

# ArtiSynth Tutorial

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# Program

14:00 Welcome and introductions

14:10 ArtiSynth overview (John Lloyd)

14:30 Model building tutorial

- \* John Lloyd: Basic mechanical models
- \* Ian Stavness: Simulation control
- \* Antonio Sanchez: Adding FEM models

15:40 Break

16:00 Short presentations by other developers

16:20 General questions and feedback

16:50 Breakout sessions

- \* Help with installing and compiling
- \* Getting your model into ArtiSynth
- \* Specific project questions

# ArtiSynth: A Toolkit Combining MultiBody and Finite Element Simulation

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# ArtiSynth



*An open source system for mechanical simulation combining multibody and FEM capabilities*

*Targeted at applications in biomechanics, physiology, medicine, and dentistry*

*Possible applications: treatment planning and prediction, ergonomic design*

# Motivations

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- Hard to find all required features in current systems
- Ability to implement and test new techniques
- Need for interactivity

*Written in Java, using JNI to OpenGL and linear solvers (Pardiso); can call from Matlab*

*Java API for model creation, used to generate most of the models (biomechanical engineers)*

*Graphical interface for interactive editing, simulation, and observation (scientists, clinicians)*

# ArtiSynth Demo Reel

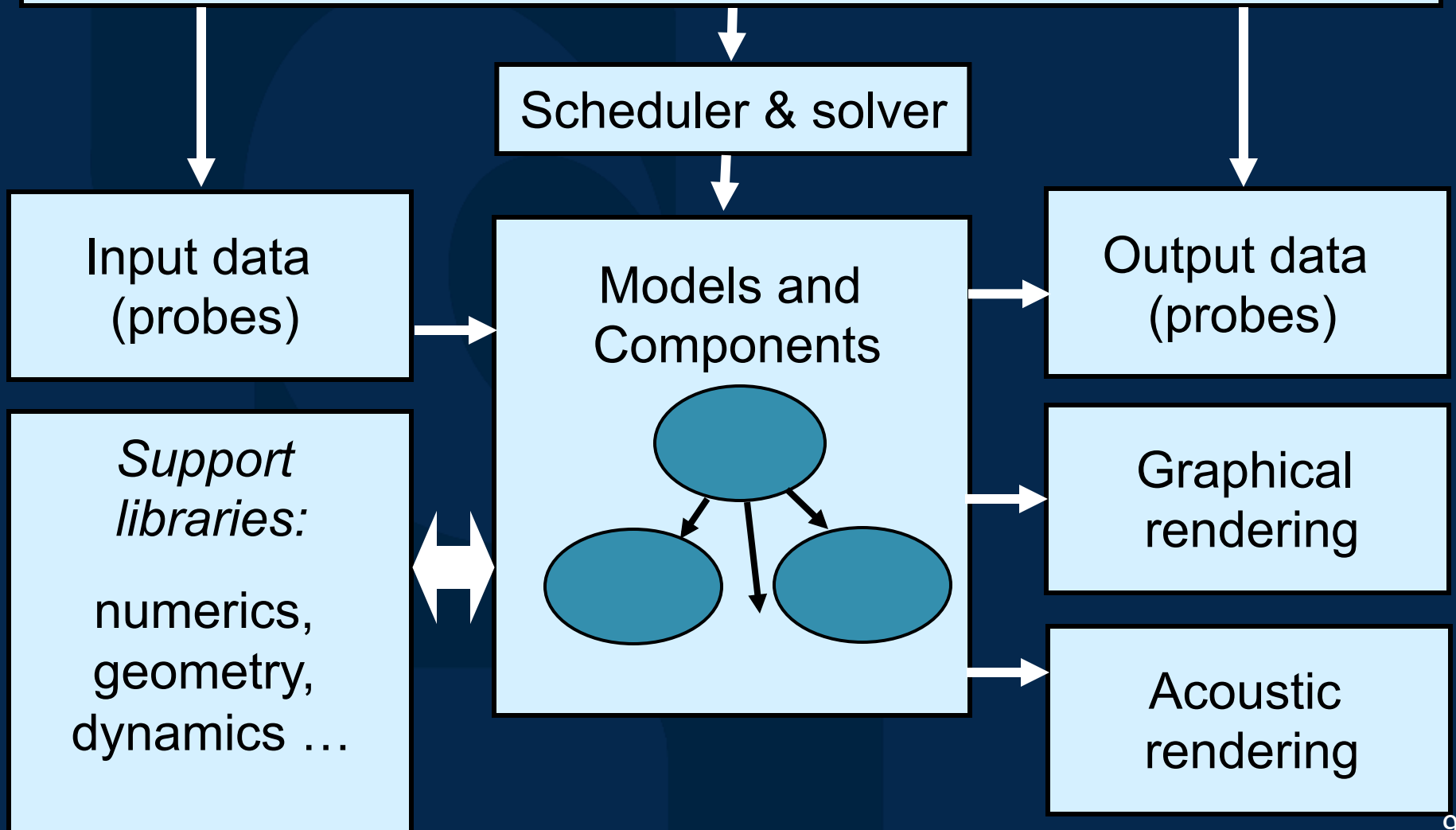
[www.artisynth.org](http://www.artisynth.org)

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# System structure



# *GUI and Timeline Interface*



# Model Component Hierarchy

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- RootModel v
  - models v
    - MechModel v
      - particles >
      - springs >
      - rigidBodies >
      - rigidBodyConnectors >
      - ...
    - inputProbes >
    - controllers >
    - monitors >
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    - controlPanels >

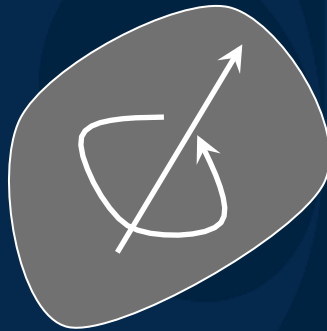
# Mechanical components

## Dynamic components

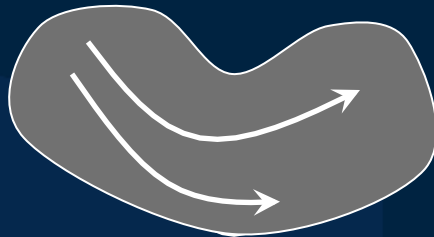
particles (3  
DOF)



rigid bodies  
(6 DOF)



reduced  
coordinates  
( $r$  DOF)

