# Vehicle Dynamics Library

Topics on vehicle analysis





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# ABOUT VEHICLE DYNAMICS LIBRARY

An environment for the design and analysis of vehicles and vehicular components

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#### Desired characteristics, KPIs

Characteristics based suspension models Extract KPIs Define requirements Parametric multibody





Evaluate specific suspension topologies towards requirements Lumped compliance at hub or individual bushings Generate load cases for part design Wide range of model fidelities

Full fidelity verification



Verify requirements Final design of components Reduced FEA components



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# **Dynamic Maneuver**

Example: Obstacle Avoidance test - Find highest possible initial speed into maneuver without hitting cones



Closed loop driver, path defined in ground model





#### Steady state chassis analysis



Template with quasi-static robot and inputs/outputs to hook up with the steady-state solver in OCT

Handling diagram from ramp steer



Acceleration ramp for brake dive, brake bias



### **Frequency Analysis**

**Dynamic simulation** Run sine frequency sweep on pad positions, analyze output







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### **Frequency Analysis**

#### Linearization

Set up inputs/outputs Linearize system Analyze frequency response





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# **Suspension Analysis**

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Template with inputs and outputs for steady-state solver Solve for steady state (der(\*)=0) in each point

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Accurate solutions in each point, damping effects excluded automatically

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#### Early prototype: Hardpoint optimization

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Optimization using steady-state solver and Scipy.optimize

Make small perturbations around z=0 to get gradients and compare to targets

Adjust hardpoint parameters to get as close as possible to targets

(also force based gradients can be included, to set bushing stiffnesses)

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### Verification

- Evaluate performance with varying parameters
  - Example: Payload, changing c.g. position

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#### Real-time: DIL

Vehicle Dynamics Library is compatible with driving simulators from VI-Grade

Fmus exported from Modelon Impact Cloud are directly compatible with Concurrent iHawk (running RedHawk 7.x)

With templates in VDL, any model (that runs fast enough) can be exported and driven on a VI-grade simulator

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### Bonus: Unconventional vehicles

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