

## Moldflow Research and Development Update - 2021

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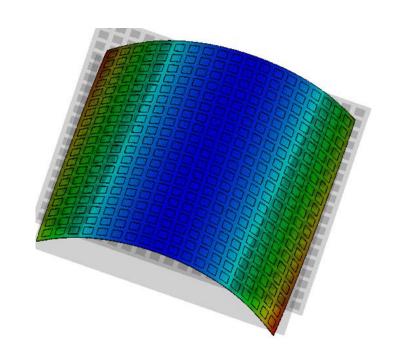
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## Moldflow 2021 Accuracy Improvements

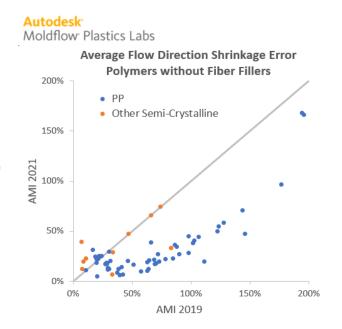
#### MF 2021 Solver accuracy validation report

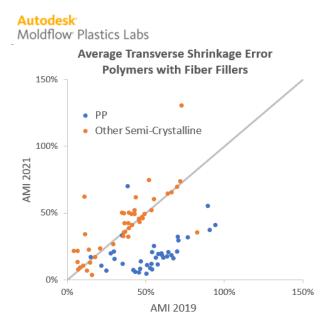
Report published on: <a href="https://www.autodesk.com/industry/manufacturing/simulation-hub/resources">www.autodesk.com/industry/manufacturing/simulation-hub/resources</a>

Highlighted the improvement of 3D Warp for Semi-crystalline materials

Compare Warp prediction error from measurement:

AMI 2021 v.s. AMI 2019



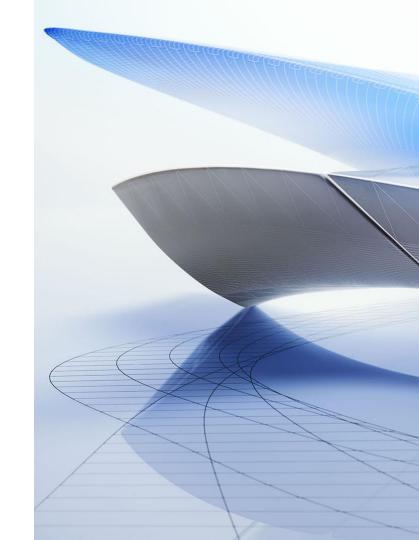


# New Features and Capabilities

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# Use Shrinkage Correction Data in 3D analysis

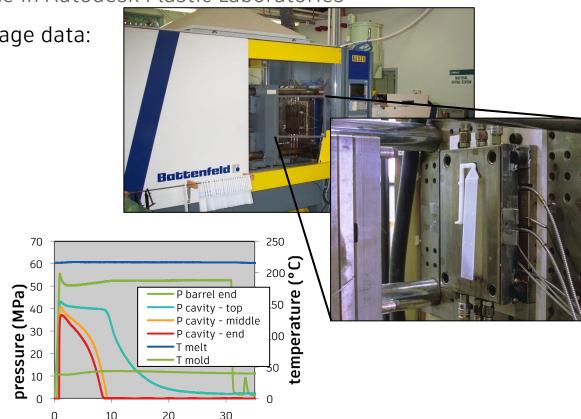
#### Shrinkage measurement

Material Characterization Service in Autodesk Plastic Laboratories

Using existing measured shrinkage data:

- 25 Molding conditions:
- thickness tag
- injection speed
- melt temperature
- mold temperature
- packing pressure
- packing time
- cooling time



