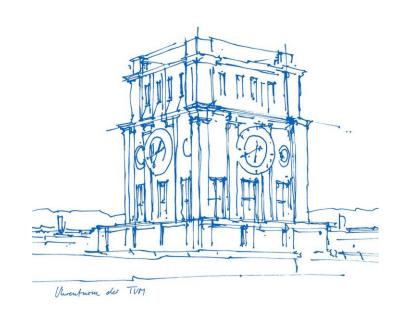


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Munich, December 17, 2024









Design and Optimization of Complex Technical Systems



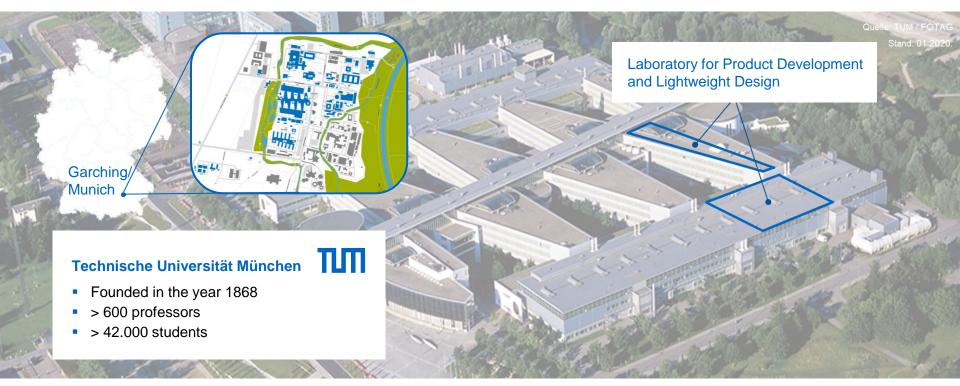


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Academic Training

■ TU Berlin, Mechanical Engineering



University of Michigan, Mechanical Engineering



Ecole Polytechnique



• MIT, PhD

BMW

- Body design
- Crash design
- Vehicle dynamics
- Interdisciplinary projects



Technical University of Munich

■ Since November 13, 2017

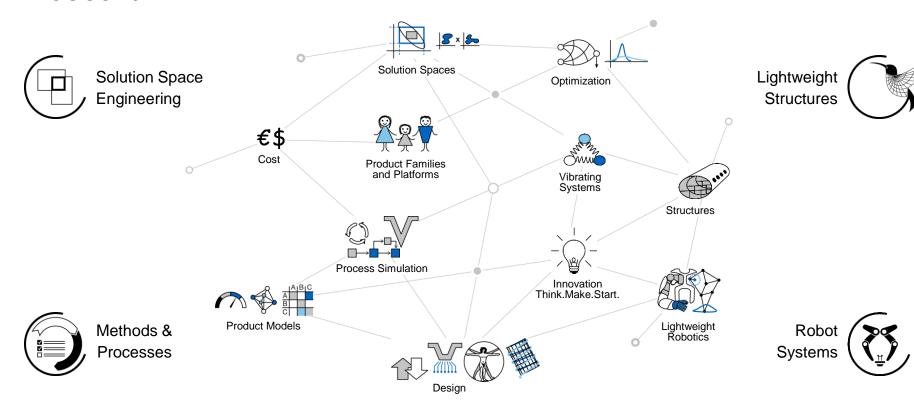


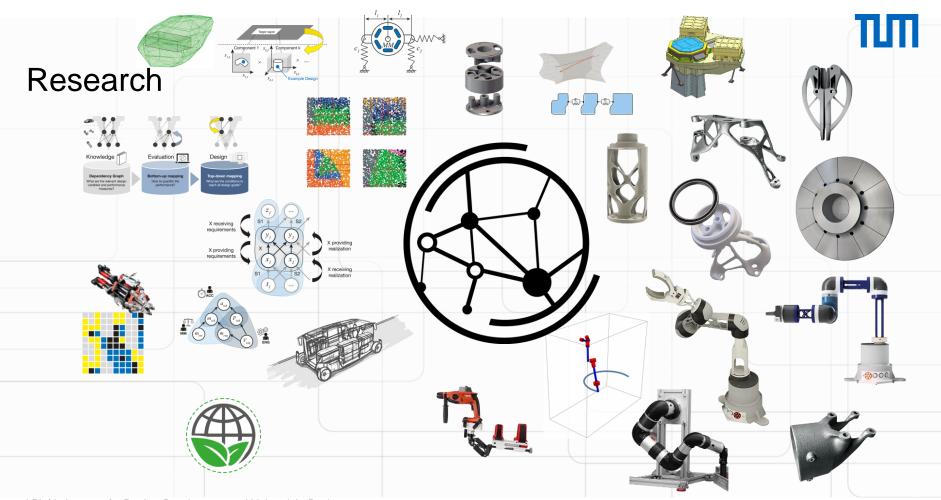






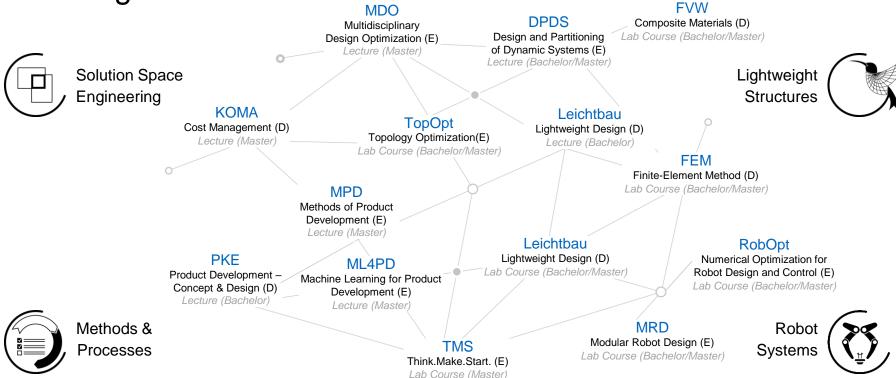
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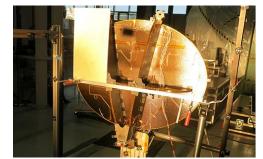


















Testing Machines

