

# DEVS-Suite Simulator Guide: TestFrame and Database

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**Synopsis:** This report details two new features added to the DEVS-Suite Simulator. A Testing Framework (TestFrame) provides a set of generic JUnit/DEVS constructs enabling run-time testing and debugging of Parallel DEVS models. A built-in configurable database repository (PostgreSQL) supports superdense time input, state, and output trajectories of Parallel DEVS models.

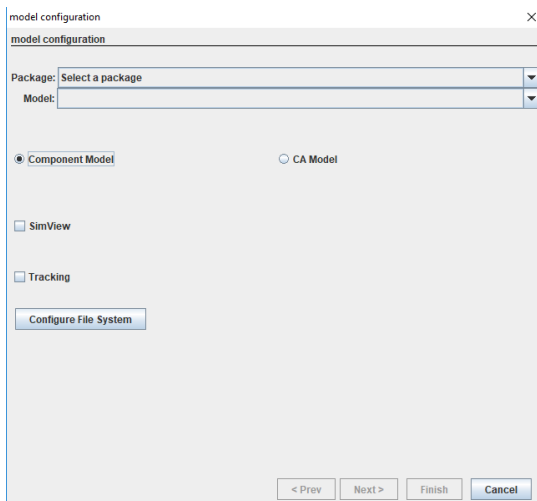
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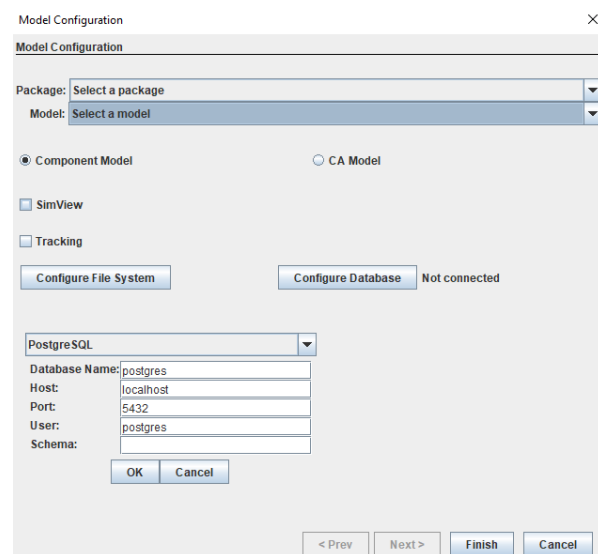
## A. Simulator Set-up Procedure

The simulator needs to be configured to access and execute models that are available in the Models package. Additional packages with models can be created. After creating a Java project as described in Section A, the following steps should be used to set-up your simulation environment.

1. Launch the simulator and choose either Component Models or Cellular Automata Models



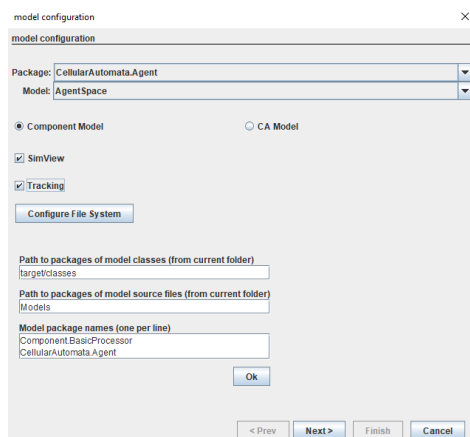
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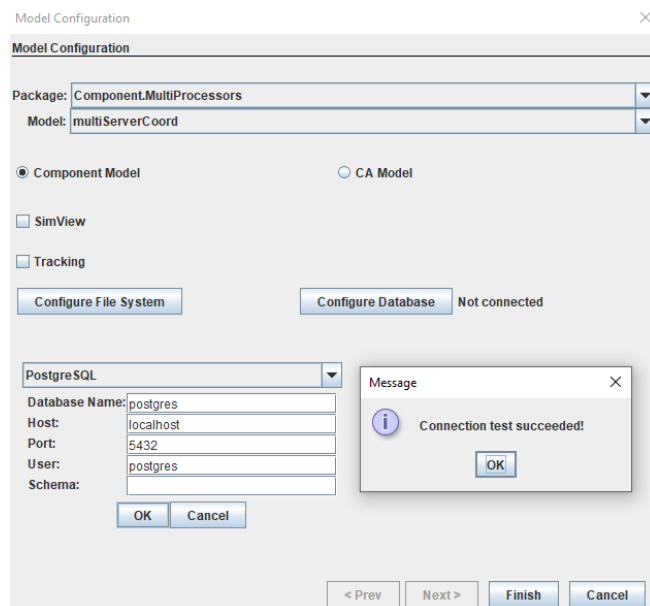
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2. Set up the model configuration as shown in the following figures. Note that either Component Model or CA Model can be selected at this stage too. Note that the items shown in the "Package: Select a package" appears after the "Configure File System" set-up is completed.
  - a. set the "Path to packages of model classes (from current folder)" to the absolute location of the package one wants to load, '[path to the unzipped folder]/ DEVS\_Suite\_6.0.0.jar',
  - b. set the "Path to packages of model source files (from current folder)" to 'Models'

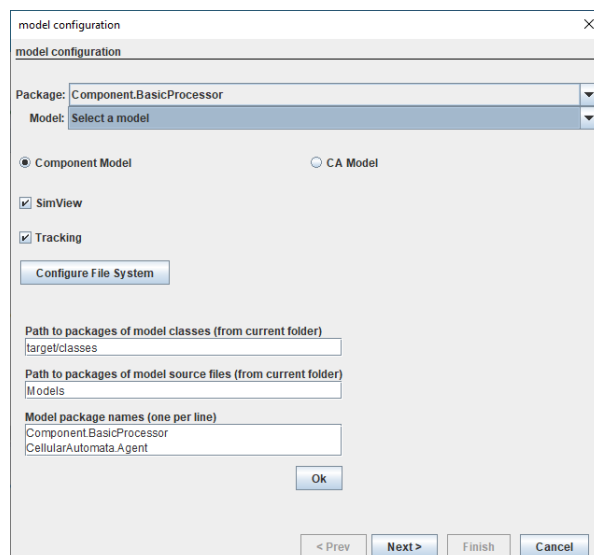
- c. Add packages (e.g., Component.SwitchNetwork) in the “Model package names (one per line)”. The Component.BasicProcessor and CellularAutomata.Agent packages are included in the "Model package name (one per line)". You can delete packages. The “SimView\_settings” file included in the with software has a set of default packages. A part of this file is shown in top figure in Page 8.
- d. Select the OK button
- e. Connect to the PostgreSQL database if desired (see Section C).



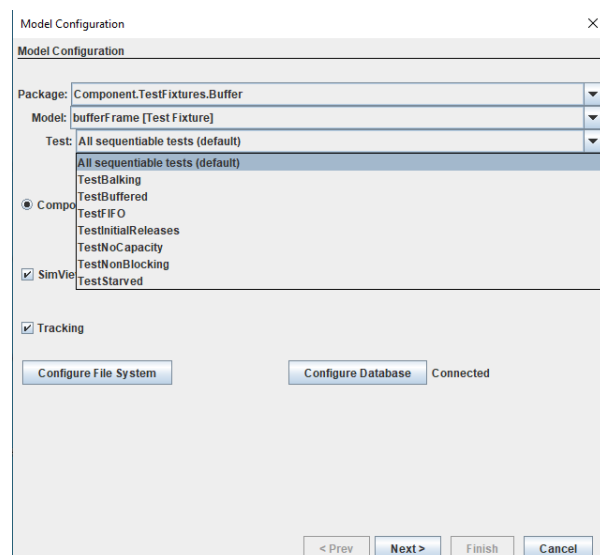
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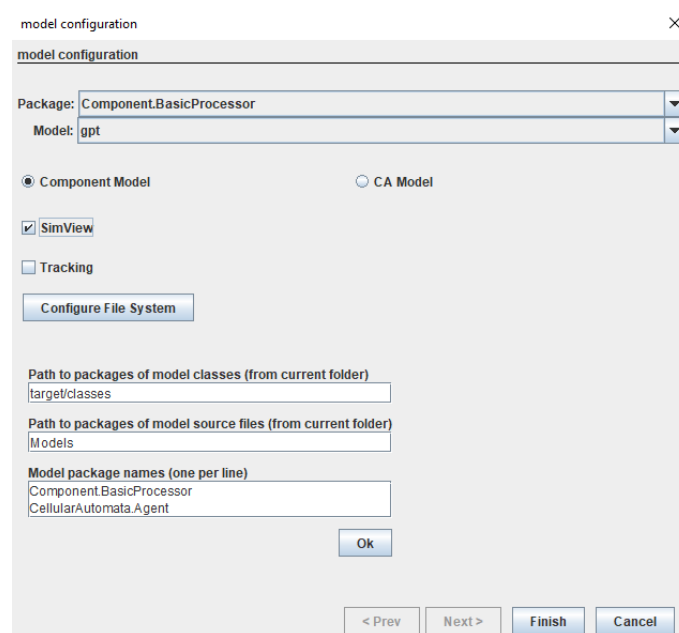


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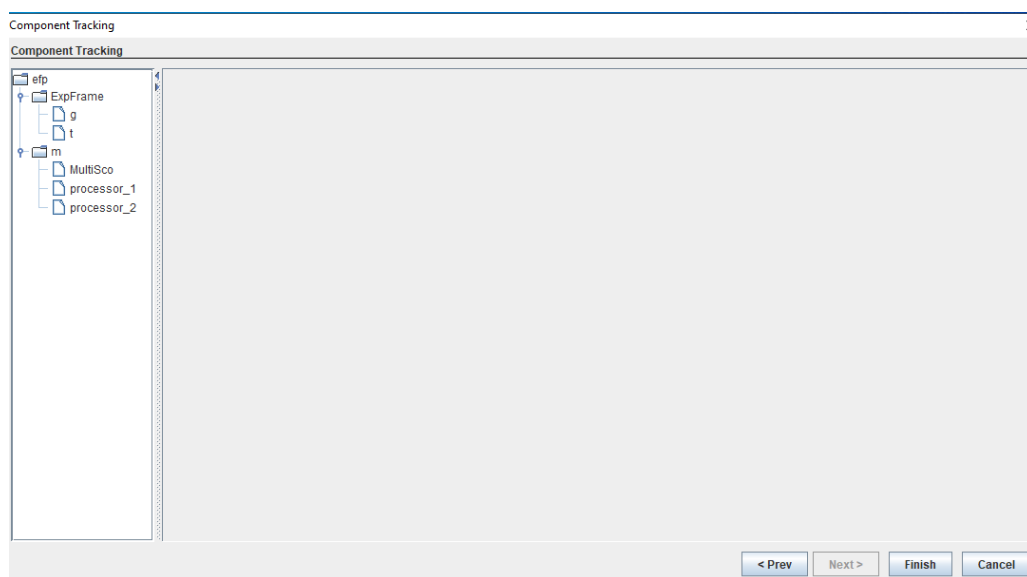


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- Choose a package and a model to load. You can also choose a package, a model, a test to load. The component model sub-packages in the “TestFixtures” can have tests. This is a new feature for Version 6.0.0. Then select Finish.



- If the “Tracking” option is selected before selecting “Finish”, then any number of atomic and coupled models can be tracked. Each model is tracked individually.



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The figure below shows the “MultiSco” component is selected from the left-hand panel. Upon selection, the right-hand panel is filled in with input and output ports, any user defined state variables, time of last event (tL) and time of Next event (tN). Time axis can be configured in terms of time increments and unit. The Superdense choice can be selected and is applied to any variable that have multiple values at an instance of time.

