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# DODGING DYNAMICAL OBSTACLES USING TURTLEBOT4 CAMERA FEED

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# RESEARCH AIM

- Drive the robot to the designated destination.
- Dodge moving obstacle which will go across its path to the goal.
- The perception of the robot is based on CAMERA instead of LiDAR → Cheaper



# ROS2

## ROBOT OPERATING SYSTEM 2

**Open-Source Framework**

Develop and control the robot systems.

**Flexible**

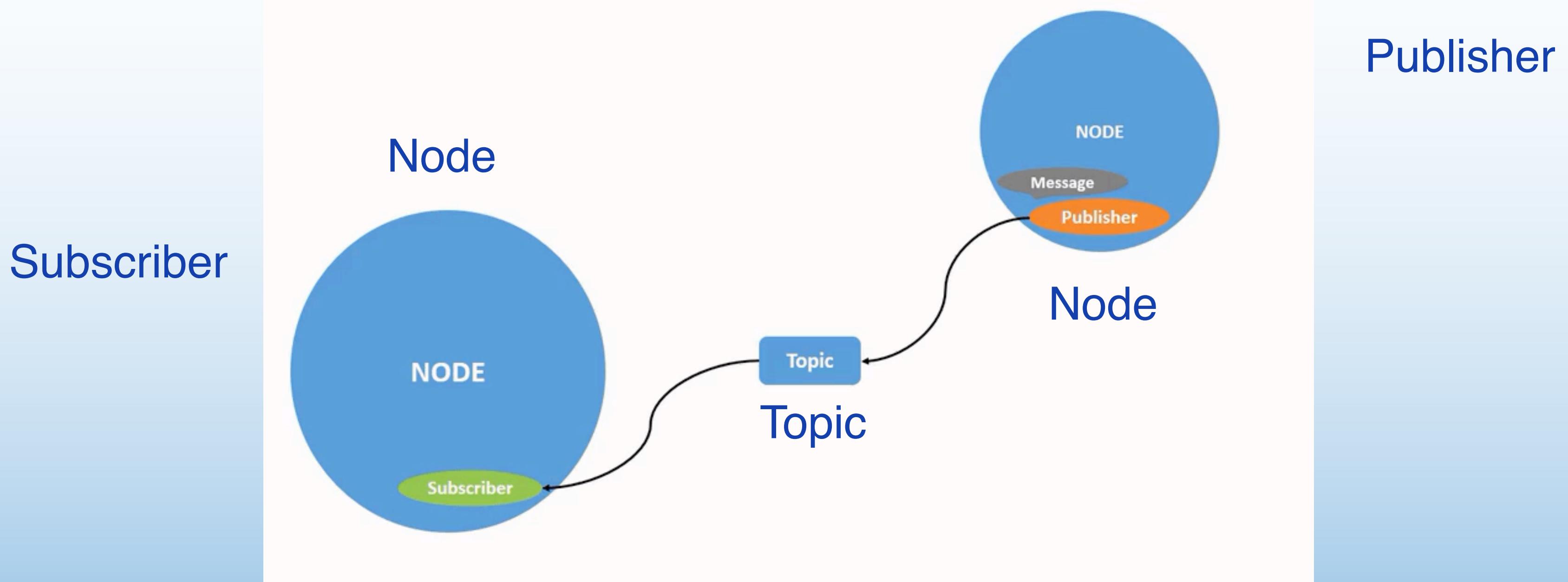
Communication, real-time control, collaboration between robotics systems.

**Powerful**

Create, simulate, and deploy robotics applications across a wide range of platforms.



# Topics





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Subscriber

Node

Topics don't have to only be point-to-point communication; it can be one-to-many, many-to-one, or many-to-many.

