
Impact of Elasticity on the Transmission Behaviour of Thin Ring Gears

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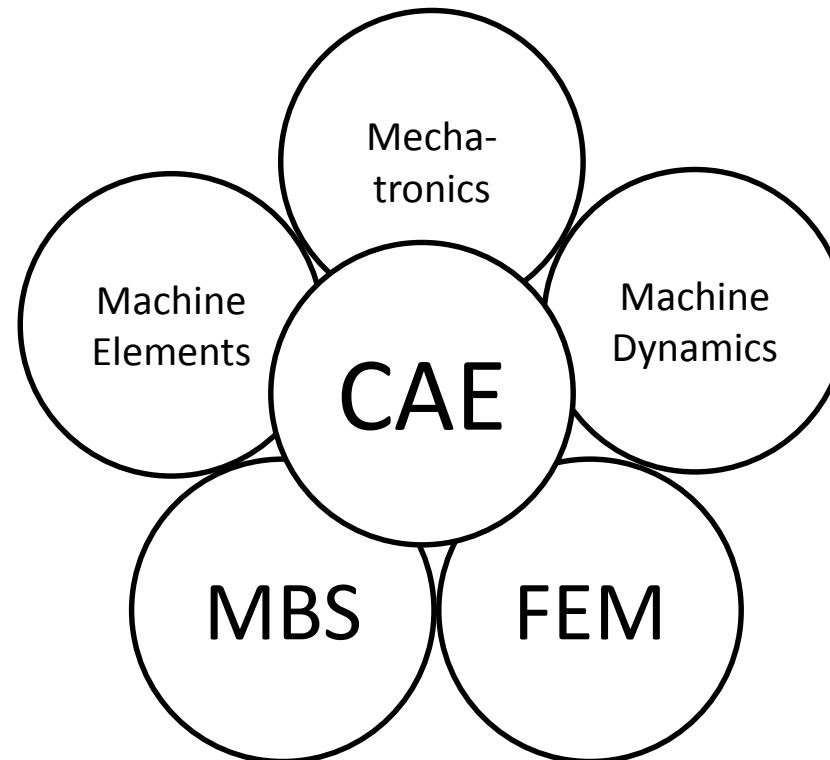
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Research Activity and Focus

- Holistic analysis of static and dynamic behaviour of mechatronical drivetrains
- Strength and fatigue calculations using analytics and numerics



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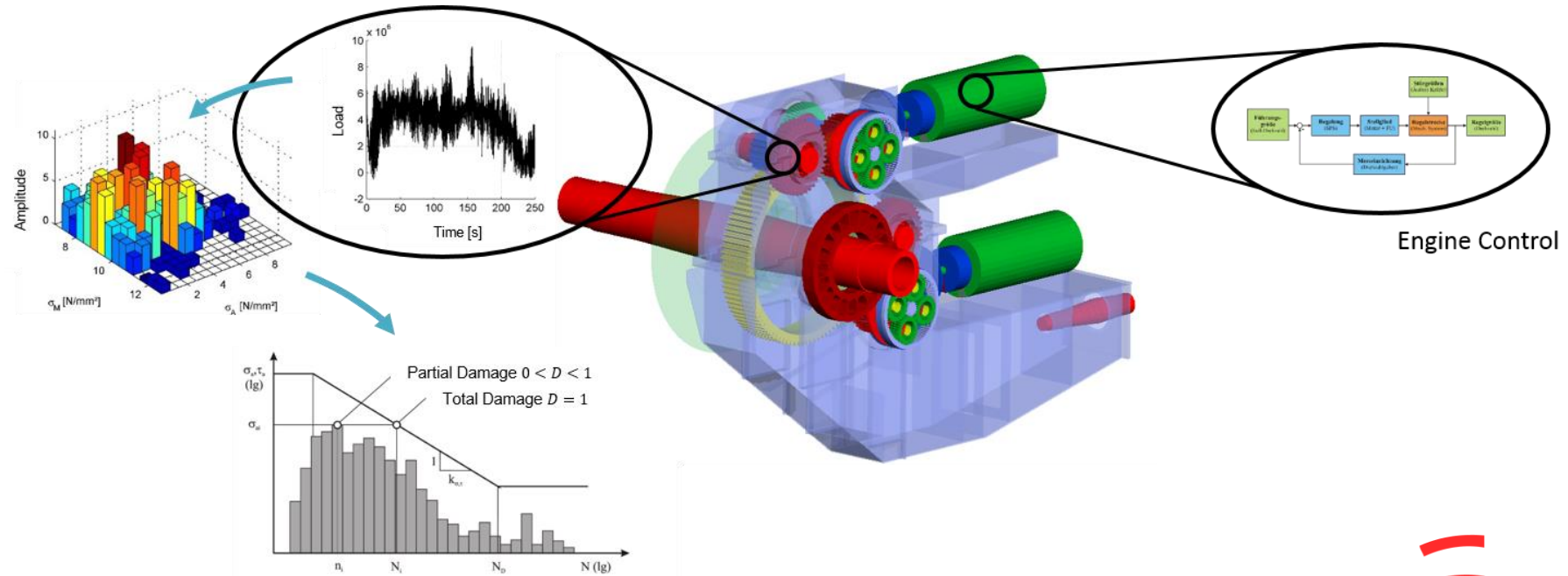
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Research Activity and Focus

