

Artificial Intelligence and Robotics for Intelligent Agents — with emphasis on social robotics —

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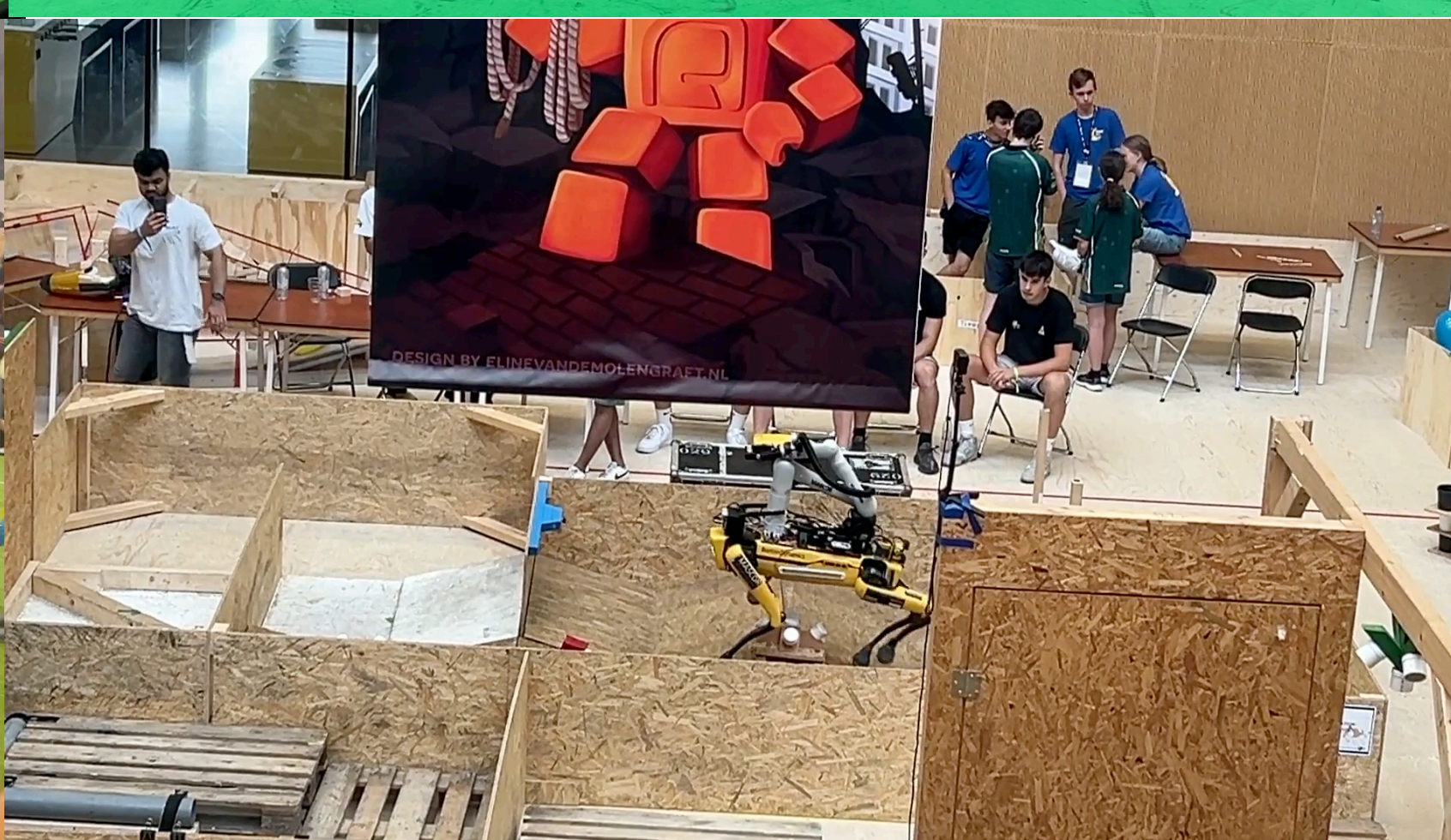
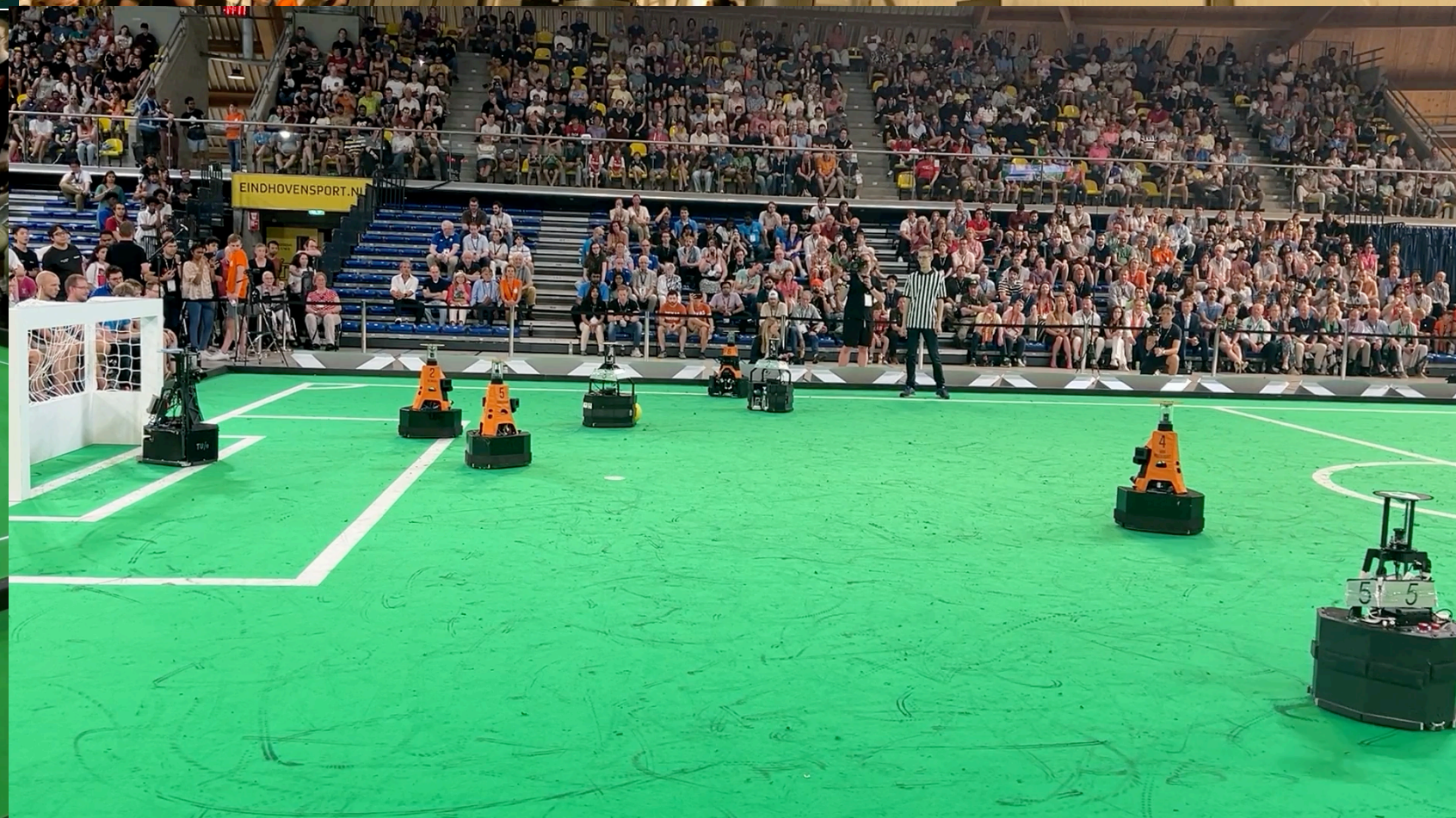
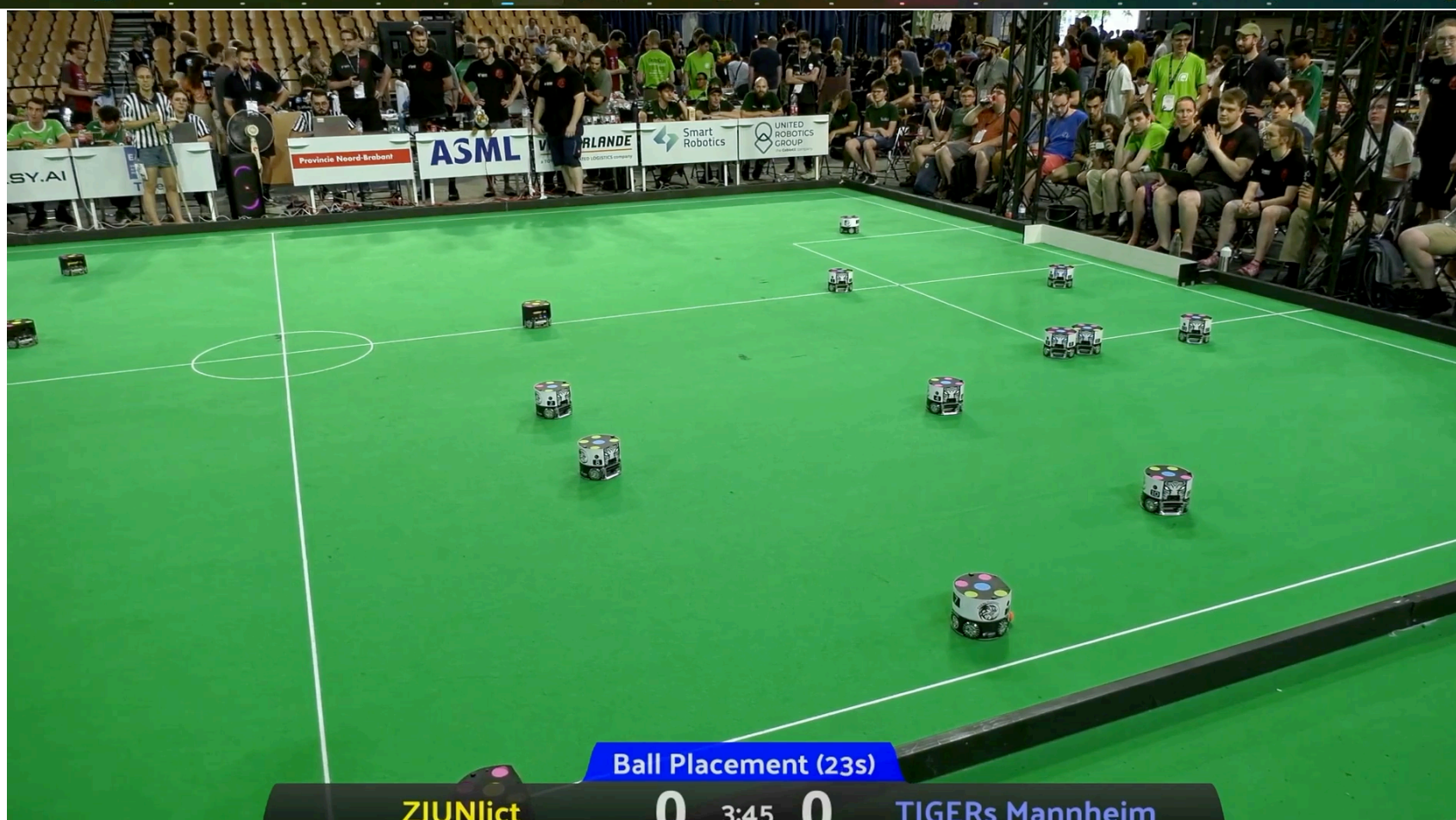
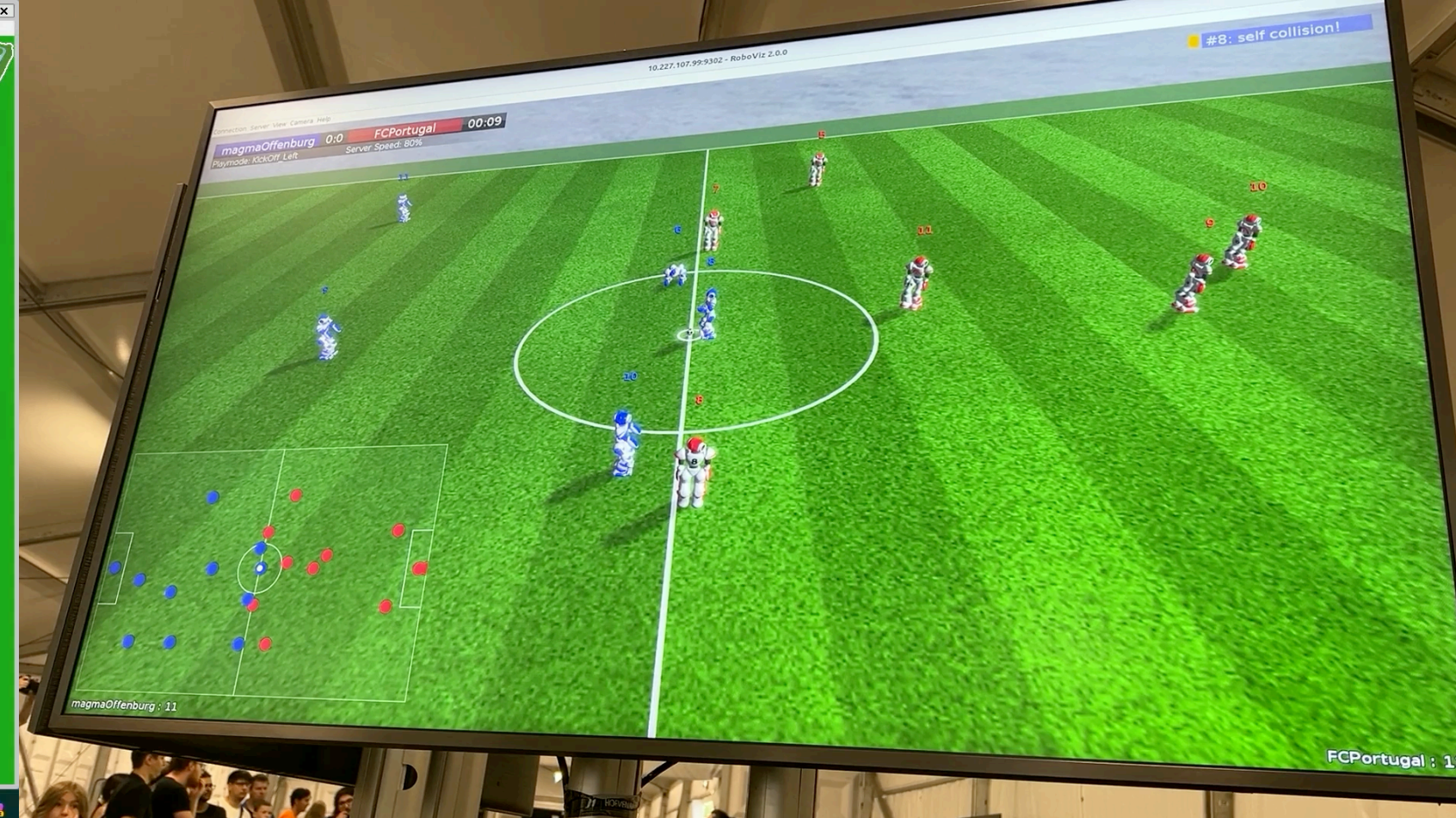
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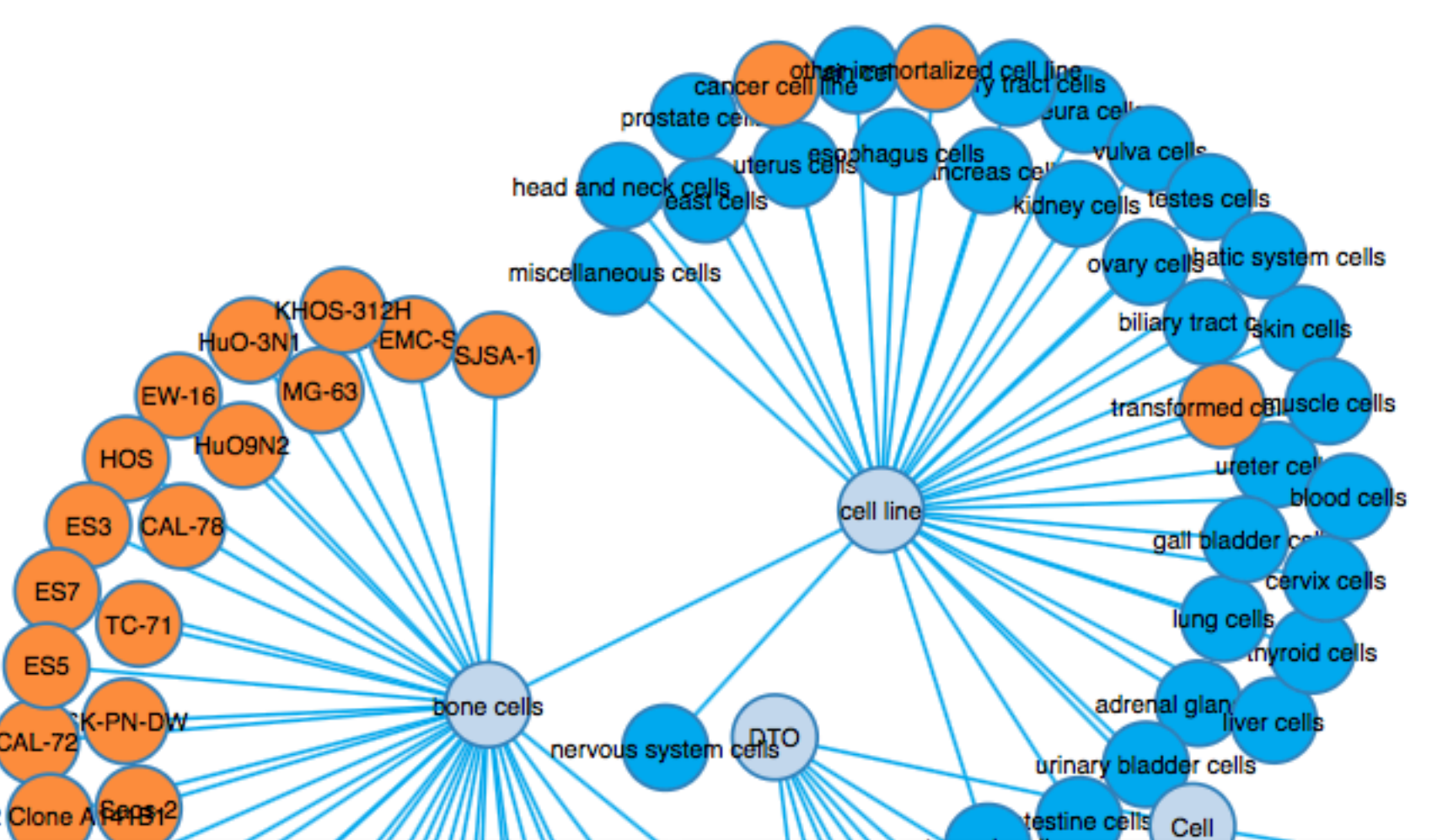
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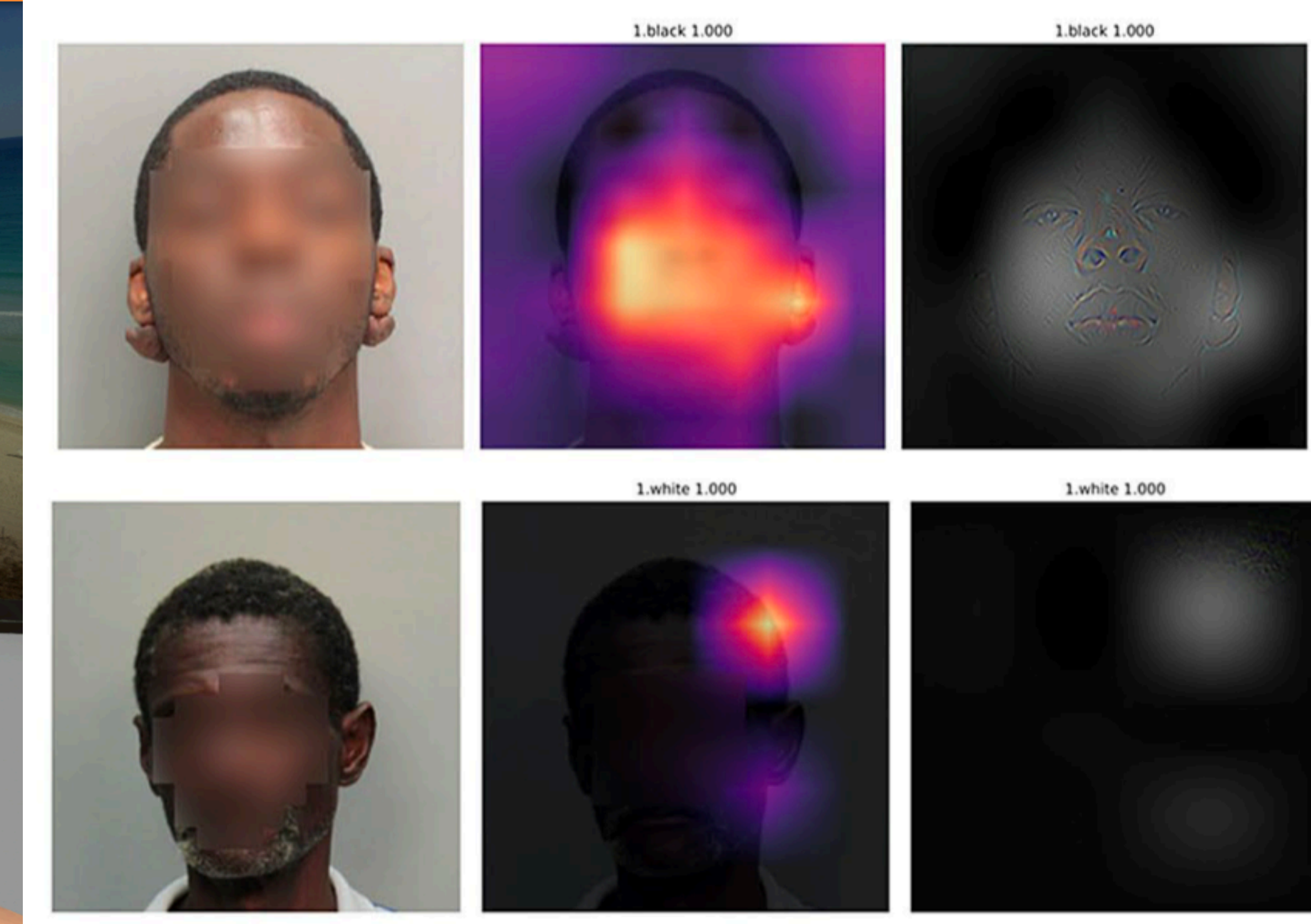
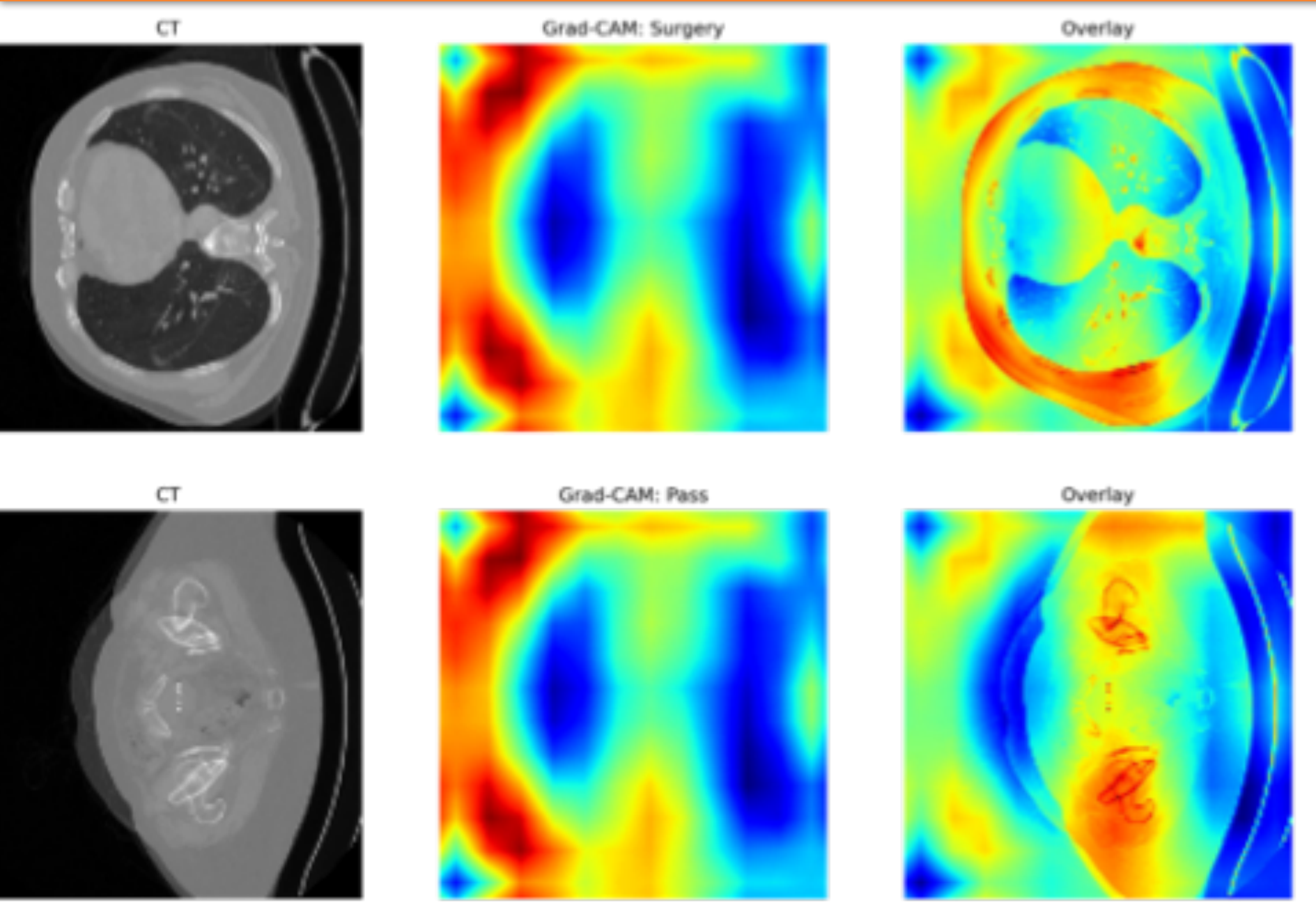
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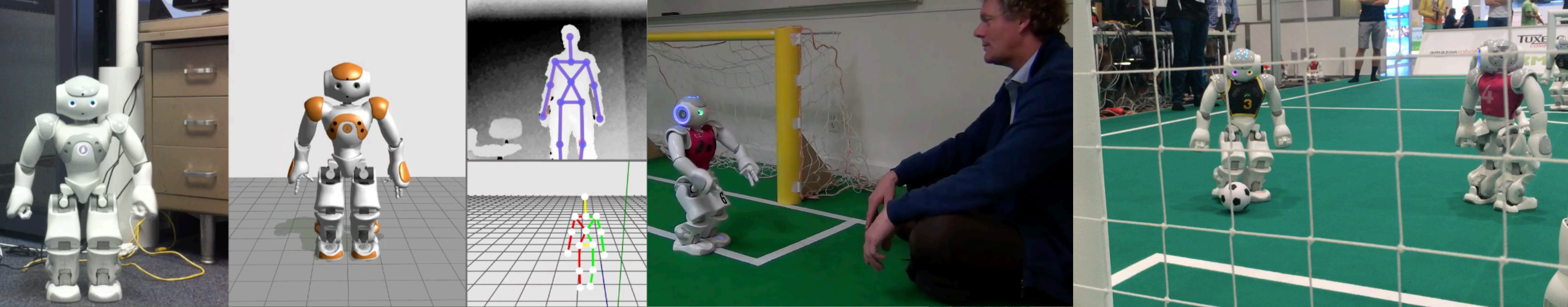






Ontologies, Knowledge Engineering, Semantic Web, Spatio-temporal Reasoning
 Machine Learning, Medical Imaging, Digital Health, Therapy, FRT





Drive interdisciplinary AI & Robotics research to enable the next generation of robots that work and interact safely alongside humans.



RESEARCH CHALLENGES

- ▶ Autonomous robots shall act appropriately in dynamic, real time, and adversarial environments
- ▶ One of the biggest challenges in AI and robotics
- ▶ Numerous examples: rescue scenarios, home assistance, device assistance (e.g. cars, planes)
- ▶ Playing soccer with biped robots as a testbed for development in perception, multi-agent cooperation, complex motions, ...
- ▶ Service robots for domestic environments
- ▶ RoboCup is a landmark project as well as a standard problem



RoboCup Soccer, 5 NAO robots



RoboCup@Home, HSR

WIDE RANGE OF RESEARCH CHALLENGES

real time sensor fusion

grasping and manipulation

learning

context recognition

real time planning

human-robot interaction

decision making

opponent/user modeling

reactive/proactive behavior

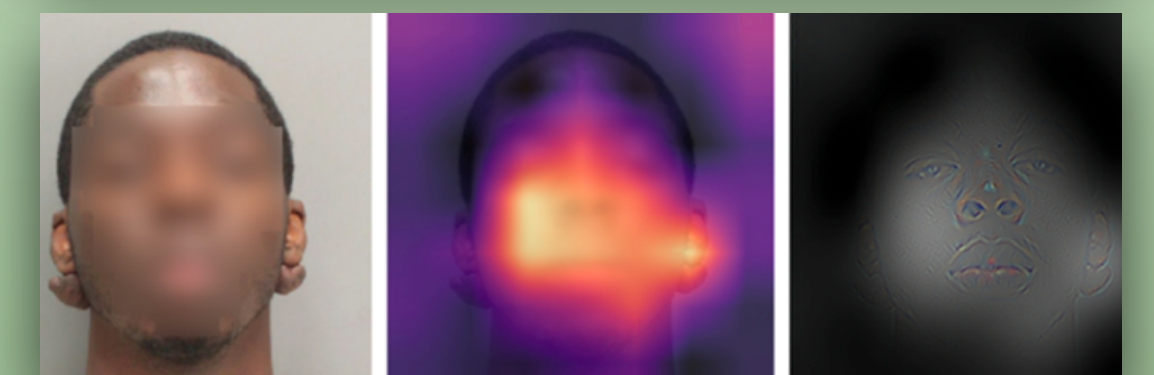
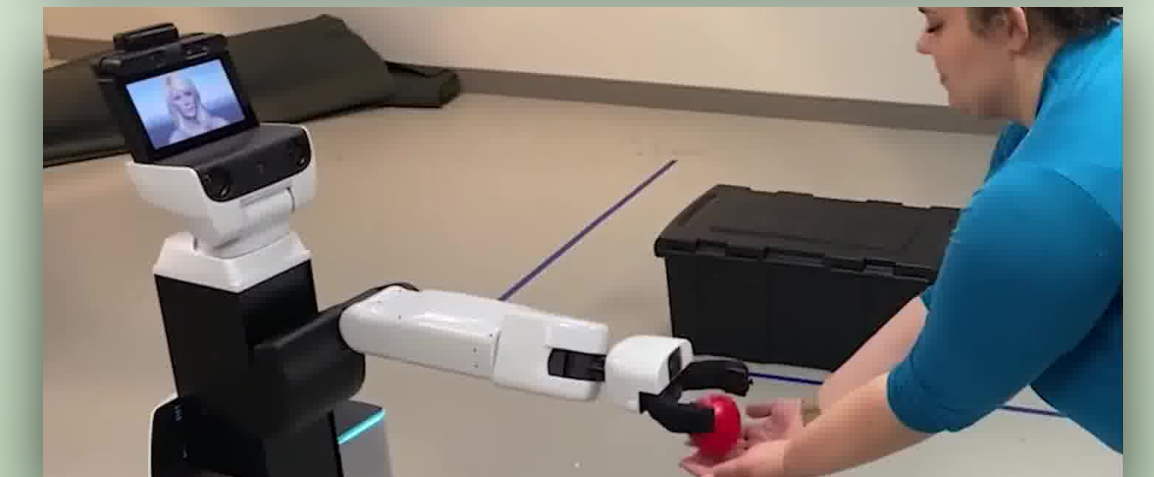
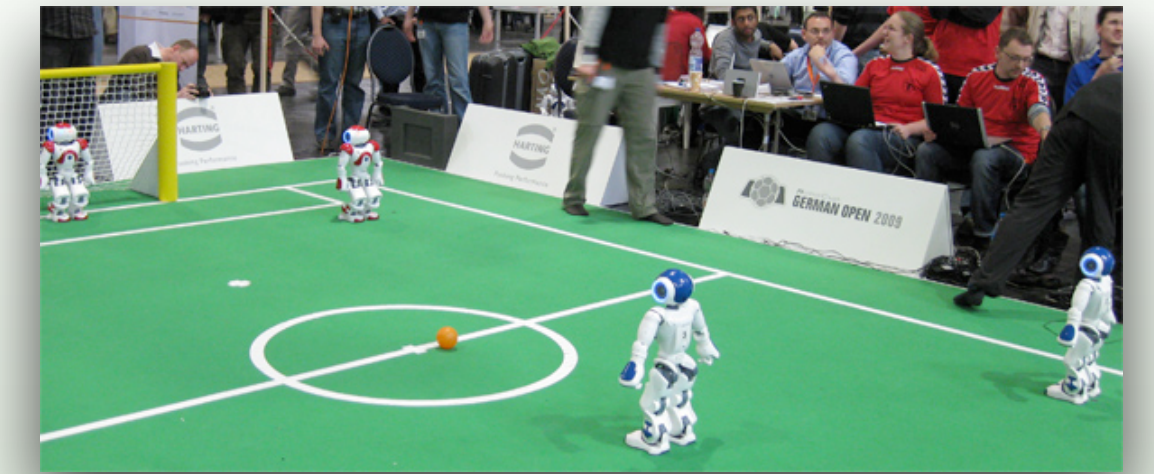
and many more...



multi-agent systems

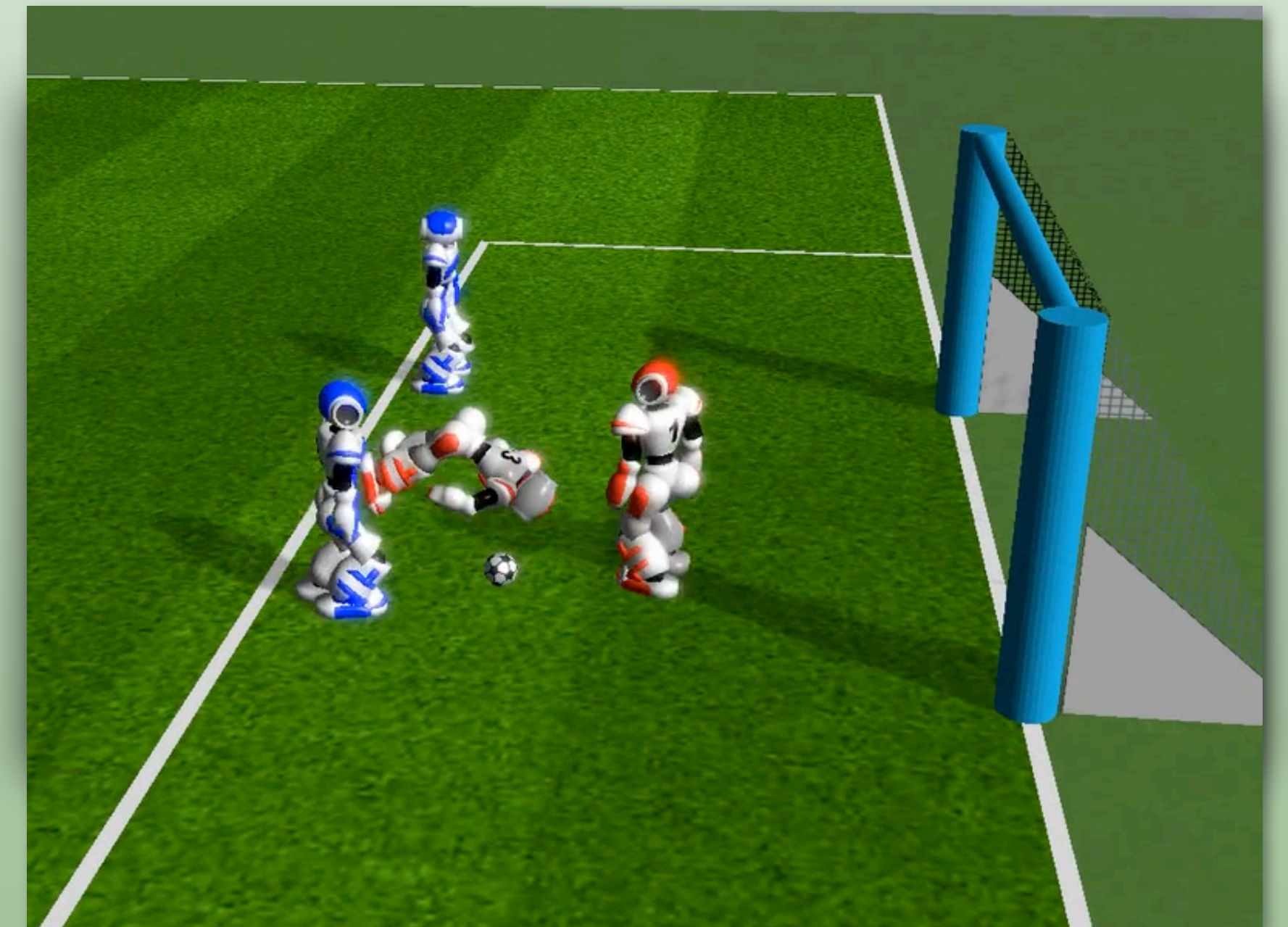
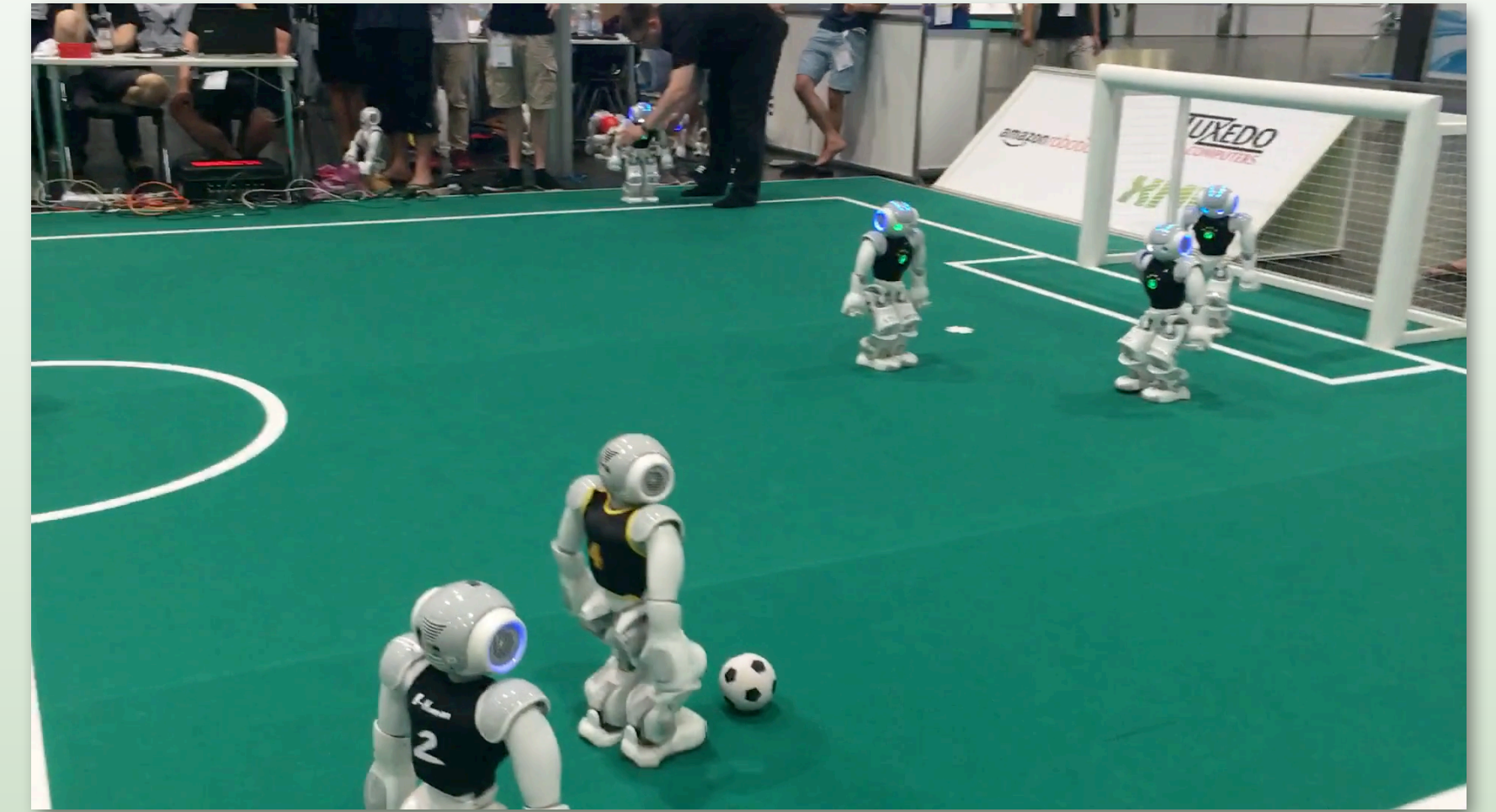
motor control

