

# Verification of Autonomous Robots

## A “humble” Roboticist Bottom Up Approach

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Travelling from Toulouse to  
London for this presentation  
has produced  
🌿 CO<sub>2</sub>: 13,4 kg

# This is "Minnie"

Segway RMP 440

R&D platform... not an  
autonomous car but...  
definitely not a toy robot



[ Fast (up to 8 m/s)

[ GPS

[ Gyro (measures theta/wz)

[ IMU (angular velocities and acceleration)

[ 2 recent CPUs (but I only use one)





# Let's focus on Minnie's velodyne

## Velodyne lidar sensor

they are used on most "autonomous cars" (except Tesla)

Point Cloud: 64K 3D points at 10 Hz...

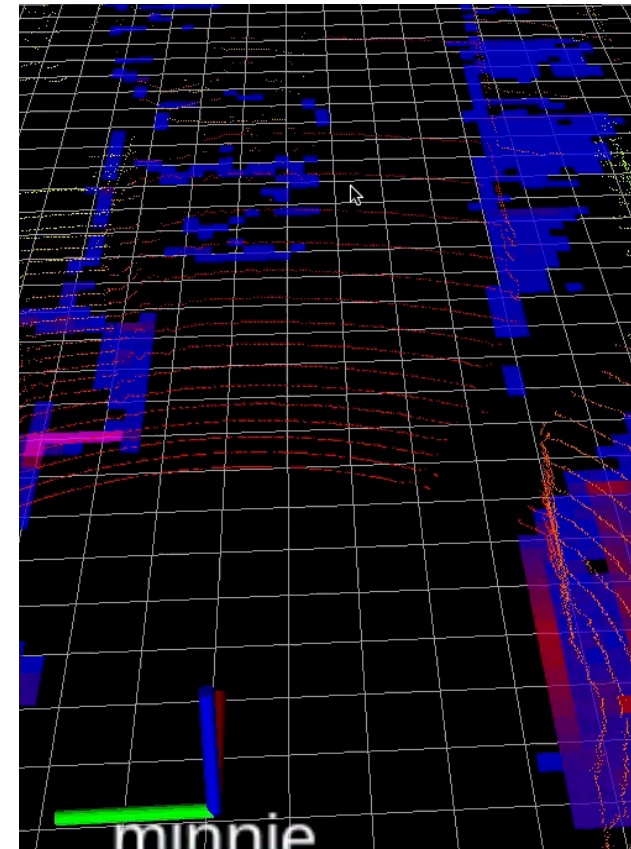
... at 5 m/s, Minnie has moved 50cm while scanning

you need to register where you are while scanning

rebuild the corrected scan

### KEY FEATURES

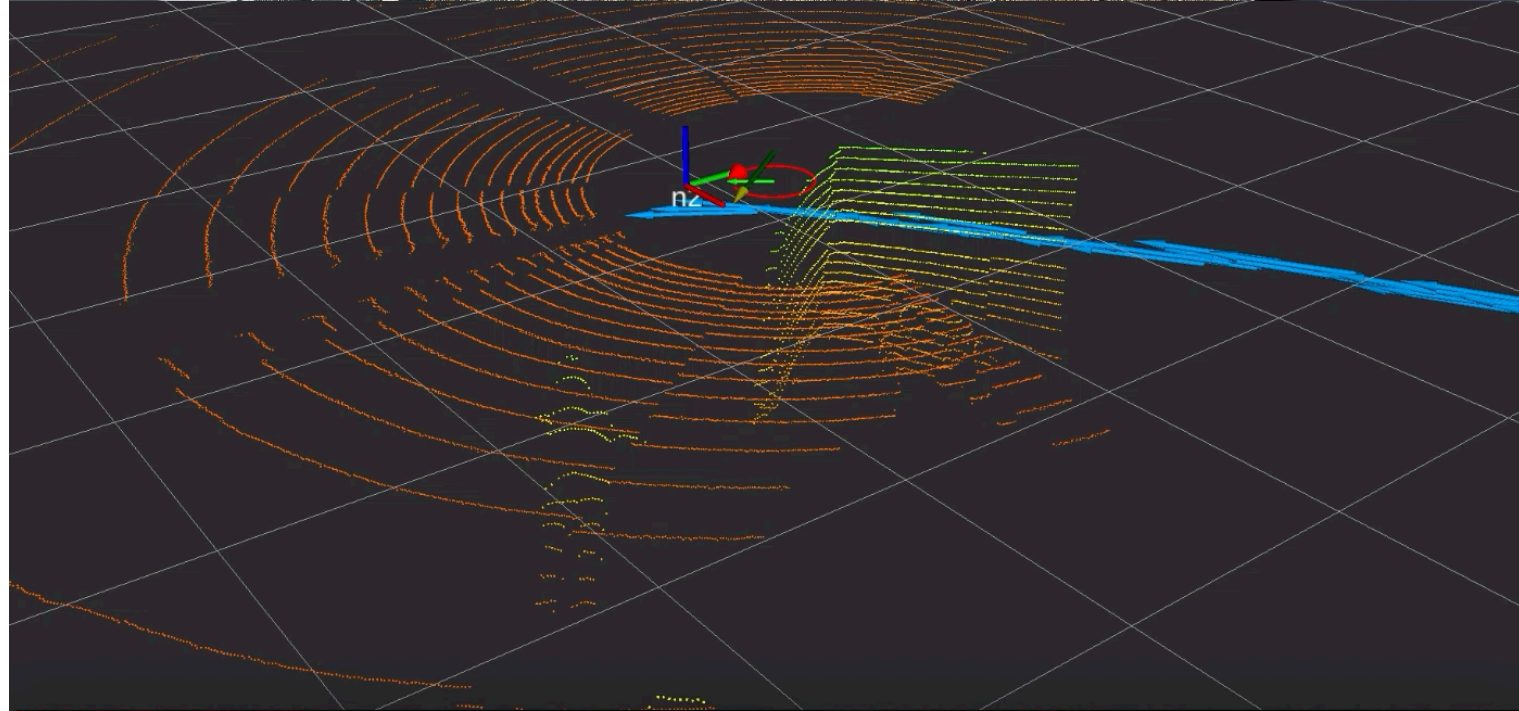
- ▶ Dual Returns
- ▶  $\pm 2$  cm accuracy
- ▶ 1kg (plus 0.3kg for cabling)
- ▶ 32 Channels
- ▶ 80m-100m Range
- ▶ Up to ~1.39 Million Points per Second
- ▶ 360° Horizontal FOV
- ▶ +10° to -30° Vertical FOV
- ▶ Low Power Consumption
- ▶ Rugged Design





# What do we use Minnie for?

- [ Patrolling the parking lot in the lanes/crossings graph
- [ without scratching my colleague's car (parked or moving)
- [ without bumping in people

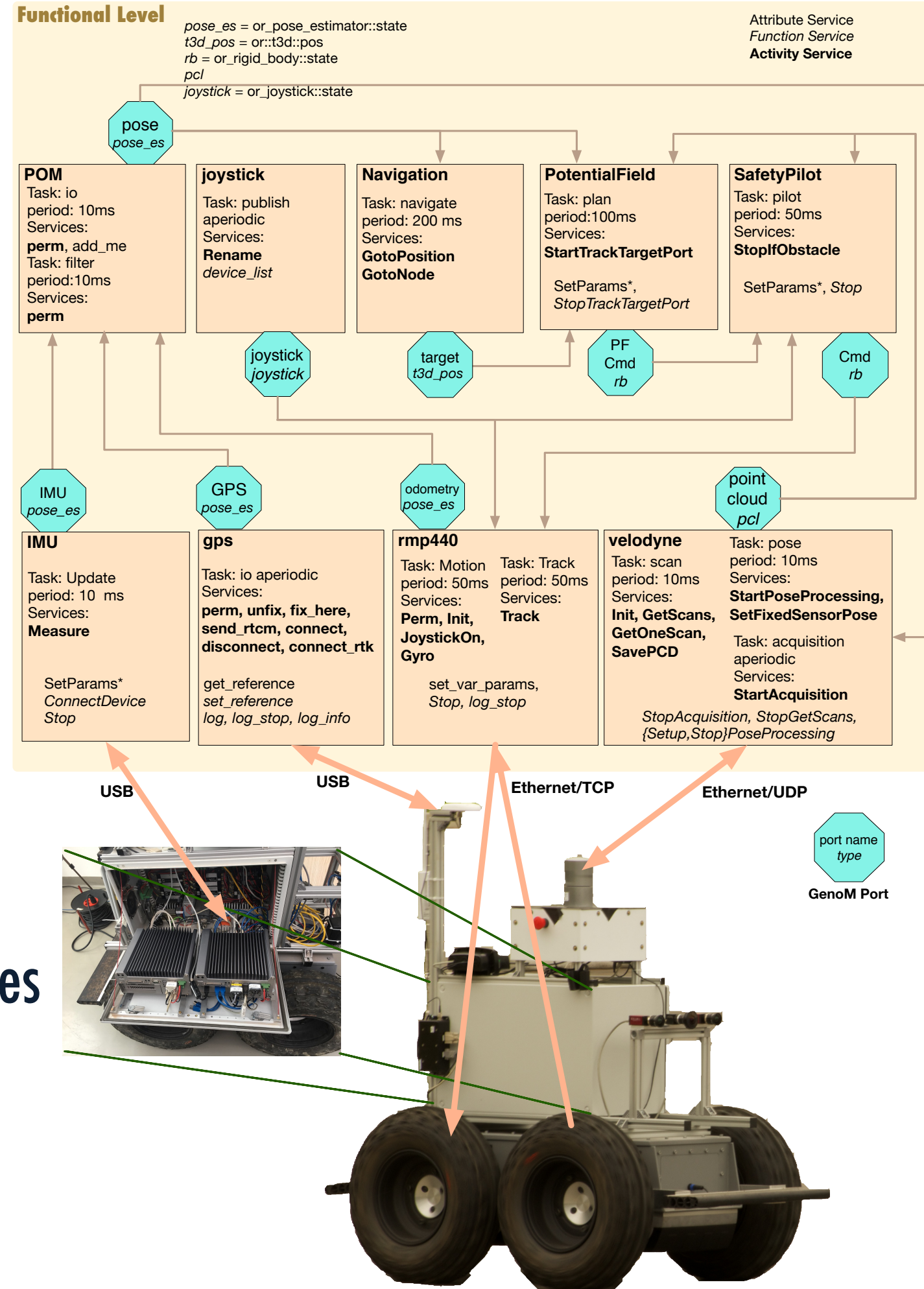


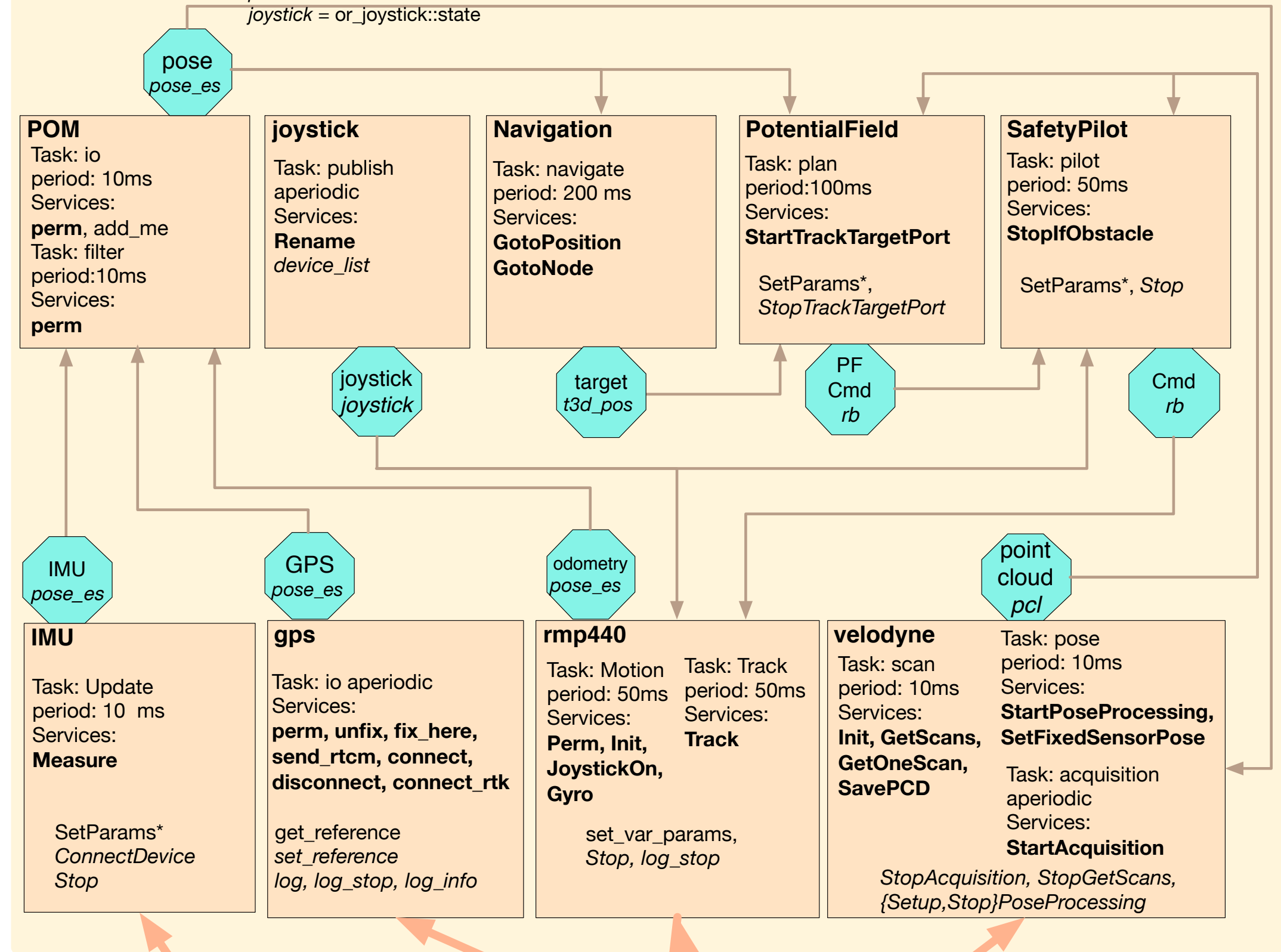


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- 9 components
- 9 ports
- (13 + 9) tasks (**period**)
- 38 activity services (with automata)
- 41 function services
- 43 attribute services
- 170 codelets (14k loc) and their **WCET**
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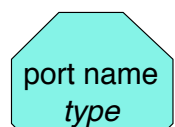


USB

USB

Ethernet/TCP

Ethernet/UDP



GenoM Port

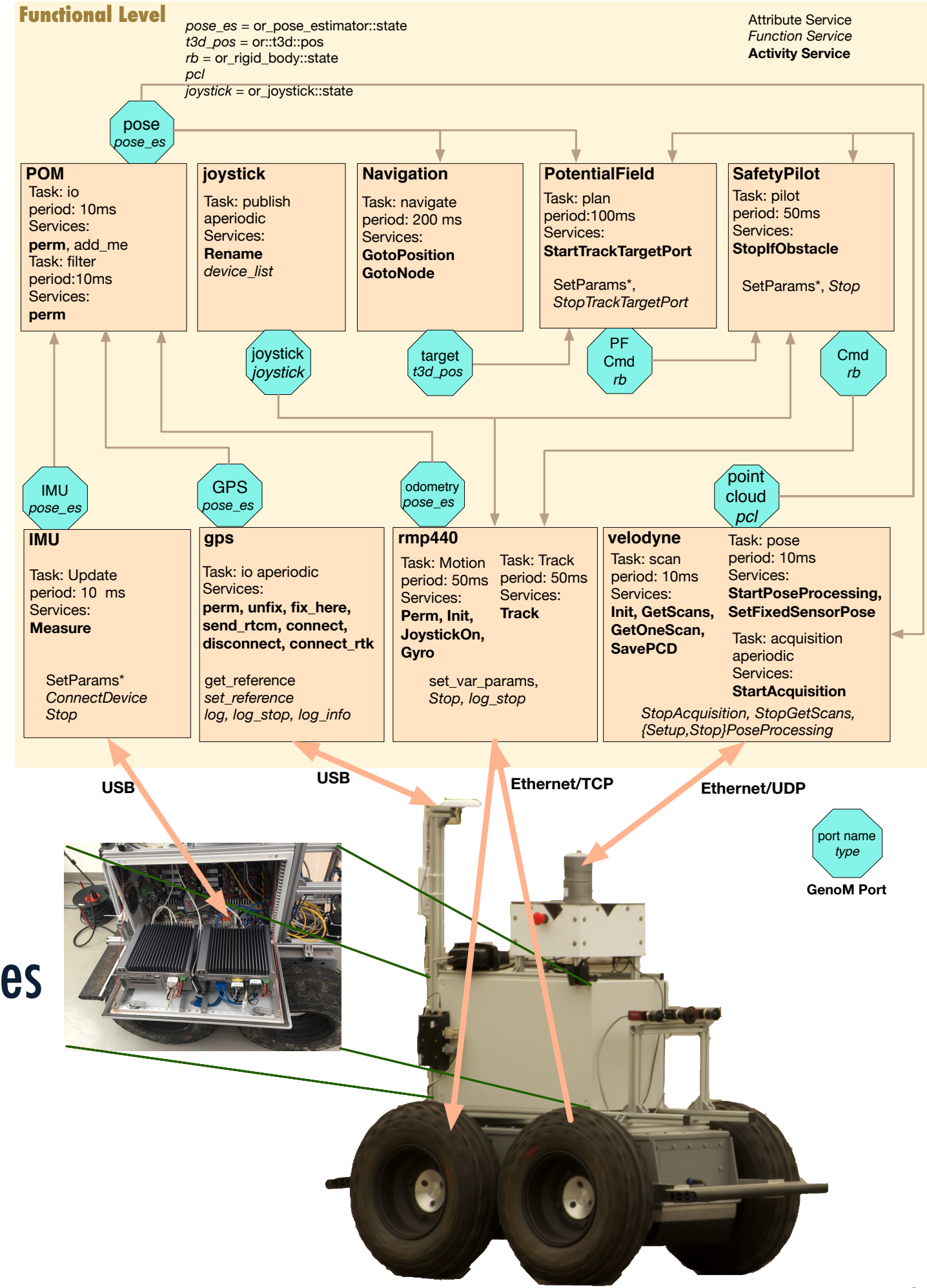




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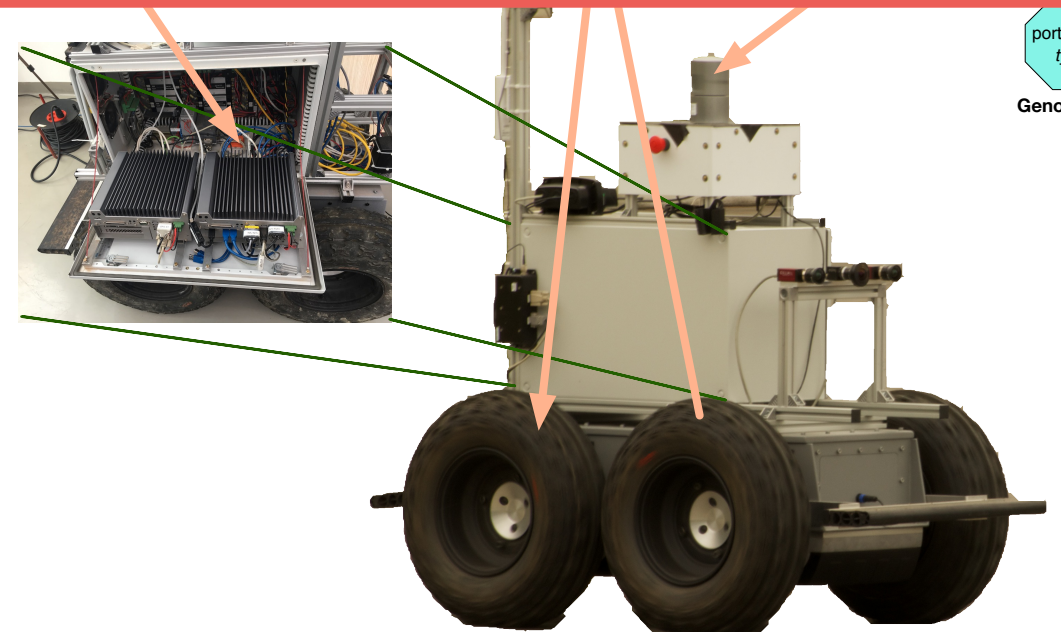
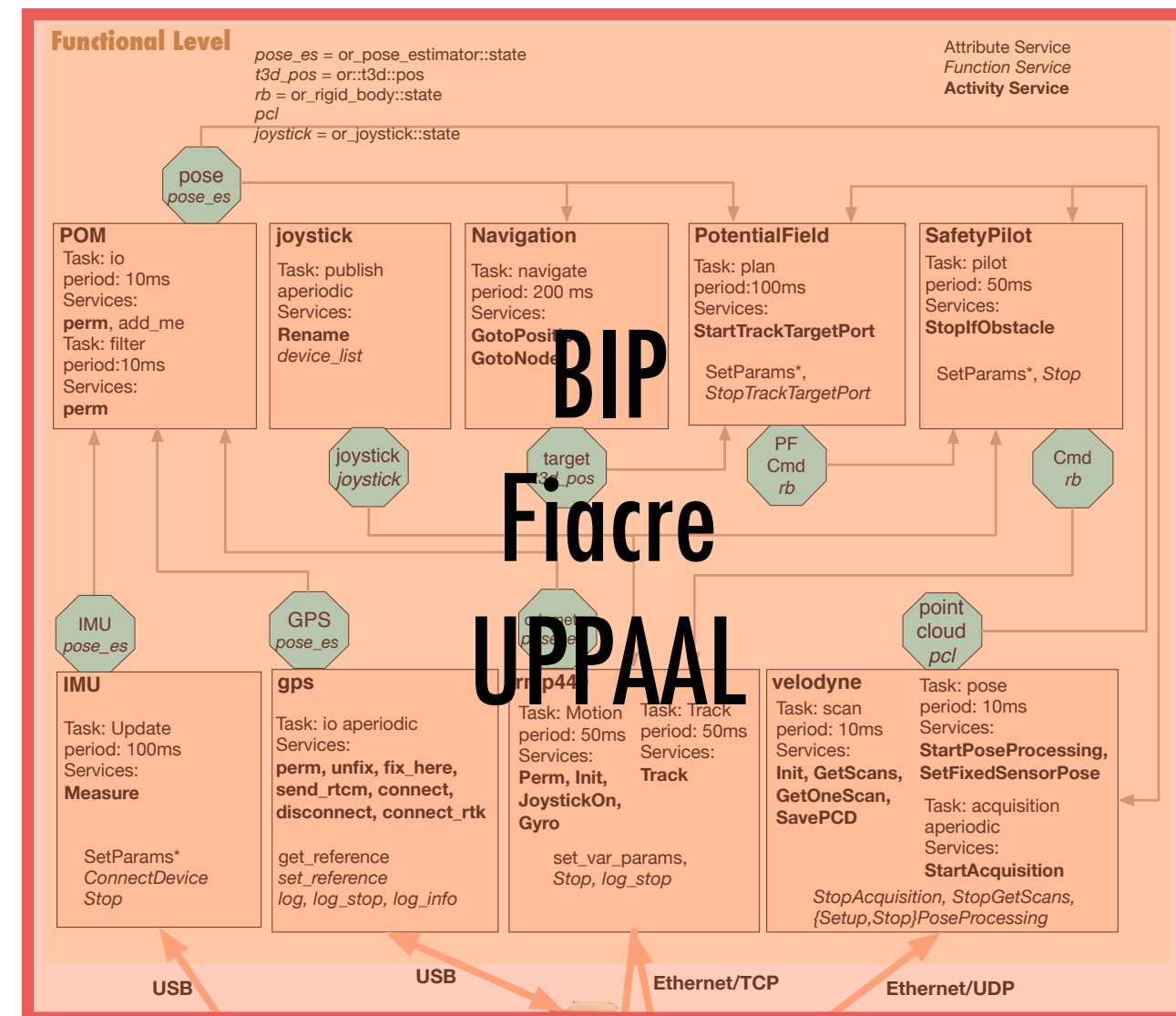
# One day, the “formal models” Genies gave me 3 wishes models...

