

optiSLang: recent developments

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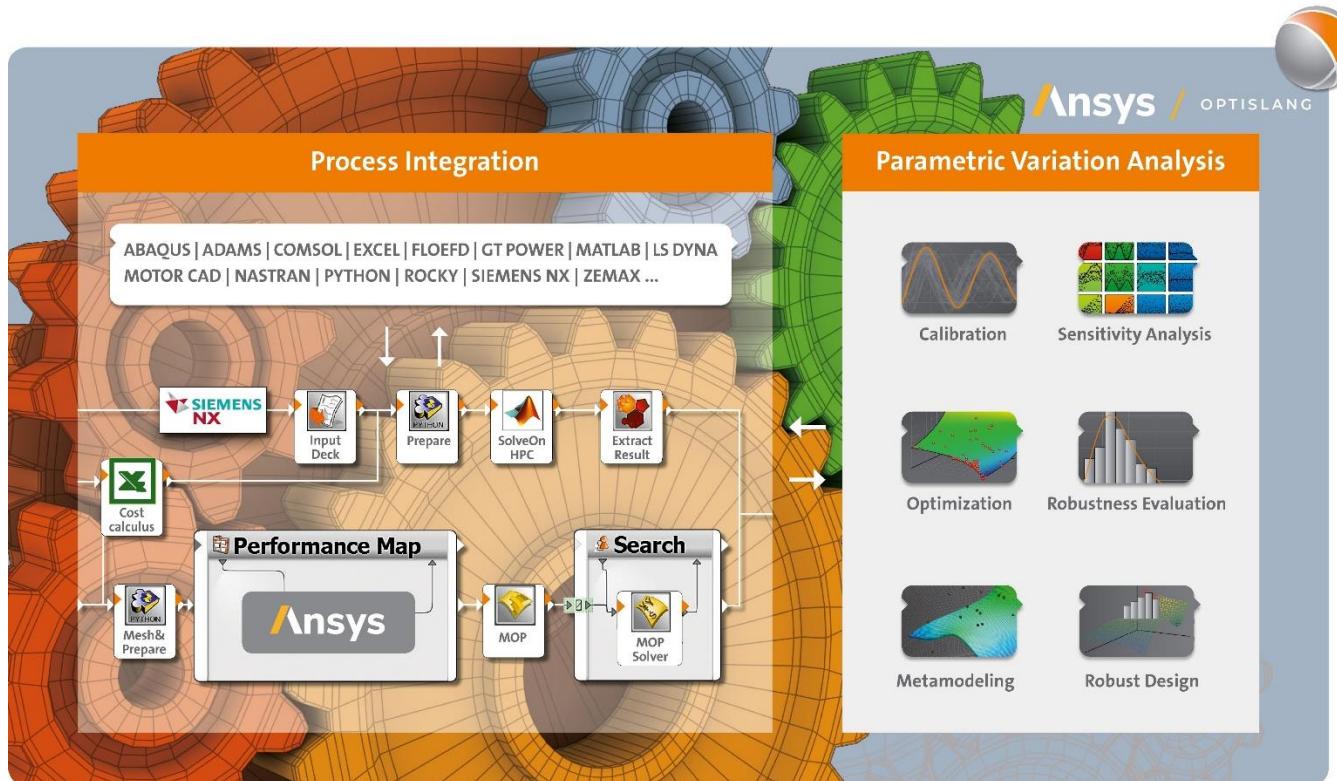
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What possibilities are included in ANSYS optiSLang ?

- Automated workflows
- Support all ANSYS tools
- Support 3rd party tools
- Open and flexible
- Build vertical apps
- Integration with Minerva
- "Simulation for non-simulation experts"

Process integration

Workflow Building and Process Automation



Variation Analysis

Algorithms for robust design optimization

- Identify relevant parameters
- reduce complexity
- Understand your design
- Optimize your product with minimal effort
- Verify the robustness and reliability of your design
- Creates Data-based ROMs for digital twins

Variation analysis + Process integration

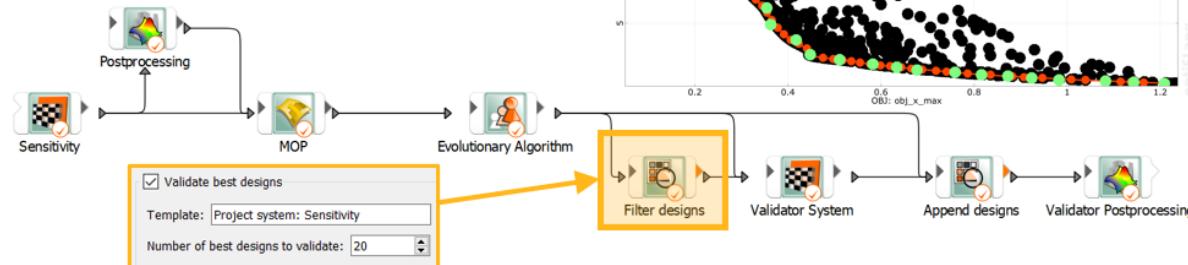
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Recent development in Metamodelling, Optimization and Reliability Algorithms
by Thomas Most (Dynardo GmbH)

Multi-objective Optimization on MOP

Validation of Pareto frontier

- Space-filling criterion to filter subset of well distributed Pareto optimal designs for validation



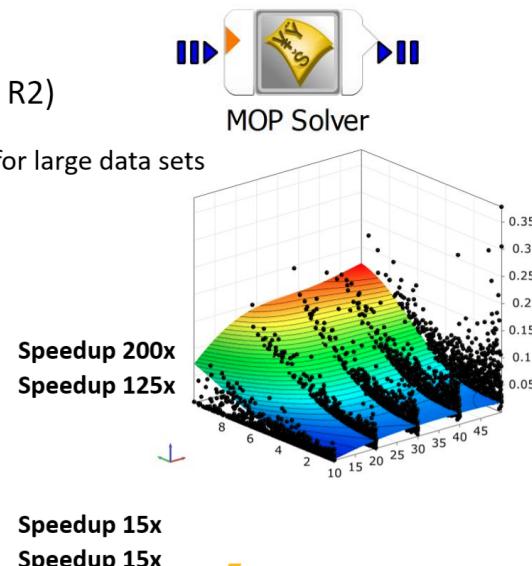
MOP Solver Performance (2020 R2)

- Significant improved performance for large data sets

Customer example 1

6000 data points, 7 inputs, 5 outputs

- Load file 10 min -> 3 sec
- Solve design 25 sec -> 0,2 s



Customer example 2

1500 data points, 22 inputs, 47 outputs

- Load file 15 min -> 1 min
- Solve design 20 sec -> 1,5 s

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Recent developments and applications of Field Meta Modeling
by Sebastian Wolff (ANSYS Austria GmbH)

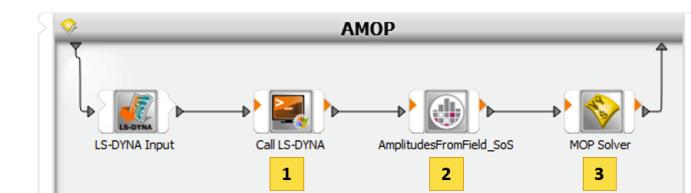
3. Process automation for field data in optiSLang Innovation: Improved process nodes (**input** fields)

How does it work ?

- User prepares CAE solver or measurement that produces field output (e.g. a modified FEM mesh, a STL 3D measurement, a signal)
- User prepares SoS model that imports the file and projects the field data into scalar "parameters"

For each design:

- 1 optiSLang calls the CAE solver
- 2 optiSLang calls SoS to read CAE result and gets the scalar parameters
- 3 optiSLang uses the scalars, e.g. in (Field)MOP, as inputs to CAE solvers or in optimization goals

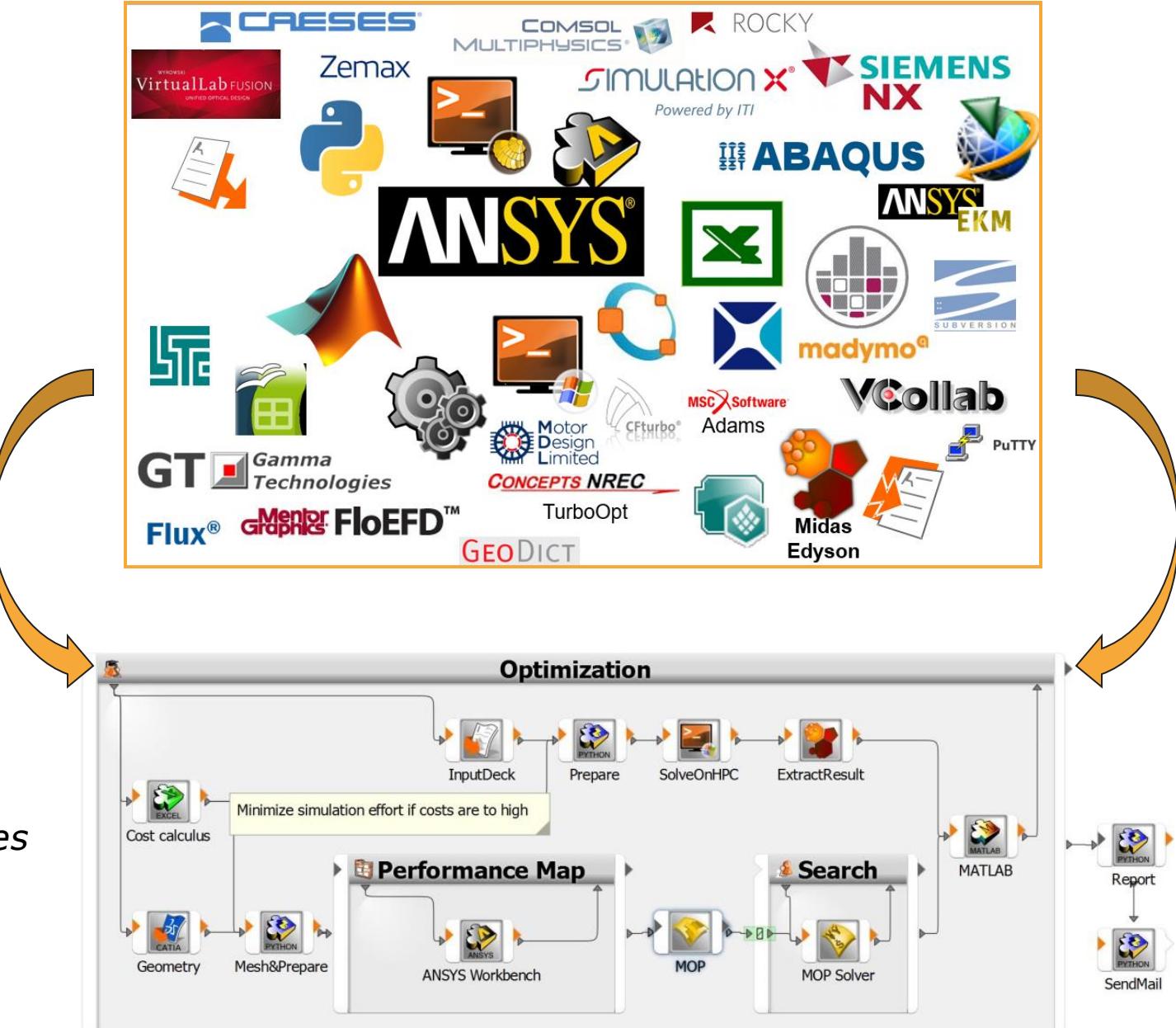


optiSLang - software neutral integration platform



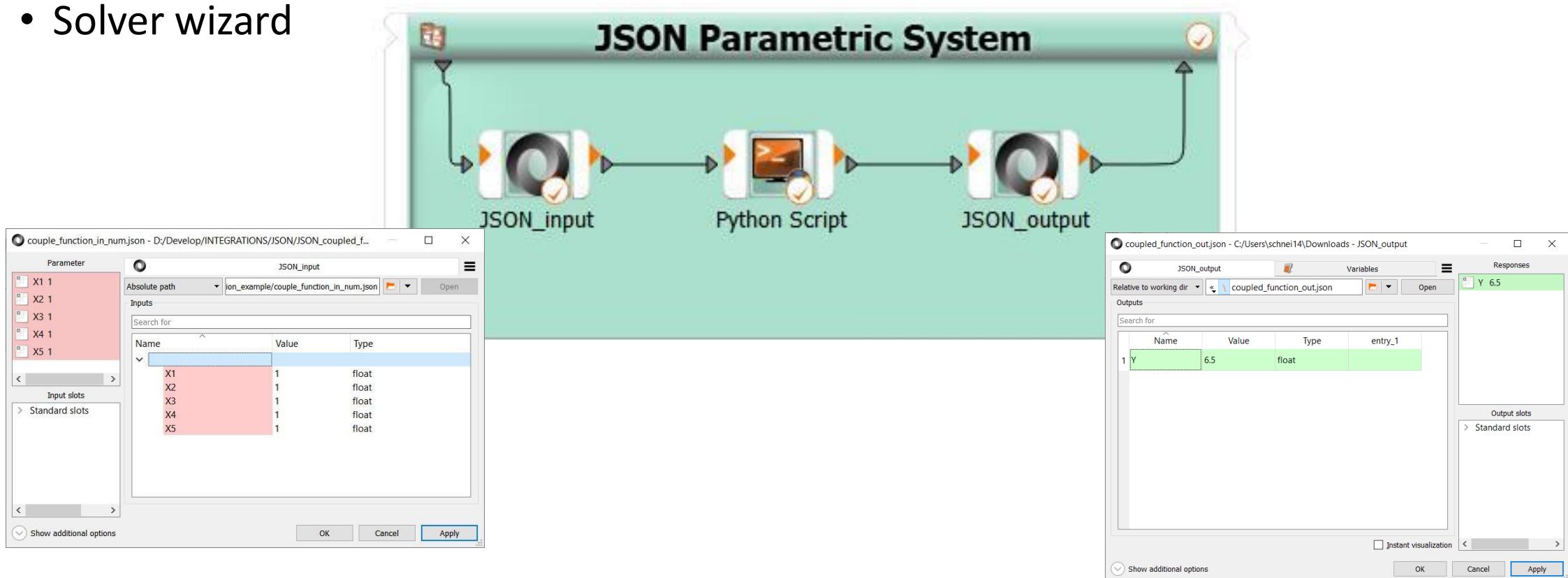
optiSLang connects

- Connect the tools our customers use
 - ANSYS
 - 3rd party
 - PLM
 - In-house
- CAx workflow management
 - Organize sequence/loops/conditions
DOE, optimization, performance grid
- Open architecture
 - Plugins
for CAx Tools, Algorithms, PLM/Databases
 - Interfaces
Batch, Scriptable, Remote control



