

# Introduction to Robotics and



CoppeliaSim

from the creators of V-REP



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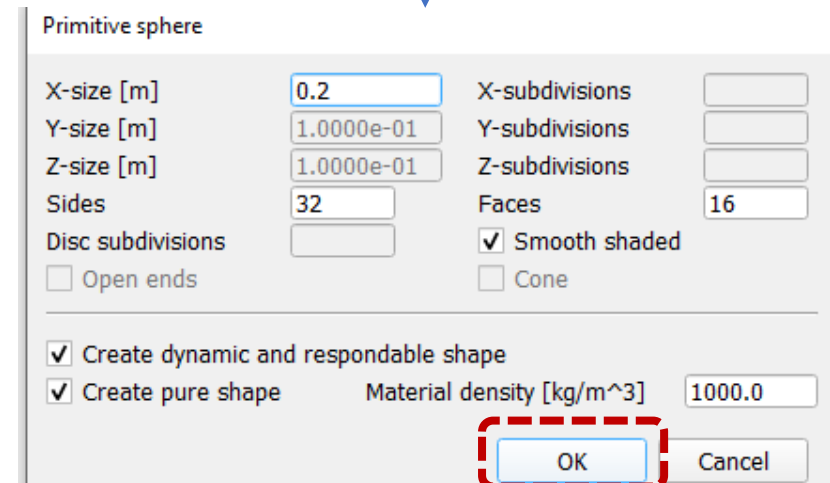
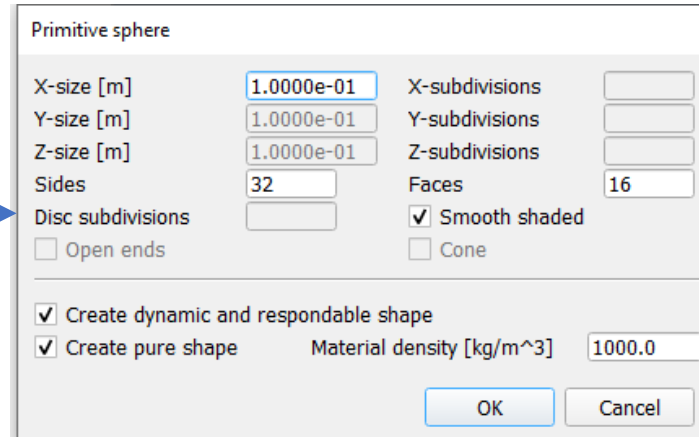
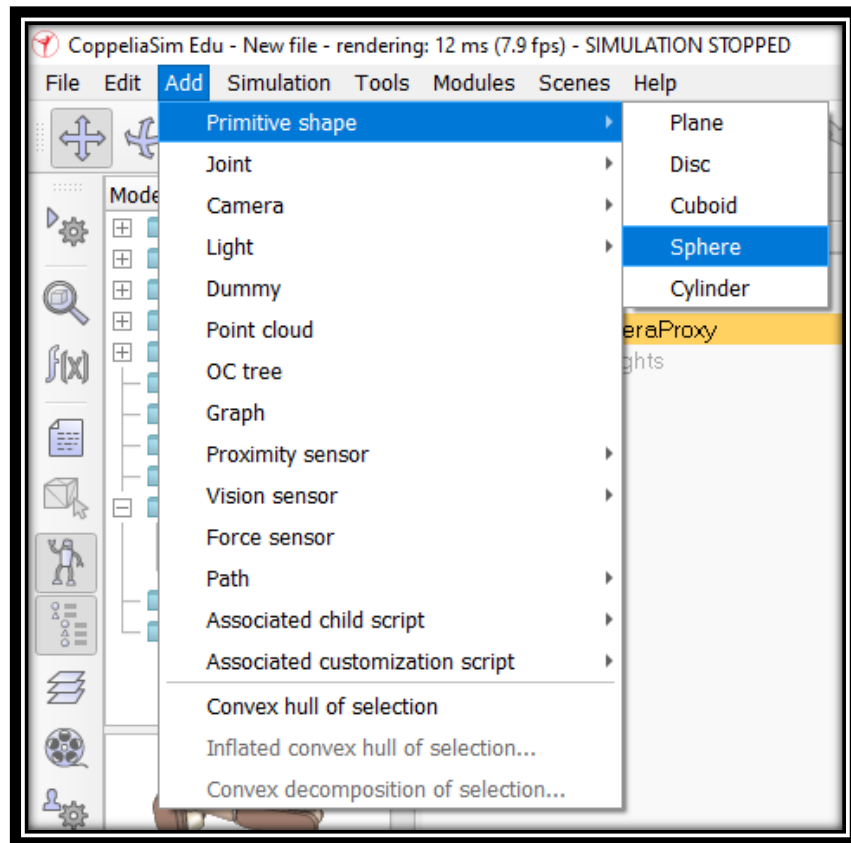
# BubbleRob : Tutorial

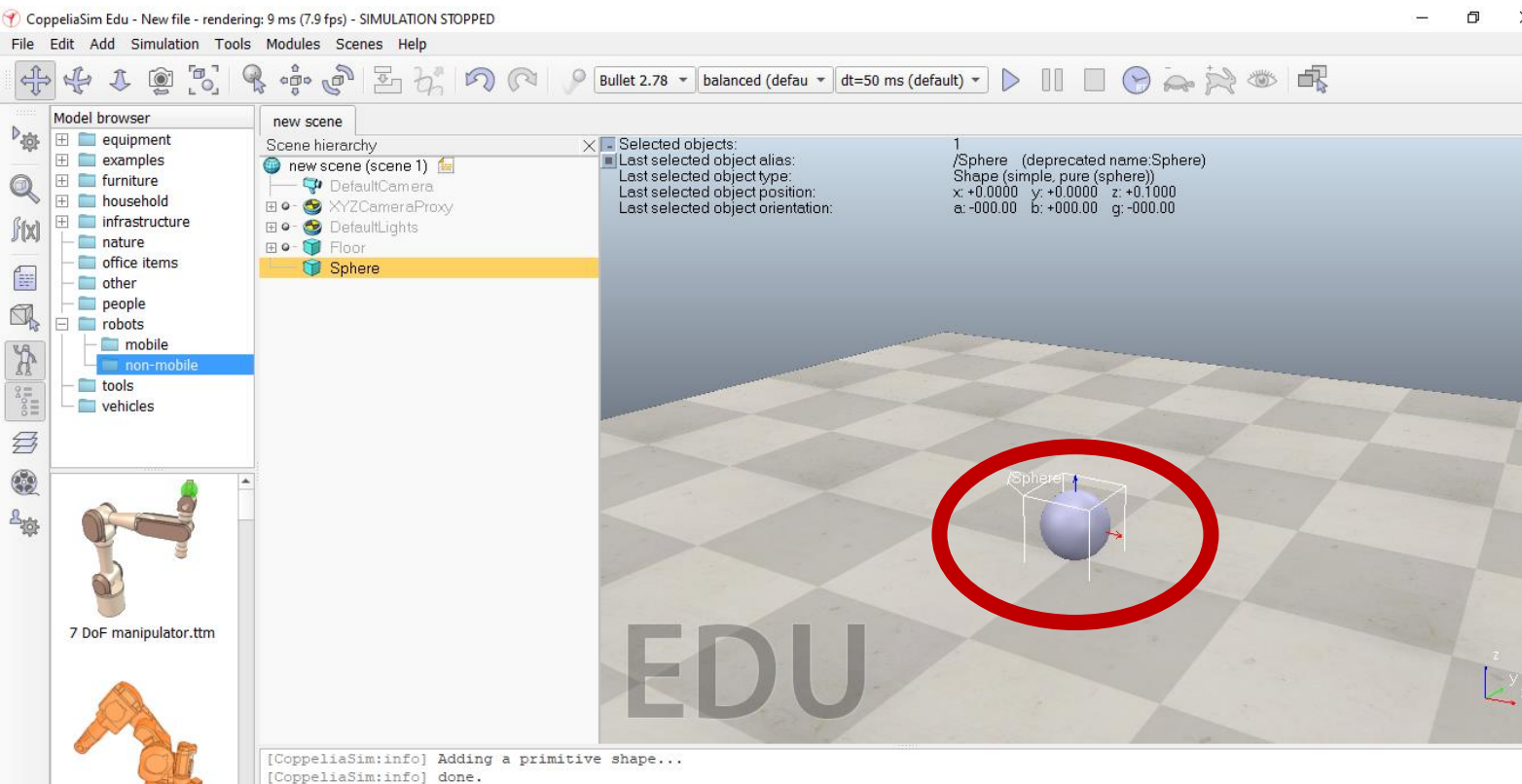
# STEP 1

Add a primitive sphere of diameter 0.2 to the scene  
with

[Menu bar --> Add --> Primitive shape --> Sphere]

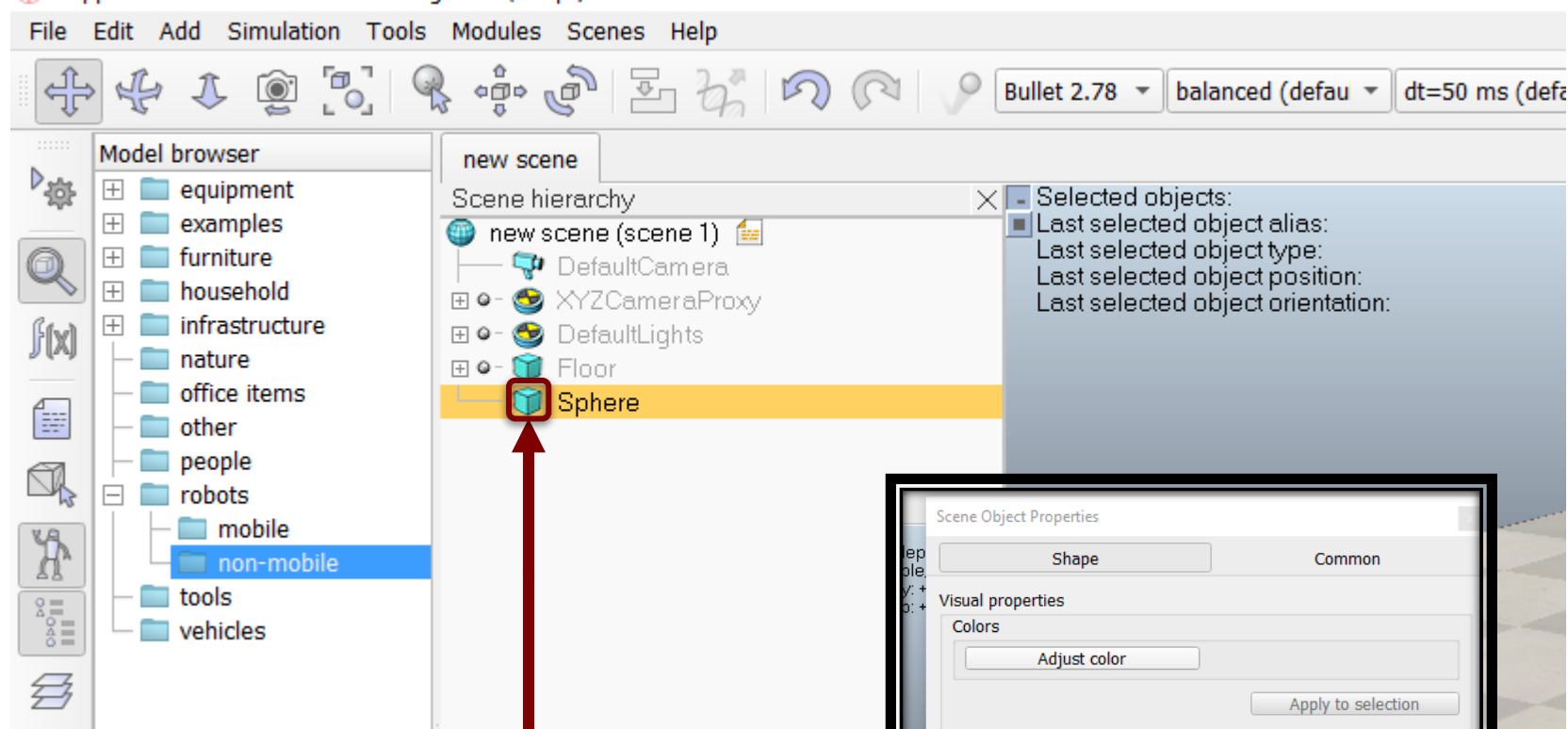
We adjust the X-size  
item to 0.2, then click  
OK.



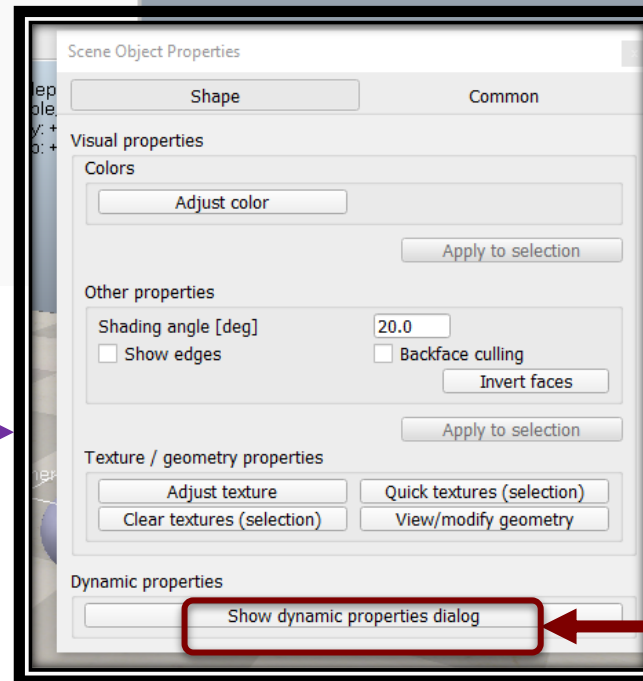


The created sphere will appear in the visibility layer 1 by default, and be dynamic and respondable.

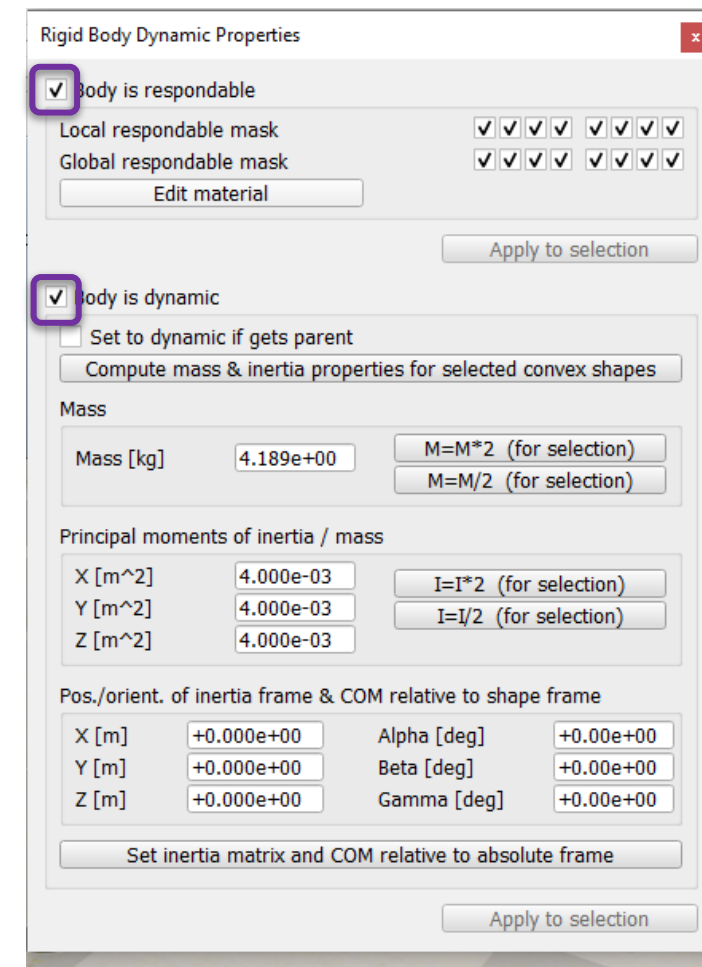
This means that *BubbleRob's body will be falling and able to react to collisions with other respondable shapes* (i.e. simulated by the physics engine)



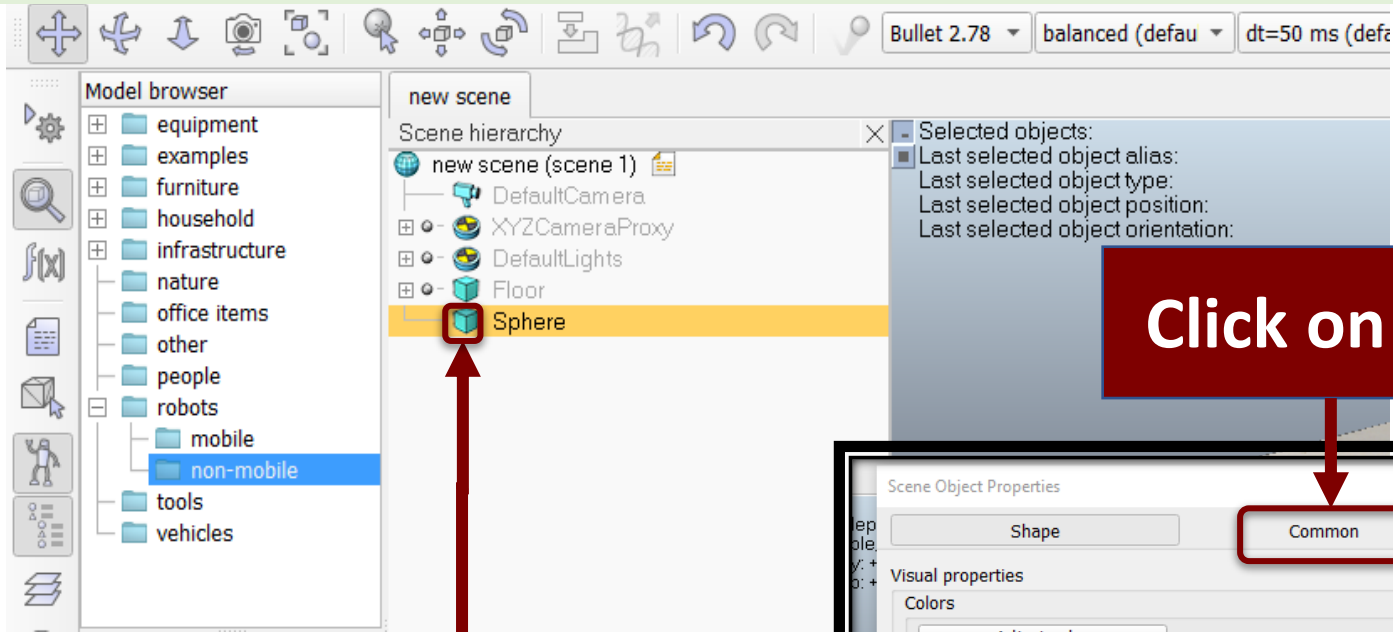
**Double Click  
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**Click on this**

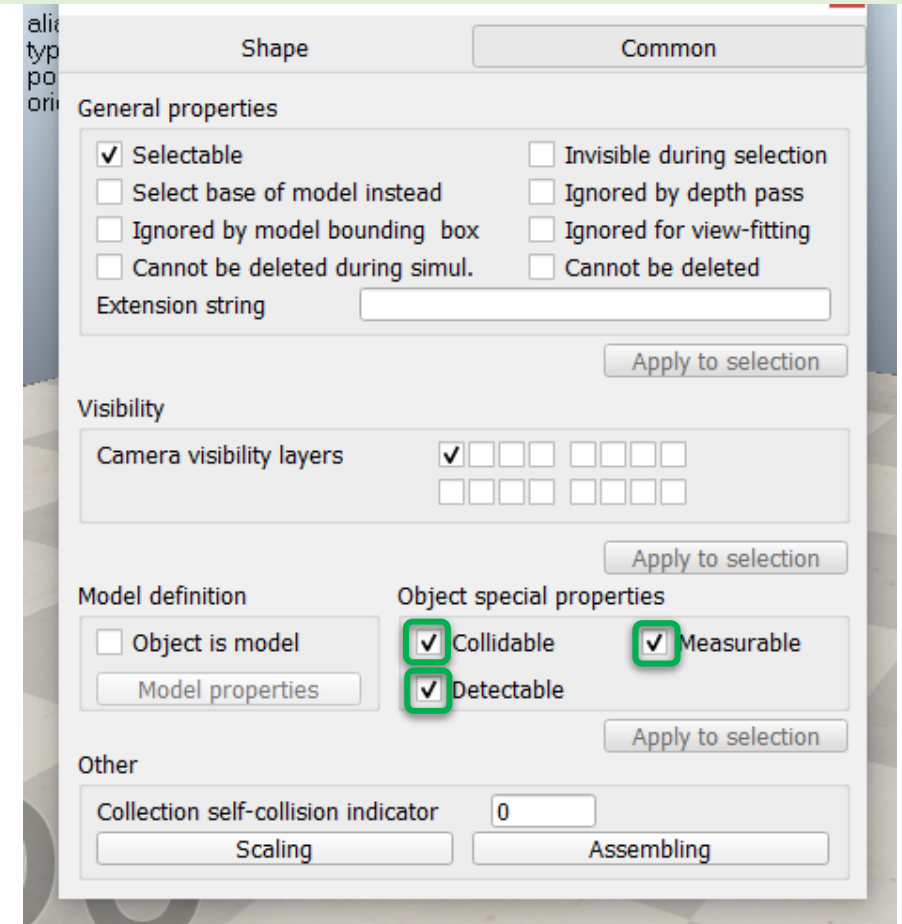
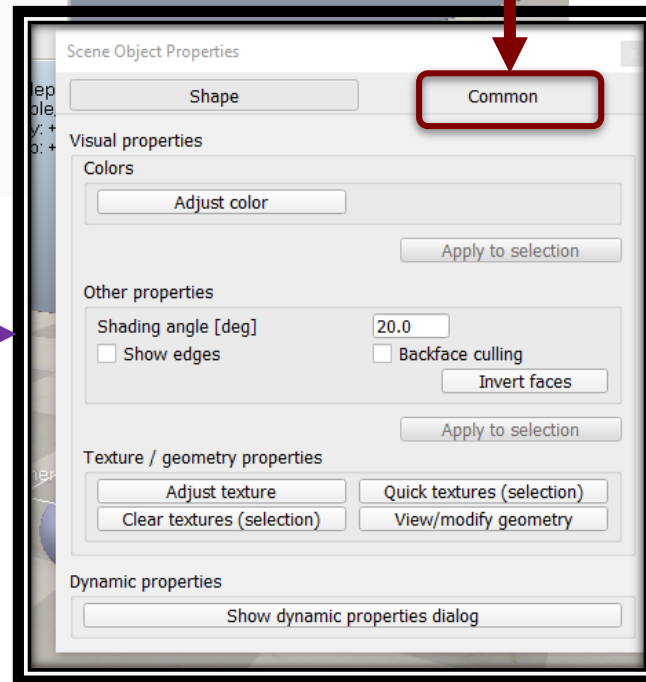


