





Influences of LS-DYNA-results by coupling with injection molding simulation

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Milestones

- Founded 2004 in Aachen
- Partner of **Moldex3D**
 - in Germany, Switzerland, Austria, BeNeLux, France, GB, Iran, Romania, Tunisia, Algeria, Marocco and Canada
- SimpaTec GmbH in Aachen, Offices in Reutlingen and Weimar
- SimpaTec SARL France, office in Guebwiller
- SimpaTec Asia, office in Bangkok, Thailand
- Since 2007 Reseller of Beaumont Technologies Inc. 
- Since 2011 – Reseller of accuform, CZ 
- Since 2017 SimpaTec GmbH Austria office in Linz
- Since 2017 Partnership with CT CoreTechnologie GmbH, Germany 
- Since 2017 Partnership with MSC Software Corporation / e-Xstream engineering SA
- Planned in 2018 SimpaTec US, office in Greenville (SC) 

Scope of work

- Service according to the requirements of the customer

- Engineering services (Injection moulding and FEM)

- Professional partner for the plastic industry

- Long time experience in simulation as well as in plastic processing

- Product and process optimization

- Customer related training options (software and/or technology)

- Support and consulting on site

- RD (Software development)

- Commitment

- Activities in public funded RD projects (e.g. lightweight)

- Close relationship with universities

- Seminars, conferences, workshops

- Creation of networks

Software

Moldex3D

— The software solution for the design and optimization of the plastic injection molding process

T-SIM

— T-SIM simulates the complex manufacturing process of thermoforming.

B-SIM

— B-SIM is a software package to simulate blow molding.



— Optimization of the component behavior using runner modification

3D EVOLUTION

— The software solution for fast, automatic data conversion and processing for CAD systems



— Multi-scale material modeling technology for plastic & composite materials and structures.



— Simulating Reality, interbranch CAE Solutions

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- Overview of manufacturing processes

Influences of manufacturing process

- Short/long fibers
- Fiber concentration and fiber length
- Residual stresses
- Weld lines
- Fiber orientation tensor about thickness

Challenges of coupling manufacturing data with FEA

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- Reverse Engineering
- Mapping of data

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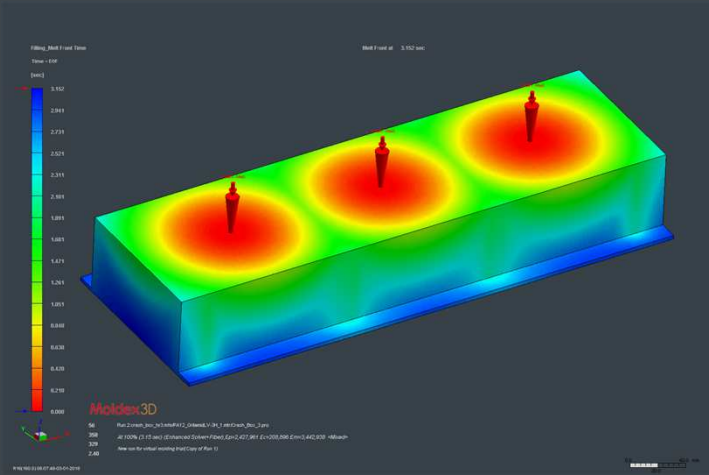
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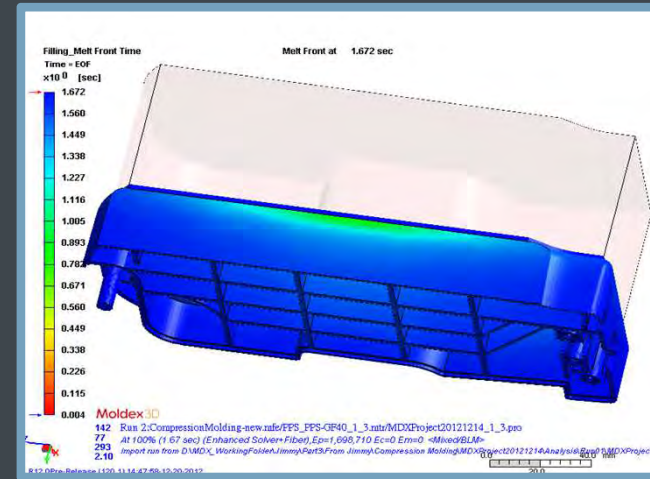
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Overview of manufacturing processes

