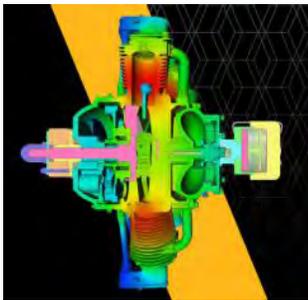
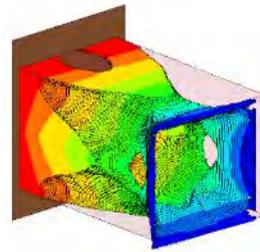


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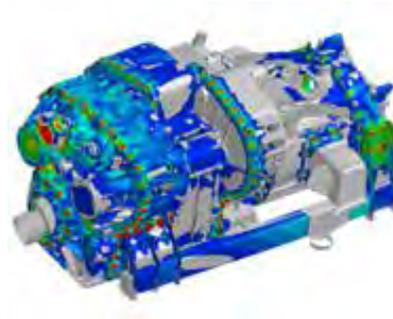
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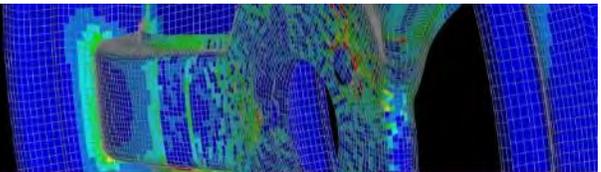


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Ready for Take Off: Simulation Charges Electric Air Racing

Air Race E is the first all-electric airplane race series. With the launch of the series scheduled for the second half of 2021, the competing teams are striving to engineer the aircraft that will take part in this revolutionary form of air racing — with eight fully electric planes completing eight laps of a 5 km (3.1 mile) circuit, wing tip to wing tip, at speeds of up to 450 kph (280 mph).



Two electric planes racing Tune into the webinar to hear Air Race E CEO Jeff Zaltman introduce the electric plane race series and the associated engineering challenges.

In addition to being an amazing spectacle, the race series will serve as a testbed for new technologies that will shape the future of more sustainable aviation. Electric systems are augmenting fossil fuel-based propulsion systems and may even replace them. Airbus is a founding partner of Air Race E, which reinforces commercialization and industry adoption, much the same way as the automotive industry's Formula E develops electric vehicle technologies that are adopted in everyday automobiles.

Engineering Electric Planes

With just over a year to go, the serious business of engineering these groundbreaking aircraft is underway.

The series has been designed to focus the teams on developing solutions to some of the most pressing electrification challenges, such as energy storage and batteries, power electronics, electric drives, charging and lightweighting. The teams face stiff design criteria: 150 kW power (with +175 kW boost), 800 V maximum, delivering full power for 5 minutes with a 10-minute reserve at 30% power. And all this must be delivered by a powertrain with a mass of no more than 155 kg (341.71 lb).



Recognizing that simulation is the only practical way to get these aircraft to the start line in time for the first race, Air Race E has partnered with Ansys to enable the competing teams to access the portfolio of simulation tools they need — from systems and embedded software to electromagnetics, fluids and mechanical.

"Lacking historical design precedent for these highly sophisticated electric aircraft, simulation remains the only way to safely develop innovative technologies under incredibly tight deadlines," said Jeff Zaltman, founder and CEO, Air Race Events. "Partnering with Ansys, Air Race E teams will leverage leading-edge simulation technology to design new aircraft, achieve world-class performance levels and cross the finish line at incredible speeds. These advances will help usher in the next chapter of electric aviation."

Solve Electric Plane Engineering Challenges with Simulation

So just how are the teams planning to solve these challenges with simulation? To go under the hood and explain some of the details, Ansys and Air Race E have teamed up with IQPC and their More Electric Aircraft series to present a free-to-attend, live webinar on September 22 at 8 a.m. Eastern US/2 p.m. Central European time.

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Tune into the webinar to hear Air Race E CEO Jeff Zaltman introduce the race series and the associated engineering challenges. Ansys engineers will describe how simulation is being deployed across the teams to deliver practical solutions to these challenges. The speakers will use examples derived from the race teams' active projects.

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August 5, 2020

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Consistently trying to streamline emerging trends and needs in engineering simulation industry, BETA CAE Systems proudly presents the release of v21.0.0 of its software suite.

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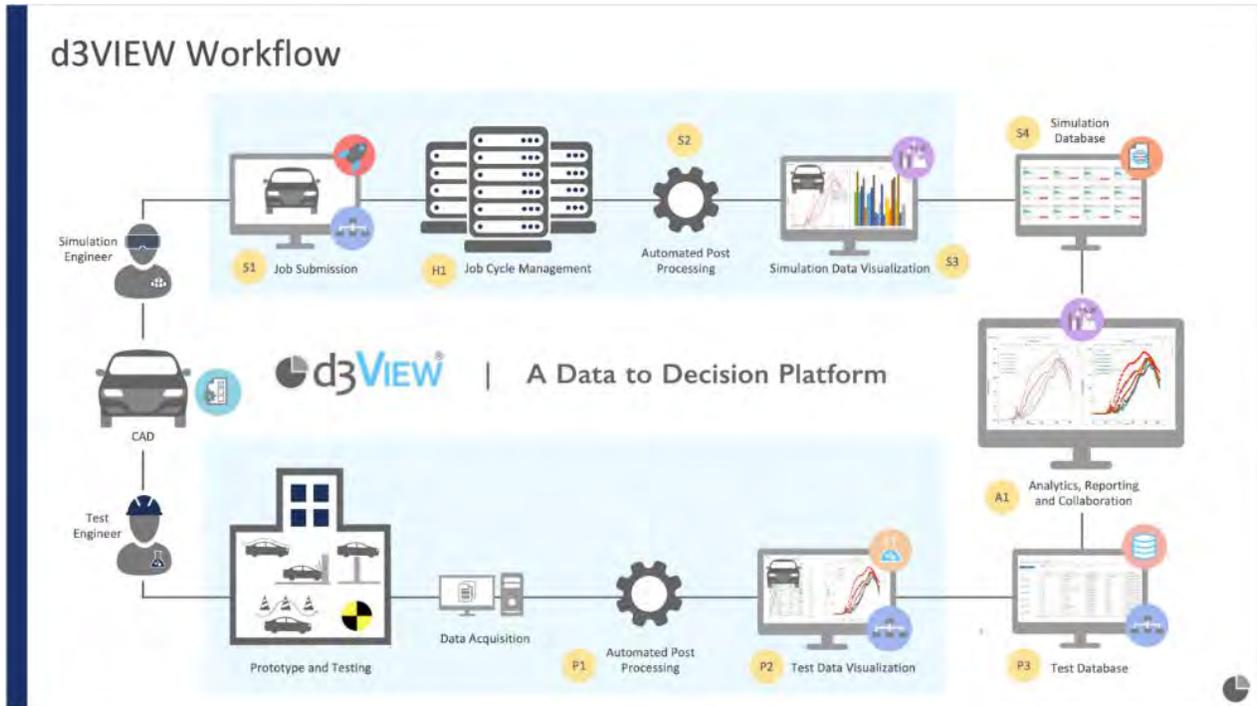
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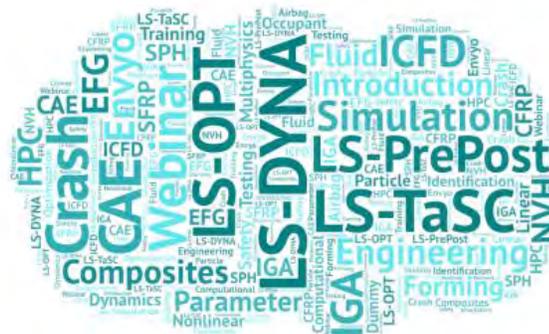
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Driving Change for Vehicle Emission Policies

The WLTP emissions testing standard is falling short, leaving OEMs with a logistical nightmare unless regulators include simulation in this new regime. In this post, we explain how ESI is working with industry leaders to overhaul the WLTP, reduce emissions, and futureproof the automotive industry.

Wednesday, September 9, 2020 By Dr. Sebastien Vilfayeau



In September 2017, the [Worldwide Harmonized Light Vehicles Test Procedure](#) (WLTP) came into effect for the EU and Japan. How does it work? The WLTP uses various tests to measure fuel consumption, vehicle CO₂, and pollutant emissions. Engineers run these tests at specialized facilities where wind tunnels help determine the aerodynamic load for each vehicle, for example, and climatic chambers assist in testing emission rates.

