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# THERMAL INFLUENCES ON GEAR MICRO GEOMETRY AND ACOUSTIC EXCITATION

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# AGENDA

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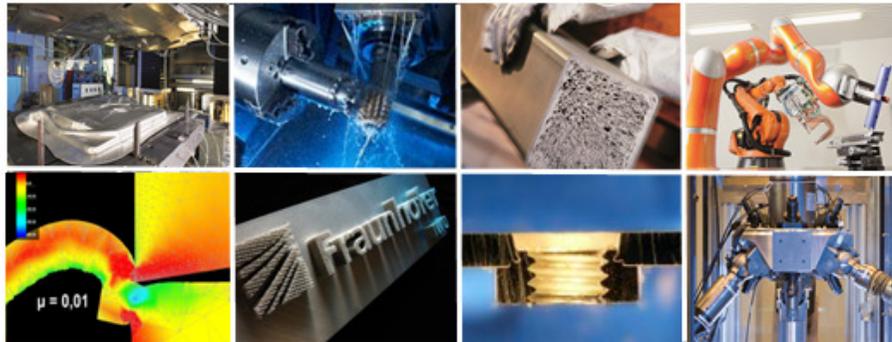
- Introduction
- Why micro geometry analysis?
- Romax batch run approach using MATLAB
  - simple example model
- Calculation of thermal induced change of gear geometry
  - theoretical descriptions
  - batch run model
  - simulation results
- Conclusion and perspective



# Introduction – The Fraunhofer IWU

Fraunhofer: largest organization for applied research in Europe

- founded in 1991
- about 590 employees
- 37.6 million euro annual budget
- head quarter in Chemnitz, branches in Dresden, Augsburg and Zittau



## ■ Fields of expertise

Machine Tools, Mechatronics, Lightweight Construction, Forming Technologies, Cutting Technologies, Joining and Assembling, Production Management

# Introduction – Tech. Acoustics and Structural Dynamics

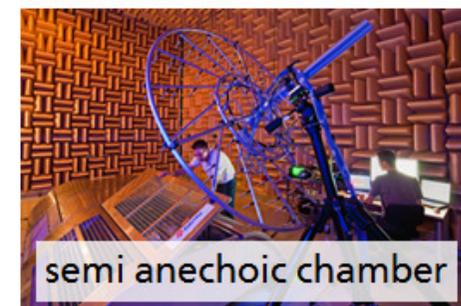
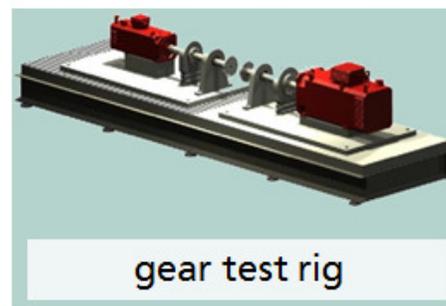
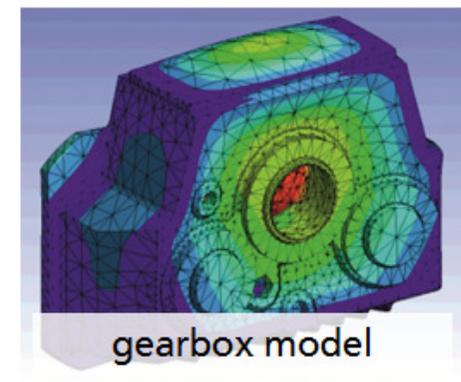
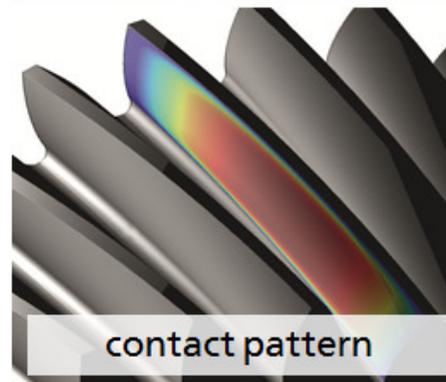
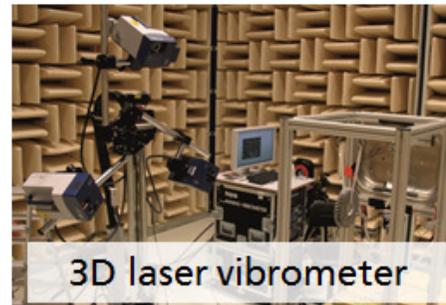
Wide range of expertise, focus on gear noise.

## ■ measurement equipment

- semi anechoic chamber
- laser scanning vibrometer
- shaker test bench
- acoustic cameras
- from 2015: transmission test rig
- etc.

## ■ software

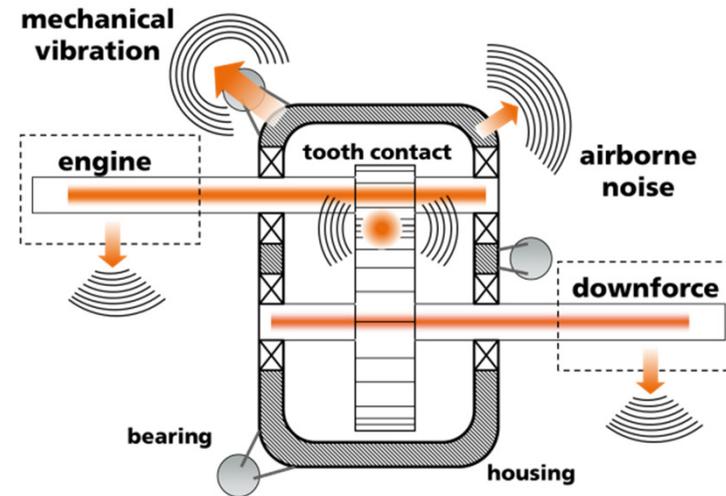
- RomaxDESIGNER
- PULSE Reflex Core and LabShop incl. TPA, OTPA, OMA, ODS, etc.
- FEMtools and ME'scope
- ANSYS and ABAQUS
- ITI SimulationX
- etc.