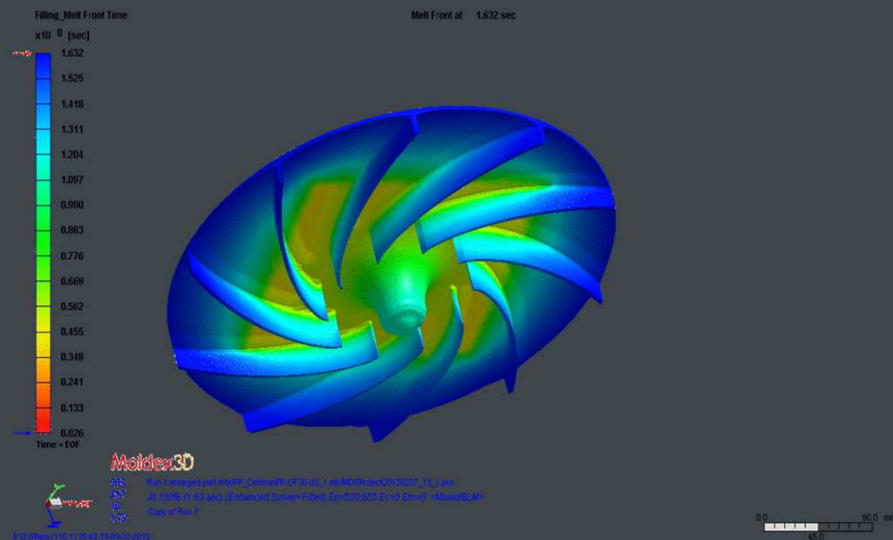
Injection molding



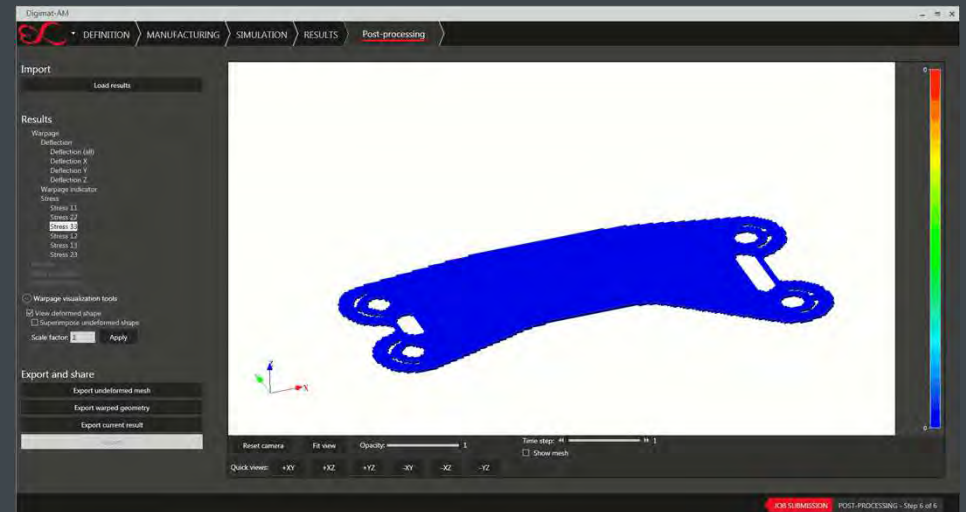
Draping process



Injection compression molding



Additive manufacturing



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Influences of manufacturing process

Short or long fiber reinforced plastics:

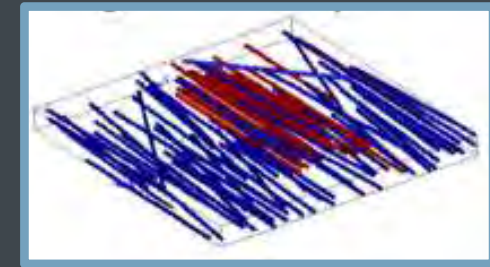
Carbon

Glass

Nature



Short fiber [1]

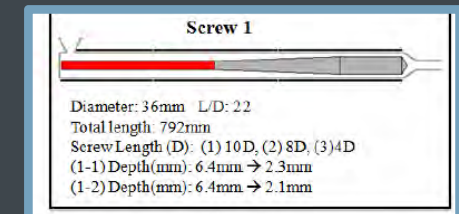


Long fiber [1]

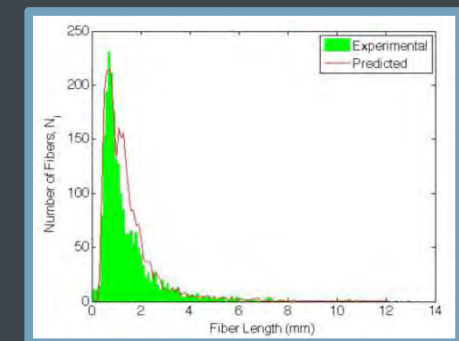
Fiber concentration / fiber breakage



Fiber breakage [2]



Residual stresses



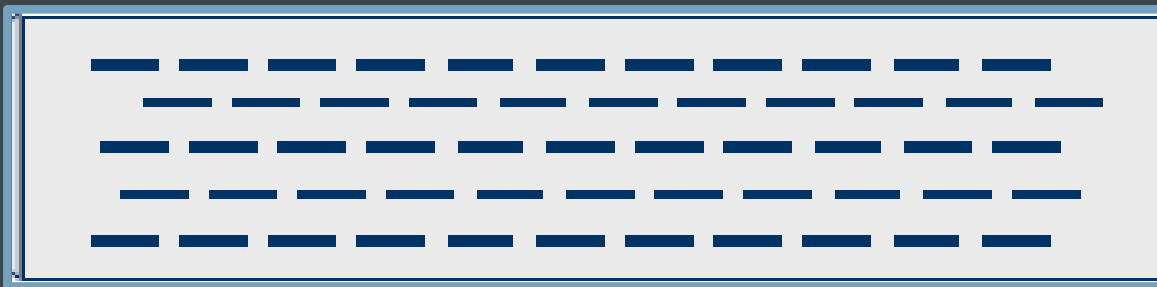
Fiber breakage in screw [2]

Fiber orientation tensor about thickness

Influences of manufacturing process

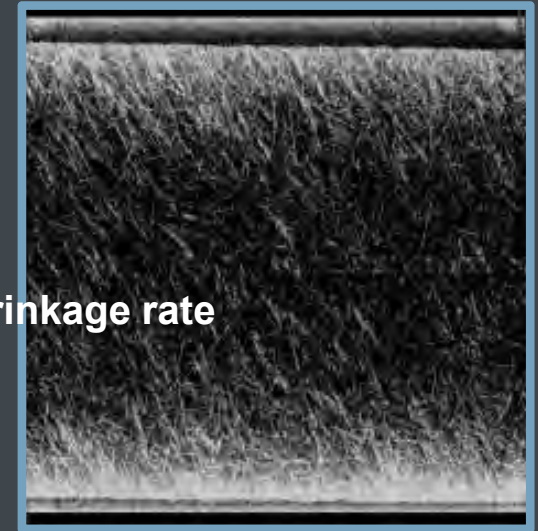
Short fiber

High orientation intensity



Orientation intensity SF [2]

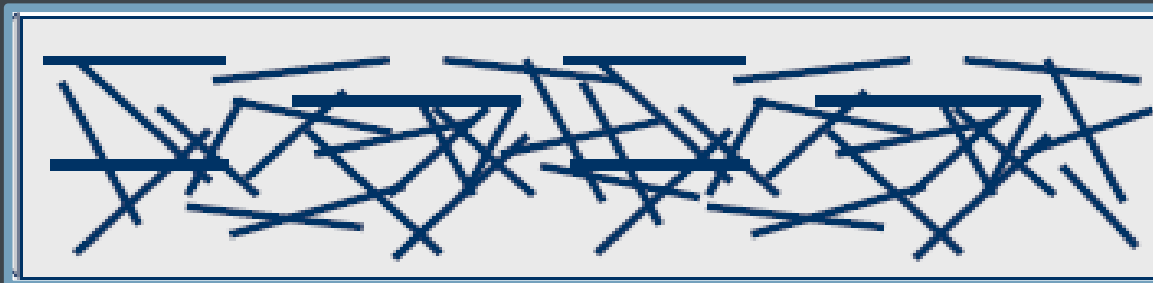
High shrinkage rate



Fiber reinforced plastics [2]

