Siconos

An opensource software platform for the modeling, the simulation and the control of nonsmooth mechanical and electrical systems

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Introduction

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What is a Non Smooth Dynamical System (NSDS) ?



What is a Non Smooth Dynamical System (NSDS) ?

A NSDS is a dynamical system characterized by two correlated features:

- a non smooth evolution with the respect to time:
 - Jumps in the state and/or in its derivatives w.r.t. time
 - Generalized solutions (distributions)
- \blacktriangleright a set of non smooth laws (Generalized equations, inclusions) constraining the state x

NSDS are a special class of Hybrid Systems coupling:

- A set of continuous dynamical systems (modes)
- ► A set of discrete rules governing the mode selection.



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Non Smooth modeling vs. General Hybrid Modeling

NSDS: a special class of Hybrid Systems, but

A NSDS is a special class of Hybrid Systems with

- a strong mathematical structure
- well-posedness results (existence, uniqueness, continuity with the respect to data)
- Efficient simulation tools

Two examples

- Use of mathematical programming (Optimization) formulations and techniques (LCP, QP)
 - Better than enumerative algorithm for conditional statement
 - polynomial complexity for well-posed physical systems.
- Use of specific time-stepping schemes without explicit event handling.
 - Better than Event-driven strategies for a huge number of discrete events.
 - Ability to handle functions of bounded variations (finite accumulations of discontinuities.)
 - Definition of global solutions in the space of distributions.

Typical examples

- Differential inclusions & variational inequalities
- Mechanical systems with unilateral contact, Coulomb's Friction and impacts
- Complementarity systems
- Optimal control with state constraints
- Sliding Mode Control

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Application fields

- Non-smooth Mechanical systems
- Non smooth Electrical Circuits
- MEMS and NEMS
- Computer Graphics, Virtual Reality and Haptic systems
- Genetic regulatory networks
- Macro-economic dynamical model

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Typical examples



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Mixed complementarity systems

$$\begin{cases} M\dot{x} = f(x,t) + g(x,\lambda,t), & x \in \mathbb{R}^{n}, \lambda \in \mathbb{R}^{m} \\ y = h(x,\lambda,t) \\ -y \in N_{K}(\lambda) \end{cases}$$
(2)

with $K = \prod_i [l_i, u_i]$ and M may singular. (The relative degree is assumed to be less than 1)

Applications

Electrical networks

Simulation, modeling and control of electrical networks with idealized components (diodes, transistors, switch, ...)



DC-DC Boost Converter with Sliding mode control



Lagrangian systems with unilateral contact and Coulomb's friction

Lagrangian dynamical systems

$$M(q)\ddot{q} + Q(\dot{q},q) + F(\dot{q},q,t) = F_{e\times t}(t) + R$$

- ▶ $q \in \mathbb{R}^n$: generalized coordinates vector.
- $M \in {\rm I\!R}^{n \times n}$: the inertia matrix
- $Q(\dot{q}, q)$: The non linear inertial term (Coriolis)
- $F(\dot{q}, q, t)$: the internal forces
- $F_{ext}(t) : \mathbb{R} \mapsto \mathbb{R}^n$: given external load,
- $R \in \mathbb{R}^n$ is the force due the non smooth law.

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Kinematic linear relations

 Kinematic laws from the generalized coordinates to the local coordinates at contact.

$$y = H^T q + b, \dot{y} = H^T \dot{q}$$

Mapping H: Restriction mapping composed with a change of frame

By duality,

$$R = H\lambda$$

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Unilateral contact :

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(Newton) Impact law, if necessary, e coefficient of restitution

$$\dot{y}_{\boldsymbol{n}}(t^+) = -e\dot{y}_{\boldsymbol{n}}(t^-)$$

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Lagrangian dynamical systems with unilateral constraints and friction

Mechanical systems with contact, impact and friction

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Multi-body systems : Simulation of electrical circuit breakers



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Robotic and Haptic systems



Biped Robot INRIA BIPOP



Aldebaran Robotics NAO

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Simulation of the ExoMars Rover (INRIA/Trasys Space/ESA)

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Mechanics of Solids and Structures



FEM cohesive zone modeling of composite. Contact, friction cohesion, etc... Joint work with Y. Monerie, IRSN.

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Mechanics of Solids and Structures



Dam made of blocks (Saladyn project)



Simulation: Code_Aster + Siconos +LMGC90

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Mechanical systems with contact, impact and friction Mechanics of Solids and Structures. Masonry.