Universal testing machines Ultrasonic testing machine Vibration table, shock test bench Thermal chambers, thermal lift, Tempering oven Thermal vacuum chamber, humidity chamber Hydraulic unit Luvra







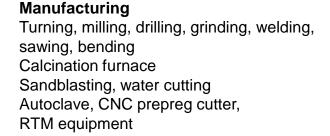
Measurement Technology

GOM Aramis Photogrammetry equipment, thermography Measurement systems (Flex, Cronos, Micromysics)







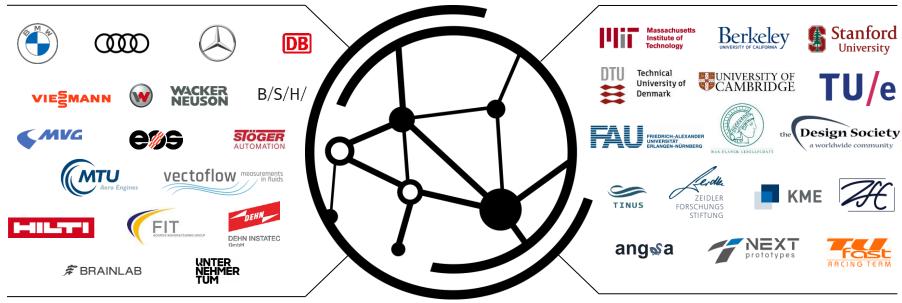






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PLUTO

Processor Localization and Utilization for Thermal Optimization

Funding | Partner: Bayerisches Staatsministerium für Wirtschaft, Landesentwicklung und Energie



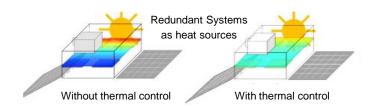


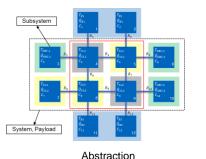
Contact: Sergi Pagés i Diaz, M.Sc.

Scope: LPL and EMM GmbH are jointly developing a thermal management system for cubesats by using a digital twin as well a concept for distributed computation within the satellite. Therefore, the position of the computation units are optimized.

