Since July 2008, the Multidisciplinary Analysis & Optimization Working Group (MDAO WG) of the Systems Analysis Design & Optimization (SAD&O) discipline in the Fundamental Aeronautics Program’s Subsonic Fixed Wing (SFW) project completed one major milestone, “Define Architecture & Interfaces for Next Generation Open Source MDAO Framework” Milestone (9/30/08), and is completing the Generation 1 Framework validation milestone, which is due December 2008. Included in the presentation are: details of progress on developing the Open MDAO framework, modeling and testing the Generation 1 Framework, progress toward establishing partnerships with external parties, and discussion of additional potential collaborations.
Systems Analysis Design and Optimization (SAD&O) Technical Working Group (TWG) Meeting

Subsonic Fixed Wing Project
NASA Fundamental Aeronautics Program

Six Month Status Update:
Multi-Disciplinary Analysis & Optimization Frameworks

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Topic Outline

• Brief Overview
• OpenMDAO Status
• Outreach
• Next Steps
• Conclusion
MDAO Task Goal & Objectives

• GOAL
  – Advance the state of the art of physics-based multidisciplinary analysis & optimization for both conventional & unconventional vehicles.

• OBJECTIVES
  – Focus on Subsonic Fixed Wing and Supersonics applications, but develop capabilities that can support all flight regimes.
  – Improve current MDAO tools and integration techniques.
  – Establish the groundwork and provide an open source next generation MDAO capability for far-term activities.
  – Collaborate with the MDAO community in industry, academia, and other government agencies throughout the development process to benefit all parties.
## MDAO Milestone Roadmap

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- **Completed Milestone**: Red Star
- **Timeline**: Blue Line
- **Planned Milestone**: Yellow Triangle
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- **Timeline**: Solid blue lines represent the timeline for each milestone.
- **Planned Milestone**: Yellow triangle indicates planned milestones.
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- **Completed Milestone**
- **Planned Milestone**
- **Timeline**

![Timeline Diagram](image)
OpenMDAO Status Highlights

• Completed initial “Next Generation Open Source MDAO Framework Architecture Document” (9/30/08 milestone)

• Implementing core OpenMDAO framework objects using python

• Held python training at LaRC and scheduled another session at GRC

• Evaluating variable fidelity objects from M4 Engineering SBIR

• Implementing “toy” distributed simulation to learn about python distributed objects
OpenMDAO Status Highlights (continued)

• Prepared to request Requirements feedback

• Revisiting MDAO Test Cases (interfaces and testing)

• Researching what’s needed to launch OpenMDAO external website

• Evaluating & setting up development tools (Bazaar, Trac) & processes
• Continuing to develop **Problem Formulation Prototype** using python

• Presented Papers at AIAA/ISSMO Multidisciplinary Analysis and Optimization Conference in Victoria, CA:
  
  – “*The Development of an Open-Source Framework for Multidisciplinary Analysis and Optimization*” by Moore, Naylor, & Gray
  
  – “*Reliability Based Design Optimization of a Composite Airframe Component*” by Patnaik, Pai, & Coroneos
Outreach: Collaboration

• Examples of parties who have indicated interest:
  – NASA (Constellation)
  – DoD
    • Computational Research & Engineering Acquisition Tools & Environments (CREATE) Program
    • AFRL: Air Vehicles & Propulsion Directorates
  – DoE
    • Sandia Labs: Design Analysis Kit for Optimization and Terascale Applications (DAKOTA)
  – Industry: Boeing, Lockheed, GE
  – Academia: Georgia Tech, Stanford, University of Toronto

• Example NRA & SBIR:
  – Subsonic Fixed Wing SBIR
    • Multidisciplinary Optimization Object Library (M4 Engineering)
  – Supersonics NRA
    • Control of Boundary Representation Topology in MDAO (MIT)
Outreach: Collaboration Ideas

• Requirements
  – Feedback on latest Requirements: suggest changes & additions
  – Propose additional Use Cases

• Testing
  – Test Cases
  – User feedback
  – Beta testers

• Identify areas of functionality to share & contribute
  – Geometry
  – Uncertainty Analysis
  – Optimization
  – Framework
  – Discipline codes
Outreach: Partnerships

• Identify partners interested in establishing Space Act Agreements or Interagency Agreements

