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Co-Simulating Autoware with Simulink – Software Installation Report

Autoware: A Brief Introduction and an Installation Guide

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Chapter 1: Introduction to Autoware

Autoware is a Robotic Operating System or ROS based software running on Ubuntu. It is widely used in autonomous vehicle development. The graphical interface of Autoware is developed by using an open-source widget toolkit called Qt. Moreover, CUDA, the parallel computing platform developed by Nvidia can also be used to improve the efficiency of data processing. ROS and Qt is required for Autoware, but CUDA is an optional.

The compatible versions of Autoware and Ubuntu the other supporting software can be seen in the table below [1].

Table 1: Compatible versions of Autoware and Ubuntu

Autoware Version	Ubuntu 14.04	Ubuntu 16.04	Ubuntu 18.04
v1.12.0		✓	✓
v1.11.1		✓	
v1.11.0		✓	
v1.10.0		✓	
v1.9.1	✓	✓	
v1.9.0	✓	✓	

Table 2: Compatible versions of Autoware and other supporting software

Product	Ubuntu 14.04	Ubuntu 16.04	Ubuntu 18.04
ROS	Indigo	Kinetic	Melodic
Qt	4.8.6 or higher	5.2.1 or higher	5.9.5 or higher
CUDA (<i>optional</i>)	8.0	9.0	10.0

In our case, we first use Autoware v1.10.0 along with Ubuntu 16.04 because the newer versions of Autoware require more RAM-consuming way of workspace compiling and our computer before having the computer support from MATLAB has limited resources. But after receiving the desired computer support, we have changed to Autoware V1.12.0. The recommended specification to run Autoware on the computer that we first used as well as the other software version can be summarized as in the table below.

Table 3: Recommended specifications for Autoware

CPU	Intel Core i7 (preferred), Core i5, Atom
GPU	NVIDIA GTX GeForce GPU (980M or higher performance)
RAM	16GB to 32GB
Storage	More than 30GB of SSD

Table 4: Computer specifications at disposal

Laptop Model	Lenovo Y5070
CPU	Intel Core i7-4720HQ
GPU	NVIDIA GeForce GTX 960M (2GB GDDR5)
RAM	12 GB DDR3L
Storage	HDD 1 TB 5400 RPM

Table 5: Configurations that were used

Product	Version
Ubuntu	16.04 LTS
ROS	Kinetic
Qt	5.5.1
Autoware	V1.10.0 and V1.12.0

Chapter 2: Installation of Autoware

2.1 Installation of Ubuntu 16.04 LTS

For Ubuntu installation only, please refer to the link provided below:

- <https://tutorials.ubuntu.com/tutorial/tutorial-install-ubuntu-desktop-1604#0>

For Ubuntu installation alongside Windows 10 (Dualboot), please refer to the following link:

- <https://vitux.com/how-to-install-ubuntu-18-04-along-with-windows-10/>

Please, note the following points:

- The installation of Ubuntu 16.04 is similar to the installation of 18.04.
- During an installation, you will have to choose the location and the keyboard layout. Please, choose the native English speaking city (e.g. New York) and English (US) as the keyboard layout to prevent the transformation of .(dot) and ,(comma). Otherwise, this can lead to unsuccessful installation of Autoware

2.2 Installation of ROS Kinetic

For ROS Kinetic installation, please refer to the link provided below:

- http://wiki.ros.org/kinetic/Installation/Ubuntu?fbclid=IwAR2hUY66jx58g_zDdP8oD3JppSa29NJ53_FIPojZnO5WQC_o6CJdEqBA8hU

Below are listed the necessary commands to install ROS Kinetic successfully on Ubuntu 16.04:

```
➤ sudo sh -c 'echo "deb http://packages.ros.org/ros/ubuntu $(lsb_release -sc) main" > /etc/apt/sources.list.d/ros-latest.list'
```



```
➤ sudo apt-key adv --keyserver 'hkp://keyserver.ubuntu.com:80'
  --recv-key C1CF6E31E6BADE8868B172B4F42ED6FBAB17C654
➤ sudo apt-get update
➤ sudo apt-get install ros-kinetic-desktop-full
➤ sudo rosdep init
➤ rosdep update
➤ echo "source /opt/ros/kinetic/setup.bash" >> ~/.bashrc
➤ source ~/.bashrc
➤ sudo apt install python-rosinstall python-rosinstall-
  generator python-wstool build-essential
```

Please note that, in the fourth command, it was recommended to install every module of ROS Kinetic to be on the safe side.

In order to check if ROS Kinetic is installed correctly or not, any command in the following link can be tested:

➤ <http://wiki.ros.org/ROS/Tutorials>

2.3 Installation of Qt

The installation guide for Qt is mentioned in detail in the link that follows:

➤ https://www.lucidar.me/en/dev-c-cpp/how-to-install-qt-creator-on-ubuntu-16-04/?fbclid=IwAR1ZPUmVp6YmQuZuuagunz7anIR8nP5hzwdfSpX9Lmt0L_qg9lN2up4gl_o8

The commands below can be used to install Qt creator. There is no need for confirmation of installation in this part.

```
➤ sudo apt-get install build-essential
➤ sudo apt-get install qtcreator
```

```
➤ sudo apt-get install qt5-default
```

2.4 Installation of Autoware v1.12.0 with a Demo Run

In order to install Autoware, it was recommended by us to use *Source Build* which is much simpler compared to the second method which is called *Docker Build*. However, it should be noted that Autoware Foundation suggests users to install Autoware using *Docker Build* since NVIDIA tools are utilized during Docker method.

The following link provides a detailed guide on installation of Autoware:

➤ <https://gitlab.com/autowarefoundation/autoware.ai/autoware/wikis/Source-Build>

Installation of Autoware v1.12.0 using *Source Build* method is explained below. Firstly, some dependencies that are prerequisite for the installation of Autoware needs be build:

```
➤ sudo apt-get update
➤ sudo apt-get install -y python-catkin-pkg python-rosdep ros-
  $ROS_DISTRO-catkin gksu
➤ sudo apt-get install -y python3-pip python3-colcon-common-
  extensions python3-setuptools python3-vcstool
➤ pip3 install -U setuptools
```

After finishing the above steps, Autoware can be downloaded and built using following commands:

```
➤ mkdir -p autoware.ai/src
➤ cd autoware.ai
➤ wget -O autoware.ai.repos
  https://gitlab.com/autowarefoundation/autoware.ai/autoware/
  raw/1.12.0/autoware.ai.repos?inline=false
➤ vcs import src < autoware.ai.repos
➤ rosdep update
```

```
➤ rosdep install -y --from-paths src --ignore-src --rosdistro  
  $ROS_DISTRO  
➤ Colcon build --cmake-args -DCMAKE_BUILD_TYPE=Release
```

After the installation is complete, we run the demo to check if Autoware is installed correctly or not.

The ROSBAG files necessary for demo running as well as the video tutorial can be downloaded and installed from the links that follow respectively:

- <https://gitlab.com/autowarefoundation/autoware.ai/autoware/wikis/ROSBAG-Demo>
- https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OWwtr_71cql&t=252s

Chapter 3: MATLAB and Simulink

MATLAB is a programming platform which has its own matrix-based language or MATLAB language. This software is very popular in the engineering field. Simulink is a graphical programming environment based on MATLAB. Simulink's user draws a block diagram which represents a certain system. The system then can be simulated, and the users can modify any parameters to observe the result or to optimize or tune the system. This is very popular in engineering control. MATLAB and Simulink are available on a variety of operating systems.

With Simulink and Model-Based Design, a user can model and simulate the system under test. A user can avoid expensive costs involved in prototyping by testing the system under real-life conditions which are otherwise too risky or time-consuming to consider; hence, a user can test early and often. Furthermore, a user can automatically generate code without having to write C, C++, or HDL code. For further information on how to design and simulate your system in Simulink before moving to hardware, please refer to the link that follows:

- <https://www.mathworks.com/products/simulink.html>

Because MATLAB can create ROS nodes and topics which can be connected to an existing ROS Network (e.g. Network of Autoware nodes and topics). Therefore, it is not necessary to install MATLAB on the same computer as Autoware. However, it is more convenient to work if both Autoware and MATLAB are installed on the same computer in case the number of computers is limited, and the network is not reliable.

Robotic System Toolbox

In order to create ROS nodes and topics, an additional toolbox called *Robotic System Toolbox* provided by MATLAB must be installed together with MATLAB and Simulink.

Autoware Toolbox

There are sample MATLAB/Simulink codes which have been developed to use with Autoware. These codes are provided in *Autoware Toolbox* [4]. We also used these codes to see how the connection between MATLAB and Autoware can be established. This toolbox also requires additional MATLAB's toolboxes, and it defines the release of MATLAB to be installed.

The version of each product can be checked by entering the following command in the command window:

```
>> ver
```

The table that follows shows the release of MATLAB and toolboxes that are installed on our computer.

Table 6: MathWorks Products and their Releases

Product	Release
MATLAB	R2018b
Simulink	R2018b
Robotic System Toolbox	R2018b
Computer Vision System Toolbox	R2018b
Image Processing Toolbox	R2018b

For installation of MathWorks product on Windows, Ubuntu, Mac OS, please refer to the following link:

- <https://www.mathworks.com/help/install/ug/install-mathworks-software.html>

Chapter 4: Autoware Toolbox

This section covers some details about the sample MATLAB/Simulink codes that are developed to be used in conjunction with Autoware [4]. These codes are available on GitHub under the name 'Autoware Toolbox'. Please refer to the following link to access Autoware Toolbox:

- https://github.com/CPFL/Autoware_Toolbox.

For this project, we have made use of this Autoware Toolbox to see how the connection between MATLAB and Autoware is established. Autoware, a very popular open-source software, provides a complete set of self-driving modules. There are three principle functionalities of Autoware: sensing, computing, and actuating. Autonomous vehicles as cyber-physical systems can be abstracted into sensing, computing, and actuation.

The main requirements to use Autoware Toolbox are the pre-installation of Autoware, and additional toolboxes in MATLAB/Simulink such as Robotic System Toolbox, Computer Vision System Toolbox (*optional*), Image Processing Toolbox (*optional*). The release of MATLAB to be used is R2018b.

To prepare and install Autoware Toolbox for use with MATLAB, please refer to the following link for detailed installation guide:

- https://github.com/CPFL/Autoware_Toolbox/blob/master/docs/en/install_awtb_en.md

In addition to this, one needs to have read and write permissions for MATLAB folder. On Linux, these can be granted by using the following command:

```
$ sudo chmod -R a+rwX /path/to/matlab/folder
```

To prepare and install *Robotics System Toolbox*, please refer to the following link for detailed instructions:

- <https://www.mathworks.com/help/releases/R2018a/robotics/ug/install-robotics-system-toolbox-support-packages.html>

There are various modules in Autoware Toolbox such as detection module (consisting of ACF Detector node, LiDAR Euclidean Track node, and Vision Dummy Track node), Localization module (consisting of Vel pose connect node), Mission Planning module (consisting of Lane stop node and Lane Rule node), and Motion planning module (which includes Path Select node, Pure pursuit node, Twist filter node and WF simulator). In addition to these modules, there are various filters included, such as Voxel Grid Filter, Random Filter, Non-Uniform Voxel Grid Filter, and Fog Rectification filter.

4.1 A Short Description of the Functionalities of Autoware



Figure 1: Three Principle Functionalities of Autoware

4.1.1 Sensing Module

Autoware mainly recognizes road environment with the help of sensing devices such as LiDARs, scanners, and cameras. This obtained data is then preprocessed by the sensing module. This data is in its raw form still which is then down-sampled with the help of filters such as point cloud filter and image filter. Point cloud filter nodes down-sample raw point cloud data as obtained from LiDARs, whereas Image filter filters the data obtained from cameras.

Point Cloud Library is mainly used to manage LiDAR scans and 3D mapping data, in addition to performing data filtering and visualization to localize, map, and detect objects in the point cloud (Euclidean distance between points). Therefore, Autoware takes advantage of this result to get an accurate position between 3D maps and the LiDAR scanner mounted on the vehicle.

4.1.2. Computing Module

Computing is an important functionality of Autoware, and it is an essential module for autonomous vehicles. Autoware can compute the final trajectory and communicate with the actuation module by using the sensor data obtained from sensing module and 3D Maps.

The computing module consists of localization (which exploits scan matching between 3D maps and LiDAR scanners to create 3D maps), detection (which includes deep learning and machine learning techniques to detect objects in the surrounding such as other vehicles, pedestrians, cyclists, and traffic signals), and mission and motion planning. In Autoware, Kalman filters and particle filters are employed to estimate the trajectory of other moving objects, and to determine the direction in which the vehicle should move.

4.1.3 Actuation Module

This module consists of vehicle control (which contains filtered actuation commands to control the vehicle) and path following (which includes pure pursuit algorithm to generate actuation commands for the vehicle to avoid dangerous acceleration, deceleration or sudden change in the angle of steering wheel).

4.2 Voxel Grid Filter

During the second phase of this project, we have focused on the Voxel Grid Filter because it is one of the most important features in autonomous driving cars.

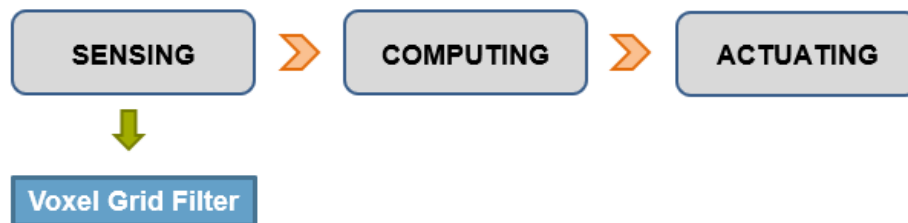


Figure 2: The Position of Voxel Grid Filter Among Different Functionalities of Autoware

Voxel Grid Filter falls under the sensing module of Autoware. Why do we need Voxel Grid Filter? We need Voxel Grid Filter because it separates irrelevant data from the useful data in the point cloud (3D data), and we have limited computation power to process all this huge output in terms of data rate from the sensing devices.

Data from LiDARs and stereo cameras are stored in a Point cloud in raw form. To achieve real-time processing, Autoware filters and preprocesses this raw point cloud data, which is then down-sampled using Voxel Grid Filter. This filter replaces a group of points contained in a cubic lattice

to its centroid, and using Normal Distribution Transform relative position between two-point clouds can be obtained. Hence, an accurate position between 3D maps and sensors can be achieved.

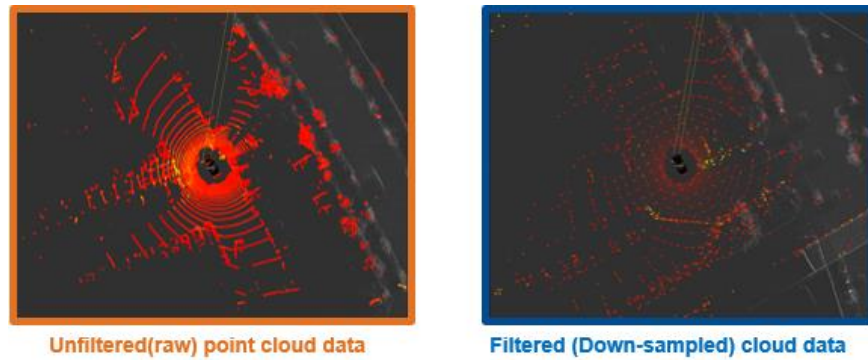


Figure 3: A Comparison Between Raw and Down-Sampled Cloud Data

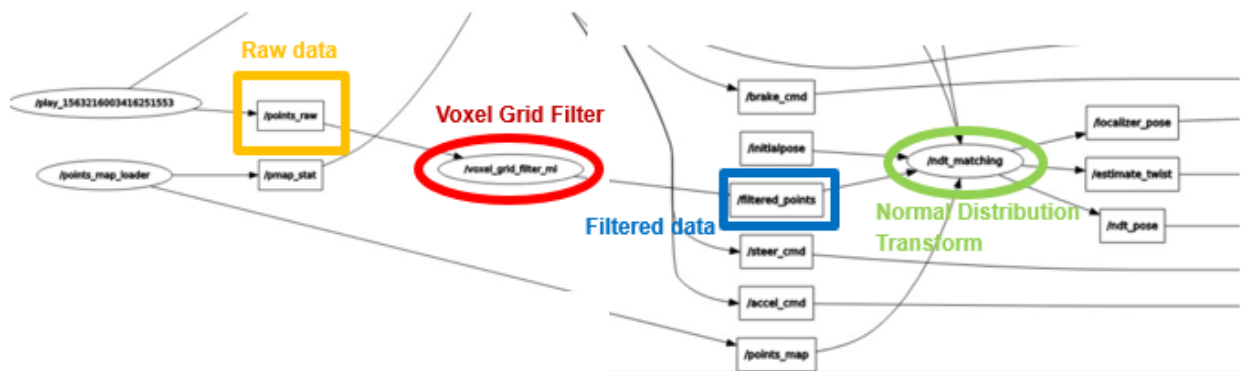


Figure 4: ROS Network Graph Displaying Connection Between Autoware and MATLAB

The diagram above shows a portion of ROS network graph displaying connection between Autoware and MATLAB. We can see that the raw data flows into Voxel Grid filter, and then the filtered data flows into Normal Distribution Transform to get an accurate position of the vehicle.

Chapter 5: Demonstration of Establishing a Connection Between MATLAB with Autoware

Before going to the demonstration of connecting MATLAB with Autoware, we motivate you to check the following tutorials from MATLAB:

- <https://www.mathworks.com/help/ros/ug/get-started-with-ros.html>
- <https://www.mathworks.com/help/ros/ug/work-with-basic-ros-messages.html>
- <https://www.mathworks.com/help/ros/ug/exchange-data-with-ros-publishers-and-subscribers.html>

The MATLAB code (on the next page) shows the function or ROS node that we have written to get the car's real-time position data from Autoware and plot it on MATLAB. This is called a *call-back* function. The difference between normal functions and call-back functions is that whenever a subscriber receives a new information, a call-back function will be triggered.

The subscriber `carpose` is created in MATLAB ROS node. This subscriber subscribes a message from the topic `/gnss_pose` from Autoware as well as calls the call-back function `CarPosCallback`. The `/gnss_pose` topic mediates the car position data and car orientation data. The global variables are declared to store the car's position and the car's orientation.

