

Response Surface Methodology  
and  
Its application to automotive  
suspension designs

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1. Size optimization for beam stiffens
2. Size optimization for section beam property

# I. Introduction and Basis of Response surface Methodology (RSM)

# History of RSM

## ■ 1951 Box & Wilson

Contributed RSM of Quadratic Polynomials

## ■ 1988 ~ 1990 Design Of Experiments (DOE)

Taguchi DOE (Taguchi Method)

Myers & Montgomery DOE → RSM

## ■ 1992 ~ 1994 Quality engineering

The Process of a semiconductor ... etc

## ■ 1995 Optimization for Numerical Analysis

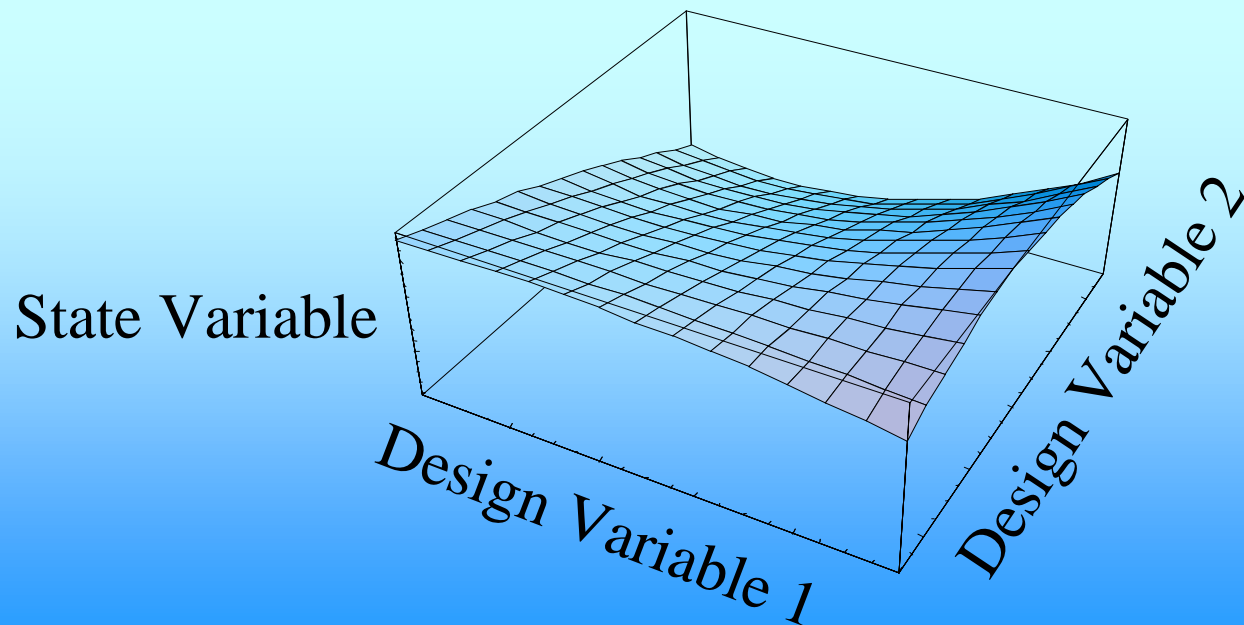
Haftka Composite Wing Structural Optimization

Shiratori Design Optimization of automotive Seat frame

# What's RSM

- Approximation Optimization
- Approximation Function = Response surface
- Response surface

Least square method & Design of Experiments

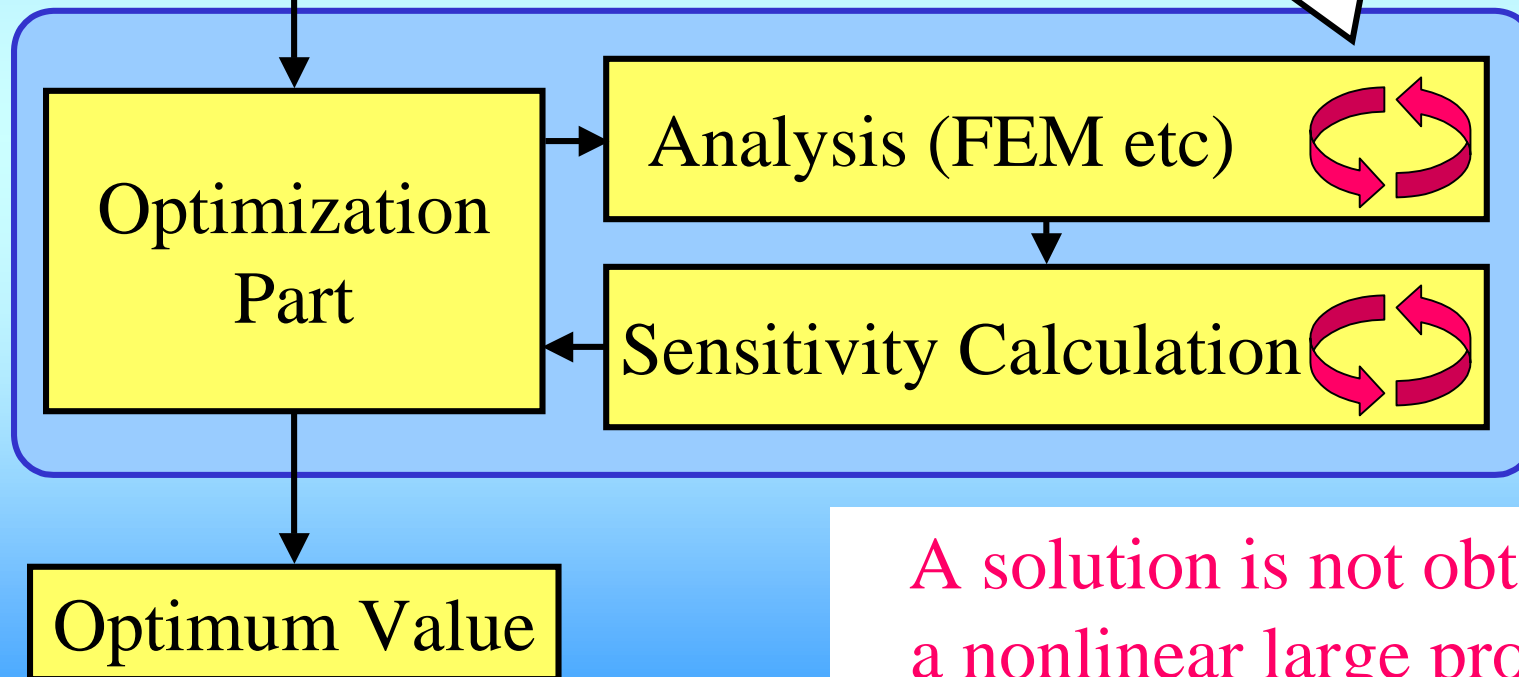


# Why is R.S.M.

## Conventional Optimization

Optimization Problem setup  
Design Variable, Objective Function, Constraint

Huge calculation  
Time & Resources



A solution is not obtained  
a nonlinear large problem.

