What's New?

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What’s New in 2020.1?

General improvements in the new version increase usability and the performance of programming. Efficient processing of rest material in corners is ensured by the new 3D and 5-Axis Corner Rest Machining. With the hyperMILL® AUTOMATION Center users can realize small automation tasks themselves. A new strategy for the machining of turbine blades with conical barrel cutters increases efficiency significantly.

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Review system compatibility: To ensure optimal performance and stability, we recommend regularly running our diagnostic program, Systemchecktool.exe. Note: Windows® 10 may reset the graphics driver or its settings when carrying out updates. System requirements: Windows® 7 (64 Bit), Windows® 8.1 Pro and Windows® 10 | CAD Integrations: hyperCAD®-S, Autodesk® Inventor®, SOLIDWORKS, ThinkDesign, hyperCAD® | Software languages: de, en, es, fr, it, nl, cs, pl, ru, sl, pt-br, ja, ko, zh-cn, zh-tw
**Toolpath Display**

The start point of the toolpath is now marked with a small red arrow, making the start position and direction immediately recognizable.

Properties of toolpaths and points, as well as the tool axes, can now be edited in the jobs without recalculation. The compensated path can now also be graphically displayed in hyperMILL®.

**Benefit:** Improved overview.

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**Split Job**

hyperMILL® now makes it possible to automatically split toolpaths according to a range of criteria. This makes it possible to easily change tools after a defined period of time or toolpath length, for example. Particularly in the case of materials that are difficult to machine, this provides optimal control over the tool life, making it possible to change inserts or switch in a sister tool, for example.

This function makes it unnecessary to manually edit the toolpath. Repeatability is guaranteed, even if the initial job is changed.

This function is available in all 3D and 5-axis cavity strategies.

**Benefit:** Increased process reliability.

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**Settings Wizard**

The Settings Wizard makes it easy to export all hyperMILL® settings, postprocessors, machine models, and the tool and macro database, and re-import within the same version.* The Settings Wizard can be found in the installation directory.

**Benefit:** Improved user-friendliness.

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*hyperCAD®-S settings cannot currently be exported/imported.
**Slot-Rib Probing**

A new strategy makes it possible to measure slots and ribs using the familiar technology parameters. The area to be measured is defined by a simple contour selection. The strategy automatically determines the optimal measuring point.

**Benefit:** Improved probing functions.

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**3D Optimized Roughing**

High-performance mode* is now also available in this strategy. The strategy also offers improved area sorting, resulting in fewer retractions. Areas in which a collision occurs are specifically excluded. In doing so, the collision check considers the tool including the shaft, extensions, and tool holder.

**Benefit:** HPC roughing is supported.

* High-performance mode supports the familiar hyperMILL® MAXX Machining technology for roughing. This generates spiral and trochoidal toolpaths and optimizes machining. High-performance cutting (HPC) is characterized by a very high stock removal rate.

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**3D Plane Machining**

The user can now define the machining area by surface and depth. This facilitates better control of machining and optimal tool utilization. A negative bottom allowance can now be defined for machining with end mills and bullnose end mills.

**Benefit:** Improved control over machining tolerances.
**3D And 5-Axis Corner Rest Machining**

This strategy merges optimized toolpaths for high-performance rest material removal in corners. Parallel and Z-level toolpaths ensure efficient rest machining. Optimized machining of floor areas is also possible. This means that the best method is applied in every situation.

**5-Axis Corner Rest Machining** makes indexed machining of difficult to reach corners possible. Automatic inclination selection, simultaneous linking movements, and collision avoidance are available in this process.

**Benefit:** Efficient rest material machining.

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**3D Equidistant Finishing**

The ‘Surface precision mode’ option is available to further improve surface quality. In this mode, toolpaths are calculated using real component surfaces and not a faceted calculation model. This allows ultra-smooth surfaces to be produced.

**Benefit:** Improved surface quality.

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**3D Profile Finishing**

Two new functions are available:

**Automatic face extension**

During programming, the ‘Automatic face extension’ function can be used to extend the circumference of selected milling surfaces. This CAD-for-CAM function eliminates the need to modify the milling faces in the CAD system beforehand.

**Free tool geometry**

Free tool geometry can now be used in 3D profile finishing. This makes it possible to use any tool types, such as high-feed cutters for example, for highly detailed programming and collision control.