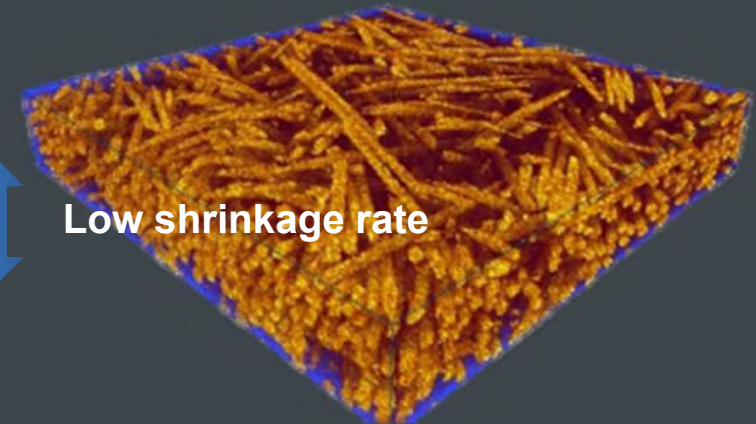
Long fiber

Low orientation intensity, low anisotropic



Orientation intensity LF [2]

Low shrinkage rate

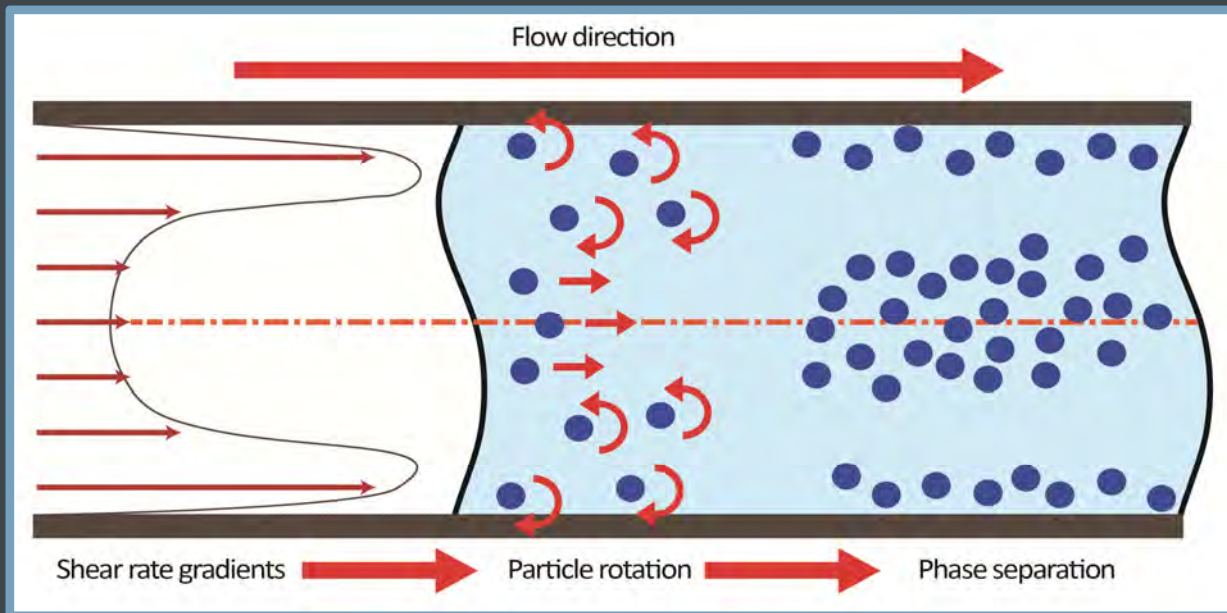


Microstructure of reinforced plastics [1]

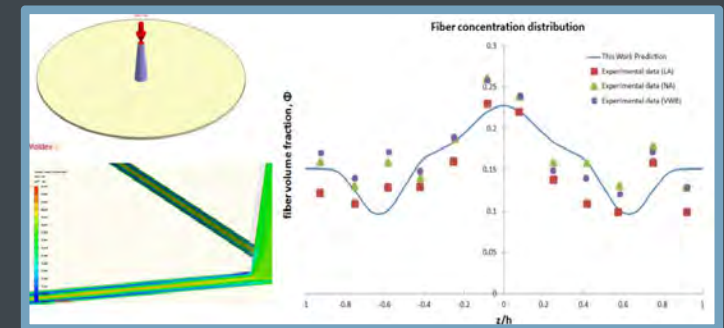
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Fiber concentration

Concentration corresponds to the fiber orientation and melt viscosity



Fiber concentration [2]



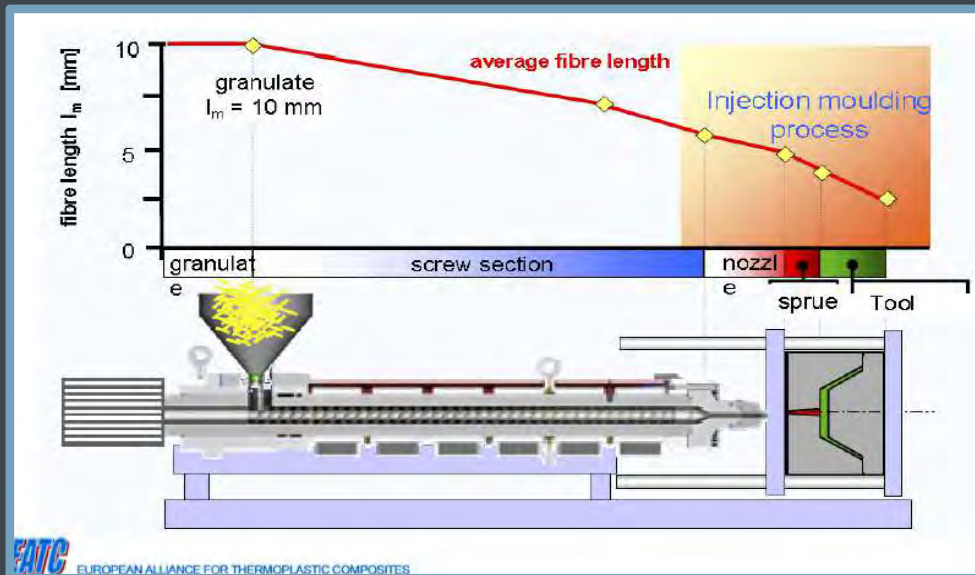
Fiber orientation tensor [2]

