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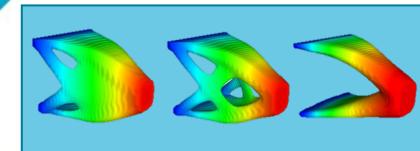
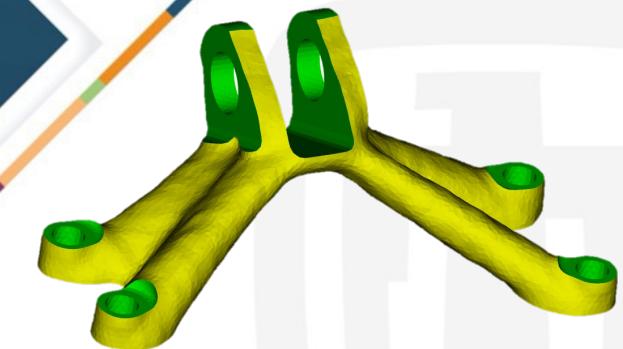
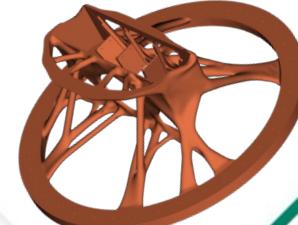
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# PLATO OPTIMIZATION- BASED DESIGN

Trilinos User Group Meeting

Plato Software Development Team

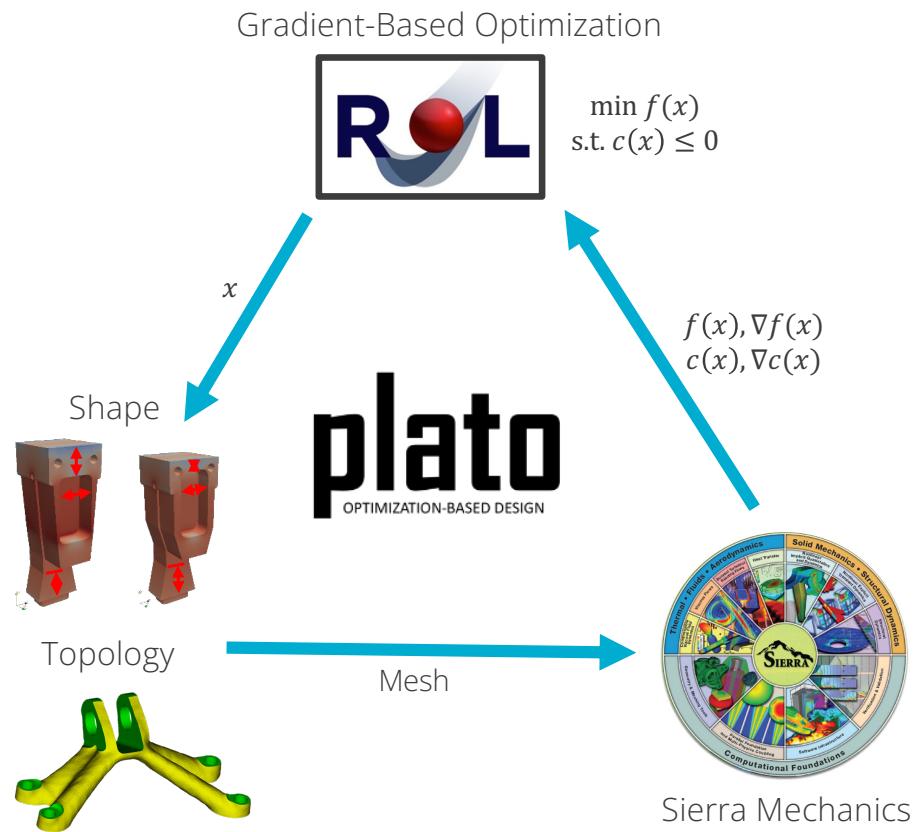
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# PLATO: OPTIMIZATION-BASED GEOMETRY DESIGN



## Strategy for automated design:

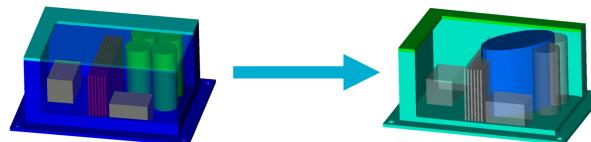
- Quantify quality  $f(x)$  of design  $x$  via simulation
- Formulate a mathematical optimization problem.

## What Plato allows users to do:

- Orchestrate the workflow
- Use gradient-based methods
- Automatically compose function evaluations across software packages for
  - Geometry
  - Meshing
  - Physics Simulation

## Plato's purpose at Sandia:

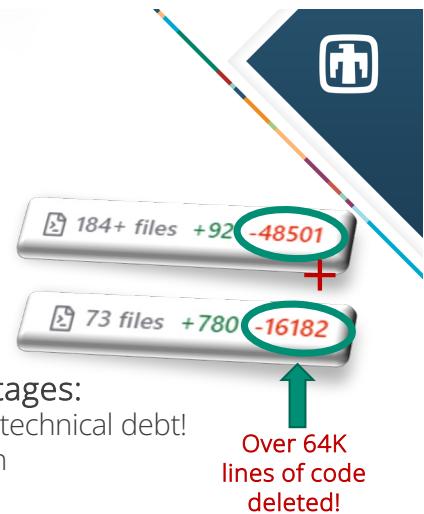
- Platform for shape/topology optimization
- Platform for continued research
- Bread & butter: compliance min., stress-constrained mass min., mass mocks



# PLATO: FY23 Q3 NOTEWORTHY ITEMS

- HOW ARE YOU DELIVERING ON 1IC?
  - Production-ready thrust – improved build/test process integrated with Sierra, partnership with analysts
  - Incorporation of ROL's stochastic optimization capabilities via V&V project
  - Ability to work with and connect to Sierra Mechanics
  - Plans to leverage 1540 UX/UI experience/capabilities
- PERFORMANCE TO PLAN HIGHLIGHTS:
  - Removal of Plato's legacy optimizers completed. **This offers access to new algorithms and reduces our code maintenance burden through removal of 64k+ lines of code!**
  - Joshua Robbins putting together EDC demonstrator for mass property shape optimization based on SD Modal tool functionality
  - Full continuous integration with merge gating enabled for Plato! Easier to use Sierra with Plato and substantially improves Plato's code credibility moving forward.

*Removal of legacy Plato Optimizer and full use of ROL*



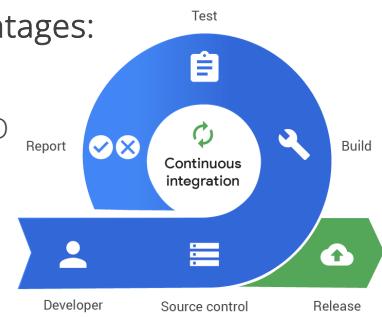
Has resulted in these advantages:

- Removed 64K lines of code & technical debt!
- Reduced maintenance burden
- Increased code sharing
- ROL is only gradient-based optimizer available in Plato

*With help of DevOps, Plato is now on SRN under Continuous Integration*

Has resulted in these advantages:

- More secure development
- Closer integration with Sierra
- Closer integration with FuSED
- Vastly improve code quality
- Always in a releasable state



## HOOK UP TACHO SOLVER

Customer: ASC/Plato

Purpose:

- Epic Goal: Enable Plato Analyze use of ShyLU\_Node solver Tacho
- Sprint Goal: Plato interface is completed, Tacho is solving problems

Impact:

- High-performance cross-platform shared-memory linear solver available in Plato
- More robust testing, CPU-based testing
- Performance improvements?

