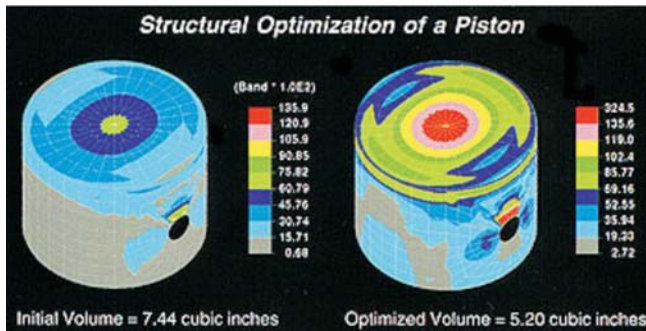


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OPTIMUM STRUCTURAL DESIGN

NISAOPT is the most sophisticated family of computer programs available in the world for optimum structural design. The three programs in the NISAOPT family: STROPT, SHAPE, and SECOPT, are fully integrated with NISA II and DISPLAY III/IV. State-of-the-art methods are utilized at initial design, intermediate design, and optimum (final) design. Design sensitivity coefficients are also available.



STROPT

- Minimization of material volume, mass, and weight for fixed geometry by changing thickness of shell, layer orientation angles and thickness of composite laminate and cross sectional dimensions of Beams/Bars
- Capabilities include:
 - Optimum design for multiple load cases and associated boundary conditions
 - Various optimization algorithms and design sensitivity analysis methods
 - Standard cross sections as well as generalized beam section
 - Design Sensitivity Coefficient (DSC) vs. Design variable number
- Constraints include: **Displacement**; normal, shear, principal, von Mises, octahedral, node & Gauss point stresses, AISC code; **failure criteria**; **buckling load factor**; **natural frequency**; amplitude under harmonic excitation
- Virtually no limits on the number of design variables and constraints

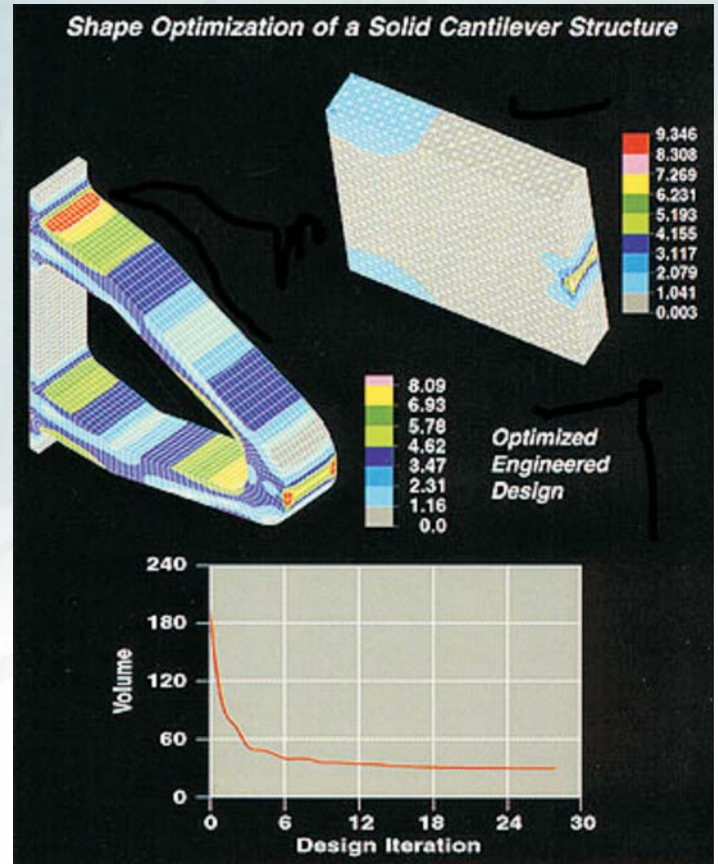
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SHAPE

- Optimization of structural shapes fully based on initial finite element model, thus no need to model boundary by parametric curve
- Minimization of mass, volume, or material cost
- Constraints include: stress and displacement under multiple load cases and stiffness at nodes
- Any symmetry condition can be fully exploited in modeling
- Driving of the solution towards global optimum
- Entire shape of prescribed regions may be subjected to design variation
- The program may form and expand new holes and cut-outs within the system
- DSC contour plots
- The only commercially available program that allows removal of material for optimum shape by removing elements from both within the model and from the boundaries of the structure

SECOPT

- Beam cross-section optimization of any prescribed general shape, including single or multiple connected cells
- Design variables can be thickness and side length
- Constraints can be imposed on section properties; and on requirements from design code and other considerations



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