Component Tracking

Component Tracking

efp

- ExpFrame
  - g
  - t
  - m
    - MultiSco
    - processor\_1
    - processor\_2

Tracking Options

Apply All

Name	Plot			
	Stack	Separate	Tabulate	
State Variables	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Separate	<input type="checkbox"/> Tabulate
Clock	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

State Variables

Name	Units	Stack	Separate	Tabulate	
Phase		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Separate	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tabulate
Sigma		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Separate	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tabulate
availablePr...		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Separate	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tabulate
jobsInProc...		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Separate	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tabulate

Input Ports

Name	Units	Stack	Separate	Tabulate	
in		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Separate	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tabulate
none		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Separate	<input type="checkbox"/> Tabulate

Output Ports

Name	Units	Stack	Separate	Tabulate	
out		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Separate	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tabulate
y		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Separate	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tabulate

General

Time Axis Settings

X-Axis Units: sec Increment: 2 ☒ Superdense

Time View Options

Plot: A-Z Tabulate: A-Z

Clock

Name	Units	Stack	Separate	Tabulate	
tl		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Separate	<input type="checkbox"/> Tabulate
tn		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Separate	<input type="checkbox"/> Tabulate

Track Reset

< Prev Next > Finish Cancel

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Component Tracking

Component Tracking

efp

- basicProcessor
- ExpFrame
  - generator
  - transducer

Tracking Options

Apply All

Name	Plot			
	Stack	Separate	Tabulate	Database
ame	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Separate	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Database
Varia...	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

State Variables

Name	Units	Stack	Separate	Tabulate	Database
Phase		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Separate	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Database
Sigma		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Separate	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Database

Input Ports

Name	Units	Stack	Separate	Tabulate	Database
in		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Separate	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Database
none		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Separate	<input type="checkbox"/> Database

Output Ports

Name	Units	Stack	Separate	Tabulate	Database
out		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Separate	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Database

General

Time Axis Settings

X-Axis Units: sec Increment: 10 ☒ Superdense

Time View Options

Plot: A-Z Tabulate: A-Z

Clock

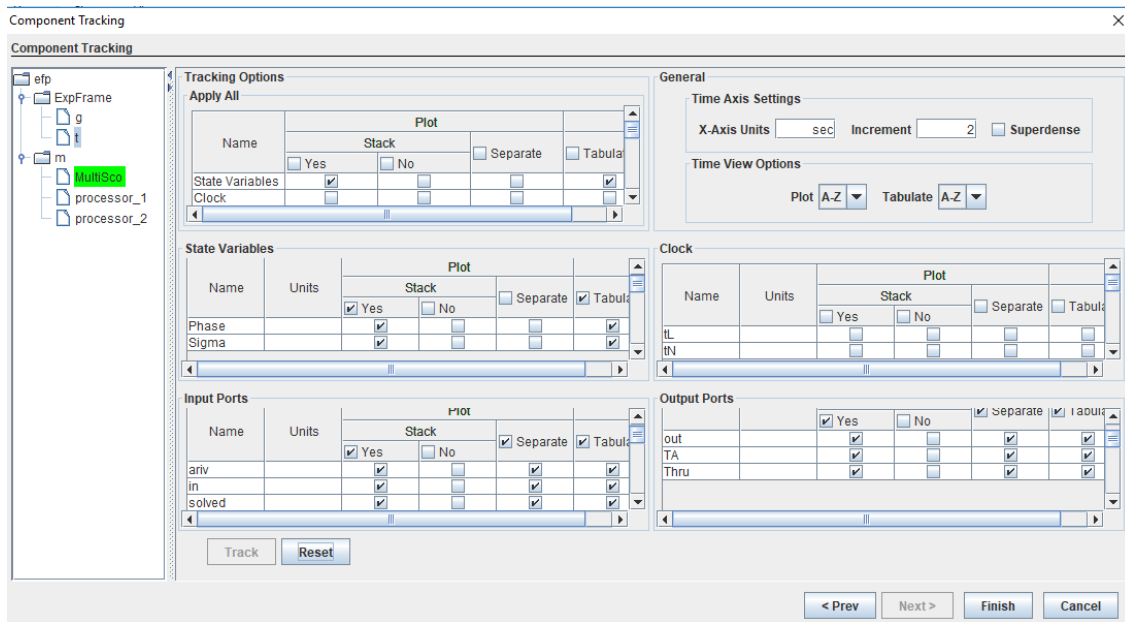
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Track Reset

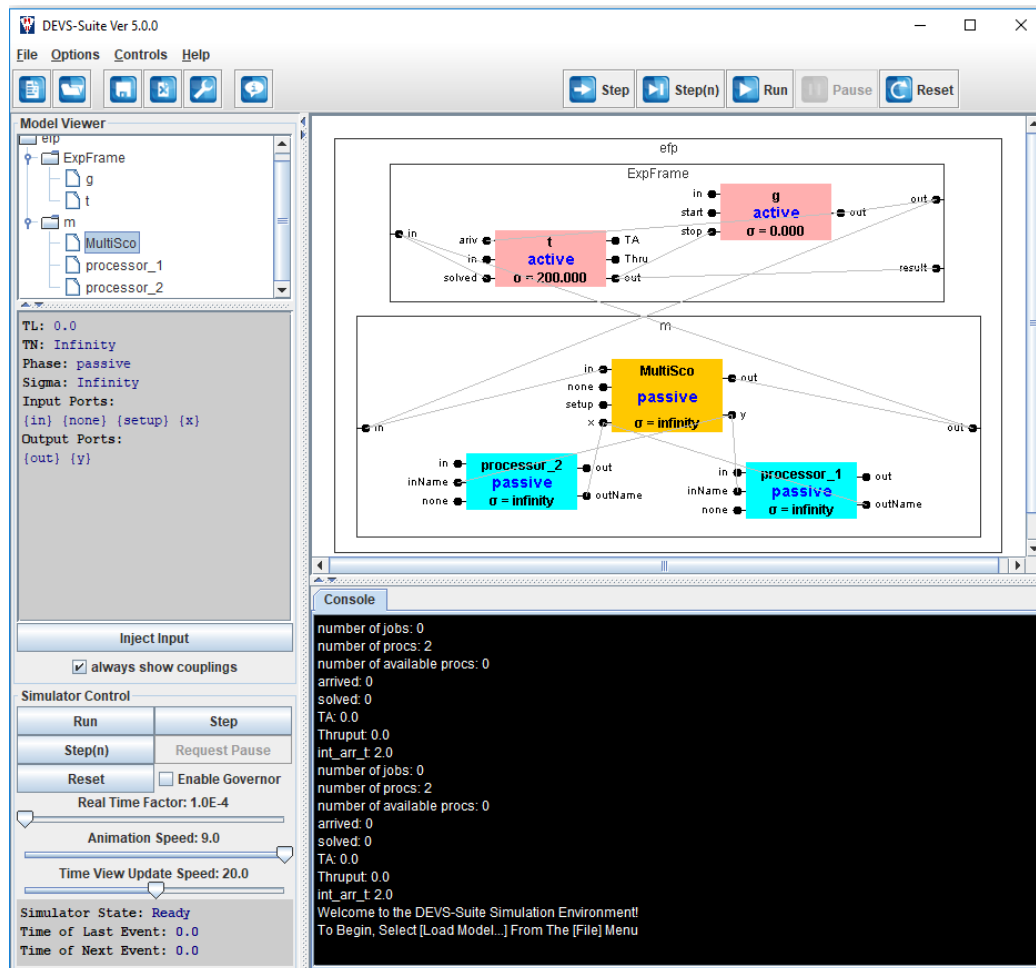
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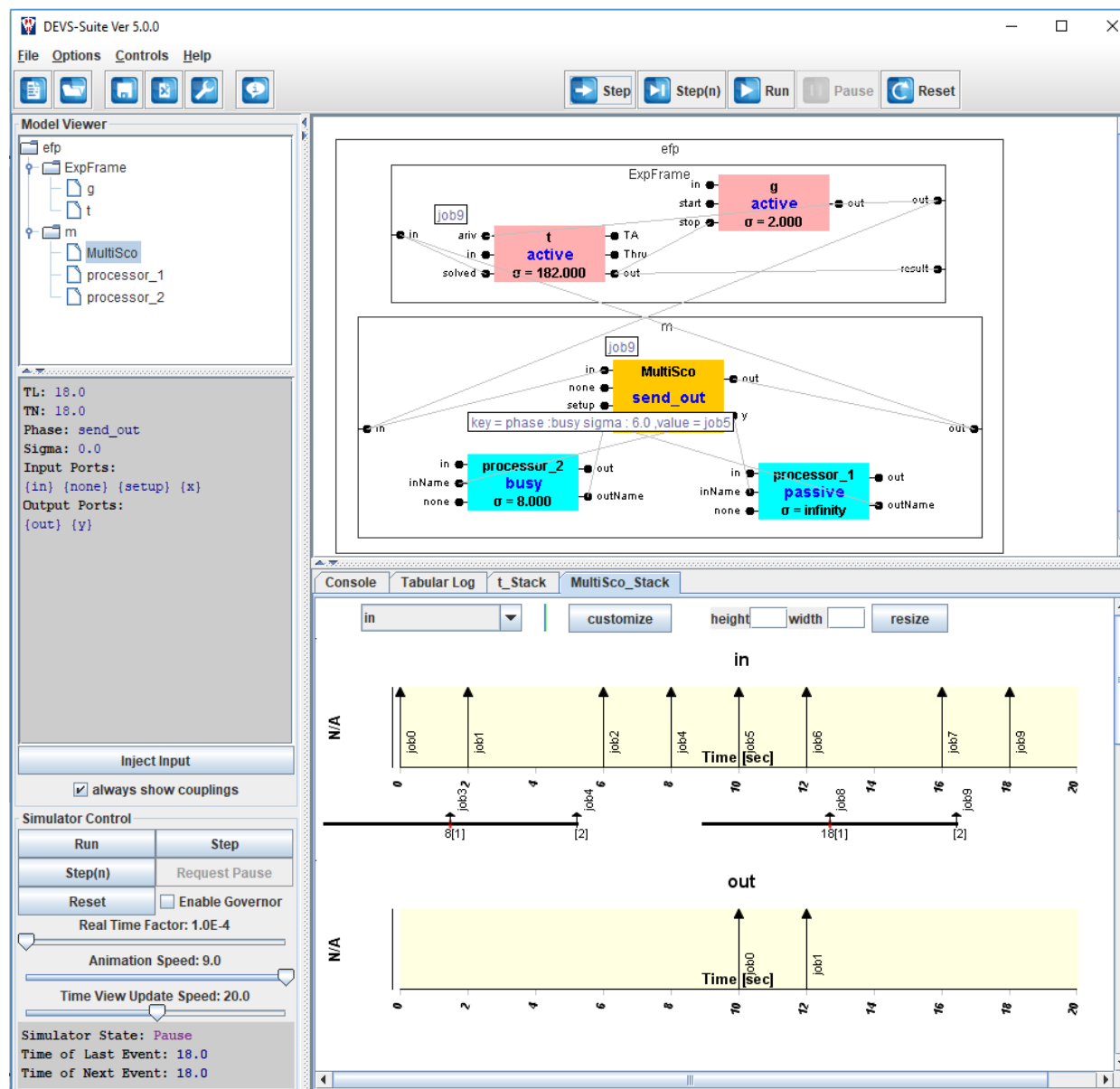
The figure below shows “MultiSco” has already been configured for tracking.



