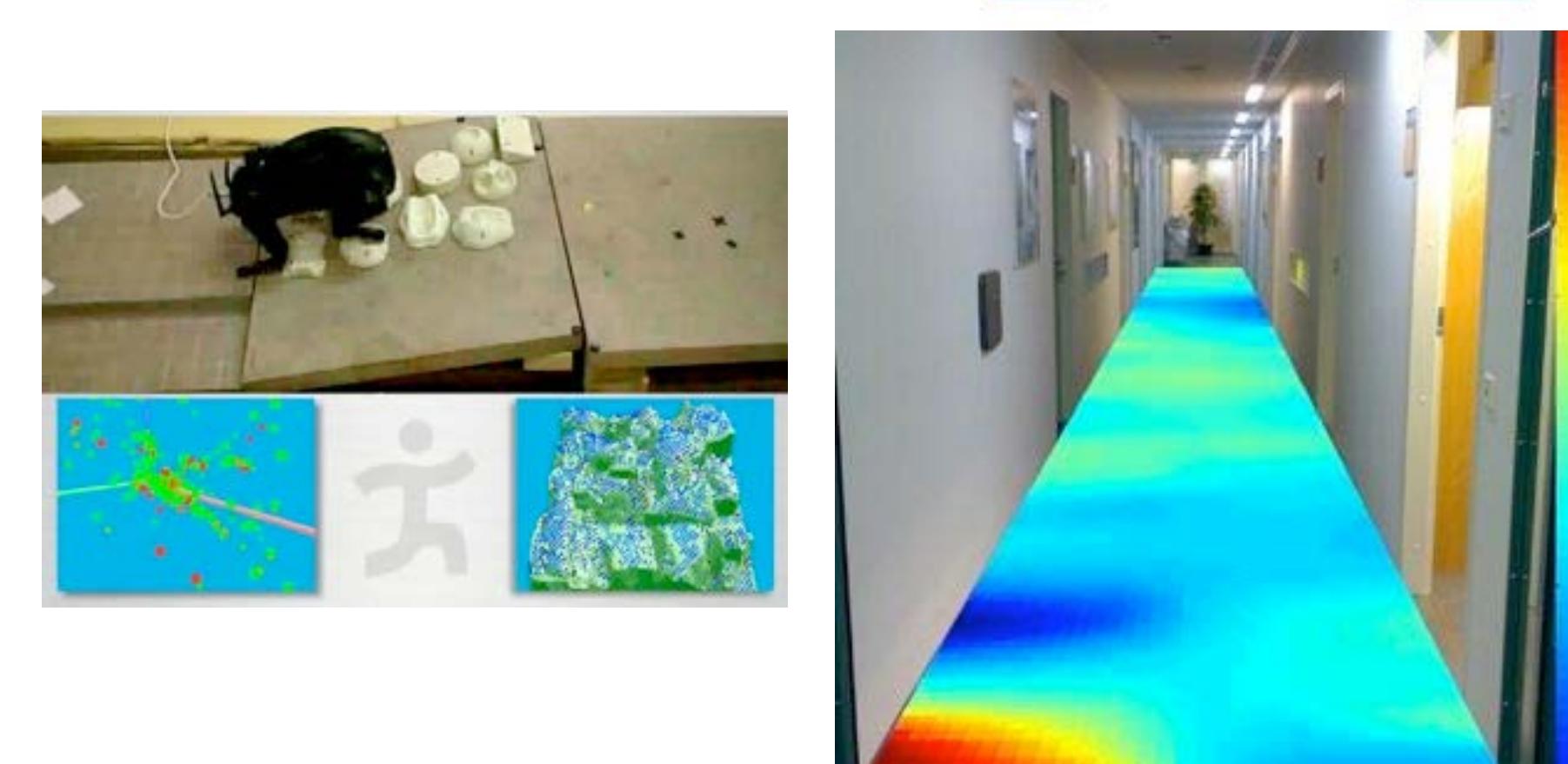
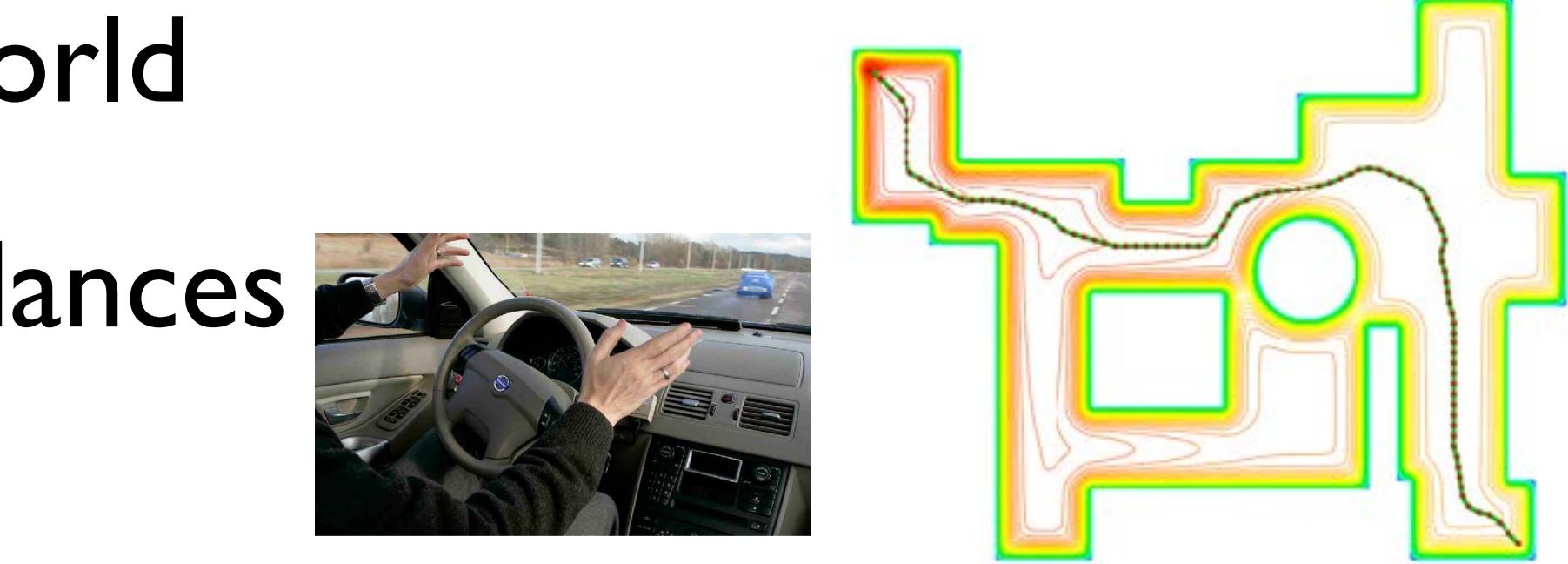
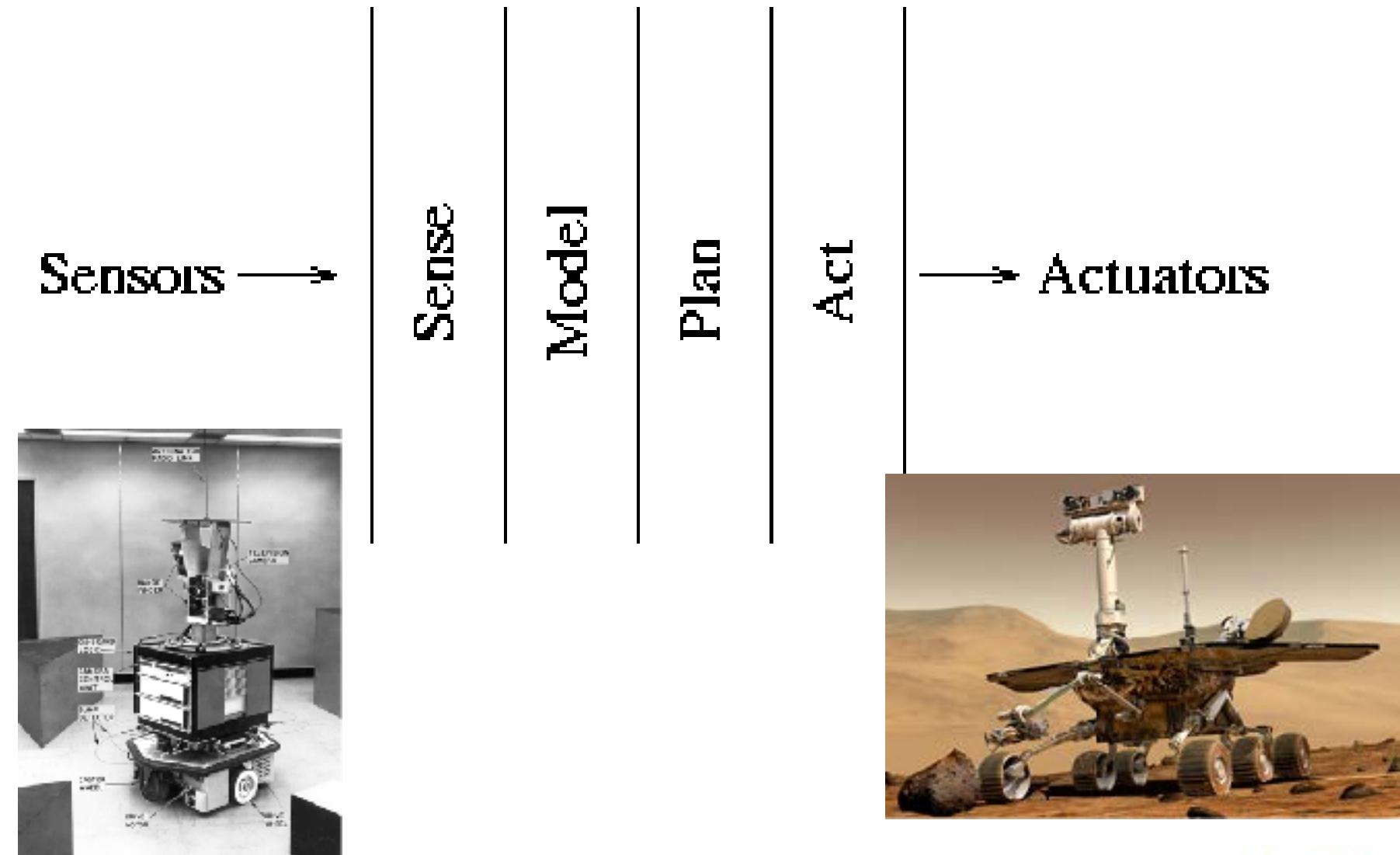
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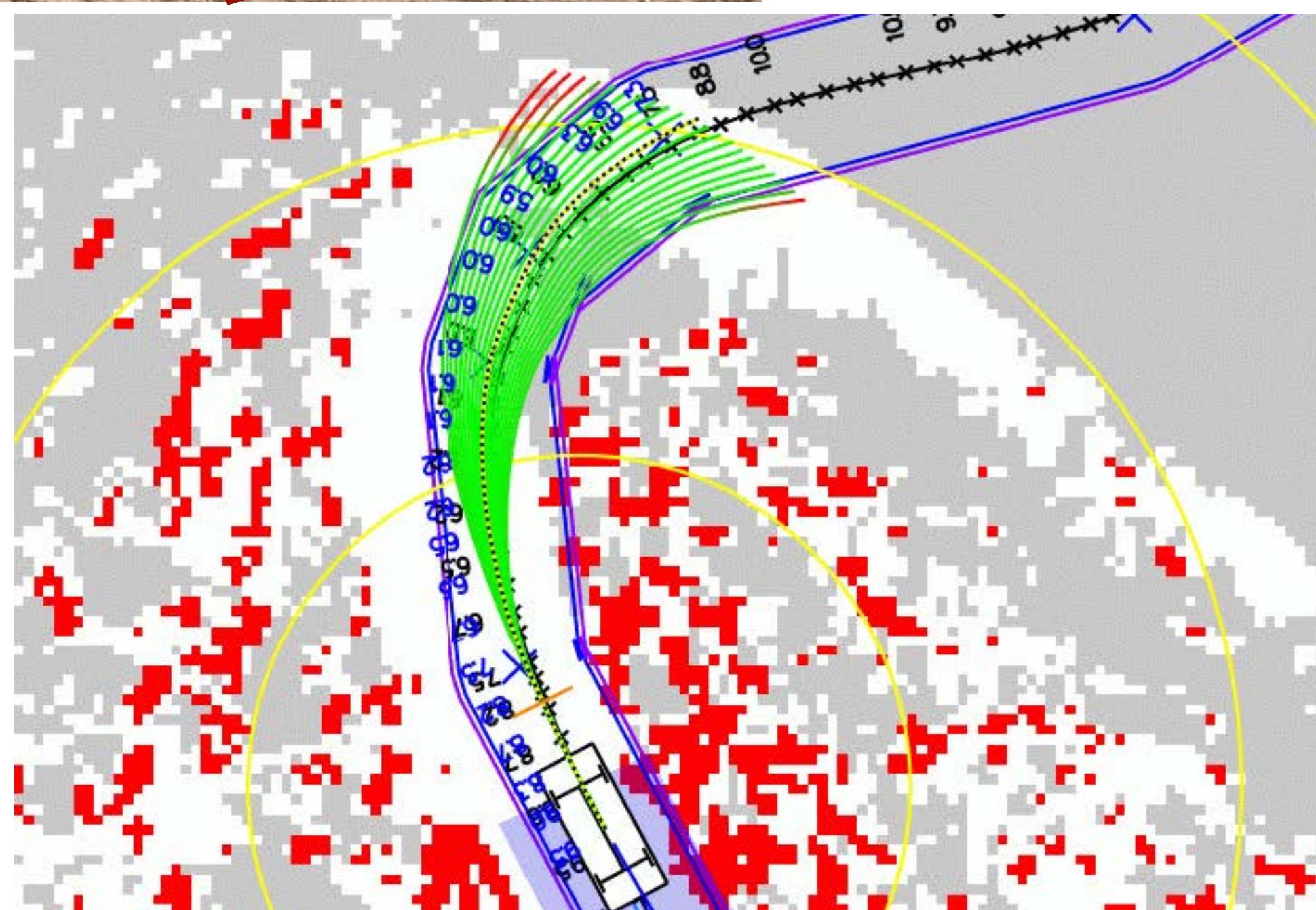
Deliberation

“Sense-Plan-Act” paradigm

- sense: build most complete model of world
 - GPS, SLAM, 3D reconstruction, affordances
- plan: search over all possible outcomes
 - Graph search, Roadmap planning
- act: execute plan through motor forces
 - PID control, Model predictive control



Stanley (Grand Challenge)



Navigation



Road detection

2005



MIT Talos (Urban Challenge)



2007





2013



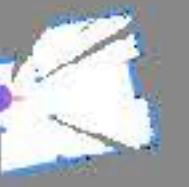
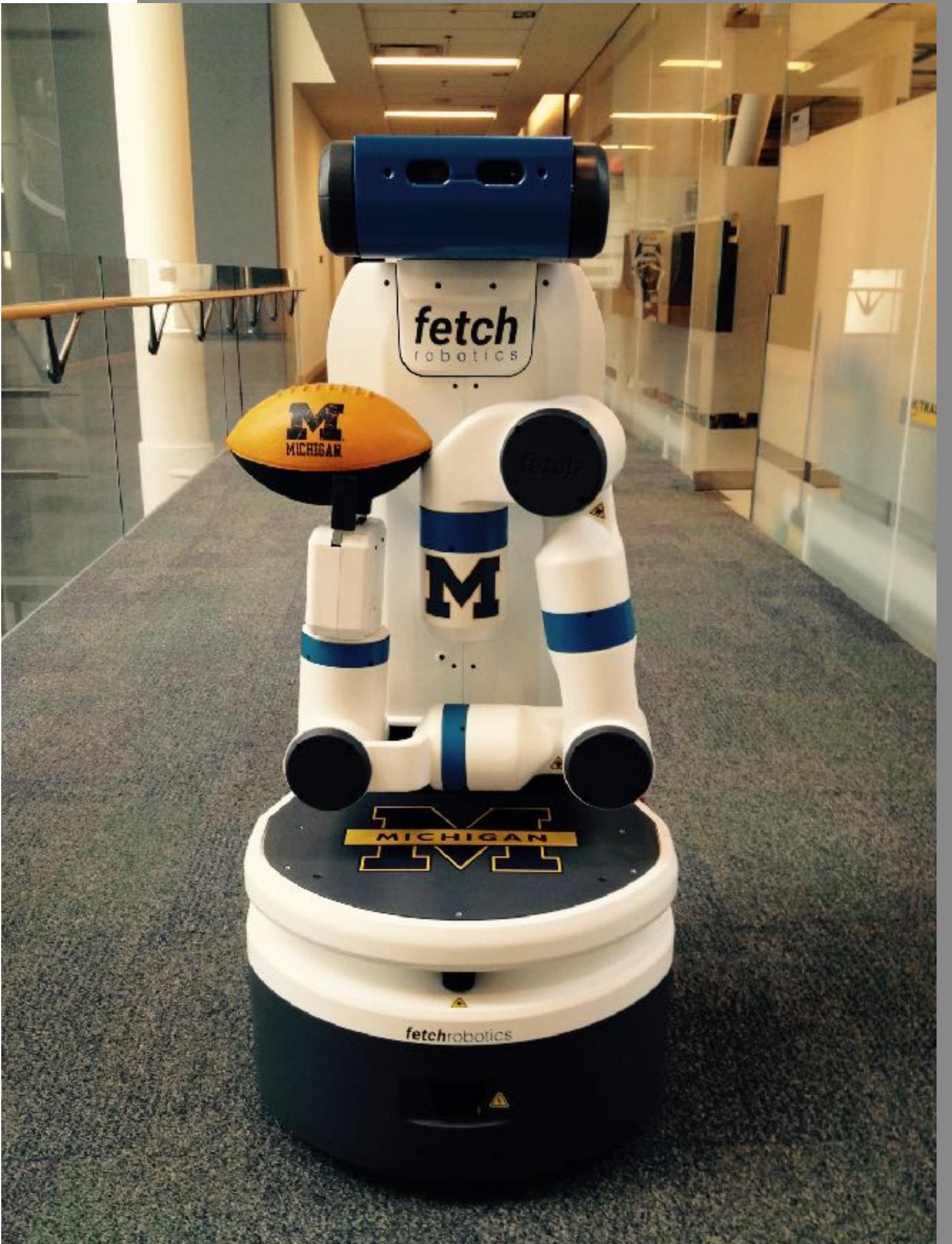
Deliberation
requires a model of the world



