



## ANSYS Structural FEA



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# The Days Agenda



## AGENDA

|               |  |
|---------------|--|
| 10:00 – 10:30 | Registration & Coffee  |
| 10:30 – 10:45 | Intro to Seminar & ANSYS   |
| 10:45 – 11:45 | <p>Structural Mechanics Analysis using ANSYS Workbench</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Overview of Workbench for Structural Analysis</li><li>○ CAD Connectivity</li><li>○ Geometry Pre-Processing</li><li>○ Meshing</li><li>○ Materials Support</li><li>○ Boundary Condition Setup</li><li>○ Analysis Types</li><li>○ Post Processing</li><li>○ Optimisation</li></ul> |
| 11:45 – 12:15 | Coffee Break   |
| 12:15 – 13:15 | ANSYS FEA & Composites<br>Guest Speaker from Even  |
| 13:15 – 13:30 | Q&A Sessions.  |
| 13:30 – 14:30 | Lunch & Finish   |

# Agenda



- Overview of Workbench for Structural Analysis
- CAD Connectivity
- Geometry Pre-Processing
- Meshing
- Materials Support
- Boundary Condition Setup
- Analysis Types
- Post Processing
- Optimisation

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## ANSYS Workbench



# ANSYS Workbench

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ANSYS Workbench interface showing a Project Schematic and various toolboxes.

**Project Schematic:**

- A: Geometry** (includes 1 Geometry, 2 Mesh, 3 Parameters)
- B: Mesh** (includes 1 Mesh, 2 Geometry, 3 Parameters)
- C: CFX** (includes 1 CFX, 2 Setup, 3 Mesh, 4 Results)
- D: Static Structural (ANSYS)** (includes 1 Static Structural (ANSYS), 2 Engineering Data, 3 Geometry, 4 Model, 5 Setup, 6 Solution, 7 Results)
- E: FLUENT** (includes 1 FLUENT, 2 Setup, 3 Solution, 4 Results)
- F: Steady-State Thermal (ANSYS)** (includes 1 Steady-State Thermal (ANSYS), 2 Engineering Data, 3 Geometry, 4 Model, 5 Setup, 6 Solution, 7 Results)
- G: Static Structural (ANSYS)** (includes 1 Static Structural (ANSYS), 2 Engineering Data, 3 Geometry, 4 Model, 5 Setup, 6 Solution, 7 Results, 8 Parameters)
- H: nCode EN TimeSeries (DesignLife)** (includes 1 nCode EN TimeSeries (DesignLife), 2 Engineering Data, 3 Solution, 4 Results)

**Toolbox:**

- Analysis Systems**
  - Electric (ANSYS)
  - Explicit Dynamics (ANSYS)
  - Fluid Flow - Blow Molding (POLYFLOW)
  - Fluid Flow - Extrusion (POLYFLOW)
  - Fluid Flow (CFX)
  - Fluid Flow (FLUENT)
  - Fluid Flow (POLYFLOW)
  - Harmonic Response (ANSYS)
  - Hydrodynamic Diffraction (AQWA)
  - Linear Buckling (ANSYS)
  - Magnetostatic (ANSYS)
  - Modal (ANSYS)
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  - nCode EN TimeSeries (DesignLife)
  - nCode EN TimeStep (DesignLife)
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  - nCode SN TimeSeries (DesignLife)
  - nCode SN TimeStep (DesignLife)
  - nCode SN Vibration (DesignLife)
  - Random Vibration (ANSYS)
  - Response Spectrum (ANSYS)
  - Shape Optimization (ANSYS)
  - Static Structural (ANSYS)
  - Steady-State Thermal (ANSYS)
  - Thermal-Electric (ANSYS)
  - Transient Structural (ANSYS)
  - Transient Structural (MBD)
  - Transient Thermal (ANSYS)
- Component Systems**
  - AUTODYN
  - BladeGen
  - CFX
  - Engineering Data
  - Explicit Dynamics (LS-DYNA Export)
  - External Connection
  - Finite Element Modeler
  - FLUENT
  - Geometry
  - Icepak
  - Mechanical APDL
  - Mechanical Model
  - Mesh
  - POLYFLOW
  - POLYFLOW - Blow Molding
  - POLYFLOW - Extrusion
  - Results
  - TurboGrid
  - Vista TF
- Custom Systems**
  - FSI: Fluid Flow (CFX) -> Static Structural
  - FSI: Fluid Flow (FLUENT) -> Static Structural
  - Pre-Stress Modal
  - Random Vibration
  - Response Spectrum

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File Edit View Tools Units ACP Help

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- 1 Mesh
- 2 Geometry ✓
- 3 Mesh
- 4 Parameters

C

- 1 CFX
- 2 Setup
- 3 Solution
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- 1 Static Structural (ANSYS)
- 2 Engineering Data ✓
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- 5 Setup
- 6 Solution
- 7 Results

E

- 1 FLUENT
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- 3 Solution

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No data

No data

A

| Property | Value |
|----------|-------|
| 1        |       |

B

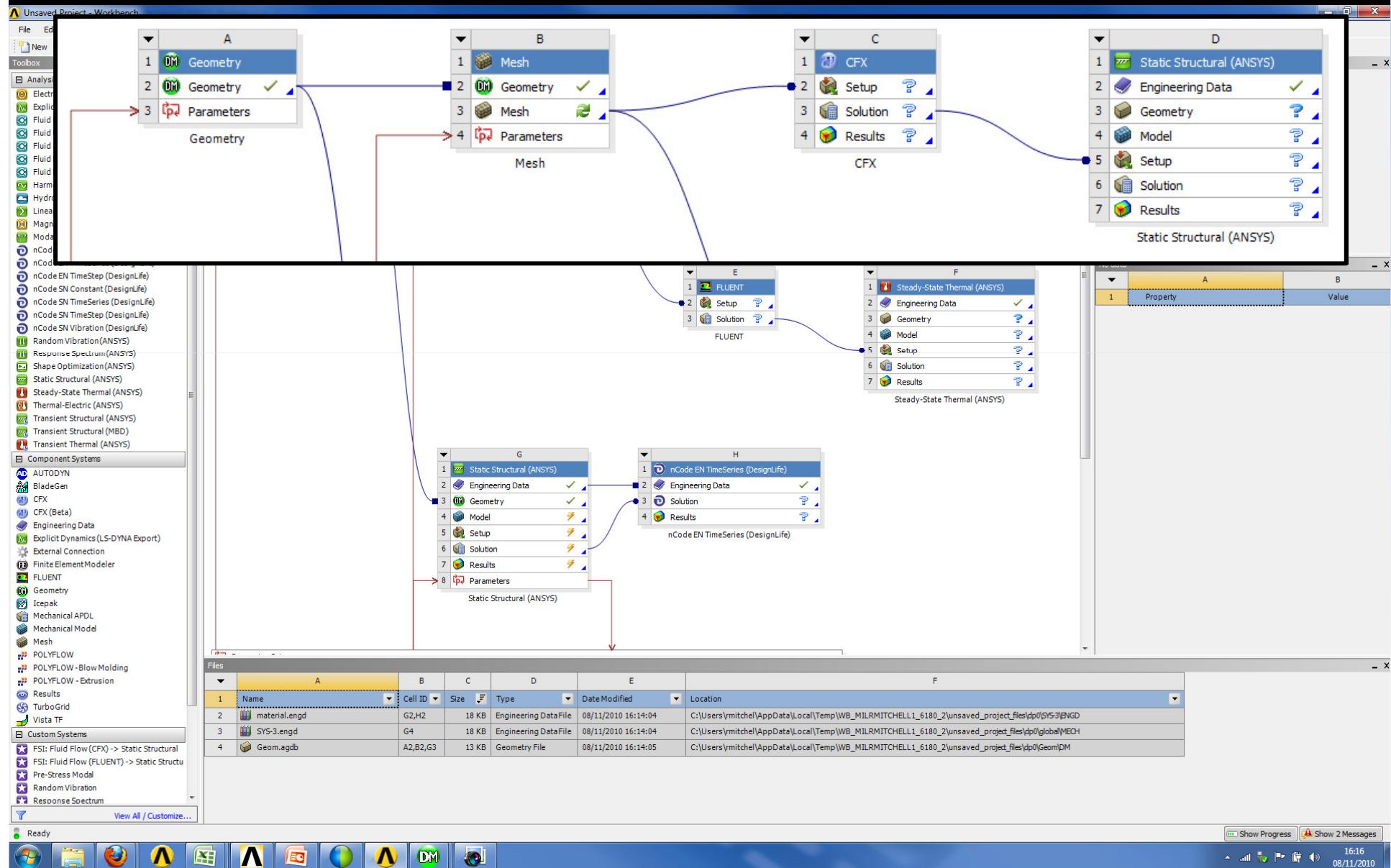
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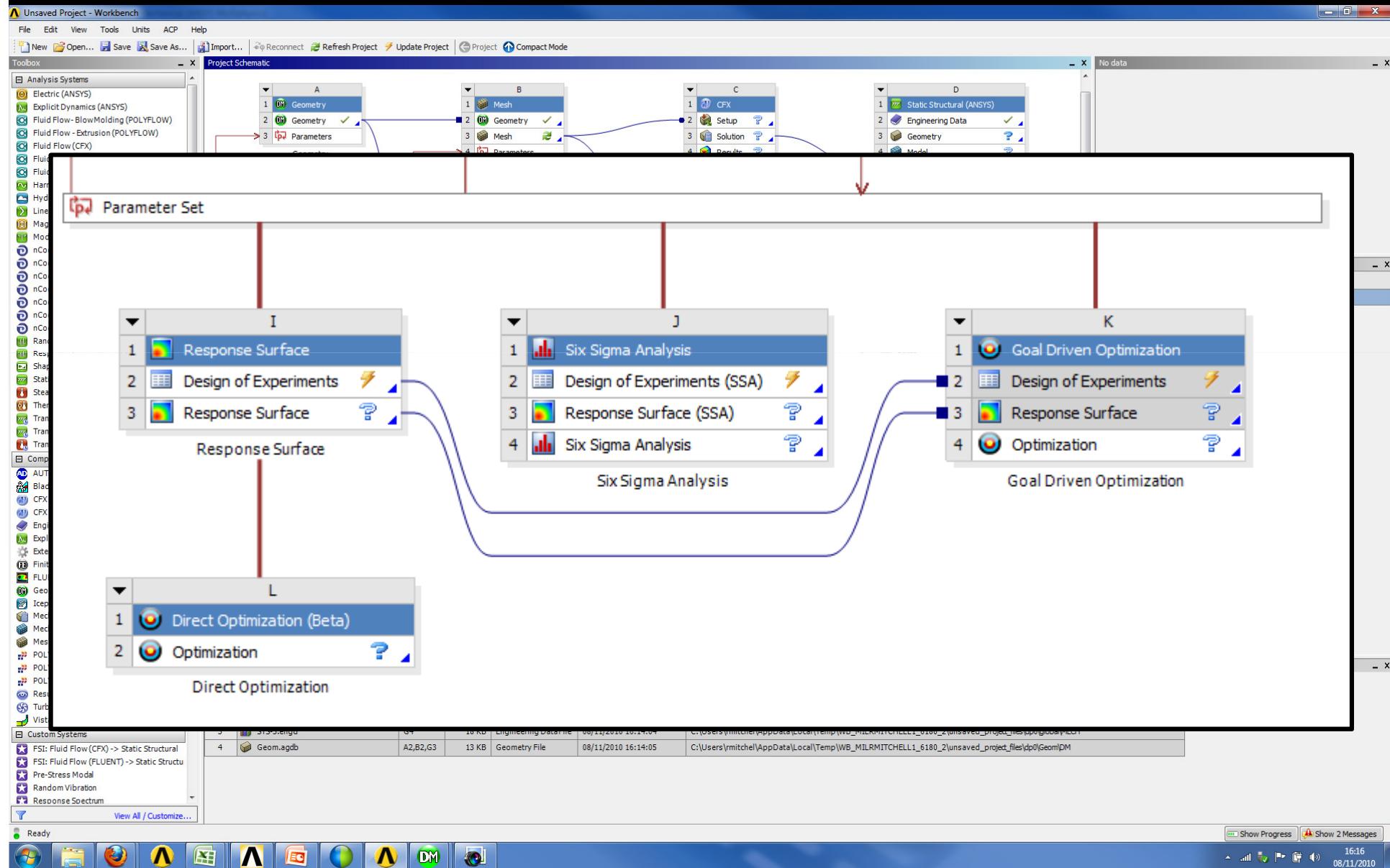
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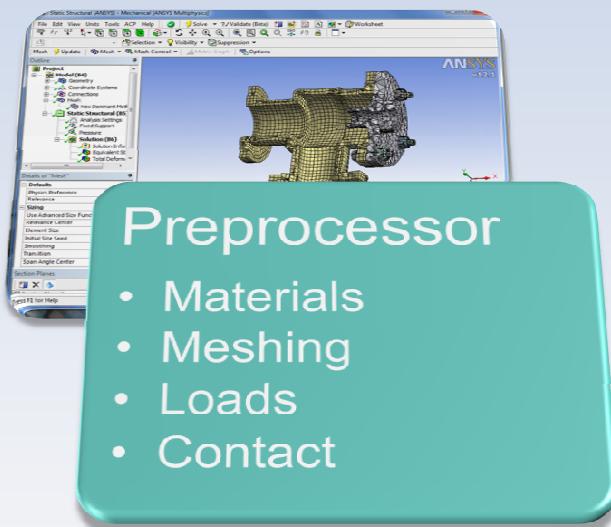
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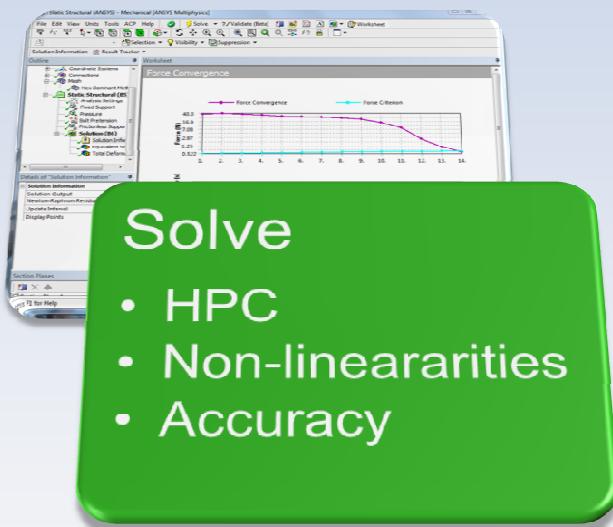
- Geometry
  - Direct CAD Links
    - Connect to real CAD models and create true parametric analysis
  - Create analysis geometry
    - Geometry clean-up
    - Simplification
    - Create Shell & Beam geometry
  - Work with imported files

