Qualitative behavioral reasoning from components' interfaces to components' functions for DMU adaption to FE analyses

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From a Digital Mock-up (DMU) to an FE Model



A DMU of a simple model - courtesy EADS



Aircraft wing structure - courtesy EADS



Simplified, idealized and partially meshed model



- Starting point: a DMU
 - $\rightarrow\,$ a set of objects in 3D space without geometric connexions.
- Too many interactive transformations: not applicable.

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Need for Component's Function and Structure

• Manufacturing (detailed) v.s. simulation (simplified) models.





- Shape transformations:
 - Simplifications and idealizations.
- Require geometric interfaces and functions of components.



Finite Element Models for Large Assemblies **Problem Addressed** Related Work

Structuring the Shape of a Component

- What do we have?
 - Component shape as B-Rep model.
 - Unreliable and non-standardized textual data, if any.
- What do we need?
 - Explicit component designation expressing its function.
 - Areas of interaction with other components.
 - Boundary decomposition according to elementary functions, i.e. a structure.





Finite Element Models for Large Assemblies Problem Addressed Related Work

Related Work

- Design methodologies characterize some shape / function / behavior relationships [Gero et al '04, Albers et al '06],
- Shape/function relationships during assembly design & collaborative product development [Roy et al '01, Rahmani et al '12].
 - Too many user's interactions to attach functional information for each component.
- Top-down product behavior models to set up functions during design: Requires interactive connections between component boundary and functions [Roy et al. '02, Kim et al '04].
 - Component structure set up interactively: tedious, error prone.
- Ontology based approaches [Kitamura et al '04, Rachuri et al. '07, Barbau et al. '12].
 - No new functional information is derived.
- Processing components' interfaces [Chouadria et al '06, Clark et al. '08].
 - Reduce user's interactions but far from functional properties.

Process Workflow

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Digital Shapes

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• By convention, digital shapes of components may differ from real ones.



Real spline shaft and bushing



Digital shape of the same components

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- Interfaces between real components define elementary functions.
 - Contacts and clearences.
- Possible components' geometric interactions in a DMU:
 - Contact
 - Clearance
 - Interference

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Taxonomy of Component Interfaces



• Interfaces based on functional surfaces: planes, cylinders, cones, spheres.

Component's geometric interaction \rightarrow Conventional Interfaces.



- Taxonomy of CIs according to functional surfaces & geometric interaction types.
- Cls between DMU components produce a graph (CIG).

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Taxonomy of Functional Interfaces



- Functional behavior derived from CIs
 - \rightarrow Functional Interfaces (FIs).
- Duality geometry/interaction forces
 - \rightarrow FI Taxonomy.



- Represented in terms of screws { force | moment }.
- Several FIs for one CI
 - \rightarrow Need for filtering process.

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Qualitative Interface Behavior



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Contact

Filtering out Functional Interfaces



- $\bullet \ \mathsf{Shape} \leftrightarrow \mathsf{Behavior} \leftrightarrow \mathsf{Function}$
- Setting up a qualitative behavior using independent states,

Reference State

Expresses the behavior of either the whole or a part of a product.

- Relaxed state: components of a DMU must not fall apart.
 - \rightarrow Every component is at static equilibrium $\sum {\{\vec{F} | \vec{M}\}} = {\{\vec{0} | \vec{0}\}}.$



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Identification of Functional Subsets



Functional Group

A set of component contributing to a function with reference to a FI.

- Fastener thread generates an internal force that propagates across a subset of components.
 - \rightarrow Bolted joint.
- To detect bolted joints:
 - Force propagation graph.
 - Detect cycles containing a reference thread.



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Assignment of Functional Designations



- $\bullet \ {\sf Reference} \ {\sf States} \rightarrow$
 - Structured component geometry w.r.t. functional interfaces.
 - Structured DMU w.r.t. functional subsets.
- $\bullet\,$ Matching those structures to reference patterns $\rightarrow\,$
 - Classification of components into Functional Designations.

Functional designation

Semantic annotation that uniquely identifies the function of a component.

- Hierarchical structure of component functions.
 - $\rightarrow\,$ Taxonomy of FDs.

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Rule-based Matching



- Ontologies, taxonomies and rules to saturate FDs.
- Apply semantic reasoners to classify components into FDs.

A *cap-screw* is a component that participates to a bolted connection with a threaded link and a planar support...



Application in Aeronautics Application in Fluid Mechanics

Root joint example



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Centrifugal pump - elementary analysis

• Reliable results when processing elementary functions.



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Centrifugal pump example

- Rules expressivity limitations
 - Ongoing work...





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Conclusions - Perspectives

- Pathway to robustly connect 3D shapes and functional semantics.
- Structured and functional component models.d
- Efficient component clustering according to functionality.
- Perspectives
 - Consider new reference states.
 - Incorporate more dynamic rules.
 - Scale up the complexity of DMUs.
- Work performed within **ROMMA**, an ANR-funded project.

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