CP12451-L: The Autodesk Moldflow Synergy API Part 2: Building real world applications

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Class summary

In this class we will:

- Show how to build practical API scripts using the API in the Moldflow Insight
- Introduce the API functionality and conventions
- Explain the data formats stored with the Study (.sdy) file
- Present a mixture of lectures and hands-on exercises to ensure that we cover the theoretical and practical aspects of building API scripts.

Some programming knowledge is preferred, but not required.

Key learning objectives

At the end of this class, you will be able to:

- Build real-world applications with the Autodesk Moldflow Synergy API
- Export Solver Output, Results and mesh information using the API
- Understand how data is stored in the Study (.sdy) file

Biography – David Astbury


David Astbury

- Started developing Moldflow Software in 1988
- B App. Sci. (Chemistry) University of Melbourne
- Roles: Developer, R&D Manager, QA Manager, Senior Manager
- Expertise: Numerical Simulation, Optimization/Design of Experiment (DOE), Project Management, QA Management, Moldflow API, IT/Linux, Software Development, Automation

Biography – Matt Jaworski


Matthew Jaworski

- Used Moldflow since 1996, joined Moldflow in 2000
- Roles: Support, Training, Application Engineer, Manager
- Erie Plastics, Hewlett Packard, Rubbermaid previously
- Taught at UMass Lowell & Penn State Erie
- Dual BS Degrees (Mechanical Engineering & Plastics Engineering Technology – Penn State University)
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Related Sessions

- CP10731-L: Learn to Create Professional, Stunning Reports with MS Office and the Synergy API
  - Tuesday 2nd December 1:00pm – 2:15pm
  - San Polo 3503, Level 3

House Keeping

Timetable

Time	Activity
1:00 - 1:15	Introduction
1:15 - 1:50	Result Data
1:50 - 2:00	Break
2:00 - 2:50	Screen Output Data
2:50 - 3:00	Break
3:00 - 3 :50	Understanding the Study File
3:50 - 4:00	Break
4:00 - 4:30	Understanding the Study File
4:30 - 5:00	Discussions / Question

Demographics

- Are you a Moldflow User ?
- Programmed with the Synergy API before ?

Standing Orders

- Ask questions at any time
  - We may refer it to a break if it's complex/lengthy
- This is new course
  - It's not perfect. Your feedback is appreciated
  - There is a lot of technical content in this course
    - You will not became and API expert in 4 hours
      - We aim to show you what's possible and how to get started
      - Use these Notes with the sample scripts provided.
- About 30% of this course refers to features only available in the Moldflow 2017 release
  - I will point out this content

Exercise Standing Orders

- Assist each other with the exercises
  - Feel free to exchange code/ideas
  - If you are stuck, look at the solution
  - Complexity increases with each task in the exercises
  - If you finish early
    - Help others
    - Experiment with what you have learned
    - Compare your approach with others. Often there are many solutions.
  - If your programming skills are poor then pair up with somebody who has done some programming before!

Standing Orders

Have Fun!

After all, it is Las Vegas

Agenda

- Module: Result Data
  - Instruction plus 1 exercise
- Module: Screen Output Data
  - Instruction plus 1 exercise
- Module: Understanding the Study File
  - Instruction plus 1 exercise
- FAQ
- Sample Scripts/Questions/Discussion

Module: Result Data and the API

Module: Result Data and the API

- Scope
  - Understand the different result types
  - Show how to read results with the API
  - Show how to manipulate results with the API
  - Show how to create custom plots with the API
  - Show how to export results to PowerPoint

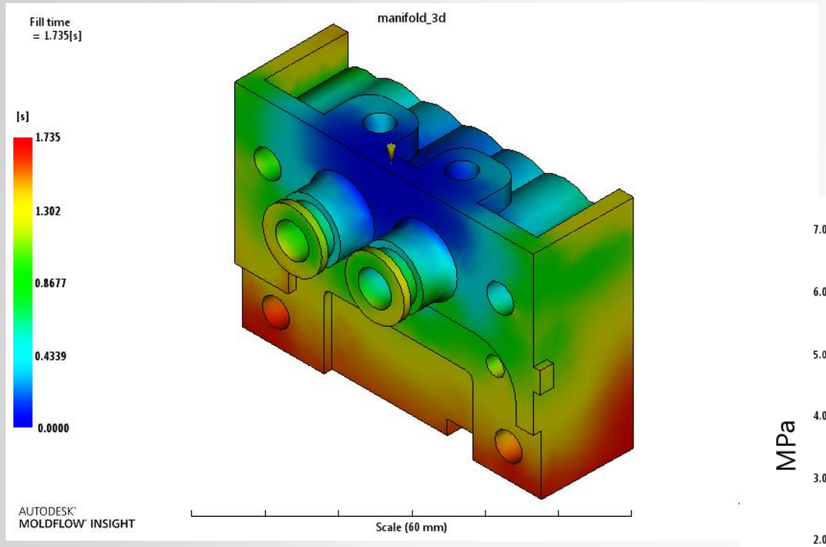
Result Data and the API

- When writing more advanced scripts you need a basic knowledge and understanding of the content of the following data files:
  - results.dat
  - units97.dat
  - tcodes.dat
  - tcodeset.dat
  - cmmesage.dat
  - process.dat

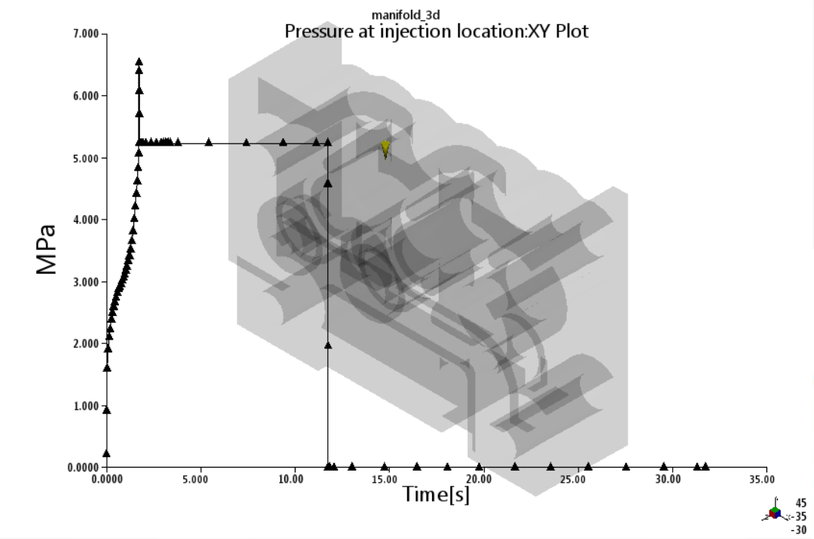
Understanding Key data files

- Location of these files
  - Installation directory
    - ….\Autodesk\Moldflow Synergy 20xx\data\dat
- WARNING
  - Editing these files changes the behaviour of the software
  - Editing these files may cause the software to crash

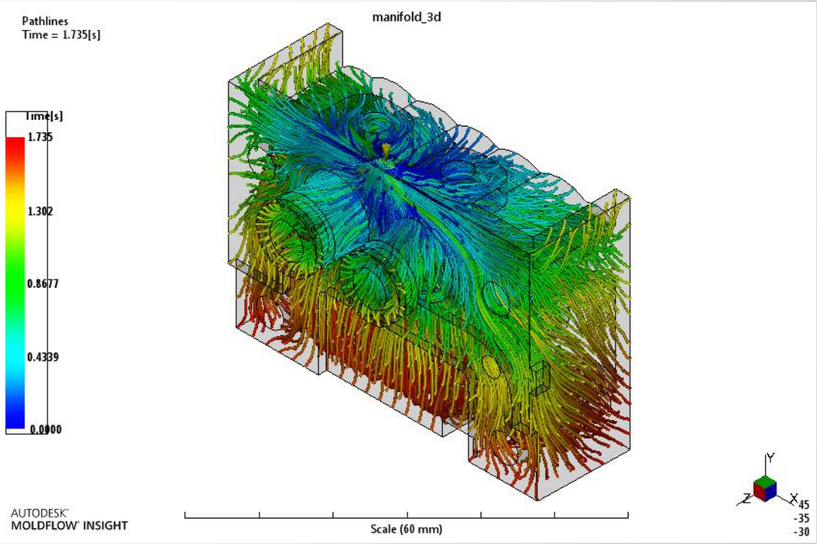
Results



Contour Plot



Time Series:XY Plot



Pathline Plot

Manipulating result data with the API

- Identifying a result
  - Result Name “Fill time” PlotManager.FindPlotByName(“Fill time”)
  - Result ID 1610
  - Active plot Viewer.GetActive()

Results.dat Edit

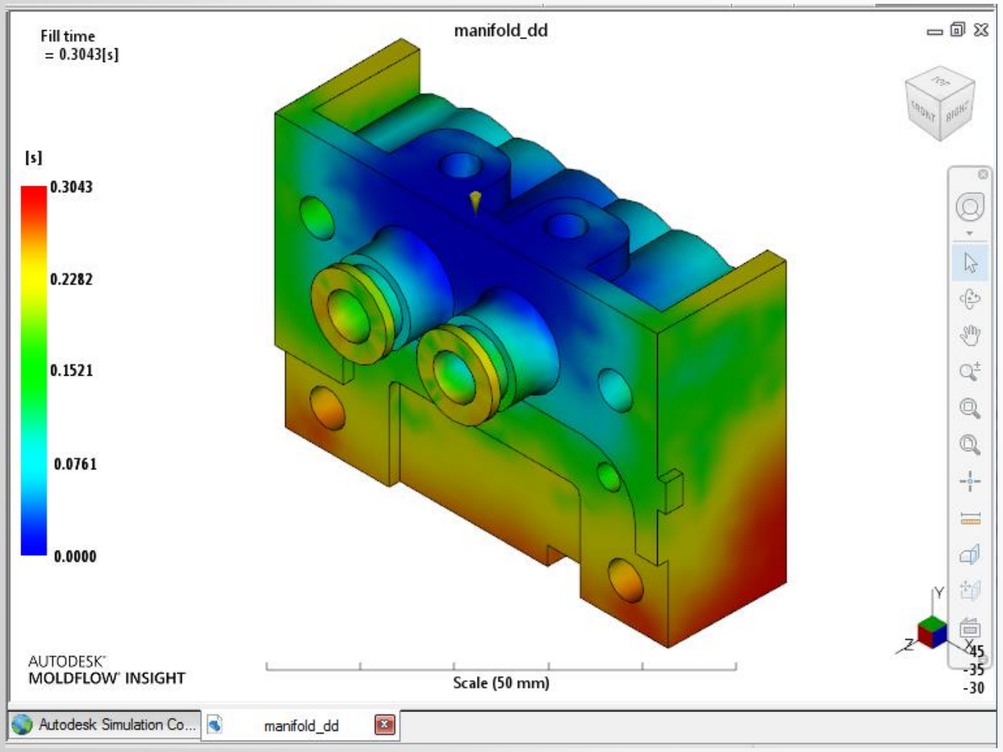
Manipulating result data with the API

- Key Types of Results
  - NDDT = Nodal Data
  - ELDT = Elemental Data
  - TXDT = Text Data
  - NMDT = Non Mesh Data
  - Note: There are other types …. Not covered here

Results.dat Edit

Manipulating result data with the API

- NDDT
  - Fill time (Result ID = 1610)



Entity Type

Plot Name

Dependent

Plot Setup

```
NDDT
{
    1610
    1
    NAME
    {
        "Fill time"
    }
    DEPT
    {
        "Fill time"
        "s"
    }
    PLTD
    {
        "DG[100]"
    }
}
```

Result ID

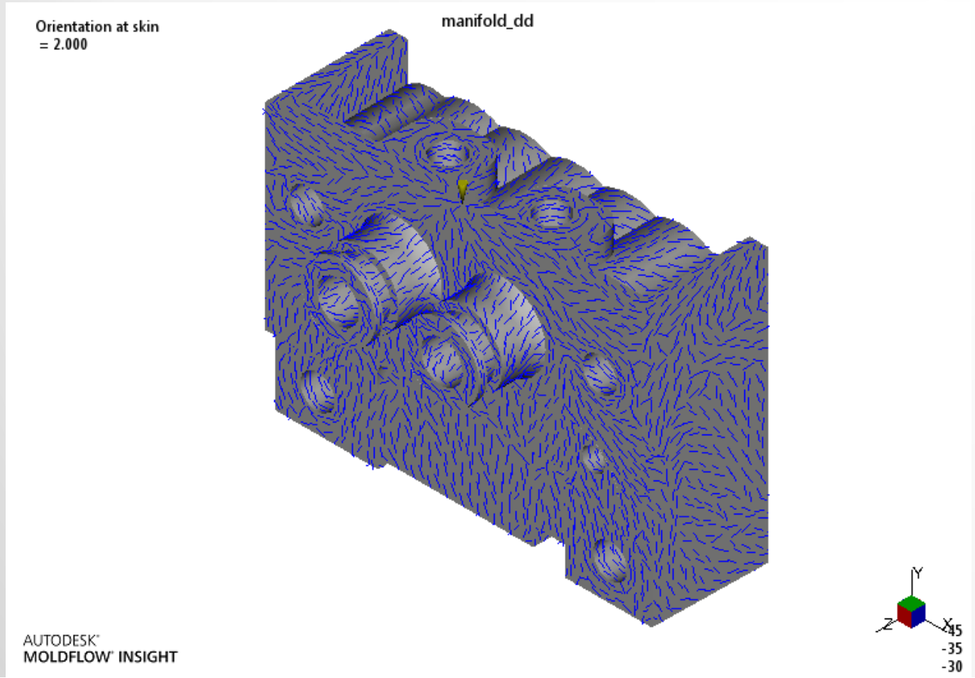
Number of Values

Units

Results.dat Edit

Manipulating result data with the API

- ELDT
  - Orientation at Skin (Result ID = 1040)
    - Vector (3 Values X,Y,Z)
    - Dimensionless




```
ELDT
{
   1040
   3
   0
  NAME
  {
    "Orientation at skin"
  }
  DEPT
  {
    "Orientation at skin"
    ""
  }
  PLTD
  {
   "LDR[1,2,2]G[100]"
  }
}
```

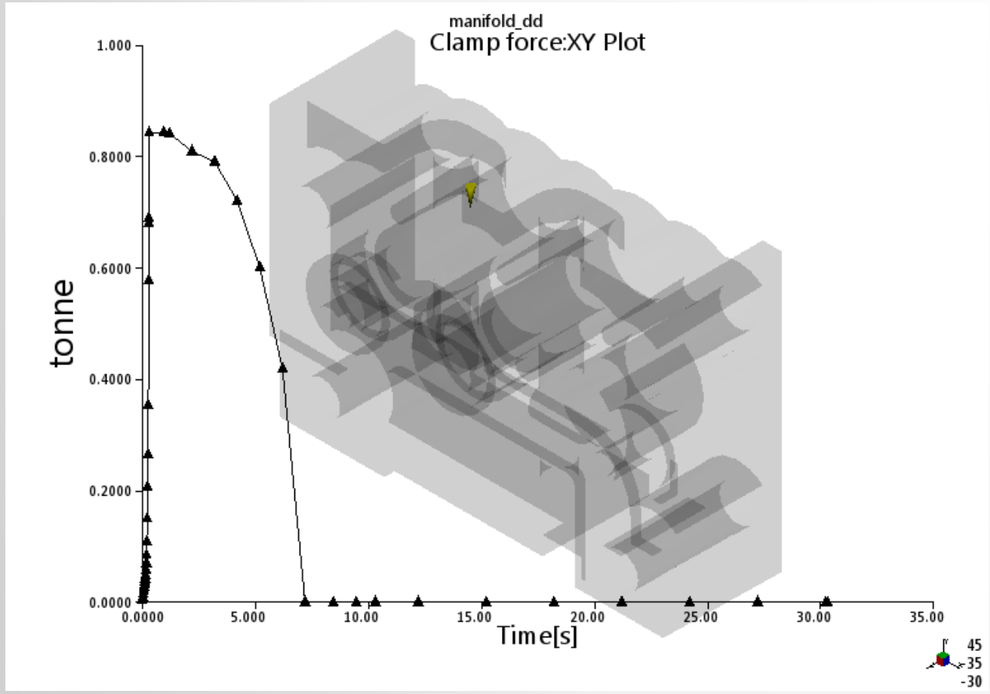
Vector

Dimensionless

Results.dat Edit

Manipulating result data with the API

- NMDT
  - Clamp Force (Result ID = 1150)
    - Time Based



Independent

```
NMDT
{
  1150
  1
  NAME
  {
     "Clamp force"
  }
  DEPT
  {
     "Clamp force"
     "N"
  }
  INDP
  {
     "Time"
     "s"
  }
  PLTD
  {
        "XG[100]"
  }
}
```

Results.dat Edit

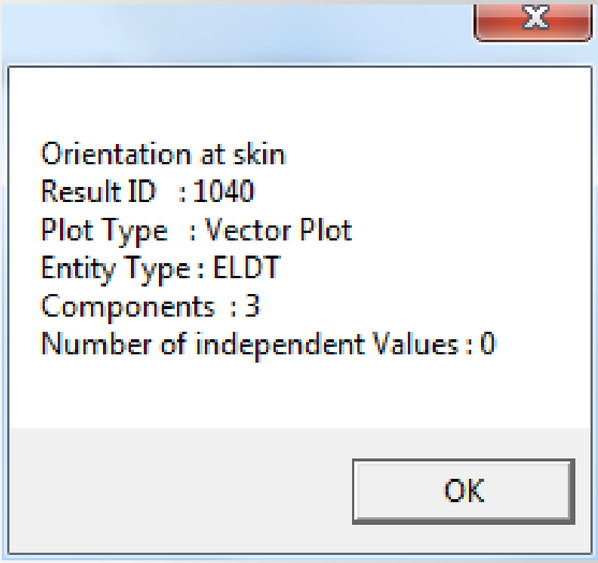
Manipulating result data with the API

Class	Purpose	Additional Comments
PlotManager	Find, Create/Delete, Enumerate Plots	Approximately 45 methods
Plot	Set and manipulate Plot attributes	Approximately 180 methods
UserPlot	Create user-defined Plots	Approximately 40 methods

Result Data and the API

- Script to Find Key Result Data

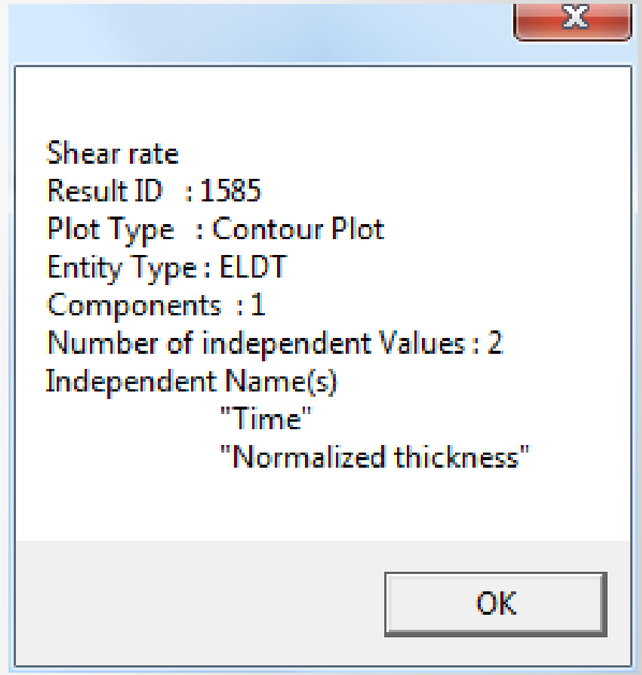
```
Set Viewer = Synergy.Viewer()
Set PlotManager = Synergy.PlotManager()
If Not Viewer Is Nothing then
        Set Plot = Viewer.ActivePlot()
        ID = Plot.GetDataID()
        MsgBox    Plot.GetName() & vbCrlf & _
                "Result ID   : " & ID & vbCrlf & _
                "Plot Type   : " & Plot.GetPlotType() & vbCrlf & _
                "Entity Type : " & Plot.GetDataType() & vbCrlf & _
                "Components : " & PlotManager.GetDataNbComponents(ID) & vbCrlf & _
                "Number of independent Values : " & Plot.GetNumberOfIndpVars()
    End If
End If
```



ResultID.vbs Edit Execute

Result Data and the API

- Script to find key result data (a better version)
  - No Current API call to get the names of the Independent variable
    - If we know the format of the results.dat file
      - We can write vbscript to extract this information.