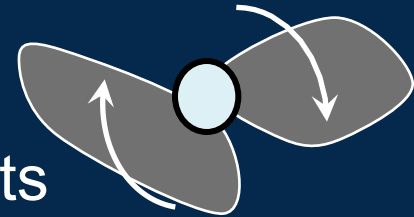


## Force effectors

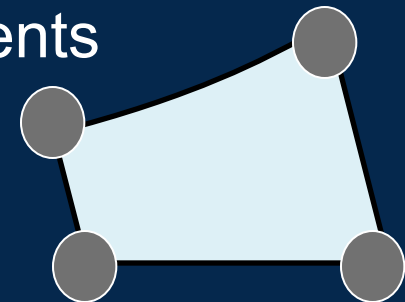
axial springs



constraints

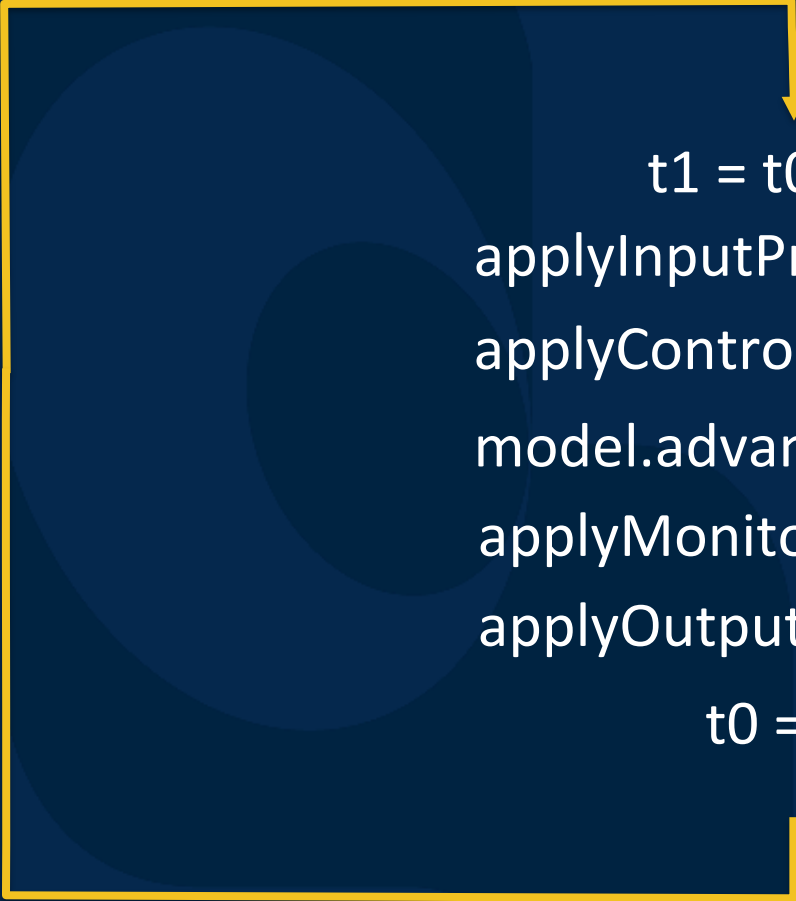


finite elements



# Per-step model advancement

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```
t1 = t0 + h;  
applyInputProbes (model, t1);  
applyControllers (model, t0, t1);  
model.advance (t0, t1);  
applyMonitors (model, t0, t1);  
applyOutputProbes (model, t1);  
t0 = t1;
```

# Properties

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Components can have class-specific *properties*:

## Particle

*mass*  
*position*  
*velocity*

## AxialSpring

*stiffness*  
*damping*  
*restLength*

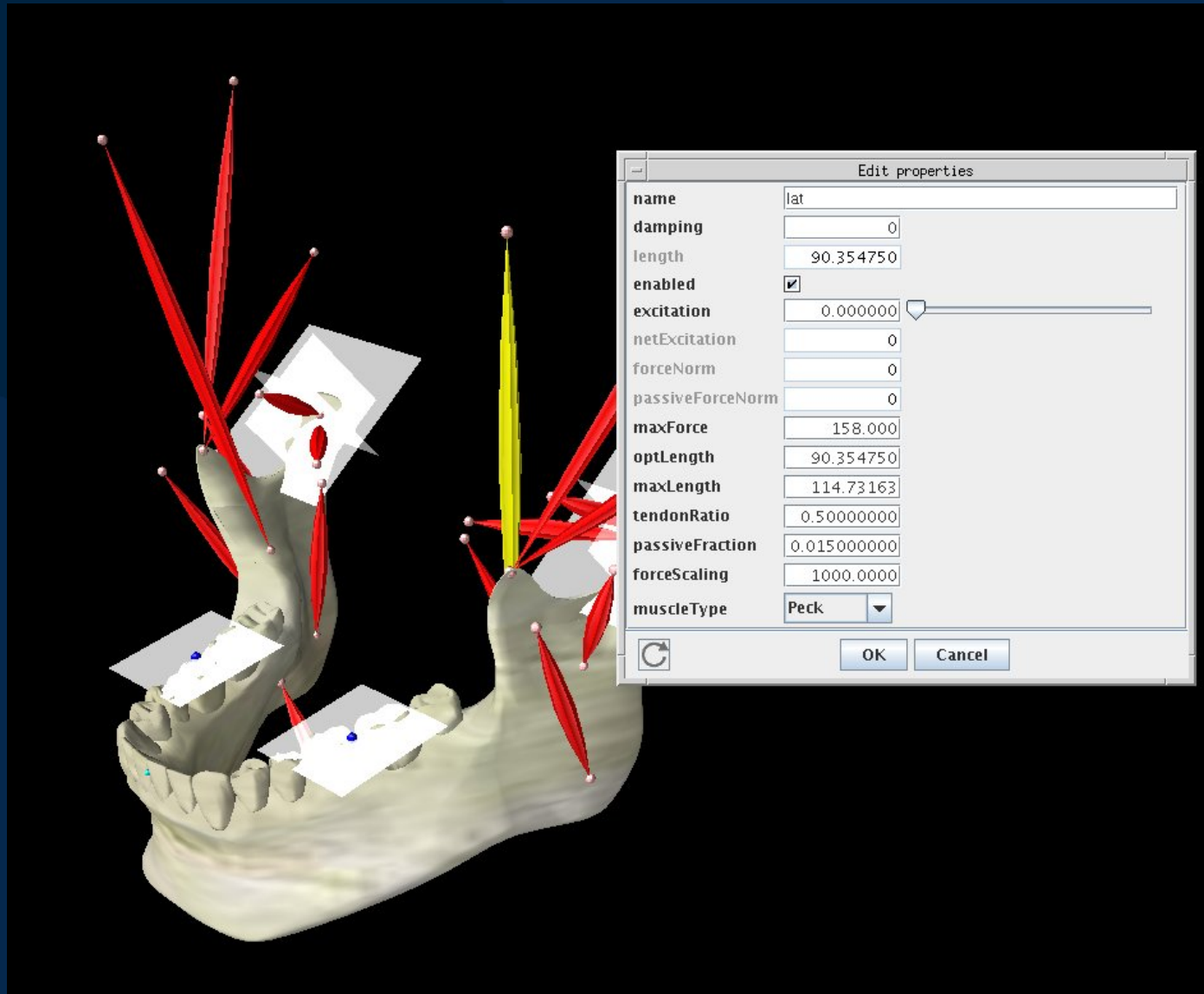
# Properties exported in class definition

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```
static {  
    myProps.add ("mass", "particle mass", 1);  
}  
  
public double getMass() {  
    return myMass;  
}  
  
public void setMass(double m) {  
    myMass = m;  
}
```

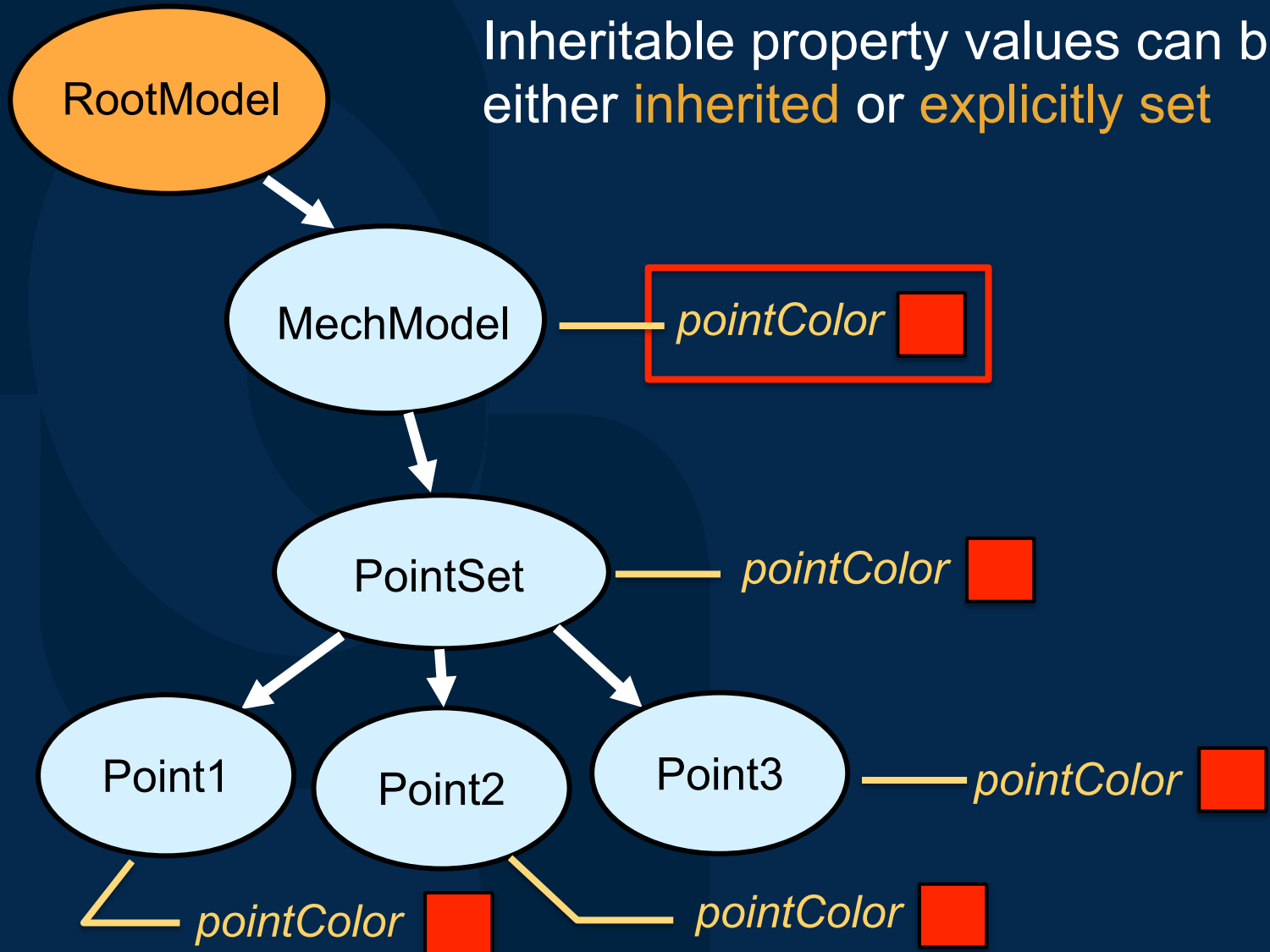
- Class reflection used to determine attributes
- Properties then used to automatically create control panels and probes, read/write files, etc.

