

ALTAIR CONCEPT C¹²³ BRIEF OVERVIEW

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CONCEPT DEVELOPMENT

Altair Concept¹²³ Concept Process

Developed Over a Decade (approx. 2010) - Live Process

Great Example of MODVIZ, Solver, AI Integration

Rapid Design Exploration - Package Play – Innovation Generator - Disruptive

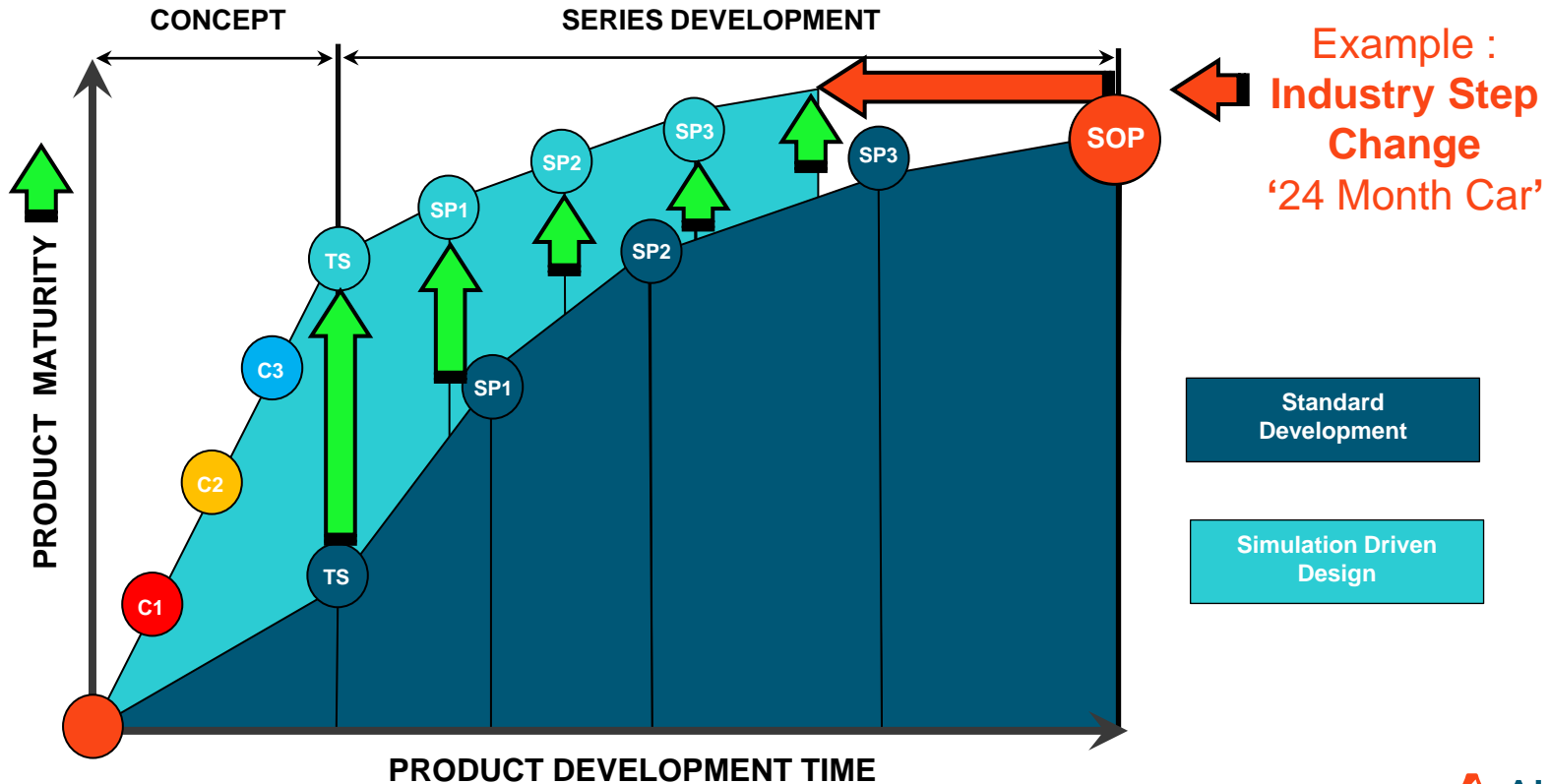
Optimization Driven & Inherent Robustness, System Assessment

