### **SIRAMM Winter School**

# Opening the design space by removing constraints with Additive Manufacturing and Topology Optimization

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### The Micro and Nanoscale Design (MnD) Group

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### **New possibilities through AM**





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https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GUdnrtnjT5Q



### Possibilities in design through additive production



Source: Mark Cotteleer and Jim Joyce, 3D opportunity: Additive manufacturing paths to performance, innovation, and growth, Deloitte University Press, http://dupress.com/articles/dr14-3d-opportunity/, accessed March 17, 2015.

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### Possibilities in design through additive production

**Revenue From Final Part Production** 



Million USD

## **AM and Data Driven Design**

#### Additive Manufacturing

- No tools
- Minimal material waste
- Low manufacturing constraints
- Production time dependent on material used



#### **Data Driven Design**

- Less design restrictions lead to an extended solution space
- Among more solutions there is always a «better» one













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Part build size: 900mm x 600mm x 300mm

Layer dimensions: H = 3-4 mm; W = 8-12 mm

Deposition rate: 5–10 kg/hour

Titanium, Nickel Alloys, Tool Steel, Stainless Steel

High Volume Production: 10-20 metric tons annually



http://www.norsktitanium.com/





3ds.com





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## **High Stiffness/ Low Weight**



<20k \$/kg



<1k \$/kg







<5 \$/kg



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## **Structural Optimizatioon- Overview**

- The Design Domain
- Objective Function
- Boundary Conditions
- Homogenization of Stress Level
- Minimum Compliance











# What is Topology Optimization?

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Normal stress





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#### Stress-strain relationship and stiffness matrix for isotropic material



Semenova et al.-Int. J. o. Materials Research, 2009













Truss: High directional stiffness geometrically simple



Shell: High global stiffness, high eigenfrequencies



Key Takeaways

- Use the largest design domain possible
- Use a low density material to maximize I
- Optimization of material cross section important



#### Stress-strain relationship and stiffness matrix for isotropic material



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(4)  $x_i \begin{cases} 1 \in \Omega_{mat} / \Omega \\ 0 \notin \Omega_{mat} / \Omega \end{cases}$ 



#### **Michell Type Structure**

"a frame (today called truss) (is optimal) attains the limit of economy of material possible in any frame-structure under the same applied forces, if the space occupied by it can be subjected to an appropriate small deformation, such that the strains in all the bars of the frame are increased by equal fractions of their lengths, not less than the fractional change of length of any element of the space." (Michell 1904)

Maxwell load-path theorem

Tension value in any tension element of length lp

 $\sum l_p f_p - \sum l_q f_q = C - \frac{\text{Constant based on external loads/}}{\text{supports}}$ 

Compression value in any compression element of length lq



#### Gradually removing inefficient material from the structure

- · Inefficiencies- low values of stress/strain
- Black and white rendering
- Reference domain  $\Omega$  in  $R^2$

(1)  $\frac{\sigma_e^{vm}}{\sigma_{max}^{vm}} \le RR_i$  — Current rejection ratio Maximum van Mises stress of whole structure

$$RR_{i+1} = RR_i + ER$$
 — Evolutionary rate



(2)

#### **Michell Type Structure**





**Support Condition** 





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- Point load
- Sharp re-entrant corners
- Corners of bodies
- Point restraints

- Manufacturing produces fillet radiuses
- Finite stress value
- Hole in plate mesh, fillet corners, change of cross section,...

$$K_t = \frac{\sigma_{max}}{\sigma_{nom}} = 3$$

Shimels et al- IOP Conf. Ser.: Mater. Sci. Eng. 2017



- Stress singularities do not affect displacement results
- Occur at supports when displacement and stress conditions are mixed







## **The Minimum Compliance Model**








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**Example: Short Cantilever** 





#### 32x20 four node (hxahedral) elements

#### **Example: Beam structure**



- Half of structure modelled (symmetry)
- 60x20 four node (hexahedral) elements



ERR=1%; V=50%



ERR=2%; V=52%



ERR=4%; V=54%



### **Minimum Compliance vs. Stress Homogenization**



#### 120 x48 elements E= 1 Mpa Volfrac= 0,3



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**Compliance based** 





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Stress

Compliance

Stress

### Minimum Compliance vs. Stress Homogenization

#### **Stress level**

- Material distributed to sustain loads
- Subject to defined boundary and load conditions
- Simpler structures
- Higher computational efforts
- · Layout favors failure criterion and not material to be distributed
- More realistic
- Definition of stress constraint at element level difficult (singularity, local nature, nonlinear behavior)
- Less popular

#### **Compliance minimization**

- Optimal volume fraction bounday condition
- Optimal material distributions and induced stress are result of volume fraction
- Complex layout
- Depndent on the amount of material to be distributed
- Not exact in predicting stress and displacements
- Robust
- Lower computational effort
- Most common









http://caess.eu/site/anim/anim2/Anim.html



http://caess.eu/site/anim/anim4/Anim.html DNTNU

# **Compliance Model- An example**

General requirements:

- Stiffness
- Weight
- Multi-purpose use

Housing:

- Wheel bearings
- Planetary gearbox

#### Connecting:

- Suspension arms
- Brakes
- Electrical motor





#### 1. Design domain

- 2. Properties
- 3. Mesh
- 4. Interactions
- 5. Loads and boundary conditions
- 6. Optimization setup
- 7. Pre-processing
- 8. CAD regeneration
- 9. FE Validation
- 10.AM support generation





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# The Workflow

#### 1. Design domain

#### 2. Properties

- Ti6Al4V
- Density
- Elastic Modulus
- 3. Mesh
- 4. Interactions
- 5. Loads and boundary conditions
- 6. Optimization setup
- 7. Pre-processing
- 8. CAD regeneration
- 9. FE Validation
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#### Material data sheet

#### Mechanical properties of parts

	As built	Heat treated [6]
Tensile strength [5]		
- in horizontal direction (XY)	typ. 1230 ± 50 MPa	min. 930 MPa (134.8 ksi)
	typ. 178 ± 7 ksi	typ. 1050 ± 20 MPa (152 ± 3 ksi)
- in vertical direction (Z)	typ. 1200 ± 50 MPa	min. 930 MPa (134.8 ksi)
	typ. 174 ± 7 ksi	typ. 1060 ± 20 MPa (154 ± 3 ksi)
Yield strength (Rpo.2) [5]		
- in horizontal direction (XY)	typ. 1060 ± 50 MPa	min. 860 MPa (124.7 ksi)
	typ. 154 ± 7 ksi	typ. 1000 ± 20 MPa (145 ± 3 ksi)
- in vertical direction (Z)	typ. 1070 ± 50 MPa	min. 860 MPa (124.7 ksi)
	typ. 155 ± 7 ksi	typ. 1000 ± 20 MPa (145 ± 3 ksi)
Elongation at break [5]		
- in horizontal direction (XY)	typ. (10 ± 2) %	min. 10 %
		typ. (14 ± 1 %)
- in vertical direction (Z)	typ. (11 ± 3) %	min. 10 %
		typ. (15 ± 1 %)
Modulus of elasticity [5]		
- in horizontal direction (XY)	typ. 110 ± 10 GPa	typ. 116 ± 10 GPa
	typ. 16 ± 1.5 Msi	typ. 17 ± 1.5 Msi
- in vertical direction (Z)	typ. 110 ± 10 GPa	typ. 114 ± 10 GPa
	typ. 16 ± 1.5 Msi	typ. 17 ± 1.5 Msi
Hardness [7]	typ. 320 ± 12 HV5	

[5] Tensile texting according to ISO 6892-1:2009 (B) Annex D, proportional test pieces, diameter of the neck area 5 mm ( 0.2 inch), original gauge length 25 mm (1 inch).

- [6] Specimens were treated at 800 °C (1470 °F) for 4 hours in argon inert atmosphere. Mechanical properties are expressed as minimum values to indicate that mechanical properties exceed the minimum requirements of material specification standards. ASTIN F1472-08. By fulfilling these minimum values, also the specifications of standards ASTIM B348-09 and ISO 5832-3:2000 are meet.
- [7] Vickers hardness measurement (HV) according to EN ISO 6507-1 on polished surface. Note that measured hardness can vary significantly depending on how the specimen has been prepared.

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- 1. Design domain
- 2. Properties
- 3. Mesh
  - Structured Hexahedral elements
  - 1 070 000 elements
- 4. Interactions
- 5. Loads and boundary conditions
- 6. Optimization setup
- 7. Pre-processing
- 8. CAD regeneration
- 9. FE Validation
- 10. AM support generation







- 1. Design domain
- 2. Properties
- 3. Mesh
- 4. Interactions
  - Suspension points
  - Mounting bracket
  - Brake caliper
- 5. Loads and boundary conditions
- 6. Optimization setup
- 7. Pre-processing
- 8. CAD regeneration
- 9. FE Validation
- 10. AM support generation





- 1. Design domain
- 2. Properties
- 3. Mesh
- 4. Interactions
- 5. Loads and boundary conditions
  - Wheel bearing reaction forces
  - Mapped analytical fields
  - Four quasi-static scenarios
- 6. Optimization setup
- 7. Pre-processing
- 8. CAD regeneration
- 9. FE Validation
- 10. AM support generation





- 1. Design domain
- 2. Properties
- 3. Mesh
- 4. Interactions
- 5. Loads and boundary conditions
- 6. Optimization setup
  - Sensitivity-based algorithm
  - Minimum Compliance problem
  - Weight target
- 7. Pre-processing
- 8. CAD regeneration
- 9. FE Validation
- 10. AM support generation





- 1. Design domain
- 2. Properties
- 3. Mesh
- 4. Interactions
- 5. Loads and boundary conditions
- 6. Optimization setup
- 7. Pre-processing
  - Filtering
  - Smoothing
- 8. CAD regeneration
- 9. FE Validation
- 10. AM support generation





Front



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- 1. Design domain
- 2. Properties
- 3. Mesh
- 4. Interactions
- 5. Loads and boundary conditions
- 6. Optimization setup
- 7. Pre-processing
- 8. CAD regeneration
  - Modifications for mounting holes
  - Inclusion of additional details (motor mount, seal slots,...)
- 9. FE Validation
- 10. AM support generation





