

ROS basics

for Aldebaran/SoftBank robots

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Setup your system

Check the setup doc: <https://github.com/nlyubova/tutorials-for-Nao-Pepper-Romeo>

- install Ubuntu (14.04 is fine, others are possible), check <http://howtoubuntu.org/how-to-install-ubuntu-14-04-trusty-tahr>
- install ROS (Indigo is recommended), check <http://wiki.ros.org/Installation>
 - `sudo apt-get install ros-indigo-desktop`
`source /opt/ros/indigo/setup.bash`
- if you use Nao (recommended), check <http://wiki.ros.org/nao>
 - `sudo apt-get install ros-indigo-nao-robot ros-indigo-nao-meshes`
- if you use Pepper, check <http://wiki.ros.org/pepper>
 - `sudo apt-get install ros-indigo-pepper-robot ros-indigo-pepper-meshes`
- if you use Romeo, check <http://wiki.ros.org/romeo>
 - `sudo apt-get install ros-indigo-romeo-robot`

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ROS wiki

- <http://wiki.ros.org/nao>
- <http://wiki.ros.org/pepper>
- <http://wiki.ros.org/romeo>

For issues and questions,
check [ROS SIG Aldebaran](#)



ROS wiki

- <http://wiki.ros.org/nao>
- <http://wiki.ros.org/pepper>
- <http://wiki.ros.org/roмео>

nao

Aldebaran Nao

Nao is a commercially available humanoid robot built by [Aldebaran](#). The ROS driver was originally developed by Freiburg's [Humanoid Robots Lab](#) and [Armin Hornung](#). It essentially wraps the needed parts of Aldebaran's Naoqi API (versions 1.14 and 2.1) and makes it available in ROS. It also provides a complete robot model (URDF).

- [Robots using ROS: Aldebaran Nao](#)
- [Robots using ROS: Uni Freiburg's "Osiris" Nao](#)

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1. Community

There is an official SIG for NAO at <https://groups.google.com/forum/?fromgroups#forum/ros-sig-aldebaran>. Please subscribe to it to get the latest news !

2. Tutorials

A complete list of tutorials can be found under [tutorials](#). This includes the installation, startup and further advanced instructions how to connect ROS with your NAO.

- Start all robot nodes: [nao_bringup](#)
- See [getting started](#) for a walk-through guide to installing ROS, NAOqi, and rviz (may be outdated by now).

3. Library Overview

The core functionality is implemented in the [nao_robot](#) stack (can be installed on the robot or on a remote PC), extended with further functionality in [nao_extras](#) (should be installed on a remote PC).

```
sudo apt-get install ros-.*-nao-robot
sudo apt-get install ros-.*-nao-extras
```

For an outline of the libraries included, please see the tables below.

3.1 Basic Configuration

Capability	ROS package/stack
Robot-specific Messages and Services	naoqi_bridge_msgs
Robot model (URDF)	nao_description
Robot meshes	nao_meshes

3.2 Hardware Drivers and Simulation

3.3 High-Level Capabilities

Component	ROS package/stack
Teleop	nao_teleop
Footstep planning	footstep_planner
Execute / manage body poses	naoqi_pose
Follow 2D path / walk to target	nao_path_follower
Diagnostics / Visualization	naoqi_dashboard
Interaction	nao_interaction

