

“Introduction to Multi-physics Simulation with Chrono”
Tutorial Structure

Day 1

Morning: 8:30am – noon

- Overview of the course (20 minutes)
- Overview of Chrono (30 minutes)
 - o Philosophy of Chrono
 - Open source, API driven, Python interface
 - Webpage, information sources, forum
 - Build/test process
 - o Chrono foundation modules
 - o Supported physics: rigid body dynamics, flexible body dynamics, fluid-solid interaction
- Overview of key C++ features needed to work with Chrono (1.5 hour)
- Fundamentals of working in GitHub (20 minutes)
 - o Forking, pull requests, bug/feature requests
- CMake: basic concepts (20 minutes)
- Hands on (30 minutes)
 - o Getting started with Chrono (configuration, build, running demos)

Lunch: 1 hour

Afternoon: 1:00pm – 5:00pm

- Theoretical aspects related to the dynamics of systems of rigid bodies (1.5 hours)
 - o Reference frames
 - o Generalized coordinates
 - o Euler parameters and angular velocities
 - o Principle of virtual work
 - o Constrained equations of motion
- Modeling MBS in Chrono (1 hour)
 - o Rigid bodies and shaft elements
 - o Joints
 - o Force elements (springs, actuators, motion functions)
 - o Validation studies for basic modeling elements
- Visualization (0.5 hours)
 - o Run-time with Irrlicht
 - o Run-time with OpenGL
 - o Off-line rendering with POVRay
 - o Other post-processing support (Gnuplot, Paraview)
- Hands on (1 hour)
 - o Dynamics simulation of a simple slider crank in Chrono

Day 2

Morning: 8:30am – noon

- Handling Frictional Contact in Chrono (1.5 hour)
 - o The complementarity approach, DVI problems
 - o The penalty approach, constitutive material laws
- Collision detection in Chrono (1 hour)
 - o Contact shapes
 - o Geometric information (envelope, margin, radius of curvature)
 - o Algorithms: broadphase + narrowphase
 - o Bullet and GJK

- Custom collision detection and contact processing
- Solution methods (45 mins)
 - Implicit integration (HHT)
 - Semi-implicit Euler for (DVI) frictional contact problems
 - Linear solvers
- Aspects of parallel computing relevant in Chrono (30 mins)
 - GPU
 - Multi-core
 - Distributed memory

Lunch: 1 hour

Afternoon: 1:00pm – 4:30pm

- Chrono::Parallel and granular dynamics (1 hour)
 - Philosophy of Chrono::Parallel; modeling aspects
 - Parallel collision detection
 - Sampling methods for volume filling
 - Creation of models containing granular material
 - Validation studies
- Hands on (2.5 hours)
 - Handling of friction and contact in Chrono: slider crank mechanism, revisited

Day 3

Morning: 8:30am – noon

- Chrono::FEA theoretical concepts (2 hours)
 - Overview of ANCF
 - Overview of co-rotational implementation
 - Contact with FEA meshes
 - Point cloud vs. contact surfaces
 - Mesh-rigid and mesh-mesh
 - Overview of validation studies
- Hands on, Chrono::FEA (1.5 hours)
 - Example with beam elements
 - Simple example
 - Cables colliding with a rigid obstacle
 - Example with shell elements
 - Simple example

Lunch: 1 hour

Afternoon: 1:00pm – 4:30pm

- Chrono::Vehicle Tutorial (2 hours)
 - Vehicle types and topologies
 - Templated-based design, JSON support
 - Terrain models (Rigid, Soft Contact Model-SCM, FEA)
 - Powertrain models
 - Driver models
 - Chrono::Vehicle visualization
- Hands-on (1.5 hours)
 - Description of various demos and test programs
 - Extracting output, off-line visualization

Day 4

Morning: 8:30am – noon

- Chrono::Vehicle Wheeled Vehicles (1.5 hours)
 - o Tire models
 - Rigid, LuGre, Fiala, Pacejka
 - FEA (ANCF and co-rotational)
 - o Subsystems
 - Templates and JSON specification
 - o Simulation samples
- Hands-on wheeled vehicles (2 hours)
 - o TBD

Lunch: 60 mins

Afternoon: 1:00pm – 4:30pm

- Chrono::Vehicle Tracked Vehicles (1.5 hours)
 - o Subsystems
 - Track assembly
 - Templates and JSON specification
 - o Sprocket-track contact
 - Custom collision callbacks
 - o Simulation samples
- Hands on tracked vehicles (2 hours)
 - o TBD

Day 5

Morning: 8:30am – noon

- Chrono::Vehicle Interoperability (1 hour)
 - o Chrono::Vehicle + Chrono::Parallel examples
 - o Co-simulation support using MPI
- Other Chrono features (0.5 hours)
 - o Interfacing to MATLAB/Simulink
 - o Interface to SolidWorks
- Support for fluid dynamics and MPM in Chrono (1 hour)
 - o Overview of Smoothed Particle Hydrodynamics
 - o Support for Fluid-Solid Interaction support in Chrono
 - o Validation studies
 - o Material Point Method Support
- Chrono, looking ahead (0.5 hours)
 - o Autonomous vehicle support
 - o Ogre transition
- Feedback, course evaluation, wrap up (0.5 hours)

Lunch: 60 mins

Afternoon: 1:00pm – 4:30pm

- No afternoon session