The call-back function `CarPosCallback` takes no specific arguments. Inside the function, the global variables are also defined to store the car's position and the car's orientation. Then the stored data are plotted to show the instantaneous position of the car.

```
carpos = rossubscriber('/gnss_pose',@CarPosCallback);

global posX;
global posY;
global posZ;
global orient;
plot(posX,posY);

function CarPosCallback(~, message)
    global posX;
    global posY;
    global posZ;
    global orient;
    posX = message.Pose.Position.X;
    posY = message.Pose.Position.Y;
    posZ = message.Pose.Position.Z;
    hold on;
    xlabel('X POSITION (m)');
    ylabel('Y POSITION (m)');
    title('INSTANTANEOUS CAR POSITION');
    plot(posX,posY, '-.ro');
    orient = [message.Pose.Orientation.X
message.Pose.Orientation.Y message.Pose.Orientation.Z];
end
```

To run this code, you can follow the procedure below. Please, note that before going through the following steps, make sure that you have run the Autoware Demo, and you have all the necessary files downloaded on your computer.

Step 1: To run Autoware, please type in following commands in terminal:

```
$ cd .autoware
$ cp ~/shared_dir/sample_moriyama_* .
$ tar zxvf sample_moriyama_150324.tar.gz
$ tar zxvf sample_moriyama_data.tar.gz
```

For Autoware version 1.12.0 and Newer

```
$ cd autoware.ai
$ source install/setup.bash
$ roslaunch runtime_manager runtime_manager.launch
```

For Autoware version 1.11.0 and 1.11.1

```
$ cd autoware/ros
$ source install/setup.bash
$ ./run
```

Then the Runtime Manager window appears:

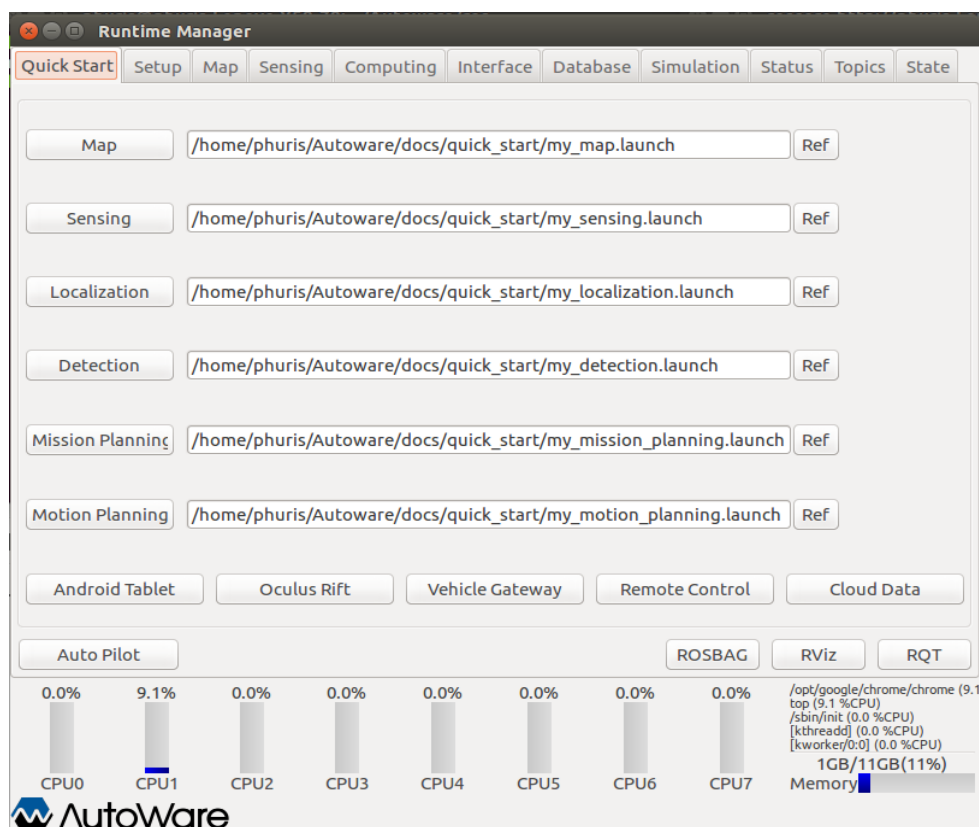


Figure 5: A screenshot of Runtime Manager Window

Step 2: Go to **simulation** tab, choosing the ROSBAG file as the one that you have downloaded when running the demo. Then set the start time to **120** seconds (this is done just to skip the time when the car drives out from the parking lot in the beginning of the playback). And leave the **rate** blank or put 1 (this is to adjust the speed of the playback)

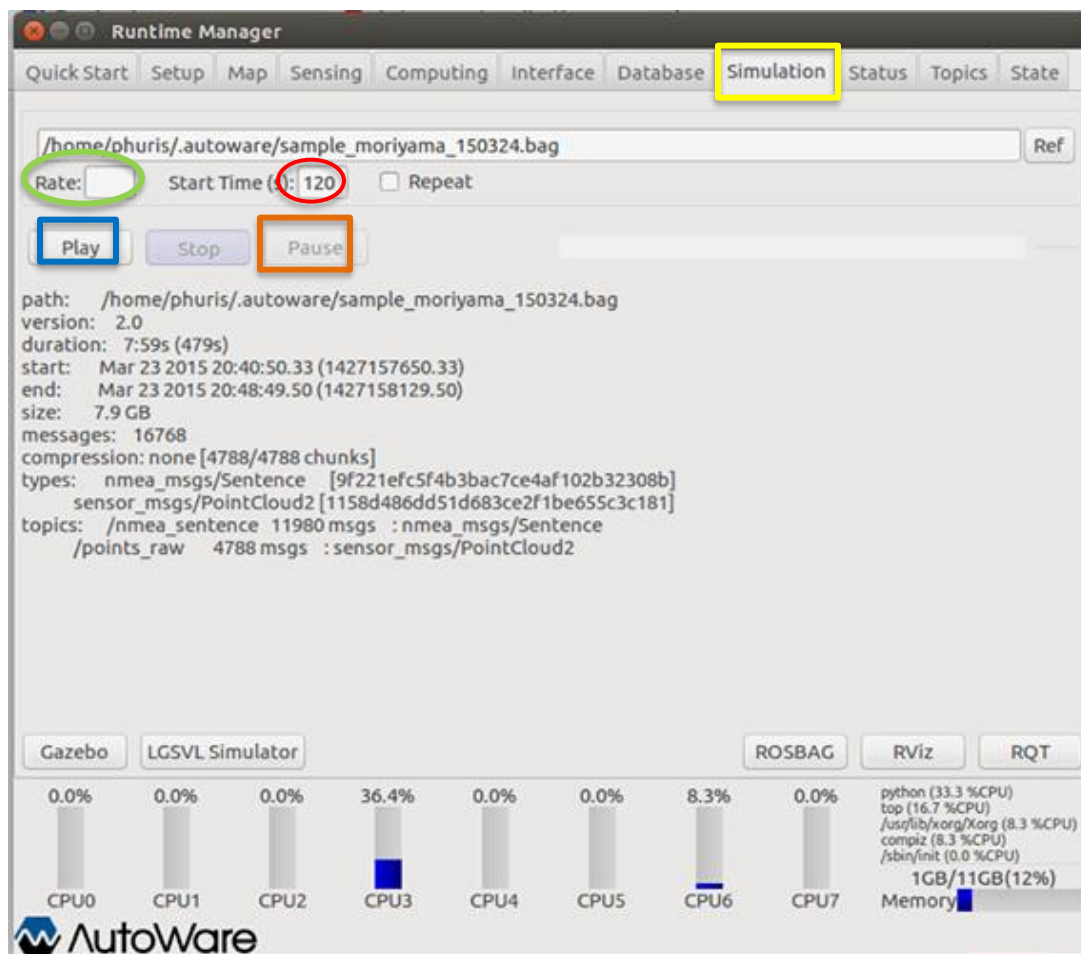


Figure 6: A screenshot of Simulation Tab

Step 3: **Play** and **pause** the simulation

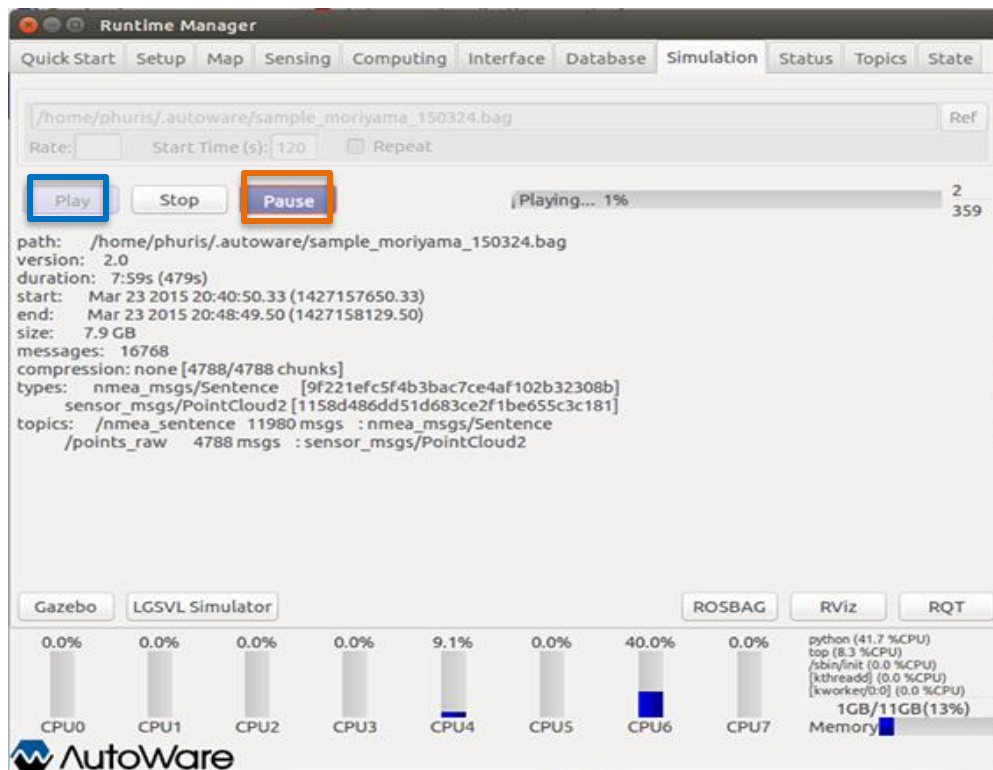


Figure 7: Play and Pause

Step 4: Go to **Setup** tab, set the localizer to Velodyne and turn the TF and Vehicle Model on.

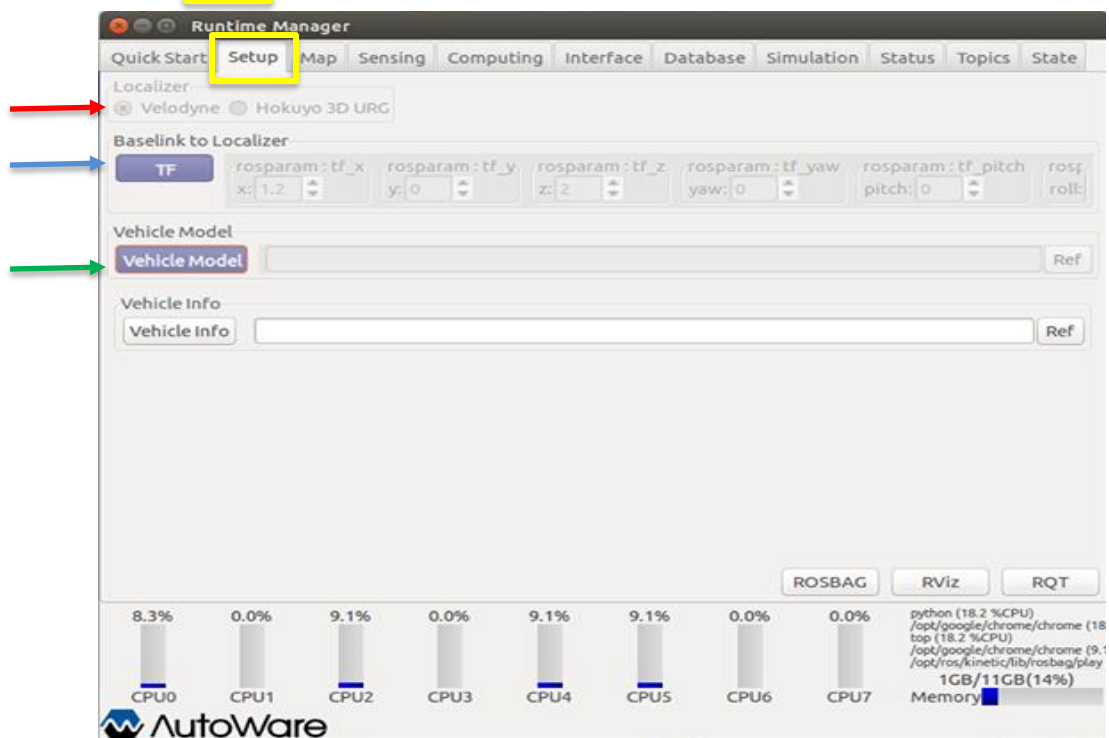


Figure 8: A screenshot of Setup Tab Window

Step 5:

- Go to the **Map** tab.
- Load the **Point Cloud, Vector Map, and TF** from the ROSBAG data which was downloaded when performing demo running after Autoware installation.
- After loading all the data, turn the Point Cloud, Vector Map, and TF on by simply clicking on them.