Color+Depth Camera



Laser Rangefinder



Simultaneous Localization and Mapping



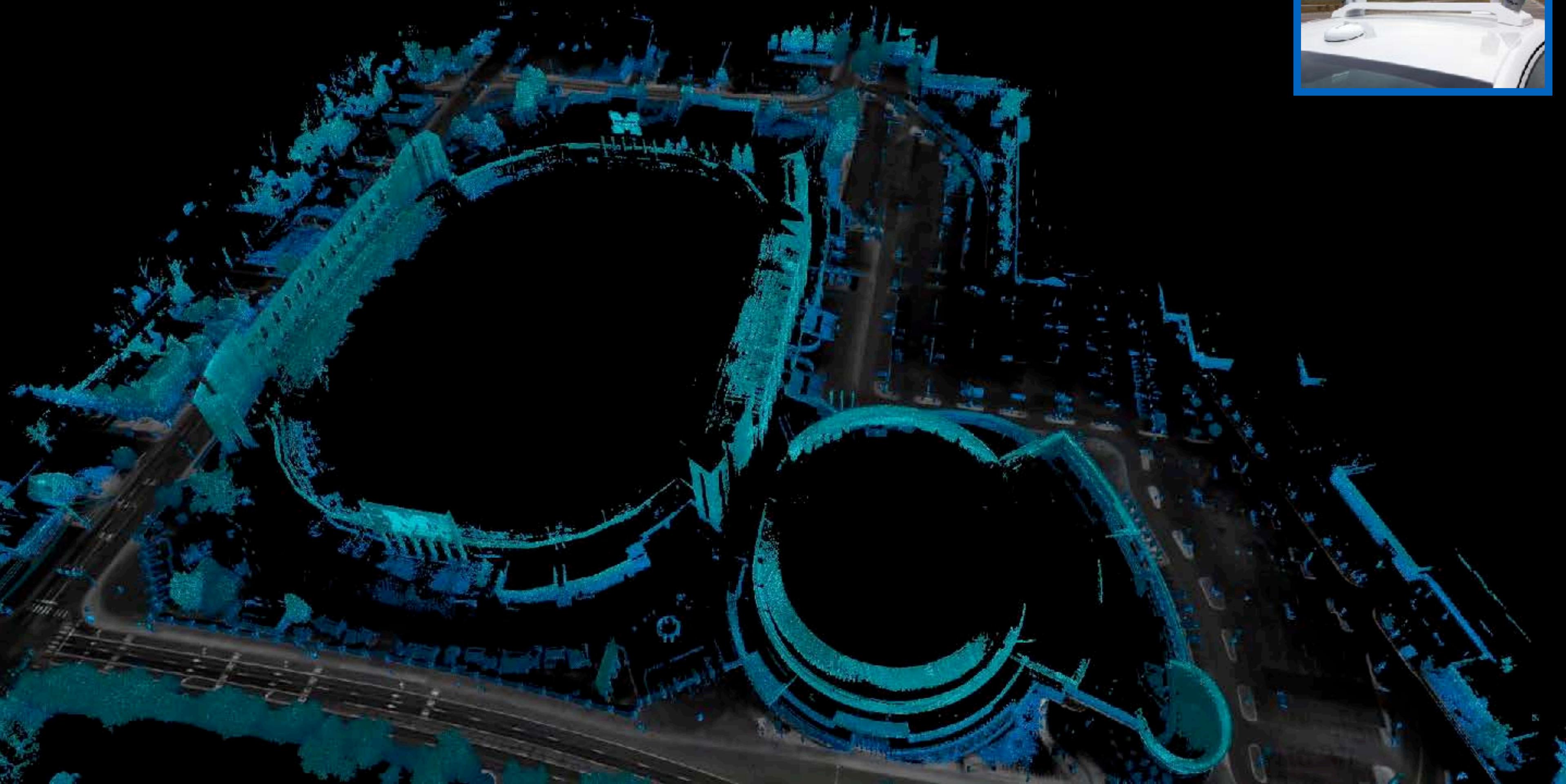


Autonomous robot navigation
from previously built map





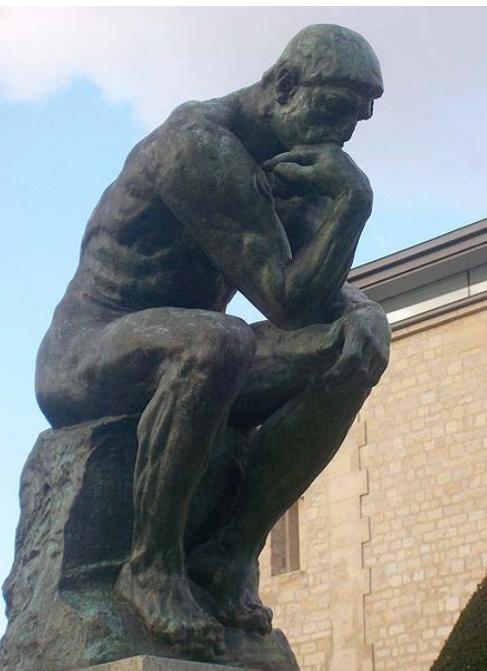
Michigan Next Generation Vehicle (Eustice, Olson et al.)



Autonomous Transportation

Michigan Next Generation Vehicle (Eustice, Olson et al.)

Examples?



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REACTIVE

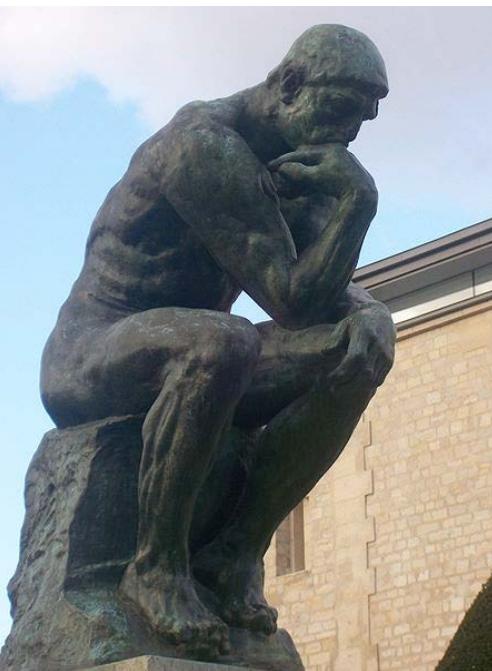
Purely Symbolic

Reflexive



more common
example???

Examples?



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REACTIVE

← Purely Symbolic

→ Reflexive



Reaction

- No representation of state
 - Typically, fast hardcoded rules
- Embodied intelligence
 - behavior \leftarrow control + embodiment
 - Stigmergy (e.g, ant scouts using pheromones)
- Finite State Machines
 - most common
- Subsumption architecture
 - prioritized reactive policies

