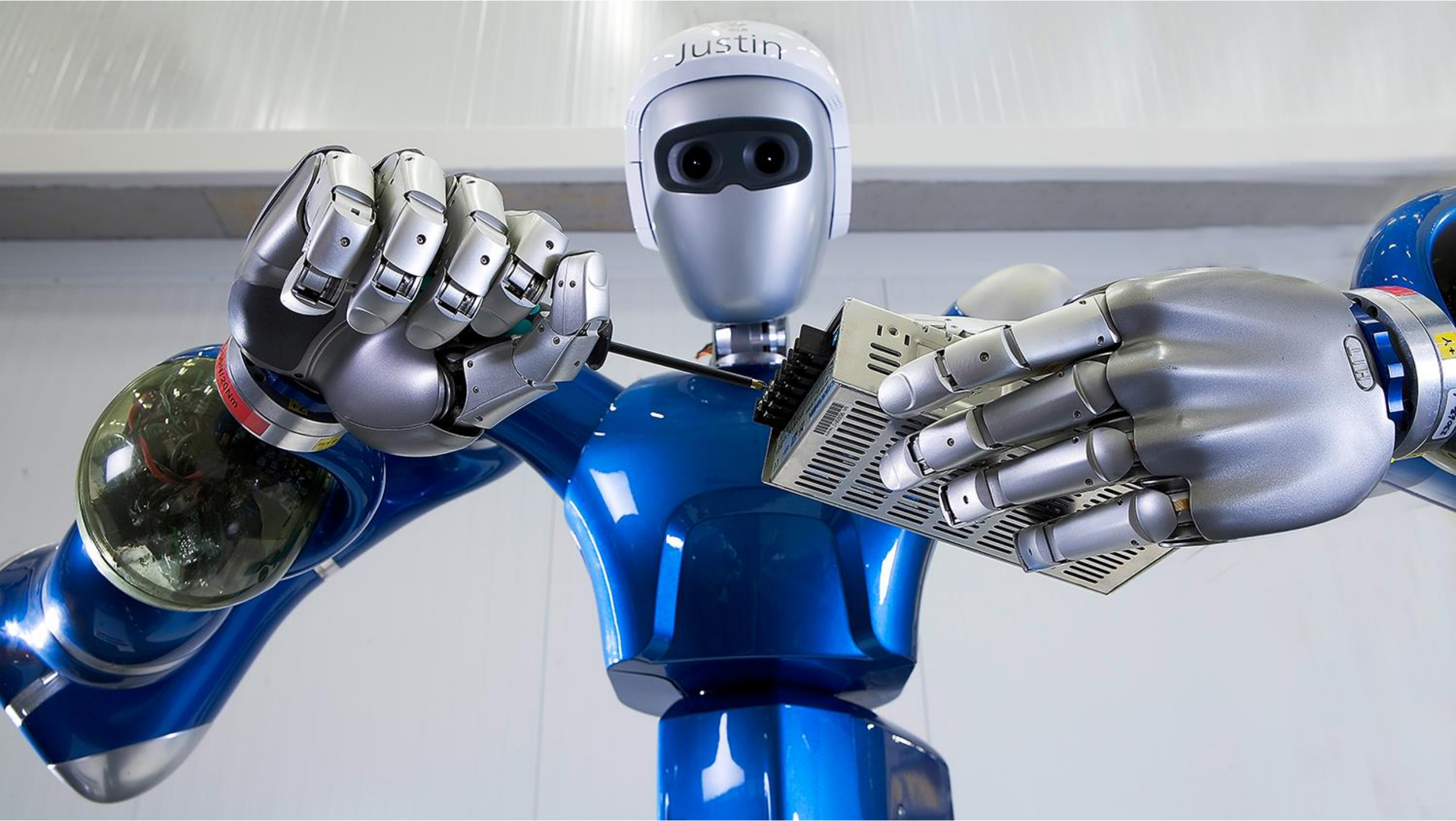


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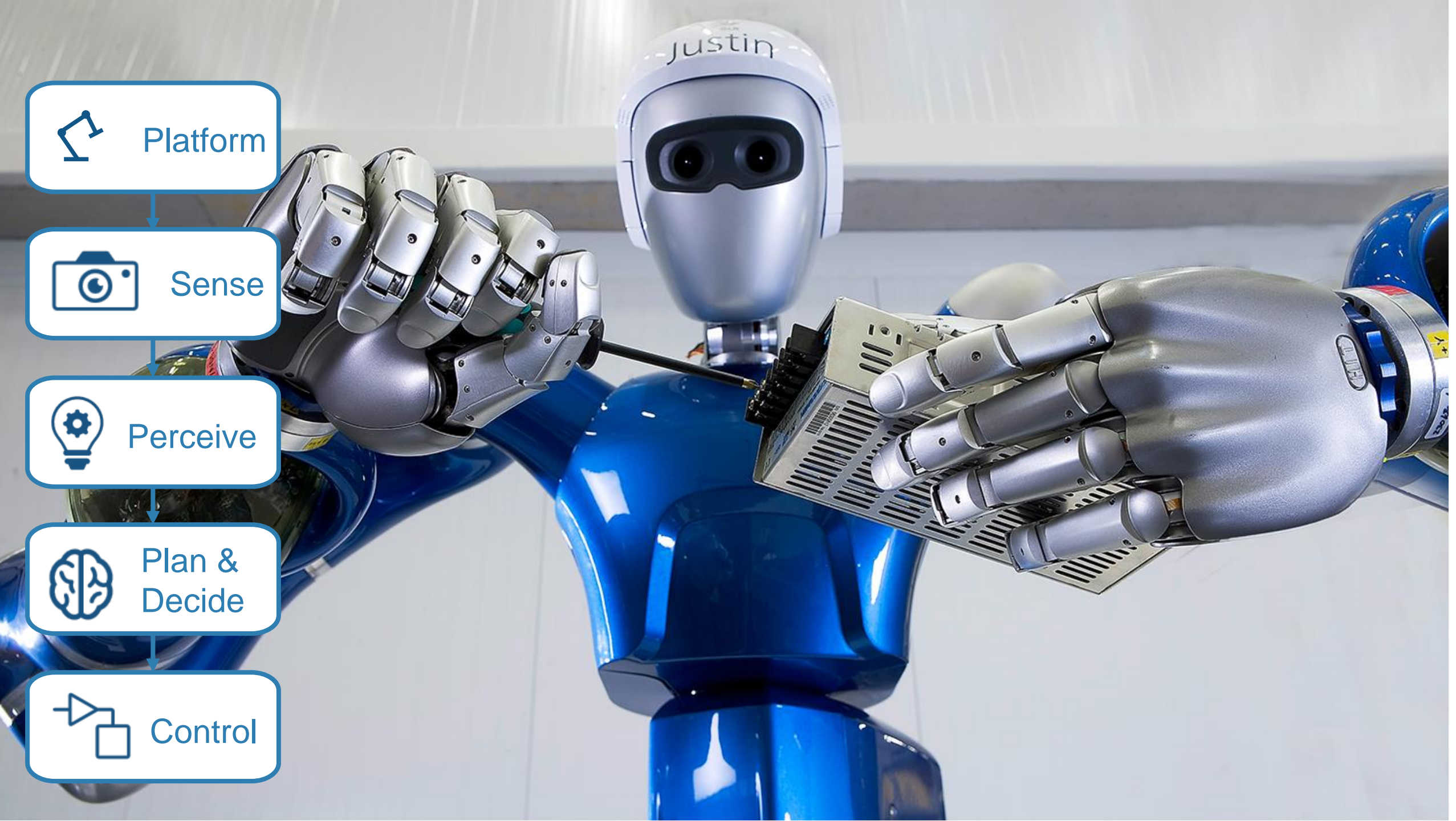


# Challenges with Autonomous Robotics Systems

Applying Multidomain Expertise

Complexity of Algorithms

End-to-End workflows



Platform



Sense



Perceive

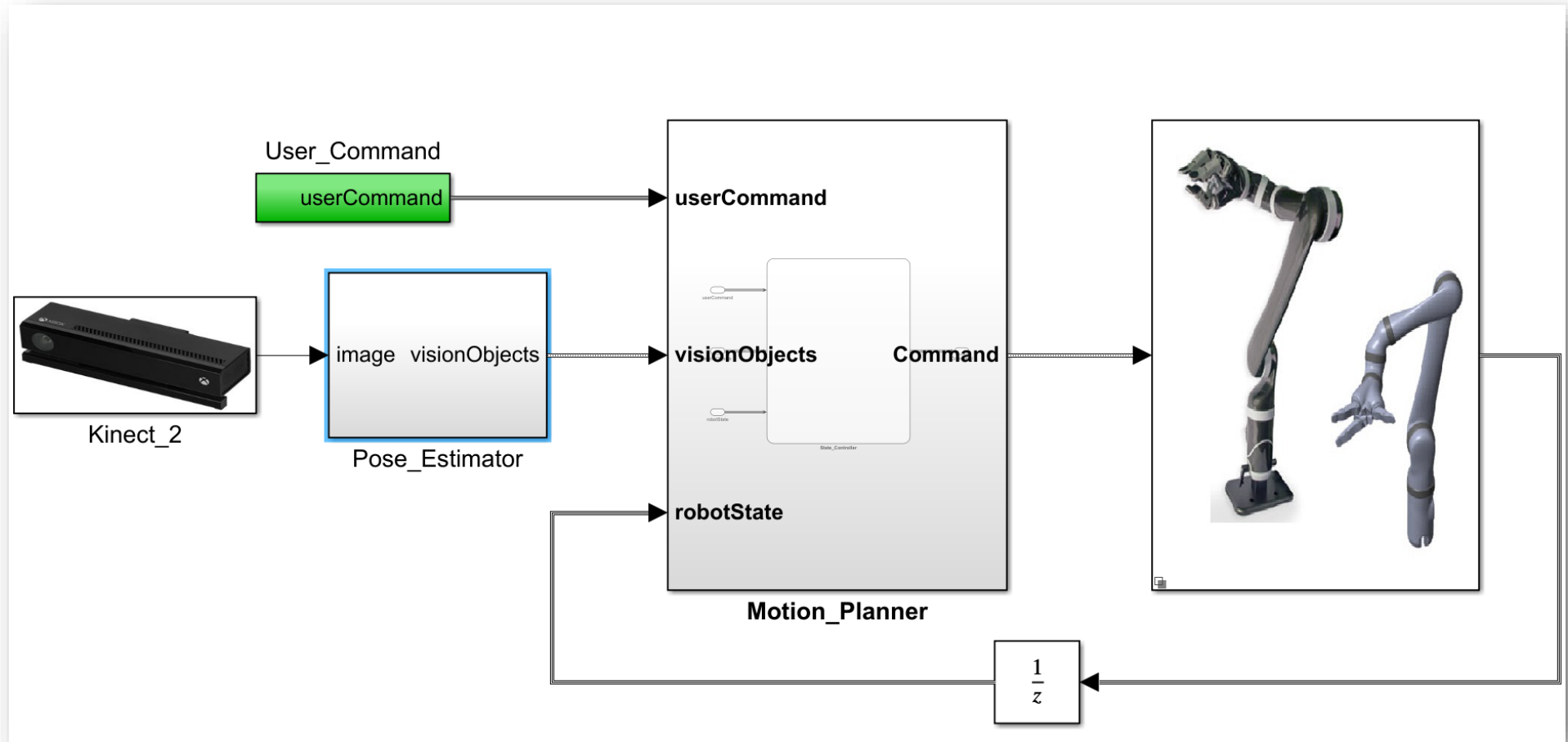
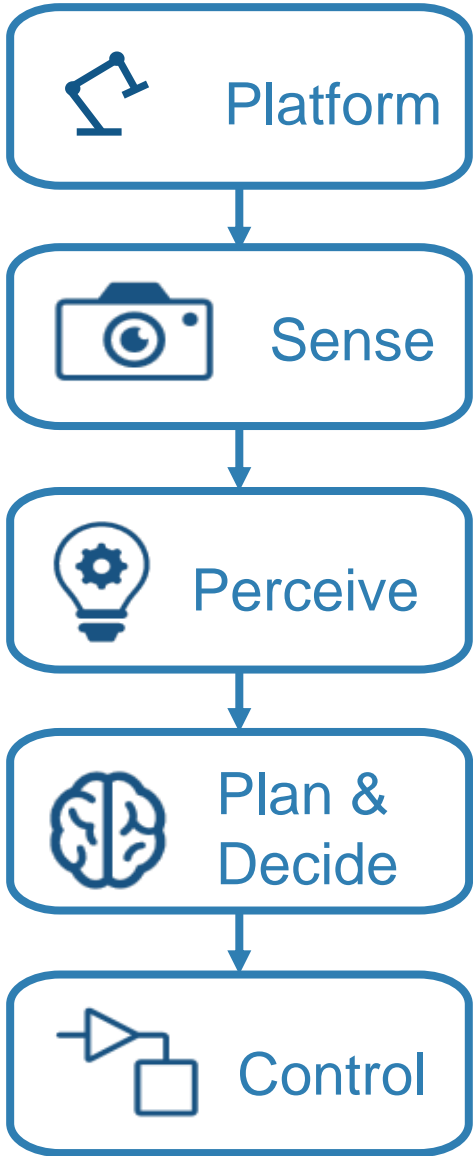