Influences of manufacturing process

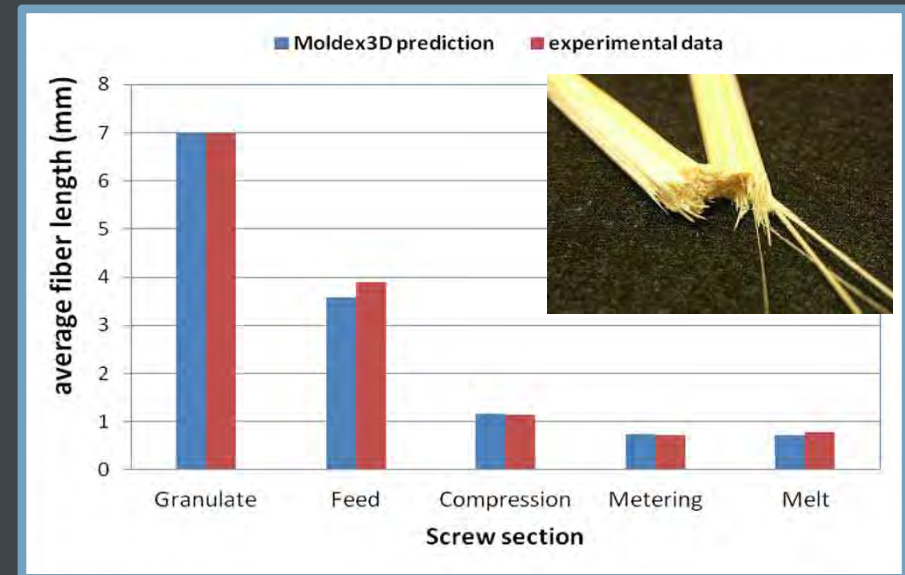
Fiber length – breakage prediction during screw-processing

The melt went through the screw melting and injecting process, high shear forces can easily snap the fibers

Apparent fiber length degradation, less than 1/5 the original length can be easily found in the finished part



Fiber breakage in screw [2]



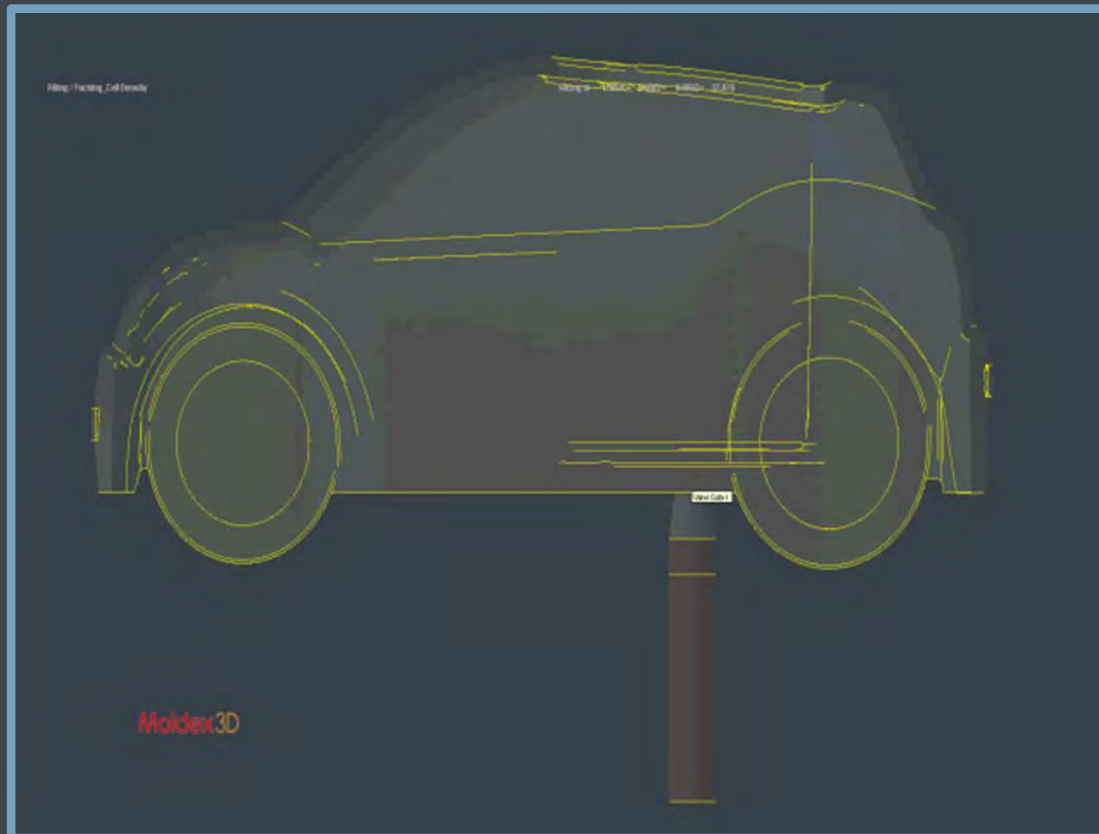
Average fiber length [2]