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1. Basic config

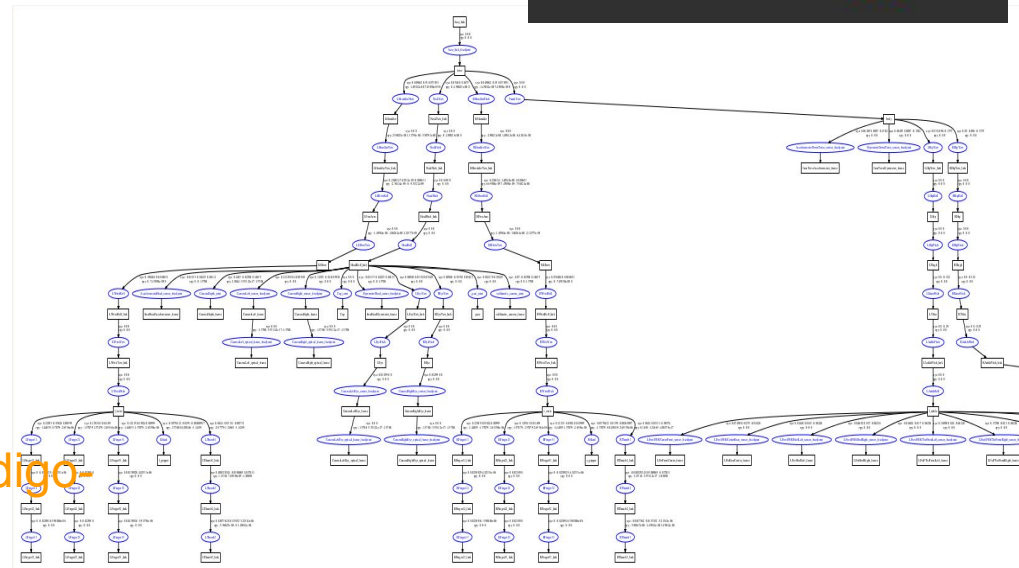
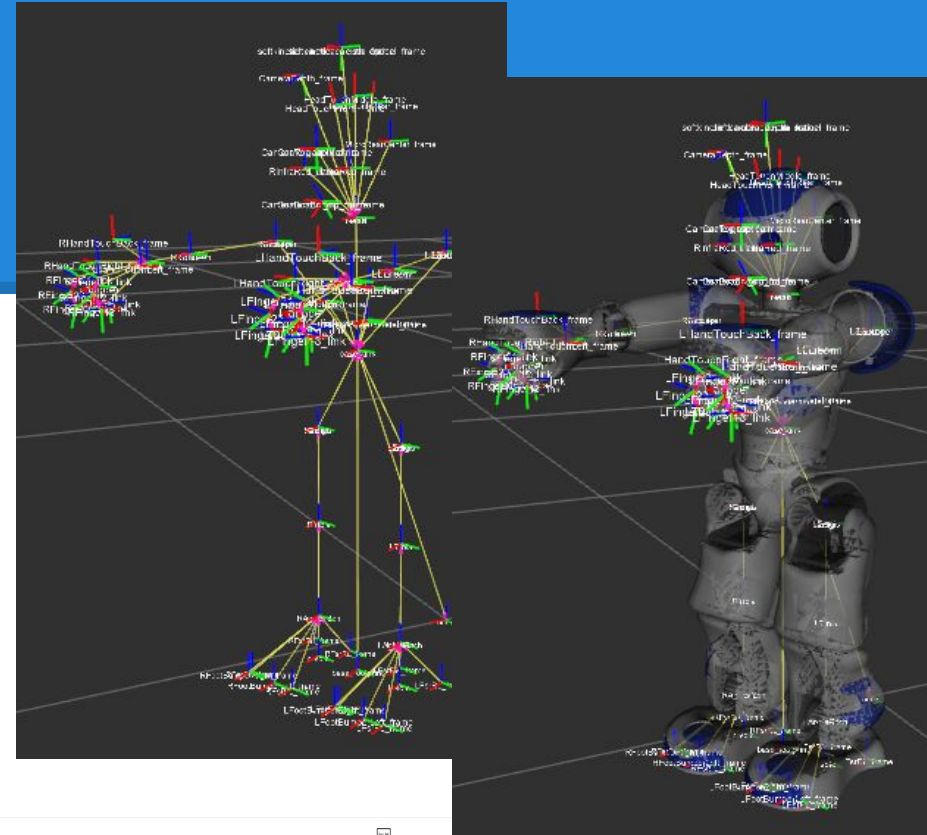
nao_robot package

- source code:
 - https://github.com/ros-naoqi/nao_robot
- is a meta-package that includes
 - Robot model (URDF): [nao_description](#)
 - Robot-specific Startup: [nao_bringup](#)
 - Applications: [nao_apps](#)
- install:
 - `sudo apt-get install ros-indigo-nao-robot`

1. Basic config robot description

nao_robot/nao_description package

- http://wiki.ros.org/nao_description
- includes:
 - URDF (Universal Robot Description Format): XML describing the rigid kinematics
 - meshes
 - basis for
 - low level: kinematics, actuators/sensors
 - high level: planning, navigation, grasping
 - GUIs
- install: `sudo apt-get install ros-indigo-nao-description`



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2. Naoqi driver

naoqi_driver package

- Driver module between NAOqi OS and ROS
- Common for all Aldebaran robots
- Doc: http://ros-naoqi.github.io/naoqi_driver
- Gets data from NAOqi hence ensuring low latency and CPU usage
 - actuator data
 - sensor data
 - basic diagnostic for battery, temperature
- Allows to control:
 - /cmd_vel
 - /move_base_simple/goal
 - /joint_angles
- You can run it locally on a robot or remotely on PC