Sensors → → Actuators

Explore

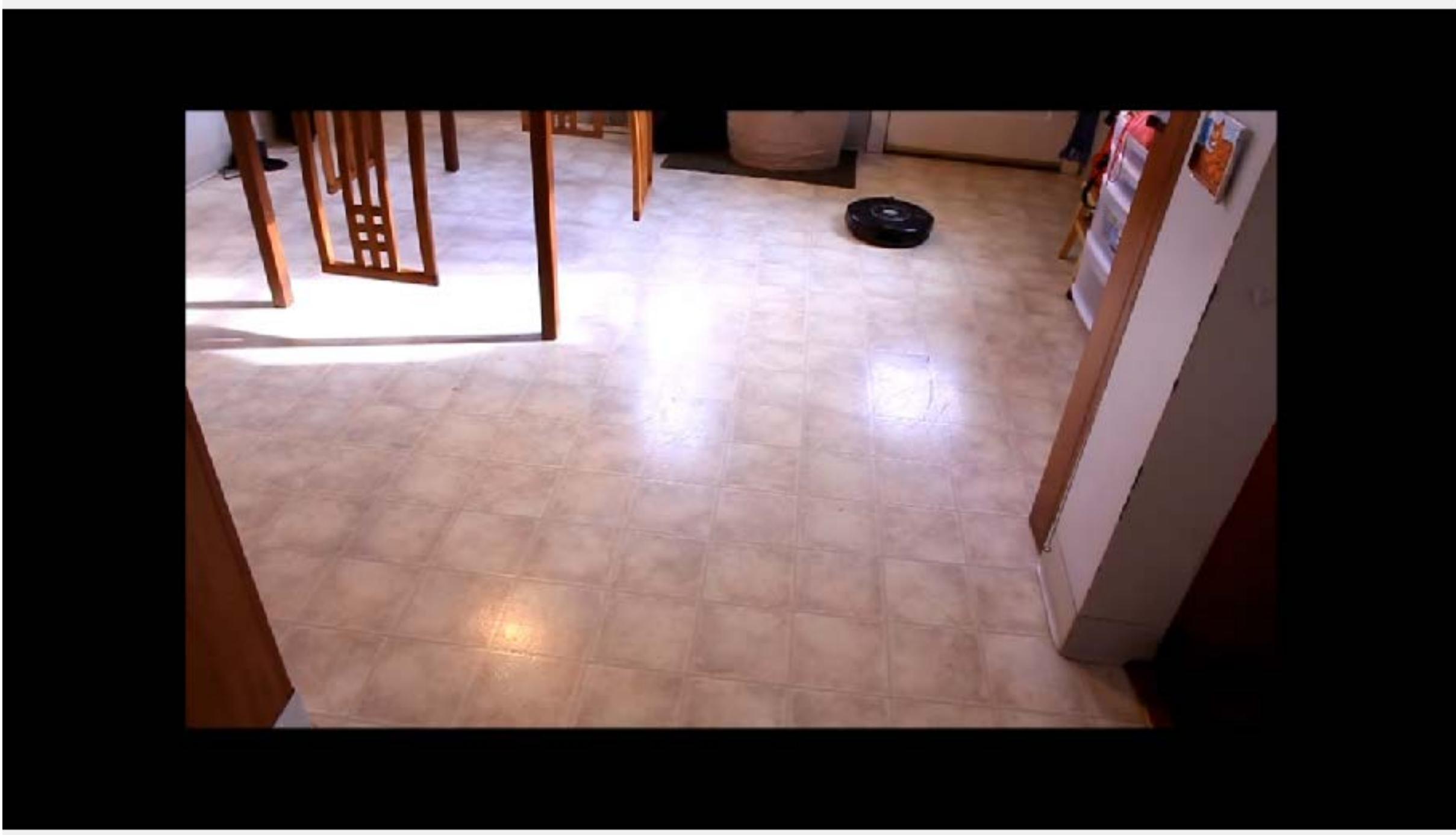
Wander Around

Avoid Obstacles

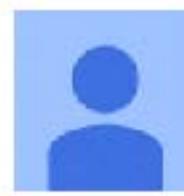
Avoid Collision



Roomba cleaning pattern



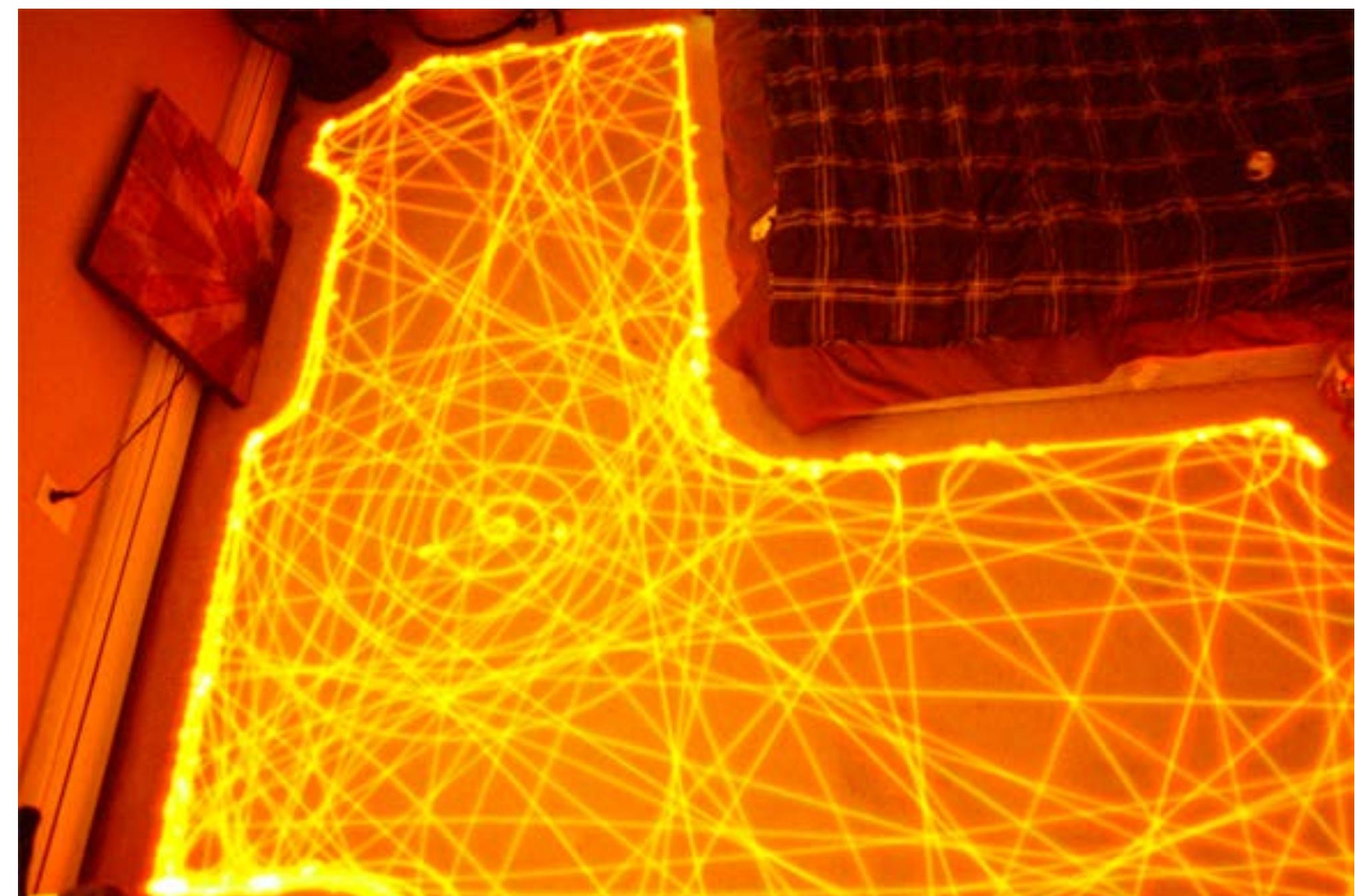
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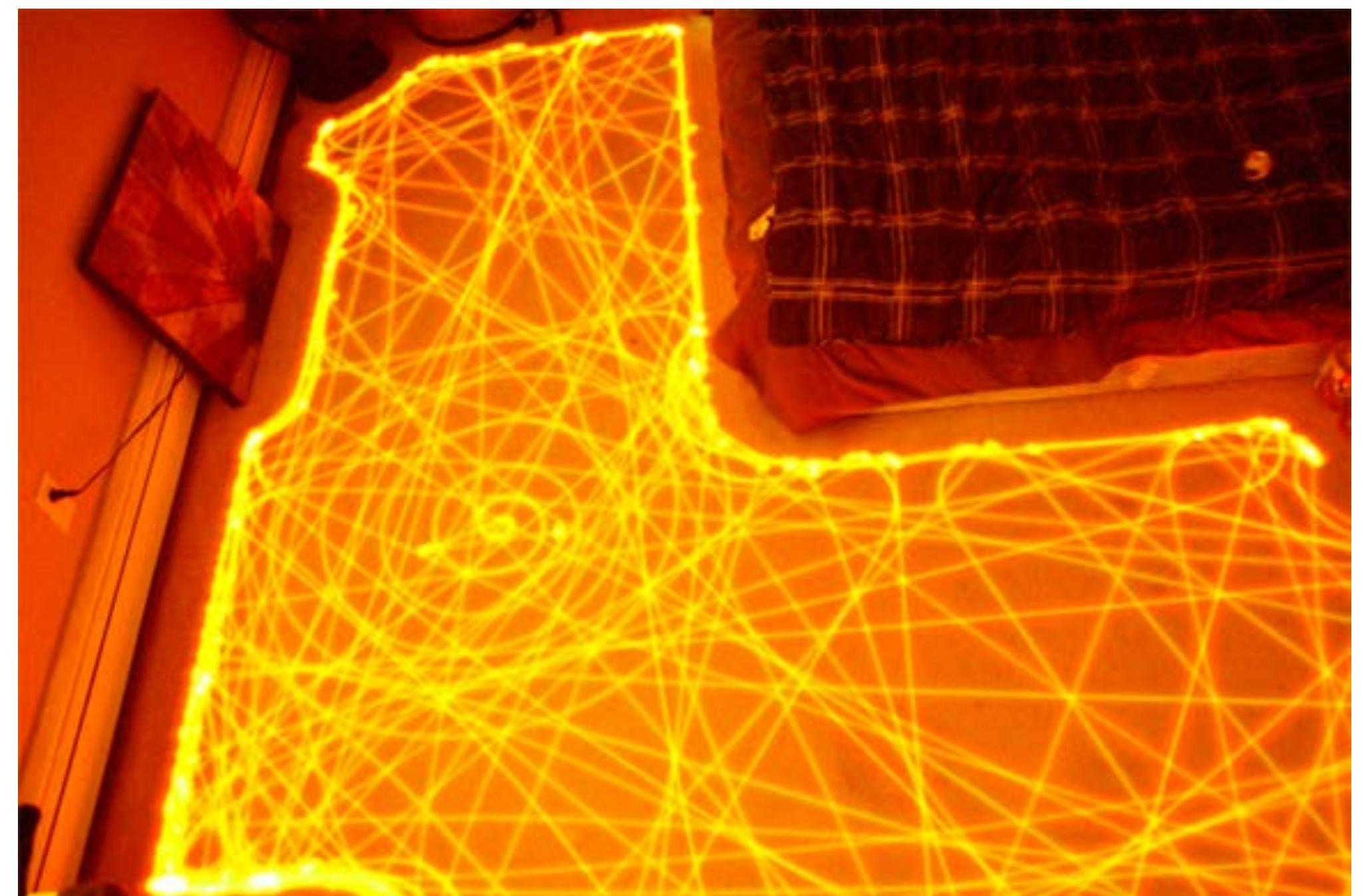
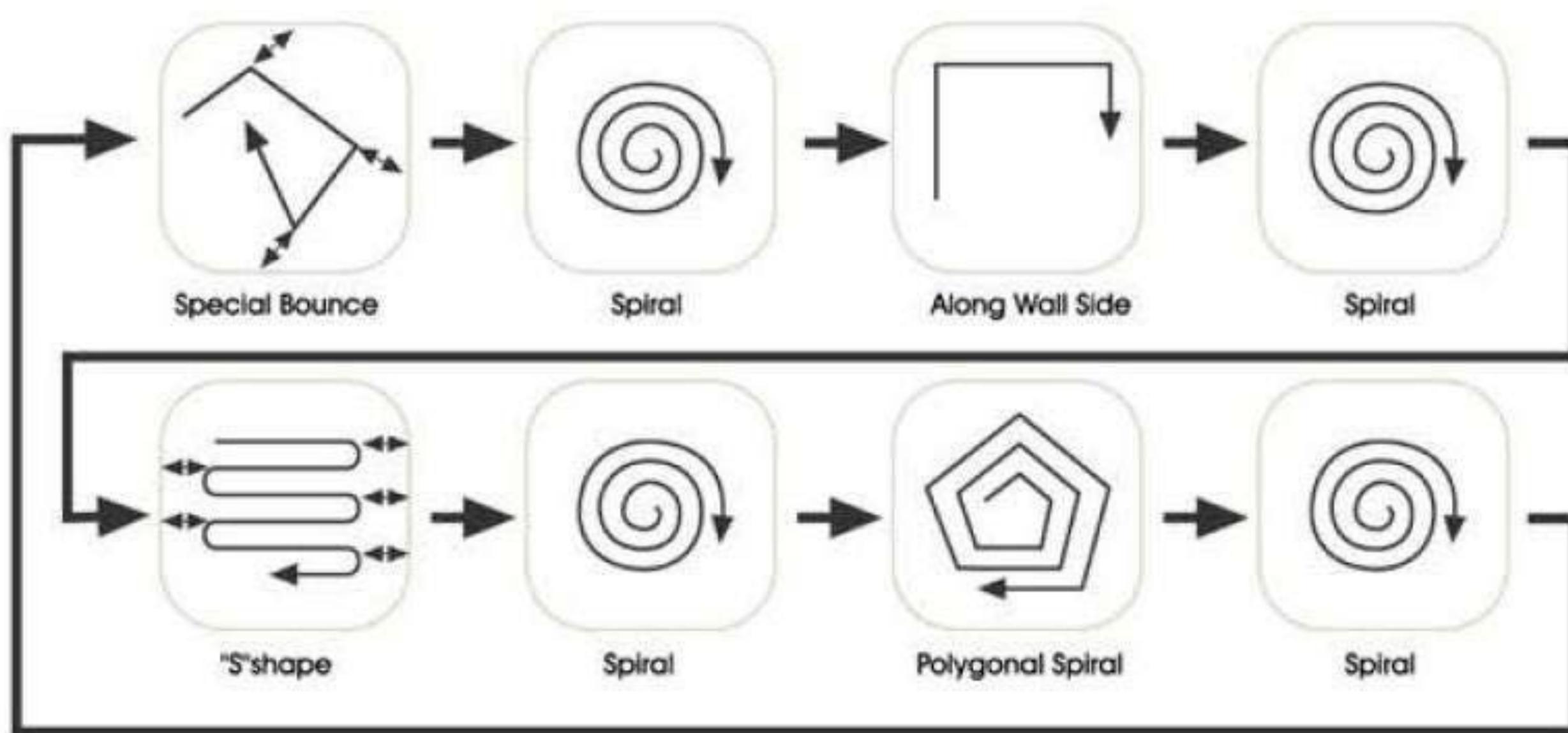
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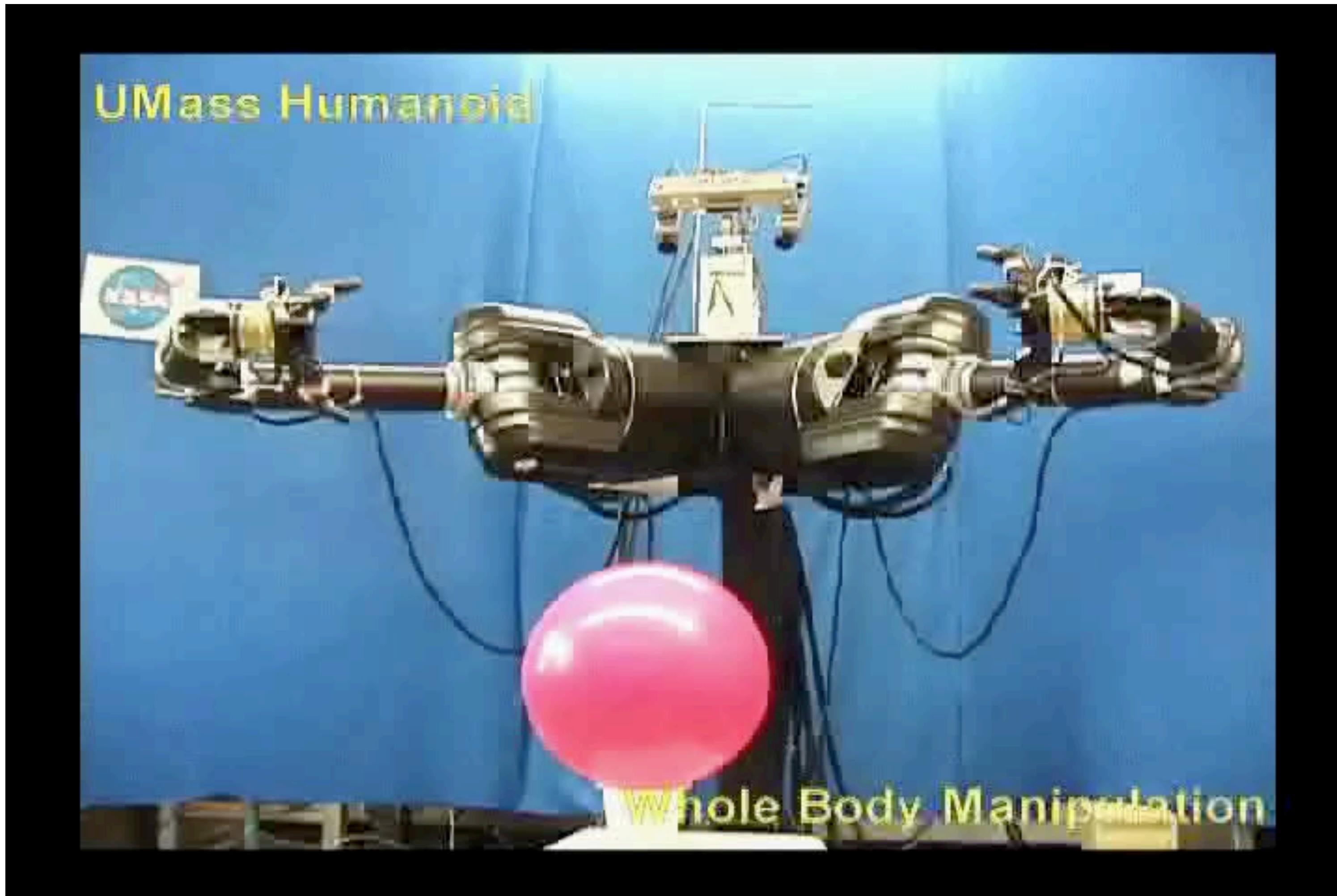
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Vacuuming Finite State Machine



Manipulation Gaits

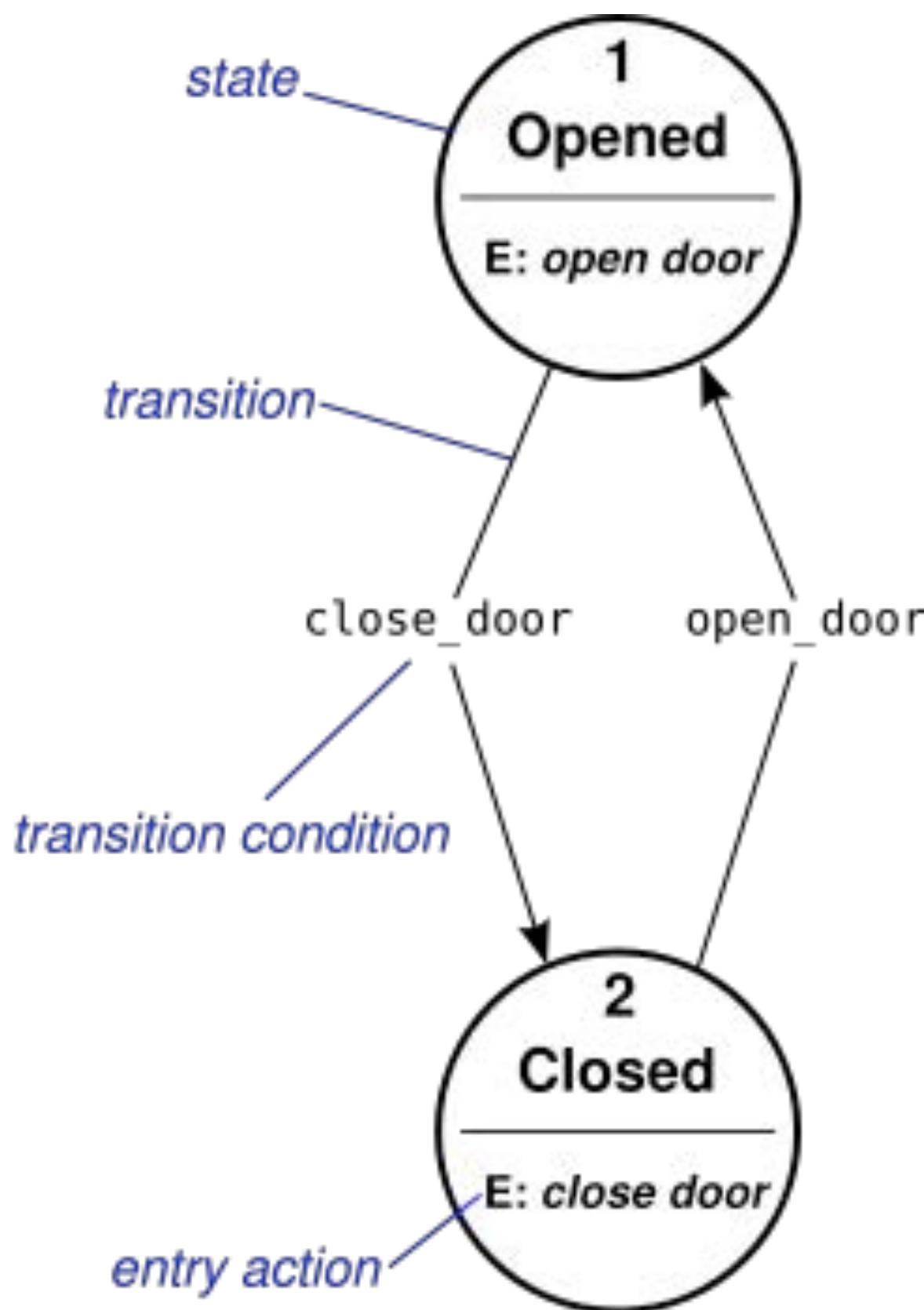


Collections of robust
manipulation controllers

How do we computationally represent reactive control?

Finite State Machines

- Components
 - alphabet (or inputs)
 - “observations” in robotics
 - states (some robot action)
 - transitions (between states)
 - stopping condition
- Commonly, implemented as switch-case or if-else within a while loop

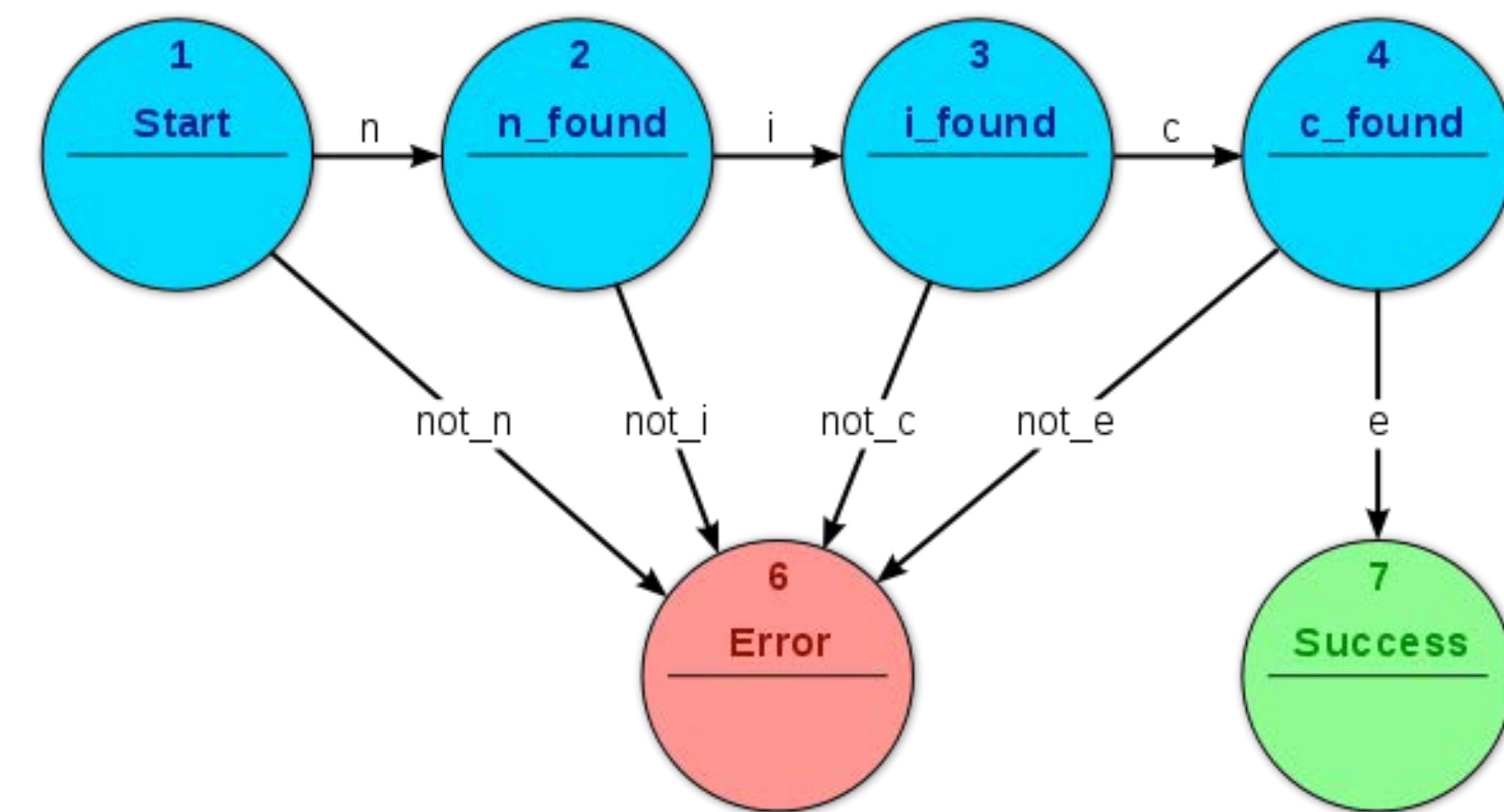


http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Switch_statement

“nice” recognizer

- recognize the string “nice” from input

- if input is “nice”
 - output **success**
 - if input not “nice”
 - output **error**



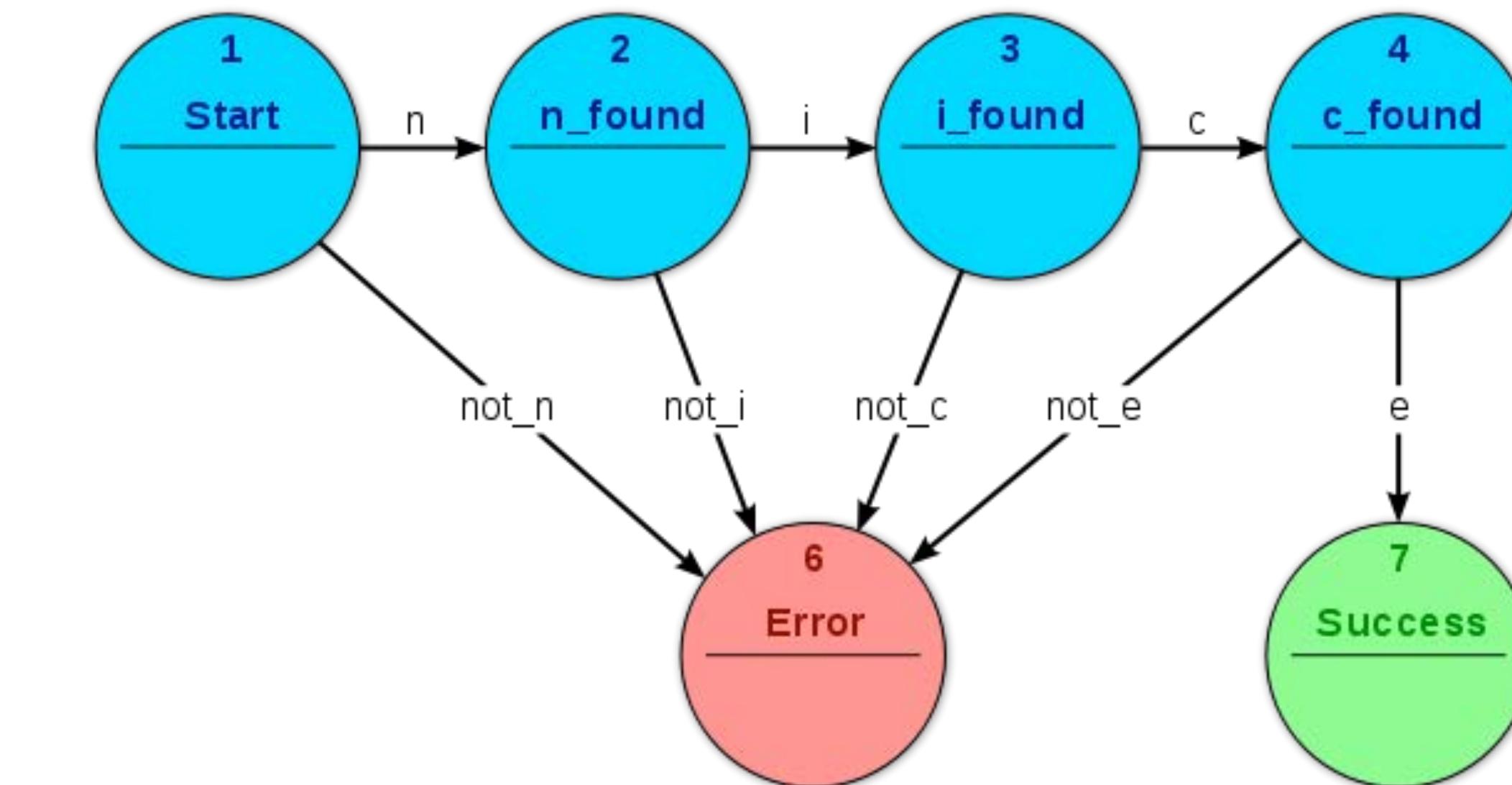
- robotics uses
 - preconditions (enter state)
 - postconditions (exit state)

```

state ← start
while state != success and state != error
    token ← <next string character from input>
    switch (state):
        case start:
            if token = "n" then state ← n_found
            else state ← error
            break
        case n_found:
            if token = "i" then state ← i_found
            else state ← error
            break
        case i_found:
            if token = "c" then state ← c_found
            else state ← error
            break
        case c_found:
            if token = "e" then state ← success
            else state ← error
            break
    end while loop
    output ← state

