Robot programming, Simulation and Environment using Choreonoid for Humanoid Beginner

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- General information of Choreonoid
- Connecting to other system
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Robot competition using simulator

- RoboCup https://www.robocup.org/
  - Soccer(sim) developed multi agent simulator, Rescue(sim), @Home, Industrial
- DARPA Challenge
  - Grand(2005) / Urban(2007) Challenge
  - Robotics (Virtual2013, Trial2013, Final2015) Challenge
  - Subterranean Challenge (2017-2021) (Trial?)

  https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/DARPA_Grand_Challenge
- JVRC (Japan Virtual Robotics Challenge) 2015
- WRS2020 (world robot summit)
  - Tunnel disaster challenge
- HVAC (Humanoid Virtual Athletics Challenge) << This WS

Robot competition using simulator

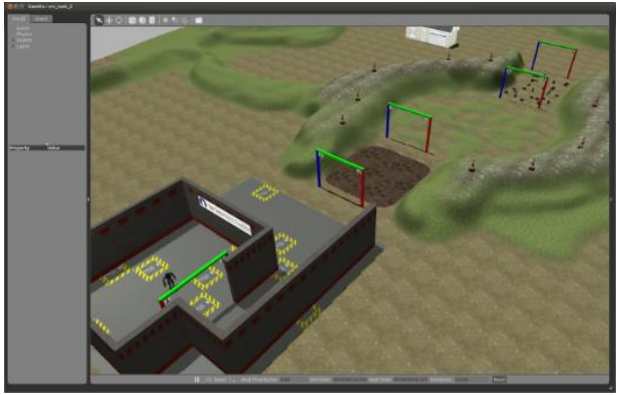
- Why simulator is used at competitions?
- Difficulties in real robots
  - Hardware (preparations robot, maintenance, environment)
- Wider variety of participants
  - Expert, Novice (experience)
  - Researcher, Developer and Hobbyist (profession)
  - Software, Hardware and Systems (speciality, interest)
- Targets (organizer, participants)
  - Boosting humanoid robots research
  - Testing new algorithms
  - Testing new hardware
  - Testing new integrate system

Virtual Robotics Challenge 2013

- Using Gazebo as simulator
  - Gazebo running in server, participants connecting from their site
- Target of competition
  - Required to solve real tasks
  - Control system
  - Novel robot interface
  - Share autonomous algorisms and operator's input

Virtual Robotics Task 1

Virtual Robotics Task 2



Virtual Robotics Task 3

Robot control environment using Gazebo (VRC)

- Gazebo (http://gazebosim.org/)
  - Dynamics engine (ODE base)
  - Various environments (drcsim)
  - Highly compatible with ROS (gazebo-ros-pkgs)

RVIZ (ROS visualization and controlling by marker)	
Model expression on EusLisp	In Gazebo

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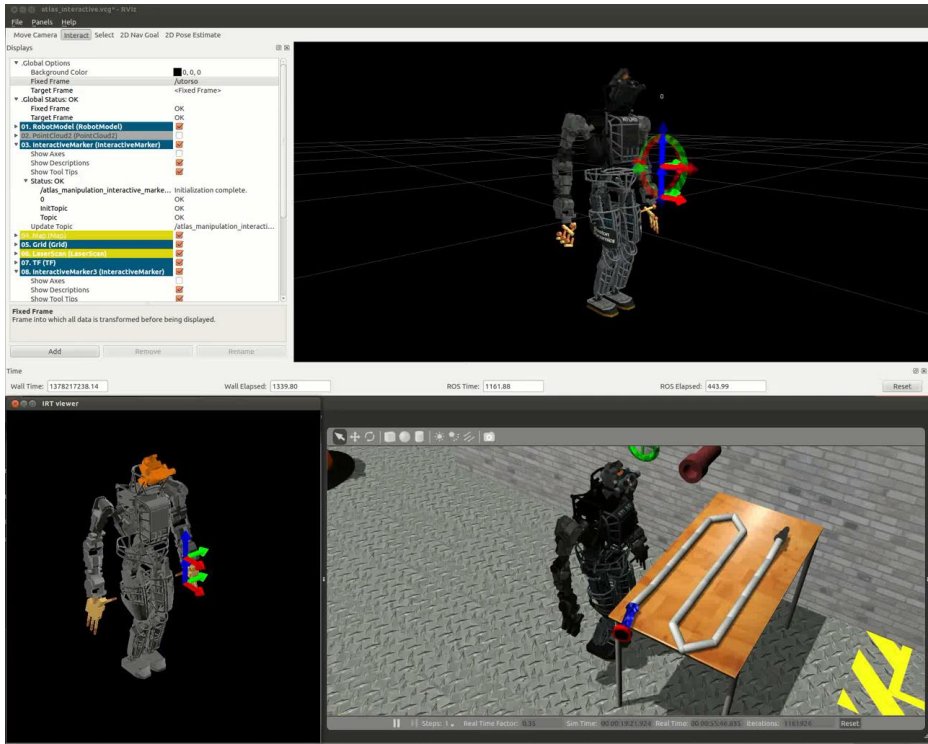
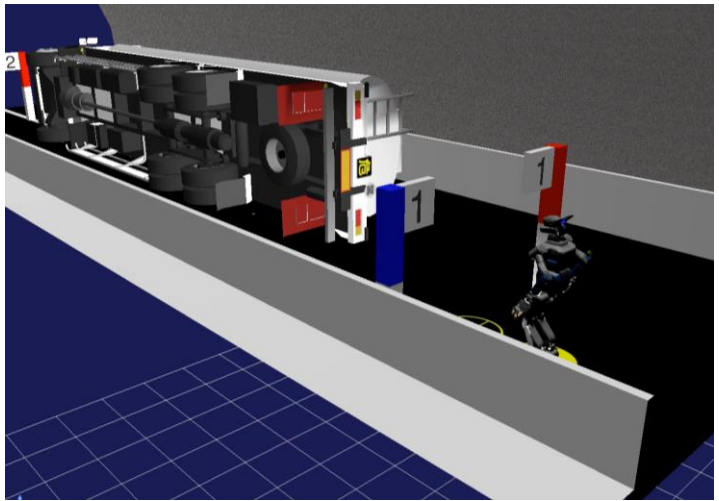
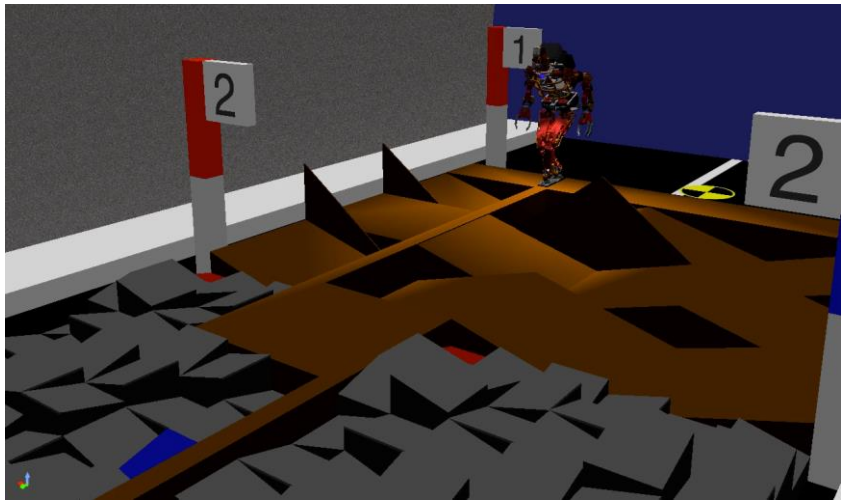


JVRC(Japan Virtual Robotics Challenge)

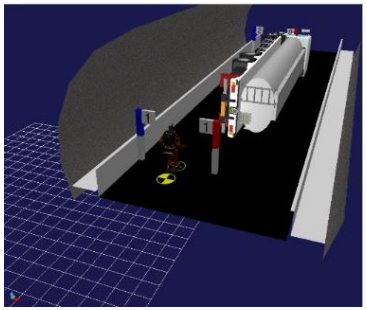
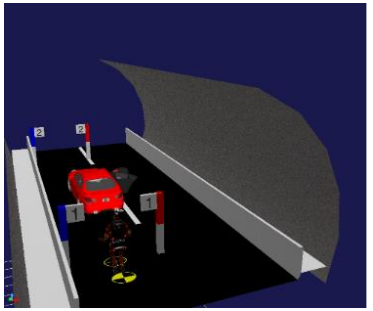
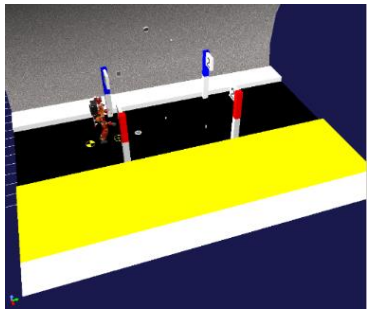
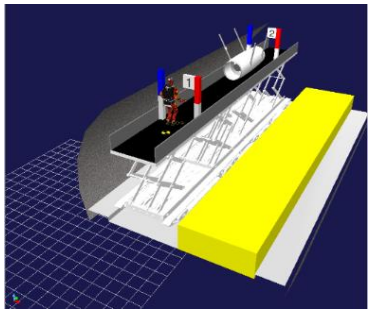
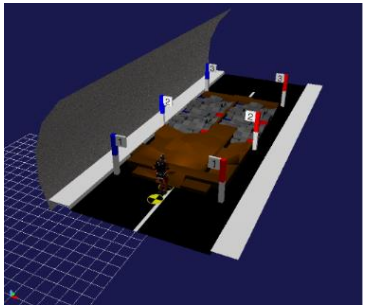
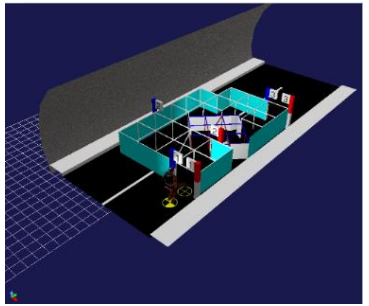
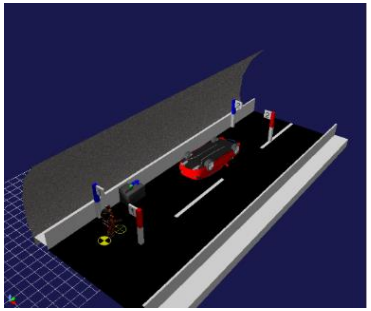
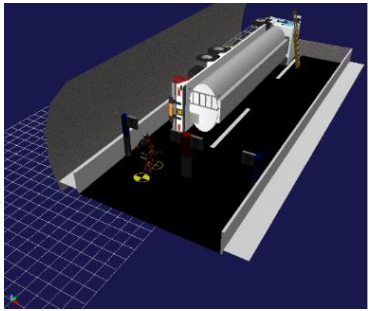
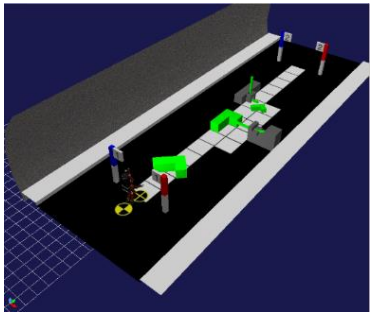
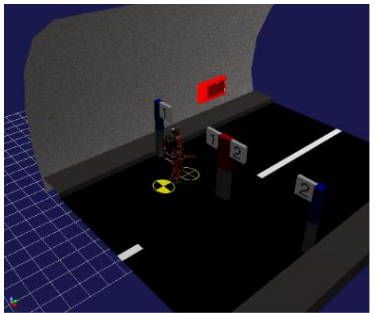
- Computer Simulation Competition for Disaster Response Robots
  - Target task: Disasters in tunnels
  - Oct 7～10, 2015
  - Simulator: Choreonoid
  - Participating Teams: 12





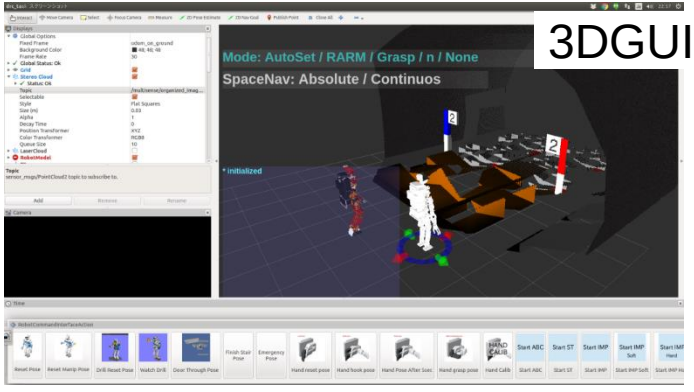
JVRC(Japan Virtual Robotics Challenge) Tasks

- Basic mobility in narrow areas
- Manipulation (heavy objects)
- Inspection
- Searching for missing persons

Robot control environment using Choreonoid (JSK lab.)