Influences of manufacturing process

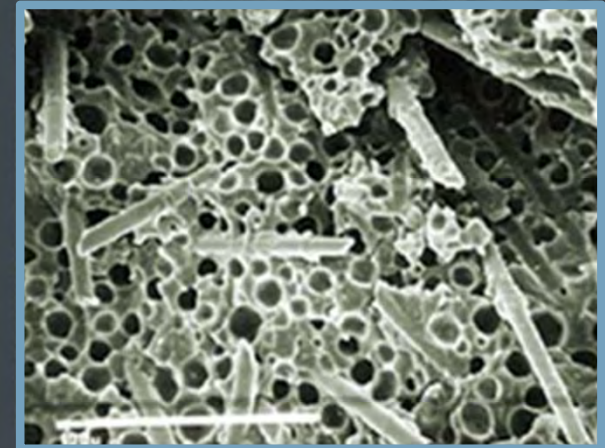
- Porosity of foams

- Cell density

- Cell concentration



Cell density



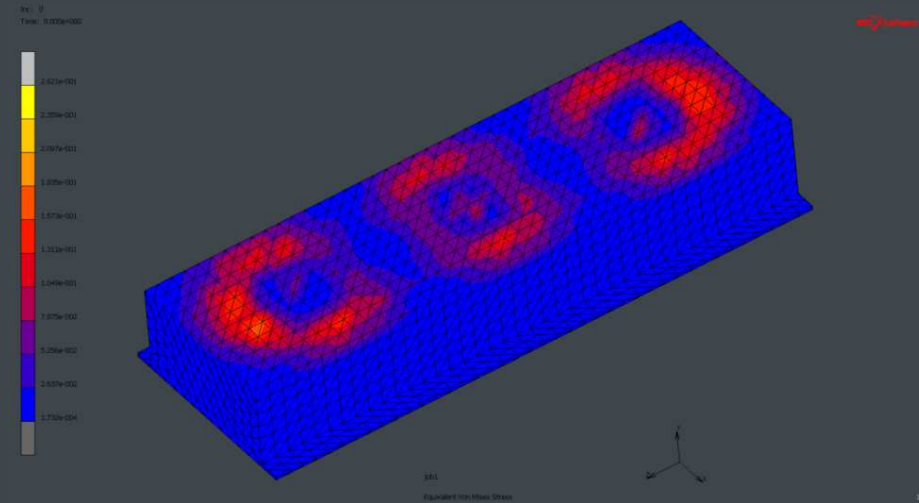
Porosity and fiber Source: [5]