- Predictive Maintenance using MBS and FEM to:
 - Analyse current system status (real and virtual condition monitoring)
 - Calculate durability on demand (offline) and realtime (online)
 - Active and passive control systems predicting system behavior (L-/NMPC)



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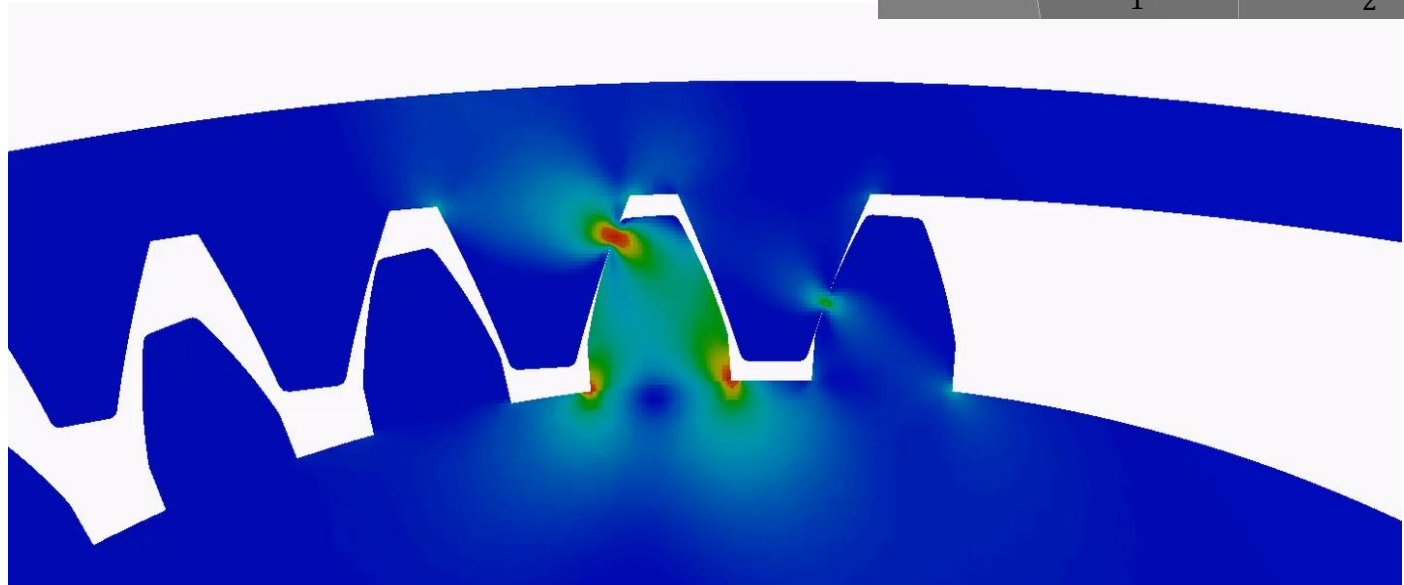
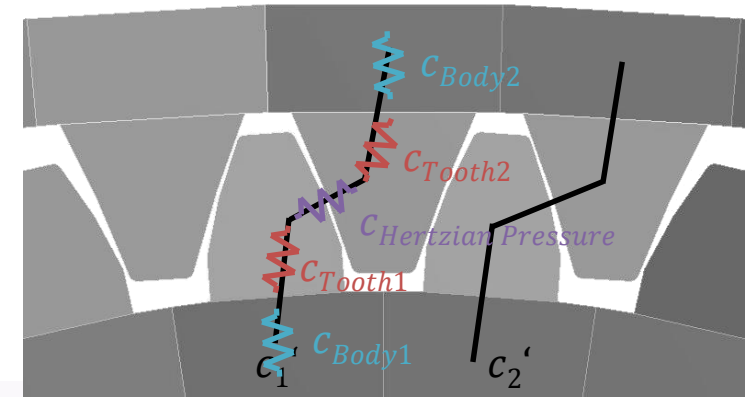
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Transmission behaviour of a gear stage

- Influenced by geometry and material
 - Stiffness of tooth body
 - Stiffness of tooth bending
 - Stiffness due to Hertzian pressure



