### **Digital Twin in the First-Part-Right production chain** WZL Seminar - Innovations in Bevel Gear Technology 2020





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## **Digital Twin in the First-Part-Right production chain** Agenda.



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# **Digital Twin in the First-Part-Right production chain** Application – bevel gear set for bucket wheel excavator.





## 1. GWJ Technology

- GWJ Technology was founded in January 2000
- Today: market-leader in web-based calculation software for standard machine elements; among Top 5 of software providers for gears, especially for cylindrical and bevel gears, and system calculation
- Individual software development
- Engineering & consulting

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# 1. GWJ Technology

#### Products

- eAssistant: Web-based calculation software for machine elements such as shafts, bearings & gears = online solution of TBK including 3D CAD plugins & add-on "SystemManager"
- **TBK:** Calculation software for gear design & mechanical engineering, shafts, bearings & gears, ... 3D CAD plugins available & add-on "SystemManager"
- GearEngineer: Special gear software as a basis for 5-axis milling of gears, provides the real 3D gear tooth form of cylindrical & bevel gears













Digital Twin in the First-Part-Right production chain



## 1. Application Example: Bucket Wheel Excavator

- The basic process of the first-part-right manufacturing is to be presented by using a bevel gear stage, which is used, for example, in bucket wheel excavators.
- Only soft machining was used in this application example (without hardening process)
- Spiral bevel gear set with constant tooth depth: Klingelnberg Zyklo-Palloid

 $z_1 = 17, d_{e1} = 270 \text{ mm}$   $z_2 = 48, d_{e2} = 760 \text{ mm}$   $m_{nm} = 12 \text{ mm}$   $\beta_m = 30^\circ$ b = 100 mm



# **Digital Twin in the First-Part-Right production chain** Bevel gear design – birth of Digital Twin.







- Start of the process chain:
  - Dimensioning in development/design department or
  - Customer's drawings in work preparation department
- There is just a small number of software to determine the real gear tooth of bevel gears; often only approximate solutions based on a virtual cylindrical gear
- GWJ s software **GearEngineer** is available worldwide since the beginning of 2010
- Supports the dimensioning of gears, re-calculation and optimization including the real tooth form





- GearEngineer calculates the gear tooth form based on a mathematical simulation of the manufacturing process analogous to traditional manufacturing on gear cutting machines. This leads to a real 3D gear tooth geometry of bevel gears.
- **Tooth profile** is an **octoidal** tooth profile => Provides a comparable strength and running behavior identical to conventional manufactured gears!
- Calculation of load capacity is based on ISO 10300.
- Tooth contact analysis without load including collision check for determination of the micro geometry = modifications







- Output of the 3D gear tooth form including micro geometry via neutral format 3D STEP/ IGES; calculation information is saved directly in the CAD data!
- Accuracy resolution is adjustable.
- Generation of solid models, surface model of tooth space as well as curves and nominal data



- Direct further use for manufacturing, for example transfer to CAM system or basis for other manufacturing processes such as forging, sintering or additive manufacturing (3D printing)
- In addition to straight, helical and spiral bevel gears, other gear types are supported.





- Geometry of the CAD model matches the future product
   = digital gear twin
- Backlash (or tooth thickness tolerance for cylindrical gears) can be adjusted before the generation of the model starts.
- Further details such as safeties from the load capacity, speeds, torques and materials are stored as information and can be evaluated by subsequent processes.





# **Digital Twin in the First-Part-Right production chain** Single-piece production on Universal Machining Centers.





#### Universal CAM System for 5-Axis Simultaneous Machining

- Use of an universal CAM offers several advantages:
  - Not only gears can be machined on the universal machining center
    - Wide range of machining strategies possible
    - Import of 3D gear geometry via STEP/IGES as solid or surface model as well as curves
    - => Further use of the digital gear twin
- 5-axis simultaneous machining capability for the manufacturing of helical and spiral bevel gears is required
- Function to use the entire flute length of the end mill cutter increases tool life and machining quality





#### Tools

- Standard cutting tools from standard tooling catalog, as already known from mold and die industry, can be used.
- No special tools are needed, fast and easy available.
- Inserts can be rotated or exchanged.
- Solid carbide cutter can be reground.
- Form cutter or other special tools are also possible.
- In the example presented here, tools of the company Aura were used.







