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AUTOMATION.

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Ingenieurgesellschaft für intelligente Lösungen und Systeme mbH



Small and Medium Enterprise (SME)

- 14 employees
- based in Leinfelden-Echterdingen (Stuttgart area), Germany
- independent high-tech company for engineering automation



Spin-off from University of Stuttgart

- founded in July 1999
- from the Institute for Statics and Dynamics of Aerospace Structures (ISD)
- research cooperation with the Institute for Aircraft Design (IFB)



Core Business

- software development for engineering automation (*Design Cockpit 43®*)
- digitalization and engineering services
- r&d projects in digital engineering and design languages



Research & development projects

- H2020 CS2-project *PHAROS* (automated piping, routing)
- LUFO6-project *COBAIN* (airframe design & manufacturing optimisation)
- LUFO6-project *KIEZ40* (artificial intelligence certification)
- ITEA2-project *IDEALISM* (<https://itea4.org/project/idealism.html>)
- ZAFH-project *DIP* (digital modeling product life-cycle)
- GreenTech-project: *CERAHEAT4.0* (digital modeling product life-cycle)
- national space program: *A3-DR* & *ASHRAM* (automated HF-routing)
- BMFTR-project: *CYCLOMETRIC* (sustainable circular product devel)



Mission

- leading European think-tank for EaaS and MBSE automation
- developer of the world's most advanced engineering design compiler technology



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The Problem in Engineering

The traditional engineering processes in many industries are plagued by **several critical issues**:



Fragmented Data

Information is spread across disconnected "data islands," making access and preparation time-consuming



Incoherent Processes

Company processes evolve organically without holistic revision, leading to inefficiencies and outdated workflows



Document-Driven Exchange

Knowledge transfer relies on manually created documents, adding unnecessary overhead



Manual Modeling

Simulation models across domains are built and updated by hand, causing slow, error-prone iterations



The Vision of IILS

At IILS, our vision is to drive the digital transformation of engineering by enabling the **full automation of design processes** across the entire product lifecycle:



Knowledge Formalization

Engineering expertise must become explicit, structured, and machine-executable



Design Compilation

Validated designs must be automatically synthesized from formal specifications through systematic rule execution



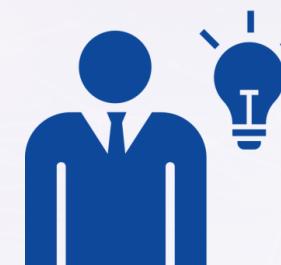
Central product model

A central, authoritative representation must capture all aspects of the product as single source of truth



Multi-Domain Integration

Each engineering domain must be supported end-to-end with consistency guaranteed across all domains



The Solution: Graph-based Design Languages

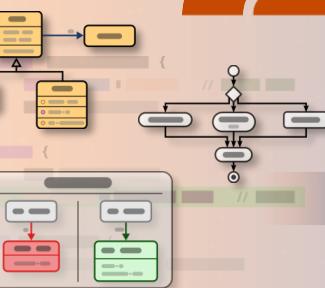
systematic methodology for **design automation**

formalized engineering knowledge

executable design language

central graph-based product representation

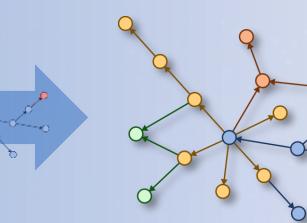
automatic model generation across the **entire product lifecycle**



