

MORSE AND STATE-MACHINE-BASED TESTING FOR THE HUMANOID ROBOT HEAD FLOBI

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FLOBI



FLOBI FACTS



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Designed as a comic-like human face to avoid uncanny effects

Hair, eyebrows, lips and frontal face parts are exchangeable

Features stereo vision, stereo audio and a gyroscope

Innovative magnetic actuation mechanism

Custom design motor control boards

Eye saccades reach ~ 400 degree/s

Overall 18 DoF

More about Flobi: <http://pub.uni-bielefeld.de/publication?ftext=flobi>

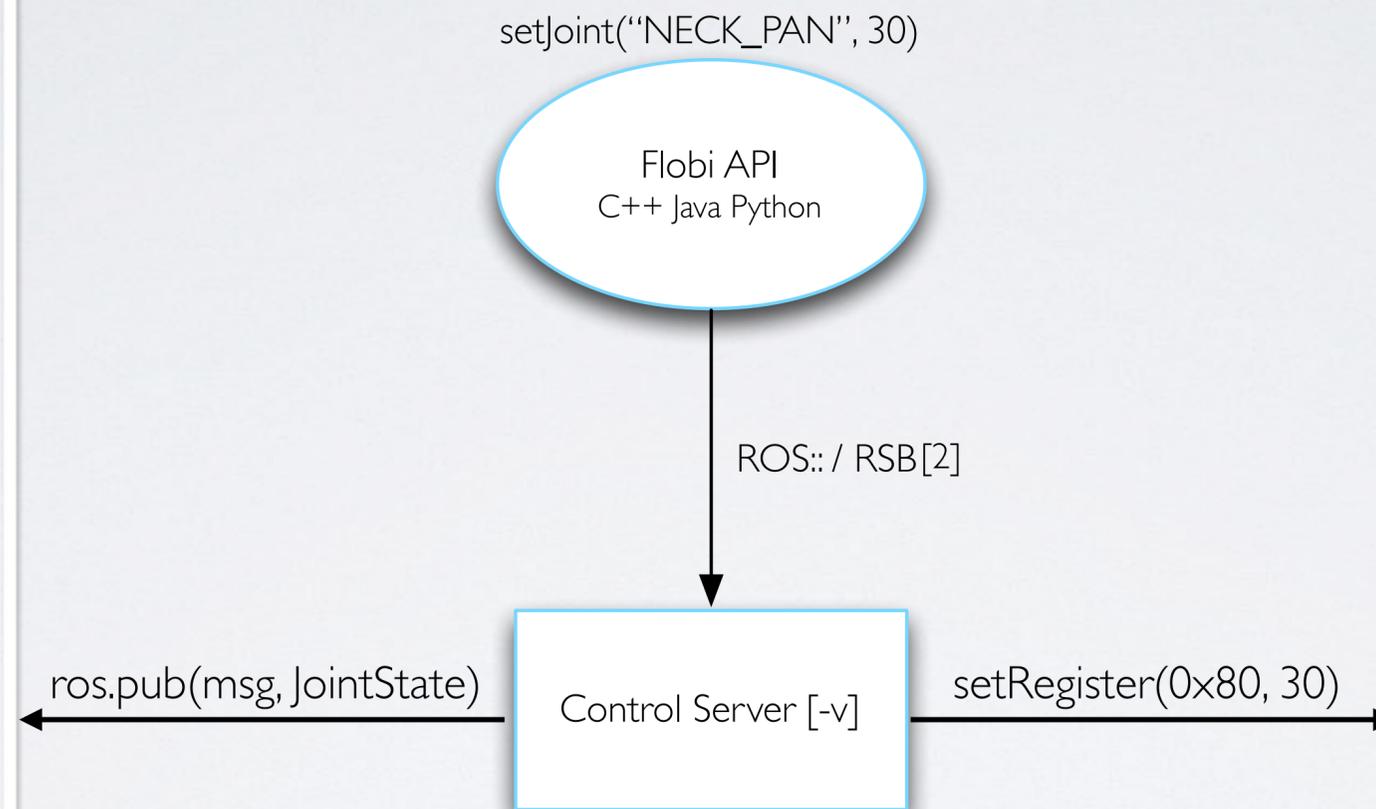
**Rapid prototyping & testing
required a simulator**

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Virtual Robot

MORSE [5] (of course)