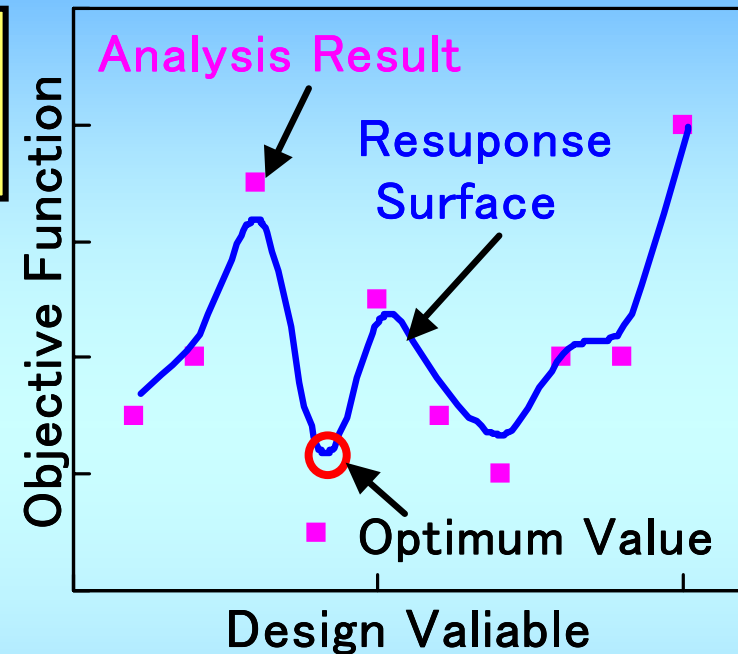
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Response surface creation  
A function is approximated.

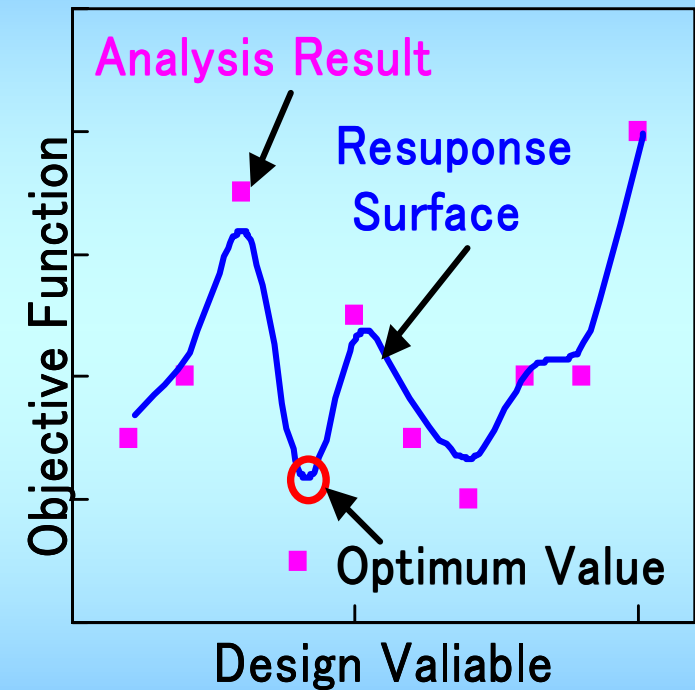
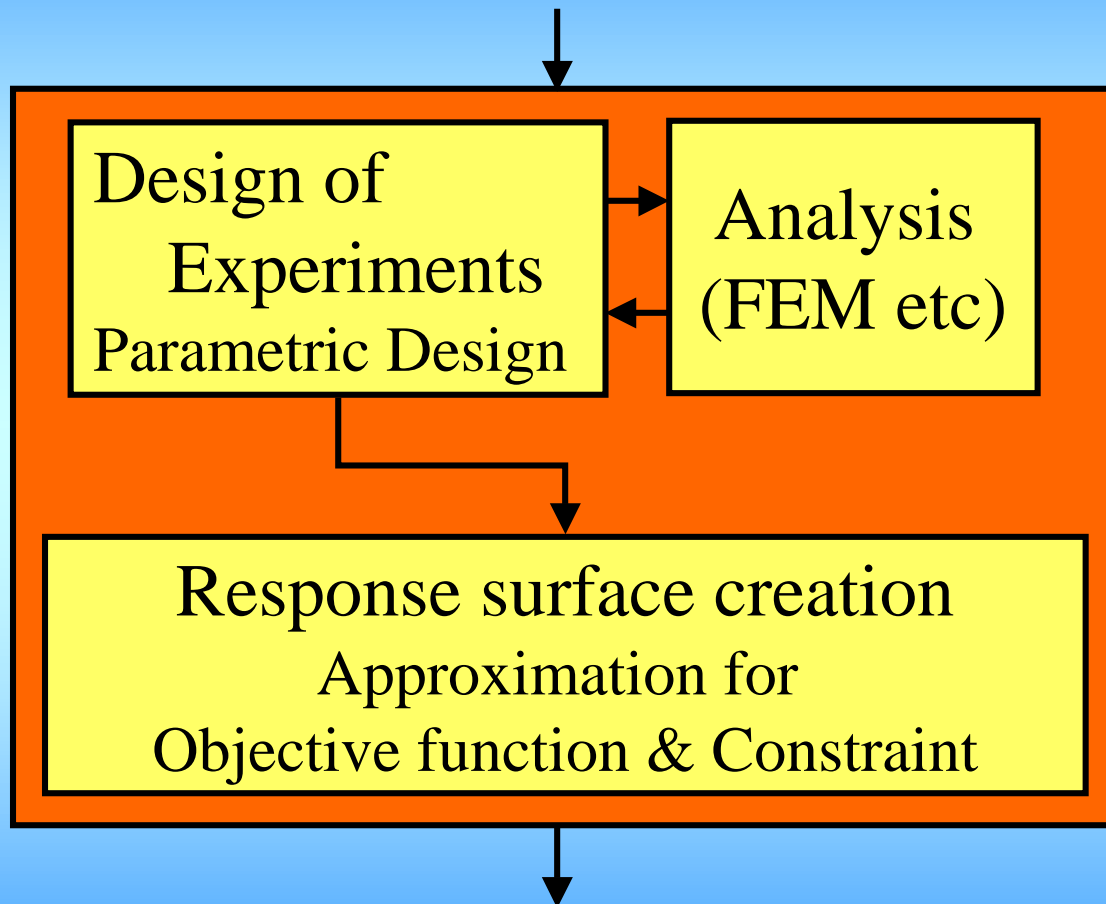
Optimization calculate  
Using the Response Surface