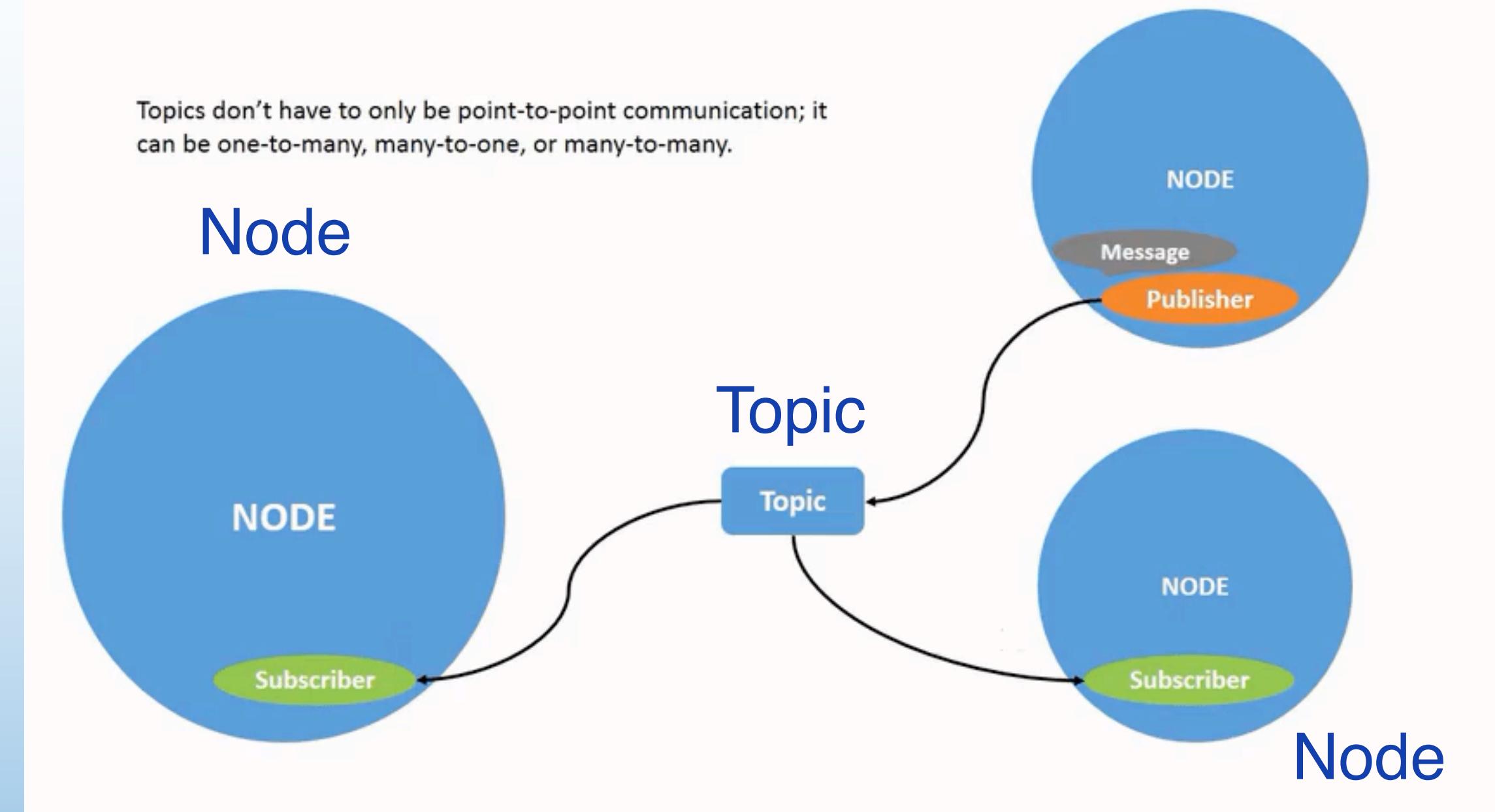
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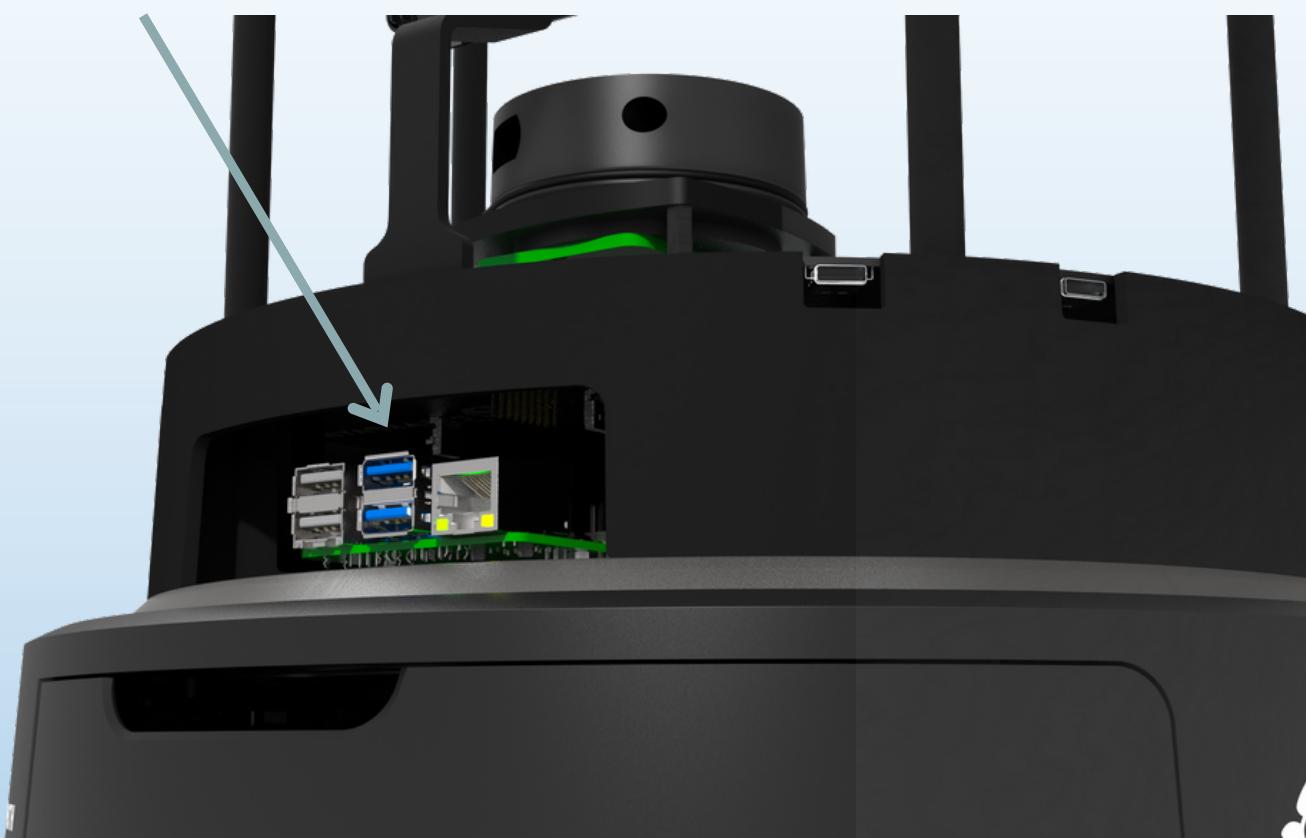
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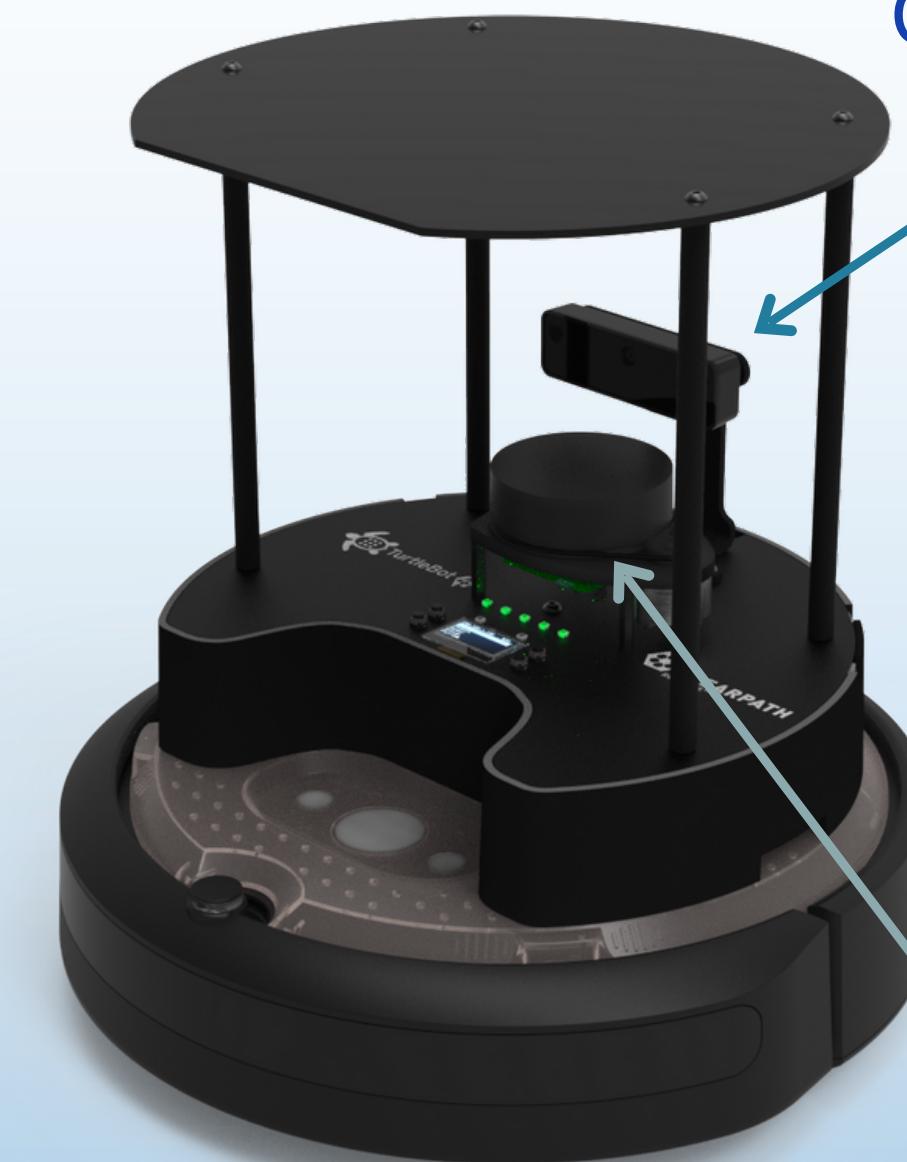