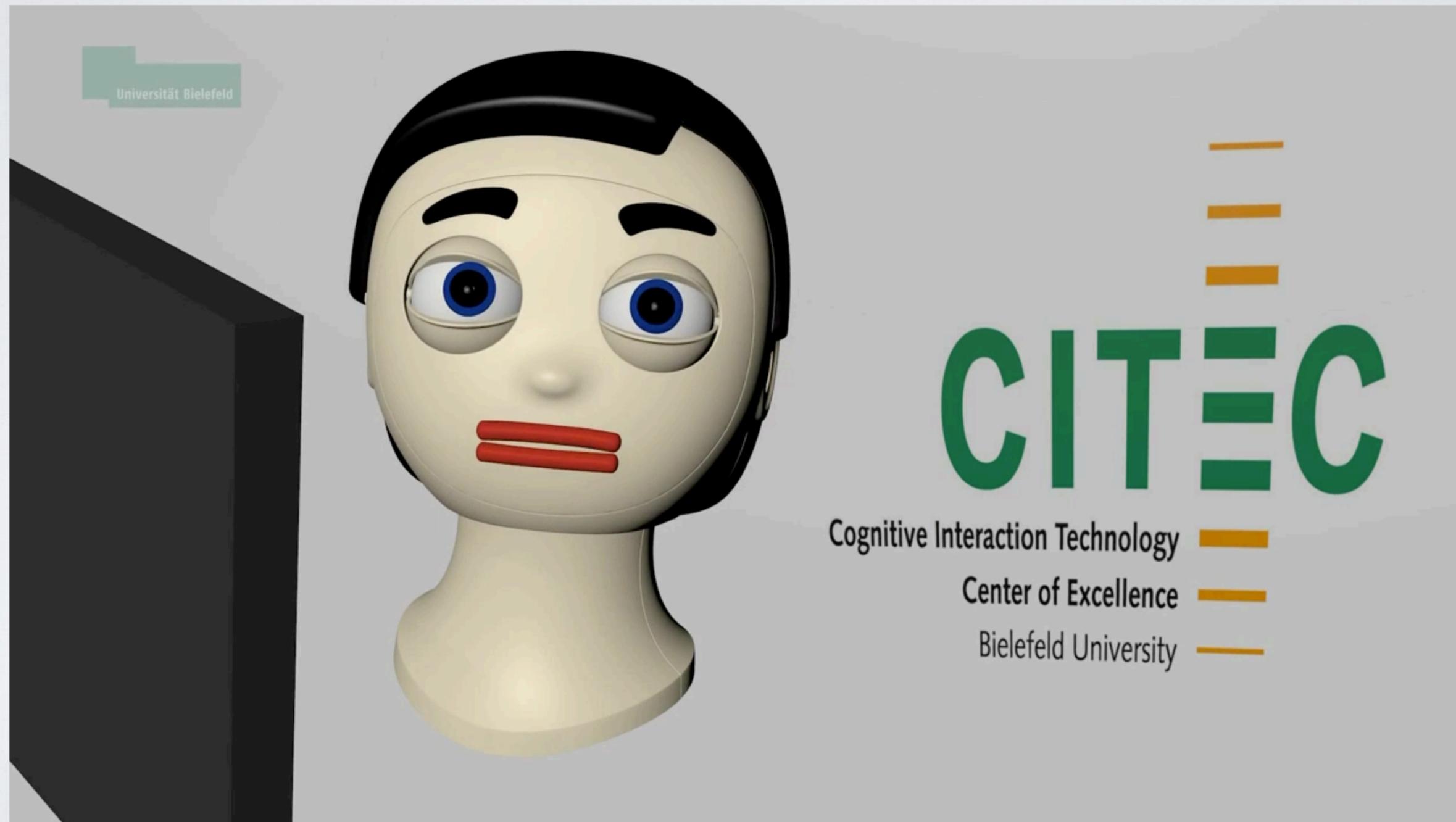


running in virtual or hardware mode
virtualizes controller boards in “-v mode”
simulates motor characteristics (ramps, vel, etc.)



Physical Robot

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But...

... how precise is our simulator?

/off: who doesn't know CI?

CI PRIMER

Continuous integration

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

Continuous integration (CI) is the practice, in [software engineering](#), of merging all developer working copies with a shared [mainline](#) several times a day. It was first named and proposed as part of [extreme programming \(XP\)](#). Its main aim is to prevent integration problems, referred to as "integration hell" in early descriptions of XP. CI can be seen as an intensification of practices of periodic integration advocated by earlier published methods of incremental and iterative software development, such as the [Booch method](#). CI isn't universally accepted as an improvement over frequent integration, so it is important to distinguish between the two as there is disagreement about the virtues of each.^[*citation needed*]

CI was originally intended to be used in combination with automated unit tests written through the practices of [test-driven development](#). Initially this was conceived of as running all unit tests and verifying they all passed before committing to the mainline. This helps avoid one developer's work in progress breaking another developer's copy. If necessary, partially complete features can be disabled before committing using [feature toggles](#).

Later elaborations of the concept introduced build servers, which automatically run the unit tests periodically or even after every commit and report the results to the developers. The use of build servers (not necessarily running unit tests) had already been practised by some teams outside the XP community. Nowadays, many organisations have adopted CI without adopting all of XP.

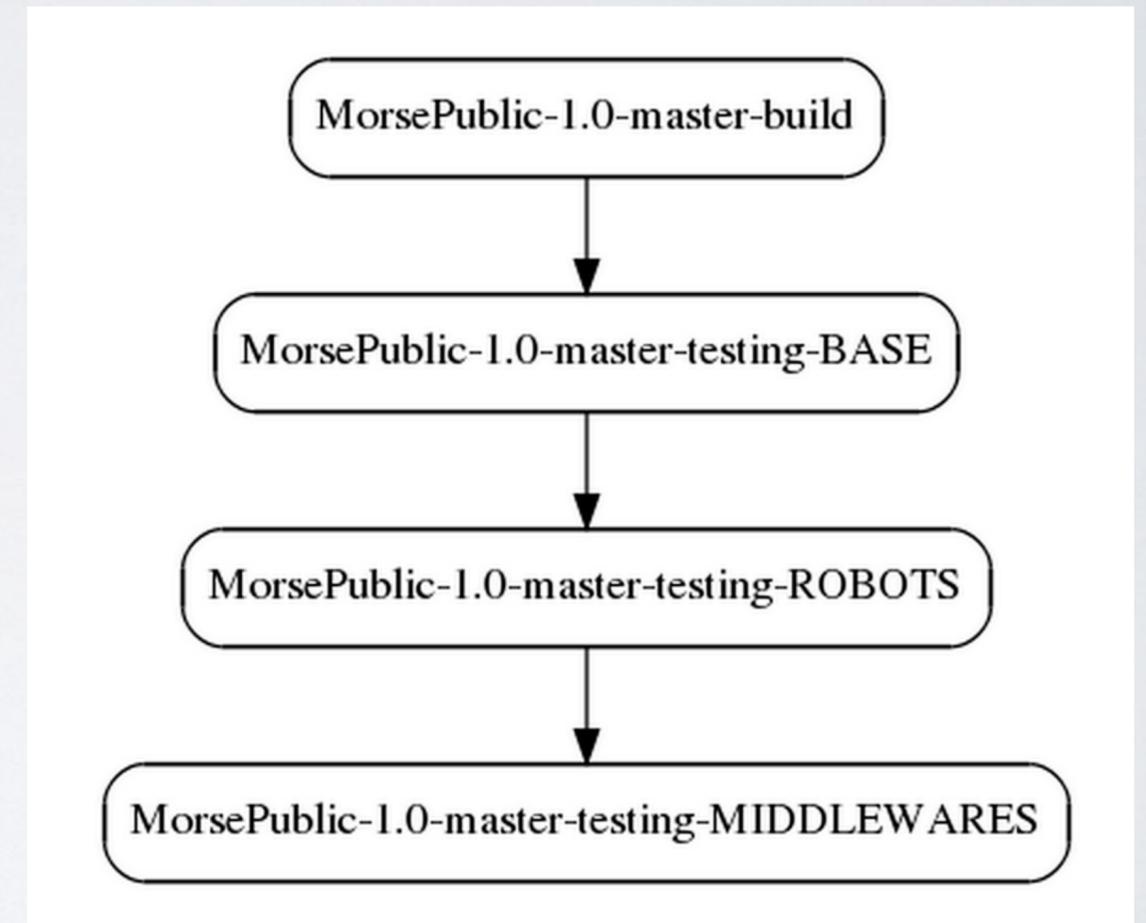
In addition to automated unit tests, organisations using CI typically use a build server to implement *continuous* processes of applying [quality control](#) in general — small pieces of effort, applied frequently. In addition to running the unit and integration tests, such processes run additional static and dynamic tests, measure and profile performance, extract and format documentation from the source code and facilitate manual QA processes. This continuous application of quality control aims to improve the [quality of software](#), and to reduce the time taken to deliver it, by replacing the traditional practice of applying quality control *after* completing all development. This is very similar to the original idea of integrating more frequently to make integration easier, only applied to QA processes.

