

Additive Manufacturing: A 360 Approach

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About the speaker

Joshua Best is a qualified Mechanical Engineer currently working as a Technical Sales Specialist in the UK and Ireland with a core focus on Fusion 360; Autodesk's cloud Computer Aided Design, Manufacture and Engineering Platform. Josh has prior experience working within Applications Engineering and Technical Sales in the Additive Manufacturing industry in the UK and is twice published in academic papers.

Experienced in helping businesses identify the scope for revolutionizing traditional manufacturing through Computer Aided Design and Manufacture, Josh's passion stems from a desire to help form a better world through technology.

Learning Objectives

LEARNING OBJECTIVE

Understand what is involved in typical additive manufacturing workflows

LEARNING OBJECTIVE

Learn how to apply best practice to additive manufacturing strategy

LEARNING OBJECTIVE

Examine your readiness level for adopting additive manufacturing

LEARNING OBJECTIVE

Examine where additive manufacturing may be used within your business

Agenda

WHY

MOTIVATIONS FOR 3D PRINTING

- Advantages
- Business benefits
- Value add applications

First 15 minutes

WHAT

WHAT IS INVOLVED?

- Software / Hardware / Materials
- Design to Manufacture

Time Stamp 15 minutes

HOW

HOW CAN WE TAKE ADVANTAGE?

- Typical workflow demonstrations

Time Stamp 20 minutes

WHAT'S NEXT?

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

- Getting started resources

Time Stamp 50 Minutes

Why 3D Print?

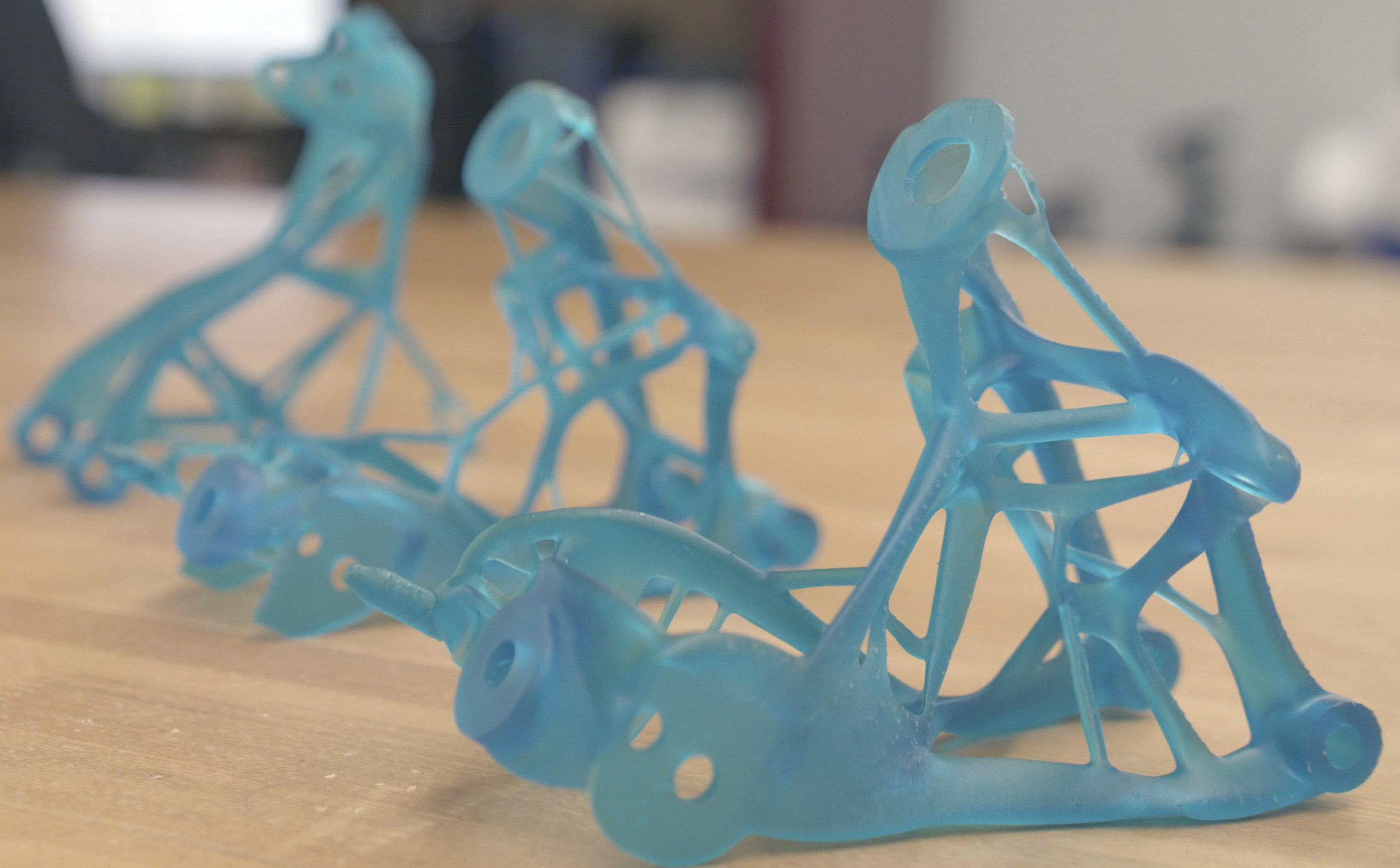
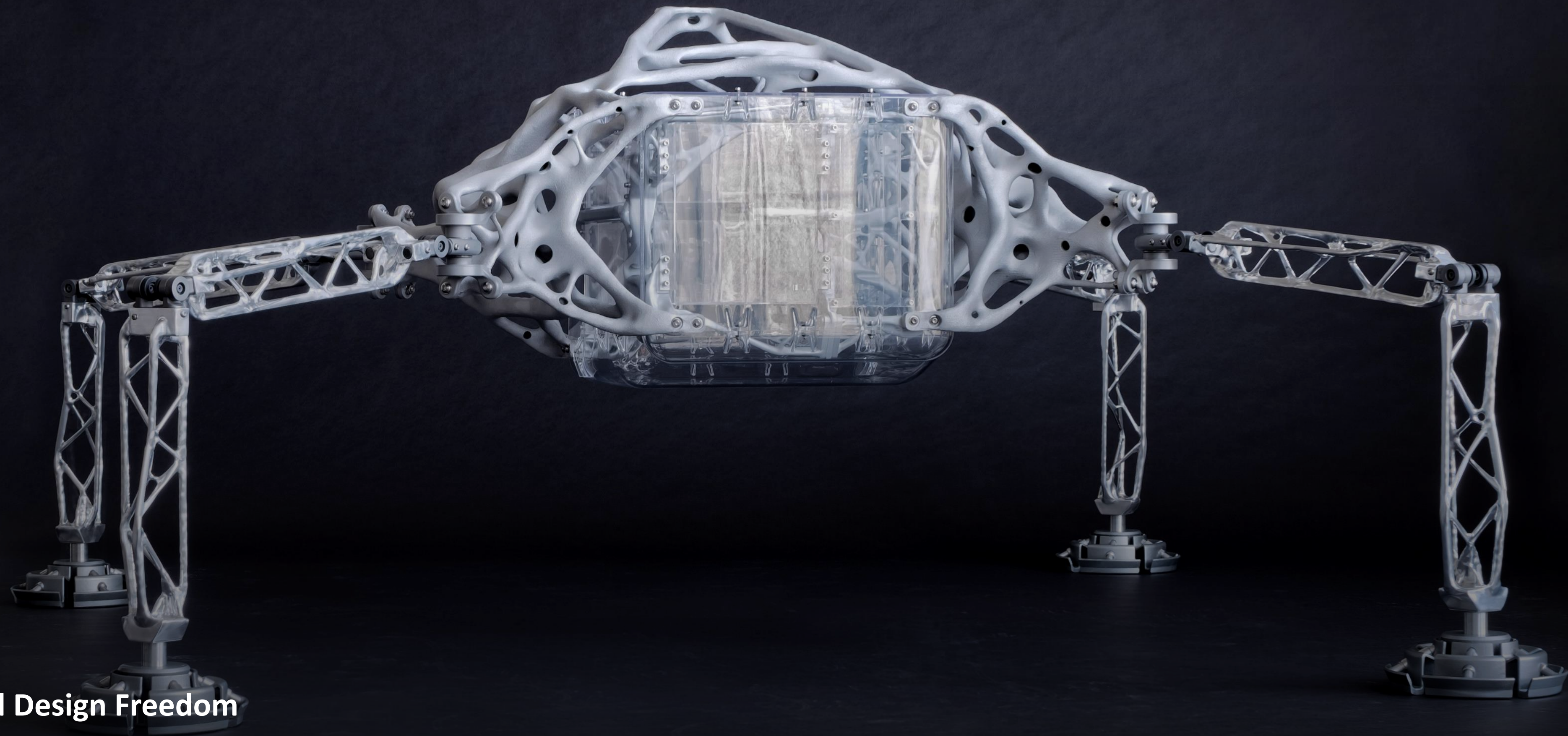


Image Courtesy of General Motors



- Localized Supply Chains
- Rapid Prototyping
- Increased Automation



- Increased Design Freedom
- Manufacture the Previously Impossible
- Explore New Aesthetics

Generative Design & Additive Manufacturing

8 components into 1 part
40% lighter
20% stronger

- Part Consolidation
- Increased Performance
- Lightweighting



Time to Market

Print on Demand
Localised Supply Chains
Reduced Downtime



Cost Reduction

Reduced Material Usage
Increased Automation - Reduced Labour
Reduced Shipping Costs
Reduced Inventories



Product Lifetime Value

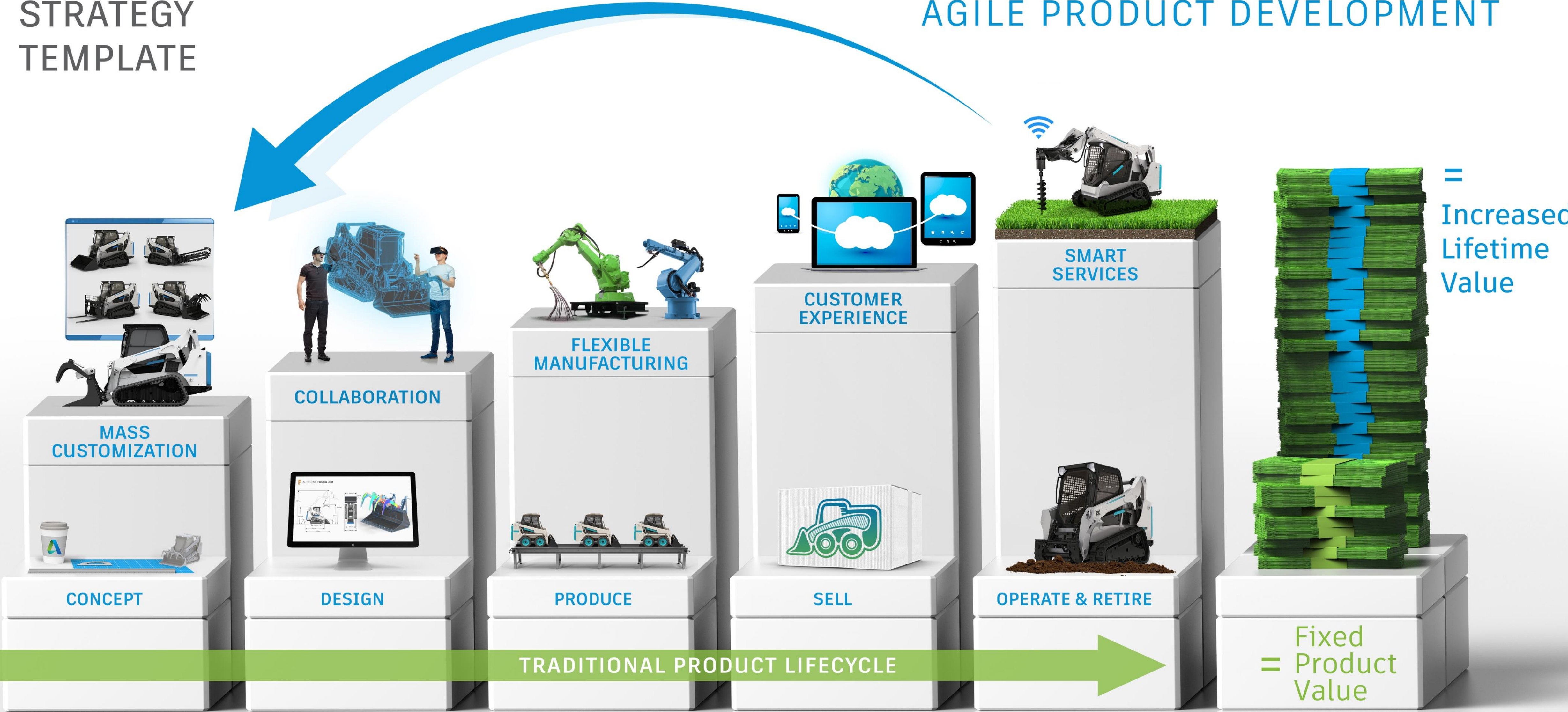
Mass Customization
Flexible Manufacturing
Increased Performance

HOW DOES THIS
IMPACT
YOUR
BUSINESS



DIGITAL
STRATEGY
TEMPLATE

AGILE PRODUCT DEVELOPMENT



Key Challenges / Barriers to Adoption

KNOWING THE REQUIREMENTS

What software, hardware, materials, skills and training will I need to get started?

UNDERSTANDING APPLICATIONAL SCOPE

Prove ROI to justify initial investment

UNDERSTANDING RESOURCE ALLOCATION

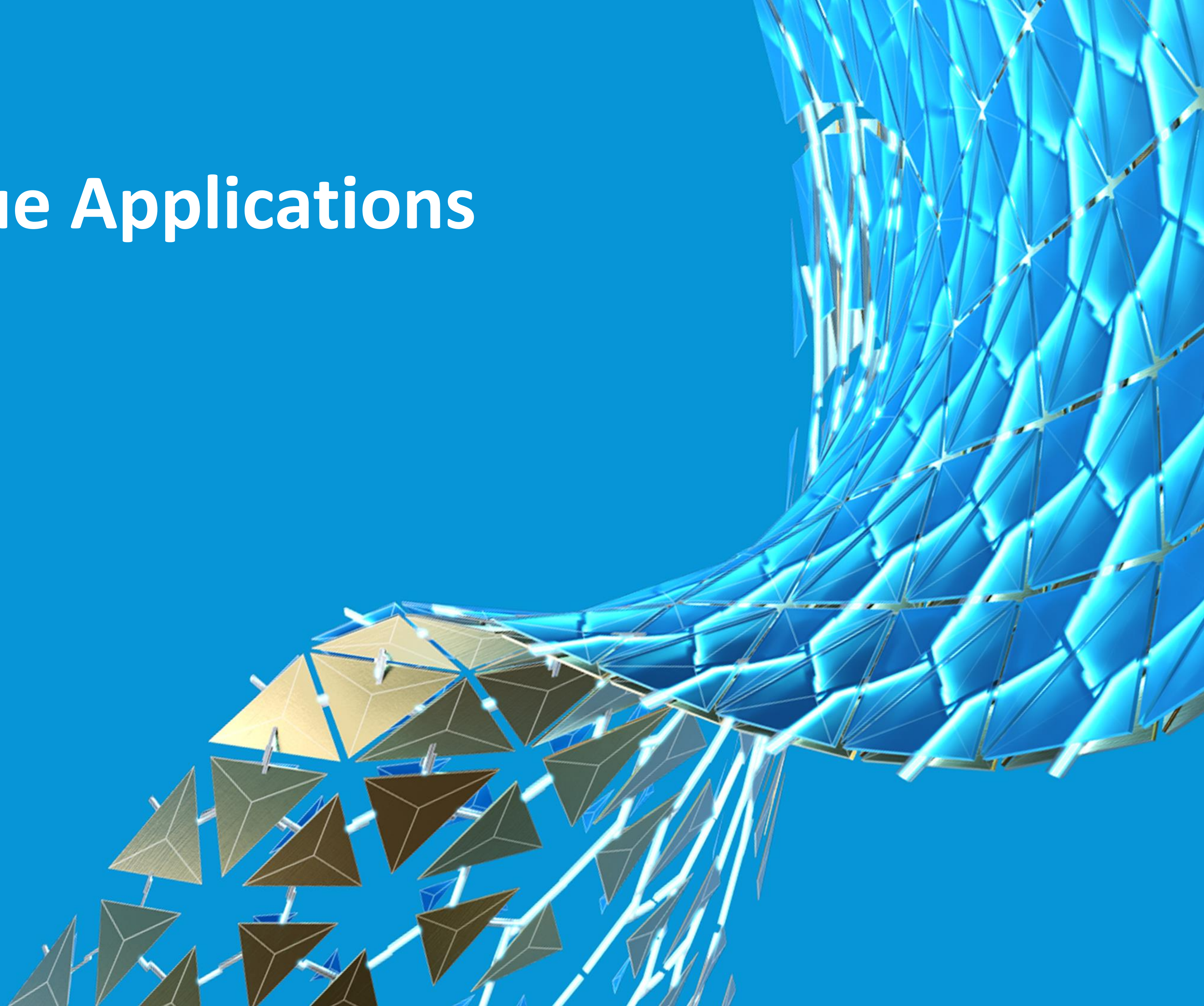
What resources will need to be allocated to address the skills gap in additive manufacturing?

UNDERSTANDING FEASIBILITY

How do I design for the process? What manufacturing constraints do I need to work to? What best practice can we follow to ensure we maximize on investments?



Common Value Applications



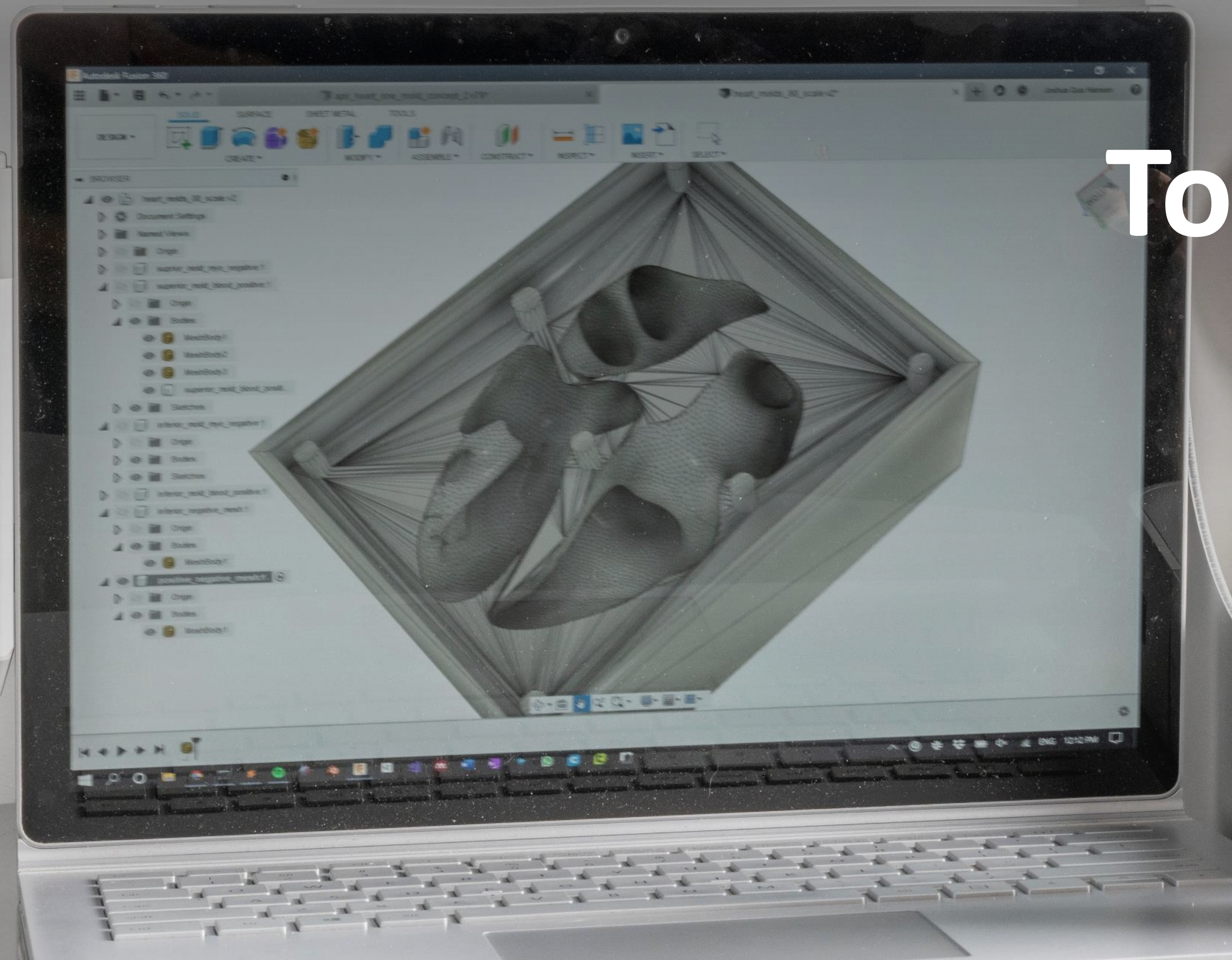
Conceptual & Prototyping

A 3D printed architectural model, possibly a building facade or roof structure, is shown on a dark, gridded surface. The model is light-colored and features various geometric shapes, including flat planes, sloped surfaces, and small rectangular protrusions. A vertical white line, likely a laser or probe, is positioned above the model. In the foreground, a person's hand wearing a blue glove is visible, and a yellow safety cone is partially seen. The background is dark and industrial.

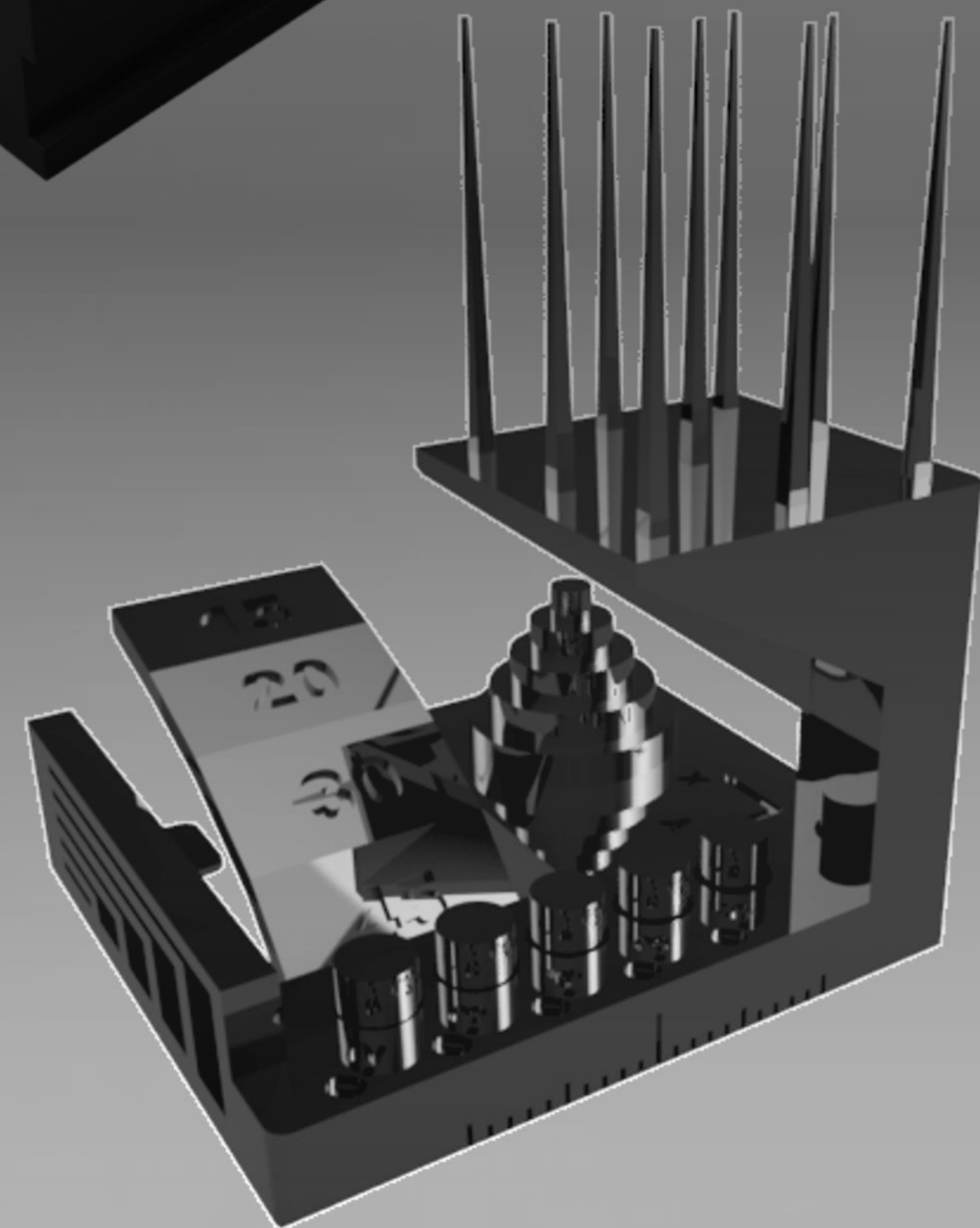
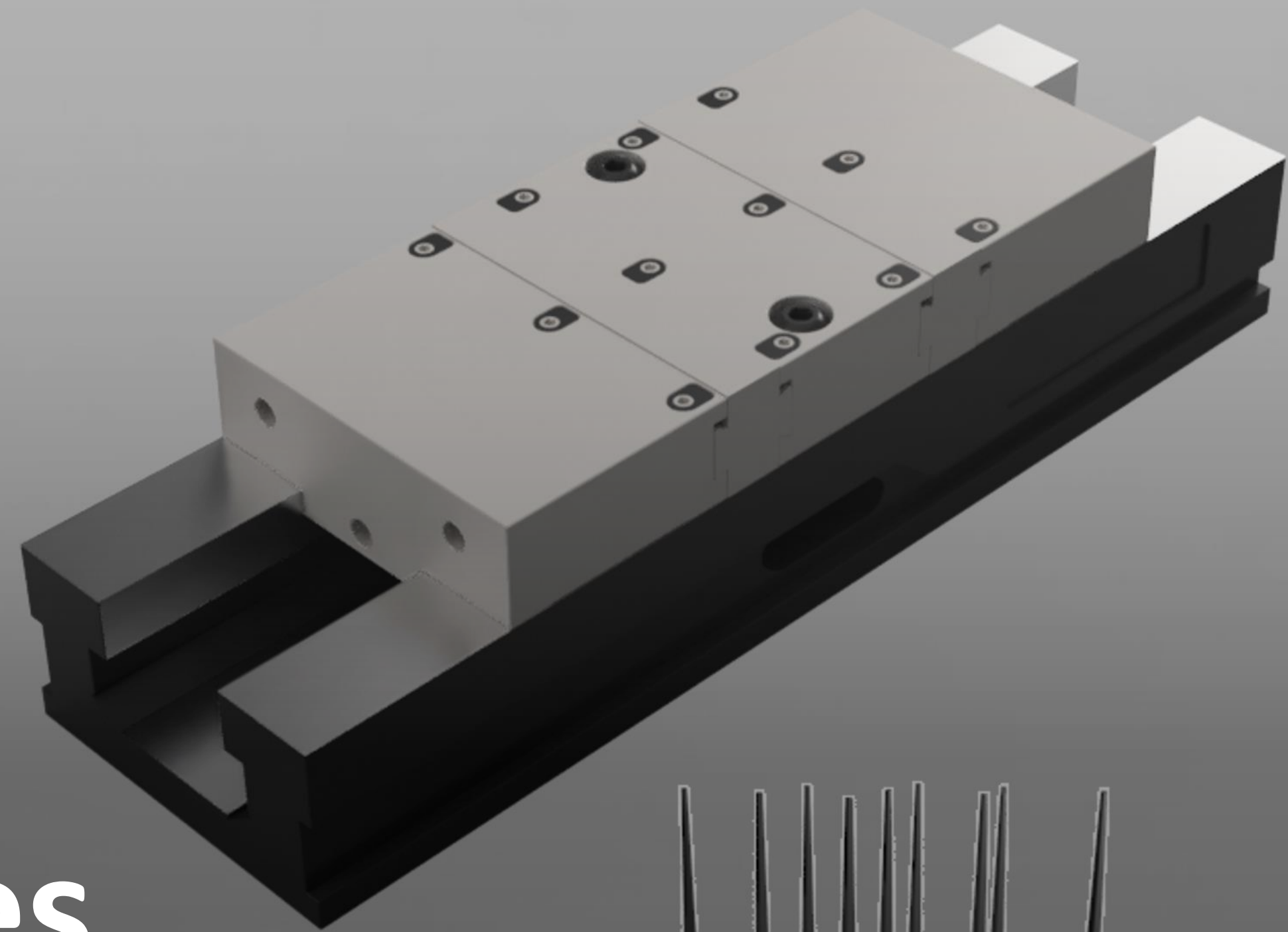
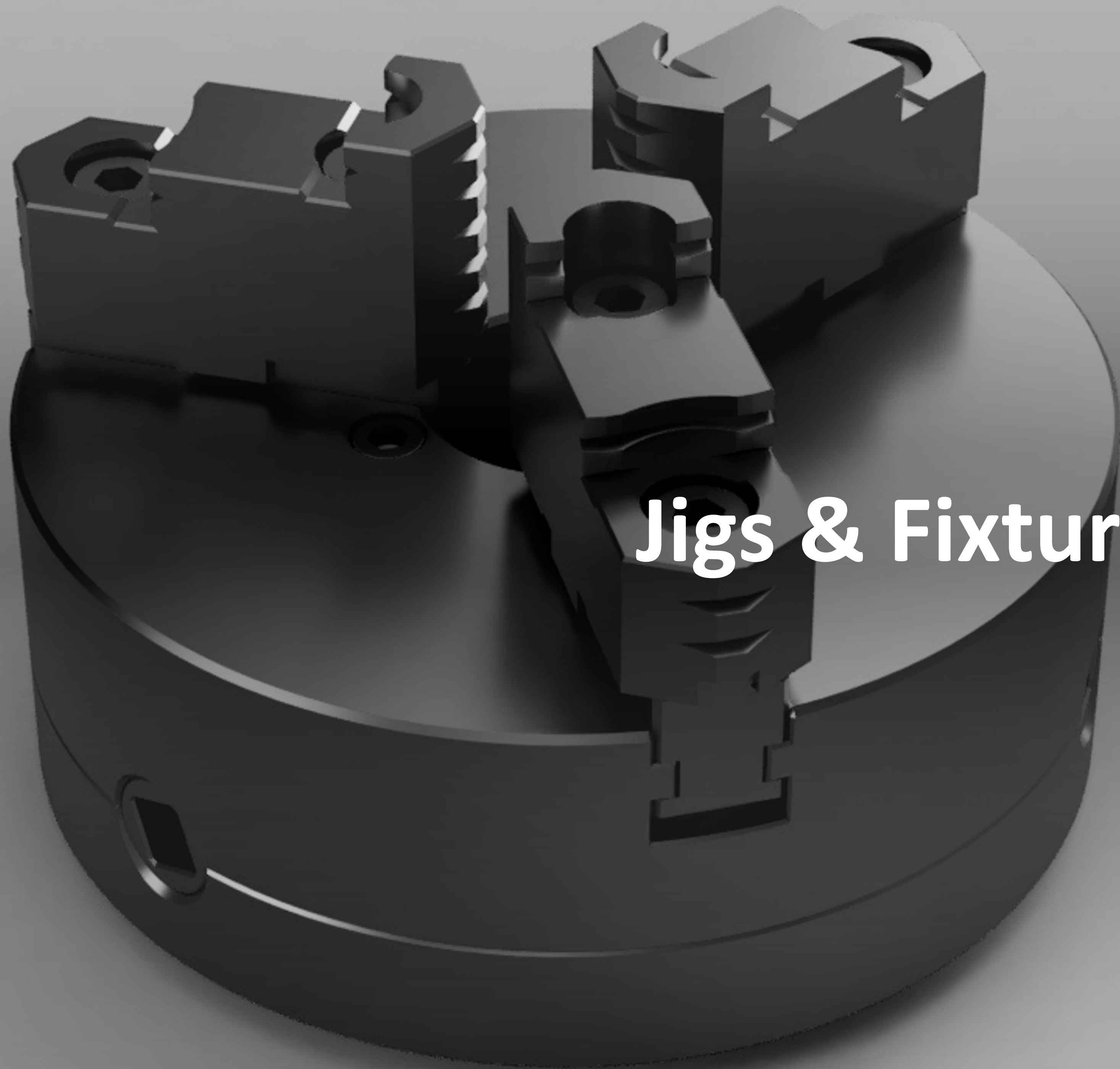
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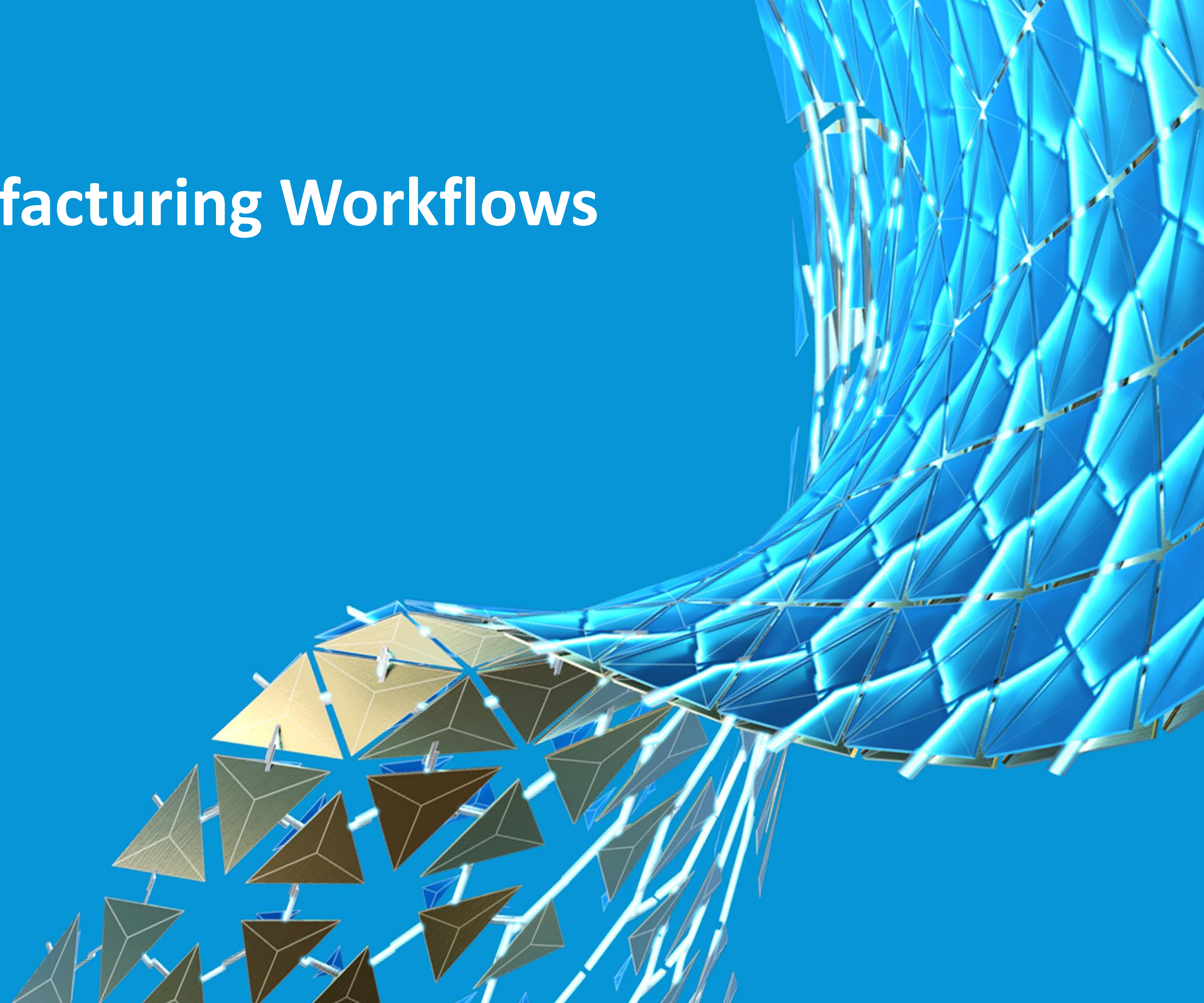
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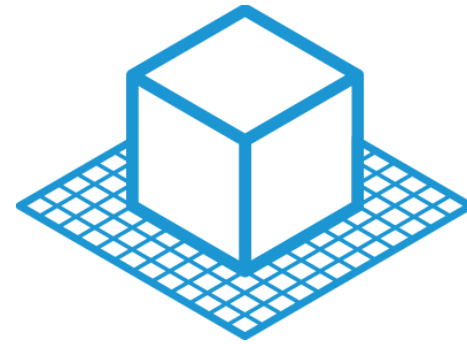
Jigs & Fixtures