# TURTLEBOT4

Raspberry Pi 4B



OAK-D Pro  
Camera

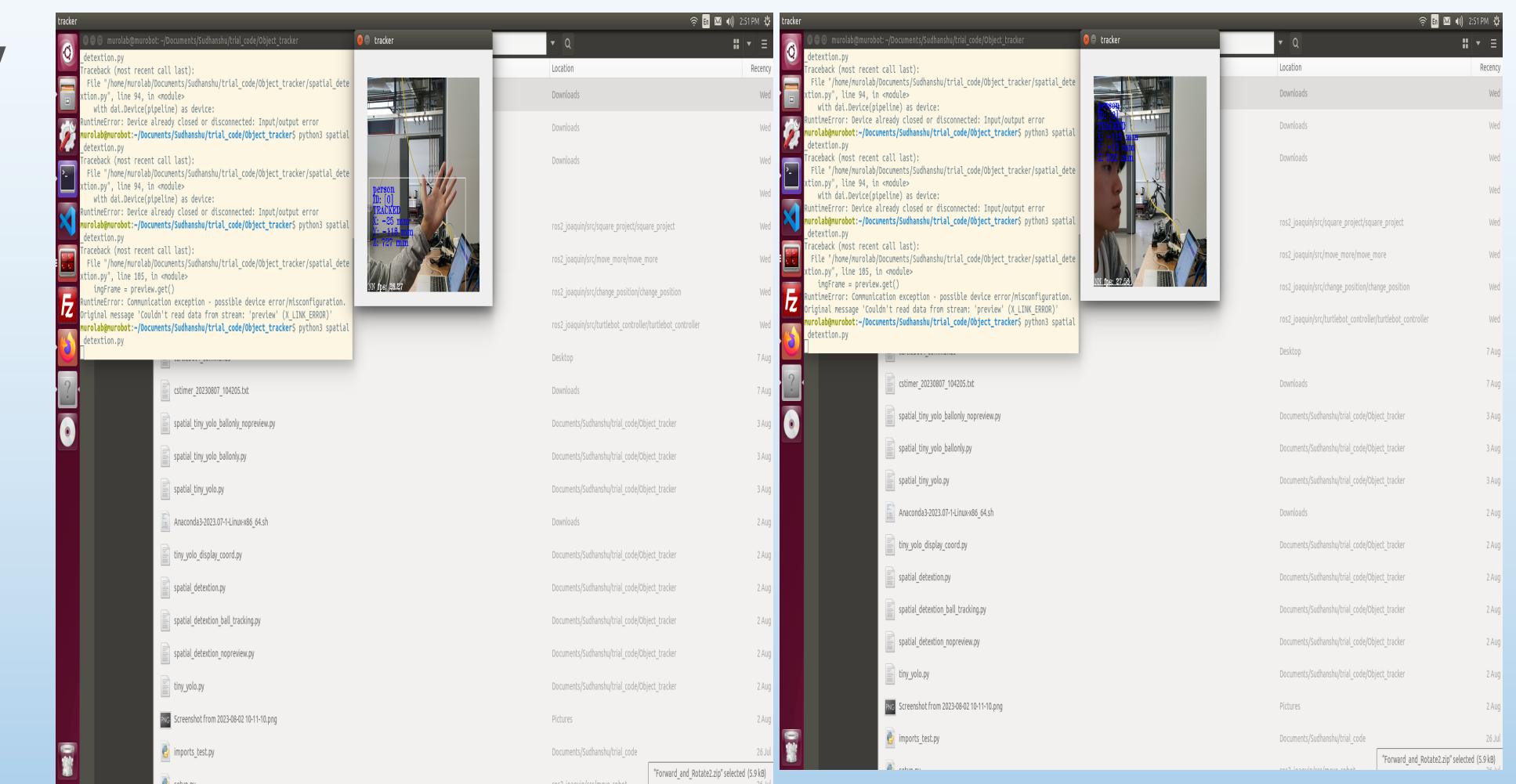
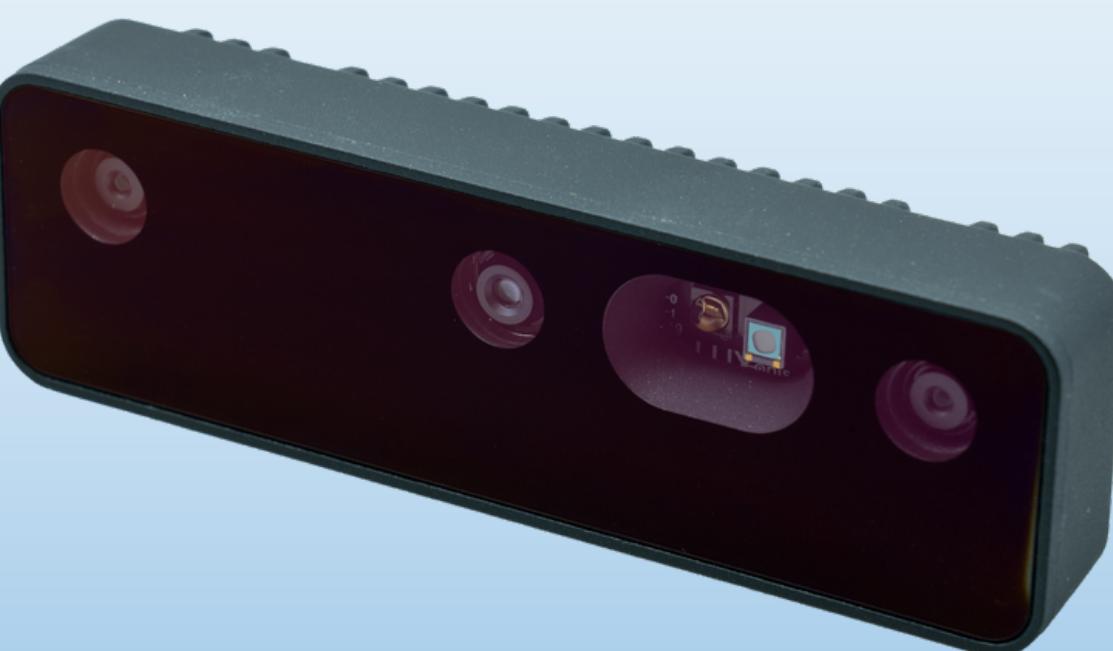


RPLIDAR  
A1M8



# OAK-D Pro

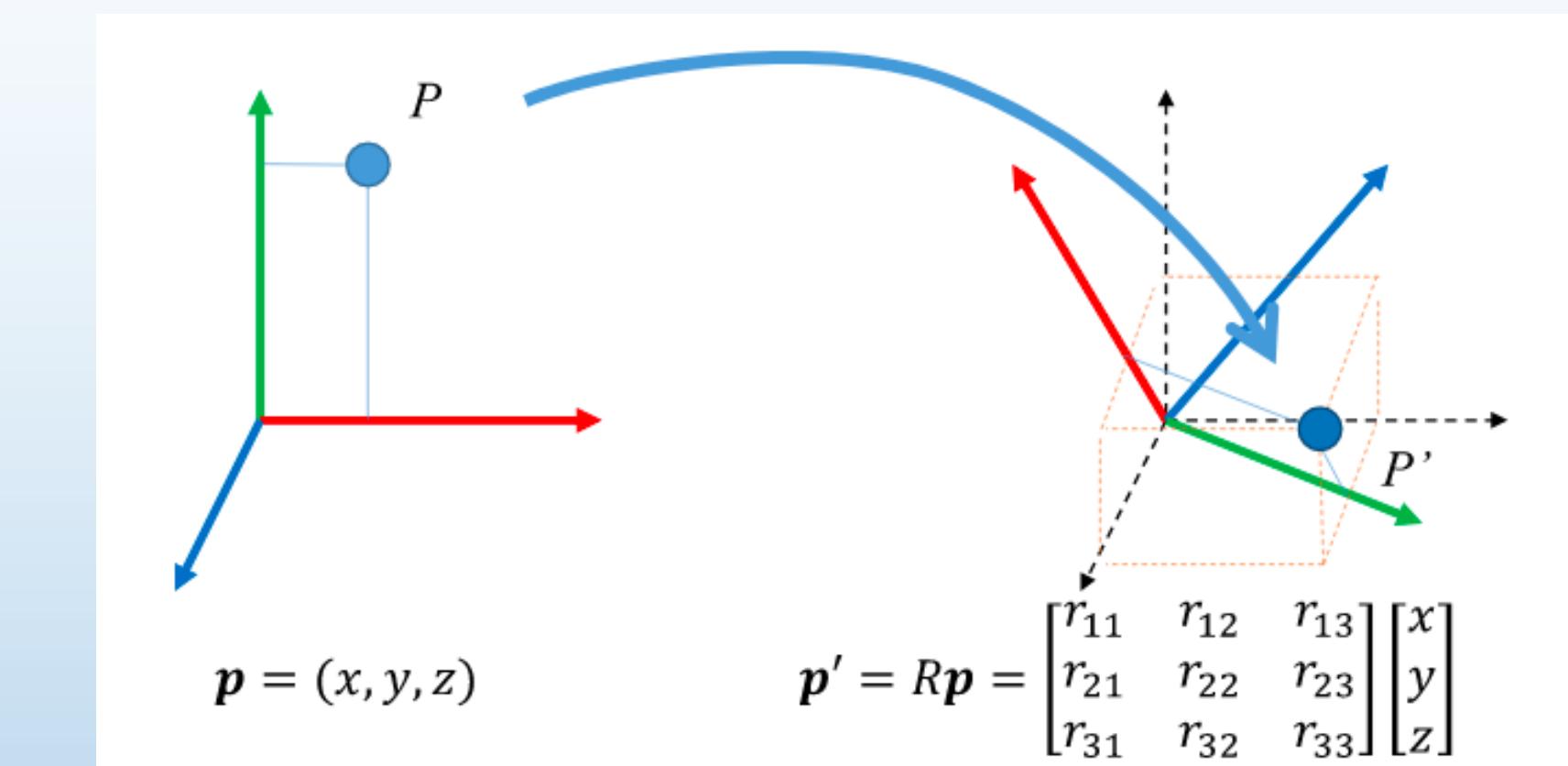
- Using the pretrained deep learning model provided by Luxonis.





# Transformation?

- Although the robot can see the obstacles through the camera, it actually doesn't know where the obstacles actually are.
- Transform the coordinates from the camera frame to the odometry frame.