Anticipated results:

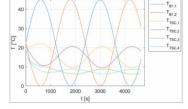
- (1) Optimized placement of the components within the cubesat concering thermal management
- (2) Digital twin for thermal management
- (3) Validation of the procedure using a prototype











Prototyping & Testing

Modelling

Plattner, Radecker, Kreiner, Fassi, Frank, Zimmermann: Satellite Payload Design for Optimized Thermal Management using a Distributed Processor System. Proceedings of the 2023 Forum for Specification and Design Languages (FDL), September 13-14, 2023, Turin, Italy



SysDeNoR

System Design of Vibration and Noise Reduction

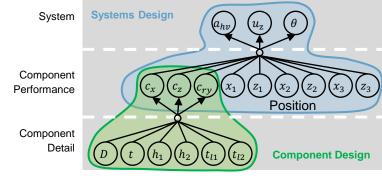
Funding: Leidle Forschlung

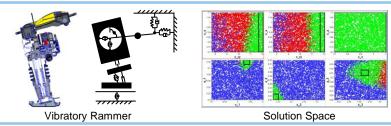
Contact: Duo Xu, M.Sc.

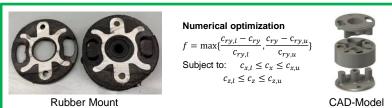
Scope: In this project, a top-down development method for the design of vibrating mechanical systems was developed that decomposes the overall system requirement into component level requirements based on Solution Space Engineering.

Results:

- (1) Systematic top-down design method for vibrating systems to avoid iterations,
- (2) Tools for precise derivation of quantitative component requirements.
- (3) Three demonstrators including a real-world soil compaction device.











SOLID – Smart Soil Compaction Devices

Employing Digital Twins for Optimizing Design and Operation of Vibrating Systems

Funding | Partners:





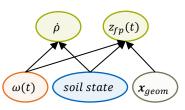
Wacker Neuson



Contact: Anđela Babaja, M.Sc.

Scope: Establishing product requirements in product design is crucial to construct an attribute dependency graph (ADG). Utilizing simulation-based framework and solution space engineering methods enhances product design optimization based on the abovementioned ADG. With a simulation model for the soil compaction process, including the vibratory rammer, performance can be enhanced while mitigating dynamic loads on the operator. Moreover, evolving simulations into a digital twin (DT) allows for continuous updates and optimization in response to real-world data and conditions. Therefore, this project proposes a systematic approach to designing a requirements-compliant and robust vibratory rammer safe for the operator while optimizing real-time machine operation via a DT.

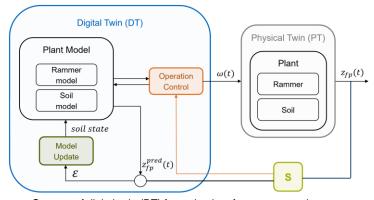
Anticipated Results: A prototype of an optimized vibratory rammer virtualized via a DT for optimal performance control.



Attribute dependency graph (ADG)



Vibratory rammer Wacker Neuson AS68e



Concept of digital twin (DT) for optimal perfomance control







Solution Spaces

Towards the Theoretical Limit of Optimal Requirement Decomposition

Using Solution Spaces for Complex Systems Design

Funding: Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft

Contact: Eduardo Rodrigues Della Noce, M.Sc.

Scope: Dividing a large system into smaller parts may reduce design complexity and enable concurrent engineering. The key idea of this project is to compute and maximize *generalized component solution spaces* to enable said division. If properties of all components are realized within their respective component solution spaces, the overall design goal will be reached, while designers are still allowed to work independently with maximum design freedom.

Anticipated Results: Tools for Systems Design, Solution Space Engineering and Optimization

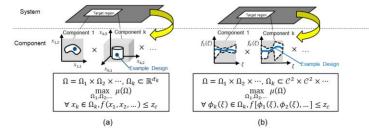


Fig. 1: Solution spaces for components that are characterized by (a) finite dimensional design vectors and variables and (b) functions.

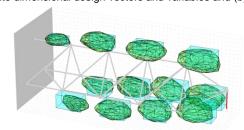


Fig. 2: Solution spaces for nodes of a truss

Rodrigues Della Noce, Zimmermann: Optimizing Requirements for Maximum Design Freedom Considering Physical Feasibility. Proceedings of the Design Society. 2023;3:2865-2874.







PrintYourLab

Optimizing Millifluidic Structures for Medical Applications

Funding | Partners: **



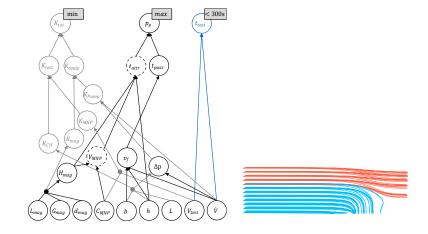


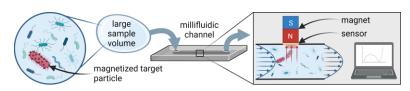


Contact: Johannes Soika, M.Sc.