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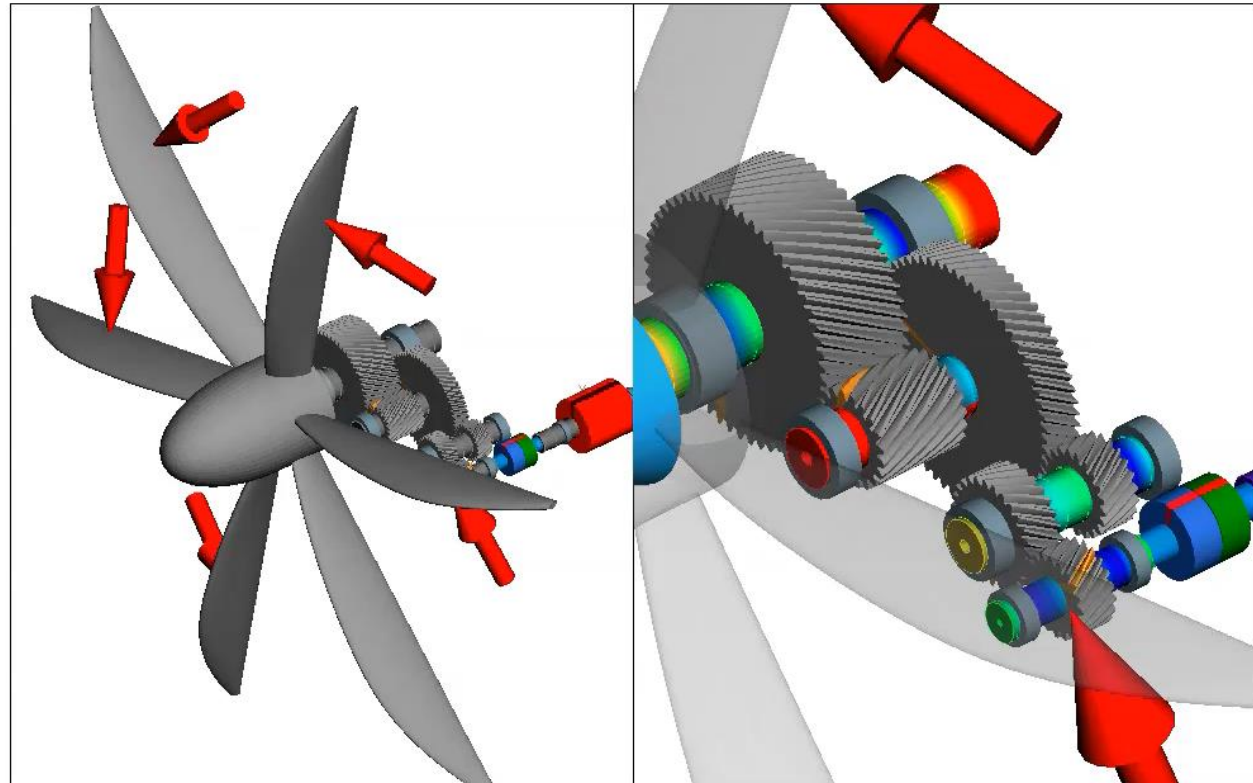
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Different approaches for simulation of gearboxes

- Rigid gear wheels
 - No deformation of gear wheels
 - System stiffness combined in force element



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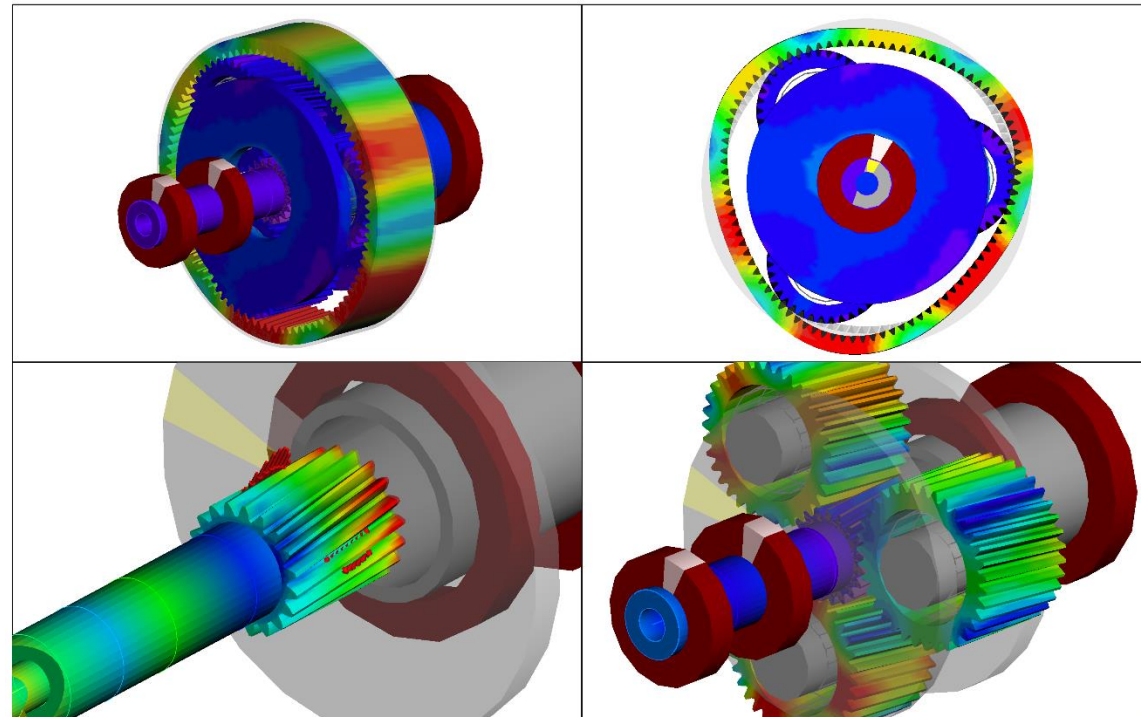
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Different approaches for simulation of gearboxes

- Flexible gear wheels
 - System stiffness is combination of force element and bodies (modal)
 - Consideration of eigenmodes
 - Calculation of load distribution



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When should one use which approach?