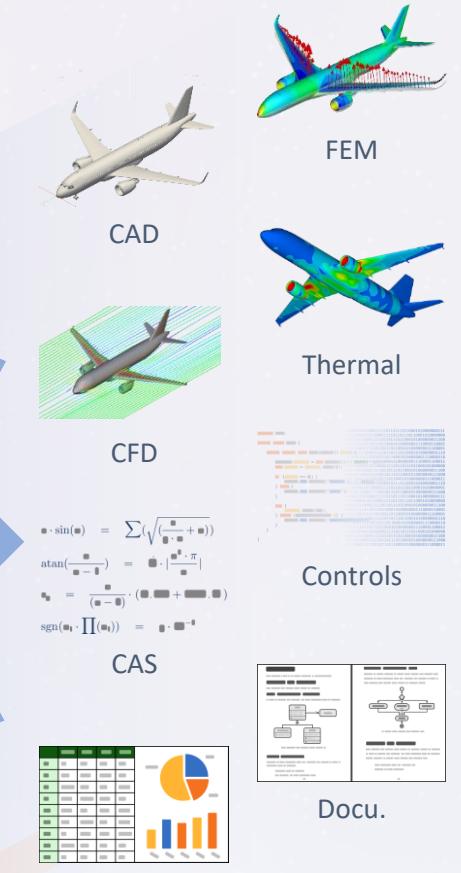
Design Language

Design Compiler

Design Loop



Design Graph

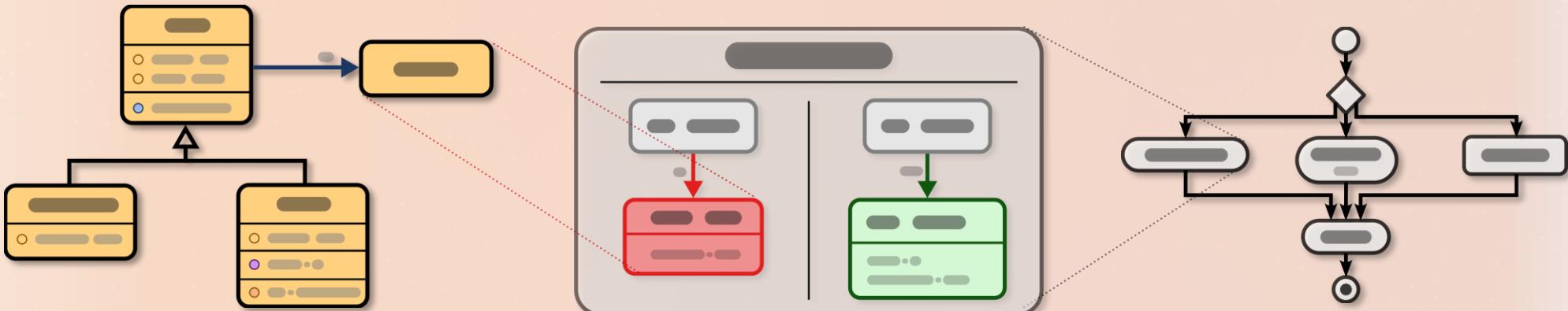


The Language: Vocabularies, Rules, Programs

Vocabularies (Ontologies) define a formal, structured knowledge of engineering concepts and their relationships, creating a shared understanding of the design domain (meta-model).

Design Rules (Composition Statements) formalize how these concepts can be combined and transformed to create valid designs based on engineering principles.

Production Systems (Executable Processes) encode the engineering workflow as a sequence of rules, making the design process itself executable and automatable.



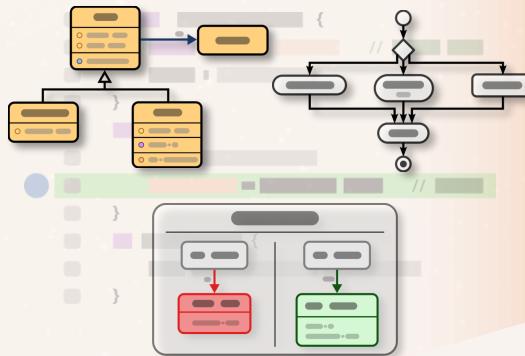
- Concept Definition
- Hierarchy and Classification
- Relationship Modeling
- Attribute and Parameter Specification
- Constraint Definition
- Units and Dimensions
- Mathematical and Logical Expressions

- Instantiation
- Composition
- Transformation
- Parameter and Data Propagation
- Constraint Enforcement
- Integration and Interface Hooks
- Validation and Verification

- Rule Invocation
- Workflow Sequencing
- Conditional and Iterative Execution
- Iteration and Recursion Support
- Parameter Management and Data Flow
- Hierarchical Process Organization
- Integration with External Systems

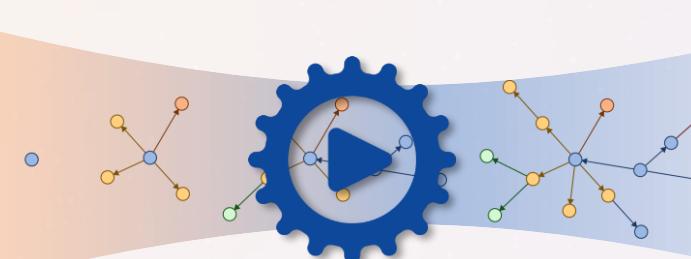
The Execution: From Design Language to Design Graph

The **Design Language** provides an *executable* formalization of engineering knowledge.