Influences of manufacturing process

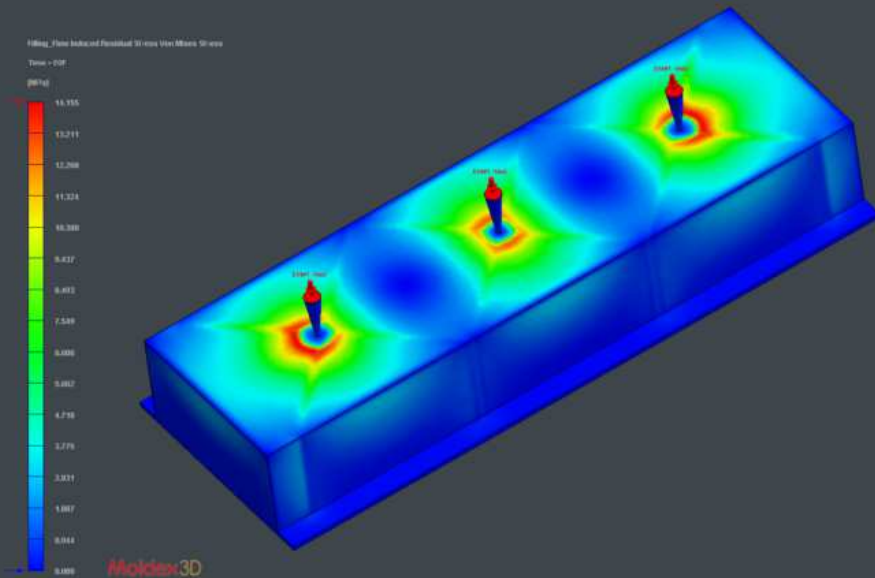
Residual stresses

Flow induced residual stress

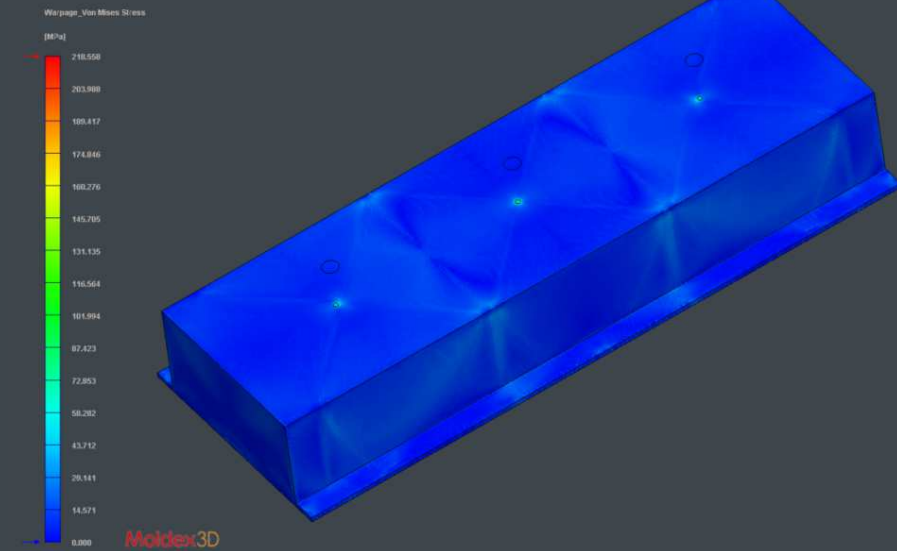
Thermal induced residual stress



Residual stresses



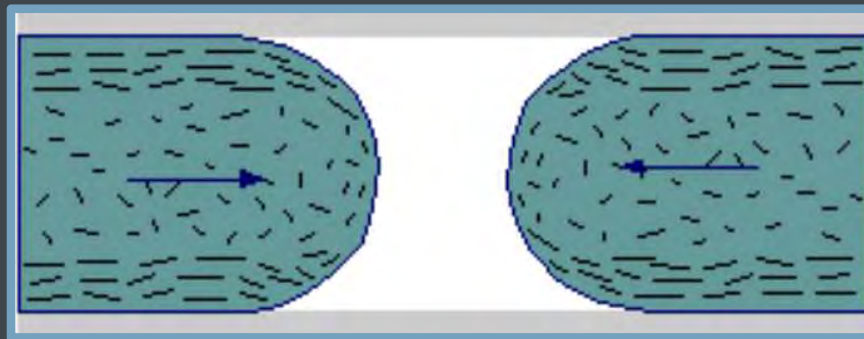
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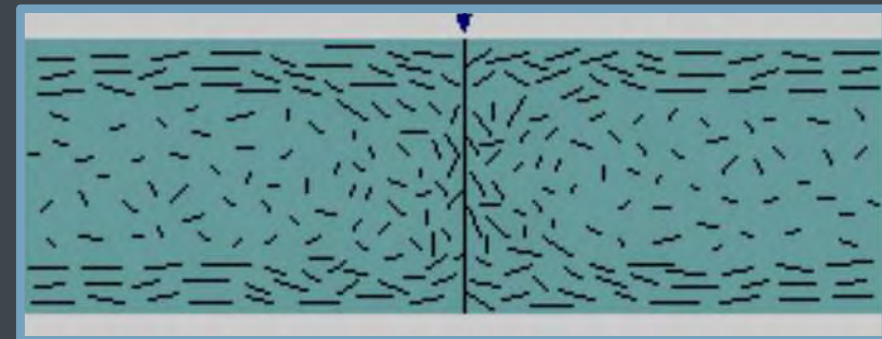
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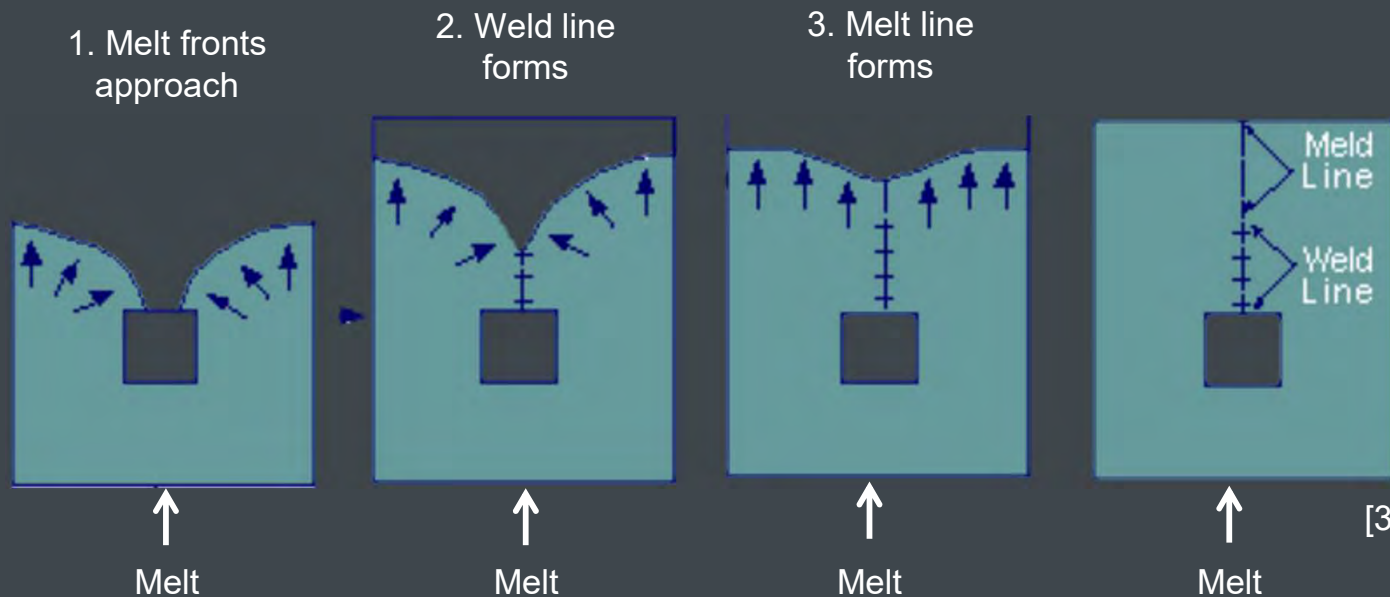
Weld lines



Fiber reinforced material; melt fronts approach [3]



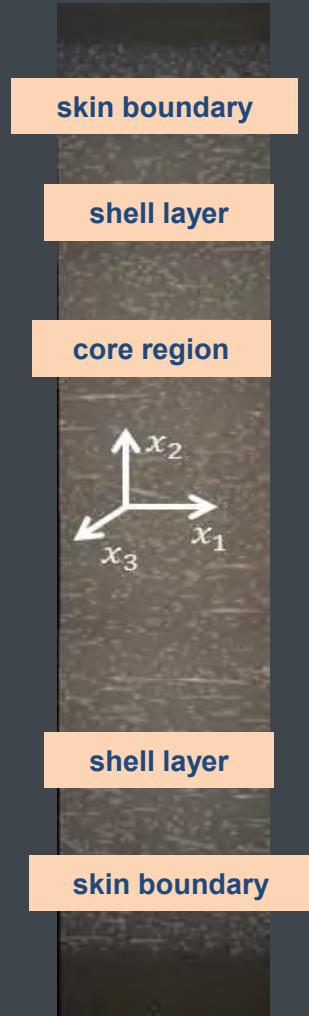
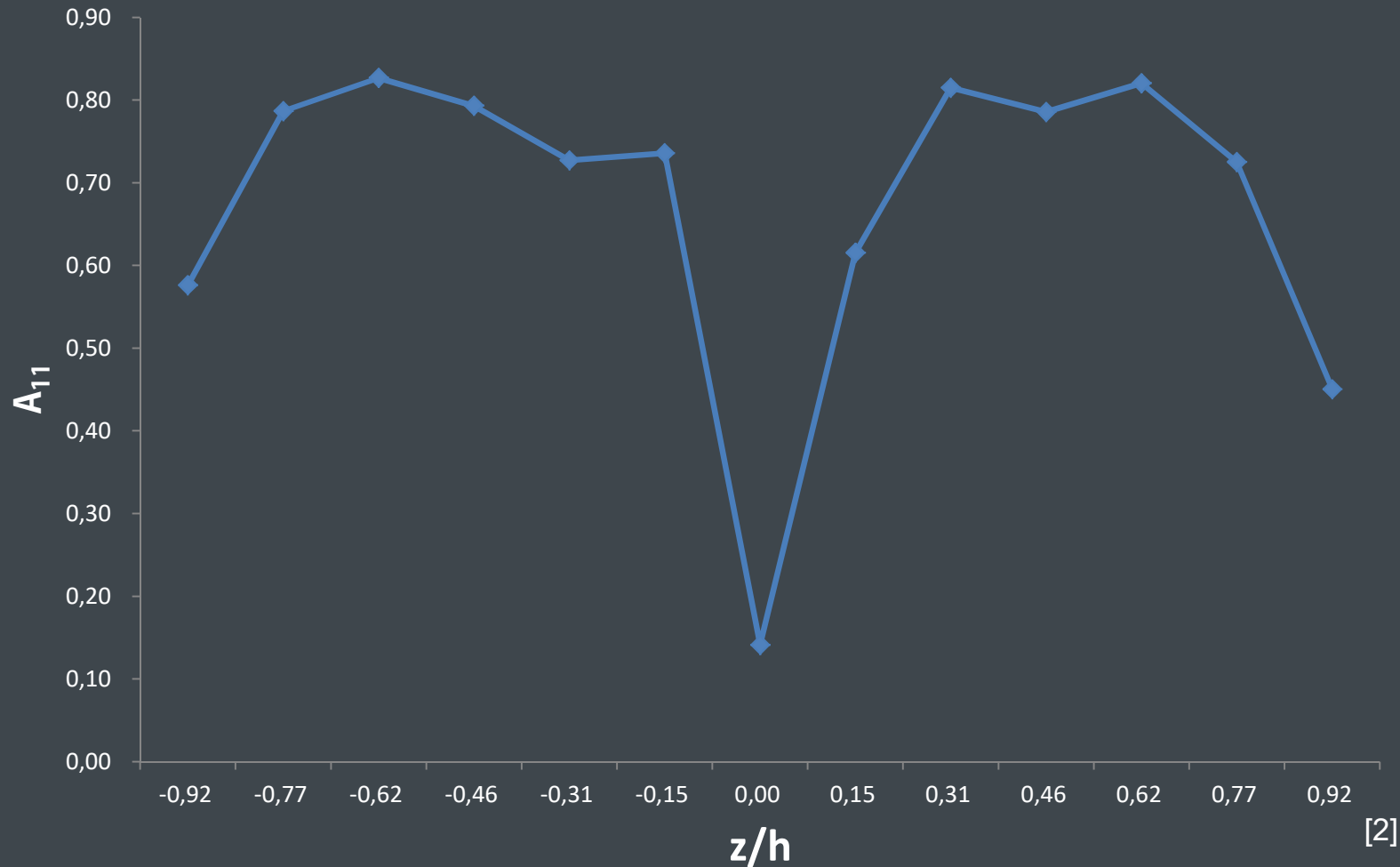
Weld line formation in fiber-reinforced material [3]