Scope: The goal of the project is to develop a handheld device that can perform water analysis regarding contamination with pathogenic microorganisms on site and within a short period. The development of suitable millifluidic structures is required to perform the rapid test and detect specific microorganisms. The structure is to be automatically designed and optimized by a topology optimization method based on target cell specific requirements.

Results: Fast simulation model for the prediction of number of particles trapped by magnetic field.





Workflow of the water analysis: 1. magnetize target particles, 2. collect large sample, 3. guide through channel, 4. separate from flow onto sensor, 5. analyse sensor signal

Soika, Wanninger, Muschak, Schwaminger, Berensmeier, Zimmermann: *Designing lab-on-a-chip systems with attribute dependency graphs*. Proceedings of the Design Society, 2024, 4, 785-794.

Soika, Wanninger, Muschak, Schwaminger, Berensmeier, Zimmermann: Efficient Numerical Modelling of Magnetophoresis in Millifluidic Systems. Royal Society of Chemistry, 2024, Lab-on-a-Chip.



PROVING

Aircraft Structure Design for Additive Manufacturing

Funding | Partners: Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs









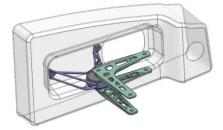












Assembly of AM components

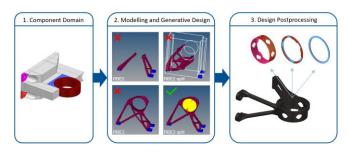


Testing the strength of AM specimen

Contact: Felix Endress, M.Sc. M.Sc.

Scope: For aerospace applications metal additive manufacturing bears potentials for lightweight design and cost-effective low volume productions. Yet, the development and design of mechanical systems is complex, due to great influences of the build process (anisotropic material behaviour, failure modes, etc.) and various DfAM principles and opportunities. Therefore, Additive Manufacturing characteristics are investigated and fed back into the development process.

Anticipated results: Approaches for the optimization-driven product development of aircraft structures are being developed, considering process, material and design characteristics of metal additive manufacturing. Reduction of physical testing and improved optimization and simulation results.



Design and optimization of AM components

Endress, Kipouros, Zimmermann: Distributing Design Domains for Topology Optimization in Systems Design, Proceedings of the ASME 2023, International Design Engineering Technica, Conferences and Computers and Information in Engineering Conference IDETC-CIE2023, August 20-23, 2023, Boston, Massachusetts Endress, Zimmermann: Designing Variable Thickness Sheets for Additive Manufacturing Using Topology Optimization with Grey-Scale Densities, in C. Klahn et al. (Eds.): AMPA 2023, STAM, pp. 63-76, 2024.



FORAnGen

Generative Design by Topology Optimization Considering Assembly and Manufacturing

Funding | Partners:















Contact: Johannes Soika, M. Sc.

Scope: Highly optimized lightweight components are typically subject to many requirements on their performance and restrictions imposed by manufacturing and assembly. Often, requirements and restrictions are not available as explicit constraints and cannot be included in tools that automatically generate design proposals. Also, there are no methods available for optimal load path design of mechanical connections.

Anticipated results: Methods and tools for automatically generating (1) feasible lightweight designs with a particular focus on additive manufacturing and (2) optimal load paths for connecting interfaces. The methods will be applied to demonstrator parts from industry partners.





Fig 1: Optimized structures considering connections with a roller bearing (left) and screw connections (right)





Fig 2: Application problems: Hydraulic valve block from ZF Friedrichshafen AG (left) and automatic screwdriver from Stöger Automation (right)







TopOpt Connections

Screw Connection Design for Topology Optimization

Funding | Partner:





Contact: Tobias Wanninger, M.Sc.

Scope: Connections in topology optimization with screws are typically considered as fixed boundaries on the contact surface of the screw heads. By doing so, the boundary of the optimization is limited, and the design space cannot be fully exploit. The formulation here utilize the force coming from the screws to apply pressure on structural parts which are connected to the boundary. The approach is carried out in a two-step procedure where at first the best attachment points of the global loads are calculated. The second step involves both global loads and screw loads to determine the final structure.

Anticipated Results: Computational methods to simultaneously optimize structural load paths and screw connections.





