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VARIABLE SPEED CONTROL MOMENT GYROSCOPE MODEL

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The VSCMG class is an instantiation of the state effector abstract class. The integrated test is validating the interaction between the VSCMG module and the rigid body hub that it is attached to. More specifically, the VSCMG module models three different cases: balanced wheels, simple jitter, and fully coupled jitter. The details of each mode is described in detail in this document. There are integrated tests that confirm that all three models are agreeing with physics and the tests use both energy and momentum conservation as validation. There are also unit tests verifying other functionality of the module

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1 Model Description

1.1 Introduction

This module is modeling a VSCMG connected to a rigid body hub. The VSCMG model has three modes that can be ran: balanced wheels, simple jitter, and fully-coupled imbalanced wheels.

The balanced wheels option is modeling the VSCMG as having their principle inertia axes aligned with spin axis, \hat{g}_s , and the center of mass of the wheel is coincident with \hat{g}_s . This results in the reaction wheel not changing the mass properties of the spacecraft and results in simpler equations. The simple jitter option is approximating the jitter due to mass imbalances by applying an external force and torque to the spacecraft that is proportional to the wheel speeds squared. This is an approximation because in reality this is an internal force and torque. Finally, the fully-coupled mode is modeling VSCMG

imbalance dynamics by modeling the static and dynamic imbalances as internal forces and torques which is physically realistic and allows for energy and momentum conservation.

Figure 1 shows the frame and variable definitions used for this problem. The formulation involves a rigid hub with its center of mass location labeled as point B_c , and N_{rw} RWs with their center of mass locations labeled as W_{c_i} . The frames being used for this formulation are the body-fixed frame, $\mathcal{B} : \{\hat{b}_1, \hat{b}_2, \hat{b}_3\}$, the motor frame of the i^{th} RW, $\mathcal{M}_i : \{\hat{m}_{s_i}, \hat{m}_{2_i}, \hat{m}_{3_i}\}$ which is also body-fixed, and the wheel-fixed frame of the i^{th} RW, $\mathcal{W}_i : \{\hat{g}_{s_i}, \hat{w}_{2_i}, \hat{w}_{3_i}\}$. The dynamics are modeled with respect to the \mathcal{B} frame which can be generally oriented. The \mathcal{W}_i frame is oriented such that the \hat{g}_{s_i} axis is aligned with the RW spin axis which is the same as the motor torque axis \hat{m}_{s_i} , the \hat{w}_{2_i} axis is perpendicular to \hat{g}_{s_i} and points in the direction towards the RW center of mass W_{c_i} . The \hat{w}_{3_i} completes the right hand rule. The \mathcal{M}_i frame is defined as being equal to the \mathcal{W}_i frame at the beginning of the simulation and therefore the \mathcal{W}_i and \mathcal{M}_i frames are offset by an angle, θ_i , about the $\hat{m}_{s_i} = \hat{g}_{s_i}$ axes.

A few more key variables in Figure 1 need to be defined. The rigid spacecraft structure without the VSCMGs is called the hub. Point B is the origin of the \mathcal{B} frame and is a general body-fixed point that does not have to be identical to the total spacecraft center of mass, nor the rigid hub center of mass B_c . Point W_i is the origin of the \mathcal{W}_i frame and can also have any location relative to point B . Point C is the center of mass of the total spacecraft system including the rigid hub and the VSCMGs. Due to the VSCMG imbalance, the vector c , which points from point B to point C , will vary as seen by a body-fixed observer. The scalar variable d_i is the center of mass offset of the VSCMG, or the distance from the spin axis, \hat{g}_{s_i} to W_{c_i} . Finally, the inertial frame orientation is defined through $\mathcal{N} : \{\hat{n}_1, \hat{n}_2, \hat{n}_3\}$, while the origin of the inertial frame is labeled as N .

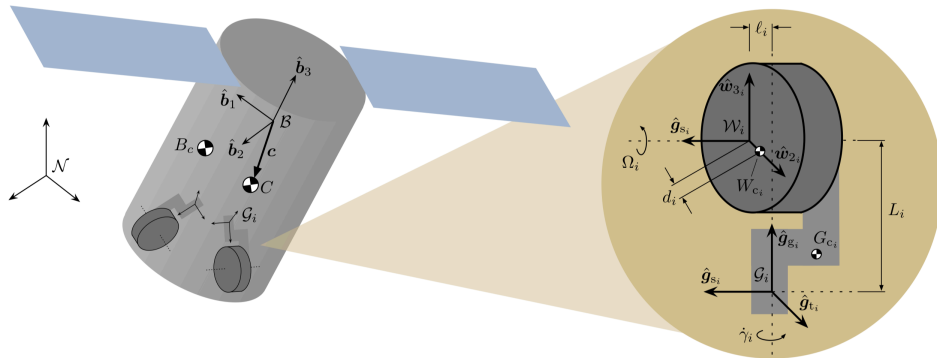


Fig. 1: VSCMG and spacecraft frame and variable definitions

1.2 Equations of Motion

The main introduction that is needed for this model is the equations of motion. Depending on the mode, the equations of motion are different. The key equations are highlighted below and the full derivation can be found in Each mode's equations of motion are discussed in the following sub sections.

1.2.1 Translational EOMs

Translational equations of motion are below:

$$\begin{aligned} \ddot{\mathbf{r}}_{B/N} - [\tilde{\mathbf{c}}]\dot{\boldsymbol{\omega}} + \frac{1}{m_{sc}} \sum_{i=1}^N \left[m_{G_i} [\tilde{\mathbf{g}}_{g_i}] \mathbf{r}_{G_{c_i}/G_i} - m_{W_i} d_i c \theta_i \hat{\mathbf{g}}_{s_i} + m_{W_i} \ell_i \hat{\mathbf{g}}_{t_i} \right] \ddot{\gamma}_i + \frac{1}{m_{sc}} \sum_{i=1}^N [m_{W_i} d_i \hat{\mathbf{w}}_{3_i}] \dot{\Omega}_i \\ = \ddot{\mathbf{r}}_{C/N} - 2[\tilde{\boldsymbol{\omega}}]\mathbf{c}' - [\tilde{\boldsymbol{\omega}}][\tilde{\boldsymbol{\omega}}]\mathbf{c} - \frac{1}{m_{sc}} \sum_{i=1}^N \left[m_{G_i} \dot{\gamma}_i [\tilde{\mathbf{g}}_{g_i}] \mathbf{r}'_{G_{c_i}/B} \right. \\ \left. + m_{W_i} \left[(2d_i \dot{\gamma}_i \Omega_i s \theta_i - \ell_i \dot{\gamma}_i^2) \hat{\mathbf{g}}_{s_i} - d_i \dot{\gamma}_i^2 c \theta_i \hat{\mathbf{g}}_{t_i} - d_i \Omega_i^2 \hat{\mathbf{w}}_{2_i} \right] \right] \quad (1) \end{aligned}$$

This equation represents 3 DOF and contains all second order states ($\ddot{\mathbf{r}}_{B/N}$, $\dot{\boldsymbol{\omega}}$, $\ddot{\gamma}_i$, $\dot{\Omega}_i$). Removing wheel imbalance terms and assuming a symmetrical VSCMG (i.e. $\mathbf{r}_{G_{c_i}/G_i} = \mathbf{0}$, $\ell_i = 0$, $d_i = 0$) gives the following equation.

$$m_{sc} \ddot{\mathbf{r}}_{B/N} - m_{sc} [\tilde{\mathbf{c}}] \dot{\boldsymbol{\omega}} = \mathbf{F} - 2m_{sc} [\tilde{\boldsymbol{\omega}}] \mathbf{c}' - m_{sc} [\tilde{\boldsymbol{\omega}}]^2 \mathbf{c} \quad (2)$$

Thus, the balanced VSCMG translational equation of motion does not contain any second-order terms relating to the wheel or gimbal, and agrees with Reference.³

1.2.2 Rotational EOMs

The rotational equations of motion are:

$$\begin{aligned} m_{sc} [\tilde{\mathbf{c}}] \ddot{\mathbf{r}}_{B/N} + [I_{sc,B}] \dot{\boldsymbol{\omega}} + \sum_{i=1}^N \left[[I_{G_i,G_{c_i}}] \hat{\mathbf{g}}_{g_i} + m_{G_i} [\tilde{\mathbf{r}}_{G_{c_i}/B}] [\tilde{\mathbf{g}}_{g_i}] \mathbf{r}_{G_{c_i}/G_i} + [I_{W_i,W_{c_i}}] \hat{\mathbf{g}}_{g_i} \right. \\ \left. + m_{W_i} [\tilde{\mathbf{r}}_{W_{c_i}/B}] (\ell_i \hat{\mathbf{g}}_{t_i} - d_i c \theta_i \hat{\mathbf{g}}_{s_i}) \right] \ddot{\gamma}_i + \sum_{i=1}^N \left[[I_{W_i,W_{c_i}}] \hat{\mathbf{g}}_{s_i} + m_{W_i} d_i [\tilde{\mathbf{r}}_{W_{c_i}/B}] \hat{\mathbf{w}}_{3_i} \right] \dot{\Omega}_i \\ = \mathbf{L}_B - [I_{sc,B}]' \boldsymbol{\omega} - [\tilde{\boldsymbol{\omega}}] [I_{sc,B}] \boldsymbol{\omega} - \sum_{i=1}^N \left[[I_{G_i,G_{c_i}}]' \dot{\gamma}_i \hat{\mathbf{g}}_{g_i} + [\tilde{\boldsymbol{\omega}}] [I_{G_i,G_{c_i}}] \dot{\gamma}_i \hat{\mathbf{g}}_{g_i} + m_{G_i} [\tilde{\boldsymbol{\omega}}] [\tilde{\mathbf{r}}_{G_{c_i}/B}] \mathbf{r}'_{G_{c_i}/B} \right. \\ \left. + m_{G_i} \dot{\gamma}_i [\tilde{\mathbf{r}}_{G_{c_i}/B}] [\tilde{\mathbf{g}}_{g_i}] \mathbf{r}'_{G_{c_i}/G_i} + [I_{W_i,W_{c_i}}] \Omega_i \dot{\gamma}_i \hat{\mathbf{g}}_{t_i} + [I_{W_i,W_{c_i}}]' \boldsymbol{\omega} \omega_{W_i/B} + [\tilde{\boldsymbol{\omega}}] [I_{W_i,W_{c_i}}] \boldsymbol{\omega} \omega_{W_i/B} \right. \\ \left. + m_{W_i} [\tilde{\boldsymbol{\omega}}] [\tilde{\mathbf{r}}_{W_{c_i}/B}] \mathbf{r}'_{W_{c_i}/B} + m_{W_i} [\tilde{\mathbf{r}}_{W_{c_i}/B}] \left[(2d_i \dot{\gamma}_i \Omega_i s \theta_i - \ell_i \dot{\gamma}_i^2) \hat{\mathbf{g}}_{s_i} - d_i \dot{\gamma}_i^2 c \theta_i \hat{\mathbf{g}}_{t_i} - d_i \Omega_i^2 \hat{\mathbf{w}}_{2_i} \right] \right] \quad (3) \end{aligned}$$

The rotational equation of motion for a VSCMG with balanced wheels may be found by setting imbalance terms to zero.