# Enable Collidable, Measurable and Detectable in the object common properties



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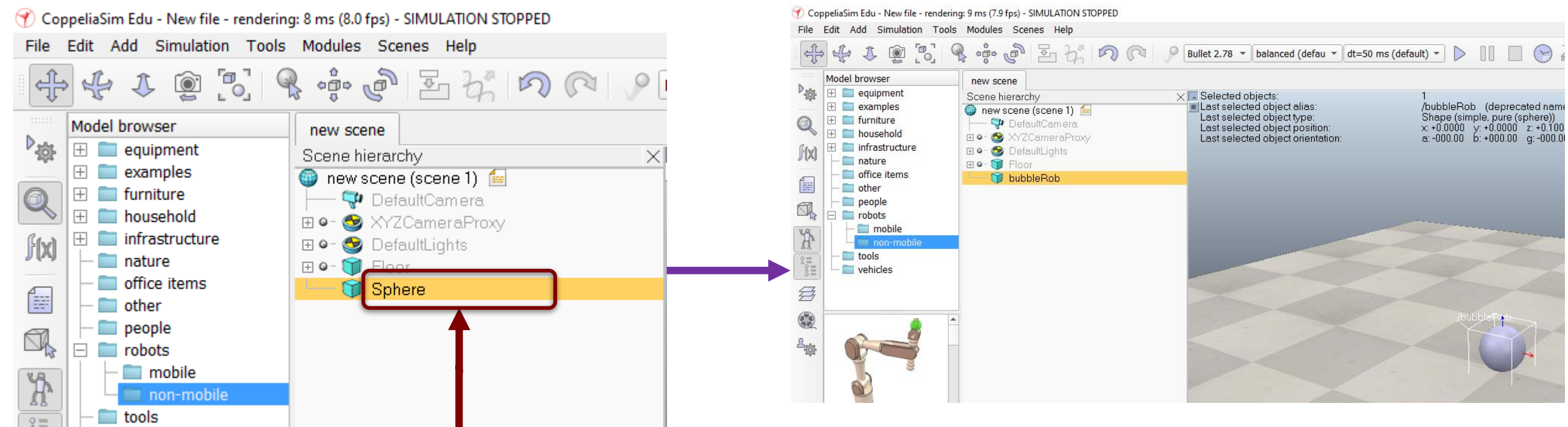
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# STEP 2

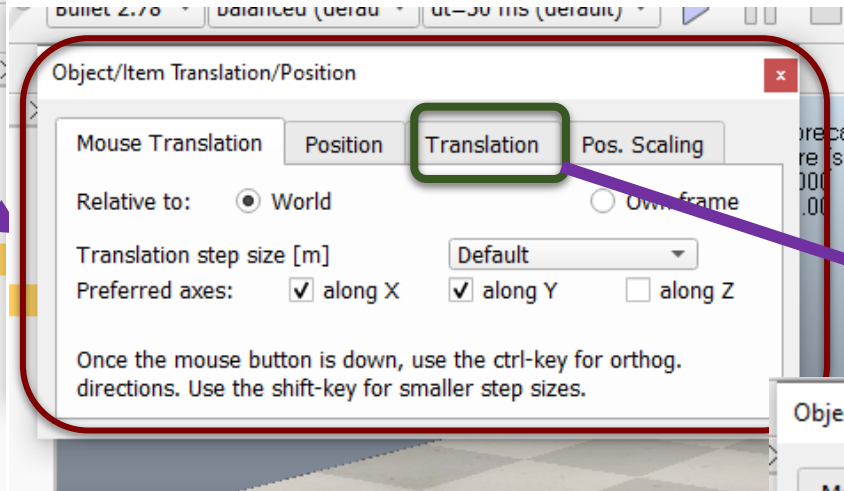
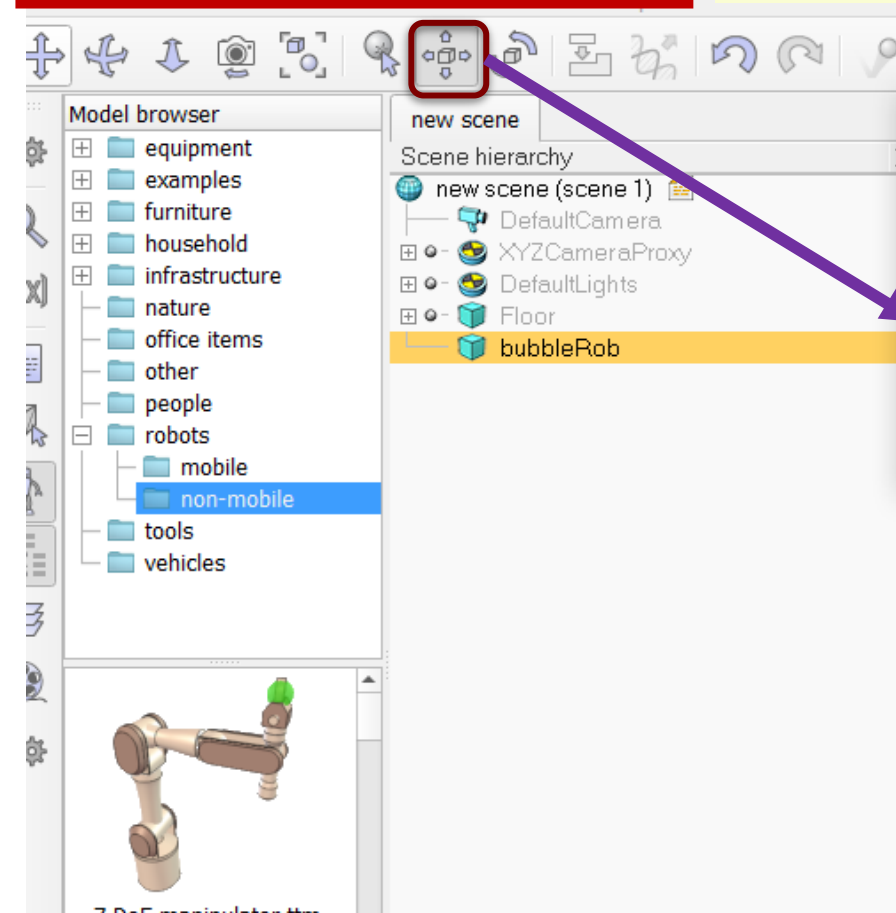
## Rename the Sphere as bubbleRob



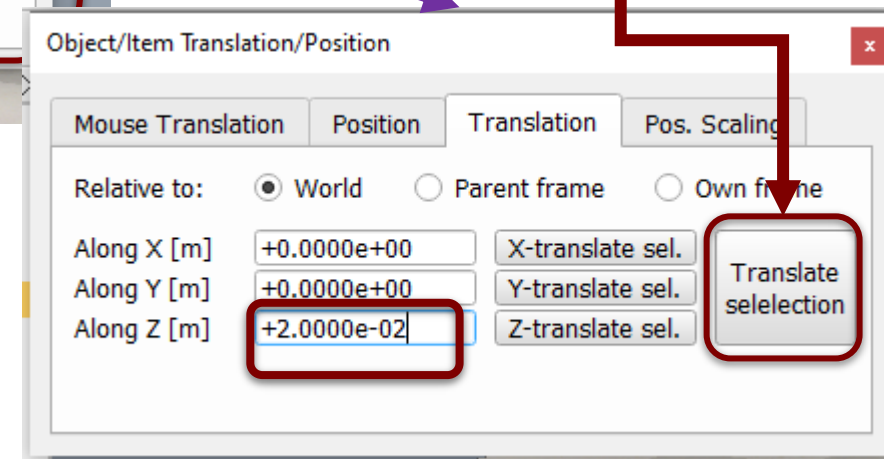
Double Click on this and rename it to **bubbleRob** and Press **ENTER**

# STEP 3

Open the **position dialog** on the **translation tab**, Select the sphere representing BubbleRob's body, and **enter 0.02** for **Along Z**.

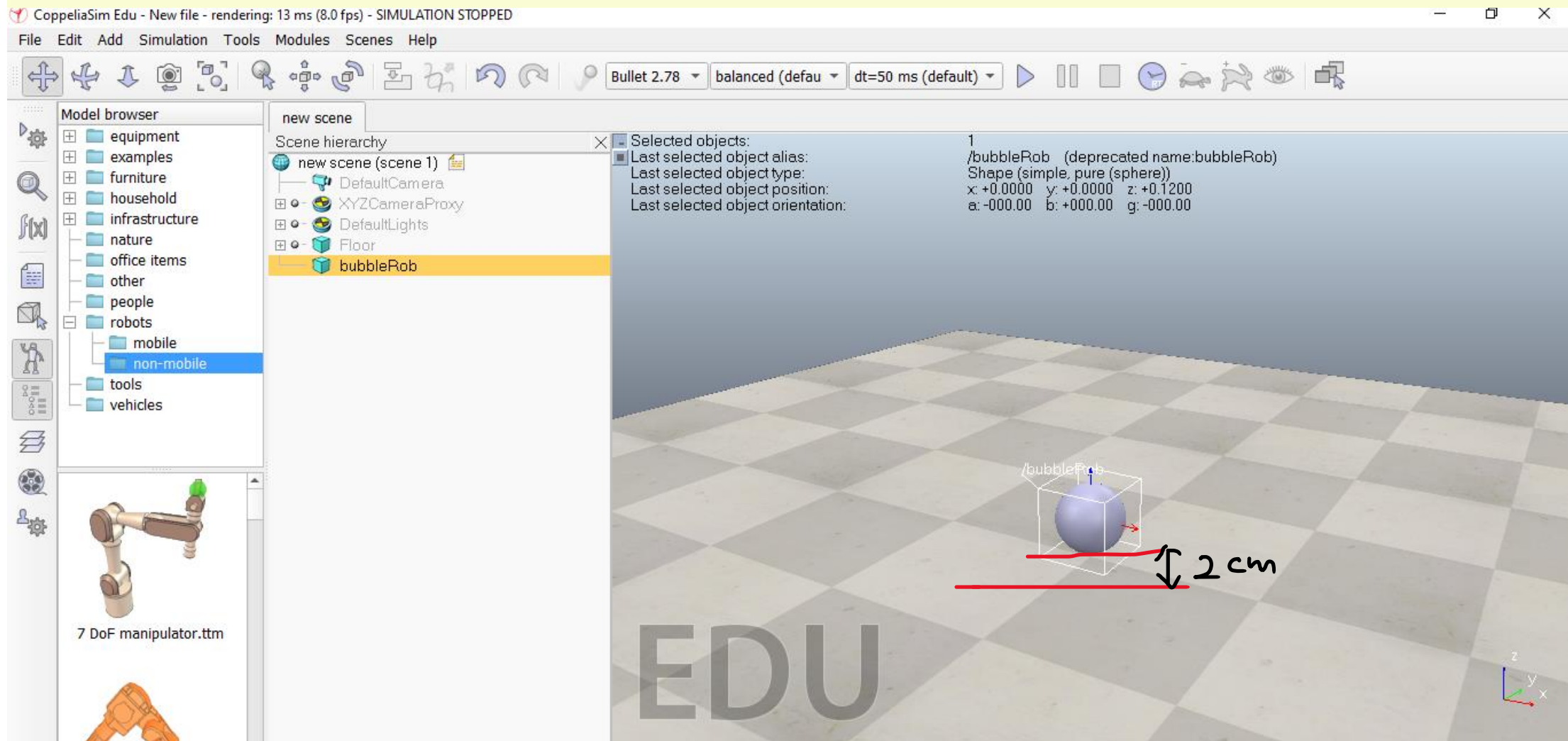


Click on  
Translate  
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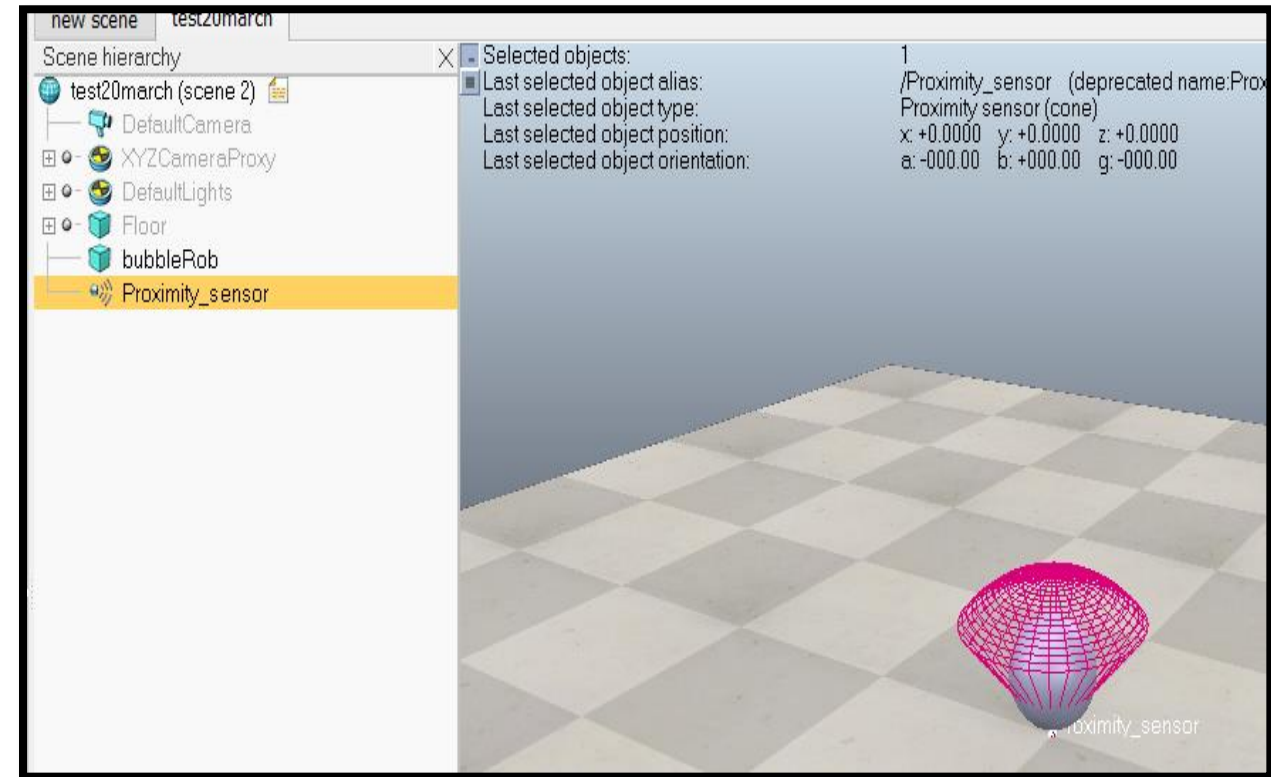
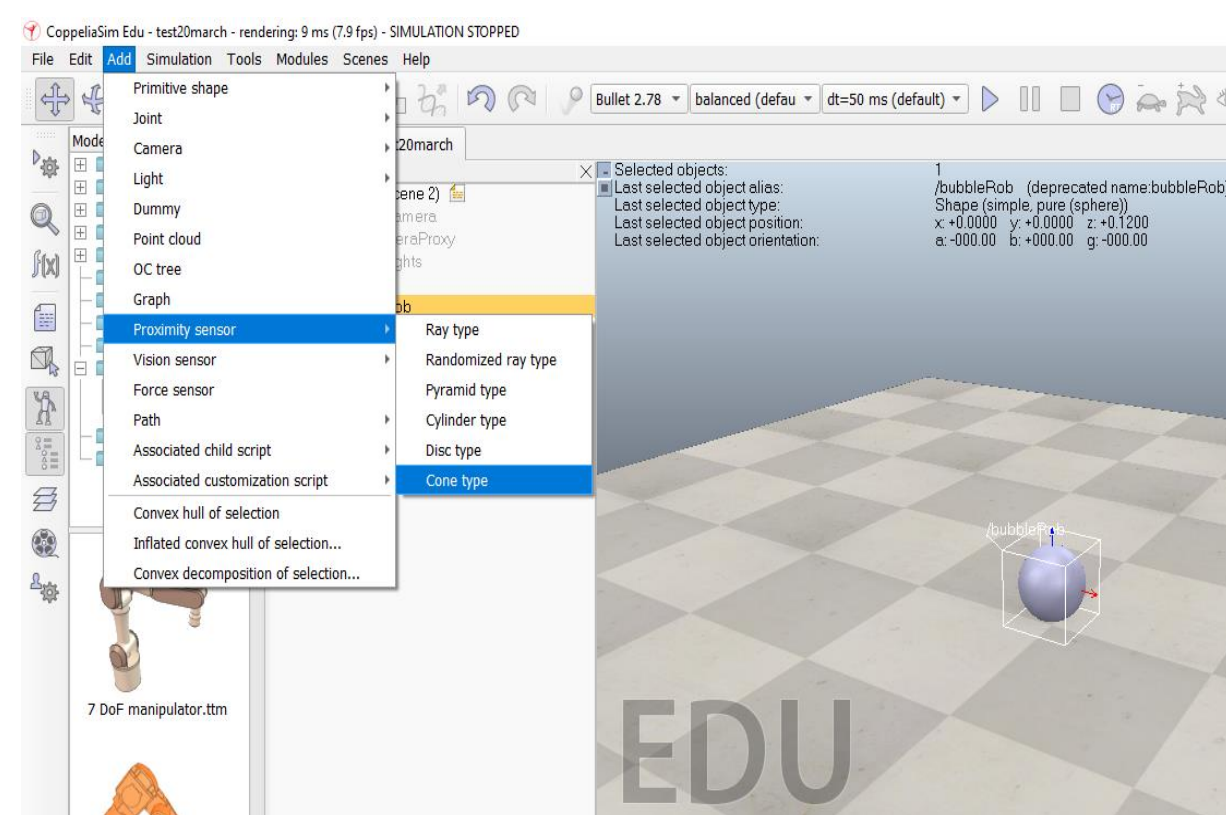


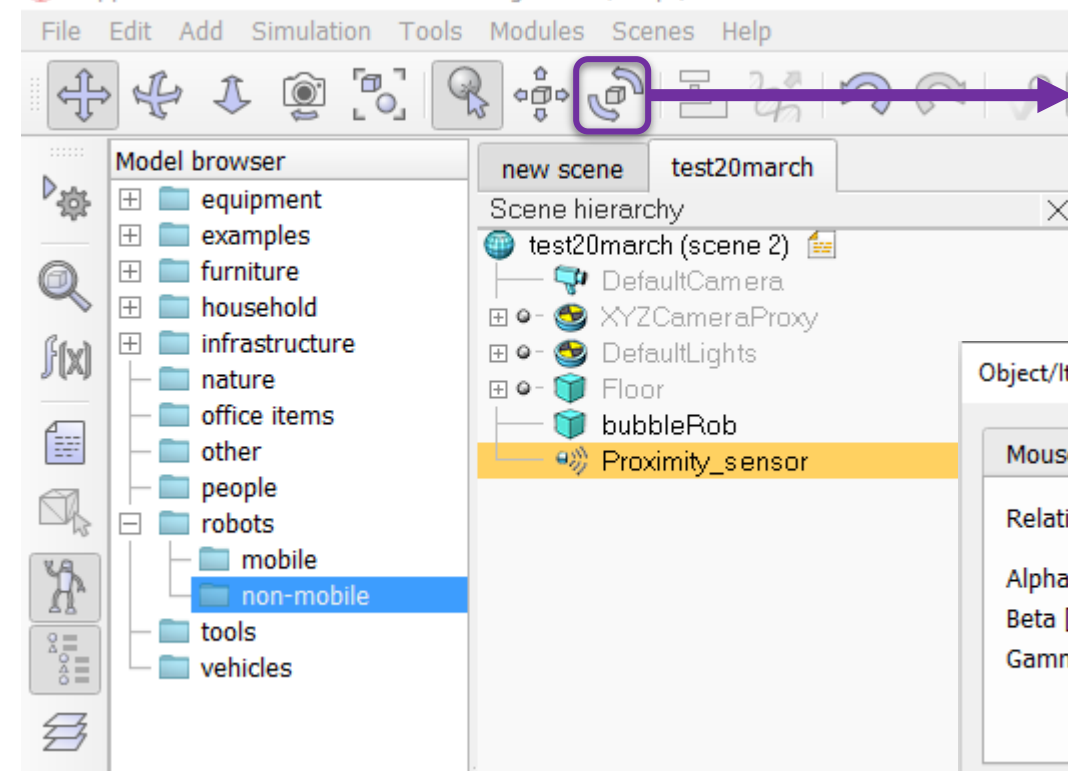
This translates all **selected objects by 2 cm** along the absolute Z-axis, and effectively lifted our sphere a little bit



# STEP 4

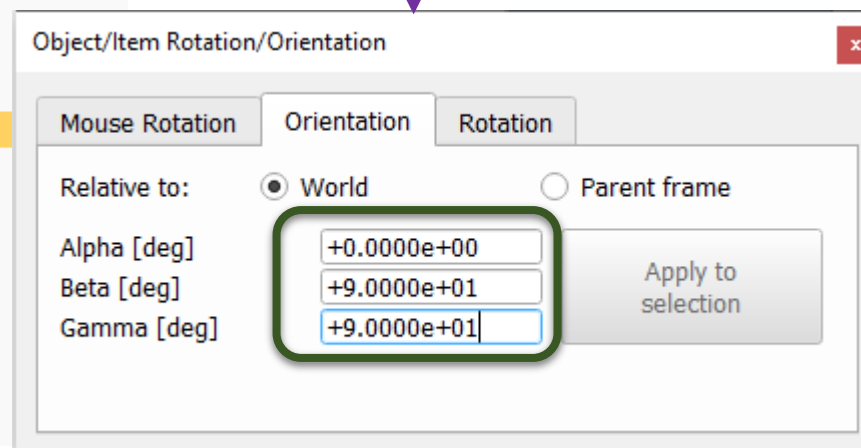
Add a proximity sensor so that BubbleRob knows when it is approaching obstacles: we select  
[Menu bar --> Add --> Proximity sensor --> Cone type]