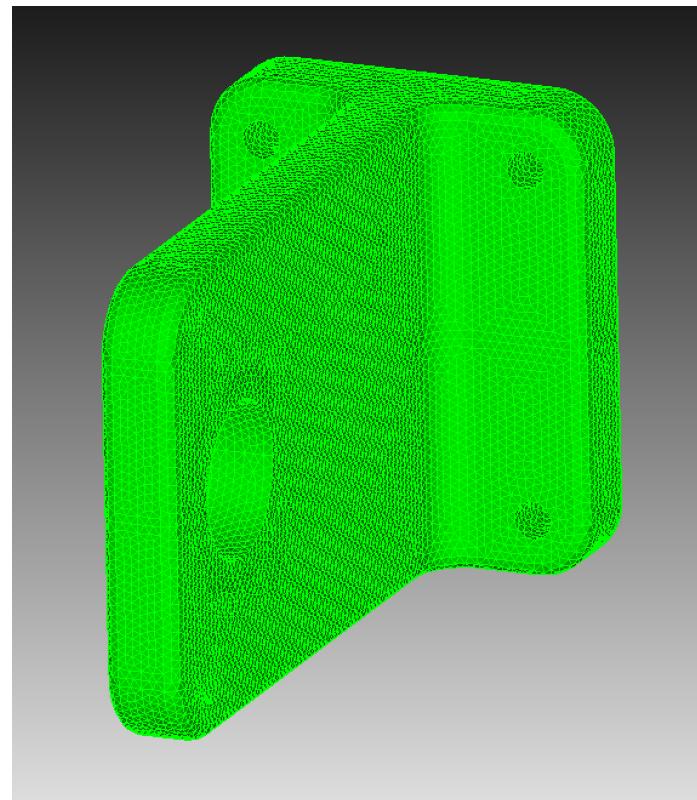


## HOOK UP TACHO SOLVER

Instead of a few days' effort, this turned into a two-sprint odyssey.

Thanks for your help:

- Clark Dohrmann – lending us his interface
- Kyungjoo Kim – helping us compile it
- Christian Trott – helped us update to newer version of Kokkos





## HOOK UP TACHO SOLVER

Timing comparison with AmgX (@ 1e-12) on compliance minimization problem

DOFs	Tacho runtime (forward solve)	AmgX runtime (forward solve)	Tacho runtime (optimization)	AmgX runtime (optimization)
10245	14 s	15 s	11 s	18 s
86559	12 s	16 s	29 s	35 s
195357	14 s	16 s	53 s	91 s
626409	36 s	19 s	170 s	136 s
931500	50 s (14 GB mem)	22 s	252 s	191 s
1470714	Out of memory	26 s	Out of memory	300 s
4857837	Out of memory	Out of memory	Out of memory	Out of memory

## HOOK UP TACHO SOLVER

- Large startup cost obscures behavior for small problem sizes
- AmgX scales better for large problems, as expected
- GPU build of Tacho limited by 32-bit integer indices (this is a choice), device memory.
- Tacho amortizes symbolic factorization cost significantly: subsequent solves in optimization loop much quicker than the first
- To try:
  - Tacho multi-core CPU builds on larger systems (no device memory limit)
  - Tacho with higher-order elements (AmgX struggles)



## HOOK UP TACHO SOLVER

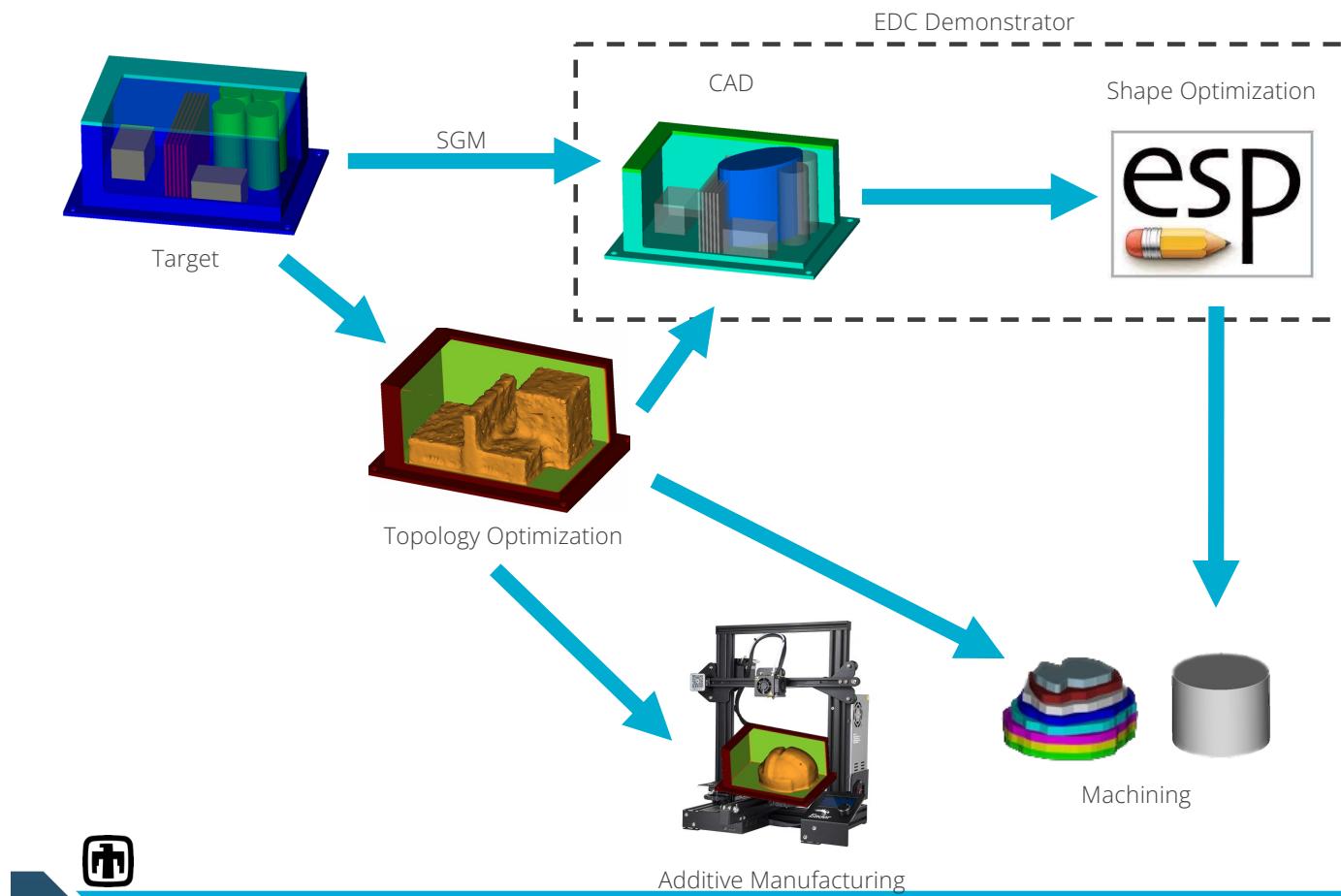
Timing comparison with AmgX (@ 1e-12) on orthotropic compliance minimization problem (poorly conditioned linear system)

DOFs	Tacho runtime (optimization)	AmgX runtime (optimization)
32448	21 s	102 s

### Summary

- Tacho is faster for up to a few hundred thousand DOFs
- Tacho is faster and more robust for poorly-conditioned systems
- Tacho works on CPUs and non-nVidia hardware
- We will default to Tacho but keep AmgX
- We will delete our interface to Epetra-based solvers

## MASS MOCK DESIGN



### Topology Optimization

- Rapid interrogation of target properties
- Material downselect
- Inspiration

### Shape Optimization

- Dialing it in

### EDC demonstrator

- shape optimization of mass properties
- web-based UI components

**plato**  
OPTIMIZATION-BASED DESIGN



## LONG-TERM VISION FOR MATCHING DYNAMICS (FY24+)

User-friendly tools for mass/dynamic mock design and fixture design that drive development of UI/UX components and connection to DEE.

Automatic conversion of CAD to simplified CSG (SGM)

- Mass-properties-aware simplification

Improved numerical algorithms (Sierra/SD)

- Shape sensitivity for shells and contact; investigate MPE sensitivity
- Great opportunity to refactor and clean up Plato-SD interface

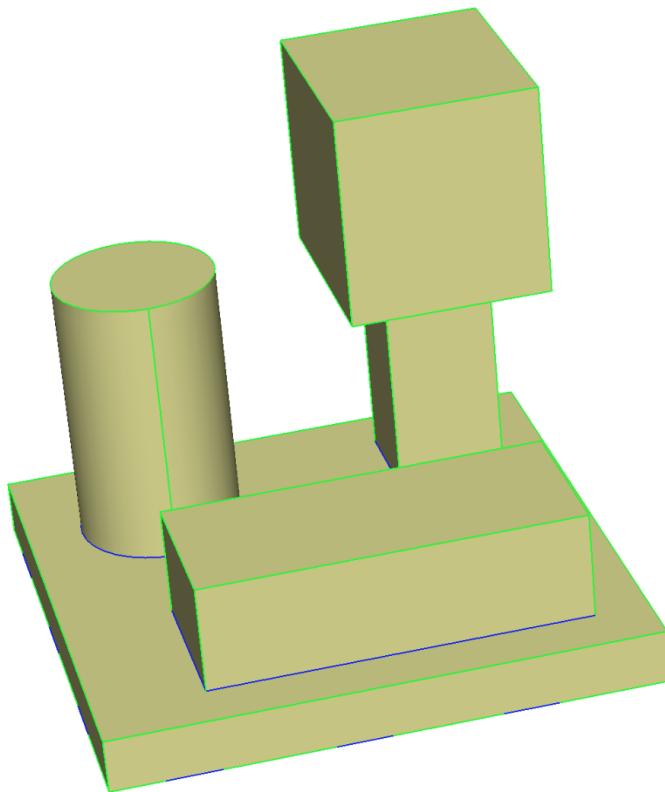
Improved problem formulation (FuSED/ROL)

- Optimal selection of measurement locations
- Generalization measurement operators to account for experimental data.