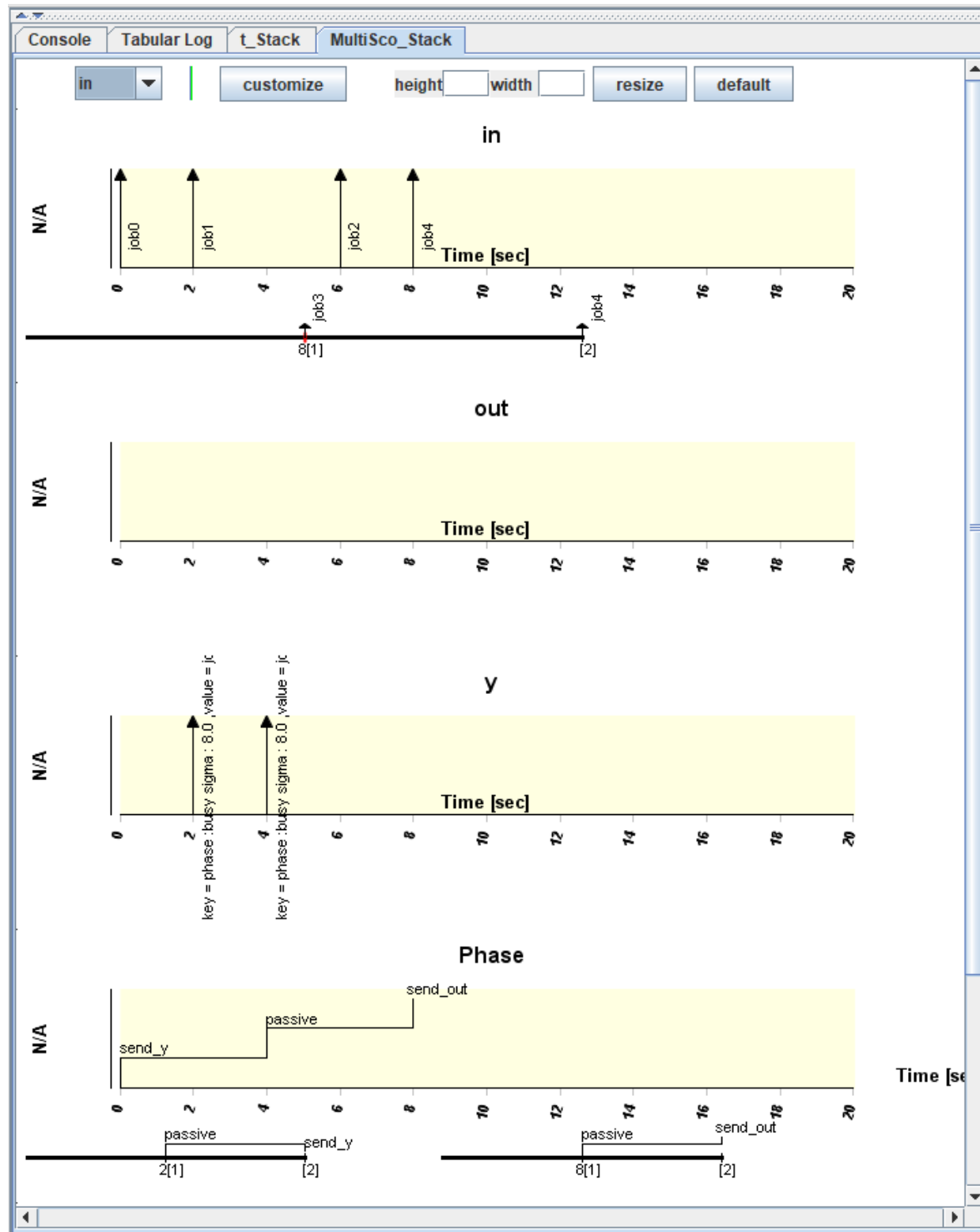
- The SimView portion of the simulator populates if the SimView choice is selected. The Model Viewer and the Simulator Control are the same as those provided in the 3.0.0, 4.0.0, and 5.0.0 versions.



The following figure depicts both the messages that are being exchanged between models in the SimView and the tabs that are for the console along with the tabular and trajectories tabs for the selected model components.

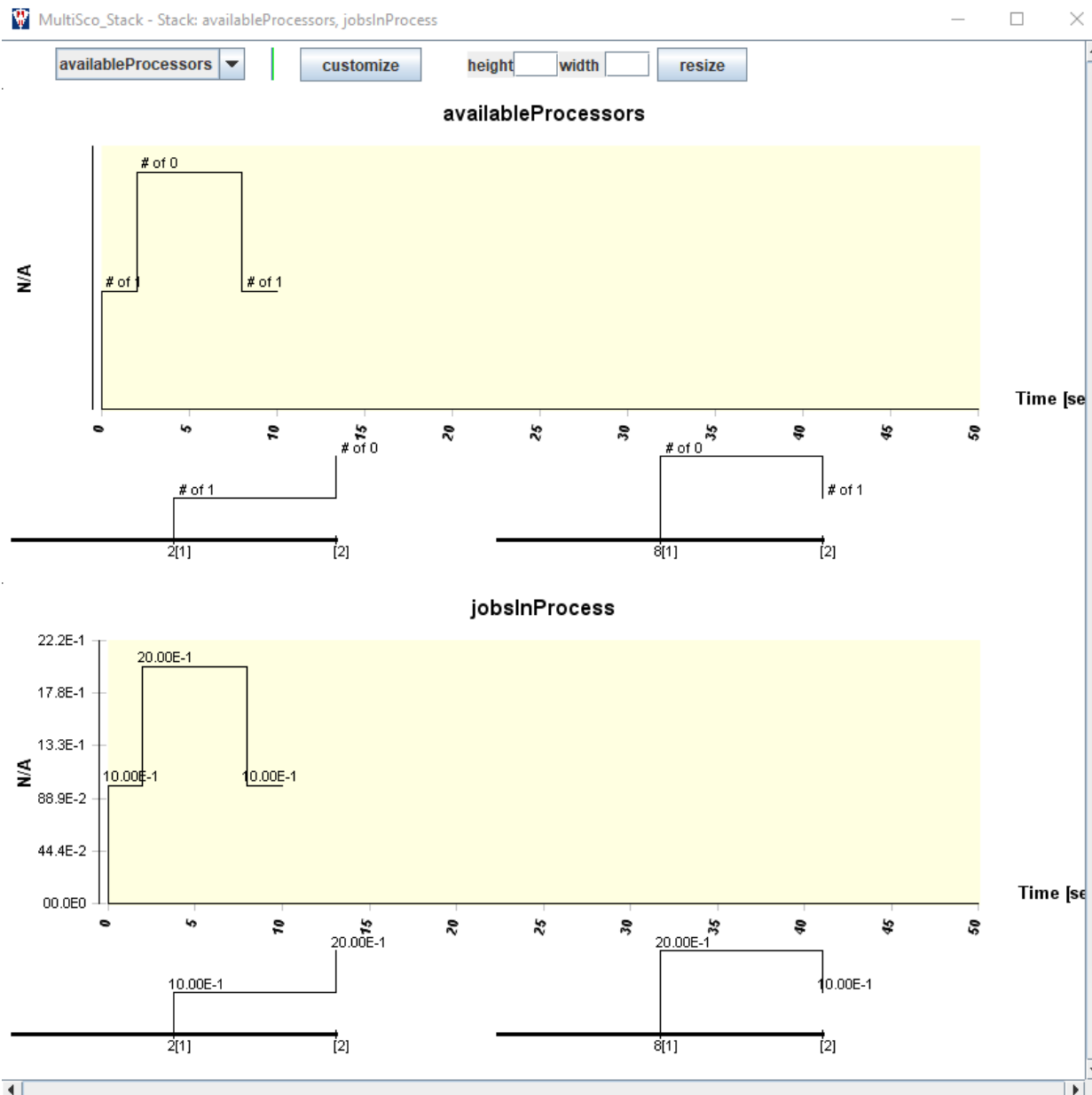






6. The following figures shows two state variables (availableProcessors and JobsInProgress) in the MultiSco are declared to be tracked. The following is added to the multiServerCoord.java model. Note that the name "MultiSco" is the name given to the instance of the multiServerCoord.java in the coupled model "m".

```
@state(log = state.DEFAULT_CHECKED)
private int jobsInProgress = 0; // number of jobs in the queue
@state(log = state.DEFAULT_CHECKED)
private String availableProcessors = "zero"; // number of processors
```



7. The following is an example of variables being tracked. The table contains any state variable designated to be tracked.

	198.0	200.0	200.0	200.0	202.0	202.0
	<b>Input Ports:</b> ariv: {job99} in: solved: <b>Output Ports:</b> out: TA: Thru: Phase:active Sigma:2.0	<b>Input Ports:</b> ariv: in: solved: {job95} <b>Output Ports:</b> out: TA: Thru: Phase:active Sigma:2.0	<b>Input Ports:</b> ariv: {job100} in: solved: <b>Output Ports:</b> out: {39.0} TA: { 8.0} Thru: { 0.19696969696969696} Phase:passive Sigma:Infinity	<b>Input Ports:</b> ariv: in: solved: <b>Output Ports:</b> out: TA: Thru: Phase:passive Sigma:Infinity	<b>Input Ports:</b> ariv: in: solved: {job96} <b>Output Ports:</b> out: TA: Thru: Phase:passive Sigma:Infinity	<b>Input Ports:</b> ariv: {job101} in: solved: <b>Output Ports:</b> out: TA: Thru: Phase:passive Sigma:Infinity
0	<b>Input Ports:</b> in: {job99} Phase:send_out Sigma:0.0 availableProcessors:# of 1 jobsInProgress:1	<b>Input Ports:</b> in: Phase:passive Sigma:Infinity availableProcessors:# of 1 jobsInProgress:1	<b>Input Ports:</b> in: {job100} Phase:send_y Sigma:0.0 availableProcessors:# of 1 jobsInProgress:1	<b>Input Ports:</b> in: Phase:send_out Sigma:0.0 availableProcessors:# of 1 jobsInProgress:1	<b>Input Ports:</b> in: Phase:passive Sigma:Infinity availableProcessors:# of 1 jobsInProgress:1	<b>Input Ports:</b> in: {job101} Phase:send_y Sigma:0.0 availableProcessors:# of 0 jobsInProgress:2

