# System Reliability-Based Design and Multiresolution Topology Optimization

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Classical structural design optimization: the optimal sizes or shapes for a given layout and connectivity



Topology optimization: the best topology, shape, size under a given domain and boundary conditions



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## **Topology Optimization Applications**



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## **Large-scale Topology Optimization**



#### **Question 1: How to obtain high resolution with affordable computational cost?**

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## **Reliability-Based Design Optimization**



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## **System Reliability-Based Design Optimization**



$$\min_{\mathbf{d}, \mathbf{\mu}_{\mathbf{X}}} f(\mathbf{d}, \mathbf{\mu}_{\mathbf{X}})$$
s.t. 
$$P \ g_{i}(\mathbf{d}, \mathbf{X}) \leq 0 \leq P_{i}^{t} \quad i=1,...,n$$

$$\mathbf{d}^{L} \leq \mathbf{d} \leq \mathbf{d}^{U}, \qquad \mathbf{\mu}_{\mathbf{X}}^{L} \leq \mathbf{\mu}_{\mathbf{X}} \leq \mathbf{\mu}_{\mathbf{X}}^{U}$$

System RBDO



### **Question 2: How to handle system probability in RBDO?**

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- 1. To obtain high resolution with affordable computational cost in topology optimization.
- 2. To handle system probability in Reliability-Based Design Optimization (RBDO).
- 3. To apply RBDO framework in topology optimization (RBTO).

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# Multiresolution Topology Optimization

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## **Topology Optimization Procedure**

### Problem formulation

- $\min_{\rho} \quad C(\rho, \mathbf{u}_d) = \mathbf{f}^{\mathrm{T}} \mathbf{u}_d$ s.t.:  $\mathbf{K}(\rho) \mathbf{u}_d = \mathbf{f}$  $V(\rho) = \int_{\Omega} \rho(\mathbf{\psi}) dV \leq V_s$  $0 < \rho_{\min} \leq \rho(\mathbf{\psi}) \leq 1$
- Solid and Isotropic Material with Penalization (SIMP)
  - $E(\mathbf{\psi}) = \rho(\mathbf{\psi})^p E^0$

### Optimizers

Optimality Criteria (OC)

MTOP

 Method of Moving Asymptotes (MMA)



## **High Resolution Topology Optimization**

- Large-scale (high resolution) TOP
  - Large number of finite elements
  - Computationally expensive

Existing high resolution TOP

- Parallel computing (Borrvall and Petersson, 2000)
- Fast solvers (Wang et al. 2007)
- Approximate reanalysis (Amir et al. 2009)
- Adaptive mesh refinement (de Stuler et al. 2008)

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## **TOP (1): Parallel Computing**

### Parallel computing:

Borrvall and Petersson, (2000), IJNME



#### A cross-shaped section (320,000 B8/U)

#### A stool (884,736 B8/U)

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## **TOP (2): Fast Solvers**

### Fast iterative solvers

Wang, de Stuler, and Paulino, (2007), IJNME

- Use precondition Krylov subspace methods with recycling
- Reduce computational time for FEA



Configuration

Coarse mesh: 32x12x12

#### Fine mesh: 180x60x60

#### Solution on a PC with approx. 1 million unknowns

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## **TOP (3): Approximate Reanalysis**



## **TOP (4): Adaptive Mesh Refinement**

### AMR TOP

de Stuler, Wang, and Paulino, (2008), IASS-IACM

- Refine the solid and surface regions
- Reduce the total number of FEs
- Obtain resolution as fine uniform mesh (efficiency factor 3)



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## **Remarks on High Resolution TOP**

### Large-scale TOP

- > Fine mesh:  $\rightarrow$  Large number of finite elements
- FEA cost increases

### Existing approaches:

- Powerful computing resources: many processors
- Reduce cost associated with FEA:
  - Fast solvers
  - Approximate reanalysis
  - Adaptive mesh refinement

### Same discretization for analysis and design

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## **Proposed Multiresolution TOP (MTOP)**

### Conventional element-based approach (Q4/U)

#### Same discretization for displacement and density



### Proposed MTOP approach (Q4/n25)

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Different discretizations for displacement and density/design variables



#### $\mathbf{O}$ $\mathbf{K}_{e} \simeq \sum_{i=1}^{n} \mathbf{B}^{T} \mathbf{D} \mathbf{B} \Big|_{i} A_{i}$ Q4/n25

**MTOP: Integration of Stiffness Matrix** 

### SIMP model

**Sensitivity** 

$$\mathbf{K}_{e} \simeq \sum_{i=1}^{N_{n}} (\boldsymbol{\rho}_{i})^{p} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{B}_{e}^{\mathrm{T}} \Big|_{i} \mathbf{D}_{0} \mathbf{B}_{e} \Big|_{i} A_{i} \end{bmatrix} = \sum_{i=1}^{N_{n}} (\boldsymbol{\rho}_{i})^{p} \mathbf{I}_{i}$$