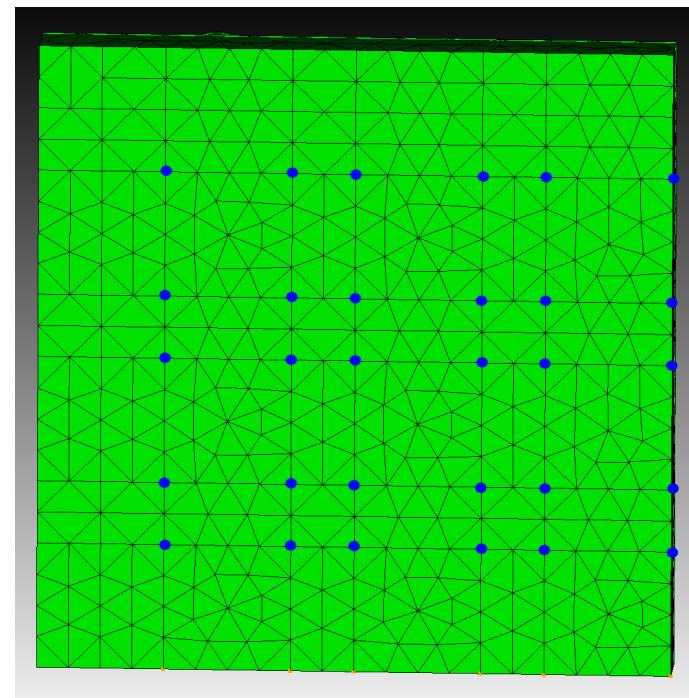
Level-set Methods for Topology Optimization (LDRDs: Alberdi, Dugger)

- Necessary to get good solutions with dynamic physics

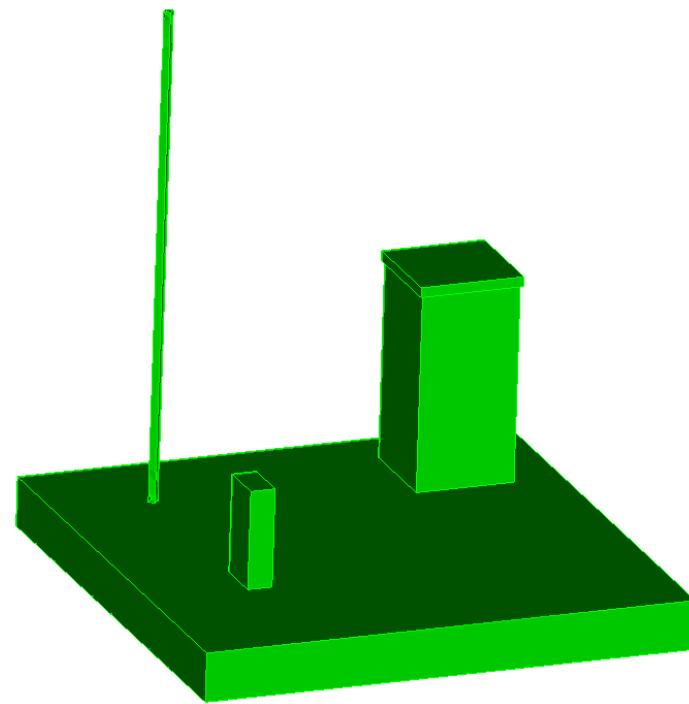
# MASS MOCK MODAL MATCHING



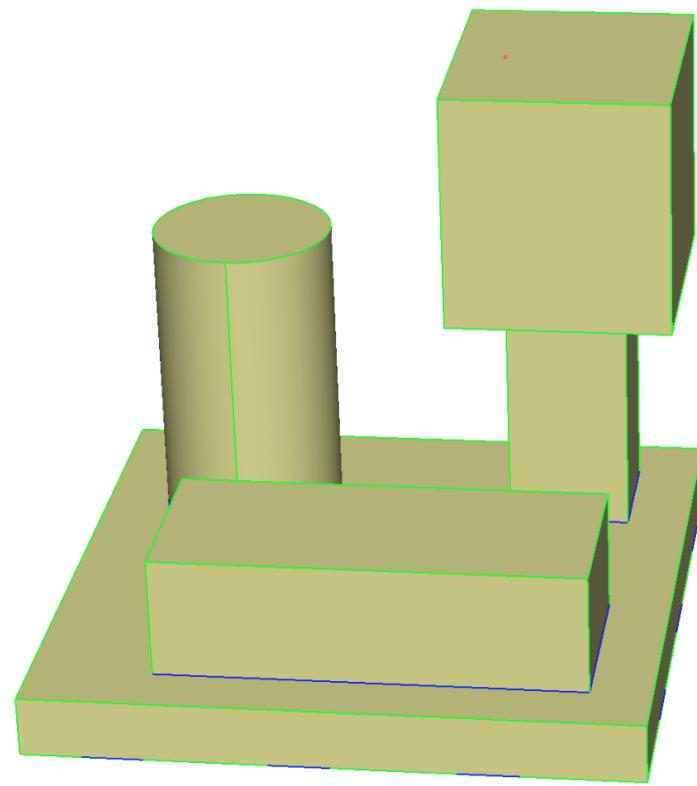
Modes measured at blue dots  
on the bottom of the  
geometry



