

CSE444: Introduction to Robotics

Lesson 6: Programming and Control

ALL Follows
Summer 2019

Discussion Points

- Introduction
- Basic Workflow
- Robot Research Software
- Functional Control Architecture
- Robot Programming using ROS

Introduction

- real-time operating system
- sensory data reading
- motion control execution
- world modeling
- physical/cognitive interaction with the robot
- fault detection
- error recovery to correct operative conditions
- programming language (data structure + instruction set)

programming environments will depend also on the level at which an operator has access to the functional architecture of the robot

Basic Workflow

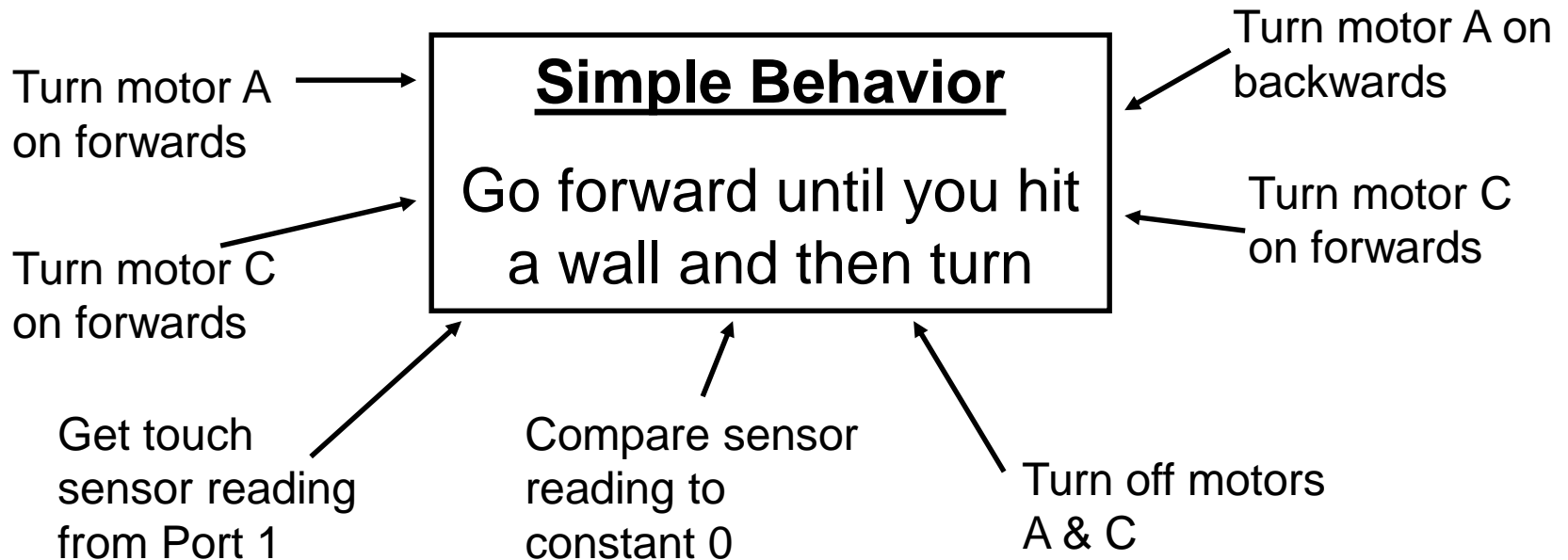
- Programming Behavior
 - Behaviors describe the actions and decisions of your robot
- Individual, bite-size functions that your robot performs directly

Basic Behavior

Turn motor A on
forwards

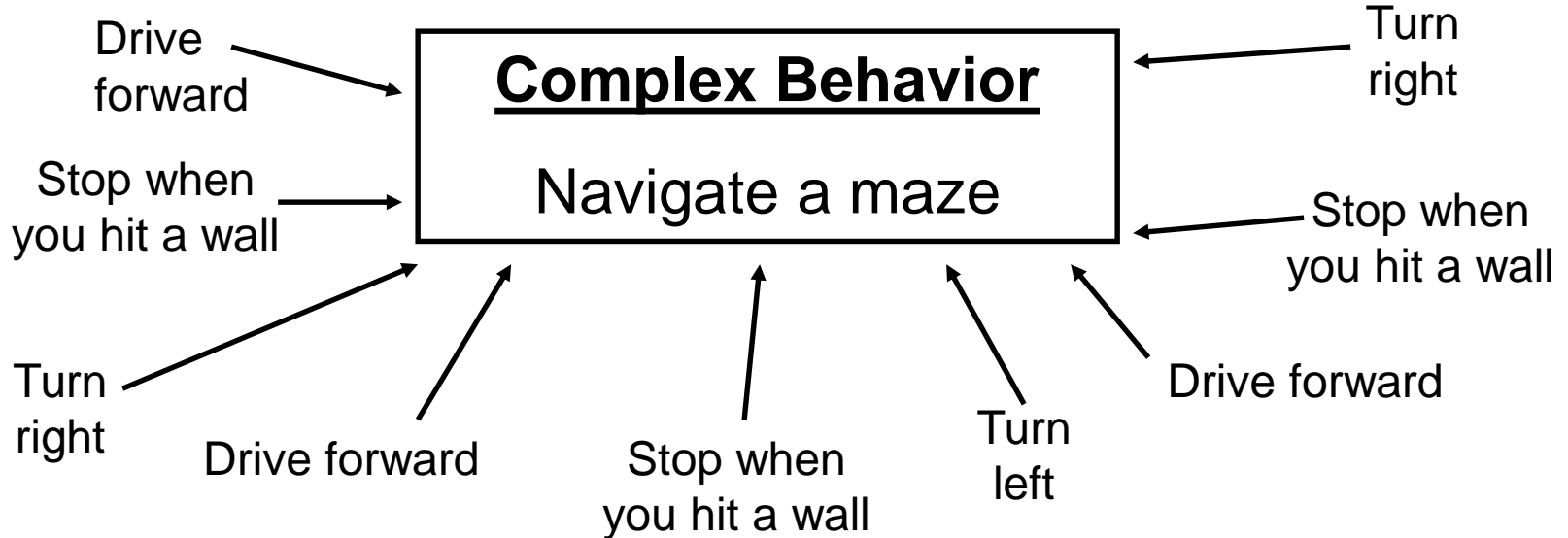
Simple Behaviors

- Built of several basic behaviors
- Let you describe a full action of the robot



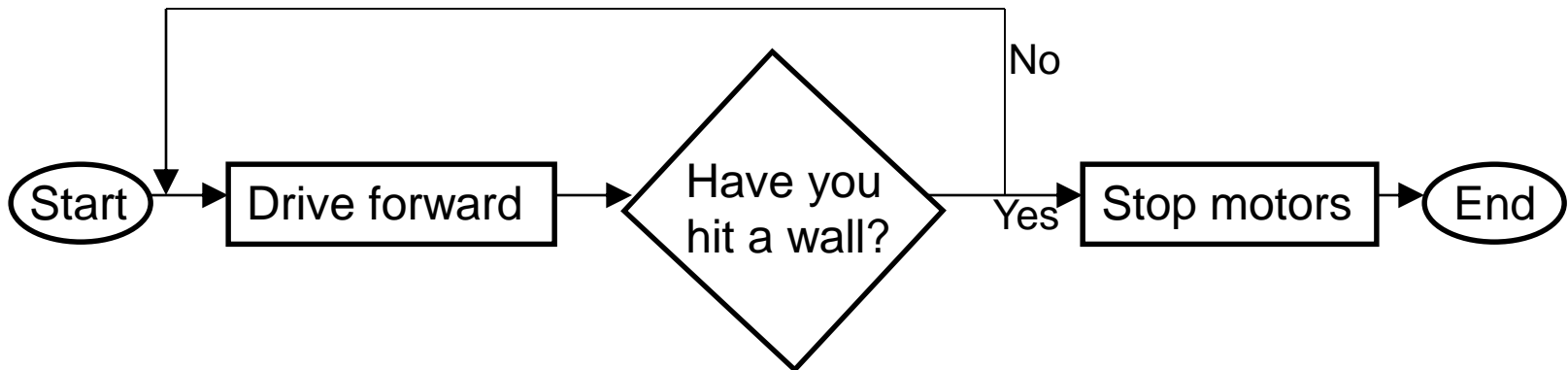
Complex Behaviors

- Describe the full scope of what the robot can do
- Always composed of smaller behaviors, so you can break them down



Flowcharts

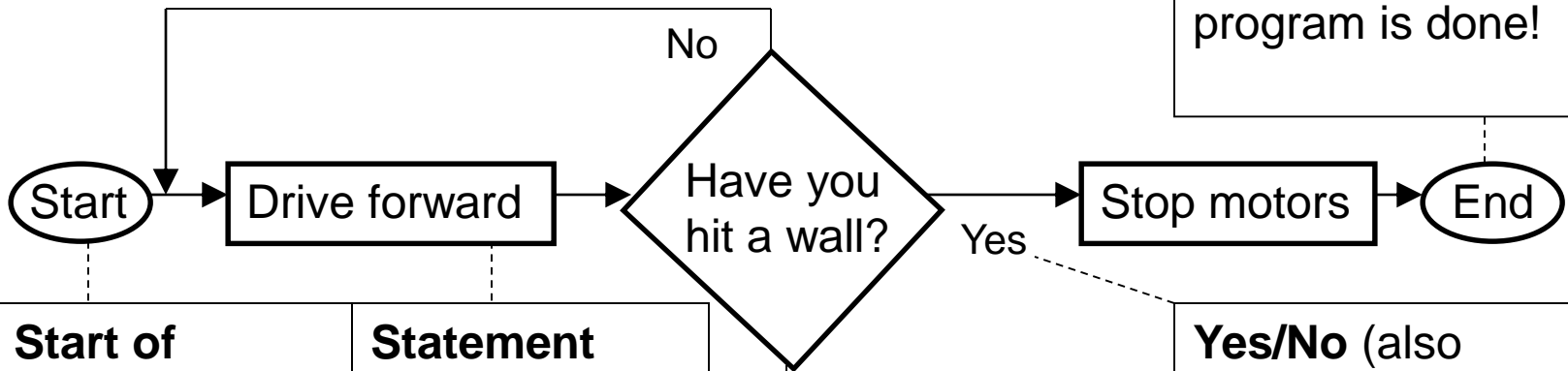
- Visually organizes steps in different shaped bubbles
- Good way to work out steps before you translate them into code



Flowcharts

- Parts of a Flowchart

End of Program -
Marks the end of the program. If you reach this point, the program is done!