Optimum value



Calculation is  
very early

# Response surface creation





# Response surface

Design Variables :  $x_i$  ( $i = 1 \cdots n$ )

State Variable :  $y = f(x_1 \cdots x_n) + \varepsilon$

Least Square Method

Polynomials

Exponential

Logarithm ... etc

} Linearized

Neural Network

Spline interpolation

Lagrange interpolation

# Least square method (1)

Used Linear function

Coefficient of function

Evaluation of function

Easily obtained by Statistics

Quadratic polynomials

$$y = \beta_0 + \sum_{i=0}^n \beta_i x_i + \sum_{i=0}^n \beta_{ii} x_i^2 + \sum_{i<j}^n \beta_{ij} x_i x_j$$

Example of two variables for simplification

$$y = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_1 + \beta_2 x_2 + \beta_3 x_1^2 + \beta_4 x_2^2 + \beta_5 x_1 x_2$$

$$x_1^2 = x_3, x_2^2 = x_4, x_1 x_2 = x_5 \rightarrow \textit{Linearized}$$

# Least square method (2)

$$\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{X}\boldsymbol{\beta} + \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}$$

Number of Experiments :  $n$

Number of variable :  $k$

$$\mathbf{y} = \begin{bmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \\ \vdots \\ y_n \end{bmatrix} \quad \mathbf{X} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & x_{11} & x_{12} & \cdots & x_{1k} \\ 1 & x_{21} & x_{22} & \cdots & x_{2k} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 1 & x_{n1} & x_{n2} & \cdots & x_{nk} \end{bmatrix} \quad \boldsymbol{\beta} = \begin{bmatrix} \beta_1 \\ \beta_2 \\ \vdots \\ \beta_n \end{bmatrix} \quad \boldsymbol{\varepsilon} = \begin{bmatrix} \varepsilon_1 \\ \varepsilon_2 \\ \vdots \\ \varepsilon_n \end{bmatrix}$$

Error Sum of Square :  $L = \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}^T \boldsymbol{\varepsilon} \rightarrow$  Minimize

Least square estimations of  $\boldsymbol{\beta}$  :  $\mathbf{b}$

$$\mathbf{b} = \left( \mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{X} \right)^{-1} \mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{y}$$

# Least square method (3)

Total Sum :  $T = \sum_{i=1}^n y_i$

Sum Square of Error :  $SSE = \mathbf{y}^T \mathbf{y} - \mathbf{b}^T \mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{y}$

Sum Square of Regression :  $SSR = \mathbf{b}^T \mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{y} - T^2/n$

Total Sum of Square :  $Syy = \mathbf{y}^T \mathbf{y} - T^2/n$

Coefficient of multiple determination :  $R^2$

$$R^2 = SSR/Syy = 1 - SSE/Syy$$

Adjusted Coefficient of multiple determination :  $R_{ad}^2$

$$R_{ad}^2 = 1 - \frac{SSE/(n - k - 1)}{Syy/(n - 1)}$$

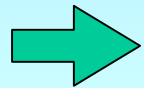
# Design Of Experiments (DOE)

Parameter design for efficient experiment

= for obtained better regression formulation



Response surface by least square method



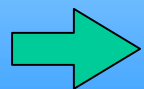
Minimize coefficient variance

Variance covariance matrix (  $V(\mathbf{b}) = cov(b_i, b_j)$  )

by least square estimations  $\mathbf{b}$

$$V(\mathbf{b}) = \sigma^2 (\mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{X})^{-1}$$

$\sigma^2$  : Error Variance of state variable  $y \rightarrow$  Unknown



Minimize for diagonal of  $(\mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{X})^{-1}$

# Orthogonal design

- Mainly used for linear polynomial
- Orthogonal arrays
  - Linear → 2-Level factorial design [ L8(2<sup>7</sup>), L16(2<sup>15</sup>) ...]
  - Quadratic → 3-Level factorial design [ L9(3<sup>4</sup>), L27(3<sup>13</sup>) ...]
- Orthogonal polynomials
  - Chebyshev orthogonal polynomials
- Efficient for low order & no interactions
  - Large design number for highest-order
  - But, very easy

# Central Composite Design (CCD)

- Mainly used for quadratic polynomial

- Parametric design

2-level full factorial design  $n_F = 2^k$

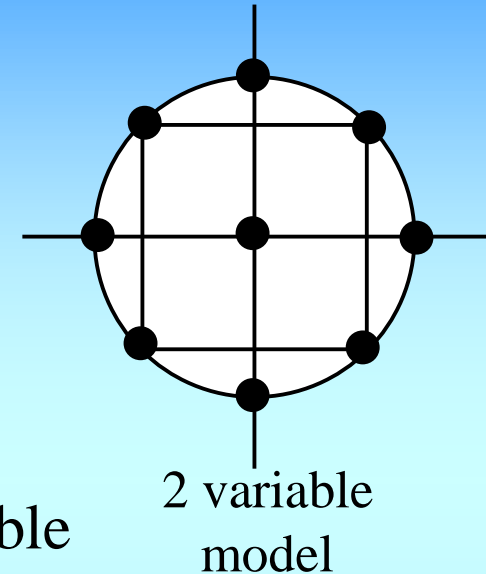
Center point  $n_0 > 1$

Two axial point on axis of each design Variable  
at distance of design origin.  $n_R = 2k$