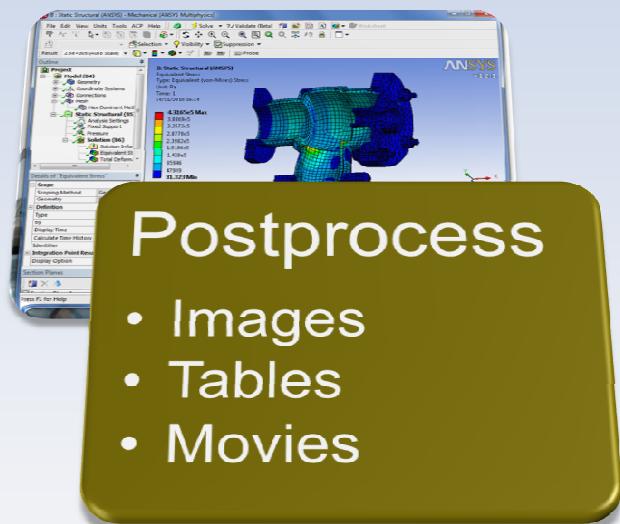
# ANSYS Structural Mechanics



- Preprocessing
  - Materials
    - Linear-Elastic
    - Plastic
    - Hyper-elastic
    - Creep
    - Soils, Concrete
    - Damage models
  - Meshing
    - From fully automatic to highly controlled
  - Loads
    - Imported data fields
    - Time dependant
    - Complex systems
  - Contact
    - Model real assemblies
    - Bonded, Frictionless & Frictional contact

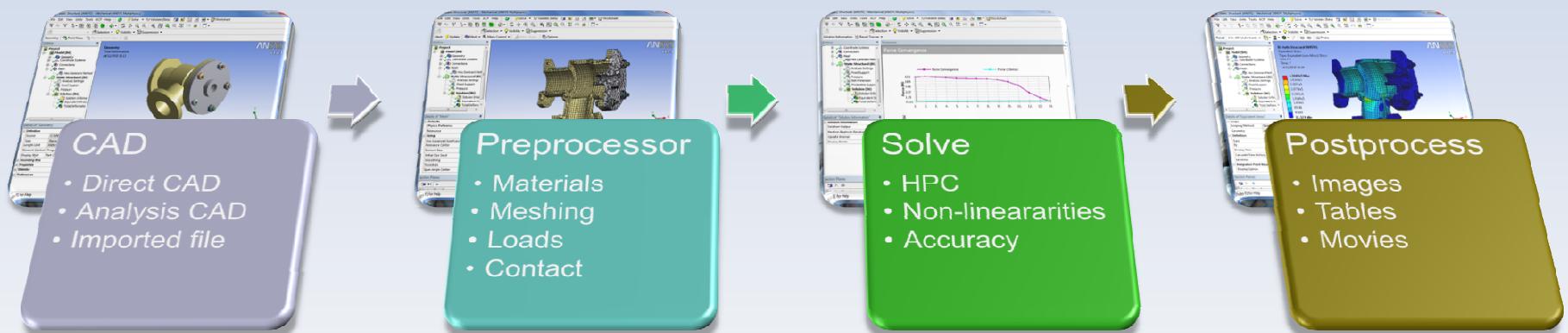
- Solving
  - ANSYS solver technology evolving to keep pace with PC developments
  - Multi-core
  - 32 & 64 bit
  - Clusters
  - GPU



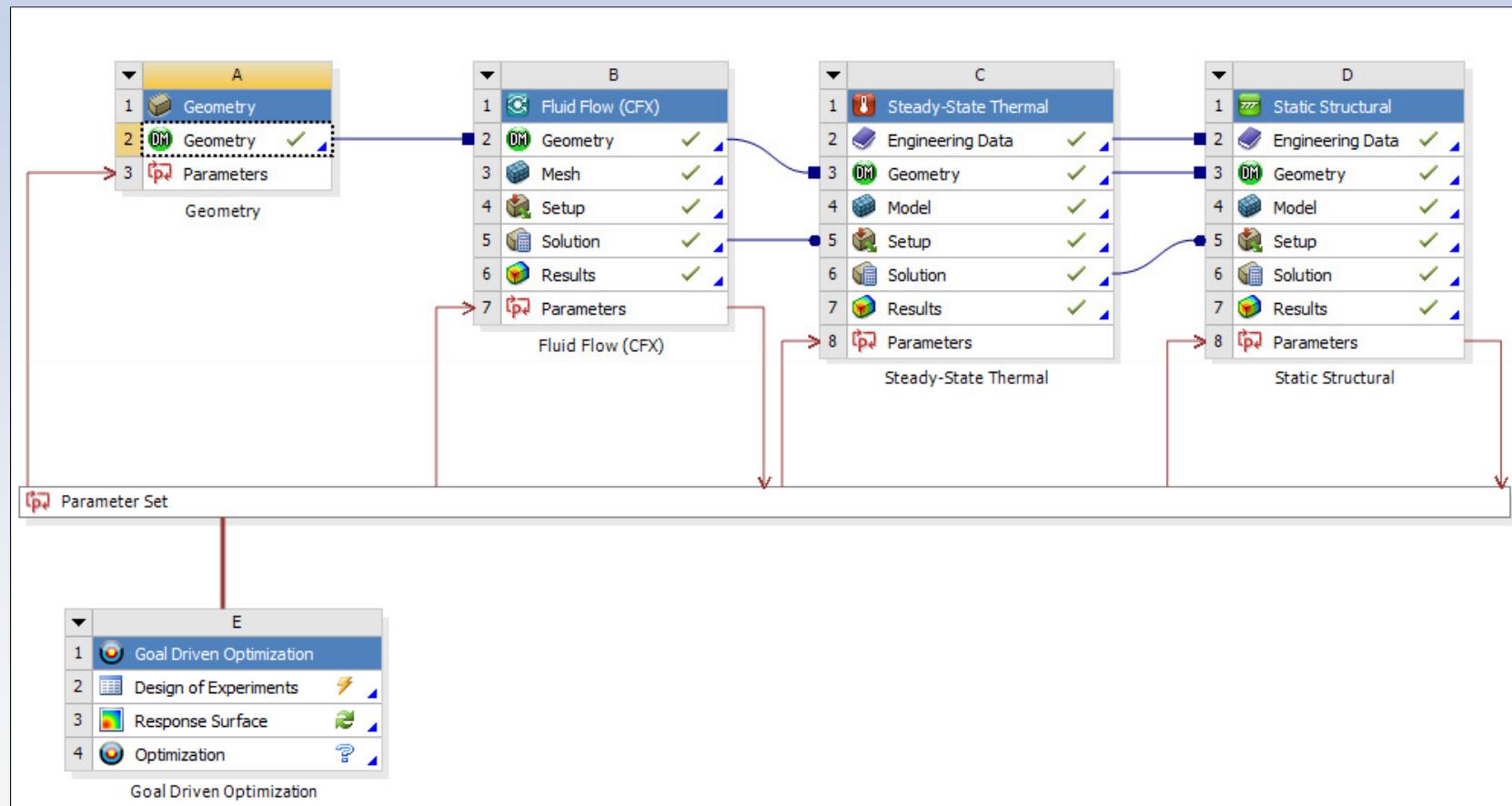


- Postprocessing
  - Stress, Strain, Creep, Contact, Reactions
  - Linearisation
  - Images
  - Tabular data → Excel
  - Movie files
  - Automated report generation