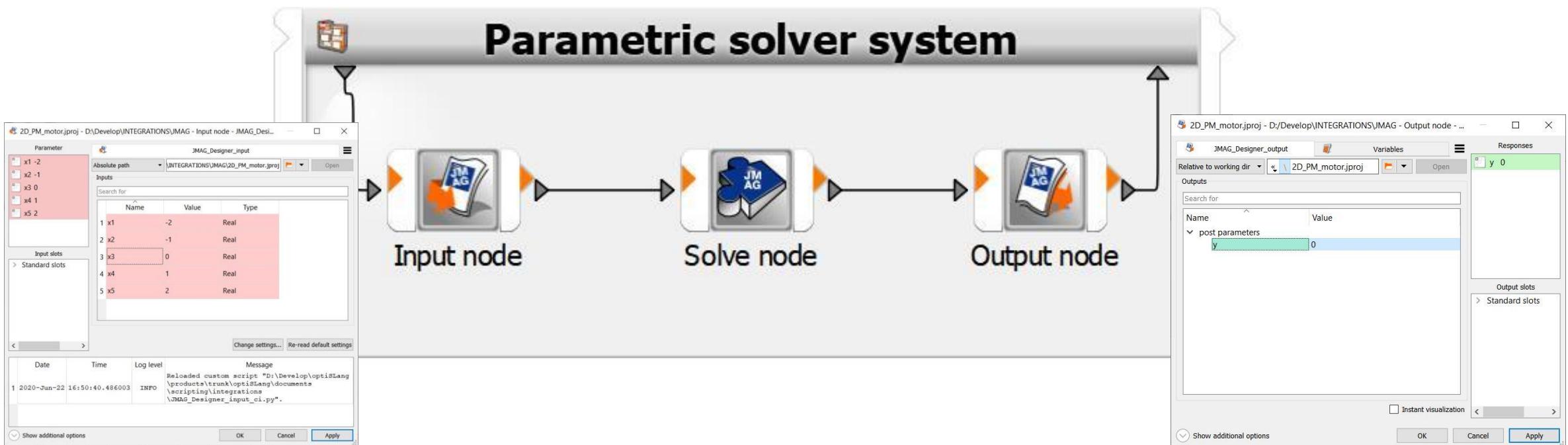
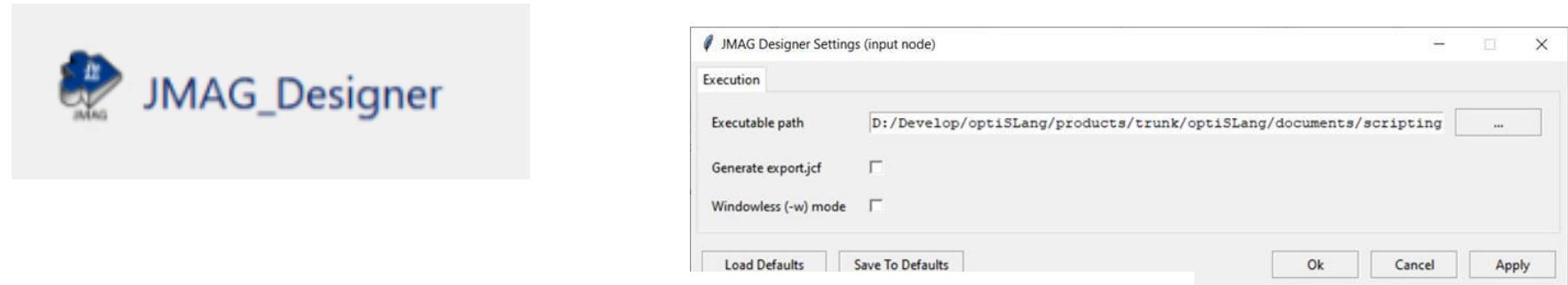
New integration node JSON

- Nodes
- Solver wizard



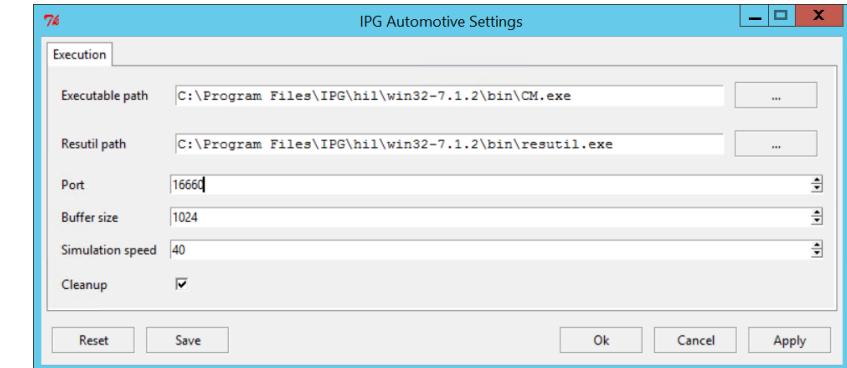
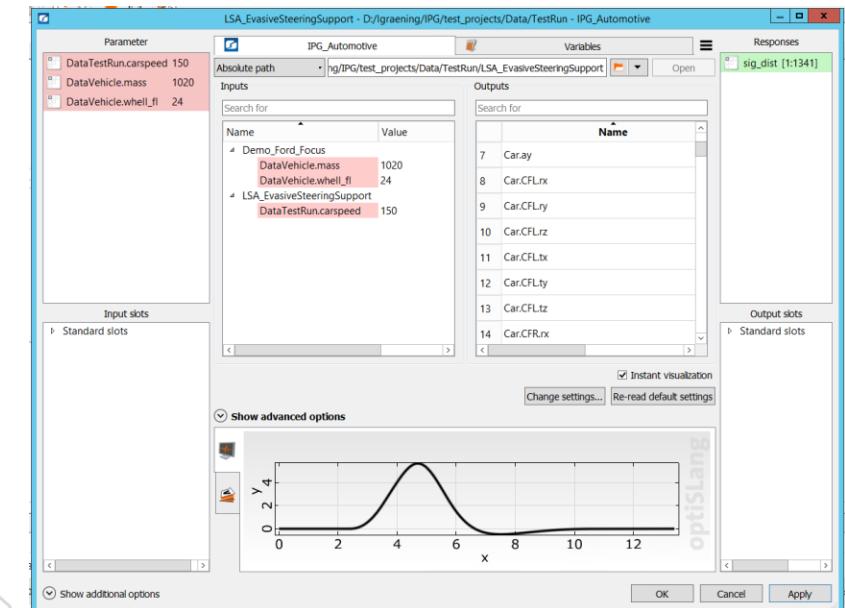
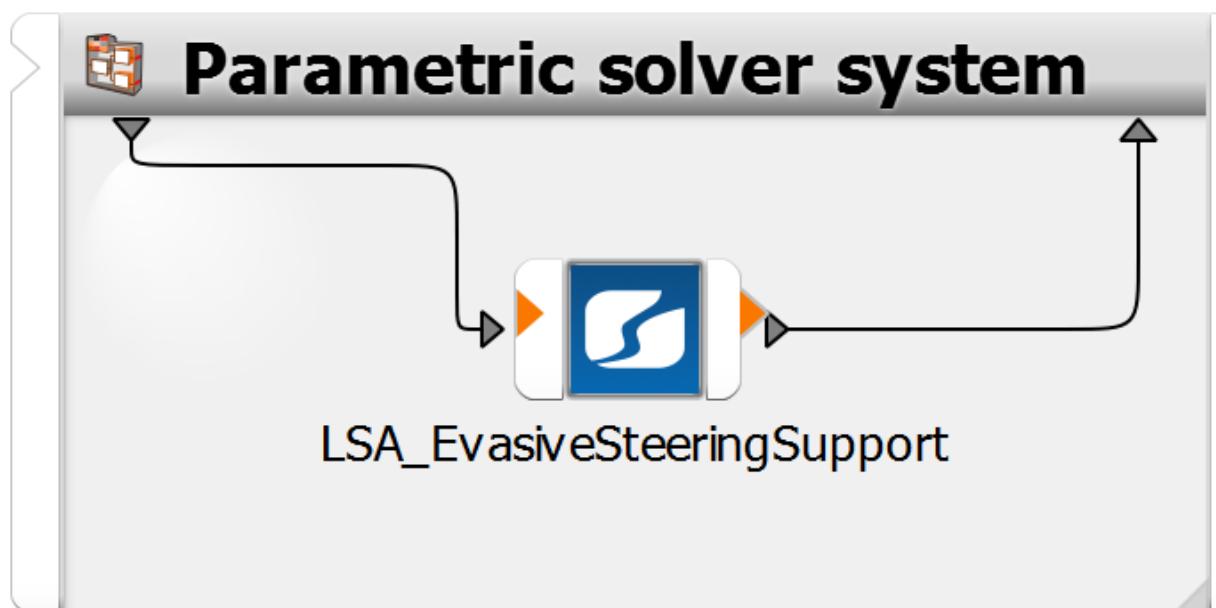
New integration node JMAG

- Nodes
- Solver wizard



New integration node IPG

- Nodes
- Solver wizard



ANSYS Workbench Connector

- New file-transfer option Workbench \leftrightarrow optiSLang project

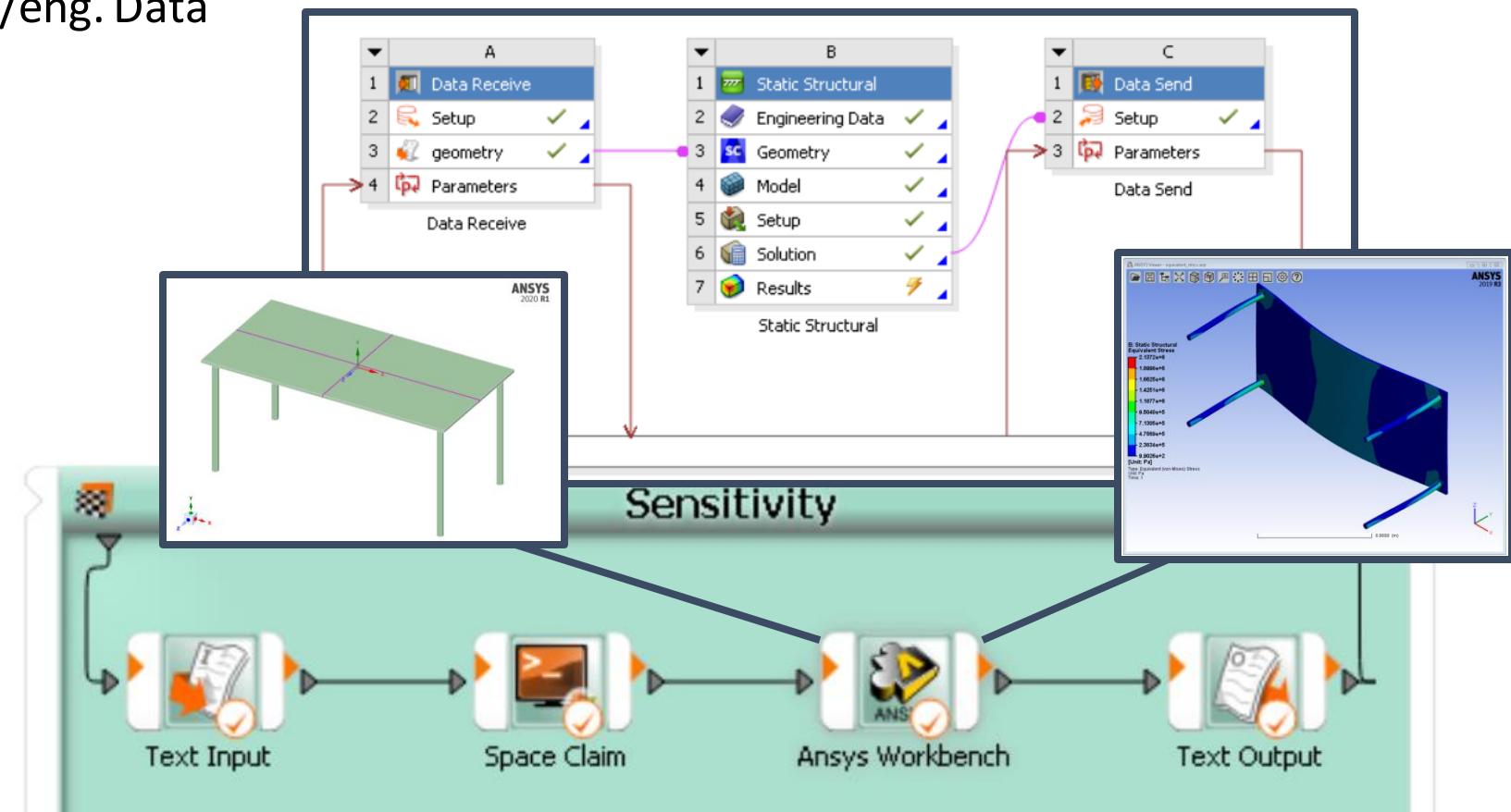
- Forward e.g. mesh/geometry/eng. Data
- Send back results, avz

