

### **Meeting 10.3.2021**

- First meeting
- introduction to the task
- context of the project: automatic design of gearboxes and whole systems
- make sure, the organization is understood

Tasks until next meeting:

- Find literature related to the project

### **Meeting 31.3.2021 (only group)**

- Explaining topic to newest team-member

### **Meeting 7.4.2021**

- First presentation will be mid of May
- discussion of literature review until now
- clarification on task: only addition and subtraction of cylinders, for inside-outside test: loops over green region, then over red region

Tasks until next meeting:

- Find different methods and literature, make a list of advantages and disadvantages
- continue literature research
- install all software, start practical algorithm
- flow-chart of Algorithm
- see, if following literature is useful: Packing Irregular Objects in 3D Space via Hybrid Optimization
- say if meeting-time is good during the lecture-period

(new time for meetings: Monday)

### **Meeting 19.4.2021**

- idea to use standard optimization algorithms for the problem
- idea of circle-packing
- another packing algorithm program found
- idea to use FFT algorithm to draw shape/boundary

To do for the upcoming presentation:

- Video
- good quality of the video is important

### **Meeting 23.4.2021 (only group)**

-Giovanni sent us some pictures and information for the presentation

Fixing tasks for the video-presentation:

- Benjamin: Introduction, Project Explanation
- Cristian: Method Circle-Packing
- Ahmad: Method packing in 3D
- Taimoor: Summary, Timetable

### **Meeting 26.4.2021**

- discussion about the presentation
- Introduction should include more on automotive, more on background
- PowerPoint: use "slide master" to change some slides
- presentation should be not too complicated, easy to understand
- Last (third) presentation will be on 25.11.2021

Topics for the first presentation:

- Circle-packing
- Santa-Packing (No FFT included)
- Time table

**First presentation sent to Giovanni 28.4.2021**

**Received feedback 29.4.2021**

### **Meeting 3.5.2021**

Cancelled, the video for the presentation already discussed via e-mail

**Upload first presentation video on 6.5.2021**

### **Meeting 10.5.2021**

- grades for first presentation will be around 22-23<sup>rd</sup> of May
- discussion of the presentation
- some ideas on how to modify the circle-packing code
- next presentation around 12<sup>th</sup> of July
- some concrete results necessary for the next presentation
- example, start working in 2D and with the simple-cube-example from Giovanni

### **Meeting 17.5.2021**

- modified circle packing code

To do until next meetings:

- discuss in the group, how to organize
- work on different algorithms
- try, which one works good

### **Meeting 17.5.2021 (only group)**

- defined tasks for members

Cristian, Taimoor: Circle packing

Ahmad: Neural Networks

Benjamin: Organization, Documentation, another independent method

### **Meeting 24.5.2021**

Holiday, rescheduled to 27.5.2021

### **Meeting 27.5.2021**

For circle packing, result should be:

- less circles
- overlapping circles
- still not consistent
- control amount of circles

Different approaches:

- idea image processing toolbox
- box packing algorithm doesn't work for that code
- code implemented, that subtracts circles from the sides to approximate any convex polygons

### **Meeting 31.5.2021**

Cancelled, too close to last meeting at 27.5.2021

### **Meeting 7.6.2021**

Boundary-based approach:

- approximation by edges: good code, result needs improvement
- less circles, optimize
- idea: Recursive algorithm approximate shapes

Circle packing:

- More complex shapes with circle packing
- Still many holes/ parts of the geometry not covered
- Reduce number of circles
- Avoid circles inside other circles

Date for next presentation: ca. end of June/start of July

### **Meeting 14.6.2021**

Meeting cancelled

### **Meeting 21.6.2021**

- Box-packing-topic is a dead end
- boundary based approach: area computation implemented, try to reduce number of cylinders as goal
- small changes on circle-packing

### **Meeting 5.7.2021**

- implemented code, that removes circle, based on area-condition
- circles also removed if they are closely together
- code works now using red and green circles
- must generalize the code to account for separate regions and holes

### **Meeting 12.7.2021**

-code now works for separate regions and holes

Content for the Presentation:

