

# Chrono::Vehicle Tutorial Wheeled vehicle system



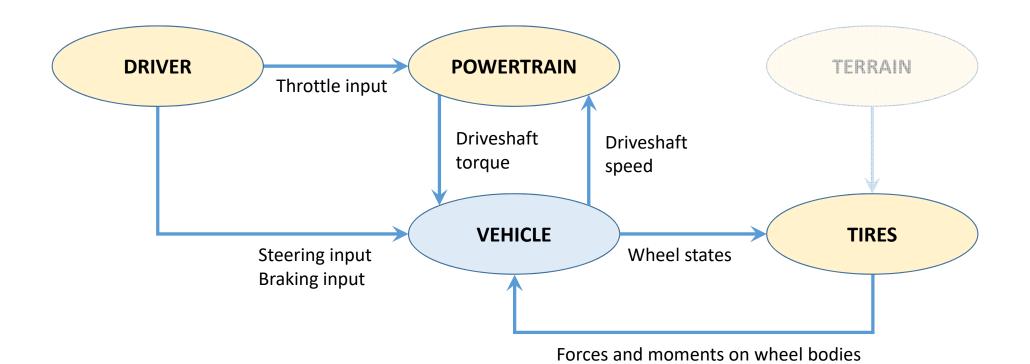


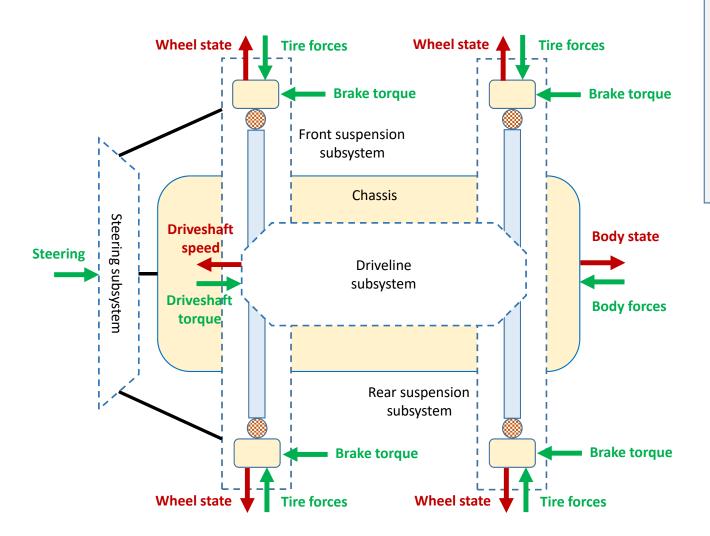


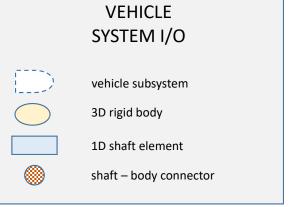


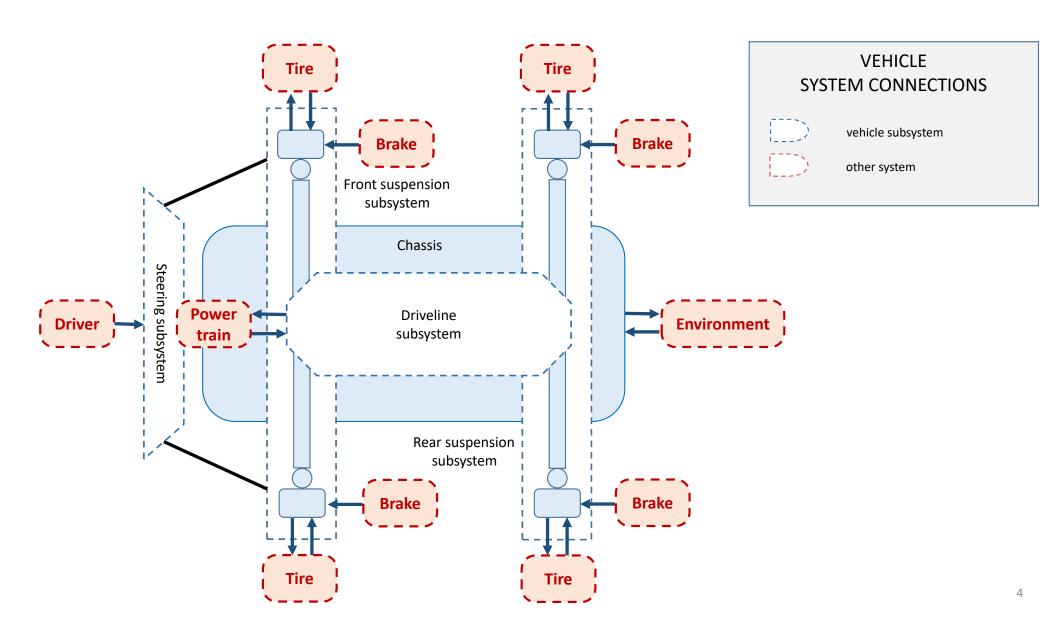


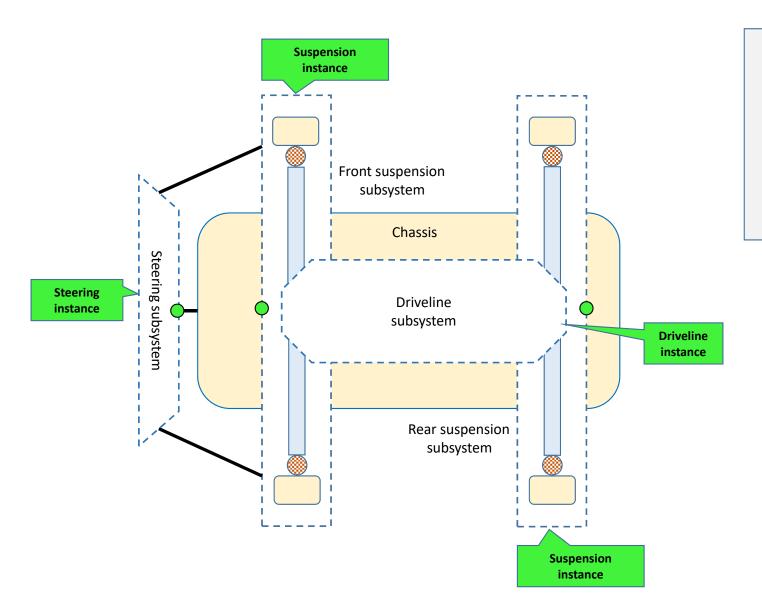
# Data flow











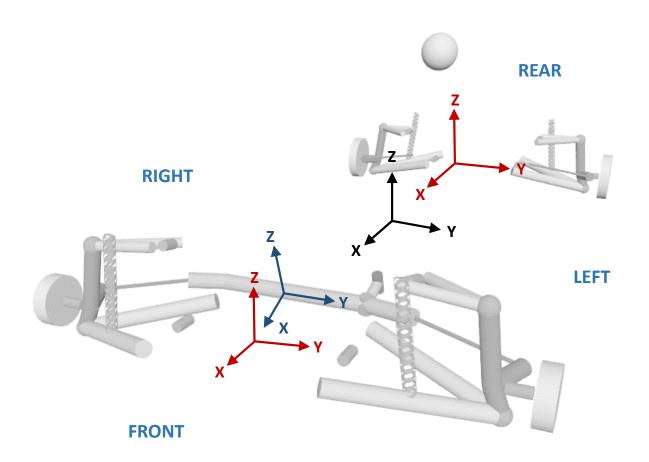
# VEHICLE TEMPLATE PARAMETERS chassis mass and inertia tensor concrete subsystem instance Location / orientation

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### Vehicle ISO reference frames



(XYZ) – chassis reference frame

(XYZ) – suspension reference frame

(XYZ) – steering reference frame







#### ChWheeledVehicle base class

A ChWheeledVehicle is a Chrono ChVehicle:

```
/// Base class for chrono wheeled vehicle systems.
/// This class provides the interface between the vehicle system and other
/// systems (tires, driver, etc.).
/// The reference frame for a vehicle follows the ISO standard: Z-axis up, X-axis
/// pointing forward, and Y-axis towards the left of the vehicle.
class CH VEHICLE API ChWheeledVehicle : public ChVehicle
```

A ChWheeledVehicle has:

```
ChSuspensionList m suspensions;
                                            ///< list of handles to suspension subsystems
ChAntirollbarList m antirollbars;
                                            ///< list of handles to antirollbar subsystems (optional)</pre>
std::shared ptr<ChDriveline> m driveline; ///< handle to the driveline subsystem</pre>
ChSteeringList m steerings;
                                            ///< list of handles to steering subsystems
ChWheelList m wheels;
                                            ///< list of handles to wheel subsystems
ChBrakeList m brakes;
                                            ///< list of handles to brake subsystems
```



#### ChWheeledVehicle base class accessors

- Deferring to its constituent subsystems as needed, a ChWheeledVehicle provides accessors for:
  - Vehicle subsystems
  - States of the vehicle's wheel bodies (the suspension spindle bodies)
  - Inherits all accessors from ChVehicle
- A ChWheeledVehicle intermediates communication between other systems (e.g., tires, driver, etc.) and constituent subsystems (e.g., suspensions, brakes, etc.)







#### ChWheeledVehicle base class virtual functions

• Synchronize the vehicle at a communication time with data from other systems

```
/// Synchronize the state of this vehicle at the current time.
/// The vehicle system is provided the current driver inputs (throttle between
/// 0 and 1, steering between -1 and +1, braking between 0 and 1), the torque
/// from the powertrain, and tire forces (expressed in the global reference
/// frame).
virtual void Synchronize(
  double
                                         ///< [in] current time
                      time.
  double
                      steering,
                                         ///< [in] current steering input [-1,+1]
  double
                      braking,
                                         ///< [in] current braking input [0,1]
                      powertrain_torque, ///< [in] input torque from powertrain</pre>
  double
  const ChTireForces& tire forces
                                         ///< [in] vector of tire force structures
  ) {}
```



- WheelID class encodes the ID of a vehicle wheel
- By convention, wheels are counted front to rear and left to right
  - For a vehicle with 2 axles, the order is: front-left, front-right, rear-left, rear-right
- A wheel ID encodes an axle number (0,1,2,...) and the vehicle side (0: left, 1: right)id = 2 \* axle + side

```
WheelID(int id) : m_id(id), m_axle(id / 2), m_side(VehicleSide(id % 2)) {}
WheelID(int axle, VehicleSide side) : m_id(2 * axle + side), m_axle(axle), m_side(side) {}

/// Return the wheel ID.
int id() const { return m_id; }

/// Return the axle index for this wheel ID.
/// Axles are counted from the front of the vehicle.
int axle() const { return m_axle; }

/// Return the side for this wheel ID.
/// By convention, left is 0 and right is 1.
VehicleSide side() const { return m_side; }
```





- BodyState structure encapsulates the full state of a Chrono body
  - Position as a 3D vector
  - Orientation as a unitary quaternion
  - Linear velocity (with respect to the global frame) as a 3D vector
  - Angular velocity (with respect to the global frame) as a 3D vector

```
///
/// Structure to communicate a full body state.
///
struct BodyState {
 ChVector<> pos; ///< global position
ChQuaternion<> rot; ///< orientation with respect to global frame</pre>
                   lin vel; ///< linear velocity, expressed in the global frame
  ChVector<>
                   ang vel; ///< angular velocity, expressed in the global frame
  ChVector<>
```