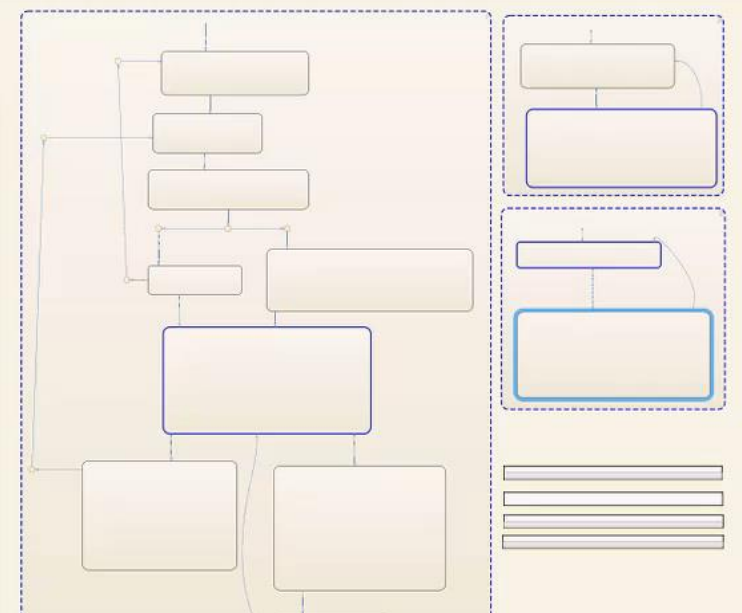
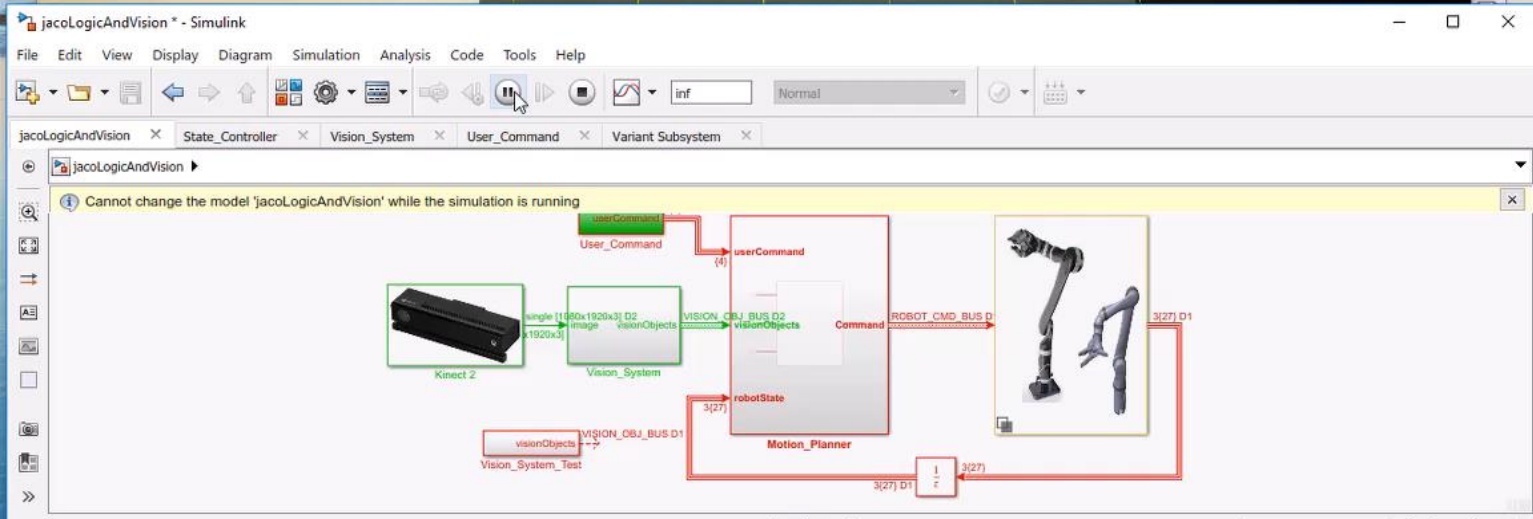
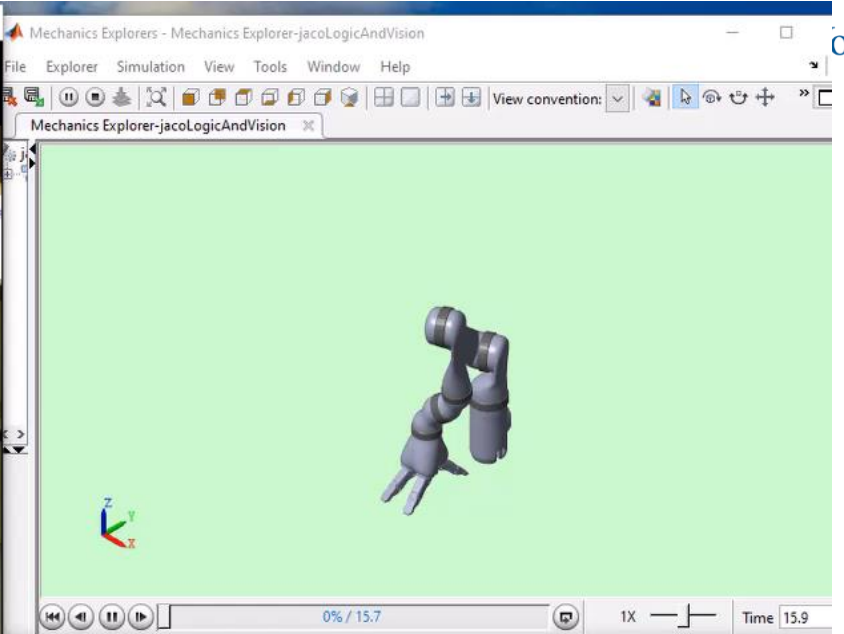
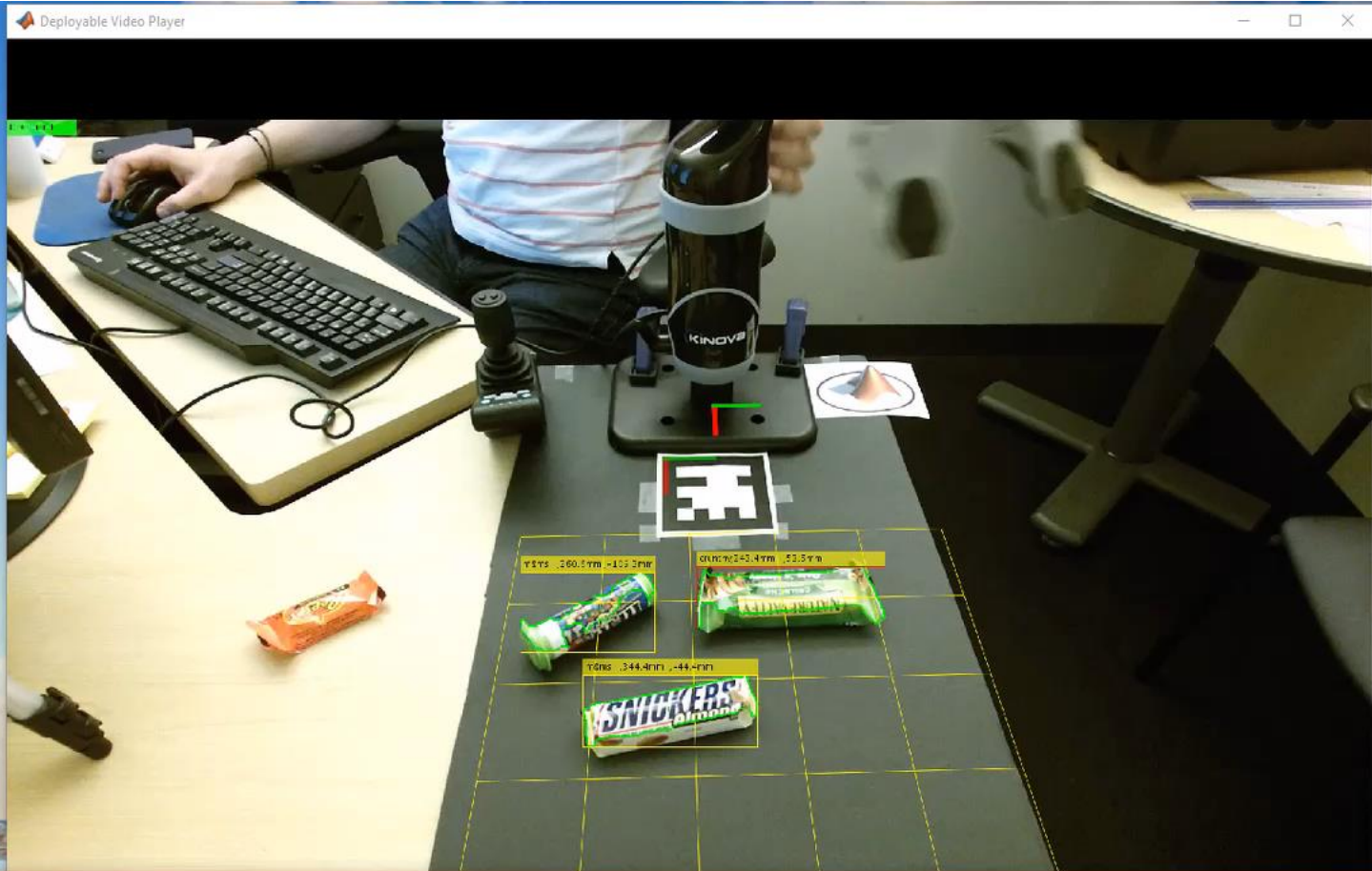
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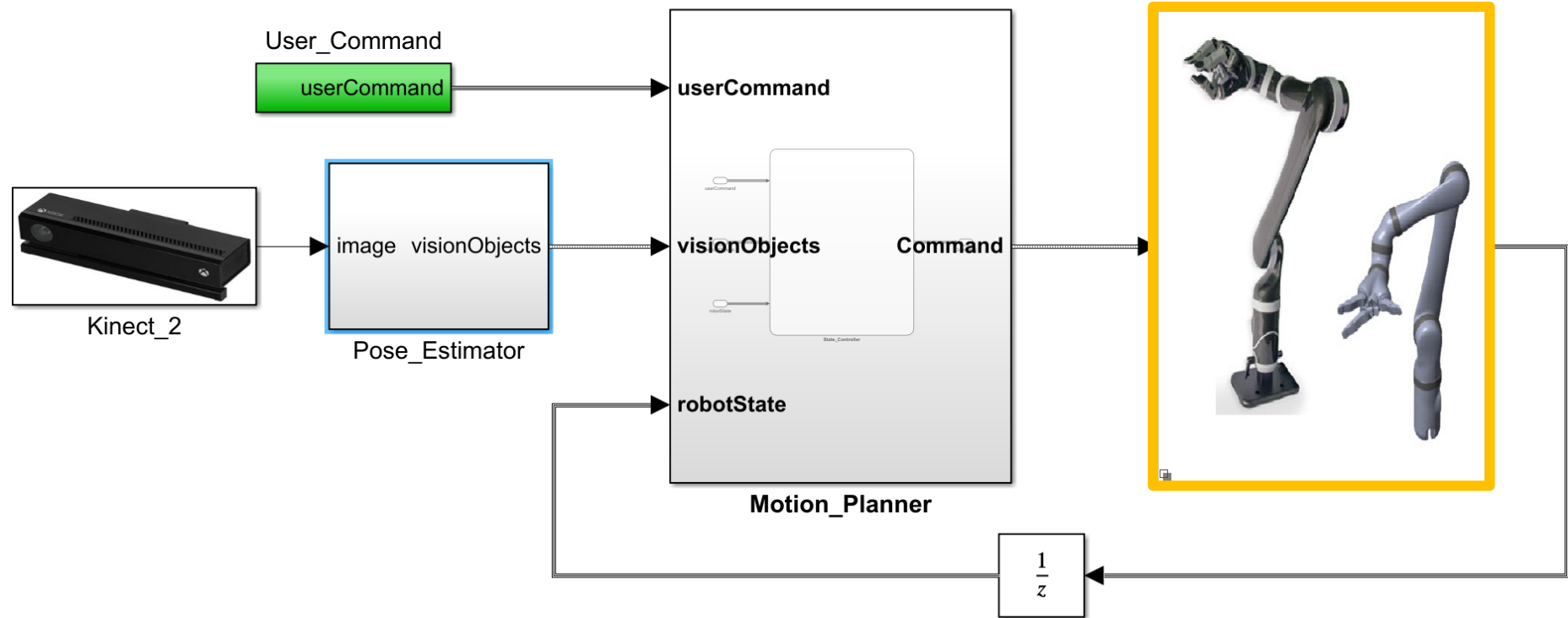
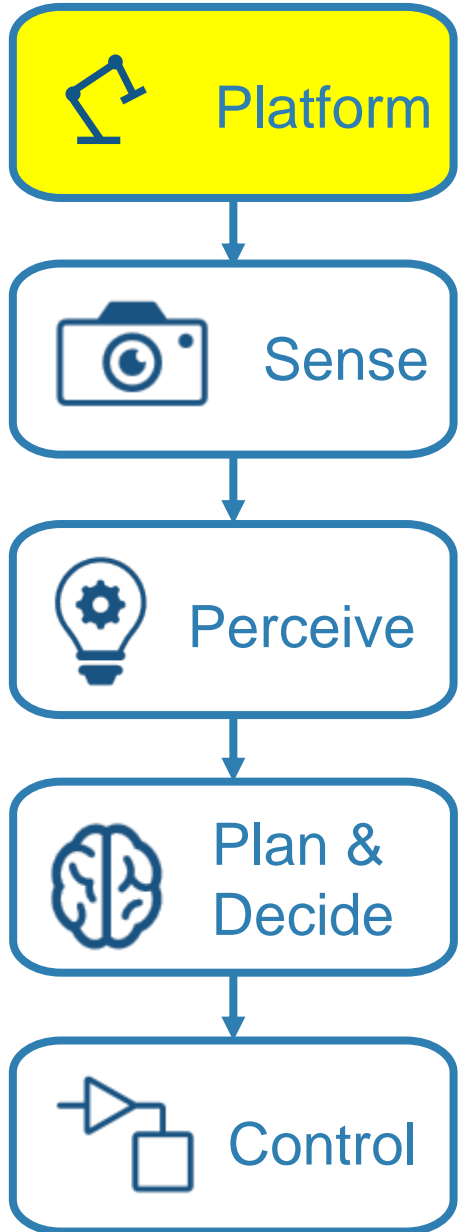
Control