# Interactive property editing



# Properties can be made *inheritable*

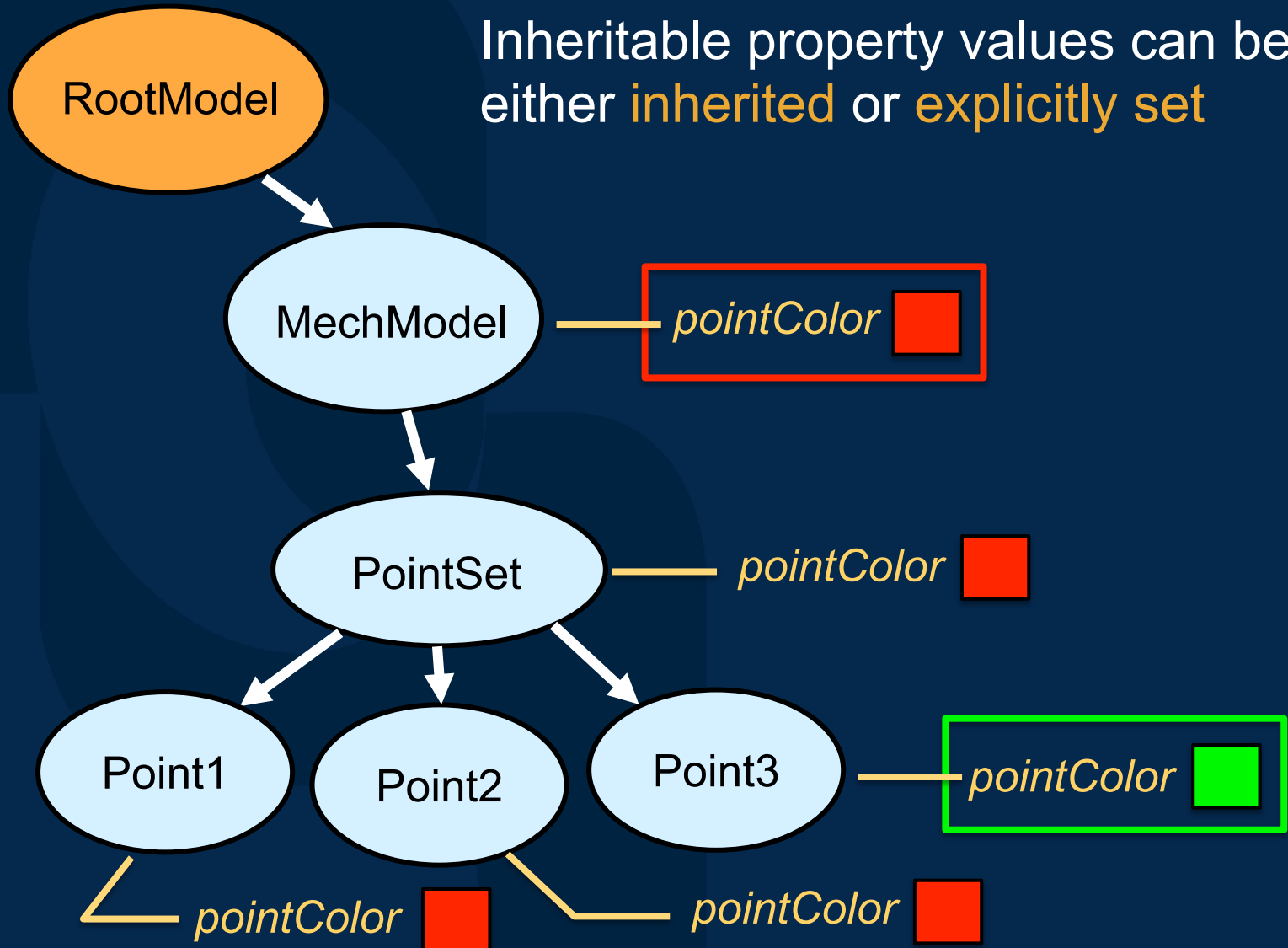
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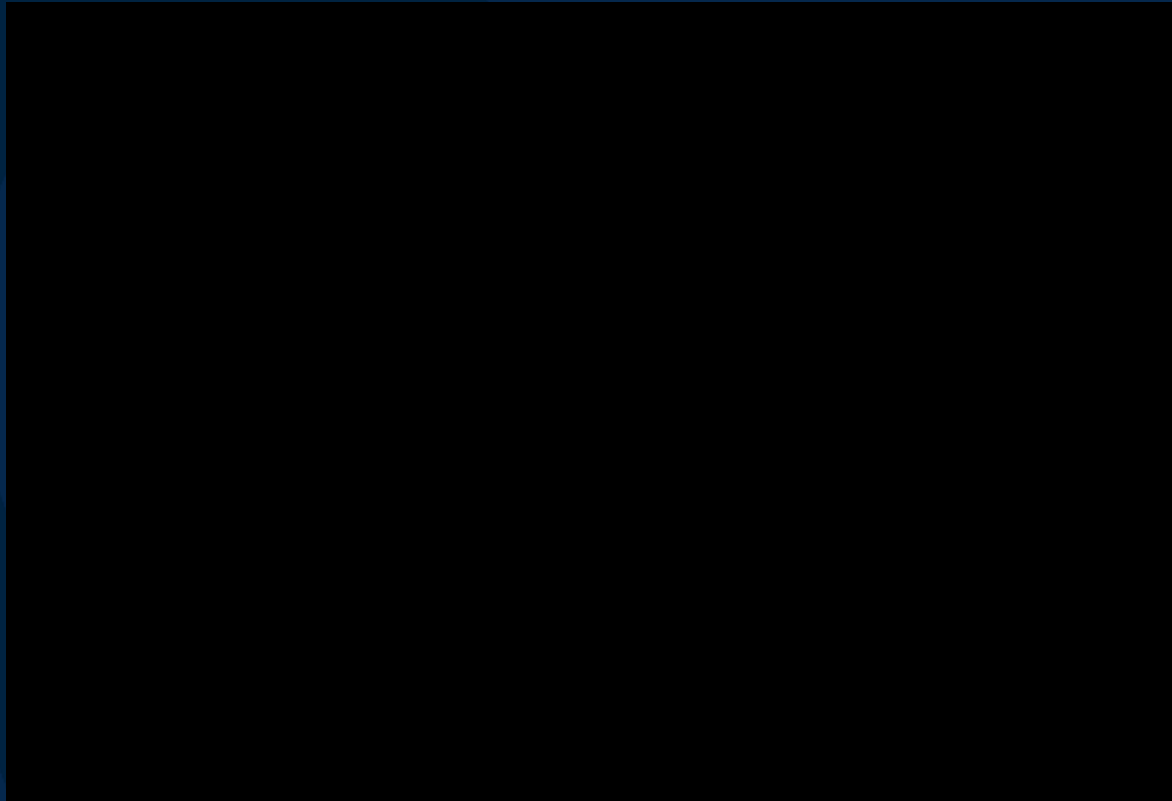


# Physics simulation

ArtiSynth is essentially a multi-body simulator with support for finite elements and deformable bodies

# Full coordinate formulation

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*Combined system state: positions  $q$ , velocities  $u$*

*Combined system mass:  $M$*

*Apply forces:*

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$$f = \frac{d(Mu)}{dt} = Ma + \dot{M}u$$

$$a = M^{-1}\bar{f}, \quad \bar{f} \equiv f - \dot{M}u$$

*Discrete solution:*

$$u^{k+1} = u^k + ha$$

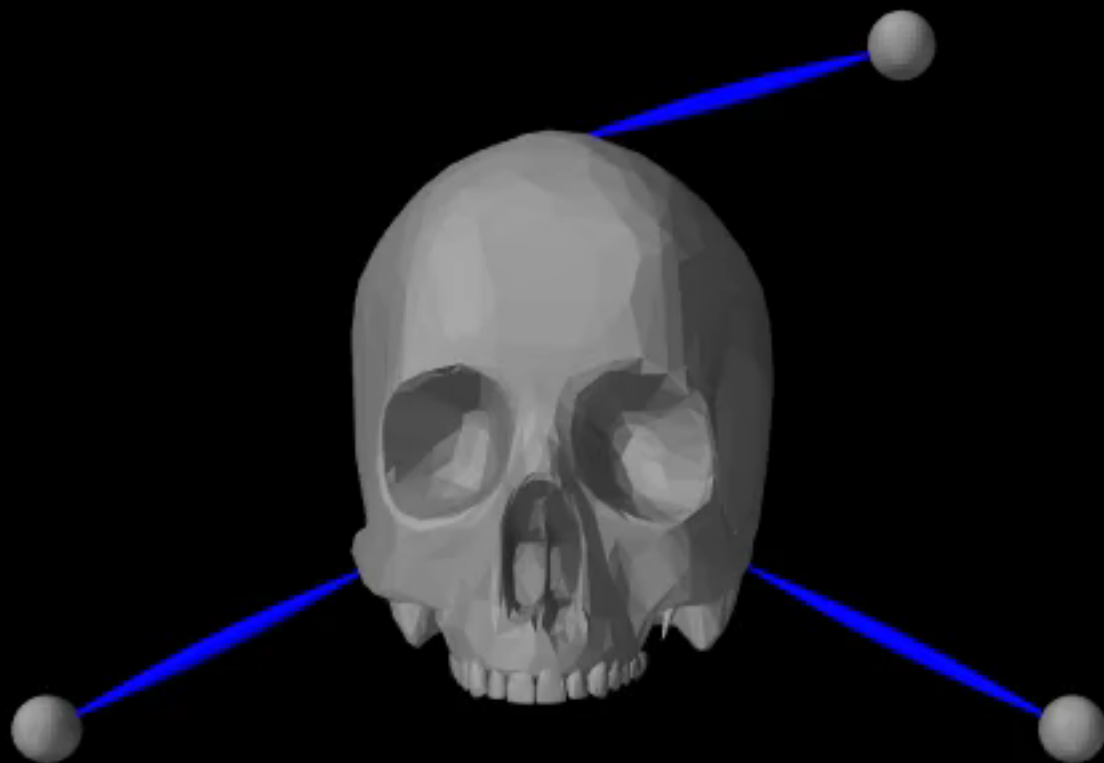
$$u^{k+1} = u^k + hM^{-1}\bar{f}$$

$$Mu^{k+1} = Mu^k + h\bar{f}$$

$$q^{k+1} = q^k + hu^{k+1}$$

*Symplectic Euler Integrator*





# Bilateral Constraints

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Example: particle kept on a surface



$$0 = g \cdot u \quad \text{enforced by: } f_c = g^T \lambda$$



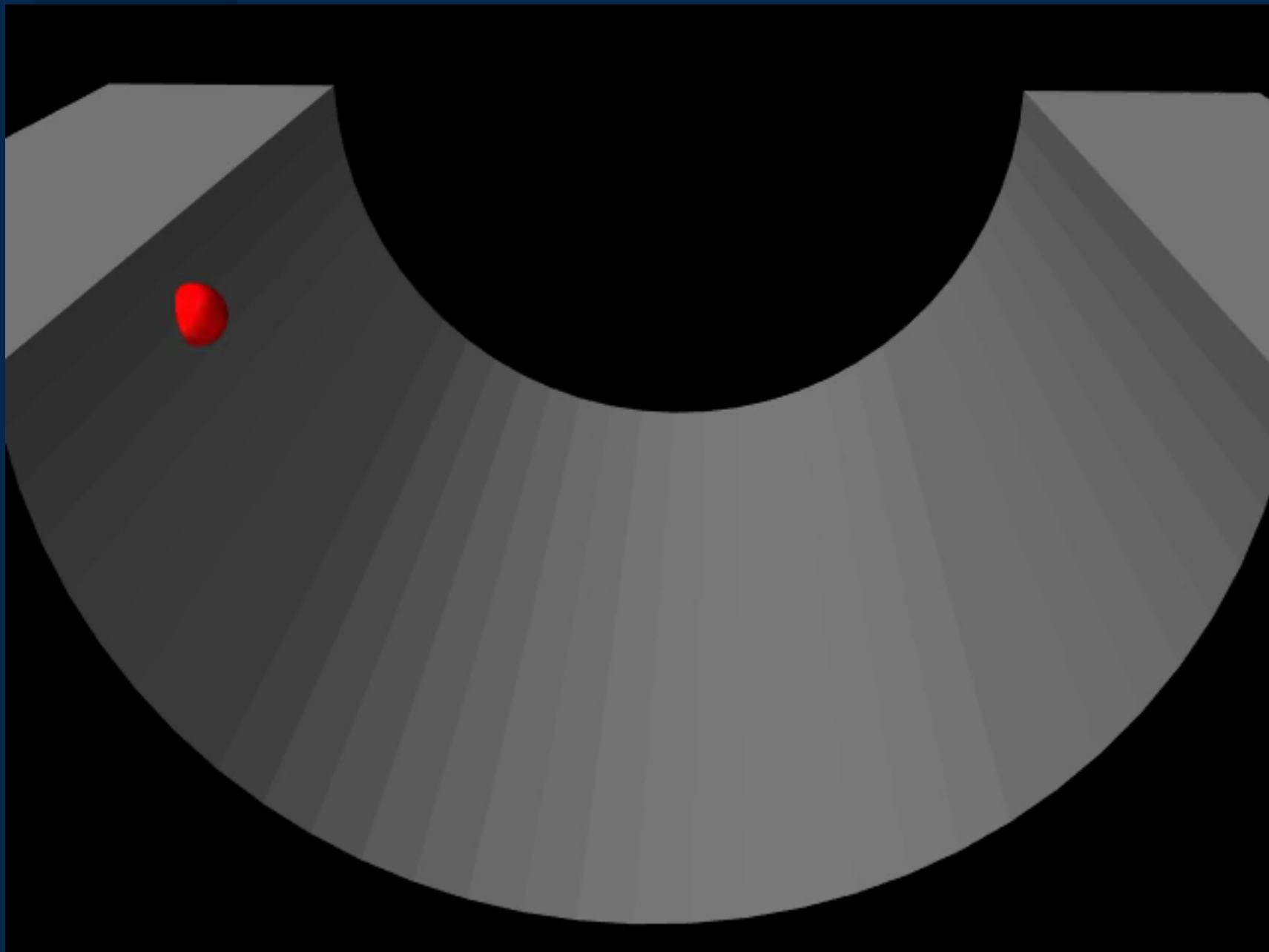
*Integration augmented with constraints:*