Additive Manufacturing Workflows



Knowing The Requirements

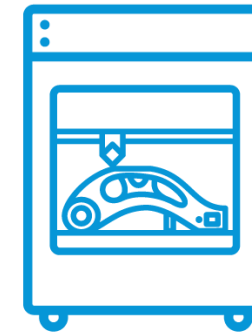
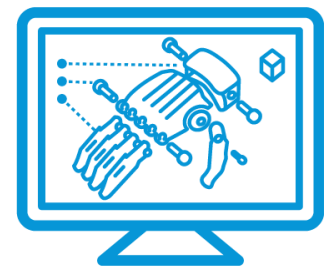


3D DATA

A DIGITAL MODEL

Computer Aided Design Software

- Design from scratch
- Using reference data (2D drawing / physical model measurements)
- Use 3D reference data (imported models / 3D scan data)



HARDWARE & MATERIALS

3D PRINTER & MATERIALS

Typical 3D Printing Technologies:

- Material Extrusion
- VAT Photopolymerization
- Material Jetting
- Binder Jetting
- Powder Bed Fusion
- Direct Energy Deposition
- Sheet Lamination

Polymers, Metals, Composites among others



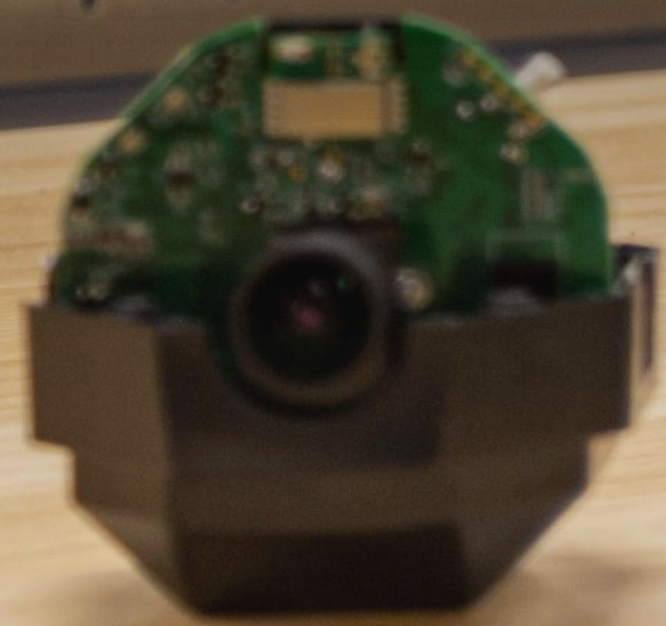
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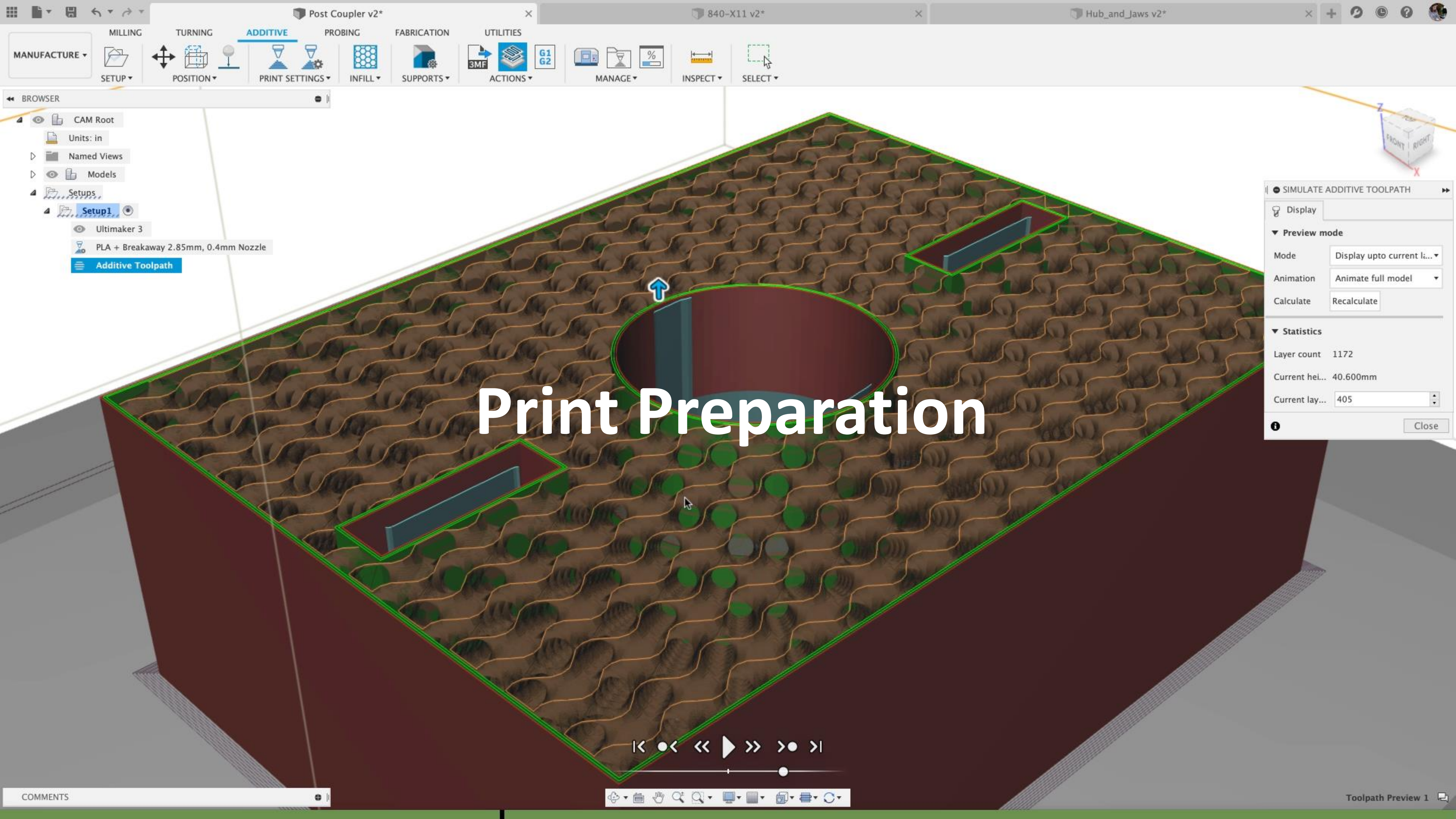
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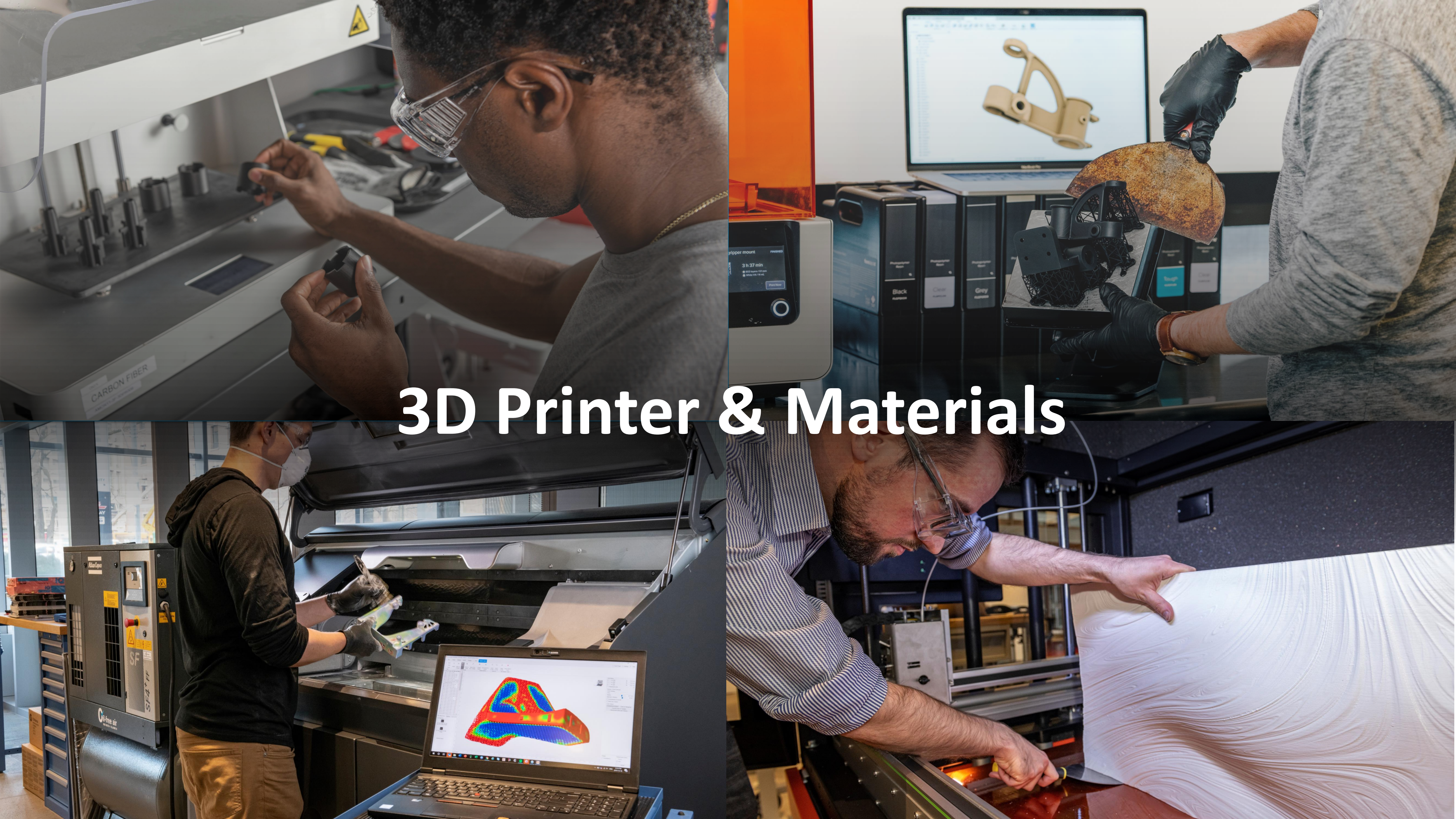
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- Finishing – Hybrid Manufacturing

Computer Aided Design





Print Preparation



3D Printer & Materials



Post Processing

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A close-up photograph showing a person's hands holding a white, lattice-structured 3D printed part. The person is wearing a black wristwatch. The background shows a 3D printer with a transparent orange door and a black top. The text "Post Processing" is overlaid in the center of the image.

Applications / Feasibility / Resource

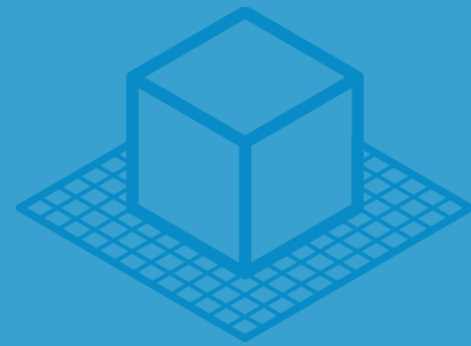


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- Process g-code to send to 3D printer



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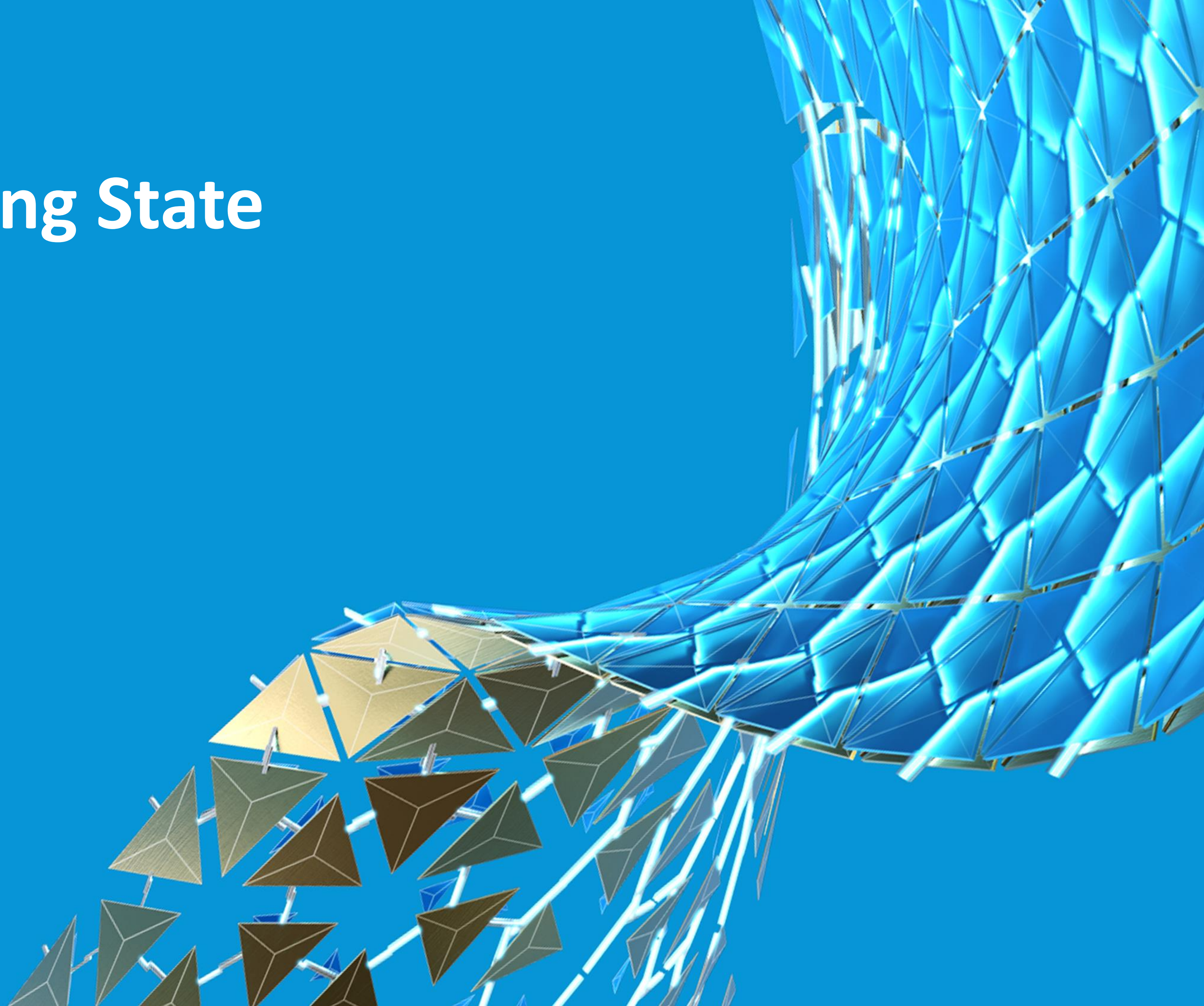
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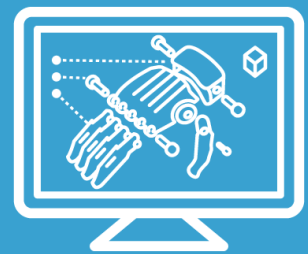
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- Leverage the Benefits of Connected Digital Workflows
- Consider Process Constraints & Apply DfAM Principles to Maximise Efficiencies

DfAM – Starting State



Additive Manufacturing Workflow

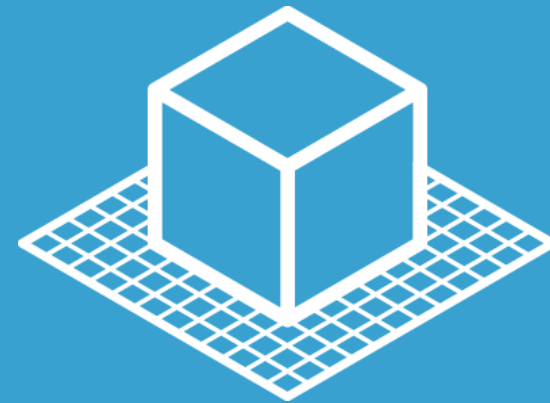


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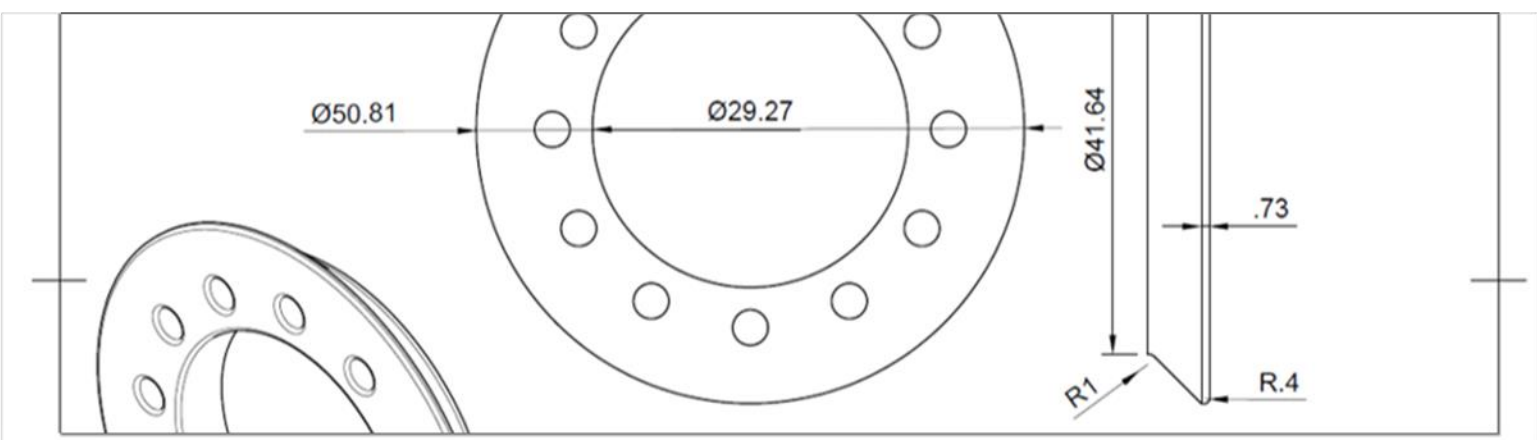


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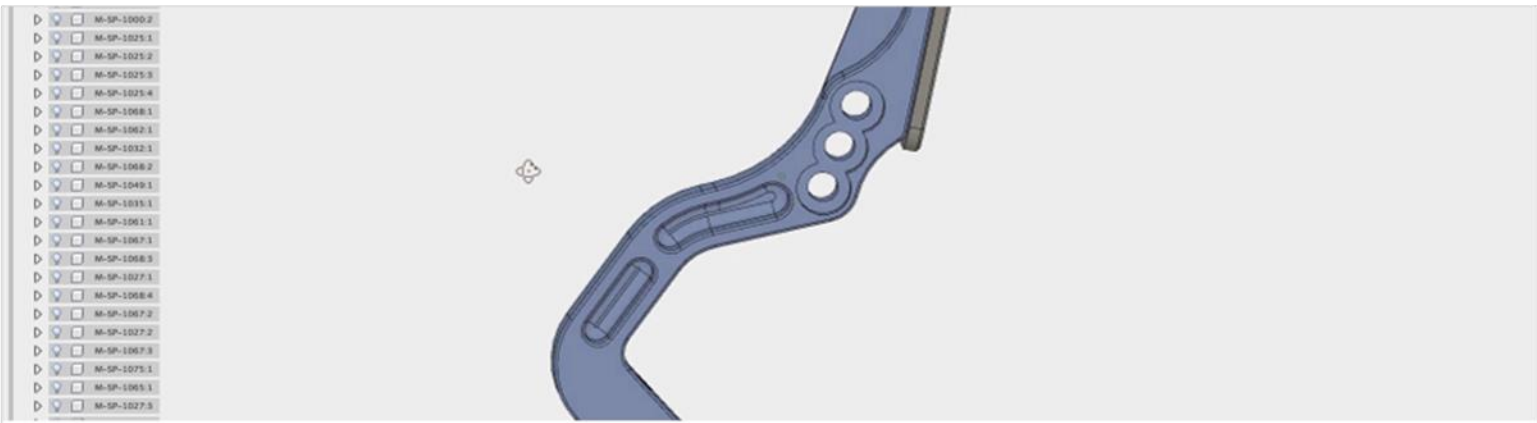
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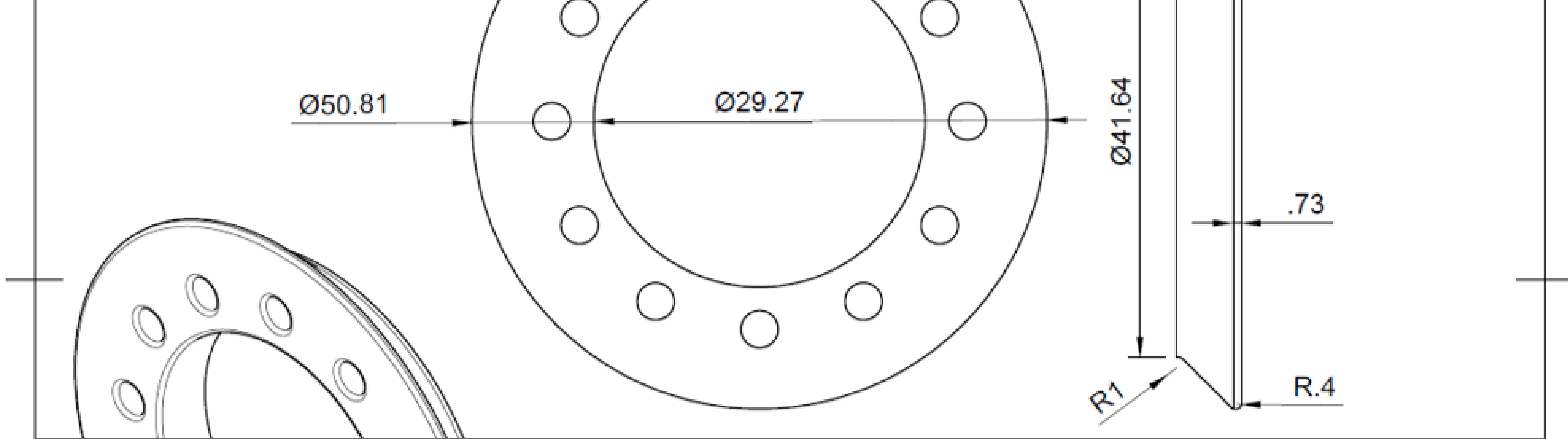
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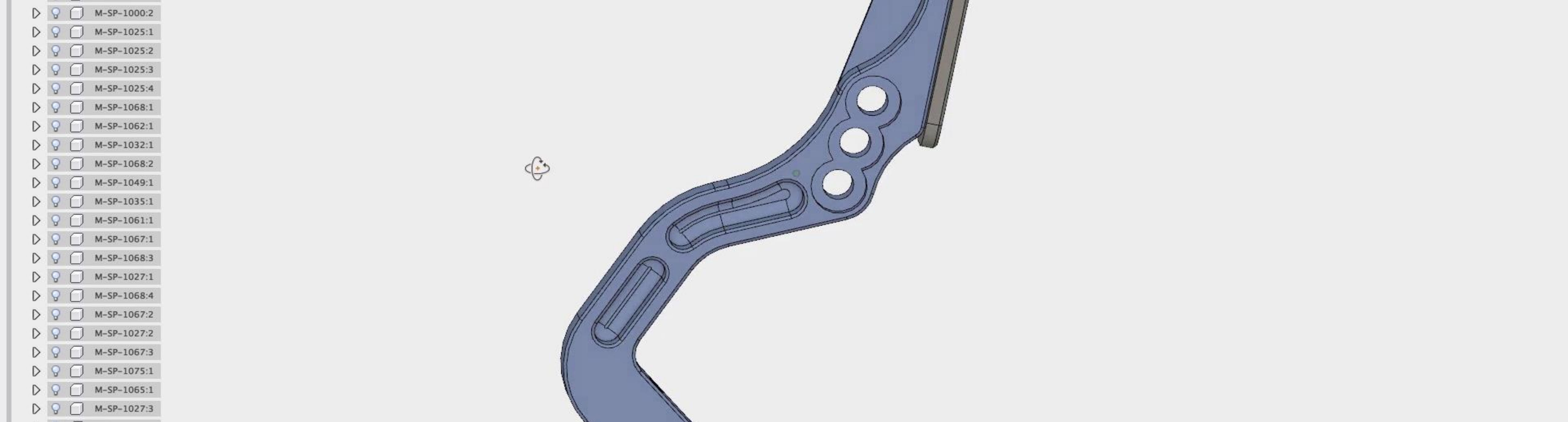
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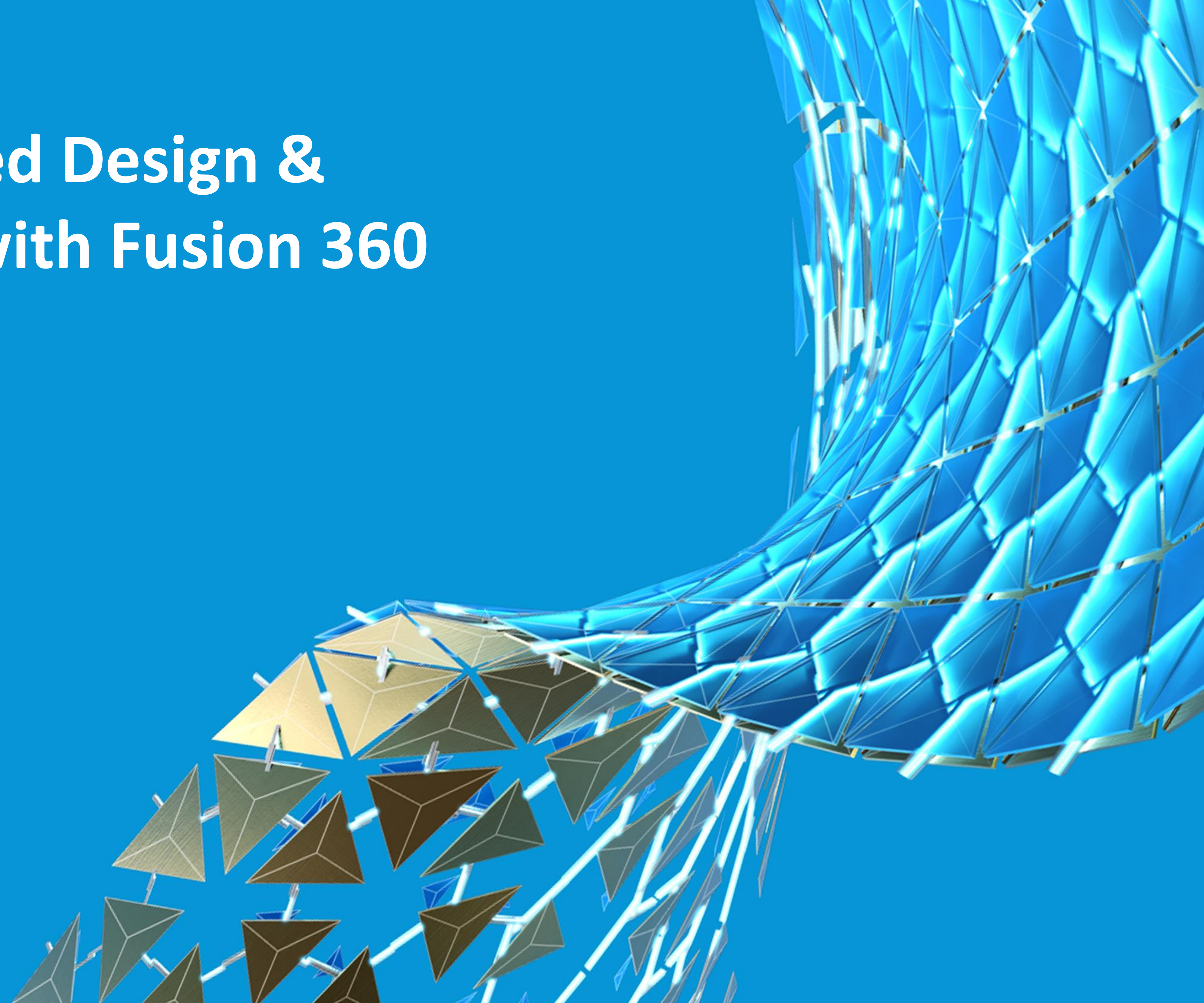
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- **Generative Design**

