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AWS DeepRacer: Get hands-on with machine learning

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Agenda

Introducing AWS DeepRacer

Introduction to reinforcement learning

Training using the AWS DeepRacer console

Hands-on workshop

Introducing AWS DeepRacer



How can we put
reinforcement
learning in the hands
of all developers?

Literally



A closer look

- 1:18 4WD scale car
- Intel Atom processor
- Intel distribution of OpenVINO toolkit
- Stereo camera (4MP)
- 360-degree, 12-meter scanning radius
Lidar sensor
- System memory: 4 GB RAM
- 802.11ac Wi-Fi
- Ubuntu 20.04 Focal Fossa
- ROS 2 Foxy Fitzroy



OpenVINO™



Get hands-on experience with reinforcement learning



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Community
races

Introduction to reinforcement learning

Reinforcement learning in the broad AI context

Artificial
intelligence

**building algorithms
which can take and
process information to
inform future decisions**

Machine learning

**teaching an algorithm how
to learn without explicitly
being programmed to do so**

Supervised
learning

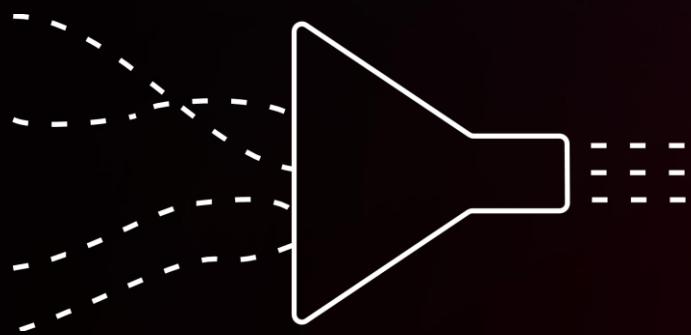
Unsupervised
learning

Reinforcement