8. The following figure shows the console output. This information in the console is printed using the Java System.out.println() method.

```

Console  Tabular Log  t_Stack  MultiSco_Stack

jobs arrived :
total :101
jobs solved :
total :40
AVG TA = 8.0
THRUPUT = 0.2
-----Transducer elapsed time =2.0

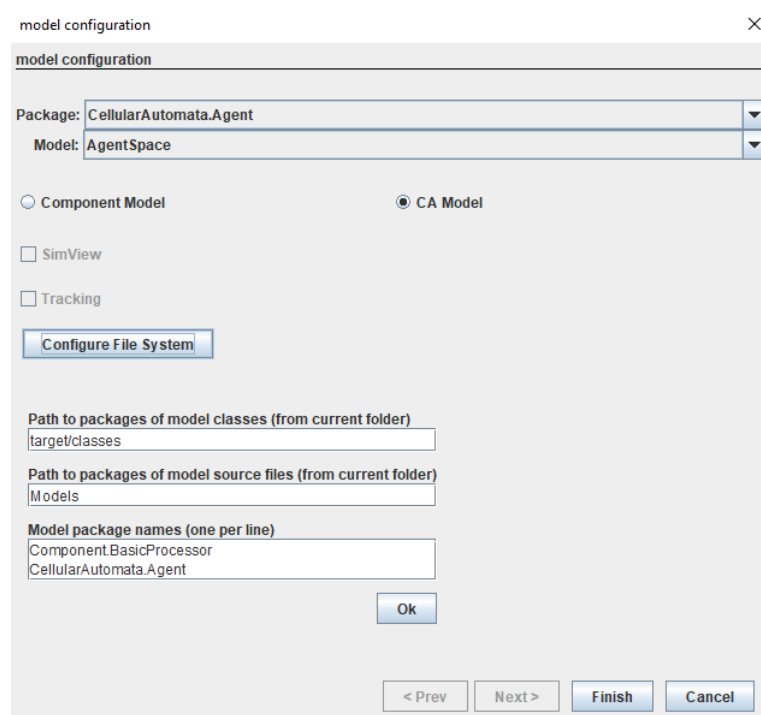
state of t
phase, sigma : passive Infinity
jobs arrived :
total :102
jobs solved :
total :40
AVG TA = 8.0
THRUPUT = 0.19801980198019803
Internal-Phase before: busy
Internal-Phase after: passive
-----Transducer elapsed time =6.0

state of t
phase, sigma : passive Infinity
jobs arrived :
total :102
jobs solved :
total :41
AVG TA = 8.0
THRUPUT = 0.1971153846153846
Internal-Phase before: busy
Internal-Phase after: passive
-----Transducer elapsed time =2.0

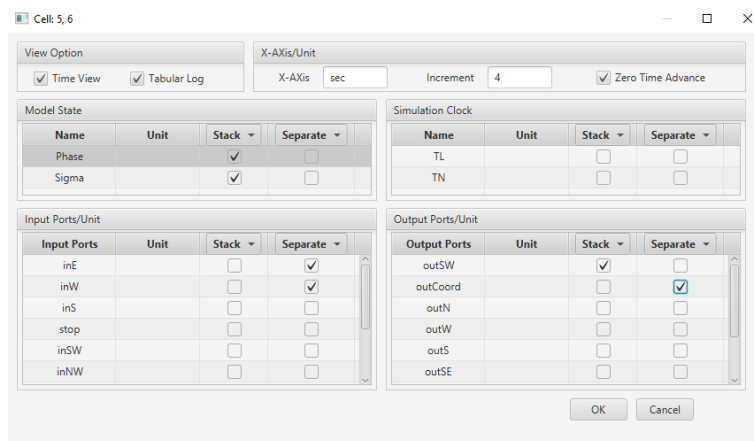
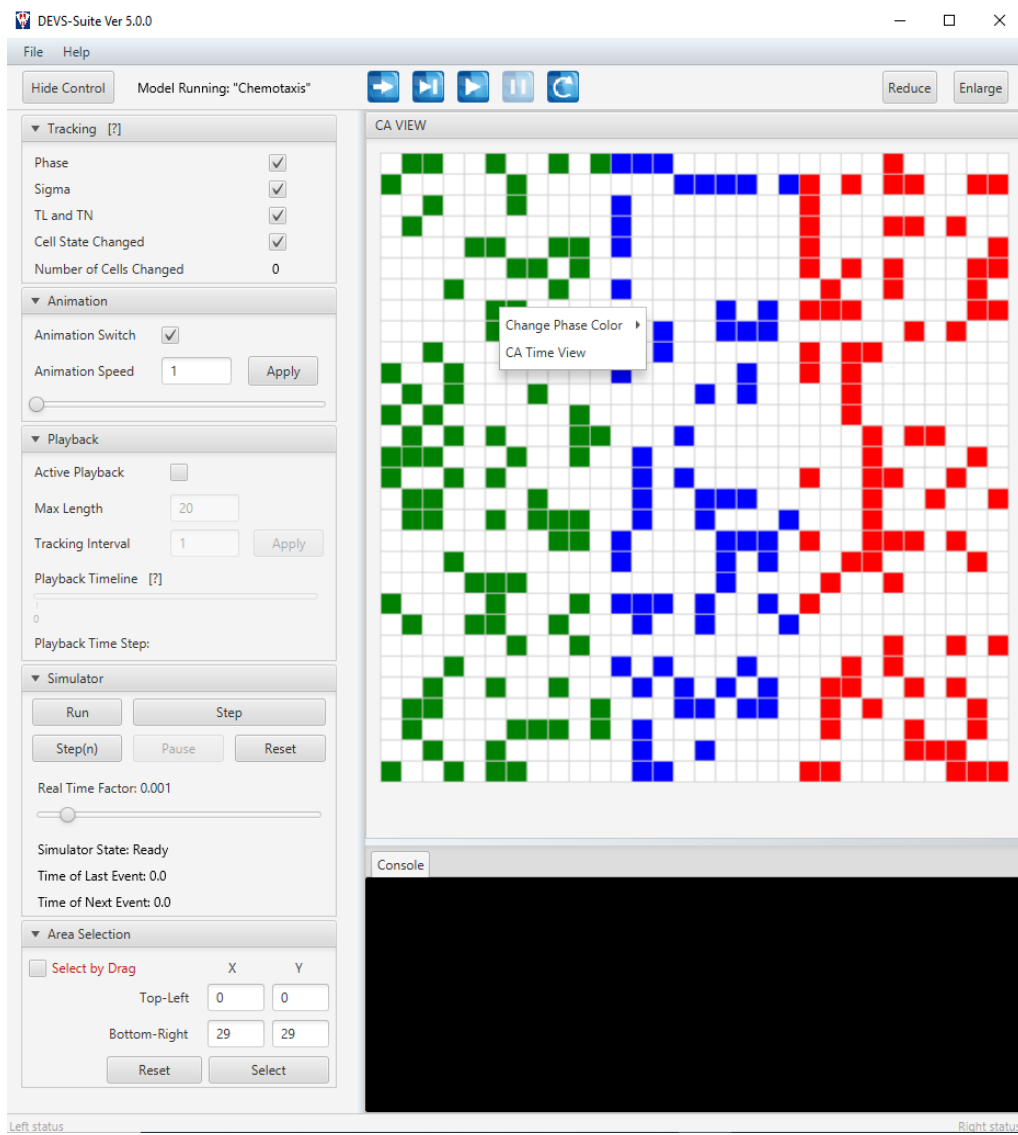
state of t
phase, sigma : passive Infinity
jobs arrived :
total :102
jobs solved :
total :42
AVG TA = 8.0
THRUPUT = 0.2
Terminated Normally before ITERATION 182 ,time: 210.0

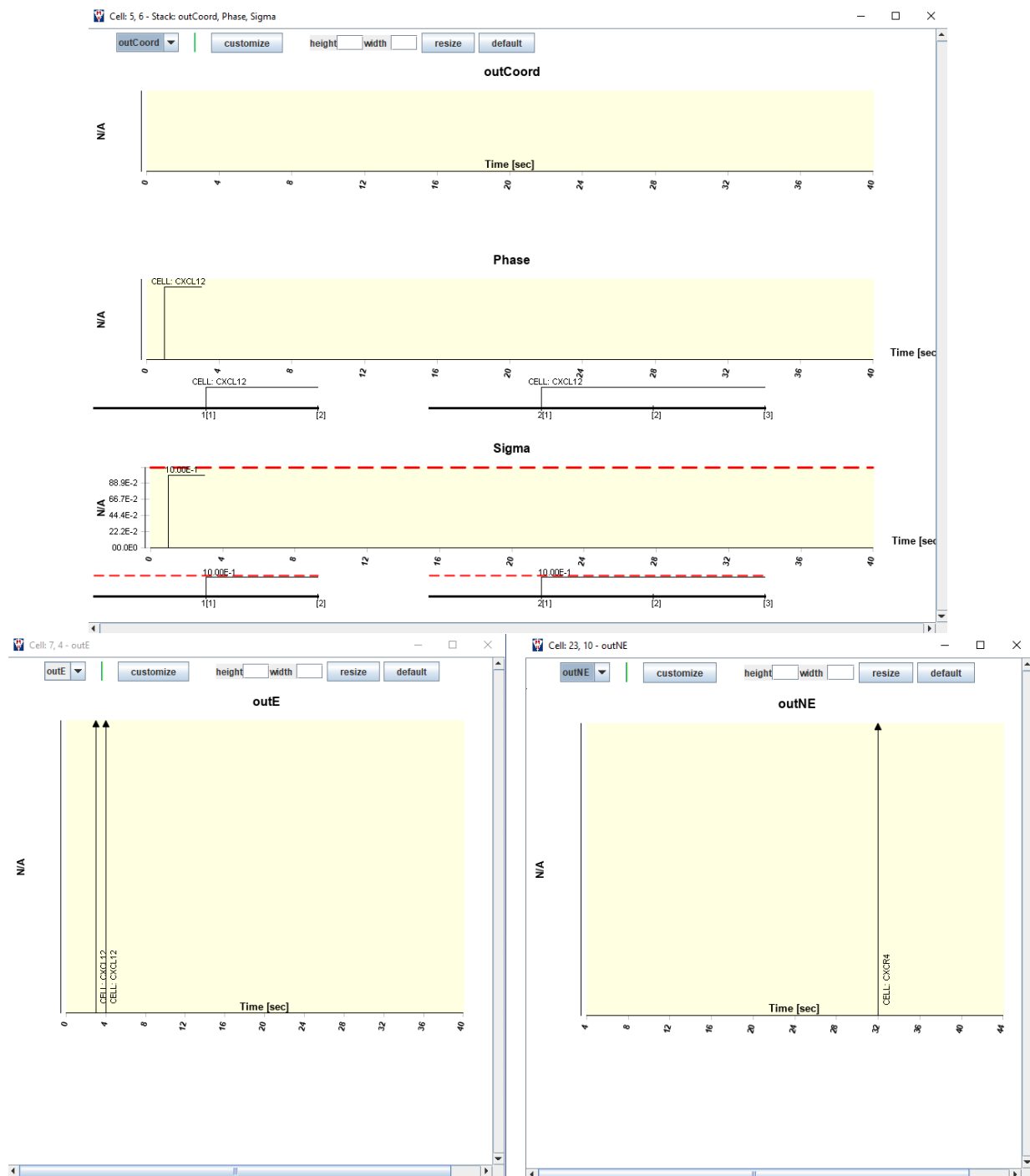
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9. Similar to the Component models, Cellular Automata models can be developed, loaded, and simulated by selecting “CA Model”.



Due to structural and other aspects of CA modeling, a different UI with additional features is provided. As shown below, special features include playback (animation in reverse time), selecting a portion of the CA to be viewed (zooming), and independent timeview tracking for each cell.





Tracking Log Viewer

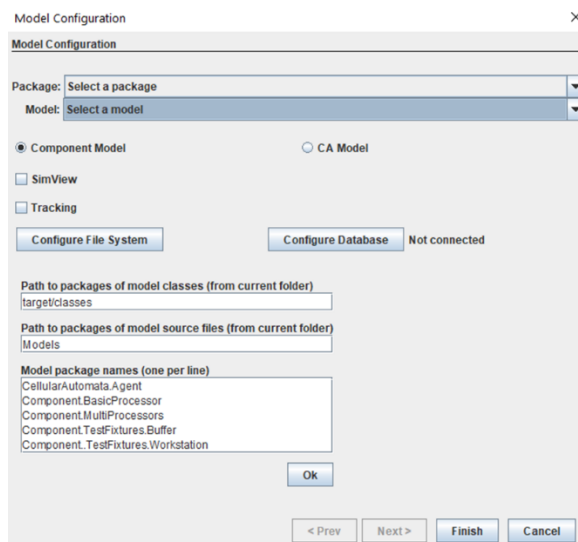
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**Parallel DEVS**  
**Tracking Environment**  
 Model: **Chemotaxis** Loaded

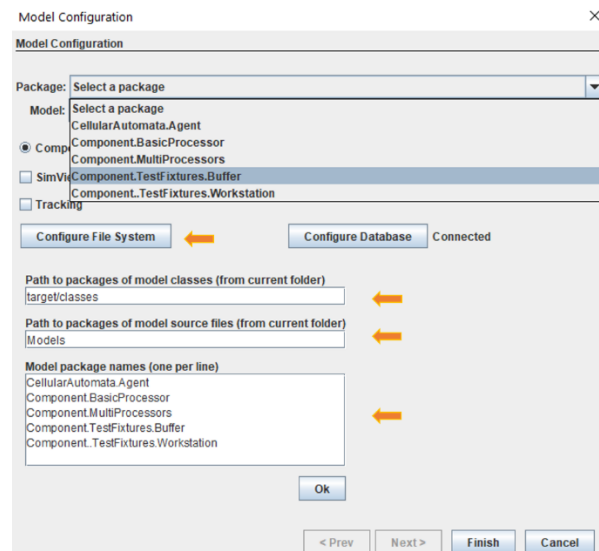