$$\begin{aligned} m_{sc} [\tilde{\mathbf{c}}] \ddot{\mathbf{r}}_{B/N} + [I_{sc,B}] \dot{\boldsymbol{\omega}} + \sum_{i=1}^N I_{g_i} \hat{\mathbf{g}}_{g_i} \ddot{\gamma}_i + \sum_{i=1}^N I_{W_{s_i}} \hat{\mathbf{g}}_{s_i} \dot{\Omega}_i \\ = \mathbf{L}_B - [\tilde{\boldsymbol{\omega}}] [I_{sc,B}] \boldsymbol{\omega} - \sum_{i=1}^N \left[\omega_t \dot{\gamma}_i (I_{V_{s_i}} - I_{V_{t_i}} + I_{V_{g_i}}) \hat{\mathbf{g}}_{s_i} \right. \\ \left. + [\omega_s \dot{\gamma}_i (I_{V_{s_i}} - I_{V_{t_i}} - I_{V_{g_i}}) + I_{W_{s_i}} \Omega_i (\dot{\gamma}_i + \omega_g)] \hat{\mathbf{g}}_{t_i} - \omega_t I_{W_{s_i}} \Omega_i \hat{\mathbf{g}}_{g_i} \right] \quad (4) \end{aligned}$$

This equation agrees with that found in the reference. However, for back-substitution, we need it in the following form.

$$\begin{aligned}
 m_{sc}[\tilde{\mathbf{c}}]\ddot{\mathbf{r}}_{B/N} + [I_{sc,B}]\dot{\boldsymbol{\omega}} + \sum_{i=1}^N I_{V_{g_i}} \hat{\mathbf{g}}_{g_i} \ddot{\gamma}_i + \sum_{i=1}^N I_{W_{s_i}} \hat{\mathbf{g}}_{s_i} \dot{\Omega}_i \\
 = \mathbf{L}_B - [I_{sc,B}]'\boldsymbol{\omega} - [\tilde{\boldsymbol{\omega}}][I_{sc,B}]\boldsymbol{\omega} - \sum_{i=1}^N \left[I_{W_{t_i}} \Omega_i \dot{\gamma}_i \hat{\mathbf{g}}_{t_i} + \Omega_i \dot{\gamma}_i (I_{W_{s_i}} - I_{W_{t_i}}) \hat{\mathbf{g}}_{t_i} \right. \\
 \left. + [\tilde{\boldsymbol{\omega}}][I_{G_i, G_{c_i}}] \dot{\gamma}_i \hat{\mathbf{g}}_{g_i} + [\tilde{\boldsymbol{\omega}}][I_{W_i, W_{c_i}}] \boldsymbol{\omega}_{W_i/B} \right] \quad (5)
 \end{aligned}$$

The equations of motion for an imbalanced RW may be obtained by setting $\ddot{\gamma}_i = \dot{\gamma}_i = 0$ in Eq. (3).

$$\begin{aligned}
 m_{sc}[\tilde{\mathbf{c}}]\ddot{\mathbf{r}}_{B/N} + [I_{sc,B}]\dot{\boldsymbol{\omega}} + \sum_{i=1}^N \left[[I_{W_i, W_{c_i}}] \hat{\mathbf{g}}_{s_i} + m_{W_i} d_i [\tilde{\mathbf{r}}_{W_{c_i}/B}] \hat{\mathbf{w}}_{3_i} \right] \dot{\Omega}_i \\
 = \mathbf{L}_B - [I_{sc,B}]'\boldsymbol{\omega} - [\tilde{\boldsymbol{\omega}}][I_{sc,B}]\boldsymbol{\omega} - \sum_{i=1}^N \left[[I_{W_i, W_{c_i}}]'\boldsymbol{\omega}_{W_i/B} + [\tilde{\boldsymbol{\omega}}][I_{W_i, W_{c_i}}] \boldsymbol{\omega}_{W_i/B} \right. \\
 \left. + m_{W_i} [\tilde{\boldsymbol{\omega}}][\tilde{\mathbf{r}}_{W_{c_i}/B}] \mathbf{r}'_{W_{c_i}/B} - m_{W_i} d_i \Omega_i^2 [\tilde{\mathbf{r}}_{W_{c_i}/B}] \hat{\mathbf{w}}_{2_i} \right] \quad (6)
 \end{aligned}$$

Eq. (6) agrees with the formulation found in Reference.⁷ Eq. (6) is further reduced by setting all imbalance terms to zero.

$$m_{sc}[\tilde{\mathbf{c}}]\ddot{\mathbf{r}}_{B/N} + [I_{sc,B}]\dot{\boldsymbol{\omega}} + \sum_{i=1}^N [I_{W_i, W_{c_i}}] \hat{\mathbf{g}}_{s_i} \dot{\Omega}_i = \mathbf{L}_B - [\tilde{\boldsymbol{\omega}}][I_{sc,B}]\boldsymbol{\omega} - \sum_{i=1}^N [\tilde{\boldsymbol{\omega}}][I_{W_i, W_{c_i}}] \hat{\mathbf{g}}_{s_i} \Omega_i \quad (7)$$

If the center of mass of the spacecraft C is coincident with point B , this equation is reduced to

$$[I_{sc,B}]\dot{\boldsymbol{\omega}} + \sum_{i=1}^N [I_{W_i, W_{c_i}}] \hat{\mathbf{g}}_{s_i} \dot{\Omega}_i = \mathbf{L}_B - [\tilde{\boldsymbol{\omega}}][I_{sc,B}]\boldsymbol{\omega} - \sum_{i=1}^N [\tilde{\boldsymbol{\omega}}][I_{W_i, W_{c_i}}] \hat{\mathbf{g}}_{s_i} \Omega_i \quad (8)$$

This equation represents N balanced reaction wheels, and agrees with Reference.³

1.2.3 Gimbal Torque Equation

Substituting into Eq. (??) and performing a massive rearrange gives the VSCMG gimbal torque equation of motion.

$$\begin{aligned}
& \hat{\mathbf{g}}_{\mathbf{g}_i}^T \left[m_{V_i} [\tilde{\mathbf{r}}_{V_{c_i}/G_i}] \right] \ddot{\mathbf{r}}_{B/N} + \hat{\mathbf{g}}_{\mathbf{g}_i}^T \left[[I_{V_i, V_{c_i}}] + m_{V_i} [\tilde{\mathbf{r}}_{V_{c_i}/G_i}] [\tilde{\mathbf{r}}_{V_{c_i}/B}]^T \right] \dot{\boldsymbol{\omega}} + \hat{\mathbf{g}}_{\mathbf{g}_i}^T \left[[I_{G_i, G_{c_i}}] \hat{\mathbf{g}}_{\mathbf{g}_i} \right. \\
& \quad \left. + [I_{W_i, W_{c_i}}] \hat{\mathbf{g}}_{\mathbf{g}_i} + [P_i] (\ell_i \hat{\mathbf{g}}_{\mathbf{t}_i} - d_i c \theta_i \hat{\mathbf{g}}_{\mathbf{s}_i}) + [Q_i] [\tilde{\mathbf{g}}_{\mathbf{g}_i}] \mathbf{r}_{G_{c_i}/G_i} \right] \ddot{\gamma}_i + \hat{\mathbf{g}}_{\mathbf{g}_i}^T \left[[I_{W_i, W_{c_i}}] \hat{\mathbf{g}}_{\mathbf{s}_i} + [P_i] d_i \hat{\mathbf{w}}_{3_i} \right] \dot{\Omega}_i \\
& = -\hat{\mathbf{g}}_{\mathbf{g}_i}^T \left[\dot{\gamma}_i [Q_i] [\tilde{\mathbf{g}}_{\mathbf{g}_i}] \mathbf{r}'_{G_{c_i}/G_i} + [P_i] \left[(2d_i \dot{\gamma}_i \Omega_i s \theta_i - \ell_i \dot{\gamma}_i^2) \hat{\mathbf{g}}_{\mathbf{s}_i} - d_i \dot{\gamma}_i^2 c \theta_i \hat{\mathbf{g}}_{\mathbf{t}_i} - d_i \Omega_i^2 \hat{\mathbf{w}}_{2_i} \right] \right. \\
& \quad \left. + [I_{G_i, G_{c_i}}]' \boldsymbol{\omega}_{\mathcal{G}_i/\mathcal{N}} + [\tilde{\boldsymbol{\omega}}] [I_{G_i, G_{c_i}}] \boldsymbol{\omega}_{\mathcal{G}_i/\mathcal{N}} + [I_{W_i, W_{c_i}}] \Omega_i \dot{\gamma}_i \hat{\mathbf{g}}_{\mathbf{t}_i} + [I_{W_i, W_{c_i}}]' \boldsymbol{\omega}_{\mathcal{W}_i/\mathcal{N}} \right. \\
& \quad \left. + [\tilde{\boldsymbol{\omega}}] [I_{W_i, W_{c_i}}] \boldsymbol{\omega}_{\mathcal{W}_i/\mathcal{N}} + m_{G_i} [\tilde{\mathbf{r}}_{G_{c_i}/V_{c_i}}] (2[\tilde{\boldsymbol{\omega}}] \mathbf{r}'_{G_{c_i}/V_{c_i}} + [\tilde{\boldsymbol{\omega}}]^2 \mathbf{r}_{G_{c_i}/V_{c_i}}) \right. \\
& \quad \left. + m_{W_i} [\tilde{\mathbf{r}}_{W_{c_i}/V_{c_i}}] (2[\tilde{\boldsymbol{\omega}}] \mathbf{r}'_{W_{c_i}/V_{c_i}} + [\tilde{\boldsymbol{\omega}}]^2 \mathbf{r}_{W_{c_i}/V_{c_i}}) + m_{V_i} [\tilde{\mathbf{r}}_{V_{c_i}/G_i}] (2[\tilde{\boldsymbol{\omega}}] \mathbf{r}'_{V_{c_i}/B} + [\tilde{\boldsymbol{\omega}}]^2 \mathbf{r}_{V_{c_i}/B}) \right] + u_{\mathbf{g}_i}
\end{aligned} \tag{9}$$

Where,

$$[I_{V_i, V_{c_i}}] = [I_{G_i, V_{c_i}}] + [I_{W_i, V_{c_i}}] \tag{10}$$

$$[I_{G_i, V_{c_i}}] = [I_{G_i, G_{c_i}}] + m_{G_i} [\tilde{\mathbf{r}}_{G_{c_i}/V_{c_i}}] [\tilde{\mathbf{r}}_{G_{c_i}/V_{c_i}}]^T \tag{11}$$

$$[I_{W_i, V_{c_i}}] = [I_{W_i, W_{c_i}}] + m_{W_i} [\tilde{\mathbf{r}}_{W_{c_i}/V_{c_i}}] [\tilde{\mathbf{r}}_{W_{c_i}/V_{c_i}}]^T \tag{12}$$

$$[P_i] = m_{W_i} \rho_{G_i} [\tilde{\mathbf{r}}_{W_{c_i}/V_{c_i}}] - m_{G_i} \rho_{W_i} [\tilde{\mathbf{r}}_{G_{c_i}/V_{c_i}}] + m_{W_i} [\tilde{\mathbf{r}}_{V_{c_i}/G_i}] \tag{13}$$

$$[Q_i] = m_{G_i} \rho_{W_i} [\tilde{\mathbf{r}}_{G_{c_i}/V_{c_i}}] - m_{W_i} \rho_{G_i} [\tilde{\mathbf{r}}_{W_{c_i}/V_{c_i}}] + m_{G_i} [\tilde{\mathbf{r}}_{V_{c_i}/G_i}] \tag{14}$$

$$[\tilde{\boldsymbol{\omega}}]^2 = [\tilde{\boldsymbol{\omega}}] [\tilde{\boldsymbol{\omega}}] \tag{15}$$