## • ANSYS Structural analysis

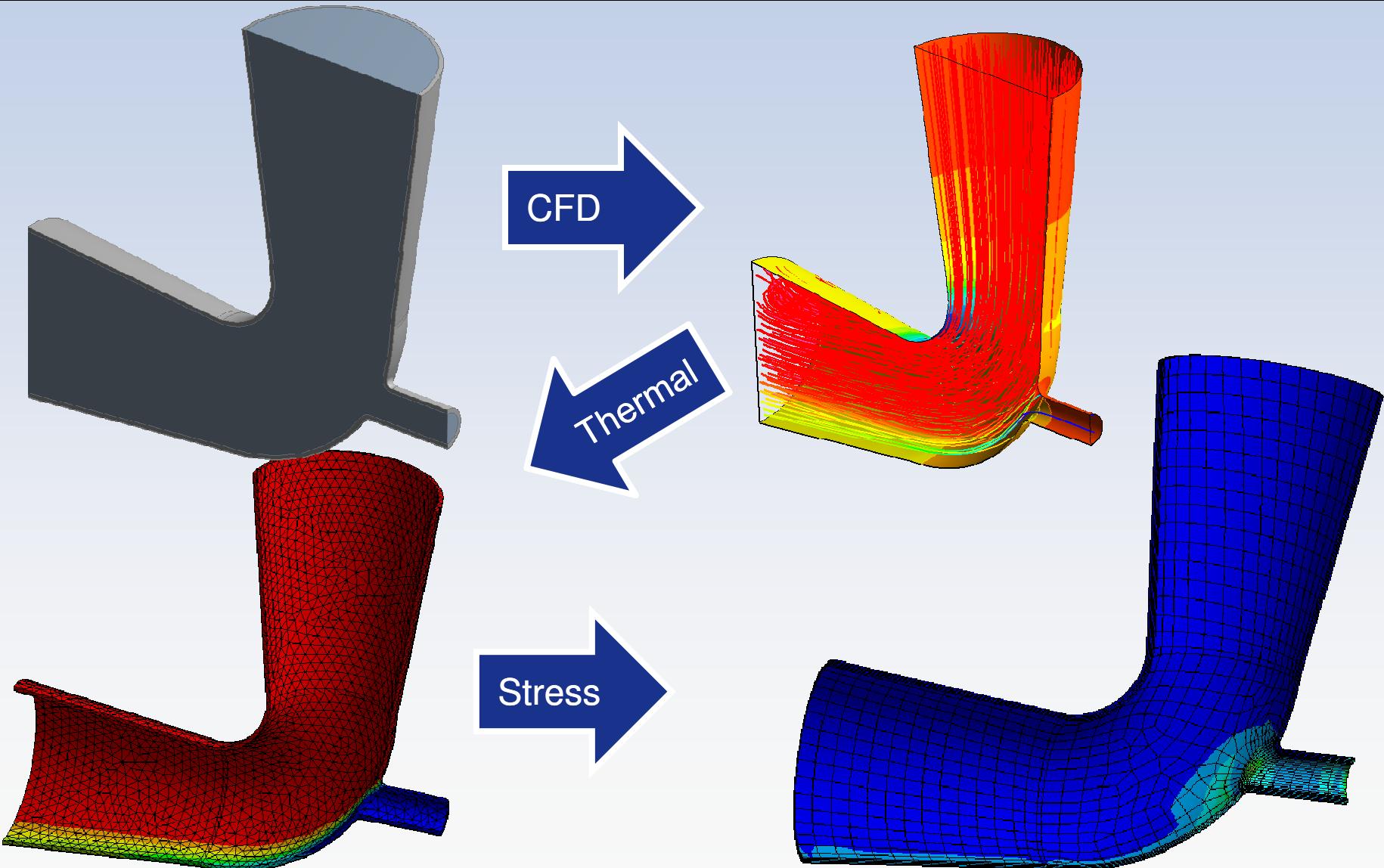


# Example workflow



# Linked analysis

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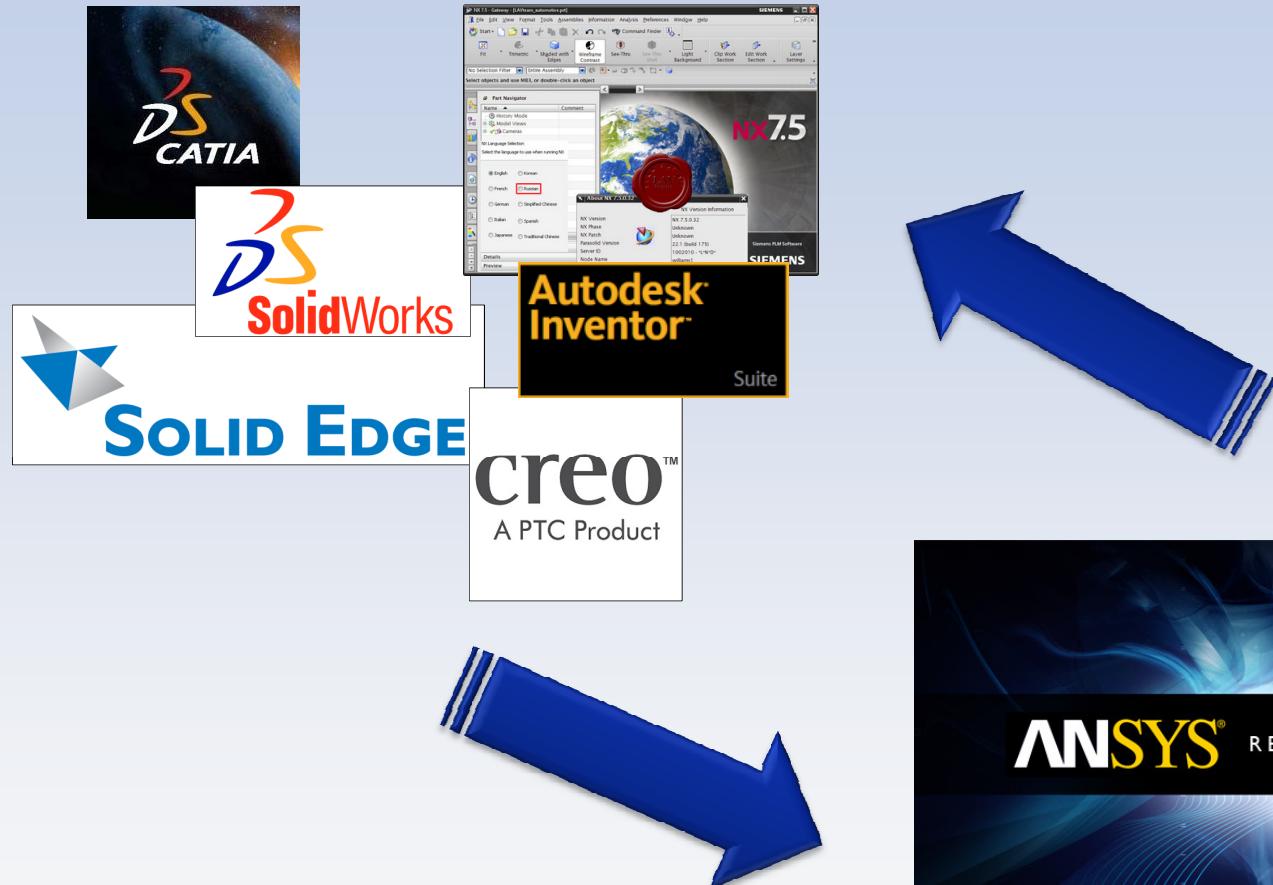




## ANSYS Geometry and CAD options

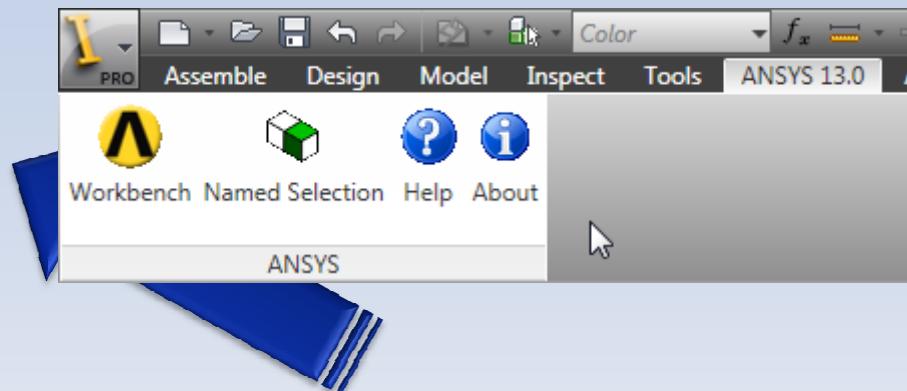
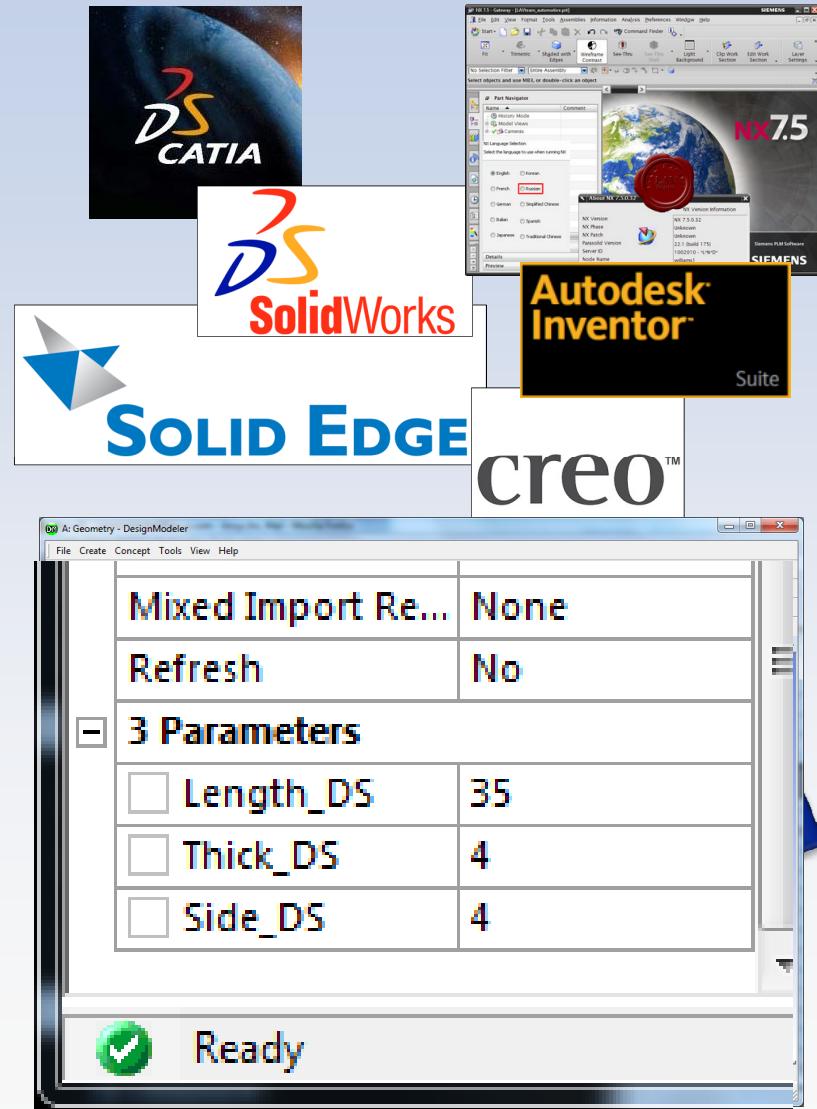