- When does the deformation of the gear wheels affect the transmission behaviour of the system?
 - Correlation between basic gear wheel parameters and deformation?
- Analyses at typical planetary gearboxes of wind turbines having thin ring gears
- Usage of fully flexible, parametrized FE-models
 - Automatic structured mesh generation

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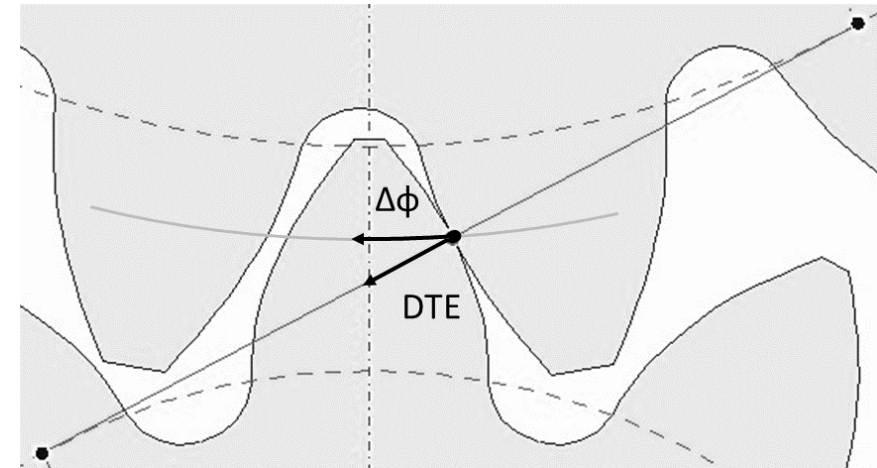
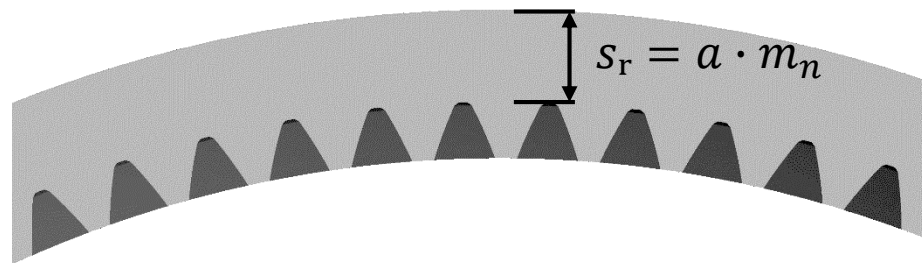
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Usage of independent parameters for evaluation

- Ring thickness s_r depending on module m_n (parameter of geometry)
- Transmission error (parameter of system behaviour)



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Definition of design parameters and their variation

- Variable parameters:
 - i_{21} Gear ratio
 - z_1 Number of teeth on ring gear
 - m_n Module
 - s_r Ring thickness
- Fix parameters:
 - $x_1 = x_2 = 0$ Shift factor
 - $\beta = 0^\circ$ Helix angle
 - $b = 10 \text{ mm}$ Tooth width

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Definition of parameters and their variation

i_{21}	i_{21}	-4	-5	-6
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m_n	m_n	2	3	5	8
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s_r	s_r	$1,5 \cdot m_n$	$2 \cdot m_n$	$3 \cdot m_n$	$5 \cdot m_n$
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z_1	i_{21}	$z_{1.1}$	$z_{1.2}$	$z_{1.3}$	$z_{1.4}$
	-4	-120	-112	-104	-96
	-5	-120	-115	-110	-105
	-6	-120	-108	-96	-84

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Number of Calculations	i_{21}	m_n	s_r	z_1	Π
	3	4	4	4	192