```

“nice” recognizer



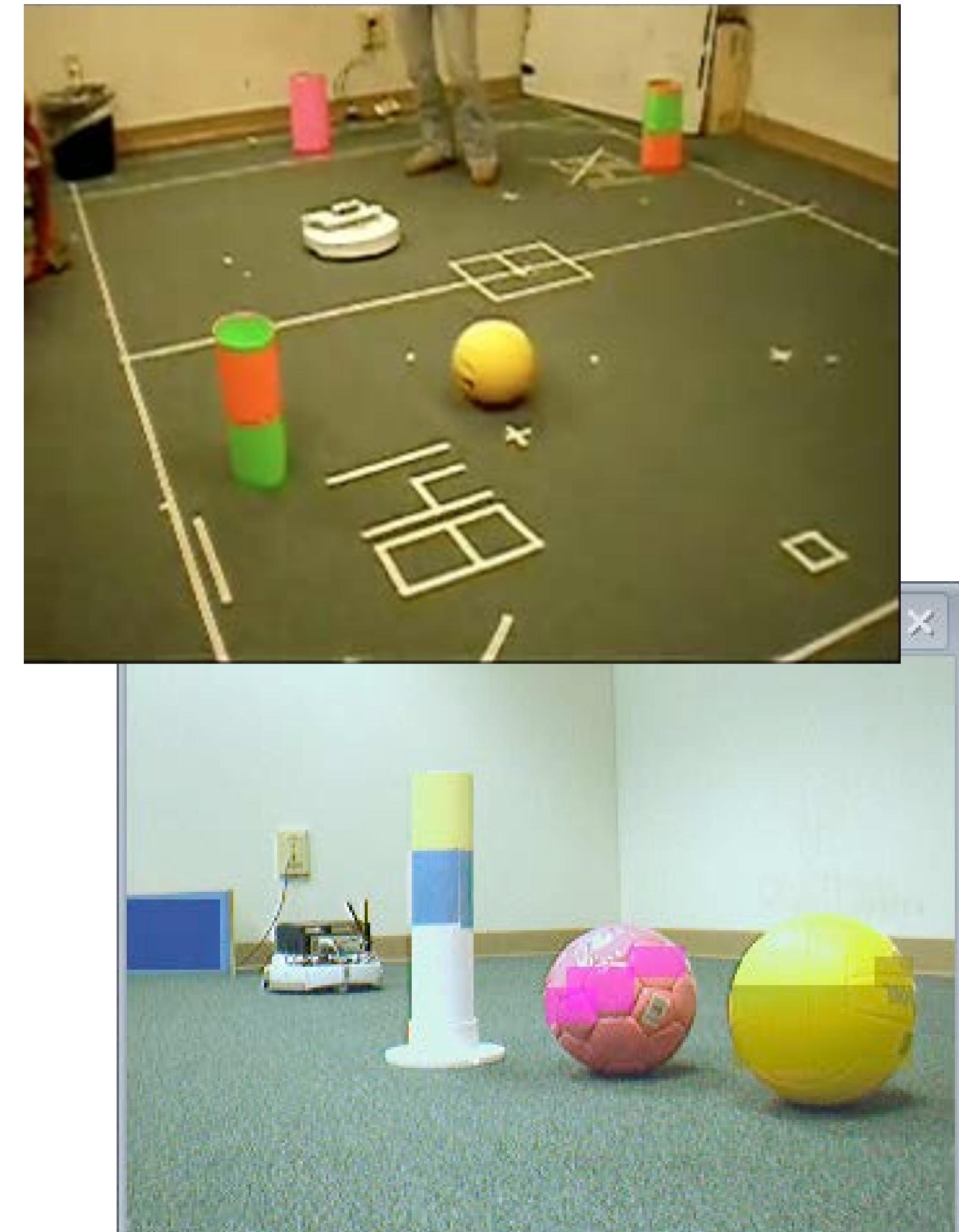
Consider input: “nice”

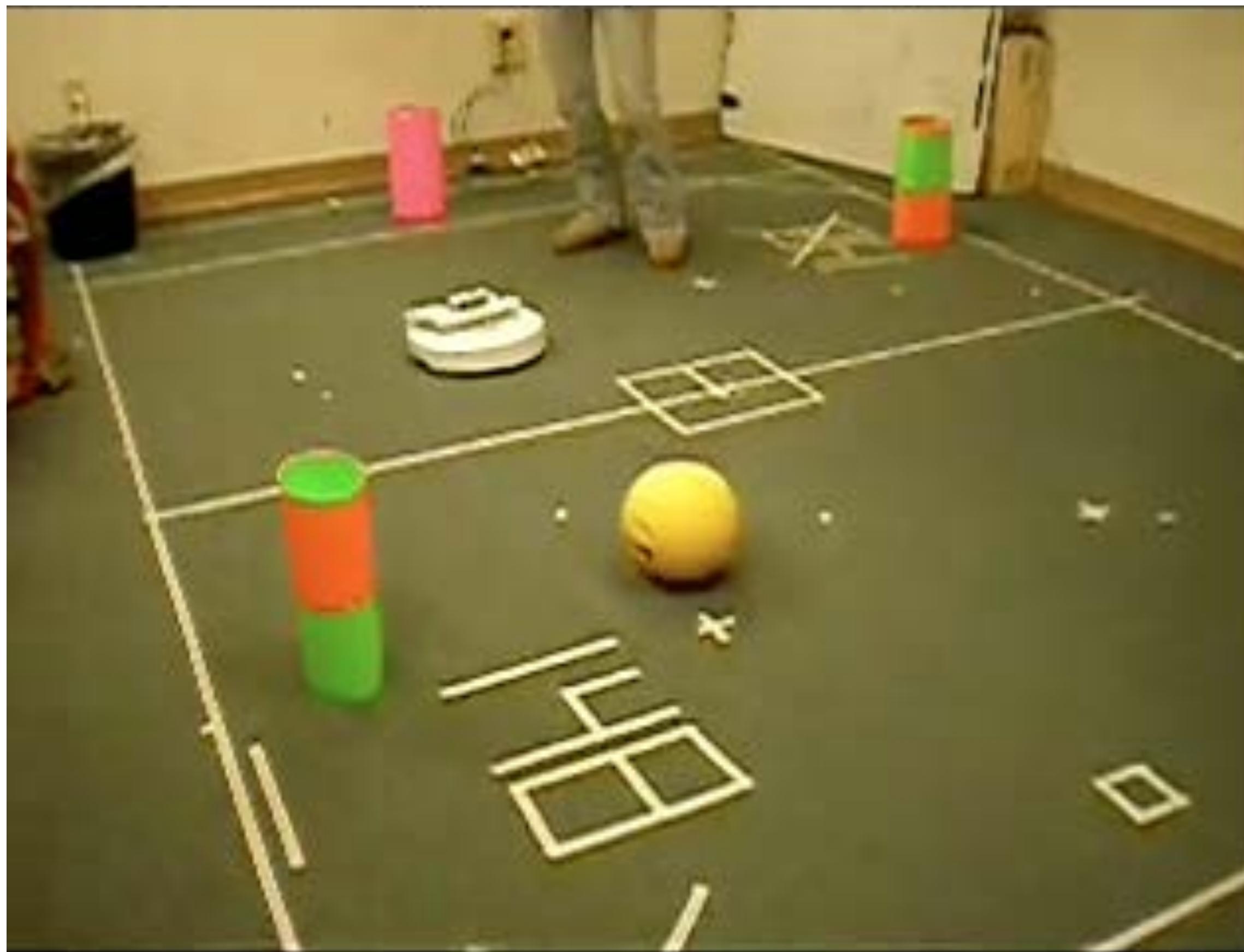
Consider input: “robotics”

Consider input: “niece”

Move to objects in sequence?

- How to move a mobile robot to a given sequence of objects?
 - yellow ball
 - green/orange landmark
 - pink landmark
 - orange/green landmark



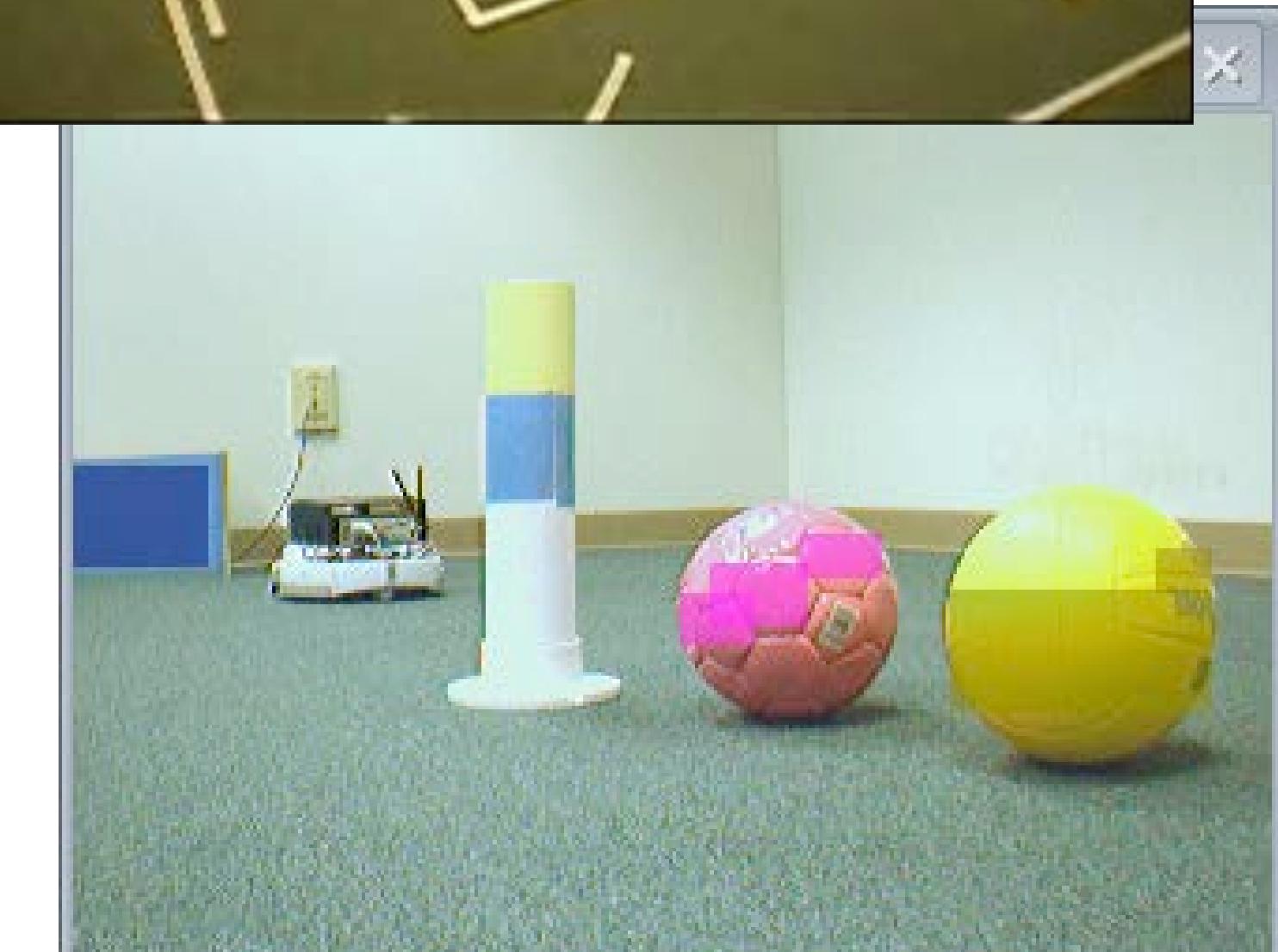
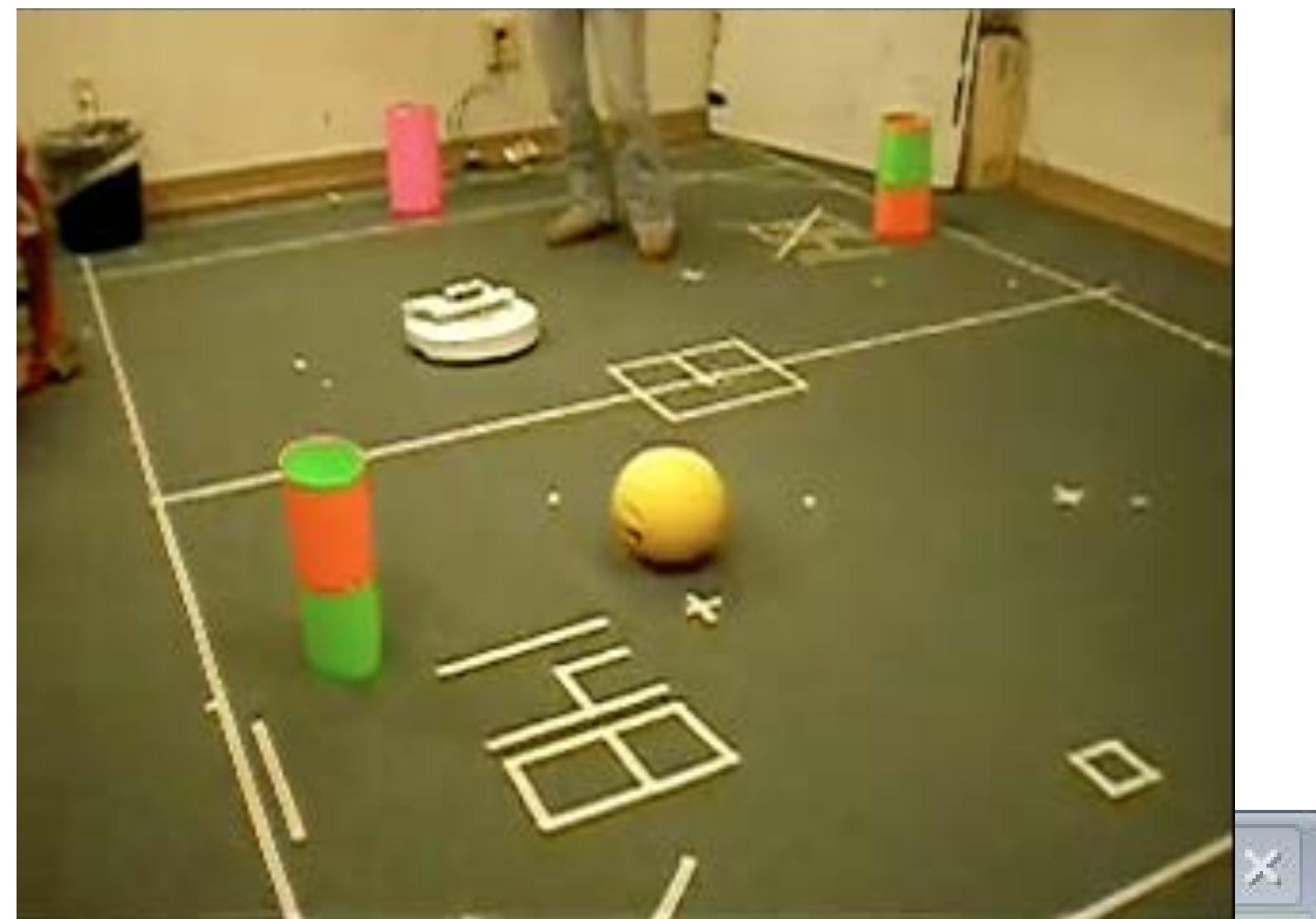


Object Seeking

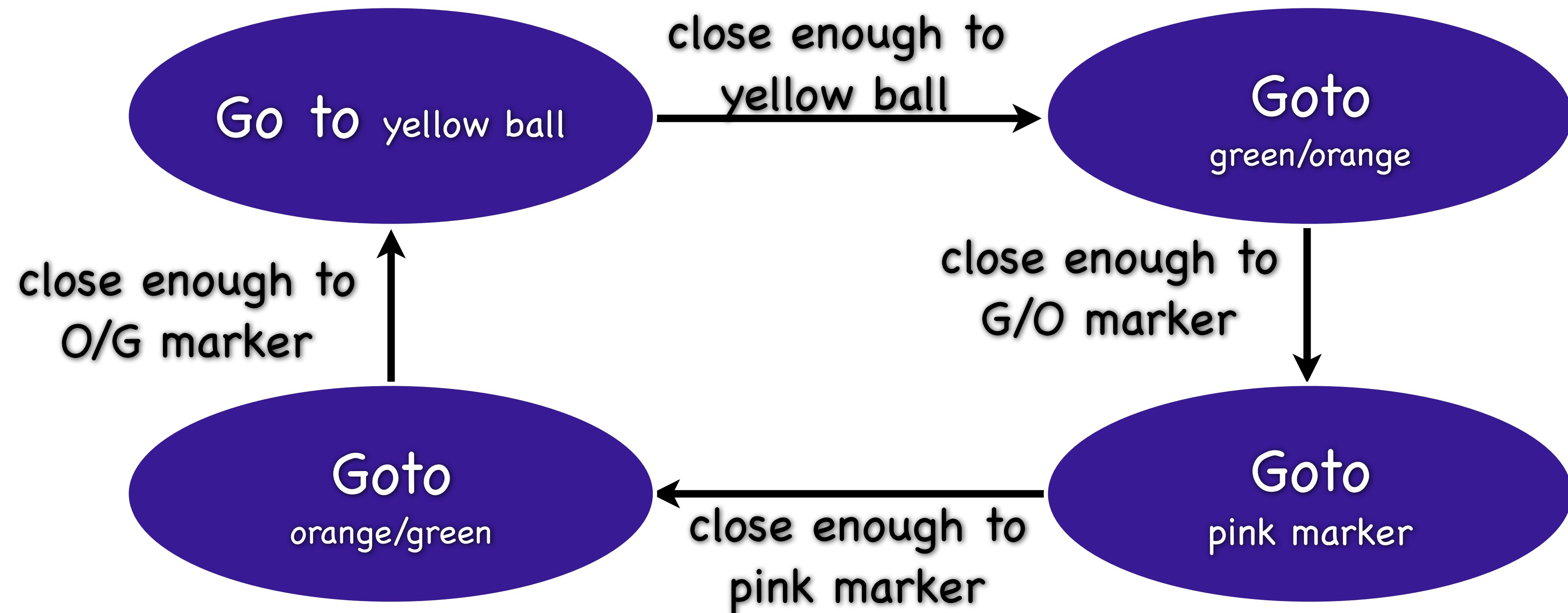
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Move to objects in sequence?