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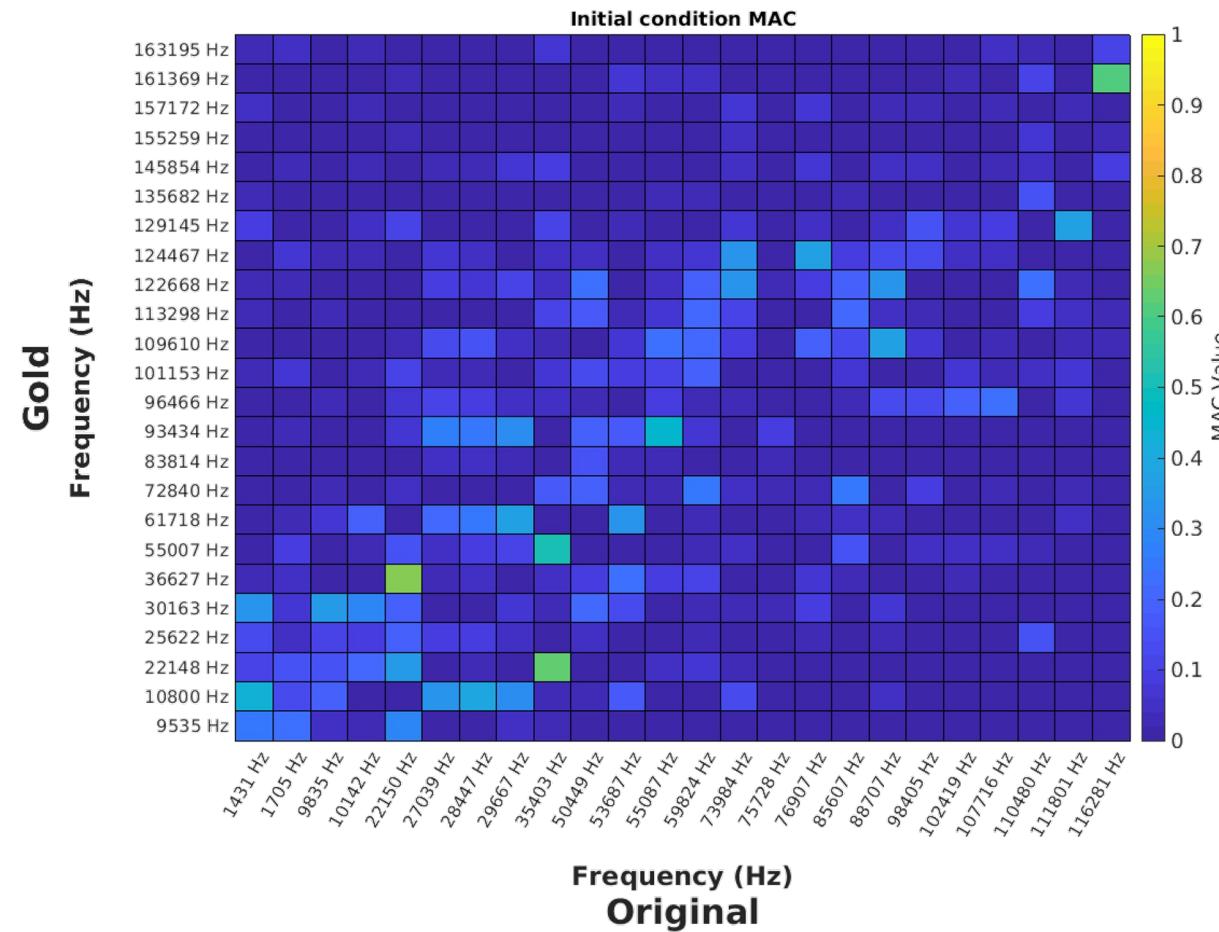
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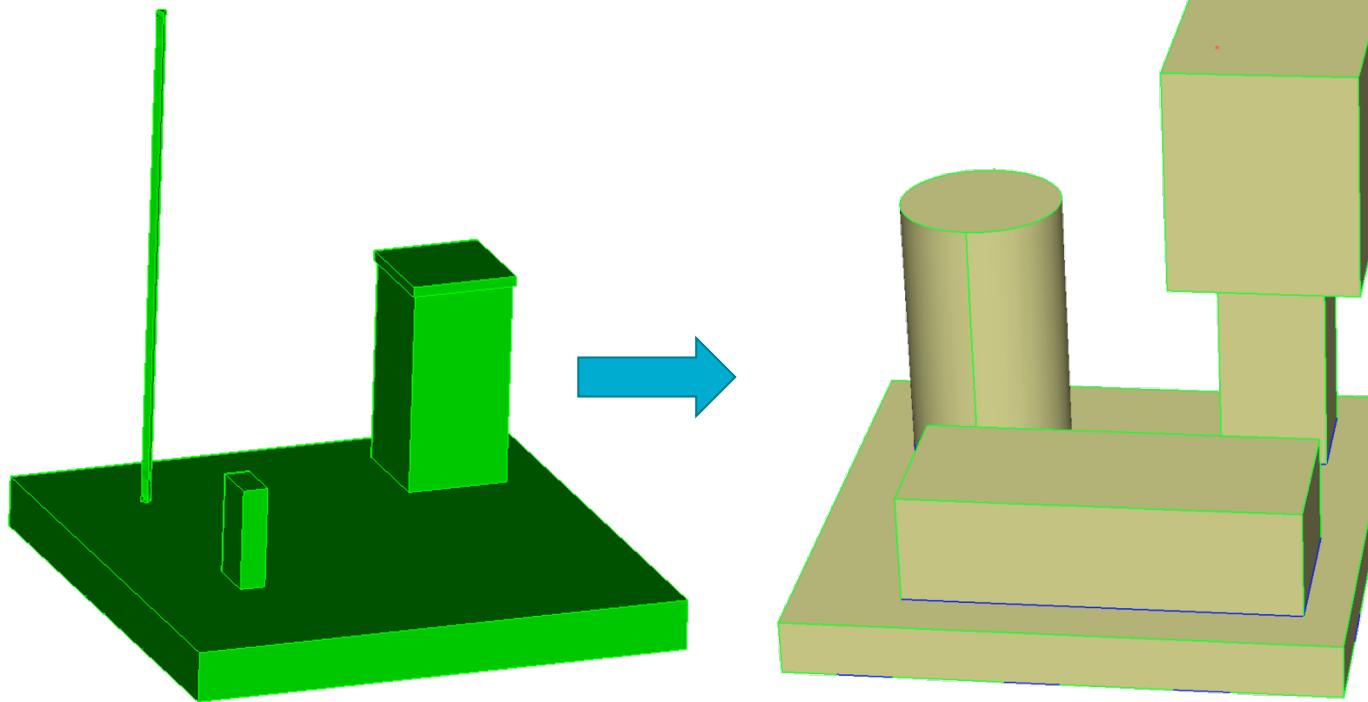
Gold



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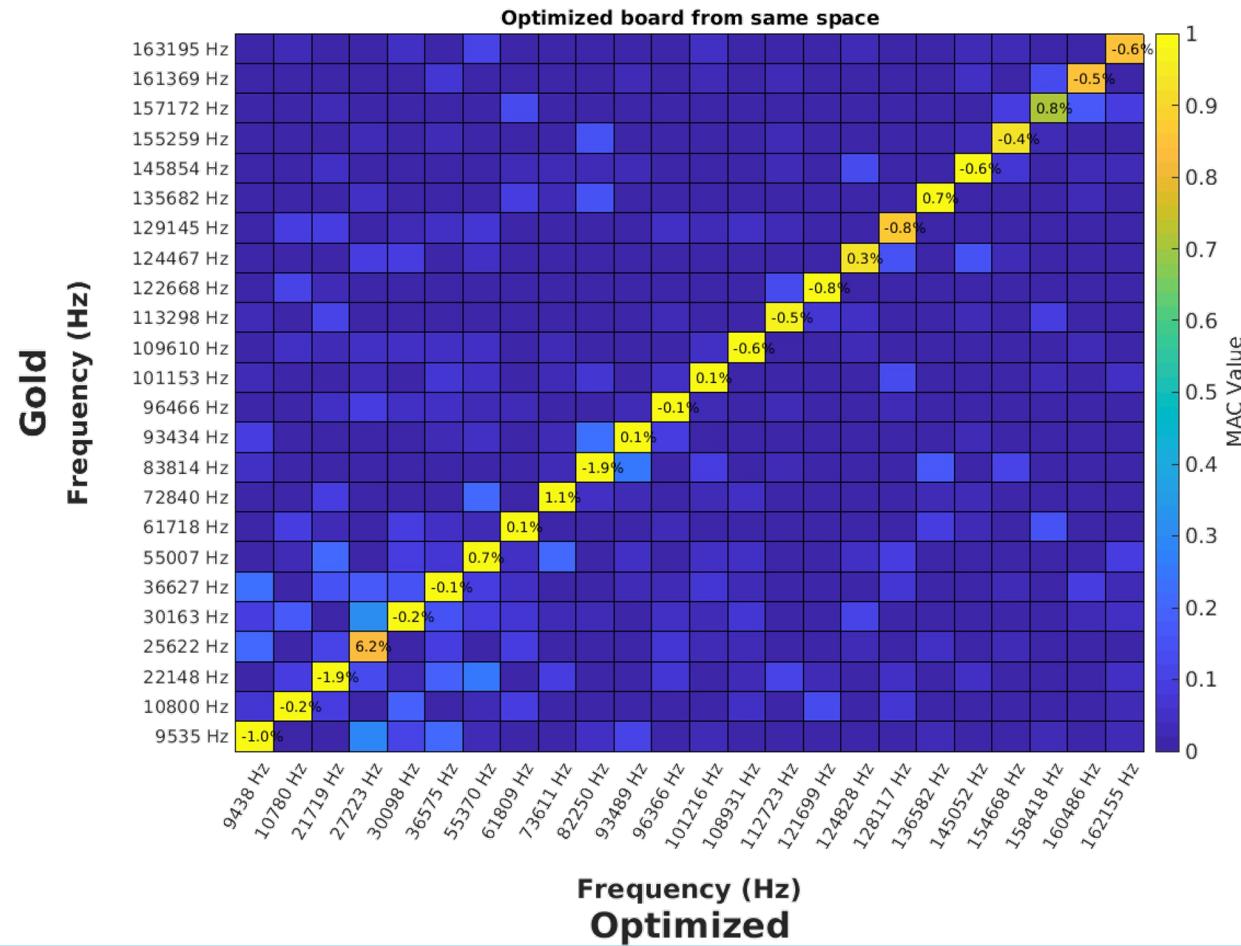