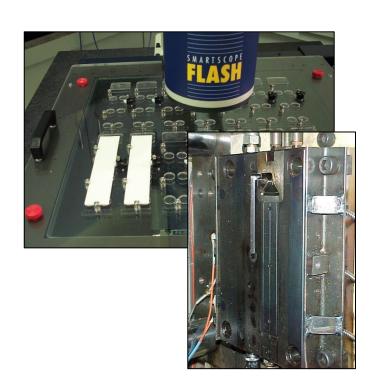


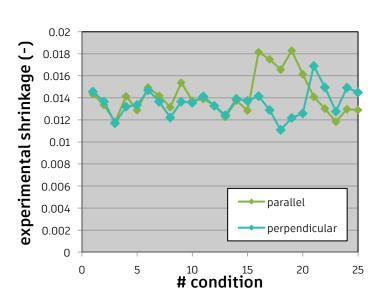
time (s)

#### Shrinkage measurement process

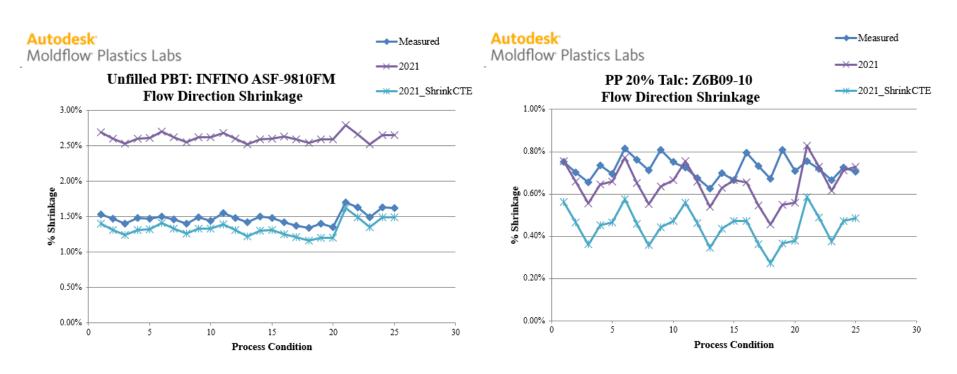
Measure tag grid dimensions (x25)





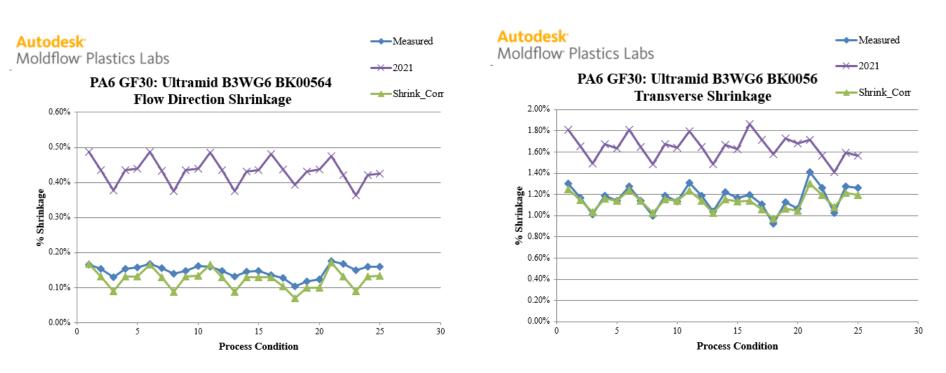


Calibrated CTE (Scandium TP): Non-fiber polymer grades



Shrinkage Tag moldings of 2.0, 1.5 & 3.0 mm

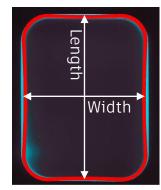
Development for fiber filled polymer material grades

