

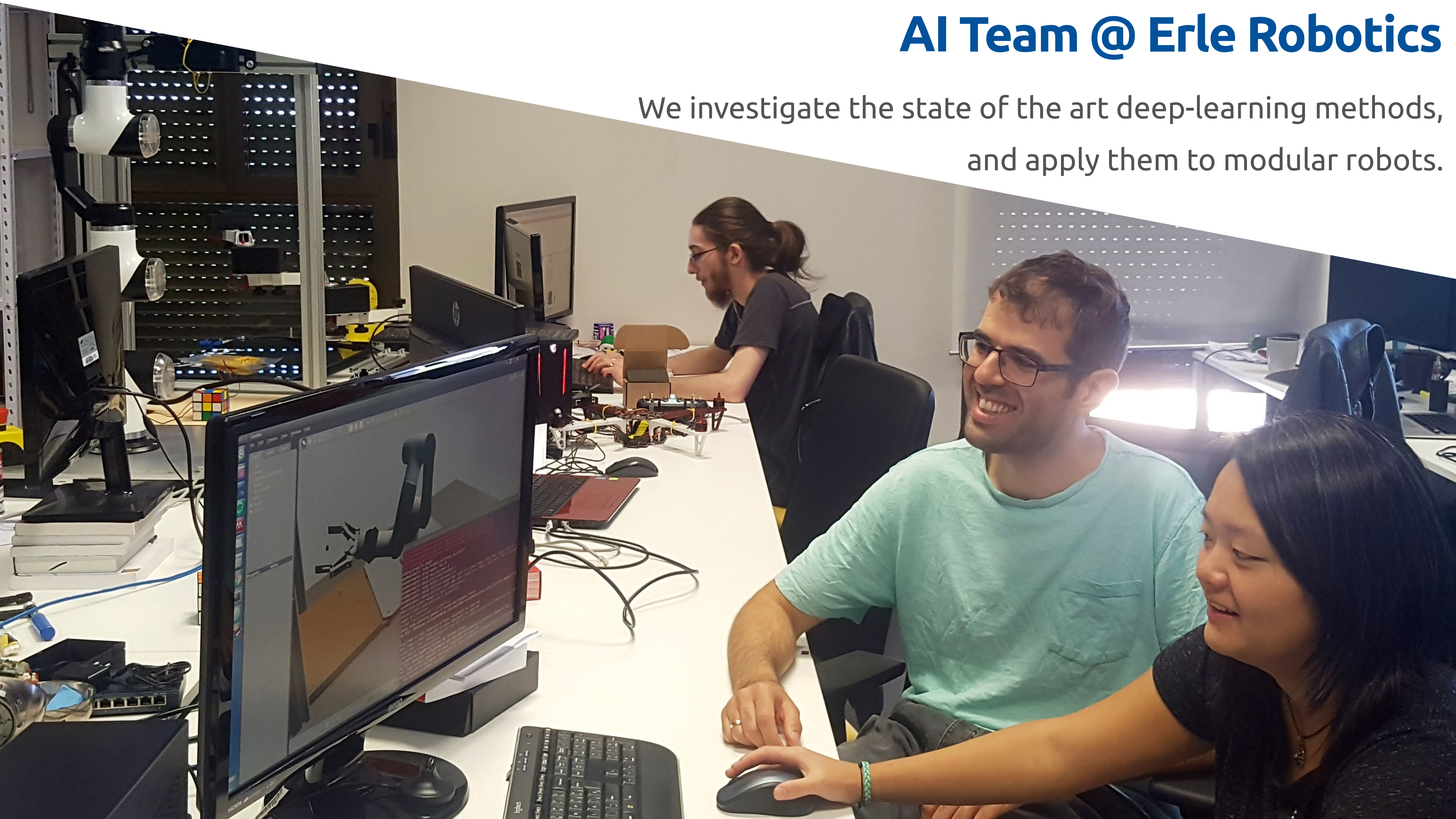


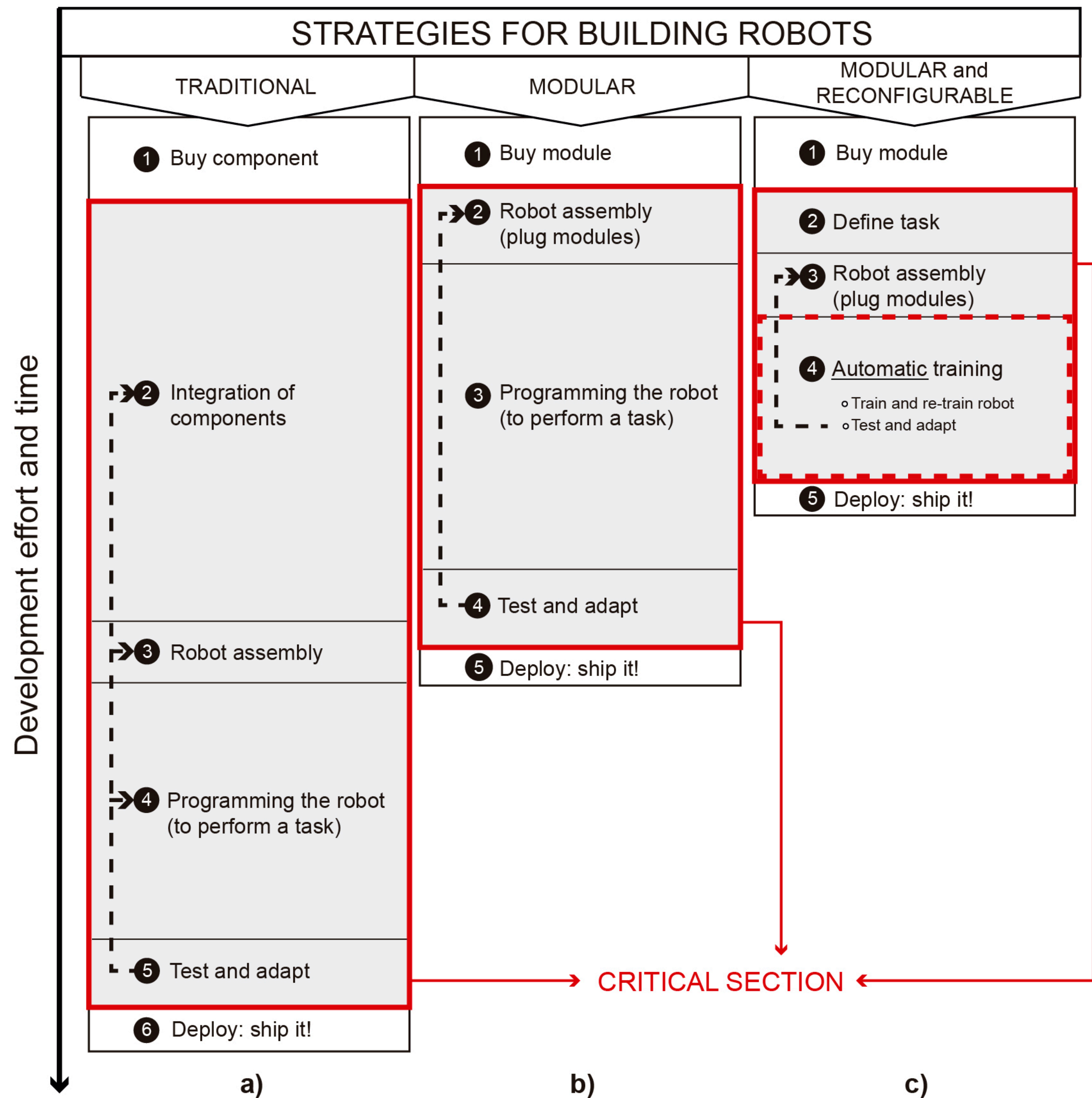
# Accelerated Robot Training through Simulation with **ROS** and **Gazebo**

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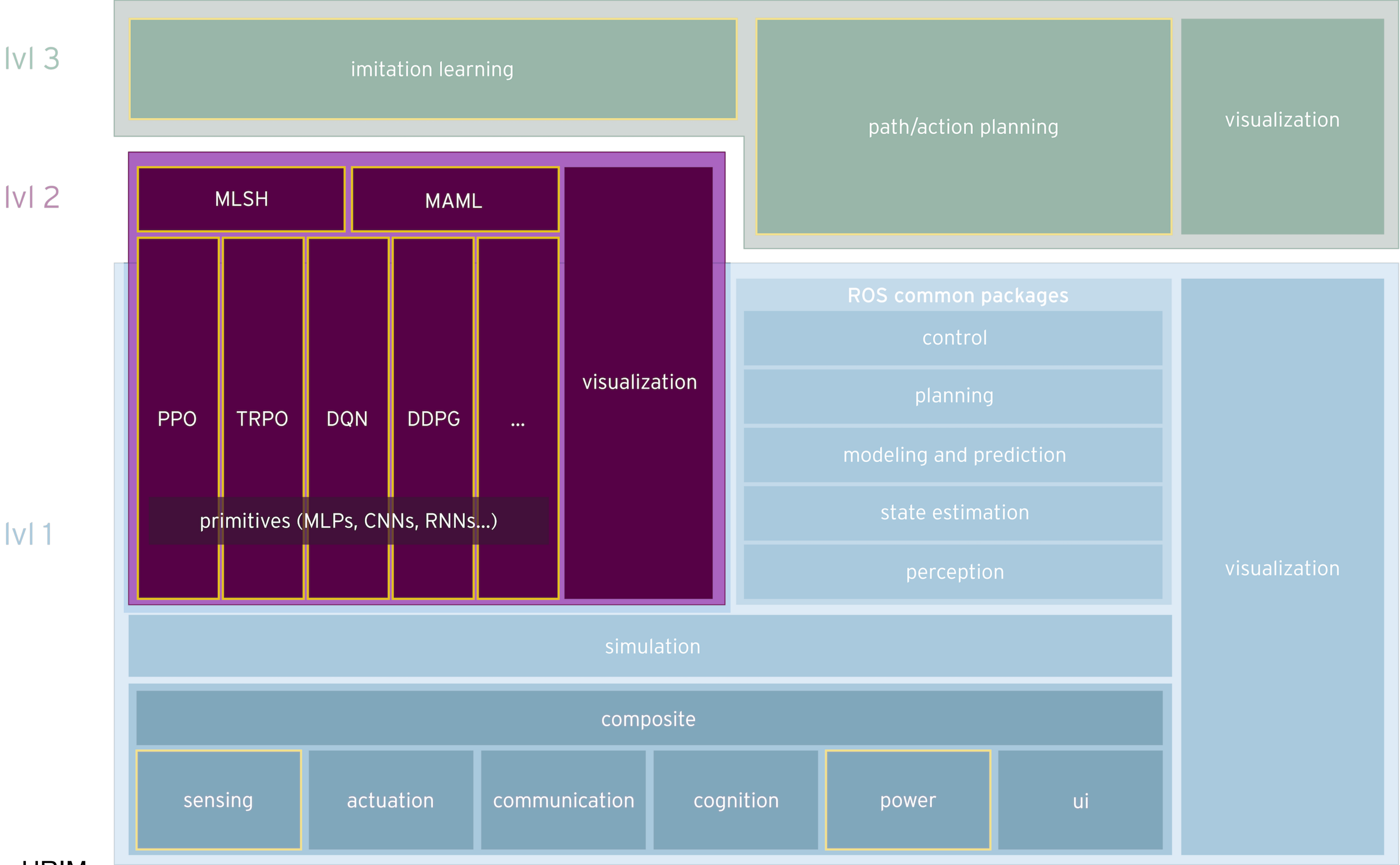
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We investigate the state of the art deep-learning methods,  
and apply them to modular robots.





