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Dynardo is your engineering specialist for CAE-based sensitivity analysis, optimization, robustness evaluation and robust design optimization.



CAE-Consulting

Our expertise:

- Mechanical engineering
- Civil engineering & Geomechanics
- Automotive industry
- Consumer goods industry
- Power generation

Premium Consultancy and Software Company for CAE-based Robustness Evaluation, Reliability Analysis and Robust Design Optimization using Stochastic Analysis



Dynardo is the consulting company which successfully introduced stochastic analysis into complex CAE-based virtual product development processes.

Recently, it is applied in the power generation industry, automotive industry and high-level consumer goods industry

Introduction of optiSLang



Challenges in Virtual Prototyping

- Virtual prototyping is necessary for cost efficiency
- Test cycles are reduced and placed late in the product development
- CAE-based optimization and CAE-based robustness evaluation becomes more and more important in virtual prototyping
 - Optimization is introduced into virtual prototyping
 - Robustness evaluation is the key methodology for safe, reliable and robust products
 - The combination of optimizations and robustness evaluation will lead to robust design optimization strategies





optiSLang is an algorithmic toolbox for sensitivity analysis, optimization, robustness evaluation, reliability analysis and robust design optimization.



optiSLang is the commercial tool that has completed the necessary functionality of stochastic analysis to run real world industrial applications in CAE-based robust design optimizations.

optiSLang development priority: safe of use and ease of use!

optiSLang Field of Excellence

Robust Design

- Robust Design Optimization (RDO) optimize the design performance with consideration of scatter of design (optimization) variables <u>as</u> <u>well as</u> other tolerances or uncertainties.
- As a consequence of uncertainties the location of the optima as well as the contour lines of constraints scatters.



To proof Robust Designs safety distances are quantified with variance or probability measurements using stochastic analysis.

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CAE Process (FEM, CFD, MBD, Excel, Matlab, etc.)

Robust Design Optimization



Challenges of RDO in Virtual Prototyping

- With improvements in parametric modeling, CAE (software) and CPU (hardware) there seems to be no problem to establish RDO (DfSS) product development strategies by using stochastic analysis
- There are many research paper or marketing talks about RDO/DfSS.
- But why industrial papers about successful applications are so rare? Where is the problem with RDO?





Successful RDO needs a balance between:

• Reliable definition of uncertainties

- \Rightarrow many scattering variables (in the beginning) of an RDO task
- ⇒ best translation of input scatter to suitable parametric including distribution functions and correlations between scattering inputs

• Reliable stochastic analysis methodology

⇒ efficient and reliable methodology to sort out important/unimportant variables



⇒ because all RDO algorithms will estimate robustness/reliability measurements with <u>minimized</u> number of solver runs the proof of the reliability of the final RDO design is absolutely mandatory!

• Reliable Post Processing

- \Rightarrow Filter of insignificant/unreliable results
- \Rightarrow Reliable estimation of variation using fit of distribution functions

• User Friendliness

⇒ establish automatic flows of best practice which minimize the user input "ease of use" and maximize the "safe of use"

⇒ Finally non experts of stochastic analysis need be able to perform RDO

Robust Design Optimization - RDO

Robust Design Optimization combines optimization and Robustness Evaluation. From our experience it is often necessary to investigate both domains separately to be able to formulate a RDO problem. optiSLang offers you either iterative or automatic RDO flows.





When and How to apply stochastic analysis?

- When material, geometry, process or environmental scatter is significantly affecting the performance of important response values
- When significant scatter of performance is seen in reality

and there is doubt that safety distances may be to small or safety distances should be minimized for economical reasons.

 Iterative RDO strategies using optimization steps with safety margins in the design space and checks of robustness in the space of scattering variables

or

 Automatic RDO strategies estimating variance based or probability based measurements of variation for every candidate in the optimization space

are possible RDO strategies.

Process Integration



Process Integration

Parametric modeling as base for

- Customer defined optimization design space
- Naturally given robustness/reliability space

Design variables: Entities that define the design space

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Scattering variables: Entities that define the robustness space The CAE process generates the results according to the inputs Result variables: measures from the system

optiSLang Process Integration

Arbitrary CAE-processes can be integrated with optiSLang. Default procedure is the introduction of inputs and outputs via ASCII file parsing. Additionally interfaces to CAE-tools exist.