Wanninger, Frank, Zimmermann: Topology optimisation of multiple robot links considering screw connections. Proceedings of the Design Society, 2024, 4, 1879-1888.





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Support Structure for Next Generation Muon Detector at CERN

Funding: Bavarian-Czech Academic Agency (BTHA)

Partners:

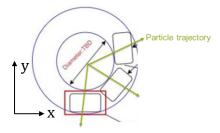




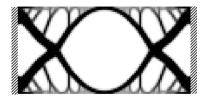
Contact: Mahadevan Ravichandran, M.Sc.

Scope: Muon detectors are to be huge components to be arranged in vertical circles to detect particles in the Future Circular collider at CERN. These detectors are to be supported by a structure that meets the accuracy and stiffness requirements on the detectors. The project aims to develop a method to design the support structures.

Anticipated Results: A method to develop the support structure design for different boundary conditions



Circular collider with detectors in different boundary conditions



Optimal topology results with external and self-weight loads



Current generation muon detector tubes









OptProLaS

Component Optimization Considering the Process Influences during Laser Beam Melting

Funding | Partners:







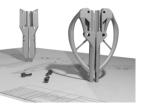


Contact: Jasper Rieser, M.Sc.; Jakob Trauer, M.Sc.

Scope: Selective laser melting is a complex and relatively expensive additive manufacturing (AM) process. Geometrical deviations, residual stresses and build failure often pose challenges for users in practice. The aim of this project was to investigate how complex metallic components must be designed to better meet the special requirements AM while fully exploiting the great potentials of this powerful manufacturing techniques.

Results:

- (1) A procedure model for the design of AM parts covering all essential steps from requirement elicitation to the final printed part.
- (2) Three demonstrator parts: a customized screw gripper, a gas turbine engine emissions rake with internal pressure channels and a lightweight aero engine bracket.

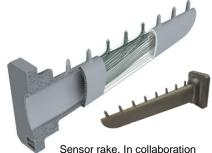




Gripper for a handheld screwdriver by STÖGER AUTOMATION GmbH: The support-free redesign (right) provides mass savings of 30% compared to the conventional design (left).



Aero engine bracket with optimized topology. In collaboration with MTU aero engines AG.





with vectoflow GmbH.





KREATIVE

Konstruktionsmethodik für die hybride Additive Fertigung

Funding | Partners: Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs



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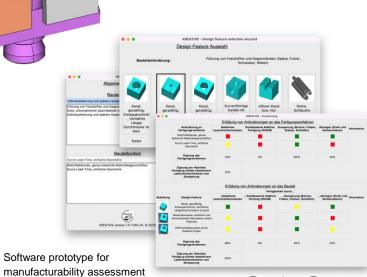




Contact: Jasper Rieser, M.Sc.

Scope: Additive manufacturing (AM) is widely considered as the Swiss army knife among the existing manufacturing techniques. With AM it is possible to manufacture parts with fairly complex geometries from many different materials. However, the cost of AM are often still too high for series production, thus limiting its use to merely prototyping. To overcome this, AM can sometimes be combined with another manufacturing technique leading to a hybrid additive manufacturing approach. The research project KREATIVE aims at exploring how parts must be designed to properly take advantage of the individual strengths of the different manufacturing techniques while also considering their weaknesses and limitations.

Anticipated Results: A design methodology for hybrid additive manufacturing.



Component of a screw driver

designed for hybrid additive

manufacturing

LCL Robots

Low-Cost Lightweight Robots on Demand

Funding: Bayerisches Staatsministerium für Wirtschaft, Landesentwicklung und Energie

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Partners: V → xeljet



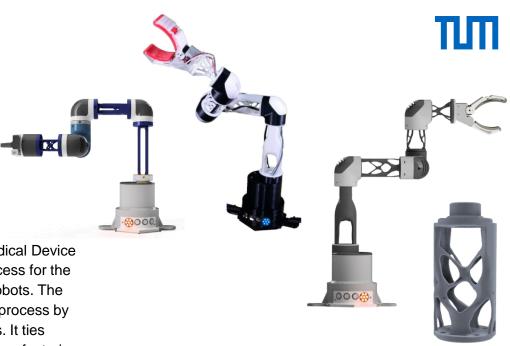


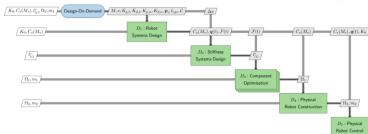
Contact: Akhil Sathuluri, Maximilian Amm, M.Sc.

