Workshop: Optimization of Electric Drives

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Optimization of Electric Drives – Workshop Agenda

Electric machine design challenges in automotive (S. DiFraia)

AEDT & Motor-CAD integration technology (M. Stokmaier)

- Plugin-based solver integration for AEDT & Motor-CAD
- Python-based solver integration

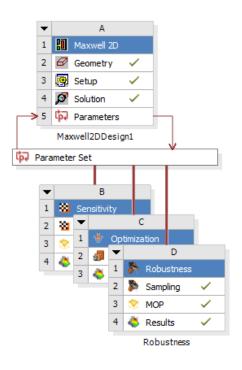
Optimization of electric drives (M. Michon, M. Stokmaier)

- A challenging P2HEV traction motor application
- Evaluation routine for design variations
- MOP-based multi-objective optimization

Discussions

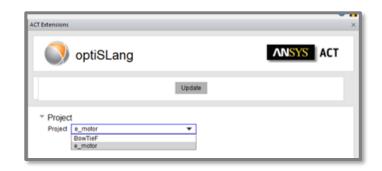


optiSLang integrations for Motor-CAD and AEDT













Python



Simulation in Electromagnetics and Beyond

Physics

- electro-statics & low frequency
- high frequency & waves
- circuits & signals

Methods

- analytics & numerics
- reduced models & fully resolved fields i.a. lumped, FEM, BEM, ray tracing, ...

Focus on today's challenges

- electric motors → type → setup → drive U,I → optimal design
- simulation workflow & design variation
 - → leverage algorithmic power
 - → make best design decisions consciously on a sound basis

Best Practice

different for every discipline

different for every application

different for every team

programmed workflow

= codified best practice



Simulation in Electromagnetics and Beyond

Developments

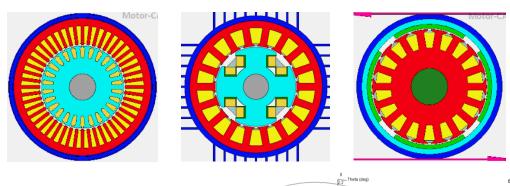
- Electrification, IoT, 5G,...
- virtual development
- connected automated control

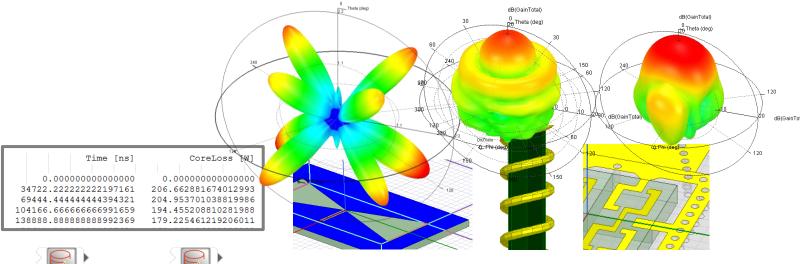
Challenges

- design space: topology & parametric
- goal conflicts due to multi-physics
- goal conflicts at system level

Needs

- manoeuverability in design spaces
 → human & algorithmic decisions
- workflow automation
- communicating component data
 → specs, CAD, maps, tolerances/scatter





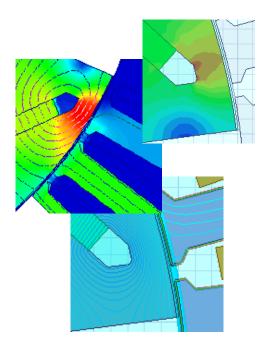
The team with the quickest workflow work-trough speed ...

... can base decisions on objective comparisons ... can place the best innovate solutions



Getting value from simulation

Geek Extremism



I know exactly where the torque ripples are coming from.

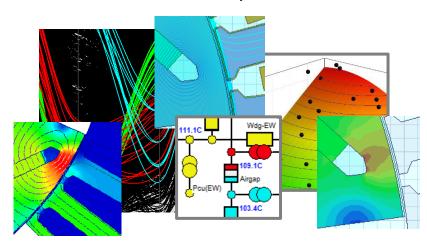
What should we do against them?

Well, good question, there are plenty of ideas ...

The ideal team masters:

Balance & Practicality & Speed & Long-Lasting Effect

- know when to seek causality in details
- know when to seek system understanding
- know when to go algorithmic
- roll out successful best practice & workflows



Tool Extremism

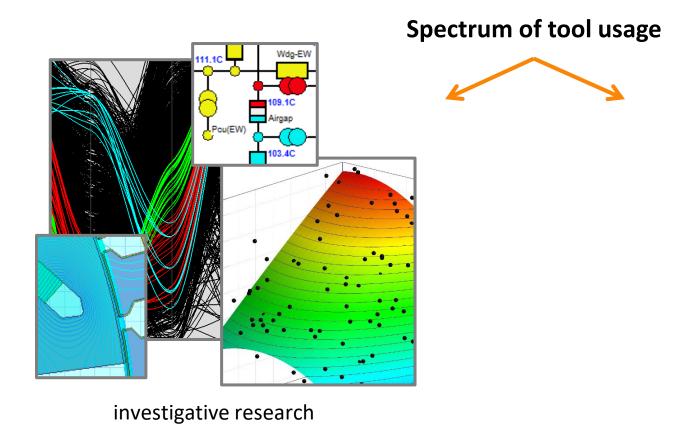


lazy application of black-box algorithms to black-box problems



Getting value from simulation

→ gain insight & understanding



fully automatic

optimize:
slots, poles, winding

optimize:
peak torque + thermal

optimize:
multiple load cases / map

optimize:
NVH, 3D, losses

establish workflows

→ benefit from your (codified) competence

Combining Motor-CAD & Electronics Desktop & optiSLang you have the entire spectrum at your fingertip every day



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Thanks for your interest, attention & discussion Enjoy WOSD!



Electric Machine Design Challenges in Automotive

June 26th, 2020



Electrical Machines – Product and *Design* Challenges

Summary

Power density, torque, performance

- Efficiency (wide speed range)
- Reliability, safety, lifetime
- System (harmonics, drivecycle, HiL, ROM)
- Demagnetization, breakdowns
 - Insulation, thermal, ...
- Costs, cycle time
 - Development, manufacturing
- Material, size, space, weight
- Fast and accurate
- All physical disciplines