Computer Aided Design & Manufacture with Fusion 360



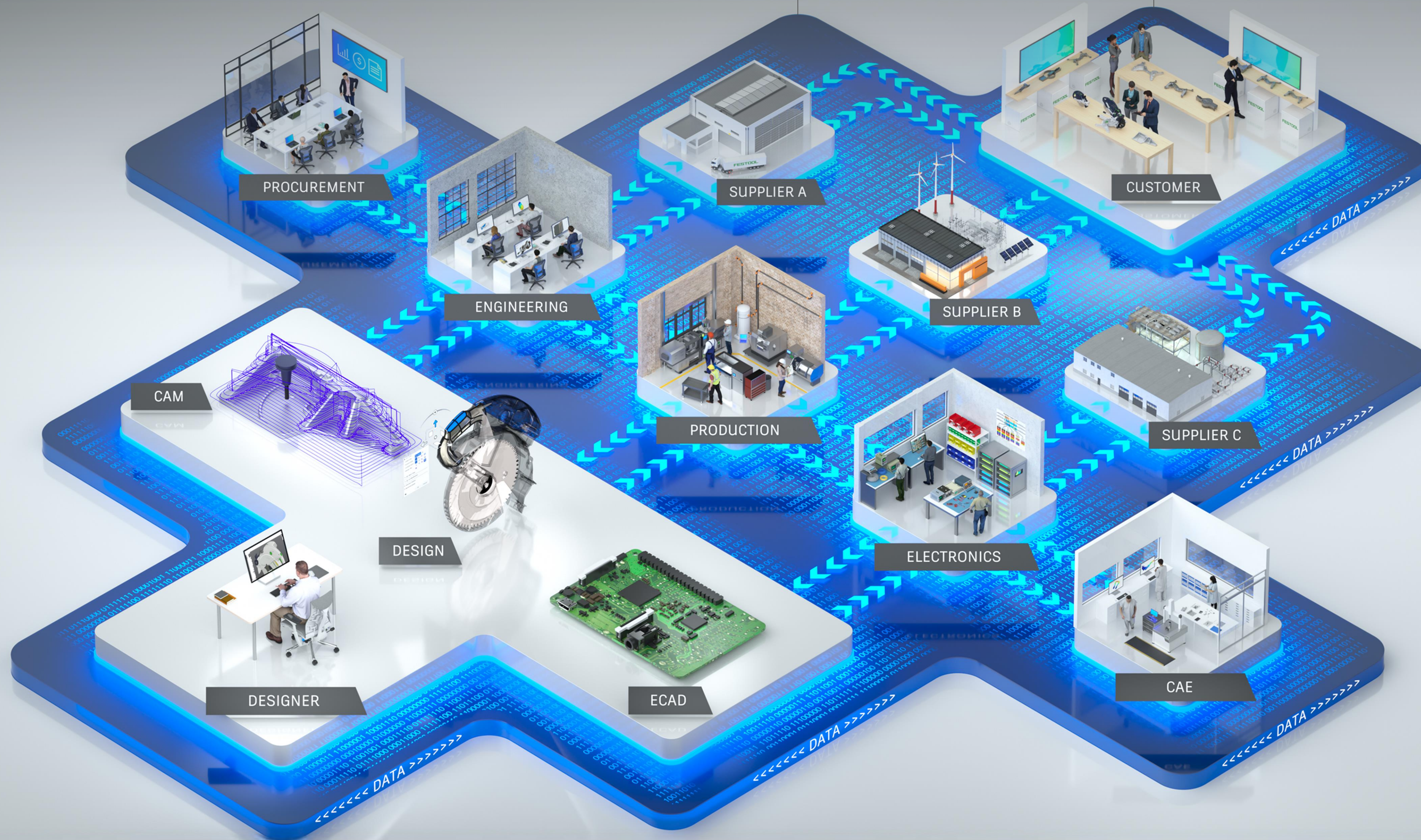
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CONVERGENCE OF DESIGN & MANUFACTURING

Fusion 360 moves your business & industry forward

Catalyze innovation across disciplines

Realize previously impossible outcomes



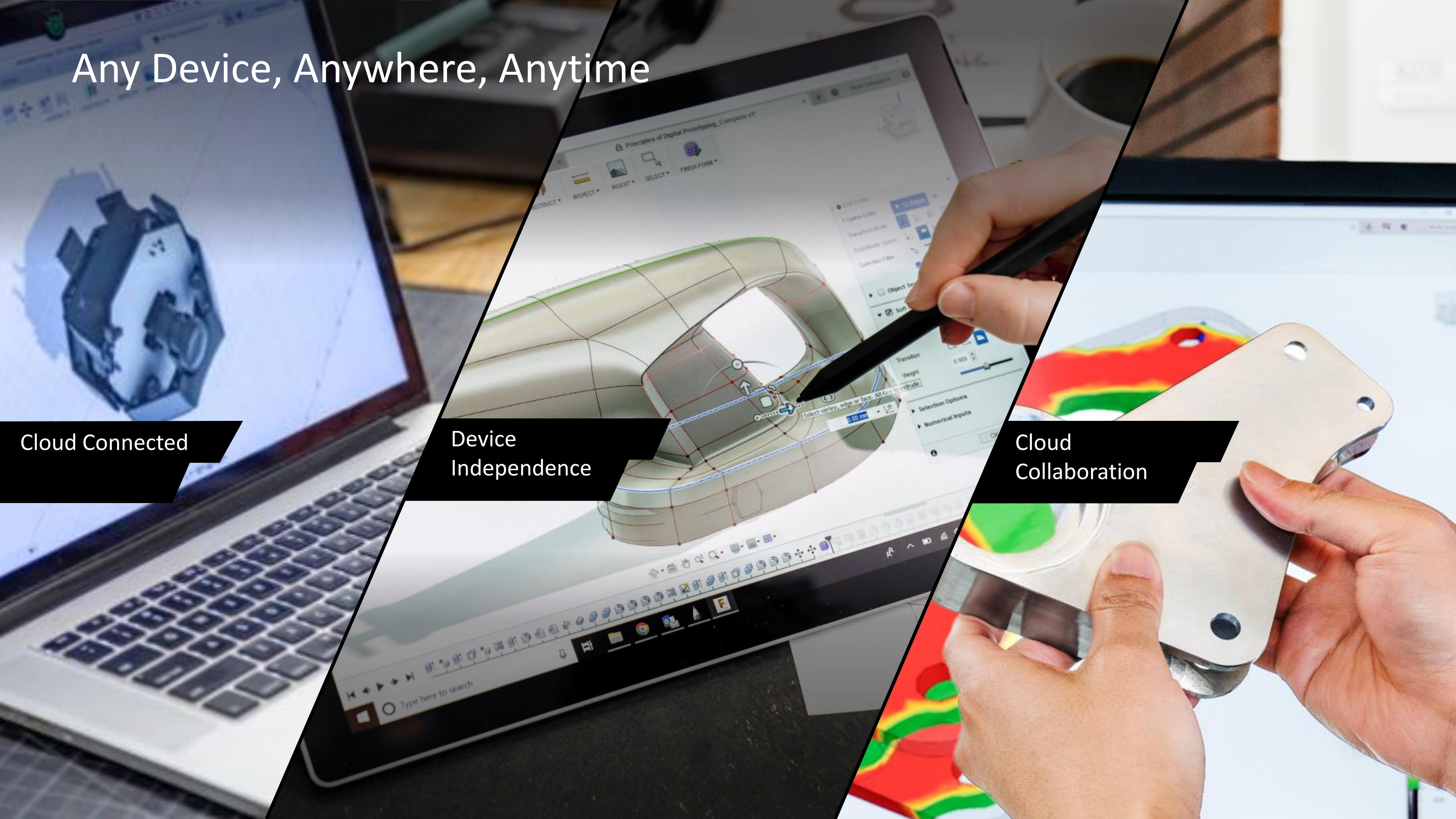


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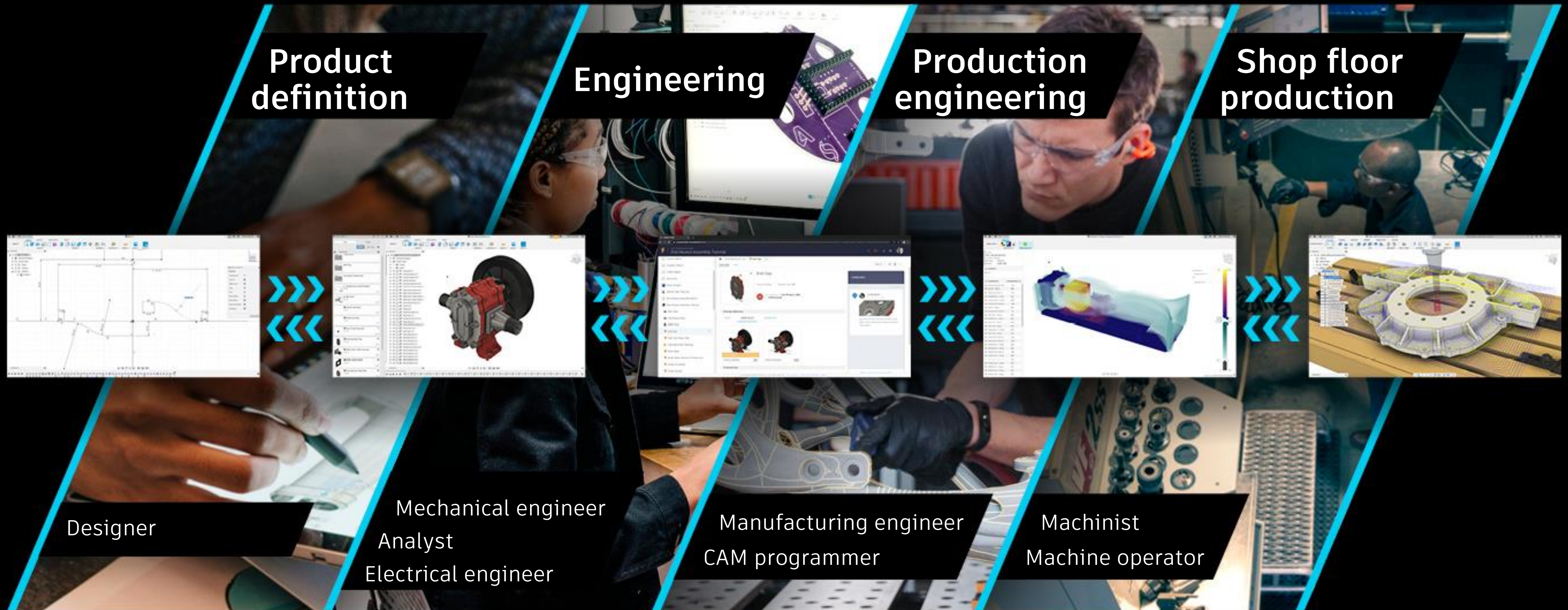
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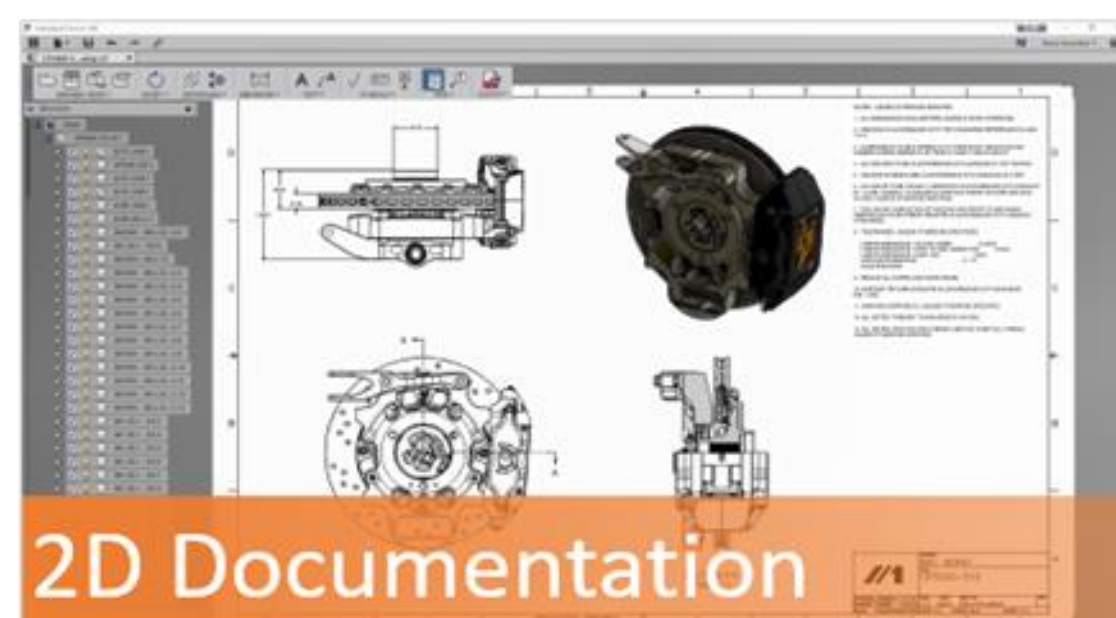
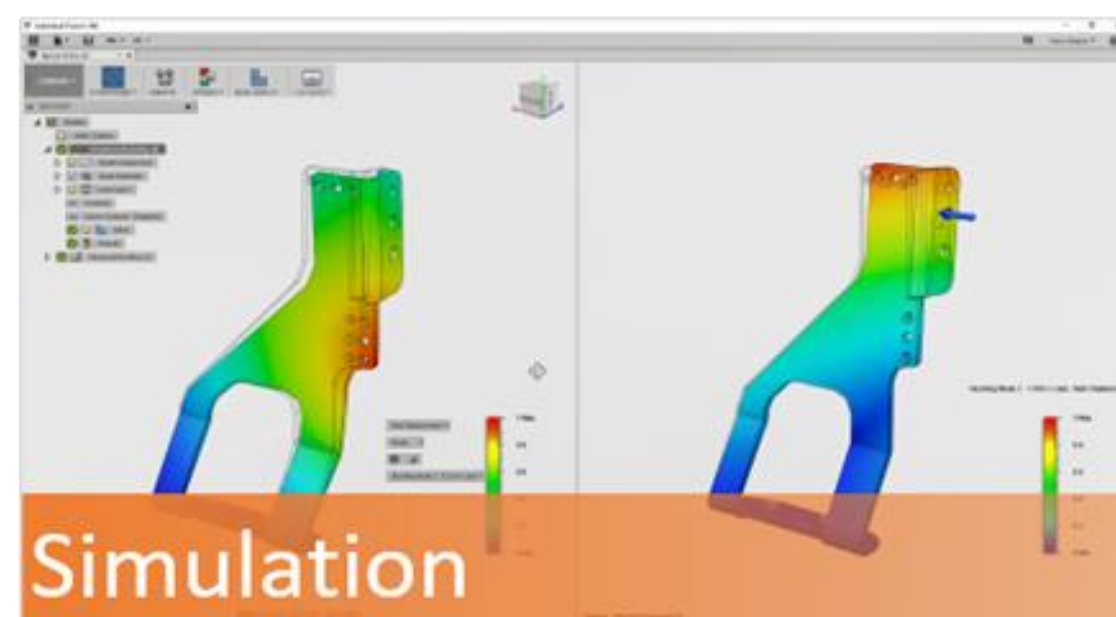
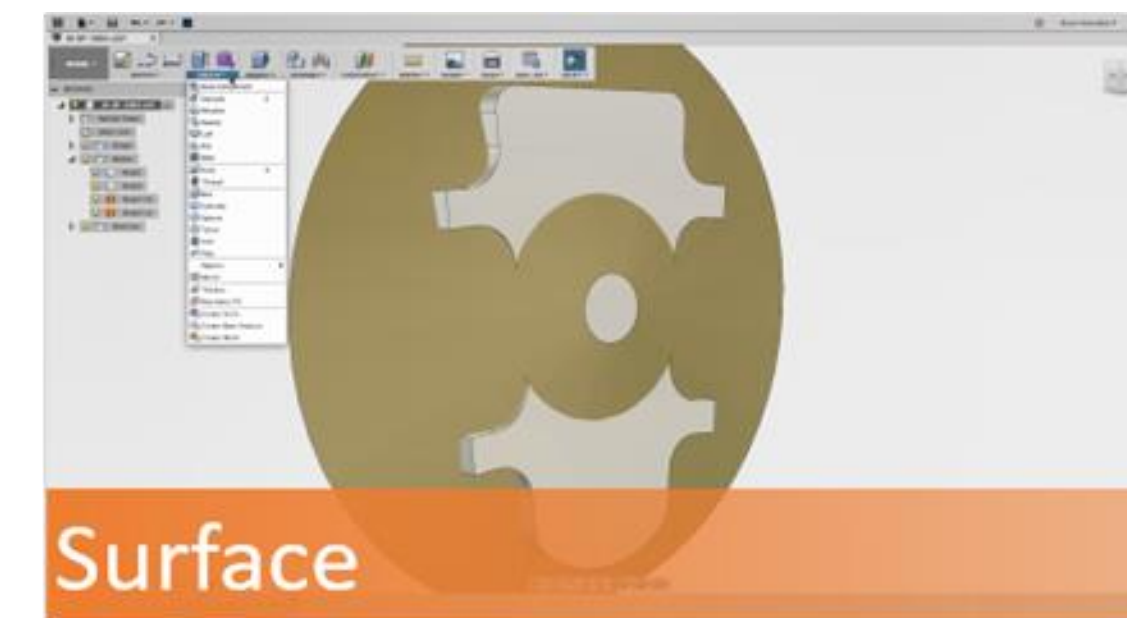
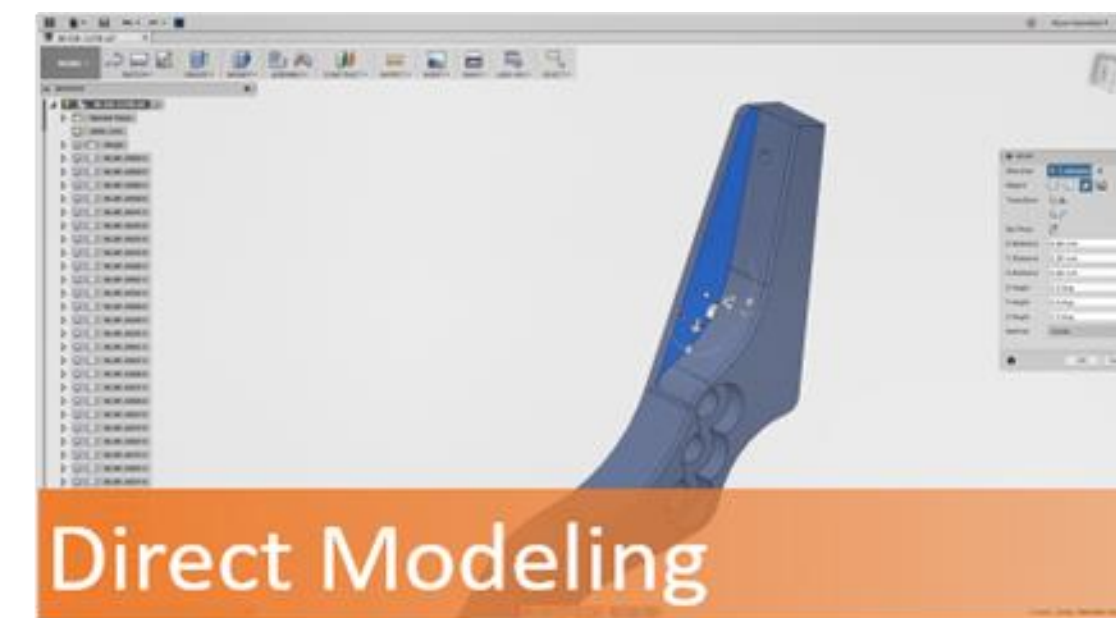
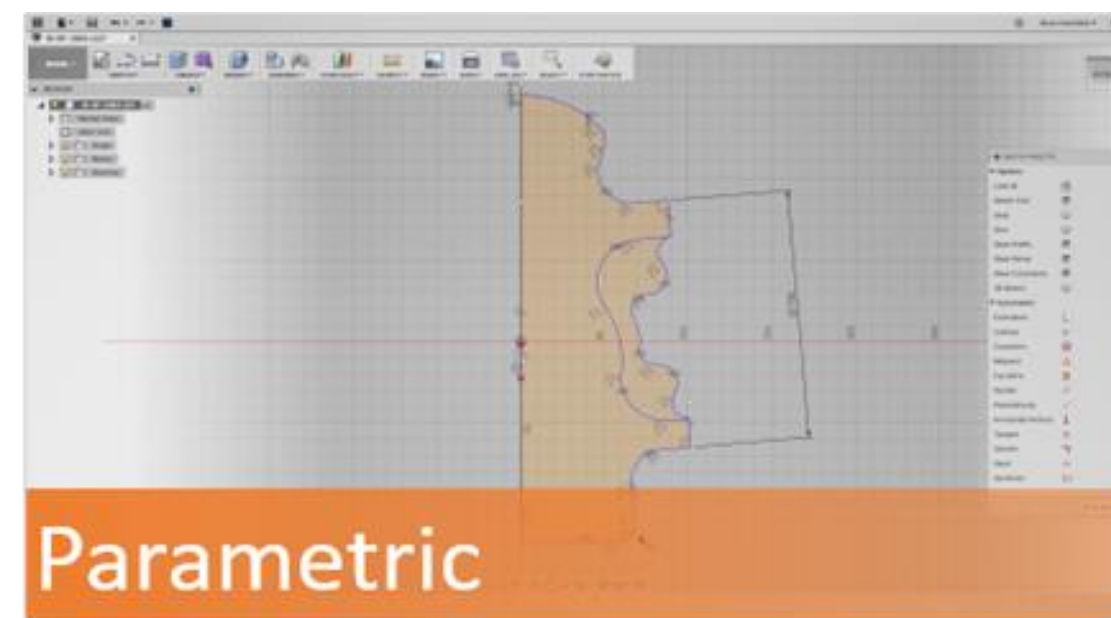
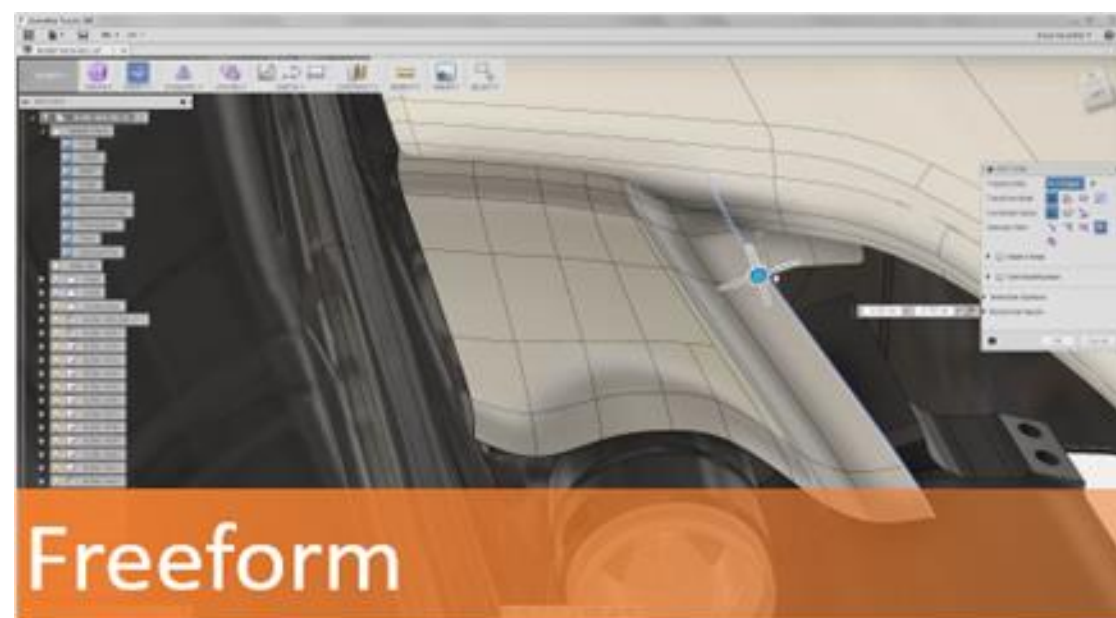
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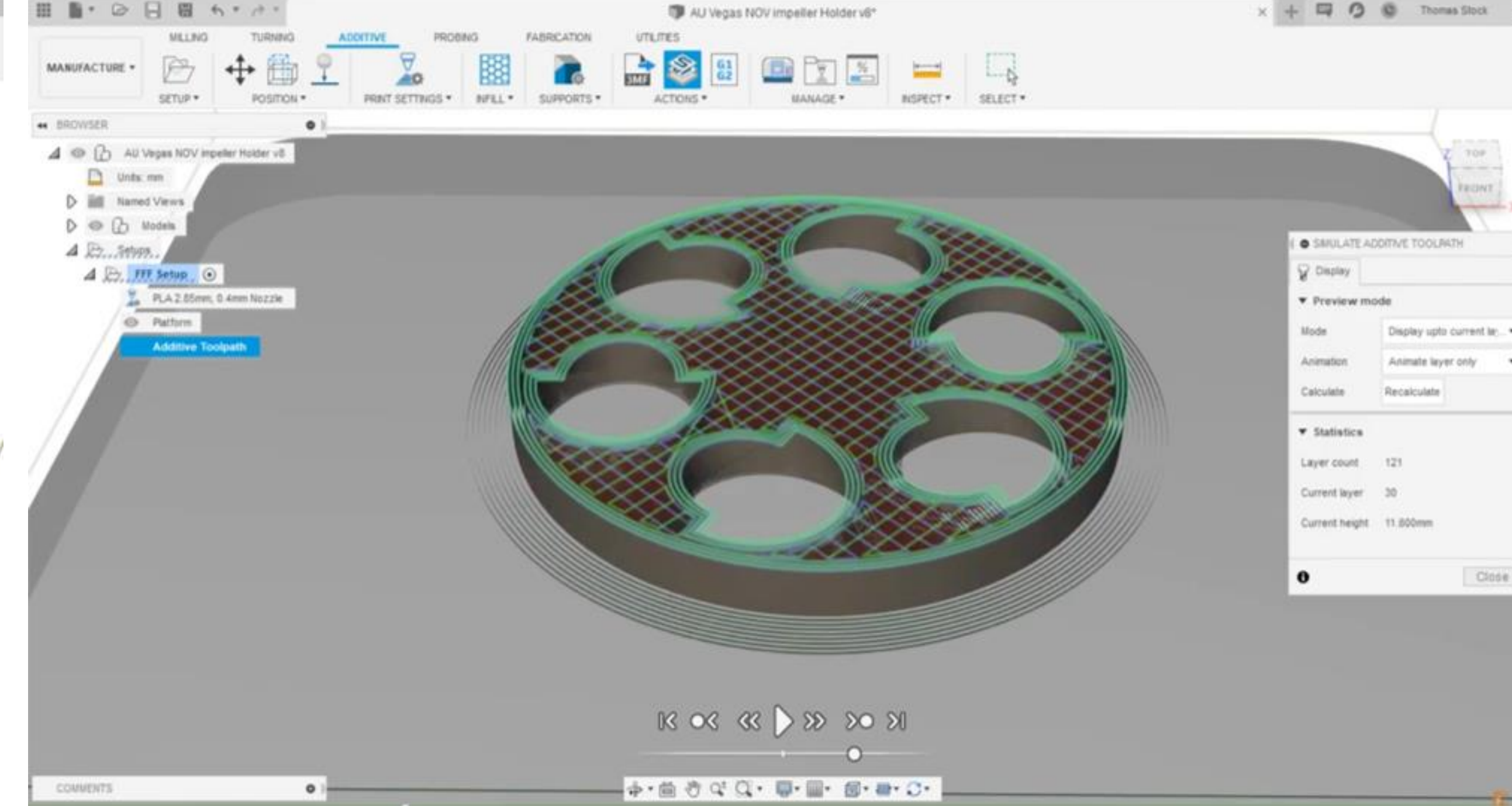
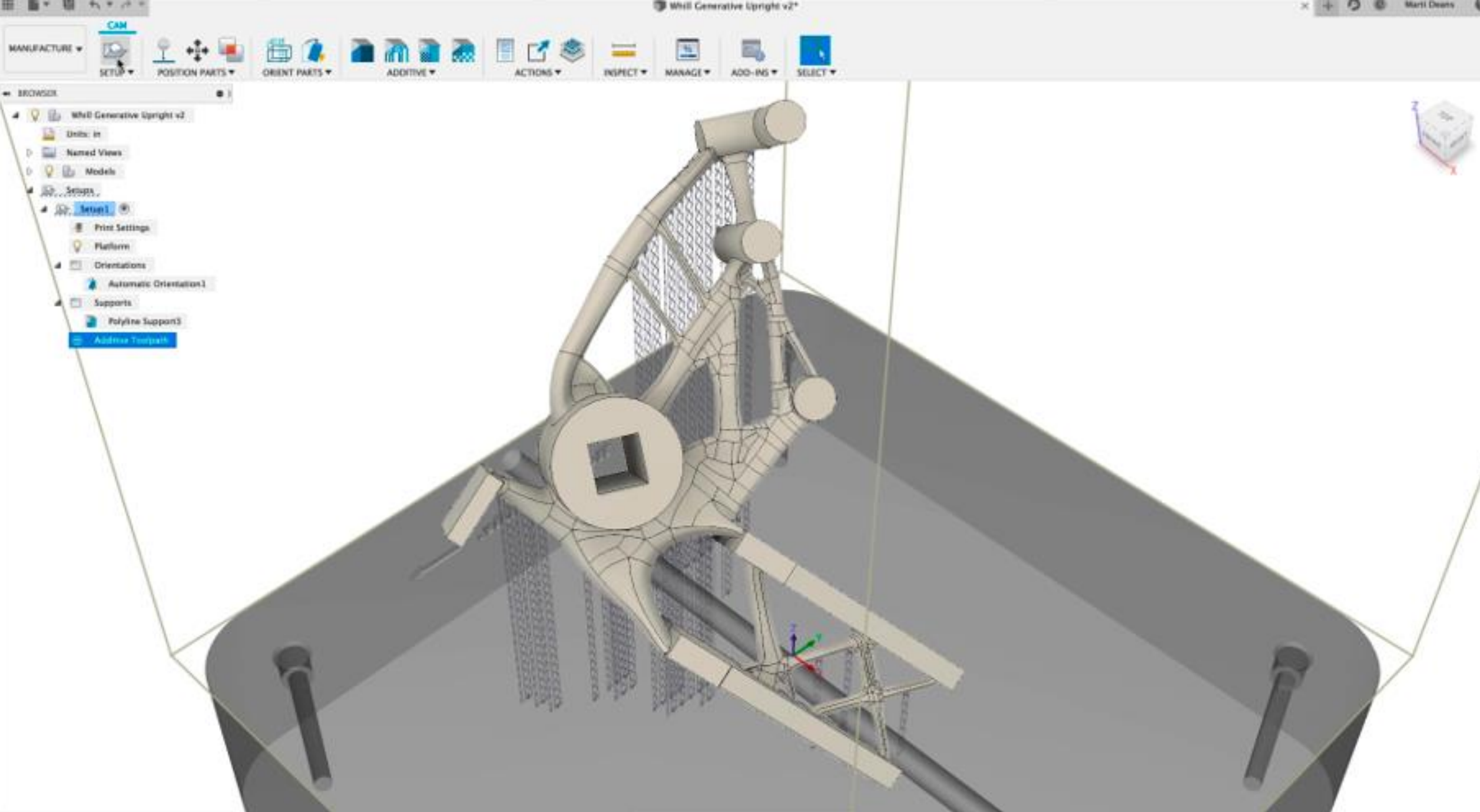


