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Analysing Data From Many Car Crash Simulations

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# Machine Learning (ML) in (Virtual) Product Development

ML combined with domain expertise

### assist engineer in simulation data analysis workflow

- ML allows analysis of complex data arising from detailed numerical simulations during (virtual) product development
- use ML to
  - simplify data analysis in R&D process
  - assist development engineer
- for physical data observe domain knowledge during analysis
- Fraunhofer SCAI develops tools for comparative and explorative analysis of data from numerical simulations, e.g.
  - automotive crashworthiness with FEM
  - forming, e.g. cup drawing
  - fluid flows
  - wind turbines under (turbulent) load





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## **Components of Simulation Data Analysis Workflow**



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## **Comparative Analysis of Many Simulations**

Measure and Event Detection

### Current data analytics capabilities of SCAI tools

- Compare all models in a project phase to detect, categorize and save changes (measures) automatically
- Comparatively assert the effect of the detected measures on many simulations (events)
- Automated similarity and outlier analysis

### Challenges to extract the most interesting measures

- characteristics of CAE data, especially geometrical changes, as features for ML algorithms
- bringing the applied model changes into relation with the detected events, correlation analysis
- learn from these relationships for future development projects



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## **Design Measures – (Geometric) Diff for Inputdecks**



- identification and interactive exploration of the design changes between two FEM models
  - detection of thickness and material changes
  - duplicate parts (translated / rotated parts)
  - new / missing parts and elements
  - changes in HAZ, RBEs, welds
  - changes in contours, holes, adhesives
  - PID grouping in GUI
  - Animator plugin or standalone batch mode
- documentation of design changes (measures)
  - automatic PDF reporting
  - JSON export
- comparison FE-SurfaceMesh vs. CAD-HullMesh







identification of geometry and mesh changes

detection of an extended contour and a closed hole





## **Detection of Events vs. Predecessor**



- comparison of two FEM simulation results
  - based on any node or element function
  - semantic segmentation handles different geometry or PIDs
  - automatic PDF documentation
  - JSON export for further processing and usage, e.g. integration in SCALE.result
- interactive visualization in Animator
  - filtering of most influenced parts
  - visualize differences per part over time
  - highlighting of regional areas of interest



most influenced parts at 20ms, 30ms, after change of lower load path part thickness st

#### "metricvalue\_L1Norm" :



structural parts in middle and upper load path are detected based on largest deviations



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## **Similarity Analysis and Result Exploration**

### **Comparison of multiple FEM simulation results**

- analysis of the impact of model changes by overview over many simulations
- offline bulk data processing and interactive exploration
- automatic identification of clusters (simulations that behave similarly)
- automatic determination of **outliers** (simulations outside the clusters) and ranking of their severity
- existing results can be updated easily with a new simulation (event indicator)
- structured data representation (JSON)
  - can integrate ModelCompare results in dashboard
  - can be based on the capabilities of SimCompare



**Sim**Explore

#### organization of many simulation results

- use suitable concepts of similarity to arrange (embed) simulation results in overview diagram
- we use new, patented method for the representation of simulation data (A Geometrical Method for Low-Dimensional Representations of Simulations DOI: 10.1137/17M1154205)
- can be understood as a Geometric Fourier Basis



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## **Physical Data Representation Using Surface "Fourier"-Modes**

informed machine learning



- geometry aware data representation allows
  - easy overview over several simulation runs
  - data reduction that simplifies analysis pipeline



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## Implementation of Interactive Event Detection Workflow: SimExplore

online interactive phase

**Input:** results from offline / batch phase



### Output:

- component score: parts with main deviations
- simulation IDs with cluster/outlier information per part, time step and node/element function
- outlier score over time per (relevant) part identifies interesting time steps
- visualization via interactive dashboards





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## **SimExplore: Interactive Analysis**

# **Sim**Explore

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Mesh function maximum value : 717.4074

## **Behavior Detection Workflow: After Several Simulations**

post-processing of several simulation results

### **Input:** results from initialization phase



### **Output:**

- analysis results with cluster/outlier information per part, time step and node/element function
- outlier score indicates if there are "interesting" parts (and time steps) deviating "strongly" from earlier simulations generated so far in development process



### **Cluster Indicator:**

- clustering algorithm identifies distinct behaviors
- explorative visualization allows confirmation of cluster by engineer
- for engineering task focus on interesting cluster, e.g. for optimization per cluster



## **Anomaly Detection Workflow: After Each Simulation**

offline post-processing of each simulation

### **Input:** results from initialization phase



### **Output:**

- analysis results with cluster/outlier information per part, time step and node/element function
- outlier score indicates if there are "interesting" parts (and time steps) deviating "strongly" from earlier simulations generated so far in development process



### **Event Indicator:**

- new simulation is between existing behavior modes
- good or bad ?





## **Correlations between model changes and events**

Case Study Toyota Yaris

### **Comparison of current simulation with its predecessor**

- High distance in embedding space indicates very different behaviour
- All applied changes detected with ModelCompare
- Simultaneous view of input and output changes is enabled
- Embedding allows correlation analysis between (scalar) changes and resulting deformation patterns of parts





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## **Graph-based Data Representation**

Knowledge Graph Advantage

Building a knowledge layer that provides a new representation of data

- Quicker decision making
- Improving design guideline
- Combining structural and unstructural data





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## **Statistical Analysis and Optimization of Parameter-Dependent Problems**

adaptive DoE based on expected improvement



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## Data Analysis in the Crashworthiness Development Process

### machine learning contributions and ongoing research

- ML-assistance tools simplify handling of data from many simulations
  - identification of behavior modes or outliers
  - investigation of correlations between design changes and results
- interactive exploration allows intuitive overview of simulation behavior
- add-on functionality for SDM (Scale) and/or post-processor (GNS Animator)
- organization of CAE process data in graph database / knowledge graph
  - prediction of similarity of simulations and parts
  - provide knowledge in connection with LLM
- research on aligning simulation behavior with design changes
  - fingerprints per development stage DoE
  - identify relevant design changes for outliers
  - make design suggestions
- research on exploiting LLMs / foundation models in CAE
  - how can LLMs-agents help in learning/using/steering the CAE workflow
  - are there foundation models for geometries ?



Support CAE simulation data analysis workflow: Software ModelCompare, SimCompare, and SimExplore



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web-demo for head impact data





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