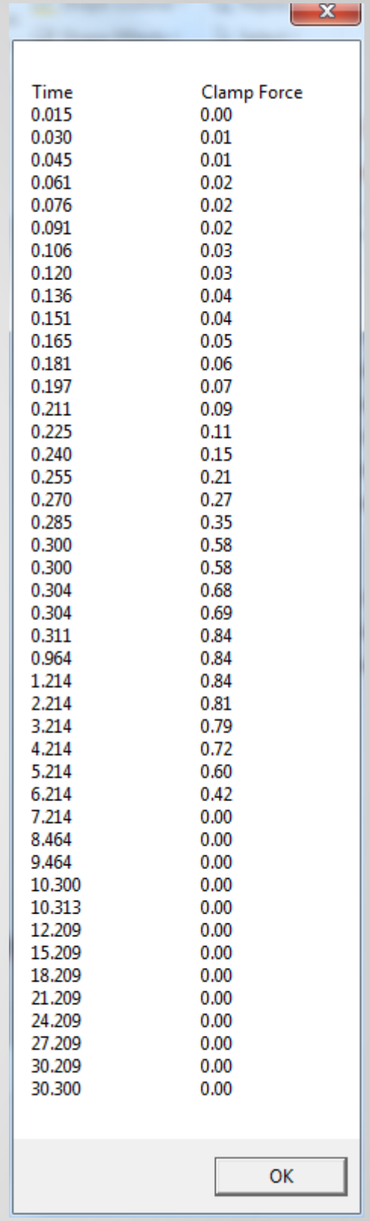


ResultID2.vbs Edit Execute

Result Data and the API

- Read Clamp Force Data

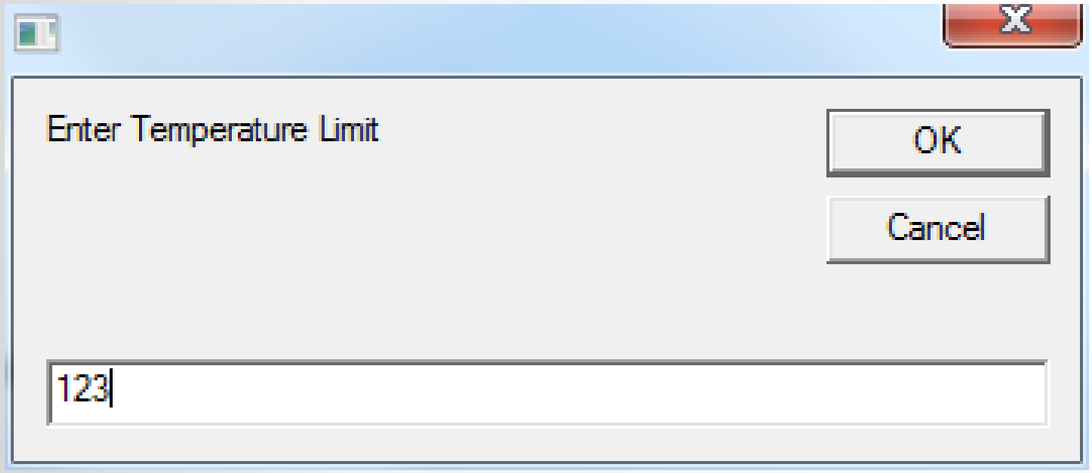
```
Set Plot = PlotManager.FindPlotByName("Clamp force:XY Plot")
ID = Plot.GetDataID()
Set Independent = Synergy.CreateDoubleArray()
PlotManager.GetIndpValues ID, Independent
lMessage = "Time" & vbTab & "Clamp Force" &vbCrlf
For I = 0 To Independent.Size()-1
        ltime = Independent.Val(I)
        Set Indp = Synergy.CreateDoubleArray()
        Indp.AddDouble(ltime)
        Set values = Synergy.CreateDoubleArray()
        PlotManager.GetNonmeshData ID, Indp, values
        lMessage = lMessage & FormatNumber(ltime,3) vbTab & Formatnumber(values.val(0),2) & vbCrlf
Next
Msgbox lMessage
```

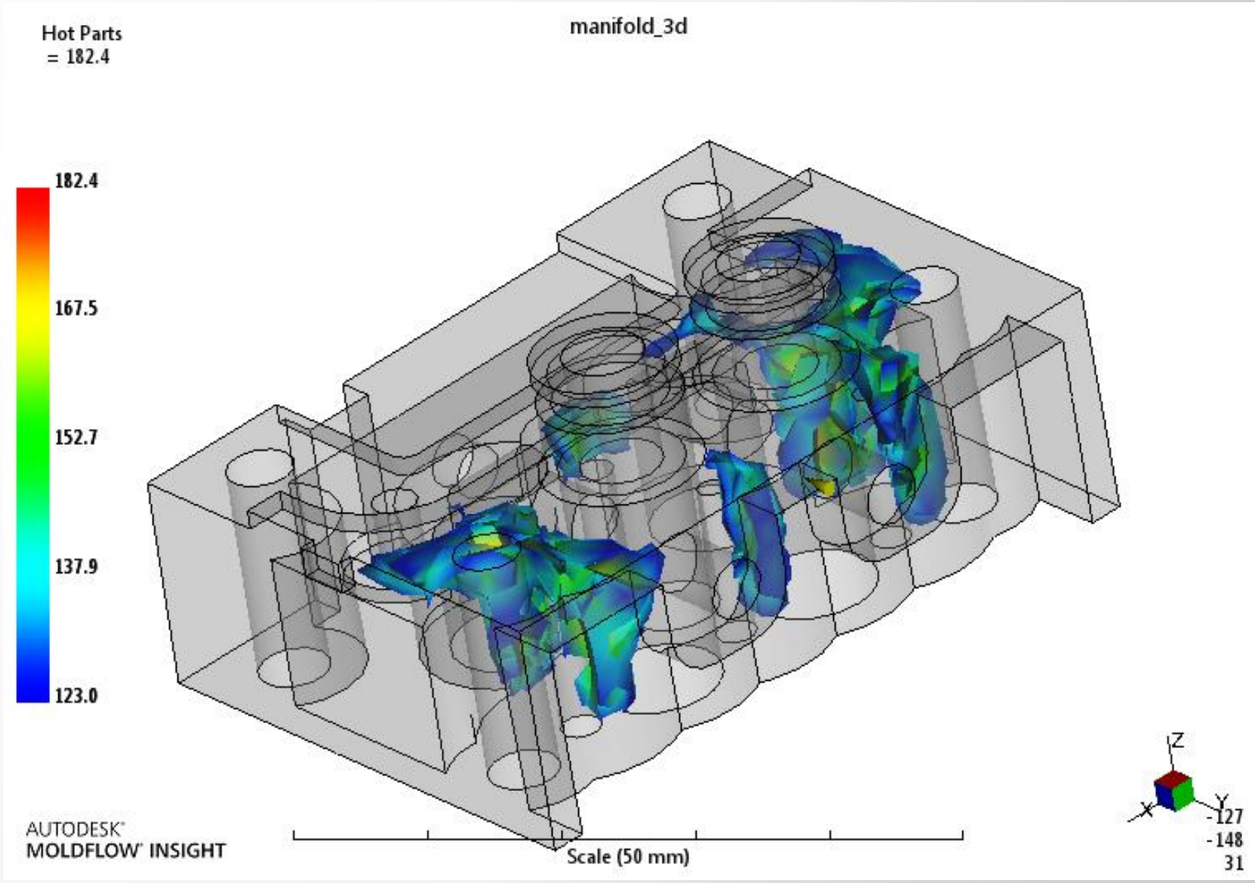


ReadClampForceData.vbs Edit Execute

Result Data and the API

- Hot Area
  - Show all the temperatures above a define threshold

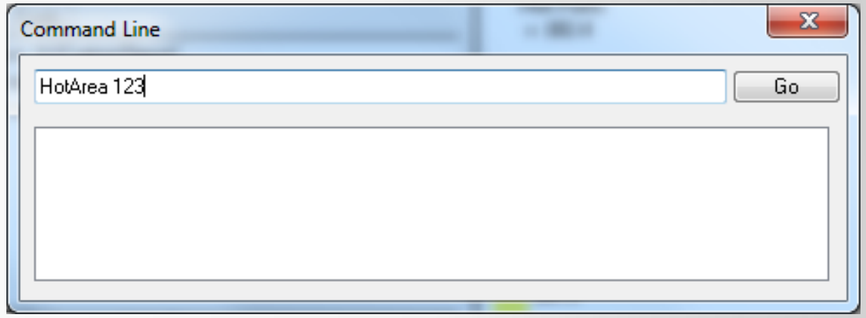




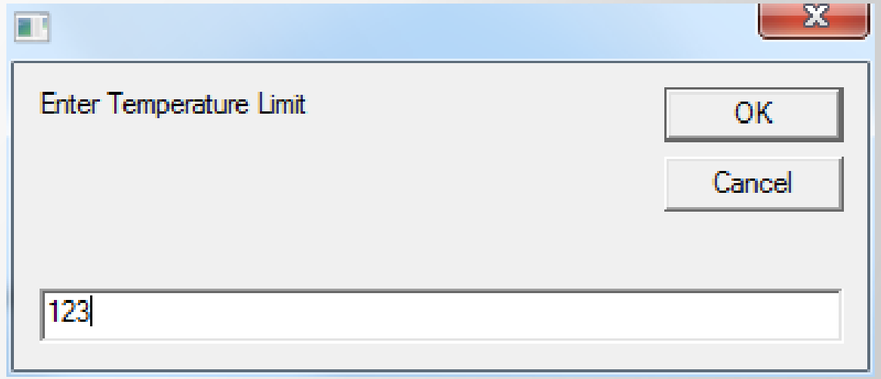
HotArea.vbs Edit Execute

Result Data and the API

- Show all the temperatures above a threshold
  - Read inputs




```
Dim Args
Set Args = Wscript.Arguments
Dim MinTemperature
If Args.Count = 1 Then
        MinTemperature = Args(0)
Else
        MinTemperature = InputBox("Enter Temperature Limit ")
End If
```



HotArea.vbs Edit Execute

Result Data and the API

- Show all the temperatures above a threshold
  - Read last set of Temperature Data

```
Set PlotMgr = Synergy.PlotManager
Set IndpValues = Synergy.CreateDoubleArray()
PlotMgr.GetIndpValues 1540, IndpValues

Set Indp = Synergy.CreateDoubleArray()
Indp.AddDouble(IndpValues.Val(IndpValues.Size()-1))
Set Arr = Synergy.CreateIntegerArray()
Set ArrResult = Synergy.CreateDoubleArray()
PlotMgr.GetScalarData 1540, Indp, Arr, ArrResult
```

Result Data and the API

- Show all the temperatures above a threshold
  - Determine which nodes are above threshold

```
Set ResultID = Synergy.CreateIntegerArray()
Set ResultValue = Synergy.CreateDoubleArray()

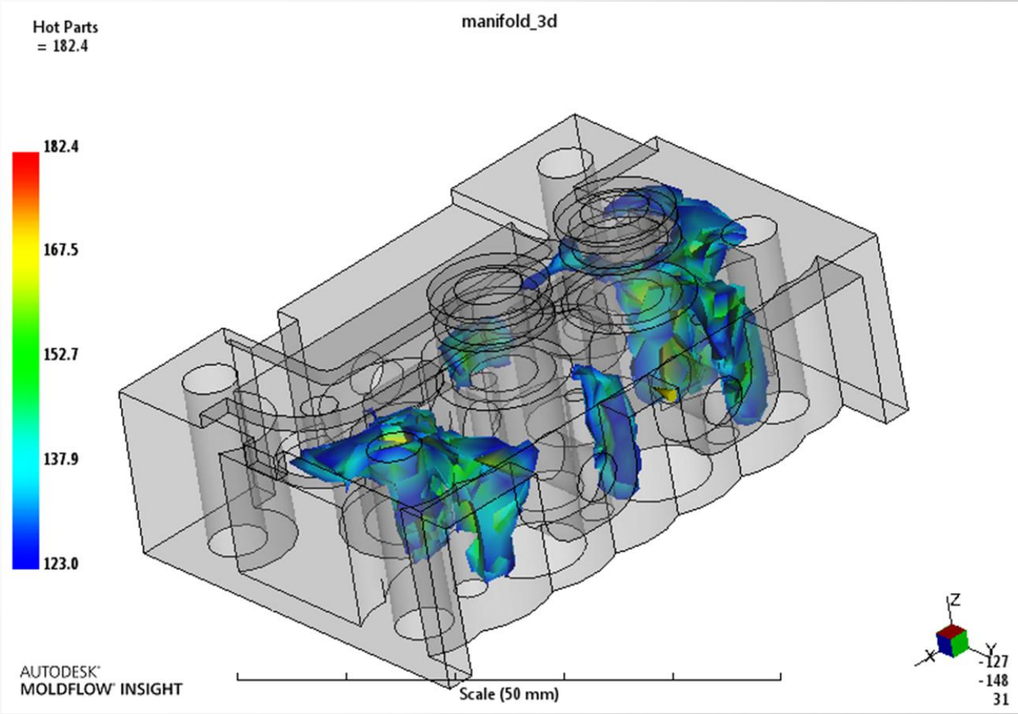
For i = 0 To Arr.Size()-1
        lValue = ArrResult.Val(i)
        If (CDbl(lValue) > CDbl(MinTemperature)) Then
                ResultID.AddInteger(Arr.Val(I))
                ResultValue.AddDouble(lValue)
        End If
Next
```


HotArea.vbs Edit Execute

Result Data and the API

- Show all the temperatures above a threshold
  - Create Custom Plot “Hot Parts”

```
Set Plot = PlotMgr.FindPlotByName("Hot Parts")
If Not Plot Is Nothing Then
        PlotMgr.DeletePlot(Plot)
End If
If ResultID.Size() > 0 Then
        Set UserPlot = PlotMgr.CreateUserPlot()
        UserPlot.SetName("Hot Parts")
        UserPlot.SetDataType("NDDT")
        UserPlot.SetScalarData ResultID, ResultValue
        UserPlot.Build()
End if
```



HotArea.vbs Edit Execute

Exercise: Result Data and the API

End of Module: Result Data and the API

Module: Screen Output Data

Module: Result Data and the API

- Scope
  - Understand how the solver writes output data
  - Show how to read screen output data with the API
  - Show how to export screen output to PowerPoint

Module 2: Screen Output

- To work with Screen output in the API
  - A basic knowledge of the following data files is required:
    - cmmesage.dat
    - units97.dat

Understanding Units

- List of available unit systems
  - “Metric” or “Imperial”
  - List of unit descriptors
    - Will be in the API help
  - Unit conversion factors
- All data stored in the study and results and solver output is physically stored in SI units

Units97.dat Edit

Understanding Units

- In the Plot, PlotManager and UserPlot Classes
  - Numerical Data Input/Output is in the current Active Unit System
  - Synergy.GetUnits

    Returns “Metric” or “Imperial”

  - Synergy.SetUnits

    Synergy.SetUnits “Imperial” - Set units to Imperial

    Synergy.SetUnits “Metric” - Set units to Metric

  - Read Temperature result explicitly in Imperial Units

    Synergy.SetUnits “Imperial”
    PlotMgr.GetScalarData 1540, Indp, Arr, ArrResult
    Synergy.SetUnits “Metric”

Units97.dat Edit

Understanding Units: units97.dat

- Units97.dat contains
  - Available unit systems (USYS)
    - “Metric” or “Imperial”
  - List of unit descriptors (UNIT)
    - Visible Unit
    - SI unit
    - Unit conversion factors

```
USYS
{ "Metric"
   UNIT{ "mm" "m" 1.0e+03 0.0 }
   UNIT{ "MPa" "Pa" 1.0e-06 0.0 }
   UNIT{ "C" "K" 1.0 -273.15 }
   .....
 }
USYS
{ "English"
    UNIT{ "in" "m" 3.9370e+01 0.0 }
    UNIT{ "psi" "Pa" 1.4504e-04 0.0 }
    UNIT{ "F" "K" 1.8 -459.67 }
    .....
 }
```

Understanding Key data files: units97.dat

- Class: UnitConversion
  - Convert data between unit systems
  - Display unit system mnemonics

double	**ConvertToSI** (String aUnit, double aValue)
double	**ConvertToUnit** (String aUnit, String aUnitSystem, double aValue)
String	**GetUnitDescription** (String aUnit, String aUnitSystem)

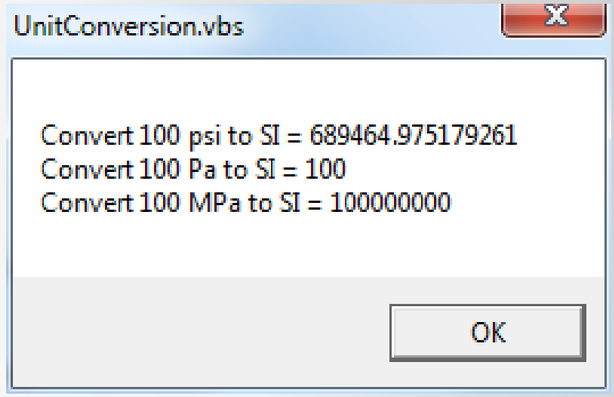
Understanding Key data files: units97.dat

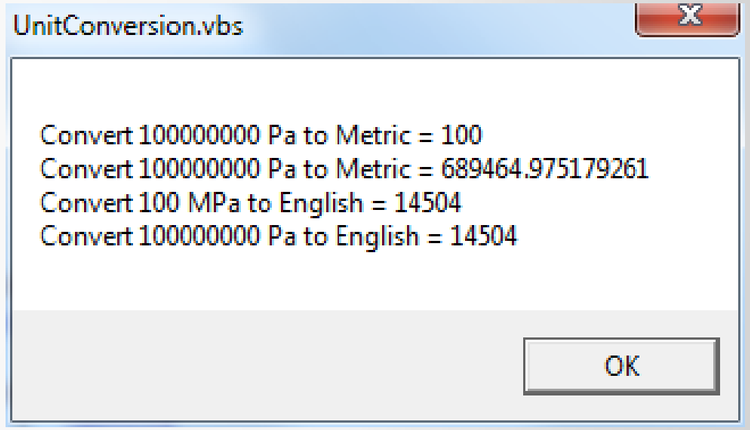
- UnitConversion Example

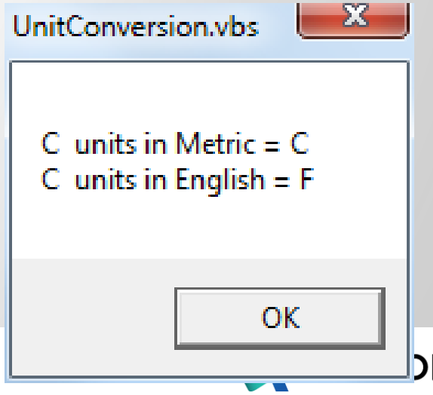
```
conv1 = UnitConversion.ConvertToSI("psi", 100)
lStr = "Convert 100 psi to SI = " & conv1 &  vbCrlf
conv1 = UnitConversion.ConvertToSI("Pa", 100)
lStr = lStr + "Convert 100 Pa to SI = " & conv1 &  vbCrlf
conv1 = UnitConversion.ConvertToSI("MPa", 100)
lStr = lStr + "Convert 100 MPa to SI = " & conv1
MsgBox lStr,,WScript.ScriptName

conv1 = UnitConversion.ConvertToUnit("Pa","Metric", 100000000)
lStr = "Convert 100000000 Pa to Metric = " & conv1 &  vbCrlf
conv1 = UnitConversion.ConvertToUnit("psi","Metric", 100000000)
lStr = lStr + "Convert 100000000 Pa to Metric = " & conv1 &  vbCrlf
conv1 = UnitConversion.ConvertToUnit("psi","English", 100000000)
lStr = lStr + "Convert 100 MPa to English = " & conv1 &  vbCrlf
conv1 = UnitConversion.ConvertToUnit("Pa","English", 100000000)
lStr = lStr + "Convert 100000000 Pa to English = " & conv1
MsgBox lStr,,WScript.ScriptName

units = UnitConversion.GetUnitDescription("C","Metric")
lStr = "C  units in Metric = " & units  & vbCrlf
units = UnitConversion.GetUnitDescription("C","English")
lStr = lStr + "C  units in English = " & units
MsgBox lStr,,WScript.ScriptName
```







UnitConversion.vbs Edit Execute

Solver Output Data

- How solvers write output data
  - Each solver writes screen and summary output to a ***.out*** file

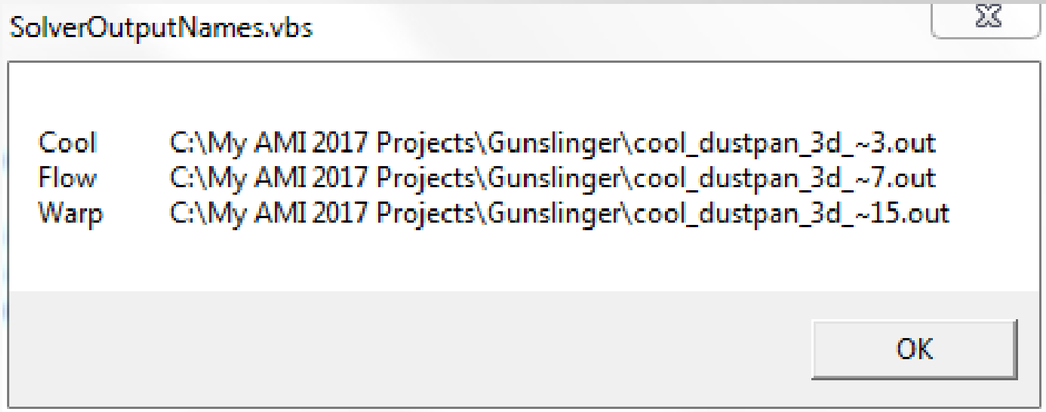
    model~1.out

  - If there is a sequence, one output file is written for each stage in the sequence

