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# Cognitive Systems

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# PSI 3560 – COGNITIVE SYSTEMS

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# ADAPTIVE SYSTEMS

Adaptation, cellular automata, artificial life, morphogenesis

Session T10

# Summary

- Second session ( 9:20 – 11:00 )
- Course Project example
  - based on artificial life

# Course project

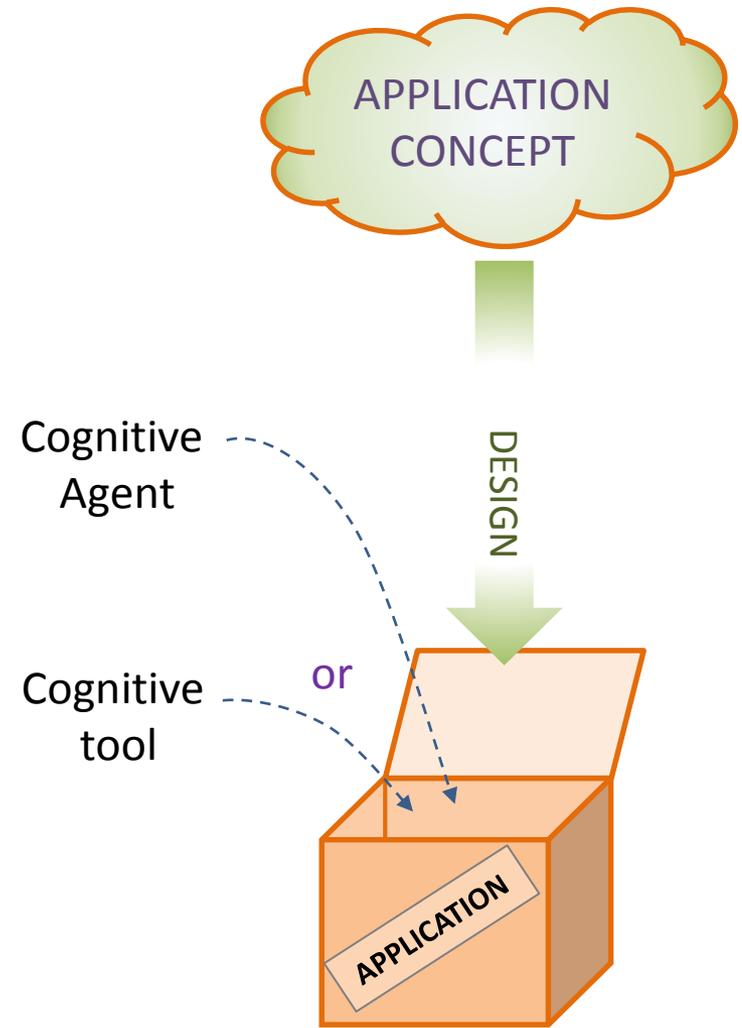
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What kind of  
Cognitive system  
the application is:

- A cognitive agent
- A cognitive tool

# Design of a Cognitive System – 1<sup>st</sup> step

- Conceptual analysis:
  - What the application does ?
    - » It is a **cognitive system** that does... ?
  - How does it do that ?
    - » Agent or tool ?



# Design of a Cognitive System – 1<sup>st</sup> step

- Conceptual analysis:
  - What the application does ?
- Example:
  - “An Artificial Life Approach for the animation of cognitive characters” (2001)  
Fabio R. de Miranda, João E. Kogler Jr. , Marcio Lobo Netto
- Desire:
  - “Make some project that fits into robotics + computer graphics based animation”

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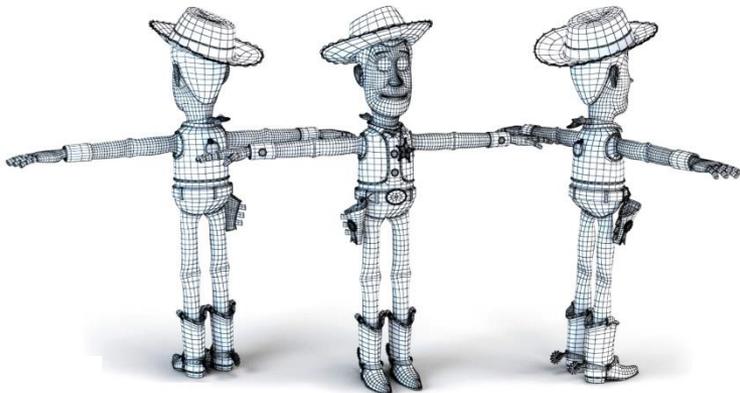
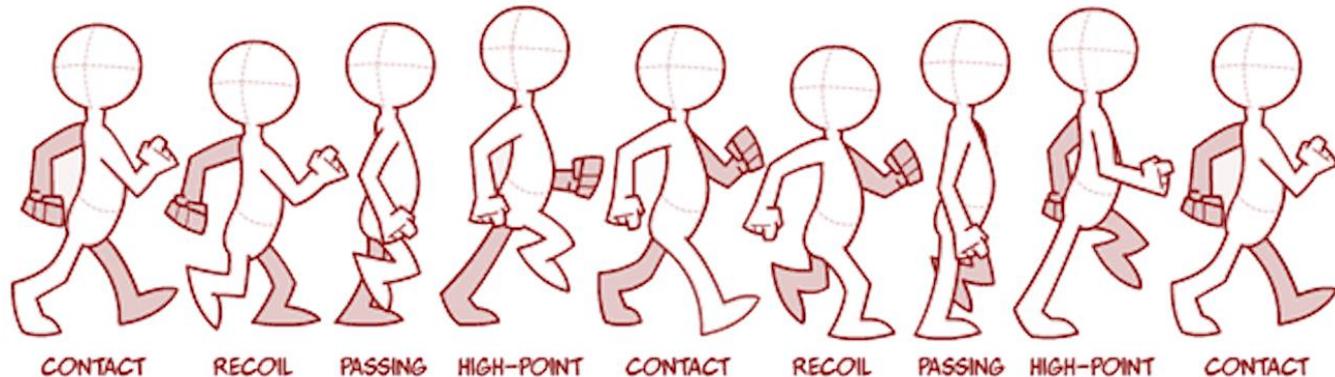
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>>>>> Play Mei animation file

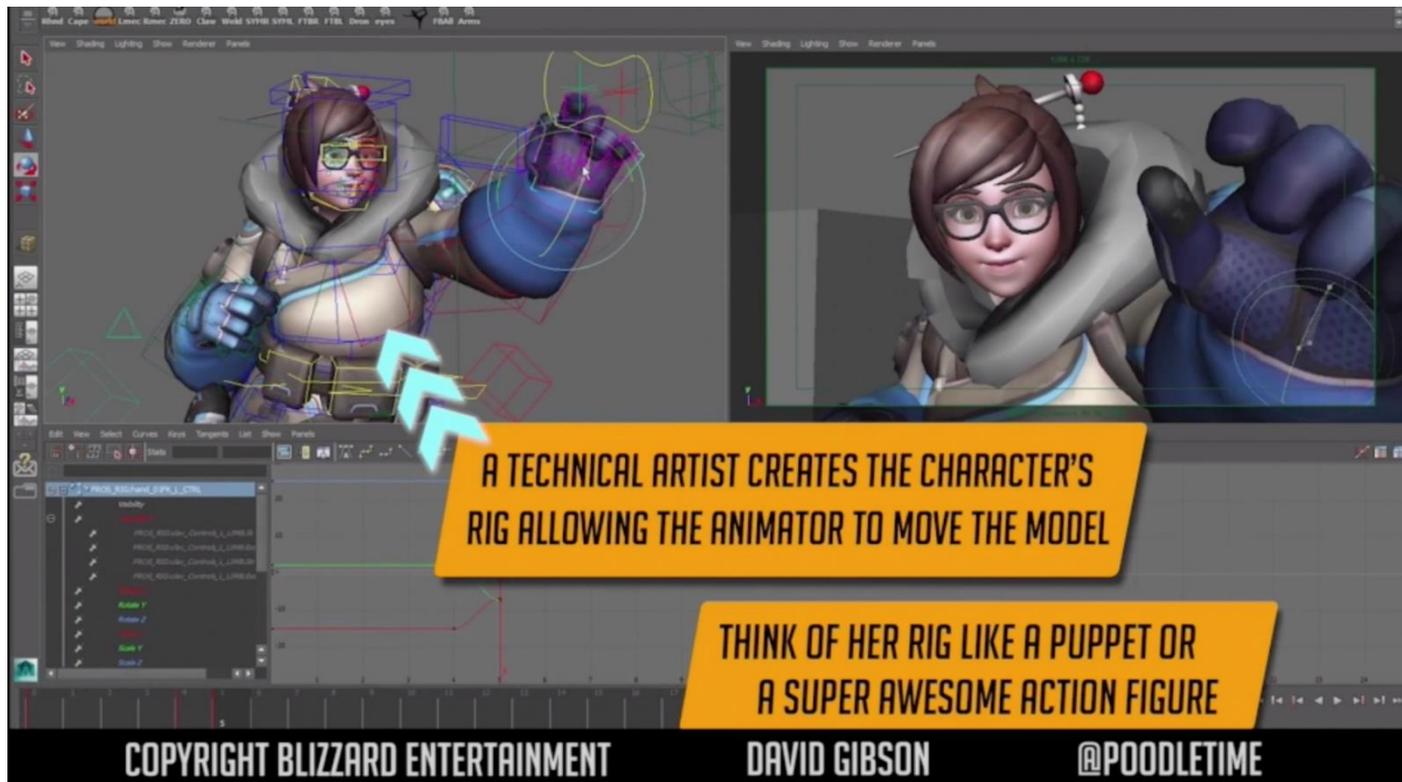
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  - Let’s check what people do in animation...
    - They make models of the characters and animate them step by step