• Follow-up with interested parties, establish agreements, and work as a group

• If your company/organization is interested in this MDAO activity, contact Cynthia Naiman
## Next Steps

### Sub Tasks

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Conclusion

• Physics-based MDAO is a critical national need and is an extremely difficult challenge

• 2-Path approach benefits near- and long-term needs

• User involvement throughout the development life-cycle is critical

• Partnering with industry, academia, and other government agencies is essential to realize MDAO vision
Additional Information Available

• See SAD&O Website:
    • Userid “guest”
    • Password “sado”

• Contact Cynthia Naiman
  – Cynthia.G.Naiman@nasa.gov
  – 216-433-5238
“Toy” Simulation to Explore Distributed Object Communication

- Intended to provide semi-realistic environment for experimenting with different technologies.
- NOT intended as a prototype for the real framework, or something evolving into the real framework
- Supports typical data and process flows.
- Example problem is nested optimization of AXOD (AXial Off Design: a meanline axial turbine code that can generate off-design maps) input parameters to match a set of data.
- A genetic optimizer is used to set starting points for gradient optimizers distributed to nodes of local GX cluster.
- GX has 220 AMD Opteron (64-bit) processors connected via Infiniband running Debian Linux. It's local to GRC.
- Has experimental support for driving wxPython and web GUIs from the same GUI code.
- Matplotlib does the plotting.
- Distributed objects
  - Need support for distributing sub-models (for optimization, etc) as well as remote objects within a single model.
  - ‘Twisted' package provides basic networking support for multiple protocols. Twisted is a stable, widely used package. Twisted depends on various sub-packages like zope.interface, Crypto, OpenSSL. Twisted is used for HTTP, OpenSSL for HTTPS and RPyCS.
  - ‘RPyC’ package provides transparent support for distributed objects. Not an exact fit for our requirements. RPyC is a new, evolving project. A modified RPyC does the distributed object communication.
- Beginning to explore how M4 work can be incorporated into a framework similar to that defined in the architecture document.
  - Numeric, numarray, numpy, scipy get pulled-in for M4 objects as well as matplotlib.
“Toy” Simulation

The SimulationManager acts as a portal, allowing you to connect to existing simulations, launch new simulations, and terminate simulations. This manager is running on the remote host gxtrem3, which is a front-end to the GX cluster.
Scenario 1:
The typical NASA open source website.

openmdao.grc.nasa.gov
*short description
*download link

Domain names:
openmdao.org
openmdao.com
openmdao.net

Scenario 2:
(Desired)
Full open source community.

openmdao.grc.nasa.gov
*project description
*link to full open source site

www.openmdao.org
full open-source software site available to all, hosted outside NASA
*news
*forums
*source code
*documentation

Other domain names:
openmdao.com
openmdao.net
openmdao.info
OpenMDAO Life Cycle Process

A registration process must be completed prior to submitting a Change Request (CR).

Minimum CR submission Criteria for the OpenMDAO Framework project:

- REQ Criteria
  - Get full framework requirement description from the latest Software Requirements Specification (SRS)

- RFE Criteria
  - Provide the following information:
    - A detailed description of the RFE
    - The release version in which you are working
    - A brief rationale as to why this RFE is needed

- DEF Criteria
  - Find and document the defect with the following minimum submission requirements:
    - An input file that reproduces the problem
    - A corresponding output file which notes the results
    - Suggested documentation updates
    - The release version in which the problem was found
    - User's environment when problem was found

Submitter enters CR into a configuration controlled tracking system.

SUBMITTED - Email sent to SCM & Submitter

REQ CR Submission:
- Development Team evaluates REQ CRs
  - CR Not Accepted
    - NOT_ACCEPTED - Already Submitted
      - Email sent to SCM & Submitter
  - CR Accepted
    - ACCEPTED - Email sent to Dev Lead, SCM & Submitter

RFE CR Submission:
- Development Team evaluates RFE CRs (via forum)
  - CR Not Accepted
    - NOT_ACCEPTED - Net Framework CR
      - Rejected
    - Email sent to SCM & Submitter
  - CR Accepted
    - ACCEPTED - Email sent to Dev Lead, SCM & Submitter

DEF CR Submission:
- V&V Team evaluates Defect CRs
  - CR Not Accepted
    - NOT_ACCEPTED - Already Submitted
    - Not Reproducible
    - Already Incorporated
    - Rejected
    - Not Framework CR
    - Email sent to SCM & Submitter
  - CR Accepted
    - ACCEPTED - Email sent to Dev Lead, SCM & Submitter
OpenMDAO Life Cycle Process (cont’d)

Assign CR to team member

ASSIGNED - Email sent to assigned team member

Assignee opens branch

WORKING - Email sent to SCM & Submitter

Assignee works CR

Assignee submits changes for review

REVIEWING - Code Email sent to Assignee

Conduct review

Revisions required?