Solutions for complete product development process





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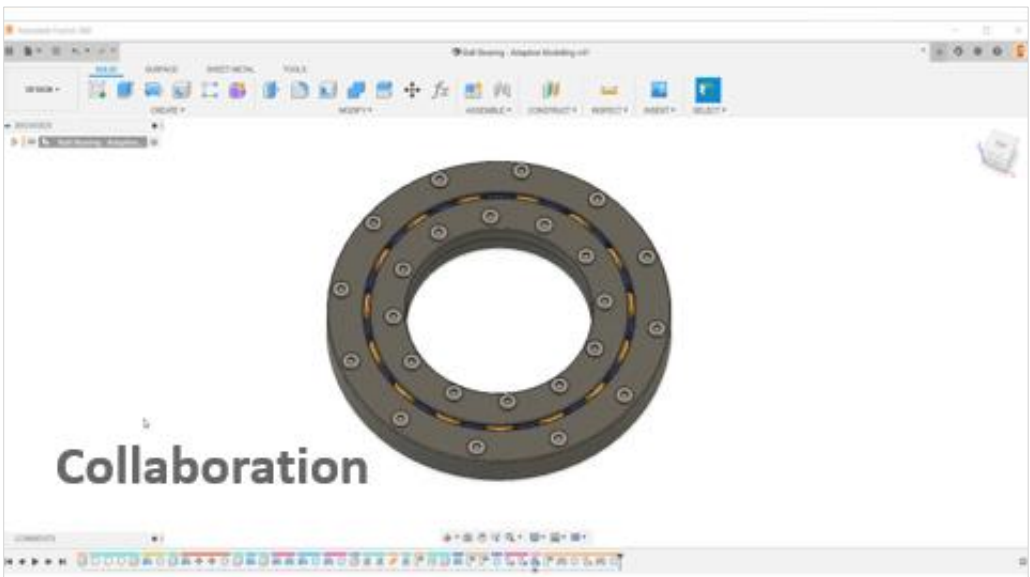
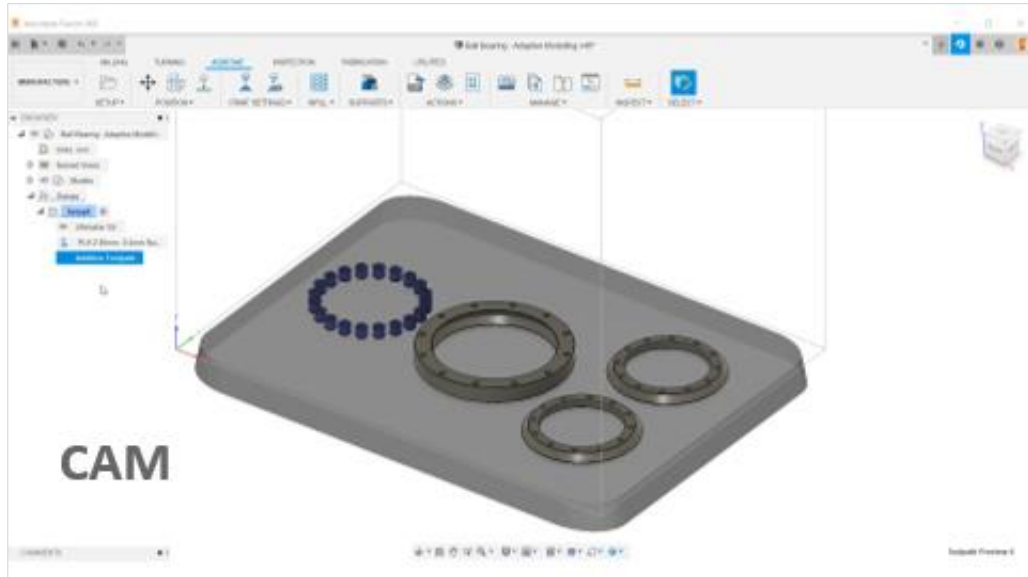
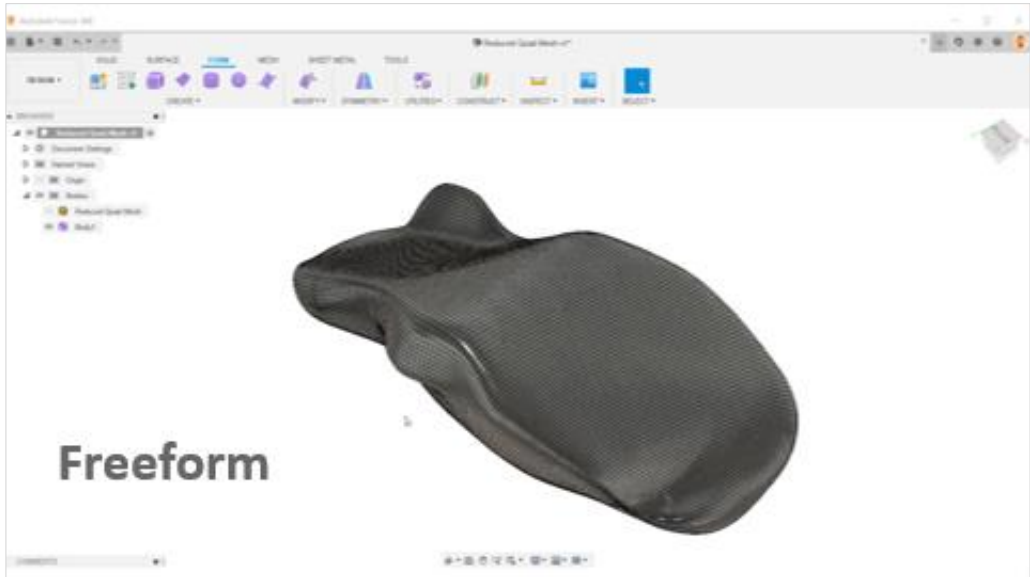
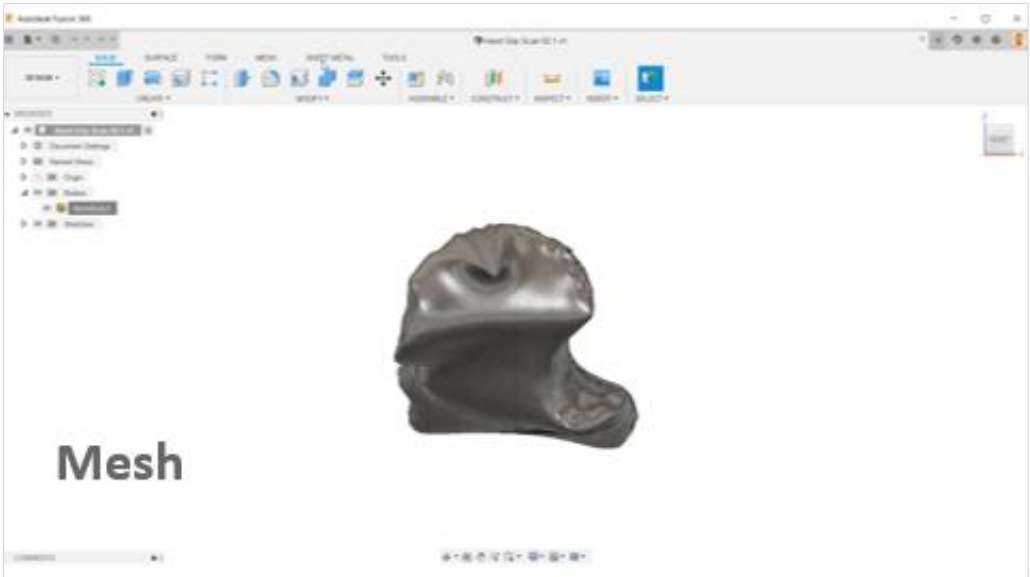
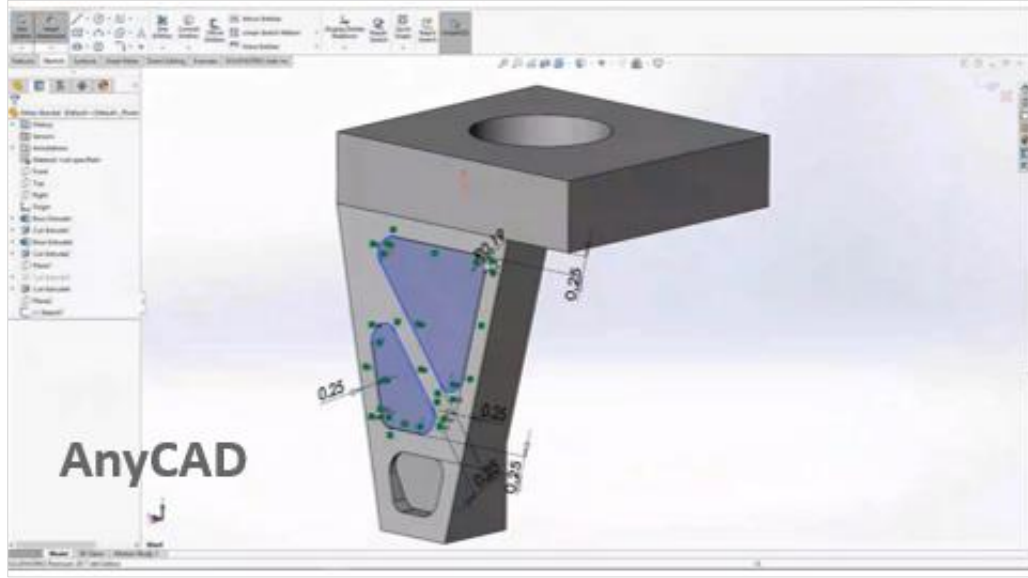
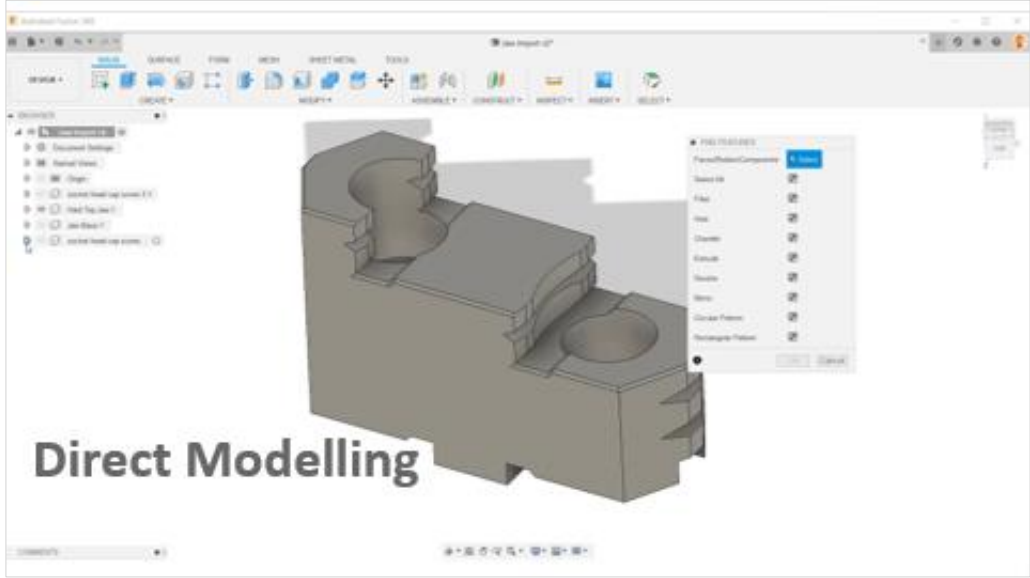
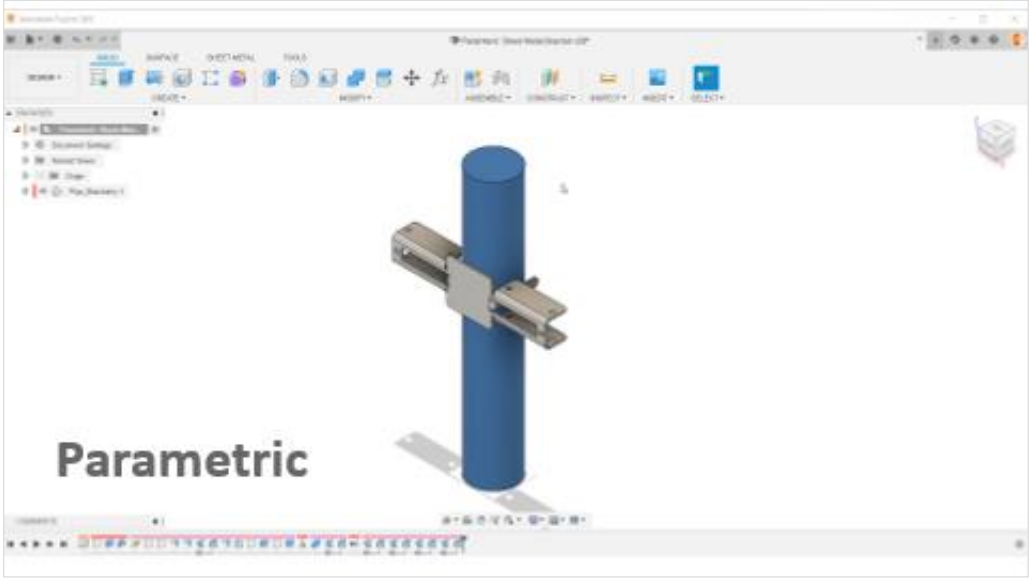


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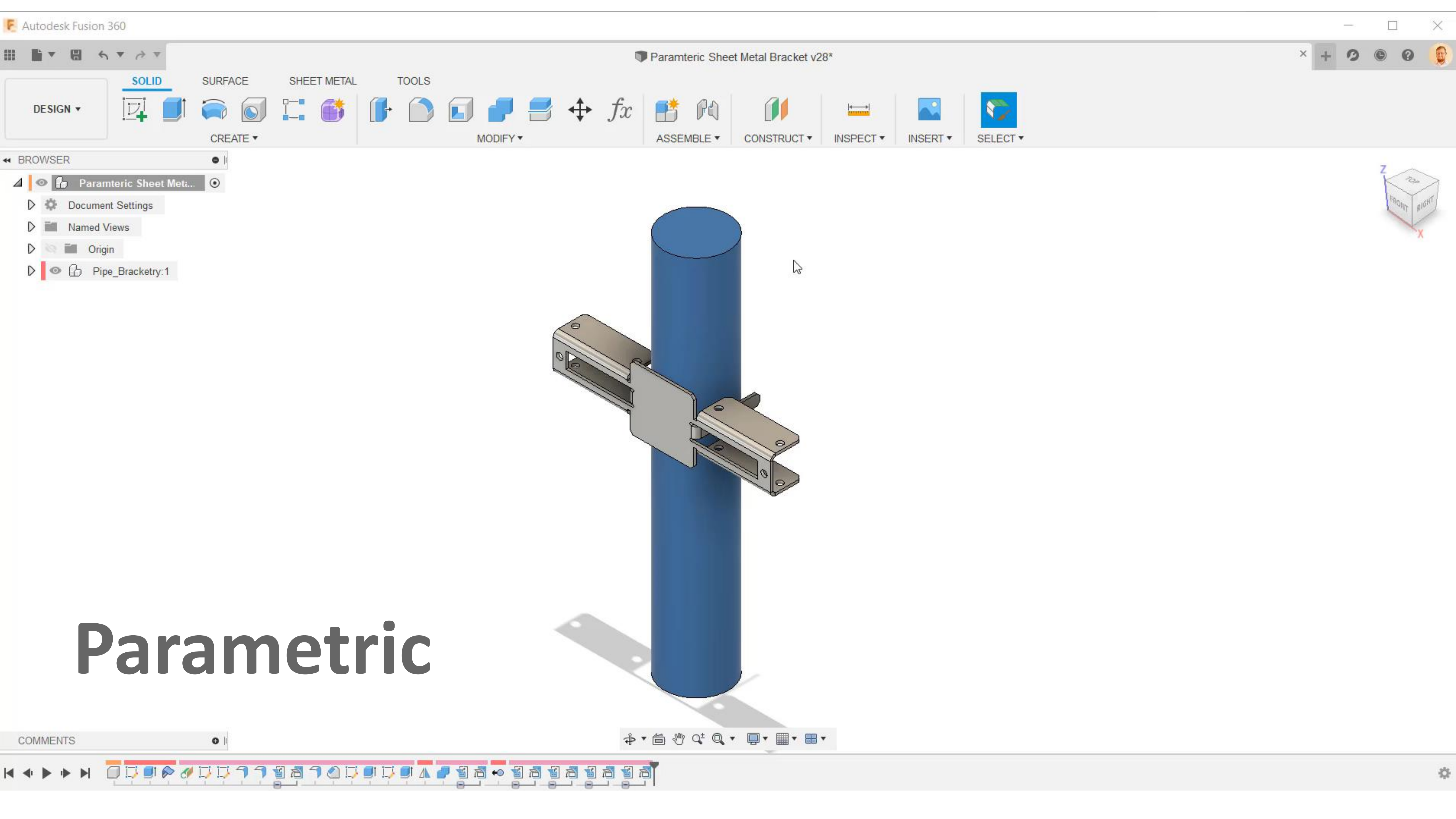
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- Easily create controlled surfaces and models
- Fast learning curve
- Adaptable to most designs

Capabilities

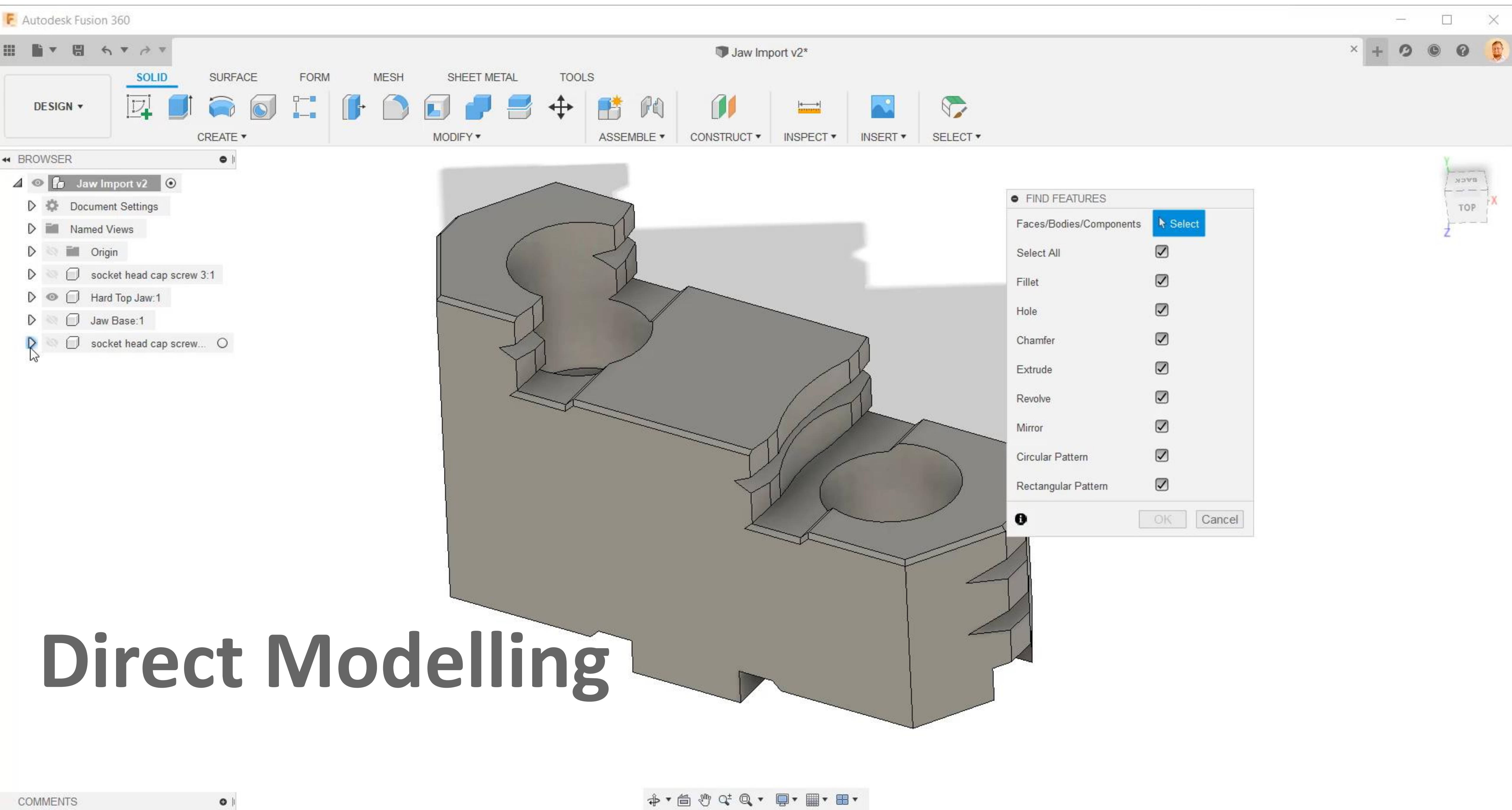
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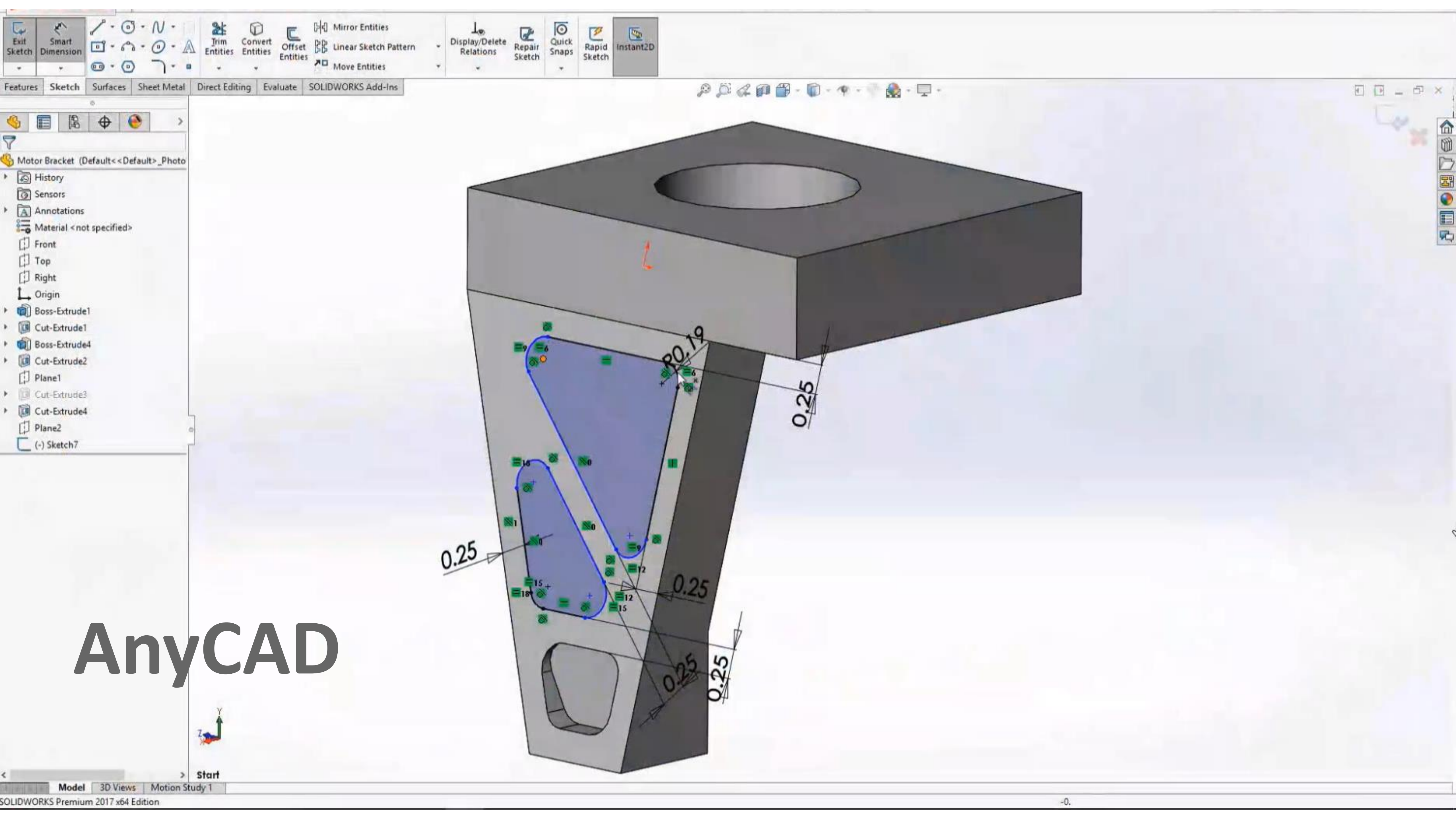


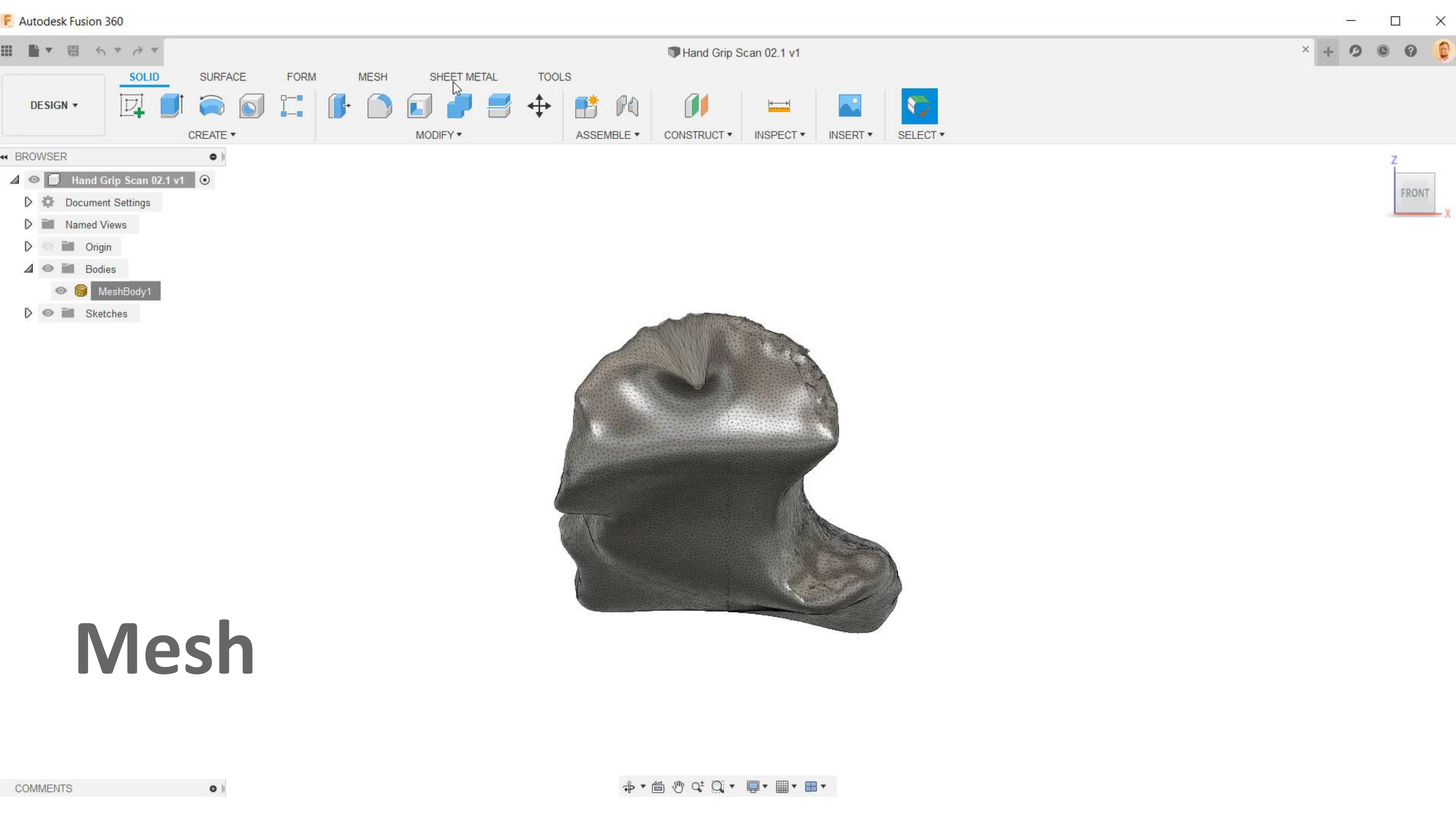
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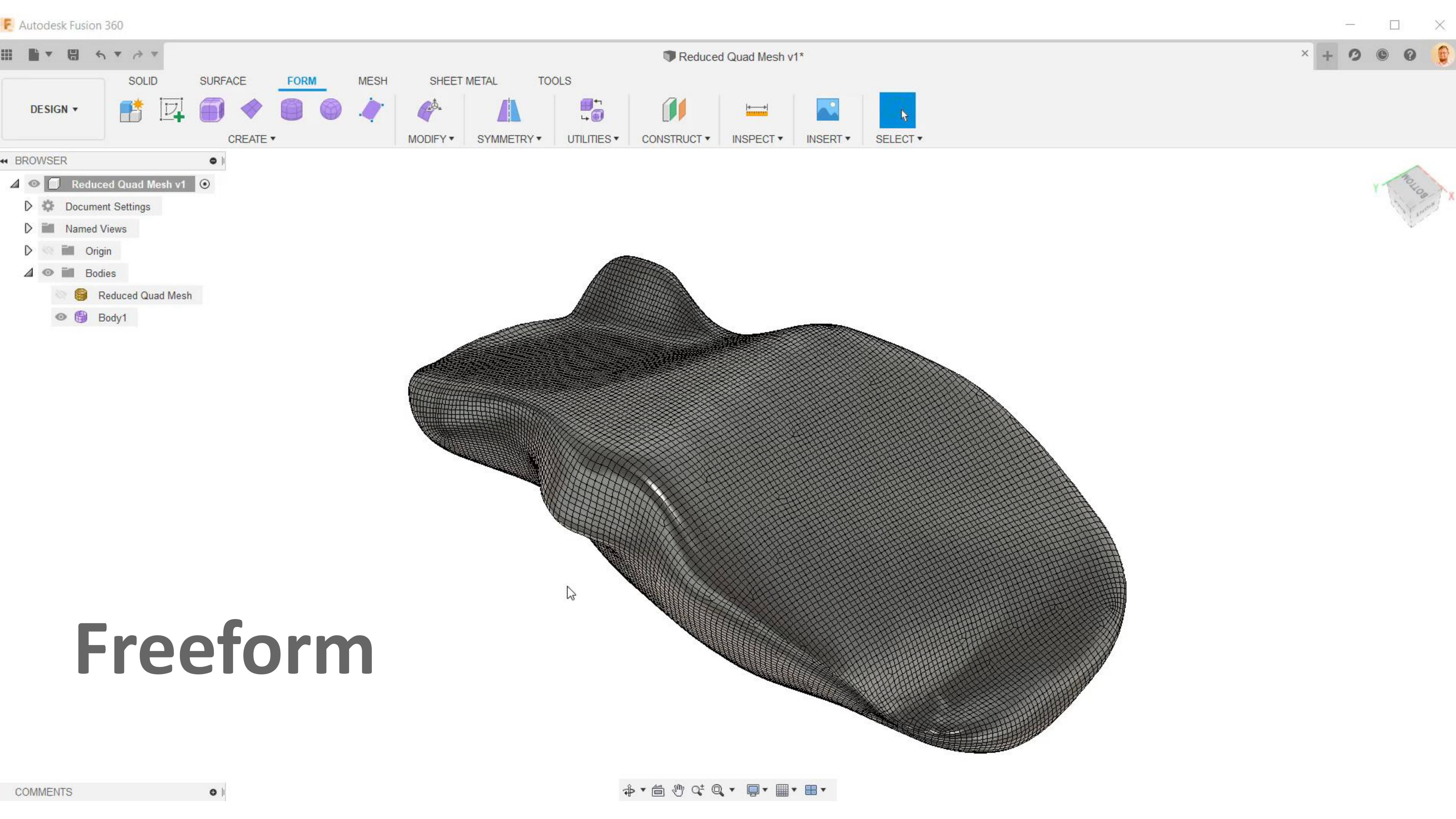
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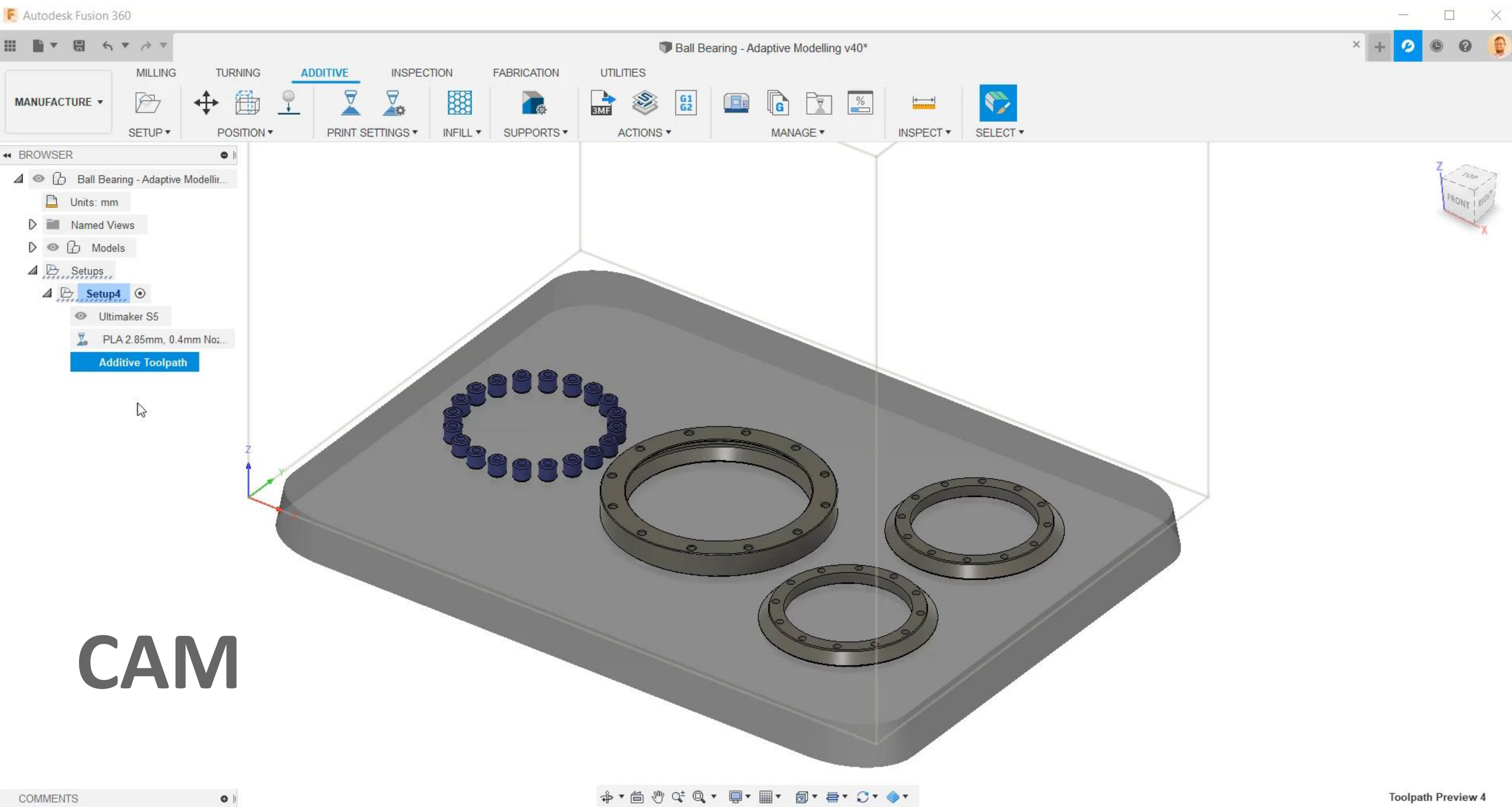




