

## Tutorial 29: Create a multi body simulation using several mass points

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### Motivation for this tutorial: (Originally SolidGeometry 3.6 required)

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```
% function VLFL_EXP29
```

### Motivation for this tutorial

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Showing a finite element mass spring system

### 1. Create a SimMultiBody system for a Mass - Spring - Damper - System

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```
smbNewSystem ('SG_LIB_EXP_29',[0 0 -9.81]) % Creates the mechsims diagramm
```

Creating temporary directory '/Users/timlueth/Desktop/tmp\_SG\_LIB\_EXP\_29/'



## 2 Create four mass points

```
smbCreateSGMass;
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smbCreateSGMass;
smbDrawNow;
```

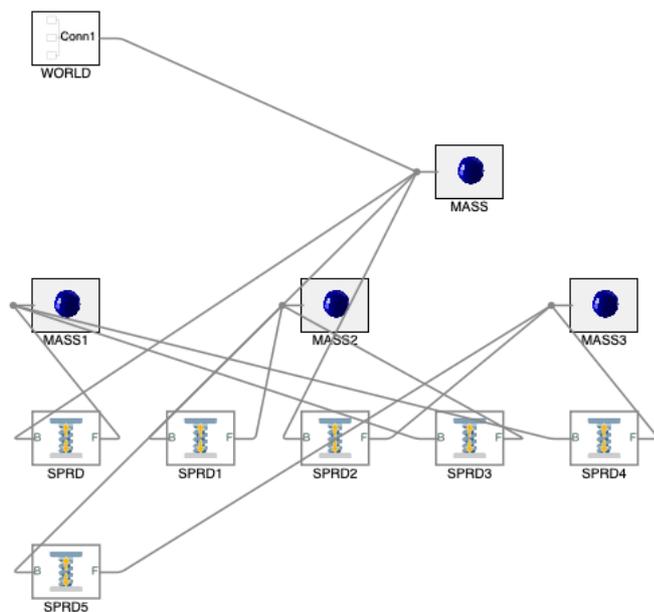


## 2 Create six springs between the masses

```
smbCreateSpring('MASS','MASS1');
smbCreateSpring('MASS','MASS2');
smbCreateSpring('MASS','MASS3');
smbCreateSpring('MASS1','MASS2');
smbCreateSpring('MASS1','MASS3');
smbCreateSpring('MASS2','MASS3');
```

## 3. Connect the mass - spring - damping system to the world coordinate system

```
smbAddLine('WORLD/RConn1','MASS/LConn1');
ID=smbDrawNow;
```

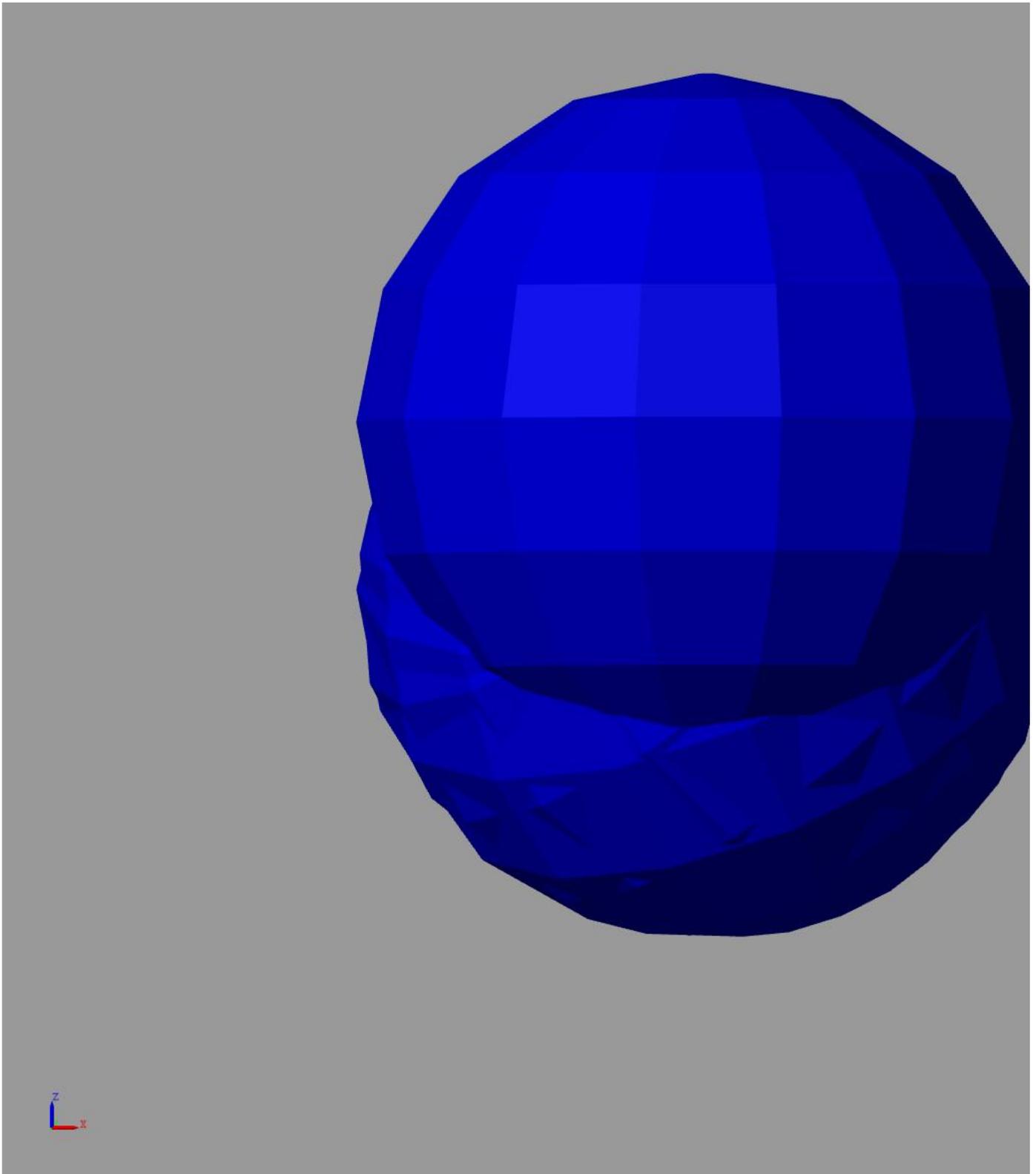


**4. Show the Simulation**

**6. Create a Video of the Linkage Simulation**

```
[I1,vname]=smbVideoSimulation (4); % Simulate for 1 second
IT=imageVideoTitle(vname,{'SG-Lib Tutorial #29','Mass-Spring-Nets','Tim C. Lueth','$date'},'',[0 4]);
IE=imageVideoEndtitle(vname);
videoWriteClipMovie(smbFilename('SG-Lib Tutorial #29-Mass-Spring-Nets.avi'),IT,2,ID,1,vname,IE,1);
imshow(I1);
```

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 5% 10% 15% 20% 25% 30% 35% 40% 45% 50% 55% 60% 65% 70% 75% 80% 85% 90% 95% 100%



### Final Remarks

```
close all
VLFLlicense
```

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