# Why Micro Geometry Analysis?

Because it's of significant relevance for vibration excitation!

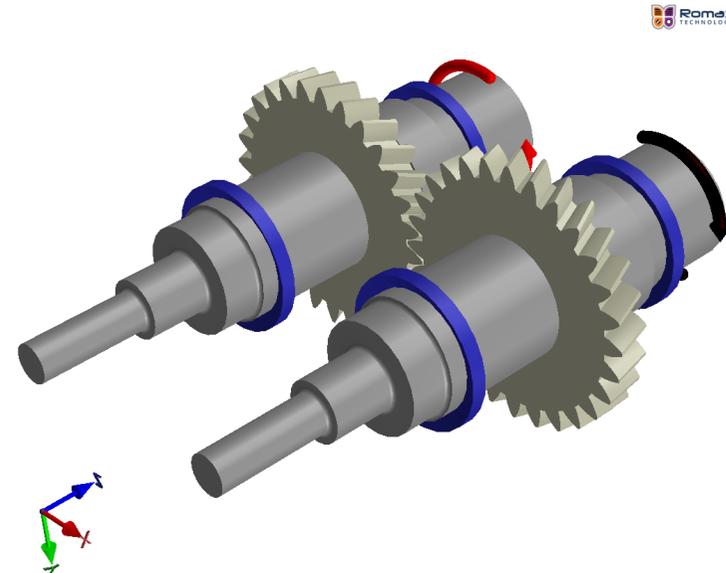
- acoustic aspects of the gear box increasingly important
- reason: missing masking (of combustion engine) in electric powered vehicles.
- tooth contact excitation is main source of noise in gear boxes
- excitation in the tooth contact due to
  - variable contact stiffness
  - deformation and deflection of the gear wheels
  - surface structure
  - reversion of friction force at pitch circle
  - change of relation of overlap due to load (reason for specific modifications)
  - deviations from exact involute geometry



# Romax batch run approach using Matlab

## How to use the benefit of both worlds?

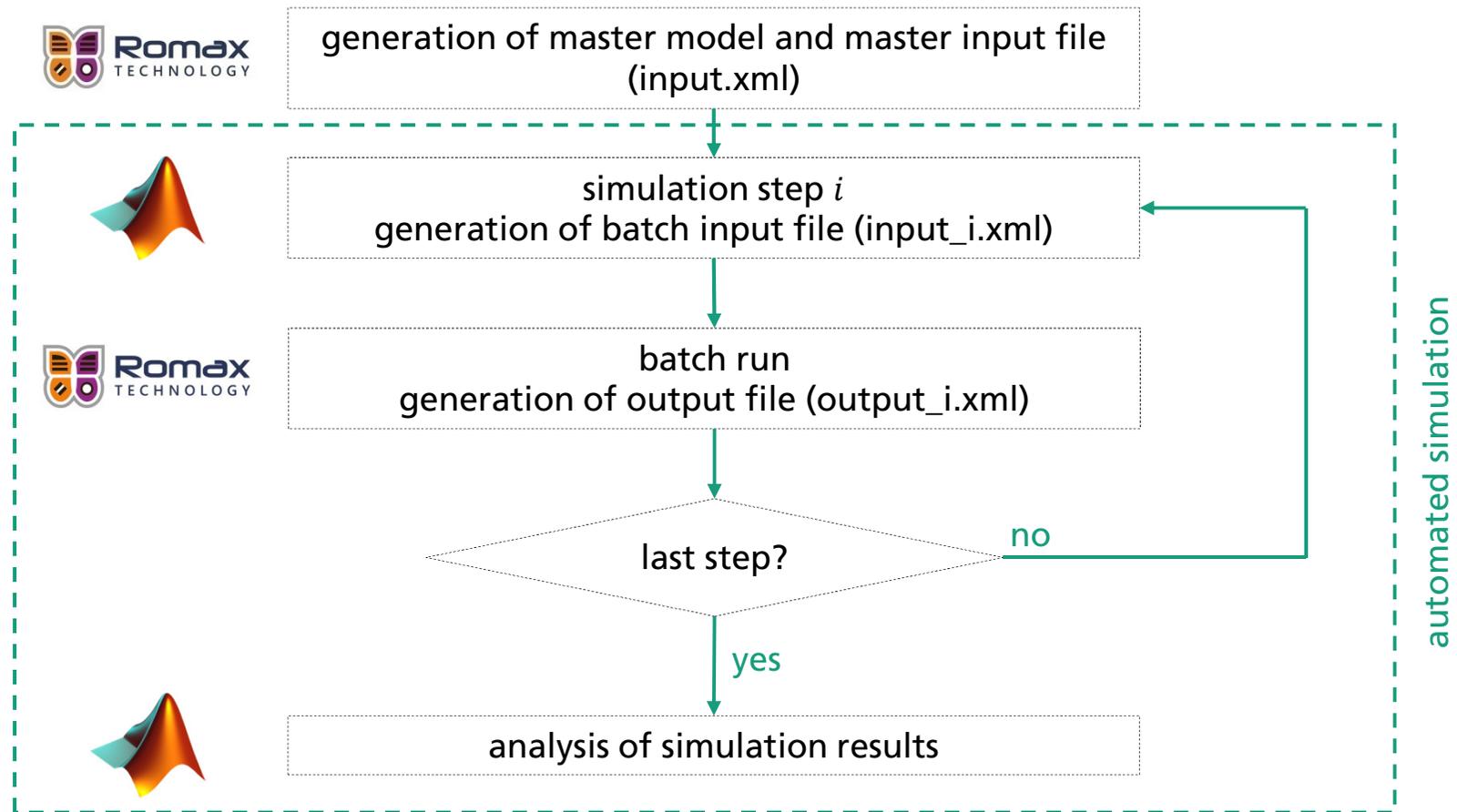
- example model
  - single stage gearbox
  - focus on gear mesh → no consideration of peripheral effects (shaft deflections etc.)
- variation parameter
  - input torque
  - limits: 10 Nm to 1000 Nm (increment 10 Nm)  
→ 101 simulation steps
- result parameters
  - 1<sup>st</sup> harmonic of TE
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> harmonic of TE
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> harmonic of TE