Start of Program — Marks the beginning of the program. Begin here. Follow the line to get to the next block.

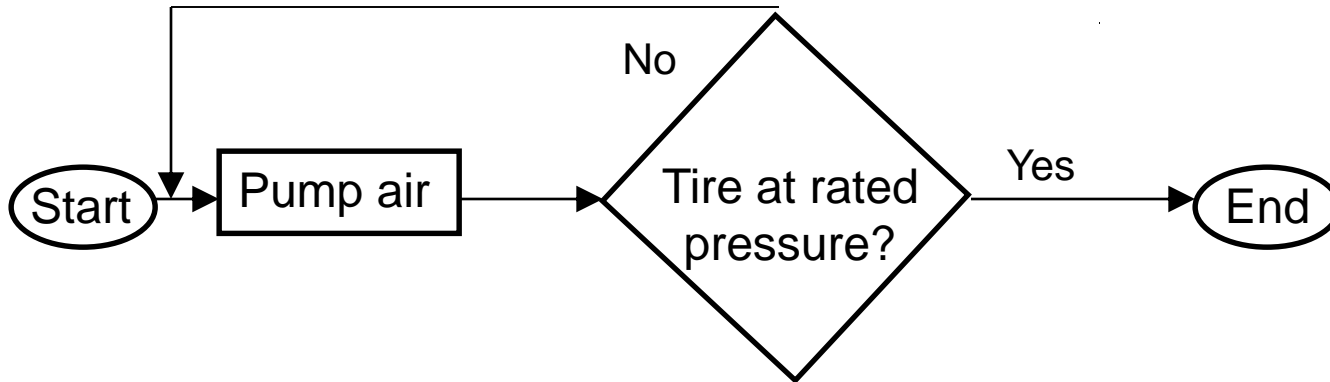
Statement Block — A statement to execute, or a behavior to perform.

Decision Block — A decision point in your program. Ask a simple question, and do different things depending on the answer.

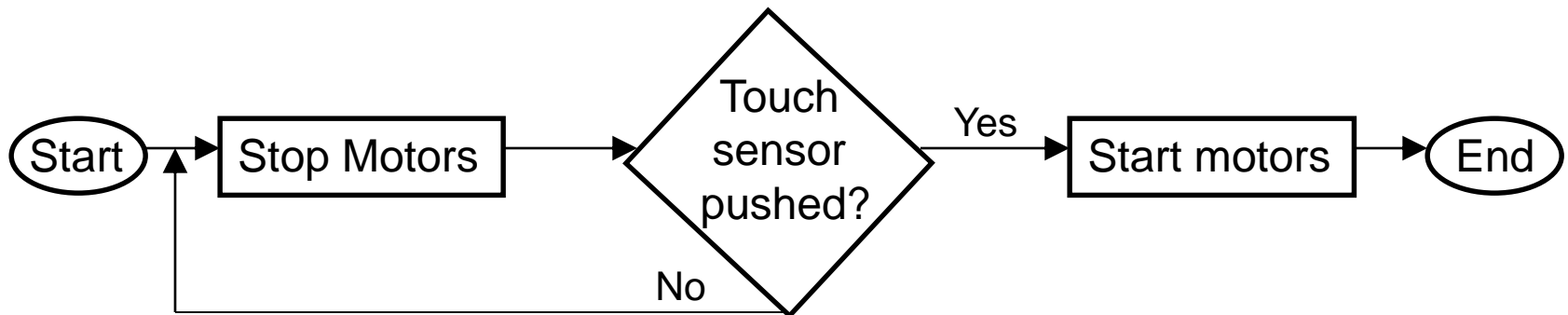
Yes/No (also True/False, etc.) — Answers to the question posed in the decision block. Follow the line labeled with the appropriate answer.

Flowcharts

What does this flowchart describe? *Filling a tire*



What about this one? *Go when touch sensor is pushed*



Robot Research Software

- a (partial) list of **open source** robot software
 - for simulation and/or real-time control
 - for interfacing with devices and sensors
 - research oriented

Player/Stage playerstage.sourceforge.net

- networked robotics server (running on Linux, Mac OS X) as an abstraction layer supporting a variety of hardware + 2D robot simulation environment
- **Gazebo**: 3D robot simulator (with **ODE** physics engine and **OpenGL** rendering), now an independent project

VREP (edu version) www.coppeliarobotics.com

- each object/model controlled via an embedded script, a plugin, a ROS node, a remote API client, or a custom solution
- controllers written in C/C++, Python, Java, Matlab, ...

Robot Research Software

Robotics Toolbox (free addition to Matlab) www.petercorke.com

- study and simulation of kinematics, dynamics, and trajectory generation for serial-link manipulators

OpenRDK openrdk.sourceforge.net

- “agents”: modular processes dynamically activated, with blackboard-type communication (repository)

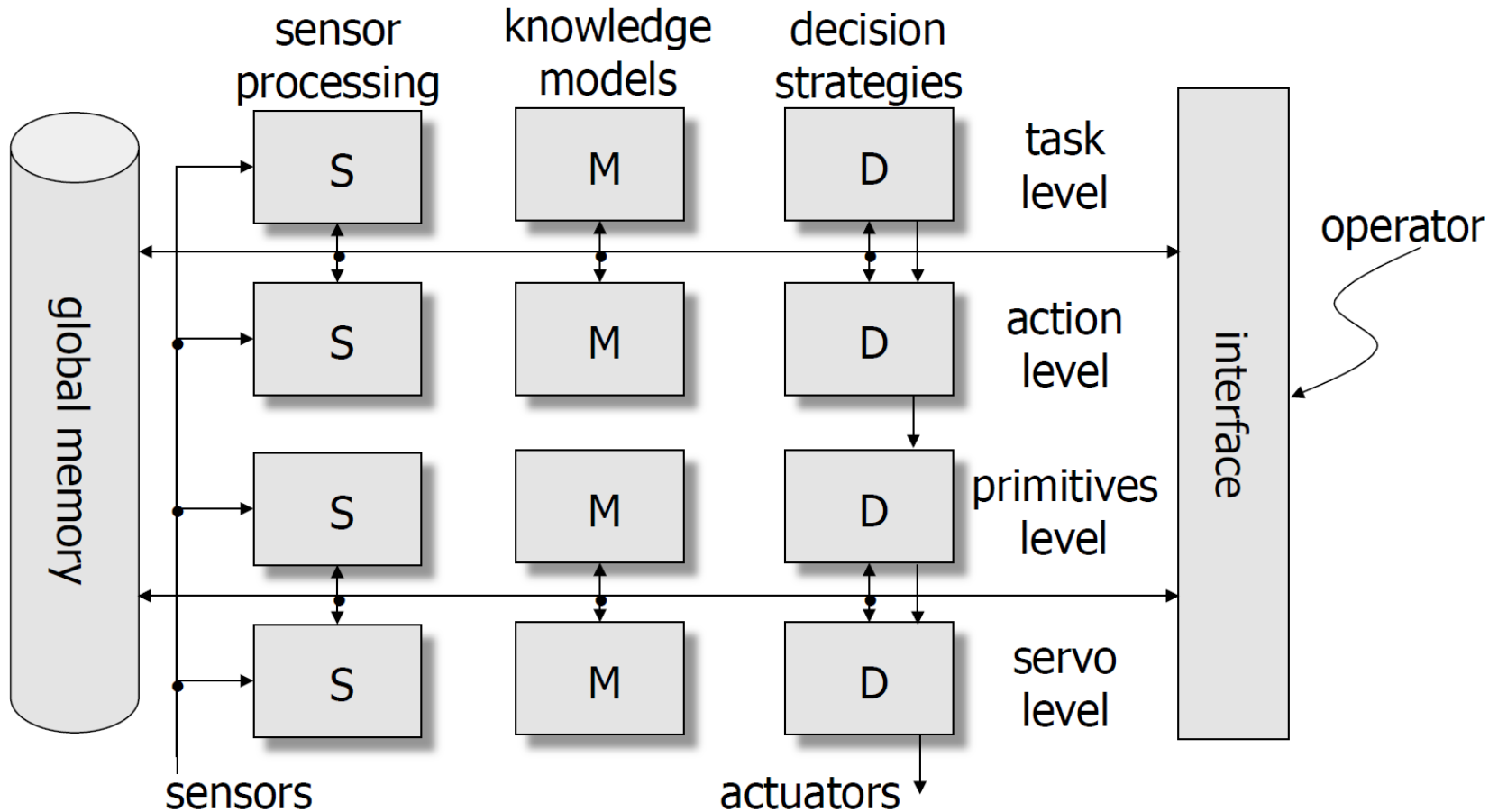
ROS (Robot Operating System) www.ros.org/wiki

- **middleware** with: hardware abstraction, device drivers, libraries, visualizers, message-passing, package management
- “nodes”: executable code (in Python, C++) running with a publish/subscribe communication style