#### Requirements on Universal Machining Centers for 5-Axis and Free-Form Milling of Gears

- Stiffness and accuracy of the machining center should be high as possible to achieve required gear tolerances.
- 5-axis simultaneous machining capability for the manufacturing of helical and spiral bevel gears.
- Workpiece Ø from large to small => 6-axis machining centers are advantageous; fork-type milling head with rotational and swivel axis for simultaneous machining without table movement, table takes over just the pitch => therefore always the same milling situation, i.e. mass moment of inertia of the workpiece plays a minor part during manufacturing.
- 6-axis machining centers are more efficient for a small number of teeth, especially with regard to necessary travel paths.
- Foundation, possible air conditioning and temperature stability are important factors for reaching gear qualities.



#### Universal Machining Center in Use

- 5- and 6-axis machine with rotary table and fork-type milling head
- 5-side machining in one setup
- Integrated air-conditioning
- Very compact machine with large working area utilizing minimal floor-space
- Customized distance between spindle nose and clamping surface
- Round rotary table with center hole for machining pinion shafts

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#### Milling Simulation and Collision Check with Digital Tool and Machine Twins

Simulation of the tool paths in CAM system by means of digital **tool twins**.



Simulation of the travel paths with collision check by means of digital machine twin.





#### Machining time for gear cutting process

Machining time for gear cutting: approx. **10.5 hours** 



Machining time for gear cutting: approx. 7 hours



# **Digital Twin in the First-Part-Right production chain** Metrology – tactile and optical.



# **Digital Twin in the First-Part-Right production chain** Metrology – tactile with ZEISS PRISMO fortis.



## **ZEISS Solutions for gear metrology** Successful concept.





### **ZEISS PRISMO fortis** Tailored to your demands.

#### **ZEISS PRISMO fortis**



- Precise and robust bridge-type CMM
- Measuring volume [X/Y/Z] 1200/1800/1000 [mm]
- Active probing system VAST gold
- Air bearing rotary table RT-AB
- Maximum environmental temperature up to 37°C (optional 40°C)
  Hardware stability due to
  - additional CAA-corrections (thermal bending corrections)
  - floating mounted ZERODUR<sup>®</sup> scales
  - pneumatic damping system
  - optimized air bearings on the Y-carriage
- Environmental conditions: 18-37°C: 5 K/d 2 K/h 1 K/m







### **Bevel gear metrology software ZEISS GEAR PRO bevel** Measuring program definition on Digital Twin.

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- Definition of measuring program is based on Digital Twin / CAD model
- New in 2020 version of
  ZEISS GEAR PRO bevel:
  extraction of geometry
  parameters from CAD
- Automatic measuring run based on data matrix (grid)



### **Metrology – tactile with ZEISS PRISMO fortis** Video.





Video

Rotary table face plate for diameters up to 630 mm



Face plate extension for diameters up to 800 mm

## **Metrology – tactile with ZEISS PRISMO fortis** Results – Evaluation with ZEISS GEAR PRO bevel.



- Conventional reporting
- Topography:
  - $\pm$  5  $\mu m$  deviations from nominal
- Pitch and runout:

actual values  $\leq$  7  $\mu$ m

actual tolerance grade 2





# **Digital Twin in the First-Part-Right production chain** Metrology – optical with GOM ATOS 5 for Airfoil.



## **The ATOS 5 family** ATOS 5 | ATOS 5X | ATOS 5 for Airfoil.

Industrial Optical 3D Metrology with High-Speed Technology





ATOS 5 High-speed 3D scanning system



ATOS 5 for Airfoil Precise scanning of smallest details



ATOS 5X Automated scanning for large measuring areas



#### **GOM ATOS 5 for Airfoil** High-Speed with High Detail Resolution.

#### ATOS 5 for Airfoil – High-Speed with High Detail Resolution



- Fringe projection with LED light source
- Resolution 12 Megapixel
- Measuring volume 100, 170, 270, 400
- Applied focal plane 270 x 200 mm<sup>2</sup>
- Working distance 530 mm
- Precise scanning of smallest details
- Optimized, shortened working distance
- Extremely high stability in automated applications, originally designed for application in jet engines and gas turbines





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# **Robot teaching with GOM Software**

Measuring program definition on Digital Twin.