## Formal Methods/Frameworks

**BIP** (Verimag)

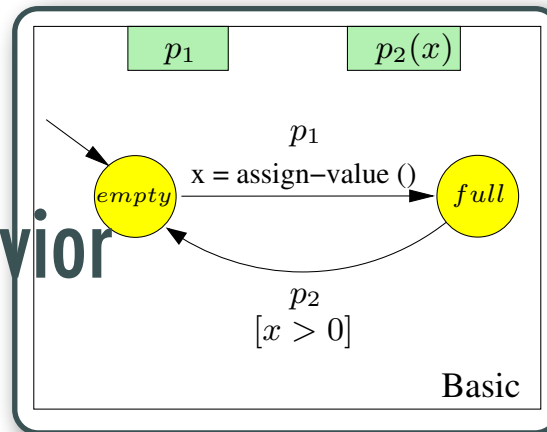
**Fiacre/TINA** (LAAS/VerTICS)

**UPPAAL** (UPPsala & Aalborg University)



# BIP Model

Behavior



```
port type IntPort (int x)
port type ePort ()

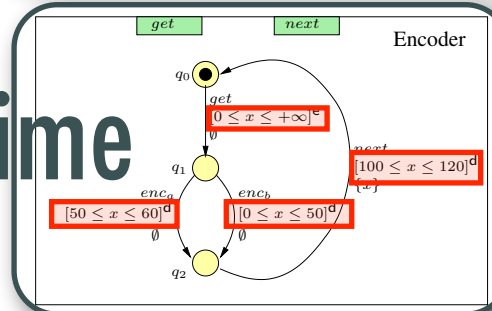
atomic type Basic
  data int x = 0
  export port ePort p1() is p1
  export port IntPort p2(x) is p2

  place empty
  place full

  initial to empty

  on p1 from empty to full
    do { x = assign-value(); }
  on p2 provided [x > 0]
    from full to empty
end
```

time



```
atomic type Encoder
  export port IntPort get
  export port IntPort next
  port IntPort enc_a compute
  port IntPort enc_b

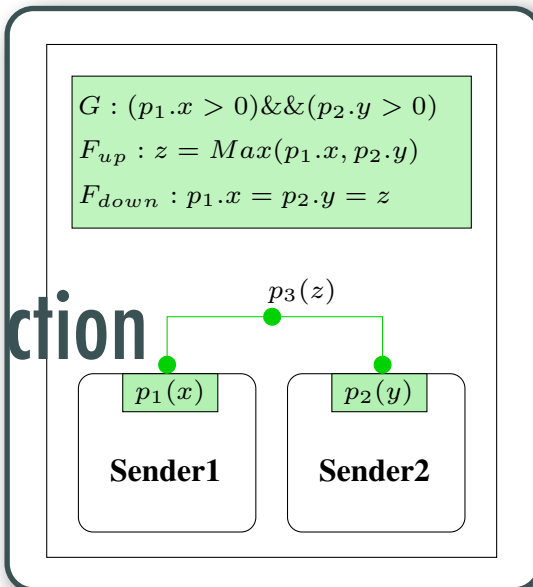
  clock x unit millisecond

  place q0
  place q1
  place q2

  initial to q0

  on get from q0 to q1
    when x in [0, -] eager
  on enc_a from q1 to q2
    when x in [50, 60] delayable
  on enc_b from q2 to q0
    when x in [0, 50] delayable
  on next from q0 to q0
    when x in [100, 120] delayable
  reset x
end
```

Interaction

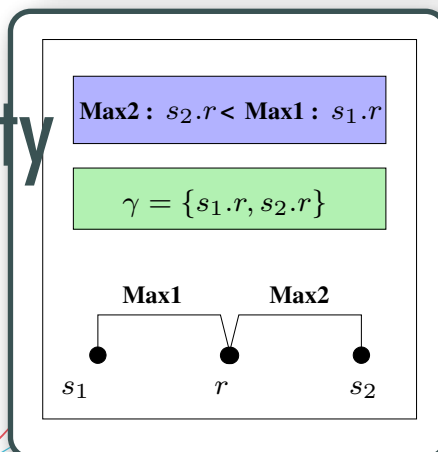


```
connector type Max (IntPort p1, IntPort p2)
  data int z
  define [ p1 p2 ]

  on p1 p2 provided (p1.x > 0) && (p2.y > 0)
    up { z = Max (p1.x, p2.y); }
    down { p1.x = p2.y = z; }

  export port IntPort p3(z)
end
```

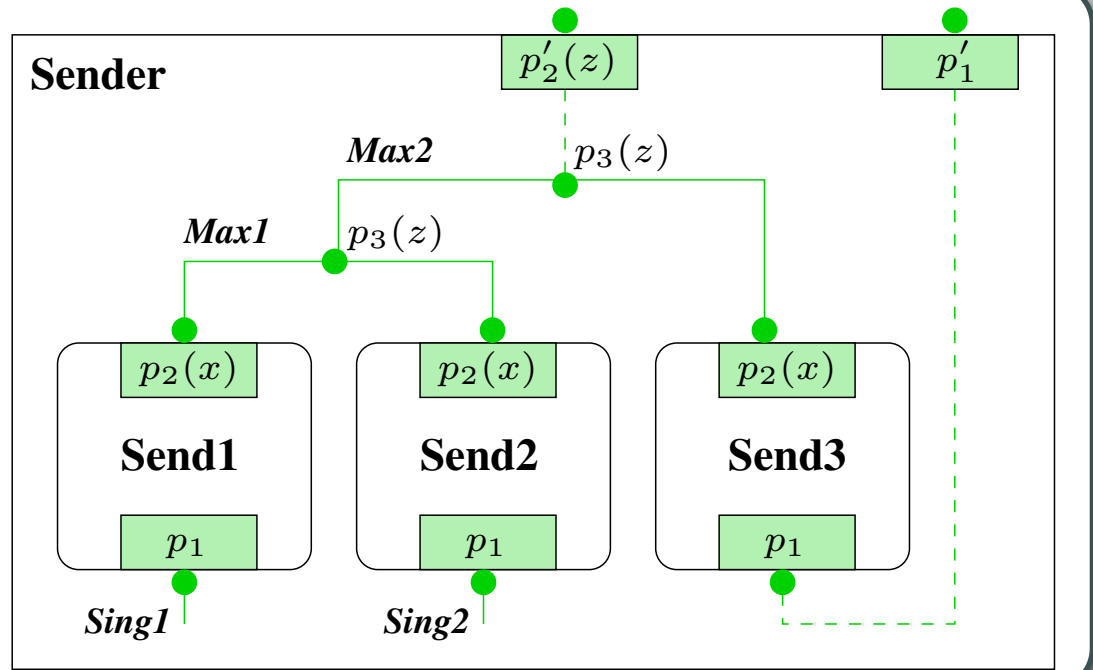
Priority



```
connector Max1 (s1, r)
connector Max2 (s2, r)

priority maximal if (s1.x > s2.x)
  Max2 < Max1
```

Sender



compound type Sender

component Basic Send1  
component Basic Send2  
component Basic Send3

connector Max Max1 (Sender1.p2, Send2.p2)  
connector Max Max2 (Max1.p3, Send3.p2)  
connector Singleton Sing1 (Send1.p1)  
connector Singleton Sing2 (Send2.p1)

export port Intport p'2 is Max2.p3  
export port Intport p'1 is Send3.p1

end



# Run Time Verification with BIP Engine

```
emac@ashitaka-ubuntu.laas.fr
File Edit Options Buffers Tools Help
Save Undo
/* --- Generated by genom 2.99.33. Do not edit --- */

/* This model is automatically generated - Mohammed Foughali and Felix Ingrand 2014-2019 */

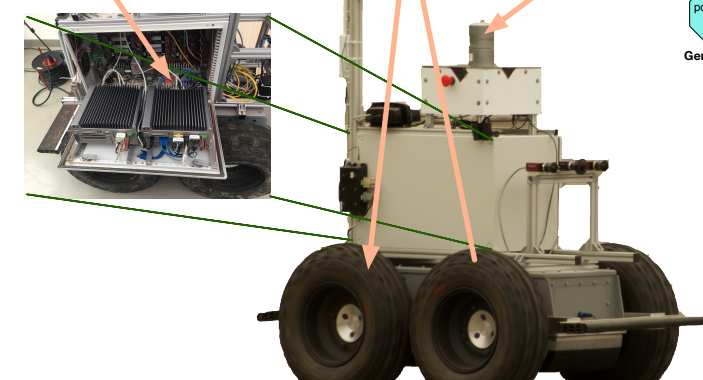
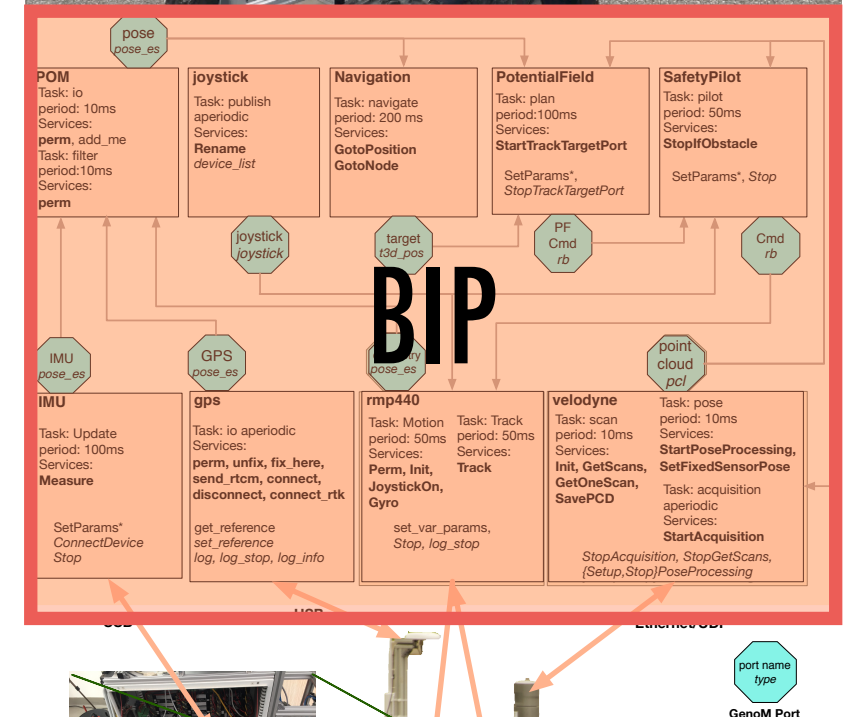
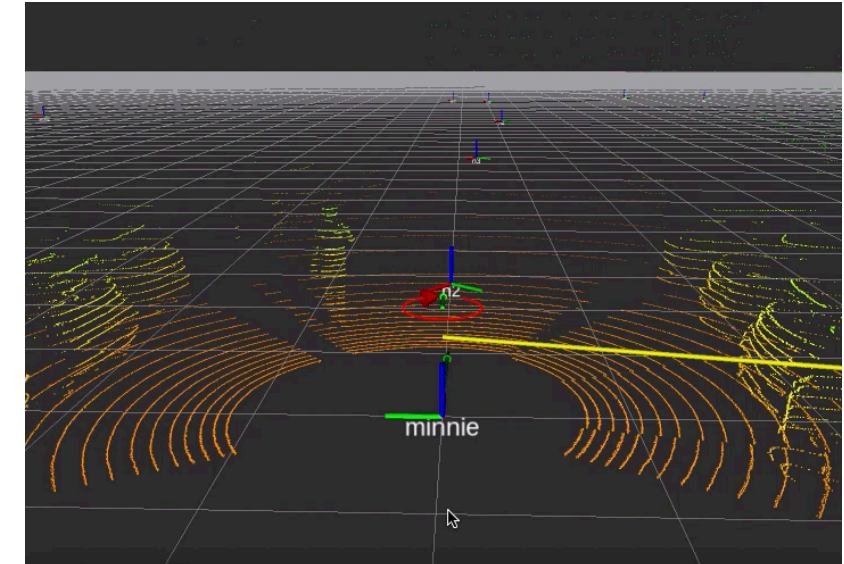
@cpp(include="gps_BIPGenoM3.hpp,IMUDriver_BIPGenoM3.hpp,joystick_BIPGenoM3.hpp,Navigation_BIPGenoM3.hpp,pom_BIPGenoM3.hpp,PotentialField_BIPGenoM3.hpp,rmp440_BIPGenoM3.hpp,velodyne_BIPGenoM3.hpp,SafetyPilot_BIPGenoM3.hpp,stdio.h,global_function.hpp",cc="external/global_functions.cpp,external/gps_BIPGenoM3.cpp,external/IMUDriver_BIPGenoM3.cpp,external/joystick_BIPGenoM3.cpp,external/Navigation_BIPGenoM3.cpp,external/pom_BIPGenoM3.cpp,external/PotentialField_BIPGenoM3.cpp,external/rmp440_BIPGenoM3.cpp,external/velodyne_BIPGenoM3.cpp,external/safetyPilot_BIPGenoM3.cpp")

/* package */
package gps_IMUDriver_joystick_Navigation_pom_PotentialField_rmp440_velodyne_SafetyPilot_BIPGenoM3

/* definition of external types */
extern data type genom_activity_ptr
extern data type genom_event

extern data type genom_gps_abort_activity_activity_ptr
extern data type genom_gps_connect_port_activity_ptr
extern data type genom_gps_connect_service_activity_ptr
extern data type genom_gps_kill_activity_ptr
extern data type genom_gps_get_param_activity_ptr
extern data type genom_gps_get_last_fix_activity_ptr
extern data type genom_gps_connect_activity_ptr
extern data type genom_gps_disconnect_activity_ptr
extern data type genom_gps_set_rtk_port_activity_ptr
extern data type genom_gps_connect_rtk_activity_ptr
extern data type genom_gps_set_reference_activity_ptr
extern data type genom_gps_get_reference_activity_ptr
extern data type genom_gps_unfix_activity_ptr
extern data type genom_gps_fix_activity_ptr
extern data type genom_gps_fix_here_activity_ptr
extern data type genom_gps_send_rtcn_activity_ptr
extern data type genom_gps_rtk_stats_activity_ptr
extern data type genom_gps_log_activity_ptr
extern data type genom_gps_log_stop_activity_ptr
extern data type genom_gps_log_info_activity_ptr
extern data type genom_IMUDriver_abort_activity_activity_ptr
extern data type genom_IMUDriver_connect_port_activity_ptr
extern data type genom_IMUDriver_connect_service_activity_ptr
extern data type genom_IMUDriver_kill_activity_ptr
extern data type genom_IMUDriver_SetDevice_activity_ptr
extern data type genom_IMUDriver_SetPublishOrientation_activity_ptr
extern data type genom_IMUDriver_SetBaudrate_activity_ptr
extern data type genom_IMUDriver_SetVerbose_activity_ptr
extern data type genom_IMUDriver_Stop_activity_ptr
extern data type genom_IMUDriver_ConnectDevice_activity_ptr
extern data type genom_IMUDriver_GetHeading_activity_ptr
extern data type genom_IMUDriver_Measure_activity_ptr
extern data type genom_joystick_abort_activity_activity_ptr
extern data type genom_joystick_connect_port_activity_ptr
--:-- gps_IMUDriver_joystick_Navigation_pom_PotentialField_rmp440_velodyne_SafetyPilot_BIPGenoM3.bip Top L22 Git:master (BIP)
```

Complete BIP model of the 9 components (27000 loc), calling the lib codelets.





# Run Time Verification with BIP Engine

```
atom type propertyXXX()
```

```
clock c unit millisecond
export port Port scanXXX()
export port Port reportXXX()
```

```
place idle, busy
```

```
initial to idle
```

```
on scanXXX
from idle to busy
do {c = 0;}
```

```
on scanXXX
from busy to busy
provided (c <= 2000)
do {printf("propertyXXX <= 2000.\n"); c = 0;}
```

```
on reportXXX
from busy to idle
provided (odometry
pose_es
propertyXXX > 2000.\n");}
```

```
end
```

```
connector sync4 give
Compo
point
point
prop

connector sync4 give
Compo
point
point
prop

connector sync2 emerg
connector sync2 emerg
```

Point Cloud is monitored:  
2 seconds without being refreshed  
=>emergency stop

odometry  
pose\_es

point  
cloud  
pcl

**rmp440**

Task: Motion period: 50ms Services: <b>Perm, Init,</b> <b>JoystickOn,</b> <b>Gyro</b>	Task: Track period: 50ms Services: <b>Track</b>
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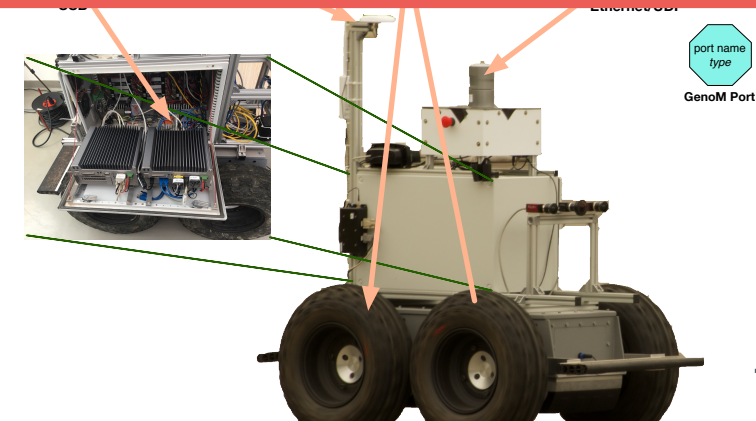
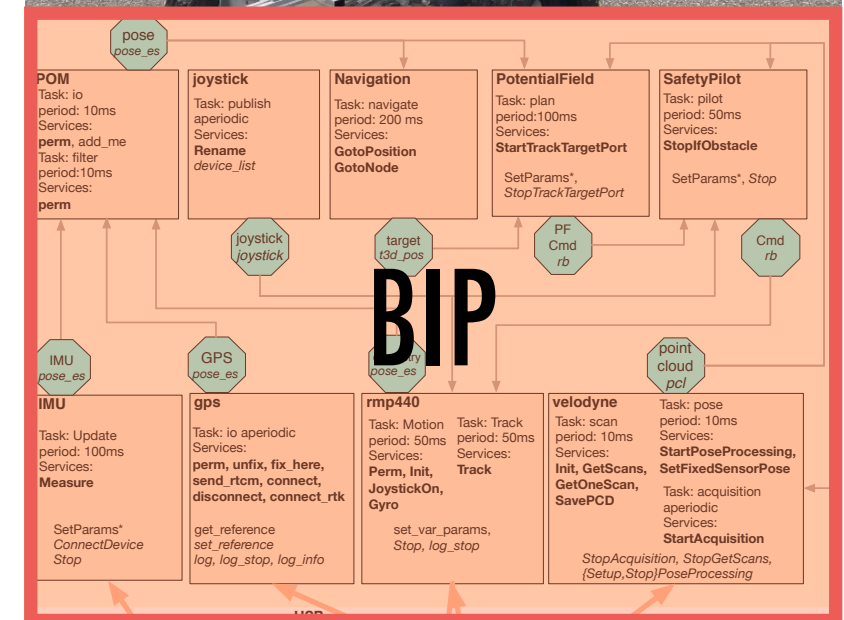
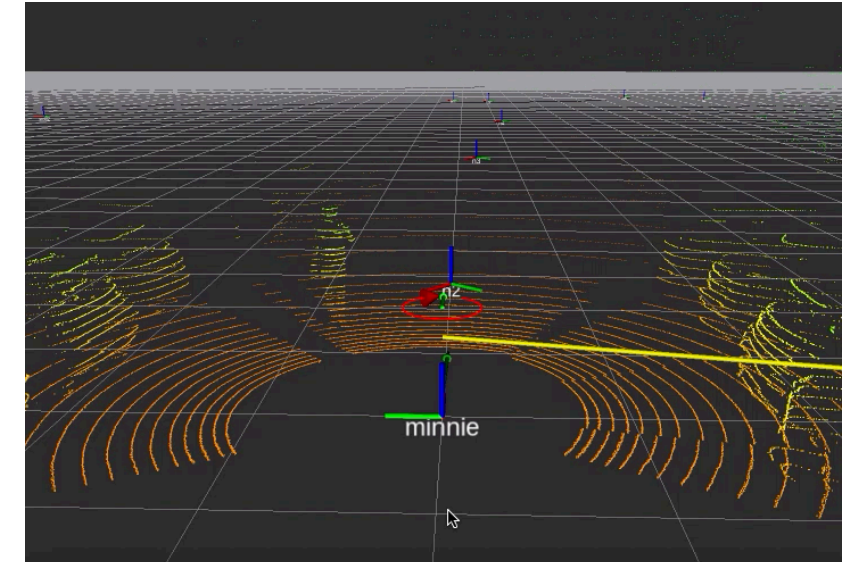
set\_var\_params,  
Stop, log\_stop

**velodyne**

Task: scan period: 10ms Services: <b>Init, GetScans,</b> <b>GetOneScan,</b> <b>SavePCD</b>	Task: pose period: 10ms Services: <b>StartPoseProcessing,</b> <b>SetFixedSensorPose</b>
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Task: acquisition  
aperiodic  
Services:  
**StartAcquisition**

StopAcquisition, StopGetScans,  
{Setup,Stop}PoseProcessing



# Run Time Verification with BIP Engine

```

activity Track() {
  doc "Start tracking a reference port";
  validate trackControl(in rmp);
  code1 <start> trackStart(inout rs_mode,
                        out max_accel,
                        port in cmd_vel) yield track_main, end;
  code1 <track_main> pumpReference(in rs_mode,
                                port in cmd_vel,
                                out ref) yield pause::track_main, end;
  code1 <end,stop> stopTrack(inout rs_mode,
                           out ref) yield ether;

  task TrackTask;
  throw not_connected, port_not_found, bad_ref, cmd_stop_track,
        motors_off, emergency_stop, power_cord_connected;
  interrupts JoystickOn, Track;
};

function Stop() {
  doc "Stop current Tracking";
  interrupts JoystickOn, Track;
};

```

```

activity GetScans ( in double firstAngle = : "First angle of the scan (in degrees)",
                  in double lastAngle = : "Last angle of the scan (in degrees)",
                  in double period = : "Time in between scan acquisitions",
                  in double timeout = : "Timeout used when stamping packets")
{
  doc "Acquire full scans from the velodyne sensor periodically";
  task scan;

  validate velodyneGetScansValidate(in firstAngle, in lastAngle, in period);

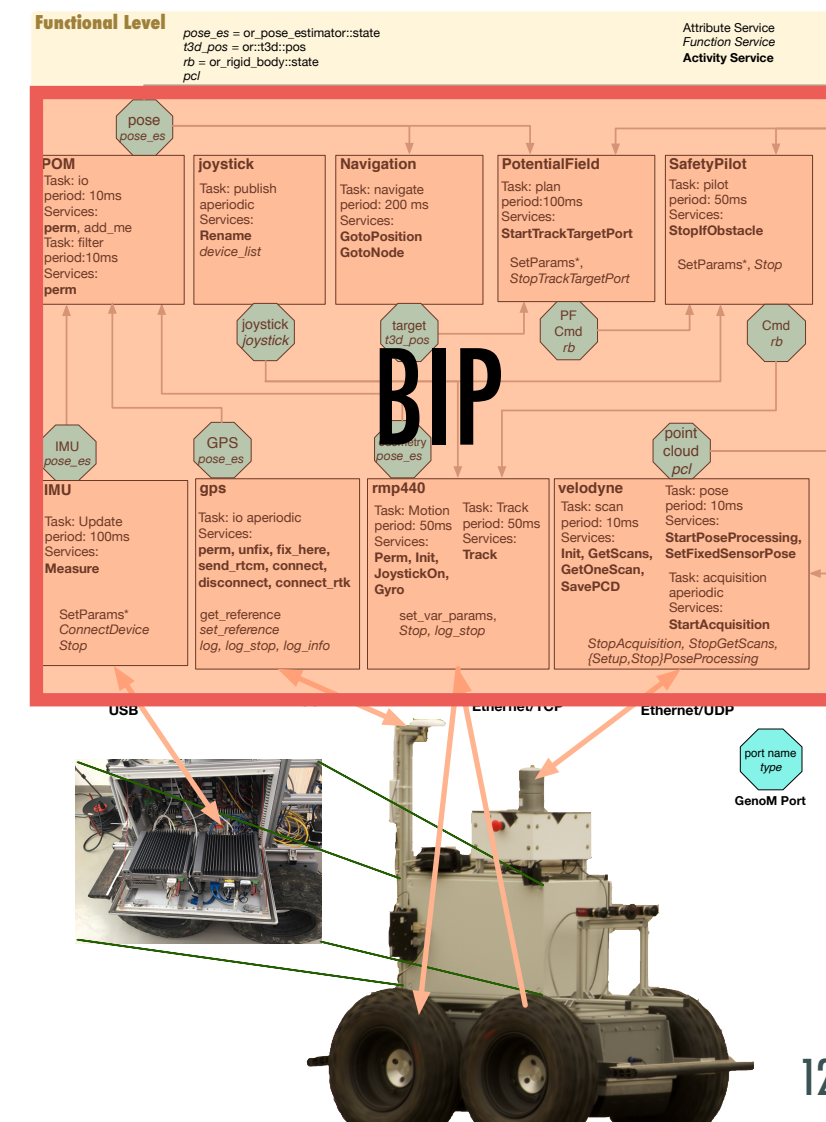
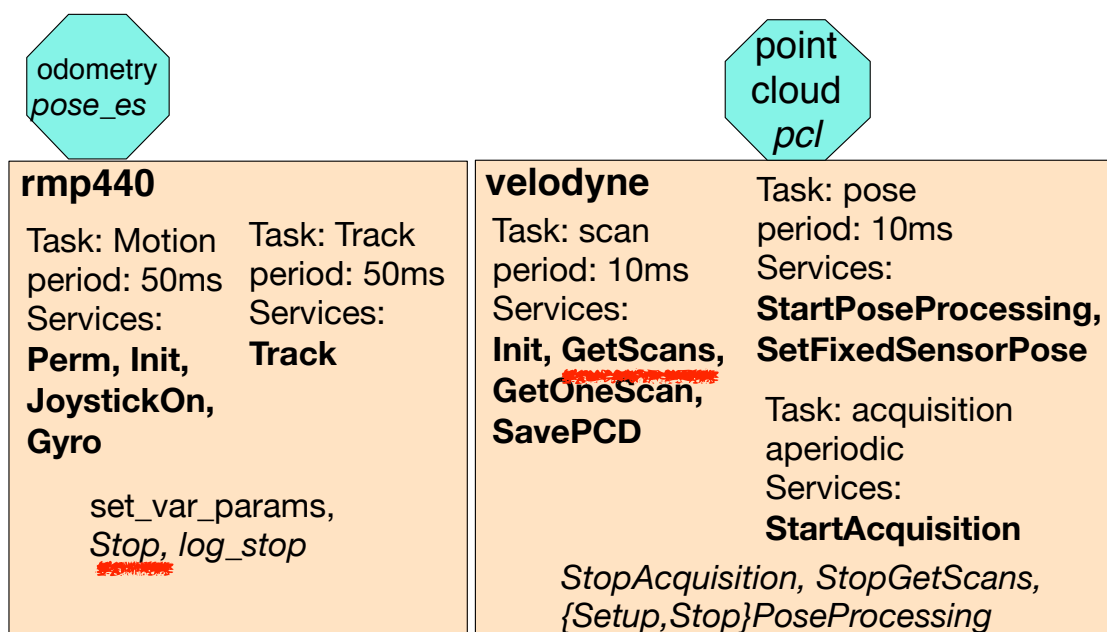
  code1<start> velodyneGetScansStart(in acquisition_params) yield copy_packets;
  code1<copy_packets> velodyneGetOneScanCopyPackets(in acquisition_params, out mutex_buffer) yield stamp_packets;
  code1<stamp_packets> velodyneGetOneScanStampPackets(in acquisition_params,
                                                    out mutex_pose_data, in timeout) yield pause::stamp_packets, build_scan;
  code1<build_scan> velodyneGetOneScanBuildScan(in acquisition_params,
                                                in firstAngle, in lastAngle) yield end;
  code1<end> velodyneGetOneScanEnd(in acquisition_params, in auto_save_pcd, out auto_save_pcd_count,
                                  in auto_save_pcd_prefix, port out point_cloud, port out point_cloud2, inout usec_delay)
              yield wait;
  code1<wait> velodyneGetScansWait(in period) yield pause::wait, copy_packets;

  interrupts GetOneScan, SavePCD, GetScans;

  after Init;

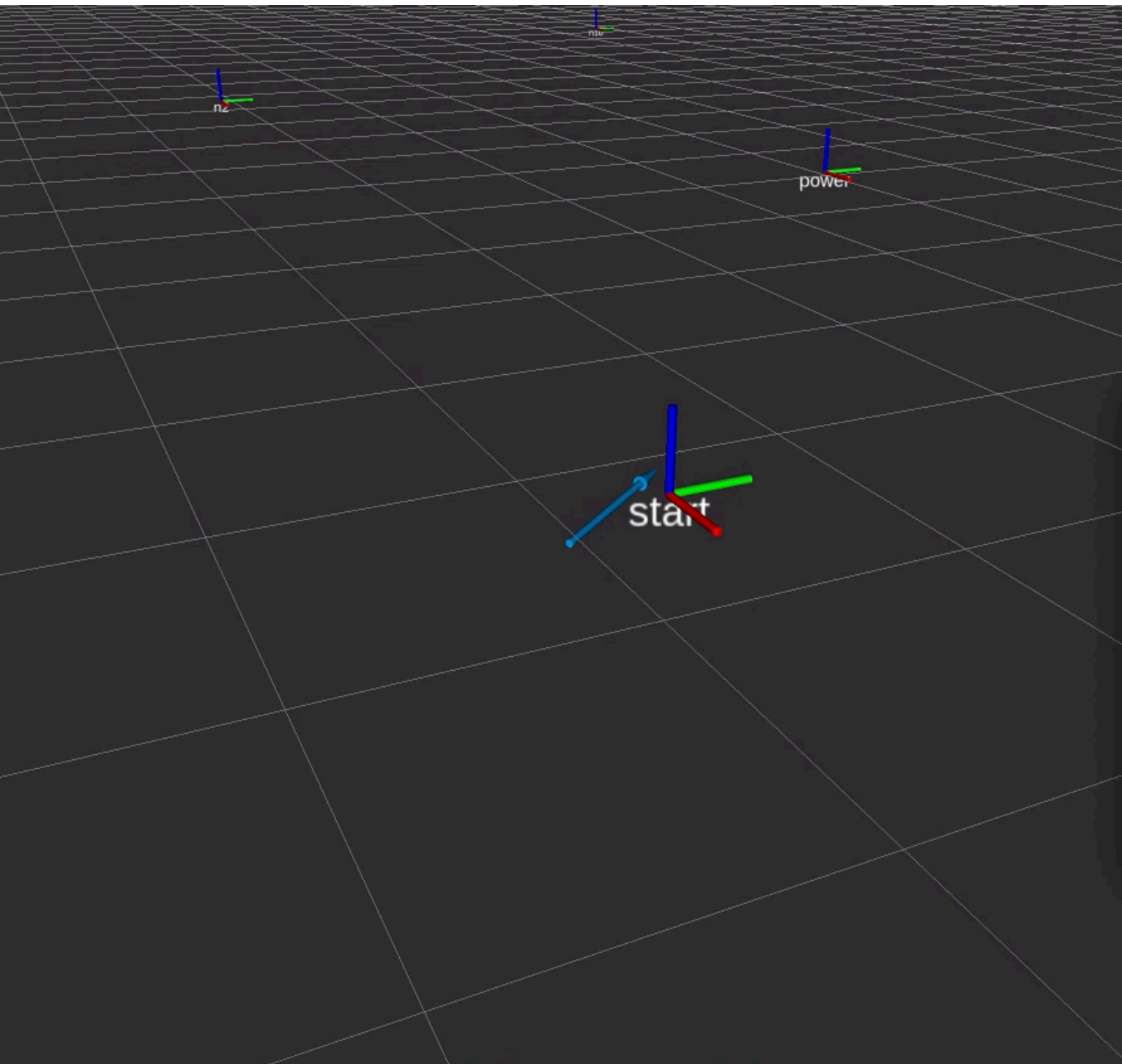
  throws e_params, e_runtime, e_interface, e_not_implemented, e_port, e_timeout;
};