learning

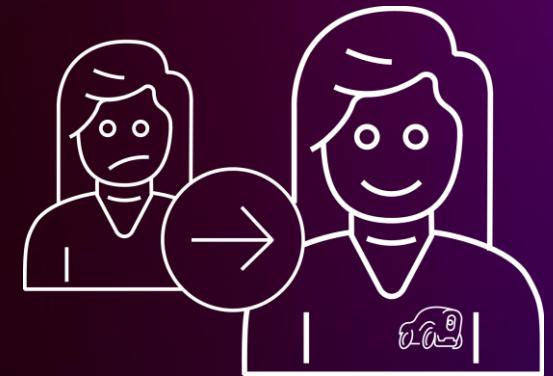
ML overview



Supervised
Example-driven
training; every
datum has a
corresponding label



Unsupervised
No labels for
training data; useful
for clustering like data



Reinforcement
Learns through
consequences of
actions in a specific
environment

Reinforcement learning in the real world



Reward positive behavior

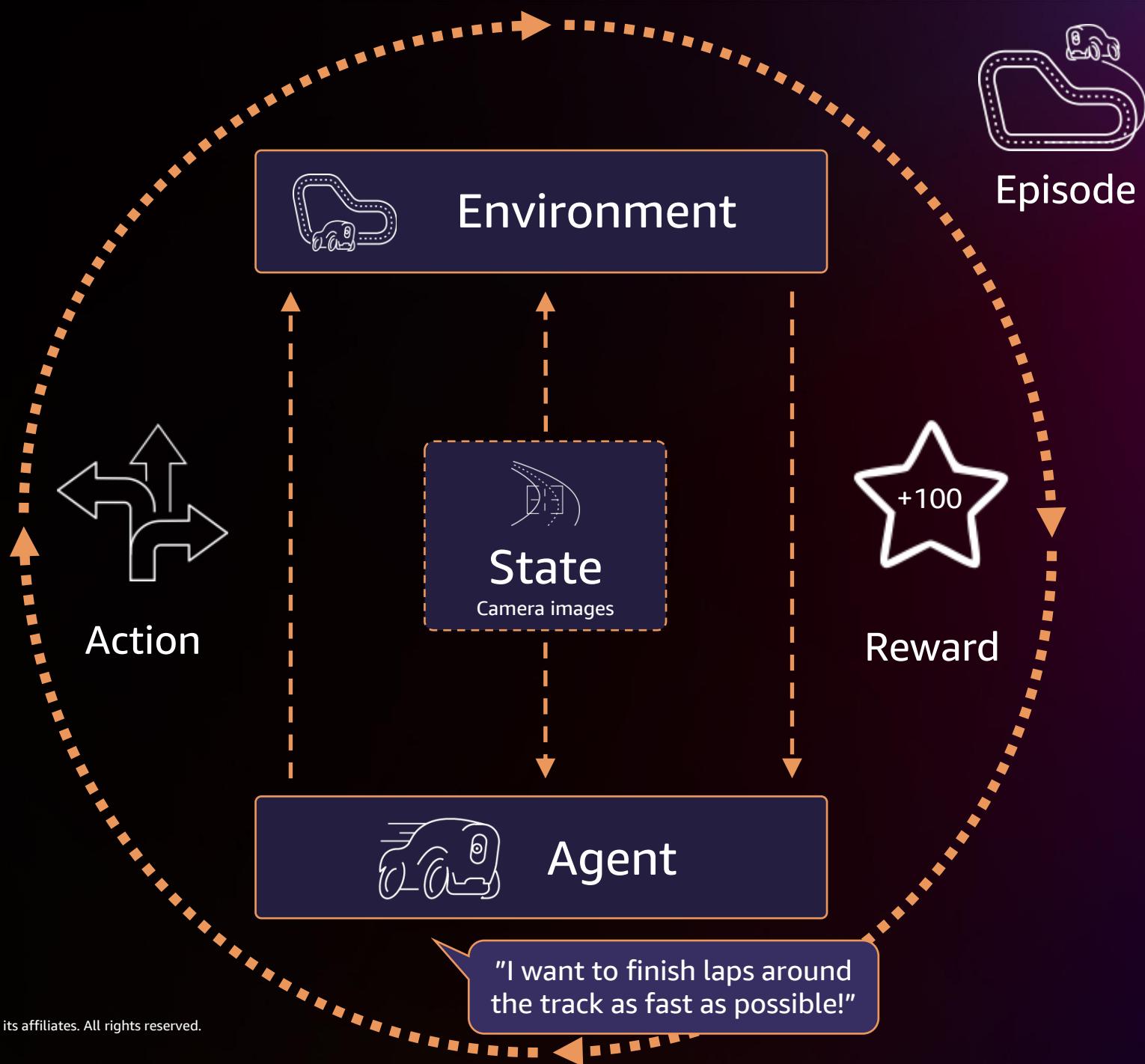


Don't reward negative behavior



The result

Reinforcement learning key terms



The reward function

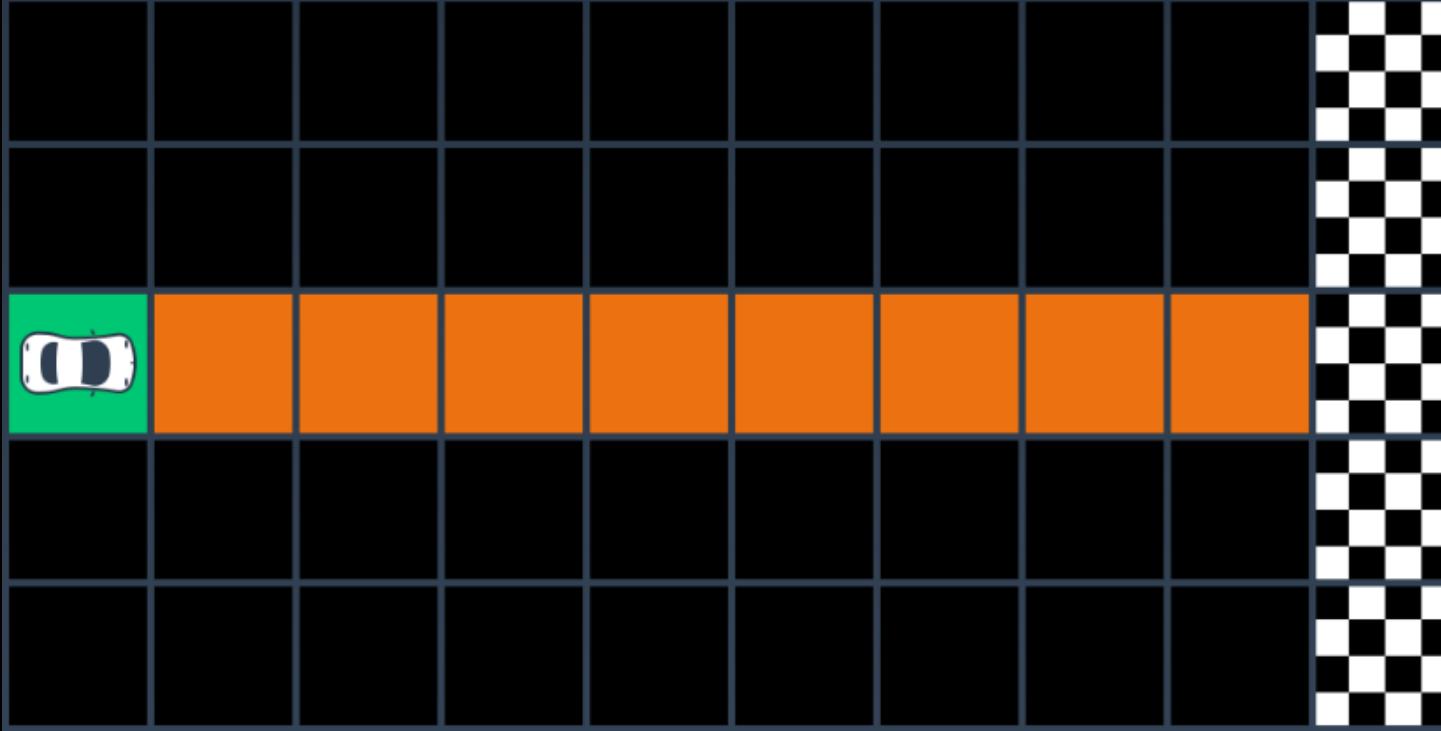


The reward function incentivizes particular behaviors and is at the core of reinforcement learning

The reward function: Straight track race



Agent



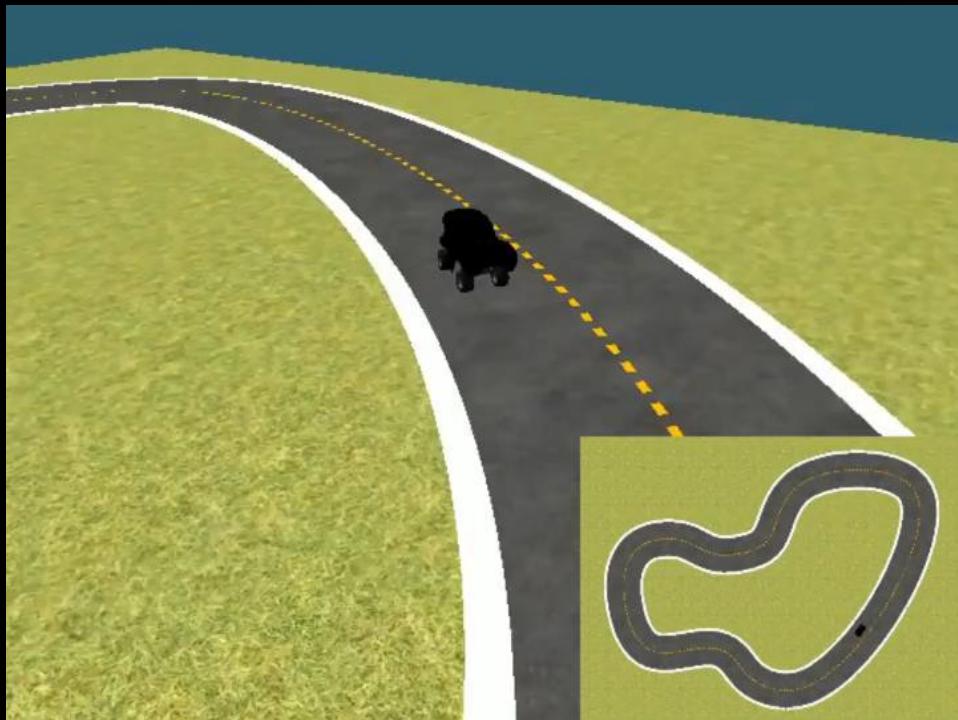
Goal

Rewards that incentivize center-line driving

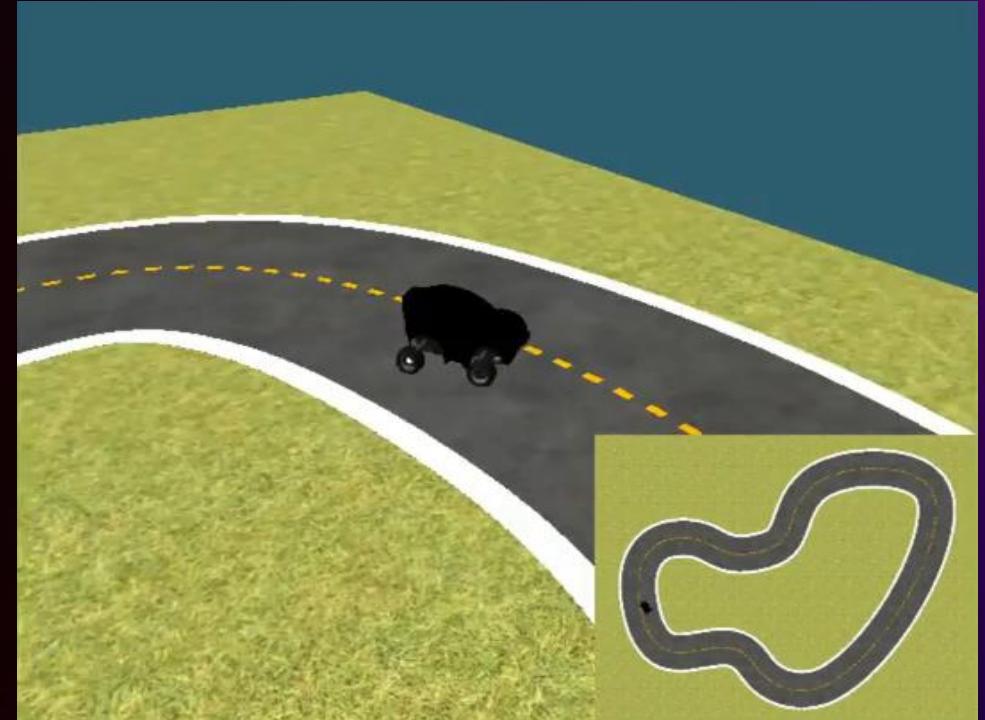
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| 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.2 | checkered |
| car icon | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | checkered |
| 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.2 | checkered |
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Exploration versus exploitation