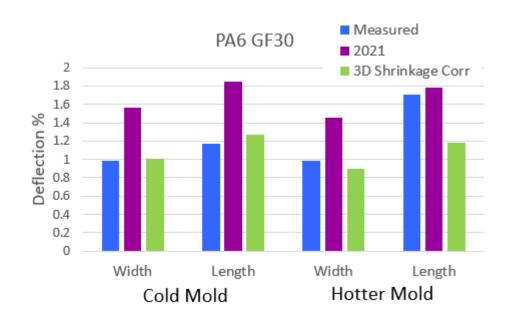


Shrinkage Tag moldings of 2.0, 1.5 & 3.0 mm

Validation molding: PA6 30% glass fiber filled

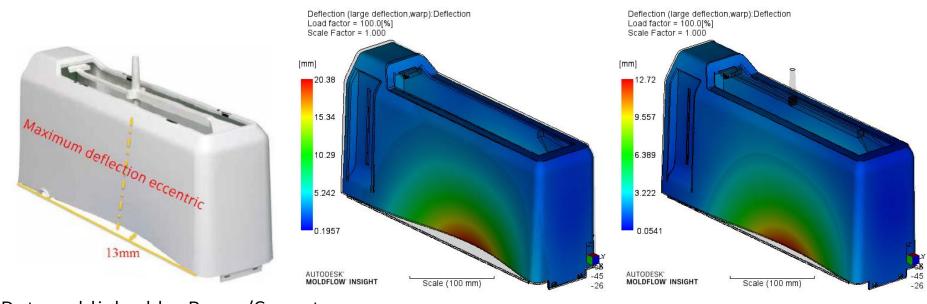






Validation moldings from Autodesk Plastics Lab

Validation molding: PBT 20% glass fiber filled

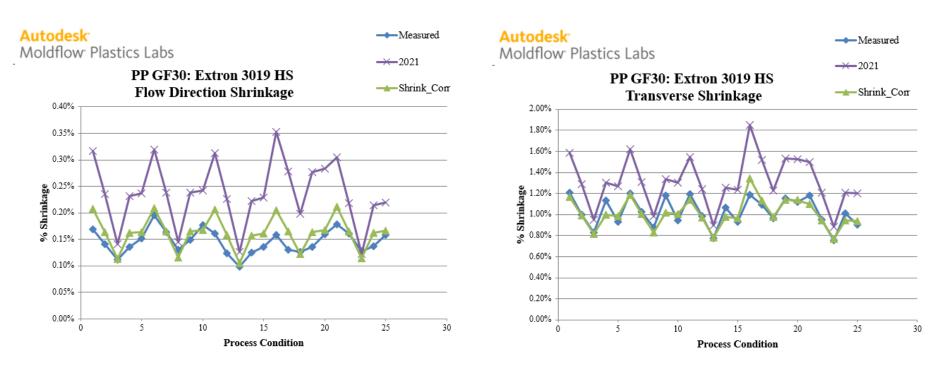


Data published by Bayer/Covestro and Carl Hanser Verlag

AMI 2021

3D Shrinkage Correction

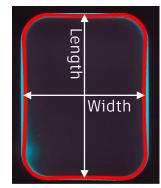
Development for fiber filled polymer grades: Problems to investigate

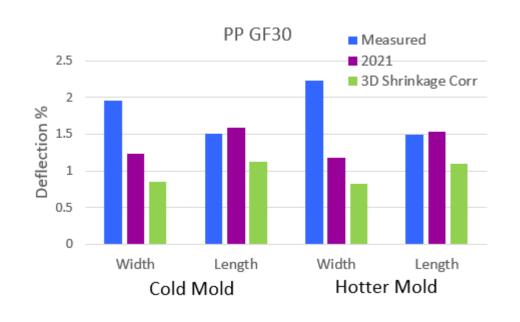


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Validation molding: PP 30% glass fiber filled

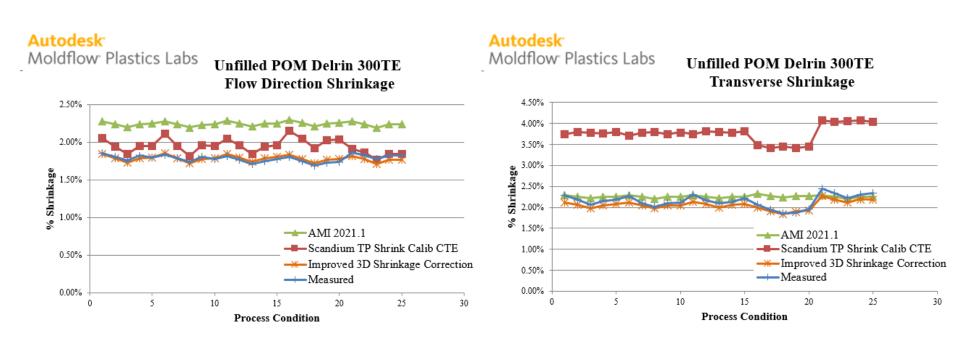






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Improved Shrinkage Calibration: Non-fiber polymer grades