- AMOP connection

- Inside Workbench

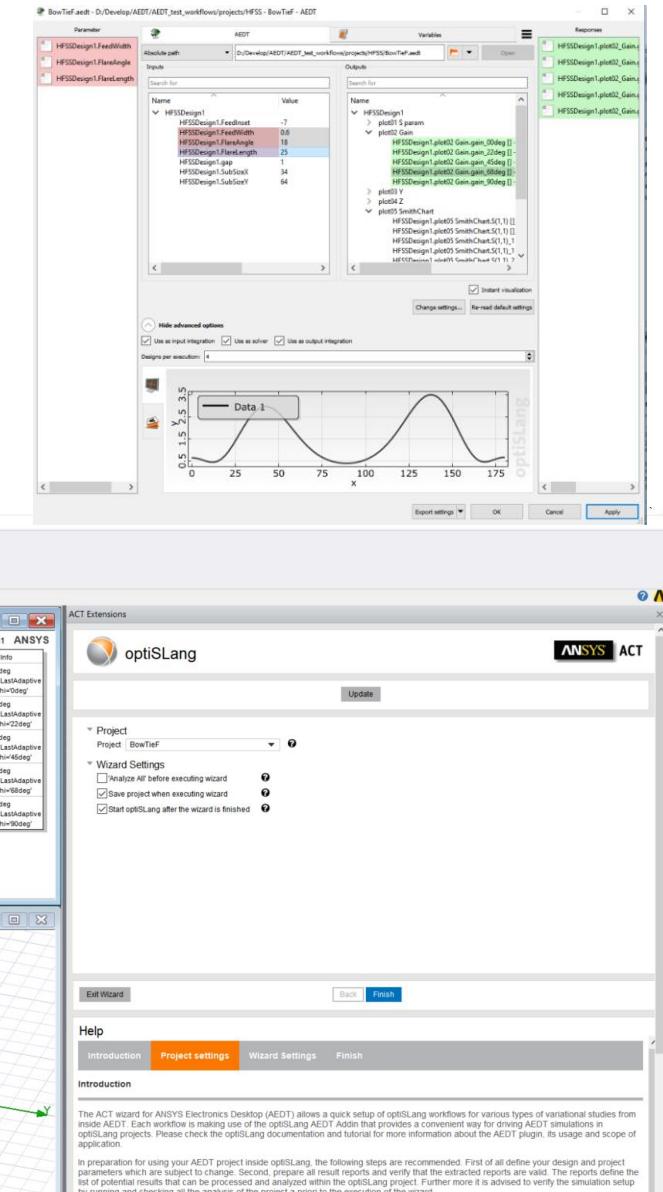
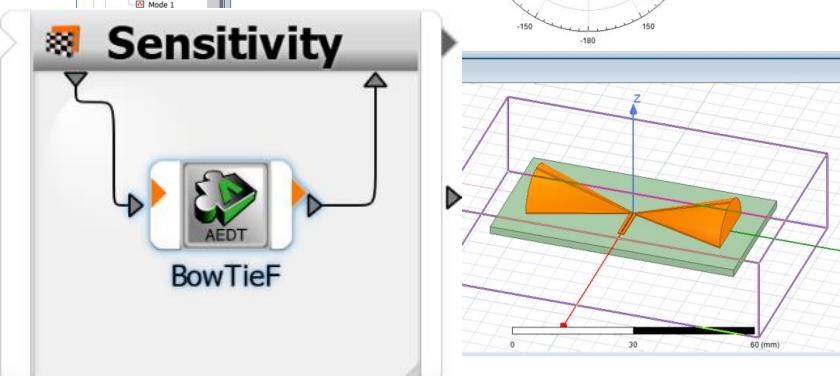
- Validation system

- Inside Workbench



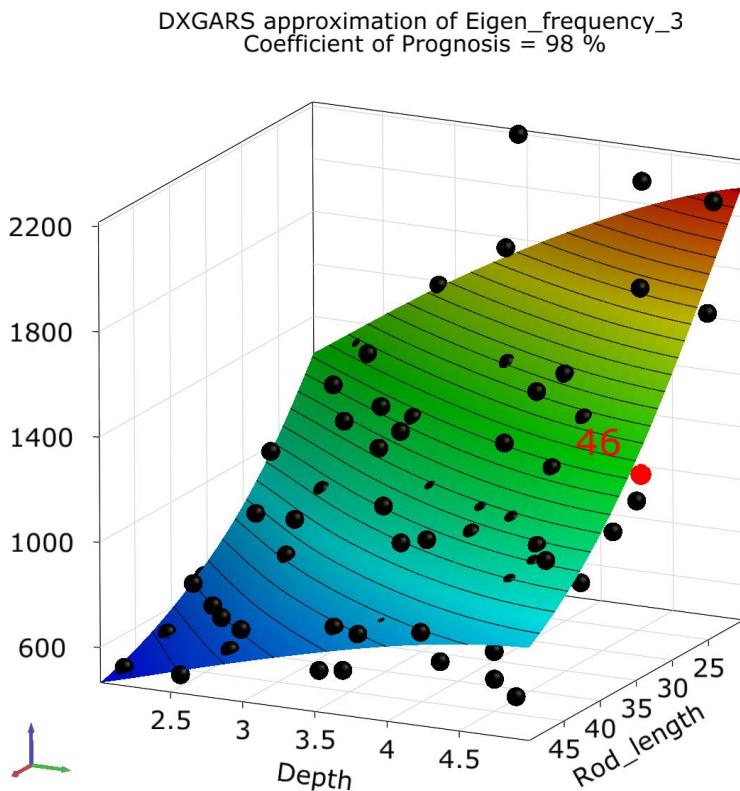
ANSYS Electronics Desktop Connector

- New wizard: optiSLang inside AEDT (available as .wbex)
 - Wizard guided setup of workflow
- Supports Distributed Solve Option
- Significant reduction of redundant AEDT calls
- Improved project related meta data management



Integration of DX algorithms and meta-models

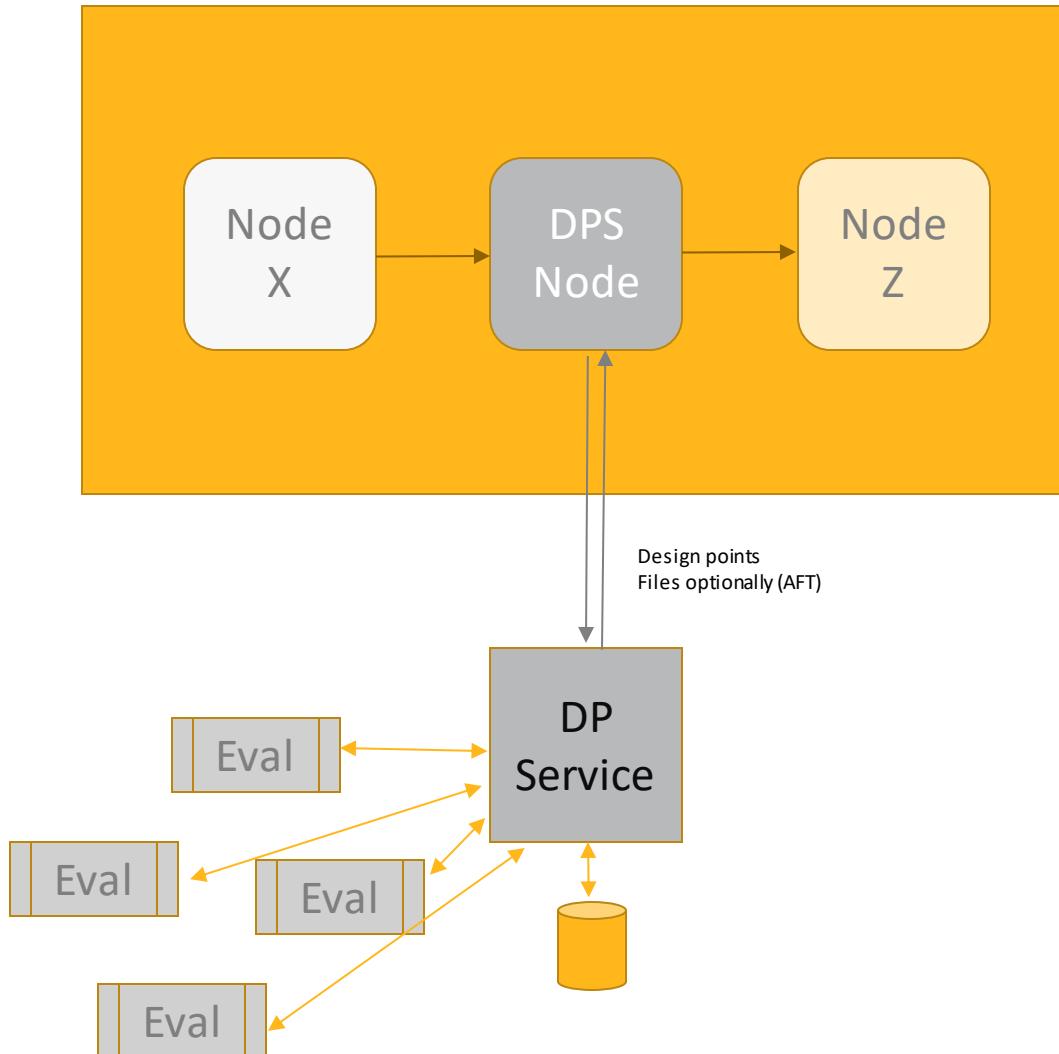
- Addin for using DX algorithms in optiSLang
- Implemented as custom algorithms and custom surrogate interfaces



Models	
Polynomials	
Use	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> True
Order	2
Coefficient factor	2.00
Moving least squares	
Use	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> True
Order	2
Coefficient factor	8.00
Kriging	
Use	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> True
Anisotropic	<input type="checkbox"/> False
Coefficient factor	8.00
External	
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DXGARS	<input type="checkbox"/> False
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DXPoly	<input type="checkbox"/> False
Feedforward_network	<input type="checkbox"/> False

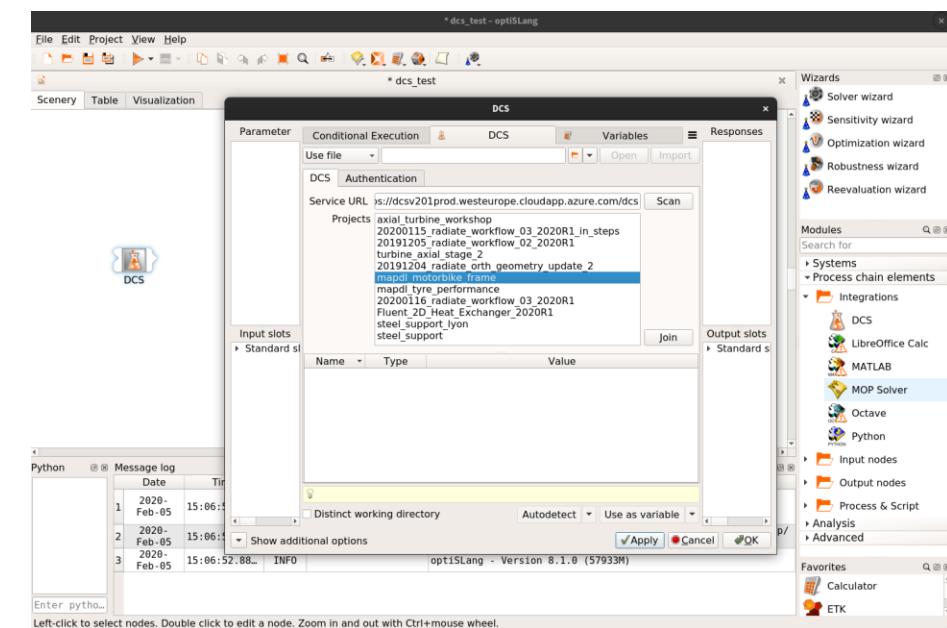
Optimization method	
Gradient based	
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Direct	
<input type="radio"/>	Adaptive Response Surface Method (ARSM)
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<input type="radio"/>	Downhill Simplex Method
Nature inspired	
<input type="radio"/>	Evolutionary Algorithm (EA)
<input type="radio"/>	Particle Swarm Optimization (PSO)
<input type="radio"/>	Memetic (Beta)
Plugins	
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Integration of Design Point Services (DPS) (Beta)