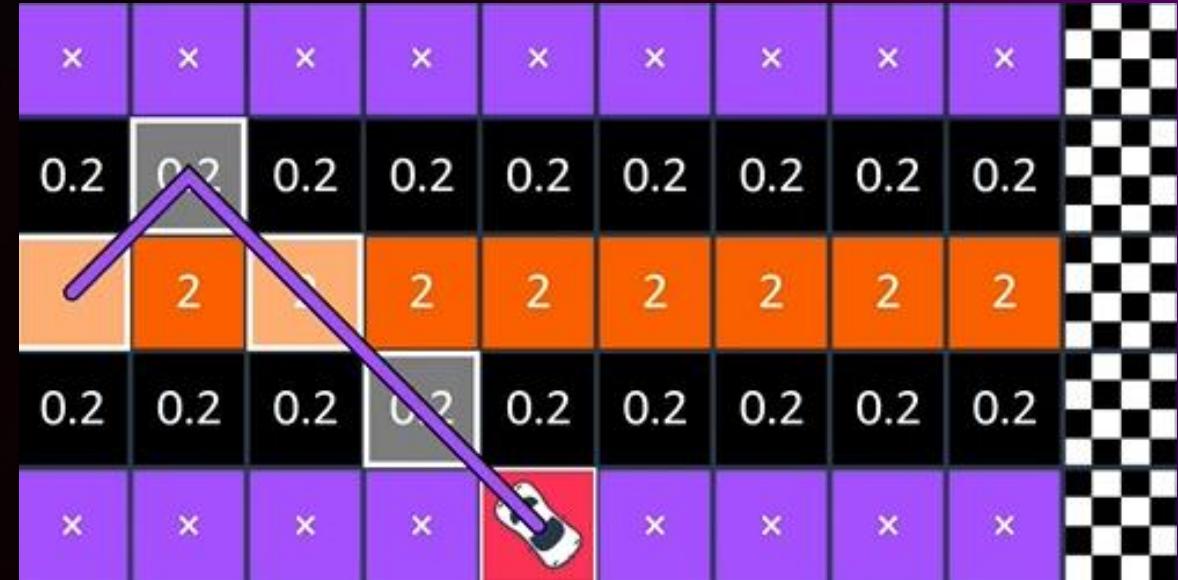
Exploration



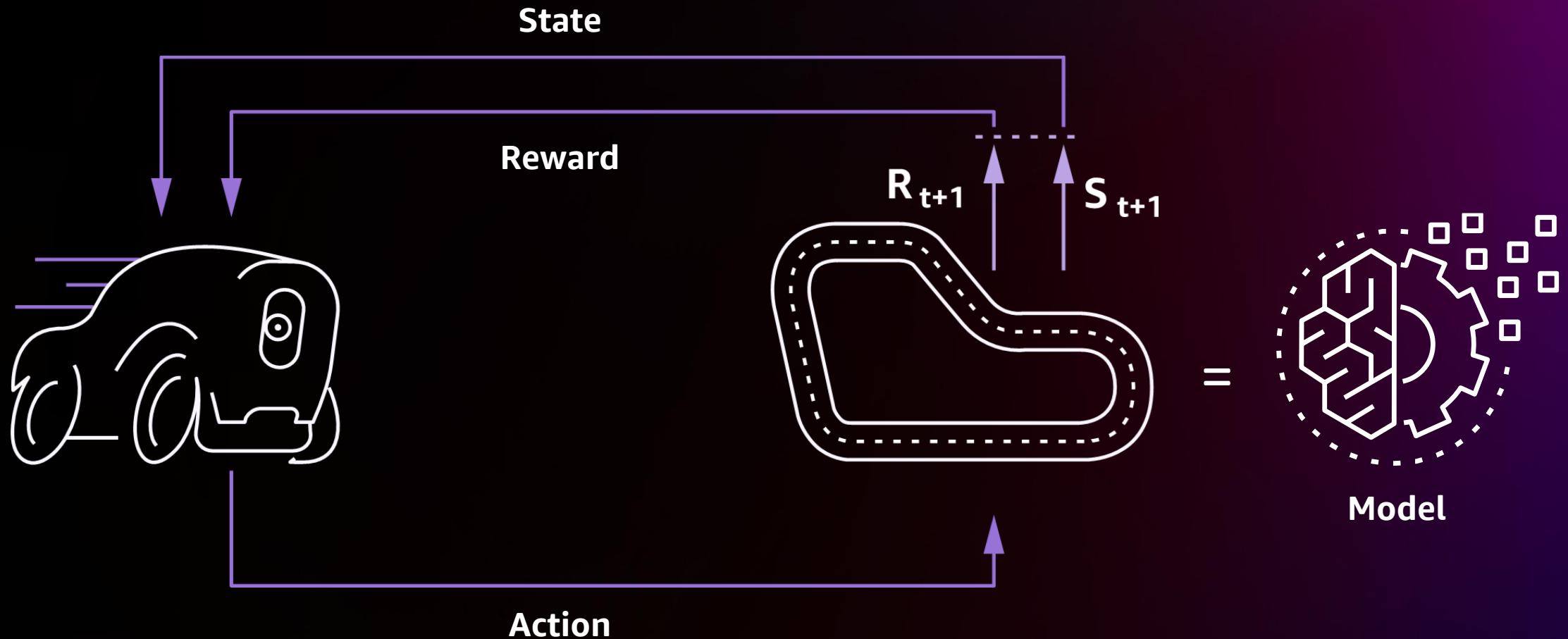
Exploitation



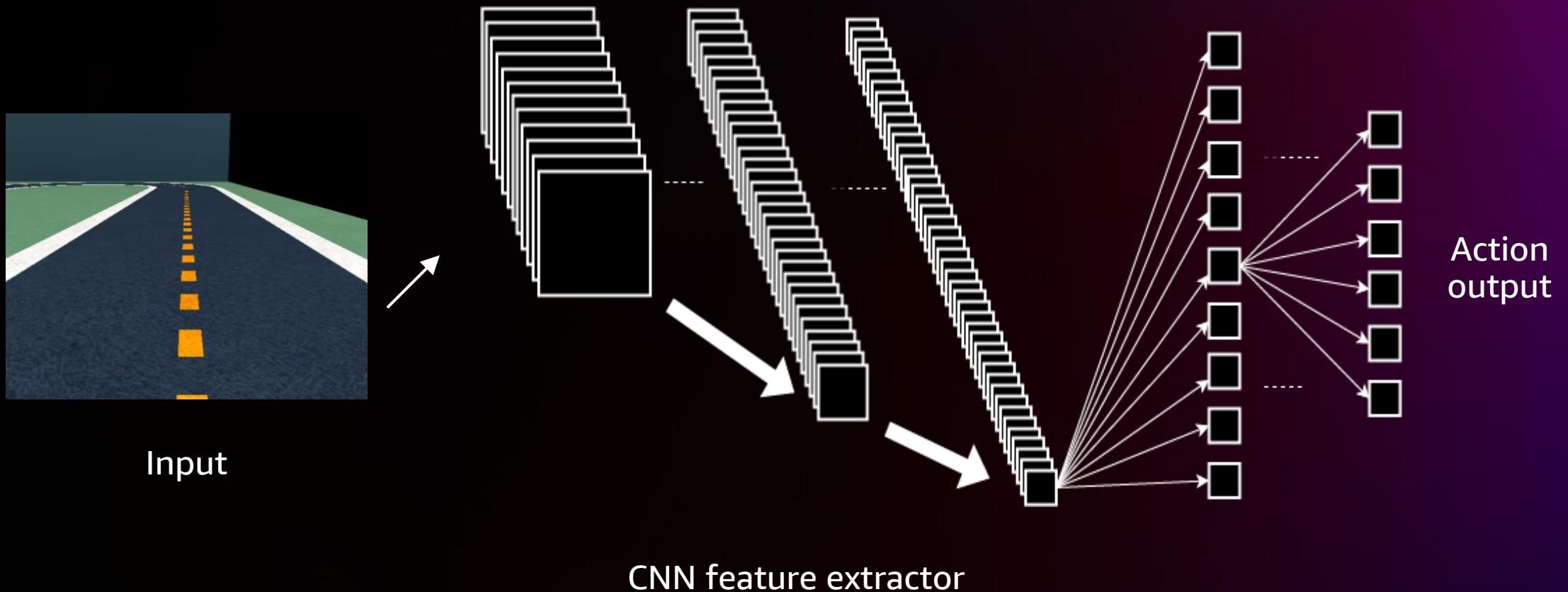
Iteration and convergence



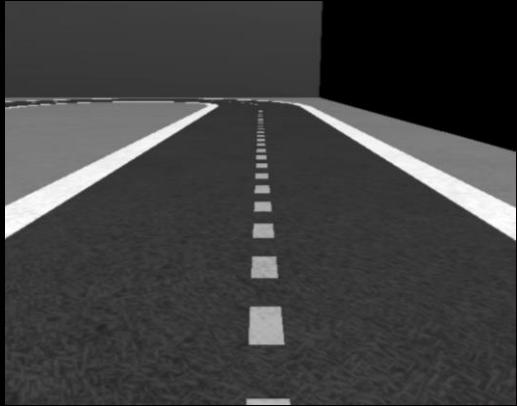
How does the learning (training) happen?