The WLTP is a vast improvement compared to the prior NEDC (New European Driving Cycle) regime, providing a more accurate basis for calculating a vehicle's fuel consumption and emissions. This is because the WLTP is based on real driving data, ensuring that any lab-based measurements better reflect the on-road performance of a vehicle.



NEDC vs. WLTP

What is the WLTP?

Compared to the NEDC, the WLTP also takes a more comprehensive approach to emissions testing, using longer cycle times, greater cycle distances and average speeds, and tripling the number of tested driving phases. However, there are still many shortcomings that the WLTP must address to meet the needs of today's automotive industry.

TEST CYCLE	CYCLE TIME
<p>NEDC: Single test cycle</p> <p>WLTP: Dynamic cycle more representative of real driving</p>	<p>NEDC: 20 minutes</p> <p>WLTP: 30 minutes</p>
CYCLE DISTANCE	DRIVING PHASES
<p>NEDC: 11.5 kilometre</p> <p>WLTP: 23.25 kilometre</p>	<p>NEDC: 4 phases: 65% urban and 35% suburban driving</p> <p>WLTP: 4 more dynamic phases: 55% urban and 45% non-urban</p>
AVERAGE SPEED	MAXIMUM SPEED
<p>NEDC: 24 kilometre per hour</p> <p>WLTP: 45.5 kilometre per hour</p>	<p>NEDC: 120 kilometre per hour</p> <p>WLTP: 131 kilometre per hour</p>
INFLUENCE OF OPTIONAL EQUIPMENT	GEAR SHIFTS
<p>NEDC: Impact on CO2 and fuel performance not considered under NEDC</p> <p>WLTP: Additional features (which can differ per car) are taken into account</p>	<p>NEDC: Vehicles have fixed gear shift ratios</p> <p>WLTP: Different gear shift points for each vehicle</p>

What's the challenge with the WLTP?

The most important contribution to emissions is the aerodynamic drag of the vehicle. Under the WLTP regulation, OEM's must physically test every vehicle type and variant under real conditions to calculate the emissions that will be reported with the vehicle.

Let's explain what this means in real terms. OEMs often produce multiple vehicle types, including sedans, SUVs, hatchbacks, and so on. For each vehicle type, you can also change the parts used where, for example, different side mirrors, rims, front and rear spoilers, etc. could be added to the final design. Experts estimate that the number of vehicle customizations will [keep rising](#) in the near future to help OEMs stand out in a crowded marketplace, further exacerbating this issue. When you add together every potential vehicle iteration, that's a lot of physical emissions tests. What's more, the WLTP also requires far more testing than the previous NEDC system did. The resulting time commitments for these tests will place considerable pressure on the limited number of available testing facilities.

From a logistical standpoint, it's difficult to imagine how OEMs can run all the extensive physical tests required by the WLTP for every vehicle iteration. As these testing facilities reach full capacity, this has a knock-on effect, leaving manufacturers with an impossible choice – should they prioritize testing of their existing vehicles to promote customization or new vehicle designs to promote innovation?

Unless a different approach is taken, the WLTP will significantly restrict the automotive industry, creating a testing bottleneck where OEMs cannot keep pace with consumer demand and struggle to innovate. It's time for a change.

How to overcome the WLTP challenge

In 2017, the [WLTP CFD sub-working group](#) was created, bringing together OEMs, CFD software vendors, like ESI, and legal authorities from the EU to discuss how to address these challenges. The group agreed that simulation is a viable alternative to physical tests to determine emissions rates, under certain circumstances. These simulations must operate within a specified error range, and with approval from the responsible authority.



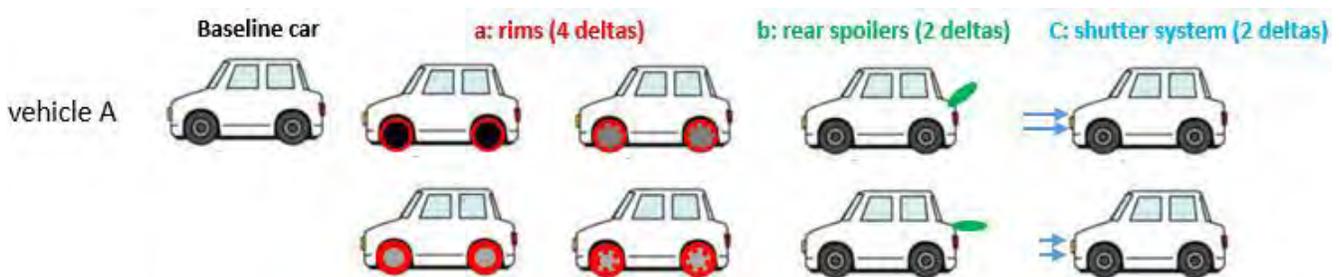
The WLTP CFD sub-working group

With a certified CFD process, OEMs can replace expensive and time-consuming physical tests with CFD results to evaluate deltas in aerodynamic performance between a reference shape and the design iteration, and apply the same delta to the experimental measurement of the reference case.

To that note, ESI Group produced a streamlined and robust solution so that OEMs can predict aerodynamic performances with less than 24 hours of manpower with 256 CPUs. The solution is fully automated from CAD to PDF reporting, allowing aerodynamicists to invest their time in vehicle engineering and innovation. This reduces the need for wind tunnel testing mandated by the WLTP, freeing up valuable industry resources and reducing costs for manufacturing and innovation.

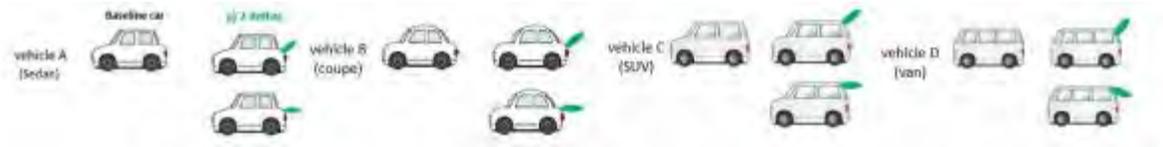
How would a CFD process be certified?

The CFD methodology can be certified for WLTP in two different ways. The first procedure enables certification based on a single baseline. Here, a baseline vehicle is tested and compared with the same baseline modified by change of parts (vehicle design iterations). To validate the accuracy of the applied CFD method, at least two different design iterations per part on the same common vehicle baseline must be tested. In this case, the CFD methodology can be certified for the baseline type of car, for the two-part variances tested.



The single baseline certification procedure

The second procedure enables certification based on multiple baselines. Here, a single part is tested with a range of different vehicles. To validate the accuracy of the CFD methodology, at least eight tests must be run with the different vehicle types for the common baseline part.



The multiple baseline certification procedure

Of course, this does not negate the need for physical tests altogether. It does, however, reduce many of the pain points manufacturers face under the WLTP regime and frees up a significant proportion of the industry's overstretched testing facilities.

What's next?

The WLTP CFD sub-working group submitted its proposals to the EU on October 21, 2019. If these proposals are accepted, the discussion moves to include other countries as we push to introduce WLTP certification by CFD at the United Nations. We're facing a difficult road ahead, where the Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism in Japan has, until now, opposed these changes.

However, the automotive industry must overcome the challenges of real-world emissions testing to provide both vehicle customization and innovation. With many of the world's biggest manufacturers implementing the WLTP, now is the time to move emissions testing into the digital domain using Cloud applications.

For more information visit:

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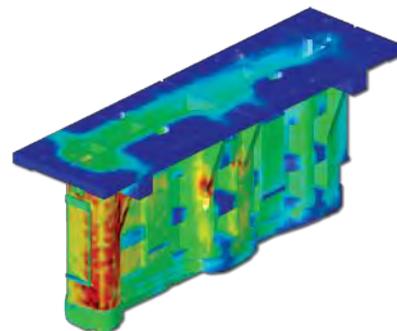
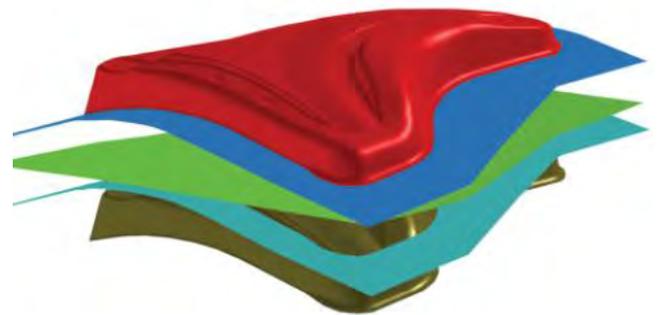
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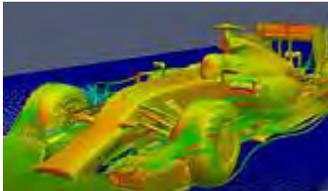
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09/14/2020 - Yes, I know I had the below simulation showcased last year but I really like it. Gotta love a Ferrari, although on this ranch it would not be useful - WAIT, I can race the horses and win!