  - The ***.err*** file which contains warning and error messages uses the same format as the ***.out*** file

Solver Output Data

- How solvers write output data




```
lStr = ""
For I = 0 To StudyDoc.NumberOfAnalyses() - 1
        AnalysisName = StudyDoc.AnalysisName(I)
        lResultPrefix = StudyDoc.GetResultPrefix(AnalysisName)
        lOutFileName = Project.Path & lResultPrefix & ".out"
        lStr = lStr + AnalysisName & vbTab & lOutFileName & vbCrlf
Next
MsgBox lStr,,WScript.ScriptName
```


SolverOutputNames.vbs Edit Execute

Solver Output Data

- How solvers write output data
  - Message Block
    - MSCD
    - Number of Strings
    - Number of Numbers
    - <number>
    - …
    - < number>

```
….
1313
0
7
0.3511
55737.105
1.41469e+013
233.14999
0
27.202999
51.599998
….
```

Solver Output Data

- Processing Screen output
  - MSCD 1313 (Viscosity Model)

solver~1.out

```
..
1313
0
7
0.3511
55737.105
1.41469e+013
233.14999
0
27.202999
51.599998
..
```

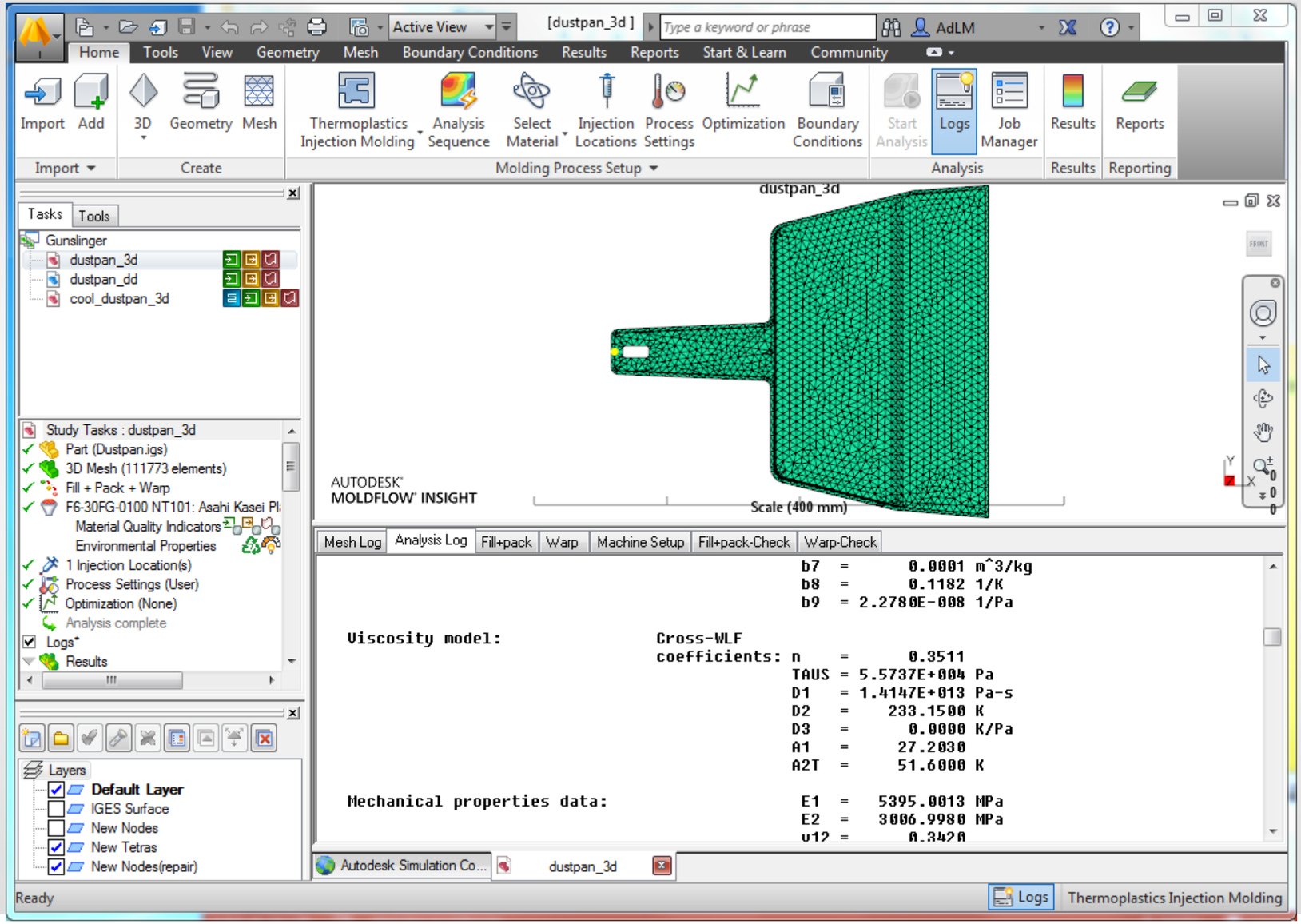
+

cmmesage.dat

```
..
MSCD 1313 9 0 0 0 0 0 5

      Viscosity model:          Cross-WLF
                              coefficients: n    = %11.4G
                                            TAUS = %11.4G
                                            D1   = %11.4G
                                            D2   = %11.4G
                                            D3   = %11.4G
                                            A1   = %11.4G
                                            A2T  = %11.4G
   ,0,1
   Pa,0,2
   Pa-s,0,3
   K,0,4
   K/Pa,0,5
   ,0,6
   K,0,7
..
```

Solver Output Data



Understanding Key data files: cmmesage.dat

- cmmesage.dat contains:
  - The definition and formatting for all solver output
  - The unit definition and descriptions

Understanding Key data files: cmmesage.dat

- MSCD (Message Code) Definition

```
----   MSCD  Icode Hlin Rlin Tlin Idec Idiv Istr mFlag
----       Text message with variable formats %11.4G
----       Unit,C_pass,A_pos,Incr(for repeating lines only),DataType
----
```

Cmmesage.dat

Understanding Key data files: cmmesage.dat

MSCD - (appears as is) stands for Message code
---- Icode - message number
---- Hlin - number of head lines (lines in message before starting repeating lines), must be >0
---- Rlin - number of lines in message data file that are to be printed again and again.
---- Tlin - number of tail lines (lines of text after repeating lines)
---- Idec - position in the array to start the values for the repeating lines
---- Idiv - the number of values in each repeating block
---- Istr - the number of strings in each block
---- Unit - Pa,s,K,% unit to be printed after value
---- C_pass - flag: 1 if the units and number should be passed on screen. UI will convert units if possible
---- flag: 2 convert into the units but not to display the units
---- A_pos - position in the value array for the variable
---- Incr - (repeating lines only, otherwise blank) number of array positions between values of the ----
---- same field on adjacent repeating lines
---- DataType - flag: 0- default, 1 - node , 2 element(beam/tri/tetra/wedge)
---- this flag is used to filter elements in Analysis Log

Cmmesage.dat Edit

Understanding Key data files: cmmesage.dat

- Class: SystemMessage
  - New in 2017 Release
  - 1 Method

```
String   GetDataMessage (long aMsgID, Object aStrings, Object aValues, String aUnitSystem)
```

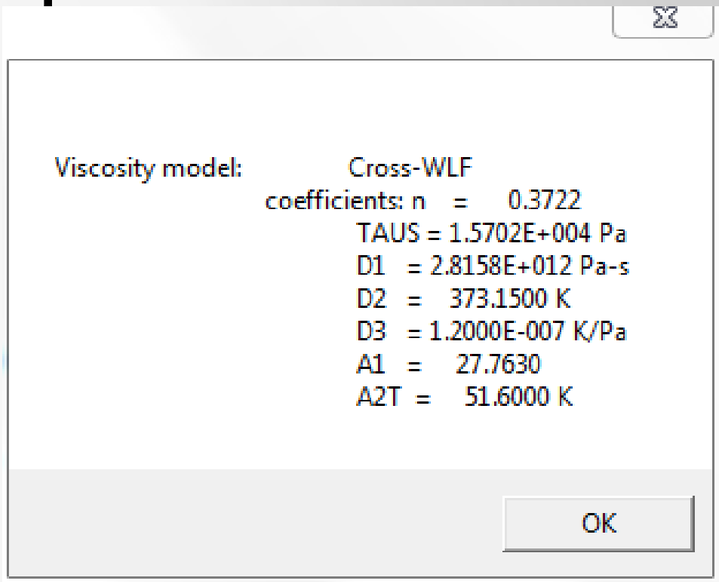
- No Help file containing Message Data (Yet)
  - Need to read …Moldflow Synergy 20xx/data/dat/cmmesage.dat

Understanding Key data files: cmmesage.dat

- Read viscosity coefficient from screen output

```
' Find the Viscosity Coefficient data
MessageID = 1313        ' from cmmesage.dat
Instance = -1           ' -1 latest
Set lStrings = Synergy.CreateStringArray()
Set lValues = Synergy.CreateDoubleArray()

OK = GetScreenMessageData(MessageID, Instance, lStrings, lValues)
If OK Then
        Dim SystemMessage
        Set SystemMessage = Synergy.SystemMessage
        Dim lStr
        lStr  = SystemMessage.GetDataMessage( MessageID, lStrings, lValues, Synergy.GetUnits())
        MsgBox lStr
End If
```



ReadSolverOutput.vbs Edit Execute

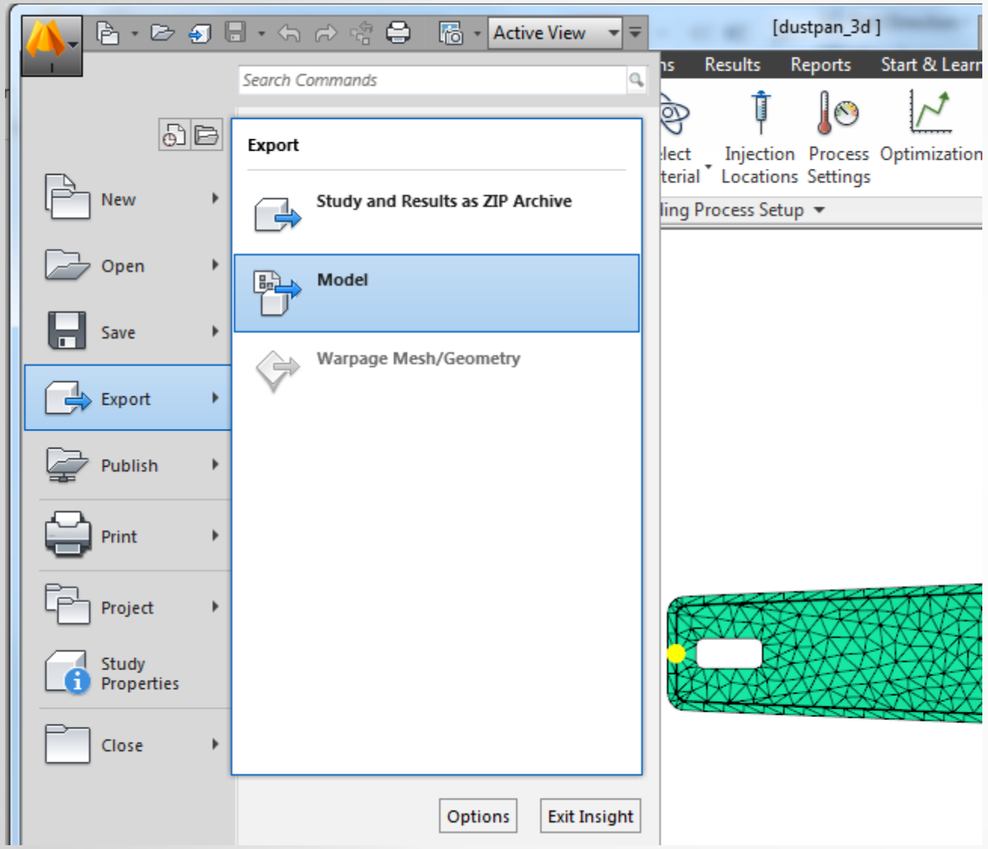
Exercise: Reading Screen Output

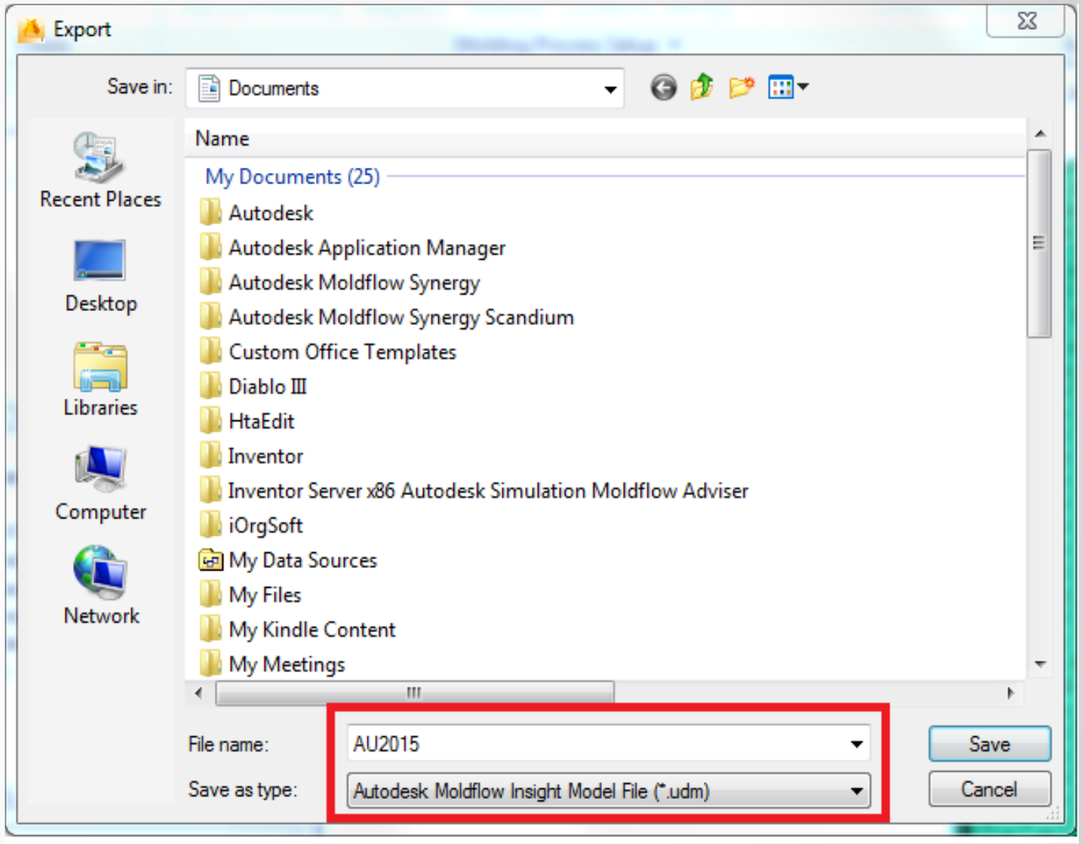
Module: Understanding the .SDY File

Understanding the Study File

- The default study file is a zipped binary file
  - To reduce the physical size of the file
  - Encrypted to protect content
- To view the content of a Study File
  - Export an Autodesk Moldflow Insight Model File (*.udm)
    - This file is ASCII
    - The file contains all data except material data.

Understanding the Study File





Example: Autodesk Moldflow Insight Model File

Understanding the Study File

- Sections in the Study File
  - Content covered today
    - TITL Title Information
    - GLBL Global Data
    - SUMR Entity Summary Data
    - NODE Node Data
    - 1DET 1DET (Beam) Data
    - TRI3 TRI3 (Shell) Data
    - TET4 TET4 (Tetrahedral) Data
    - TSET TSET Data - Used to store attribute/property data
    - NDBC NDBC (Nodal Boundary Condition) Data

Example: Autodesk Moldflow Insight Model File

Understanding the Study File

- Sections in the Study File
  - Not covered today
    - COLR Colour Data
    - LYER Layer
    - CURV Curves Data
    - SURF Surface Data
    - BLOB Blob Data
    - REGN Region Data
    - LOCS Local Coordinate System Data
    - SUBC Surface Boundary Condition
    - STLR STL Facet

Example: Autodesk Moldflow Insight Model File

Understanding the Study File -TITL

- TITL Data
  - Study Header Data

```
TITL{
        NAME{"Untitled"}
        VRSN{"MOLDFLOW"}
        KEYW{"4869"}
        DATE{"NOV-14-2015"}
        TIME{"10:40:18"}
        UDMV{"UDM V7"} // Do not change the UDMV keyword.}
```


Example: Autodesk Moldflow Insight Model File

Understanding the Study File - GLBL

- GLBL Data
  - Global Data

// Beginning of global data set : MOLDFLOW application keywords storage.
GLBL{ LUDM{ "Version" "asms2017:20151110.1516"}}

Example: Autodesk Moldflow Insight Model File

Understanding the Study File - SUMR

- SUMR Data
  - Summary of number of entities of each in the Study File

SUMR{

NOCL{NUM_COLORS} NOLY{NUM_LAYERS}
NOTS{NUM_TCODE_SETS} NOVW{NUM_VIEWS}
NOND{NUM_NODES} NOTX{NUM_TEXTS}
NO1D{NUM_1DET_ELEMENTS} NOT3{NUM_TRI3_ELEMENTS}
NOCV{NUM_CURVES} NOSF{NUM_SURFACES}
NORG{NUM_REGIONS} NONB{NUM_NODE_BOUNDARY_CONDITIONS}
NOSB{NUM_SURFACE_BOUNDARY_CONDITIONS} NOCP{NUM_CUTTING_PLANES}
NOLC{NUM_LOCAL_COORDINATE_SYSTEMS} NOT4{NUM_TET4_ELEMENTS}
NOSR{NUM_STL_REGIONS} NOBL{NUM_BLOBS}
NOWD{NUM_WEDGE_ELEMENTS} NOIE{NUM_INTERFACE_ELEMENTS}}

Note: NUM_XXX is the count not the Maximum Entity Label

Example: Autodesk Moldflow Insight Model File

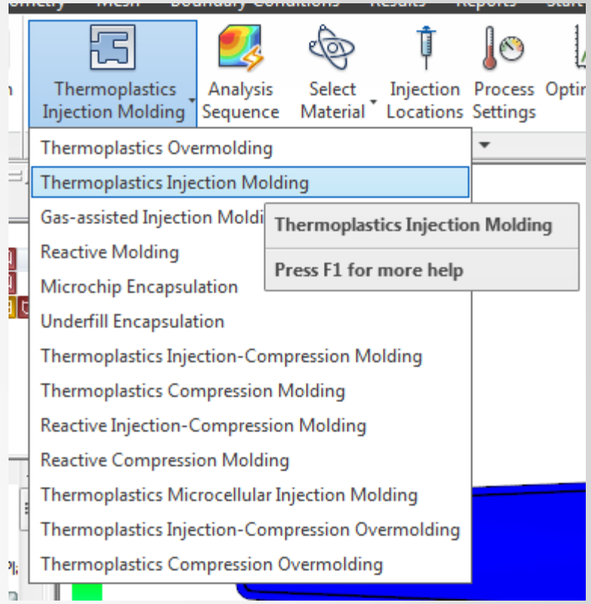
Reading Global Data from the Study

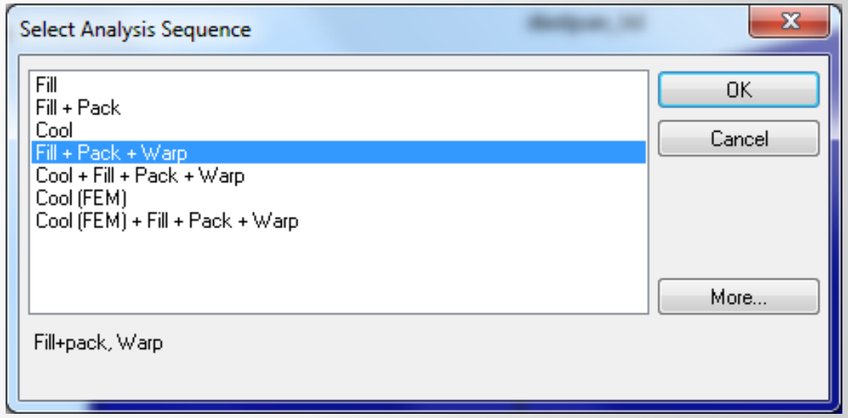
- Class: Synergy

Synergy.Edition()	Edition of Synergy
Synergy.Version()	Version ie. 2016, 2017
Synergy.Build()	Synergy.exe build number