2020 R2

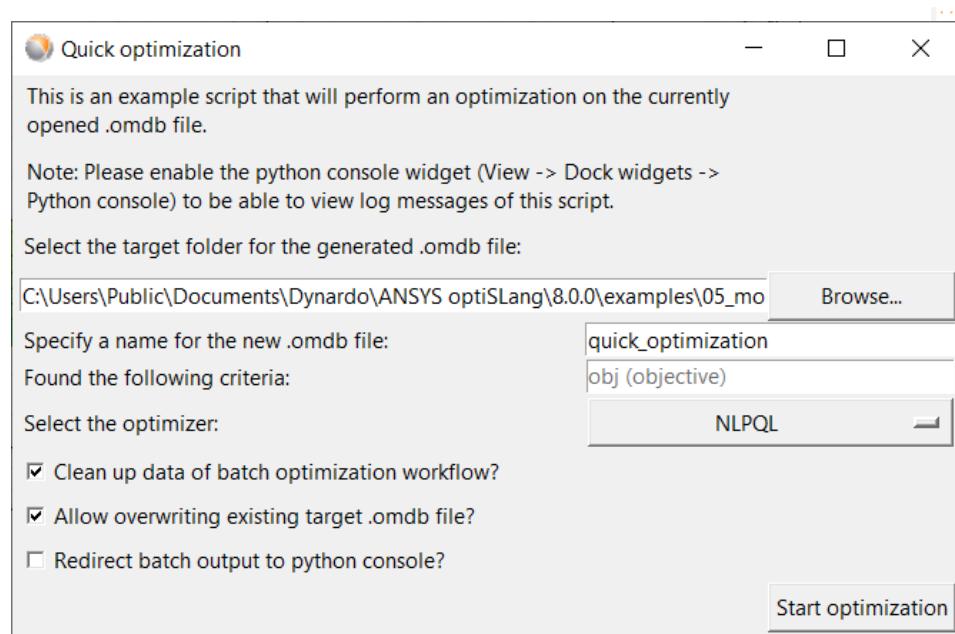
- DPS Integration Node
- Interfaces pre-existing projects
- Based on the Python client API
- Single design point update



Postprocessing: custom functions

OS (C:) > Programme > Dynardo > ANSYS optiSLang > 8.1.0 > scripting > postprocessing > execute_scripts