In the same vein the practice of [continuous delivery](#) further extends CI by making sure the software checked in on the mainline is always in a state that can be deployed to users and makes the actual deployment process very rapid.

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Continuous_integration

CI PRIMER

S	W	Name ↓	Last Success	Last Failure	Last Duration
		3DKinectGrab-trunk	10 mo - #224	2 days 3 hr - #258	1 min 0 sec
		AcousticProminence-trunk-CIT	1 day 6 hr - #110	N/A	41 sec
		apache-scxml-0.9	11 mo - #839	10 mo - #840	1 min 41 sec
		apache-scxml-0.9-CIT	6 days 20 hr - #111	N/A	3.9 sec
		apache-scxml-trunk	1 yr 11 mo - #815	1 yr 7 mo - #829	4 min 45 sec
		Asap-trunk-CIT	6 hr 35 min - #2473	1 mo 6 days - #2308	30 min
		Asap-trunk-daily-CIT	20 hr - #774	2 days 8 hr - #771	24 min
		AsapRealizerDemo-release-trunk	9 hr 18 min - #636	1 mo 9 days - #584	1 min 23 sec
		AsapRealizerDemo-trunk	9 hr 45 min - #896	1 mo 20 days - #834	26 min
		AsapResource-trunk-CIT	21 hr - #756	N/A	0.9 sec
		BielefeldAnchoringLibrary-base	1 mo 21 days - #279	N/A	31 sec
		BielefeldAnchoringLibrary-remote	1 yr 0 mo - #3	1 yr 0 mo - #1	19 sec
		BielefeldTypeLibrary-0.10.0-cpp	1 yr 4 mo - #130	N/A	5 min 9 sec
		BielefeldTypeLibrary-0.10.0-java	1 yr 4 mo - #75	N/A	3 min 40 sec
		BielefeldTypeLibrary-0.9.0	1 yr 4 mo - #283	N/A	4 min 2 sec
		BielefeldTypeLibrary-0.9.1	1 yr 4 mo - #268	N/A	4 min 35 sec
		BielefeldTypeLibrary-0.9.1-CIT	4 days 23 hr - #517	N/A	3 min 7 sec
		BielefeldTypeLibrary-0.9.2	1 yr 4 mo - #139	N/A	4 min 51 sec
		BielefeldTypeLibrary-2.0-alpha-java	N/A	1 hr 35 min - #19	2 sec
		BielefeldTypeLibrary-develop-cpp	1 yr 4 mo - #402	4 hr 50 min - #456	3 min 55 sec
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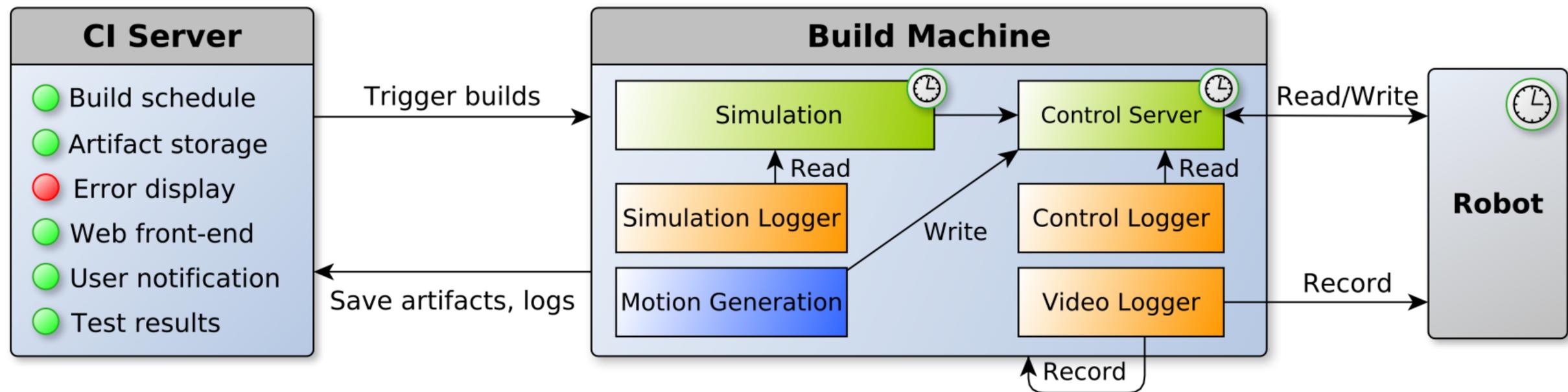
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Console Output

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Started by upstream project "MorsePublic-1.0-master-build" build number 8333
originally caused by:
  Started by an SCM change
Building remotely on Ubuntu64-Precise-CLF-only (CLF-only) in workspace /vol/clf/releases/precise/x64/morse-testbed-fixed/label/Ubuntu64-Precise-CLF-only
Fetching changes from the remote Git repository
Fetching upstream changes from https://github.com/morse-simulator/morse.git
Checking out Revision f0bcf5114116cf2417a70337b35f0ffe5074dd08 (origin/master)
[Ubuntu64-Precise-CLF-only] $ /bin/sh -xe /tmp/hudson5366427741821729592.sh
+ echo ---- SLAVE MACHINE INFO ----
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+ cat /etc/issue
Ubuntu 12.04.4 LTS \n \l