1. Multi-robot cooperation and communication
2. Manipulation systems
3. Human-Robot Interaction
4. Interfaces: VR meets AI & Robotics
5. Facial recognition on MD criminal justice data
6. Robot localization and path planning

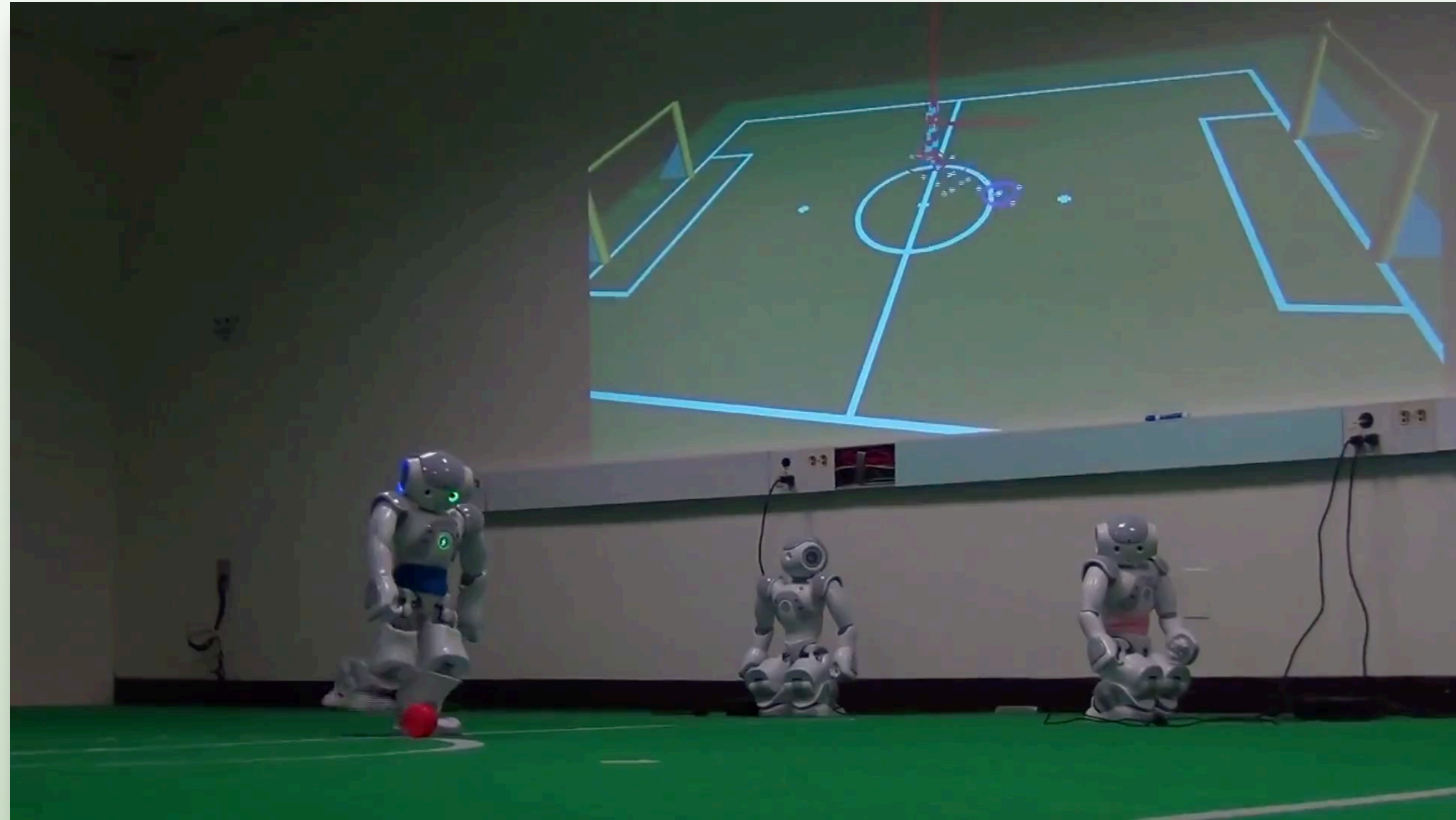


1. MULTI-ROBOT COOPERATION AND COMMUNICATION

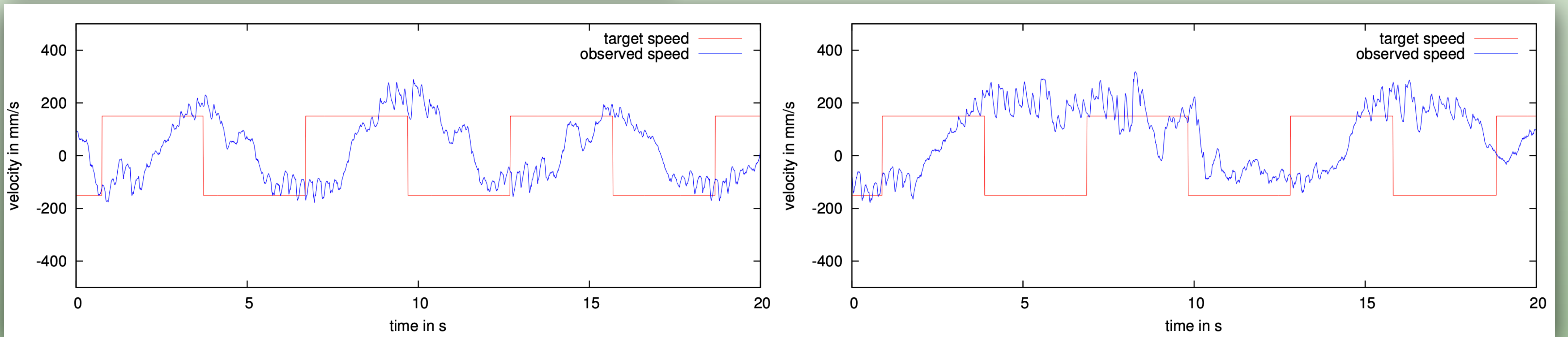
- ▶ Task and motion planning
 - ▶ Creation of high-level commands and collision-free trajectories to achieve goal
- ▶ State estimation and perception
 - ▶ Infer relevant quantities from sensor data (field objects, opponents, team mates, contacts/collisions, ...)
- ▶ Communication
 - ▶ Communication with team mates, determine global geometry (e.g. ball position), ad-hoc sub-team building (e.g. offside trap, double-pass)
- ▶ Object manipulation
 - ▶ Determine good kick positions given relevant constraints (global geometry, local geometry, placement of ball)
- ▶ Trajectory generation and control
 - ▶ Real-time, reactive generation of control commands to move bipedal robot safely toward goal



CONTROL (1): DYNAMIC ADAPTIVE WALKING ENGINE



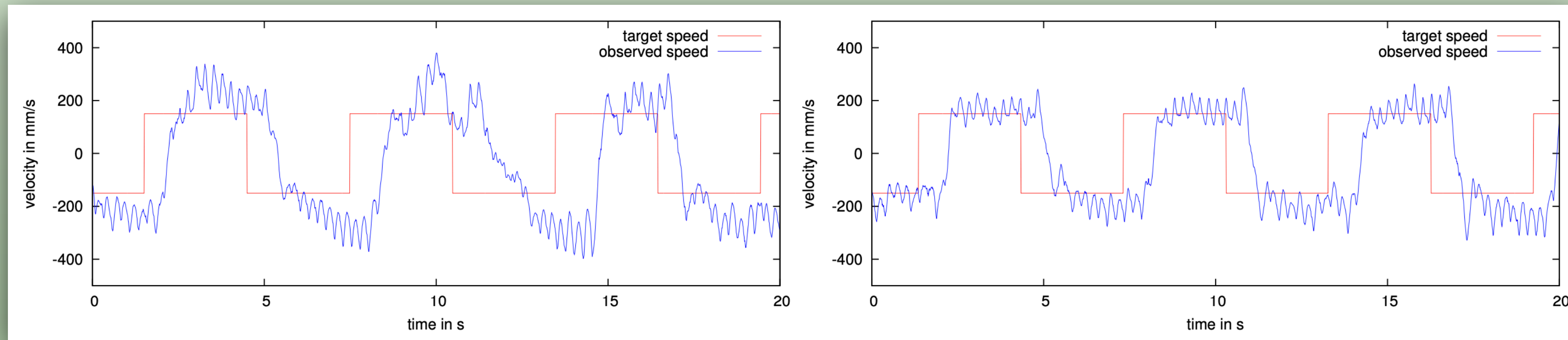
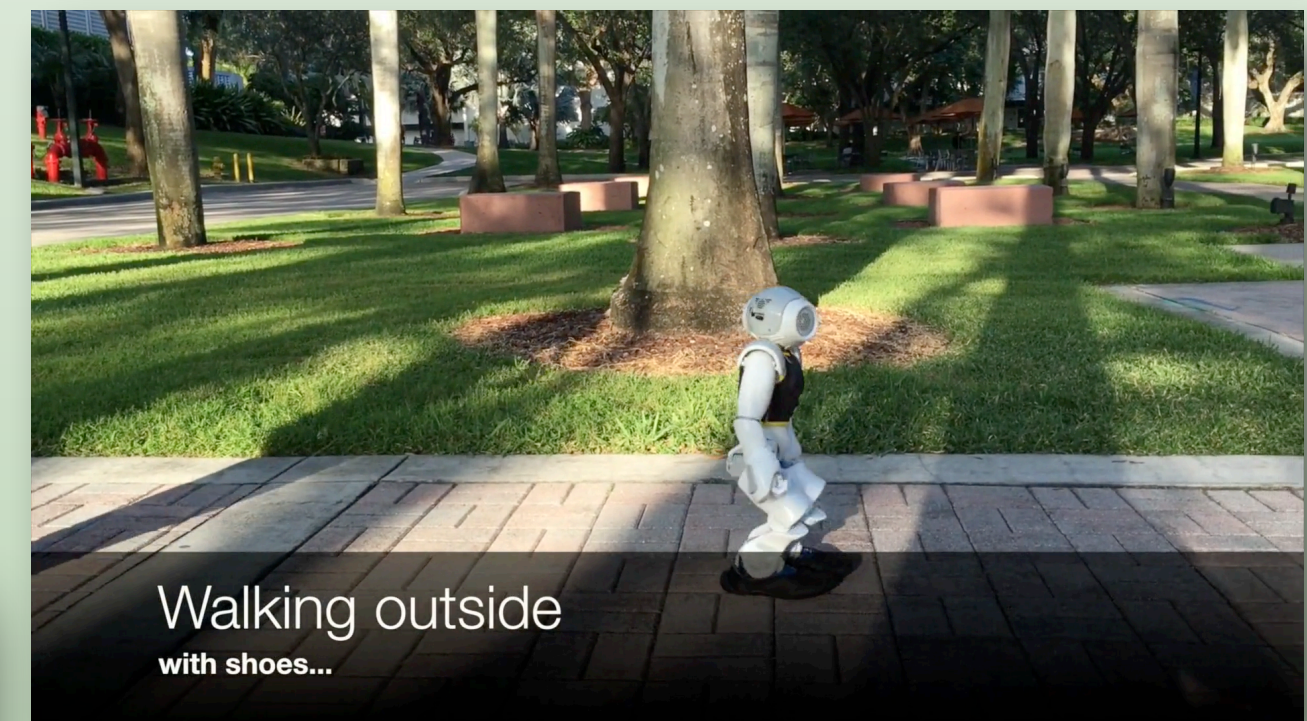
- ▶ First bipedal walk, open-loop, parameter prior optimized, no changes during runtime
- ▶ Becomes unstable due to changes (e.g. motor temperature)



Forward/backward walk. Slow acceleration for stability (left), higher acceleration limit less stable (right)

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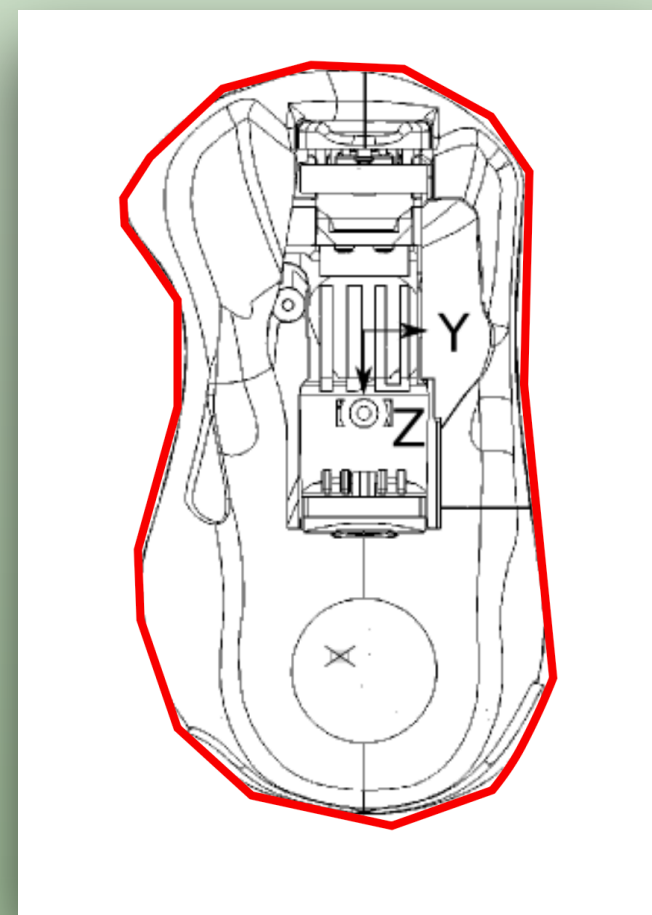
- ▶ LIPM-based closed-loop walk
- ▶ Adaptation by optimizing parameter of model in real-time onboard
- ▶ Result: new, stable, fast, and energy-efficient walk



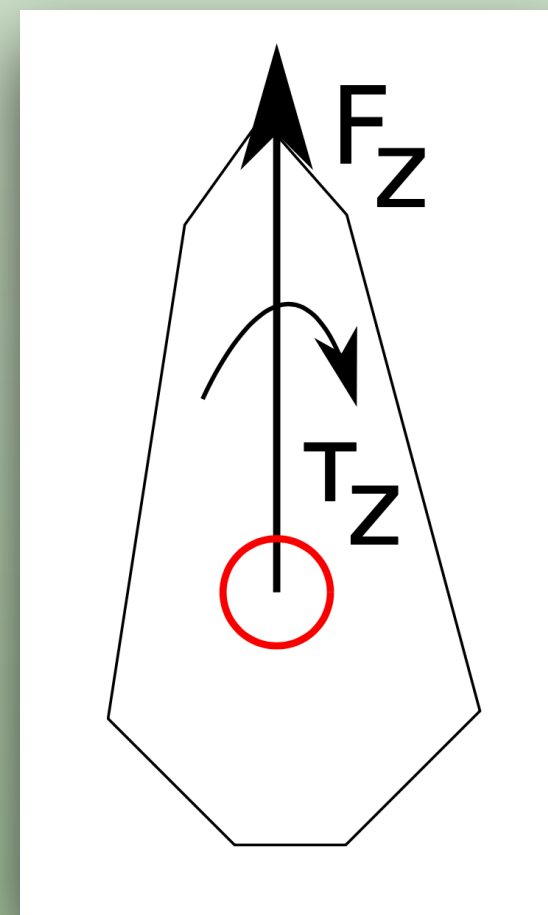
Forward/backward walk with 15cm/s with new walk. No optimization (left), with optimization (right)

CONTROL (2): OMINDIRECTIONAL KICK

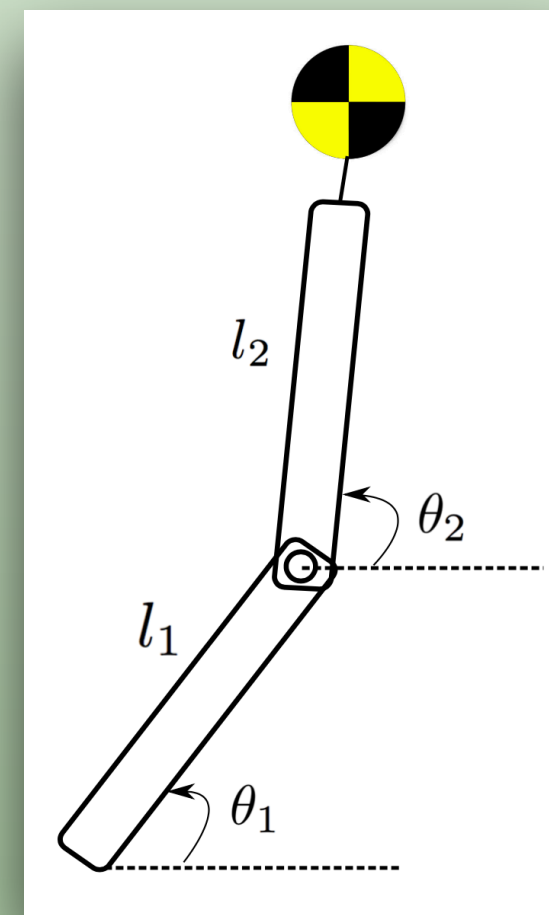
- ▶ Kick trajectory generation, arbitrary direction, no prior input or knowledge of the kick parameters
- ▶ Key idea: Zero Moment Point (ZMP) based preview controller that minimizes the ZMP error
- ▶ Covariance Matrix Adaptation Evolution Strategy (CMA-ES) for model optimization.



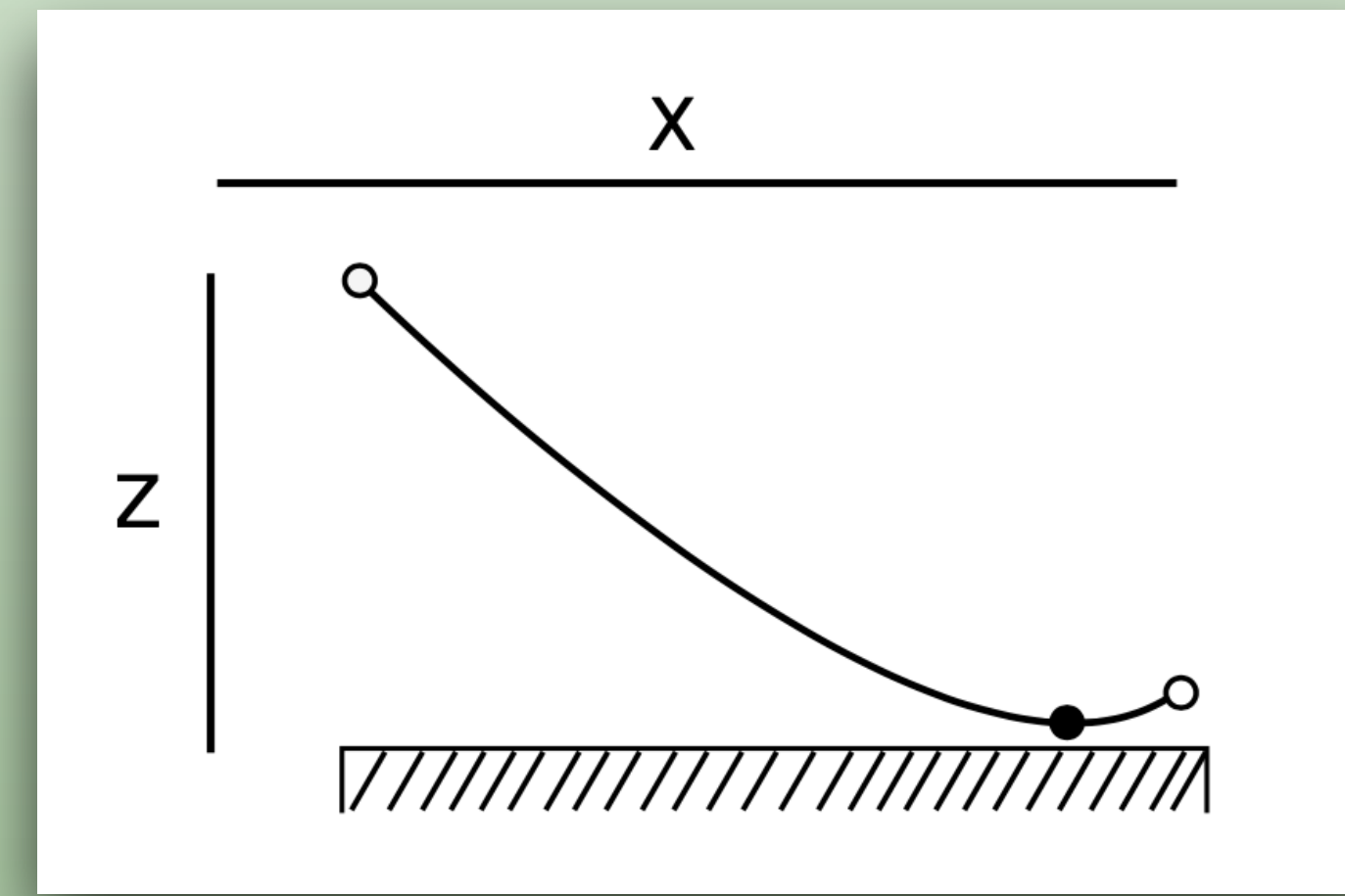
Support polygon
(convex hull)



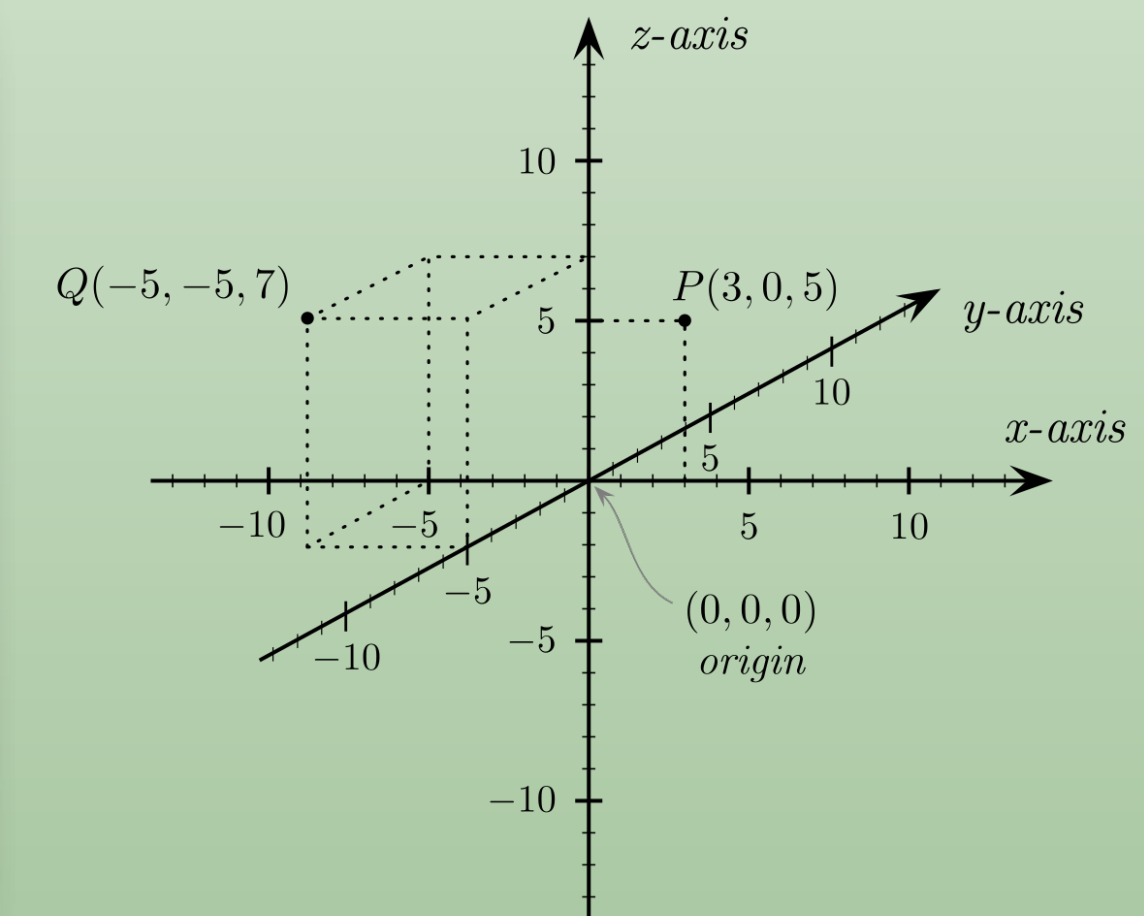
ZMP location



Approximation
of inverse
kinematic model

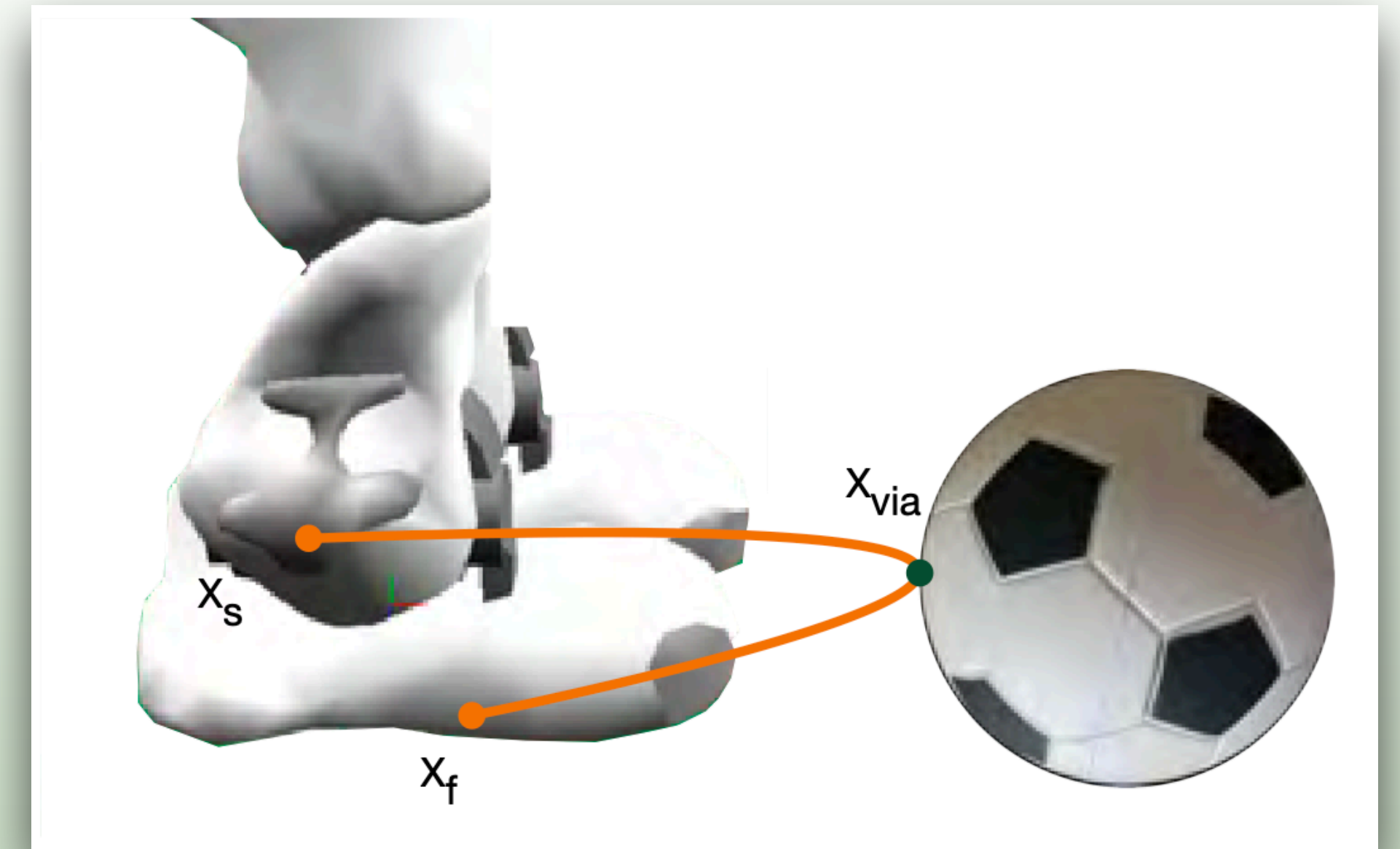


Two polynomials for front kick



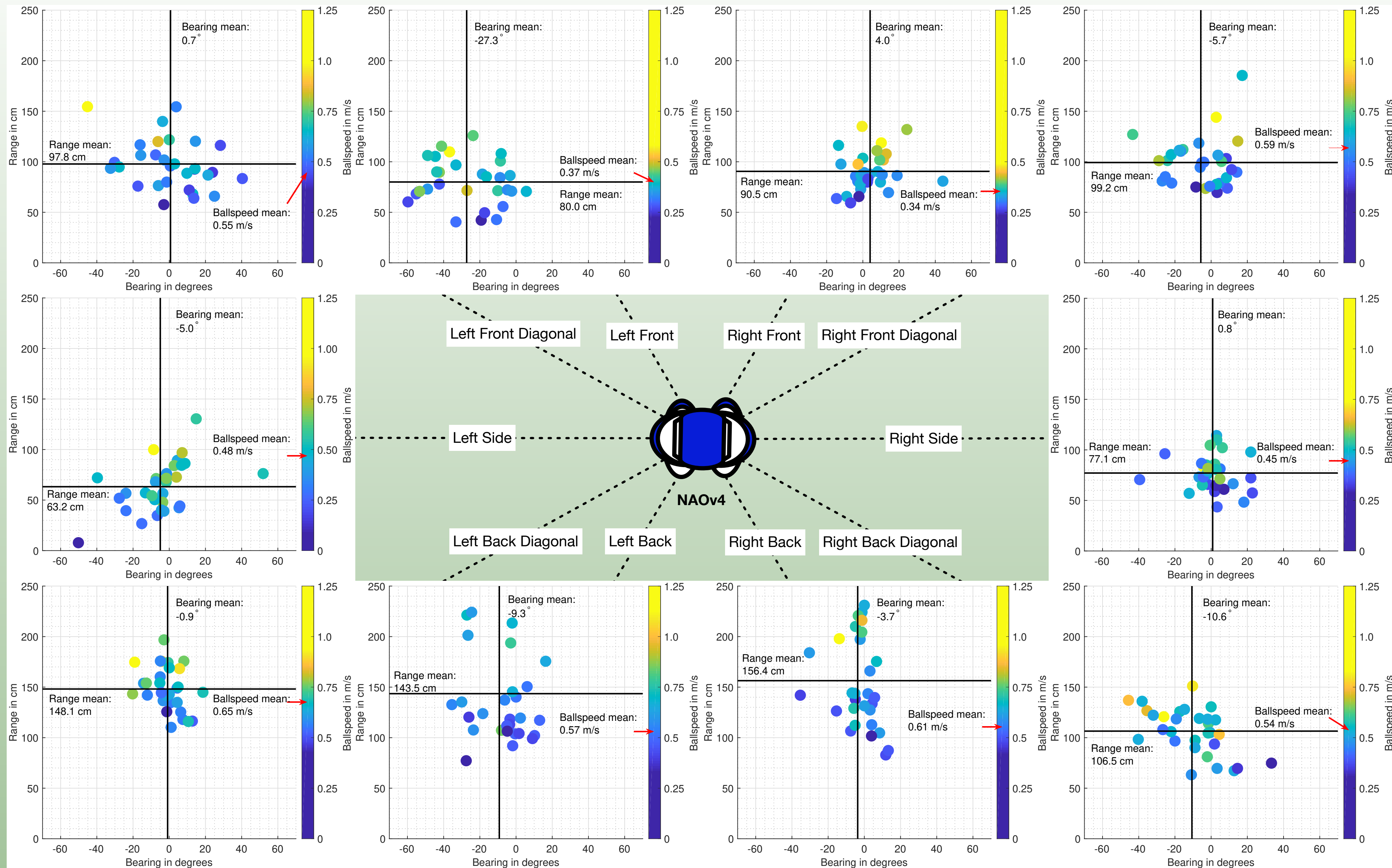
CONTROL (3): WALK-KICK ENGINE

- ▶ Walk-kick frame-work generating a kick trajectory
 - ▶ any direction, no prior input, while walking
 - ▶ guaranteeing reaching a reference trajectory
- ▶ Uses kick interpolators from **dynamic kick engine** and walk trajectories generated from **adaptive walking engine** to generate motions
- ▶ Reliable in terms of the kick directions and stability of the robot overall (< 1% falling rate)
- ▶ Experiments verify that the walk-kick trajectories were consistent with an average absolute bearing of < 6° within any given direction.

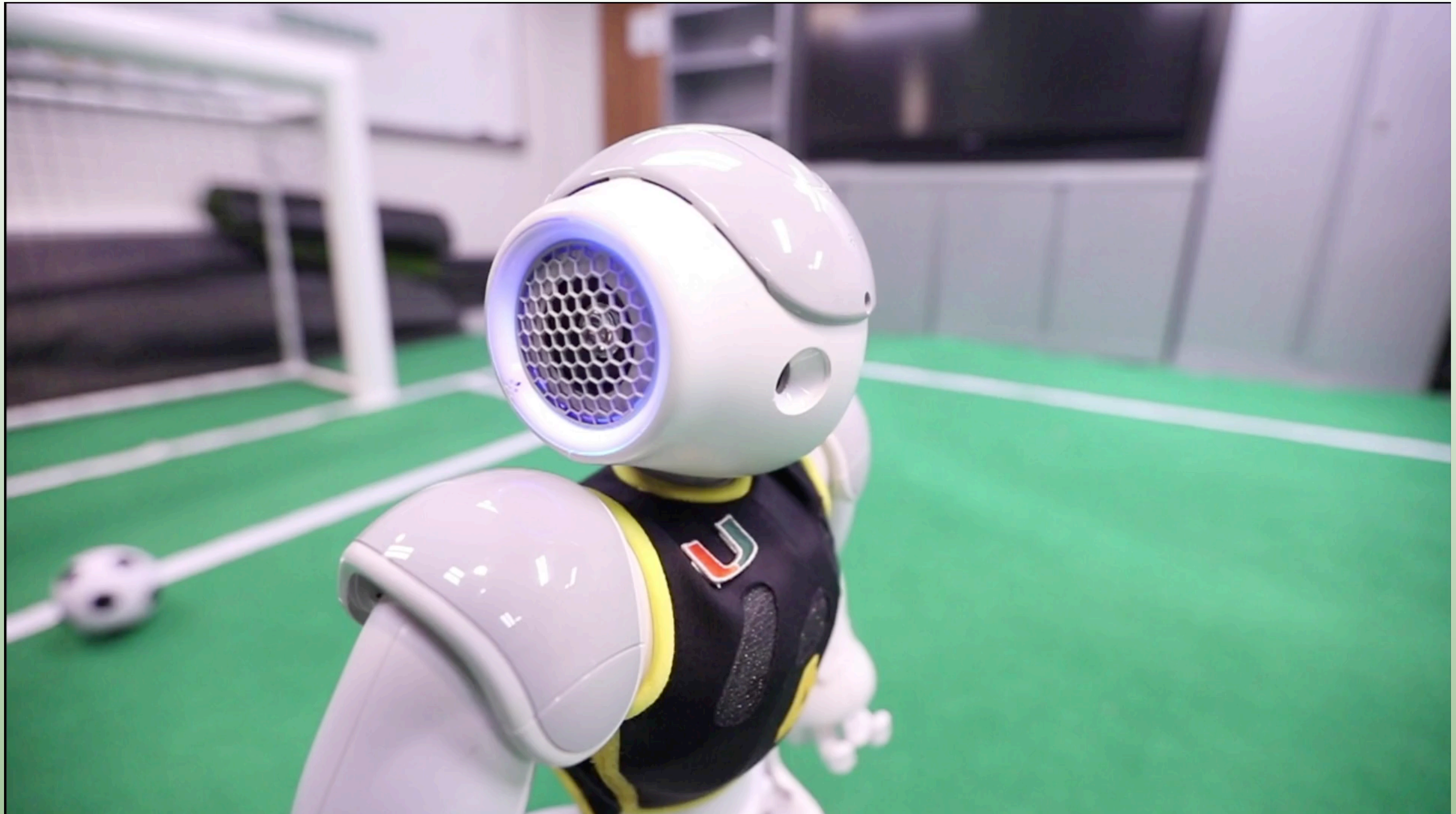


Walk-kick motion where the via point is the point of contact with the ball.