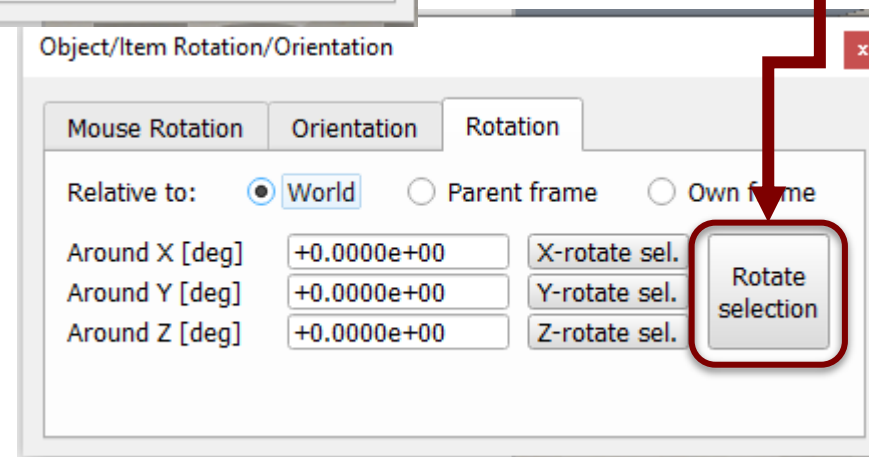


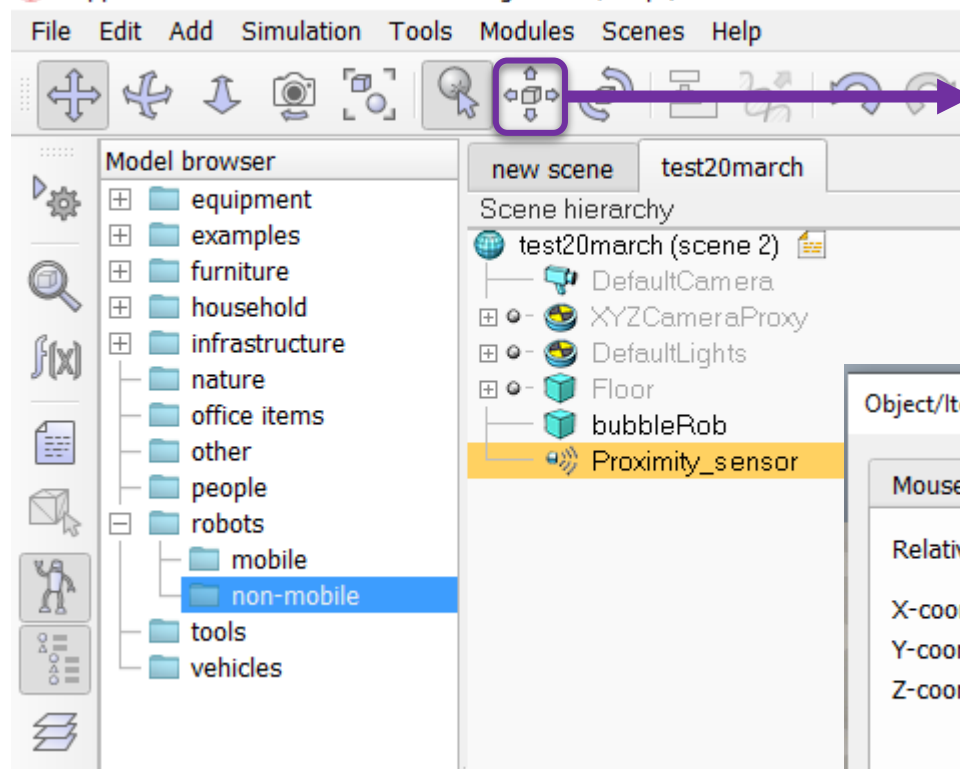
**Click on  
orientation dialog**

**Enter 90 for Around Y  
and for Around Z, then  
click Rotate selection**



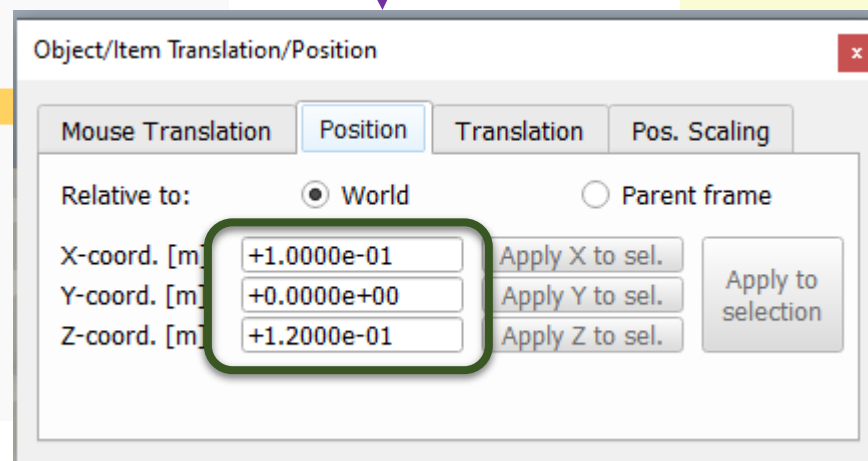
**Click on  
Rotate Selection**



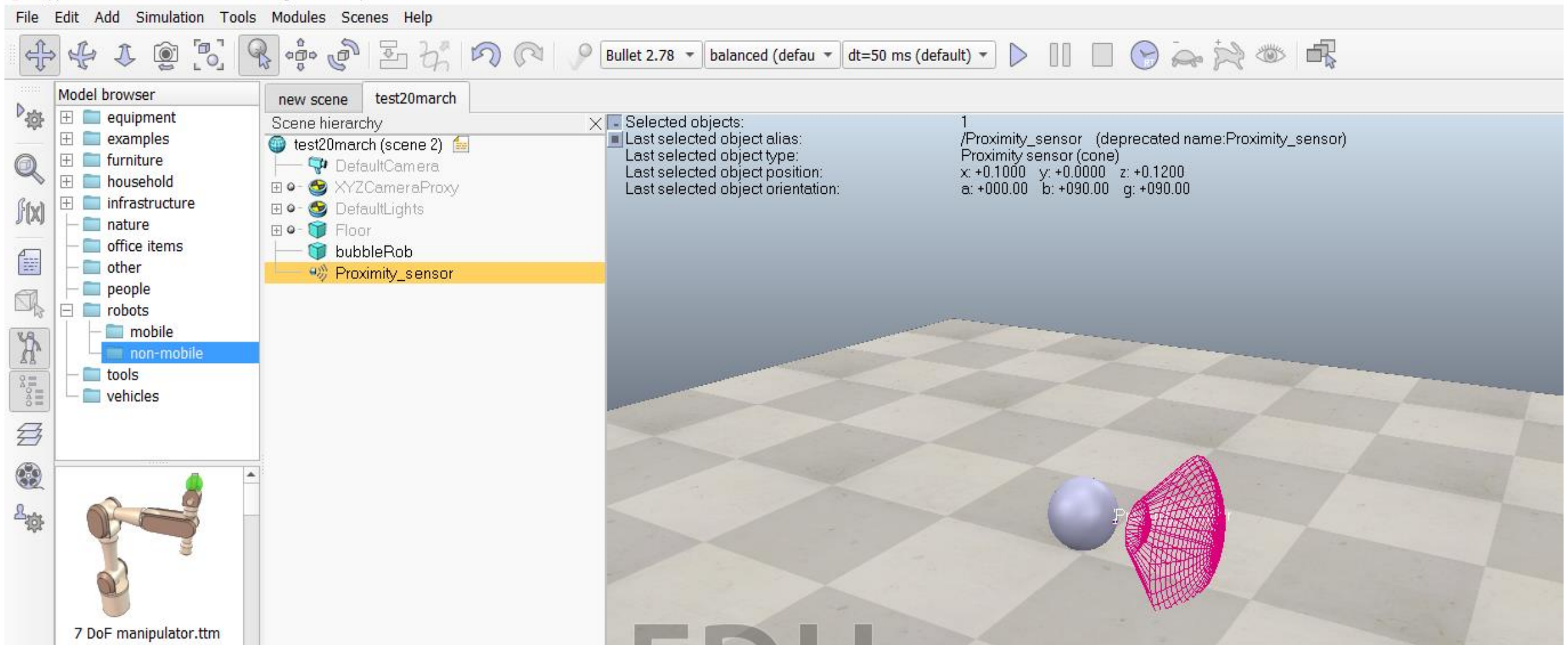


Click on  
position dialog

In the position dialog, on the position tab, we enter **0.1** for X-coord and **0.12** for Z-coord.



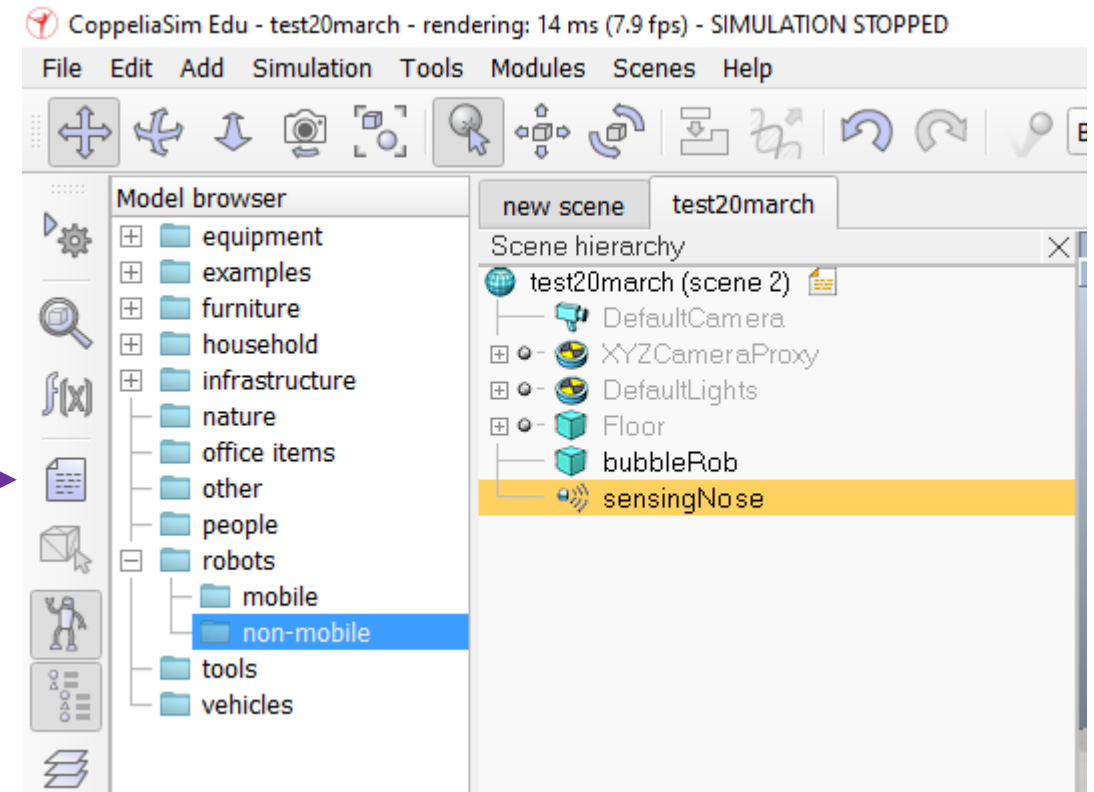
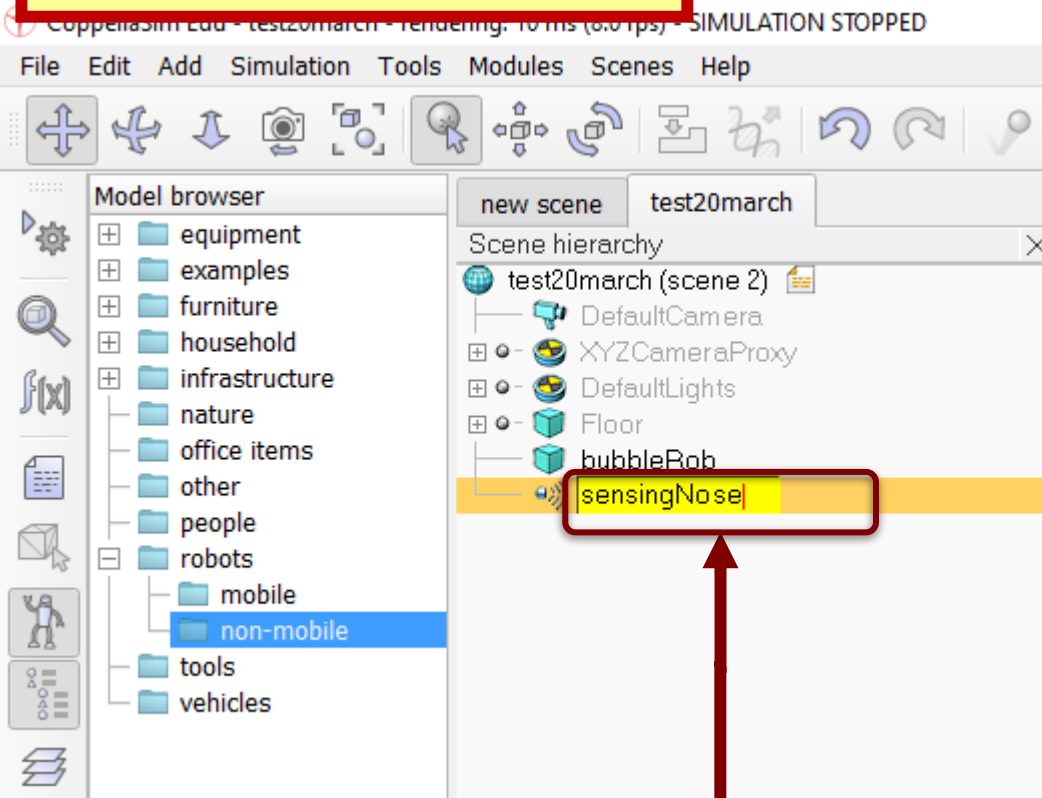




**The proximity sensor is now correctly positioned relative to BubbleRob's body**

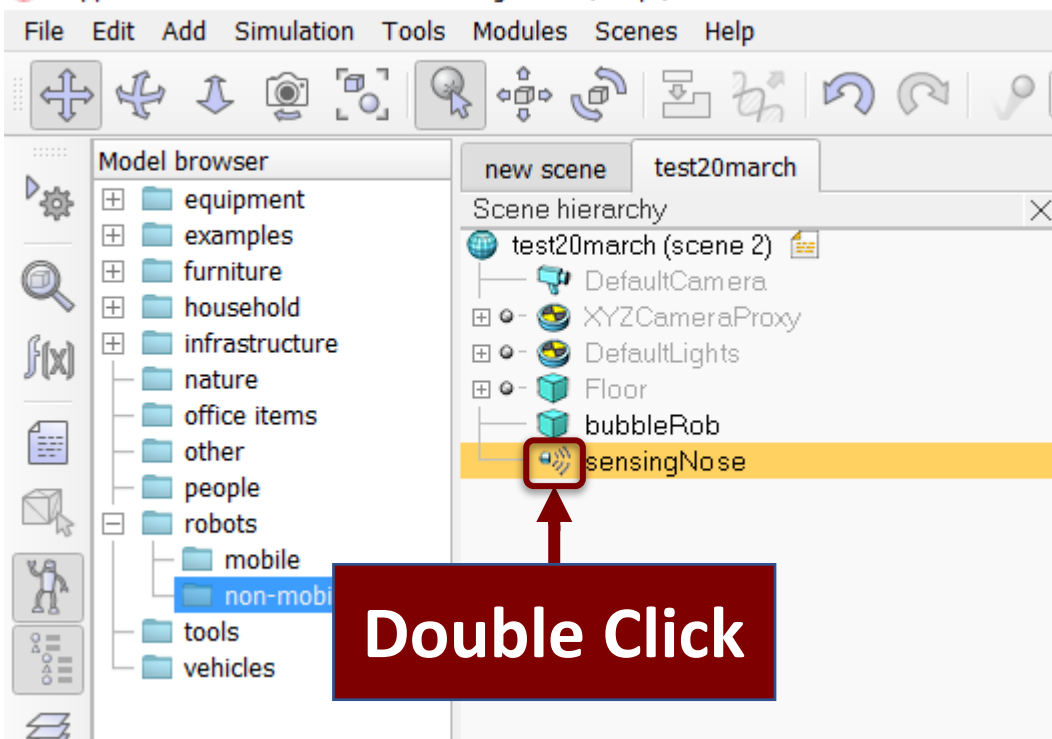
# STEP 5

Rename the **Proximity Sensor** as **sensingNose**

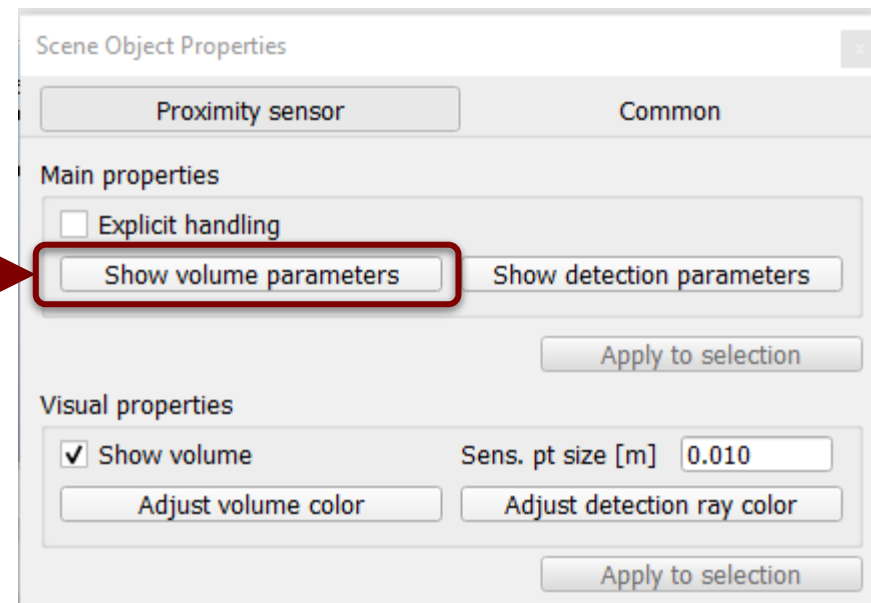


Double Click on this and rename it to **sensingNose** and Press **ENTER**

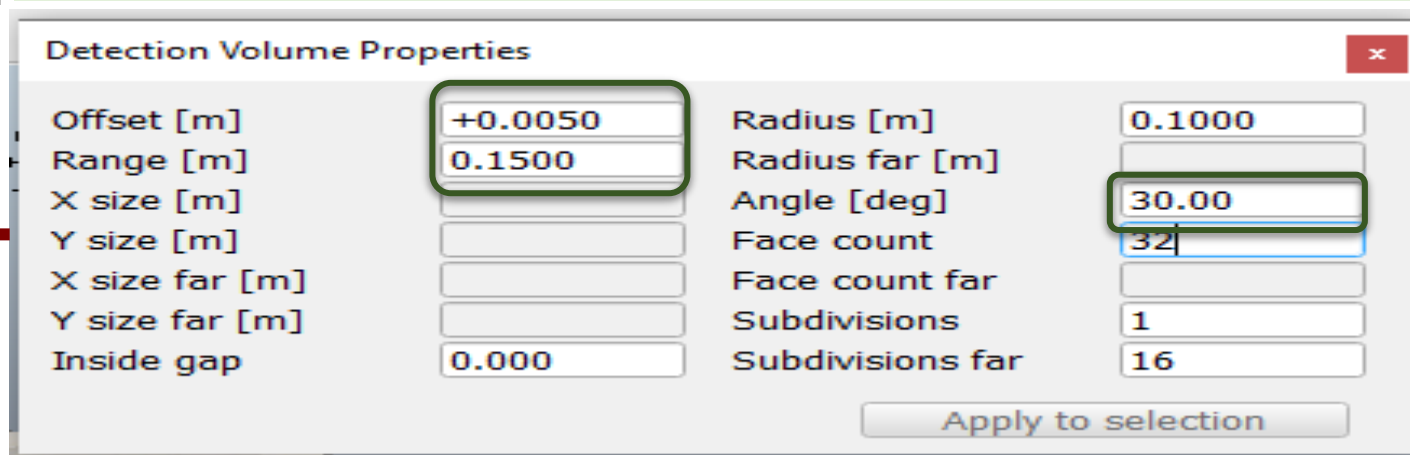


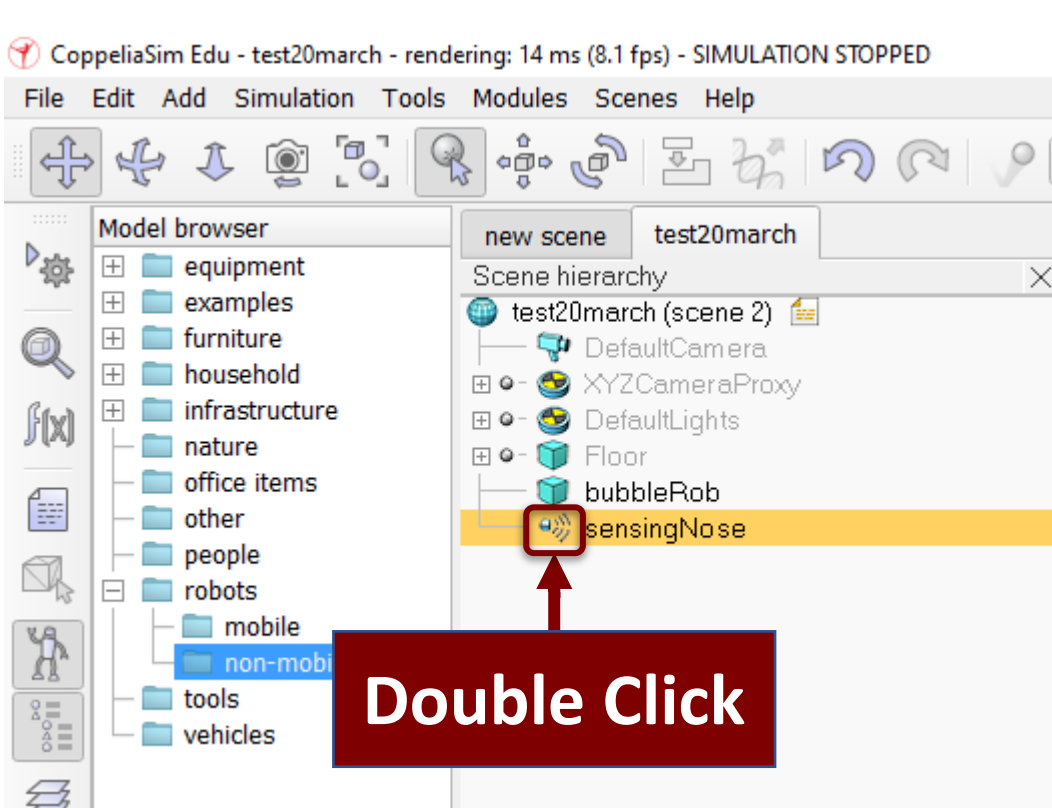


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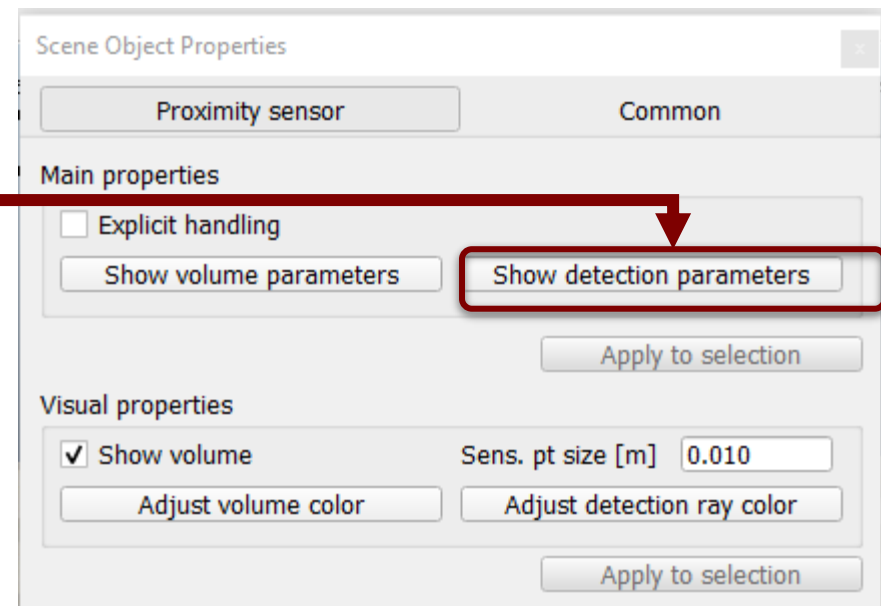