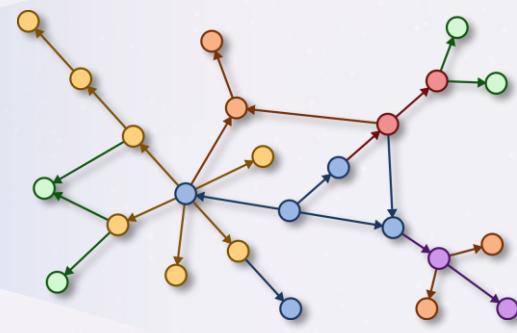
- Formalized Knowledge Representation
- Executable Semantics
- Ontology Integration
- Rule-Based Logic
- Workflow and Process Definition
- Parameter and Data Management
- Integration and Extensibility

The **Design Compiler** interprets and executes the Design Language, gradually building a graph-based representation of the product.



- Executable Rule Processing
- Model-2-Model (M2M) Transformation
- Design Graph Generation
- Solution Path Generator
- Symbolic Computation Engine
- Integrated Geometry Generation
- Deterministic Execution and Validation

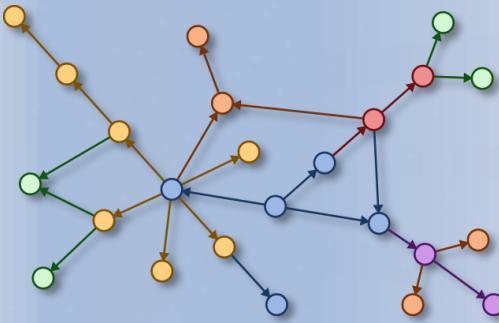
The centralized **Design Graph** serves as a holistic and integrated representation of the generated product model, capturing all relevant aspects of the product within a unified structure.



- Holistic Product Representation
- Node and Edge Structure
- Parameter and Attribute Storage
- Analysis and Query Support
- Scalability and Performance

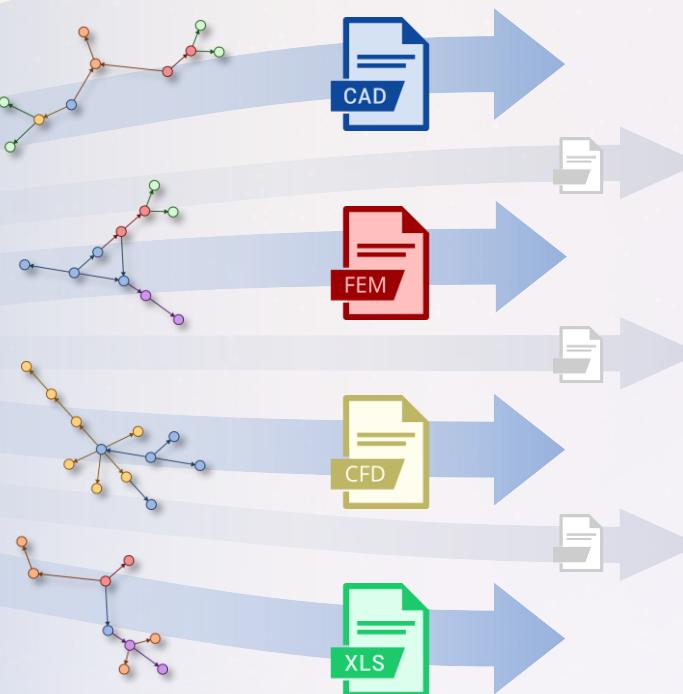
Interfaces: From Design Graph To Engineering Models

The central Design Graph acts as the **Single Source Of Truth** for domain models, providing a unified and integrated representation of the entire product



- Connectivity Across Domains
- Open and Transparent Data Format
- Traceability and Versioning

Interfaces enable the generation of consistent, domain-specific models from the Design Graph by filtering and transforming relevant information.