• Transient magnetics

coupled with

Cooling

coupled with

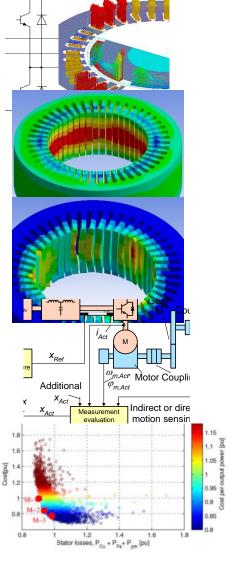
 Noise, vibration, harshness

coupled with

System performance

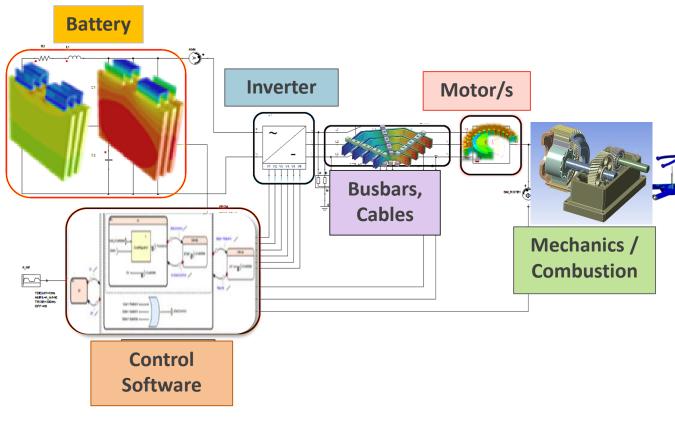
combined with

Fast calculations, optimization





Electric Powertrain System Approach



Increase efficiency and performance of electric powertrain

OEM = **Original Equipment Manufacturer**

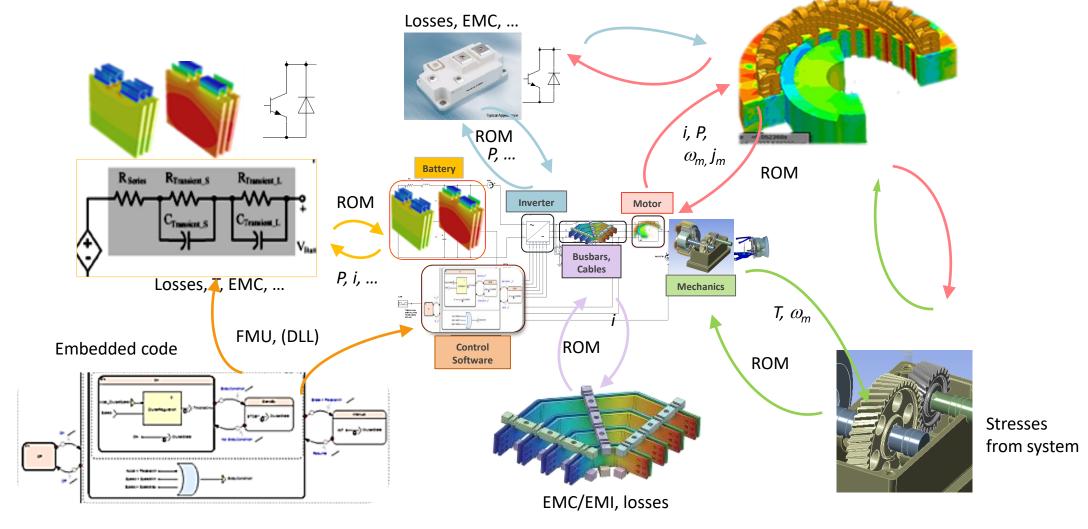
 OEMs are VW, Toyota, Ford, Renault, etc.

Tier1 companies are direct suppliers of OEMs





Electric Powertrain – System of Components

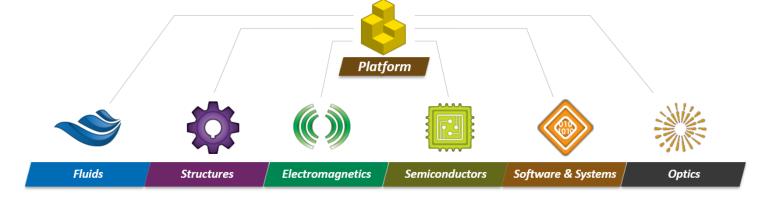


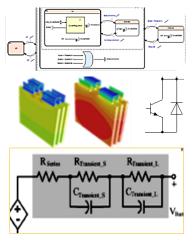
Adapt system and components for best powertrain performance



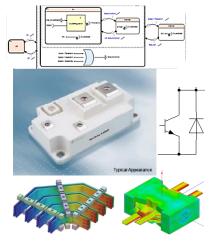
Electric Powertrain – Component Validation and Design

- Best component
- Very accurate ROM

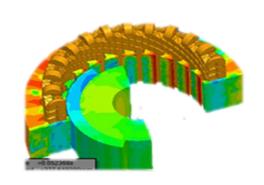




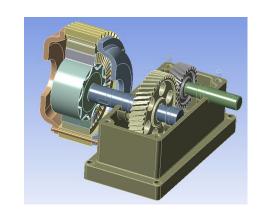










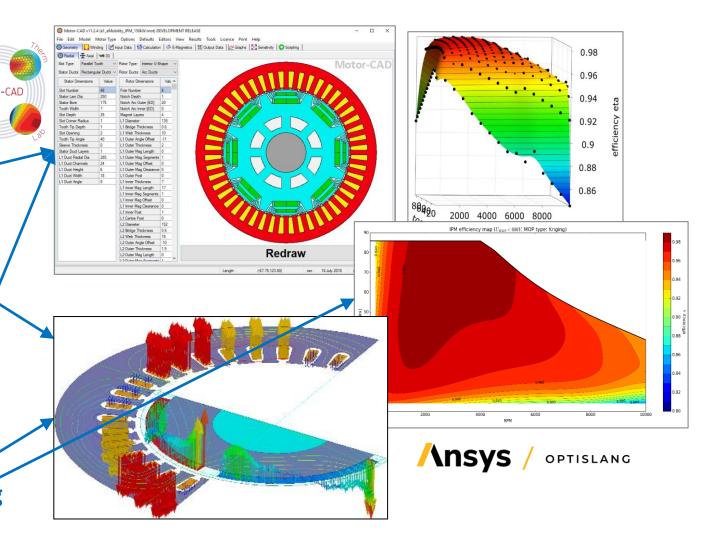






Motor Design Workflows Two Common Examples

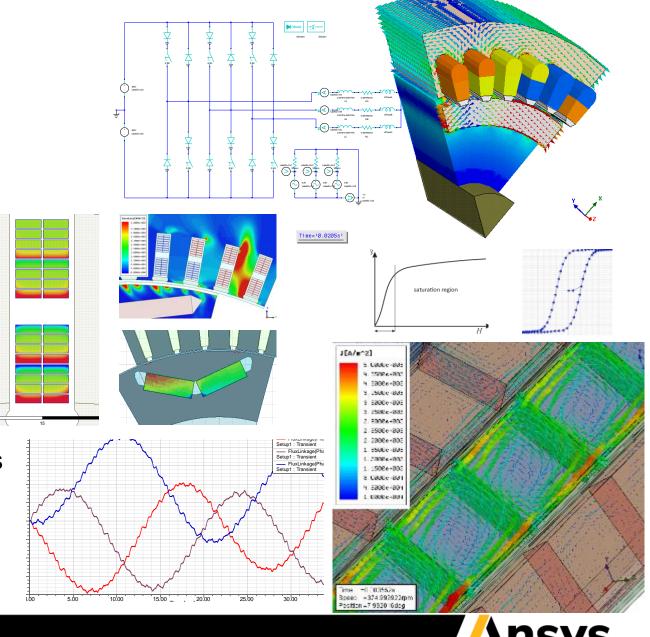
- Short Bidding Cycle
 - Derive new motor from old
 - Only 2 ... 4 h for bidding
 - Motor-CAD for design
 - Maxwell Transient for verification
 - Detailed analysis for improving
- Incoming Motor Validation
 - Get motor from tier without data
 - Run calibration to make a model
 - Motor-CAD + field simulation + optiSLang
 - Get Reduced Order Model (ROM)





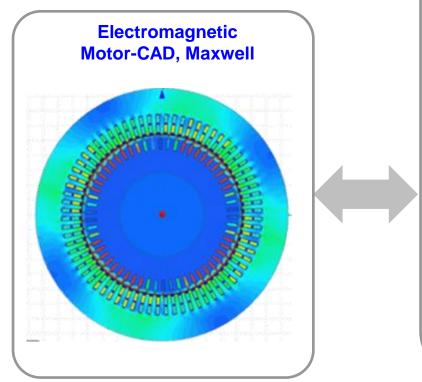
Electromagnetic Solution Transient 2D/3D

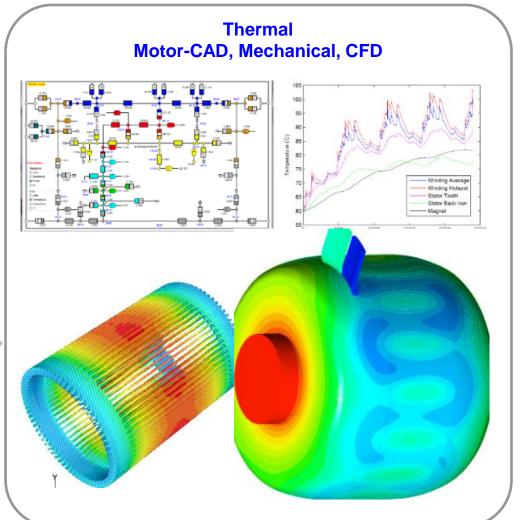
- dB/dt transients fully integrated solution
 - Power electronics switched excitation
 - Large motion
- Comprehensive loss schemes
 - Windings
 - Lamination, ferrites
 - Solids and magnets
- Effects
 - Nonlinear, anisotropic, laminated
 - Magnetostriction, de-/magnetization, hysteresis
- Comprehensive results, reports
 - Integral q(t), density Q(x, t)