2. Naoqi driver

naoqi_driver package

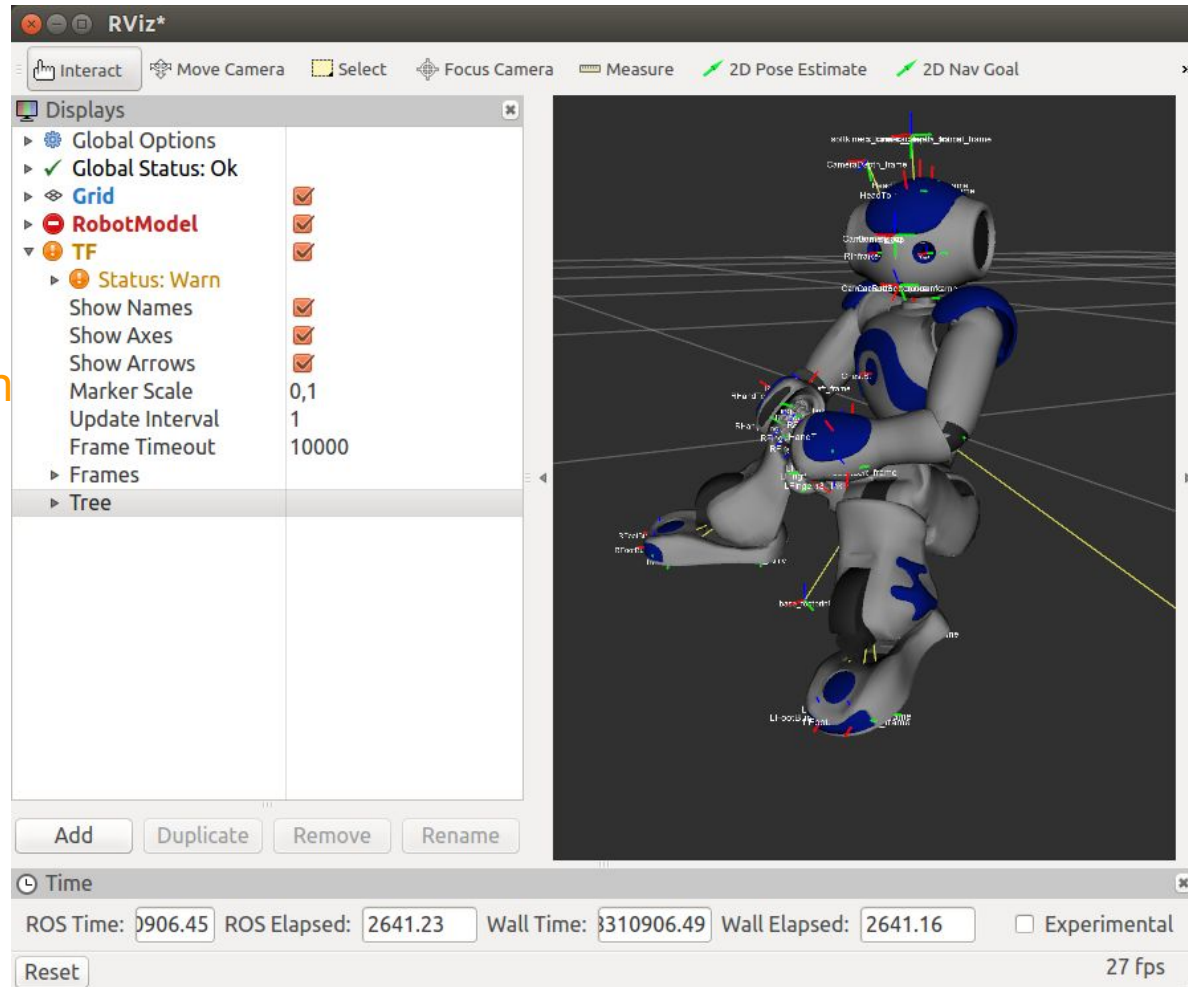
Install: http://ros-naoqi.github.io/naoqi_driver/install.html

- install it from the official release
 - `sudo apt-get install ros-indigo-naoqi-driver`
- or compile it from source:
 - Download C++ NaoqiSDK and Python NaoqiSDK
 - create an account and login in <https://community.ald.softbankrobotics.com>
 - go to resources, download C++ NaoqiSDK, extract it
 - `mkdir -p ~/catkin_ws/src && cd ~/catkin_ws/src`
 - `git clone https://github.com/ros-naoqi/naoqi_driver`
 - # make sure you get all the dependencies installed
 - `rosdep install -i -y --from-paths ./naoqi_driver`
 - `source /opt/ros/indigo/setup.sh`
 - `cd ../ && catkin_make`