Reading Global Data from the Study

- Class: StudyDoc
  - StudyDoc.MoldingProcess()
  - StudyDoc.AnalysisSequence()
  - StudyDoc.MeshType()
  - StudyDoc.StudyName()
- Class: Project
  - Project.Path()





Understanding the Study File - NODE

- Nodal Data

  NODE{LABEL LABEL_ON LAYER COLOR MESH_SIZE X Y Z}

  - LABEL — Node Number
  - LABEL_ON — Show node Label 0 = Off, 1 = On
  - LAYER — Layer Index
  - COLOR — Color Index
  - MESH_SIZE — Mesh Size (Currently not used)
  - X — X Coordinate
  - Y — Y Coordinate
  - Z — Z Coordinate

Example: Autodesk Moldflow Insight Model File

Understanding the Study File - NODE

- Nodal (NODE) Data

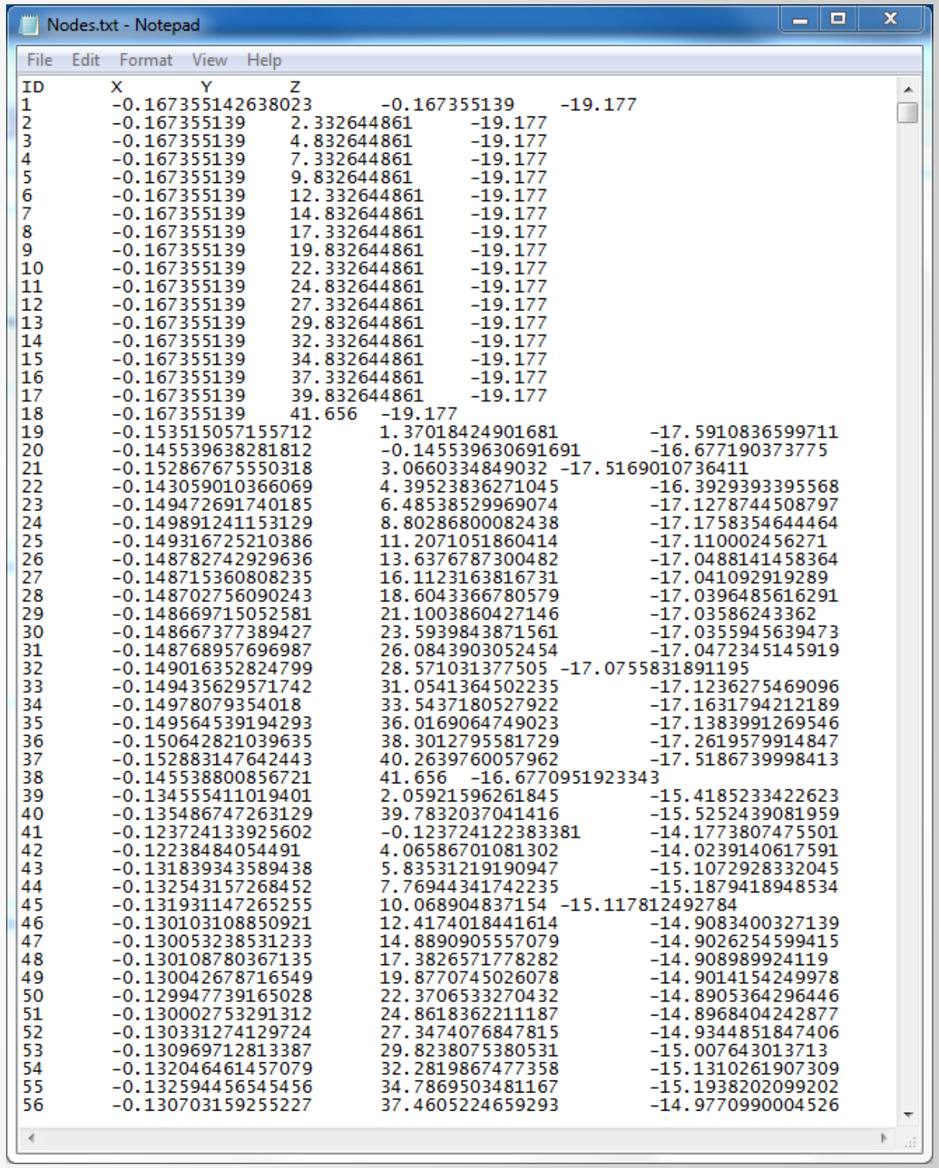
```
NODE{1 0 3 0 0.000000e+000 -1.673551e-004 -1.673551e-004 -1.917700e-002}
NODE{2 0 3 0 0.000000e+000 -1.673551e-004 2.332645e-003 -1.917700e-002}
NODE{4 0 3 0 0.000000e+000 -1.673551e-004 7.332645e-003 -1.917700e-002}
....
NODE{234655 0 10 0 0.000000e+000 -1.673551e-004 1.733264e-002 -1.917700e-002}
NODE{234656 0 10 0 0.000000e+000 -1.673551e-004 1.983264e-002 -1.917700e-002}
```

  - Note: Gaps in node numbering

Understanding the Study File - NODE

- Reading Node (NODE) Data

```
DataFileName =  GetTempPath() & "\NODE.txt"
Set DataFile = FS.CreateTextFile(DataFileName, True)
DataFile.Write "ID" & Chr(9) & "X" & Chr(9) & _
                  "Y" & Chr(9) & "Z" & vbCRLF
Set StudyDoc = Synergy.StudyDoc()
Set Node = StudyDoc.GetFirstNode()
While Not Node Is nothing
    Label = StudyDoc.GetEntityID(Node)
    Set Coord = StudyDoc.GetNodeCoord(Node)
    DataFile.Write Label & Chr(9) & Coord.X & Chr(9) & _
                  Coord.Y & Chr(9) & Coord.Z & vbCrLf
    Set Node = StudyDoc.GetNextNode(Node)
Wend
DataFile.Close
```



ID	X	Y	Z
1	-0.167355142638023	-0.167355139	-19.177
2	-0.167355139	2.332644861	-19.177
3	-0.167355139	4.832644861	-19.177
4	-0.167355139	7.332644861	-19.177
5	-0.167355139	9.832644861	-19.177
6	-0.167355139	12.332644861	-19.177
7	-0.167355139	14.832644861	-19.177
8	-0.167355139	17.332644861	-19.177
9	-0.167355139	19.832644861	-19.177
10	-0.167355139	22.332644861	-19.177
11	-0.167355139	24.832644861	-19.177
12	-0.167355139	27.332644861	-19.177
13	-0.167355139	29.832644861	-19.177
14	-0.167355139	32.332644861	-19.177
15	-0.167355139	34.832644861	-19.177
16	-0.167355139	37.332644861	-19.177
17	-0.167355139	39.832644861	-19.177
18	-0.167355139	41.656	-19.177
19	-0.153515057155712	1.37018424901681	-17.5910836599711
20	-0.145539638281812	-0.145539630691691	-16.677190373775
21	-0.152867675550318	3.0660334849032	-17.5169010736411
22	-0.143059010366069	4.39523836271045	-16.3929393395568
23	-0.149472691740185	6.48538529969074	-17.1278744508797
24	-0.149891241153129	8.80286800082438	-17.1758354644464
25	-0.149316725210386	11.2071051860414	-17.110002456271
26	-0.148782742929636	13.6376787300482	-17.0488141458364
27	-0.148715360808235	16.1123163816731	-17.041092919289
28	-0.148702756090243	18.6043366780579	-17.0396485616291
29	-0.148669715052581	21.1003860427146	-17.03586243362
30	-0.148667377389427	23.5939843871561	-17.0355945639473
31	-0.148768957696987	26.0843903052454	-17.0472345145919
32	-0.149016352824799	28.571031377505	-17.0755831891195
33	-0.149435629571742	31.0541364502235	-17.1236275469096
34	-0.14978079354018	33.5437180527922	-17.1631794212189
35	-0.149564539194293	36.0169064749023	-17.1383991269546
36	-0.150642821039635	38.3012795581729	-17.2619579914847
37	-0.152883147642443	40.2639760057962	-17.5186739998413
38	-0.145538800856721	41.656	-16.6770951923343
39	-0.134555411019401	2.05921596261845	-15.4185233422623
40	-0.135486747263129	39.7832037041416	-15.5252439081959
41	-0.123724133925602	-0.123724122383381	-14.1773807475501
42	-0.12238484054491	4.06586701081302	-14.0239140617591
43	-0.131839343589438	5.83531219190947	-15.1072928332045
44	-0.132543157268452	7.76944341742235	-15.1879418948534
45	-0.131931147265255	10.068904837154	-15.117812492784
46	-0.130103108850921	12.4174018441614	-14.9083400327139
47	-0.130053238531233	14.8890905557079	-14.9026254599415
48	-0.130108780367135	17.3826571778282	-14.908989924119
49	-0.130042678716549	19.8770745026078	-14.9014154249978
50	-0.129947739165028	22.3706533270432	-14.8905364296446
51	-0.130002753291312	24.8618362211187	-14.8968404242877
52	-0.130331274129724	27.3474076847815	-14.9344851847406
53	-0.130969712813387	29.8238075380531	-15.007643013713
54	-0.132046461457079	32.2819867477358	-15.1310261907309
55	-0.132594456545456	34.7869503481167	-15.1938202099202
56	-0.130703159255227	37.4605224659293	-14.9770990004526

WriteNODEtoFile.vbs Edit Execute

Understanding the Study File – 1DET

- Beam (1DET) Data

  1DET{LABEL LABEL_ON LAYER COLOR DISPLAY GROUP TSET SUBID N1 N2}

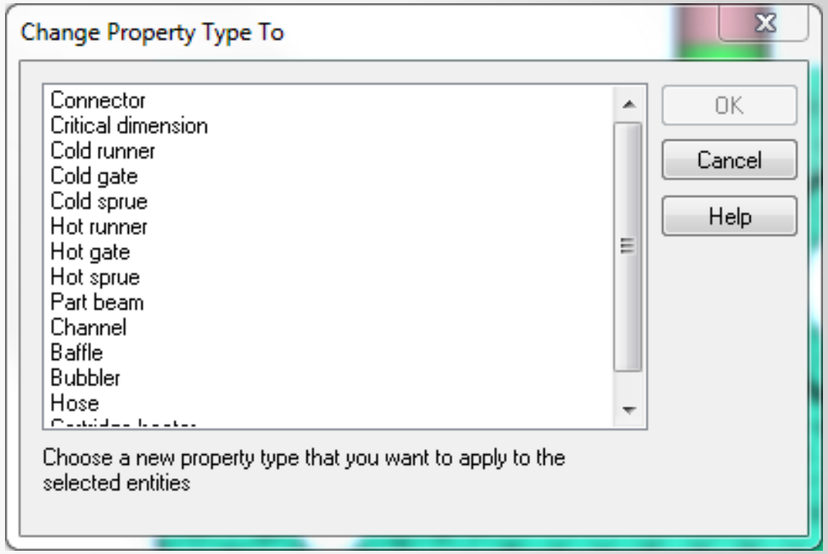
  - LABEL — Element Number
  - LABEL_ON — Show node Label 0 = Off, 1 = On
  - LAYER — Layer Index
  - COLOR — Color Index
  - DISPLAY
  - GROUP
  - TSET — Tset type
  - SUBID — Tset Sub ID
  - N1 — Node 1
  - N2 — Node 2

Example: Autodesk Moldflow Insight Model File

Understanding the Study File – 1DET

- Beam (1DET) Data

```
1DET{10857 0 5 0 0 "C1" 40428 35 5404 5405}
1DET{10858 0 5 0 0 "C1" 40428 36 5405 5406}
1DET{10860 0 5 0 0 "C1" 40428 38 5407 5408}
.....
1DET{10860 0 5 0 0 "C27" 40428 23 5407 5408
1DET{10861 0 5 0 0 "C67" 40420 23 5300 5301
1DET{10862 0 5 0 0 "C67" 40420 23 5301 5302}
```



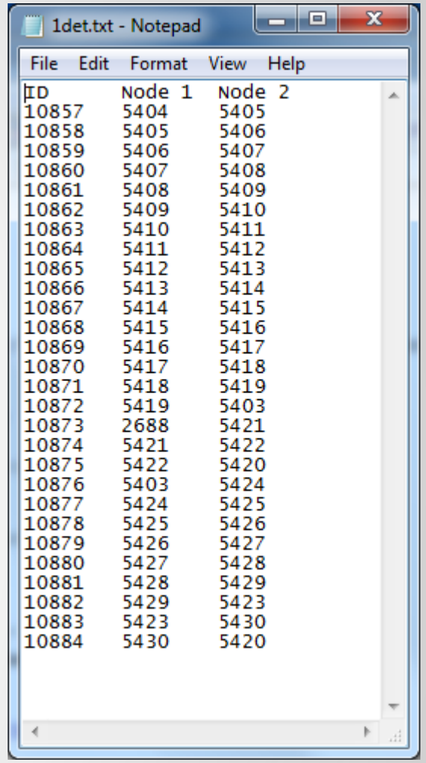
- Note: Gaps in numbering
- TSET defines the type of Beam
- Many elements many point to the same TSet and TSet Sub ID

Example: Autodesk Moldflow Insight Model File

Understanding the Study File – 1DET

- Reading Beam (1DET) Data

```
DataFileName =  GetTempPath() & "\1DET.txt"
Set DataFile = FS.CreateTextFile(DataFileName, True)
DataFile.Write "ID" & Chr(9) & "Node 1" & Chr(9) & "Node 2" & vbCRLF
Set StudyDoc = Synergy.StudyDoc()
Set Beam = StudyDoc.GetFirstBeam()
While Not Beam Is nothing
    Label = StudyDoc.GetEntityID(Beam)
    Set Nodes = StudyDoc.GetElemNodes(Beam)
    N1 = StudyDoc.GetEntityID(Nodes.Entity(0))
    N2 = StudyDoc.GetEntityID(Nodes.Entity(1))
    DataFile.Write Label & Chr(9) & N1 & Chr(9) & N2 & vbCrLf
    Set Beam = StudyDoc.GetNextBeam(Beam)
Wend
DataFile.Close
```



Write1DETtoFile.vbs Edit Execute

Understanding the Study File – TRI3

- Triangle (TRI3) Data

  TRI3{LABEL LABEL_ON LAYER COLOR DISPLAY GROUP TSET SUBID N1 N2 N3}

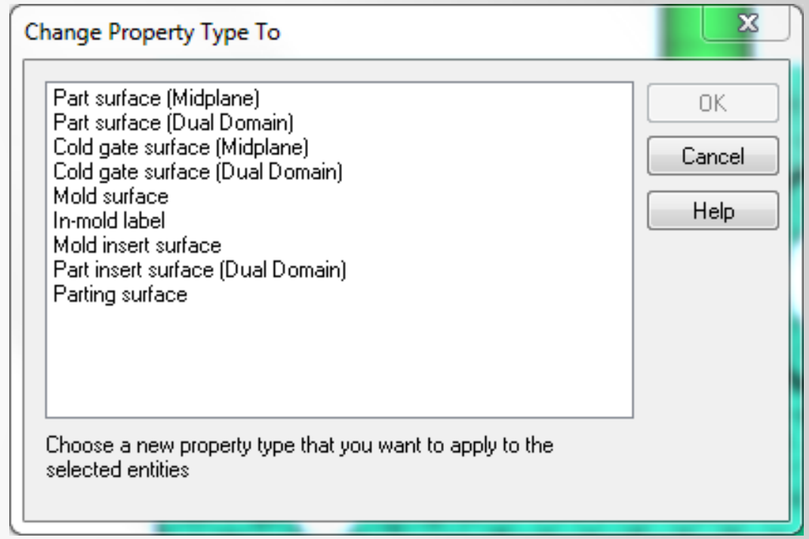
  - LABEL Element Number
  - LABEL_ON Show node Label 0 = Off, 1 = On
  - LAYER Layer Index
  - COLOR Color Index
  - DISPLAY
  - GROUP
  - TSET TSet type
  - SUBID TSet Sub ID
  - N1 Node 1
  - N2 Node 2
  - N3 Node 3

Example: Autodesk Moldflow Insight Model File

Understanding the Study File – TRI3

- Triangle (TRI3) Data

```
TRI3{1 0 5 0 0 "S17" 40801 1525 2674 2602 2676}
TRI3{3 0 5 0 0 "S17" 40801 1526 2602 2539 2570}
TRI3{4 0 5 0 0 "S17" 40801 1526 2540 2603 2570}
…..
TRI3{9600 0 5 0 0 "S1" 40801 1527 2234 456 1}
```



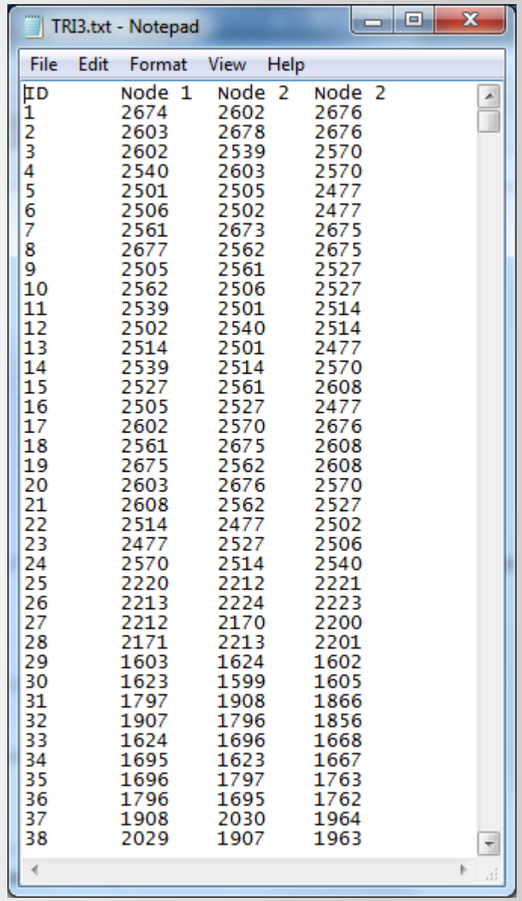
- Note: Gaps in numbering
- TSET defines the Triangle (TRI3) type
- Many elements many point to the same TSet and TSet Sub ID

Example: Autodesk Moldflow Insight Model File

Understanding the Study File – TRI3

- Reading Triangle (TRI3) Data

```
DataFileName =  GetTempPath() & "\TRI3.txt"
Set DataFile = FS.CreateTextFile(DataFileName, True)
DataFile.Write "ID" & Chr(9) & "Node 1" & Chr(9) & "Node 2" & Chr(9) & "Node 2" & vbCRLF
Set StudyDoc = Synergy.StudyDoc()
Set Tri = StudyDoc.GetFirstTri()
While Not Tri Is nothing
    Label = StudyDoc.GetEntityID(Tri)
    Set Nodes = StudyDoc.GetElemNodes(Tri)
    N1 = StudyDoc.GetEntityID(Nodes.Entity(0))
    N2 = StudyDoc.GetEntityID(Nodes.Entity(1))
    N3 = StudyDoc.GetEntityID(Nodes.Entity(2))
    DataFile.Write Label & Chr(9) & N1 & Chr(9) & N2 & Chr(9) & N3 & vbCrLf
    Set Tri = StudyDoc.GetNextTri(Tri)
Wend
DataFile.Close
```



WriteTRI3toFile.vbs Edit Execute

Understanding the Study File – TET4

- Tetrahedral (TET4) Data

  TRI3{LABEL LABEL_ON LAYER COLOR DISPLAY GROUP TSET SUBID N1 N2 N3 N4}

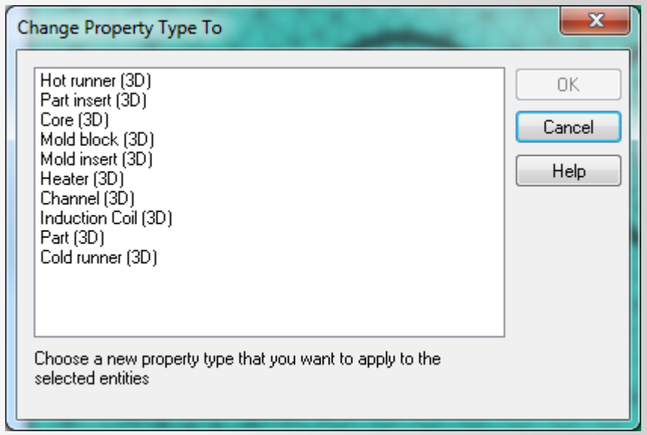
  - LABEL Element Number
  - LABEL_ON Show node Label 0 = Off, 1 = On
  - LAYER Layer Index
  - COLOR Color Index
  - DISPLAY
  - GROUP
  - TSET Tset type
  - SUBID Tset Sub ID
  - N1 Node 1
  - N2 Node 2
  - N3 Node 3
  - N4 Node 4