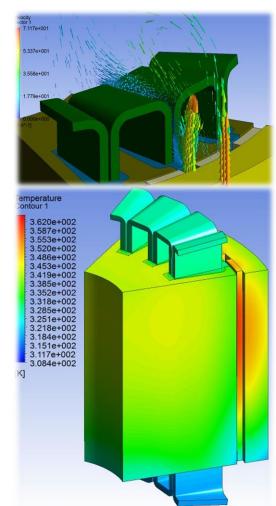


Thermal management

- Calculation speed vs. accuracy
- *Convection in airgap* is key for rotor cooling

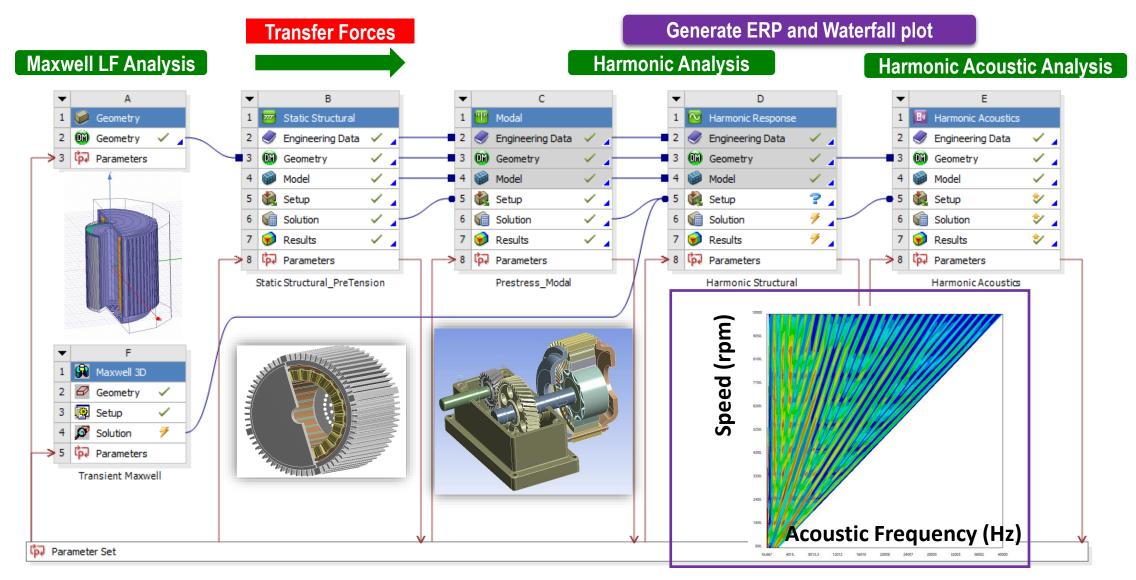








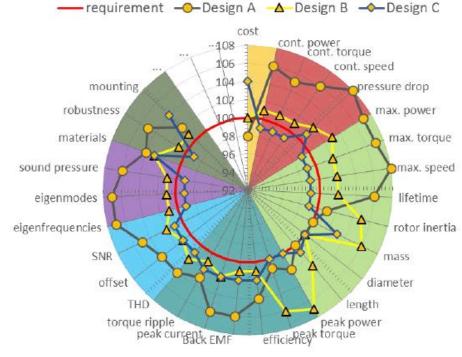
Noise-Vibration and Acoustic Modeling for Electrical Machines





Comparison of different designs – "All in one chart"

- Postprocessing with evaluation of performance "at a glance"
- Requirements and performance indicators in different domains
 - Cost
 - Thermal
 - Mechanical
 - EMAG
 - Control
 - NVH
 - Environment
 - tbc
- Radar chart
 - Dimensionless representation
 - Requirements as 100 % reference (outside red circle = requirement fulfilled)
 - All information in one single chart
 - Easy comparison of several designs



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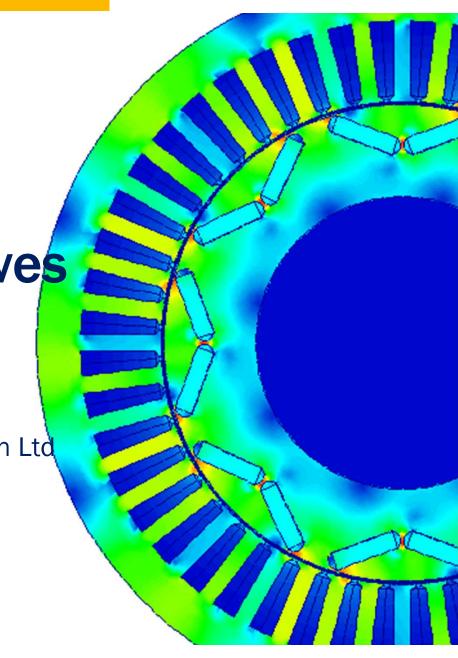


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Optimisation of Electric Drives

Dr. Melanie Michon, Head of Engineering, Motor Design Ltd 26th June 2020





- Motor Design Ltd. (MDL)
- E-machine design: trends and challenges
- Optimization workflow
- IPM traction motor example
- Demo
- Summary



About Motor Design Ltd

Software developers: Ansys Motor-CAD

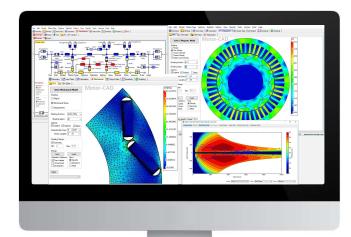
- Developers of Ansys Motor-CAD world-leading tool for the design and analysis of electric motors.
- High level of customer support and engineering know-how.
- Developed with expert electric machine designers.

Consultancy

- Design, analysis & training.
- Led by motor design experts with significant industry and academic experience.

Research

- Involved in collaborative government/EU-funded research projects.
- Collaborate with Universities worldwide to develop electric machine modelling techniques and create validation data.



















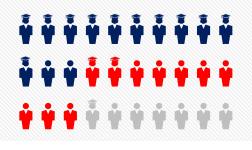








Customers across 6 industry sectors Automotive, aerospace, rail, renewables, industrial & appliances.



 $43^{\%} \stackrel{\text{of the team are}}{\text{design engineers}}$

 $30\% \begin{array}{l} \text{of the team are} \\ \text{software developers} \end{array}$

47% of the team have a PhD*

Developing Motor-CAD software since

MDL has OEM software partnership with

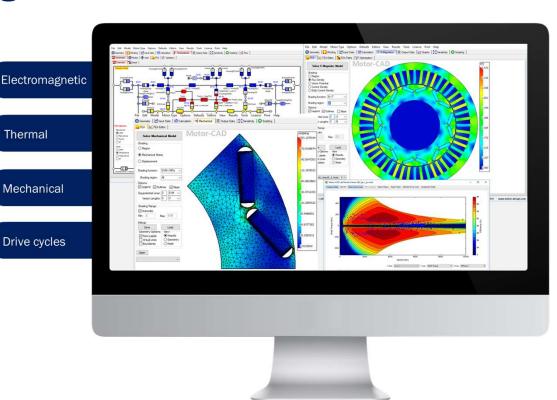






Motor-CAD software Integrated multiphysics design tool

- Market leading tool for the design and analysis of radial flux electric motors.
- Combines analytical and FE methods for fast and accurate performance prediction.
- Enables multiphysics simulation across the full operating range:
 - Peak performance characteristics
 - Transient thermal analysis
 - Continuous performance envelope
 - Efficiency maps
 - Energy consumption over driving conditions
 - Mechanical stress pattern







End-to-End Workflow with Motor-CAD and Ansys tools





E-Machine design: trends and challenges Need for multi-criteria design process

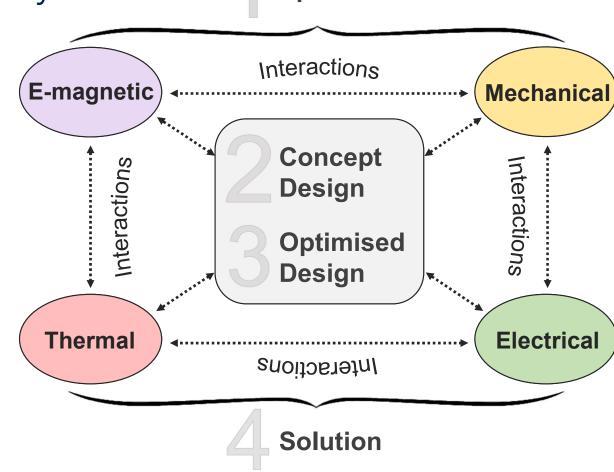
- Higher efficiency
- Increased torque and power density
- Reduced costs
- Increasing volumes and mass production
- Increased integration
- Shorter development cycles