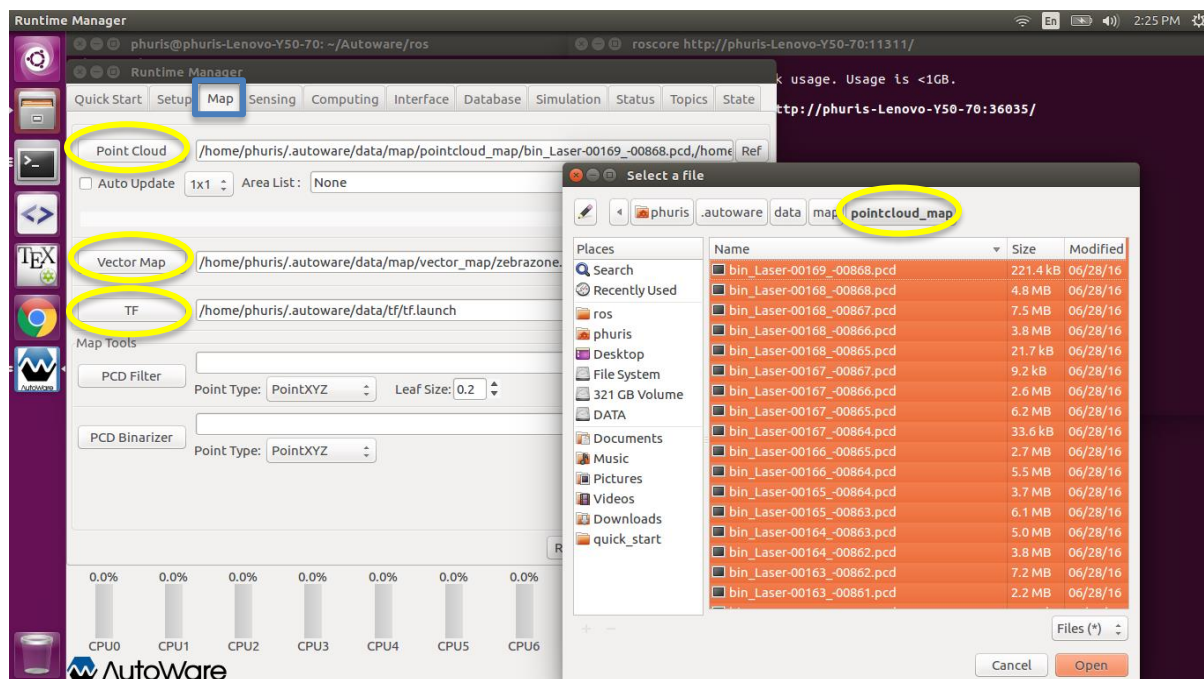


Figure 9: A screenshot of Map Tab and selection of Data for Point Cloud

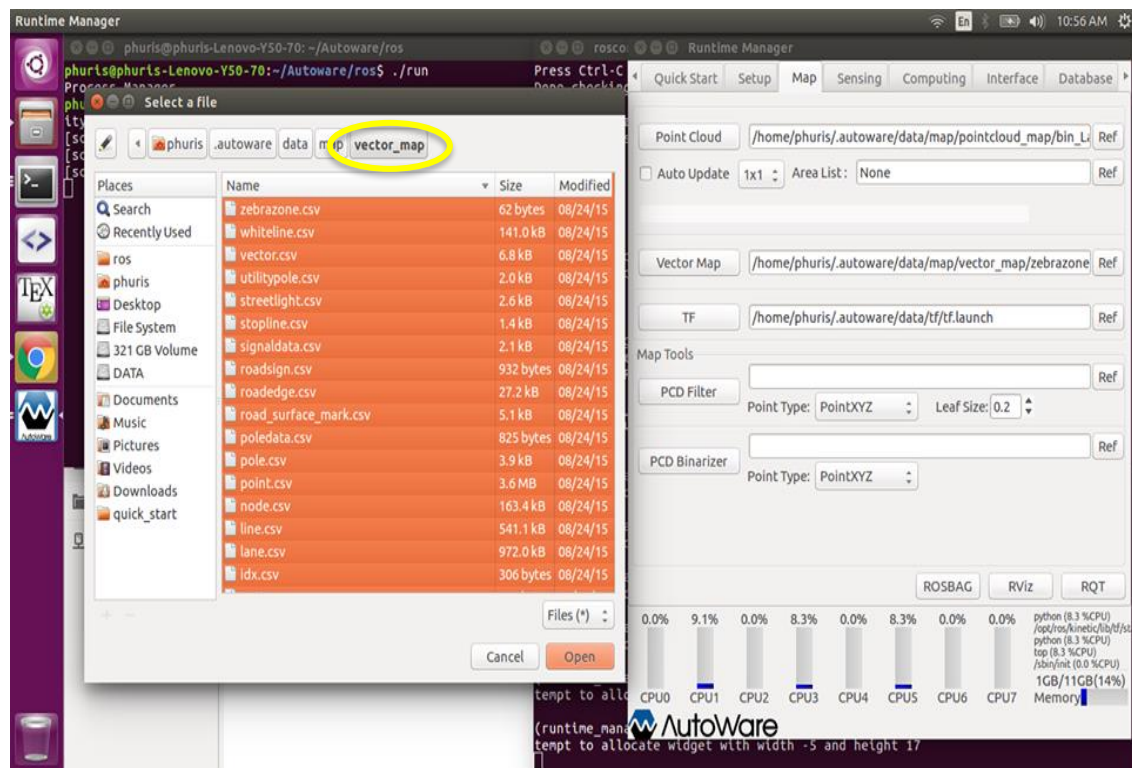


Figure 10: Loading Vector Map Data

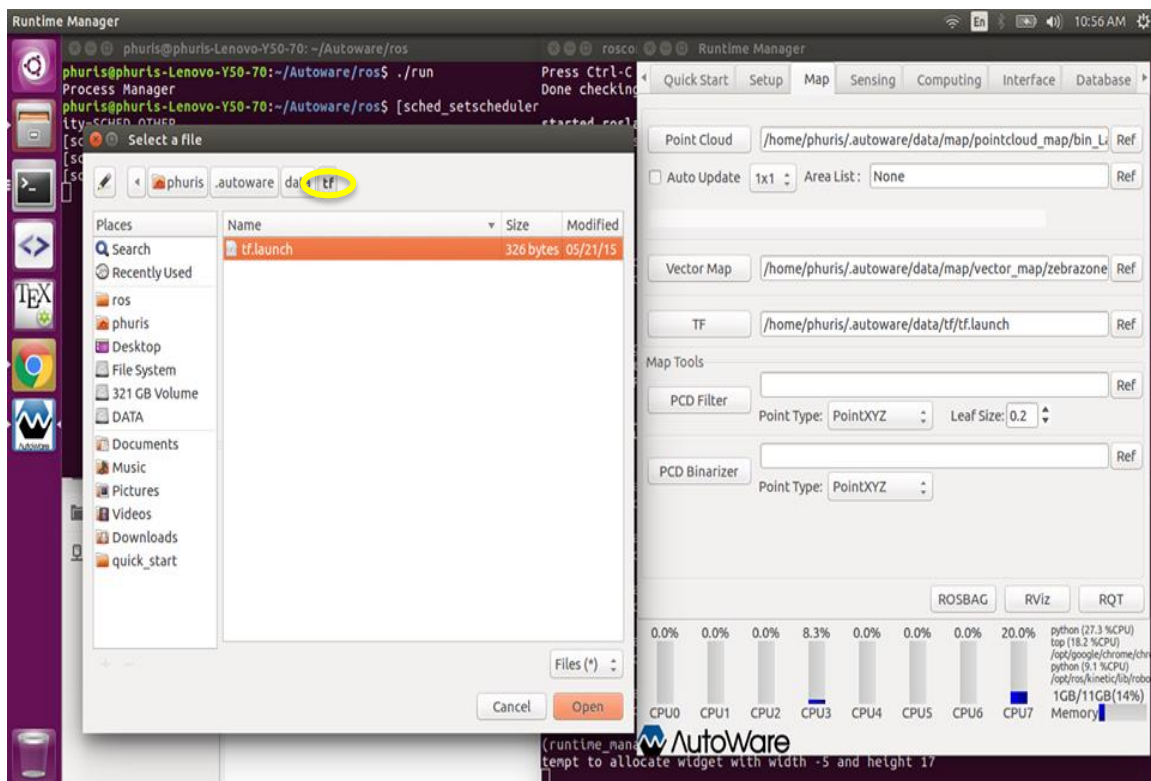


Figure 11: Loading TF Data

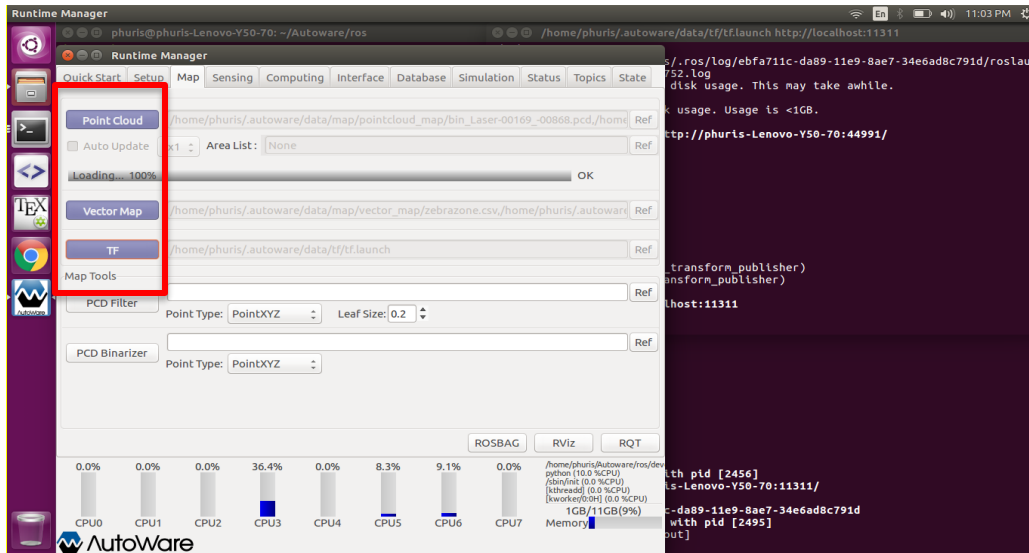


Figure 12: Turning on Point Cloud, Vector Map, and TF by simply clicking on them

Step 6: Go to **Sensing** tab and click the voxel_grid_filter app in the Points Downsamper section and set the value as shown in the picture below. Then click ok to close the app window and turn the voxel_grid_filter on by tick the square box in front of it.

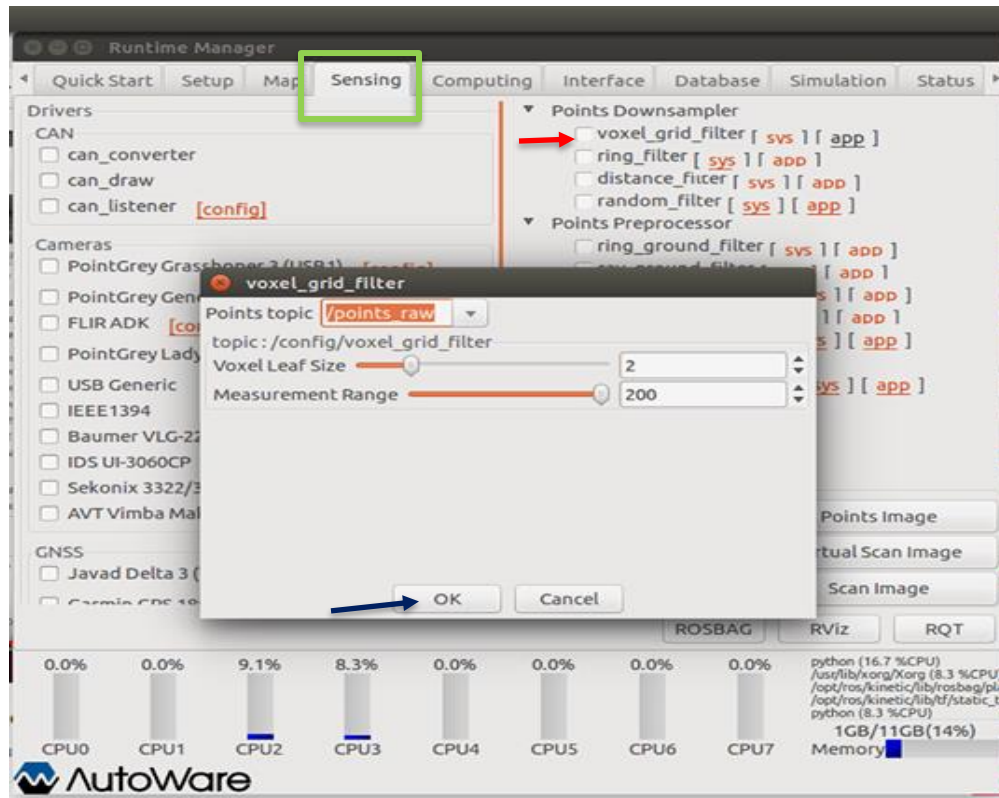


Figure 13: A screenshot of Sensing Tab

Step 7: Go to Computing tab, turn the nmea2tfpose on.

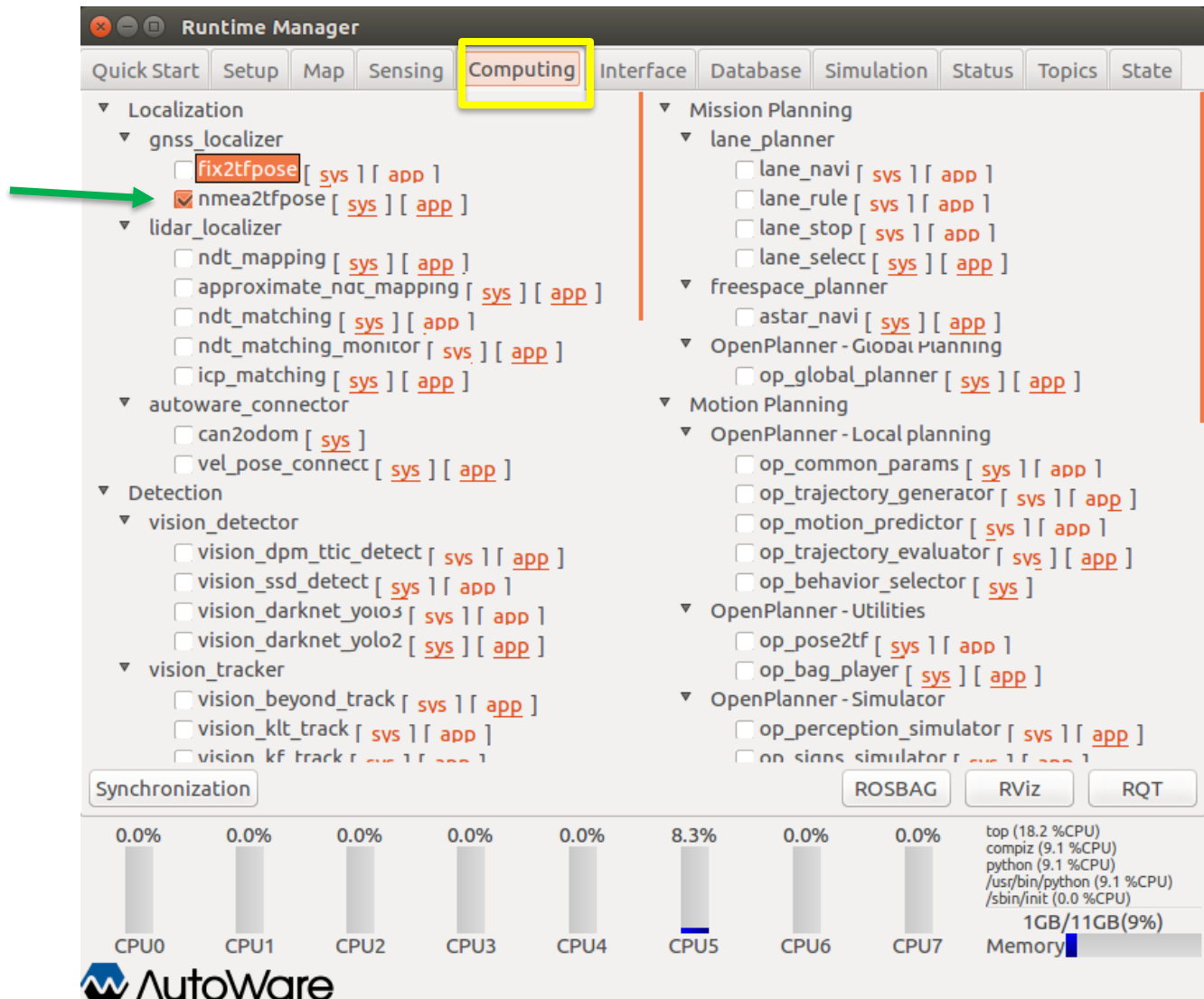


Figure 14: A screenshot of Computing Tab

Step 8: Still in the Computing tab, click the ndt_matching app in the lidar_localizer section. Set all the values and settings as shown in the picture below then click ok to close the window. Then turn the ndt_matching on.

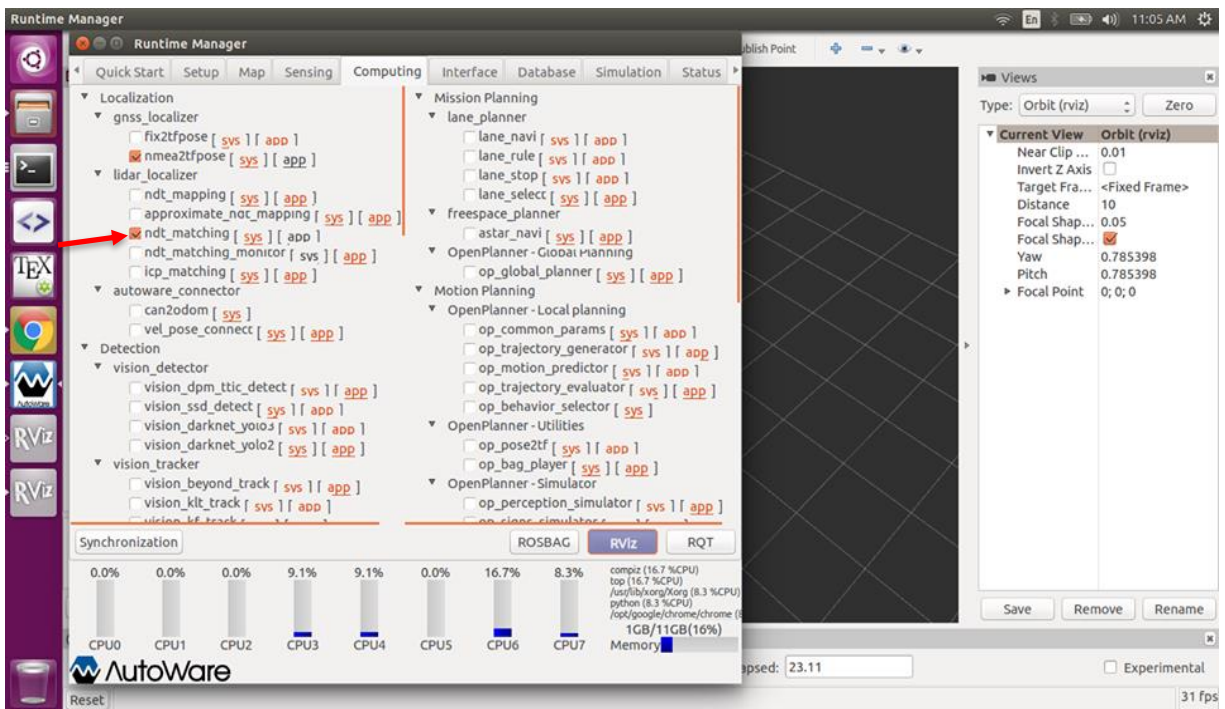


Figure 15: ndt Matching App

Step 9: Open **RVIZ** from Autoware

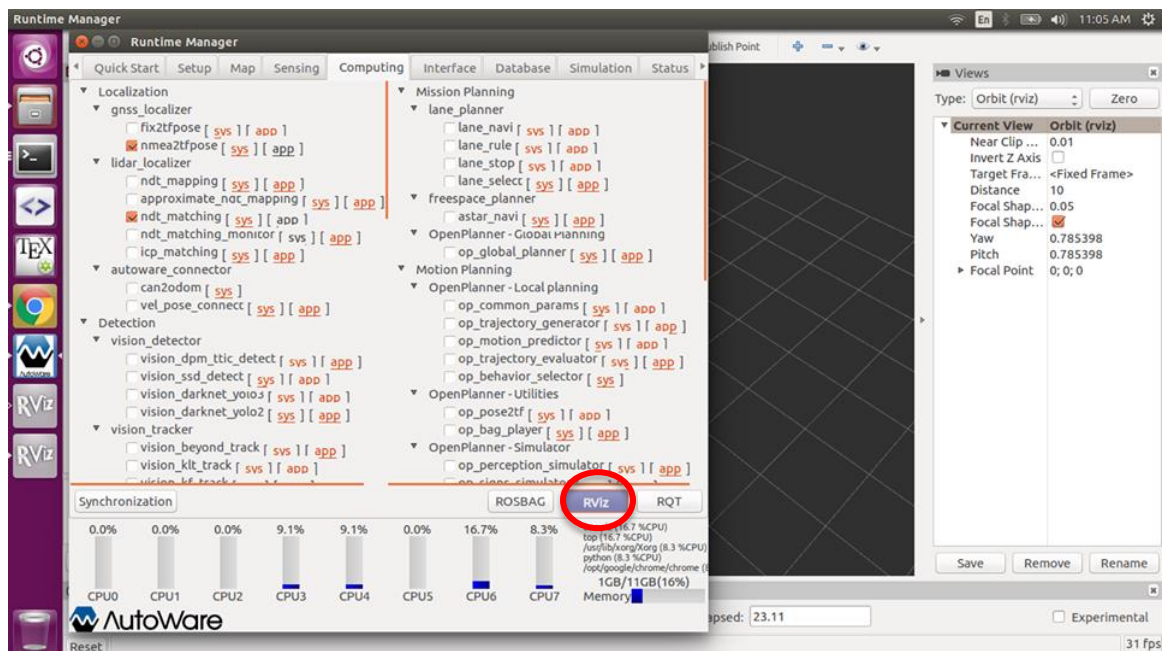


Figure 16: Opening Rviz

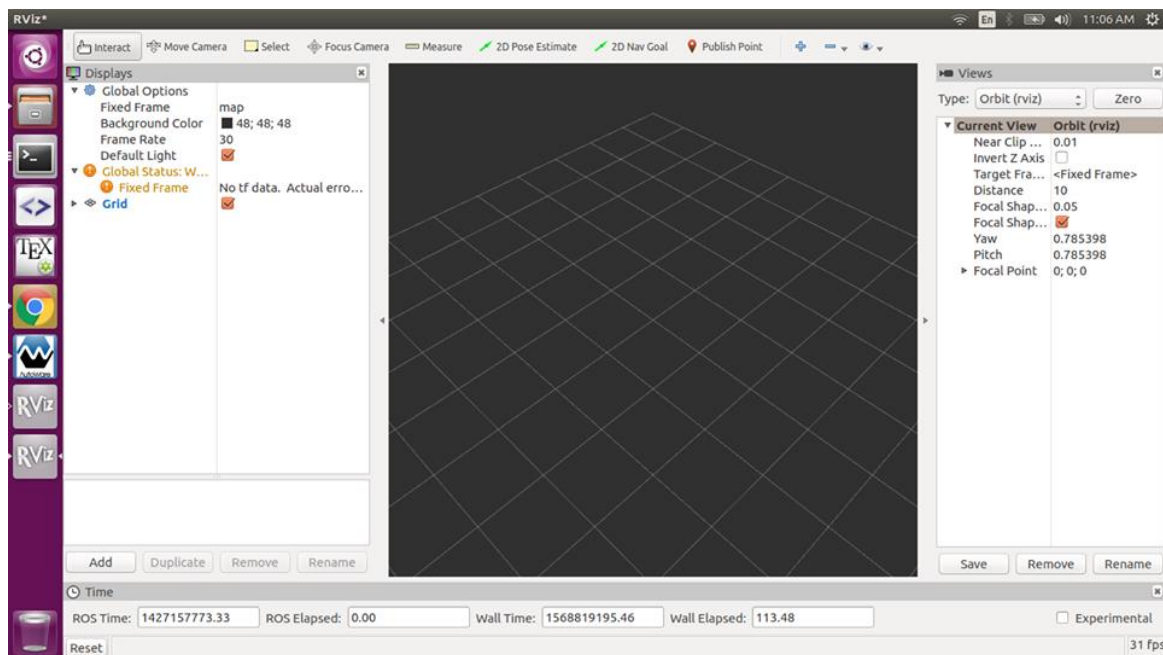


Figure 17: Appearing of RViz Window

Step 10: Once the RVIZ shows up, open the default configuration by clicking on File, Open Config.