- WheelState structure encapsulates the full state of a wheel body
  - Position, orientation, velocity same as BodyState
  - Additionally contains the wheel angular speed about its rotation axis as a double scalar
- A wheel state structure is passed to each tire system during the inter-system communication phase

```
///
/// Structure to communicate a full wheel body state.
/// In addition to the quantities communicated for a generic body, the wheel
/// state also includes the wheel angular speed about its axis of rotation.
///
struct WheelState {
                          ///< global position
  ChVector<>
                 pos;
  ChQuaternion<> rot;
                           ///< orientation with respect to global frame
  ChVector<>
                 lin vel; ///< linear velocity, expressed in the global frame
                 ang vel; ///< angular velocity, expressed in the global frame
  ChVector<>
  double
                           ///< wheel angular speed about its rotation axis
                 omega;
};
```







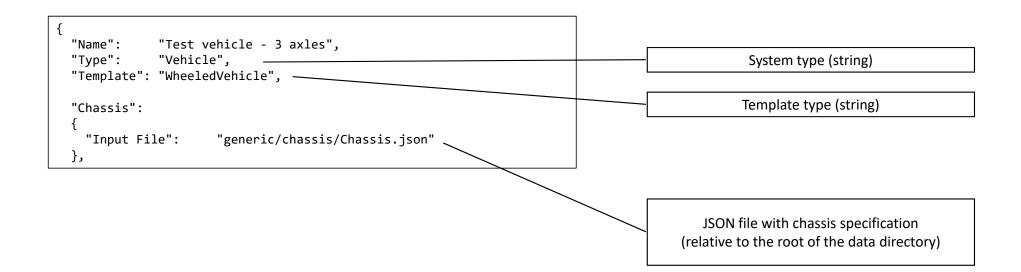
- TireForce structure encapsulates the tire forces applied to a wheel body
  - Force vector and application point (expressed in the global reference frame)
  - Moment vector (expressed in the global reference frame)
- A tire force structure is obtained from each tire system during the inter-system communication phase
  - The tire force and moment are applied to the wheel (spindle) body as external forces

```
///
/// Structure to communicate a set of generalized tire forces.
///
struct TireForce {
 ChVector<> force;
                           ///< force vector, expressed in the global frame
                           ///< global location of the force application point
 ChVector<> point;
                           ///< moment vector, expressed in the global frame
  ChVector<> moment;
};
```





# JSON specification file for a wheeled vehicle (1/3)





# JSON specification file for a vehicle (2/3)

```
"Axles":
     "Suspension Input File":
                                "hmmwv/suspension/HMMWV DoubleWishboneFront.json",
    "Suspension Location":
                                [1.6914, 0, 0.0264],
    "Left Wheel Input File":
                                "hmmwv/wheel/HMMWV Wheel FrontLeft.json",
    "Right Wheel Input File":
                                "hmmwv/wheel/HMMWV Wheel FrontRight.json",
    "Left Brake Input File":
                                "hmmwv/brake/HMMWV BrakeSimple Front.json",
                                "hmmwv/brake/HMMWV BrakeSimple Front.json"
    "Right Brake Input File":
  },
     "Suspension Input File":
                                "generic/suspension/SolidAxleRear.json",
    "Suspension Location":
                                [-0.5, 0, 0.0264],
    "Left Wheel Input File":
                                "hmmwv/wheel/HMMWV Wheel RearLeft.json",
    "Right Wheel Input File":
                                "hmmwv/wheel/HMMWV Wheel RearRight.json",
    "Left Brake Input File":
                                "hmmwv/brake/HMMWV BrakeSimple Rear.json".
                                "hmmwv/brake/HMMWV BrakeSimple Rear.json"
    "Right Brake Input File":
  },
     "Suspension Input File":
                                "generic/suspension/SolidAxleRear.json",
    "Suspension Location":
                                [-1.8, 0, 0.0264],
    "Left Wheel Input File":
                                "hmmwv/wheel/HMMWV Wheel RearLeft.json",
                                "hmmwv/wheel/HMMWV Wheel RearRight.json",
    "Right Wheel Input File":
    "Left Brake Input File":
                                "hmmwv/brake/HMMWV BrakeSimple Rear.json";
    "Right Brake Input File":
                                "hmmwv/brake/HMMWV BrakeSimple Rear.json"
],
```

Offset of the suspension reference frame with respect to the chassis reference frame







# JSON specification file for a vehicle (3/3)

Position and orientation of the steering subsystem reference frame with respect to the chassis reference frame.

Index of the vehicle axle that is connected to the steering subsystem (here, the first axle in the list).

Indexes of the vehicle axles that are connected to the driveline subsystem (here, the first and third in the list). Must be consistent with the driveline type.







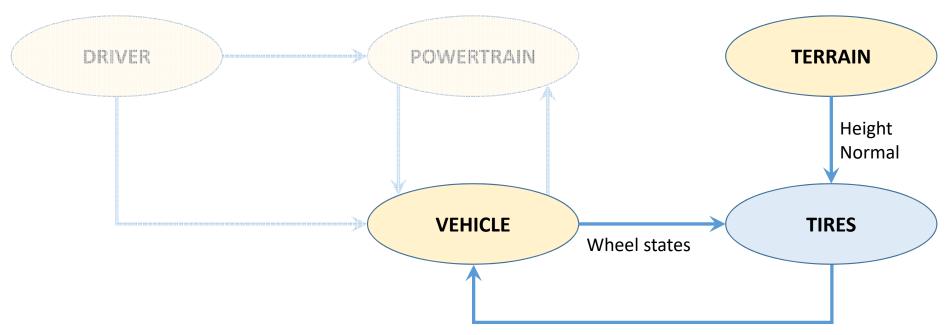
Rigid Tire LuGre Tire Pacejka Tire ANCF Tire







# Data flow



Forces and moments on wheel bodies





#### ChTire base class

- Defines the common interface for any tire system
- All classes defining particular tire templates inherit from ChTire

```
///
/// Base class for a tire system.
/// A tire subsystem is a force element. It is passed position and velocity
/// information of the wheel body and it produces ground reaction forces and
/// moments to be applied to the wheel body.
///
class CH VEHICLE API ChTire : public ChPart
```

# CHANG (V)



#### ChTire base class members

• A ChTire has:







#### ChTire base class virtual methods

Update the tire at a communication time with data from other systems

```
/// Update the state of this tire system at the current time.
/// The tire system is provided the current state of its associated wheel and
/// a handle to the terrain system.
virtual void Synchronize(double time,
                                                         ///< [in] current time
                         const WheelState& wheel state, ///< [in] current state of associated wheel body</pre>
                                                        ///< [in] reference to the terrain system
                         const ChTerrain& terrain
                         ) {}
```

Advance the state of the tire to the next communication point

```
/// Advance the state of this tire by the specified time step.
virtual void Advance(double step) {}
```

Set the (output) torque to be applied to the associated wheel body

```
/// Get the tire force and moment.
/// This represents the output from this tire system that is passed to the
/// vehicle system. Typically, the vehicle subsystem will pass the tire force
/// to the appropriate suspension subsystem which applies it as an external
/// force one the wheel body.
virtual ChTireForce GetTireForce() const = 0;
```







# Tire Models

Rigid Tire





# ChRigidTire and RigidTire

- ChRigidTire is an abstract class (i.e., system template)
  - Define basic functions for pure virtual functions (only GetTireForce)
  - Define virtual functions that are common for all RigidTire models
    - Initialize(ChSharedPtr<ChBody> wheel)
    - virtual and pure virtual functions
- RigidTire is a concrete class
  - Cylinder collision geometry, constant tire inertia
  - Interacts with terrain using rigid body frictional contact
  - Implements pure virtual functions in ChRigidTire
  - Defines how to read input JSON file

```
class ChRigidTire: public ChTire;
class RigidTire: public ChRigidTire;
```







# JSON specification file for rigid tire

```
System type (string)
"Name":
                                 "HMMWV Rigid Tire",
"Type":
                                 "Tire",
                                                                                         Template type (string)
"Template":
                                 "RigidTire", -
"Radius":
                                 0.4699,
"Width":
                                 0.254,
"Coefficient of Friction":
                                 0.7
```







# Tire Models

LuGre Tire







# ChLugreTire and LugreTire

- ChLugreTire is an abstract class (i.e., system template)
  - virtual functions that are common for all Lugre tire models:

```
virtual int getNumDiscs() = 0;
virtual double getRadius() = 0;
virtual const double* getDiscLocations() = 0;
virtual double getNormalStiffness() = 0;
virtual double getNormalDamping() = 0;
virtual void SetLugreParams() = 0;
```

- LugreTire is a concrete class
  - Defines how to read tire parameters from input JSON file
  - Tangent/Traction forces according to first order ODE
  - Documentation SBEL Tech Report 2014-15 "Lugre Tire Model for HMMWV", Aki Mikkola
  - sbel.wisc.edu/Publications



# JSON specification file for LuGre tire

```
"Name":
                      "HMMWV Lugre Tire",
                                                                                             System type (string)
"Type":
                      "Tire",
                                                                                            Template type (string)
"Template":
                      "LugreTire",
"Radius":
                       0.4699,
                                                                                Transversal locations of the constituent discs,
                                                                                relative to the tire's center plane. This particular
"Disc Locations":
                       [-0.127, 0, 0.127],
                                                                                tire uses 3 equally spaced discs.
"Normal Stiffness": 2e6,
"Normal Damping":
                       1e3,
                                                                                Stiffness and (viscous) damping used in
                                                                                calculating the normal tire force
"Lugre Parameters":
                                                                                LuGre tire parameters. Two values are specified
  "sigma0":
                       [181.0, 60.0],
                                                                                for each parameter, the first for the longitudinal
  "sigma1":
                      [ 1.0,
                                  0.2],
                                                                                direction, the second for the transversal
  "sigma2":
                       [ 0.02, 0.002],
                                                                                direction.
  "Fc":
                       [0.6, 0.6],
  "Fs":
                       [1.0, 1.0],
  "vs":
                       [ 3.5, 3.5]
```







# Tire Models

Pacejka Tire

# ChPacejkaTire





- ChPacejkaTire is a concrete class
  - Could benefit from the abstract/concrete organization of previous two models
  - Allow older Pacejka formulations to be tested
  - Pac2002 formulation is ubiquitous in commercial software
- Chrono::Vehicle implementation tested and validated against commercial solutions
- Documentation: SBEL Tech Reports 2014-14 and 2014-16
  - "Validation of a Steady-State Magic Formula Tire in Chrono with a Comercial Software Implementation", J. Madsen and A. Dirr.
  - "Validation of a Single Contact Point Tire Model Based on the Transient Pacejka Model in the Open-Source Dynamics Software Chrono", J. Madsen
  - sbel.wisc.edu/Publications







# Tire Models

Deformable tires
ANCF Tire

# **CHONO**





#### ChDeformableTire base class

- Base class for tires modeled with finite element meshes
- Derived classes: ChANCFTire, CHFEATire
- Provides support for defining:
  - FEA mesh
  - Connection to rim body
  - Internal pressure load
  - Contact geometry (contact surface) and contact material properties







#### ChDeformableTire base class members

```
std::shared_ptr<fea::ChMesh> m mesh;
                                                                      ///< tire mesh
std::shared ptr<ChLoadContainer> m load container;
                                                                      ///< load container (for pressure load)
std::vector<std::shared ptr<fea::ChLinkPointFrame>> m connections; ///< tire-wheel point connections
std::vector<std::shared ptr<fea::ChLinkDirFrame>> m connectionsD;
                                                                     ///< tire-wheel direction connections
std::vector<std::shared ptr<ChLinkMateFix>> m connectionsF;
                                                                      ///< tire-wheel fix connection (point+rotation)</pre>
bool m connection enabled; ///< enable tire connections to rim</pre>
bool m pressure enabled; ///< enable internal tire pressure</pre>
bool m contact enabled;
                            ///< enable tire-terrain contact
double m pressure; ///< internal tire pressure</pre>
ContactSurfaceType m contact type; ///< type of contact surface model (node cloud or mesh)</pre>
double m contact node radius;
                                  ///< node radius (for node cloud contact surface)</pre>
double m contact face thickness;
                                     ///< face thickness (for mesh contact surface)</pre>
float m friction;
                        ///< contact coefficient of friction
float m restitution; ///< contact coefficient of restitution</pre>
float m young modulus; ///< contact material Young modulus</pre>
float m poisson ratio; ///< contact material Poisson ratio</pre>
float m kn;
                        ///< normal contact stiffness</pre>
                        ///< normal contact damping
float m gn;
                        ///< tangential contact stiffness
float m kt;
float m_gt;
                        ///< tangential contact damping
std::shared ptr<ChMaterialSurfaceDEM> m contact mat;
                                                                ///< tire contact material
std::shared_ptr<fea::ChVisualizationFEAmesh> m_visualization; ///< tire mesh visualization</pre>
```