- Configured to use the same interface as the real robot
- Almost same GUI using DRC



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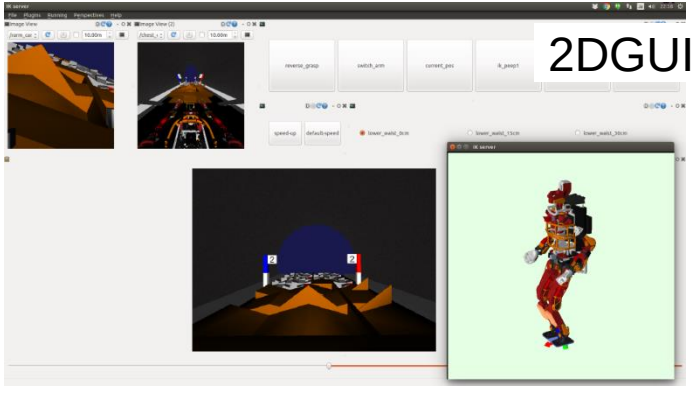

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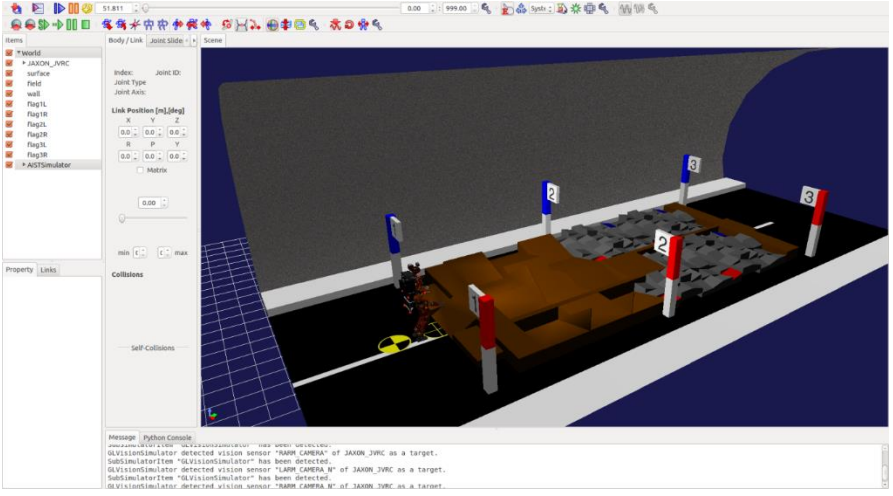

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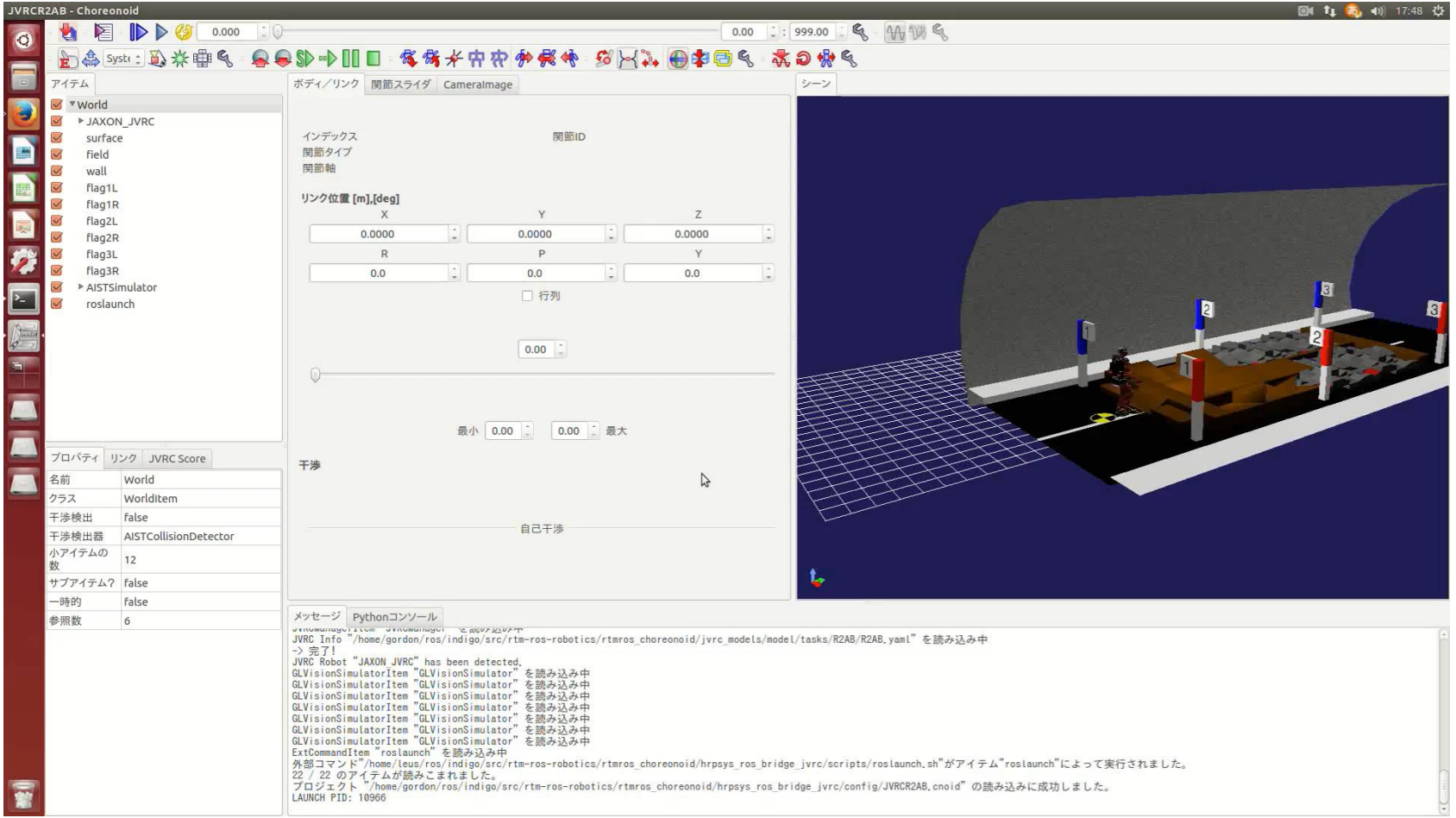
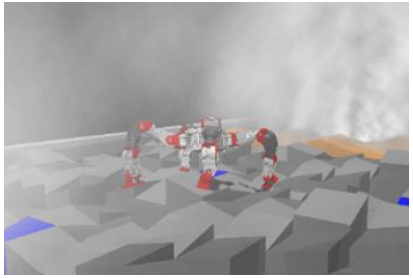


WRS(World Robot Summit)

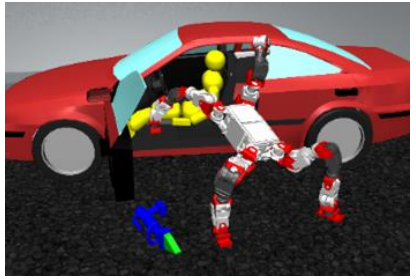
World Robot Summit

Task T1
Traversing Obstacles

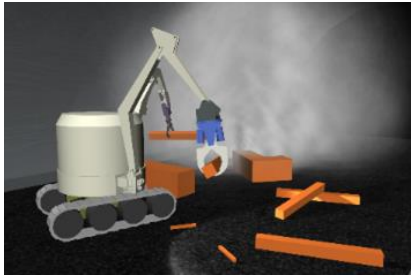


Task T2
Vehicle Inspection

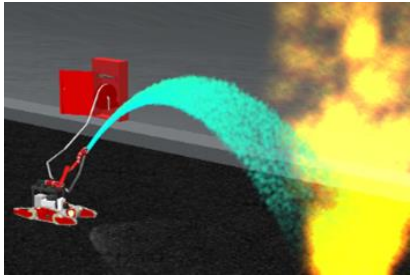
Task T3
Rescue using Tools



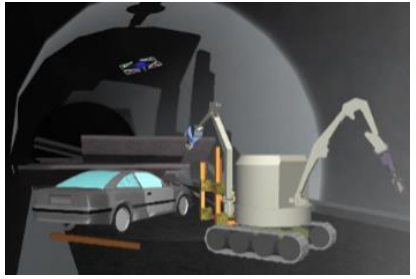
Task T4
Secure the Route



Task T5
Fire Extinguish

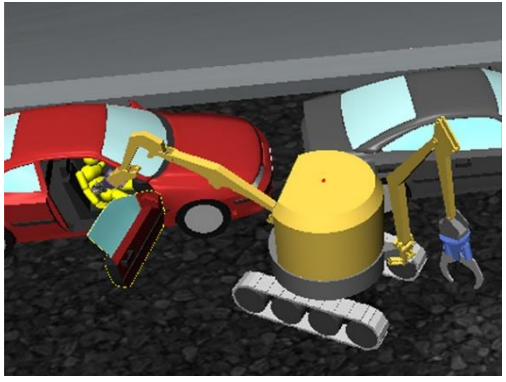


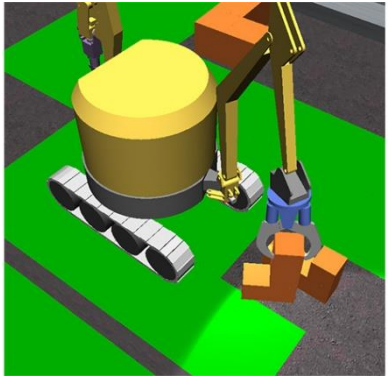
Task T6
Shoring and Breaching

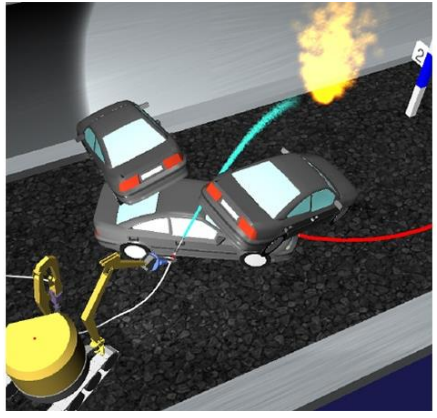


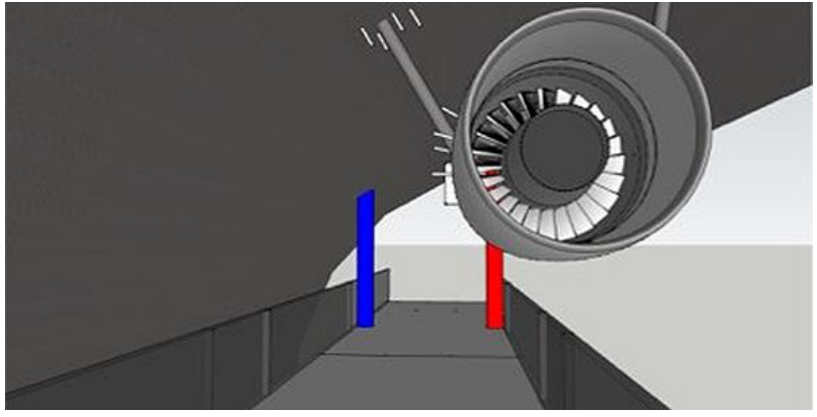
WRS2020 (Tunnel disaster challenge)

- Tunnel disaster challenge
  - https://worldrobotsummit.org/wrs2020/challenge/disaster/tunnel.html



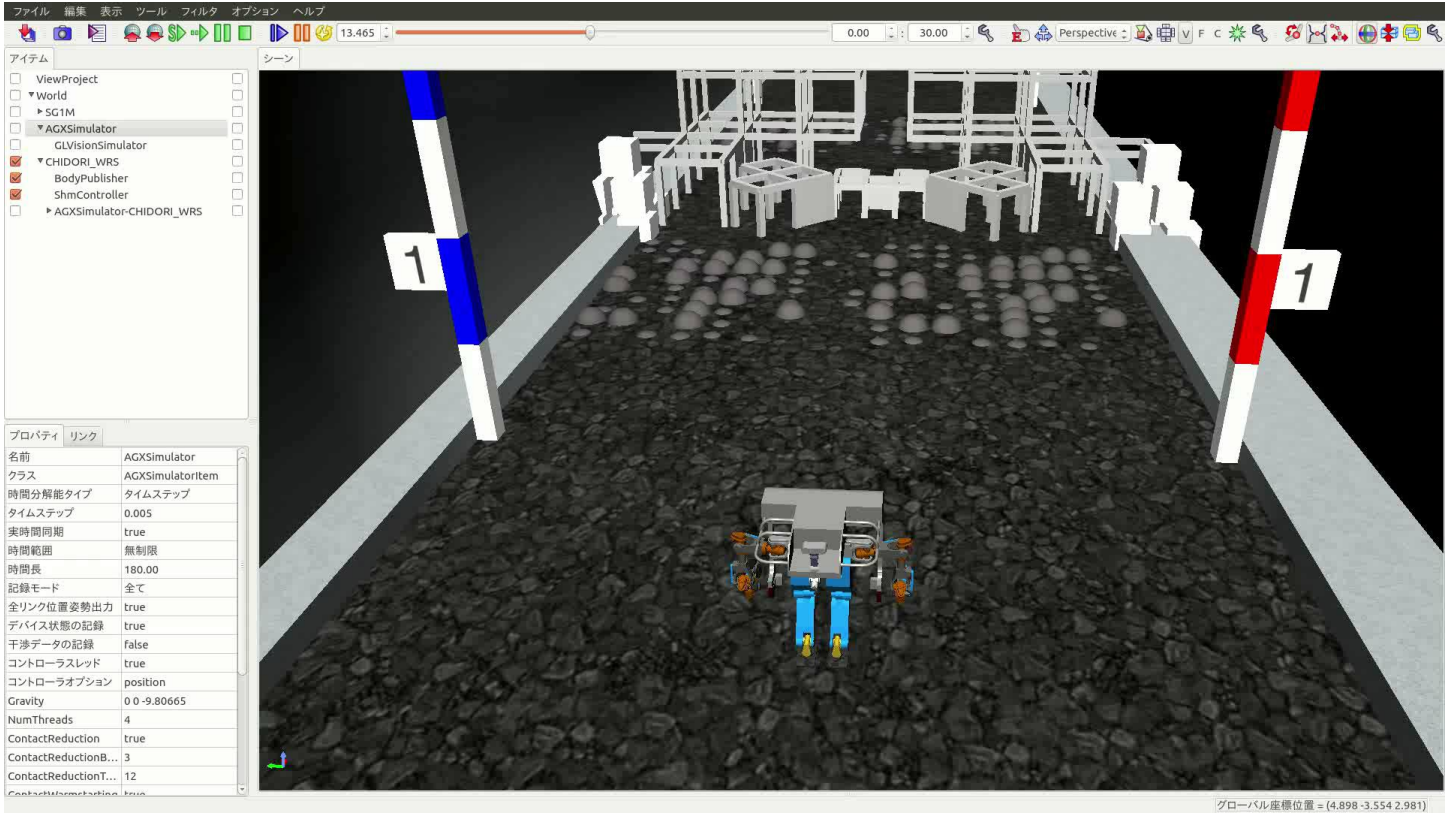






WRS2020 (Tunnel disaster challenge)

- Stage Gate (Locomotion through rough terrain)