Total Number of design  $n = 2^k + 2k + n_0$

- No direction dependability = Rotatable design

- Better design for quadratic polynomial



# Computer support design

## ■ A-optimality

Moment matrix :  $M = \frac{X^T X}{n}$

Sum of diagonal value for  $M$  inverse :  $trace(M^{-1})$

*Minimize*[  $trace(M^{-1})$  ] Found  $X$

Consideration for diagonal value

Therefore, Not rotatable design

## ■ D-optimality

*Maximize*[  $M$  ] Found  $X$

Consideration for Full value by  $M$

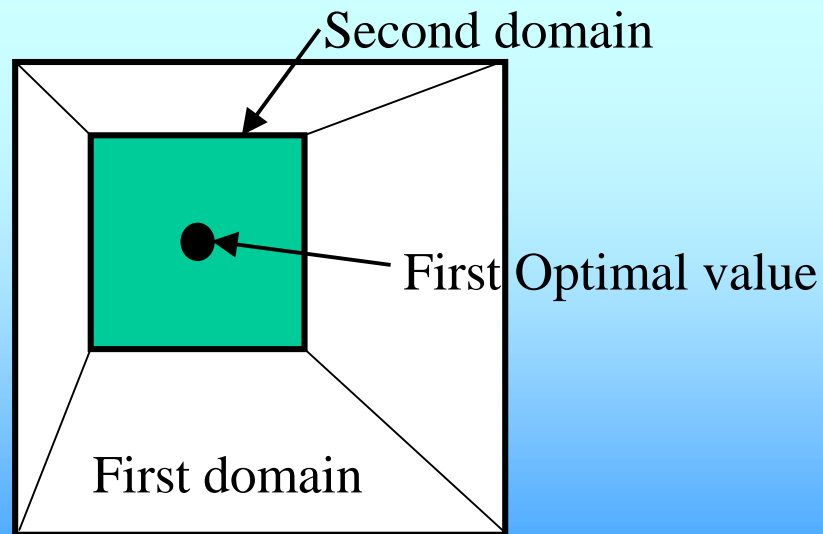
therefore, rotatable design

This method best parametric design. But, difficult

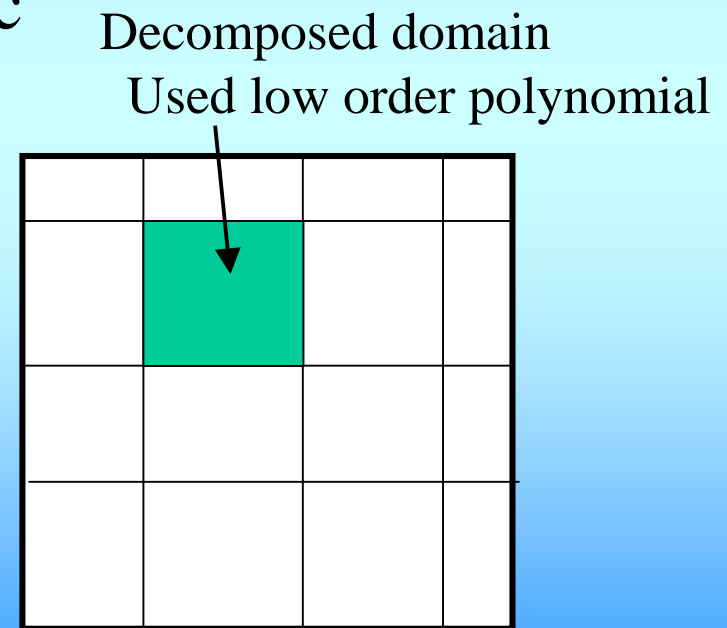


# Improvement of RS

- Used high order Polynomial
- Zooming method
- Domain decomposition method
- Kriging model ..... etc



