

Accelerate your CAE vehicle structural analysis process

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Issues faced by CAE departments





Disparate tools and inefficient workflows

Results out-of-synch with design

Limited visibility and business impact

Budget and resource constraints

"30% of analysts' time was spent seeking or providing information and a further 32% was spent in discussions or meetings."

Source

Rolls-Royce Aero-Engines, "How analysts spend their time (HASTT)" study

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What do CAE departments need?





 Single simulation platform integrating CAD and CAE

✓ Automation, Scalability and Openness

 Embedded, fast, accurate solvers to cover all disciplines with one model

✓ Simulation Data Management

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Simulation Process and Data Management









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Frontload simulation





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CAE Engineering in CAD departments





Hendrick Motorsports

Deliver high-performing, durable components in time for the next race



- Developed understanding of underlying physical behavior that caused failures
- Rapidly designed and analyzed multiple solutions
- Delivered high-performing, durable components in time for the next race

Providing the tools for victory



Precisely engineered



Valve spring stress & yield on suspension

- Integrated NX design and Simcenter 3D analysis environment
- Rapid and automatic updating of analysis models for faster design-analysis iterations

"The ability to turn designs into real hard parts is critical for us and the Simcenter 3D suite helps support every facet of that."

Jim Wall, Director, Engine Engineering

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Simulation Process and Data Management

Assembly Model Build Typical Process and Challenges

Retrieve up-to-date CAD data

Import CAD data into CAE environment

Adapt geometry to CAE

Generate a high quality mesh for every component

Select components, connect them

Share large models with analysts

Large amount of non-managed data

- Too much manual work
- → Models are coming too late

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Model Build Automation Proposed Workflow

Integrated Simulation Platform

Simulation Process and Data Management

Batch Meshing Workflow Automation

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Batch Meshing Application: Full Body in White model with 250+ components

- Different FEM templates (mesh size, elements types...) depending on target applications and components locations
- Meshing Quality
 - 95 to 98% of components meshed automatically with sufficient quality for target application
 - Remaining 2 to 5% of components efficiently revisited by CAE user

 Very good mesh quality generated from automated template, thanks to geometry de-featuring and high quality mesh

✓ Very limited user interaction: few components to be re-visited by user

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Assembly Models Templates

Define CAE structure maps to repeatedly generate assemblies with the right data

CAE Structure Maps: Template to automatically build CAE assemblies based upon rules

- Select, Skip, Re-use, Filter components from the FEM Bill-of-Material, depending on application
- Skip sub-assembly nodes of the CAD assembly
- Automatically generate CAE models for missing components or filter them out to exclude them

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CAE Assembly automation and connections Assembly Connection Modeling

Challenge

- Bodies typically contain 200+ components connected with various types of connections
- Typically thousands of connections
 locations

Solution

- Automated CAD-associative generation of connections of various types
- Multi-solver and attributes support

✓ Drastic reduction of spent time (from days to seconds)

✓ No human mistake (automation)

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Siemens 3D Simulation Mitsubishi Motors Corporation (MMC): Record Model Build Times

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- Creation of Vehicle "Digital Twin"
- Minimize time required for model creation
- Automate CAE model creation from CAD
- Accelerate design improvement process
- Increase model quality and reliability

"Mitsubishi compressed the development cycle and realized a major leap forward in shortening time to market and lowering cost & managed to save a full prototype cycle, without a single compromise on the final vehicle quality" Hirotaka Shiozaki - Mitsubishi Motors Corporation

Ford Motor Company Automating the Model Build Process

8X Performance increase of key steps:

- Initial "overhead" for CAE simulation management of BIW CAE model became close to zero
- Overhead costs was more than offset by downstream benefits

Efficient, Global CAE Simulation Management Implementation in Place

- Full integration with PDM solution, minimal extra IT effort
- Use of out-of-the-box un-customized solutions wherever possible
- CAE Software integration provides user efficiency gains compared to original solution

"...Siemens ... was a natural choice as the vendor of our PDM system. We had the idea of full integration from the start... [Siemens] gave us the benefit we expect from this integrated, enterprise solution."