# Romax batch run approach using Matlab

## How to use the benefit of both worlds?

- simulation process in schematic form



# Romax batch run approach using Matlab

## How to use the benefit of both worlds?

- example model: simulation duration for 101 load steps about 200 s

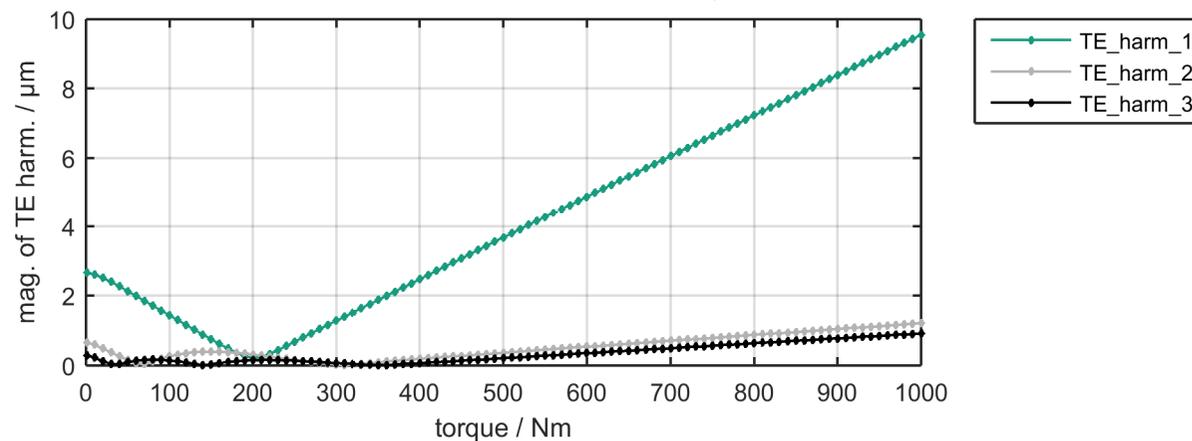
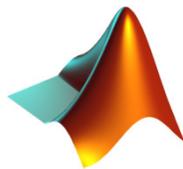
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if ~exist(outDir,'dir'), mkdir(outDir); end
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    for n0=1:length(T_in)
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        % write input
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        allCase = inpXML.getElementsByTagName('Case');
        for n1=0:allCase.getLength-1
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            ACI_variables = allCase.;
            if ACI_variables.getLength
                for n2=0:ACI_variabl

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batch mode



# Thermal induced geometry change

## Calculation and Modelling.

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- bibliographical reference
  - Kashyap, S.: *Development of a procedure to describe plastic gear geometry after a temperature change with application to the prediction of gear load distribution*. Master Thesis, Ohio State University, 2011
- assumption: linear thermal expansion (isotropic material behaviour)
- 2 methods
  - temperature influence modelled by change of module  $m = f(\Delta T)$
  - temperature influence modelled by change of pressure angle  $\alpha_t = f(\Delta T)$
- approach based on base diameter

$$d_b = \frac{z \cdot m_n}{\cos \beta} \cdot \cos \alpha_t$$

- calculation of resultant diameters after temperature increase

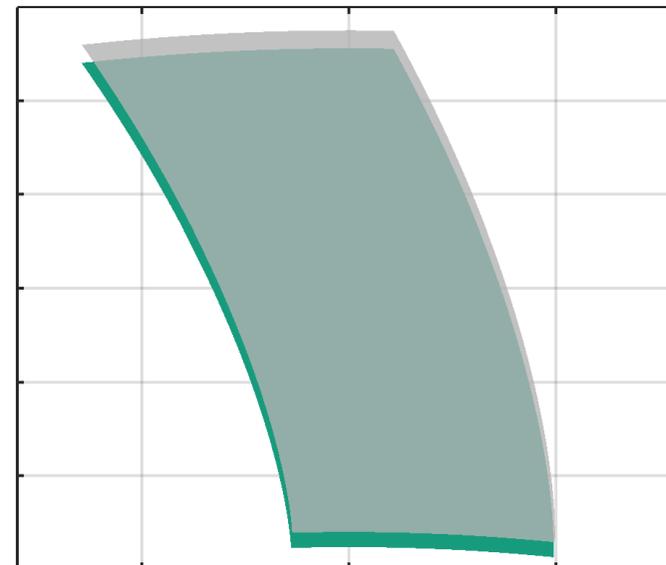
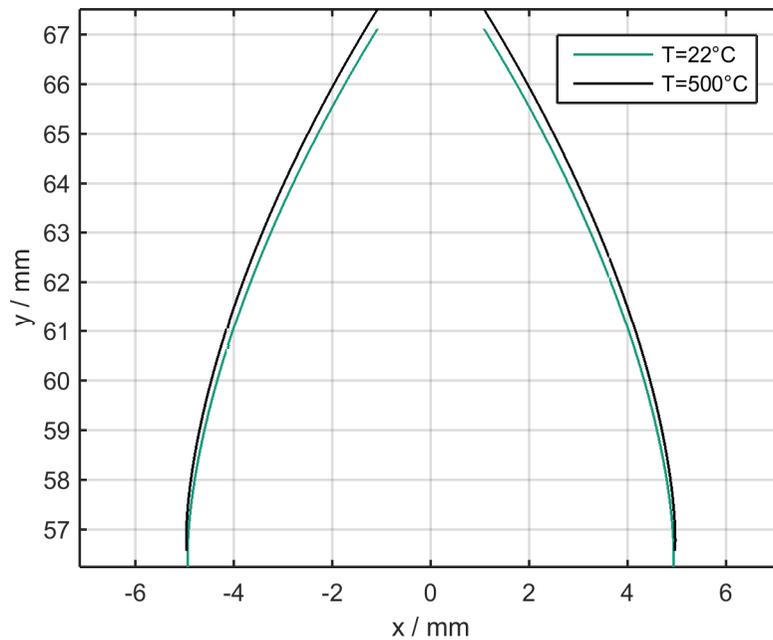
$$d_y^{T_1} = d_y^{T_0} \cdot (1 + \alpha_{therm} \cdot \Delta T)$$