[Simulation of the F1 Ferrari](#)

Simulation and you can obtain the input deck.

09/07/2020 - See below for my new delivery type of motorcycle! NOT! I rather deliver riding a horse over that road break! NOT! My 3-speed bicycle (It's so old that it only has 3 speeds - (my blue Denault English Racer) Anyway, I will deliver in my Ford Sport Trac the Coffee A La Speed Bump!



[Simulación Motocicleta LS-DYNA](#)

Analysis of the motorcycle beater when passing through a speed break at a speed of 10 km / h.

Monday 08/31/2020 - Yes, like they stated in the simulation "everything starts with a failure" LIKE that FIRE California had last week. We didn't have to evacuate but they had us under warning. I think I drank all the coffee! Nerves - coffee - pack - coffee - panic - coffee - save the animals - coffee. Okay you get the idea of my last few days. Now it is unpack - more coffee!!!



[Marine Applications](#)

highly simplified simulations involving rigid parts and coarse mesh, ...may be developed further for specific applications.

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Contents:

The following topics will be discussed with interactive sessions to the attendees.

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2. Static and dynamic mechanical properties testing of tire models
3. Tire rubber material testing and failure simulation
4. The modeling process of finite element model of tire
5. Case analysis

Instructor :

Suri Bala

Suri Bala works full-time for LSTC since 2000. He specializes in the field of numerical simulations ranging from pure Lagrangian, Arbitrary - Lagrangian-Eulerian, to mesh free techniques such as SPH and EFG. His many years of onsite support activity provided him with a wealth of experience in building and handling large vehicle models.

Duration and Style:(1×3 hours web training)

Sep 28th (20:00PM--23:00PM)

Language: English

Training fee:Free

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KAIZENAT Technologies Pvt Ltd is the leading solution provider for complex engineering applications and is founded on Feb 2012 by Dr. Ramesh Venkatesan, who carries 19 years of LS-DYNA expertise. KAIZENAT sells, supports, trains LS-DYNA customers in India. We currently have office in Bangalore, Chennai, Pune and Coimbatore.



Kaizen-DYNA App

- "Kaizen-DYNA" is a mobile and web based application which is built by Kaizenat Technologies Private Limited (KTPL) to help LS-DYNA users across the world.
- This powerful application helps LS-DYNA users across the world to stay connected and also help each other by sharing their knowledge.
- The key feature of this application is QUERY and RESPONSE. Where a user can post and respond to queries. The best response for each query will be rewarded with a Kaizen score.
- This application also gives an opportunity for the employers to float their LS-DYNA job openings and alert its user's base with a notification.
- "Kaizen-DYNA" quiz program can help LS-DYNA users to update their knowledge score and trend top in the job seekers list.
- It also gives an opportunity for new users to learn LS-DYNA with training materials FAQ modules.
- This application also brings latest news about LS-DYNA and some useful general information.



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LS-TaSC™ for Topology and Shape Design

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General abilities

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- Shell design using 1st-order quadrilateral and triangular elements
- Global constraints using the multi-point scheme and surrogate models
- Multiple load cases such as impact, statics, and NVH load cases with/out element deletion
- Occupant safety features such as global variables and responses
- Models with more than 10 million elements
- Geometry definitions such as multiple parts, extrusion, symmetry, edge smoothing, one or two sided casting

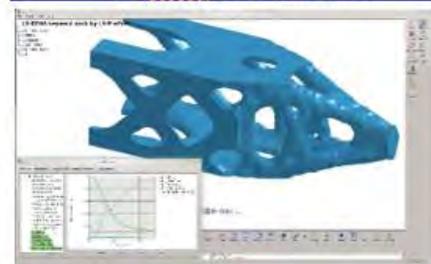
Methodologies

- Solid / Void Schemes: SIMP, True Mechanics
- Analytical and/or Numerical Design Sensitivity Analysis
- Optimality Criteria for Dynamic Problems
- Projected Sub-gradient Design Optimization Method
- Design Contribution Estimation

Integration

- With LS-DYNA – No special treatment for nonlinearities such as contact
- With LS-PrePost – Results visualization and model editing
- With LS-OPT – LS-OPT can drive LS-TaSC for complex design schemes

LS-TaSC User Interface



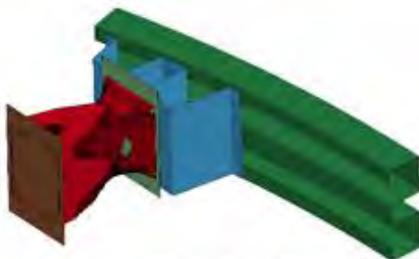
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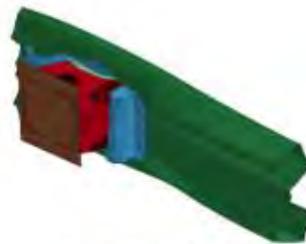
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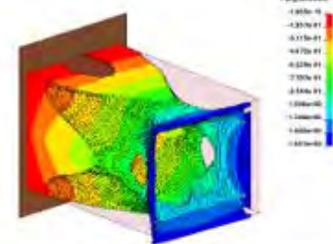
Crash Box Design



Final design of crash box



Deformation at t=30 ms

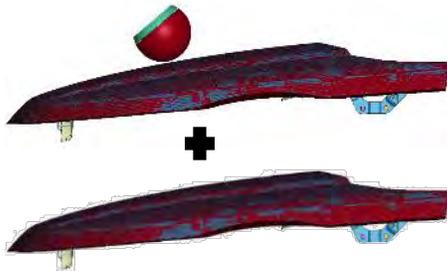


First bending mode in y-direction

LS-TaSC[®] New Release Version 4.2

LS-TaSC Version 4.2 has the following new features:

1. *Constrained Multidisciplinary Design Optimization*: this release can solve multidisciplinary topology optimization problems for the combination of impact, NVH, and static load cases. The importance of each design discipline is defined using one or more constraints. The design sensitivity analysis of constraints related to NVH is computed analytically, while the design sensitivity of the impact related constraints is handled using a numerical, multipoint scheme. This design framework can therefore tackle complex problems; for example, the hood structure below was solved for a HIC (Head Injury Criterion) constraint from an impact load together with a displacement constraint from a static load, while the problem at the bottom of the page considered both the natural frequency and the crash deformation behavior.

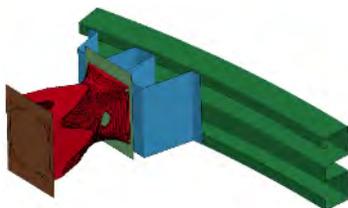


Hood optimization problem considering both impact and static load cases. Model courtesy of Jaguar Land Rover.

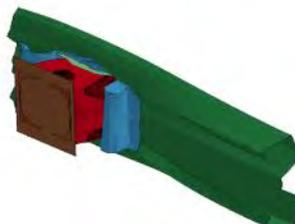


Final design of Hood with side view at upper and bottom view at lower

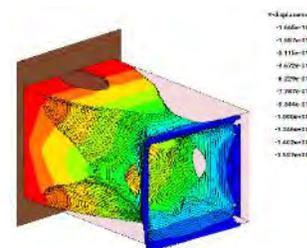
2. The constraints from different load cases can have drastically different scales. *Normalizing constraints using bounds* was therefore added as an optional setting in the Method dialog.
3. Contact setting was updated to (1) *set eroding surface contact automatically*, and (2) *allow mortar contact definitions*.
4. Failed elements are handled by strengthening them, instead of deleting them as before.
5. The design contribution plots show the effect of the different design disciplines on the final design. These plots were updated to account for the effects of the constraints.