2. Naoqi driver

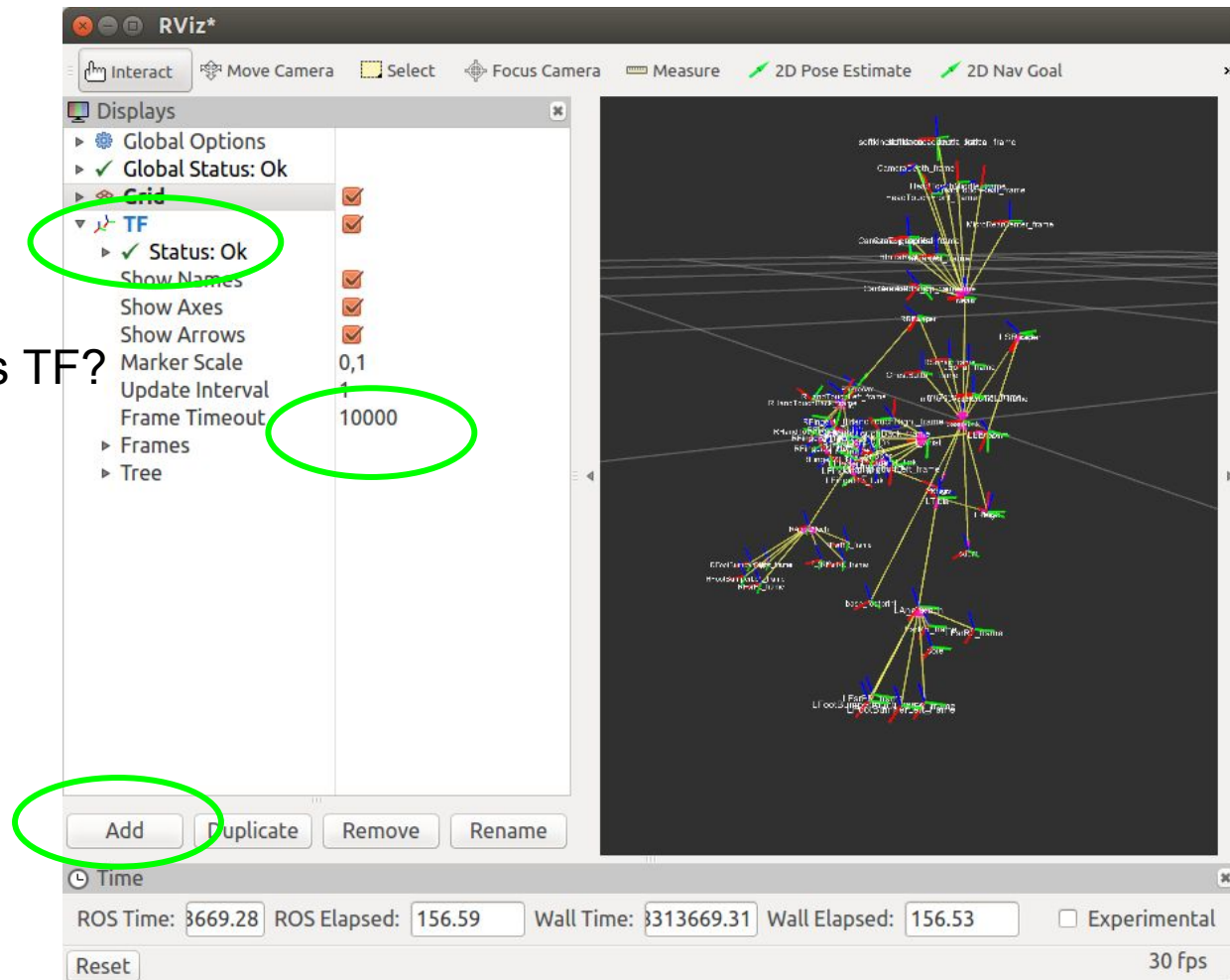
launch

- `roslaunch naoqi_driver naoqi_driver.launch`
`nao_ip:=<robot_IP>`
`roscore_ip:=<roscore_ip>`
`network_interface:=<eth0|wlan0|tethering|vpn>`
>
- Example of launch:
`roslaunch naoqi_driver naoqi_driver.launch`
`nao_ip:=10.1.0.102`
`network_interface:=wlan0`



2. Naoqi driver

- Start Rviz
 - `roslaunch rviz rviz`
- add Plugins
 - TF
- check
 - do you see robot's TF?
- set TF params:
 - Update Interval
 - FrameTimeout



