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Neural Concept Shape: 1. Test Phase Agenda



- Introduction
- ► IT-Infrastructure
- ► Examples
 - Window Lift Drive (structural mechanics)
 - Control Edge (computational fluid dynamics)
- Summary





- Bosch uses a variety of machine learning tools like optiSLang, ASCMO (<u>https://www.etas.com/de/</u>) or Stochos (<u>https://www.probaligence.de/</u>) in order to get a relation between design parameters and key performance indicators. Additionally, Bosch has established an own center of artificial intelligence.
- Since more than 10 years Bosch uses multi-objective optimization and has collected millions of designs with different topologies and different designs spaces.
- Neural Concept advertises with the possibility to learn from all these designs and to predict/optimize geometry. In a first step, the functionality of NCS was tested at more simpler examples in the first half-year of 2020.

	Parametric models	Different topologies
Scalar outputs	optiSLang/MOP, Stochos, Ascmo	Neural Concept Shape
Signal outputs	optiSLang/signalMOP	Neural Concept Shape
Field outputs	SoS	Neural Concept Shape (static, harmonic, tran- sient)



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IT-Infrastructure Communication with NC

- ► The communication with NC took place with
 - ► Théophile Allard for technical aspects
 - Pierre Baqué for organisational aspects
- The technical support of Théophile Allard was excellent. He solved all problems and was available the whole day.
- ► The following communication channels were used
 - Slack for short questions, bug fixing information, new Python tools, status, results, etc.
 - Skype for discussion of model data and results





IT-Infrastructure Hardware

- The software NCS could not be installed shortterm and easily on a GPU cluster at Bosch.
- The GPU cluster of NC was used which allowed three parallel NCS runs <u>http://training.neuralconcept.com:8888</u>
- For the usage of NCS two different frontends were offered
 - Jupyter notebooks for monitoring, postprocessing and editing of configuration files
 - Linux for running pre-processing, training and prediction

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Examples Window lift drive

- ► Parametric
 - Height and width of 12 ribs at 3 mounting points A
 - Switch for activation/deactivation of the rib
- Results
 - Stress distribution on the outer surface of the ribs generated by a torque load at B (field, static)
 - Reaction forces at the three mounting points A in all directions and for all data types "Real/Imag" (signal, harmonic) generated by a harmonic force at the pole housing.
 - Velocity of the load point C (signal, harmonic)





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Window lift drive Training and test setup

- Training data
 - 3000 designs using Latin-Hypercube-Sampling
- Test data
 - 100 designs using Latin-Hypercube-Sampling
- Signal types
 - Total reaction force "RFO_ampl"
 - Reaction force at each mounting point
 - Reaction force for each mounting point, direction and data type (real,imag) "RFO_1_3_imag"
- Outliers and incomplete designs were deactivated





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Window lift drive Status for harmonic signals using signalMOP (all ribs active)

- 3000 Designs using Latin-Hypercube-Sampling
- The accuracy (F-CoP) for the reaction forces has a range between about 0.65 and about 0.85 at the peak values.
- The accuracy (F-CoP) for the velocity at the load point has a range between about 0.65 and about 0.90 at the peak values.



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Window lift drive Results for RFO-ampl /1/

- The training lasted 148 hours for 400000 iterations.
- The error of the maximum value of the sum of all reaction forces is predicted very well. The medium error is less than 0.25 N
- The frequency of the maximum sum value is predicted very well, only 5 designs have a quite different frequency.
 25 Design:29
- These "outliers" have the peak value at the lower frequency limit and the prediction at the limits is not so good.







Window lift drive Results for RFO-ampl /2/

- ▶ The R^2 value is very high (>0.95) for an accumulated signal. Only few designs with a bigger error exist.
- The simulated and predicted (NCS) test design match very well. The peak values are found.





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Window lift drive Comparison of RFO-ampl with existing ML-tools

- Comparison between
 - Simulation (Abagus)
 - NCS (Neural Concept Shape)
 - STO (Stochos)
- Signal RFO-ampl for designs with a high error of the maximum value of RFO-ampl based on NCS error calculation.
- Stochos shows a similar accuracy as NCS.





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Window lift drive Comparison of VEL-1 with existing ML-tools

- Comparison between
 - Simulation (Abaqus)
 - NCS (Neural Concept Shape)
 - STO (Stochos)
- Signal VEL-1 for designs with a high error of the maximum value of VEL-1
- Stochos shows a similar accuracy as NCS. The approximation at the limits of the excitation frequency range is also similar to NCS.