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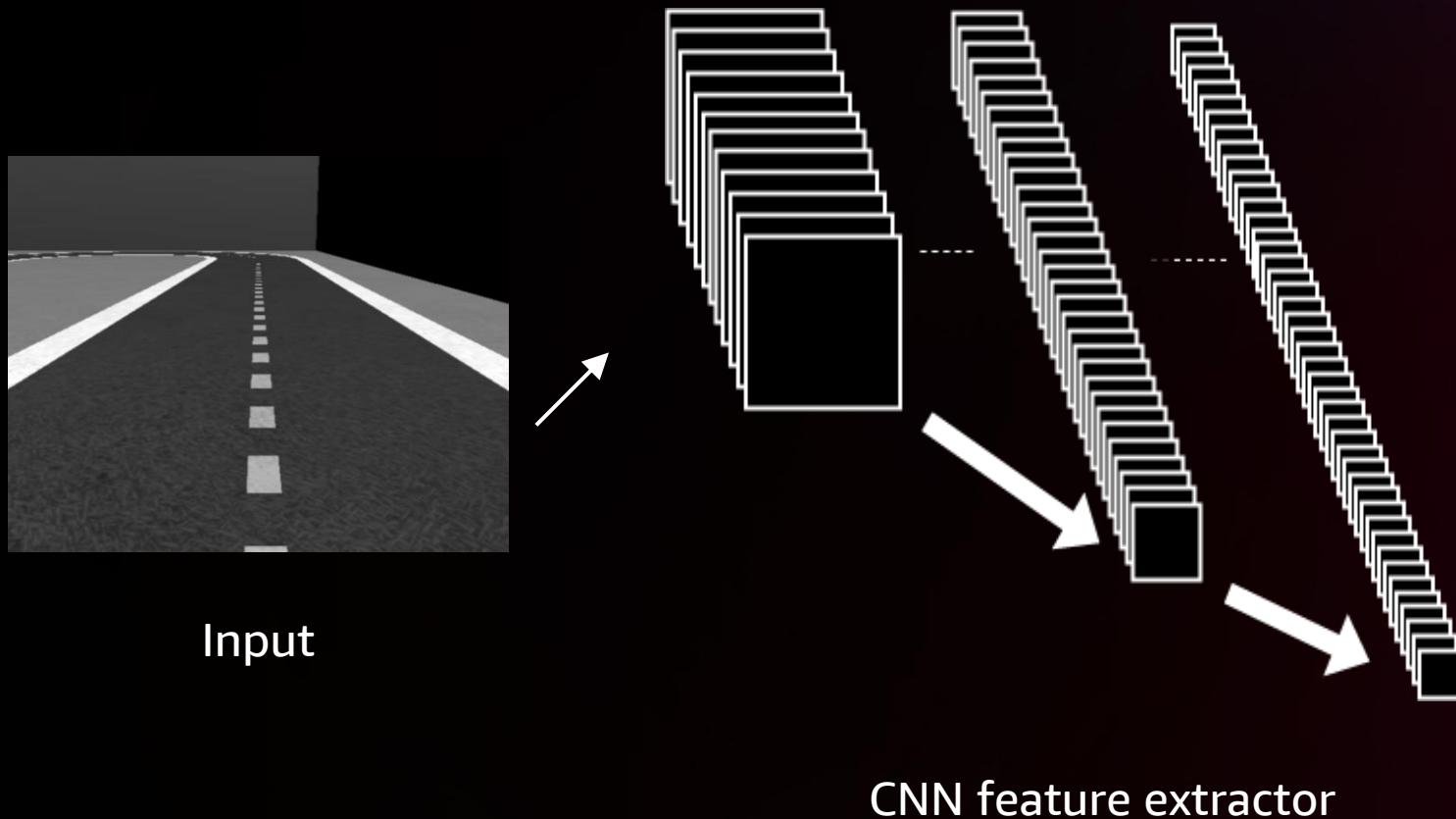


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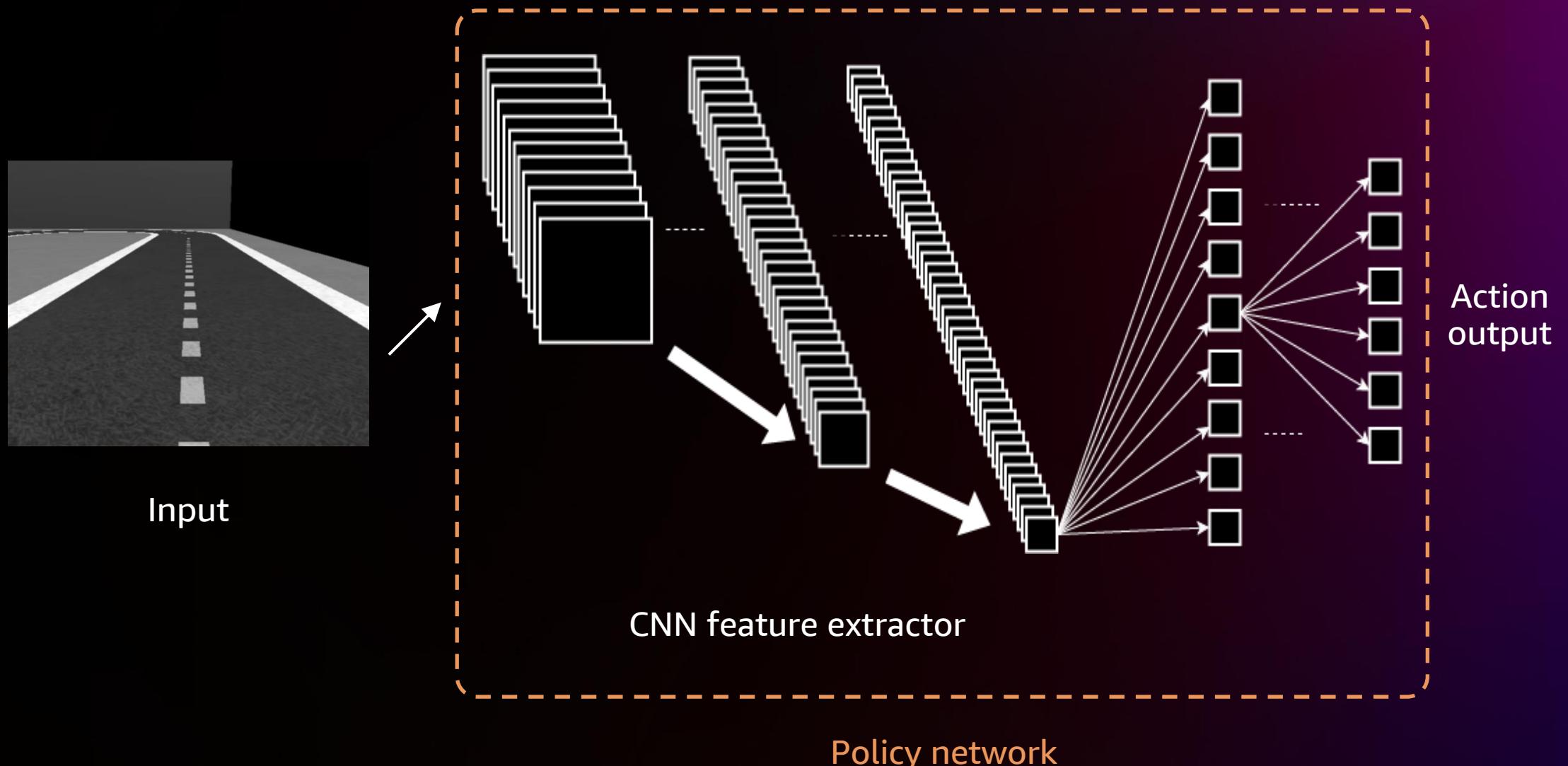