E-Machine design: trend and challenges Need for Multiphysics analysis

- Design optimisation of e-motors is multidisciplinary by nature:
 - Mechanical: NVH, stress, fatigue, manufacturing quality, ...
 - Thermal: steady state / transient performance, cooling system, ...
 - Electromagnetic: power density, torque ripples, efficiency, ...
 - Electrical: voltage limit, maximum input current, ...
- Interactions between the different physical domains often lead to conflicting performance criteria



Specification

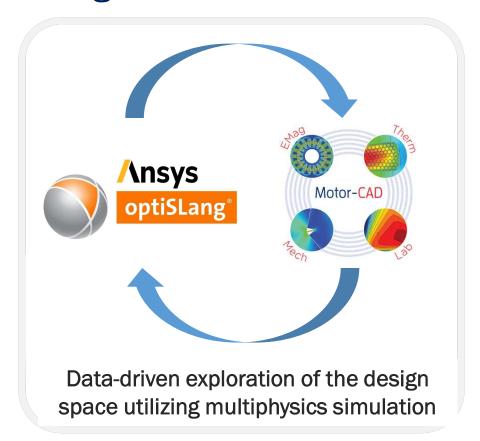




E-Machine design: trend and challenges Need for efficient optimisation strategies

- Electric machine design space is large with complex interactions.
- Designers seek for design optimization processes that enable:
 - Efficient multi-objective design optimization
 - Rapid design trade-offs
 - Traceability on design decisions
 - Fast response to changing requirements
 - Robust design insights



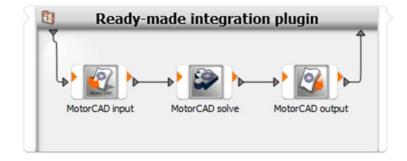


Optimisation Workflow Step by Step

• Motor-CAD is driven by optiSLang in order to assign variables, run calculations and extract output parameters of interest **Sensitivity Analysis** Meta-modelling Calculations Assign Extract Optimization **Parameters** Responses optiSLang Validation solver

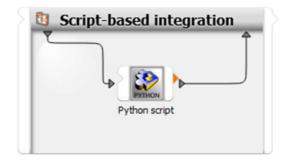


Ready-made plugin:



- Easy integration
- Motor-CAD sequences automatically defined
- ✓ Parameter lists automatically generated.
- X Low DOF problems with narrow ranges
- Limited number of inputs / outputs

Customized Python scripts:

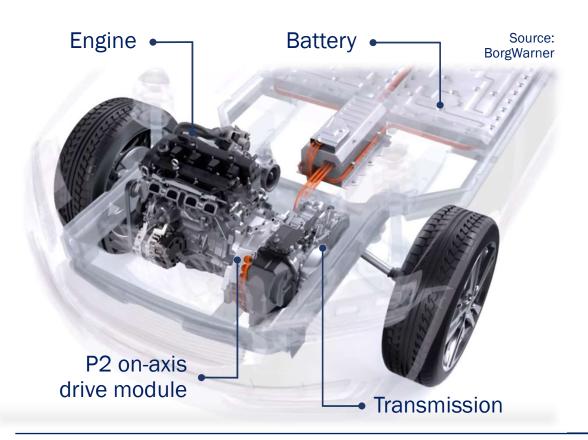


- Complete control over the analysis
- No particular Python skills required
- Access to any Motor-CAD parameter
- ✓ Large design space with high DOFs problems
- X More effort required (e.g. parameterization)



IPM traction motor example **Specification**

• P2 PHEV Application



Requirement	Value	Unit	
Peak torque	400	Nm	
Peak power @ 3krpm	120	kW	
Peak power @ 6krpm	100	kW	
Cont. torque @ 1krpm	300	Nm	
Cont. torque @ 5krpm	124	Nm	
Maximum speed	7000	Rpm	
Cooling system	WJ		
Coolant flow rate	≤ 6.5	l/min	
Coolant fluid type	EWG		
Coolant inlet temperature	65	°C	
Line current	≤ 500	A_{rms}	
DC bus voltage	350	V	
Machine diameter	330	330 mm	
Machine length	≤ 220 mm		



IPM traction motor example Preliminary design

• Topology:

- Stator slots = 24
- Rotor poles = 16
- V-shaped magnets

Materials:

- Magnets: N38UH
- M235-35A

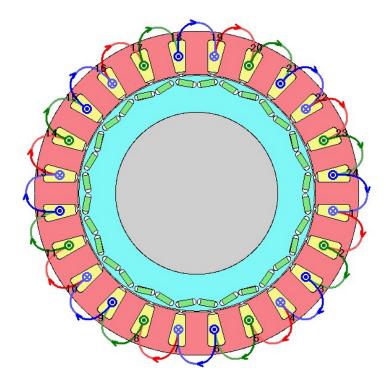
• Stator winding:

- Concentrated, double-layer
- Parallel paths per phase = 8

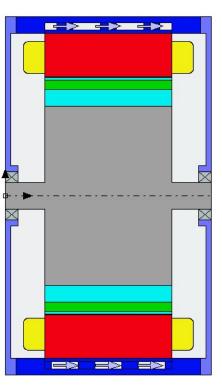
Geometry:

- Stator OD (mm) = 300
- Mechanical airgap (mm) = 1

Winding pattern



Cooling system



IPM traction motor example Optimization scenario

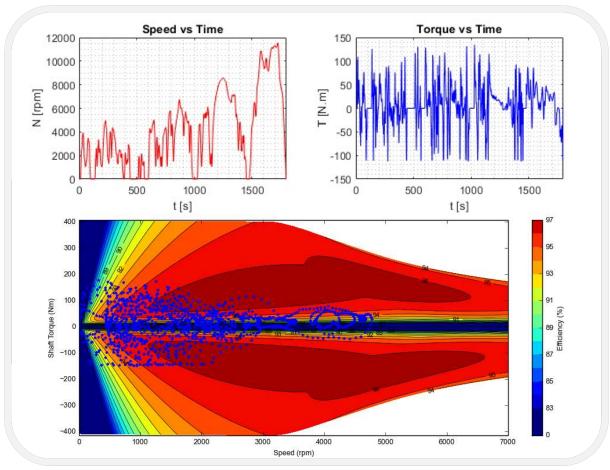
• Multi-objective:

- ☐ Maxi efficiency over WLTP-3
- Min active volume
- ☐ Min material cost

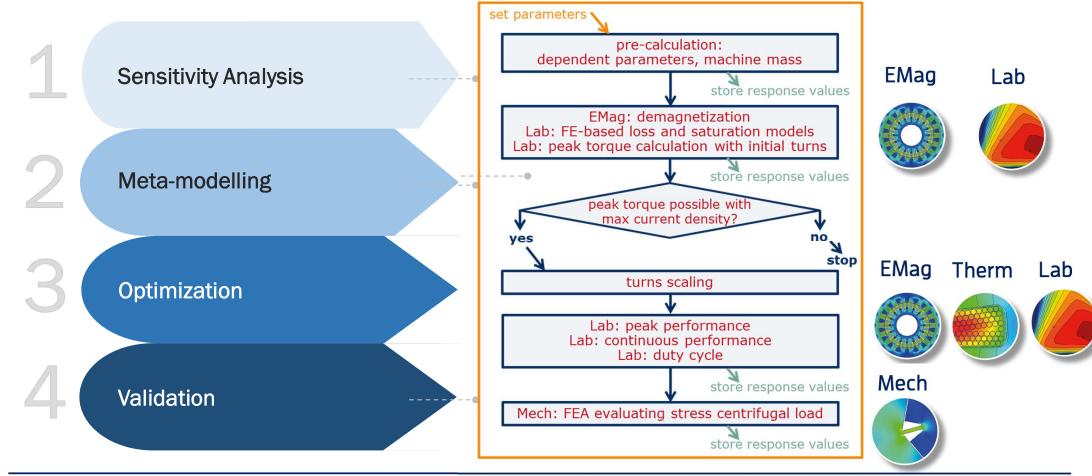
Multi-constraints:

- □ Cont. Torque (Nm) @ 1krpm \ge 300
- □ Cont. Torque (Nm) @ 5krpm \ge 124
- ☐ Peak Power (kW) @ 3krpm ≥ 120
- Peak Power (kW) @ 6krpm ≥ 100
- ☐ Torque Ripple (%) @ 0.5krpm ≤ 10
- ☐ Max. Stress ≤ 0.5 x Yield Strength

WLTP-3 Drive Cycle



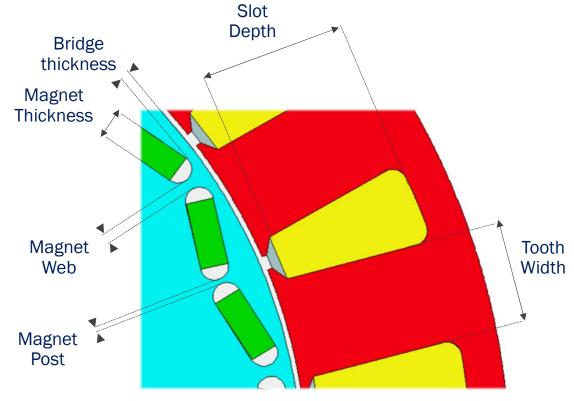
IPM Optimisation Workflow





IPM traction motor example Design space

Parameter	lb	ub	Unit
Active length	100	150	mm
Rotor bridge thickness	0.4	1.5	mm
Magnet pole angle	95	160	o
Magnet post thickness	0.4	2.5	mm
Magnet thickness	4	8	mm
Magnet web thickness	8.0	8	mm
Slot depth ratio ¹	0.6	8.0	
Slot width ratio ²	0.25	0.5	
Split ratio ³	0.65	0.85	



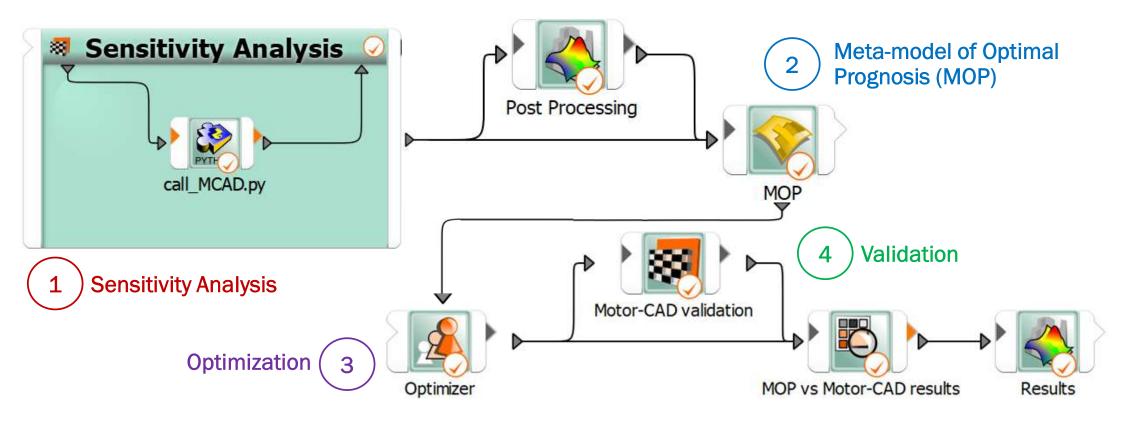
¹ Slot Depth / (Slot Depth + Stator Back Iron Thickness)



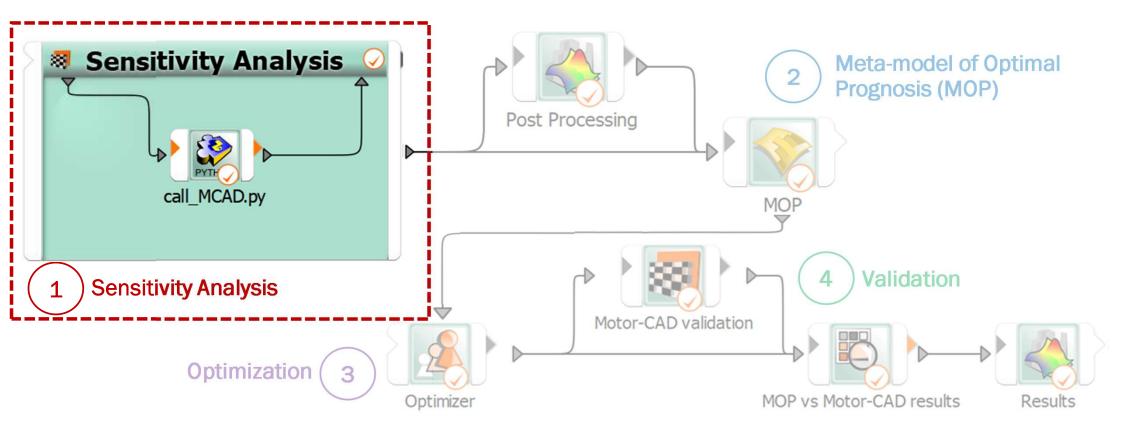
² Slot Width / (Slot Width + Stator Tooth Width)

³ Stator Inner Diameter/ Stator Outer Diameter

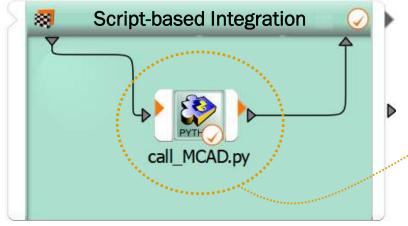
IPM traction motor example Workflow in optiSLang

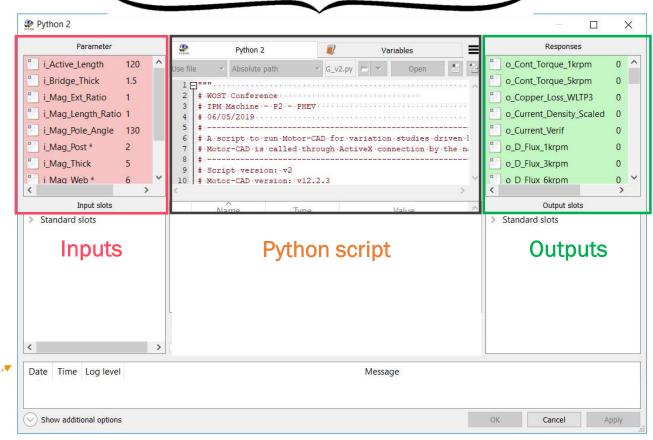






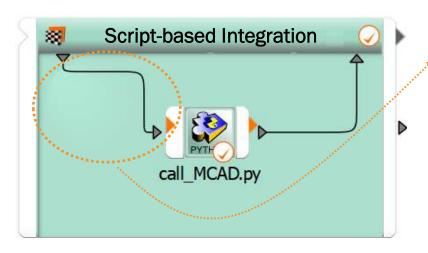
- Interface that is used with the script based integration method to initialize Inputs and Outputs.
- Custom Python script used to:
 - Assign parameters
 - Run calculations
 - Collect responses

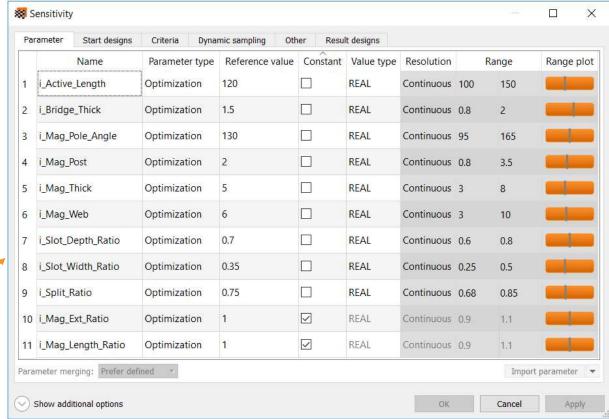






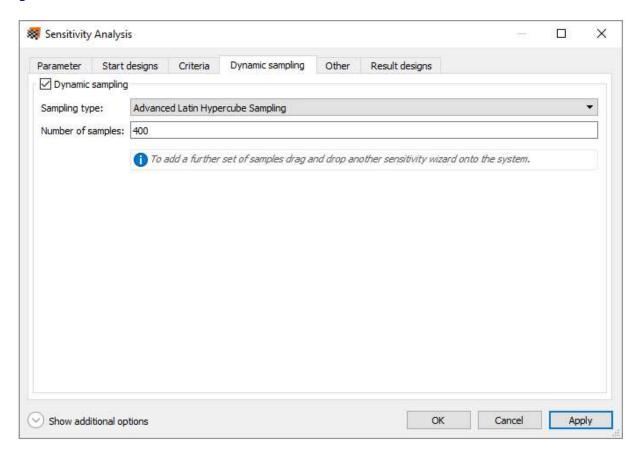
- After inputs/outputs initialization, the design space should is to be defined for each variable.
- It will be used by the optiSLang solver to generate samples for the sensitivity analysis.