Example: Autodesk Moldflow Insight Model File

Understanding the Study File – TET4

- Tetrahedral (TET4) Data

```
TET4{1676 0 9 0 0 "TE1" 50400 1 4275 6871 4152 6867}
TET4{2455 0 9 0 0 "TE1" 50400 1 3211 6624 6625 6617}
TET4{3421 0 9 0 0 "TE1" 50400 1 2291 2447 6280 6329}
....
TET4{3472 0 9 0 0 "TE1" 50400 1 6334 2310 6332 6314}
TET4{3545 0 9 0 0 "TE1" 50400 1 6286 6300 2178 6285}
```



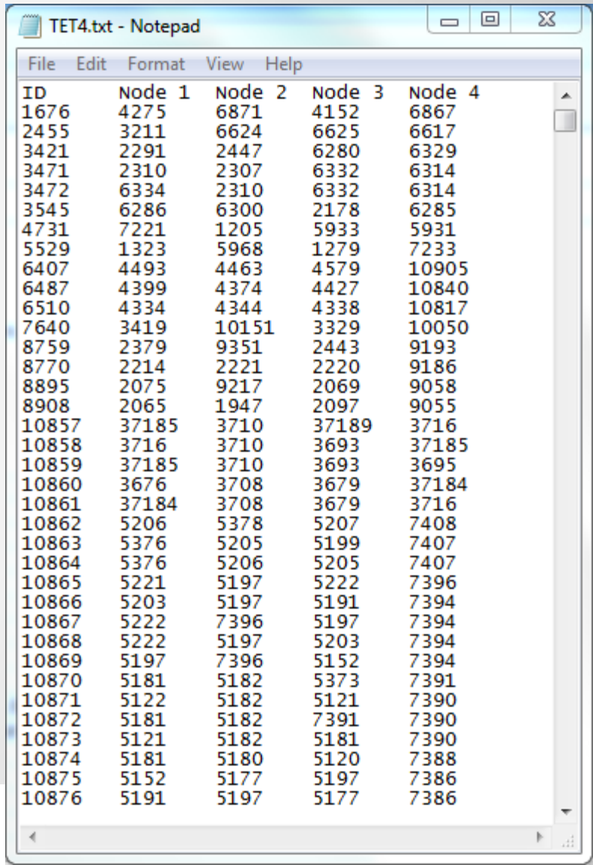
  - Note: Gaps in numbering
  - TSET defines the type of Tetrahedra
  - Many elements many point to the same TSet and TSet Sub ID

Example: Autodesk Moldflow Insight Model File

Understanding the Study File – TET4

- Reading Tetrahedral (TET4) Data

```
DataFileName =  GetTempPath() & "\TET4.txt"
Set DataFile = FS.CreateTextFile(DataFileName, True)
DataFile.Write "ID" & Chr(9) & "Node 1" & Chr(9) & "Node 2" & Chr(9) & "Node 2" & Chr(9) & "Node 4" & vbCRLF
Set StudyDoc = Synergy.StudyDoc()
Set Tet = StudyDoc.GetFirstTet()
While Not Tet Is nothing
    Label = StudyDoc.GetEntityID(Tet)
    Set Nodes = StudyDoc.GetElemNodes(Tet)
    N1 = StudyDoc.GetEntityID(Nodes.Entity(0))
    N2 = StudyDoc.GetEntityID(Nodes.Entity(1))
    N3 = StudyDoc.GetEntityID(Nodes.Entity(2))
    N4 = StudyDoc.GetEntityID(Nodes.Entity(3))
    DataFile.Write Label & Chr(9) & N1 & Chr(9) & N2 & Chr(9) & N3 &  Chr(9) & N4 & vbCrLf
    Set Tet = StudyDoc.GetNextTet(Tet)
Wend
DataFile.Close
```



WriteTET4toFile.vbs Edit Execute

Understanding the Study File

- Determining which Layer an Entity is in

```
Set Ent = StudyDoc.GetFirstNode()
Set Ent = StudyDoc.GetFirstBeam()
Set Ent = StudyDoc.GetFirstTet()
Set Ent = StudyDoc.GetFirstTri()

Set Layer = StudyDoc.GetEntityLayer(Ent)
MsgBox StudyDoc.GetEntityID( Layer )
```

Understanding the Study File

- Reading the TSet and Tset Sub ID of an Entity

```
Set Ent = StudyDoc.GetFirstNode()
Set Ent = StudyDoc.GetFirstBeam()
Set Ent = StudyDoc.GetFirstTet()
Set Ent = StudyDoc.GetFirstTri()
```

```
Set Prop = PropertyEditor.GetEntityProperty(Ent)
TSet = Prop.Type
TSetSubID = Prop.ID
```

Understanding the Study File

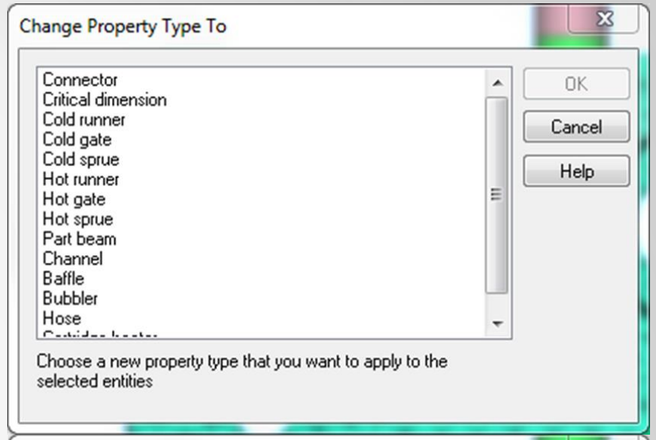
- Reading Geometry a better way
  - Why do we want a better way?
    - Using Standard API function can be very slow
    - We generally only want to read part of the data
      - Plastic Part Only
      - Cooling Circuits only
      - Note: There are no attributes on nodes so generally not filtered
    - Want to make it (relatively) simple

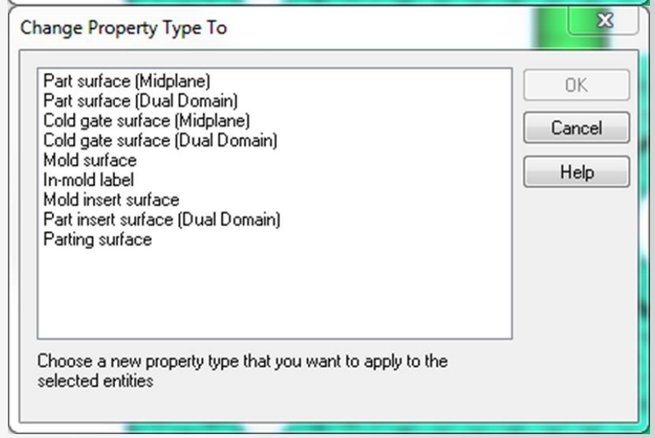
Understanding the Study File

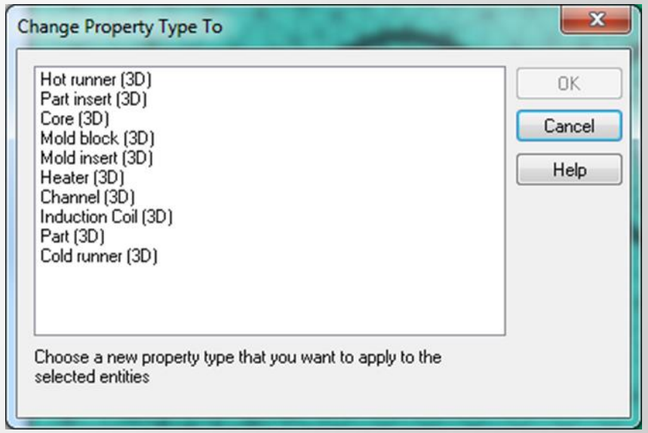
- ReadMesh.vbs
  - Read NODE data
  - Read Filtered 1DET data
  - Read Filtered TRI3 data
  - Read Filtered TET4 data

Edit ReadMesh.vbs

Execute ReadMesh.vbs







Using the PredicateManager Class

- Selection by
  - Specified Properties/Attributes
  - Logical Operators to combine sets.

Object	**CreateLabelPredicate** (String aStr)
Object	**CreatePropertyPredicate** (long aTsetID, long aSubID)
Object	**CreatePropTypePredicate** (long aTsetID)
Object	**CreateThicknessPredicate** (double aMin, double aMax)
Object	**CreateBoolAndPredicate** (Object aLeft, Object aRight)
Object	**CreateBoolOrPredicate** (Object aLeft, Object aRight)
Object	**CreateBoolNotPredicate** (Object aPred)
Object	**CreateBoolXorPredicate** (Object aLeft, Object aRight)
Object	**CreateXSectionPredicate** (String aType, Object aMin, Object aMax)

Using the PredicateManager Class

- Delete all Cooling Related Entities

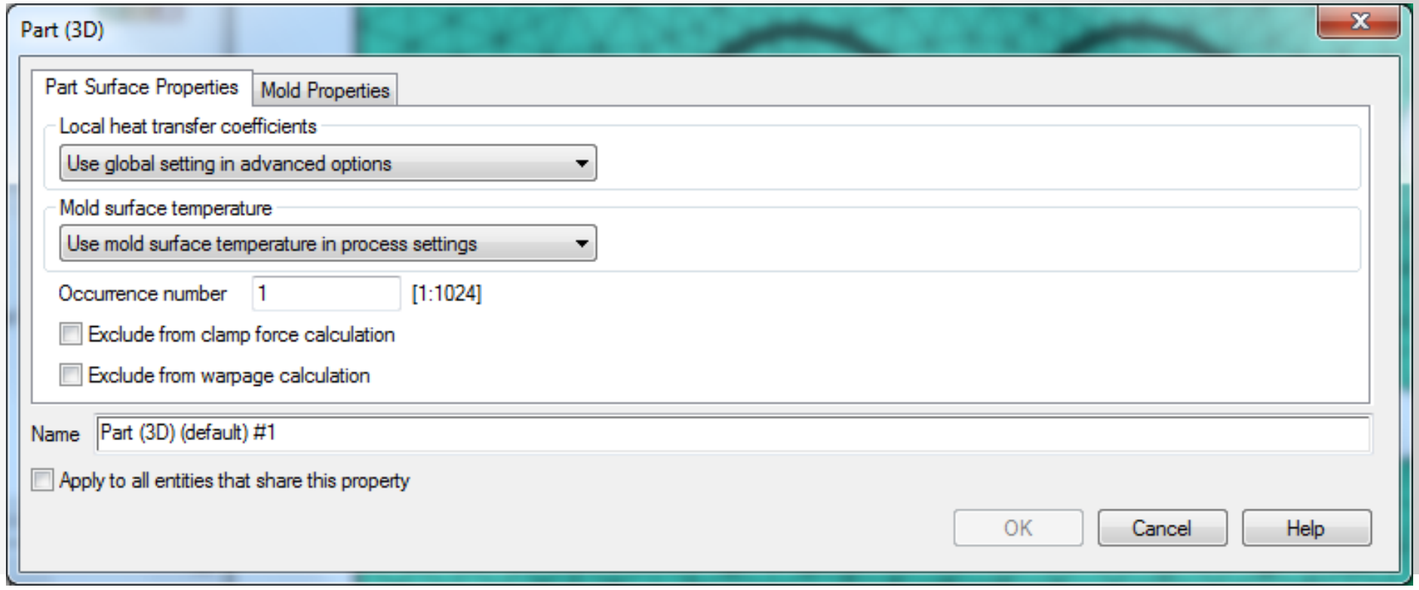
```
' Select All elements Cooling Channels (40480)
Set Pred = PredicateManager.CreatePropTypePredicate(40480)
' Create an Entity List from the predicate
Set EntList = StudyDoc.CreateEntityList(40480)
EntList.SelectFromPredicate Pred
For I = 0 To EntList.Size()-1
        Set lEnt = EntList.Entity(I)
        Set Nodes = StudyDoc.GetElemNodes(lEnt)
        MeshEditor.Delete(lEnt)
        MeshEditor.Delete(Nodes)
Next
```


DeleteAllCoolingElements.vbs Edit Execute

Understanding the Study File

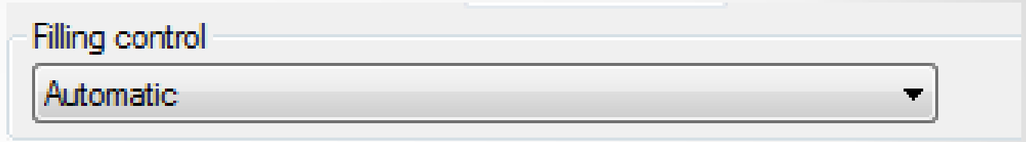
- Now we know how to read the Mesh/Geometry
  - How do we read Property/Attribute data?

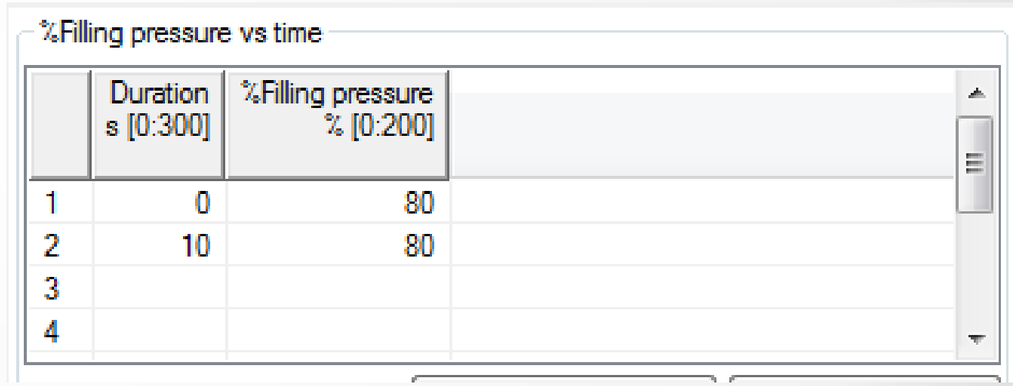
- Property/Attribute Data
  - Example: Part 3D

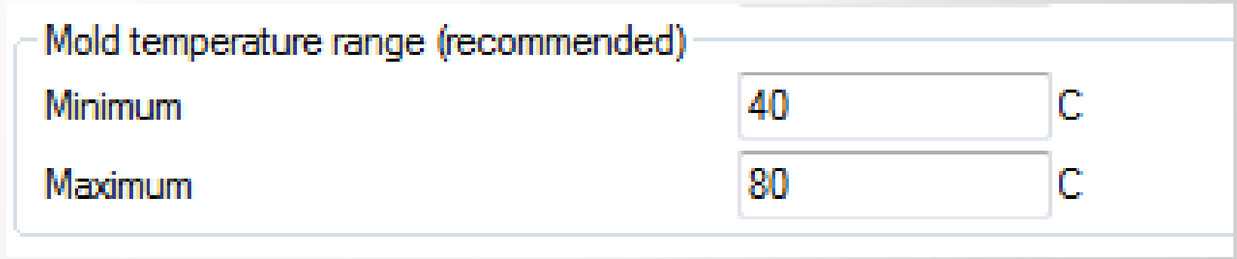


TCodes


Mold surface temperature
60
C


Filling control
Automatic


%Filling pressure vs time
Duration s [0:300]
%Filling pressure % [0:200]
1 0 80
2 10 80
3
4

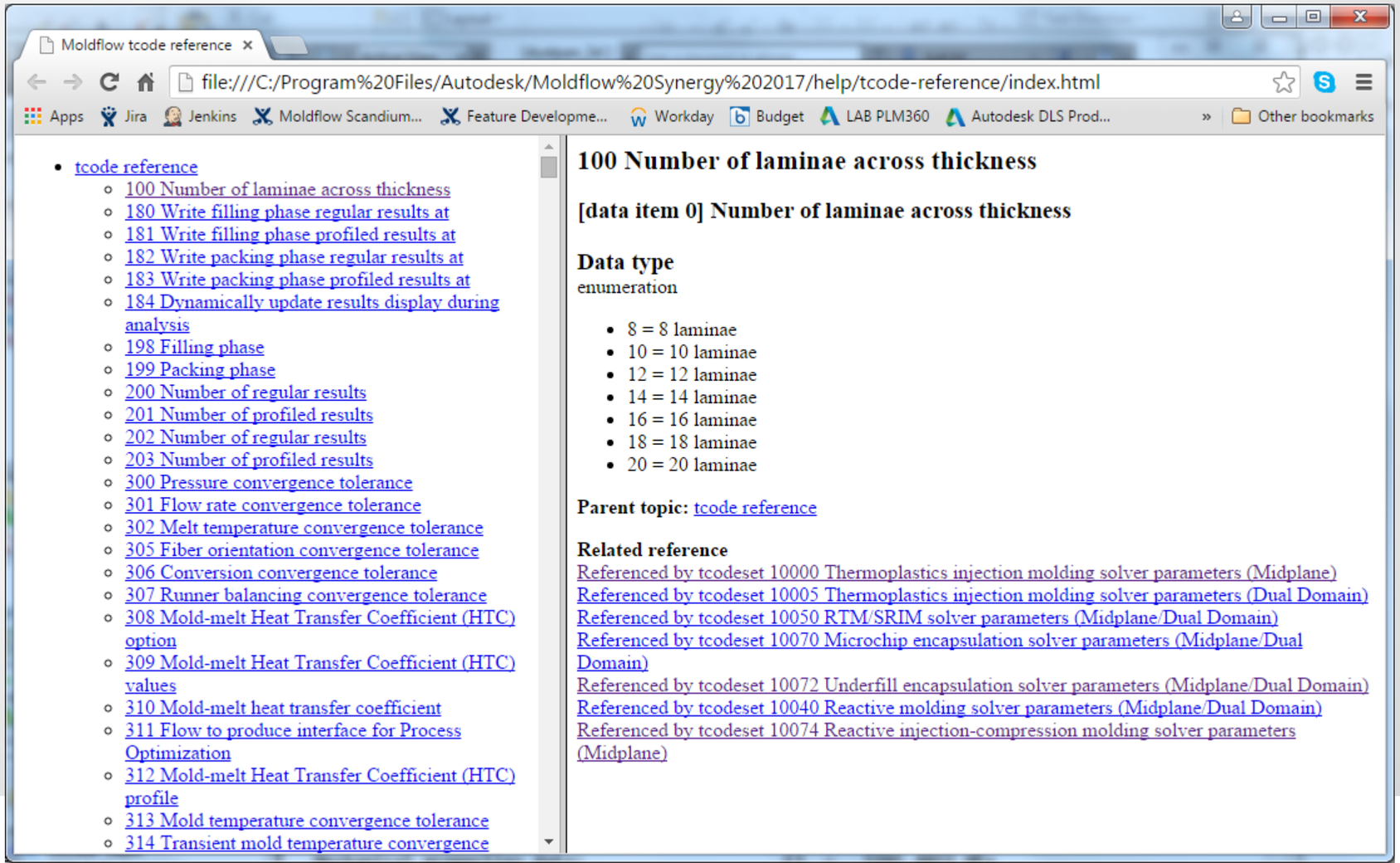

Mold temperature range (recommended)
Minimum
40
C
Maximum
80
C

Understanding TCodes

- TCodes are the basic data store blocks
- See Online help: tcode and tcodeset reference
  - Comprehensive help
  - Shows Tcodeset (TSET) and Tcode (TCOD) hierarchy

Understanding TCodes

- TCode Reference



Understanding TCodes: tcodes.dat

- TCOD Data

```
 TCOD
//   { tcodeNumber tcodeDescription tcodeDataRepeat
//    DATA
//    {   tcoodeDataSymbol tcodeDataFormat unitNameInSI unitConversionFlag
//        recommendMinimum recommendMinFlag recommendMaximum recommendMaxFlag
//        physicalMinimum  physicalMinFlag  physicalMaximum  physicalMaxFlag
//        increment
//    }
//    REFT
//    {
//        tcodeSetType tcodeSetType tcodeSetType ...
//    }
```