Scope: LPL and the Institute of Micro Technology and Medical Device Technology (MIMED, Prof. Lüth) are jointly developing a process for the semi-automatic design of task-specific low-cost lightweight robots. The project deals with the multidisciplinary computational design process by combining optimisation sub-problems of several sub-systems. It ties together modular robotics, structural optimisation, additive manufacturing with innovative design processes to realise customisable robots with minimal development time.

Anticipated results: Hardware and software tools for the automatic robot design with its concurrent structural optimisation

Sathuluri, Sureshbabu, Frank, Amm, Zimmermann: Computational Systems Design of Low-Cost Lightweight Robots. Robotics 2023, 12, 91.









DIVA

Intuitive Design in Contrast to the V-model and its Analysis

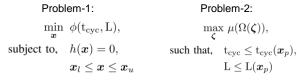
Funding: State of Bavaria

Contact: Akhil Sathuluri, M.Sc.; Maximilian Amm, M.Sc.

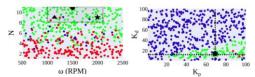
Scope: Experience driven **bottom-up** design processes have been effectively used for humanoid robot design. On the other hand, this project aims at evaluating an alternative **top-down** design strategy for developing robots. This involves a cascaded optimization strategy resulting in constructing the so-called solution spaces. This enables us to interpret and trade-off different design variables in the design process.

Results: Computational design methodology for the top-down development of robot systems. Comparison of the different design philosophies.

1. Modeling and optimization



2. Top-down mapping



3. Physically-feasible design







Robot resulting from V-model vs intuitive design

Sathuluri, Vazhapilli Sureshbabu, Zimmermann: Robust co-design of robots via cascaded optimisation. 2023 IEEE International Conference on Robotics and Automation (ICRA), IEEE, 2023.







DSL4RAS

Domain Specific Language for Robot-like Systems

Funding:

Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft

Partners:

Institute of Machine Elements (FZG),

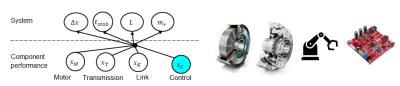
Institute of Automation and Information Systems (AIS)

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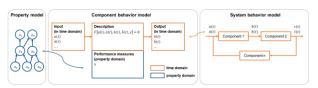
Scope: Designing robot-like systems involves several domains. DSL4RAS aims at developing domain specific languages that are compatible with each other. With them, co-design of mechanical elements, like gears, mechatronic elements, like motors, control logic and sensor design shall be enabled. A particular focus lies on quantitative detail modelling of mechanical characteristics of gears, in particular on degradation effects. Three TUM labs work together in a DFG-supported project.

Anticipated Results: Design languages for all relevant components of robot-like systems, modelling procedures, procedure model for systems design and product family design

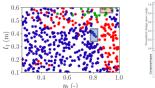
1. Framing: Problem and requirement definition



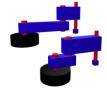
2. Modelling: Establishing bottom-up mappings



3. Design: Top-Down Mapping







Ziegler et al.: MBSE incorporating time-dependent behavior for the design of robot-like systems. Proceedings of the Design Society 3 (2023): 2585-2594. Ziegler et al.: Computing solution spaces for gear box design. Proceedings of the Design Society 4 (2024): 3041-3050.







SSO-DT

Solution Space Optimization with Disturbance Tolerances

Funding:



Contact: Akhil Sathuluri

Scope: The combined optimisation of different robot sub-systems as a co-design problem has been shown to identify better-performing robot designs. However, classical optimisation methods result in point-optimum solutions that may not ensure physical feasibility or robust performance. The proposed method retains the design flexibility of the robot while improving the tolerance to disturbances.

Results:

- (1) A *top-down* based computational systems design approach to improve the robustness of a humanoid robot walking.
- (2) Improved tolerance to disturbances of 20% higher magnitude.
- (3) A suggestion of product family of joint actuation components and their sizing.