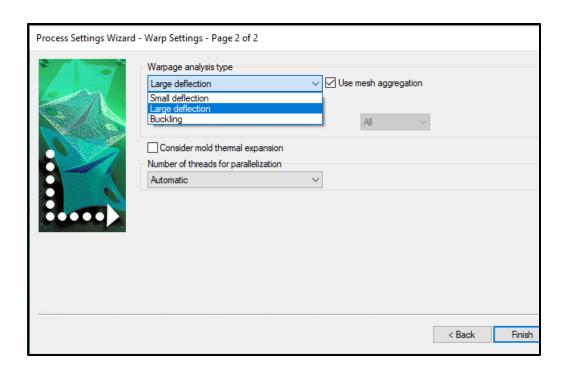
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# 3D Large Deflection (with Mesh Aggregation)

#### Mesh Aggregation for 3D Large Deflection

3D Warp analysis

- Improvement the convergence behavior of 3D Large Deflection analysis
- Enable Mesh Aggregation option



## Large Deflection analysis

Geometric Non-linearity

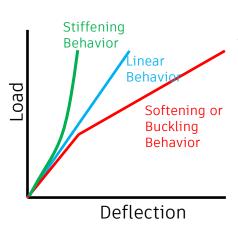
#### <u>Linear deformation analysis</u>

"Small deflection" analysis

Assumes linear relationship between applied load & deflection

Single step calculation

Good representation for most warpage cases



#### Non-linear deformation analysis

"Large deflection" analysis

Apply the load incrementally

Calculate a deflected shape

Recalculate the stress balance according to this deflected shape

#### Large Deflection analysis

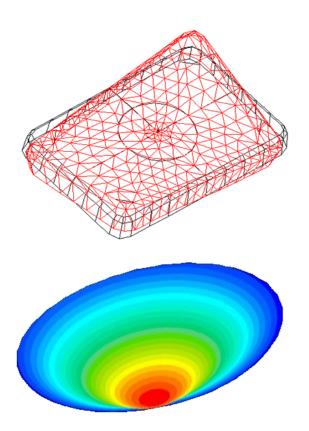
Geometric Non-linearity

Components buckle under the in-mold residual stress and a post-buckling response is required

 A linear analysis will under predict the deflection in this case

Displacements and rotations of components become large enough that the stiffness of the part changes as more load is applied

A linear analysis would over predict the deflection in this case

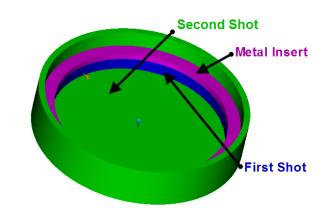


#### Large Deflection analysis

Geometric Non-linearity

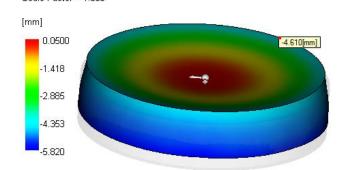
Small deflection (linear) over-estimates the warpage

As the top of the part domes a little the structure stiffens lowering the total deflection



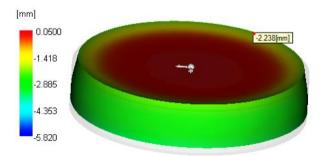
#### Small Deflection (Linear) Analysis Result

Deflection, all effects: Z Component Scale Factor = 1.000



#### Large Deflection (Non-Linear) Analysis Result

Deflection (large deflection,warp):Z Component Load factor = 100.0[%]