  - Note: Can also contain UI controls TCUI,TCUI2

Understanding TCodes: tcodes.dat

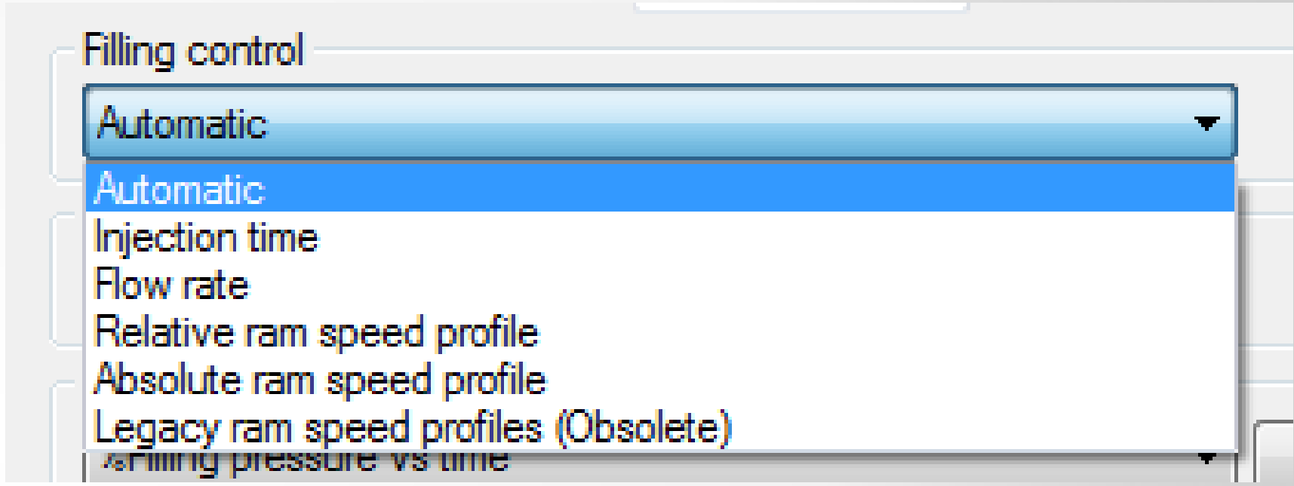
- Single Value

```
TCOD
{ 11002 "Melt temperature" 0
 DATA
 {
       "Tmelt" "%12.5g" "K" 1
       0.0 0 1.0e+38 0
       -1.0e+38 0 1.0e+38 0
    0.
 }
}
```


```
TCOD
{ 11002 "Melt temperature“
4.66170E+02
}
```

Understanding TCodes: tcodes.dat

- Menu



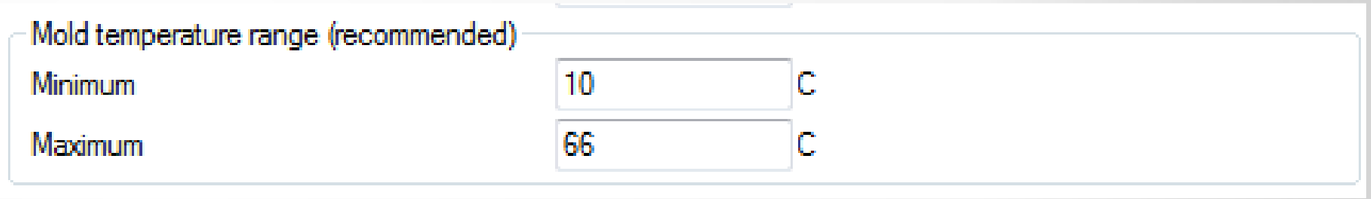

```
TCOD
{ 10109 "Filling control" 0
 DATA
 {
       "Filling control" "|1|Automatic[DEFAULT]|1|Injection time|2|Flow rate|3|Relative ram speed profile|5|Absolute ram speed profile|6|Legacy ram speed profiles (Obsolete)|4||" "" 0
       1 0 6 0
       1 0 6 0
     0.
 }
}
```

TCOD {10109 "Filling control" 1 }

Understanding TCodes: tcodes.dat

- Multiple Values

```
TCOD
{ 1800 "Melt temperature range (recommended)" 0
 DATA
 {
      "Minimum" "%12.5g" "K" 1
      373.15 0  673.15 0
      273.15 1 1273.15 1
   0.
 }
 DATA
 {
      "Maximum" "%12.5g" "K" 1
      373.15 0  673.15 0
      273.15 1 1273.15 1
   0.
 }
}
```

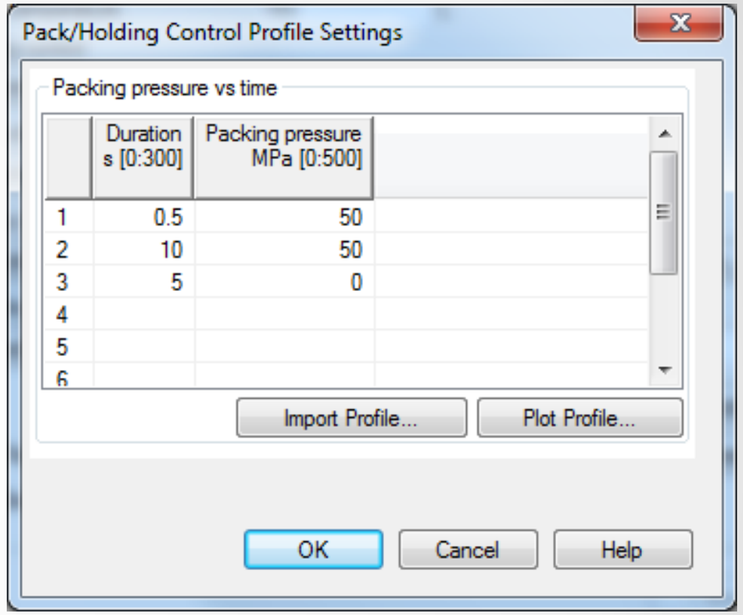


TCOD {1800 "Melt temperature range (recommended)"
2.831500E+02 3.391500E+02 }

Understanding TCodes: tcodes.dat

- Repeated Data

```
TCOD
{ 10707 "Packing pressure vs time" 1
 DATA
 {
      "Duration" "%11.4g" "s" 1
      0. 0   300. 0
      0. 0   300. 0
   0.
 }
 DATA
 {
      "Packing pressure" "%12.6g" "Pa" 1
           0. 0 5.0e+08 0
          0. 0 5.0e+08 0
   0.
 }
}
```



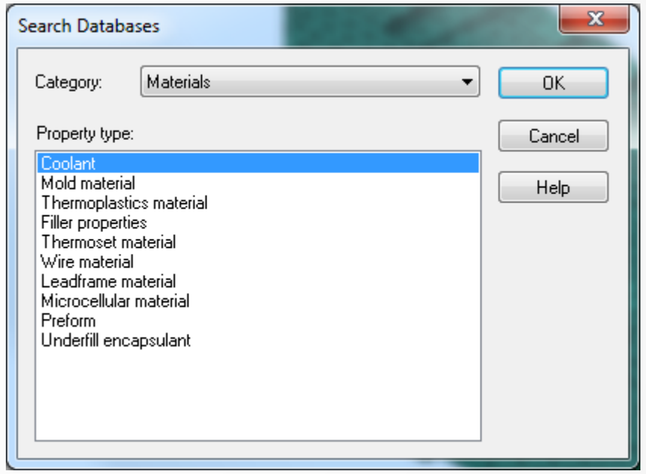

```
TCOD
{ 10707 "Packing pressure vs time"
5.00000E-01 5.0000E+07 1.00000E+01
5.0000E+07 5.00000E+00 0.00000E+00
}
```

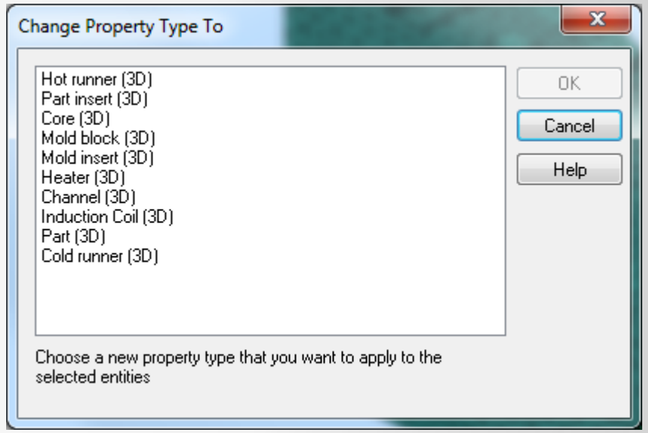
Tcodes.dat Edit

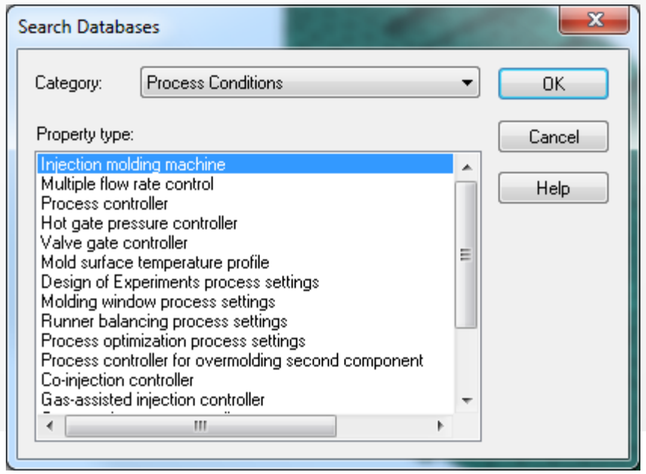
TCodesets (TSET)

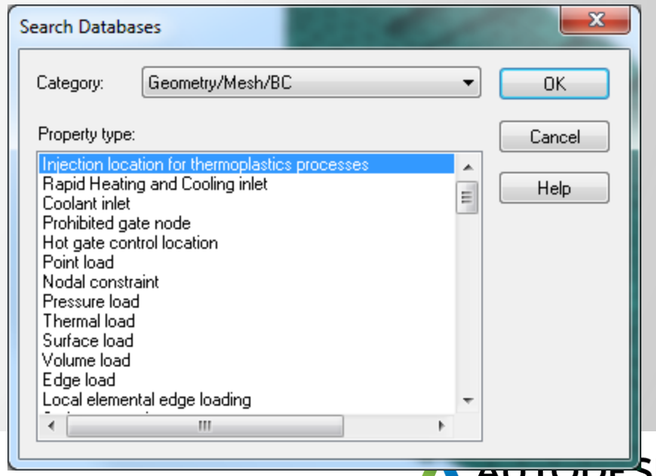
Understanding TSETs

- TSETs contain TCode data
  - Material
  - Parameters
  - Process Conditions
  - Geometry/Mesh/BC



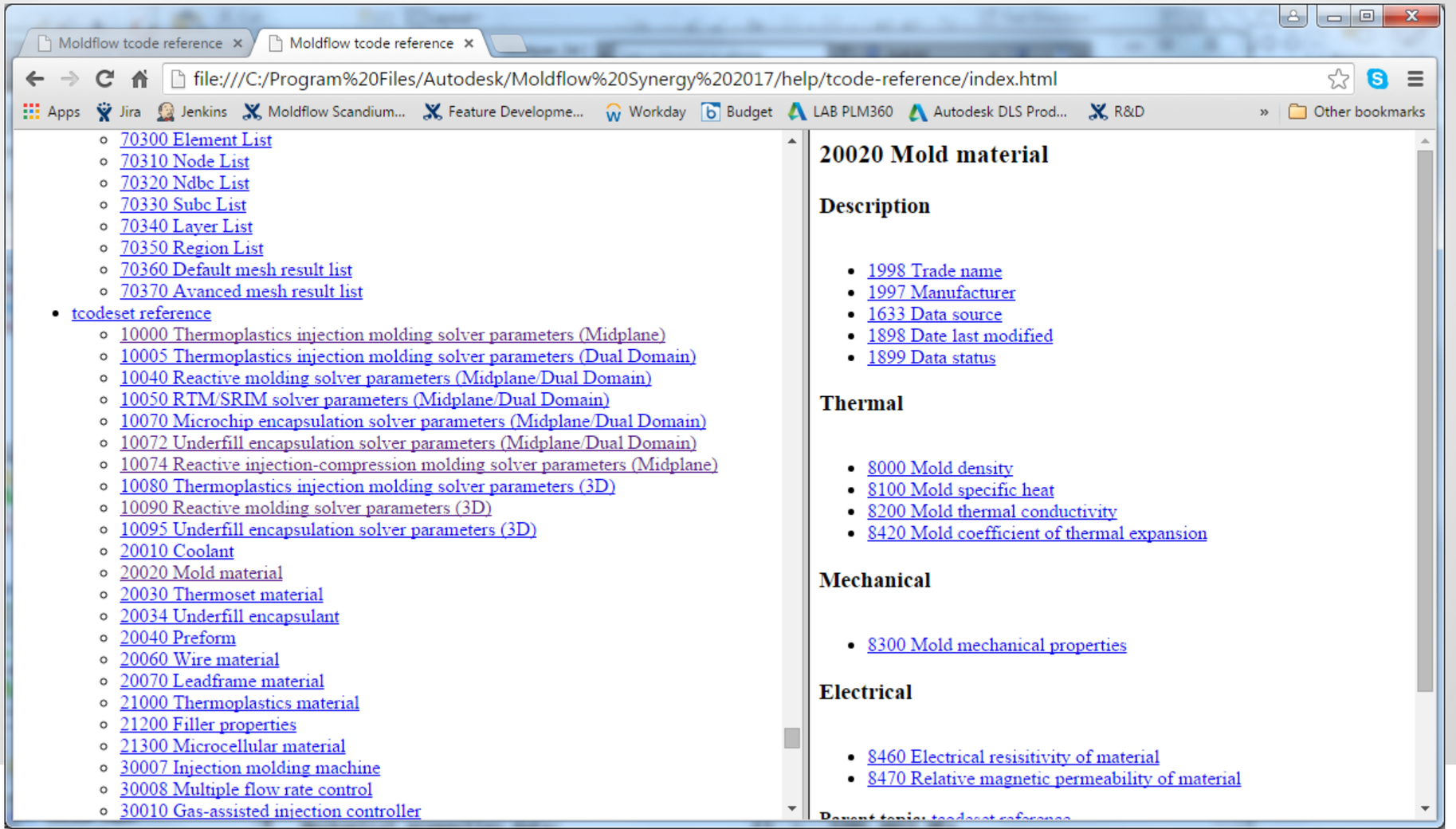






Understanding TSETs

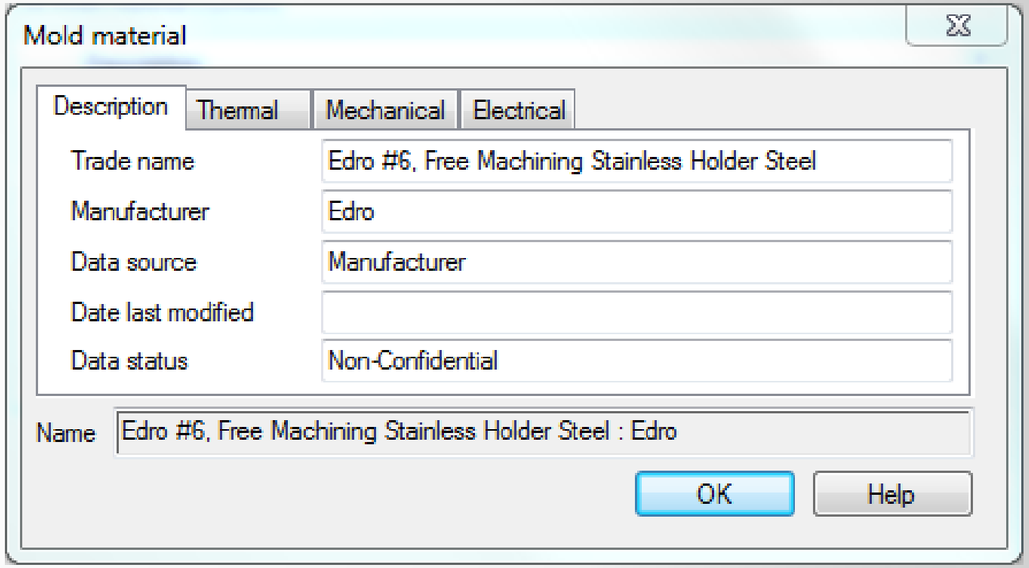
- TCodeset Reference



Understanding TSETs

- Mold Material (ID = 20020)

```
TSET
{ 20020 "Mold material"
    TCOD
    {
        1998 1997 1633 1898 1899
        8000 8100 8200 8420
        8300  8460 8470
    }
    UITA { "Description" 1998 1997 1633 1898 1899 }
    UITA { "Thermal    " 8000 8100 8200 8420 }
    UITA { "Mechanical" 8300     }
    UITA { "Electrical" 8460 8470 }
}
```



Tcodeset.dat Edit

Understanding TSETs

- Mold Material (ID = 20020)

```
TSET
{ 20020 "Mold material"
    TCOD
    {
        1998 1997 1633 1898 1899
        8000 8100 8200 8420
        8300  8460 8470
    }
    UITA { "Description" 1998 1997 1633 1898 1899 }
    UITA { "Thermal    " 8000 8100 8200 8420 }
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}
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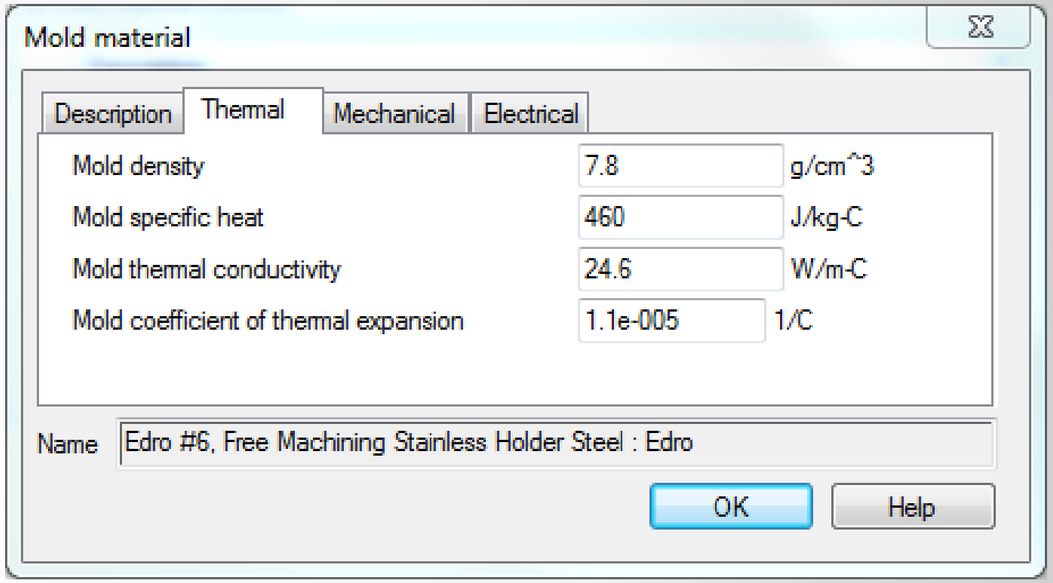

Tcodeset.dat Edit

Understanding TSETs

- Mold Material (ID = 20020)

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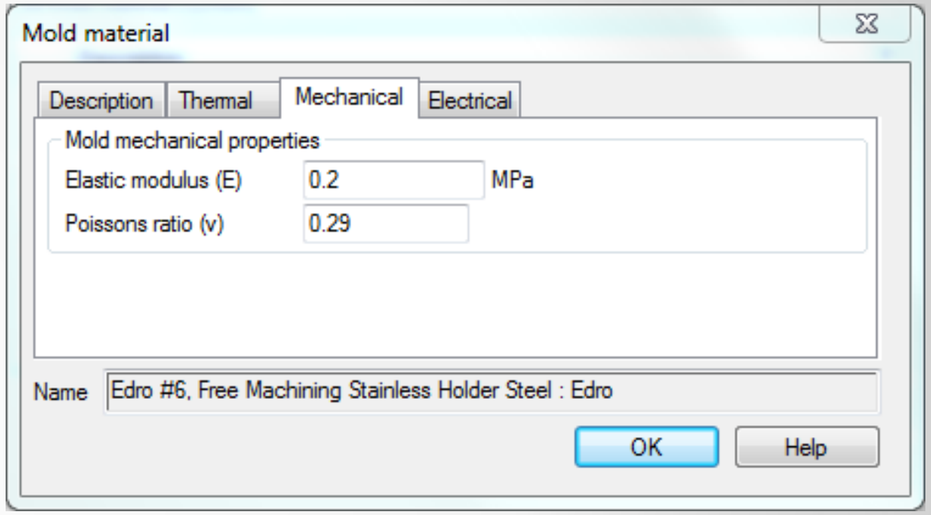
    UITA { "Electrical" 8460 8470 }
}
```



Tcodeset.dat Edit

Understanding TSETs

- Mold Material (ID = 20020)