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# Platform Design

*How to create a model of my system that suits my needs?*

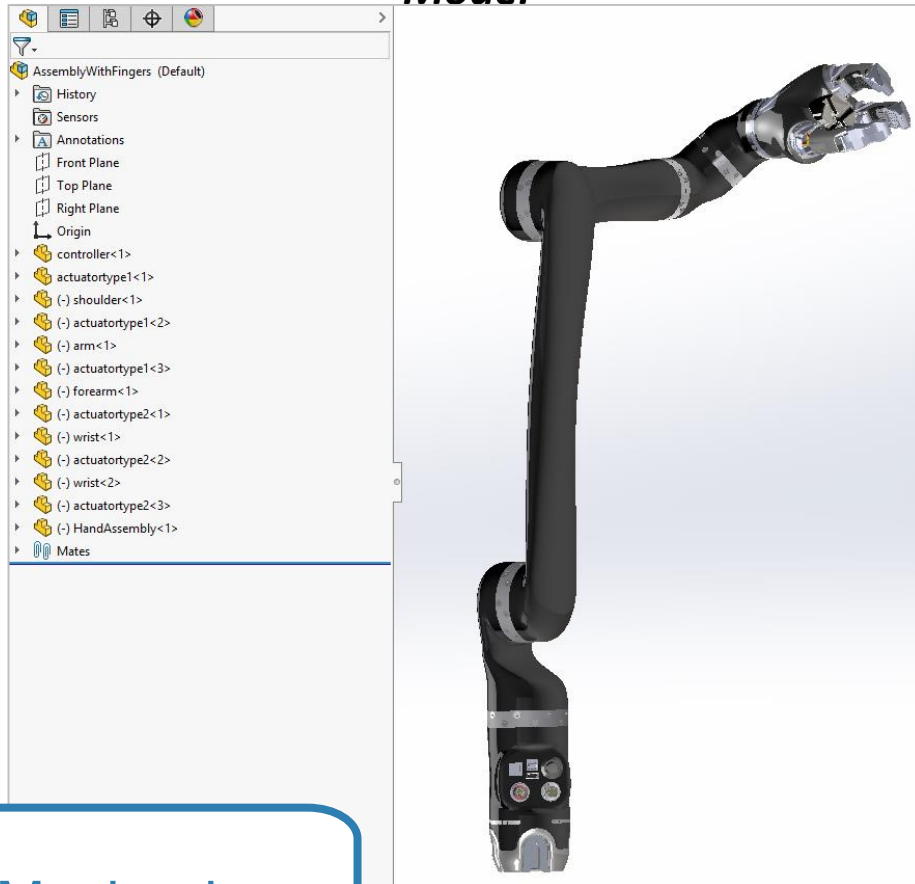
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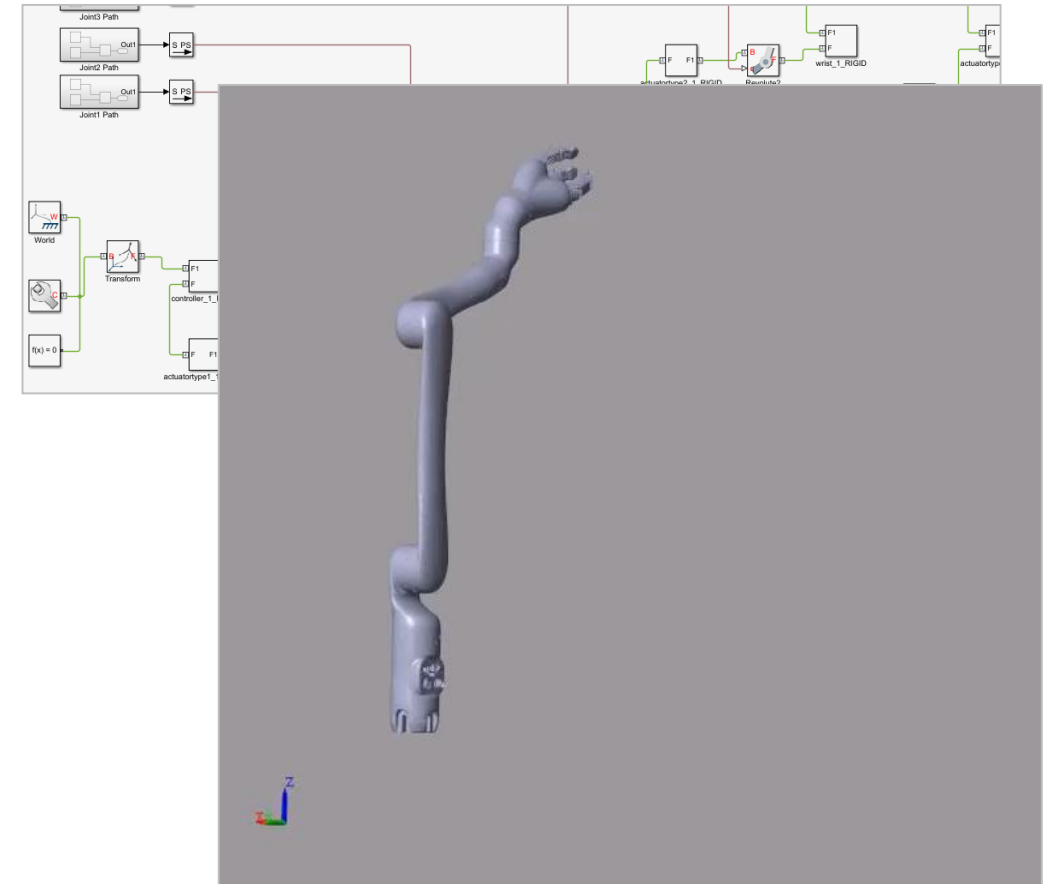
Environment

# Import models from common CAD Tools

**SolidWorks  
Model**



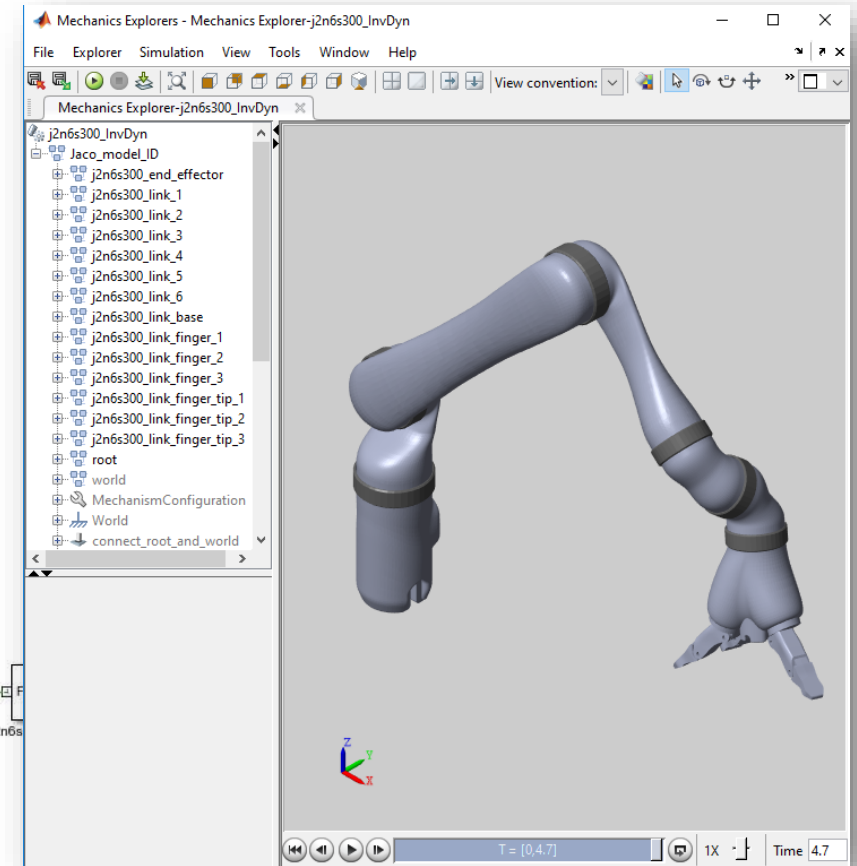
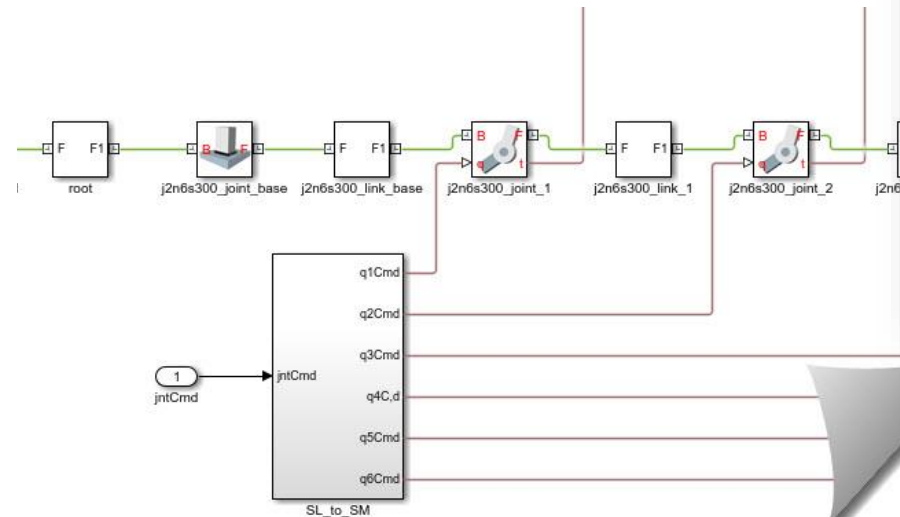
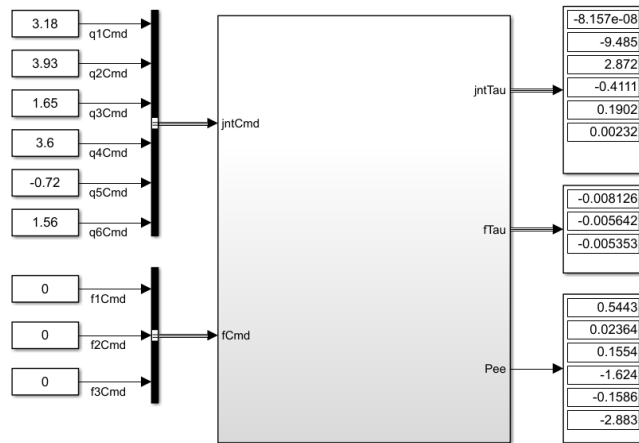
**Simscape Multibody Model**



Mechanics

# Mechanics: One line import from URDF

```
%% Import robot from URDF
smimport('j2n6s300_standalone_stl.urdf');
```



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Command Window

```
fx >> smimport('j2n6s300_standalone_stl.urdf')
```