[3]

Influences of manufacturing process

Fiber orientation tensor through thickness

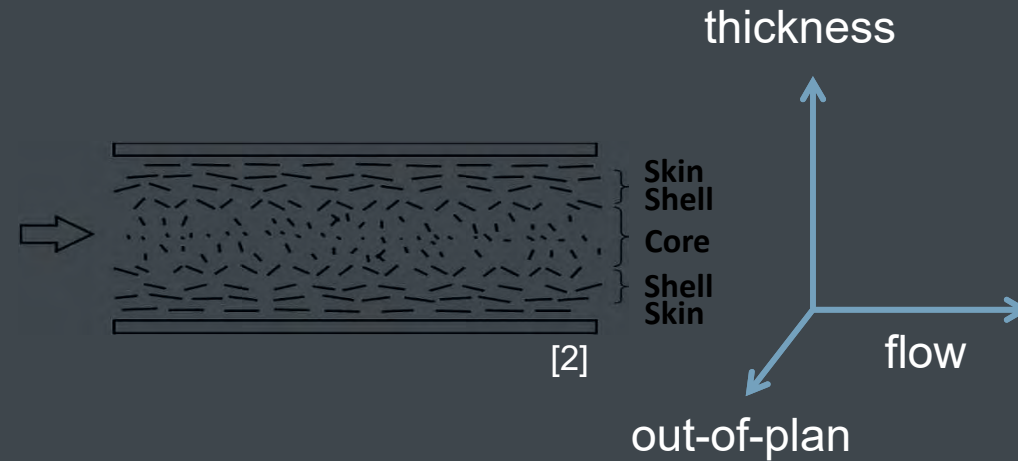


[2]

Influences of manufacturing process

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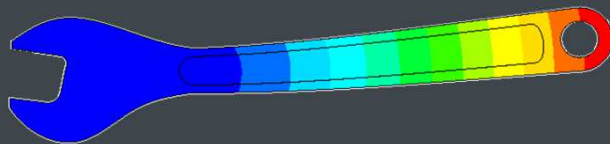
- Flow directional orientation, a_{11}
- Cross-flow directional orientation, a_{22}
- Out-of-plan directional orientation, a_{33}



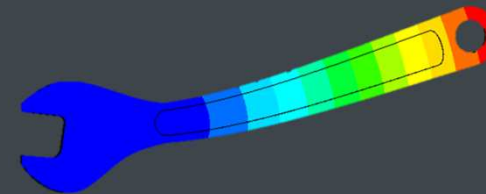
$$A = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{23} \\ a_{31} & a_{32} & a_{33} \end{bmatrix} \quad a_{11} + a_{22} + a_{33} = 1$$

Structure analysis: Deformation

Orientation determines the fiber induces anisotropic mechanical properties



Anisotropic (With Fiber Orientation) [2]



Isotropic (Without Fiber Orientation) [2]