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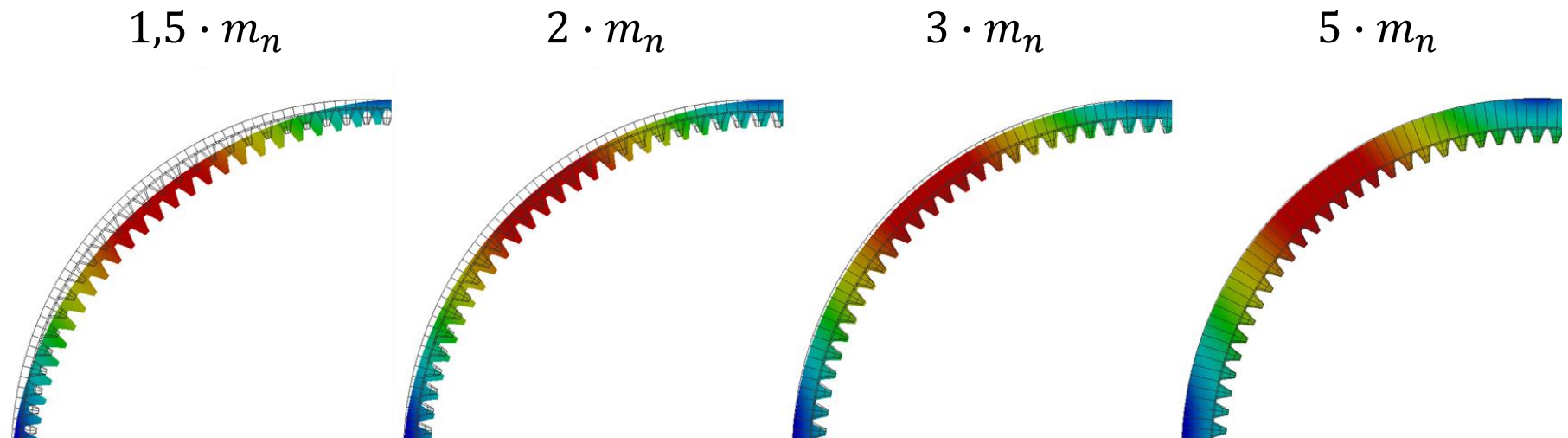
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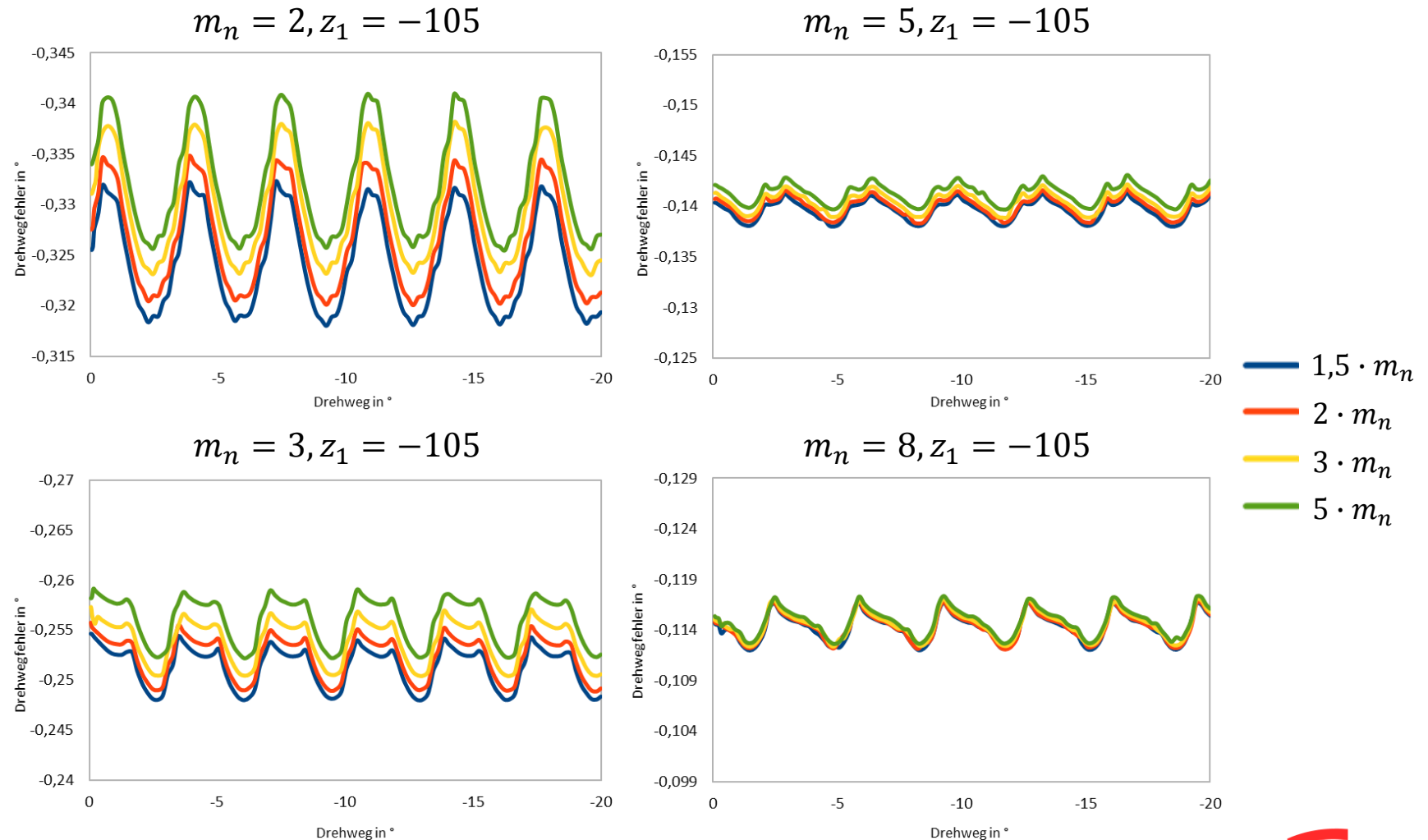
Deformation of ring gear depending on ring thickness