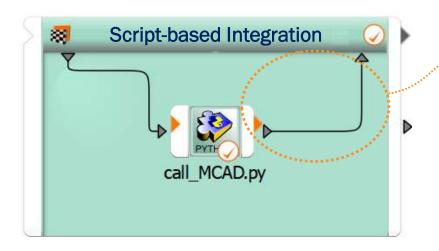
- OptiSLang automatically detects the best sampling method to be used.
- In this case, the Advanced Latin Hypercube Sampling (ALHS) method has been selected.
- The calculation settings used are as follows:
 - 400 samples
 - 2-core processor
 - 3 instances of Motor-CAD in parallel

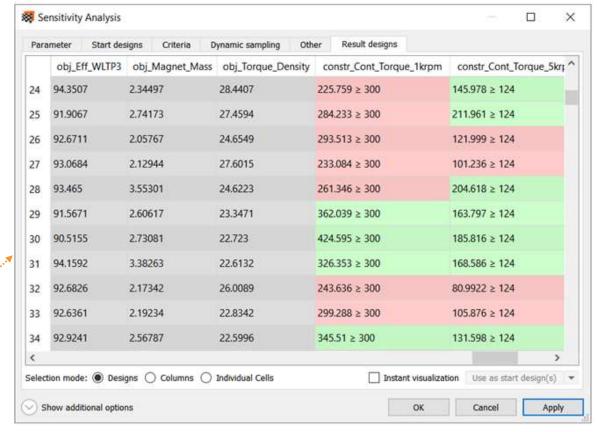




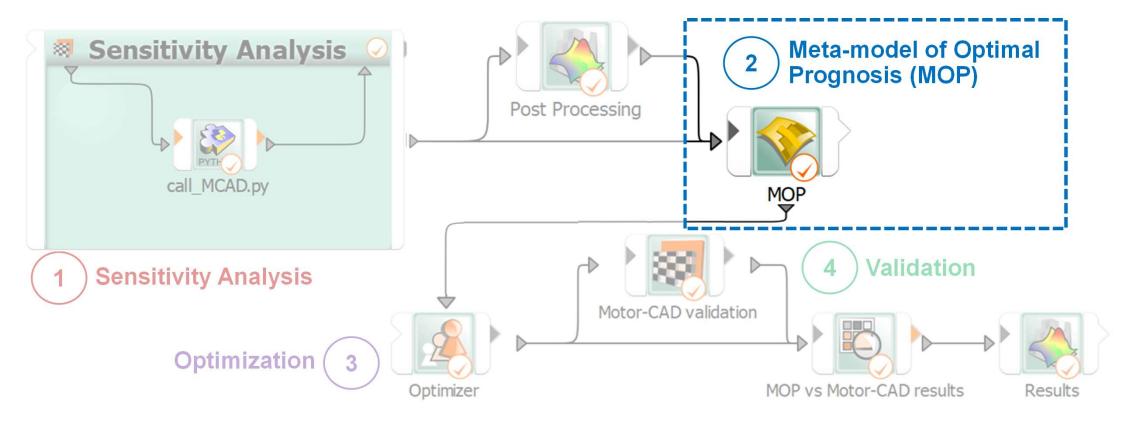


- Performance data sets are collected from every simulated design in Motor-CAD.
- At this stage it is already possible to visualize potential solutions with respect to given constraints.



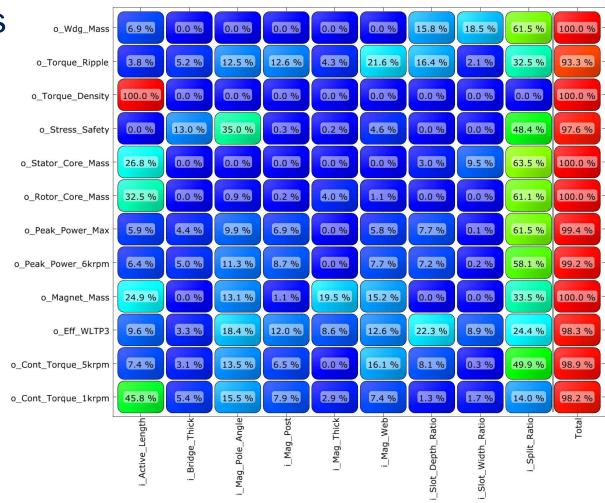


IPM traction motor example Metamodel of Optimal Prognosis (MOP)



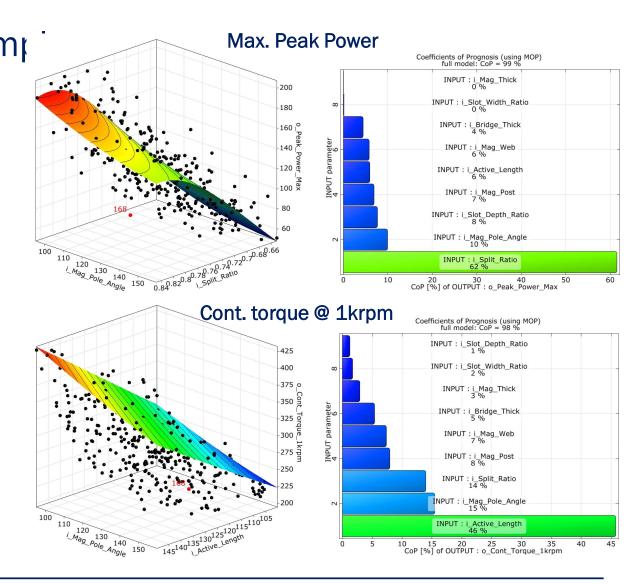
IPM traction motor example Coefficient of Prognosis

- Matrix that shows the CoPs of all output parameters with respect to input parameters:
 - Single CoP: variance-based measure used to quantify the variable importance.
 - Full model CoP (last column): objective measure used to assess for the forecast quality of the MOP.
- Here, the high full model CoPs indicate an almost perfect prediction quality of the MOPs.

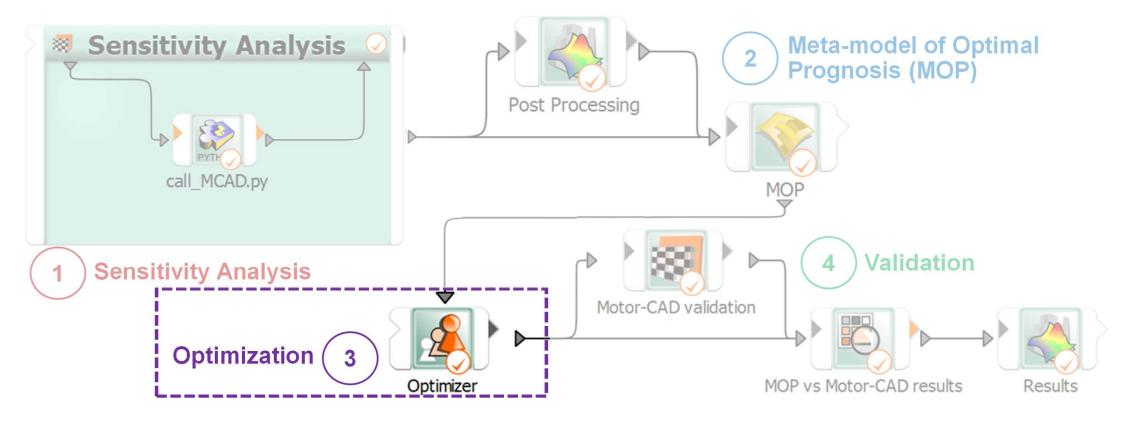


IPM traction motor example MOPs

- The metamodels of the maximum peak power and continuous torque are shown as an example.
- One can visualize their optimal subspace along with sensitivities to design variables.
- Additional sampling data (black dots on the graph) can be used to improve the MOP's quality.