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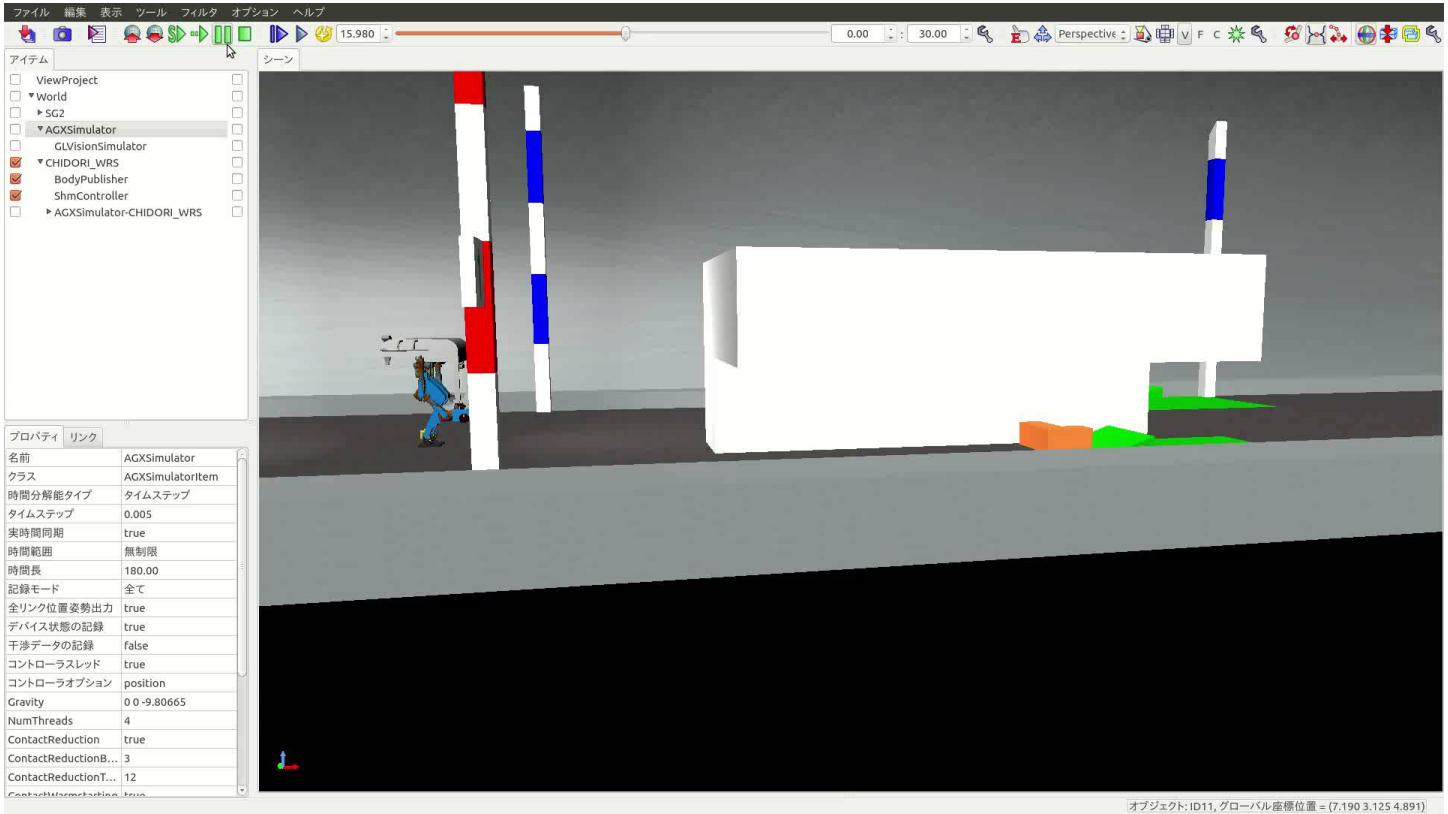
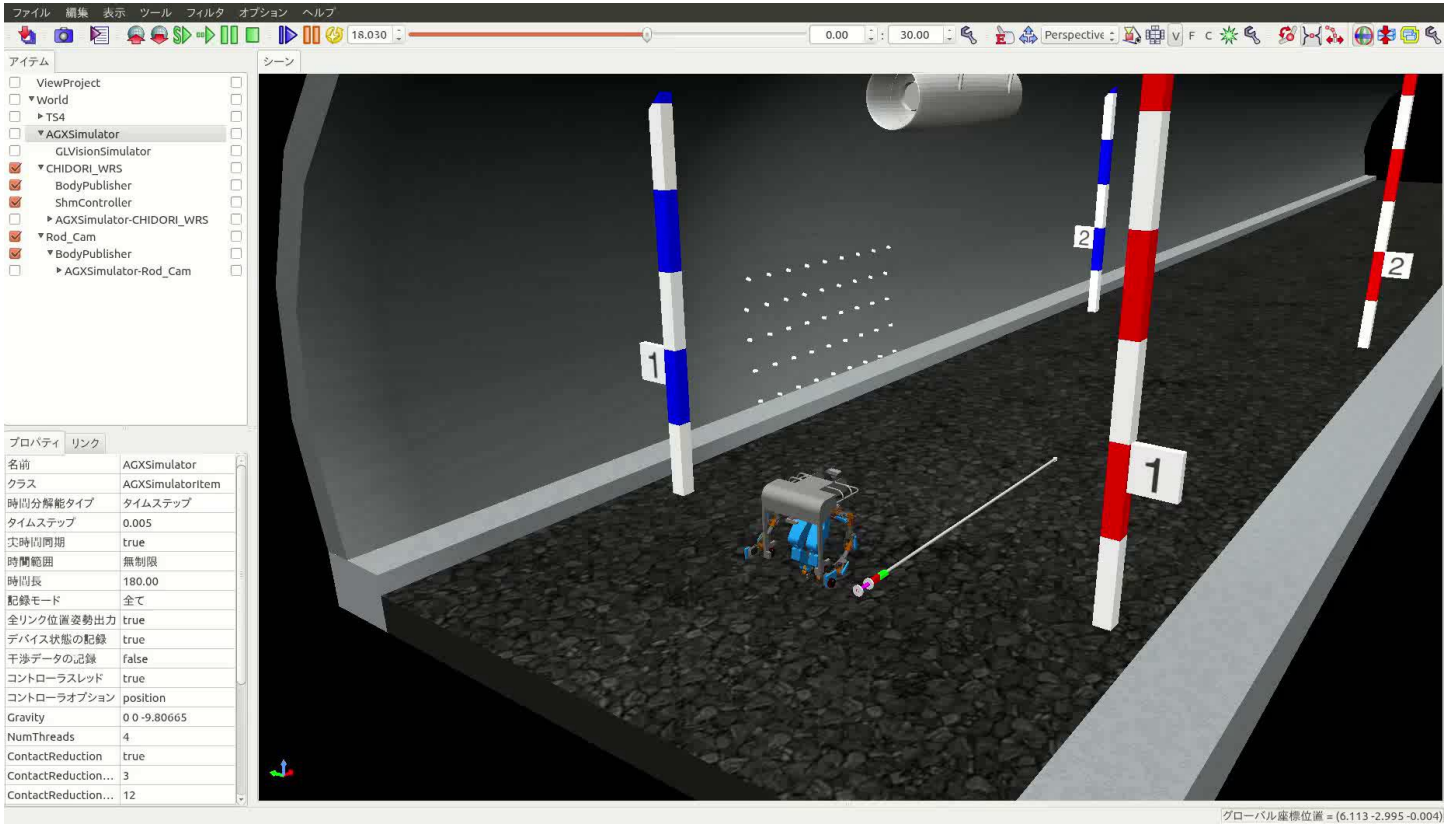
- Stage Gate (Manipulation – Heavy Object / Tools)



WRS2020

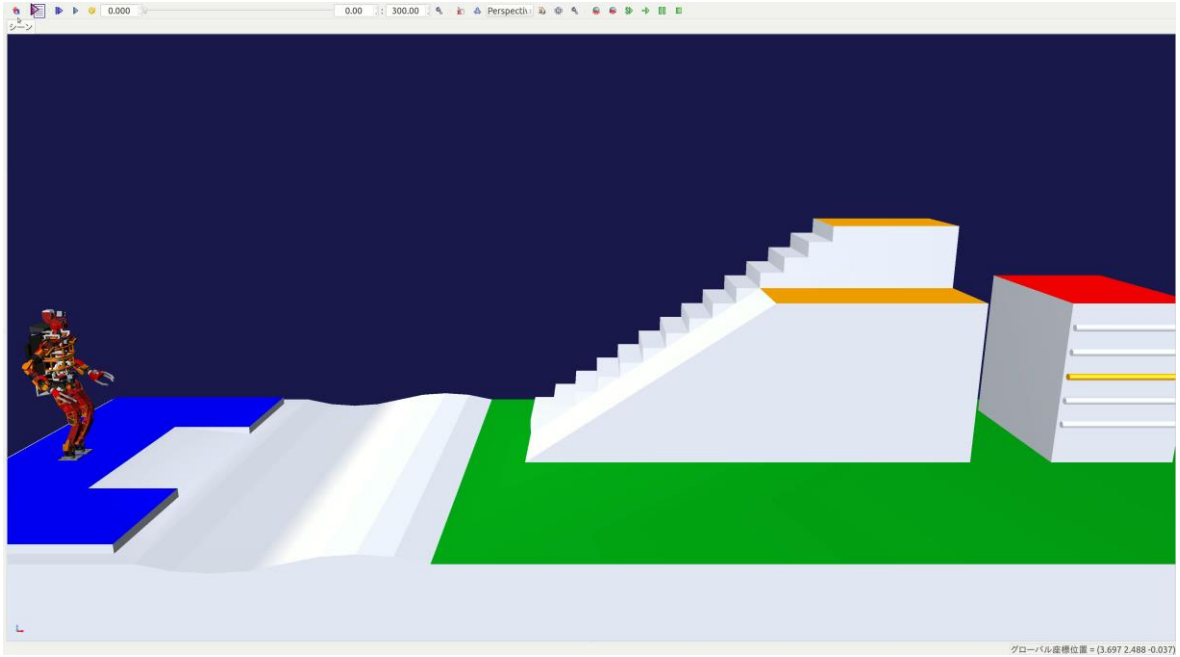
- Stage Gate (Investigation using camera)



HVAC (Humanoid Virtual Athletics Challenge)

- Whole body control for difficult environment
- Operator set the target

Team Jaxon(2021)



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HVAC (Humanoid Virtual Athletics Challenge) (https://ytazz.github.io/vnoid/)

Roundup of robot competitions using simulation

- Simulator should be easy to use
  - Most important performance is speed (second is accuracy)
  - Well documented and many samples
- How to increase participants
  - Good samples (correspondence with a thesis)
  - Allow for variety of purpose (few restrictions)
  - Increased complexity of task is a trade-off for the entry barriers.
- My personal hope is that a real robot is a familiar target

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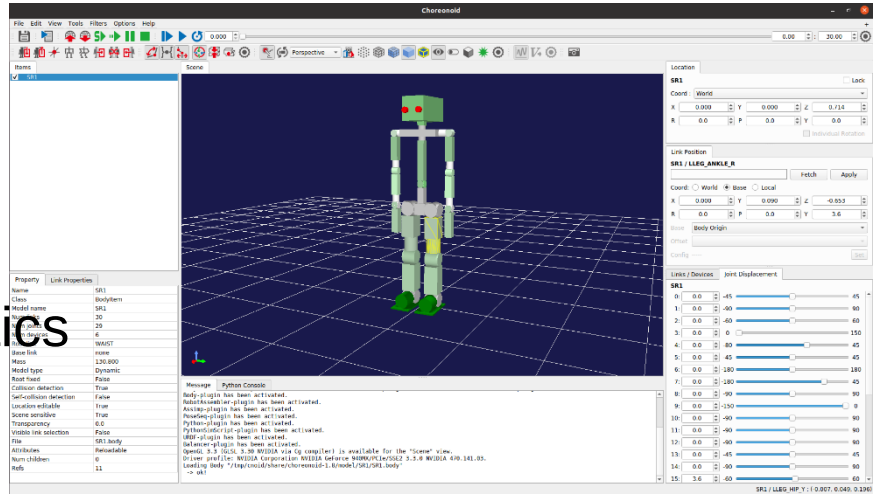
General Information (Choreonoid)

- Choreonoid
  - Open source
    - https://choreonoid.org/
    - https://github.com/choreonoid
  - Integrated GUI platform for Robotics
    - Choreography (for dancing)
    - Simulation
    - Visualization of sensors
    - Remote control
  - Plugin system



- From 2019, Start of business activities for commercial use

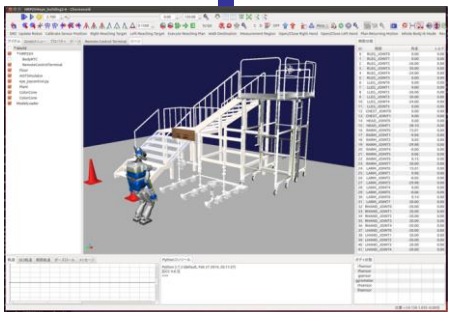
- 「統合ロボットシミュレータChoreonoidの最新機能」計測と制御2018年57巻10号p.700-705
- https://www.jstage.jst.go.jp/article/sicejl/57/10/57_700/_pdf/-char/ja

Choreonoid

- Integrated GUI platform
  - Can be used for various purposes
  - GUI can be customized through the use of extensions
  - Using Libraries for robotic programming

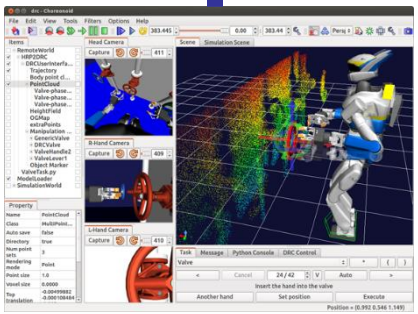
1. Robot simulator

Used in JVRC (Japan virtual robotics challenge)