#### ChDeformableTire base class virtual methods

```
/// Create the FEA nodes and elements.
/// The wheel rotational axis is assumed to be the Y axis.
virtual void CreateMesh(const ChFrameMoving<>& wheel frame, ///< [in] frame of associated wheel
                        VehicleSide side
                                                             ///< [in] left/right vehicle side
                        ) = 0;
/// Create the ChLoad for applying pressure to the tire.
/// A derived class must create a load and add it to the underlying load container.
virtual void CreatePressureLoad() = 0;
/// Create the contact surface for the tire mesh.
/// A derived class must create a contact surface and add it to the underlying mesh.
virtual void CreateContactSurface() = 0;
/// Create the tire-rim connections.
/// A derived class must create the various constraints between the tire and the
/// provided wheel body and add them to the underlying system.
virtual void CreateRimConnections(std::shared ptr<ChBody> wheel ///< [in] associated wheel body</pre>
                                  ) = 0;
```

#### **ChANCFTire**

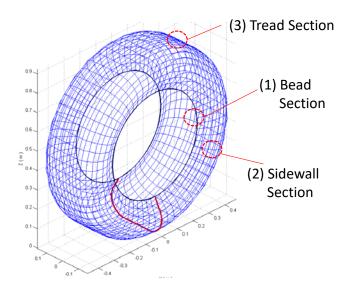




User-specified parameters: •

- Tire shape / size
- Layer properties
- Element mesh resolution

(1) Bead section	Cord angle	Thickness
——— Carcass	$\alpha = 90^{\circ}$	h = 0.5mm
Rubber	$\alpha = 0^{\circ}$	h = 5.0mm
——— Carcass	$\alpha = 90^{\circ}$	h = 0.5mm
(2) Sidewall section		
Carcass	$\alpha = 90^{\circ}$	h = 0.5mm
Rubber	$\alpha = 0^{\circ}$	h = 0.1mm
Carcass	$\alpha = 90^{\circ}$	h = 0.5mm
(3) Tread section		
Rubber	$\alpha = 0^{\circ}$	h = 1.0mm
Belt	$\alpha = -20^{\circ}$	h = 0.3mm
Belt	$\alpha = 20^{\circ}$	h = 0.3mm
——— Carcass	$\alpha = 90^{\circ}$	h = 0.5mm



- ANCF Tire model is connected to a rigid rim body through displacement and gradient constraints for the nodes at the outer edges of the bead section of the tire model.
- The internal air pressure is applied through a distributed load class available in Chrono::FEA.







# JSON specification file for ANCF tire (1/2)

```
"HMMWV ANCF Tire",
"Name":
"Type":
                    "Tire",
"Template":
                    "ANCFTire",
"Tire Radius":
                    0.4673,
"Rim Radius":
                    0.2683,
"Rim Width":
                    0.254,
"Contact Material":
    "Coefficient of Friction":
                                   0.9.
    "Coefficient of Restitution": 0.1,
    "Properties":
        "Young Modulus":
                                        2e6,
        "Poisson Ratio":
                                        0.3
    },
    "Coefficients":
        "Normal Stiffness":
                                        2.0e6.
        "Normal Damping":
                                        1.3e1,
        "Tangential Stiffness":
                                        1.0e6,
        "Tangential Damping":
},
```

```
"Materials":
                                                         "Isotropic" or
                                                         "Orthotropic"
                   "Orthotropic"
        "Type":
        "Density": 0.1000000E+04,
                   [0.7560000E+10 , 0.4740000E+08 , 0.4740000E+08],
        "nu":
                   [0.4500000E+00 , 0.4500000E+00 , 0.4500000E+00],
        "G":
                   [0.1634483E+08 , 0.1634483E+08 , 0.1634483E+08]
    },
        "Type":
                   "Orthotropic",
        "Density": 0.2639000E+04,
                   [0.1800000E+12, 0.4740000E+08, 0.4740000E+08],
                   [0.4500000E+00 , 0.4500000E+00 , 0.4500000E+00],
        "nu":
                   [0.1634483E+08 , 0.1634483E+08 , 0.1634483E+08]
        "G":
    },
        "Type":
                   "Orthotropic",
        "Density": 0.1100000E+04.
       "F":
                   [0.4740000E+08, 0.4740000E+08, 0.4740000E+08],
       "nu":
                   [0.4500000E+00 , 0.4500000E+00 , 0.4500000E+00],
        "G":
                   [0.1634483E+08 , 0.1634483E+08 , 0.1634483E+08]
],
```







# JSON specification file for ANCF tire (2/2)

```
"Structural Damping Coefficient": 0.005,
 "Default Pressure":
                                   200.0e3.
 "Bead Section":
     "Layer Thickness":
                          [ 0.5e-03 , 0.5e-02 , 0.5e-03 ],
     "Ply Angle":
                          [ 90 , 0 , 90],
     "Material ID":
                         [0,2,0],
     "Number Elements":
},
 "Sidewall Section":
     "Layer Thickness":
                          [ 0.5e-03 , 0.1e-03 , 0.5e-03 ],
                         [ 90 , 0 , 90 ],
     "Ply Angle":
     "Material ID":
                         [0,2,0],
     "Number Elements":
},
 "Tread Section":
     "Layer Thickness":
                          [ 0.1e-02 , 0.3e-03 , 0.3e-03 , 0.5e-03 ],
                          [0,-20,20,90],
     "Ply Angle":
     "Material ID":
                         [2,1,1,0],
     "Number Elements":
},
```

```
"Number Elements Circumference": 90.
                                          Parameterized
"Profile":
                                            2D curve
    [ 0.000000E+00 , 0.000000E+00 , -1.150000E-01 ],
    [ 1.428571E-02 , 1.166670E-02 , -1.164180E-01 ],
    [ 2.857143E-02 , 2.333330E-02 , -1.192300E-01 ],
    [ 4.285714E-02 , 3.500000E-02 , -1.230200E-01 ],
    [ 5.714286E-02 , 4.666670E-02 , -1.273710E-01 ],
    [ 7.142857E-02 , 5.833330E-02 , -1.318700E-01 ],
    [ 8.571429E-02 , 7.000000E-02 , -1.361330E-01 ],
    [ 1.000000E-01 , 8.166670E-02 , -1.399910E-01 ],
    [ 1.142857E-01 , 9.333330E-02 , -1.433510E-01 ],
    [ 1.285714E-01 , 1.050000E-01 , -1.461240E-01 ],
    [ 1.428571E-01 , 1.166670E-01 , -1.482160E-01 ],
    [ 1.571429E-01 , 1.283330E-01 , -1.495390E-01 ],
    [ 1.714286E-01 , 1.400000E-01 , -1.500000E-01 ],
                          x(\alpha)
                                           y(\alpha)
    [ 9.571429E-01 , 3.500000E-02 , 1.230200E-01 ],
    [ 9.714286E-01 , 2.333330E-02 , 1.192300E-01 ],
    [ 9.857143E-01 , 1.166670E-02 , 1.164180E-01 ],
    [ 1.000000E+00 , 0.000000E+00 , 1.150000E-01 ]
```







# Suspension Test Rig

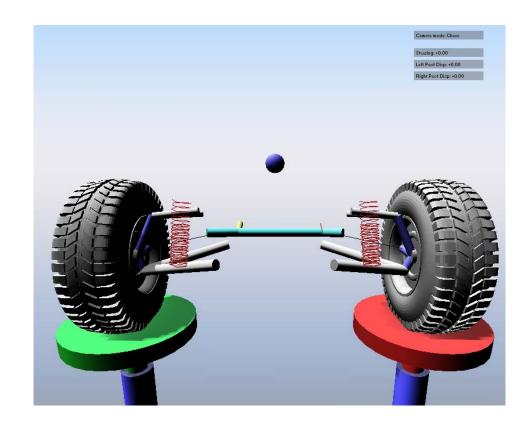
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#### Suspension Test Rig

- Purpose:
   Analyze combined front suspension/steering subsystem behavior without involving complex full vehicle dynamics.
- Examples:
  - 1. Shock spring prelength/preload
  - 2. Steering wheel input limits



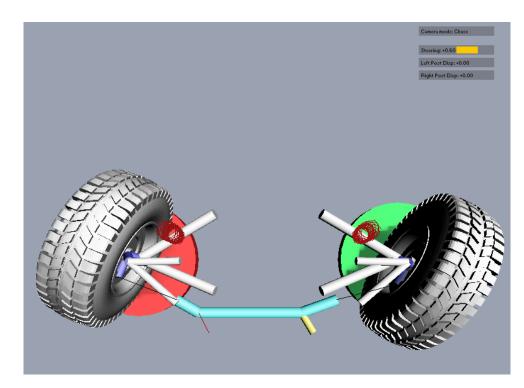
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#### Suspension Test Rig Overview

- Similar to a full vehicle system
- Front half, chassis fixed to ground
- Shaker posts added to the system
  - Left=Green, Right=Red
- Constrained to move only vertically (global)
- Linear Actuator specifies post displacement
- Wheel spindle body CM point constrained in plane
  - Plane vertically offset from shaker post surface
- Logs important measurements to console or file





# JSON specification file for SuspensionTestRig

```
"Name":
                              "HMMWV Front Suspension Test",
                                                                                                       Subsystem type (string)
                              "SuspensionTest", ——
"Type":
                              "SuspensionTest", —
"Template":
                                                                                                        Template type (string)
"Suspension":
                              "hmmwv/suspension/HMMWV DoubleWishboneFront.json",
  "Input File":
  "Location":
                              [1.688965, 0, 0],
  "Left Wheel Input File":
                              "hmmwv/wheel/HMMWV Wheel FrontLeft.json",
                              "hmmwv/wheel/HMMWV Wheel FrontRight.json"
  "Right Wheel Input File":
},
                                                                                           Subsystems (suspension and steering) specified
                                                                                           as in a wheeled vehicle JSON specification file.
"Steering":
                                                                                           The block specifying the steering subsystem is
                                                                                           optional.
                              "hmmwv/steering/HMMWV PitmanArm.json",
  "Input File":
  "Location":
                              [1.24498, 0, 0.101322],
                              [0.98699637, 0, 0.16074256, 0],
  "Orientation":
  "Suspension Index":
```







# Suspension Subsystem







# ChSuspension base class

- Defines the common interface for any suspension subsystem
- All classes defining particular suspension templates inherit from ChSuspension

```
///
/// Base class for a suspension subsystem.
///
class CH_VEHICLE_API ChSuspension : public ChPart
```



#### ChSuspension base class members

• A ChSuspension has:

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# ChSuspension base class accessors

- A ChSuspension provides access to:
  - Its constituent parts (spindle body, axle shaft, etc.)
  - States of the wheel (spindle) bodies
  - Angular speed of the axle shafts