Zooming Method



Domain decomposition Method

# RSM Program on Excel

Program for Orthogonal design approach

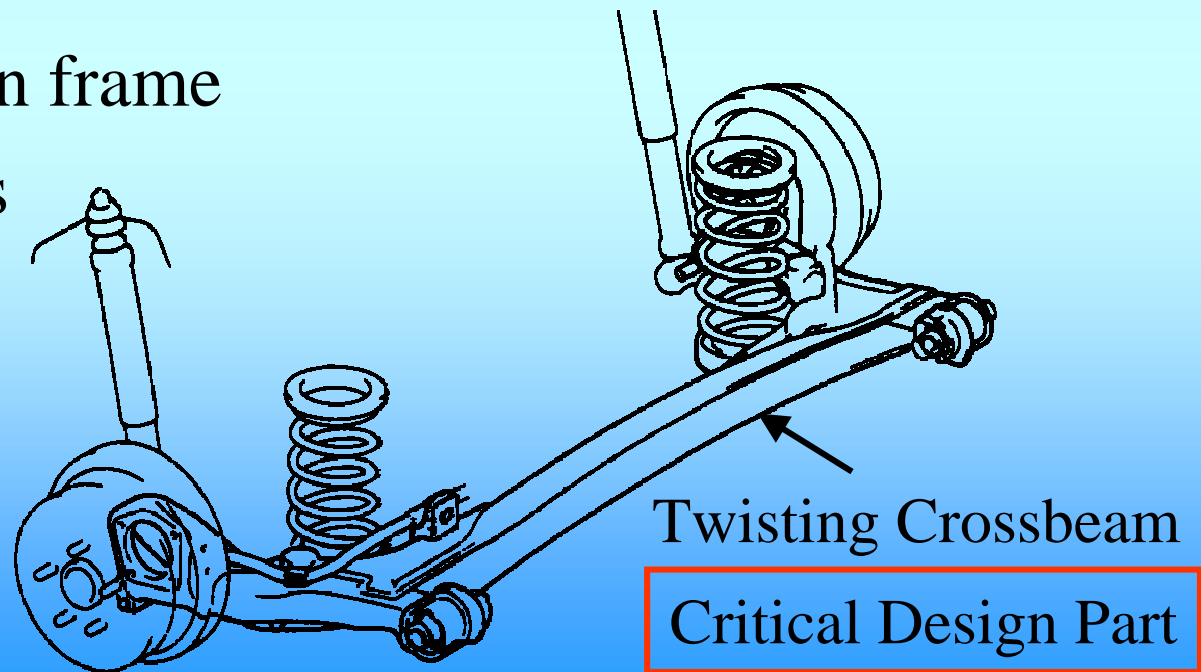


3 factors and  
3 levels Design

## II. Its application to automotive suspension designs

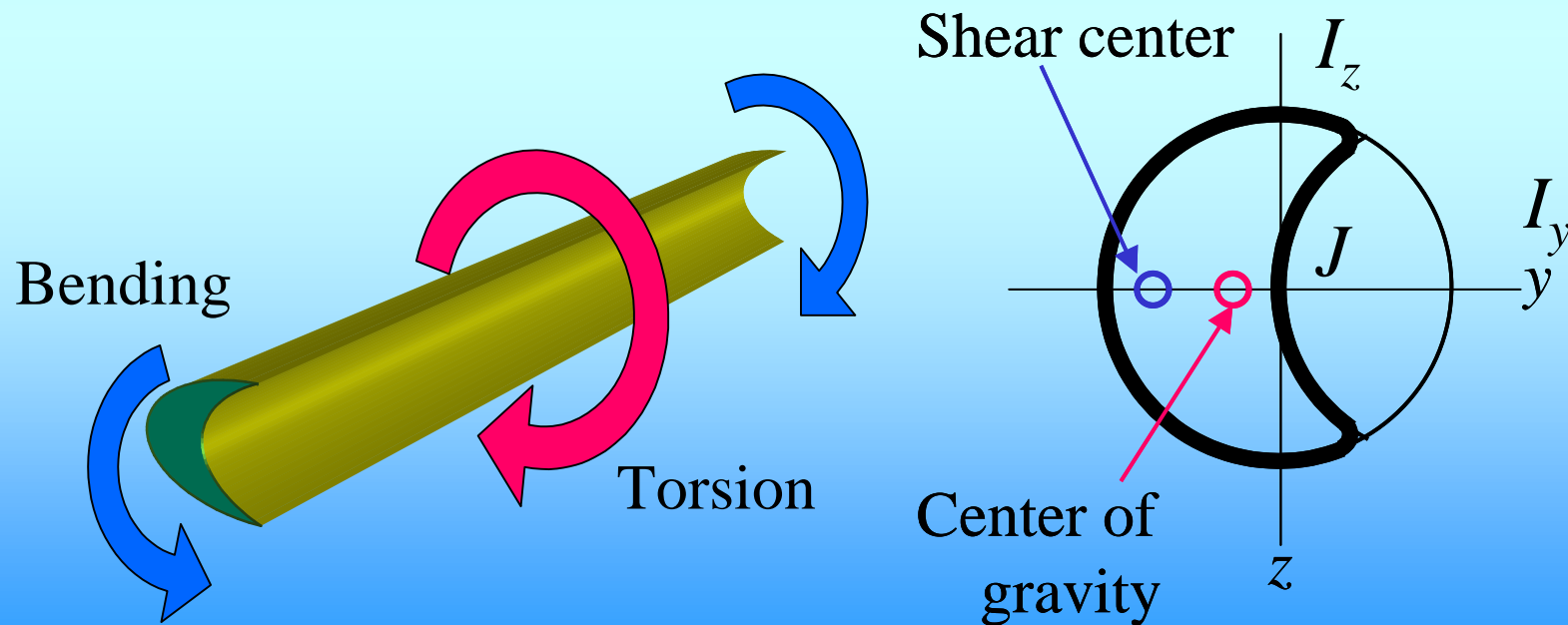
# Trailing Twist Axle Suspension

- Mixture of structures and mechanisms
- Good for FF automobiles
- Advantages
  - Simple structures & low cost
  - No suspension frame
  - High stiffness



# Examples

- 1) Size optimization for beam stiffens
- 2) Size optimization for section beam property



# 1) Size Optimization for stiffness

- Design variable

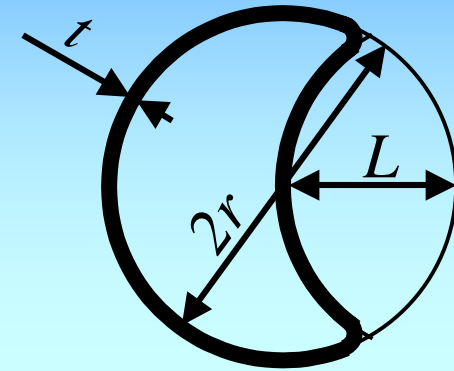
Thickness :  $t$  and Forming length :  $L$