# Direct integration with interfaces



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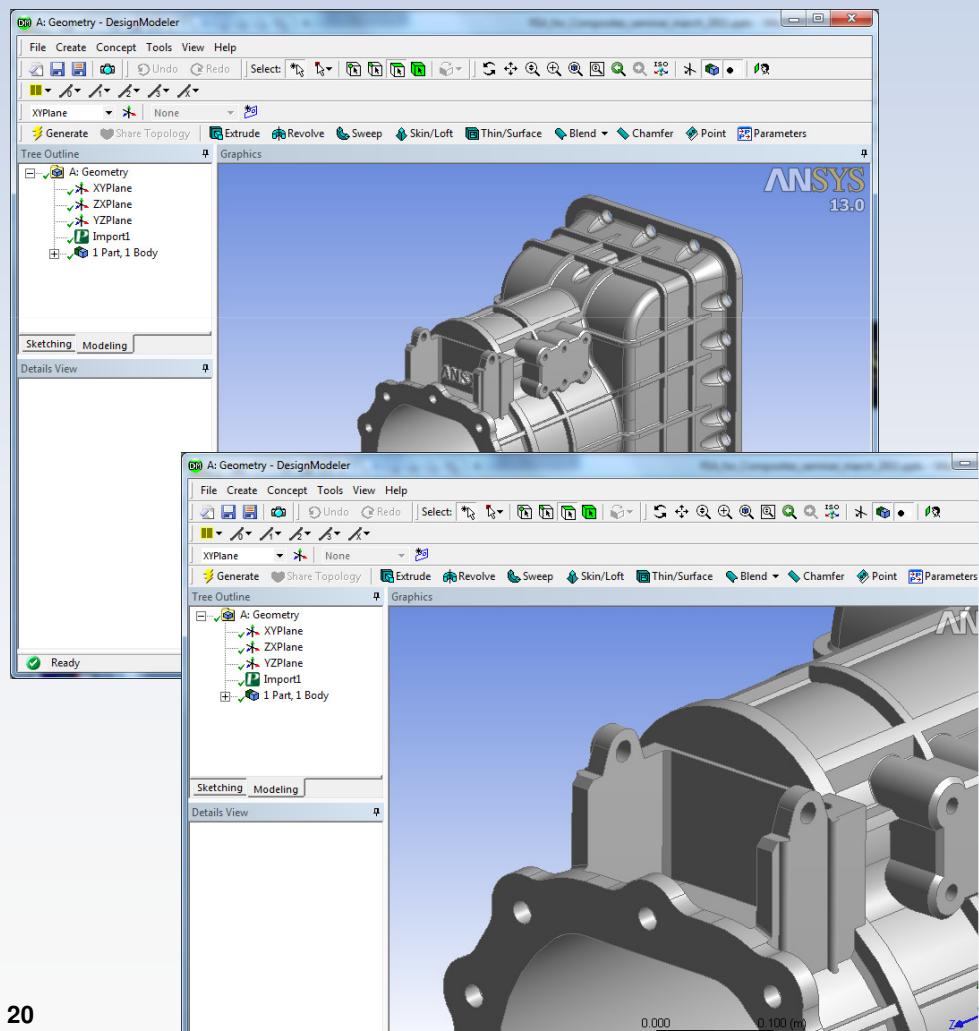
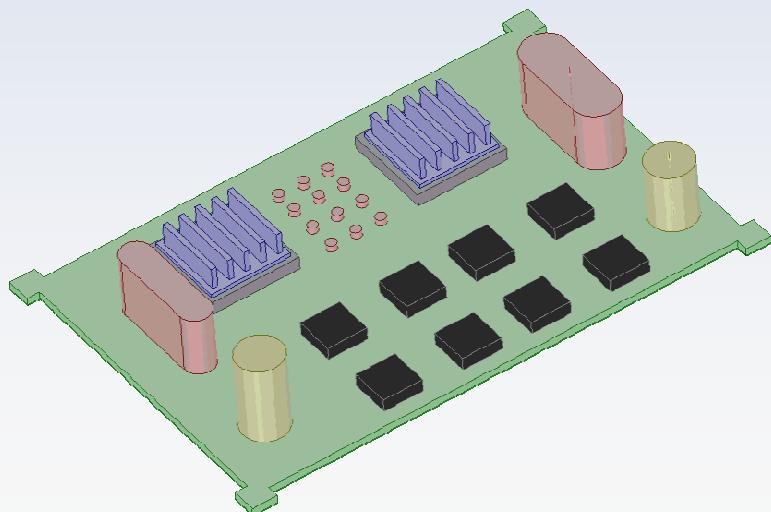
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# Geometry editing tools



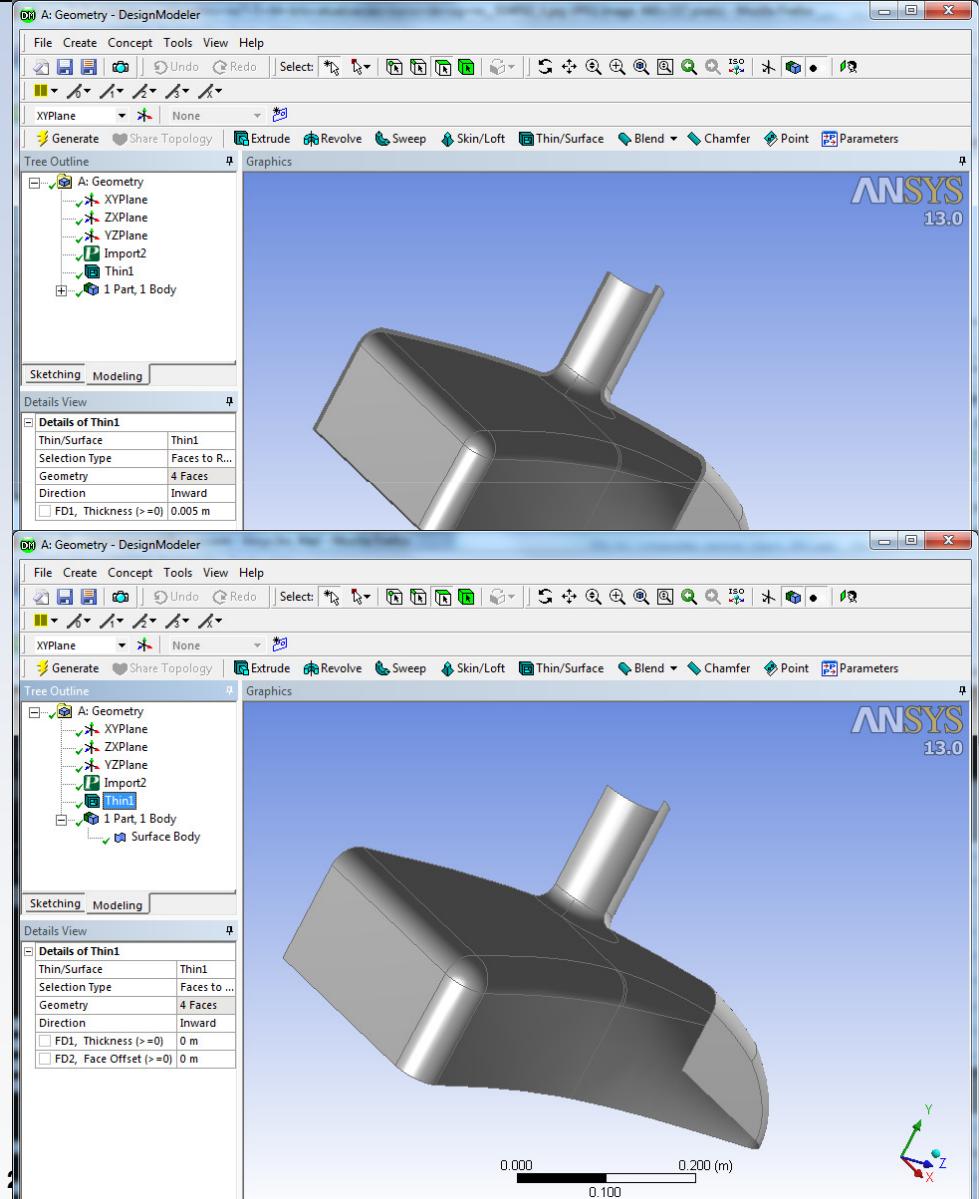
- Turning CAD geometry into analysis geometry.
- Remove small features
- Add parameters



# Mid-surfacing



- ANSYS ACP works on shell (surface) geometry.
- DesignModeler & SpaceClaim both have tools for turning “thick/solid” geometry into surface geometry.





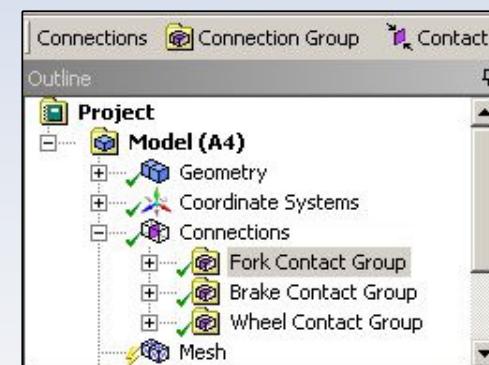
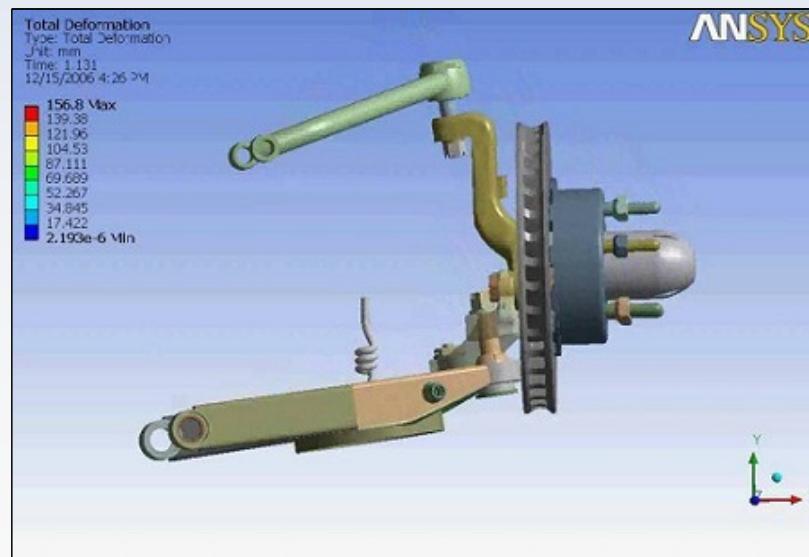
## ANSYS Contact



# Connections



- Automatic contact detection
- Contact/Spot welds to define interaction
- Number of contact definitions/formulations available
- Contacts can be grouped



# Contact types



- Realistic behaviour only possible with advanced contact.
- Optimised settings for each contact option
- Range of formulations
- Contact types
  - Bonded
  - No Separation
  - Frictionless
  - Rough
  - Frictional

| Scope          |                    |
|----------------|--------------------|
| Scoping Method | Geometry Selection |
| Contact        | 1 Face             |
| Target         | 1 Face             |
| Contact Bodies | Part 4             |
| Target Bodies  | Solid              |

| Definition          |               |
|---------------------|---------------|
| Type                | Bonded        |
| Scope Mode          | Bonded        |
| Behavior            | No Separation |
| Trim Contact (Beta) | Frictionless  |
| Suppressed          | Rough         |