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### Stiffness matrix

$$\mathbf{K}_{e} = \int_{\Omega_{e}} \mathbf{B}^{T} \mathbf{D} \mathbf{B} d\Omega$$

MTOP

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### Compute density from design variables

> Minimum length-scale (Guest et al. 2004, Almeida et al. 2009)



$$\frac{\partial \rho_i}{\partial d_n} = \frac{w(r_{ni})}{\sum_{m \in S_i} w(r_{mi})}$$



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## **MTOP Examples: 2D Cantilever Beam**

**Objective:** minimum compliance

Constraint: volfrac = 0.5

Nguyen, Paulino, Song, and Le, (2010), JSMO

**Length scale:**  $r_{min} = 1.2$ 



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## **MTOP Examples: 2D Michell Truss**



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### **MTOP: 3D Cross-shaped Section**



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## **MTOP: 3D Bridge Design**



#### (http://www.sellwoodbridge.org)

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## **Can MTOP's efficiency be improved?**



- Density/design variable: same fine mesh
- FE mesh: coarse
- > Reduce cost  $\mathbf{K}(\rho)\mathbf{u}_d = \mathbf{f}$

### Improving MTOP efficiency?



Different discretizations for density & design variable?



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### Improving Multiresolution Topology Optimization (iMTOP)

### MTOP approach (Q4/n25) or (Q4/n25/d25)



### Proposed iMTOP approach (Q4/n25/d9) and (Q4/n25/d16)

■ Displacement

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O Density
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Design variable



0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0



Q4/n25/d9



Q4/n25/d16

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### Improving Multiresolution Topology Optimization (iMTOP)



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## iMTOP: Projection (Q4/n25/d9)

### Compute density from design variables

> Minimum length-scale (Guest et al. 2004, Almeida et al. 2009)



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## **iMTOP: MBB Beam**





300x100 Q4/U



60x20 Q4/n25/d25



60x20 Q4/n25/d9



60x20 Q4/U



#### 60x20 Q4/n25/d16



#### 60x20 Q4/n25/d4



convergence



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## **iMTOP: A Cube with Concentrated Load**



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- Why Adaptive MTOP?
  - Further improve the efficiency
  - Reduce the number of density elements and design variables during optimization process?
- Adaptive MTOP (e.g. Q4/U & Q4/n25/d4)
  - Q4/n25/d4 requires more computational cost than Q4/U
  - Q4/n25/d4 provides higher resolution
  - Use Q4/n25/d4 where and when needed only, otherwise Q4/U
  - Unchanged the Finite Element Mesh during optimization process

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### **Adaptive MTOP Procedure**



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### Optimal topologies by iMTOP and adaptive MTOP



Q4/n25/d4 & Q4/U

### Adaptive MTOP optimization process



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### **Adaptive MTOP: 3D Cantilever Beam**



(FE mesh : 24x12x12 unchanged)

# System Reliability-Based Design/Topology Optimization

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## **RBDO Formulation**



System RBDO



$$\min_{\mathbf{d},\mathbf{\mu}_{\mathbf{X}}} f(\mathbf{d},\mathbf{\mu}_{\mathbf{X}})$$

$$s.t. \quad P(E_{sys}) = P\left[\bigcup_{k} \bigcap_{i \in C_{k}} g_{i}(\mathbf{d},\mathbf{X}) \leq 0\right] \leq P_{sys}^{t}$$

$$\mathbf{d}^{L} \leq \mathbf{d} \leq \mathbf{d}^{U}, \quad \mathbf{\mu}_{\mathbf{X}}^{L} \leq \mathbf{\mu}_{\mathbf{X}} \leq \mathbf{\mu}_{\mathbf{X}}^{U}$$

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## Matrix-based System Reliability (MSR) Method



- Convenient: matrix-based procedures for c and p; easy SRA calculation (inner product)
- General: uniform application to series, parallel, and any general systems
- Flexible: inequality-type information; incomplete information ("LP bounds" method)
- Efficient: no need to re-compute "p"; replace "c" for SRA of a new event
- Common Source Effect: can account for statistical dependence between components
- Decision Support: parameter sensitivities, component importance measure; inferences

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## **Proposed approach: SRBDO using MSR**

### Adopt a single-loop RBDO (Liang et al. 2007)

Reliability eval.

n<sup>th</sup> constraint



Reliability eval.