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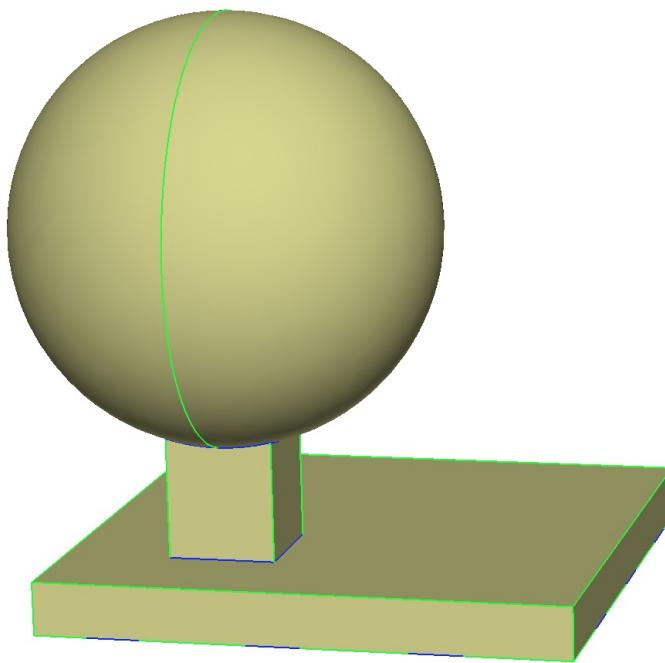


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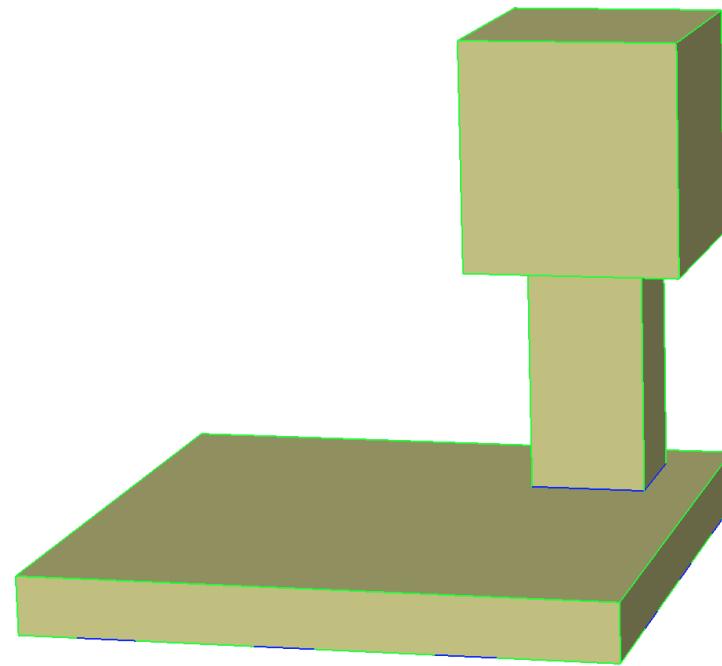
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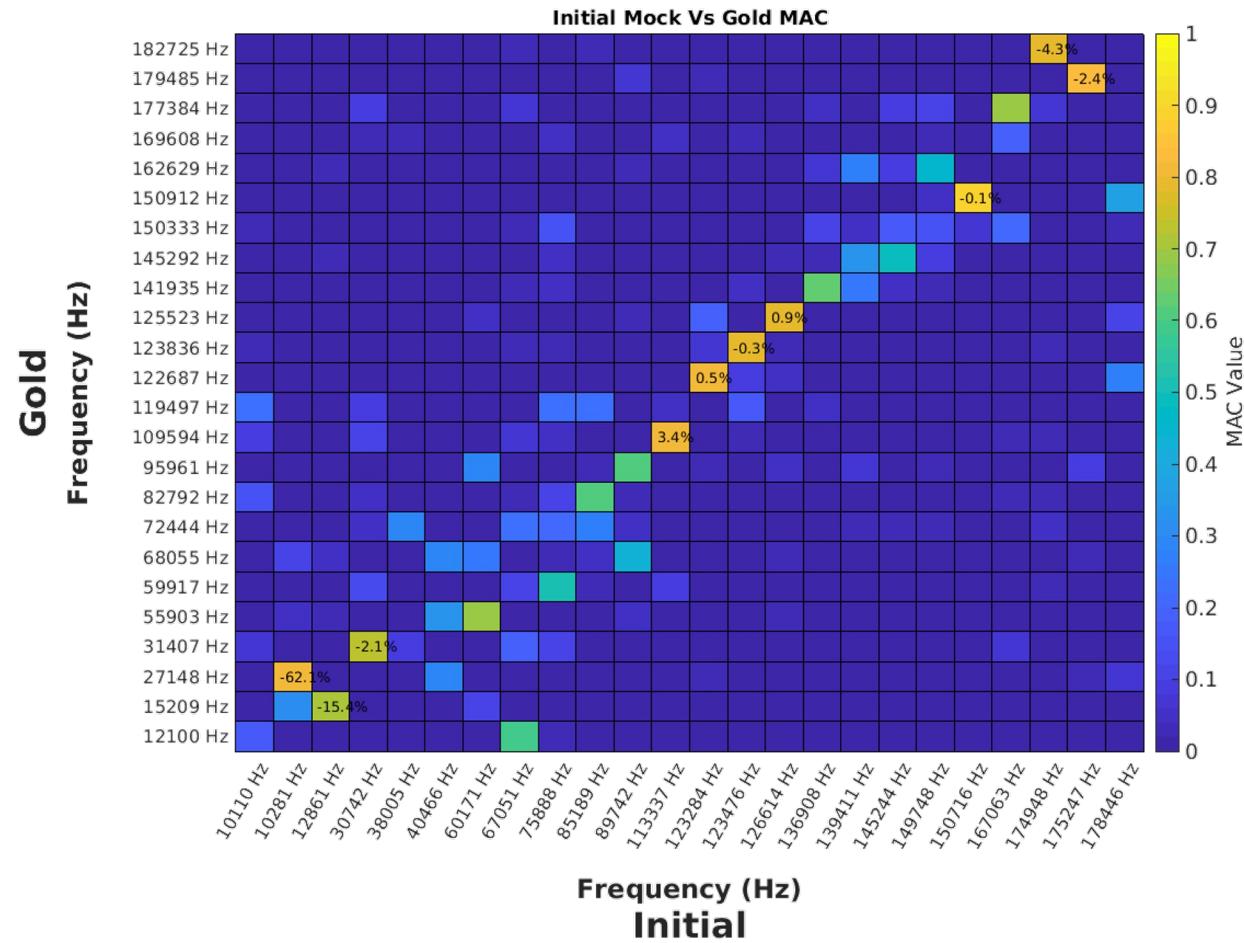
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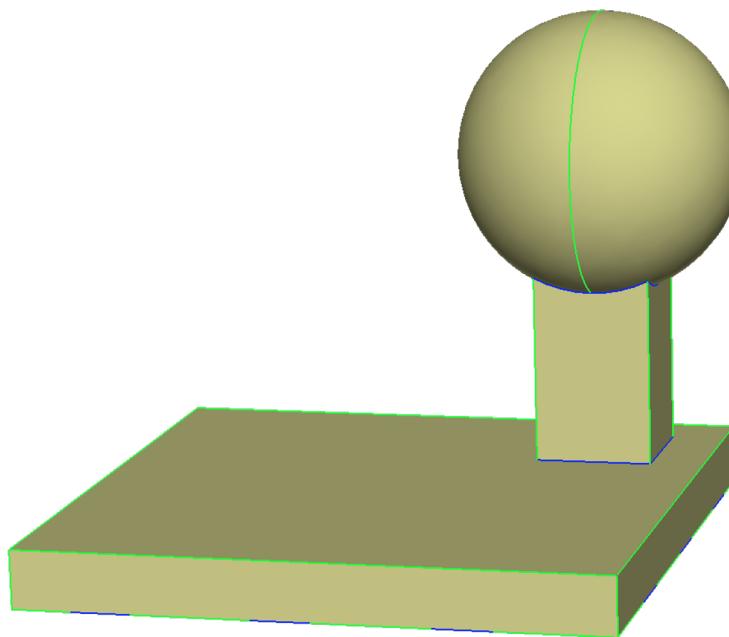
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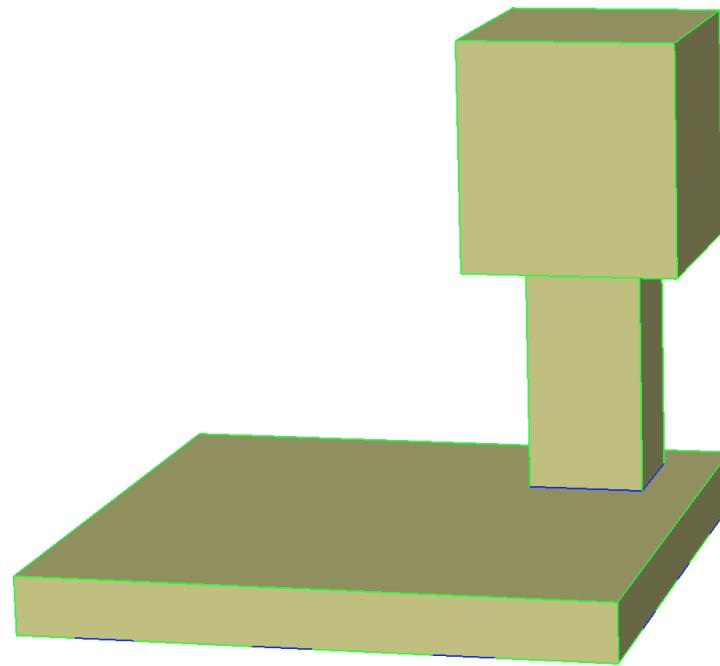
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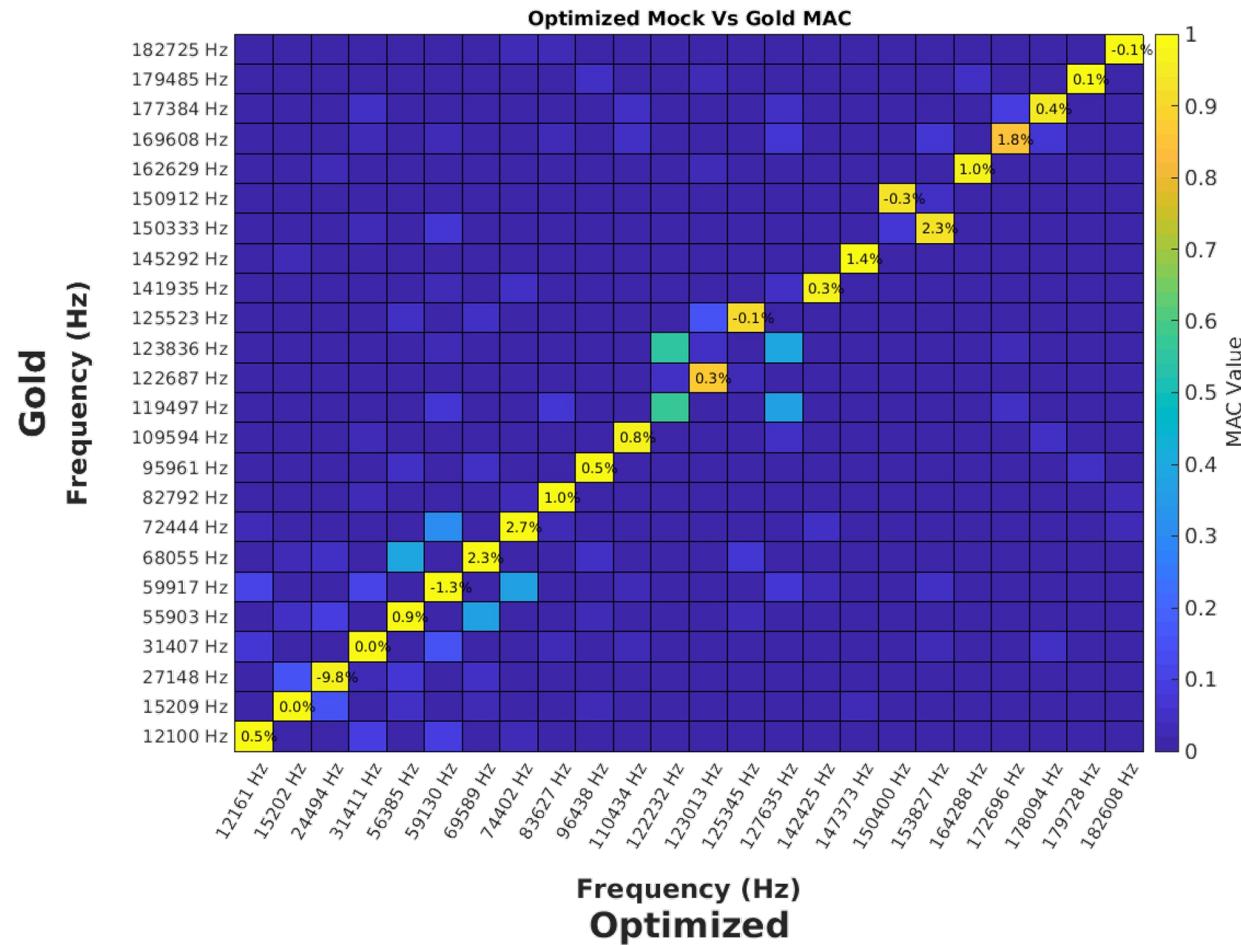
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## PARALLELIZATION OF STOCHASTIC ROL

