Vehicle Dynamics Models for Driving Simulators

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Agenda

- Introduction to Mechanical Simulation
- Vehicle dynamics simulation software
- Engineering driving simulators
 - Wide range of vehicles, features, capabilities and prices
- Advantages of high-fidelity vehicle model

New automotive technologies

- ADAS compatibility with road systems
- CAMP Vehicle to vehicle and vehicle to infrastructure

Questions

Mechanical Simulation Corporation

Founded in 1996 in Ann Arbor

- Dr. Thomas Gillespie
- Dr. Michaels Sayers
- University of Michigan Transportation Research Institute (UMTRI)
- 40+ years experience in vehicle dynamics and testing

PhDs specializing

- vehicle dynamics
- control theory
- real-time systems

Technical expertise

- vehicle dynamics
- test engineering
- automotive R & D
- racing







Car*Sim*

- Cars, light trucks, SUVs, race cars
- Trailer option
- 15 sample vehicles
- 150+ test examples

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Truck Sim

- Combination vehicles (trucks and trailers)
- Dual tires, multiple axles
- 12 sample truck-traileraxle configurations
- 100+ test examples
- Custom configurations







Bike Sim

- Motorcycle dynamics
- Touring, racing, motocross, and scooters
- 10 sample bikes
- 40+ test examples





Used in over 750 driving simulators worldwide

Engineering Testing Results

Example Animation Example Plots





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Worldwide Customers



- 45+ Car and Truck OEMs
- 60+ Tier 1 and Tier 2 Suppliers
- 200+ Universities, Testing and Research Organizations

70% of Licenses are outside of U.S.

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Global Sales and Technical Support



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Human Factors Driving Simulators

- Research into:
 - Driving behavior
 - Driver performance
 - Drug interactions
 - Design of vehicle controls



University of Michigan



Ford VIRTTEX

FORUM 8 simulator at 2008 ITS WC in NYC

Human Factors Research with city-driving scenarios



Marketing Simulators

- Teach customers about new product features
- ESC electronic stability control
- ACC adaptive cruise control
- LDW lane departure warning
- LKA lane keeping assist (steering intervention)
- CWS collision warning and collision mitigation systems
- BSD blind spot detection

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High-fidelity vehicle model is important in this application



Geely Automotive – "BMBS" Blowout Monitoring Braking System

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CarSim Graphics for Marketing



Engineering Simulators

Designed and built by Mechanical Simulation Used for SIL testing, HIL and

ADAS (new safety systems)





Fixed Base

Motion Base

High-fidelity vehicle models are required in these applications

CarSim DS Proving Ground Facility



Forum8 simulator at 2009 SEMA Show

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CarSim on a proving ground made with UC-win/Road scenario software



Tire Manufacturer R&D Example

Evaluate handling and steering feel of different tire designs



A high-fidelity vehicle model is required in this application

Electronics Influence All Vehicle Dynamics





Advanced Driver Assistance Systems (ADAS)



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Any Chassis System can be "Driven"



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ADAS Safety Development and Testing

78-ton motion platform
15' x 23' enclosed dome
65' x 135' range of motion
360 deg. visual system
CarSim vehicle dynamics





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Driving Simulator System Considerations

Driver environment

- Desktop, Cockpit, Partial Vehicle, Full Vehicle
- Open or closed driver compartment
- Type of steering system, pedals, and shifter
- Number of screens 1, 3, 5, 8+
- Type of visual display monitors or projection system
- Scenario software requirements

Fixed-base or Motion-base

- Space allocation for driving simulator
- Motion platform weight requirements
- Range of motion requirements x, y, z, roll, pitch, yaw
- Type of motion system electric, hydraulic
- Motion hardware 3 DOF, 6 DOF hexapod, 7-8-9 DOF (sliding tracks and rotation)

Budget

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Future Intelligent Transportation Systems

Vehicle communication and safety control systems

V2V - "vehicle to vehicle"

- Severe braking by a vehicle several cars ahead
- Slippery road conditions another vehicle spins out ahead
- Severe curve and speed too fast
- Cross-traffic vehicle is going to intersect your car
- V2I vehicle to infrastructure
- Weather conditions indicate icy road ahead
- Your vehicle is going too fast to stop at a traffic signal
- Cross-road vehicle is going to run a red light

Future vehicle controls

- Many vehicles with V2V, V2I and ADAS systems for "zero" accidents
- Platooning control speed of all vehicles for best traffic flow with minimum fuel usage and emissions

CAMP – crash avoidance metrics partnership



- · Height
- · Time
- · Heading Angle
- · Speed
- · Lateral Acceleration
- · Longitudinal Acceleration · Yaw Rate
- · Headlight Status · Turn Signal Status Traction Control State · Anti-Lock Brake State · Vehicle Length

· Steering Wheel Angle

· Vehicle Width



Publications at: http://www-nrd.nhtsa.dot.gov/pdf/nrd-12/060419-0843/

VSC Message Composition

- One common message supports all safety applications.
- Exchange with neighboring vehicles.
- Send periodically (heartbeat) or eventtriggered.





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