Target Setting / Quality / Trade-offs / Cascading

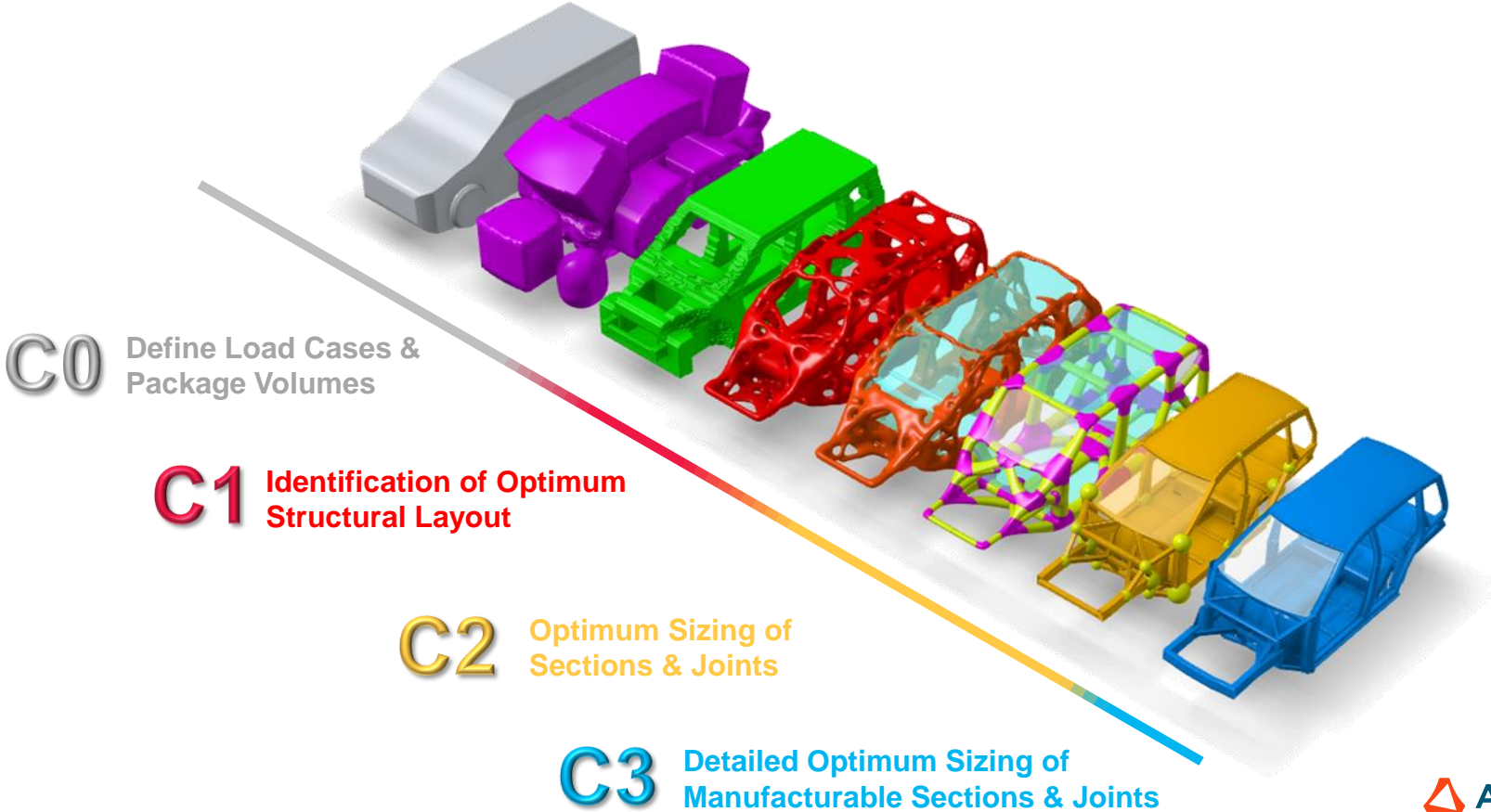
Speed Promotes Concurrent Working Removing Attribute Siloes

Schematic BIW Design Process

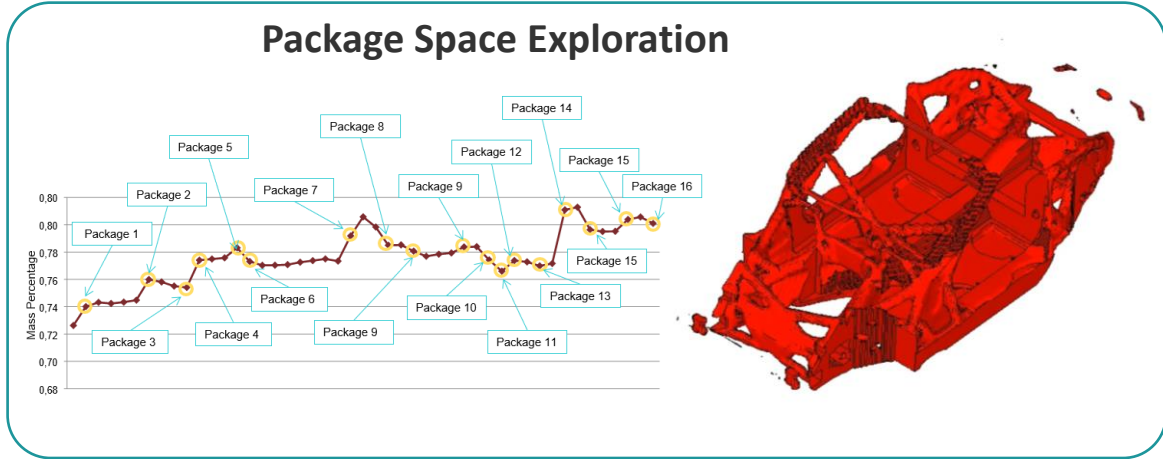
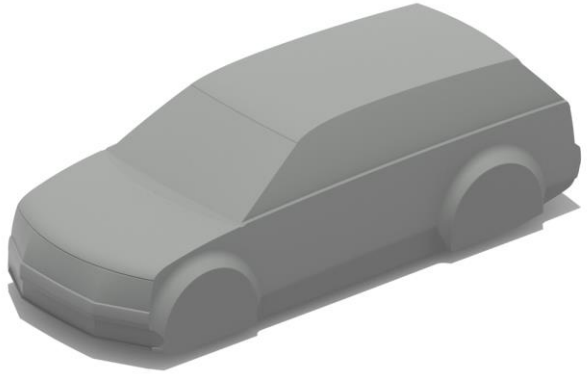
Delivers Key Business Benefit – Significant Development Time Reduction with Increased Maturity