We adjust items **Offset to 0.005**, **Angle to 30** and **Range to 0.15**

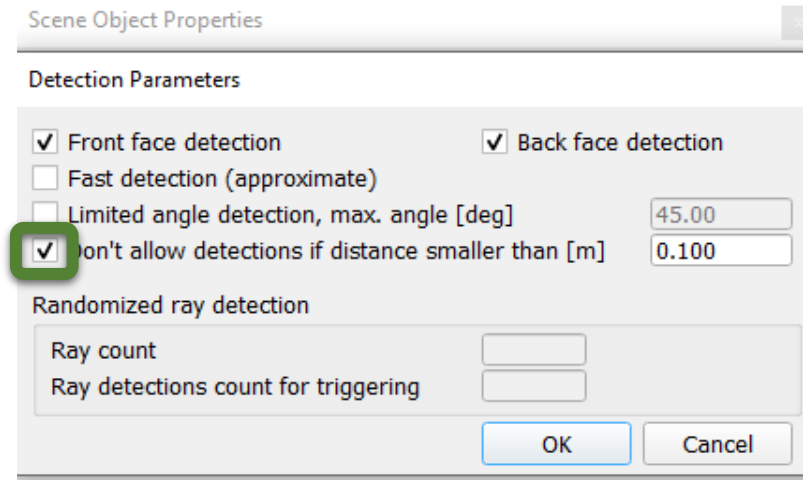




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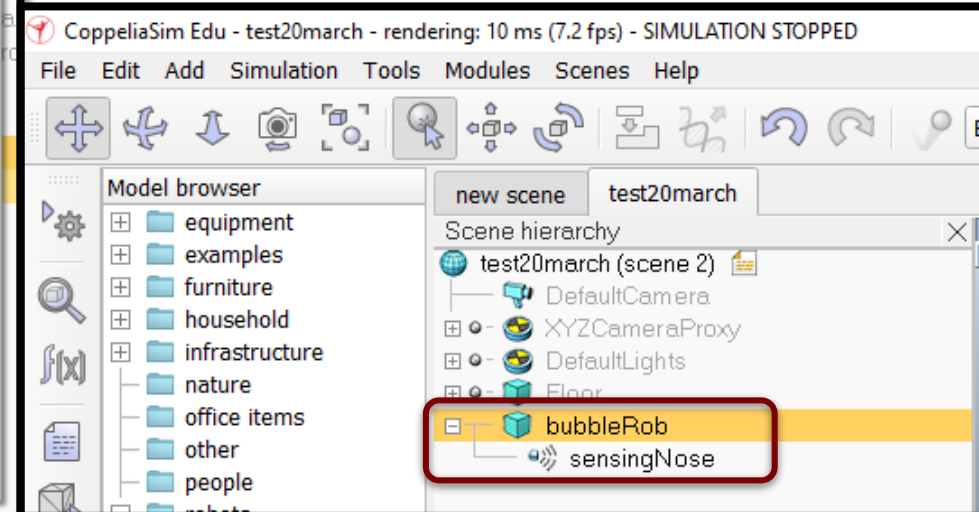
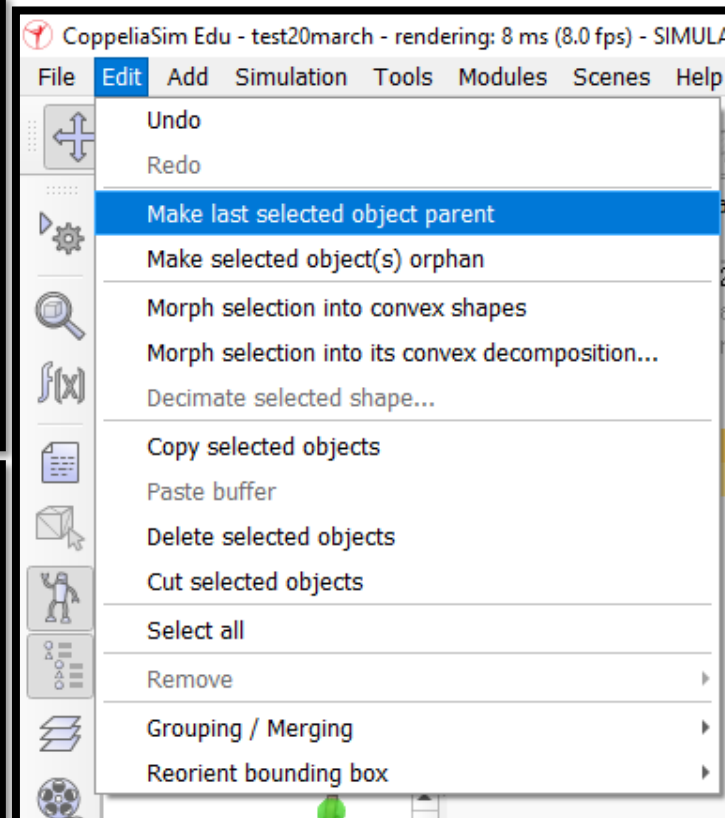
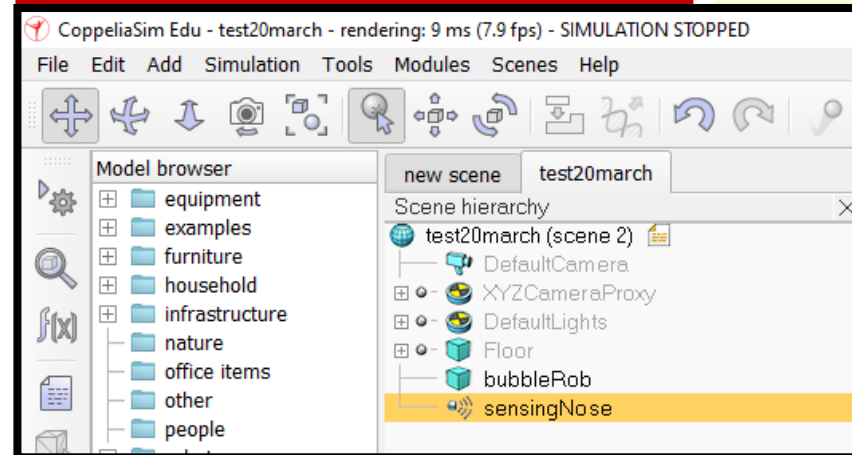


Uncheck item **Don't allow detections** if distance smaller than then close that dialog again.



# STEP 6

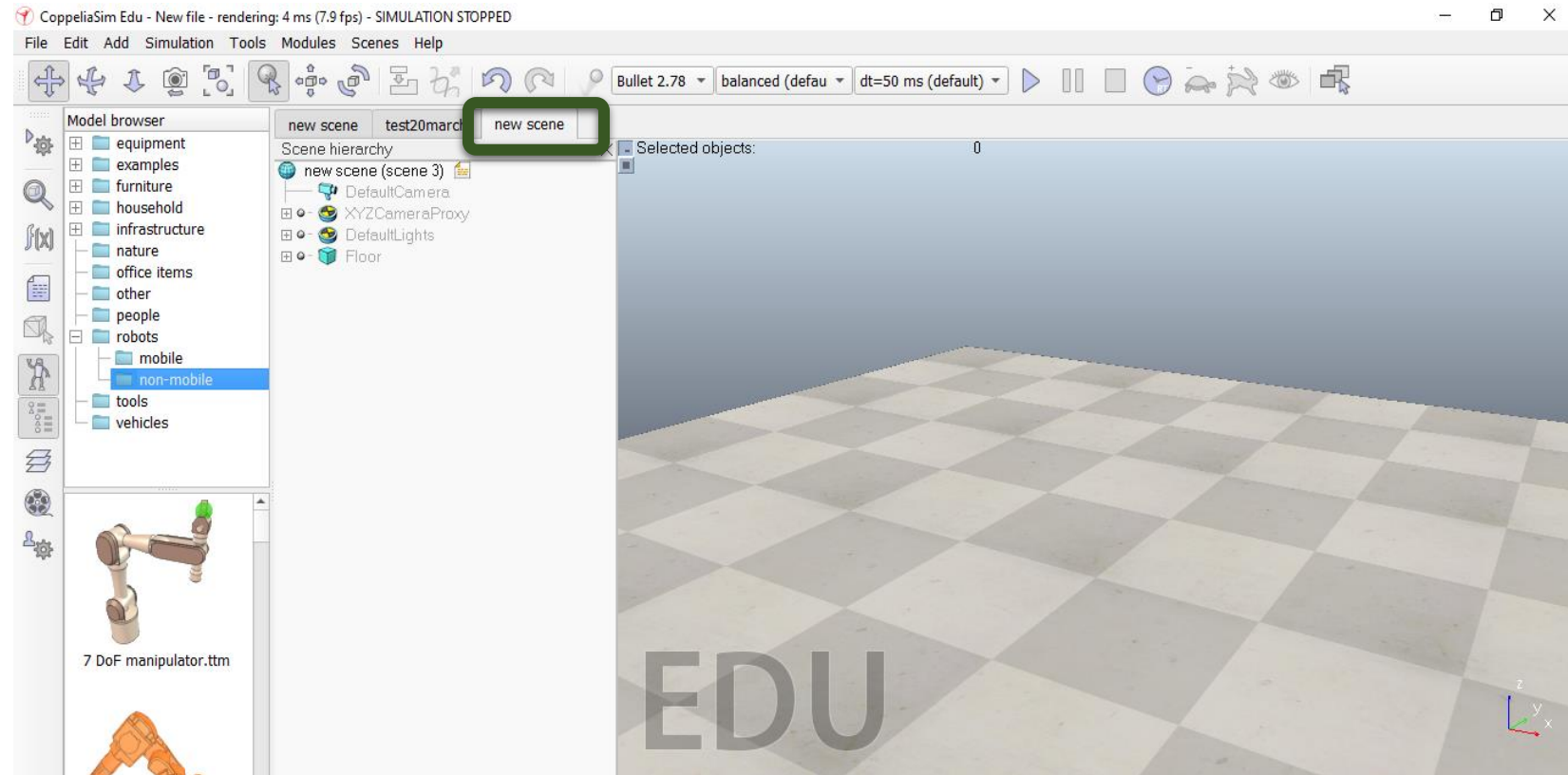
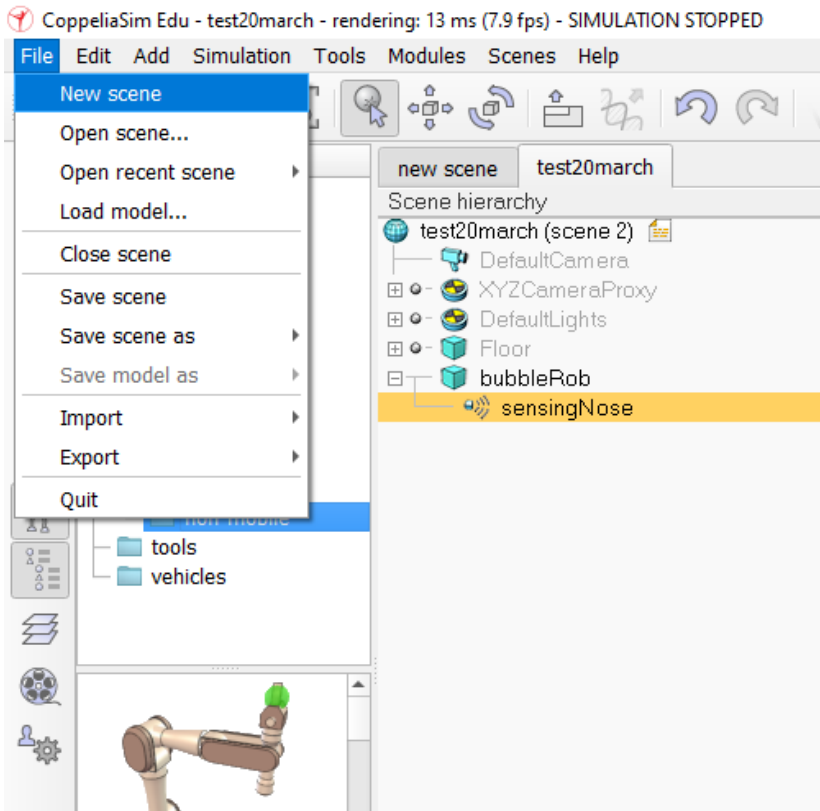
We select **sensingNose**, then **control-select bubbleRob**, then click  
[Menu bar --> Edit --> Make last selected object parent].



# Creating BubbleRob : Wheel

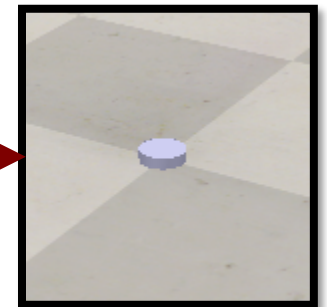
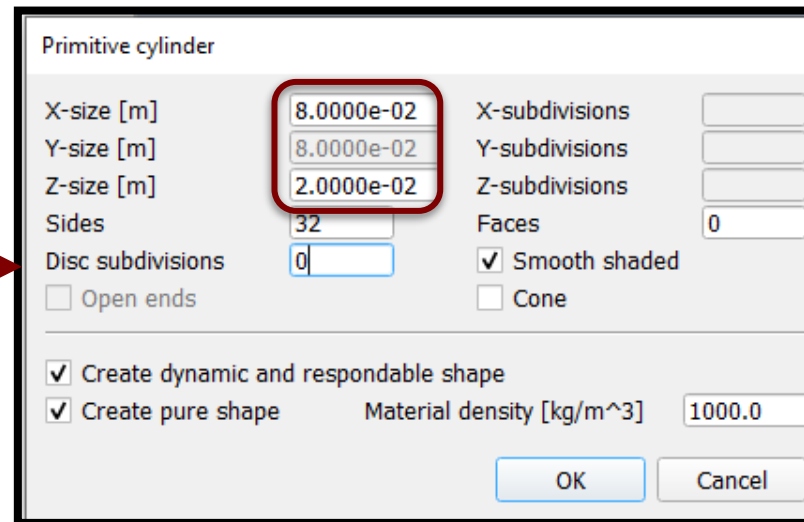
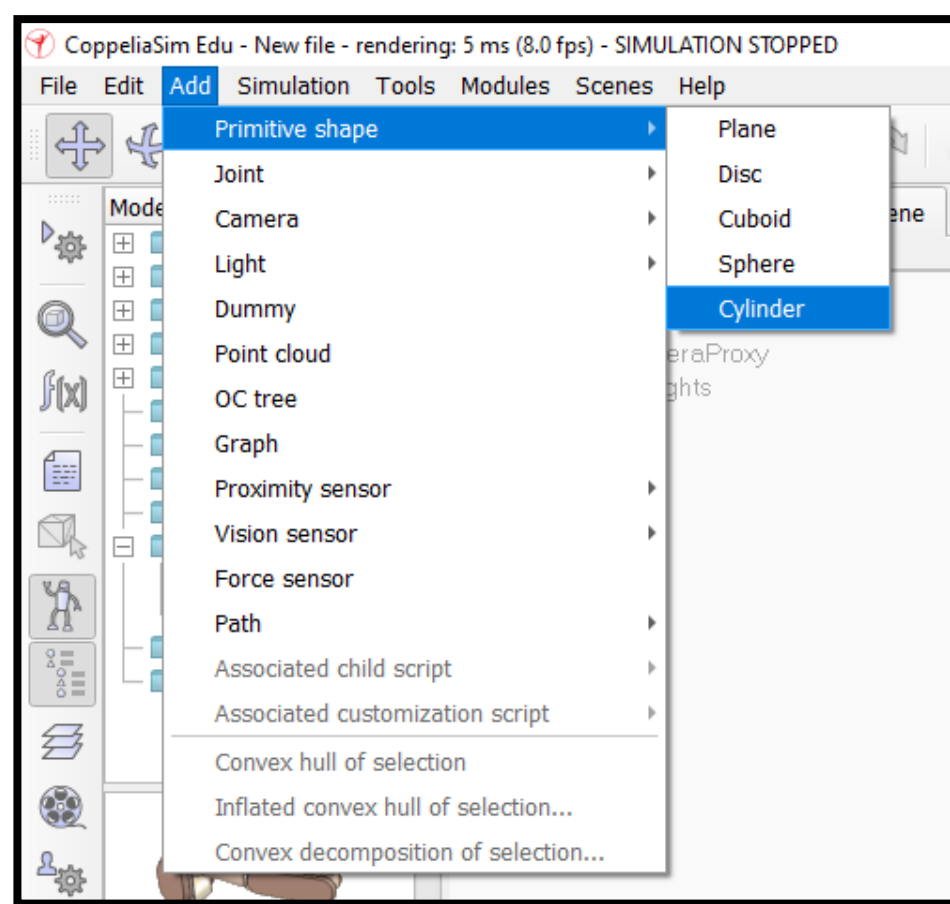
# STEP 7

We will design **BubbleRob's wheels**.  
We create a new scene with  
**[Menu bar --> File --> New scene]**