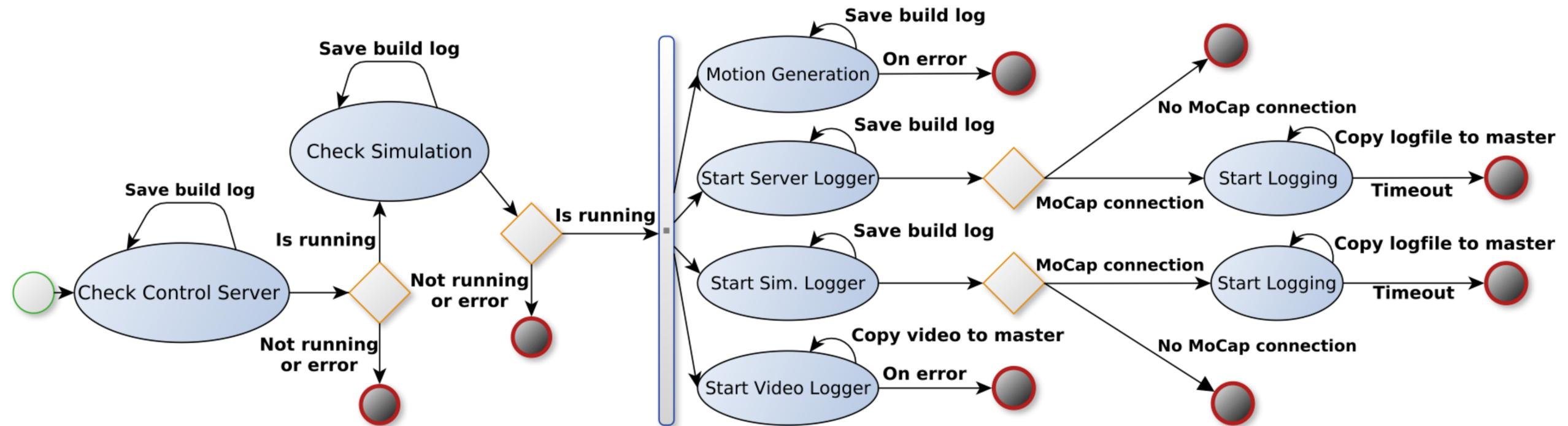
+ uname -a
Linux samarium 3.2.0-52-generic #78-Ubuntu SMP Fri Jul 26 16:21:44 UTC 2013 x86_64 x86_64 x86_64 GNU/Linux
+ echo ---- Building MORSE ----
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+ echo DONE. Via http://pierricko.com/hanoi/setup.sh
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+ echo ---- Fetching and Re-Building ----
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+ cd /vol/clf/releases/precise/x64/morse-testbed-fixed/src/morse
+ mkdir -p build
+ cd build
+ rm -rf BaseTest.xml CMakeCache.txt CMakeFiles CTestTestfile.cmake DartConfiguration.tcl Makefile MiddlewaresTest.xml RobotsTest.xml Testing bin bindings cmake_install.cmake
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DBUILD_ROS_SUPPORT=ON -DCMAKE_BUILD_TYPE=Release ..
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FLOBI SIMULATION VALIDATION

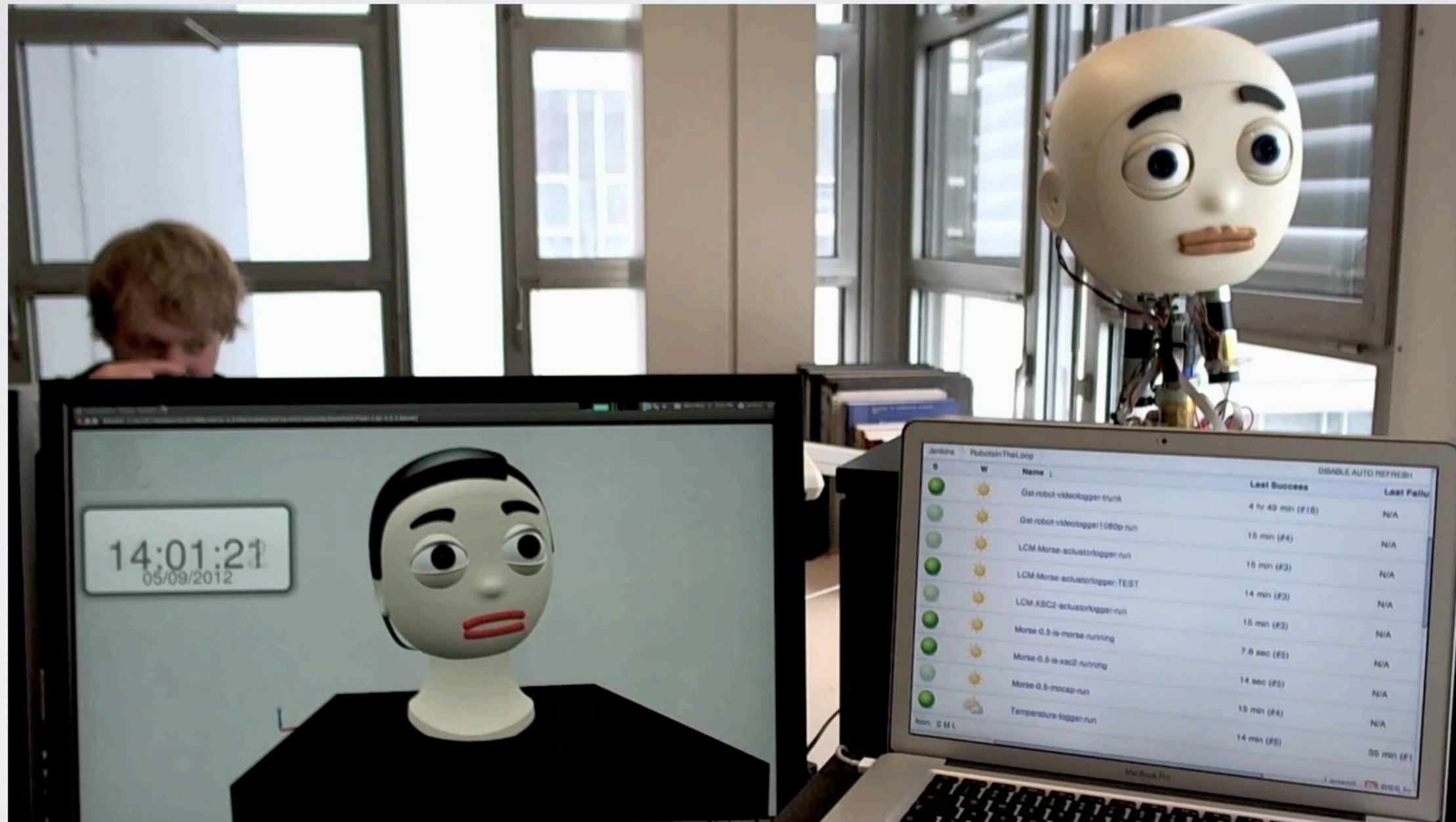


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Worked well, so far...

Does **not scale** for multiple projects/test

Time consuming configuration via GUI

Not 100% **deterministic** (default Jenkins job scheduler)

Requires profound “Jenkins knowledge” to setup test scenarios

Technology for **developers**, which often excludes, i.e., social sciences

New approach: FSMT

FINITE-STATE-MACHINE-BASED-TESTING

1 WHY DO YOU NEED TO TEST HRI SCENARIOS?

Autonomous robots are highly relevant targets for interaction studies, but can exhibit behavioral variability that confounds experimental validity.

**TESTING REAL SYSTEMS PREVENTS ERRORS
IS VERY LABOUR-INTENSIVE
OFTEN HAPPENS TOO LATE**

3 WHO IS INVOLVED IN TESTING?

Experimenters as well as system developers must cooperatively design and integrate their experiments as easily and often as possible to improve the test and evaluation process.