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TSET
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    TCOD
    {
        1998 1997 1633 1898 1899
        8000 8100 8200 8420
        8300  8460 8470
    }
    UITA { "Description" 1998 1997 1633 1898 1899 }
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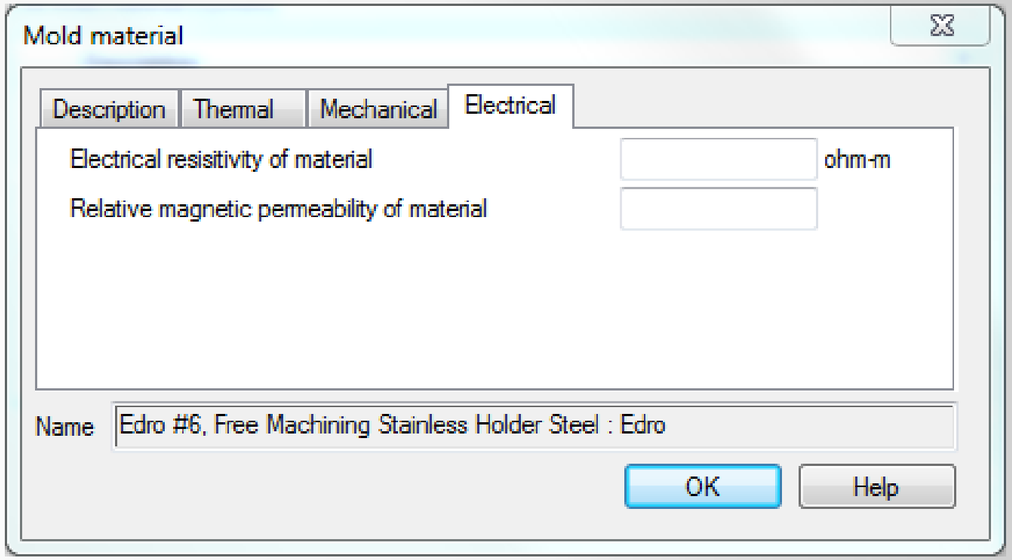
    UITA { "Mechanical" 8300     }
    UITA { "Electrical" 8460 8470 }
}
```



Tcodeset.dat Edit

How TSETs are stored in the Study File

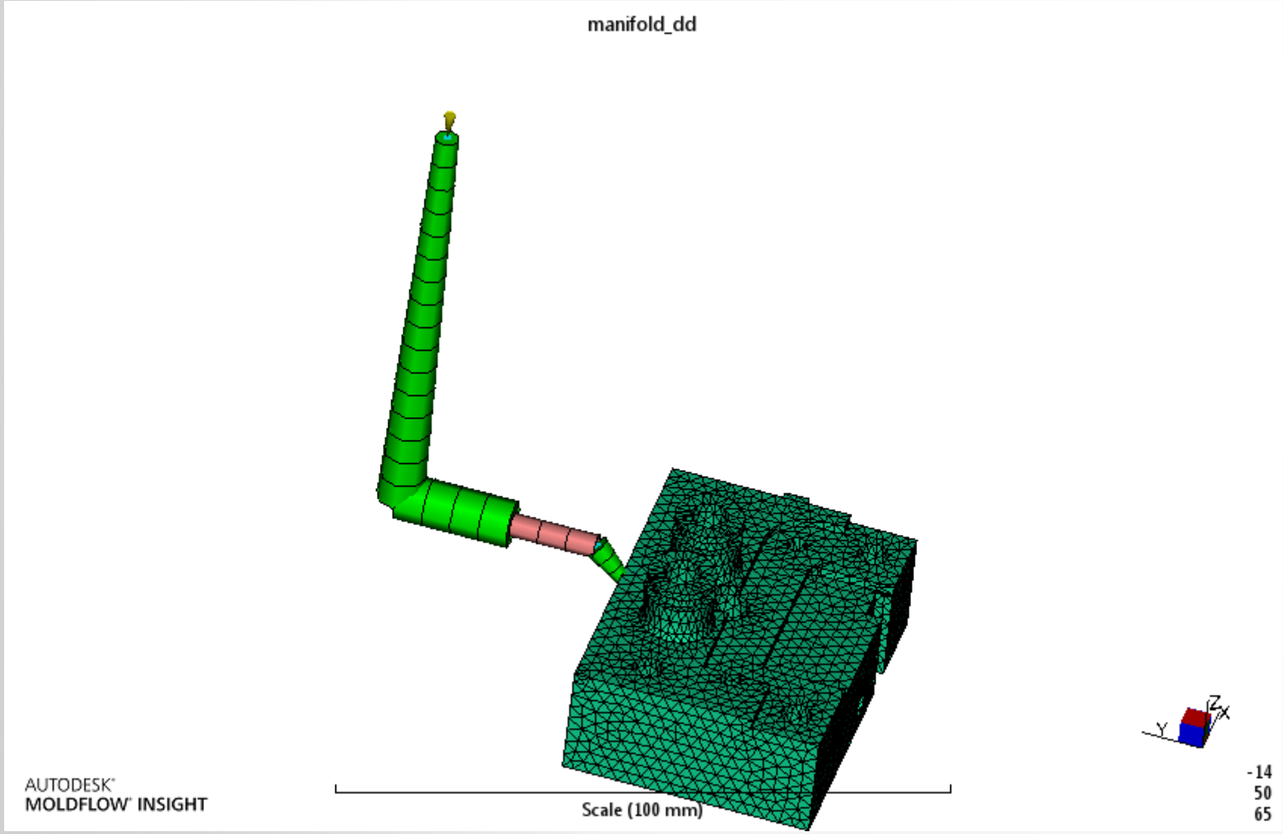
- Mold Material (ID = 20020)
  - What gets stored in the study file

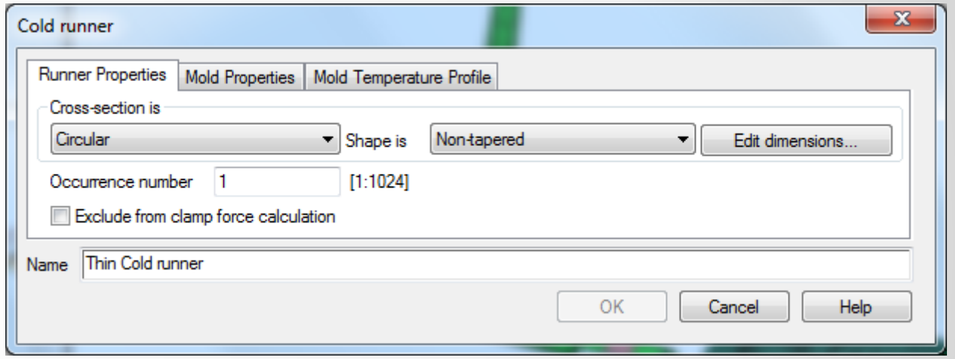
```
TSET { 20020  1 "Mold material"
    TCOD  { 1998 “” Value }
    TCOD  { 1997 “” Value }
    TCOD  { 1633 “” Value }
    TCOD  { 1898 “” Value }
    TCOD  { 1899 “” Value }
    TCOD  { 8000 “” Value }
    TCOD  { 8100 “” Value }
    TCOD  { 8200 “” Value }
    TCOD  { 8420 “” Value }
    TCOD  { 8300 “” Value }
    TCOD  { 8460 “” Value }
    TCOD  { 8470 “” Value }
}
```

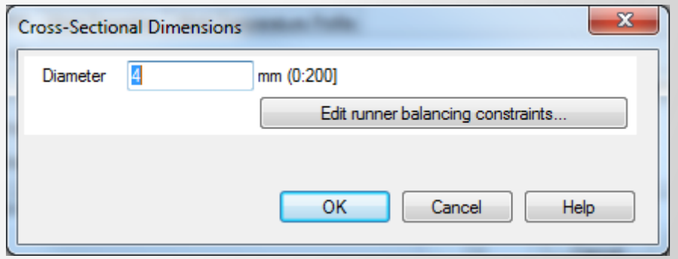
Tcodeset.dat Edit

How TSETs are stored in the Study File

- Geometry Properties



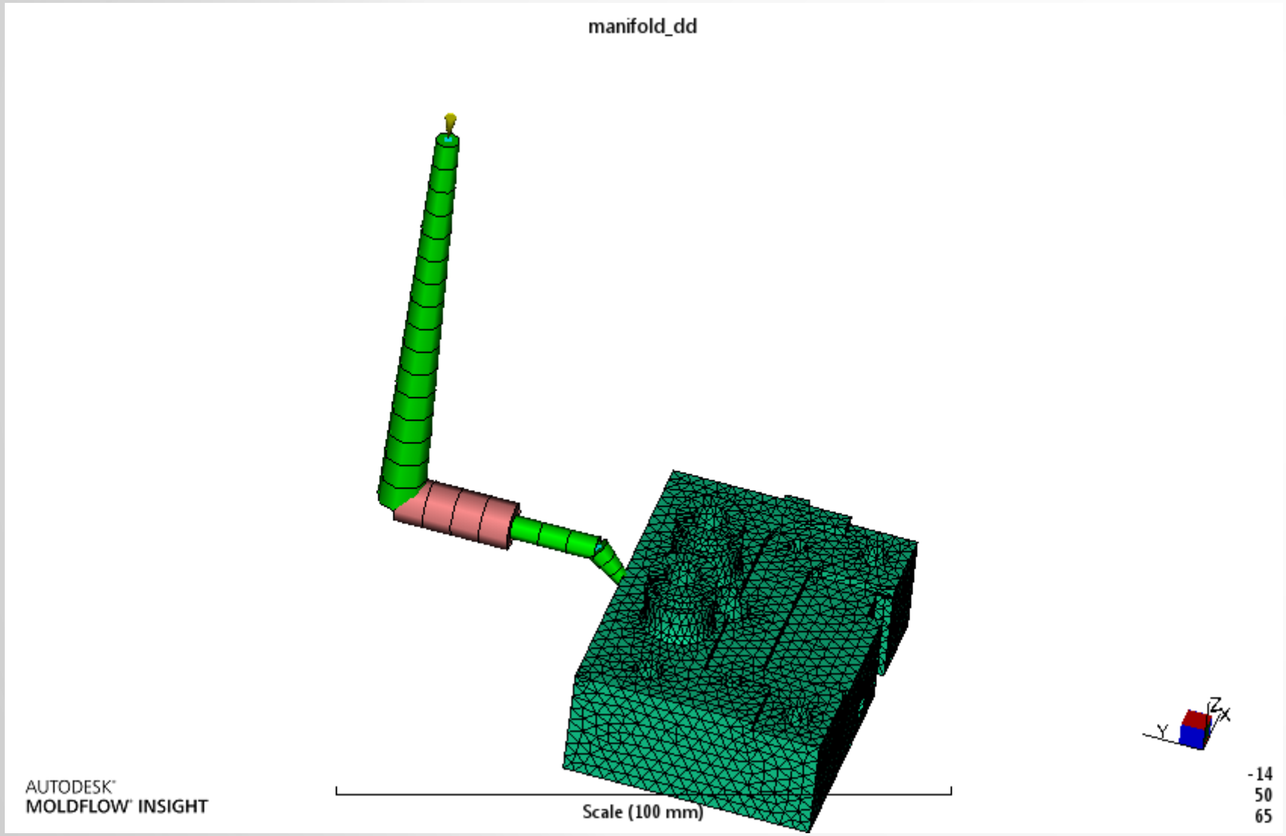


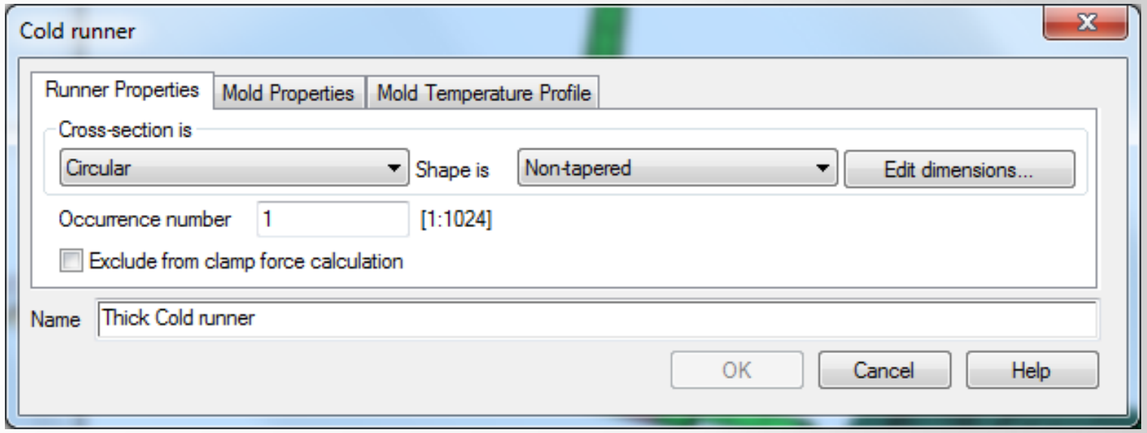


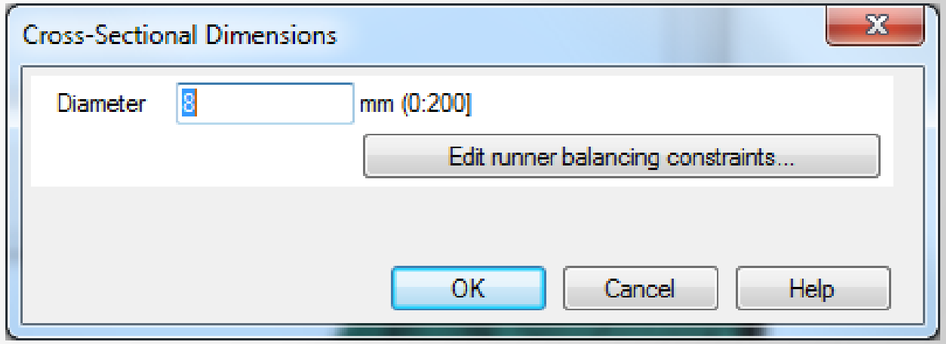
Tcodeset.dat Edit

How TSETs are stored in the Study File

- Geometry Properties







How TSETs are stored in the Study File

- TSets are stored in Study File with an ID and Sub ID
- In our example we have two cold runners

```
TSET{40420 7 "Thick Cold runner "
TCOD{20023 ""}
TCOD{30107 ""    1.000000e+000}
....
TCOD{30260 ""    8.000000e-003}
......
}
```

```
TSET{40420 2 "Thick Cold runner "
TCOD{20023 ""}
TCOD{30107 ""    1.000000e+000}
....
TCOD{30260 ""    4.000000e-003}
......
}
```

Note: TSET 40420 Cold Runner TCode 30260 = Diameter

How TSETs are stored in the Study File

- Why aren’t the SubIDs 1 and 2 ?
  - Why are the SubIDs 7 and 2?
    - Geometry can be added/deleted
    - Synergy does not renumber TSET data

```
TSET{40420 7 "Thick Cold runner "
TCOD{20023 ""}
TCOD{30107 ""    1.000000e+000}
....
TCOD{30260 ""    8.000000e-003}
......
}
```

```
TSET{40420 2 "Thick Cold runner "
TCOD{20023 ""}
TCOD{30107 ""    1.000000e+000}
....
TCOD{30260 ""    4.000000e-003}
......
}
```

Understanding the Study File

- NDBC (Nodal Boundary Condition) Data

  NDBC{LABEL LABEL_ON LAYER COLOR DISPLAY TSET SUBID NODE_LABEL
  TRAN{4x4_MATRIX} }

  - LABEL — Boundary condition number
  - LABEL_ON — Show node Label 0 = Off, 1 = On
  - LAYER — Layer Index
  - COLOR — Color Index
  - DISPLAY
  - TSET — TSet type
  - SUBID — TSet Sub ID
  - NODE_LABEL
  - TRAN — 4x4 Matrix
  - NODE_LABEL — Node Number

Example: Autodesk Moldflow Insight Model File

Understanding the Study File

- NDBC (Nodal Boundary Condition) Data

NDBC{1 0 1 0 0 **40000 1** 37
TRAN{ 0.000000e+000 0.000000e+000
1.000000e+000 0.000000e+000 0.000000e+000 -
1.000000e+000 -0.000000e+000 0.000000e+000
1.000000e+000 0.000000e+000 -0.000000e+000
0.000000e+000 0.000000e+000 0.000000e+000
0.000000e+000 1.000000e+000}}

Flow

NDBC{1 0 12 0 0 **40000 1** 5093
TRAN{ 0.000000e+000 0.000000e+000 1.000000e+000
0.000000e+000 -1.000000e+000 -0.000000e+000
0.000000e+000 0.000000e+000 0.000000e+000 -
1.000000e+000 -0.000000e+000 0.000000e+000
0.000000e+000 0.000000e+000 0.000000e+000
1.000000e+000}}
NDBC{2 0 27 0 0 **40001 2** 19169
TRAN{ 0.000000e+000 0.000000e+000 1.000000e+000
0.000000e+000 0.000000e+000 -1.000000e+000 -
0.000000e+000 0.000000e+000 1.000000e+000
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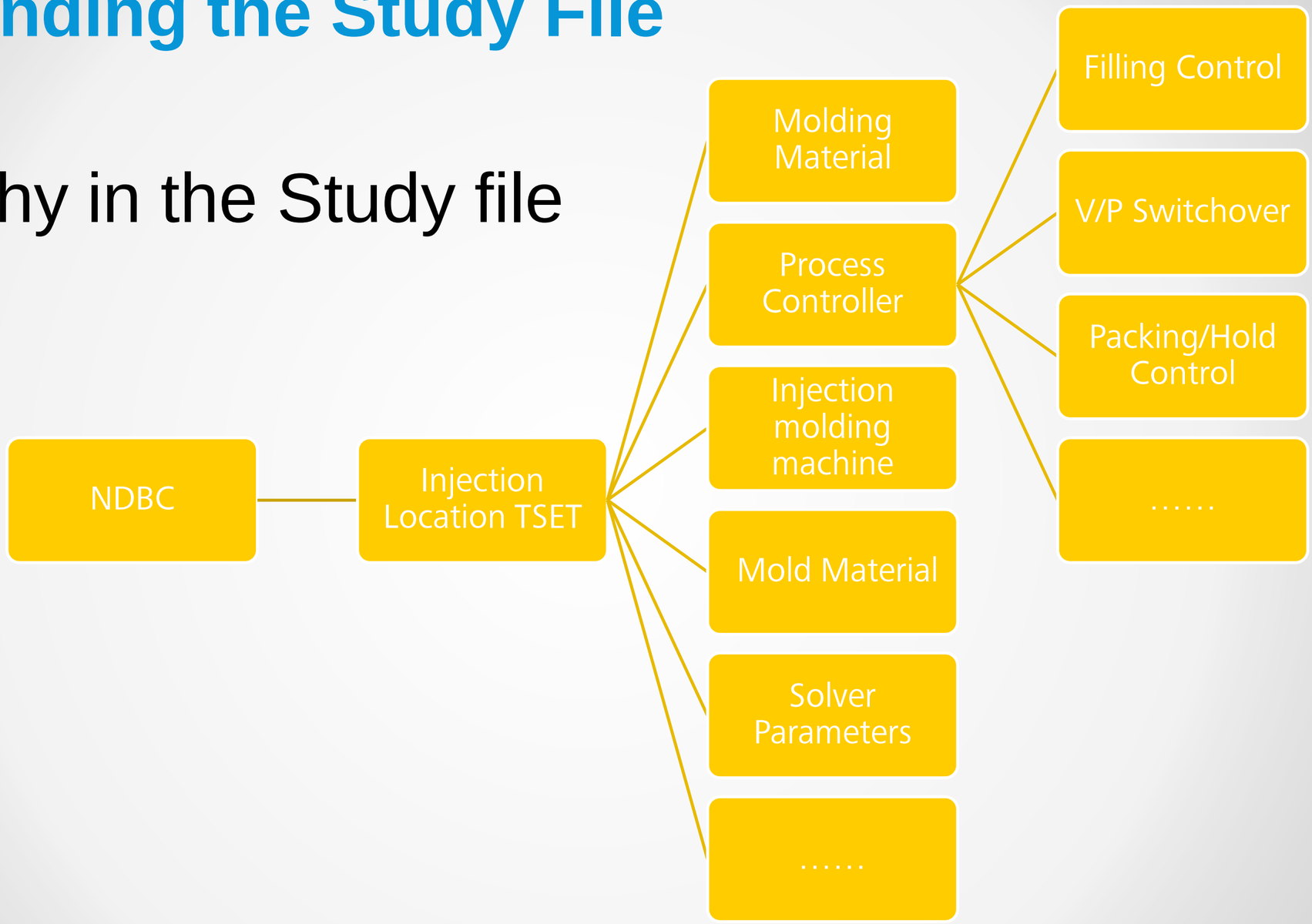
1.000000e+000}}

Overmolding

Example: Autodesk Moldflow Insight Model File

Understanding the Study File

- Hierarchy in the Study file



Understanding the Study File

40000 Injection location for thermoplastics processes

General

- 20020 Molding material
- 20040 Process controller
- 20060 Injection molding machine
- 20023 Mold material
- 20032 Solver parameters

Design of Experiments

- 30510 DOE control

20040 Process controller

Parent topic: tcode reference

Related reference

References tcodeset 30011 Process controller
References tcodeset 30072 Reactive molding process settings
References tcodeset 30073 Underfill encapsulation process settings
References tcodeset 30074 Process controller for reactive injection-compression mol

30011 Process controller

Profile/Switch-Over Control

- 10109 Filling control

  [data item 0] Filling control

  [value 2 = Injection time]

  - 10100 of

  [value 3 = Flow rate]

  - 10107 at

  [value 4 = Legacy ram speed profiles (Obsolete)]

  - 10608 by

  [value 5 = Relative ram speed profile]

  - 10602 by

  [value 6 = Absolute ram speed profile]

  - 10603 by

- 10310 Velocity/pressure switch-over

Note: The file ***process.dat*** defines the content of each injection location for a given mesh type, molding process and analysis sequence

process.dat Edit

How to succeed with TSet and TCode data

- Reuse the following Subroutines and Functions
  - To ensure you are working with the correct TSet
    - Sub GetInjectionData (InjectionD, InjectionSubID, Injection2ID, Injection2SubID)
    - Sub GetProcessData(ProcessID, ProcessSubID, Process2ID, Process2SubID)
    - Sub GetMaterialData(MaterialID, MaterialSubID, Material2ID, Material2SubID)
  - To Read/Write TCode Data
    - Function GetTCodeValue(ID, SubID, TCode, Value)
    - Function SetTCodeValue(ID, SubID, TCode, Value)
    - Function GetTCodeUnit(ID, SubID, TCode, UnitStr)
    - Function GetTCodeDescription(ID, SubID, TCode, Value)
    - Function GetTCodeName(ID, TCode, Value)

Eight Functions to manipulate TSet and TCode data

Subroutine name: GetInjectionData

Purpose

Identify the injection TSet, taking into account the mesh type, analysis sequence and molding process

Usage

Sub GetInjectionData(InjectionID, InjectionSubID, Injection2ID, Injection2SubID)

Arguments/Return Values

- *InjectionID* TSet for first Injection location (0 = Not Found)
- *InjectionSubID* TSet Sub ID for first Injection location (0 = Not Found)
- *Injection2ID* TSet for second Injection location (0 = Not Found)
- *Injection2SubID* TSet Sub ID for second Injection location (0 = Not Found)

Eight Functions to manipulate TSet and TCode data

Subroutine name: GetInjectionData

Example