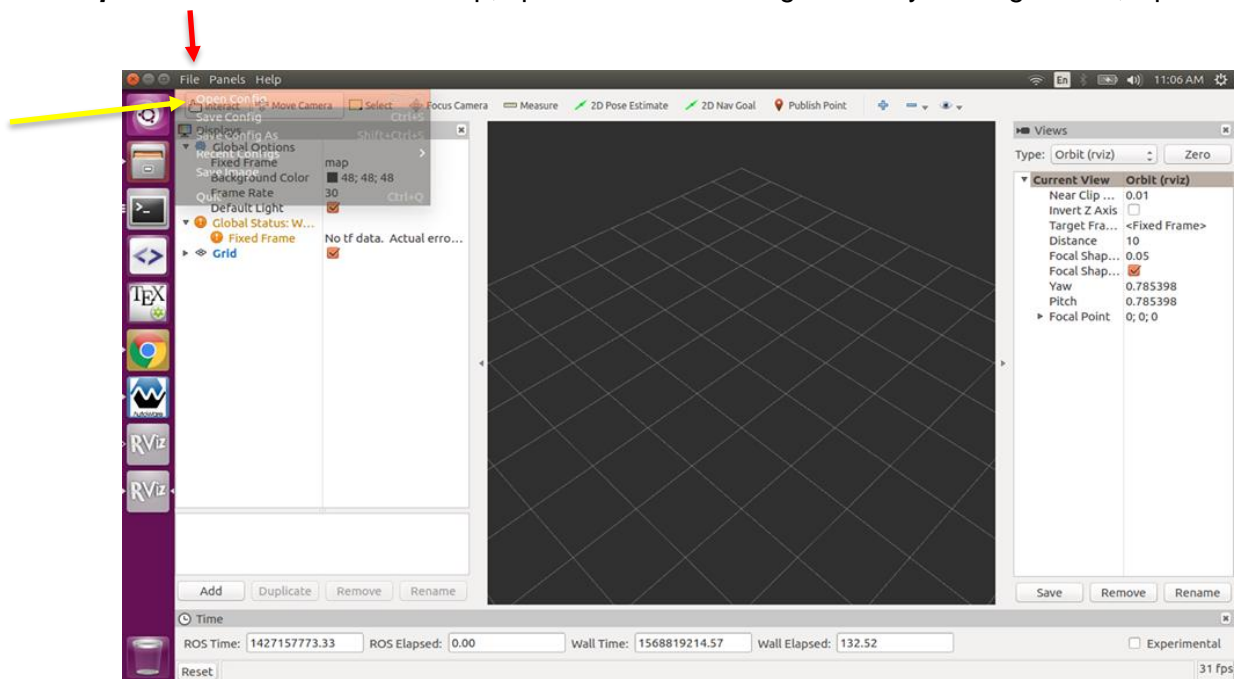


Figure 18: Open Config in RViz by clicking on File

Step 11: Open the default.rviz by selecting the path where the Autoware folder is : Autoware/ros/src/.config/rviz. In the folder src, if you cannot see the folder .config, right click and shows the hidden folders.

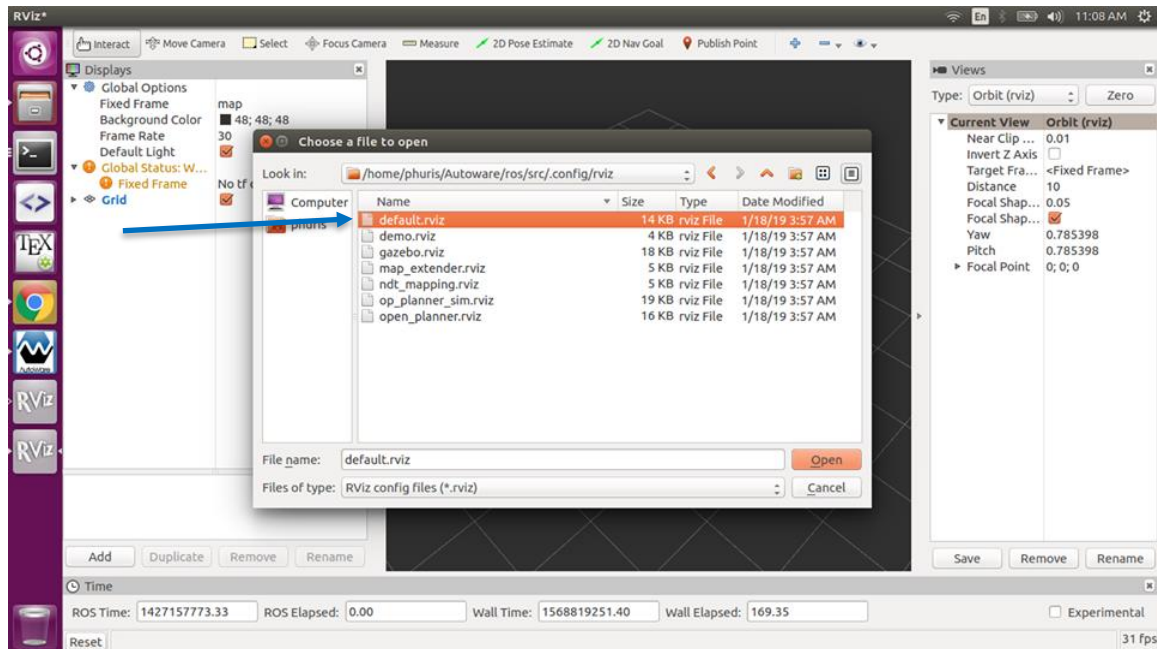


Figure 19: Selecting file default.rviz

Step 12: Unpause the simulation in the Simulation tab in Autoware and check whether the map is being shown up and whether the vehicle is moving or not.

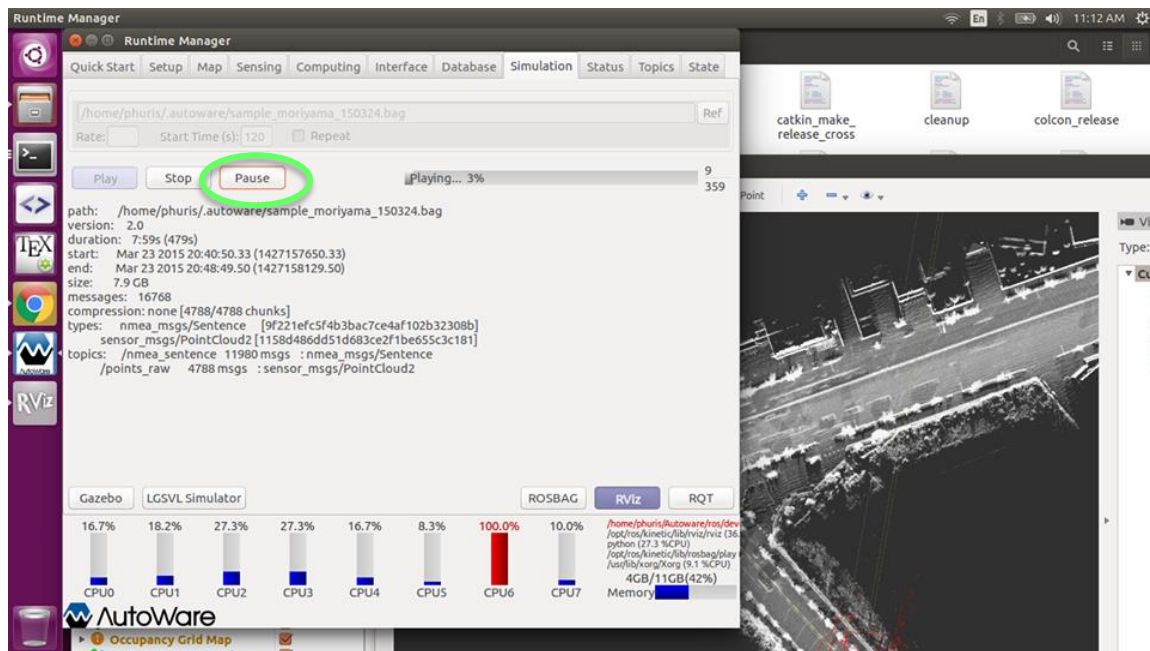


Figure 20: Unpause the Simulation

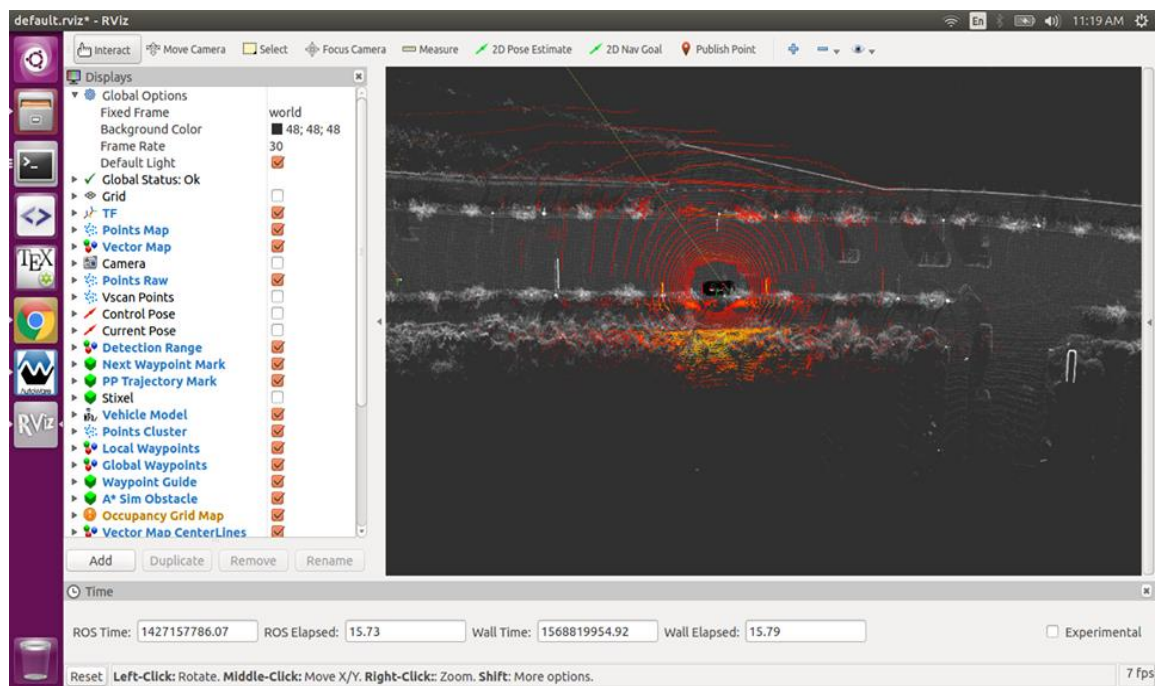


Figure 21: The Movement of Vehicle

Step 13: If everything goes well, then pause the simulation again.

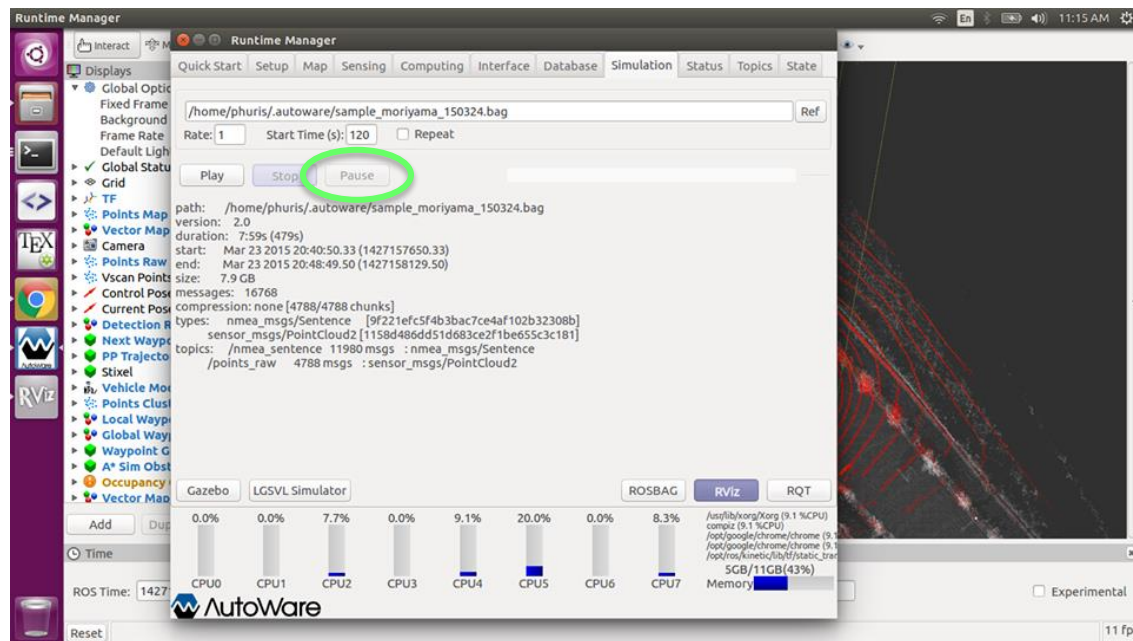


Figure 22: Pausing the Simulation

Step 14: Open MATLAB and enter the command

```
>> rosinit('ip_address')
```

for example:

```
>> rosinit ('http://192.168.1.1:12000')
```

This is to start a ROS node in MATLAB and register this node to the existing ROS network in the ip_address. If Autoware and MATLAB are running on the same computer, you may use only `rosinit`.