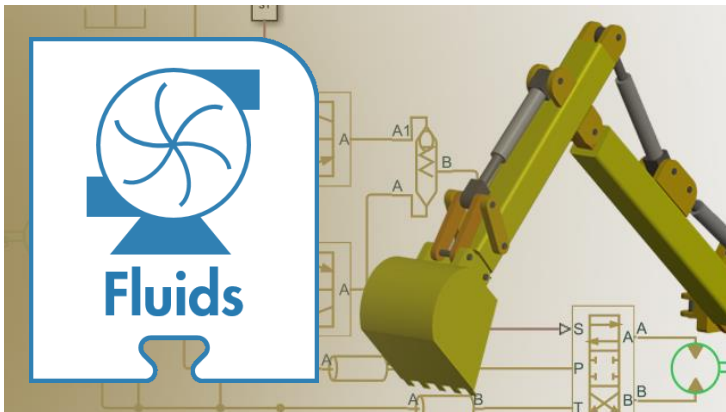
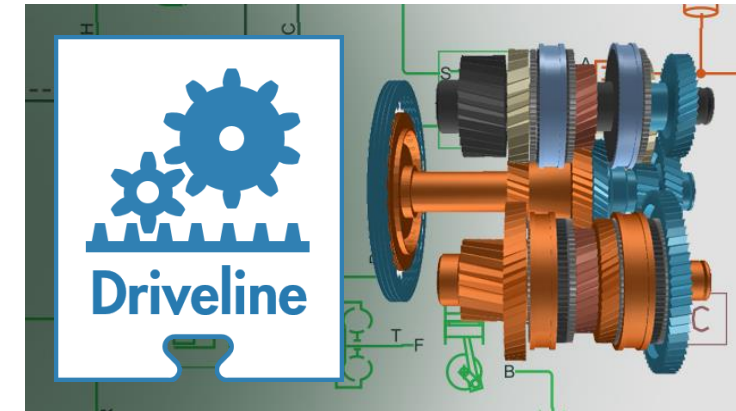
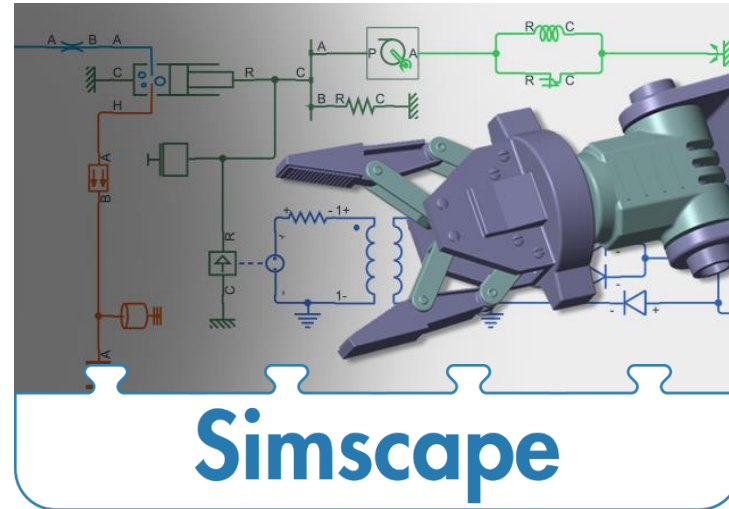
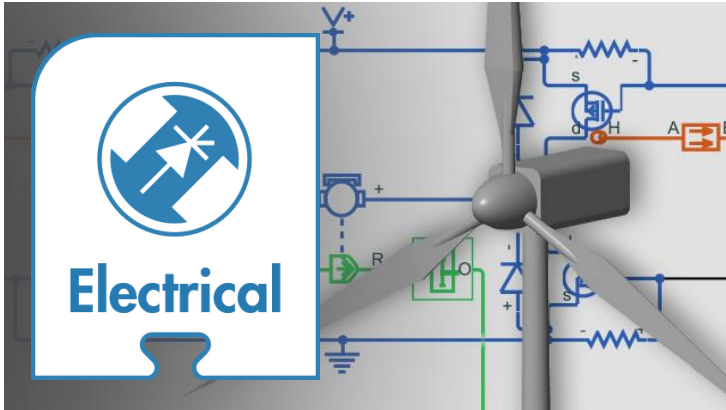
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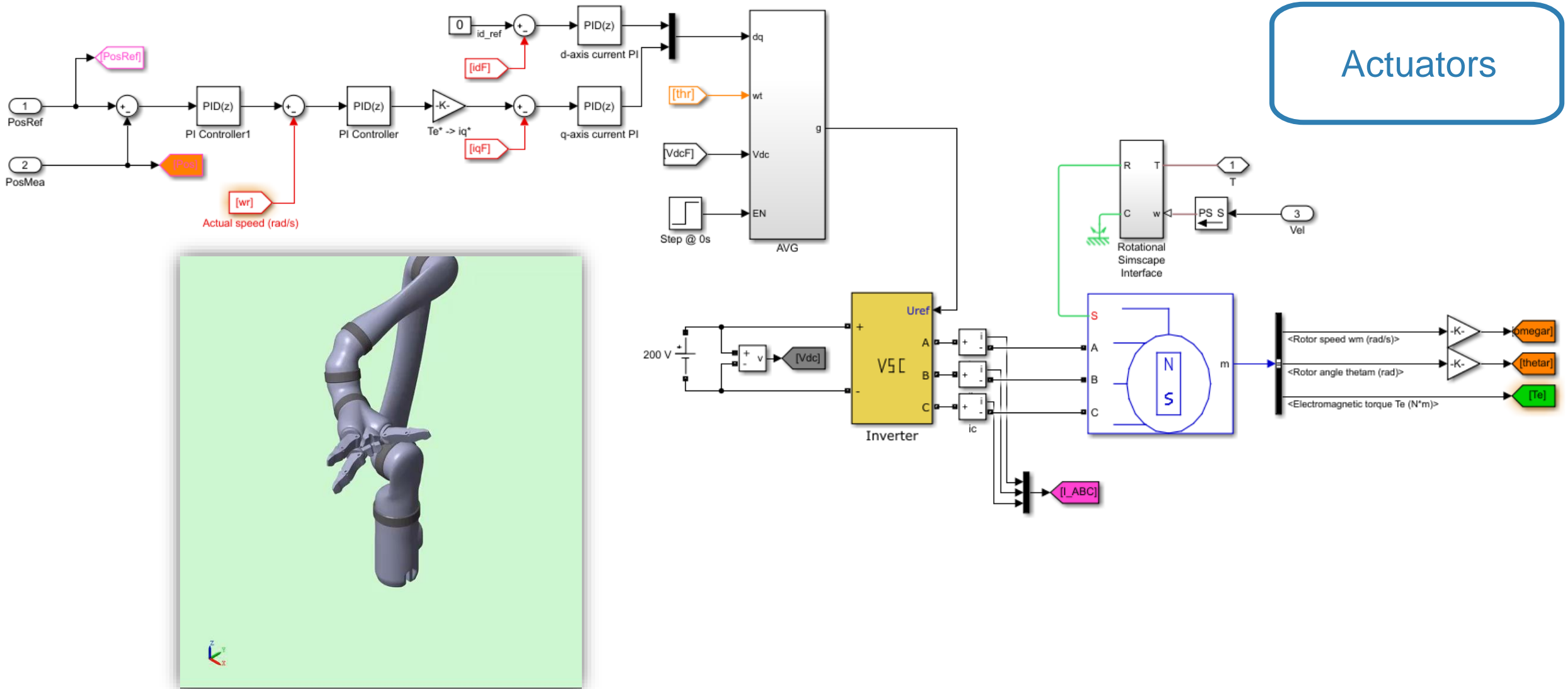
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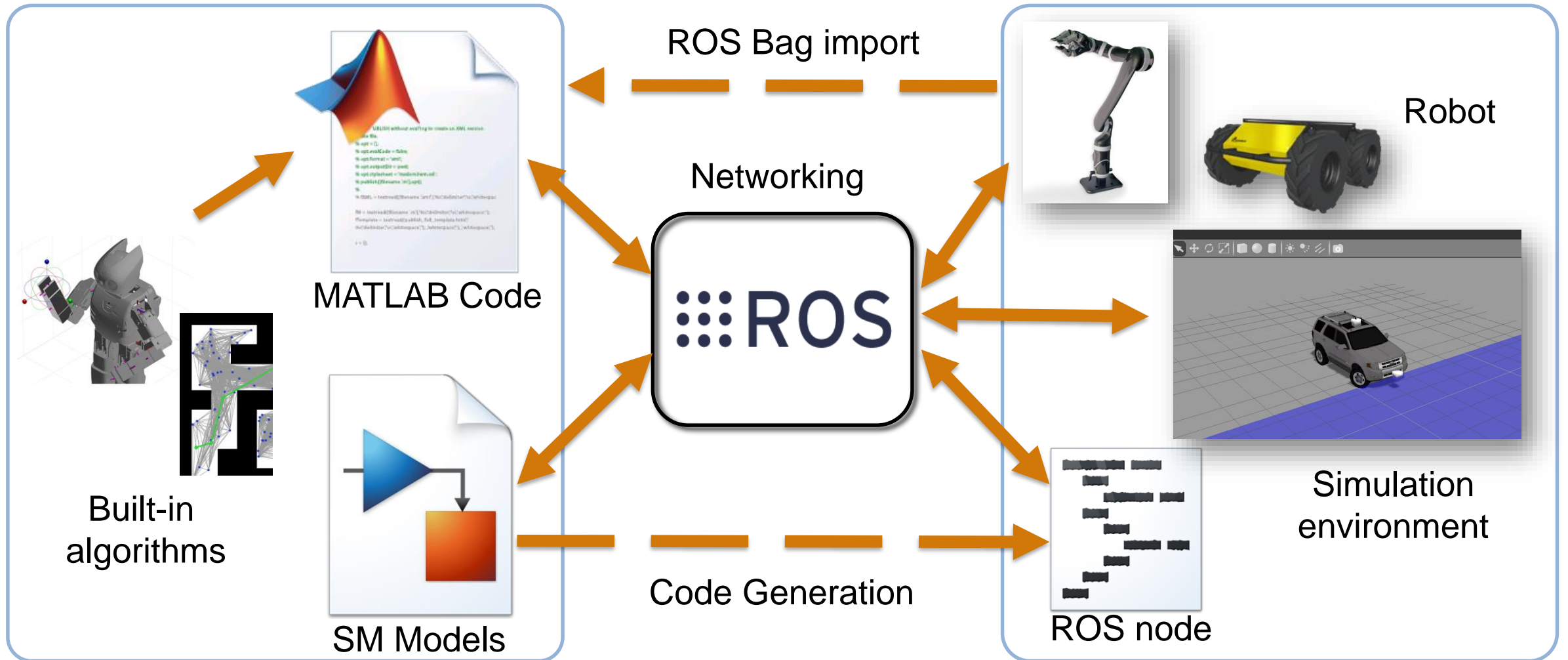


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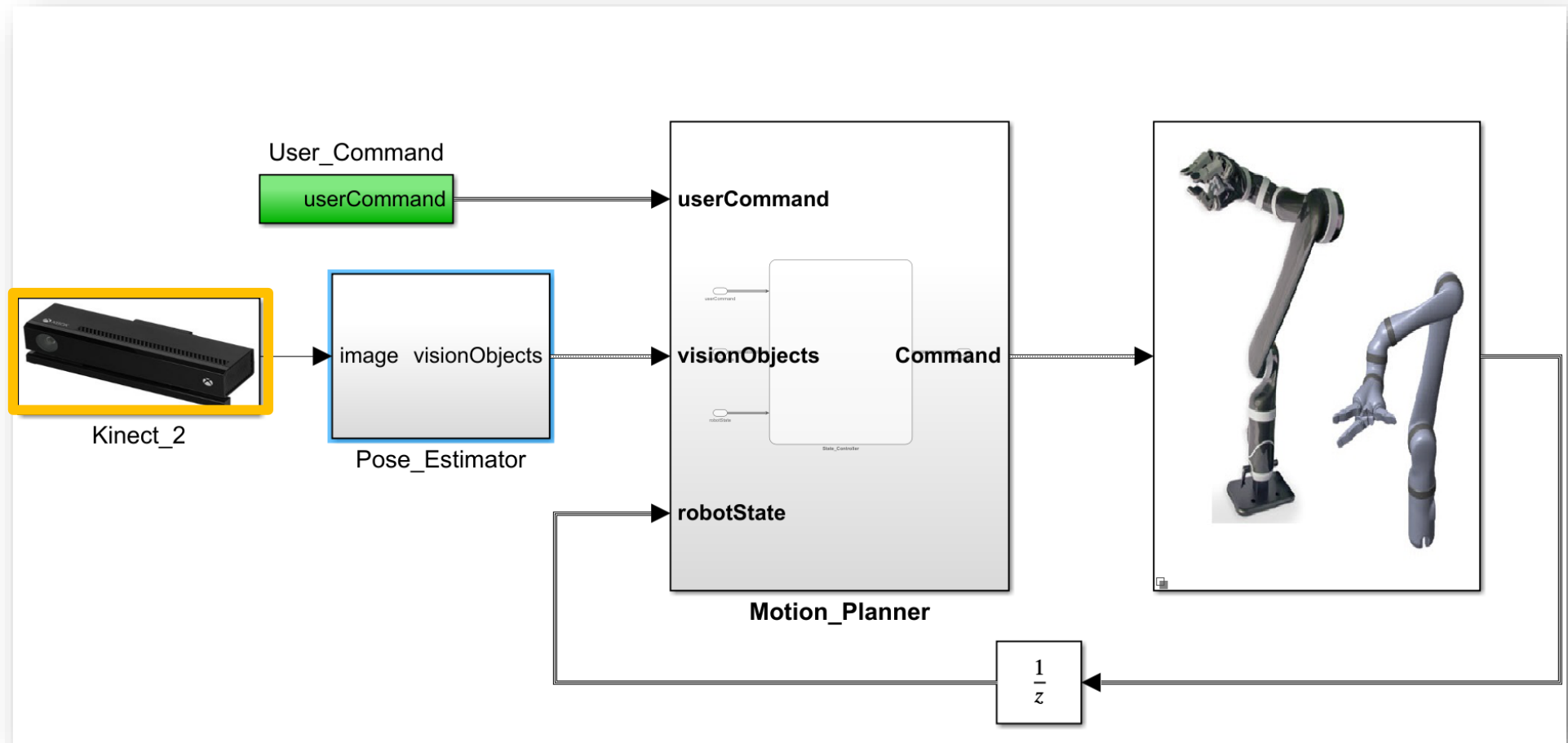
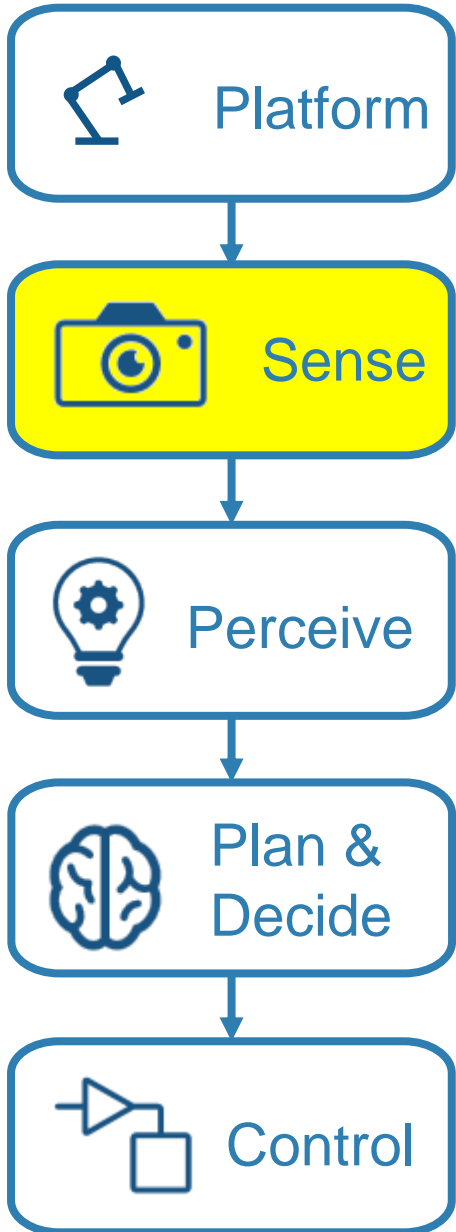