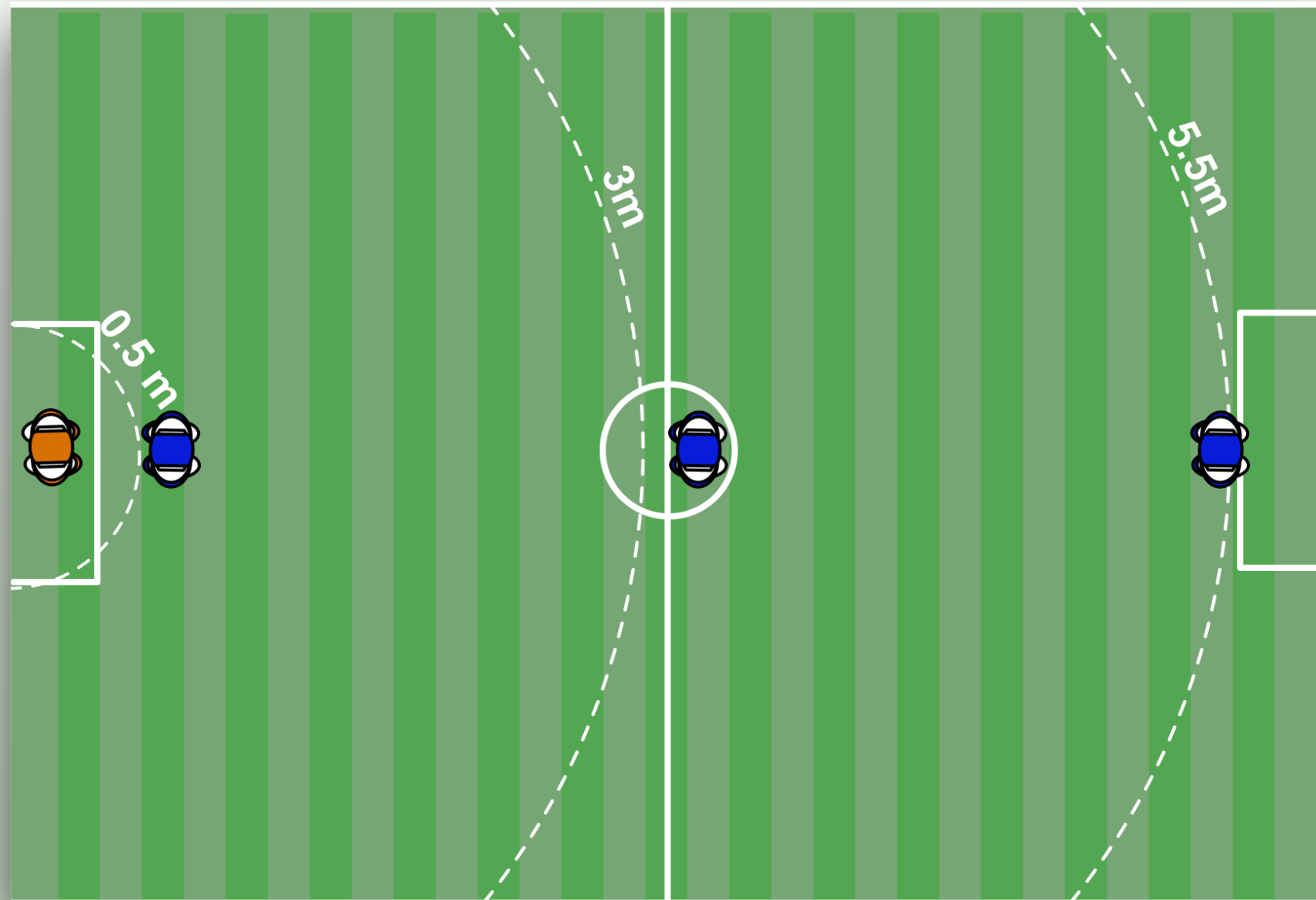
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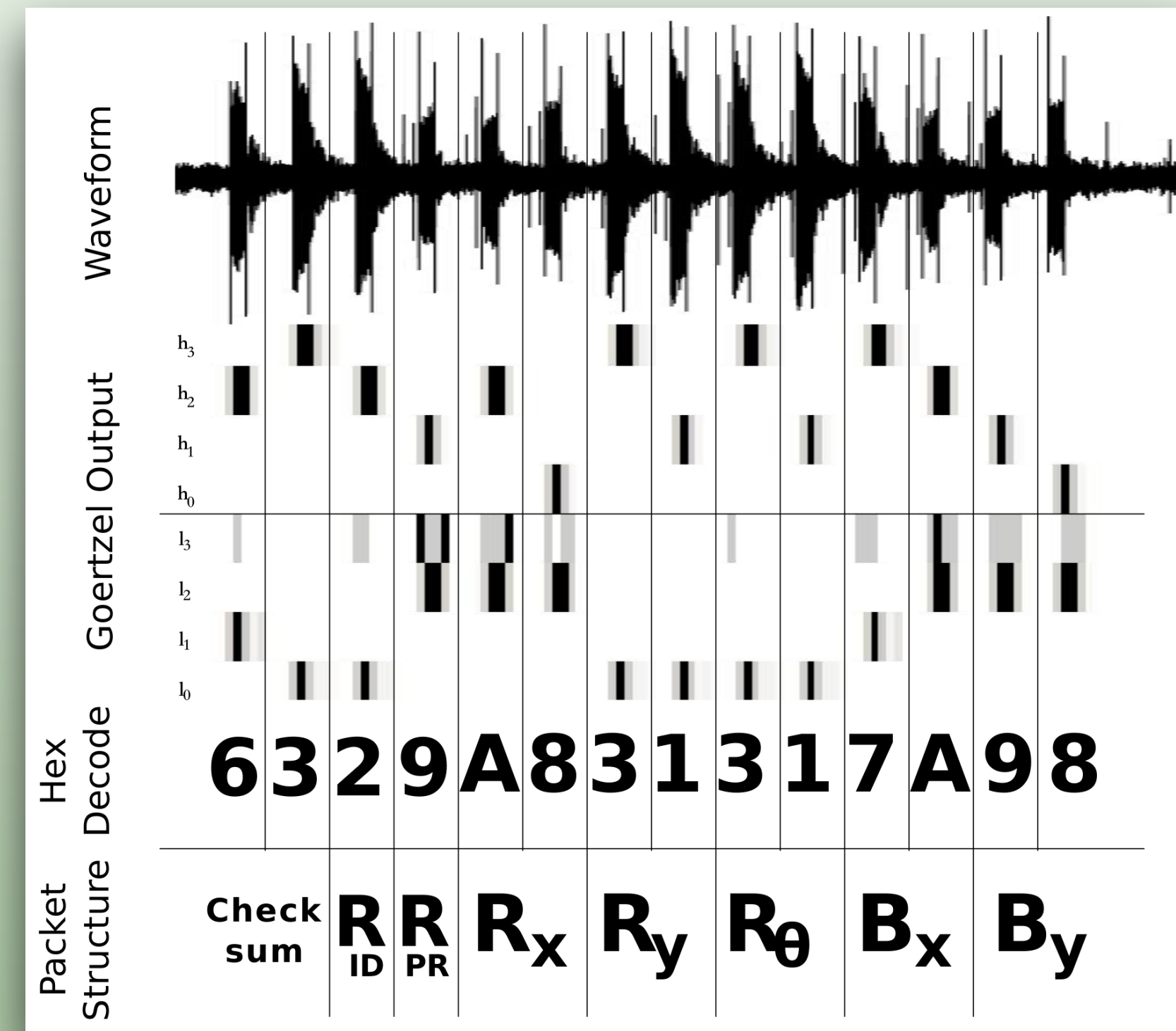
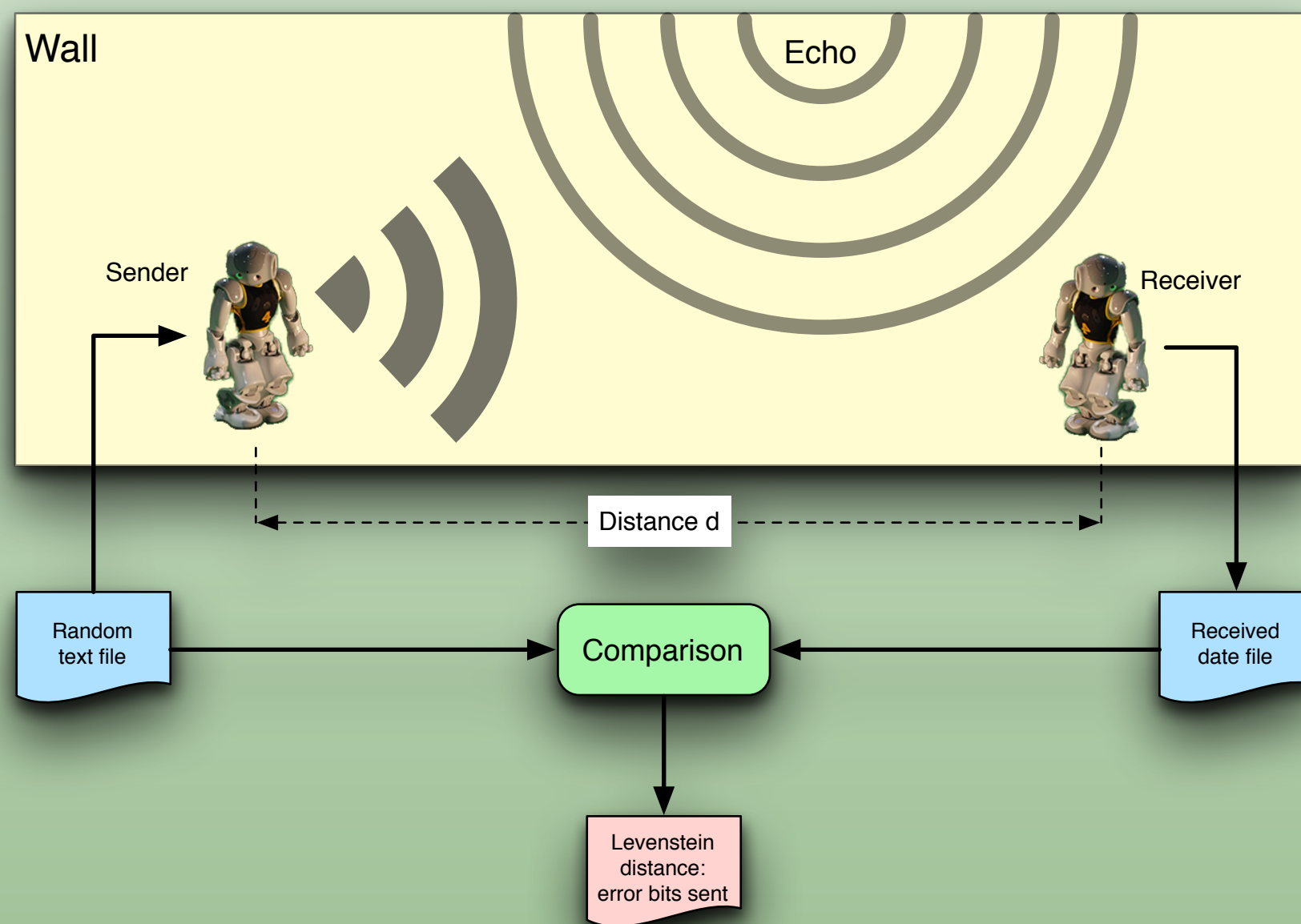
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COMMUNICATION (1): DTMF BROADCASTING



- ▶ Multi-agent broadcasting based on fixed length DTMF messages



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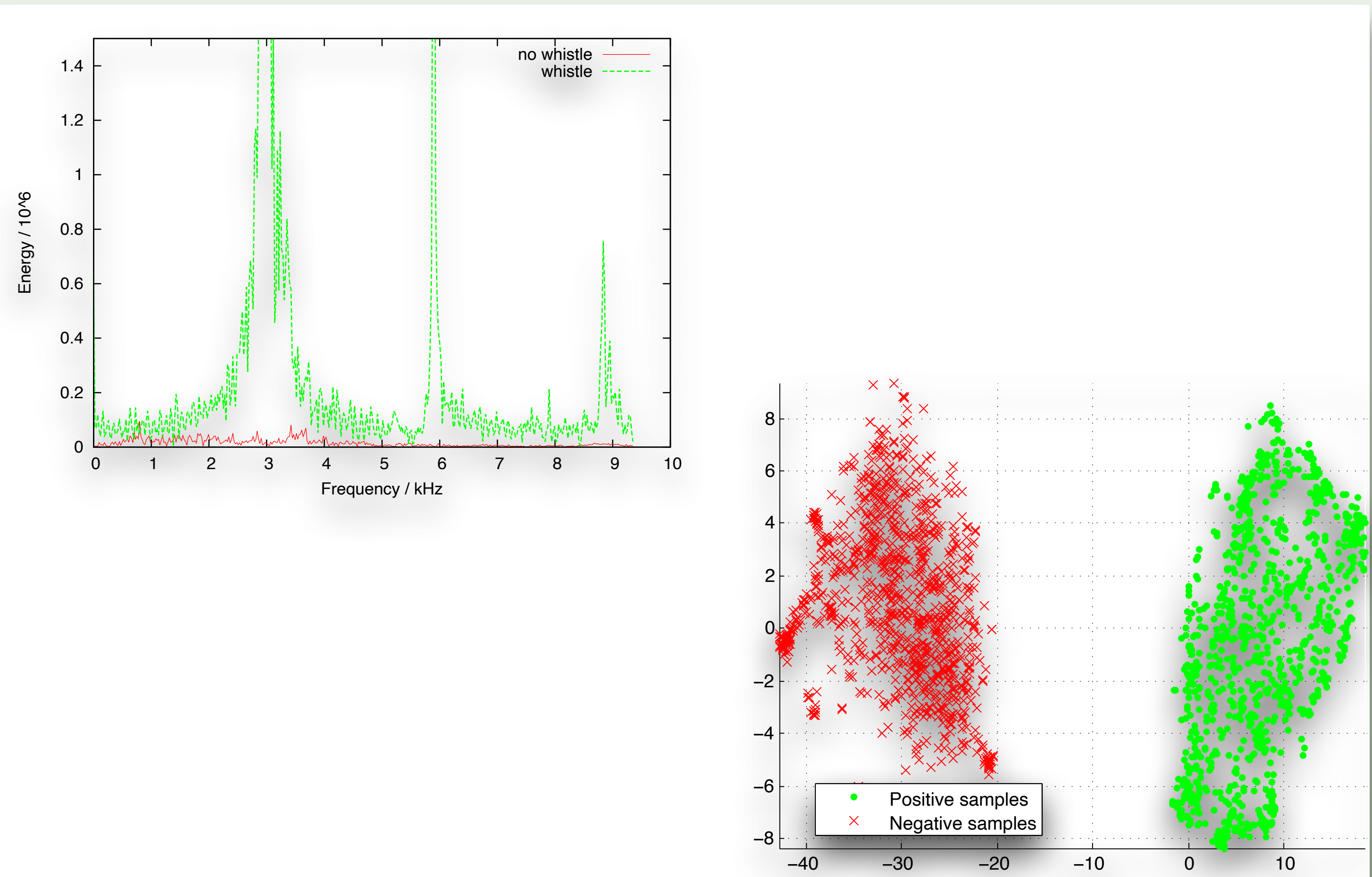
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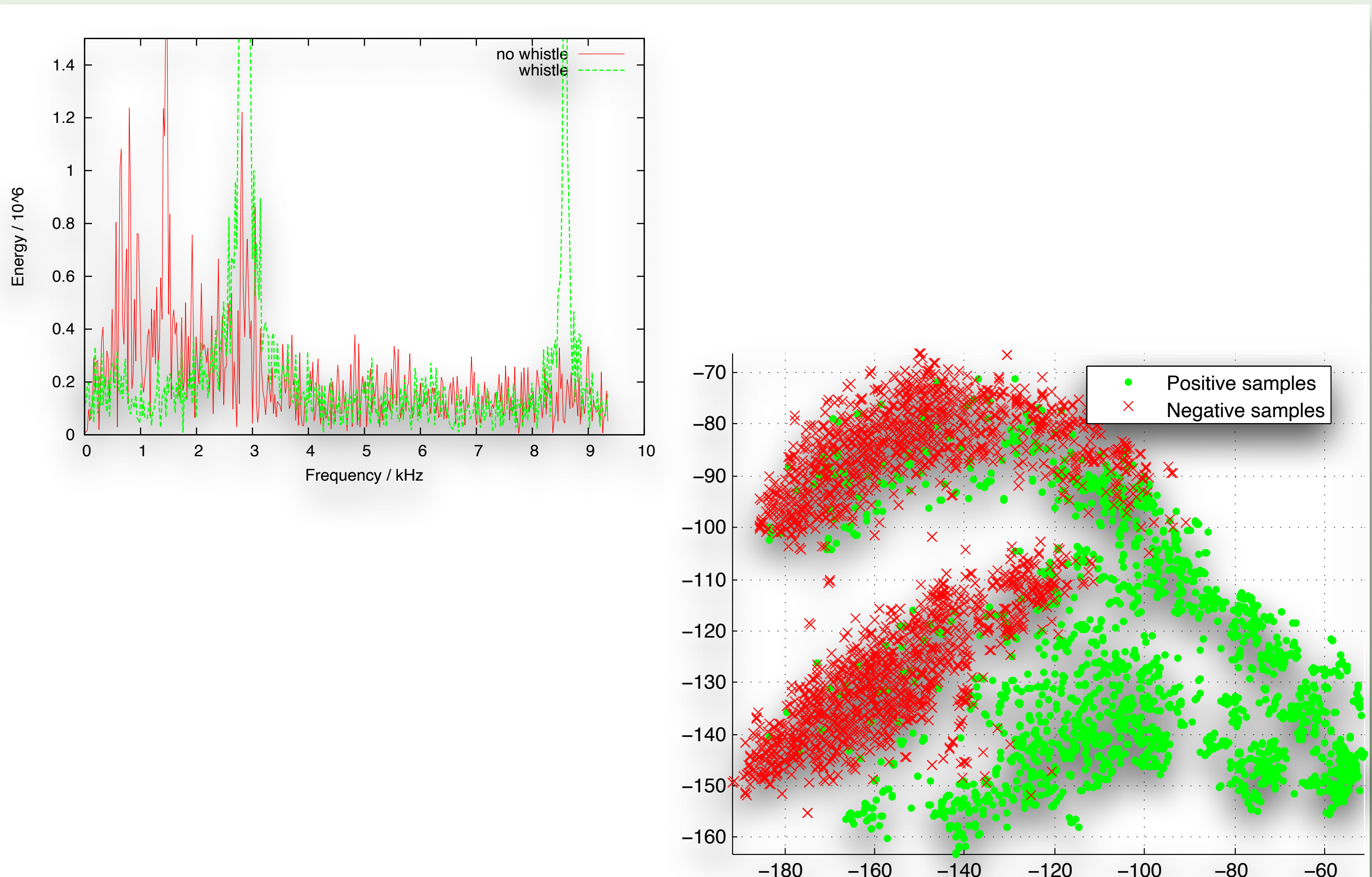
- Based on Logistic Regression with L2-norm Regularization



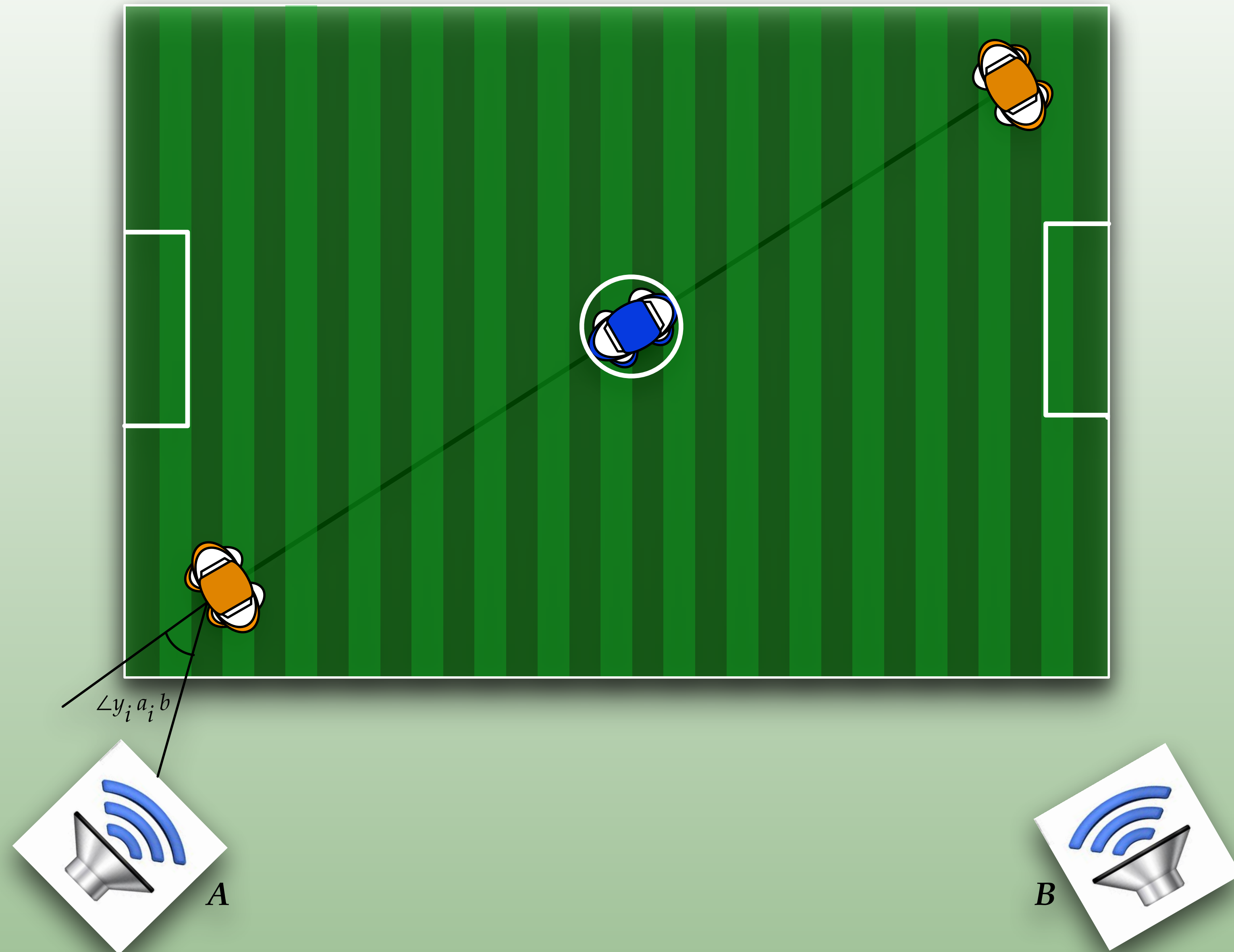
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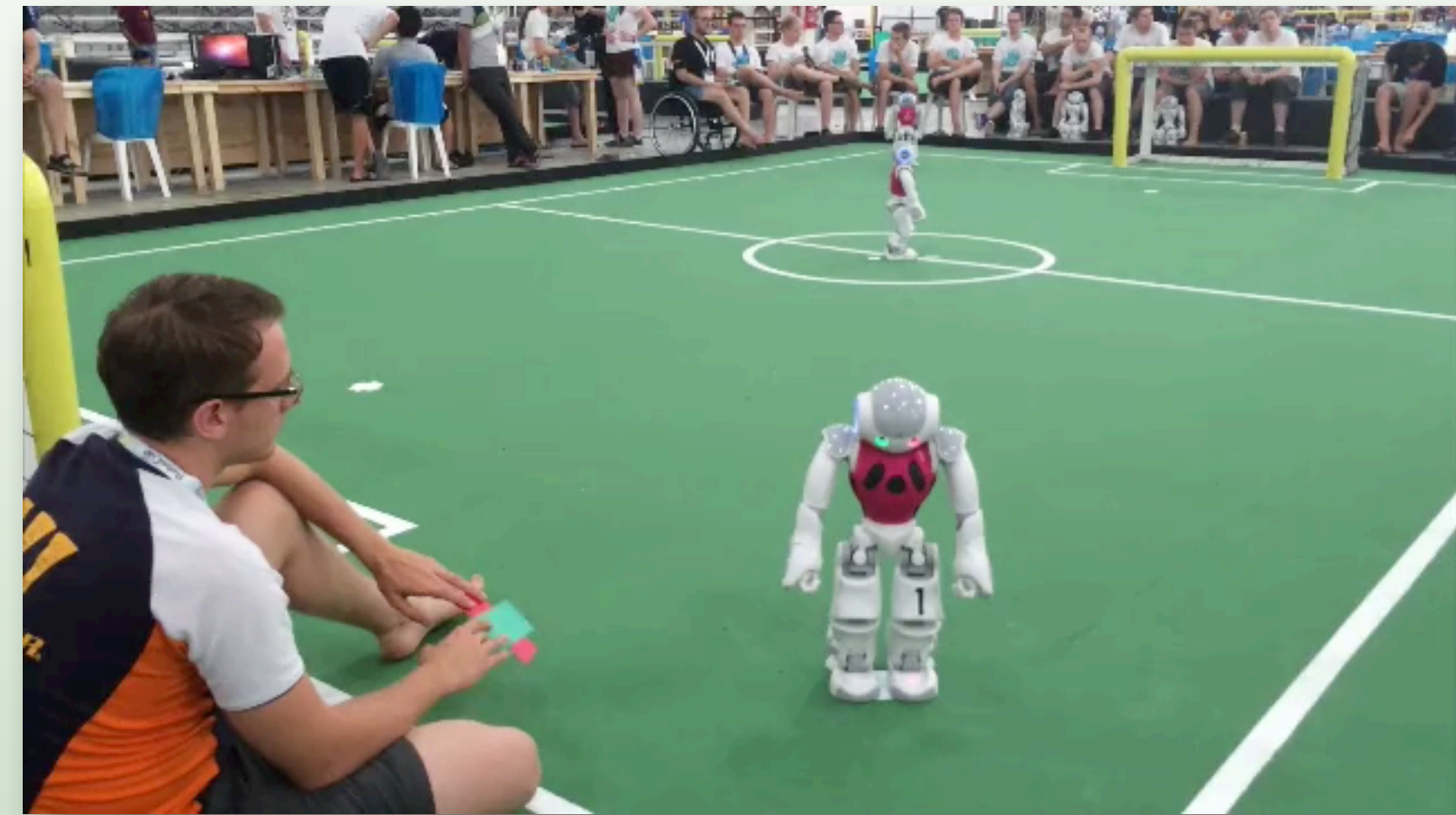
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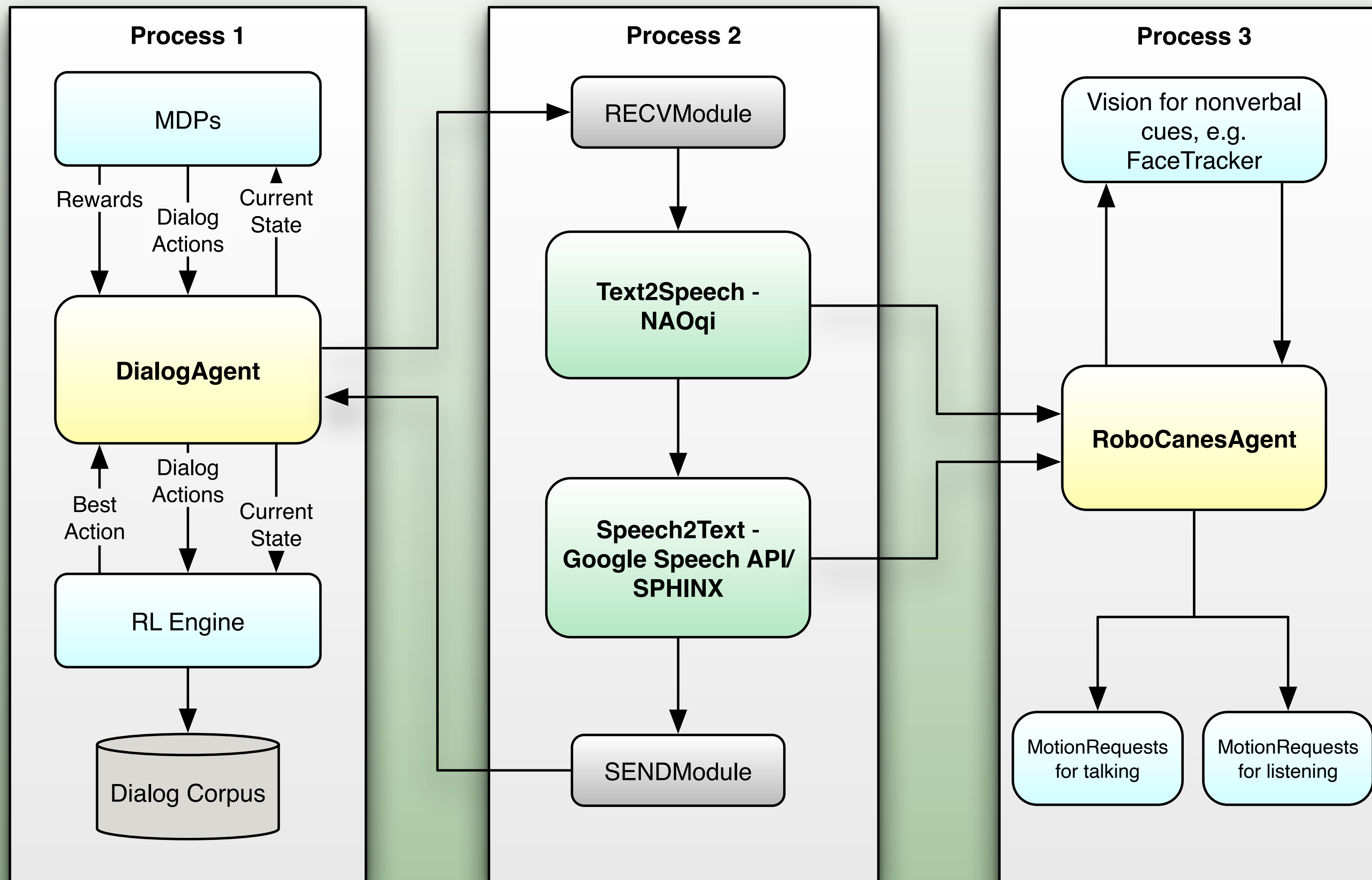
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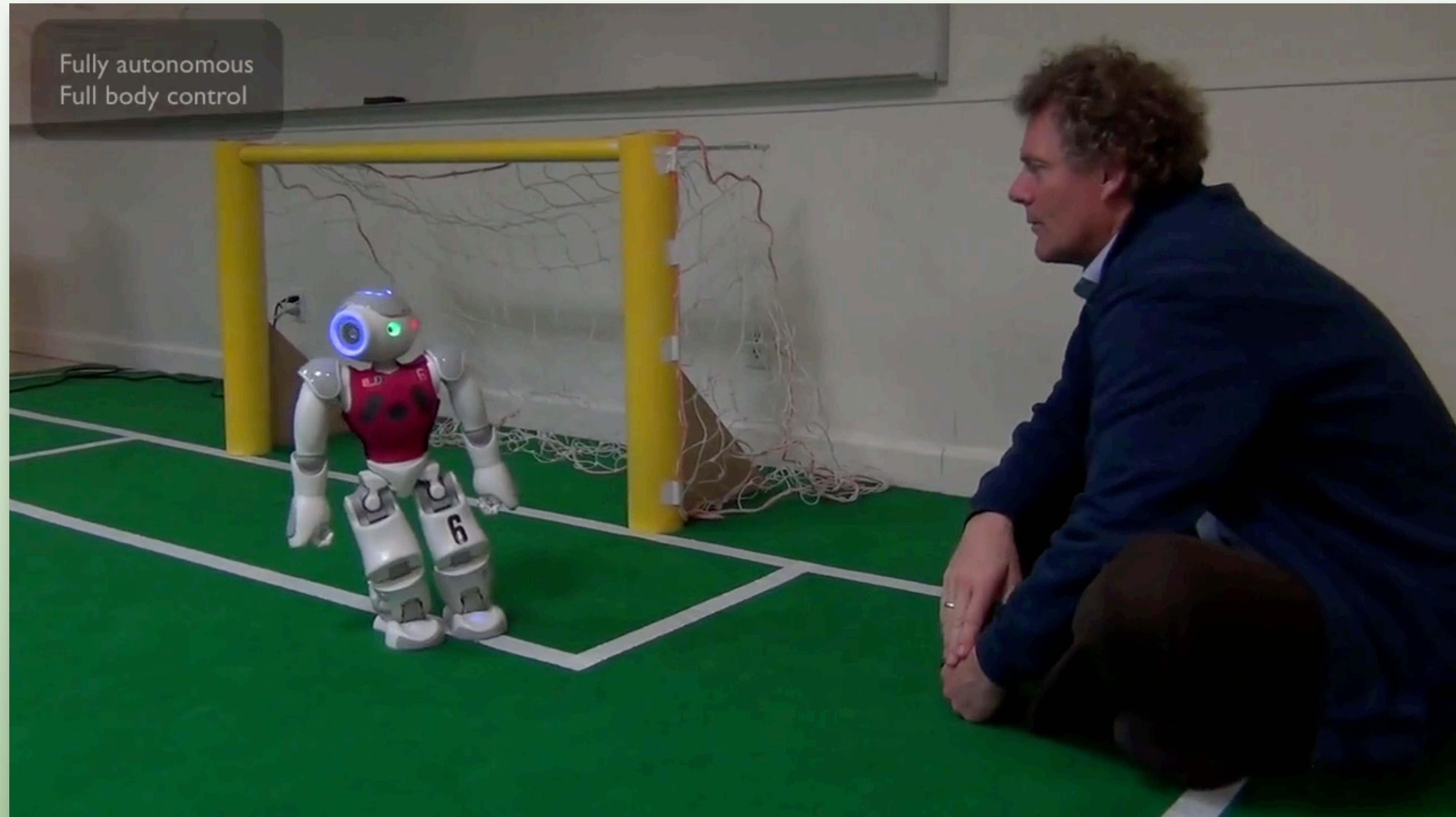
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COMMUNICATION/CONTROL (3): SPOKEN DIALOG/HRI



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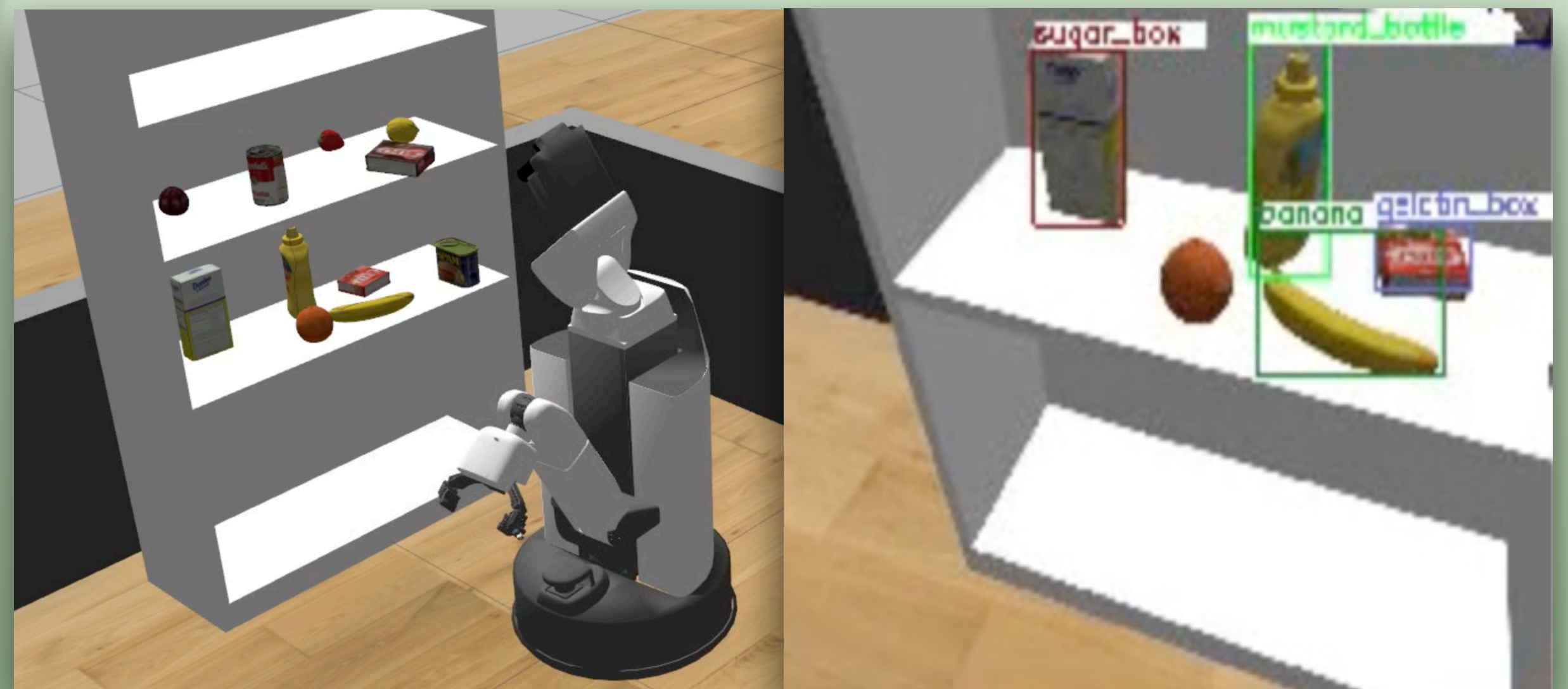
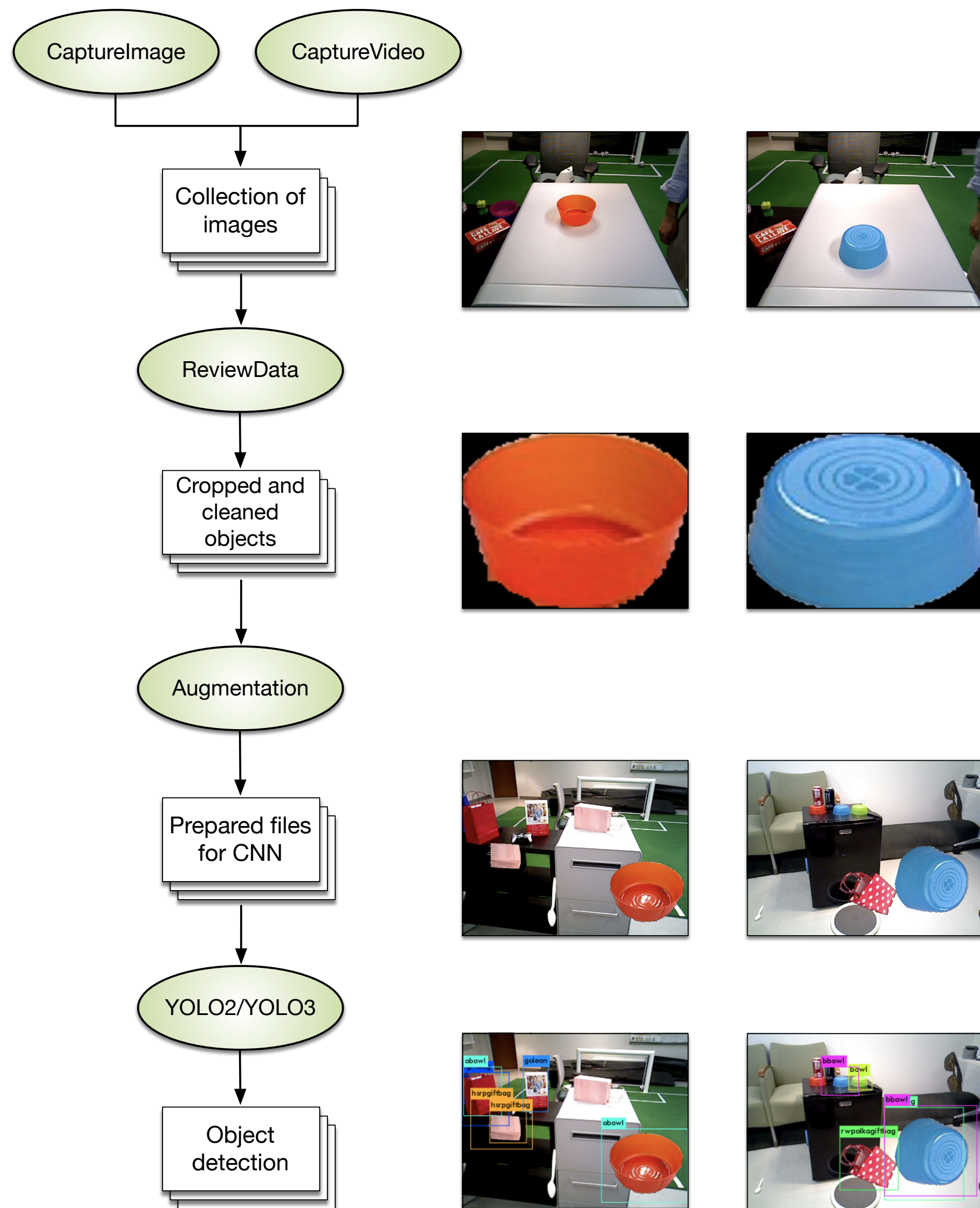