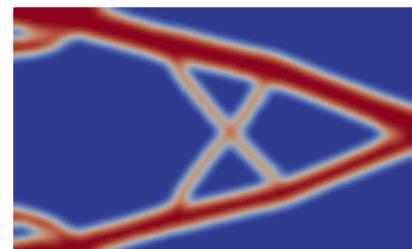
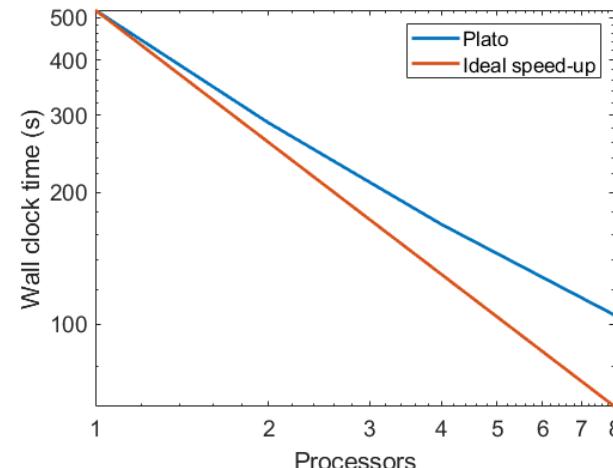
Customer: ASC

### Purpose:

- Epic Goal: Integrate stochastic ROL methods
- Sprint Goal: Implement parallelization
  - Stochastic methods evaluate large numbers of samples
  - Batch compute objectives/gradients over available physics codes
- Future work:
  - Write report

### Impact:

- Running stochastic problems is more practical



Gaussian distribution load  
32 samples

Customer: ASC

### Purpose:

- Epic Goal: Integrate stochastic ROL methods
- Sprint Goal: Write final V&V report
  - Summarized work completed and implementation details
  - Demonstrated parallel speed-up
  - Provided examples of larger scale problems

### Impact:

- Reporting and documentation of stochastic optimization features



Risk neutral



Risk averse

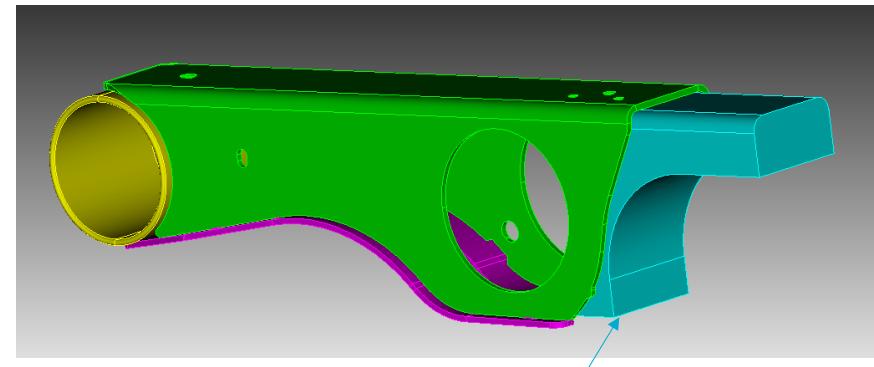
## BRACKET OPTIMIZATION

### Purpose:

- Sprint Goal:
  - Validate bracket designs
  - Follow-up optimization
  - Stress constrained mass minimization