Final design of crash box for crashworthiness and NVH



Crashing deformation at t=30 ms



First bending mode in y-direction

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Progressive Composite Damage Modeling in LS-DYNA (MAT162 & Others)

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Description:

Progressive damage modeling of composites under low velocity impact, and high velocity impact is of interest to many applications including car crash, impact on pressure vessels, perforation and penetration of thin and thick section composites. This course will provide a comparison between available composite models in LS-DYNA for shell and solid elements, e.g., MAT2, MAT54, MAT59, & MAT162. Among these material models, rate dependent progressive composite damage model MAT162 is considered as the state of the art. This short course will include the theory and practice of MAT162 composite damage model with applications to low and intermediate impact velocities, understanding the LS-DYNA programming parameters related to impact-contact, damage evolution, perforation and penetration of thin- and thick-section composites. Printed copies of all lecture notes will be provided along with a CD containing all example LS-DYNA keyword input decks used in this short course. Topics Covered in this Short Course:

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Composite Material Models in LS-DYNA for Shell and Solid Elements

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Theory and Practice in MAT162 Progressive Composite Damage Model for Unidirectional and Woven Fabric Composites

MAT162 User Manual – Version 15A 2015

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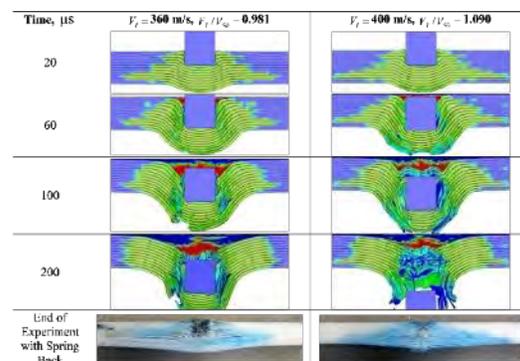
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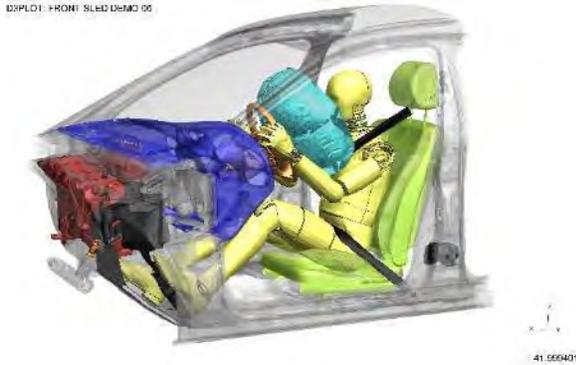
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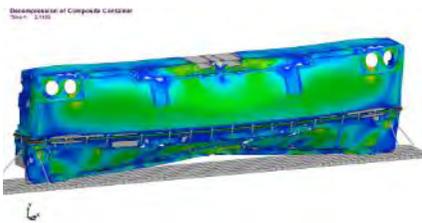
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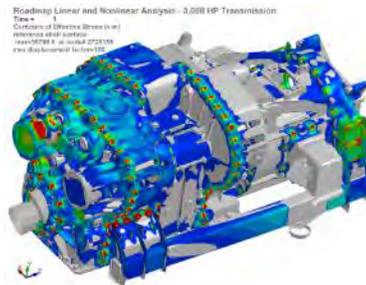
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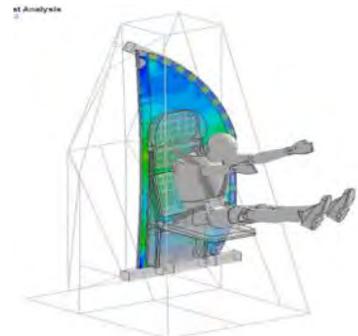
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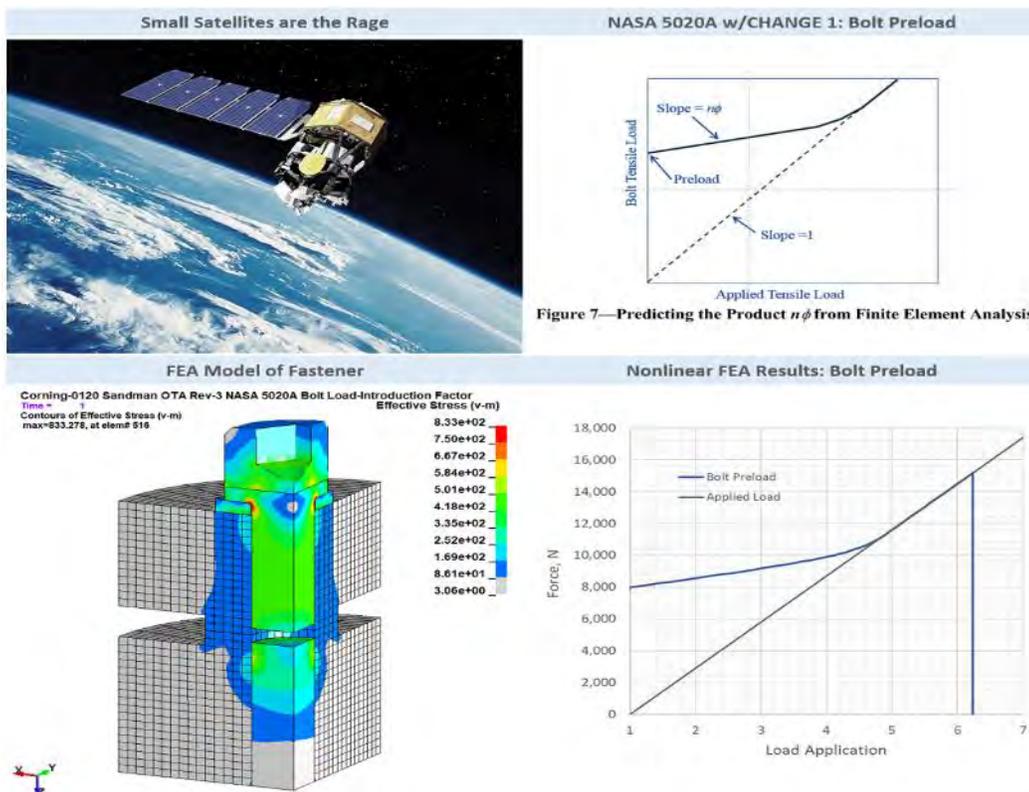
NASA 5020A - Its All in the Bolt Preload

September 7, 2020 Posted By: George Laird

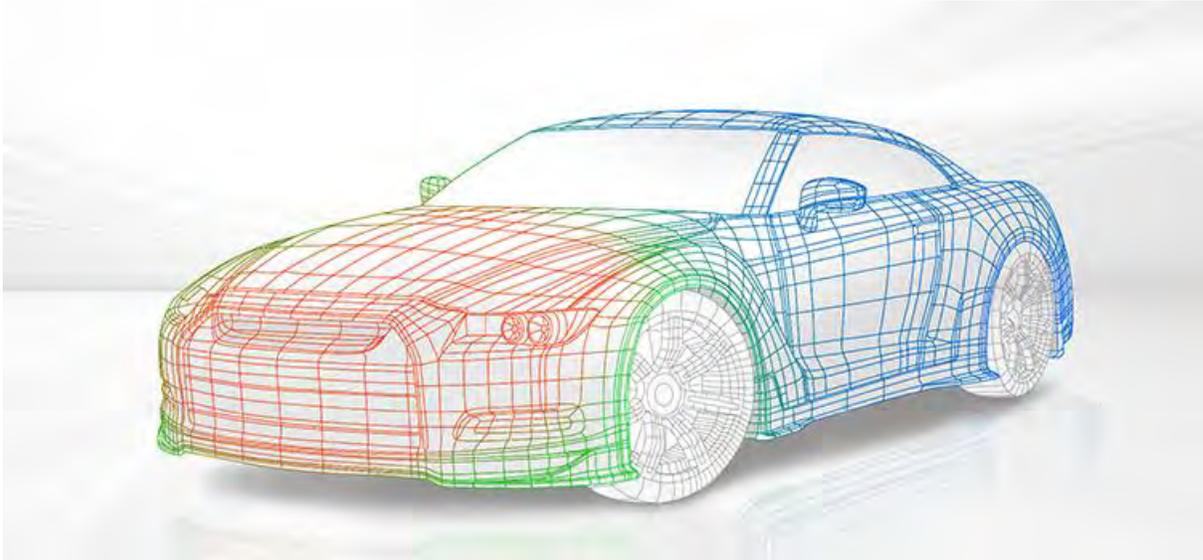
NASA 5020A Requirements for Threaded Fastening Systems in Spaceflight Hardware

Over the years, we have done a number of satellite analysis projects for commercial and those other government agencies. Looking back, I'm sort of surprised how close we got with what we thought were FEA best practices for linear dynamics (i.e., normal modes and PSD analysis). The big advance over the last couple of years has been in our approach to fastener modeling. In prior work, fasteners (bolts, screws, what-ever) were idealized using beams and rigid links (Nastran RBE2) while nowadays, our preference is to use six DOF springs (Nastran C-Bush) in combination with rigid links. While a bit messy, it provides an efficient methodology to meet the NASA 5020A technical specification.