	1.0	1.0	2.0	2.0
Cell: 23, 10			<b>Input Ports:</b> inSE: inS: <b>Output Ports:</b> outNE: <b>Phase:</b> EMPTY <b>Sigma:</b> Infinity	<b>Input Ports:</b> inSE: inS: <b>Output Ports:</b> outNE: <b>Phase:</b> COMING:- inNE <b>Sigma:</b> 0.0
Cell: 7, 4	<b>Input Ports:</b> inE: <b>Output Ports:</b> outCoord: outE: <b>Phase:</b> CELL: CXCL12 <b>Sigma:</b> 1.0	<b>Input Ports:</b> inE: <b>Output Ports:</b> outCoord: outE: <b>Phase:</b> CXCL12:- MOVING outSE <b>Sigma:</b> 0.0	<b>Input Ports:</b> inE: <b>Output Ports:</b> outCoord: outE: <b>Phase:</b> EMPTY <b>Sigma:</b> Infinity	<b>Input Ports:</b> inE: <b>Output Ports:</b> outCoord: outE: <b>Phase:</b> COMING:- inSE <b>Sigma:</b> 0.0

## B. Black-Box I/O Testing

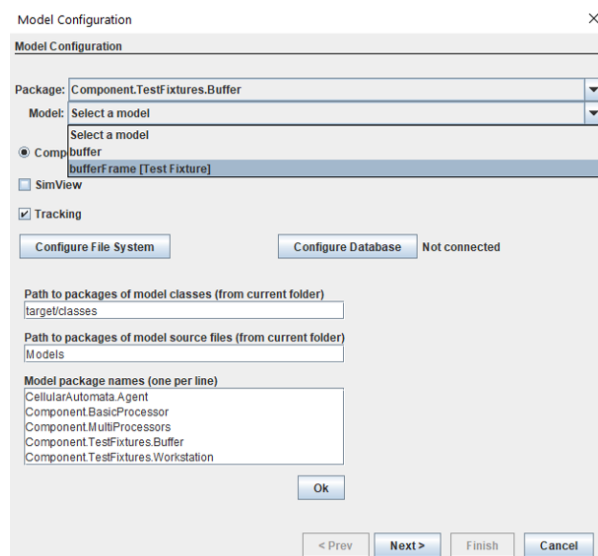
Details on Test Frames / JUnit testing and reference API are provided in [1].



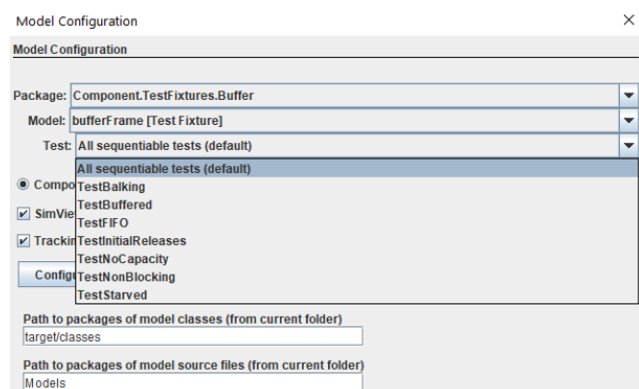
Paths and model package names configurations



Package selection



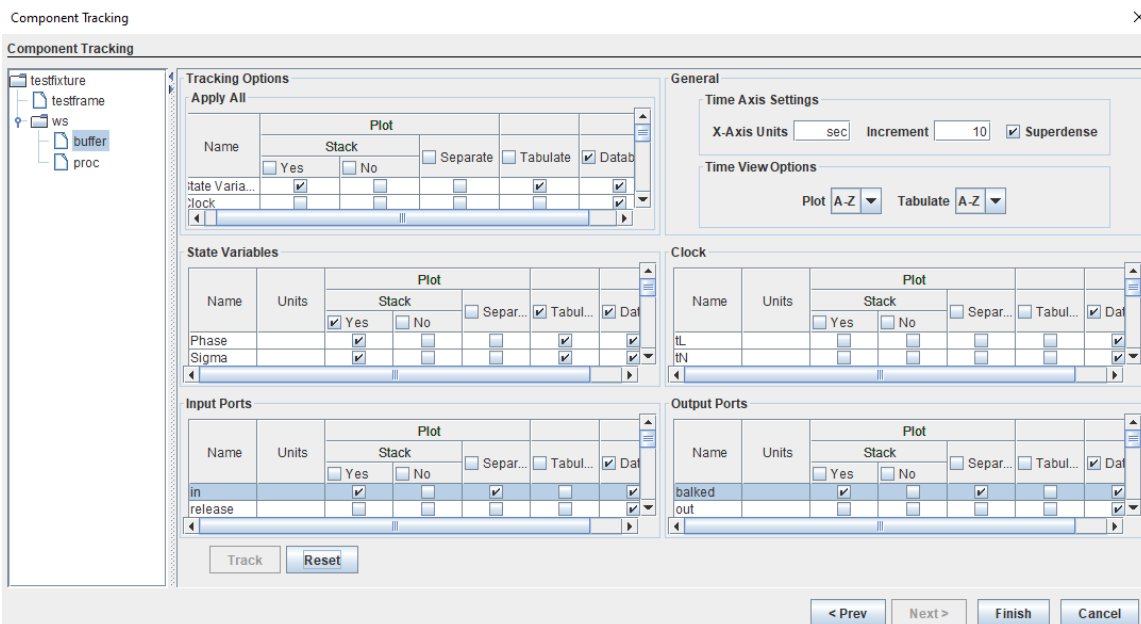
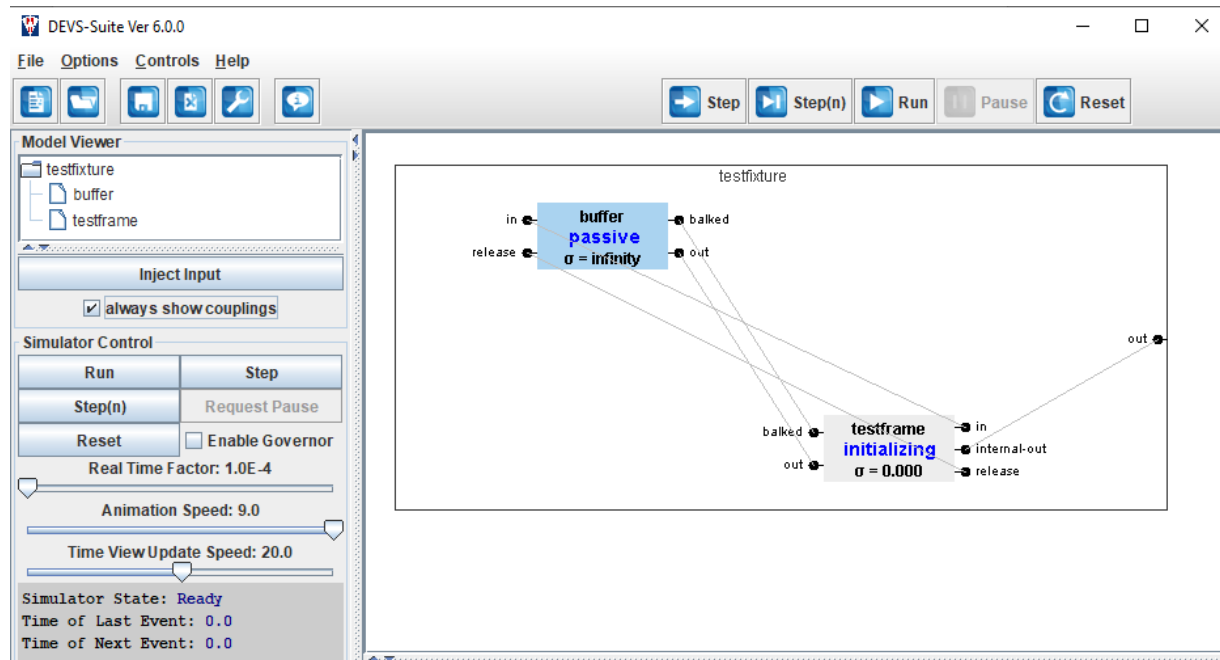
Model selection



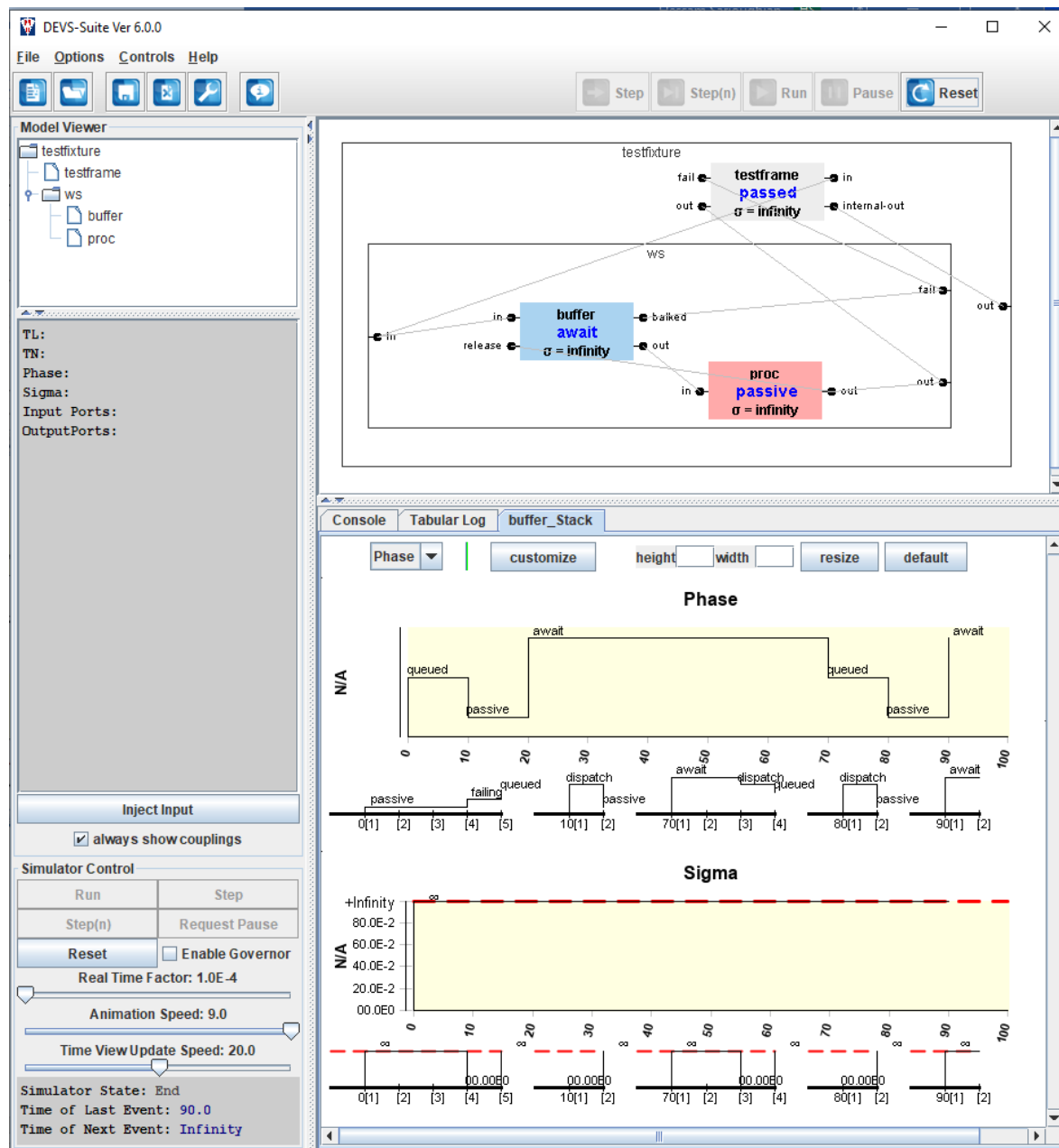
Test Frame selection

Note: The `Component.TestFixtures.Homework` does not support SimView animation. The tests defined in the `procHomework.java` can be tested using Test Frame JUnit [1].





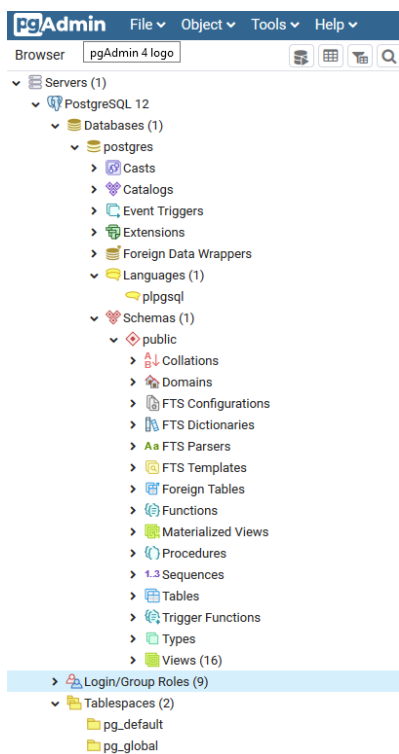
Workstation example



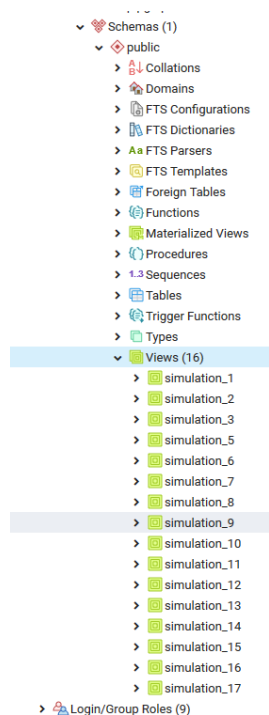
Superdense Timeview trajectories with component view

## C. PostgreSQL Database Installation

Details are provided in [2].



PostgreSQL application main view.



This database stored simulation data.

Basic instructions are provided in PostgreSQL installations.PDF.

Dashboard Properties SQL Statistics Dependencies Dependents public.simulation\_1/postgres/postgres@PostgreSQL 12

Query Editor Query History Scratch Pad