- change of tooth thickness analogous

# Thermal induced geometry change

## Calculation and Modelling.

- both approaches with same results
- use of module change
- implementation in MATLAB
  - calculation of gear geometry after temperature rise and output of changed gear parameters

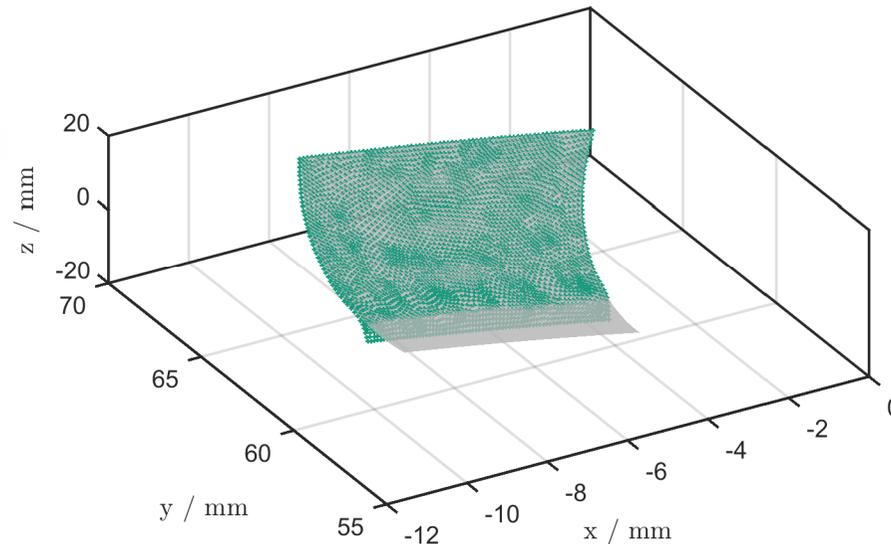
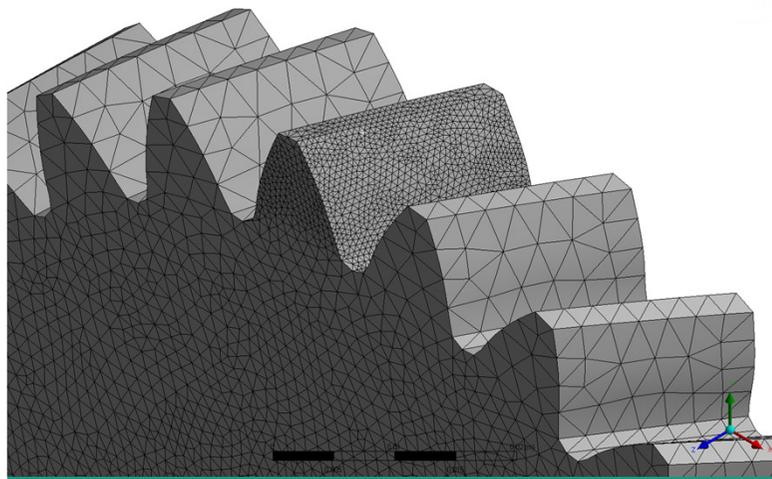


# Thermal induced geometry change

## Calculation and Modelling.

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- validation of analytical model via FE based simulation (ANSYS)
- comparison of analytic calculated tooth flank and numeric determined node displacements
- validation BCs (results shown in figures below)
  - calculation for a temperature rise from 22°C up to 500°C



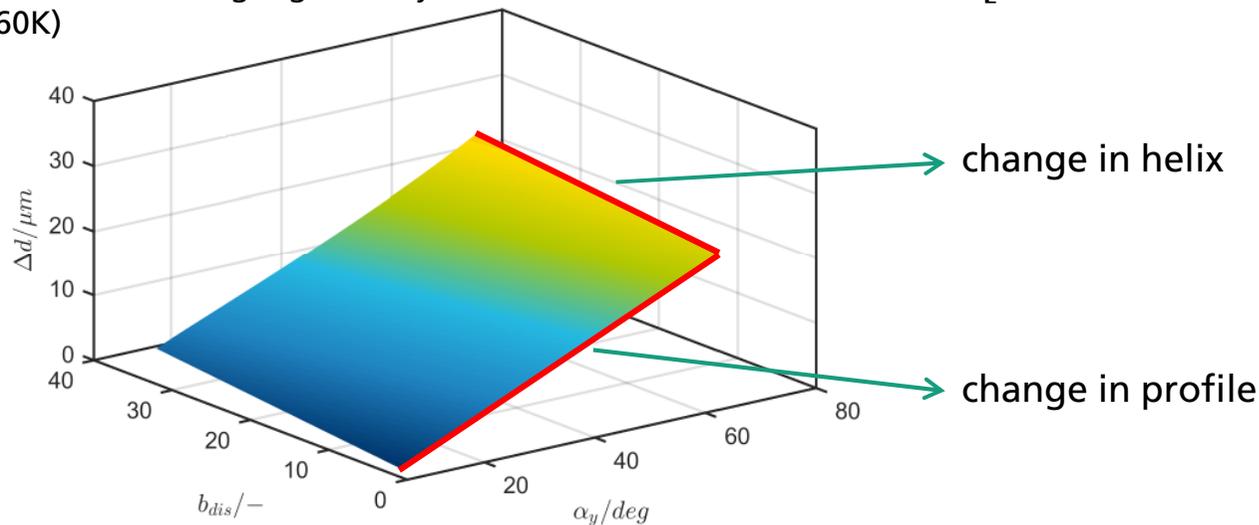
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## Calculation and Modelling.