La tour Saint Laurent du palais des Papes à Avignon

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Mechanical systems with contact, impact and friction



Photogrammetric survey and mesh generation $\langle \Box \rangle \langle \overline{C} \rangle \langle \overline{c}$

Mechanics of Solids and Structures. Masonry



Mechanical stress computation

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Granular matter



Stack of beads with perturbation

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Lagrangian dynamical systems with unilateral constraints and friction



Figure: Illustrations of the FClib test problems

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A first application at INRIA Chile. Mining industries

Simulation of granular flows



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- Simulation and analysis of granular rock flows.
- Optimization of block caving techniques
 - Role of the preconditioning
 - Fracture processes.

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Sliding Mode Control

Academic example

$$\dot{x} = -\operatorname{sgn}(x) \tag{3}$$

Chattering-free stabilization

$$\dot{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & -c_1 \end{bmatrix} x - \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ \alpha \end{bmatrix} \operatorname{sgn}(\begin{bmatrix} c_1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} x).$$
(4)

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Difference between explicit and implicit time integration



Figure: Equivalent control based SMC, $c_1 = 1, \alpha = 1$ and $x_0 = [0, 2.21]^T$. State $x_1(t)$ versus $x_2(t)$.

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Matlab/Simulink – Scilab/Scicos

Scilab/Scicos. METALAU project.

- Simulink (Scilab) is a graphical dynamical system modelers and simulator toolbox included in the Matlab (Scilab) engineering and scientific computation software.
- Block diagrams editor to model and simulate the dynamics of hybrid dynamical systems and compile your models into executable code.
- New extensions allow generation of component based modeling of electrical and hydraulic circuits using the Modelica language for scilab.

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Modelica

Modelica

The object-oriented modeling language Modelica is designed to allow convenient, component-oriented modeling of complex physical systems, e.g., systems containing mechanical, electrical, electronic, hydraulic, thermal, control, electric power or process-oriented subcomponents

Modelica compiler and Simulator

- Scicos
- OpenDymola
- Dymola (Dynasim/Dassault Systems)

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Simulation challenges for hybrid systems

Simulation approach in Hybrid dynamical system modeler

- Loose coupling between a continuous dynamical simulator (ODE or DAE solvers) and a discrete event simulator
- Event–Driven approach with only external events
- Complex combinatorics to decide the right mode after an event.
- Huge problems of scalability.

Difficulties

- High number of events
- Sliding modes control
- Nonsmooth events due to the lack of regularity in models.
- Difficulties in finding consistent initial conditions

Siconos and some hybrid systems

Hybrid systems issued form a physical modeling

A lot of hybrid systems are issued form a physical modeling: Main part of the system are only "fake" logical dynamics.

- Such systems can be formulated as nonsmooth dynamical systems (Friction, Relay, diode, . . .)
- ▶ We take benefits from the nonsmooth approach to better simulate these systems.
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Original Motivations

Context

The Siconos Platform is one of the main outcome of the Siconos EU project.

Goal: Modeling, simulation, analysis and control of NSDS

There is no other general, common and open software suitable for the modeling and the simulation all of these $\ensuremath{\mathsf{NSDS}}$

Constraints

- various modeling habits and formulations
- various application fields
- various mathematical and numerical tools

Links and interfaces with existing software

- Matlab or Scilab dedicated user toolbox
- ▶ Low-level numerical libraries (BLAS, LAPACK, ODEPACK,...)
- Simulation tools for a given application field:
 - Scicos, Simulink
 - FEM and DEM Software (LMGC90, Aster, ...)
 - Hybrid modeling Language (Modelica, ...)

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Some figures

- 2003. Beginning of the project
- Around 100000 lines of Open-source code in C++, C, Fortran, Python (GPL Licence)
- two APP deposits.
- Around 30 users and contributors
- Human efforts for design and development

	person/year	type	funds
	3	Software Engineers	SICONOS
	3	Expert Engineers	SICONOS
	2	Researcher	INRIA
	1	PHD thesis	SICONOS
Total	9		

Human efforts for application and validation

	person/year	type	funds
	3	Expert Engineer	INRIA
	0,5	Expert Engineer	ANR VAL-AMS
	0.5	PHD thesis	UJF
	1	Post Doc	INRIA
Total	5		

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Architecture and Design

Numerical simulation Kernel for various modelers:



Architecture and Design

Siconos Modules



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Architecture and Design

SICONOS/Numerics library

- API C
- Shared dynamic library.
- Scilab and Matlab interfaces (Obsolete).