IPM traction motor example Optimization





IPM traction motor example **Optimization setup**

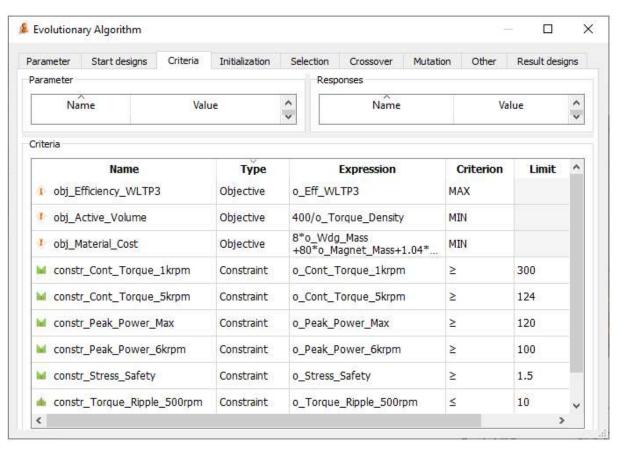
- Constraints and objectives are set up by simply drag and drop parameters of interest.
- Weighing coefficients have been assigned to each active material in the cost function:

Rare-earth material: 80£/kg

- Steel material: 1.04£/kg

Copper material: 8£/kg

 An Evolutionary Algorithm (EA) was recommended for multi objective optimization (MOO)



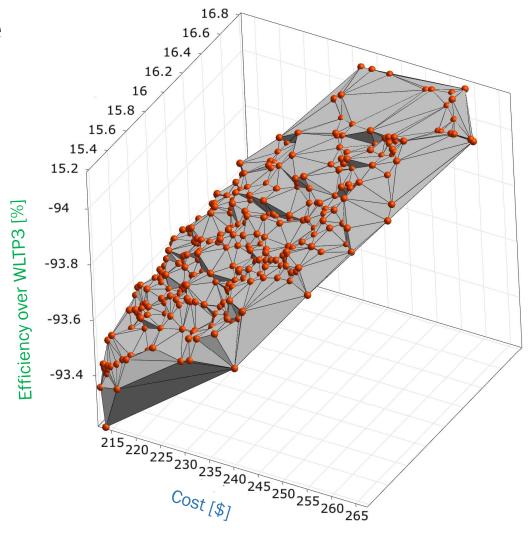


IPM traction motor example MOO results: 3D Pareto plot

 Solution in which one can trade-off between efficiency, and volume and cost against each other.

• Important figures:

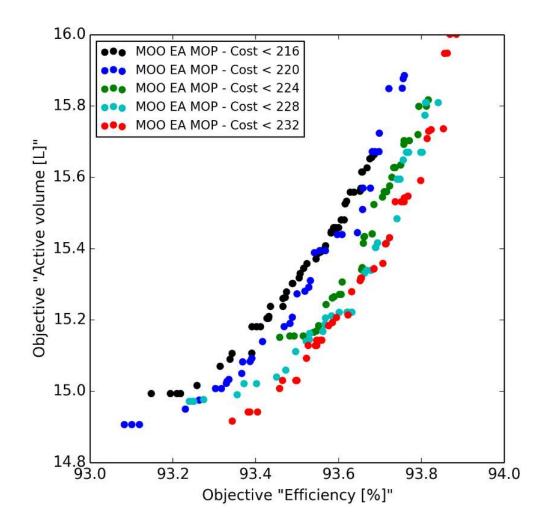
- Evolutionary Algorithm (EA)
- Generated designs: 18820
- Feasible designs: 7789
- Front designs: 333
- Simulation time: 30 minutes
- Performing a direct optimisation would have taken more than <u>80 days!</u>





IPM traction motor example MOO results: 2D Pareto plot

- Solution in which one can trade-off between efficiency and volume, with cost set up as a constraint:
 - 1. Material cost (£) < 216 (●)
 - 2. Material cost (£) < 220 (●)
 - 3. Material cost (£) < 224 (●)
 - 4. Material cost (£) < 230 (●)
 - 5. Material cost (£) < 232 (●)
- Highest efficient machine topologies are those with higher volume and higher material cost.





IPM traction motor example S00 results

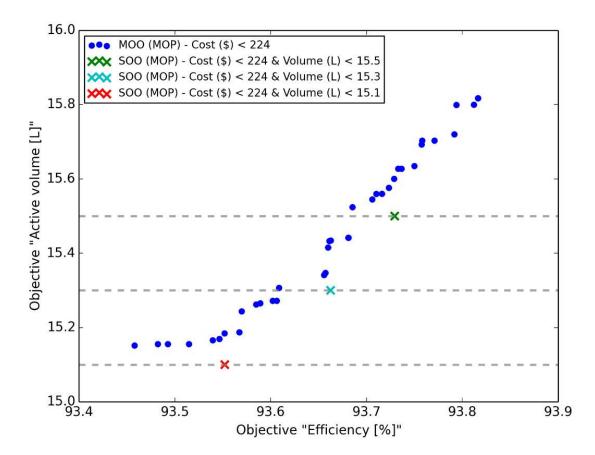
 One can optimize the motor efficiency further by performing relevant single objective optimizations:

$$\square$$
 Cost (£) < 224 and Volume (L) < 15.5 (x)

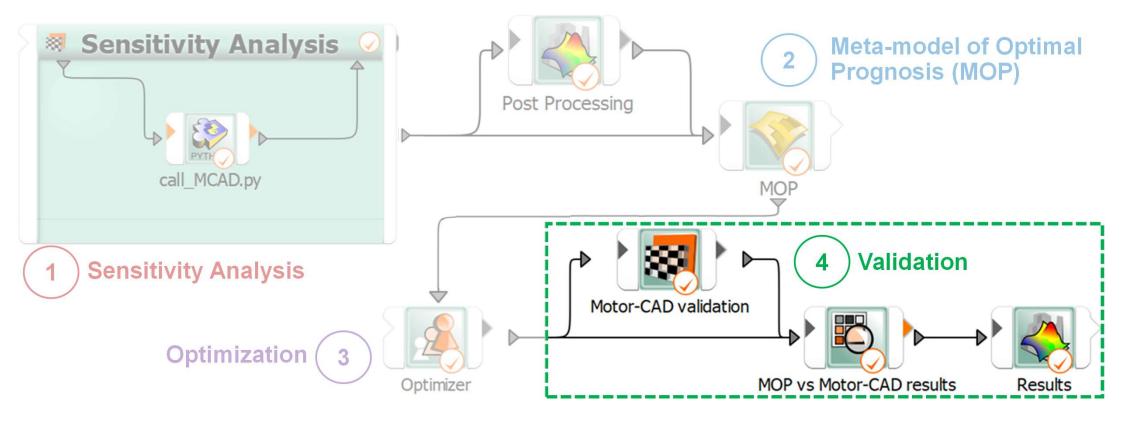
$$\square$$
 Cost (£) < 224 and Volume (L) < 15.3 (x)

$$\square$$
 Cost (£) < 224 and Volume (L) < 15.1 (x)

SOO results are overlaid to the 2D pareto plot calculated for a material cost lower than 224£ (•).