- investigation of micro geometry change
  - distance of discretised target geometry to analytical actual geometry
- superposition of involute and lead slope (reasonable due to based equations)

$$p(\alpha, \zeta, r_b, \phi_b, \beta_b) = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{r_b}{\cos \alpha} \cdot \cos(\phi_b + \frac{\tan \beta_b}{r_b} \zeta + f \cdot \text{inv } \alpha) \\ \frac{r_b}{\cos \alpha} \cdot \sin(\phi_b + \frac{\tan \beta_b}{r_b} \zeta + f \cdot \text{inv } \alpha) \\ \zeta \end{bmatrix}$$

distance: actual to target geometry  
( $\Delta T = 60\text{K}$ )

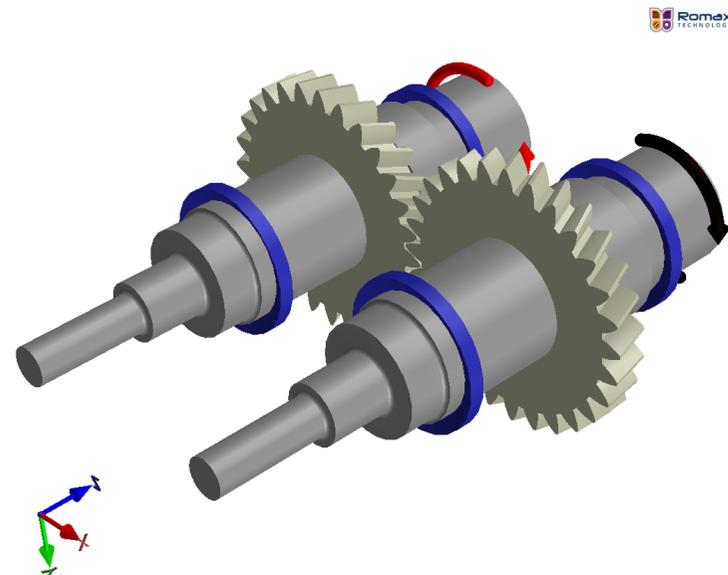


# Thermal induced geometry change

## Calculation and Modelling.

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- focus on gear mesh
- deflections due to displacements of other components (e.g. deflections due to shaft bending) not considered
- calculation of gear geometry at temperature  $T_i$  in MATLAB
- inputs for batch run
  - normal module
  - tooth thickness
  - face width
  - tip diameter
  - root diameter
- comparison of results for randomly chosen gear sets and temperatures with R14.6 (cause of usage of beta release)  
→ same results



# Thermal induced geometry change

## Calculation and Modelling.

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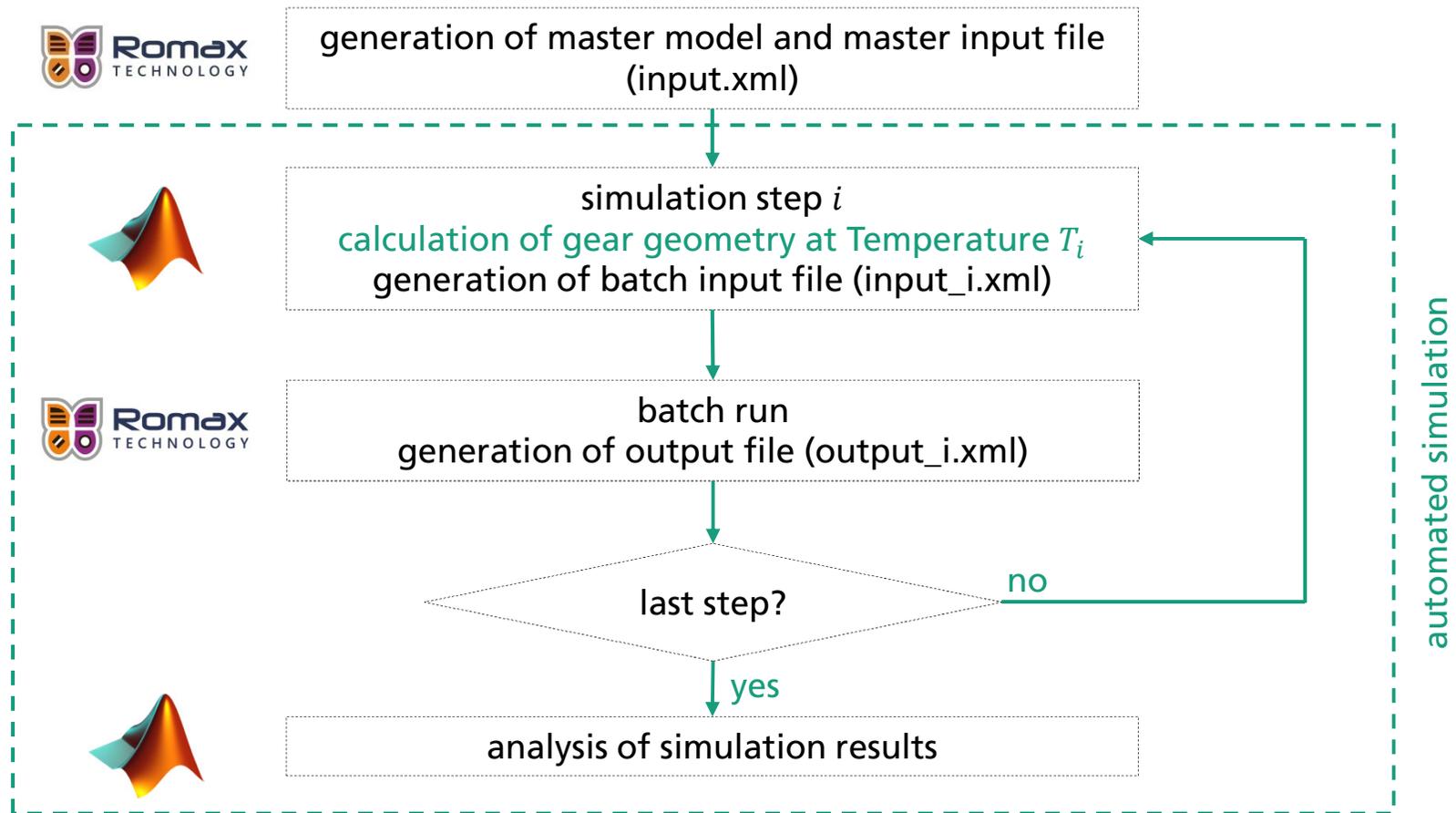
- investigation of 14 different gear sets with various gear geometries
- different parameter ranges