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Window lift drive Results for static stress distribution /1/

- The training ran predefined 400000 iterations. The training lasted about 72 hours on the GPU cloud of the company Neural Concept.
- The loss error (l2 error) shows no overfitting of the training. The convergence is not completely. reached. loss tagloss





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Window lift drive Results for static stress distribution /2/

- The design #42 (2 deactivated ribs) shows the lowest error for the maximum stress.
- The stress distribution of simulation and prediction is very similar and mostly the absolute error is less than 0.5 MPa. The maximum error is about 1 MPa (about 3% error).
- The error is continuously distributed over the





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mesh.

Window lift drive Results for static stress distribution /3/

- The design #117 (4 deactivated ribs) shows the highest error for the maximum stress.
- The stress distribution of simulation and prediction is very similar and mostly the absolute error is less than 1.0 MPa.
- At mounting points with deactivated ribs the error increases up to 5 MPa (about 7% error).







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Setup 2

Examples Control edge

► Parametric

- Setup 1 : 1 topology, 10 parameters x_i,y_i 5 stroke positions
- Setup 2 : 3 topologies, 0 parameters, only geometry in STL format 20 stroke positions



x4 x3

 x_2

 x_1

xo



Results

- Aeff = stroke-dependent effective flow area (signal, nonlinear)
- Sigma = stroke-dependent flow force factor (signal, nonlinear)



Sigma: Flow force factor



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Control edge Training and test setup

- Training data
 - ► 2909 Designs using Latin-Hypercube-Sampling
- ► Test data
 - 99 Designs using Latin-Hypercube-Sampling

2909 training data



99 test data



Signal types

- Effective flow area "Aeff"
- ► Flow force factor "sigma"
- Outliers and incomplete designs were deactivated

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Response variable

Aeff stroke pos. 1

Aeff stroke pos. 2

Aeff stroke pos. 3

Aeff stroke pos. 4

Aeff stroke pos. 5

Sigma stroke pos. 1

Sigma stroke pos. 2

Sigma stroke pos. 3

Sigma stroke pos. 4

Sigma stroke pos. 5

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optiSLang algo

0.925 Moving Least Square

1.000 Kriging

0.999 Kriging

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Control edge Setup 1: Results from optiSLang, Stochos and SoS (signalMOP)

The CoP shows mostly good results for all 5 stroke positions.

Stochos has always a higher CoP value than optiSLang.

optiSLang Stochos

0.999

0.997

0.995

0.987

0.988

0.905

0.948

0.974

0.966

0.962

- signalMOP shows a good approximation for the effective flow area, but not for the flow force factor.
- The signal COPs are lower than the scalar COPs.









Control edge Setup 1: Comparison of sigma with existing ML-tools

- Comparison between
 - ► Simulation (CFD)
 - NC2 (Neural Concept Shape variant v2)
 - NC3 (Neural Concept Shape variant v3)
 - STO (Stochos)
- Signal sigma for four designs with a medium error for the maximal value.
- NCS and Stochos can approximate the signal quite well, but NCS is clearly better.







Control edge Setup 2: Results for effective flow area /2/

- The training was saved after 38 hours for 705000 iterations.
- The R² value of 0.998 for the effective flow area (Aeff) is very high.
- The simulated and predicted Aeff curves are plotted for
 - ► The lowest (#59) and highest (#6) loss error
 - ► The lowest (#5) and highest (#39) error of the







test - R2=0.9764 train - R2=0.992 Reference

Control edge Setup 2: Results for flow force factor

- The R^2 value of 0.976 for the flow force factor is high, but lower than for the train data.
- The simulated and predicted sigma curves are plotted for
 - ► The lowest (#82) and highest (#51) loss error
 - The lowest (#63) and highest (#45) error of the maximum value.





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Summary

- NCS could be applied successfully to all examples.
- In comparison to existing solutions at Bosch, the results of NCS are
 - clearly better than optiSLang
 - similar to Stochos from Probaligence for long, smooth signals (Window Lift Drive), but better for short, discrete signals (Control Edge).
 - new and accurate for the training of signal and field outputs of different topologies.
- NCS requires a GPU-cluster in comparison to optiSLang and Stochos. The computing time for training is significantly longer than for optiSLang and Stochos.
- The usage of NCS needs highly skilled users in setting up parametric models, setting up workflows, scripting, knowledge of 3D deep learning, etc. There are a lot of tasks to do until an optimization/sampling can run.
- Bosch is currently applying NCS for another application for shape optimization of different topologies.



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