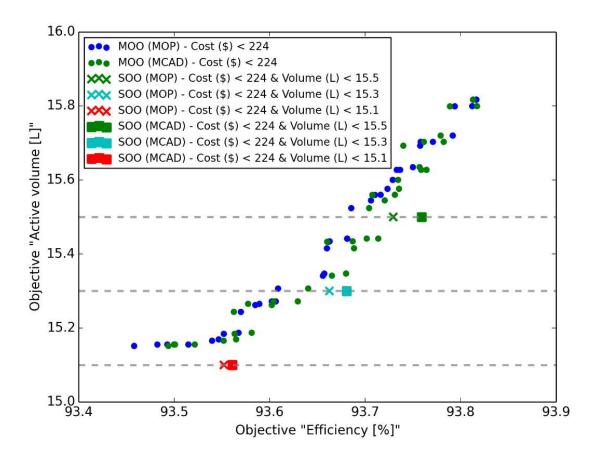
IPM traction motor example Validation





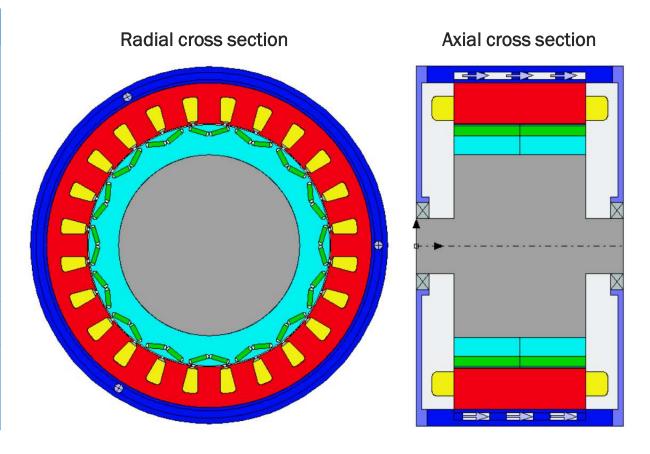
IPM traction motor example Validation with Motor-CAD

- Very good agreement between MOP based and validated results for both MOO and SOO studies.
- Performance of the design highlighted with a green square are shown in next slides for illustration.



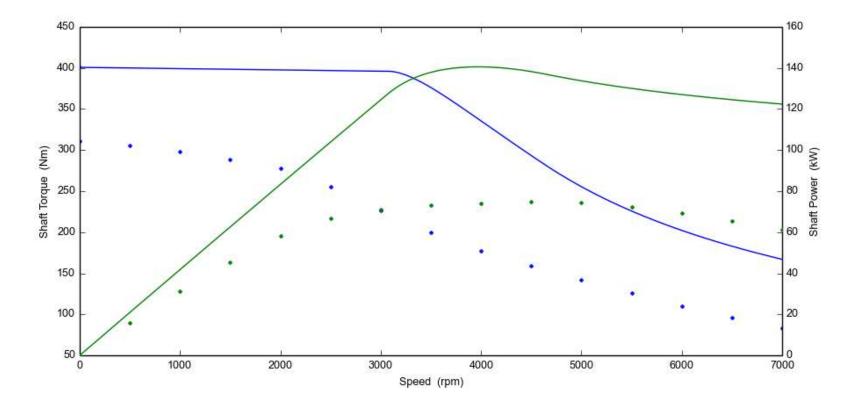
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Parameter	Value	Unit
Active length	121.1	mm
Rotor bridge thickness	0.7	mm
Magnet pole angle	145.7	o
Magnet post thickness	0.4	mm
Magnet thickness	4.3	mm
Magnet web thickness	5.5	mm
Slot depth ratio	0.68	
Slot width ratio	0.31	
Split ratio	0.75	



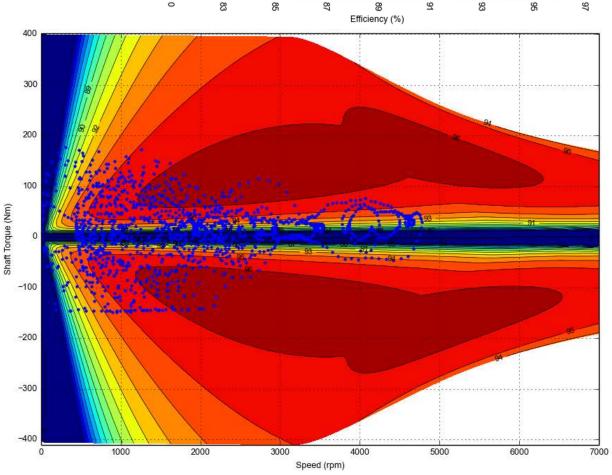
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• Peak (lines) and continuous (dots) performance requirements are met.



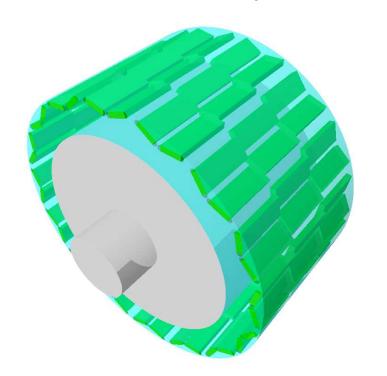
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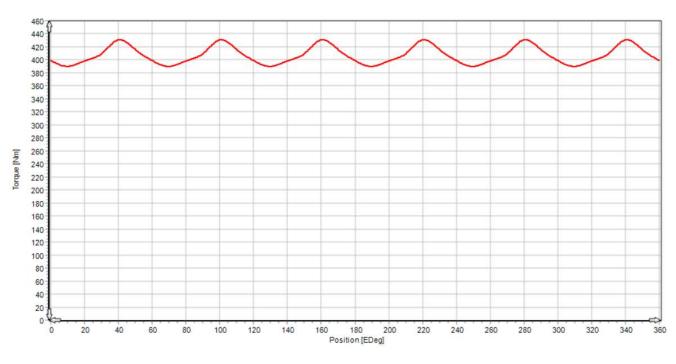
- Efficiency maps in motoring and generating modes with WLTP-3 drive cycle operating points.
- · Peak efficiency extended over a large speed range between 1krpm to 6krpm.



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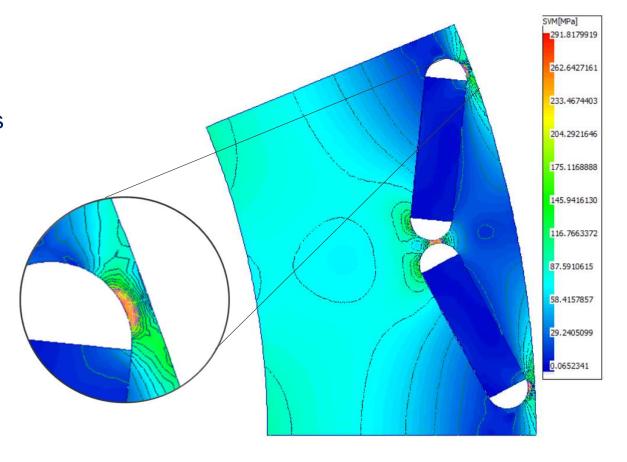
- Torque ripples at 500rpm are below 10% (9.55%).
- The rotor is skewed by 5 mech. degrees with 3 slices.





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- Rotor mechanical stress analysis is performed at 20% overspeed, that is 8400rpm.
- Maximum Von-Mises stress value is within the rotor mechanical limit with sufficient margin.





Design optimisation of e-motors:

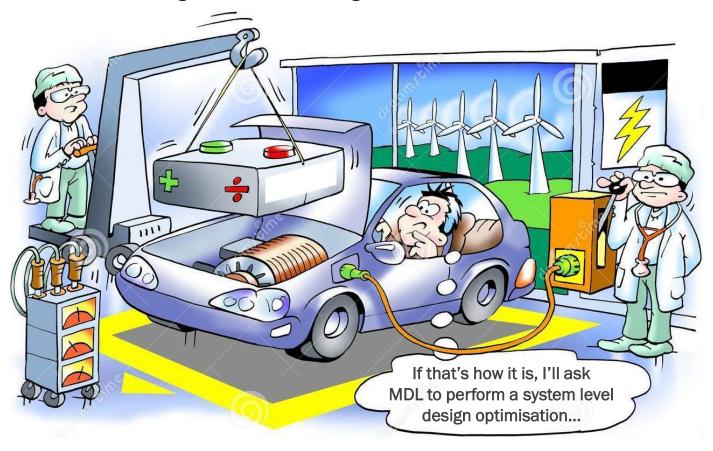
- Complex problem, multidisciplinary and often non-linear.
- Involves multi-objectives, multi-constraint scenarios.
- Design trade-offs necessary due to conflicting performance.

Motor-CAD & optiSLang combination:

- Unprecedented optimization strategy in both academic literature and industry.
- Doesn't require massive HPC capabilities to be used.
- Parallelization possible (see next slide about black box licenses!).
- Enables system level trade-offs (e.g. trade-off between cost and drive cycle efficiency).
- Allow to quickly experiment changes on specifications with respect to the design space.



Thank you for your attention!





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