

Autodesk Helius PFA: Advanced Material Simulation for Light-Weighting

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Class summary

Plastics, composites, and other advanced materials are replacing metal across multiple industries. The main benefit provided by replacing metallic designs with advanced material designs is the ability to make a product lighter. Advanced materials add challenges to the design process for parts, assemblies, and structures that use these materials. The material behavior is often non-linear, anisotropic, and influenced by how products are manufactured. Helius PFA software provides powerful capabilities for simulating these beneficial but complex materials within a mechanical design. The Helius PFA software suite includes Advanced Material Exchange software for mapping manufacturing data from Moldflow Insight to structural simulation. Join Autodesk, Inc., to learn about the newest features, use cases, best practices for using Helius PFA software, and on the future of advanced material simulation at Autodesk.

Key learning objectives

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

- Learn how to identify use cases and the benefits for using advanced material simulation tools
- Learn best practices for using Helius PFA
- Discover the newest features available in Helius PFA 2016
- Discover the future of advanced material simulation at Autodesk

Benefits of Using Advanced Material Simulation Tools

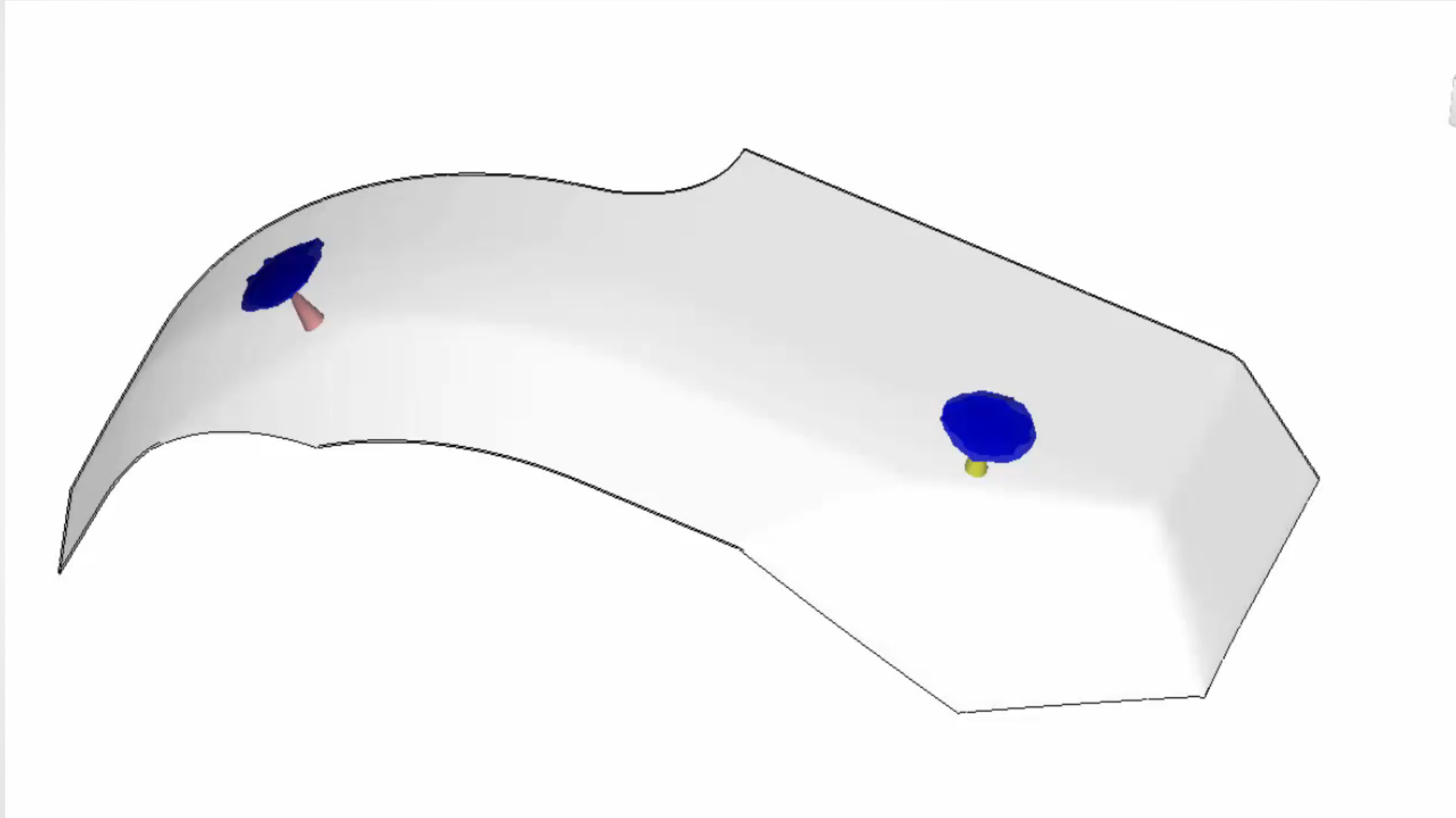
Innovative Design



Lightweight Performance

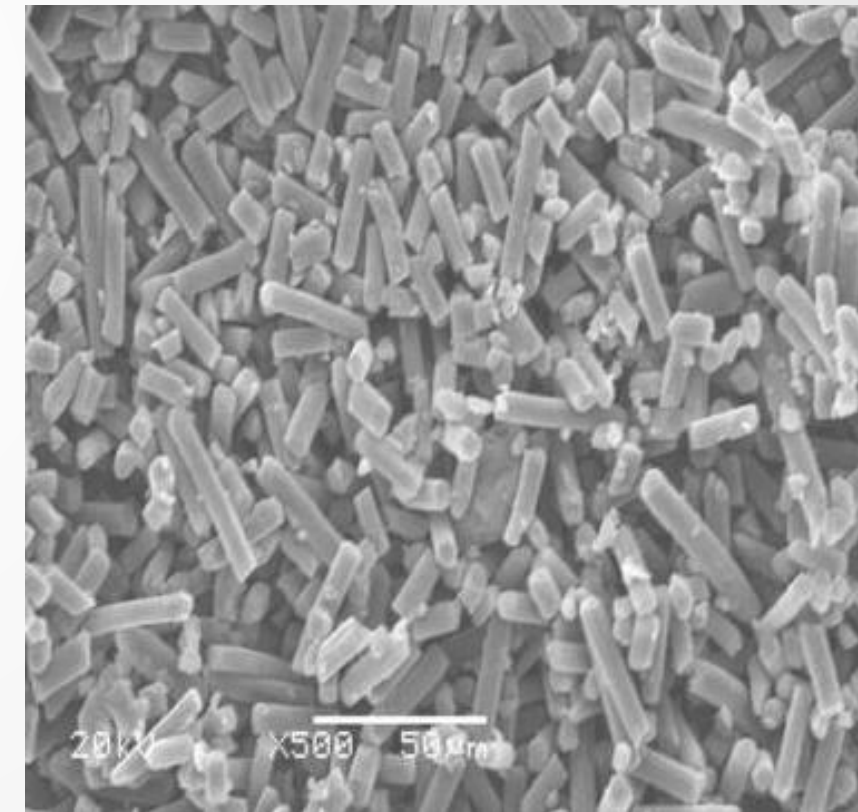
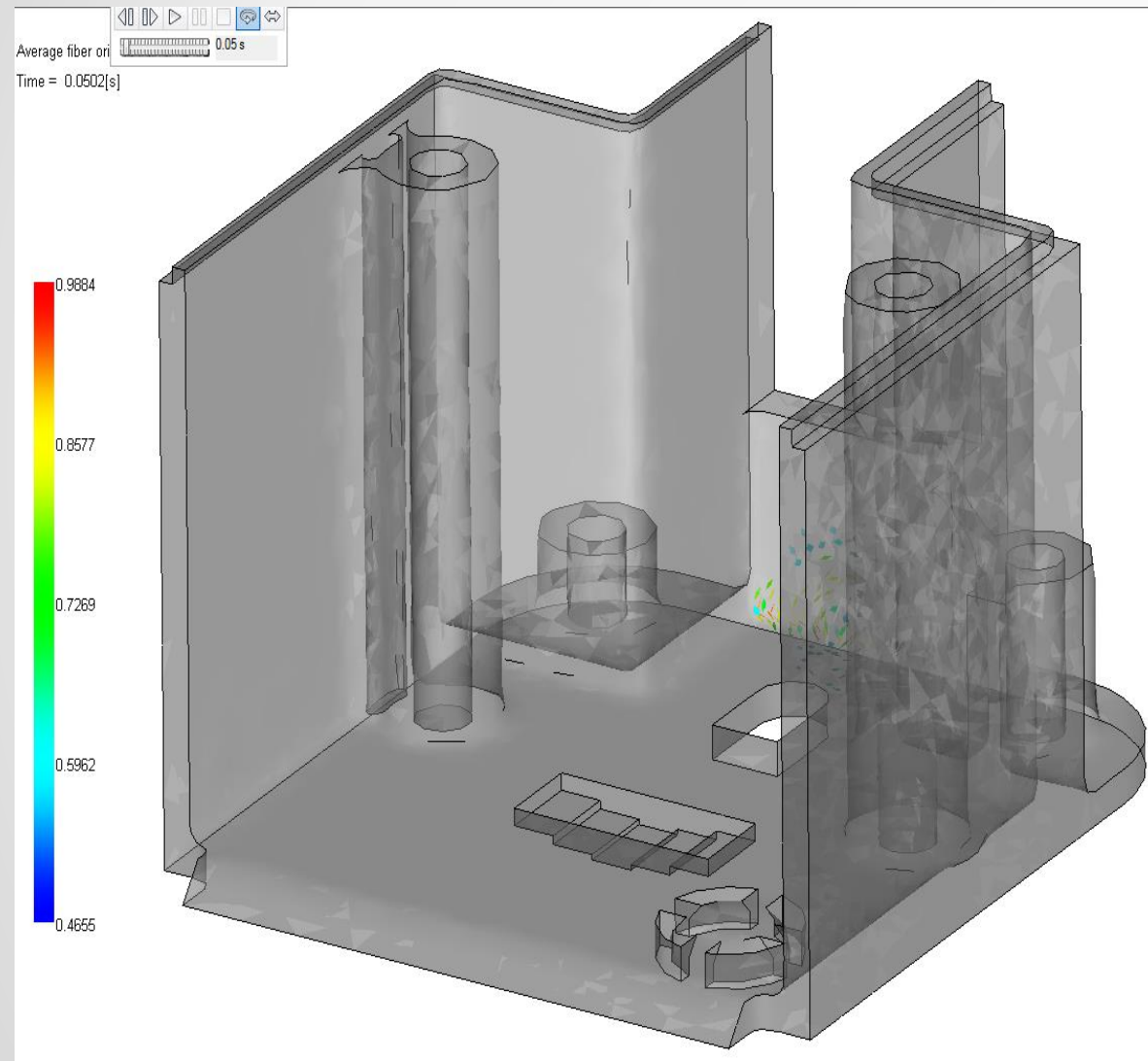


Manufacturing Process Influences Product Behavior

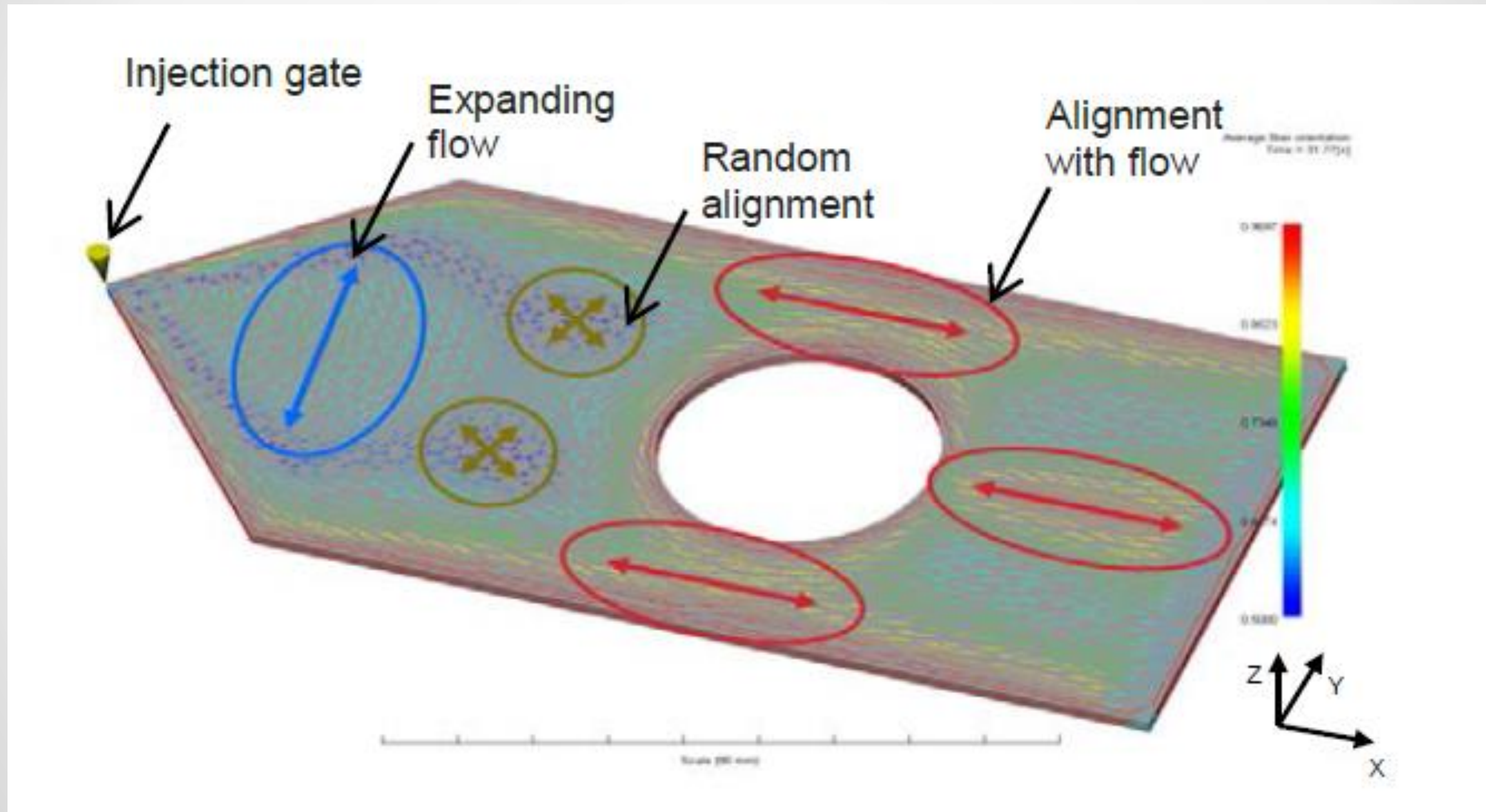


Use Autodesk Moldflow to Simulate Fiber Orientation

- Chopped Fiber Reinforced Plastics



Use Autodesk Moldflow to Simulate Fiber Orientation



Why Are Fiber Orientations Important?



Fibers in X direction

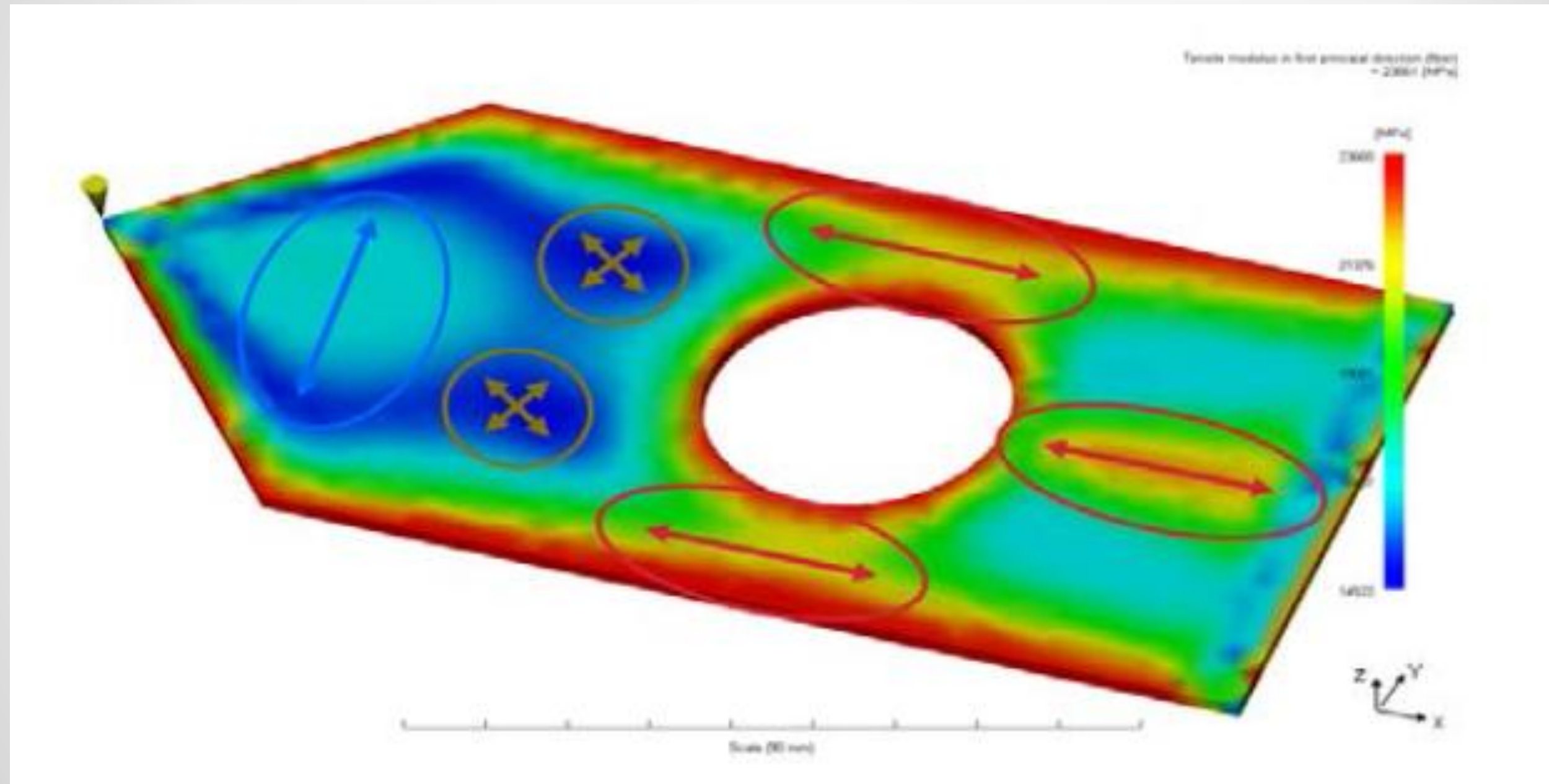
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E_y (MPa)	4000