**STRICT ADHERENCE OF AN EXPERIMENT PROTOCOL
REQUIRES PROFOUND TECHNICAL SKILLS
IN DISTRIBUTED SYSTEMS SEQUENCING IS CRUCIAL**

2 WHAT IS TO BE TESTED?

Detailed testing of experiment designs, their software realizations and hardware is required.

**DIFFICULT TO MAINTAIN
INHERENTLY COMPLEX**

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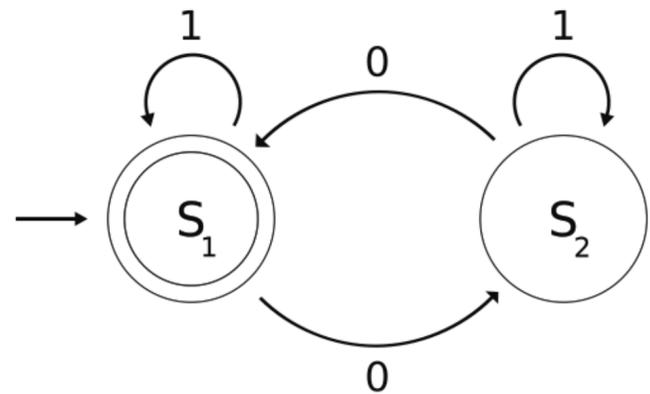
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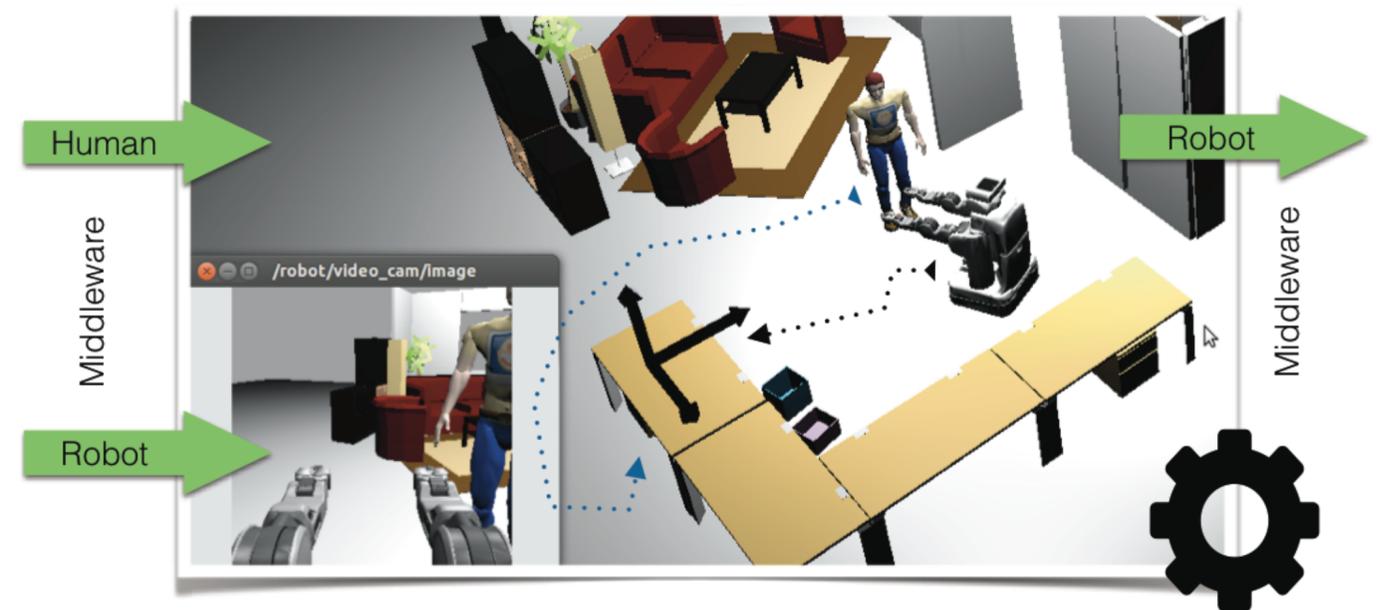
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Formalization (SCXML representation)



Automated Execution (CI server, PySCXML Engine)