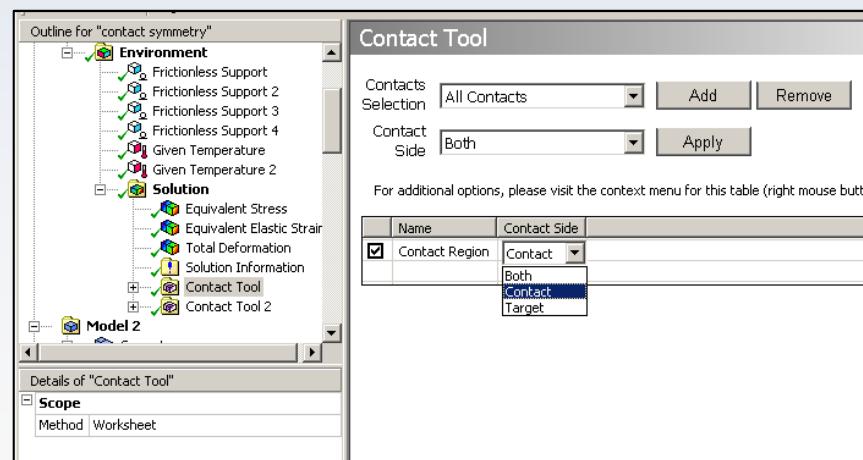
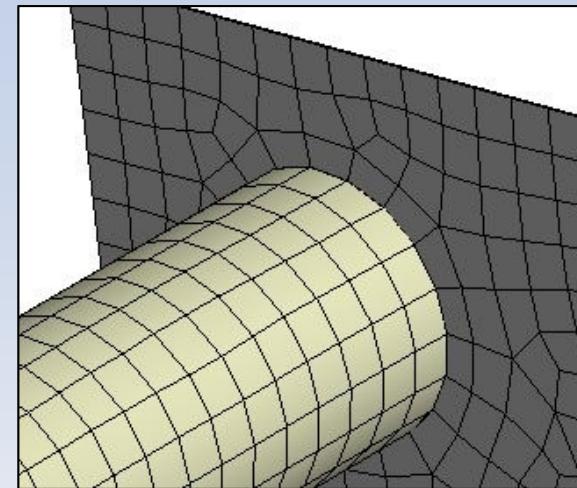
  

| Advanced         |                    |
|------------------|--------------------|
| Formulation      | Pure Penalty       |
| Normal Stiffness | Program Controlled |
| Update Stiffness | Never              |
| Pinball Region   | Program Controlled |

# Connections



- **Mesh connections**
  - Connect shell geometry up at a mesh level
- **Pre and post contact tool**
  - Plot pressures
  - Contact status





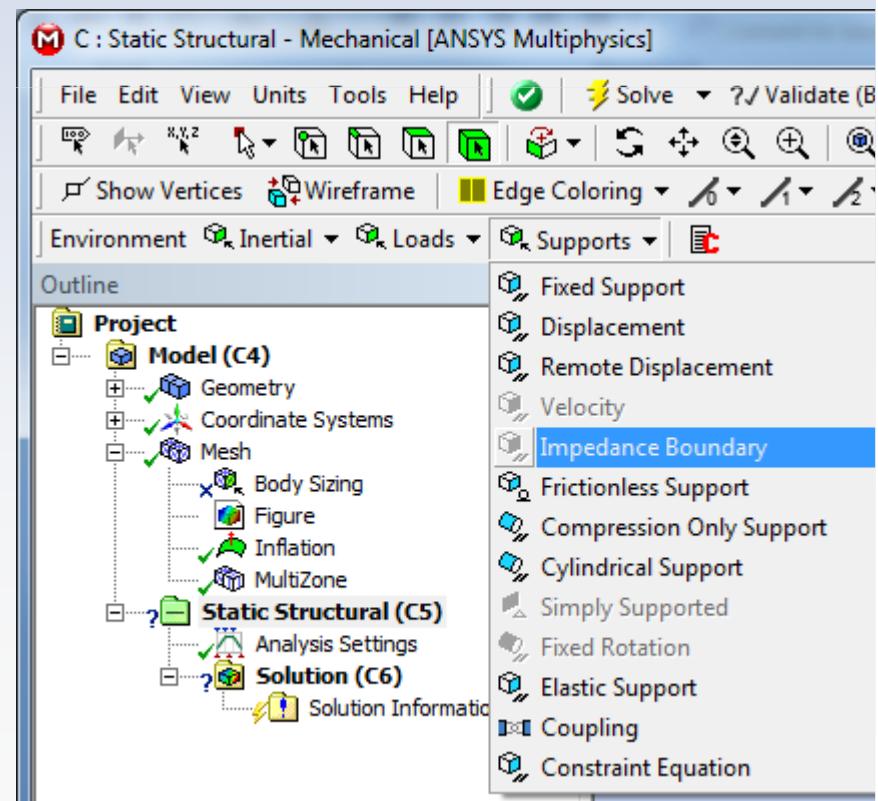
## ANSYS Pre-processing



# Boundary conditions



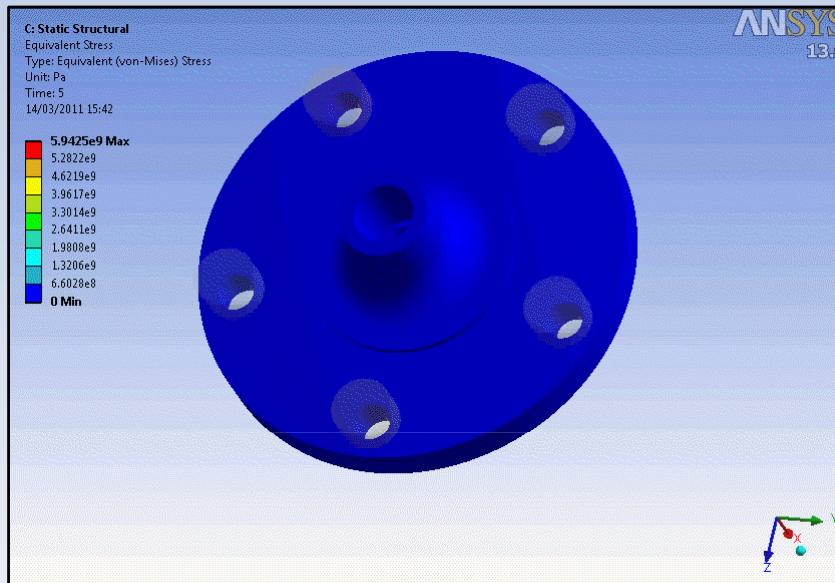
- Extensive list of constraints and loads within the toolbar
- Ability to apply loadings from CFD
- Ability to import loadings from text file
- Persistent application



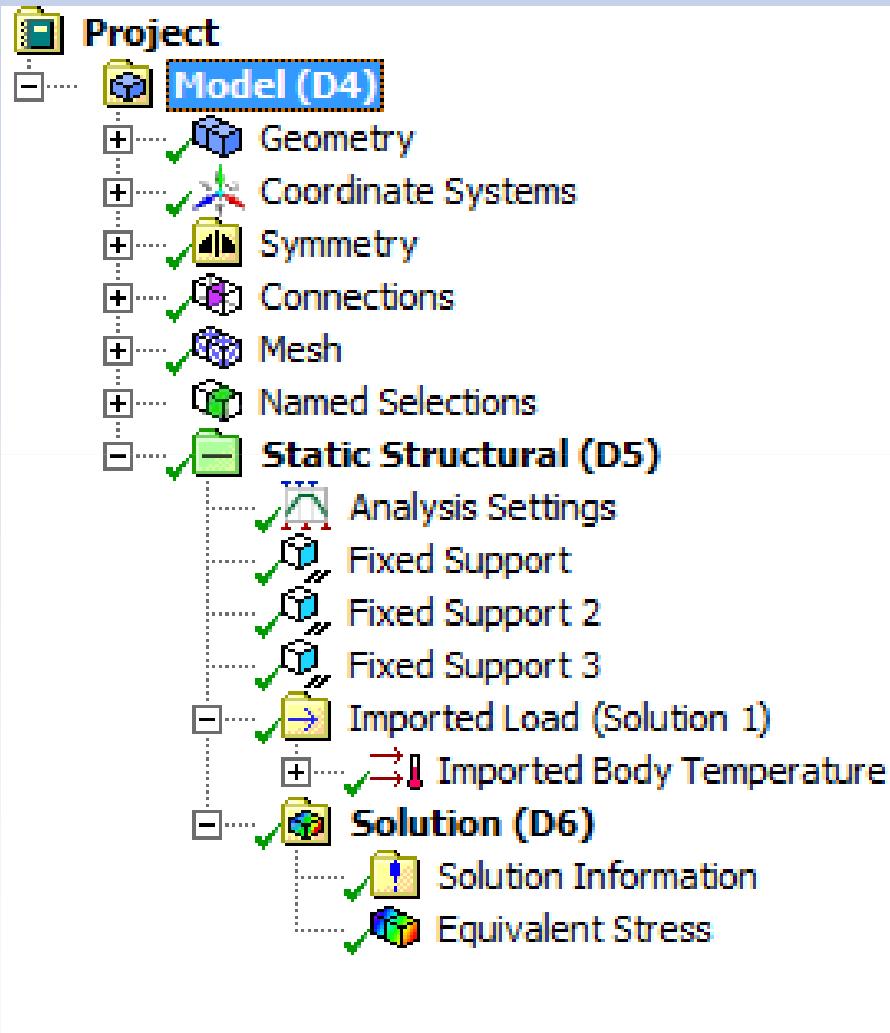
# Analysis types



- Static Structural
- Modal
- Harmonic
- Buckling
- Random Vibration
- Response Spectrum
- Transient Structural
- Thermal
- Transient Thermal



# ANSYS – Structural Mechanics



- The tools in Workbench are geared to allow engineers to carry out **ENGINEERING**
- Complex tasks made intuitive



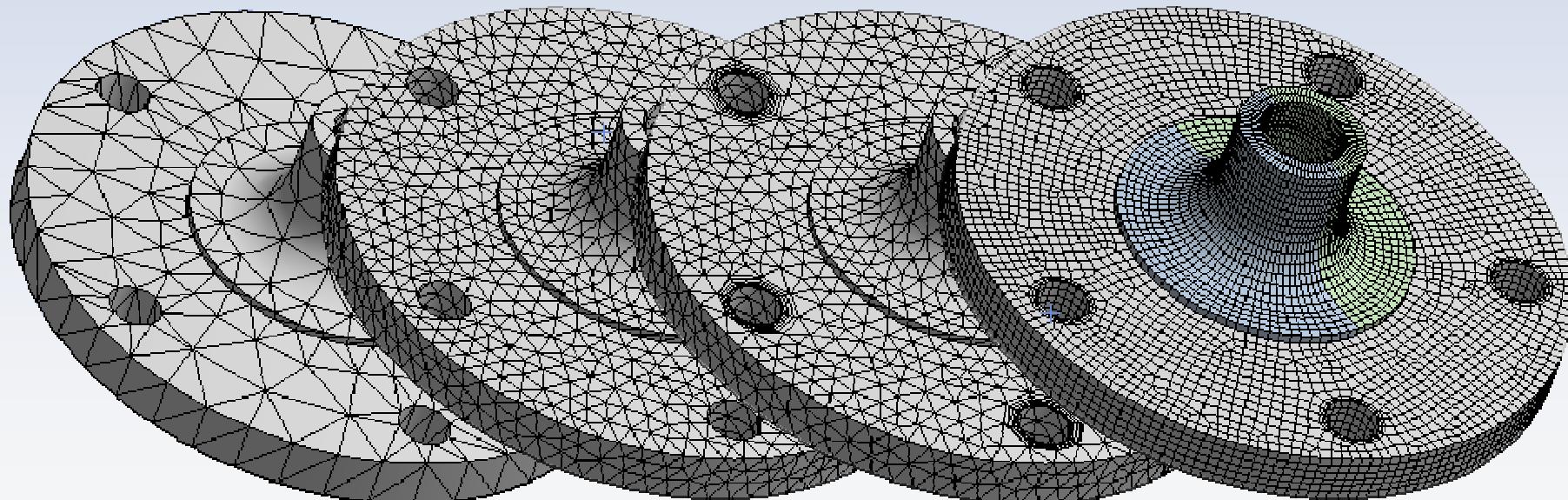
## ANSYS Meshing



# **Meshting options**



- ANSYS Meshing has options from fully automatic to highly controlled.