```
1 SELECT * FROM public.simulation_1
2
```

Data Output Explain Messages Notifications

	t	ti	tn	model_string	state_phase	state_sigma	inport_in	inport_none	outport_out
	character varying (32)	integer	character varying (32)	text	jsonb	jsonb	jsonb	jsonb	jsonb
1	0.0	0	0.0	efp->basicProcessor	"passive"	"Infinity"	[]	[]	[]
2	0.0	1	0.0	efp->basicProcessor	"busy"	"10.0"	[{"name": "job0"}]	[]	[]
3	10.0	0	10.0	efp->basicProcessor	"busy"	"10.0"	[{"name": "job1"}]	[]	[{"name": "job0"}]
4	100.0	0	100.0	efp->basicProcessor	"busy"	"10.0"	[{"name": "job10"}]	[]	[{"name": "job9"}]
5	110.0	0	110.0	efp->basicProcessor	"busy"	"10.0"	[{"name": "job11"}]	[]	[{"name": "job10"}]
6	120.0	0	120.0	efp->basicProcessor	"busy"	"10.0"	[{"name": "job12"}]	[]	[{"name": "job11"}]
7	130.0	0	130.0	efp->basicProcessor	"busy"	"10.0"	[{"name": "job13"}]	[]	[{"name": "job12"}]
8	140.0	0	140.0	efp->basicProcessor	"busy"	"10.0"	[{"name": "job14"}]	[]	[{"name": "job13"}]
9	150.0	0	150.0	efp->basicProcessor	"busy"	"10.0"	[{"name": "job15"}]	[]	[{"name": "job14"}]
10	160.0	0	160.0	efp->basicProcessor	"busy"	"10.0"	[{"name": "job16"}]	[]	[{"name": "job15"}]
11	170.0	0	170.0	efp->basicProcessor	"busy"	"10.0"	[{"name": "job17"}]	[]	[{"name": "job16"}]

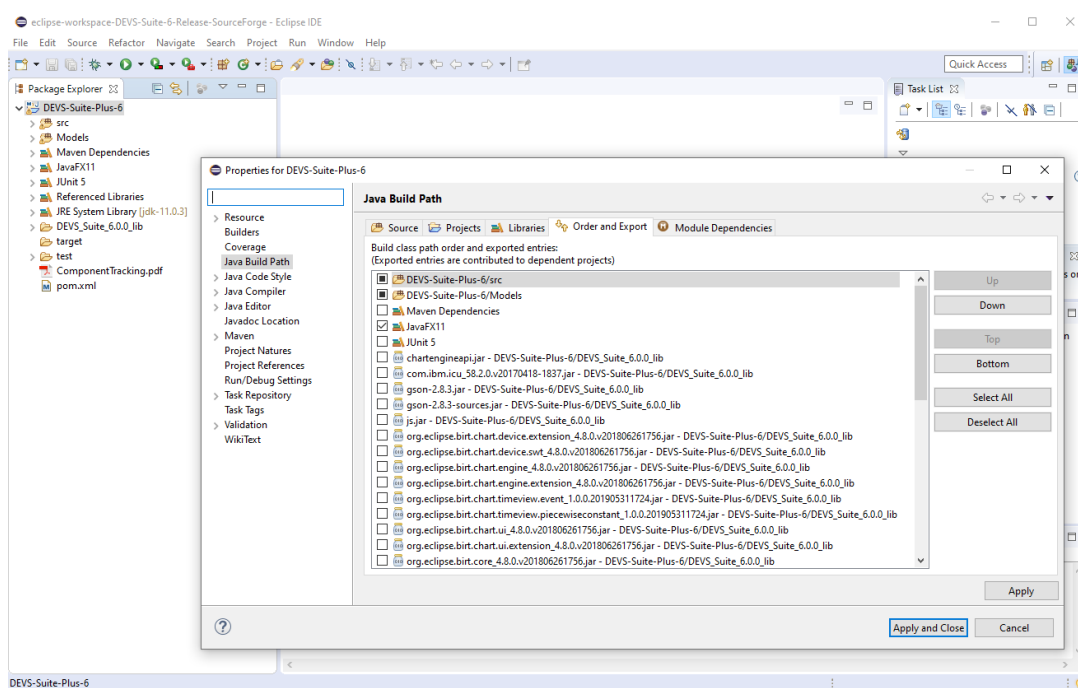
A simulation execution named "simulation\_1" is the the first stored simulation. The content of this database is defined using Component Tracking.

## D. Eclipse, Java 11 and JavaFX 11, and DEVS-Suite Installations

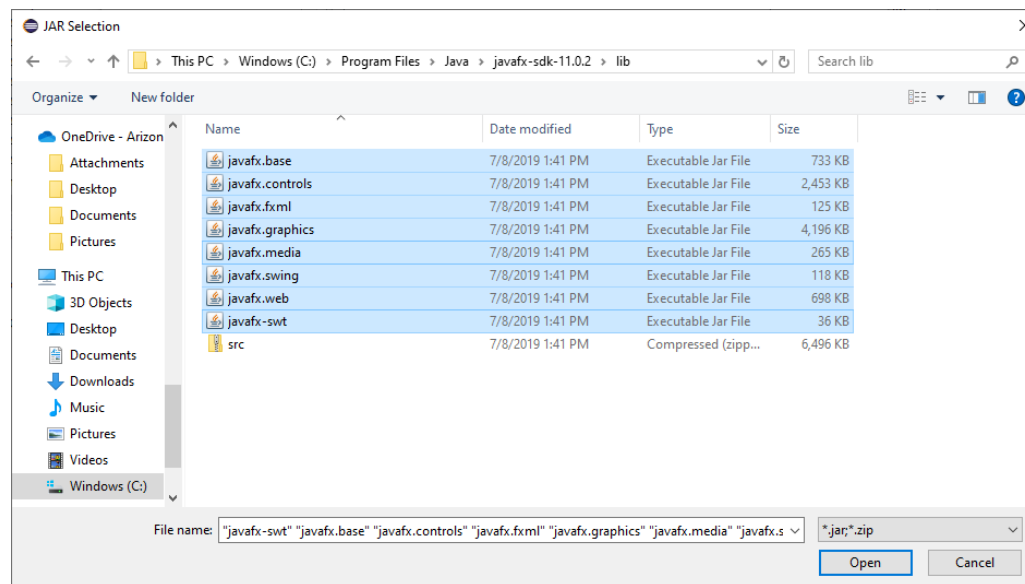