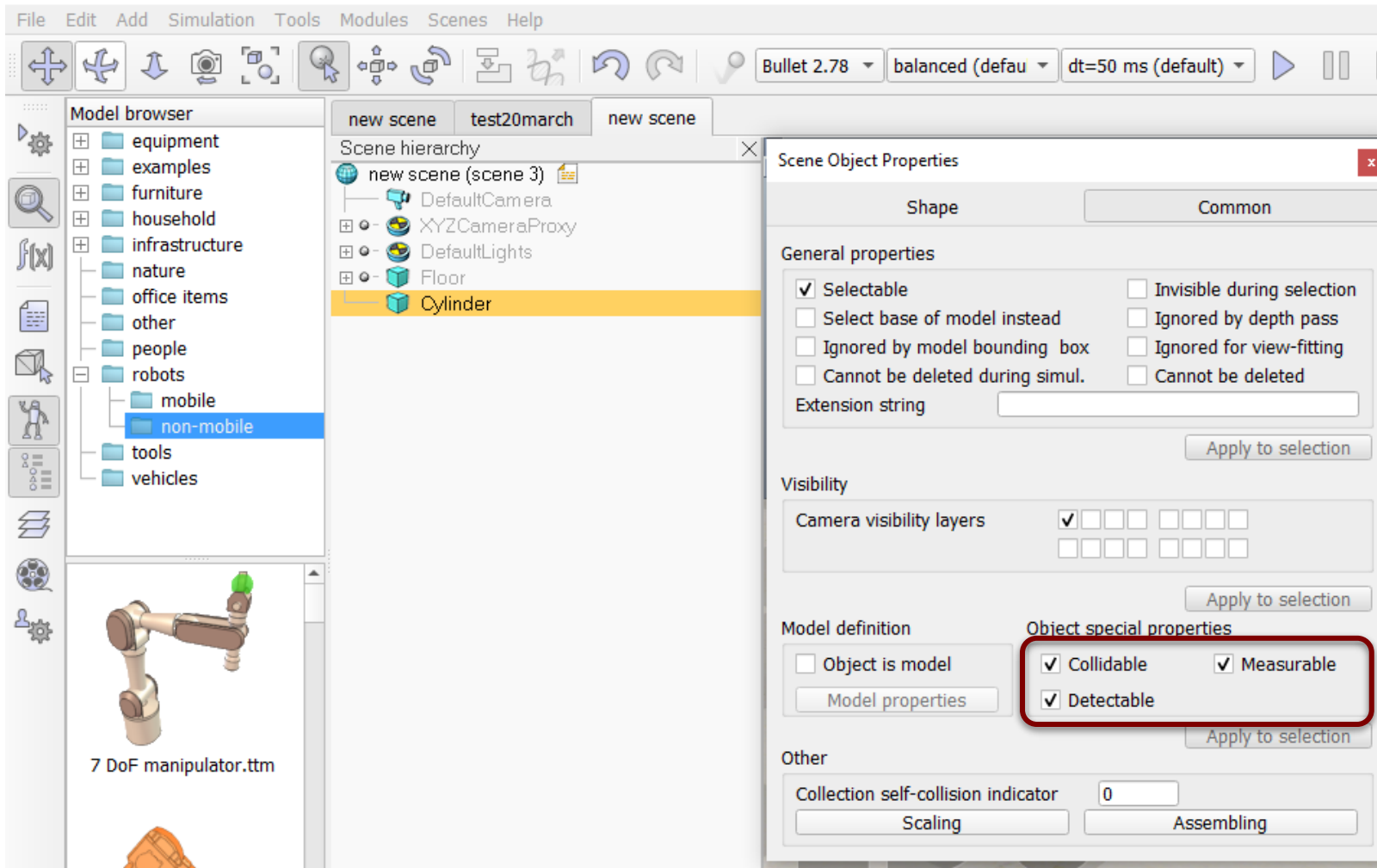
# STEP 7

We add a pure **primitive cylinder** with dimensions **(0.08,0.08,0.02)**



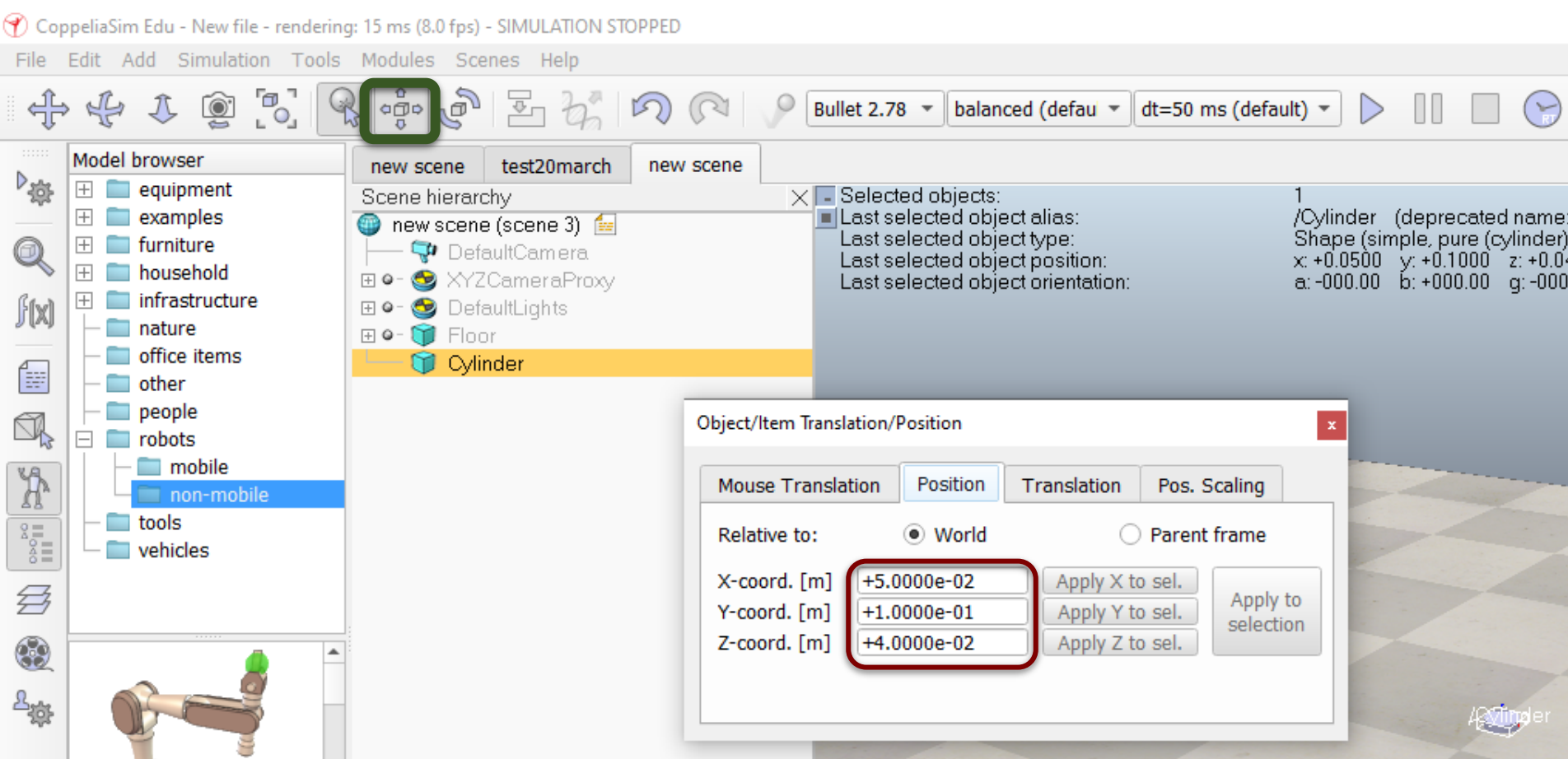


We enable **Collidable**, **Measurable** and **Detectable** in the object common properties for that cylinder, if not already enabled

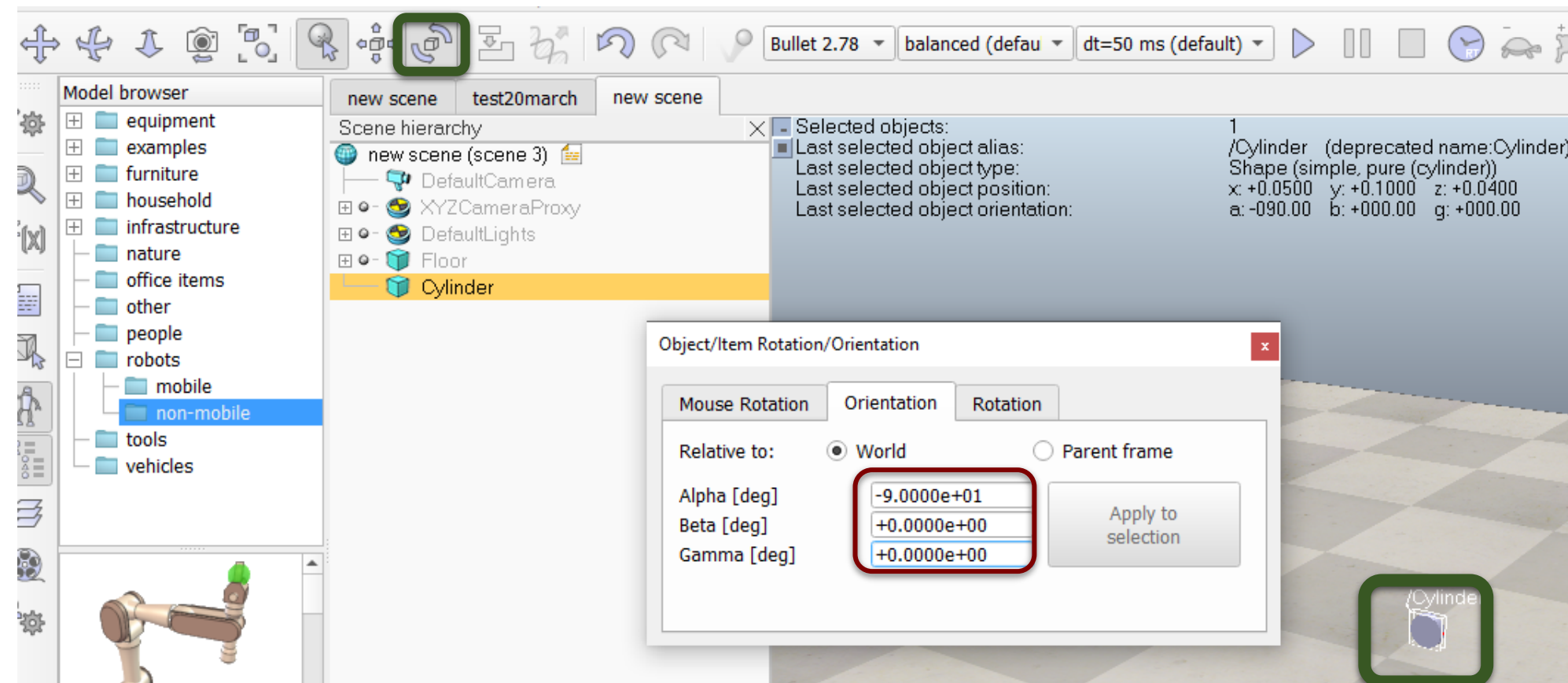


# STEP 8

We set the cylinder's **absolute position** to **(0.05,0.1,0.04)**

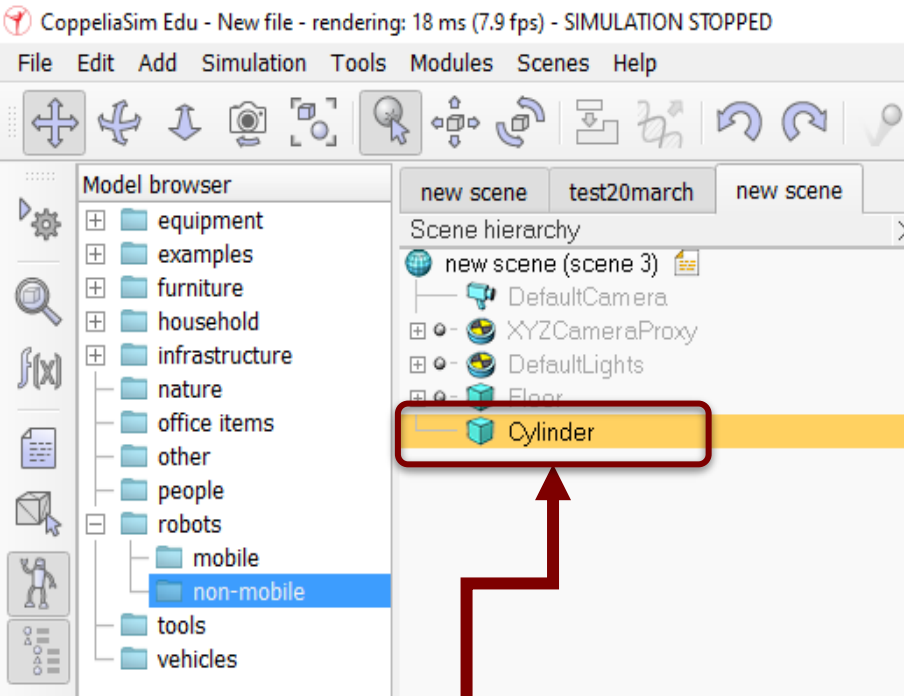


We set the cylinder's **absolute orientation** to **(-90,0,0)**

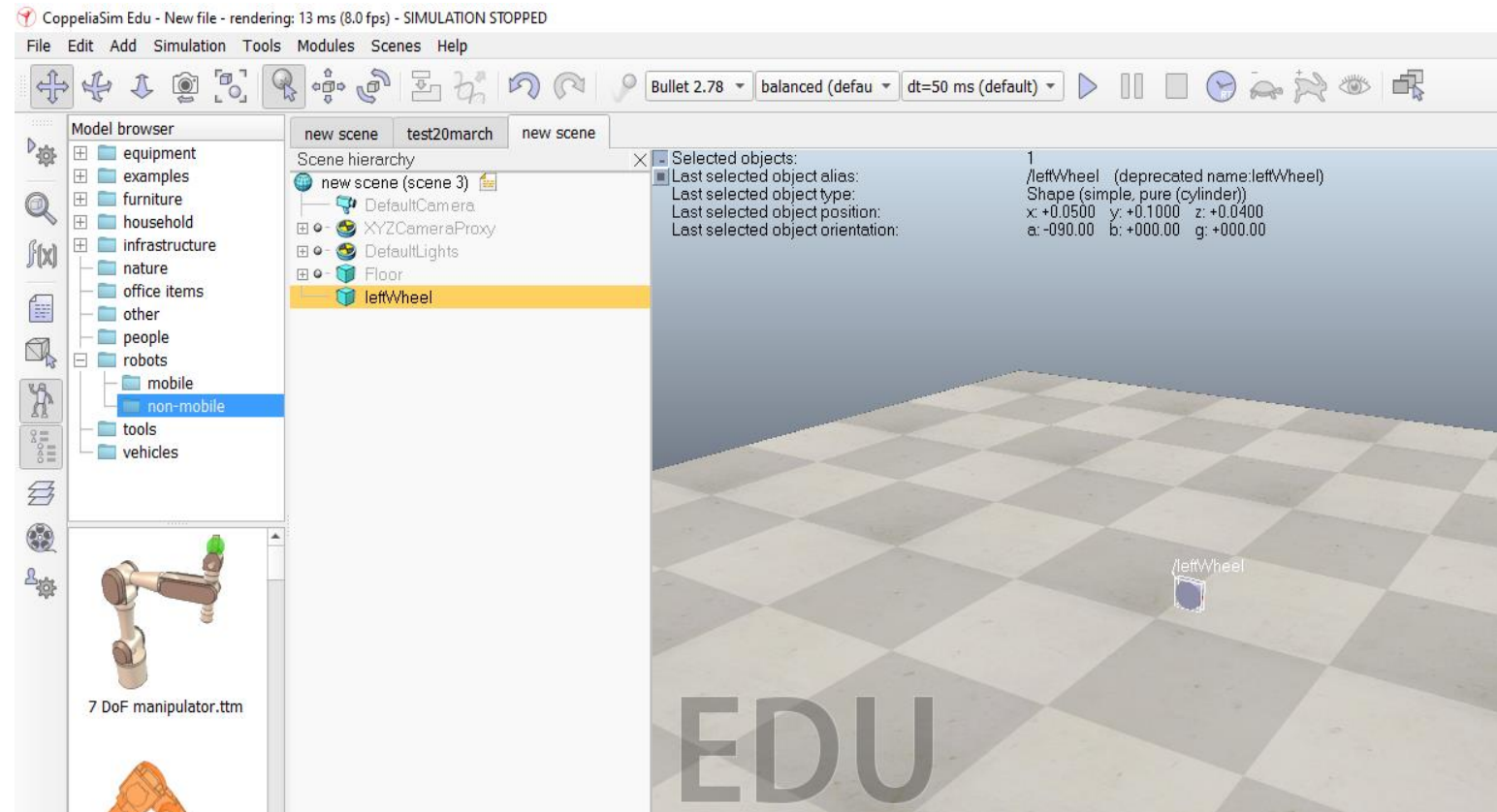


# STEP 9

## Rename the **cylinder** as **leftWheel**

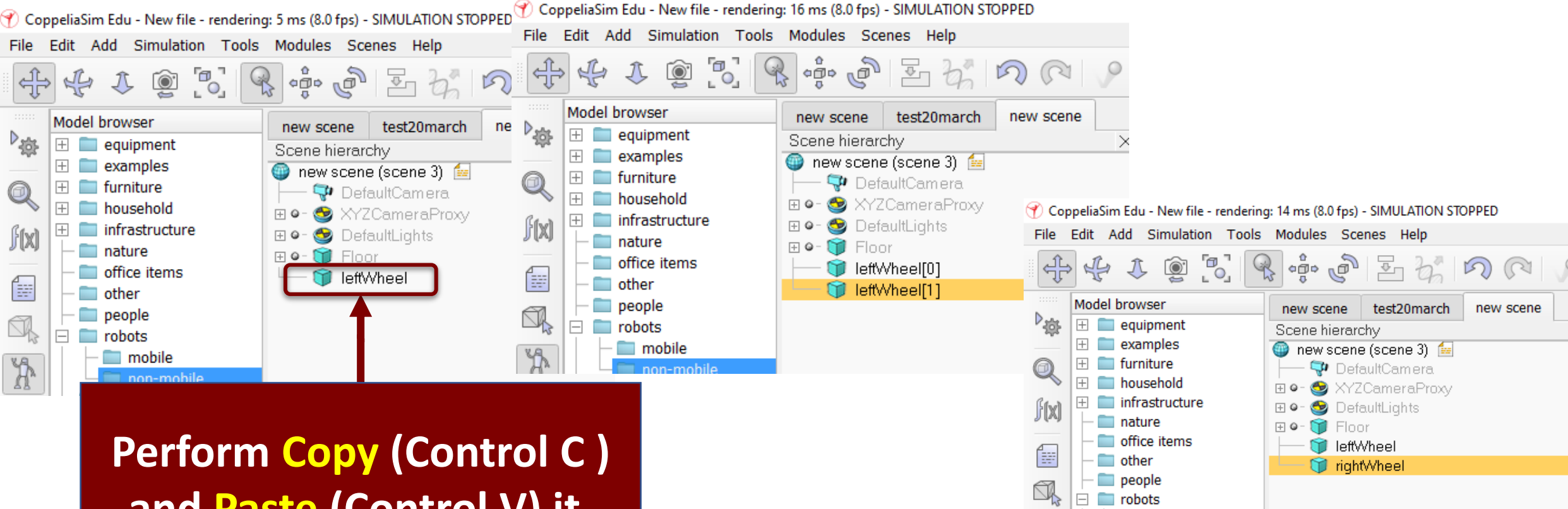


**Double Click on this and  
rename it to  
leftWheel and Press ENTER**



# STEP 10

Copy and paste the **leftWheel**,  
and  
Rename the copy to **rightWheel**.



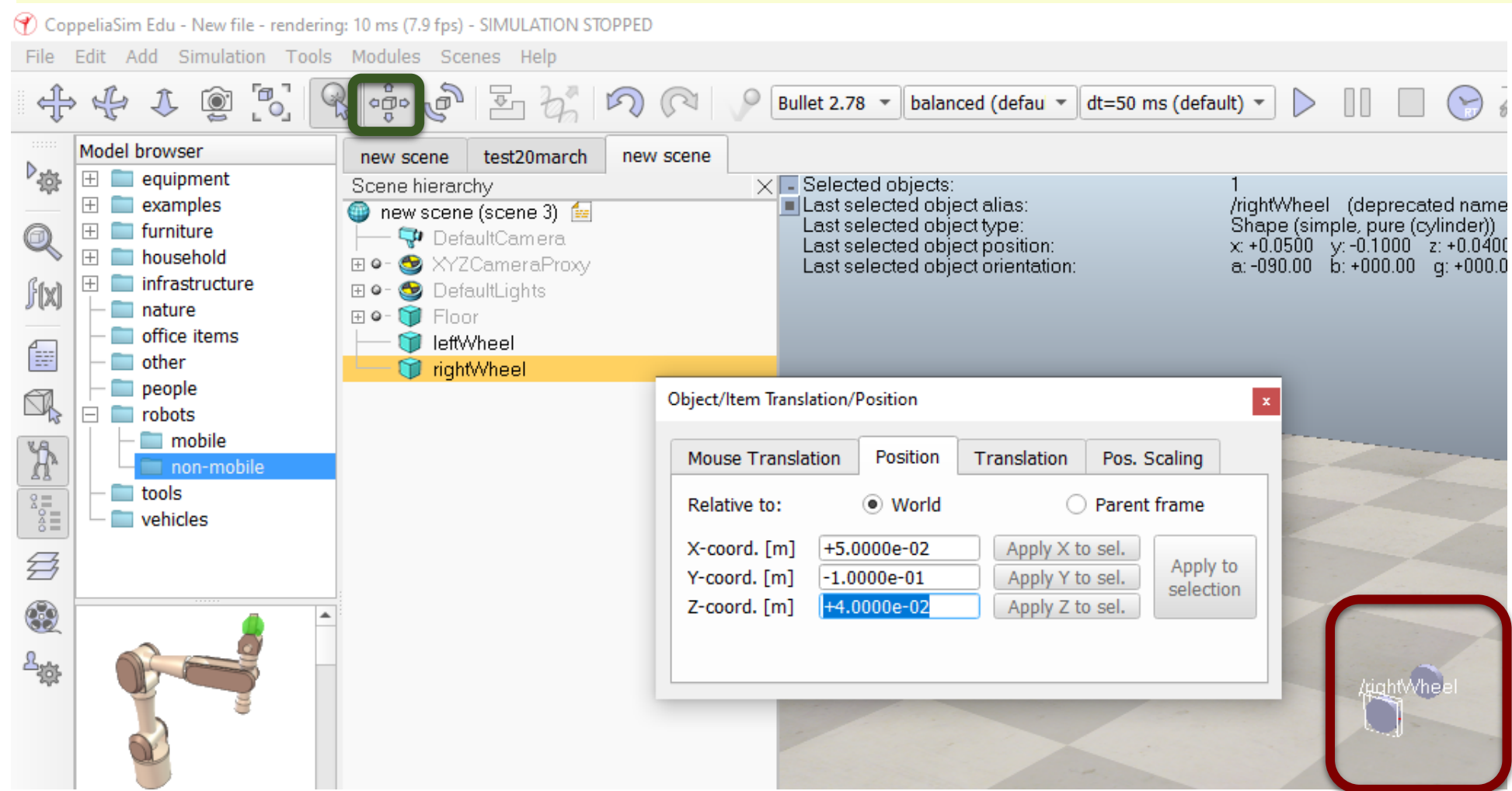
The image displays three sequential screenshots of the CoppeliaSim Edu interface, illustrating the steps to create a second wheel model.

- Left Screenshot:** The 'Model browser' on the left shows a tree structure with categories like 'equipment', 'examples', 'furniture', etc. The 'new scene' tab is active, and the 'Scene hierarchy' on the right shows a list of objects including 'leftWheel', which is highlighted with a red box and a red arrow pointing to it.
- Middle Screenshot:** The 'Scene hierarchy' on the right shows the 'leftWheel[0]' and 'leftWheel[1]' objects. The 'leftWheel[1]' object is highlighted in yellow.
- Right Screenshot:** The 'Scene hierarchy' on the right shows the 'leftWheel' and 'rightWheel' objects. The 'rightWheel' object is highlighted in yellow.