Dr. Ulrich Fox, Manager Mesh Development Group

Vehicle Structural Analysis Challenges

Typical Applications involving Multiple physics

Different platforms and solvers typically used across departments

Solver performance and convergence

Solver Selection (Static, Dynamic...) and Parameters

Many types of nonlinear materials in vehicle structure

Process for Optimization

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Body design with structural analysis SIEMENS Examples Ingenuity for life **Application-specific Model** Full BIW stiffness Structure Map recycle **Roof Crush B-Pillar design** optimization based on multiple load cases Loads and Boundary conditions can be applied with **Simulation templates**

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LOHR Industry Ensuring product quality and integrity

Successfully entered new target market

- Realized 60 percent time savings in model preparation
- Accelerated workflows through realtime design and approval

Accelerating analysis for large welded assemblies

- Integrated NX and Simcenter environment for design and simulation
- Full 3D mathematical modeling and wider use of CAE to ensure product integrity

"We spend about 75 percent of the simulation time in model preparation. Using the automated process enabled by NX and Simcenter 3D, we cut about 60 percent of the model preparation time."

Patrice Klein, Simulation Manager, LOHR

Chassis Strength and Durability Example: Pot Hole or Sidewalk

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Powertrain applications SIEMENS Prevent fatigue of exhaust manifold due to temperature stress Ingenuity for life **CAD Geometry** Meshing Thermal **Stress / Fatigue CFD** analysis analysis analysis **Material Data** FE Model for CFD (incl. **Derive Heat Transfer** Transient simulation -> Temp. **Stress / Fatigue maps** & Pressure distribution boundaries) and for CAE **Coefficient and Temperature** Lifetime prediction **Fast Optimizations**

Solve large models efficiently

- Simcenter Nastran DMP: Parallel processing using distributed memory
- Can be used in combination with SMP
- Available for Static, modal eigen-value, modal dynamic response, direct frequency, and nonlinear solvers

More cores provide faster solution

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Accelerate Structural analysis process with Design Space Exploration

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Simcenter Nonlinear solvers Material laws

Services Précicad New aluminum electric utility transport

- First prototype ready in six months
- Lower weight contributing to longer operation time per battery charge
- 60 percent fewer welds means lower production costs
- 1,500-pound carrying capacity exceeded original requirements

Optimized for strength, weight, production costs and ease of recycling

- Ability to import SolidWorks geometry into Simcenter 3D
- Rapid FEA pre-processing

"Simcenter 3D is really fast and, in the same day, we could do many iterations."

Stephane Arsenault, Head of FEA Department

Open, Specialized Solutions that address the Challenges of Composites Development

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Composites Innovation Centre

Advanced composites-based vehicle using NX & Simcenter

- Component weight reduction exceeding 40 percent
- Faster creation of analysis models
- Accurate representation and analysis of laminate composite structures
- Compliance with federal safety standards

Rapidly evaluate design alternatives in half the time

Front torsion evaluation

Fabricated vehicle hood

- · Powerful geometry editing and clean up capabilities
- · Robust laminate composite modeling capabilities

"With composites there are so many options, and so a flexible interface that allows you to quickly specify and experiment with a variety of parameters is essential. Use of Simcenter 3D Laminate Composites enables precisely that."

Alastair Komus, Principal Engineer

Honda R&D Co., Ltd. Innovation for progressive damage analysis in composite design

- Predictive damage models at the coupon level and at composite subsystem design concept level
- Development of the parameter identification procedure, based on a limited amount of physical tests on coupons

Target: reaching 50 percent weight reduction by 2020 or 2030

- Simcenter Samcef non-linear finite element solver for accurate modelling
- Simcenter Engineering Services for composite damage model identification

"Not only at Honda, but many engineers in this field think that we can still make vehicles that have a 50 percent lighter body structure using composites while maintaining the mechanical properties of the replaced metallic parts."

Yuta Urushiyama, Composite body innovation programs Honda R&D Co., Ltd.

One integrated end-to-end system for industrializing additive

Machine Learning (ML) Enhanced Fatigue Analysis

How to accelerate vehicle structural analysis process? Takeaways

- Model Preparation and multi-discipline simulation in one integrated platform
- Simulation Data Management, Customization and Automation to deal with large assemblies such as Body in White or full vehicle models
- Scalable, accurate and efficient Structural Analyses to predict product Performance under all operating conditions
- Accurate prediction of Strength and Durability of new materials to develop lighter, yet stronger components