The gist of this specification is how to calculate, whether or not, the fastener will fail given: bolt preload, with and without shear pins and joint slippage. It is a tall order and the specification is a algebraic joy to the mathematically inclined simulation engineer. Fastener failure is dominated by the designer's choice of bolt preload. Interesting enough, the NASA specification favors low bolt preload. It sounds odd, but if pushed, one can avoid NASA 5020A fastener failure by lowering the bolt preload. The reason for this is due to the relationship between bolt preload and the applied tensile load. There is no free lunch and regardless of the initial bolt preload, the applied load adds to the overall bolt tensile load. The specification favors hand calculation but with some FEA modeling, one can improved upon the hand calculations and eke out a bit more headroom. If you would like to read more, the NASA 5020A specification can be downloaded here.



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To help users to better understand LS-DYNA software and use LS-DYNA more efficiently, Shanghai Fangkun releases 2020 annual training and workshop plan as following tables. We welcome those who are interested to attend.

Date	Topic	City	Duration
20-21, Feb.	Introduction to LS-DYNA (basic training)	Shanghai	2 days
Mar.	Product design with LS-OPT	Shanghai	1 day
Apr.	Crashworthiness in LS-DYNA	Shanghai	2 days
May	Material models in LS-DYNA (composite, non-metal)	Shanghai	2 days
Jun.	Introduction to LS-DYNA (basic training)	Chongqing	2 days
Jun.	Restraint system in LS-DYNA	Shanghai	2 days
Jul.	Battery multi-physics simulation with LS-DYNA	Shanghai	1 day
Sep.	Implicit analysis in LS-DYNA	Shanghai	1 day
Oct.	Fluid structure interaction with LS-DYNA (ALE, ICFD)	Shanghai	2 days
Nov.	Introduction to LS-DYNA (basic training)	Beijing	2 days
Dec.	User-Defined Materials in LS-DYNA	Shanghai	1 day

2020 LS-DYNA online workshop plan			
Date	Topic	Duration	Fee
13rd Jan.	Introduction to MPDB	3 hours	Free
Apr.	Contact Modeling in LS-DYNA	2 hours	Free
May	SALE method in LS-DYNA	2 hours	Free
Jun.	Introduction to Q series dummies	2 hours	Free
Jul.	NVH, Fatigue, & Frequency Domain Analysis in LS-DYNA	2 hours	Free
Aug.	SPG method in LS-DYNA	2 hours	Free
Sep.	Introduction to LS-PrePost	2 hours	Free
Sep.	Introduction to LS-OPT	2 hours	Free
Oct.	Introduction to LS-Form & Stamp forming	2 hours	Free
Oct.	Performance analysis of bus with LS-DYNA	2 hours	Free
Nov.	LST Dummy & Barrier	2 hours	Free
Nov.	EM method in LS-DYNA	2 hours	Free
Dec.	Summary of fluid structure interaction method in LS-DYNA	2 hours	Free
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EM analysis

- JMAG is a comprehensive software suite for electromechanical equipment design and development. Powerful simulation and analysis

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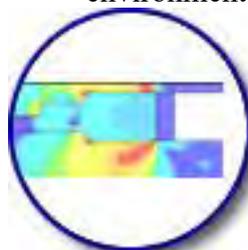
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General Motors' Future Electric Vehicles to Debut Industry's First Wireless Battery Management System

Technology developed in collaboration with Analog Devices, Inc.

2020-09-09

DETROIT — General Motors will be the first automaker to use an almost completely wireless battery management system, or wBMS, for production electric vehicles. This wireless system, developed with Analog Devices, Inc., will be a primary driver of GM's ability to ultimately power many different types of electric vehicles from a common set of battery components.

The wBMS is expected to drive GM's Ultium-powered EVs to market faster, as time won't be needed to develop specific communications systems or redesign complex wiring schemes for each new vehicle. Instead, the wBMS helps to ensure the scalability of Ultium batteries across GM's future lineup, encompassing different brands and vehicle segments, from heavy-duty trucks to performance vehicles.

Much like the [pack design](#) of GM's Ultium batteries, which is flexible enough to incorporate new chemistry over time as technology changes, the wBMS' basic structure can easily receive new features as software becomes available. With expanded over-the-air updates provided by GM's all-new Vehicle Intelligence Platform, the system could even be upgraded over time with new software-based features via smartphone-like updates.

"Scalability and complexity reduction are a theme with our Ultium batteries – the wireless battery management system is the critical enabler of this amazing flexibility," said Kent Helfrich, GM executive director of Global Electrification and Battery Systems. "The wireless system represents the epitome of Ultium's configurability and should help GM build profitable EVs at scale."

The wBMS will help GM's electric vehicles balance chemistry within the individual battery cell groups for optimal performance. It can also conduct real-time battery pack health checks and refocus the network of modules and sensors as needed – this helps safeguard battery health over the vehicle's lifespan.

By reducing wires within the batteries by up to 90 percent, the wireless system can help extend charging range by creating lighter vehicles overall and opening extra room for more batteries. The space and flexibility created by this reduction in wires not only enables a cleaner design, but also simpler and more streamlined battery restructuring as needed and more robust manufacturing processes.

This wireless system also provides a unique repurposing capability for battery reuse in secondary applications more easily than conventional wired monitoring systems. When the wireless packs are capacity-reduced to the point where they are no longer ideal for optimum vehicle performance, but still functional as consistent power supplies, they can be combined with other wireless battery packs to form clean power generators. This can be done without a redesign or overhaul of the battery management system traditionally required in second-life usage.

GM's wireless battery management system is protected by cybersecurity measures that are foundational to the company's all-new electrical architecture or Vehicle Intelligence Platform. The DNA of this system includes protective features within the hardware and software layers, including protection of wireless communications.

"General Motors is paving the way toward an all-electric future, and Analog Devices is proud to work with this highly respected automotive leader on the next generation of electric vehicles," said Greg Henderson, Analog Devices, Inc. senior vice president of Automotive, Communications, and Aerospace & Defense. "Our collaboration is aimed at accelerating the transition to electric vehicles and a sustainable future."

The wireless battery monitoring system will be standard on all planned GM vehicles powered by Ultium batteries.

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Constrained Multidisciplinary Topology Optimization

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Abstract

For multidisciplinary topology optimization it can be difficult to select the weights for each load case. This becomes even harder if there are multiple design considerations per case. But if constraint values can be defined, then the problem is solvable, because the problem is transformed into one of satisfying the constraints. The most difficult constraint to control is that of the crash pulse, because the existing linear methodologies cannot be used – solutions such as multipoint strategies and spatial kernels must be introduced instead. The NVH constraints are however linear, and solving the NVH constraints in combination with the crash pulse becomes a two-level problem. In this paper we show multidisciplinary design optimization considering constraints from impact, linear statics, and frequency load cases.

Introduction

For vehicle design one has a multitude of design considerations, of which some are likely in conflict. For example, the standard topology objective of minimum compliance may increase the lethality of the impact forces. There is therefore a need for multidisciplinary topology optimization methodologies.

Topology optimization [1,2,3] finds the layout of a structure supporting the required load by starting with a ground structure within which the required structural topology or load path must be found. Much of the current research in topology optimization is driven by additive manufacturing [2,3].

Multi-objective topology optimization is important in many cases, with modern direction of investigation varying from vehicle design as in this study to the design of pelvic prostheses [4]. A current approach of doing multidisciplinary topology optimization is presented by choosing weights for each load case and doing a trade-off study. This is workable if only there is only a single design consideration per load case. Specifically, it won't work when designing for a NVH (Noise, Vibration and Harshness) load case considering both the fundamental frequency and the first bending/torsion mode frequency, together with an impact load case considering both an energy requirement and a limit on the peak acceleration, because two load case weights cannot be used to control four constraints.