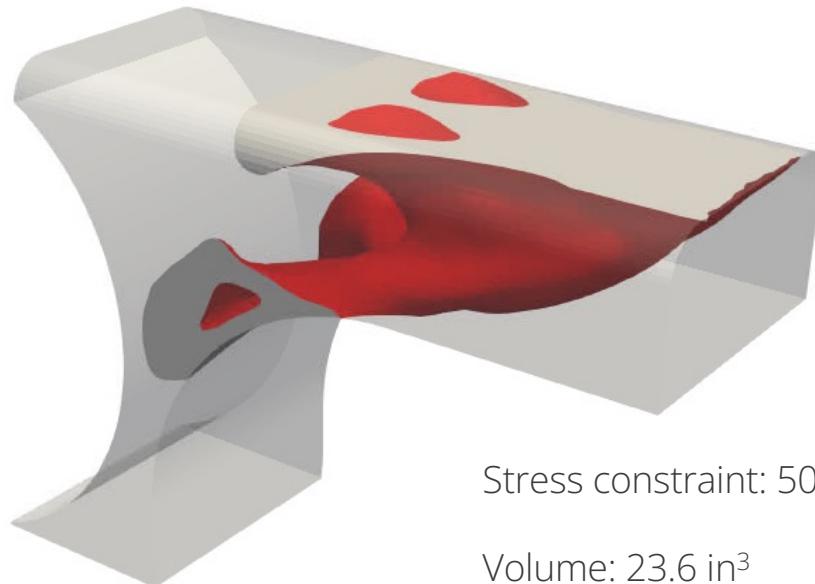
### Results:

- Provided several optimized designs for different stress constraints
- Customer to additively manufacture in 316 stainless



Design volume

## 316 STAINLESS STEEL



Stress constraint: 50.4 ksi

Volume: 23.6 in<sup>3</sup>

Mass: 6.7 lbs

Vol frac: 15.2%

Original volume: 155.2 in<sup>3</sup>

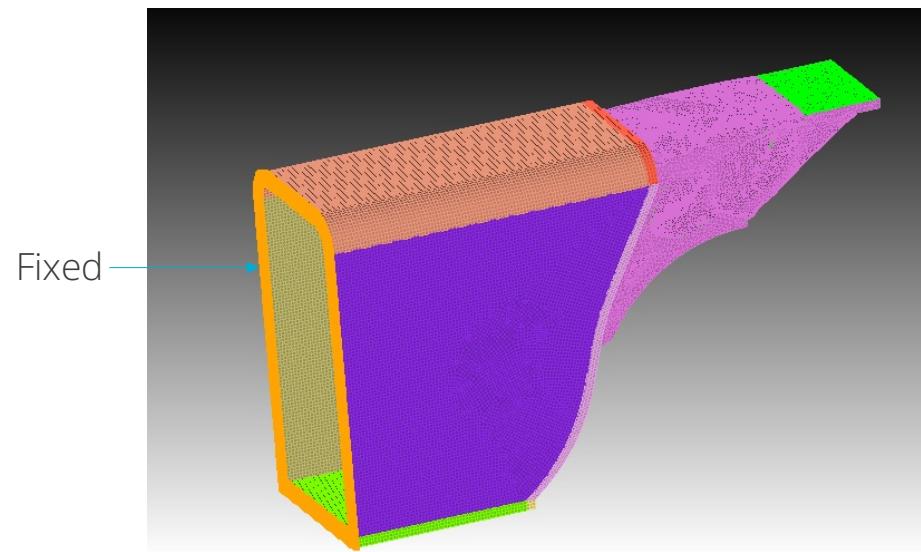
Original mass: 44.5 lbs



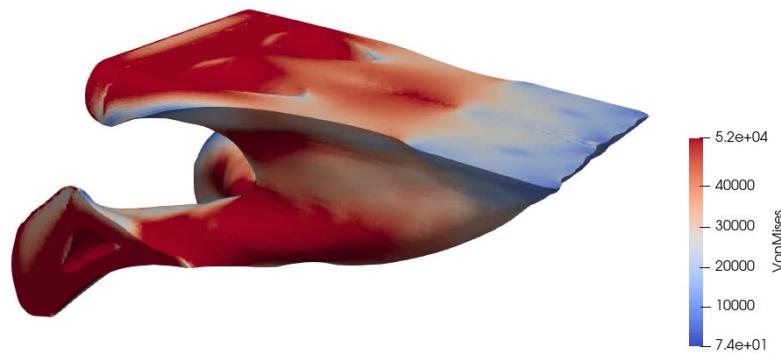


## ANALYSIS RESULTS

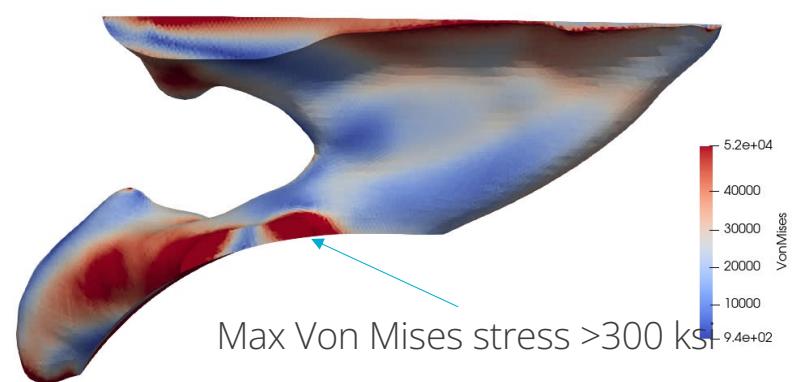
- Extract surfaces from results
- Remesh with tets
- Run in Sierra/SD with a mounting bracket to mimic trailing arm and tet10 elements
- Tied contact BC for weld at interface of the two blocks
- Fixed BCs placed on back of bracket



## 316 STAINLESS DESIGN



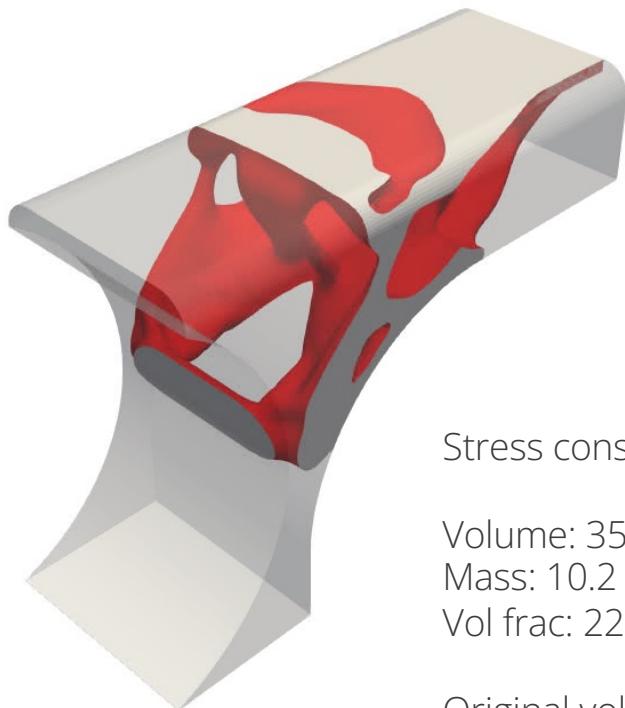
Von Mises stress, capped at 52  
ksi  
Yield strength 59 ksi