Below the screenshots, a red box contains the text: **Perform Copy (Control C) and Paste (Control V) it.**



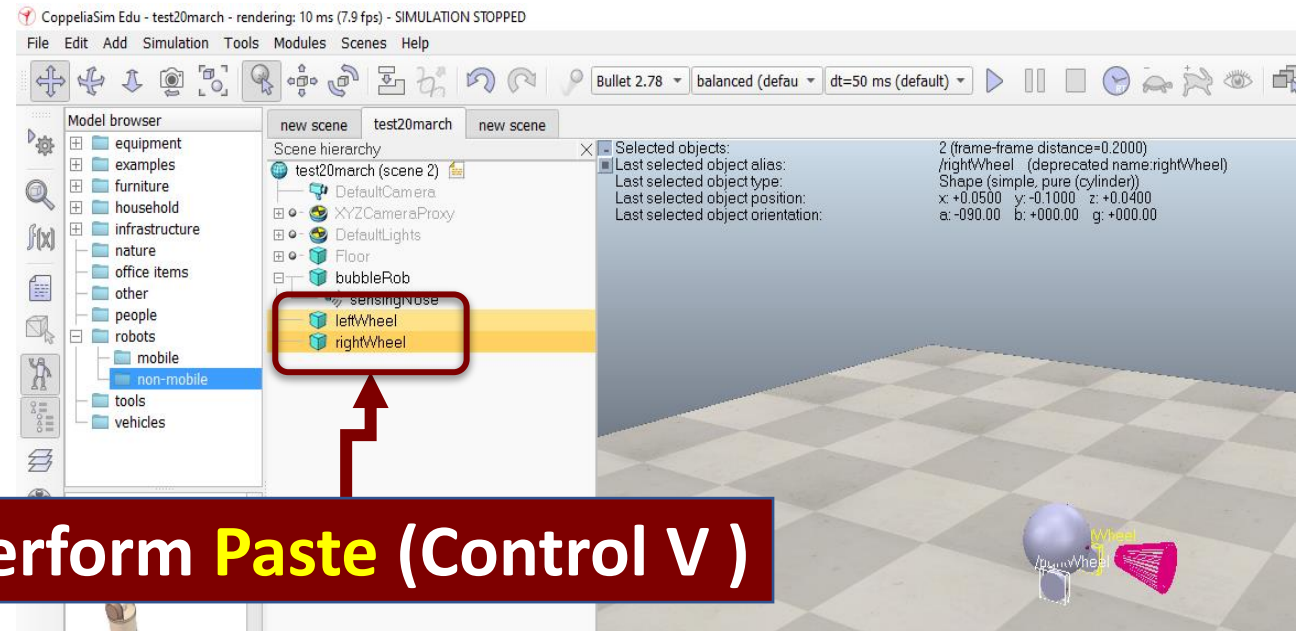
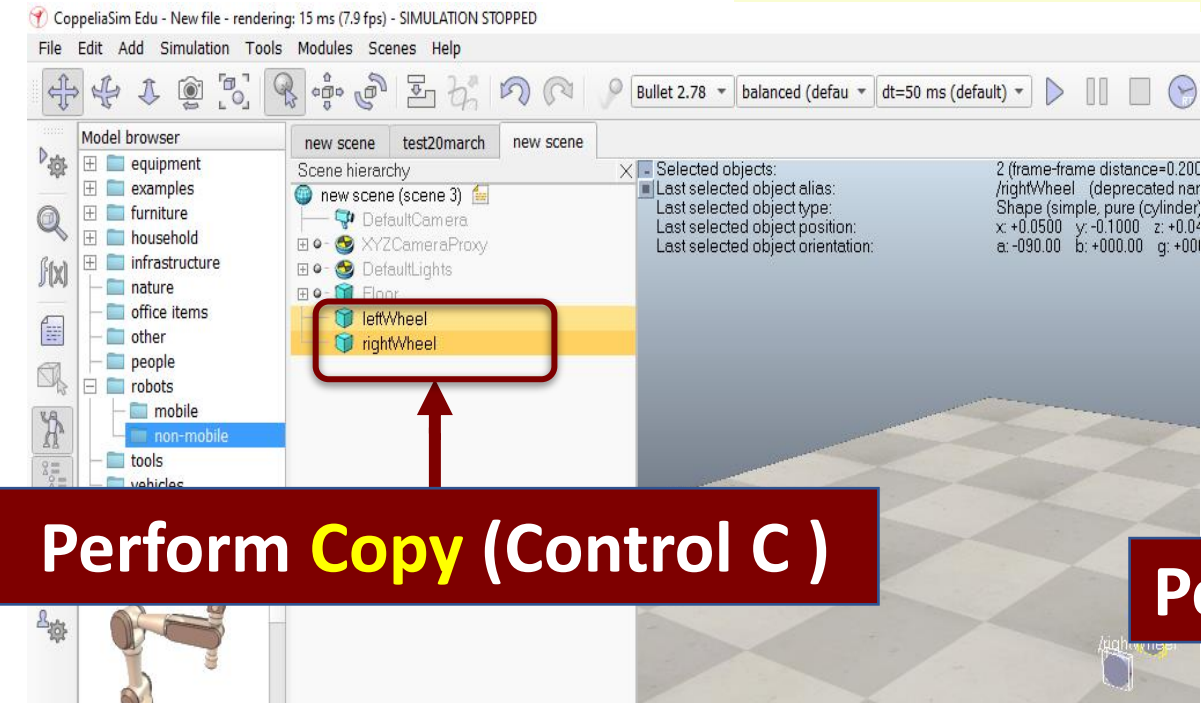
Select **rightWheel**, and set the  
absolute Y coordinate of the copy to -0.1.





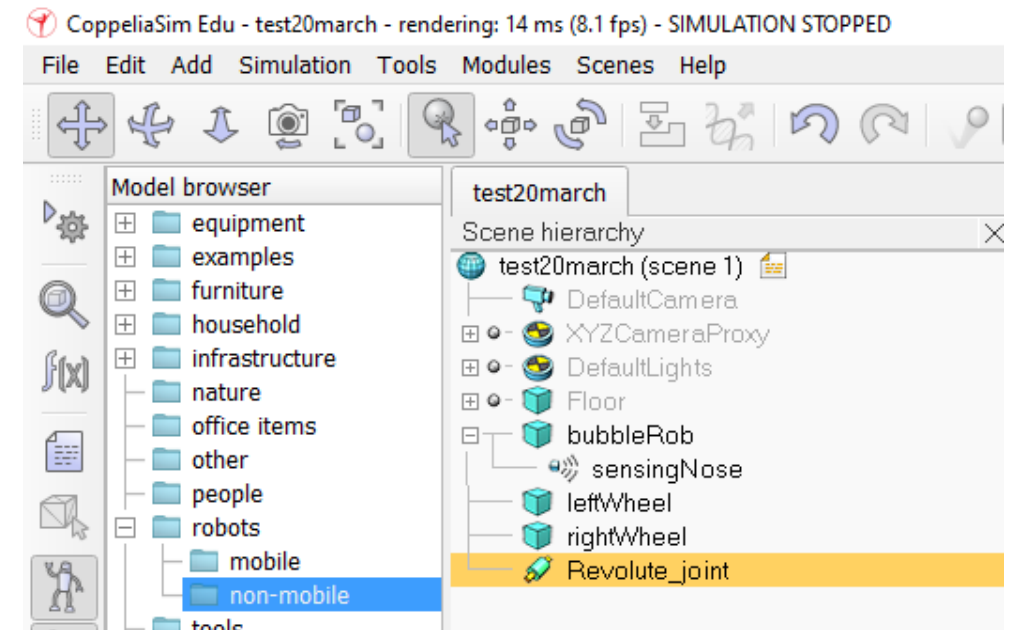
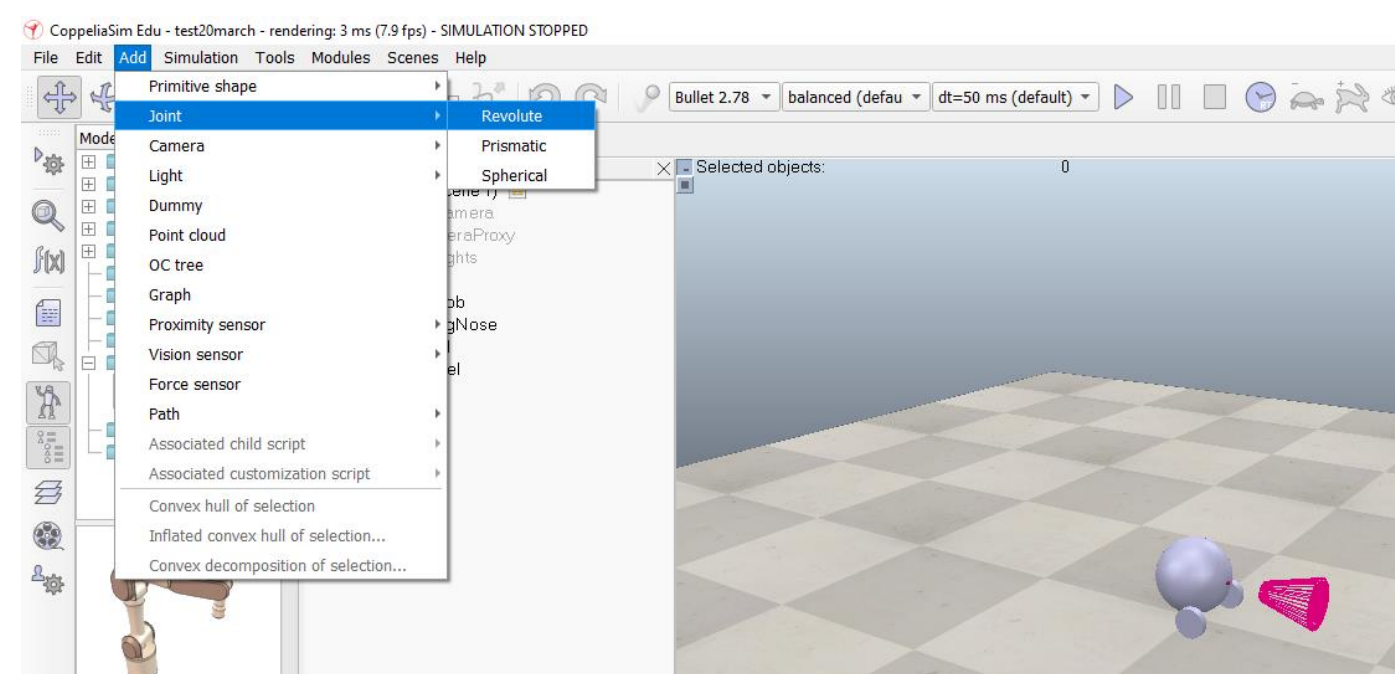
# STEP 11

We select the two wheels, **copy them**, then switch back to scene 1, then **paste the wheels**.



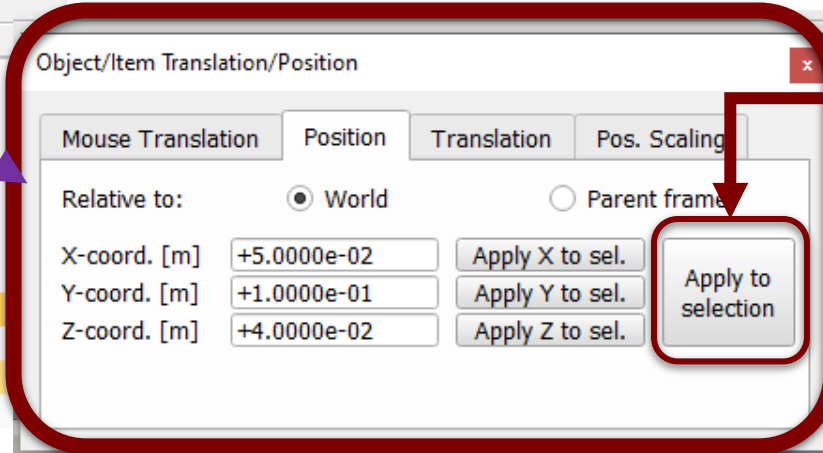
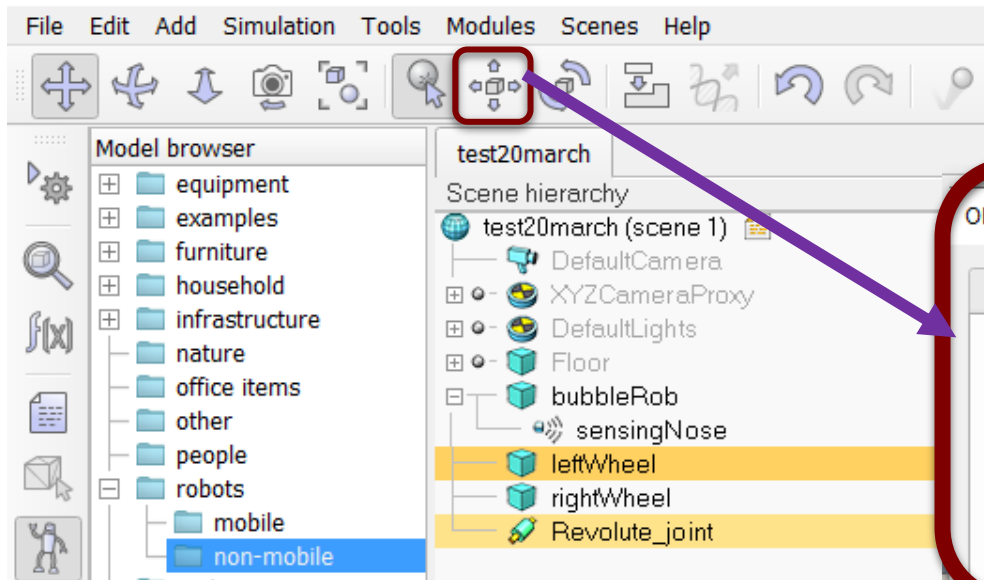
# STEP 12

We now need to **add joints (or motors)** for the wheels. We click  
**[Menu bar --> Add --> Joint --> Revolute]**



Keep the **joint selected**, then **control-select leftWheel**.

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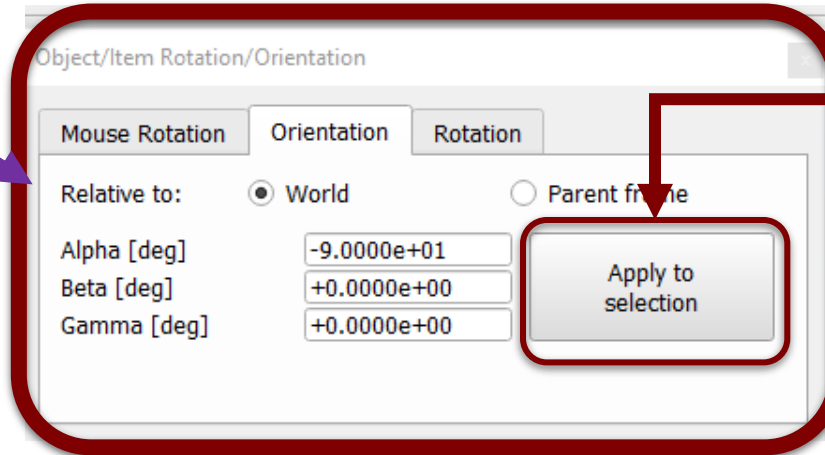
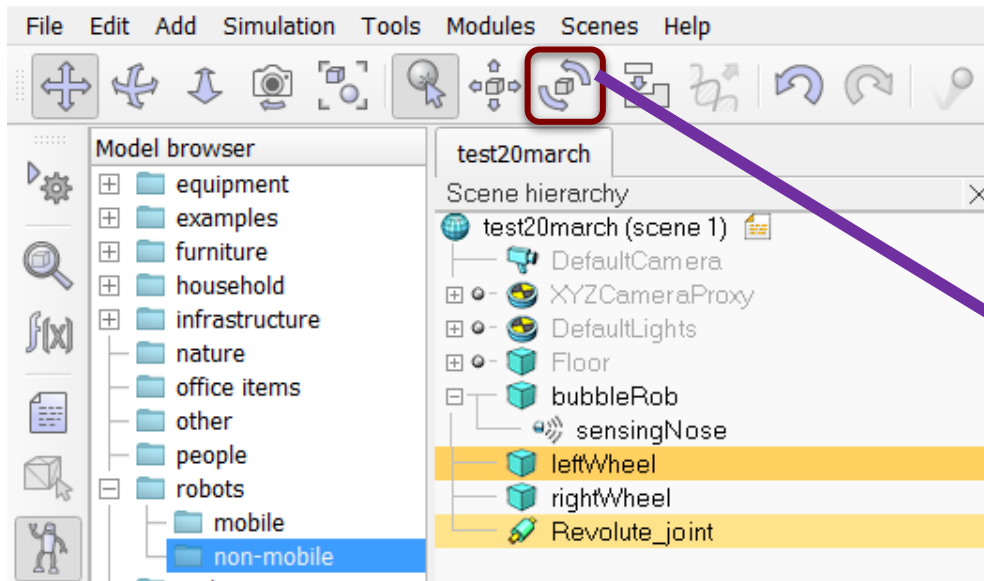


Click on  
**Apply Selection**



Keep the **joint selected**, then **control-select leftWheel**.

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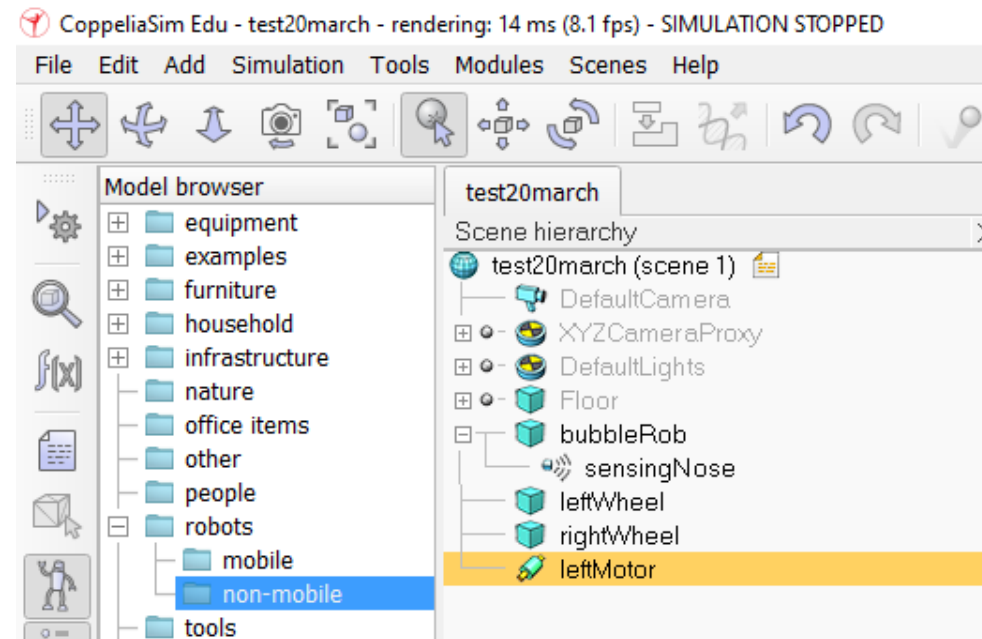
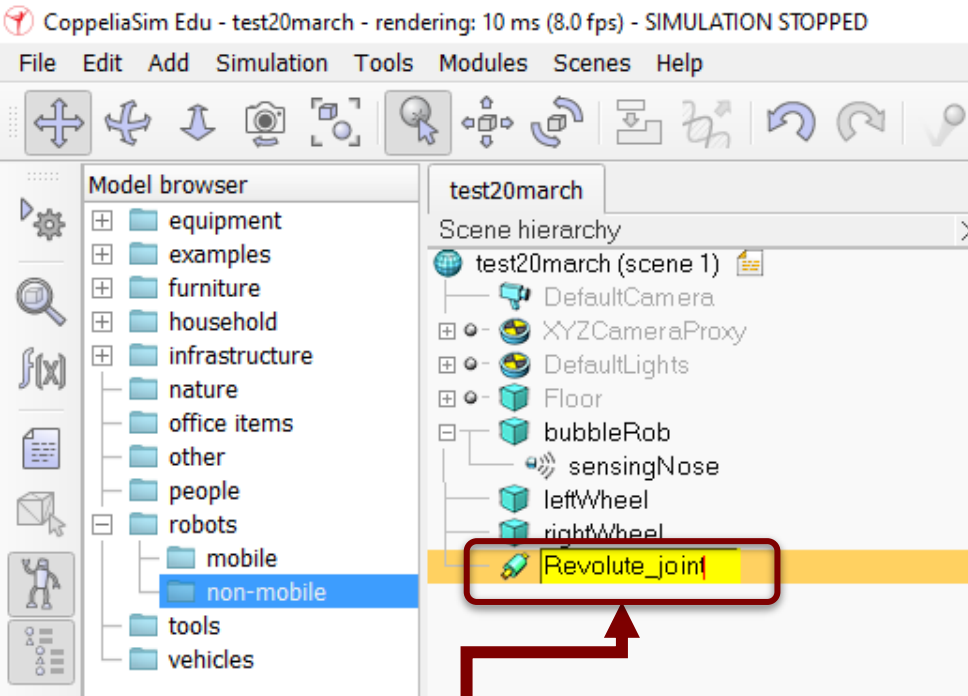


Click on  
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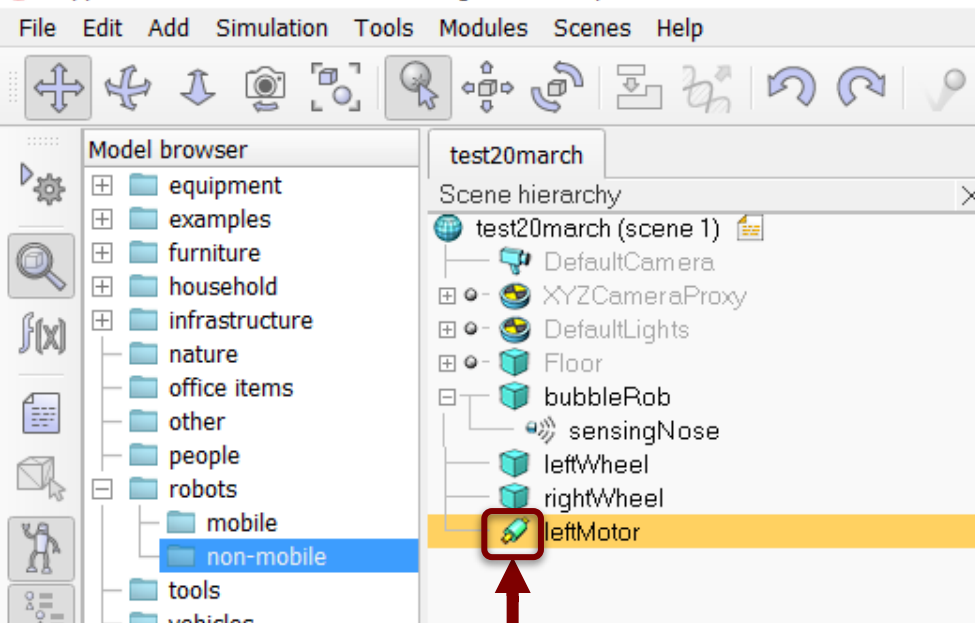