2. MANIPULATION SYSTEM

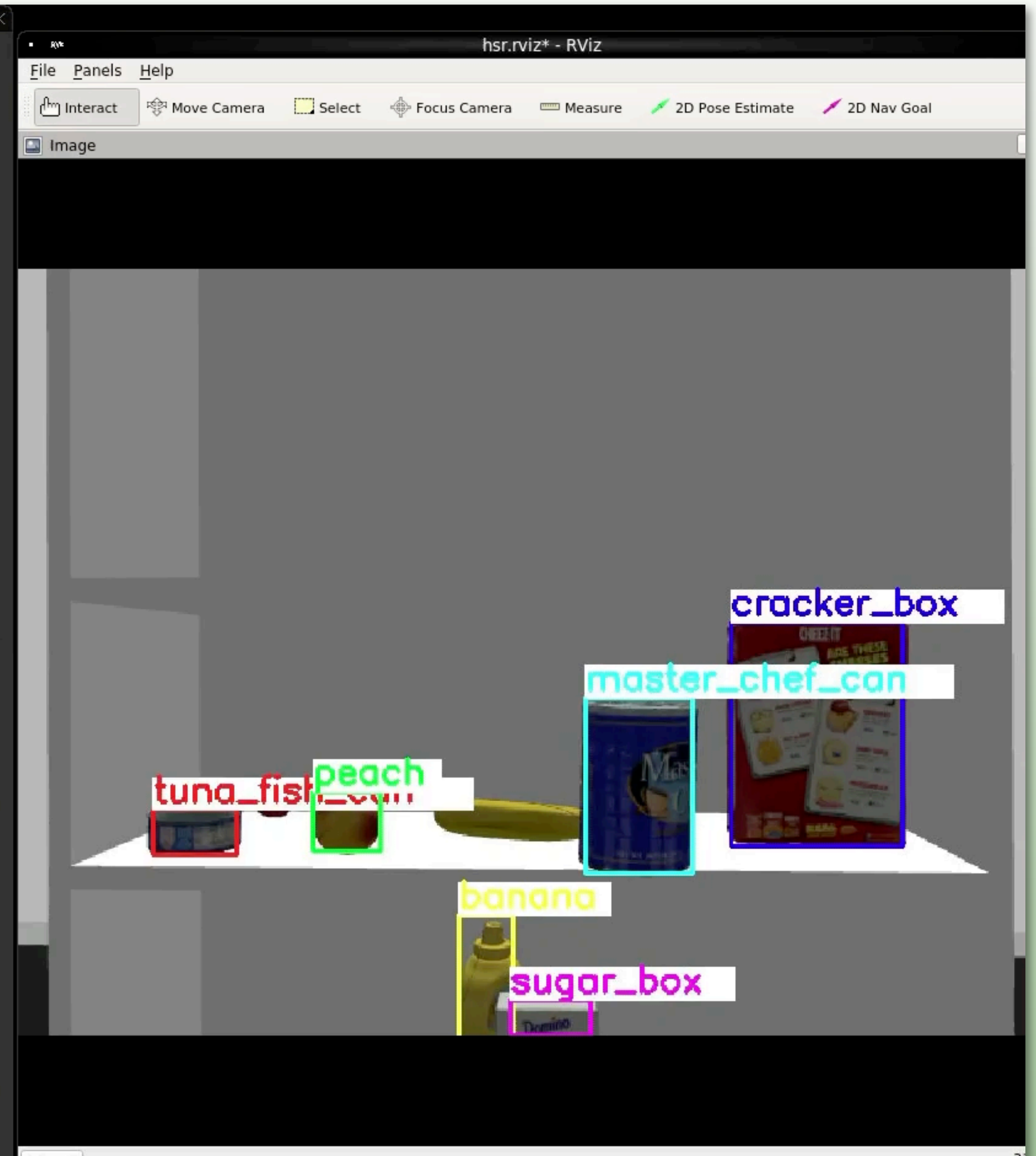
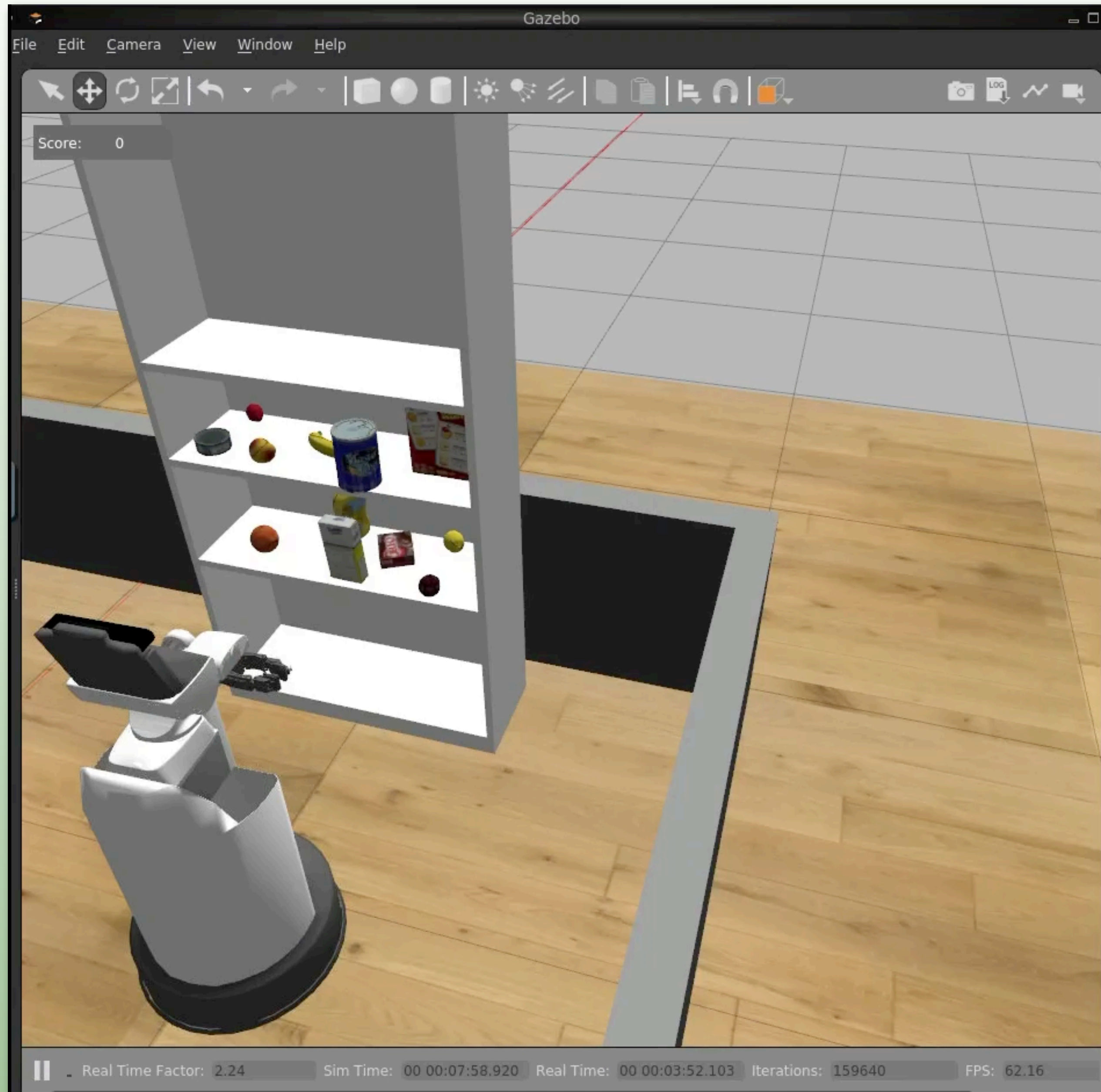
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- ▶ **Object grasping and placement (pick-and-place)**
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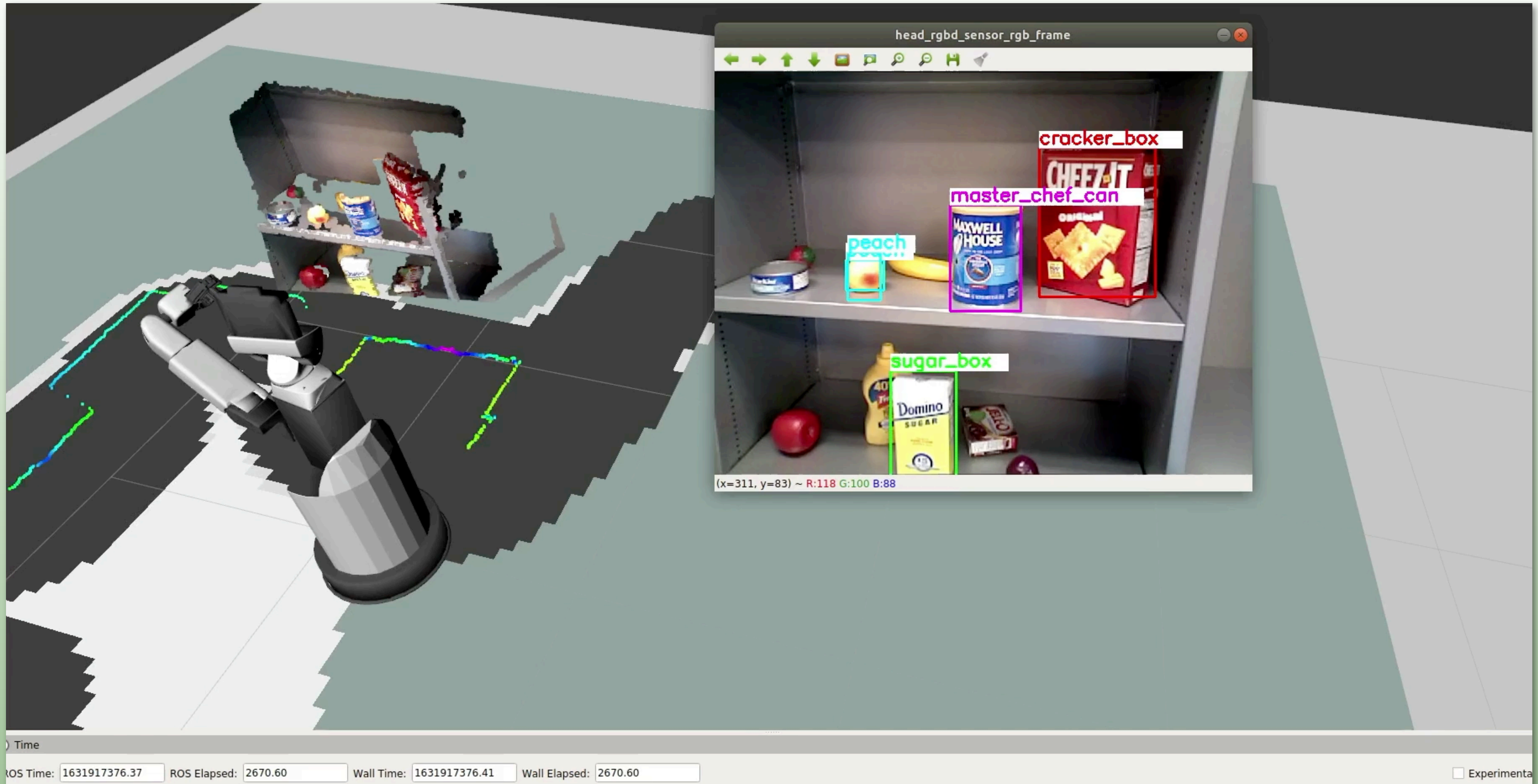
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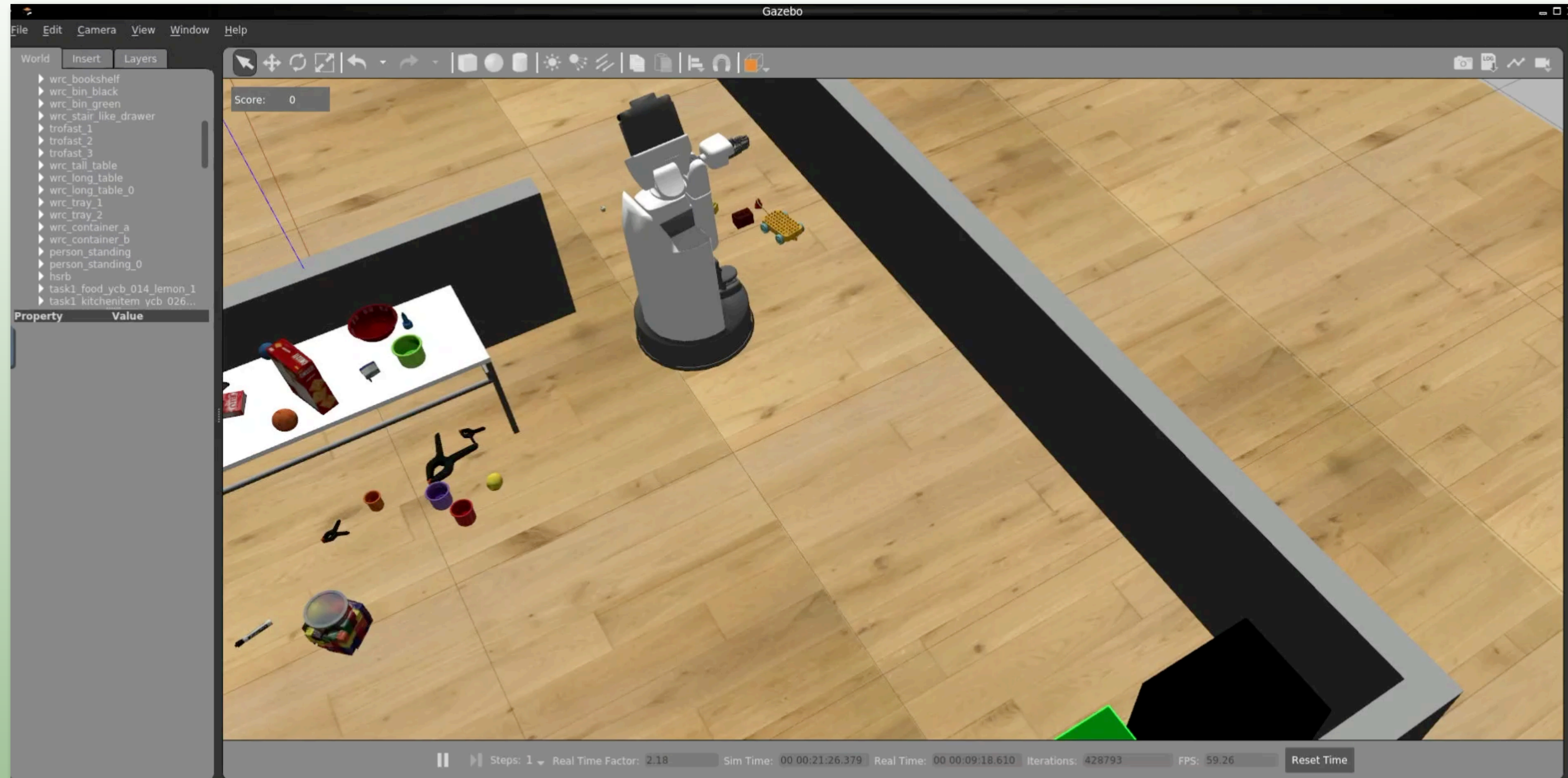
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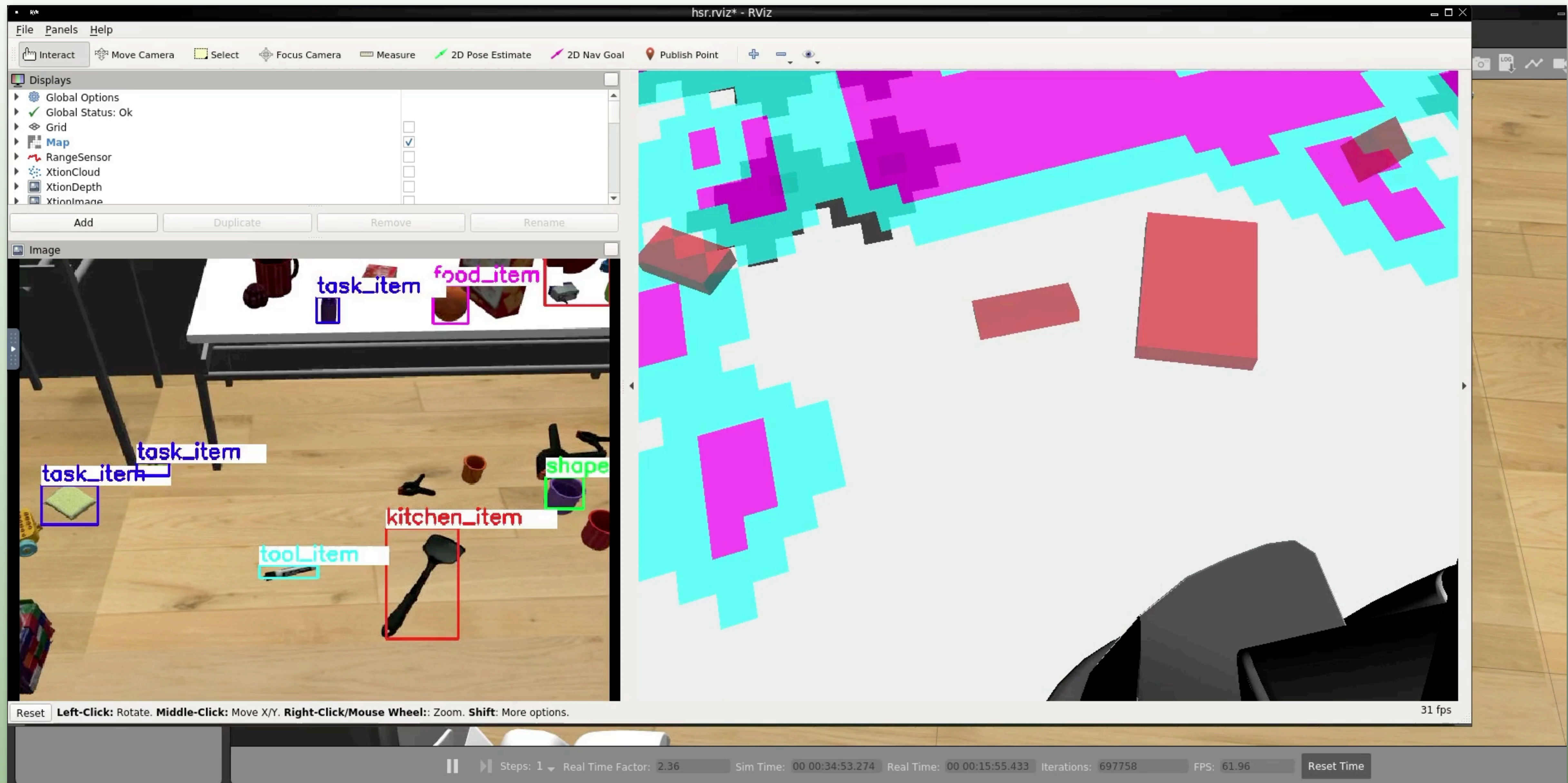
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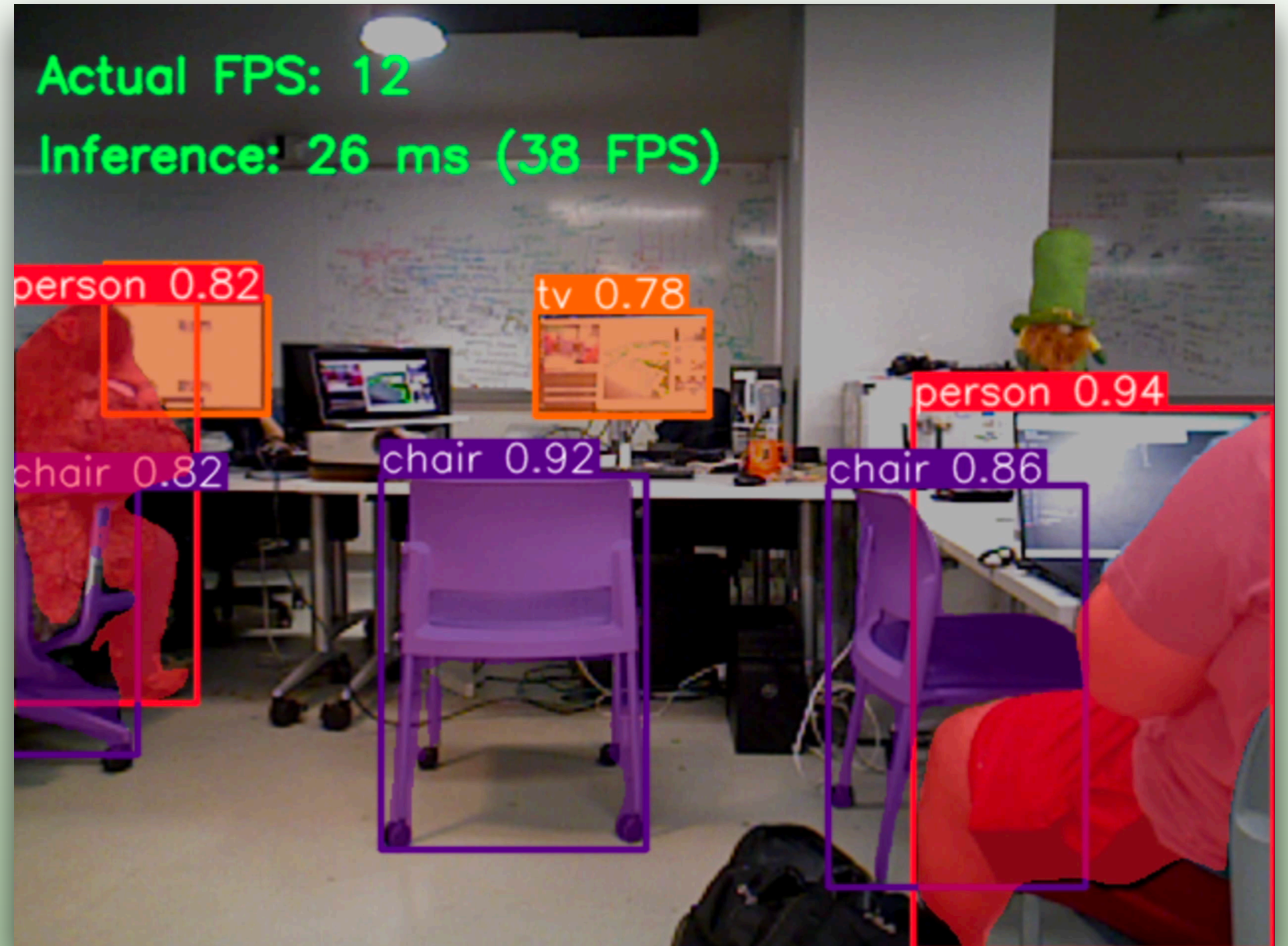


STATE ESTIMATION AND PERCEPTION



STATE ESTIMATION AND PERCEPTION (2) SEGMENTATION

- ▶ Segmentation
 - ▶ Yolov8
 - ▶ Object detection
 - ▶ Object classification
 - ▶ Object segmentation
 - ▶ Here: yolov8x-seg standard model
 - ▶ 71.8M params
 - ▶ Avg inference 26 ms on RTX3070
 - ▶ Suitable for real-time



STATE ESTIMATION AND PERCEPTION (2) SEGMENTATION

The image shows a Linux desktop environment with a terminal window and an RViz window. The terminal window displays the following output:

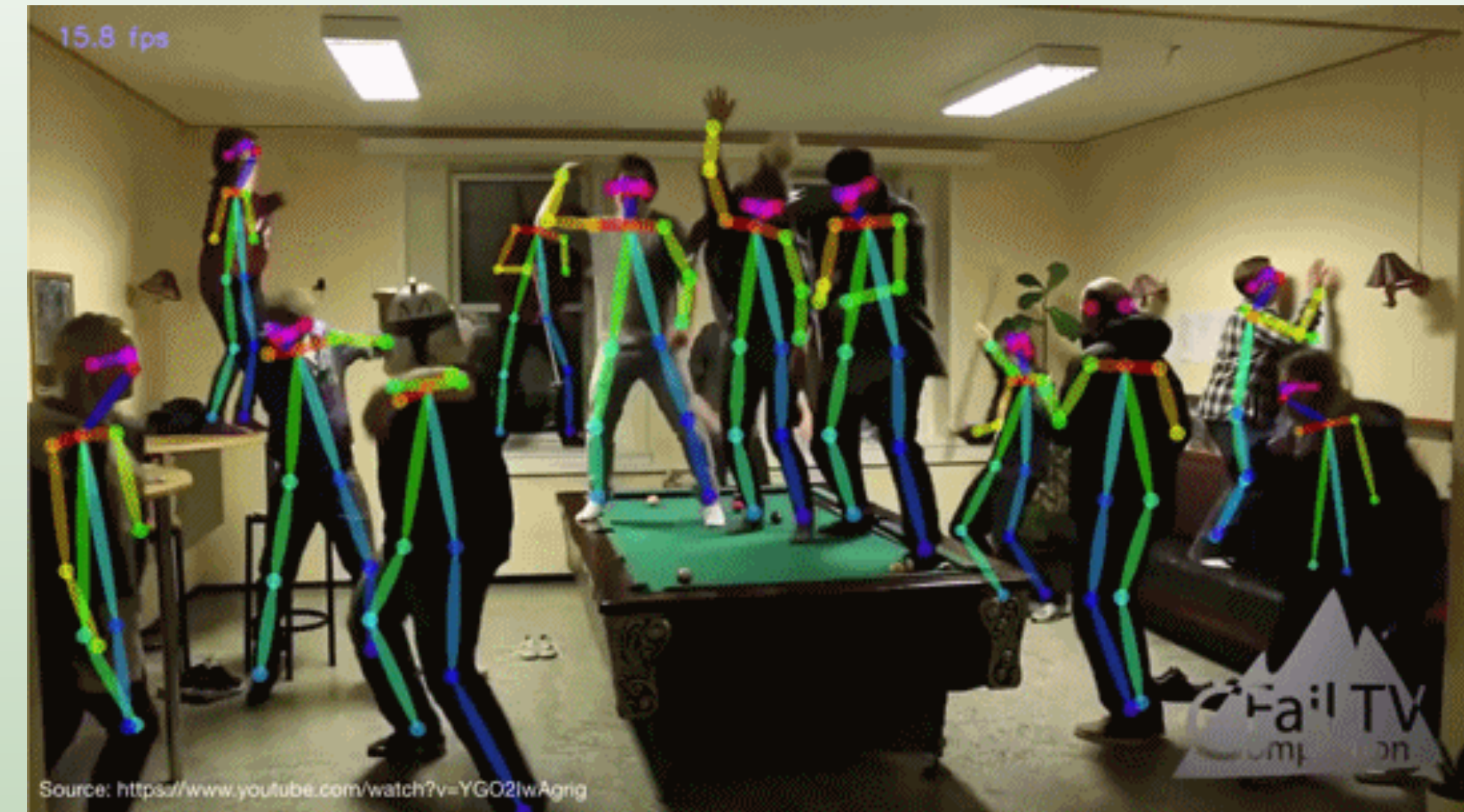
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14:39:40.166 > (node:8290) UnhandledPromiseRejectionWarning: Error: E
NOENT: no such file or directory, access '/home/robocanes/.nvidia-omn
iverse/config/auth.toml'
14:39:40.166 > (node:8290) UnhandledPromiseRejectionWarning: Unhandle
d promise rejection. This error originated either by throwing inside
of an async function without a catch block, or by rejecting a promise
which was not handled with .catch(). To terminate the node process on
an unhandled promise rejection, use the CLI flag '--unhandled-rejectio
ns=strict' (see https://nodejs.org/api/cli.html#cli_unhandled_rejecti
ons_mode). (rejection id: 455)
robocanes@rc1: ~/hsr 69x4
me=map]
[ INFO] [1702063220.285163600]: Setting pose: 4.180 1.832 3.104 [fram
e=map]
robocanes@rc1: ~/hsr 69x5
| ID | GPU | MEM |
| 0 | 5% | 1% |
QOobject::~~QOobject: Timers cannot be stopped from another thread
<hsrb>~/hsr$
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The RViz window, titled "hsrb_display_full_hsr.rviz* - RViz", shows a 3D simulation of a robot in a room. The robot is a small, white, cylindrical robot with a camera on top. The room is a simple, rectangular space with a floor and walls. The robot is positioned in the center of the room, and its camera is pointing towards the right. The RViz window displays several panels:

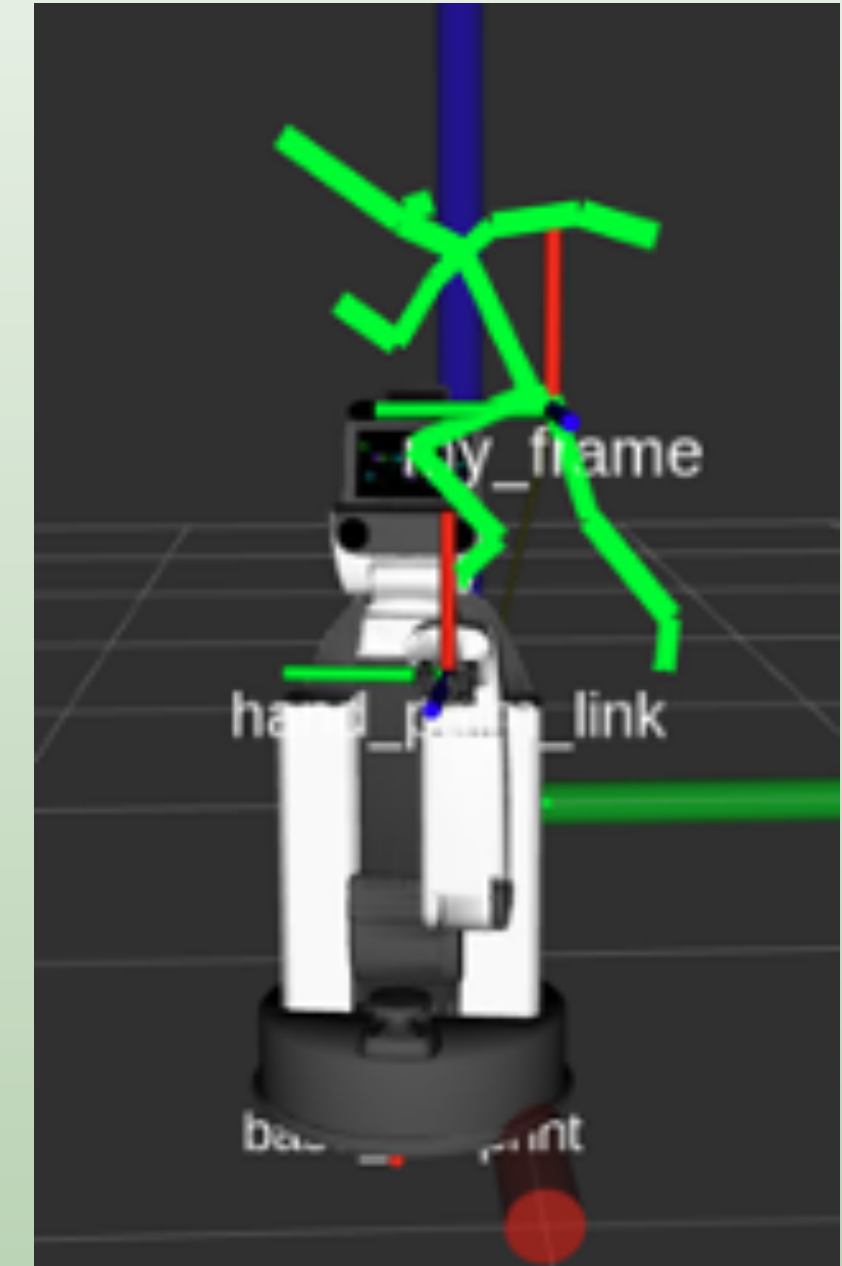
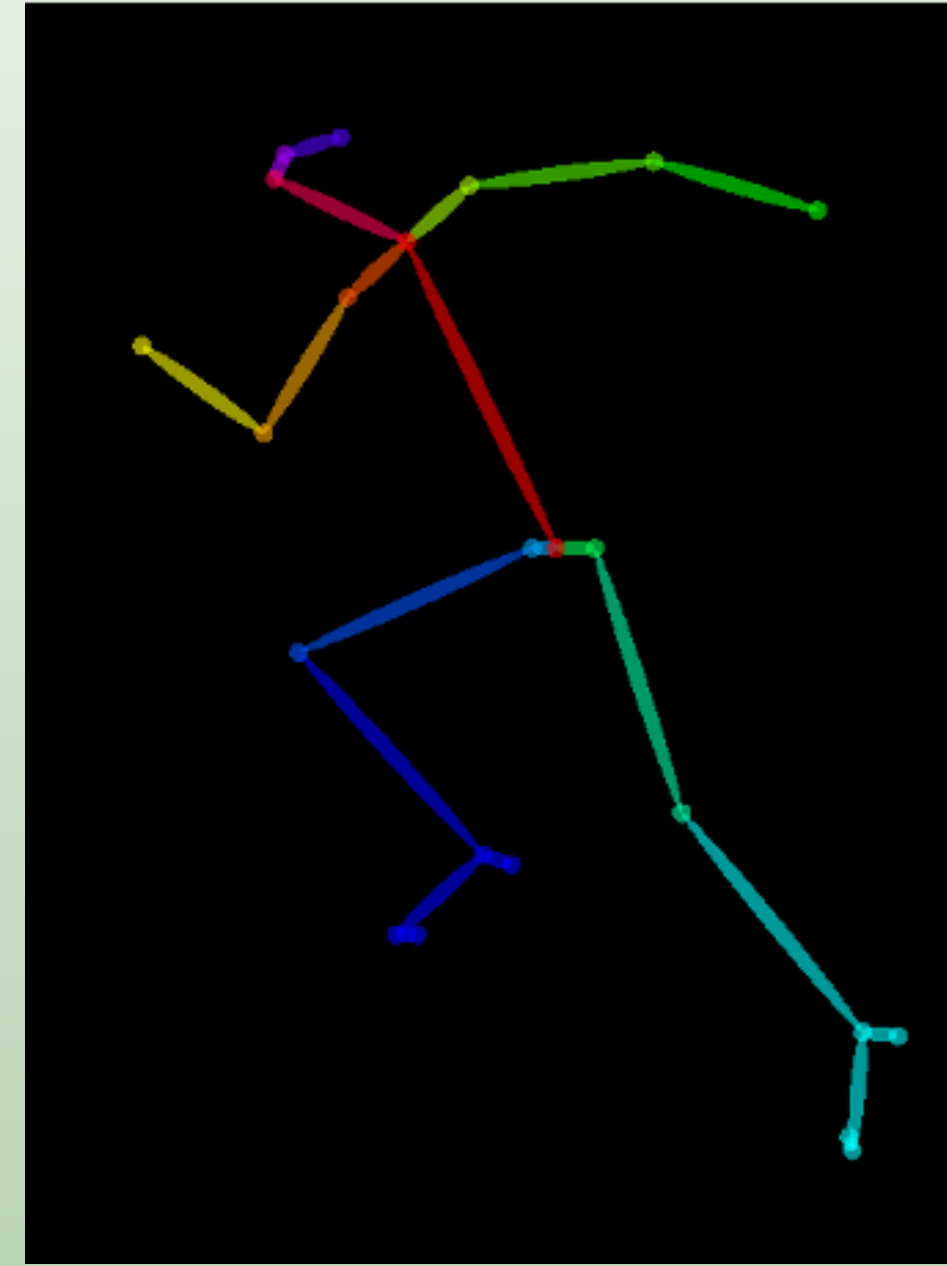
- XtionDepth**: A depth map showing the distance of the robot's field of view.
- XtionImage**: A camera image showing the robot's field of view.
- HeadCameraCenter**: A camera image showing the robot's field of view from a different perspective.

The RViz window also shows a 3D map of the room with a green path indicating the robot's trajectory. The map is a top-down view of the room, and the green path shows the robot's path as it moves through the room. The RViz window has a toolbar with various tools such as "Interact", "Move Camera", "Select", "Focus Camera", "Measure", "2D Pose Estimate", "2D Nav Goal", and "Publish Point". The RViz window also has a status bar at the bottom showing the current time, synchronization status, ROS Time, ROS Elapsed, Wall Time, Wall Elapsed, and FPS (31 fps).