```
' Find Appropriate Injection Tsets and TSetSubID's
Dim InjectionID, InjectionSubID, Injection2ID, Injection2SubID
Call GetInjectionData (InjectionID, InjectionSubID, Injection2ID, Injection2SubID)
```

Eight Functions to manipulate TSet and TCode data

Subroutine name: GetProcessData

Purpose

Identify the process controller TSet, taking into account the mesh type, analysis sequence and molding process

Usage

Sub GetProcessData(ProcessID, ProcessSubID, Process2ID, Process2SubID)

Arguments/Return Values

- *ProcessID* TSet for first process controller (0 = Not Found)
- *ProcessSubID* TSet Sub ID first process controller (0 = Not Found)
- *Process2ID* TSet for second process controller (0 = Not Found)
- *Process2SubID* TSet Sub ID for second process controller (0 = Not Found)

Eight Functions to manipulate TSet and TCode data

Subroutine name: GetProcessData

Example

```
' Find Appropriate Process TSets and TSetSubID's
Dim ProcessID, ProcessSubID, Process2ID, Process2SubID
Call GetProcessData (ProcessID, ProcessSubID, Process2ID, Process2SubID)
```

Eight Functions to manipulate TSet and TCode data

Subroutine name: GetMaterialData

Purpose

Identify the material data TSet, taking into account the mesh type, analysis sequence and molding process

Usage

Sub GetMaterialData(MaterialID, MaterialSubID, Material2ID, Material2SubID)

Arguments/Return Values

- *MaterialID* TSet for first Material (0 = Not Found)
- *MaterialSubID* TSet Sub ID first Material (0 = Not Found)
- *Material2ID* TSet for second Material (0 = Not Found)
- *Material2SubID* TSet Sub ID for second Material (0 = Not Found)

Eight Functions to manipulate TSet and TCode data

Subroutine name: GetMaterialData

Example

```
' Find Appropriate Material TSets and TSetSubID's
Dim MaterialID, MaterialSubID, Material2ID, Material2SubID
Call GetMaterialData (MaterialID, MaterialSubID, Material2ID, Material2SubID)
```

Eight Functions to manipulate TSet and TCode data

Function name: GetTCodeValue

Purpose

Read TCode data from a specified TSet ID and SubID

Usage

- *Function GetTCodeValue(ID, SubID, TCode, Value)*

Arguments

- *ID* Tset ID
- *SubID* Tset Sub ID
- *TCode* TCode we are trying to read data from
- *Value* a DoubleArray to hold values

Return Values

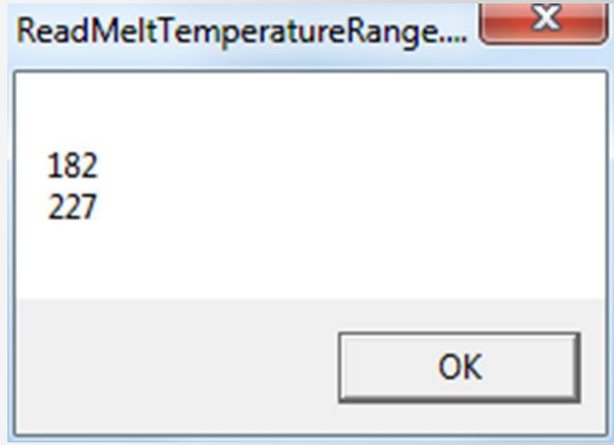
- *GetTCodeValue* false = failure, true = success
- *Value* The Tcode data returned as a DoubleArray

Eight Functions to manipulate TSet and TCode data

Function name: GetTCodeValue

Example

```
Dim MaterialID, MaterialSubID, Material2ID, Material2SubID
Call GetMaterialData(MaterialID, MaterialSubID, Material2ID, Material2SubID)
' Read  Melt Temperature range for First Material
If MaterialID > 0 Then
        lStr = ""
        Set Value = Synergy.CreateDoubleArray()
        OK = GetTCodeValue(MaterialID, MaterialSubID, 1800, Value)
        If OK Then
                For I = 0 To Value.Size()-1
                        lStr = lStr & Value.Val(I) & vbCrLf
                Next
                MsgBox  lStr,,WScript.ScriptName
        End if
End If
```



Eight Functions to manipulate TSet and TCode data

Function name: SetTCodeValue

Purpose

Set data for a specified TSet ID and SubID and TCode

Usage

- *Function SetTCodeValue(ID, SubID, TCode, Value)*

Arguments

- *ID* Tset ID
- *SubID* Tset Sub ID
- *TCode* TCode we are trying to read data from
- *Value* a DoubleArray to hold values

Return Values

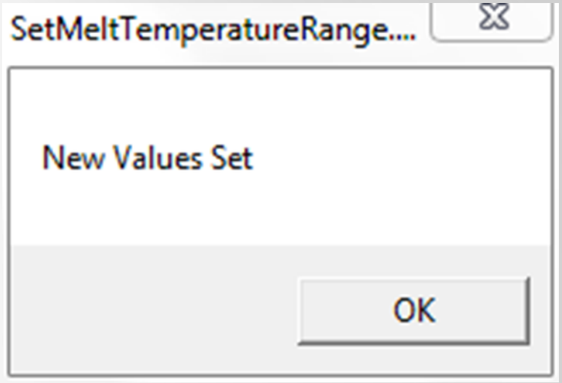
- *SetTCodeValue* false = failure, true = success

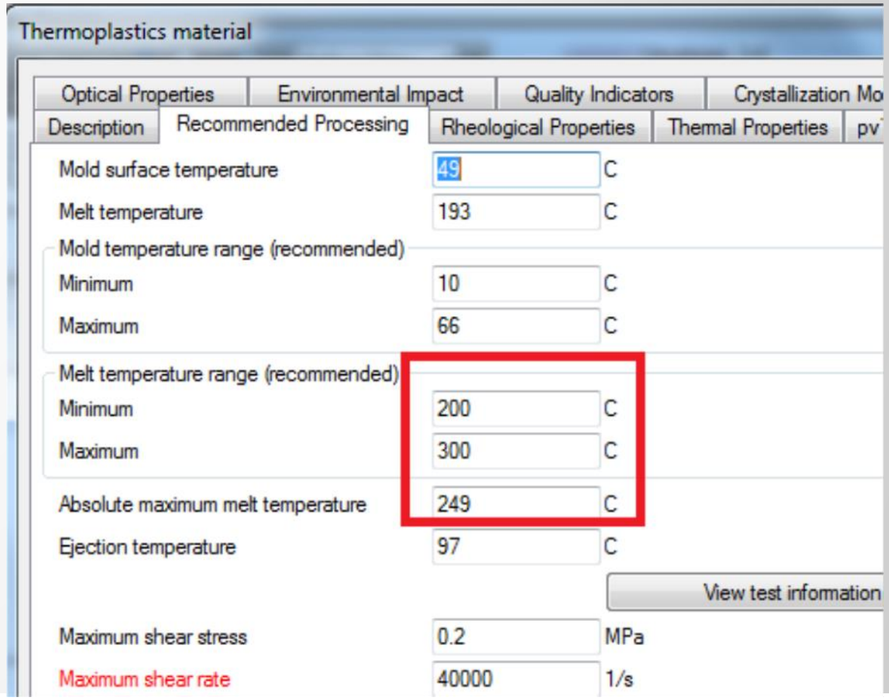
Eight Functions to manipulate TSet and TCode data

Function name: SetTCodeValue

Example

```
Call GetMaterialData(MaterialID, MaterialSubID, Material2ID, Material2SubID)
' Set Melt Temperature range for First Material
Dim  OK, Value
If MaterialID > 0 Then
        Set Value = Synergy.CreateDoubleArray()
        Value.AddDouble(200)
        Value.AddDouble(300)
        OK = SetTCodeValue(MaterialID, MaterialSubID, 1800, Value)
        If OK Then
                MsgBox  "New Values Set",,WScript.ScriptName
        End if
End If
```





Eight Functions to manipulate TSet and TCode data

Function name: SetTCodeValue

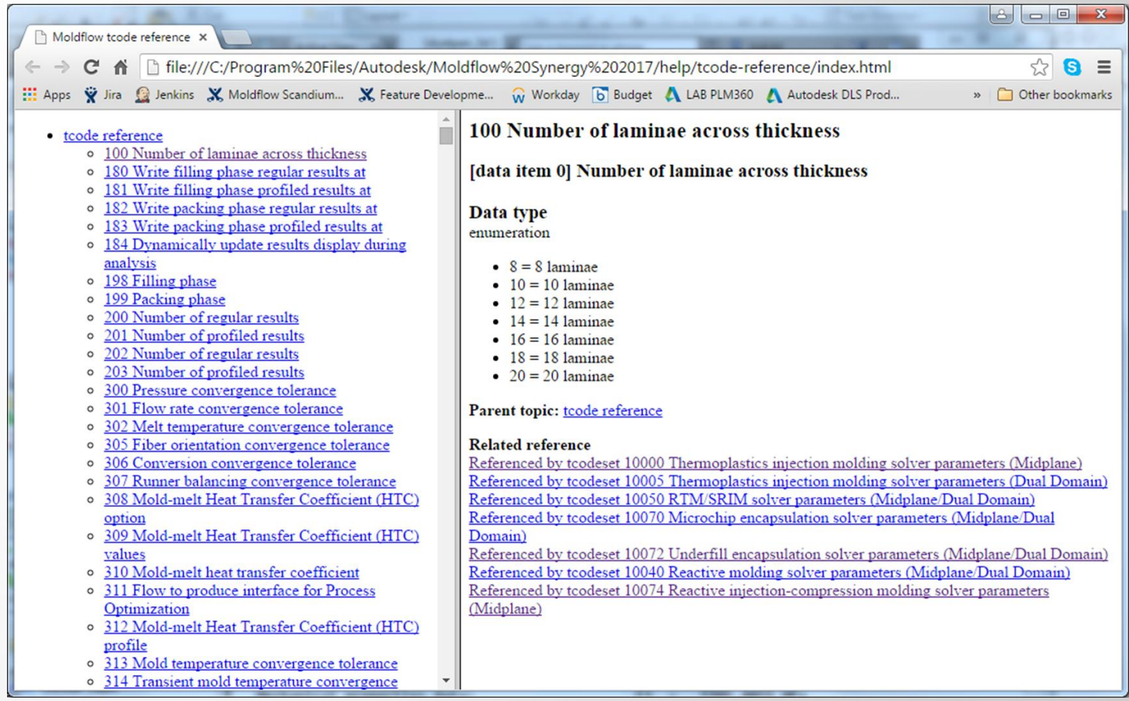
```
TCOD
{ 100 "Number of laminae across thickness" 0
 DATA
 {
      "n" "|1|8 laminae|8|10 laminae|10|12 laminae|12|14 laminae|14|16 laminae|16|18 laminae|18|20 laminae|20||" "" 0
      8. 0 20. 0
      8. 0 20. 0
   0.
 }
}
```

Notes

The API does no explicit checking of the data provided

Example: Number of laminates across thickness

- Current Range [8-20]
- We can use the API to set a value of 40
  - More Laminates = Better accuracy
- What Happens
  - Solver Crashes
  - UI generate an error when study read
    - As TCode value outside the allowed range



Eight Functions to manipulate TSet and TCode data

Function name: GetTCodeUnit

Purpose

Read unit data for a specified TSet ID, SubID and TCode

Usage

- *Function GetTCodeUnit(ID, SubID, TCode, UnitStr)*

Arguments

- *ID* Tset ID
- *SubID* Tset Sub ID
- *TCode* TCode we are trying to read data from
- *UnitStr* a StringArray to hold values

Return Values

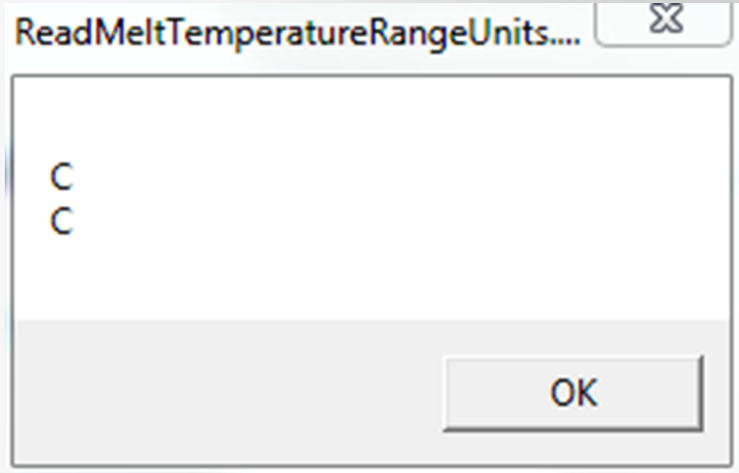
- *GetTCodeUnit* false = failure, true = success
- *UnitStr* The Unit String data returned as a StringArray

Eight Functions to manipulate TSet and TCode data

Function name: GetTCodeUnit

Example

```
Call GetMaterialData(MaterialID, MaterialSubID, Material2ID, Material2SubID)
' Read Units for Melt Temperature range for First Material
If MaterialID > 0 Then
        lStr = ""
        Set UnitStr = Synergy.CreateDoubleArray()
        OK = GetTCodeUnit(MaterialID, MaterialSubID, 1800, UnitStr)
        If OK Then
                For I = 0 To UnitStr.Size()-1
                        lStr = lStr & UnitStr.Val(I) & vbCrLf
                Next
                MsgBox  lStr,,WScript.ScriptName
        End if
End If
```



Eight Functions to manipulate TSet and TCode data

Function name: GetTCodeDescription

Purpose

Read the Tcode description for a specified TSet ID, SubID and TCode

Usage

- *Function GetTCodeDescription(ID, SubID, TCode, Value)*

Arguments

- *ID* Tset ID
- *SubID* Tset Sub ID
- *TCode* TCode we are trying to read data from
- *Value* a String to hold the data

Return Values

- *GetTCodeDescription* false = failure, true = success
- *Value* The Tcode description, returned as a String

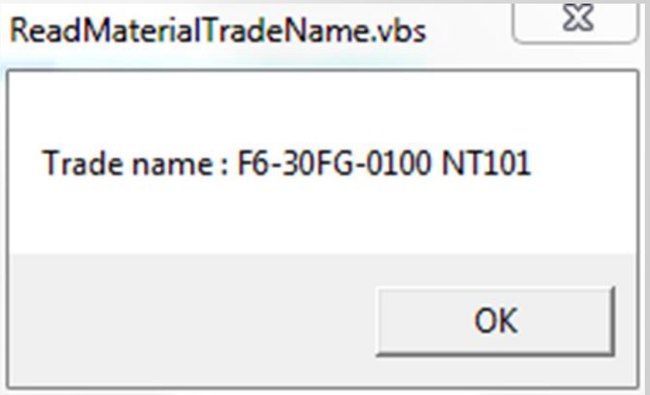
Eight Functions to manipulate TSet and TCode data

Function name: GetTCodeDescription

Example

```
' Locate the Material Tset and TsetSubID data
Dim MaterialID, MaterialSubID, Material2ID, Material2SubID
Call GetMaterialData(MaterialID, MaterialSubID, Material2ID, Material2SubID)

If MaterialID > 0 Then
        Dim NameStr, ValueStr
        OK = GetTcodeName(MaterialID, 1998, NameStr)
        OK2 = GetTCodeDescription(MaterialID, MaterialSubID, 1998, ValueStr)
        If OK and OK2 Then
                MsgBox  NameStr & " : " & ValueStr,, Wscript.ScriptName
        End if
End if
```



Eight Functions to manipulate TSet and TCode data

Function name: GetTCodeName

Purpose

Read the TCode name for a specified TSet ID, and TCode

Usage

- *Function GetTCodeName(ID, TCode, Value)*

Arguments

- *ID* Tset ID
- *TCode* TCode we are trying to read data from
- *Value* a String to hold the data

Return Values

- *GetTCodeDescription* false = failure, true = success
- *Value* The TCode name, returned as a String

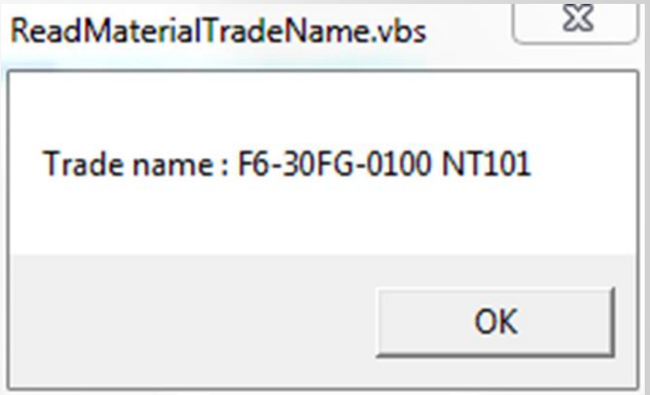
Eight Functions to manipulate TSet and TCode data

Function name: GetTCodeName

Example

```
' Locate the Material Tset and TsetSubID data
Dim MaterialID, MaterialSubID, Material2ID, Material2SubID
Call GetMaterialData(MaterialID, MaterialSubID, Material2ID, Material2SubID)

If MaterialID > 0 Then
        Dim NameStr, ValueStr
        OK = GetTcodeName(MaterialID, 1998, NameStr)
        OK2 = GetTCodeDescription(MaterialID, MaterialSubID, 1998, ValueStr)
        If OK and OK2 Then
                MsgBox  NameStr & " : " & ValueStr,, Wscript.ScriptName
        End if
End if
```



Exercise: Changing Process Settings

Frequently Asked Questions

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- Can I use the API without showing the GUI
  - No, there is currently no way to do this
- Does the API work on Linux
  - No
  - The tool *studymod* provides capabilities to modify geometry, mesh, property and material data on linux (and windows)
  - The tool *studyrlt* provides capabilities to extract result data on linux (and windows)

Frequently Asked Questions

- Our Most Common API support Request

  “I am trying to change the material data and nothing is happening”

  - Invariably the script will contain a line like

```
Set Prop = PropEd.FindProperty(21000, 1)
```

  - Use the *GetMaterialID* Subroutine to avoid this type of problem

Frequently Asked Questions

- What Level of help can I get from Customer Support
  - We can provide:
    - Basic advice on how to do things
    - Advice on how to approach the task
    - Similar examples
  - Customer Support is not
    - Your personal script developer
    - You script debugging team

Our Advice to getting started with the API

- Review these notes in 1-2 weeks
- Run the Example codes
- Experiment with the Example codes
- Start small
- Talk with Autodesk

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