- What are the states?
- What are the transitions?
- Preconditions for states?
- Postconditions for states?

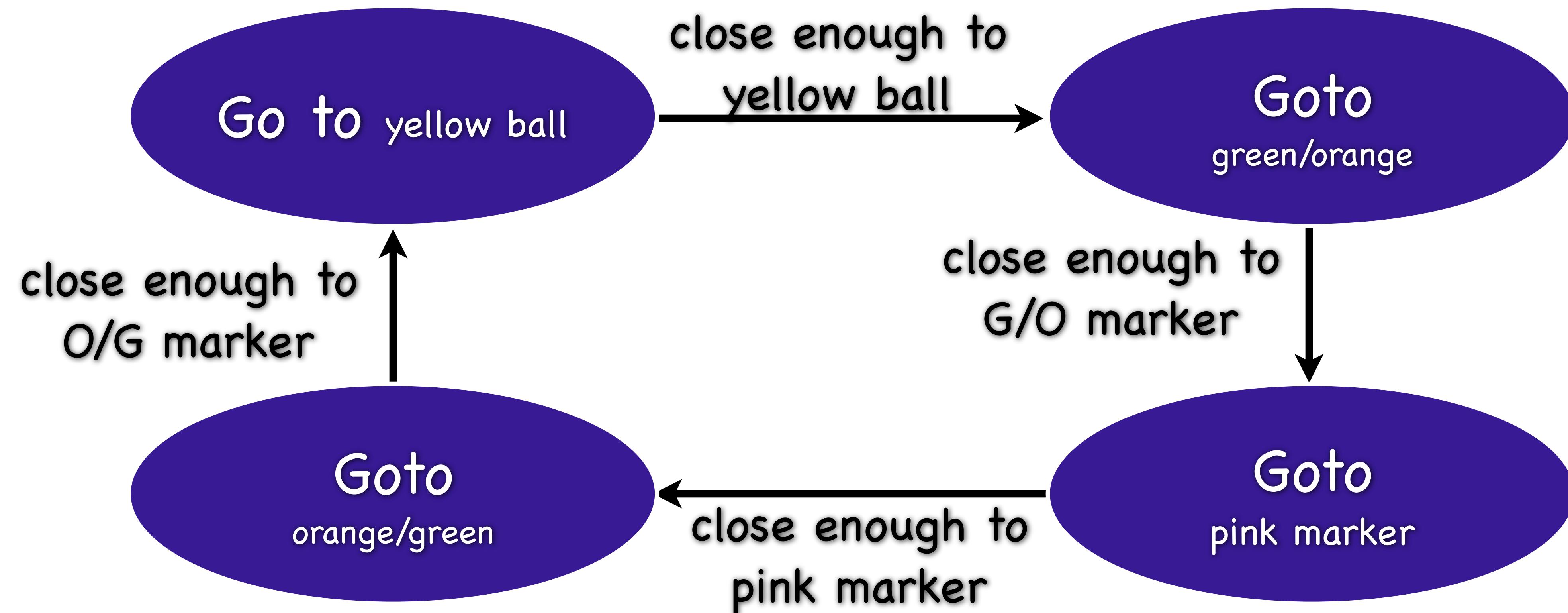


Object seeking FSM



Object seeking FSM

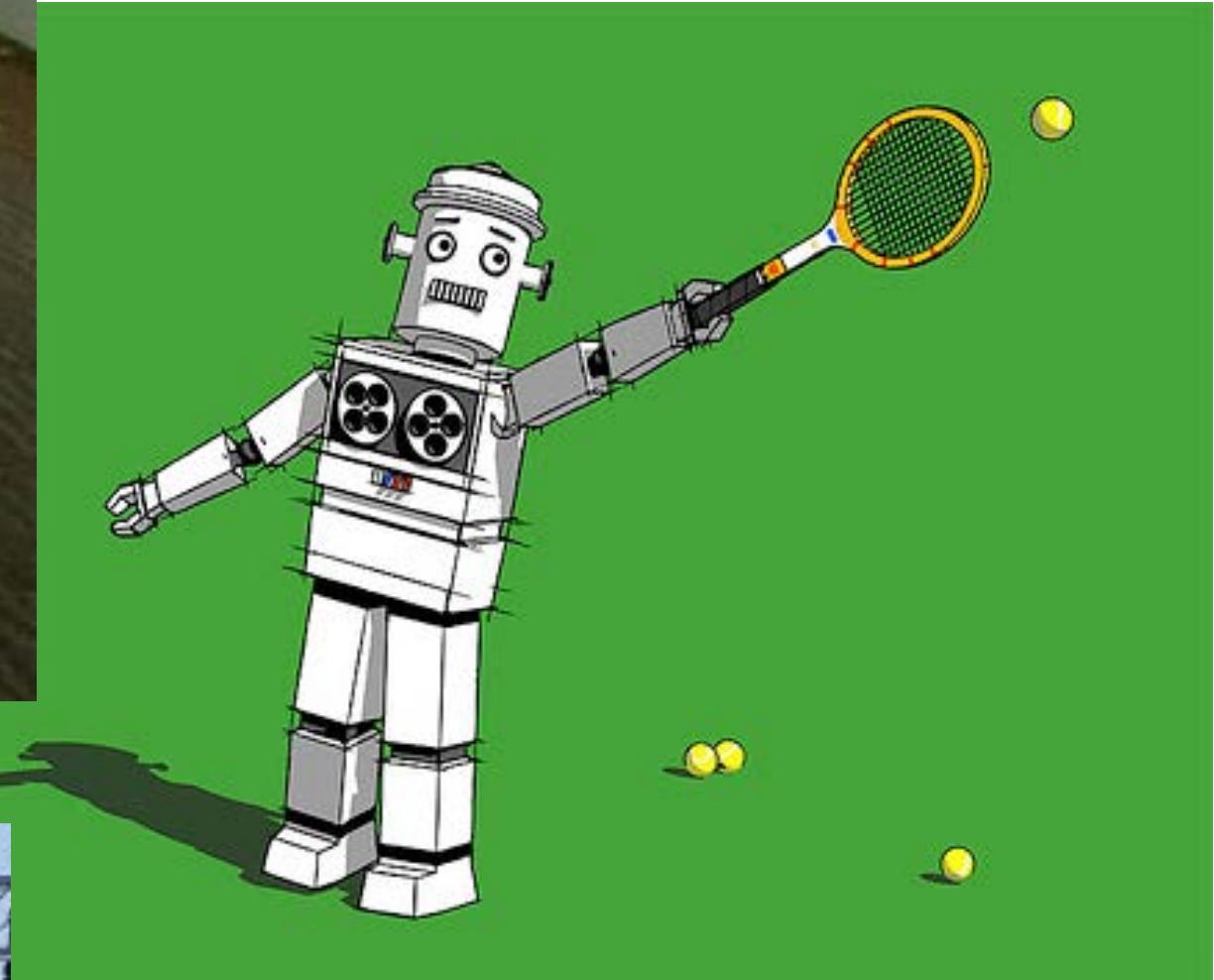
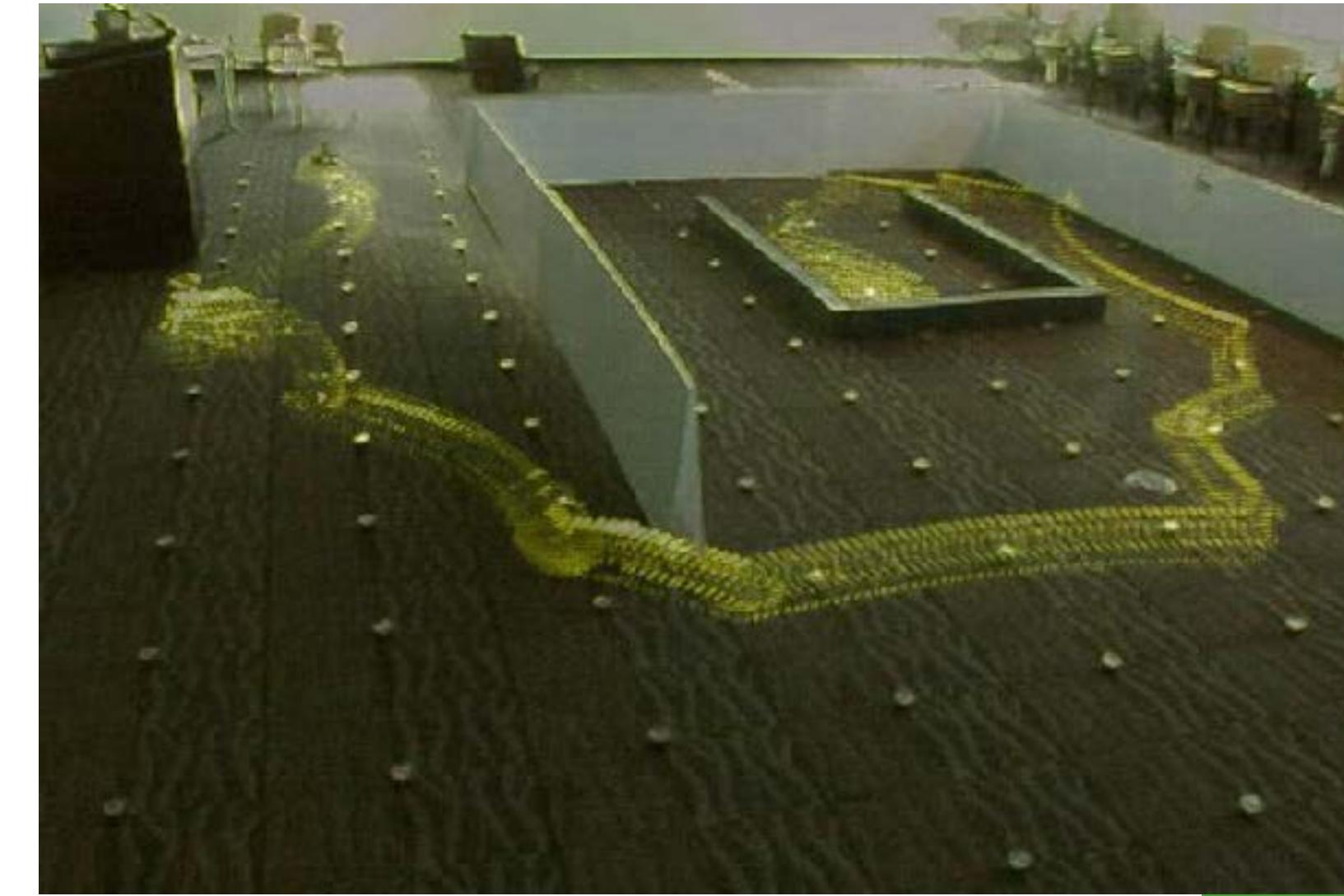
How to implement state?



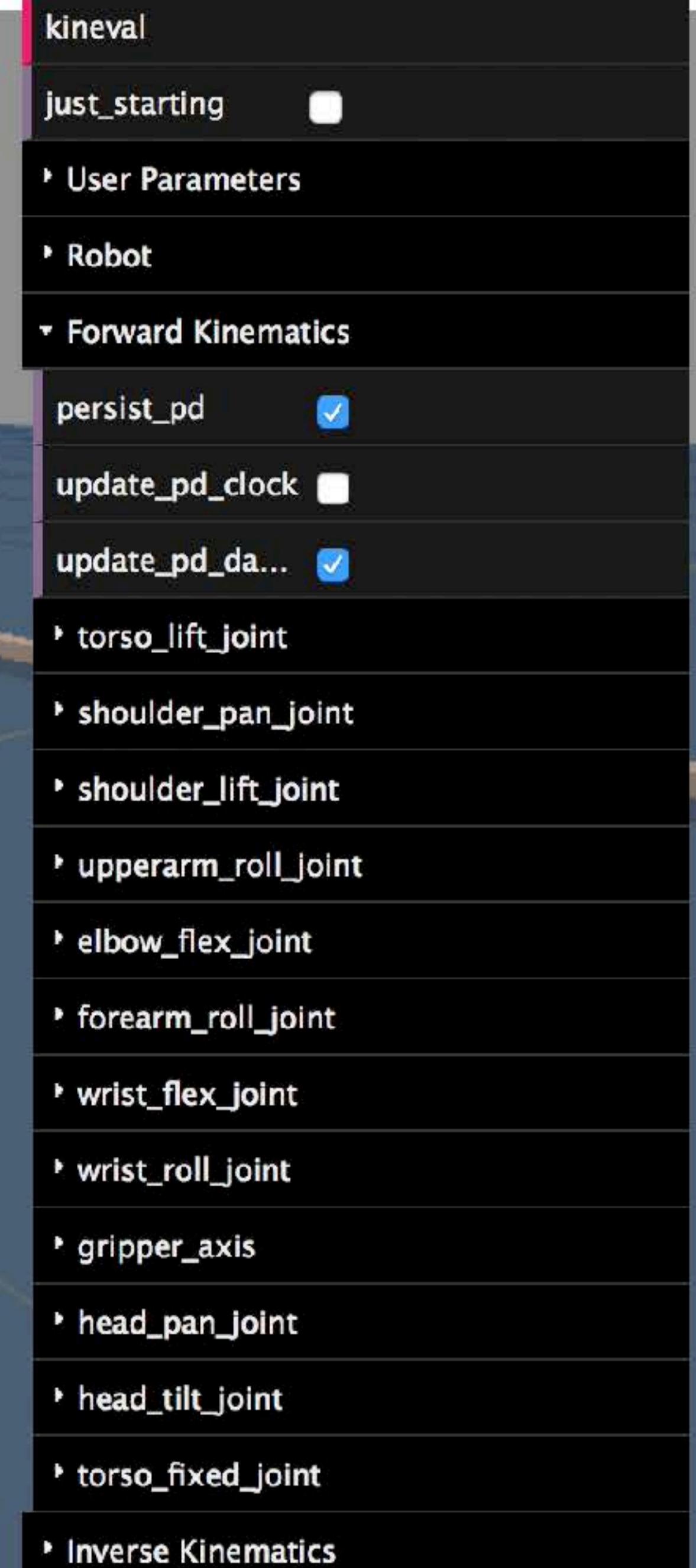
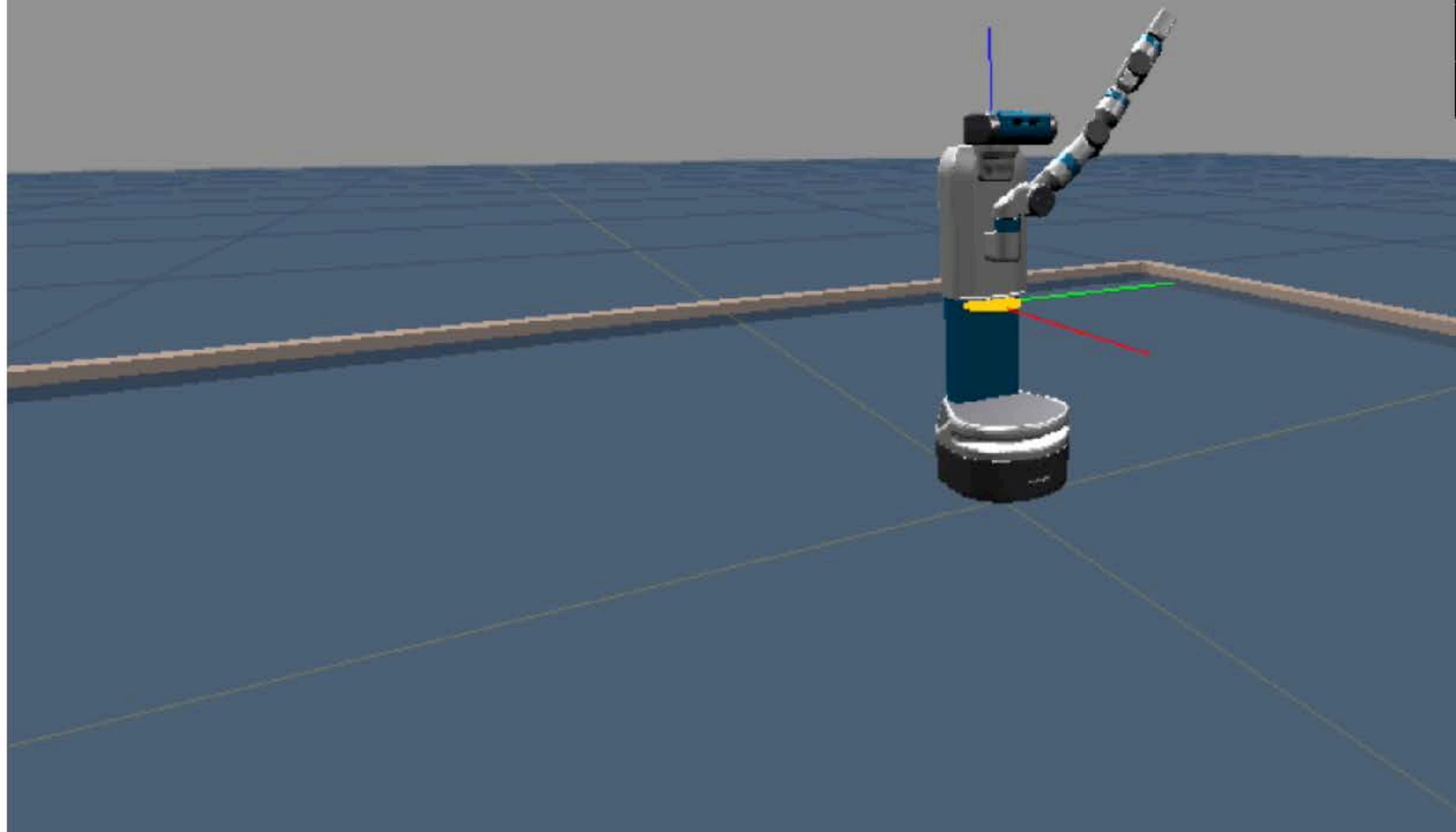
How to detect “close enough”?