```





# Run Time Verification with BIP Engine



```
[GenoM3] PotentialField Exiting PotentialField_codel_service_StartTrackTargetPort_compute_speed codel with ::Potent
alField::write_cmd.
[BIP ENGINE]: WARNING: state #2416982 and global time 5min3s55ms751us842ns: violation of the following timing constraint R00
T.Compound_velodyne_.velodyne_.StartPoseProcessing_velodyne_inst_1:
[BIP ENGINE]: ROOT.Compound_velodyne_.velodyne_.StartPoseProcessing_velodyne_inst_1 resume [ -INFTY, 5min3s52ms785us699ns ]
[BIP ENGINE]: WARNING: state #2416983 and global time 5min3s55ms766us597ns: violation of the following timing constraint R00
T.Compound_PotentialField_.PotentialField_.StartTrackTargetPort_PotentialField_inst_1:
[BIP ENGINE]: ROOT.Compound_PotentialField_.PotentialField_.StartTrackTargetPort_PotentialField_inst_1 resume [ -INFTY, 5m
in3s53ms567us36ns ]
[GenoM3] velodyne Calling velodyne_codel_service_StartAcquisition_main codel.
[GenoM3] velodyne Exiting velodyne_codel_service_StartAcquisition_main codel with ::velodyne::poll.
[GenoM3] rmp440 Calling rmp440_codel_service_Track_track_main codel.
[GenoM3] rmp440 Exiting rmp440_codel_service_Track_track_main codel with ::rmp440::pause::track_main.
[BIP ENGINE]: WARNING: state #2416991 and global time 5min3s56ms783us917ns: violation of the following timing constraint R00
T.Compound_rmp440_.rmp440_.Track_rmp440_inst_1:
[BIP ENGINE]: ROOT.Compound_rmp440_.rmp440_.Track_rmp440_inst_1 resume [ -INFTY, 5min3s54ms765us930ns ]
[GenoM3] pom Calling pom_codel_task_filter_exec codel.
[BIP ENGINE]: WARNING: state #2417000 and global time 5min3s57ms880us160ns: violation of the following timing constraint R00
T.Compound_pom_.pom_.perm_filter_pom:
[BIP ENGINE]: ROOT.Compound_pom_.pom_.perm_filter_pom resume [ -INFTY, 5min3s54ms869us45ns ]
[GenoM3] gps Calling gps_codel_task_io_publish codel.
[BIP ENGINE]: WARNING: state #2417002 and global time 5min3s58ms185us203ns: violation of the following timing constraint R00
T.Compound_gps_.gps_.perm_io_gps:
[BIP ENGINE]: ROOT.Compound_gps_.gps_.perm_io_gps resume [ -INFTY, 5min3s56ms378us755ns ]
```



```
::Navigation::SetTarget ::PotentialField::SetHitMinZ ::SafetyPilot::SetStopLateralDistance
::Navigation::SetTargetToCurrentPose ::PotentialField::SetMaxSpeed ::SafetyPilot::SetVerbose
::Navigation::SetThreshold ::PotentialField::SetNu ::rmp440::SetRobotYaw
::Navigation::SetVerbose ::PotentialField::SetPsi ::tf2::SetVerbose
::PotentialField::SetAlpha ::PotentialField::SetRepForceDistance ::velodyne::SetDelay
::PotentialField::SetDistanceToGoal ::PotentialField::SetVerbose ::velodyne::SetFixedSensorPose
::PotentialField::SetEpsilon ::SafetyPilot::SetHitMinDistance ::velodyne::SetVerbose
::PotentialField::SetHitMaxDistance ::SafetyPilot::SetMaxSpeed ::velodyne::SetupPoseProcessing
::PotentialField::SetHitMaxZ ::SafetyPilot::SetMinPCLHit
::PotentialField::SetHitMinDistance ::SafetyPilot::SetStopDistance
eltclsh > ::velodyne::SetDelay 2000000
eltclsh > navigation_track
Are you sure the robot is ready and safe to move? (Y/N): y
rmp440::3
eltclsh > Navigation::Go
::Navigation::GotoNode ::Navigation::GotoPosition ::Navigation::GotoTarget
eltclsh > ::Navigation::GotoNode power &
```



# Run Time Verification with BIP Engine

```
[BIP ENGINE]: WARNING: state #5375644 and global time
12min27s265ms544us809ns: violation of the following timing
constraint ROOT.Compound_gps_.gps_.perm_io_gps:
```

```
.....
*****
```

```
We send the SetDelay command
```

```
*****
```

```
...
```

```
[BIP ENGINE]:
```

```
ROOT.Compound_PotentialField_.PotentialField_.StartTrackTargetPort
_PotentialField_inst_1 resume [ -INFTY, 12min27s264ms952us841ns ]
```

```
...
```

```
[BIP ENGINE]: WARNING: state #5375932 and global time
12min27s309ms870us794ns: violation of the following timing
constraint
```

```
ROOT.Compound_velodyne_.velodyne_.GetScans_velodyne_inst_2:
```

```
...
```

```
*****
```

```
The SetDelay request has been executed.
```

```
*****
```

```
...
```

```
[BIP ENGINE]: WARNING: state #5375959 and global time
12min27s314ms182us292ns: violation of the following timing
constraint ROOT.Compound_gps_.gps_.perm_io_gps:
```

```
.....
propertyXXX <= 2000.
```

```
[BIP ENGINE]: WARNING: state #5376193 and global time
12min27s347ms697us691ns: violation of the following timing
constraint
```

```
Got a PointCloud of 19968 width, 1 height, size 19968.
```

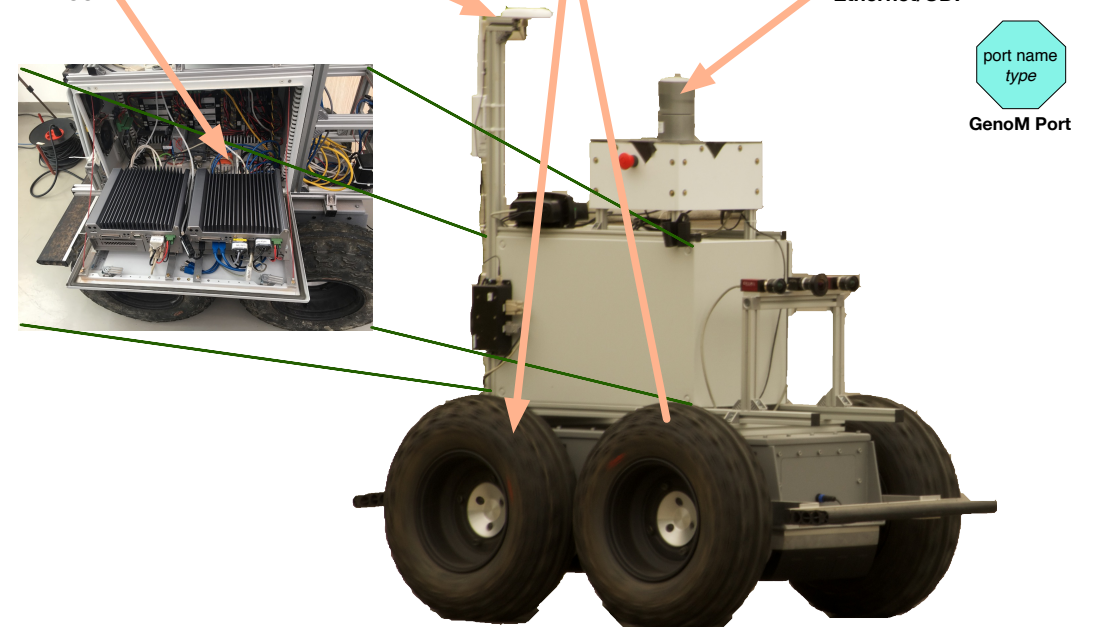
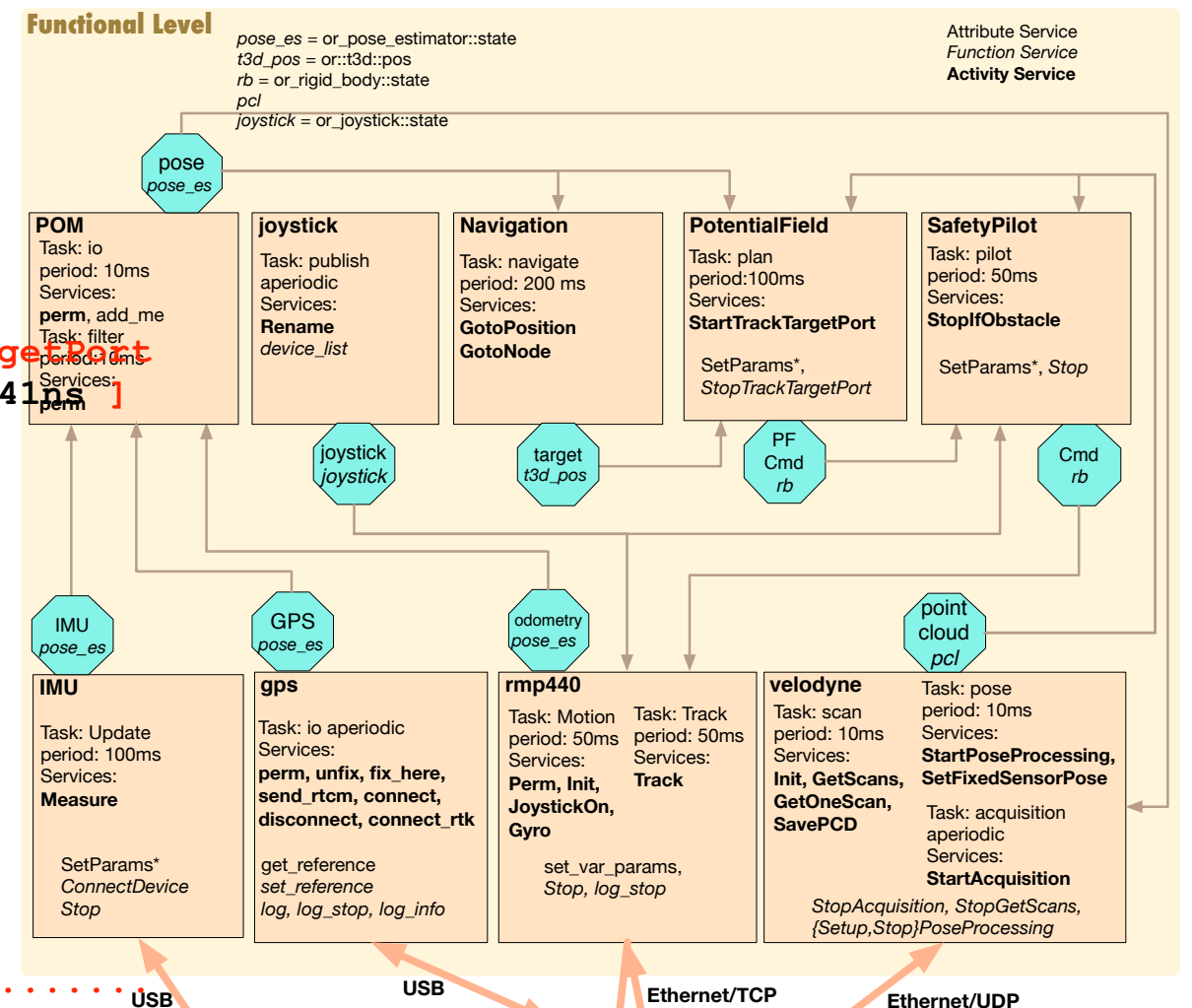
```
*****
```

```
The codel (which writes the PCL port) is being delayed, so PCL
above is not published.
```

```
*****
```

```
Starting 2000000 delay.
```

```
[BIP ENGINE]: WARNING: state #5376210 and global time
12min27s350ms238us328ns: violation of the following timing
constraint ROOT.Compound_rmp440_.rmp440_.Track_rmp440_inst_2:
```



# Run Time Verification with BIP Engine

```
[BIP ENGINE]: WARNING: state #5388409 and global time
12min29s343ms736us482ns: violation of the following timing
constraint ROOT.Compound_rmp440_.rmp440_.Track_rmp440_inst_2:
propertyXXX > 2000.
```

\*\*\*\*\*

The property is being triggered in the BIP engine (see above) exactly when the 2 seconds have elapsed (see below).

\*\*\*\*\*

Ending 2000000 delay.

```
[BIP ENGINE]: WARNING: state #5388434 and global time
12min29s348ms75us105ns: violation of the following timing
constraint
ROOT.Compound_Navigation_.Navigation_.GotoNode_Navigation_inst_1:
```

.....

```
[BIP ENGINE]: WARNING: state #5388466 and global time
12min29s352ms728us417ns: violation of the following timing
constraint
ROOT.Compound_PotentialField_.PotentialField_.StartTrackTargetPort_
_PotentialField_inst_1:
```

.....

```
[BIP ENGINE]: WARNING: state #5388486 and global time
12min29s355ms544us686ns: violation of the following timing
constraint
ROOT.Compound_velodyne_.velodyne_.GetScans_velodyne_inst_2:
```

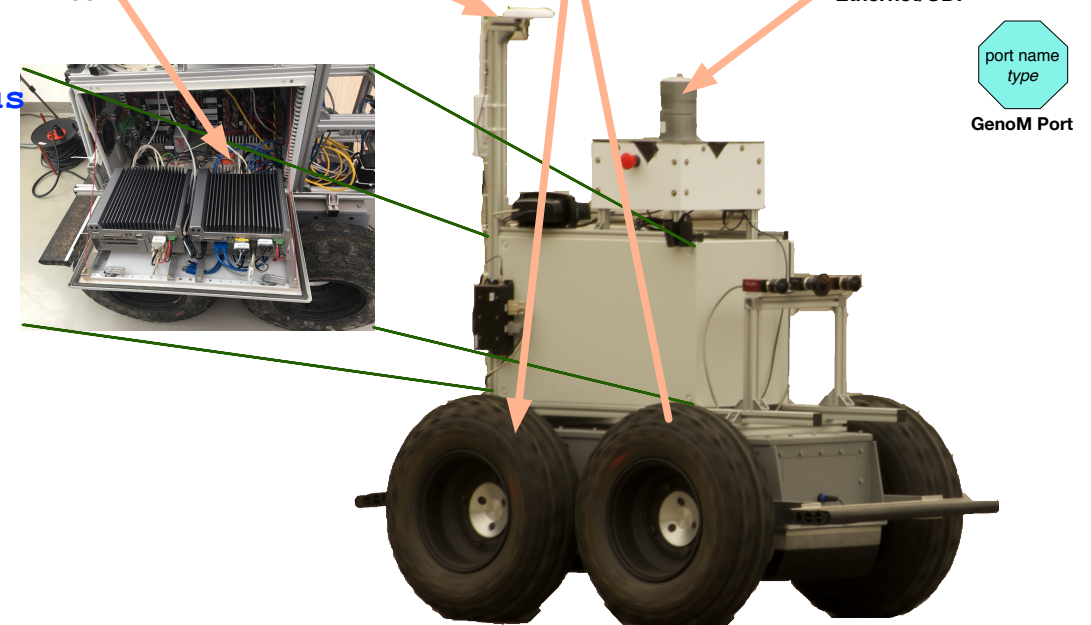
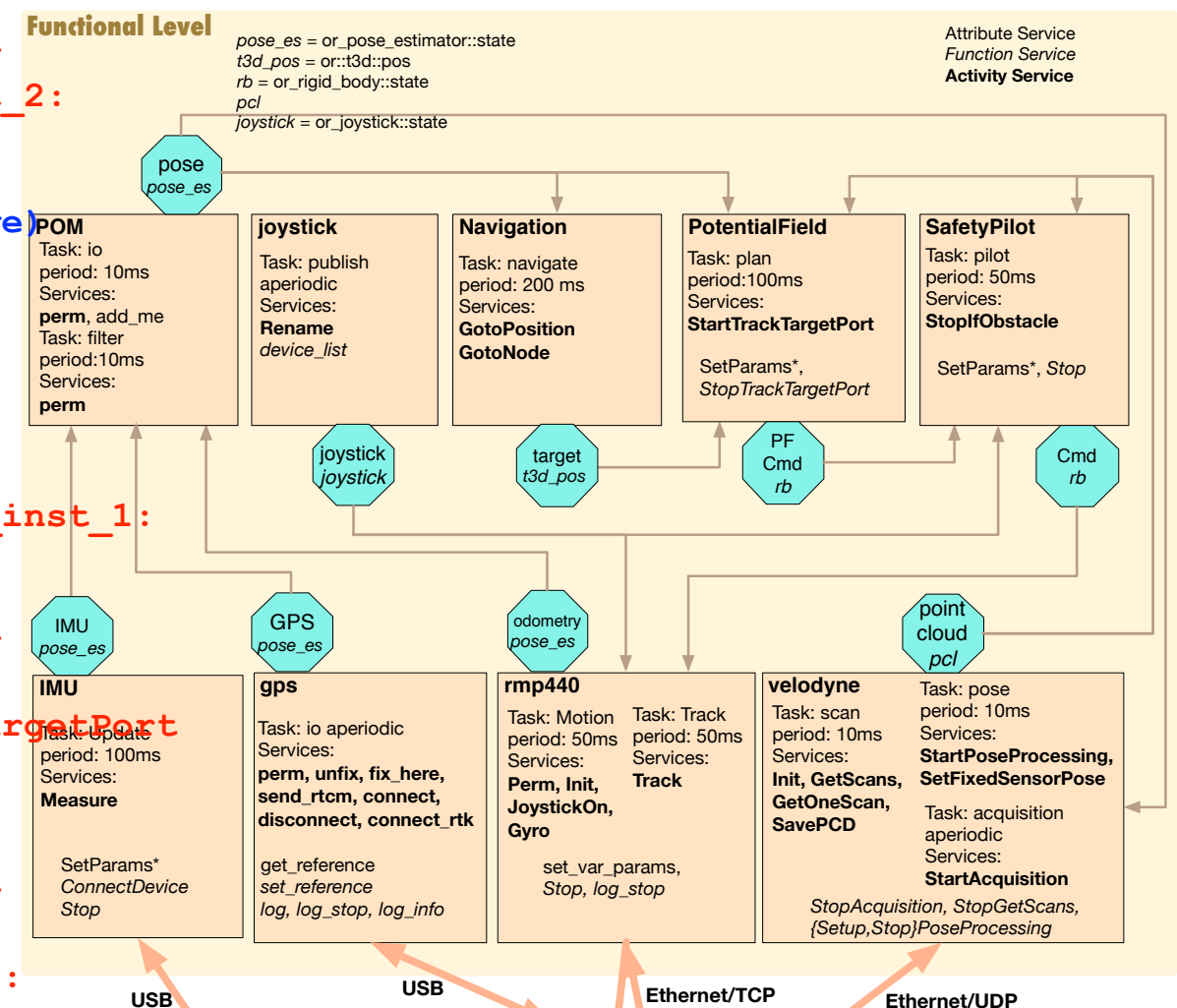
\*\*\*\*\*

next rmp440 step is to stop the robot (12ms after the previous loop and 7ms after monitor triggered).

\*\*\*\*\*

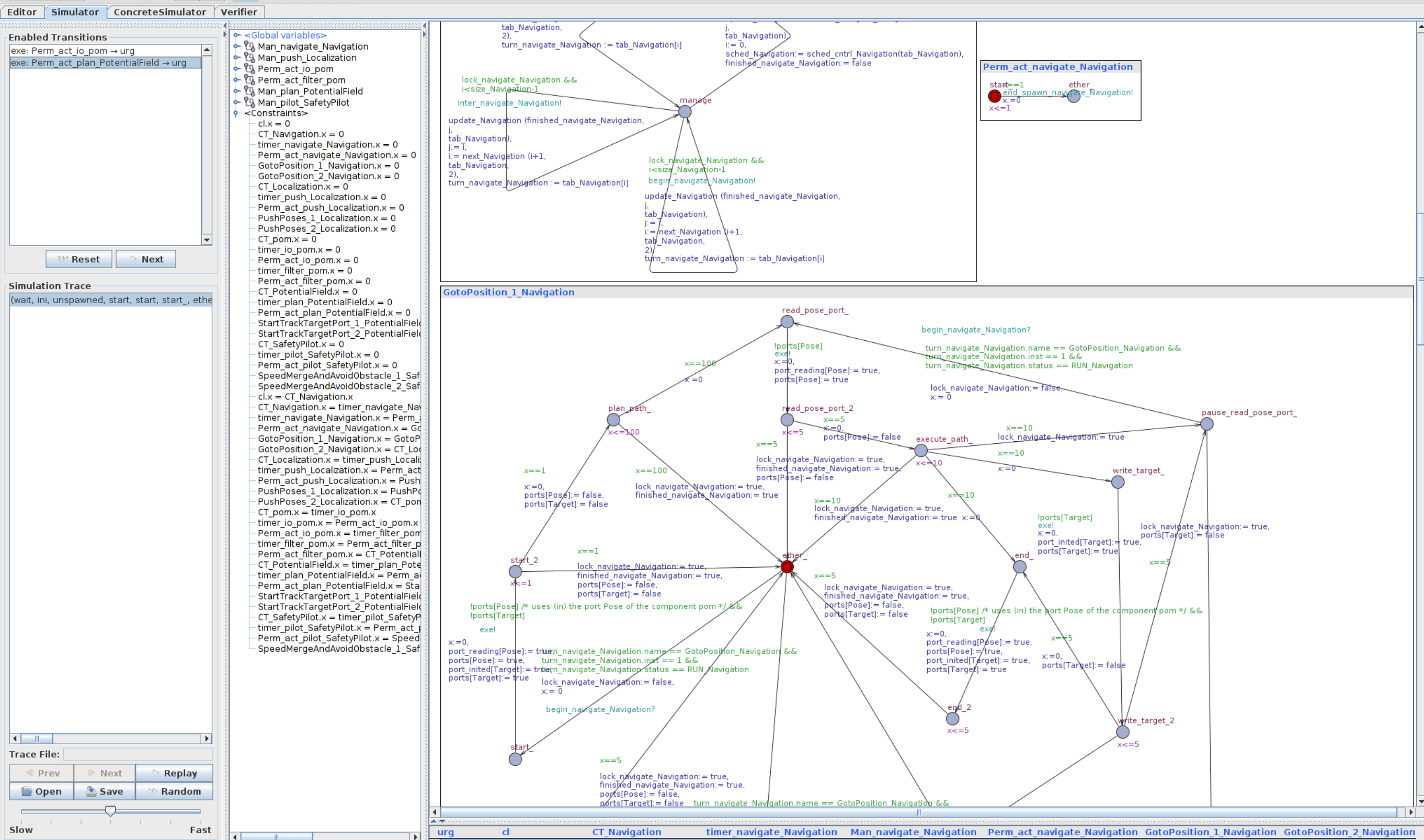
```
[GenoM3] rmp440 Calling rmp440_codel_service_Track_stop
codel.
```

```
rmp440 StopTrack
```