Pyro (Python Robotics) pyrorobotics.org

Functional Control Architecture

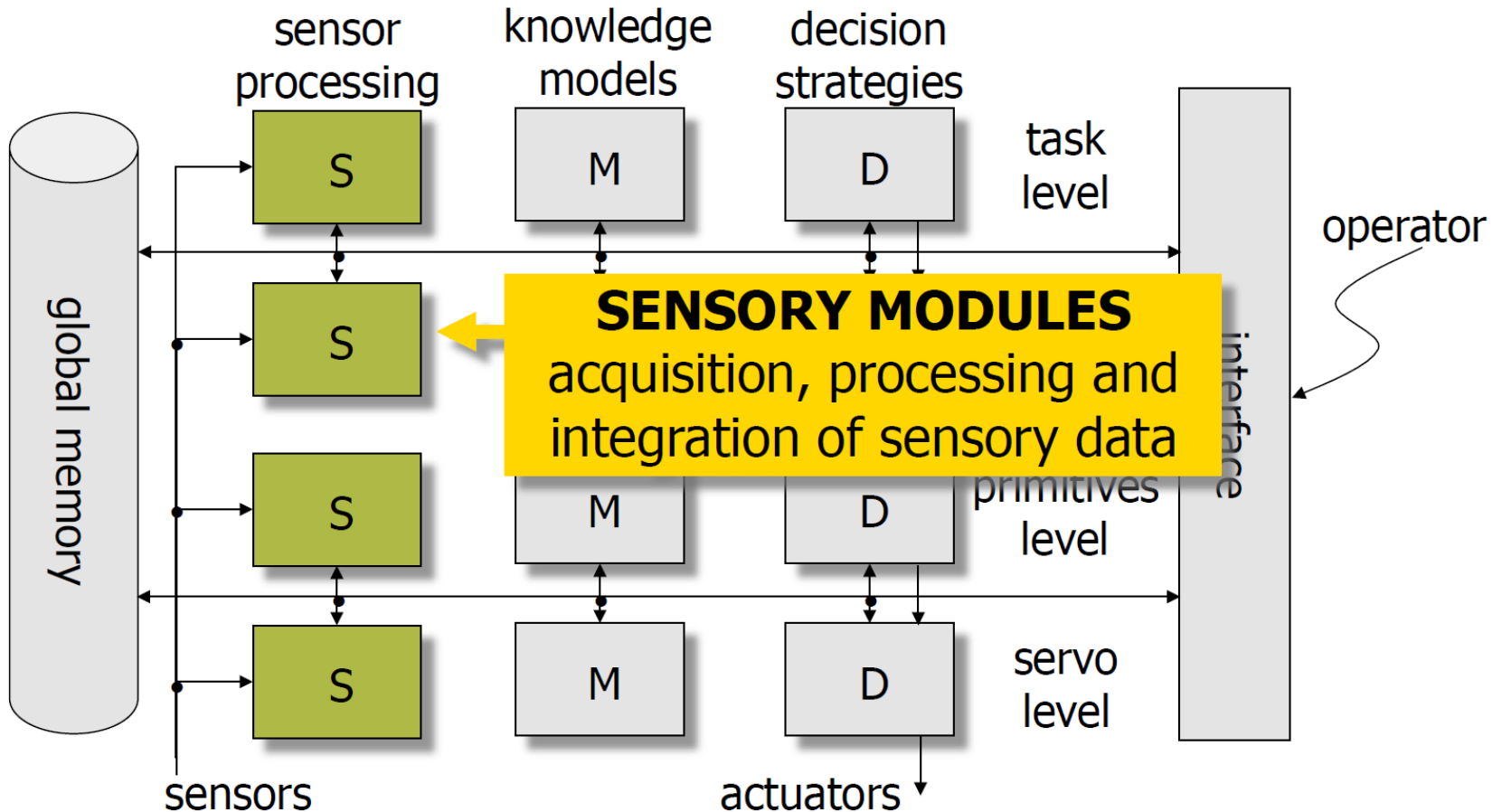
reference model



Functional Control Architecture

horizontal decomposition

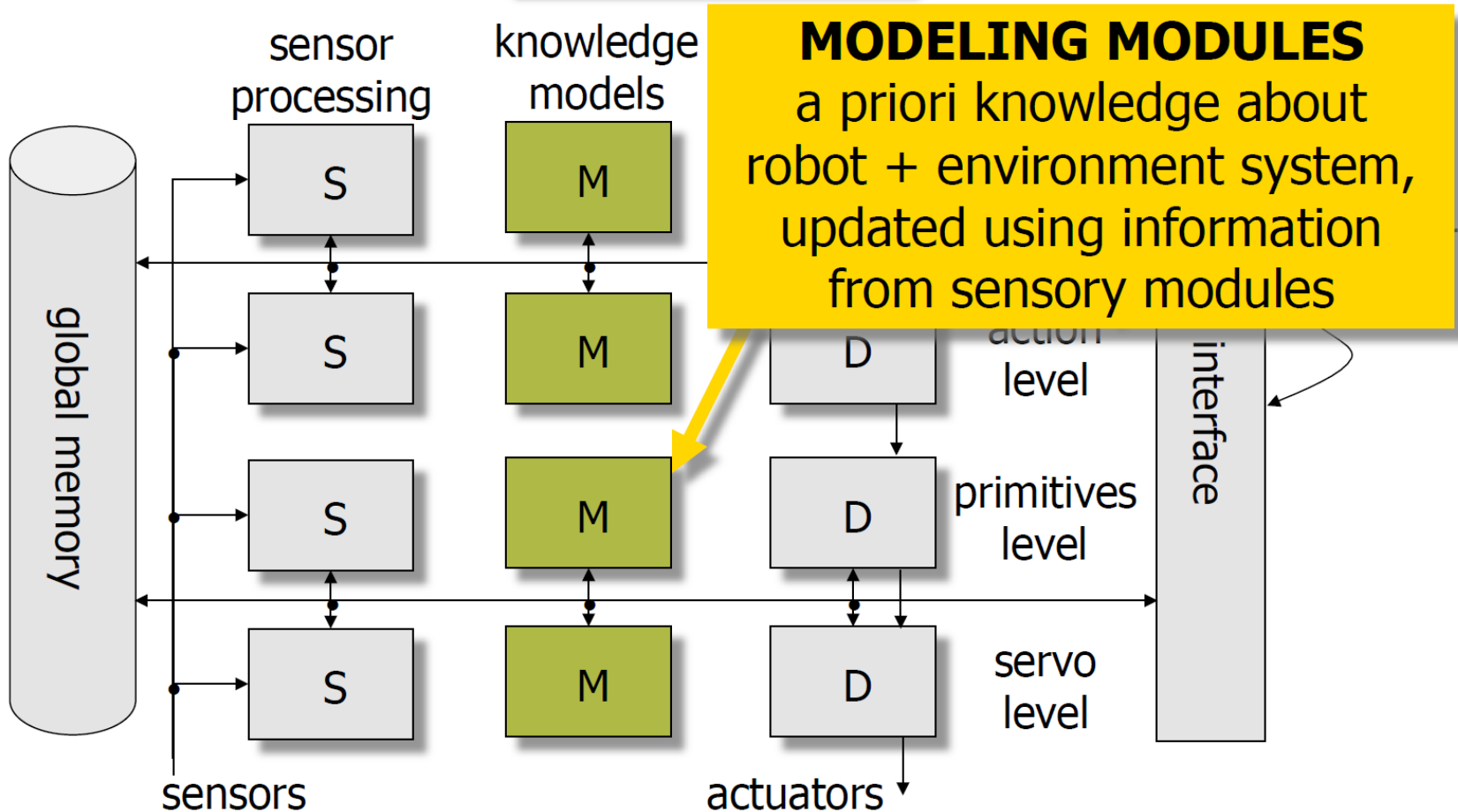
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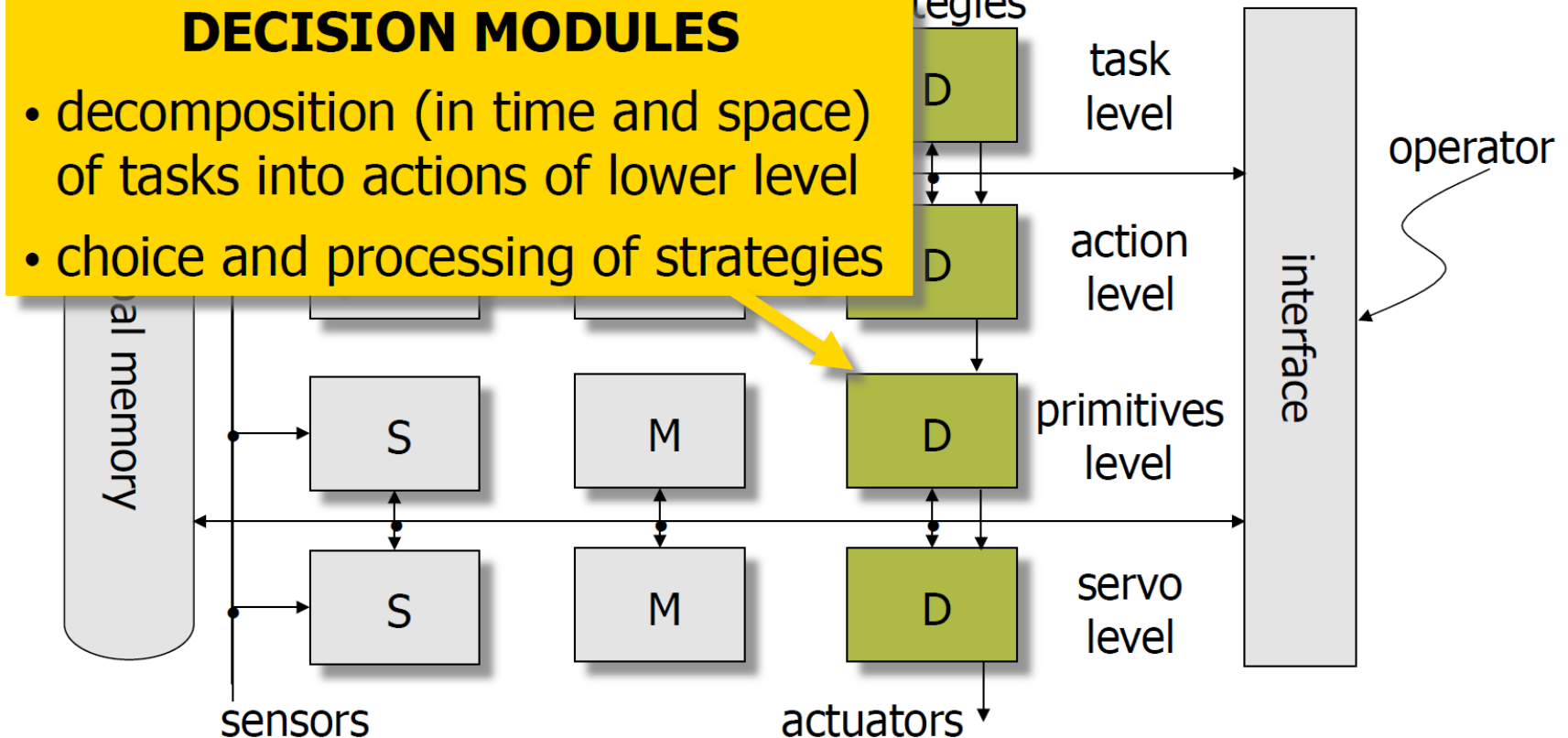
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sensor processing models knowledge models decision strategies