- Objective function

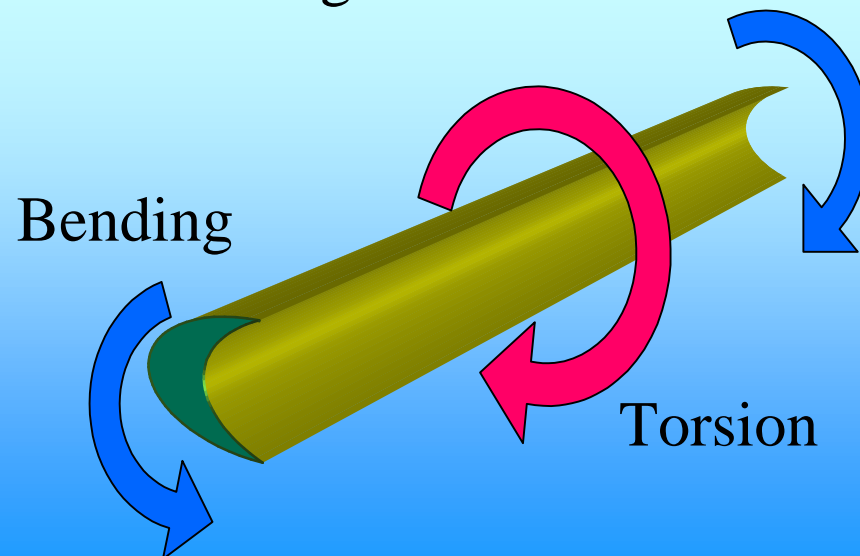
Minimize total mass

- Constraint

Torsional and Bending stiffness



Section of beam



# Optimization technique

- Parametric Studies Based on DOE

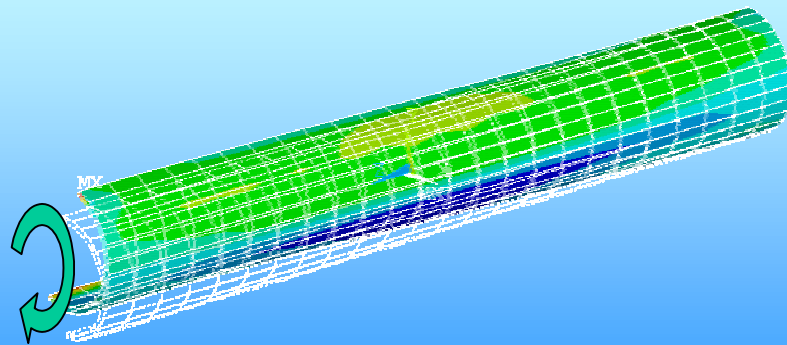
  - Analysis for FEM

- Optimization used RSM

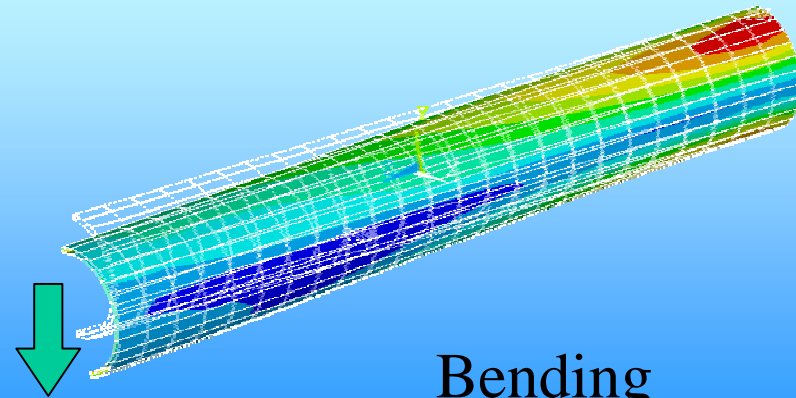
  - Optimum Design variables

→ Initial design variable for next step

- Optimization used FEM



Torsion



Bending

# Parametric Studies Based on DOE

## ■ Two factors, three levels in DOE

■  $L/r = 0.0, 0.5, 1.0$  where  $r=50(\text{mm})$

■  $t=1.0, 2.5, 4.0$  (mm)

