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#### Use of Random Fields to Characterize Brake Pad Surface Uncertainties

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#### Agenda



NVH Customer Requirements: Silent Brakes or Robust System?

Lining Material Surface: Brake Noise Influence

New Workflow Proposal with SoS

Application to a Real Brake System

Summary/Future Development

#### NVH Customer Requirements: Silent Brakes or Robust System?





...you get ideal curves with constant slopes at low percentage values

# Main Task: Silence Brake System to the Whole Life Process



Influence of the production dispersion

# Influence of drivers and time



#### Production dispersion:

Geometry tolerances (Uncertain Parameters, friction coefficient, weight, etc.

Drivers and time:

Pressure, temperature, friction behaviour, fading, etc.

 $\rightarrow$  Focus reliable prognostic of brake squeals relative to the production, time and drive conditions to the whole life process



# Alternative 1: Integration of Friction Curve and Surface Change in the Simulation Model





Backing plate

Brake lining

Source: 2012 Heussaff: Influence of the variability of automotive brake lining surfaces on squeal instabilities

 $\rightarrow$  Possibility to integrate the friction curve in the simulation model

Frame



# IDS Topography Measurement Station

#### **T**opography Measurement



# Measurement Station

- Laser Triangulation Sensor with
  0.5 µm repeatability and max. 6 µm
  linearity deviation
- Contactless measurement of distance between specimen and sensor
- No destruction of the surface
- Moving the specimen on two linear stages with a positioning accuracy of 2 μm
- Measuring range of the height up to 10 mm

Detailed Information, see [1]

[1] Ostermeyer, G.-P.; Perzborn, N. and Ren, H., *Contactless Measurement of Brake Pads*. In: EuroBrake 2013 Confe

*ctless Wear* Conference Proceedings

# IDS Topography Measurement Station





#### **Measurement Procedure**

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- $\square$  Lateral resolution up to 10  $\mu m$
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#### Workflow





### Step 1 Import laser scan data into SoS



- □ Laser scan data: 1.2 million measurement points on a 2D grid
- □ 40 real measurements
- □ Import of grids with variations in Z position in terms of a scalar field "Deviation"
- Visualization of the deviation as color plot in SoS
- □ Further: Rotation, Translation and scaling (units!) in SoS



## Step 2 Mapping of measured data onto FEM mesh



- □ FEM mesh of break pad: 118558 nodes, 405971 elements,
- □ Abaqus INP file format, target surface defined by node set
- □ Projection along predefined direction (y axis)



#### Step 3 Mapping of measured data onto FEM mesh



- □ Loss of information due to data mapping!
- Reason: Rough spatial resolution of FEM nodes vs. small distances of laser scan points
- Nearly no differences in statistical mean
- □ But: Averaging effects in standard deviation (i.e. spatially very local effects)



#### Random field model

Approximate a random design with

mean value +;linear combination of deterministic "scatter shapes" multiplied with random coefficients



Accurately resembles

- □ Statistical moments (mean, standard deviation...)
- □ Spatial correlations (anisotropic, inhomogenious...)

Accuracy:

- □ ~30 random numbers to approximate statistics of measurements with 99% accuracy
- Only 10 random numbers for 90% accuracy



#### Random field model: Accuracy



Left: Standard deviation in FEM model

#### Right: Accuracy in %



#### Random field model: Scatter Shapes



Left: Shape #1 (31.8% Variation)

Right: Shape #2 (19.1% Variation)



#### Random field model: Scatter Shapes



Left: Shape #3 (7.4% Variation)

Right: Shape #4 (5.4% Variation) – already with many local effects



#### Random field model

Video shows some possible realizations of the random field





#### Simulation of new random designs



- □ Use optiSLang to generate 100 new random designs
- □ SoS will be started in Batch mode by optiSLang
- Depending on desired accuracy: Use 5, 10 or 30 random parameters to generate geometric imperfections



# Surface changes influence nonlinear contact finding



- U Well-known behavior:
- $\rightarrow$  Instability is strongly influenced by the pad / disc contact
- Presented workflow enables simulation of the measured and mapped brake pad and the generation of new, correlated surfaces
- Mapping is dependent on the refinement of the mesh





Contact opening (pad/disc) example of the simulated brake pad

#### Challenges with Random Generated Surfaces



- □ Mesh quality must be observed
- □ Especially with edge extrapolation, mesh elements can easily be distorted
- □ Workflow implementation for the refined meshes is still work-in-progress



## Example Robustness Analysis Result



- □ Standard Robustness analysis consists of 100 random designs
- New Analysis adds random surfaces to the same random designs



- $\rightarrow$  Higher instabilities occur with a slight change in frequency
- $\rightarrow$  The frequency at ~1 kHz decreases ( $\rightarrow$  frequency not observed at bench tests)
- $\rightarrow$  Mode shapes and contact conditions have to be evaluated carefully

#### Summary/Future Development



- □ Automatic positioning of measurements along the reference grid
- Improvements to random field model being used:
  - Non-Gaussian random fields to capture measured statistics more accurately (Non-Gaussian random field amplitudes and Non-Gaussian field realizations)
  - Enforcement of lower and upper value bounds of field realizations (mostly due do numerical requirements)