Removing all imbalance terms, Eq. (9) simplifies to the equation found in Reference.³

$$I_{V_{g_i}} (\hat{\mathbf{g}}_{\mathbf{g}_i}^T \dot{\boldsymbol{\omega}} + \ddot{\gamma}_i) = u_{\mathbf{g}_i} + (I_{V_{s_i}} - I_{V_{t_i}}) \omega_s \omega_t + I_{W_{s_i}} \Omega_i \omega_t \tag{16}$$

1.2.4 Wheel Torque Equation

Substituting into Eq. (??) gives the wheel torque equation.

$$\begin{aligned}
& [m_{W_i} d_i \hat{\mathbf{w}}_{3_i}^T] \ddot{\mathbf{r}}_{B/N} + [\hat{\mathbf{g}}_{\mathbf{s}_i}^T [I_{W_i, W_{c_i}}] + m_{W_i} d_i \hat{\mathbf{g}}_{\mathbf{s}_i}^T [\tilde{\mathbf{w}}_{2_i}] [\tilde{\mathbf{r}}_{W_{c_i}/B}]^T] \dot{\boldsymbol{\omega}} \\
& \quad + [J_{12_i} s \theta_i + J_{13_i} c \theta_i - m_{W_i} d_i \ell_i s \theta_i] \ddot{\gamma}_i + [J_{11_i} + m_{W_i} d_i^2] \dot{\Omega}_i \\
& = -\hat{\mathbf{g}}_{\mathbf{s}_i}^T \left[[I_{W_i, W_{c_i}}]' \boldsymbol{\omega}_{\mathcal{W}_i/\mathcal{N}} + [\tilde{\boldsymbol{\omega}}] [I_{W_i, W_{c_i}}] \boldsymbol{\omega}_{\mathcal{W}_i/\mathcal{N}} + m_{W_i} d_i [\tilde{\mathbf{w}}_{2_i}] \left[2[\tilde{\mathbf{r}}'_{W_{c_i}/B}]^T \boldsymbol{\omega} + [\tilde{\boldsymbol{\omega}}] [\tilde{\boldsymbol{\omega}}] \mathbf{r}_{W_{c_i}/B} \right] \right] \\
& \quad + (J_{13_i} s \theta_i - J_{12_i} c \theta_i) \Omega_i \dot{\gamma}_i - m_{W_i} d_i^2 \dot{\gamma}_i^2 c \theta_i s \theta_i + u_{\mathbf{s}_i}
\end{aligned} \tag{17}$$

Removing imbalance terms gives (recall that for the simplified case $\theta_i = 0$),

$$I_{W_{s_i}} (\hat{\mathbf{g}}_{\mathbf{s}_i}^T \dot{\boldsymbol{\omega}} + \dot{\Omega}_i) = -I_{W_{s_i}} \omega_t \dot{\gamma}_i + u_{\mathbf{s}_i} \tag{18}$$

1.3 Back-Substitution Contribution Matrices

The contributions are,

$$[A_{\text{contr}}] = \sum_{i=1}^N \left[\mathbf{u}_{r_i} \mathbf{a}_{\gamma_i}^T + (\mathbf{v}_{r_i} + \mathbf{u}_{r_i} c_{\gamma_i}) \mathbf{p}_i^T \right] \quad (19)$$

$$[B_{\text{contr}}] = \sum_{i=1}^N \left[\mathbf{u}_{r_i} \mathbf{b}_{\gamma_i}^T + (\mathbf{v}_{r_i} + \mathbf{u}_{r_i} c_{\gamma_i}) \mathbf{q}_i^T \right] \quad (20)$$

$$[C_{\text{contr}}] = \sum_{i=1}^N \left[\mathbf{u}_{\omega_i} \mathbf{a}_{\gamma_i}^T + (\mathbf{v}_{\omega_i} + \mathbf{u}_{\omega_i} c_{\gamma_i}) \mathbf{p}_i^T \right] \quad (21)$$

$$[D_{\text{contr}}] = \sum_{i=1}^N \left[\mathbf{u}_{\omega_i} \mathbf{b}_{\gamma_i}^T + (\mathbf{v}_{\omega_i} + \mathbf{u}_{\omega_i} c_{\gamma_i}) \mathbf{q}_i^T \right] \quad (22)$$

$$\mathbf{v}_{\text{trans,contr}} = - \sum_{i=1}^N \left[\mathbf{k}_{r_i} + \mathbf{u}_{r_i} d_{\gamma_i} + (\mathbf{v}_{r_i} + \mathbf{u}_{r_i} c_{\gamma_i}) \mathbf{s}_i \right] \quad (23)$$

$$\mathbf{v}_{\text{rot,contr}} = - \sum_{i=1}^N \left[\mathbf{k}_{\omega_i} + \mathbf{u}_{\omega_i} d_{\gamma_i} + (\mathbf{v}_{\omega_i} + \mathbf{u}_{\omega_i} c_{\gamma_i}) \mathbf{s}_i \right] \quad (24)$$

1.3.1 Simple Jitter

For simple jitter, like balanced wheels, the translational equation of motion is not coupled with $\dot{\Omega}$ as seen in the equation below, however the jitter does apply a force on the spacecraft.

$$m_{\text{sc}}[I_{3 \times 3}] \ddot{\mathbf{r}}_{B/N} - m_{\text{sc}}[\tilde{\mathbf{c}}] \dot{\boldsymbol{\omega}}_{B/N} = \mathbf{F}_{\text{ext}} - 2m_{\text{sc}}[\tilde{\boldsymbol{\omega}}_{B/N}] \mathbf{c}' - m_{\text{sc}}[\tilde{\boldsymbol{\omega}}_{B/N}][\tilde{\boldsymbol{\omega}}_{B/N}] \mathbf{c} + U_{s_i} \Omega_i^2 \hat{\mathbf{u}}_i \quad (25)$$

The rotational equation of motion is very similar to the balanced wheels EOM but has two additional torques due to the reaction wheel imbalance.

$$\begin{aligned} m_{\text{sc}}[\tilde{\mathbf{c}}] \ddot{\mathbf{r}}_{B/N} + [I_{\text{sc},B}] \dot{\boldsymbol{\omega}}_{B/N} + \sum_{i=1}^N J_{s_i} \hat{\mathbf{g}}_{s_i} \dot{\Omega}_i = & -[\tilde{\boldsymbol{\omega}}_{B/N}][I_{\text{sc},B}] \boldsymbol{\omega}_{B/N} \\ & - \sum_{i=1}^N (\boldsymbol{\omega}_{B/N} \times J_{s_i} \Omega_i \hat{\mathbf{g}}_{s_i}) + U_{s_i} \Omega_i^2 [\tilde{\mathbf{r}}_{W_i/B}] \hat{\mathbf{u}}_i + U_{d_i} \Omega_i^2 \hat{\mathbf{v}}_i + \mathbf{L}_B \end{aligned} \quad (26)$$

The motor torque equation can be seen below:

$$\dot{\Omega}_i = \frac{u_{s_i}}{J_{s_i}} - \hat{\mathbf{g}}_{s_i}^T \dot{\boldsymbol{\omega}}_{B/N} \quad (27)$$

Plugging Eq. (27) into Eq. (26)

$$\begin{aligned} m_{\text{sc}}[\tilde{\mathbf{c}}] \ddot{\mathbf{r}}_{B/N} + ([I_{\text{sc},B}] - \sum_{i=1}^N J_{s_i} \hat{\mathbf{g}}_{s_i} \hat{\mathbf{g}}_{s_i}^T) \dot{\boldsymbol{\omega}}_{B/N} = & -[\tilde{\boldsymbol{\omega}}_{B/N}][I_{\text{sc},B}] \boldsymbol{\omega}_{B/N} - \sum_{i=1}^N (\hat{\mathbf{g}}_{s_i} u_{s_i} + \boldsymbol{\omega}_{B/N} \times J_{s_i} \Omega_i \hat{\mathbf{g}}_{s_i}) \\ & - [I'_{\text{sc},B}] \boldsymbol{\omega}_{B/N} + U_{s_i} \Omega_i^2 [\tilde{\mathbf{r}}_{W_i/B}] \hat{\mathbf{u}}_i + U_{d_i} \Omega_i^2 \hat{\mathbf{v}}_i + \mathbf{L}_B \end{aligned} \quad (28)$$

The following can be defined:

$$[A_{\text{contr}}] = [0_{3 \times 3}] \quad (29)$$

$$[B_{\text{contr}}] = [0_{3 \times 3}] \quad (30)$$

$$[C_{\text{contr}}] = [0_{3 \times 3}] \quad (31)$$

$$[D_{\text{contr}}] = - \sum_{i=1}^N J_{s_i} \hat{\mathbf{g}}_{s_i} \hat{\mathbf{g}}_{s_i}^T \quad (32)$$

$$\mathbf{v}_{\text{trans,contr}} = U_{s_i} \Omega_i^2 \hat{\mathbf{u}}_i \quad (33)$$

$$\mathbf{v}_{\text{rot,contr}} = U_{s_i} \Omega_i^2 [\tilde{\mathbf{r}}_{W_i/B}] \hat{\mathbf{u}}_i + U_{d_i} \Omega_i^2 \hat{\mathbf{v}} \quad (34)$$

These are the contributions needed for the back-substitution method used in spacecraft plus.

1.3.2 Fully-Coupled Jitter

The translational equation of motion is

$$\ddot{\mathbf{r}}_{B/N} - [\tilde{\mathbf{c}}] \dot{\boldsymbol{\omega}}_{B/N} + \frac{1}{m_{\text{sc}}} \sum_{i=1}^N m_{\text{rw}_i} d_i \hat{\mathbf{w}}_{3_i} \dot{\Omega}_i = \ddot{\mathbf{r}}_{C/N} - 2[\tilde{\boldsymbol{\omega}}_{B/N}] \mathbf{c}' - [\tilde{\boldsymbol{\omega}}_{B/N}] [\tilde{\boldsymbol{\omega}}_{B/N}] \mathbf{c} + \frac{1}{m_{\text{sc}}} \sum_{i=1}^N m_{\text{rw}_i} d_i \Omega_i^2 \hat{\mathbf{w}}_{2_i} \quad (35)$$

The rotational equation of motion is

$$\begin{aligned} m_{\text{sc}} [\tilde{\mathbf{c}}] \ddot{\mathbf{r}}_{B/N} + [I_{\text{sc},B}] \dot{\boldsymbol{\omega}}_{B/N} + \sum_{i=1}^N \left([I_{\text{rw}_i, W_{c_i}}] \hat{\mathbf{g}}_{s_i} + m_{\text{rw}_i} d_i [\tilde{\mathbf{r}}_{W_{c_i}/B}] \hat{\mathbf{w}}_{3_i} \right) \dot{\Omega}_i \\ = \sum_{i=1}^N \left[m_{\text{rw}_i} [\tilde{\mathbf{r}}_{W_{c_i}/B}] d_i \Omega_i^2 \hat{\mathbf{w}}_{2_i} - [I_{\text{rw}_i, W_{c_i}}]' \Omega_i \hat{\mathbf{g}}_{s_i} - [\tilde{\boldsymbol{\omega}}_{B/N}] \left([I_{\text{rw}_i, W_{c_i}}] \Omega_i \hat{\mathbf{g}}_{s_i} + m_{\text{rw}_i} [\tilde{\mathbf{r}}_{W_{c_i}/B}] \mathbf{r}'_{W_{c_i}/B} \right) \right] \\ - [\tilde{\boldsymbol{\omega}}_{B/N}] [I_{\text{sc},B}] \boldsymbol{\omega}_{B/N} - [I_{\text{sc},B}]' \boldsymbol{\omega}_{B/N} + \mathbf{L}_B \end{aligned} \quad (36)$$