# OFFICIAL



# UPPAAL

the UPPAAL model  
(9000 loc) of all the  
components

```

emacs@ashitaka-ubuntu.laas.fr
File Edit Options Buffers Tools C Help
/* --- Generated by genom 2.99.33. Do not edit --- */

/* This UPPAAL sepcification is automatically generated. */

/* ports */
const int state := 0;
const int info := 1;
const int ImuPose := 2;
const int device := 3;
const int Target := 4;
const int frame := 5;
const int PFCmd := 6;
const int PF_Att := 7;
const int PF_Rep := 8;
const int PF_Res := 9;
const int Pose := 10;
const int Status := 11;
const int StatusGeneric := 12;
const int point_cloud := 13;
const int point_cloud2 := 14;
const int Cmd := 15;
const int nports := 16;
bool ports[nports] := {false, false, false, false, false, false, false, false, false, false, false, false, false, false, false, false};

/* urgency */
urgent chan exe;

/* channels, variables and functions (gps) */
/* channels */
urgent chan recv_urg_gps,
      shutter_io_gps,
      begin_io_gps, inter_io_gps;
chan recv_gps;

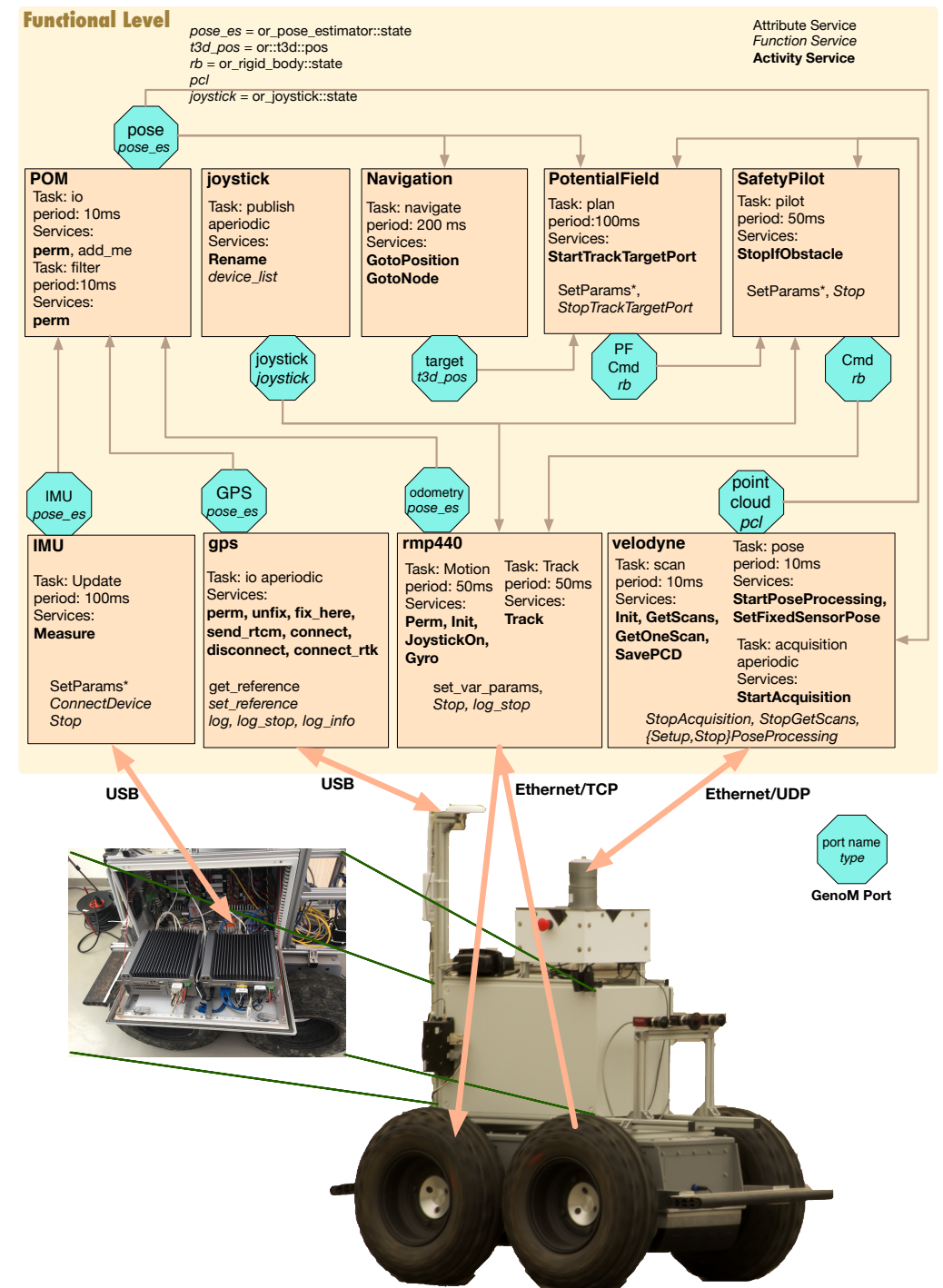
broadcast chan end_spawn_io_gps;
urgent broadcast chan go_io_gps;

/* constants & global variables */
bool shut_gps := false;

bool sched_gps := false;
bool lock_io_gps := true;

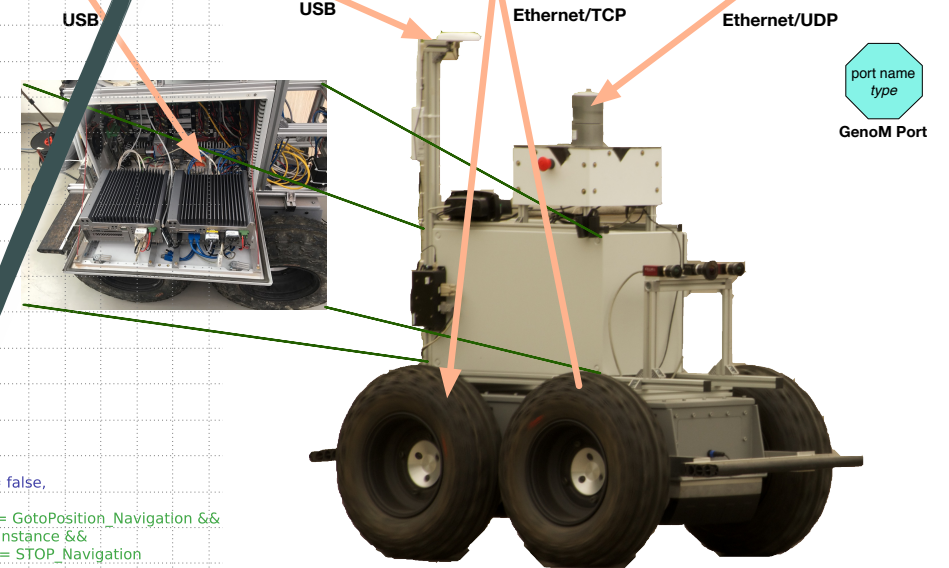
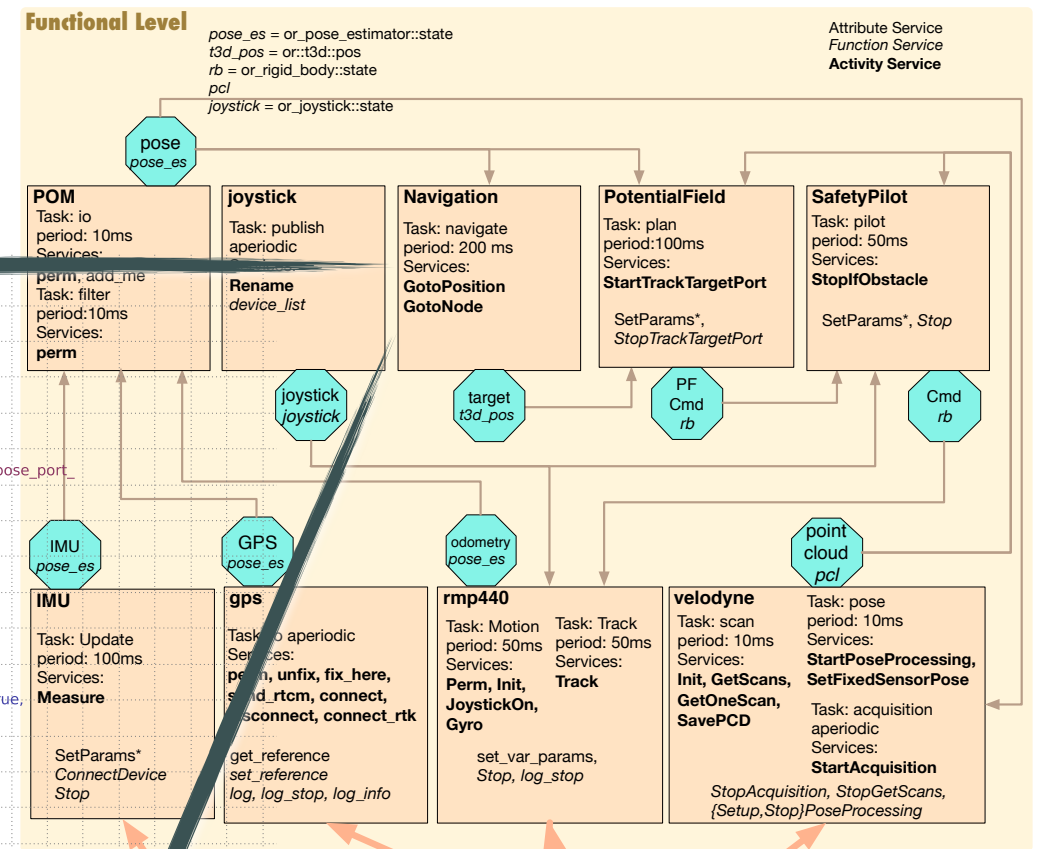
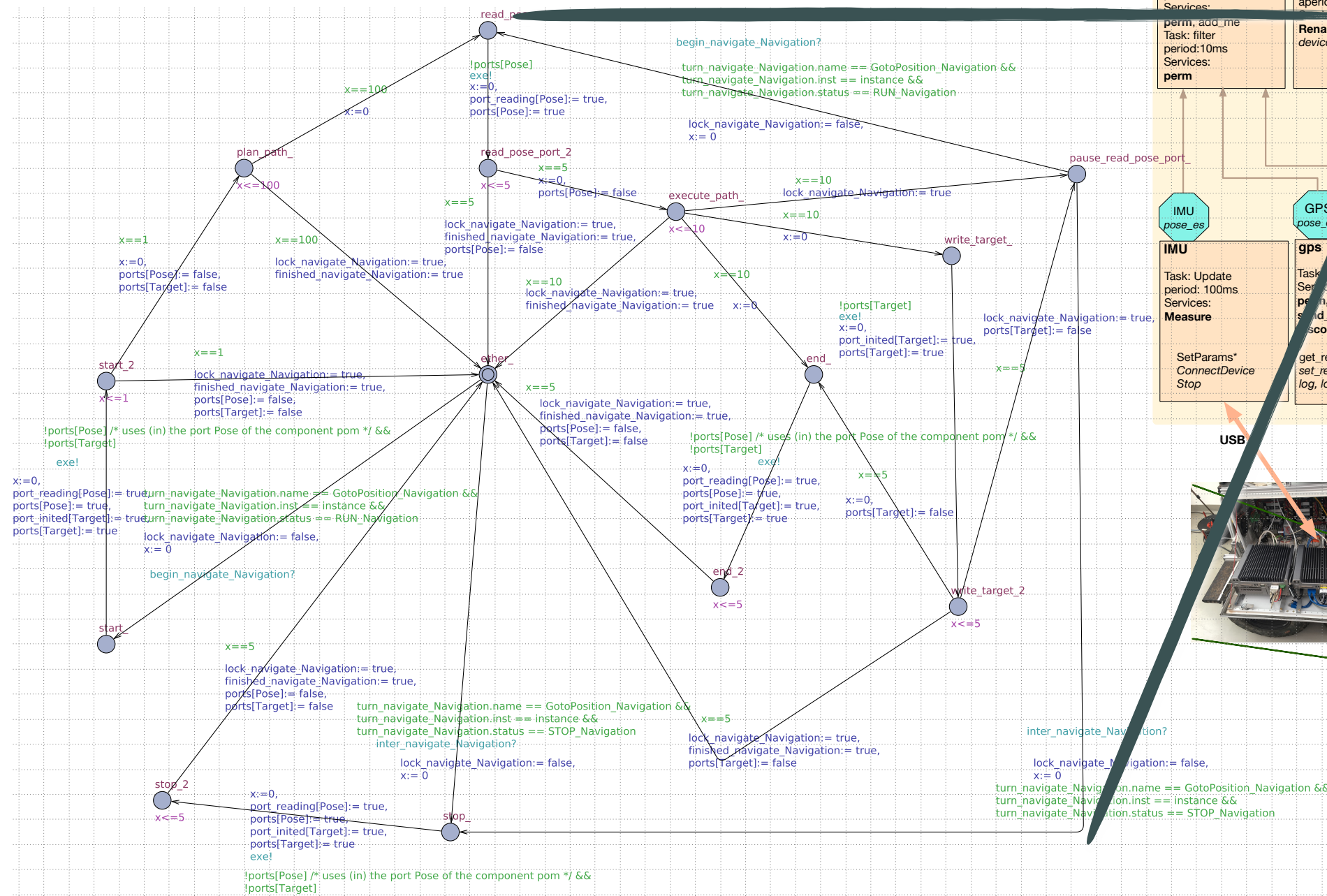
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Mark set

```



# UPPAAL

the UPPAAL model  
(9000 loc) of all the  
components





# Verification with UPPAAL

```
/* All ports are properly written before being read
*/
```

```
A[] (ports_read[p] imply ports_write[p])
```

```
/* Navigation: bound between stop request and writing
a new target (to current pose) */
```

```
/* take advantage of the CT_Navigation clock reset
only once (when sending the stop request)
to verify a bounded-response property without
additional processes*/
```

```
/* bound = 202.5 ms, verification time 442.256s,
memory consumption ~1gb */
```

```
CT_Navigation.Stop_ -->
(GotoPosition_1_Navigation.ether_ and
CT_Navigation.x<=2025)
```

```
/* absence of (service) deadlock */
```

```
/* verification time 40 to 60s each, memory
consumption ~250mb */
```

```
Man_navigate_Navigation.manage -->
```

```
Man_navigate_Navigation.start
```

```
Man_io_pom.manage --> Man_io_pom.start
```

```
Man_filter_pom.manage --> Man_filter_pom.start
```

```
Man_push_Localization.manage -->
```

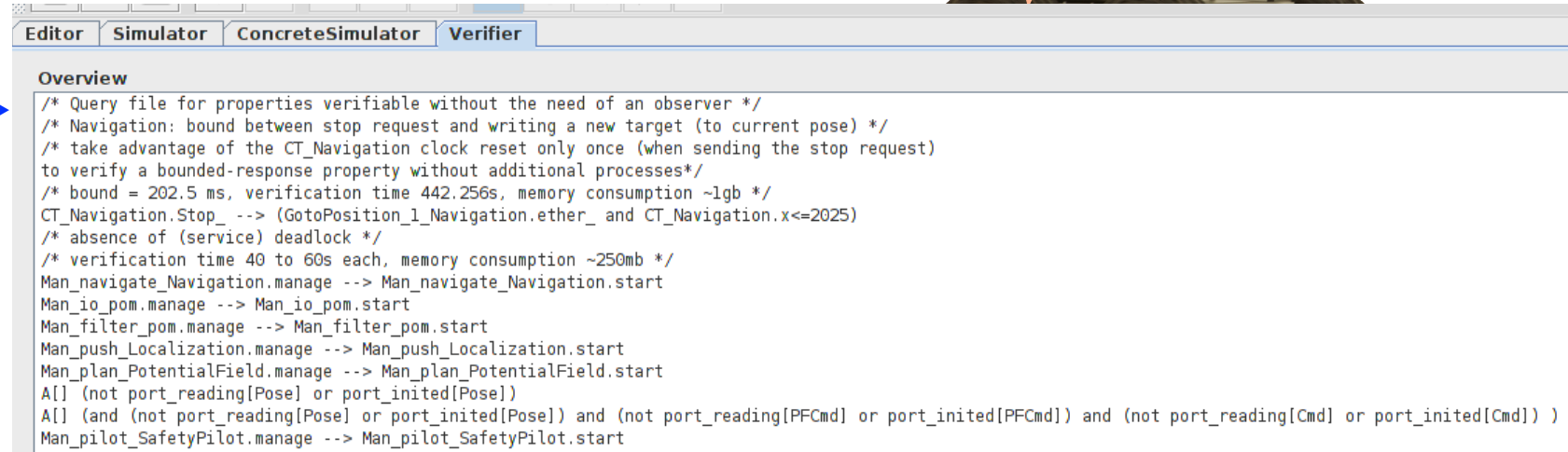
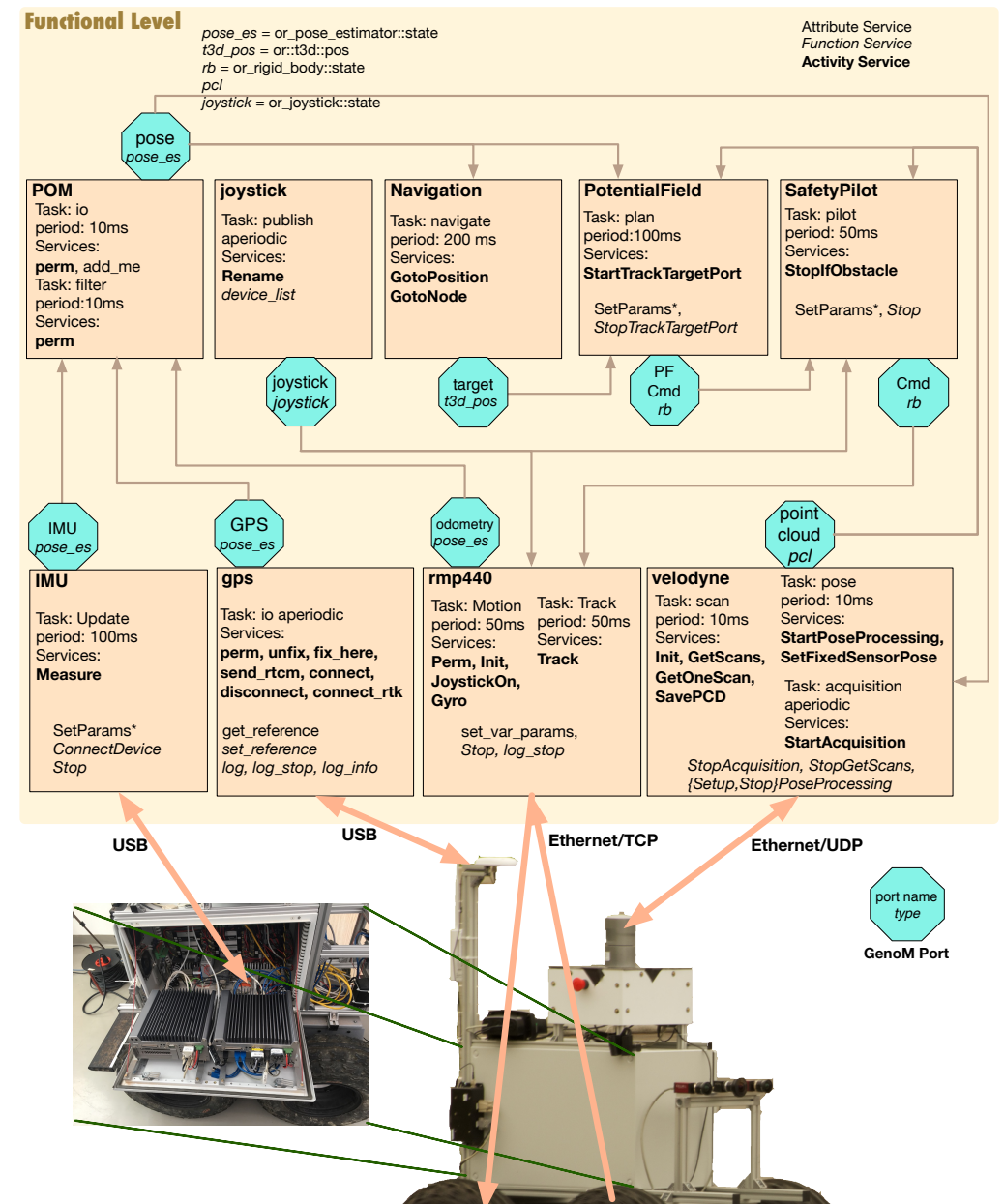
```
Man_push_Localization.start
```

```
Man_plan_PotentialField.manage -->
```

```
Man_plan_PotentialField.start
```

```
Man_pilot_SafetyPilot.manage -->
```

```
Man_pilot_SafetyPilot.start
```



# Verification with UPPAAL

```
/* All ports are properly written before being read
*/
```

```
A[] (ports_read[p] imply ports_write[p])
```

```
/* Navigation: bound between stop request and writing
a new target (to current pose) */
```

```
/* take advantage of the CT_Navigation clock reset
only once (when sending the stop request)
```

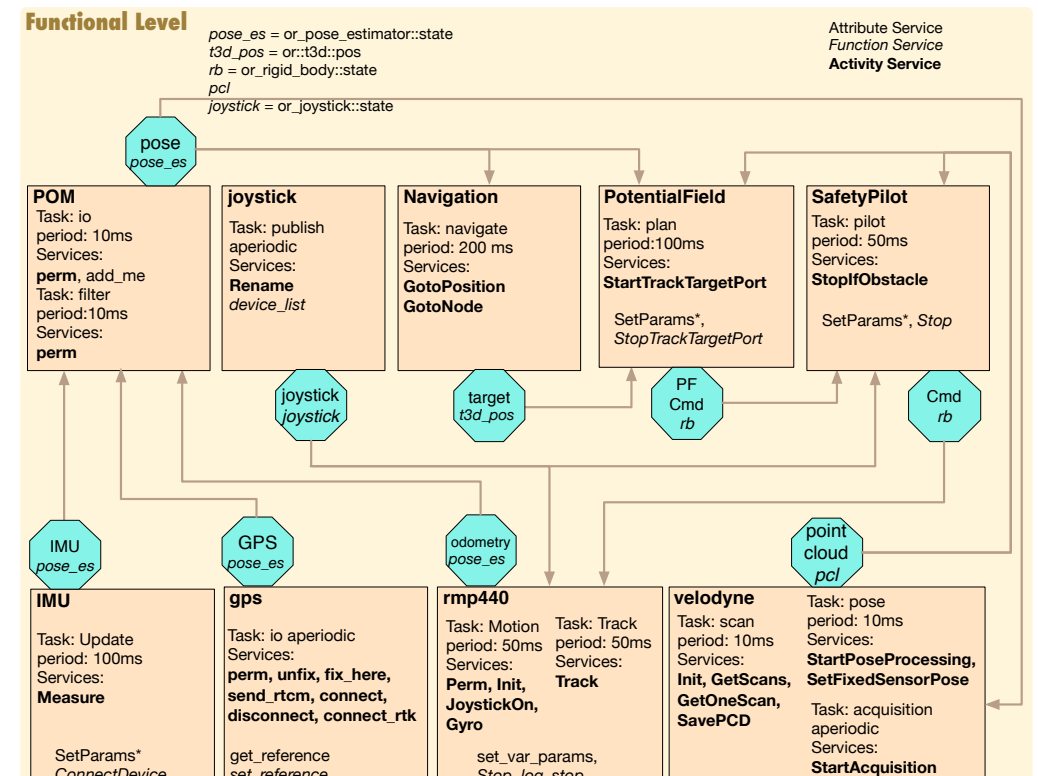
```
to verify a bounded-response property without
additional processes*/
```

```
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memory consumption ~1gb */
```

```
CT_Navigation.Stop_ -->
```

```
(GotoPosition_1_Navigation.ether_ and
```

```
CT_Navigation.x<=2025)
```



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## Overview

```
/* Query file for properties verifiable without the need of an observer */
/* Navigation: bound between stop request and writing a new target (to current pose) */
/* take advantage of the CT_Navigation clock reset only once (when sending the stop request)
to verify a bounded-response property without additional processes*/
/* bound = 202.5 ms, verification time 442.256s, memory consumption ~1gb */
CT_Navigation.Stop_ --> (GotoPosition_1_Navigation.ether_ and CT_Navigation.x<=2025)
/* absence of (service) deadlock */
/* verification time 40 to 60s each, memory consumption ~250mb */
Man_navigate_Navigation.manage --> Man_navigate_Navigation.start
Man_io_pom.manage --> Man_io_pom.start
Man_filter_pom.manage --> Man_filter_pom.start
Man_push_Localization.manage --> Man_push_Localization.start
Man_plan_PotentialField.manage --> Man_plan_PotentialField.start
A[] (not port_reading[Pose] or port_initiated[Pose])
A[] (and (not port_reading[Pose] or port_initiated[Pose]) and (not port_reading[PFCmd] or port_initiated[PFCmd]) and (not port_reading[Cmd] or port_initiated[Cmd])) )
Man_pilot_SafetyPilot.manage --> Man_pilot_SafetyPilot.start
```



# Fiacre Model

## example: Alternate Bit Protocol

```

/* Processes */

process buffer [ii: in packet, oo: out packet] is
  states idle
  var buff : queue 1 of packet := {},
      pkt: packet
  from idle
  select
    /* getting new packet */
    ii?pkt;
    on not (full buff); // should be redundant but prevents
                        // queue exception if time-out too small
    buff := enqueue (buff,pkt);
    to idle
  □ /* putting first packet */
    on not (empty buff);
    oo!first buff;
    buff := dequeue buff;
    to idle
  □ /* losing a packet */
    wait [0,1];
    on not (empty buff);
    buff := dequeue buff;
    #lost;
    to idle
  end
end

```

```

process sender [mbuff: out packet, abuff: in packet] is
  states idle, send, waita
  var ssn, n: seqno := false // ssn is current sequence number
  from idle
    /* should also retrieve data from user */
    to waita
  from send
    mbuff! ssn;
    to waita
  from waita
  select
    abuff? n;
    if n = ssn
    then ssn := not ssn
    end;
    to idle
  □ wait [4,5];
    /* resend */
    to send
  end
end

```

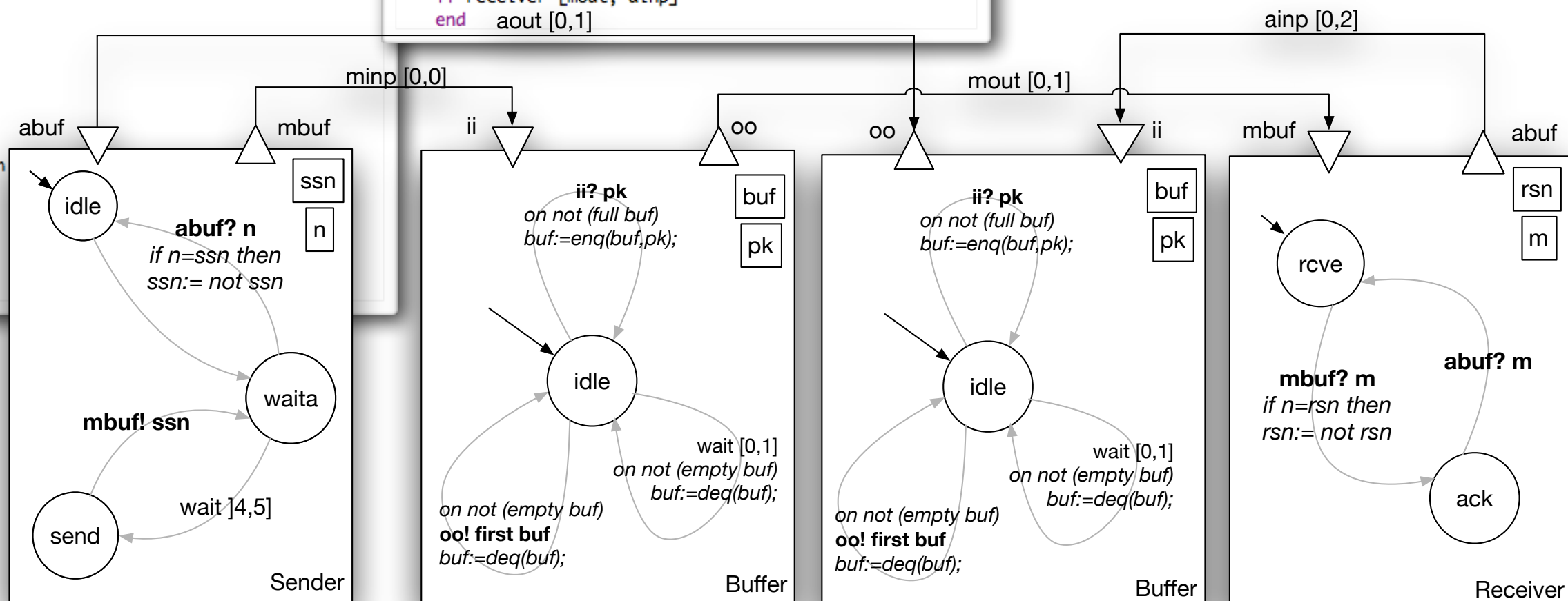
```

process receiver [mbuff: in packet, abuff: out packet] is
  states rcve, ack
  var rsn: seqno := false, m: packet := true
  // rsn is expected sequence number
  from rcve
    mbuff? m;
    if m = rsn then
      /* also should deliver data to user */
      rsn := not rsn;
      to ack
    else
      // reject duplicate
      to ack
    end
  from ack
    abuff! m;
    to rcve

/* Main component */

component abp is
  port minp : packet in [0,0],
      mout : packet in [0,1],
      ainp : packet in [0,2],
      aout : packet in [0,1]
  par * in
    sender [minp, aout]
    || buffer [minp, mout]
    || buffer [ainp, aout]
    || receiver [mout, ainp]
  end
end