- **Design domain** 1.
- 2. **Properties**
- Mesh 3.
- Interactions 4.
- Loads and boundary conditions 5.
- **Optimization setup**
- Pre-processing 7.
- CAD regeneration 8.
- **FE Validation** 9.
  - **Dimensioning load scenario** ٠
  - Extreme load scenario •
  - Non-linearites (contact, pretension) ٠

10. AM support generation









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918e+0

669e+01

2e+0

5e+01

3e+01

363e+00

.200e+00

3.606e-02



Rear



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Front upright post CNC-machining



### Rear upright post CNC-machining



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## **Compliance Model- An example**

Dynamic wheel loads Tire-track interaction Weight transfer





**Figure 3.1:** Load scenarios during FSG, longitude and latitude data from INS plotted. The car drives in the clockwise direction. Acc = Acceleration, LHT = Left Hand Turn, RHT = Right Hand Turn





# **Compliance Model- An example**

Material:

#### EOS Ti6Al4V/ EOS Al10MgSi

Discretization

- Element type: Structured hexahedral
- Mesh method:
- Top-down combined with bottom-up

Loads: From tire tests - wheel bearing reaction forces used in optimization is calculated in collaboration with SKF

Abagus load definition: 4 independent guasi-static load scenarios defined with linear

Design responses:

Objective function:

perturbation steps

Strain energy (all steps) Weight

Minimum compliance

Constraint: Weight target 350g



Upright	Iterations	Total iteration time [h]	TO raw weight [g]	Weight after regeration [g]
Front left	72	95.2	374.6	577.9
Rear left	56	59.4	323.6	532.7
Rear right	49	46.3	324.2	524.5





# **Compliance Model- Material Selection**



Figure 2.6: Comparison between upright in AlSi10Mg and Ti6Al4V, Skoglund (2019)



Figure 4.11: Rear left upright



Figure 4.12: Rear right upright







#### What is performance?- the objective Efficiency Flow resistance Material used Stiffness/Weight Corrosion resistance Dissassembly Conductance Manufacturing complexity Surface area Power

Eigenfrequency

Transmittance

Accessibility

Number of parts

Cost



## **Beyond stiffness- Solar Concentrator**

**Common tracker** 

Tracking integration with beam steering lens array





- No Rotation
- Low Physical Footprint
- Low Power, Fast, Accurate
  Tracking



(1) Maximize efficiency in redirecting sunlight  $\uparrow \eta$ 

Ingoing/ Outgoing intensity

- (2) At a set divergence angle  $\downarrow \Theta_{max}$ 
  - Deviation of outgoing rays from surface normal
- (3) At a set cost/complexity of the system  $\downarrow$ \$
  - **#** Parts/ Complexity of movement



**Boundary Conditions** 

**Objective Function** 

Maximize efficiency in redirecting sunlight  $\uparrow\eta$ 







Minimize divergence of ingoing sunlight  $\downarrow \Theta_{max}$ 





Minimize the cost/complexity of the system  $\downarrow$ \$



- Number of lens arrays
- Number of moving parts
- Number of sliding interfaces







# **Next generation PEMFCs**



O'Hare et al.- Wiley 2016



# The Gas Diffusion Layers

Gas Diffusion / Catalyst Layer Electrolyte H<sub>2</sub> Н, H<sub>2</sub> H<sub>2</sub>

Gas Diffusion / Catalyst Layer

Anode Adapted from Prinz- ME260 Lecture Slides

Fuel









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# The optimum Gas Diffusion Layer

(1) Maximize fuel cell power density ↑p

# Determined by activation losses, ohmic losses and transport losses

(2) At a given current density reange  $i_{curr.1}$ 

#### Defines the dominating losses

(3) At given design constraints  $\downarrow d$ ,  $\uparrow T$ ,  $\uparrow \sigma$ ,  $\uparrow D^{eff}_{H2O}$ ,  $\uparrow D^{eff}_{air}$ 







Torgersen and Bock- ECS Prime 2020



## **The optimum Gas Diffusion Layer**



Data from Niblett et al.- Electrochem Soc 2020



#### **The optimum Gas Diffusion Layer**







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Compo



1 mm

D8,3 x80





## **Design for Dissassembly**



Daehn et al.- Envir. Sci. and Techn. 2017



### **Design for Dissassembly**





# **Design for Dissassembly**

- (1) Minimize obstacle region  $\downarrow O_{si}$  by changing extraction direction  $D_i$ 
  - Determined by size of Target component T
- (2) At a given number of shells  $S_i$ 
  - Given by the design
- (3) At allowed number of split lines
  - Sets the amount of dissassembly operations





Fukushige- Springer 2017



**Objective Function** 

## Conclusion

- Additive Manufacturing offers new solutions
- Topology Optimization can infuse Innovation in Product Design
- Million design iterations at low cost
- Readily available: Lightweight and stiff organic designs
- Future possibilities: solar trackers, next generation fuel cells, material recycling





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