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# **Predictive Maintenance**

## LHT: Motivation

**ITB:** Technical Solution

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# WOST 2018 – Predictive Maintenance LHT Motivation

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Brand value

# Lufthansa Group – The business segments



# Lufthansa Technik Product Divisions





Number of employees:

3,800\*



7 test cells around the world



X

for ~40 engine and APU types

31.000 Engine and APUs overhauls in over **60 years** 

Certified by **FAA** and **EASA** as Maintenance **Organization**, **Design Organization** and Manufacturer

\* as of 31.12.2016

# Lufthansa Technik Engine Services

We are designed to meet our customers demands



# Why do we need prognostic methods?

- Contracts covering maintenance for engine fleets increasingly complex. Often flat-rate contracts or fixed / not-to-exceed price elements included → MRO supplier shares technical and financial risks with operator
- Fleet management becomes increasingly important
  - Removal and maintenance planning
  - Monitoring: plan vs. actual performance
  - $\rightarrow$  Manage risk through early detection of problems
  - $\rightarrow$  Improve cost per flight-hour
- Removal and maintenance planning requires prognosis: How will engines behave over several years under expected operating conditions?
  - Performance deterioration
  - Damage to critical components
  - → Expected removal reason; time on wing; required maintenance workscope





# How do we apporach the subject?

- Issue complex and highly non-linear; many parameters involved
- "Normal" approach nowadays: Big data → statistical analysis as basis for identifying relevant sensitivities and for surrogate model
- But:
  - Available data from operation doesn't qualify as "big data" if filtered properly
  - Statistical methods may solve the problem, but don't provide thorough understanding of the sensitivities → who supervises the model?
- LHT approach: physics-based model based on thermodynamic cycle and numerical simulation
  - Accurate representation of engine geometry and engine behaviour
  - Determine loads throughout actual operation
  - Determine damage / life consumption resulting from these loads for critical components of the engine
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#### The Task

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"high-quality surrogate models" :

#### **Solution**

- ✓ CFX & FE 1-way FSI Simulation
- ✓ Actual operation parameters as input
- ✓ Simulation output fed into LHT fatigue assessment software

- ✓ FMOP created by Statistics on Structures and optiSlang
- "Efficient implementation for routine application" < Export and implementation for routine application"
  - Export and implementation of FMOP in third party software (NEW)







#### FMOP created by Statistics on Structures and optiSlang

#### The Plan:

Screening of actual flight data (half a million datasets) and reduction into a manageable, representative set of flight variants

Here 50 representative variants of engine operation at cruise

Setting up the 1-way FSI simulation models:

- Parametrization of available & validated turbine CFX-model
- Creation of a FE-model of the <u>High-Pressure-Turbine-Blade</u> (HPTB) suitable for fatigue assessment
- Optimizing the setup for fast processing
- Implementing the simulation models in an *optiSlang* workflow
- Improving the optiSlang workflow for maximum flexibility in order to easily apply it on future simulations (e.g. other engine parts)

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T3 [K]





OptiSlang

T4 [K]



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#### Setting up the 1-way FSI simulation models









### Setting up the 1-way FSI simulation models

#### Optimizing the setup for fast processing



- Reduction of output to the required minimum (location & result)
- Definition of tight convergence values based on the remaining output values
- Automated selection of the best available initial solution, depending on the design-point parameters, for further decrease of solution time

Optimized mesh density & solver settings

#### Implementing the simulation models in an optiSlang workflow

Simulation loop in optiSlang







#### Implementing the simulation models in an optiSlang workflow

Setup in optiSlang





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#### Run workflow!

~ 15 hours per design point  $\rightarrow$  1 Month process time (50 design points total)



#### Results

#### FMOP in Statistics on Structures



Sensitivity of input (left) and output (top) values





#### Results

#### FMOP in Statistics on Structures List of available individual objects/samples: SX SXY SXZ SY SZ TEMP S1 S2 **S**3 SYZ 99.21 % F-CoP[Total] 95.37 % 91.52 % 91.96 % 96.49 % 92.38 % 93.27 % 92.00 % 92.08 % 95.01 FMOP\_VALIDATED Statistics on Structures 3.3.1 File includes the FE-results of the validation points for direct comparison 4.90 GB Temperatures [K] Above Above Above 103% 102% 101% 100% 99% 98% 97% Below Below Below **Result accuracy FE-Results FMOP** Perfect match = 100 % Lufthansa Technik

dynamic software & engineering



#### Results

#### FMOP in Statistics on Structures





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#### Outlook

- Since Statistics on Structures 3.3.3 (2017):
  - Shared library for Windows & Linux for evaluation of FMOP
  - ANSI C interface for usage in C, C++, Python, Matlab, ...



- Ability to approximate (predict) the complete FEM solution for new support points within very short time, i.e.:
  - Approximate temperature and stress tensors for every FEM node
    - Data exchange through vectors (binary)
    - Limited functionality to access FEM mesh connectivity information for advanced evaluation

With the FMOP as a high quality surrogate model, the structural responses from actual flight data can be predicted within seconds Contrary, direct simulation of the setup takes half a day on a 128-Core HPC-cluster

In future applications this allows close to real time insight on wear, paving the way for a digital twin







Thank you for your attention!