- Automated Model-2-Text Transformation
- Deterministic Output
- Extensible Framework

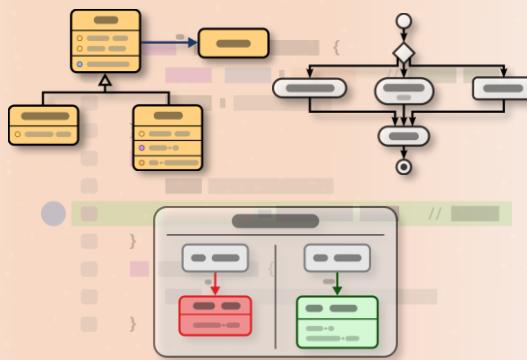
Generated **Engineering domain models** provide consistent, up-to-date representations of discipline-specific knowledge.



- Consistency Across Domains
- Automatic Synchronization
- Traceability and Transparency

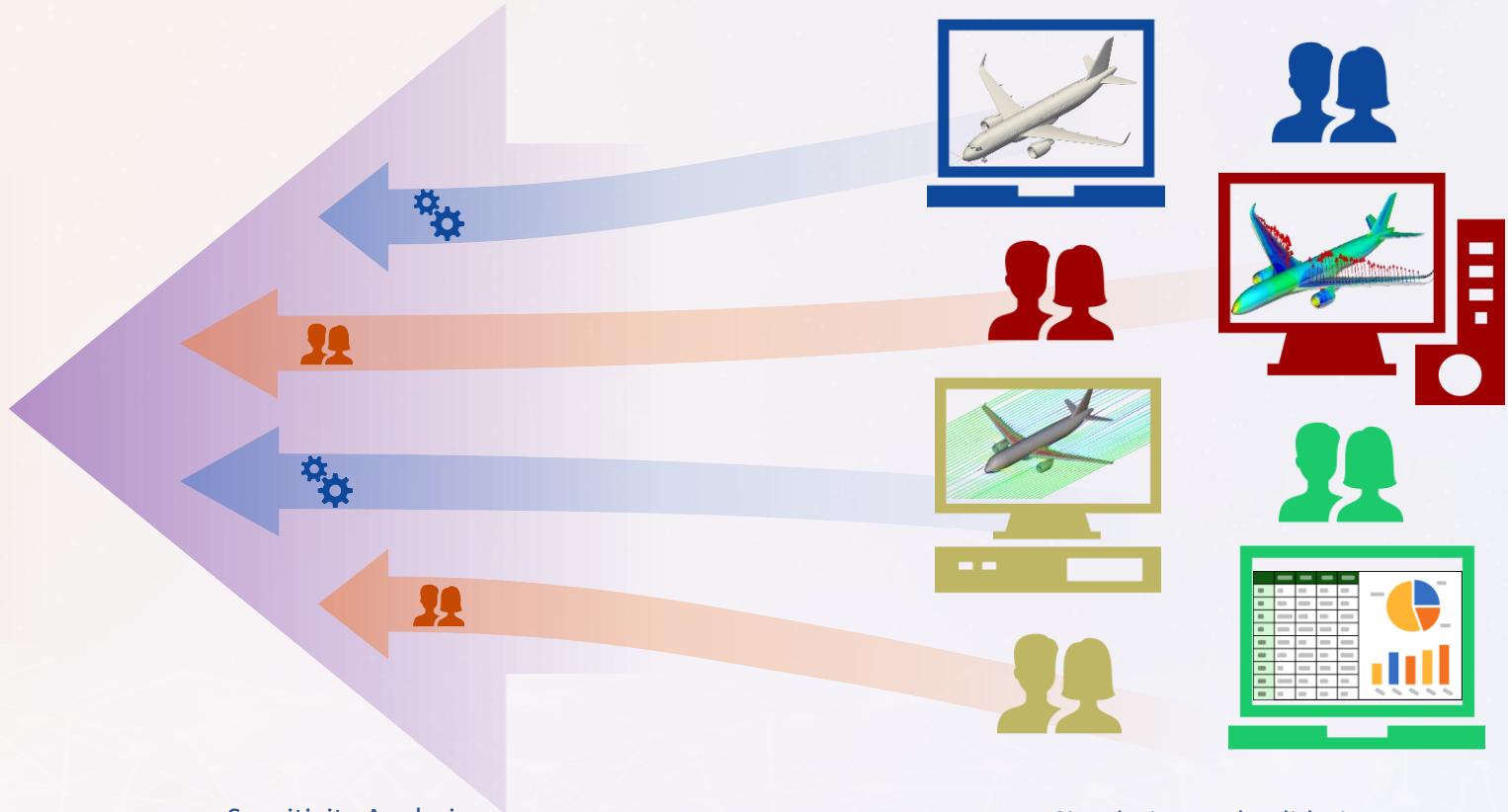
The Design Loop: Updating the Design Language

Updating and extending the design language closes the design loop, enabling continuous, iterative refinement of the product model.