SICONOS/Kernel library

- ► API C++: Shared dynamic library in other modeling environment.
- ► API C++: Compiled command files with high level methods (C++ Constructors and/or XML file data loading.)
- API C : Shared dynamic library in low-level environment.

SICONOS/Frond-End

- API Python: Interactive environment (SWIG wrapping).
- API C: Scilab and Matlab interface (Obsolete).

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Architecture and Design Majors functionnalities and modules

SICONOS KERNEL CONTROL UTILS MODEL INPUT-OUTPUT NUMERICS MODELING SIMULATION (XML) PLUG-IN

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Software quality

Substantial effort for a high quality software

- Work in collaboration with SED from the beginning of the project
- Use of the ESA standards for the software quality method

Extensive Software Documentation

- 1. Project overview
- 2. Project proposal
- 3. Software Requirements Specification
 - Functional and non functional requirements
 - Feature set by functionalities and by release and priority
 - Use cases
- 4. Architectural and Detailed design
 - Description of components
 - Software development methodology
- 5. Quality assurance plan
 - Project management plan (Organization, Work Breakdown structure, Tasks, Milestones)
 - Configuration Management plan
 - Verification and Validation plan

Siconos/Numerics

Independent collection of solvers in C for standard nonsmooth problem :

- LCP/MLCP/Relay
 - Lemke's method, PSOR, PGS, Enumerative (based on simplex), Semismooth newton, ...
- MCP/VI
 - projection/splitting methods, interface to PATH solver, semismooth Newton based on fischer-Burmeister formulation.
- FrictionContact
 - Nonsmooth newton (Alart-Curnier, Christensen et al.), PGS with local solvers, Extragradient, hyperplane, projection/splitting methods, optimization based on Tresca's formulation, ...
- QP
- ODE/DAE integrators:
 - Lsode suite with LSODAR (Hindmarsh, Alan C., (LLNL))
 - HEM5 DAE solver (Hairer, Ernst, Université de Genève)

Modeling Principle:



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Kernel Modeling Part

A Nonsmooth Dynamical System :

a directed graph of Dynamical systems and Interactions

- **DynamicalSystem**: a set of ODEs
- Interaction: a set of input/output relations and a non-smooth law



Kernel Modeling Part

A Nonsmooth Dynamical System :

a directed graph of Dynamical systems and Interactions

- DynamicalSystem: a set of ODEs
- Interaction: a set of input/output relations and a non-smooth law
- Topology: A directed graph that links the dynamical systems with the Interaction and that handles relative degrees, index sets ...



Kernel Modeling Part

Simplified Modeling Tools class diagram:



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Dynamical Systems in Siconos/Kernel



▶ Parent Class **DynamicalSystem** $g(\dot{x}, x, t, z) = 0$

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Dynamical Systems in Siconos/Kernel



- Parent Class DynamicalSystem $g(\dot{x}, x, t, z) = 0$
 - FirstOrderNonLinearDS Linear Dynamical Systems

$$M\dot{x} = f(x, t, z) + r$$

FirstOrderLinearDS Linear Dynamical Systems

$$M\dot{x} = A(t, z)x + b(t, z) + r$$

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Dynamical Systems in Siconos/Kernel



- ▶ Parent Class DynamicalSystem $g(\dot{x}, x, t, z) = 0$
- Derived Classes
 - LagrangianDS Lagrangian Dynamical Systems

 $M(q)\ddot{q} + NNL(q, \dot{q}) + F_{int}(\dot{q}, q, t) = F_{ext}(t) + T(q)u(q, t) + p$

LagrangianLinearTIDS Lagrangian Linear Time Invariant Systems

$$M\ddot{q} + C\dot{q} + Kq = F_{ext}(t) + Tu(t) + p$$

NewtonEulerDS Newton/Euler Systems

Note: all operators (f(x, t), M(q), ...) can be set either as matrices (when constant) or with a user-defined external function (plug-in).