Connected CAE-Solver: ANSYS, ABAQUS, NASTRAN, LS-DYNA, PERMAS, Fluent, CFX, Star-CD, MADYMO, Slang, Excel,...

Parametrize Editor

- optiSLang reads and writes parametric data to and from ASCII
- Parameterize functionality Input file:
- Optimization parameter
- Robustness parameter
- RDO variable
- Dependent parameter and variables

Output file:

- Response variable
- Response vector
- Signals

Problem definition section

- Optimization Constraints
- Robustness criteria
- Limit state function
- Multiple objectives/terms



Signals in optiSLang

- Motivation: numerous scripts were written for extraction, processing and visualization of time or frequency signals
- Now signals are available in optiSLang (pre processor, solver, post processor)
 - •Definition at parametrize editor (multiple channel signal objects)
 - Response parameters can be extracted via signal processing
 - Response parameters and signals are available for post processing



Pre and Post Processing

- The Pre Processing
 - Open architecture, user friendly parametrize editor and one klick solution for ANSYS workbench support simulation flow setup
- Solving the RDO Task
 - Easy and safe to use flows with robust default settings allows the engineer to concentrate on his engineering part and let optiSLang do the job of finding the optimal design.
- Post Processing
 - The Interactive case sensitive multi document post processing offers the important plots as default



Sensitivity Analysis



(Design Exploration)



CAE process (FEM, CFD, MBD, Excel, Matlab, etc.)



Sensitivity analysis

- Sensitivity analysis scans the design/random space and measures the sensitivity of the inputs with statistical measures
- Application as pre-investigation of an optimization procedure or as part of an uncertainty analysis



- Results of a global sensitivity study are:
 - **Sensitivities** of inputs with respect to important responses
 - **Estimate** the variation of responses
 - **Estimate** the noise of an underlying numerical model
 - Better understanding and verification of dependences between input and response variation
- Requirements for industrial applications:
 - Treatment of a large number of inputs
 - Consideration of strongly nonlinear dependencies
 - Manageable numerical/experimental effort

Plain Monte Carlo Simulation (MCS)

• Independent generation of random samples

Latin Hypercube Sampling (LHS)

- Unwanted correlations removed with classical (fast) method
- Fraction of LHS looses its statistical advantages!
- Requires $N \ge k+1$ samples

Advanced Latin Hypercube Sampling (ALHS)

- Unwanted correlations are strongly minimized by optimization
- Exponentially increasing time effort (more than 50 variables)

Space-filling Latin-Hypercube Sampling (SLHS)

- Samples are generated to optimally cover design space
- In reduced space, the space filling property may be lost
- Huge time effort for many variables (more than 20 variables)

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Stochastic Sampling Methods in optiSLang



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Why do we prefer stochastic sampling ?

- Deterministic designs use maximum 3 levels for each variable
- LHS has *N* levels for each variable
- If we reduced the variable space be removing unimportant variables, deterministic designs loose the information of these variables, but with LHS this is not the case
- Example: 4 minor and 1 major important input variables:



Identifying important parameters

From tornado chart of linear correlations to the Coefficient of



Will, J.; Most, T.: Metamodel of optimized Prognosis (MoP) – an automatic approach for user friendly design optimization; Proceedings ANSYS Conference 2009, Leipzig, Germany, www.dynardo.de

Statistical measurements

Correlation Measurements

- Coefficients of pairwise linear/quadratic correlation is the simplest correlation measurement
- Multi-dimensional non-linear correlation can be detected using advanced meta models (Neural networks, Moving least squares,..)







Goodness of fit Measurements (CoD)

 Goodness of Fit (Coefficient of Determination -CoD) summarize <u>correlations on the meta</u> <u>models</u>



Dynardo's Coefficient of Prognosis (CoP)

- CoD is only based on how good the regression model fits through the sample points, but not on how good the prediction quality is
- Approximation quality is too optimistic for small number of samples
- For interpolation models (MLS, Neural Networks, Radial basis functions,..) with perfect fit, CoD is equal to one
- CoP measures the <u>forecast quality</u> of regression model using an <u>independend</u> test data set



 Prediction quality is better if unimportant variables are removed from the approximation model

To minimize necessary number of sample optiSLang includes **filter technology** to select significant variables (significance, importance & correlation filter)

Meta model of optimal Prognosis (MoP)

• optiSLang provides a automatic flow to reduce variables and generate the best possible response surface for every response with a given number of solver calls [Meta model of optimal Prognosis (MoP)] and checks Prognosis quality of the meta model.