Designing for vehicle occupant protection typically consider a force-displacement curve in some form. For example, the energy E and the load resistance R of a part are related as $E = \int R(u)dx$ with u the displacement. The main technological problem is that of design for the crash pulse and the energy absorbed as described for example in [5]. Design sensitivity information (the derivatives of the constraints and objective with respect to the design variables) is normally used to solve design optimization problems; for example Weider and Schumacher [6] computed topological derivatives considering both material and geometrical nonlinearities. A design sensitivity implementation is however not feasible for impact problems and an alternative method such as surrogate modeling which does not require analytical gradients is required.

sensitivity information. This is solved by using a spatial kernel approach [7] allowing the use of a multipoint scheme. The multipoint and the related metamodeling schemes were first developed by the Livermore Software Technology team in work that started before 2015 [8,9,10,11]. Through our clients such as Honda Research Institute it became known to others. The method has been shown to be able to control the crash pulse and maximize energy absorption [5].

Constrained multi-disciplinary topology optimization

Solving general problems using a dual problem or a saddle point

Considering the load resistance of a part -- the energy E is $E = \int R(u)dx$ with R the resistance and u the displacement. Designing for maximum energy absorption in occupant protection is often stated as $max_x E(x)$ with x the topology variables. This will however not yield the desired result, because a structure must be at its minimum energy state to be stable -- simply maximizing the energy can result in infinite displacements and other instabilities. To obtain a stable problem you must solve for $min_x E(x)$, which is the exact opposite.

The solution is to introduce some additional variables ξ (known as the spatial kernel), and to solve the max-min or saddle point optimization problem

$$max_{\xi} min_x E(\xi, x)$$

One therefore has two saddle directions: a load-bearing structure is found by computing the minimum energy state using x , while energy absorption of the structure is maximized by solving for the spatial kernel variables ξ .

In general, and specifically for Multidisciplinary Design Optimization (MDO) problems, one does not design merely for energy absorption. A generalized problem can be solved considering the dual problem:

$$min_{\xi} F(\xi(x))$$

where x is computed using

$$min_x f(x(\xi))$$

with f usually taken as the compliance, or the negative value of fundamental frequency, which means the analyst only have to specify F . In such a case one can maximize energy absorption using F while maximize stiffness using f . Similarly, you can minimize mass using F while maximizing stiffness using f .

Introducing constraints into the dual problem

We have the standard objective is

$$f(x)$$

and the constraints as

$$g_i(x) \leq 0$$

The constraints can be split into two sets -- for the one set design sensitivity information can be analytically computed

$$g_i^{ana}(x) \leq 0 \text{ with } i = 1, \dots, n$$

while the other set requires the computation of numerical derivatives using the spatial kernel in the upper problem

$$g_j^{num}(x) \leq 0 \text{ with } j = 1, \dots, m$$

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Adding the Lagrange multipliers to the objective gives us the Lagrange function

$$L(\mathbf{x}, \boldsymbol{\lambda}, \boldsymbol{\xi}) = f(\mathbf{x}) + \sum_i \lambda_i g_i^{\text{ana}}(\mathbf{x}) + \sum_j \xi_j g_j^{\text{num}}(\mathbf{x})$$

The constraints needing numerical derivatives are given special treatment. A spatial kernel

$$s(\boldsymbol{\xi}) = \sum_j \xi_j S_j(\boldsymbol{\zeta})$$

is introduced to satisfy these constraints. The kernel is composed of basis functions referring to $\boldsymbol{\zeta}$ the spatial coordinates associated with variable \mathbf{x} and is applied to $f(\mathbf{x})$ which is the function that generates the load bearing structure, which yields

$$L(\mathbf{x}, \boldsymbol{\lambda}, \boldsymbol{\xi}) = [1 + s(\boldsymbol{\xi})]f(\mathbf{x}) + \sum_i \lambda_i g_i^{\text{ana}}(\mathbf{x})$$

The current implementation of the spatial kernel is slightly different, because we roll up all the spatial kernel functions into a surface written as a summation over both the basis functions and the elements as:

$$h(\mathbf{x}) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{e=1}^N \frac{x_e}{\exp(\xi_0 + \xi_1 S_1(\zeta_e) + \xi_2 S_2(\zeta_e) + \dots)} = 1$$

with x_e a spatial value at element e ($e = 1, \dots, N$), and $\boldsymbol{\xi}$ the solved for to satisfy the constraints. See reference [7] for the details of an implementation.

Expansion to MDO

For multidisciplinary optimization we have the objective as

$$f(\mathbf{x}) = \sum_{lc} w_{lc} f_{lc}(\mathbf{x})$$

in which it should be noted that the load case weights can be used to solve for a subset of the constraints. The constraints are split into two sets as described before -- for the one set design sensitivity information can be computed, while the other set requires the computation of numerical derivatives using the spatial kernel in the upper problem.

As before we can add the Lagrange multipliers to the objective giving the Lagrange function

$$L(\mathbf{x}, \boldsymbol{\lambda}, \boldsymbol{\xi}) = \sum_{lc} w_{lc} [1 + s(\boldsymbol{\xi})] f_{lc}(\mathbf{x}) + \sum_i \lambda_i g_i^{\text{ana}}(\mathbf{x})$$

which contains the high-level variables $[\mathbf{w}, \boldsymbol{\lambda}, \boldsymbol{\xi}]$ used to solve for the constraints.

Solving the dual problem

The dual problem is solved as an upper level problem in the Lagrange multipliers (including weight and spatial kernel variables) and a lower level problem in the topology variables. The lower level problem is solved using the projected subgradient method [12] considering the Lagrange multipliers, while the upper level problem can be solved using finite differences or surrogate models.

The important algorithm settings are the step size (desired mass flow) for the lower level problem and the trust region bounds (move limits) for the upper level problem. The two settings are linked. If the convergence is too noisy then they can both be reset to a smaller value such as “0.25*Default” – in which it must be noted that “Default” is an allowed and recommended part of the expression.

Examples

Benchmark example with a displacement and fundamental frequency constraint.

This is an academic example chosen for benchmark and verification purposes. It can be found as part example problems of LS-TaSC version 4.2. The structure is designed for two load cases – supporting the load as shown as well as for the fundamental frequency. Two constraints are placed on the design: the displacement must be less than 0.008 and the 2nd harmonic of the structure must be larger than 80. Results are shown in Figure 1.