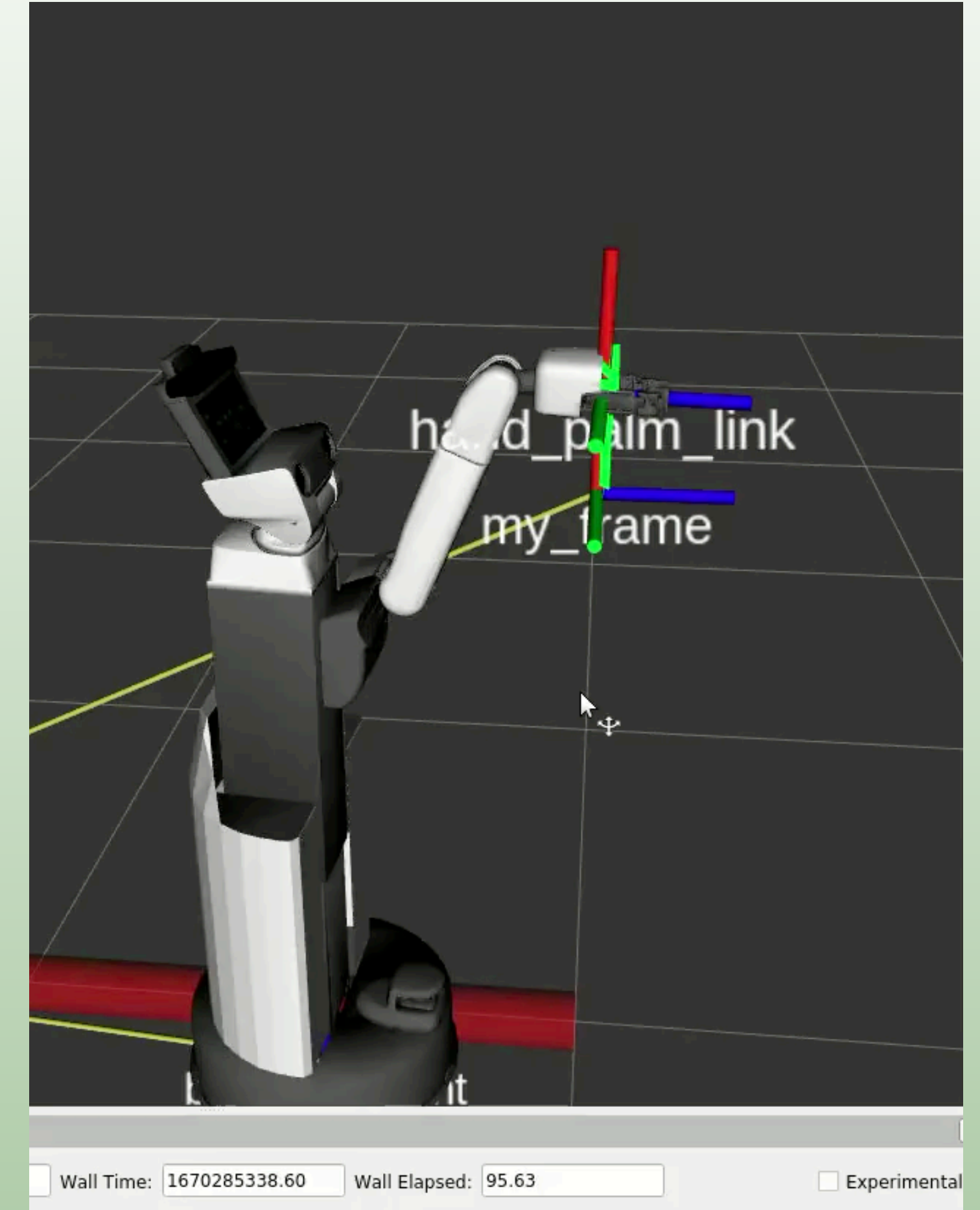
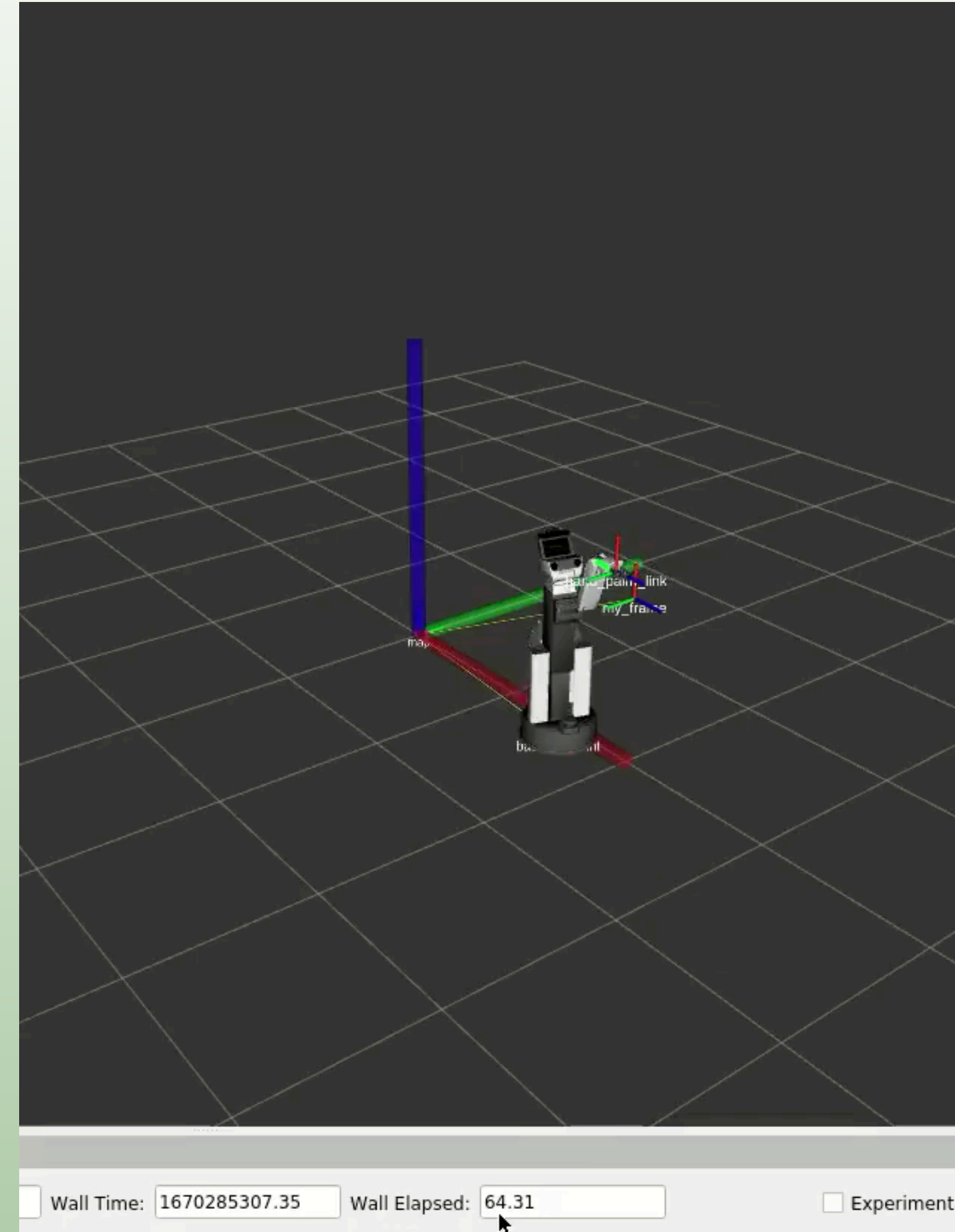
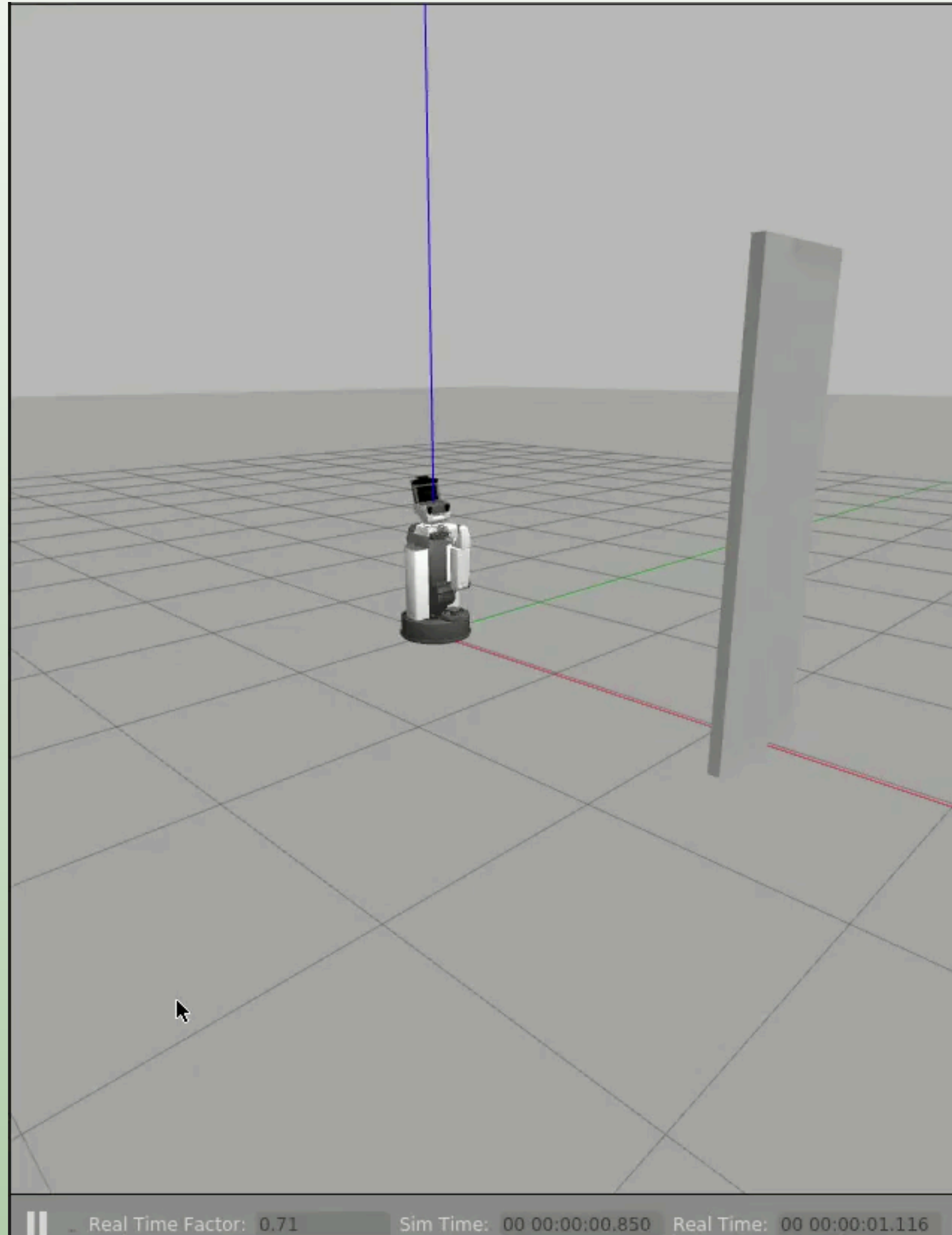
- ▶ OpenPose
 - ▶ Library containing a set of algorithms & neural networks that automatically detect humans and their current pose in a picture, video, or live image (Wei et al., 2016)
 - ▶ Goal: HSR retrieves images from its camera and draws the stick figure (from the augmented image) on a piece of paper (or a whiteboard).



TRAJECTORY GENERATION AND CONTROL



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3. HUMAN ROBOT INTERACTION - KEY FEATURES OF DIFFERENT ROBOCUP LEAGUES

▶ Abbreviations:

- ▶ MSL, Middle Size League
- ▶ RCLL, RoboCup Logistics League
- ▶ SPL, Standard Platform League
- ▶ SSL, Small Size League

League	Number of Robots	External Sensors	Objects to be Recognized	Research Topics	Motion Mechanism
RoboCupSoccer SSL	6–11	Global and fixed cameras shared by both teams	Ball, goals, field lines, teammates, and opponents	Real-time detection and tracking of objects, motion control, and teamwork	Wheel-based, omnidirectional locomotion with kicking device
RoboCupSoccer MSL	5	Onboard individual cameras (mainly horizontal motions) and omnidirectional vision systems	Ball, goals, field lines, teammates, and opponents	Real-time detection and tracking of objects, integration of individual robots' visual information into a global map, motion control, and teamwork	Wheel-based, omnidirectional locomotion with kicking device
RoboCupSoccer SPL and HL	7 SPL, 5 HL Kid-Size, 2 HL TeenSize and AdultSize	Onboard individual cameras (active vision through 3-D motion) with field of view limited to 180°	Ball, goals, field lines, teammates, and opponents	Real-time detection and tracking of objects, integration of visual information into a global map, localization with a limited field of view, motion control, and team coordination	Posturally stable human-like bipedal locomotion with various types of whole-body motion
RoboCup@Home	1	Onboard multiple cameras, common 2-D and 3-D sensors (e.g., lidar and RGB-D), and microphones	Humans, including their intentions and status; many daily-life objects; and the environment and its current status	Recognition of many objects and subjects, localization, and manipulation, communication, understanding and fulfilling tasks specified by humans on a human-like level	Wheel-based locomotion with arm and hand
RoboCupRescue	1–2	Onboard multiple color, 3-D, and thermal cameras; lidar; and microphones	Status of environment, including victims and damage found autonomously or with support from human operators	Moving from teleoperation to more autonomy in tasks such as mobility, navigation, and manipulation	Mainly tracked wheels for locomotion with arm and hand
RoboCupIndustrial	1 (RoboCup@Work), 3 (RCLL)	Onboard color and 3-D cameras and lidar (RoboCup@Work); camera, lidar, and multiple infrared distance sensors (RCLL)	Industrial parts (RoboCup@Work); status of the environment in exploration and production phases (to discover and utilize production machines) and status of other robots in the same environment (RCLL)	Recognition and autonomous manipulation of industrial parts, transportation, and navigation (RoboCup@Work); production planning and execution with a mobile multiagent team in a smart-factory environment (RCLL)	Wheel-based locomotion with arm and hand

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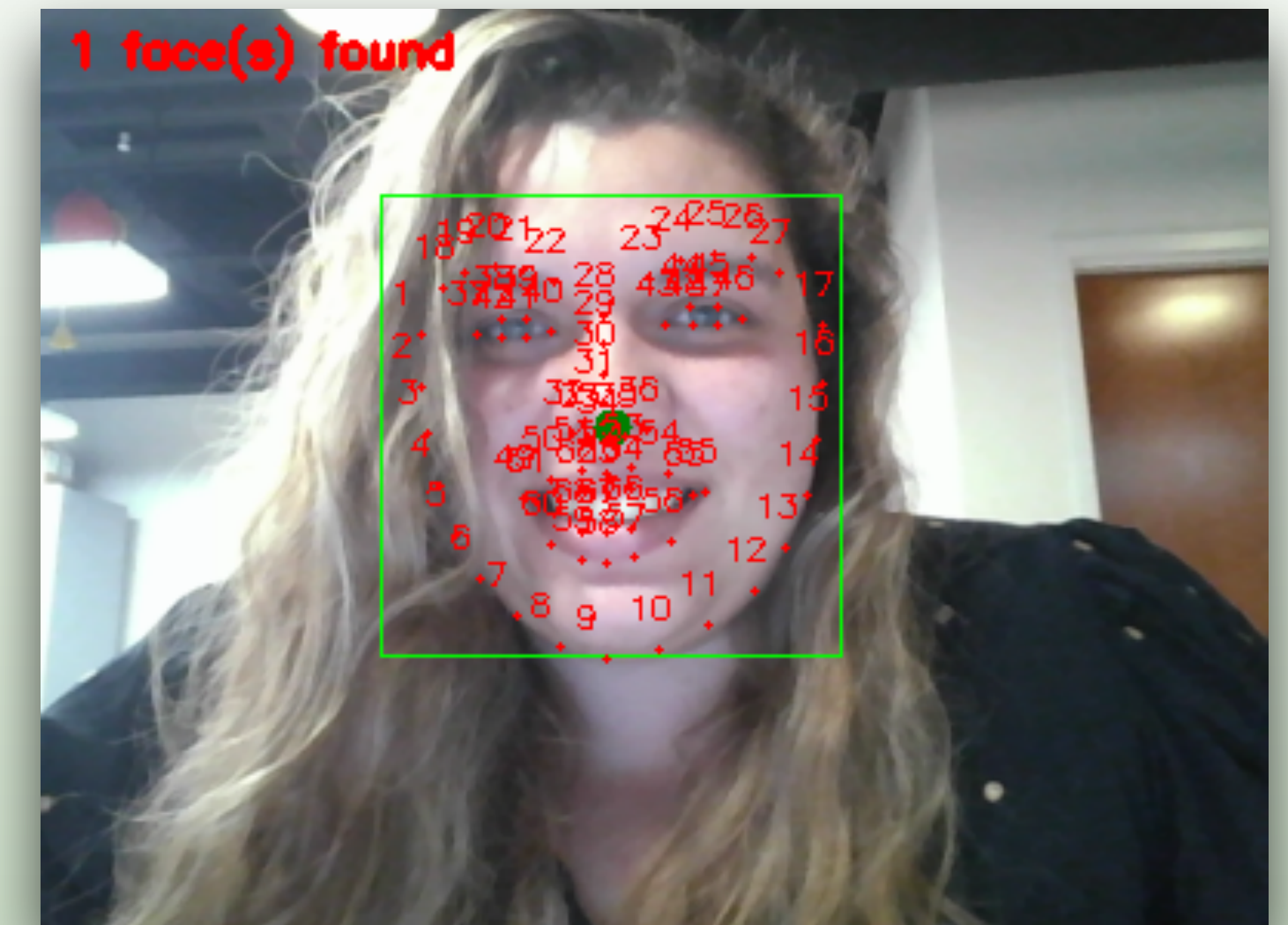
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- ▶ **Task and motion planning**
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- ▶ **State estimation and perception**
 - ▶ Infer relevant quantities from sensor data (human faces, human poses, emotions, NLP, race, ethnicity, ...)
- ▶ **Communication**
 - ▶ Building rapport, interact socially, show affect, infer cultural differences, speech recognition, text2speech, people recognition
- ▶ **Trajectory generation and control**
 - ▶ Real-time, reactive generation of control commands to move robot (or parts) safely toward goal (people tracking, cleanup, go-get)
- ▶ **Application in healthcare**
 - ▶ Pediatric asthma education, SHARE
 - ▶ 2nd pilot, caregivers, healthcare professionals

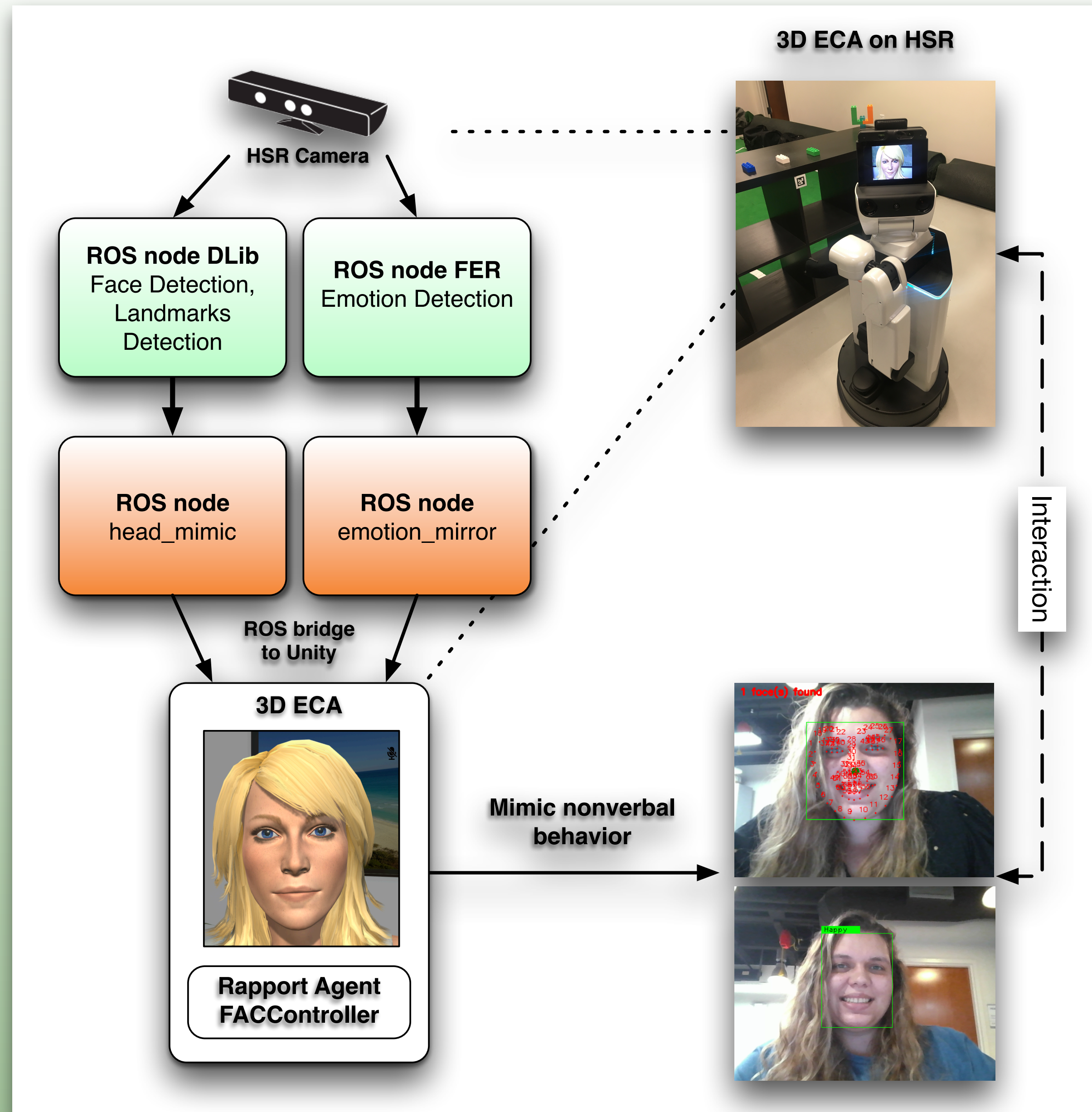


COMMUNICATION: BUILDING RAPPORT

- ▶ Rapport as result of a combination of socio-cultural-emotional complex processes, e.g. unconscious:
 - ▶ mutual attentiveness (mutual gaze, mutual interest, focus during interaction)
 - ▶ positivity (e.g., head nods, smiles, friendliness, and warmth)
 - ▶ unconscious coordination (e.g., postural mirroring, synchronized movements, balance, and harmony)
- ▶ Focus here on coordination/mirroring of
 - ▶ head movements and
 - ▶ facial emotions

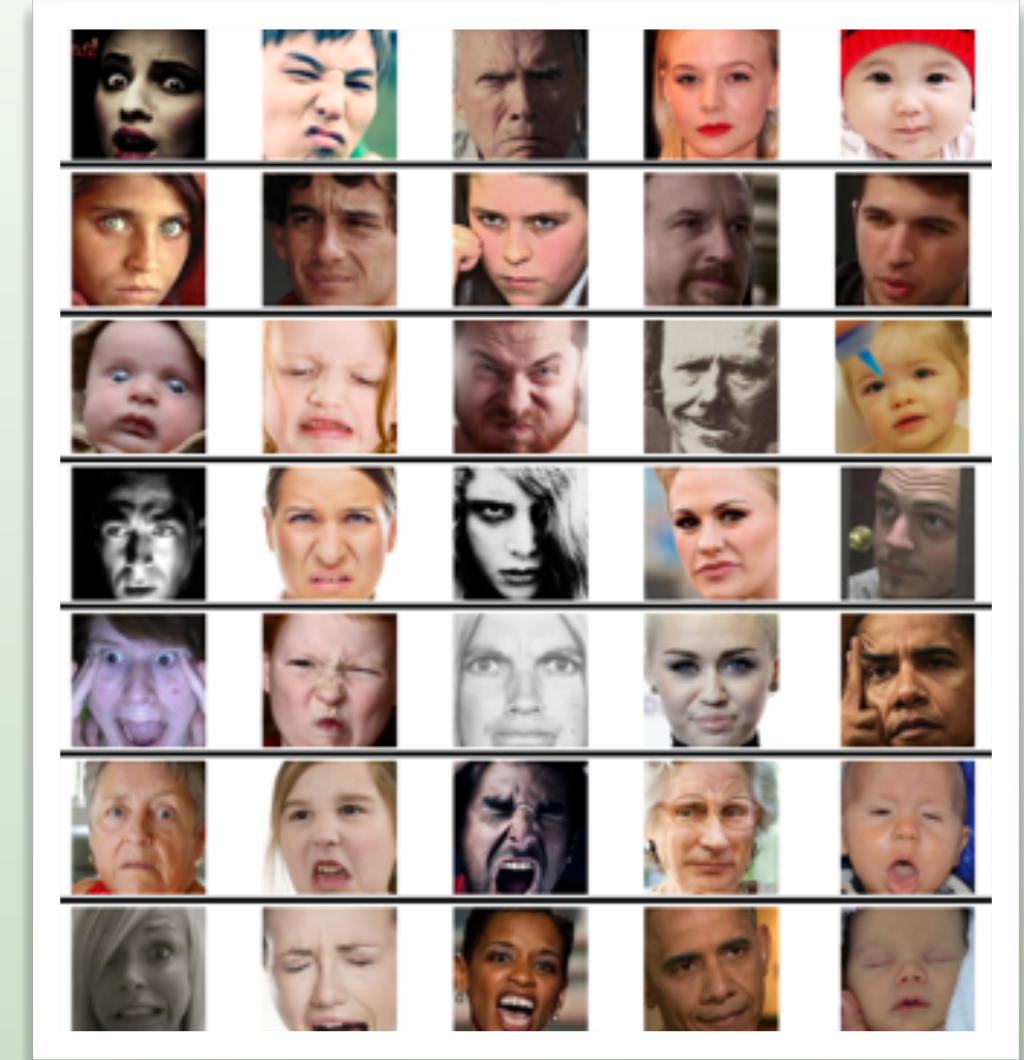


COMMUNICATION: BUILDING RAPPORT



COMMUNICATION: BUILDING RAPPORT (2)

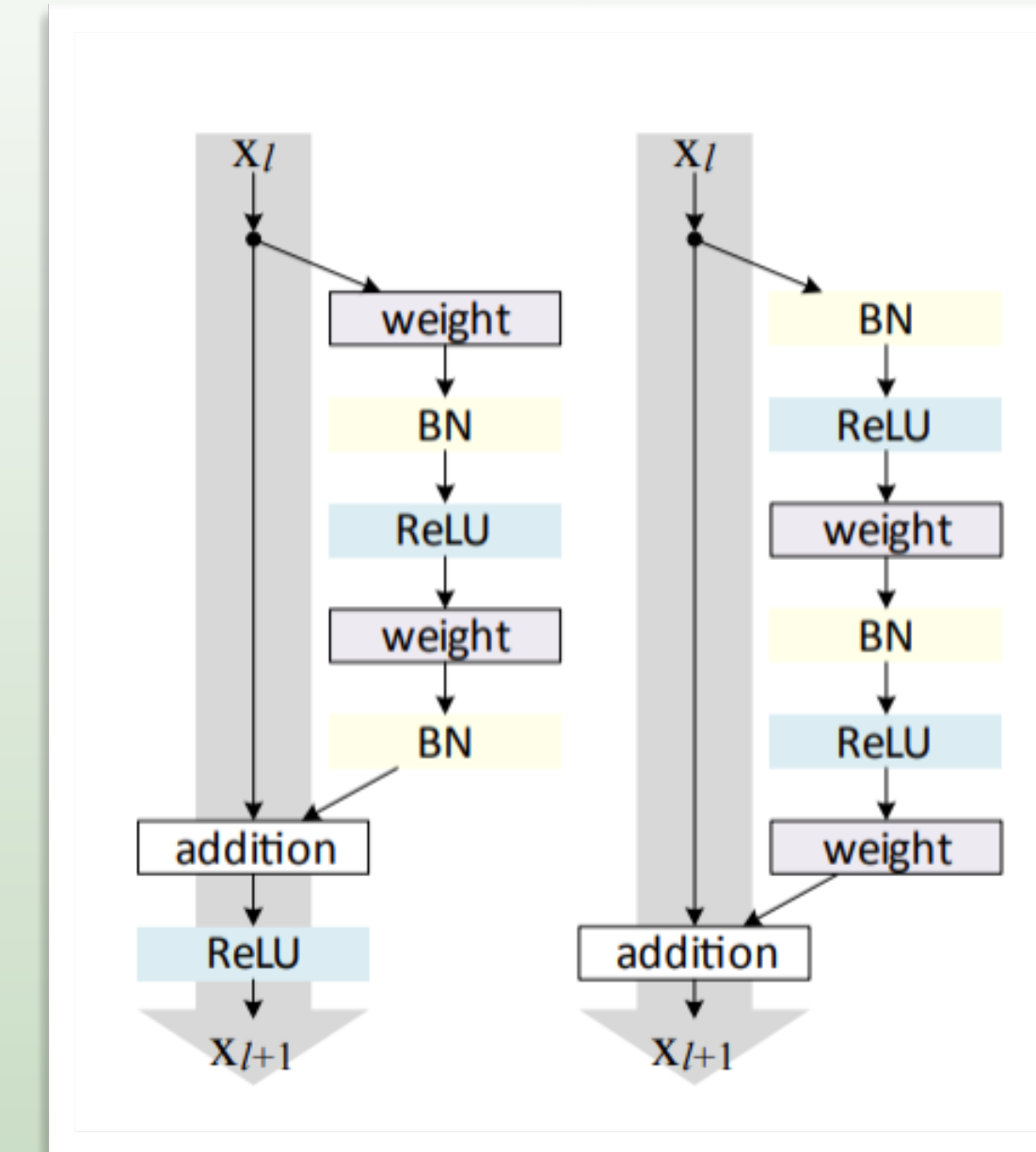
- ▶ Rapport as a result of a combination of socio-cultural-emotional complex processes
- ▶ Leveraging Deep Generative Modeling
- ▶ The metric model is a simple classifier predicting emotion categories given facial landmark inputs
- ▶ Classifier trained on AffectNet dataset
- ▶ Focus here on motion synthesis
 - ▶ head movements and
 - ▶ facial expressions



Mollahosseini et al., 2017



- ▶ Pre-Activation residual blocks
- ▶ Layers are resequenced to improve information flow



He et al., 2016

- ▶ Instance normalization to strip intro, sample, contrastive, information, making the generation process, simplified, and controllable.
- ▶ Swish activation, replacing Relu for better representation estimation of non-linearity

$$BN(x) = \gamma \frac{x - \mu_B(x)}{\sigma_B(x)} + \beta$$

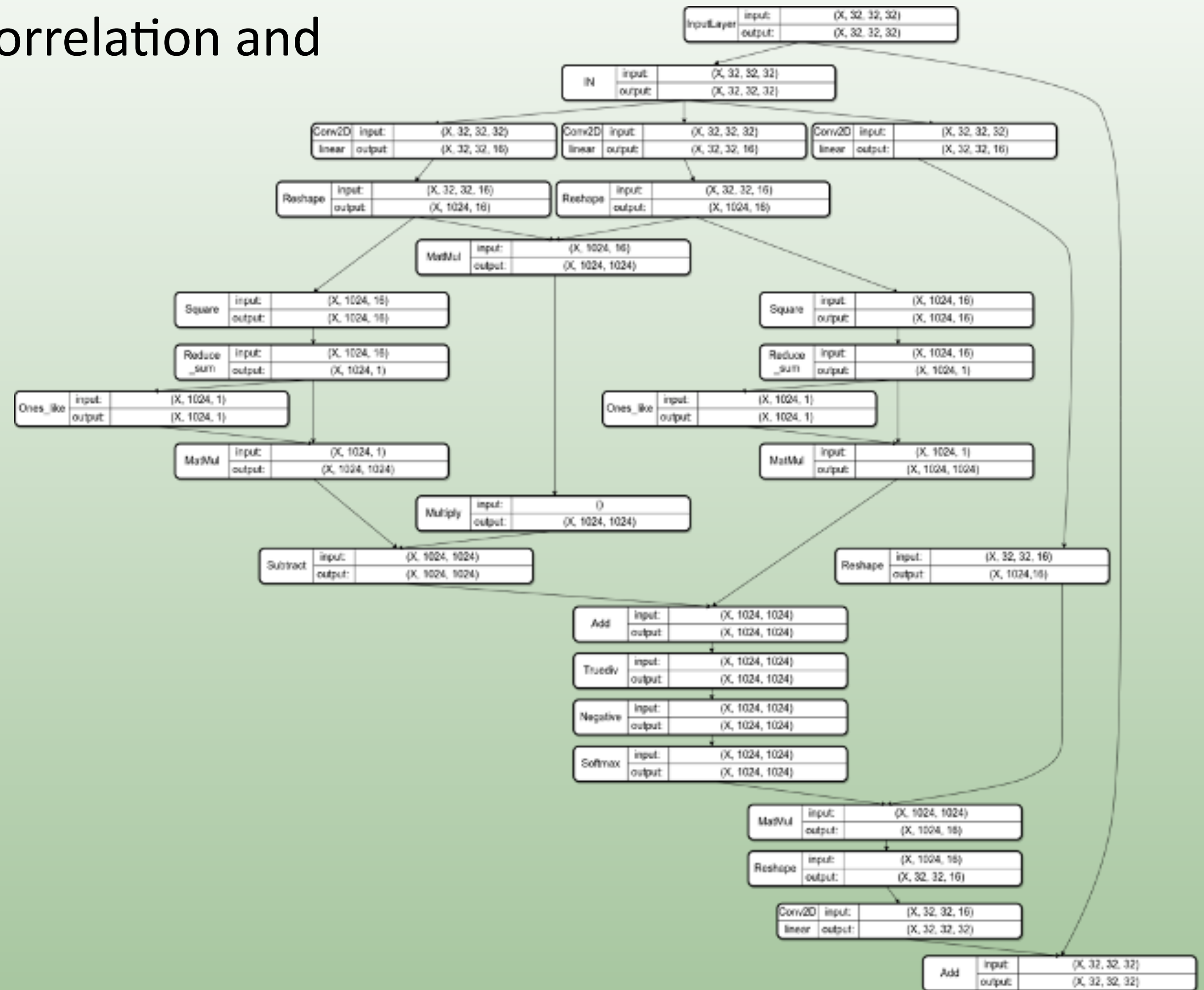
vs

$$IN(x) = \gamma \frac{x - \mu_{NC}(x)}{\sigma_{NC}(x)} + \beta$$

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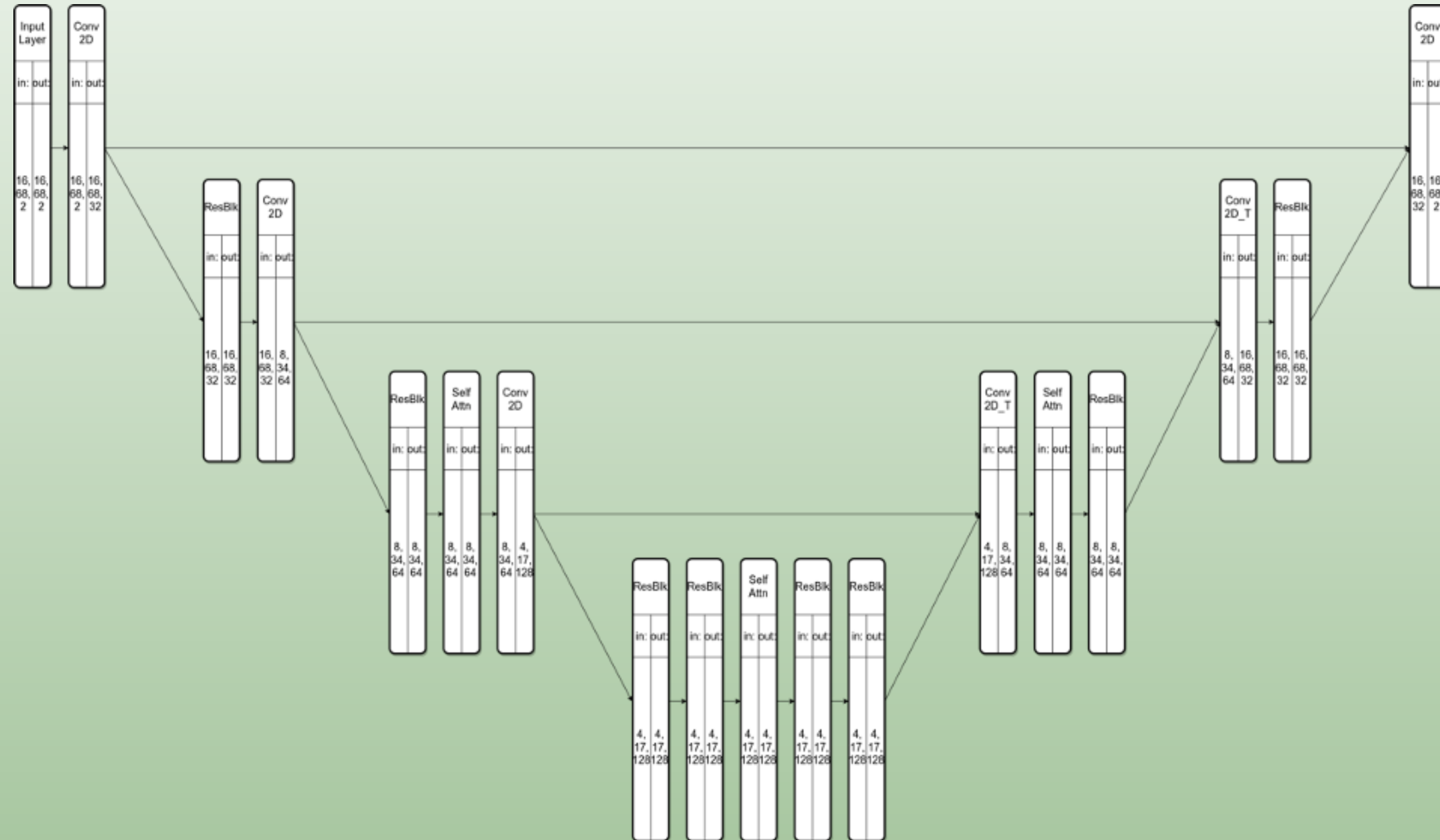
- ▶ L2 self-attention to capture global correlation and avoid Lipschitz unboundedness

$$L2Attention(Q, K, V) := \exp\left(-\frac{\|x_i^T W^Q - x_j^T W^K\|_2^2}{\sqrt{d_k}}\right) V$$



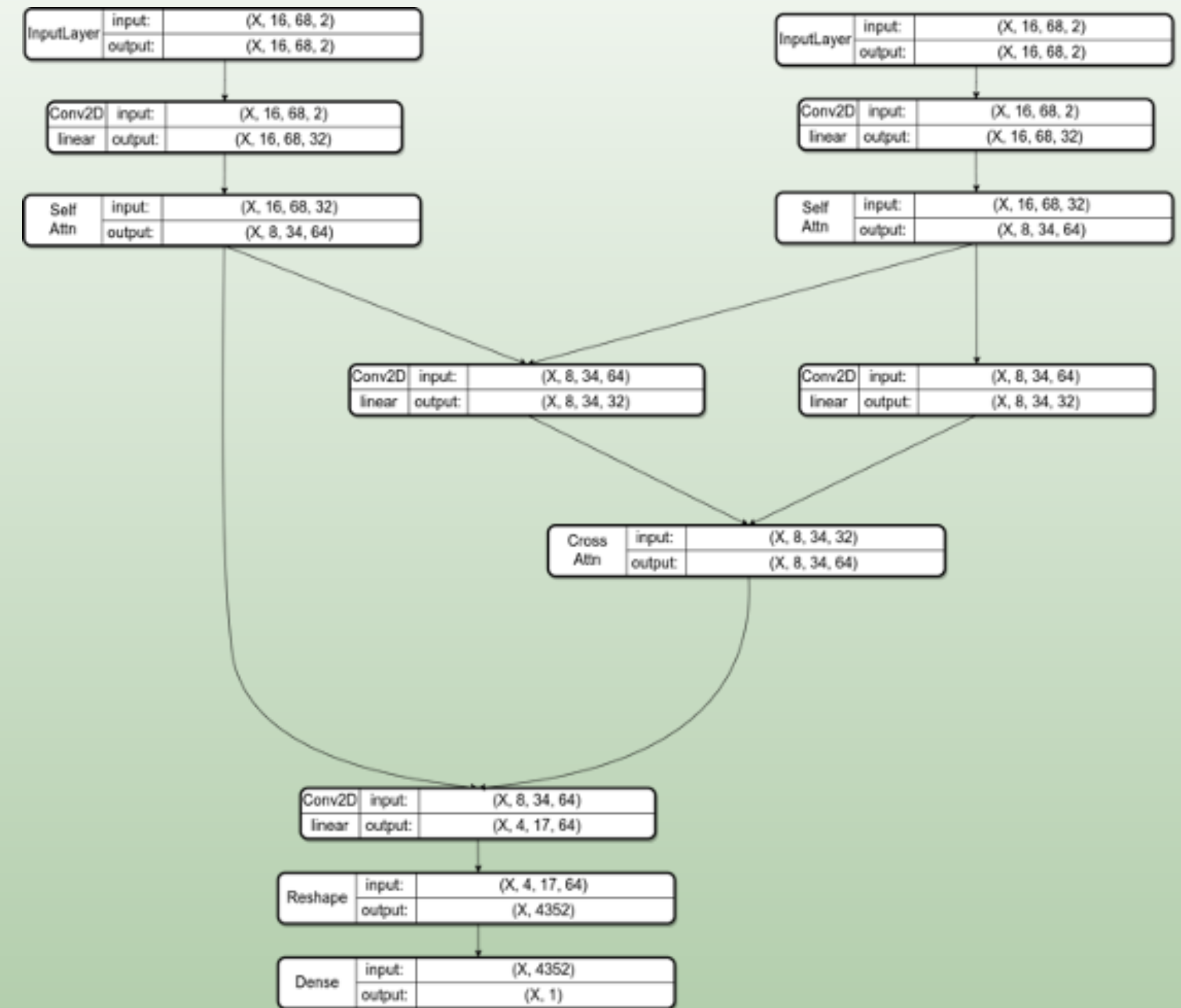
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► U-Net architecture for symmetric skip connection



COMMUNICATION: BUILDING RAPPORT (2)

- ▶ The discriminator design follows mostly the generator. It additionally uses a cross-attention module to consider the corresponding client landmarks for accurate rapport modeling.