**Benefit:** Increased user-friendliness, use of free tool geometries.
Additive Manufacturing – It’s Only Truly Perfect with CAD/CAM

hyperMILL® ADDITIVE Manufacturing is a powerful solution for additive manufacturing and helps to take full advantage of this new and growing technology. It allows you to perfectly and flexibly control additive processes, and on many machines to control both additive and subtractive processes. Two methods have become established in the field of additive manufacturing – for Powder Bed Fusion (PBF) OPEN MIND is the ideal solution provider with its CAD/CAM software which optimally integrates into the process chain to post-process printed parts.

Directed Energy Deposition

hyperMILL® ADDITIVE Manufacturing actively controls the material application of the Directed Energy Deposition (DED) process and thereby ensures optimal results. When additive and subtractive manufacturing are combined in a single machine tool, this is referred to as a hybrid manufacturing process. hyperMILL® enables users to perfectly program the cladding and milling together. True-to-detail application and removal simulation as well as stock tracking between the individual machining steps guarantee the greatest possible process reliability.

Component creation

The build speed of the Direct Energy Deposition process is many times higher than the powder bed technology. The 5-axis simultaneous build process allows a user to manufacture complex parts even without support structures. The laser processing head is always optimally guided along the part.
Features

- Flexible strategy for additive material application
- Various filling strategies for planes as well as free-form shapes
- Filling strategies for 2D and 3D sections
- 5-axis simultaneous application with optimal tilt strategies
- Full simulation of additive and subtractive processes, including material deposition
- One postprocessor for milling and/or additive processes
- CAD interface to all common CAD systems
- High level of laser configurability via technology parameters in the tool database

Turbine Blade Repair
Hybrid-machining of a damaged turbine blade. The defective area is milled off and then re-welded. In this process material is alternately added with a laser welding head and post-machined until the component geometry is completely restored.

Additive Machining of an existing component
Material will be applied to change the component properties. In certain areas the thickness of the part is increased by laser deposition welding. Or in some cases a dissimilar material may be added for better engineering properties.

Collision Control and tool database
The laser processing head is modeled in detail in hyperMILL® and included in the collision check. The technology parameters of the laser processing head can be managed via the tool database. During the post-processor run the corresponding NC Code is then created along with all control commands.
5-Axis Contouring

The strategy now offers further options to generate the tool inclination for 5-axis motion control optimization. In addition to ‘Exact Mode’, interpolation between the face normals is now also supported. The user benefits from safe machining with smoother machine movements.

**Benefit:** Safe and smooth machining.

5-Axis Tube Finishing

Woodruff cutters can now also be used in this strategy. The tool cutting edge, shaft, and holder are included in collision control and avoidance. In addition, it is now possible to easily and precisely define the milling areas with fixed inclination and for 5-axis simultaneous machining.

**Benefit:** Machining of extremely undercut areas.

5-Axis Blade Tangent Milling

This new strategy facilitates top milling of turbine blades using conical barrel cutters with a large conical angle. As a result, higher feedrates remain possible, while avoiding center-cutting. Large step-overs are possible with the conical barrel cutter and provide a fine surface finish.

**Benefit:** Increased efficiency, improved surface quality.
CAM – Grinding Strategies

**hyperMILL® JIG Grinding**

*offers easy-to-program CAM strategies to create safe and reliable NC programs for vertical or conical chop grinding.* hyperMILL® uses the machine tool’s controller cycle and can be used on grinding machines but also on hybrid machines with grinding and HSC milling function.

**Hole Grinding**

Hole grinding is easy to program just like a drilling job. Thanks to **hyperMILL® feature and macro technology** it is possible to automate the programming of these grinding jobs.

**2D Contour Grinding on 3D Model**

2D contour grinding makes it possible to easily and safely machine workpieces along a contour. Users simply select the contours to be machined, and **hyperMILL® automatically generates collision-checked toolpaths.**

**Benefit:** Quick and easy programming of grinding processes.

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**Feature and Macro Technology**

**Macro – Compound Job**

In order to better structure macros, individual compound jobs can be selected with their associated jobs when creating macros. The name of the compound job is saved with the macro, and can later also be run using this name.

**Benefit:** Improved clarity.

**Feature – Close Pockets**

Open pocket features can now be easily closed using a function in the feature list. This can be done automatically using the pocket geometry or by manually selecting a curve.

**Benefit:** Improved user-friendliness.
Parting

During parting, the selected contour is now automatically extended to match the respective stock model in order to simplify programming. The insert radius is taken into consideration, ensuring clean parting.