$$Mu^{k+1} = Mu^k + hf^k + G^T \lambda$$

$$Gu^{k+1} = 0$$

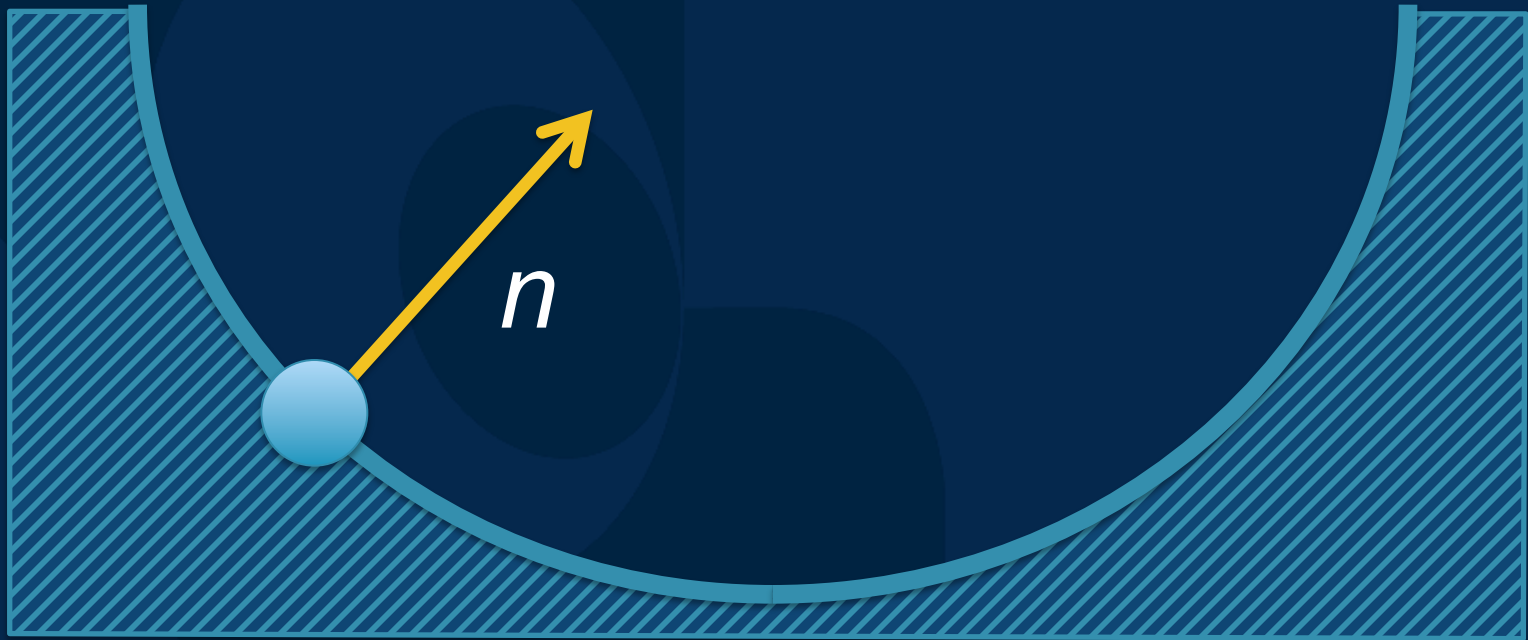
*Can be arranged as a **KKT system**:*

$$\begin{pmatrix} M & -G^T \\ G & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} u^{k+1} \\ \lambda \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} b_f \\ b_g \end{pmatrix}$$



# Unilateral Constraints (Contact)

Example: particle contacting a surface



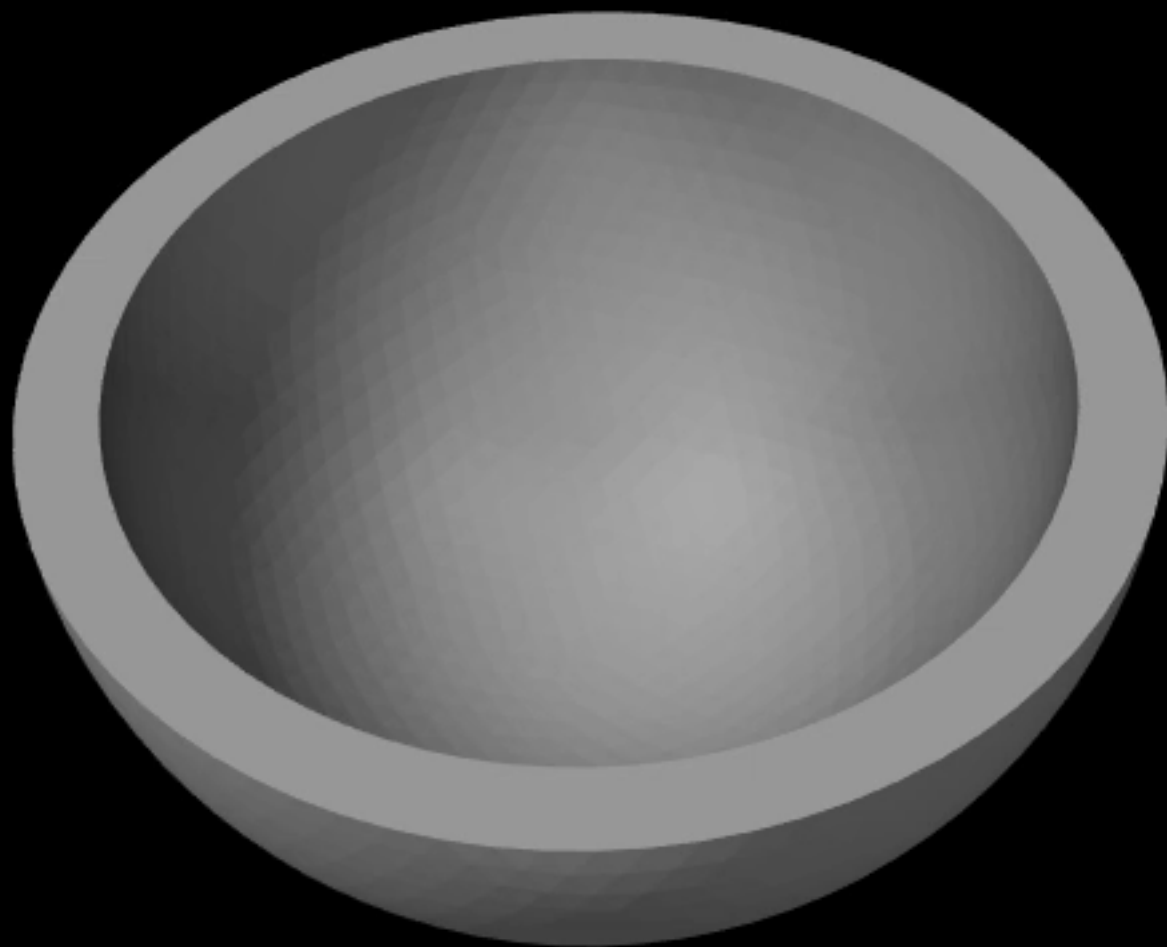
$$0 \leq n \cdot u \quad \perp \quad n^T \lambda \geq 0$$

*Leads to a **Mixed Linear Complementarity Problem (MLCP)**:*

$$\begin{pmatrix} M & -G^T & -N^T \\ G & 0 & 0 \\ N & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} u^{k+1} \\ \lambda \\ z \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} -b_f \\ -b_g \\ -b_n \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ w \end{pmatrix}$$

$$0 \leq z \perp w \geq 0$$

*Same system arises in higher order integrators (e.g., Newmark methods)*



# FEM Coupling

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- 1. Requires implicit integration*
- 2. Nodes are treated as particles*
- 3. Provide attachments between components*