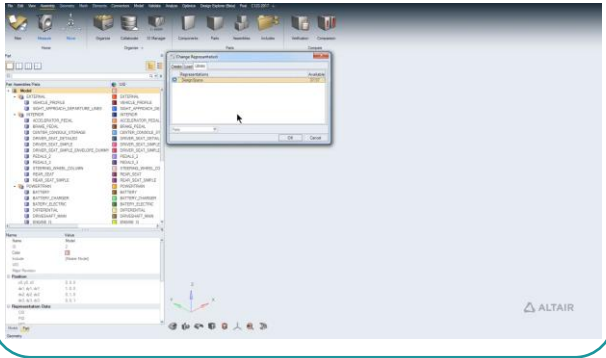
C¹²³ Vehicle Concept Development Process



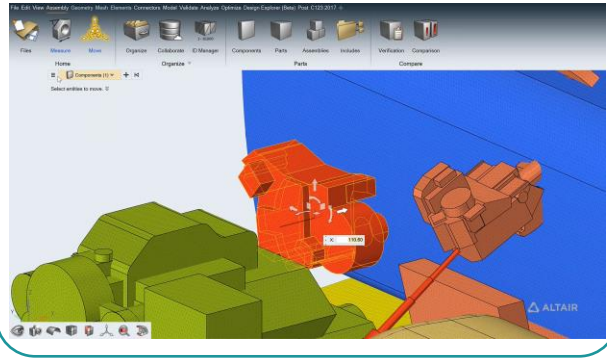
C1 Identification of Optimum Structural Layout



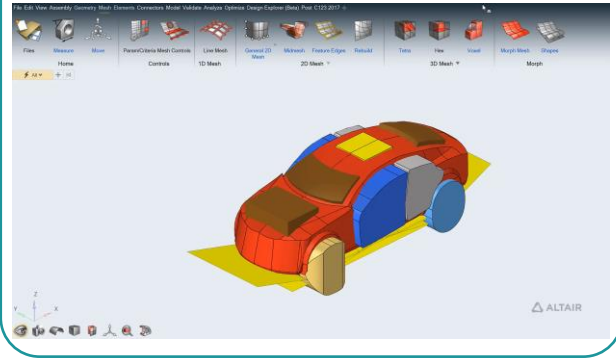
Design Space Library



Package Space Manipulation



Fast Design Space Generation/Edit



C3 Detailed Optimum Sizing of Manufacturable Sections & Joints

Industrialisation refinement

Joining technology, Connection placement optimisation, Gun accessibility checks...

Bill of Process

Tool makes joining decisions in line with manufacturing process chronology

Bill of Materials

BoM used to aid joining selection & pitch decisions

Geometric Checks

Detailed assessment of proposed joint location suitability conducted

Manufacturing Rules

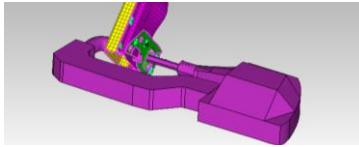
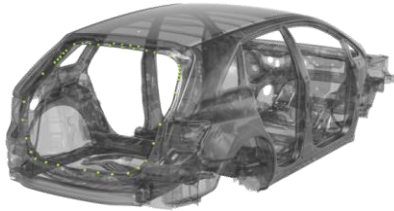
Key manufacturing constraints regarding joinability of certain materials considered

Gun Clash Detection

Tool checks that a weld/RSW gun can reach the proposed site

Meshed Model

Geometry extracted from meshed model



Ply stackup



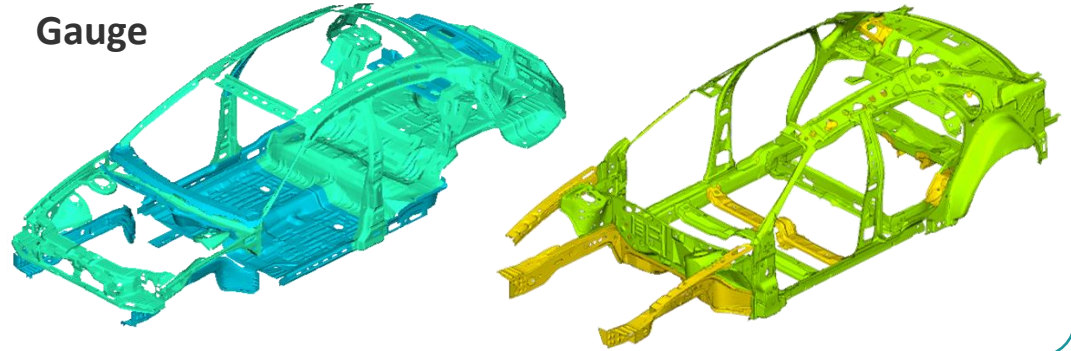
1. If the outer layers have different thicknesses, check that:

$$\frac{\text{maximum outer layer thickness}}{\text{minimum outer layer thickness}} < \text{maximum allowed ratio}$$

2. If the outer layers have the same thickness, check that:

$$\frac{\max(\text{inner layer thickness}, \text{outer layer thickness})}{\min(\text{inner layer thickness}, \text{outer layer thickness})} < \text{maximum allowed ratio}$$