FSMs for Other Tasks

- Robot foraging?
- Robot tennis/pong?
- Pushing a ball into a goal?
- Vacuuming a room
- Driving a car?
- Robot dancing!



joint servo controller has been invoked
executing dance routine, pose 2 of 10



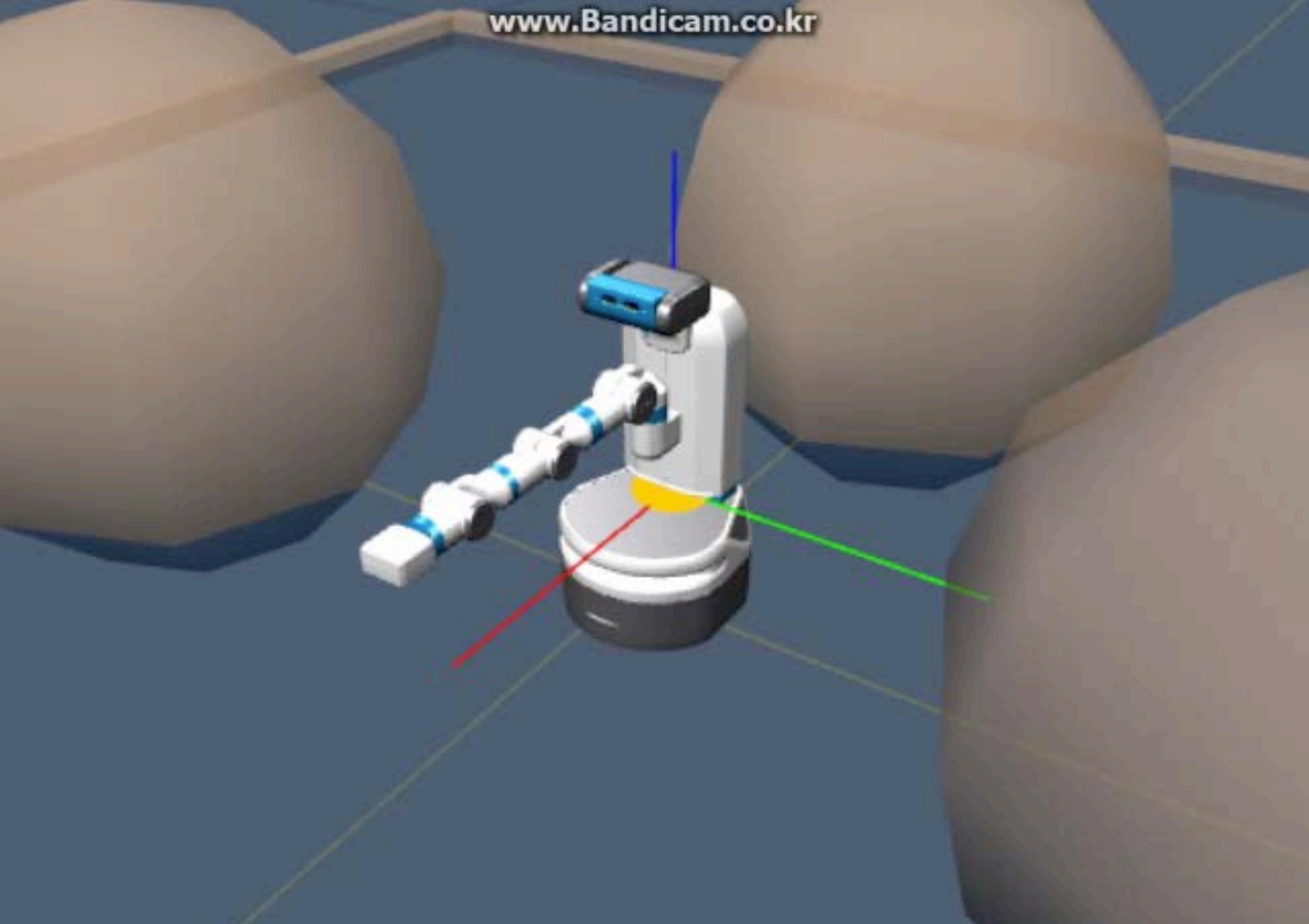
P3 robot dance (by ohseejay)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WyQ9aoB3bpl>

An aerial photograph of a small white boat with a grey stripe docked at a wooden pier. The pier extends from the bottom left towards the center of the frame. The water is a clear blue. In the background, there are some buildings and trees under a clear sky.

sreesha

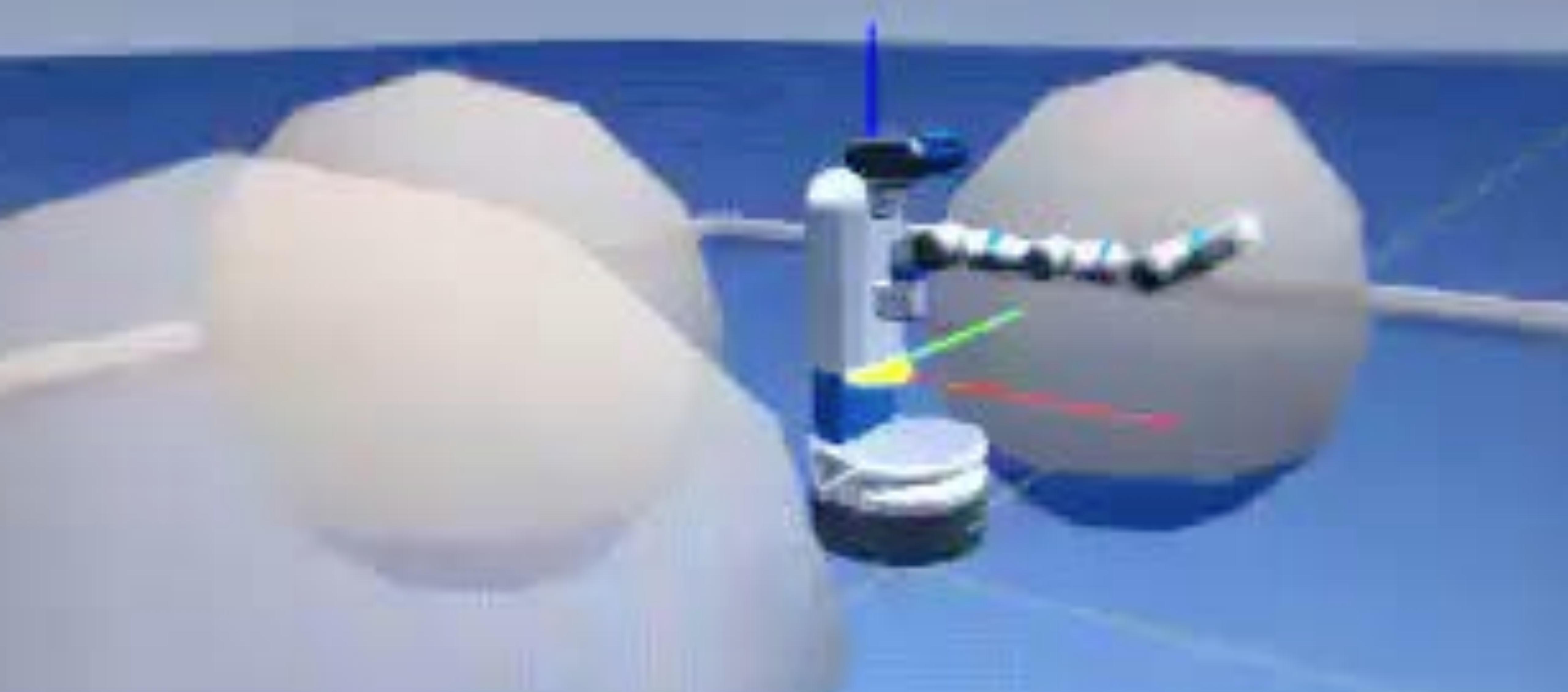




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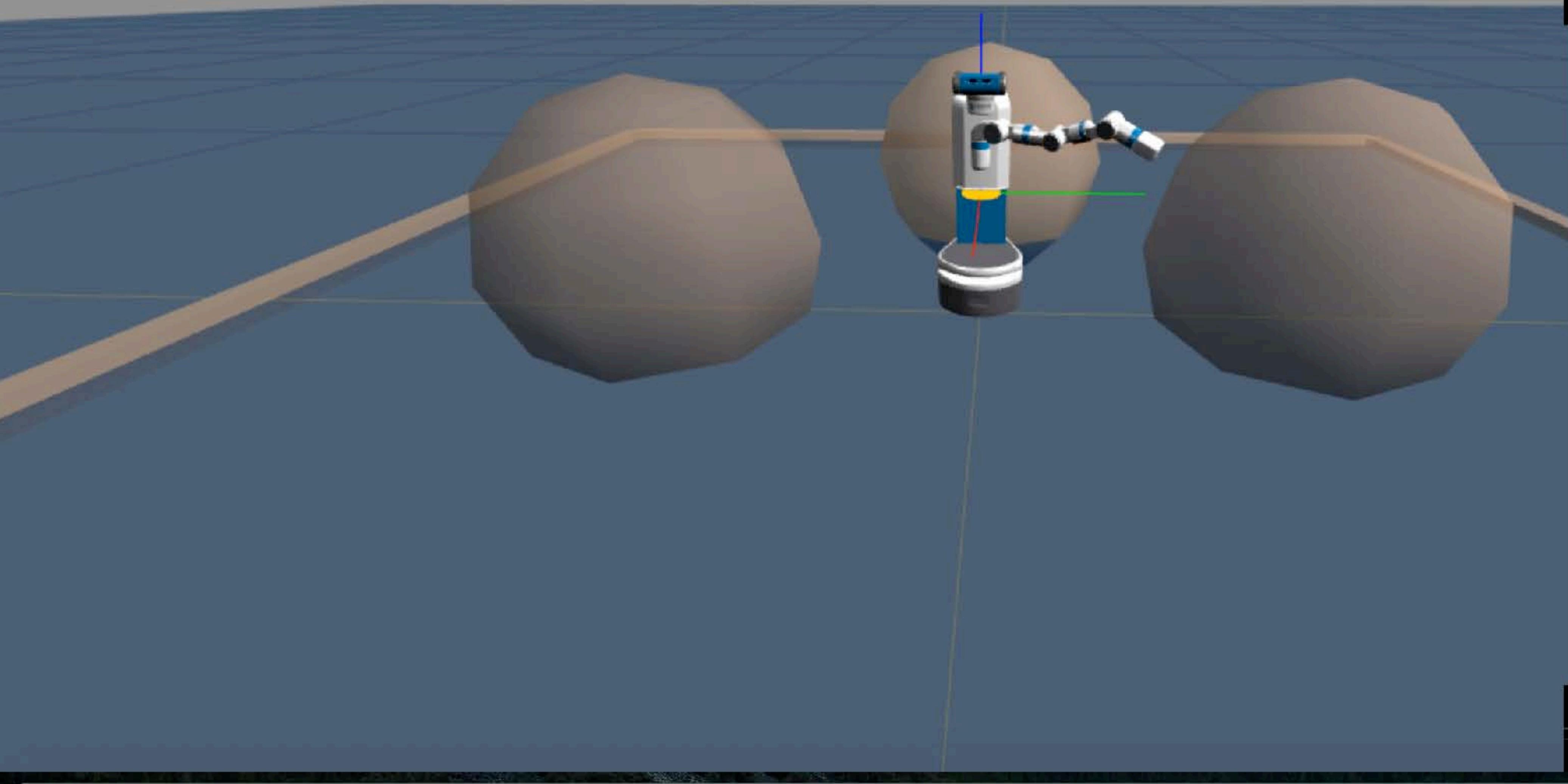


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Joint servo controller has been invoked
executing dance routine, pose 4 of 10

cneeruko

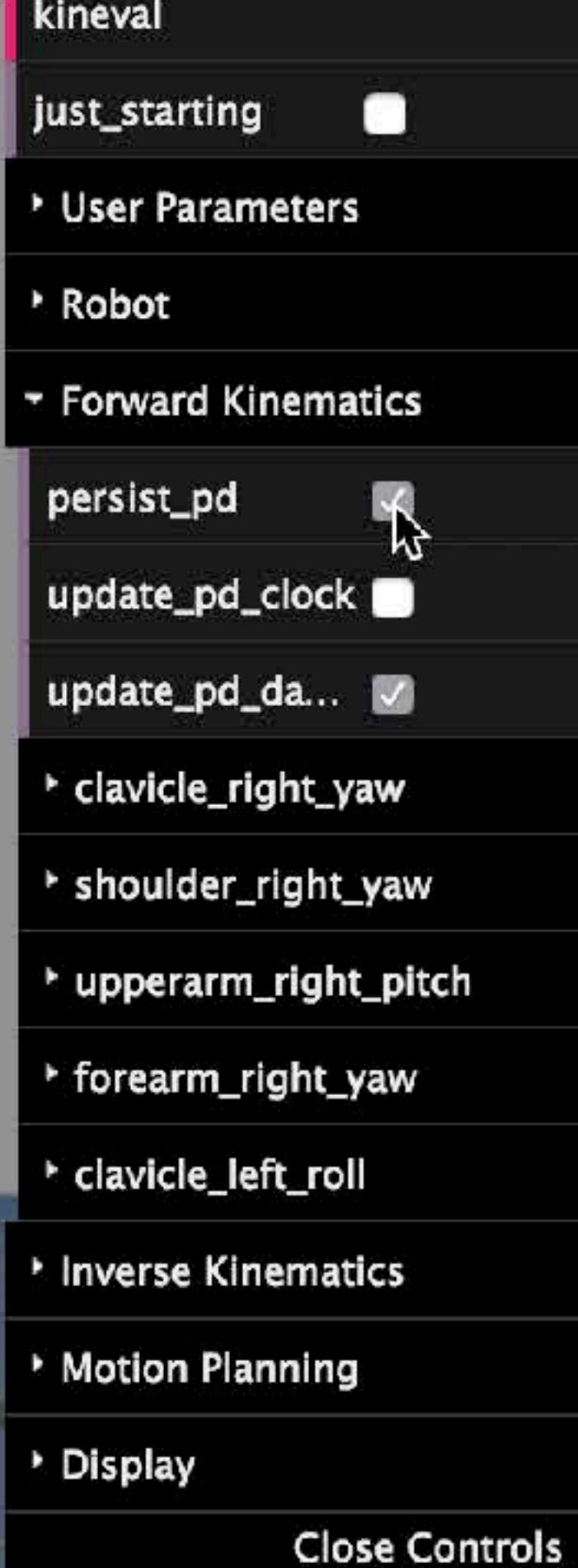


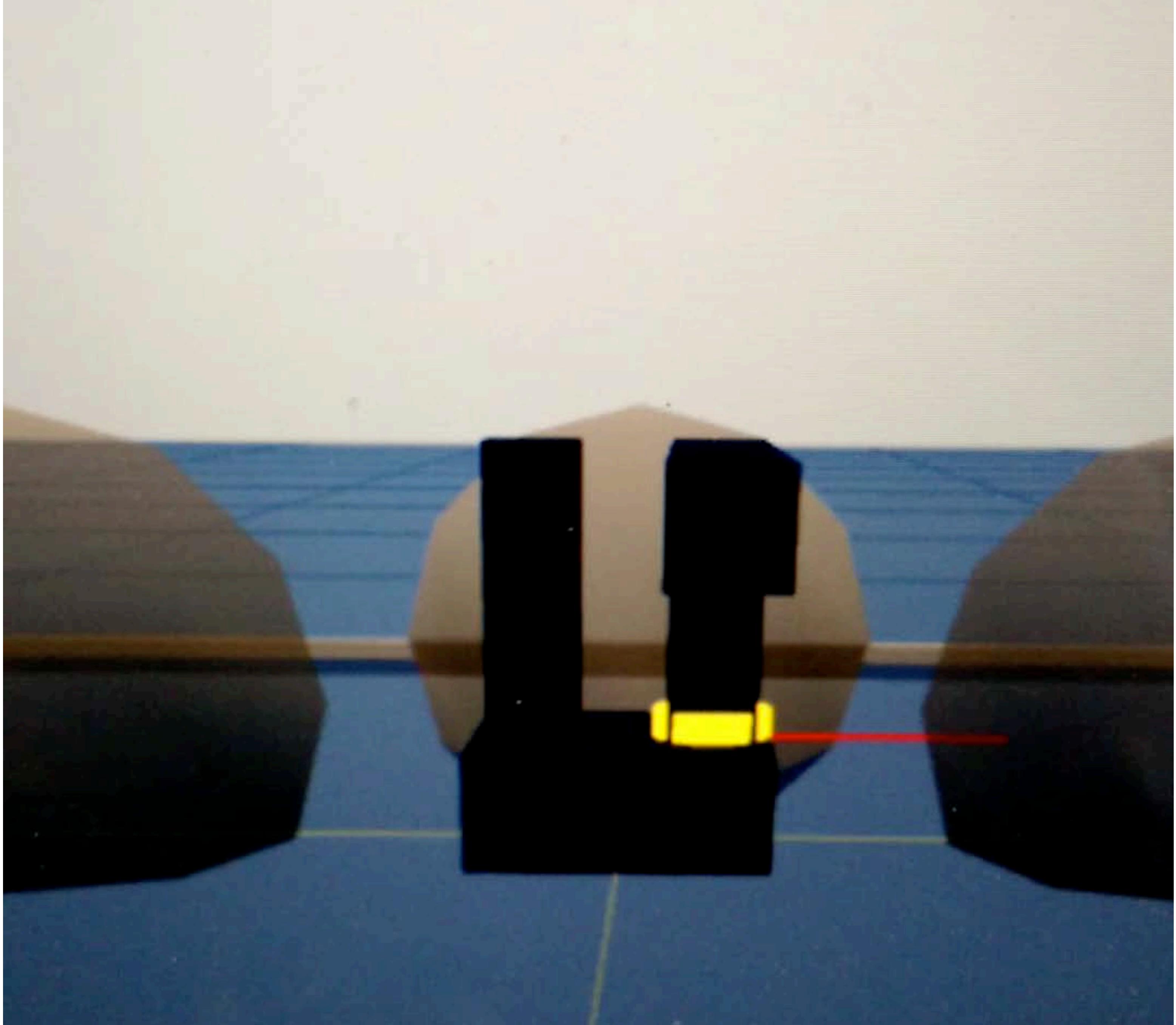
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User Parameters
Robot
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Inverse Kinematics