The motor torque equation is (note that $J_{12_i} = J_{23_i} = 0$)

$$\begin{aligned} [m_{\text{rw}_i} d_i \hat{\mathbf{w}}_{3_i}^T] \ddot{\mathbf{r}}_{B/N} + [(J_{11_i} + m_{\text{rw}_i} d_i^2) \hat{\mathbf{g}}_{s_i}^T + J_{13_i} \hat{\mathbf{w}}_{3_i}^T - m_{\text{rw}_i} d_i \hat{\mathbf{w}}_{3_i}^T [\tilde{\mathbf{r}}_{W_i/B}]] \dot{\boldsymbol{\omega}}_{B/N} + [J_{11_i} + m_{\text{rw}_i} d_i^2] \dot{\Omega}_i \\ = -J_{13_i} \omega_{w_2_i} \omega_{s_i} + \omega_{w_2_i} \omega_{w_3_i} (J_{22_i} - J_{33_i} - m_{\text{rw}_i} d_i^2) - m_{\text{rw}_i} d_i \hat{\mathbf{w}}_{3_i}^T [\tilde{\boldsymbol{\omega}}_{B/N}] [\tilde{\boldsymbol{\omega}}_{B/N}] \mathbf{r}_{W_i/B} + u_{s_i} \end{aligned} \quad (37)$$

The first step in the back-substitution method is to solve the motor torque equation for $\dot{\Omega}_i$ in terms of $\ddot{\mathbf{r}}_{B/N}$ and $\dot{\boldsymbol{\omega}}_{B/N}$

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{\Omega}_i = \frac{-m_{\text{rw}_i} d_i \hat{\mathbf{w}}_{3_i}^T}{J_{11_i} + m_{\text{rw}_i} d_i^2} \ddot{\mathbf{r}}_{B/N} + \frac{-[(J_{11_i} + m_{\text{rw}_i} d_i^2) \hat{\mathbf{g}}_{s_i}^T + J_{13_i} \hat{\mathbf{w}}_{3_i}^T - m_{\text{rw}_i} d_i \hat{\mathbf{w}}_{3_i}^T [\tilde{\mathbf{r}}_{W_i/B}]]}{J_{11_i} + m_{\text{rw}_i} d_i^2} \dot{\boldsymbol{\omega}}_{B/N} \\ + \frac{1}{J_{11_i} + m_{\text{rw}_i} d_i^2} \left[\omega_{w_2_i} \omega_{w_3_i} (J_{22_i} - J_{33_i} - m_{\text{rw}_i} d_i^2) - J_{13_i} \omega_{w_2_i} \omega_{s_i} - m_{\text{rw}_i} d_i \hat{\mathbf{w}}_{3_i}^T [\tilde{\boldsymbol{\omega}}_{B/N}] [\tilde{\boldsymbol{\omega}}_{B/N}] \mathbf{r}_{W_i/B} + u_{s_i} \right] \end{aligned} \quad (38)$$

$$\mathbf{a}_{\Omega_i} = - \frac{m_{\text{rw}_i} d_i \hat{\mathbf{w}}_{3_i}}{J_{11_i} + m_{\text{rw}_i} d_i^2} \quad (39)$$

$$\mathbf{b}_{\Omega_i} = -\frac{(J_{11i} + m_{\mathbf{r}w_i}d_i^2)\hat{\mathbf{g}}_{s_i} + J_{13i}\hat{\mathbf{w}}_{3i} + m_{\mathbf{r}w_i}d_i[\tilde{\mathbf{r}}_{W_i/B}]\hat{\mathbf{w}}_{3i}}{J_{11i} + m_{\mathbf{r}w_i}d_i^2} \quad (40)$$

$$c_{\Omega_i} = \frac{1}{J_{11i} + m_{\mathbf{r}w_i}d_i^2} \left[\omega_{w_{2i}}\omega_{w_{3i}}(J_{22i} - J_{33i} - m_{\mathbf{r}w_i}d_i^2) - J_{13i}\omega_{w_{2i}}\omega_{s_i} - m_{\mathbf{r}w_i}d_i\hat{\mathbf{w}}_{3i}^T[\tilde{\boldsymbol{\omega}}_{\mathcal{B}/N}][\tilde{\boldsymbol{\omega}}_{\mathcal{B}/N}]\mathbf{r}_{W_i/B} + u_{s_i} \right] \quad (41)$$

$$\dot{\Omega}_i = \mathbf{a}_{\Omega_i}^T \ddot{\mathbf{r}}_{B/N} + \mathbf{b}_{\Omega_i}^T \dot{\boldsymbol{\omega}}_{\mathcal{B}/N} + c_{\Omega_i} \quad (42)$$

Plugging the equation above into Eq. (35) and multiplying both sides by m_{sc} , (plug $\dot{\Omega}_i$ into translation)

$$\begin{aligned} & \left[m_{\text{sc}}[I_{3 \times 3}] + \sum_{i=1}^N m_{\mathbf{r}w_i}d_i\hat{\mathbf{w}}_{3i}\mathbf{a}_{\Omega_i}^T \right] \ddot{\mathbf{r}}_{B/N} + \left[-m_{\text{sc}}[\tilde{\mathbf{c}}] + \sum_{i=1}^N m_{\mathbf{r}w_i}d_i\hat{\mathbf{w}}_{3i}\mathbf{b}_{\Omega_i}^T \right] \dot{\boldsymbol{\omega}}_{\mathcal{B}/N} \\ & = m_{\text{sc}}\ddot{\mathbf{r}}_{C/N} - 2m_{\text{sc}}[\tilde{\boldsymbol{\omega}}_{\mathcal{B}/N}]\mathbf{c}' - m_{\text{sc}}[\tilde{\boldsymbol{\omega}}_{\mathcal{B}/N}][\tilde{\boldsymbol{\omega}}_{\mathcal{B}/N}]\mathbf{c} + \sum_{i=1}^N m_{\mathbf{r}w_i}d_i(\Omega_i^2\hat{\mathbf{w}}_{2i} - c_{\Omega_i}\hat{\mathbf{w}}_{3i}) \end{aligned} \quad (43)$$

Moving on to rotation, (plug $\dot{\Omega}_i$ into rotation)

$$\begin{aligned} & \left[m_{\text{sc}}[\tilde{\mathbf{c}}] + \sum_{i=1}^N \left([I_{\mathbf{r}w_i, W_{c_i}}]\hat{\mathbf{g}}_{s_i} + m_{\mathbf{r}w_i}d_i[\tilde{\mathbf{r}}_{W_{c_i}/B}]\hat{\mathbf{w}}_{3i} \right) \mathbf{a}_{\Omega_i}^T \right] \ddot{\mathbf{r}}_{B/N} \\ & + \left[[I_{\text{sc}, B}] + \sum_{i=1}^N \left([I_{\mathbf{r}w_i, W_{c_i}}]\hat{\mathbf{g}}_{s_i} + m_{\mathbf{r}w_i}d_i[\tilde{\mathbf{r}}_{W_{c_i}/B}]\hat{\mathbf{w}}_{3i} \right) \mathbf{b}_{\Omega_i}^T \right] \dot{\boldsymbol{\omega}}_{\mathcal{B}/N} \\ & = \sum_{i=1}^N \left[m_{\mathbf{r}w_i}[\tilde{\mathbf{r}}_{W_{c_i}/B}]d_i\Omega_i^2\hat{\mathbf{w}}_{2i} - [I_{\mathbf{r}w_i, W_{c_i}}]'\Omega_i\hat{\mathbf{g}}_{s_i} - [\tilde{\boldsymbol{\omega}}_{\mathcal{B}/N}]\left([I_{\mathbf{r}w_i, W_{c_i}}]\Omega_i\hat{\mathbf{g}}_{s_i} + m_{\mathbf{r}w_i}[\tilde{\mathbf{r}}_{W_{c_i}/B}]\mathbf{r}'_{W_{c_i}/B} \right) \right. \\ & \quad \left. - \left([I_{\mathbf{r}w_i, W_{c_i}}]\hat{\mathbf{g}}_{s_i} + m_{\mathbf{r}w_i}d_i[\tilde{\mathbf{r}}_{W_{c_i}/B}]\hat{\mathbf{w}}_{3i} \right) c_{\Omega_i} \right] \\ & \quad - [\tilde{\boldsymbol{\omega}}_{\mathcal{B}/N}][I_{\text{sc}, B}]\boldsymbol{\omega}_{\mathcal{B}/N} - [I_{\text{sc}, B}]'\boldsymbol{\omega}_{\mathcal{B}/N} + \mathbf{L}_B \end{aligned} \quad (44)$$

Now we have two equations containing $\ddot{\mathbf{r}}_{B/N}$ and $\dot{\boldsymbol{\omega}}_{\mathcal{B}/N}$. Now the matrix contributions can be defined:

$$[A_{\text{contr}}] = \sum_{i=1}^N \left[\mathbf{u}_{r_i}\mathbf{a}_{\gamma_i}^T + (\mathbf{v}_{r_i} + \mathbf{u}_{r_i}c_{\gamma_i})\mathbf{p}_i^T \right] \quad (45)$$

$$[B_{\text{contr}}] = \sum_{i=1}^N \left[\mathbf{u}_{r_i}\mathbf{b}_{\gamma_i}^T + (\mathbf{v}_{r_i} + \mathbf{u}_{r_i}c_{\gamma_i})\mathbf{q}_i^T \right] \quad (46)$$

$$[C_{\text{contr}}] = \sum_{i=1}^N \left[\mathbf{u}_{\omega_i}\mathbf{a}_{\gamma_i}^T + (\mathbf{v}_{\omega_i} + \mathbf{u}_{\omega_i}c_{\gamma_i})\mathbf{p}_i^T \right] \quad (47)$$

$$[D_{\text{contr}}] = \sum_{i=1}^N \left[\mathbf{u}_{\omega_i}\mathbf{b}_{\gamma_i}^T + (\mathbf{v}_{\omega_i} + \mathbf{u}_{\omega_i}c_{\gamma_i})\mathbf{q}_i^T \right] \quad (48)$$

$$\mathbf{v}_{\text{trans, contr}} = - \sum_{i=1}^N \left[\mathbf{k}_{r_i} + \mathbf{u}_{r_i}d_{\gamma_i} + (\mathbf{v}_{r_i} + \mathbf{u}_{r_i}c_{\gamma_i})s_i \right] \quad (49)$$

$$\mathbf{v}_{\text{rot, contr}} = - \sum_{i=1}^N \left[\mathbf{k}_{\omega_i} + \mathbf{u}_{\omega_i}d_{\gamma_i} + (\mathbf{v}_{\omega_i} + \mathbf{u}_{\omega_i}c_{\gamma_i})s_i \right] \quad (50)$$

This concludes the equations that are necessary to define the three different modes of the VSCMG. Reference¹ explains in further detail the EOMs for the simple-jitter and fully-coupled modes. Reference³ gives more details on the derivation for balanced VSCMGs.