## ANSYS Core technology



- **Elements**

- Range of elements for solids
  - Tets, pyramids & hex
  - Coupled physics
  - Low and high order
- Shell elements
  - Low and high order
  - Layered options

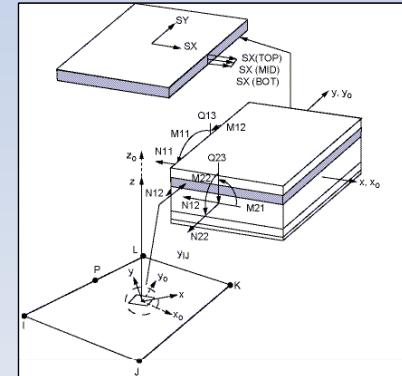
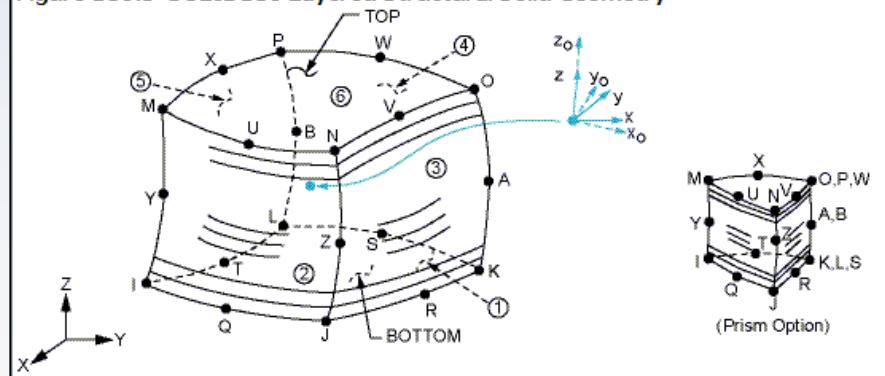
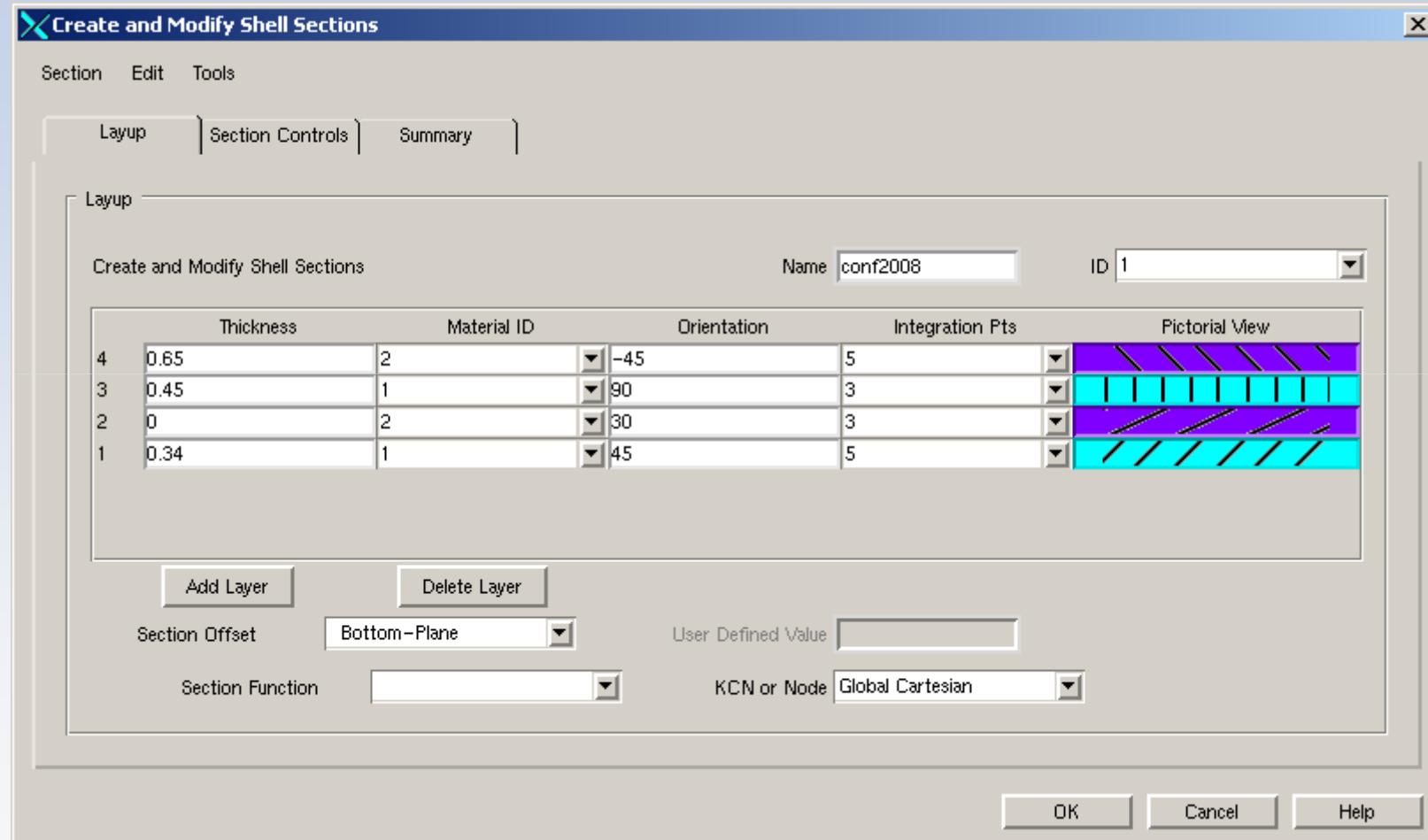
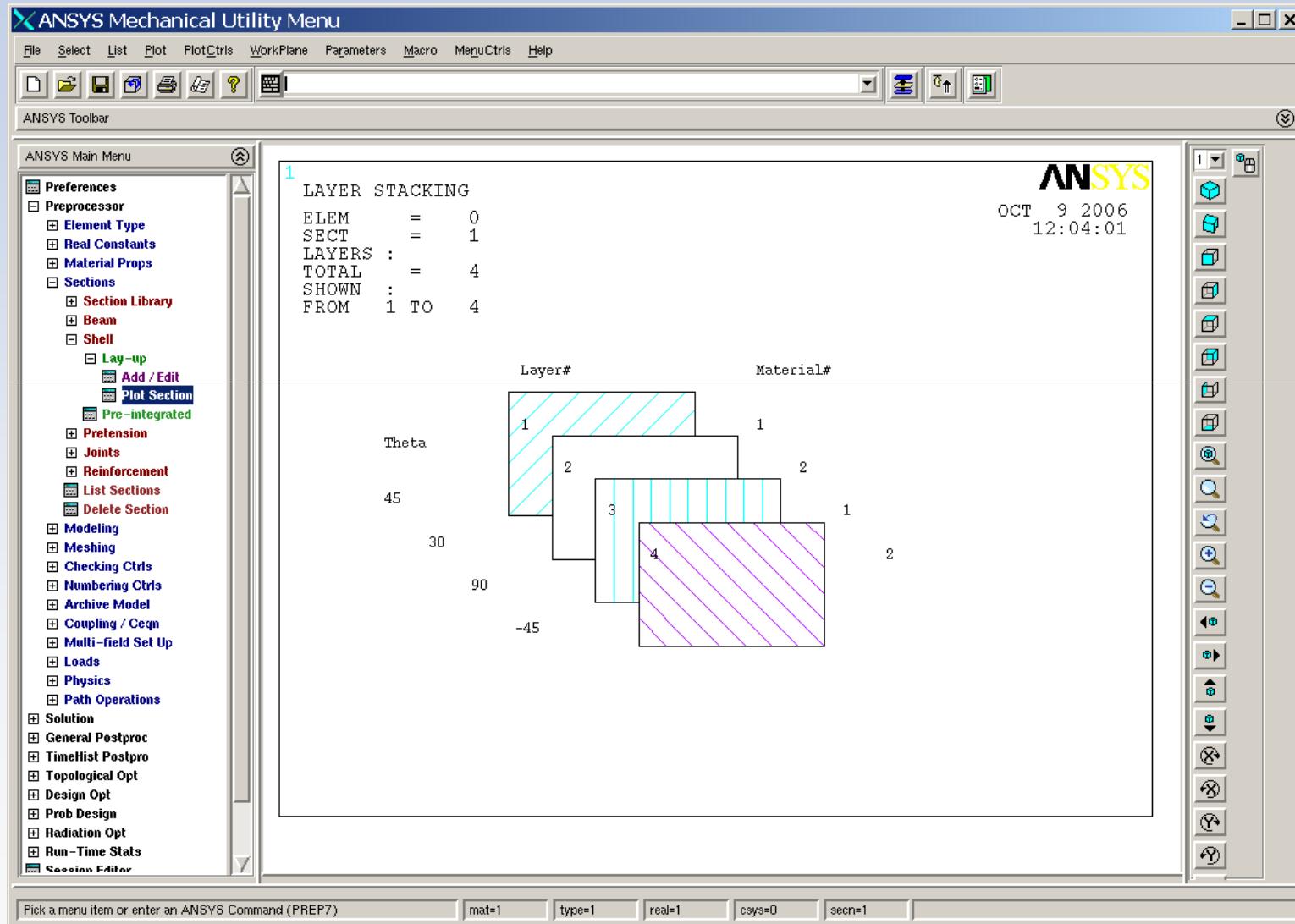


Figure 186.3 SOLID186 Layered Structural Solid Geometry



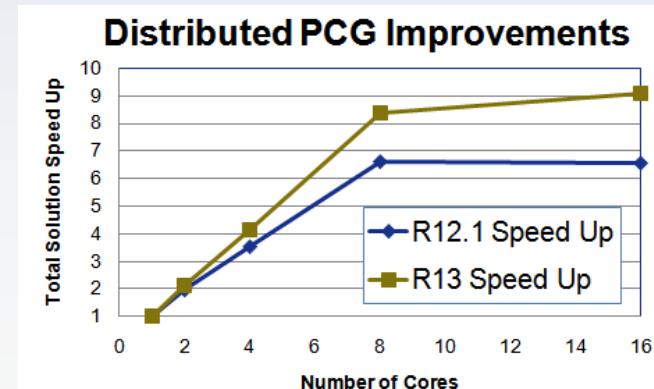


# ANSYS Technology



## Solver technology

- **Solvers work with your hardware**
  - Workstations now ship with multiple cores
  - Solvers evolved to make best use of this
  - Remote solving options
- **Enhanced scalability**
  - Many enhancements to improve performance of DPCG and DSPARSE solvers
- **64bit native code**
  - Faster solve times