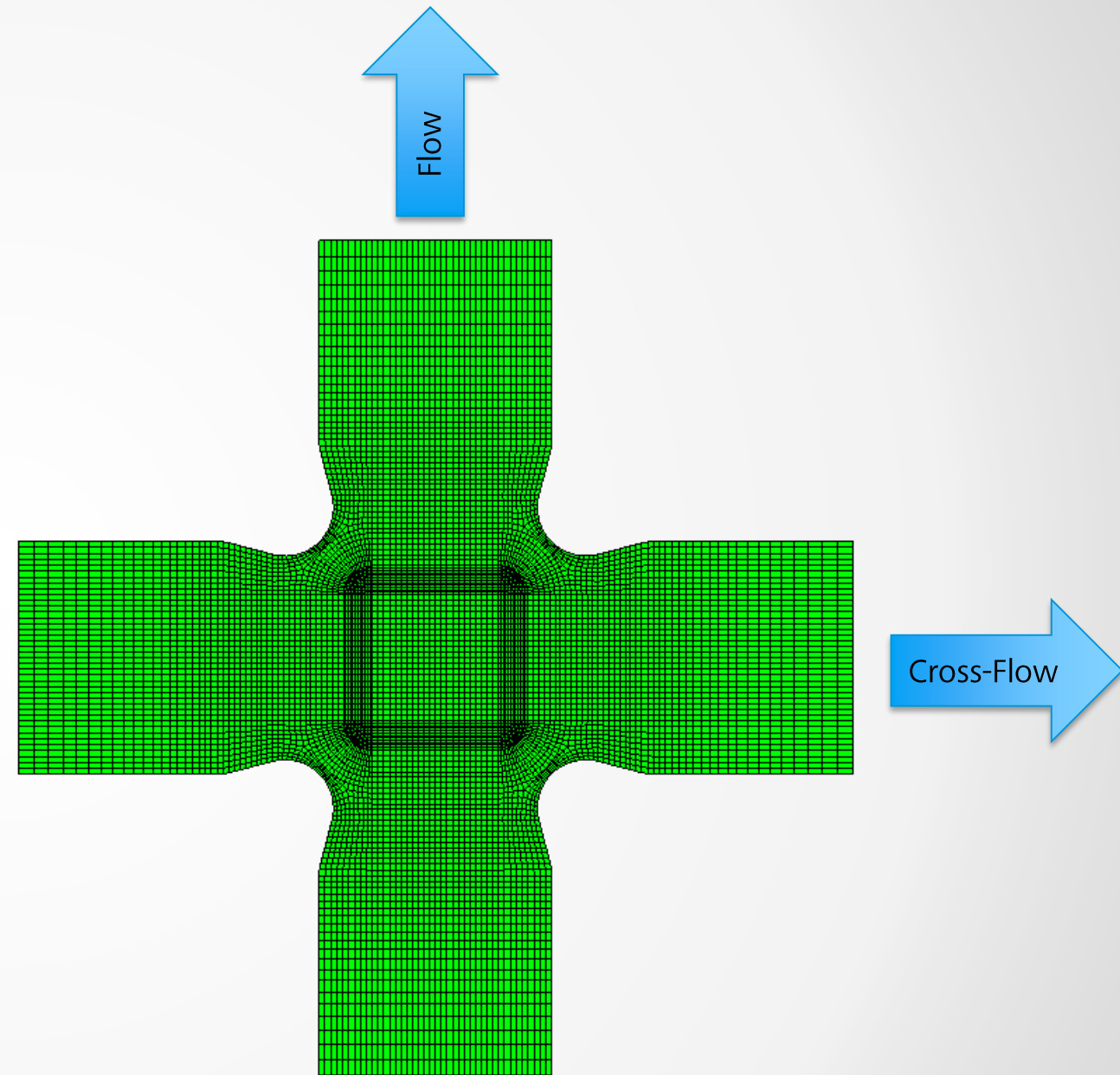
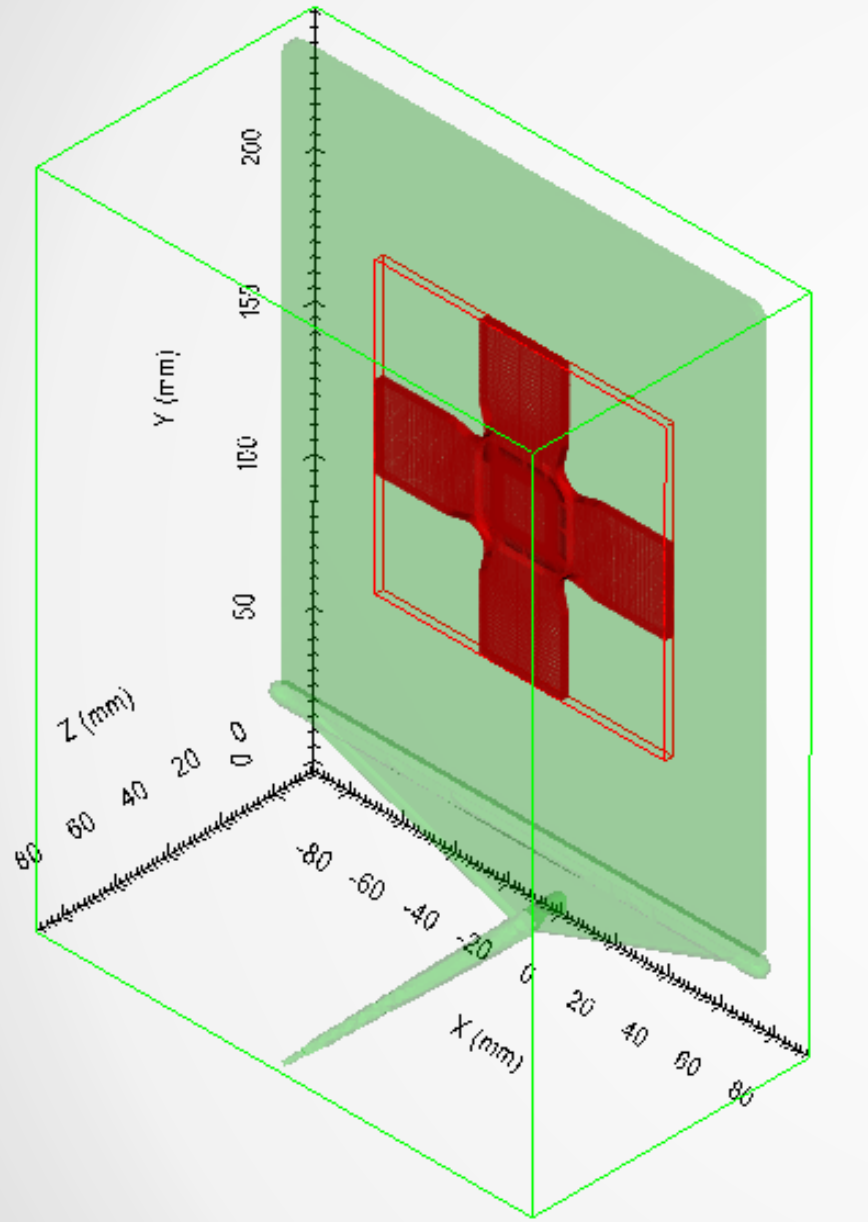
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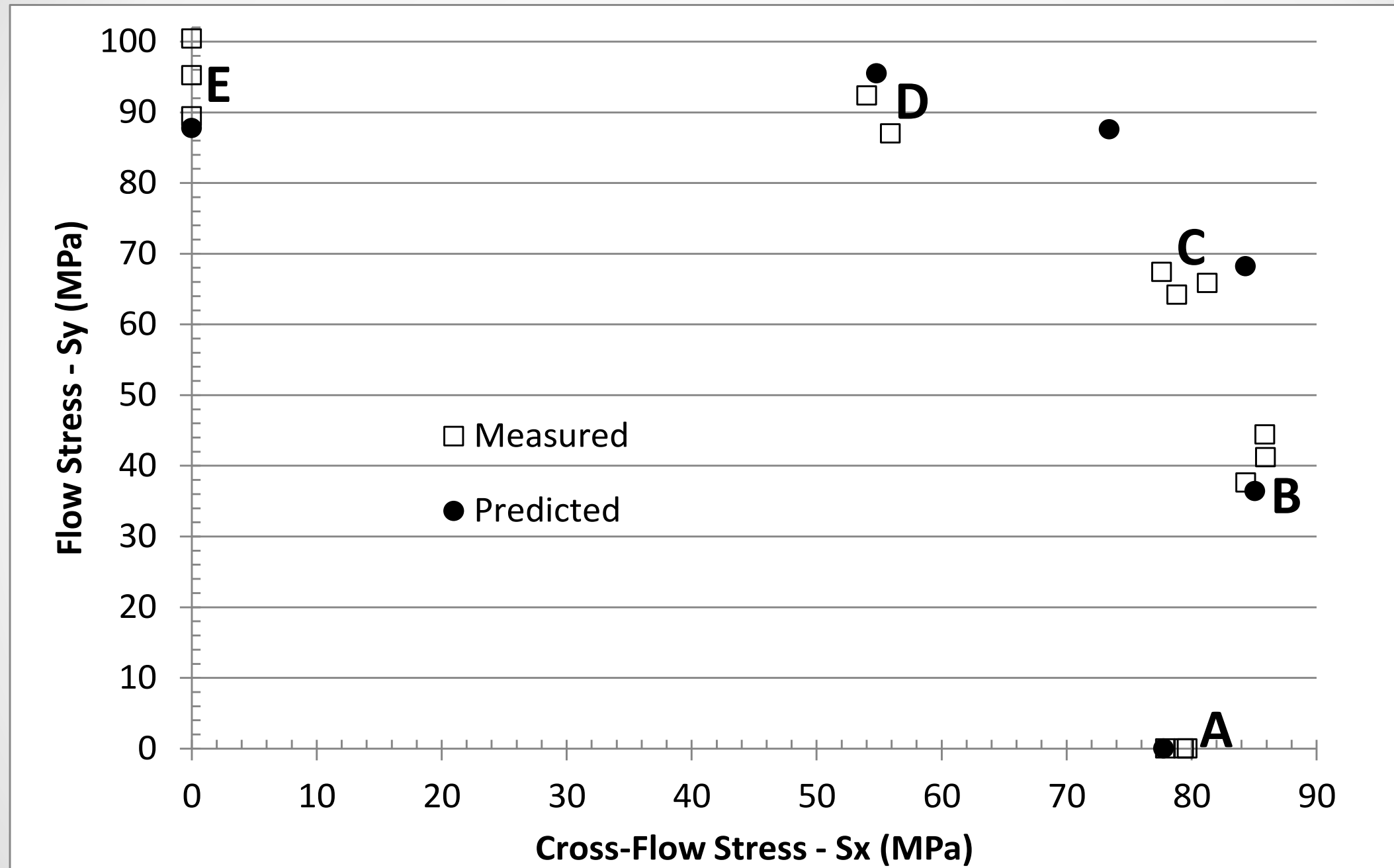
Accounting for Orthotropic Material Behavior



Strength/Failure Predictions

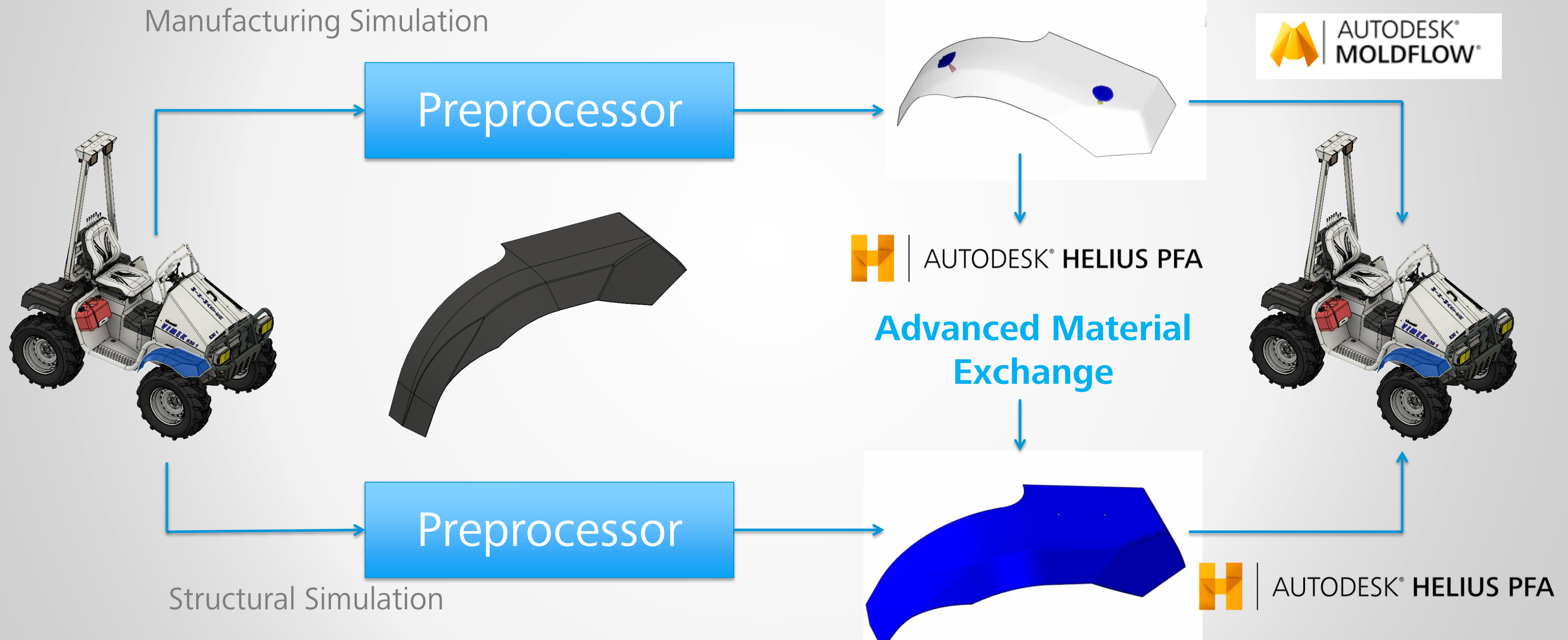


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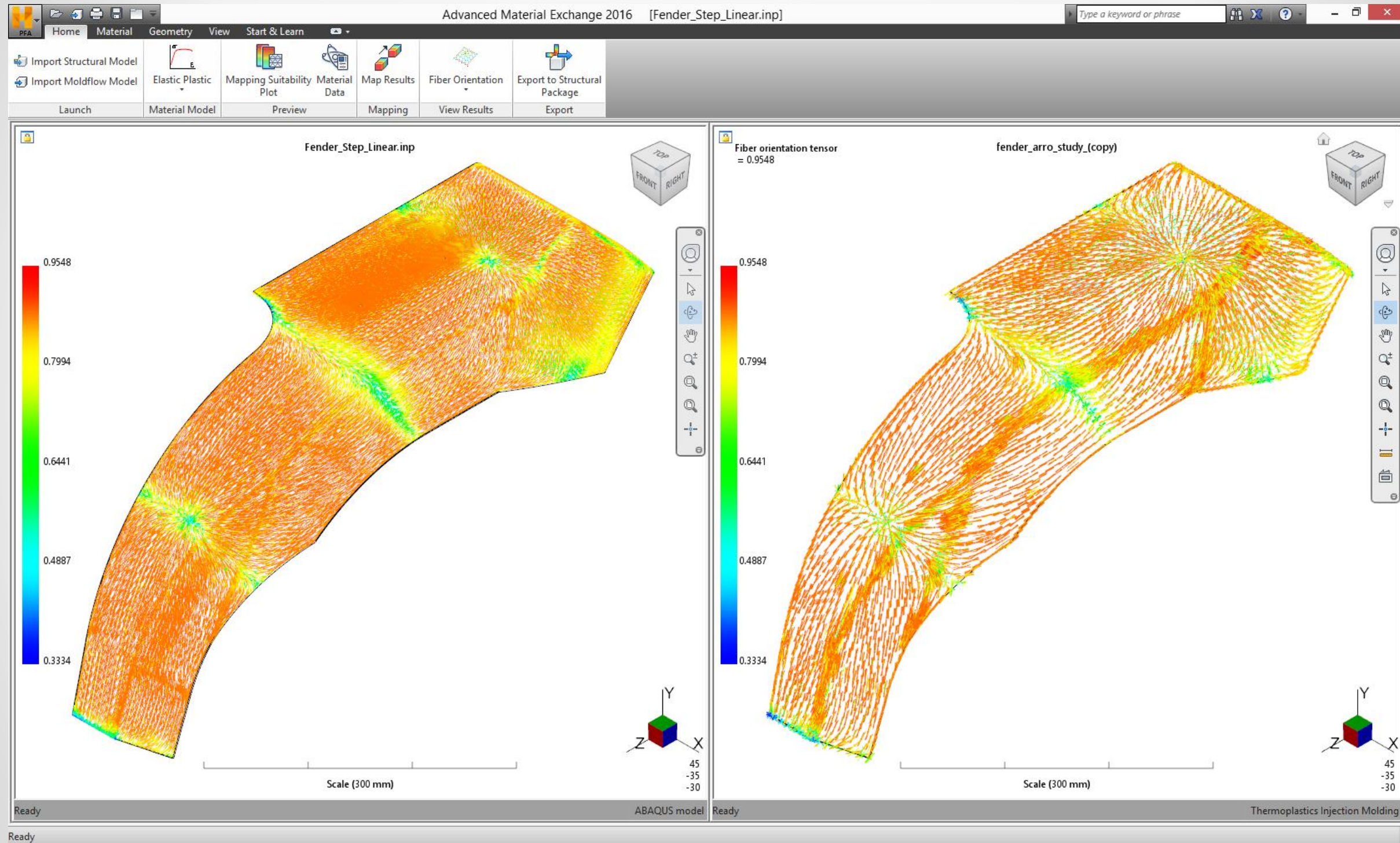


Advanced Material Simulation Best Practices

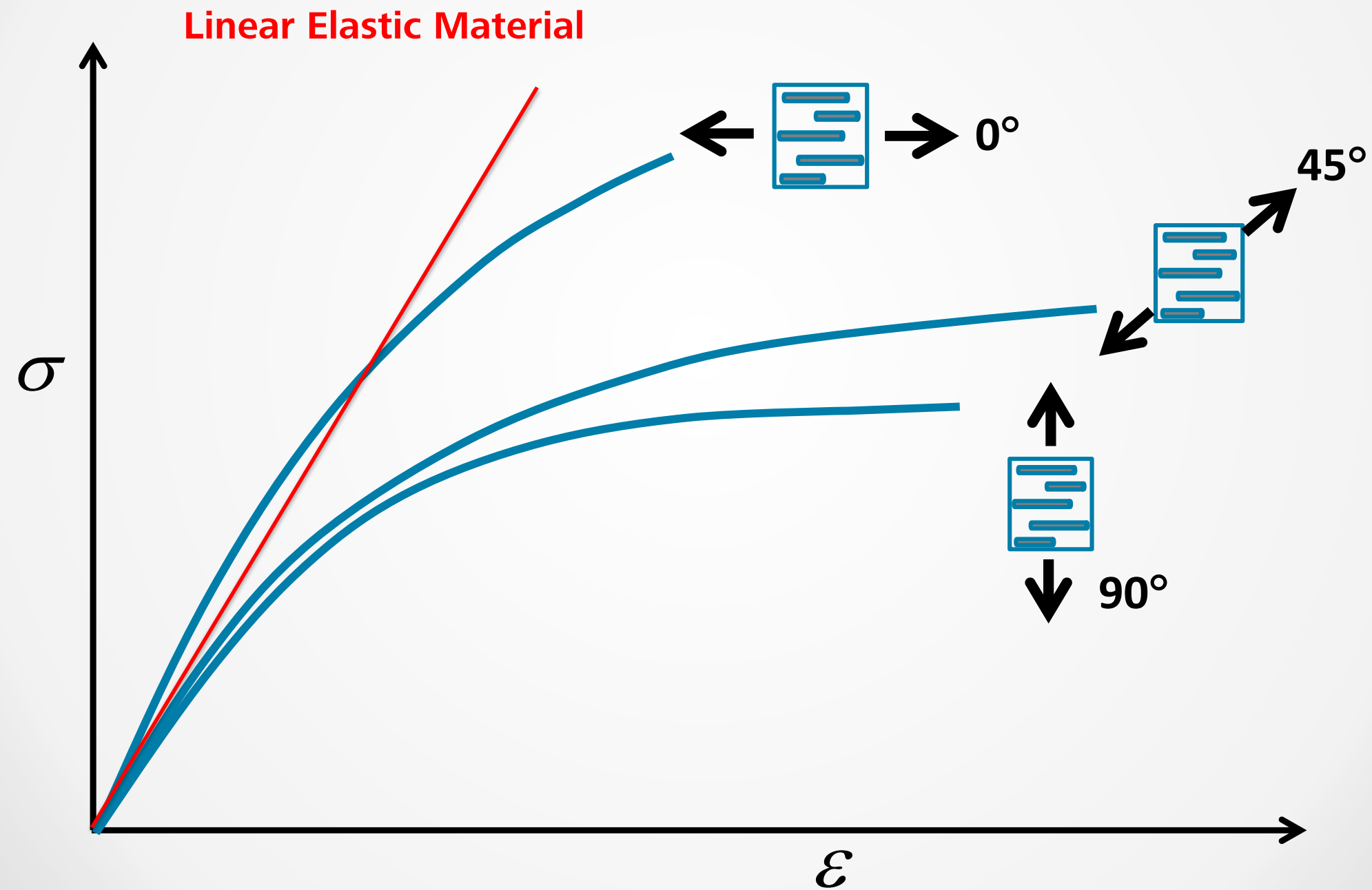
Account for Fiber Orientation



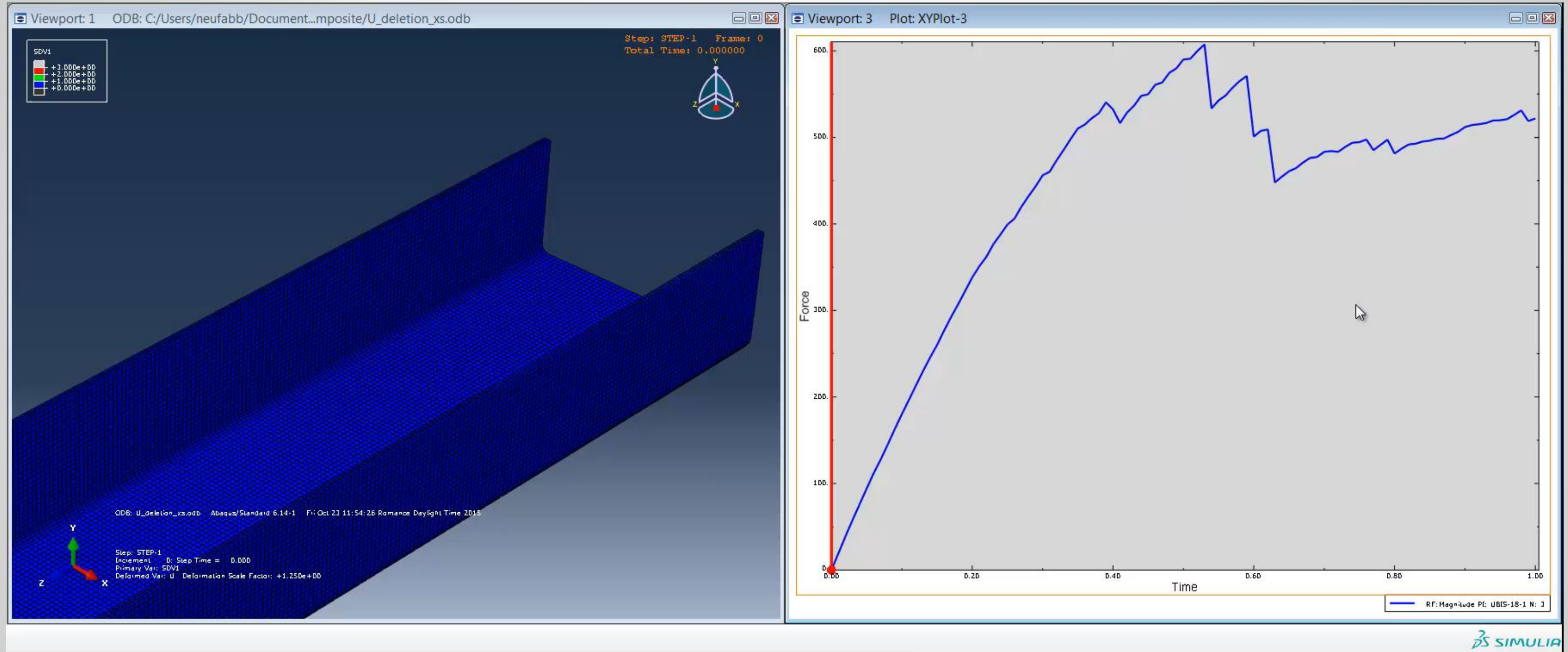
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Use Non-Linear Test Data