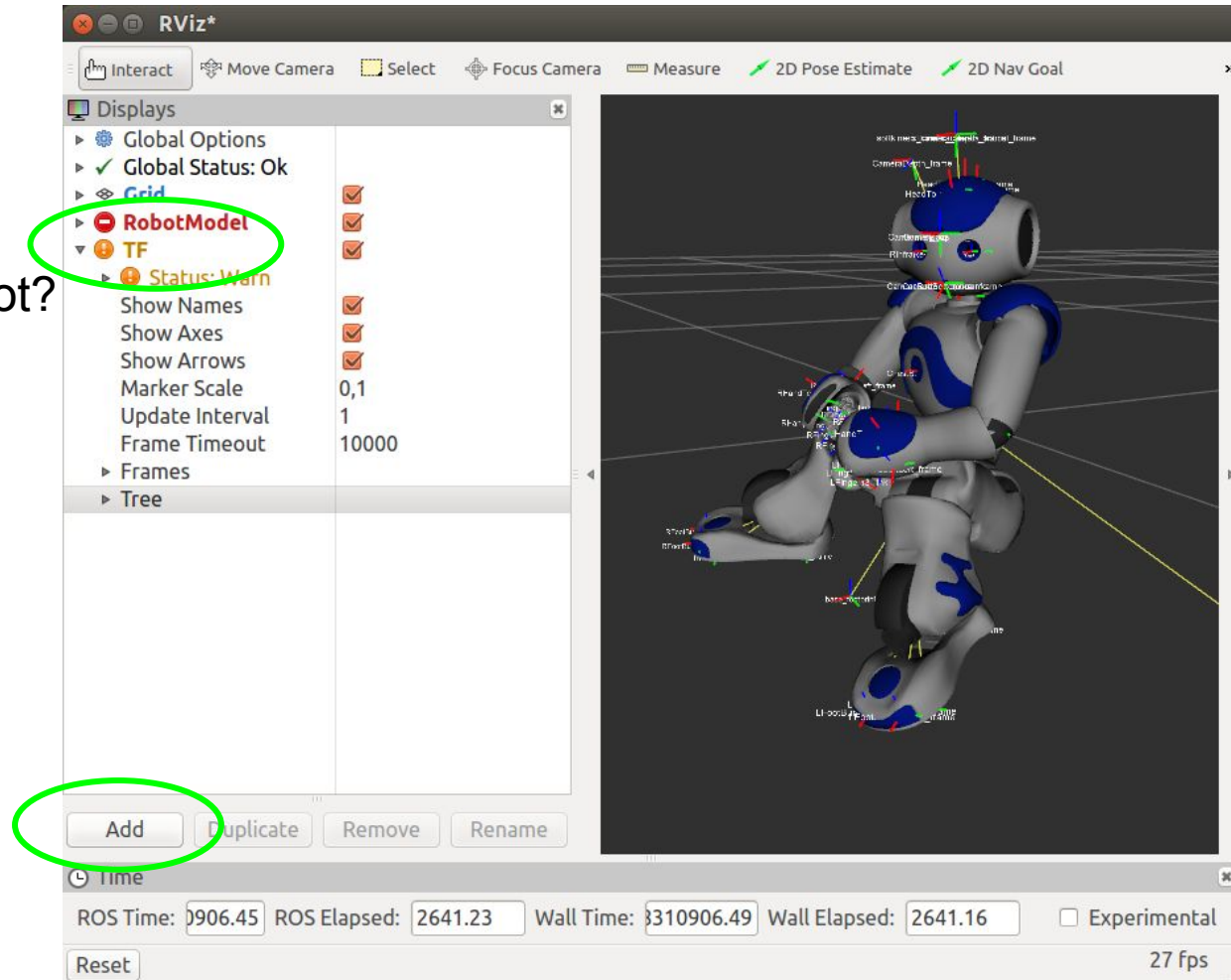
2. Naoqi driver

In RViz:

- add Plugins
 - RobotModel
- check
 - do you see a robot?

Check ROS topics:

- `rostopic list`
- `rostopic echo /tf`



2. Naoqi driver

If you have problems when connecting to your robot, set up the following environment variables, to find the robot and rosmaster:

- your robot's IP
 - `export NAO_IP=10.1.0.102`
- optionally, the address of a ROS Node/tool
 - `export ROS_IP=<IP of your PC>`
 - `export ROS_HOSTNAME=$ROS_IP`
- rosmaster IP; set to the XML-RPC URI of the master
 - `export ROS_MASTER_URI=http://$ROS_IP:11311`

2. Naoqi driver

rostopic list

```
/audio
/camera/bottom/camera_info
/camera/bottom/image_raw
/camera/bottom/image_raw/compressed
/camera/bottom/image_raw/compressed/parameter_descriptions
/camera/bottom/image_raw/compressed/parameter_updates
/camera/bottom/image_raw/theora
/camera/bottom/image_raw/theora/parameter_descriptions
/camera/bottom/image_raw/theora/parameter_updates
/camera/front/camera_info
/camera/front/image_raw
/camera/front/image_raw/compressed
/camera/front/image_raw/compressed/parameter_descriptions
/camera/front/image_raw/compressed/parameter_updates
/camera/front/image_raw/theora
/camera/front/image_raw/theora/parameter_descriptions
/camera/front/image_raw/theora/parameter_updates
/clicked_point
/cmd_vel
/diagnostics
/imu/torso
/info
/initialpose
/joint_angles
/joint_states
/move_base_simple/goal
/rosout
/rosout_agg
/sonar/left
/sonar/right
/tf
/tf_static
```


2. Naoqi driver

Check it out:

- check ROS topics
 - `rostopic list`
 - `rostopic echo /tf`
 - `rostopic echo /joint_states`
 - `rostopic echo /camera/front/camera_info`
- check tf
 - `roslaunch tf tf_monitor`
 - `roslaunch tf tf_echo <frame1> <frame2>`
- record data and play them
 - `roslaunch record -a`
 - `roslaunch play yourbagname.bag`