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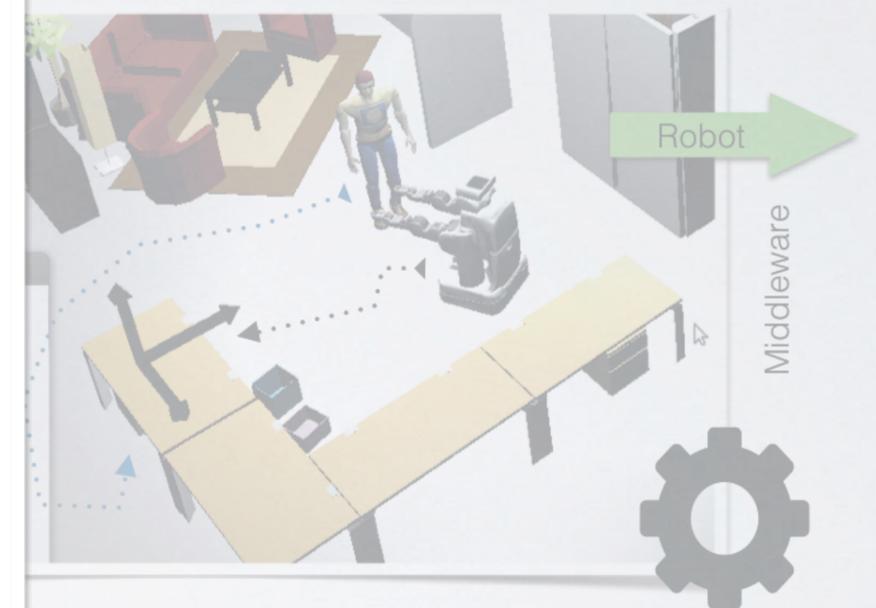
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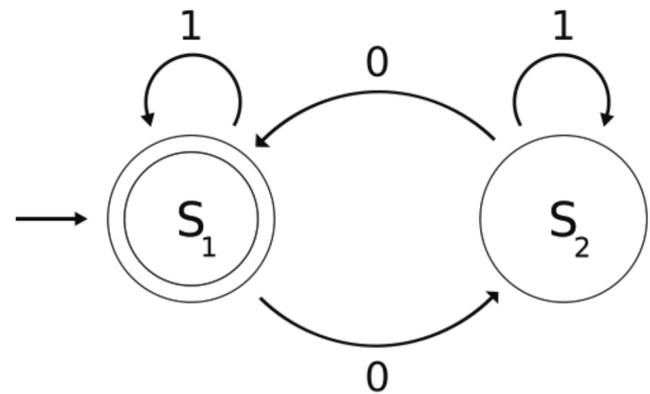
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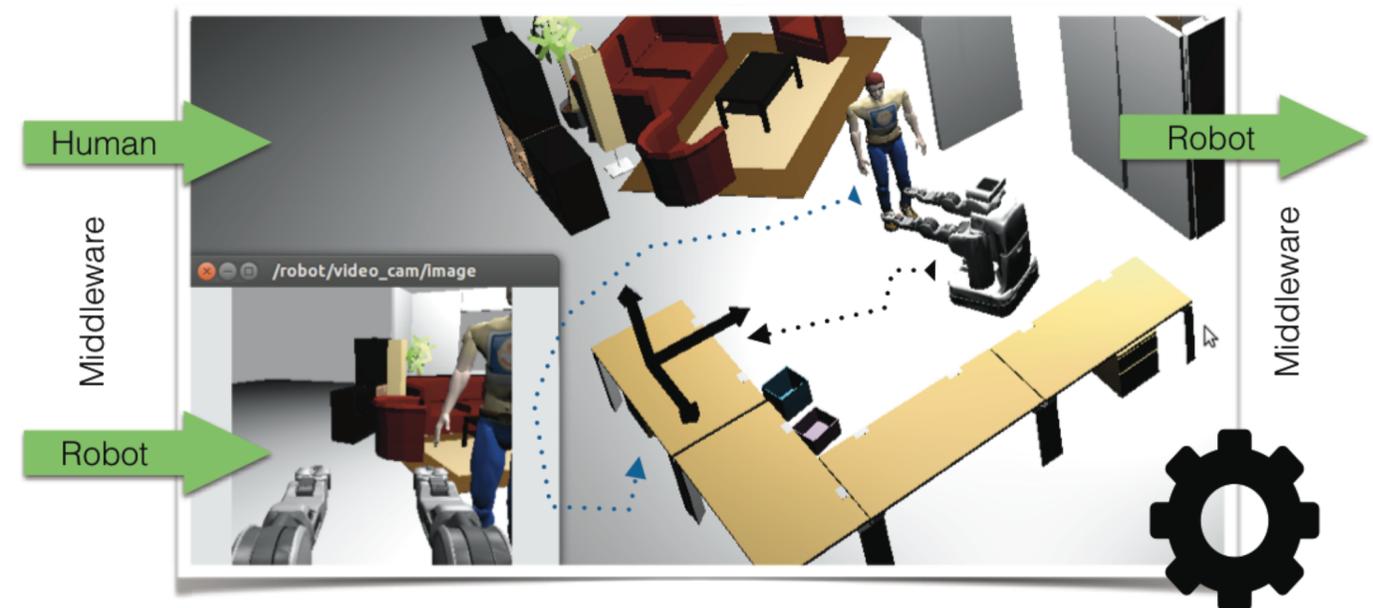
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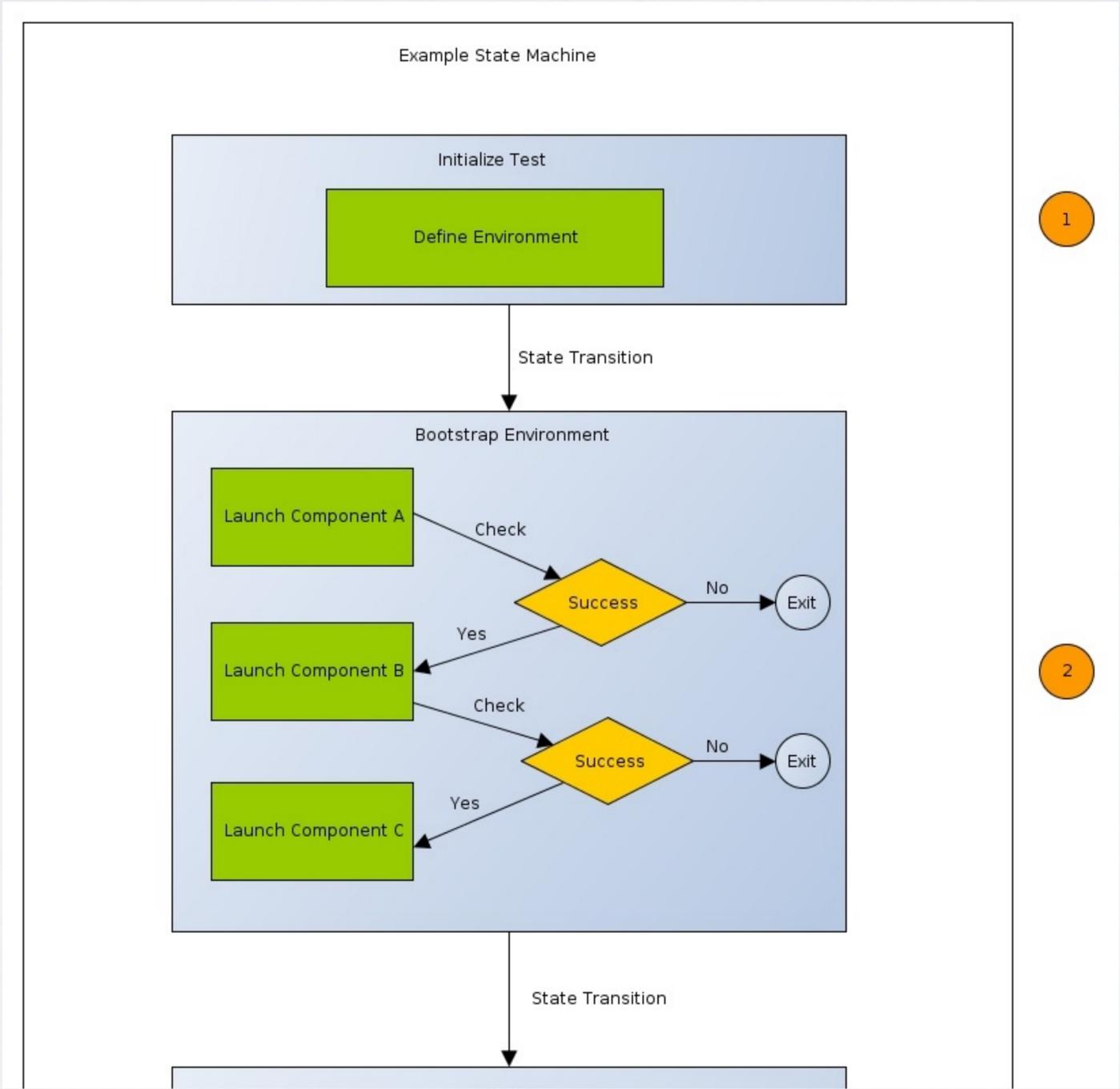