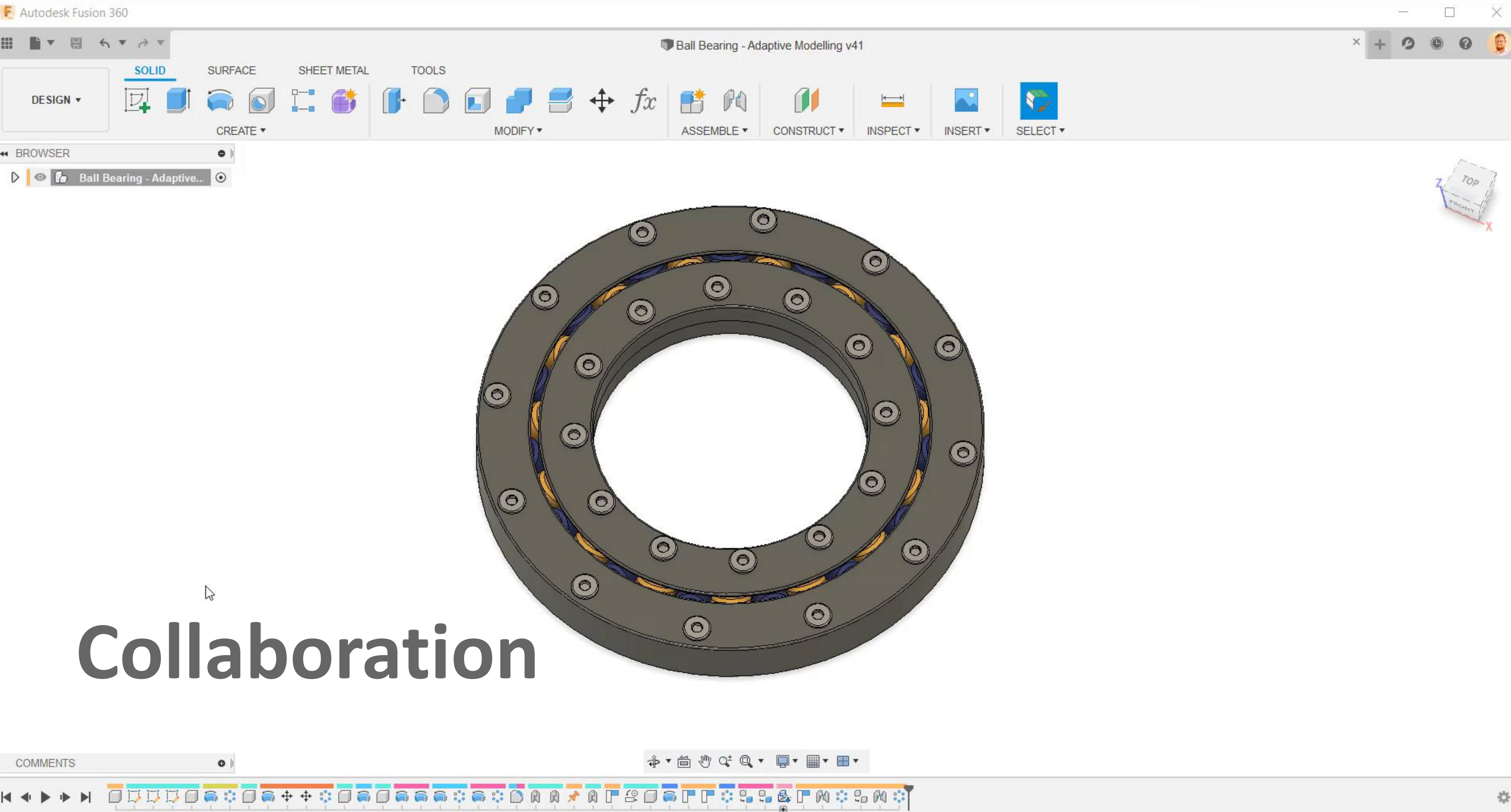
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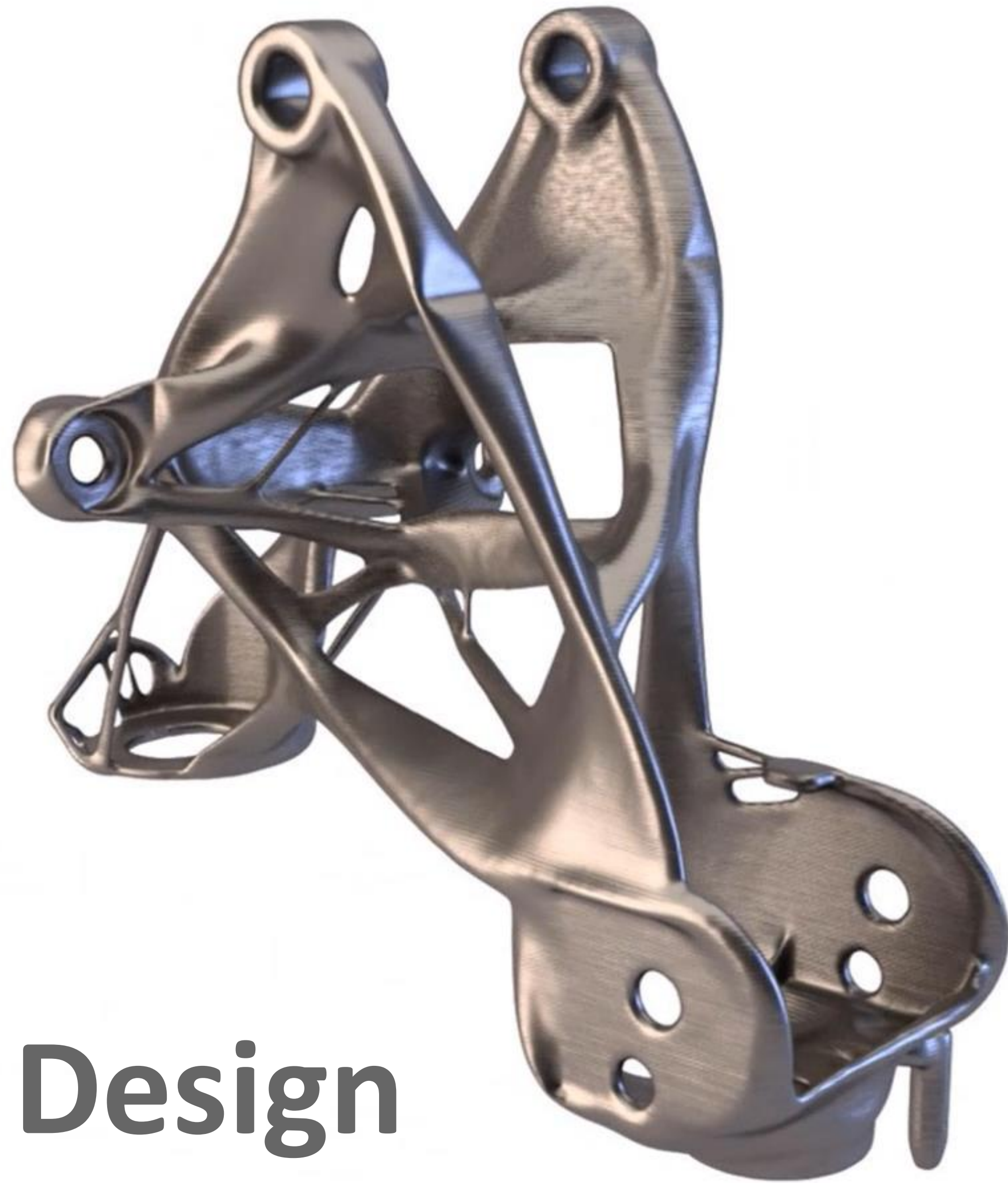


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Generative Design

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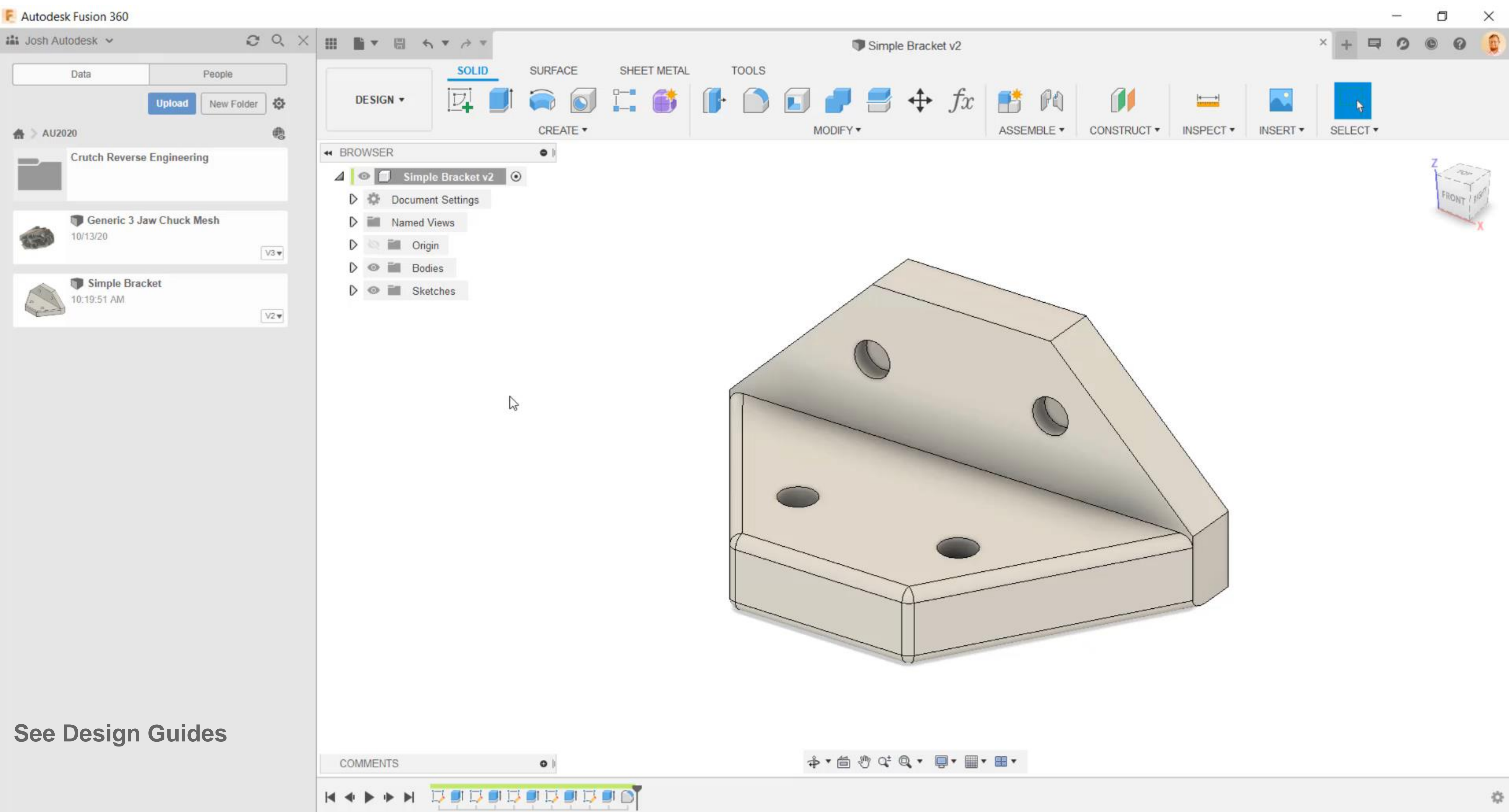




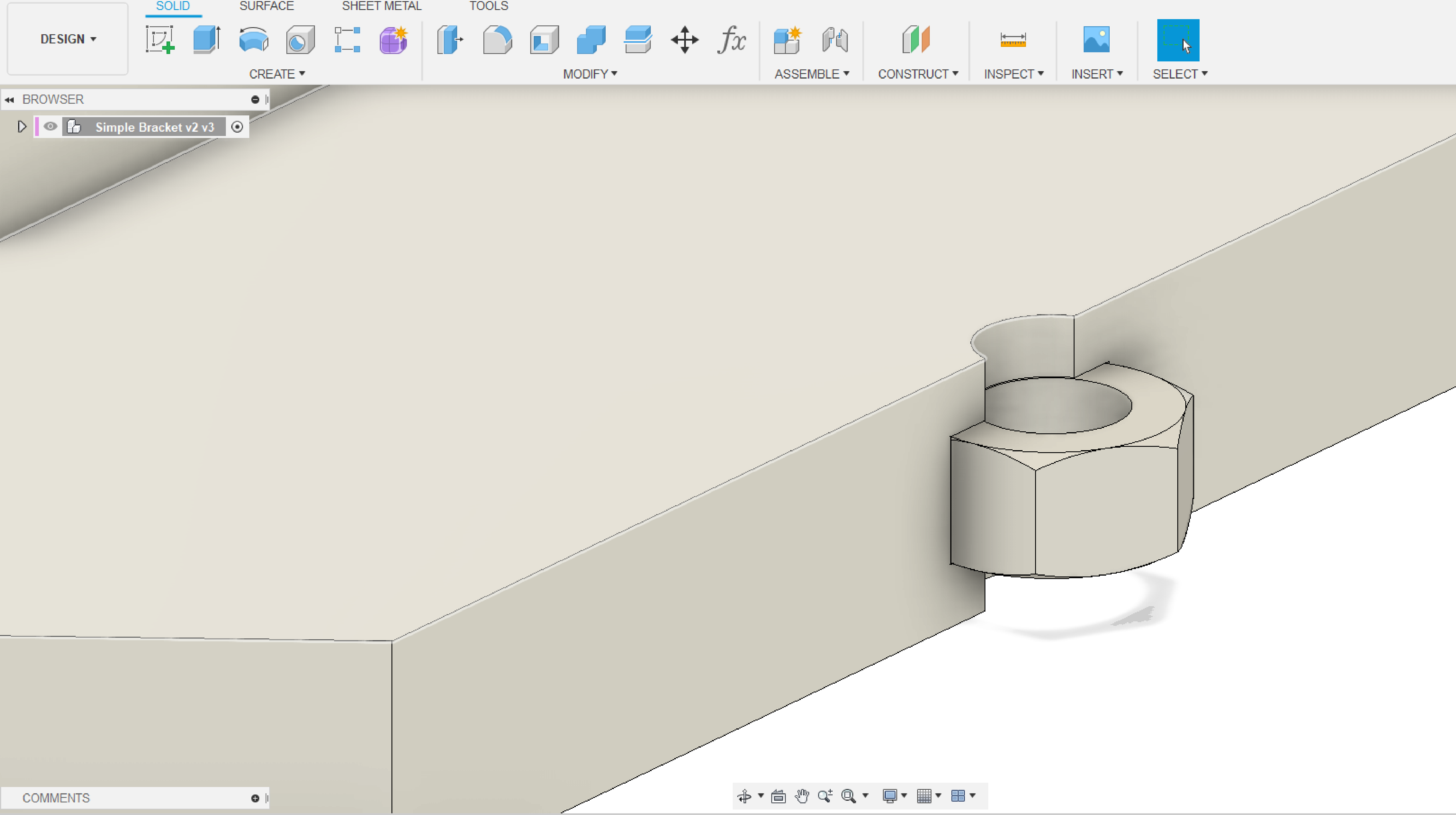
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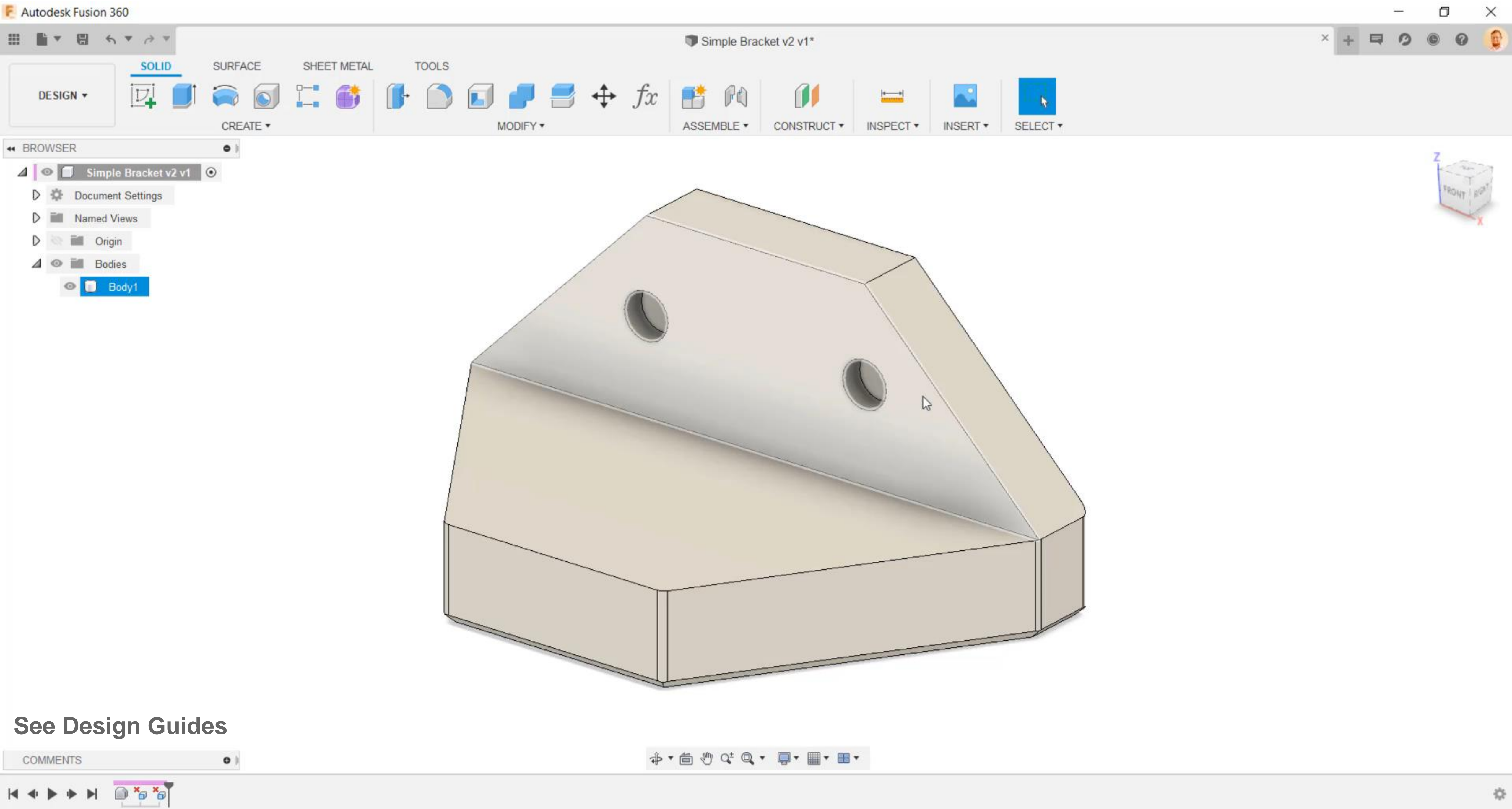
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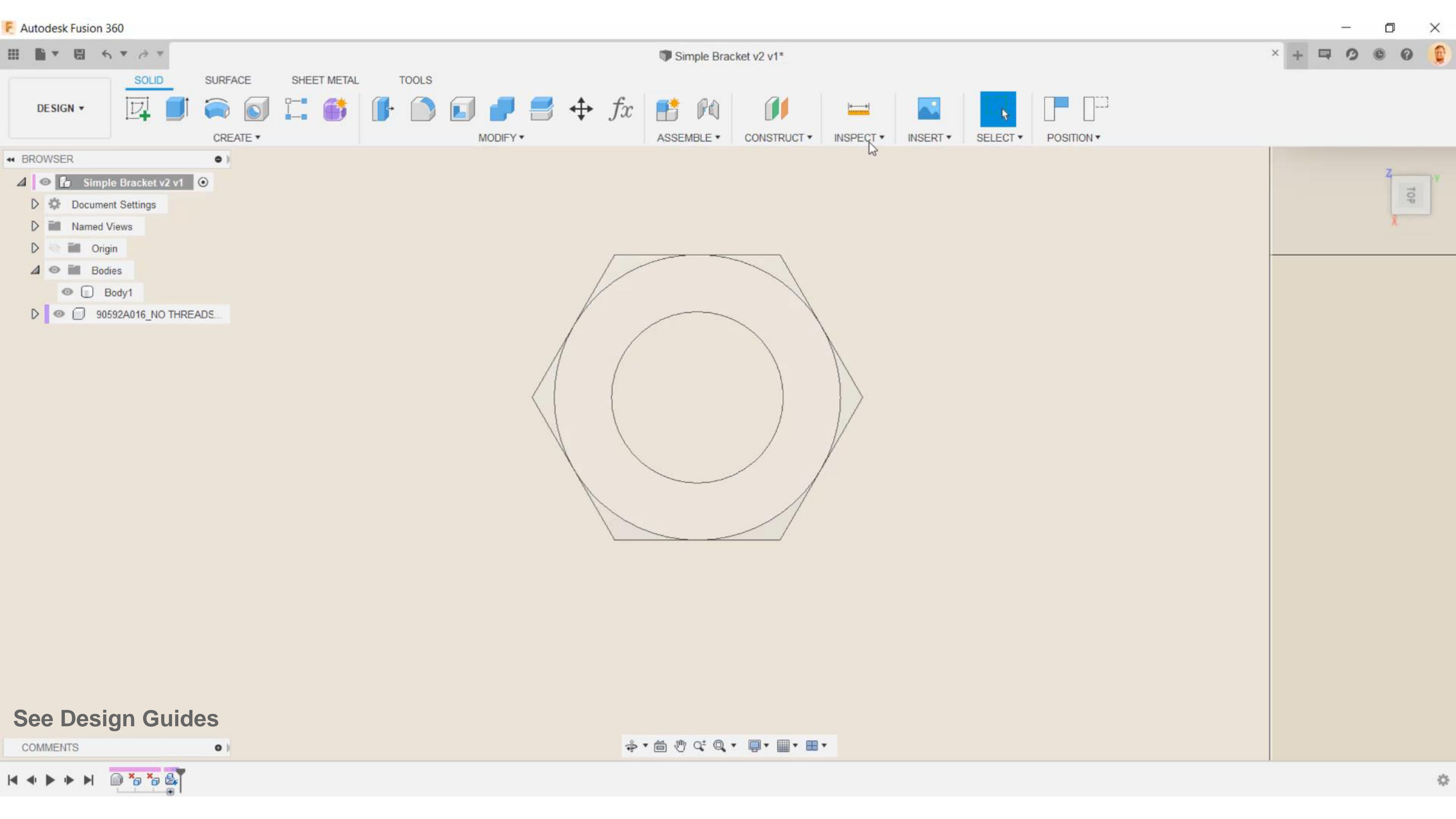


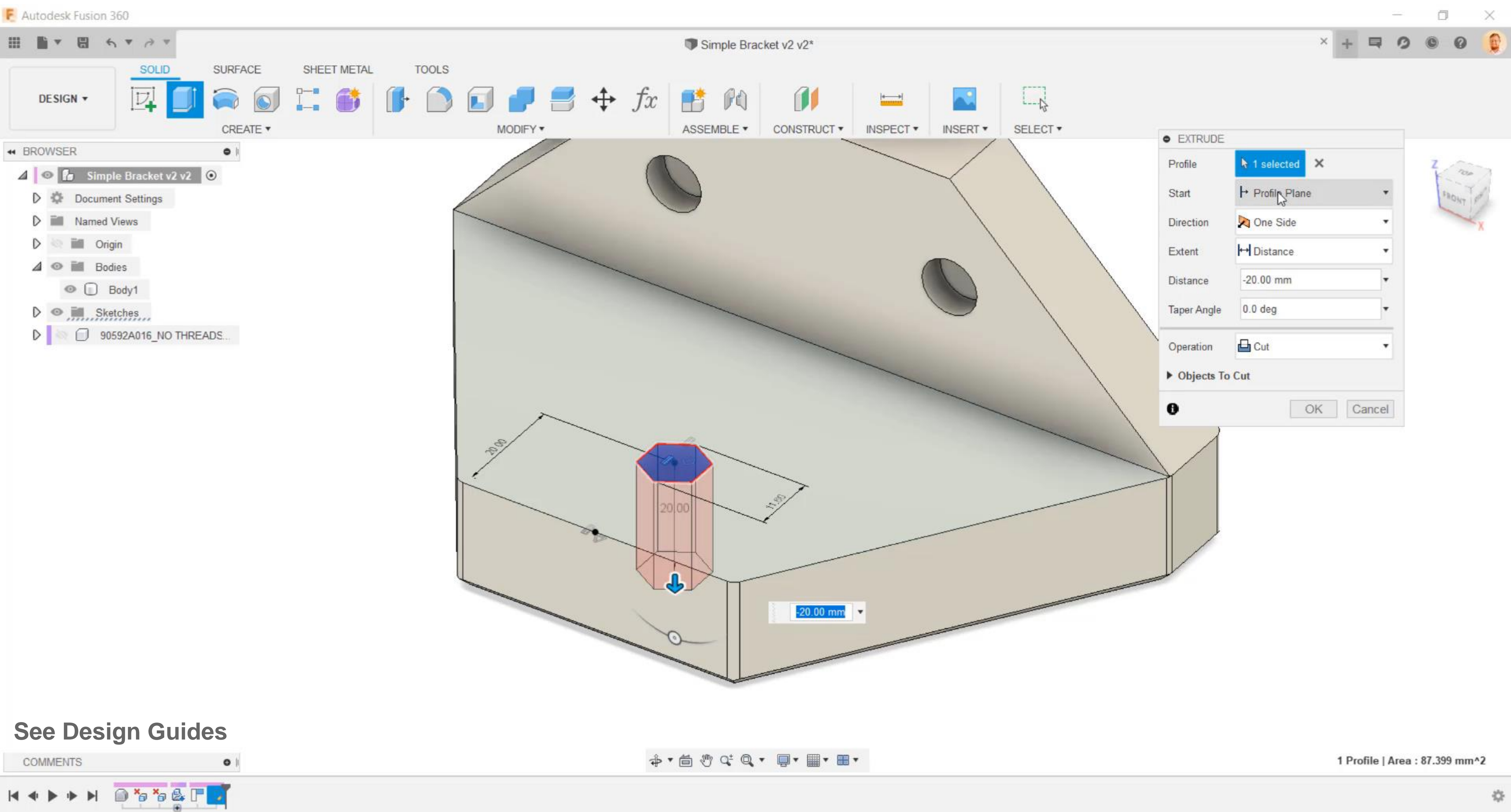
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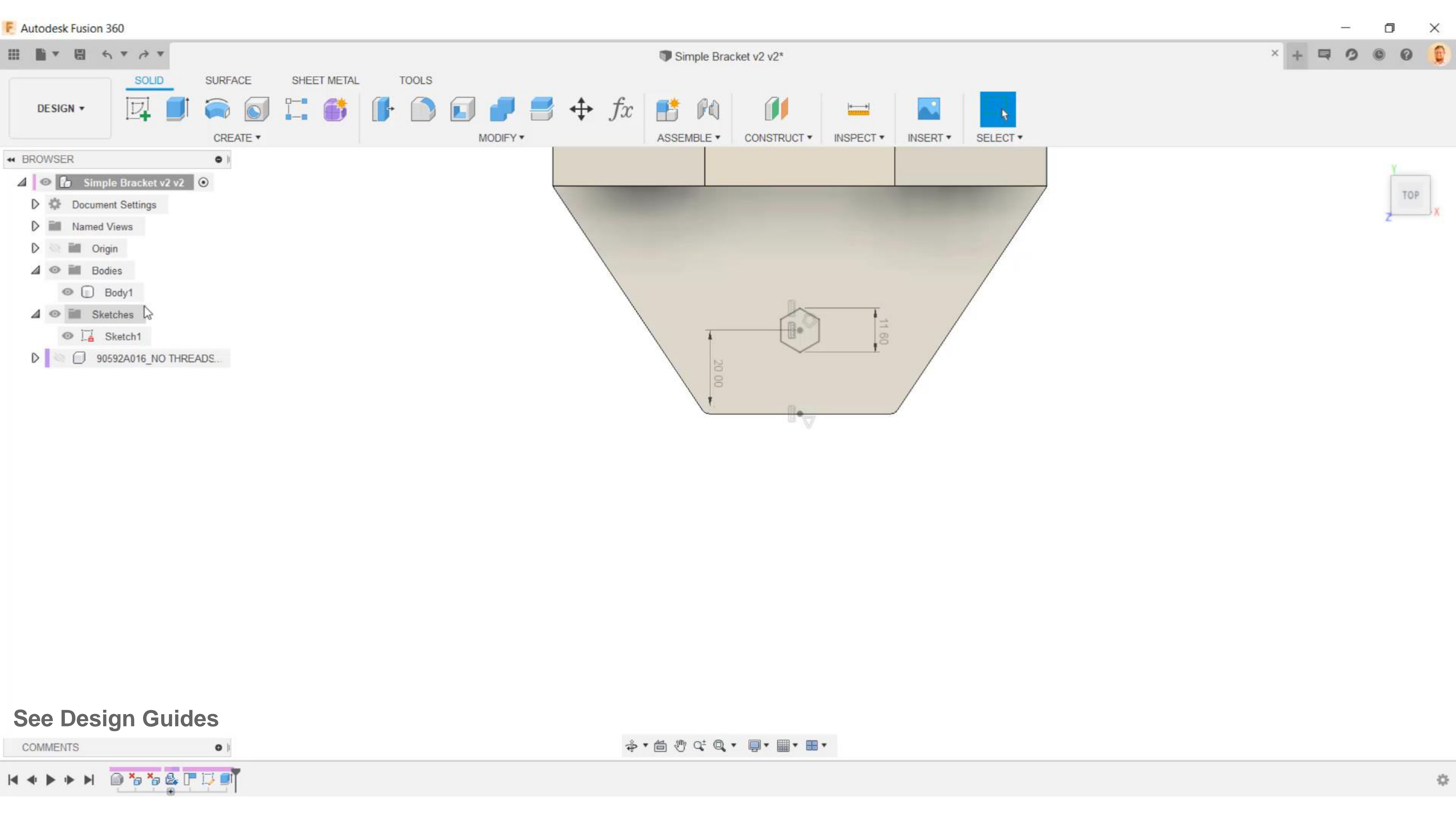


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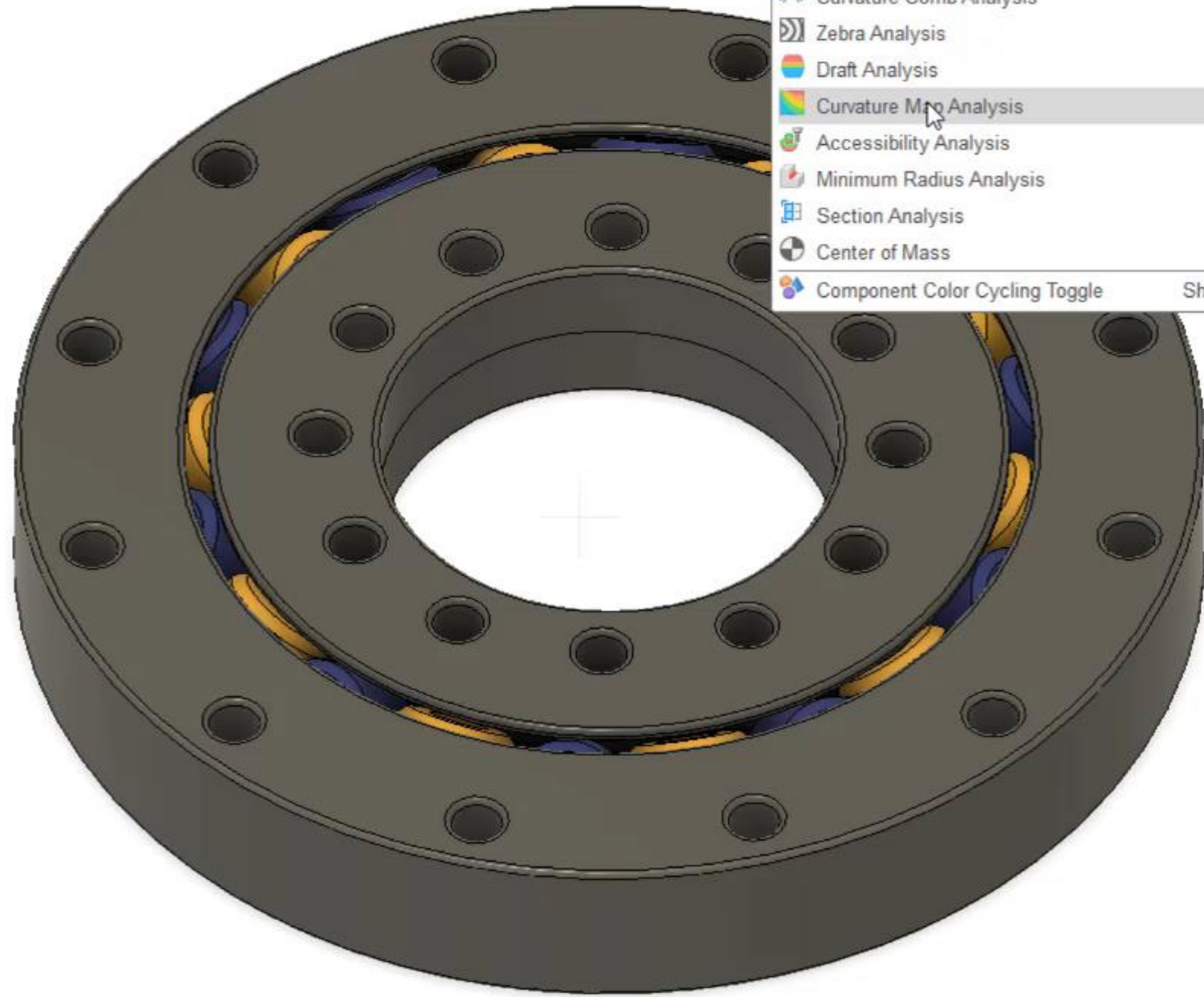
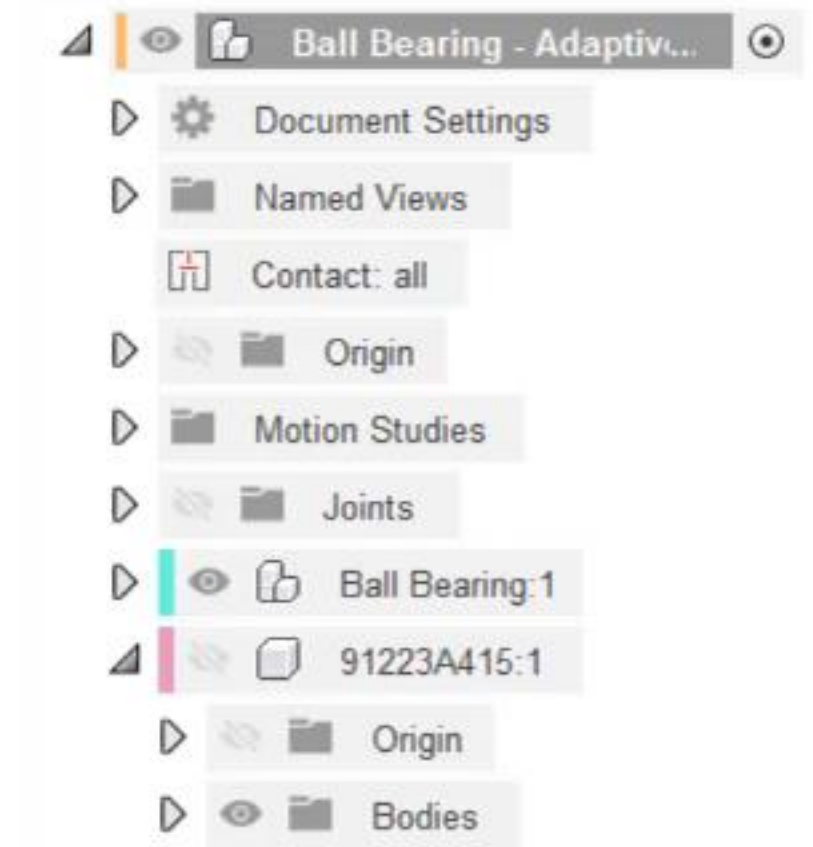
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Adaptive Modelling for Extrusion Printing