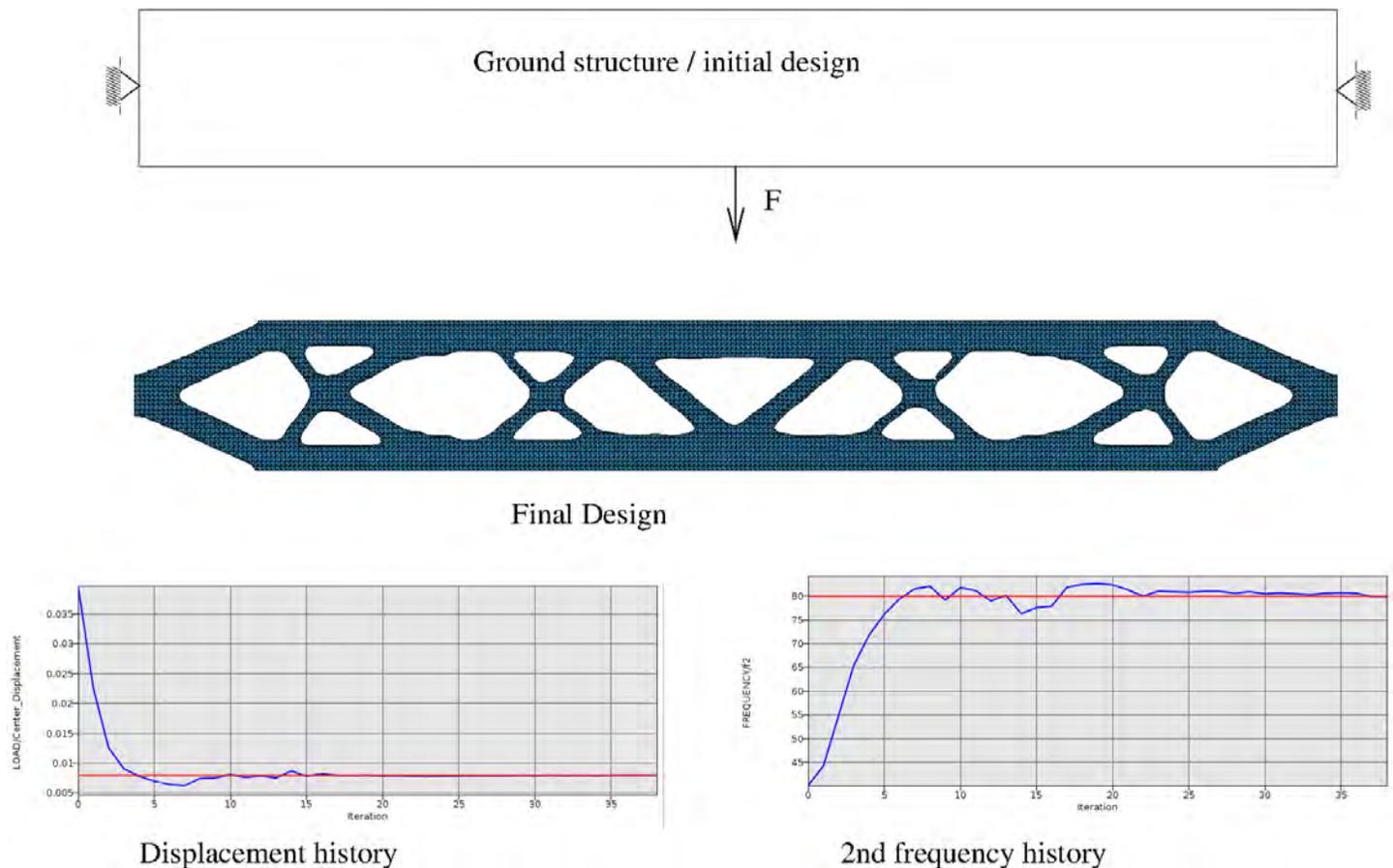


Figure 1 Benchmark example. The ground structure is shown on top with the final design below. The histories of the displacement and 2nd frequency constraints show that design process satisfied the constraints.

Nonlinear Beam Example

For this problem we study the trade-off between the natural frequency and a nonlinear displacement. The multidisciplinary problem is stated as minimizing displacement while subject to a lower bound of 750 on the natural frequency. This problem required a reduction in the step size.

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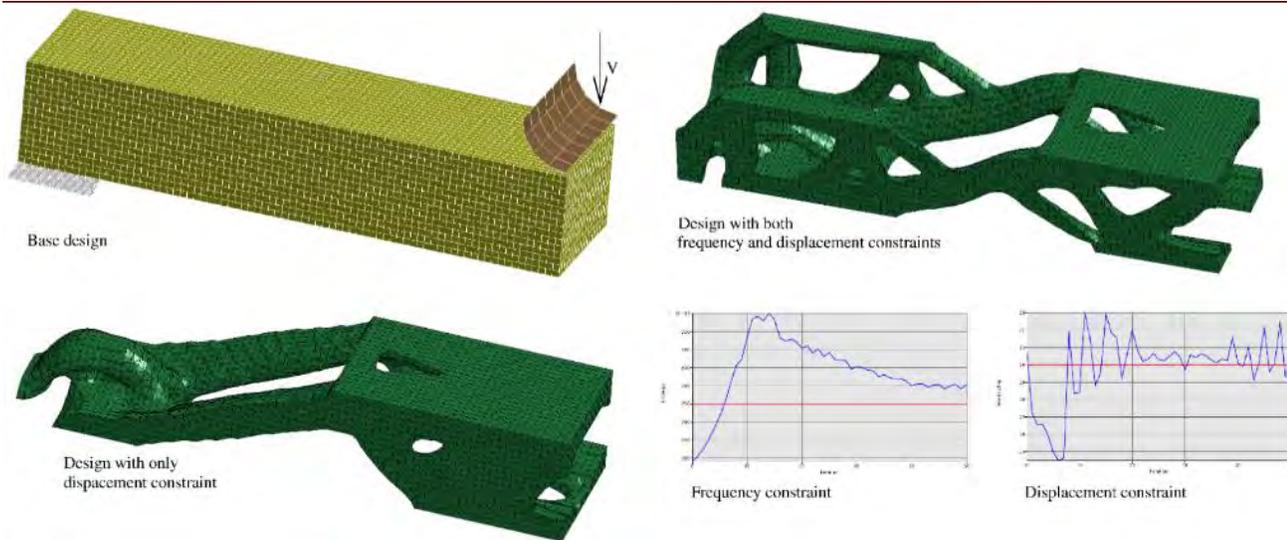
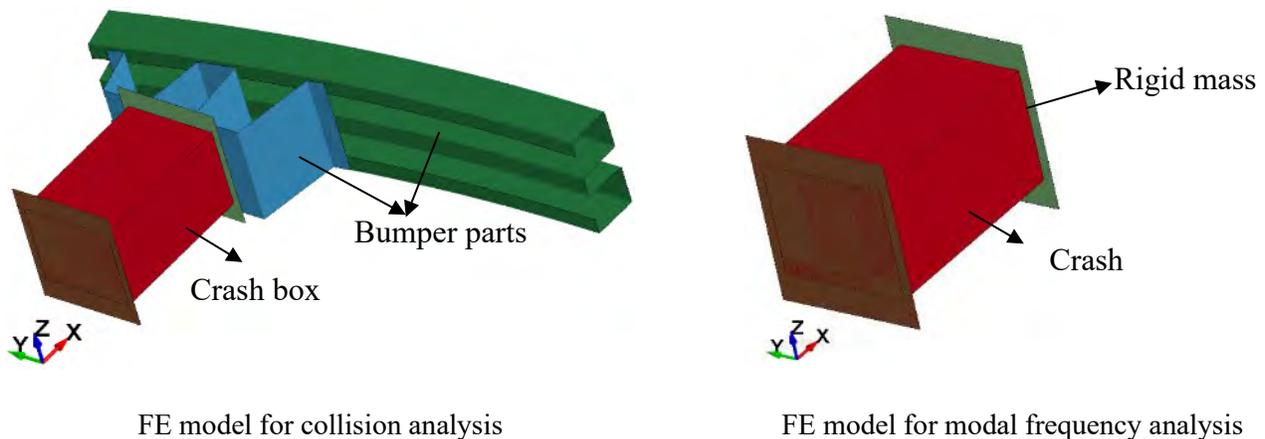


Figure 2 Nonlinear beam example. Shown are the base structure and two designs. The one design used only a displacement constraint and the other both a displacement and natural frequency constraint. The constraint histories for the latter case is also shown.

Crash Box Example

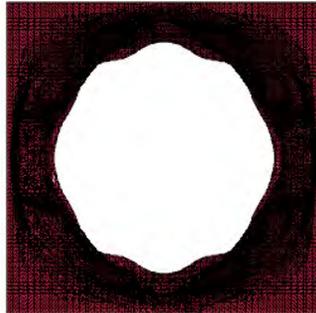
This problem is to perform lightweight optimization of an automotive crash box by considering crashworthiness characteristics along with NVH characteristics. These two characteristics yield a competition between deformability necessary for improving energy absorption and rigidity for improving NVH characteristics of the crash box. A solid design part connected to simplified bumper parts is used as the baseline design of the crash box subject to high-speed collision. However, this FE model cannot be used directly for conducting modal frequency analysis due to the involvement of bumper parts in the model. Therefore, the solid design part of the crash box with rigid mass attached at its front end is used for modal frequency analysis. A multidisciplinary optimization is conducted to minimize mass of the crash box with a constraint on energy absorption ability and two constraints on the frequencies of the first two bending modes with mode tracking. The energy absorption ability of the crash box should meet at least same maximum energy absorption as a reference shell-structured crash box, which is $E^* = 52$ KJ. The frequencies of the first two bending modes in y-direction and z-direction should be larger than 0.73 and 0.71 respectively. Results are shown in Figure 3, Figure 4 and Figure 5.