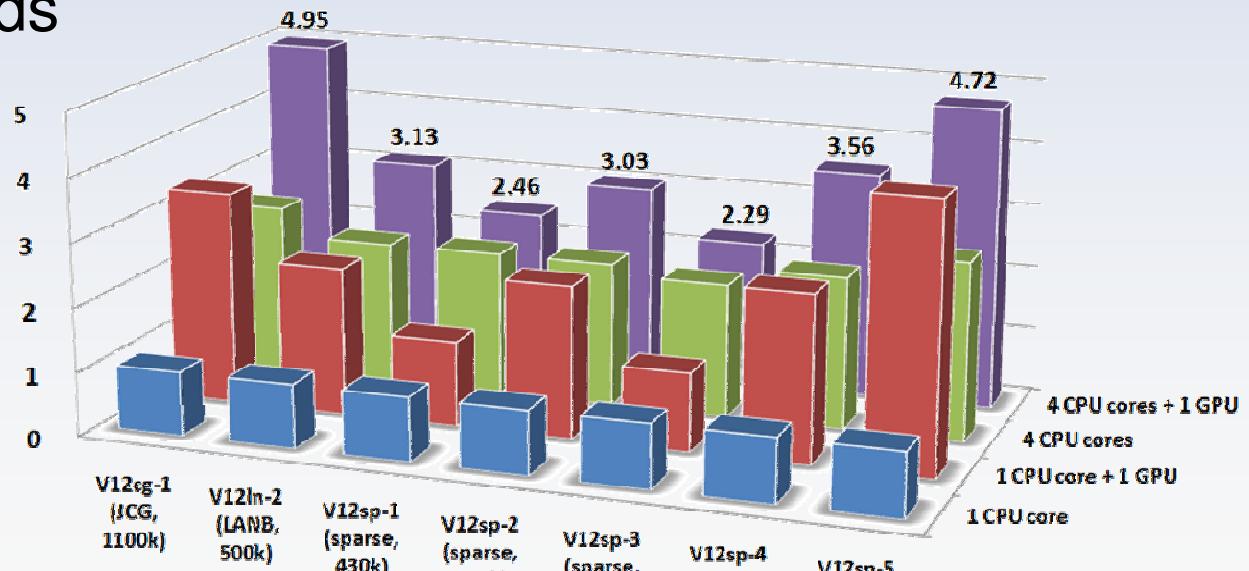
# GPU Accelerator Feature



- SMP SPARSE and PCG solvers only
- Activated with –acc @ command line
- Supported on Windows/Linux 64-bit systems
- Currently **only available for nVidia Tesla 20-series (1U) cards**



- Intel Xeon 5560 (2.8 GHz, 8 cores total)
- 32 GB of RAM
- Windows XP SP2 (64-bit)
- Tesla C2050



Overall Simulation Speedups for R12 Benchmark Set



## ANSYS Materials

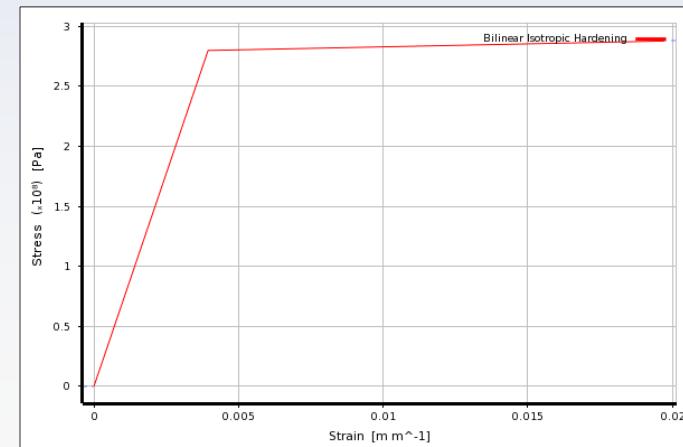


# Materials



- Accurate materials are an essential requirement for any analysis
- ANSYS has a wide range available to engineers.
- User definable material libraries.

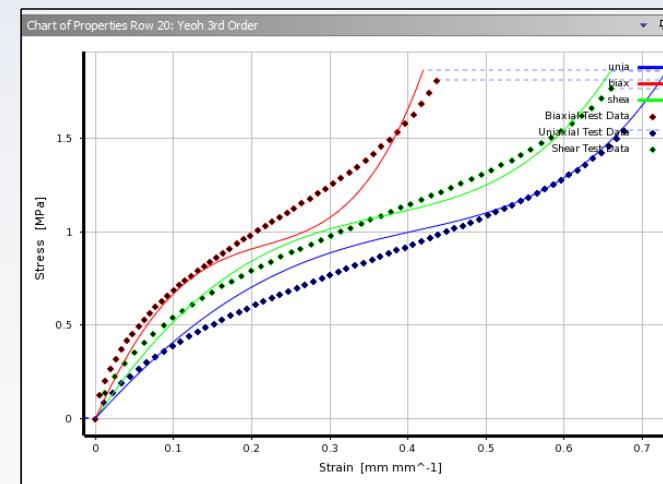
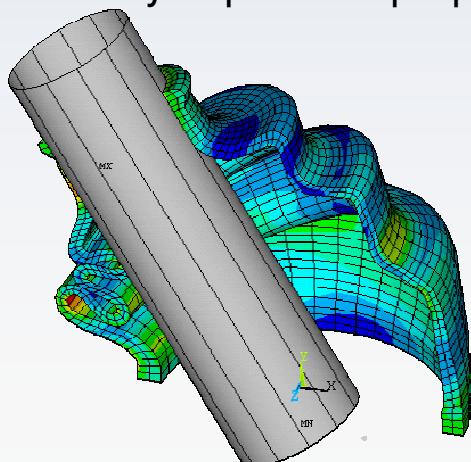
| Engineering Data Sources |                                |
|--------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 1                        | A<br>Data Source               |
| 2                        | ⭐ Favorites                    |
| 3                        | 📚 General Materials            |
| 4                        | 📚 General Non-linear Materials |
| 5                        | 📚 Explicit Materials           |
| 6                        | 📚 Hyperelastic Materials       |
| 7                        | 📚 Magnetic B-H Curves          |
| 8                        | 📚 Thermal Materials            |



# ANSYS materials continued



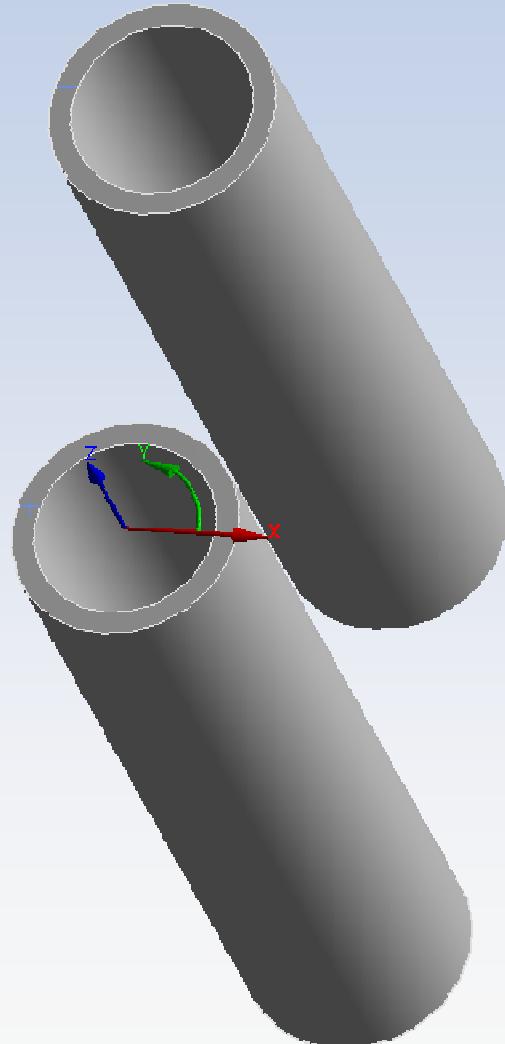
- **Metallic**
    - Linear
    - Plasticity
    - Temperature effect
    - Creep
    - Test data
  - **Specialist materials**
    - Hyper-elasticity
    - Concretes & soils
    - Directionally dependant properties
- Low deflection, room temperature  
Large deflection, permanent deformation  
Thermal loads  
Long timescale effects  
Can be used directly
- Rubbers, polymers etc  
Crushing and brittle failure modes



# Directional dependency



- Products built from certain materials, have directional properties.
- By using coordinate systems and orthotropic properties we can capture these effects
- Straightforward for cylinders, plates etc.