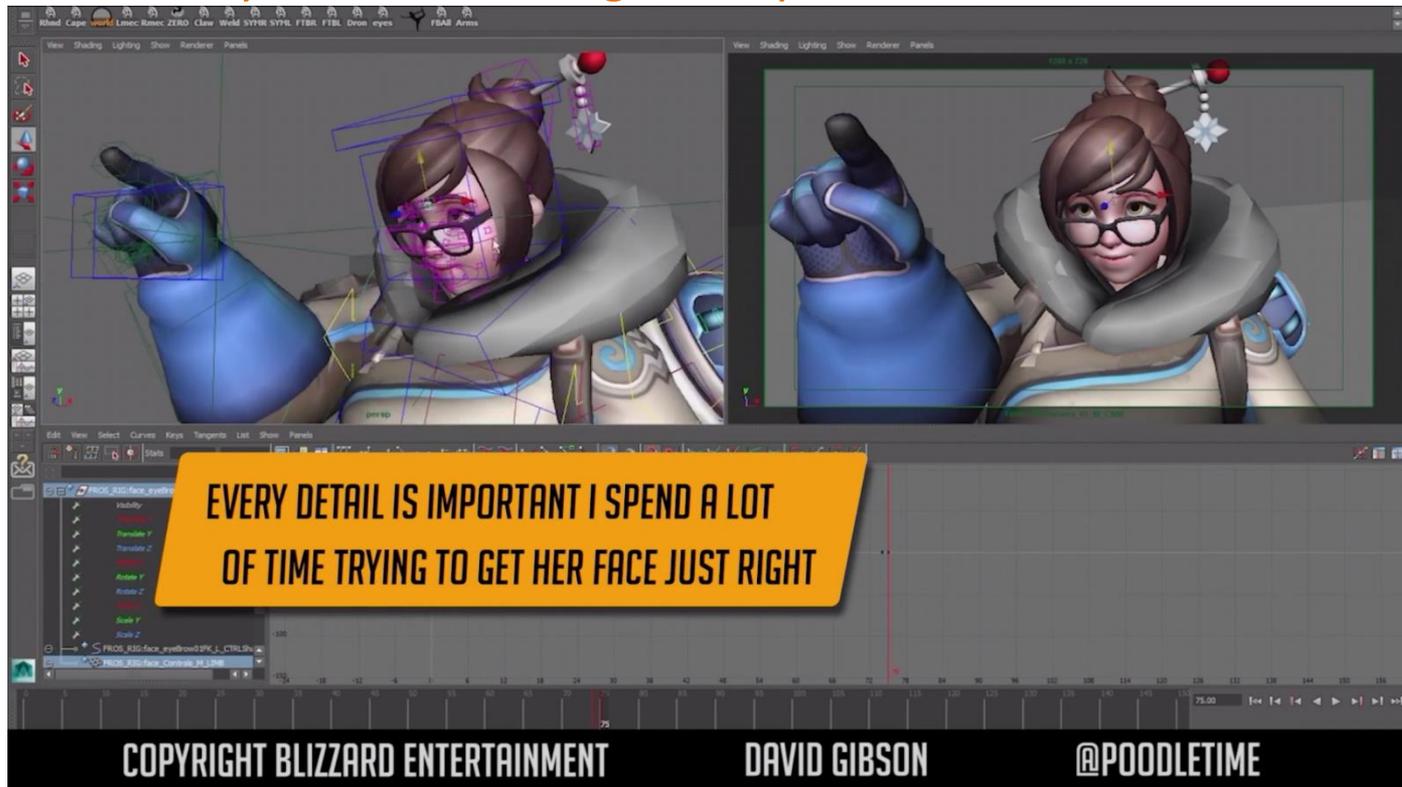
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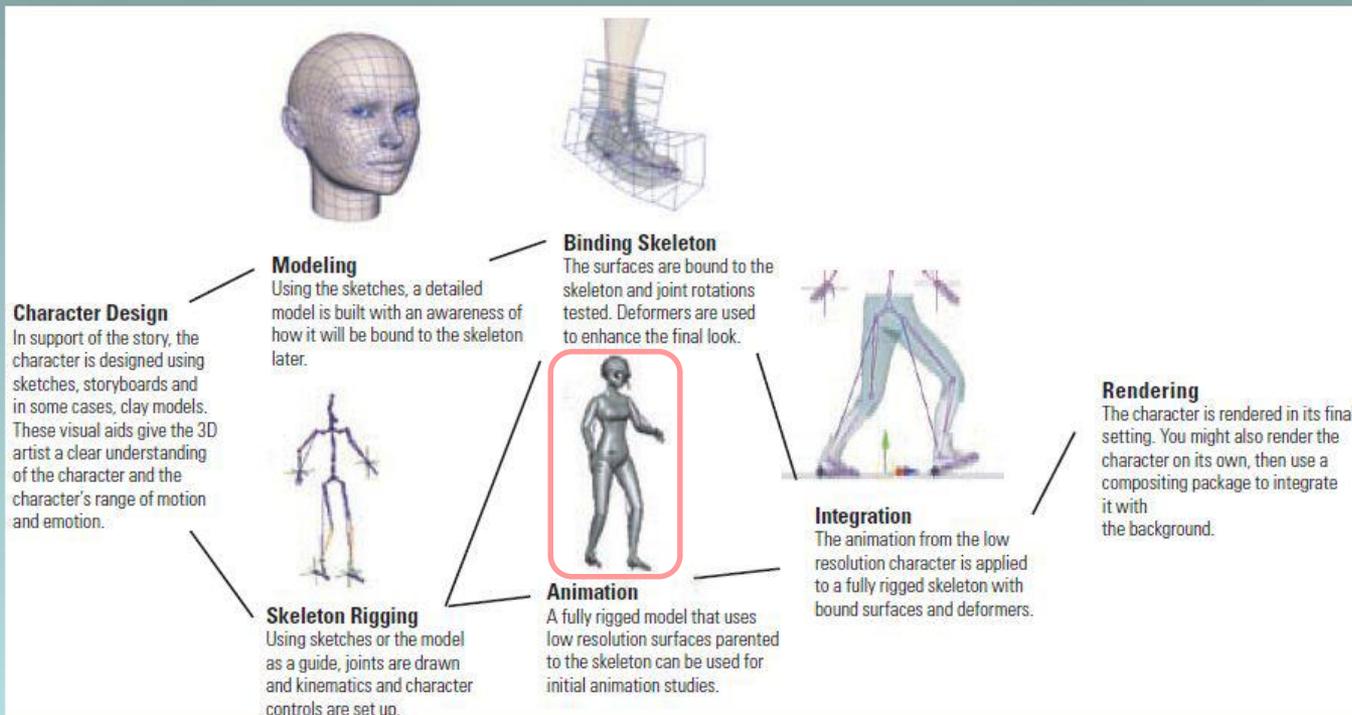
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- Conceptual analysis:
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- “Make some project that fits into robotics + computer graphics based animation”
  - It’s a very time-consuming activity



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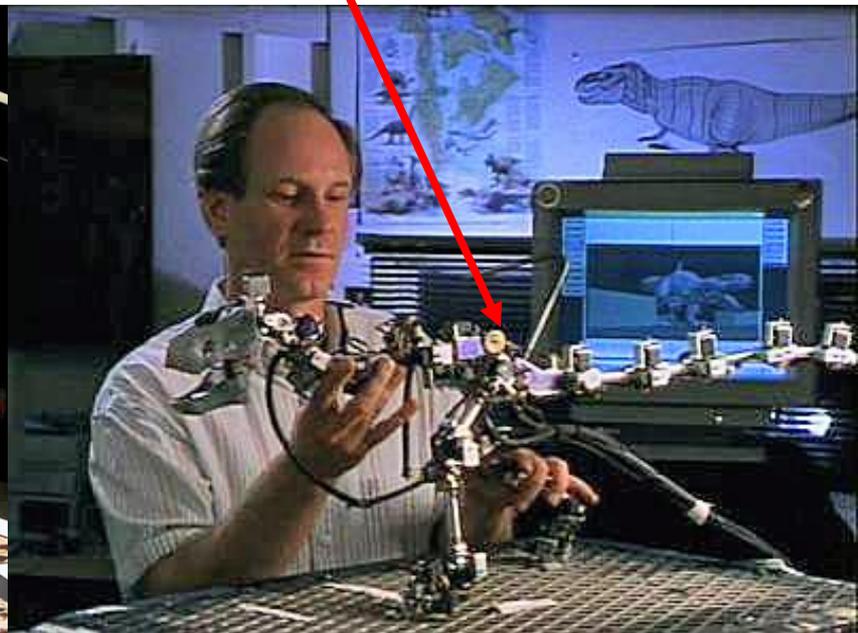
## A Typical Character Animation Workflow



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- “Make some project that fits into robotics + computer graphics based animation”
  - So one could help by making the process more productive...
    - » New kind of data entry → **Physical mockup**



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» New kind of data entry → **Motion capture**

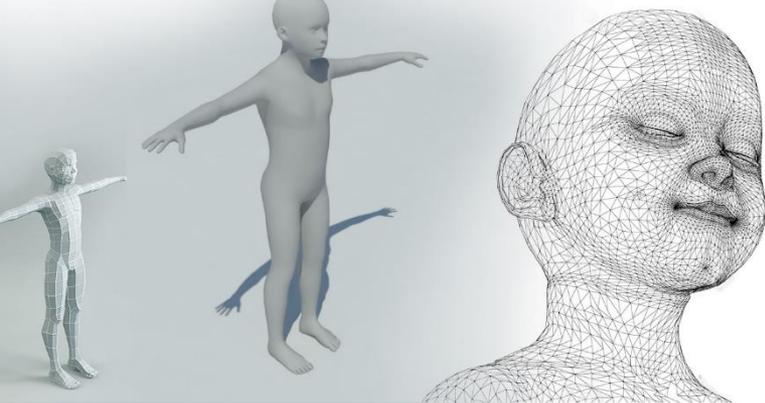
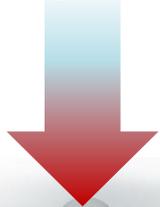