1. Download Java 11 from: <https://www.oracle.com/technetwork/java/javase/downloads/jdk11-downloads-5066655.html>. Accept License Agreement and choose the right platform. Install the Java file. You can use JRE 1.7 and 1.8. JRE 9 and 10 which support computers (e.g., Microsoft's Surface and MacBook Air) that have high-resolution displays are no longer supported. If you have access to JRE 9 or 10, unlike JREs 7 and 8, can correctly display all UIs and time trajectories on displays with setting greater than 1920 × 1080. The following are for the Windows 10 OS. **Note:** Few of the followings are slightly different for the Mac OS. Although some of the screenshots has the "DEVS-Suite-Plus-5" label, these screenshots are the same as those in "DEVS-Suite-Plus-6".
2. Download an Eclipse Java IDE from: <https://www.eclipse.org/downloads/>. Run the Eclipse installer and choose the "Eclipse IDE for Java Developers".



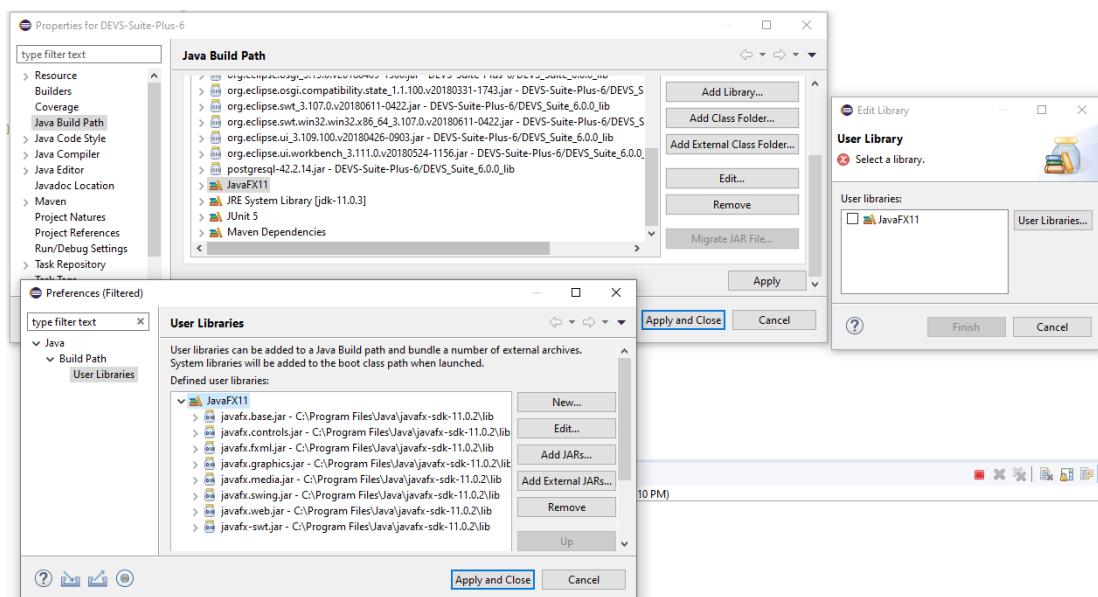
3. Open Eclipse. Choose file->import->General->Existing Projects into Workspace. The source code with the Eclipse project for DEVS-Suite-Plus-6 is available at [https://sourceforge.net/projects/devs-suitesim/files/DEVS\\_Suite\\_6.0.0/](https://sourceforge.net/projects/devs-suitesim/files/DEVS_Suite_6.0.0/). Set the JRE to the one installed on your machine. Continue to the steps 4-6 if you prefer to use JDK 11 and JavaFX 11.

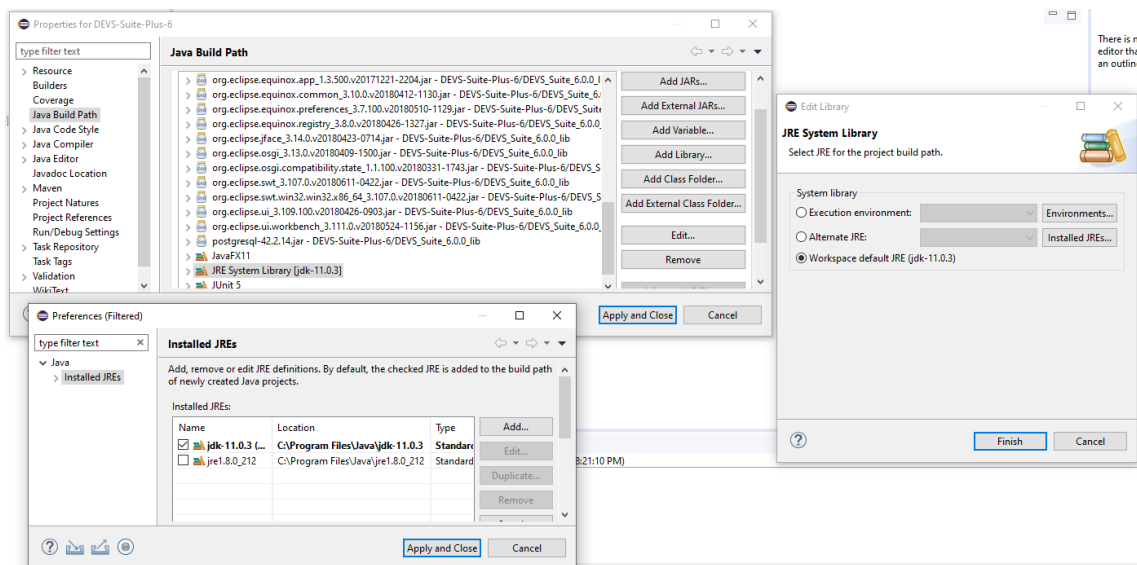


4. Download JavaFX 11 from <https://gluonhq.com/products/javafx/>. Unzip the JavaFX file to a directory.

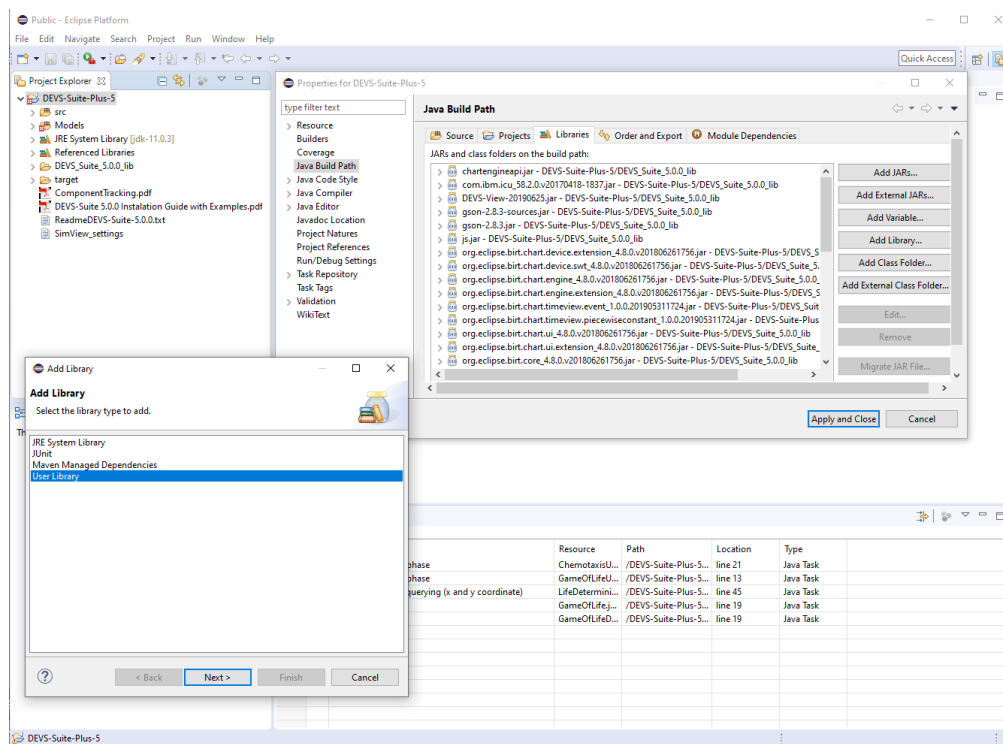


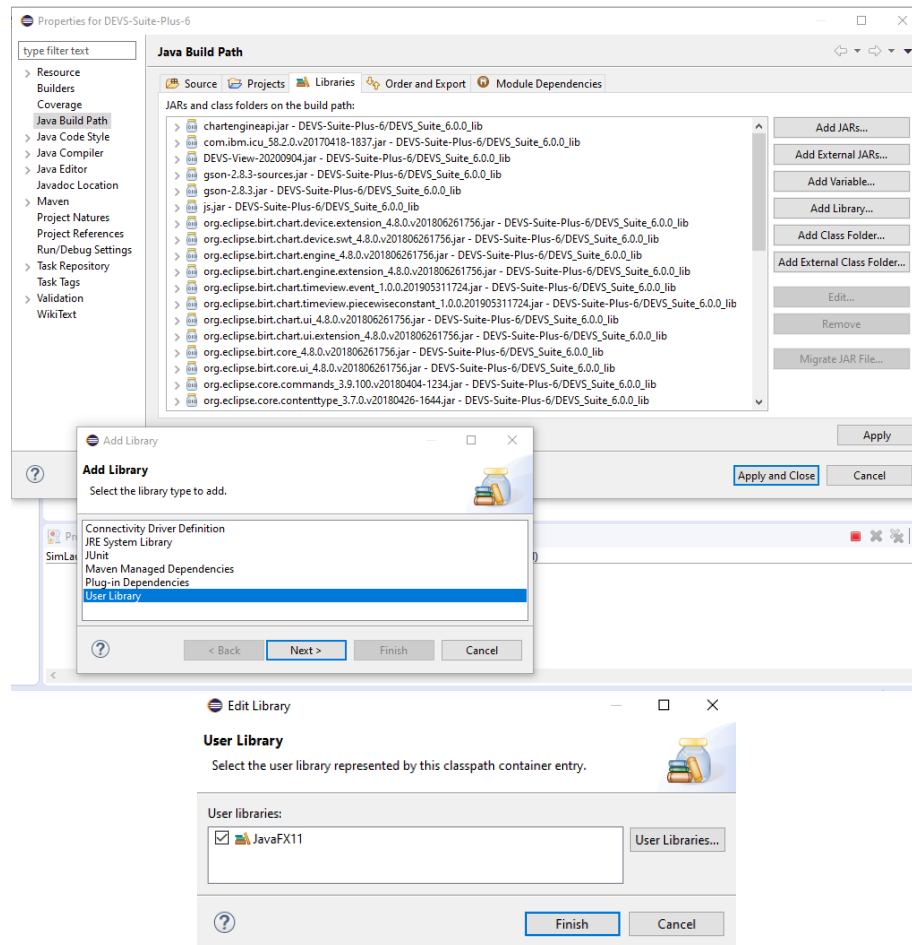