## ■ Evaluation function

■ Total volume :  $V$

■ Torsional stiffness :  $G_T$

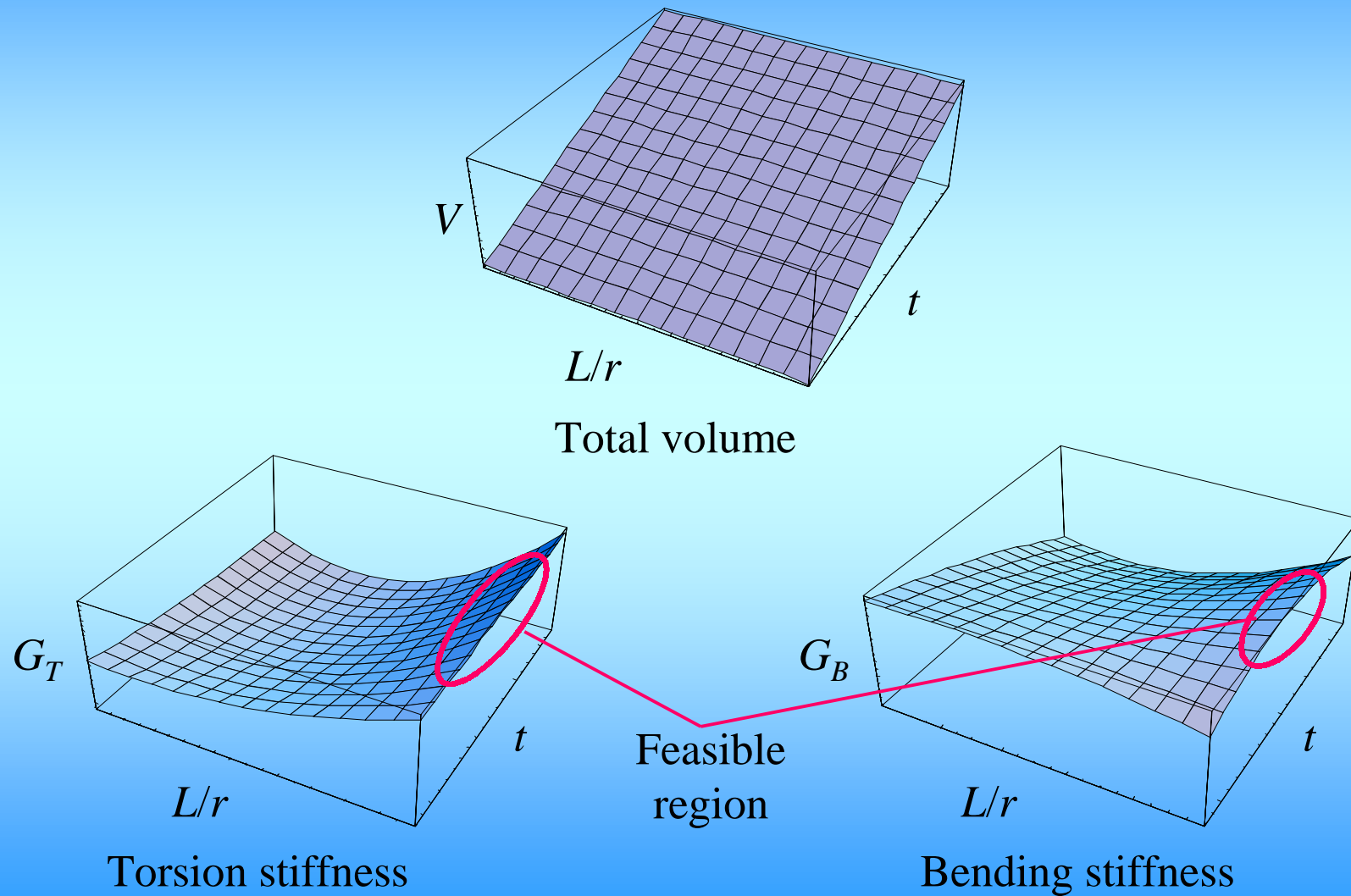
■ Bending stiffness :  $G_S$

L9( $3^4$ ) Orthogonal arrays

	$L/r$	$t$
1	0	1
2	0	2.5
3	0	4
4	0.5	1
5	0.5	2.5
6	0.5	4
7	1	1
8	1	2.5
9	1	4



# Response surface



# Optimization Using FEA(Ansys)

Case 1

Initial value ( Using RSM)  $L/r=0.9$ ,  $t=2.5(\text{mm})$



13 iteration

Optimal Solution  $L/r=0.987$ ,  $t= 1.94(\text{mm})$

Case 2

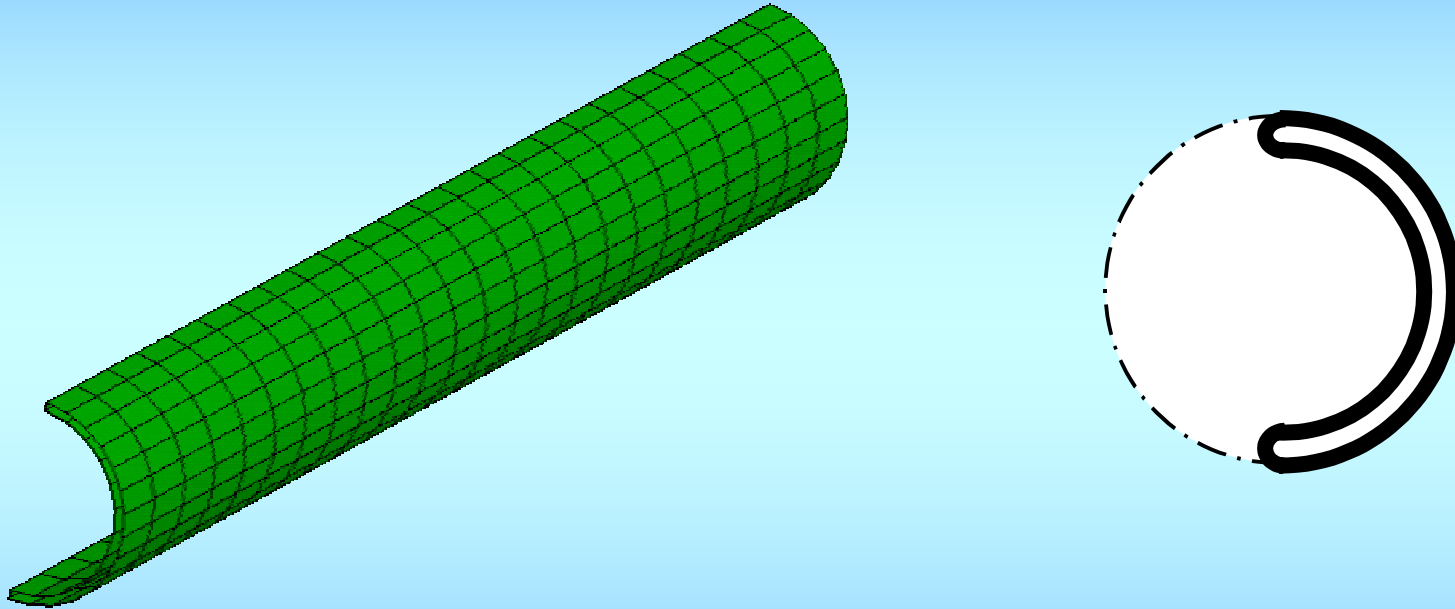
Initial value (Central value)  $L/r=0.5$ ,  $t=2.5(\text{mm})$