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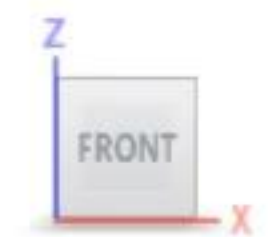
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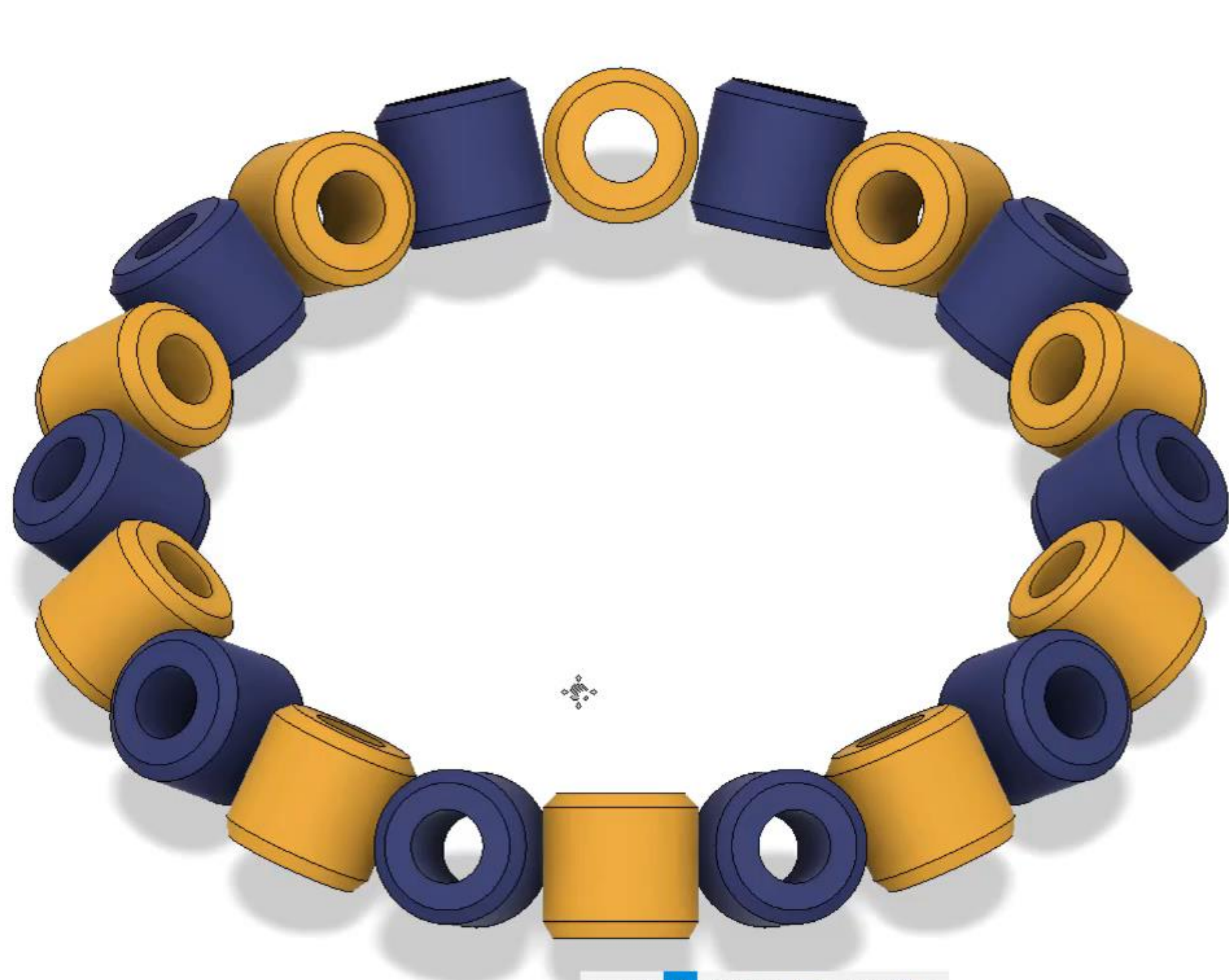
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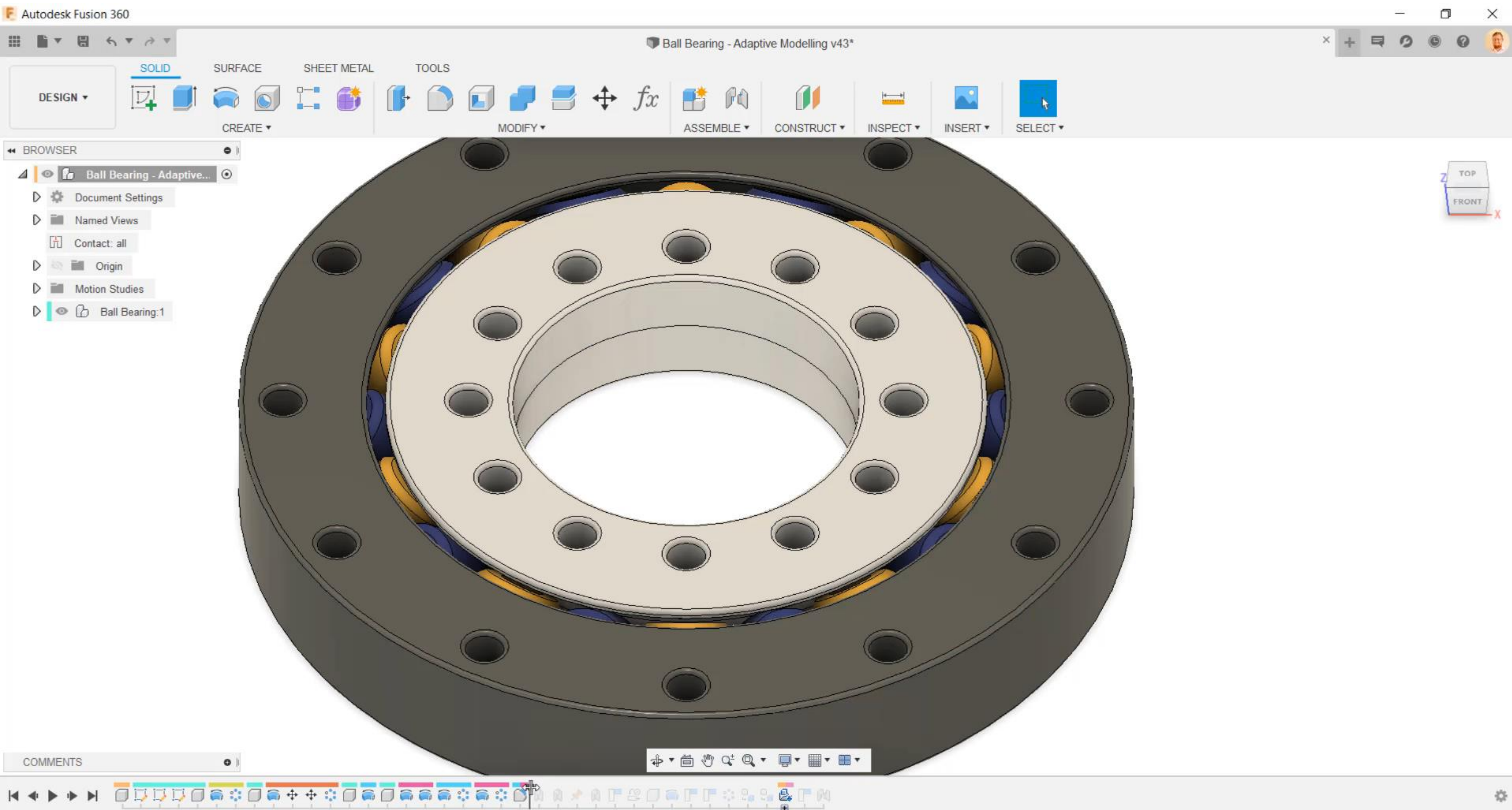
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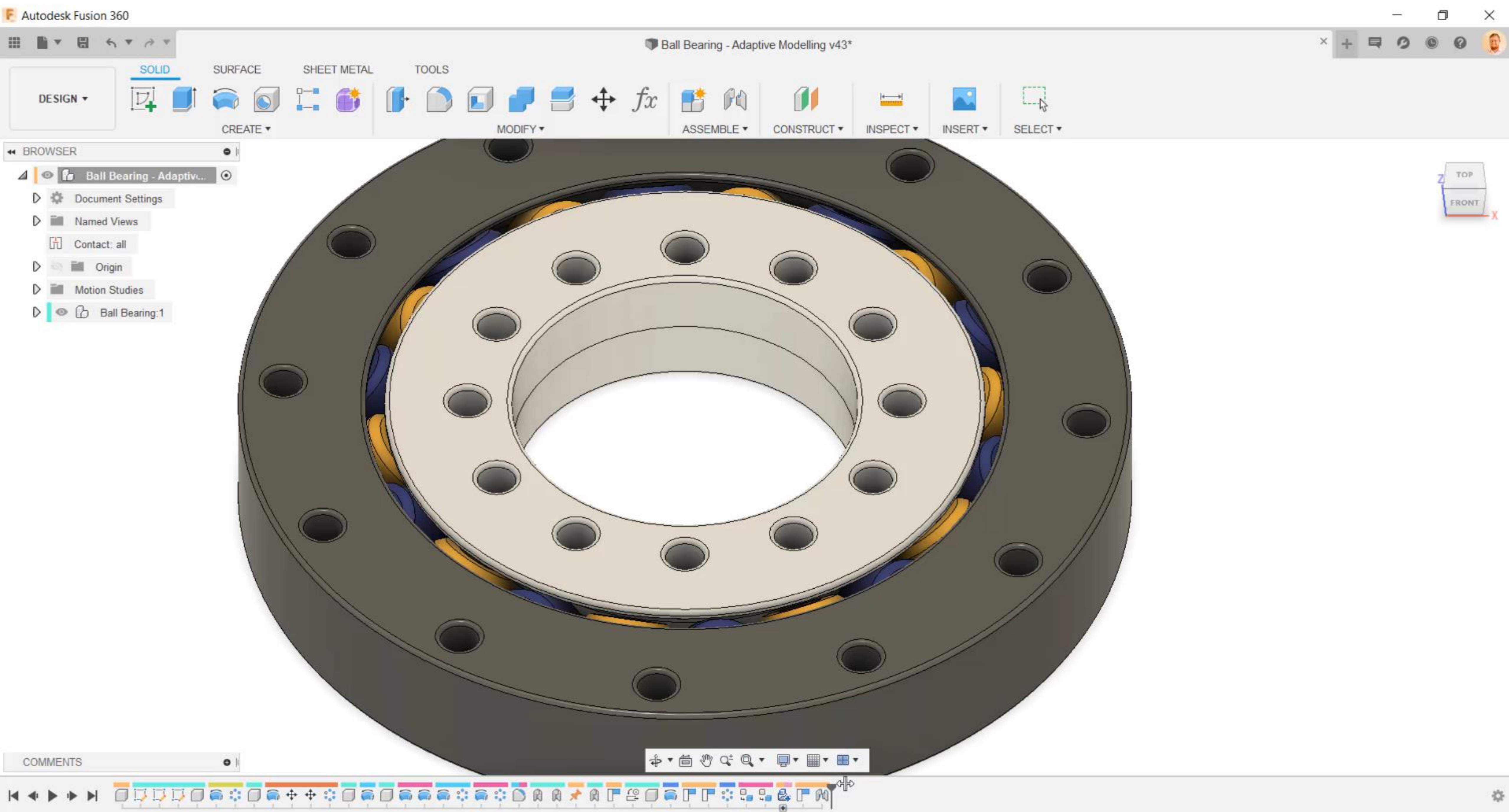
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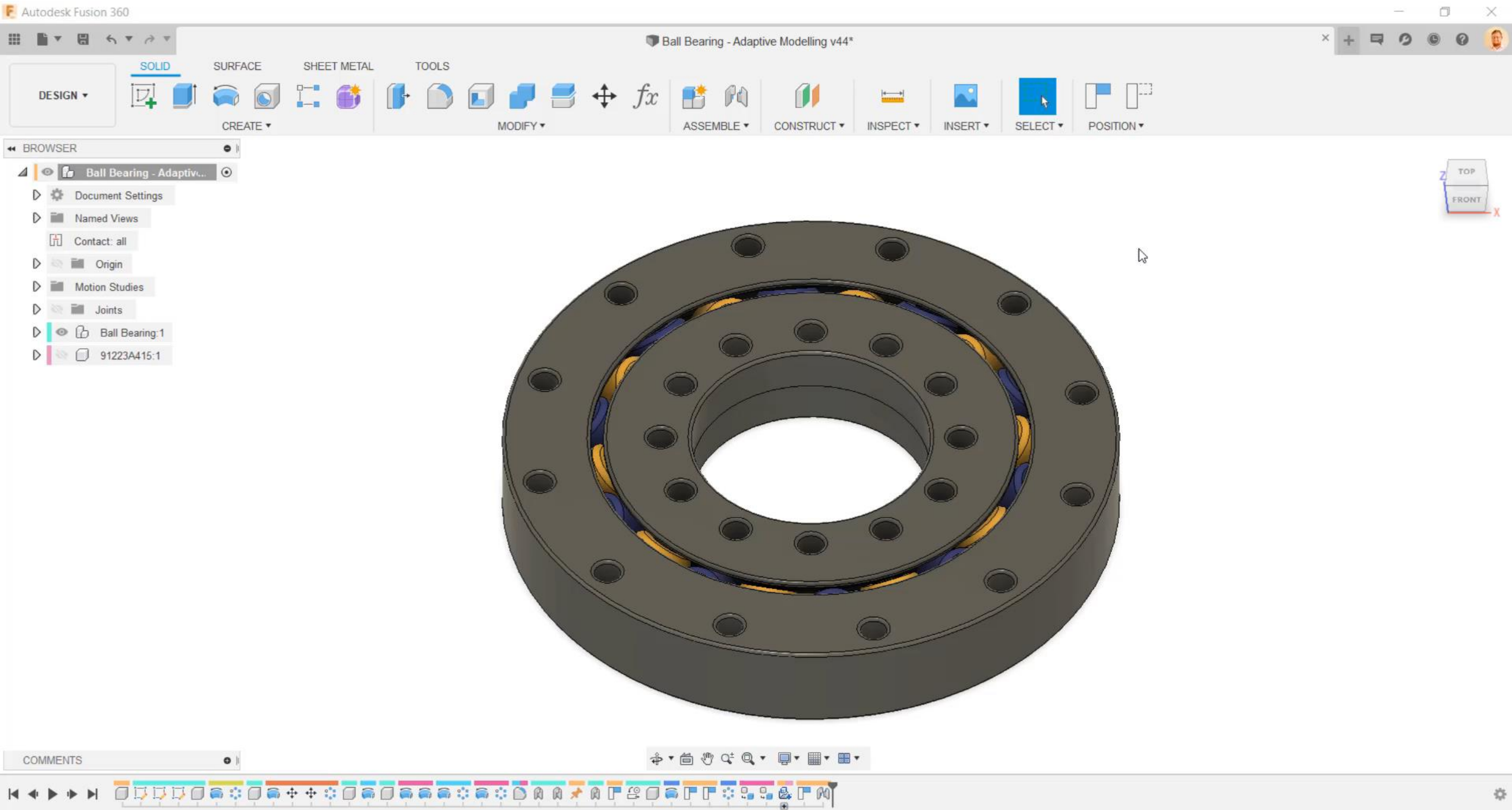


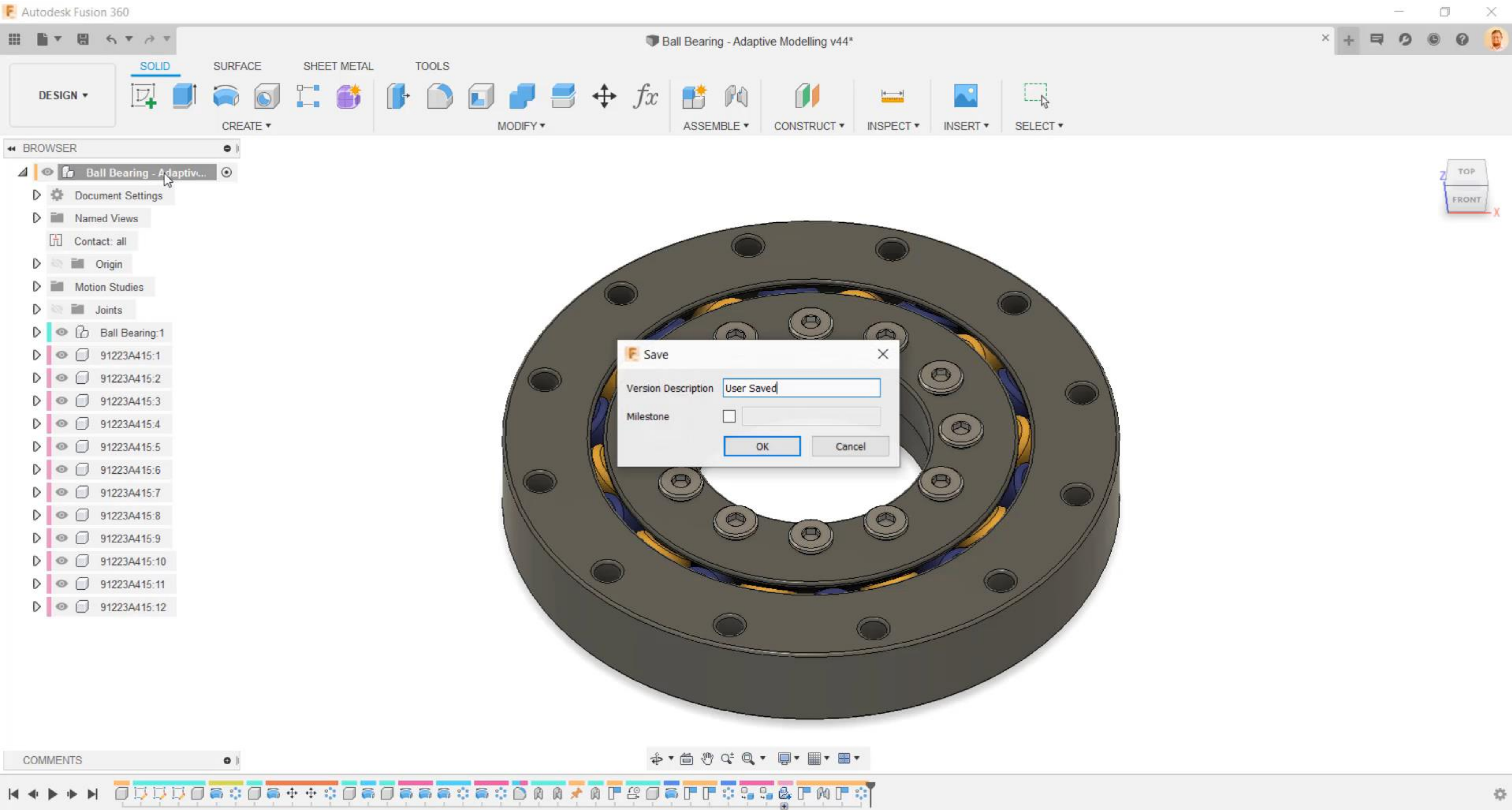
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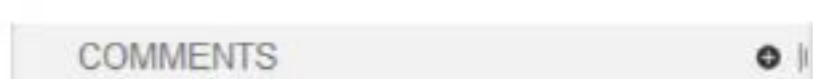
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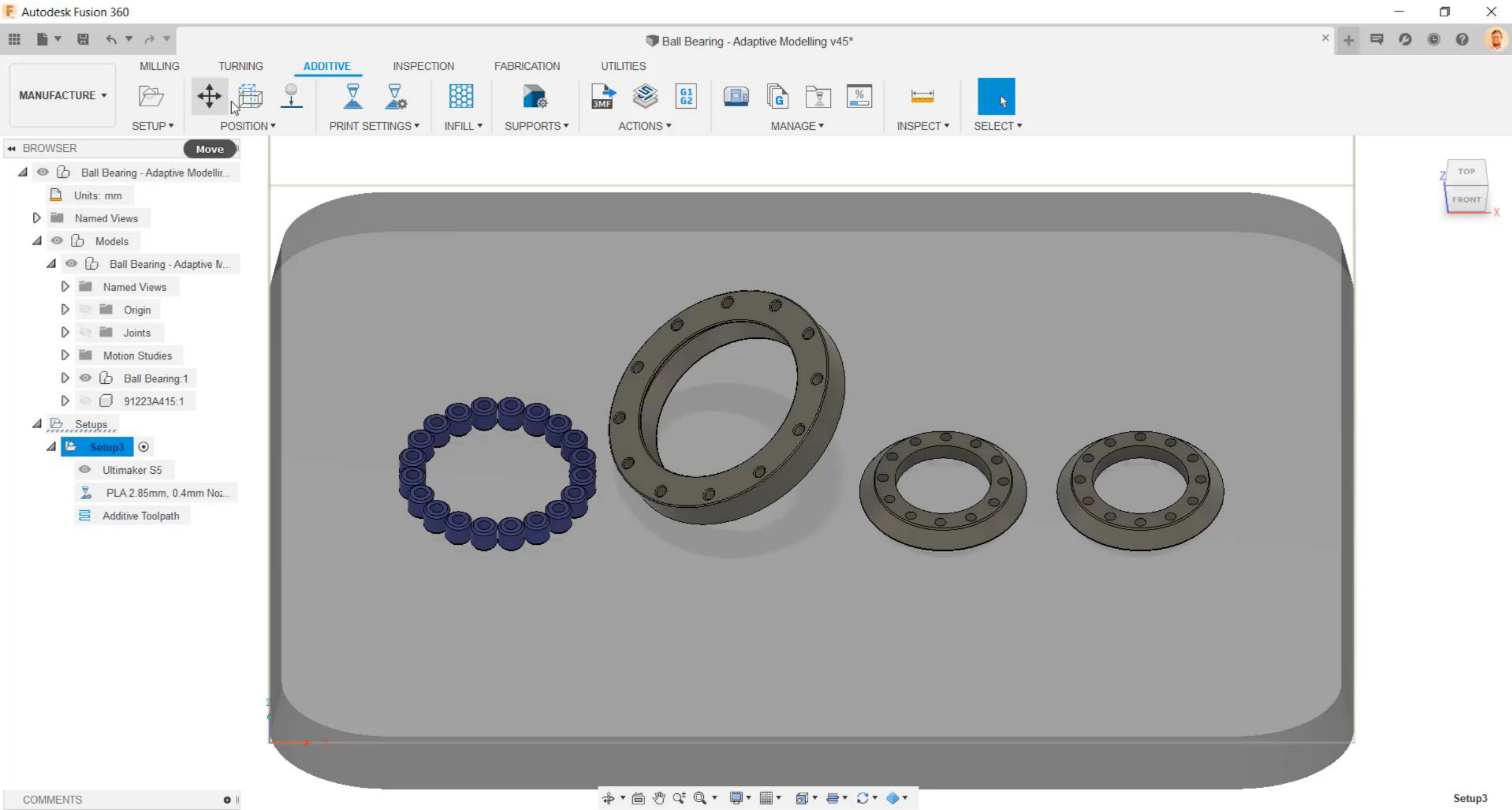














Ultimaker S5



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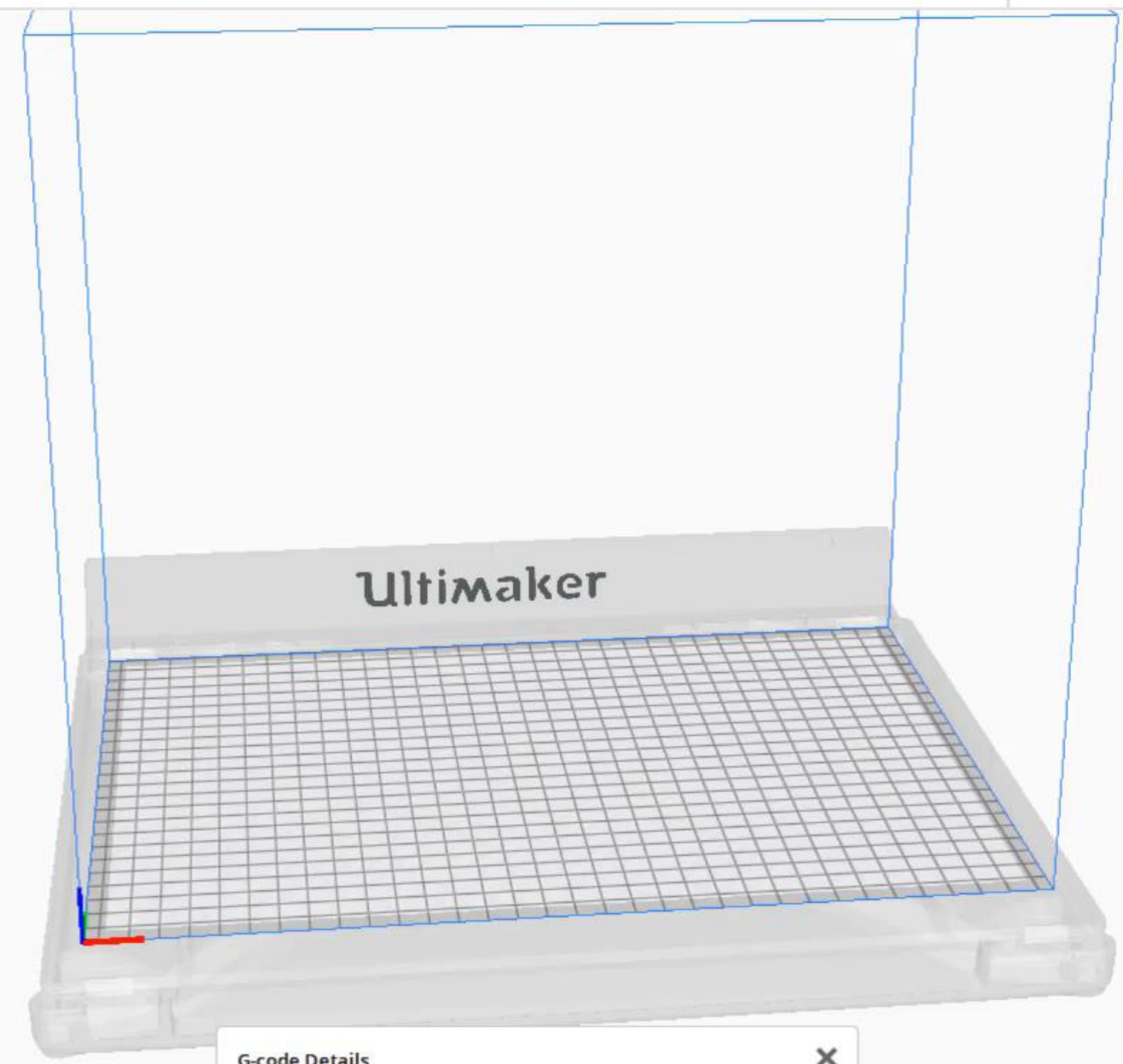


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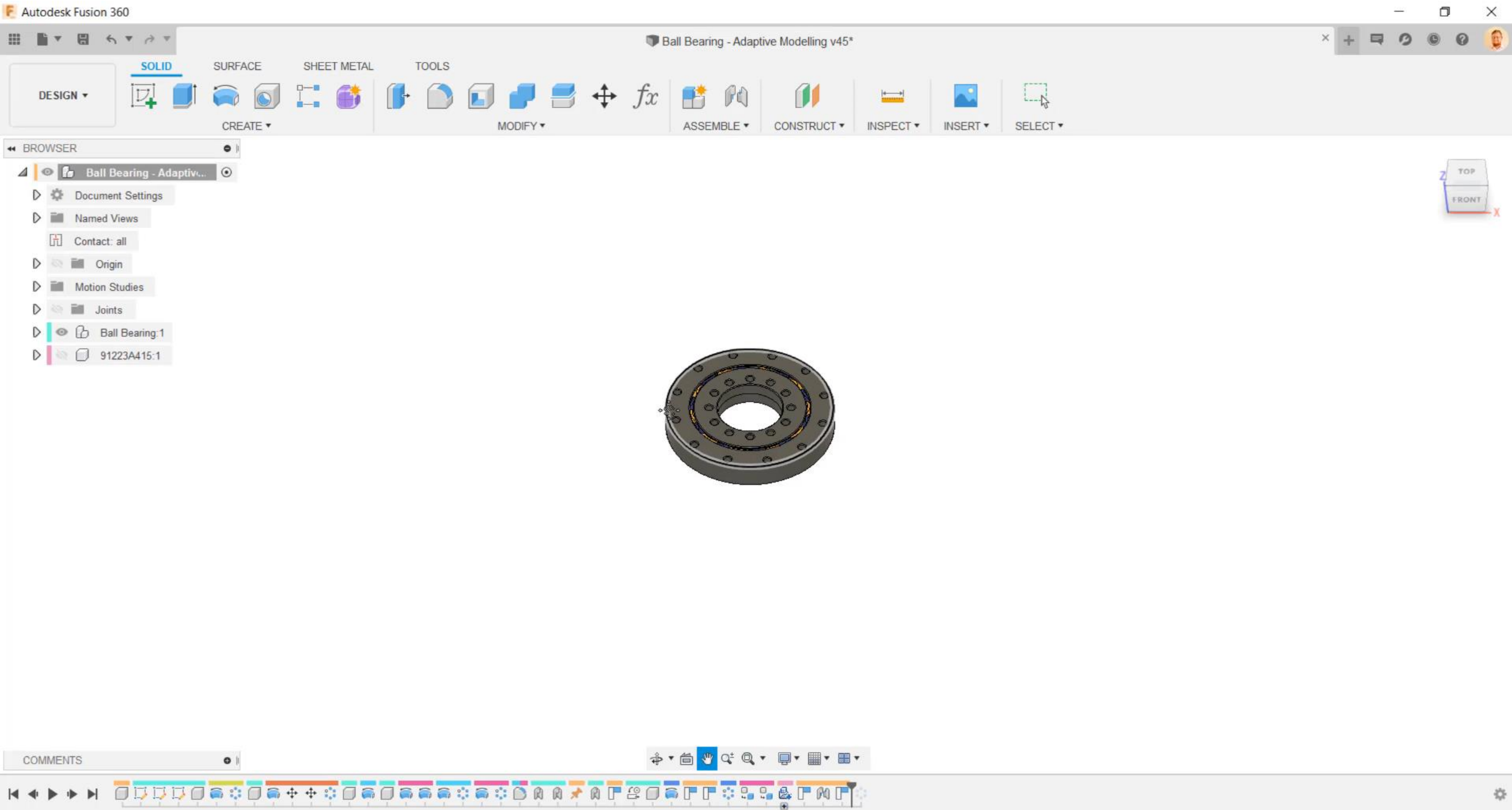
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Make sure the g-code is suitable for your printer and printer configuration before sending the file to it. The g-code representation may not be accurate.