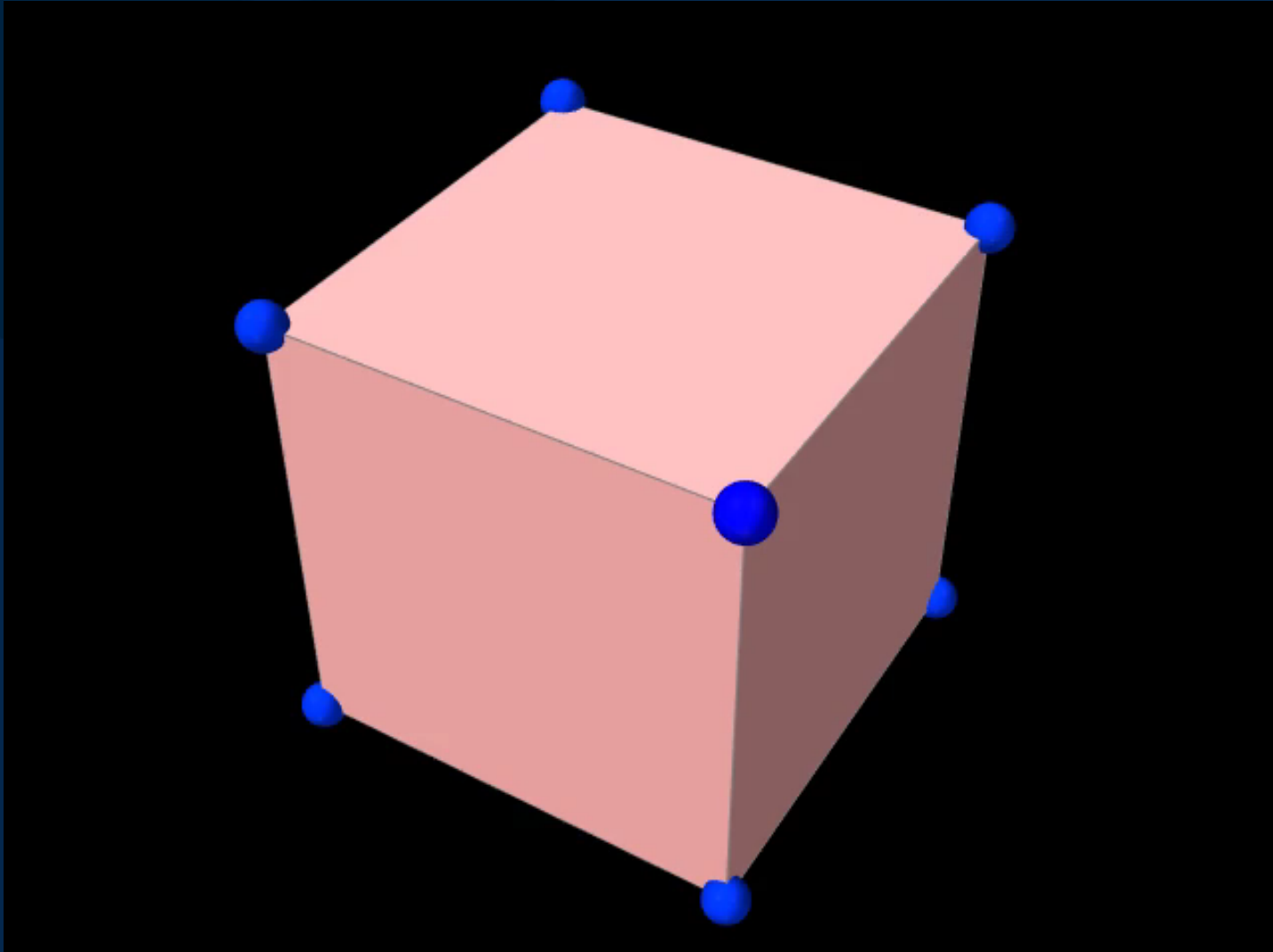
## *Implicit integration: modified MLCP :*

$$\begin{pmatrix} \hat{M} & -G^T & -N^T \\ G & 0 & 0 \\ N & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} u^{k+1} \\ \lambda \\ z \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} -\hat{b}_f \\ -b_g \\ -b_n \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ w \end{pmatrix}$$

$$0 \leq z \perp w \geq 0$$

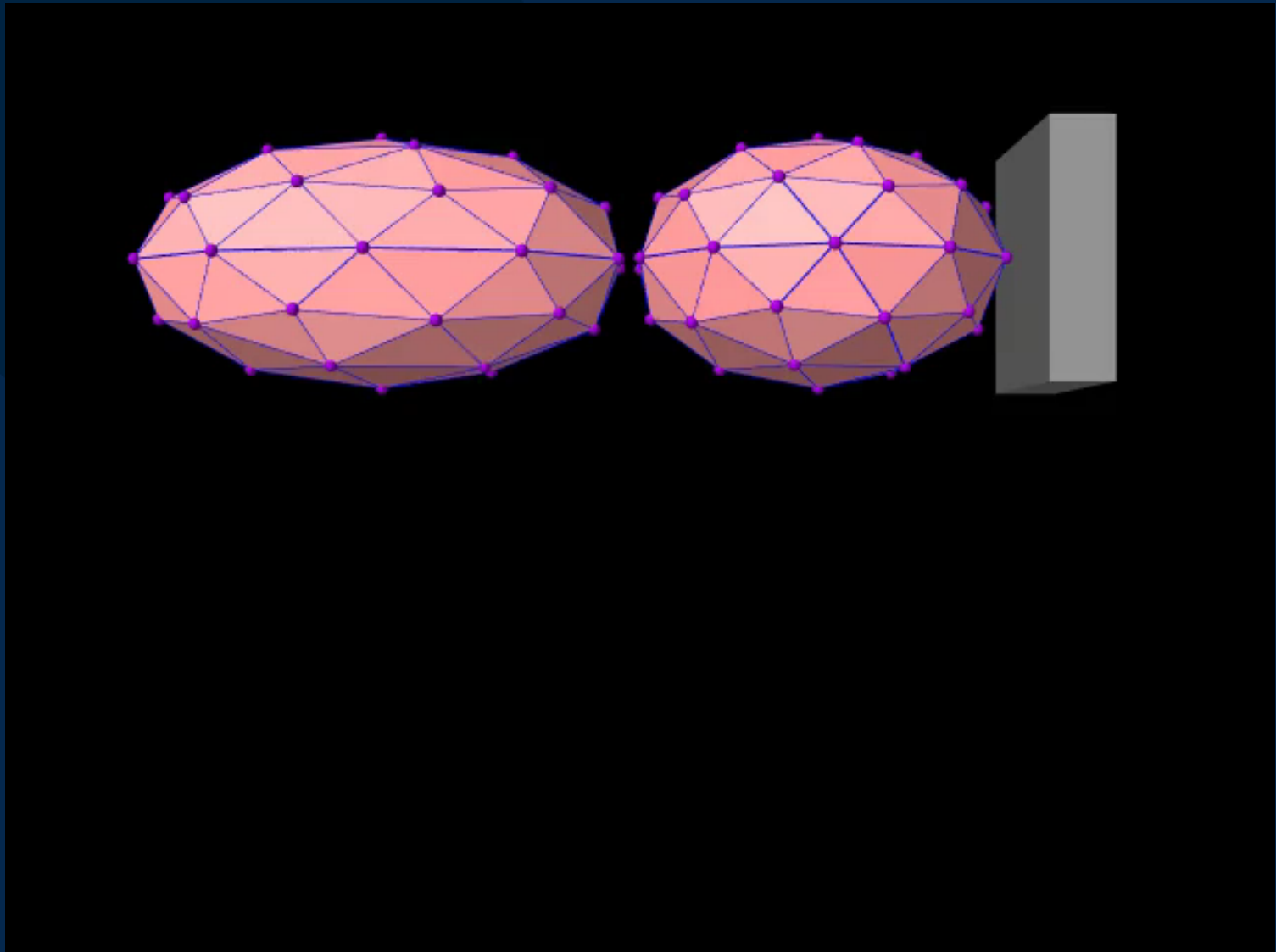
[Anitescu & Hart, 2004; Potra et. al. 2006]

# *Nodes as particles: elements like volumetric springs*





# *Attachments between components:*



Questions?

# Modeling Building Tutorial: Basic Mechanical Models

# Creating a model in Java

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- Create a subclass of RootModel
- Override the **build()** method to create and assemble model components

```
package artisynth.models.xxx;
import artisynth.core.workspace.RootModel;
import artisynth.core.mechmodels.*;

public class MyModel extends RootModel {

    public void build(String[] args) {
        MechModel mech = new MechModel("mech");
        addModel (mech);
        ... create components for mech ...
    }
}
```

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# artisynth.demos.tutorial.ParticleSpring

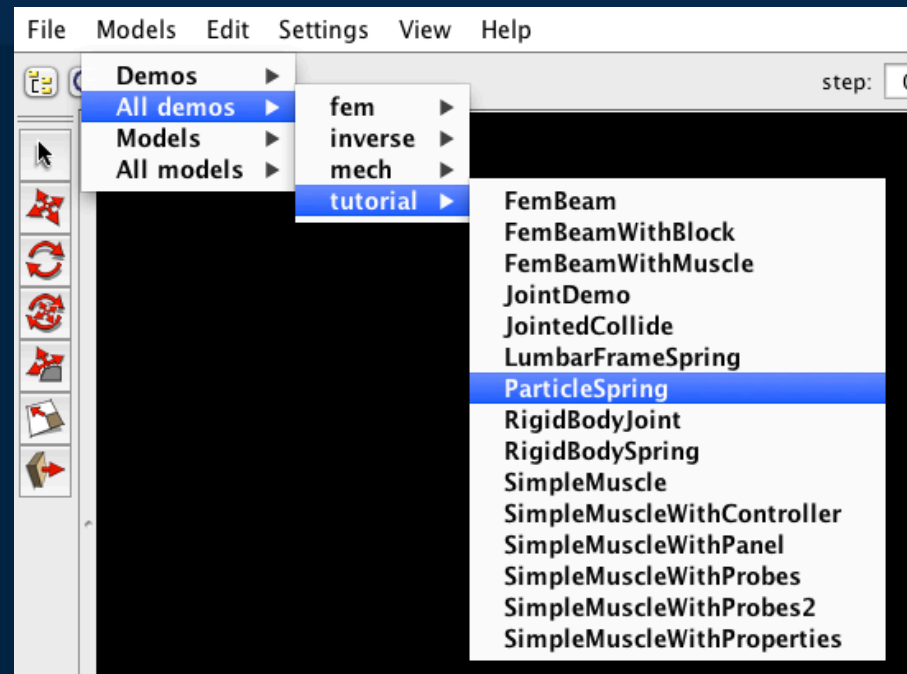
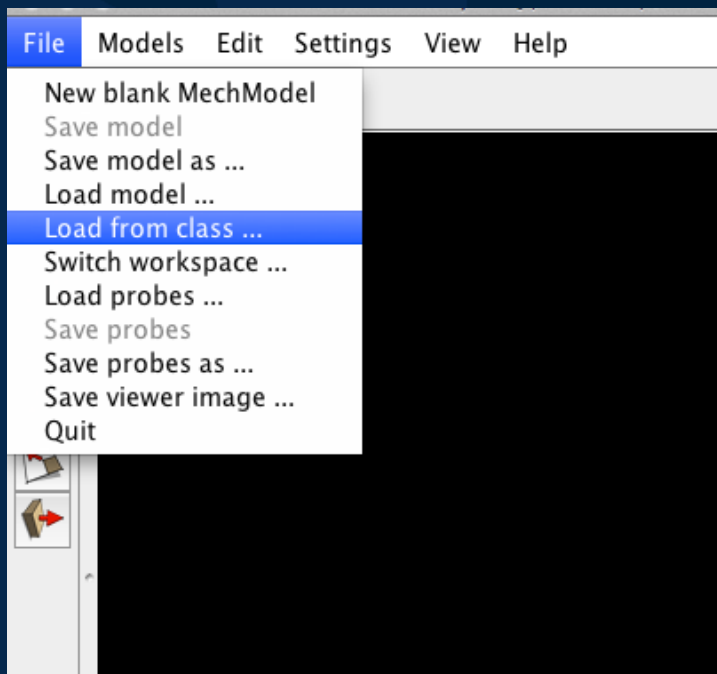
```
15 public class ParticleSpring extends RootModel {
16
17     public void build (String[] args) {
18
19         // create MechModel and add to RootModel
20         MechModel mech = new MechModel ("mech");
21         addModel (mech);
22
23         // create the components
24         Particle p1 = new Particle ("p1", /*mass=*/2, 0, 0, 0);
25         Particle p2 = new Particle ("p2", /*mass=*/2, 1, 0, 0);
26         AxialSpring spring = new AxialSpring ("spr", /*restLength=*/0);
27         spring.setPoints (p1, p2);
28         spring.setMaterial (
29             new LinearAxialMaterial (/*stiffness=*/20, /*damping=*/10));
30
31         // add components to the mech model
32         mech.addParticle (p1);
33         mech.addParticle (p2);
34         mech.addAxialSpring (spring);
35     }
```