- Define your helper function “behind a button”
- Optimizer inside Postprocessing comes as example



```
....print("Using temporary directory: " + str(self.tmp_dir))

....opf_name = "monitoring_script_opf.opf"
....opf_path = os.path.join(self.tmp_dir, opf_name)
....opd_path = os.path.join(self.tmp_dir, "monitoring_script_opf.opd")

....# Create and save a new .omdb file for the script file to use
....omdb_name = "monitoring_script_omdb.omdb"
....omdb_path = os.path.join(self.tmp_dir, omdb_name)
....self.control_container.save(omdb_path, False, True, False)

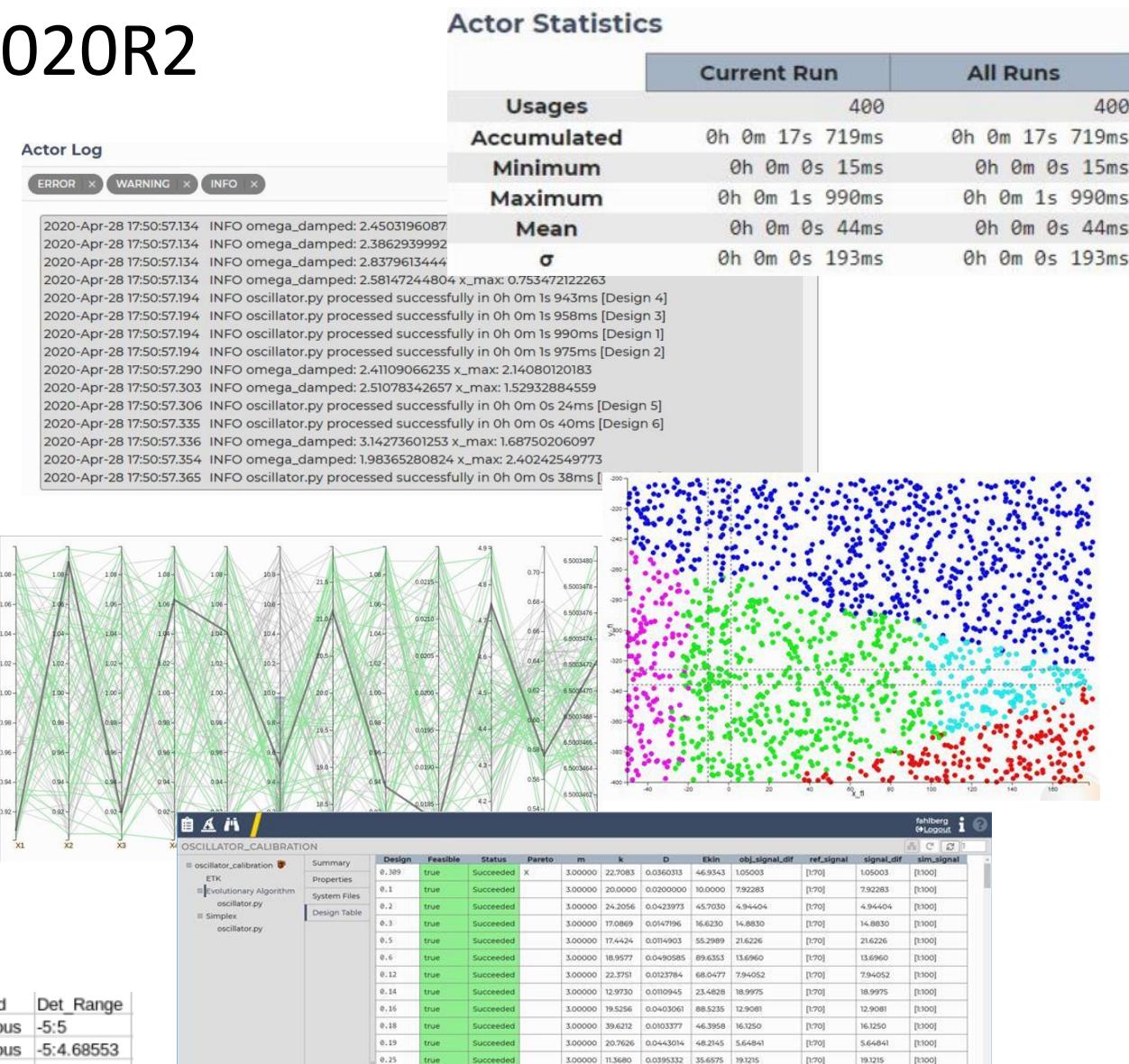
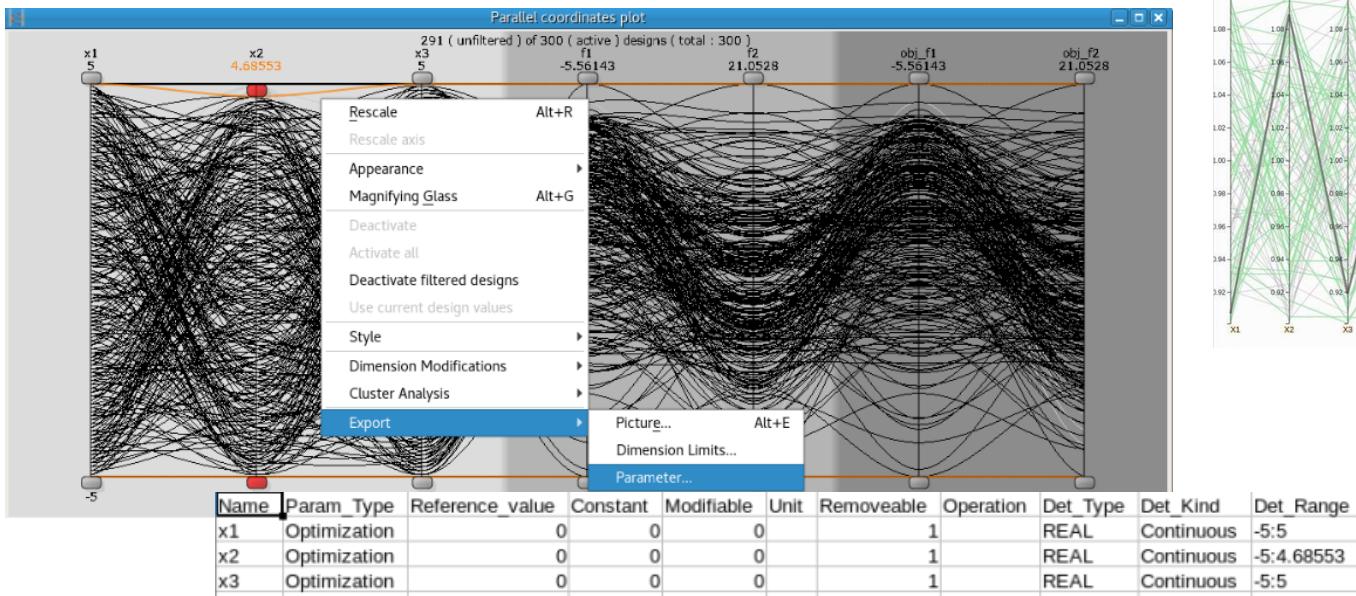
....# Shorten "Evolutionary Algorithm" if selected to pass it as argument
....if str(self.optimizer_value.get()) == "Evolutionary Algorithm":
....    self.optimizer_value.set("EA")

....# Start optislang with the selected script and the saved .omdb file as script argument
....command = "\"" + str(self.optislang_exe) + "\" -b --new \"\" + str(opf_path) + \
....          \"\" --python \"\" + str(self.script_path) + \
....          \"\" --script-args \"\" + str(omdb_path).replace("\\", "\\\\") + \"\" + \
....          str(self.optimizer_value.get()) + \
....          print("Executing script with optiSLang..")
....if os.name == "nt":
....    if self.redirect_output_value.get() == 0:
....        process = subprocess.Popen(command)
....        process.communicate()
....    else:
....        process = subprocess.Popen(command, stdout=subprocess.PIPE, stderr=subprocess.PIPE)
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ANSYS optiSLang Innovations in 2020R2

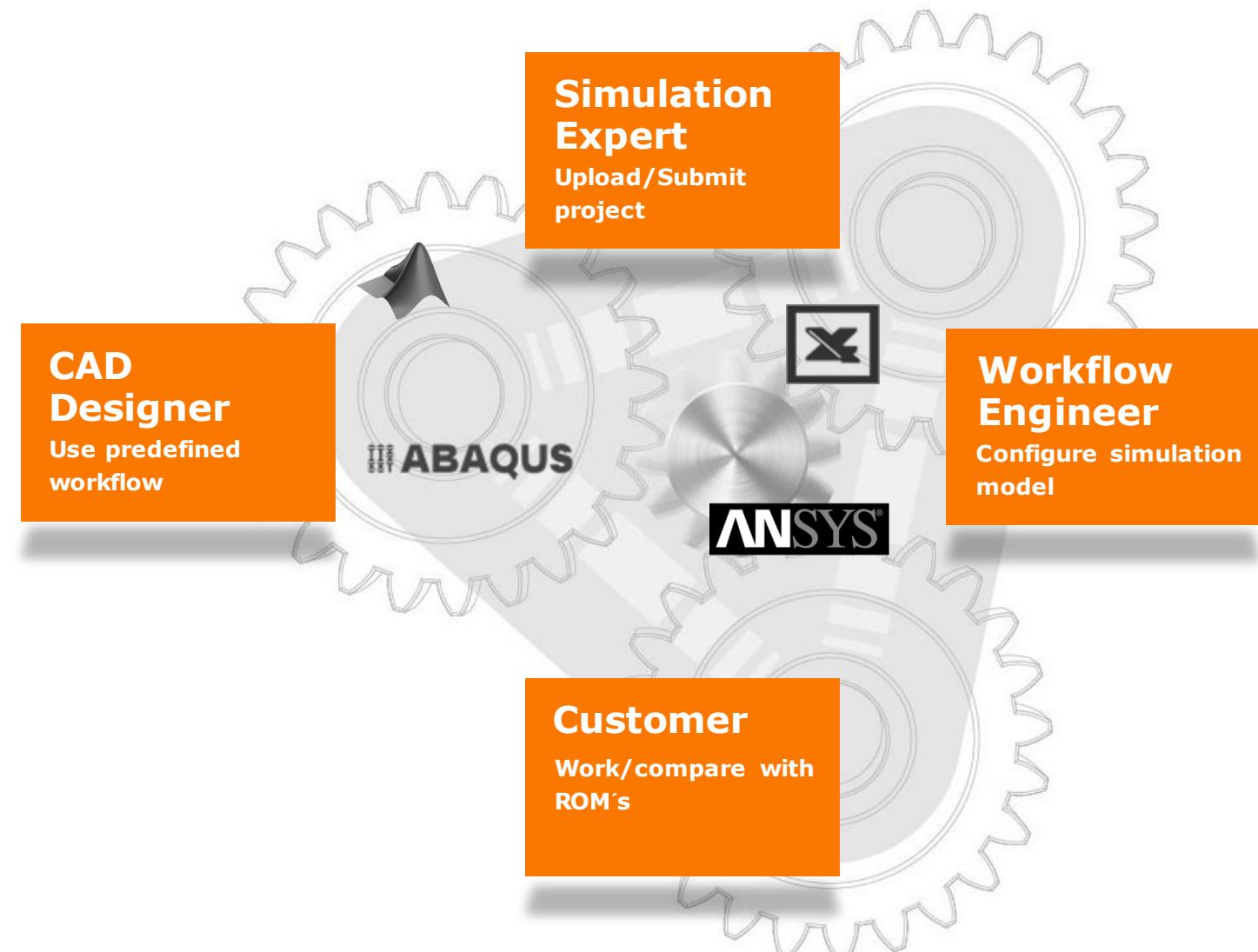
Monitoring & Postprocessing

- Usage metrics
- Extended Node info log (incl. API)
- Import JSON
- Custom web-based monitoring
- Desktop App: Export Parameter bounds



Democratization

- Easy access for non-experts
- Simulation/Automation by experts
- Centrally Workflow Management
- Traceability
- Reusability
- Standardization

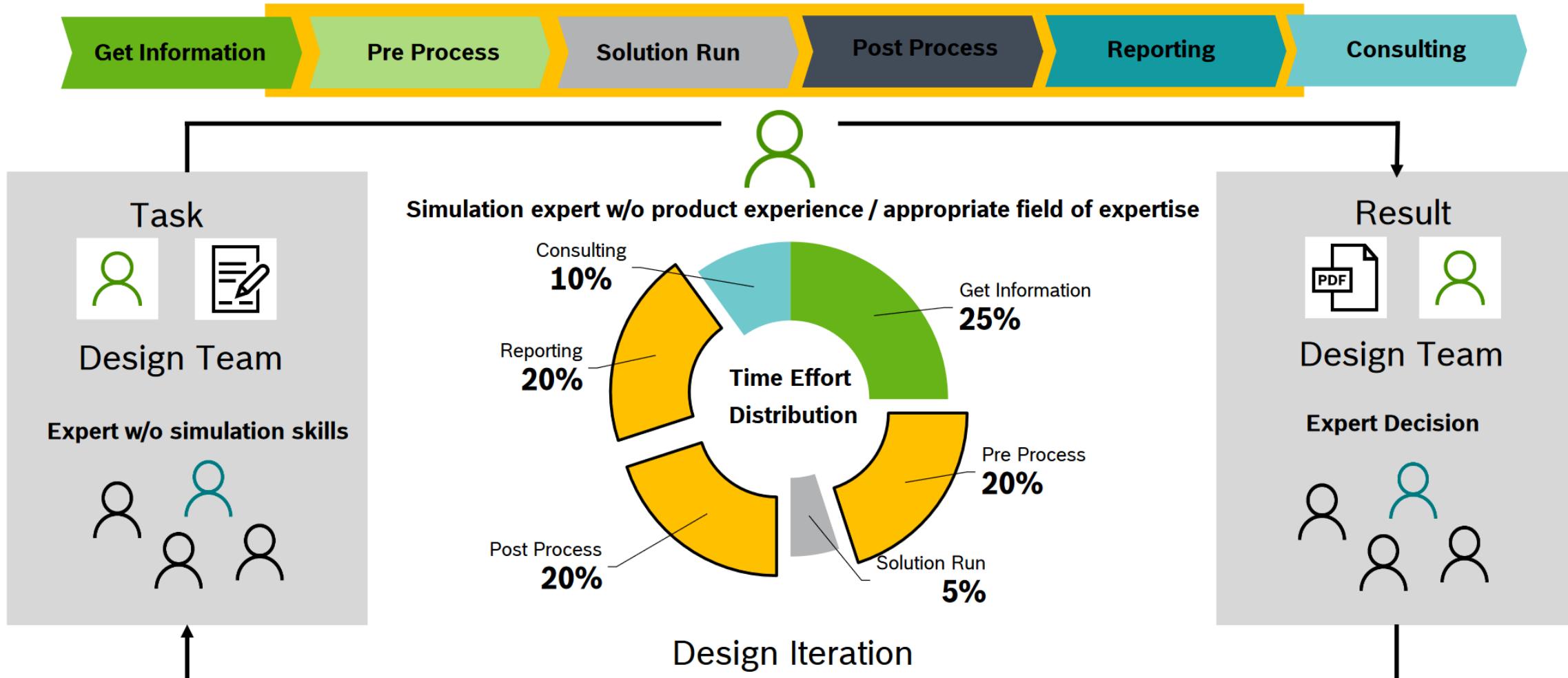


Interactive process automation and integration for every entry scenario is guided and supported by wizards and default settings.

Democratization of CAE-Workflows with optiSLang @ Bosch

Simulation Process Management (SPM)

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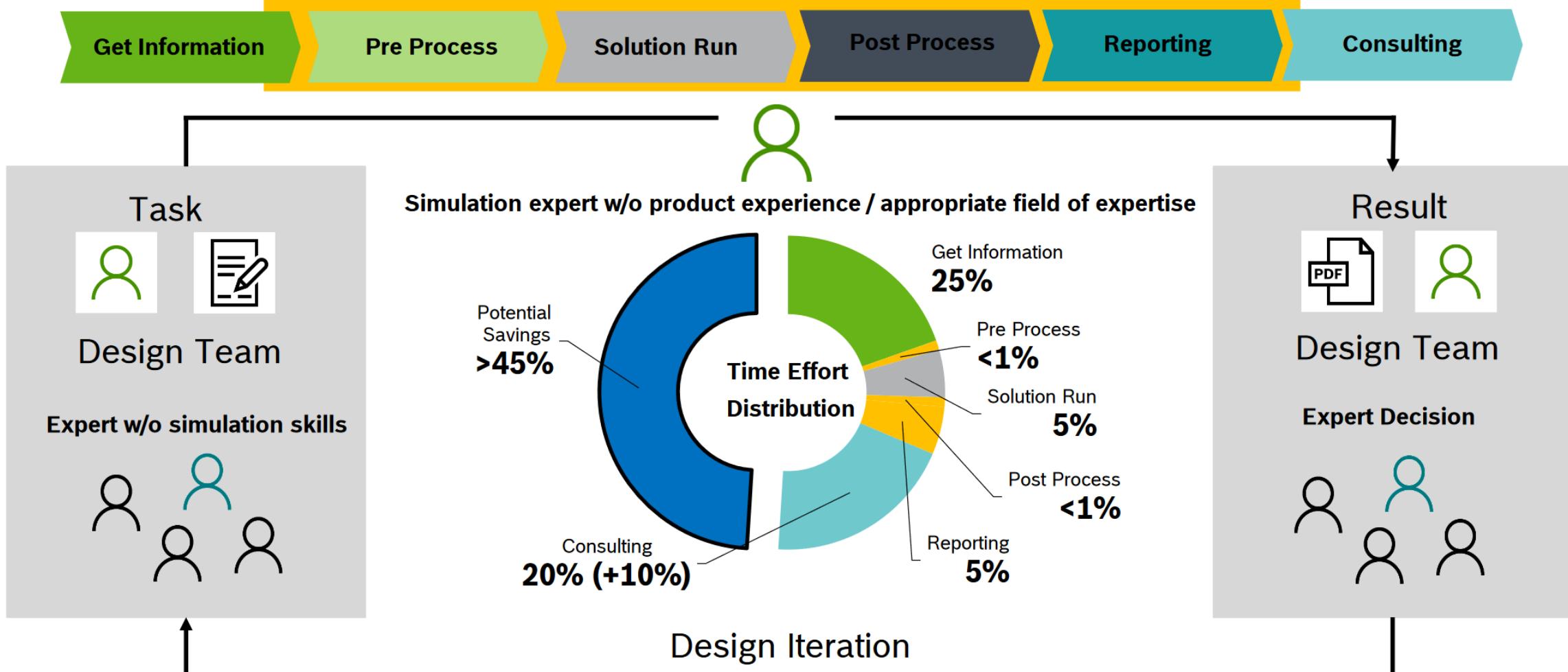


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Target State: Expected Savings

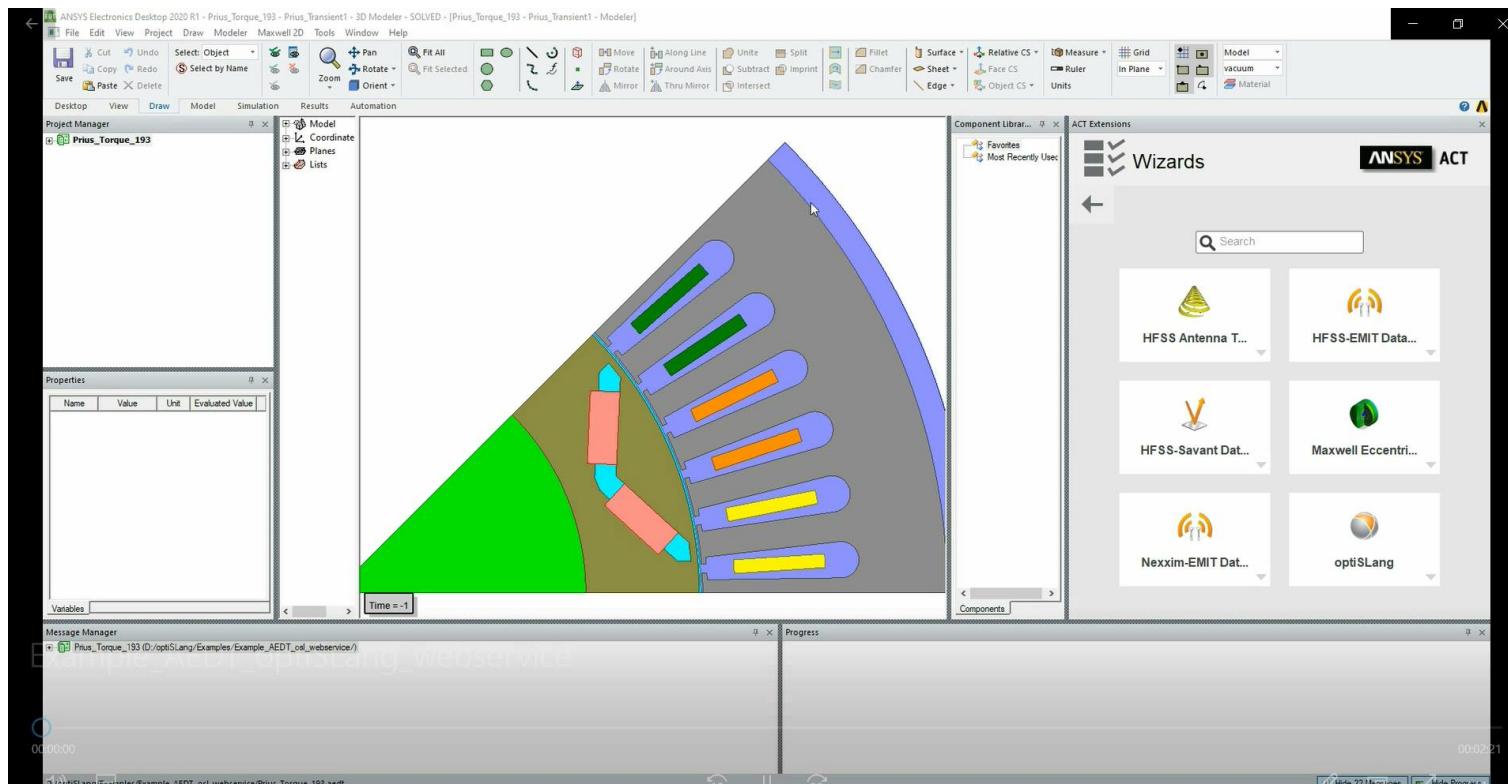
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Include AEDT project in simulation workflow

- Wizard based setup in AEDT
- optiSLang wizards help
 - Parametrize inputs/outputs
 - Choose algorithm
- optiSLang workflow is created

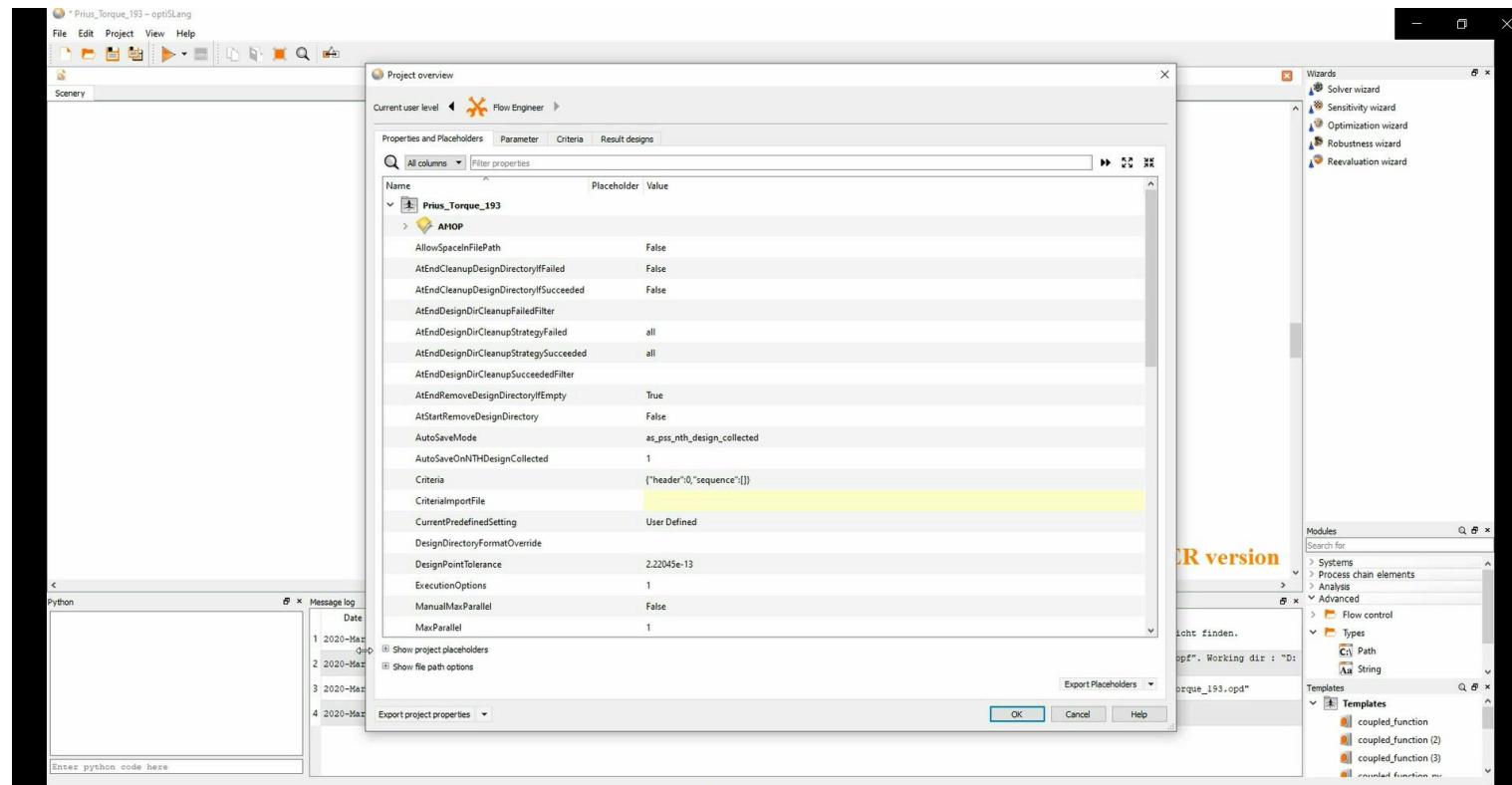


**Wizard is part of the optiSLang installer*

Set up + (extend) simulation workflow

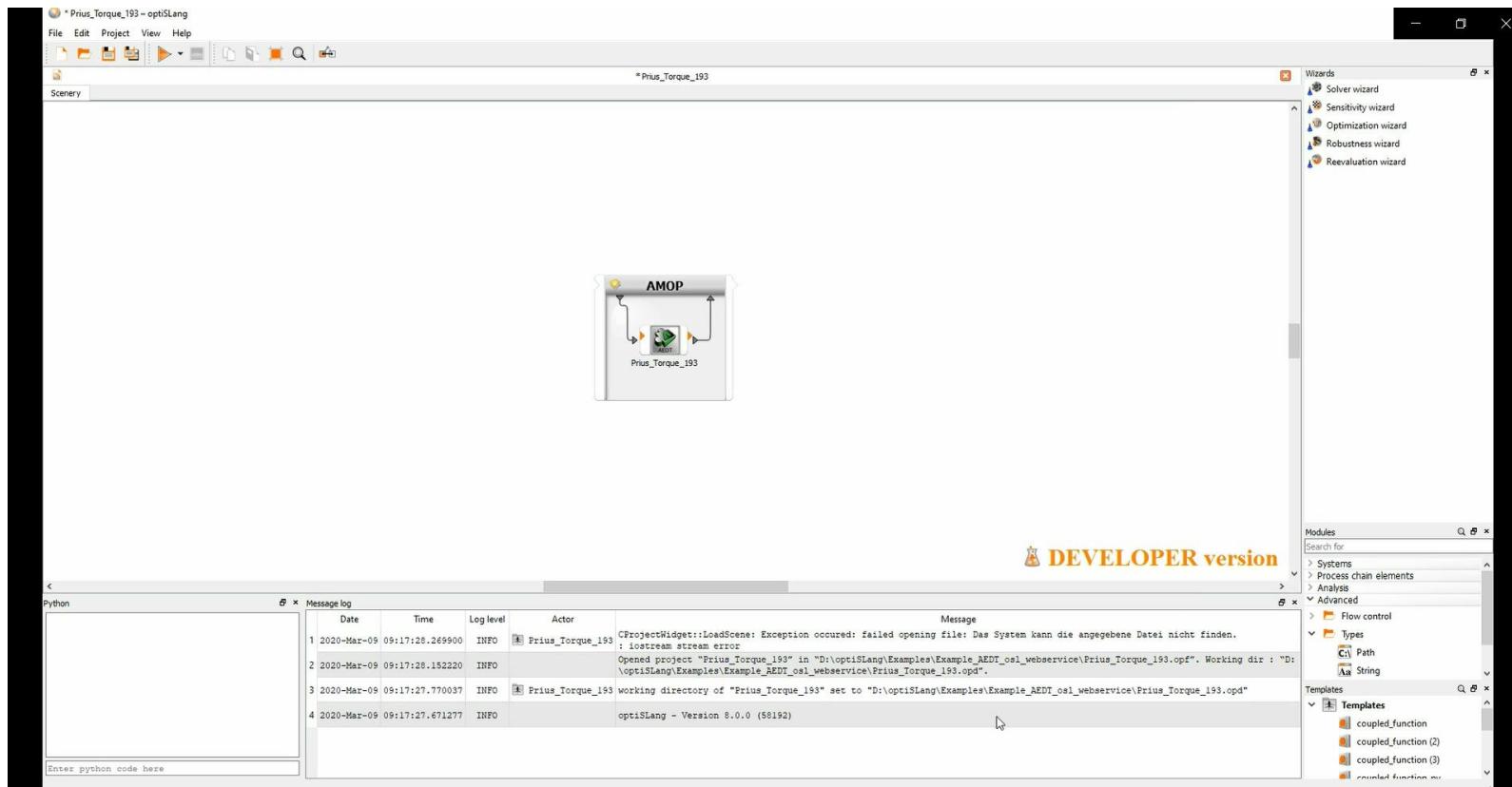
Use full power of optiSLang

- Add other nodes/algorithms
 - e.g. next AEDT project