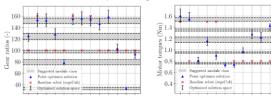
1. Modeling and optimization

Problem-1: Problem-2: $\begin{aligned} & \underset{x}{\min} \ L(x), & \underset{\xi_A}{\max} \ \mu(\Omega(\xi_A)) \ \mu(\Omega(\Xi)), \\ & \text{subject to,} \quad h(x,\xi) = 0, & \text{subject to,} \quad \forall \ x_A \in \Omega(\xi_A) \ \text{and} \ \xi \in \Omega(\Xi) \ \exists \ x_C \ \text{such that,} \\ & g(x,\xi) \leq 0, & h(x_A,x_C,\xi) = 0, \\ & x_l \leq x \leq x_u, & g(x_A,x_C,\xi) \leq 0. \end{aligned}$

2. Improvement in robustness to obstacles



3. Product family design







DESIM

Simulation of Distributed Design Processes

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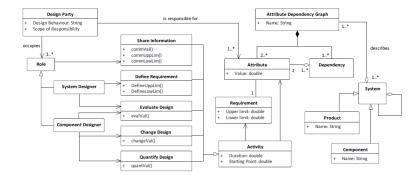


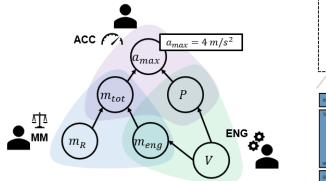
Contact: Ferdinand Wöhr, M.Sc.

Scope: Development of an agent-based simulation model to evaluate distributed design processes with respect to product quality, development time and design flexibility. Key elements are:

- Time-discrete simulation algorithm
- Mathematical process description
- Data model including all aspects
- Multi-scale model validation

Results: Combined agent-product-process model and simulation tool for improvement of organizations and development processes.







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Product Family Design

Modular Product Family Design for Screw Driving Systems

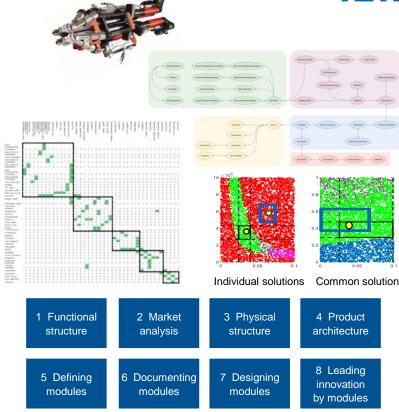
Funding: SIOGER

Contact: Sebastian Rötzer, M.Sc.

Scope: In the competitive market of highly automated screwdriving and fastening systems, companies need new methods for systematic product development for *specific customer requirements*. Modular product family design and customer orientation are key to extending mechanical excellence with digital functionality.

Results:

- (1) A *method* for the design of product family architecture, connecting customer-oriented functions with specific product components.
- (2) One *demonstrator* = a product architecture with full transparency about important design decision.



Top: example of screwdriving system. Bottom: Eight steps of the procedure applied in this project



BUENA

Cross-sector Industrialization of Additive Production



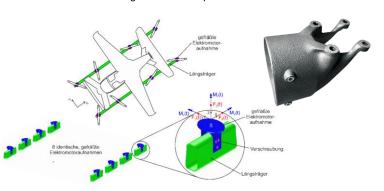
Contact: Philipp Schröder, M.Eng.

Scope: BUENA's project consortium has identified several issues as barriers to additive manufacturing (AM). In order to resolve these, the aim is to industrialize AM across all sectors. In this way, it is intended to contribute to the promotion of material- and energy-efficient lightweight construction. The project will be limited to the widely used laser powder bed fusion and direct energy deposition processes. Within this framework, the project aims to map or predict the costs and emissions of an AM component holistically over its life cycle. The technological realization of the project is carried out by a digital twin.

Anticipated Results: A digital twin including cost and emission model. Using this the costs and emissions of the life cycle can be included early in the development process.



Structure of a digital twin concept for carbon emission reduction



Motor bracket developed for additive manufacturing

Kos, Schröder, Trauer, Endress, Mörtl, Zimmermann: Improving sustainability of additive manufacturing processes based on digital twins – a case study, Proceedings of the Design Society 2024.







TuWAs

Transformation Hub for Powertrain Value Chains in Forming Industry

Funding | Partners: Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs









Contact: Lucien Zapfe, M.Sc.; Klemens Hohnbaum, M.Eng.

Scope: The project focuses on the transformation process of the automotive powertrain value chain in the forming industry due to the e-mobility. The objective is the successful transformation of the companies and to provide important impulses for the preservation of jobs, know-how and manufacturing networks in Germany and Europe.