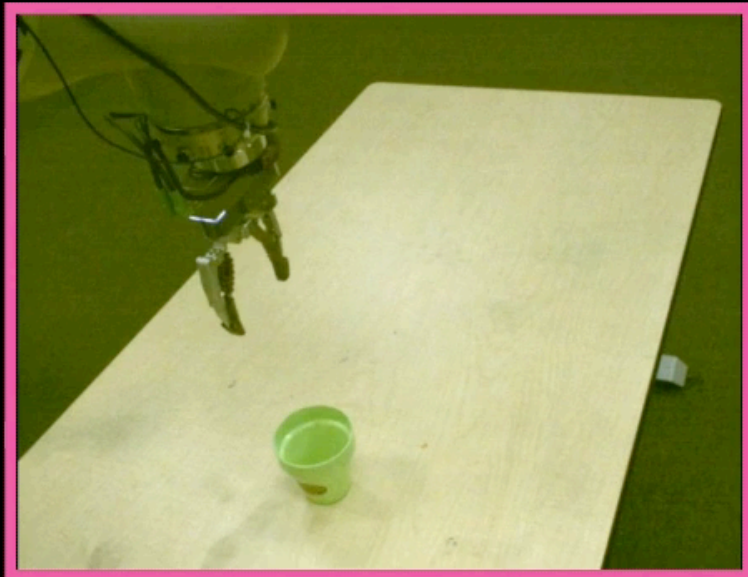
# AI Infrastructure: Algorithms



# Two unlinked worlds

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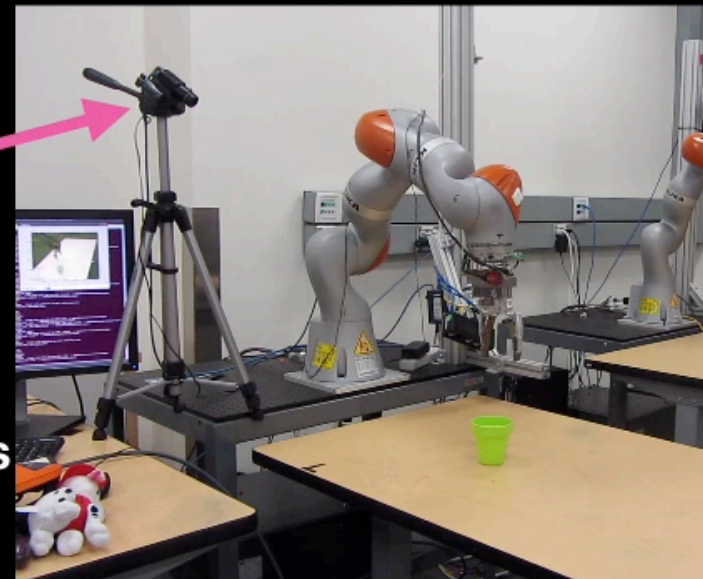
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(used for Robot Inference)



Query  
Object



**3rd Person view**  
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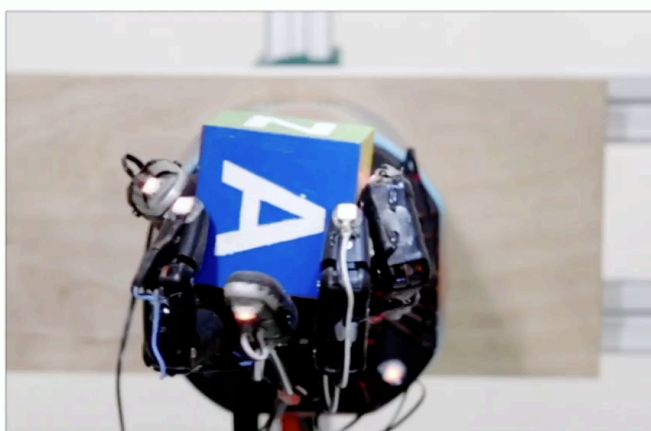


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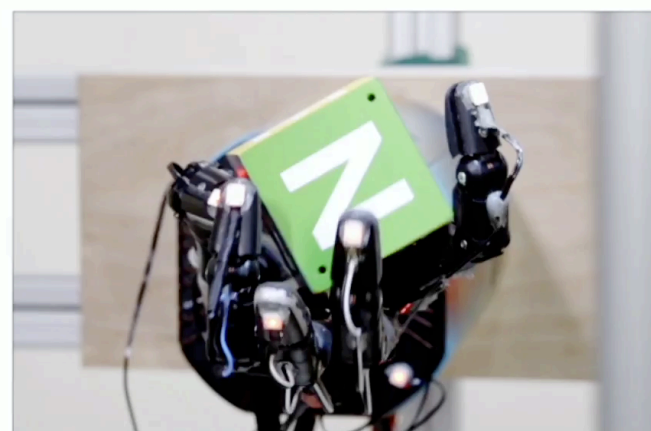
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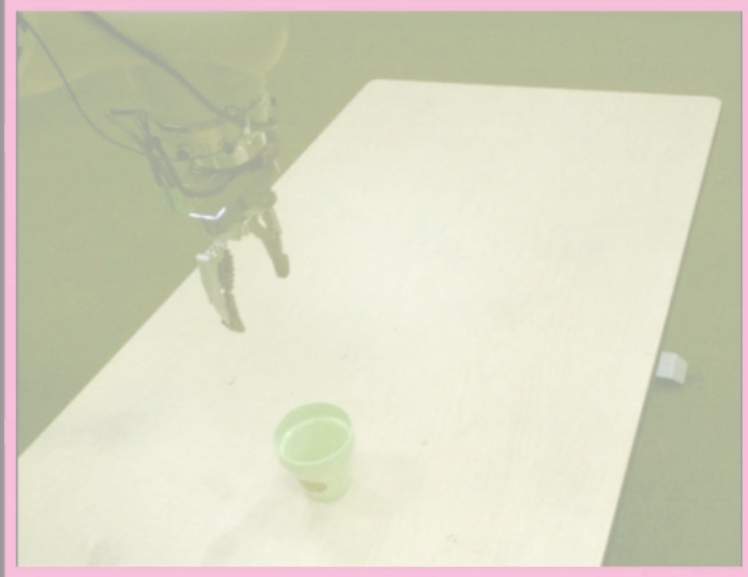


GAZEBO

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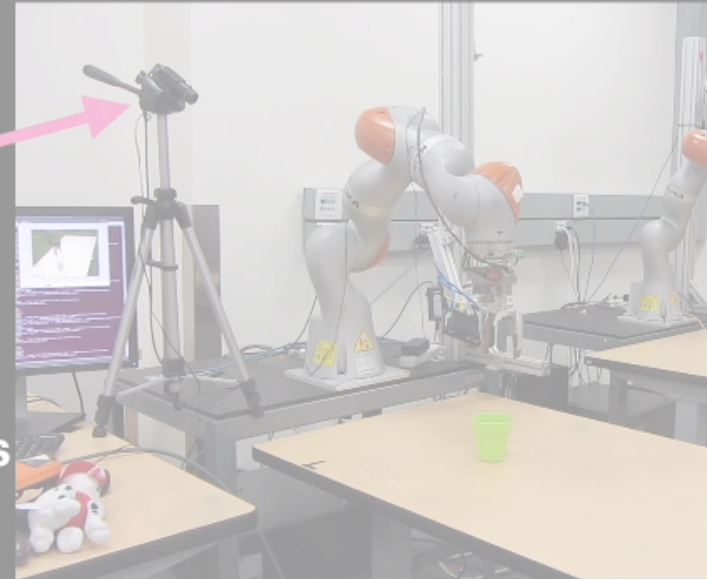
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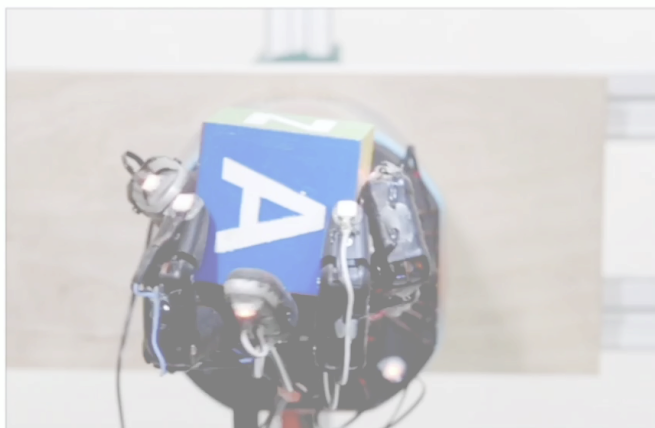