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  - So one could help by making the process more productive...
    - » New kind of character model for animation

Learning  
capacity



- **Cognitive agent**
  - That learns by automatic training
  - That's able to understand the action script
- **The animator acts like a movie director**
  - Just pick the right character
  - And give it the movie action script for its part
- **2<sup>nd</sup> step → Formalization**
  - Write down everything

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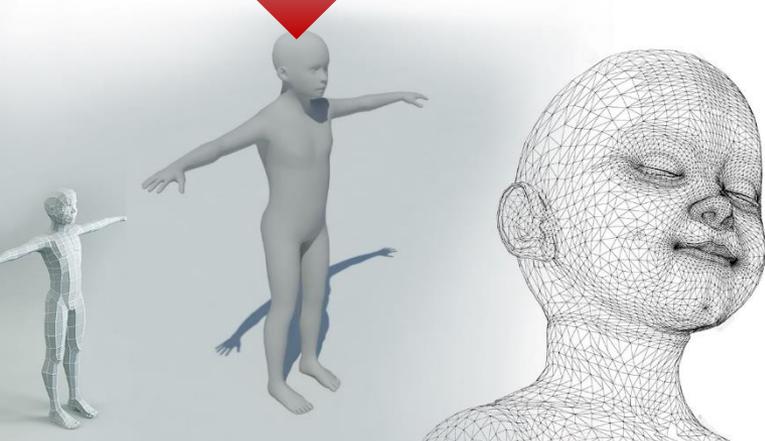
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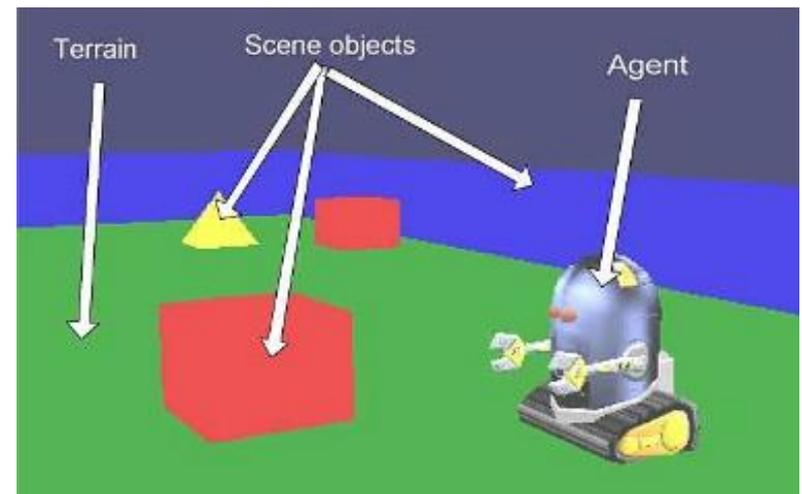
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» If the project is too complex, make a toy problem from it



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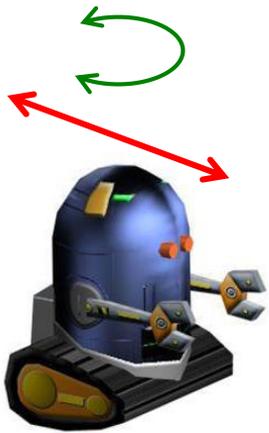
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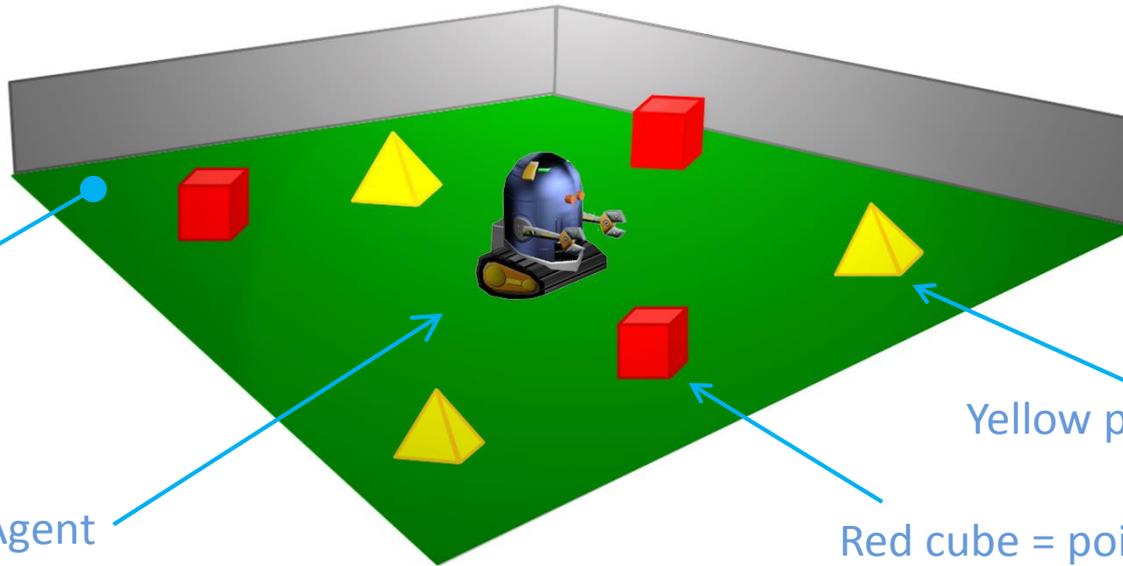


Environment

Agent

Yellow pyramid = food

Red cube = poison

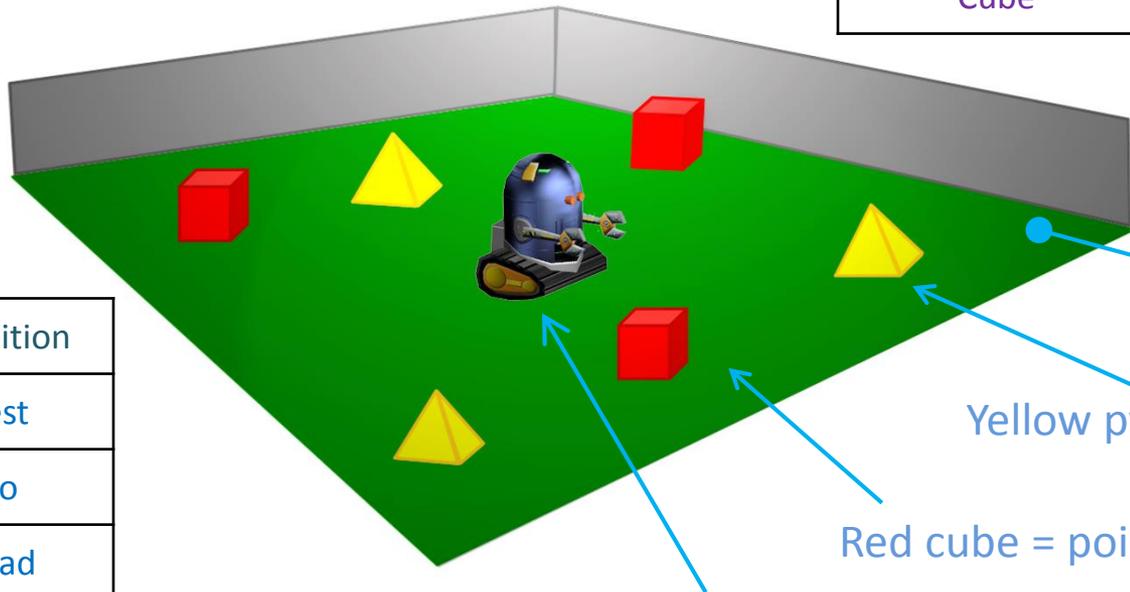
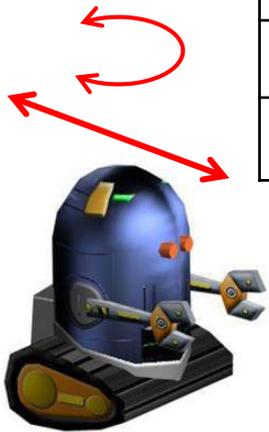


# WOXBOT & ARENA ← Toy problem

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Turn left	0
Go ahead	1
Turn right	2
Go backwards	3

World State	Code
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Object State	Consequence
Pyramid	Increase energy
Cube	Decrease energy