# ParticleSystem (cont)

```
35
36  p1.setDynamic (false);           // first particle set to be fixed
37  mech.setBounds (-1, 0, -1, 1, 0, 0); // increase viewer bounds
38
39  // set render properties for the components
40  setPointRenderProps (p1);
41  setPointRenderProps (p2);
42  setSpringRenderProps (spring);
43 }
44
45 protected void setPointRenderProps (Point p) {
46     RenderProps.setPointColor (p, Color.RED);
47     RenderProps.setPointStyle (p, RenderProps.PointStyle.SPHERE);
48     RenderProps.setPointRadius (p, 0.06);
49 }
50
51 protected void setSpringRenderProps (AxialSpring s) {
52     RenderProps.setLineColor (s, Color.BLUE);
53     RenderProps.setLineStyle (s, RenderProps.LineStyle.CYLINDER);
54     RenderProps.setLineRadius (s, 0.02);
55 }
```

# Loading the model into ArtiSynth

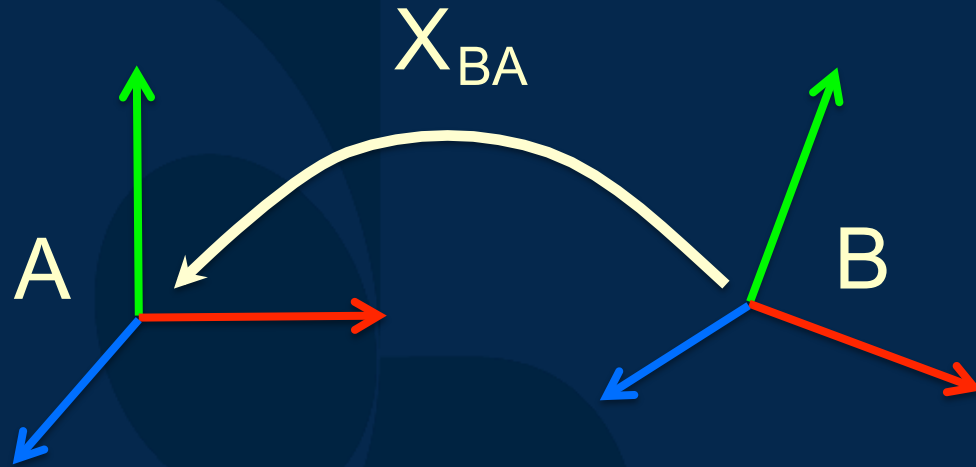
- Make sure the model is in ArtiSynth's classpath:  
*Link model project in eclipse, or*  
*Specify model classpath in EXTCLASSPATH file*
- Load explicitly or use the model menu:





# Next: rigid bodies

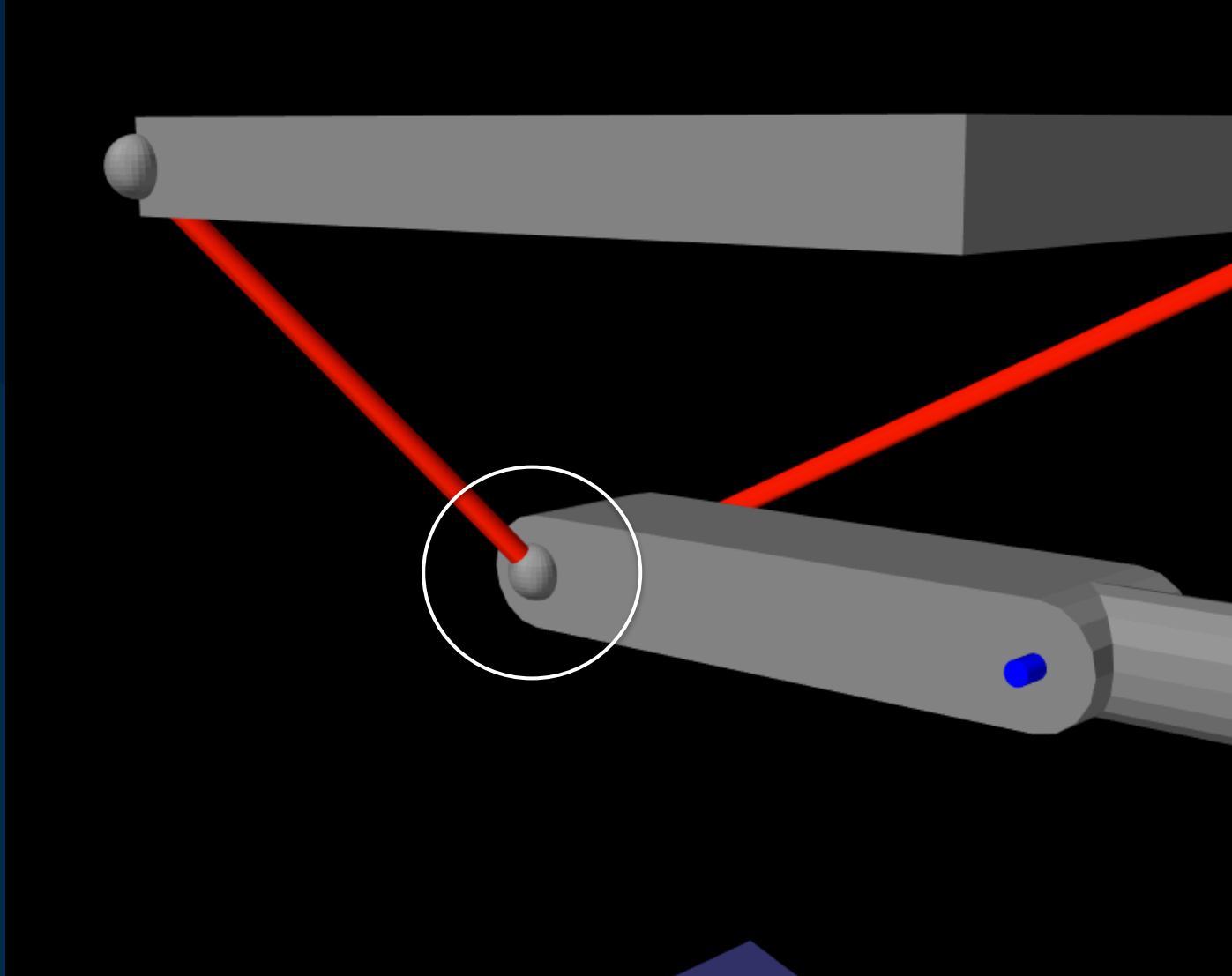
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**RigidTransform3d** object describes transform  $X_{BA}$  between two frames, and also the *pose* of a rigid body

# FrameMarkers used to connect to springs

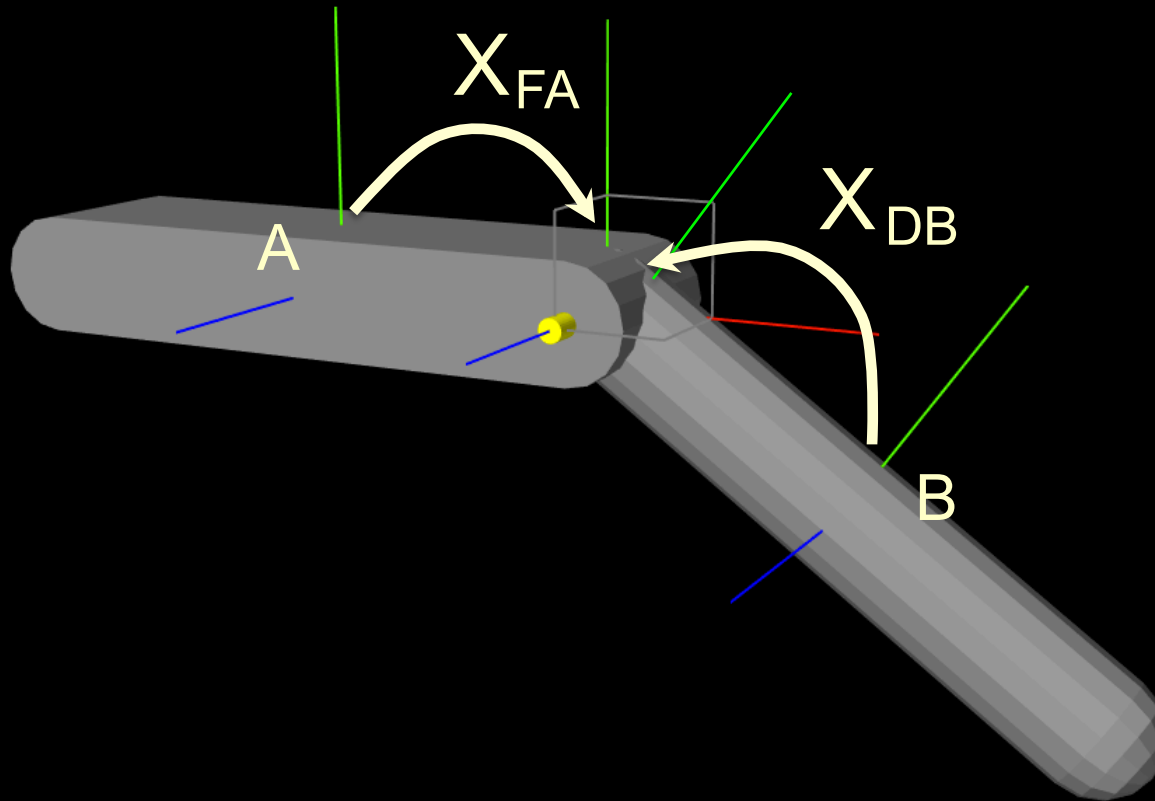
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# artisynt.demos.tutorials.RigidBodySpring

```
19 MechModel mech = new MechModel ("mech");
20 addModel (mech);
21
22 Particle p1 = new Particle ("p1", /*mass=*/2, 0, 0, 0);
23 |
24 // create box and set it's pose (position/orientation):
25 RigidBody box =
26     RigidBody.createBox ("box", 0.5, 0.3, 0.3, /*density=*/20);
27 box.setPose (new RigidTransform3d (0.75, 0, 0));
28 // create marker point and connect it to the box:
29 FrameMarker mkr = new FrameMarker (-0.25, 0, 0);
30 mkr.setFrame (box);
31
32 // create the spring:
33 AxialSpring spring = new AxialSpring ("spr", /*restLength=*/0);
34 spring.setPoints (p1, mkr);
35 spring.setMaterial (
36     new LinearAxialMaterial (/*stiffness=*/20, /*damping=*/10));
37
38 // add components to the mech model
39 mech.addParticle (p1);
40 mech.addRigidBody (box);
41 mech.addFrameMarker (mkr);
```