Improve Convergence Behavior



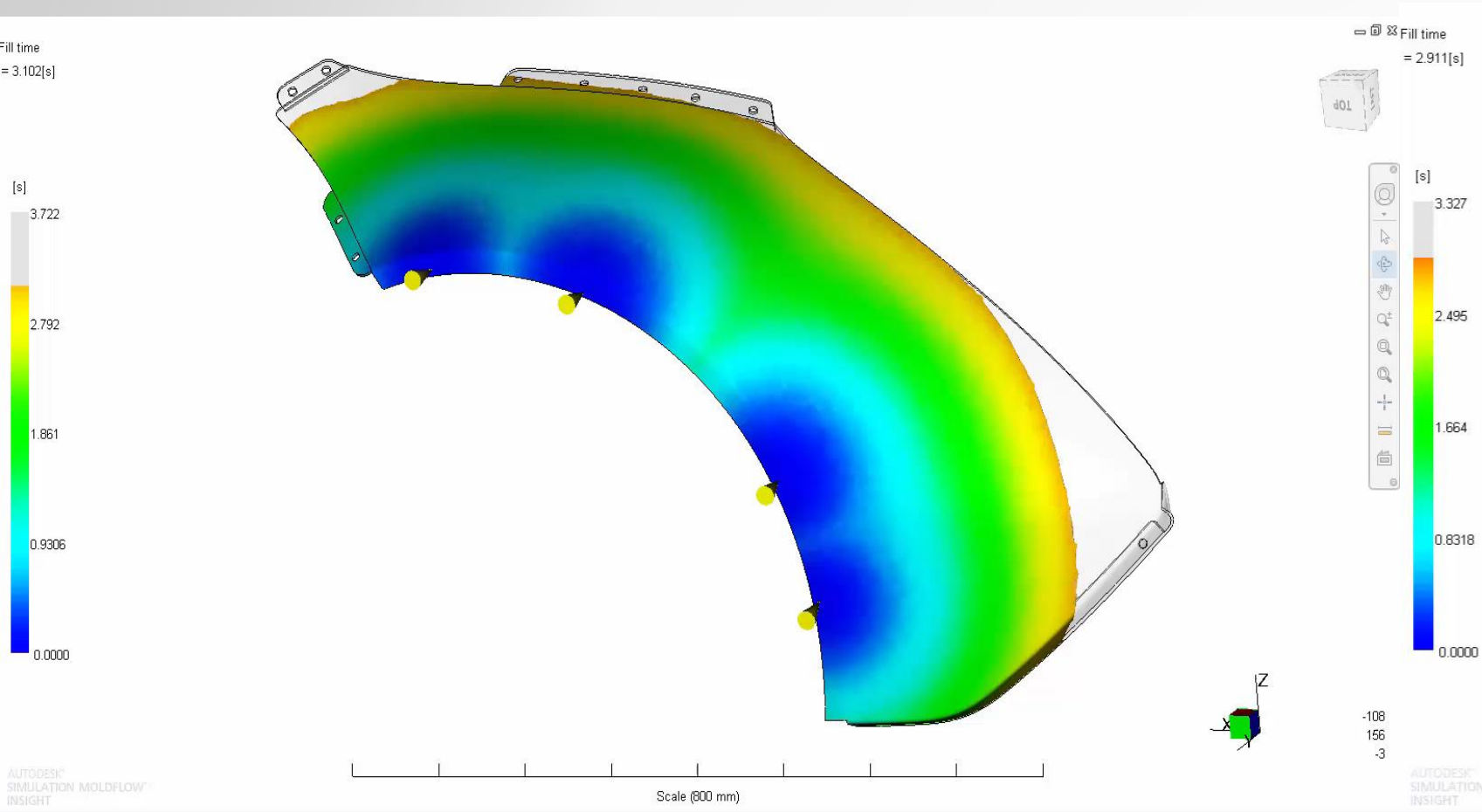
Fender Fit After Warp Moldflow + Helius PFA

Overview

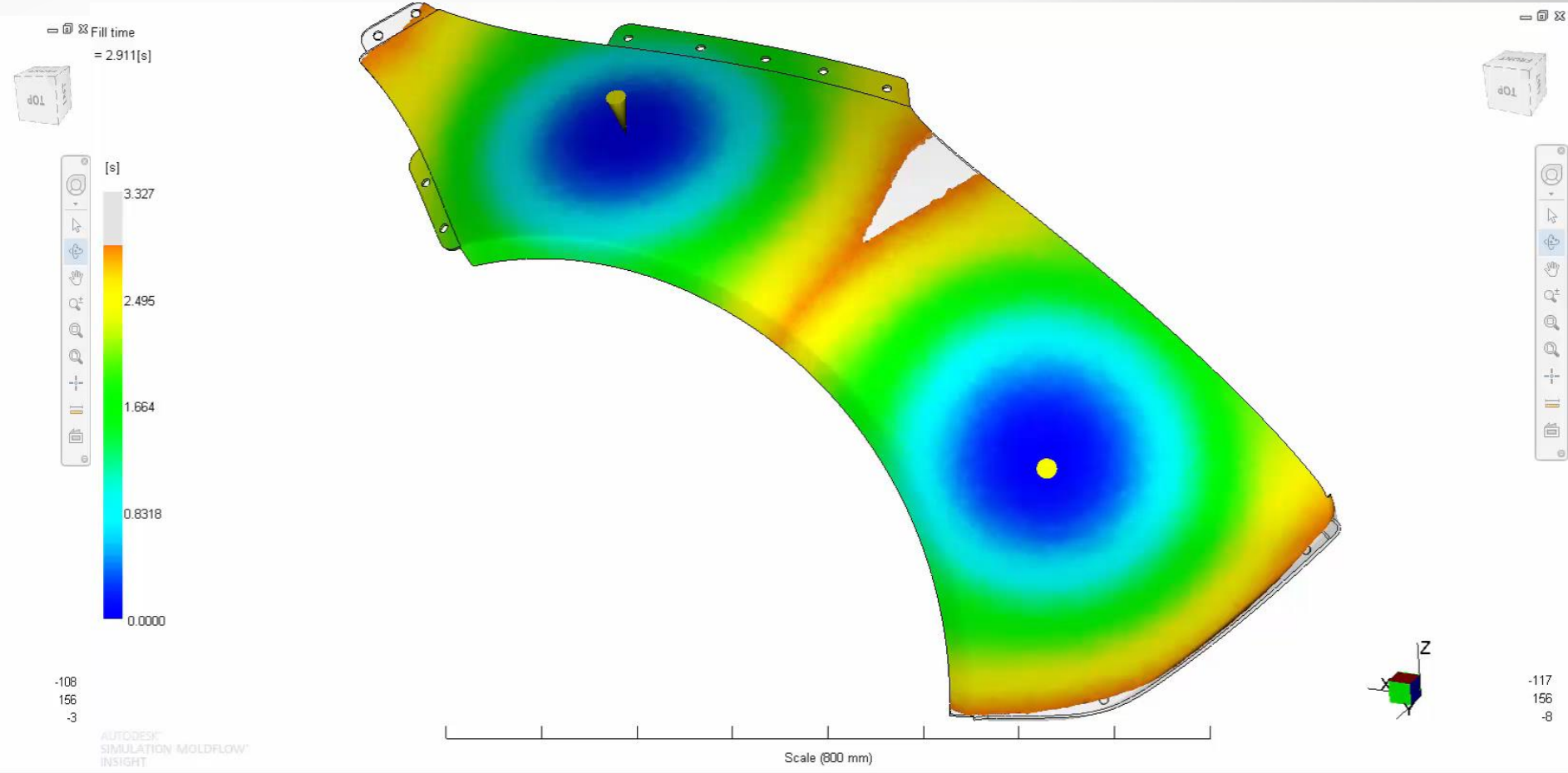
- Comparing gate locations for dimensional stability
 - How does the part deflect after assembly?
 - Can gate locations be modified to reduce deflection?