- MoP solve following important tasks
 - We reduce the variable space using filter technology = best subspace
 - We check multiple non linear correlations by checking multiple MLS/Polynomial regression = best Meta Model
 - We check the forecast (prognosis) quality using a test sample set
 = Coefficient of Prognosis (CoP)
 - CoP/MoP allows to minimize the number of solver runs
 - Final MOP can be used for optimization purpose



MOP allows "No Run to Much"

With MOP functionality we can start to check after 50..75 runs independent on the number of input variables (5 or 100)

- \Rightarrow can we explain the variation
- \Rightarrow which input scatter is important
- \Rightarrow how large is the amount of unexplainable scatter (potentially noise,

extraction problems or high dimensional non linear mechanisms)



Sensitivity Analysis

Determining the sensitivity of stiffness and damping variation due to the tool center point position: 104 varying parameter



Solver PERMAS: frequency analysis up to 1000 Hz

SimCAT INDEX HELLER

Broos, A.; Kehl, G.; Melchinger, A.; Röck, S.; Will, J.: optiSLang in der Entwicklung von Werkzeugmaschinen, Proceedings WOST 3.0, 2006, www.dynardo.de

Sensitivity Analysis

Better understanding of dynamics, e.g. specially damping mechanisms:





Will, J.: Variation Analysis as Contribution to the Assurance of Reliable Prognoses in Virtual Product Development, Proceeding NAFEMS Seminar "Reliable Use of Numerical Methods in Upfront Simulations" March 2007, Wiesbaden, Germany, www.dynardo.de

Multidisciplinary Optimization



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Multidisciplinary Optimization with optiSLang



Deterministic optimization problem

- <u>Design variables</u>
 Variables defining the design space (continuous, discrete, binary)
- <u>Objective function</u>
 Function *f*(**x**) has to be minimized
- <u>Constraints, State variables</u> Constrain the design space, Equality/Inequality restrictions are possible
- Most optimizers require constraints and objectives with same order of magnitude (use scaling if not fulfilled)



$$f(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_N) \to \min$$

$$g_k(x_1, x_2, \dots x_N) = 0; \ k = 1, m_e$$

$$h_l(x_1, x_2, \dots x_N) \ge 0; \ l = 1, m_u$$

$$x_i \in [x_l, x_u] \subset \mathbb{R}^N$$

$$x_l \le x_i \le x_u$$
Example: damped oscillator

• Time-dependent displacement function

$$x(t) = e^{-D\omega_0 t} \frac{v_0}{\omega} \sin(\omega t),$$

• Optimization goal: Minimize maximum amplitude after 5s free vibration

$$|x(t \ge 5s)|_{max} \to \min$$

• Optimization constraint:

$$w \leq 8\frac{1}{s}$$

 Optimization parameter bounds & constant parameters:

$$m \in [0.1, 5.0 \text{ kg}]$$
 $D = 0.02$
 $k \in [10, 50 \text{ N/m}]$ $E_{kin} = 10 \text{ Nm}$





Objective function





- Stepped objective function by using maximum elongation
- Smooth objective if amplitude is approximated with envelope



- If time discretization is too coarse, objective function is distorted
- MOP(100 LHS): 100 time steps CoP=99%, 10 time steps CoP=83%

Gradient based Optimization

- NLPQL (Nonlinear Programming Quadratic Line Search Prof. Schittkowski)
- Recommended area of application: reasonable smooth problems
- + Fast convergence in case of:
- Function & gradients can be evaluated with sufficiently high precision
- The problem is smooth and well scaled
- Local optima, expensive gradients
- Use with care for binary/discrete variables







Design of Experiment



Method principles & properties:

- Values for input parameters sampled at deterministic points
- Number of simulations strongly depends the on number of input parameters (k)



Global Response Surface Methods

- + <u>Global</u> polynomial response surface approximation is effective for a small set of variables $n \le 5 ... 7$
- Number of necessary support points for reasonably precise RS becomes very high in dimensions > 10

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2	3	4	4	6	9	9	9
3	4	6	8	10	15	27	15
4	5	8	16	15	23	81	25
5	6	9	32	21	32	243	43
6	7	11	64	28	42	729	77
7	8	12	128	36	54	2187	143
8	9	14	256	45	68	6561	273
9	10	15	512	55	83	19683	531
10	11	17	1024	66	99	59049	1045
11	12	18	2048	78	117	177147	2071
12	13	20	4096	91	137	531441	4121
13	14	21	8192	105	158	1594323	8219
14	15	23	16384	120	180	4782969	16413
15	16	24	32768	136	204	14348907	32799



Scanning the design space with LHS





- 100 Latin Hypercube samples
- Best design:

$$m_{best} = 1.01 \text{ kg}, \qquad k_{best} = 45.4 \text{ N/m}$$

 $\omega_{best} = 6.71 \text{ 1/s}, \quad |x|_{max}^{best} = 0.32 \text{ m}$



Always verify best design with solver!