```



# Fiacre

Fiacre model (9500 loc)  
of all the components

```

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/* --- Generated by genom 2.99.33. Do not edit --- */

/* This module is automatically generated.
   Services codels' temporization is set according to their respective WIF
   Mohammed Foughali and Felix Ingrand */

/* constants & types */

/* Global constants & types: ports mutual exclusion */
const PortsNumber: nat is 16

type PortsArray is array 16 of bool

const CodNumber_gps: nat is 28 /* number of codels: determines the size of the mutex boolean array */
const Max_gps: nat is 2 /* maximum of instances allowed per one self-compatible service, freely changeable */
const Nbactivities_io_gps: nat is 8 /* number of services for io task*/
const SelfIncomp_io_gps: 0..Nbactivities_io_gps is 1/* number of self-incompatible services */
const maxinterrupts_gps: nat is 2 /* maximum length of the interrupts queue */
const Nbnonact_gps: nat is 8 /* number of attributes and functions */
const width_io_gps: nat is SelfIncomp_io_gps*2+(Nbactivities_io_gps-SelfIncomp_io_gps)*Max_gps
const width_gps: nat is width_io_gps /* size of the activities part*/
const size_gps: nat is width_gps + Nbnonact_gps + 1

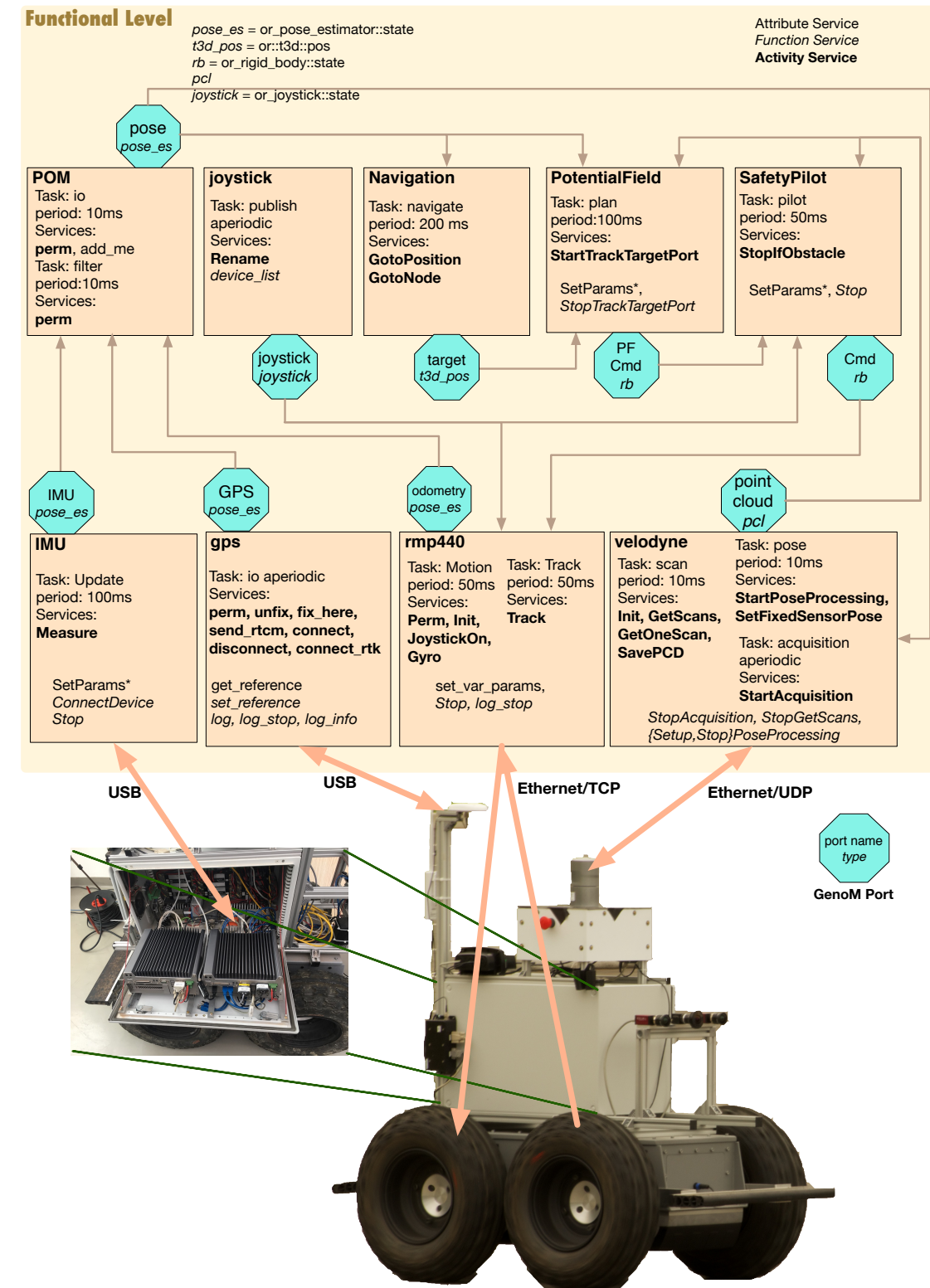
type service_gps is union /* possible names of services */
  connect_io_gps |
  disconnect_io_gps |
  set_rtk_port_io_gps |
  connect_rtk_io_gps |
  unfix_io_gps |
  fix_io_gps |
  fix_here_io_gps |
  send_rtcn_io_gps |
  set_reference_gps |
  rtk_stats_gps |
  log_gps |
  log_stop_gps |
  log_info_gps |
  get_param_gps |
  get_last_fix_gps |
  get_reference_gps |
  None_gps
end

type servicetype_gps is union
  Attribute_gps |
  Function_gps |
  Activity_gps
end

type status_gps is union
  ...
end

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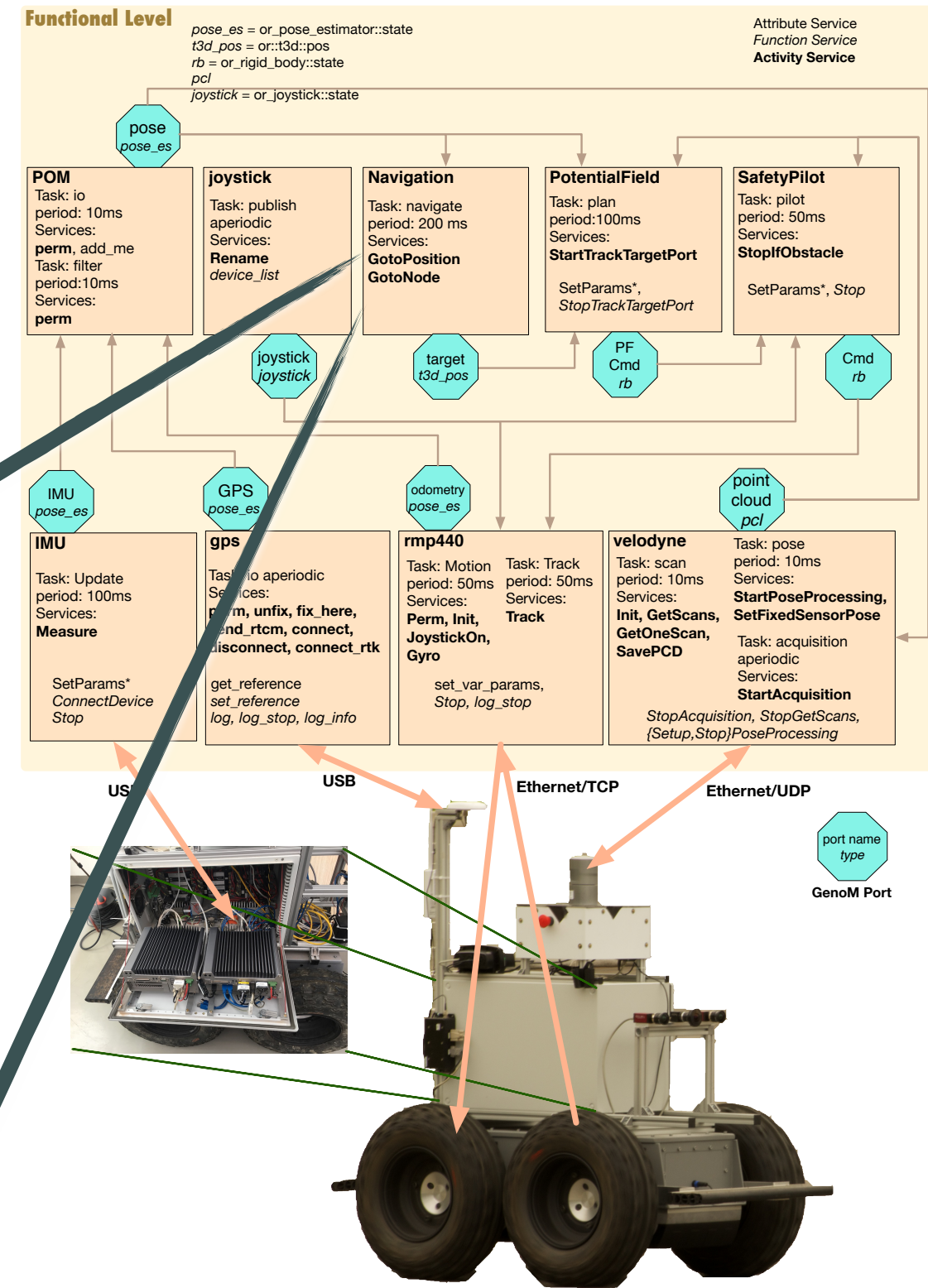
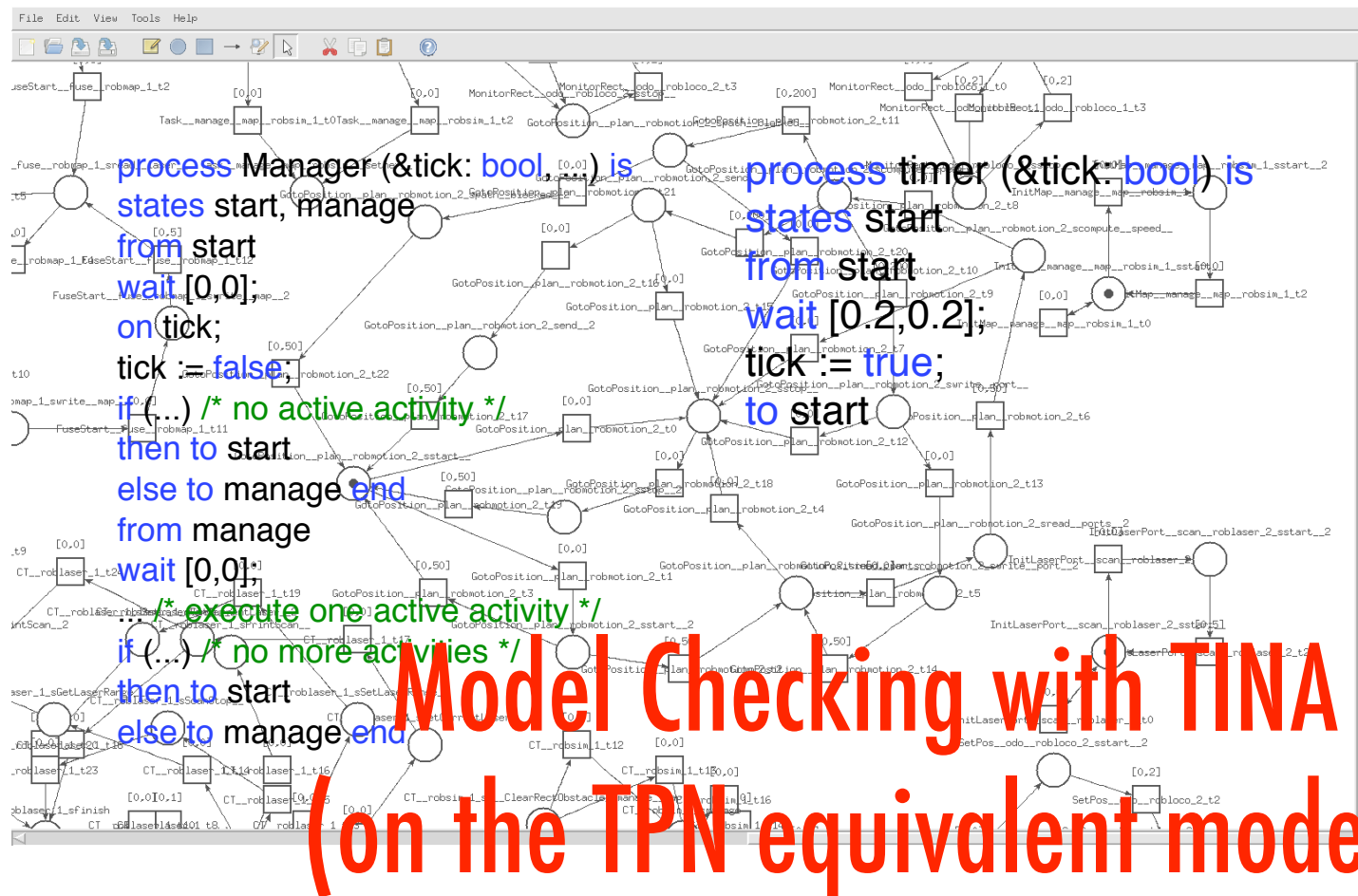
```





# Fiacre

Fiacre model (9500 loc)  
of all the components



# Verification with Fiacre

## — Progress of activities

**property** no\_block is (navigation/navigate/manager/state manage) leadsto (navigation/navigate/manager/state start)

Verification with TINA: TRUE

## — Position port update bounded in time

## — Navigation Stop leads to rmp440 stopping the robot

**property** bounded\_stop\_1 is (Navigation/control\_task/state Stop\_req) leadsto (Navigation/GotoPosition/state stop) within [0,0.2]

....

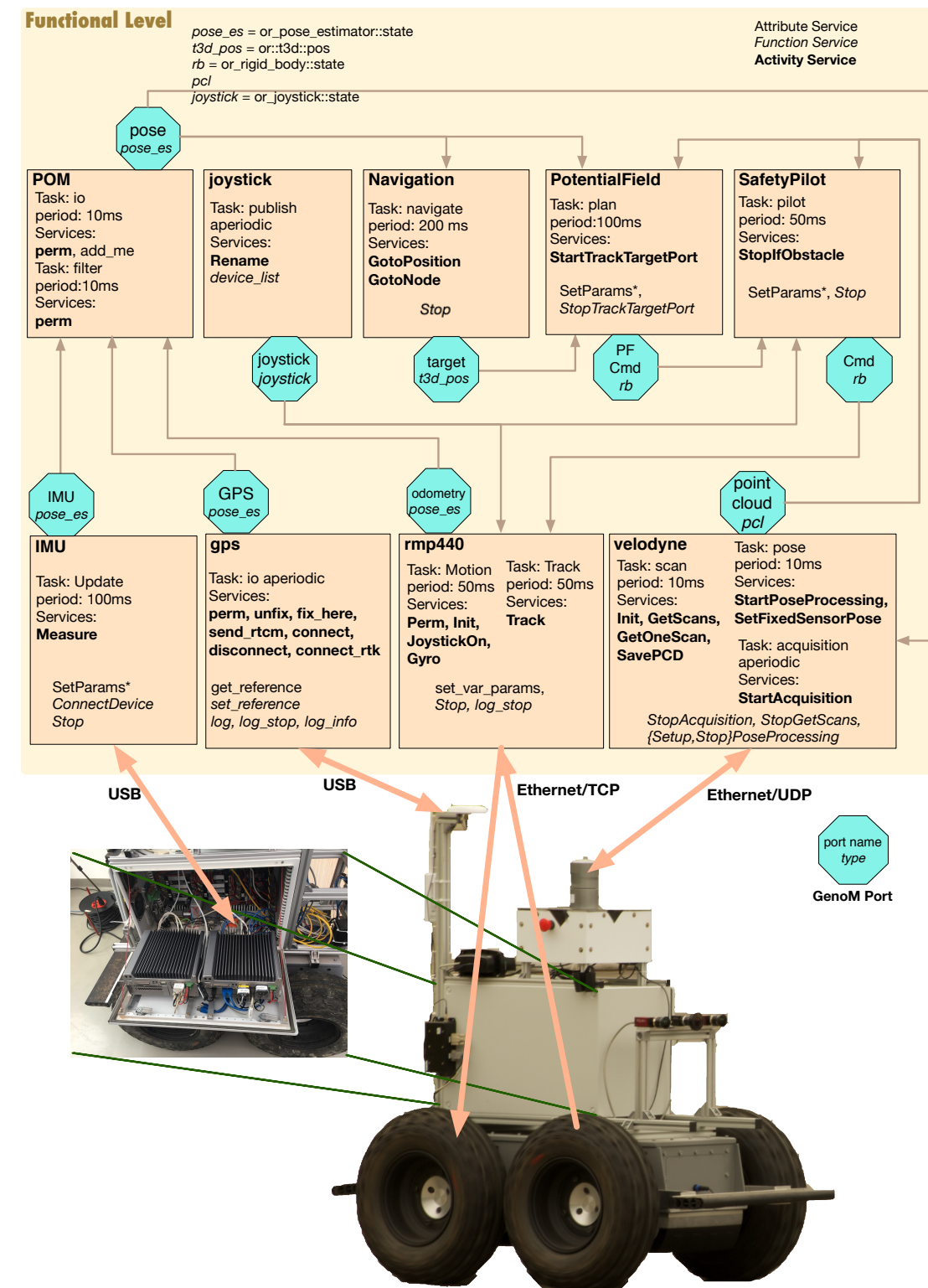
**property** bounded\_stop\_x is (rmp440/Track/state stop) leads to leave (rmp440/Track/state update) within [0,0.05]

## — Schedulability of execution tasks

**property** schedulability\_main is always (microkopter/main/state executing  $\Rightarrow$  not (main\_period\_signal))

Verification with TINA: FALSE

Hold for all tasks with an octo-core but not with a quad-core ODROID-C0





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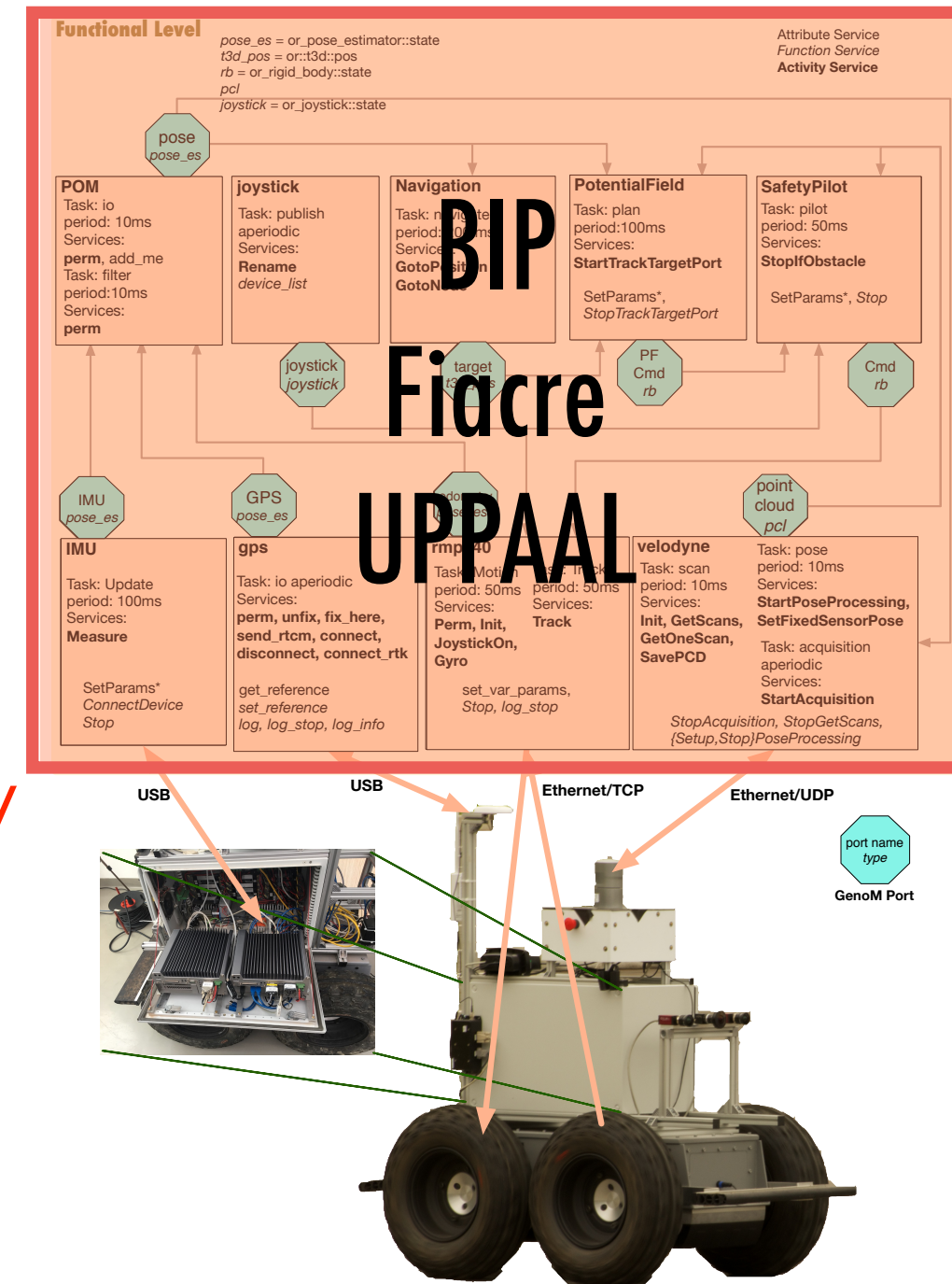
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Functional level : **GenoM**  
Modules

Services (control flow)

Ports (data flow)