Moldflow Simulation

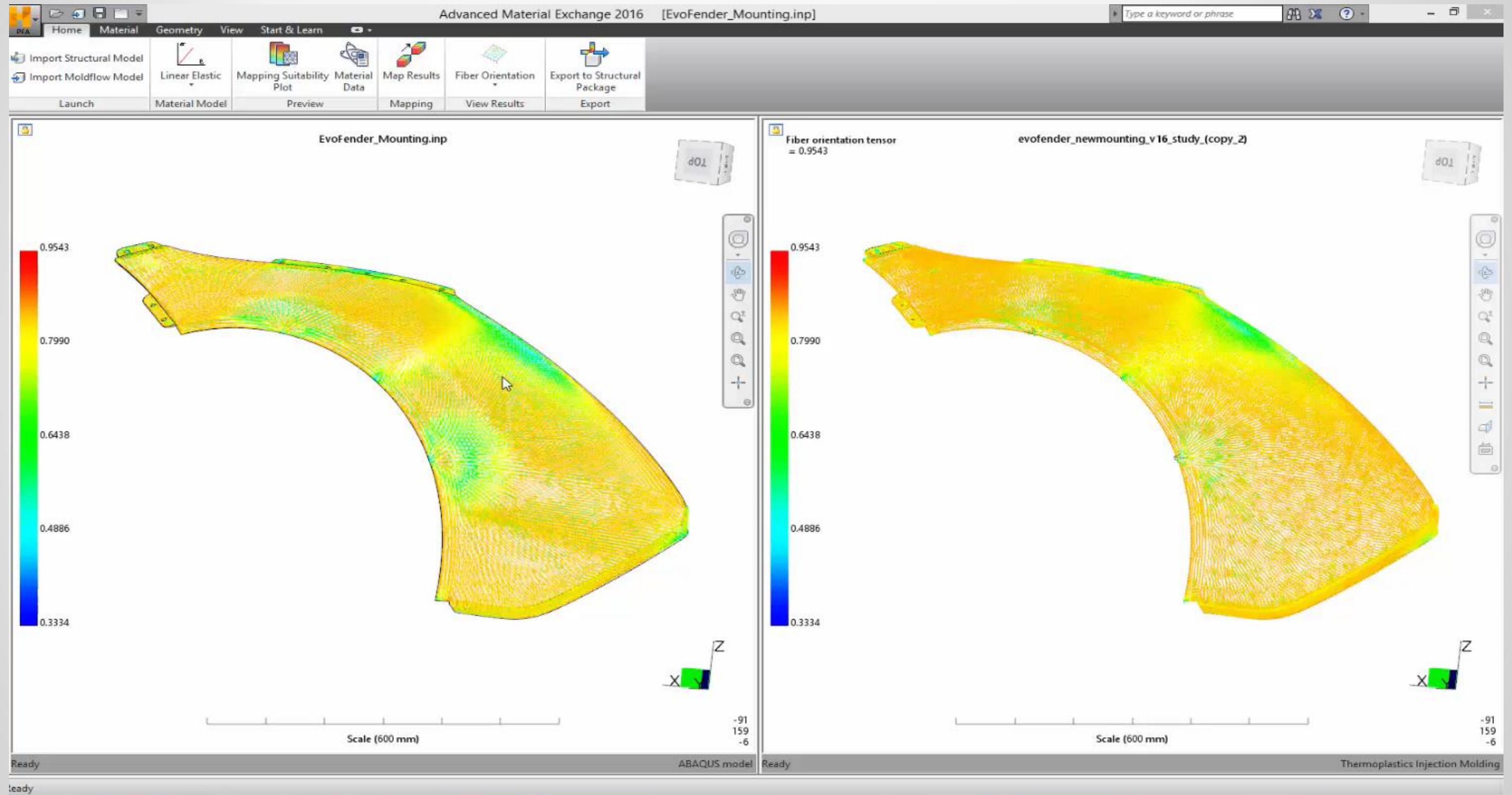


Edge Gates

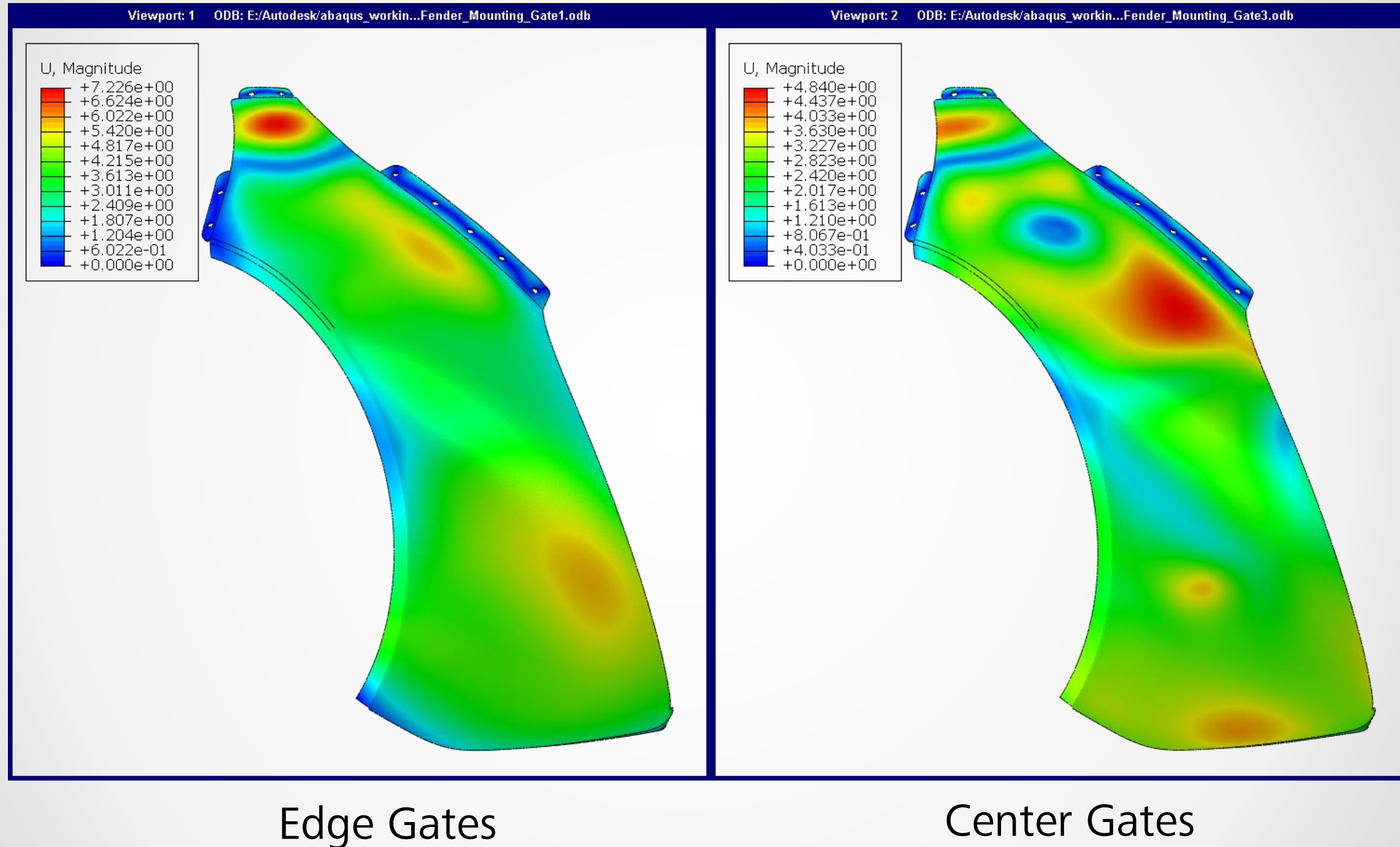


Center Gates

Advanced Material Exchange



Deflection Comparison

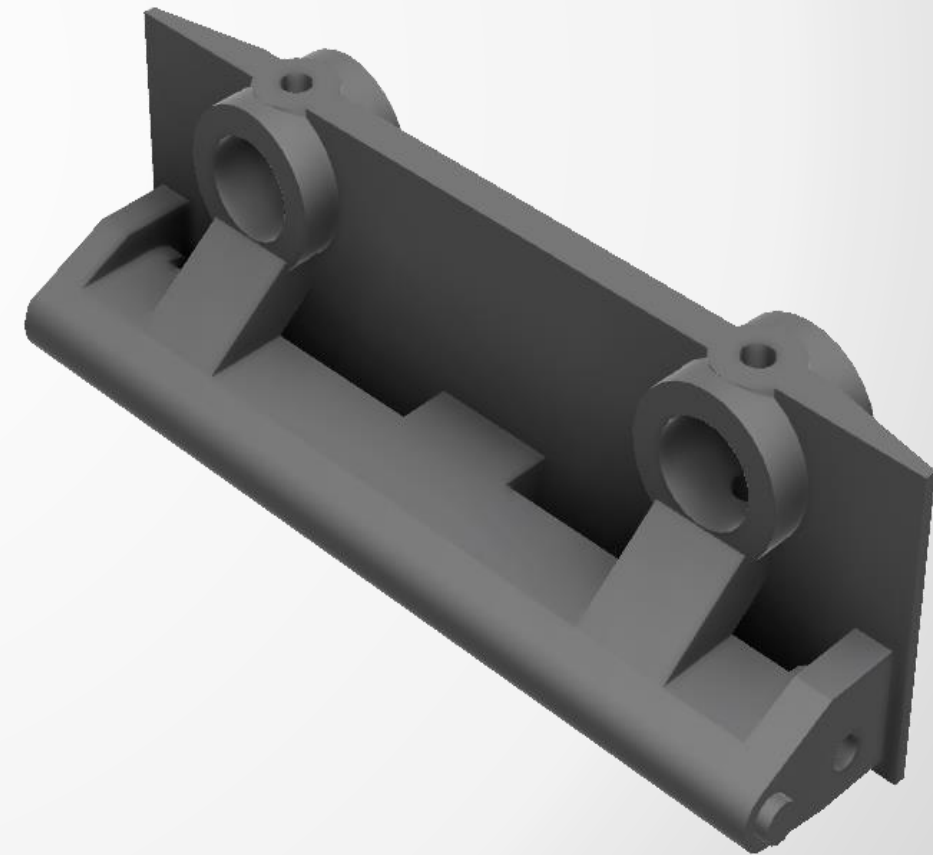
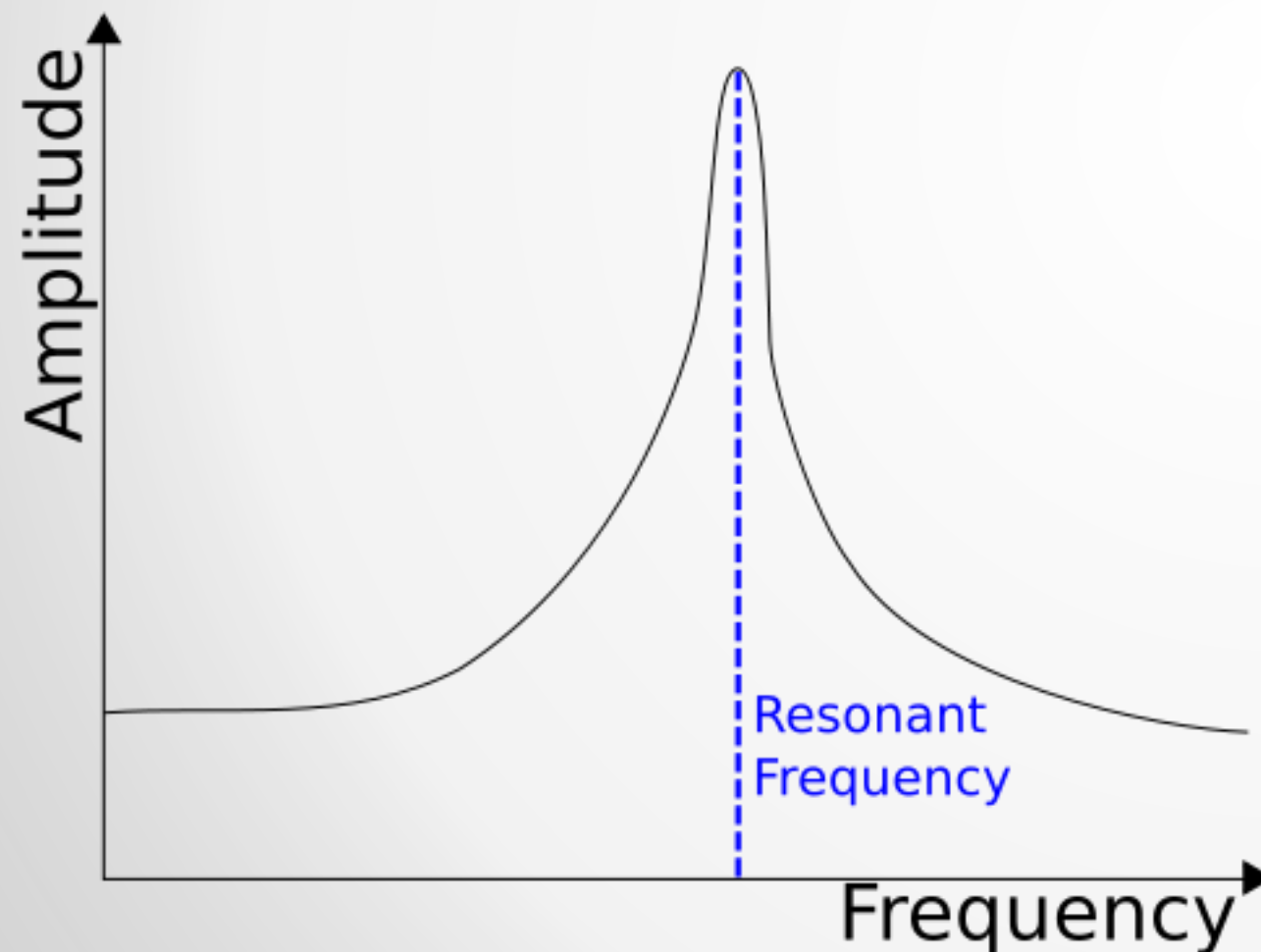


Designing a Plastic Bracket

Moldflow + Helius PFA

Overview

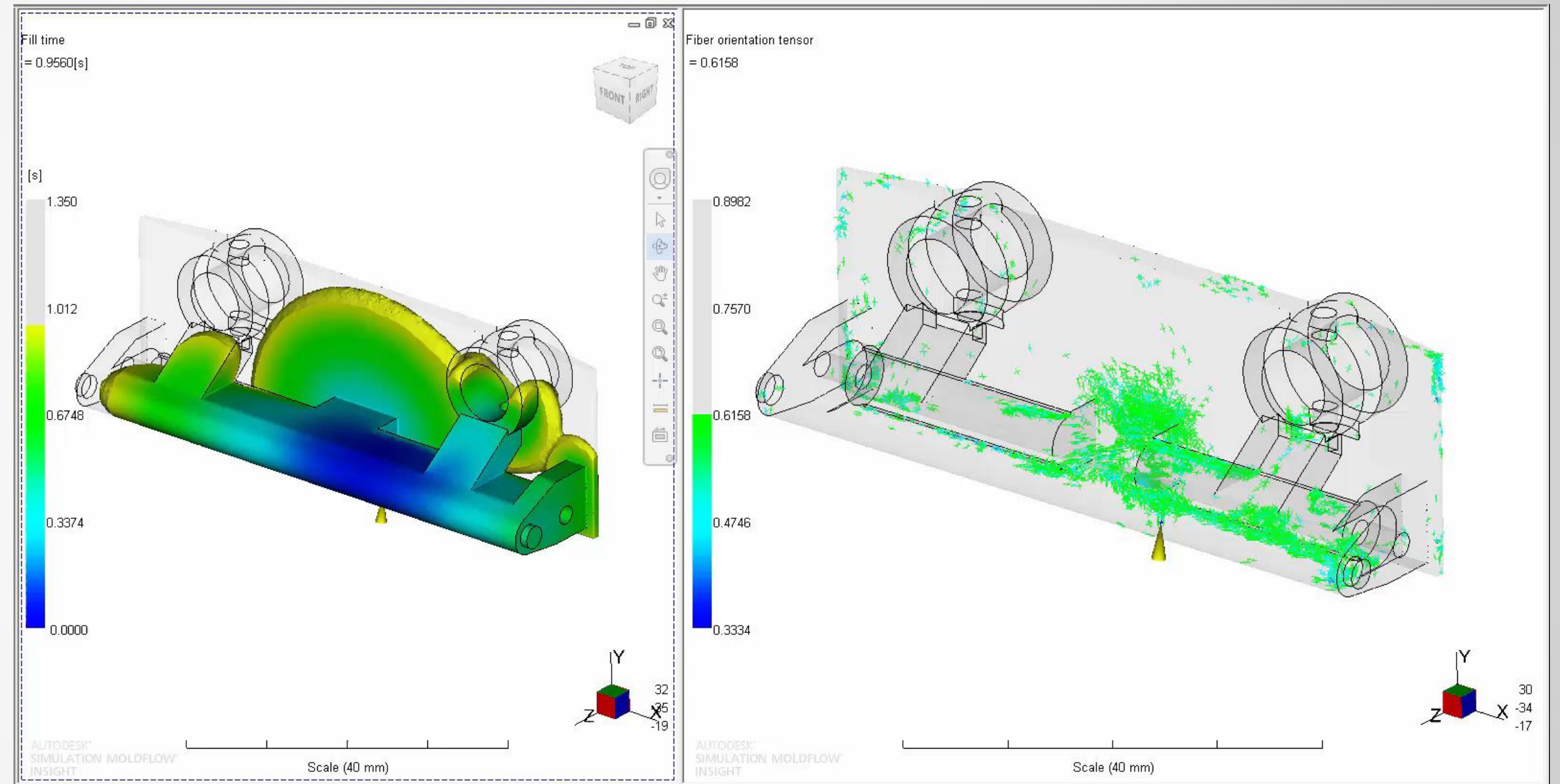
- Redesigning a metal bracket for injection molding
- Concerned with natural frequencies and mode shapes
 - Need to keep the bracket away from the natural frequency of the car