Actuators

# Environment: Connect MATLAB and Simulink with ROS



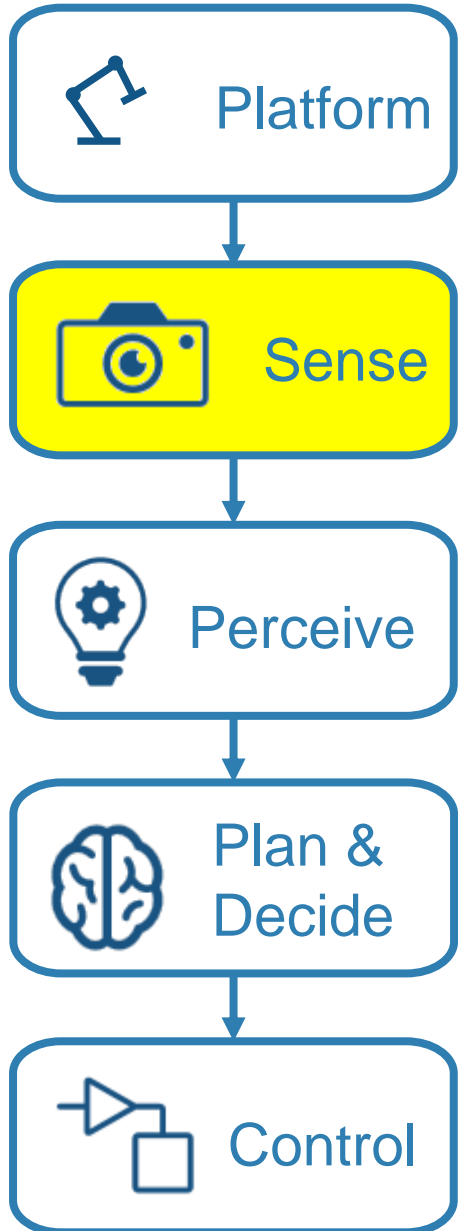
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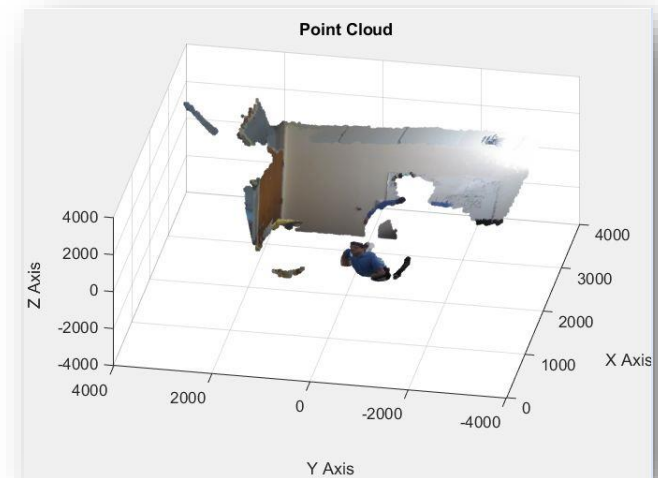
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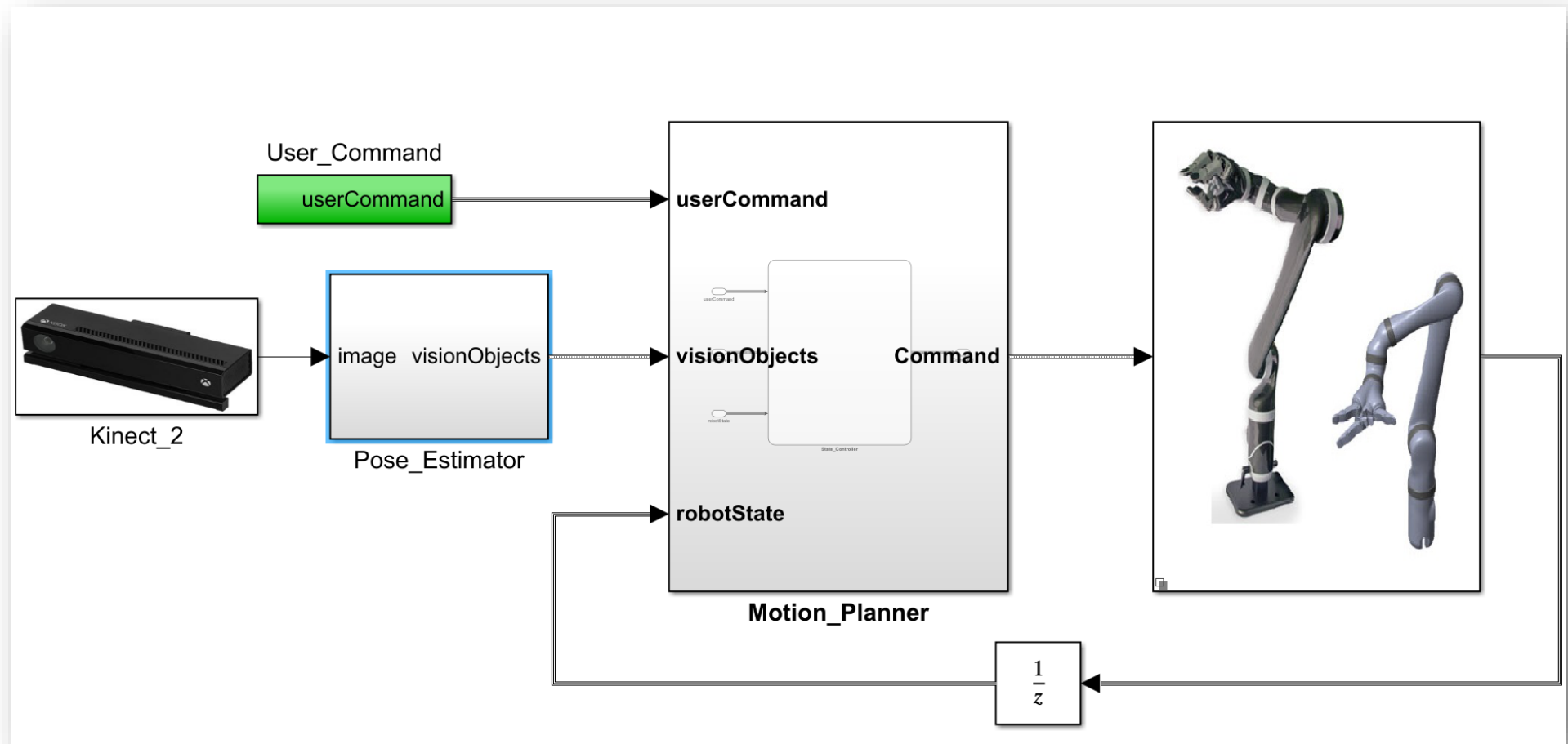
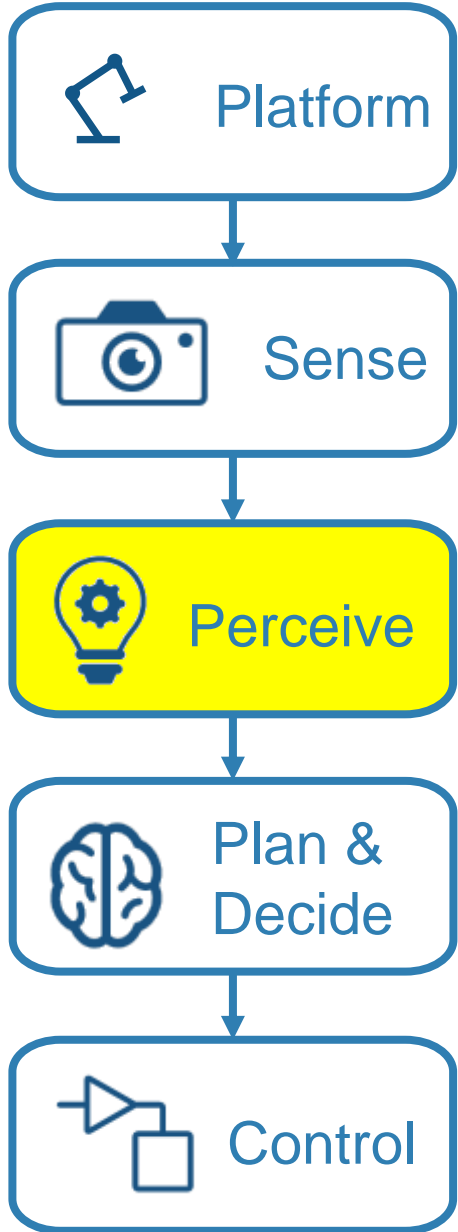
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- **Support for Common Sensors**
- **Image analysis**
- **Apps**
- **Image enhancement**
- **Visualizing Point Clouds**

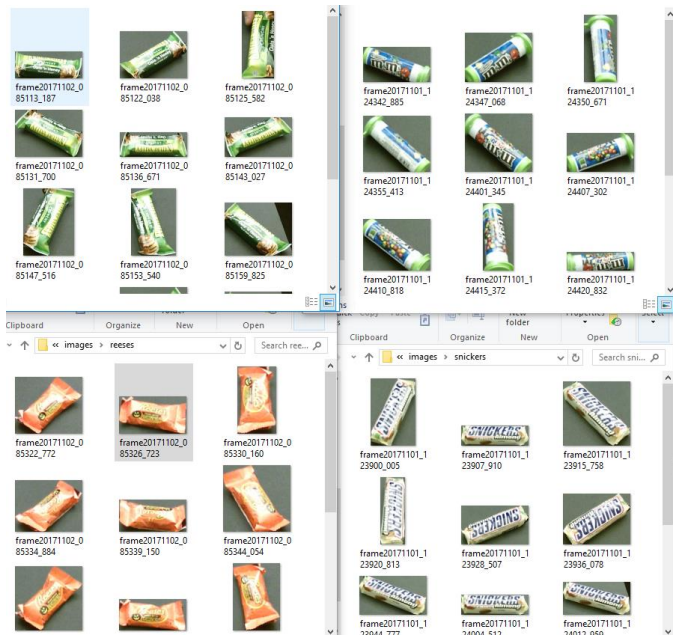


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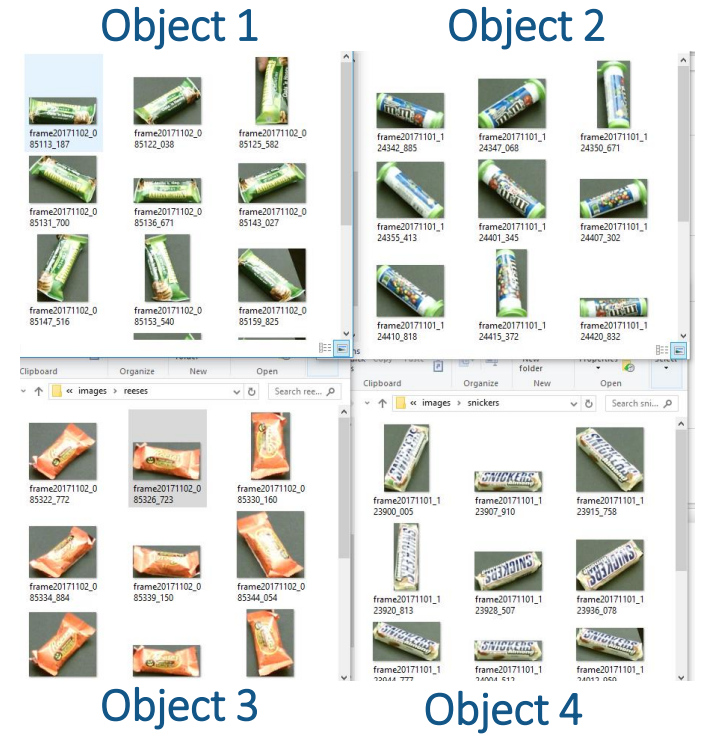
# Object Classifier and Pose Estimator

Images



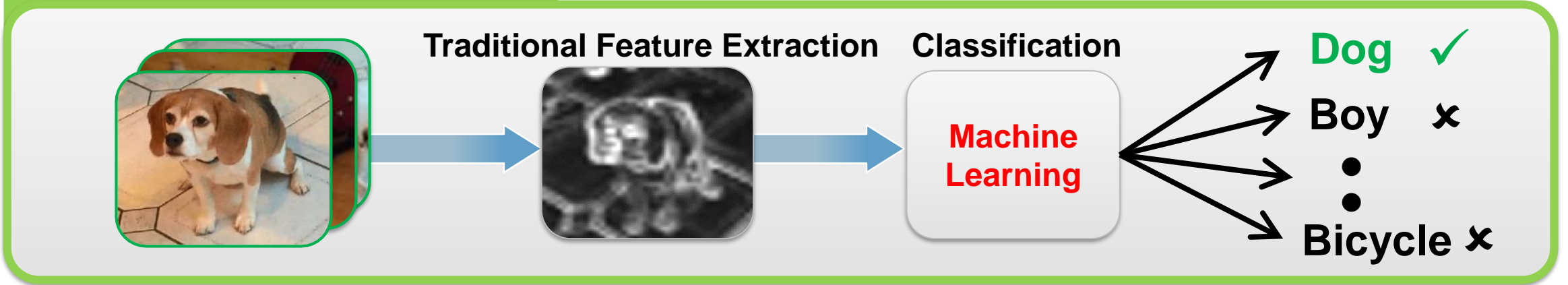
Pose Estimator

Labels and Poses

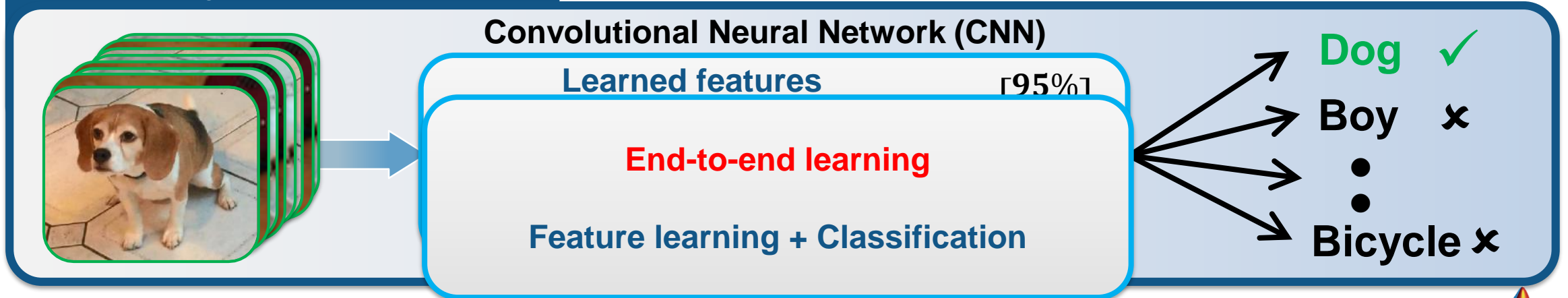


# MATLAB makes machine learning easy and accessible

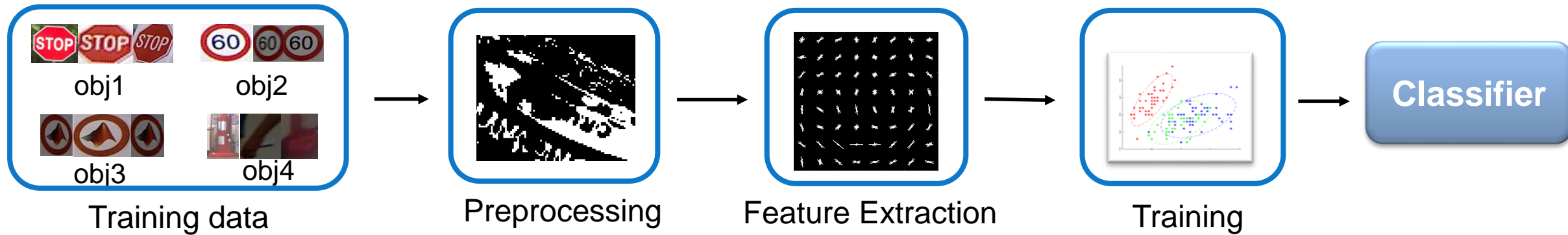
## Traditional Machine Learning approach