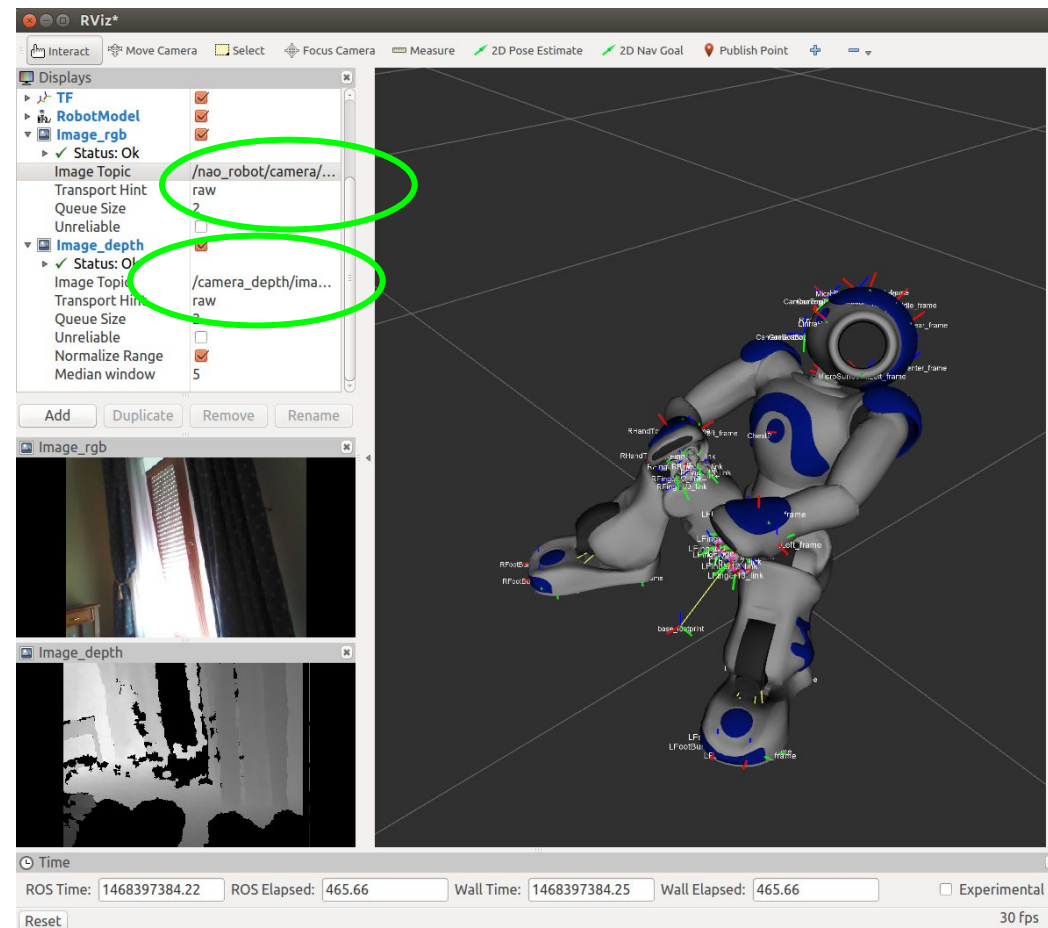
2. Naoqi driver

In RViz:

- add Plugins
 - Image
- select the topic
`/nao_robot/camera/front`
`/image_raw`
- do you see RGB image
from the robot?

Try to add plugins:

- PointCloud2
- DepthCloud



2. Naoqi driver

How to get a colored pointCloud ?

1) Pointcloud registration:

- `roslaunch naoqi_driver naoqi_driver.launch`
- `roslaunch naoqi_driver naoqi_driver.launch`
`rgb/camera_info:=/naoqi_driver_node/camera/front/camera_info`
`depth/camera_info:=/naoqi_driver_node/camera/depth/camera_info`
`depth/image_rect:=/naoqi_driver_node/camera/depth/image_raw`
`depth_registered/image_rect:=/naoqi_driver_node/camera/depth_registered/image_rect`

2) RGB pointcloud:

- `roslaunch naoqi_driver naoqi_driver.launch`
`rgb/camera_info:=/naoqi_driver_node/camera/front/camera_info`
`rgb/image_rect_color:=/naoqi_driver_node/camera/front/image_raw`
`depth_registered/image_rect:=/naoqi_driver_node/camera/depth_registered/image_rect`
`depth_registered/points:=/naoqi_driver_node/camera/depth_registered/points`

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3. Visual sensors

All sensors supported in ROS: <http://wiki.ros.org/Sensors>

We work with:

- ASUS Xtion or Kinect sensor
 - install: `sudo apt-get install ros-indigo-openni-launch`
 - launch: `roslaunch openni_launch openni.launch depth_frame_id:=/CameraDepth_frame rgb_frame_id:=/CameraDepth_frame`
 - for image registration: `roslaunch rqt_reconfigure rqt_reconfigure`
- Creative senz3d
 - install: `git clone https://github.com/nlyubova/softkinetic`
 - launch: `roslaunch softkinetic_camera softkinetic_camera_simple.launch`
- Intel SR200 and F200
 - install: `git clone https://github.com/nlyubova/realsense`
 - launch: `roslaunch realsense_camera realsense_sr300.launch`
- Intel R200
 - install: `git clone https://github.com/intel-ros/realsense`
 - launch: `roslaunch realsense_camera realsense_r200_rgbd.launch`