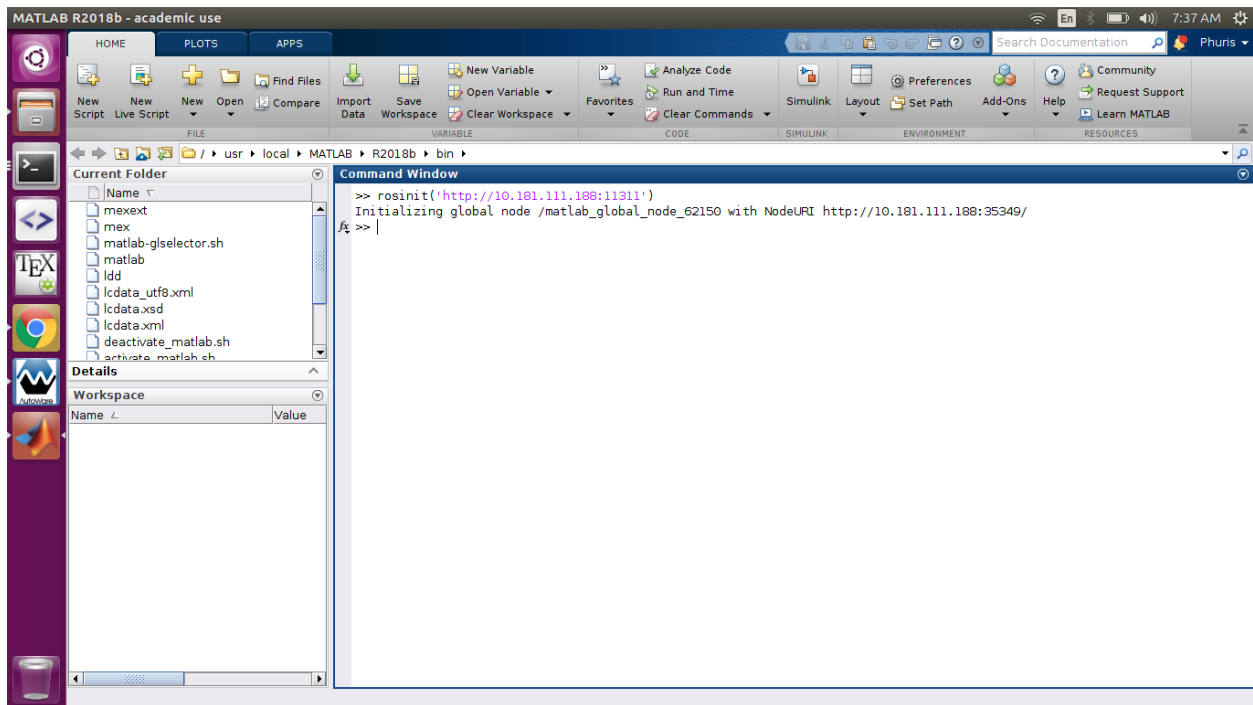


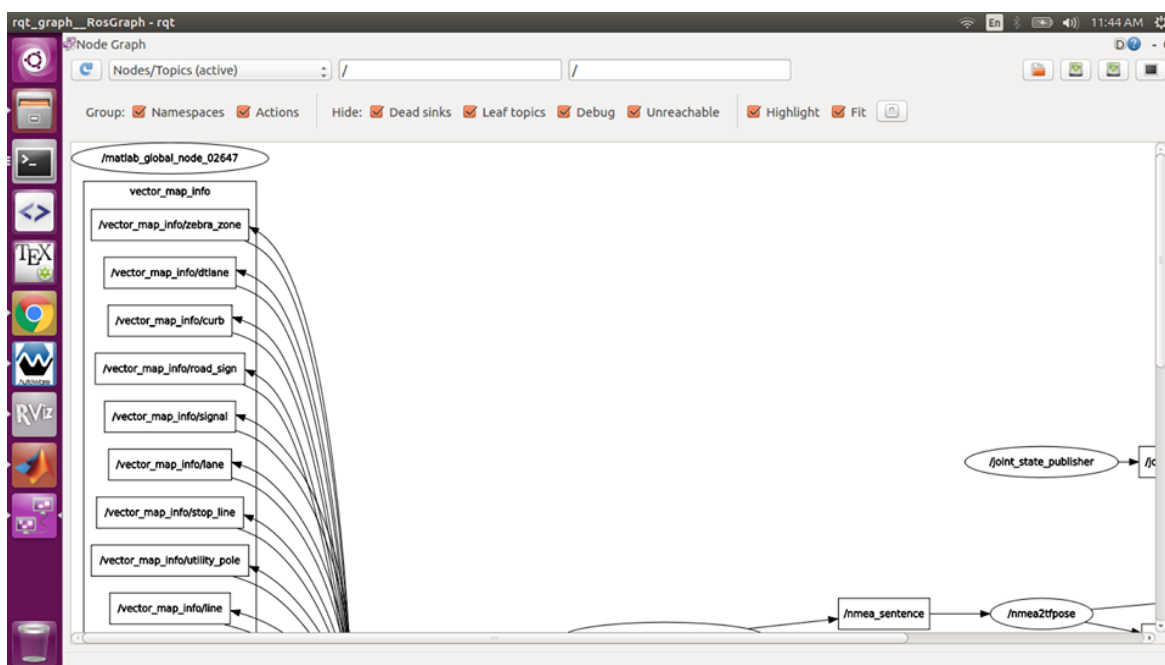
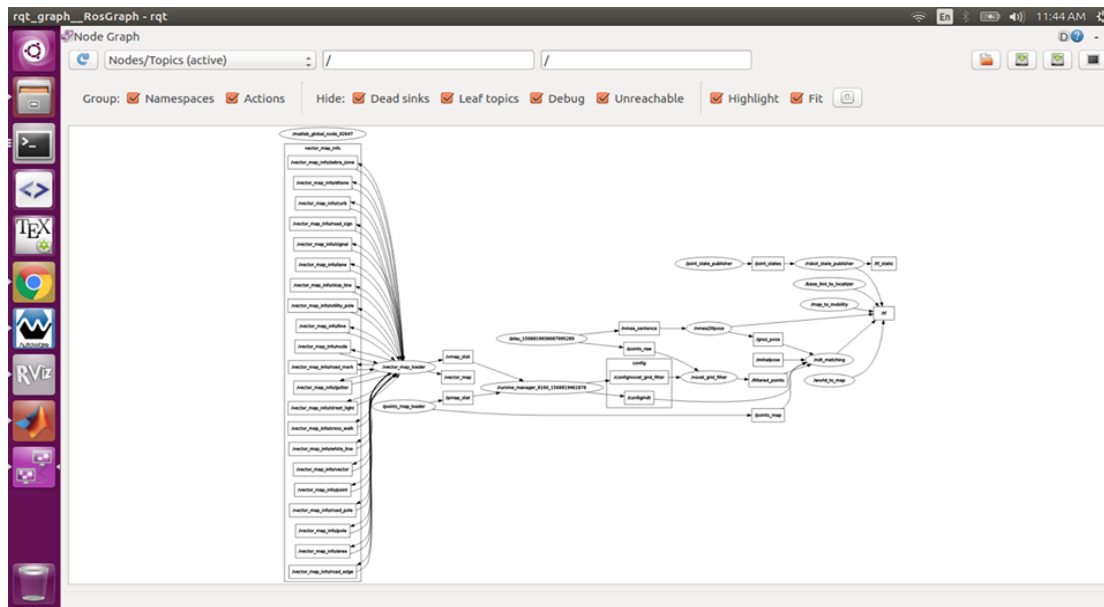
Figure 23: Running the `rosinit('ip_address')` command on MATLAB

Step 15: Run the command

`>> rosrund rqt_graph rqt_graph` in the Ubuntu terminal to show the ROS network graph. You will see that there is a node from MATLAB showing in the graph.

Note: if you are not familiar with the `rqt` tool and your computer doesn't have this tool installed yet, please check the link below.

- <http://wiki.ros.org/ROS/Tutorials/UnderstandingTopics>



Step 16: Lead MATLAB to the directory that store the subscribertest2.m file and add this directory to path. Double click the subscribertest2.m file in the Current Folder panel and run the script.

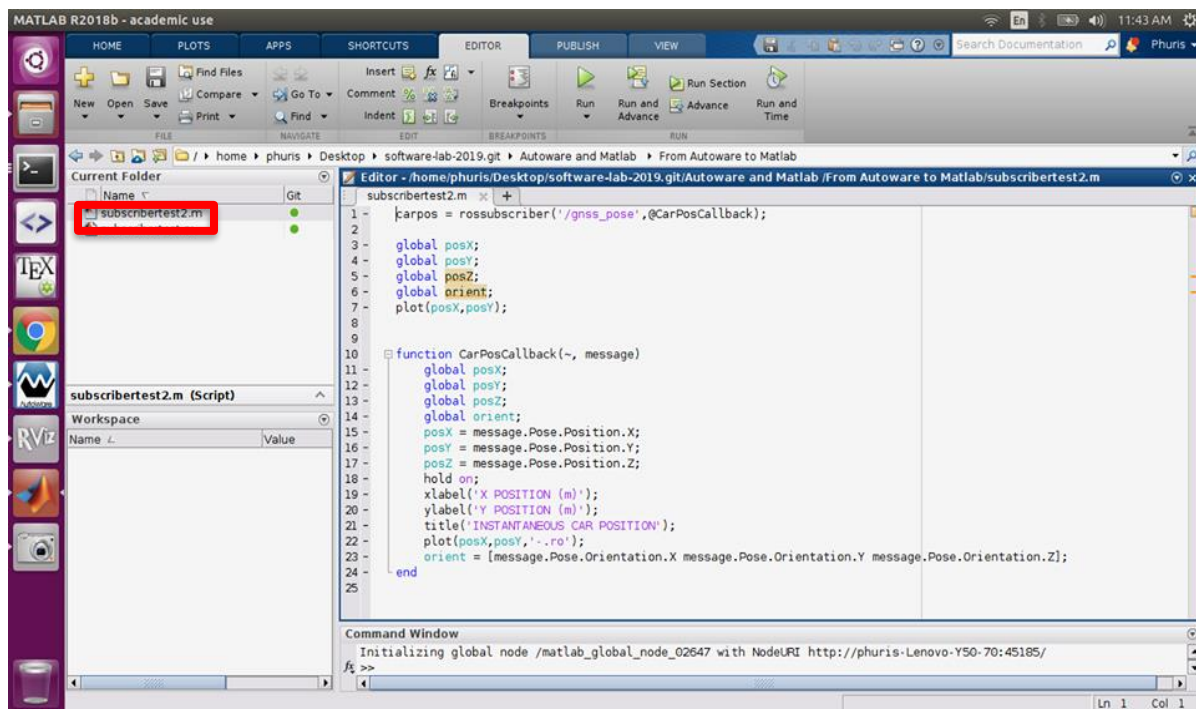


Figure 26: Running subscriberTest2.m file

Step 17: Go to Autoware and play the simulation. The instantaneous car position plot will be shown.

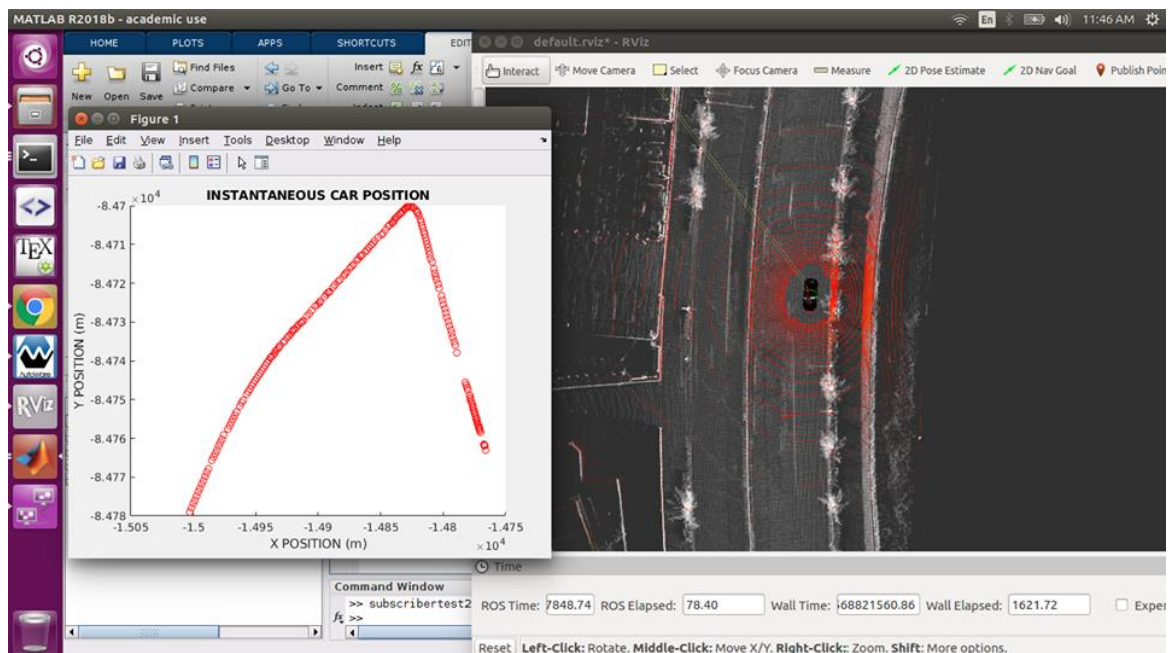


Figure 27: Instantaneous Car Position Plot

Step 18: Go to the ROS network graph, refresh the graph, you will see that now the MATLAB ROS node is subscribing the data from the topic `/gnss_pose` from Autoware.

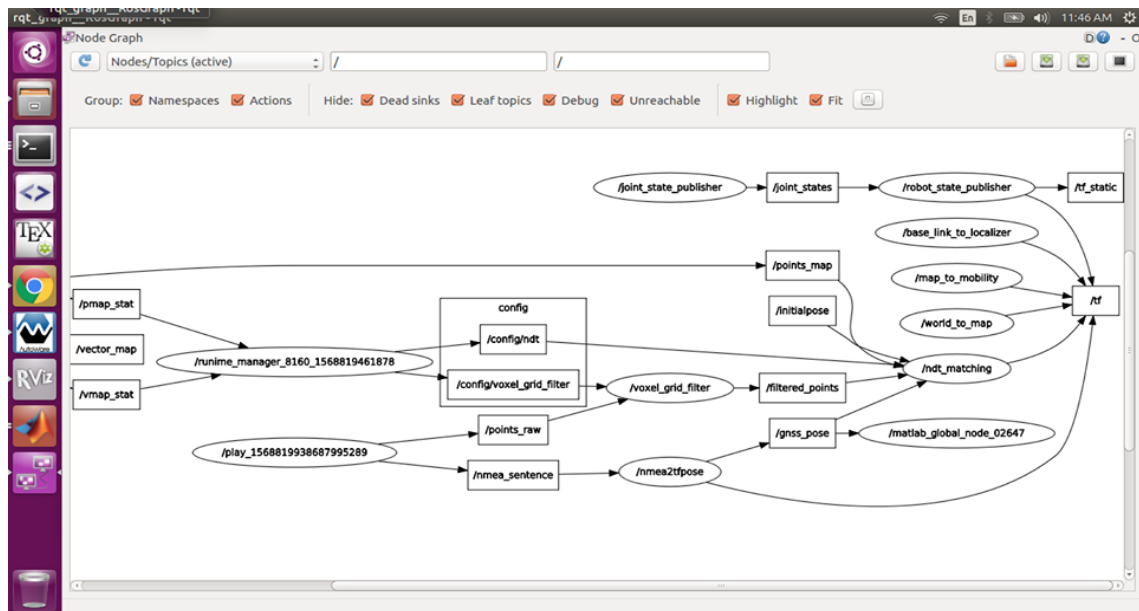


Figure 28: Subscription of Data from the topic /gnss_pose from Autoware

Step 19: To turn off all the program, stop the simulation in Autoware. In MATLAB, type the command

```
>> rosshutdown
```

and close MATLAB window. Then close RVIZ and Autoware respectively. Now if you refresh the ROS network graph, there should be nothing.

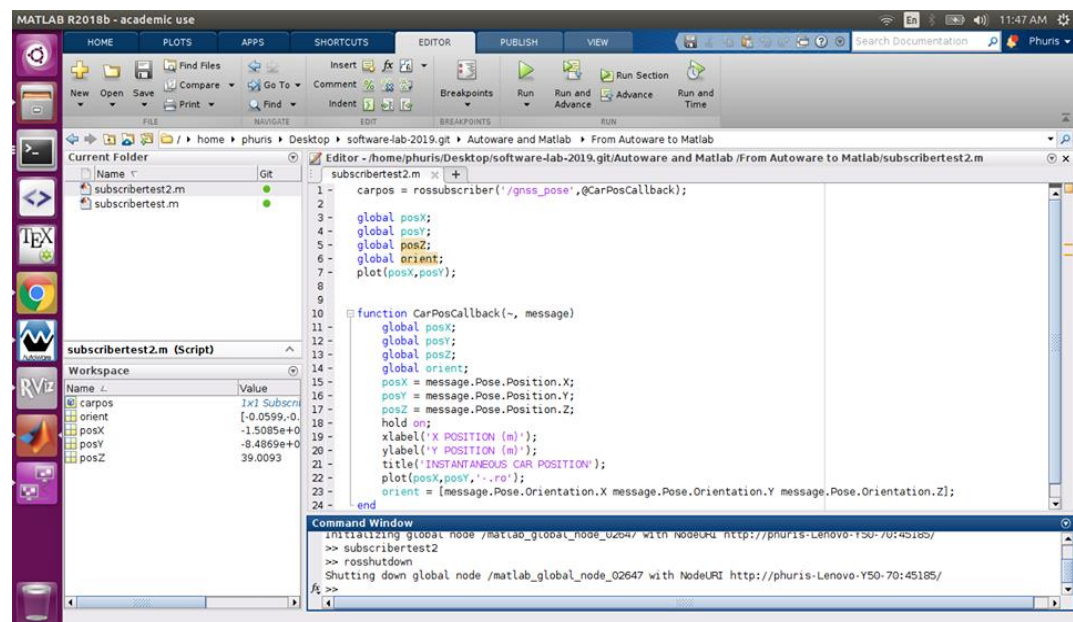


Figure 29: Stopping the Simulation

Chapter 6: Co-simulation Between Autoware and MATLAB with a Simulink Model

In this chapter, a detailed guide will be provided which is intended to demonstrate co-simulation between Autoware and MATLAB & Simulink. A Simulink model consisting of subsystems for twist filter, vel pose connect, and plot of instantaneous ego vehicles' position along with MATLAB file for wf simulator were run together in conjunction with Autoware to demonstrate interconnectivity between MATLAB and Autoware.

It should be noted that Autoware's version 1.8.0 has been utilized for this task in order to avoid compatibility issues. Furthermore, Autoware Toolbox was specifically implemented for this version.

The following steps outline the complete process of running a Simulink Model in conjunction with Autoware. For complete and detailed overview of Autoware installation, please visit the following link:

➤ <https://gitlab.com/autwarefoundation/autware.ai/autware/wikis/Source-Build>

In order to avoid installation error, after step 3 under "For version 1.11.1 or older" (namely install dependencies using rosdep) in the link above, please run the following additional command provided below (in red) which is missing from the documentation on Autoware's website.

```
$ rosdep update
$ git submodule update --init -recursive
$ rosdep install -y --from-paths src --ignore-src --rosdistro $ROS_DISTRO
```

The rest of the process is the same as in the link above.

Furthermore, **computing.yaml** file must be modified slightly to include the two of the additional computing modules that are not available in the newer versions such as 1.8.0 or 1.12.0. These two modules are named as "way_planner" and "dp_planner". This **computing.yaml** file is found in Autoware folder, and then the parts related to "way_planner" and "dp_planner" must be uncommented so that they can appear in Autoware GUI.

Step 1: Run Autoware version 1.8.0 using the following commands:

```
$ cd autoware/ros
$ source devel/setup.bash
$ ./run
```

Step 2: After the Autoware Runtime manager window pops up on the screen, under the “Setup” tab, Vehicle Model will be selected. The path to the file for vehicle model can also be seen in the following screenshot. Vehicle Model button can be clicked to select it.

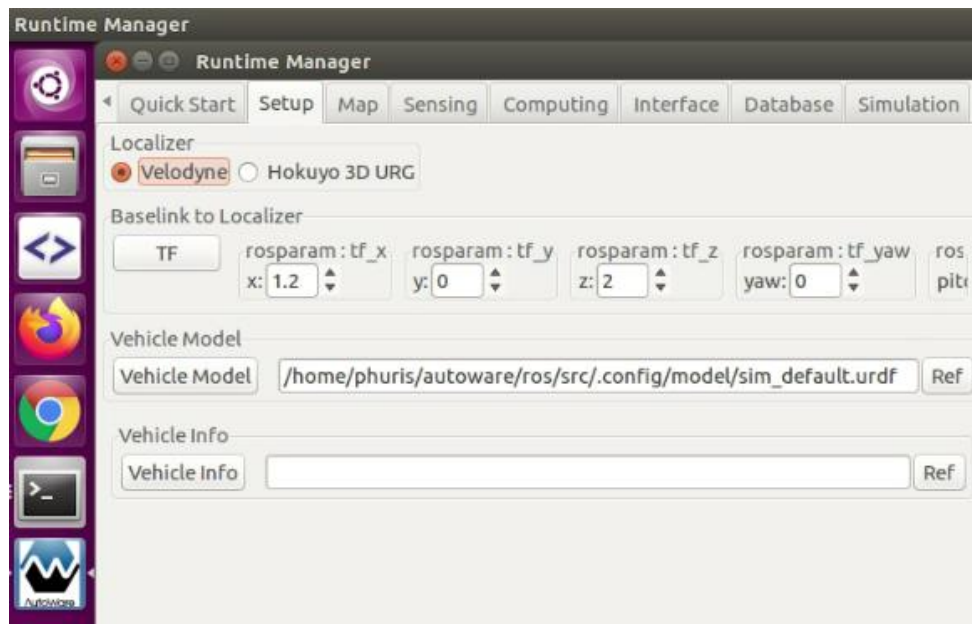


Figure 30: A screenshot of the Setup Tab to select Vehicle Model

Step 3: Next step is to setup the “Map” tab. The file paths used for Vector Map and TF can be seen on the screenshot that follows.