Close Controls



joint servo controller has been invoked
executing dance routine, pose 9 of 10



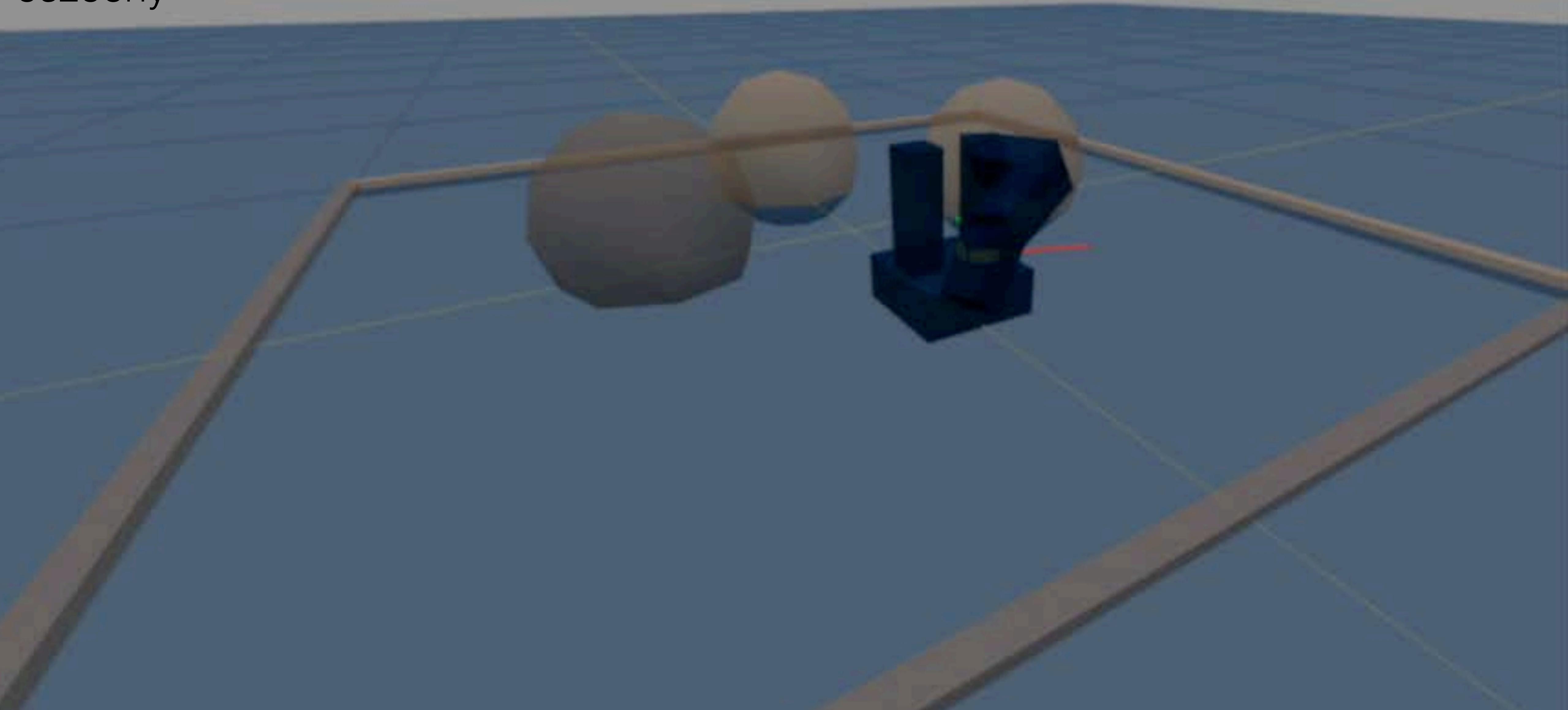


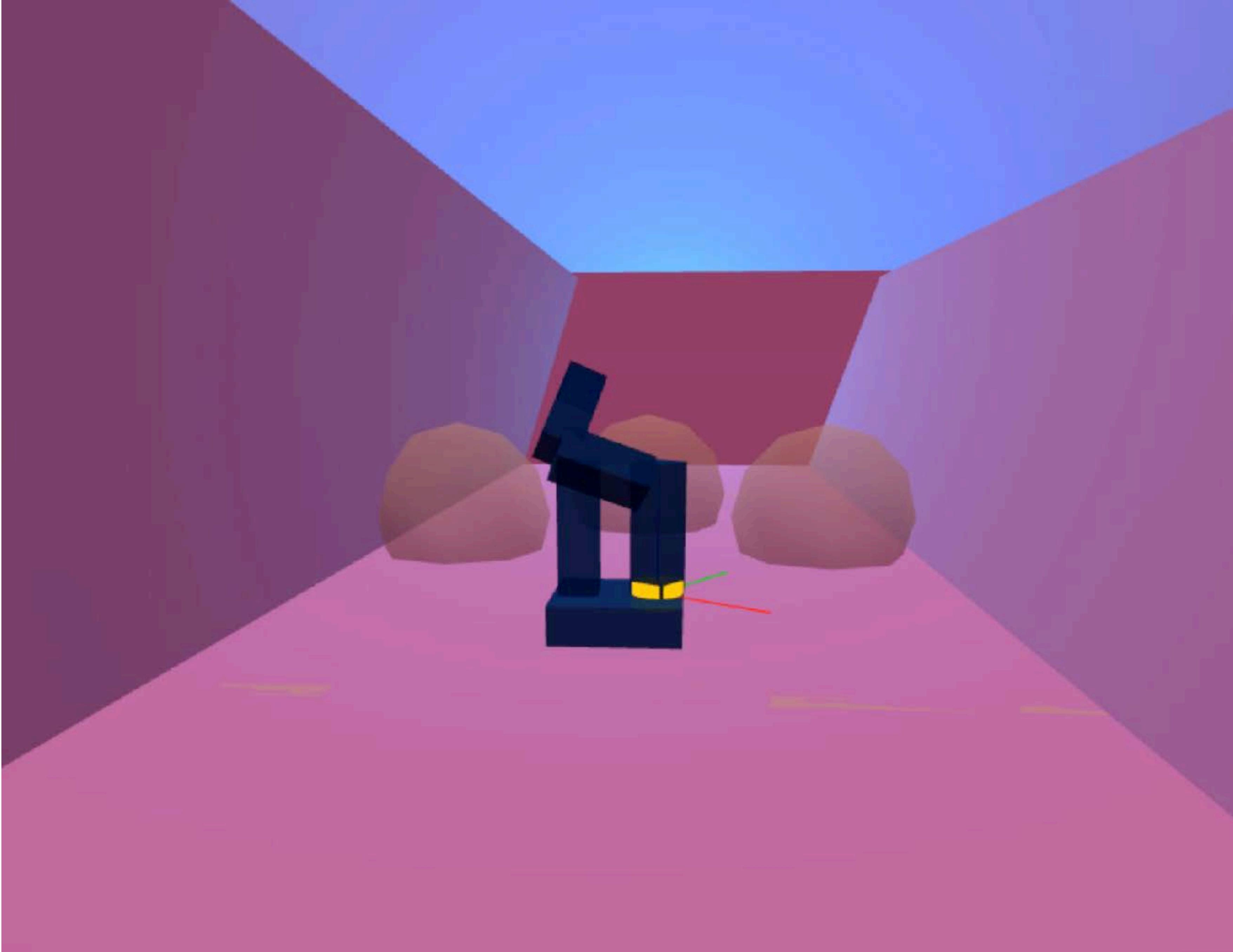
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Let's generalize FSMs for robot control

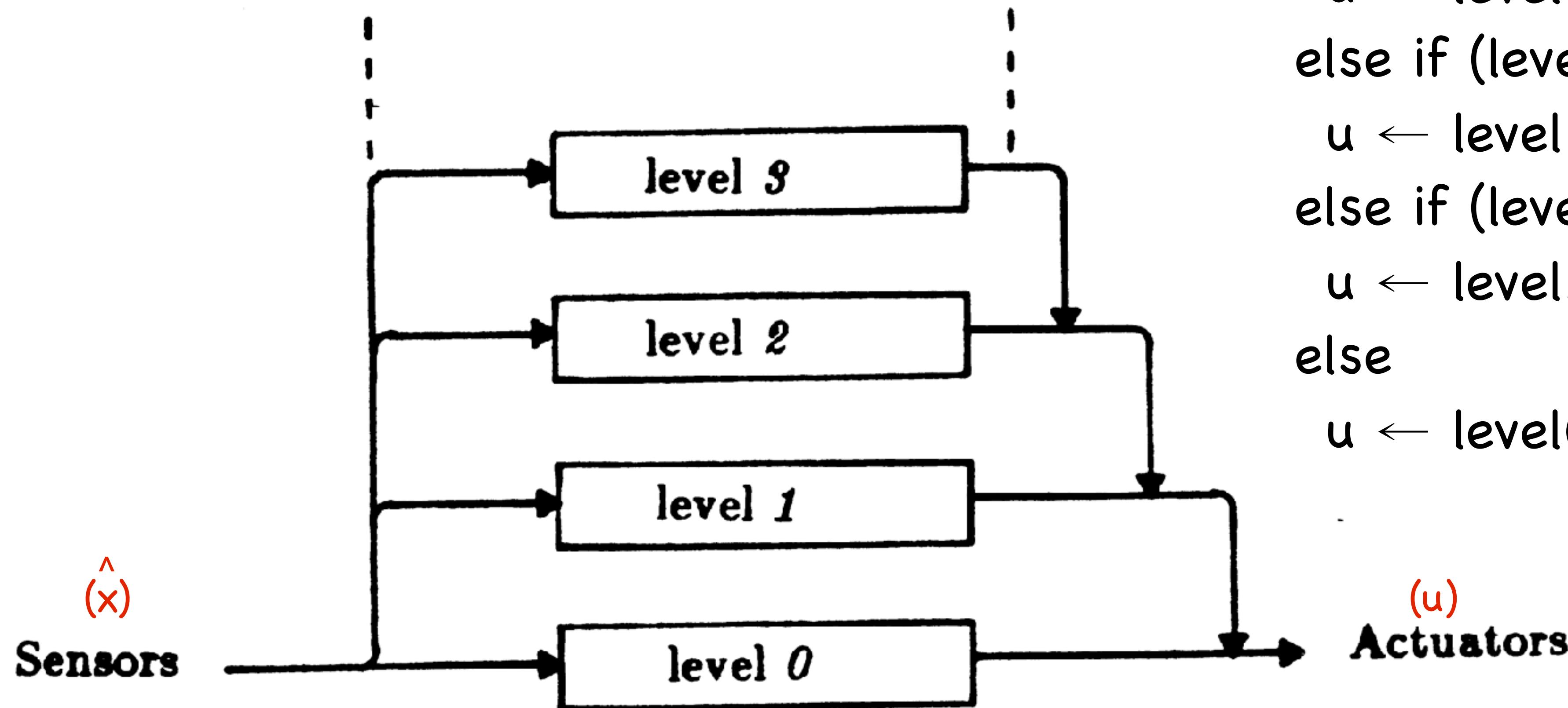
Subsumption Architecture

[Brooks 1986]

- Generalization of FSM-based control
- Collection of modular reactive controllers in a priority hierarchy
- Controllers can be FSMs
- Large nested if-else statement
- Most robots are controlled by some form of subsumption



Subsumption Architecture



```
if (level3_condition)  
    u ← level3_control  
else if (level2_condition)  
    u ← level2_control  
else if (level1_condition)  
    u ← level1_control  
else  
    u ← level0_control
```

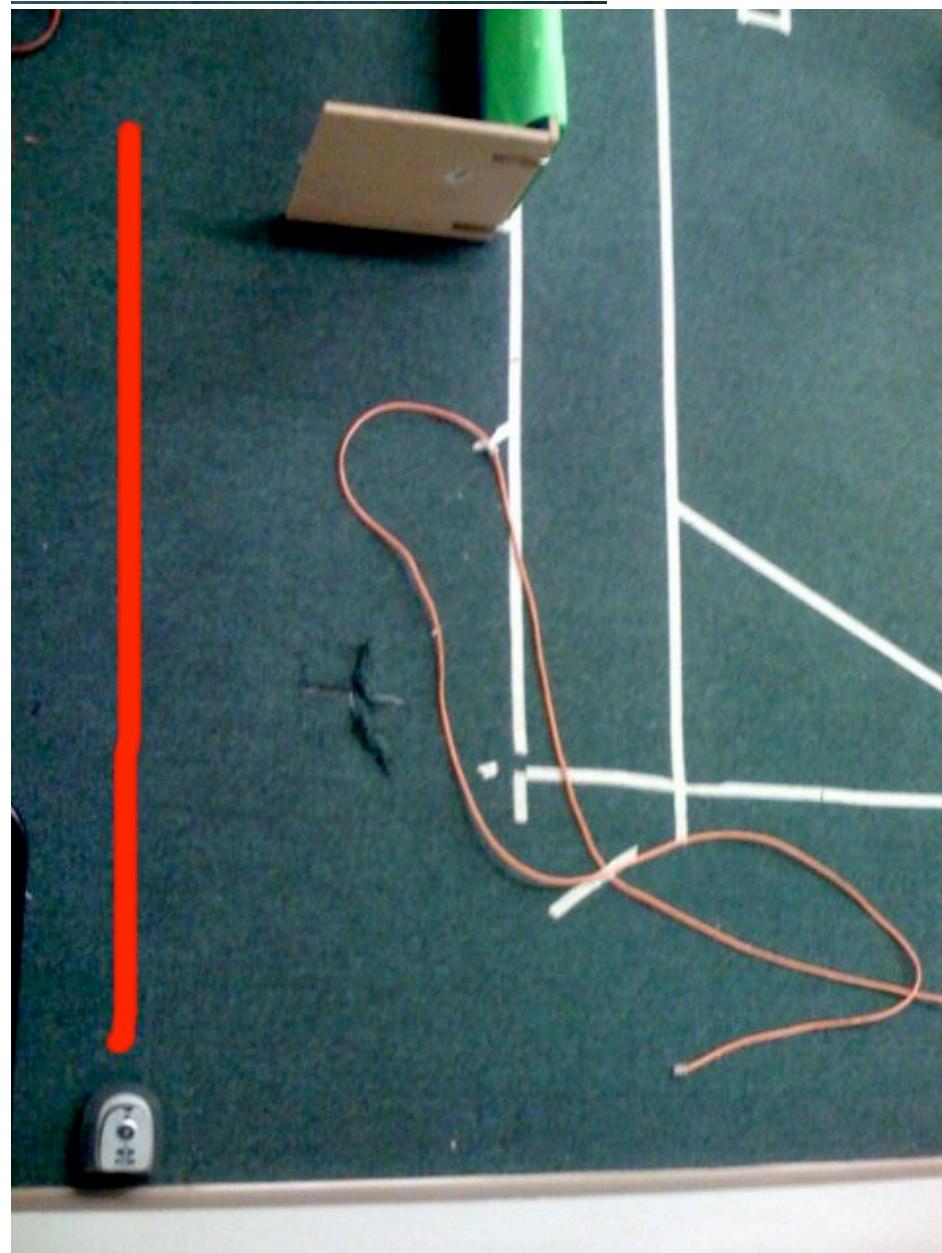
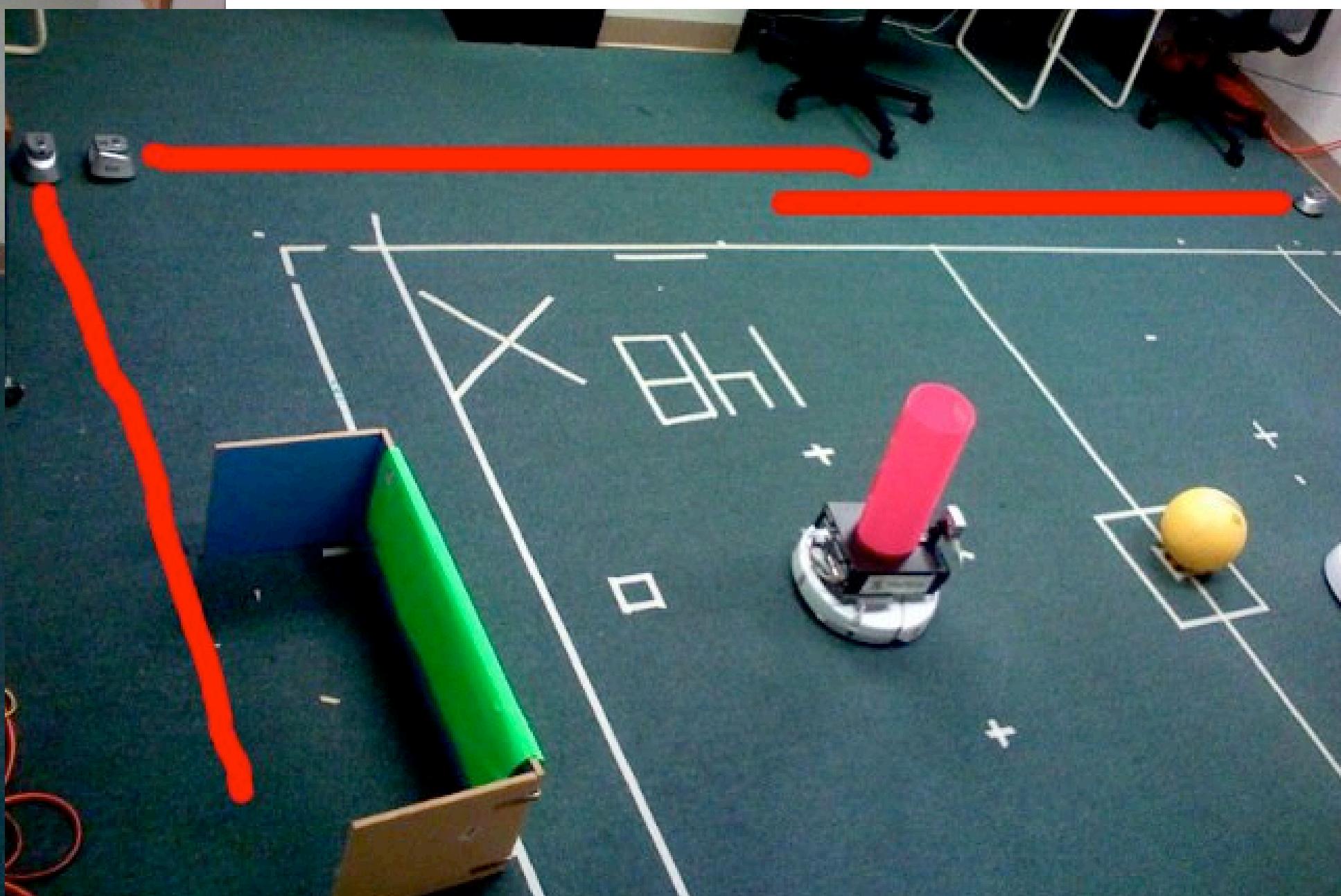
Subsumption Design Process

- 1. Divide your problem into basic competencies** ordered simple to more complex.
Designate a level for each basic competency.
- 2. Subdivide each level into multiple simple components** that interact through shared variables. Limit the sharing of variables among levels to avoid incomprehensible code.
- 3. Implement each module as a separate light-weight thread.** You might think of setting the priorities for these threads s.t. modules in a given level have the same priority.
- 4. Implement "arbitration" processes** for suppression and inhibition as one or more separate that serve to control access to shared variables. You might want to control access using semaphores.