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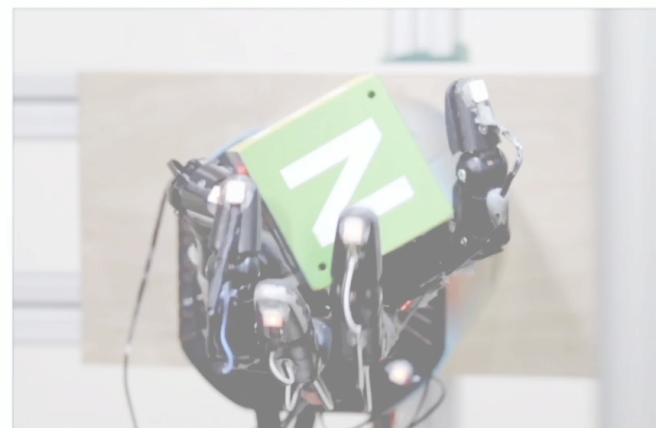
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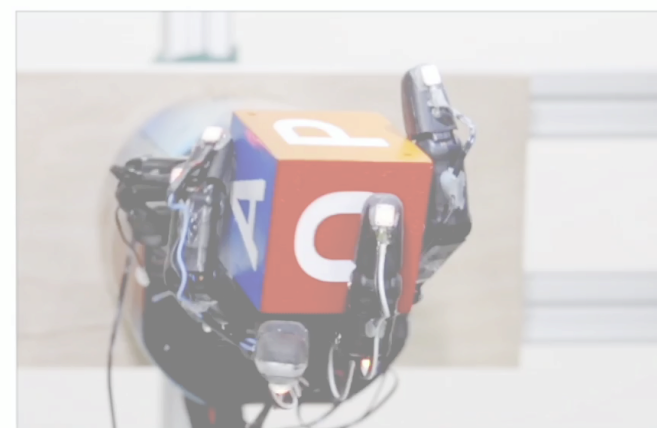
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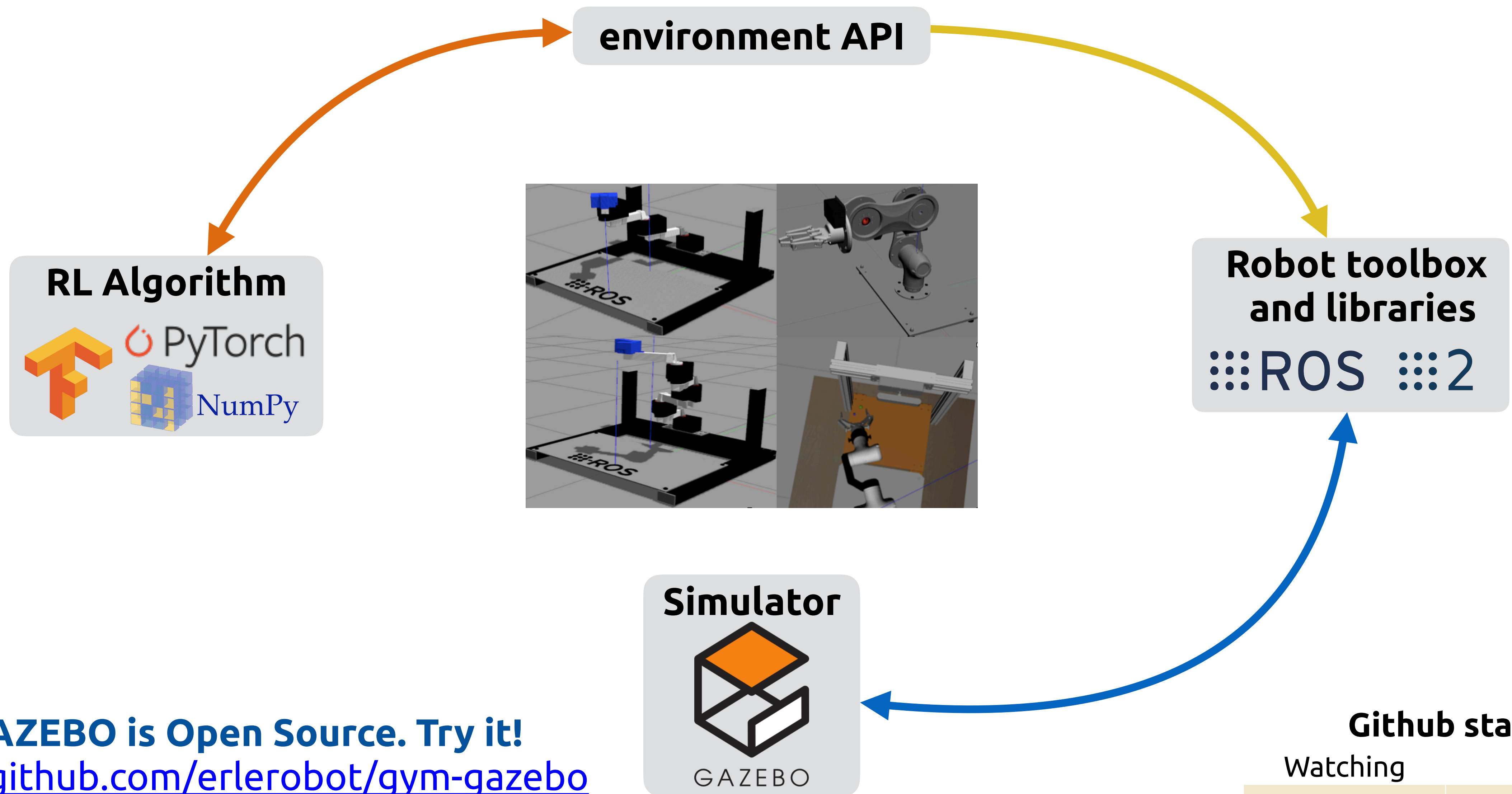
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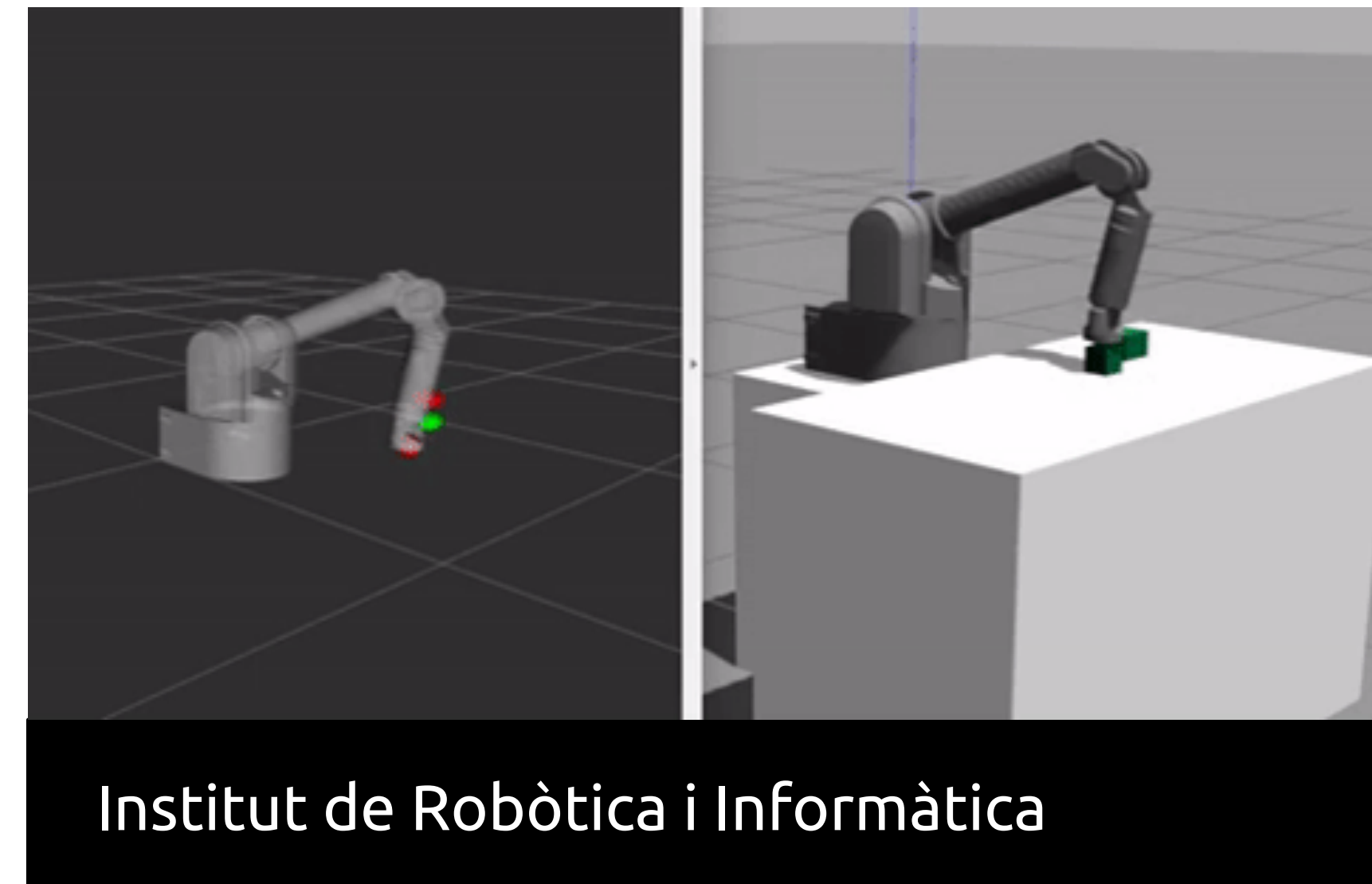
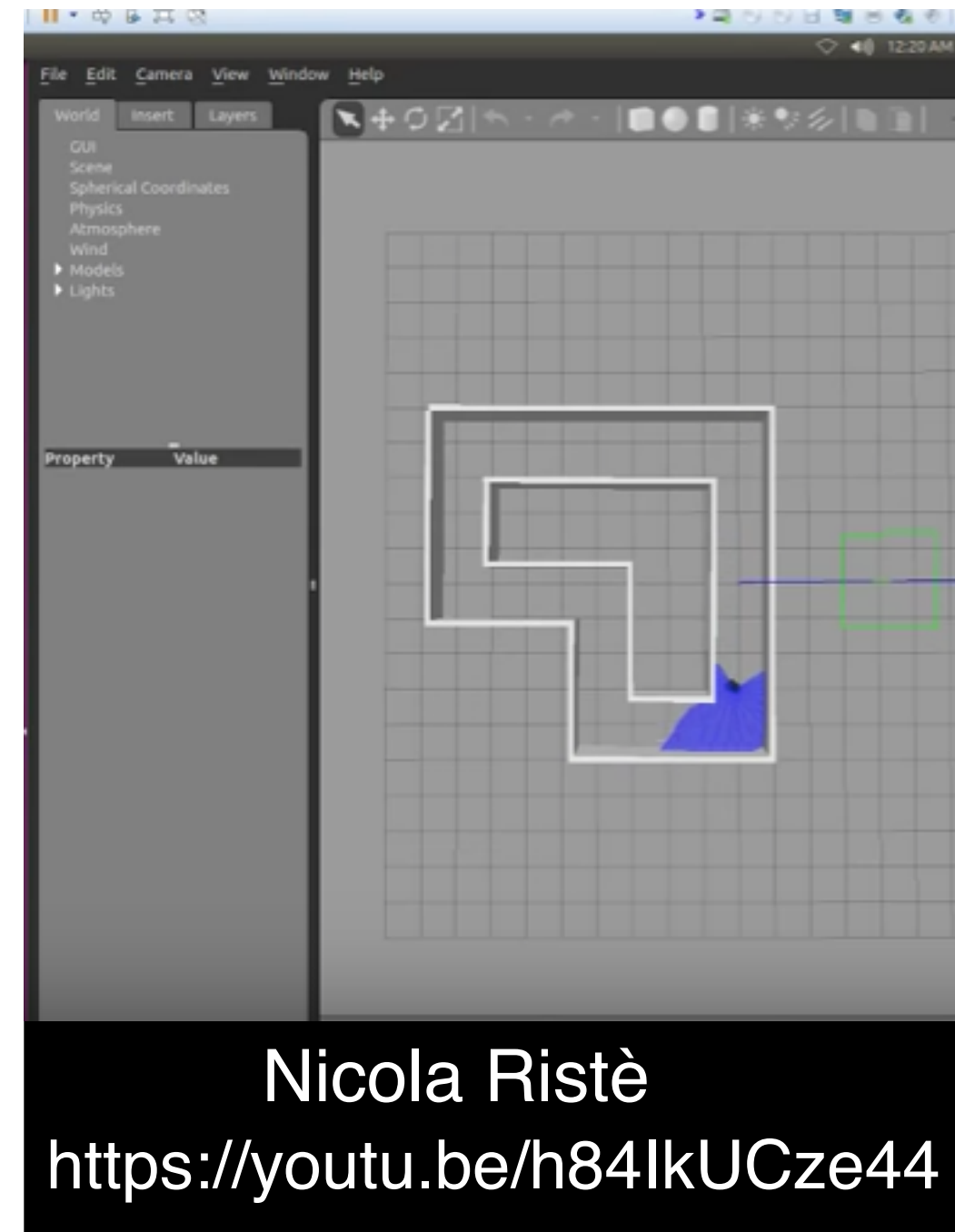
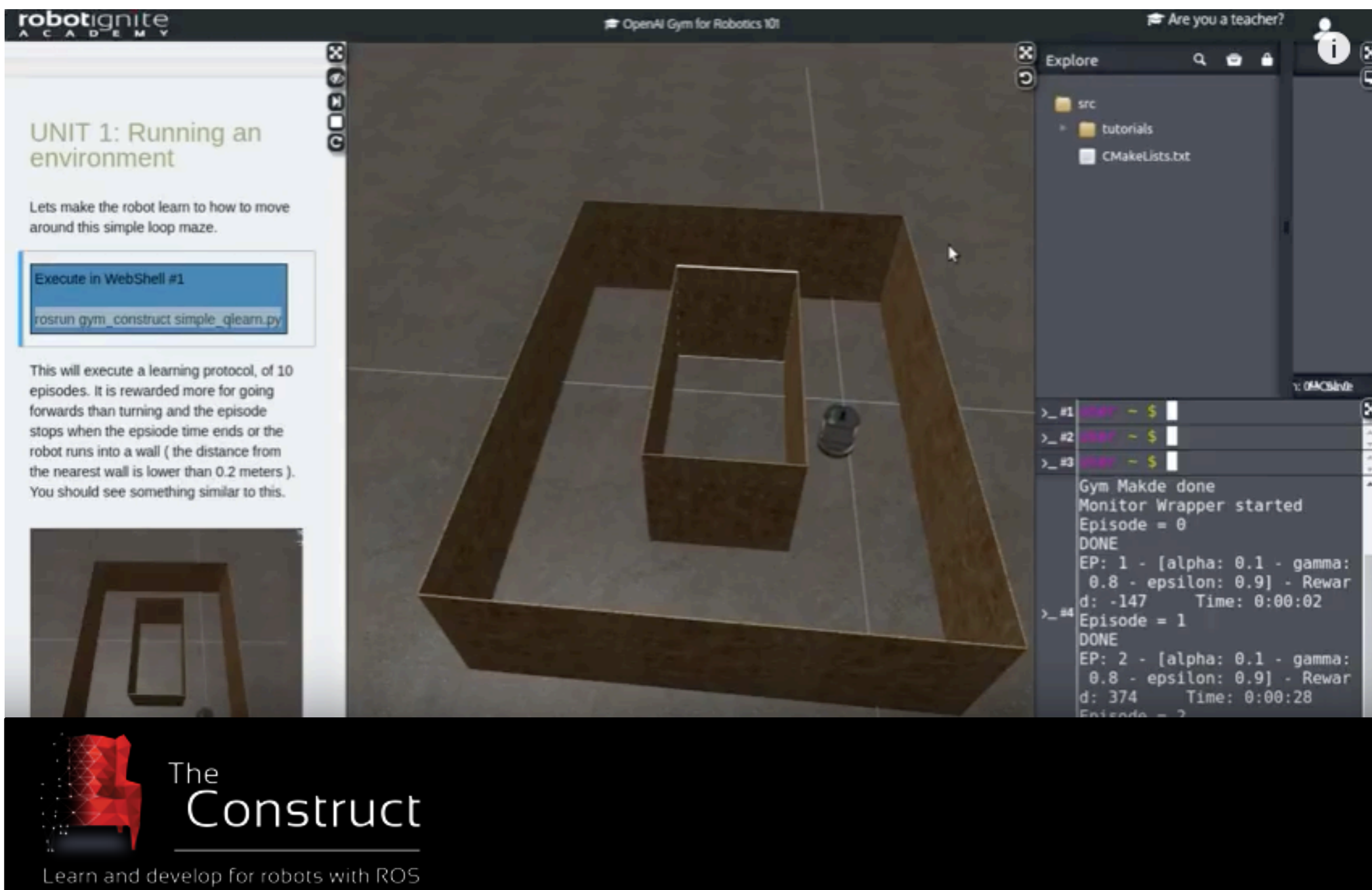
# GYM\_GAZEBO: a Link between *AI* and *Robotic Methods*