- Reuse of samples from sensitivity analysis
- Smoothing of noisy objective function
- High CoPs (≥90%) are required for objective **and** constraints
- Always verify best design with solver!

$$m_{opt} = 0.77 \text{ kg}, \qquad \omega_{opt} = 8.04(8.00) \text{ 1/s}$$

 $k_{opt} = 50.0 \text{ N/m}, \quad |x|_{max}^{opt} = 0.27(0.25) \text{ m}$

Adaptive Response Surface Methods (Local)

Adaptive design of experiment – design space



- Starting with a large subregion
- Iteration moves and shrinks the subspace till a solution converges to an optimum
- Approximation of the responses with low level trial function (e.g. linear and quadratic polynomial functions)
- + Fast catch of global trends, smoothing of noisy answers
- + Adaptive RSM with D-optimal linear DOE/approximation functions for optimization problems with up to 5..15 continuous variables is possible

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- ARSM (local) with linear D-optimal design
- Good convergence for noisy objective function
- 105 solver calls

 $m_{opt} = 0.77 \text{ kg}$ $k_{opt} = 49.3 \text{ N/m}$ $\omega_{opt} = 7.99 \text{ 1/s}$ $|x|_{max}^{opt} = 0.25 \text{ m}$

Adaptive Response Surface Method (Global)

- Global Moving least square approximation
- Interpolation can be forced by regularized weighting function
- Adaptive DOE with reuse of all calculated designs
- Better approximation of local effects than polynomial functions
- Global optimization on approximation function







- ARSM (global) with linear D-optimal and interpolating MLS
- 62 solver calls, mainly in important region of design space

$$m_{opt} = 0.78 \text{ kg}, \qquad k_{opt} = 49.5 \text{ N/m}$$

 $\omega_{opt} = 7.99 \text{ 1/s}, \quad |x|_{max}^{opt} = 0.25 \text{ m}$

Response Surface Methodology

- Based on design of experiment (DOE)
- Global polynomial response surface approximation are effective for a small amount of variables $k \le 5$, but not very accurate
- MOP gives sufficient results if CoP is high enough
- Adaptive (local) response surfaces are effective for a medium amount of variables k ≤ 15, but only result in local approximation
- Adaptive (global) response surfaces (moving least square) stay global and localize at the same time. They may be still effective for medium amount of variables $k \le 10 ... 20$





Evolutionary Algorithms (EA)

Imitates Evolution ("Optimization") in Nature:

- Survival of the fittest
- Evolution due to mutation, recombination and selection
- Developed for optimization problems where no gradient information is available, like binary or discrete search spaces



Toolbox for Natural inspired Optimization

4∃ Which algorithm shall be used ?:		Evolutionary Algorithm (EA) - global search	
IOA parameter set	Create resp.	Evolutionary Algorithm (EA) - global search Evolutionary Algorithm (EA) - local refinement Particle Swarm Optimization (PSO) - global search Particle Swarm Optimization (PSO) - local refinement	
Create resp. Modify		Simple Design Improvement (SDI) Genetic Algorithm (GA)	
🧷 Will be created, if not present in project direc	ctory: noa_par	ameters.set	

- Global and local search for EA
- Global and local search for PSO
- Simple design improvement (loc search)
- Genetic algorithm (global search adaptive mutation to reduce number of infeasible designs)









• 99 solver calls

$$m_{opt} = 0.81 \text{ kg}, \qquad k_{opt} = 49.8 \text{ N/m}$$

 $\omega_{opt} = 7.86 \text{ 1/s}, \quad |x|_{max}^{opt} = 0.26 \text{ m}$



$$|x|_{max}^{opt} = 0.26 \text{ m}$$

Ekin 1.2 1 0.8 x|⁻max 0.4 0.2 $\begin{array}{c}4.5 & 4 & 3.5 & 3 & 2.5 & 2 & 1.5 & 1 & 0.5 & 45^{40} \\ m & & & m \end{array}$ Local search (51 solver calls) $m_{opt} = 0.51 \text{ kg}$ $k_{opt} = 32.4 \text{ N/m}$ $\omega_{opt} = 7.99 \ 1/s$ $|x|_{max}^{opt} = 0.31 \text{ m}$