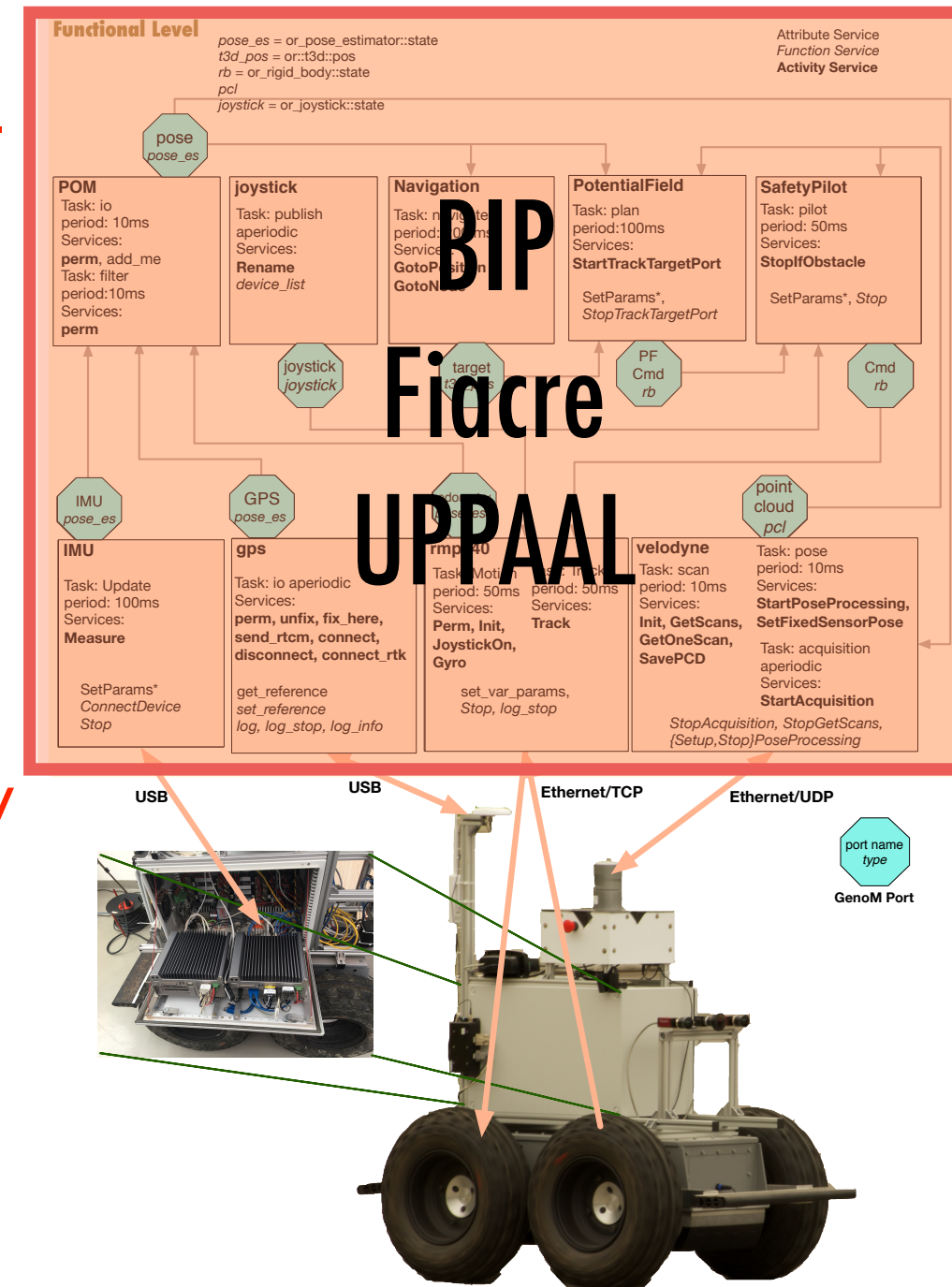
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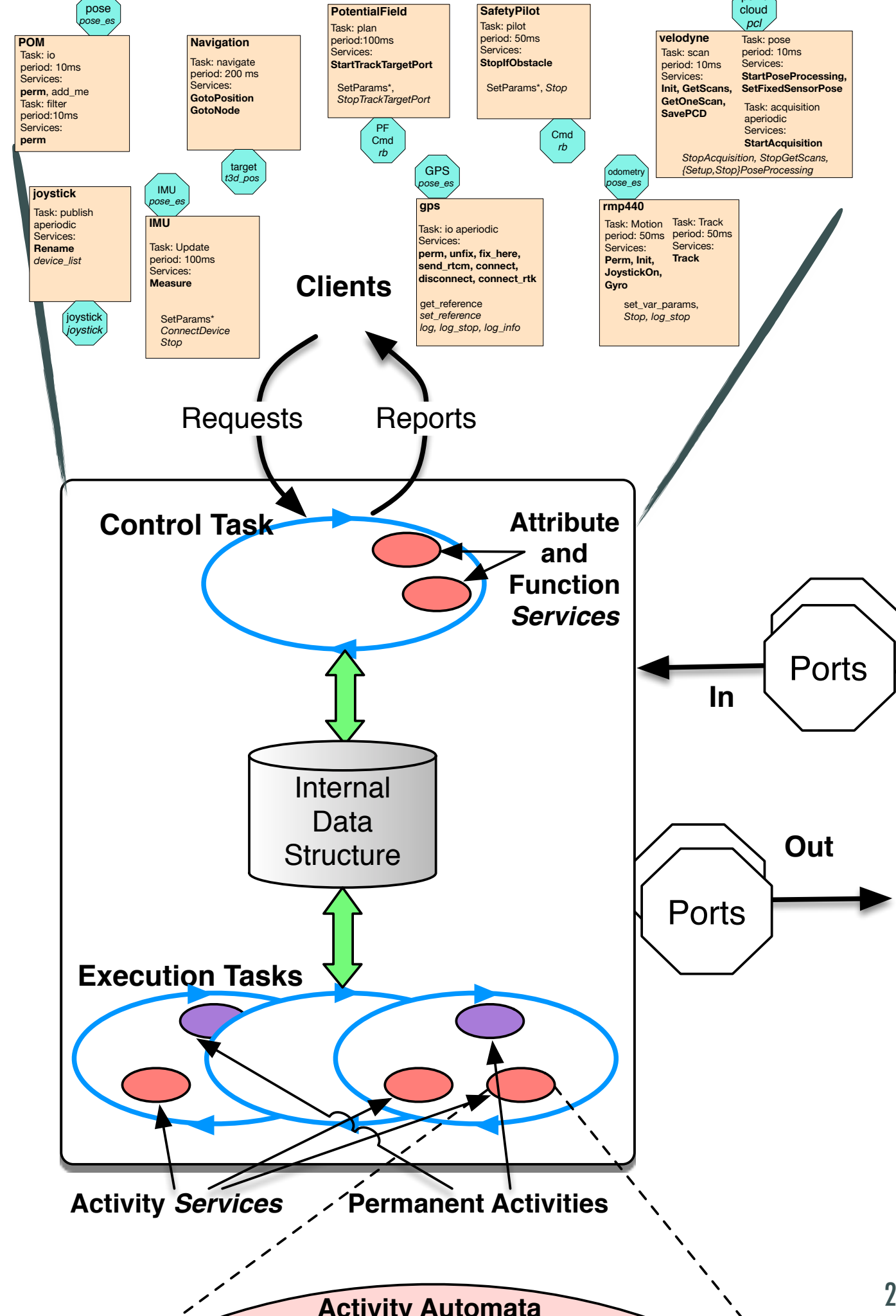
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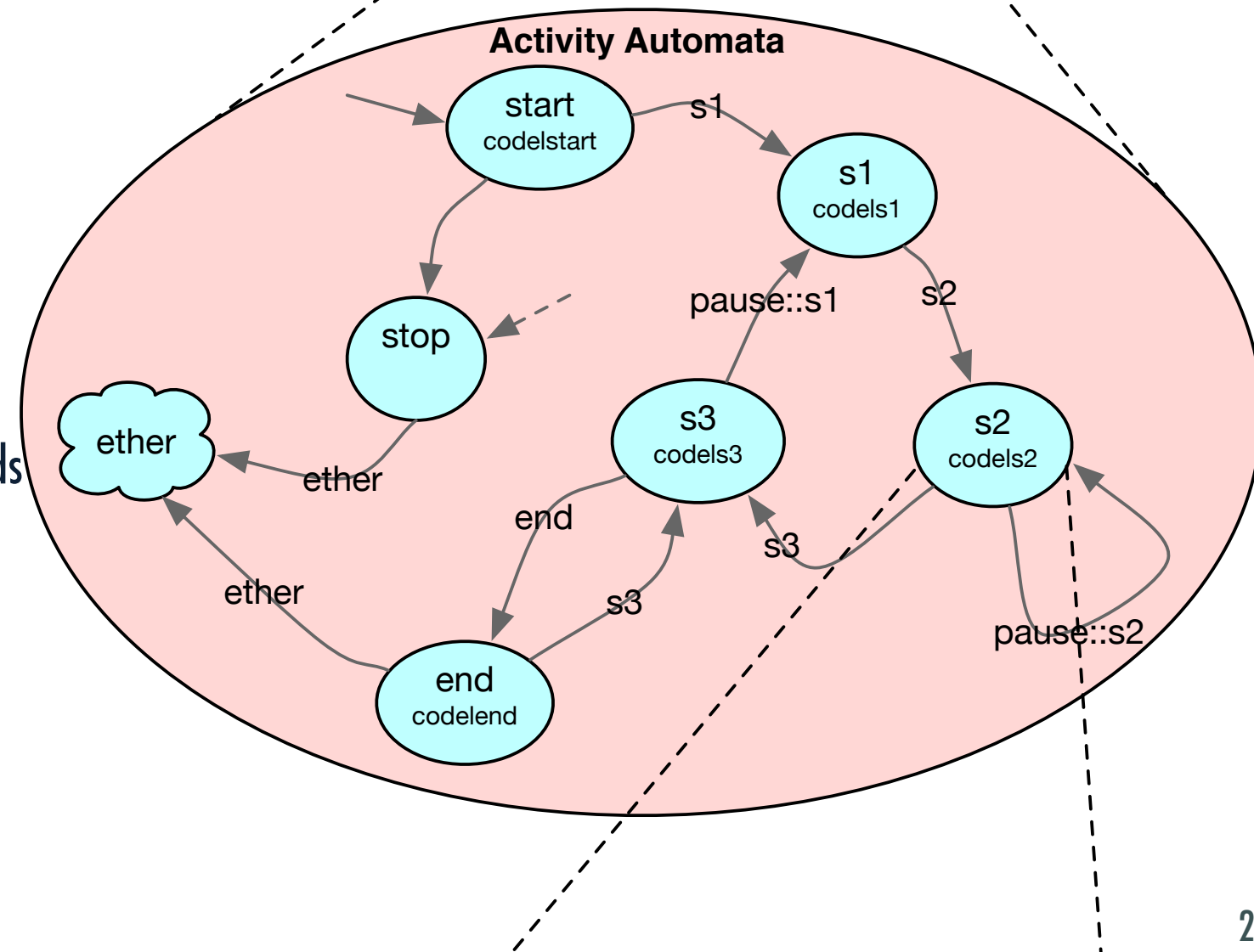
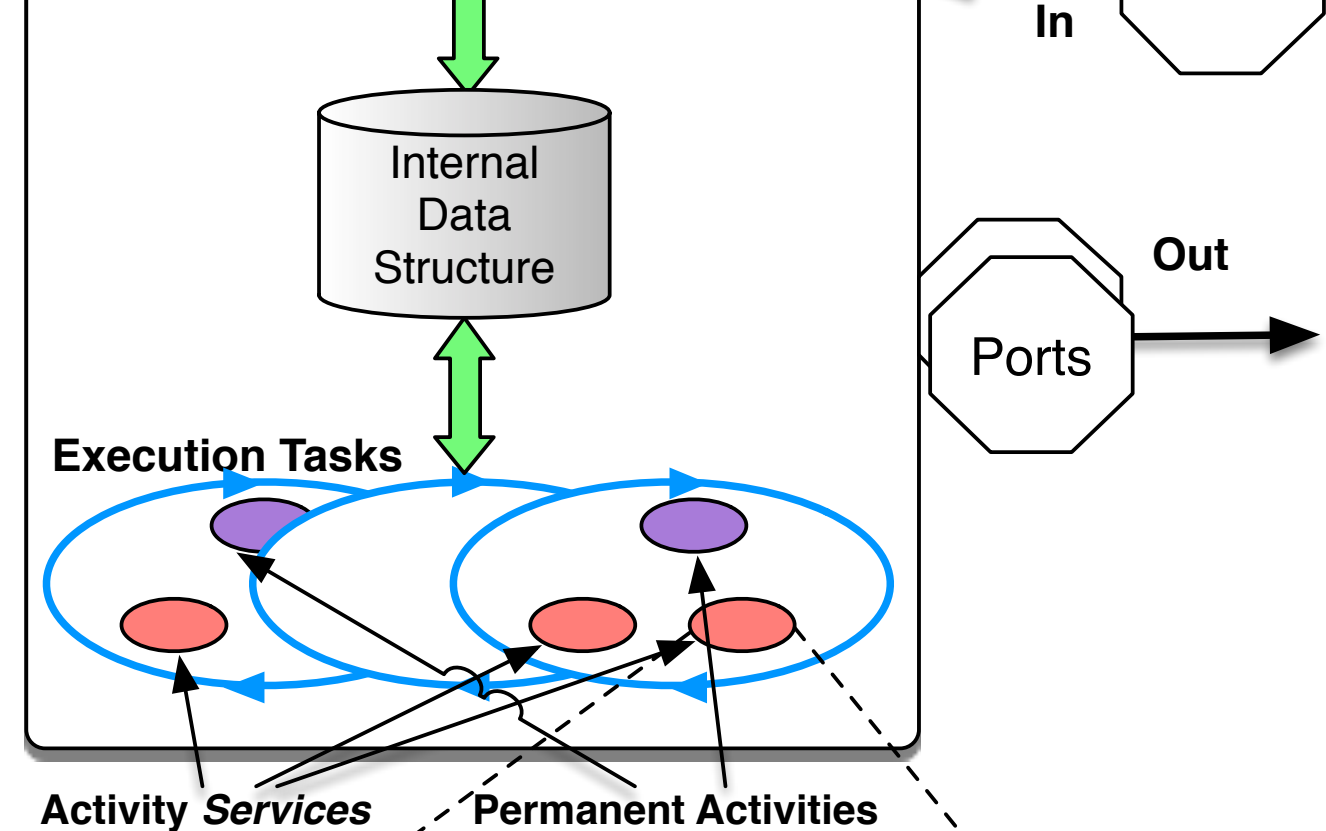
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  - control: requests to start services/reports their results
  - data: ports in(to read external data) and out (to write external data)
- it supports a cyclic control task (aperiodic)
- and one or more cyclic execution tasks, periodic or aperiodic
- it provides services (fast and slow) to which we will associate C/C++ code
  - in the control task: attribute and function services (fast)
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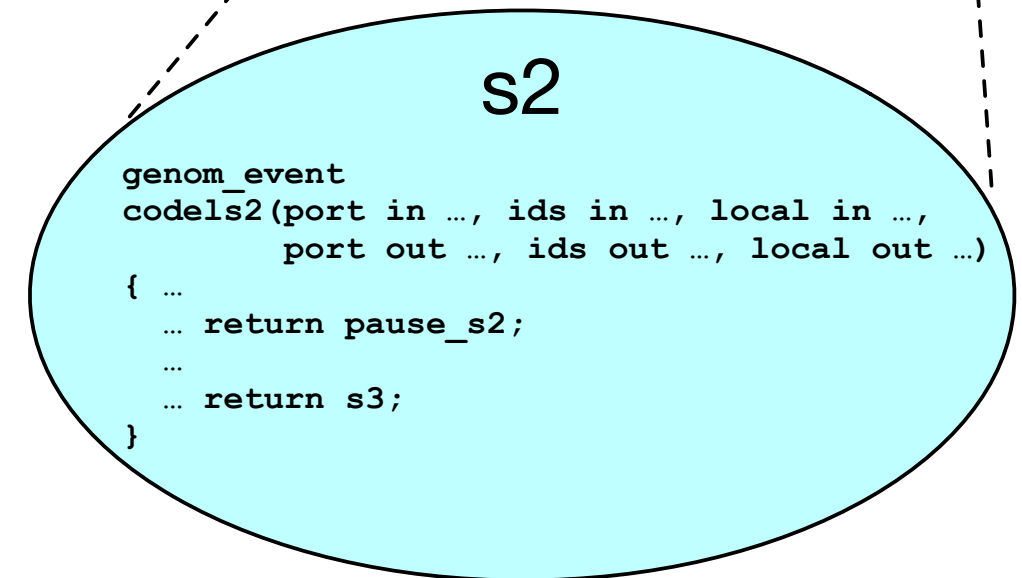
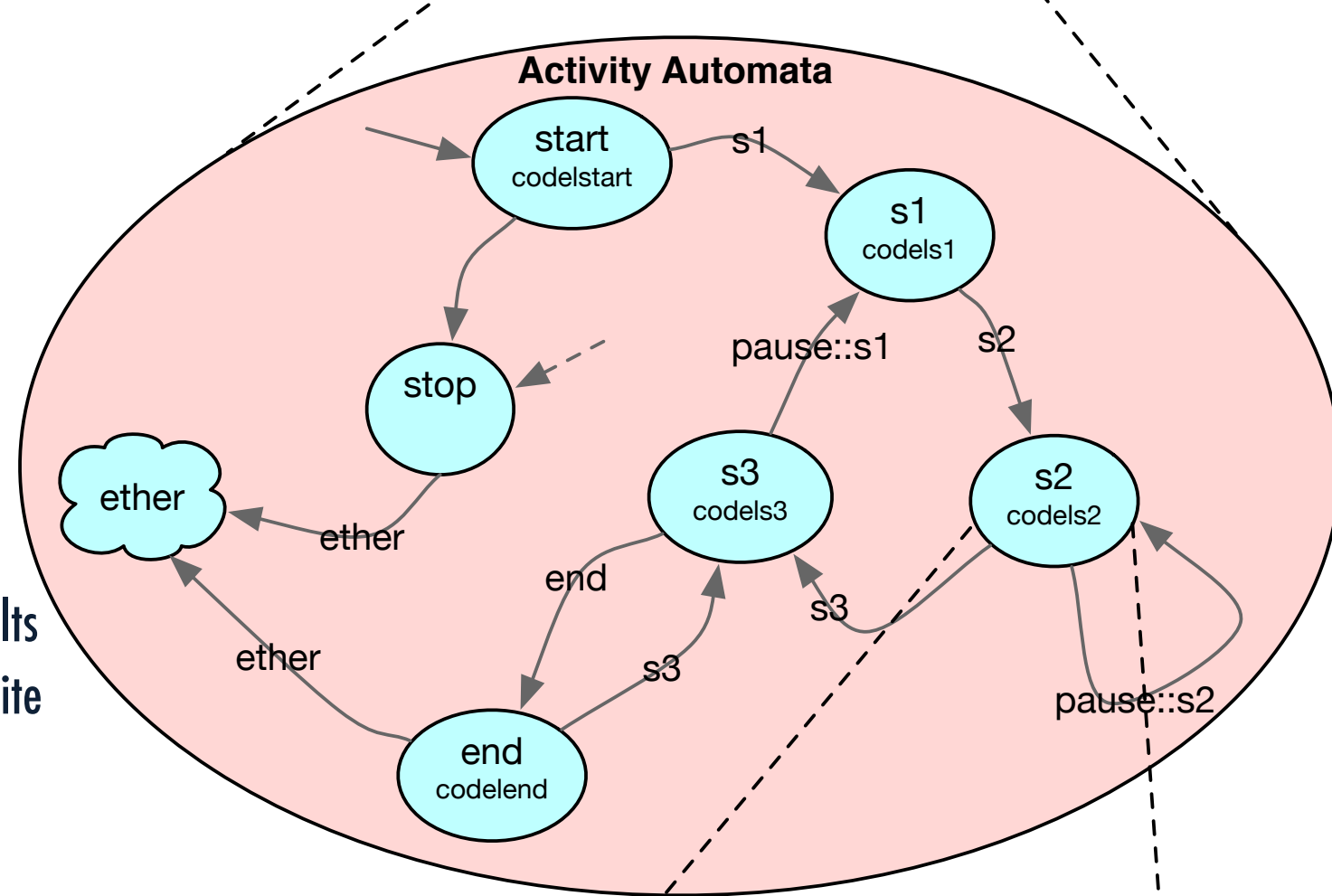
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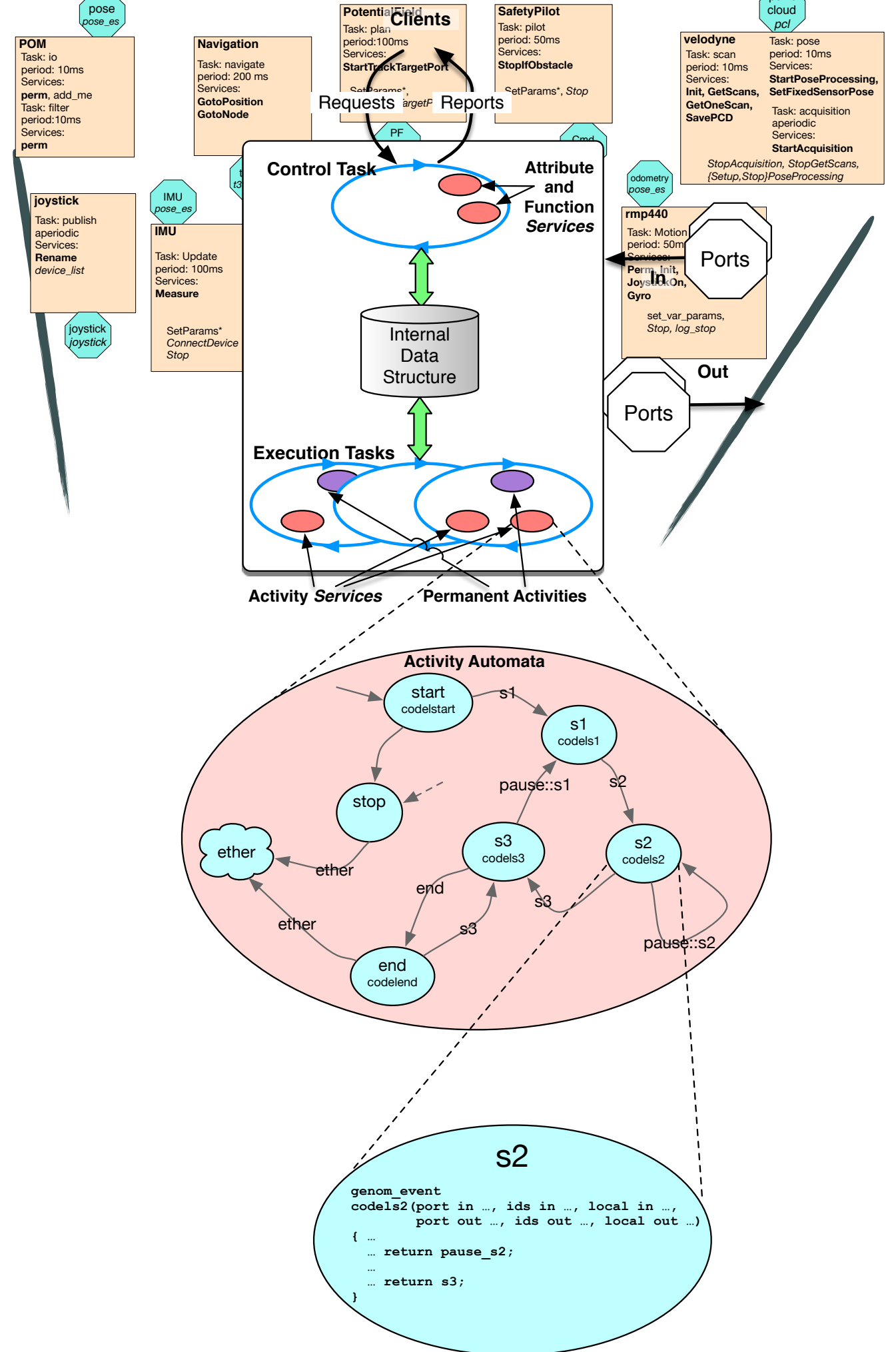
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- each step is associated to a codel ( C/C++ code)



# GenoM specifications

- IDS
- Ports (in & out)
- Execution Tasks
  - (periodic or aperiodic)
- Services
  - Attribute, function
  - Activity
    - automata
    - and attached codels with WCET...







# GenoM workflow

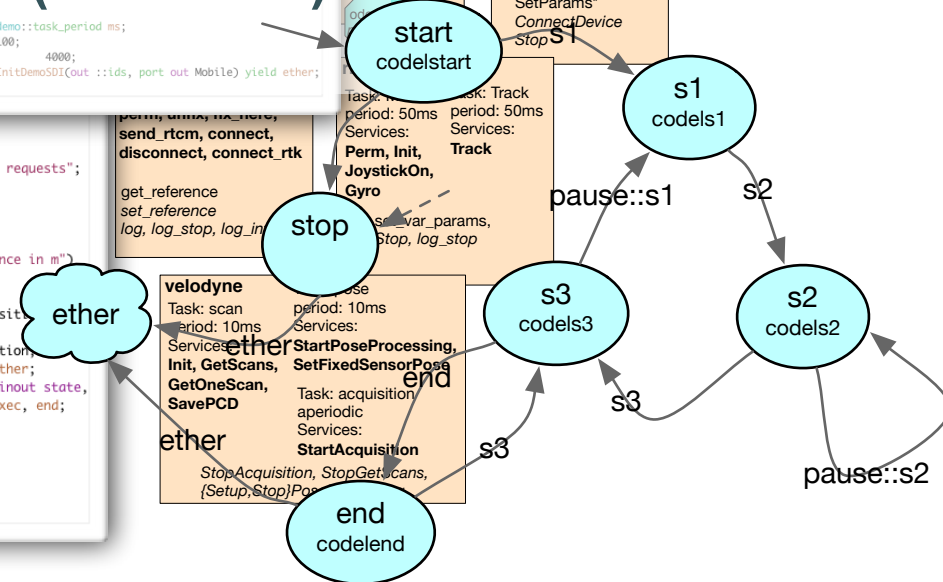
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## - Port (in & out)

## - Task (period)

## - Services (automata)





# GenoM workflow

Specs (.idl & .gen)

- IDS

- Port (in & out)

- Task (period)

- Services (automata)

- codels (WCET)

Activity Automata

start  
codelstart

stop

end  
codelend

s1  
codels1

s2  
codels3

s2  
codels2

lib\_codels

Codels

.c & .cc

# GenoM workflow

**Specs (.idl & .gen)**

**IDS**

**Port (in & out)**

**Task (period)**

**Services (automata)**

**codels (WCET)**

**Templates**

**pocolibs**

**ROS Comm**

**lib\_codels**

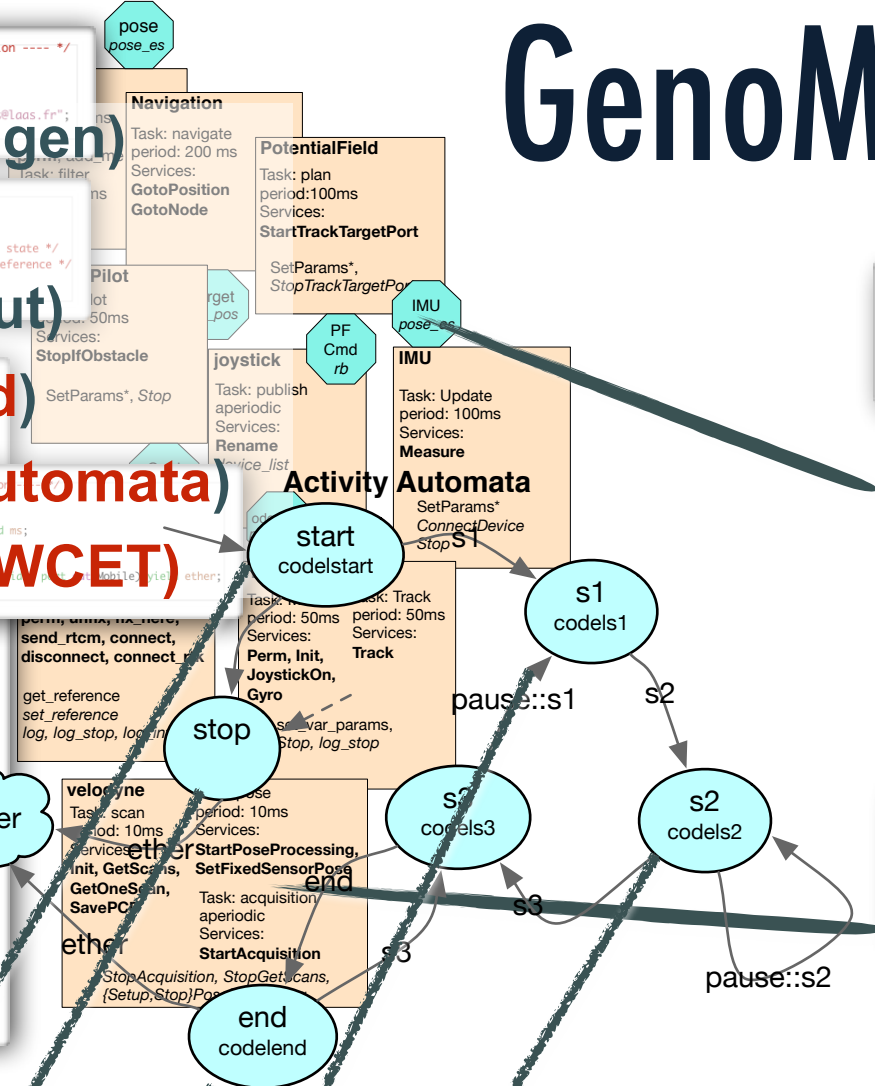
**Codels  
.c & .cc**

```
module demo {  
  const unsigned long task_period = 400;  
  const double millisecond = 0.001;  
  
  struct state {  
    double position;  
    double speed; /* current speed (m/s) */  
  };  
  
  enum speed {  
    SLOW,  
    FAST  
  };  
  
  /* ---- Posters declaration ---- */  
  port out demo::state Mobile;  
  
  /* ---- Services declaration ---- */  
  attribute SetSpeed(in speedRef = demo::SLOW;  
  {  
    doc "To change speed";  
    validate controlSpeed(in speedRef, in state::speed);  
    throw INVALID_STATE;  
  };  
  
  attribute GetSpeed(out speedRef =  
  {  
    doc "To get current speed";  
  };  
  
  function Stop()  
  {  
    doc "Stops motion and interrupts all motion requests";  
    interrupts MoveDistance, GotoPosition;  
  };  
  
  activity MoveDistance(in double distRef = 0 : "Distance in m")  
  {  
    doc "Move of the given distance";  
    validate controlDistance(in distRef, in state::position);  
  
    codel <start> mdStartEngine(in distRef, in state::position,  
      out posRef) yield exec, ether;  
    codel <exec> mdGotoPosition(in speedRef, in posRef, inout state,  
      port out Mobile) yield exec, end;  
  
    codel <end, stop>  
      mdStopEngine() yield ether;  
    interrupts MoveDistance, GotoPosition;  
    task motion;  
    throw TOO_FAR_AWAY;  
  };  
}
```

```
activity Monitor (in double monitor = 0 : Monitored absolute position in m;  
  out double position)  
{  
  doc "Monitor the passage on the given position";  
  validate controlPosition(in monitor);  
  
  codel <start> monitor(in monitor, in :  
  codel <stop> monitorStop(in ids, out :  
  task motion;  
  throw TOO_FAR_AWAY;  
};
```

```
/* --- Activity GotoPosition and Monitor --- */  
  
/** Validation model controlPosition of  
  * and Monitor.  
  * Returns ok.  
  * Throws TOO_FAR_AWAY.  
  */  
demo_event  
controlPosition(const double *posRef)  
{  
  if (*posRef > DEMO_MACHINE_LENGTH/2 ||  
      *posRef < -DEMO_MACHINE_LENGTH/2)  
    return demo_TOO_FAR_AWAY;  
  return demo_ok;  
}
```

```
/* --- Activity Monitor --- */  
/** Model monitor of activity Monitor.  
  * Triggered by start.  
  * Yields to start, stop.  
  * Throws TOO_FAR_AWAY.  
  */  
demo_event  
monitor(const double *monitor, const demo_ids *ids)  
{  
  double dDist;  
  
  dDist = ids->state.speed * demo_task_period * demo_millisecond;  
  if (fabs(*monitor - ids->state.position) < dDist)  
    printf("dist %f mon %f pos %f\n", dDist, *monitor, ids->state.position);  
  return demo_stop;  
}  
return demo_start;  
}  
  
/** Codel monitorStop of activity Monitor.  
  * Triggered by stop.  
  * Yields to ether.  
  * Throws TOO_FAR_AWAY.  
  */  
demo_event  
monitorStop(const demo_ids *ids, double *position)  
{  
  *position = ids->state.position;  
  return demo_ether;  
}
```





# GenoM workflow

**Specs (.idl & .gen)**

**IDS**

**Port (in & out)**

**Task (period)**

**Services (automata)**

**codels (WCET)**

```

module demo {
  const unsigned long task_period = 400;
  const double millisecond = 0.001;

  struct state {
    double position;
    double speed; /* current speed (m/s) */
  };

  enum speed {
    SLOW,
    FAST
  };

  /* ---- Posters declaration ---- */
  port out demo::state Mobile;

  /* ---- Services declaration ---- */
  attribute SetSpeed(in speedRef = demo::SLOW) {
    doc "To change speed";
    validate controlSpeed(in speedRef, in state.position);
    throw INVALID_SPEED;
  };

  attribute GetSpeed(out speedRef = 0) {
    doc "To get current speed";
  };

  function Stop() {
    doc "Stops motion and interrupts all motion requests";
    interrupts MoveDistance, GotoPosition;
  };

  activity MoveDistance(in double distRef = 0 : "Distance in m") {
    doc "Move of the given distance";
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    codel <start> mdStartEngine(in distRef, in state.position,
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    codel <end, stop> mdStopEngine() yield ether;
    interrupts MoveDistance, GotoPosition;
    task motion;
    throw TOO_FAR_AWAY;
  };

  activity Monitor (in double monitor = 0 : "Monitored absolute position in m",
                   out double position) {
    doc "Monitor the passage on the given position";
    validate controlPosition(in monitor, in state.position);

    codel <start> monitor(in monitor, in state.position) yield exec, ether;
    codel <stop> monitorStop(in ids, out posRef) yield exec, ether;
    task motion;
    throw TOO_FAR_AWAY;
  };

  /* ---- Activity GotoPosition and Monitor ---- */
  /** Validation model controlPosition of GotoPosition and Monitor.
   * Returns ok.
   * Throws TOO_FAR_AWAY.
   */
  demo_event controlPosition(const double *posRef) {
    if (*posRef > DEMO_MACHINE_LENGTH/2 || *posRef < -DEMO_MACHINE_LENGTH/2)
      return demo_TOO_FAR_AWAY;
    return demo_ok;
  }

  /** Activity Monitor
   * Model monitor of activity Monitor.
   * Triggered by start.
   * Yields to start, stop.
   * Throws TOO_FAR_AWAY.
   */
  demo_event monitor(const double *monitor, const demo_ids *ids) {
    double dDist;

    dDist = ids->state.speed * demo_task_period * demo_millisecond;
    if (fabs(*monitor - ids->state.position) < dDist)
      printf("dist %f mon %f pos %f\n", dDist, *monitor, ids->state.position);
    return demo_stop;
  }

  /** Model monitorStop of activity Monitor.
   * Triggered by stop.
   * Yields to ether.
   * Throws TOO_FAR_AWAY.
   */
  demo_event monitorStop(const demo_ids *ids, out double *position) {
    *position = ids->state.position;
    return demo_ether;
  }
}
    
```