Z. Fan, ANTEC 2011



Fraunhofer

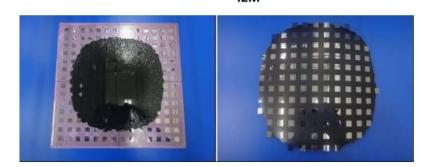


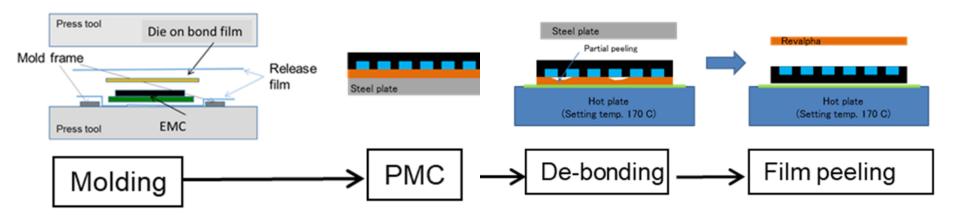


Process Case-Study

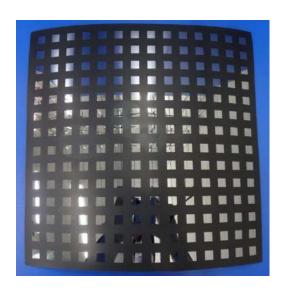
- Molding
- Post-mold curing (PMC)
- De-bonding
- Film peeling

EMC & test vehicle provided by ShinEtsu



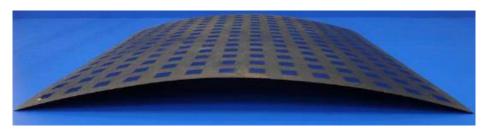


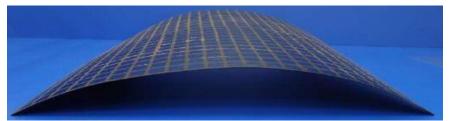
Warp Observation



Dimensions: 300 x 300 x 0.5 mm

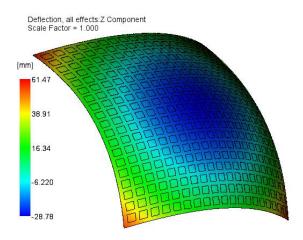
Majority of the panel exhibits a cylindrical or tunnel shape warpage





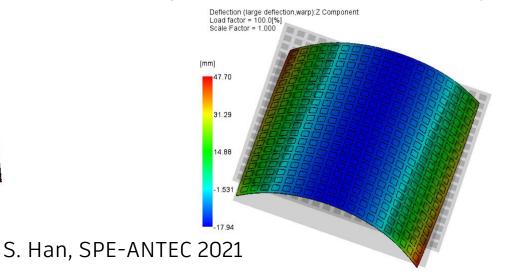
Deflection prediction

## Small Deflection Analysis (Linear Analysis)

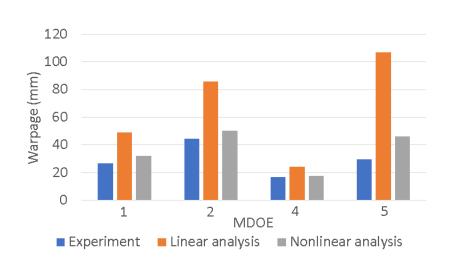




#### Large Deflection (non-linear) Analysis



Deflection prediction & performance



Four different panel molding cases

- Original Large Deflection analyses had convergence problems
  - No progress after running for 6 weeks
- With convergence behavior improved & using mesh aggregation enabled
  - Required between 14 to 25 days for each Large Deflection analysis

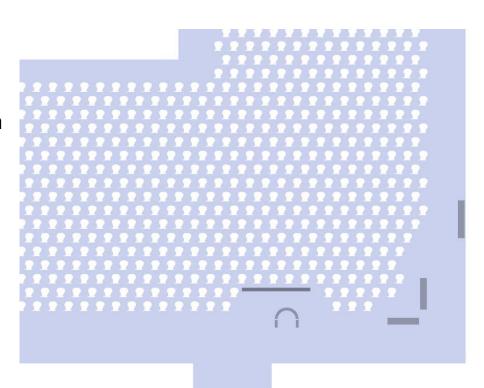
These ultra thin panels are an extreme case!