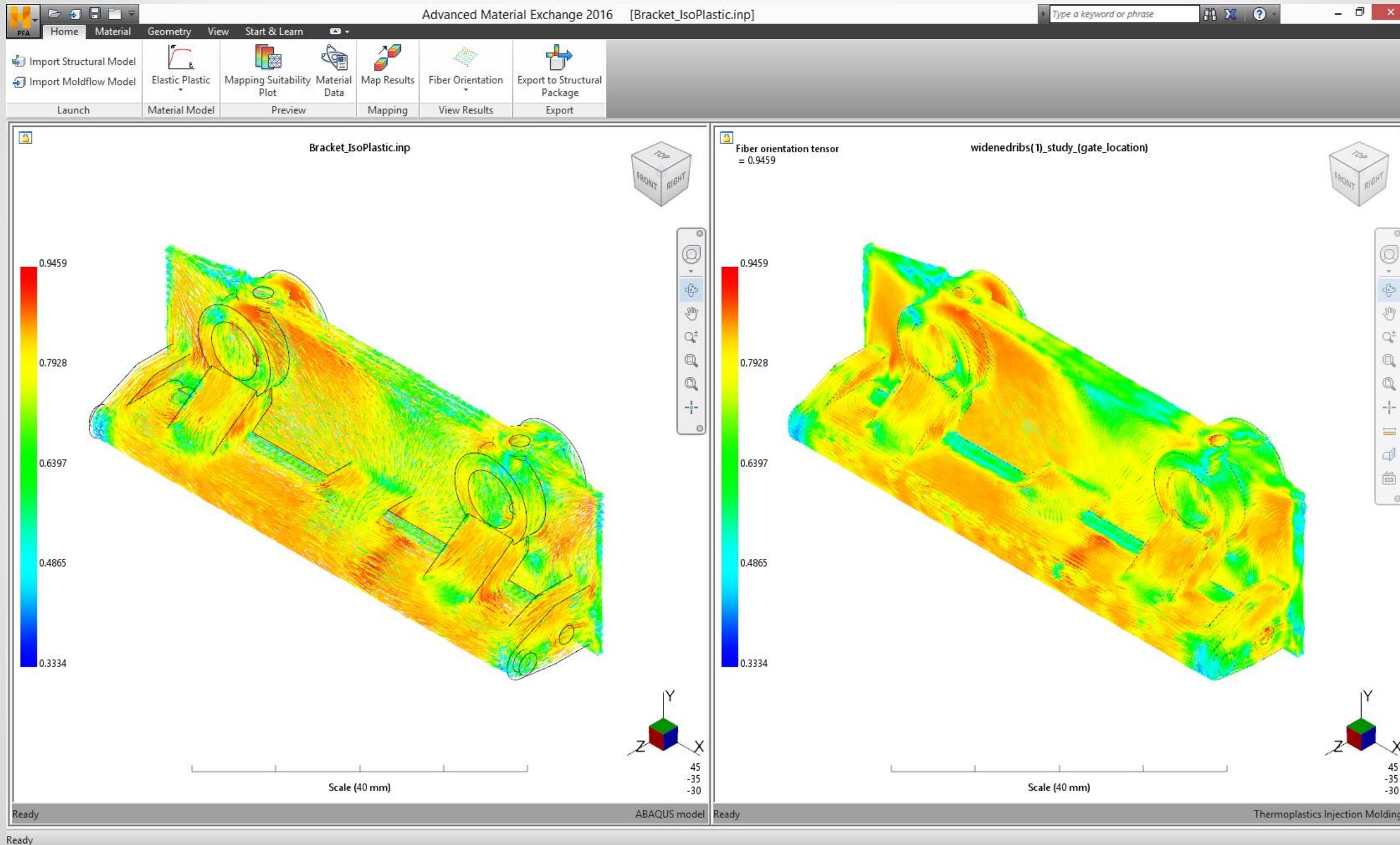
Moldflow Simulation

Metal = 75g

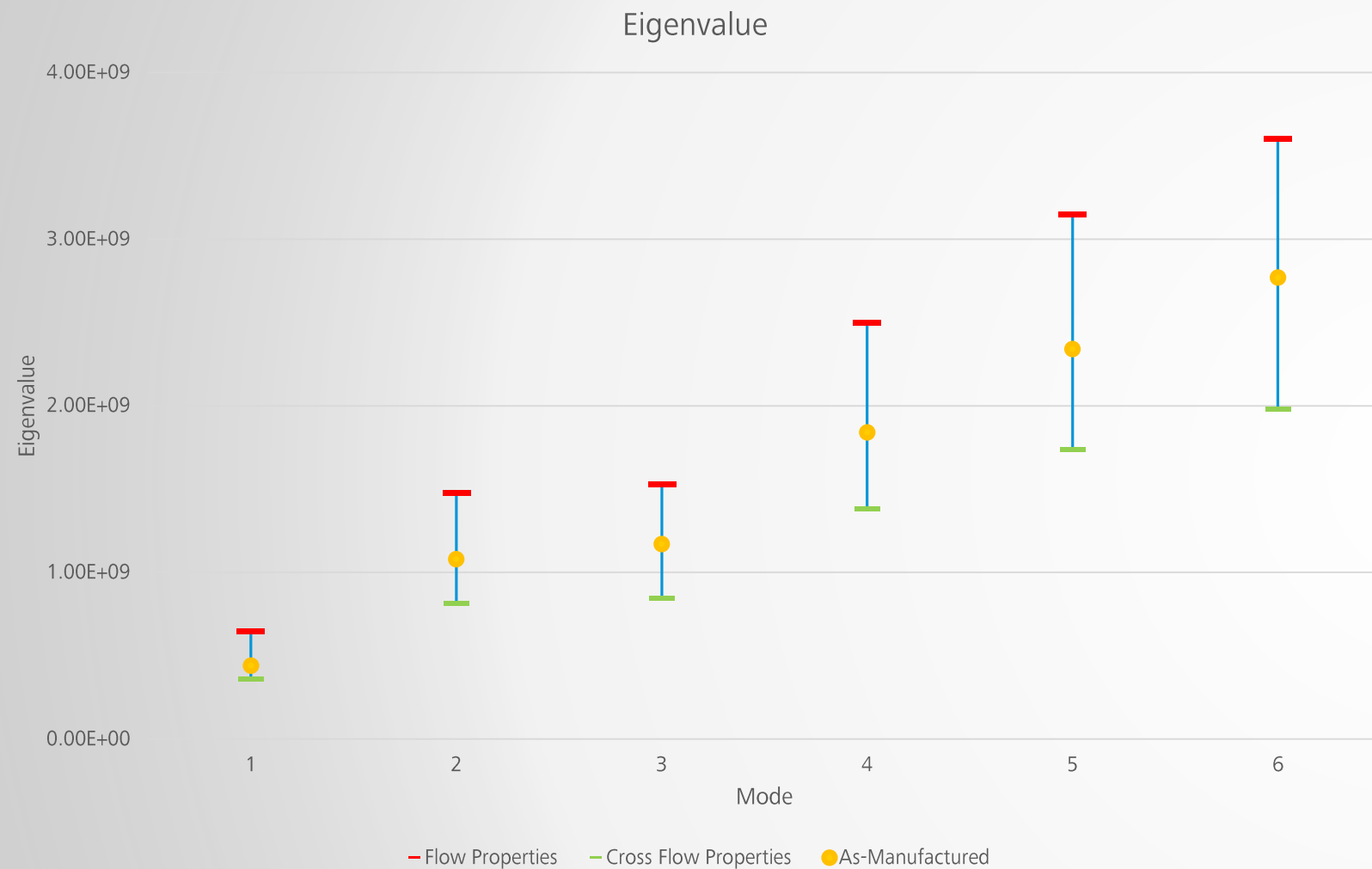
Plastic = 15g



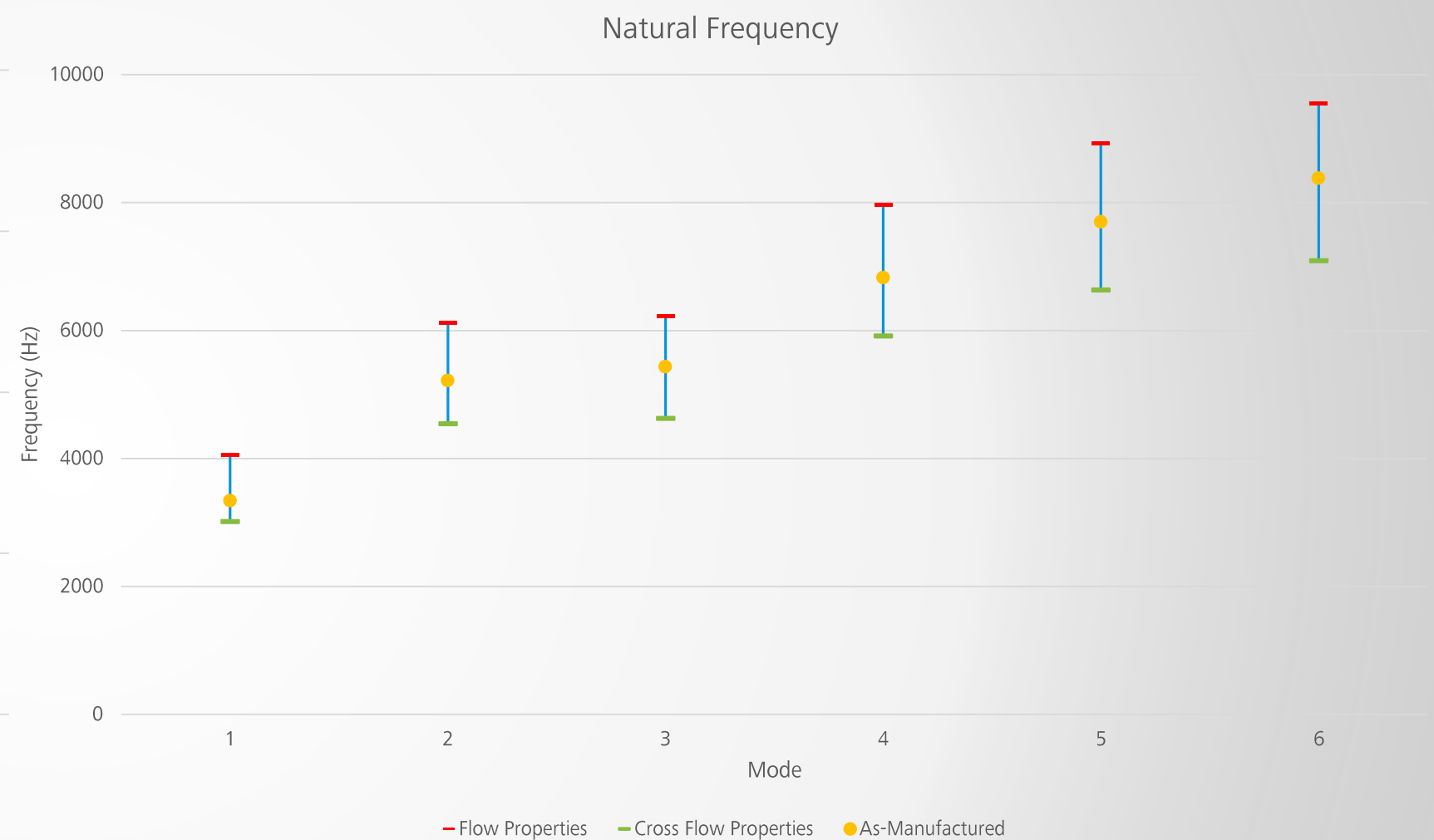
Advanced Material Exchange



Modal Analysis



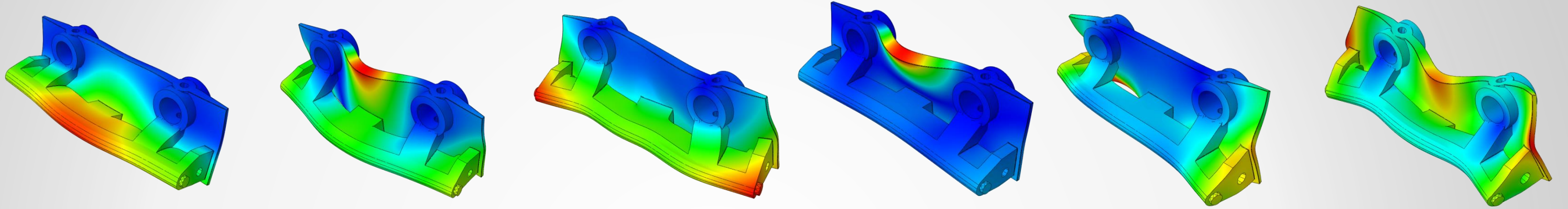
Max error of 48%



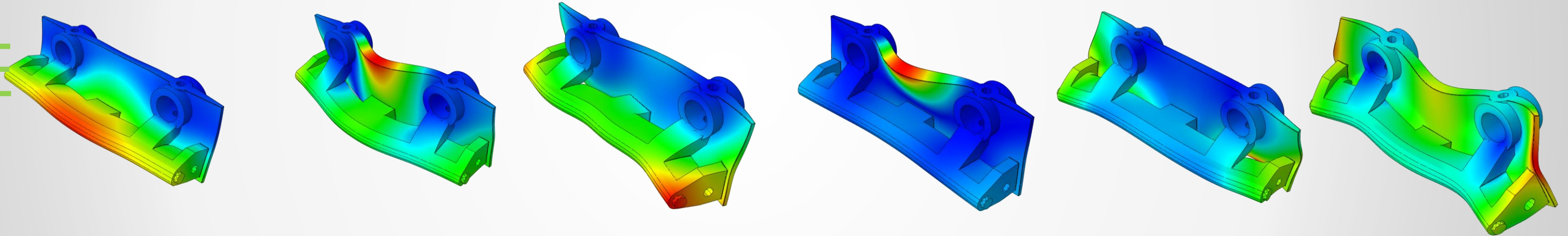
Max error of 21%

Mode Shapes

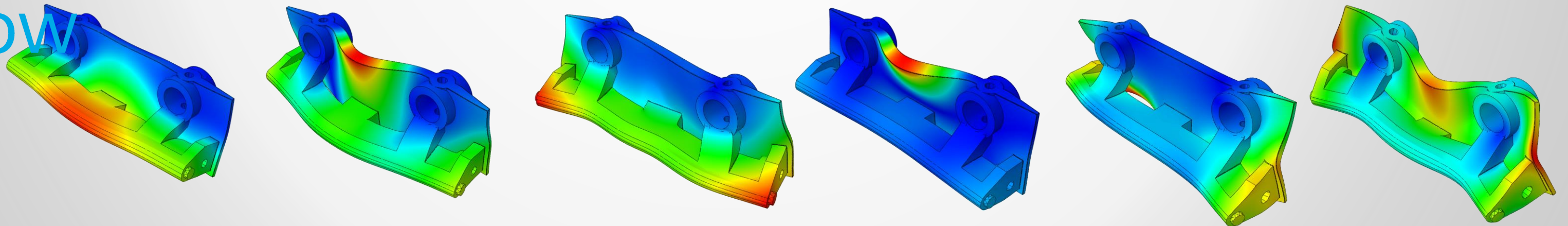
Flow



AME

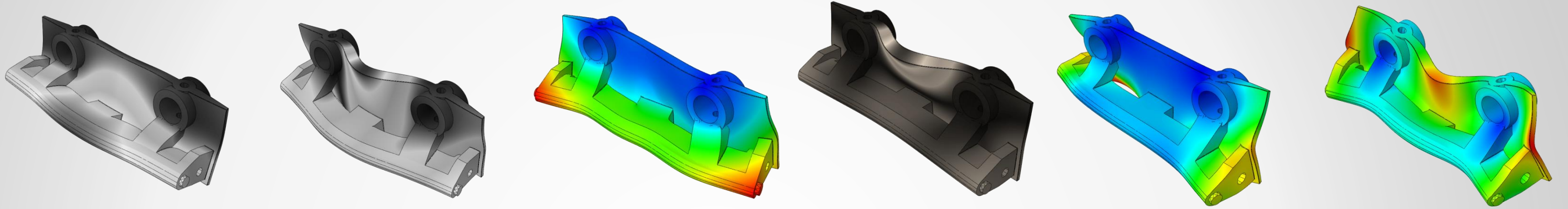


X Flow

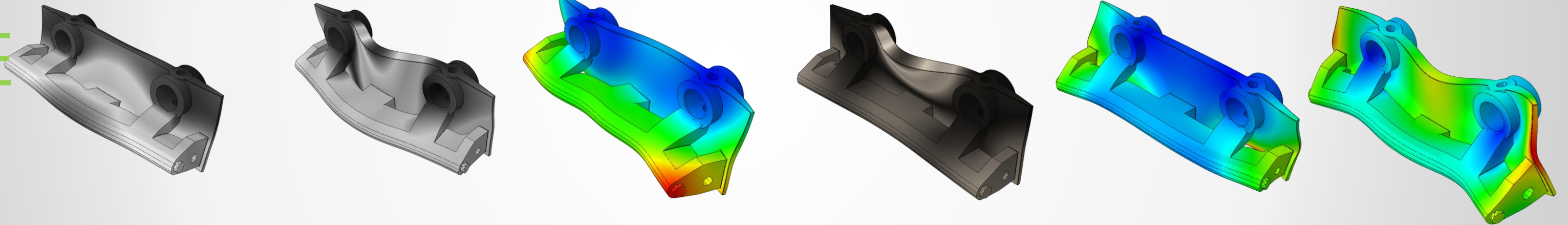


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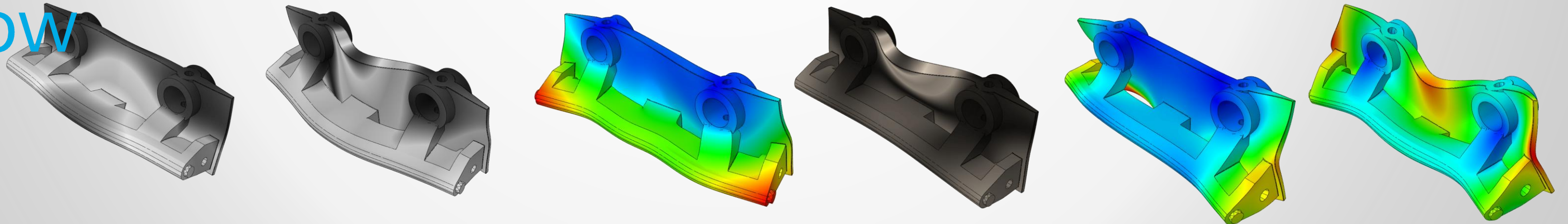
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X Flow



Discover the Newest Features Available in Helius PFA 2016

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Helius PFA – Advanced Material Simulation

Open and Intuitive

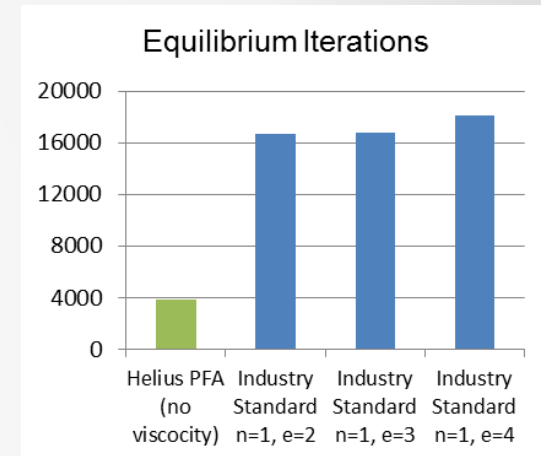
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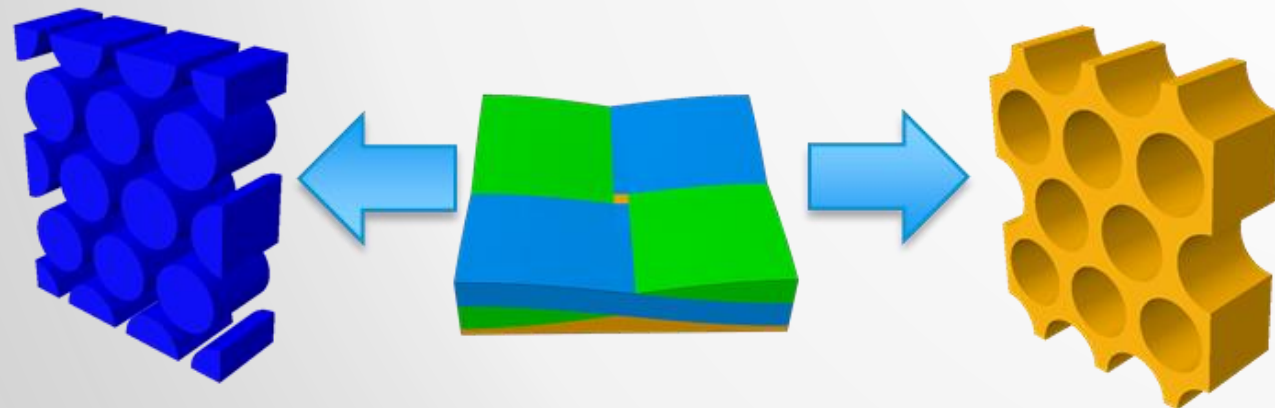
Robust and Efficient



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Abaqus = 04:02:41



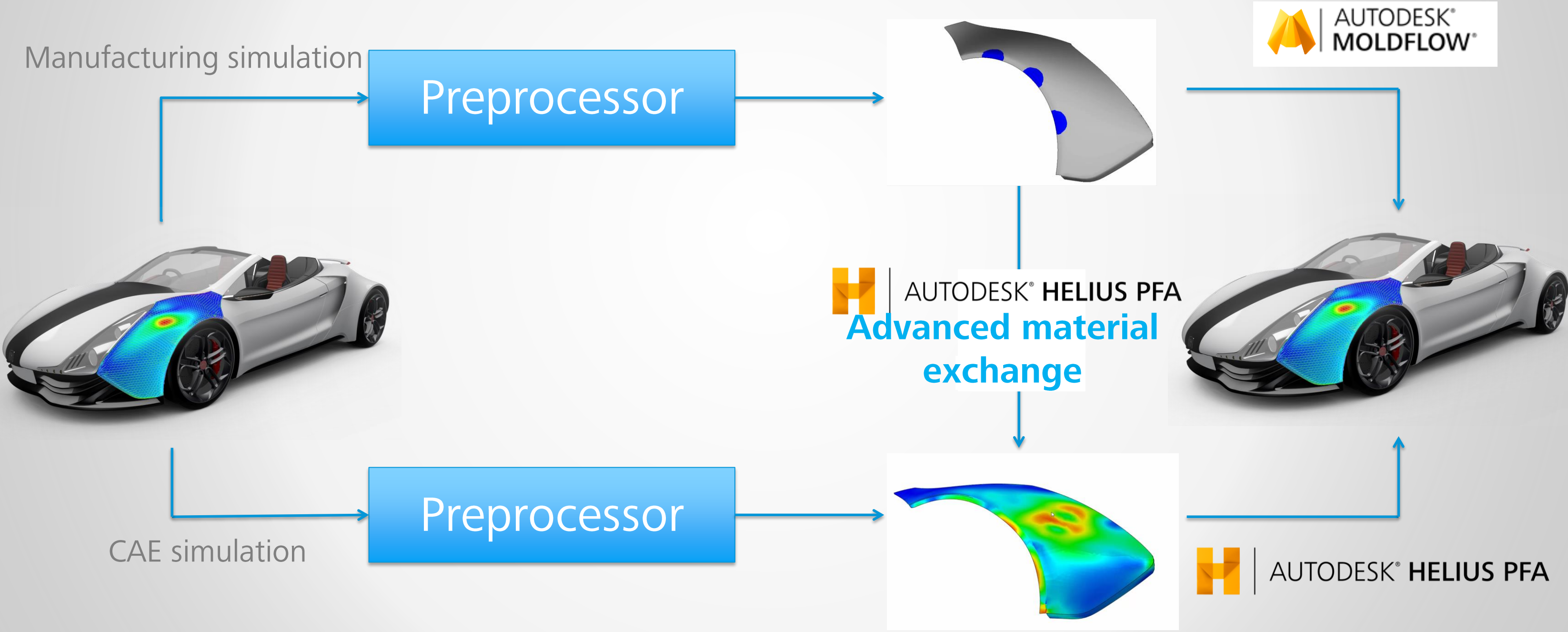
Cutting Edge



Trusted and Validated

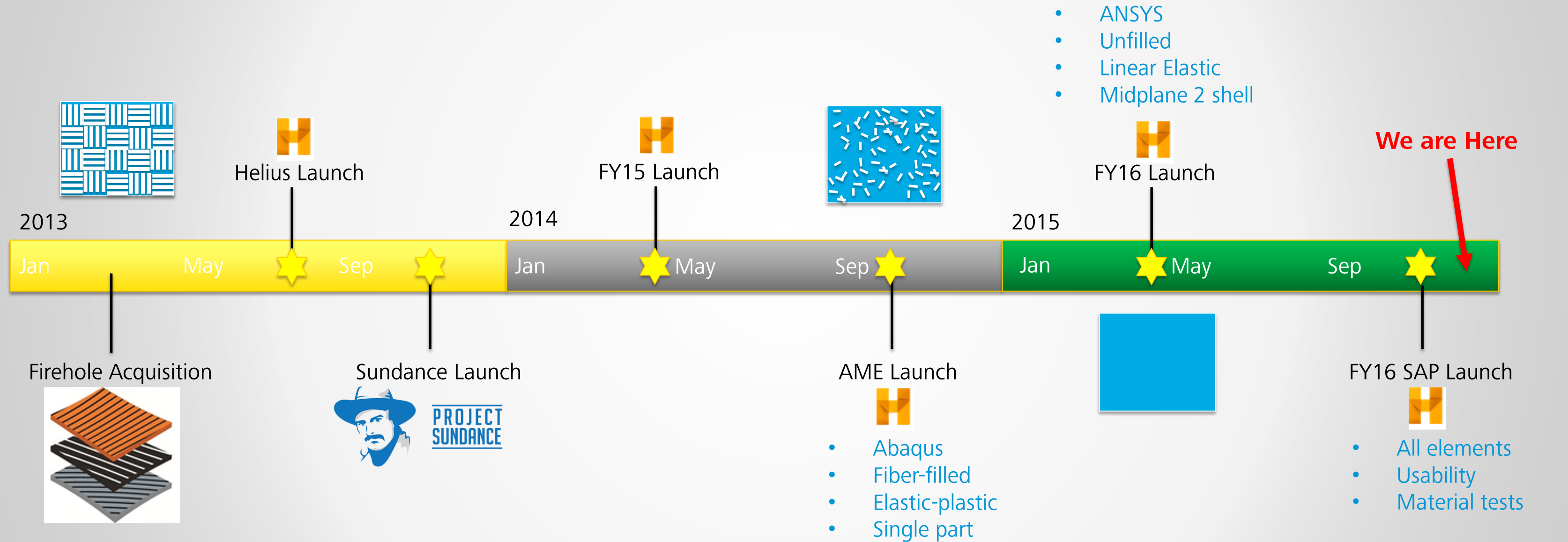


Advanced Material Exchange (AME)



Helius PFA 2016

Timeline To Date



Helius PFA 2016 + 2016 SAP

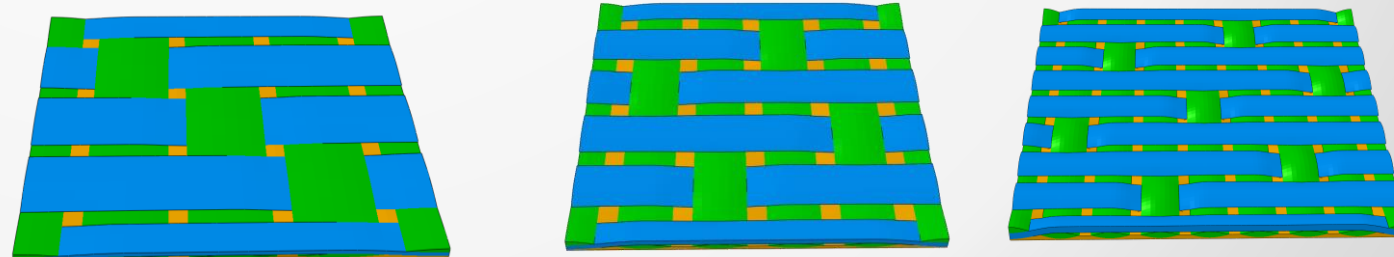
AME

- ANSYS 16.2, 16.1, 16.0, 15
- Mapping Improvements
 - Injection-compression
 - Support for all elements
 - Midplane to shell mapping
 - Residual strains
- Expanded Material Support
 - Unfilled
 - Unlimited data
- New material tests