DECISION MODULES

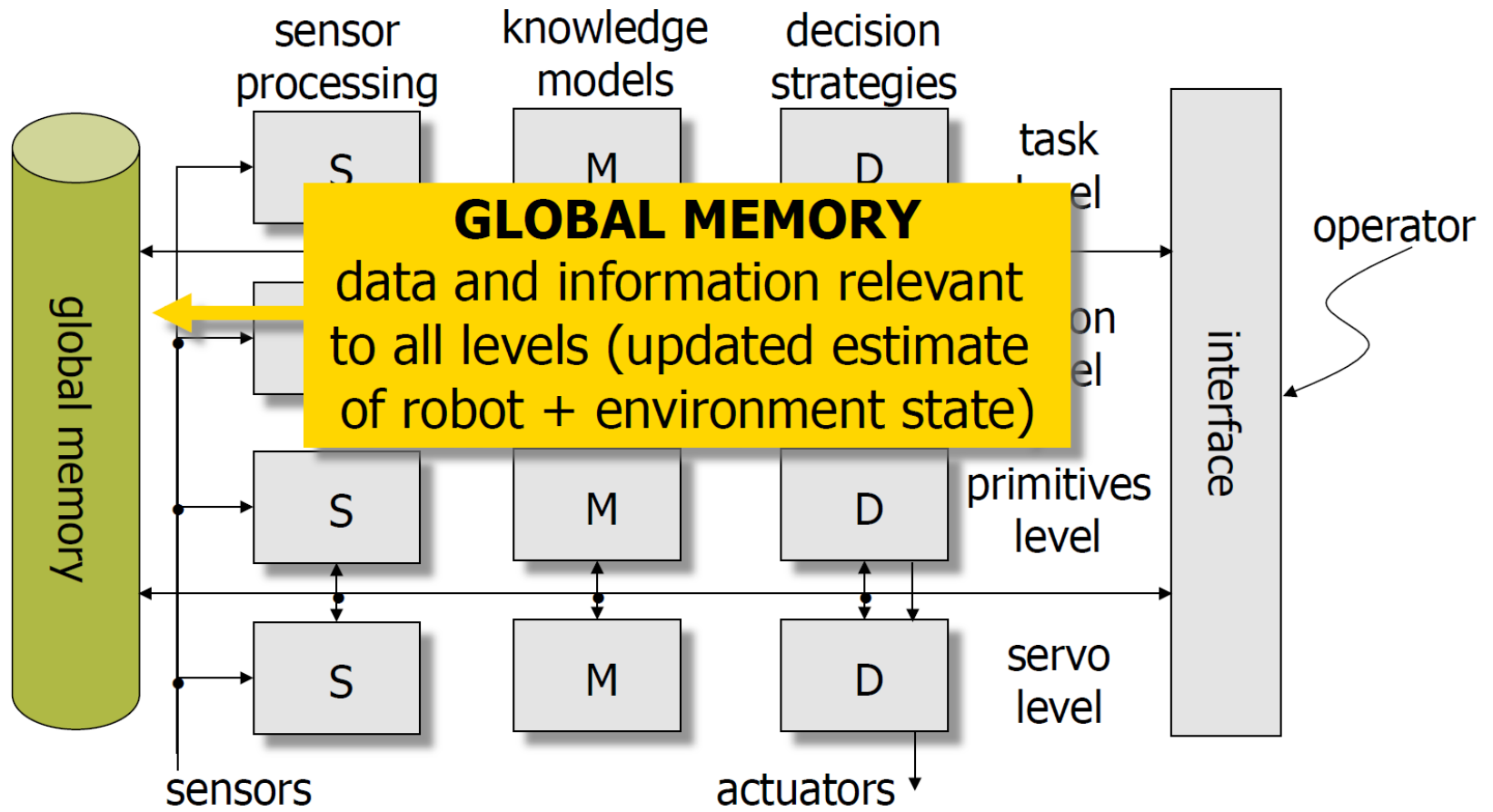
- decomposition (in time and space) of tasks into actions of lower level
- choice and processing of strategies



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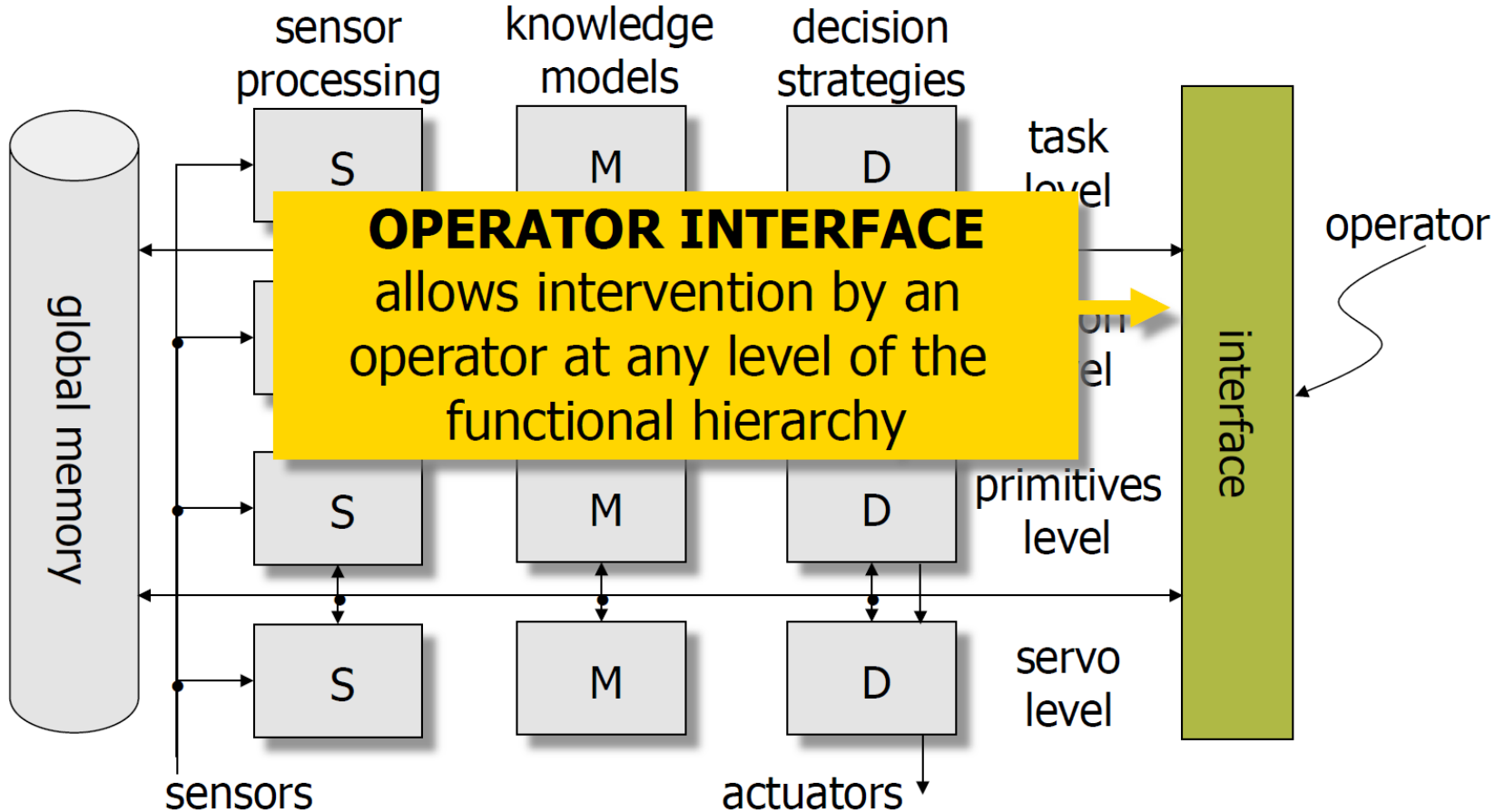
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Levels for Reference Model