2 Model Functions

This model is used to approximate the behavior of a VSCMG. Below is a list of functions that this model performs:

- Compute it's contributions to the mass properties of the spacecraft
- Provides matrix contributions for the back substitution method
- Compute it's derivatives for θ and Ω
- Adds energy and momentum contributions to the spacecraft
- Convert commanded torque to applied torque. This takes into account friction, and minimum and maximum torque, and speed saturation
- Write output messages for states like Ω and applied torque

3 Model Assumptions and Limitations

Below is a summary of the assumptions/limitations:

- The reaction wheel is considered a rigid body
- The spin axis is body fixed, therefore does not take into account bearing flexing
- There is no error placed on the torque when converting from the commanded torque to the applied torque
- For balanced wheels and simple jitter mode the mass properties of the reaction wheels are assumed to be included in the mass and inertia of the rigid body hub, therefore there is zero contributions to the mass properties from the reaction wheels in the dynamics call.
- For fully-coupled imbalanced wheels mode the mass properties of the reaction wheels are assumed to not be included in the mass and inertia of the rigid body hub.
- For balanced wheels and simple jitter mode the inertia matrix is assumed to be diagonal with one of it's principle inertia axis equal to the spin axis, and the center of mass of the reaction wheel is coincident with the spin axis.
- For simple jitter, the parameters that define the static and dynamic imbalances are U_s and U_d .
- For fully-coupled imbalanced wheels the inertia off-diagonal terms, J_{12} and J_{23} are equal to zero and the remaining inertia off-diagonal term J_{13} is found through the setting the dynamic imbalance parameter U_d : $J_{13} = U_d$. The center of mass offset, d , is found using the static imbalance parameter U_s : $d = \frac{U_s}{m_{rw}}$
- The friction model is modeling static, Coulomb, and viscous friction. Other higher order effects of friction are not included.

- The speed saturation model only has one boundary, whereas in some reaction wheels once the speed boundary has been passed, the torque is turned off and won't turn back on until it spins down to another boundary. This model only can turn off and turn on the torque and the same boundary

4 Test Description and Success Criteria

The tests are located in `simulation/dynamics/VSCMGs/_UnitTest/test_VSCMGStateEffector_integrated.py` and `simulation/dynamics/VSCMGs/_UnitTest/test_VSCMGStateEffector.ConfigureVSCMGRequests.py`. Depending on the test, there are different success criteria. These are outlined in the following subsections:

4.1 Balanced Wheels Scenario - Integrated Test

In this test the simulation is placed into orbit around Earth with point gravity, has 3 VSCMGs attached to the spacecraft, and they are in “Balanced” mode. Each wheel is given a commanded torque for half the simulation and the rest of the simulation the torques are set to zero. The following parameters are being tested:

- Conservation of orbital angular momentum
- Conservation of orbital energy
- Conservation of rotational angular momentum
- Conservation of rotational energy (second half of the simulation)
- Achieving the expected final attitude
- Achieving the expected final position

4.2 Simple Jitter Scenario - Integrated Test

In this test the simulation is placed into orbit around Earth with point gravity, has 3 VSCMGs attached to the spacecraft, and they are in “Simple Jitter” mode. Each wheel is given a commanded torque for half the simulation and the rest of the simulation the torques are set to zero. The following parameters are being tested:

- Achieving the expected final attitude
- Achieving the expected final position

4.3 Fully Coupled Jitter Scenario - Integrated Test

In this test the simulation is placed into orbit around Earth with point gravity, has 3 VSCMGs attached to the spacecraft, and they are in “Fully Coupled Jitter” mode. Each wheel is given a commanded torque for half the simulation and the rest of the simulation the torques are set to zero. The following parameters are being tested:

- Conservation of orbital angular momentum
- Conservation of orbital energy
- Conservation of rotational angular momentum
- Conservation of rotational energy (second half of the simulation)
- Achieving the expected final attitude
- Achieving the expected final position

5 Test Parameters

Since this is an integrated test, the inputs to the test are the physical parameters of the spacecraft along with the initial conditions of the states. These parameters are outlined in Tables 2- 8. Additionally, the error tolerances can be seen in Table 9. The error tolerances are different depending on the test. The energy-momentum conservation values will normally have an agreement down to $1e-14$, but to ensure cross-platform agreement the tolerance was chose to be $1e-10$. The position and attitude checks have a tolerance set to $1e-7$ and is because 8 significant digits were chosen as the values being compared to. The BOE tests depend on the integration time step but as the time step gets smaller the accuracy gets better. So $1e-8$ tolerance was chosen so that a larger time step could be used but still show agreement. The Friction tests give the same numerical outputs down to $1e-15$ between python and Basilisk, but $1e-10$ was chosen to ensure cross platform agreement. Finally, the saturation and minimum torque tests have $1e-10$ to ensure cross-platform success, but these values will typically agree to machine precision.

Table 2: Spacecraft Hub Parameters for Energy Momentum Conservation Scenarios

Name	Description	Value	Units
mHub	mass	750.0	kg
IHubPntBc.B	Inertia in \mathcal{B} frame	$\begin{bmatrix} 900.0 & 0.0 & 0.0 \\ 0.0 & 800.0 & 0.0 \\ 0.0 & 0.0 & 600.0 \end{bmatrix}$	kg-m ²
r_BcB_B	CoM Location in \mathcal{B} frame	$[-0.0002 \quad 0.0001 \quad 0.1]^T$	m

Table 3: VSCMG 1 Parameters for Energy Momentum Conservation Scenarios

Name	Description	Value	Units
Js	Spin Axis Inertia	0.159	kg-m ²
mass	mass	12.0	kg
U_s	Static Imbalance	4.8E-6	kg-m
U_d	Dynamic Imbalance	15.4E-7	kg-m ²
gsHat.B	Spin Axis in \mathcal{B} frame	$[1.0 \quad 0.0 \quad 0.0]^T$	-
rWB_B	Location of Wheel in \mathcal{B} frame	$[0.1 \quad 0.0 \quad 0.0]^T$	m

Table 4: VSCMG 2 Parameters for Energy Momentum Conservation Scenarios

Name	Description	Value	Units
Js	Spin Axis Inertia	0.159	kg-m ²
mass	mass	12.0	kg
U_s	Static Imbalance	4.8E-6	kg-m
U_d	Dynamic Imbalance	15.4E-7	kg-m ²
gsHat.B	Spin Axis in \mathcal{B} frame	$[0.0 \quad 1.0 \quad 0.0]^T$	-
rWB_B	Location of Wheel in \mathcal{B} frame	$[0.0 \quad 0.1 \quad 0.0]^T$	m

Table 5: VSCMG 3 Parameters for Energy Momentum Conservation Scenarios

Name	Description	Value	Units
Js	Spin Axis Inertia	0.159	kg-m ²
mass	mass	12.0	kg
U_s	Static Imbalance	4.8E-6	kg-m
U_d	Dynamic Imbalance	15.4E-7	kg-m ²
gsHat_B	Spin Axis in \mathcal{B} frame	$[0.0 \ 0.0 \ 1.0]^T$	-
rWB_B	Location of Wheel in \mathcal{B} frame	$[0.0 \ 0.0 \ 0.1]^T$	m

Table 6: VSCMG 1 parameters for friction tests

Name	Description	Value	Units
Js	Spin Axis Inertia	0.159	kg-m ²
mass	mass	12.0	kg
gsHat_B	Spin Axis in \mathcal{B} frame	$\left[\frac{\sqrt{3}}{3} \ \frac{\sqrt{3}}{3} \ \frac{\sqrt{3}}{3}\right]^T$	-
rWB_B	Location of Wheel in \mathcal{B} frame	$[0.5 \ -0.5 \ 0.5]^T$	m

Table 7: VSCMG 2 parameters for friction tests

Name	Description	Value	Units
Js	Spin Axis Inertia	0.159	kg-m ²
mass	mass	12.0	kg
gsHat_B	Spin Axis in \mathcal{B} frame	$\left[\frac{\sqrt{3}}{3} \ \frac{\sqrt{3}}{3} \ \frac{\sqrt{3}}{3}\right]^T$	-
rWB_B	Location of Wheel in \mathcal{B} frame	$[-0.5 \ 0.5 \ -0.5]^T$	m

Table 8: Initial Conditions for Energy Momentum Conservation Scenarios

Name	Description	Value	Units
(RW 1) Omegalnit	(RW 1) Initial Ω	500	RPM
(RW 2) Omegalnit	(RW 2) Initial Ω	200	RPM
(RW 3) Omegalnit	(RW 3) Initial Ω	-150	RPM
r_CN_NInit	Initial Position of S/C	$[-4020339 \ 7490567 \ 5248299]^T$	m
v_CN_NInit	Initial Velocity of S/C	$[-5199.78 \ -3436.68 \ 1041.58]^T$	m/s
sigma_BNInit	Initial MRP of \mathcal{B} frame	$[0.0 \ 0.0 \ 0.0]^T$	-
omega_BN_BInit	Initial Angular Velocity of \mathcal{B} frame	$[0.08 \ 0.01 \ 0.0]^T$	rad/s

Table 9: Error Tolerance - Note: Relative Tolerance is $\text{abs}\left(\frac{\text{truth}-\text{value}}{\text{truth}}\right)$

Test	Relative Tolerance
Energy and Momentum Conservation	1e-10
Position, Attitude Check	1e-7
BOE	1e-8
Friction Tests	1e-10
Saturation Tests	1e-10
Minimum Torque	1e-10