**Benefit:** Improved user-friendliness.

### Highlight

**Automatic Contour Feature Splitting**

*hyperMILL*® jobs automatically determine the area to be machined based on the turning contour. The grooving job will automatically recognize if a contour is a groove, for example. This makes it faster and easier for the user to program certain areas.

**Benefit:** Simplified programming.

Finishing

Toolpaths for finishing can now be calculated without a selected stock model.

**Benefit:** Improved user-friendliness.

### 3-Axis Simultaneous Turning

In addition to control using synchronization lines, the tool can now also be controlled using a tilt point. In this process, the tool is fixed at a specific point and executes tilting movements on the third axis from this point. This method reduces programming effort while simultaneously increasing safety during simultaneous machining.

**Benefit:** Simplified programming.
The new hyperMILL® 2020.1 version allows users to automate joblist creation processes using the hyperMILL® AUTOMATION Center.

The hyperMILL® AUTOMATION Center is the foundation for further automation, and serves as both a development and runtime environment. This makes it possible to standardize and automate complex process workflows in hyperCAD®-S and hyperMILL®. The hyperMILL® AUTOMATION Center provides the toolkit for OPEN MIND’s internal experts to provide comprehensive process automation, and is also available for end-users in a basic version.

The first expansion is included in hyperMILL® by default.* This allows you to automate the joblist creation process and the selection and positioning of the clamping device, as well as define a uniform process for all programmers. Users are also able to use standardized clamping devices during programming.

*Only available for hyperMILL® in hyperCAD®-S.

Features

- Comprehensive template functions
- Individually configurable
- Extended stock model options
- Clamping device management
- Documentation options for individual processes
Perfect Fusion of the Virtual and Real Worlds

In today’s manufacturing environments, virtual representations of real machines as so-called digital twins are becoming increasingly important. This is the only way of generating simulations that are true to reality, and makes it possible to design significantly more efficient and safe set-up processes.

*hyperMILL* VIRTUAL Machining consists of three modules.

In the **Center, which is the simulation solution**, the machine, including controller and PLC, are represented virtually and simulated based on the NC code – for maximum safety.

During the postprocessor run, the **Optimizer** automatically selects the best solution for collision-free orientation. All traverse movements between the individual machining steps are optimally linked with one another.

**CONNECTED Machining** enables bidirectional networking with the machine. Parameters can be compared against the CAM programming, and the machine can also be controlled remotely.
Application areas
- Checking, evaluating and optimizing the machining process
- Support for the acquisition of new machines
- Machine allocations
- Fast machine changes
- More accurate estimation of costs for bid proposals

New Functions in 2020.1

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Optimizer
The Optimizer offers improved performance for automatic solution selection and the calculation time during the postprocessor run. In addition, settings for the preferred direction control and collision avoidance may be defined in each individual hyperMILL® job. This makes it possible to override the global settings in the machine definition.

The new ‘Smooth linking’ function automatically optimizes all linking movements between the individual operations during the postprocessor run. This ensures that repositioning and movement is always in close proximity to the workpiece and checked for collisions. Thanks to this function, programming using job linking is not necessary in hyperMILL®.

Benefit: Significant reduction in auxiliary processing times.

Center
New and improved functionalities extend the scope of the hyperMILL® VIRTUAL Machining Center simulation solution.
- Improved axis diagram display options
- Extended collision check options

CONNECTED Machining
Ongoing development of the module has improved user-friendliness and extended compatibility through the addition of new controllers.
Move and Copy

End alignment when moving and copying elements can now be defined by selecting a line, individual points, or an axis.

**Benefit:** Moving elements is easier.

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Side electrodes

*hyperCAD*-S now supports the creation of side electrodes. These are created in the same way as vertical electrodes, and defined using specific parameters such as axis, eroding depth, joint angle, or joint length. Collision checks optimize the parameters and protect against contact during approach.

**Benefit:** Simple side electrode creation.

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Align faces orientation

The 'Align faces orientation' function makes it possible to automatically align all normals of a selected connected face area.

**Benefit:** Uniform face alignment.
Layer Containers

So-called layer containers can be created to improve clarity. Individual layers can be combined into a group in the container, making it possible to control visibility at the global level. Individual layers can also be dragged in and out of the container.

**Benefit:** Greater clarity for layer display.

Layer Search

Full-text search is now available for layers and layer containers. This makes it possible to quickly find individual layers in complex layer structures.

**Benefit:** Improved user-friendliness.

Associative Workplane

It is now possible to create an associative link between workplanes and elements. If the element is changed, the workplane will be updated.

**Benefit:** Improved user-friendliness.