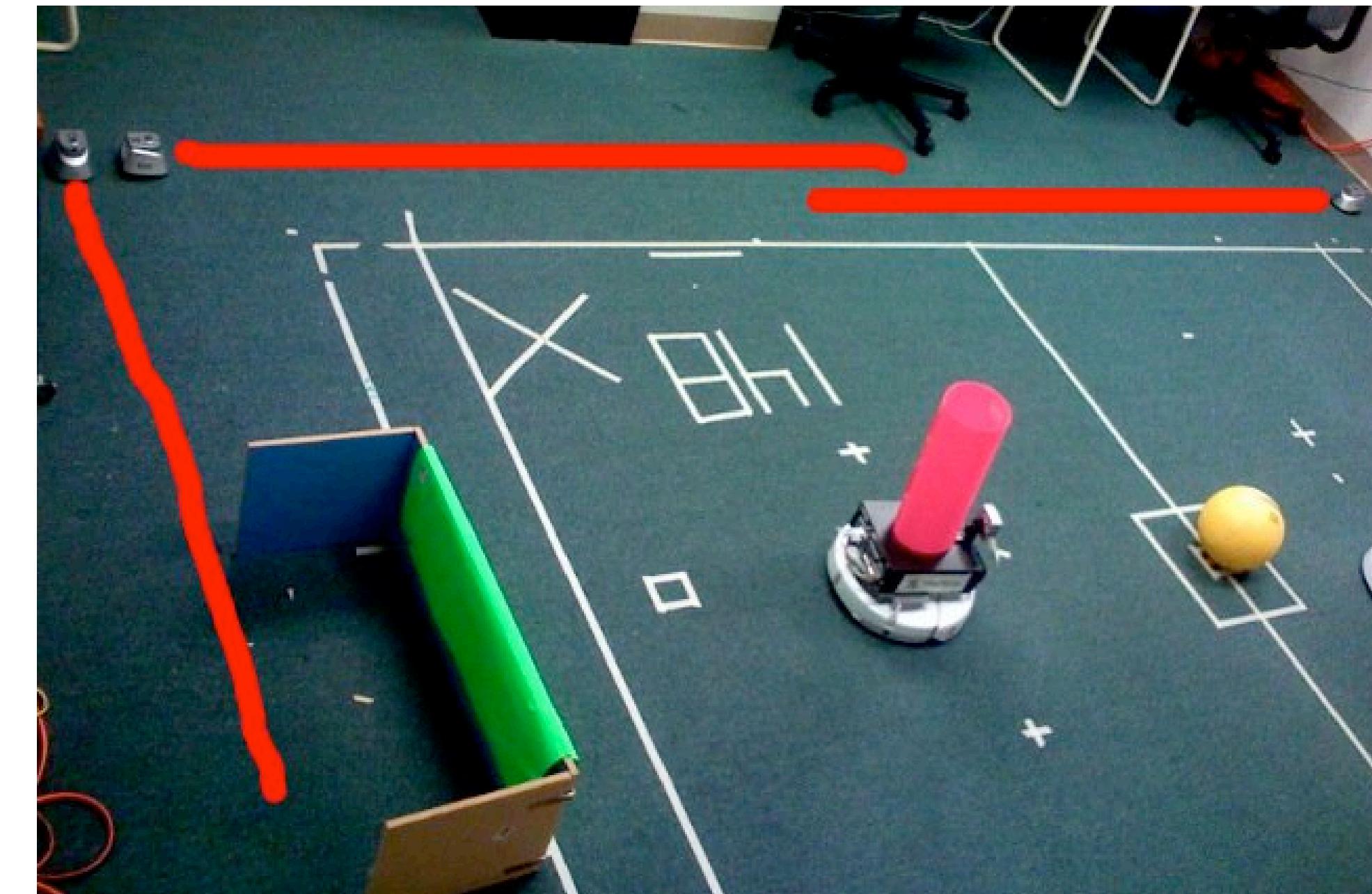
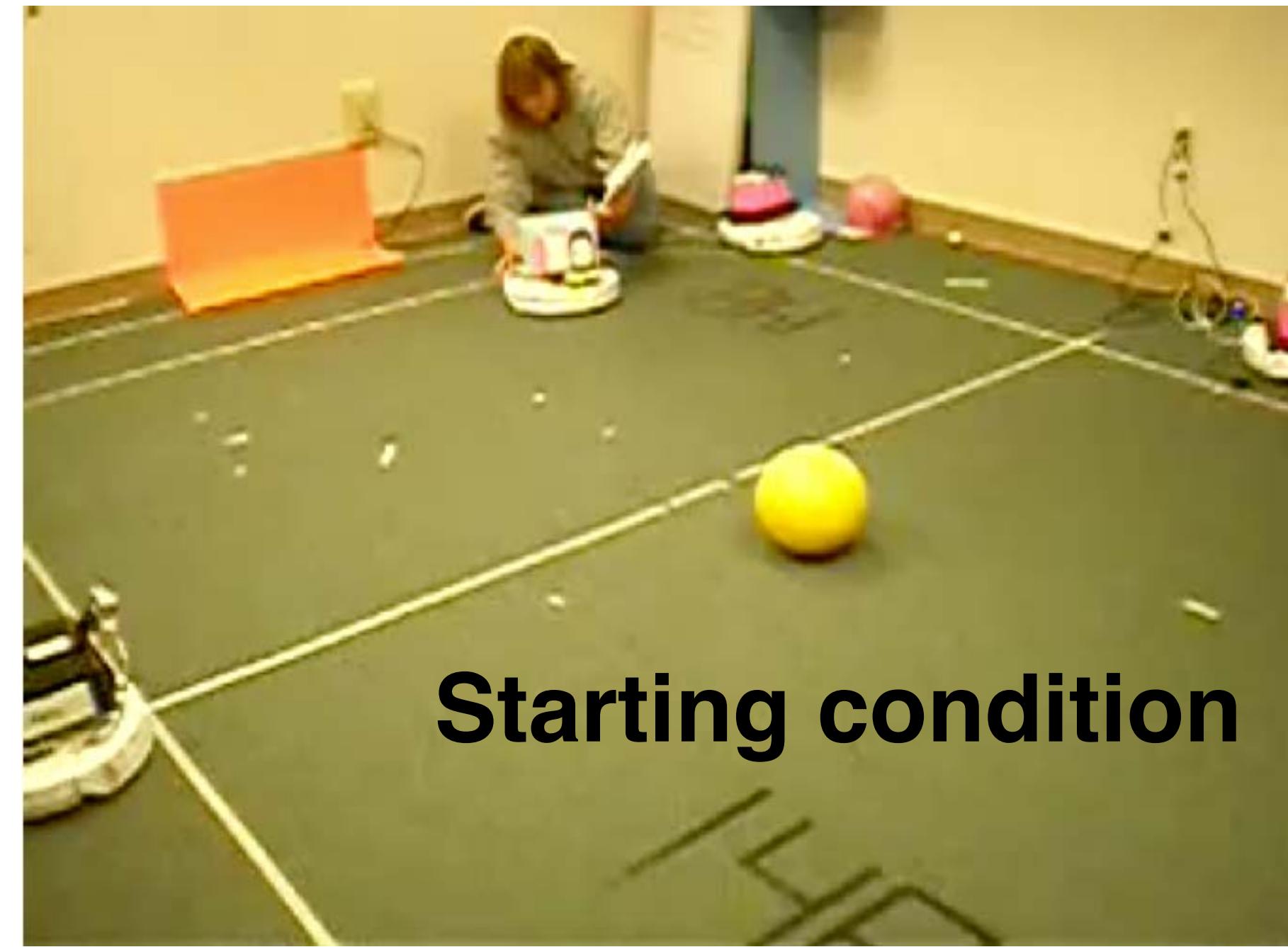
Subsumption for robot soccer

- Propose modules and priority?



What behavior will result?

1. Avoid IR Wall
2. Avoid Robot
3. Avoid Fiducial
4. Bumper Hit
5. Go To Opposite Goal
6. Go To Any Goal
7. Line Up On Ball
8. Go To Ball
9. Score Goal
10. At Ball
11. Look For Ball



Snappy's Subsumption: Goal Scoring

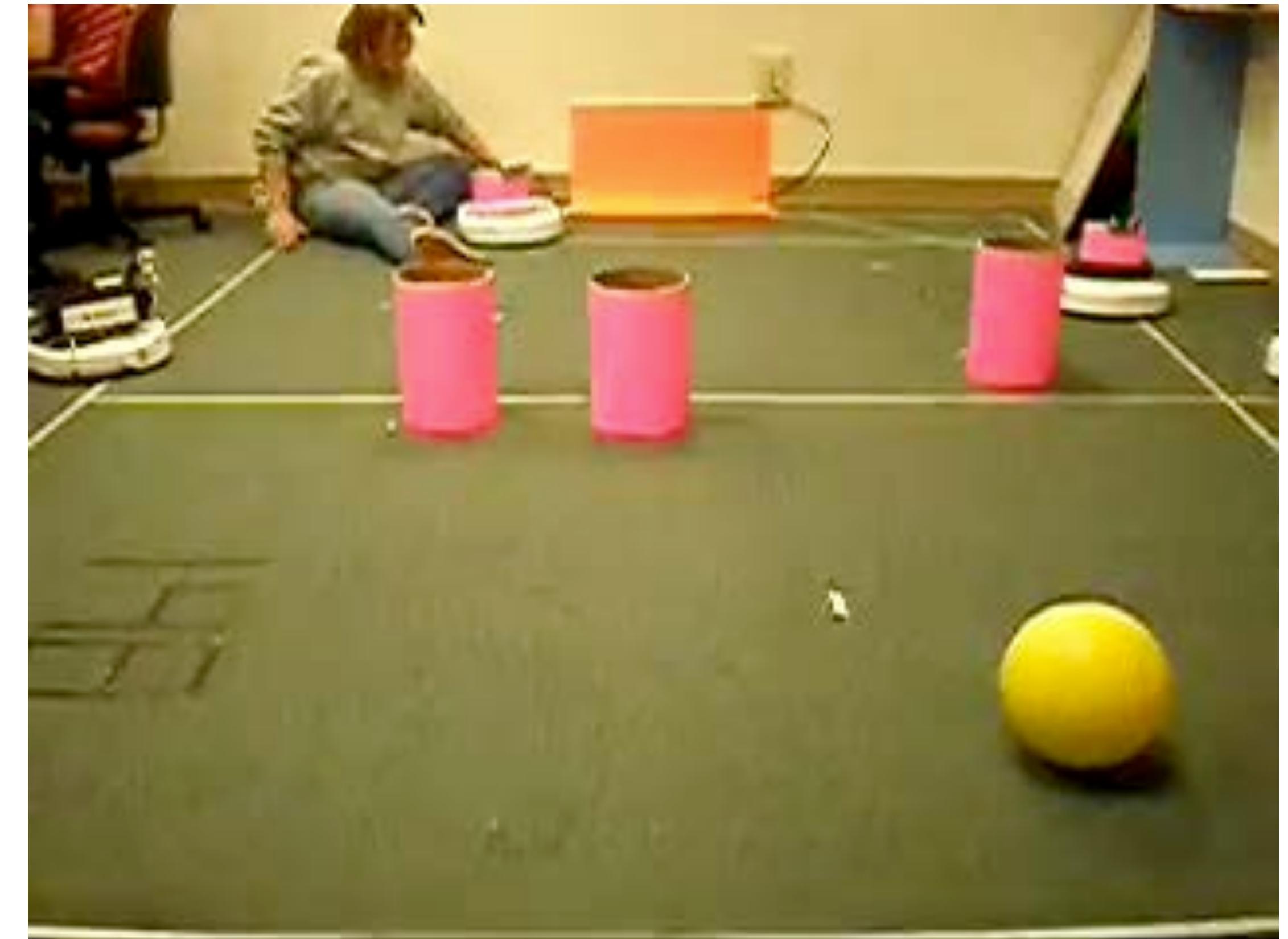
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Goal Scoring Challenge - Put ball on orange

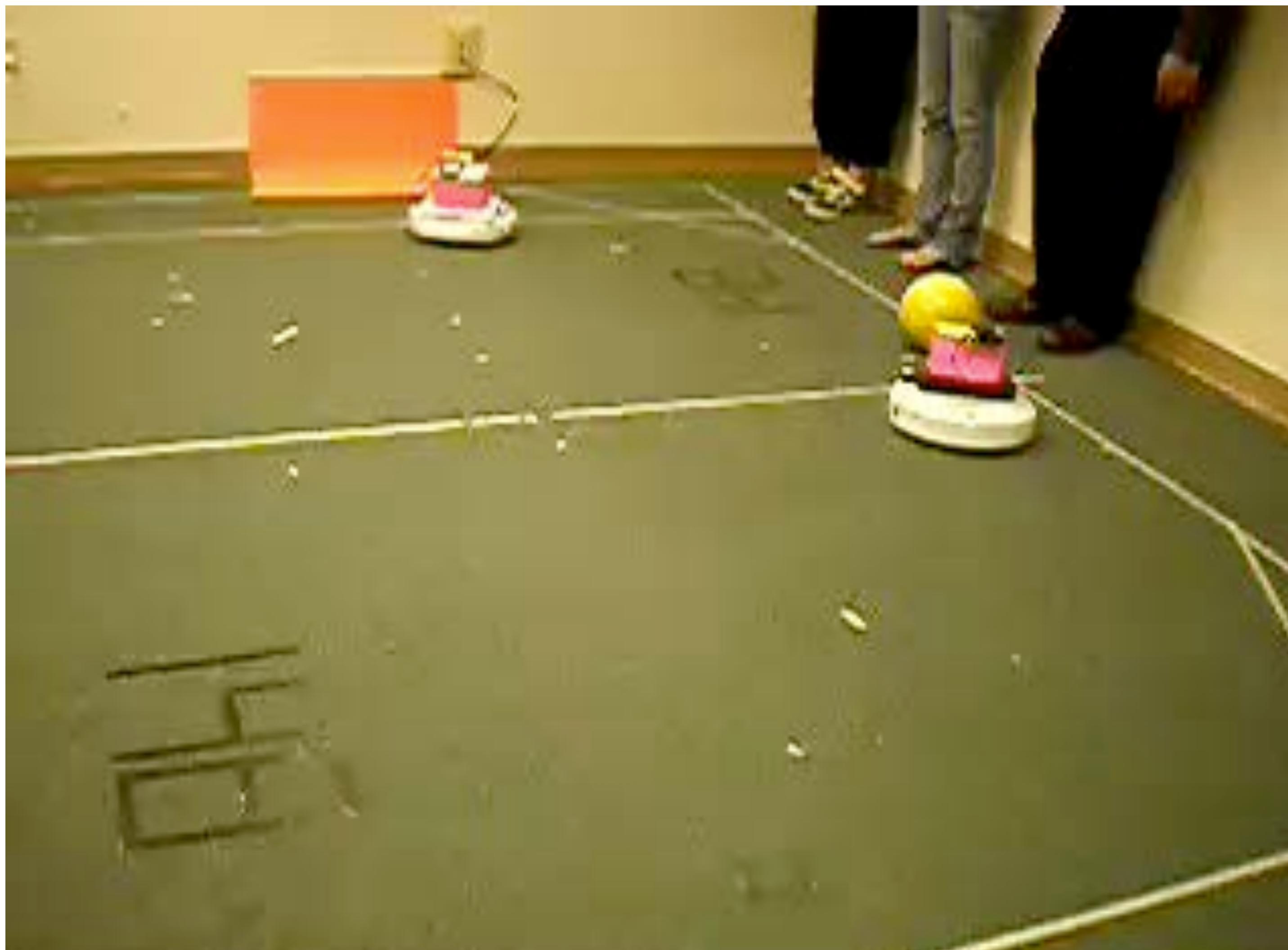


Snappy's Subsumption: Navigate to Ball

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Snappy in competition



Are there other methods of
decision making?

Types of Decision Making

- Deliberative (Planner-based) Control
 - “Think hard, act later.”
- Reactive Control
 - “Don’t think, (re)act.”
- Hybrid Control
 - “Think and act separately & concurrently.”
- Behavior-Based Control
 - “Think the way you act.”

Next lecture: Inverse Kinematics