2. Remote Operation Interface

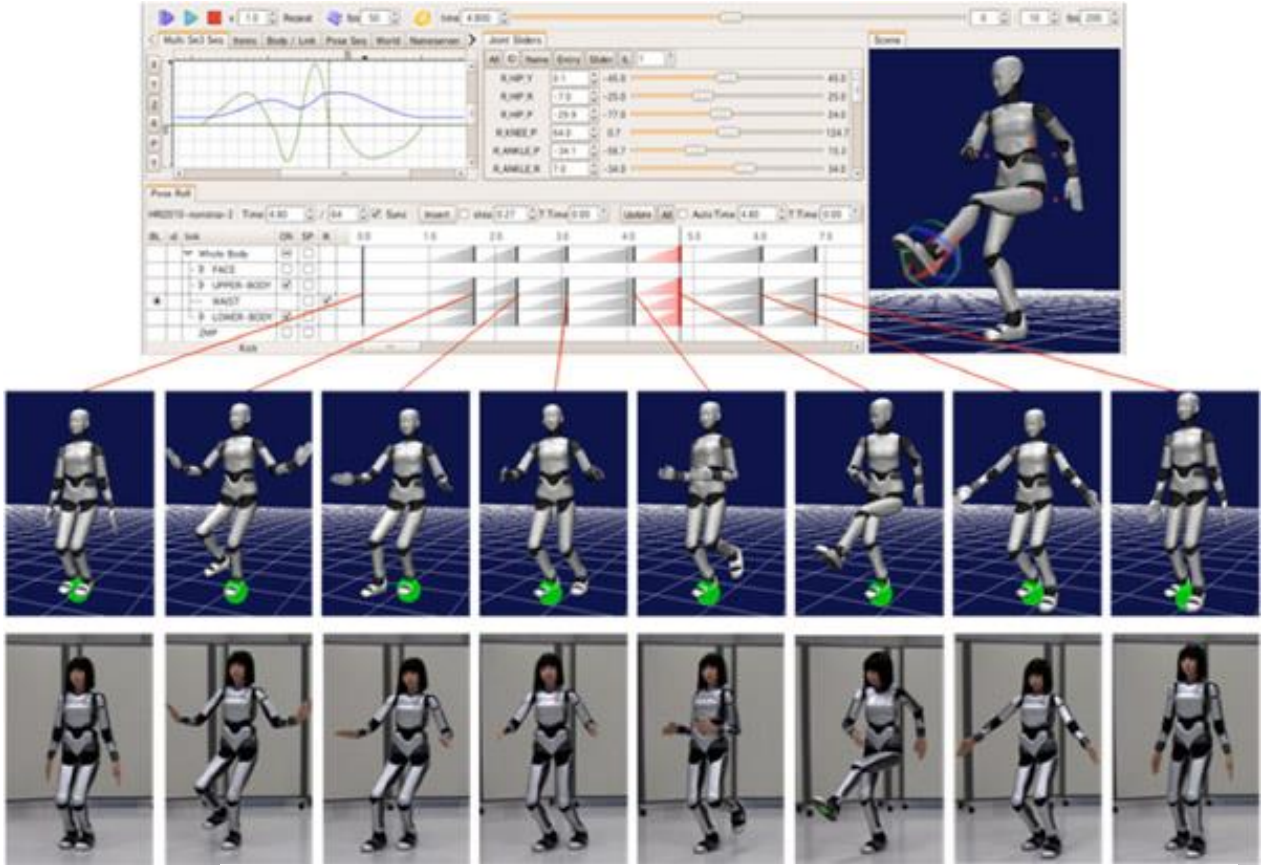
Remote Operation Interface in DRC Finals



3. Choreography

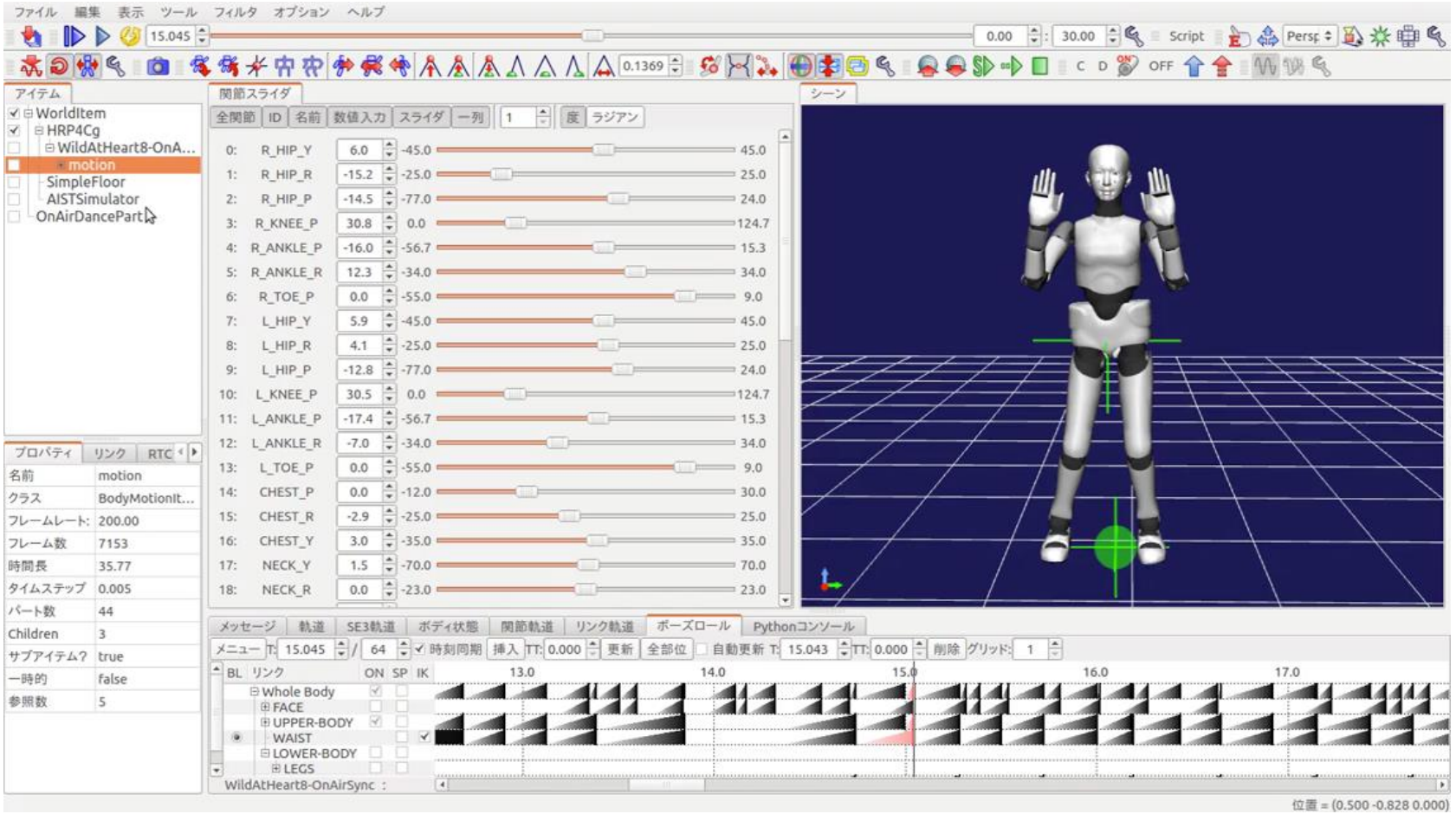
Automatic balance adjustment function allows choreography with the appearance of a CG character.

Choreonoid (Choreography)



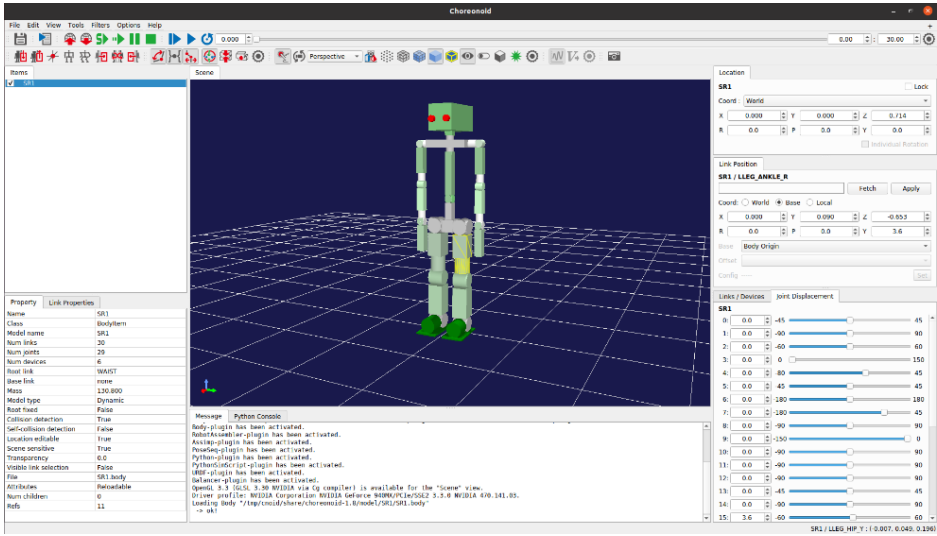
Choreonoidを用いて作成したヒューマノイドロボットHRP-4Cの動作例
https://choreonoid.org/ja/about.html

Choreonoid (Choreography and Whole body dynamics)



General Information (Choreonoid)

- Software structure of Choreonoid (3 main libraries)
  - Body (Robot model) library
    - Robot structure – Body, Link, Sensor
    - Kinematics
    - Dynamics
  - Base system (GUI) library
    - View (3D visualize view, etc.)
    - Panel for Body, Link, Sensor
    - Tool bar
  - Utility library
    - Robot model loader (using yaml)
    - Matrix (Eigen), Algorisms
  - Python bindings



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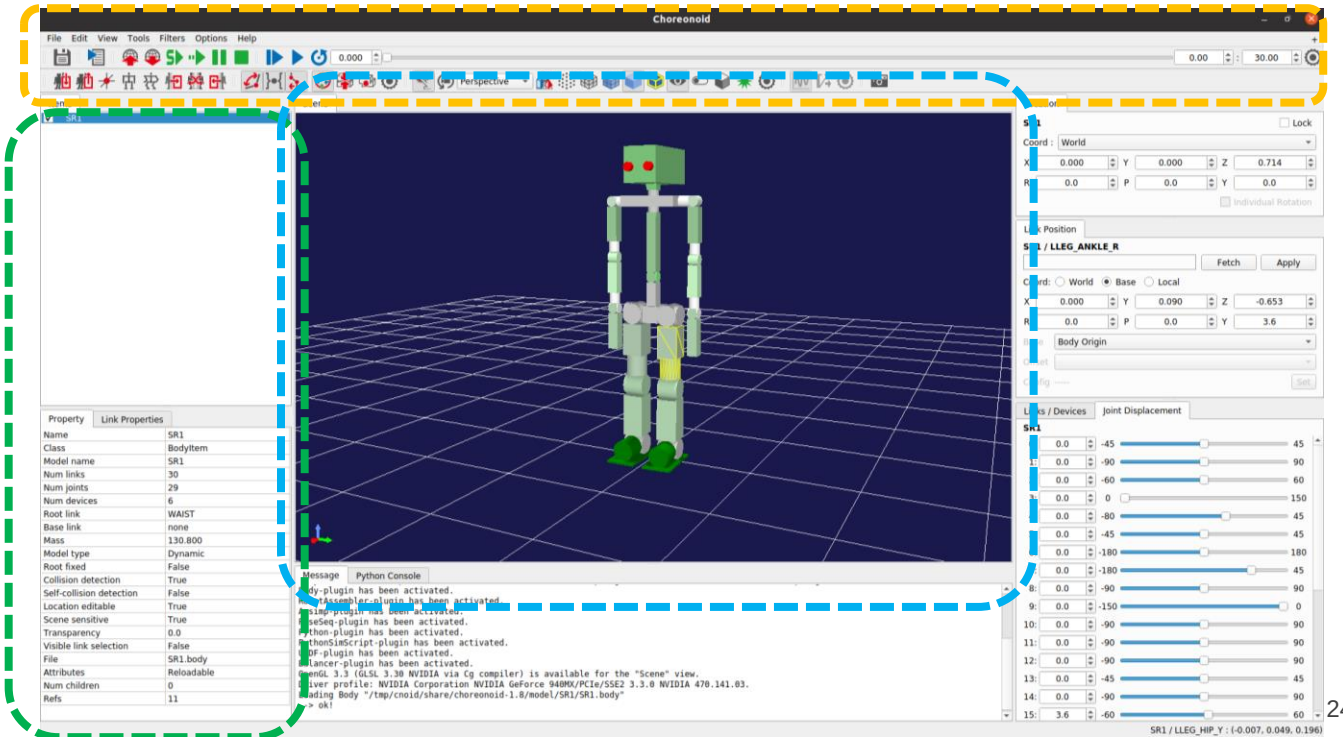
Model View



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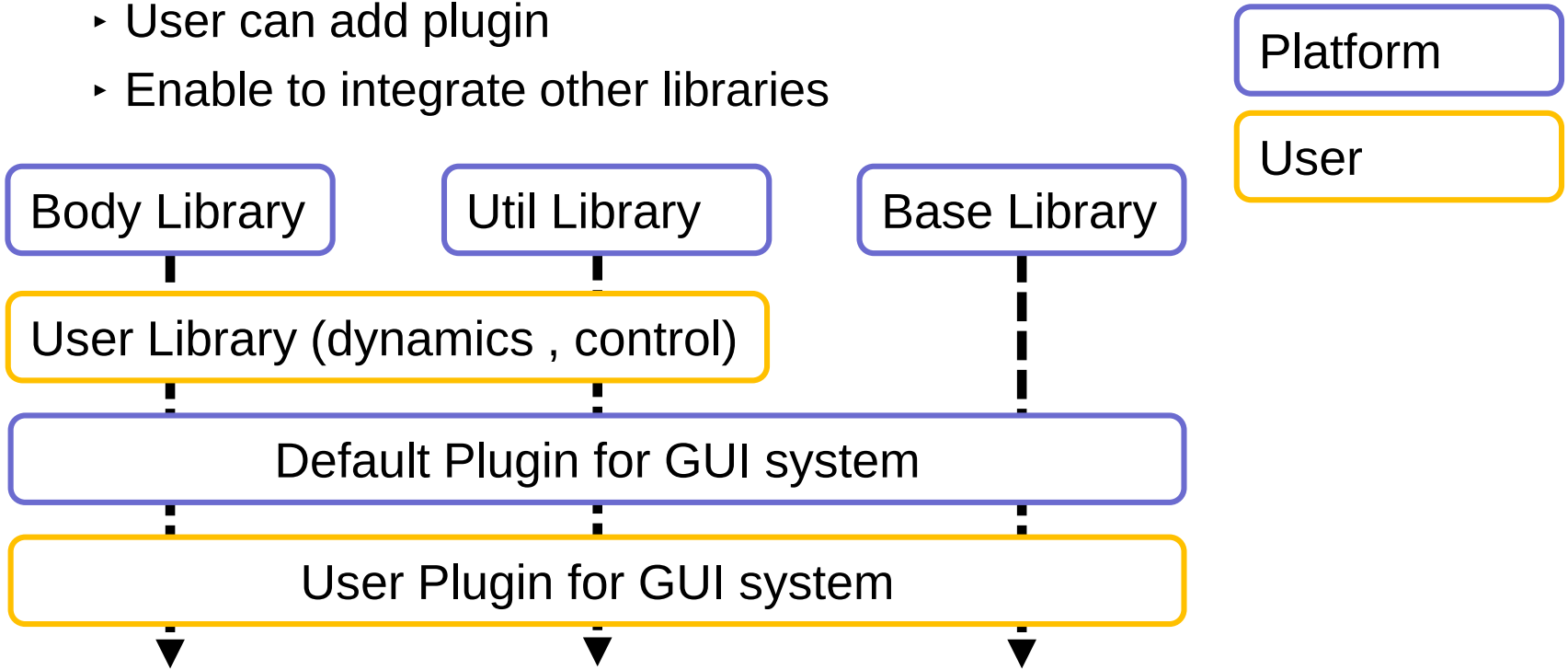
  - Plugin system
    - User can add plugin
    - Enable to integrate other libraries