- Deformation of ring gear decreases with increasing ring thickness



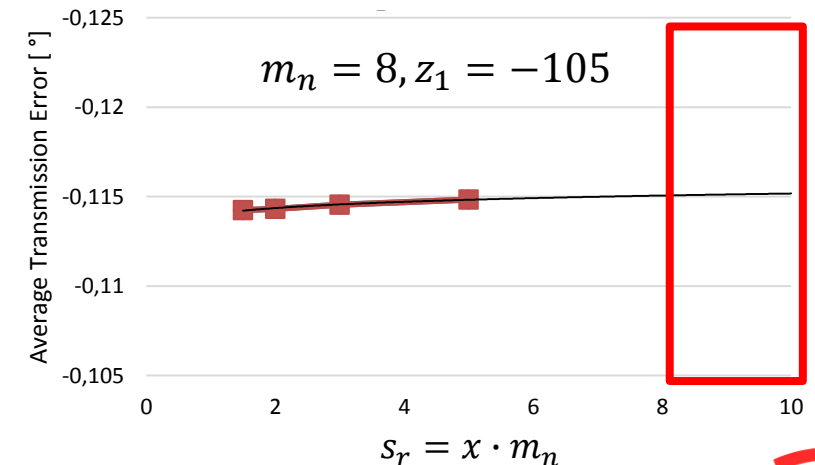
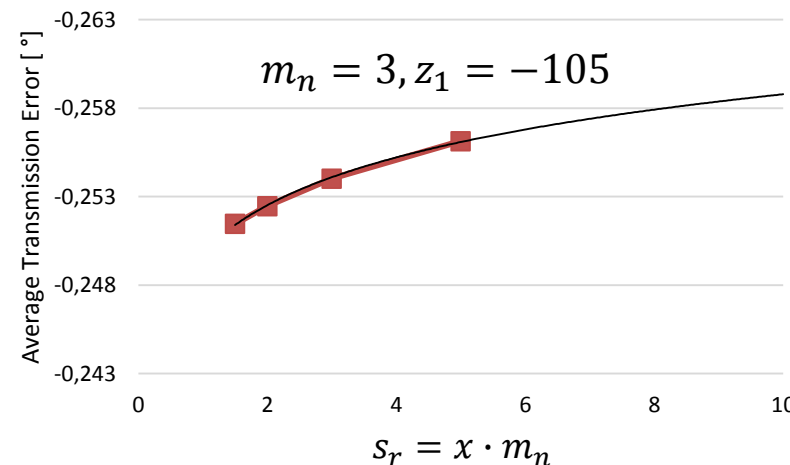
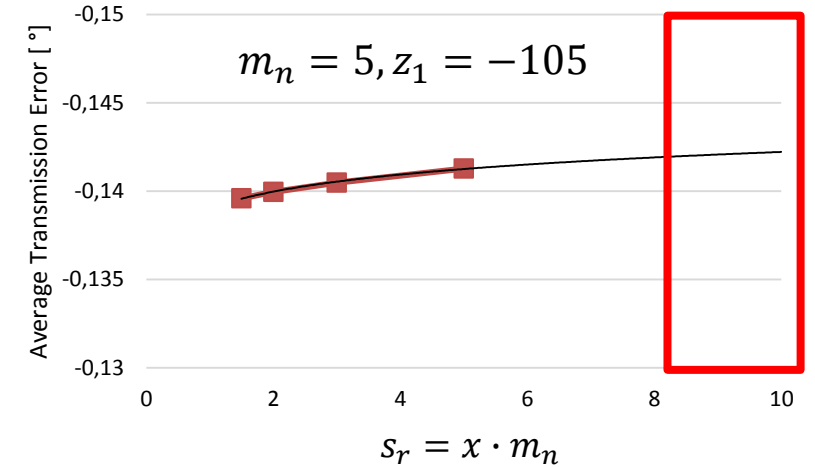
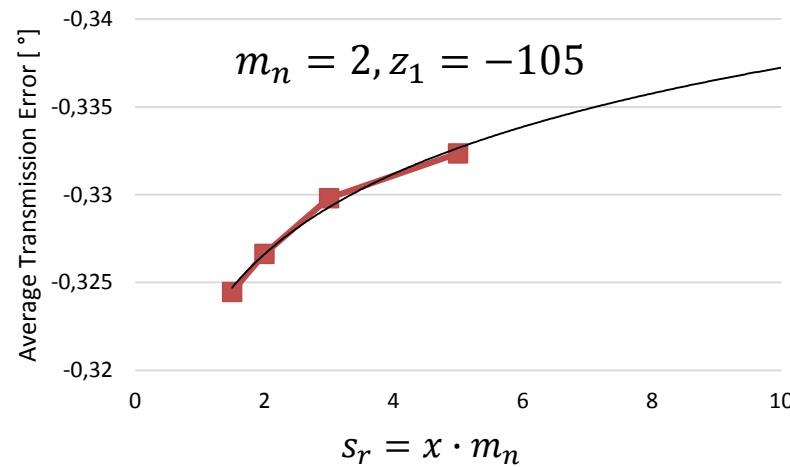
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Transmission Behaviour – Transmission Error (Variation of Module m_n)