Anticipated Results: Establishing of a transformation hub that enables companies in the forming industry managing the challenges presented by major future trends.













Mu-Flash GEN 2

X-Ray Anode Design for Tumor Therapy with Micro Beams

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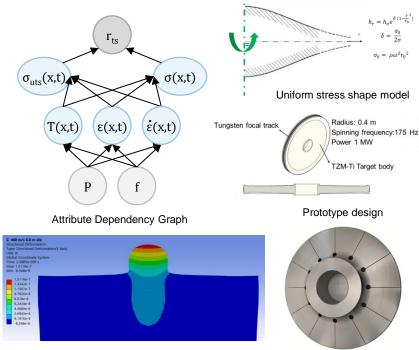




Contact: Mahadevan Ravichandran, M.Sc.

Scope: Microbeam radiation therapy is novel and highly promising technique for cancer treatment. It relies on high-intensity, high-dosage micrometer-scale X-ray beams produced by electrons hitting a fast-rotating body called X-ray anode. It is to be designed and optimized to withstand 1.5 MW of heat load to suit human treatment. To verify this never-seenbefore heat flux loads, an equivalent prototype is to be built and tested to validate the design.

Anticipated Results: A Validation method for extreme thermo-mechanical loads in component design, Feasibility of using the concept in the clinical microbeam therapy system X-ray system



Validation test modelling

Prototype X-ray anode GEN 1

Ravichandran et al.: Material selection for extreme thermo-mechanical loads using design space projection, DS 118: Proceedings of the DesignSociety 2022 Ravichandran et al.: Design and Validation Strategy for an X-Ray Target Subject to Ultra-High Heat Flux Loading, Summer Heat Transfer Conference 2024









MeViPeP

Evaluation Methods and Metrics for Monitoring and Strategically Expanding the Degree of Virtualization

of a Passenger Car Development Process

Funding:

Contact: Julian Mogk

Scope: The development of complex systems is facilitated by modern virtual methods. Virtual Product Creation (VPC) methods are of high importance to the development efficiency and product quality of automobiles and their software. To strategically advance the use of VPC methods and thereby enhance the development of the most innovative products, it is necessary to establish metrics for the degree of virtualization. Consequently, new metrics and methodologies are developed and evaluated within the development department of AUDI AG.

Anticipated results: New methods and metrics to measure the degree of virtualization of a development process are needed. This should enable Audi to enhance both the efficiency and quality of the development process.



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STEAM

Solutions for Transport Networks with Electric Advanced Mobility

Funding | Partners: Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs



















Scope: We aim to rethink Munich's urban transport by optimizing bus systems with innovative technologies and data analysis. The project includes three aspects: (1) Adjust routes based on traffic data and occupancy, (2) Integrate passenger and parcel transport to reduce traffic, emissions, costs, and (3) Create adaptable interiors for passengers and freight, using citizen and stakeholder feedback.

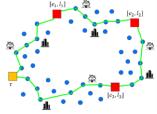
Results: A concept for an integrated bus system for public transport in Munich for passenger and parcel transport. This is designed with accessibility features for all passengers and uses flexible interiors to adapt to different travel needs. Parcels are transported through an autonomous parcel locker robot. The system was realized as a VR Demonstrator, where one can experience the system. In addition, multiple living labs with citizen involvement were hosted to get feedback.





















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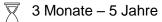








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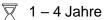


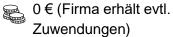
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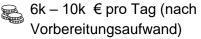
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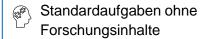
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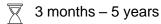


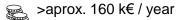






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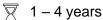


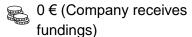
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Research proposals, possibly with further partners

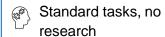
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Training project



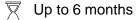




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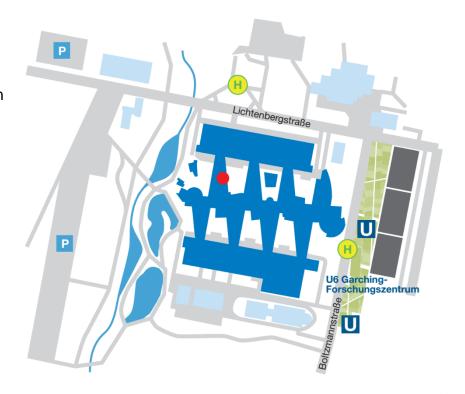
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