6 Test Results

6.1 Balanced Wheels Scenario - Integrated Test Results

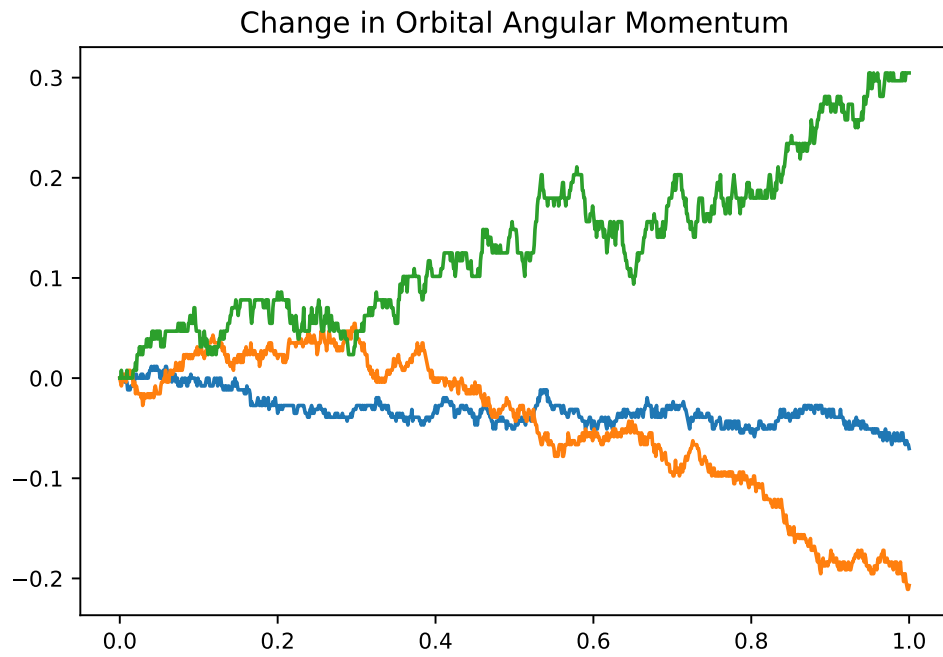
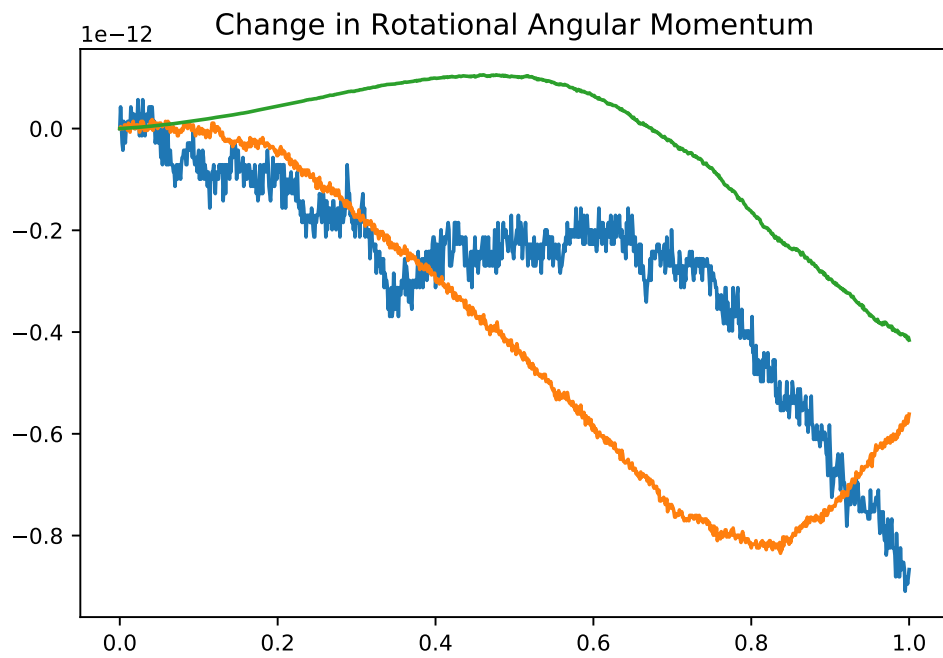
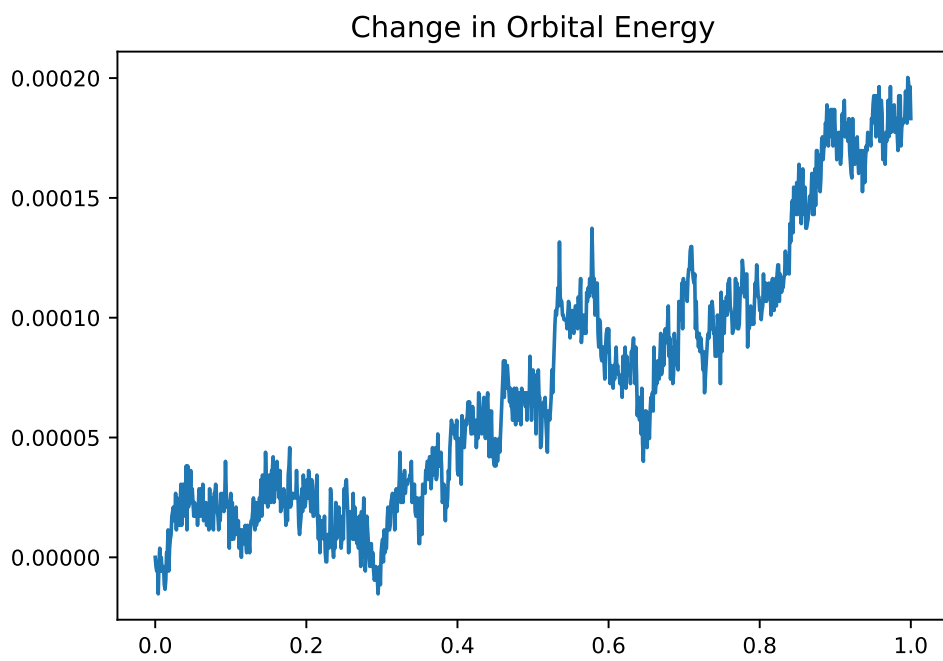