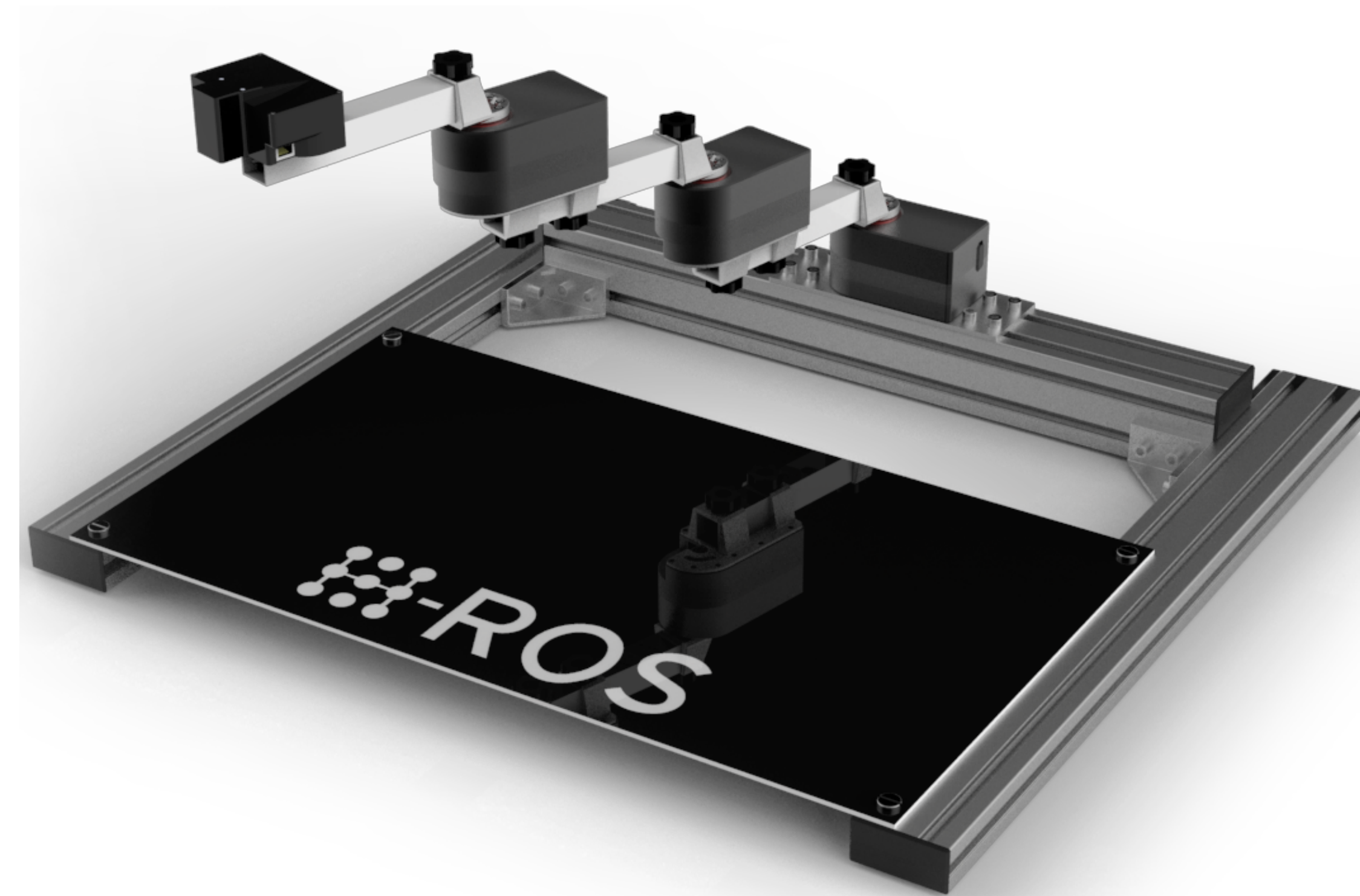
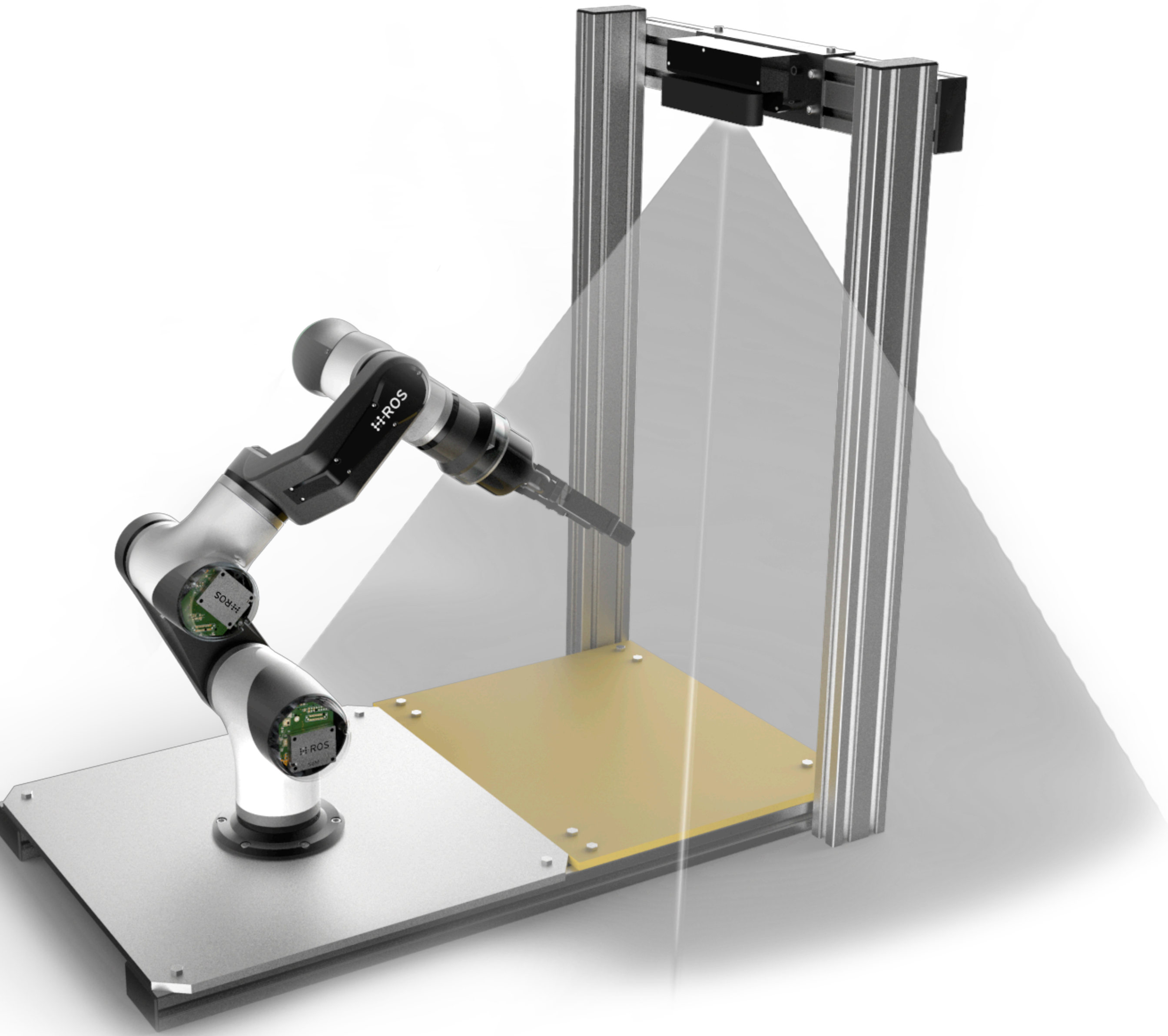
**GYM\_GAZEBO is Open Source. Try it!**  
<https://github.com/erlerobot/gym-gazebo>