 - Pre/postprocessing
 - ...
- Set e.g. execution settings
 - Number of parallel runs
 - DSO
 - ...
- Parametrize the workflow
 - Access to all settings in project
 - Define possible “parameters”



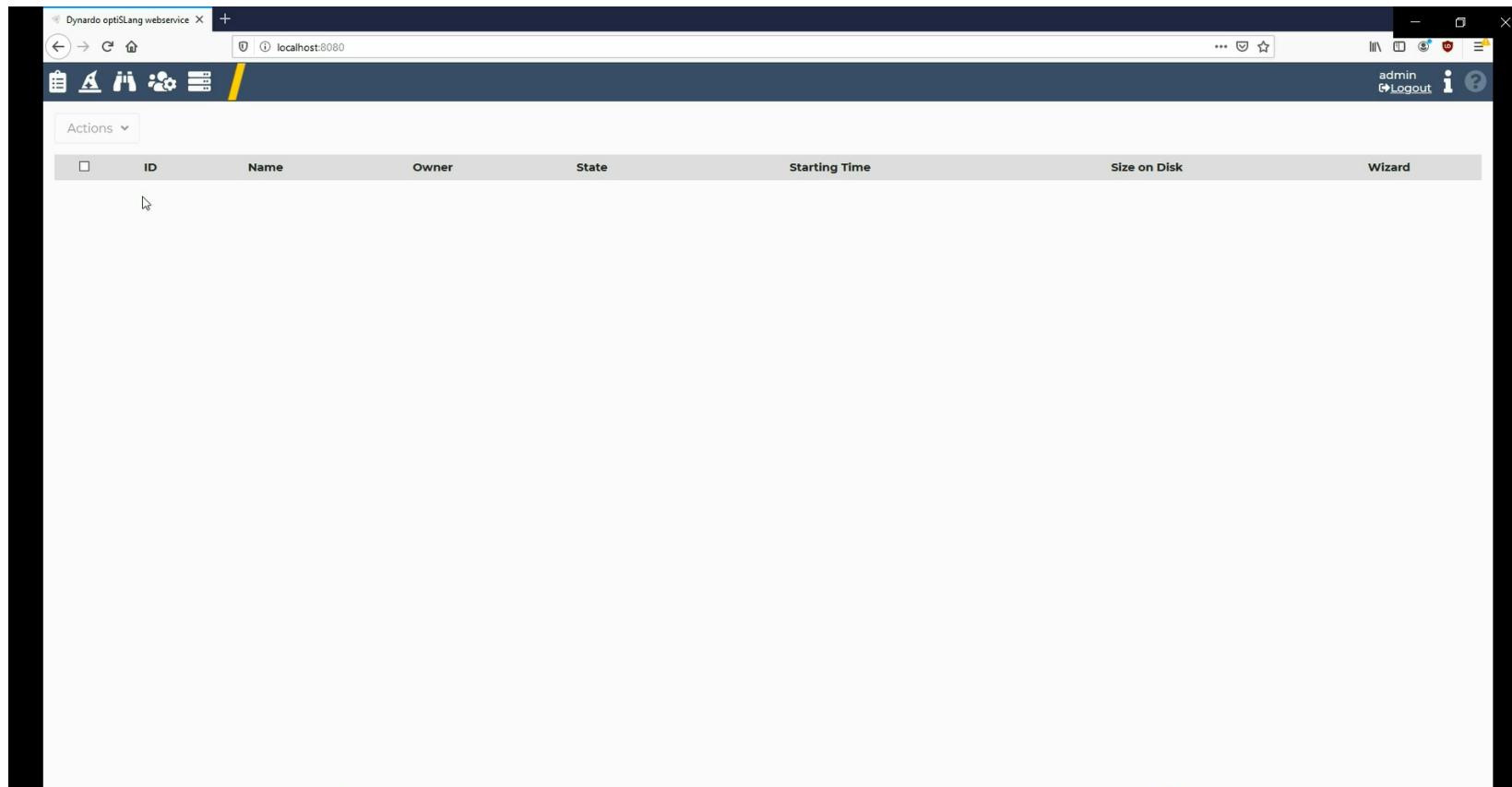
Publish / Democratize

- Save project to ...
- Automatically
 - Creates Web-App
 - Uploads to Webserver
- Customization possible



Web-App: Access in browser

- No desktop installation needed
- Only “understandable” settings
- Project monitoring
 - Standard or customizable



→ Simulation for non-simulation experts

optiSLang webService – Digital Transformation in CAE Engineering

Web-based provision of CA-Engineering workflows

This placeholder wizard runs the oscillator calibration workflow. It shows how to define an input file for upload, placeholders and an output file for download.

Go!

Upload an optiSLang project file and use a custom Python command to submit it.

Go!

Table

This placeholder wizard runs the table workflow. It shows how to run single design workflow.

Go!

Table plain

This Wizard is an example for a plain wizard.js which calls a Python process and optiSLang.

Go!

Task node(s):Pool



Abaqus Process



ANSYS Workbench

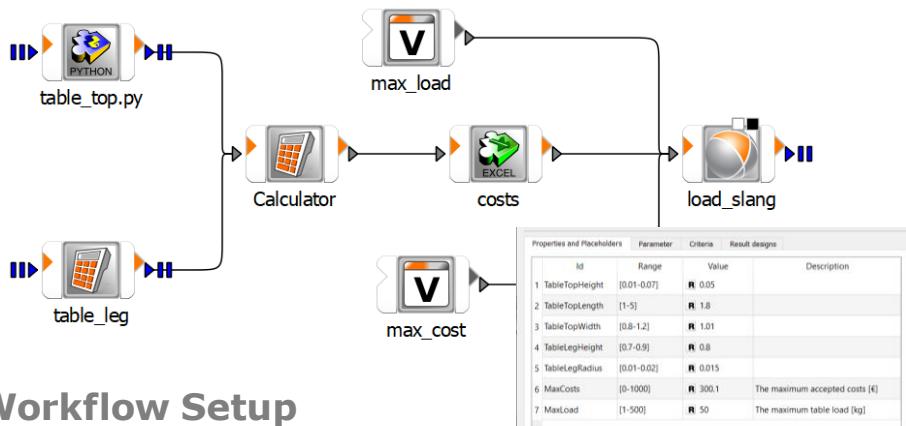


Excel



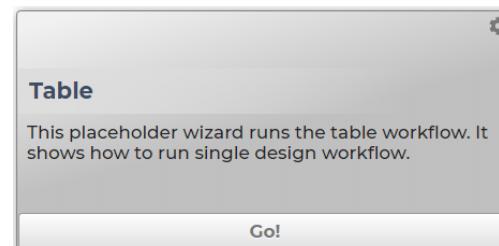
Data Mining

Input → Output



Workflow Setup

App Definition



outstanding
Efficiency

by consequent baselining and reuse of CAE engineering processes

Table parameter

Name	Value	Unit
Leg radius	0,05	m
Leg height	0,7	m
Plate length	1,2	m
Plate width:	0,7	m
Plate height:	0,01	m
Total costs:	159.62	€
Load:	200	kg

Run optiSLang

Web-based User Interface

Strong focus on workflows and processes with tailorabile user Interfaces



ANSYS optiSLang Innovations in 2020R2

Extraction Tool Kit

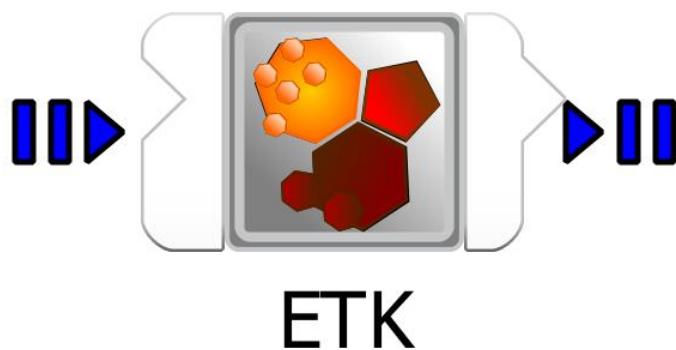
Now part of Ansys optiSLang license

Interfaces to extract results from

Abaqus – odb files

Adams – res files

Amesim – ame files



The screenshot displays two main windows of the Extraction Tool Kit (ETK).

Top Window (ETK): This window is titled "ETK" and shows a file list. It contains an "Variables" tab, a file named "oscillator_reference.txt" (with a red X), and another file named "oscillator_abaqus2019.odb" (with a red X). Below the file list, there are tabs for "Field output" and "History output". Under "Field output", the "Step" is set to "Explicit", "Output" to "U1", and "Region" to "Node PART-1-1.1". A "Filter:" button is also present.

Bottom Window (Solver Wizard): This window is titled "Solver Wizard" and is specifically for "Solver Outputs". It specifies the solver outputs for the "oscillator_AMESim_2019_1.ame" file. The "Responses" panel on the right shows a green item named "MAS002_1_displacement_port_1 [m]". The "Variables" tab lists variables with their values:

Name	Value
MAS002_1 displacement port 1 [m]	[1:1001]
MAS002_1 sign reversed duplicate of displacement port 1 [m]	[1:1001]
SD0000_1 damper force [N]	[1:1001]