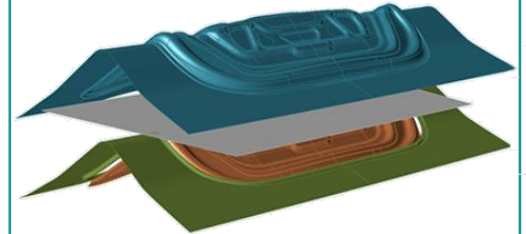
Gauge



Value Engineering



Manufacturability

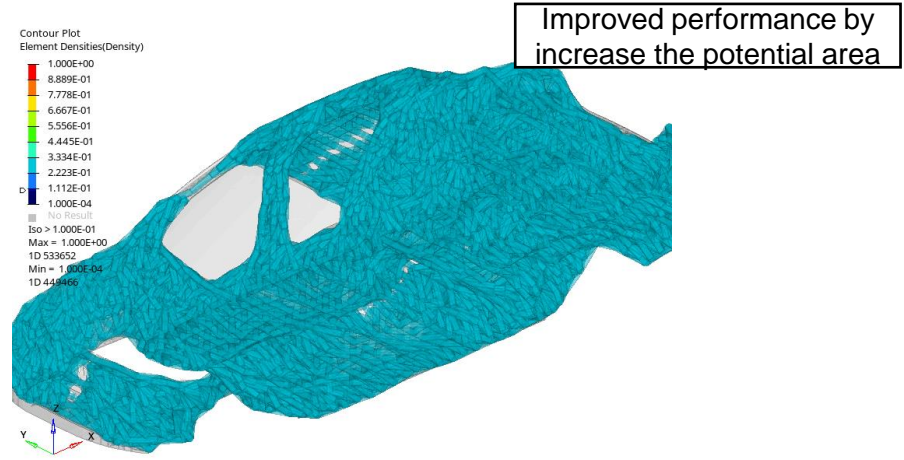
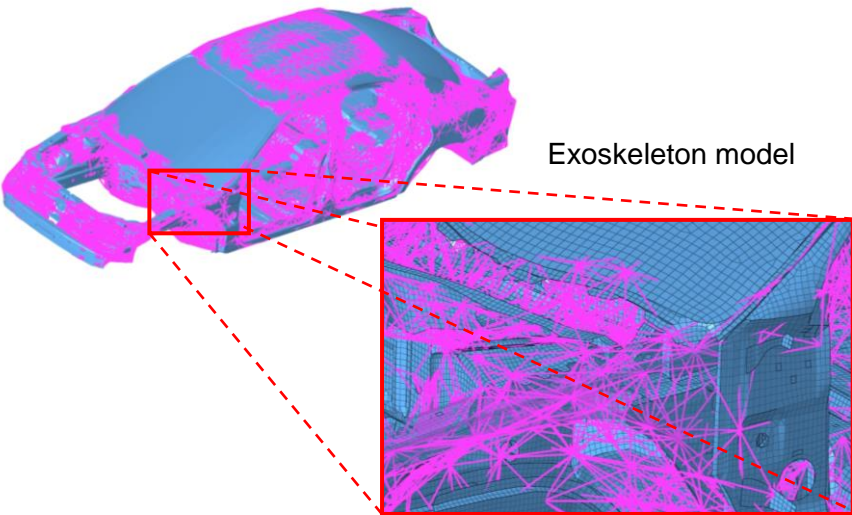
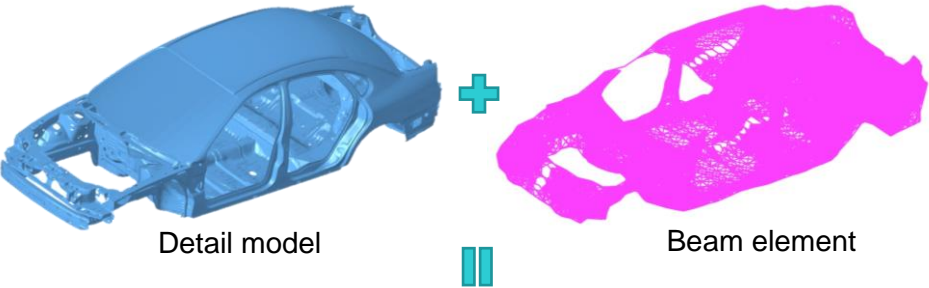


Gauge loadcase sensitivity

DESIGN	LABEL	DESCRIPTION	30mm Barrier	BOP10 Roof	BOP10 Front	BOP10 Rear	ECER20 Roll Over 90	ECER20 Roll Over10
1	PHSELL37	CROSS MEMBER	YES					
3	PHSELL41	VERTICAL MEMBERS FRN						
8	PHSELL81	MEMBER				YES		
10	PHSELL100	SIDE PANEL LFT		YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
10B	PHSELL170	APPLAR LFT	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
13	PHSELL181	REINFORCING PLATE LFT	YES					
13A	PHSELL187	SPALLAR LFT	YES					
15	PHSELL200	C-PLLAR LFT INR		YES		YES		YES
16	PHSELL206	SIDE REINFORCEMENT UPR LFT					YES	YES
17	PHSELL210	DOOR PANEL LFT	YES		YES		YES	YES
18	PHSELL211	C-PLLAR LFT OTR				YES		YES
19	PHSELL225	REINFORCING PLATE RGT	YES					
20	PHSELL270	SIDE PANEL RGT	YES	YES		YES	YES	YES
22	PHSELL279	APPLAR RGT					YES	
24	PHSELL280	C-PLLAR RGT INR	YES	YES		YES		YES
25	PHSELL293	SPALLAR RGT	YES					
26	PHSELL314	SIDE REINFORCEMENT UPR RGT					YES	
27	PHSELL317	C-PLLAR RGT OTR				YES		
28	PHSELL318	DOOR FRAME RGT	YES				YES	
30	PHSELL380	REINFORCEMENT A-PLR RGT	YES				YES	
31	PHSELL380	REINFORCEMENT A-PLR LFT	YES				YES	
33	PHSELL579	PLATE	YES				YES	