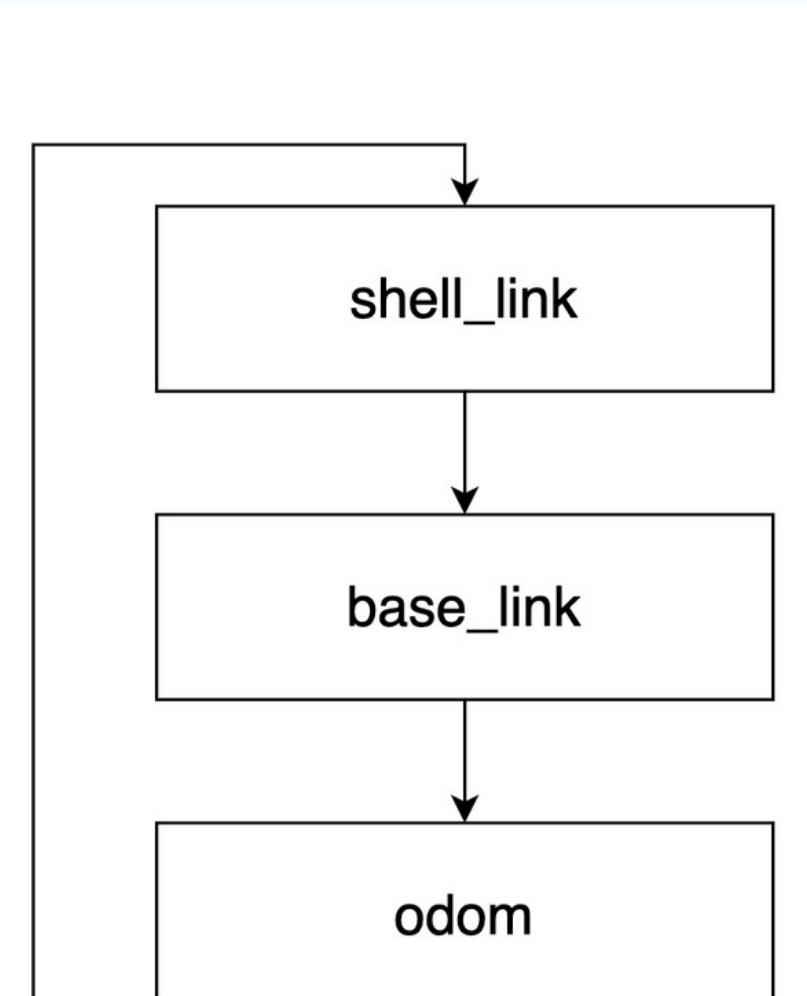
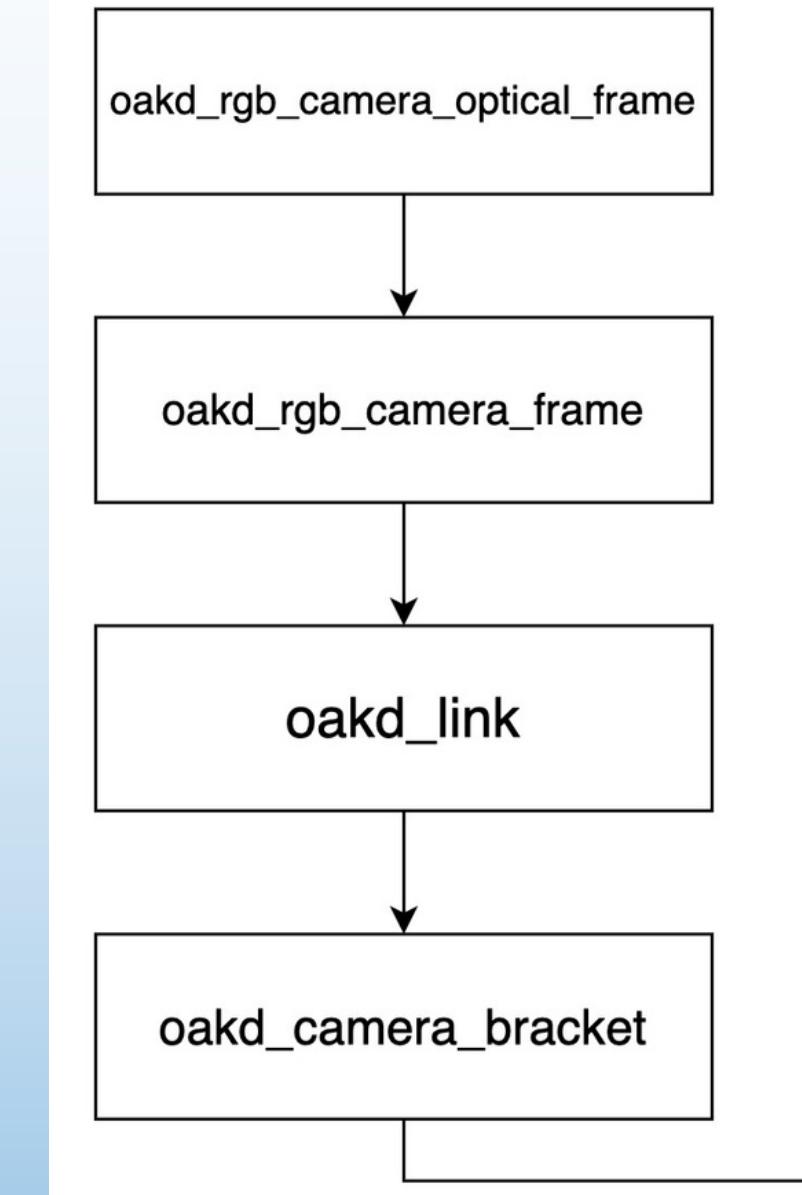




# Forward Kinematics

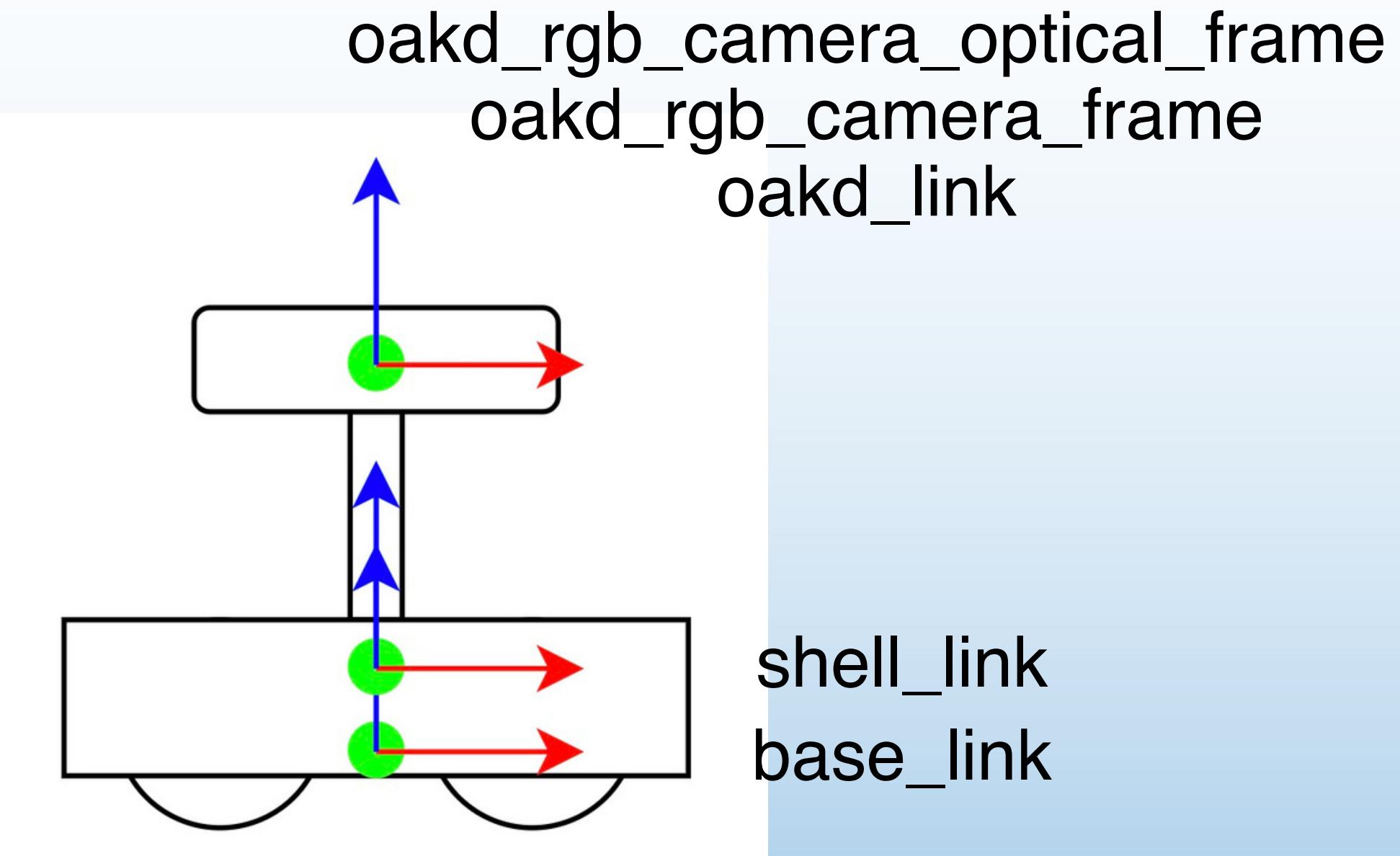
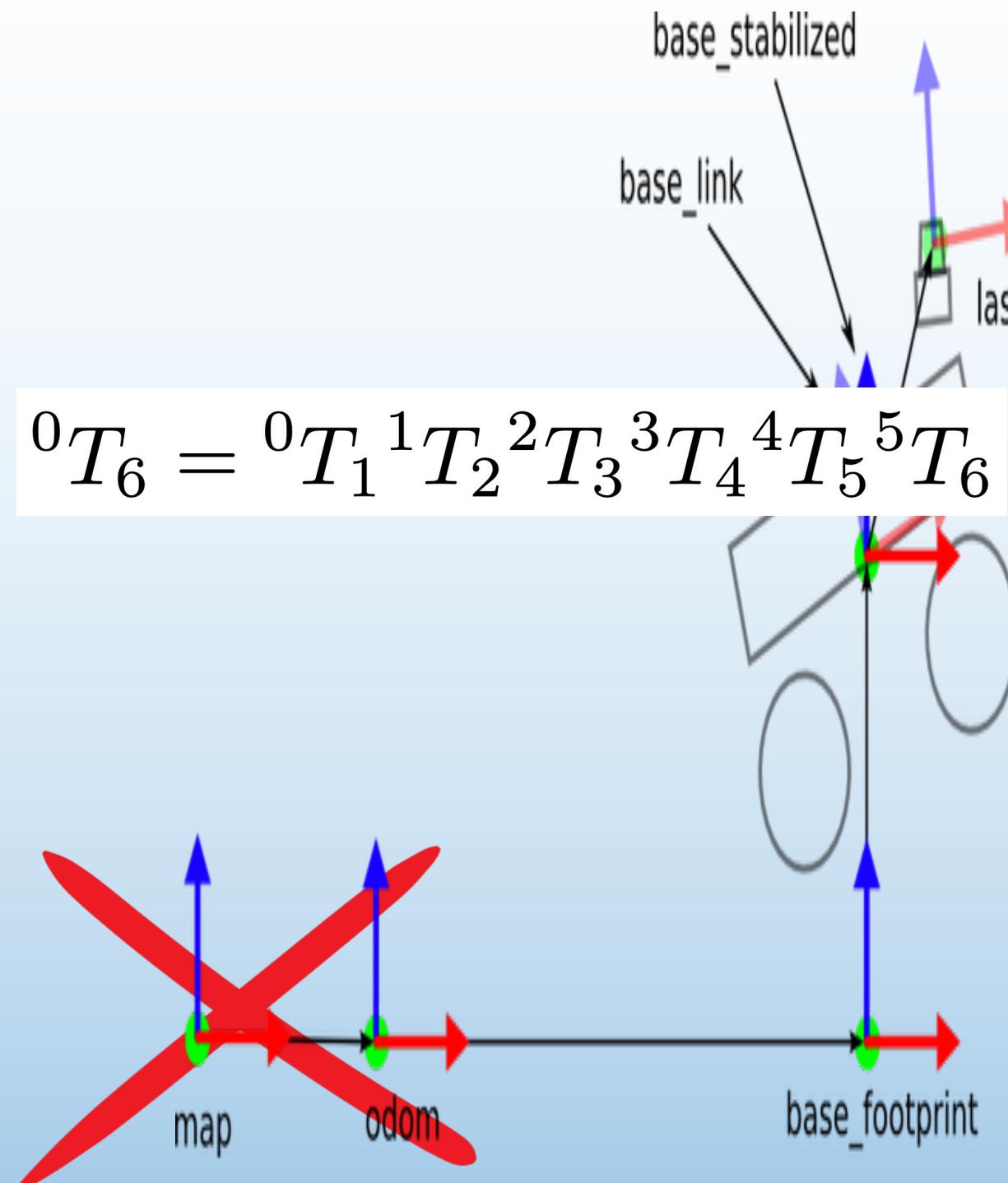
$${}^0T_6 = {}^0T_1 {}^1T_2 {}^2T_3 {}^3T_4 {}^4T_5 {}^5T_6$$