Fig. 2: Change in Orbital Angular Momentum BalancedWheels

**Fig. 3:** Change in Orbital Energy BalancedWheels**Fig. 4:** Change in Rotational Angular Momentum BalancedWheels

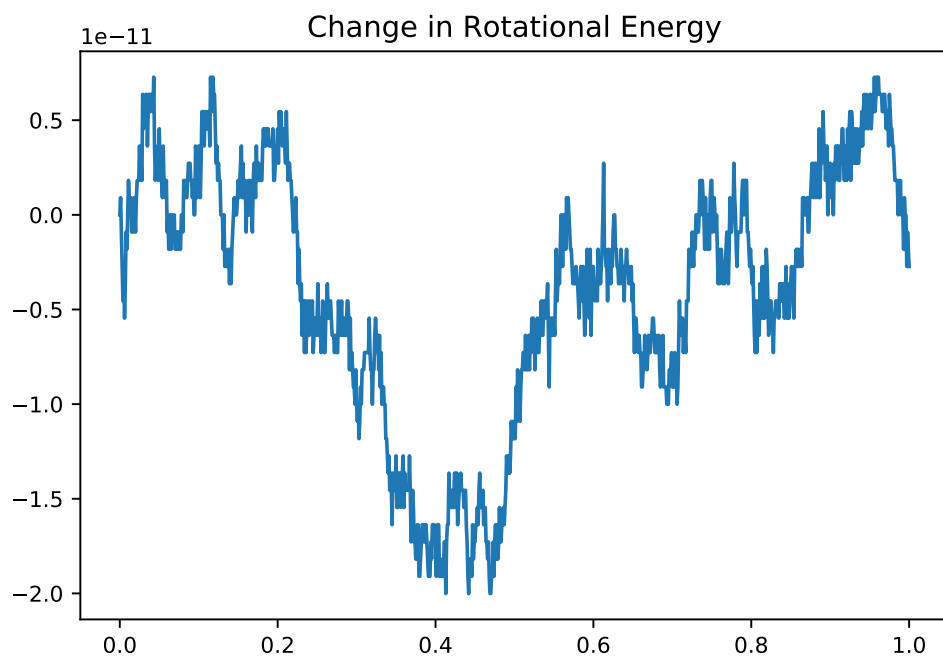


Fig. 5: Change in Rotational Energy BalancedWheels

6.2 Simple Jitter Scenario - Integrated Test Results

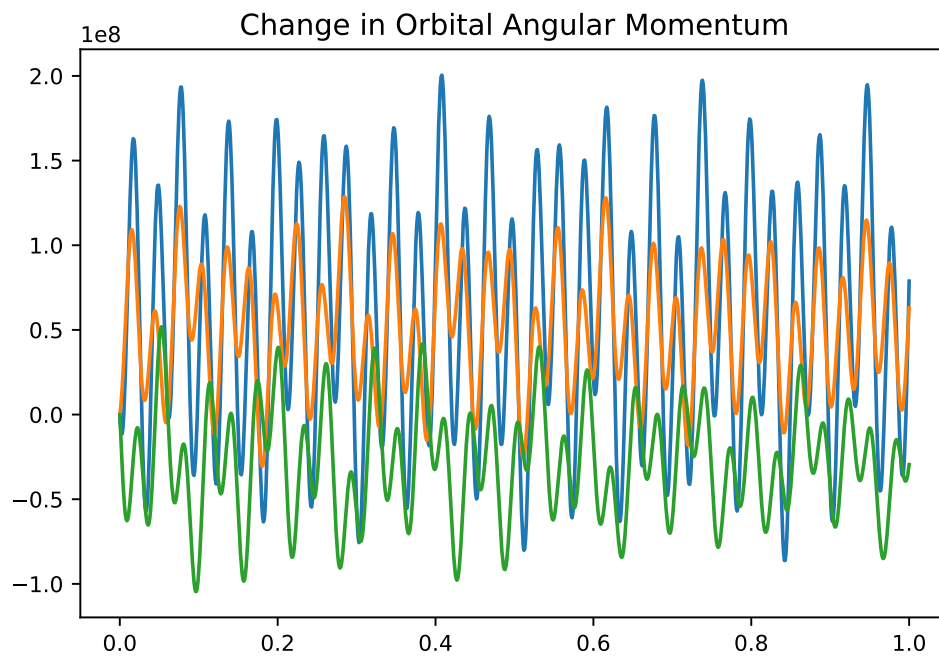


Fig. 6: Change in Orbital Angular Momentum JitterSimple

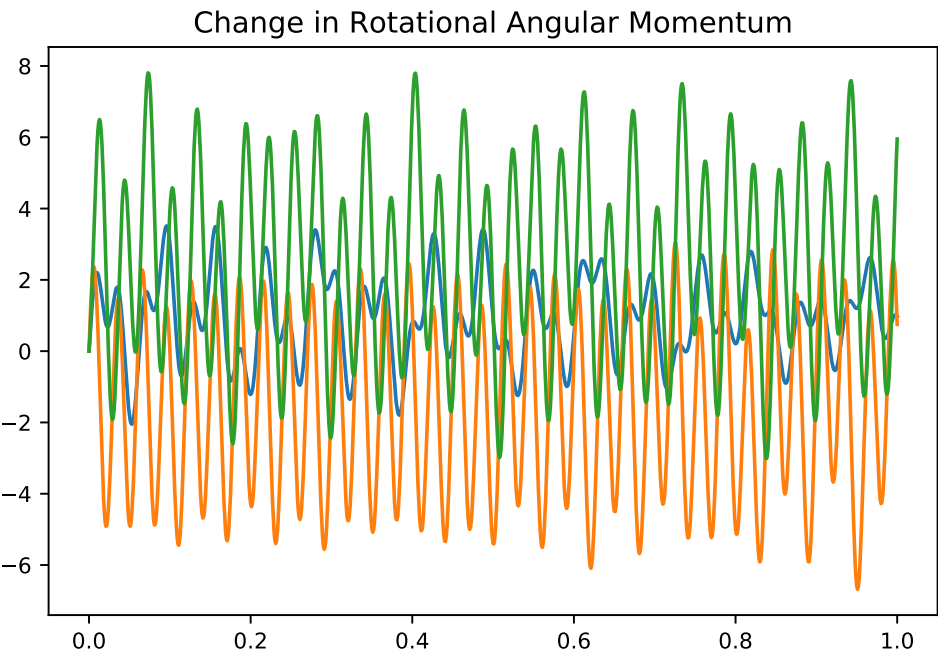


Fig. 7: Change in Orbital Energy JitterSimple

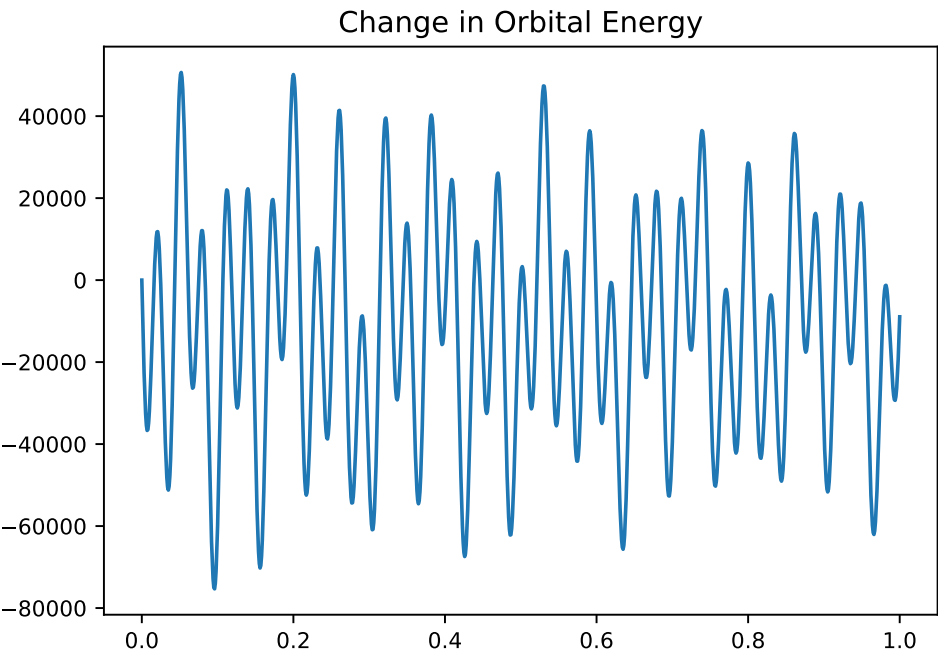


Fig. 8: Change in Rotational Angular Momentum JitterSimple

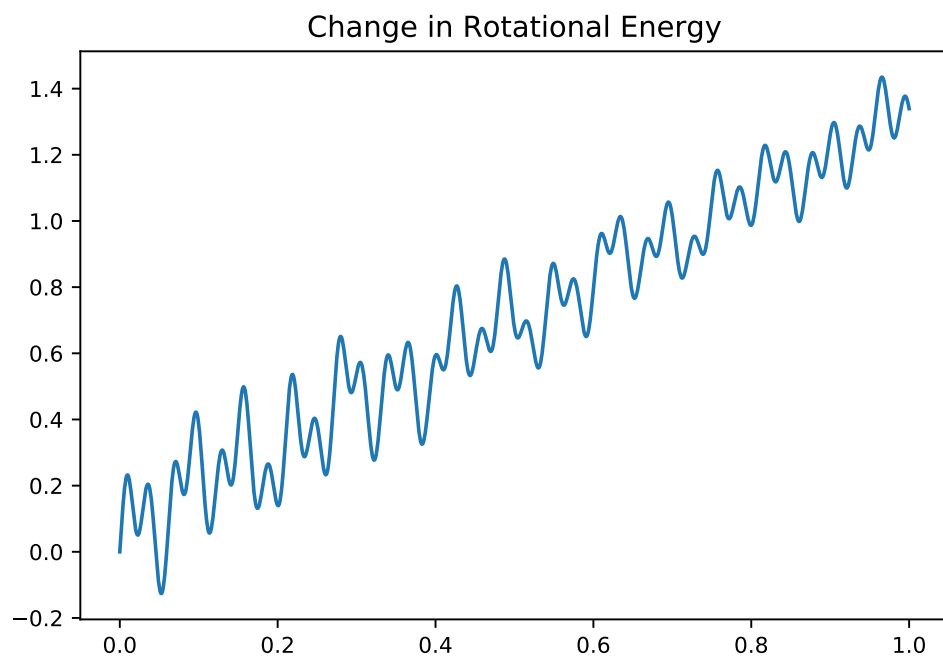


Fig. 9: Change in Rotational Energy JitterSimple

6.3 Fully Coupled Jitter Scenario - Integrated Test Results

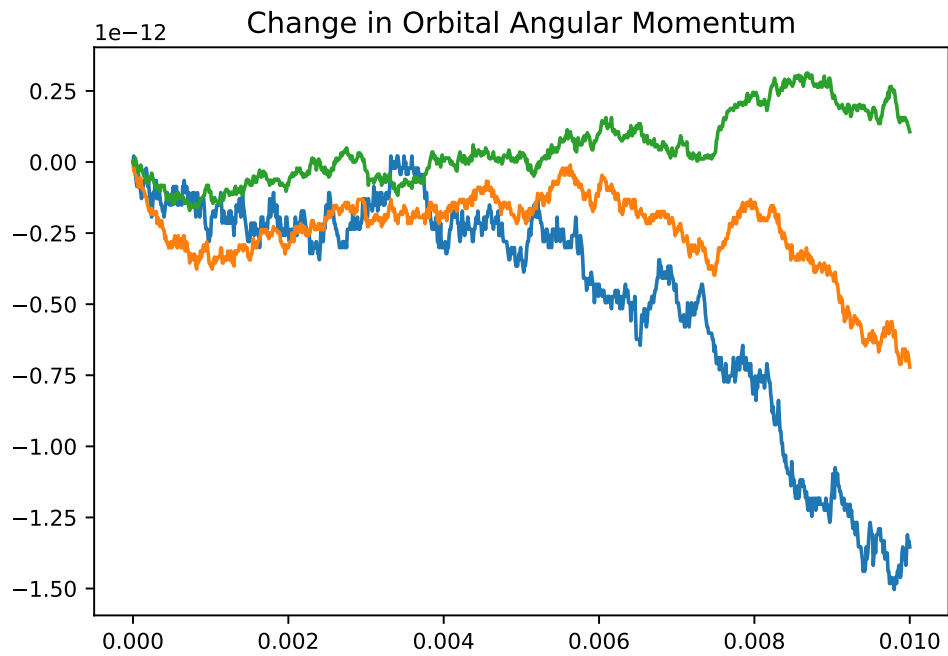
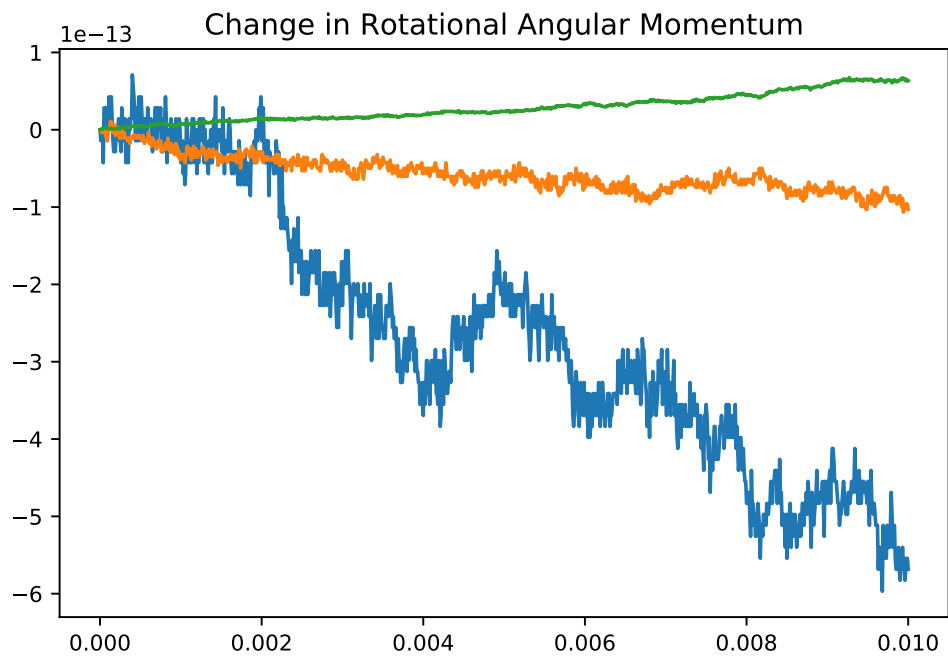
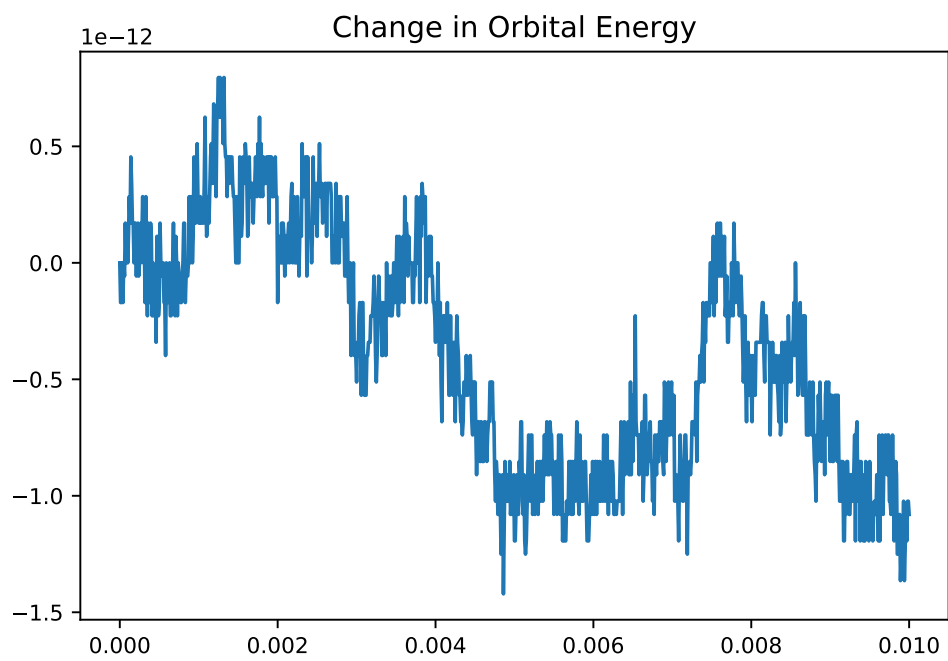


Fig. 10: Change in Orbital Angular Momentum JitterFullyCoupled

**Fig. 11:** Change in Orbital Energy JitterFullyCoupled**Fig. 12:** Change in Rotational Angular Momentum JitterFullyCoupled