Input

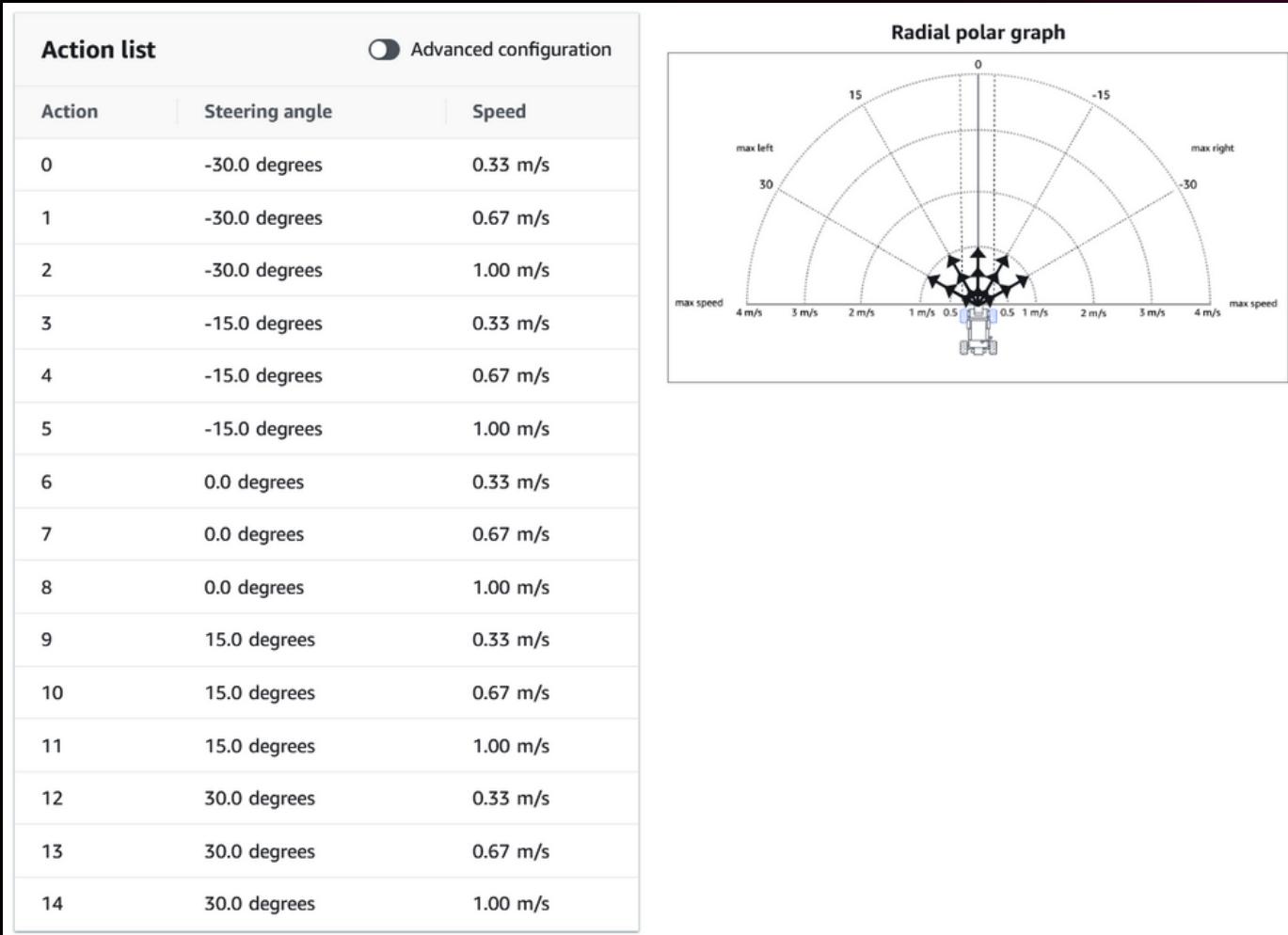
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Action space



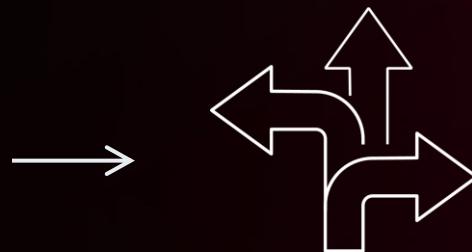
Optimizing and inferencing with OpenVINO