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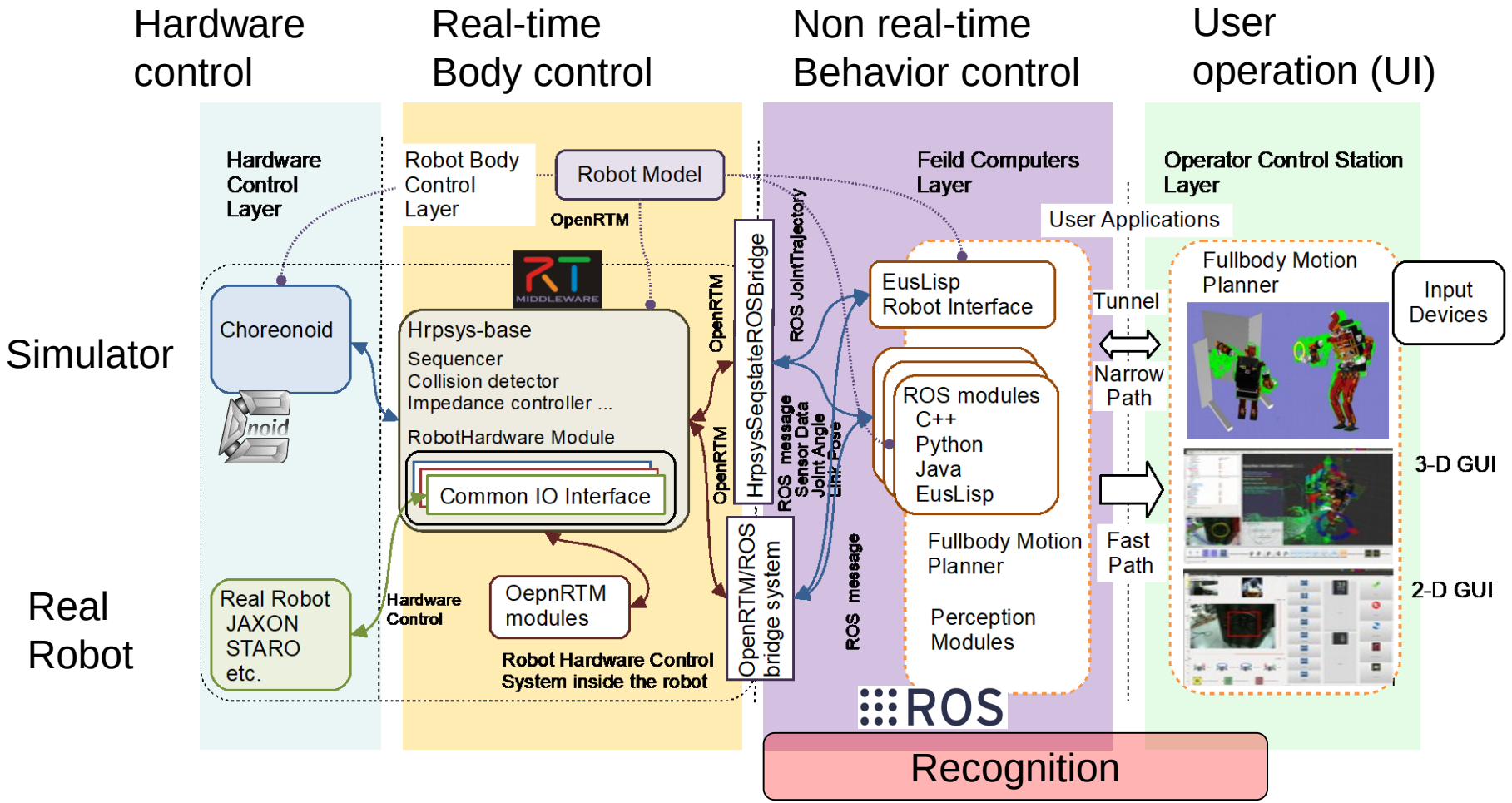
Layered software configuration for simulator and real robot



Humanoid robot control system in simulation

- Humanoid robot control system
  - Body control
  - Behavior control
  - Recognition
  - Operator (UI)

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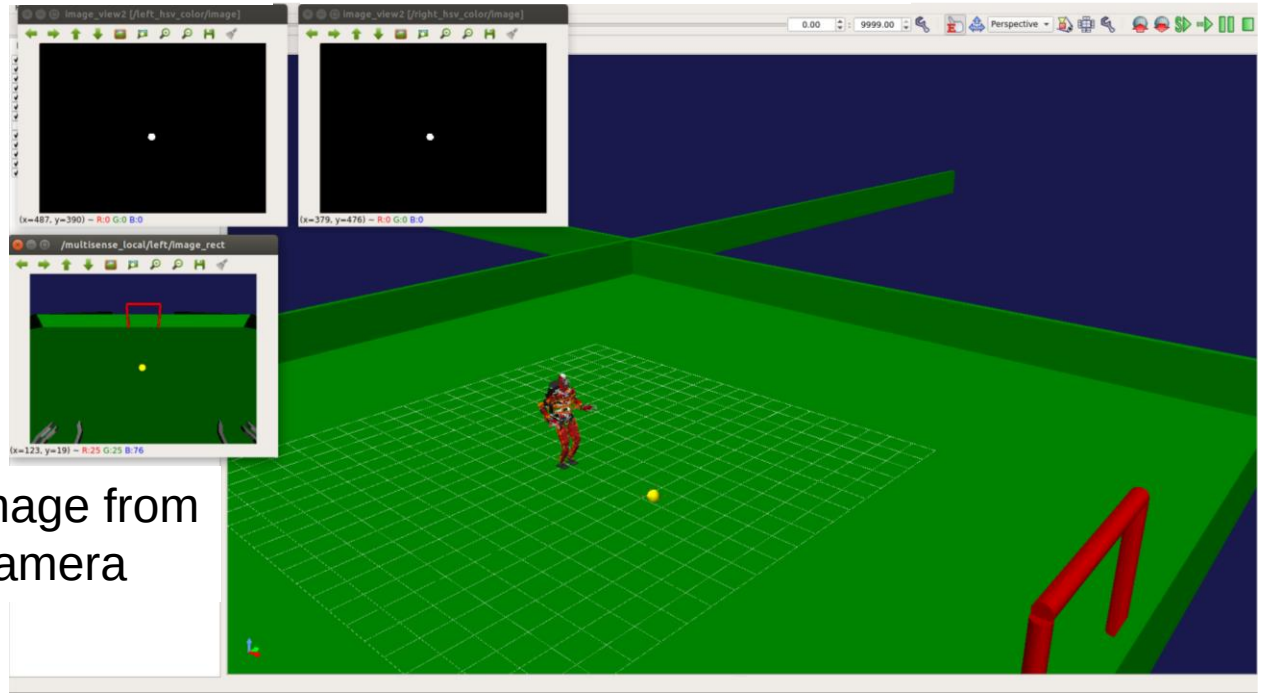

Image from Camera

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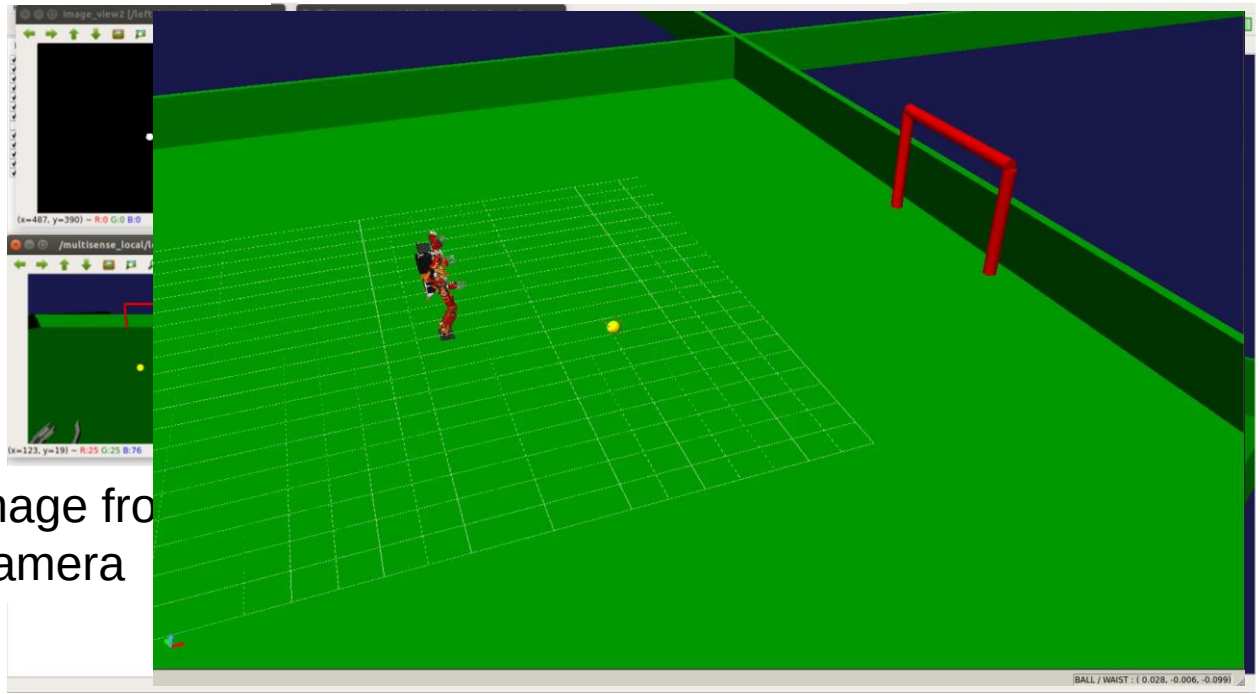

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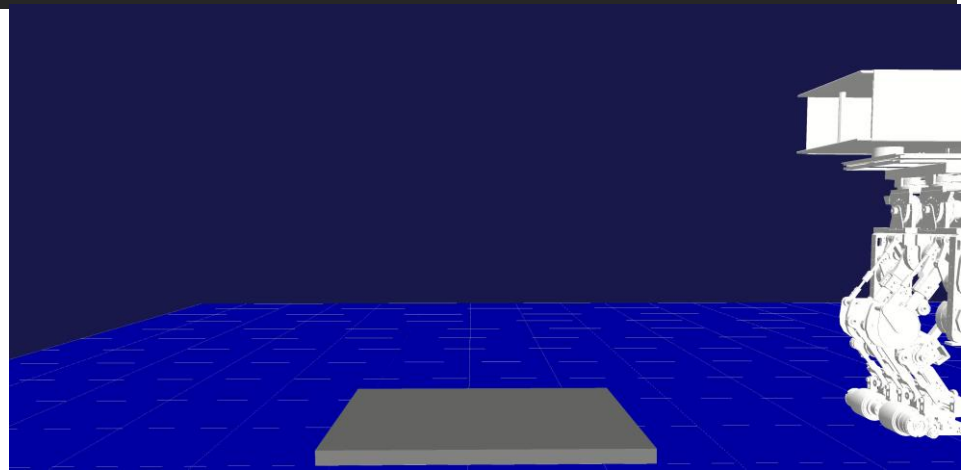
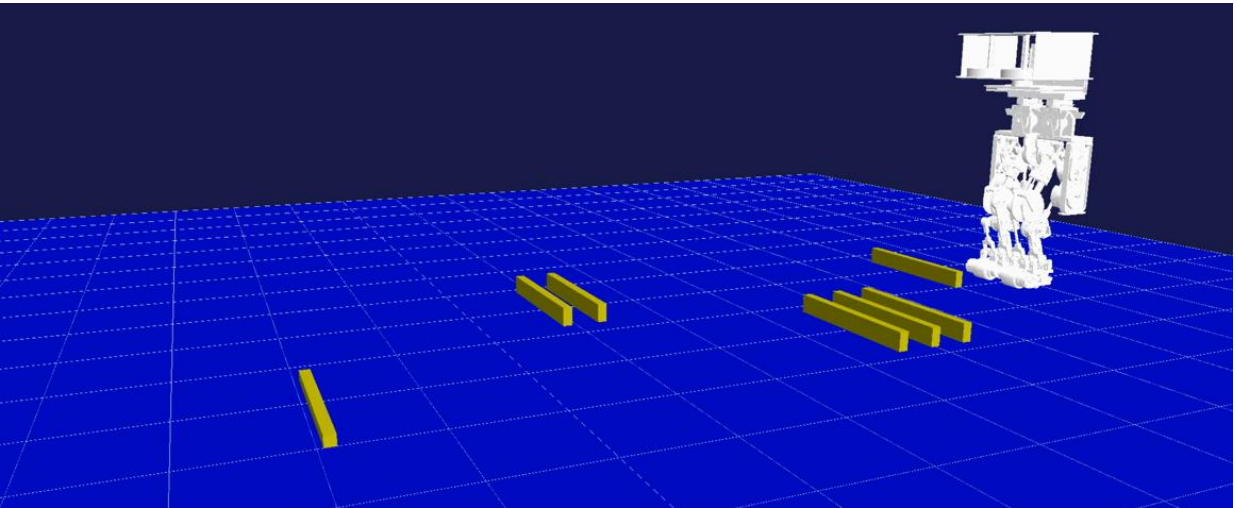
Hybrid locomotion (In simulator)