Github stats	
Watching	Stars
42	395

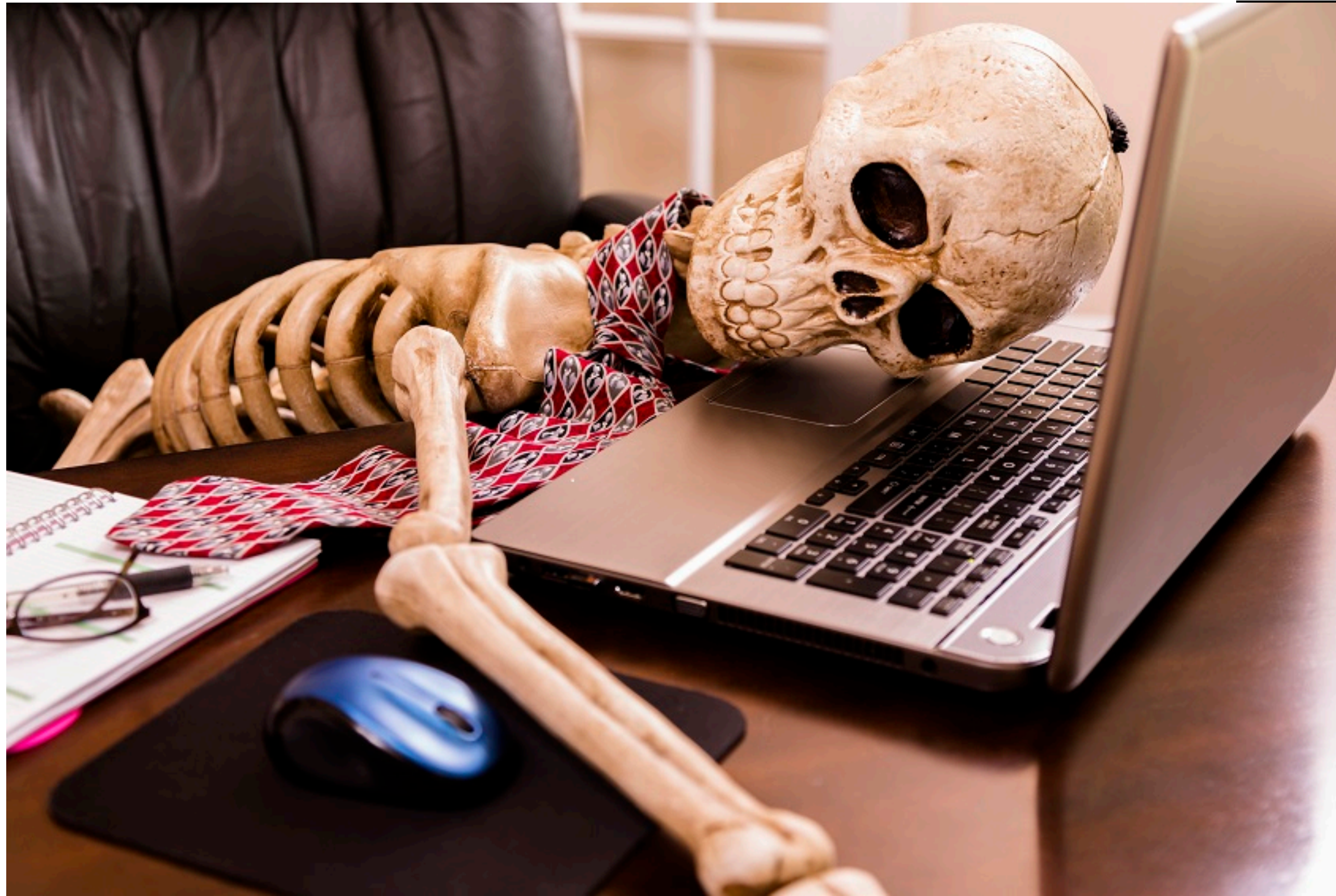
# GYM\_GAZEBO: Community Projects



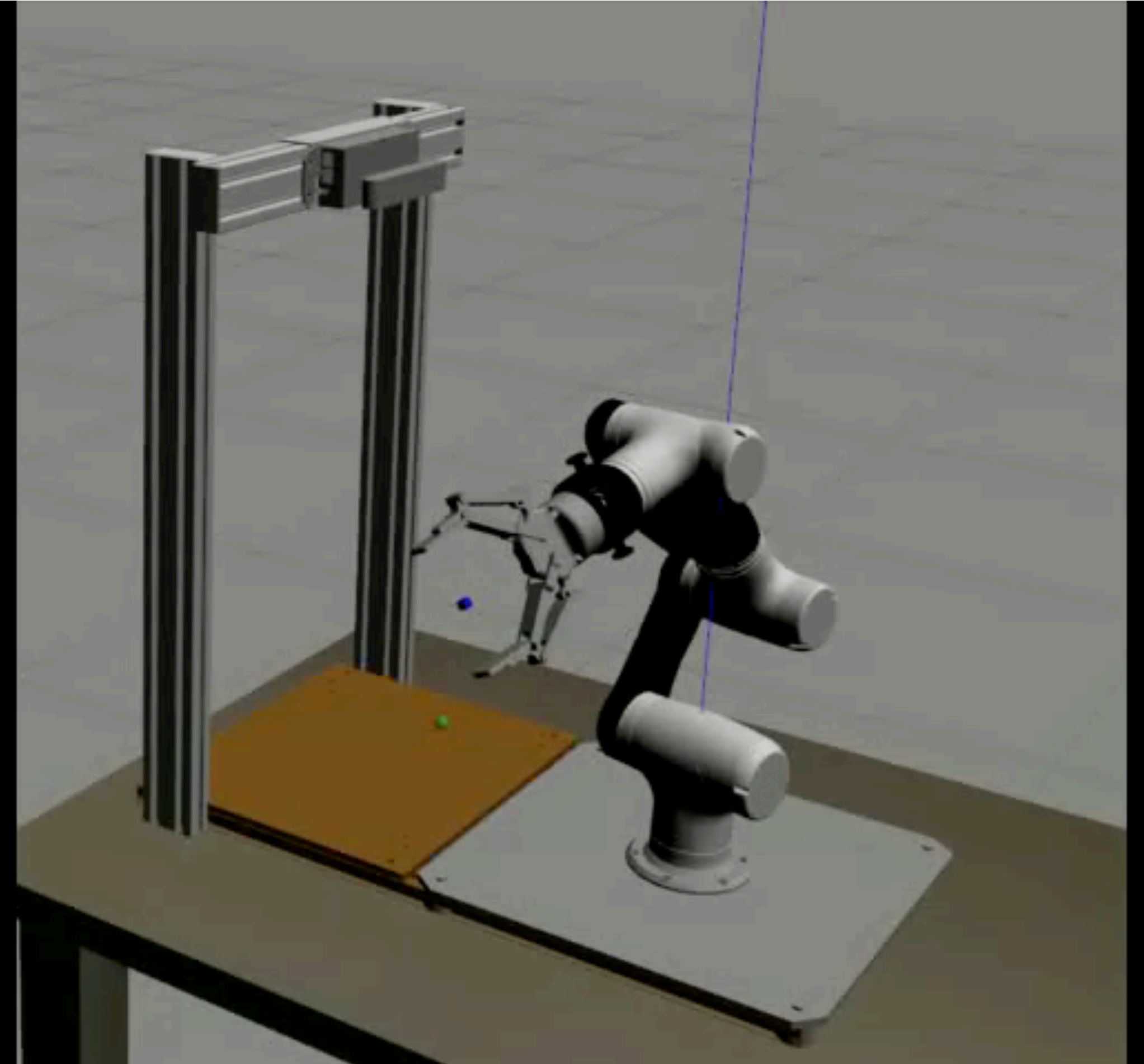
# An “end to end” solution for modular robots



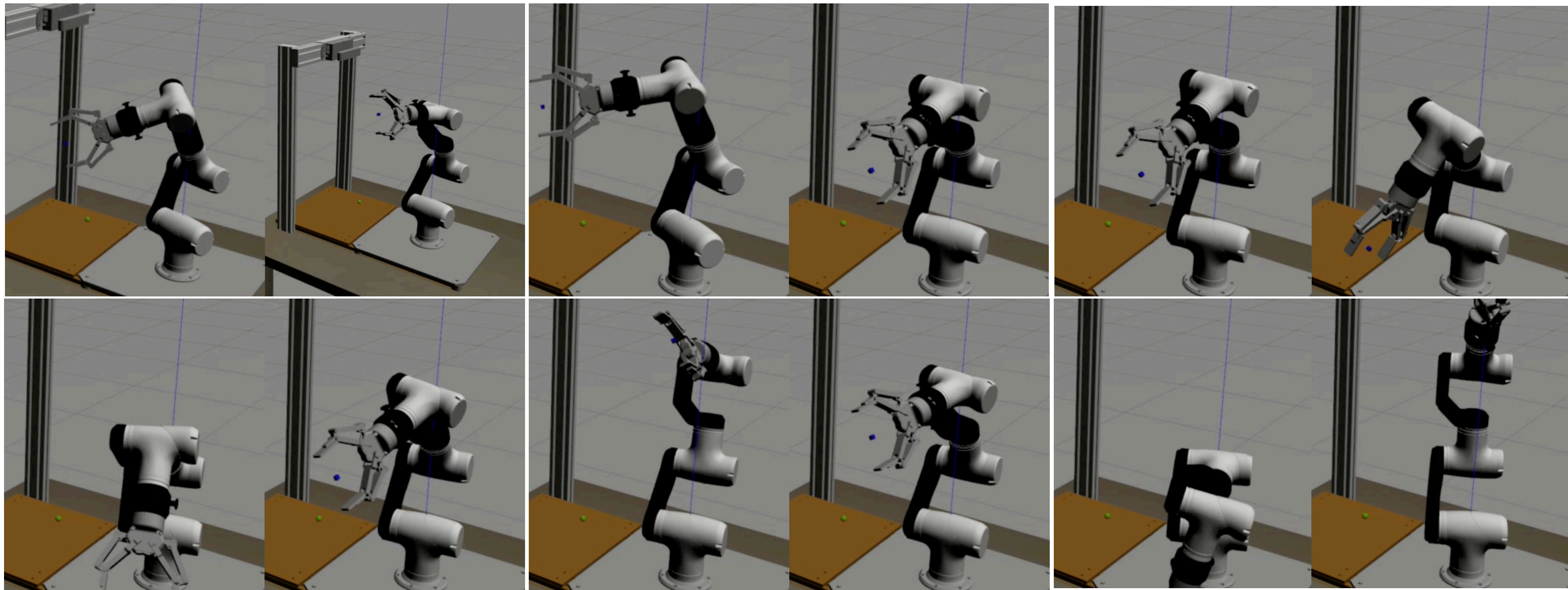
# Reinforcement Learning requires long training time...