- ▶ GAN model, adversarial training:

- ▶ Adversarial loss:

$$\min_G \max_D \mathbf{E}_{x \sim p_{data}(x)} [\log(D(x))] + \mathbf{E}_{z \sim p_z(z)} [\log(1 - D(G(z)))]$$

- ▶ Gradient penalty loss:

$$L_{gp}(x') = \lambda_{gp} (\|\nabla_{x'} D(x')\|_2 - 1)^2$$
$$x' = \epsilon x + (1 - \epsilon) F(y), \epsilon \in Uniform(0, 1)$$

- ▶ Signal magnitude regularization: $L_{reg}(D) = \lambda_{reg} D^2$

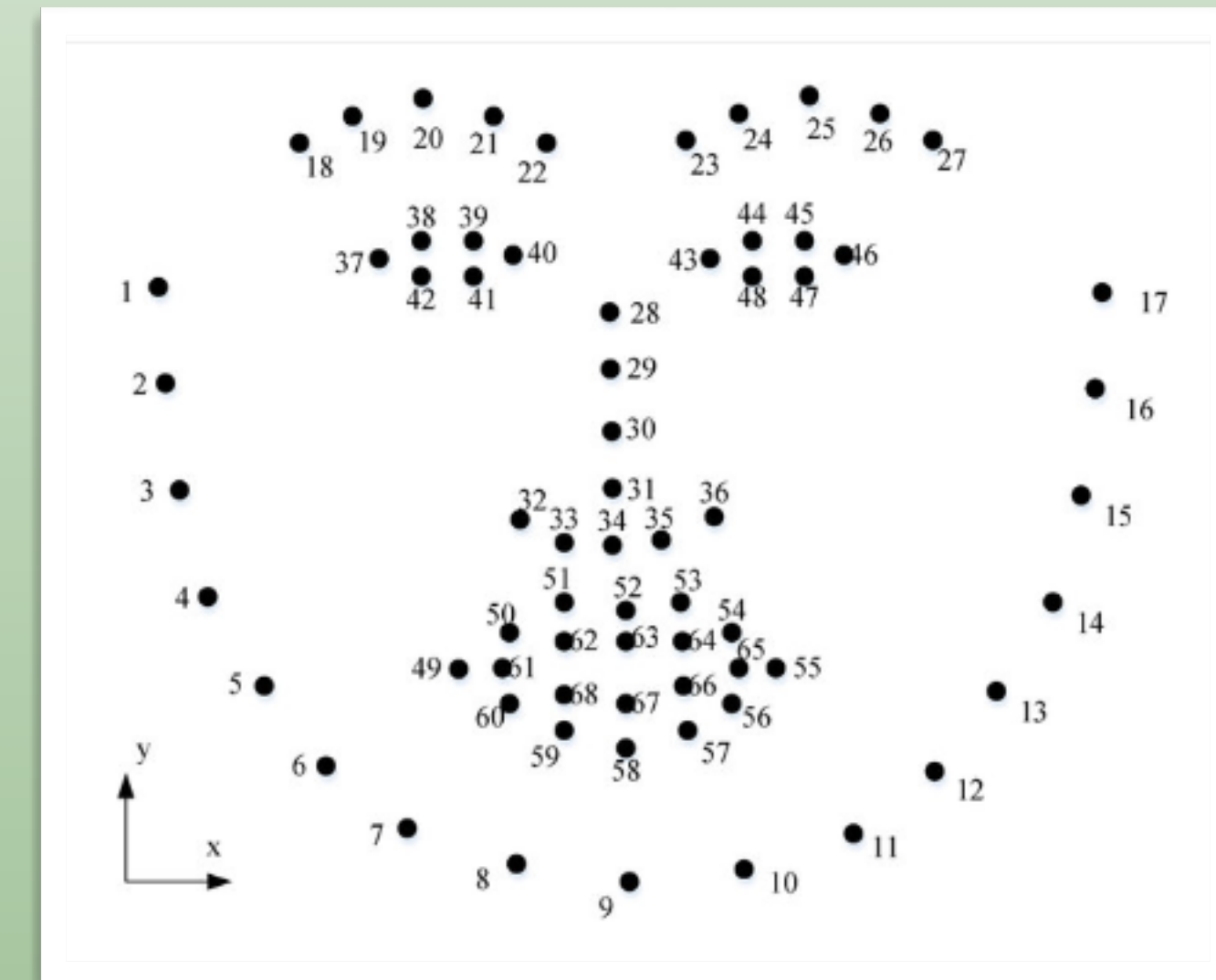
- ▶ Additional supervised model: $\mathbf{E}_{x \sim p_X(x), y \sim p_Y(y)} [\|G(x) - y\|_2]$

COMMUNICATION: BUILDING RAPPORT (2)

► Rendering

- Landmark translation to AU are not well defined.
- A preliminary mapping is proposed here as a foundation

AU index	AU name	Landmark indices pair
1	Inner brow raiser	(21,22),(23,24)
2	Outer brow raiser	(18,19),(26,27)
5	Upper lid raiser	(34,52)
12	Lip corner puller	(32,49),(36,55)
13	Sharp lip puller	(32,49),(36,55)
15	Lip corner depressor	(58,63),(63,34)
20,23	Lip stretcher,Lip tightener	(49,55)
28	Lip suck	(52,58)



COMMUNICATION: BUILDING RAPPORT (2)

► Results

► Metric model performance:

Variants	Accuracy	F1	R2
Linear	50.33	32.28	-4.83
1-D Self-Attention	51.01	33.32	-4.55
SVM	50.45	33.01	-3.96

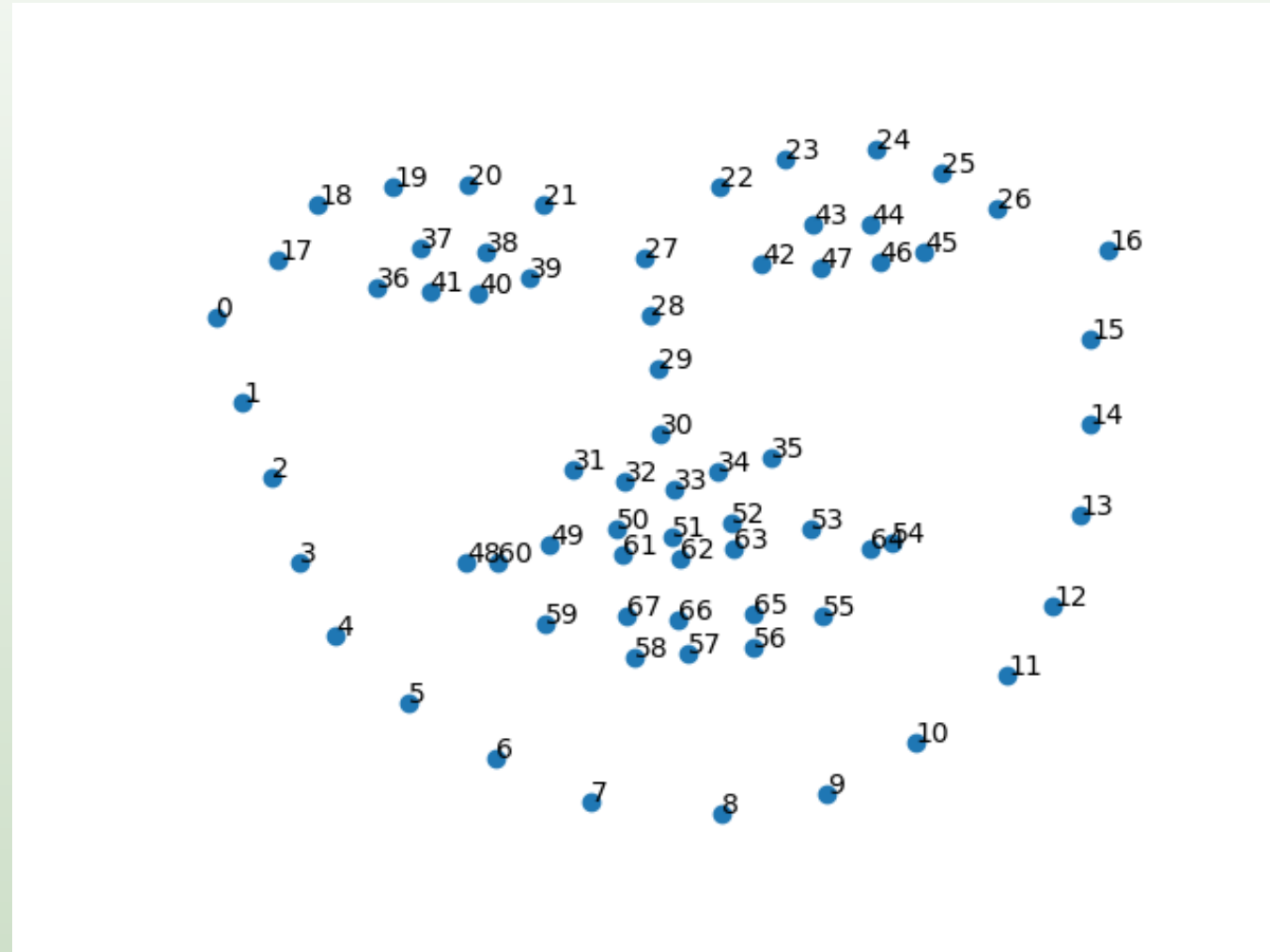
► Generative model performance:

Variants	Emotion accuracy	Emotion F1	Emotion R2
Supervised	35.21/32.34/29.04	23.78/21.76/20.14	-10.45/-10.64/-10.22
GAN variant 1	35.98/34.71/32.50	24.03/24.15/23.29	-10.69/-10.40/-10.71
GAN variant 2	39.12/39.32/38.58	28.56/28.31/27.99	-8.25/-9.16/-9.02
GAN variant 3	36.35/33.41/25.12	23.97/20.13/13.33	-12.43/-15.61/-50.81
GAN variant 4	41.01/ 43.65 /36.32	27.17/25.61/25.08	-10.08/-11.13/-11.02
GAN variant 5	36.22/34.40/29.12	24.56/24.72/22.01	-12.17/-12.33/-12.19
GAN variant 6	42.76 /41.30/ 39.07	28.02/27.67/22.09	-10.83/-10.79/-10.91

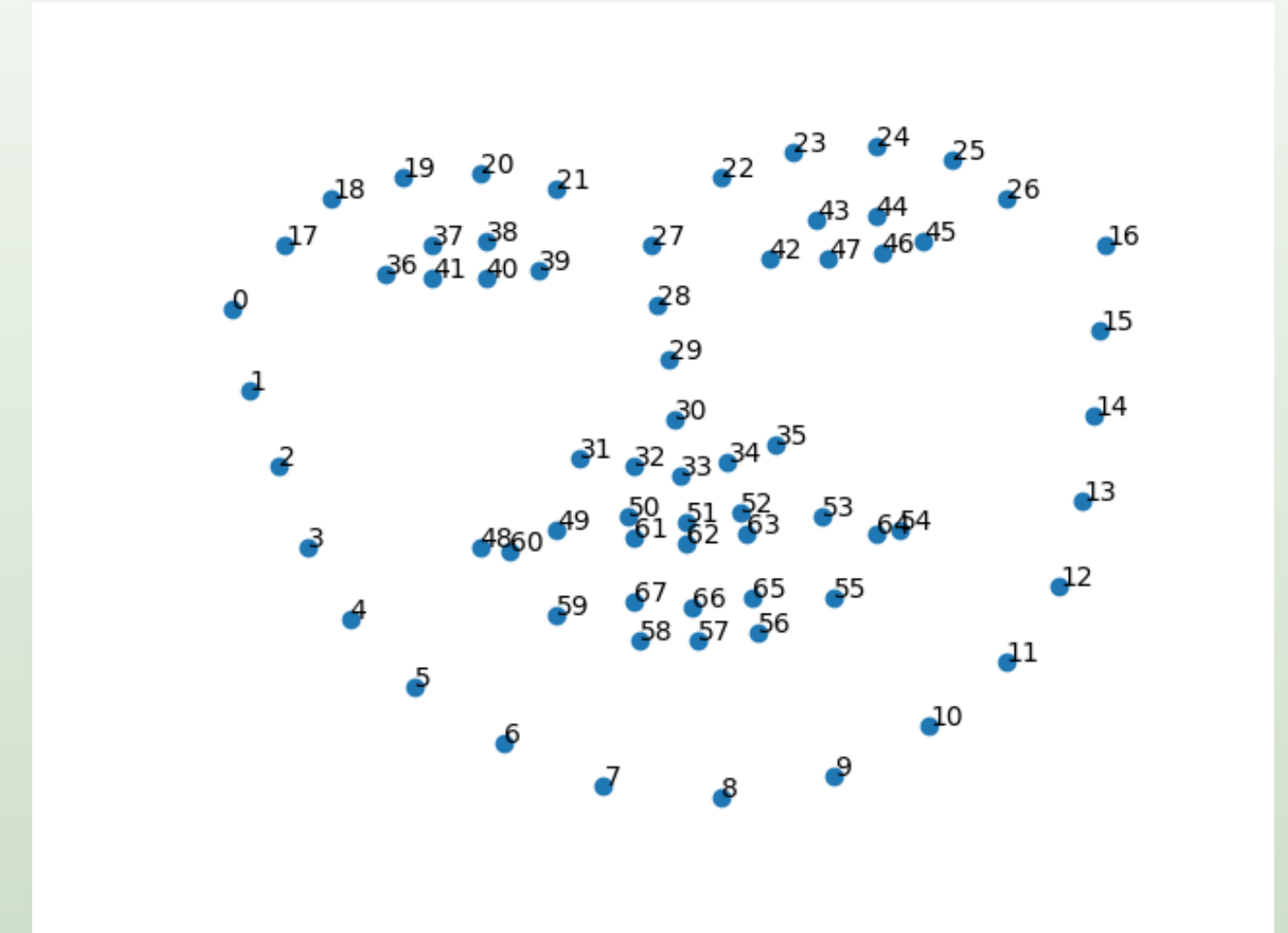
Variants	Landmark L2	Convergence rate
Supervised	12.38	100%
GAN variant 1	25.11	85%
GAN variant 2	23.09	100%
GAN variant 3	32.26	45%
GAN variant 4	29.87	90%
GAN variant 5	29.60	100%
GAN variant 6	26.57	100%

- Variant 1 - non saturating loss with dot product attention
- Variant 2 - non saturating loss with L2 norm attention
- Variant 3 - Wasserstein loss without regularization with dot product attention
- Variant 4 - Wasserstein loss without regularization with L2 norm attention
- Variant 5 - Wasserstein loss with regularization with dot product attention
- Variant 6 - Wasserstein loss with regularization with L2 norm attention

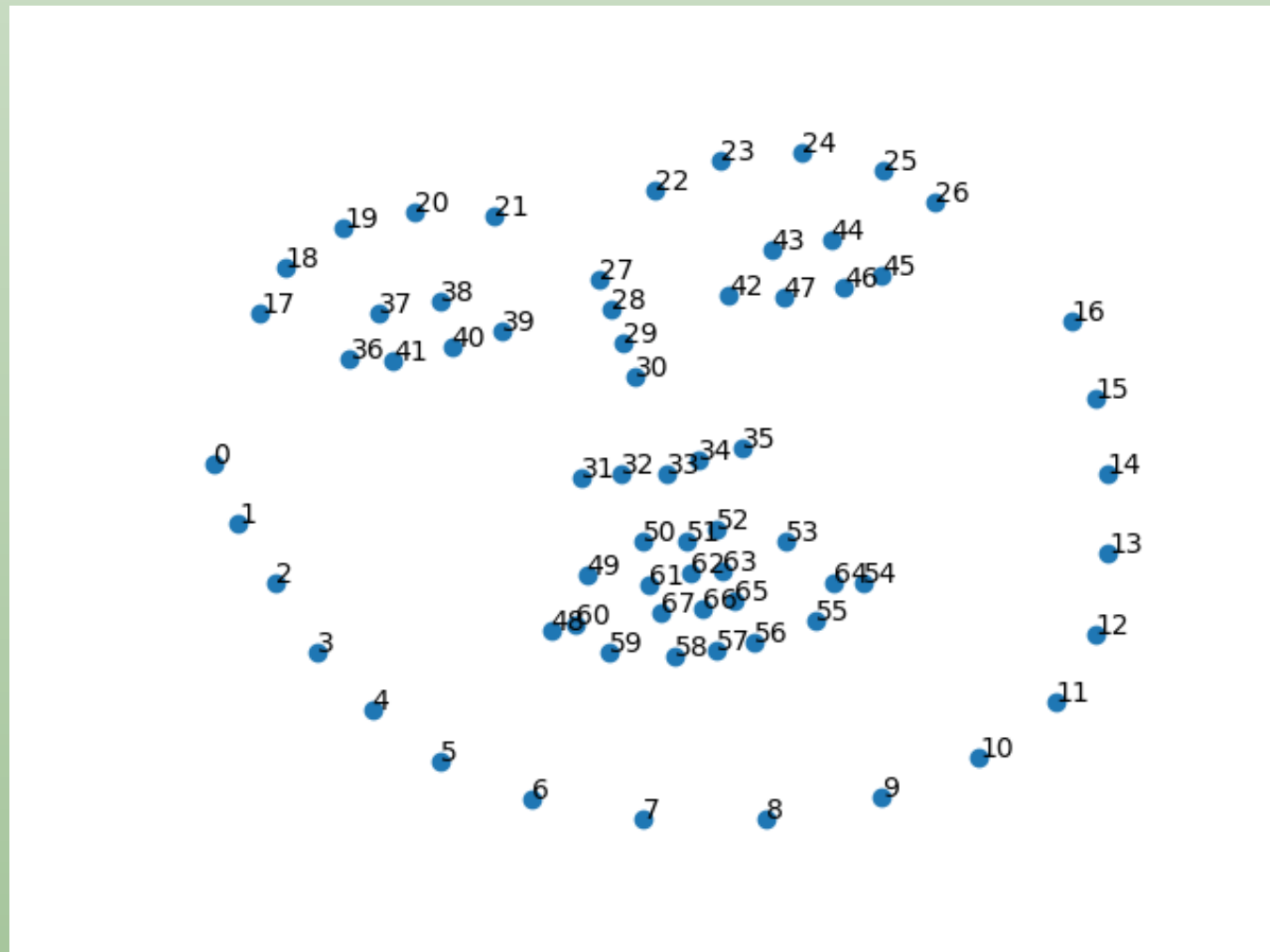
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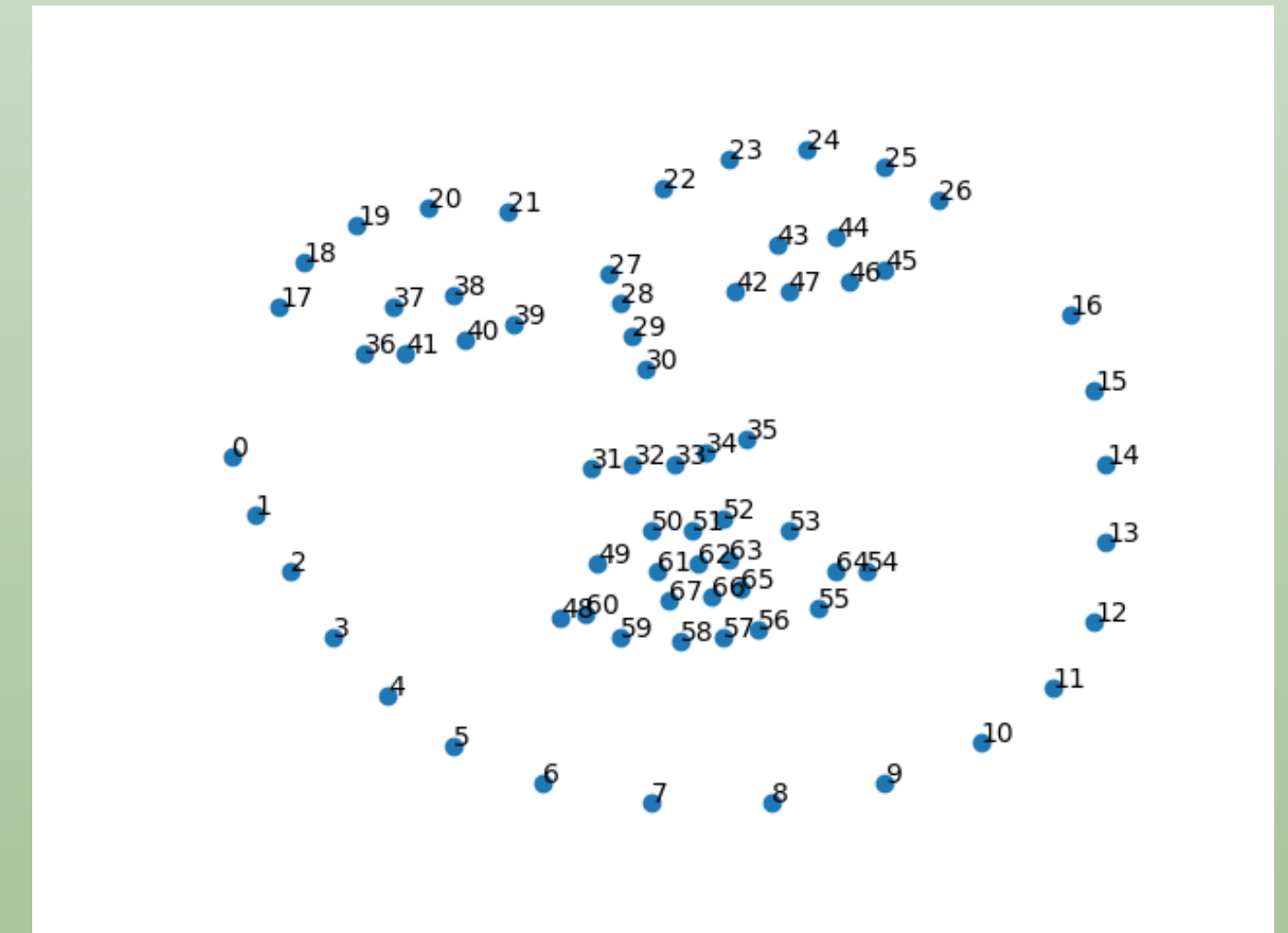
Testing set generated



Testing set ground truth



Training set generated



Training set ground truth

COMMUNICATION: BUILDING RAPPORT (2)



PEDRIATIC ASTHMA EDUCATION - SHARE

- ▶ Pediatric asthma affects 6.3 million children in the U.S., making it a leading cause of hospitalizations.
- ▶ Discharge education is crucial but often rushed.
- ▶ Two completed stages of research:
 - ▶ 1. Pilot study – simulated discharge with student participants.
 - ▶ Clinical study – real-world outpatient clinic with caregivers and healthcare professionals



Goal: Develop and evaluate a socially assistive robot (SAR) to deliver structured, engaging, and repeatable asthma education.

PEDRIATIC ASTHMA EDUCATION - SHARE

- ▶ Within-subjects pilot study: 11 students simulating discharge interactions.
- ▶ Content developed with input from:
 - ▶ National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute (NHLBI) guidelines
 - ▶ Asthma Academy resources
 - ▶ Consultations with a pediatric pulmonologists and clinical visits.
- ▶ Sessions held at UM's Simulation Hospital (SHARE).
- ▶ Session has five components: asthma pathophysiology, medication overview, inhaler technique, asthma action plan, and discharge reminders.
- ▶ Delivered through HSR using a multimodal approach of speech and gestures, expert videos, and printed hand out.



SHARE Simulation Hospital environment



Study setup in the space with caregivers and pediatric patients

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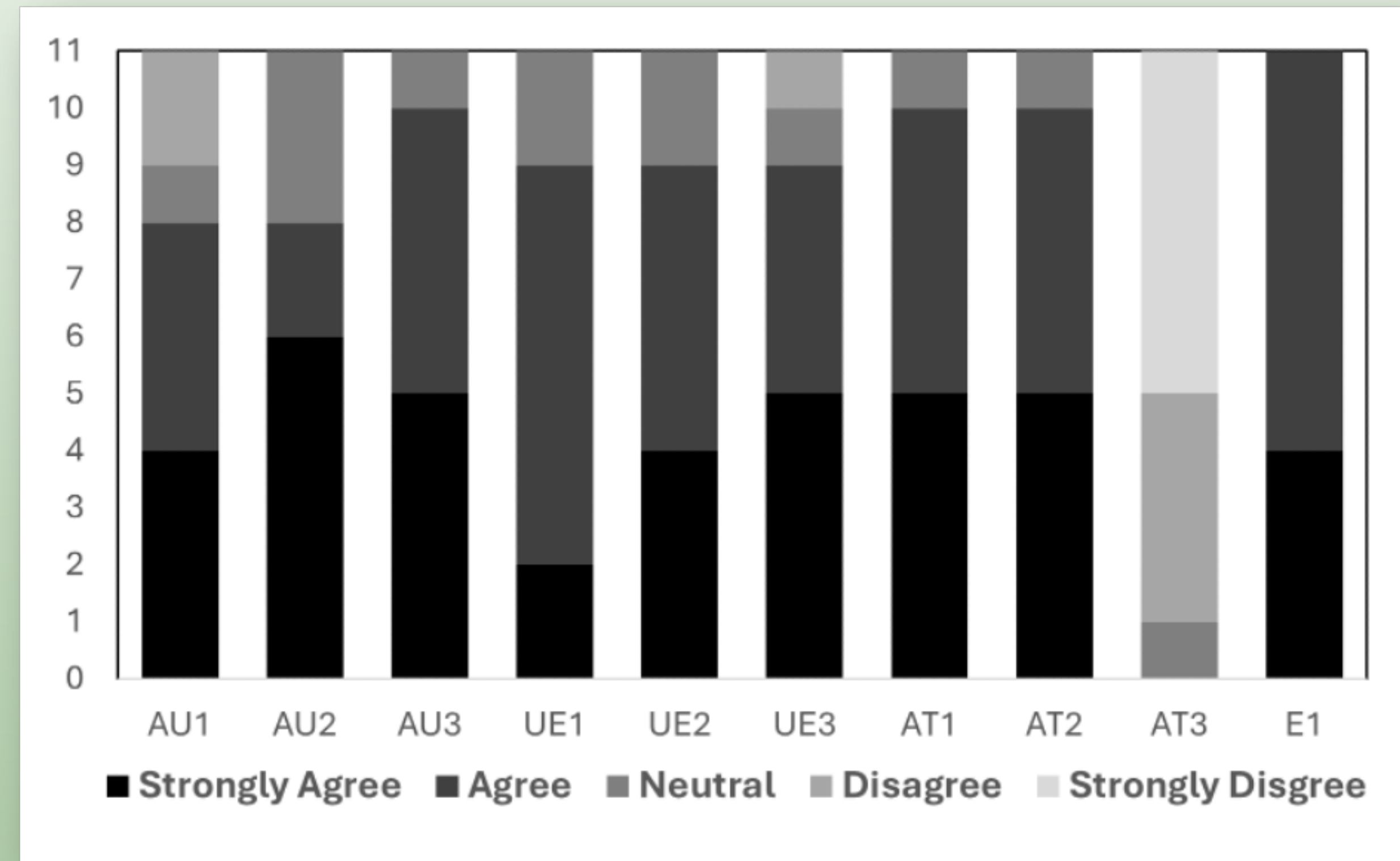
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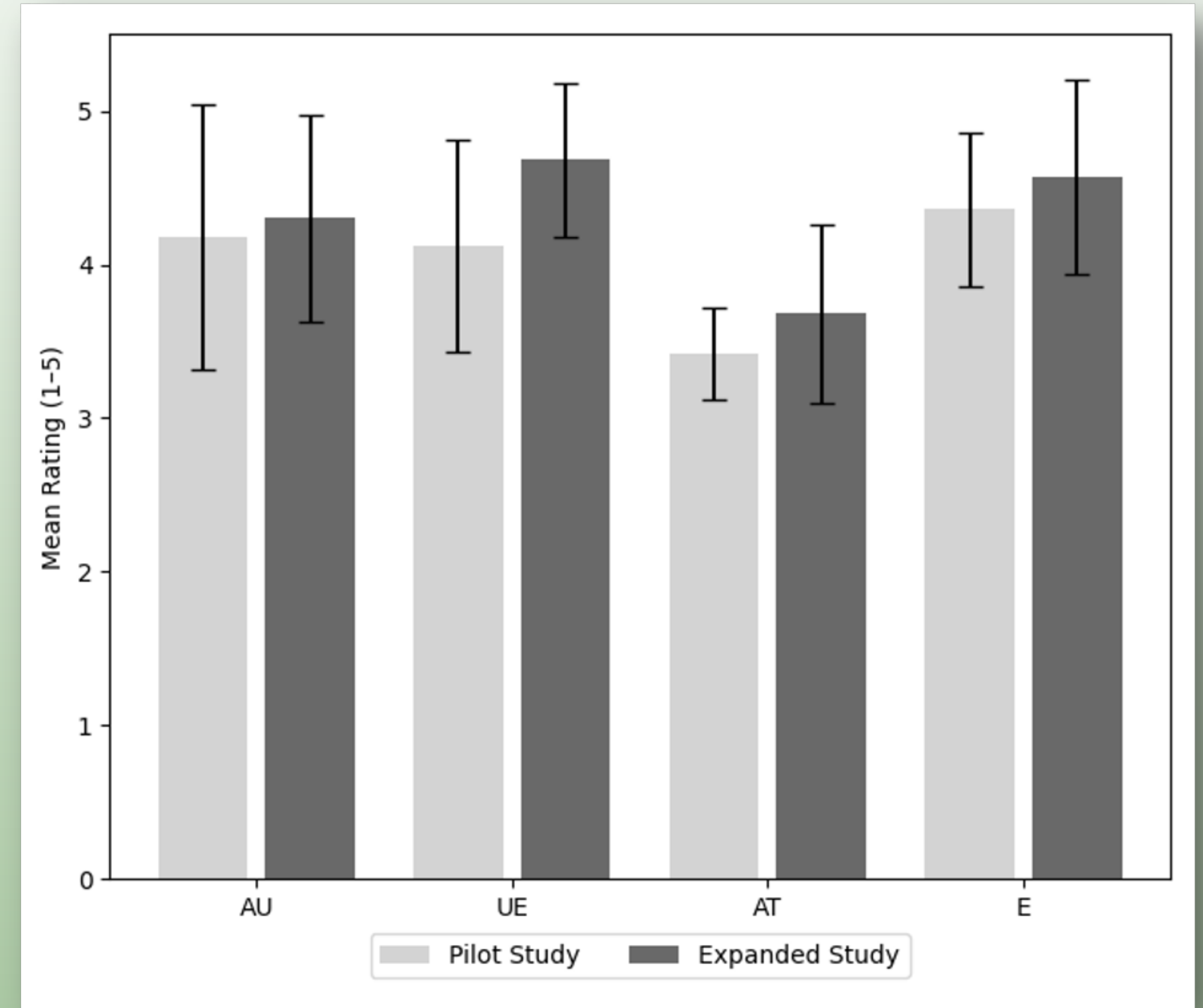
PEDRIATIC ASTHMA EDUCATION - SHARE - PILOT

- ▶ Results:
- ▶ 78% rated usability positively.
- ▶ 82% found interaction engaging.
- ▶ >90% reported positive attitude toward the robot.
- ▶ 100% satisfied with educational experience.
- ▶ Key Insight: Robot-led asthma education is feasible, easy to use, and engaging for first-time users.



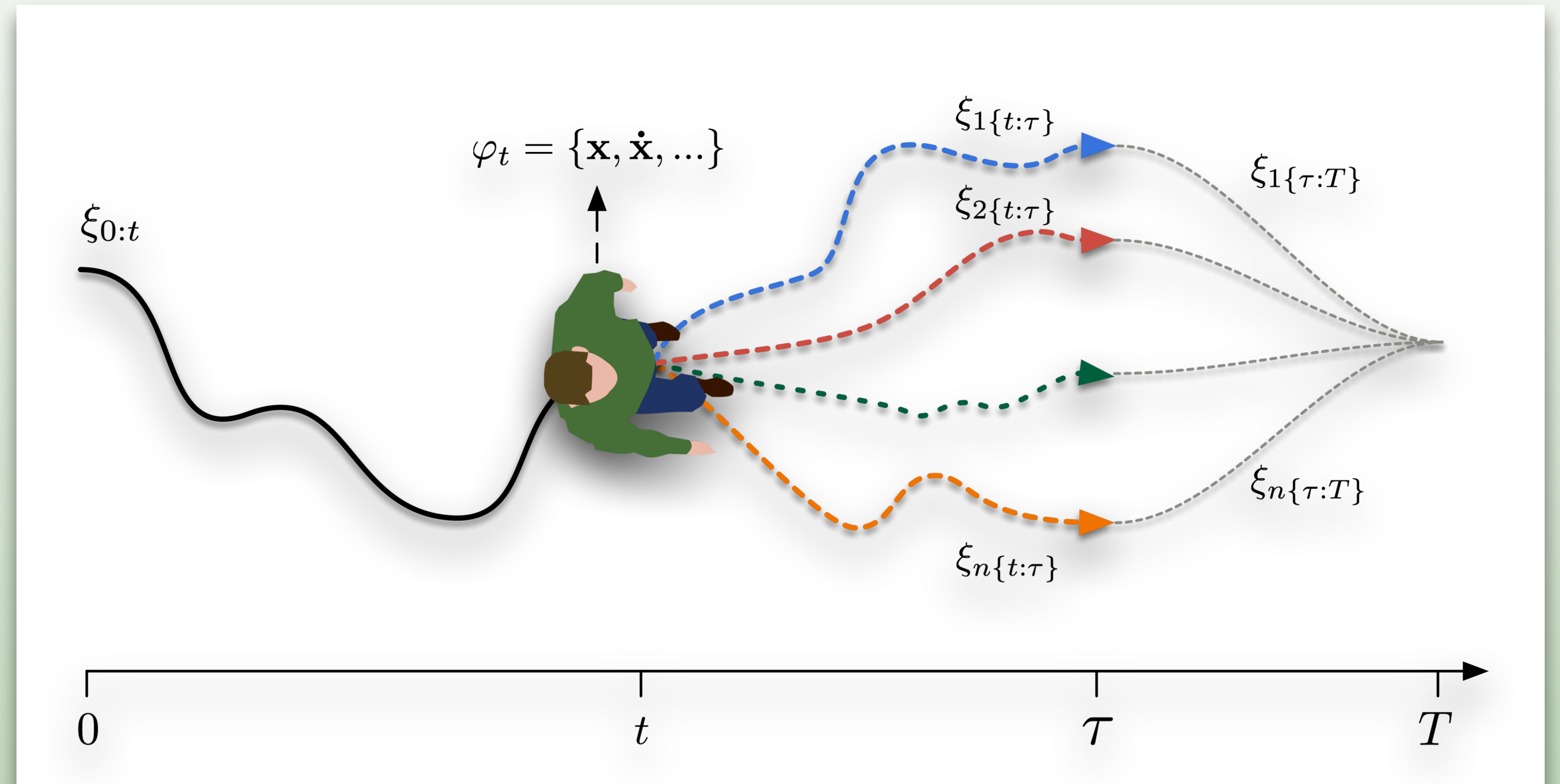
PEDRIATIC ASTHMA EDUCATION - CLINICAL STUDY WITH CAREGIVERS

- ▶ Conducted at UHealth Batchelor Children's Research Institute (BCRI) outpatient clinic.
- ▶ Participants: 30 total – 14 caregivers of children with asthma, 16 healthcare professionals.
- ▶ Findings:
 - ▶ High ratings across all constructs (means 4.3–4.7/5).
 - ▶ Engagement significantly higher than pilot ($p = 0.028$, Cohen's $d = 0.76$).
 - ▶ Caregivers and providers rated usability, engagement, and educational value highly.
 - ▶ Qualitative feedback: approachable design, clear instruction, reduced anxiety, reinforced educational learning.