„Unified Installer“ + Documentation

- **!!! Additionally !!!**
- optiSLang part of Ansys Installers
- optiSLang documentation in Ansys help system

Downloads: Current Release - 2020 R1

Select Release: 2020 R1 Select Operating System: Windows x64

Windows x64 packages are displayed

Select Download Type: Primary Packages

Primary Packages (Commercial & Academic Packages)

Structures Fluids Electronics

Full Package ANSYS Additive ANSYS Motion Updates

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Ansys

optiSLang – recent developments

Algorithms

- DesignXplorer algorithms
- New Nature Inspired Optimizer (beta)
- Data based distribution fit
- Deep Learning Extension
- FieldMOP - FMU

Integrations

- AEDT
- Workbench
- IPG, JMAG, JSON
- DPS (beta)
- SoS Addins
- Python „use slot values“
- Performance & updates

Postprocessing

- Custom functions button
- Datamining: N-best designs
- Export parameter bounds
- Web-monitoring
- Usage statistics

Interface

- optiSLang webservice
- Register project
- SDK for WebApps

Licensing

- Licensing Dialog
- ETK → optiSLang
- Prepare: SoS → optiSLang

Infrastructure

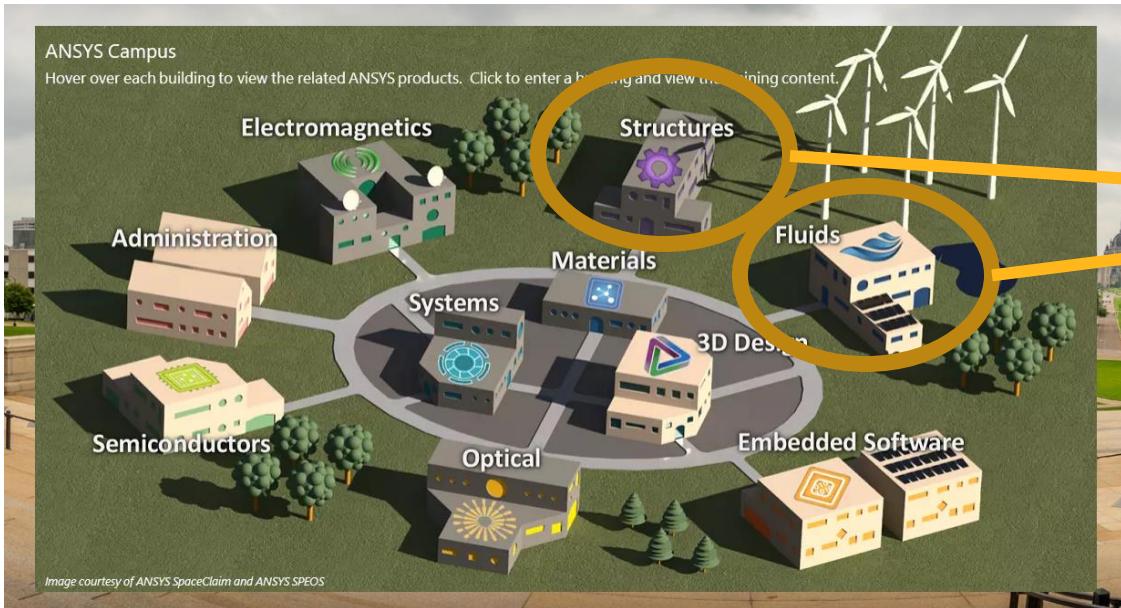
- Unified installer
- Documentation
- Python 3

Some outlook

- New NOA
 - From beta
- MOP settings
 - Defaults and convenience
- AMOP
 - Multiobjective
- Datamining node
 - Wizard based filter definition
- Flatten the curve
 - Performance with many designs
- Postprocessing
 - Direct import from CSV
 - Framework for web-based Postprocessing
- Responsesurface Excel-Addin
 - Synergies with DesignXplorer development
- Integrations
 - E.g. Spaceclaim
- GUI
 - More flexibility to reset/restart designs

Summary, Q&A

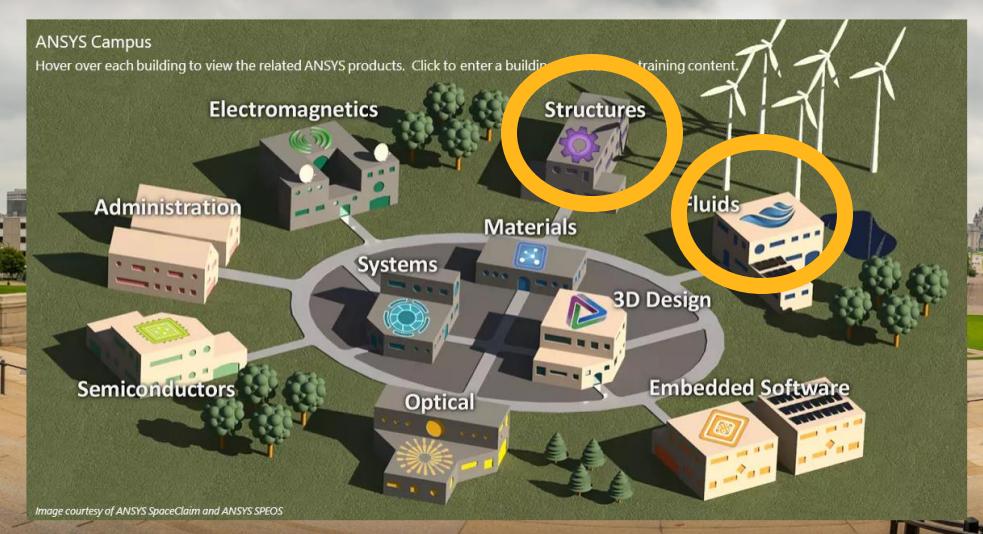
optiSLang inside Ansys Learning Hub



- optiSLang Rooms are available for **Structures** and **Fluids**
 - Corresponding examples can be found there
 - Examples to **Electro-Magnetic-Applications** are in the learn-from-Expert section in Structures Building
- Coming soon:
 - Optics, Electro-Magnetics
 - Platform Building

The screenshot displays the Ansys Learning Hub interface. At the top, there's a navigation bar with 'ANSYS Campus' and a search bar. Below it is a group card for 'ANSYS optiSLang' with 16,857 members. The main content area is titled 'ANSYS optiSLang' and includes a 'Welcome to the ANSYS optiSLang Learning Room' message. It lists six modules: 1. Graphical user interface and process integration, 2. Sensitivity analysis, 3. Single- and multi-objective optimization, 4. Robustness evaluation and Robust Design, 5. Model calibration and parameter identification, and 6. Interactive post-processing and data visualization. On the right side, there's a 'ANSYS Experts' section featuring a photo of a person named Bernd, a 'Back to Structures Building' button, and a 'Ask a Question' button.

ANSYS Learning Hub



optiSLang in buildings:

- Structures
- Fluids

Next:

- Platform
- Electromagnetics
- Optics