# ChSuspension base class methods

• A ChSuspension provides methods to:

```
/// Apply the provided tire forces.
/// The given tire force and moment is applied to the specified (left or
/// right) spindle body. This function provides the interface to the tire
/// system (intermediated by the vehicle system).
void ApplyTireForce(
                                ///< spindle body (left or right) where forces should be applied
  ChVehicleSide side,
  const ChTireForce& tire force ///< generalized tire forces</pre>
  );
/// Apply the provided motor torque.
/// The given torque is applied to the specified (left or right) axle. This
/// function provides the interface to the drivetrain subsystem (intermediated
/// by the vehicle system).
void ApplyAxleTorque(
  ChVehicleSide side, ///< indicates the axle (left or right) where the torque should be applied
  double torque
                    ///< value of applied torque
  );
```





# ChSuspension base class virtual methods

A concrete class must implement

```
/// Initialize this suspension subsystem.
/// The suspension subsystem is initialized by attaching it to the specified
/// chassis body at the specified location (with respect to and expressed in
/// the reference frame of the chassis). It is assumed that the suspension
/// reference frame is always aligned with the chassis reference frame.
/// Finally, tierod body is a handle to the body to which the suspension
/// tierods are to be attached. For a steerable suspension, this will be the
/// steering link of a suspension subsystem. Otherwise, this is the chassis.
virtual void Initialize(std::shared ptr<ChBodyAuxRef> chassis, ///< [in] handle to the chassis body</pre>
                        const ChVector<>& location,
                                                              ///< [in] location relative to the chassis frame
                        std::shared ptr<ChBody> tierod body, ///< [in] body to which tierods are connected
                        double left ang vel = 0,
                                                               ///< [in] initial angular velocity of left wheel
                        double right_ang_vel = 0
                                                               ///< [in] initial angular velocity of right wheel
                        ) = 0;
```





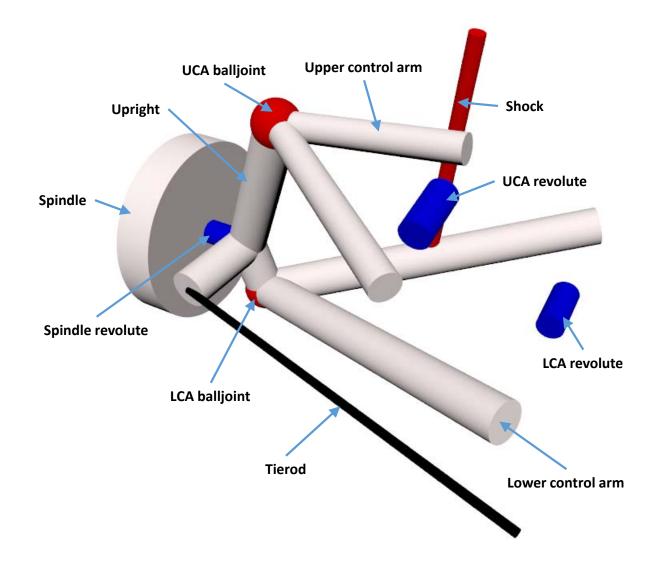


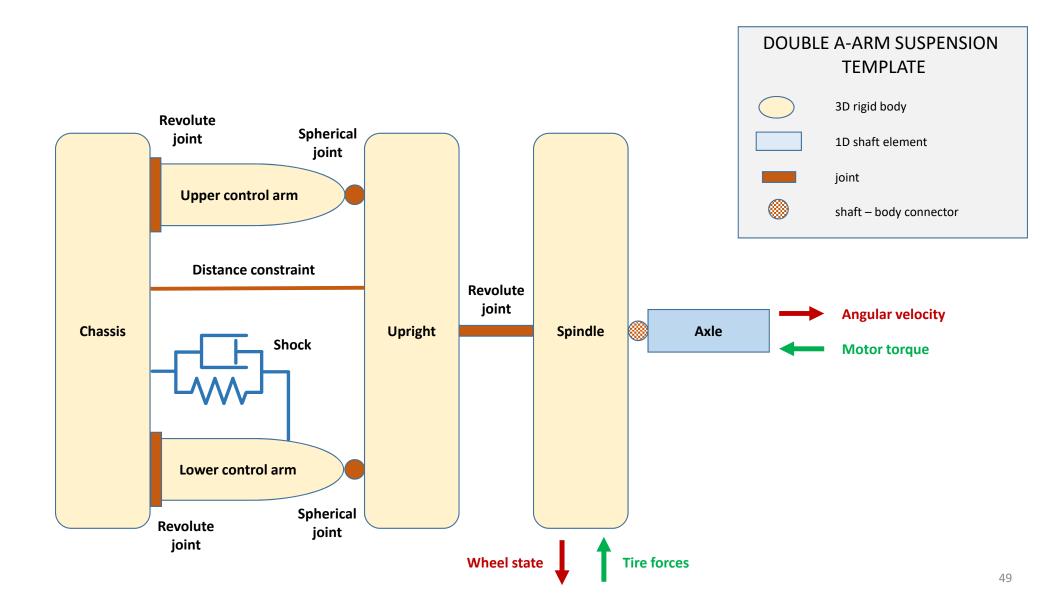
Double Wishbone (full and reduced)