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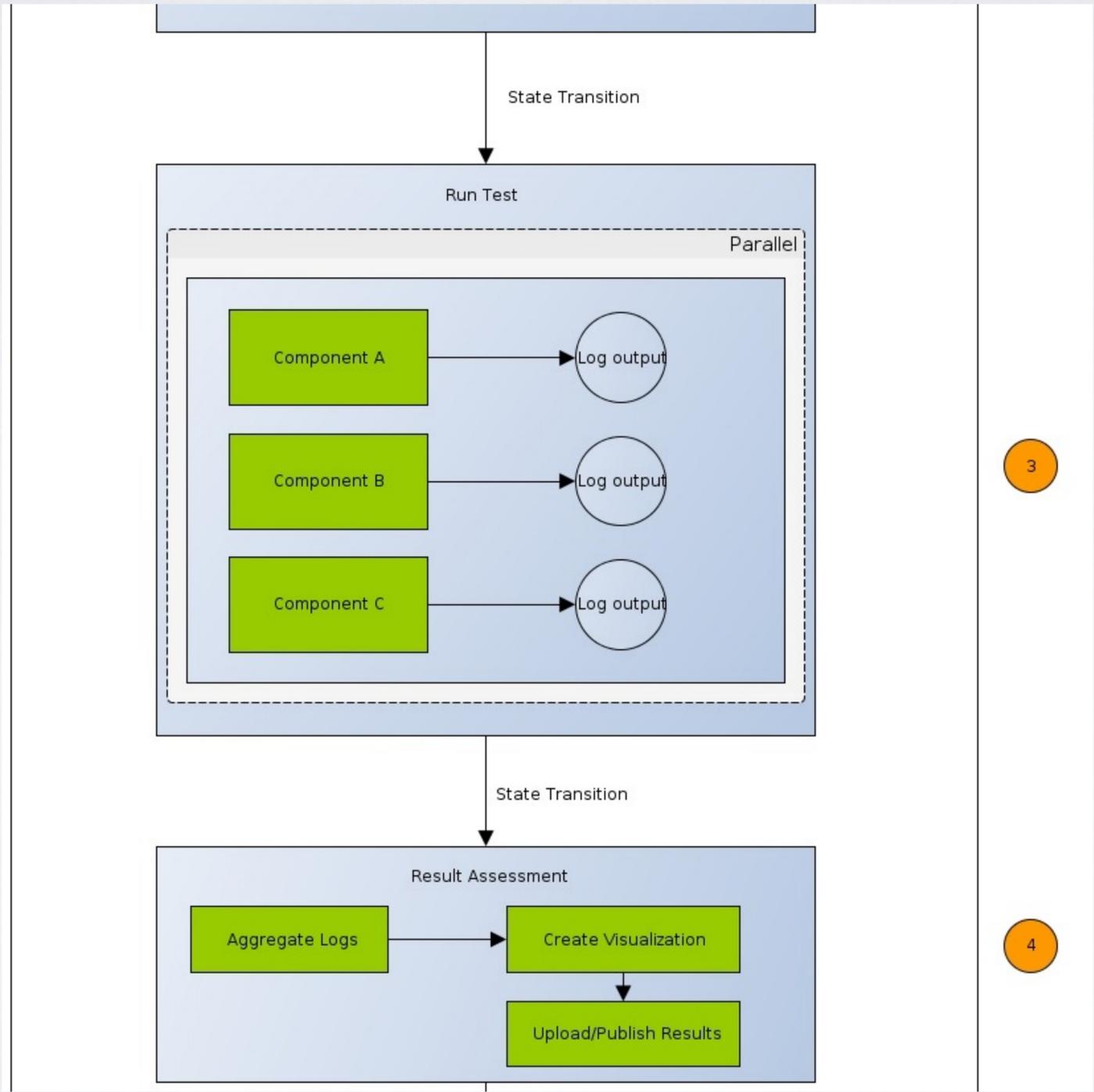
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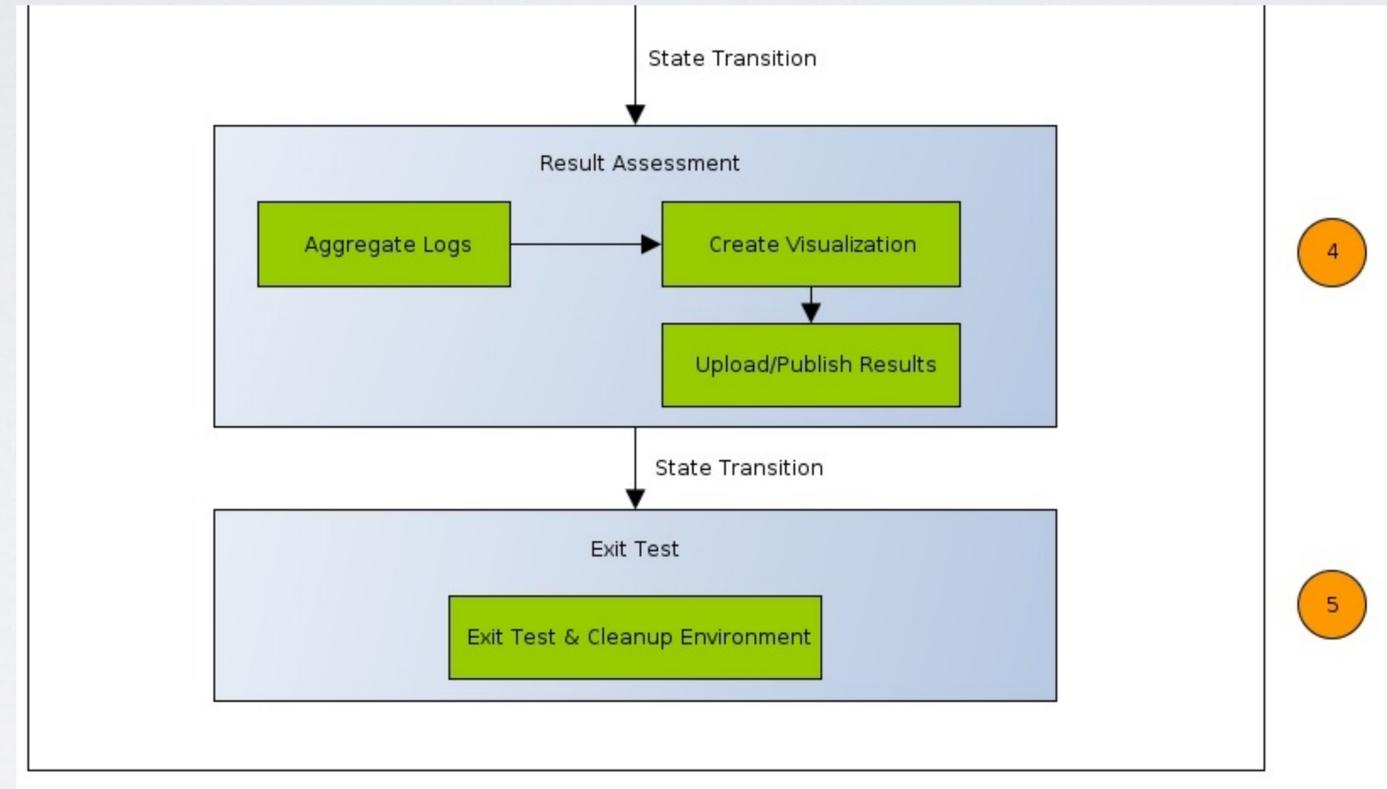
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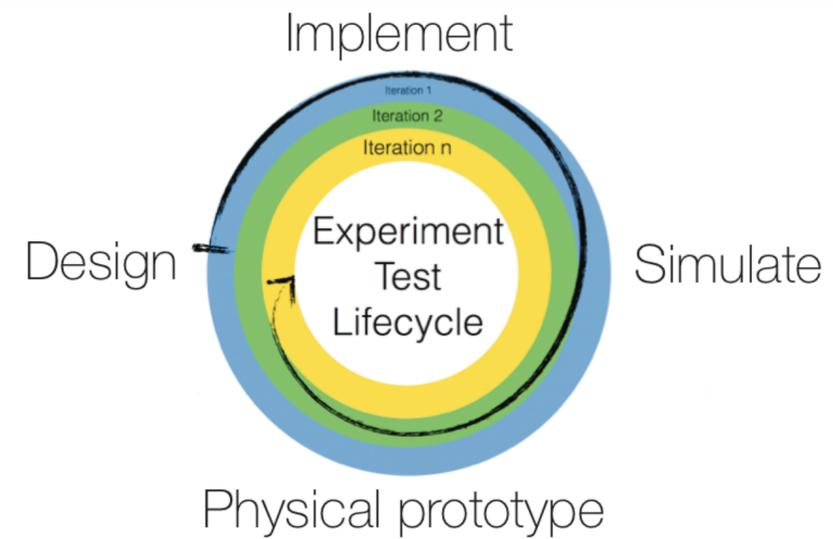
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Provided benefits