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Relations



▶ Parent Class Relation $y = h(x, t, \lambda, z), r = g(\lambda, t, x, z)$

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Relations



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FirstOrderLinearTIR First Order LTI Relation

$$y = Cx + Fu + D\lambda + e, \quad r = B\lambda$$

LagrangianR Lagrangian Relation

$$\dot{y} = H(q, t, \ldots)\dot{q}, \quad p = H^t(q, t, \ldots)\lambda$$

LagrangianLinearR Lagrangian Linear Relation

$$\dot{y} = H\dot{q} + b$$
, $p = H^t\lambda$

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Non Smooth laws



- Parent Class NonSmoothLaw
- Derived Classes
 - ComplementarityConditionNSL Complementarity condition or unilateral contact

$$0 \leqslant y \perp \lambda \geqslant 0$$

Relay condition.

$$\left\{ egin{array}{l} \dot{y} = 0, |\lambda| \leqslant 1 \ \dot{y}
eq 0, \lambda = \operatorname{sign}(y) \end{array}
ight.$$

NewtonImpactLawNSL Newton impact Law.

if
$$y(t) = 0$$
, $0 \leq \dot{y}(t^+) + e\dot{y}(t^-) \perp \lambda \geq 0$

NewtonImpactFrictionNSL Newton impact and Friction (Coulomb) Law.

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```
1 \pm 0 = 0 # start time
_2 T = 10 # end time
3 h = 0.005 # time step
4 \mathbf{r} = 0.1  # ball radius
5 g = 9.81 \# qravity
6 m = 1  # ball mass
7 e = 0.9 # restitution coeficient
s theta = 0.5 \# theta scheme
9 #
10 # dynamical system
11 #
12 \mathbf{x} = [1,0,0] \# initial position
13 \mathbf{v} = [0,0,0] \# initial velocity
14 mass = eve(3) # mass matrix
15 mass[2,2]=3./5 * r * r
16 # the dynamical system
17 ball = LagrangianLinearTIDS(x, v, mass)
18
19 # set external forces
20 \text{ weight} = [-m * g, 0, 0]
21 ball.setFExtPtr(weight)
```

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```
# Interactions
2
  #
3 # ball-floor
_{4} H = [[1,0,0]]
5 nslaw = NewtonImpactNSL(e)
6 relation = LagrangianLinearTIR(H)
7 inter = Interaction(1, nslaw, relation)
8
  #
9
  # Model
10
   #
11
12
  bouncingBall = Model(t0,T)
13
  # add the dynamical system to the non smooth dynamical system
14
  bouncingBall.nonSmoothDynamicalSystem().insertDynamicalSystem(ball)
15
16
  # link the interaction and the dynamical system
17
18 bouncingBall.nonSmoothDynamicalSystem().link(inter,ball);
```

Kernel Simulation Part

Simplified Modeling Tools class diagram:



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OneStepIntegrator:

- Moreau: Moreau–Jean Time-stepping integrator
- ► SchatzmanPaoli: Schatzman–Paoli Time-stepping integrator
- **D1MinusLinear**: Time–Discontinuous Galerkin method.
- Lsodar: Numerical integration scheme based on the Livermore Solver for Ordinary Differential Equations with root finding.
- ▶ HEM5: Half-explicit method of Brasey & Hairer for index-2 mechanical systems.

OnestepNSproblem: Numerical one step non smooth problem formulation and solver.

LCP Linear Complementarity Problem

$$\begin{cases} w = Mz + q \\ 0 \leqslant w \perp z \geqslant 0 \end{cases}$$

- FrictionContact Two(three)-dimensional contact friction problem
- QP Quadratic programming problem

$$\begin{cases} \min \frac{1}{2} z^T Q z + z^T p \\ z \ge 0 \end{cases}$$

► Relay

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```
# (1) OneStepIntegrators
1
2 OSI = Moreau(theta)
3 OSI.insertDynamicalSystem(ball)
4
  # (2) Time discretisation --
5
  t = TimeDiscretisation(t0.h)
7
  # (3) one step non smooth problem
8
  osnspb = LCP()
9
10
  # (4) Simulation setup with (1) (2) (3)
11
  s = TimeStepping(t)
12
13 s.insertIntegrator(OSI)
14 s.insertNonSmoothProblem(osnspb)
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└─ The Siconos Platform └─ Siconos/Kernel Simulation

1	#
2	# computation
3	#
4	# simulation initialization
5	<pre>bouncingBall.initialize(s)</pre>
6	# time loop
7	<pre>while(s.nextTime() < T):</pre>
8	<pre>s.computeOneStep()</pre>
9	s.nextStep()
10	<pre>print s.nextTime()</pre>

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Model: Lagrangian Linear Time Invariant Dynamical Systems with Lagrangian Linear Relations, Newton Impact Law.