Moving over steps





Obstacle Avoidance Leg Wheel Movement

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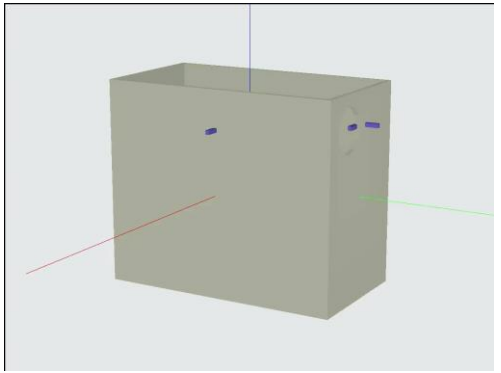
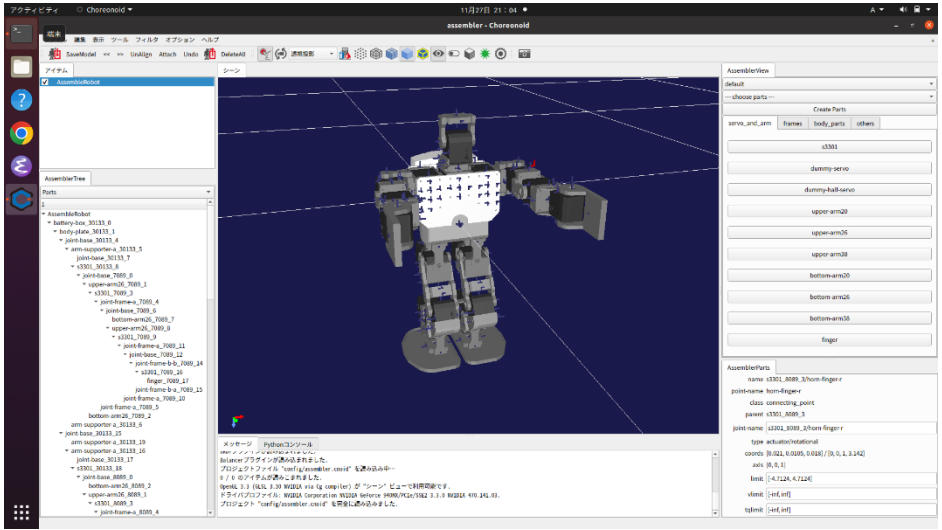
Robot assemble system on Choreonoid

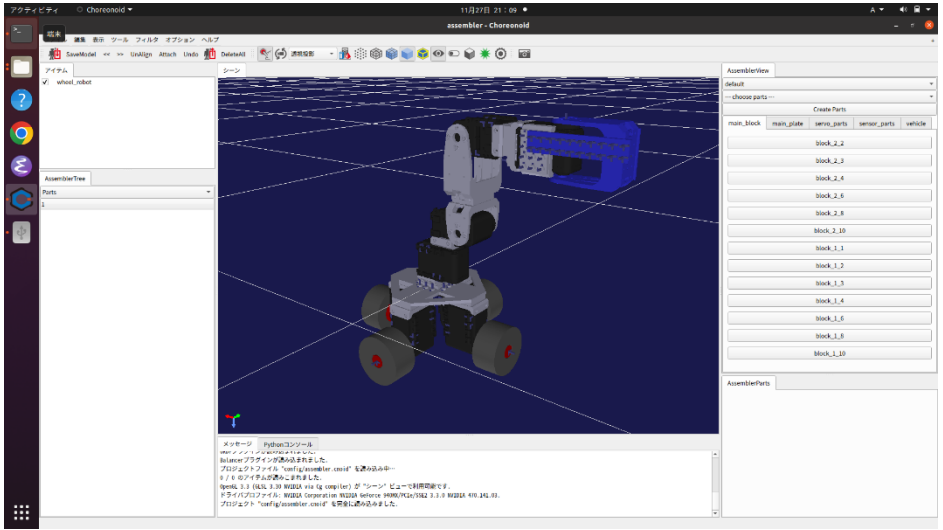
- Platform to configure a robot using actuator module
- Support various series of actuator modules
  - By writing definitions file



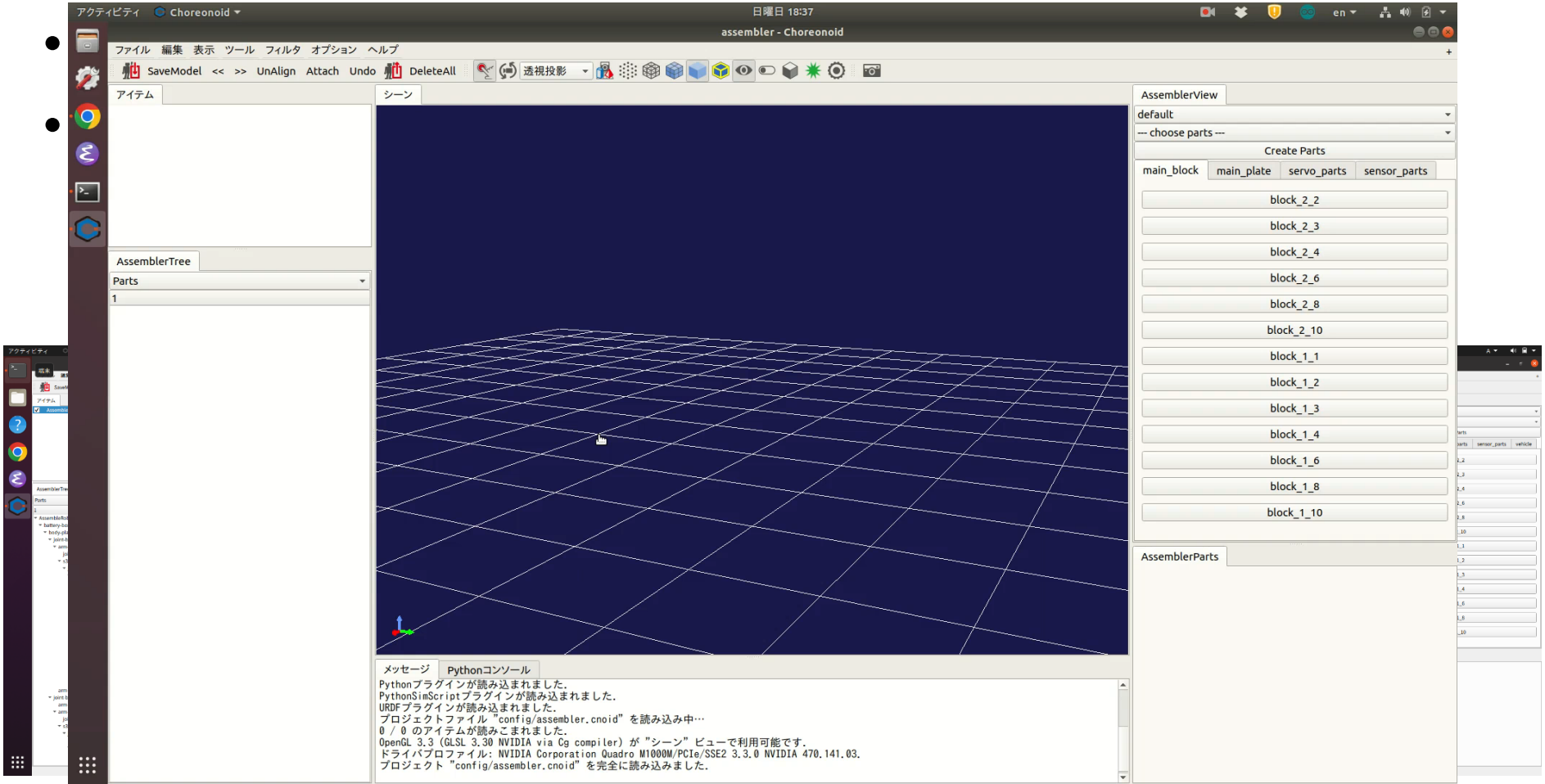
KXR (kondo kagaku)



Dynamixel and Lego block



Robot assemble system on Choreonoid



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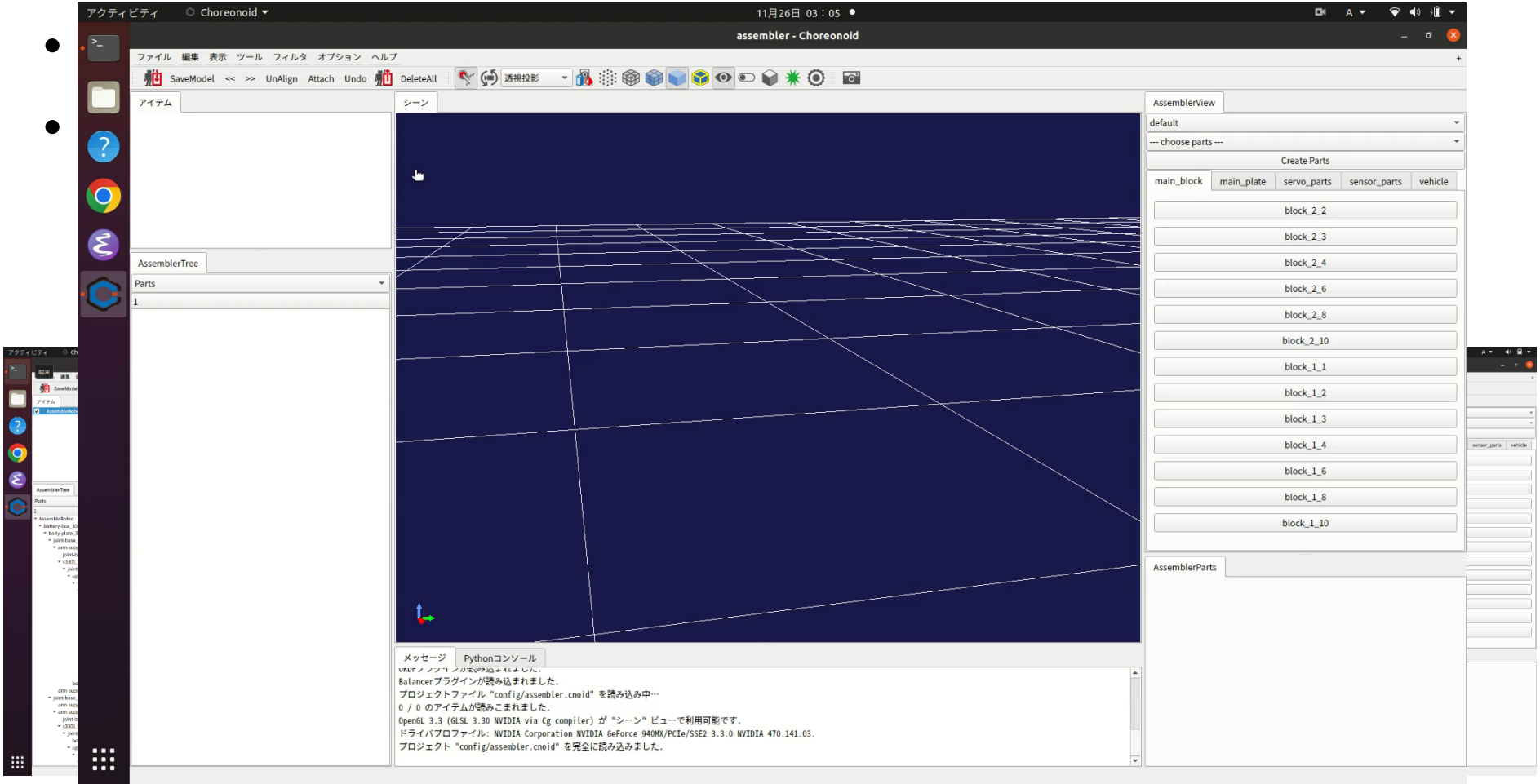
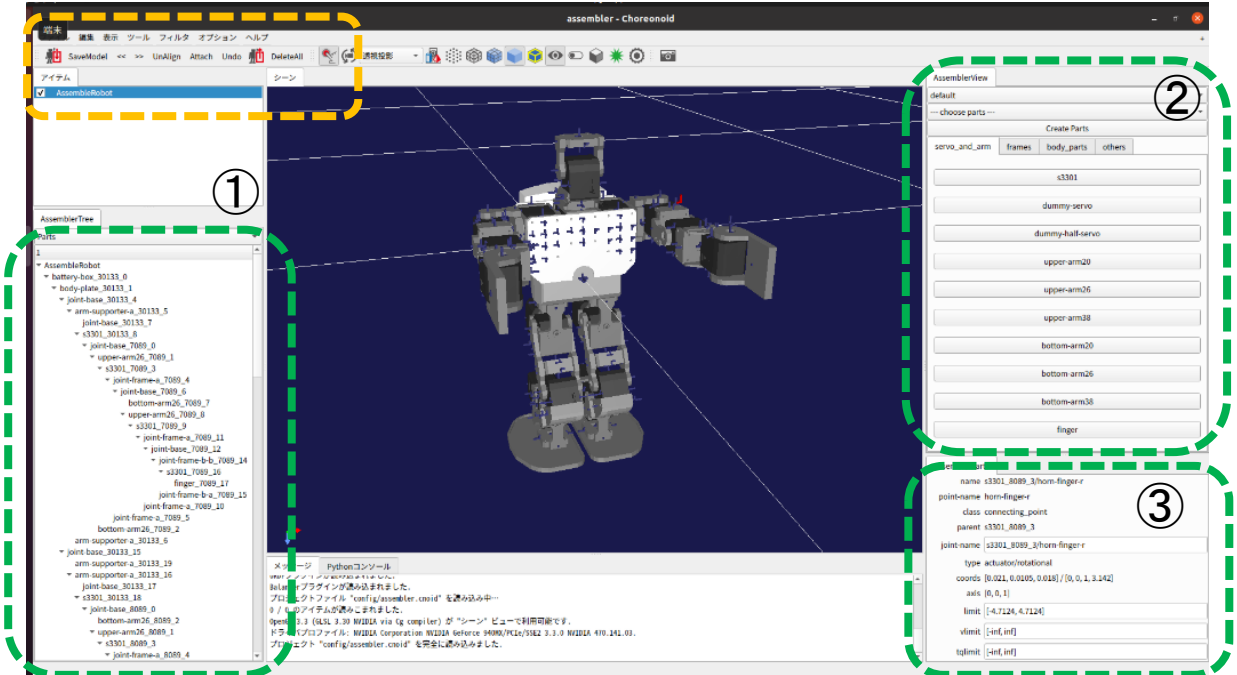


Robot assemble system on Choreonoid

- Platform to configure a robot using actuator module
- Written as a Choreonoid plugin
  - https://github.com/IRSL-tut/robot_assembler_plugin