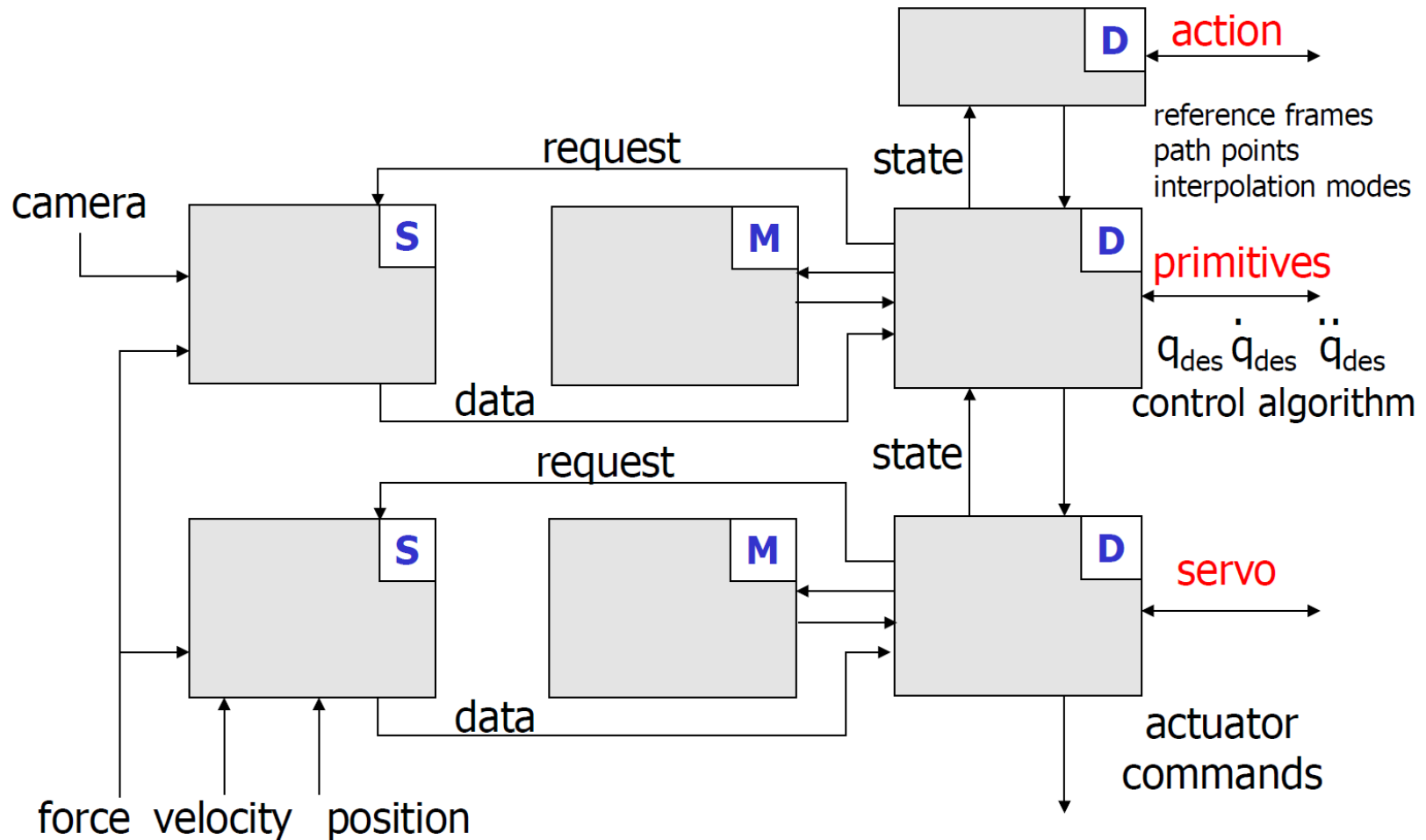
INFORMATION COMPLEXITY

- **task level:** objective of the task (as specified by the user) analyzed and decomposed into actions (based on knowledge models about the robot and the environment systems)
- **action level:** symbolic commands converted into sequences of intermediate configurations
- **primitives level:** reference trajectories generation for the servo level, choice of a control strategy
- **servo level:** implementation of control algorithms, real-time computation of driving commands for the actuating servomotors

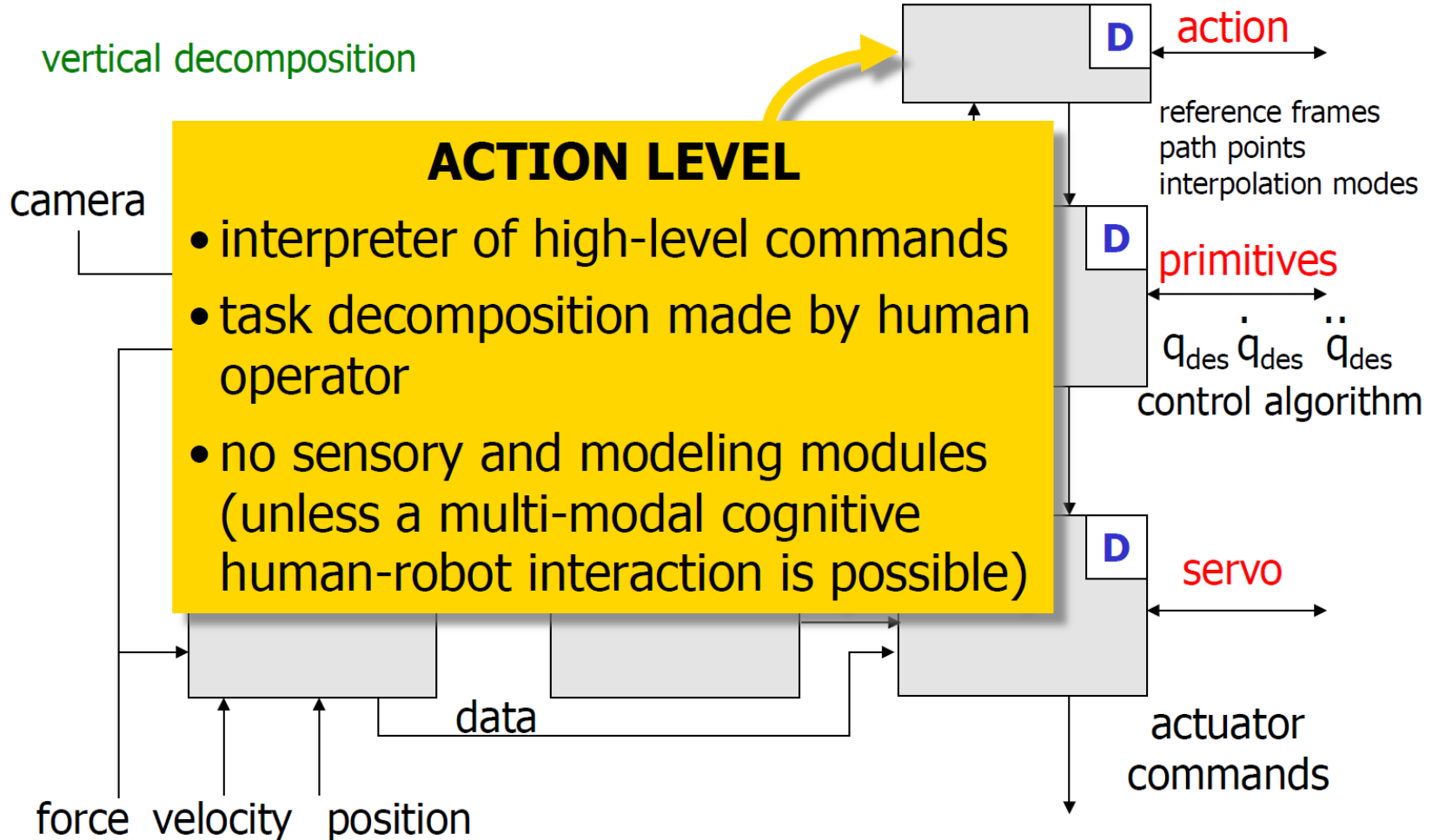


TEMPORAL CONSTRAINTS

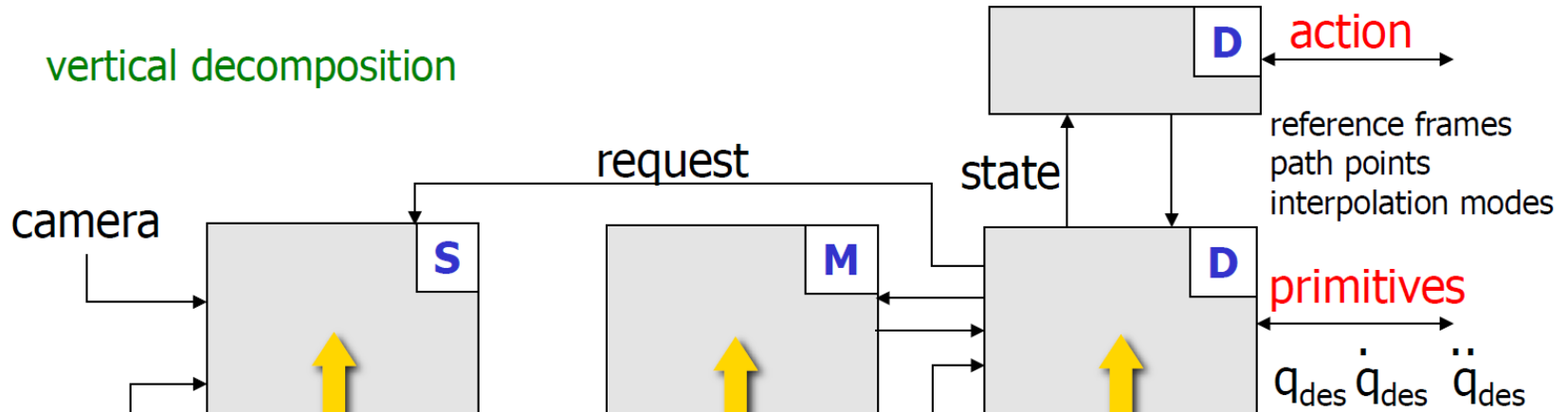
Industrial Robot: Functional Architecture



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PRIMITIVES LEVEL

- **S:** (only for an active interaction with the environment)
world geometry, interaction state
- **M:** direct and inverse kinematics, dynamic models
- **D:** command encoding, path generation, trajectory interpolation, kinematic inversion, analysis of servo state, emergency handling