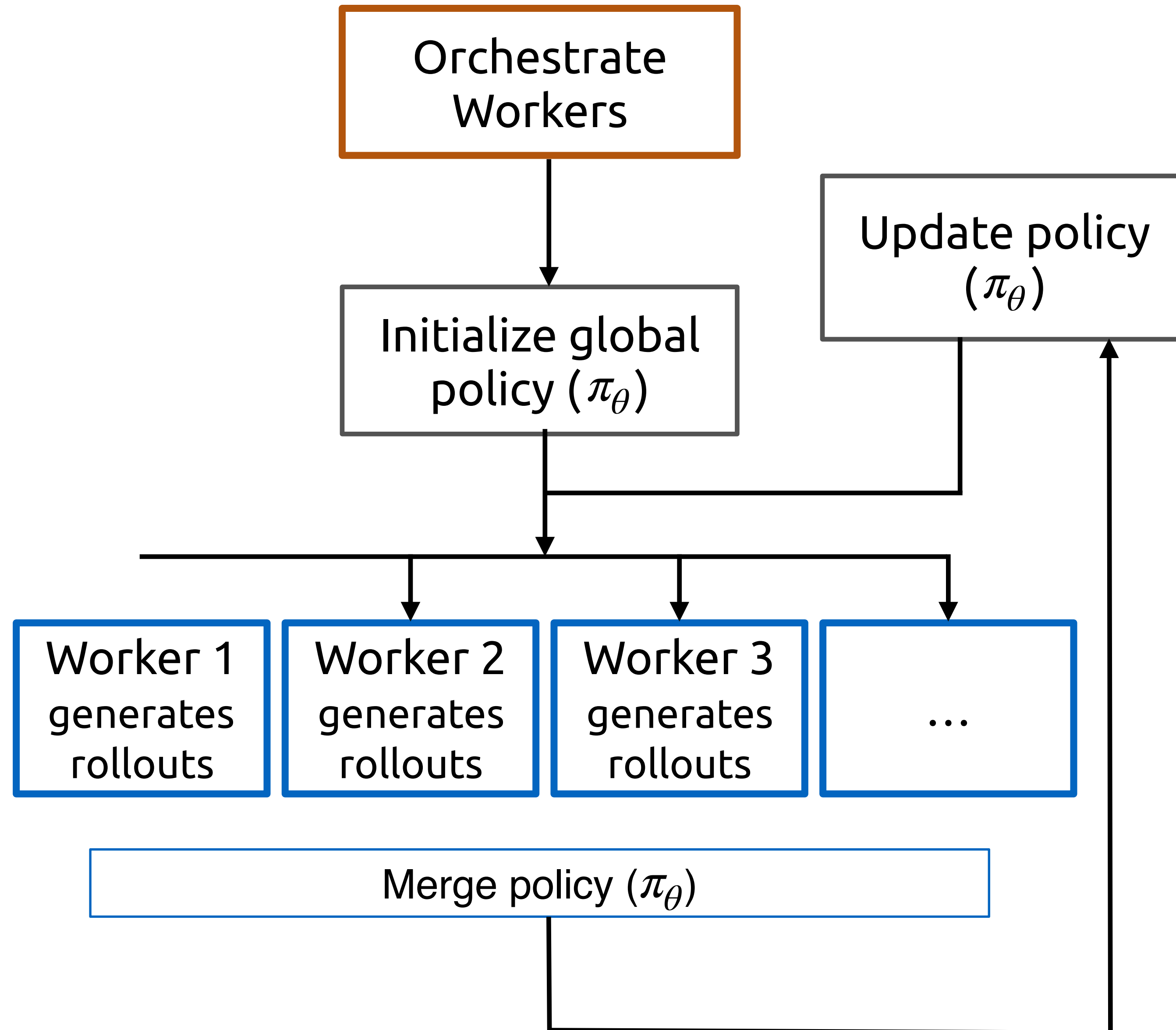
...this is me waiting for results !