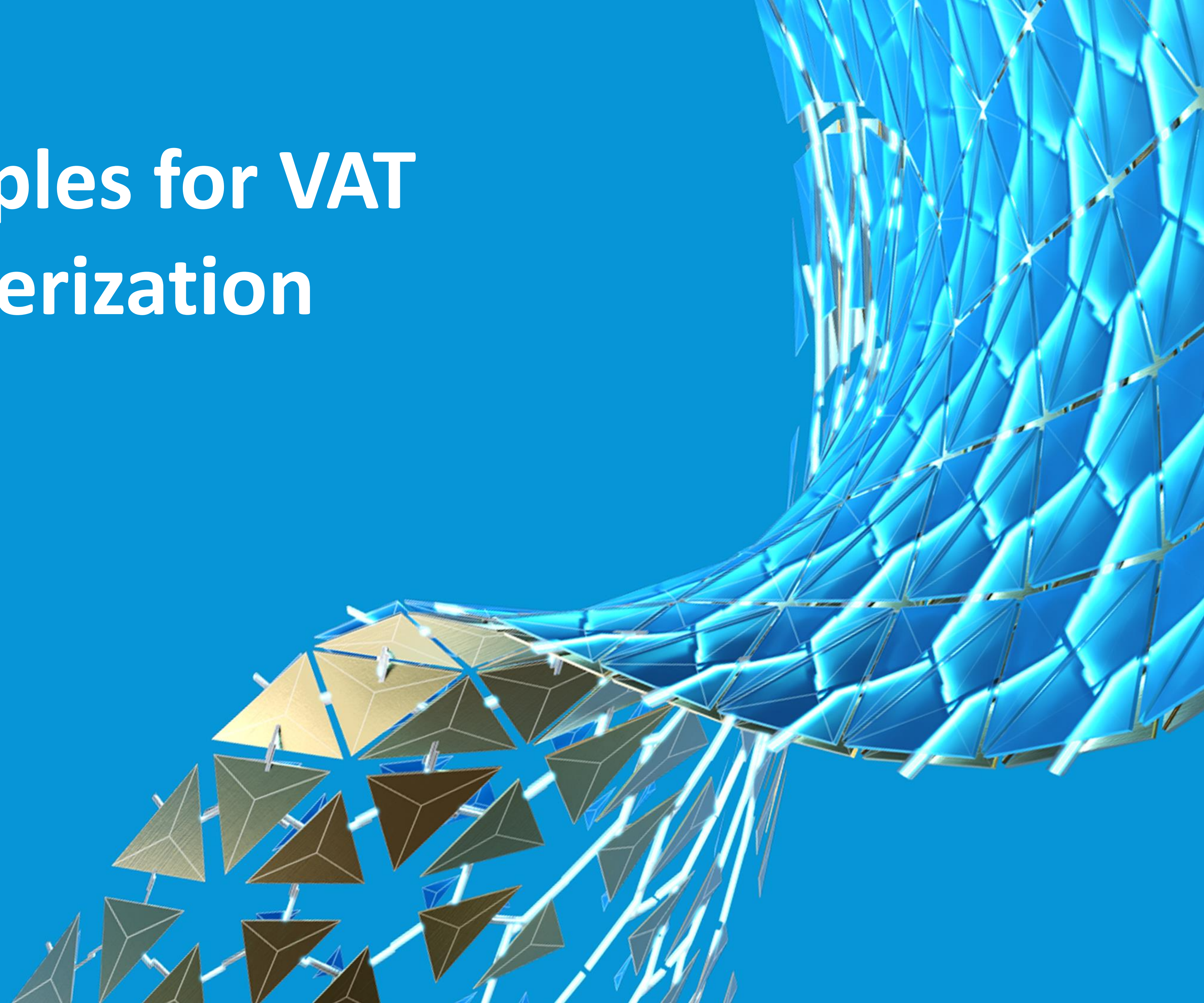


Fresh off the printer...



Printable on extrusion printers as with the likes of Markforged & Ultimaker for example.

DfAM Principles for VAT Photopolymerization



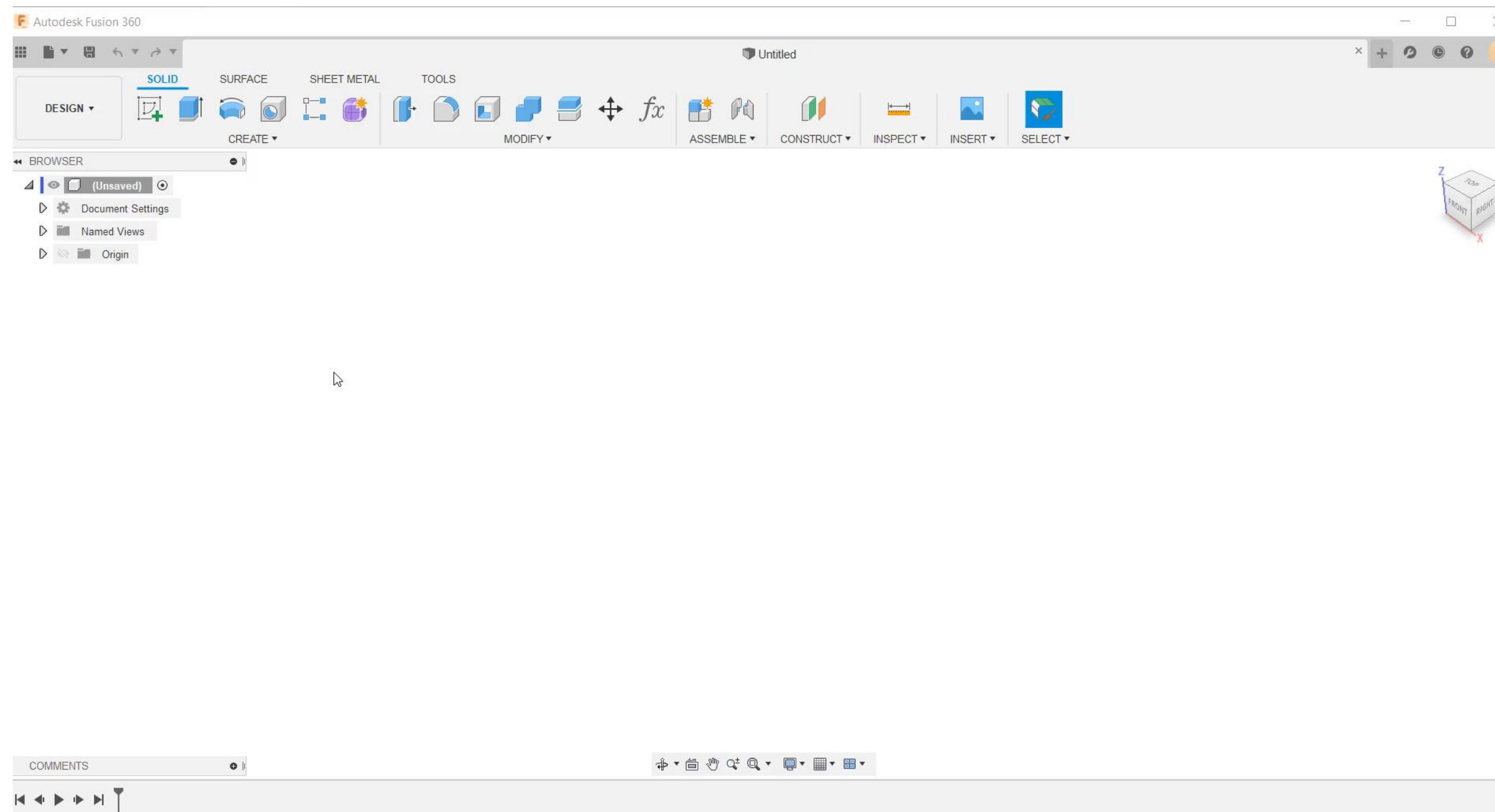


Optimize for Manufacturing (VAT Photopolymerization)

DfAM

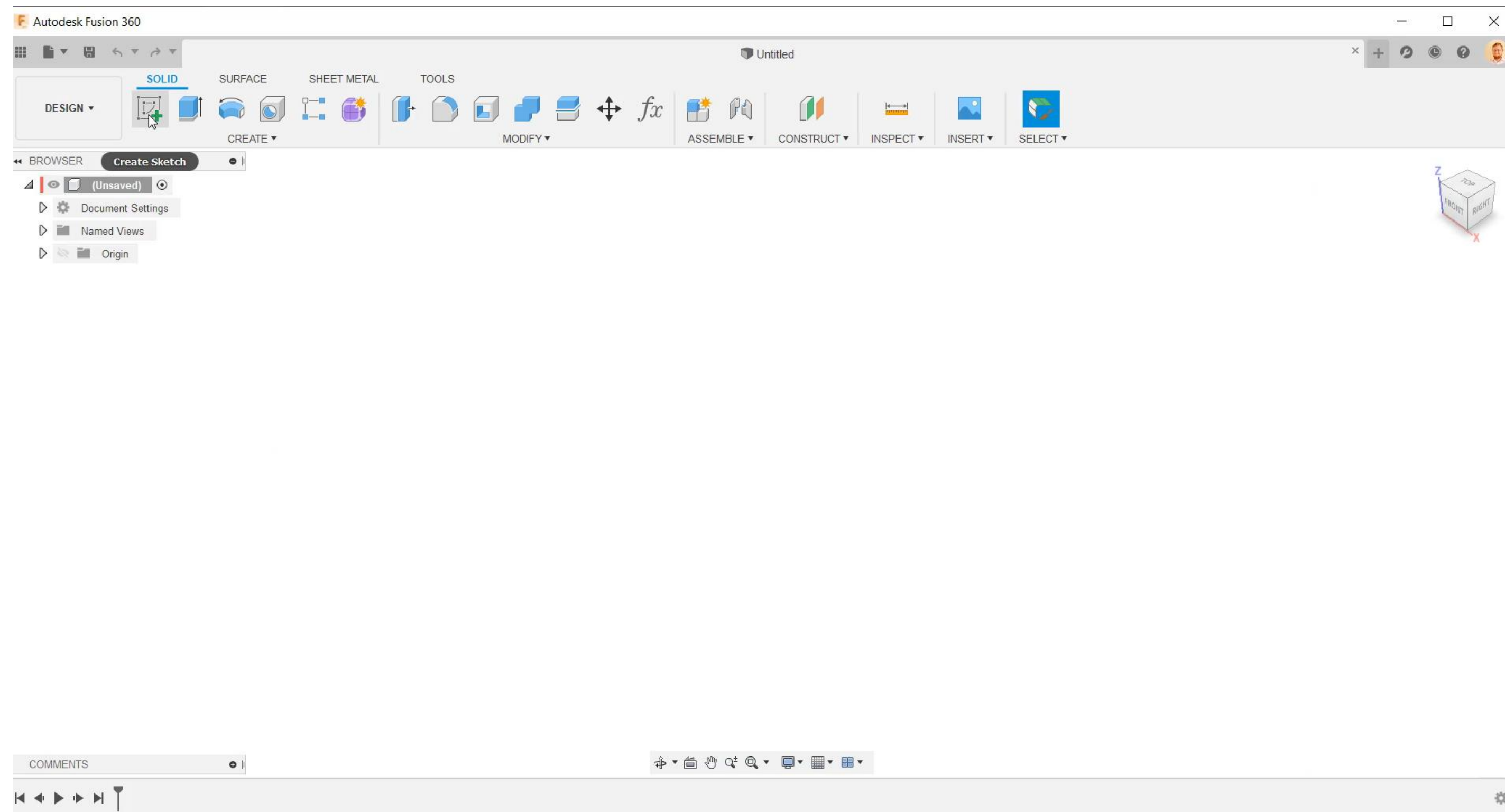
- Building a 3D model via Computer Aided Design (CAD)
- Parametric sketching and modelling

DfAM – Supported Wall Thickness



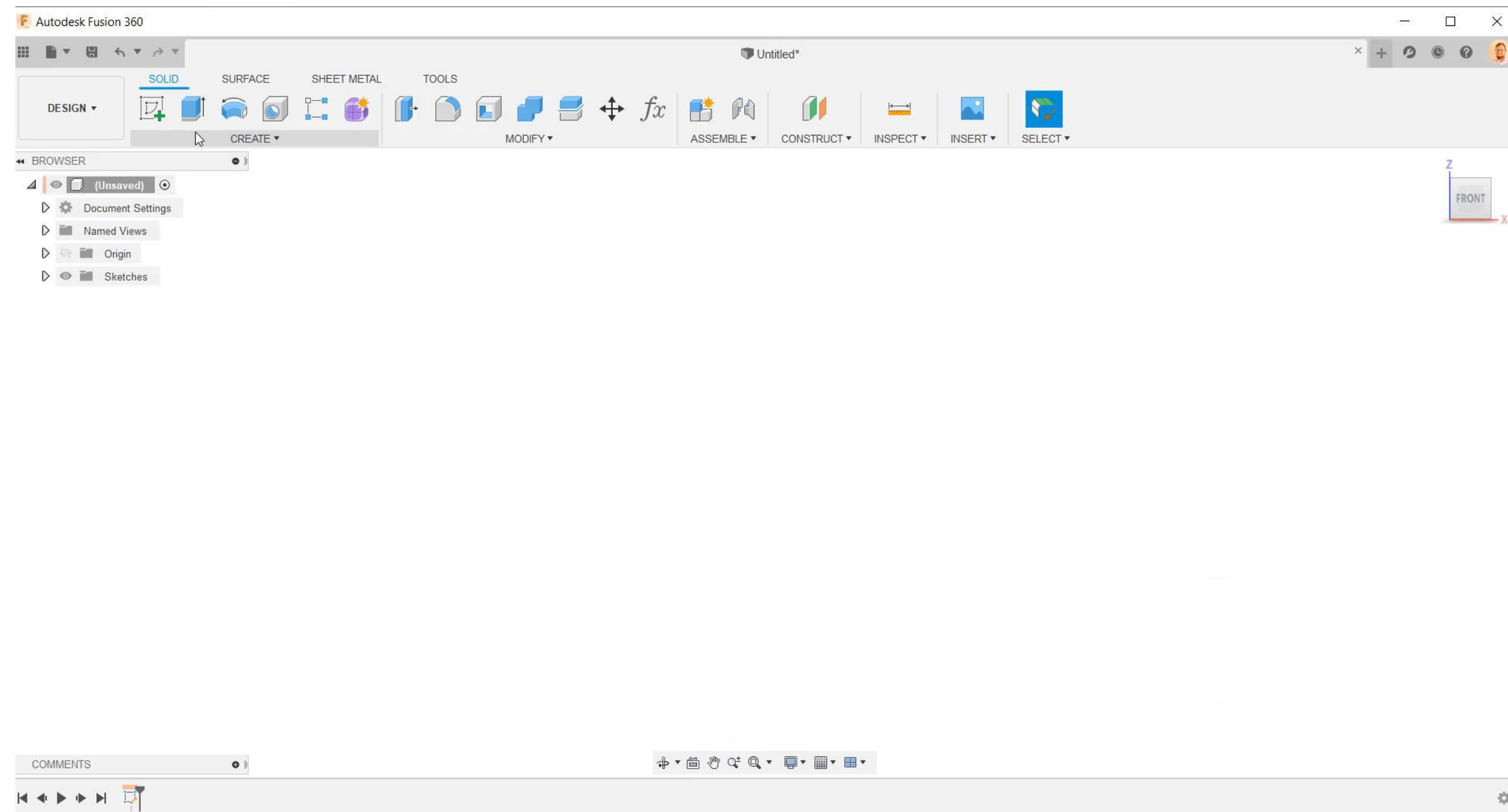
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DfAM – Unsupported Wall Thickness



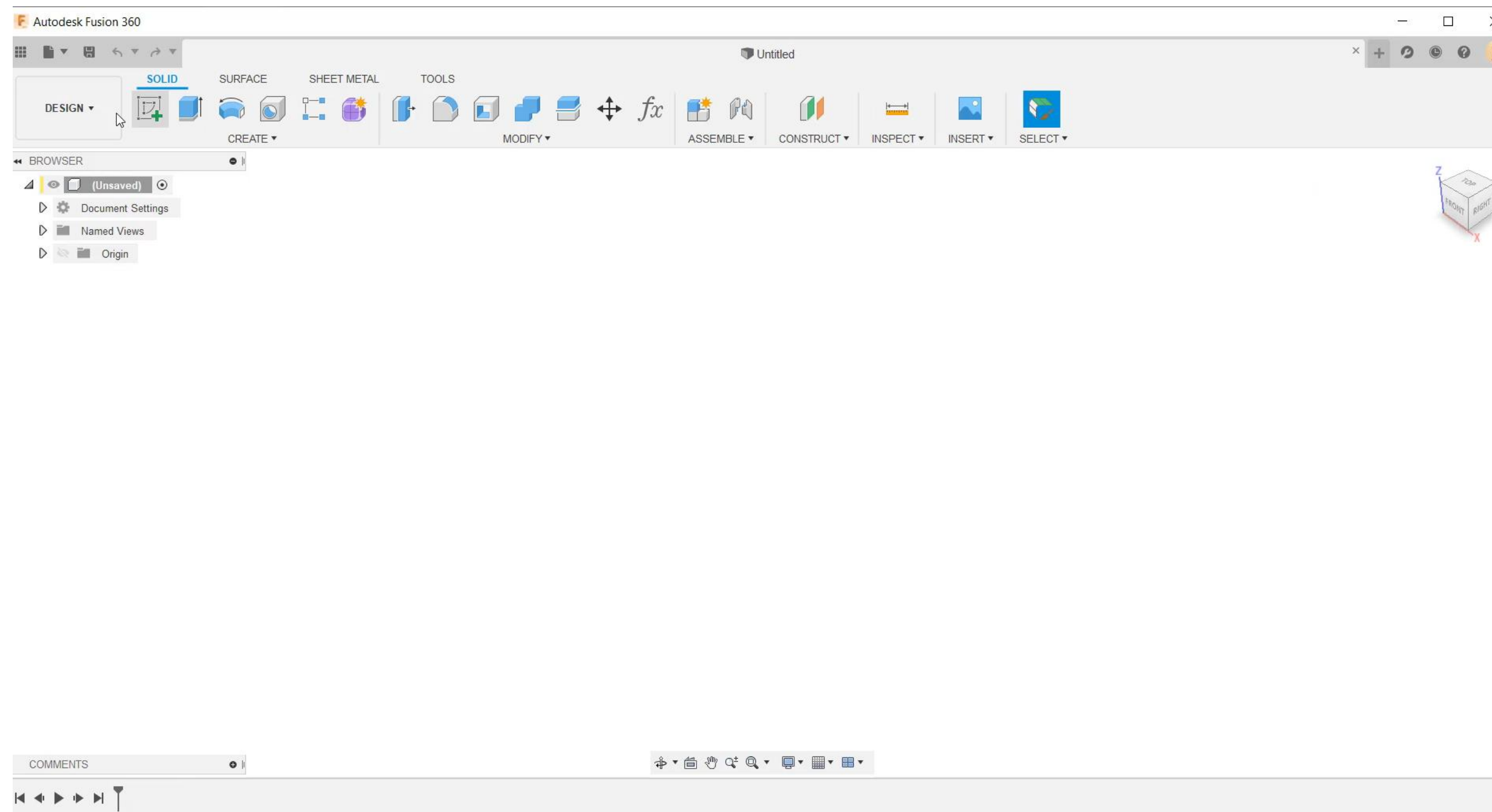
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DfAM – Unsupported Horizontal Overhang Length



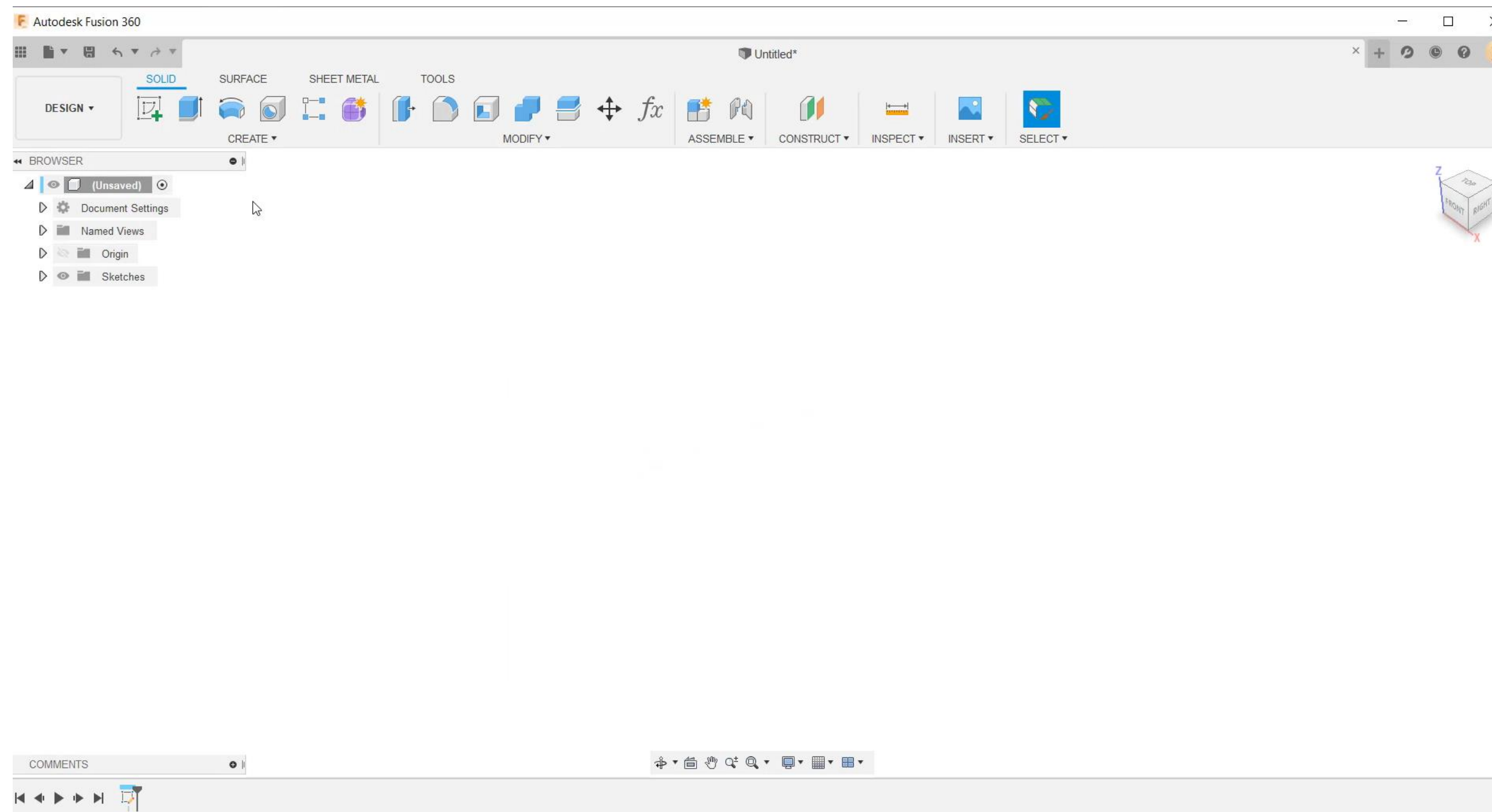
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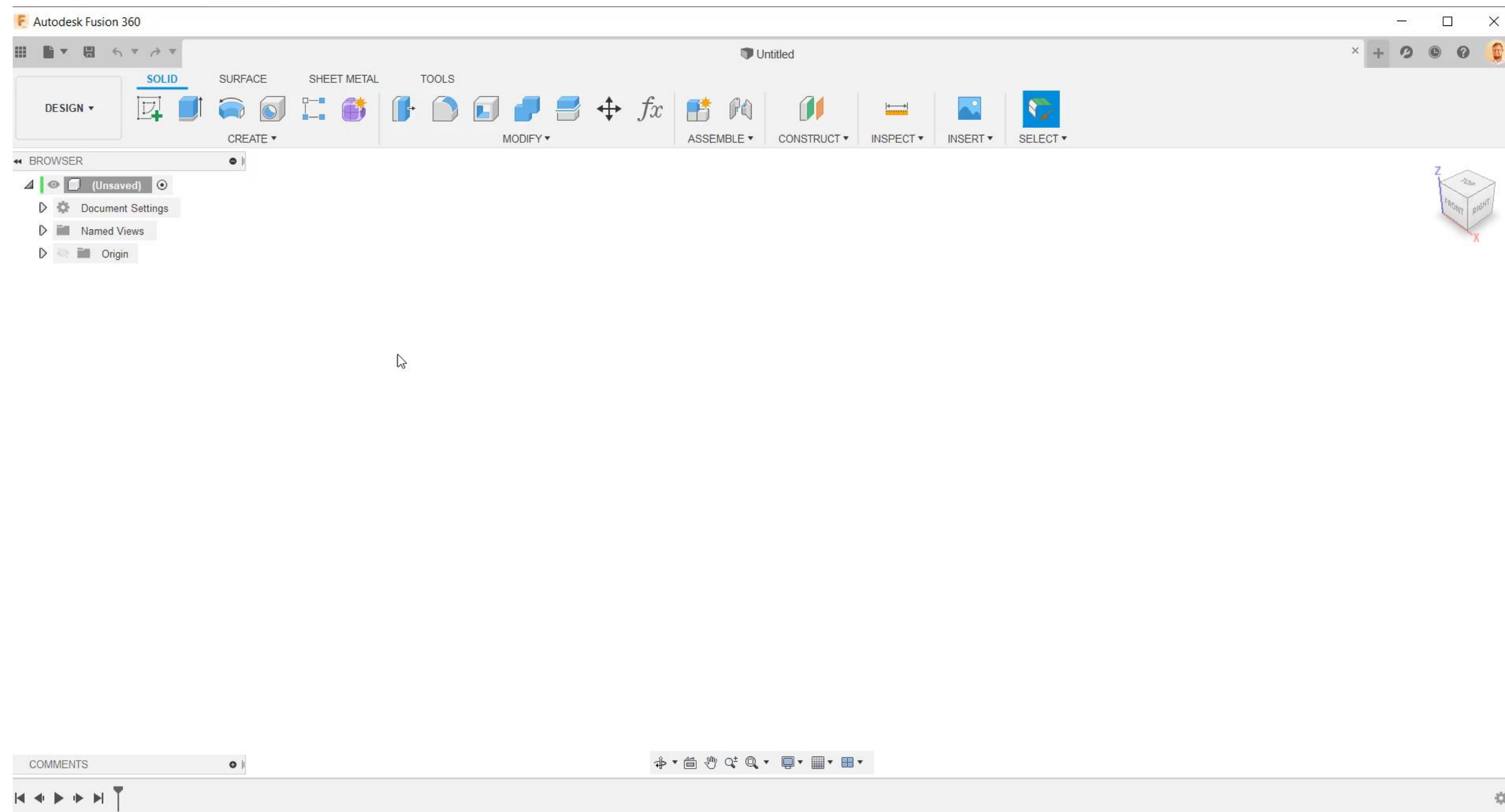
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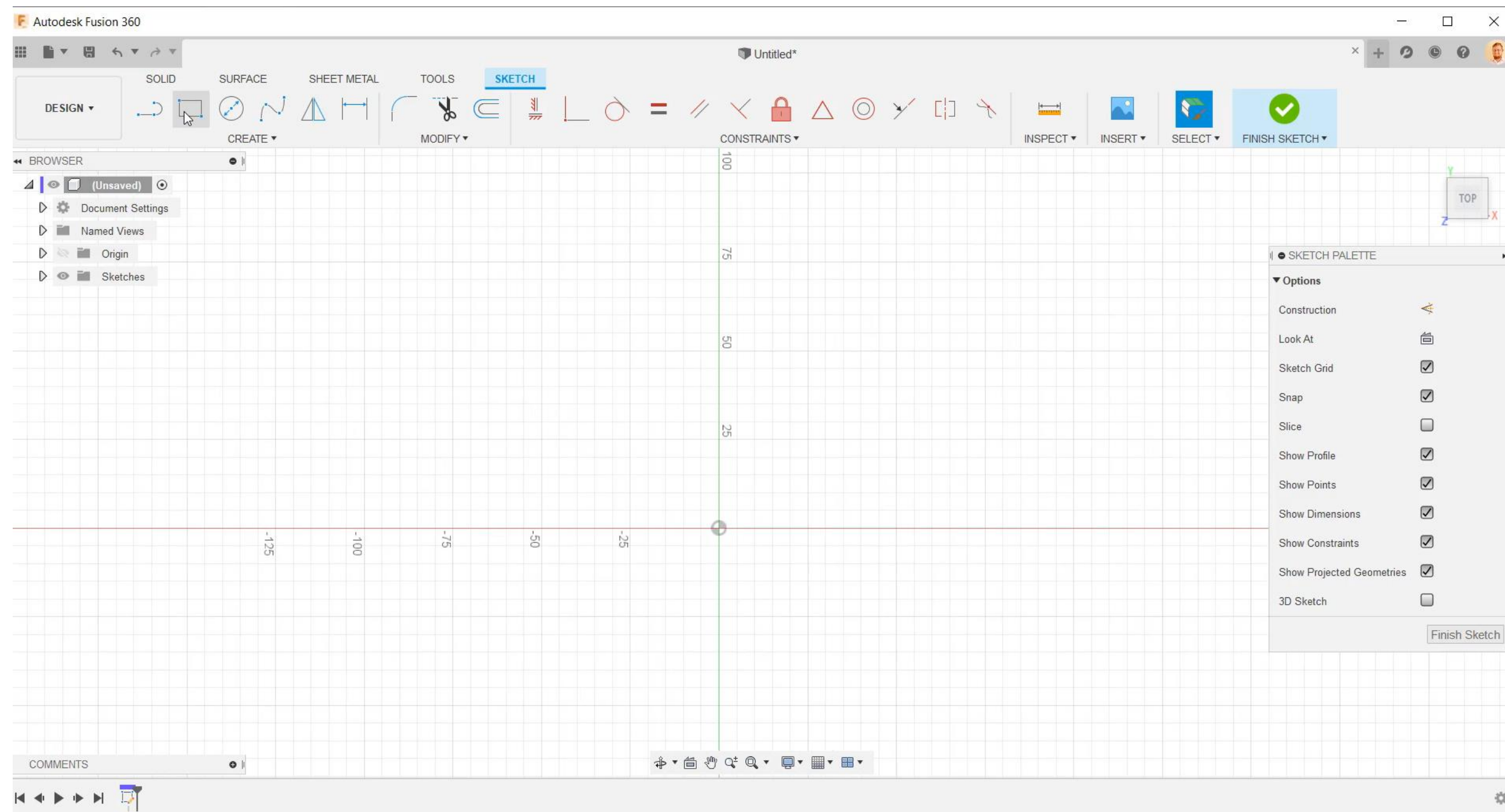
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DfAM – Vertical Pillar Diameters



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DfAM – Embossed/Engraved Detail



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Working with Scan Data



Workflow

3D SCANNING

DATA COLLECTION

Point Cloud Data

- Laser Scanning (hardware)
- Photogrammetry (image based)

MESH REPAIR & MANIPULATION

WORKING WITH MESH DATA

- Within Computer Aided Design Software (Fusion 360)
- Netfabb / Recap Pro
- Within Scanning Software