Particle Swarm Optimization (PSO)

- swarm intelligence based biological algorithm
- imitates the social behaviour of a bees swarm searching for food
- **Selection** of swarm leader including archive strategy
- Adaption of fly direction
- **Mutation of** new position
- Available for **single/multi objective Optimization**









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Simple Design Improvement



- Improves a proposed design without extensive knowledge about interactions in design space
- Start population by uniform LHS around given start design
- The best design is selected as center for the next sampling
- The sampling ranges decrease with every generation

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• 318 solver calls

$$m_{opt} = 0.70 \text{ kg}, \qquad k_{opt} = 44.9 \text{ N/m}$$

 $\omega_{opt} = 8.00 \text{ 1/s}, \quad |x|_{max}^{opt} = 0.26 \text{ m}$

Nature inspired Optimization

- Evolutionary algorithm
 - Suitable for global and local search
 - Search for new designs and evolutionary improvement of designs
- Genetic algorithm
 - Search for new designs
 - Search for feasible design islands with additional local optimization (e.g. NLPQL)
- Particle swarm optimization
 - Suitable for global and local search
 - Risk of local optimum is higher as with EA
 - Local convergence closer to optimum
- Simple design improvement
 - Very robust but low efficiency
 - Not developed to find optimal design





Multi Criteria Optimization Strategies

Pareto Optimization using Evolutionary Algorithms (SPEA2)



- Only in case of conflicting objectives, a Pareto frontier exists and Pareto optimization is recommended (optiSLang post processing supports 2 or 3 conflicting objectives)
- Effort to resolute Pareto frontier is higher than to optimize one weighted optimization function

Gradient-based algorithms

- Most efficient method if
 MOP allows a fast gradients are accurate enough
- Consider its restrictions like local optima, only continuous variables and no solver noise

Response surface method

- check for design improvement
- Adaptive RSM is the method of choice for a small set of continuous variables (<15)

Natural inspired **Optimization**

- GA/ES/PS copy mechanisms of nature to improve individuals
- Method of choice for Pareto Optimization Tasks
- Very robust against numerical noise, nonlinearities, number of variables,...



When to use which algorithm?

Sensitivity Analysis and Optimization



with additional solver runs

Optimization of a Large Ship Vessel EVOLUTIONARY ALGORITHM

- Optimization of the total weight of two load cases with constrains (stresses)
- **30.000** discrete Variables
- Self regulating evolutionary strategy
- Population of 4, uniform crossover for reproduction
- Active search for dominant genes with different mutation rates



Solver: ANSYS Design Evaluations: 3000 Design Improvement: > 10 % 0



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Optimization of see hammer

Dynamic performance optimization under weight and stress constraints using 30 CAD-parameter. With the help of sensitivity study and optimization (ARSM), the performance of a deep sea hammer for different pile diameters was optimized.



Initial Design valid for **two** pile diameter

Optimized design valid for **four** pile diameter

Design Evaluations: 200 times 4 loadcase CAE: ANSYS workbench CAD: ProEngineer



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Performance optimization under geometry constrains constraints using 15 CADparameter. With the help of sensitivity study and optimization (ARSM), the performance was optimized.

- Step wise approach to generate a successful design space for optimization

Design Evaluations: Process chain: Solid Edge – ANSYS – optiSLang



Optimization of Tennis Racket

The challenge in tennis racket optimization is to find a optimal design of the composite structure.

Consideration of production constrains of multiple composite layer orientation and thickness lead to a discrete optimization task with conflicting goals of mass and stiffness (playability).

Therefore optiSLang Pareto optimization using Evolutionary Algorithms was used.