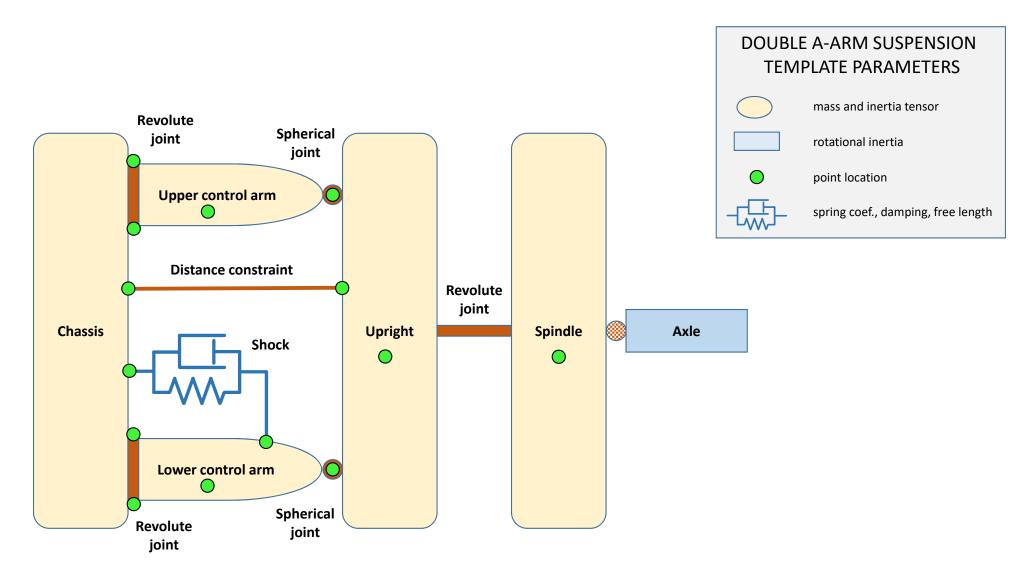


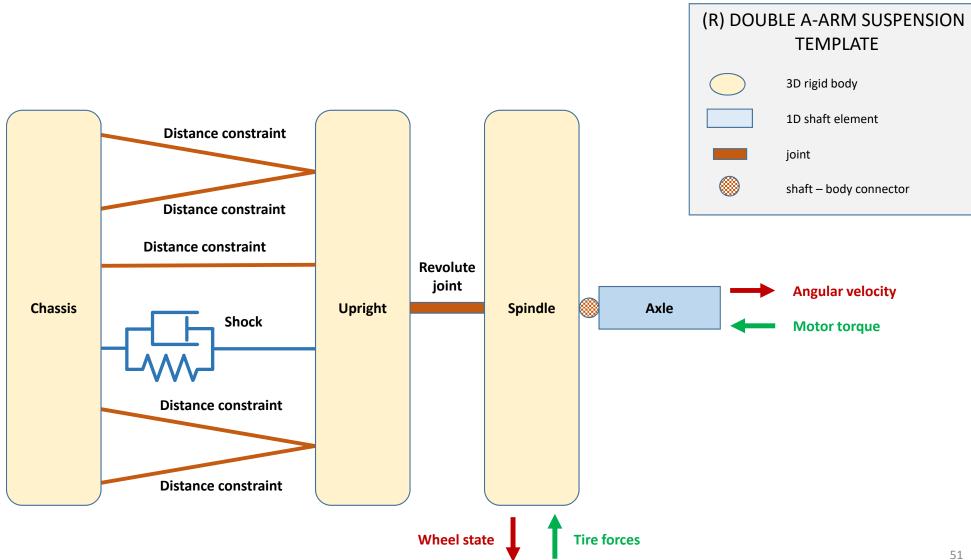


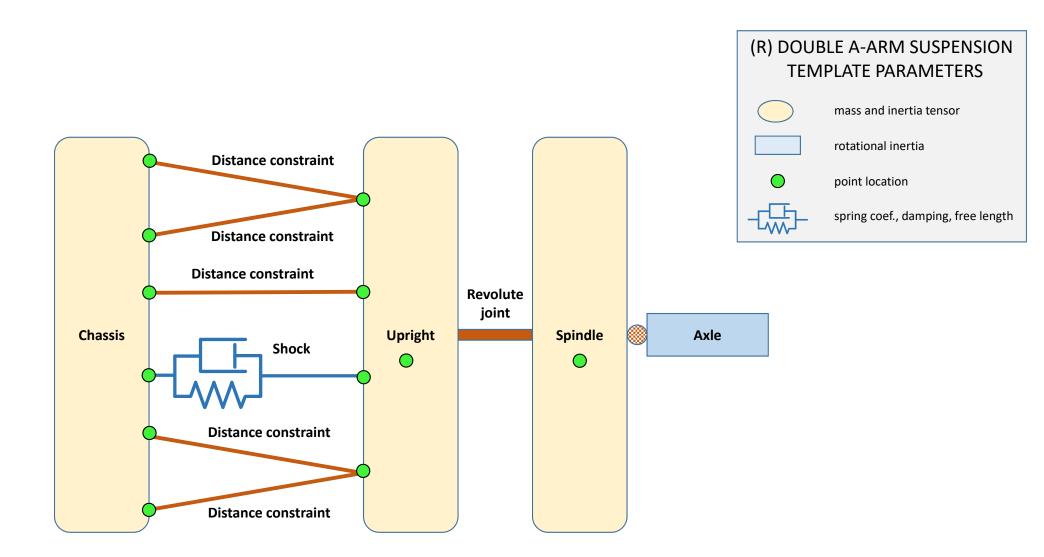








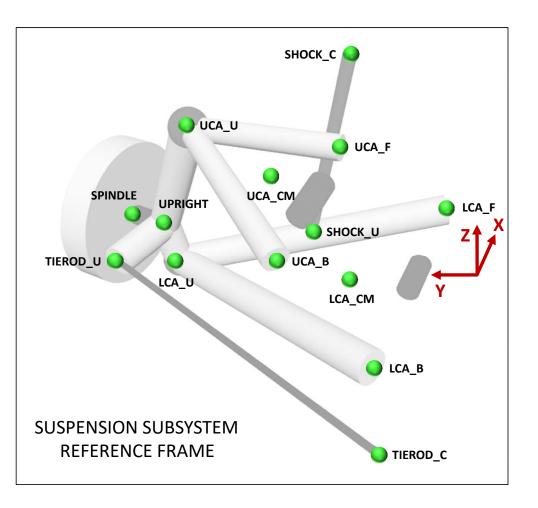


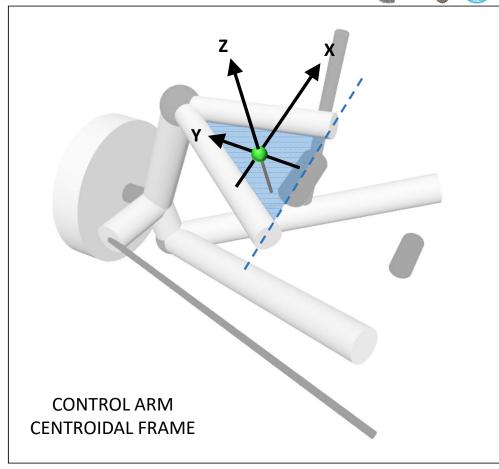














#### ChDoubleWishbone base class

```
///
/// Base class for a double-A arm suspension modeled with bodies and constraints.
/// Derived from ChSuspension, but still an abstract base class.
///
/// The suspension subsystem is modeled with respect to a right-handed frame,
/// with X pointing towards the front, Y to the left, and Z up (ISO standard).
/// The suspension reference frame is assumed to be always aligned with that of
/// the vehicle. When attached to a chassis, only an offset is provided.
///
/// All point locations are assumed to be given for the left half of the
/// suspension and will be mirrored (reflecting the y coordinates) to construct
/// the right side.
///
class CH_VEHICLE_API ChDoubleWishbone : public ChSuspension
```







```
/// Identifiers for the various hardpoints.
enum PointId {
  SPINDLE,
           ///< spindle location
 UPRIGHT,
          ///< upright location
           ///< upper control arm, chassis front
 UCA F,
 UCA B,
           ///< upper control arm, chassis back
 UCA U, ///< upper control arm, upright
 UCA_CM, ///< upper control arm, center of mass
           ///< lower control arm, chassis front
  LCA F,
 LCA B, ///< lower control arm, chassis back
        ///< lower control arm, upright
 LCA U,
            ///< lower control arm, center of mass
 LCA CM,
  SHOCK C,
           ///< shock, chassis
  SHOCK A, ///< shock, lower control arm
  SPRING C, ///< spring, chassis
  SPRING A, ///< spring, lower control arm
 TIEROD C, ///< tierod, chassis
            ///< tierod, upright
 TIEROD U,
 NUM POINTS
};
/// Return the location of the specified hardpoint.
/// The returned location must be expressed in the suspension reference frame.
virtual const ChVector<> getLocation(PointId which) = 0;
```







```
/// Return the mass of the spindle body.
virtual double getSpindleMass() const = 0;
/// Return the mass of the upper control arm body.
virtual double getUCAMass() const = 0;
/// Return the mass of the lower control body.
virtual double getLCAMass() const = 0;
/// Return the mass of the upright body.
virtual double getUprightMass() const = 0;
/// Return the moments of inertia of the spindle body.
virtual const ChVector<>& getSpindleInertia() const = 0;
/// Return the moments of inertia of the upper control arm body.
virtual const ChVector<>& getUCAInertia() const = 0;
/// Return the moments of inertia of the lower control arm body.
virtual const ChVector<>& getLCAInertia() const = 0;
/// Return the moments of inertia of the upright body.
virtual const ChVector<>& getUprightInertia() const = 0;
/// Return the inertia of the axle shaft.
virtual double getAxleInertia() const = 0;
```



```
/// Indicate whether the spring is modeled as a nonlinear element.
/// If true, the concrete class must provide a callback function to calculate
/// the force in the spring element (see getSpringForceCallback).
virtual bool useNonlinearSpring() const { return false; }
/// Indicate whether the shock is modeled as a nonlinear element.
/// If true, the concrete class must provide a callback function to calculate
/// the force in the shock element (see getShockForceCallback).
virtual bool useNonlinearShock() const { return false; }
/// Return the spring coefficient (for linear spring elements).
virtual double getSpringCoefficient() const { return 1.0; }
/// Return the damping coefficient (for linear shock elements).
virtual double getDampingCoefficient() const { return 1.0; }
/// Return the free (rest) length of the spring element.
virtual double getSpringRestLength() const = 0;
/// Return the callback function for spring force (for nonlinear spring).
virtual ChSpringForceCallback* getSpringForceCallback() const { return NULL; }
/// Return the callback function for shock force (for nonlinear shock).
virtual ChSpringForceCallback* getShockForceCallback() const { return NULL; }
```



```
/// Return the radius of the spindle body (visualization only).
virtual double getSpindleRadius() const = 0;
/// Return the width of the spindle body (visualization only).
virtual double getSpindleWidth() const = 0;
/// Return the radius of the upper control arm body (visualization only).
virtual double getUCARadius() const = 0;
/// Return the radius of the lower control arm body (visualization only).
virtual double getLCARadius() const = 0;
/// Return the radius of the upright body (visualization only).
virtual double getUprightRadius() const = 0;
```



#### JSON specification for double wishbone

```
Identifier name (string)
                                   "Generic DoubleWishbone Front",
"Name":
                                                                                                    Subsystem type (string)
                                   "Suspension",
"Type":
"Template":
                                   "DoubleWishbone", -
                                                                                                    Template type (string)
"Spindle":
                                                                                                      Mass in kg (float)
  "Mass":
                                  1.103, —
                                                                                          Location of the center of mass in m (float) with
  "COM":
                                   [-0.040, 0.910, -0.026], --
                                                                                            respect to the suspension reference frame
                                   [0.000478, 0.000496, 0.000478],
  "Inertia":
  "Radius":
                                  0.15,
                                                                                               Moments of inertia in kg m<sup>2</sup> (float)
  "Width":
                                  0.06
},
                                                                                              Visualization dimensions in m (float)
"Upright":
  "Mass":
                                  1.397,
  "COM":
                                  [-0.040, 0.910, -0.026],
  "Inertia":
                                   [0.0138, 0.0146, 0.00283],
  "Radius":
                                   0.025
},
```







# JSON specification for double wishbone

```
"Upper Control Arm":
  "Mass":
                               1.032,
  "COM":
                               [-0.196, 0.645, 0.245],
  "Inertia":
                               [0.00591, 0.00190, 0.00769],
  "Radius":
                               0.02,
  "Location Chassis Front": [-0.160, 0.539, 0.243],
  "Location Chassis Back":
                               [-0.339, 0.587, 0.249],
  "Location Upright":
                               [-0.088, 0.808, 0.243]
},
"Lower Control Arm":
  "Mass":
                               1.611.
  "COM":
                               [-0.040, 0.639, -0.224],
  "Inertia":
                               [0.0151, 0.0207, 0.0355],
  "Radius":
                               0.03,
  "Location Chassis Front":
                               [0.199, 0.479, -0.206],
  "Location Chassis Back":
                               [-0.279, 0.539, -0.200],
  "Location Upright":
                               [-0.040, 0.898, -0.265]
},
```

Locations of the front and back attachment points between the control arm and the chassis in m (float) with respect to the suspension reference frame. These points form the axis of rotation for the revolute joint between the chassis and the control arm

Location of the spherical joint between the control arm and the upright in m (float) with respect to the suspension reference frame







#### JSON specification for double wishbone

```
"Tierod":
   "Location Chassis":
                              [-0.279, 0.479, -0.026],
  "Location Upright":
                              [-0.220, 0.898, -0.026]
},
"Spring":
   "Location Chassis":
                               [-0.064, 0.659, 0.094],
  "Location Arm":
                               [-0.040, 0.718, -0.206],
  "Spring Coefficient":
                               369149.000,
  "Free Length" :
                               0.356
},
"Shock":
   "Location Chassis":
                              [-0.088, 0.599, 0.393],
                              [-0.040, 0.718, -0.206],
  "Location Arm":
  "Damping Coefficient":
                               22459.000
},
"Axle":
   "Inertia":
```

Locations of the upper and lower attachment points between the control arm and the chassis in m (float) with respect to the suspension reference frame

Rotational moment of inertia in kg m<sup>2</sup> (float)