1<sup>st</sup> constraint



Use MSR method to compute P<sub>sys</sub> and its gradients

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$\min_{\mathbf{d},\mathbf{\mu}_{\mathbf{X}},P_{1}^{t},\ldots}$	f(	$(\mathbf{d}, \mathbf{\mu}_{\mathbf{X}})$					
<i>s.t</i> .	$g_i(\mathbf{d}, \mathbf{z})$	$\mathbf{X}(\mathbf{U}_i^t)) \ge 0  i=1,$	,n			Single-loop	РМА
	P =	$\int_{\mathbf{s}} \mathbf{c}^{\mathrm{T}} \mathbf{p}(\mathbf{s}) f_{\mathbf{s}}(\mathbf{s}) d\mathbf{s}$	$\leq P_{sys}^t$	depende	nt		
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## Proposed approach: SRBDO using MSR (contd.)

### Sensitivity w.r.t. design variables $\theta = \{d, \mu_x\}$

$$\frac{\partial P_{\text{sys}}}{\partial \theta} = \int_{\mathbf{s}} \mathbf{c}^{\mathrm{T}} \frac{\partial \mathbf{p}(\mathbf{s})}{\partial \theta} f_{\mathbf{s}}(\mathbf{s}) d\mathbf{s}$$
$$\frac{\partial \mathbf{p}(\mathbf{s})}{\partial \theta} = \left[ \mathbf{p}(\mathbf{s})^{\langle 1 \rangle} \mathbf{p}(\mathbf{s})^{\langle 2 \rangle} \dots \mathbf{p}(\mathbf{s})^{\langle n \rangle} \right] \frac{\partial \mathbf{P}(\mathbf{s})}{\partial \theta} = \hat{\mathbf{P}}(\mathbf{s}) \frac{\partial \mathbf{P}(\mathbf{s})}{\partial \theta}$$
$$\mathbf{P}(\mathbf{s}) = \left[ P_{1}(\mathbf{s}) P_{2}(\mathbf{s}) \dots P_{n}(\mathbf{s}) \right]^{\mathrm{T}}$$

 $\rightarrow$  Use probabilities and sensitivities by component reliability analysis (FORM)

### Sensitivity w.r.t. component failure probability P<sup>t</sup><sub>i</sub>

$$\frac{\partial P_i(\mathbf{s})}{\partial P_i} = \frac{\partial P_i(\mathbf{s})}{\partial \beta_i} \cdot \frac{\partial \beta_i}{\partial P_i} = -\frac{\partial P_i(\mathbf{s})}{\partial \beta_i} \cdot \frac{1}{\varphi(-\beta_i)}$$

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## **SRBDO of Truss System**

$$\min_{\mathbf{d}=\{A_{1},...,A_{6}\}} f(\mathbf{d}) = \sqrt{2}(A_{1} + A_{2}) + A_{3} + A_{4} + A_{5} + A_{6}$$
s.t.  $P_{sys} = P\left[\bigcup_{k=1}^{15} \bigcap_{i \in C_{k}} g_{i}(\mathbf{d}, \mathbf{X}) \le 0\right] \le P_{sys}^{t} = 0.001$ 
 $g_{i}(\mathbf{d}, \mathbf{X}) = A_{i}F_{i} - 0.707F_{A} \quad i = 1, 2$ 
 $A_{i}F_{i} - 0.500F_{A} \quad i = 3, ..., 6$ 
 $A_{1}, A_{2}, A_{3}, A_{4}, A_{5}, A_{6} \ge 0$ 

# Minimize total weight of the system

Definition of system failure: at least two members fail (cut-set systems): effects of load redistributions NOT considered



Random Variables (Gaussian distribution)	Mean	Std Dev
Member strength $F_i$ , $i=1,6$ (Mpa)	745	62
Applied load $F_A$ (kN)	4450	45

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## SRBDO of Truss System (contd.)

	Area: A <sub>i</sub> (>	<b>×10<sup>−3</sup> mm²)</b>	Reliabilit	ry Index: β <sub>i</sub>	
Members	McDonald & Mahadevan	SRBDO/MSR	McDonald & Mahadevan	SRBDO/MSR	-
1	18.43	17.89	2.89	2.67	6
2	18.27	17.89	2.83	2.67	
3	13.51	13.20	3.16	2.99	3 5
4	13.44	13.20	3.12	2.99	4
5	13.33	13.20	3.06	2.99	$\Delta$
6	13.09	13.20	2.92	2.99	
$f(\mathbf{x})$	105.24	> 103.36			_

- Better optimal design (i.e. less total weight) and symmetric results
- Monte Carlo simulations (c.o.v. = 0.03, 10<sup>6</sup> times) on the system failure probability:  $P_{sys}$  = 0.00107 (cf. MSR gives 0.001)

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## SRBDO of Truss System (contd.)