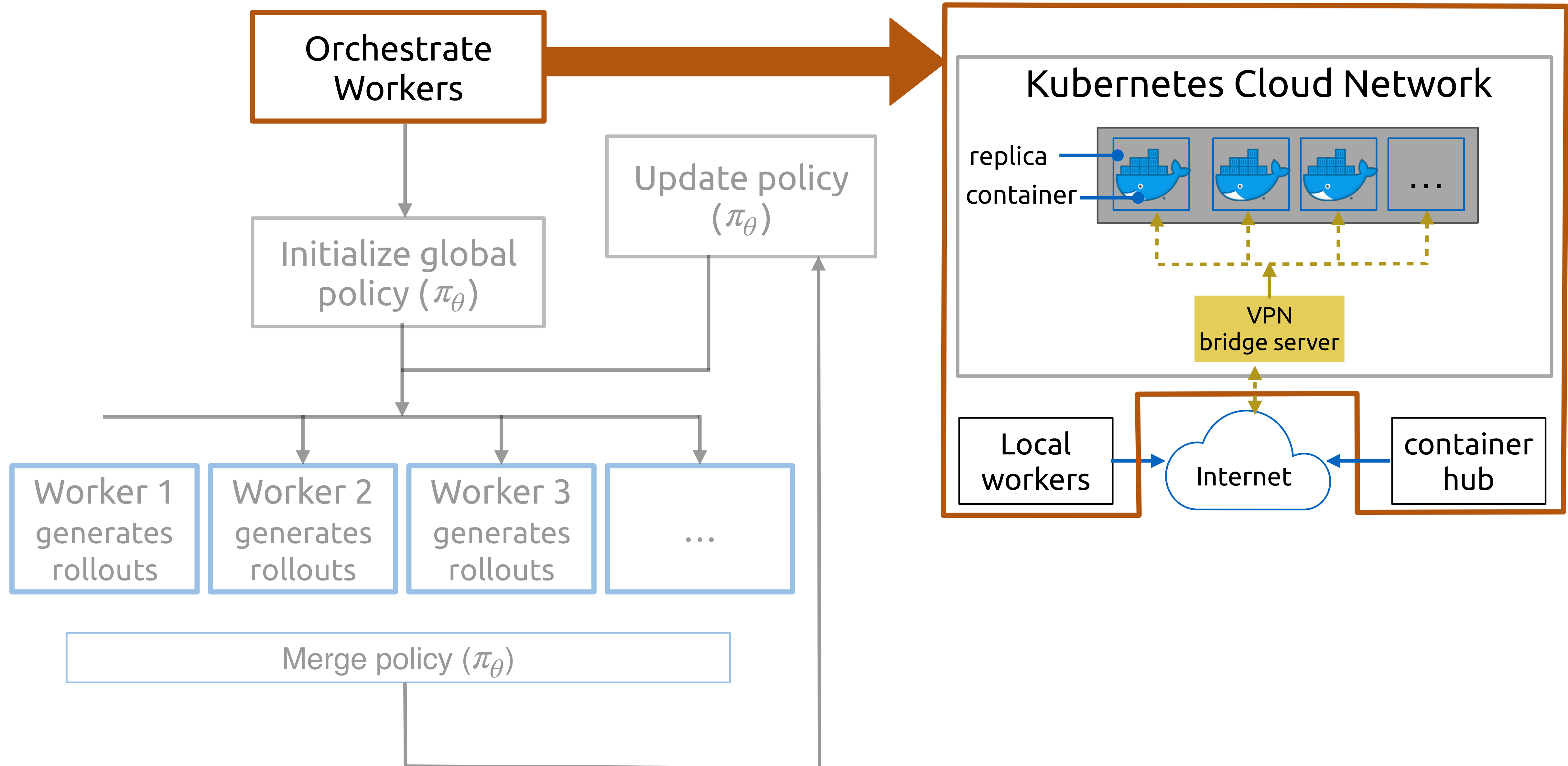
# ROBOT\_GYM: accelerating training



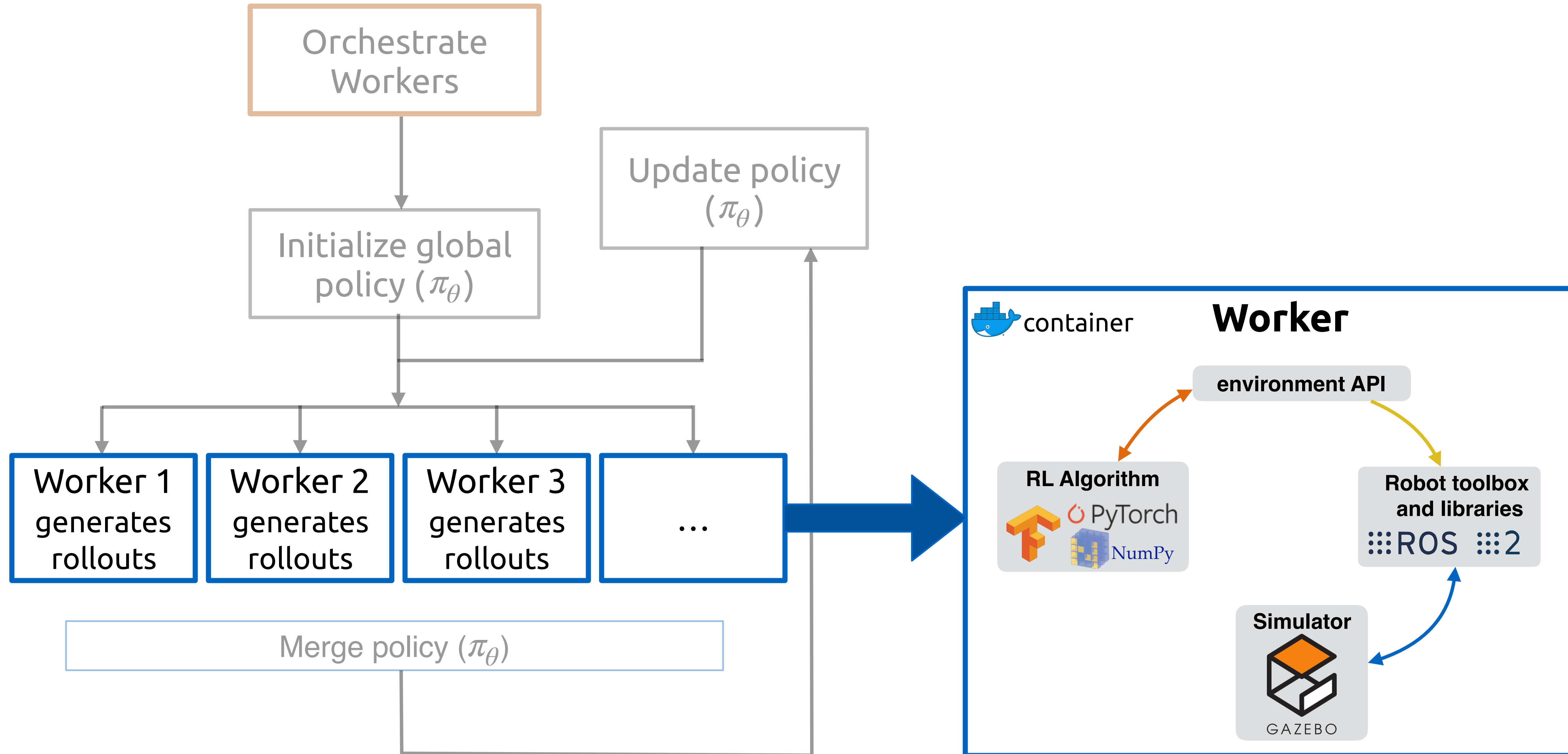
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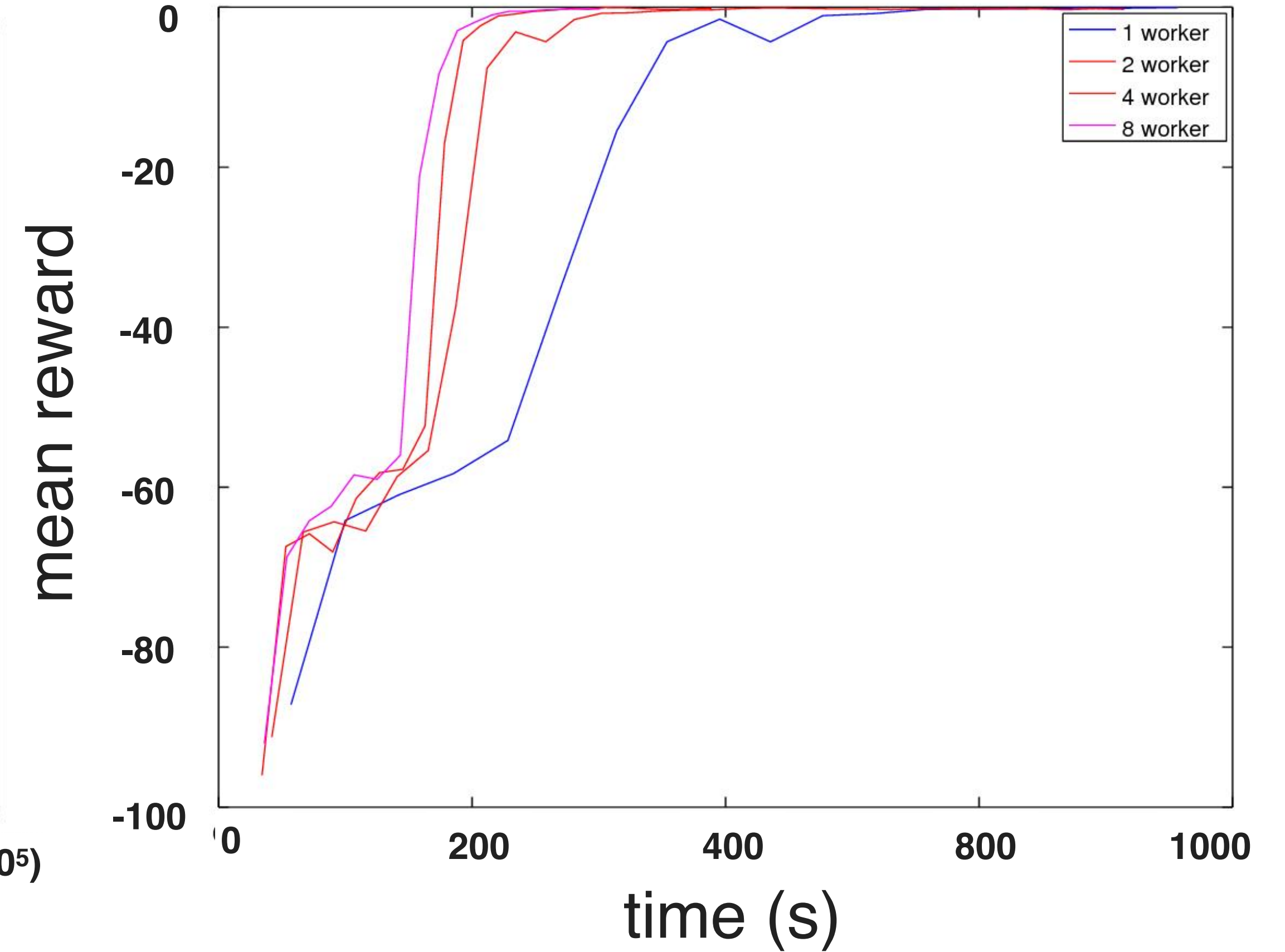
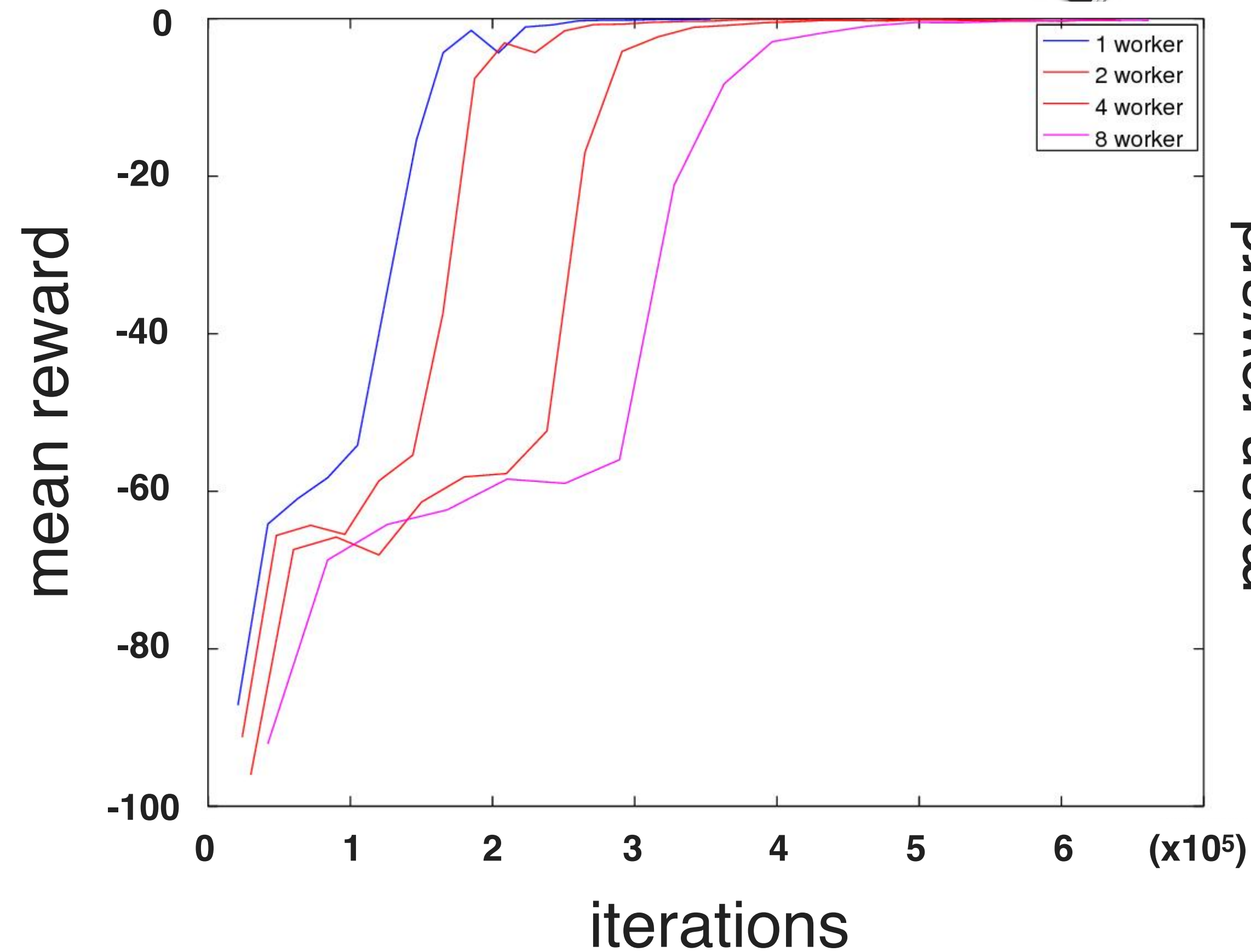
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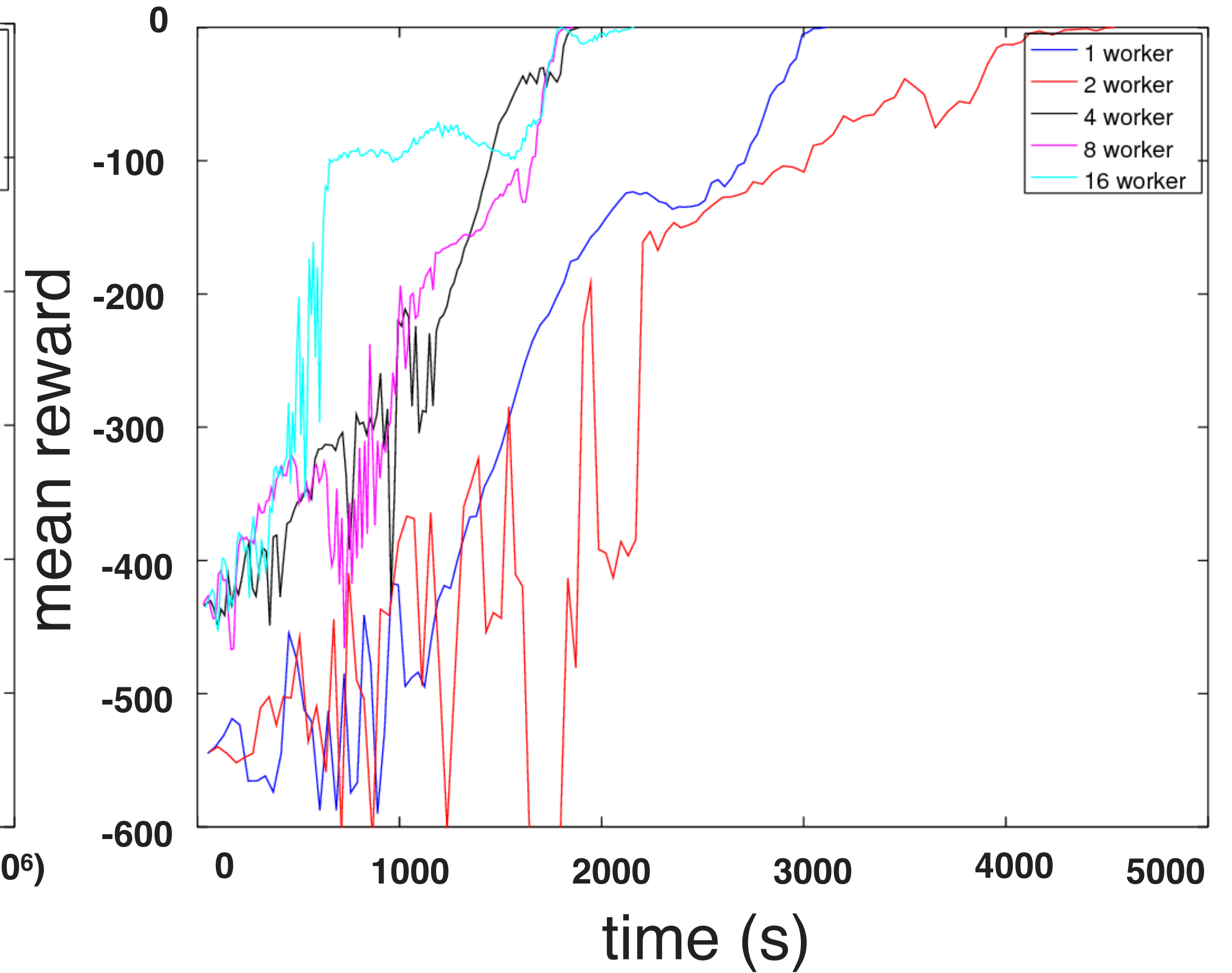
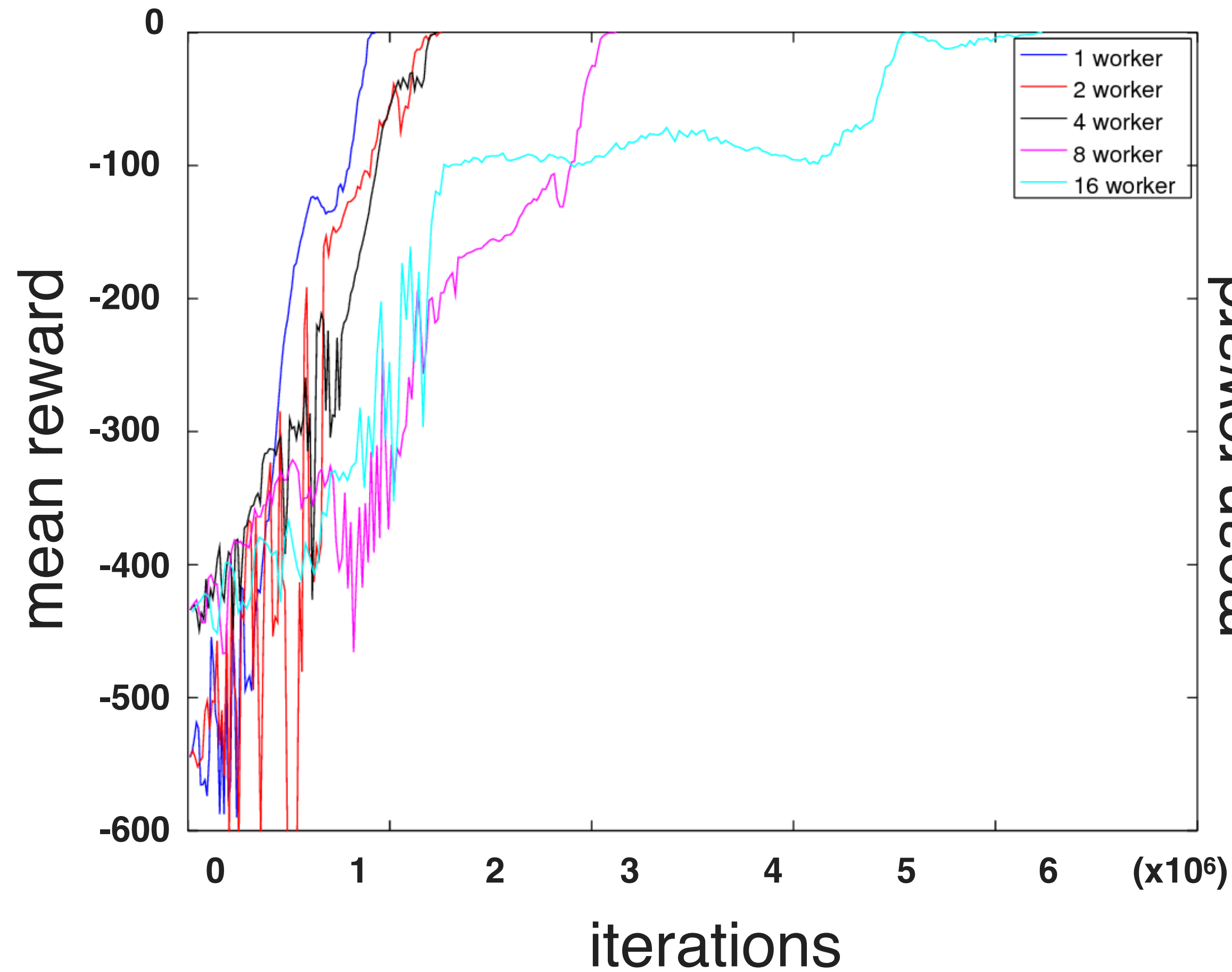
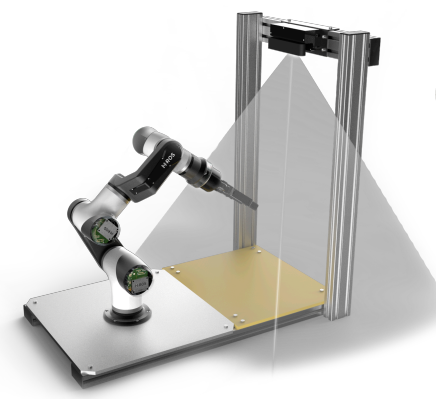