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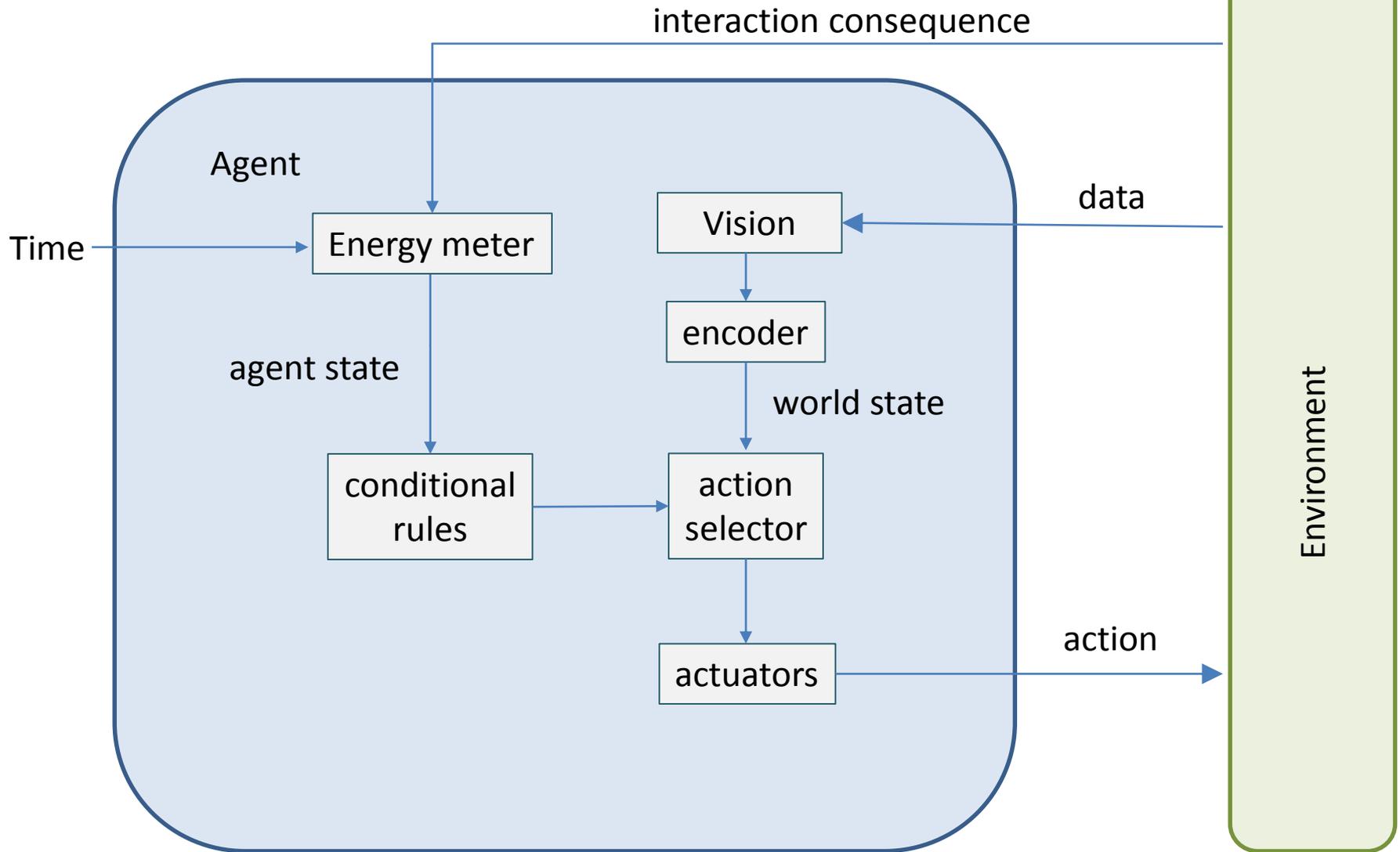
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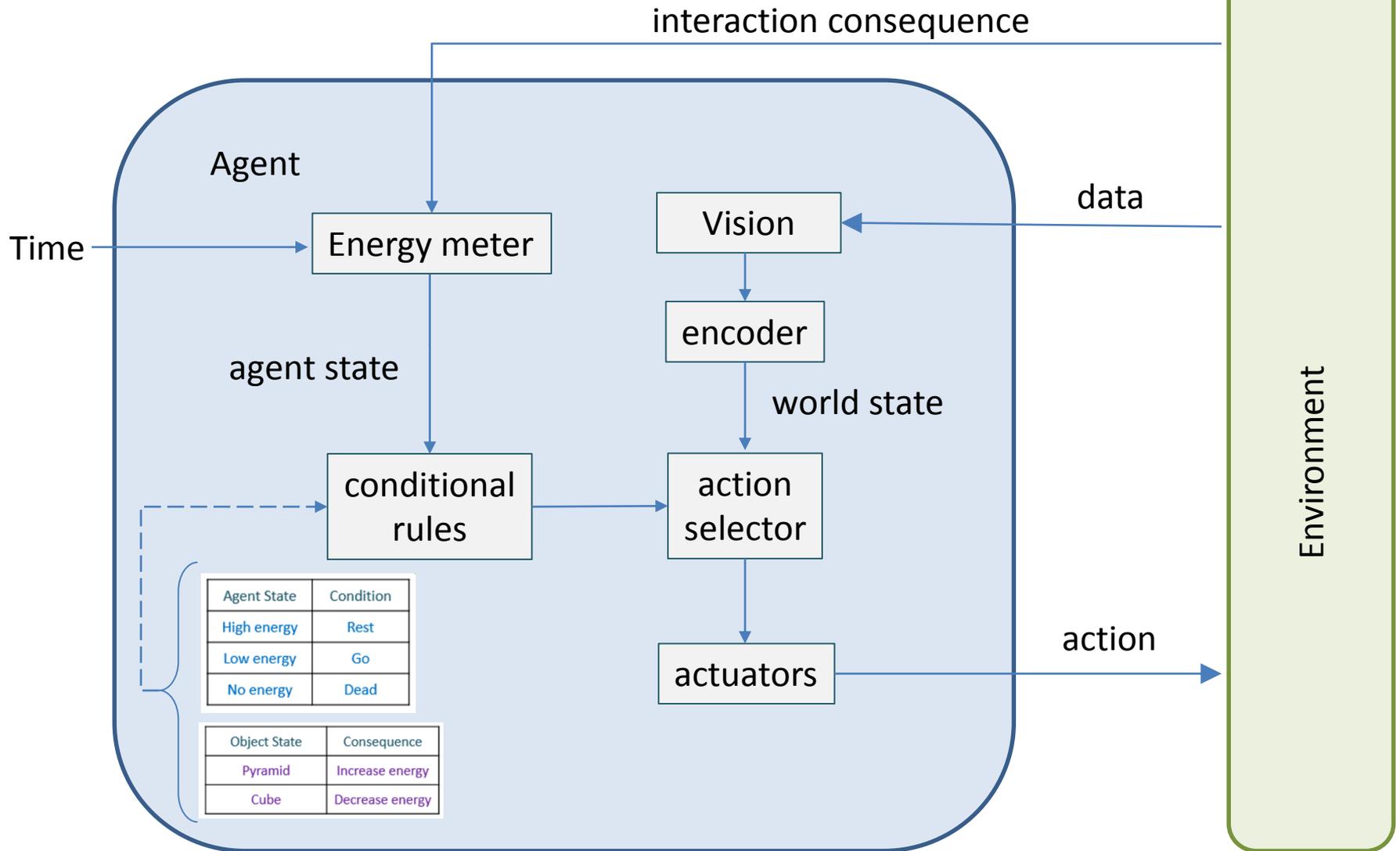
Agent