- Knowledge Consolidation
- Rule Refinement
- Language Extension
- Design of Experiments (DoE)
- Automated Optimization

Feedback from analysis and evaluation is incorporated into the design language, either manually or automatically by domain experts.



- Sensitivity Analysis
- Human-in-the-Loop Validation
- Machine-in-the-Loop Feedback

Domain-specific tools enable the processing of engineering domain models, supporting informed design decisions.



- Simulation and Validation
- Performance Evaluation
- Scenario Comparison

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Design Cockpit 43®

Engineering Automation by Design Compilation

 integrated engineering software platform

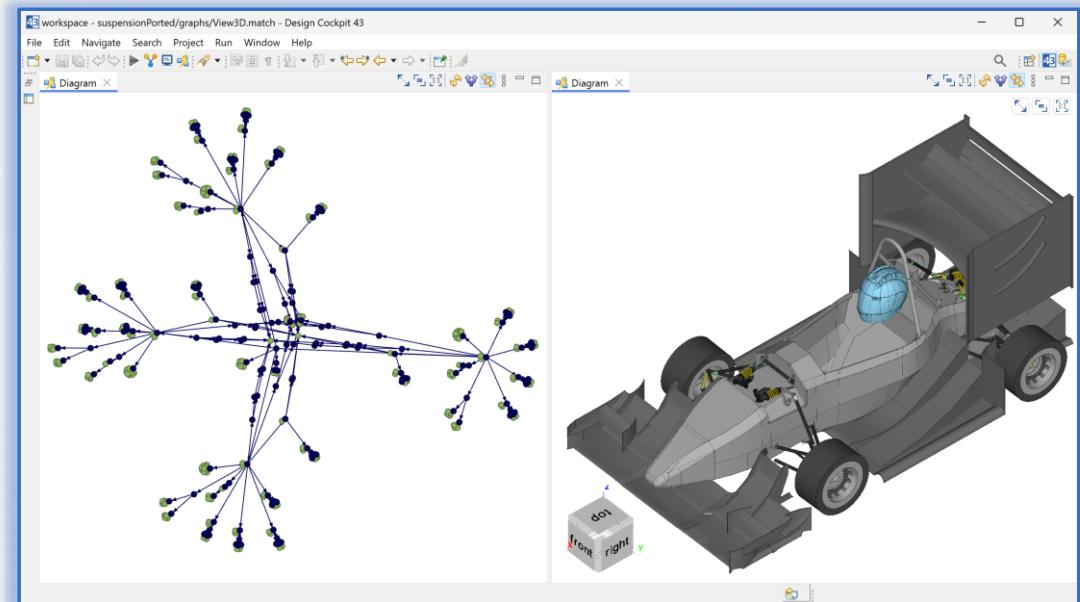
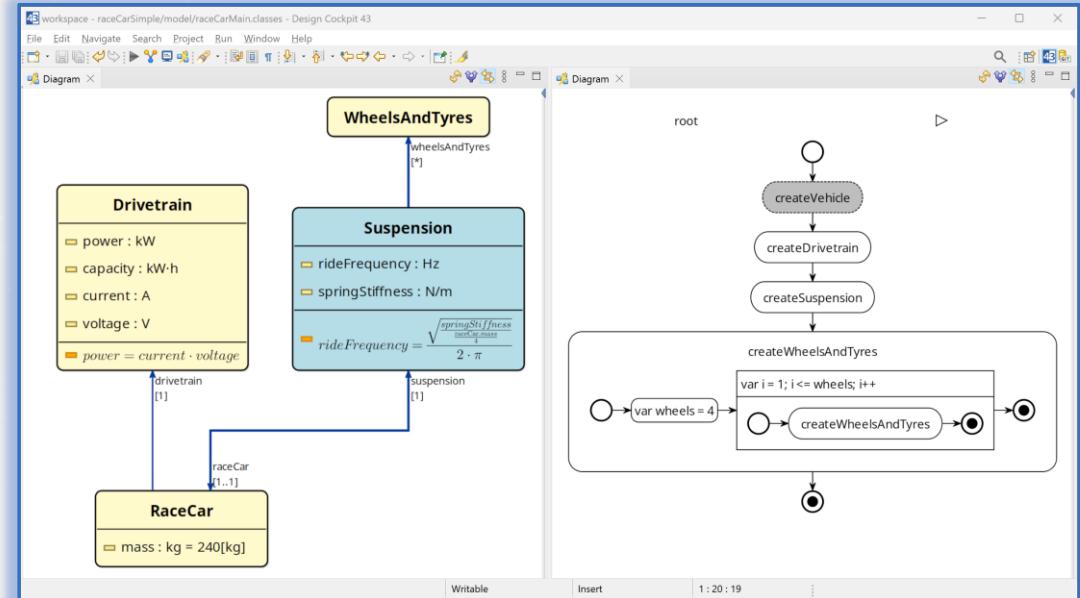
 supports **Graph-based Design Languages**