Yes

REWORKING - Code Email sent to Assignee

No

CR documentation update required?

Yes

Assignee sends associated document changes to Tech Writer

Tech Writer works documentation

DOC_UPDATE - Email sent to Tech Writer

No

Reviewer submits CR for merge

READY_MERGE - Email sent to SCM, V&W & Assignee

SCM merges CR

TESTING - Email sent to V&W & Assignee

V&W does testing

Major Changes Required

No

Pass all V&W testing?

Yes

READY_FOR_RELEASE - Email sent to SCM

RELEASED - Email sent to Submitter & Team

No

Pass all V&W testing?
Problem Formulation Tool Prototype
Backup Charts
Role of OpenMDAO.org Website

• News/Information
• Source Code & Distributions
  – Read-only access to framework and open-source plug-ins to the general public
    • Changes to the framework come through NASA gatekeeper
    • Closed-source plug-ins (e.g. NPSS) have restricted access
  – Anyone can write a custom plug-in, and since it does not impact the framework source, it needn’t go through a gatekeeper
    • Custom components and variable types that are written can be kept to oneself or shared with the community
    • Custom components that are shared could be rated by the community
    • Highly-rated custom components could be added to OpenMDAO standard lib
• Documentation
  – OpenMDAO User Guide
  – OpenMDAO Developer Guide
  – Use Case ”How To” Guide
• Discussion Forums
• Submission of Defects
• Proposals for Enhancement
• Adding New Developers
Outreach: NRA and SBIR Activities

• Subsonic Fixed Wing NRAs
  – Develop parametric blade geometry modeler (AVETeC/University of Cincinnati)
  – “System Analysis & Design Approach to the Hybrid Wing/Body Aircraft” (AVID LLC)
  – Improve structural modeling, meshing and rapid grid morphing capabilities within Vehicle Sketch Pad (Cal Poly/Phoenix Integration/J R Gouldemans)
  – “Enhanced Modeling & Analysis for Emission Prediction” (Georgia Tech/ASDL)
  – “Adv Multidisciplinary Optimization Techniques for Efficient Subsonic Aircraft Design” (MIT/Stanford/Purdue/Boeing)

• Supersonics NRAs
  – “High Fidelity MDO: Software Infrastructure & Application to Supersonic Aircraft” (M4 Engineering/Phoenix Integration)
  – “Control of Boundary Representation Topology in MDAO” (MIT)
  – “Multifidelity Analysis and Design Methods for Supersonic Aircraft” (Stanford/MIT)

• Subsonic Fixed Wing SBIRs
  – Cumulative Metamodelingw/Uncertainty Estimation (Nielsen Engineering)
  – Advanced Modeling Concepts for Conceptual Design (NextGenAeronautics)
  – Multidisciplinary Optimization Object Library (M4 Engineering)
  – Multi-Disciplinary, Multi-Fidelity Design Environment (Phoenix Integration)

Details on any NRA & SBIR efforts are available.
Example: Optimization Using a Cluster

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5. Genetic optimizer starts gradient optimizers.
6. Gradient optimizers perform AXOD runs.
Incremental Software Development

Requirements: Define/Update/Prioritize Use Cases

Submit Change Requests: Requirement, Enhancement, Defect

Stakeholder Input

Customer Feedback

Validate & Use Release: NASA Other Government Agencies Industry Partners Academia

Submit Change Requests: Requirement, Enhancement, Defect

Developers & Leads

Analyze → Design → Implement Change → Run Unit & Regression Tests

Code Inspections & Peer Reviews

Verification & Validation: Run Regression Tests

Software Configuration: Merge, Test, Generate Release

Daily Builds Increments Full Versions

Evolutionary Delivery Schedule

Top 10 Risks

Metrics Collection & Analysis

Lessons Learned

Improve Processes

All phases are iterated as needed.

Customer/User involvement in all phases of development is critical.