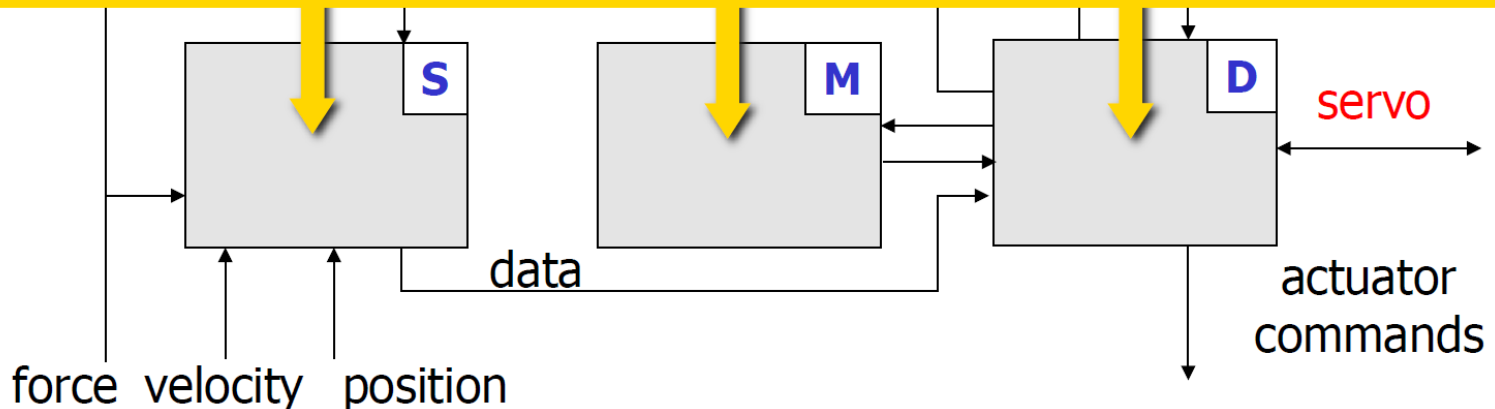
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vertical decomposition

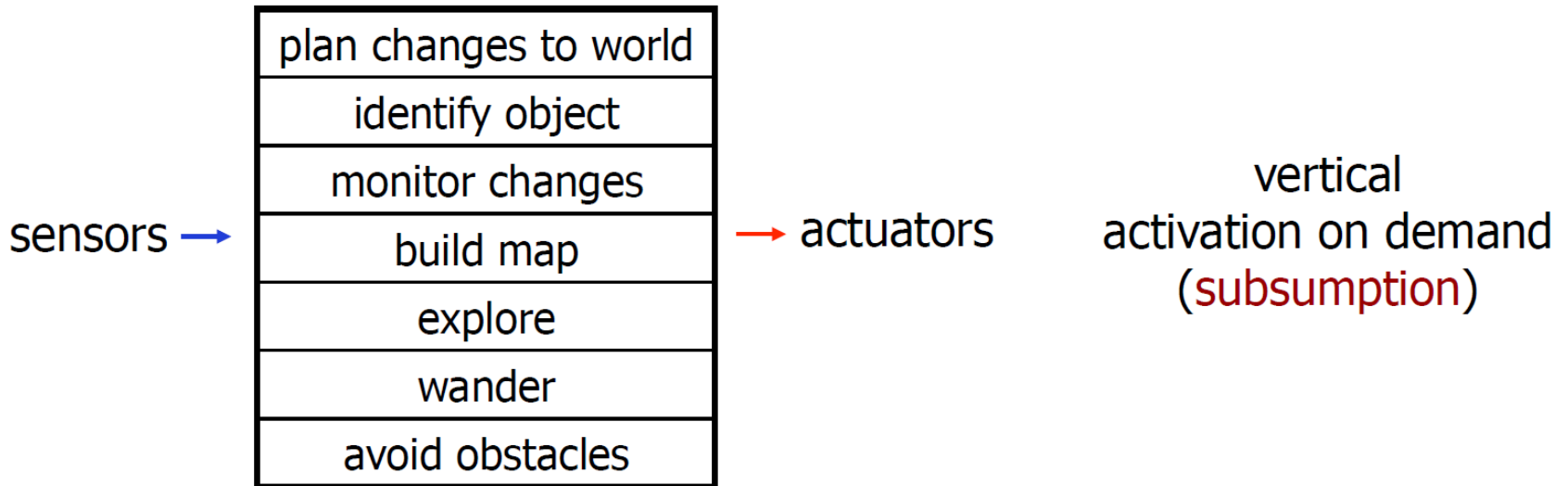
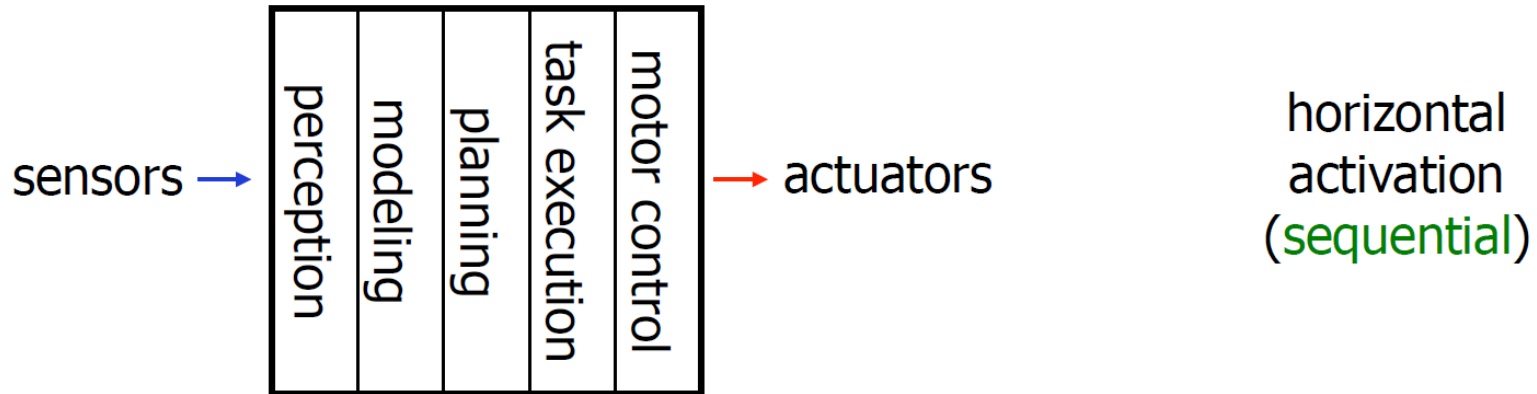


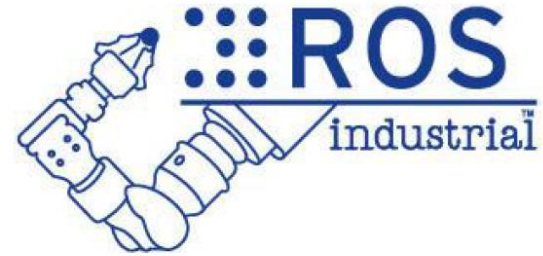
SERVO LEVEL

- **S:** signal conditioning, internal state of manipulator, state of interaction with environment
- **M:** direct kinematics, Jacobian, inverse dynamics
- **D:** command encoding, micro-interpolation, error handling, digital control laws, servo interface



Interactions: Modules





ROS

ROS is an open-source, meta-operating system

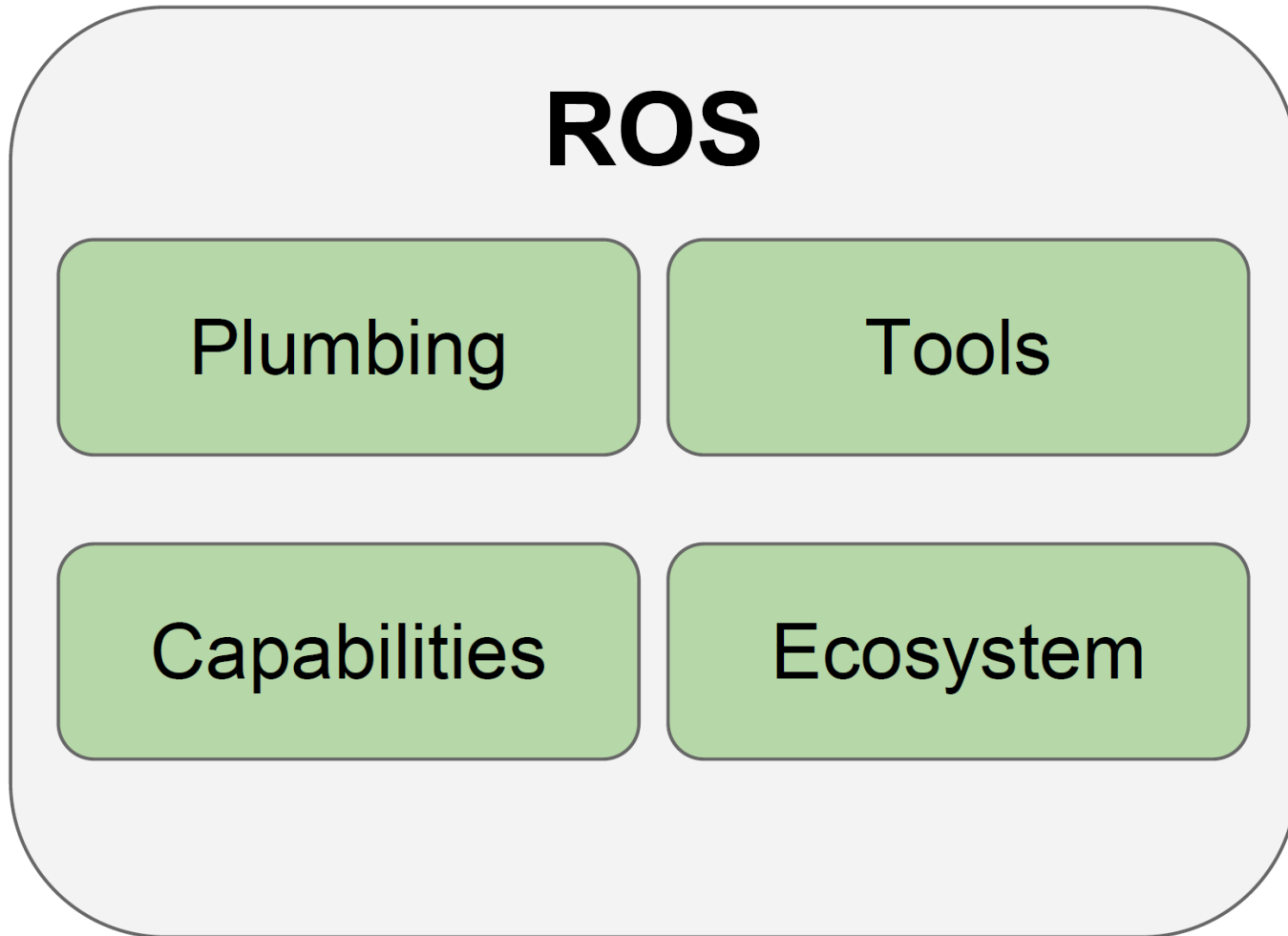


pointcloudlibrary

What is special in ROS?