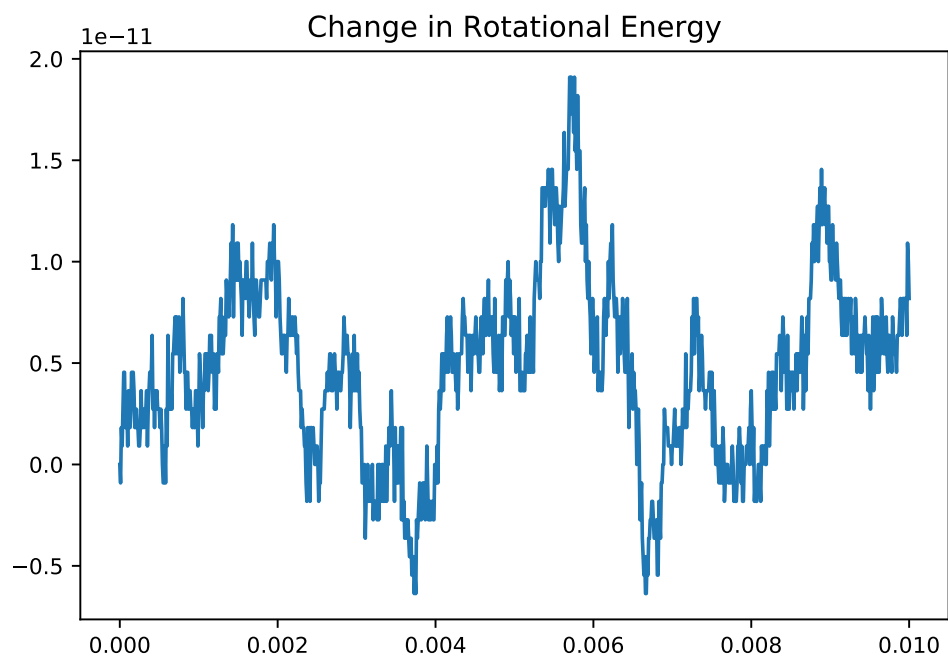


Fig. 13: Change in Rotational Energy JitterFullyCoupled

6.4 Fully Coupled Jitter with Gravity Scenario - Integrated Test Results

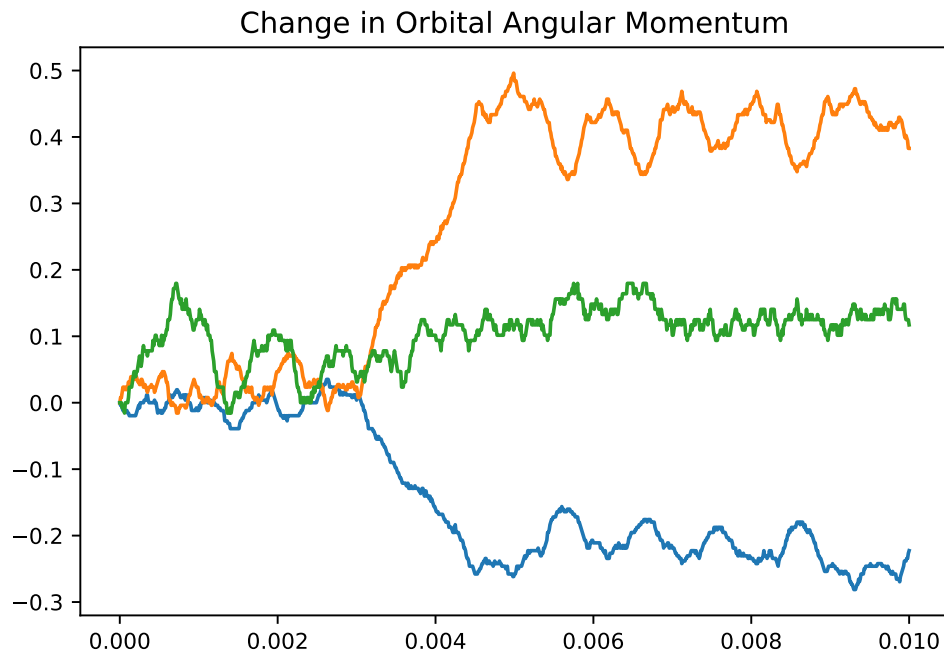


Fig. 14: Change in Orbital Angular Momentum JitterFullyCoupledGravity

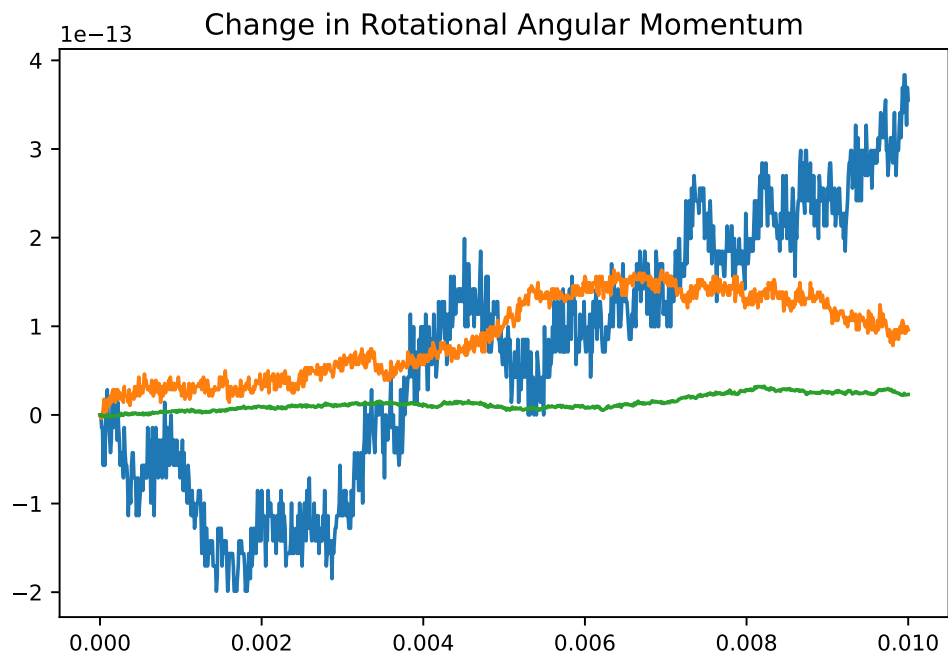


Fig. 15: Change in Orbital Energy JitterFullyCoupledGravity

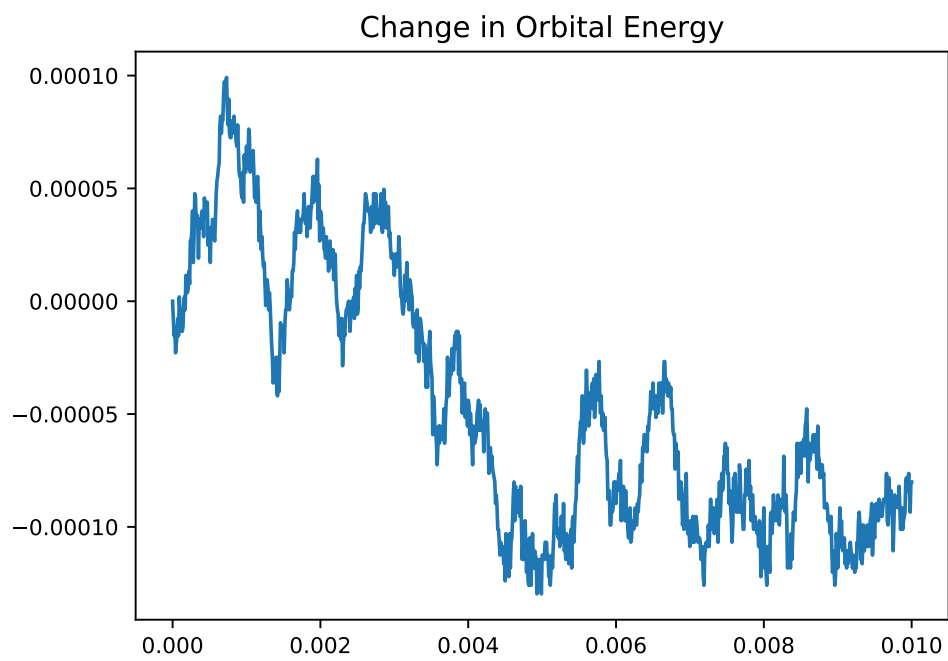


Fig. 16: Change in Rotational Angular Momentum JitterFullyCoupledGravity

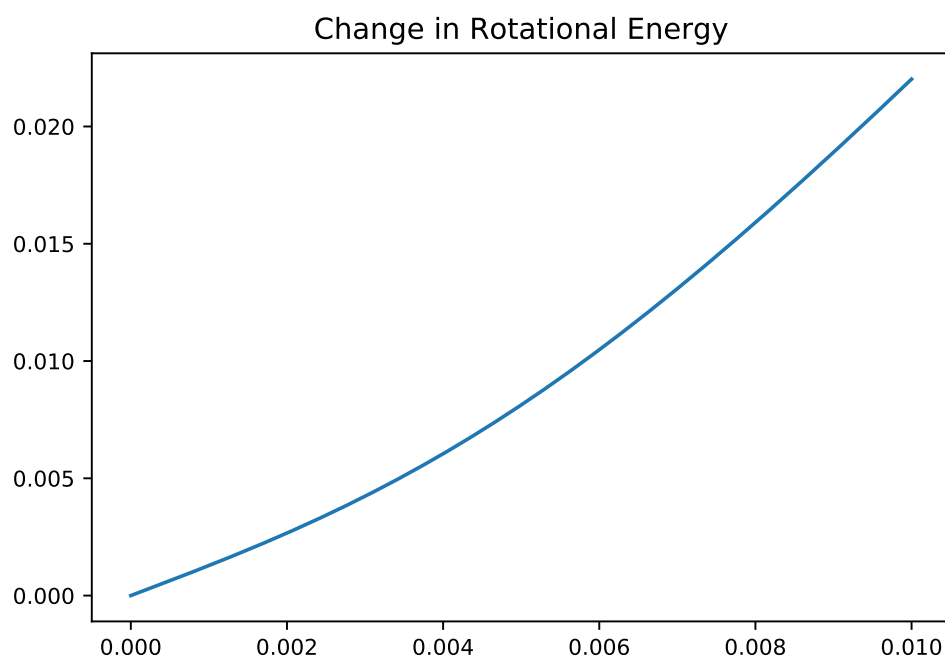


Fig. 17: Change in Rotational Energy JitterFullyCoupledGravity

6.5 Balanced Wheels, Simple Jitter, Fully Coupled Jitter and Fully Coupled Jitter with Gravity Tests Results

Table 10: Test results.

Test	Pass/Fail
Balanced Wheels	PASSED
Simple Jitter	PASSED
Fully Coupled Jitter	FAILED
Fully Coupled Jitter + Gravity	PASSED

7 User Guide

This section is to outline the steps needed to setup a reaction wheel state effector in python using Basilisk.

1. Import the vscmgStateEffector class and the spacecraftPlus class:
`import vscmgStateEffector` and `import spacecraftPlus`
2. Define an instantiation of a vscmgObject:
`vscmgObject = vscmgStateEffector.vscmgStateEffector()`
3. Set parameters for vscmgObject. A common set up might include:

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VSCMG.rGB_B = [[0.],[0.],[0.]]
VSCMG.gsHat0_B = [[0.],[0.],[0.]]
VSCMG.gtHat0_B = [[0.],[0.],[0.]]
VSCMG.ggHat_B = [[0.],[0.],[0.]]
VSCMG.u_s_max = -1
VSCMG.u_s_min = -1
VSCMG.u_s.f = 0.
VSCMG.wheelLinearFrictionRatio = -1
VSCMG.u_g_current = 0.
VSCMG.u_g_max = -1
VSCMG.u_g_min = -1
VSCMG.u_g.f = 0.
VSCMG.gimbalLinearFrictionRatio = -1
VSCMG.Omega = 0.
VSCMG.gamma = 0.
VSCMG.gammaDot = 0.
VSCMG.Omega_max = 6000. * macros.RPM
VSCMG.gammaDot_max = -1
VSCMG.IW1 = 100./VSCMG.Omega_max
VSCMG.IW2 = 0.5*VSCMG.IW1
VSCMG.IW3 = 0.5*VSCMG.IW1
VSCMG.IG1 = 0.1
VSCMG.IG2 = 0.2
VSCMG.IG3 = 0.3
VSCMG.U_s = 4.8e-06 * 1e4
VSCMG.U_d = 1.54e-06 * 1e4
VSCMG.I = 0.01
VSCMG.L = 0.1
VSCMG.rGcG_G = [[0.0001],[-0.02],[0.1]]
VSCMG.massW = 6.
'VSCMG.massG = 6.
VSCMG.VSCMGModel = 0

```
4. Create an instantiation of a spacecraftPlus:
`scObject = spacecraftPlus.SpacecraftPlus()`
5. Finally, add the VSCMG object to your spacecraftPlus:
`rwFactory.addToSpacecraft("VSCMG", vscmgStateEffector, scObject)`. See spacecraftPlus documentation on how to set up a spacecraftPlus object.

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