# Additional Results and Capabilities

## Remove memory limit for 3D Warp

Model size limit

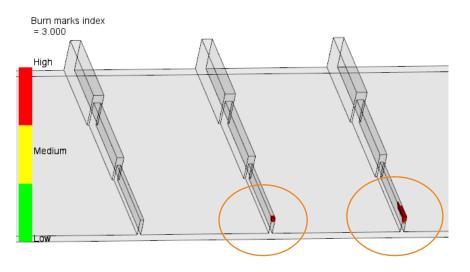
- Previous limits:
  - Without Mesh Aggregation: ~8 million
  - With Mesh Aggregation: ~ 16 million
- 3D Warp code now restructured to remove this memory limit
- Still limited by the memory on your computer



## **Burn mark prediction**

Due to air compression and heating as part of an air-trap in a venting analysis

Not all air-traps will result in burn marks



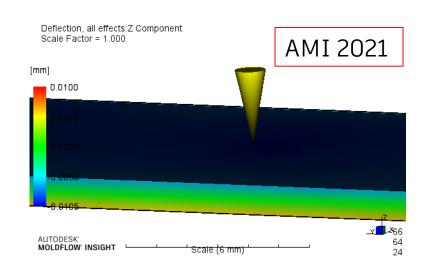


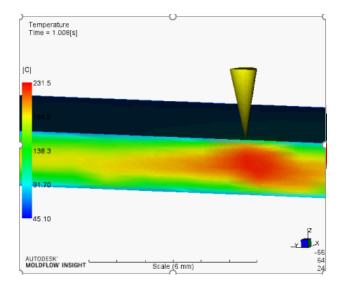
# Visual warp deflection with mold opening

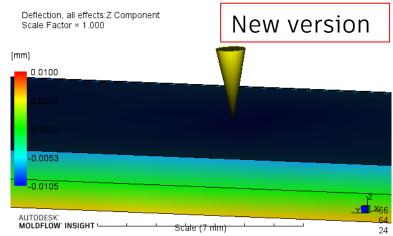
Microcellular Foaming with Core-back (mold opening)

Visualize the true part geometry

Warp deflection was previously displayed on the original geometry only



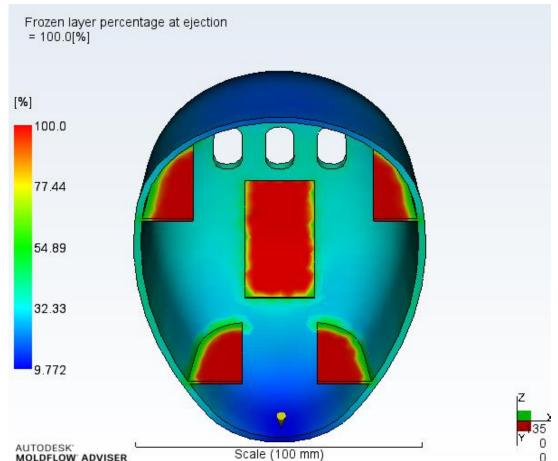




## Frozen Layer at Ejection for Moldflow Adviser

Thinner sections freeze earlier

Frozen Layer result already available in Moldflow Insight/Synergy



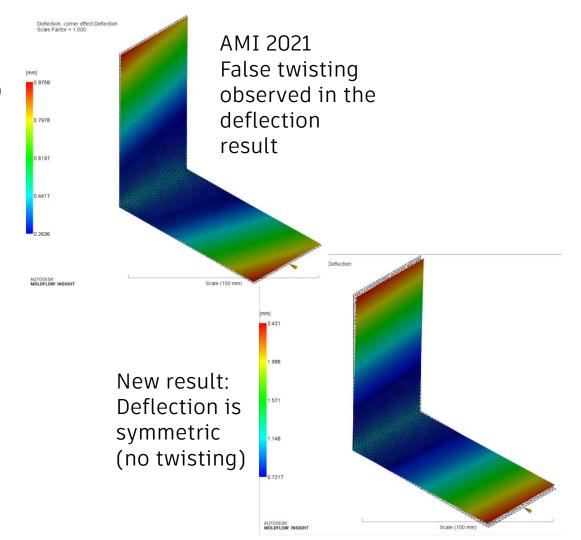
## Warp Accuracy Enhancements (in progress)