-overview of the topic

-What we did, some results

-End: timetable

### **Discussion for 2<sup>nd</sup> presentation 17.7.2021**

Suggestion for video:

-Introduction, overview topic

-2D problem, addition of circles

-Subtraction of circles, post-processing, removing of circles (close, area)

-plans for 3D, challenges, Timetable

### **Meeting 19.7.2021**

-Presentation preparation

To do:

-send presentation slides to Giovanni

-Decide, which weeks in the summer should be holidays (which meetings to cancel)

### **Meeting 26.7.2021**

-Presentation feedback, it was good

-Discussion on when we have break

-speed up the progress for the project

### **Plan for the 3D-code presented to the group 28.7.2021**

### **Meeting 2.8.2021**

Break

### **Meeting 9.8.2021**

-Additional break

-there should be massive progress the next meeting after the break

### **Meeting 16.8.2021**

Break

### **Task distribution fixed 22.8.2021**

Part 1: Cristian

Part 2: Taimoor

Part 3: Benjamin

Part 4: Ahmad

### **Meeting 23.8.2021**

-Separation of remaining parts, distribution complete

-Part 1 (create sections) and part 4 (plot) already started

### **Meeting 30.8.2021**

-Part 1 (create sections) still some errors

-Part 3 (create cylinders) ready, finished

-Part 4 (plot) not yet ready

### **Meeting 6.9.2021**

-Part 1 intersection points are found correctly

### **Meeting 13.9.2021**

-Part 1 ready, slices of the stl-file are computed and “rings” are returned correctly

### **Meeting 20.9.2021**

-Talked about marks of the 2<sup>nd</sup> presentation

-presented the beginning of part 2 (2D-polygons)

### **Meeting 27.9.2021**

-The 2D-polygon, where we draw the cylinders inside the section can be found by taking the overlapping area of the “left” and “right” ends. This can be done by using the 2 contour lines, which are the lines defining the polygons in the 2 cutting planes.

-If the cuts are close enough (the thickness of the sections is small enough), we can assume, that this will lead to the correct 2D-polygons. (We won’t create cylinders, which lie outside of the Bauraum).

-Maybe we can do some cuts as a test, to decide, whether the geometry is smooth enough.

-We may assume the stl-files to be consistend. We can assume, that they have no missing parts. This question arose, as one example-stl-file showed strange behaviour.

#### **Meeting 4.10.2021**

-tried to improve the area computation for the circles using the PDE toolbox, but that would only increase the runtime)

-Problem of the triangles between the sections is solved by subtracting the triangles using the polyshape functionality.

-That means, now, only the polygone resulting from the cut is needed.

-Found suitable code:

[https://de.mathworks.com/matlabcentral/fileexchange/62113-slice\\_stl\\_create\\_path-triangles-slice\\_height](https://de.mathworks.com/matlabcentral/fileexchange/62113-slice_stl_create_path-triangles-slice_height)

#### **Meeting 11.10.2021**

-First version of the 3D-code works (also part 2 and part 4)

-stl-file “Bauraum example complex” can’t be read

#### **Meeting 18.10.2021**

-Now, file can be read

-Algorithm for complex example takes very long, works only until define\_2D\_polygones

#### **Meeting 25.10.2021**

-Bugs fixed

-changed 2D-algorithm, such that it also works effectively for complicated example

#### **Meeting 1.11.2021**

Holliday

### **Meeting 8.11.2021**

- Adaptive definition of the sections
- better definition of the geometry at y-planes
- corresponds to task: find relevant edges

### **Meeting 17.11.2021**

- update of the visualization
- Comparison original and approximated volume
- Put convergence plot (number of cylinders and time) over error include in poster
- Poster
- Documentation
- Send Giovanni results (poster and presentation) until 26.11.2021

### **Meeting 22.11.2021**

- Discussed details about final steps
- Question: Give our sources, which sources?

Questions in email:

- Documentation, can be until end of January (Deadline for the grades) (freedom from Giovanni)
- Meeting Protocols, Time of meeting, brief description of tasks, who did what  
Upload as PDF to Github.
- Documentation, more elaborate than the poster
- Include convergence plots in the poster

### **Meeting 29.11.2021 (only group)**

- practice the presentation and modify it