<b>parameter</b>	<b>minimum</b>	<b>maximum</b>
normal module / mm	2	8
face width / mm	16	90
normal pressure angle / deg	15	25
helix angle / deg	0	32
centre distance / mm	77	360
transverse contact ratio / -	1.04	2.06
axial contact ratio / -	0	1.96

# Thermal induced geometry change

## Calculation and Modelling.

- changes of simple model necessary



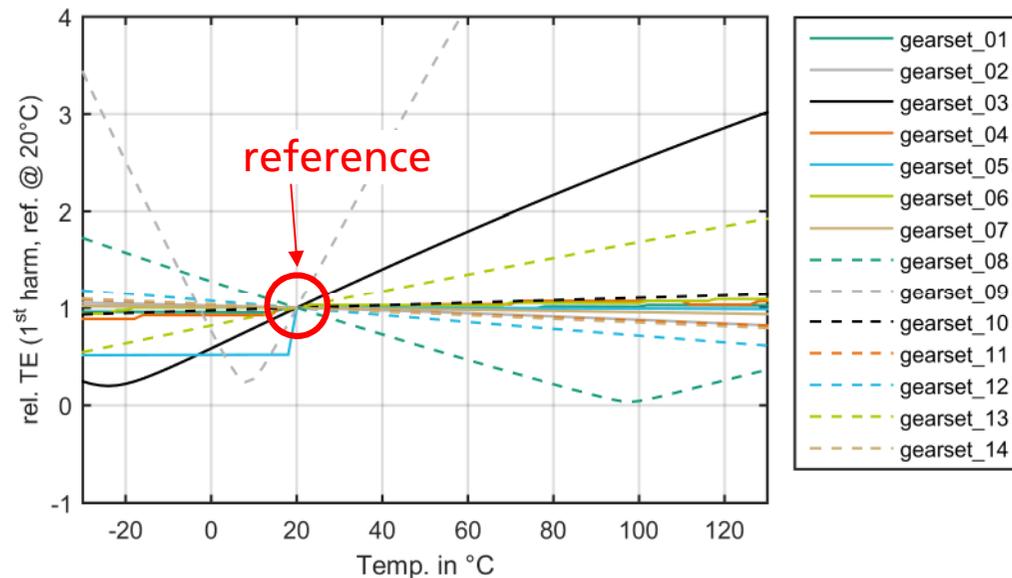
# Thermal induced geometry change

## Simulation results.

- objective
  - analysis of change in TE due to temperature variation
- normalization of evaluation parameters  $x$  to reference value at 20°C

$$\tilde{x}(T_i) = \frac{x(T_i)}{x(T_{20})}$$

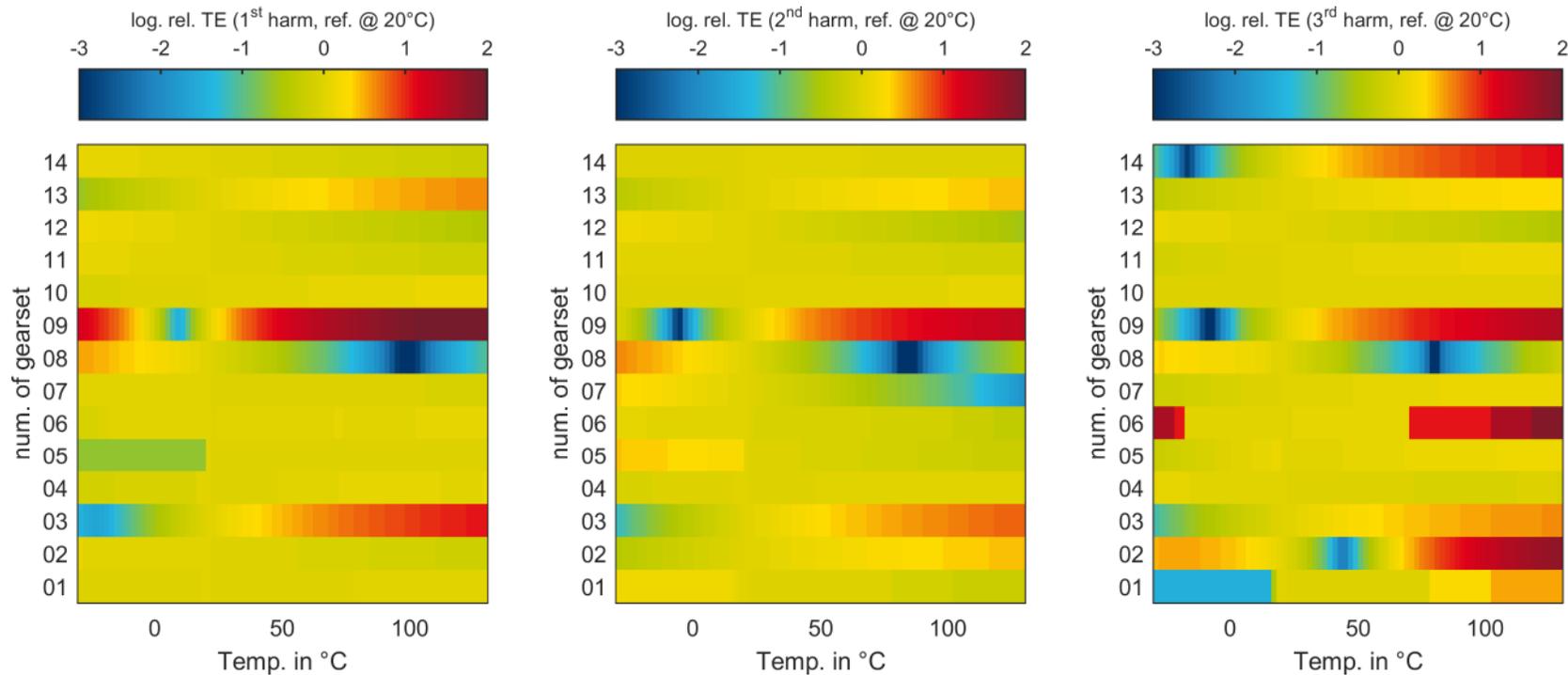
- result parameters
  - 1<sup>st</sup> harmonic of TE
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> harmonic of TE
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- main focus on 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> harmonic