Customized Tool Bar

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Panel : parts tree

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Panel : parts selection list for building robot

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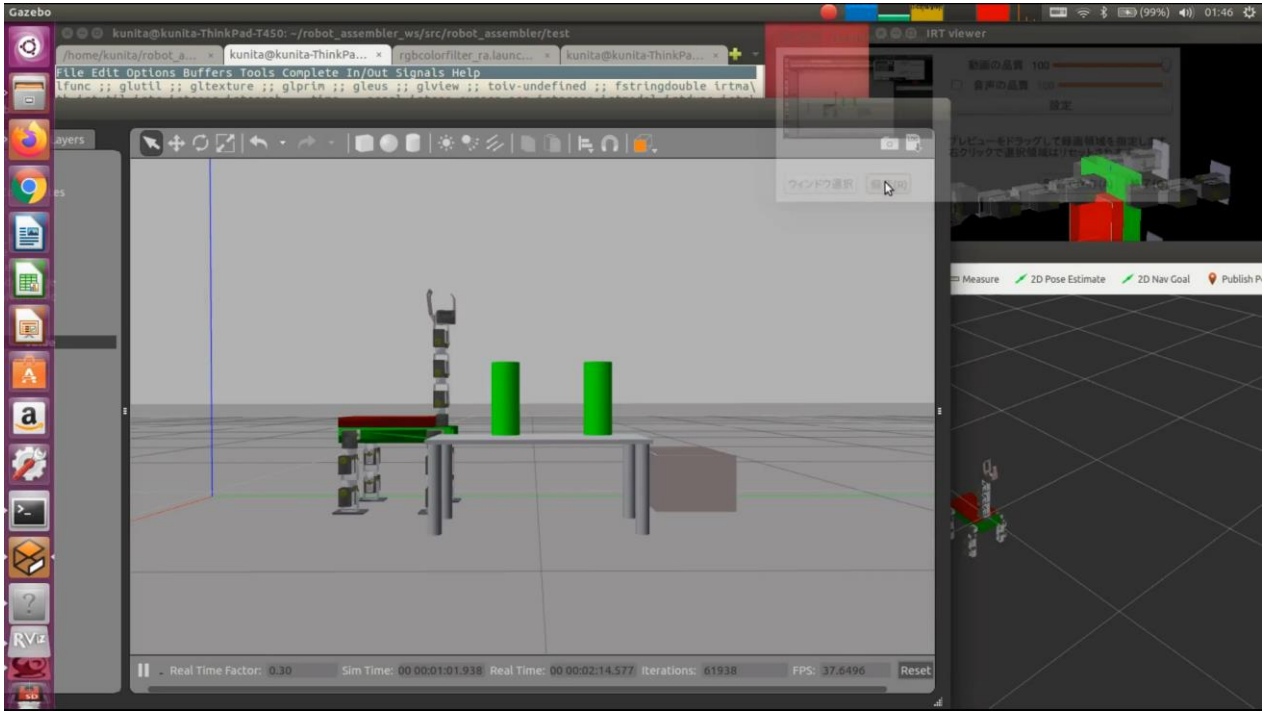
Panel : parts information

Robot assemble system on Choreonoid

- Platform to configure a robot using actuator module
- Verify configured robot in simulation and in real world



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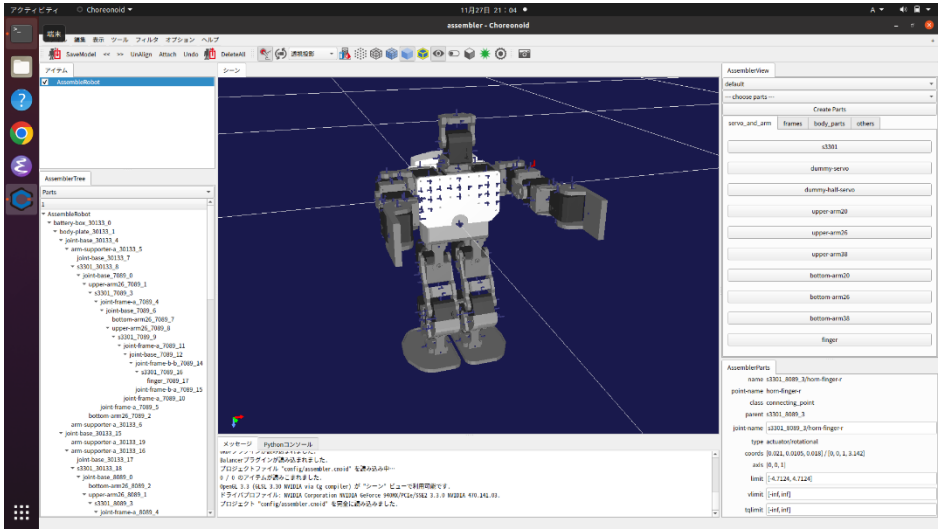
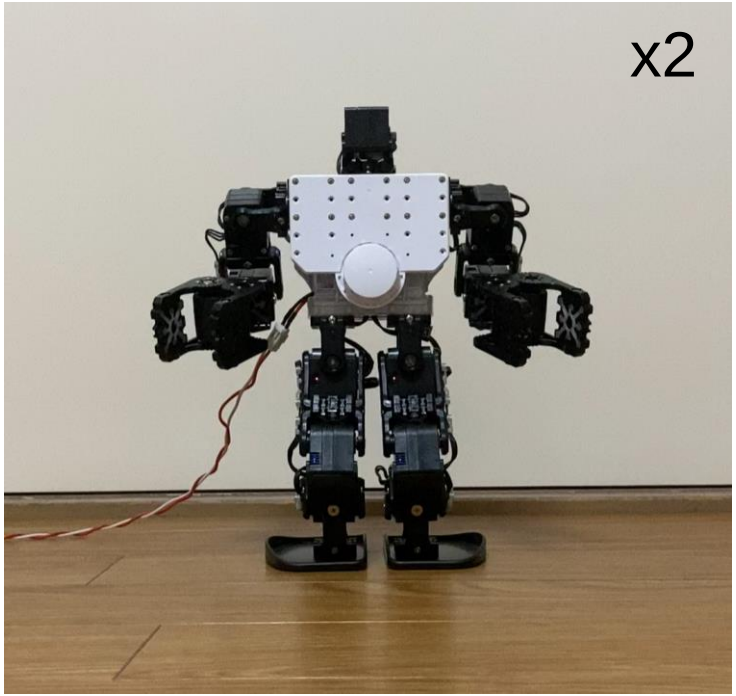




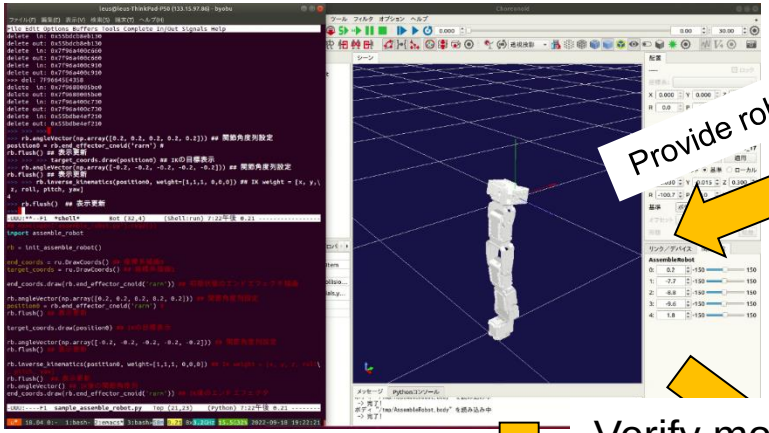
Outline

- Robot competitions and Simulation
- General information of Choreonoid
- Connecting to other system
- Development system on Choreonoid
- Learning Robot Programming

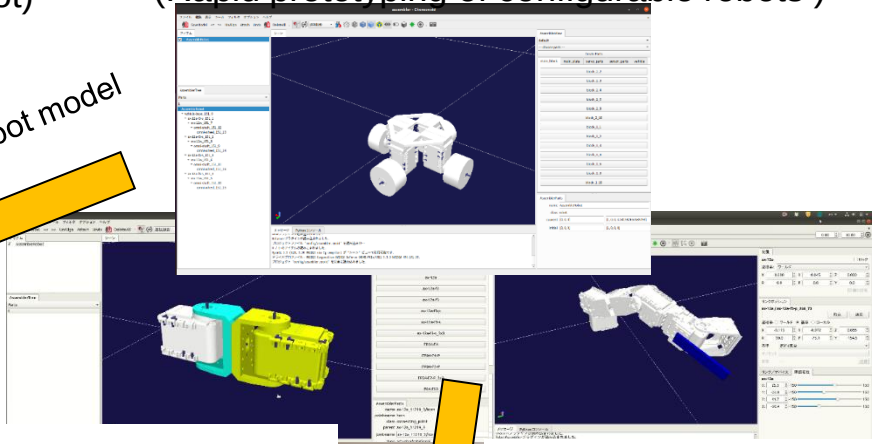
Education of Robot System using Choreonoid

Interactive Robot Programming
(Building behavior while verifying the motion of the robot)

Robot assembler
(Rapid prototyping of configurable robots)



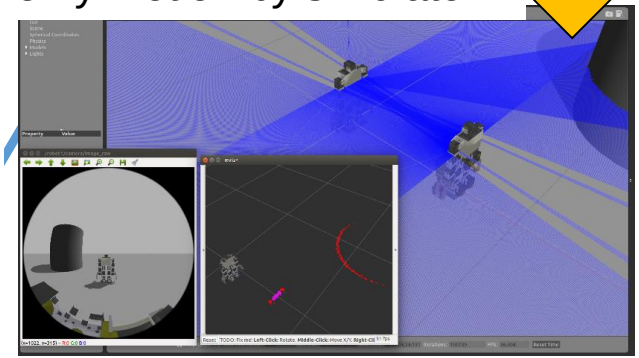
Provide robot model



Verify motion by real robot

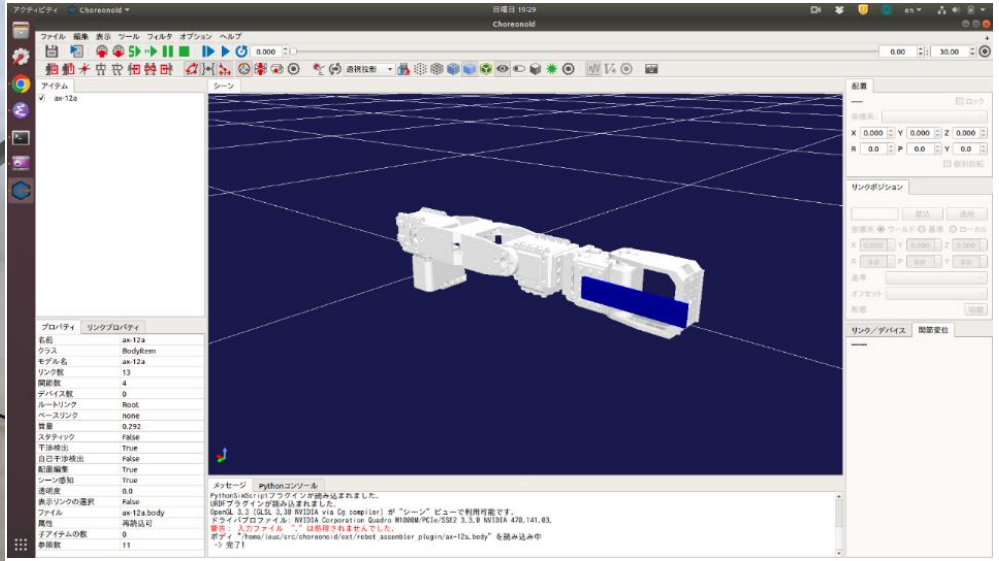
Assemble real robot

Verify motion by simulator



Education of Robot System using Choreonoid

- 1 week experiential learning
- For 3rd year undergraduate student
  - No familiarity with robot programming