3. Visual sensors

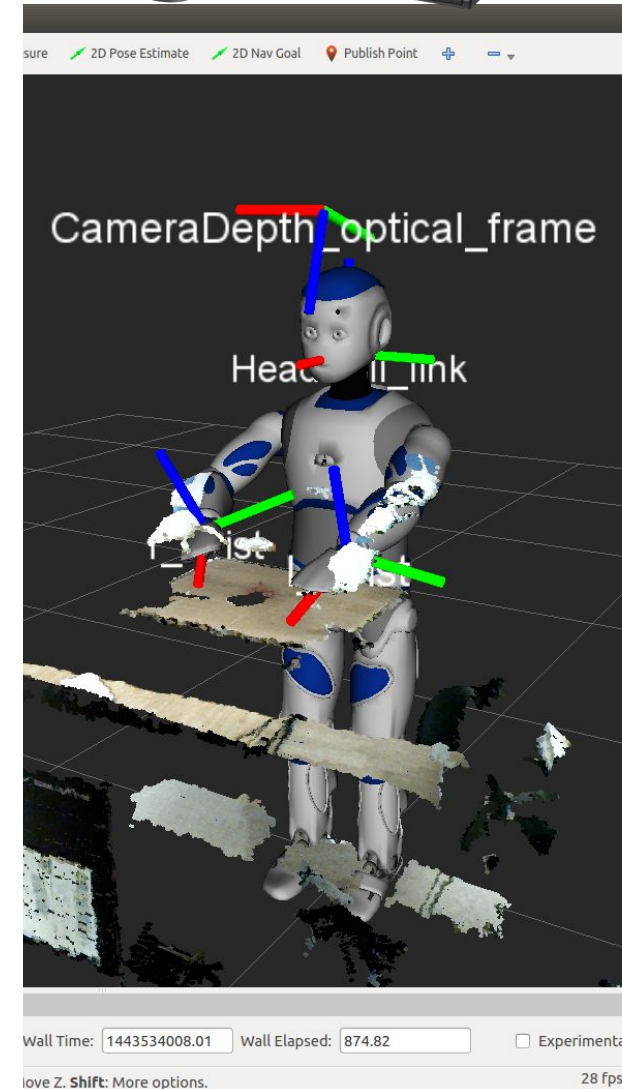


Adding an external sensor:

- add a reference frame to URDF
 - position/orientation
 - child/parent links
- check the sensor's position/orientation in Rviz

Example: [here](#)

```
<robot xmlns:xacro="http://www.ros.org/wiki/xacro">
  <link name="CameraF200_frame"/>
  <joint name="CameraF200_joint" type="fixed">
    <parent link="HeadRoll_link"/>
    <child link="CameraF200_frame"/>
    <origin rpy="0.0 0.0 0.0" xyz="0.14 0.0 0.185"/>
  </joint>
  <link name="CameraF200_depth_optical_frame"/>
  <joint name="CameraF200_depth_optical_frame_fixedjoint" type="fixed">
    <parent link="CameraF200_frame"/>
    <child link="CameraF200_depth_optical_frame"/>
    <origin rpy="-2.7 0 -1.5708" xyz="0.0 0.0 0.0"/>
  </joint>
  <link name="CameraF200_uncalib_depth_optical_frame"/>
  <joint name="CameraF200_uncalib_depth_optical_frame_fixedjoint" type="fixed">
    <parent link="CameraF200_frame"/>
    <child link="CameraF200_uncalib_depth_optical_frame"/>
    <origin rpy="-2.61799 0 -1.5708" xyz="0.0 0.0 0.0"/>
  </joint>
</robot>
```



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 - nao teleop

3. High-level capabilities

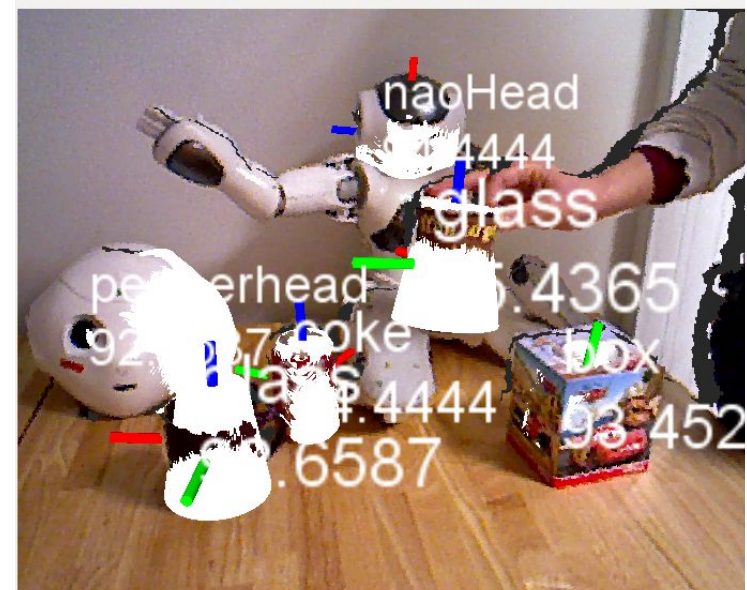
Object recognition

Object Recognition Kitchen ORK:

Doc: http://wg-perception.github.io/object_recognition_core

- object DB management
- i/o handling
- ecto-based computations
organized as directed acyclic graphs
- several packages recognizing objects
in different ways:
 - `object_recognition_tabletop`
 - `object_recognition_linemod`
 - `object_recognition_transparent`
 - `object_recognition_tod`
- Install:

```
$ sudo apt-get install ros-indigo-object-recognition-*
```



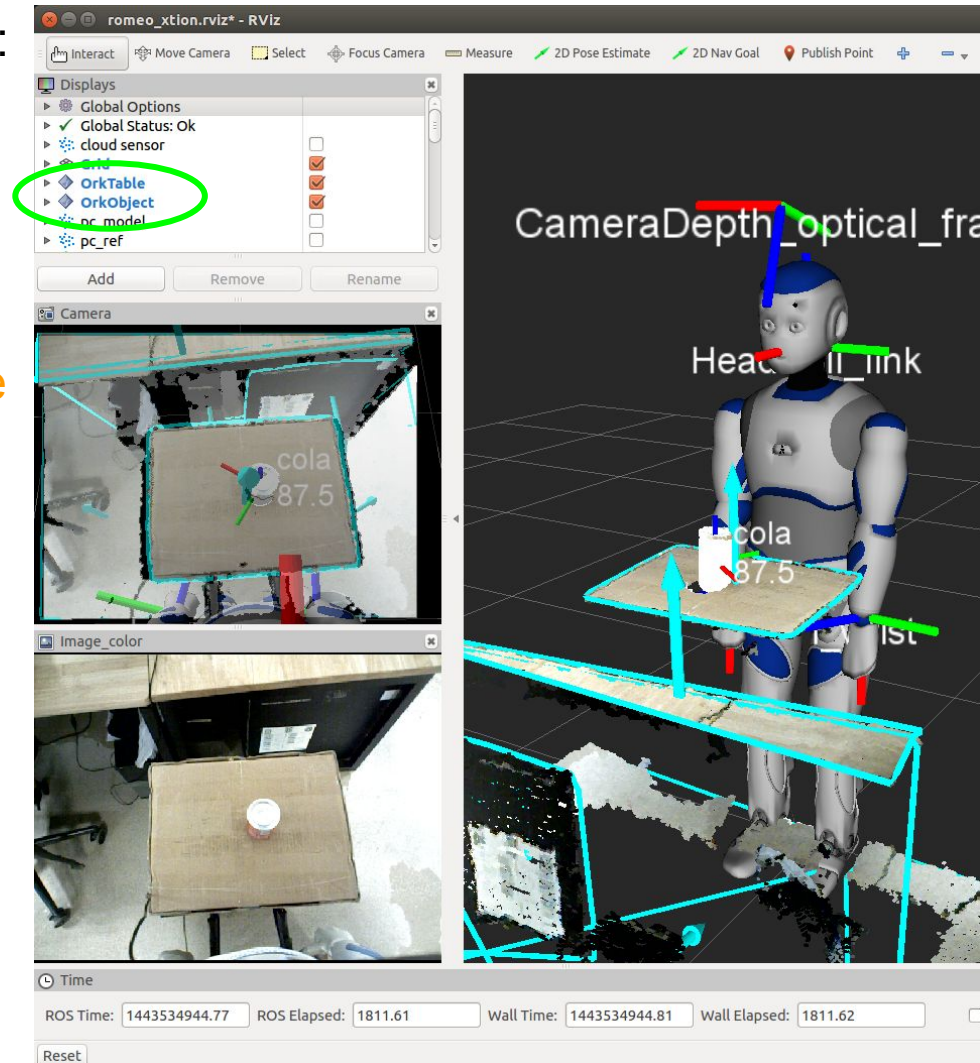
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Object recognition

- Set the params in detection.ros.ork:
 - rgb/depth_frame_id,
 - rgb/depth_image_topic,
 - rgb/depth_camera_info
- Launch continuous detection:
 - `roslaunch object_recognition_core detection -c detection.ros.ork`
- Or Launch server+client:
 - `roslaunch object_recognition_ros server -c detection.ros.ork`
 - `roslaunch object_recognition_ros client`

See the outcome in Rviz with Plugins:

- OrkObject
- OrkTable



3. tele-operating your robot

- **nao_teleop** package
- Allows to control the robot with a gamepad
 - move the base, rotate
 - move the head, rotate
- is similar to Android application “Teleop”
- Doc: http://wiki.ros.org/nao_teleop
- To launch:
 - `export NAO_IP=10.0.160.35`
 - `roslaunch naoqi_driver naoqi_driver.launch nao_ip:=${NAO_IP}`
`network_interface:=wlan0`
 - `roslaunch nao_teleop teleop_joy.launch`



Packages described in this tutorial:

1. Basic config: meta-package: `nao_robot`
 - Robot model (URDF): `nao_description`
 - Robot-specific Startup: `nao_bringup`
2. Naoqi Bridge
 - driver : `naoqi_driver`
 - depth camera launch: `romeo_sensors_py`
3. High-level capabilities
 - object recognition `ORK`

Thank you!