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Parameter Update and System Identification



Calibration using optiSLang



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Calibration and Optimization of carbon fiber airplane cockpit body using ANSYS and optiSLang



2. Optimization of Crash performance of the airplane cockpit carbon fiber body to withstand the next higher crash loading class Body was tested regarding crash performance (German TÜV)

1. Calibration of test results



Parametrization of carbon body using ANSYS ACP



- geometric modeling using ANSYS WB

- carbon fiber material definition (stiffness/strength/damage) using ANSYS Composit Modeller (ACP)
Calibration of test results



Via sensitivity study the important model parameter are identified, via Evolutionary optimization the test is calibrated:

- very good fit of test results!
- identified model is qualified for optimization
- the safety margin of the calibrated model is large enough

identified fabric thickness factor 1.275 ! Fabric thickness (160g): 0.21mm \rightarrow 0.267mm

Very good agreement between test and simulation

- delta deformation maximum 2-3mm

Optimization for higher crash loading

objective: minimum Mass constraints: maximum load, no critical damage of structur (irf-values)

With optimization of position, orientation and thickness of important fabric layers the load could be improved by 50% having a mass increase 1.6% only!

For optimization evolutionary algorithms with Default Settings are used.





picture: Andreas Lutz, Bernd Weber Schempp-Hirth Flugzeugbau



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Part 7 Applications





Sensitivity of Passive Safety Systems

How Sensitive Is the CAE Model?

To protect occupants from the risk of serious injury in event of a side impact, passenger vehicles are designed to fulfil legislative and consumer impact test requirements.

Facing increasing competition in virtual product engineering using sensitivity analysis, optimization and robustness evaluation become necessary.



Ionescu, V.; Wernicke, P.:Assessement of side impact simulation using ABAQUS/Explicit, Proceeding SAE Conference, 2006

Sensitivity of Passive Safety Systems

Which Design Variable Shows Importance?

In an early phase of the product development, a simplified model of the side crash resistance is used.

Sensitivity analysis, using the stochastic sampling procedure and statistical post processing, identifies the most important design variables and estimates the variation of responses.



by courtesy of BMW AG



Optimization of Passive Safety Systems

In small parameter dimensions ARSM is used for optimization:

- After understanding the sensitivities, an optimization task can be defined
- Adaptive Response Surface Methodology is used to optimize the subsystem
- Based on that information, further optimization on more detailed sled and side crash models will follow



Figure 8. Linear correlation structure

Large Scale Multidisciplinary Optimization Multidisciplinary Car Concept Optimization I

- **Objective:** weight reduction
- **Performance constraints:** stiffness constraints, eigenfrequency and eigenmode constraints, eigenfrequency distances, NHV constraints limiting acceleration and acoustic peaks, stress constraints)
- **Loading:** is defined with 8 static load cases (bending, torsion ,..) 3 quasi crash load cases, modal analysis and frequency analysis

The design space is defined with 1544 geometry variables.

• Difficulties:



- A large amount (99.99%) of the high dimensional design space is violating constraints
- Very limited subspace has interesting weights
- All best practice designs violate the constraints
- Conflicting character of weight reduction and performance conditions

Large Scale Multi disciplinary Optimization

Multidisciplinary Car Concept Optimization II

- **Result in weight reduction:** 5.4 % compared with state of the art gradient based optimization strategy
- Summary of successful hybrid multidisciplinary strategy:
 - Sampling using parameter hierarchy and best practice design knowhow
 - Global optimization (island search) using genetic algorithms in optiSLang
 - Cluster analysis
 - Local optimization using gradient based optimization



Picture: Weight difference of best design cluster 1 and reference solution

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FCM Parametric Modeller

Create concept models fast and easy with surfaces ready to



→The result is a parametric CAD model with high-quality surfaces that are ready to mesh.

Step 1: Wireframe

Use design data, CAD-data or meshes as inputs or create something new and revolutionary from your mind Intuitively position points by drag and drop with compass

Step 2: Cross Sections

Take CrossSections from a company-wide library

Use FCM to create sections through *any* existing geometry or meshes Use CATIA's sketcher functionality

Step 3: Water-tight Surfaces

Create frame-like structures with FCM Beam, Junction and Map features from Cross Section to Cross Section

Create Surfaces without gaps or overlaps

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FCM Parametric Modeller and Analysis Pre processor Fundamental design changes can be performed without update errors



Flat FCM parametric allow stable changes

Modifications can be easily performed also for non-CADexperts. Model remains watertight all the time.

Example for stable FCM parametrics: stretching the whole rear of the vehicle

Create optimal design by using FCM in the loop with optimization software:

FCM parameters can be manually changed from within CATIA or from outside.

Optimizers as OptiSLang access geometry and CAE parameters

For each new design, shell meshes can be created automatically through Batchmeshing.