# STEP 13

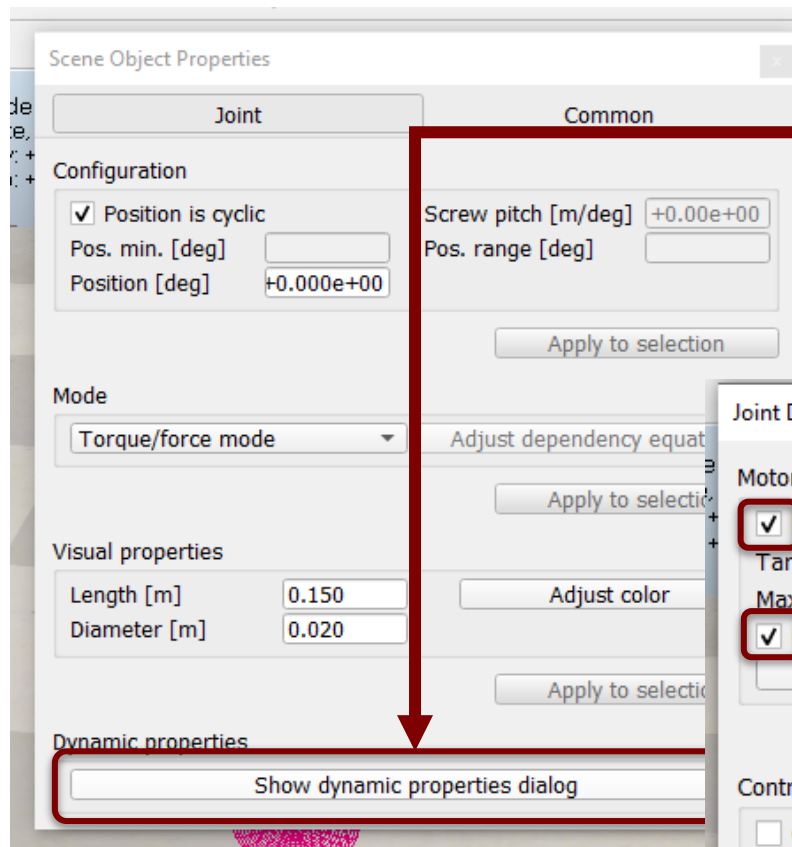
Rename the **joint** to **leftMotor**



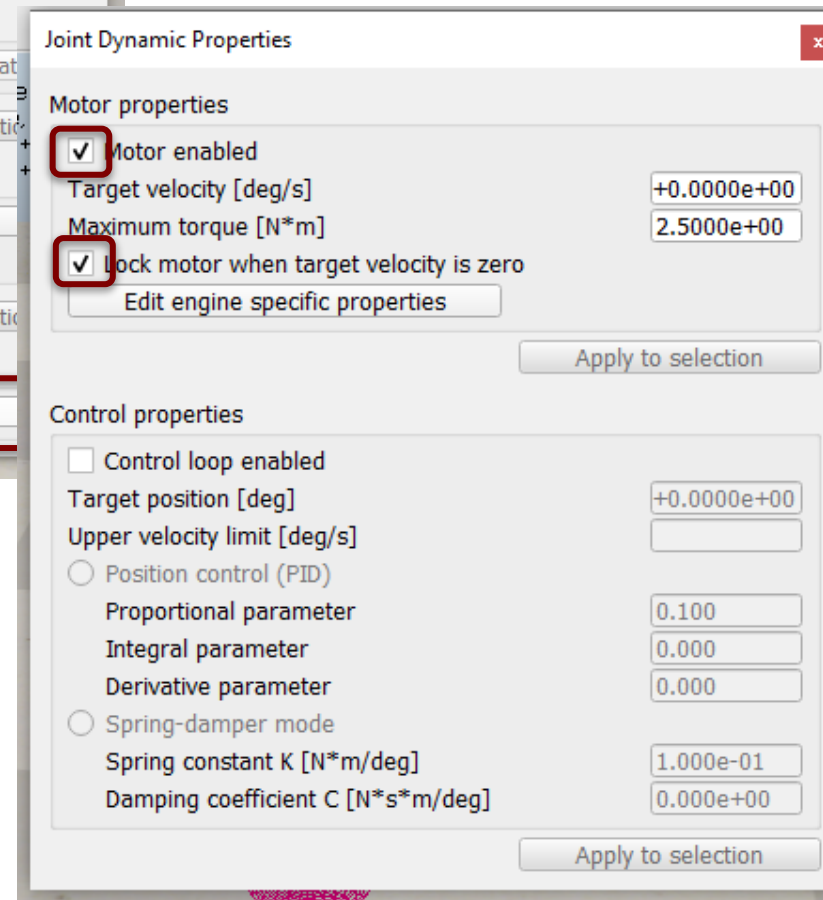




Double Click



Click on this



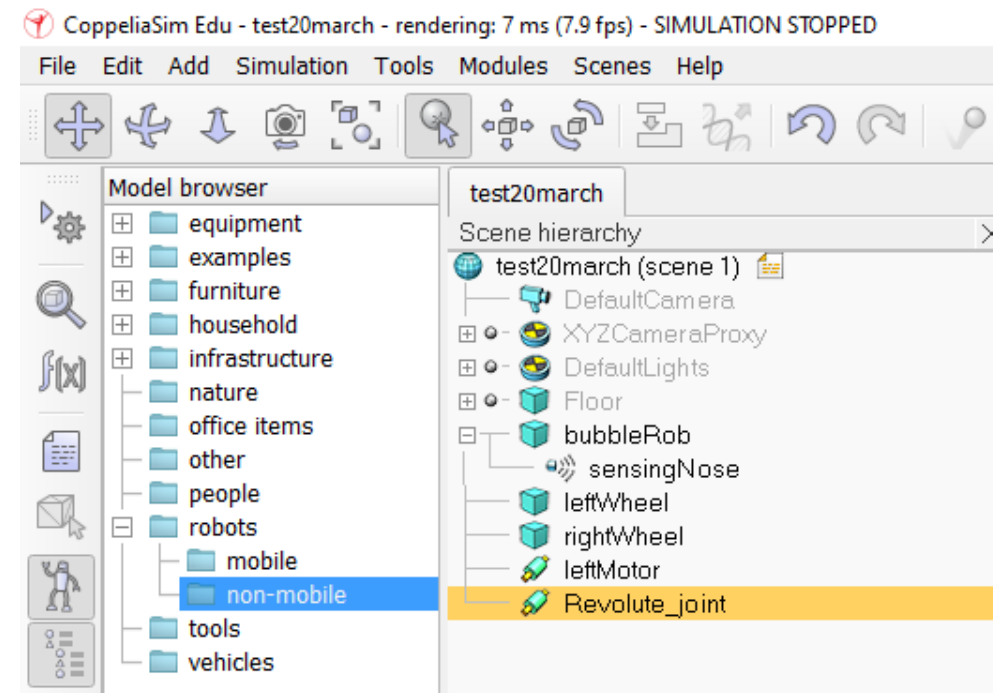
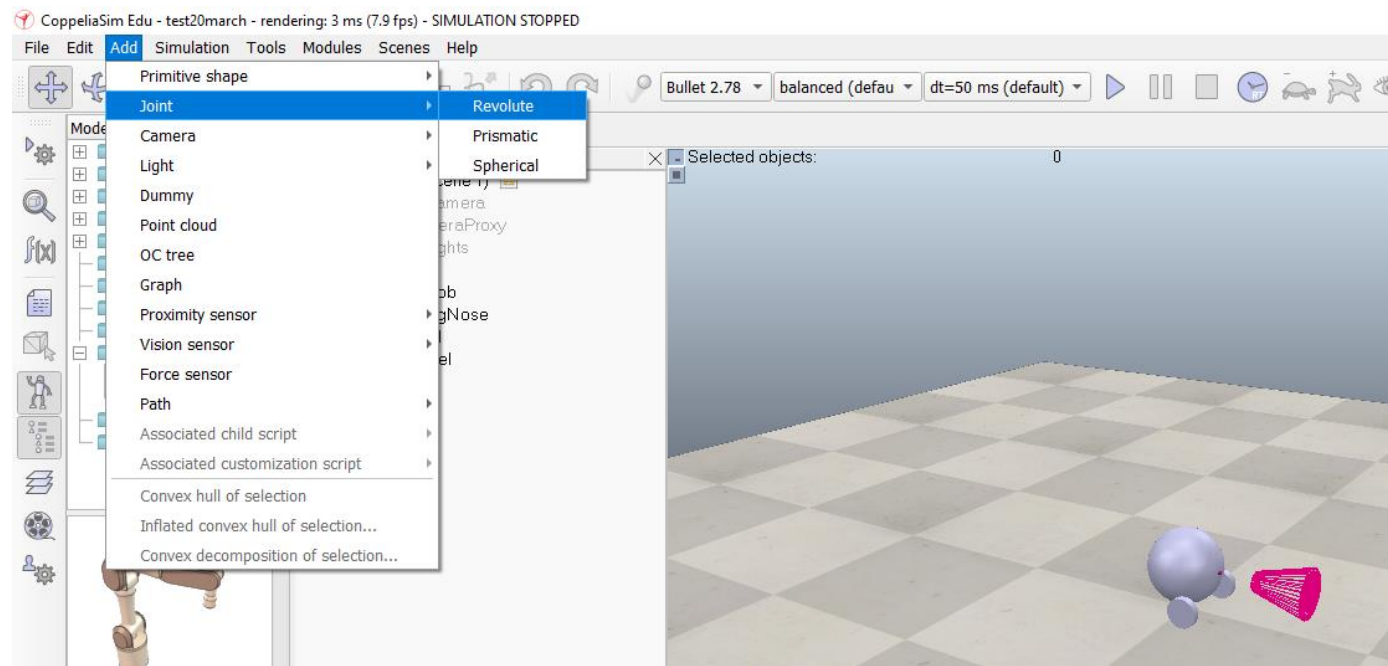
We **enable the motor**, and check item **Lock motor when target velocity is zero**.



**Repeat Step 12 and Step 13:**  
**RightMotor**

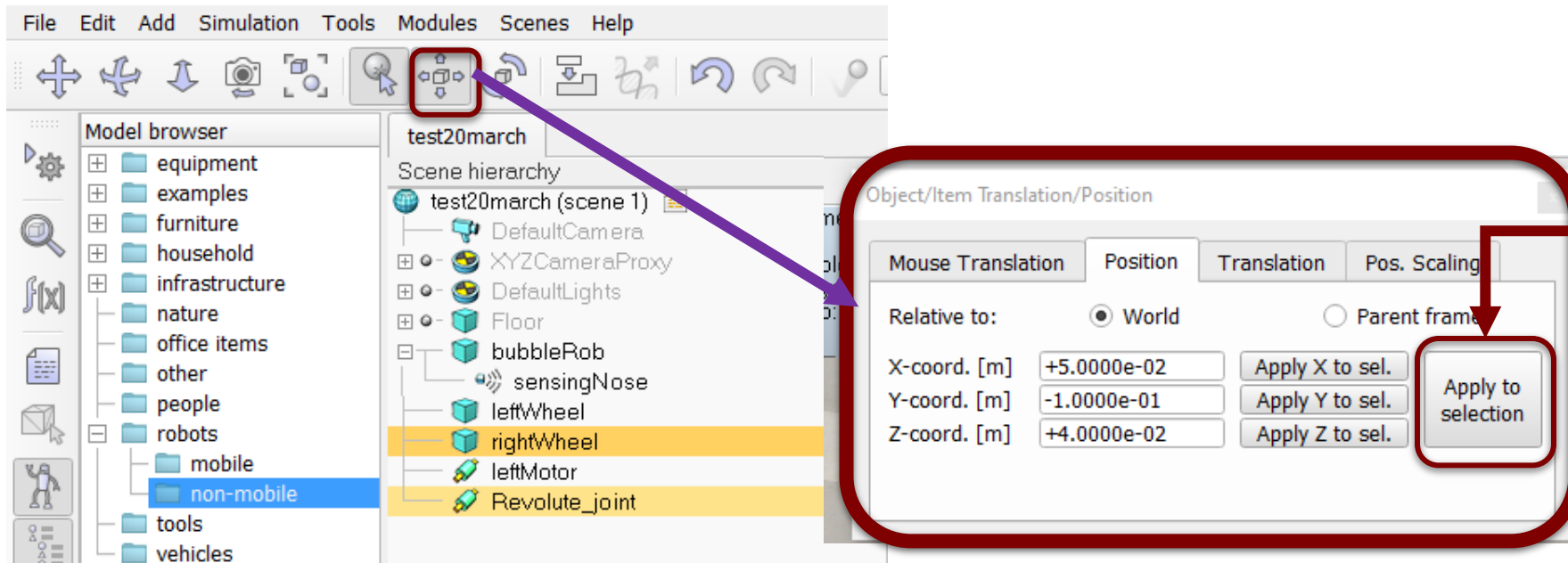
# STEP 14

We now need to **add joints (or motors)** for the wheels. We click  
**[Menu bar --> Add --> Joint --> Revolute]**

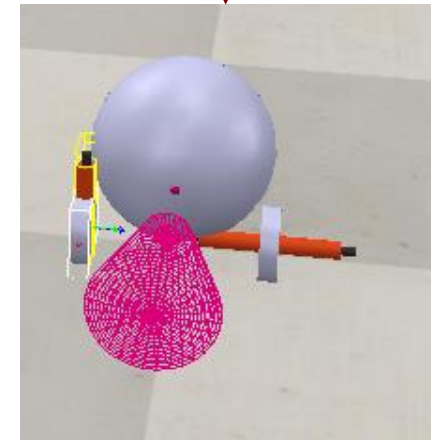


Keep the **joint selected**, then **control-select rightWheel**.

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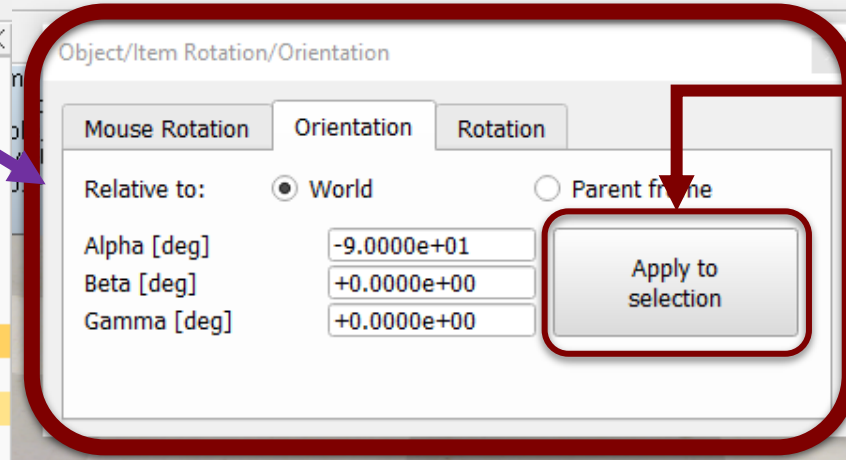
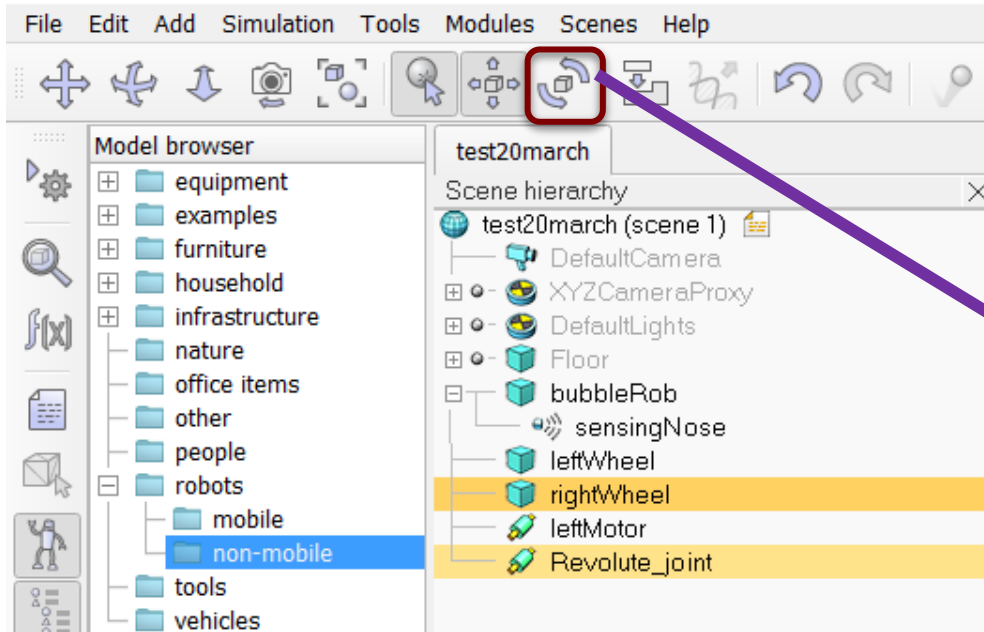


Click on  
**Apply Selection**

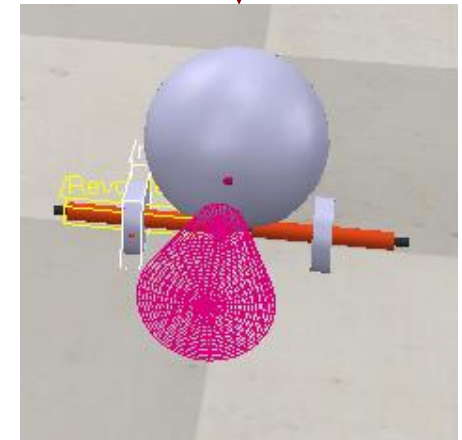


Keep the **joint selected**, then **control-select rightWheel**.

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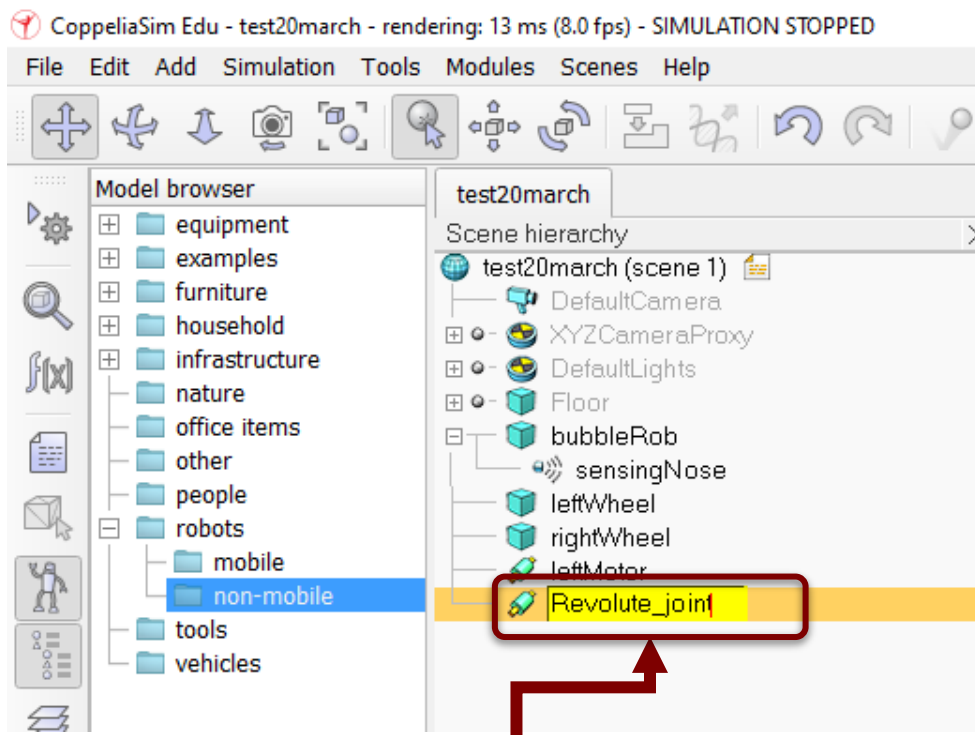