 enables the design of **complex engineering products**

 provides full **multi-domain engineering automation**

 built on the powerful **Eclipse® framework**

 **flexible, extensible, and collaborative**



DC43®: Features & Capabilities (1/2)

DC43® Language

- simple, intuitive engineering **code syntax**
- unified definition of **ontologies**, **rules**, and **processes**
- automatic **visualisation** of all code models

DC43® Geometry

- sketches, parts, and assemblies with **constraint solving**
- integrated **CAD kernel** (OpenCascade®)
- live **visualisation** and navigation of CAD geometry

DC43® Math

- embedded **mathematical relationships** with **physical units**
- automatic **equation solving** during compilation (CAS)
- sensitivity analysis and parameter influence visualisation

DC43® Engine

- high-performance **rule engine** for design compilation
- integrated **debugger** with runtime inspection
- automated **validation** against logical constraints

DC43® Product Model

- design graph** as single source of truth
- integrated 2D/3D **geometry visualisation**
- built-in **plotting** for data and statistics

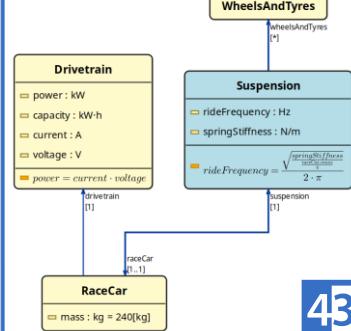
DC43® AI

- LLM-assisted **ontology** and **rule modelling**
- ready-to-use **code generation** in DC43 syntax
- natural language analysis of complex product models

```
class RaceCar {  
    Suspension[1] suspension opposite raceCar  
    Drivetrain[1] drivetrain  
    mass : Unit[kg] = 240[kg]  
}  
  
class Suspension {  
    RaceCar[1] racecar opposite suspension  
    WheelsAndTyres[1] wheelsAndTyres  
    rideFrequency : Unit[Hz]  
    springStiffness : Unit[N/m]  
  
    equations {  
        rideFrequency == sqrt(springStiffness / (raceCar.mass / 4)) / (2 * pi)  
    }  
  
    class Drivetrain {  
        power : kW  
        capacity : kW-h  
        current : A  
        voltage : V  
  
        equations {  
            power == current * voltage  
        }  
    }  
  
    class WheelsAndTyres {  
    }  
}
```

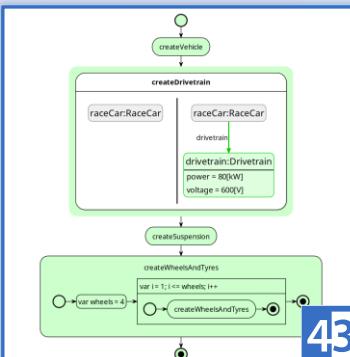
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DC43® Syntax



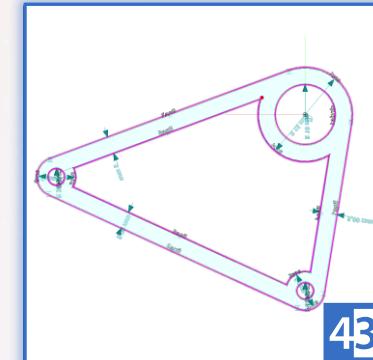
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DC43® Ontologies



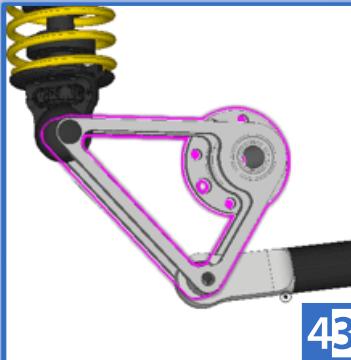
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DC43® Programs