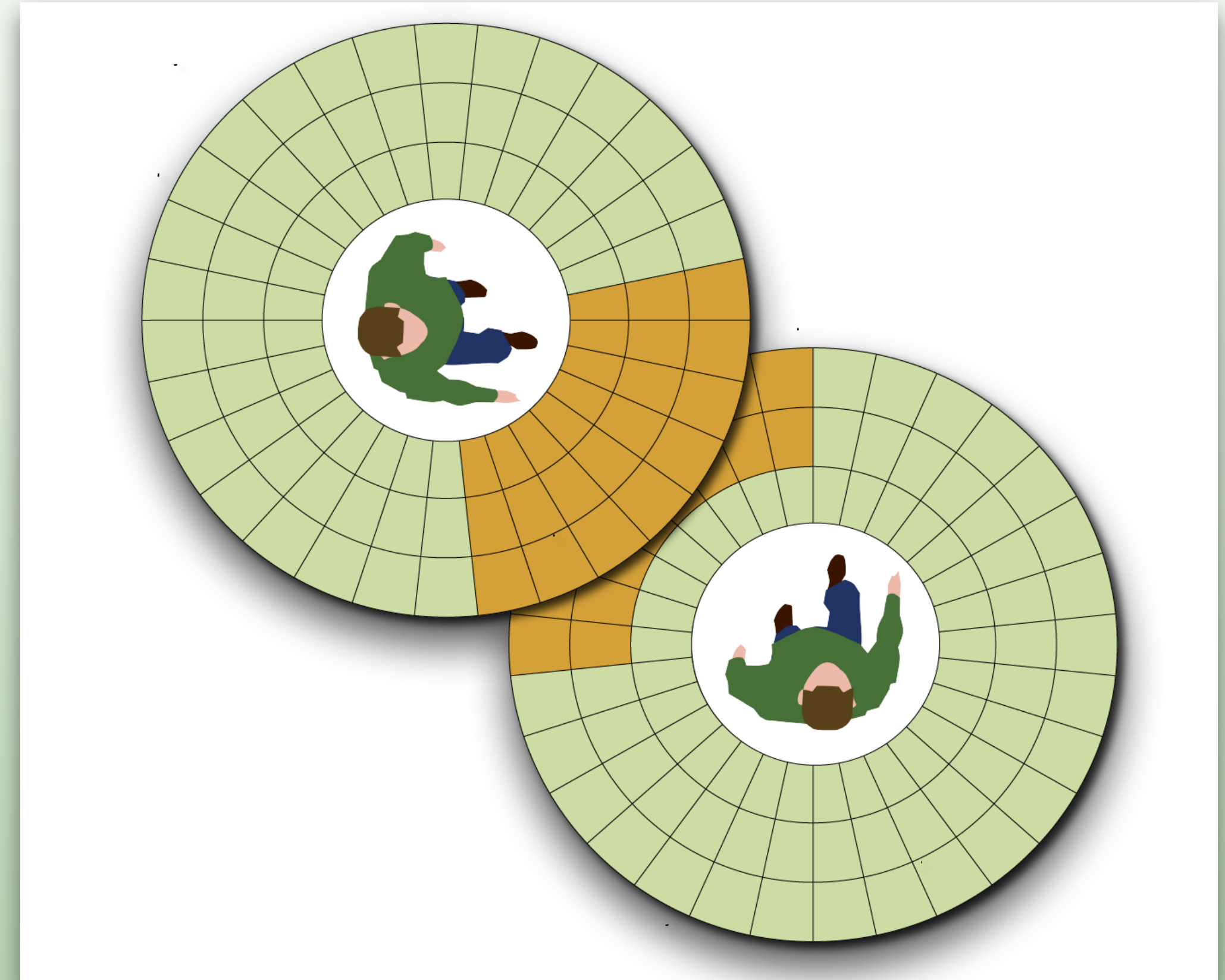


STATE ESTIMATION AND PERCEPTION: HUMAN POSES

- ▶ Tracking and predicting humans in 3D space
- ▶ Novel probabilistic framework in which multiple models can be fused into a circular probability-map to forecast human poses
- ▶ ITP: Inverse Trajectory Planning

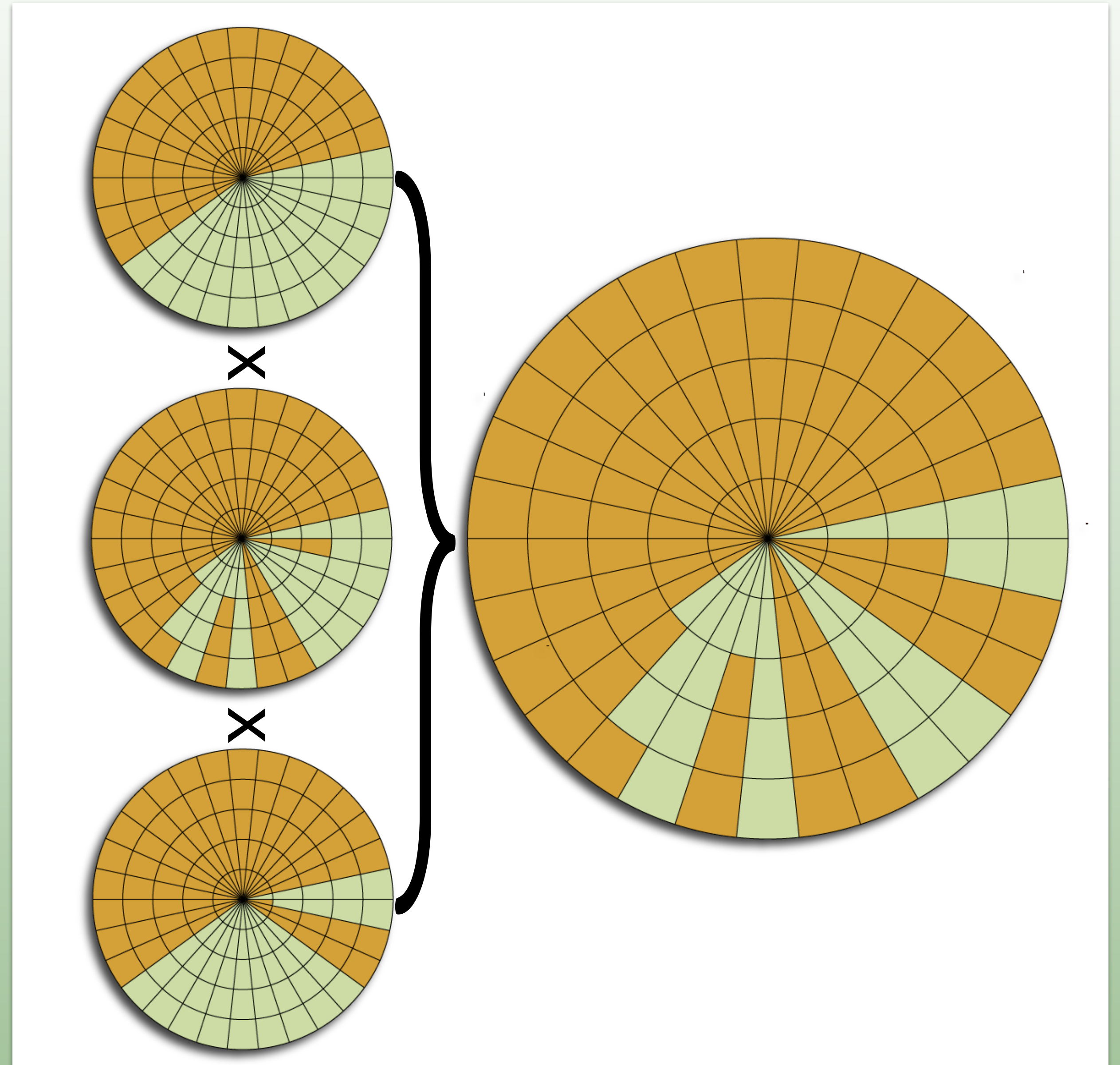


- ▶ Circular probability-maps for the social force model
- ▶ ITP allows interaction between two people or two probability-maps

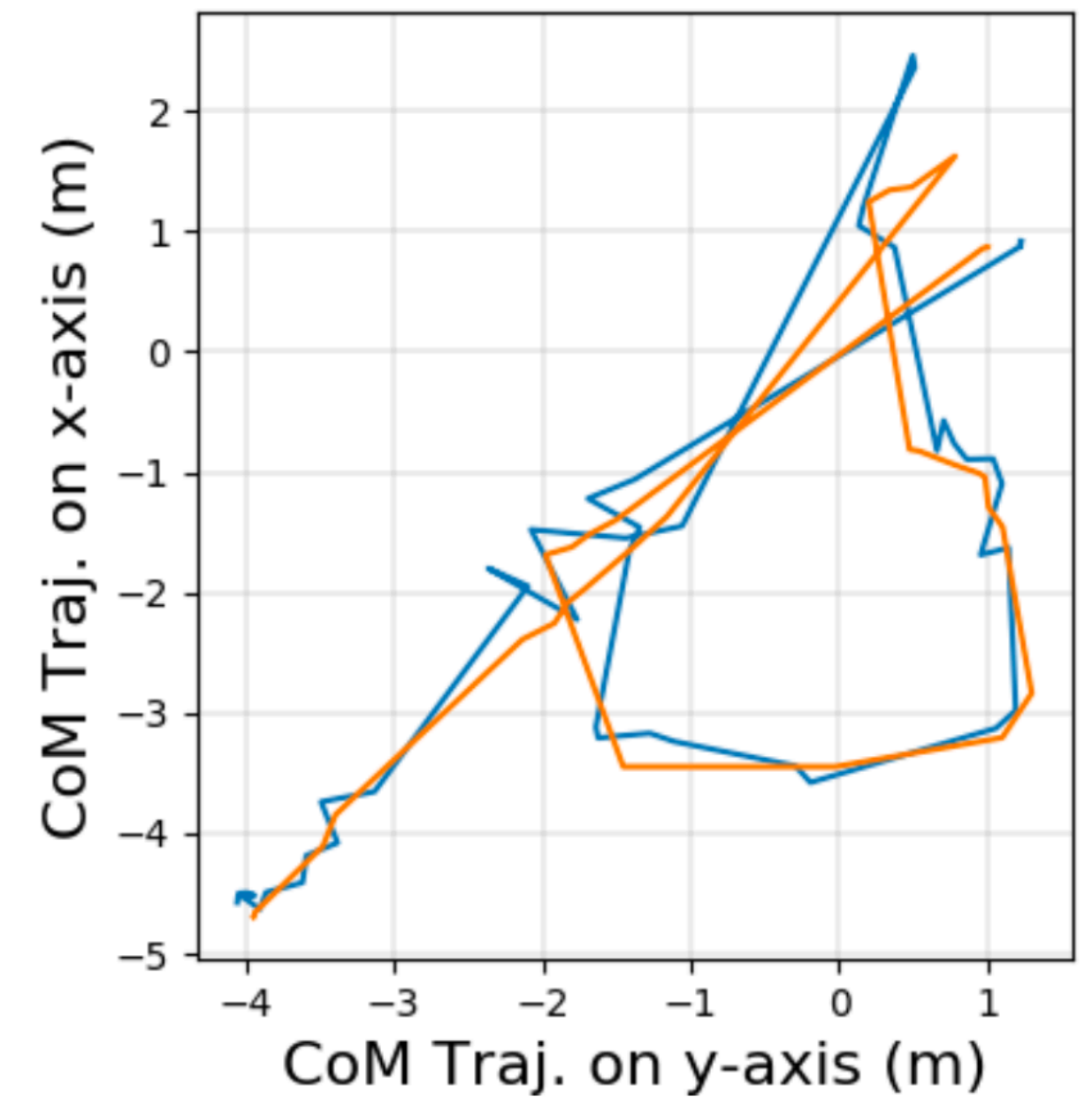
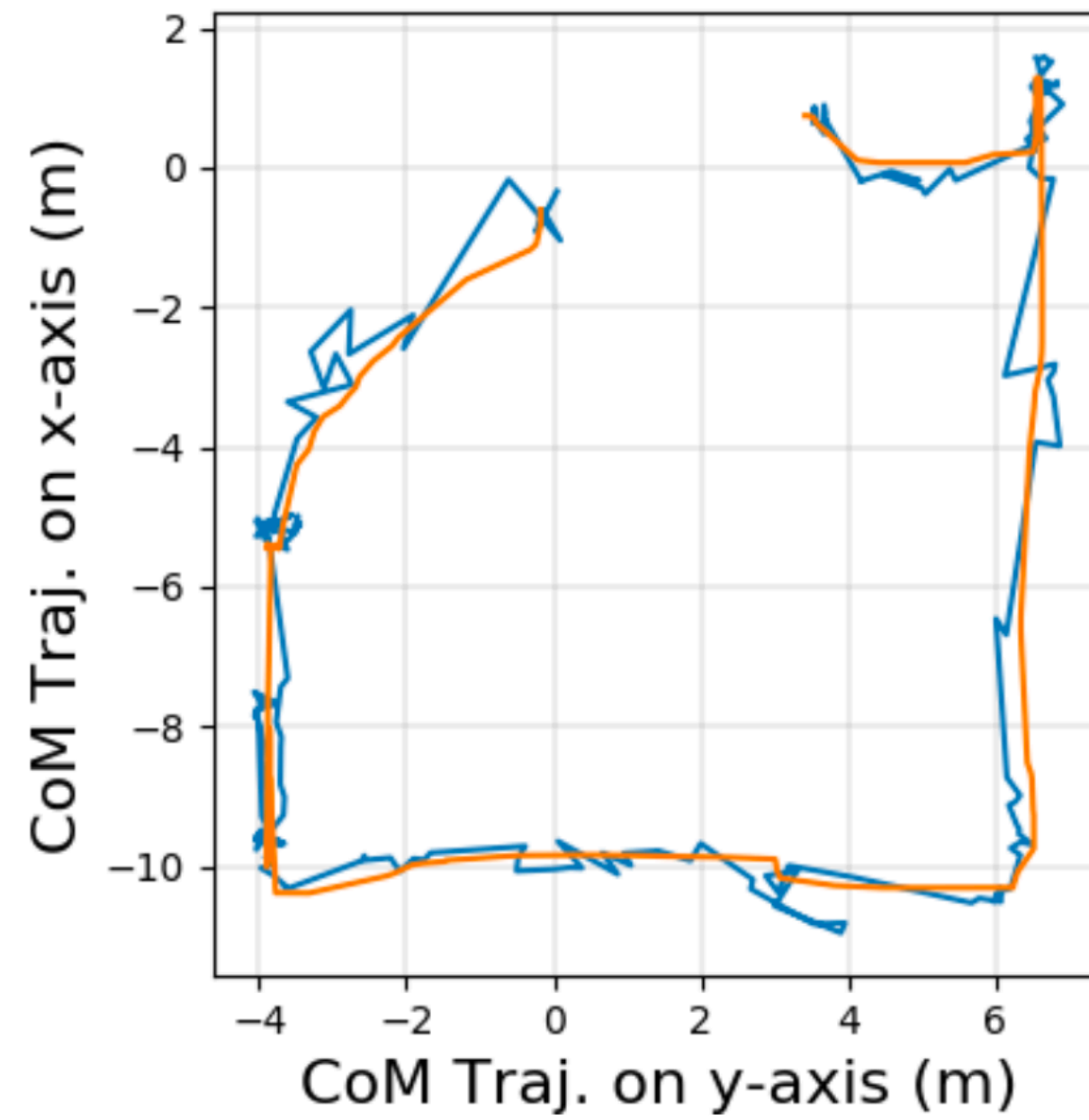
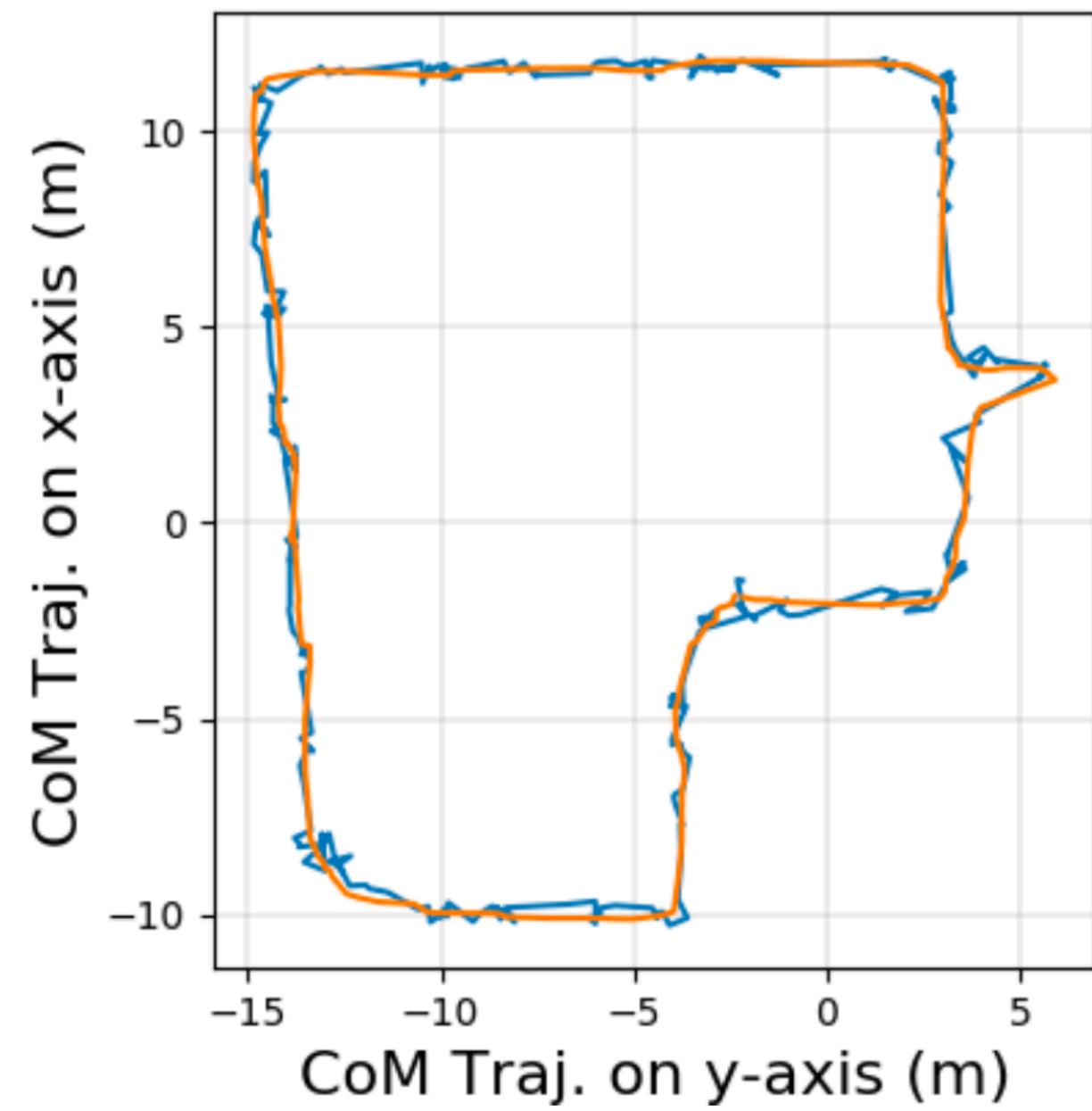


STATE ESTIMATION AND PERCEPTION: HUMAN POSES

- ▶ Lidar-based model for 2D obstacles
- ▶ OctoMap model for 3D obstacles
- ▶ Social force model for other humans
- ▶ Result: Heading model as prediction of future states



STATE ESTIMATION AND PERCEPTION: HUMAN POSES

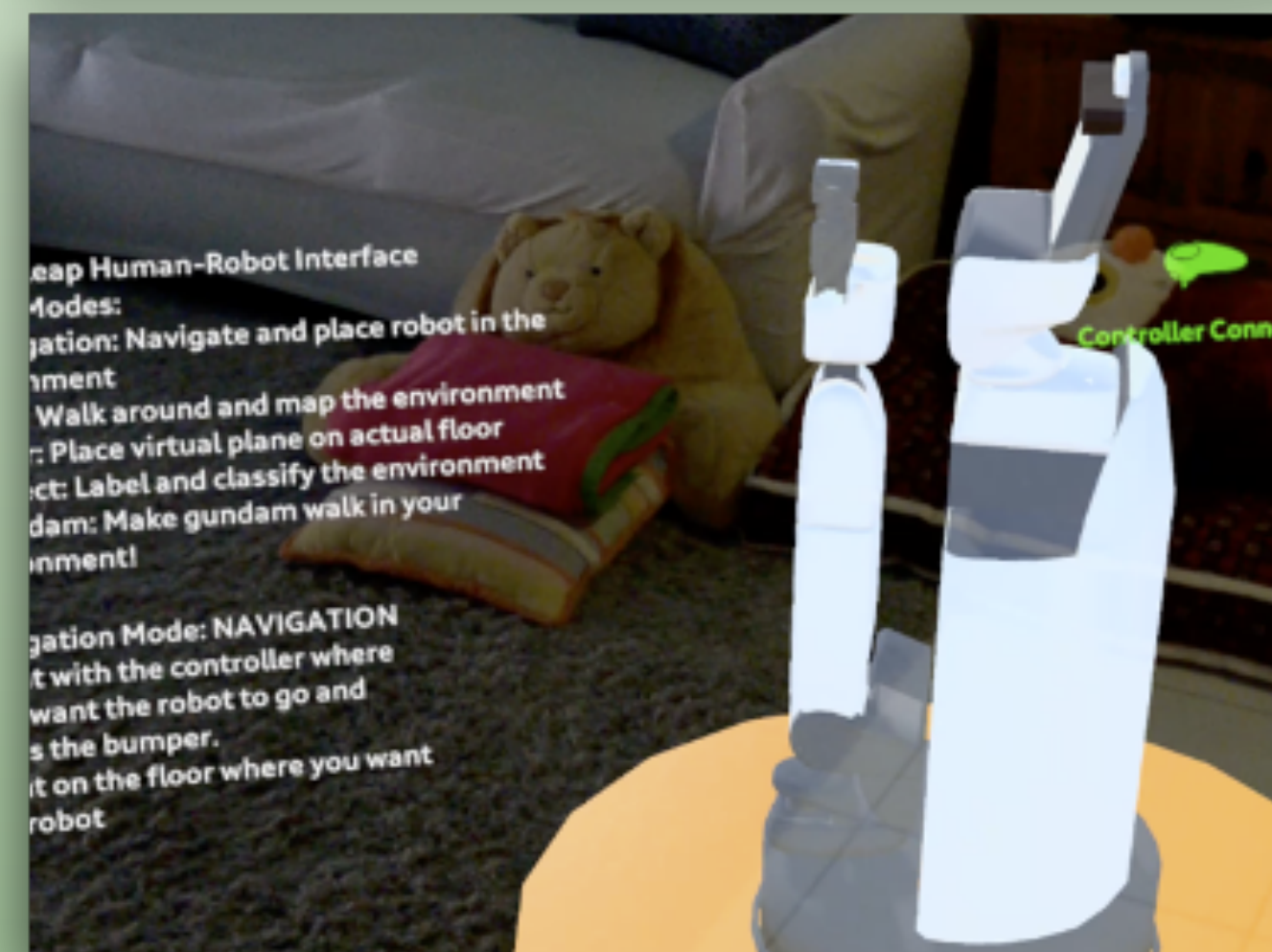


STATE ESTIMATION AND PERCEPTION: HUMAN POSES



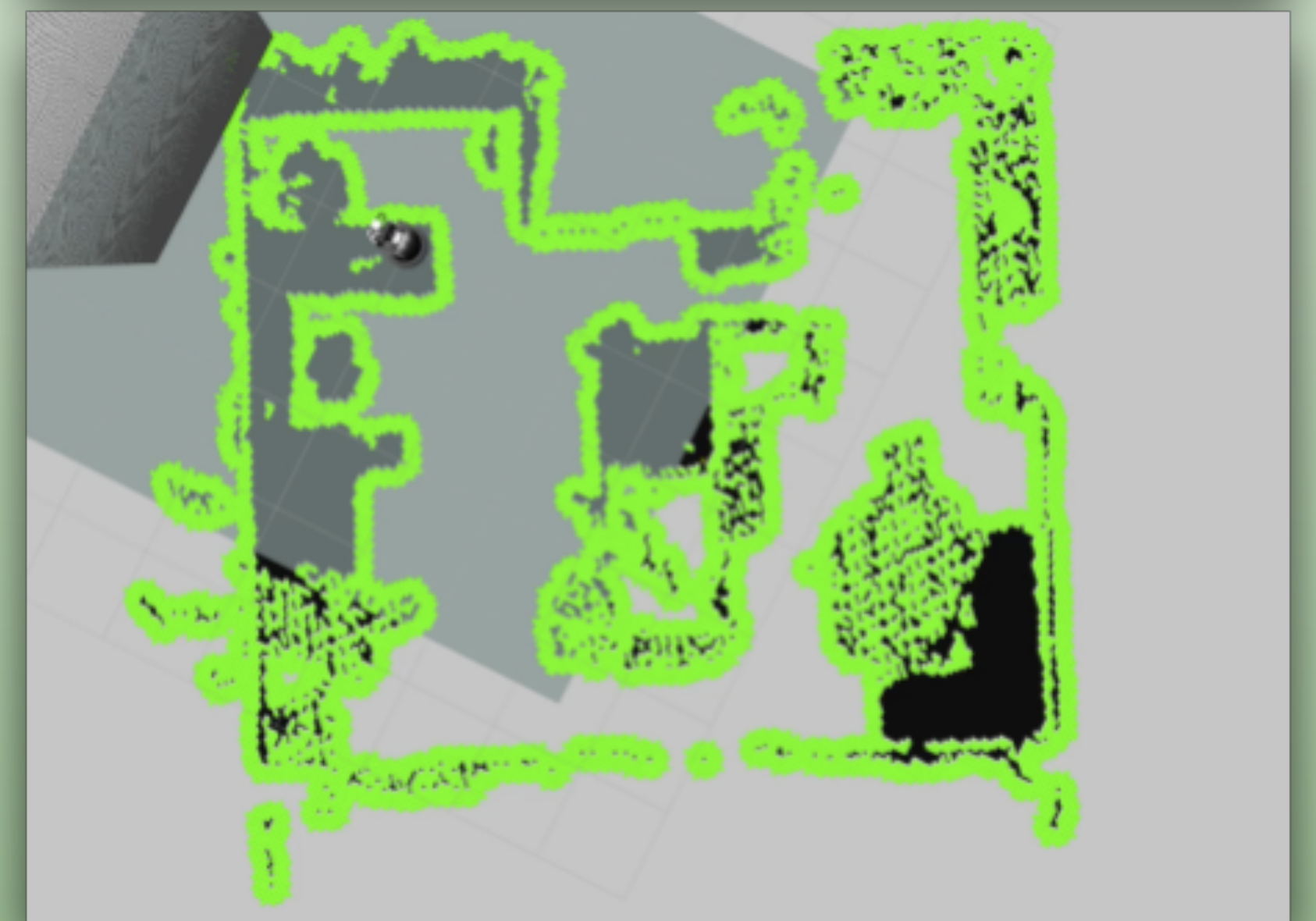
4. INTERFACES: VR MEETS AI AND ROBOTICS

- ▶ Implement a human-robot interface that is intuitive and does not require a computer
- ▶ Geriatric (not robotics) expert uses magic leap to map the environment and label important features (bed, bathroom, sink, chair, TV, fridge, emergency path, etc.)
- ▶ Localization and navigation with no calibration process
- ▶ The interface is implemented in Unity Engine
- ▶ ROS# is a ROS (Robot Operating System) bridge for Unity
- ▶ Unity application communicates with ROS



INTERFACES: IMPLEMENTATION (MAPPING AN ENVIRONMENT)

- ▶ The meshing feature of Magic Leap is used to create a 2D map
- ▶ A virtual camera in the Unity scene is placed on top of the scene generating a birds-eye view of the environment
- ▶ The image of the virtual camera is rendered in a texture
- ▶ The texture is used by the map server script in Unity to generate a occupancy grid map used by the navigation stack of the robot
- ▶ Along with the 2D costmap, the robot sends the transformation from Unity to ROS obtained from Magic Leap's global frame



Magic Leap Human-Robot Interface

Robot Modes:

- * Navigation: Navigate and place robot in the environment**
- * Map: Walk around and map the environment**
- * Floor: Place virtual plane on actual floor**
- * Object: Label and classify the environment**
- * Gundam: Make gundam walk in your environment!**

Navigation Mode: NAVIGATION

Point with the controller where

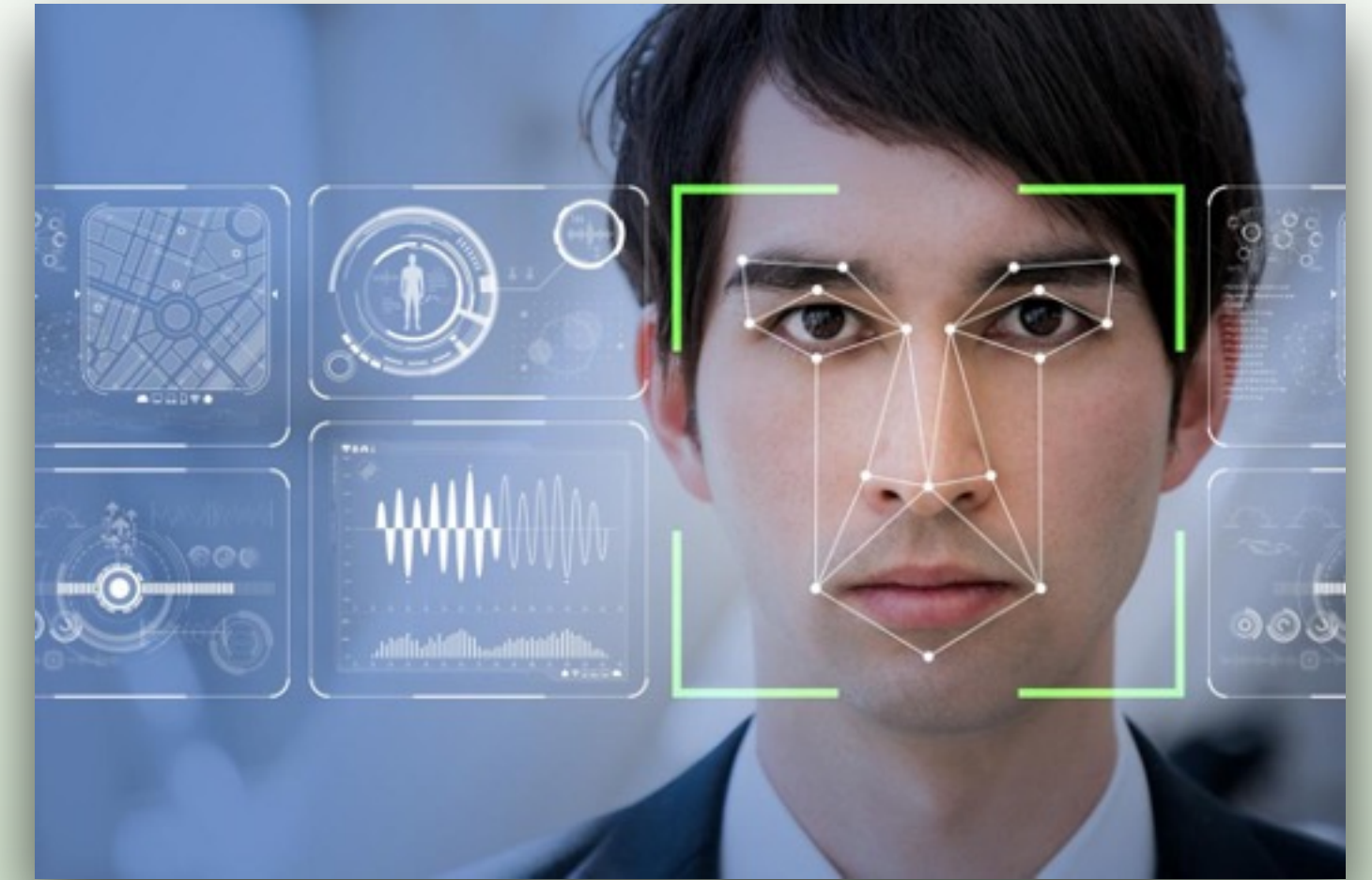
you want the robot to go and

Magic Leap Human-Robot Interface

The interface communicates through ROS

5. FACIAL RECOGNITION: DETECTING RACIAL INEQUALITIES IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE

- ▶ Recent events have highlighted large-scale systemic (race, gender, skin tone, etc.) disparities in U.S. criminal justice.
- ▶ Propose an experimental methodology based on ethical AI principles to generate binary racial categories using mugshots
- ▶ Data: ~200K defendants from Miami-Dade County Clerk of Records
- ▶ Ground truth: 2 sources
 - ▶ Dataset (N=14,177 random images) labeled by official court records single rater
 - ▶ Dataset (N=14,018 random images) is formed using consensus-driven racial categorization by multiple raters



Ousmane Bah (left) was arrested but let go after a detective realized he looking nothing like the suspect (right) caught stealing in a from an Apple store. (Photos courtesy of KTVU and Subhan Tariq)

N.Y. Teen Blames Apple's Facial Recognition for Wrongful Arrest, Files \$1B Lawsuit

By Tanasia Kenney - April 29, 2019

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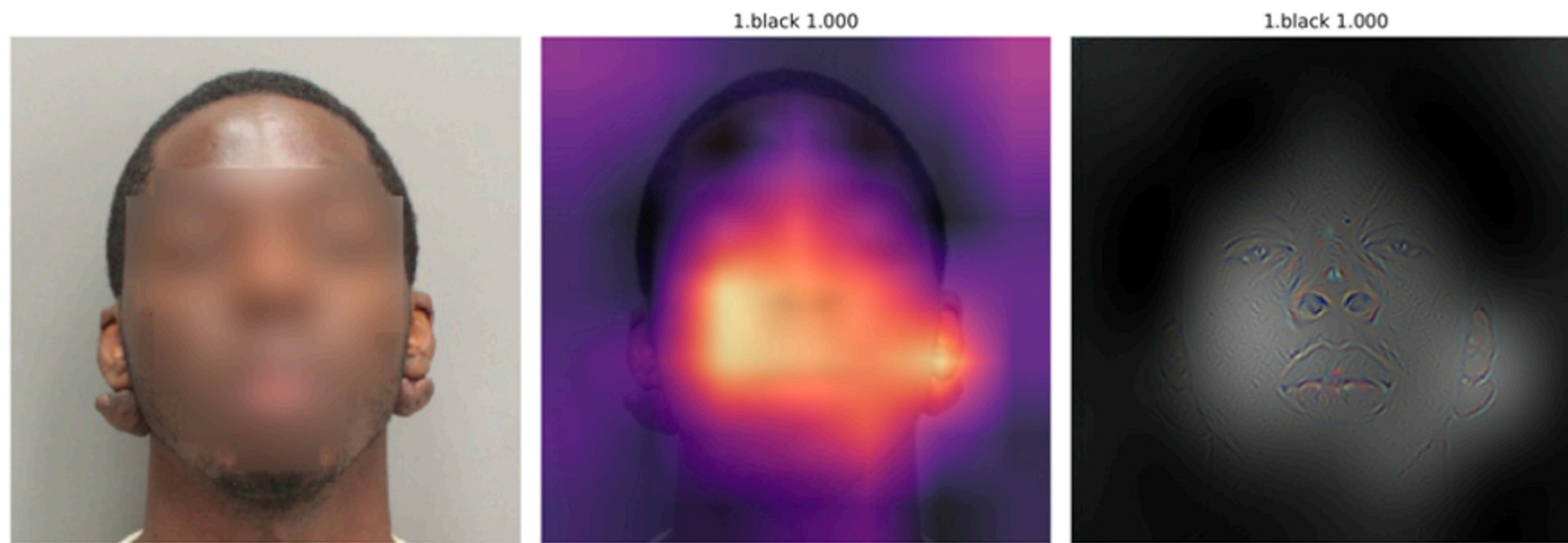
DETECTING RACIAL INEQUALITIES IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE

- ▶ First study showed 90%+ accuracy for race (black/white), < 75% accuracy for ethnicity (black/white/black hispanic/white hispanic) with SOA FRT (U-Link project)
- ▶ Results show that data preprocessing is crucial



- ▶ DL library *fastai* using 7 state-of-the-art computer vision architectures (DenseNet161, ResNet50, InceptionV4, SE-ResNet50, SE-ResNeXt50_32x4d, AlexNet, and VGG19_bn)
- ▶ Trained with different preprocessing steps using our 2 sources, test on remaining images
- ▶ Highest accuracy is 97.75% (SE-ResNet50 with OpenFace preprocessing)
- ▶ Lowest accuracy is 1.28% (InceptionV4 with MTCNN preprocessing)

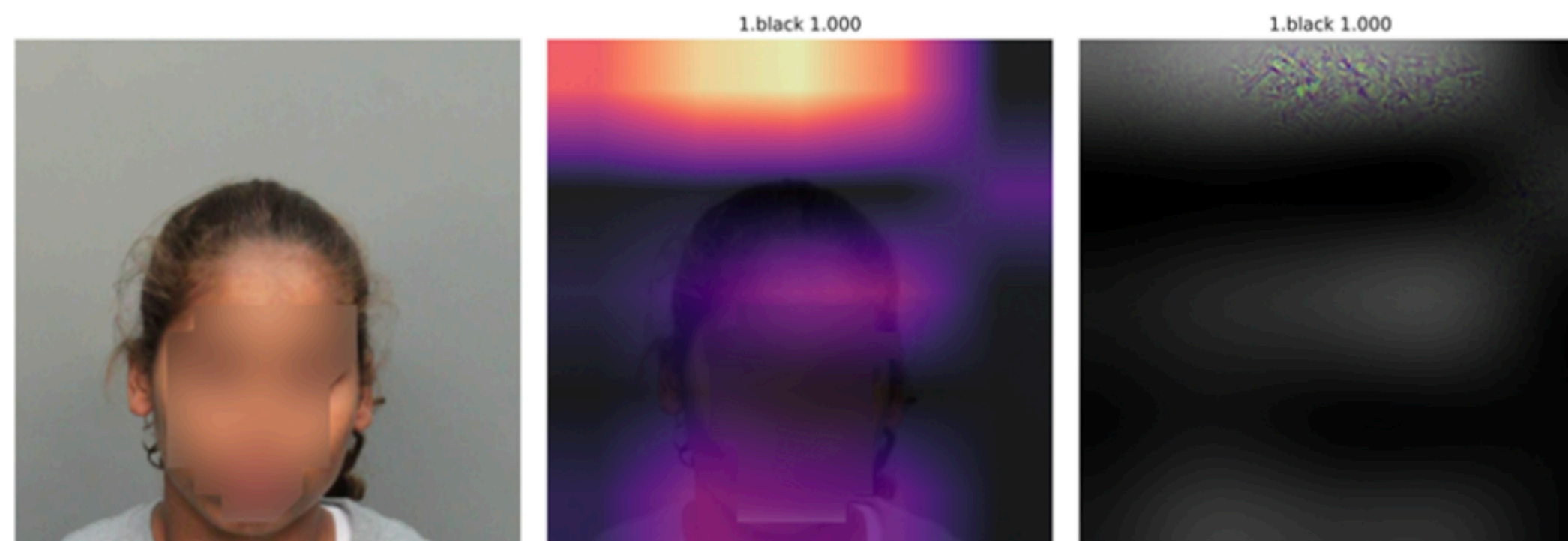
DETECTING RACIAL INEQUALITIES IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE



(c) “Best” Black mugshot by MTCNN preprocessed court trained SE-ResNet50 model.



(b) “Worst” Black mugshot by OpenFace preprocessed court trained DenseNet161 model.



(e) “Best” Black mugshot by OpenFace preprocessed court trained InceptionV4 model.



(f) “Worst” Black mugshot by OpenFace preprocessed court trained InceptionV4 model.