# Results 3DoF: SCARA



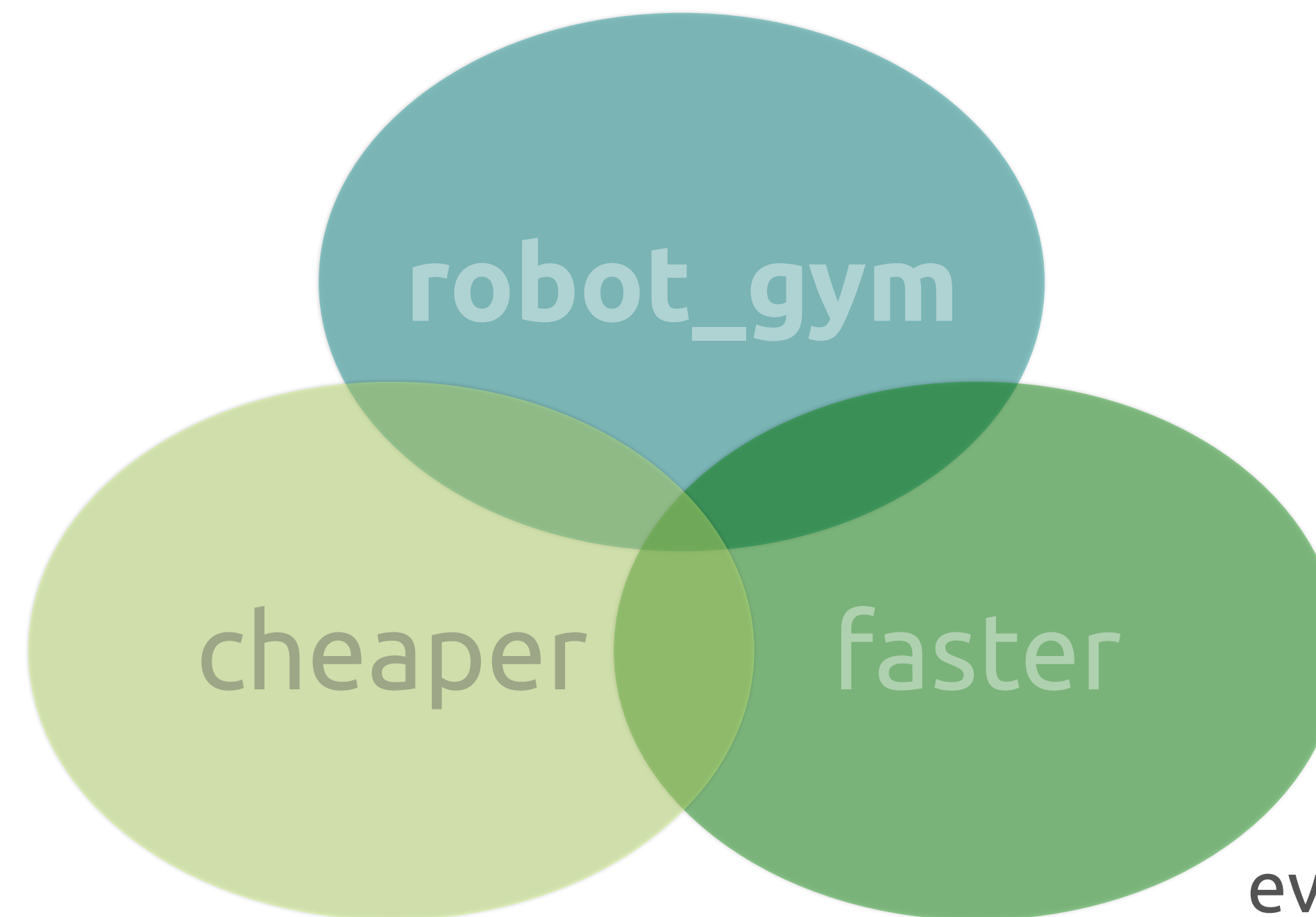
SCARA	Accuracy (mm)		Repeatability (mm)	
	1 Worker	8 Workers	1 Worker	8 Worker
<b>Simulated</b>	2.80	1.37	4.52	3.57
<b>Real</b>	26.14	12.89	28.96	10.83

# Results 6DoF: MARA



MARA	Accuracy (mm)		Repeatability (mm)	
	1 Worker	8 Workers	1 Worker	8 Worker
Simulated	0.05	0.08	0.02	0.02

a framework to accelerate  
robot-training using  
***Gazebo*** and ***ROS*** in the cloud



- **12 replicas** in parallel

- **1603 hours** of cloud computing:  
0,134 e/hour per instance, or 1,606 e/hour for all the replicas  
running at the same time

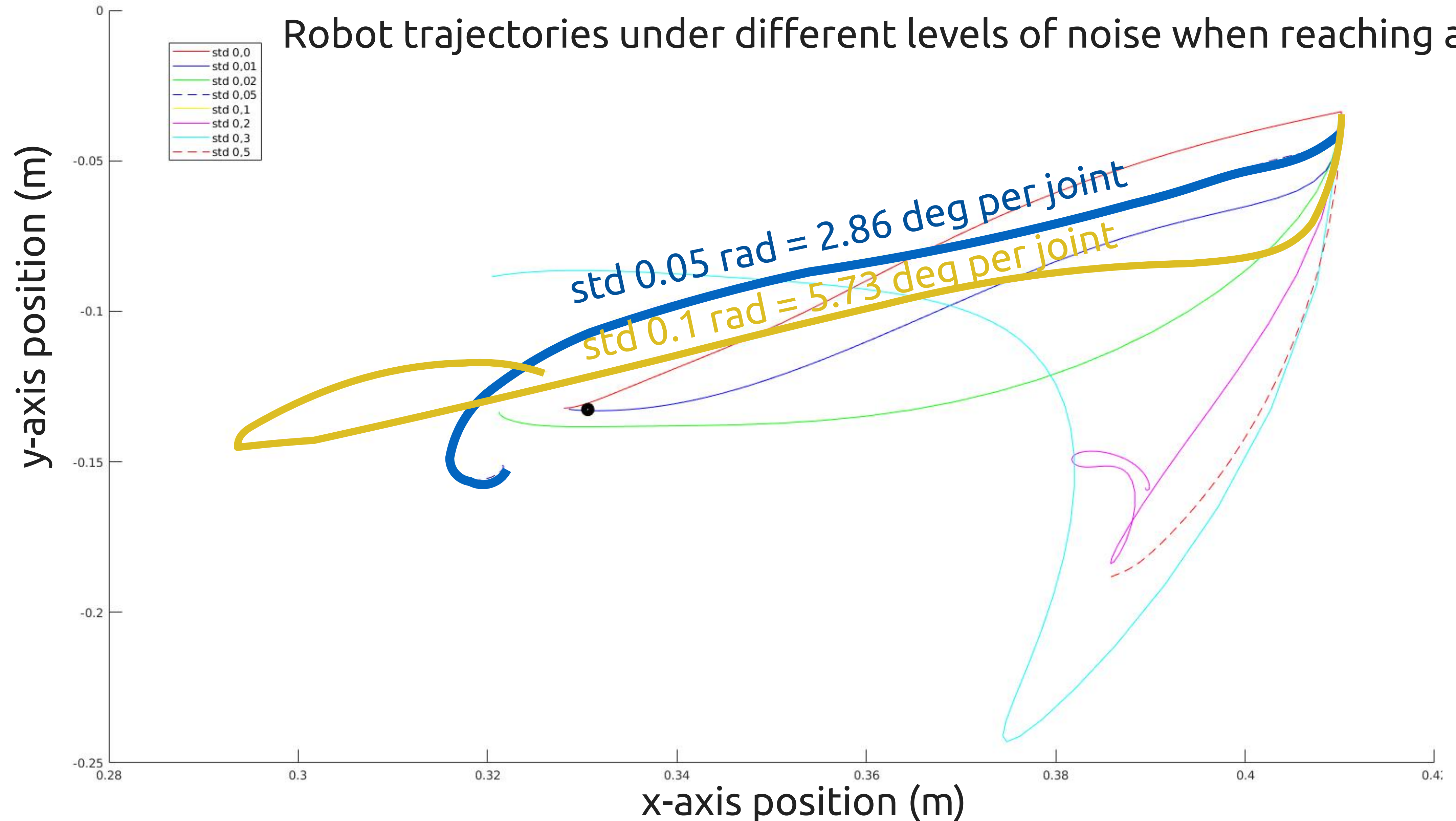
The total costs for all evaluations was **214 Euros**

evaluated 2 different modular robots

training-time can be **reduced by more than 33%**  
while maintaining similar levels of accuracy

# Perspectives and Future Work

Robot trajectories under different levels of noise when reaching a target



# Published Work

- **robot\_gym: accelerated robot training through simulation in the cloud with ROS and Gazebo**

<https://arxiv.org/pdf/1808.10369.pdf>

- **Towards self-adaptable robots: from programming to training machines**

<https://arxiv.org/pdf/1802.04082.pdf>

- **Hierarchical Learning for Modular Robots**

<https://arxiv.org/pdf/1802.04132.pdf>

- **Evaluation of Deep Reinforcement Learning Methods for Modular Robots**

<https://arxiv.org/pdf/1802.02395.pdf>

- **gym\_gazebo: a toolkit for reinforcement learning using ROS and Gazebo**

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