- No Framework “lock-in”
- Human readable *.ini syntax
- Automated translation into a SM
- Already includes evaluation scripts



Provided benefits

- Archiving of results
- Early and continuous feedback
- Centralized testing infrastructure
- Gradually increase level of simulation complexity

FINITE-STATE-MACHINE-BASED-TESTING

Project FSMT-FloBi-Simulation-Motion-Test

Automated execution and evaluation of an the FloBi simulation using FSMT.



[Workspace](#)



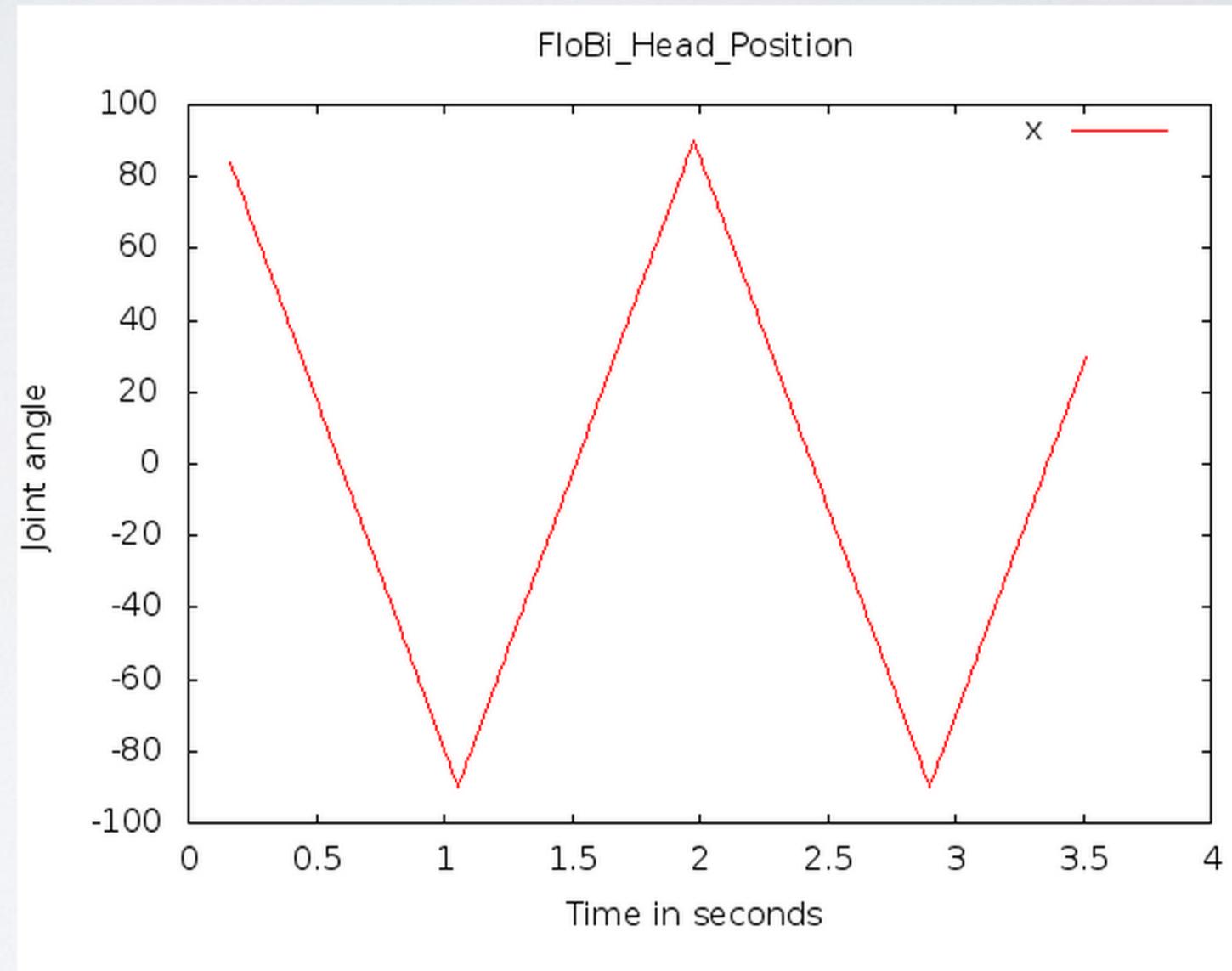
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View

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LIVE Demo :)

Of course we will make FSMT open soon

<https://opensource.cit-ec.de>

Thank you!

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