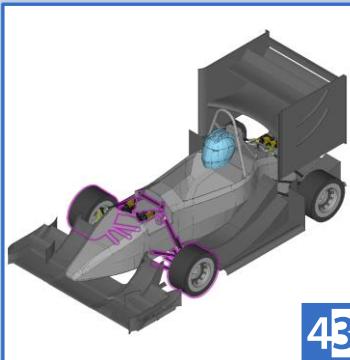
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DC43® Sketches



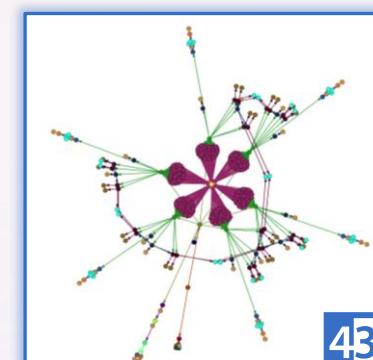
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DC43® Parts



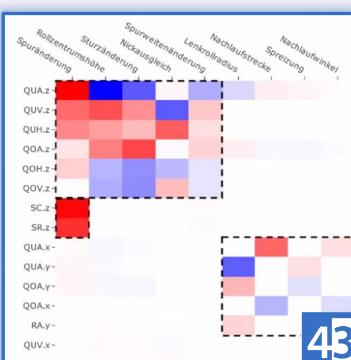
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DC43® Assemblies



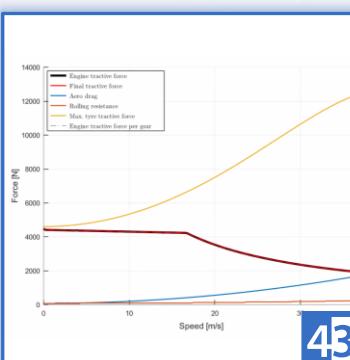
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DC43® Graph



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DC43® Sensitivity



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DC43® Plots

DC43®: Features & Capabilities (2/2)



DC43® Engineering

- built-in **mesher** for complex geometry
- integrated **FEM**, and **thermal solvers** (Elmer®)
- static and dynamic **collision checking**



DC43® Harness

- automated **3D wire harness layout and routing**
- unified **schematic and geometry data integration**
- real-time **3D visualization** and STEP export



DC43® Piping

- automated component **packing** algorithms
- optimised **pipe bend design** with manufacturing constraints
- **bending table generation** and CAD export



DC43® Interfaces

- seamless **integration of Java and Python** code and libraries
- bidirectional **spreadsheet integration** (xlsx, ods, csv)
- **native CAD export** to CATIA, NX, and STEP



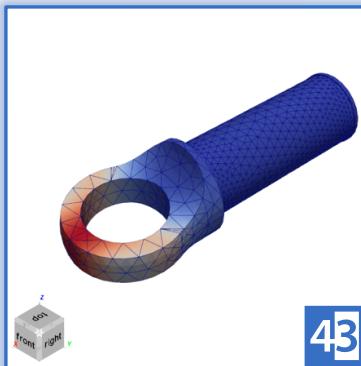
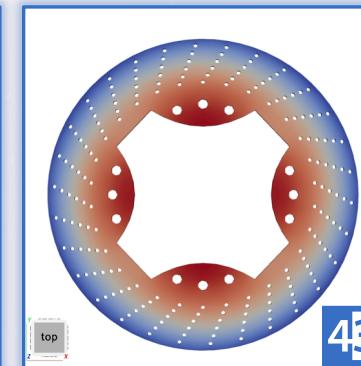
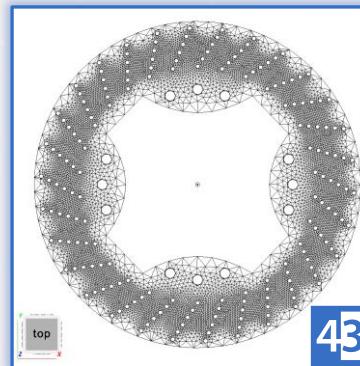
DC43® Collaboration

- integrated **version control** with full audit trail
- **side-by-side comparison** of design versions
- **automated documentation** generation from models