Continuous Fiber

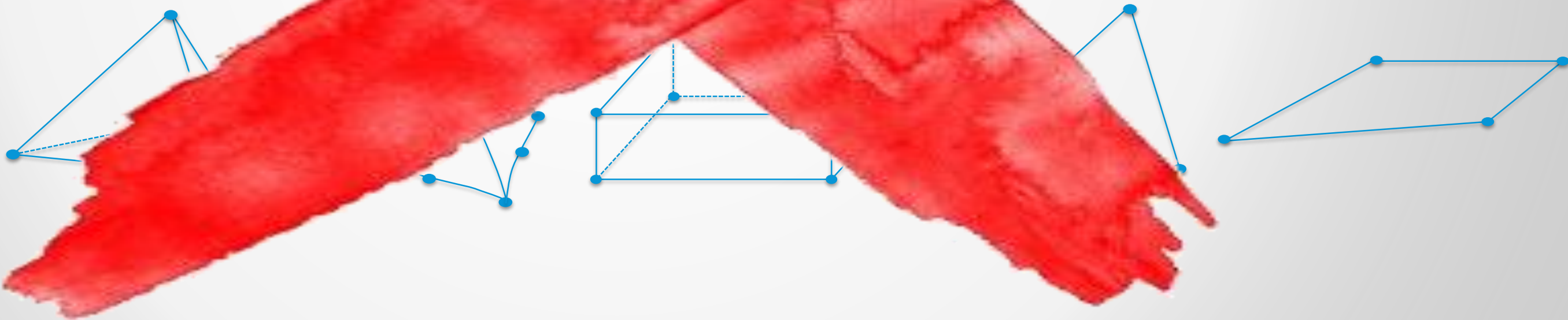
- Weaves Beta



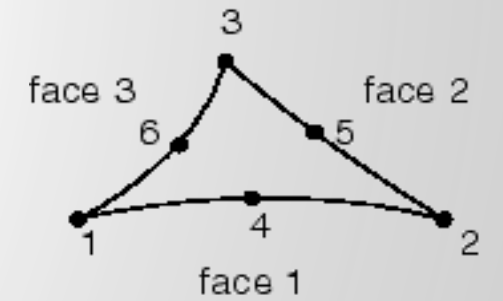
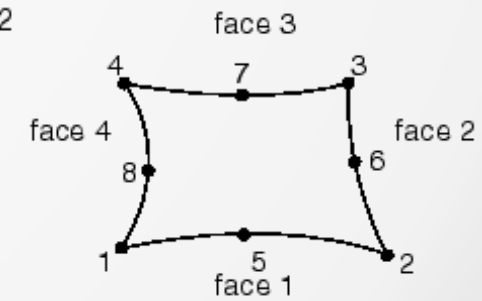
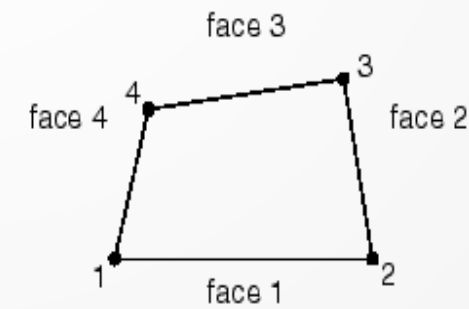
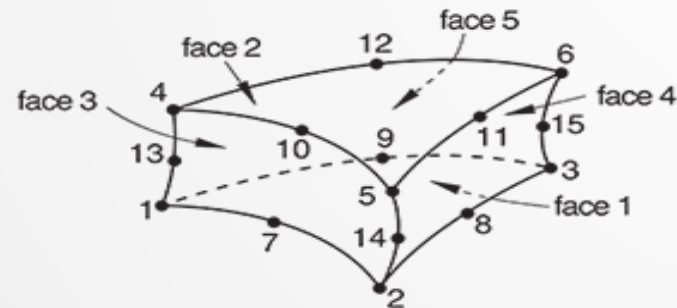
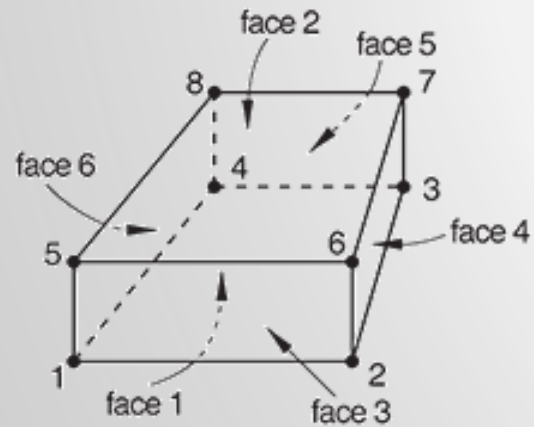
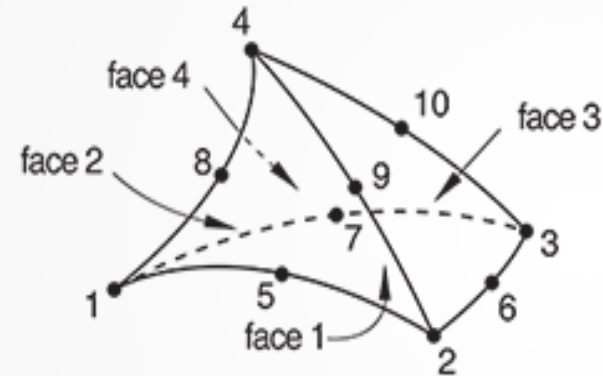
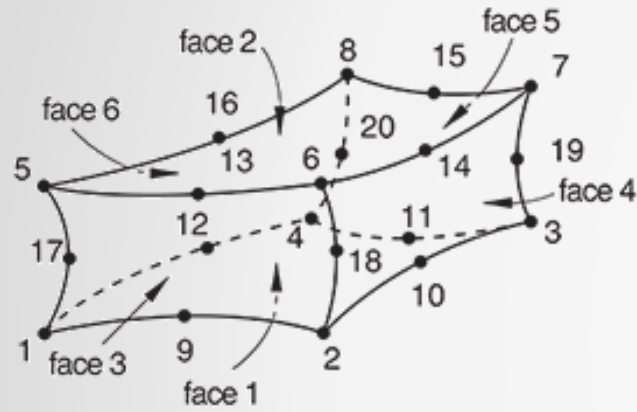
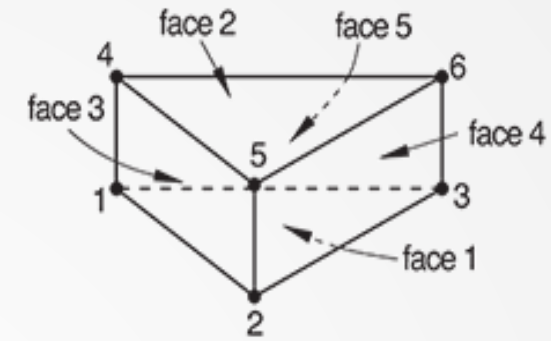
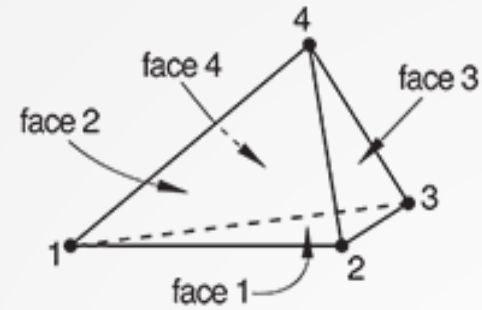
ALL Elements

Supported elements

FEA Platform	4 Node	8 Node	Shell	4 Node Shell
Abaqus	C3D4	C5	S3	S4, S4R
ANSYS	SOLID285	SOLID185	SHELL181	SHELL181

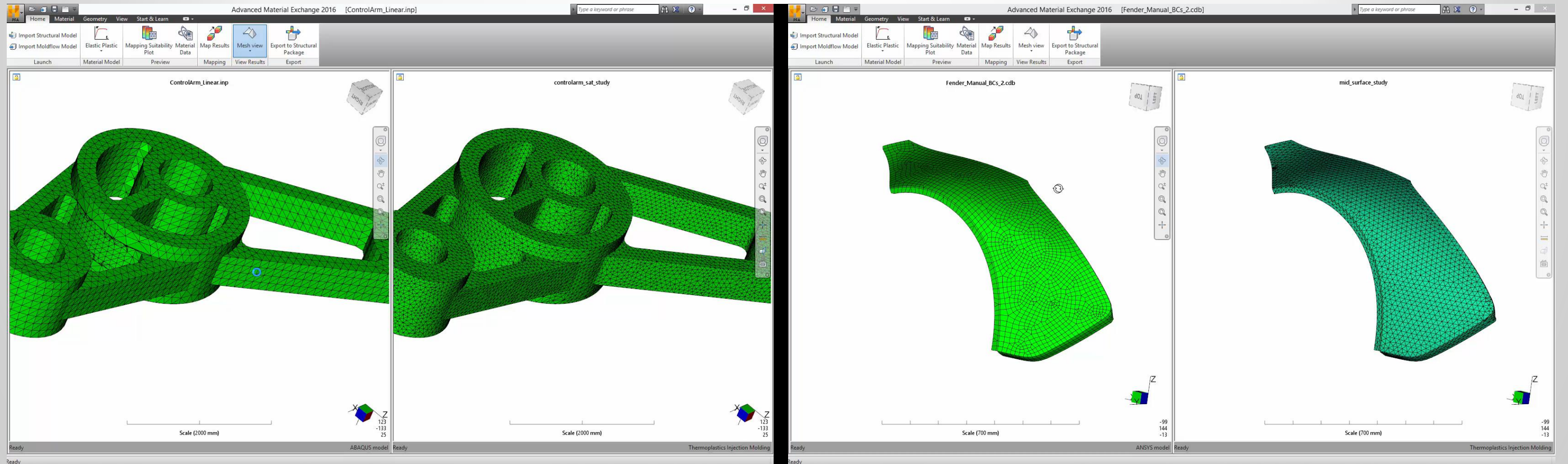


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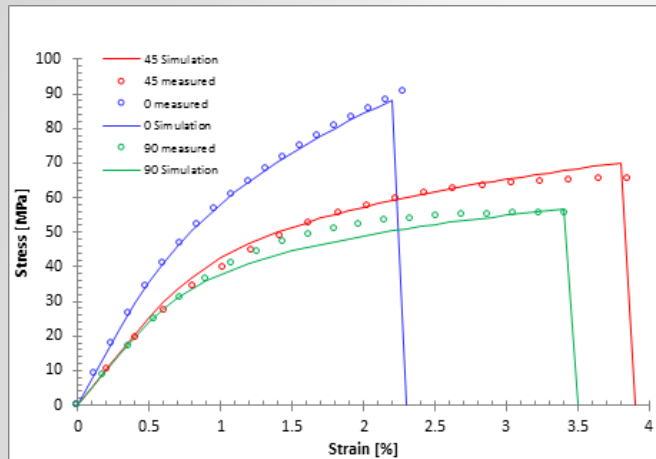
New Mappings

- Midplane to shell
- Cutting planes
- Residual Strain

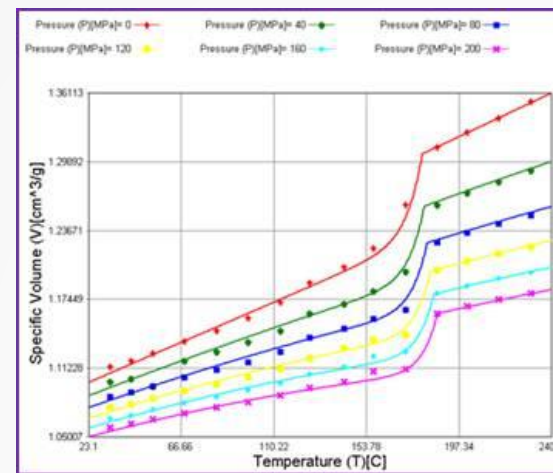


New Material Tests

- Bypass entering material data



Mechanical Test Data



Manufacturing Test Data



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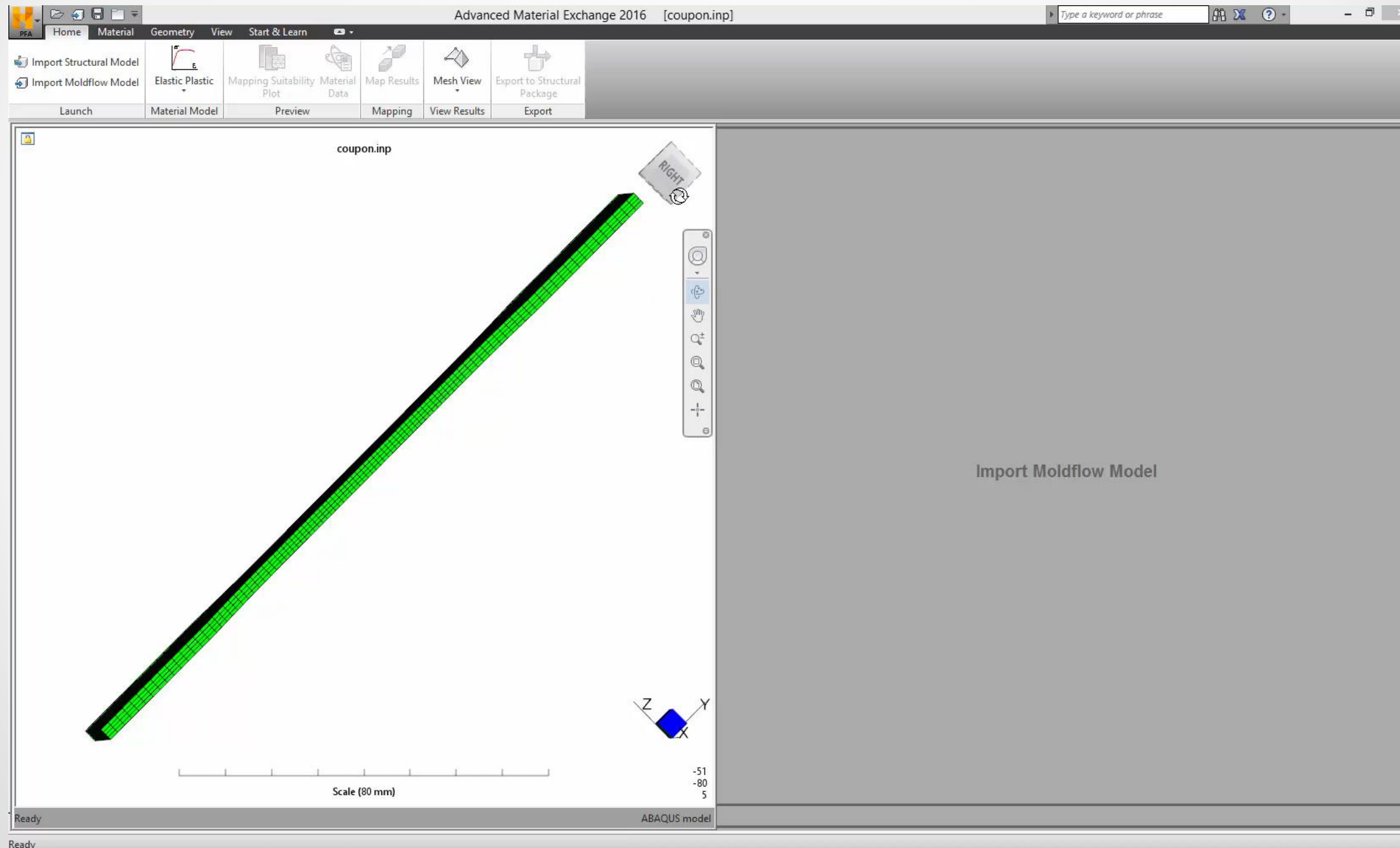


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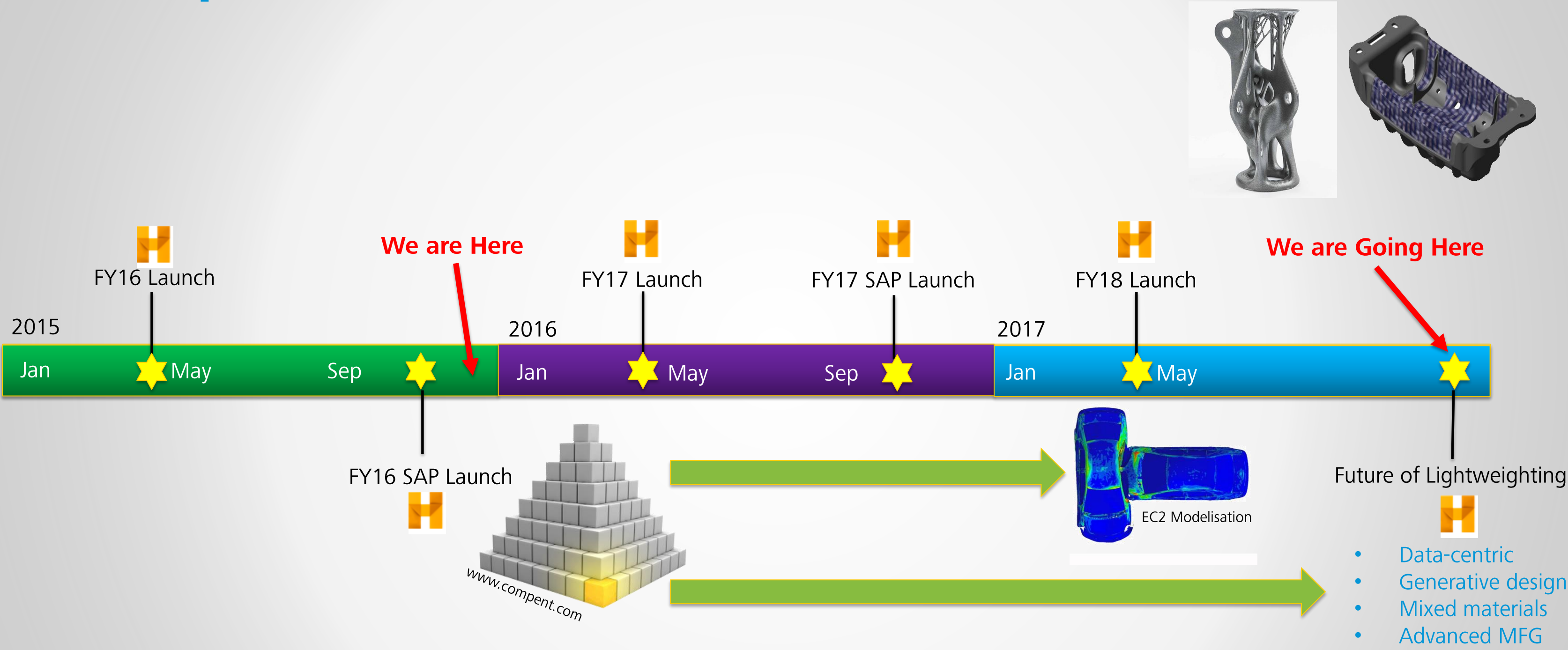


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Extrapolated Timeline



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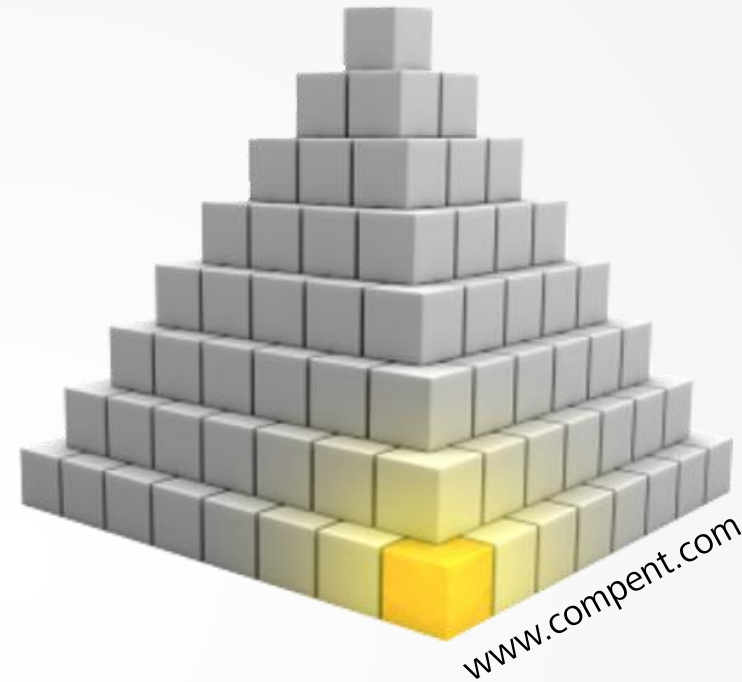


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Helius PFA 2017 + 2017 SAP

AME

- Material model improvements
 - New material characterization
 - Compression
 - Temperature dependence
- Assemblies
- Weld-line strength

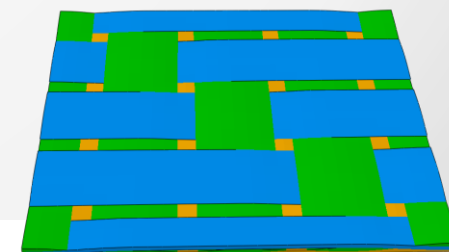
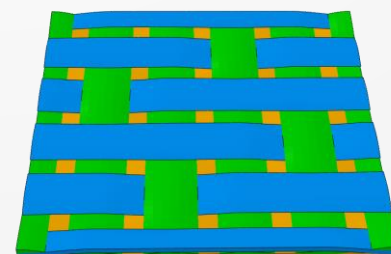
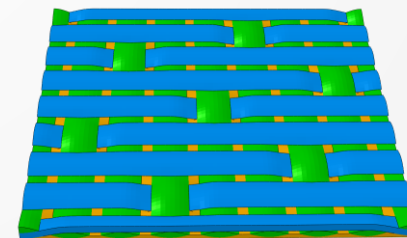