Input data



OpenVINO
optimized
model



OpenVINO
inference
results



Racing

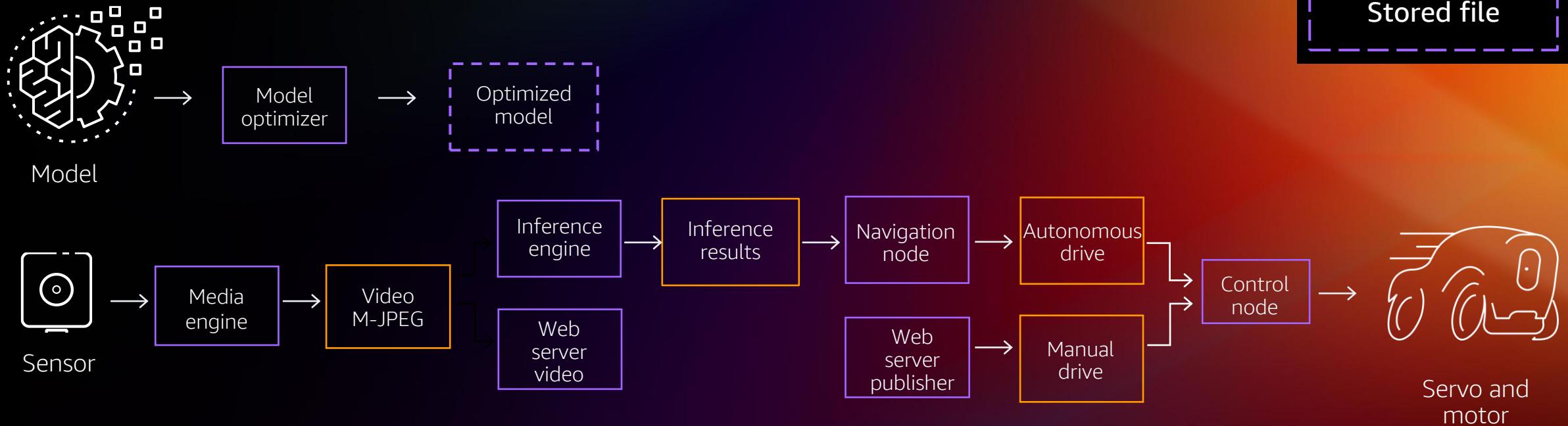
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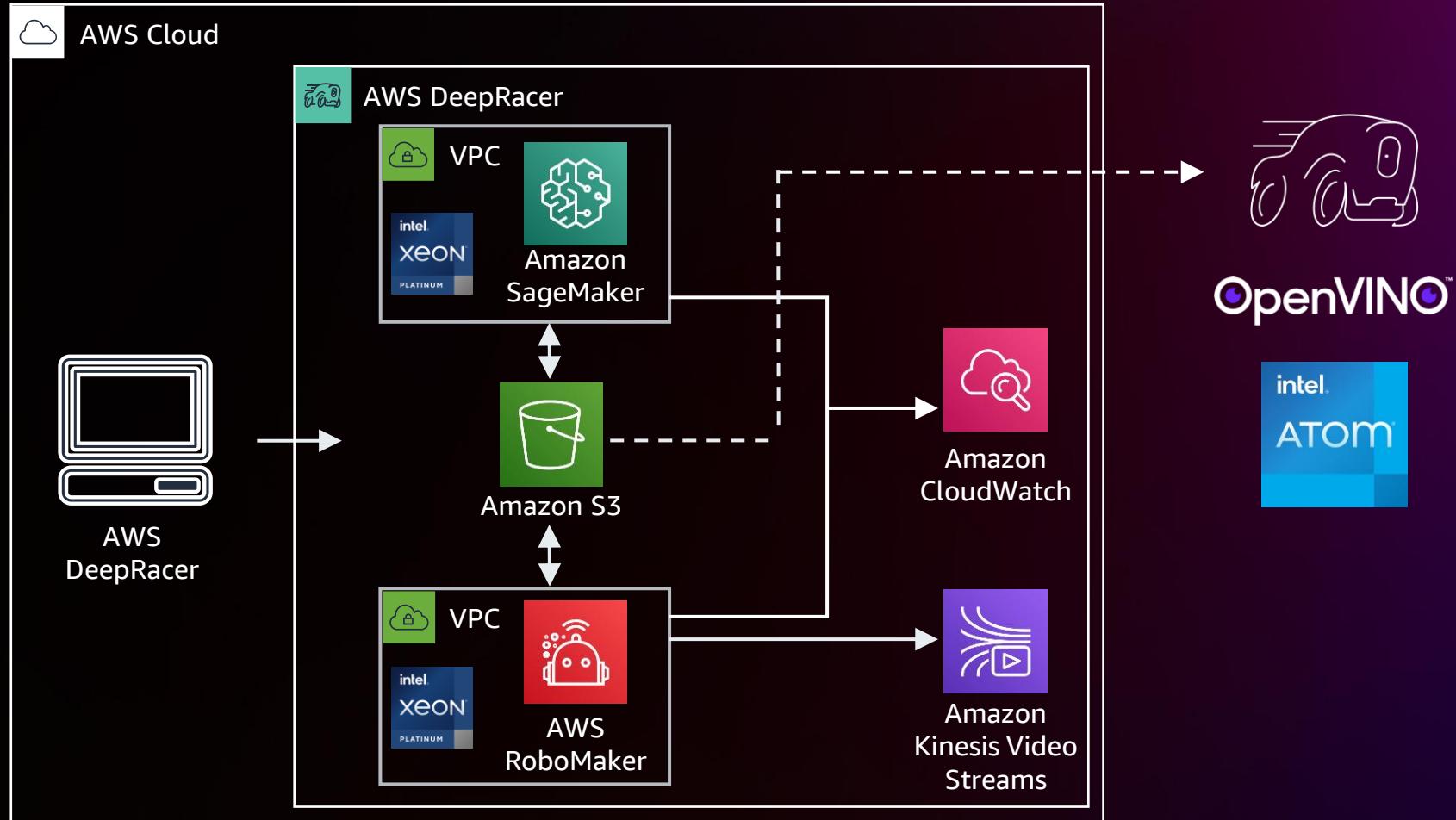