# Adding joints to rigid bodies



# artisynt.demos.tutorials.RigidBodyJoint

```
41 public void build (String[] args) {  
42  
43     // create mech model and set it's properties  
44     mech = new MechModel ("mech");  
45     mech.setGravity (0, 0, -98);  
46     mech.setFrameDamping (1.0);  
47     mech.setRotaryDamping (4.0);  
48     addModel (mech);  
49  
50     PolygonalMesh mesh; // bodies will be defined using a mesh  
51  
52     // create first body and set its pose  
53     mesh = MeshFactory.createRoundedBox (lenx1, leny1, lenz1, /*nslices=*/8);  
54     RigidTransform3d XMB = new RigidTransform3d (0, 0, 0, 1, 1, 1, 2*Math.PI/3);  
55     mesh.transform (XMB);  
56     body1 = RigidBody.createFromMesh ("body1", mesh, 0.2, 1.0);  
57     body1.setPose (new RigidTransform3d (0, 0, 1.5*lenx1, 1, 0, 0, Math.PI/2));  
58     body1.setDynamic (false);  
59 }
```

# RigidBodyJoint (cont)

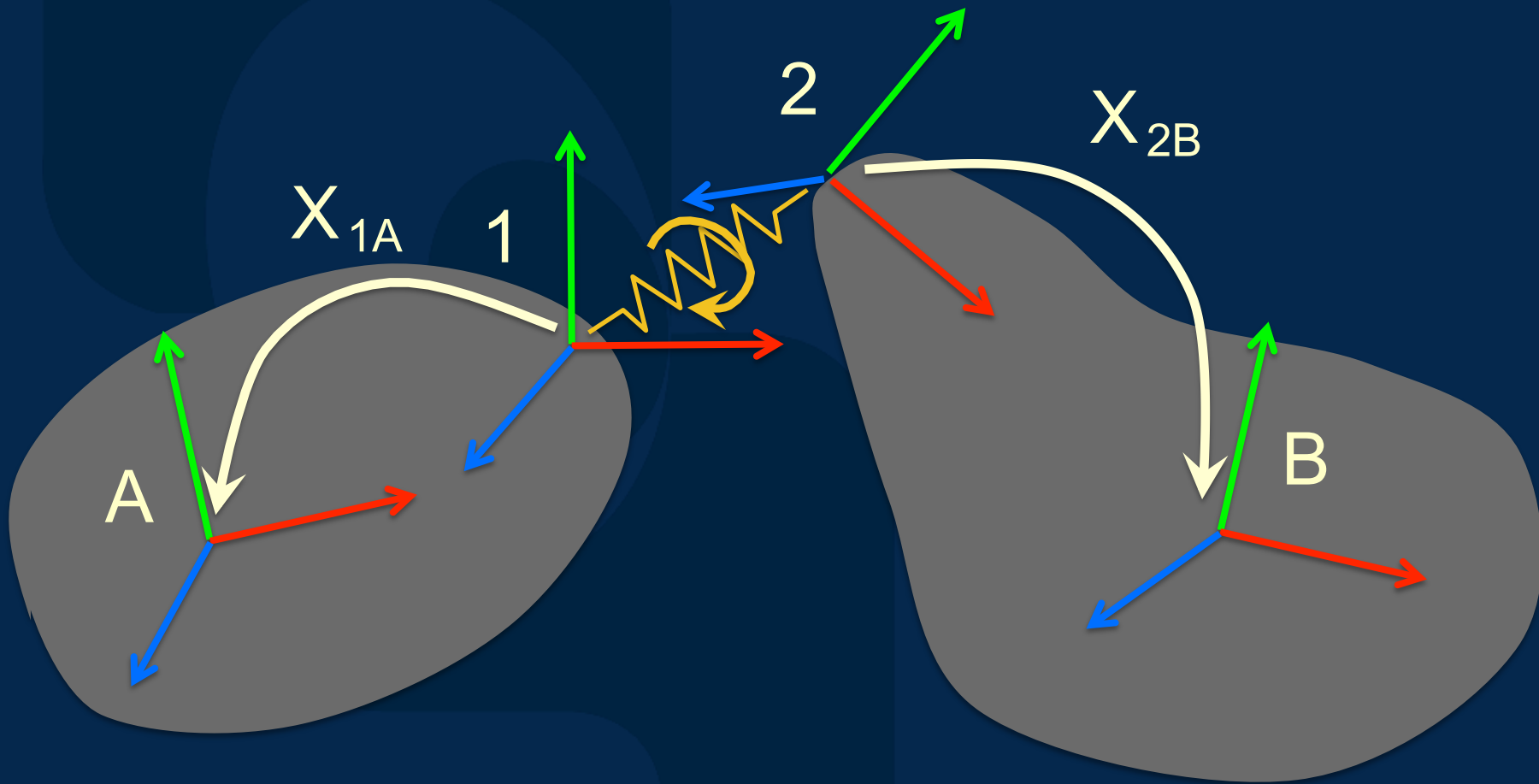
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59 // create second body and set its pose
60 mesh = MeshFactory.createRoundedCylinder (
61     leny2/2, lenx2, /*nslices=*/16, /*nsegs=*/1, /*flatBottom=*/false);
62 mesh.transform (XMB);
63 body2 = RigidBody.createFromMesh ("body2", mesh, 0.2, 1.0);
64 body2.setPose (new RigidTransform3d (
65     (lenx1+lenx2)/2, 0, 1.5*lenx1, 1, 0, 0, Math.PI/2));
66
67
68 // create the joint
69 RigidTransform3d XCA = new RigidTransform3d (-lenx2/2, 0, 0);
70 RigidTransform3d XCB = new RigidTransform3d();
71 XCB.mulInverseLeft (body1.getPose(), body2.getPose());
72 XCB.mul (XCA);
73 RevoluteJoint joint = new RevoluteJoint (body2, XCA, body1, XCB);
74
75 // add components to the mech model
76 mech.addRigidBody (body1);
77 mech.addRigidBody (body2);
78 mech.addRigidBodyConnector (joint);
79
80 joint.setTheta (35); // set joint position
```

# artisynt.demos.tutorial.JointedCollide

```
25 public class JointedCollide extends RigidBodyJoint {
26
27     public void build (String[] args) {
28
29         super.build (args);
30
31         body1.setDynamic (true); // allow body1 to fall freely
32
33         // create and add the base plate
34         RigidBody base = RigidBody.createBox ("base", 25, 25, 2, 0.2);
35         base.setPose (new RigidTransform3d (5, 0, 0, 0, 1, 0, -Math.PI/8));
36         base.setDynamic (false);
37         mech.addRigidBody (base);
38
39         // turn on collisions
40         mech.setDefaultCollisionBehavior (true, 0.20);
41         mech.setCollisionBehavior (body1, body2, false);
42     }
43
44 }
```

# Connecting rigid bodies with frame springs

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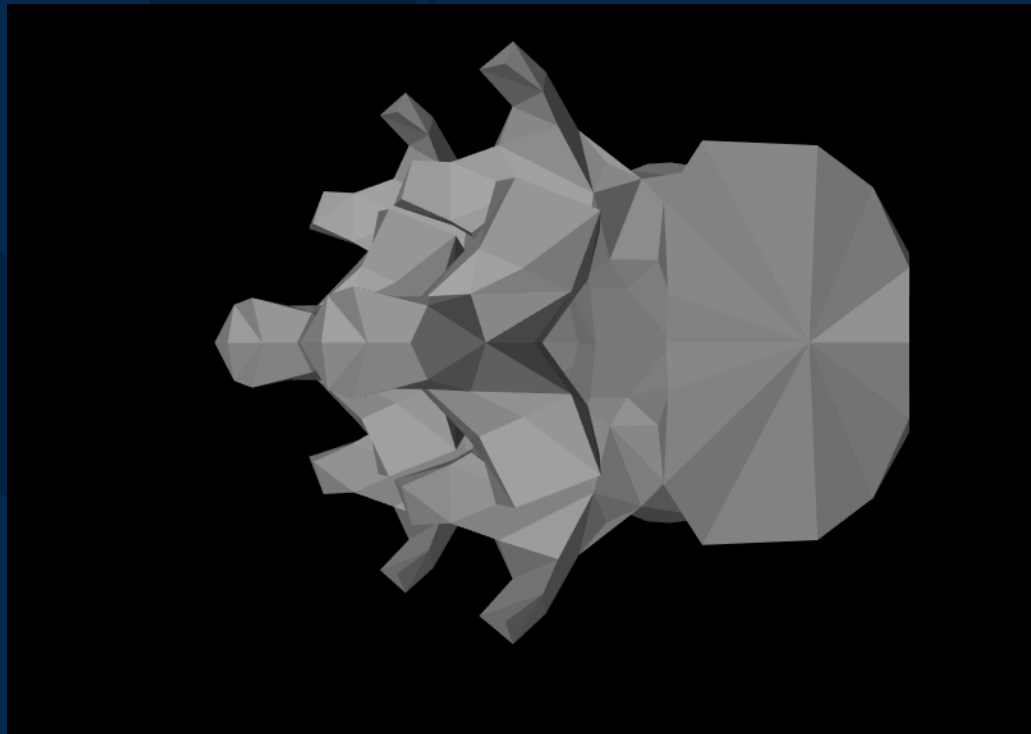
# artisynt.demos.tutorial.LumbarFrameSpring