#### **Corner effects**

Midplane and Dual-domain warp

Improved handling of corner effect for anisotropic materials

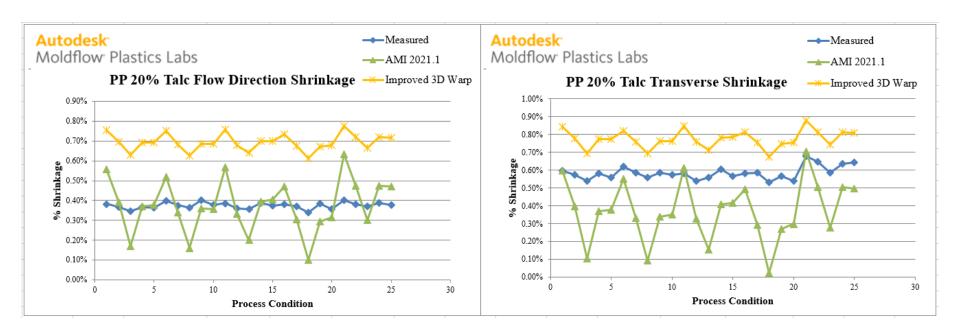
 Includes when the anisotropy comes from CRIMS shrinkage measurement



#### Improve 3D Warp for low stiffness polymers

Example: PP with Talc

- 3D Residual Stress Model in AMI 2021 is too sensitive to packing pressure variation
- Improve 3D Residual Stress model improves pressure sensitivity
  - This improvement does not rely on the use of measured Shrinkage Correction data



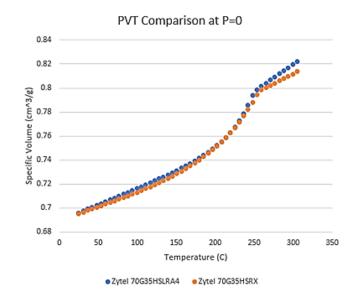
## Other Warp investigations

Sensitivity to PVT solid phase curvature:

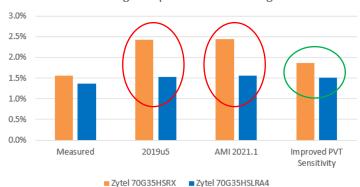
- PVT magnitude very similar for 2 materials
- 3D Residual Stress Model results up to 25% difference

Some warp results (Midplane/DD/3D) are unsymmetric due to lack of convergence

Related to the selection of automatic constraints







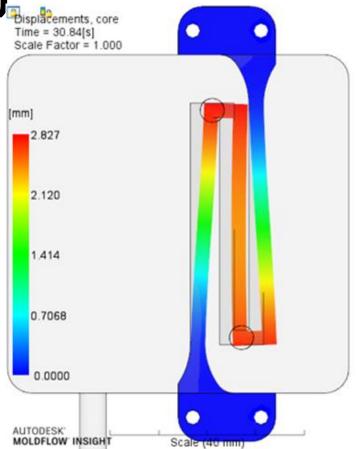
## Flow Accuracy Enhancements

Consider shear stress (drag)
in Core-Shift

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| Core-Shift | Core-Sh

Previously only normal forces (pressure) were acting on the core



#### Other 3D Flow Solver Changes

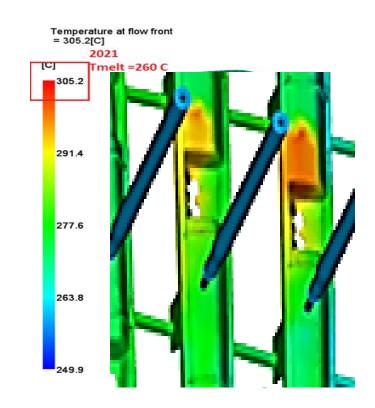
(In development)

