

Robust Design of a Hydraulic Cylinder Drive



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Dynamical Simulation of the Controlled Cylinder Drive



Network Model in SimulationX







Design Specifications = Constraints



Valve Pressure P P < 87 bar in range [0.1; 2.0] s

Piston Velocity v v < 0.282 m/s in range [0.1; 0.52] s v >-0.003 m/s in range [0.6; 0.90] s



Process Work Flow



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PID-Control Parameter Identification through Optimization



Piston Displacement before Optimization

 Parameters

 Gain
 GP:
 19.995
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 Derivative Time
 TdD:
 0.015801
 s
 ▼

 Damping Ratio
 Til:
 0.97974
 s
 ▼

Piston Displacement after Optimization



Robustness Evaluation of Nominal Design

🔁 Design Parameters			
Name	Nom	Tolera	Unit
Mass	100	4	kg
Pressure	100	4	bar
Piston Diameter	50	1	mm
Stop Stiffness	50	4	kN/mm
Dead Volume Port A	50	4	cm³
Dead Volume Port B	50	4	cm³
Rod Diameter	36	1	mm
Natural Frequency	10	5	Hz
Kinematic Viscosity	41	2	mm²/s
Density	0.89	0.01	g/cm³
Pressure Drop	35	4	bar
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Parameter and Process Uncertainties for Nominal Design

> Design of Experiment 100 Model Calculations







Residual Plot for 1D-Meta-Models



1.08

1.59

-1.71e-013

Time [s]

2.1

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0.06

0.57



Design and Process Uncertainties



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100.000 Samples



Probabilistic Simulation of Nominal Design



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Failure Probability = 23.71%



Sensitivity Analysis of Nominal Design



0.2 %

0 %

Total Effect

Main Effect

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Dead Volume Port A 0.35 %

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0.06

0.57

1.08

1.59

2.1

Time [s]

.89e-006



Meta Models of the Cylinder Drive







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Robust Design Optimization

Calculator mean(Valve Pressure)+mean((Piston Velocity)				
Valve Pressure Piston Velocity Gain Derivative Time Damping Ratio	sin asin Back Delete All cos acos () tan atan 7 8 9 / abs exp 4 5 6 × In pow 1 2 3 - sqt sqr 0 . + Statistics Mean Sigma Variance Cost				
Test OK Cancel					

Design Parameters		1		
Name	Nominal	Tolerance	Unit	Comment
Mass	100	4	kg	Mass
Pressure	100	4	bar	Pressure
Piston Diameter	51.6624885	1	mm	Piston Diameter
Stop Stiffness	50.1882929	4	kN/mm	Stiffness
Dead Volume Port A	50.5552772	4	cm³	Dead Volume Port A
Dead Volume Port B	50.817121	4	cm ³	Dead Volume Port B
Rod Diameter	34.0077134	1	mm	Rod Diameter
Natural Frequency	9.91139109	5	Hz	Natural Frequency (Undamp
Kinematic Viscosity	41	2	mm²/s	Kinematic Viscosity
Density	0.89	0.01	g/cm³	Density
Pressure Drop	35	4	bar	Pressure Drop at Valve Edge

Design and Process Parameters of the Robust Design

Design Objective for the Virtual Robust Optimization Process



Robust Design Probability



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Failure Probability = 1.08%



Robust Design Sensitivity



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Conclusion

Nominal design using classical nominal simulation cannot warranty the reliability and quality of the products, because the nominal parameters are only one fix value.

Robust design is a power-full tool for design of reliable and quality product in the early design stage without any cost. It considers parameter uncertainties as stochastic distributions.

In the case of the hydraulic cylinder drive, the failure probability has been reduced from 23.71% to 1.08% for the manufacturing process.

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