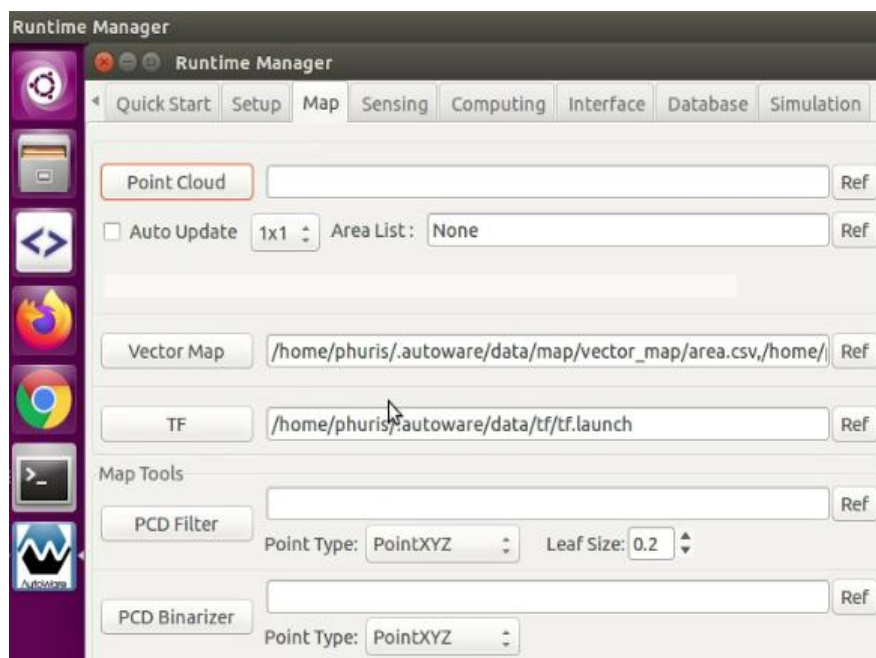


Figure 31: A screenshot of Map tab

Step 4a: In the computing tab, we will first click on the *op_global_planner* app and perform following modifications so that the relevant options are selected.

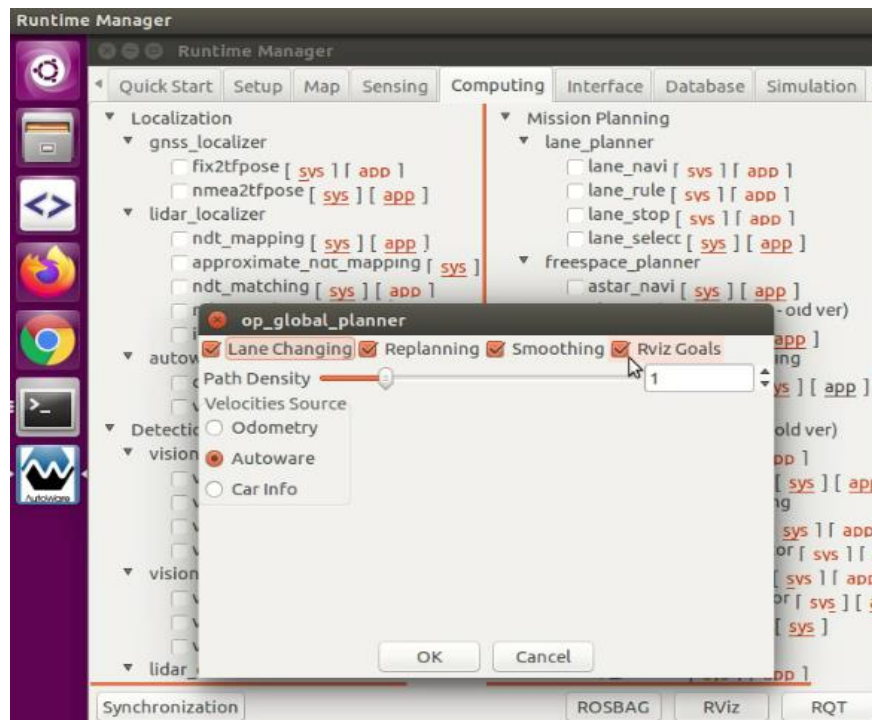


Figure 32: Selections for *op_global_planner* app

Step 4b: Now that the *op_global_planner* has been checked, we will open Rviz and set *2D Pose Estimate* and *2D Nav Goal* from the toolbar as shown below.

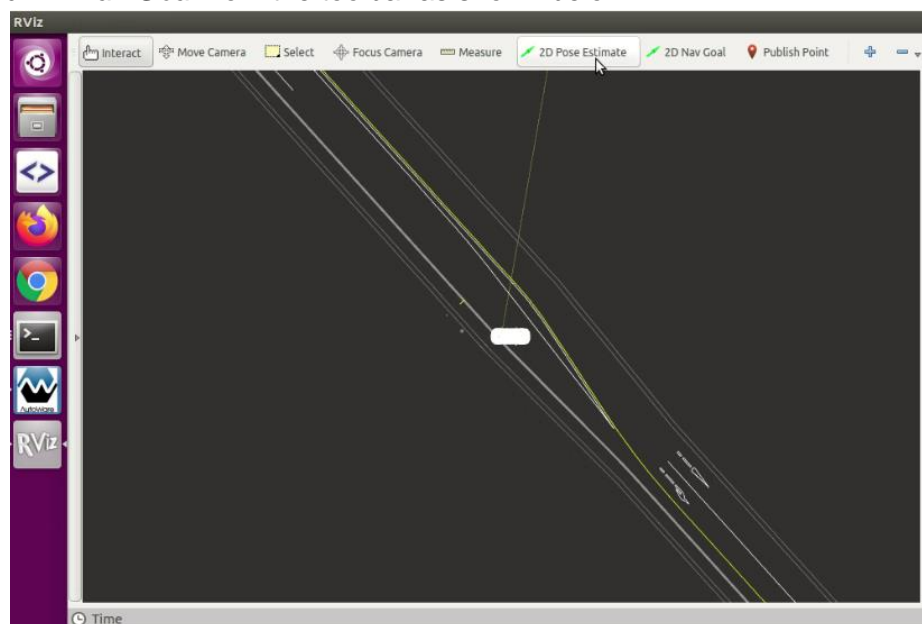


Figure 33: Initial RViz setup showing *2D Pose Estimate* and *2D Nav Goal*

By setting up 2D Pose Estimate and 2D Nav Goal, a three-lane path in blue will appear on the map in RViz.

Step 4c: Please now select the *obstacle_avoid* app and *velocity_set* app, and make sure that the relevant options are selected similar to the photos below.

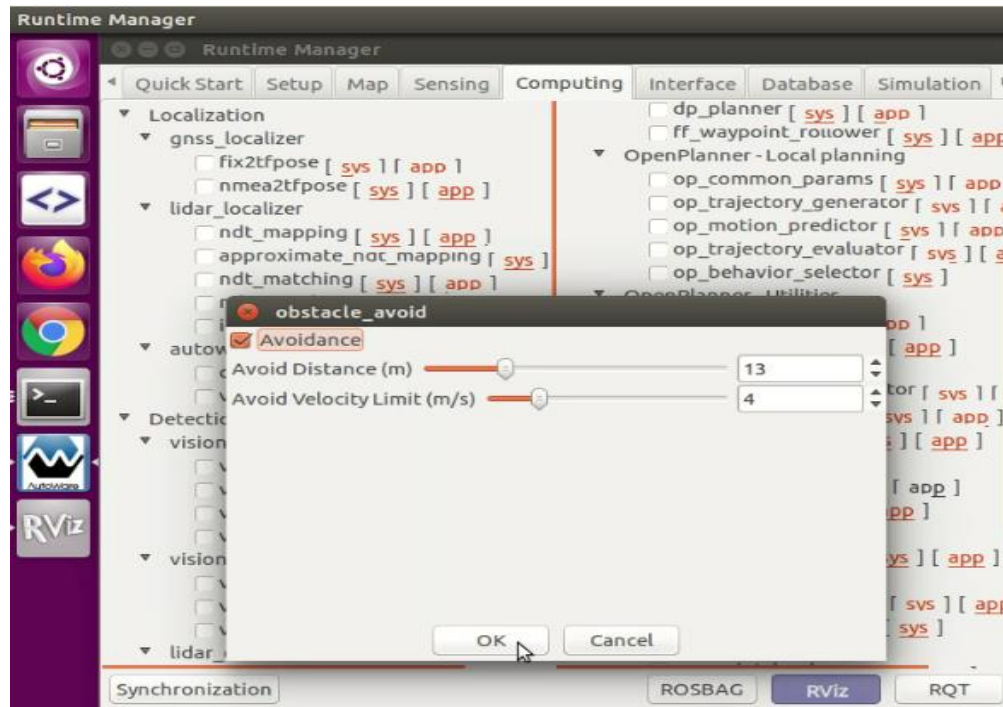


Figure 34: *Obstacle_avoid* app

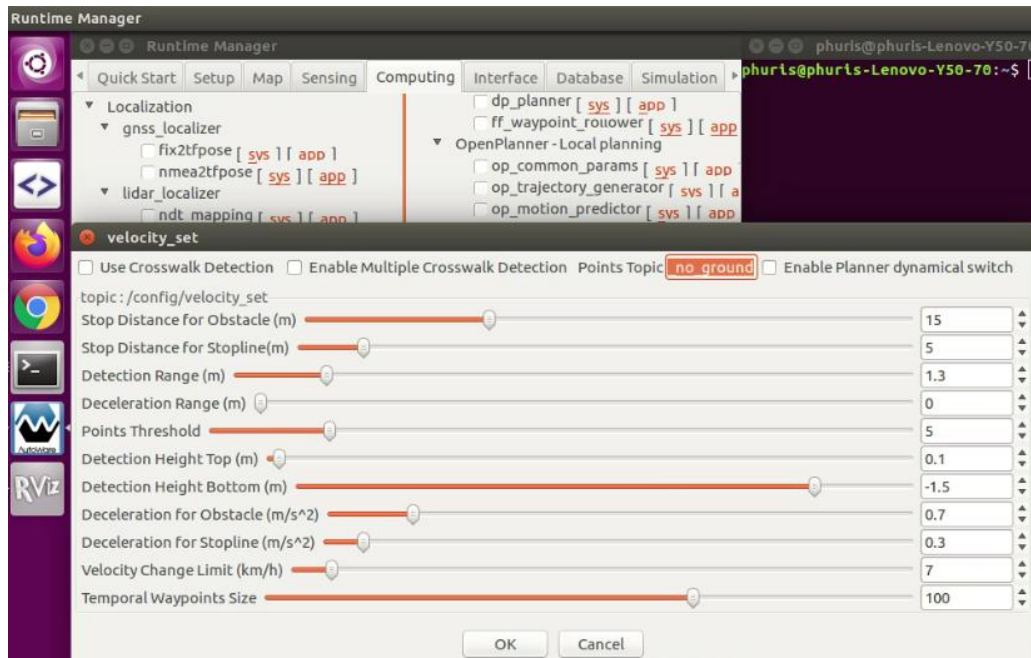


Figure 35: *velocity_set* app

Step 5: Now that the previously mentioned three apps have already been selected, we will run MATLAB in the background.

Step 6: Please open the MATLAB file named as *Matlab_Autoware_CoSimulation_starterScript.m* and run it. Now, the Simulink will be opened.

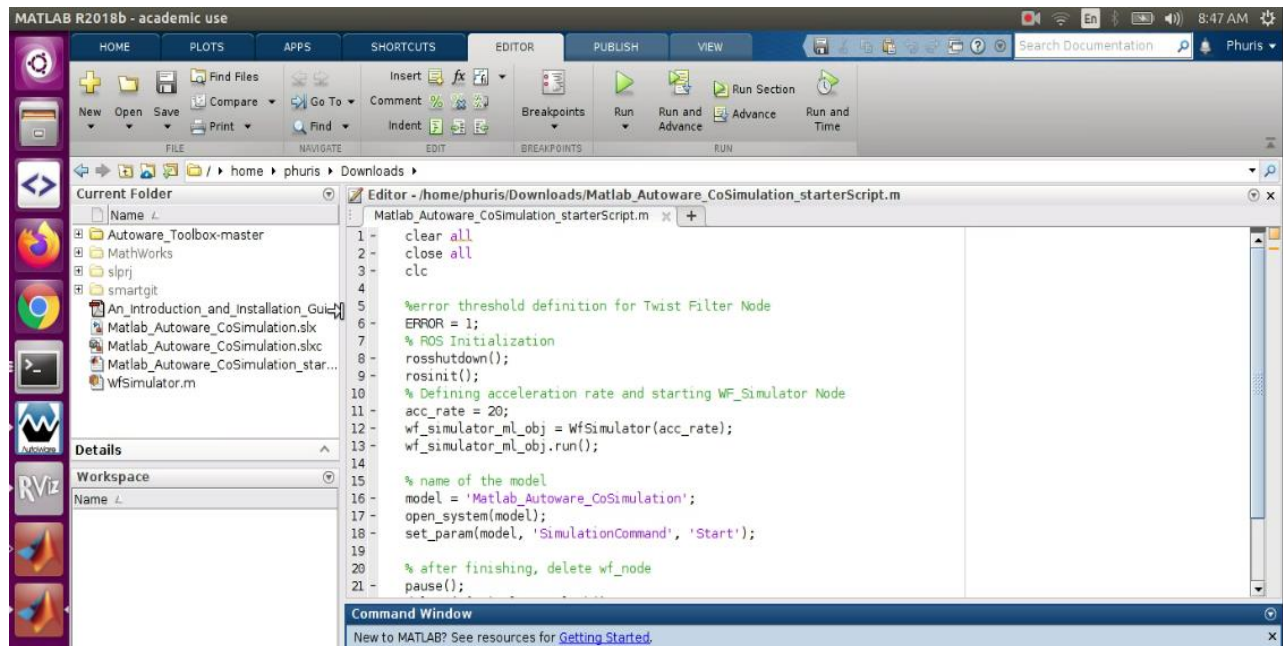


Figure 36: *Matlab_Autoware_CoSimulation_starterScript*.

We will notice that the Simulink is now being run.

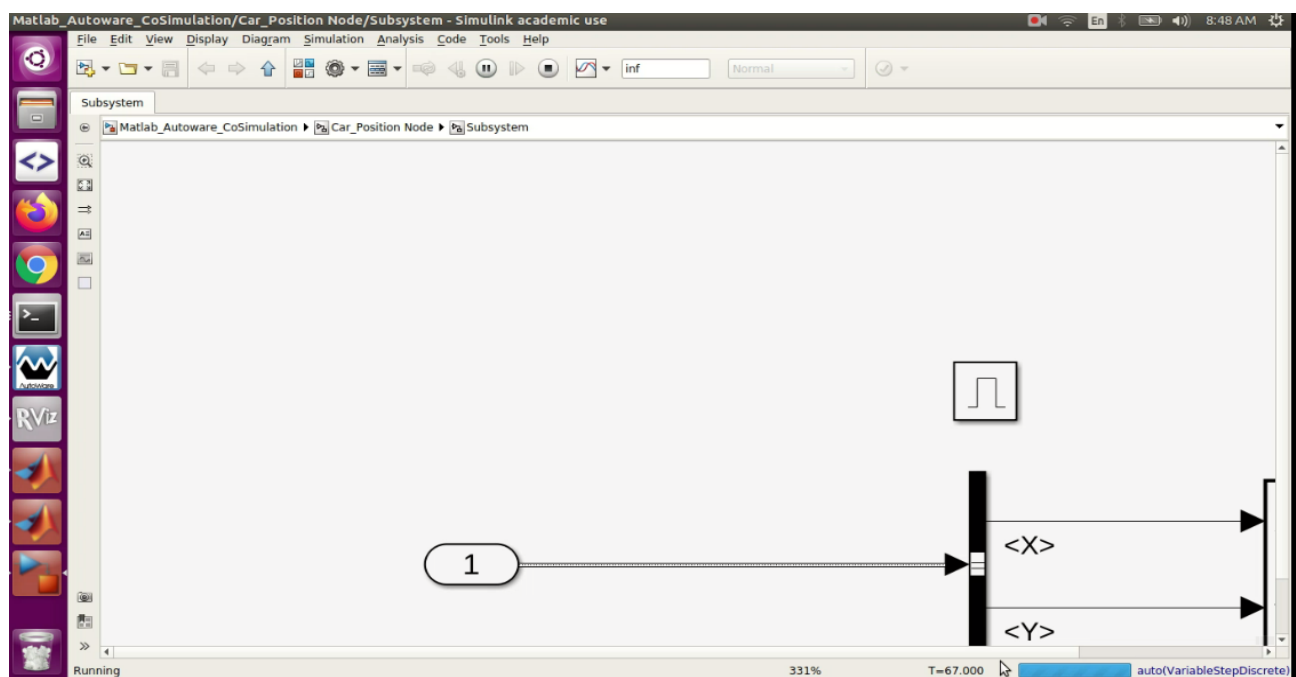


Figure 37: *Simulink Model being run*

Step 7: While the Simulink is being run, we will go to RViz and visualize our car by setting up 2D Pose Estimate once again, and we will notice that a black car (ego vehicle) appears on the map as shown below.

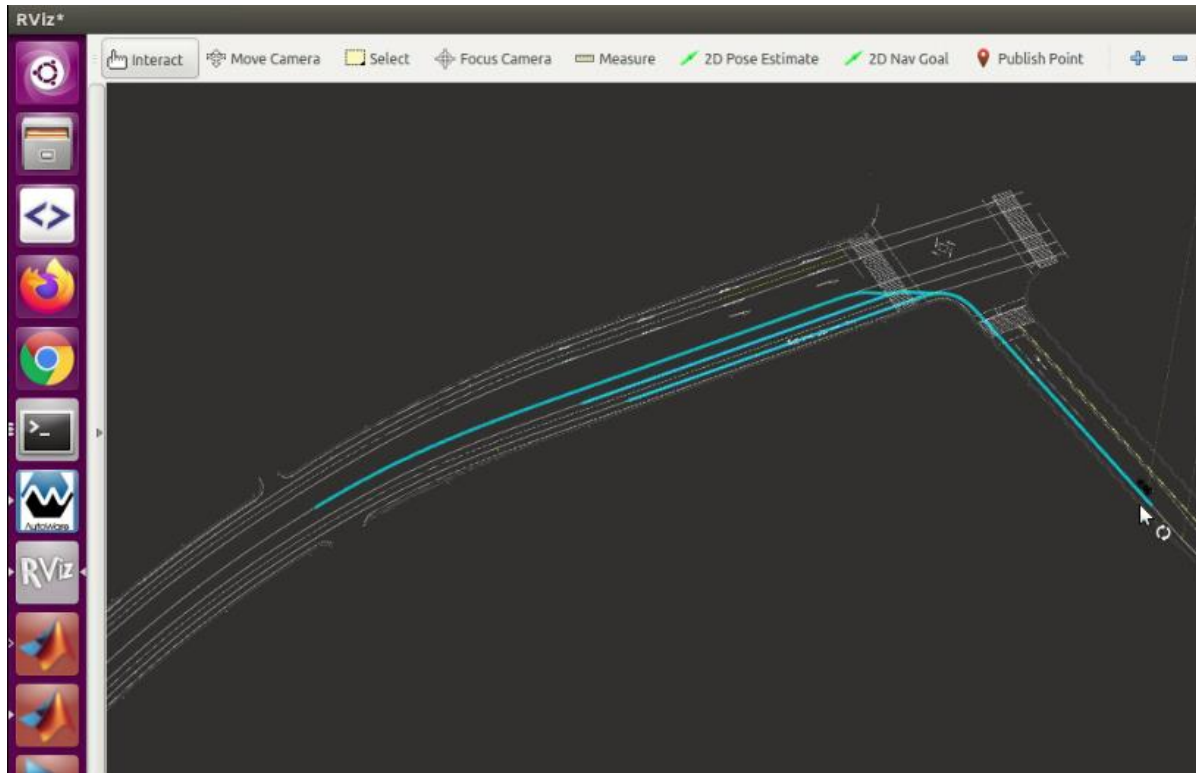


Figure 38: Visualizing our Car (Ego Vehicle)

Step 8: After visualizing our car, we will select the *pure_pursuit* app from *way point follower* under computing tab and make sure that it looks like the photo below and that all the options are selected as follows.