**Codels**

**.c & .cc**

**lib\_codels**

**end codelend**

**stop**

**start codelstart**

**Activity Automata**

**IMU**

**PF Cmd rb**

**Pilot**

**Navigation**

**PotentialField**

**Templates**

**pocolibs**

**ROS Comm**

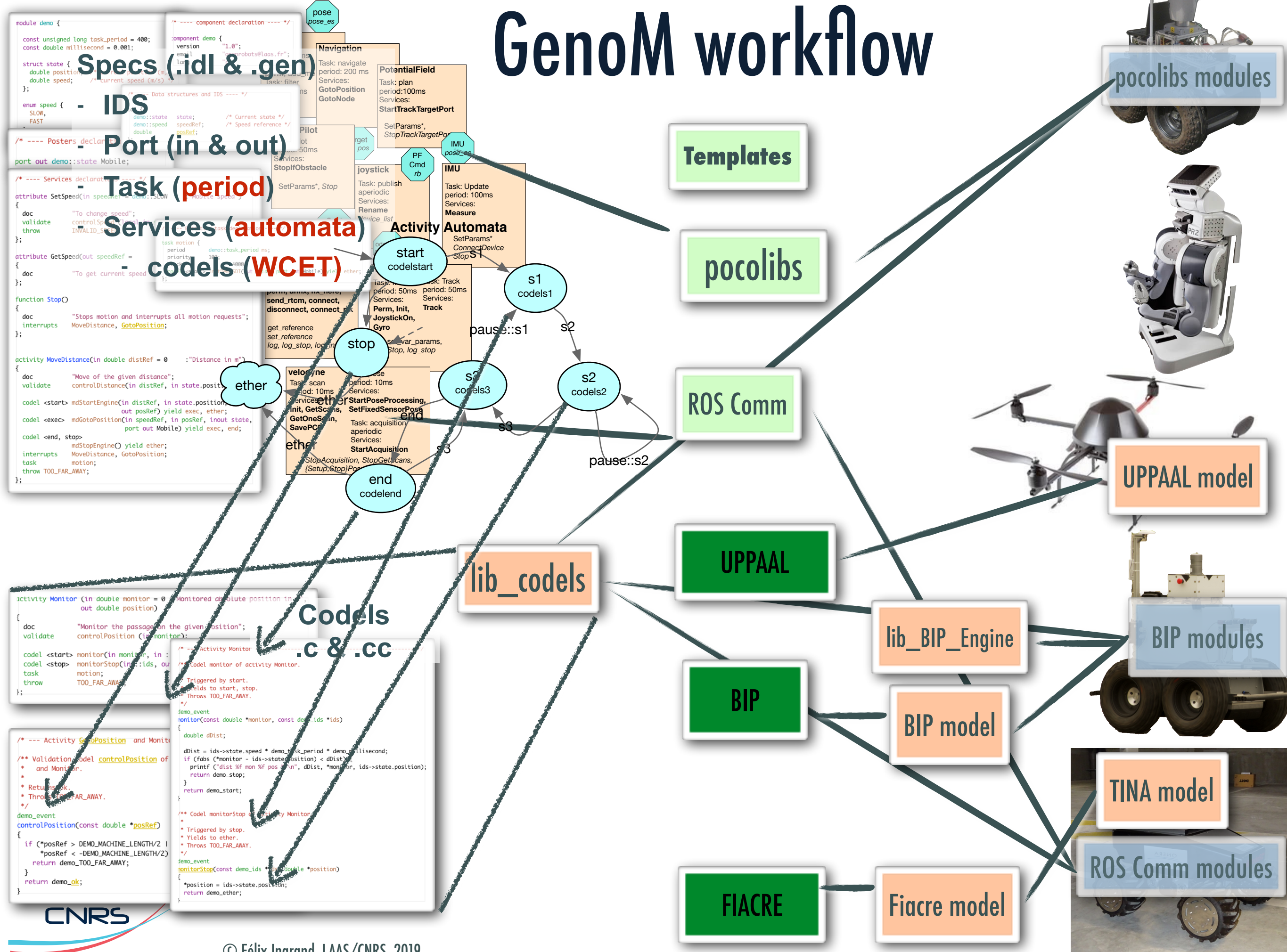
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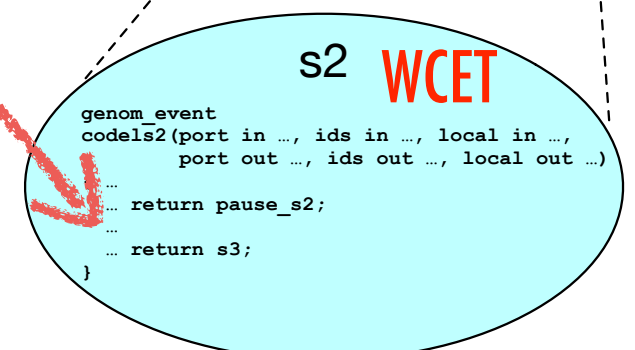
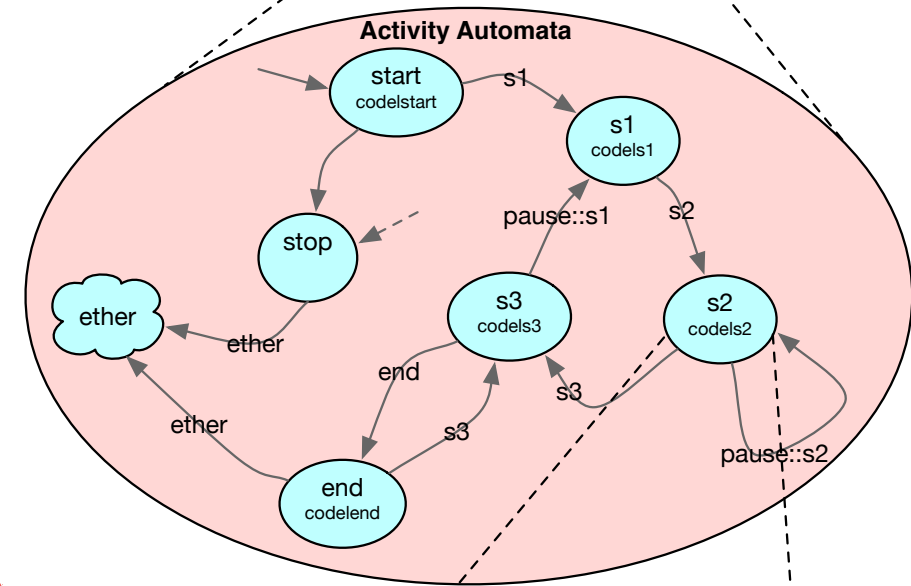
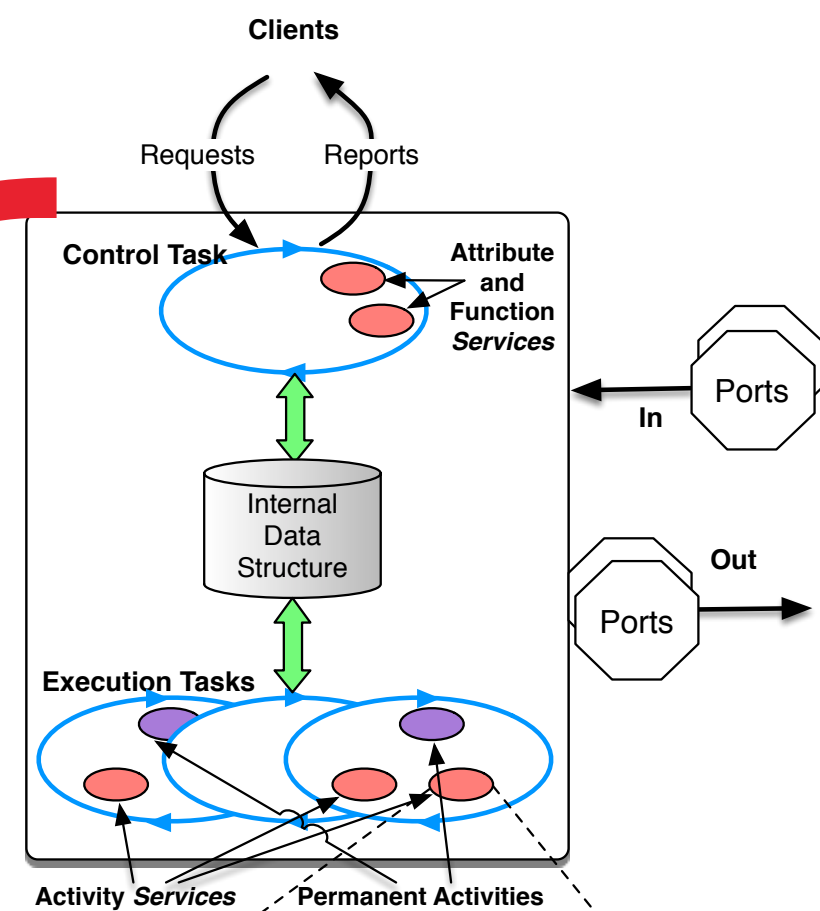
# GenoM workflow





# Formal specifications

- All this get translated to : **BIP**, **UPPAAL**, **Fiacre/TINA**
- Except the specific user defined C/C++ code which is **inside** a codel (it is abstracted with a **WCET**)



# Minnie software architecture

— 9 components

— 9 ports

— (13 + 9) tasks (**period**)

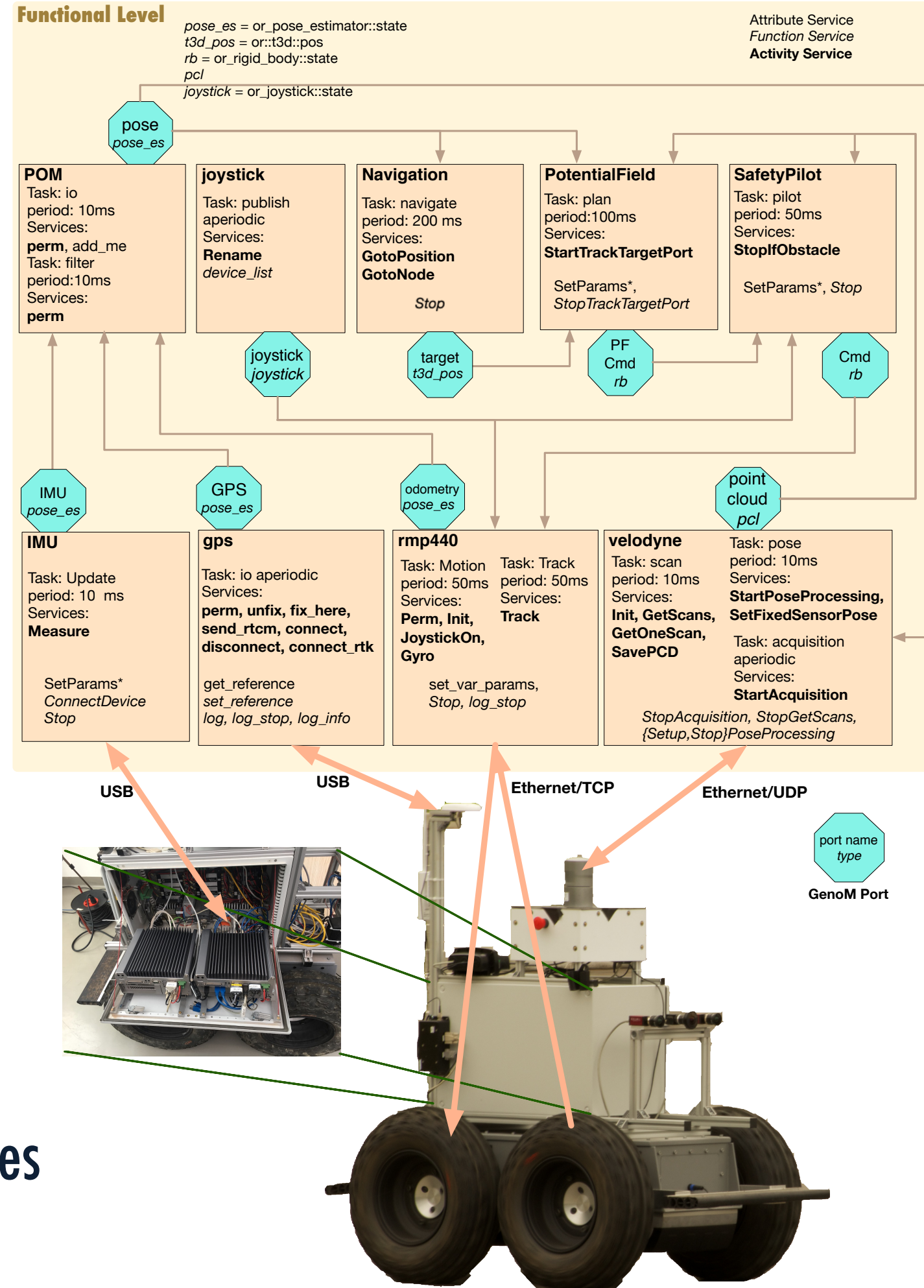
— 38 activity services (with codelets automata)

— 41 function services

— 43 attribute services

— 170 codelets (14k loc) and their **WCET**

— 200k loc for all components + libraries



# Current GenoM V&V templates

Formal Frameworks	Middleware		
	Offline	Online PocoLibs	Online ROS
	BIP	- RT D-Finder	++ BIP Engine
	FIACRE	++ TINA	++ BIP Engine
	UPPAAL	+++	Under Dev
	UPPAAL SMC	++	

The **BIP-PocoLibs/ROS** models for the **BIP Engine** are complete and functional

The **Fiacre** template is complete and tested on numerous modules (model over multiple modules and ports communication), **UPPAAL** has a slight performance advantage

Between **Fiacre** and **UPPAAL** there are pros and cons

The Fiacre Engine **Hippo** is under development (alpha)



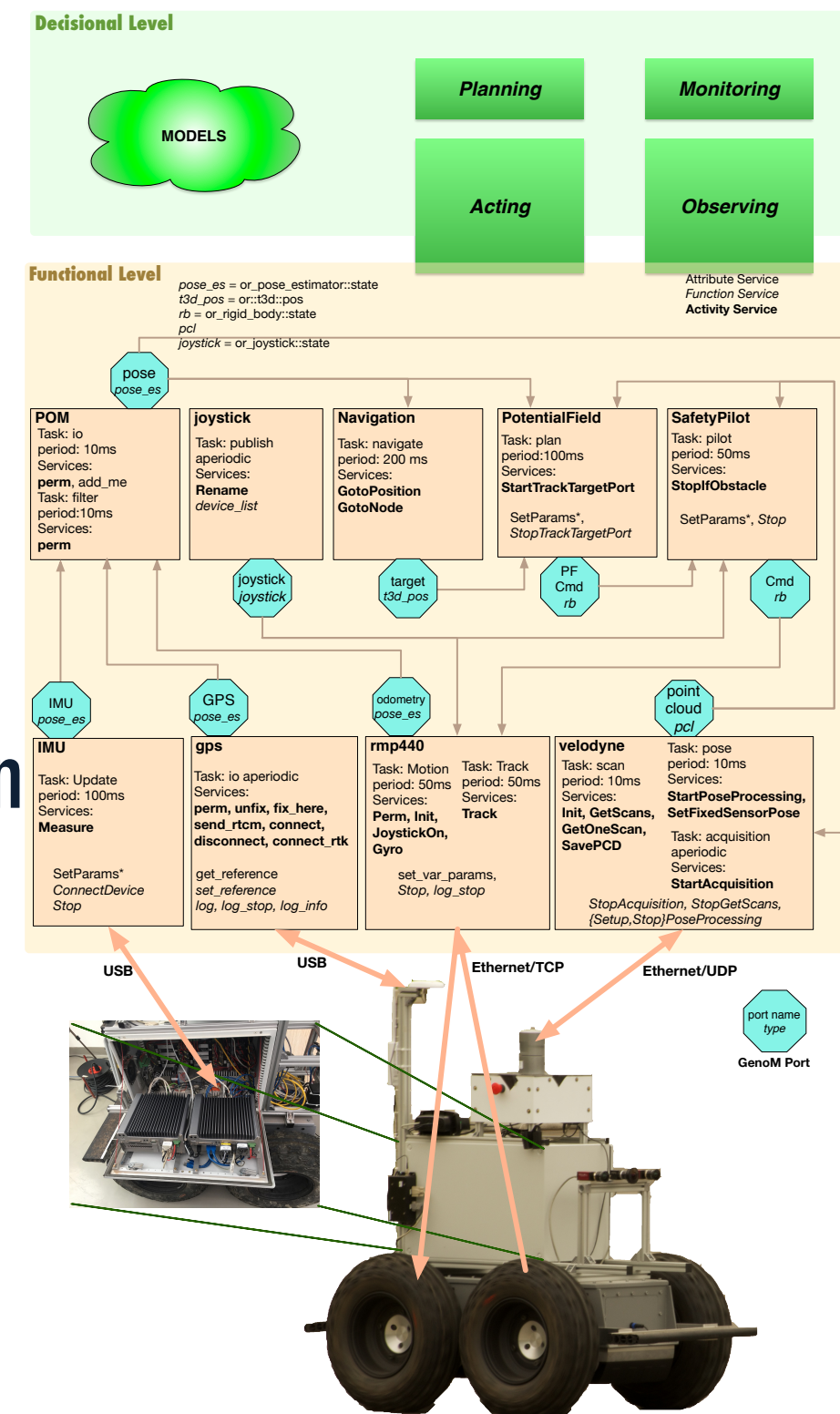
# Why focus on a bottom up approach?

Apart from learned models, most decisional components rely on explicit models which can be fed to V&V tools

Lower level components often lack formalism

Beware, if we try to check high level properties, on unverified low level components, we are building on quick sands...