More than 80 iteration

Not Converged

# Optimal design



Optimal design  $L/r = 0.987$ ,  $t = 1.94(\text{mm})$

## 2) Optimize for Cross Section Properties

- Design variable

Thickness :  $t$  and Forming length :  $L$

- Objective function

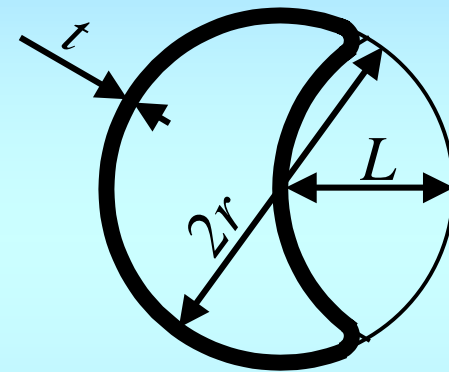
Minimize Polar moment of Inertia  $J$

- Constraint

$y$  position of shear center  $e_y \geq 10(\text{mm})$

Second moment of Inertia  $I_y \geq 900,000 (\text{mm}^4)$

Second moment of Inertia  $I_z \geq 100,000 (\text{mm}^4)$



Section of beam

# Parametric Studies Based on DOE

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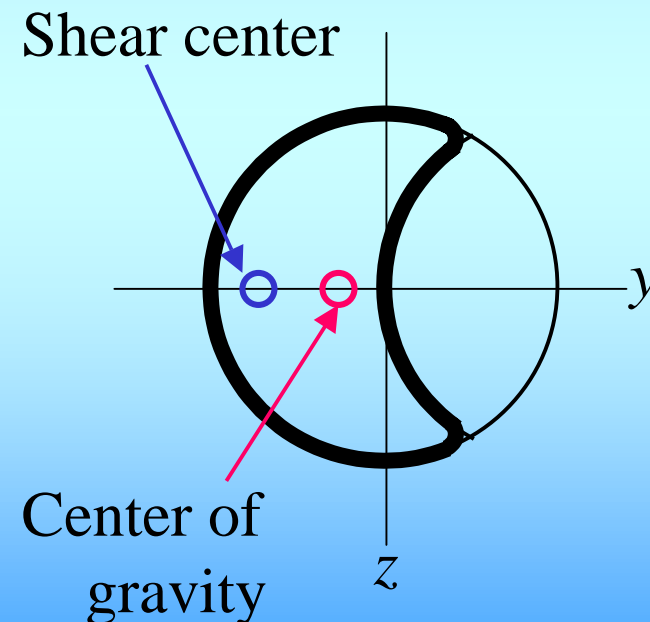
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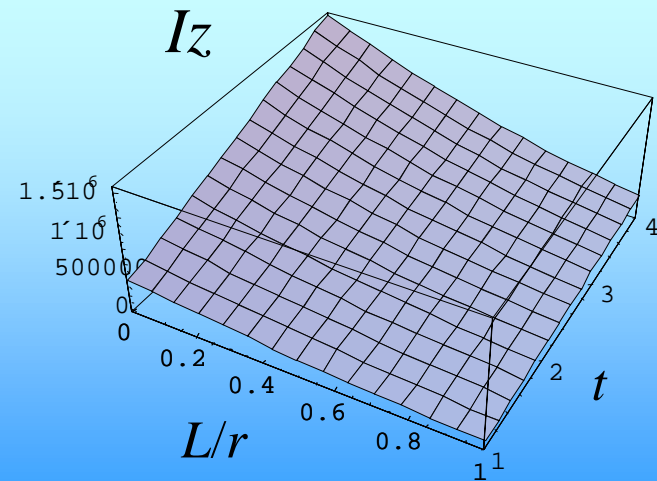
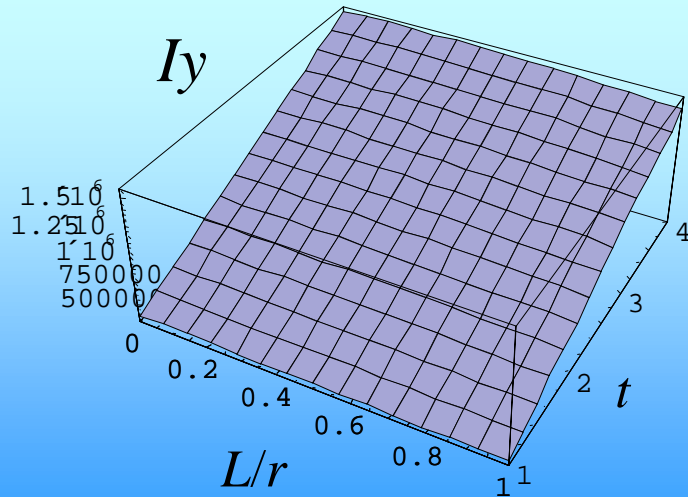
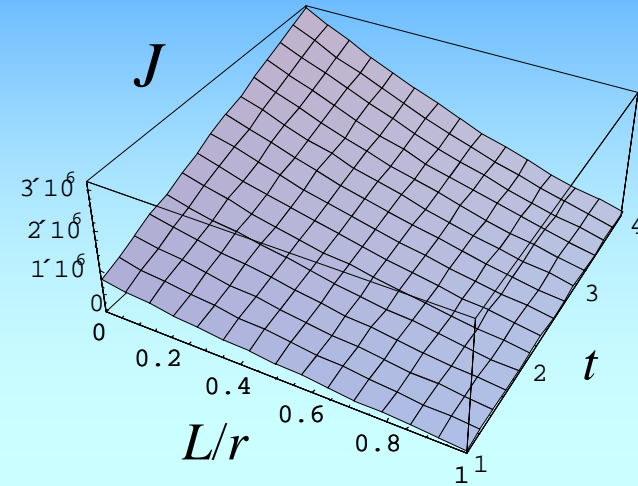
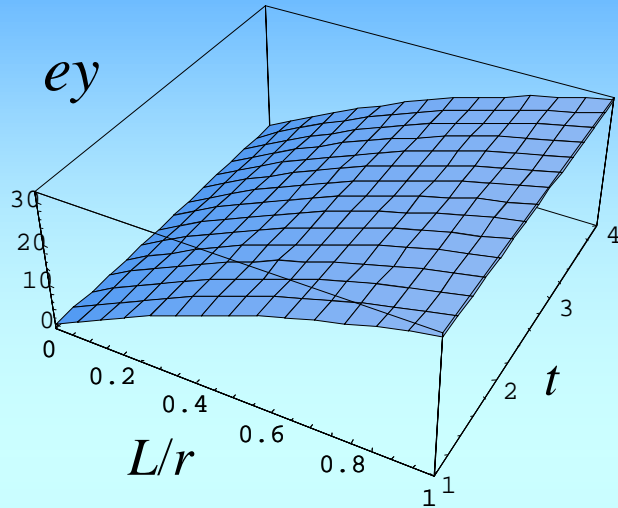
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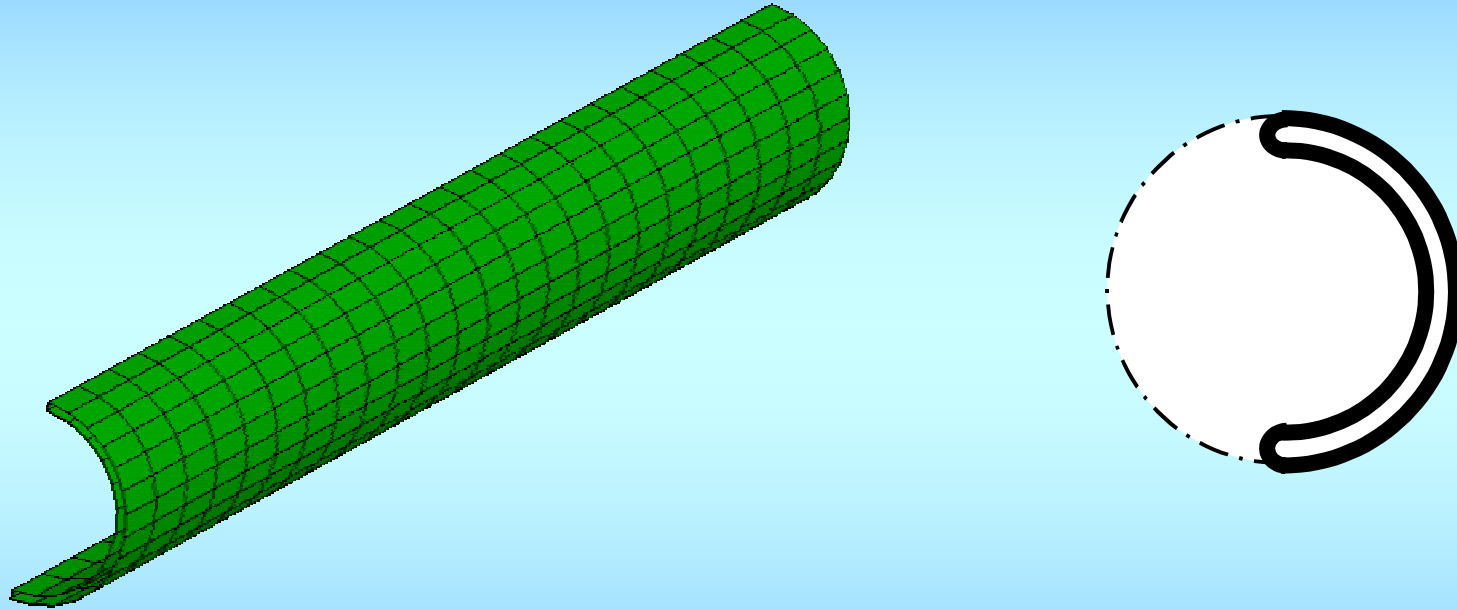
- Polar moment of Inertia  $J$



# Response surface



# Optimal design



Optimal Solution  $L/r=1.0$ ,  $t=2.47(\text{mm})$

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Thank you very much !