- There are already many frames set inside the Turtlebot4.
- The relationship between them are also recorded in the system → Retrieve them from specific topic.
- Transform the coordinates step by step from the beginning to the goal frame.





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$$R(Q) = \begin{bmatrix} 2(q_0^2 + q_1^2) - 1 & 2(q_1q_2 - q_0q_3) & 2(q_1q_3 + q_0q_2) \\ 2(q_1q_2 + q_0q_3) & 2(q_0^2 + q_2^2) - 1 & 2(q_2q_3 - q_0q_1) \\ 2(q_1q_3 - q_0q_2) & 2(q_2q_3 + q_0q_1) & 2(q_0^2 + q_3^2) - 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

—Rotational Matrix

$${}^0T_6 = {}^0T_1 {}^1T_2 {}^2T_3 {}^3T_4 {}^4T_5 {}^5T_6$$

- $q_1, q_2, q_3, q_4$  are Quaternions, which describe orientation or rotations in 3D space.
- It is recorded in the Turtlebot system.

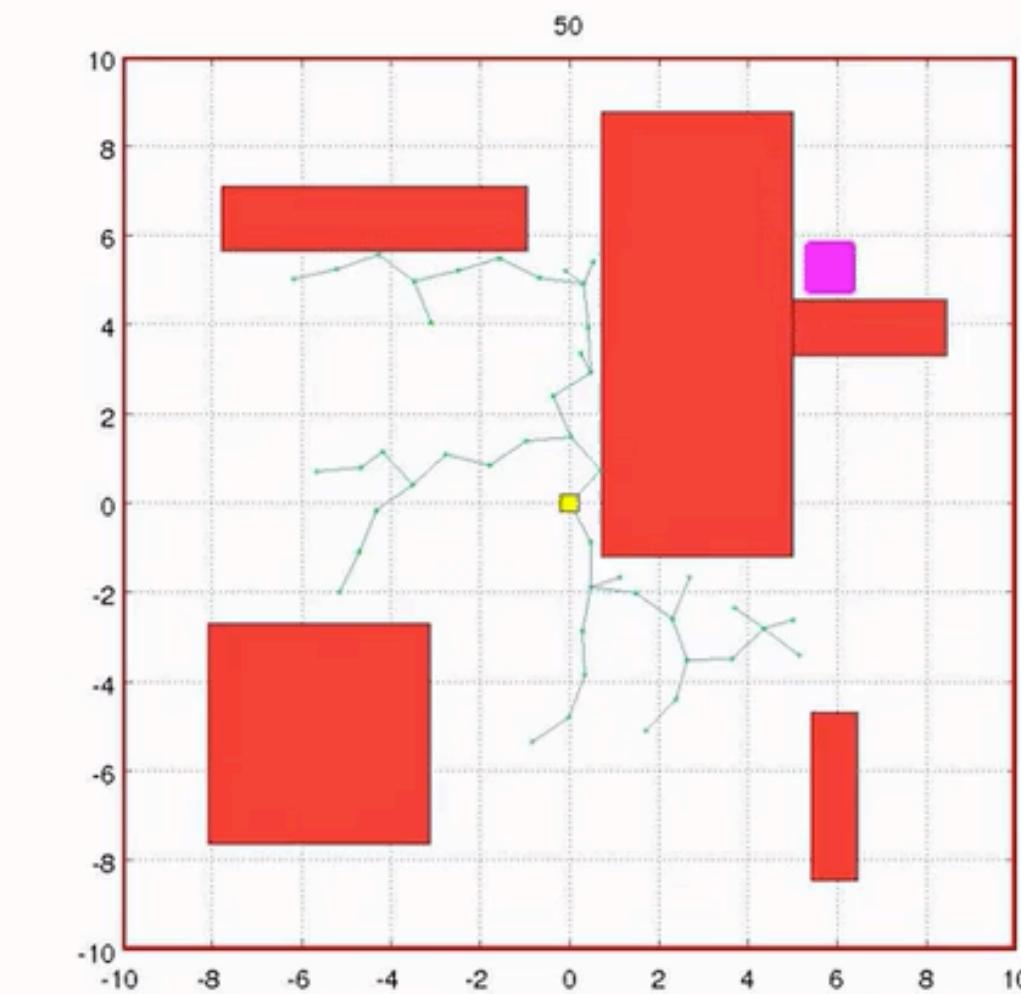
$${}^aT_b = \begin{bmatrix} R_{3 \times 3}(Q) & \begin{bmatrix} x_t \\ y_t \\ z_t \end{bmatrix}_{3 \times 1} \\ O_{1,3} & 1 \end{bmatrix}_{4 \times 4}$$