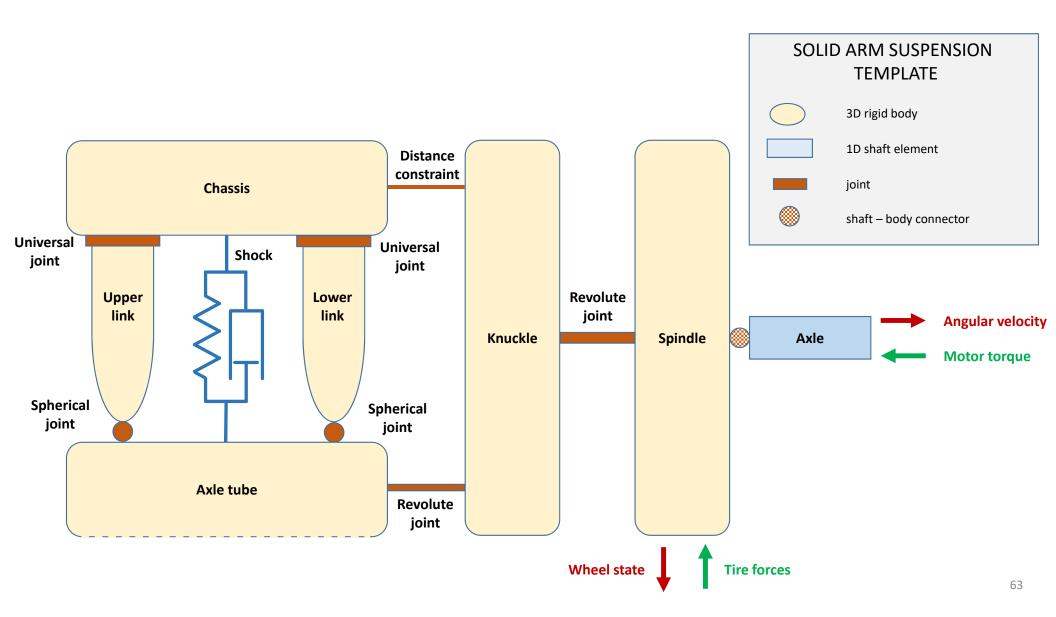






# Suspension Templates

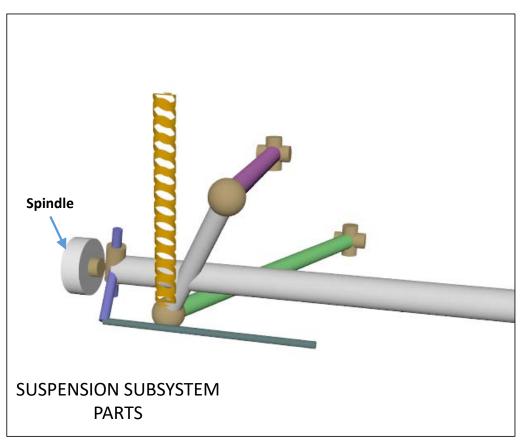
Solid Axle

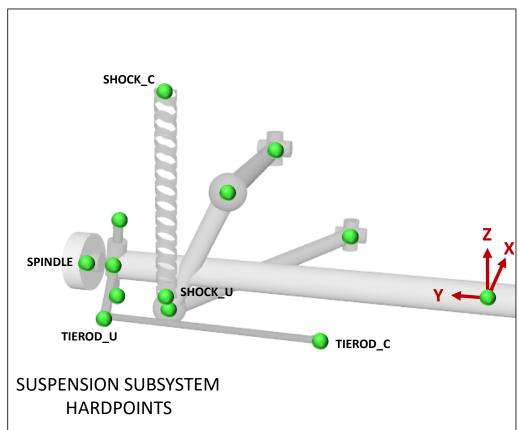








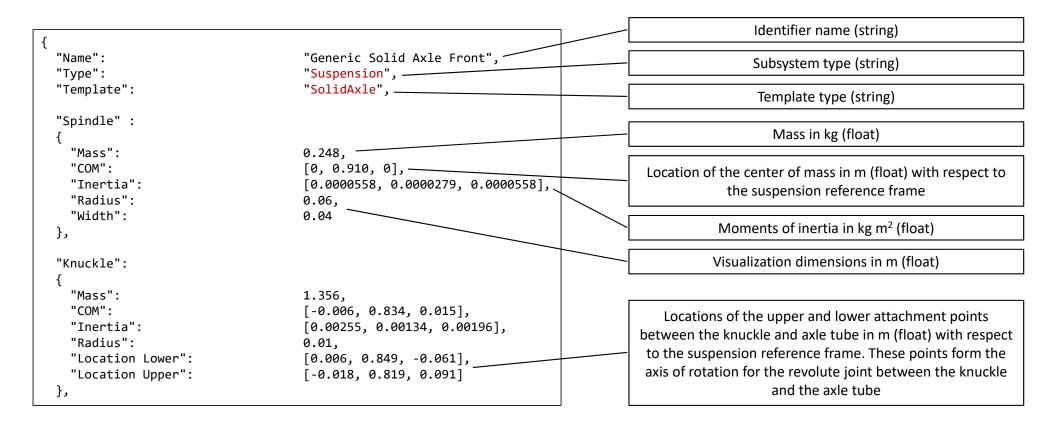








# JSON specification file for solid axle







# JSON specification file for solid axle

```
"Upper Link":
   "Mass":
                                    1.446,
                                    [0.182, 0.591, 0.182],
   "COM":
  "Inertia":
                                    [0.011, 0.011, 0.000142],
  "Radius":
                                    0.02,
  "Location Axle":
                                    [-0.067, 0.576, 0.182],
                                    [0.431, 0.606, 0.182], -
  "Location Chassis":
                                    [0, -1, 0],
  "Universal Joint Axis Link":
  "Universal Joint Axis Chassis": [0, 0, 1]
},
 "Lower Link":
   "Mass":
                                    2.892,
                                    [0.279, 0.577, -0.073],
   "COM":
                                    [0.0514, 0.0514, 0.00037],
  "Inertia":
  "Radius":
                                    0.02,
  "Location Axle":
                                    [0.012, 0.728, -0.091],
  "Location Chassis":
                                    [0.546, 0.425, -0.055],
  "Universal Joint Axis Link":
                                    [0, 1, 0],
  "Universal Joint Axis Chassis": [0, 0, 1]
},
 "Axle Tube" :
                                    44.958,
   "Mass":
   "COM":
                                    [0, 0, 0],
                                    [7.744, 0.045, 7.744],
  "Inertia":
   "Radius":
                                    0.03
},
```

Location of the spherical joint that attaches the link to the axle tube with respect to the suspension reference frame in m (float)

Location of the universal joint that attaches the link to the axle tube with respect to the suspension reference frame in m (float)

Directions of the universal joint that attaches the link to the axle tube







# JSON specification file for solid axle

```
"Tierod":
   "Location Chassis":
                                   [-0.091, 0.400, -0.079],
  "Location Knuckle":
                                   [-0.091, 0.825, -0.079]
},
"Spring":
   "Location Chassis":
                                    [-0.097, 0.679, 0.364],
  "Location Axle":
                                   [-0.079, 0.697, -0.030],
  "Spring Coefficient":
                                   267062.000,
  "Free Length":
                                   0.3948
},
"Shock":
                                   [-0.097, 0.679, 0.364],
   "Location Chassis":
                                   [-0.079, 0.697, -0.030],
   "Location Axle":
  "Damping Coefficient":
                                   22459.000
},
"Axle":
   "Inertia":
```

Locations of the upper and lower attachment points between the control arm and the chassis in m (float) with respect to the suspension reference frame

Rotational moment of inertia in kg m<sup>2</sup> (float)

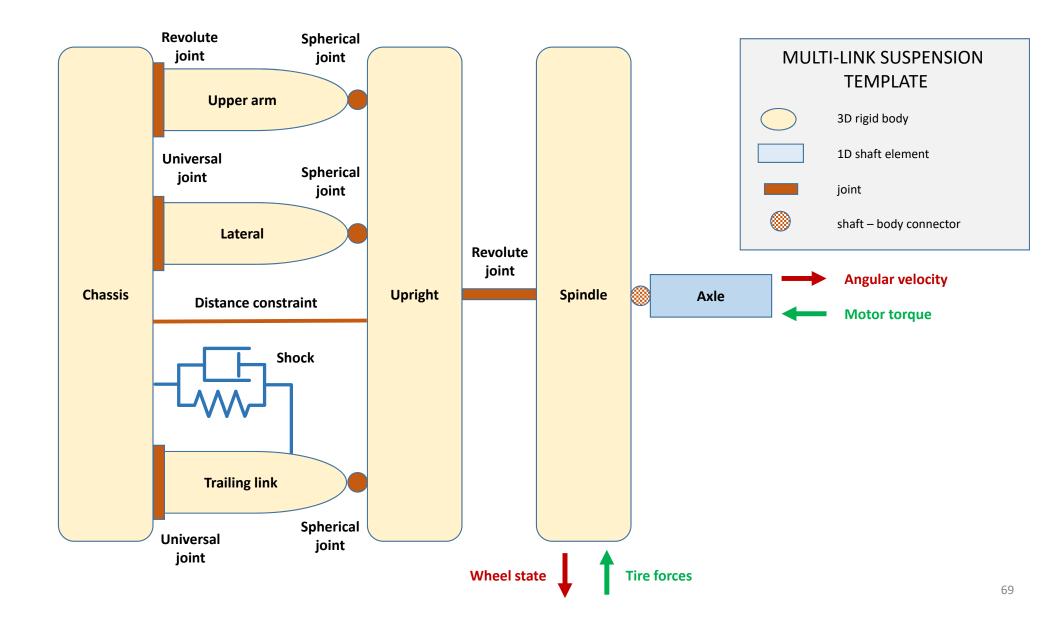






# Suspension Templates

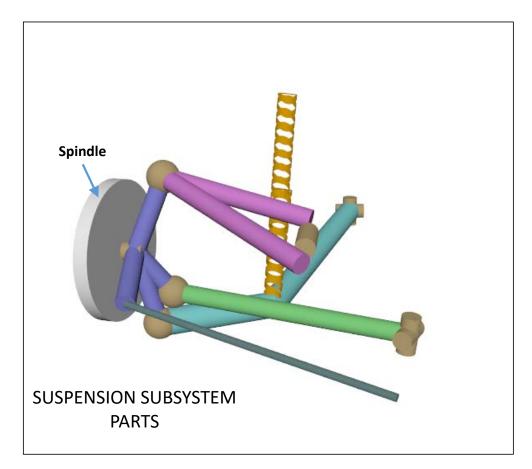
Multi-link

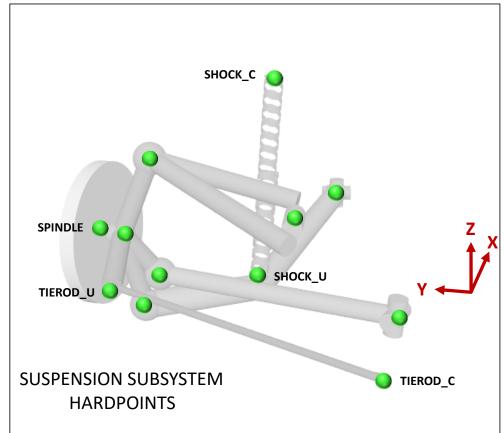






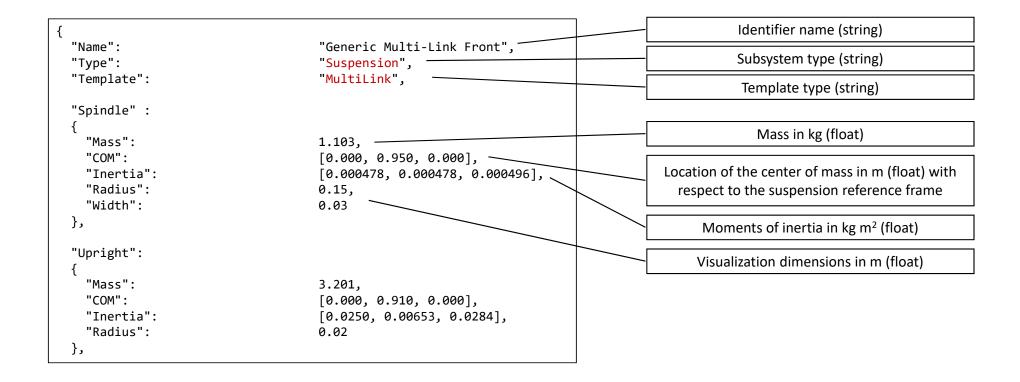








# JSON specification file for multi-link



# JSON specification file for multi-link



```
"Upper Arm":
  "Mass":
                                   4.744,
  "COM":
                                   [-0.014, 0.640, 0.098],
                                   [0.0237, 0.0294, 0.00612],
  "Inertia":
  "Radius":
                                   0.02,
  "Location Chassis Front":
                                   [0.060, 0.547, 0.082],
  "Location Chassis Back":
                                   [-0.157, 0.508, 0.062],
  "Location Upright":
                                   [0.056, 0.864, 0.151]
},
"Lateral":
  "Mass":
                                   1.910,
  "COM":
                                   [0.033, 0.590, -0.113],
                                   [0.0543, 0.0541, 0.000279],
  "Inertia":
  "Radius":
                                   0.02,
  "Location Chassis":
                                   [0.036, 0.338, -0.133],
  "Location Upright":
                                   [0.029, 0.842, -0.093],
  "Universal Joint Axis Link":
                                   [-0.978950, 0.204099, 0.0],
  "Universal Joint Axis Chassis": [-0.021990, -0.105472, 0.994179]
},
"Trailing Link":
  "Mass":
                                   15.204,
  "COM":
                                   [0.279, 0.693, -0.132],
  "Inertia":
                                   [0.0762, 0.527, 0.567],
  "Radius":
                                   0.03,
  "Location Chassis":
                                   [0.723, 0.599, -0.072],
  "Location Upright":
                                   [-0.000, 0.864, -0.156],
  "Universal Joint Axis Link":
                                   [0.0, 0.0, 1.0],
  "Universal Joint Axis Chassis": [-0.272, 0.962, 0.0]
},
```







## JSON specification file for multi-link

```
"Tierod":
  "Location Chassis":
                                   [-0.257, 0.320, -0.116],
  "Location Upright":
                                   [-0.144, 0.862, -0.056]
},
"Spring":
  "Location Chassis":
                                   [0.181, 0.641, 0.110],
  "Location Link":
                                   [0.181, 0.669, -0.164],
  "Spring Coefficient":
                                   167062.000,
  "Free Length":
                                   0.339
},
"Shock":
                                   [0.171, 0.628, 0.315],
  "Location Chassis":
  "Location Link":
                                   [0.181, 0.669, -0.162],
  "Damping Coefficient":
                                   60068.000
},
"Axle":
  "Inertia":
                                   0.166
```







## Support for non-linear spring-damper

- Currently supported by the ChDoubleWishbone and ChMultiLink suspension templates
- Implemented using the Chrono ChLinkSpringCB element which accepts a user-defined functor class

- Default implementation is linear spring-damper
- A concrete, derived class can override the functor class to implement an arbitrary non-linear spring and/or damper
  - Example: HMMWV\_DoubleWishboneFront & HMMWV\_DoubleWishboneRear







# Wheel Subsystem





## Wheel subsystem

- A wheel subsystem does not own a body.
- It is just a container for mass properties and geometric information
- When attached to a suspension subsystem, the wheel's mass properties are used to update those of the spindle body owned by the suspension.
- A concrete wheel subsystem can optionally carry its own visualization assets (which are associated with the suspension's spindle body).