Exoskeleton – Concept generation & Improvement

- Ability to create little extra potential loadpaths
- Can be used on an existing mesh (tie contact)
- Helps with non-intuitive problem e.g. global mode
- Quickly identify where the user should focus attention for solving a problem

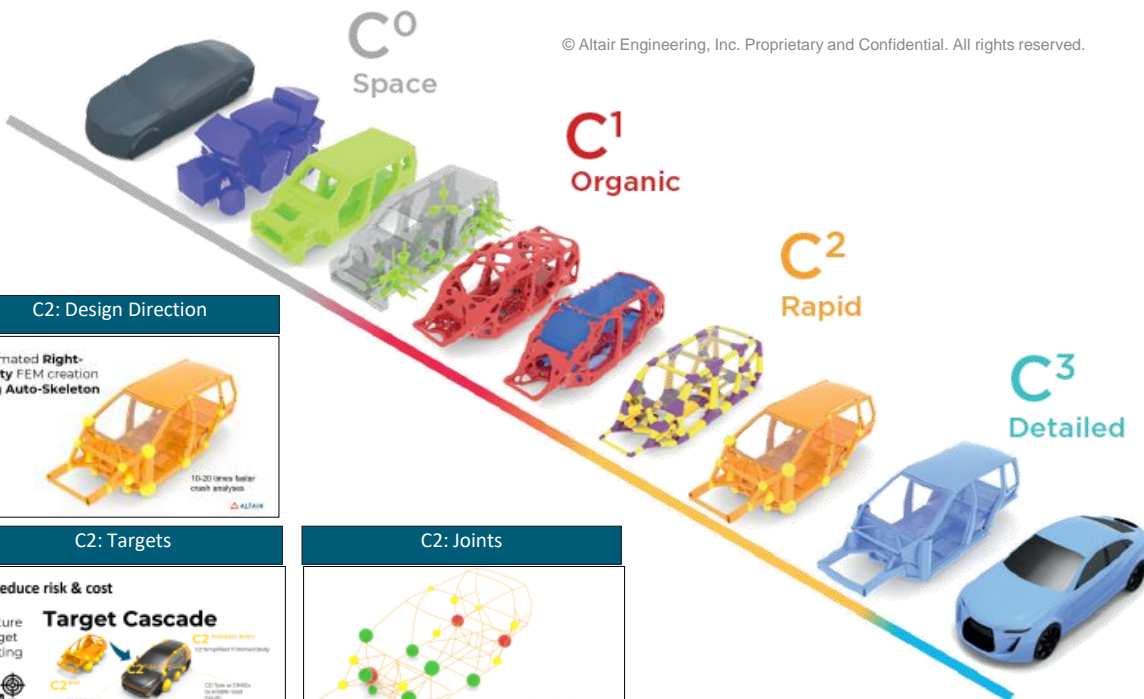


Exoskeleton result



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C0: Design Space

Rapid & systematic loadcase generation and post-processing

Real-time Design Spaces as **CRASH** changes

C1: Layout

Identification of Optimum Structural **Layout**

C1: Collaboration

Collaborative Design: Organic, Clean topology **Interpretations** using Inspire PolyNurbs

C1/C2: Battery Integration

Fully integrated → Bottom

Determine optimal attachment point locations

C2: Design Direction

Automated **Right-fidelity** FEM creation using **Auto-Skeleton**

10-200k mesh faster crash analysis

C2: Section Optimization

OPTIMIZE THE DESIGN USING OEM SECTION BOOK

Parameterization Real section

C2: Massive Exploration

NOT FEASIBLE WITH A DETAIL MODEL

Massive exploration of the design space through rapid architectural changes

C2: Targets

↓ Reduce risk & cost

Mature Target Setting

Target Cascade

100+ Parameters → 100+ Parameters

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C2: Joints

System level Joint ranking and designing

C2/C3: Designer Handshake

Real world section optimization, export to CAD, CAE/CAD Easy exchange

C2/C3: MDO

SMALLER DESCRIPTION OF MULTI-DISCIPLINE OPTIMIZATION

Multi-disciplinary **Model Linking** for optimization

Ultra-fast running, right-fidelity Crash models

C3: Detailed

Detailed Optimum Sizing of Manufacturable Sections & Joints

C1/C2/C3: Mass

Track your **mass** using Mass cubes

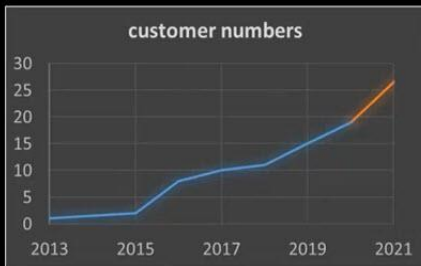
C2/C3: Diagnostics

Uncover **weaknesses** using **Exoskeleton Diagnostics**

RECENT EXECUTIONS DIFFERENT SUPPORT MODELS

Knowledge Transfer, Training Software & Methods

C1
Customers
 C2 C3



Hyundai



Zoox



NEVS



Daimler



FCA



Aston Martin



Ford



Ferrari



Dyson



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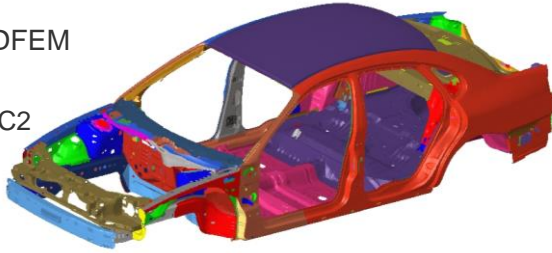
Beijing
Auto