# Thermal induced geometry change

## Simulation results.

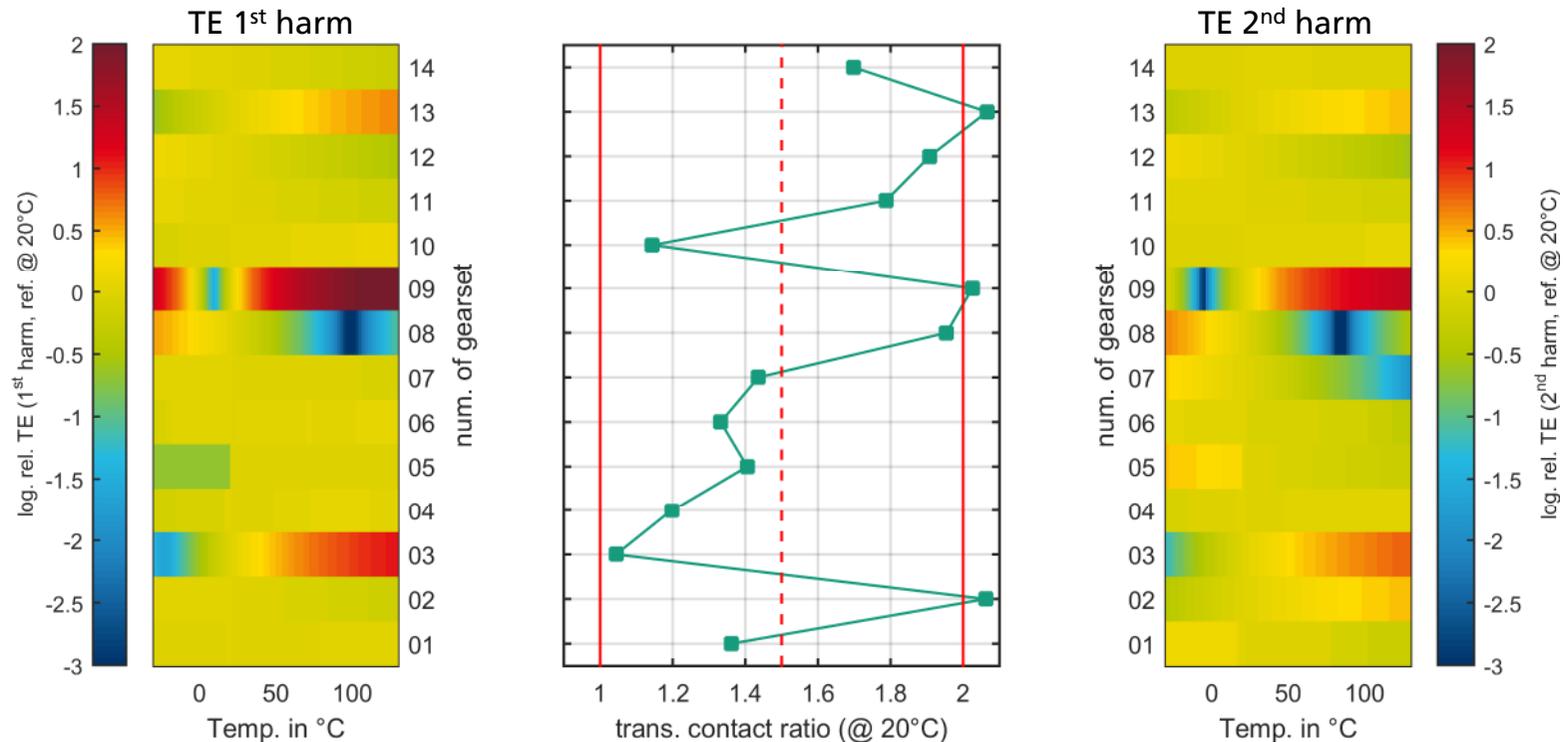
- comparison of TEs for different temperatures and gear geometries
- logarithmic scale due to visualisation
- some gear sets with significant thermal influences