## ANSYS Post Processing

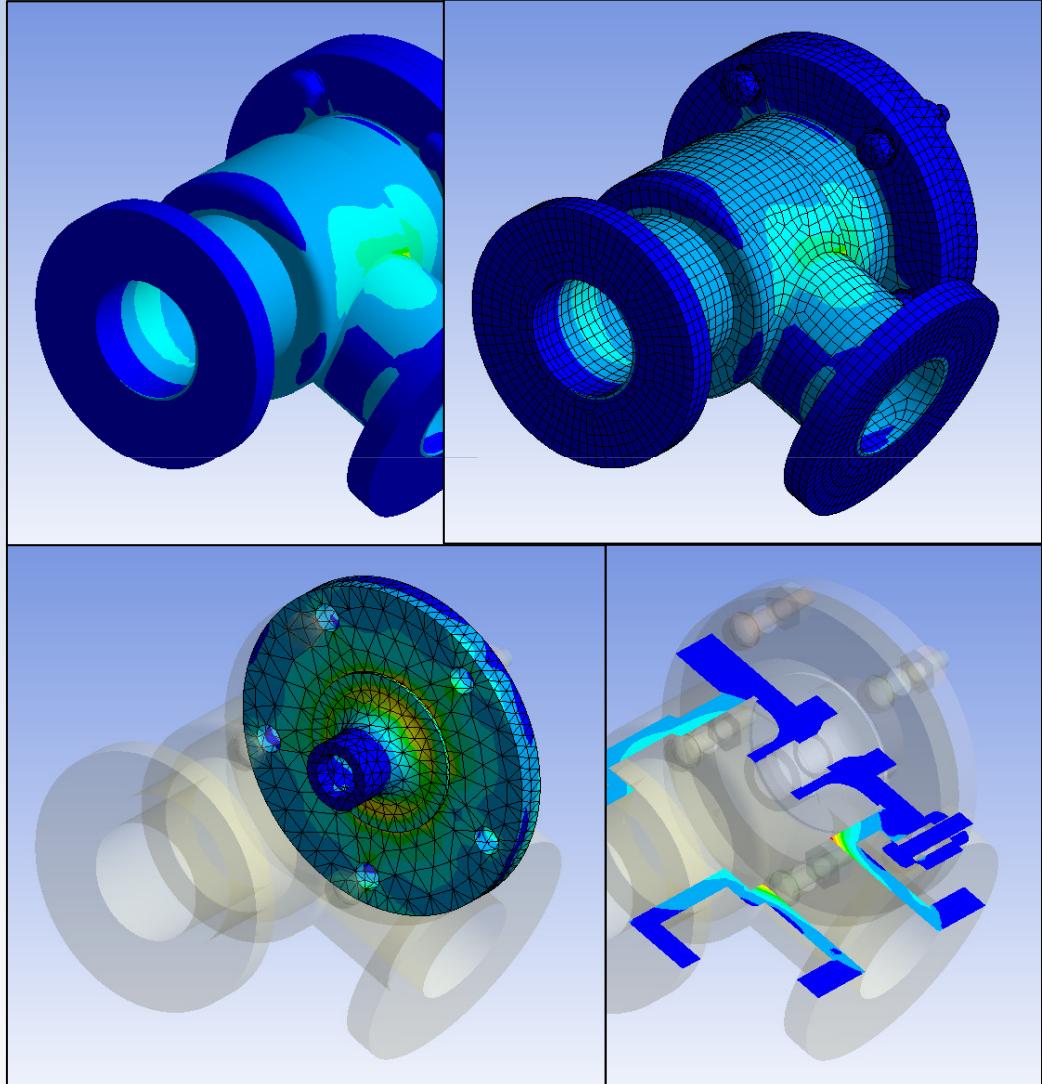


# Results plots

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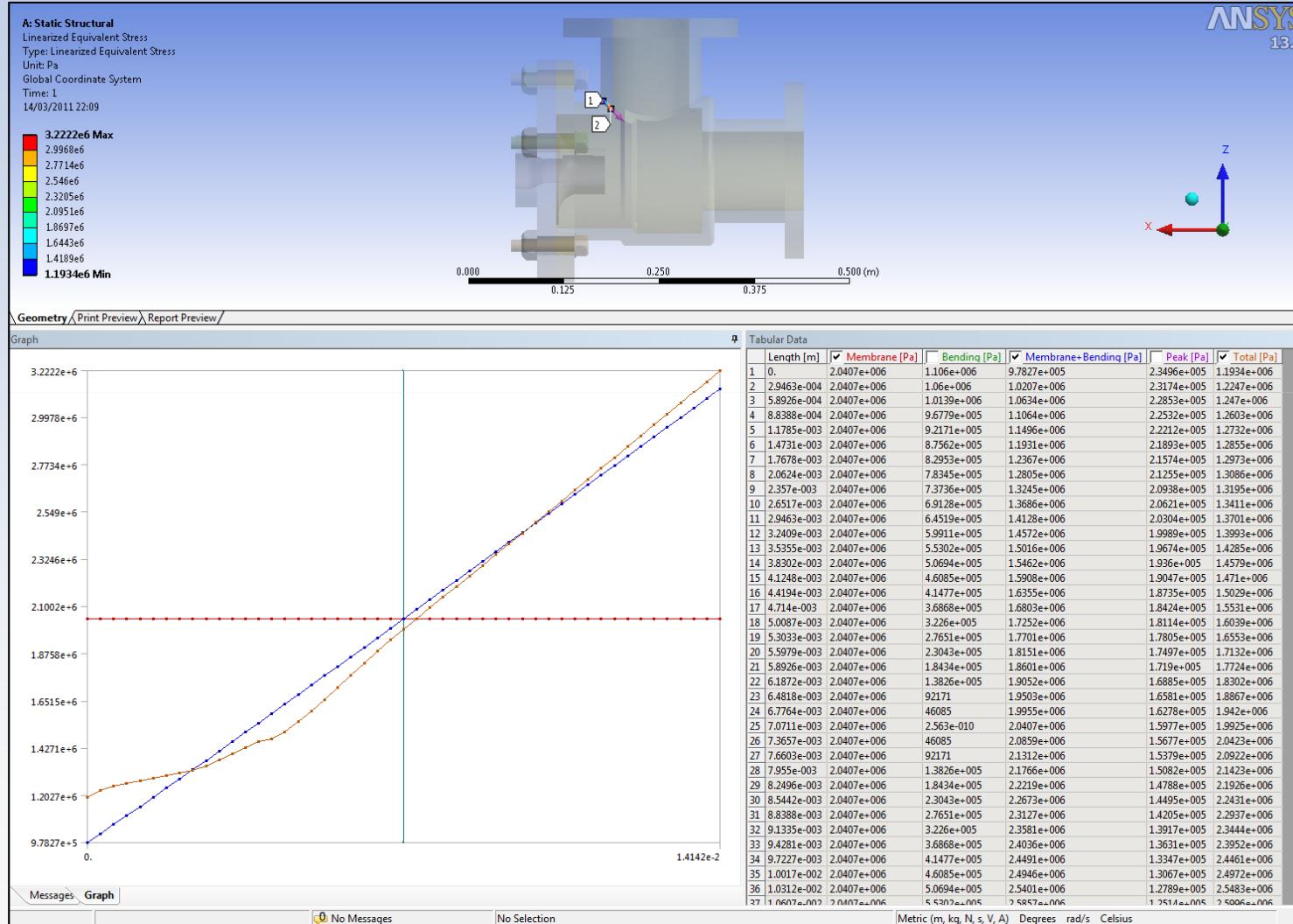
- Whole assembly
- With mesh
- Scoped results
- Cut planes
- Parametric feedback

|                                  |                               |
|----------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Scope                            |                               |
| Scoping Method                   | Geometry Selection            |
| Geometry                         | 1 Body                        |
| Definition                       |                               |
| Type                             | Equivalent (von-Mises) Stress |
| By                               | Time                          |
| Display Time                     | Last                          |
| Calculate Time History           | Yes                           |
| Identifier                       |                               |
| Integration Point Results        |                               |
| Display Option                   | Averaged                      |
| Results                          |                               |
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| Information                      |                               |



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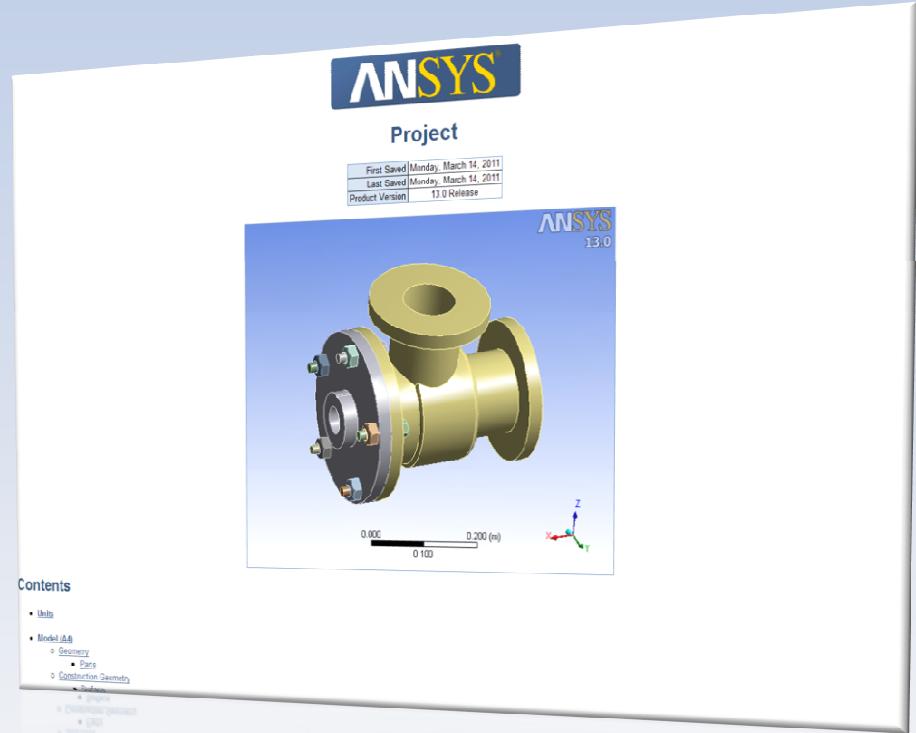
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# Reports



- Automatic reporting
  - Captures all CAE data
  - HTML
  - Word
  - PowerPoint



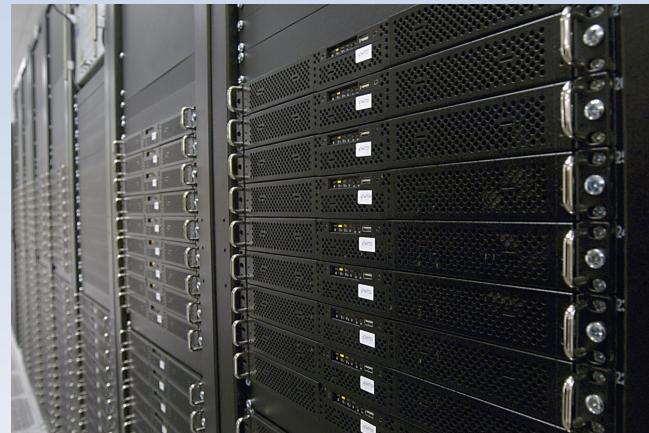


## ANSYS Optimisation



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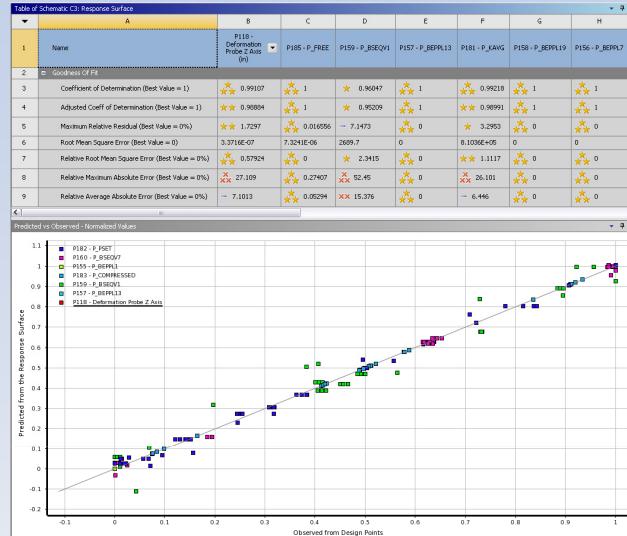
- Use parameters in:
  - CAD
  - DesignModeler
  - SpaceClaim
  - Engineering data
  - Preprocessor
  - Postprocessor
  - Derived parameters
- Define design envelope
  - Parameter limits
  - Discrete/continuous
- Define goal
  - Near target
  - Min/Max
  - Trade offs



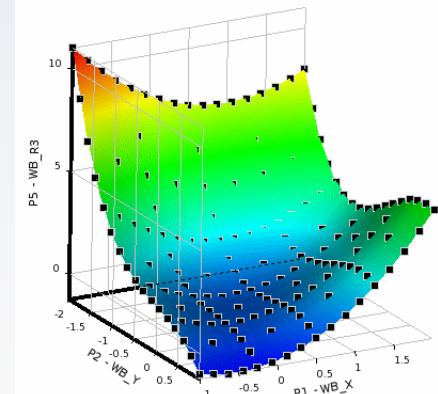
# DesignXplorer



| Table of Design Points |         |                  |                 |               |                  |             |
|------------------------|---------|------------------|-----------------|---------------|------------------|-------------|
|                        | A       | B                | C               | D             | E                | F           |
| 1                      | Name    | P1 - InletLen... | P2 - PlateTh... | P3 - Plenum.. | P4 - InletDia... | P5 - Vinlet |
| 2                      |         |                  |                 |               |                  | P6 - Fwall  |
| 3                      | Current | 15               | 0.5             | 10            | 7                | 1           |
| 4                      | DP 1    | 15               | 0.2             | 10            | 7                | 2           |
| 5                      | DP 2    | 15               | 0.1             | 10            | 7                | 3           |
| 6                      | DP 3    | 20               | 0.5             | 10            | 6                | 4           |
| 7                      | DP 4    | 20               | 0.5             | 10            | 6                | 5           |
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- Six Sigma analysis
  - Manufacturing tolerances
  - Perfect design becomes real world design



# Demonstration



- **Geometry**
- **Meshing**
- **Preprocessing**
- **Solve**
- **Post**



Thank you



# The Days Agenda



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|---------------|---|
| 10:00 – 10:30 | <b><i>Registration</i></b>  |
| 10:30 – 10:45 | <b><i>Intro to Seminar &amp; ANSYS</i></b>  |
| 10.45 – 11.45 | <b><i>Structural Mechanics Analysis using ANSYS Workbench</i></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Overview of Workbench for Structural Analysis</li><li>• CAD Connectivity</li><li>• Geometry Pre-Processing</li><li>• Meshing</li><li>• Materials Support</li><li>• Boundary Condition Setup</li><li>• Analysis Types</li><li>• Post Processing</li><li>• Optimisation</li></ul> |
| 11.45 – 12.15 | <b><i>Coffee Break</i></b>  |
| 12.15 – 13.15 | <b><i>ANSYS Composite modelling</i></b><br>Presented by Even Evolutionary Engineering AG  |
| 13.15 – 13.30 | <b><i>Q &amp; A Sessions</i></b>  |
| 13:30 – 14:30 | <b><i>Lunch &amp; Finish</i></b>  |