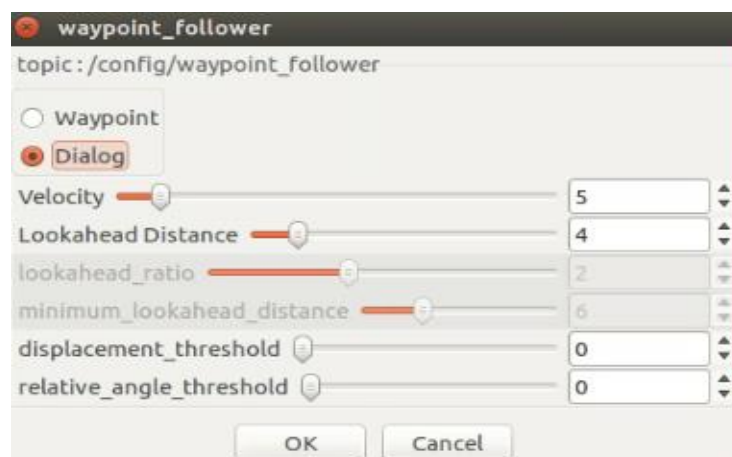


Figure 39: Pure_Pursuit app

Step 9: Now we will select three *lane_planner* apps under computing tab namely *lane_rule*, *lane_stop*, and *lane_select*.

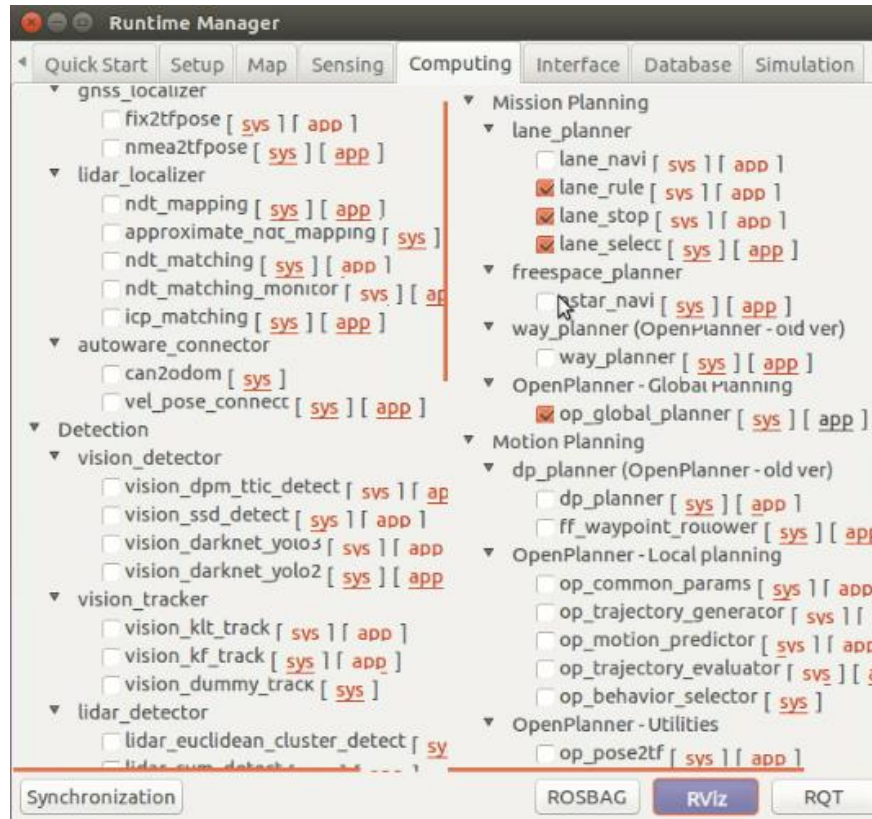


Figure 40: Selecting *lane_planner* apps

Step 10: We then select *way_planner* app.

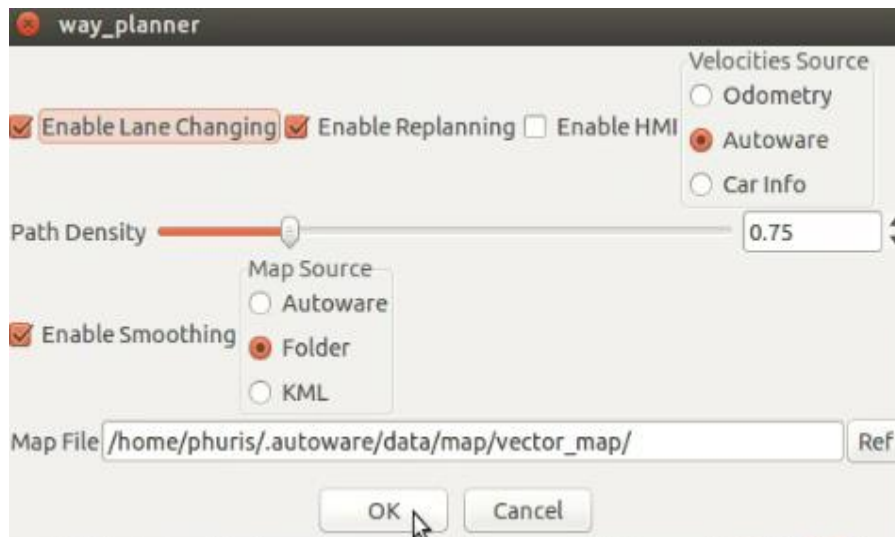


Figure 41: *way_planner* app

Step 11: Please now select *dp_planner* app as follows.

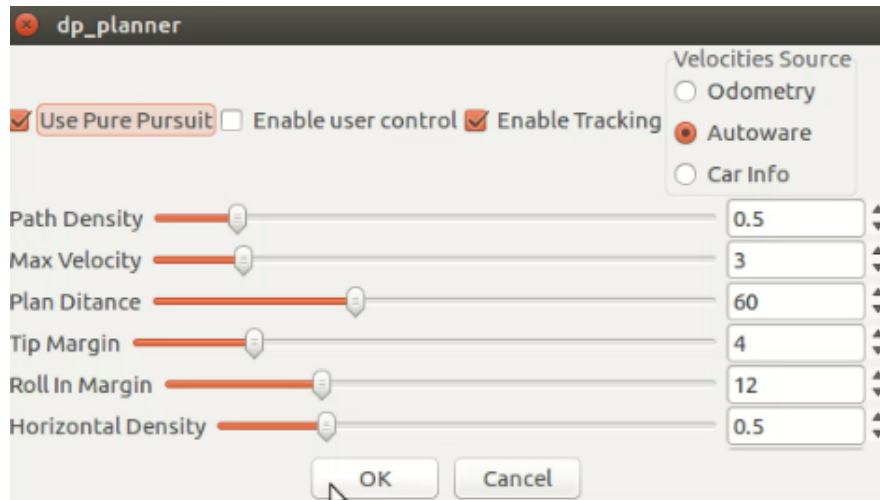


Figure 42: *dp_planner* app

Step 12: Now, we will notice the movement of the car on the map in RViz, and the same time we can view the position of this ego vehicle on the plot as shown below. Next step would be to put an obstacle in the path of the vehicle to make sure that the car avoids the obstacle and takes the best possible path.

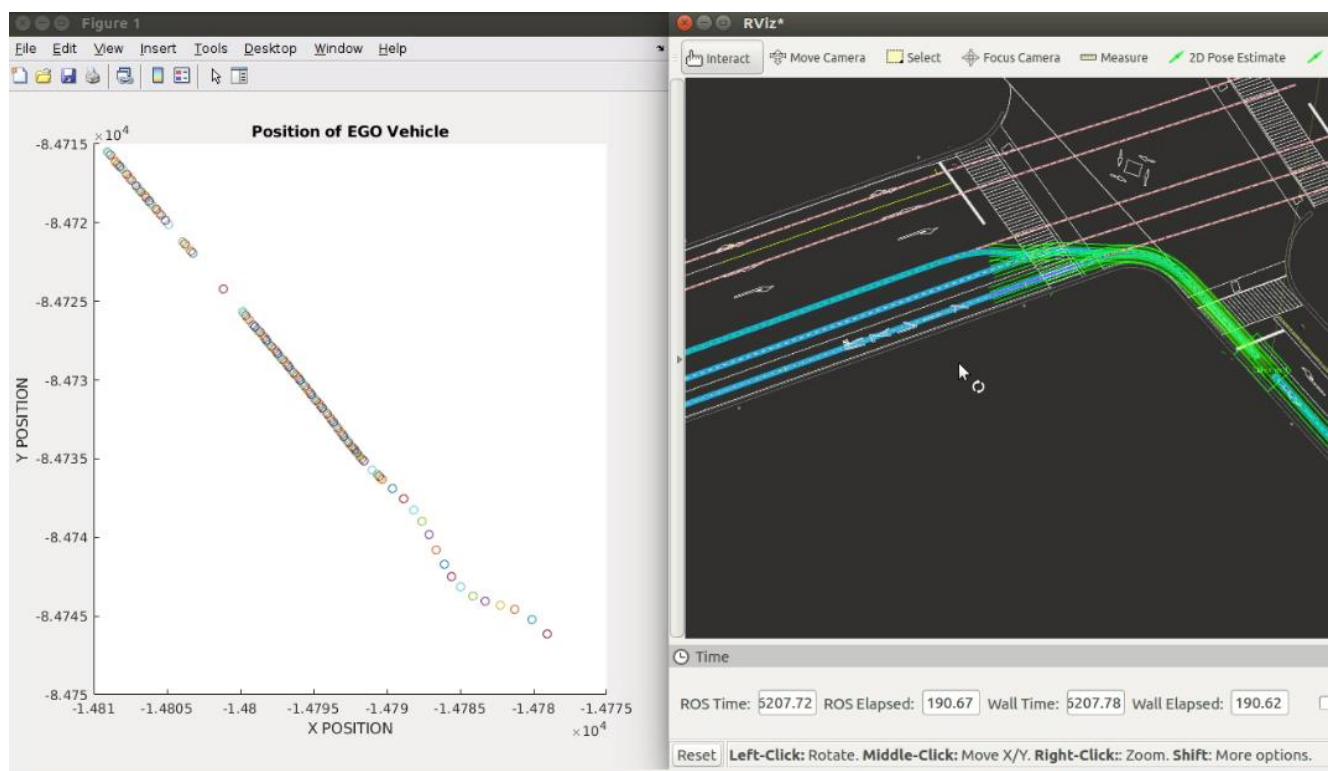


Figure 43: The car's movement visualized on RViz and MATLAB Simulink simultaneously

We can put an obstacle on the path by selecting “Publish Point” from the toolbar in RViz. We can notice that the car changes its path after few seconds, and this can also be seen from the Position of Ego vehicle plot.

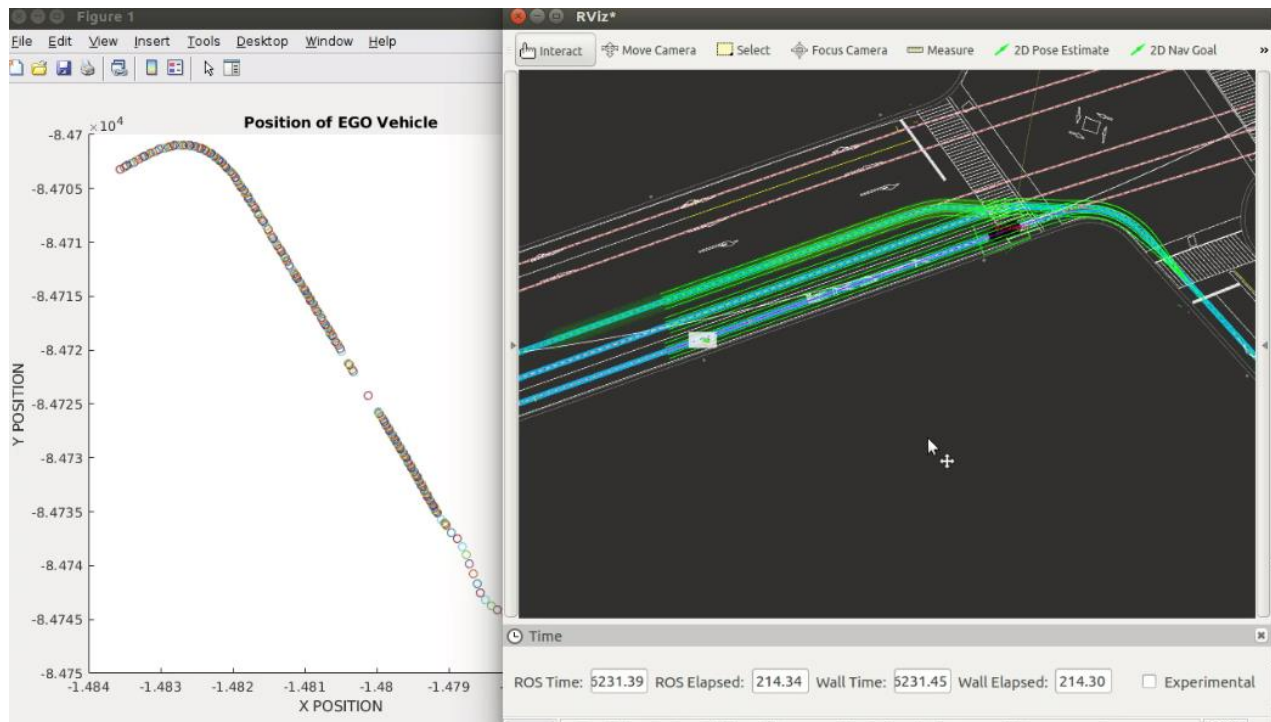


Figure 44: Putting an obstacle (in white) on the path

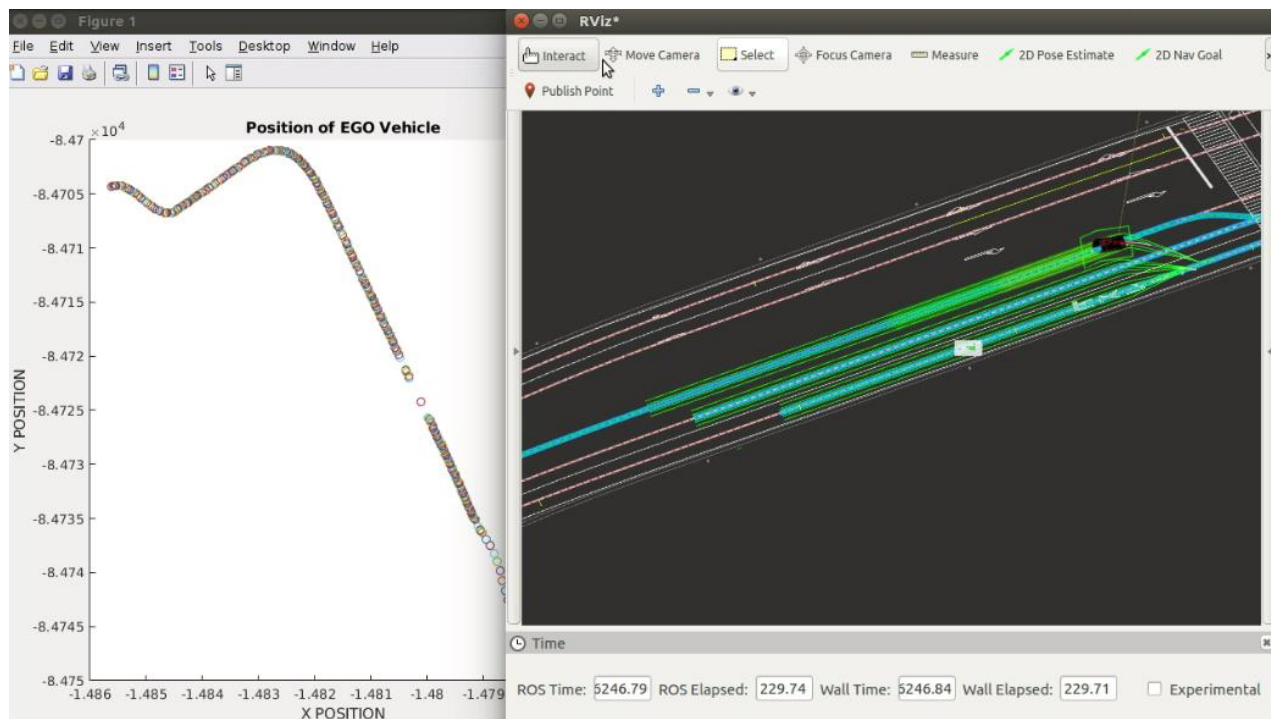


Figure 45: The car avoids the obstacle

We then put another obstacle on the path, and again the car avoids it as can be seen below on the plot of Position of ego vehicle.