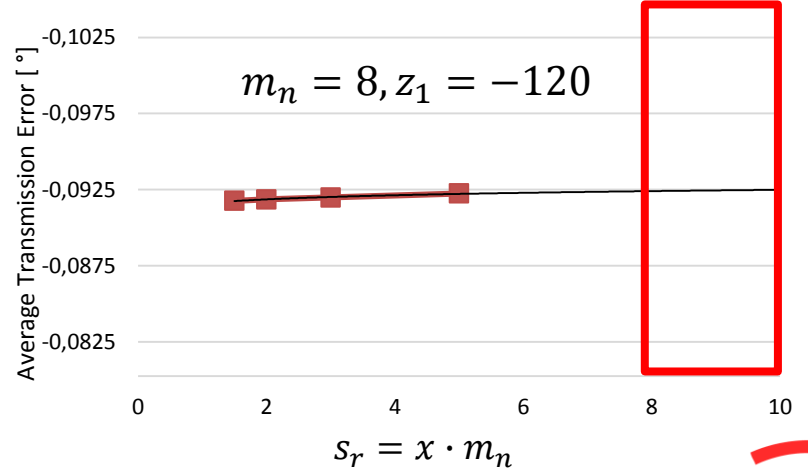
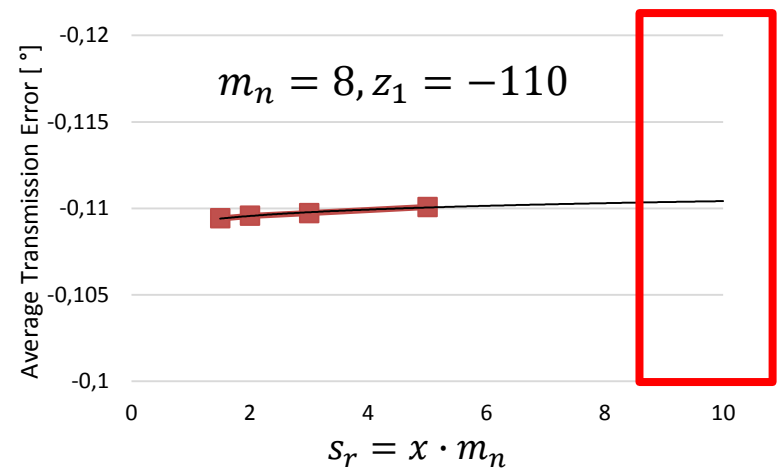
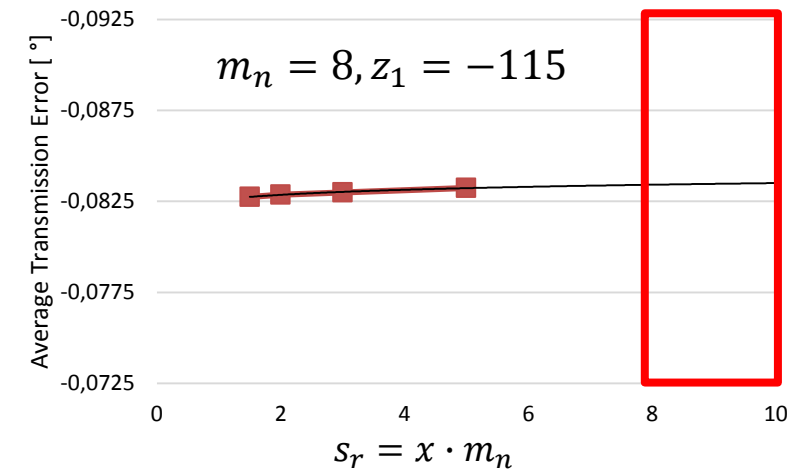
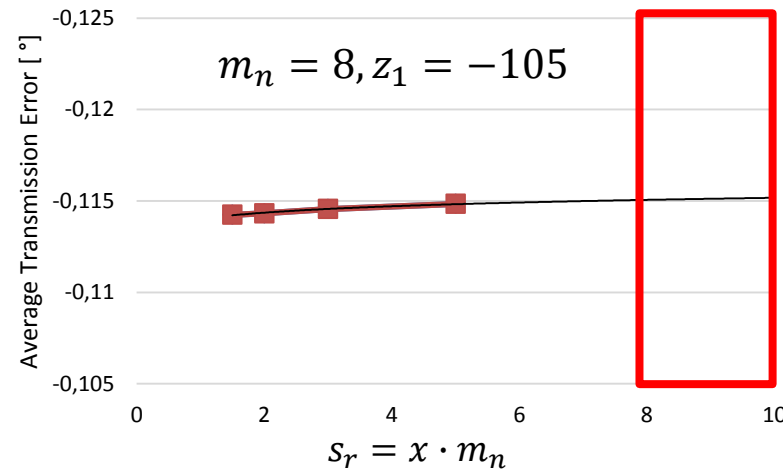
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Transmission Behaviour – Transmission Error (Variation of No. of T. z_1)