DETECTING RACIAL INEQUALITIES IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE

▶ Method

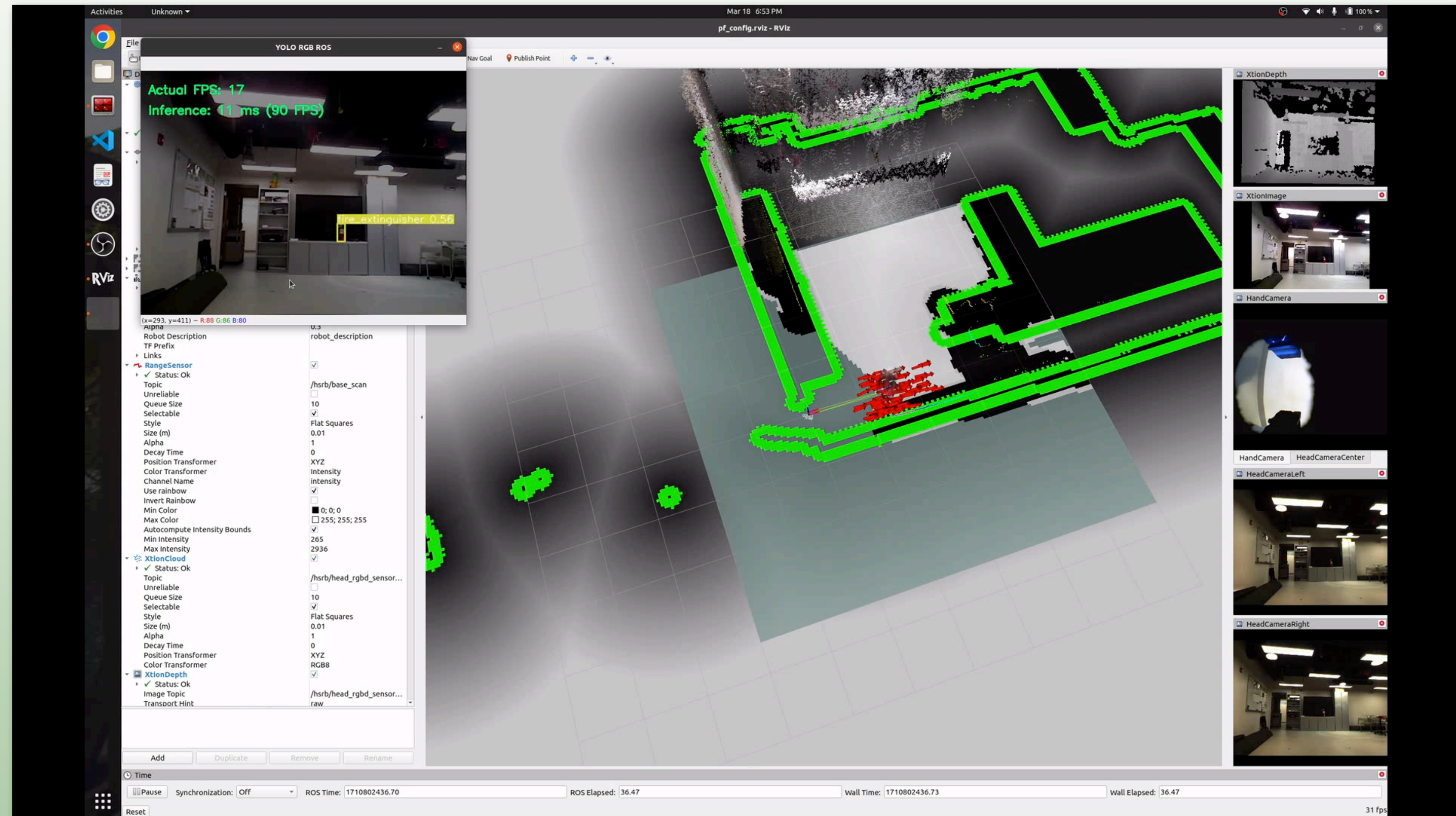
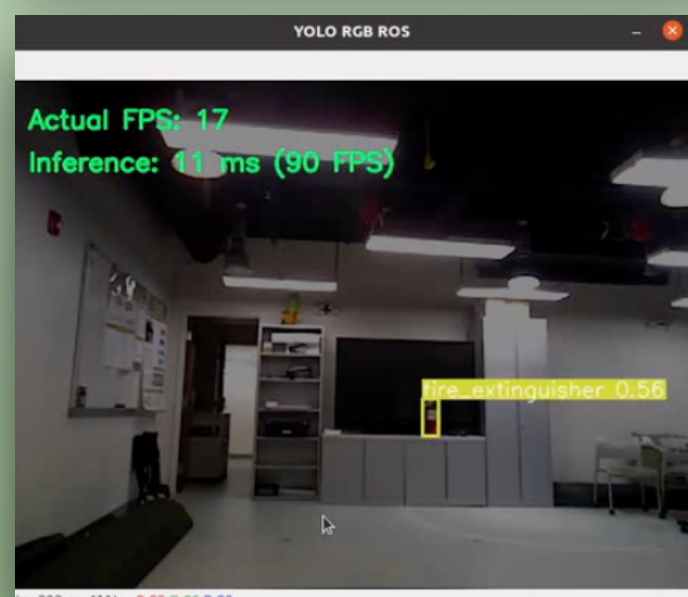
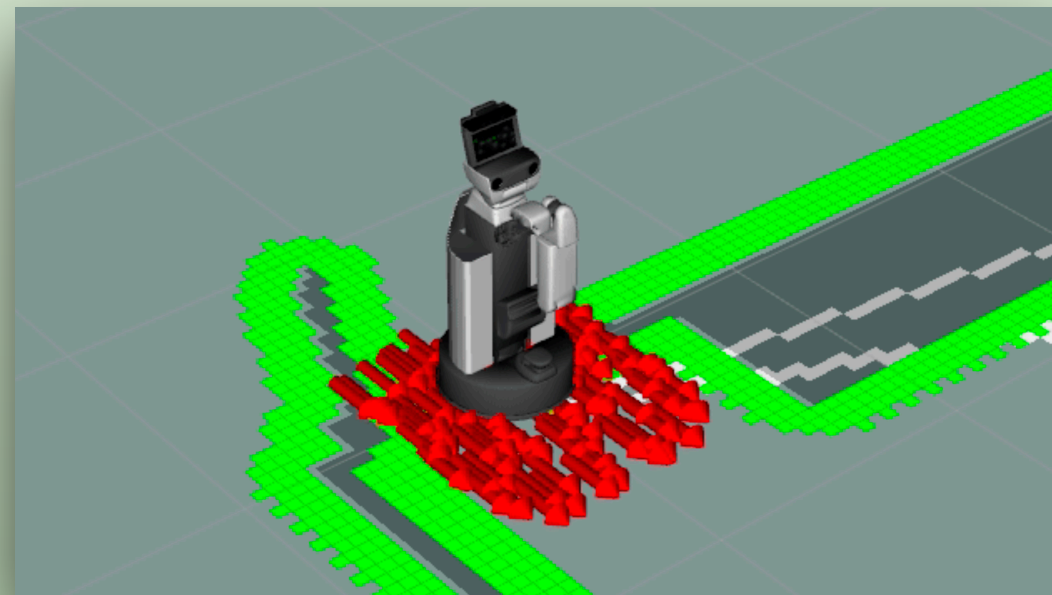
- ▶ Data generation (multiple “ground truths” to tackle **labeling bias**)
- ▶ Data preprocessing (face segmentation, aligning, cropping, pose, illumination, ...)
- ▶ DLM architectures (7 SOA methods with 6 experimental combinations) to tackle **algorithmic bias**
- ▶ Training setup to avoid **representation bias**
- ▶ Testing (model inference and interpretability) to tackle **historical and evaluation bias; self-auditing** (using 42 fine-tuned models for 12 test scenarios: 252 in total)

Table 4: A comparison of **validation accuracies** during the training process from seven deep learning-based vision models.

Model	original		OpenFace		MTCNN	
	Courts	Students	Courts	Students	Courts	Students
AlexNet	92.50%	94.00%	97.25%	92.25%	92.75%	93.00%
DenseNet161	97.00%	93.00%	97.00%	92.25%	96.50%	94.00%
InceptionV4	93.25%	90.25%	90.75%	90.50%	90.75%	91.75%
ResNet50	96.50%	92.50%	97.00%	91.50%	95.25%	93.25%
SE-ResNet50	95.00%	92.75%	97.75%	92.50%	96.75%	93.25%
SE-ResNeXt50	96.75%	91.75%	97.75%	90.00%	96.75%	94.25%
VGG19	96.00%	89.75%	97.00%	92.25%	96.75%	94.75%

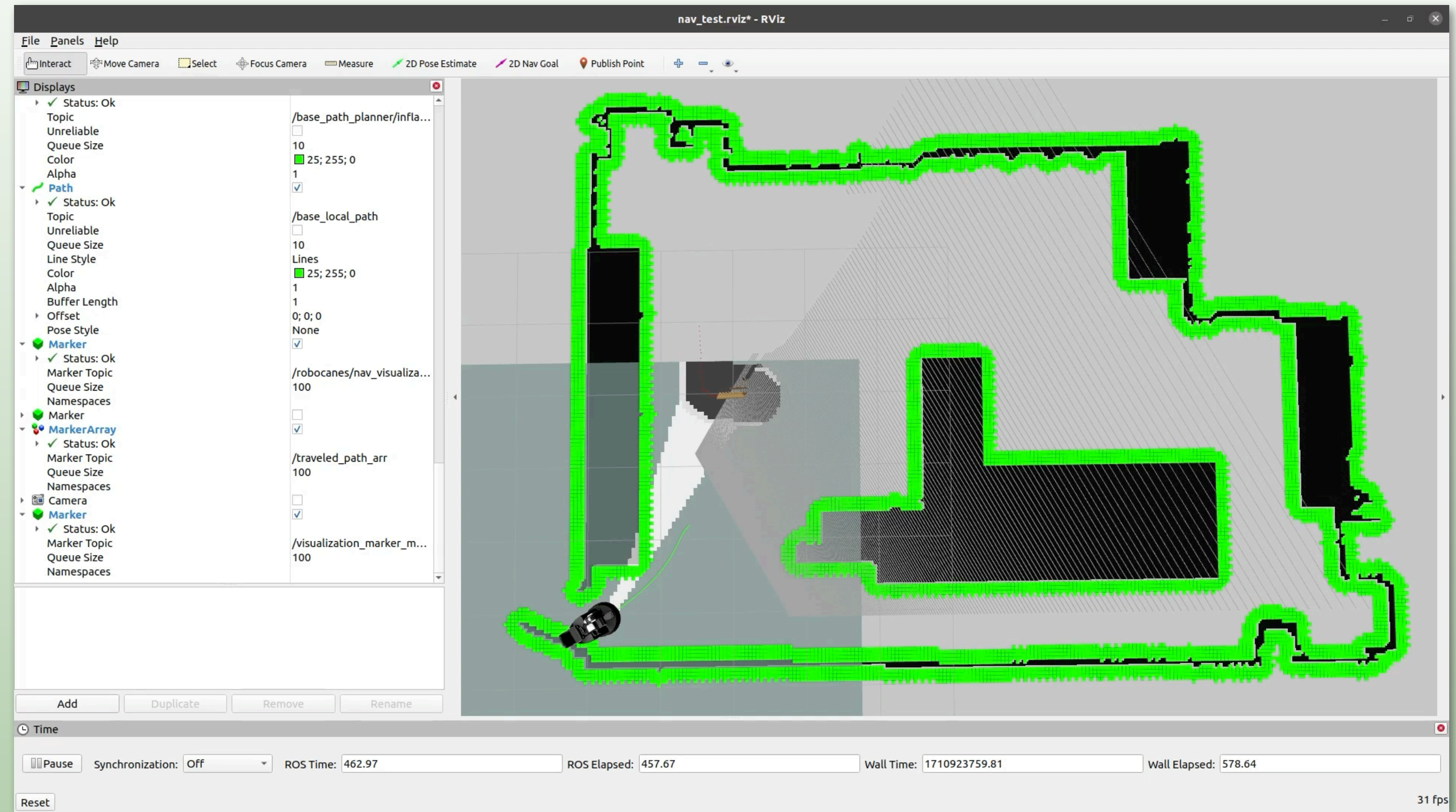
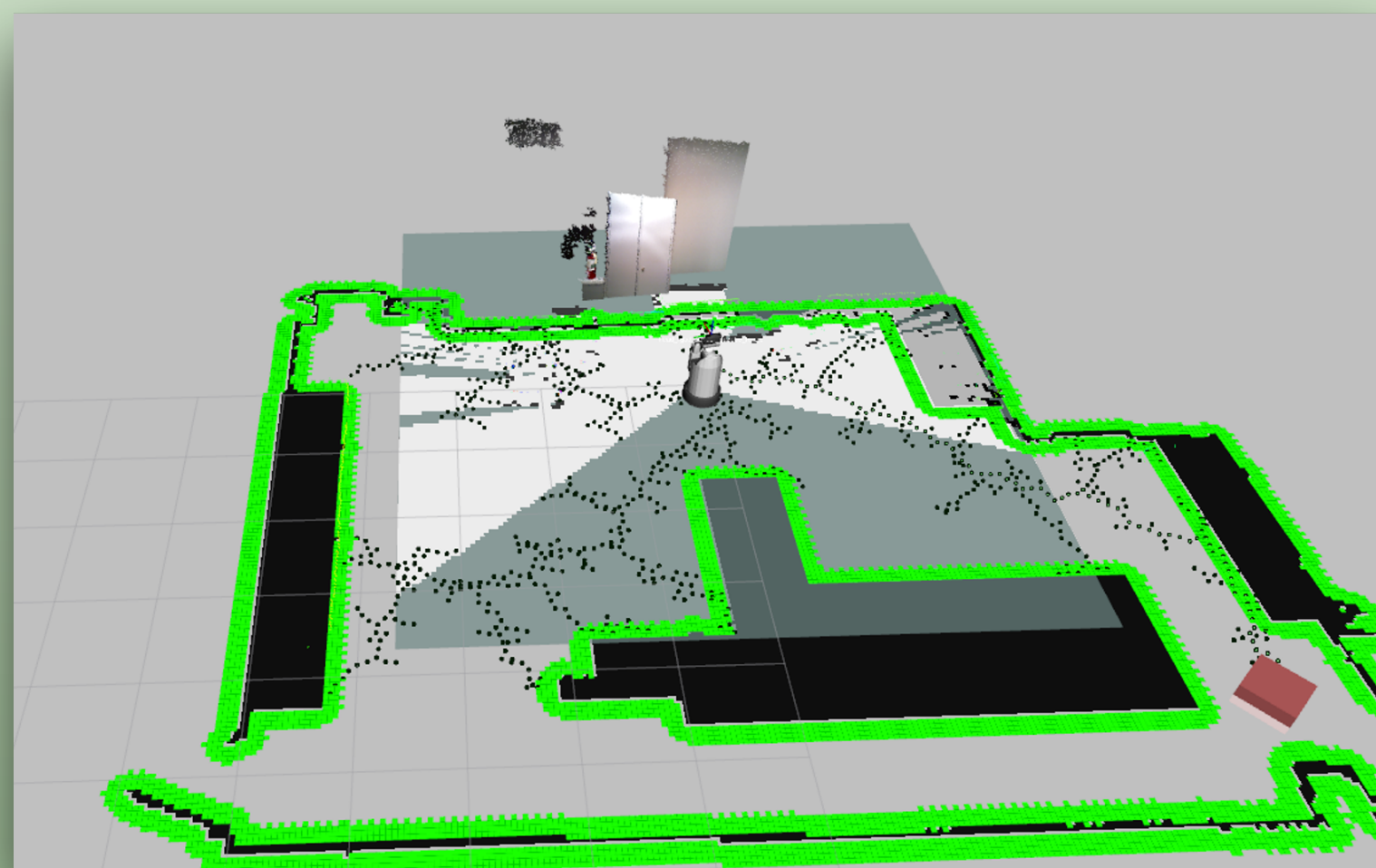
6. ROBOT LOCALIZATION AND PATH PLANNING

- ▶ Self-localization with Particle filter (MDP)
- ▶ Based on data from LiDAR
- ▶ Based on visual landmarks

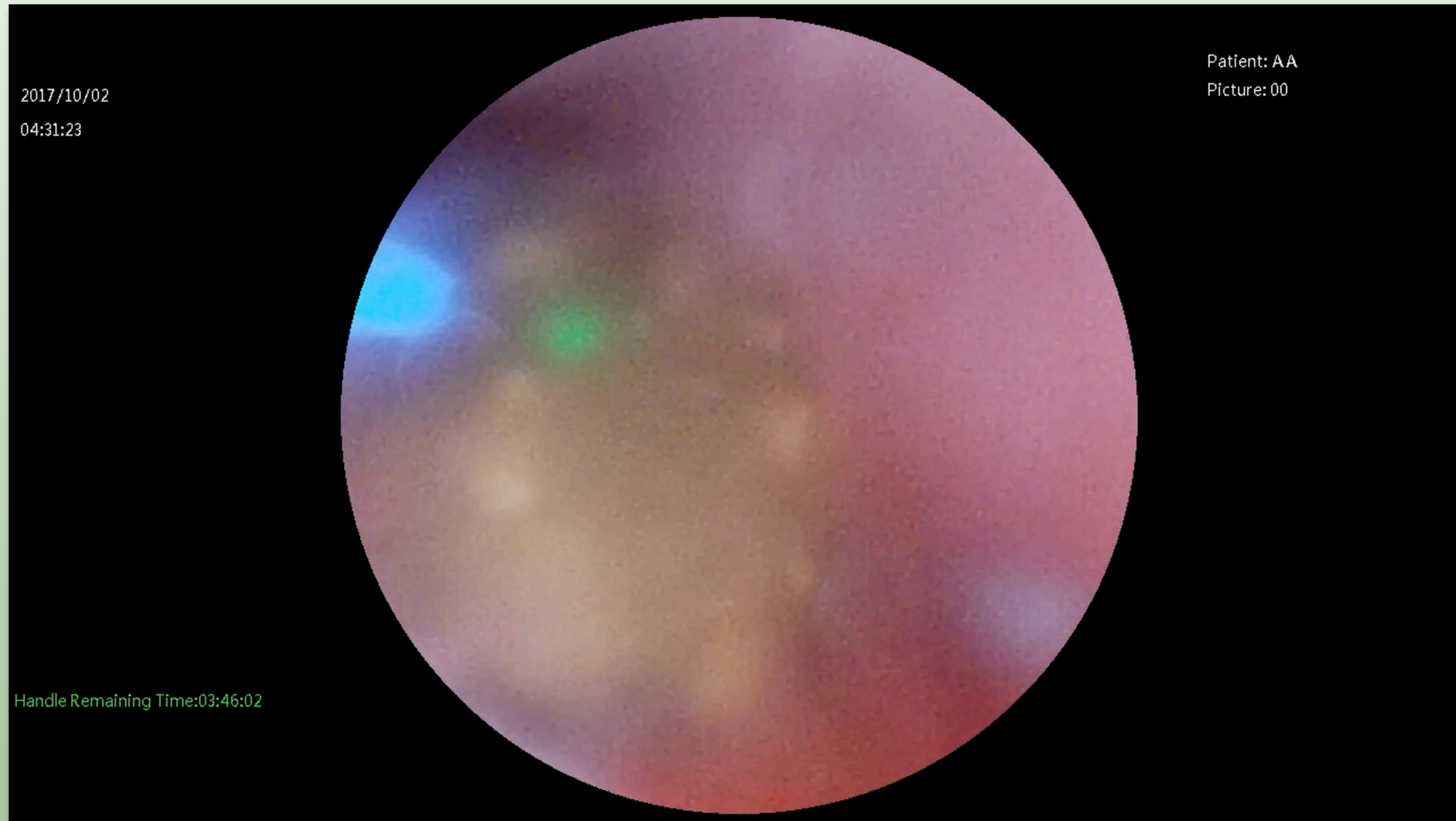


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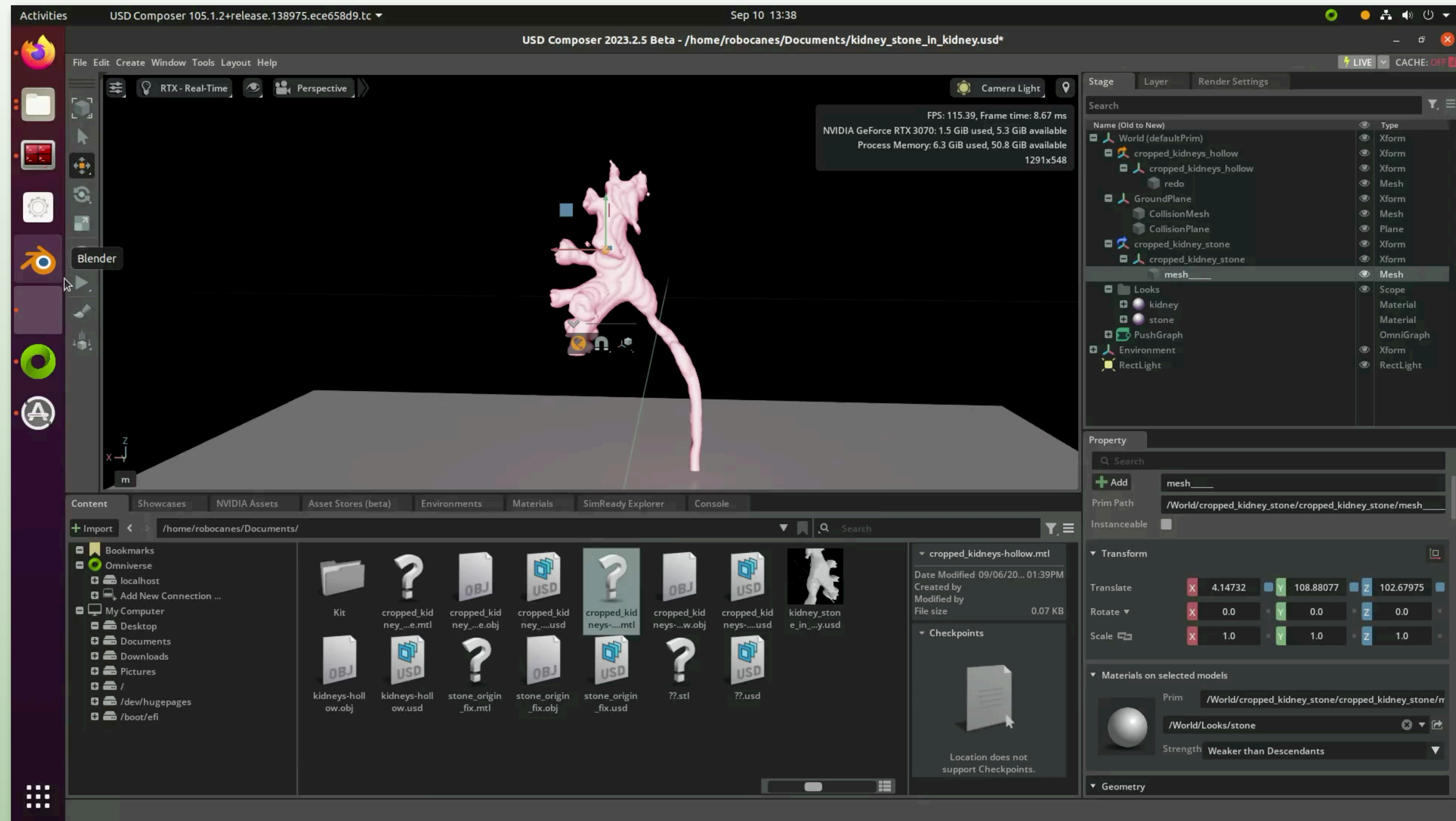
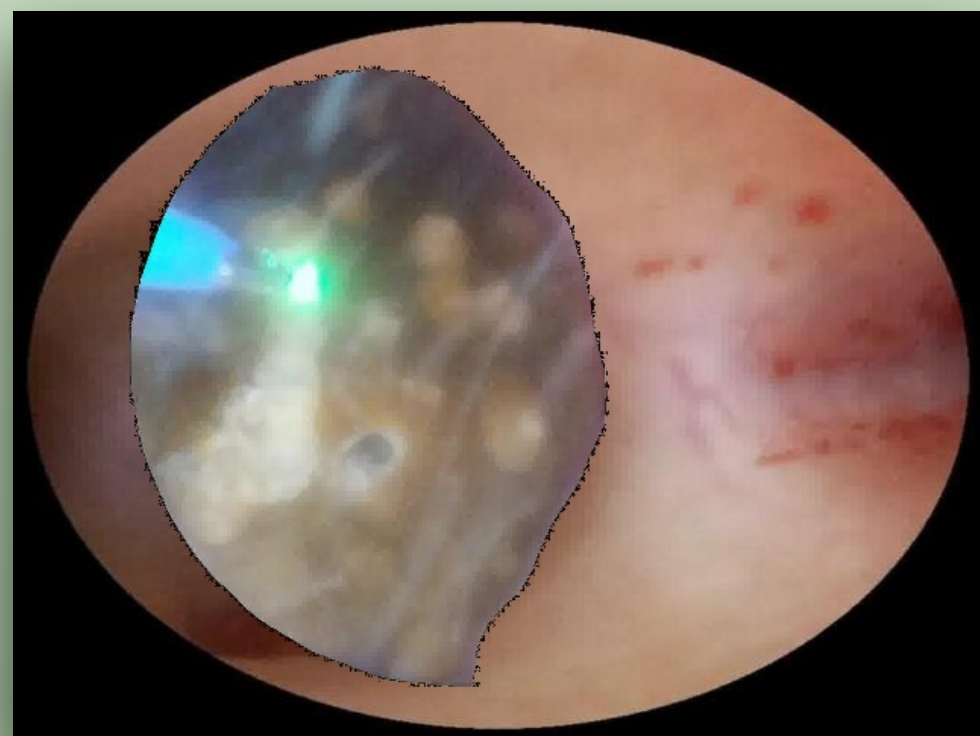
- ▶ Path planning with sample-based method: RRT
- ▶ Rapidly exploring Random Trees
- ▶ Smoothing for final path



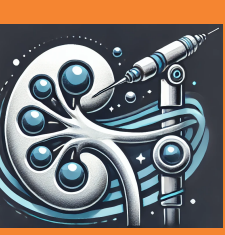
▶ Guided Lithotripsy with Dynamic Autonomous Robot



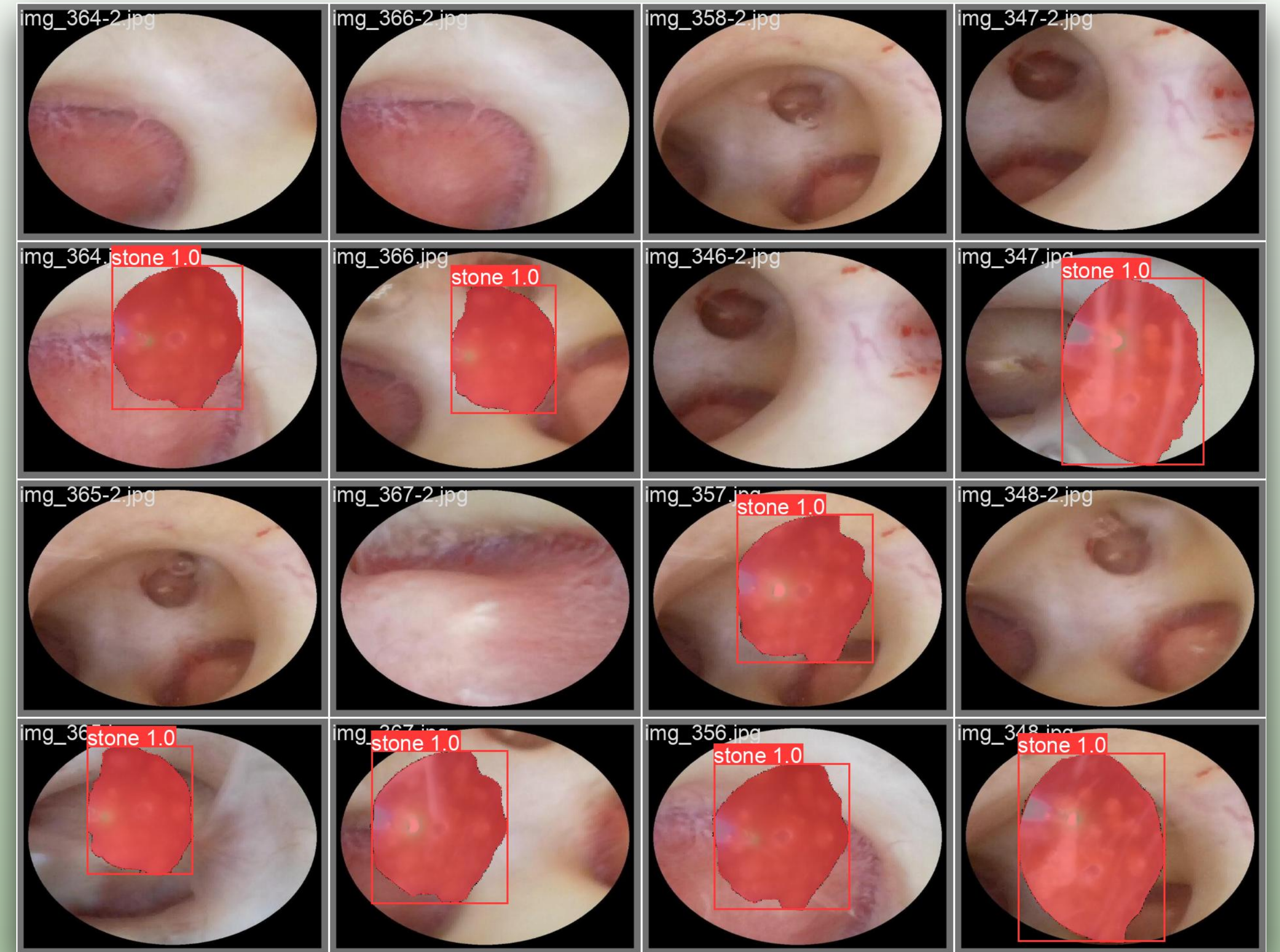
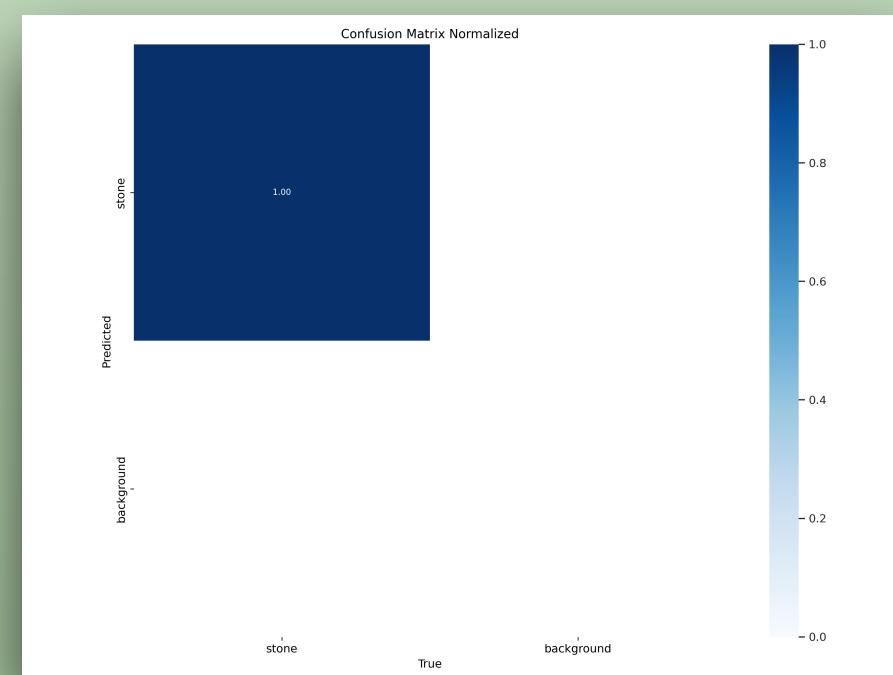
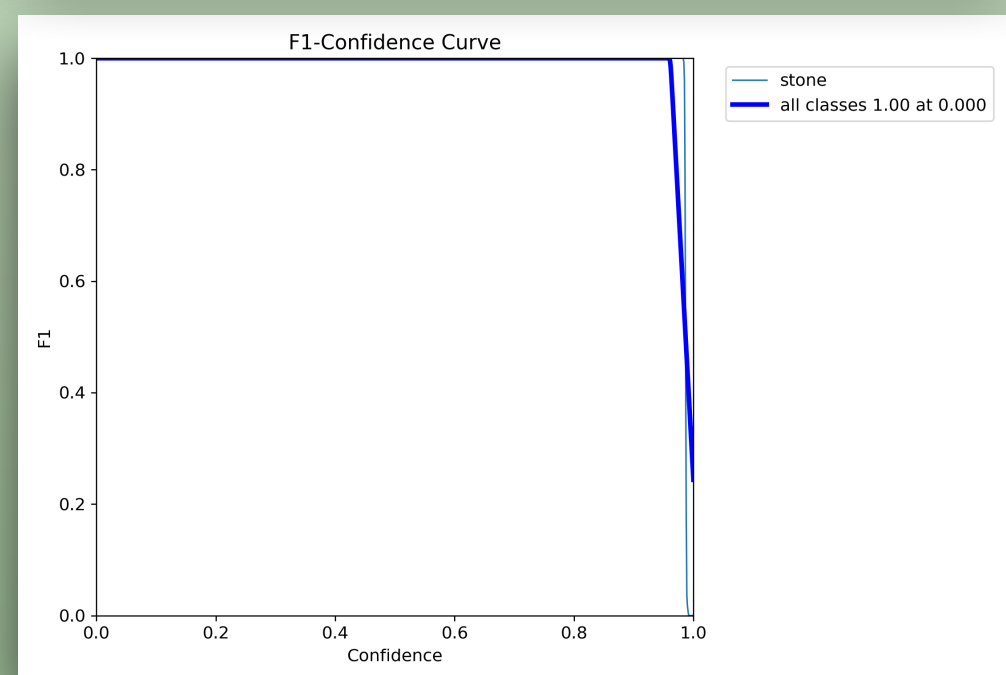
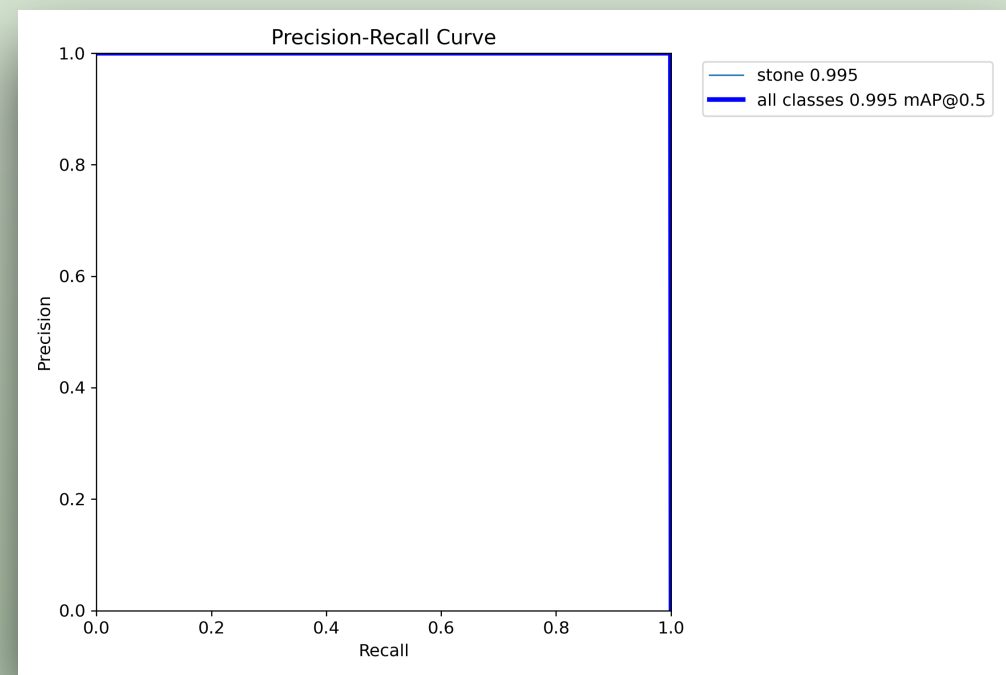
- ▶ Simulation of renal collecting ducts
- ▶ Renal calculus dynamics based on physical simulation
- ▶ PhysX and Isaac Sim
- ▶ Segmenting renal calculus



Autonomous Robot-Assisted Ureteroscopy (ARA-URS) for the Treatment of Kidney Stones



- ▶ Batch prediction
- ▶ Precision/recall
- ▶ F1
- ▶ Confusion matrix



CONCLUSIONS

- ▶ Task and motion planning
- ▶ State estimation and perception
- ▶ Communication
- ▶ Object grasping and placement
- ▶ Trajectory generation and control



THOUGHTS

- ▶ Lidar (e.g. Strap)
- ▶ SLAM (e.g. real-time visual SLAM with RGB-D)
- ▶ Visual + Haptics (e.g. Maptic)
- ▶ Visual + Audio (e.g. Horus)
- ▶ Visual + VR (e.g. MyEye)

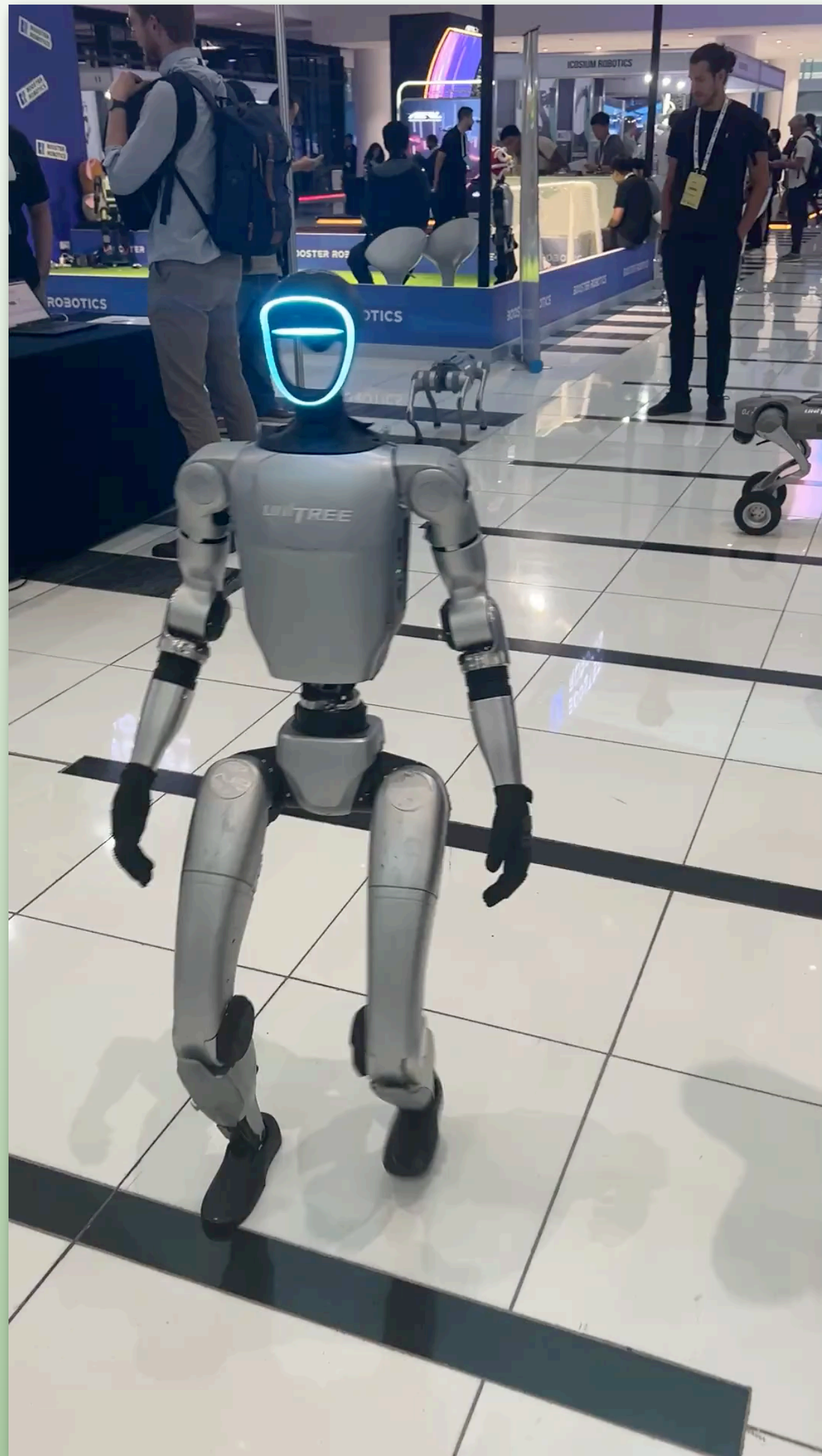


APPEARANCE



Toyota's HSR-B and HSR-C

HUMANOIDS



Unitree G1: <https://www.unitree.com/>



Booster T1: <https://www.boosterrobotics.com>



Fourier Intelligence GR2, <https://www.fftai.com/>

HUMANOIDS



Booster K1

Visual Module
Depth Camera

Voice Module
Microphone Array + Speaker

Computing Power
Computing Power
Provides 100-200 TOPS AI performance

Battery
Walking >50min

Head DoFs: 2

Single Arm DoFs: 4

Single Leg DoFs: 6

The diagram shows a white humanoid robot with orange joints. The word "BOOSTER" is printed on its chest. Dotted lines connect various parts of the robot to callout boxes containing technical specifications.

Unitree R1: <https://www.unitree.com/>

Booster K1: <https://www.boosterobotics.com>

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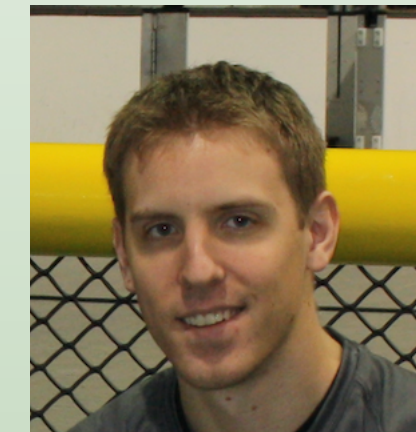
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