AWS DeepRacer software architecture

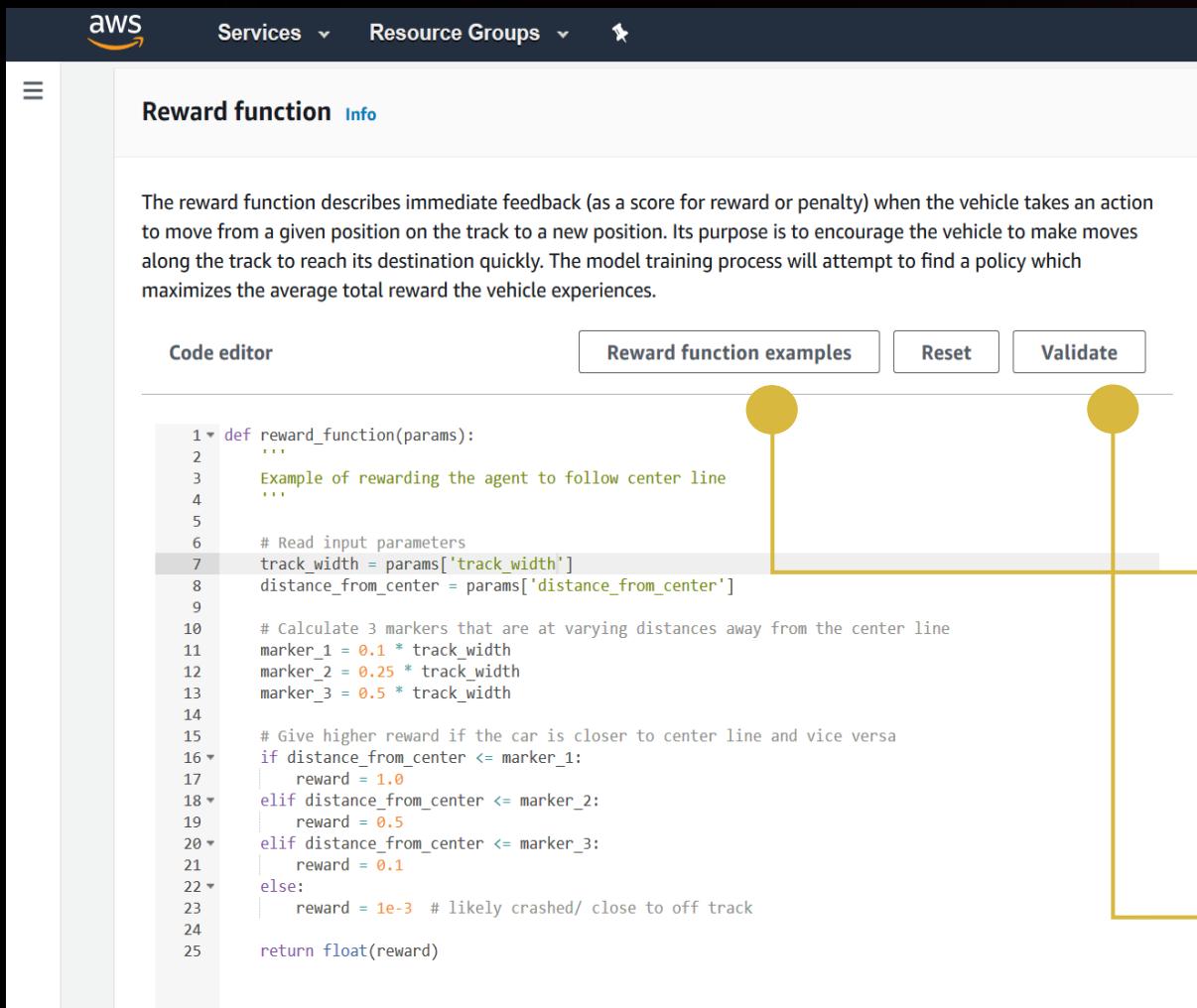


Training using the AWS DeepRacer console

AWS DeepRacer simulator architecture



Programming your own reward function

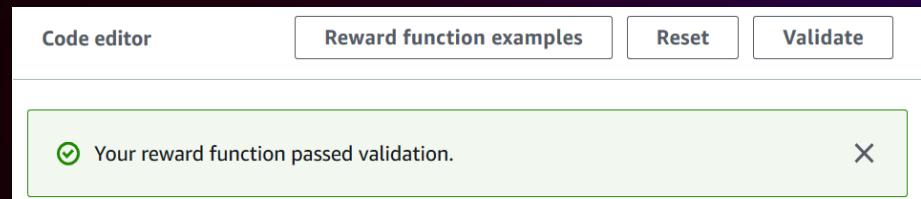


```
1 def reward_function(params):
2     ...
3     # Example of rewarding the agent to follow center line
4     ...
5
6     # Read input parameters
7     track_width = params['track_width']
8     distance_from_center = params['distance_from_center']
9
10    # Calculate 3 markers that are at varying distances away from the center line
11    marker_1 = 0.1 * track_width
12    marker_2 = 0.25 * track_width
13    marker_3 = 0.5 * track_width
14
15    # Give higher reward if the car is closer to center line and vice versa
16    if distance_from_center <= marker_1:
17        reward = 1.0
18    elif distance_from_center <= marker_2:
19        reward = 0.5
20    elif distance_from_center <= marker_3:
21        reward = 0.1
22    else:
23        reward = 1e-3 # likely crashed/ close to off track
24
25    return float(reward)
```

Code editor: Python 3 syntax

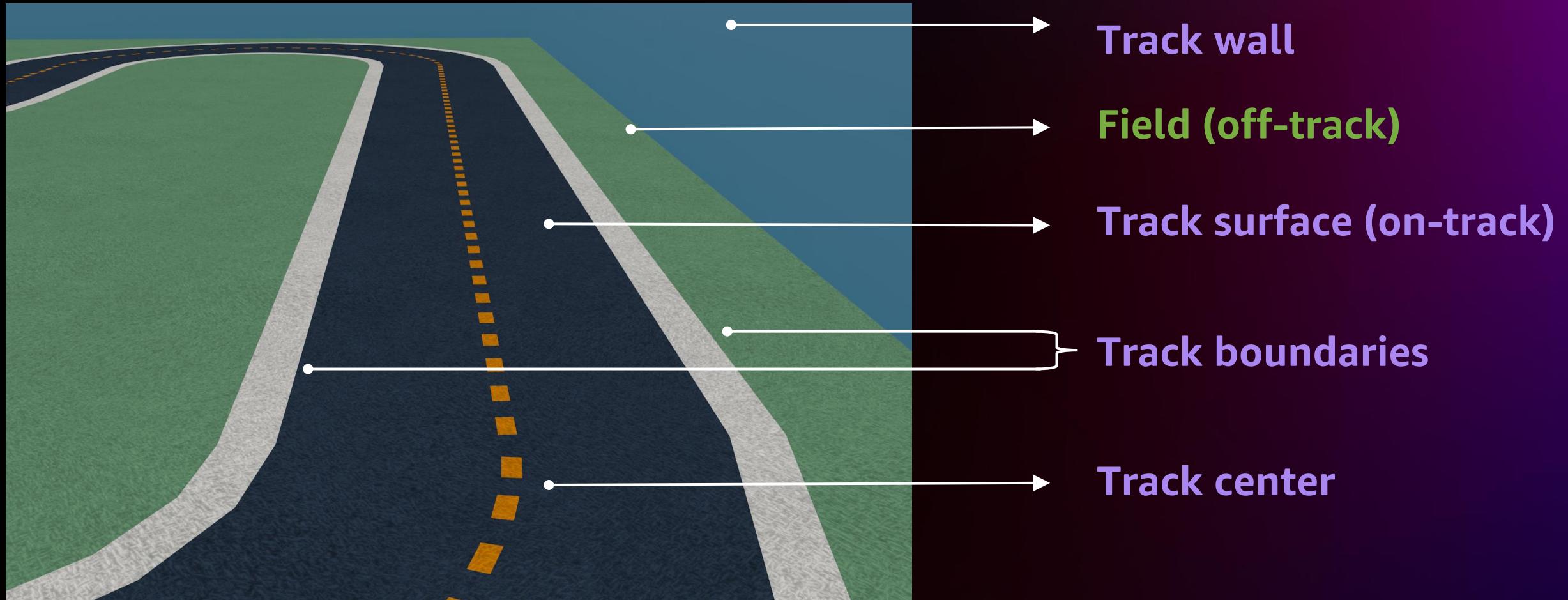
Three example reward functions

Code validation via Lambda



Your reward function passed validation.