Agent State	Condition
High energy	Rest
Low energy	Go
No energy	Dead

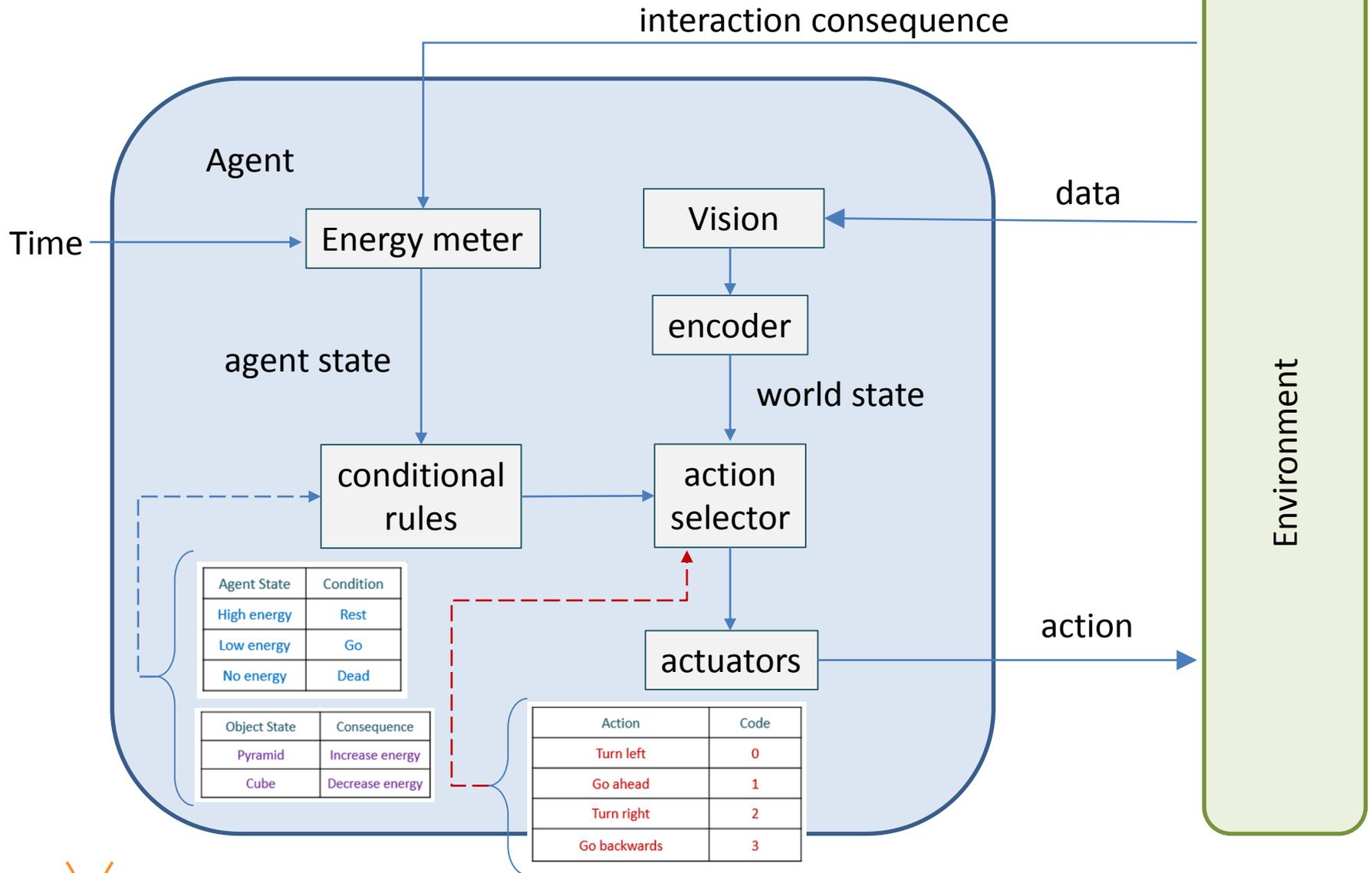
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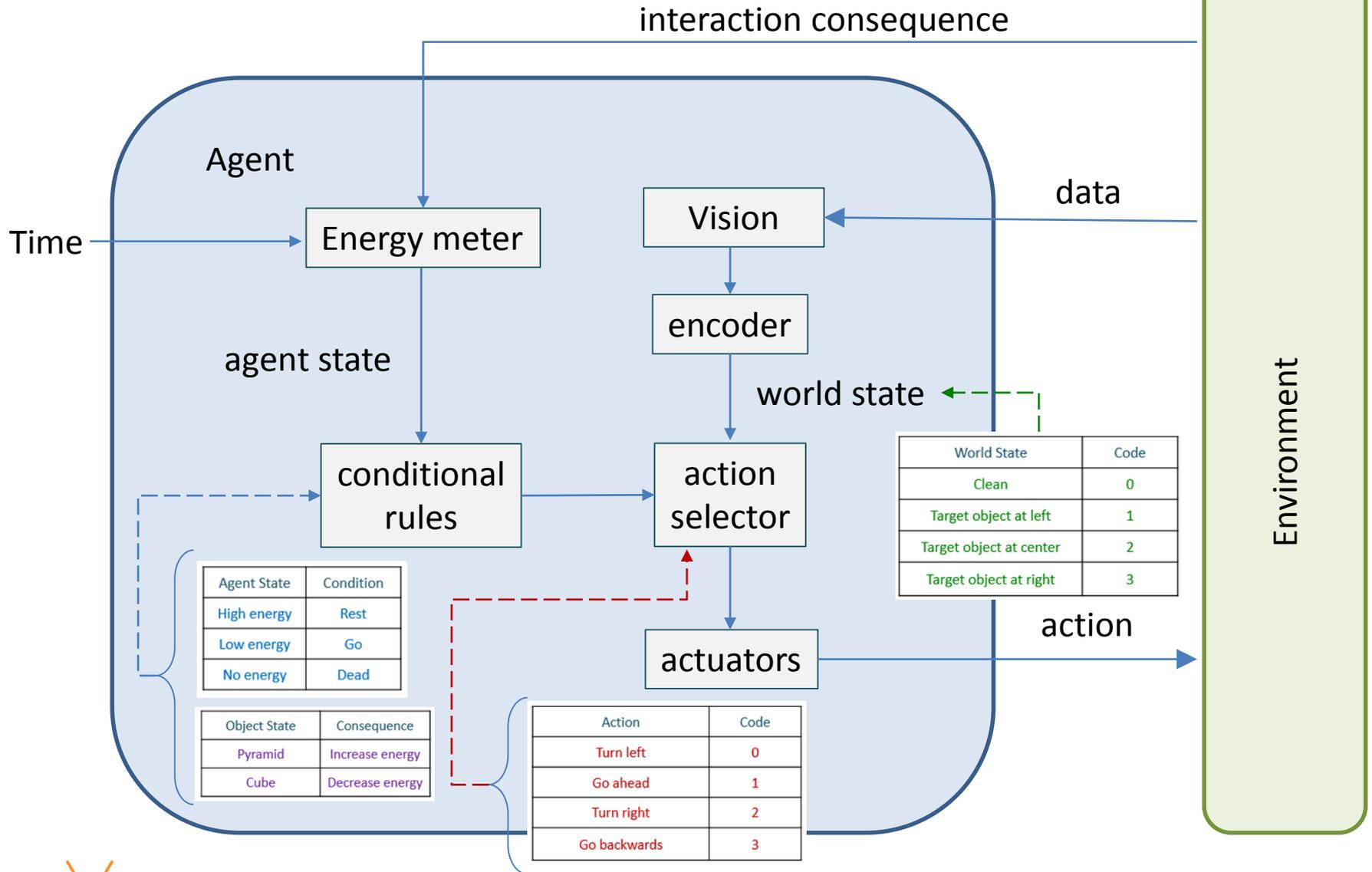
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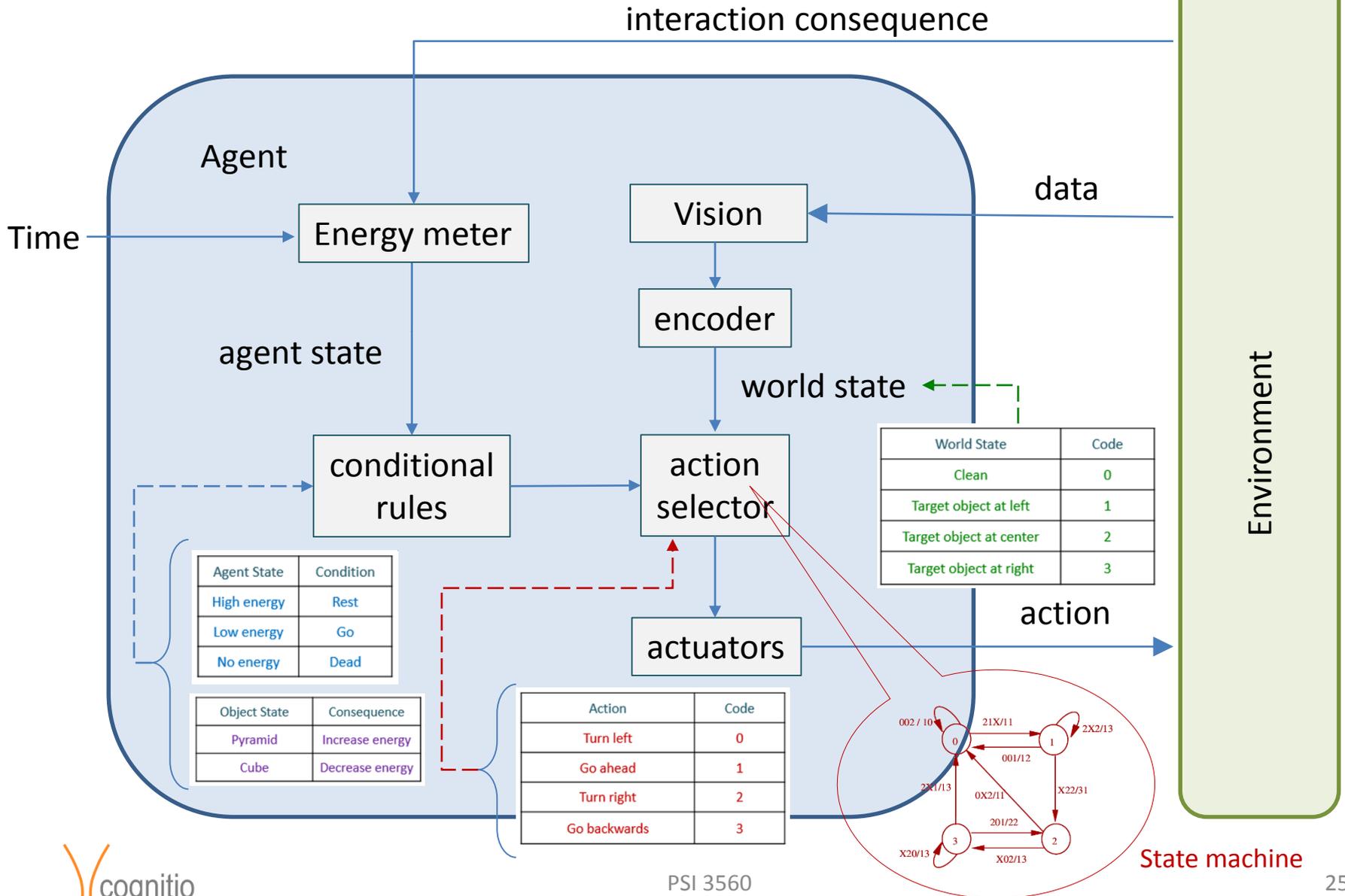
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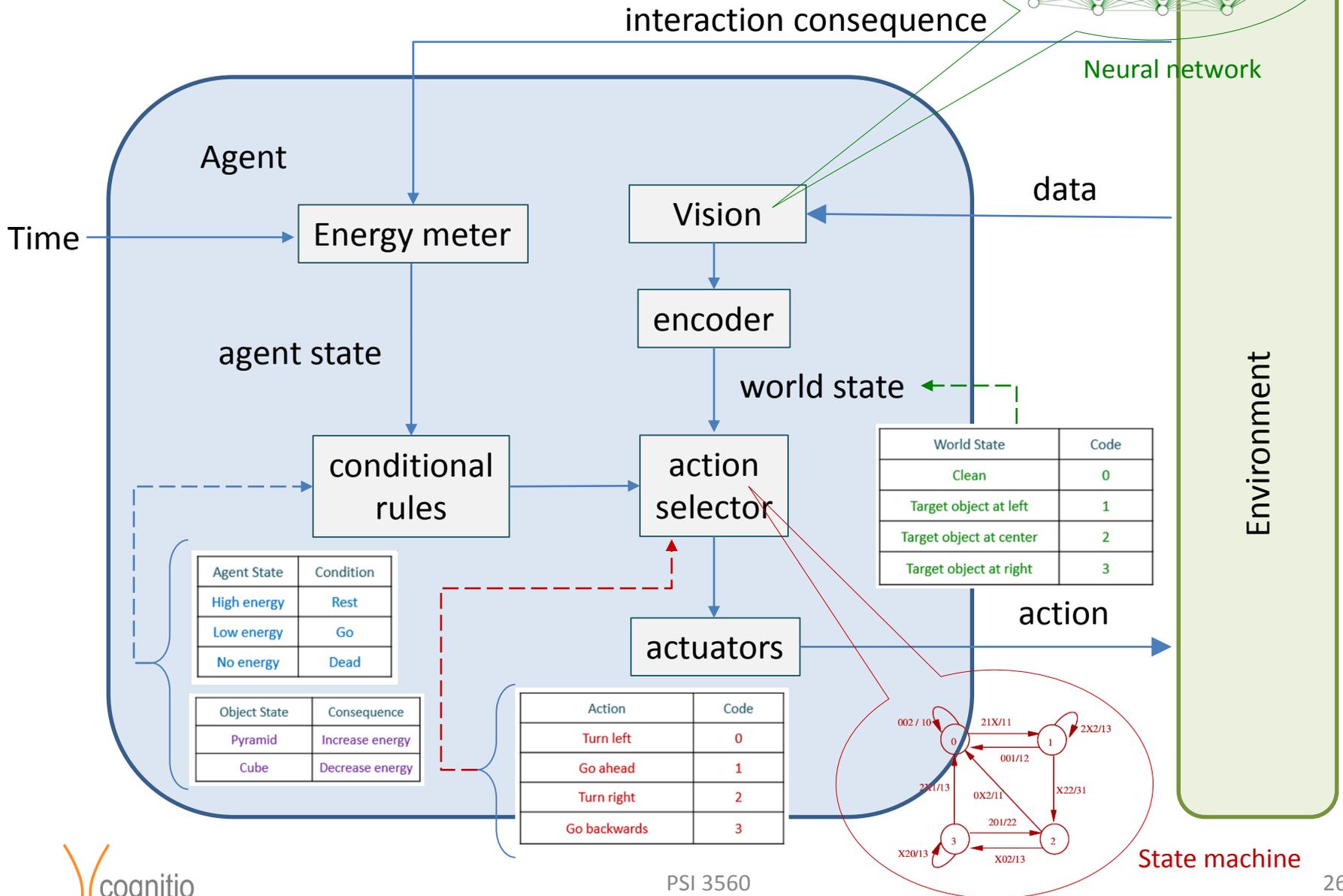
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Notice that:

- We specified the control architecture
- We still didn't considered the cognitive aspect
- So, we still haven't presented the cognitive architecture

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# Design of a Cognitive System – 3rd step

## MODELLING THE COGNITIVE SYSTEM

### – Marr's approach

- Three levels of analysis

- Computational model

- » What kind of computations are required ?

- » What is the nature of the computations ?

- Logical, statistical , both ?

- ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

- MACHINE LEARNING

- EVOLUTIONARY COMPUTATION



- Algorithmic specification

- Physical implementation

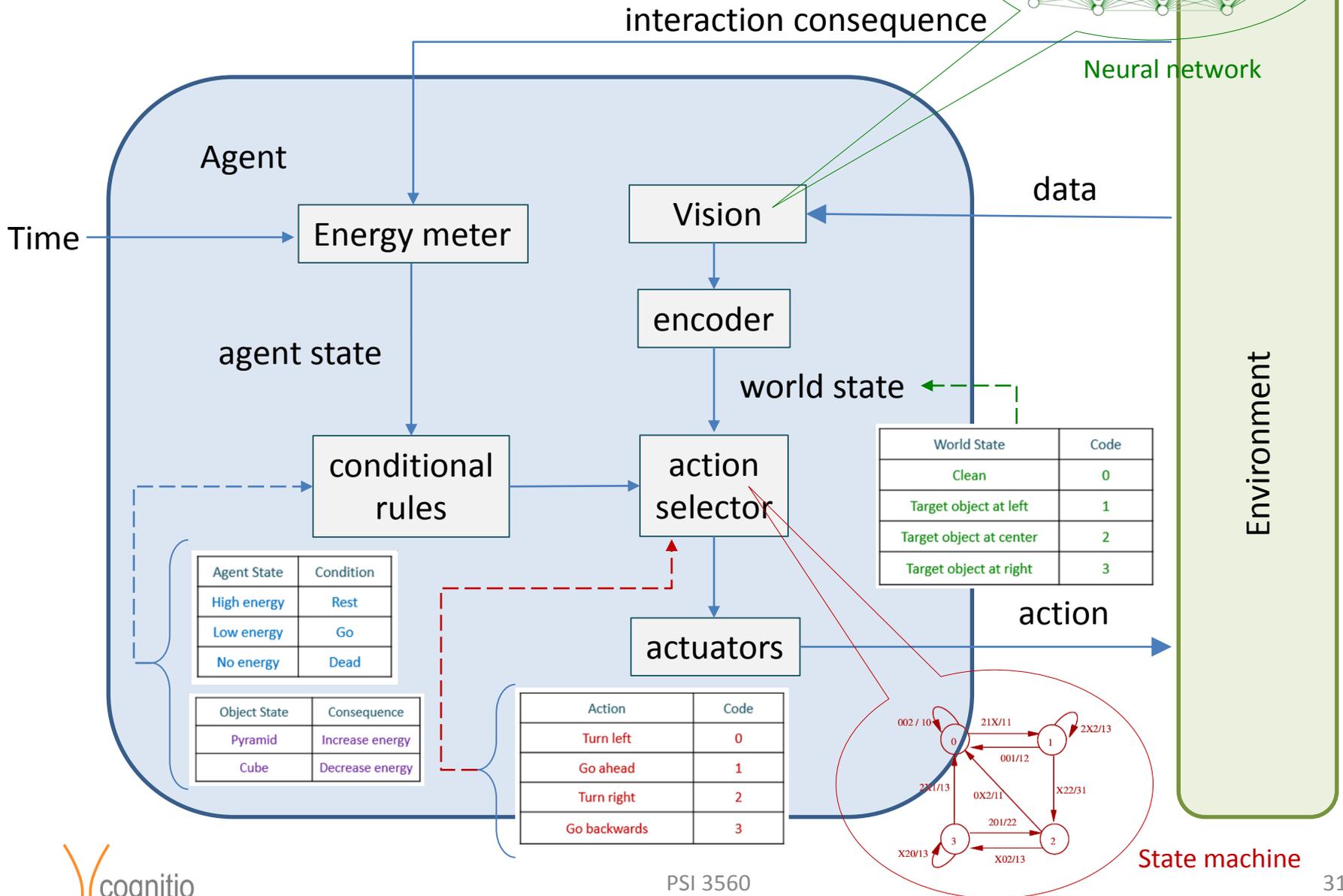
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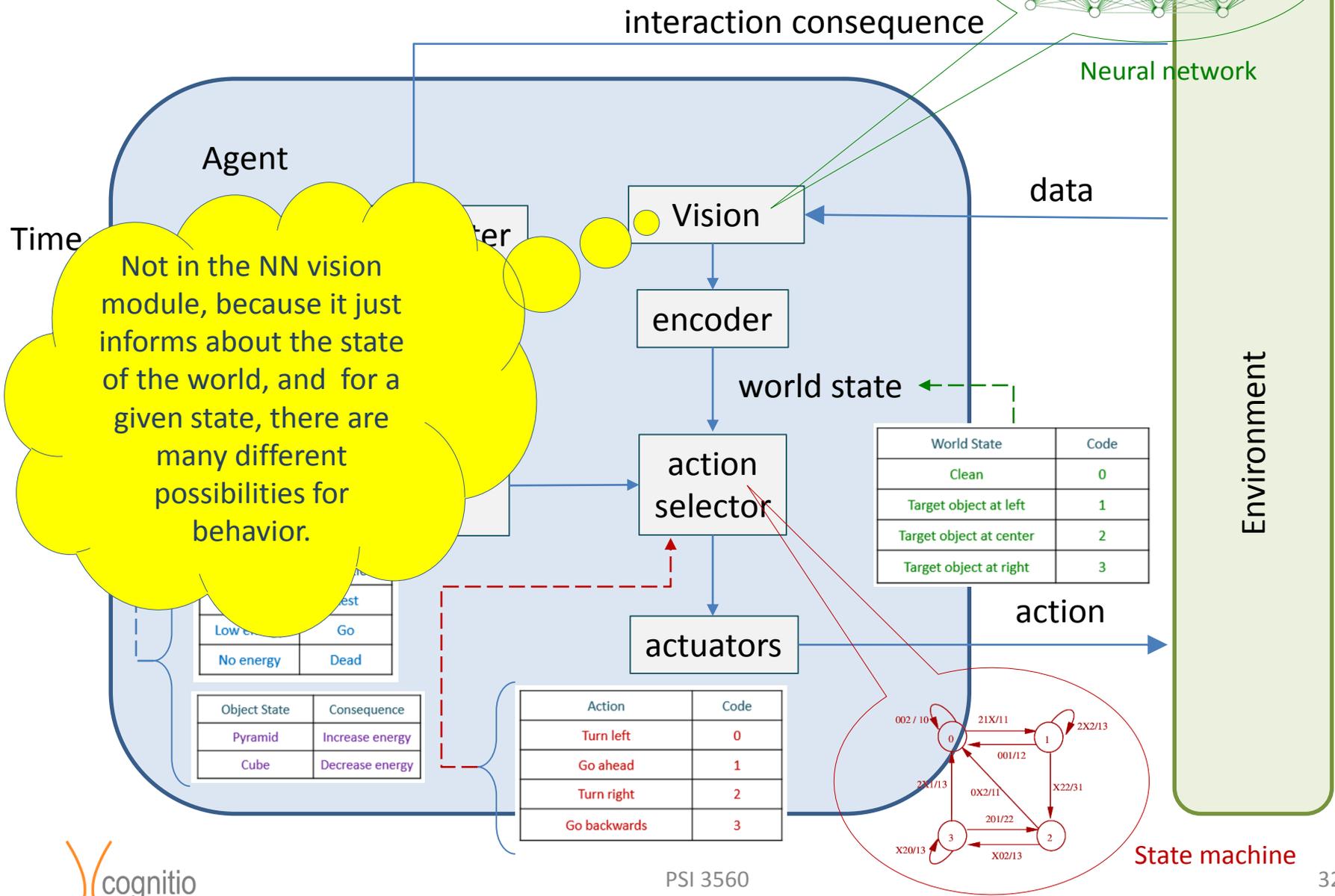
### – Computational model