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Transmission Behaviour – Validation of Results

- Comparison between theoretic TE and experimental TE

FEM	Weber/Banaschek (WB)
0,1142 °	0,113 °
100 %	99,12 %

Transmission Error [°], $i = -5, z_1 = 105, z_p = 42, m_n = 8, s_r = 1,5 \cdot m_n$

- Theoretic system stiffness, FE-stiffness and SIMPACK-stiffness

WB	DIN 3990	FEM	SIMPACK (WB)	SIMPACK (DIN)
14,52	15,71	14,67	14,52	15,31
100 %	108 %	101 %	100 %	105 %

Stiffness c' [N/mm(μ m)], $i = -5, z_1 = 105, z_p = 42, m_n = 8, s_r = 1,5 \cdot m_n$

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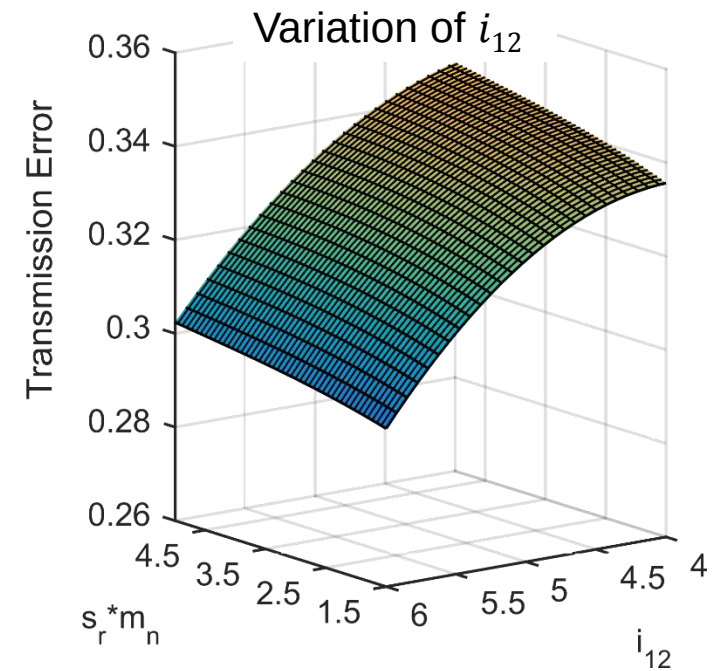
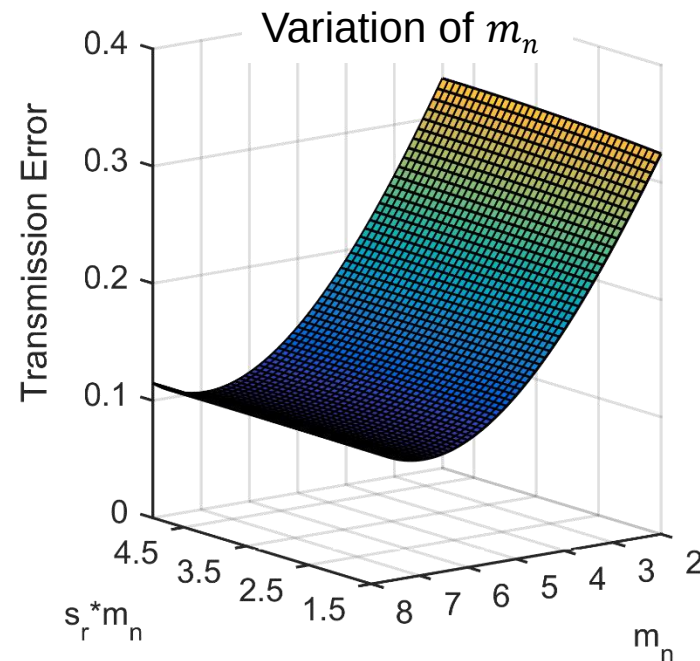
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- Validated relation between choosen geometry and transmisson error (TE)
- Convergence of TE with increasing ring thickness
- Reduction of TE with increasing m_n and increasing i_{21}



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Recommendations

- Flexible Approach recommended for ring thicknesses of $s_r < 7 \cdot m_n$

	FE-Results	
z	$ z < 100$	$ z > 100$
$s_r [mm]$	$7 \cdot m_n$	$8 \cdot m_n$

Thank You!

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