5. Create a User Library: Eclipse -> Windows- > Preferences -> Java -> Build Path -> Add Library ... -> User Libraries -> New (for Mac use Eclipse -> Preferences -> Java -> Build Path -> Add Library ..> User Libraries -> New). Name it JavaFX11 and then add external JARs and choose the jar files under the lib folder from the downloaded JavaFX11. You may choose a name other than JavaFX11 as long as it is a unique name within your workspace.



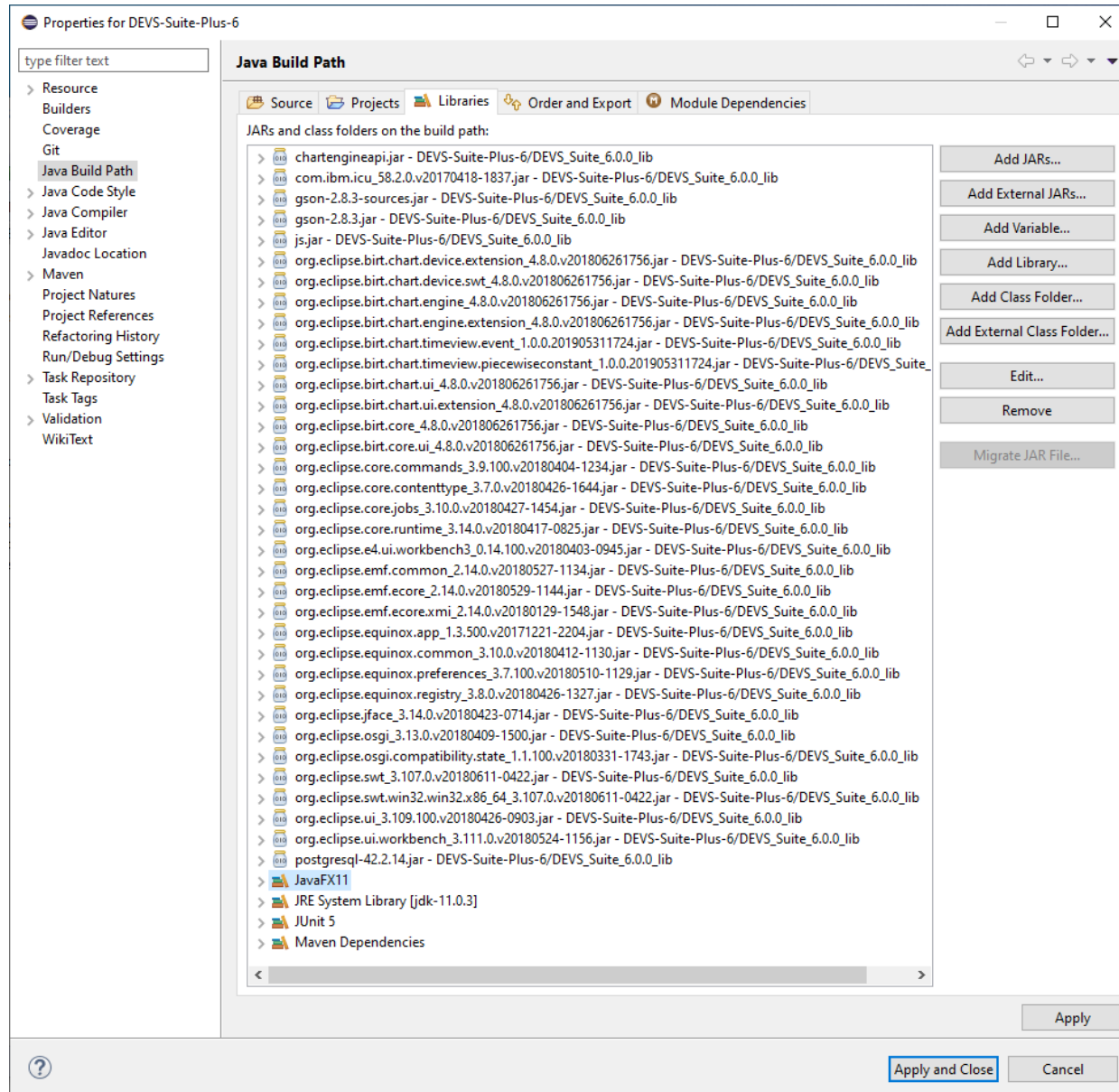


6. Edit the project Properties. Java Build Path-> Libraries->Add Library...->Choose User Library-> use the JavaFX 11, and finish.





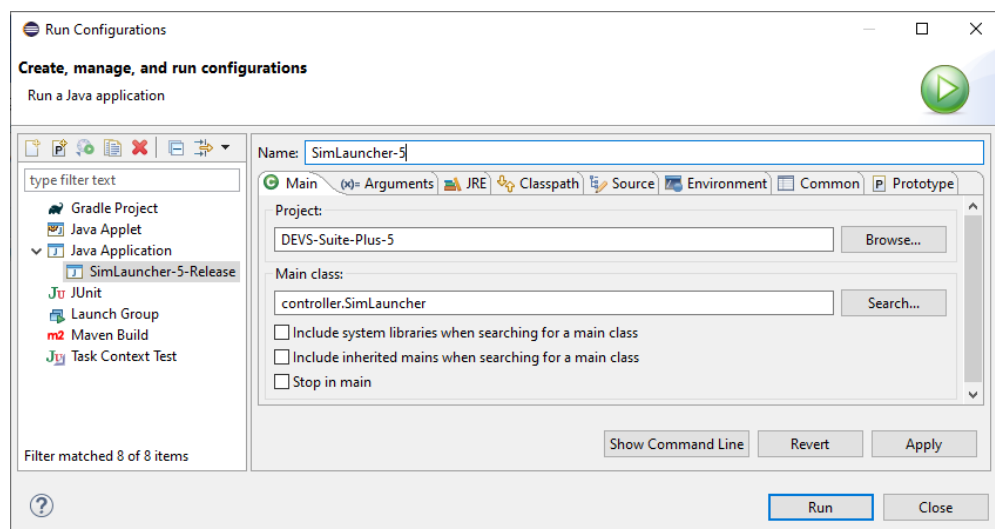
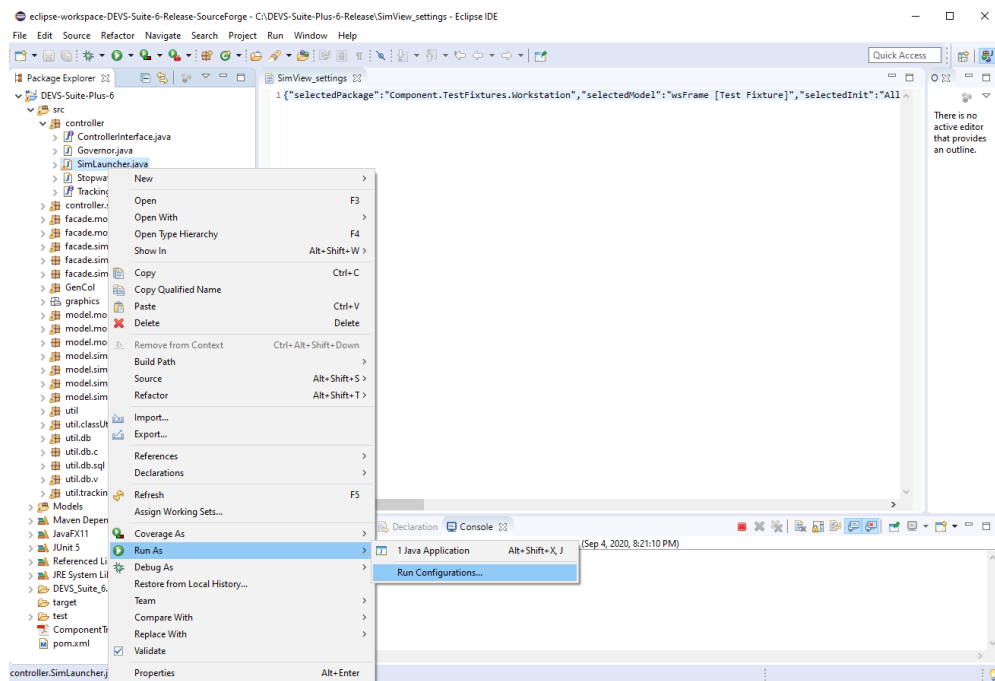
**Note:** The library folder must have the necessary plugin packages, jar, and all other library files shown below. The JavaFX11 and JRE System Library [jdk-11.0.3] installations are specific to each computer. Use the “Edit” to set the JavaFX11 to point to your own installation. If the JRE System Library [jdk-11.0.3] is not installed on the computer, then use “Remove” to delete it and add your the JRE System Library installed on the computer using “Add Library ...”.

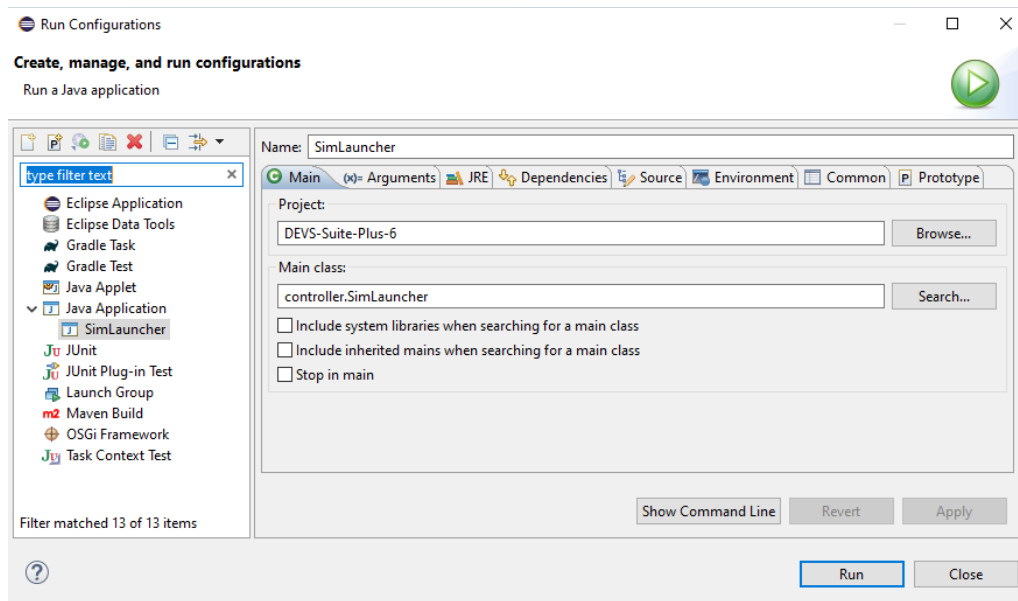


## 7. Starting the simulator

To start the simulator, the “SimLauncher.java” has to be executed either as a “Java Application” or “Run Configuration ...” shown below.

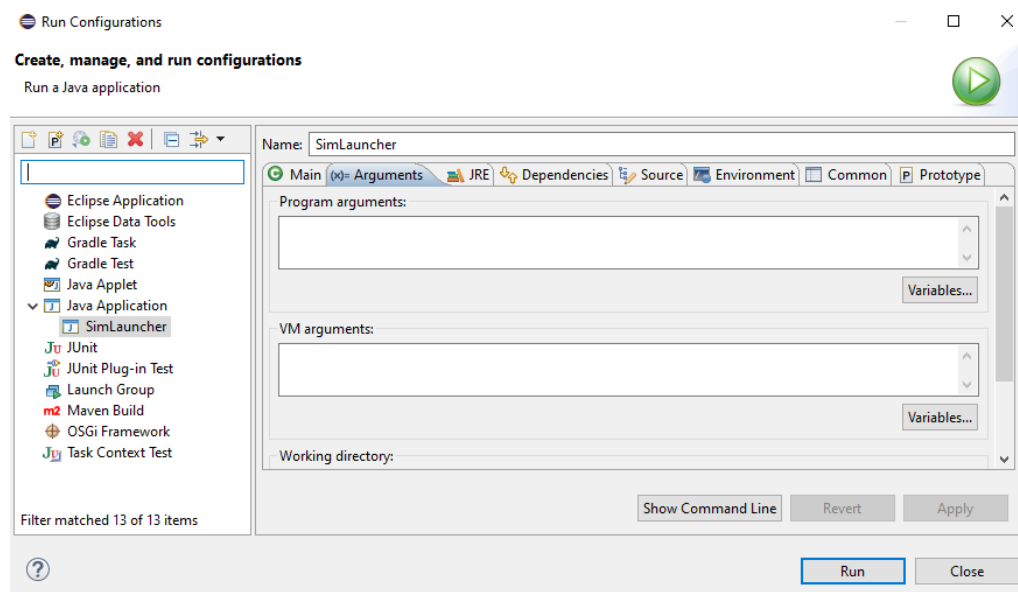


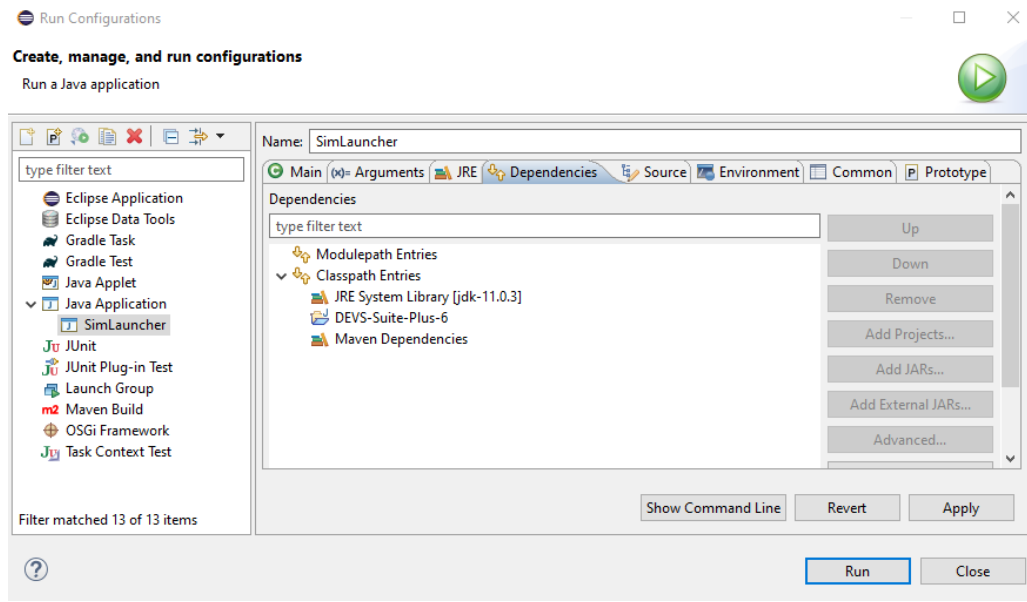




- *Running DEVS-Suite Simulator on Mac OS:*

For Mac OS, de-select the “Use the X-startOnFirstThread argument when launching with SWT” checkbox as shown below.





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