DC43® Platform

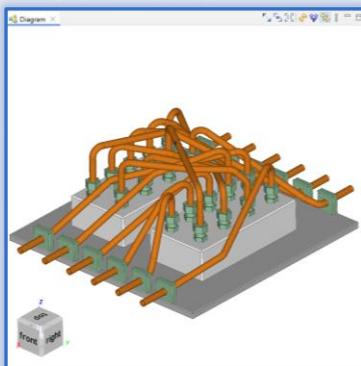
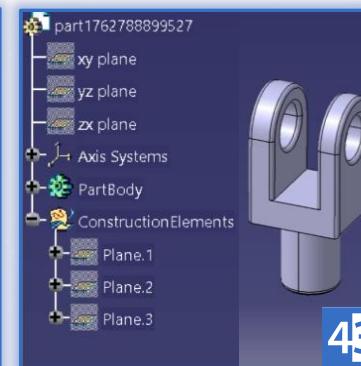
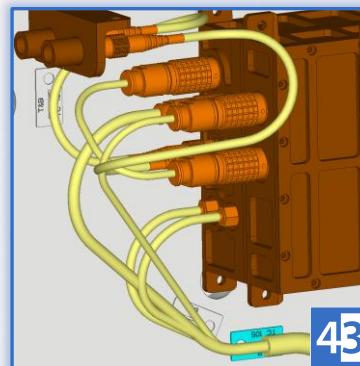
- **standalone executables** for headless deployment
- **REST API** for system integration
- extensible **plugin architecture**



DC43® Mesher

DC43® FEM

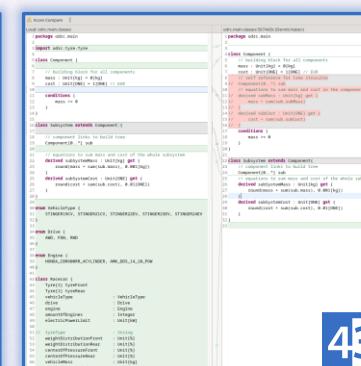
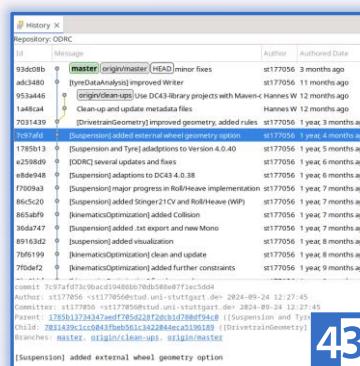
DC43® Thermal



DC43® Harness

DC43® Interfaces

DC43® Piping



DC43® Versioning

DC43® Compare

DC43® ChatBot

DC43®: Benefits & Impact



Efficiency & Automation



accelerates design and analysis cycles

enables systematic exploration of thousands of variants

reduces errors through automated validation

preserves engineering knowledge as reusable assets



Collaboration & Integration



ensures consistency across multi-domain models

supports team collaboration with version control

integrates with existing CAD, CAE, and simulation tools

scales from individual to multi-program applications

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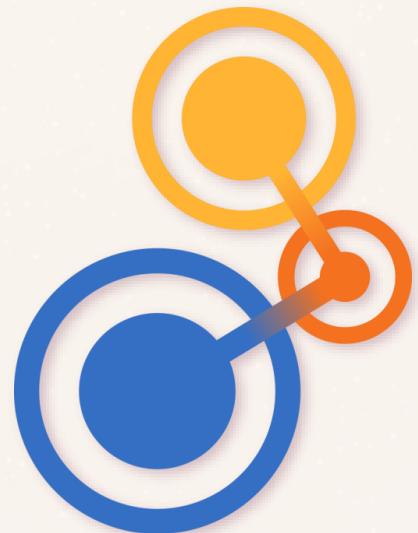
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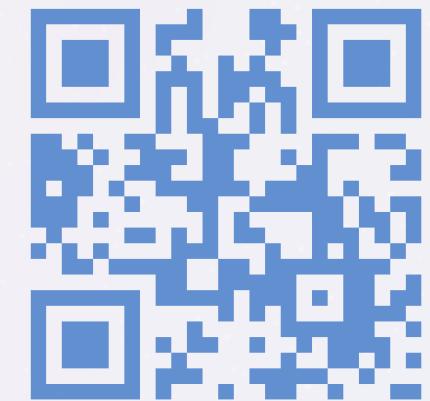
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