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Final design of crash box

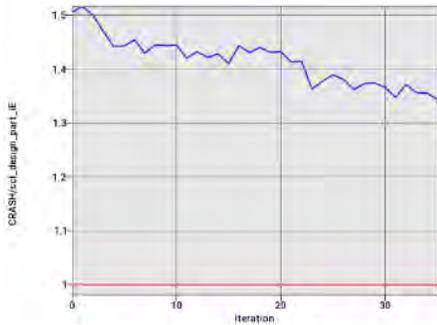


Front view of crash box

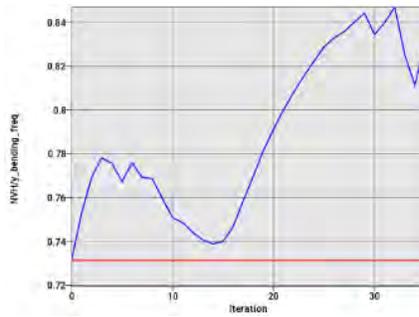


Side view of crash box

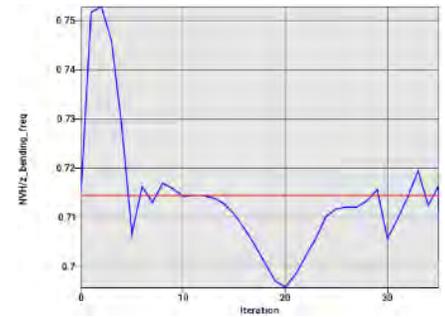
Figure 3 Crash box example. The FE models for two load cases are shown on top with the final design below displayed in different views.



Internal energy history

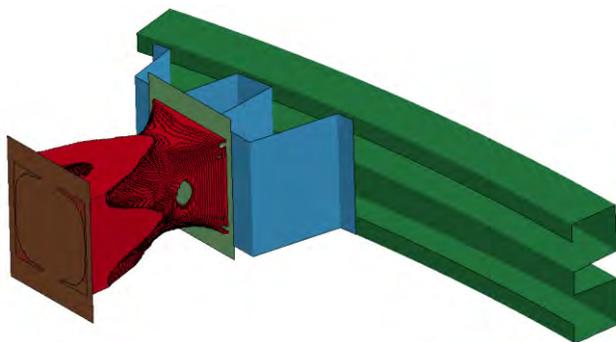


Frequency history of the 1st bending mode in y-direction

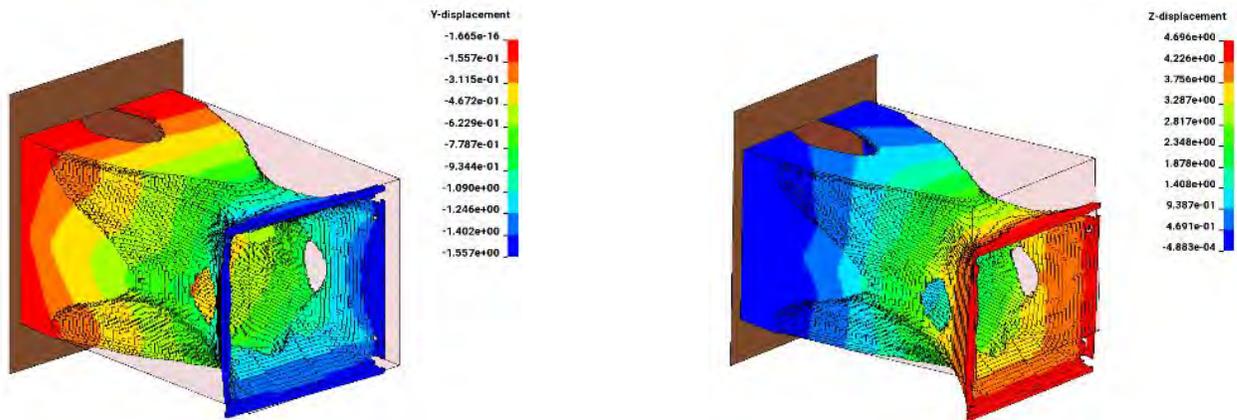


Frequency history of the 1st bending mode in z-direction

Figure 4 Histories of the internal energy and two frequency constraints.



Deformation of crash box and bumper at t = 0 ms (left) and t = 30 ms (right)



First two bending modes in y-direction (left) and z-direction (right)

Figure 5 The deformed structures for two load cases.

Summary and Conclusions

The paper showed how multidisciplinary topology optimization problems are formulated and solved by formulating a Lagrange function from the multitude of objectives and the constraints. This allows us to solve huge multidisciplinary topology optimization problems incorporating both occupant safety and NVH constraints. can be done by considering the constraints belonging to each discipline.

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- Zooming, panning, rotating, and sectioning of multiple windows

Collaboration

To enable real time multi-user and multi company collaboration, ESI Cloud offers extensive synchronous and asynchronous collaboration capabilities. Several users can view the same project, interact with the same model results, pass control from one to another. Any markups, discussions or annotations can be archived for future reference or be assigned as tasks to other members of the team.

Key collaboration capabilities:

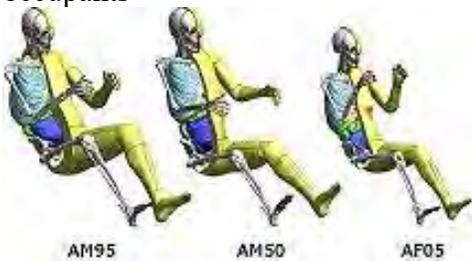
- Data, workflow or project asynchronous collaboration
- Multi-user, browser based collaboration for CAD, geometry, mesh and results models
- Real-time design review with notes, annotations and images archiving and retrieval
- Email invite to non ESI Cloud users for real time collaboration

TOYOTA - Total Human Model for Safety – THUMS



The Total Human Model for Safety, or THUMS®, is a joint development of Toyota Motor Corporation and Toyota Central R&D Labs. Unlike dummy models, which are simplified representation of humans, THUMS represents actual humans in detail, including the outer shape, but also bones, muscles, ligaments, tendons, and internal organs. Therefore, THUMS can be used in automotive crash simulations to identify safety problems and find their solutions.

Each of the different sized models is available as sitting model to represent vehicle occupants



and as standing model to represent pedestrians.



The internal organs were modeled based on high resolution CT-scans.

THUMS is limited to civilian use and may under no circumstances be used in military applications.

LSTC is the US distributor for THUMS. Commercial and academic licenses are available.

For information please contact: THUMS@lstc.com

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ATD - Human Models - Barrier

LST, An ANSYS Company – Dummy Models

Crash Test Dummies (ATD)

Meeting the need of their LS-DYNA users for an affordable crash test dummy (ATD), LSTC offers the LSTC developed dummies at no cost to LS-DYNA users.

LSTC continues development on the LSTC Dummy models with the help and support of their customers. Some of the models are joint developments with their partners.

e-mail to: atds@lstc.com

Models completed and available
(in at least an alpha version)

- Hybrid III Rigid-FE Adults
- Hybrid III 50th percentile FAST
- Hybrid III 5th percentile detailed
- Hybrid III 50th percentile detailed
- Hybrid III 50th percentile standing
- EuroSID 2
- EuroSID 2re
- SID-IIs Revision D
- USSID
- Free Motion Headform
- Pedestrian Legform Impactors

Models In Development

- Hybrid III 95th percentile detailed
- Hybrid III 3-year-old
- Hybrid II
- WorldSID 50th percentile
- THOR NT FAST
- Ejection Mitigation Headform

Planned Models

- FAA Hybrid III
- FAST version of THOR NT
- FAST version of EuroSID 2
- FAST version of EuroSID 2re
- Pedestrian Headforms
- Q-Series Child Dummies
- FLEX-PLI



ATD - Human Models - Barrier

LST, An ANSYS Company – Barrier Models

Meeting the need of their LS-DYNA users for affordable barrier models, LSTC offers the LSTC developed barrier models at no cost to LS-DYNA users.

LSTC offers several Offset Deformable Barrier (ODB) and Movable Deformable Barrier (MDB) models:

- ODB modeled with shell elements
- ODB modeled with solid elements
- ODB modeled with a combination of shell and solid elements
- MDB according to FMVSS 214 modeled with shell elements
- MDB according to FMVSS 214 modeled with solid elements
- MDB according to ECE R-95 modeled with shell elements
- AE-MDB modeled with shell elements
- IIHS MDB modeled with shell elements
- IIHS MDB modeled with solid elements
- RCAR bumper barrier
- RMDB modeled with shell and solid elements

LSTC ODB and MDB models are developed to correlate to several tests provided by our customers. These tests are proprietary data and are not currently available to the public.

All current models can be obtained through our webpage in the LSTC Models download section or through your LS-DYNA distributor.

To submit questions, suggestions, or feedback about LSTC's models, please send an e-mail to: atds@lstc.com. Also, please contact us if you would like to help improve these models by sharing test data.



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