Conditional probability Importance Measure (CIM)

$$\operatorname{CIM}_{i} = P(E_{i}|E_{sys}) = \frac{P(E_{i}E_{sys})}{P(E_{sys})} = \frac{\mathbf{c'}^{\mathrm{T}}\mathbf{p}}{\mathbf{c'}^{\mathrm{T}}\mathbf{p}}$$

Relative contribution of components to the system failure probability (can be computed efficiently by MSR method)





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## **SRBDO of Truss System (contd.)**

### Effects of load re-distributions (sequential failures)

Effects of correlation between random variables and between components



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## **Existing SRBTO Approaches**

### Discrete structures

- Mogami et al. (2006)
- Truss examples





**Ground structure** 

**Optimal structure** 

Mogami et al. (2006), JSMO

### Continuum structures

- Silvia et al. (2010)
- Limit-states: statistically independent

$$P(E_{sys}) = P\left(\bigcup_{i=1}^{n} E_{i}\right) = \sum_{i=1}^{n} P(E_{i}) - \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} \sum_{j=i+1}^{n} P(E_{i}E_{j}) + \dots + (-1)^{n-1} P(E_{1}E_{2}\cdots E_{n})$$

 $P(E_1E_2E_3) = P(E_1)P(E_2)P(E_3)$ 

# ) DTO SRBTO Silvia *et al.* (2010), JSMO

#### **Objective: SRBTO for continuum structures with dependent limit-states?**

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### **Proposed Approach: SORM-based RBTO**

### Enhance the accuracy in RBTO

- ➢ First-Order Reliability Method (FORM) → inaccurate for nonlinear limit-states
- Propose to use Second-Order Reliability Method (SORM) to improve the accuracy



## **SRBTO of a Stool**



- **Objective: minimize volume** *V*(ρ)
- Limit-states:  $g_i(\mathbf{\rho}, \overline{\mathbf{F}}_i) = 120 C_i(\mathbf{\rho}, \overline{\mathbf{F}}_i), i = 1, 2$
- Random loads: : F ~ (F<sub>1</sub>, F<sub>2</sub>, F<sub>3</sub>) ~
  N(100,10), N(0,30), N(0,40)

Load cases:  $\overline{\mathbf{F}}_1 = (F_1, F_2), \quad \overline{\mathbf{F}}_2 = (F_1, F_3)$ 

- **Constraints** 
  - Deterministic TO (DTO):
  - Component RBTO (CRBTO):
  - System RBTO (SRBTO):

 $g_i(\mathbf{\rho}, \mathbf{f}) > 0, \quad i = 1, 2$   $P(g_i(\mathbf{\rho}, \overline{\mathbf{F}}_i) \le 0) \le P_i^t, \quad i = 1, 2$   $P(\bigcup \cap g_i(\mathbf{\rho}, \overline{\mathbf{F}}_i) \le 0) \le P_{sys}^t$ 

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## **Optimal Topologies**



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### Improve Accuracy by Second-Order Reliability Method



## **SRBTO of a Building Core**



- **Objective:** minimize volume V(ρ)
- **Limit-states:**  $g_i(\mathbf{\rho}, \overline{\mathbf{F}}_i) = C_i^0 C_i(\mathbf{\rho}, \overline{\mathbf{F}}_i)$
- **Random loads:**  $F \sim (P_1, P_2, P_3, q_1, q_2, q_3)$
- Load cases:  $\overline{\mathbf{F}}_i = (P_i, q_i)$

Load	F	)	q (at	top)	$C^{t}$
Cases	mean	C.O.V	mean	C.O.V	$\mathbf{C}_{i}$
Case 1	70.71	0.30	2.82	0.15	250
Case 2	50.00	0.15	2.00	0.30	125
Case 3	50.00	0.20	2.00	0.15	125

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## **Optimal Topologies of the Building Core**



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## **Building Core with Pattern Repetition**



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## **Summary & Conclusions**

### MTOP & iMTOP:

- Use three distinct displacement, density, and design variable fields
- > Improve efficiency, apply to large-scale problems
- Adaptive MTOP:
  - Use MTOP and iMTOP elements where and when needed
  - Reduce the number of density elements and design variables

### SRBDO/MSR:

- Apply to general system including link-set, cut-set
- Address dependence between limit-states, provide sensitivity

### SRBTO

- Propose accurate single-loop SORM-based CRBTO & SRBTO approaches
- Include pattern repetition constraints

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- Optimal locations of design variables in MTOP
- MTOP approach in nonlinear and stress-based problems
- MTOP using Krylov subspace methods and recycling
- SRBDO with multi-scale MSR approach

SRBDO with mixed continuous-discrete random variables

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