```
24 public class LumbarFrameSpring extends RootModel {
25
26     double density = 1500;
27
28     // path from which meshes will be read
29     private String geometryDir = ArtisynthPath.getSrcRelativePath (
30         LumbarFrameSpring.class, "../mech/geometry/");
31
32     // create and add a rigid body from a mesh
33     public RigidBody addBone (MechModel mech, String name) throws IOException {
34         PolygonalMesh mesh = new PolygonalMesh (new File (geometryDir+name+".obj"));
35         RigidBody rb = RigidBody.createFromMesh (name, mesh, density, /*scale=*/1);
36         mech.addRigidBody (rb);
37         return rb;
38     }
39 }
```

# LumbarFrameSpring (cont)

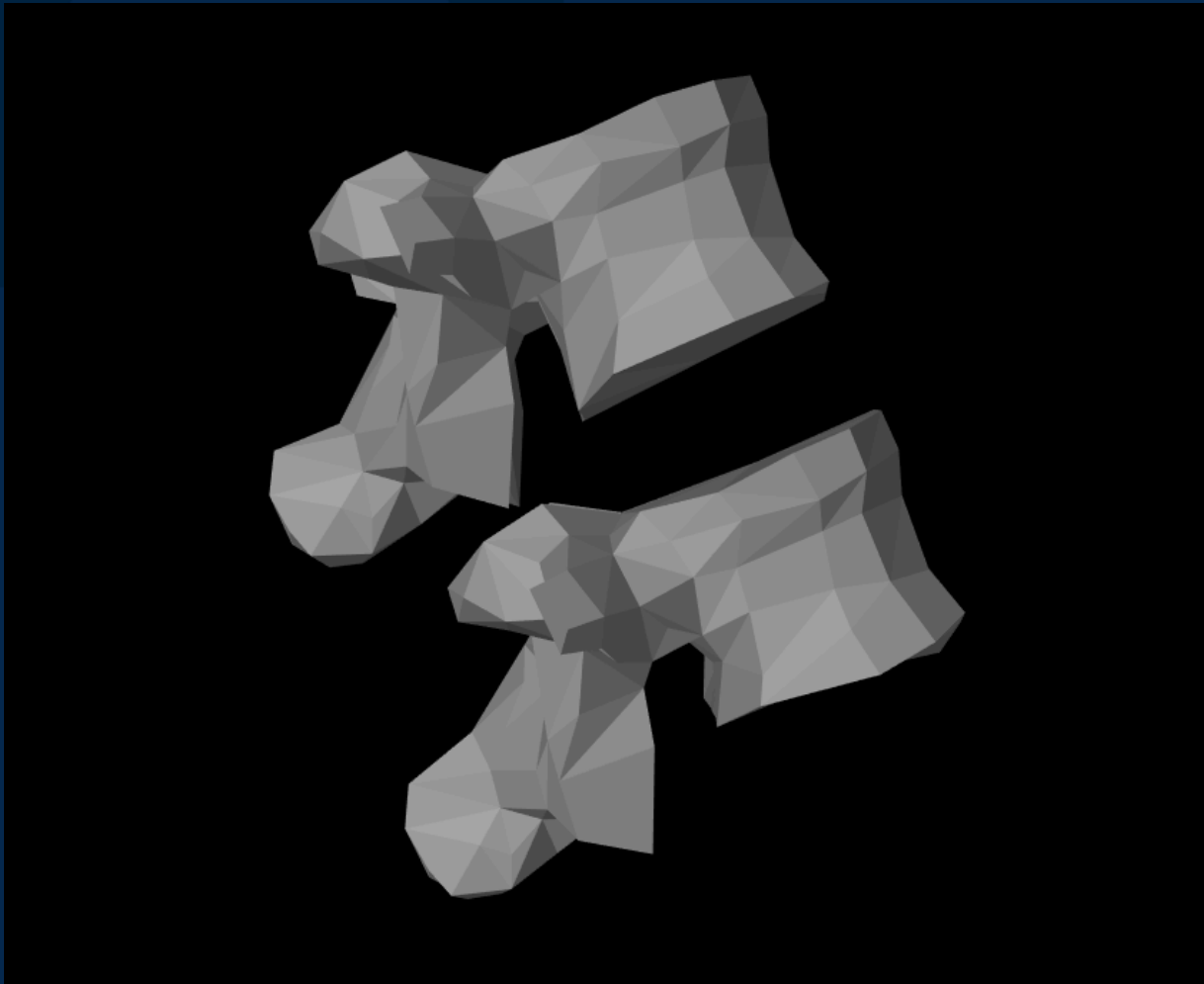
*and in the build method ...*

```
49 // create two rigid bodies and second one to be fixed
50 RigidBody lumbar1 = addBone (mech, "lumbar1");
51 RigidBody lumbar2 = addBone (mech, "lumbar2");
52 lumbar1.setPose (new RigidTransform3d (-0.016, 0.039, 0));
53 lumbar2.setDynamic (false);
```



# LumbarFrameSpring (cont)

```
55 // flip entire mech model around  
56 mech.transformGeometry (  
57     new RigidTransform3d (0, 0, 0, 0, 0, Math.toRadians (90)));  
58
```

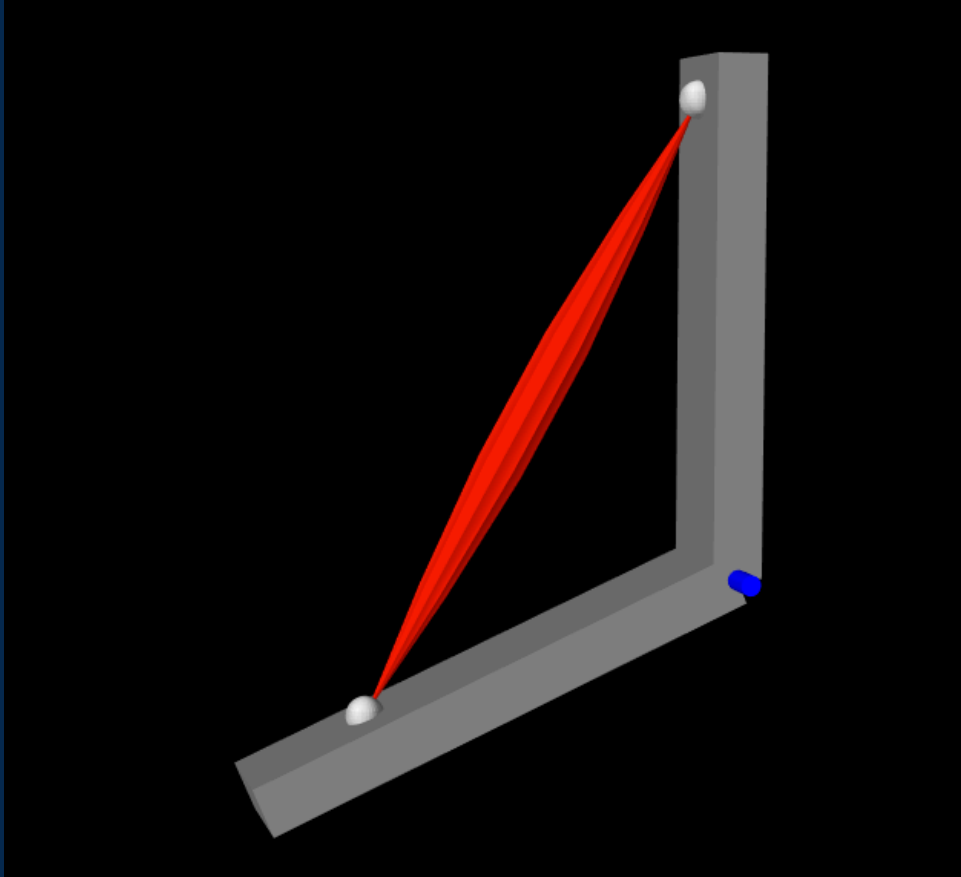


# LumbarFrameSpring (cont)

```
55 // flip entire mech model around
56 mech.transformGeometry (
57     new RigidTransform3d (0, 0, 0, 0, 0, Math.toRadians (90)));
58
59 // create and add the frame spring
60 FrameSpring spring = new FrameSpring (null);
61 spring.setMaterial (
62     new LinearFrameMaterial (
63         /*ktrans=*/100, /*krot=*/0.01, /*dtrans=*/0, /*drot=*/0));
64 RigidTransform3d X1A = new RigidTransform3d();
65 X1A.mulInverseLeft (lumbar2.getPose(), lumbar1.getPose());
66 spring.setAttachFrameA (X1A);
67 spring.setAttachFrameB (RigidTransform3d.IDENTITY);
68 mech.attachFrameSpring (lumbar2, lumbar1, spring);
69
```

# Muscle activation

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Use a Muscle:  
an **AxialSpring** that can  
also apply forces

# artisynt.demos.tutorial.SimpleMuscle

Same as RigidBodySpring, using Muscle instead:

```
29
30 p1 = new Particle ("p1", /*mass=*/2, 0, 0, 0);
31 // create box and set it's pose:
32 box = RigidBody.createBox ("box", 0.5, 0.3, 0.3, /*density=*/20);
33 box.setPose (new RigidTransform3d (1.00, 0, 0));
34 // create marker point and connect it to the box:
35 FrameMarker mkr = new FrameMarker (-0.25, 0, 0);
36 mkr.setFrame (box);
37
38 // create the muscle:
39 muscle = new Muscle ("mus", /*restLength=*/0);
40 muscle.setPoints (p1, mkr);
41 muscle.setMaterial (
42     new SimpleAxialMuscle (/*stiffness=*/20, /*damping=*/10, /*maxf=*/10));
43
```

Questions?