CONVERSION TO MANIFOLD GEOMETRY

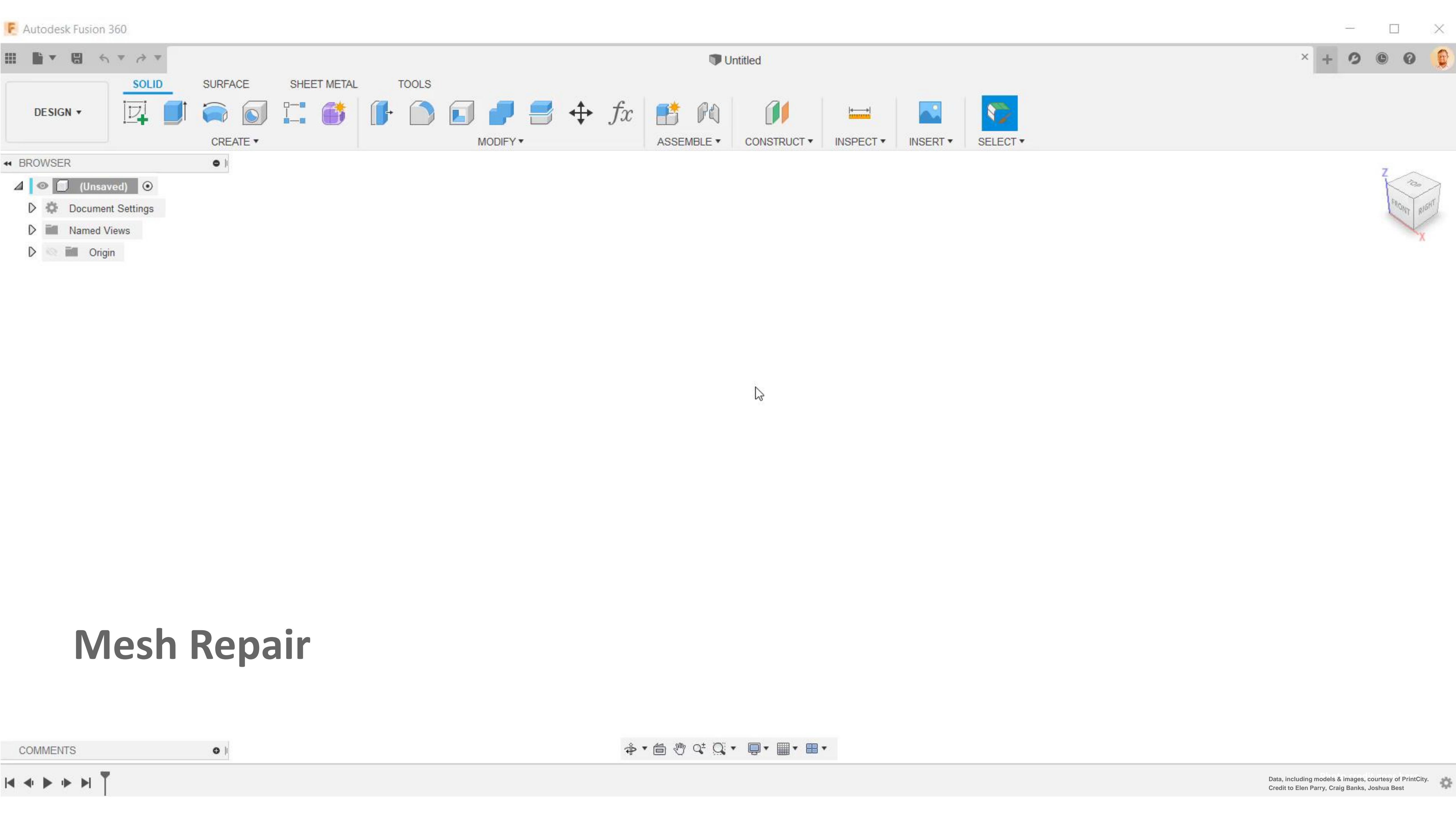
FOR ADDITIONAL MODIFICATION

- Mesh to BRep
- Tri Mesh – Quad Mesh – T-Spline - BRep

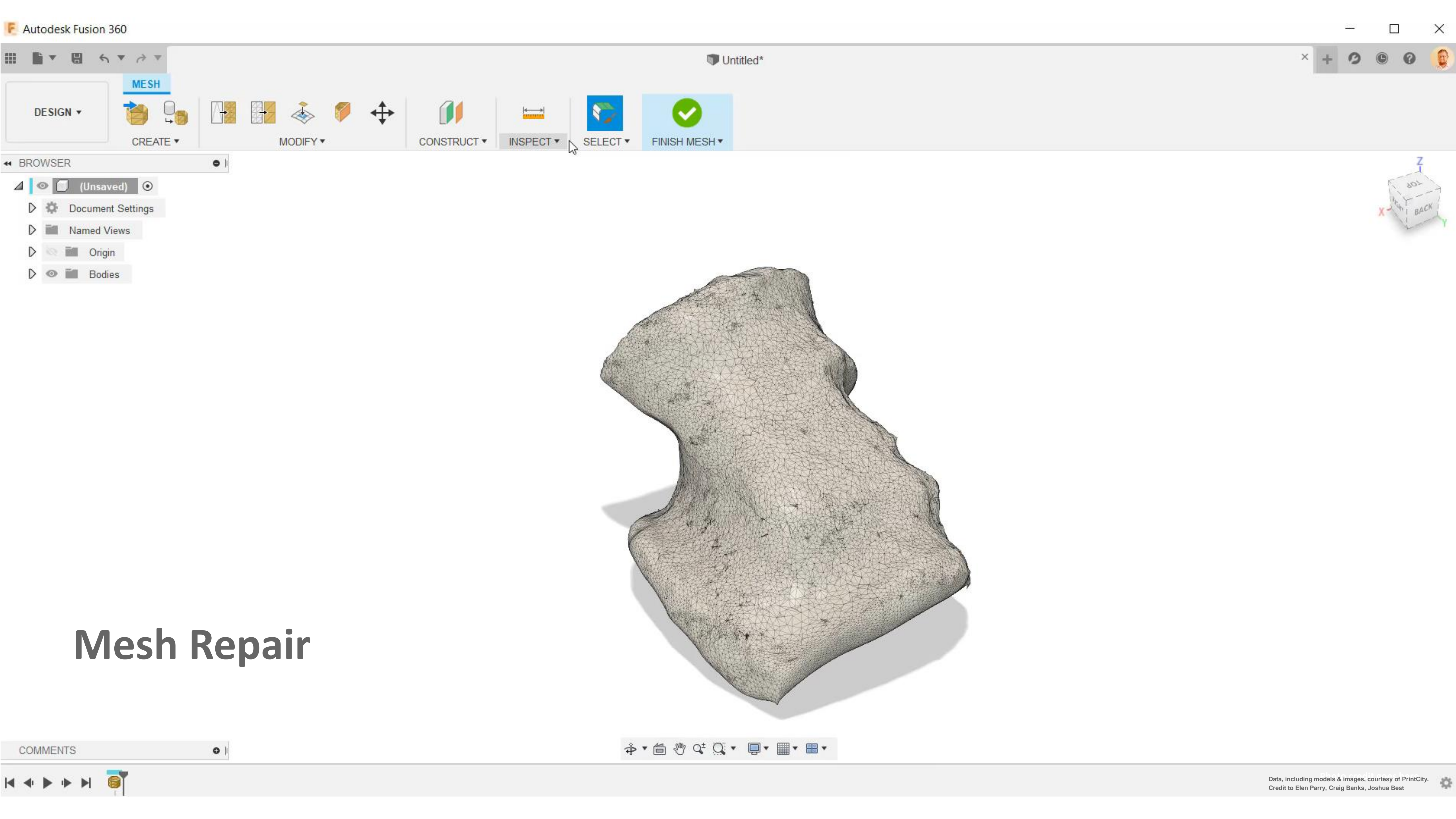
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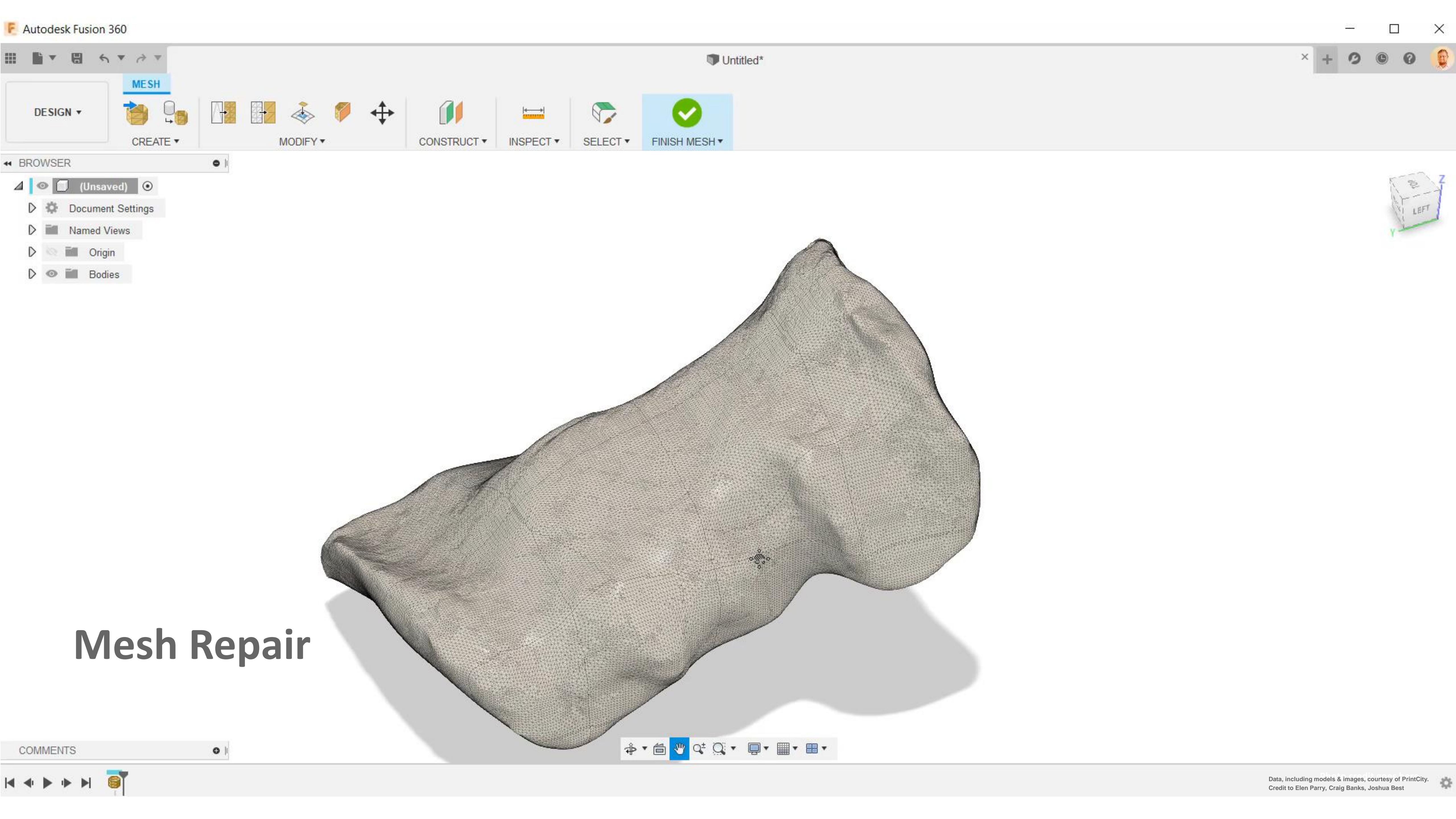
- Within Computer Aided Design Software (Fusion 360 / Netfabb)
- Or Push to Printer Slicing Software



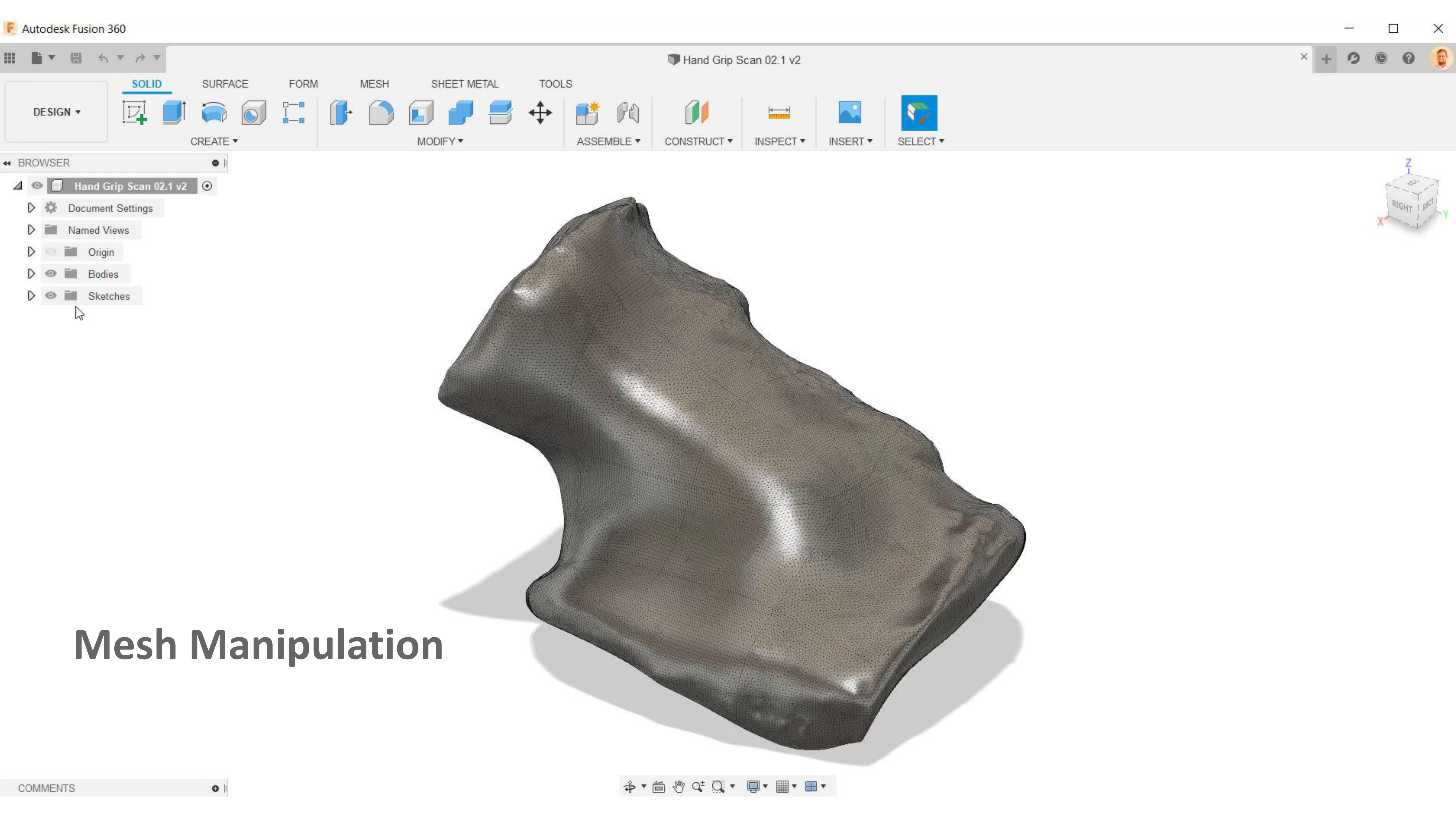
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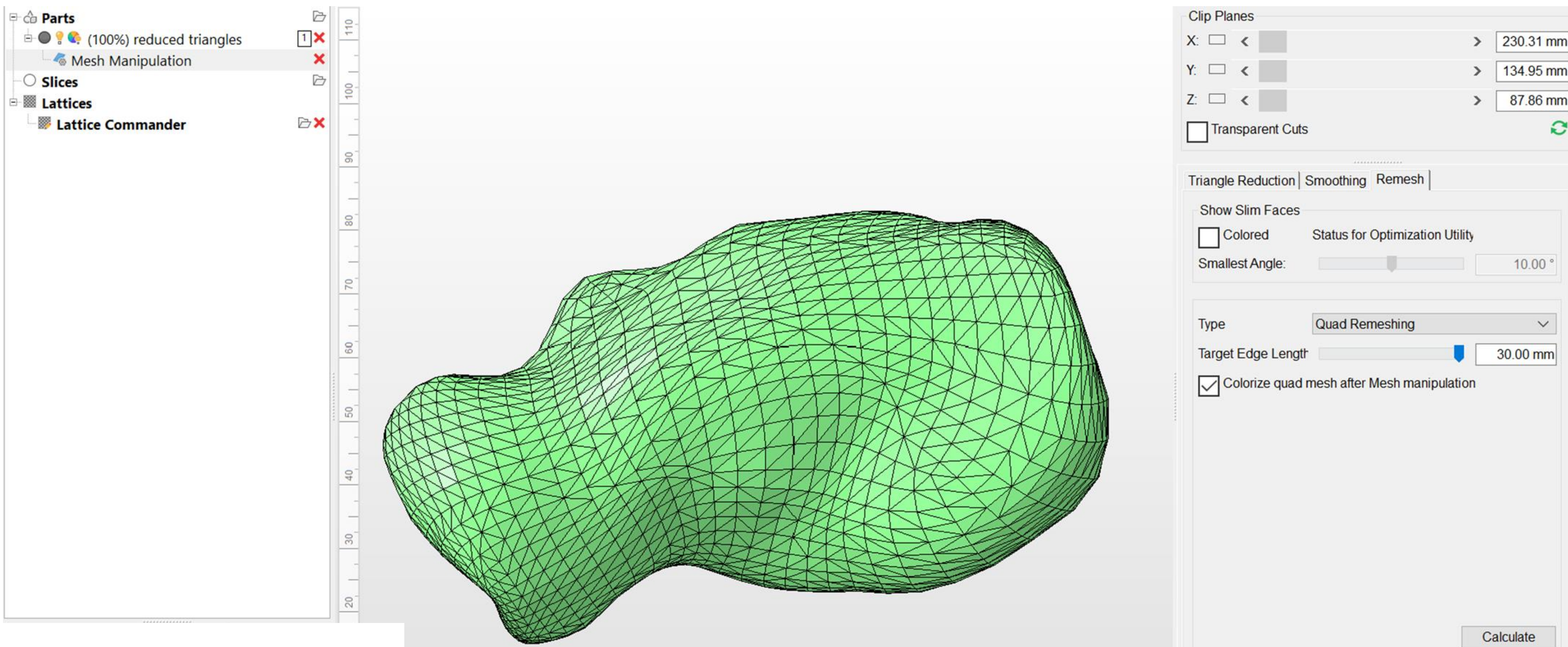
Mesh Repair



Mesh Repair



Mesh Manipulation



Conversion (Tri-Mesh to Quad Mesh)

Image shows workflow within Autodesk Netfabb

- Mesh manipulation in Netfabb also enables allows for re-meshing, including conversion
- Increase or decrease triangle count and quality of Mesh, and convert to Quad-Mesh if T-Spline modification is desired



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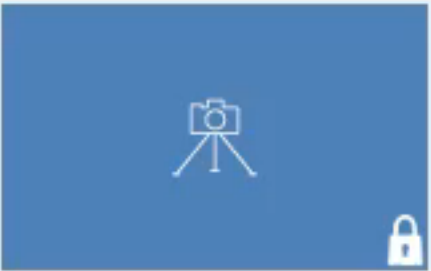
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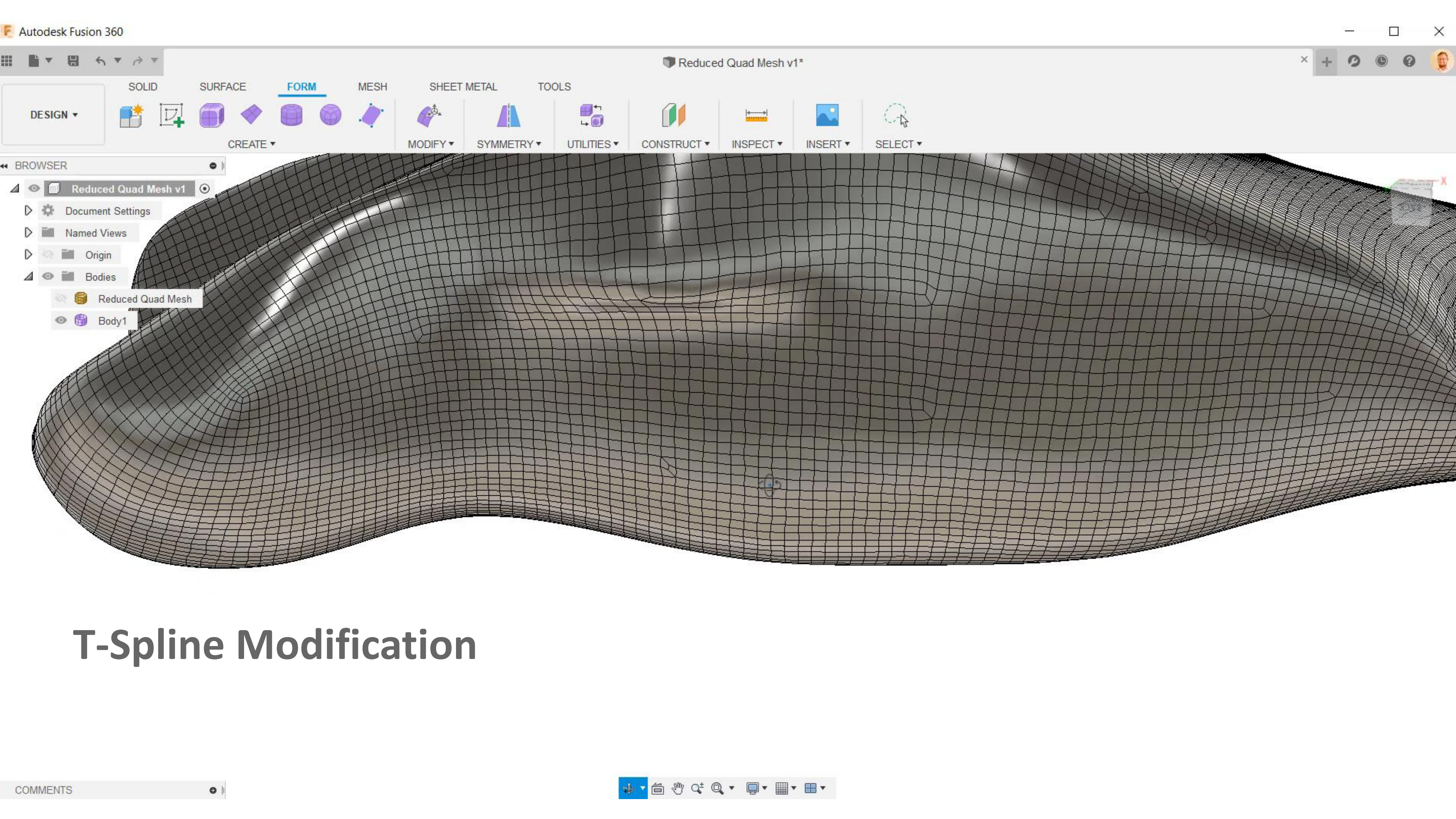
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T-Spline Modification

SOLID

SURFACE

FORM

MESH

SHEET METAL

TOOLS

CREATE ▼

MODIFY ▼

SYMMETRY ▼

UTILITIES ▼

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BROWSER

Reduced Quad Mesh v1

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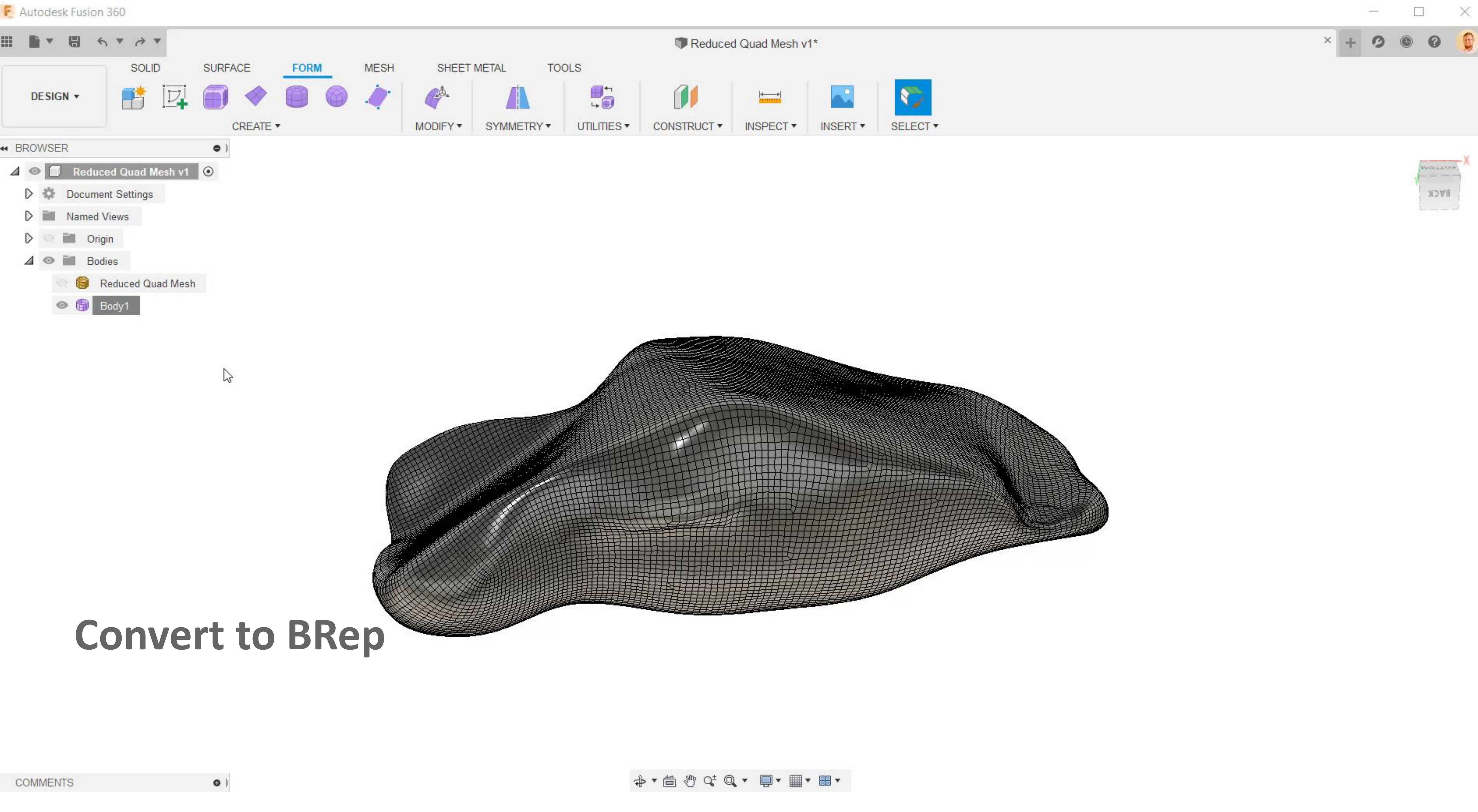
Reduced Quad Mesh

Body1

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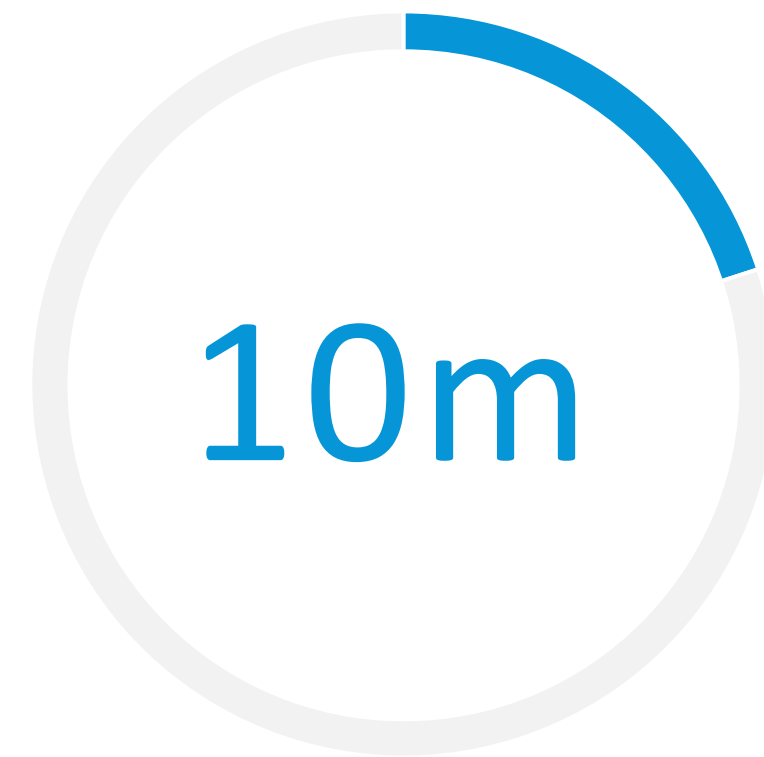


Results



3D Scanning

Minimal labour intensity, semi automated data collection, minimal skill level



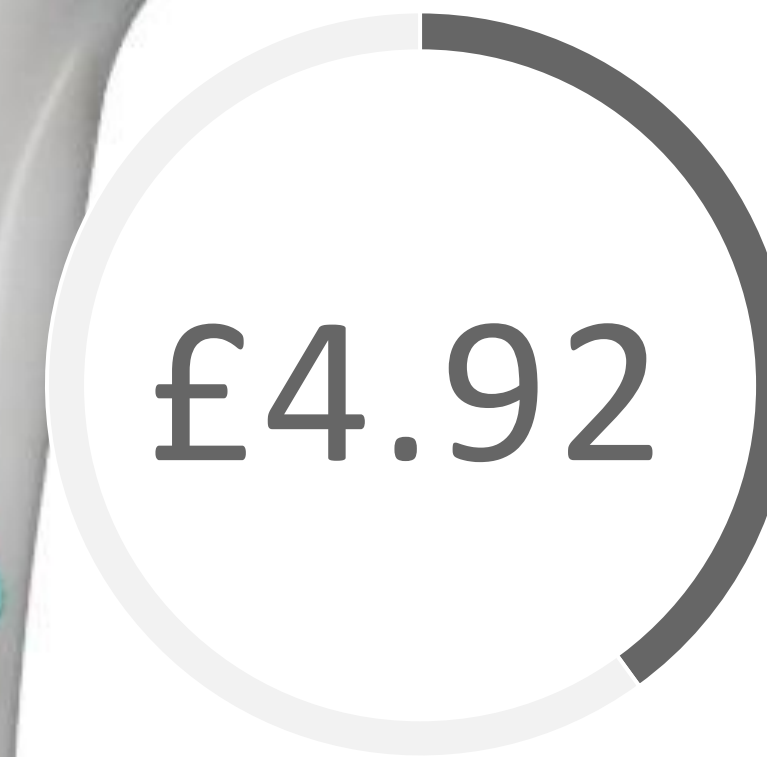
Mesh Repair/Manipulation

Medium skill level, semi-automated data processing



Additive Manufacturing

Low skill level, automated production on an Ultimaker 3D printer with Varioshore material. Some manual post processing

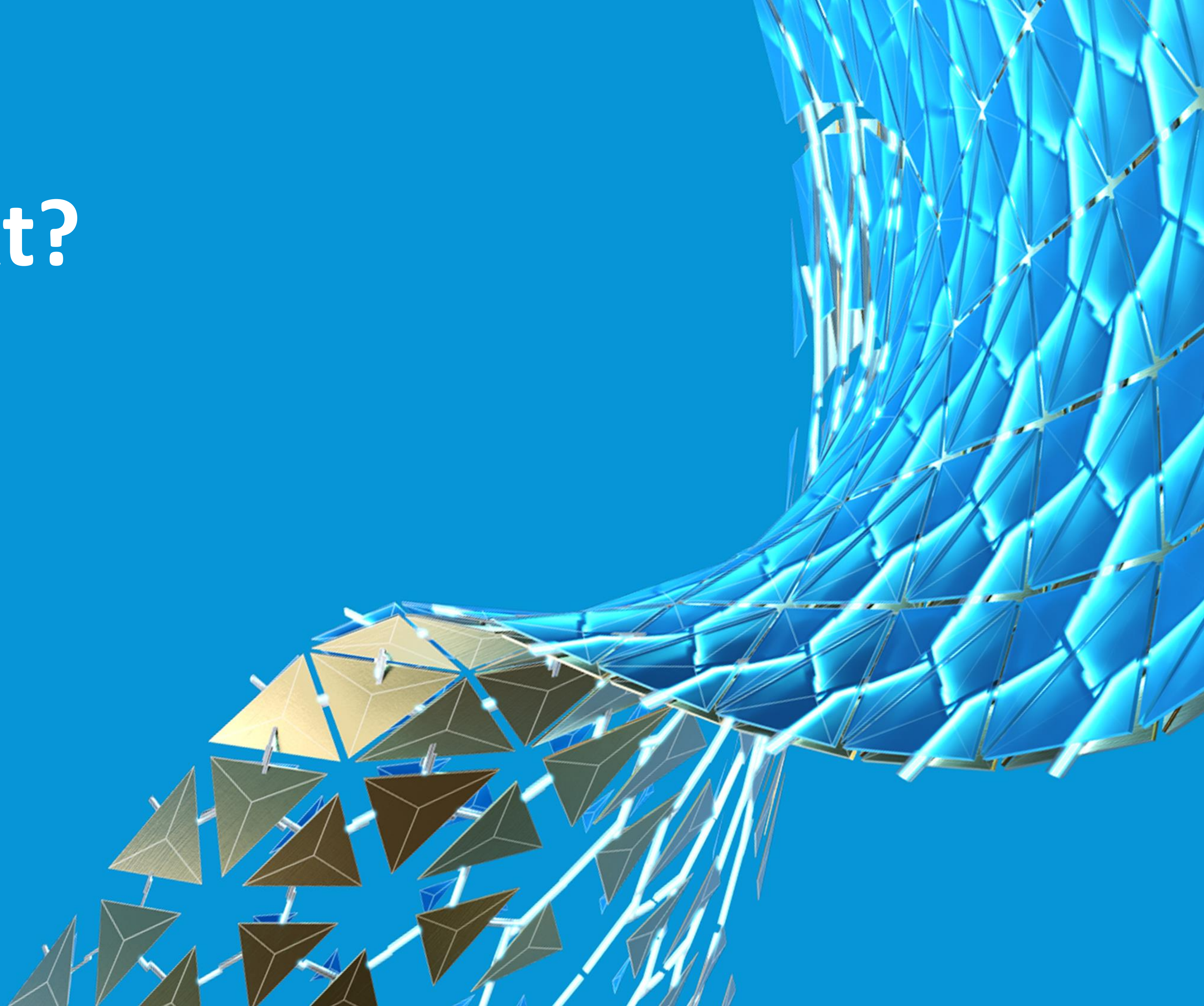


Material Cost

Per part material cost / comparatively low against existing standardized products



What's Next?



Resource links

Consult your class hand out for additional links and possible next steps in getting started



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