- » What kind of computations are required ?
- » What is the nature of the computations ?
  - EVOLUTIONARY COMPUTATION
- » The evolutionary computation is here used as a means to incorporate a cognitive process
  - By incorporating knowledge
  - Building knowledge
  - Defining its use to control behavior
  - Increasing the agent's autonomy
  
- » So, precisely where / when these (cognitive) processes may happen, via the evolutionary approach ?

# WOXBOT agent architecture



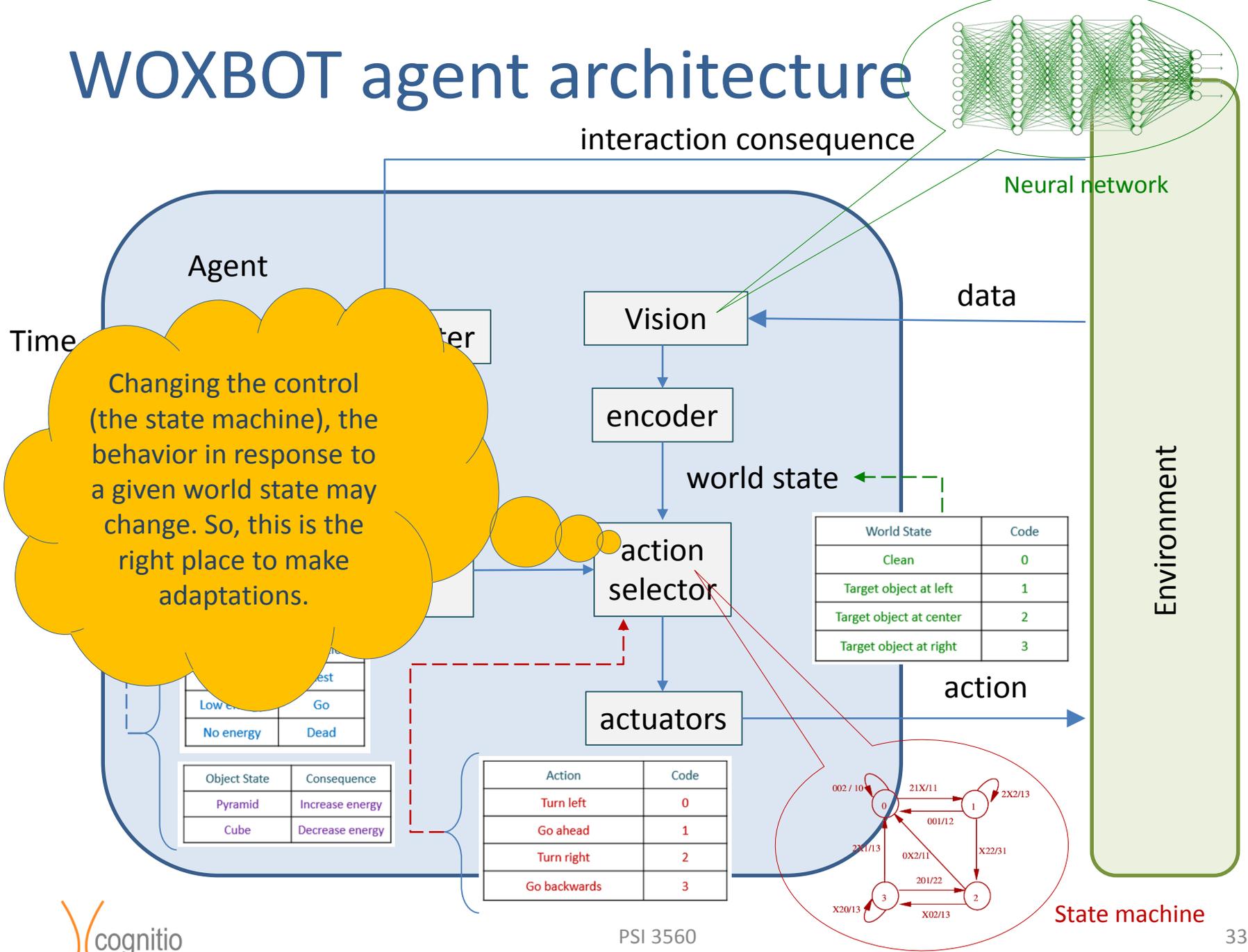
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Time

Not in the NN vision module, because it just informs about the state of the world, and for a given state, there are many different possibilities for behavior.

# WOXBOT agent architecture



Time

Changing the control (the state machine), the behavior in response to a given world state may change. So, this is the right place to make adaptations.

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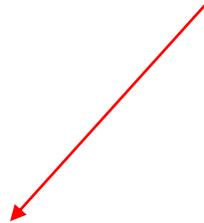
- EVOLUTIONARY COMPUTATION

- How to use evolutionary computation to change the behavioral control (state machine) of the agent ?

- Must **represent** the state machine **as an item capable of adaptation**

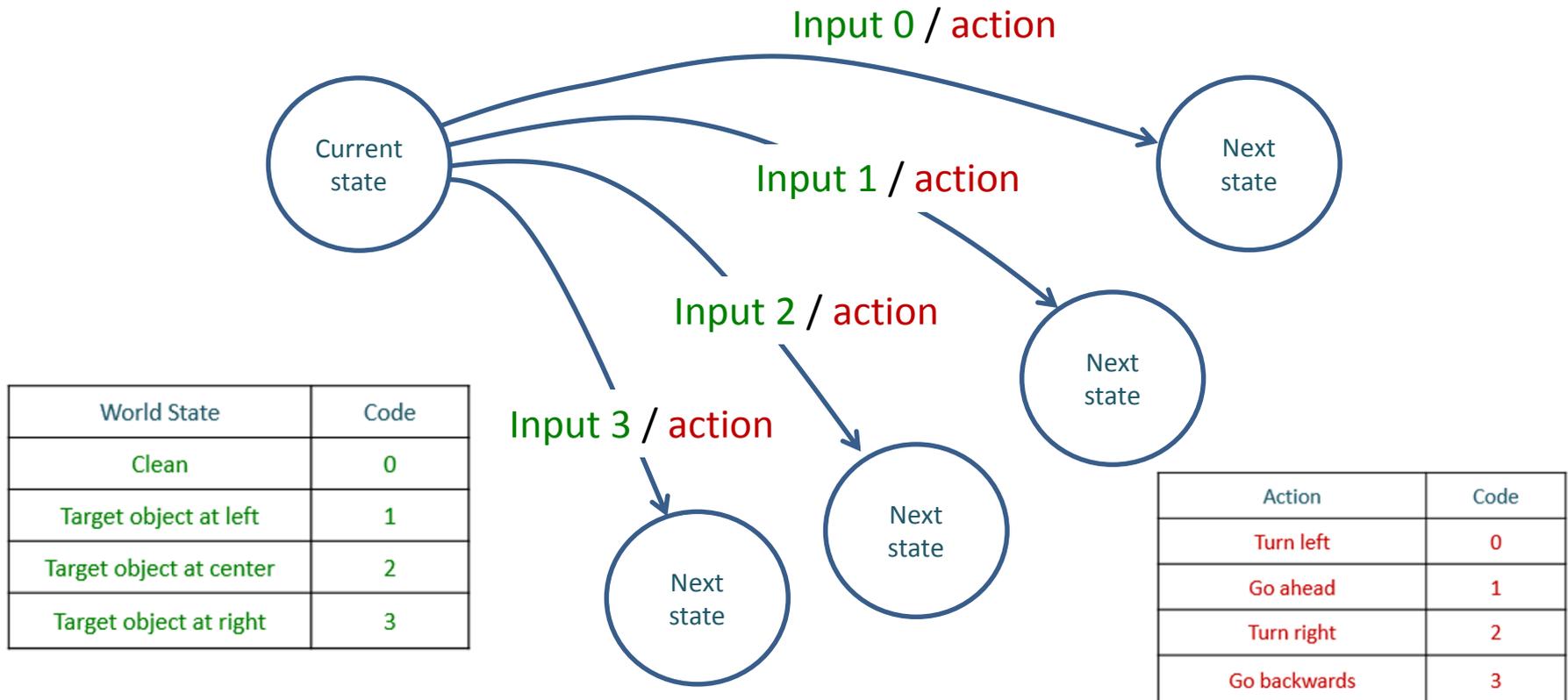
- In the case of evolutionary process:
  - Subjected to accidental changes (mutations)
  - Pass the changes to descendants (reproduction)