## Deep Learning approach



# Complex workflows made easy with MATLAB



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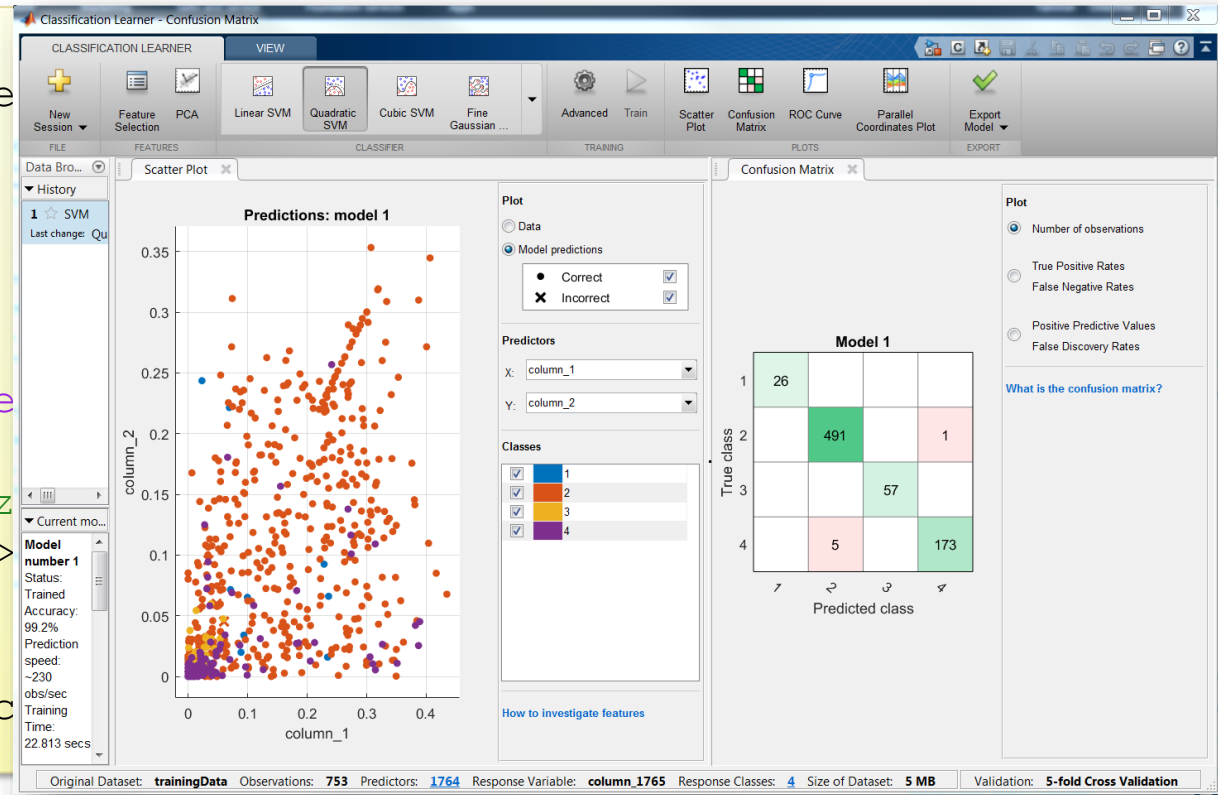
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BW = createMask(videoFrame

% Fill image regions
BW = imfill(BW, 'holes');

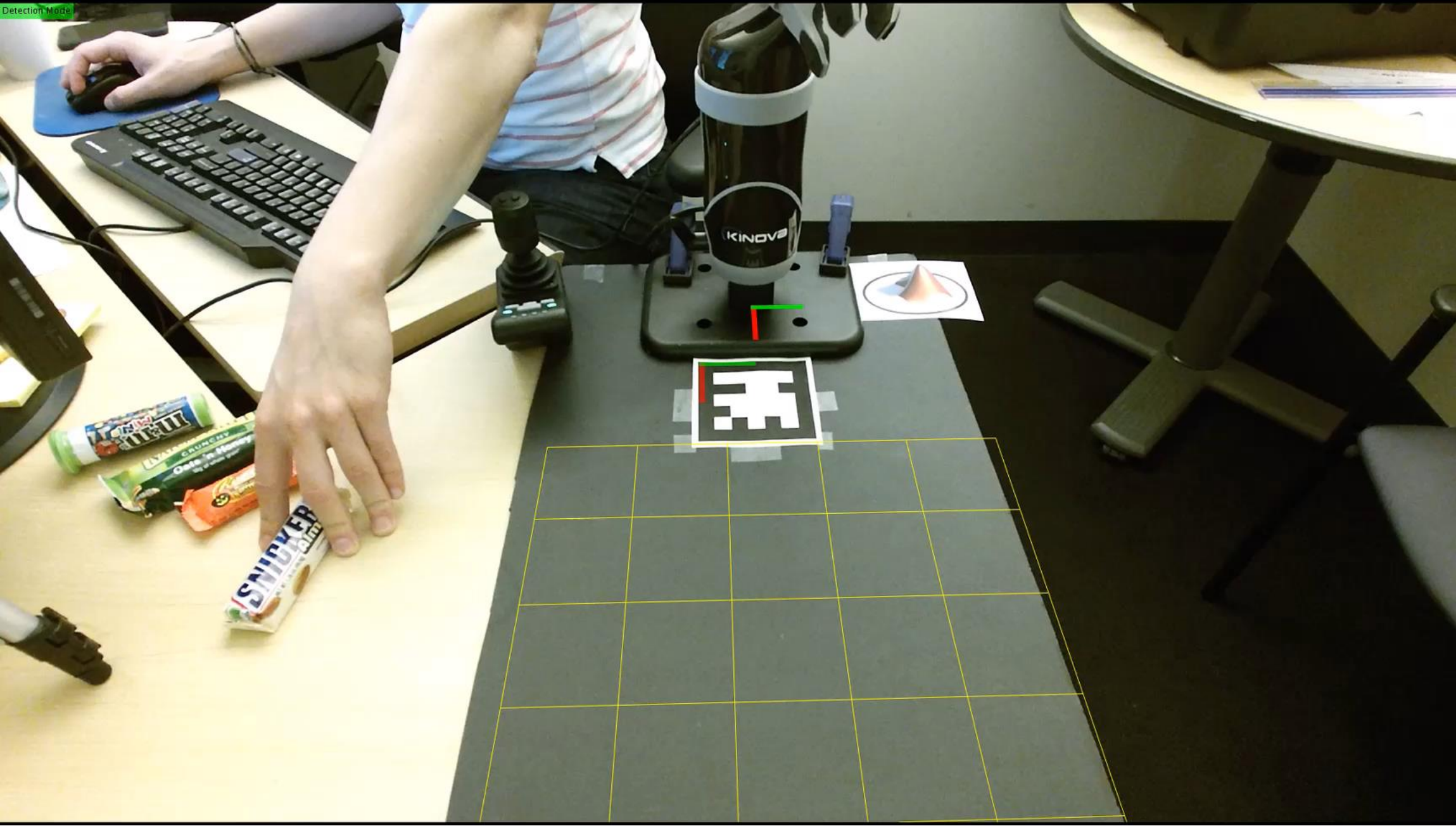
% Get bounding boxes
stats = regionprops('table

% Filter based on area siz
targetIndex = stats.Area >

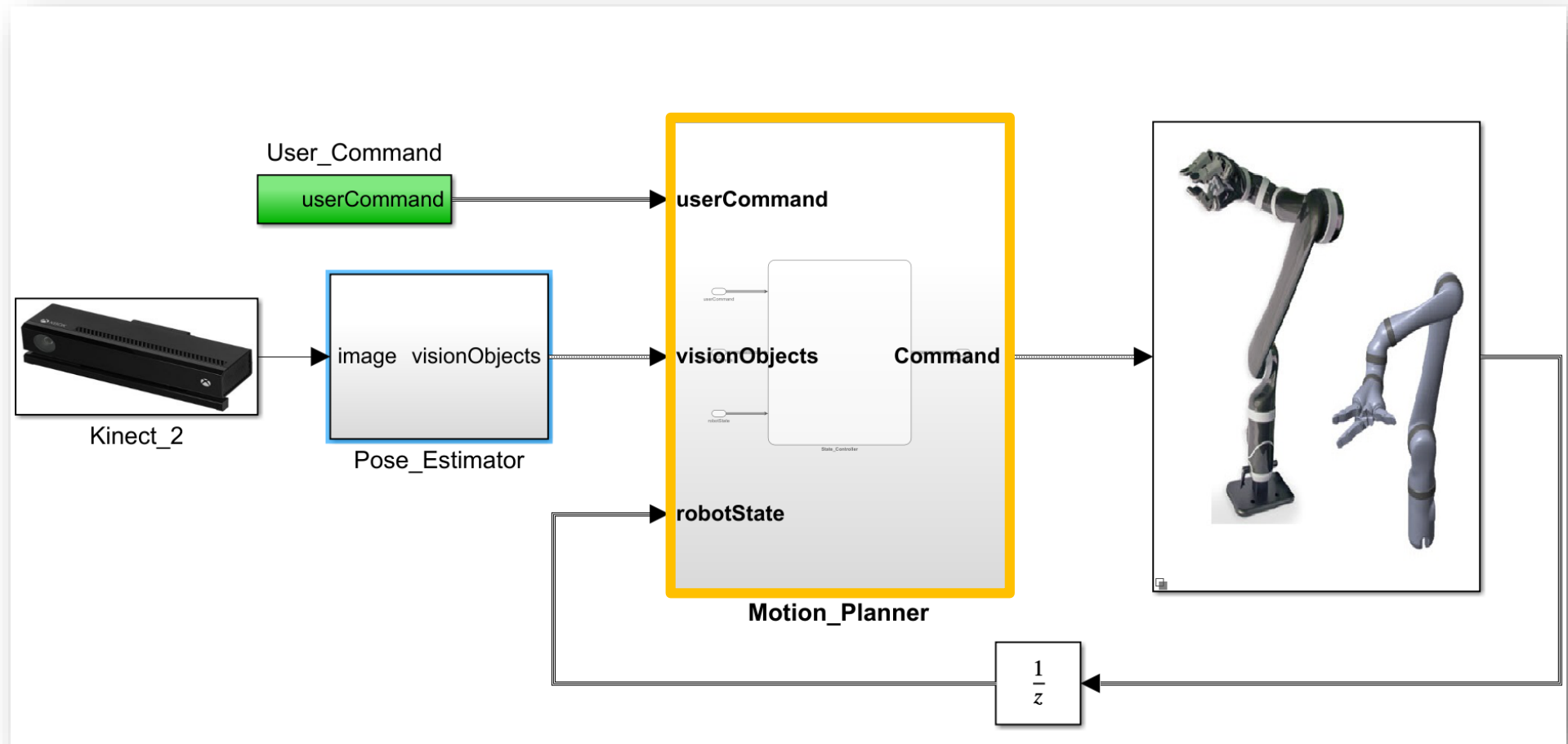
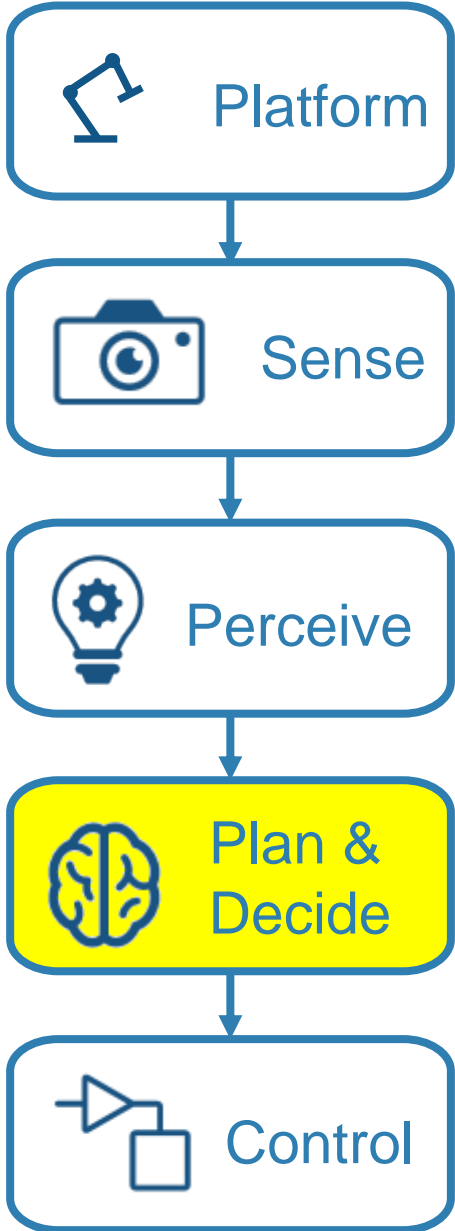
% Get bounding boxes from
testFeatures(k,:) = extrac
    