- ...

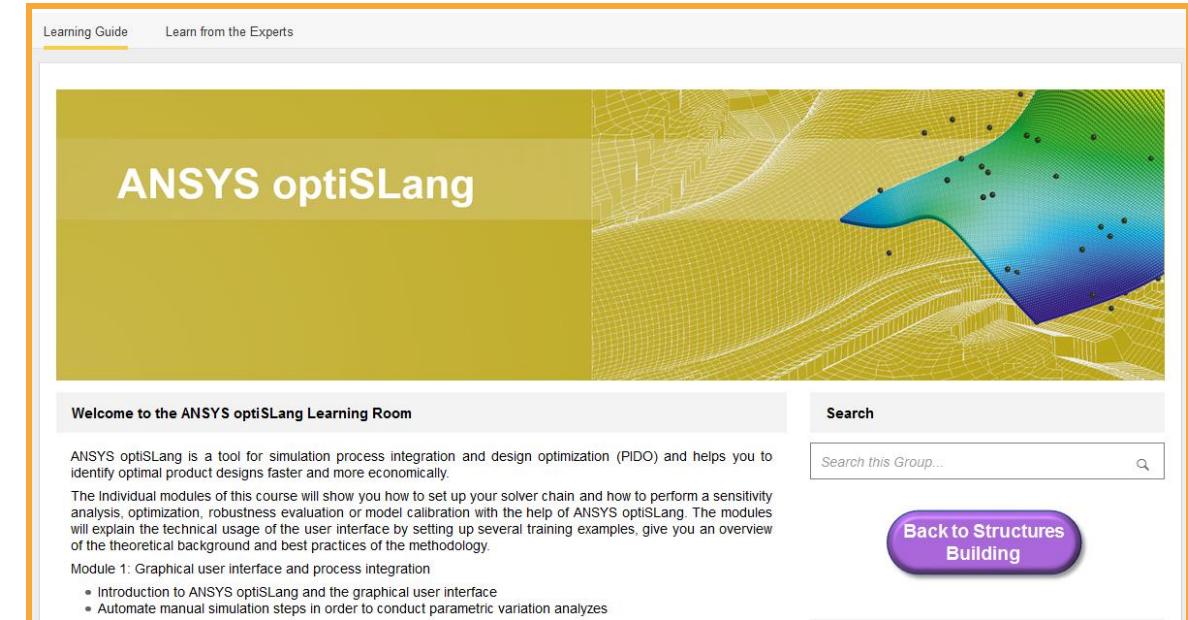


Platform

The screenshot shows the 'Fluids | Optimization' learning room. At the top, there's a decorative image of two pipes with fluid flow. Below it, a banner says 'Welcome to the Ansys Fluids | Optimization Learning Room' with a search bar. A purple gear icon leads to the 'Welcome to the Structures Building' page. This page includes a brief introduction, core concepts for everyone (Advanced Practices, Mechanical APDL, Customization, Optimization), and roles like Materials Engineer, Offshore Engineer, and Structures Engineer. On the right, there's a module titled 'Module 1: Graphical User Interface & Process Integration' with a video player and a list of five lessons: 1. Introduction, 2. ANSYS Workbench optiSLang Plugin, 3. optiSLang GUI, 4. Process Integration, and 5. Advanced Workflow.

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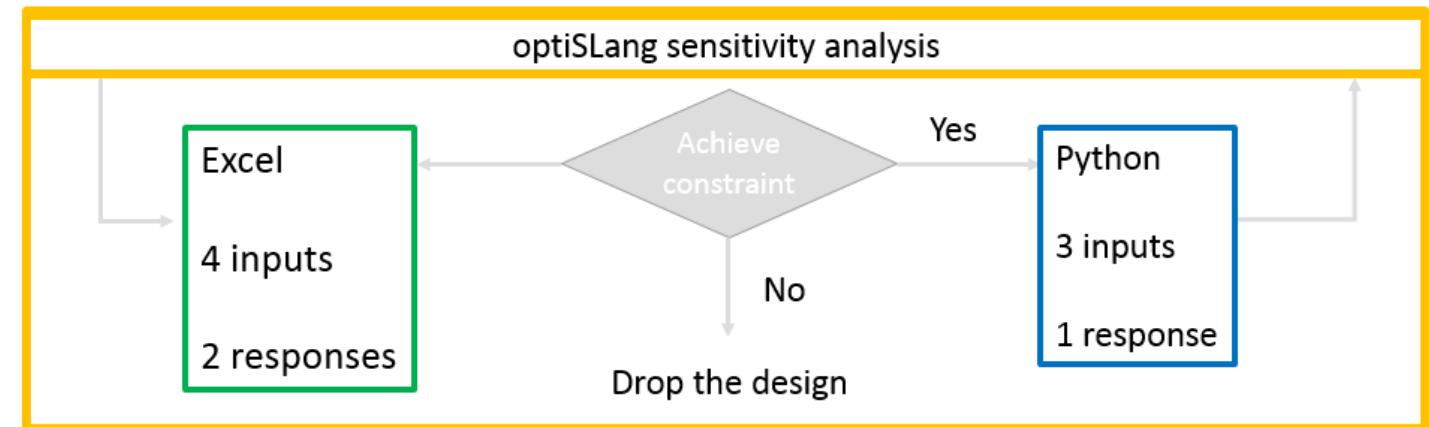
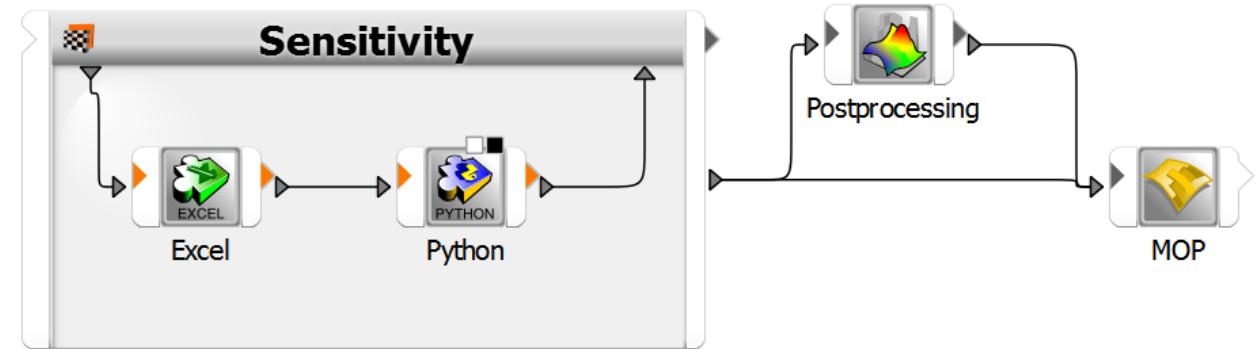
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2 – Sensitivity analysis	01.07.2020
3 – Single- and multi-objective optimization	02.07.2020
4 – Robustness evaluation and Robust Design	07.07.2020
5 – Model calibration and parameter identification	08.07.2020
6 – Interactive post-processing and data visualization	09.07.2020
7 – optiSLang and Ansys Workbench	14.07.2020
8 – optiSLang and Ansys Electronics Desktop (AEDT)	15.07.2020

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Agenda : <https://www.dynardo.de/de/getting-started/e-learning/optislang-e-learning.html>



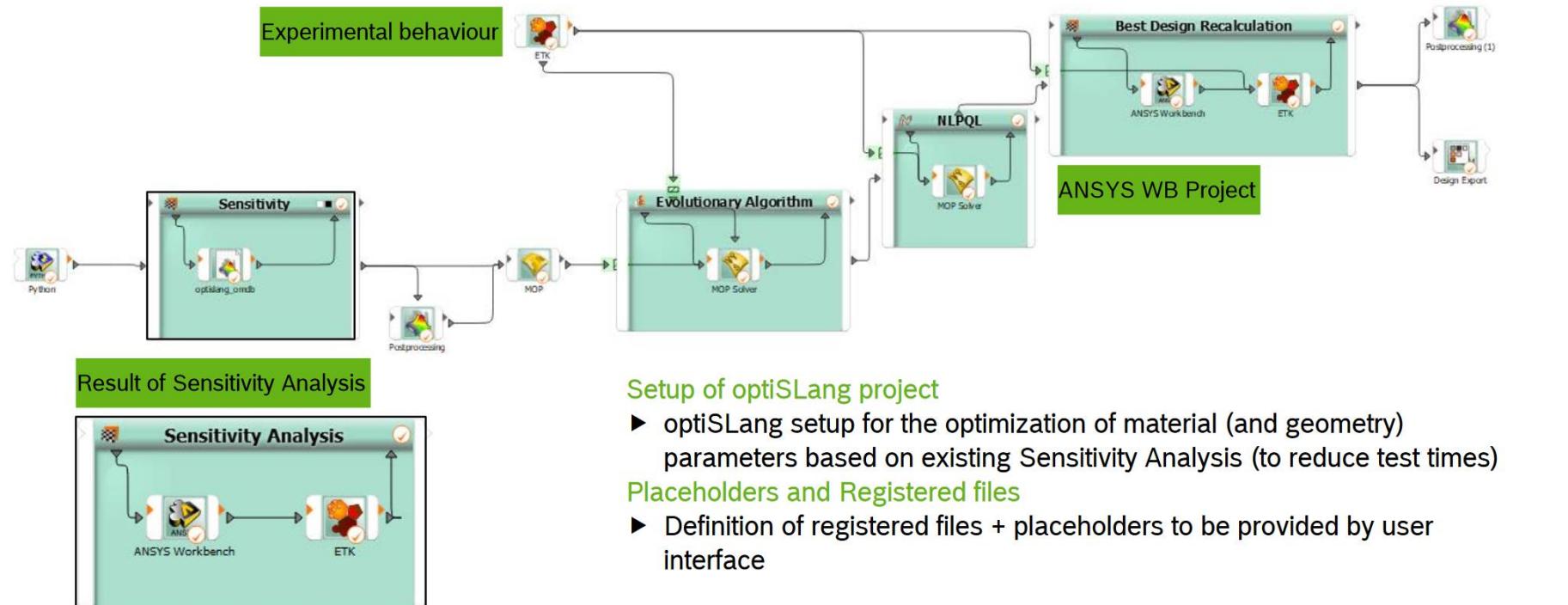
„Connect Algorithms“

- Classic MOP workflow (validation)
- Peter slides
- Daniel K. slide weiterleiten von designs
- Adas workflows

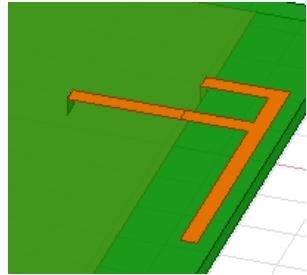


DEMOCRATIZATION OF CAE-WORKFLOWS WITH OPTISLANG AT BOSCH

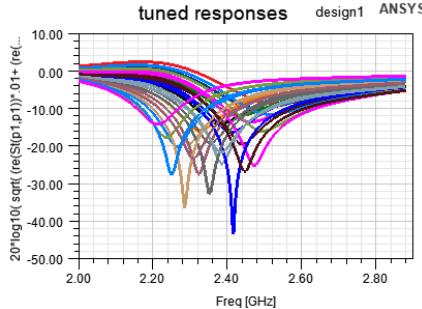
Democratization of CAE-workflows Example: Component Model Updating



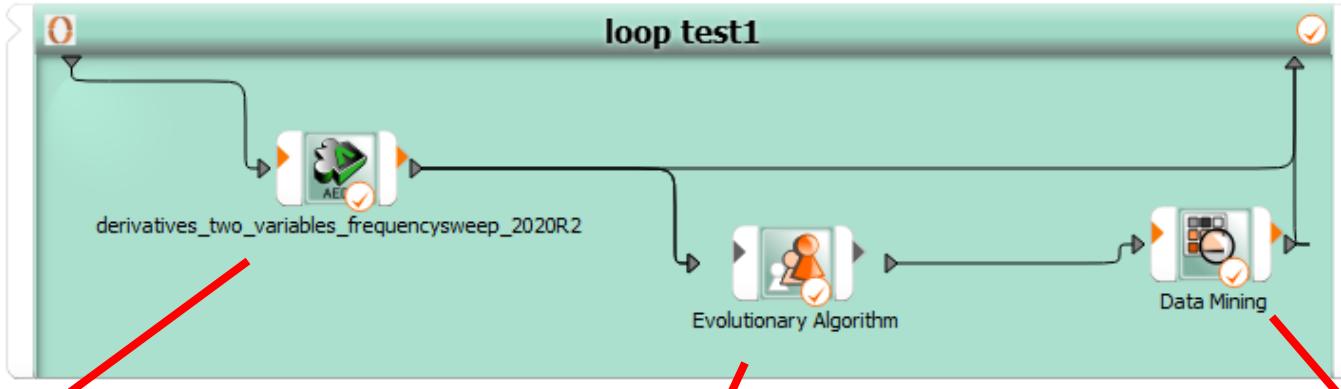
Automation with optiSLang



HFSS simulation output:
S-parameters and partial derivatives



Optimization algorithm evaluates
 S_{tuned} for many variations of $L_{1,\text{tuned}}$
and $L_{2,\text{tuned}}$
Goal: $|S_{\text{tuned}}|$ is minimized at 2.44
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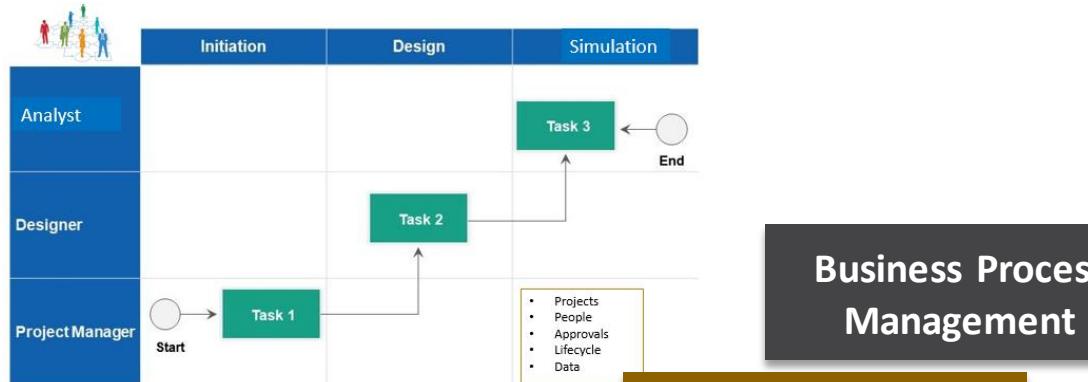


What was the best predicted outcome of S_{tuned} ?
Send $L_{1,\text{tuned}}$ and $L_{2,\text{tuned}}$ to HFSS to update nominal design

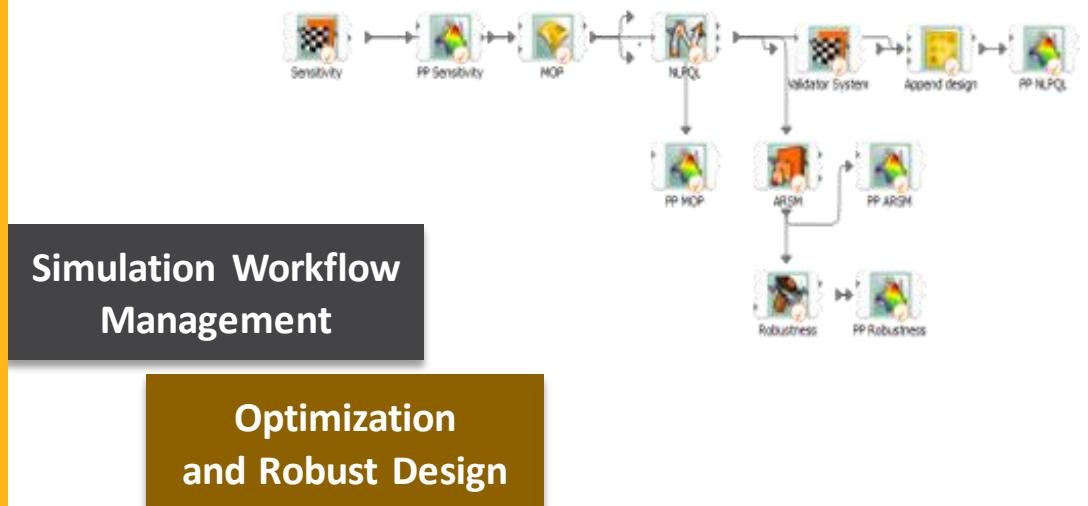
High level capabilities



Collaboration focused

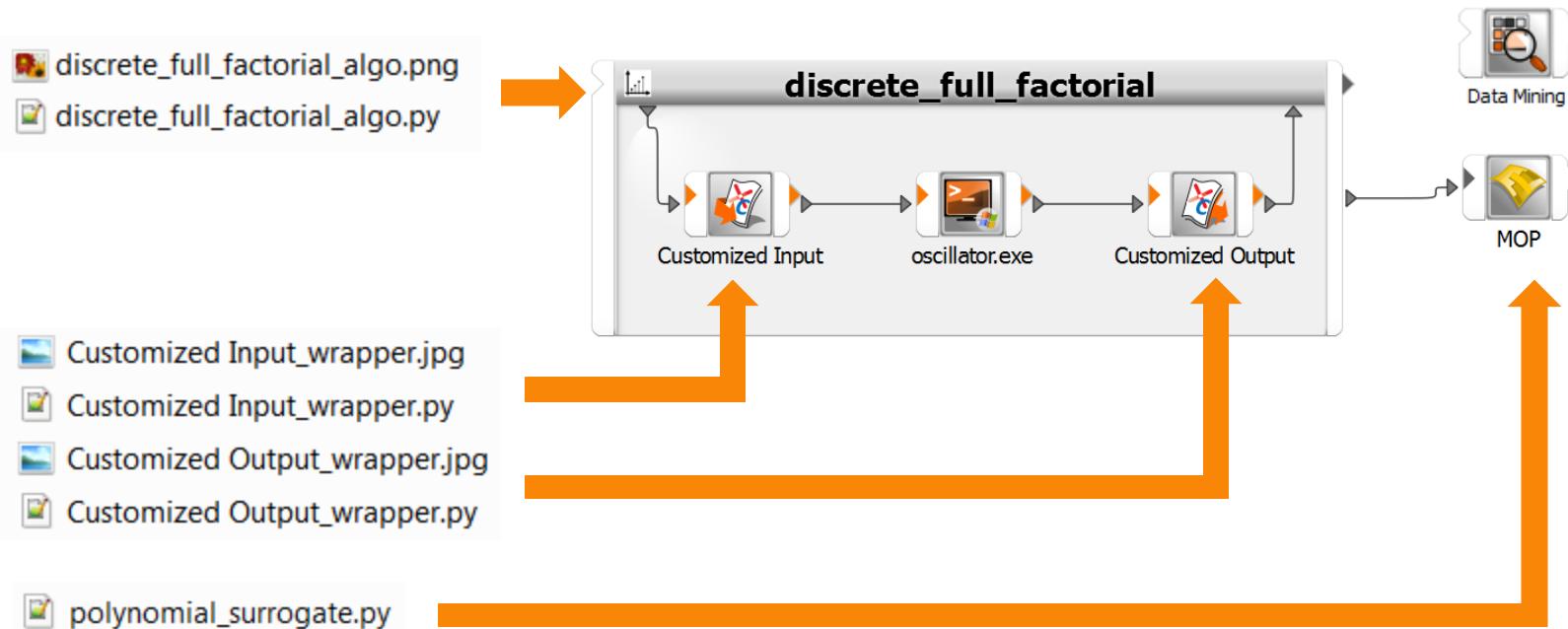


Automation focused



Customization overview

- optiSLang provides plugin mechanisms via Python scripting
 - Define own integration nodes
 - Implement own algorithms
 - Customize Solver Wizard and Postprocessing
 - Extend MOP algorithm with own surrogates (beta)
 - Implement Data Mining functions



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