Detailed model vs. C2 model – Accuracy and CPU time

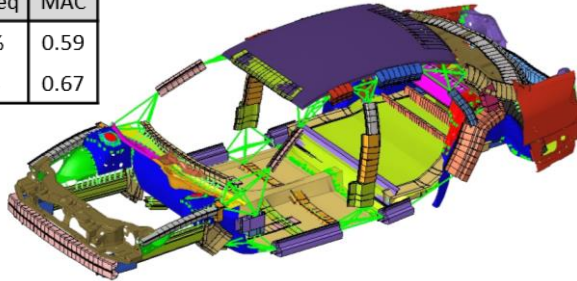
DFEM

C2

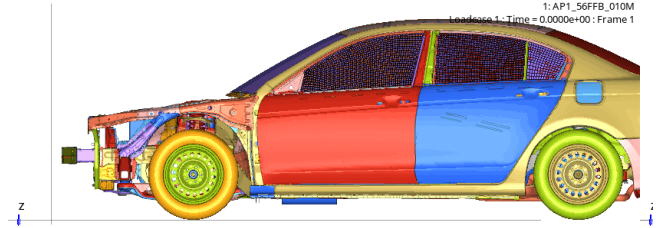


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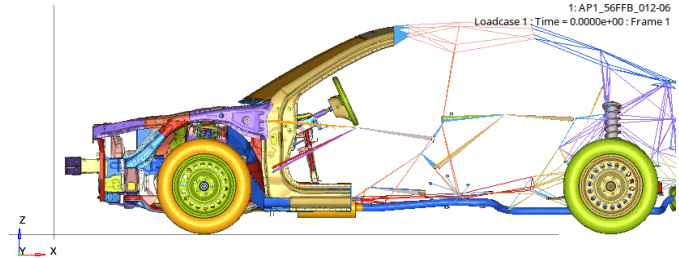
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Bending	0.90%	0.67



C2



Detailed Models



'Right-Fidelity' Models

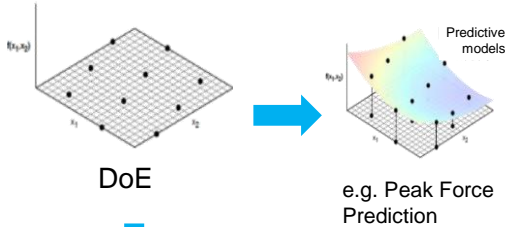
	High Fidelity (DFEM)	Low Fidelity (C2)
Modal Analysis	30min	1min
56kph FFB crash	7hrs (32CPU)	30mins (32CPU)

Machine Learning



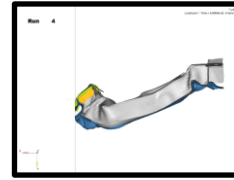
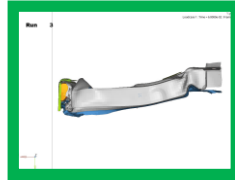
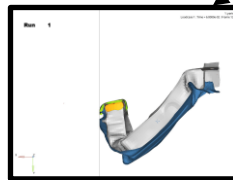
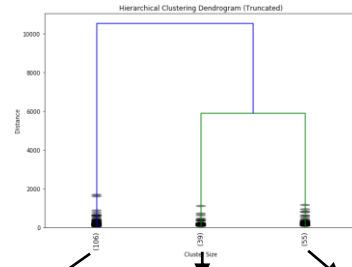
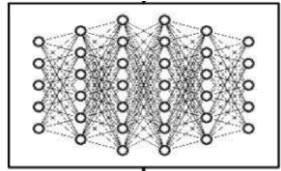
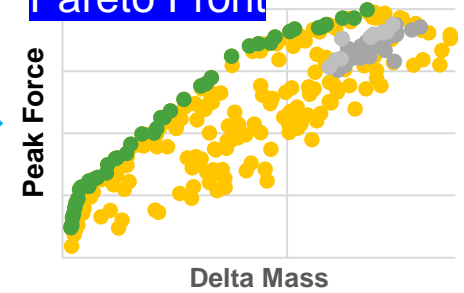
Automatic Identification of Crash Behaviour Clusters