#### GOM Software – Virtual Measuring Room (Digital Machine Twin)

- Exact, high resolution CAD model is basis for fully automatic sensor positioning
- Normal vectors from CAD define the measuring strategy
- Possibility of virtual measuring run definition with CAD model (Offline programming)
- Automatic collision detection and correction in path planning
- Measuring run simulation



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### **Metrology – optical with GOM ATOS 5 for Airfoil** Video.







Video

## **Metrology – optical with GOM ATOS 5 for Airfoil** Results – Evaluation with ZEISS GEAR PRO bevel.

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- Conventional reporting as the tactile world
- Topography:
  - $\pm\,9\,\mu m$  deviations from nominal
- Pitch and runout:

actual values  $\leq 8 \ \mu m$ 

actual tolerance grade 2





- Evaluation of the complete flanks with histogram visualization
- Fast and holistic overview of the complete workpiece









Not visible with conventional evaluation – root radius curve





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Not visible with conventional evaluation – chip in the root cone







# **Digital Twin in the First-Part-Right production chain** Comparison of metrology.



### **Digital Twin in the First-Part-Right production chain** Metrology – comparison – time.



System	ZEISS	GOM	ZEISS	GOM	
	PRISMO	ATOS 5	PRISMO	ATOS 5	
	fortis	for Airfoil	fortis	for Airfoil	
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Dataset size STL	-	350 MB	-	1,000 MB	
Measuring points	≈ 7,000	≈ 3,500,000	≈ 18,000	≈ 10,000,000	
Preparation time [t]	10 Min	30 Min	10 Min	40 Min	
Dataset creation time [t]	-	17 Min	-	35 Min	
Polygonization time [t]	-	14 Min	-	35 Min	*time for conventiona
Measuring time [t]	40 Min	9 Min*	90 Min	30 Min*	gear evaluation with
Total time [t]	50 Min	61 Min (70 Min*)	100 Min	110 Min (140 Min*)	ZEISS GEAR PRO bevel

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### **Digital Twin in the First-Part-Right production chain** Metrology – comparison – results pinion.





Difference optical / tactile // topography  $\leq$  5  $\mu$ m // pitch  $\leq$  1,5  $\mu$ m // runout  $\leq$  1,5  $\mu$ m

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### **Digital Twin in the First-Part-Right production chain** Metrology – comparison – results ring gear.







Difference optical / tactile // topography  $\leq$  5  $\mu$ m // pitch  $\leq$  6  $\mu$ m // runout  $\leq$  8  $\mu$ m

## **Digital Twin in the First-Part-Right production chain** Metrology – comparison optical / tactile with GOM Software.









# **Digital Twin in the First-Part-Right production chain** Summary & outlook.



## **Digital Twin in the First-Part-Right production chain** Summary & outlook.



- Exact CAD models are state of the art, also at bevel gear design process
- Continuous data use is possible by means of Digital Gear Twin
- Digital twin enables the manufacturing of the first part as well as further quantities or spare parts
- The first part can be reproduced at any time
- Different production chain steps use the same data base (manufacturing, metrology, quality assurance)
- Comparability between optical and tactile metrology on application example in the range of less than  $\pm$  5 10  $\mu$ m
- Optical metrology offers new insights in evaluation possibilities,
  e.g. holistic evaluation of the complete workpiece



### **Digital Twin in the First-Part-Right production chain** Outlook.



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# Thank you for your attention!

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