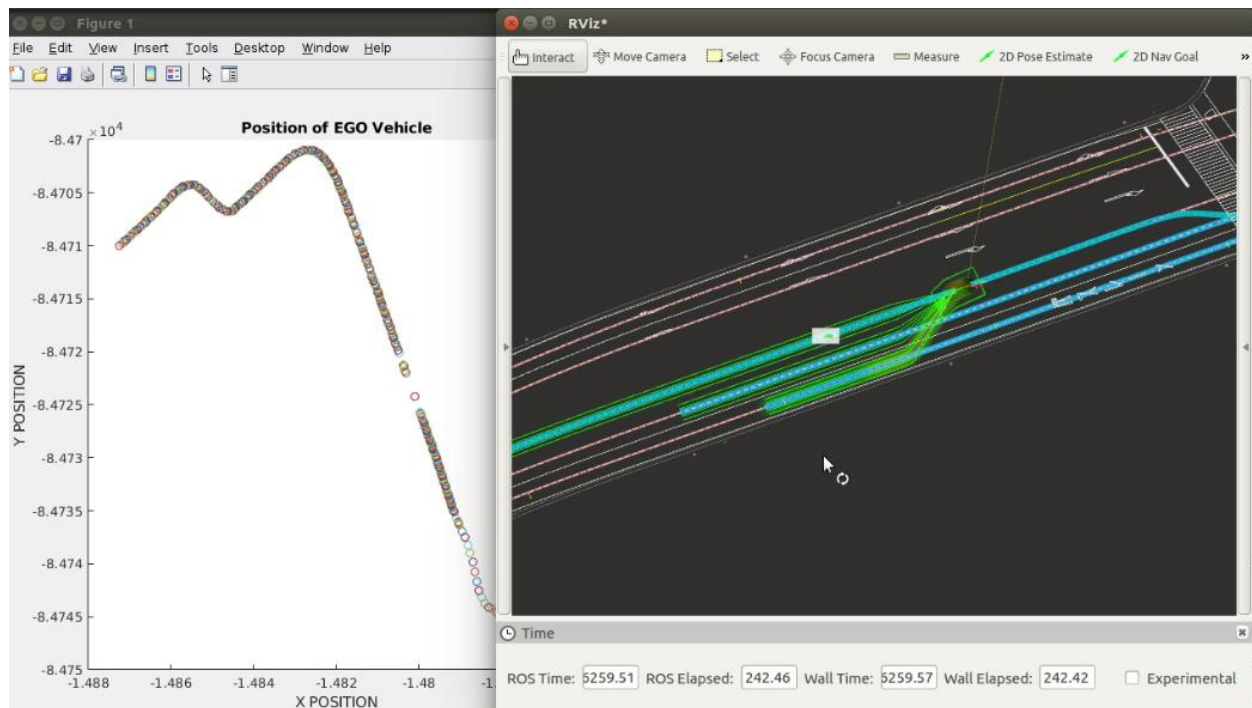


Figure 46: Obstacle avoidance

Chapter 7: Implementation of a Manual Mode to Control the Ego Vehicle with a Keyboard

This chapter deals with an implementation of a manual mode so that an ego vehicle can be driven via a keyboard in RViz environment. This guide will provide the readers a detailed approach on how to control the vehicle from a keyboard. However, it should be noted that some initial commands that were run on the terminal are very similar to the ones explained in the previous chapter (Chapter 6), and they will not be repeated here to avoid repetition, but a reference to the figure number and step number will certainly be provided.

Step 1: We will launch the Autoware runtime manager from the terminal. Please refer to **Step1** in chapter 6 for the detailed information on how to launch it.

Step 2: After the Autoware Runtime manager window pops up on the screen, under the “Setup” tab, Vehicle Model will be selected. The path to the file for vehicle model can also be seen in the figure 30. Vehicle Model button can be clicked to select it.

Step 3: Next step is to setup the “Map” tab. The file paths used for Vector Map and TF can be seen on figure 31.

Step 4: Now we will setup the “computing” tab. Firstly, the *vel_pose_connect* app will be selected. Please, make sure that the simulation mode is selected as below.

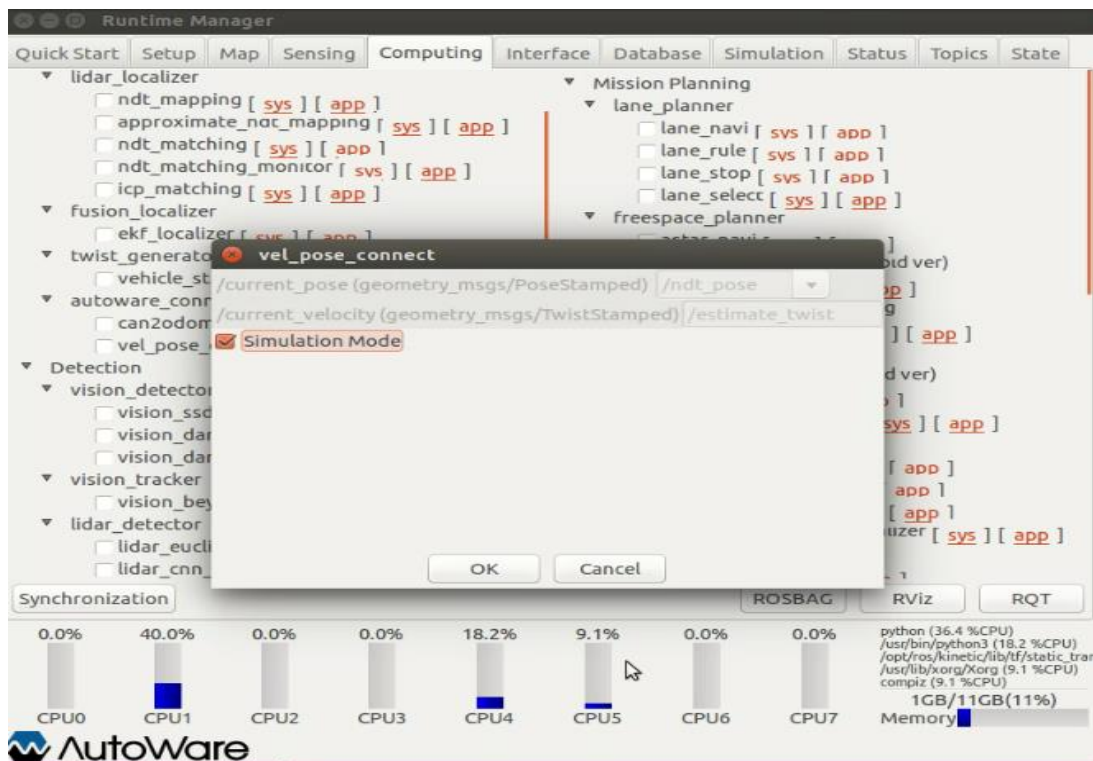


Figure 47: A screenshot of *vel_pose_connect* app

Step 5: Please turn on the wf_simulator and then click on RViz to open it.

Step 6: After launching RViz, set the 2D Pose Estimate, and the car will appear. After doing this, change the camera view to *TopDownOrtho* and target frame to *sim_base_link* located at the top right of the window.

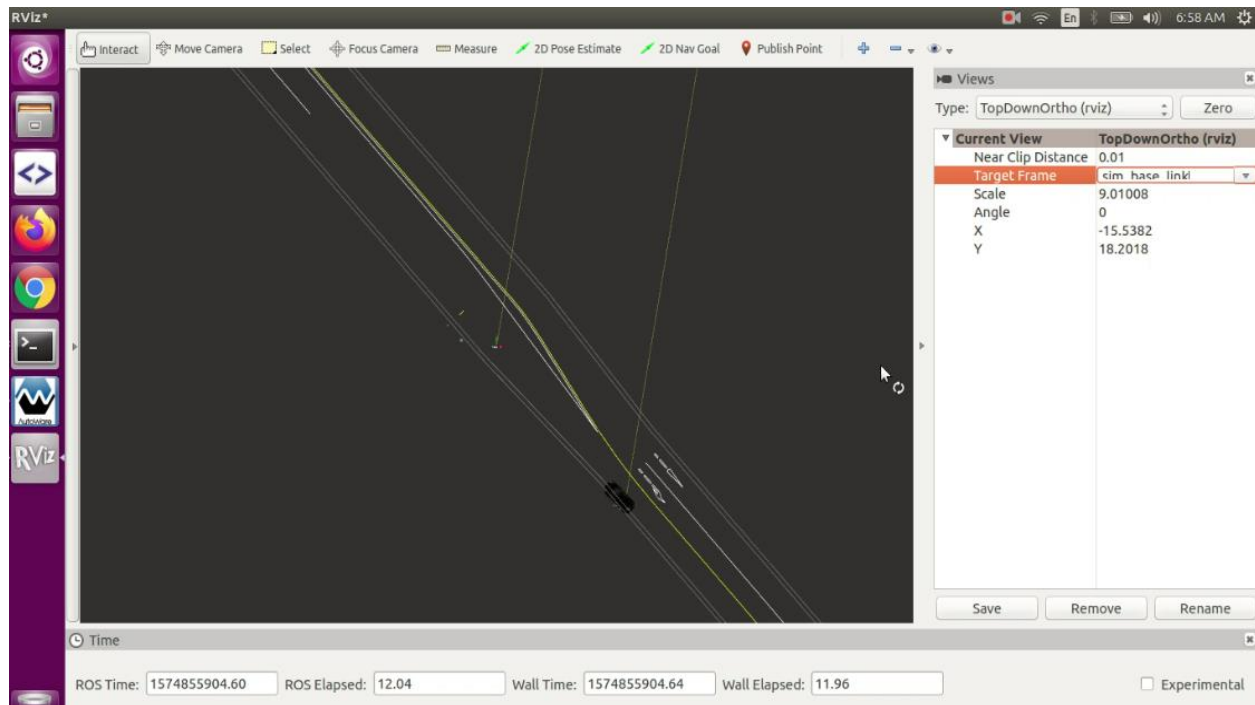


Figure 48: Initial RViz window

Step 7: Run MATLAB from the terminal and change the path as shown below to locate the folder MATLAB Add-Ons. For instance, in our case this looks like this:
/home/phuris/Desktop/MATLAB Add-Ons/Collections/Simulink Keyboard Input v2

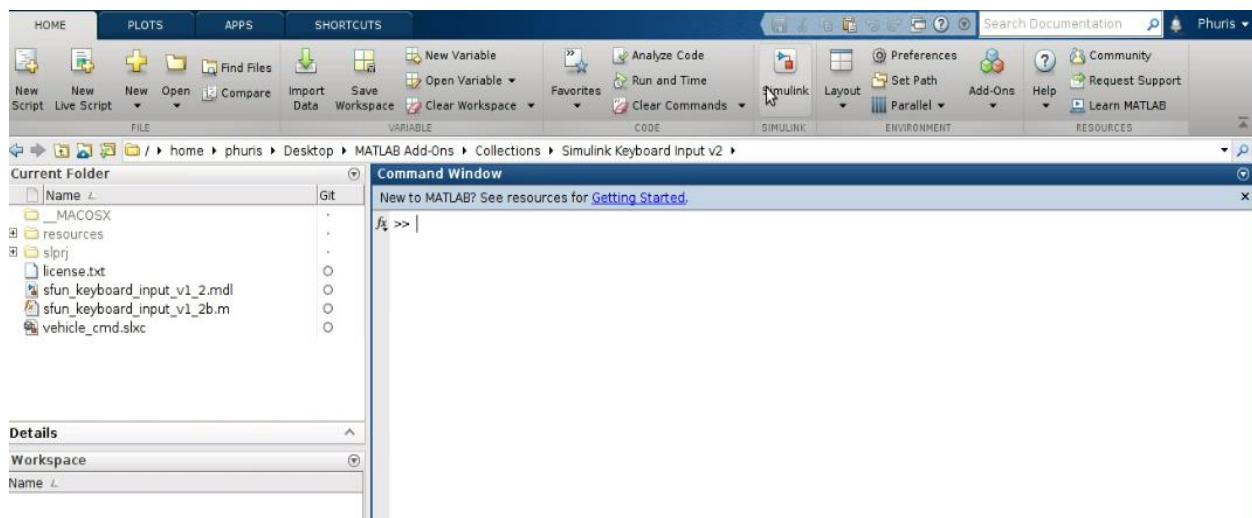


Figure 49: Locating the folder on MATLAB

Step 8: Run the following command in MATLAB to initialize the ROS node.

```
>> rosinit
```

Now, launch Simulink.

After running the model, please make sure that Keyboard Window is shown up.

Step 9: Open *vehicle_cmd.slx* and run it

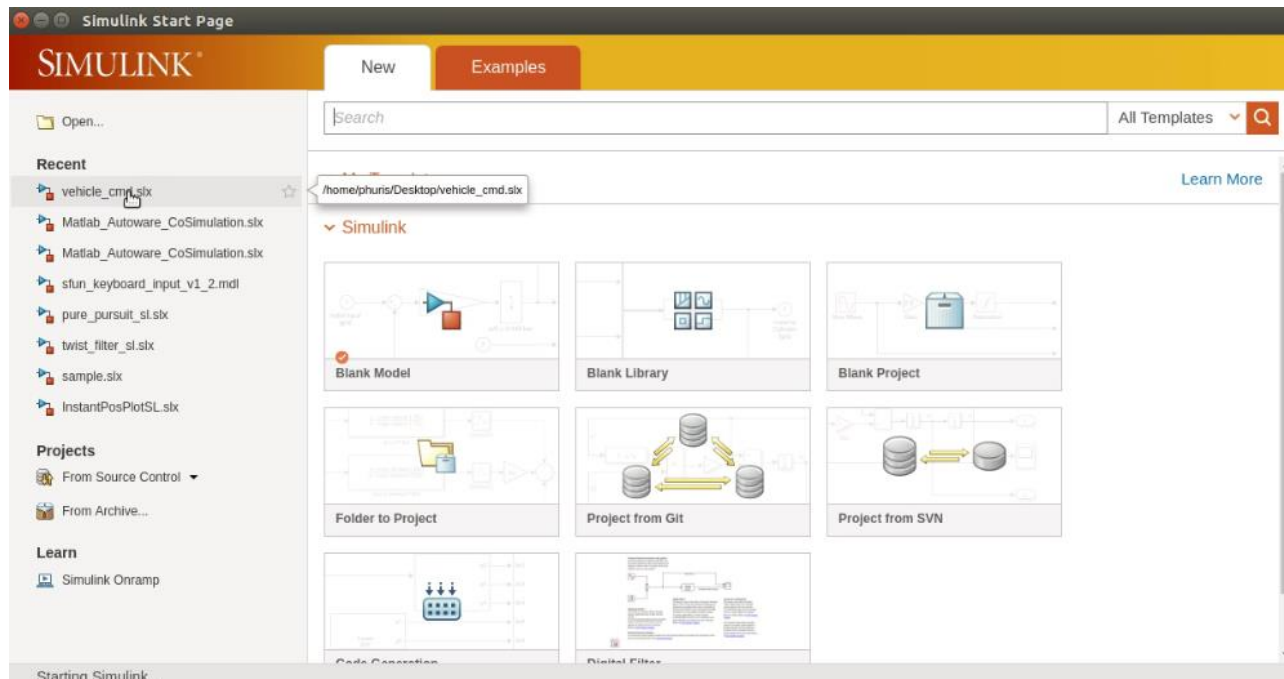


Figure 50: *vehicle_cmd.slx*

Step 10: Now, we are ready to control the car via keyboard.

- press 'up-arrow' to accelerate
- press 'down-arrow' to decelerate
- press 'left-arrow' to steer left
- press 'right-arrow' to steer right
- press 'spacebar' to stop turning the car

Some remarks on how to use the model:

- In the model, there exists two gain blocks for left steering angle and right steering angle which can be adjusted so that the response can be quicker.
- In addition to steering, there exists two gain blocks that determines until which velocity the vehicle should accelerate and decelerate. Those values are currently set to 60 km/h and 0 km/h respectively.

- Key control can be thought of as a switch. For instance, when up-arrow key is pressed, the vehicle will accelerate continuously even though key is not pressed anymore. Same condition applies to the left and right steering of the vehicle as well.

The video demonstration is found in our Git repository for the project and the link is provided below.

- <https://gitlab.lrz.de/ge73xoh/software-lab---autoware.git>

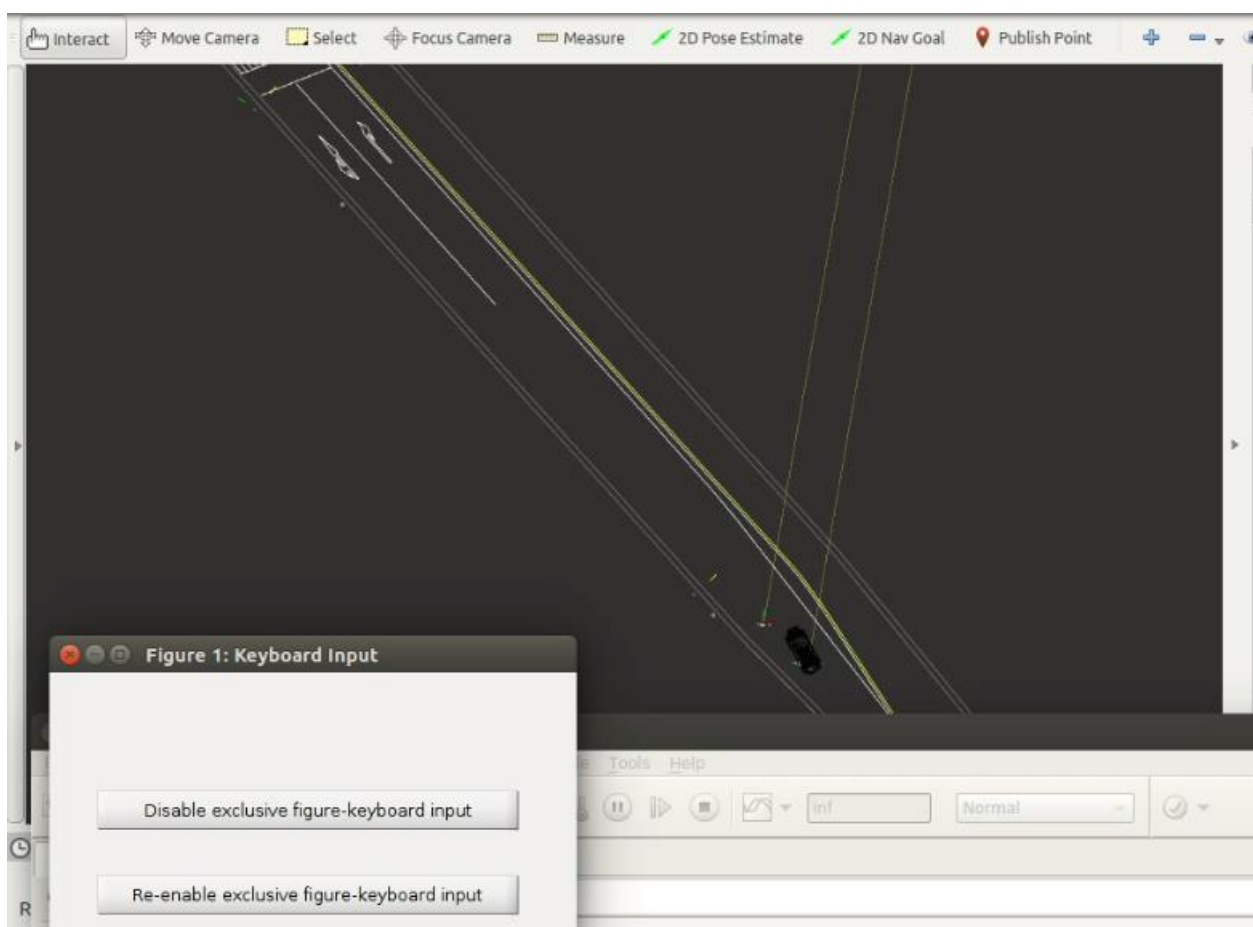


Figure 51: Keyboard Control

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