Simulation: Moreau's Time Stepping or Event Driven.

Bouncing Ball

Beads column





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A 4 diodes bridge wave rectifier.

Model: Linear Dynamical System with Linear Relations, Complementarity Condition Non Smooth Law.

Simulation: Moreau's Time Stepping



Comparison between the SICONOS Platform (Non Smooth LCS model) and SPICE simulator (Smooth Diode model).

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Woodpecker toy (sample from Michael Moeller (CR10))

Model: Lagrangian Linear Dynamical System, Lagrangian Linear Relations, Newton impact-friction law.

Simulation: Moreau's Time Stepping





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A Robotic Arm (Pa10)

Model: Lagrangian Non Linear Dynamical System with Lagrangian Non Linear Relations, Newton impact. *Simulation:* Moreau's Time Stepping



Proximity detection

- threshold bounding box
- spatial hashing of the bounding box



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Siconos internal graphs

- dynamical systems as nodes, interactions as edges
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Figure: adjoint graph construction

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Newton Euler Formalism

Dynamical system of a rigid body

$$q = (x_G, Q)^T,$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} M\dot{v}_G \\ I\Omega + \Omega \times I\Omega \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} F_{ext}(t, q, \Omega, v_G) \\ M_{ext}(t, q, \Omega, v_G) \end{pmatrix} + R,$$

$$v_G = \dot{x}_G,$$

$$\dot{q} = T(q)(v_G, \Omega)^T$$

- $q \in \mathbb{R}^7$: absolute coordinates vector.
- ▶ $x_G \in \mathbb{R}^3$: coordinates of the center of mass.
- ▶ $Q \in \mathbb{R}^4$: unit quaternion representing the absolute orientation.
- $\Omega \in \mathbb{R}^3$: angular speed vector relative to the solid.
- $M = mI_{3\times 3}$: mass matrix.
- $I \in \mathbb{R}^{3 \times 3}$: inertia matrix.
- $F_{ext}(t, q, \Omega, v_G) : \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}^7 \times \mathbb{R}^3 \times \mathbb{R}^3 \mapsto \mathbb{R}^6$: given external forces,
- $M_{ext}(t, q, \Omega, \nu_G) : \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}^7 \times \mathbb{R}^3 \times \mathbb{R}^3 \mapsto \mathbb{R}^6$: given external moments,
- $R \in \mathbb{R}^6$ is the force due the non smooth law.
- ▶ $T(q) \in \mathbb{R}^{6 \times 7}$

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Constraints between two rigid bodies

$$y = h(q_1, q_2)$$
$$\dot{y} = \nabla_q h^T(q) \begin{pmatrix} T(q_1) & 0\\ 0 & T(q_2) \end{pmatrix} (v_{1G}, \Omega_1, v_{2G}, \Omega_2)^T$$

with the contact law

- y = 0 in the case of a joint.
- ▶ $0 \leq y \perp \lambda \ge 0$ in the case of an unilateral constraint.
- NonSmoothLaw (y, λ) in more general case

The reaction force R

$$R = \begin{pmatrix} T(q_1)^T & 0\\ 0 & T(q_2)^T \end{pmatrix} \nabla_q h(q) \lambda$$

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Coupling with the 3D modeling library, Open CASCADE.



Figure: Parts of a Circuit breakers (Schneider Electric).

Open CASCADE provides the following features:

- ▶ To load a mechanism from CAD files (step, iges...).
- ► To compute the geometrical informations needed by the Nonsmoothlaw.

It allows to simulate industrial mechanisms using the Siconos technology

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Circuit breakers example.



Figure: Modeling of a Circuit breakers using SICONOS and Open CASCADE.

The matrices of mass and the geometrical informations are computed from the geometrical model.

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Help and Documentation

- Doxygen tools for automatic documentation in Numerics and Kernel
- Users, developers and theoretical manuals (in progress ...)
- ▶ Web pages, Bug tracker, forum ... on Gforge.
- Examples library as templates (more than 60 simple examples).

Diffusion

- ▶ The SICONOS platform is distributed under GPL licence.
- Visit the Gforge Web site for
 - Documentations
 - Mailing lists
 - Downloads
 - Bug tracker
 - Contributing, ...

http://gforge.inria.fr/projects/siconos/