Traditional Response surface-based optimization



Multi-objective optimization
Peak force vs. Mass

Pareto Front

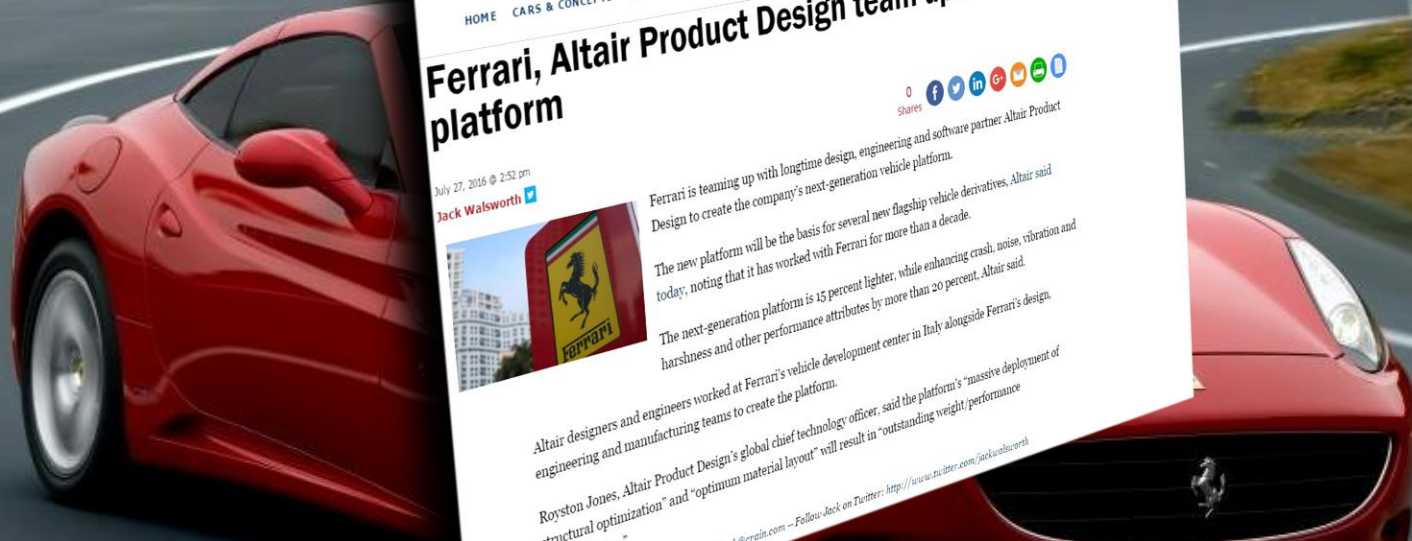


Optimization with ML constraints

Multi-objective optimization
Peak force vs. Mass
**Add constraint of desired
deformation shape (ML)**

Ferrari

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Ferrari, Altair Product Design team up for next-gen vehicle platform

July 27, 2014 @ 2:52 pm
Jack Walsworth

Ferrari is teaming up with longtime design, engineering and software partner Altair Product Design to create the company's next-generation vehicle platform.

The new platform will be the basis for several new flagship vehicle derivatives, Altair said today, noting that it has worked with Ferrari for more than a decade.

The next-generation platform is 15 percent lighter, while enhancing crash, noise, vibration and harshness and other performance attributes by more than 20 percent, Altair said.

Altair designers and engineers worked at Ferrari's vehicle development center in Italy alongside Ferrari's design, engineering and manufacturing teams to create the platform.

Royston Jones, Altair Product Design's global chief technology officer, said the platform's "massive deployment of structural optimization" and "optimum material layout" will result in "outstanding weight/performance characteristics."

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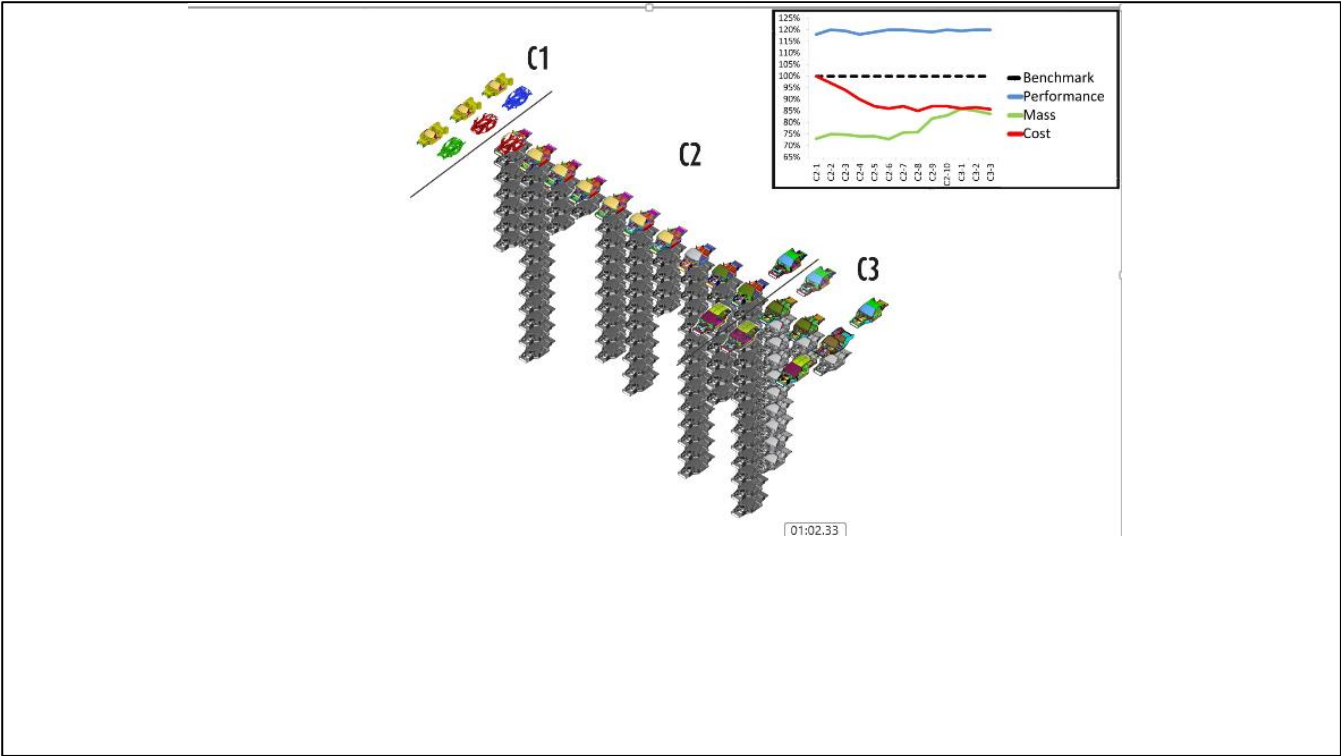


Maximilian Szwaj
Director Innovation at Ferrari
speaking at the 2014 European ATC about Altair's implementation of the C123 optimization process.