Click on  
Apply Selection

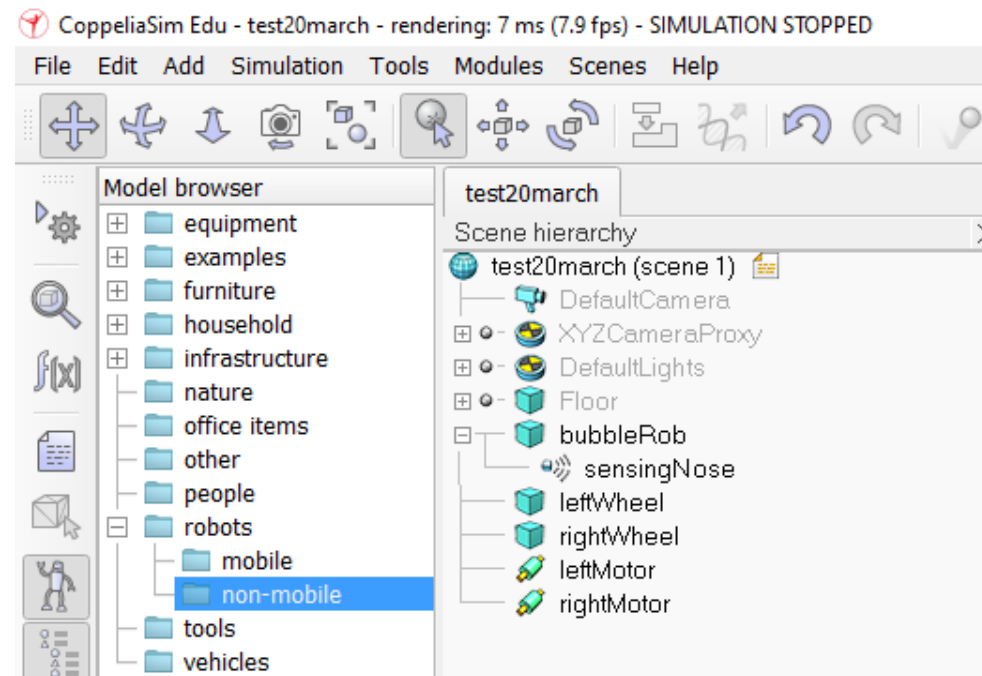


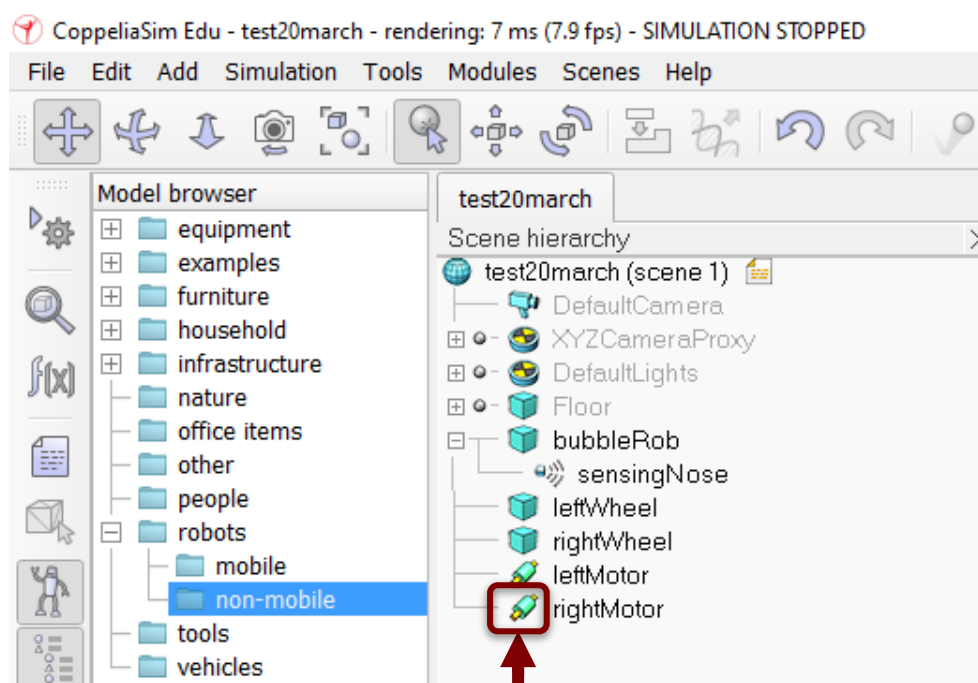
# STEP 15

## Rename the joint to rightMotor



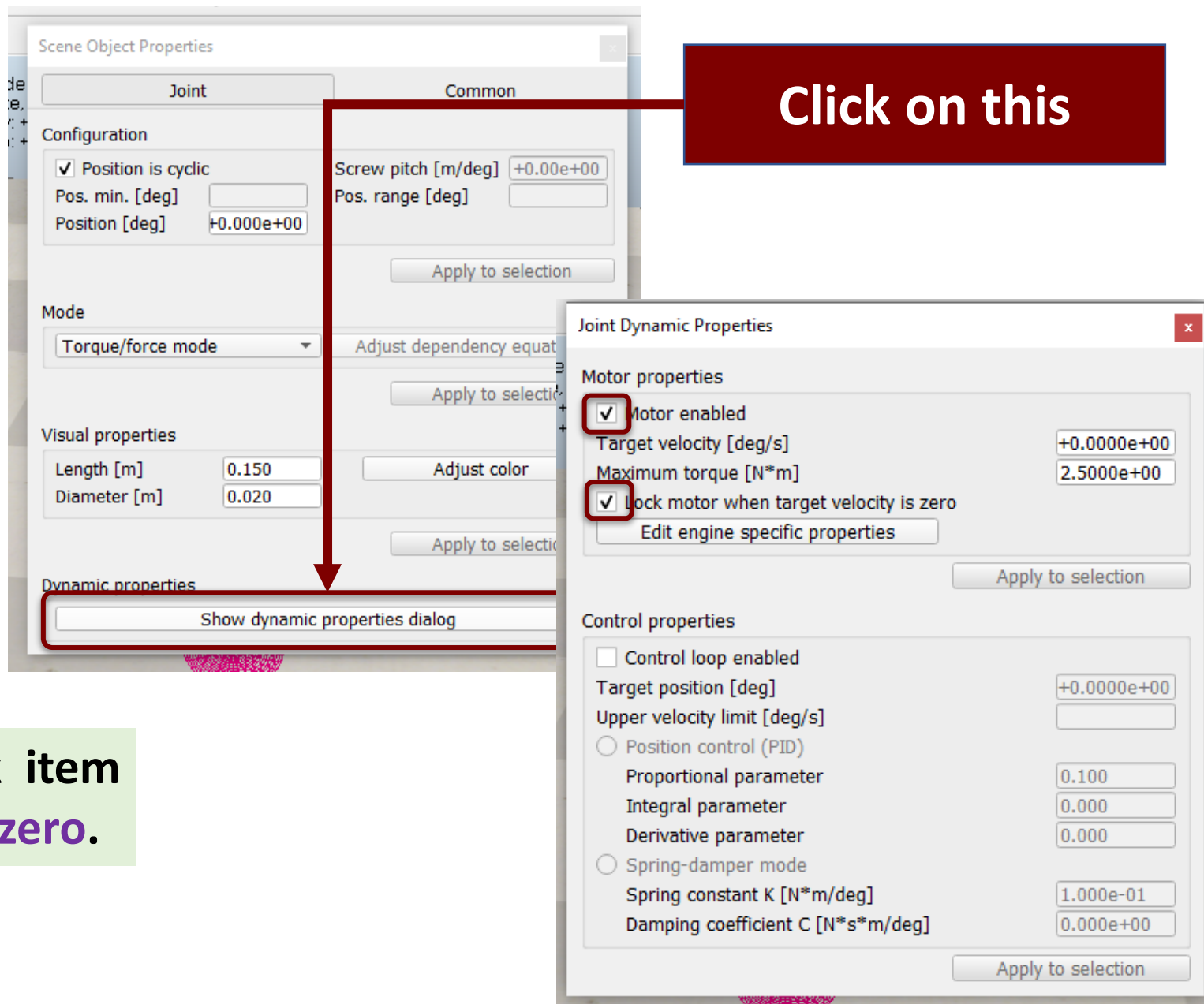
Double Click on this and  
rename it to  
**rightMotor** and Press **ENTER**





**Double Click**

We **enable the motor**, and check item **Lock motor when target velocity is zero**.

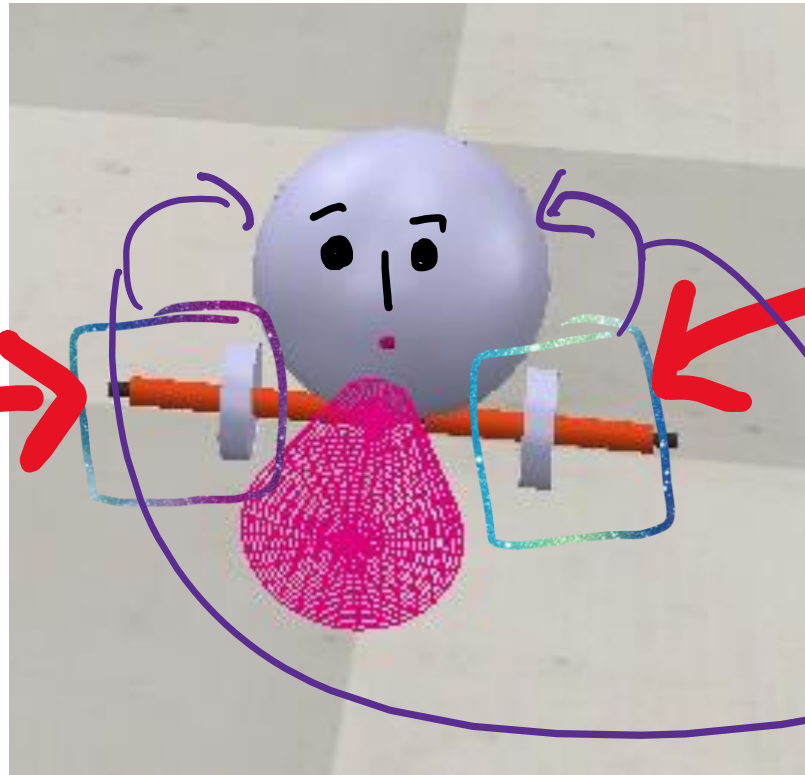




# STEP 16

Now we attach the **left wheel** to the **left motor**,  
the **right wheel** to the **right motor**,  
then **attach the two motors to bubbleRob**.

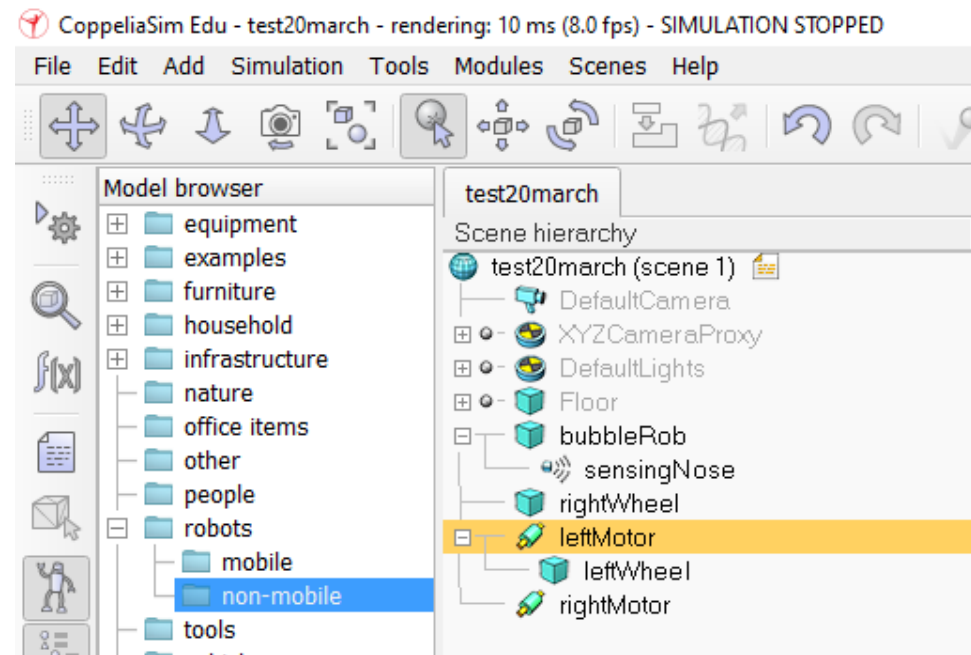
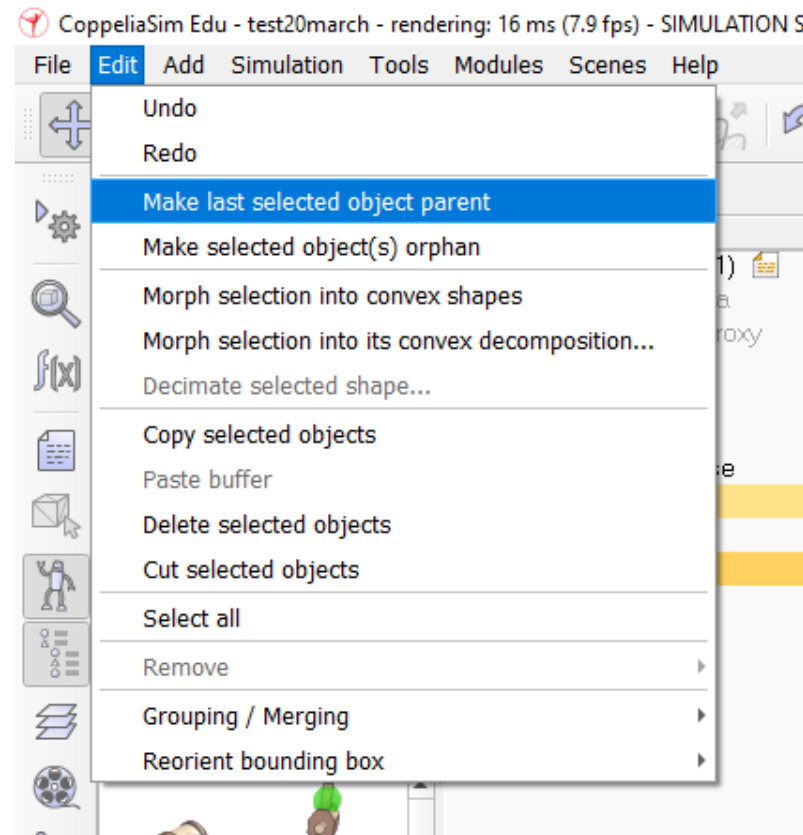
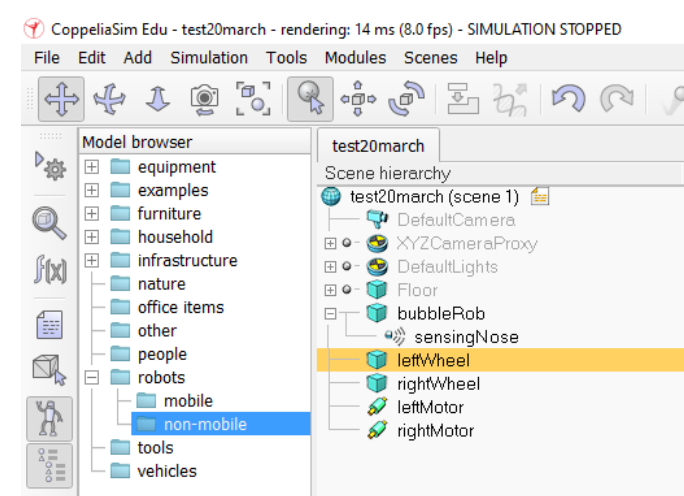
Right  
wheel &  
motor



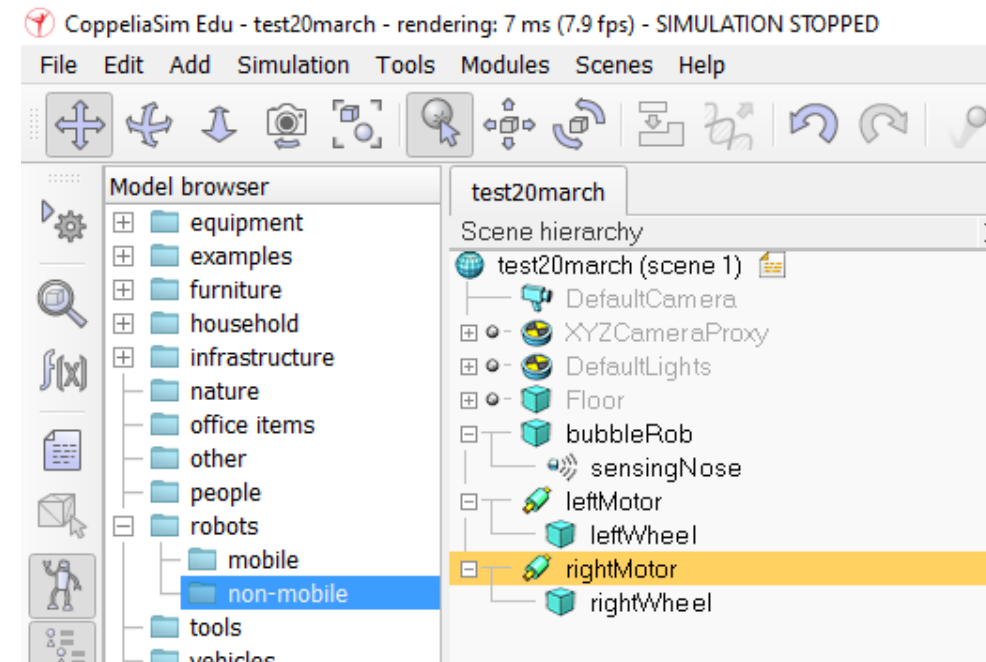
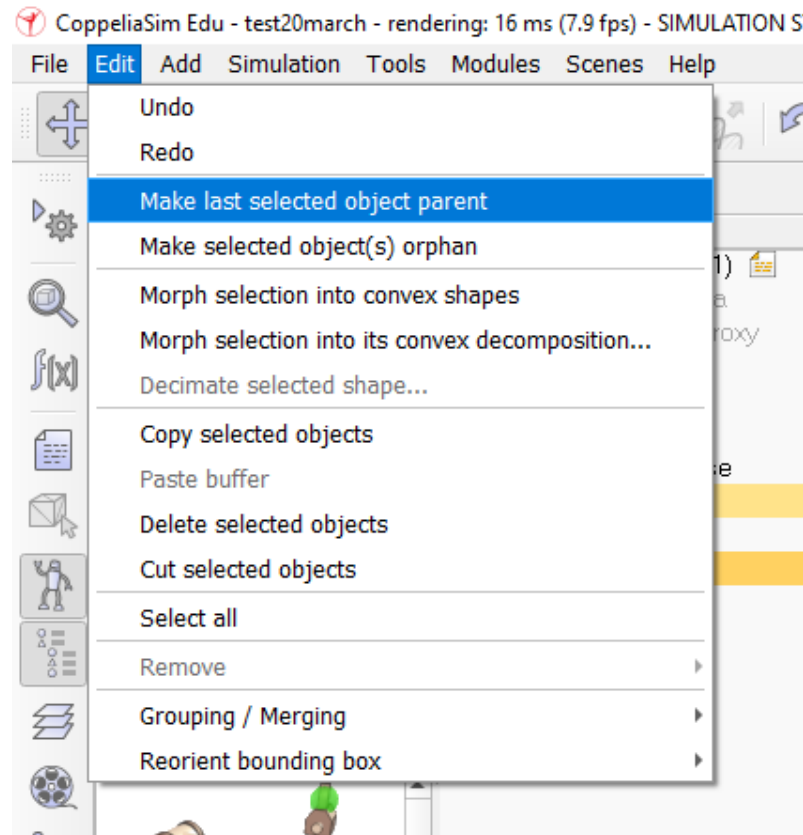
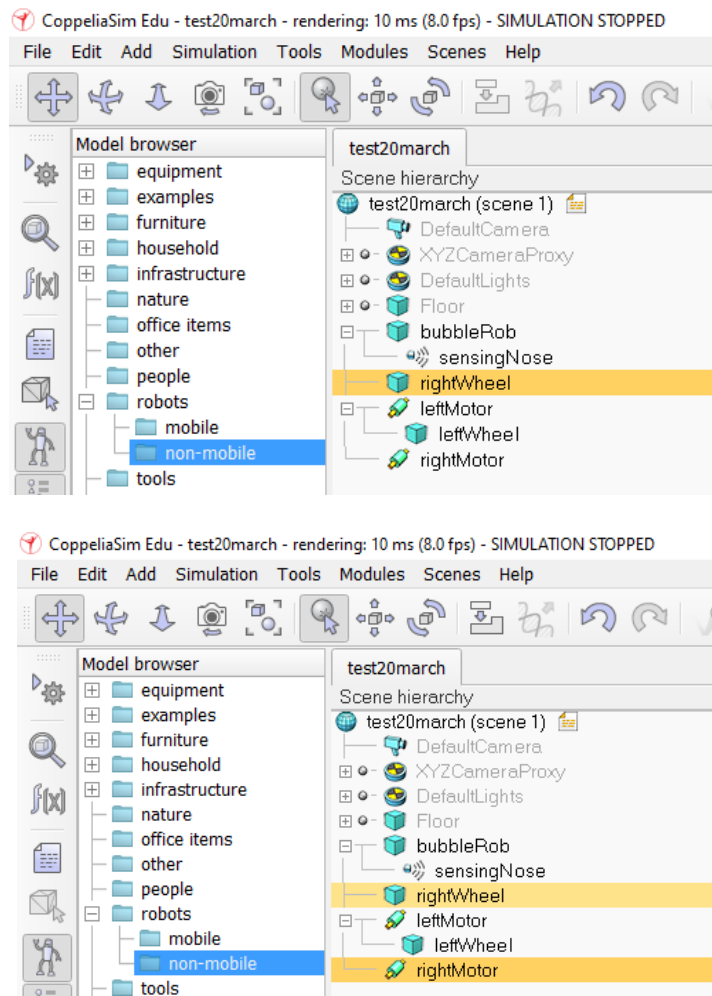
Left wheel &  
motor

Attach the  
two motors  
to bubbleRob

Select **leftWheel**, then **control-select leftMotor**, then click  
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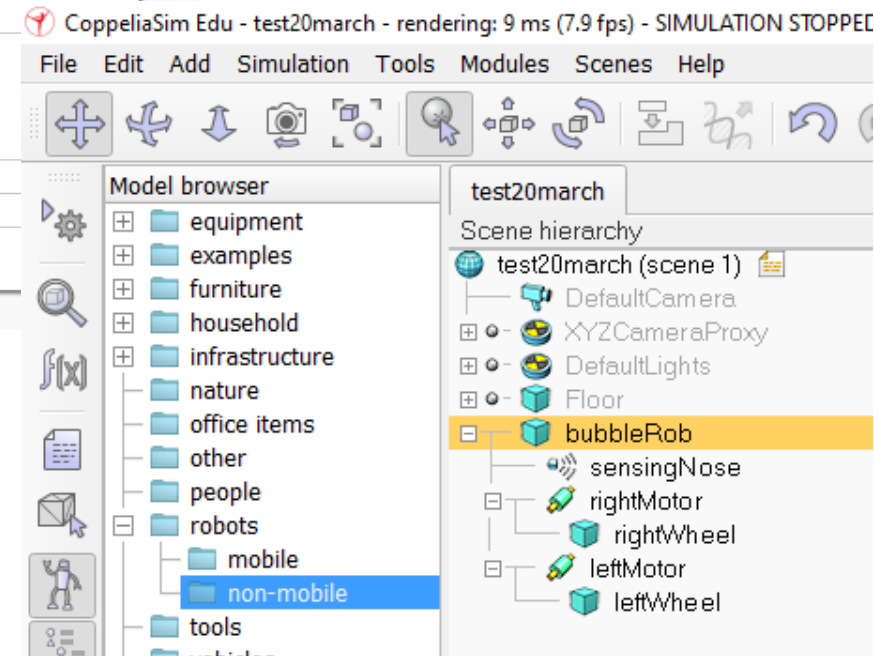
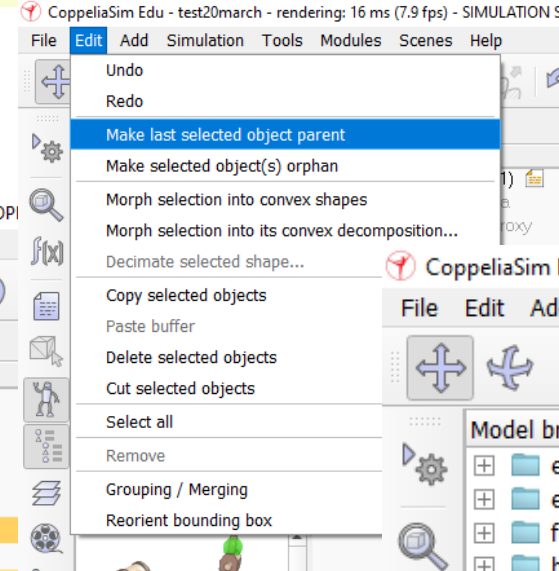
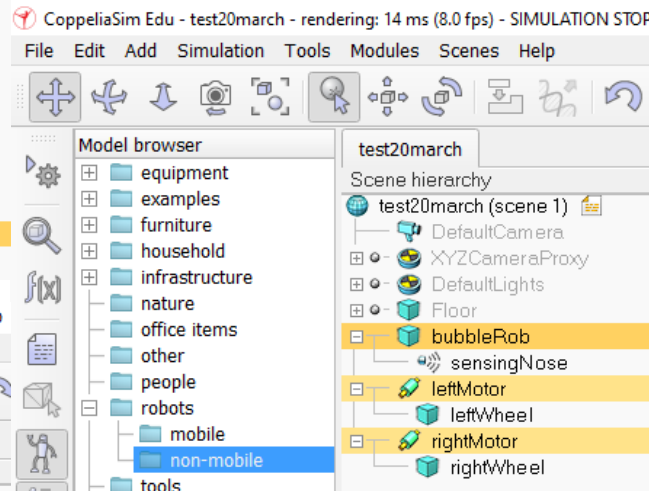
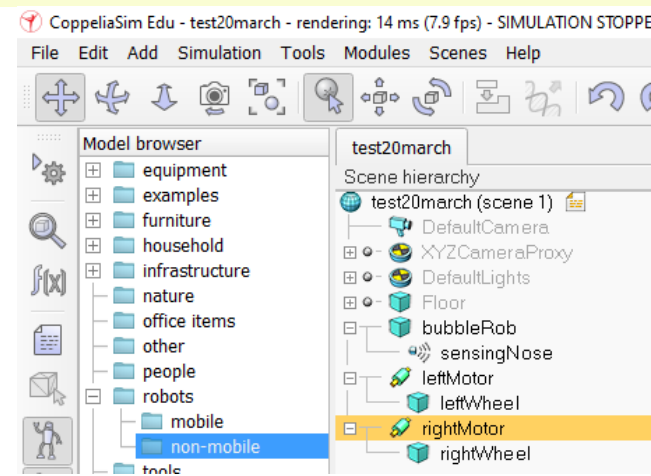


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Attach the two motors to bubbleRob.

Select **rightMotor**, then **control-select leftMotor**, then **bubbleRob**  
click [Menu bar --> Edit --> Make last selected object parent].





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