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#### ChWheel base class

Defines the common interface for a wheel subsystem

```
///
/// Base class for a vehicle wheel subsystem.
/// A wheel subsystem does not own a body. Instead, when attached to a suspension
/// subsystem, the wheel's mass properties are used to update those of the
/// spindle body owned by the suspension.
/// A concrete wheel subsystem can optionally carry its own visualization assets
/// (which are associated with the suspension's spindle body).
///
class CH_VEHICLE_API ChWheel : public ChPart
```





## JSON specification file for wheel

```
"Name":
                                "HMMWV Wheel Front-Left",
                                "Wheel",———
"Type":
                                                                            Subsystem type (string)
                                "Wheel", —
"Template":
                                                                            Template type (string)
"Mass":
                                88.39,
"Inertia":
                                [0.113, 0.113, 0.113],
"Visualization":
  "Mesh Filename":
                                "hmmwv/wheel L.obj",
                                "wheel L POV geom",
  "Mesh Name":
  "Radius":
                                0.41,
  "Width":
                                0.254
```







# Brake Subsystem

## CYCKES





### ChBrake base class

- Defines the common interface for any brake subsystem
- All classes defining particular brake templates inherit from ChBrake

```
///
/// Base class for a brake subsystem
///
class CH_VEHICLE_API ChBrake : public ChPart
```







Simple brake

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### ChSimpleBrake

- Simple brake model using a constant torque opposing wheel rotation.
- Uses a speed-dependent torque
- It cannot simulate sticking
- On initialization, it is associated with a revolute joint connecting the spindle body
- Has a single parameter, the maximum braking torque



## JSON specification file for SimpleBrake













## ChSteering base class

- Defines the common interface for any steering subsystem
- All classes defining particular steering templates inherit from ChSteering

```
///
/// Base class for a steering subsystem.
class CH_VEHICLE_API ChSteering : public ChPart
```

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## ChSteering base class members

• A ChSteering has:

std::shared\_ptr<ChBody> m\_link; ///< handle to the main steering link</pre>







## ChSteering base class accessors

- A ChSteering provides access to:
  - Its constituent parts (the steering link body)



## ChSteering base class virtual methods

Initialize the steering subsystem relative to the chassis body

• Update the steering subsystem with data from the driver system



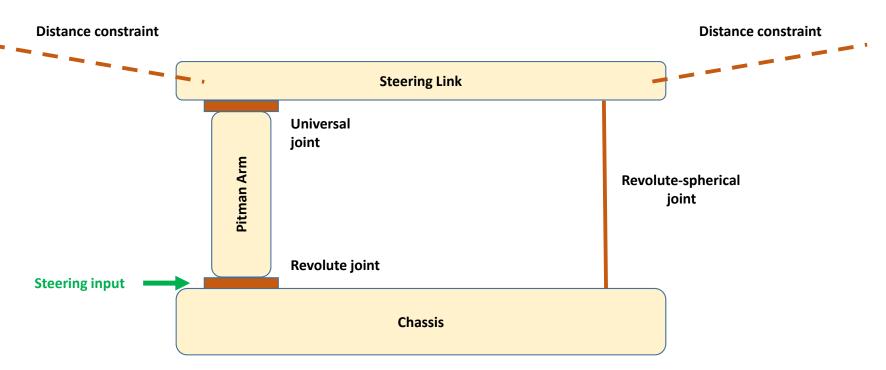




# **Steering Templates**

Pitman Arm

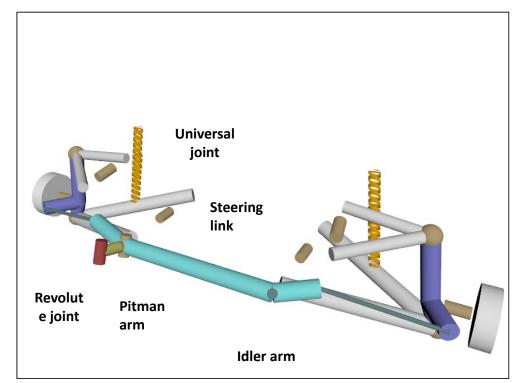


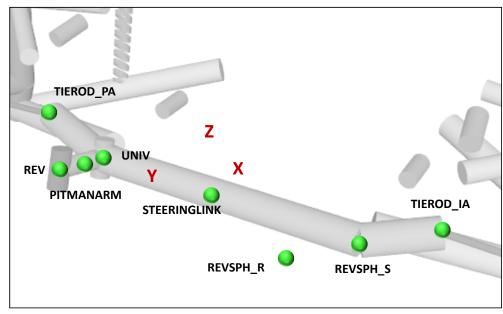












STEERING SUBSYSTEM PARTS

STEERING SUBSYSTEM HARDPOINTS





## JSON specification for Pitman arm

```
Identifier name (string)
"Name":
                                 "HMMWV Pitman Arm Steering",
                                                                                     Subsystem type (string)
"Type":
                                 "Steering",
"Template":
                                 "PitmanArm", _
                                                                                      Template type (string)
"Steering Link":
  "Mass":
                                9.072,
                                [ 0.129, 0, 0],
  "COM":
  "Inertia":
                                [1, 1, 1],
  "Radius":
                                0.03
},
"Pitman Arm":
  "Mass":
                                2.259,
  "COM":
                                [ 0.064, 0.249, 0],
  "Inertia":
                                [1, 1, 1],
  "Radius":
                                0.02
},
```







## JSON specification for Pitman arm

```
"Revolute Joint":
                              [0, 0.249, 0],
   "Location":
   "Direction":
                               [0, 0, 1], —
  "Maximum Angle":
},
 "Universal Joint":
                               [ 0.129, 0.249, 0],
   "Location":
  "Direction Arm":
                               [0, 0, 1],
  "Direction Link":
                               [1, 0, 0]
},
"Revolute-Spherical Joint":
  "Location Chassis":
                              [0, -0.325, 0],
                              [0.129, -0.325, 0],
  "Location Link":
   "Direction":
                               [0, 0, 1]
},
 "Tierod Locations":
   "Pitman Side":
                              [0.195, 0.448, 0.035],
   "Idler Side":
                              [0.195, -0.448, 0.035]
```

Direction of the axis of rotation

Maximum steering angle in degrees (float)



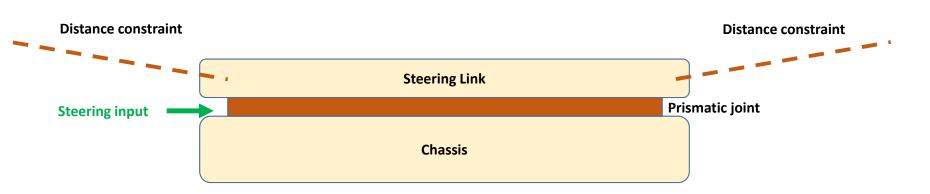




## **Steering Templates**

**Rack Pinion** 

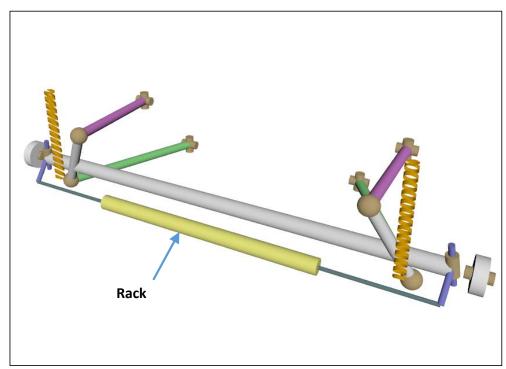












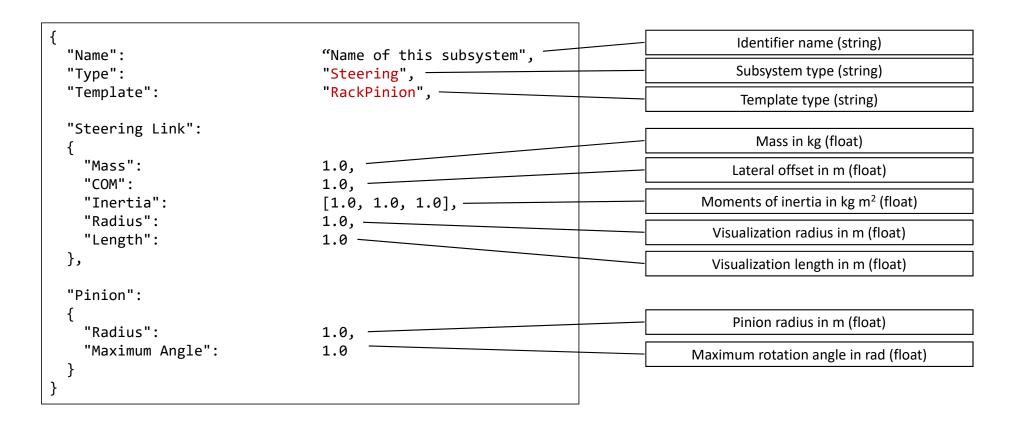
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## JSON specification file for rack-pinion



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## JSON specification file for rack-pinion

- User specifies all values, except those in red
- The reference frame for a rack-pinion steering subsystem is assumed to be aligned with the chassis reference frame and centered at the middle of the steering link
- The rack displacement is obtained as

$$d = r \cdot (\alpha_{max} \cdot s)$$

where r is the pinion radius,  $\alpha_{max}$  is the maximum pinion angle, and s is the steering input ( $s \in [-1,1]$ )







# Antiroll-bar Subsystem





### ChAntirollBar base class

- Defines the common interface for any antiroll-bar subsystem
- All classes defining particular steering templates inherit from ChAntirollBar

```
///
/// Base class for an antiroll-bar subsystem.
class CH_VEHICLE_API ChAntirollBar : public ChPart
```



#### ChAntirollBar base class virtual methods

Initialize the subsystem relative to the chassis body







## Antiroll-bar Templates

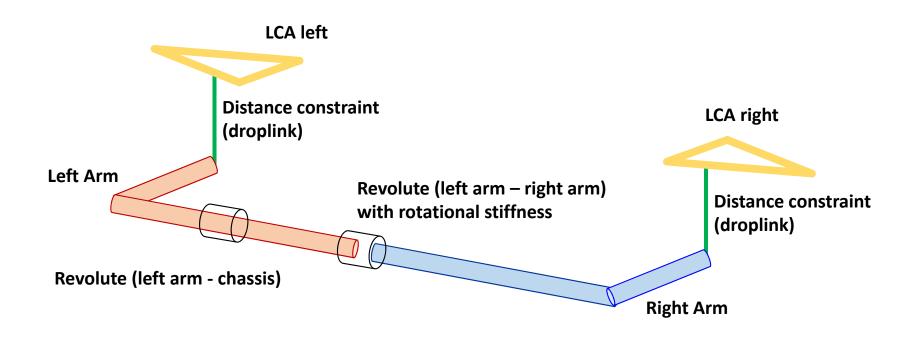
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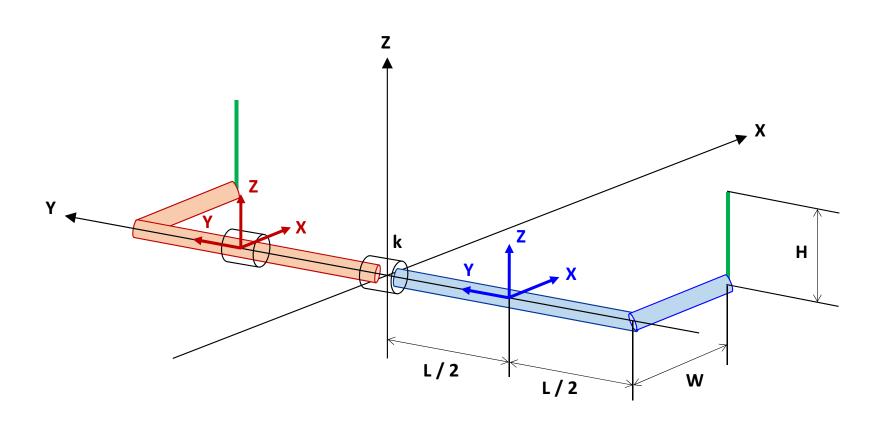