Continuous Fiber

- Nastran
- Weaves
 - Efficiency
 - Nonlinear shear



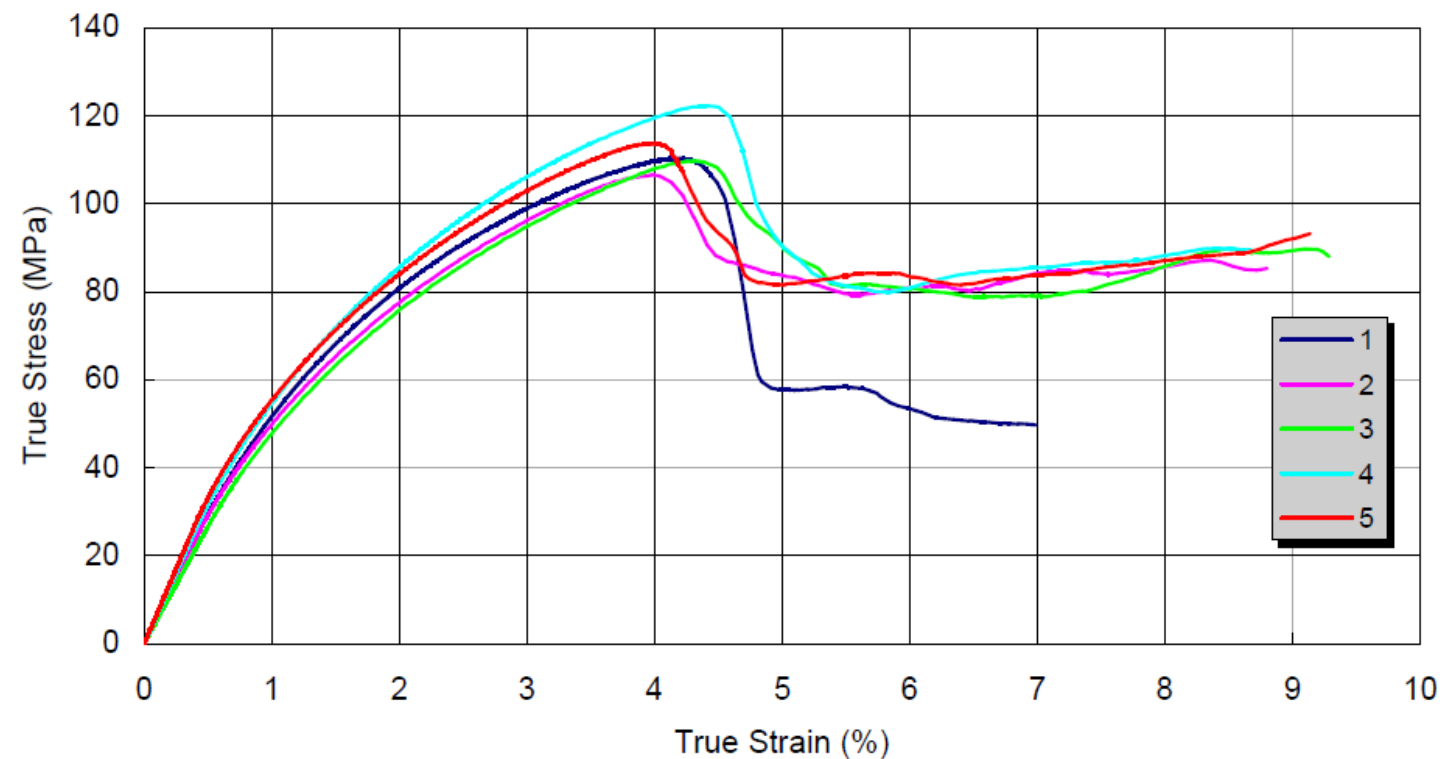
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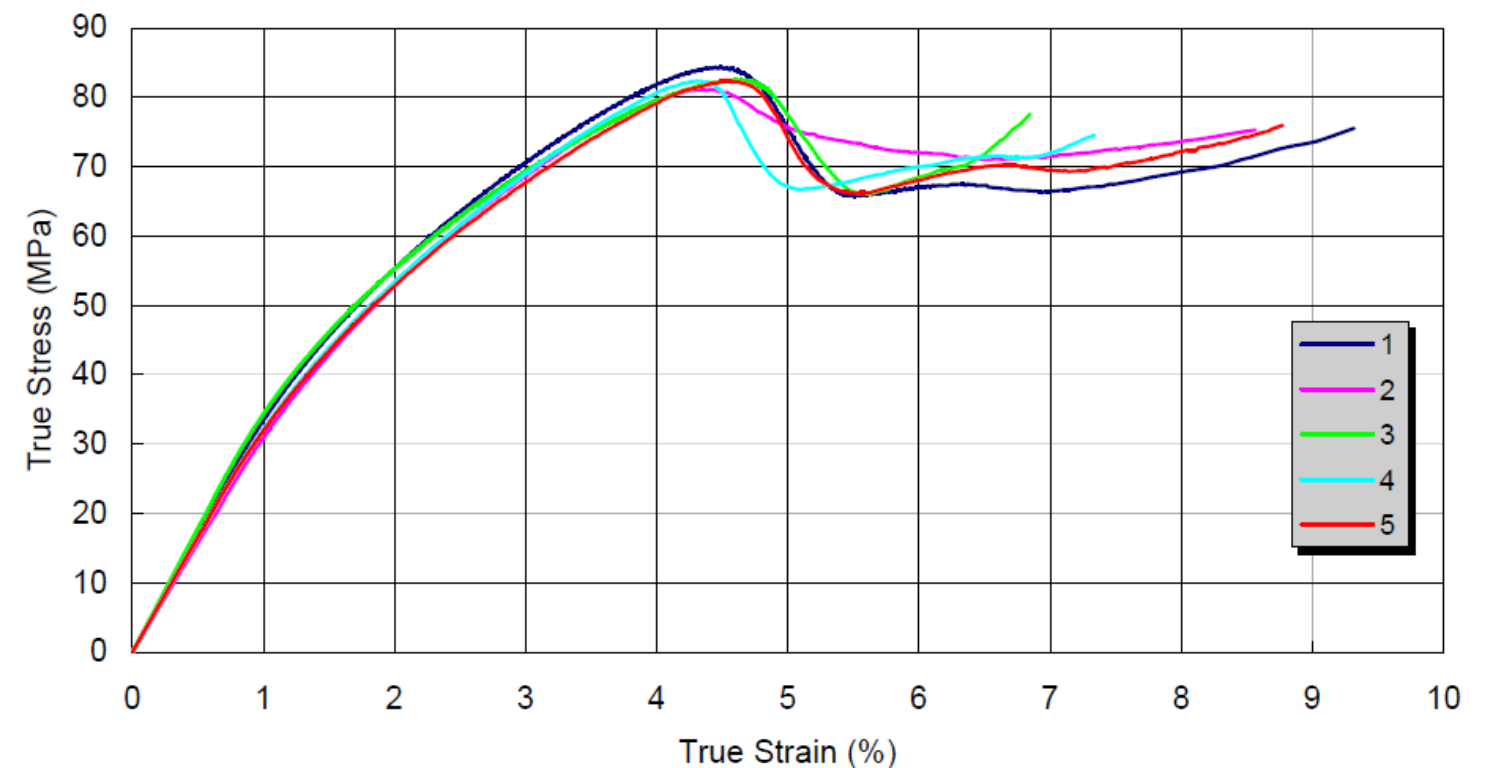
Compression

- Implement new compressive law
 - 'Plateau' of load stroke curve in compression (crushing)
 - Fundamentally different than tension!

Flow

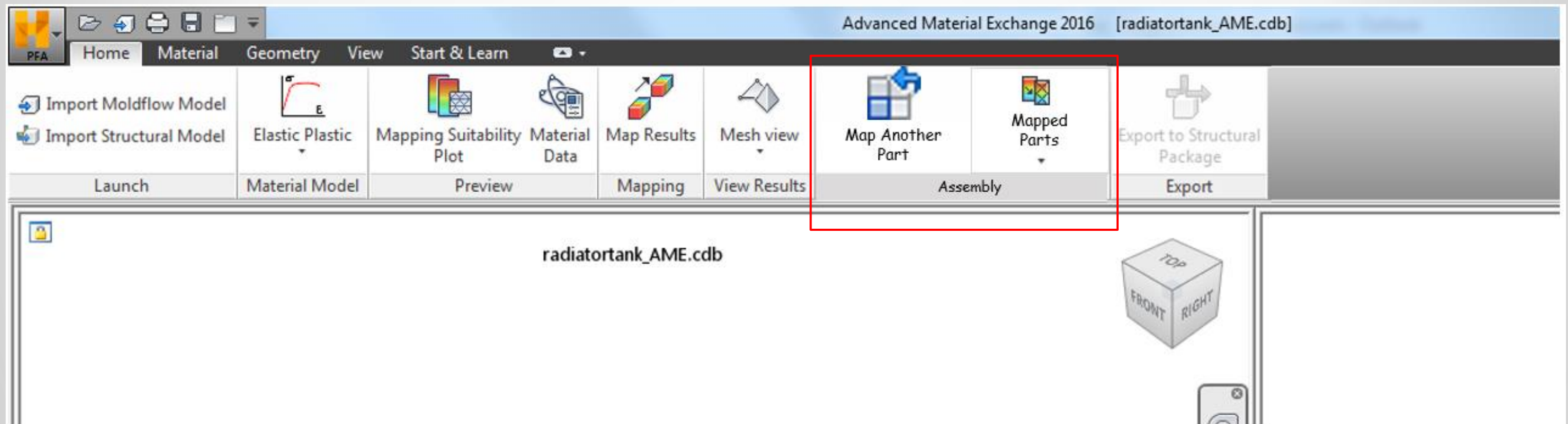


Cross-Flow



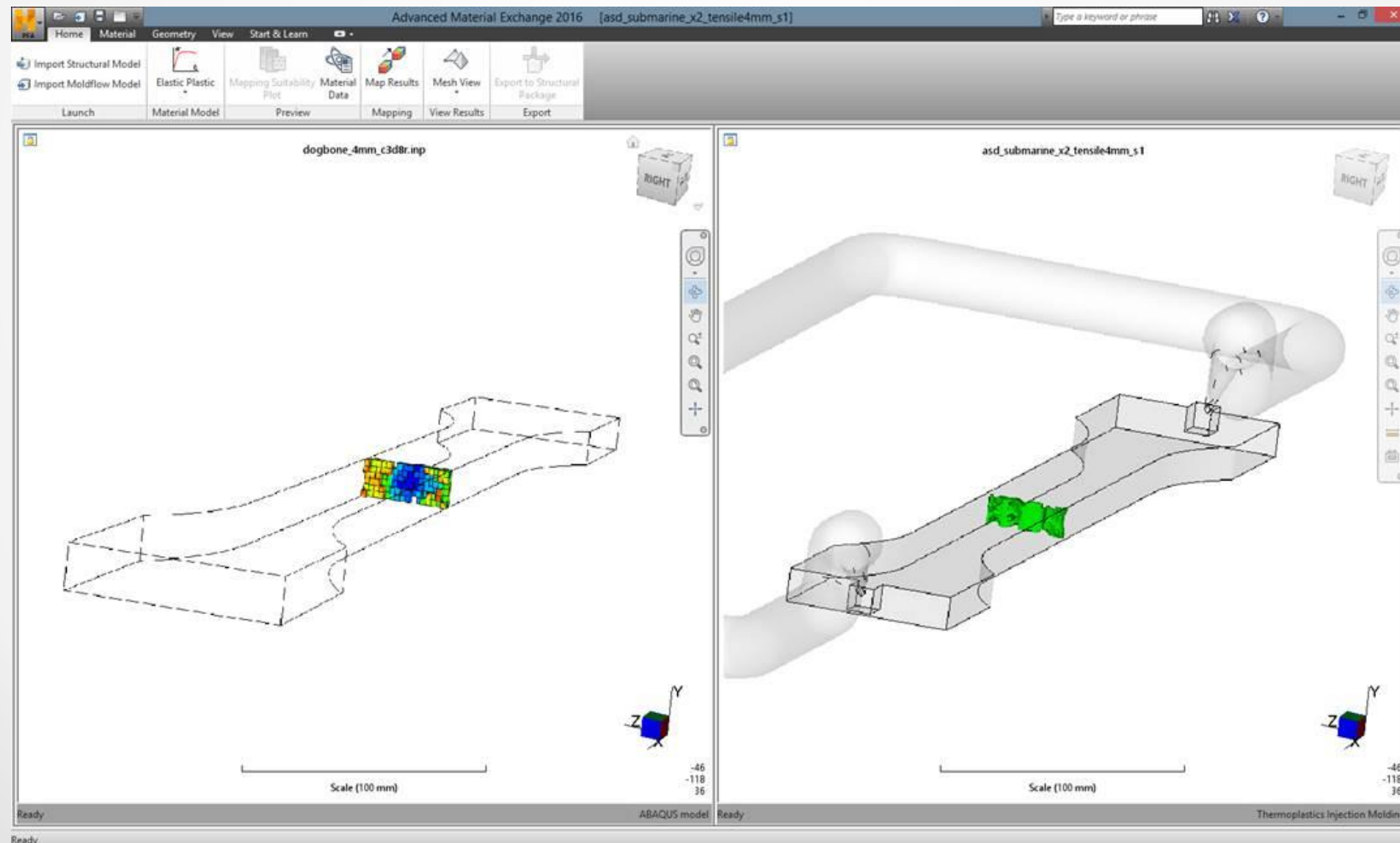
Assemblies

- Map multiple MF studies to structural model



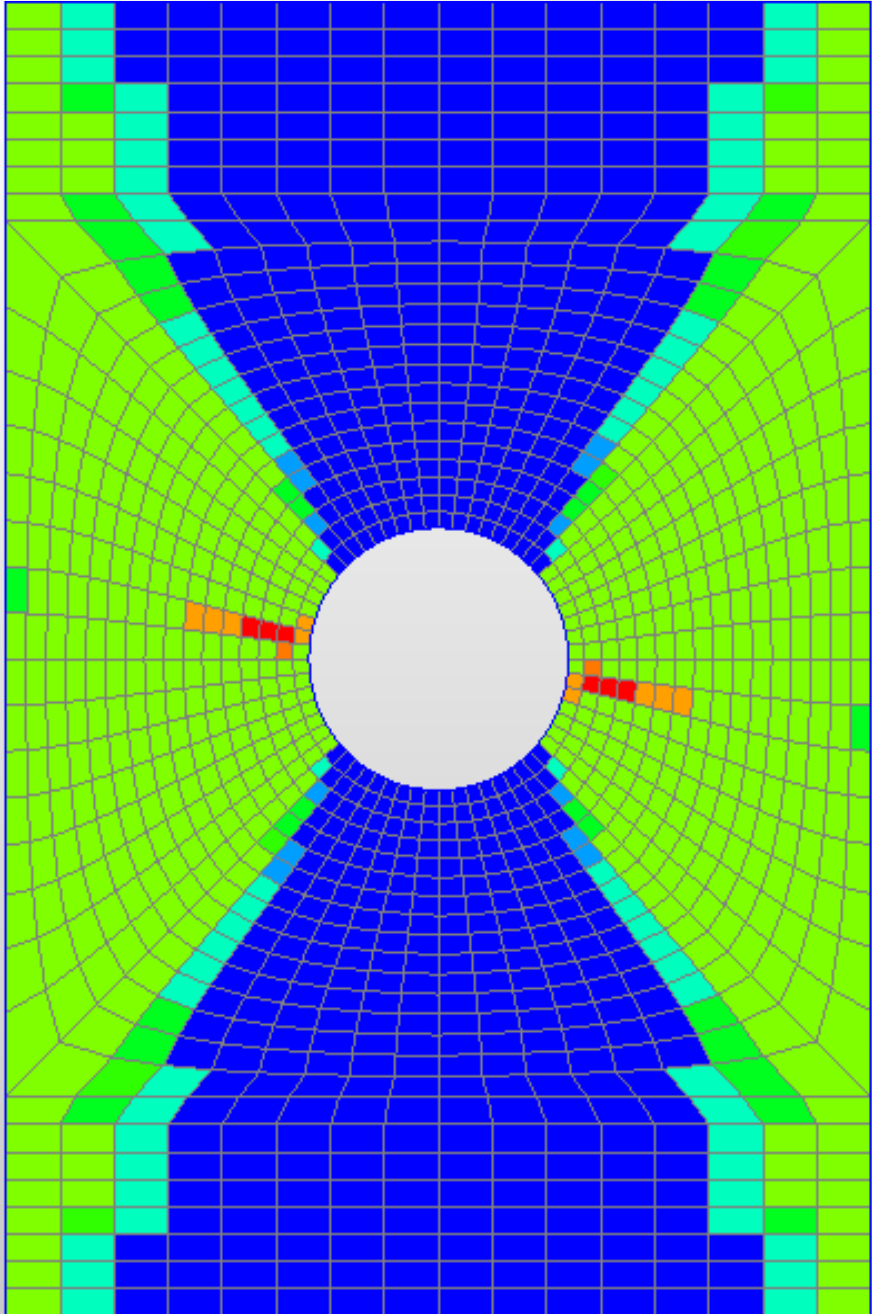
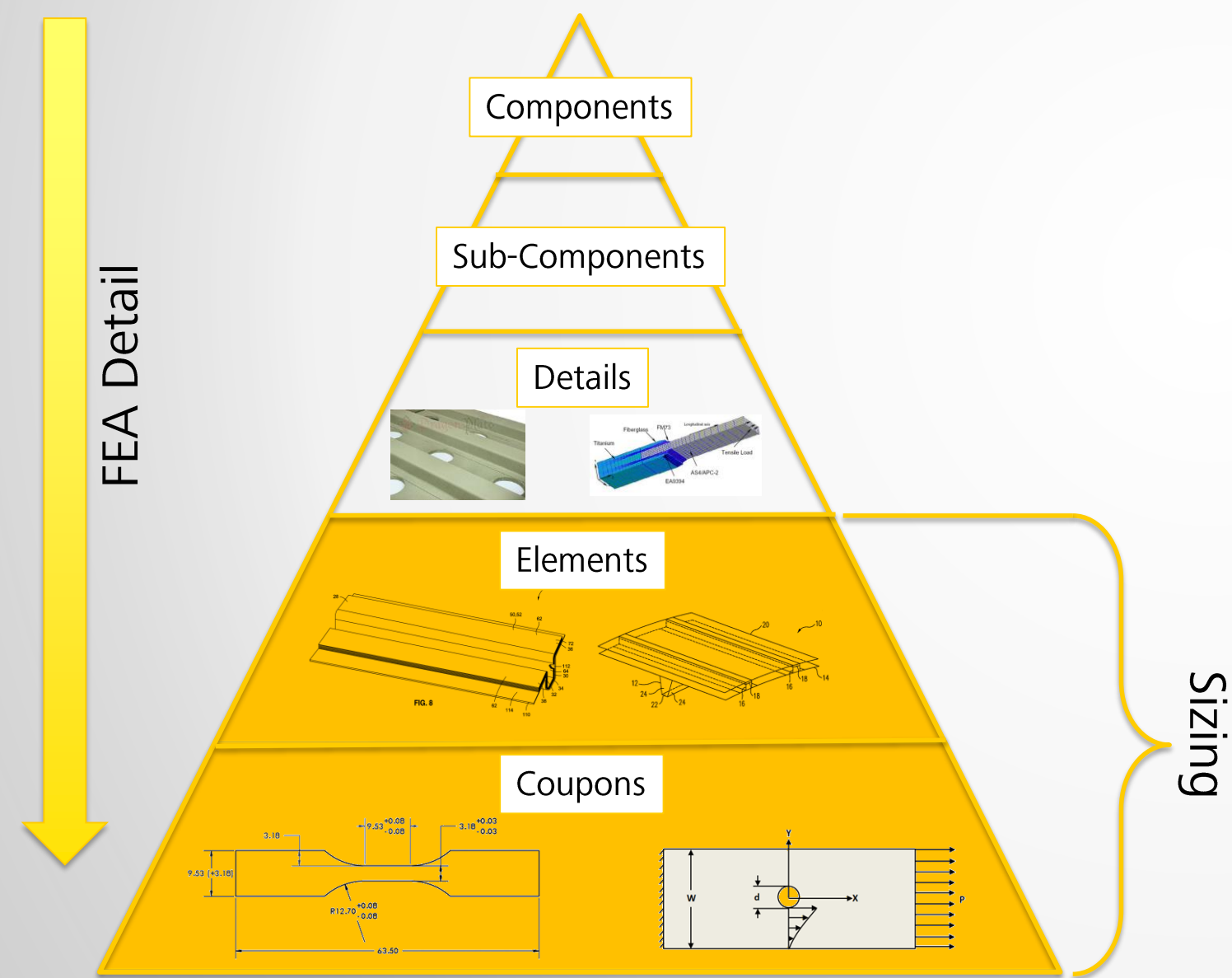
Weld-Line Strength

- Map weld-surface locations to structural
- Predict weld-surface strength reduction based on:
- Use strength reduction in structural sim