Improved time-steps when valve-gates open

Less spurious Flow Front Temperature hot-spots

Display actual surface temperature of polymer

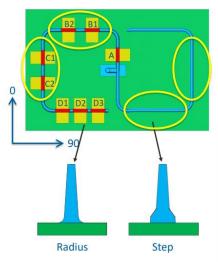
 Previously displayed the mold surface temperature on part surface



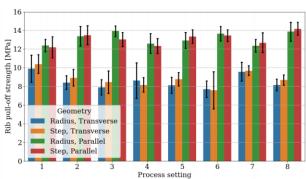
# External Research Collaborations

## **Composites Overmolding**

TPRC (Netherlands) + Aniform + Industry Partners



Gathering bond strength data for injection overmolding of continuous fiber composites

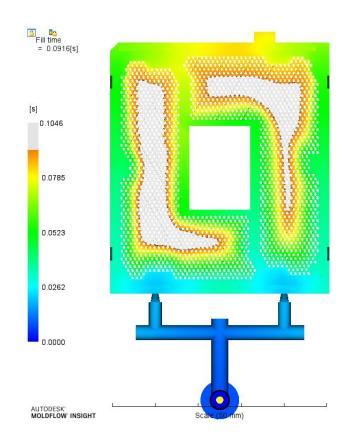


"Enlighten": New large scale publicly funded research project



## **LCP Socket Moldings**

- Partnership with INEMI, Intel, Celanese, Foxconn, Lotes, ....
- Validating Flow and Warpage Predictions
- Developing a simplification approach for accelerated simulation





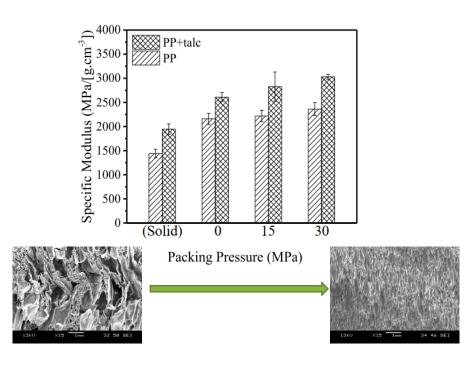
#### Microcellular Foaming

(University of Toronto)

- Visualizing Bubble Coalescence
- Implemented a LBM foaming + fiber analysis
- Relate properties to void fraction
  - (MO: mold-opening)

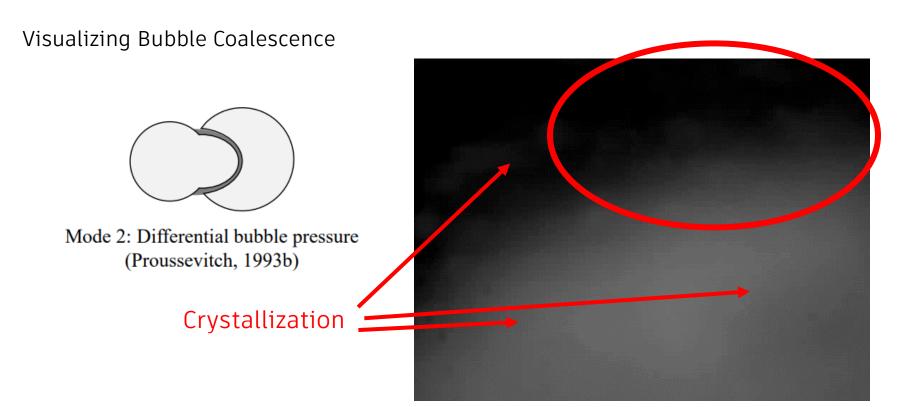


#### 3-point bending



## Microcellular Foaming

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Video: University of Toronto

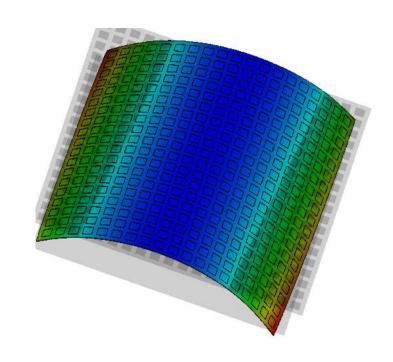
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