The "Next Generation" platform is a significant engineering achievement and a symbol of our successful collaboration with Altair.

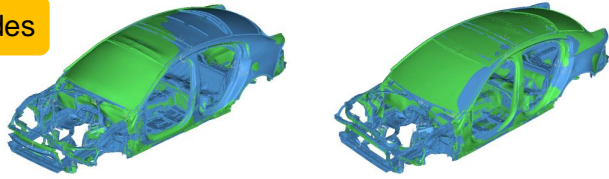
The Ferrari Portofino's all-new chassis features a significant weight saving over the California T it replaces. The speed of the C123 optimization processes deployed were able to control the weight whilst achieving the demanding structural targets as new packaging changes were introduced.

C123 – VIRTUAL DEVELOPMENT GARAGE – EXAMPLE (FERRARI)



NVH

Modes

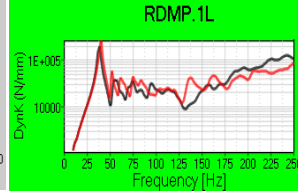
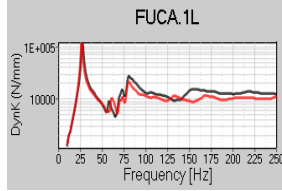


■ DFEM
■ C2

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Dynamic Stiffness

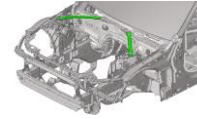
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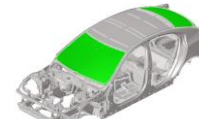
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HP	Delta
FLCA.1L x	6.7%
FLCA.1L y	-8.6%
FLCA.1L z	-3.6%
FUCA.1L x	-7.8%
FUCA.1L y	-3.2%
FUCA.1L z	-10.5%
FDAMP.1L x	5.3%
FDAMP.1L y	-4.2%
FDAMP.1L z	-13.6%
FARB.1L x	-13.5%
FARB.1L y	-12.6%
FARB.1L z	-5.3%
RSUB.1L x	18.8%
RSUB.1L y	1.4%
RSUB.1L z	-8.5%
ENG.1L x	10.1%
ENG.1L y	-7.8%
ENG.1L z	-1.1%
RDAMP.1L x	3.8%
RDAMP.1L y	-7.9%
RDAMP.1L z	-10.9%

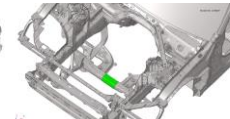
Design Direction Check – Performance Loss



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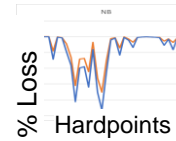


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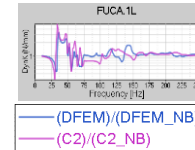


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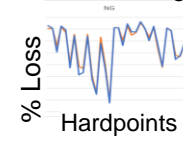
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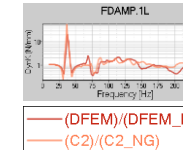
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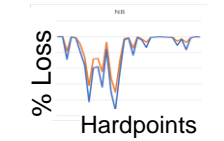
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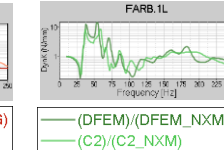
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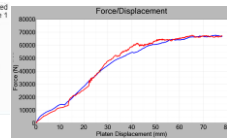
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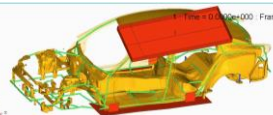
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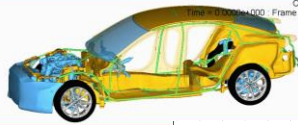
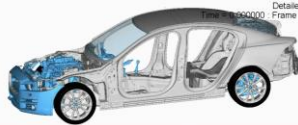
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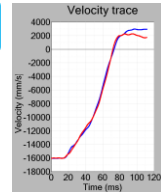
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— C2 model



56km/h FFB



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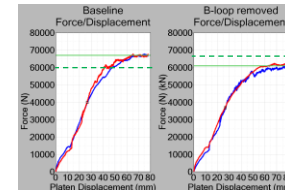


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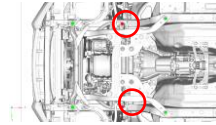


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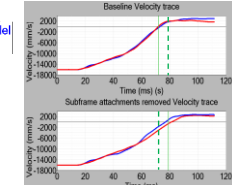


— Detailed model
— C2 model

56km/h FFB



Remove 2 of the 6 Subframe attachments



Summary

- C1 could generate BIW loadpath according to specific loadcase
- C2 model could **speed up optimization process** for linear and crush model (30mins -> 1mins for linear, 7hrs -> 0.5 hrs for crash)
- C2 model in DOE could **save massive CPU time**, especially for AI application – Need a lot of data !!
- C2 model are easier to **parameterize the section** and optimize it
- C2 model is a good **boundary condition for global loadcase** for component optimization, such as twistbox, shocktower...etc
- C2 Linear model is using **Optistruct**, and Crash model is using **Radioss** as solver
- Exoskeleton is a smart way to **quick identify the area** which need to be reinforce



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