# Thermal induced geometry change

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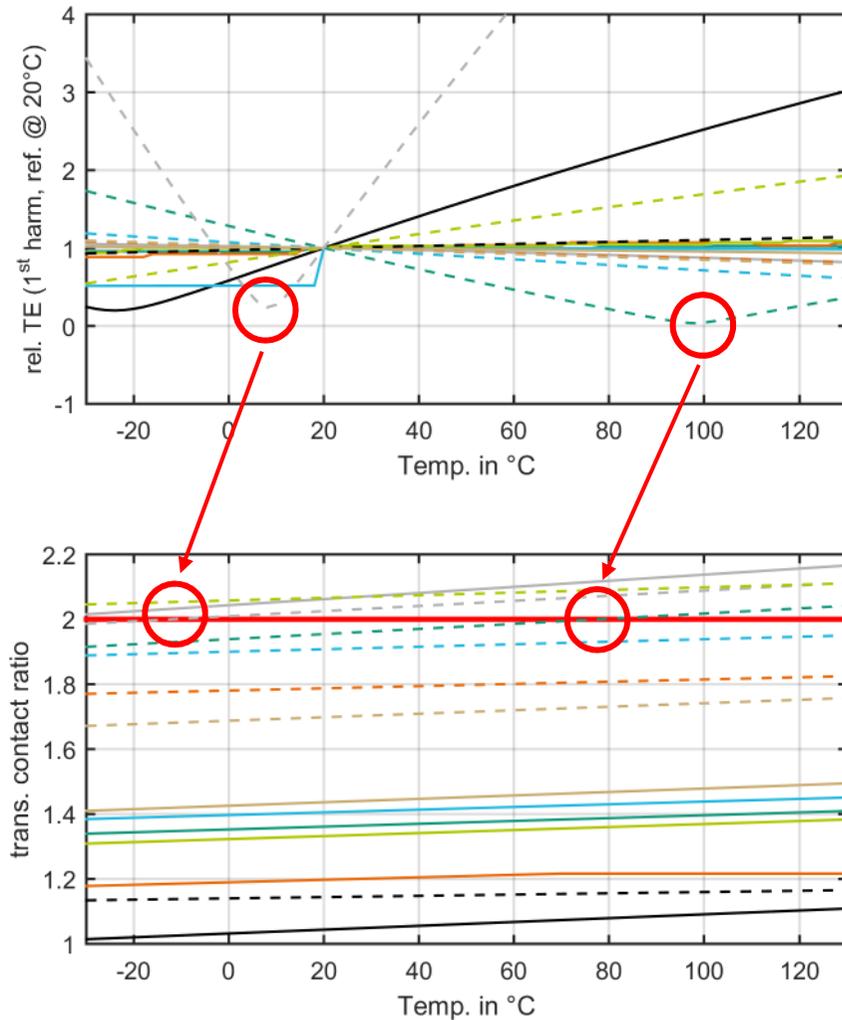
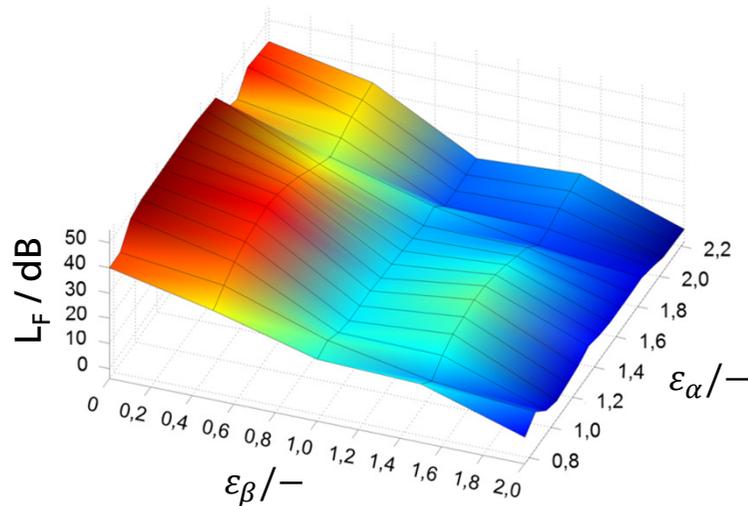
- correlation between transverse contact ratio and thermal variation in TE harmonics
- gear sets with transverse contact ratios nearly to an integer value → significant sensitivity to thermal changes in gear geometry



# Thermal induced geometry change

## Simulation results.

- correlation of simulation results with well known excitation mapping
- pass of  $\varepsilon_\alpha = 2$  (or 1)  
→ minimum in TE 1<sup>st</sup> harmonic
- slight differences between temperatures at minimum in TE and theoretical transverse contact ratio  
→ backlash as probable reason



# Conclusion and perspective

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## Conclusion

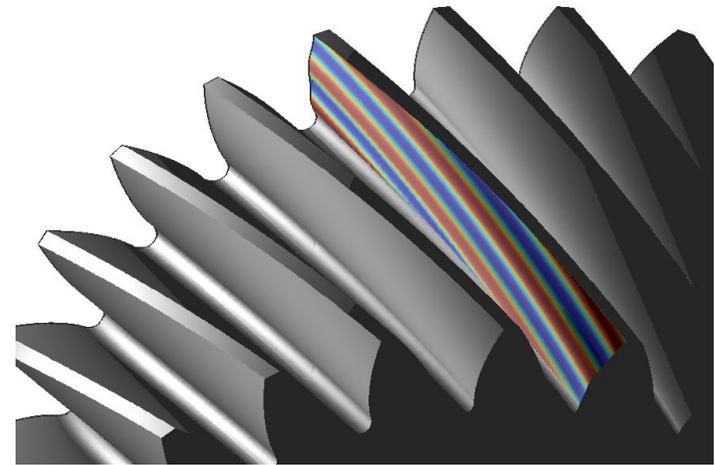
- thermal induced geometry changes of gear sets → slight different gear mesh ratios → variation of excitation behaviour
- consideration of thermal elongations maybe necessary (depending on gear pair parameters)
- high sensitivity near  $\varepsilon_\alpha = 2$  (or 1) (minima and maxima by passing integer values of transverse contact ratio)
- correlation of simulation results with excitation mapping
- ROMAX batch mode → capability of “free” variation calculations using third party applications (e.g. MATLAB)

## Perspective

- comparison with measurements
- consideration of thermal induced misalignments
  - e.g. shaft tilts due to thermal housing deformations
- generation of larger data basis for statistical analyses

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**Thank you very much  
for your kind interest.**



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# backup

# Thermal induced geometry change

## Calculation and Modelling.

- overview of 14 different gear sets

gear set	$m_n/mm$	$b/mm$	$\alpha_n/deg$	$\beta/deg$	$a/mm$	$\varepsilon_\alpha/-$	$\varepsilon_\beta/-$
1	3	30	20	0	120	1.361	0
2	4	60	20	8	340	1.619	0.332
3	4	30	25	15	240	1.196	0.618
4	4	60	25	0	160	1.212	0
5	6	50	18	20	240	1.405	0.907
6	8	90	20	0	360	1.332	0
7	5	90	20	20	232	1.436	1.96
8	6	75	15	5	353	1.954	0.347
9	6	75	15	5	353	2.018	0.347
10	3	20	23	30	77	1.144	0.991
11	2	20	18	28	81	1.787	1.382
12	2	16	16	31	75	1.908	1.350
13	2.5	17	16	30	79	2.066	1.430
14	2.15	25	20	27	135	1.698	1.794