```



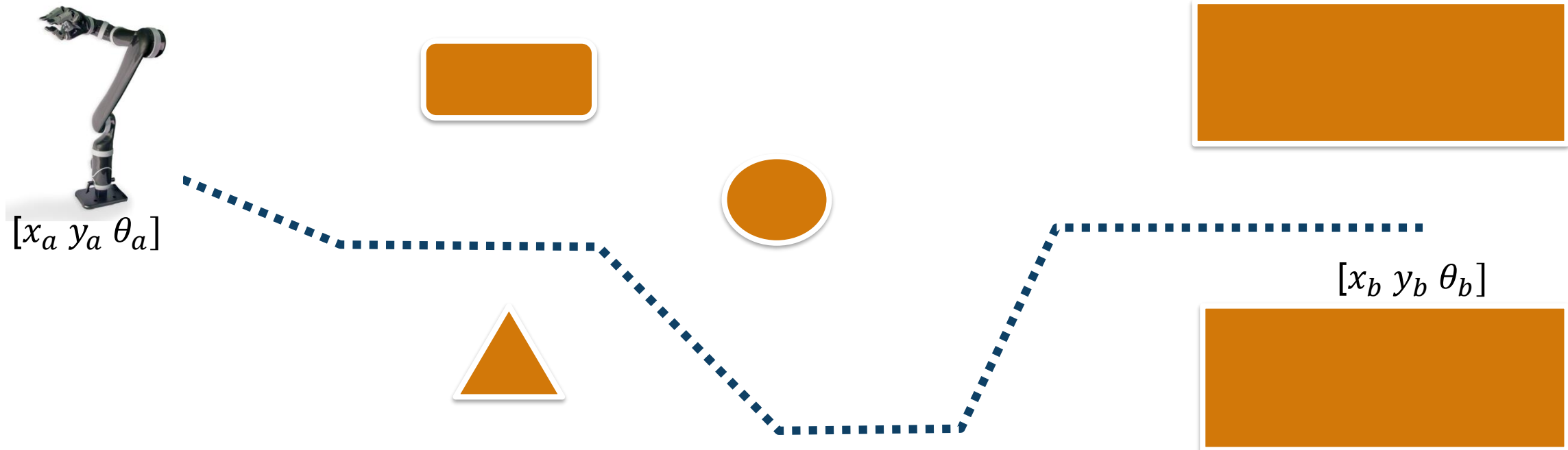
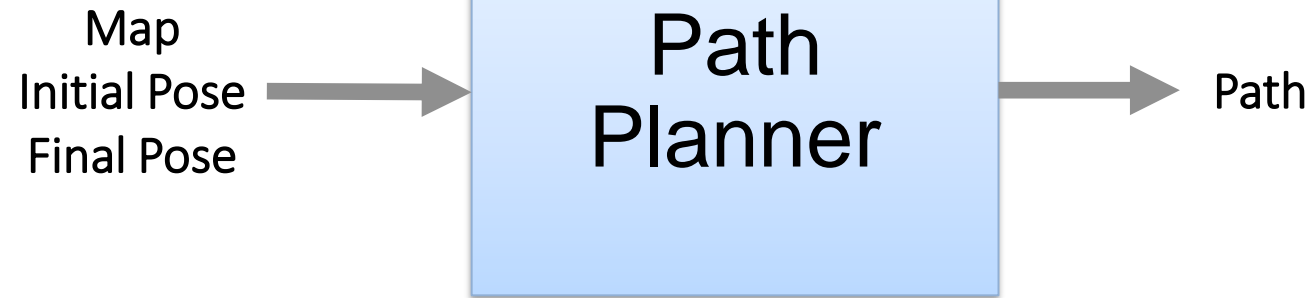
Detection Mode



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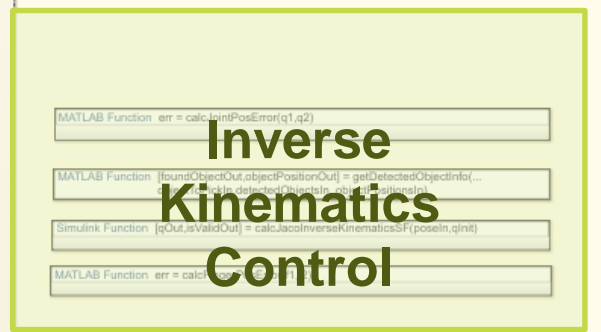
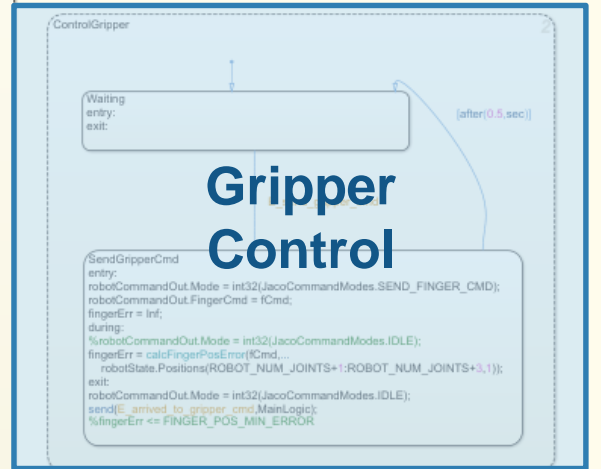
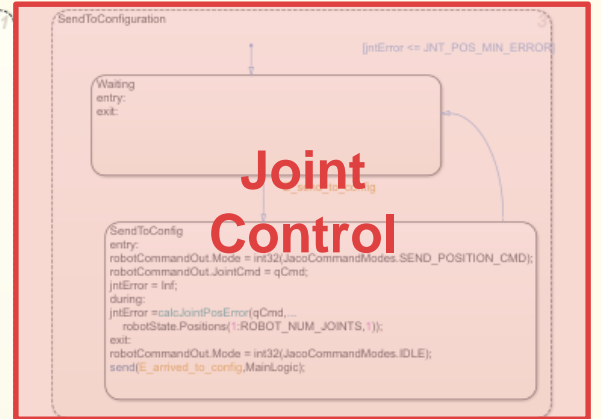
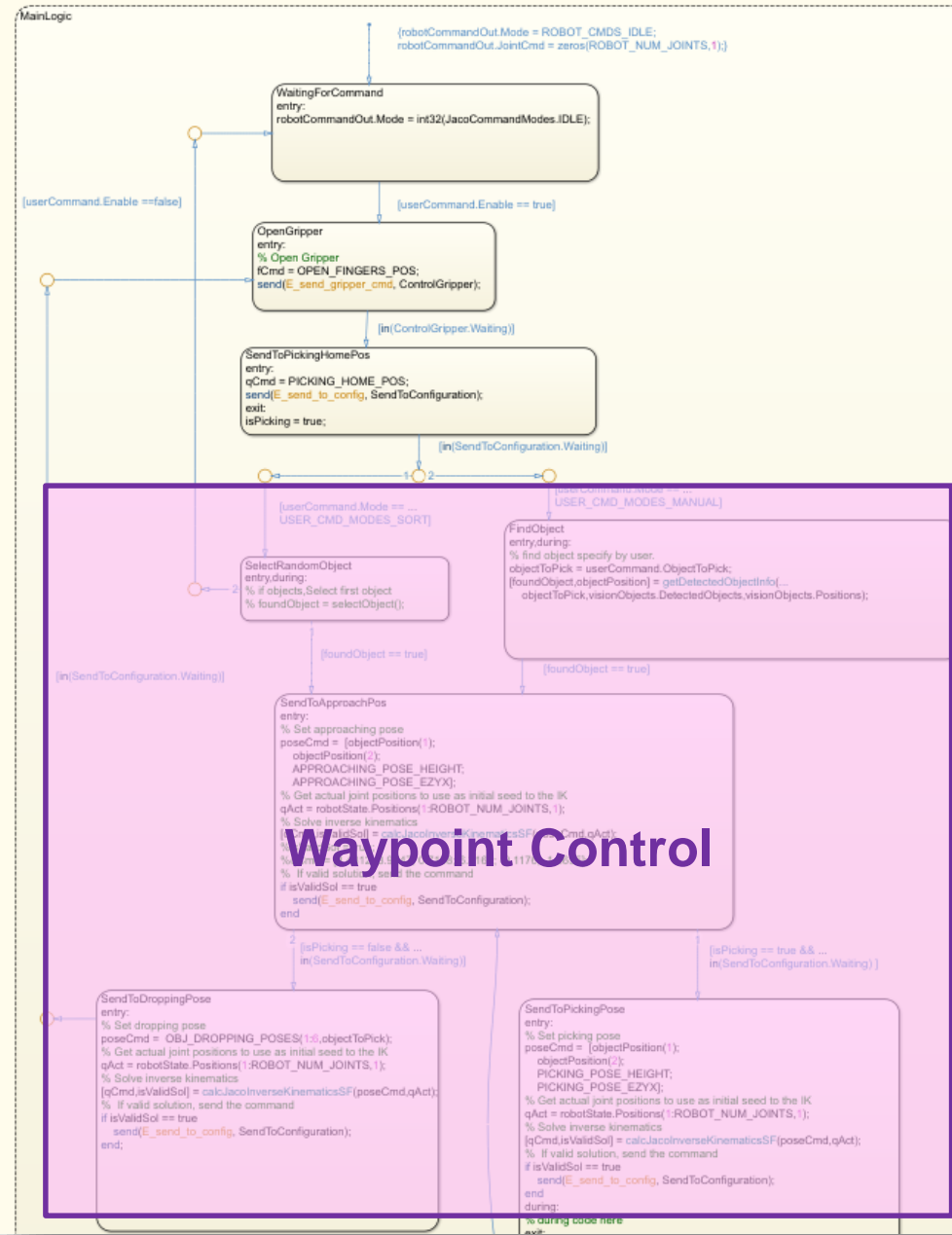


# Planning: Find a path

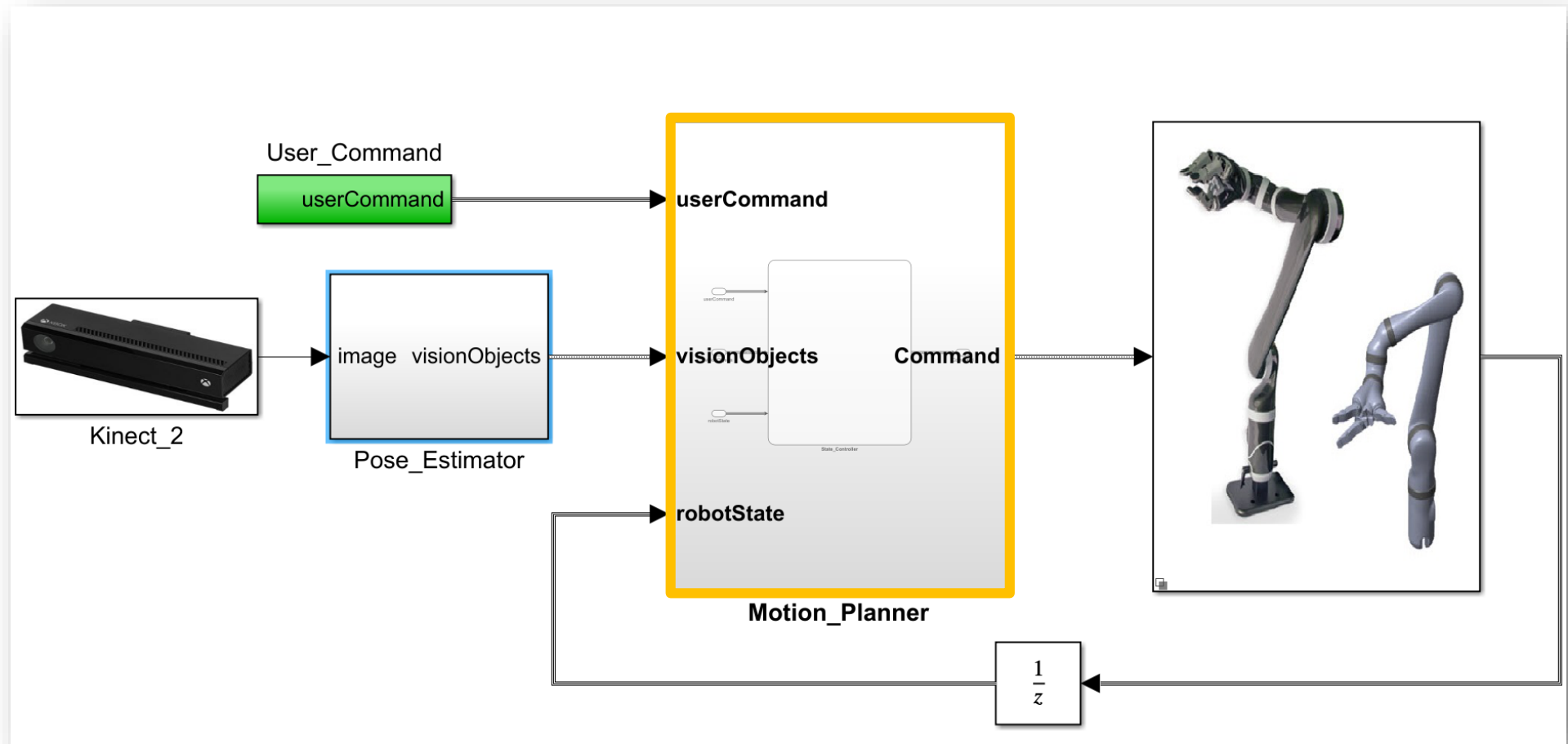
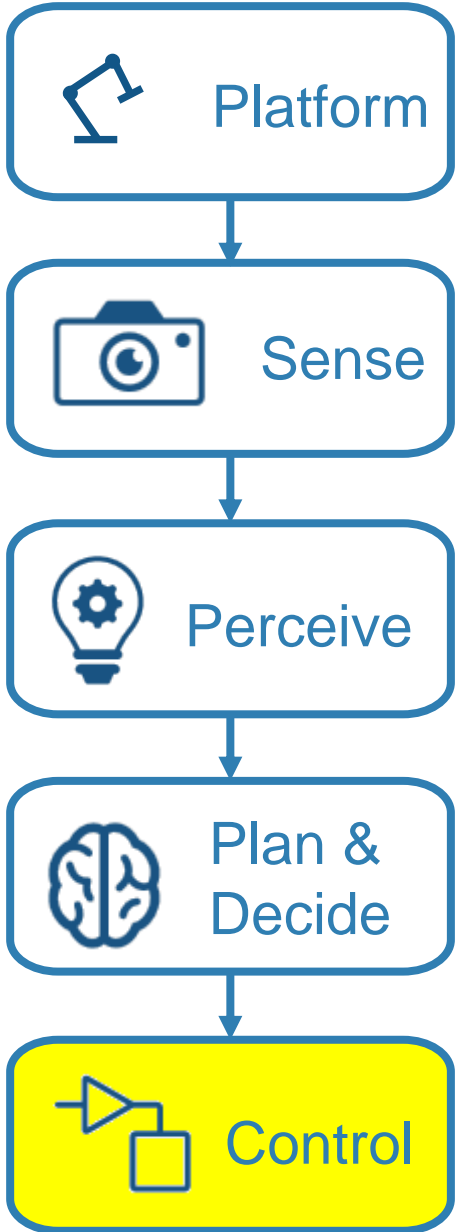




# Plan with Stateflow



# Design Pick and Place Application

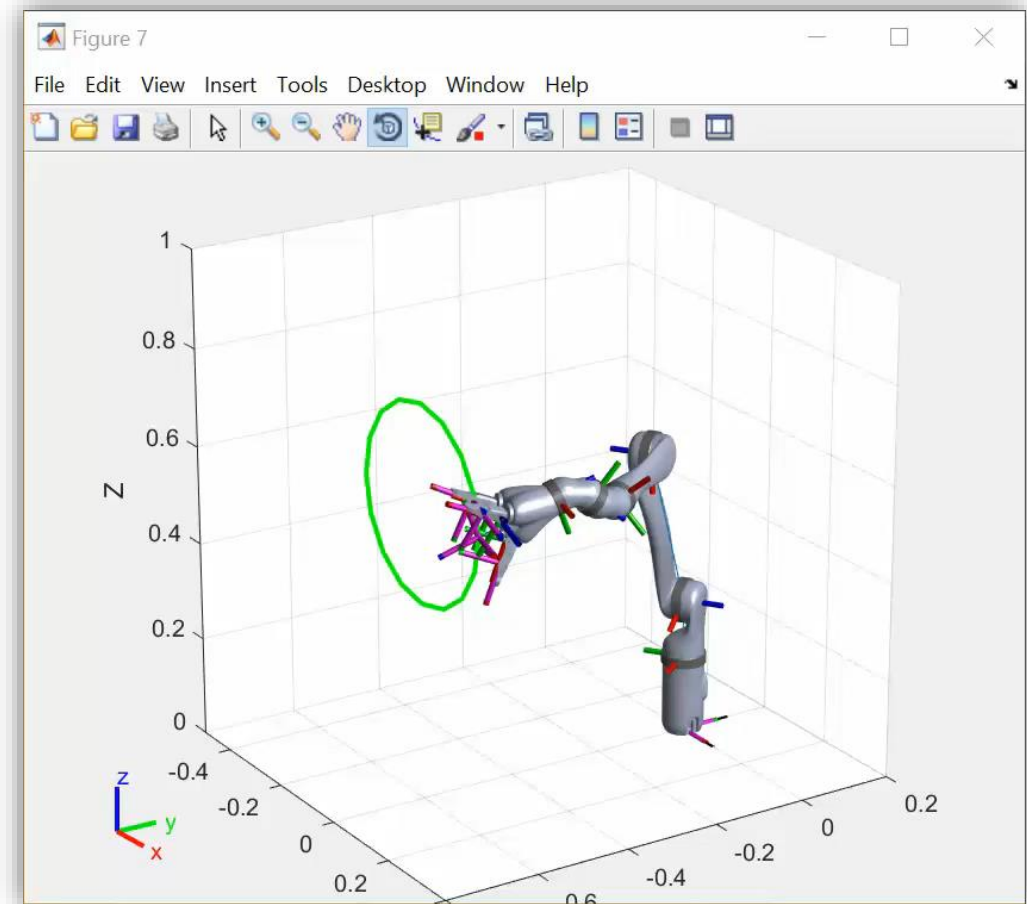


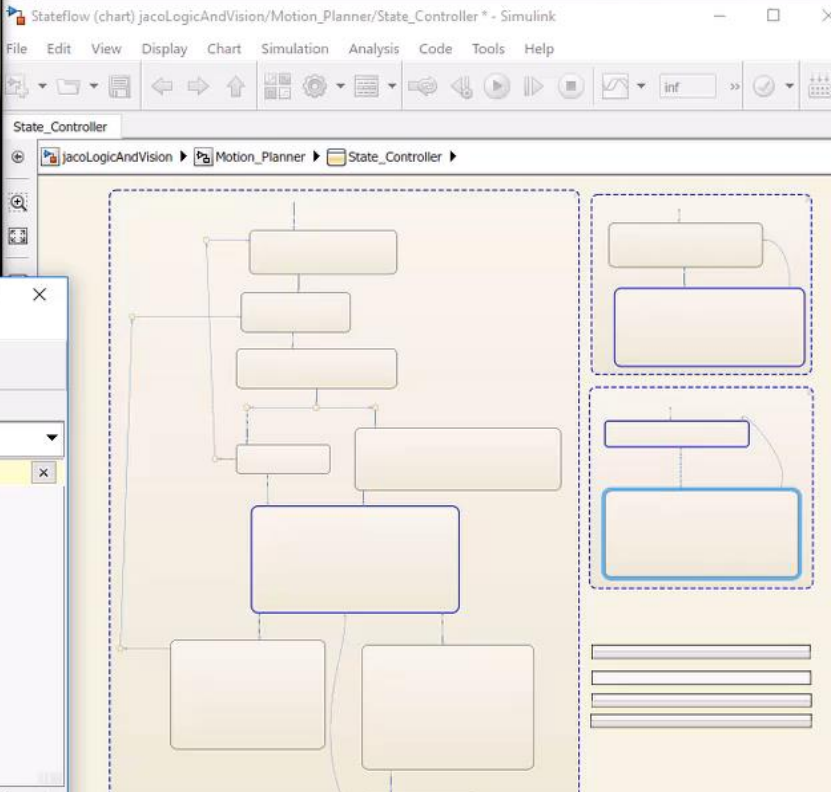
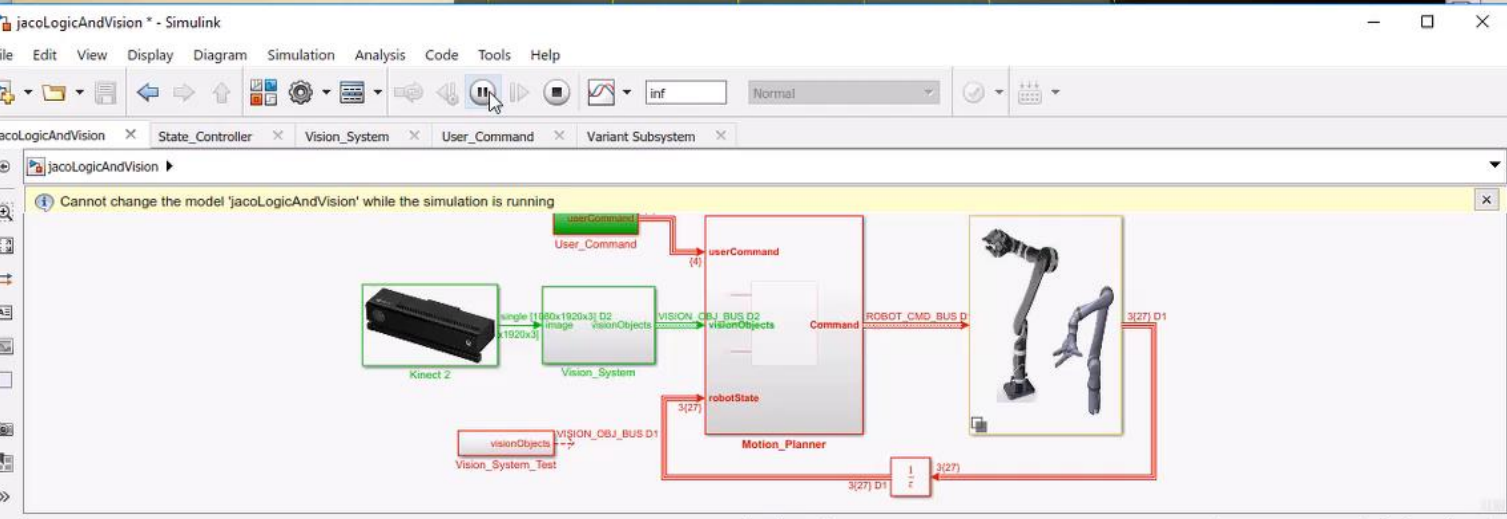
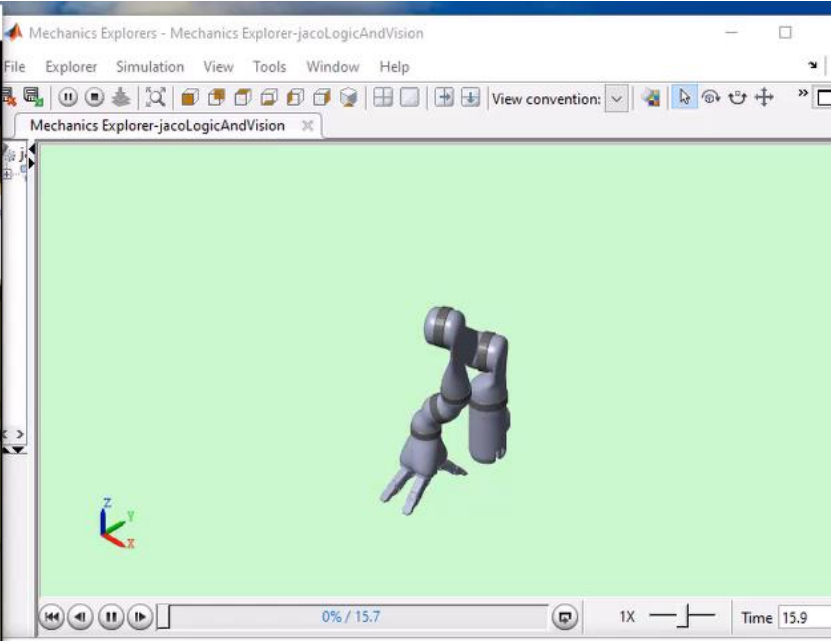
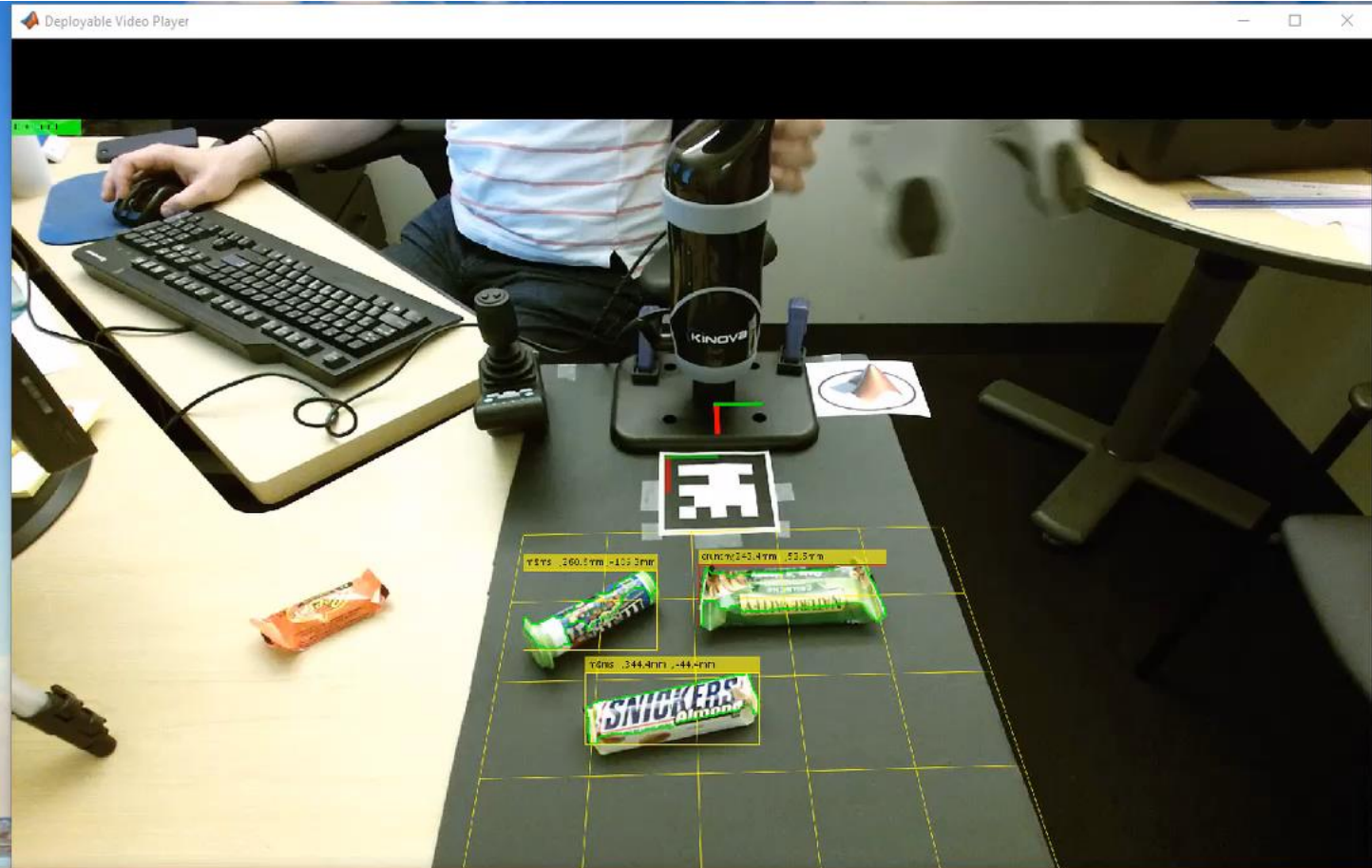
# Control: Explore Built In Functions: Inverse Kinematics

```
% Create ik solver object
ik=robotics.InverseKinematics('RigidBodyTree',
                             jaco)

% Disable random restarts
ik.SolverParameters.AllowRandomRestart = false;

% Parameters to pass to the solver
weights = [1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1];
q_init = 0.1*ones(numel(q_home),1);
```





## Key Takeaway of this Talk

Success in developing an autonomous robotics system requires:

- Multi-domain simulation
- Trusted tools which make complex workflows easy and integrate with other tools
- Model-based design

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```
% Thank you
```