# RRT\*

## Rapidly-exploring Random Trees

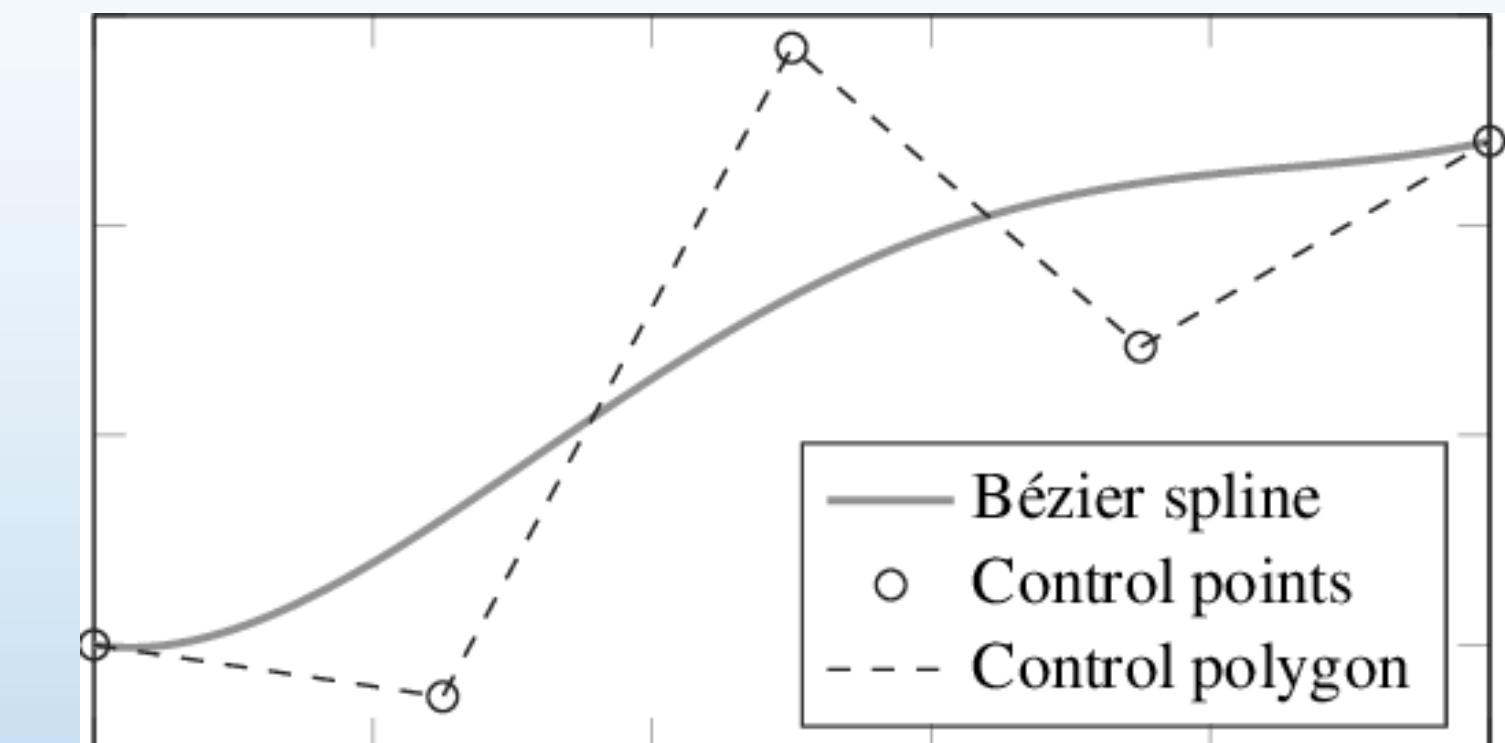
- RRT\* algorithm is used for path planning for the robot in the research.
- Convenient to find collision-free paths in complex environments.
- Build a tree structure by iteratively extending towards randomly selected points.





# Bézier Curve

- After the path is planned by the RRT\* algorithm, the path is usually not smooth enough for the robot to follow properly.
- Create Bézier Curve between each point of the RRT\* path by interpolation.
- The path can therefore be smoothed out.





## Kinematic and Dynamic Control of a Wheeled Mobile Robot

# Controller

- The control can be analogous to that of the unicycle.
- The Turtlebot will measure the difference between the current state and the desired state to calculate the inputs to control the robot.
- $k_1 = 1100 \cdot (10^{-4})$ ,  $k_2 = 5k_1$  when the robot is not dodging.
- $k_1 = 500 \cdot (10^{-4})$ ,  $k_2 = 20k_1$  when the robot is dodging.

$$x = x_{current} - x_{destination}$$

$$y = y_{current} - y_{destination}$$

$$\theta = \theta_{current} - \theta_{destination}$$

$$z_1 = \theta$$

$$z_2 = x \cos \theta + y \sin \theta$$

$$z_3 = x \sin \theta - y \cos \theta$$

$$x_1 = z_1$$

$$x_2 = z_2$$

$$x_3 = -2z_3 + z_1 z_2$$

$$u_1 = -k_1 x_1 + \frac{k_2 x_3}{x_1^2 + x_2^2} x_2$$

$$u_2 = -k_1 x_2 - \frac{k_2 x_3}{x_1^2 + x_2^2} x_1$$

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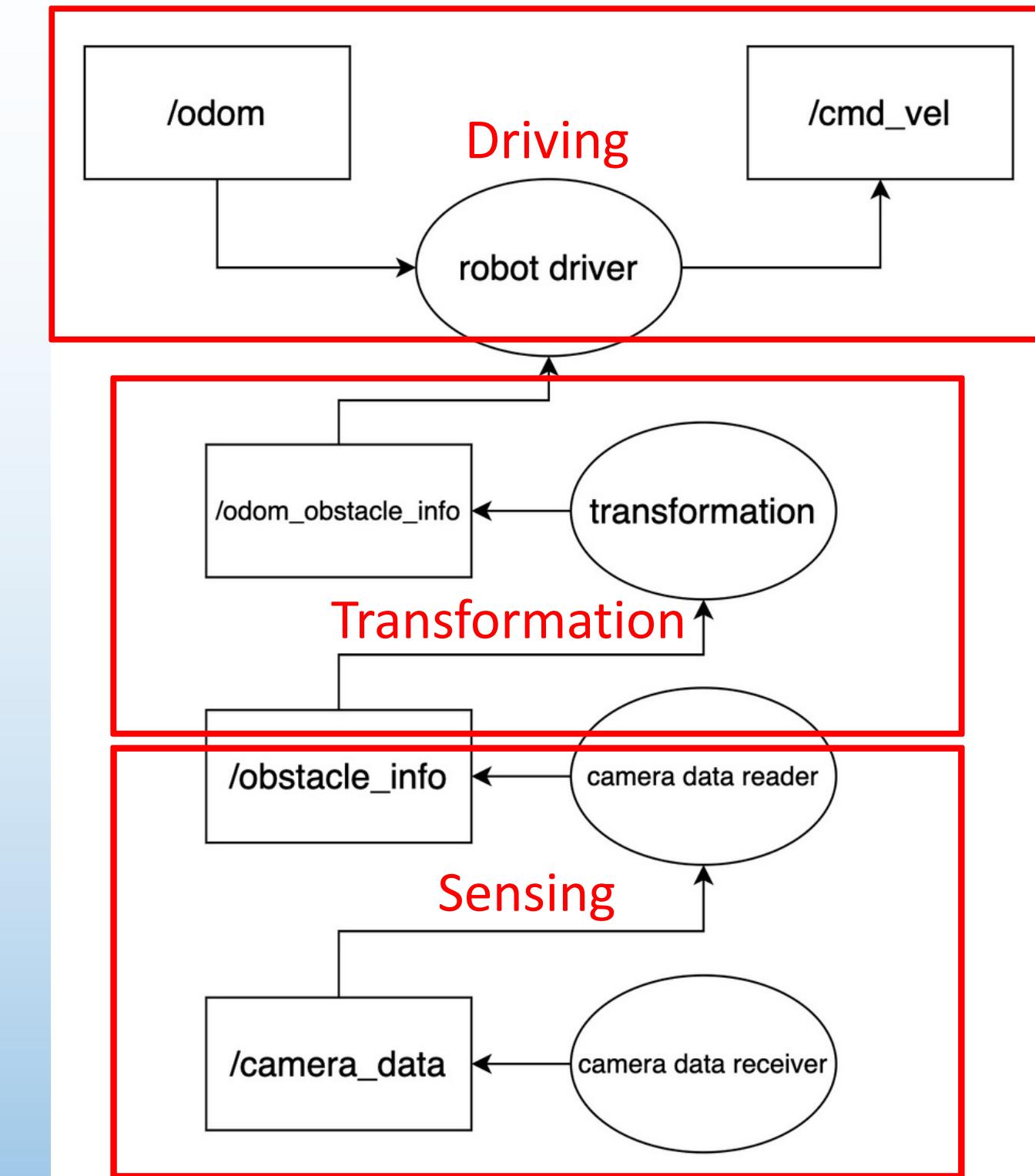
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# Implementation