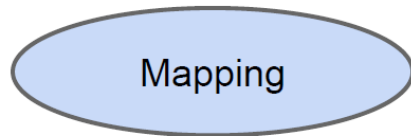
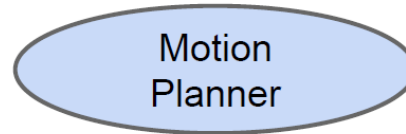
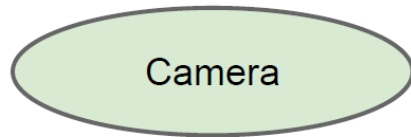
- Reusable robotics components!
- 62 Robotic platforms officially support ROS
<http://wiki.ros.org/Robots>
- Modular design
- Hundreds of ready to use algorithms
- Efficient, so it can be used for actual products, not just prototyping
- Runs on Ubuntu, also ARM Processors
- Parallelisation and networking made easy, can use multiple machines simultaneously

ROS Components



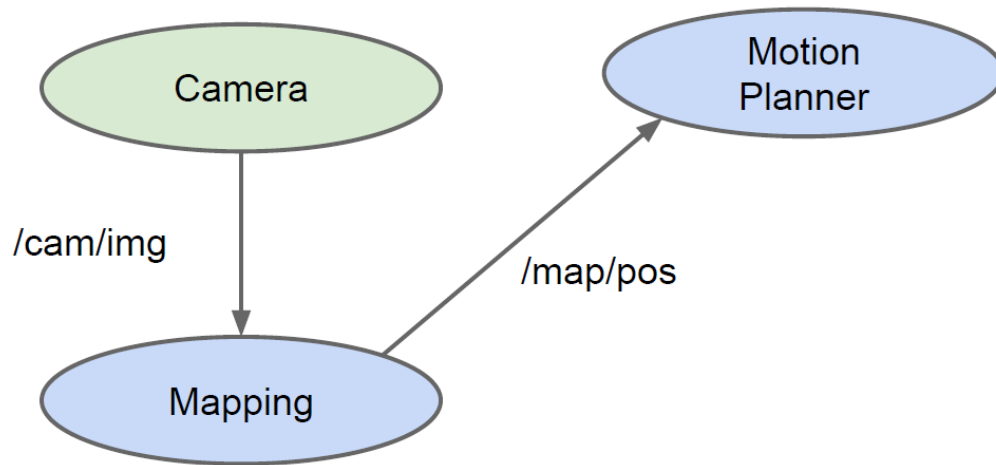
Nodes

Nodes are processes that perform computation, “executables”



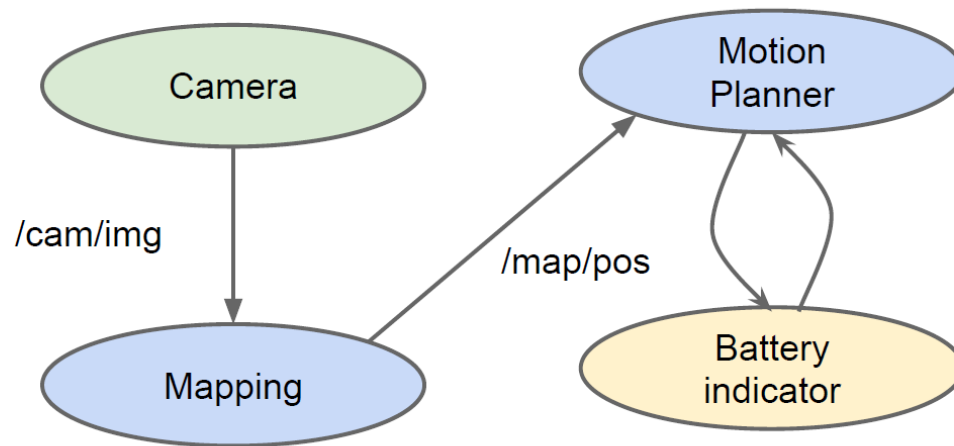
Topics

Topics are streams of data with publish / subscribe semantics.
They are uniquely identifiable by its name



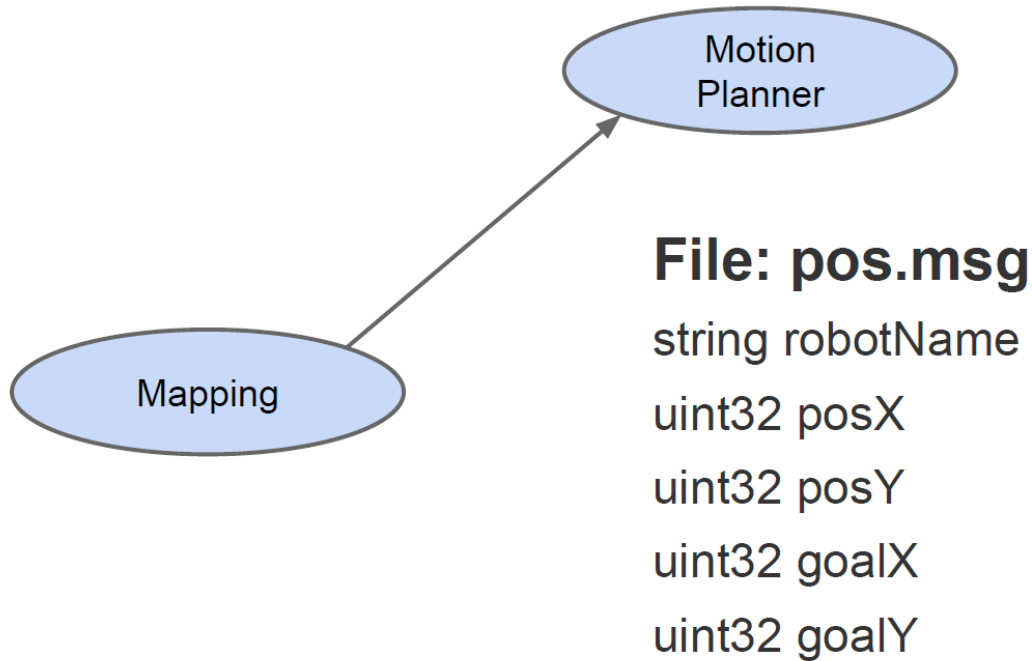
Services

Request / reply is done via services, which are defined by a pair of message structures: one for the request and one for the reply.



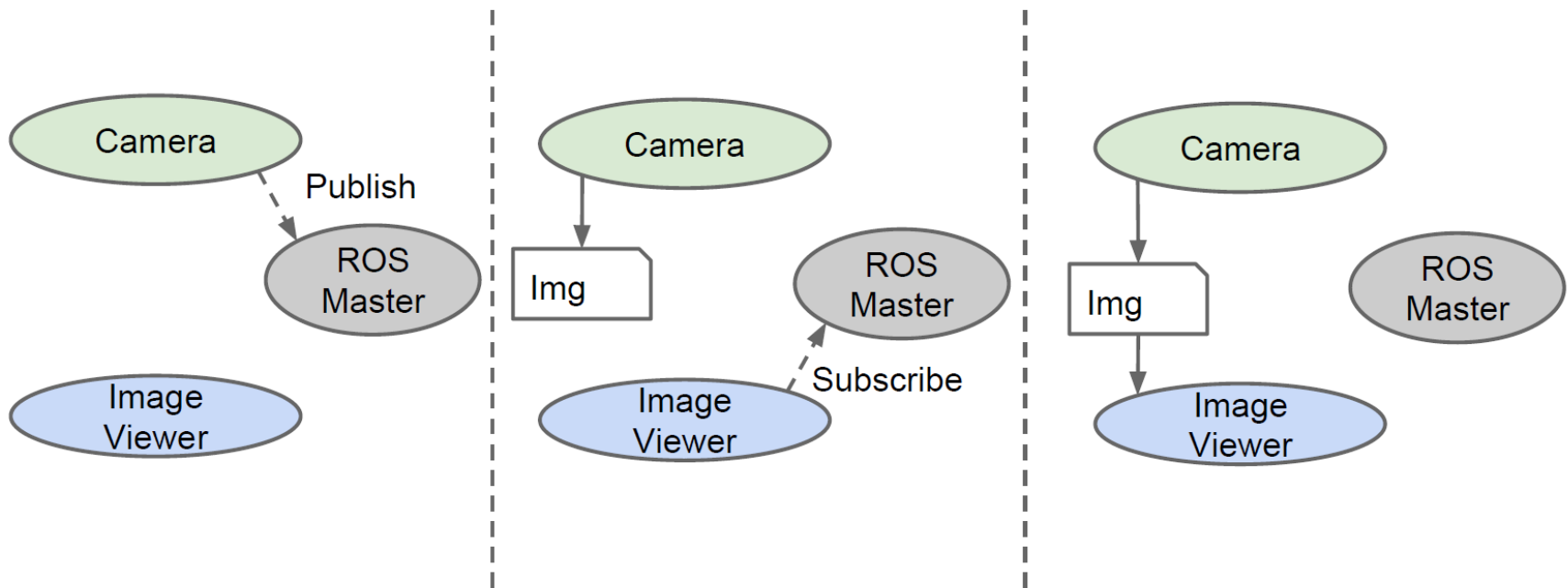
Messages

A message is simply a data structure, comprising typed fields.
Language agnostic data representation. C++ can talk to Python.