Genome → chromosomes



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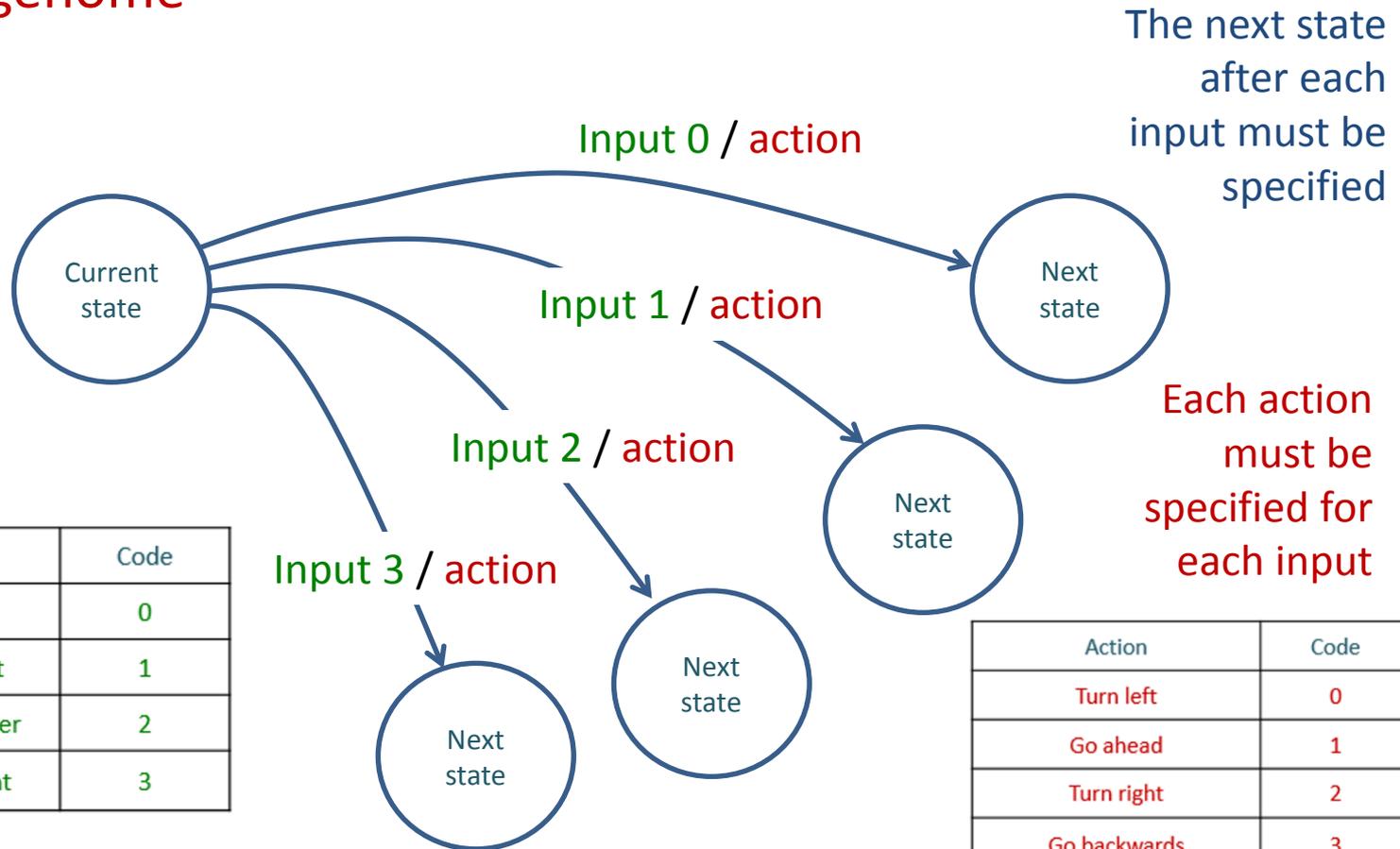
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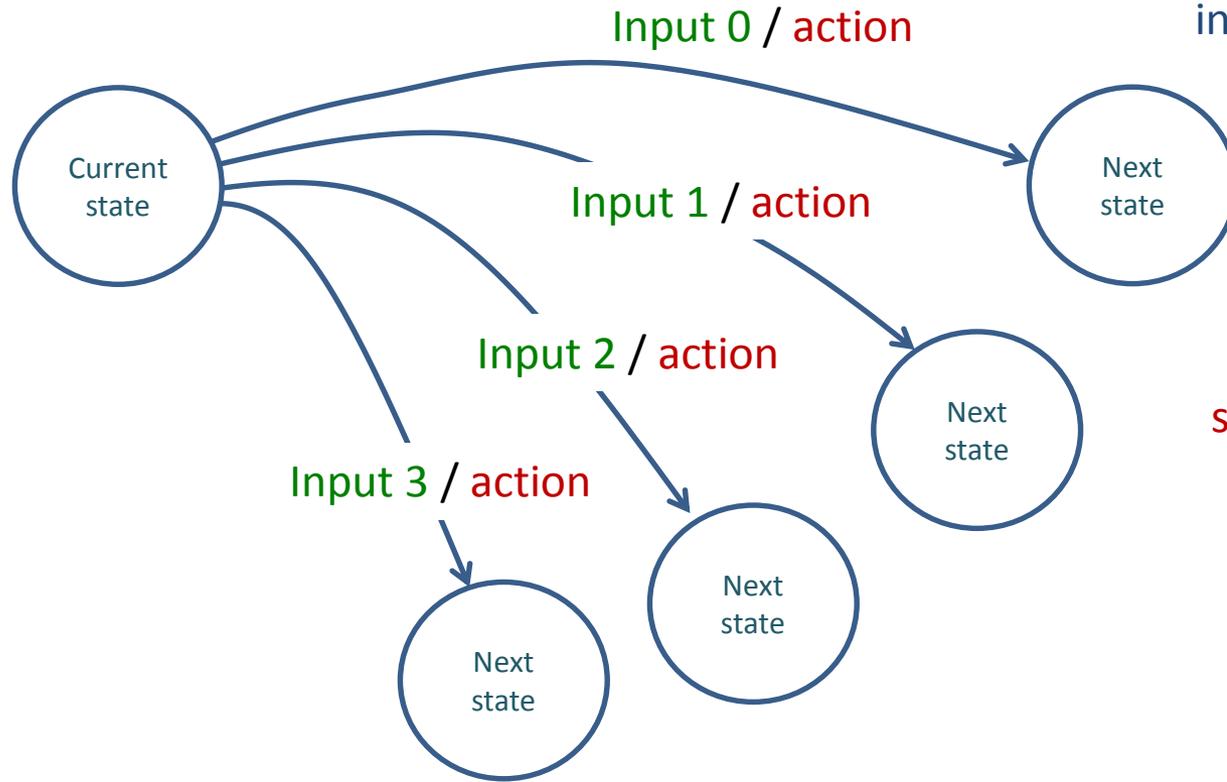
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The next state after each input must be specified

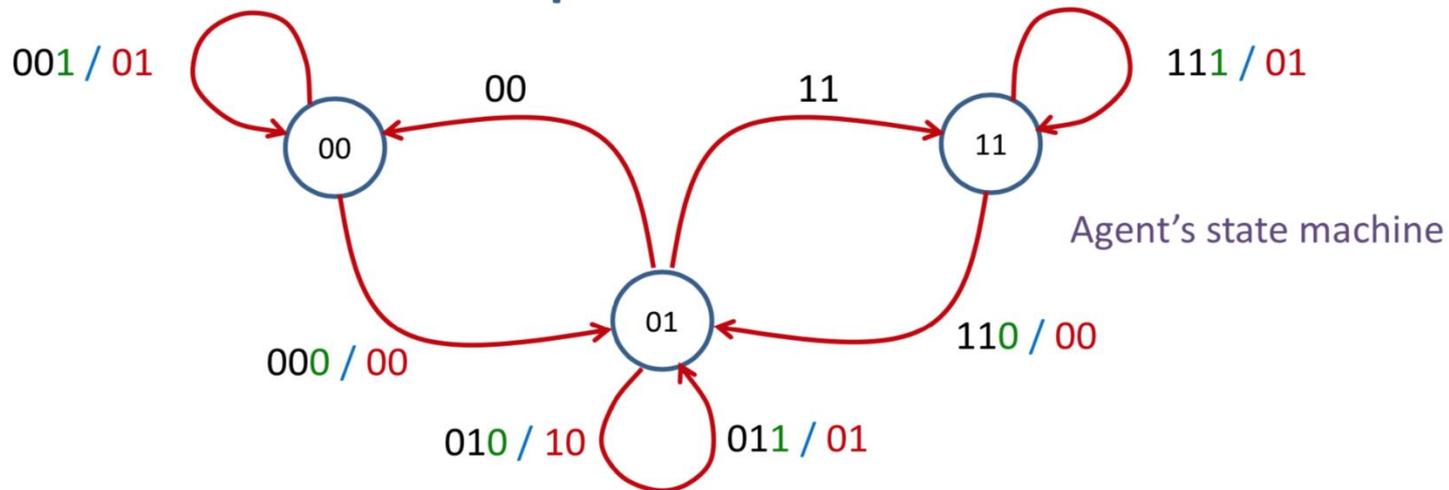
Each action must be specified for each input

– Representation of the state machine as the “agent’s genome”

- For each current state there is a chromosome:

Input 0 / Next state / action	Input 1 / Next state / action	Input 2 / Next state / action	Input 3 / Next state / action
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Exercise: • Construct the genome for the following machine:



Agent Position	World Status	Code	Action	Action Code
Left boundary	Clean	000	Turn	00
Left boundary	Dirty	001	Suck	01
Any place	Clean	010	Move	10
Any place	Dirty	011	Suck	01
Right boundary	Clean	110	Turn	00
Right boundary	Dirty	111	Suck	01

For each state:

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