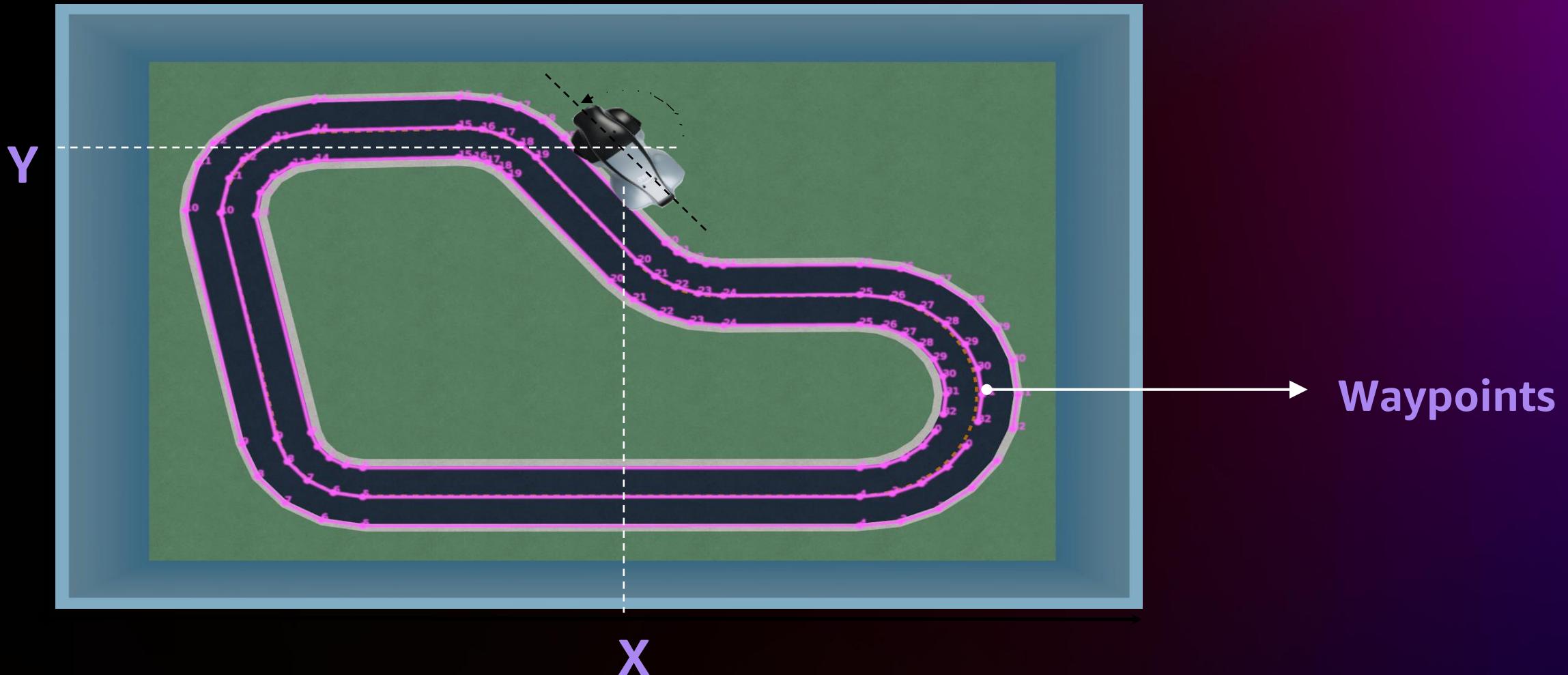
Track components



Reward function input parameters

```
{  
    "all_wheels_on_track": Boolean,  
    "x": float,  
    "y": float,  
    "closest_objects": [int, int],  
    "closest_waypoints": [int, int],  
    "distance_from_center": float,  
    "is_crashed": Boolean,  
    "is_left_of_center": Boolean,  
    "is_offtrack": Boolean,  
    "is_reversed": Boolean,  
    "heading": float,  
    "objects_distance": [float, ],  
    "objects_heading": [float, ],  
    "objects_left_of_center": [Boolean, ],  
    "objects_location": [(float, float), ],  
    "objects_speed": [float, ],  
    "progress": float,  
    "speed": float,  
    "steering_angle": float,  
    "steps": int,  
    "track_length": float,  
    "track_width": float,  
    "waypoints": [(float, float), ]  
}  
  
    # flag to indicate if the agent is on the track  
    # agent's x-coordinate in meters  
    # agent's y-coordinate in meters  
    # zero-based indices of the two closest objects to the agent's current position of (x, y).  
    # indices of the two nearest waypoints.  
    # distance in meters from the track center  
    # Boolean flag to indicate whether the agent has crashed.  
    # Flag to indicate if the agent is on the left side to the track center or not.  
    # Boolean flag to indicate whether the agent has gone off track.  
    # flag to indicate if the agent is driving clockwise (True) or counter clockwise (False).  
    # agent's yaw in degrees  
    # list of the objects' distances in meters between 0 and track_length in relation to the starting line.  
    # list of the objects' headings in degrees between -180 and 180.  
    # list of Boolean flags indicating whether elements' objects are left of the center (True) or not (False).  
    # list of object locations [(x,y), ...].  
    # list of the objects' speeds in meters per second.  
    # percentage of track completed  
    # agent's speed in meters per second (m/s)  
    # agent's steering angle in degrees  
    # number steps completed  
    # track length in meters.  
    # width of the track  
    # list of (x,y) as milestones along the track center
```

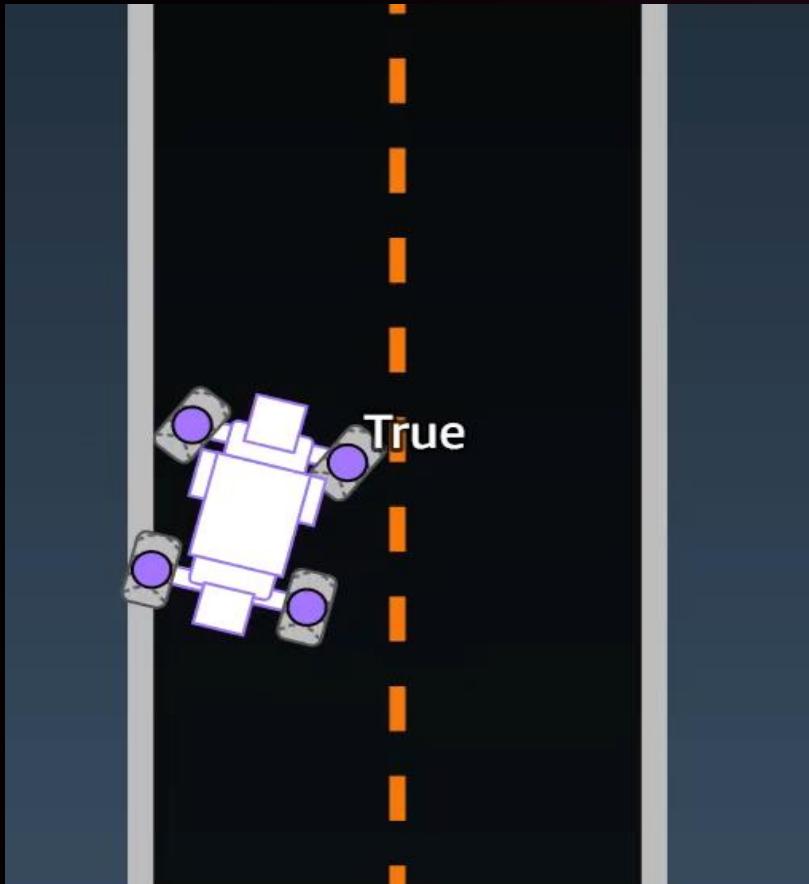
Coordinate system and track waypoints



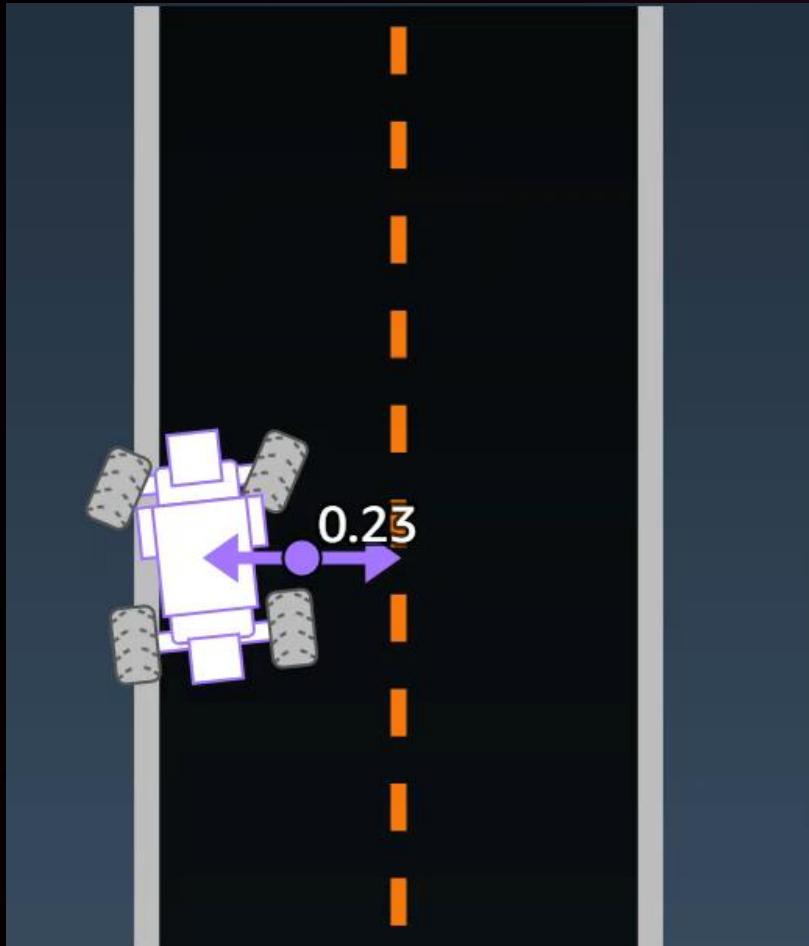
Example parameter: heading



Example parameter: `all_wheels_on_track`



Example parameter: `distance_from_center`



Hands-on workshop

Getting started with this workshop

<https://catalog.workshops.aws/deepracer-200l/en-US>



Next steps

Win an in-person driving experience!

Get behind the wheel of a DeepRacer Arcade or take your model for a spin in our open tracks in the MGM between Monday at 8:00 AM and Wednesday at 4:00 PM

You'll be automatically entered to win one of four spots to race full size exotic cars alongside our 2022 Champions and AWS VIP's at the **DeepRacer Winner's Circle Driving Experience at the Las Vegas Speedway** - no competition required!

Next steps

Win a wildcard spot in the 2023 Championship Cup at a ticket to next year's re:Invent

Race your model at any DeepRacer track on Thursday (10:00 AM to 5:00 PM) during the **re:Invent 2023 Open** to see how you stack up against the competition

All tracks across re:Invent will lead to one leaderboard, and the fastest developer will secure their spot (and ticket!) at next year's finals

Thank you!

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