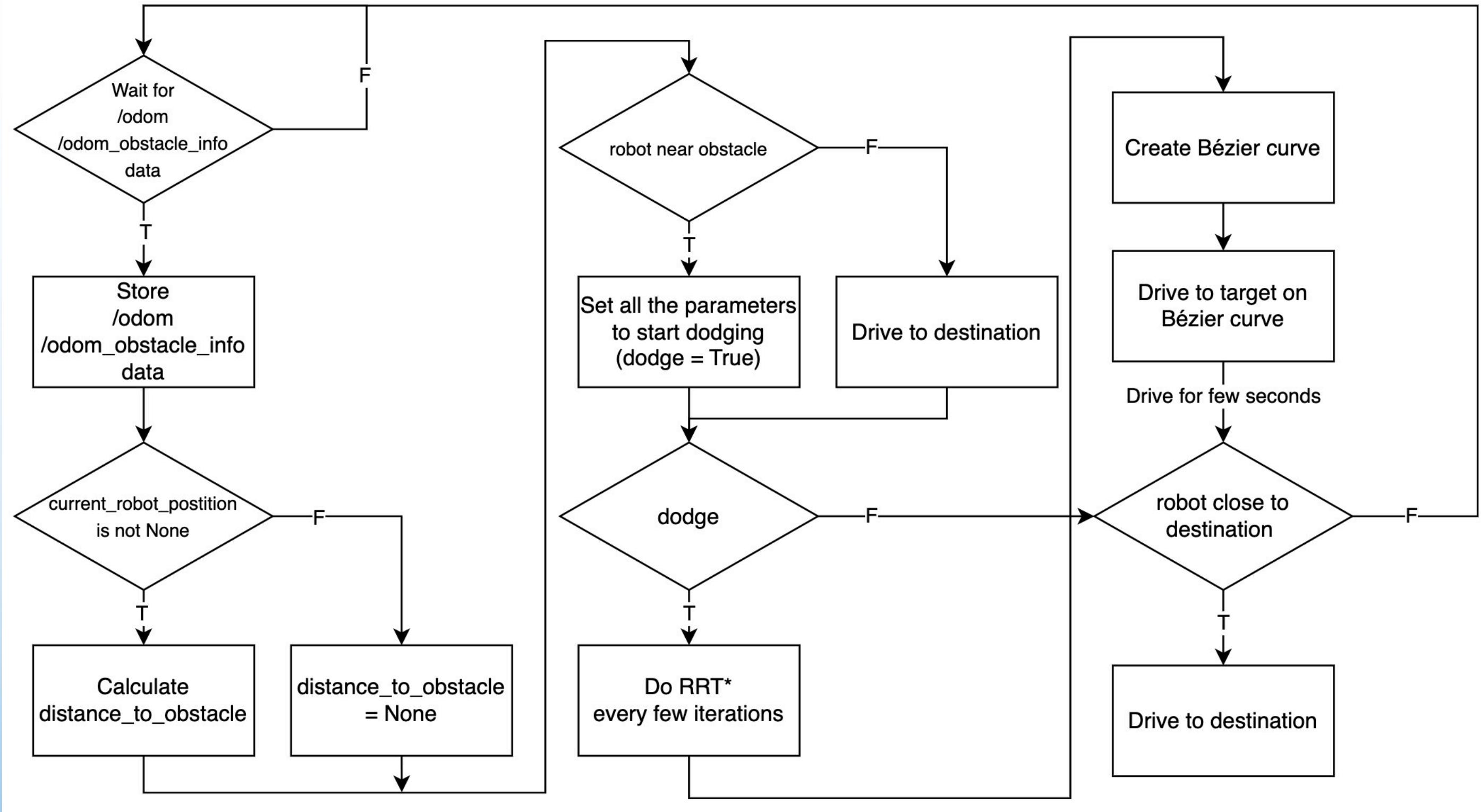
- All the nodes and topics used in this research are shown in the figure on the right.
- The system is mainly composed of three parts → Sensing, Transformation, Driving.
- “/cmd\_vel” is the node that drive the Turtlebot.