Center cut-through

## MODIFIED FIXED BCS

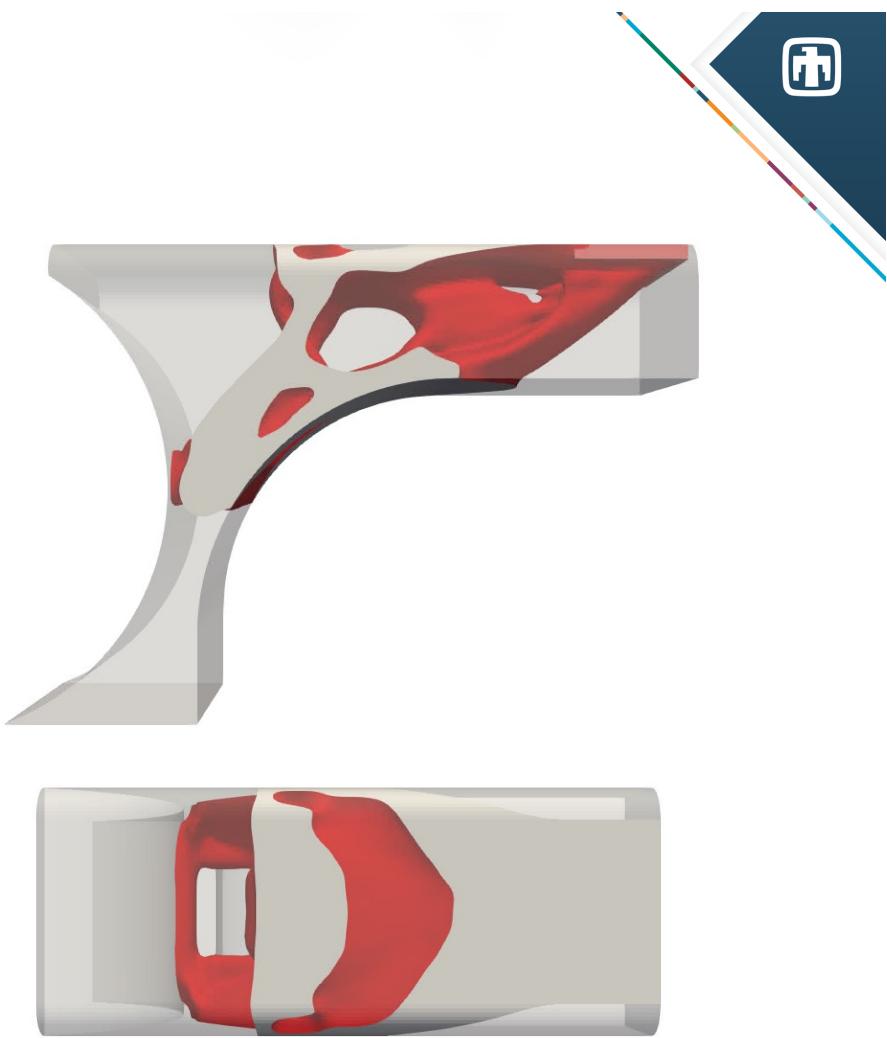
Fixed tangential displacement components  
Free normal components



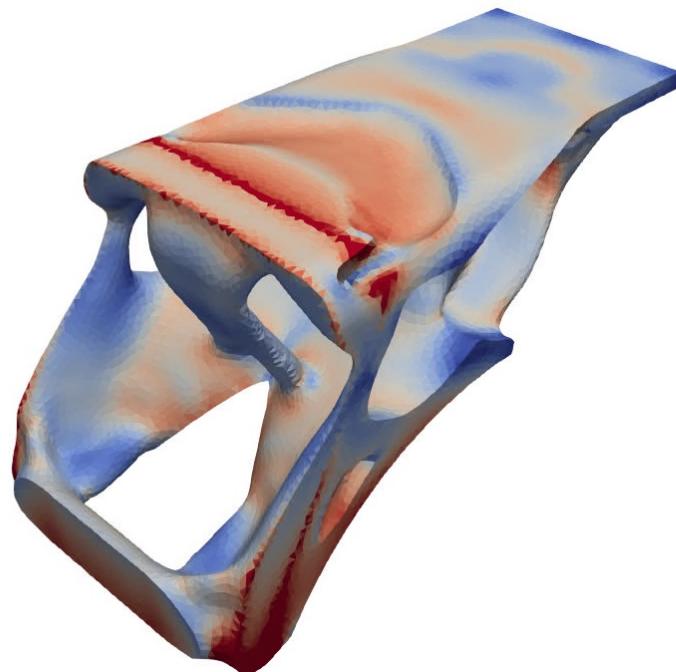
Stress constraint: 50.4 ksi

Volume: 35.5 in<sup>3</sup>  
Mass: 10.2 lbs  
Vol frac: 22.8%

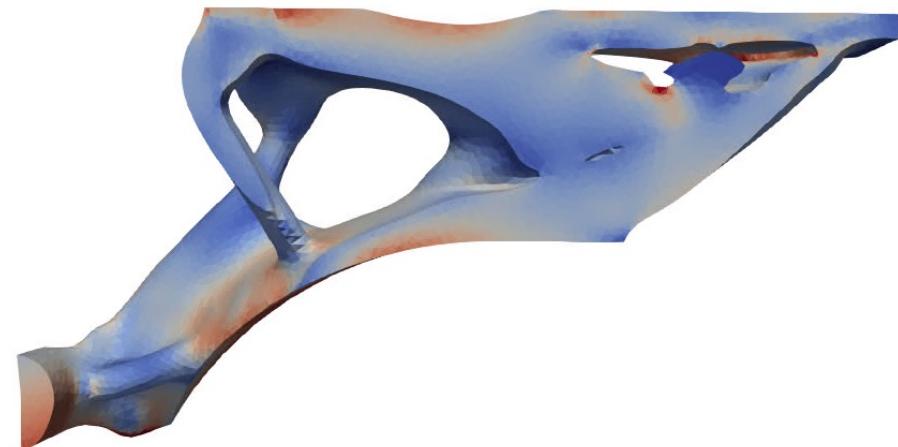
Original volume: 155.2 in<sup>3</sup>  
Original mass: 44.5 lbs



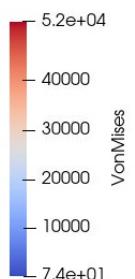
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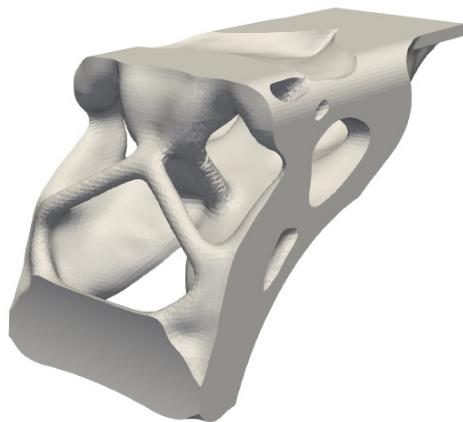
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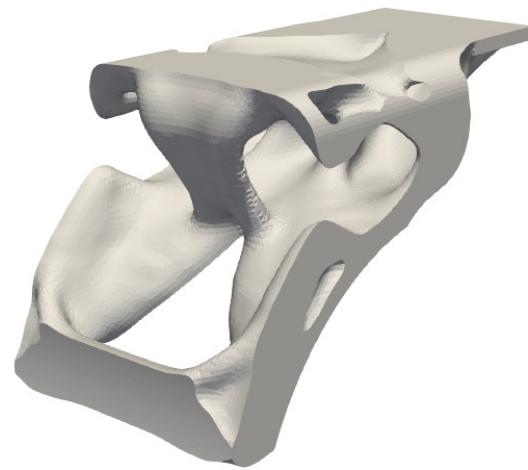


316 stainless steel



Stress constraint: 60%  
yield strength (35.6 ksi)

Mass: 12.7 lbs



Stress constraint: 70%  
yield strength (41.5 ksi)

Mass: 10.3 lbs



Stress constraint: 80%  
yield strength (47.5 ksi)

Mass: 8.7 lbs

## CONCLUSION: DIRECTION OF PLATO



### **Plato has an entrepreneurial history...**

- Focus on research capabilities: proof of concept without maturation
- Development of its own optimizers, physics code
- Success in proving capability, bringing in SPP, LDRD funding

### **but now is becoming a production code:**

- Strengthening Agile practices
- Incorporation of Continuous Integration (CI)
- Switch to ROL, pivot focus to Sierra Mechanics while maintaining AM engagements

### **Desired relationship with Trilinos:**

- Strong collaboration with ROL on research, optimizer development, stochastic problems
- Continued engagement with Kokkos for performance portability
- Development of Tacho: need for performance-portable shared-memory sparse-direct linear solver