Autodesk Nastran

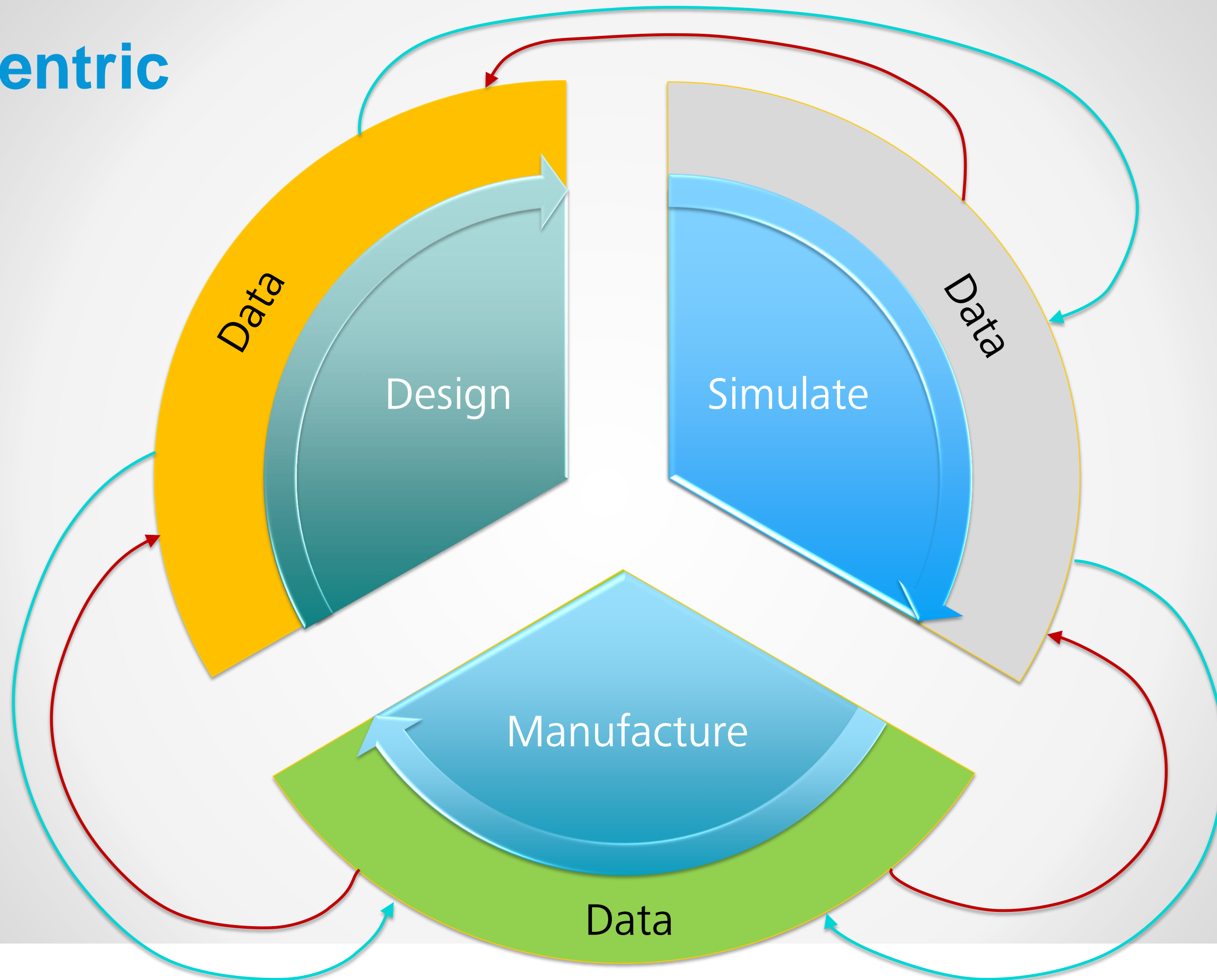
Continuous fiber progressive failure



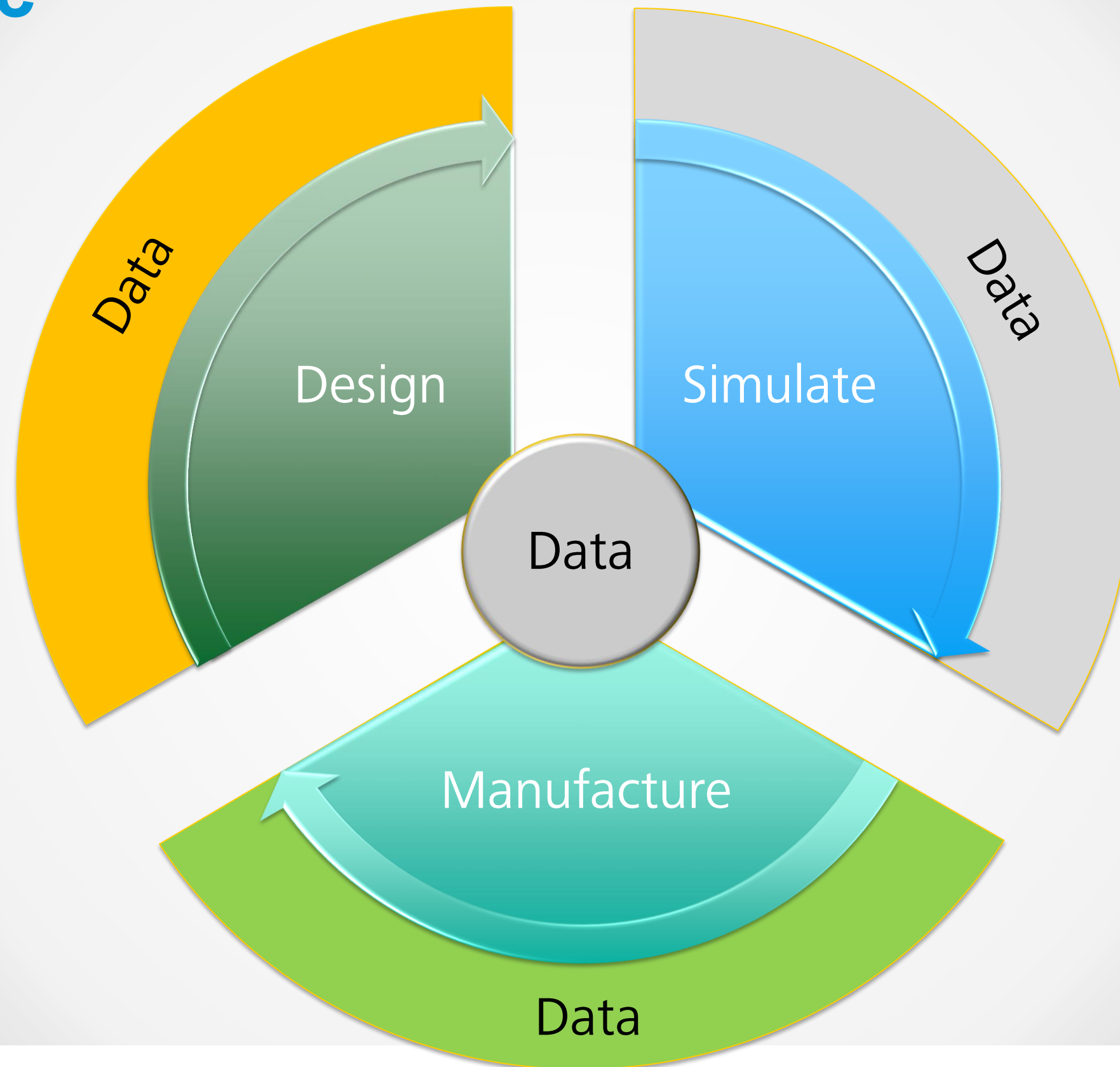
Damage Plot

Future of Lightweighting With Advanced Materials

Data-Centric

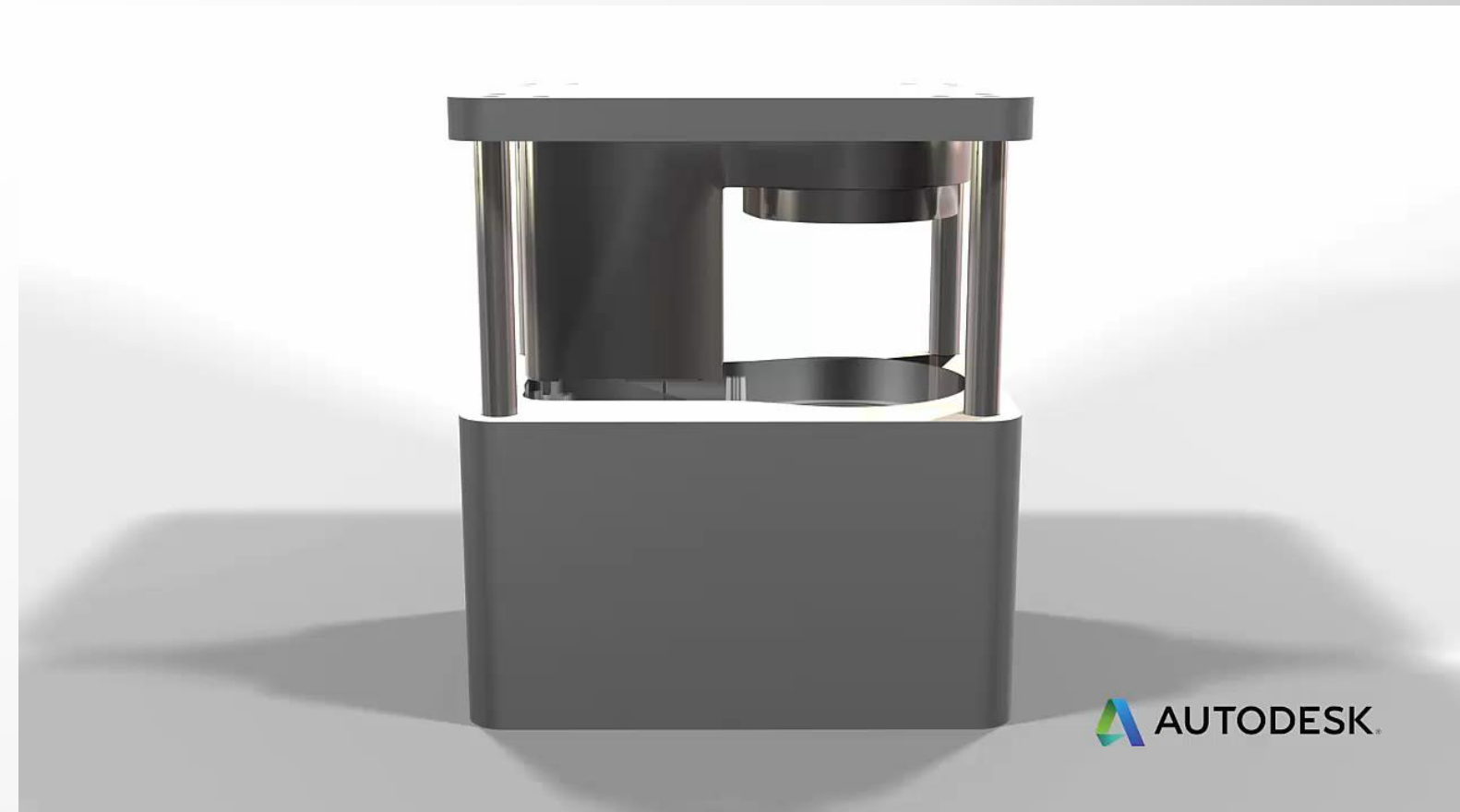
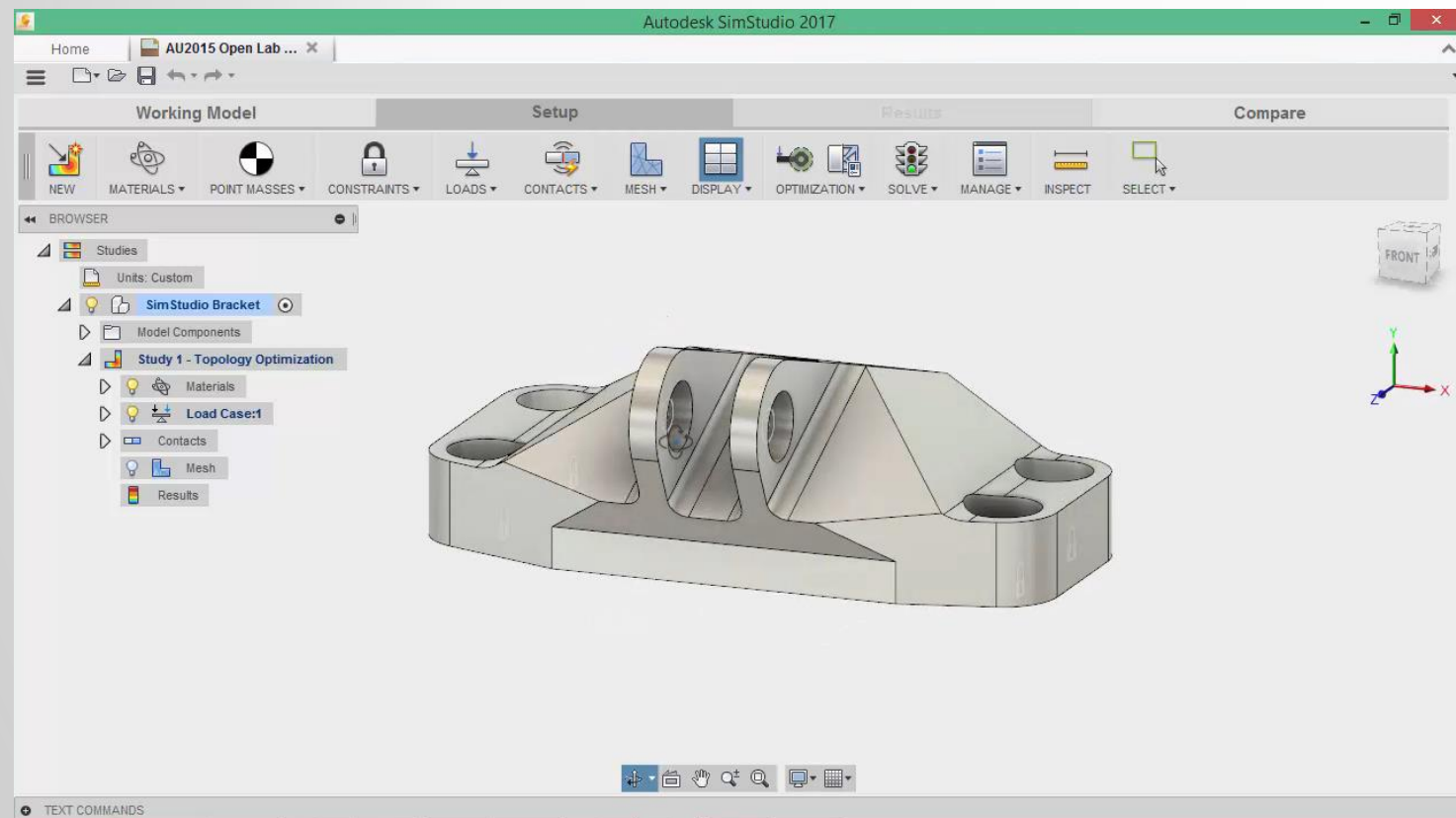


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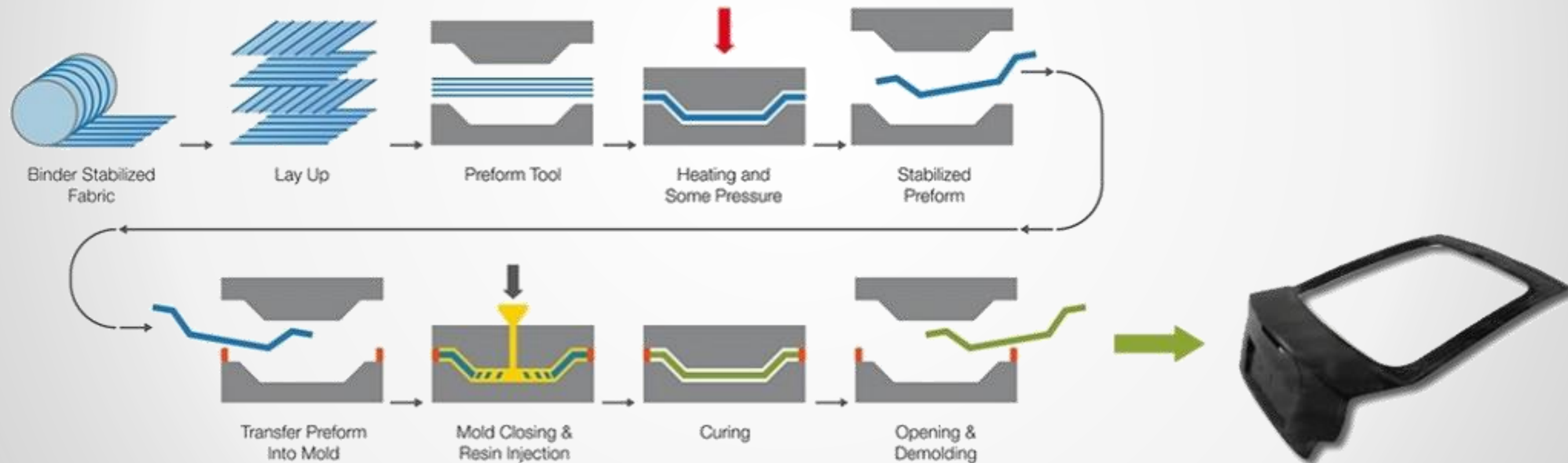
Goal-Driven Design

- Lightweight through automated geometry modification
 - Based on constraints
- Reduce costs/timelines of manufacturing



Advancing the State of the Art

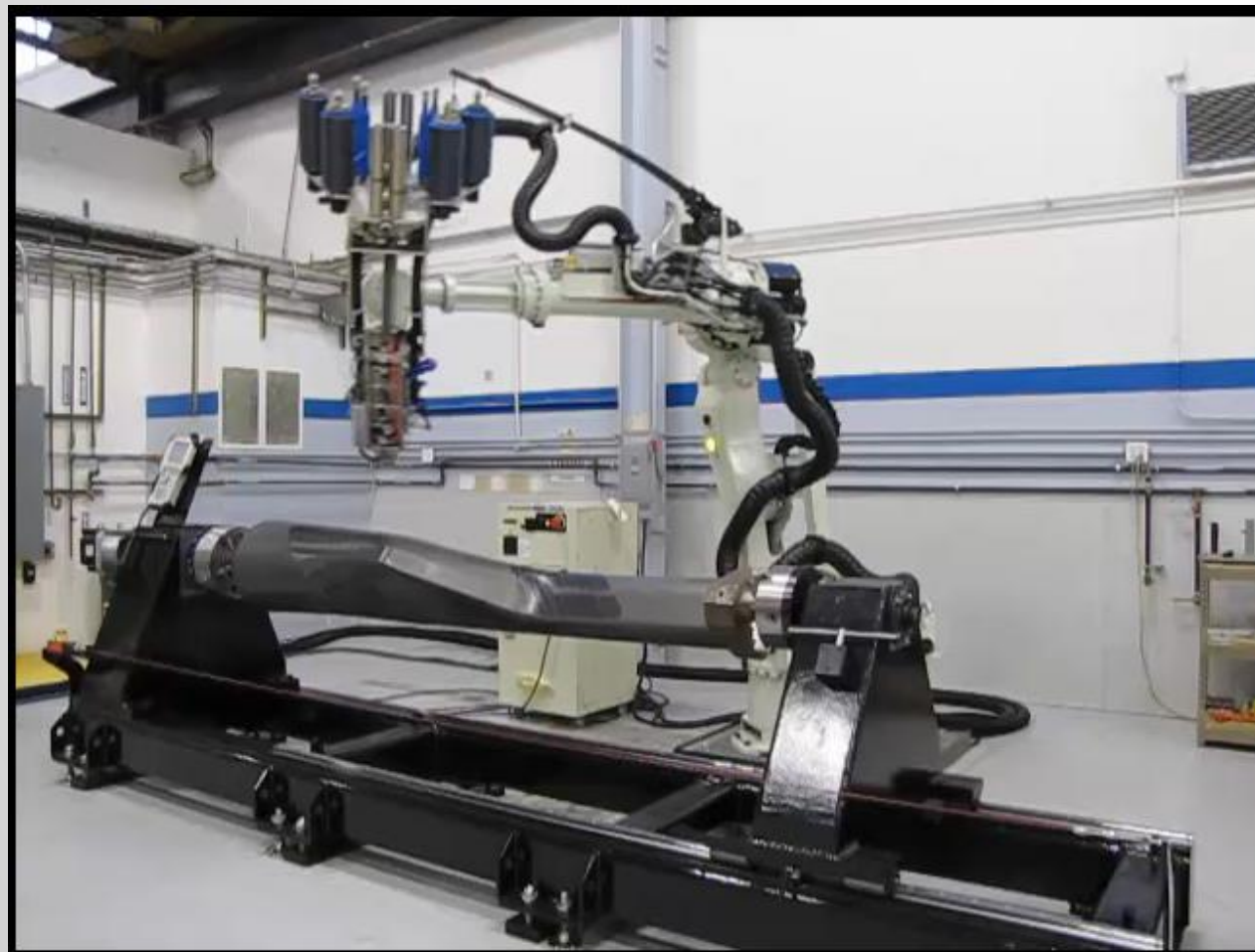
- Manufacturing non-traditional geometries
 - HP-RTM



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Advancing the State of the Art

- Manufacturing non-traditional geometries
 - HP-RTM
 - 3D Printing



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Mixed Materials

- Strength and stiffness where required
- Ease of manufacturability



Wrap-Up

- Simulation in the Future of Making Things
 - Murano 3301
 - Wed. Dec. 2nd, 4:30-5:30
- Simulation On Tap
 - Yardbird Living Room
 - Wed. Dec. 2nd, 5:30-8:30
 - Need a green wristband to get in – come get one from the presenters



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