ROS Master

The ROS Master provides name registration and lookup to nodes. Without the Master, nodes would not be able to find each other, exchange messages, or invoke services.

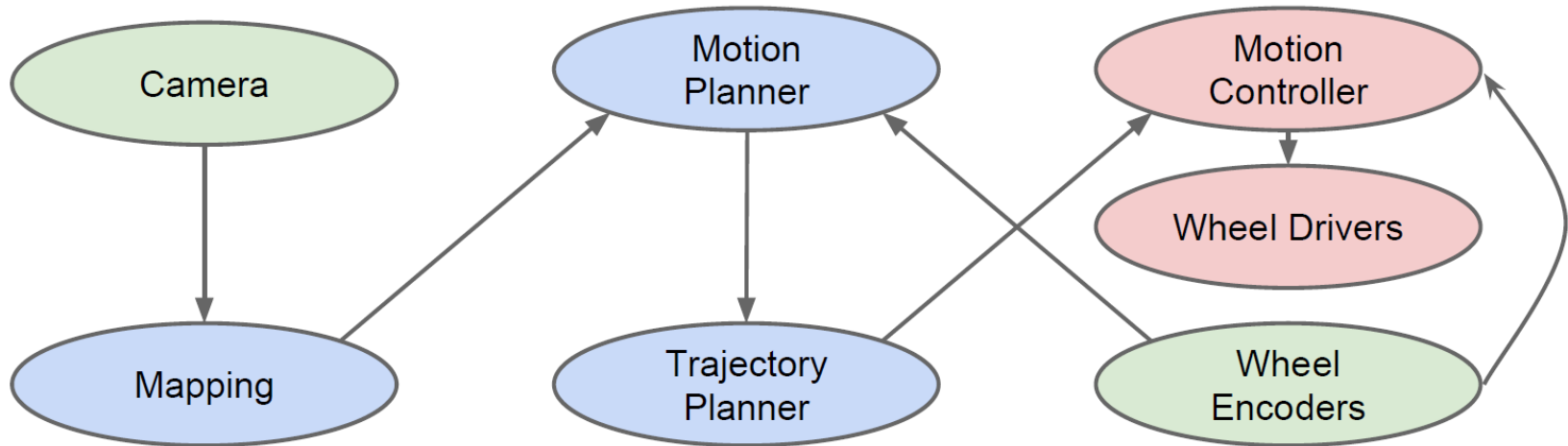


Example: Mobile Robot

Green - Sensors

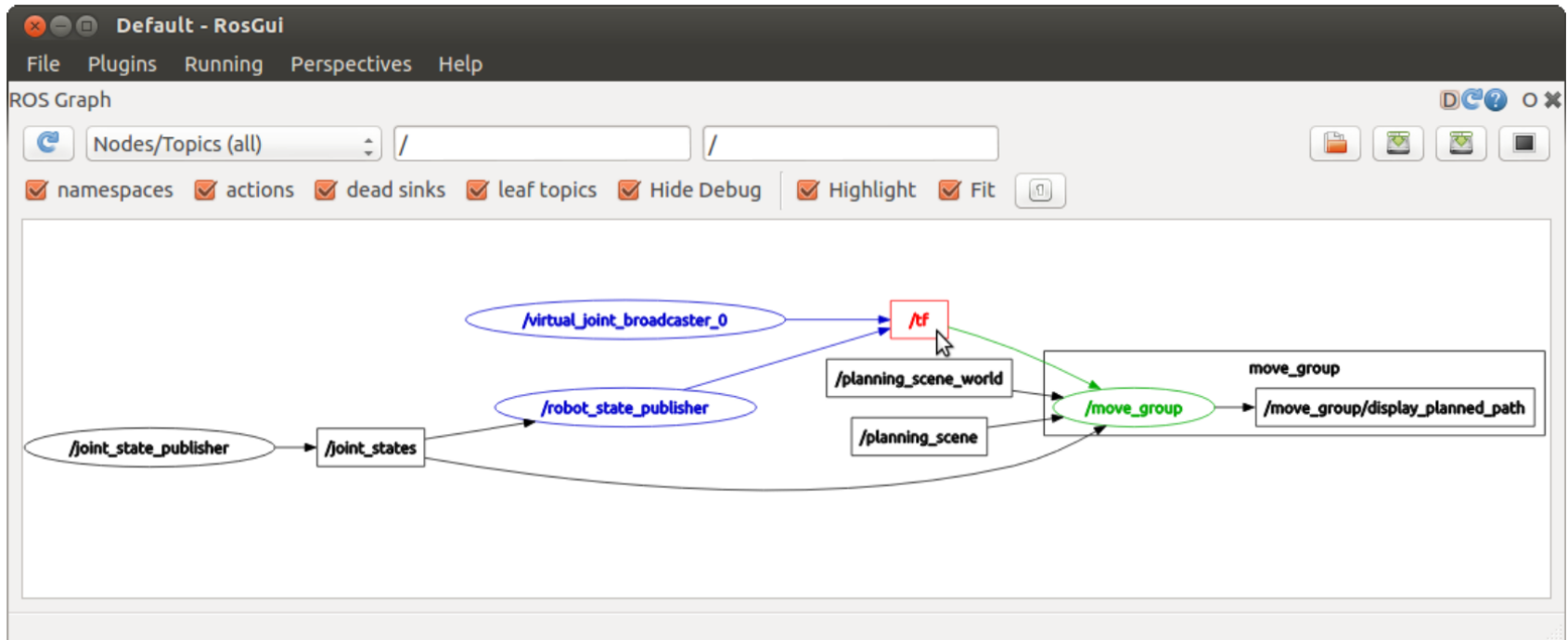
Blue - Planning algorithms

Red - Hardware integration



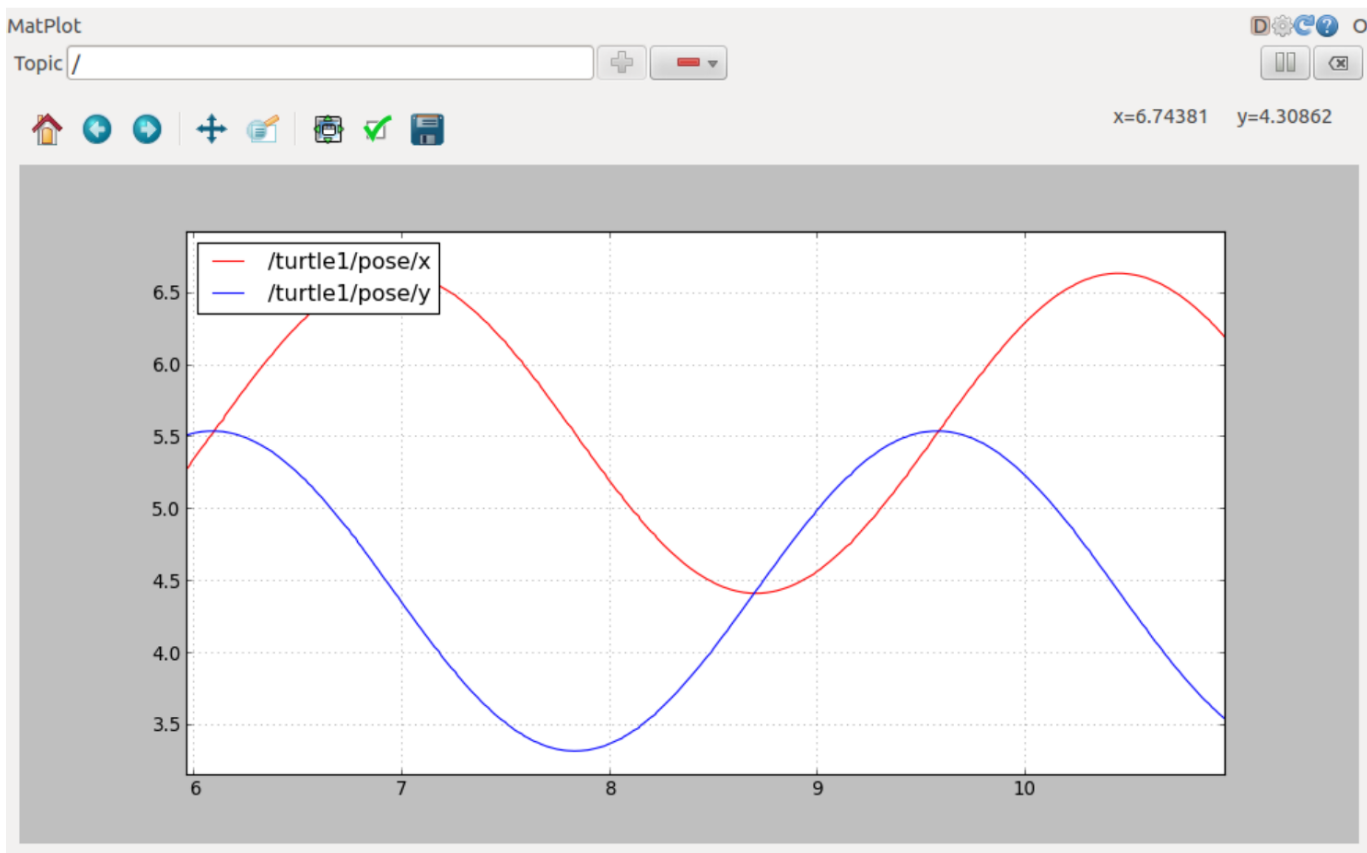
ROS Tools

System Visualisation: rqt_graph



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Live Plotting: rqt_plot



ROS Tools

Logging and Visualization Sensor Data: rosbag and rqt_bag



ROS Tools

3D Visualisation: RVIZ