## Robot Driver

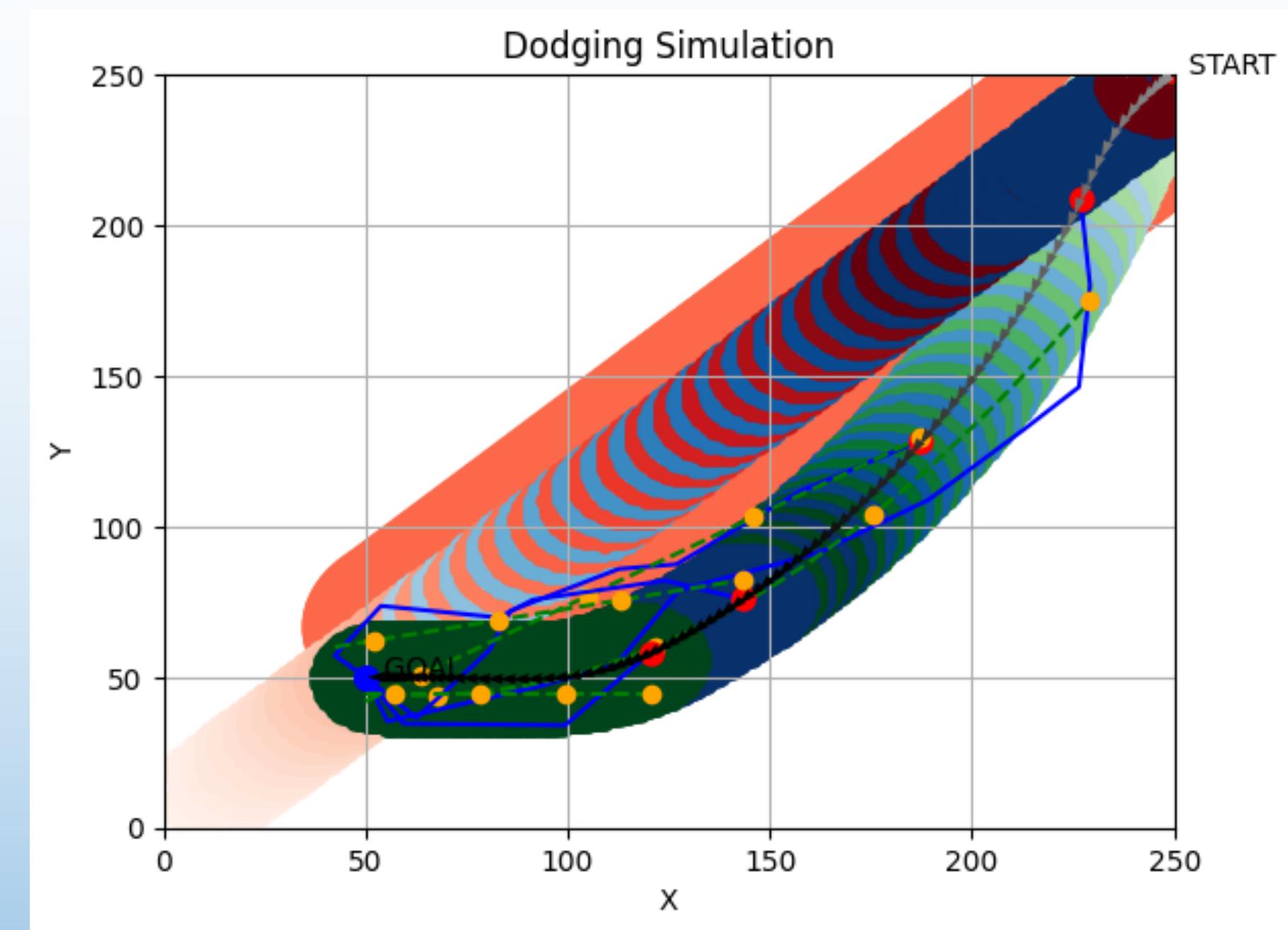
## Implementation





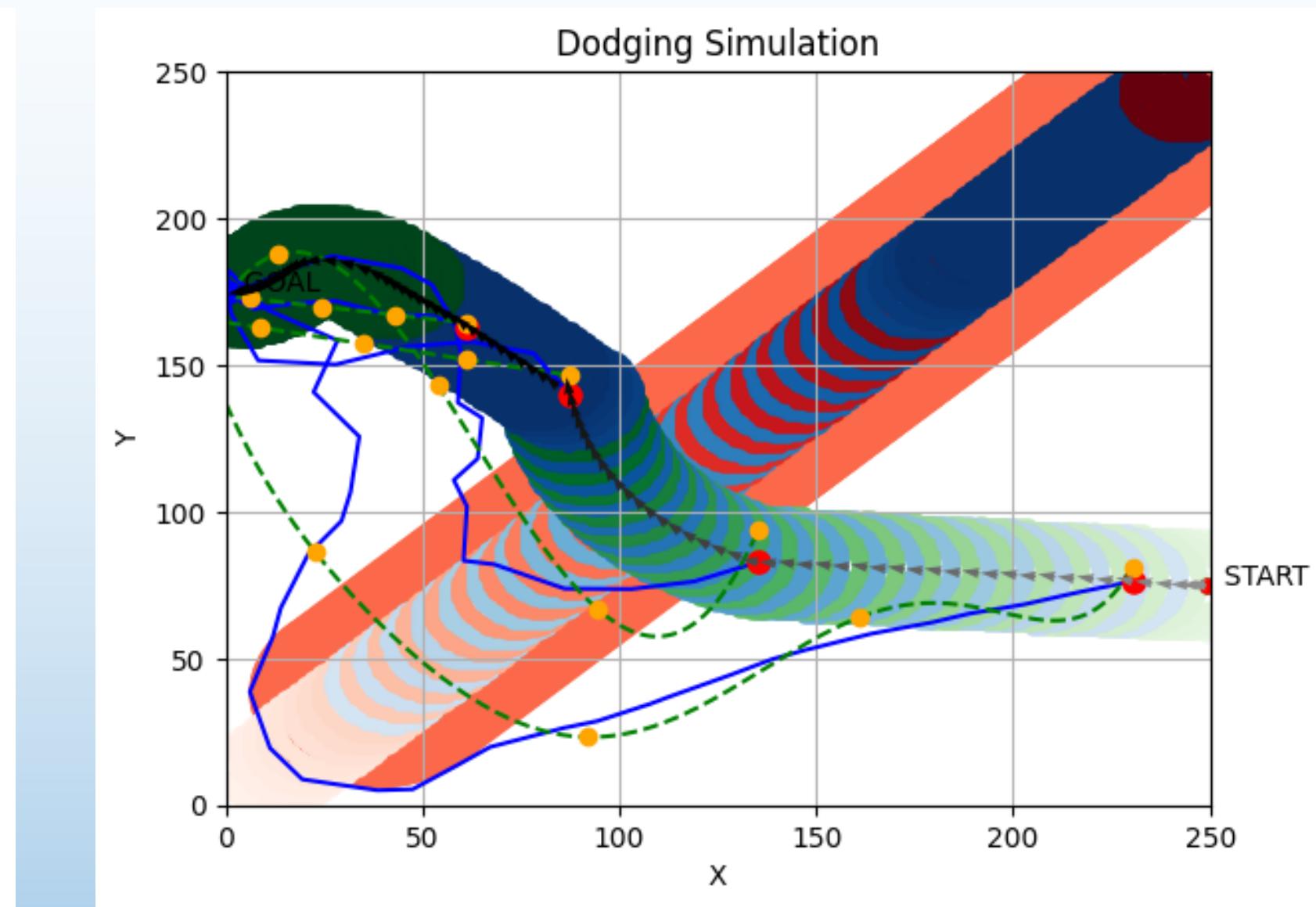
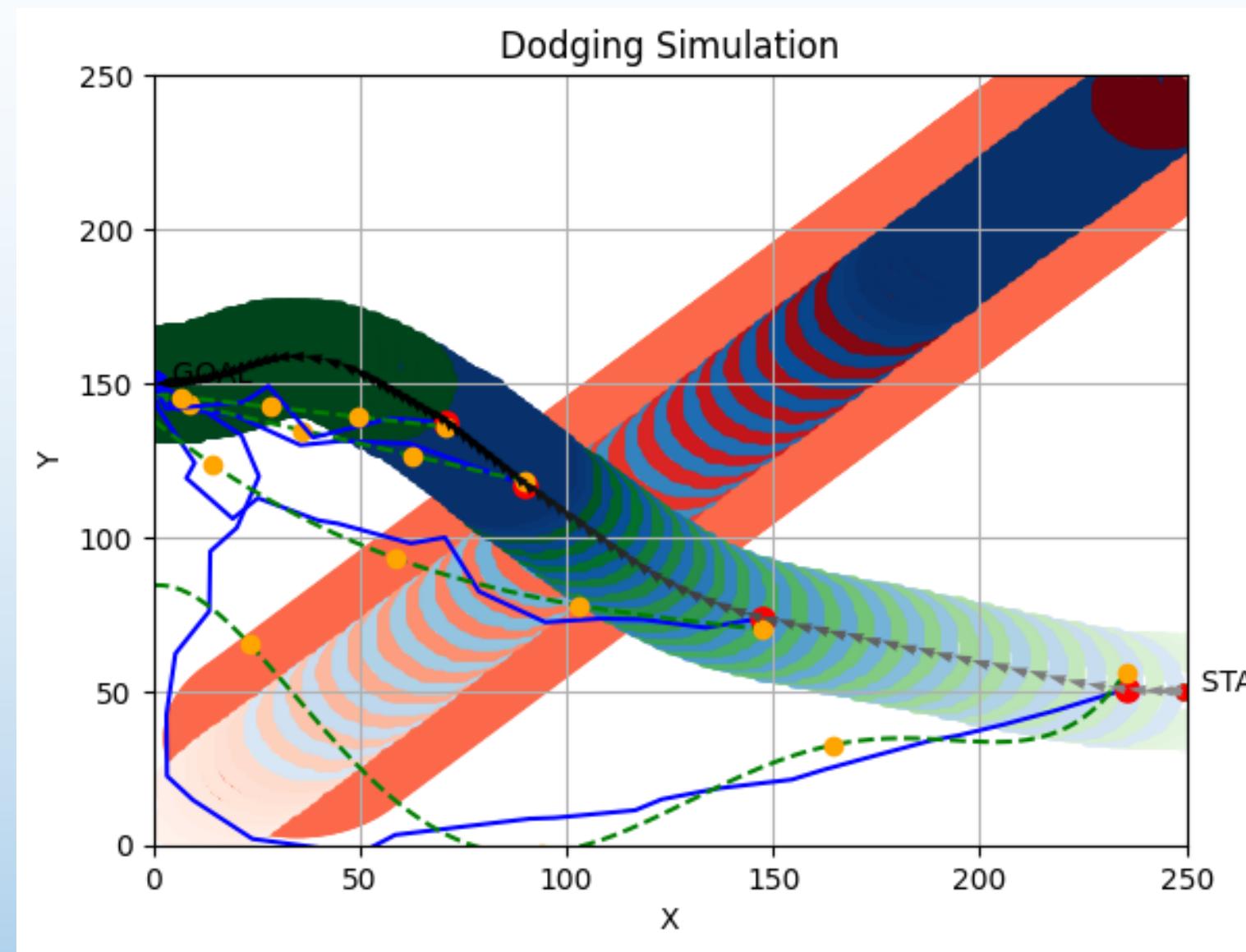
# Simulation

- Obstacle starts from  $(0, 0)$  to  $(250, 250)$
- Turtlebot starts from  $(250, 250)$  to  $(50, 50)$
- Red dot  $\rightarrow$  Start RRT\* (blue line)
- Green dash line  $\rightarrow$  Bézier Curve
- Yellow dot  $\rightarrow$  Separate the curve
- Repeat the steps above until the robot reaches the destination





# Simulation





# Result

```
Activities Terminator Aug 15 15:13
ubuntu@ubuntu:~/ros2_ws_4 92x36
iteration(RRT*): 0
iteration(RRT*) find path: 8
Path found!
[[-9.683608055114746, -13.603975296020508], [-10.511658174807062, -14.1451966926
14663], [-11.247365610580562, -14.801221565525271], [-11.375024413133271, -14.66
6192269565315]]
The robot orientation: -1.3725427705114357

Done Bezier Curve...

now appending obstacle list...
obstacle x velo: 1.1300465959201766 obstacle y velo: 100.61482335158732
obstacle list:
(-9.510263160826767, -14.600377957076274, 0.525),
(-9.454075841692825, -14.544190637942332, 0.47250000000000003),
(-9.397888522558883, -14.48800331880839, 0.42000000000000004),
(-9.341701203424941, -14.431815999674448, 0.3675),
(-9.285513884291, -14.375628680540506, 0.315),
(-9.229326565157058, -14.319441361406565, 0.2625),
(-9.173139246023116, -14.263254042272623, 0.21000000000000002),
(-9.116951926889174, -14.20796672313868, 0.15750000000000003),
(-9.060764607755232, -14.150879404004739, 0.10499999999999998),
(-9.00457728862129, -14.094692084870797, 0.05249999999999999),

RRT* map size:
x_limit= (-12.350048340454903, -9.624134063720703)
y_limit= (-16.586210602417795, -13.780296325683594)
start= (-9.624134063720703, -13.780296325683594)
goal= (-11.375024413133271, -14.666192269565315)
RRT* Path Planning...

iteration(RRT*): 0
iteration(RRT*) find path: 6
Path found!
[[-9.624134063720703, -13.780296325683594], [-9.988074086673306, -14.12314856746
3138], [-10.608135796898026, -14.505140346089144], [-11.092162816311975, -14.630
511173944944], [-11.375024413133271, -14.666192269565315]]
The robot orientation: -1.14001100633232

Done Bezier Curve...

target reached!
^CException ignored in: <module 'threading' from '/usr/lib/python3.10/threading.
py'>
Traceback (most recent call last):
  File "/usr/lib/python3.10/threading.py", line 1567, in _shutdown
    lock.acquire()
KeyboardInterrupt:
ubuntu@ubuntu:~/ros2_ws_4$ ros2 run my_robot_controller odom_data_subscriber_dod
ge
desired proceed distance (m): 3
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