Education of Robot System using Choreonoid

- 1 week experiential learning
- For
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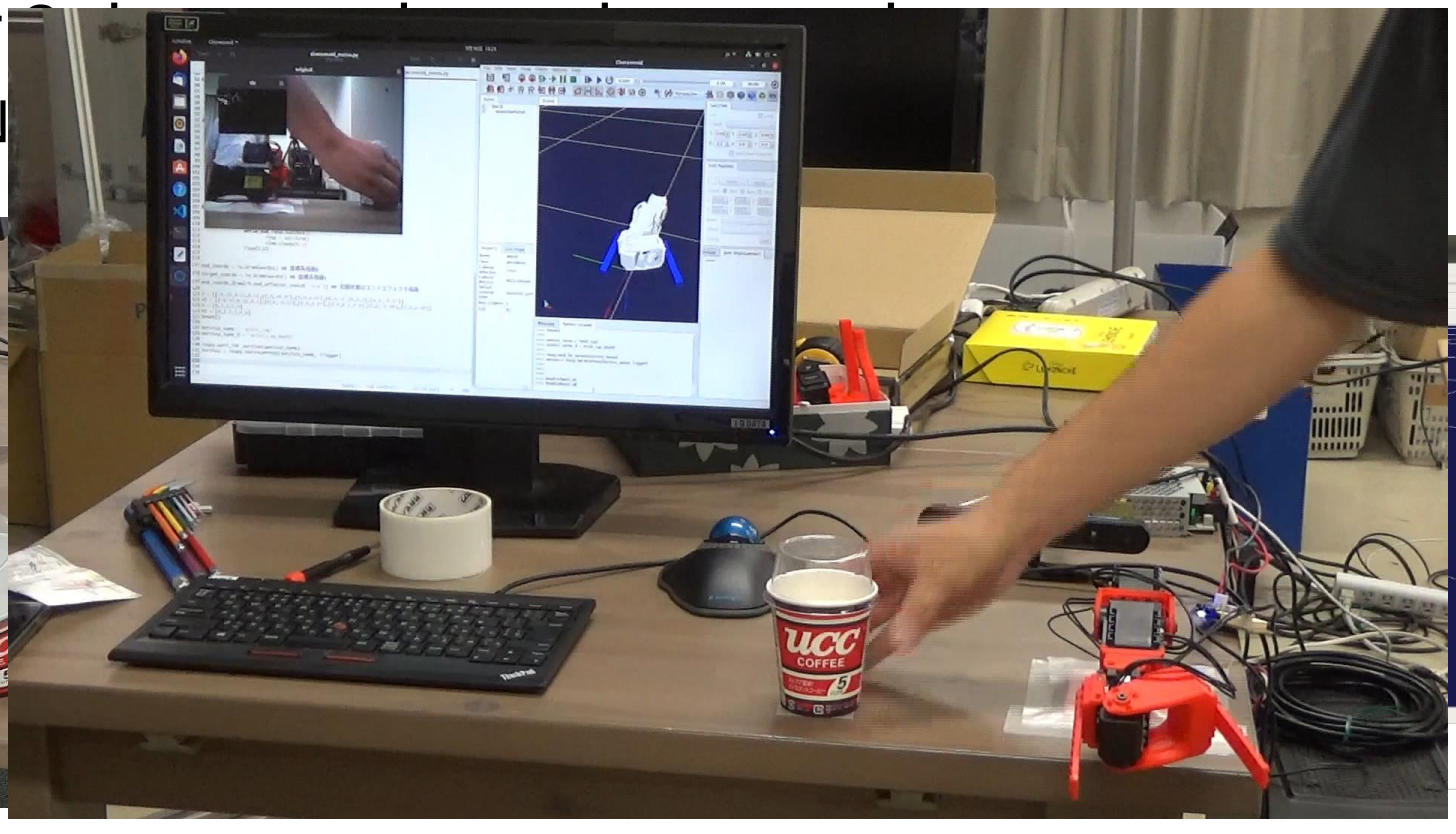
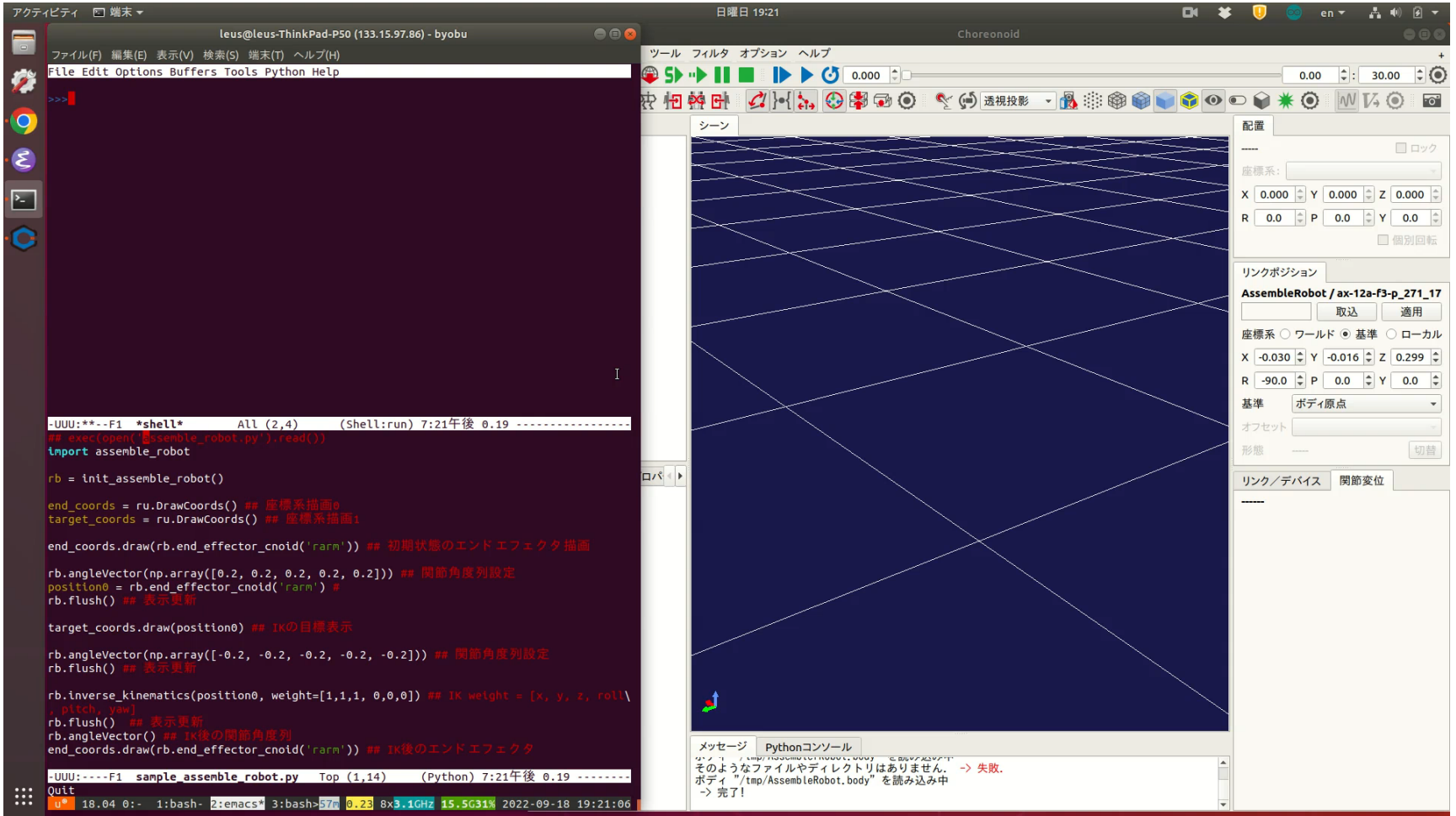
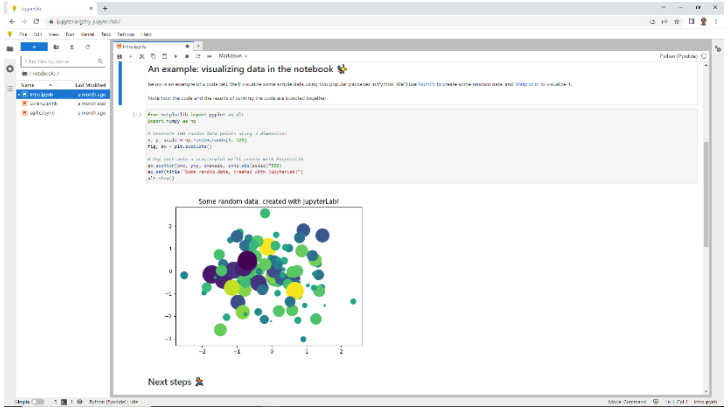


Interactive Robot Programming



Learning programming using Jupyter Notebook

- Jupyter notebook
  - Interactive computing
  - Program execution and take a note
  - Graphs and display views are also recorded
  - Providing the notebooks you made
  - Browser-based and enable to run in any environment
  - Available in a various languages



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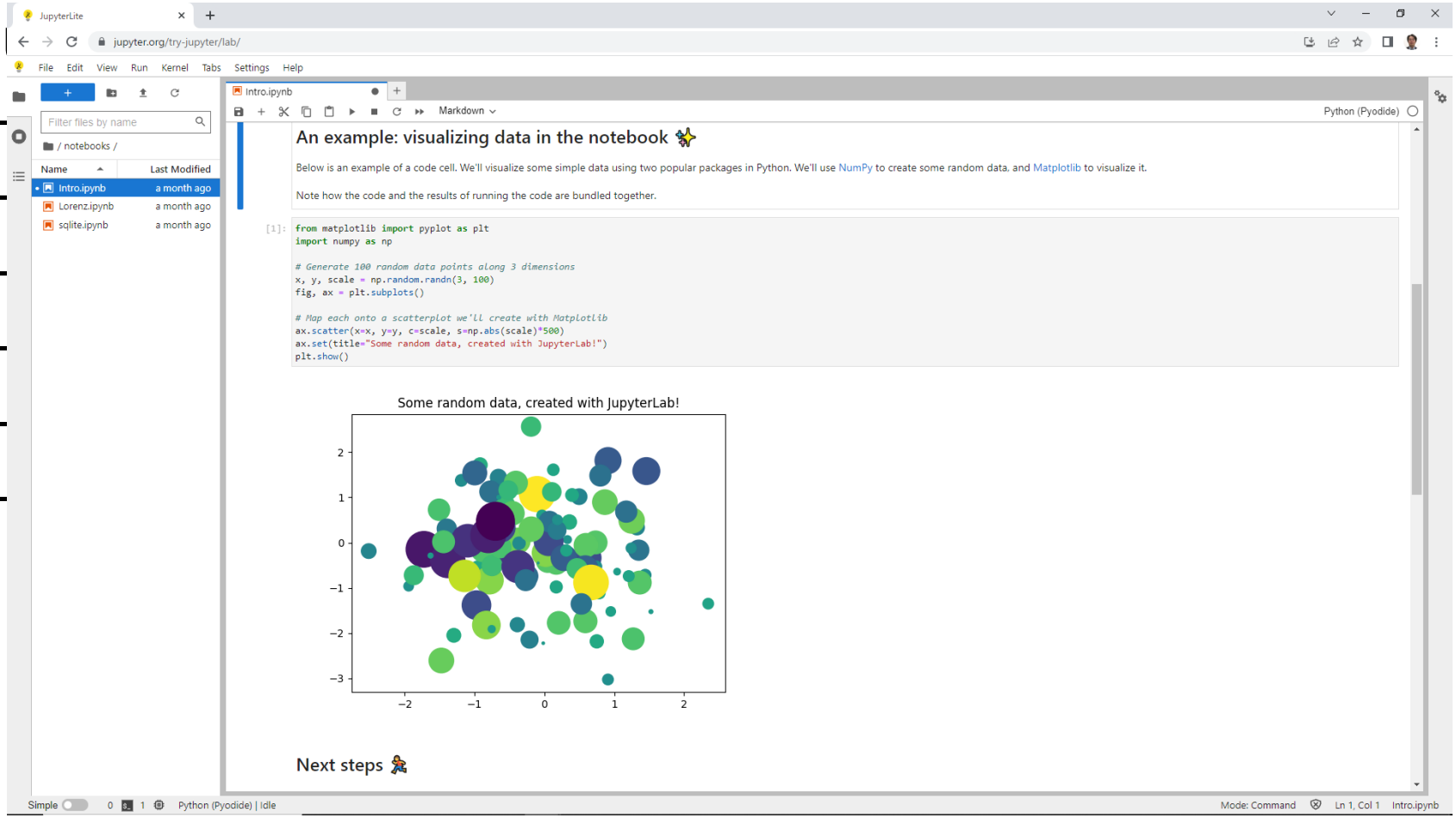
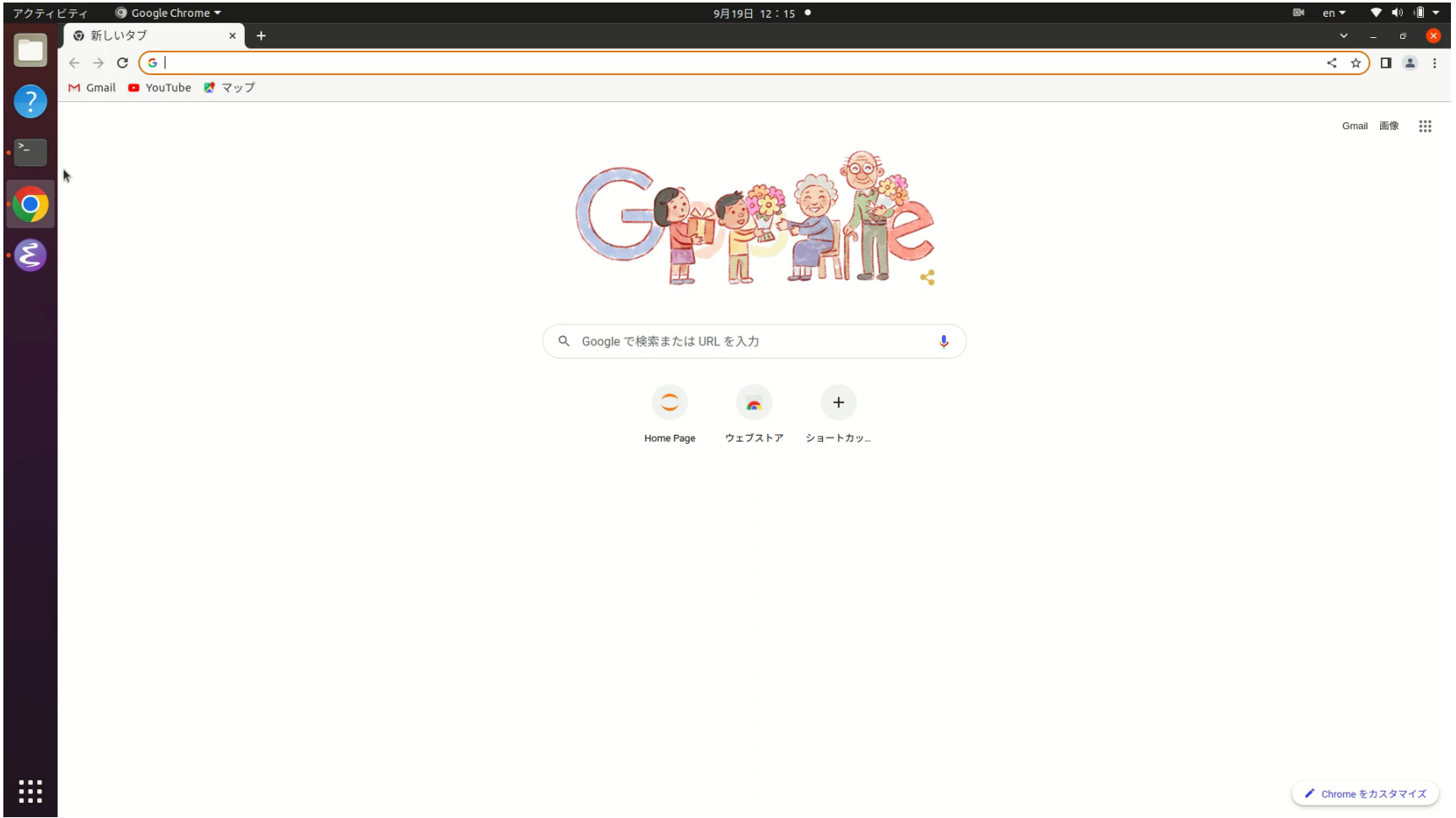


Using Jupyter Notebook with Choreonoid

- Implement Jupyter kernel using xeus
  - https://github.com/jupyter-xeus/xeus
  - C++ interface library
- Implement Choreonoid Plugin
  - https://github.com/IRSL-tut/jupyter_plugin
  - Learning interactive robot programming

Using Jupyter Notebook with Choreonoid



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