Try to start from existing "robotics" frameworks



# V&V models: Different situations over a complete autonomous system

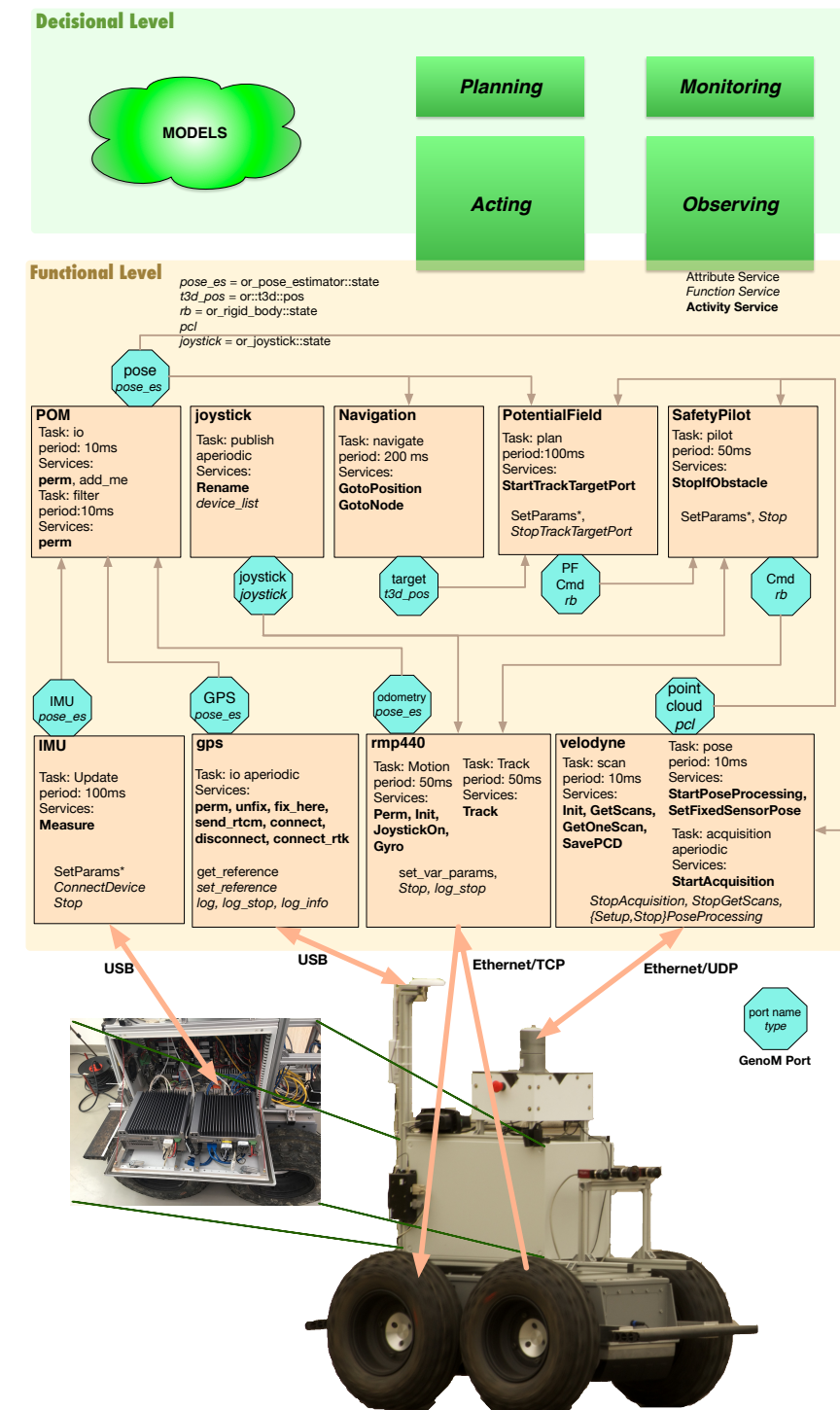
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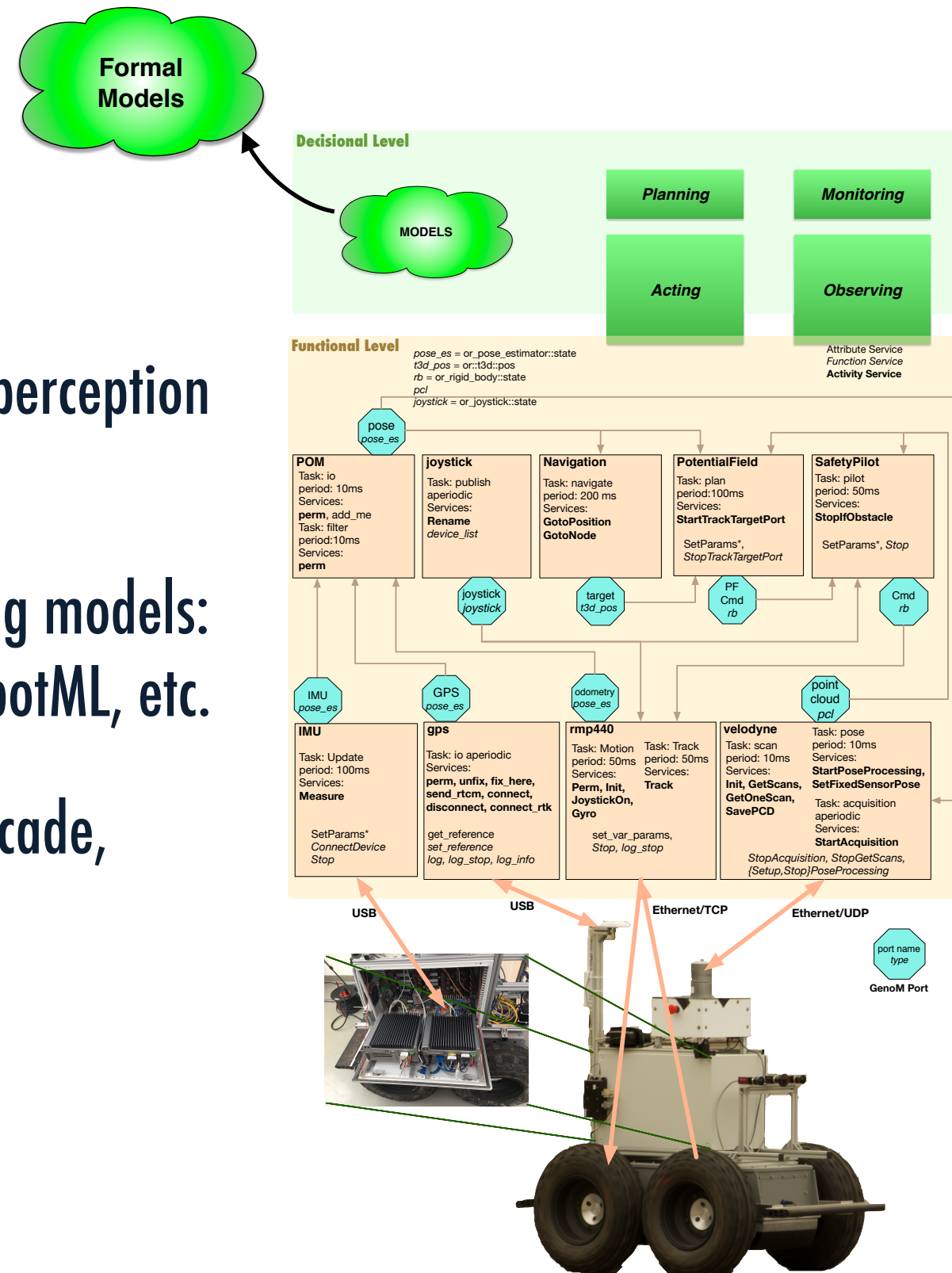
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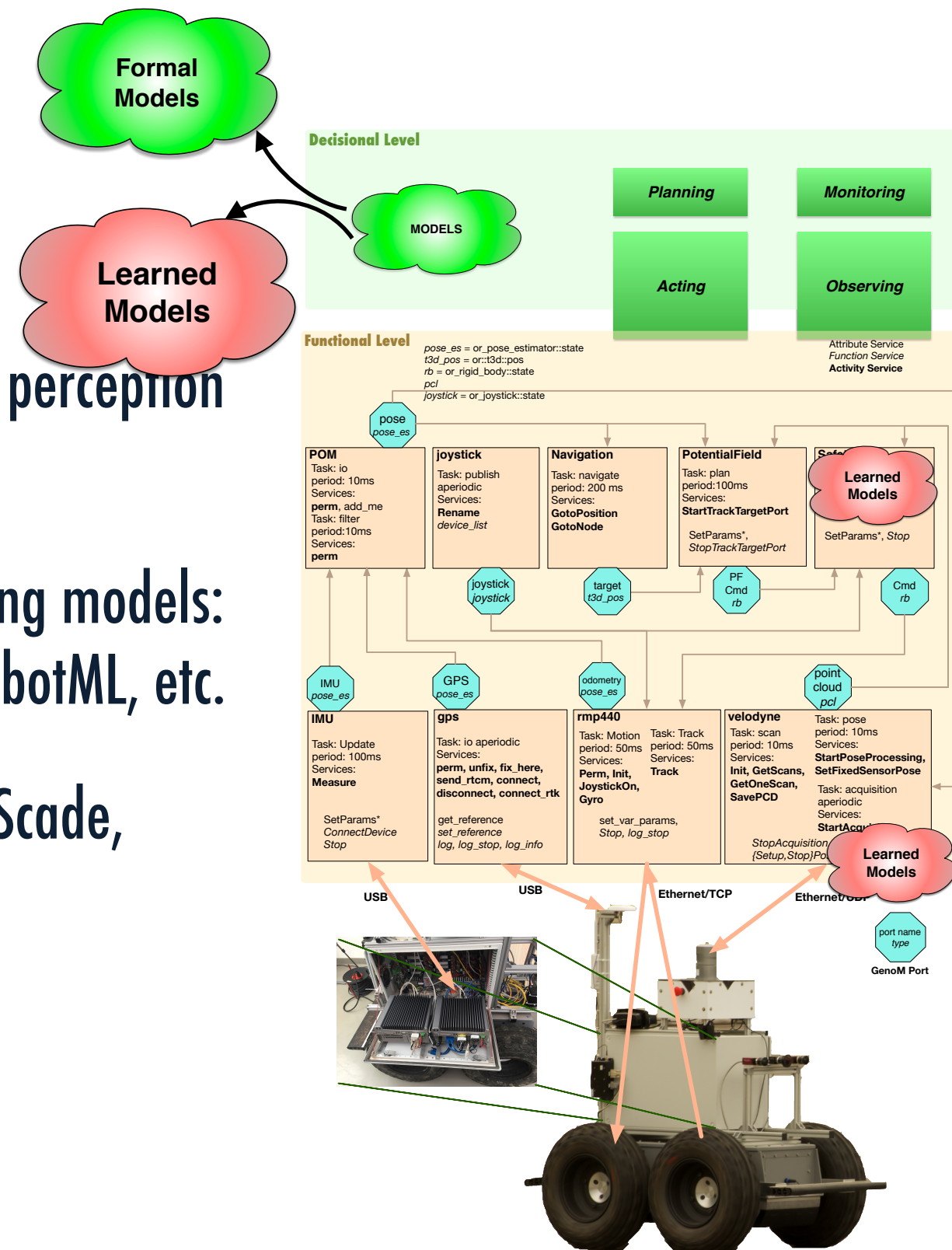
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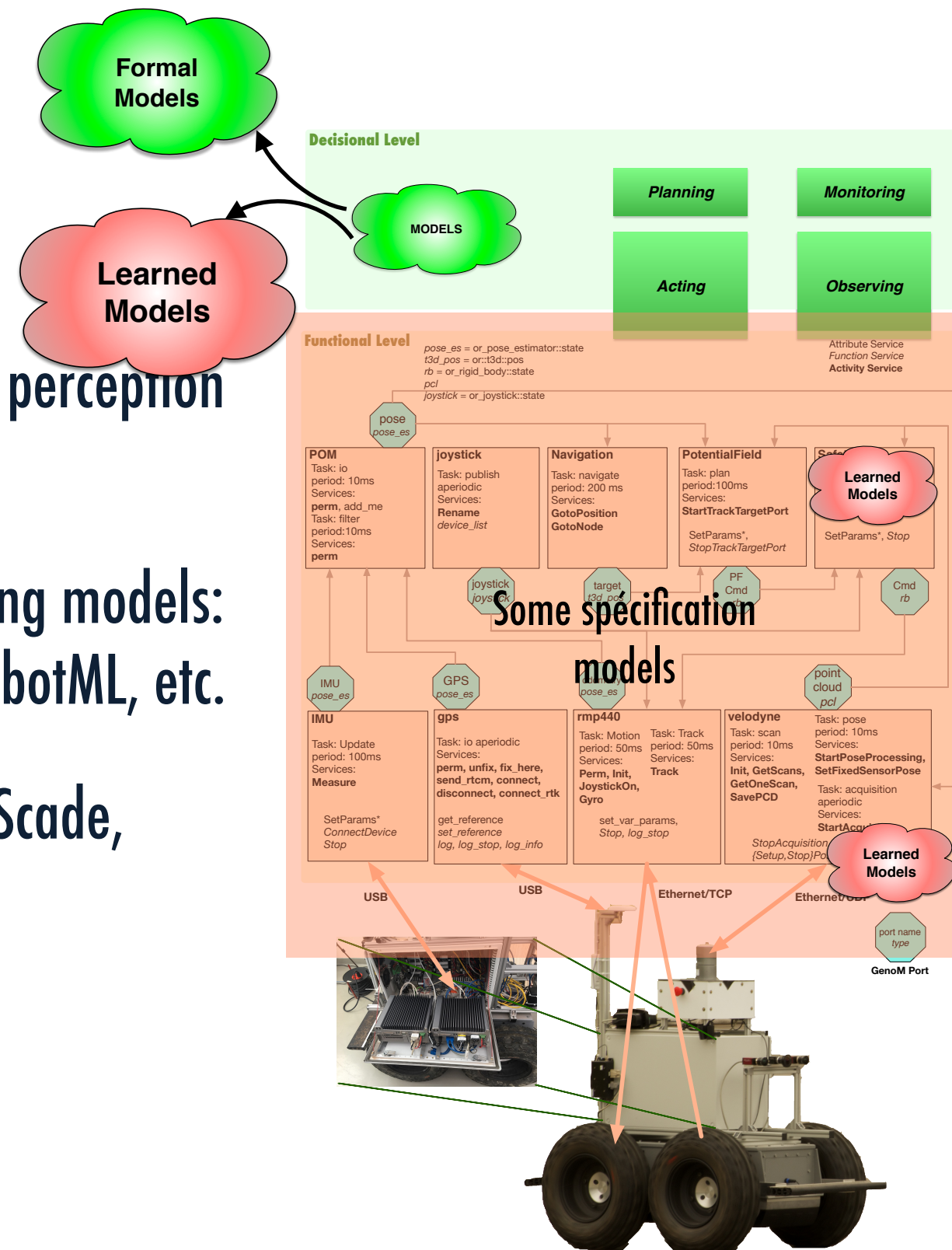
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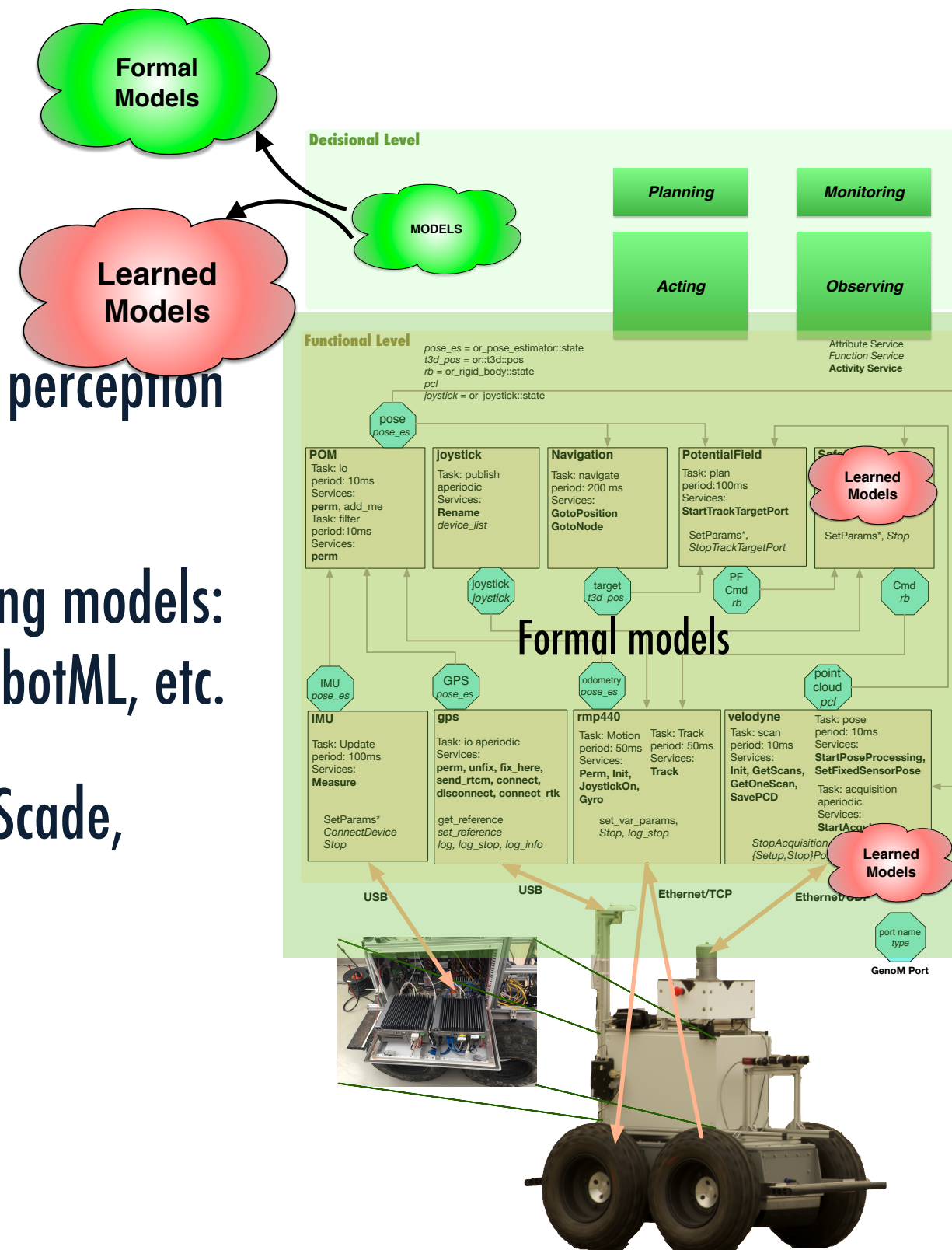
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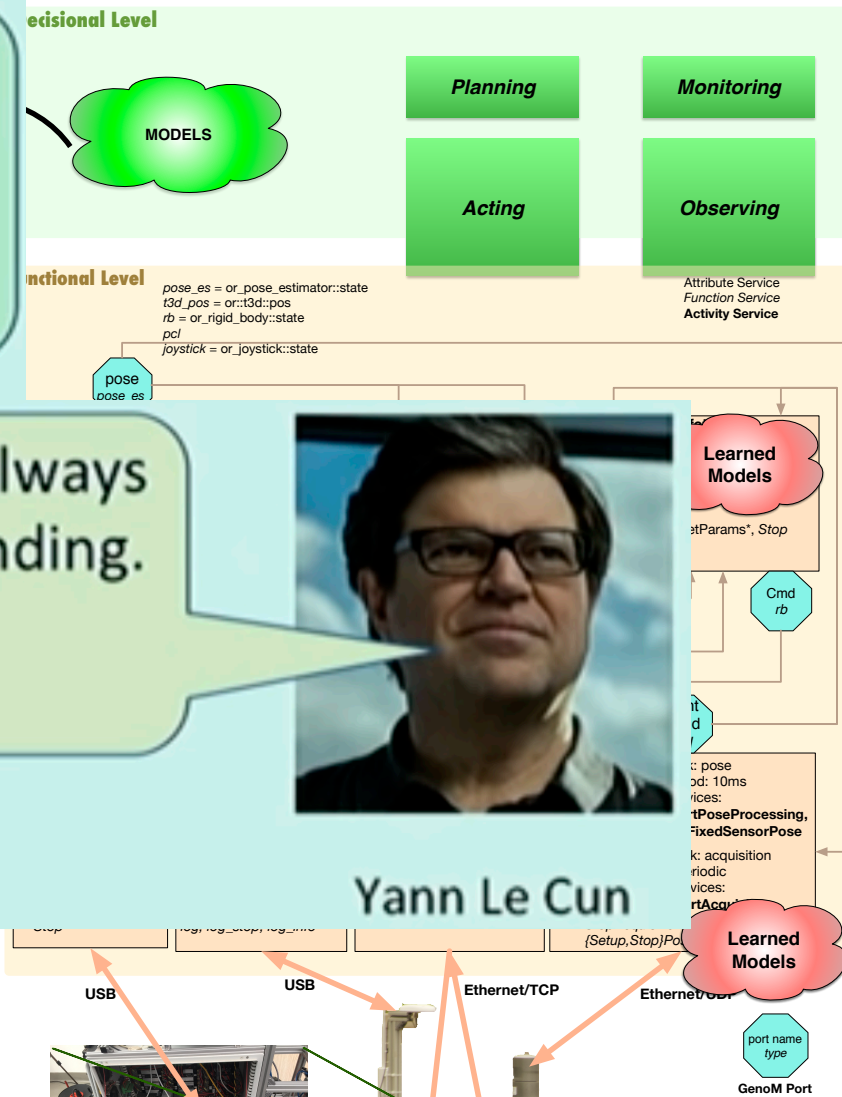
Ali Rahimi at NIPS 2018

I would like to live in a society whose systems are built on top of verifiable, rigorous, thorough knowledge, and not on alchemy

Engineering artifacts have almost always preceded the theoretical understanding. ... (it is important to) invent new techniques, and yes, new tricks



Yann LeCun



# V&V of learned models...

Machine learning is the new AI... but is “model-less”

Proper environment modeling

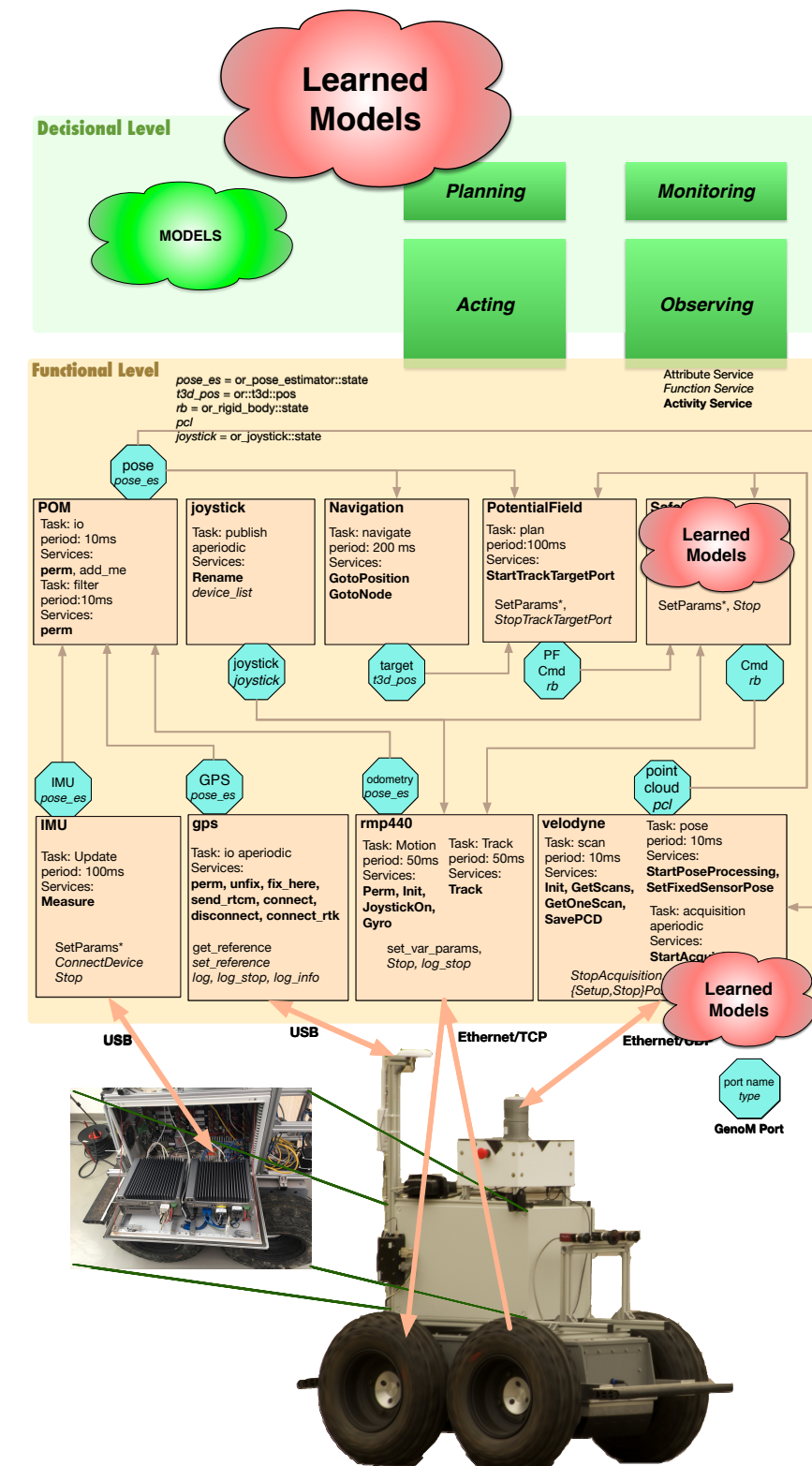
Properly characterize the bound of the learned model

Learn error models but stick with the “regular” approach (easier to certify)

Use multiple sources to improve the confidence (sensor results fusion)

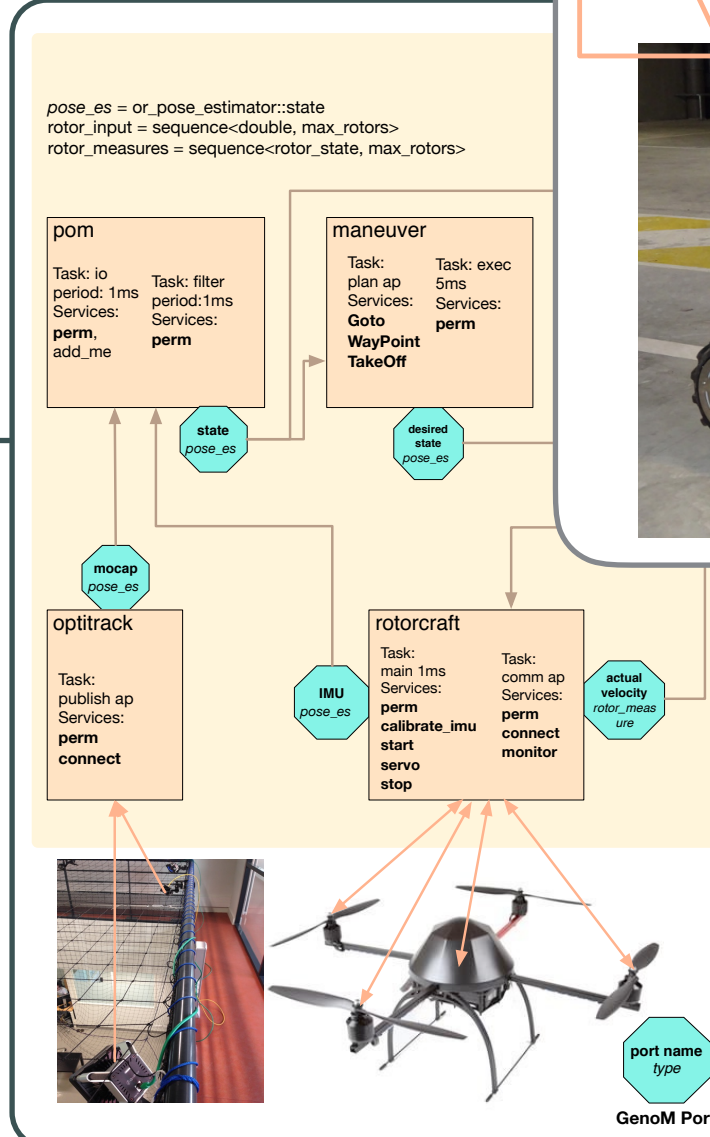
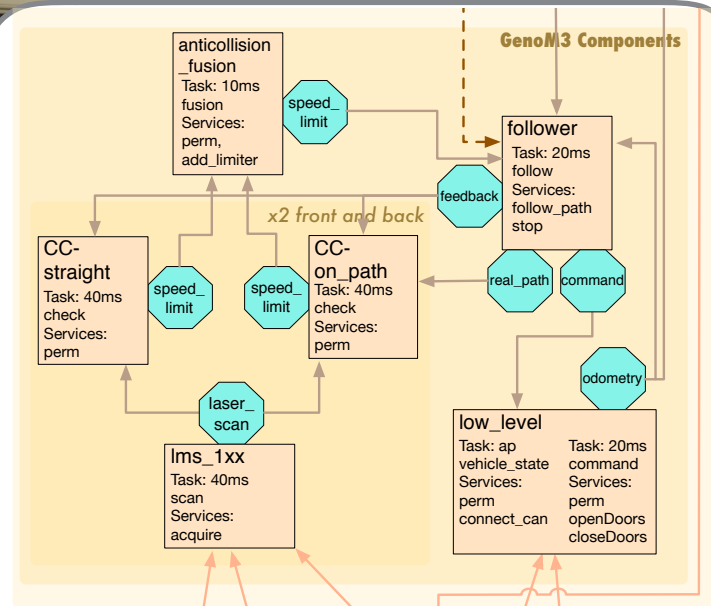
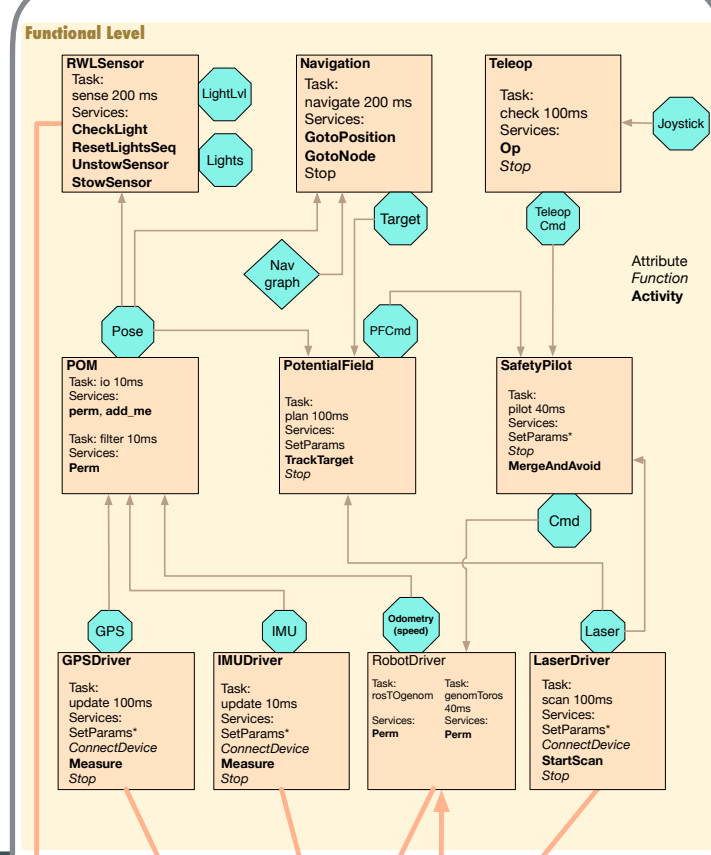
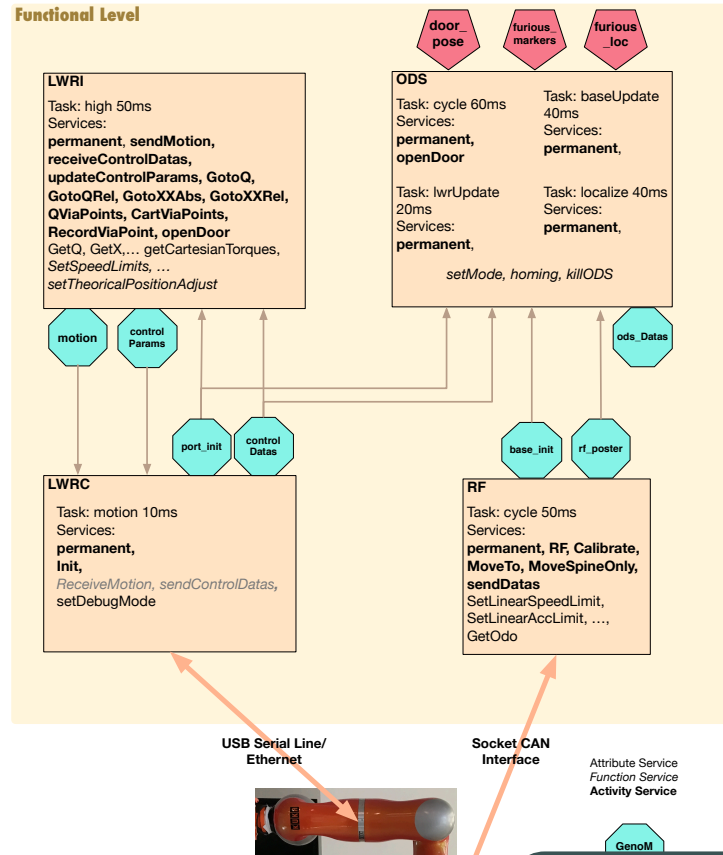
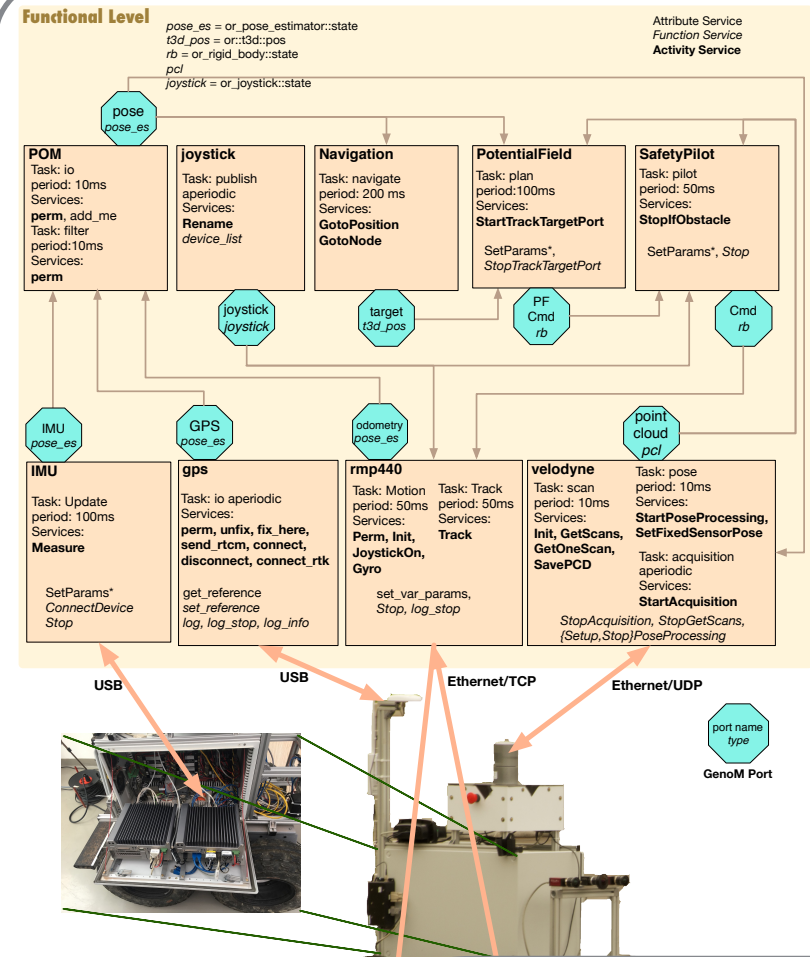
Consistency checking over different information channels

Safety bag around these components (run time verification)



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# Conclusion

- [ Tools must be “usable” and “adopted” by roboticists
- [ When there are models... there is hope!
  - Adapt the models and the V&V techniques
- [ Try to keep the overall consistency
- [ AI/decisional components are mostly OK (wrt formal V&V)
- [ V&V and certification of “learned model” based components remain a challenge

# Research agenda

- [ If we want to stay in the loop, we should stop looking at toy robots/problems...  
NHTSA now allows testing with cars without steering wheels... (level 4)
- [ Deeper model (code arguments, SDI, algo, check the code, etc) & Run Time Verification
- [ Better linked models between functional level and decisional level (Planning/Acting/Monitoring)
- [ Address V&V of learned models
- [ HAVV : Human Aware V&V (Human in the loop: uncontrollable model)



SO MUCH OF "AI" IS JUST FIGURING OUT WAYS TO OFFLOAD WORK ONTO RANDOM STRANGERS.

All the code is open source and available... please use it with your own framework

<https://redmine.laas.fr/projects/minnie>

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