## Simple anti-roll bar (model)



## CHOCK (V)

## Simple anti-roll bar (template parameters)







## Simple anti-roll bar (template parameters)

- Geometric
  - Arm length (L)
  - Arm width (W)
  - Arm radius (r) visualization only
  - Droplink height (H)
- Mass properties
  - Arm mass (m)
  - Arm moments of inertia (Ixx)
- Stiffness
  - Spring coefficient (k)

- Subsystem reference frame (XYZ)
  - Assumed parallel to the chassis reference frame
- Left arm centroidal frame (XYZ) at [0, L/2, 0]
- Right arm centroidal frame (XYZ) at [0, -L/2, 0]





## JSON specification file for RSD antiroll-bar

```
"Name":
                                "Generic RSD Antirollbar",
                                                                                              Subsystem type (string)
                               "Antirollbar", ___
"Type":
"Template":
                               "AntirollBarRSD", ___
                                                                                               Template type (string)
"Arm":
  "Mass":
                               1.0,
  "Inertia":
                               [1, 1, 1],
  "Length":
                               0.70,
  "Width":
                               0.4,
  "Radius":
                               0.02
},
"Droplink":
  "Height":
                               -0.04
},
"RSD":
  "Spring Coefficient":
                                                                                           Spring and damper coefficients
                                1000000,
  "Damping Coefficient":
                                 2000
```







# Driveline Subsystem





### ChDriveline base class

- Defines the common interface for any driveline subsystem
- All classes defining particular driveline templates inherit from ChDriveline

```
/// Base class for a driveline subsystem.
///
class CH_VEHICLE_API ChDriveline : public ChPart
```



#### ChDriveline base class members

• A ChDriveline has:

```
std::shared_ptr<ChShaft> m_driveshaft; //< handle to the shaft connection to the powertrain
std::vector<int> m_driven_axles; ///< indexes of the driven vehicle axles</pre>
```





#### ChDriveline base class accessors and methods

- A ChDriveline provides access to:
  - Its constituent parts (driveshaft)
  - Angular speed of the driveshaft
  - Motor torque to be applied to a given vehicle wheel
- A ChDriveline provides a method to set the (input) torque from the powertrain system (typically invoked by the owning vehicle system)

```
/// Apply the specified motor torque.
/// This represents the input to the driveline subsystem from the powertrain
/// system.
void ApplyDriveshaftTorque(double torque) { m driveshaft->SetAppliedTorque(torque); }
```







#### ChDriveline base class virtual methods

Initialize the driveline and connect it to the specified vehicle axles

```
/// Initialize the driveline subsystem.
/// This function connects this driveline subsystem to the axles of the
/// specified suspension subsystems.
virtual void Initialize(std::shared ptr<ChBody> chassis,
                                                              ///< handle to the chassis body
                        const ChSuspensionList& suspensions, ///< list of all vehicle suspension subsystems</pre>
                        const std::vector<int>& driven axles ///< indexes of the driven vehicle axles</pre>
                        ) = 0;
```

Specify number of driven axles

```
/// Return the number of driven axles.
virtual int GetNumDrivenAxles() const = 0;
```

Set the (output) torque to be applied to the specified wheel

```
/// Get the motor torque to be applied to the specified wheel.
virtual double GetWheelTorque(const ChWheelID& wheel id) const = 0;
```

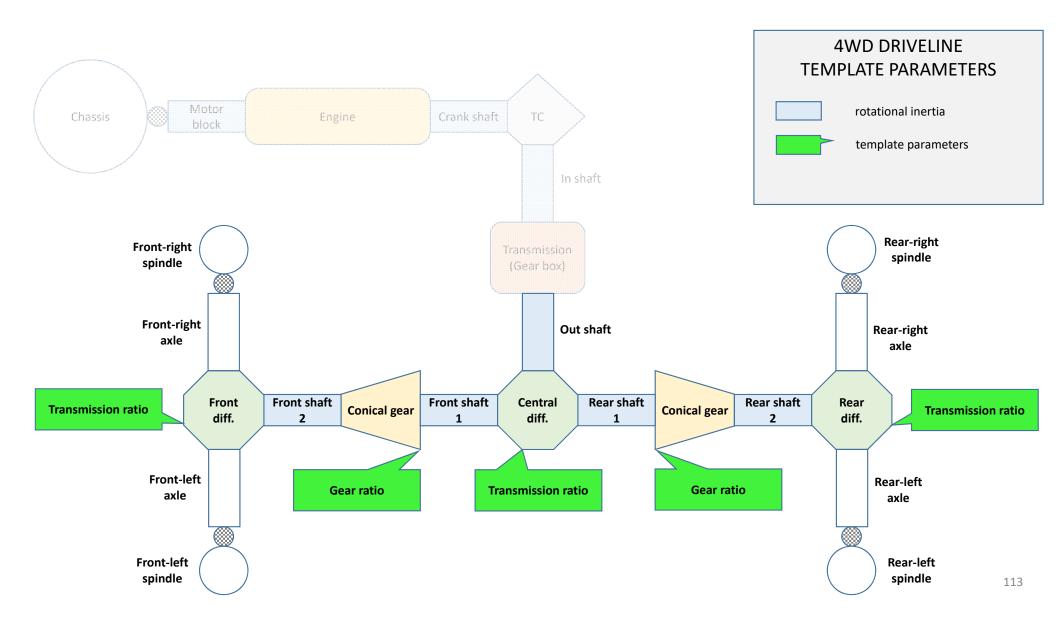






# **Driveline Templates**

ShaftsDriveline4WD









### JSON specification file for ShaftsDriveline4WD

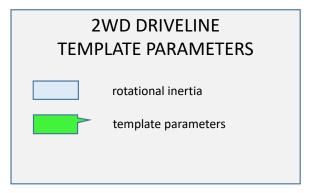
```
"Name":
                               "HMMWV AWD Driveline",
                                                                                                    Subsystem type (string)
                               "Driveline",
"Type":
                               "ShaftsDriveline4WD",
"Template":
                                                                                                     Template type (string)
"Shaft Direction":
                              [1, 0, 0],
  "Motor Block":
  "Axle":
                              [0, 1, 0]
},
"Shaft Inertia":
  "Driveshaft":
                               0.5,
  "Front Driveshaft":
                               0.5,
  "Rear Driveshaft":
                               0.5,
  "Central Differential Box": 0.6,
  "Front Differential Box":
                               0.6,
  "Rear Differential Box":
},
"Gear Ratio":
  "Front Conical Gear":
                               -0.2,
  "Rear Conical Gear":
                               -0.2,
  "Central Differential":
                               -1.0,
  "Front Differential":
                               -1.0,
  "Rear Differential":
                               -1.0
```

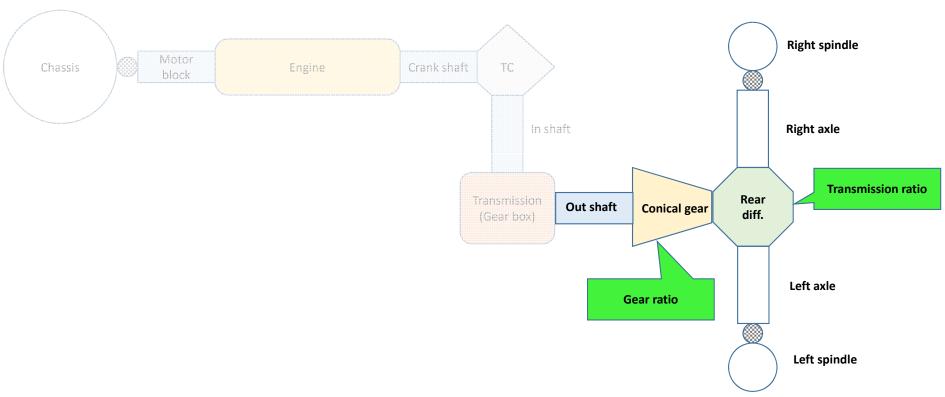






ShaftsDriveline2WD











### JSON specification file for ShaftsDriveline2WD

```
"Name":
                                "HMMWV RWD Driveline",
                                                                                    Subsystem type (string)
"Type":
                                "Driveline", —
"Template":
                                "ShaftsDriveline2WD",
                                                                                    Template type (string)
"Shaft Direction":
  "Motor Block":
                                [1, 0, 0],
  "Axle":
                                [0, 1, 0]
"Shaft Inertia":
  "Driveshaft":
                                0.5,
  "Differential Box":
                                0.6
},
"Gear Ratio":
  "Conical Gear":
                                -0.2,
  "Differential":
                                -1.0
```

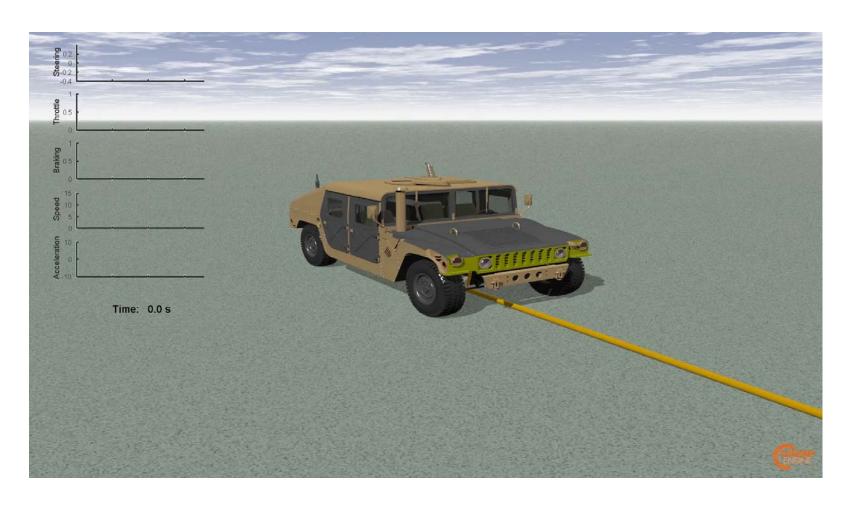






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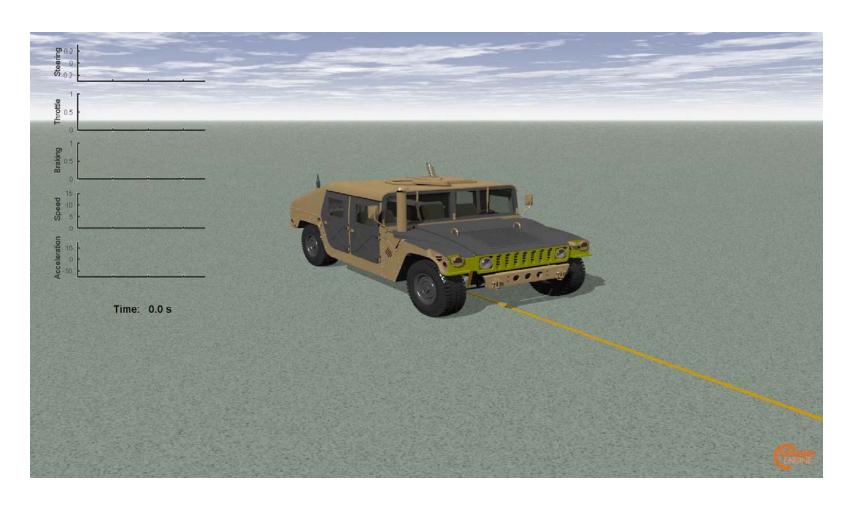
## ISO double lane change







## Acceleration/braking test (Fiala tires)







# Rigid mesh terrain