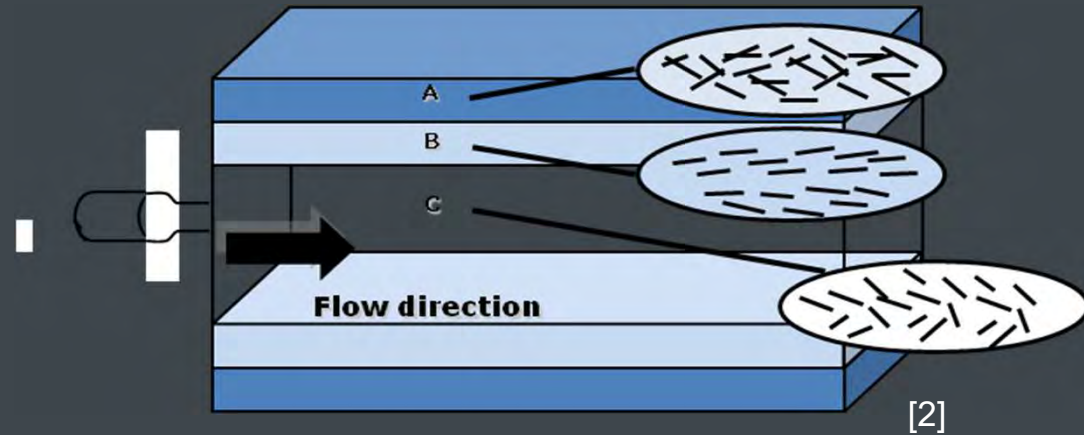
Influences of manufacturing process

- Structure of thickness

- Consist different layer

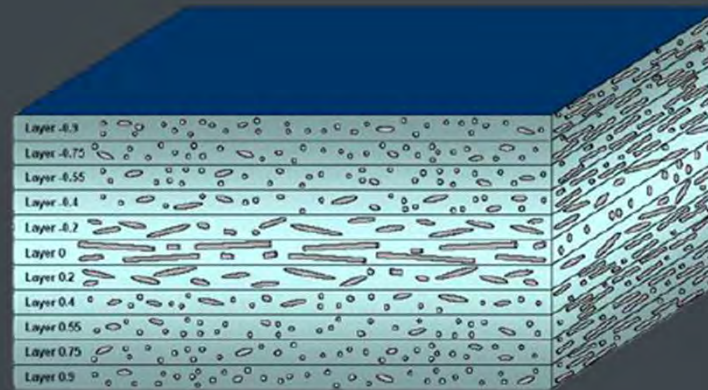
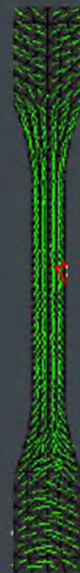
- Skin

- Core



[2]

- Core / skin effect depends on shear rates, temperatures, flow behavior



Different Layers through thickness [1]

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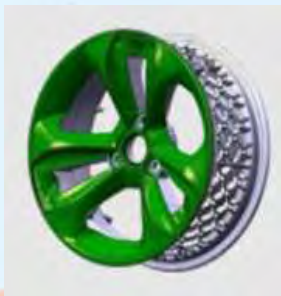
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Challenge of coupling manufacturing data with FEA

Hybrid

Short fiber
Long fiber
Fiber mat compression

Molding compound
Resin Transfer Molding
Multi-component molding



Fabric



Mat

Long fibre

Unreinforced

Short fibre



Challenges of materials [2]

Challenge of coupling manufacturing data with FEA

— Anisotropy / Orthotropy

— Non-linearity

— Rate dependency

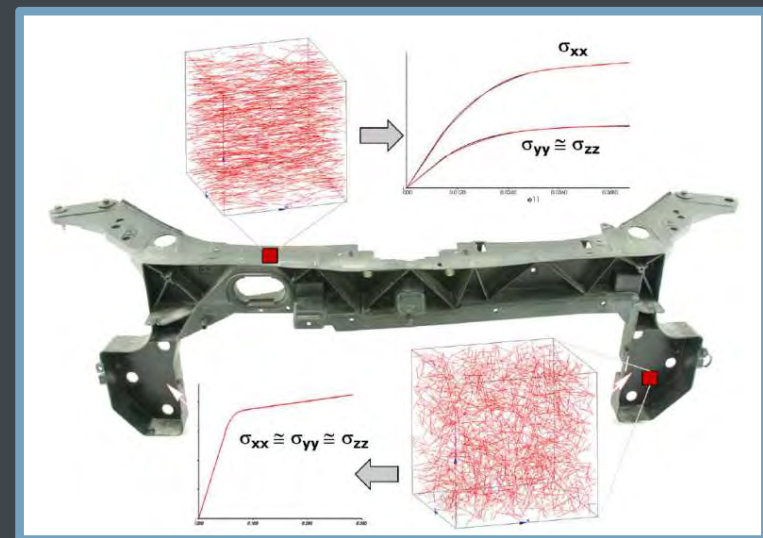
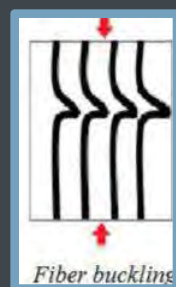
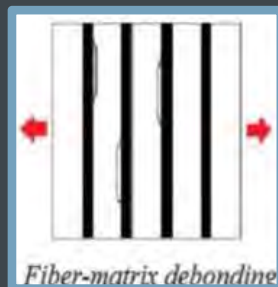
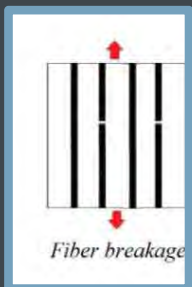
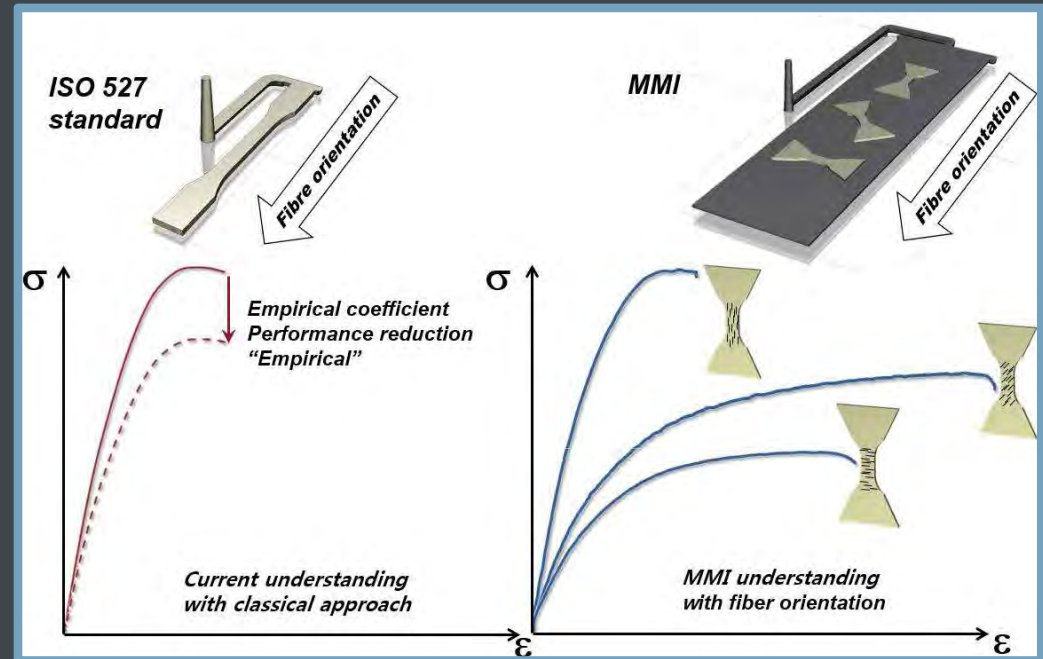
— Temperature dependency

— Complex failure mechanisms

— Fiber breakage

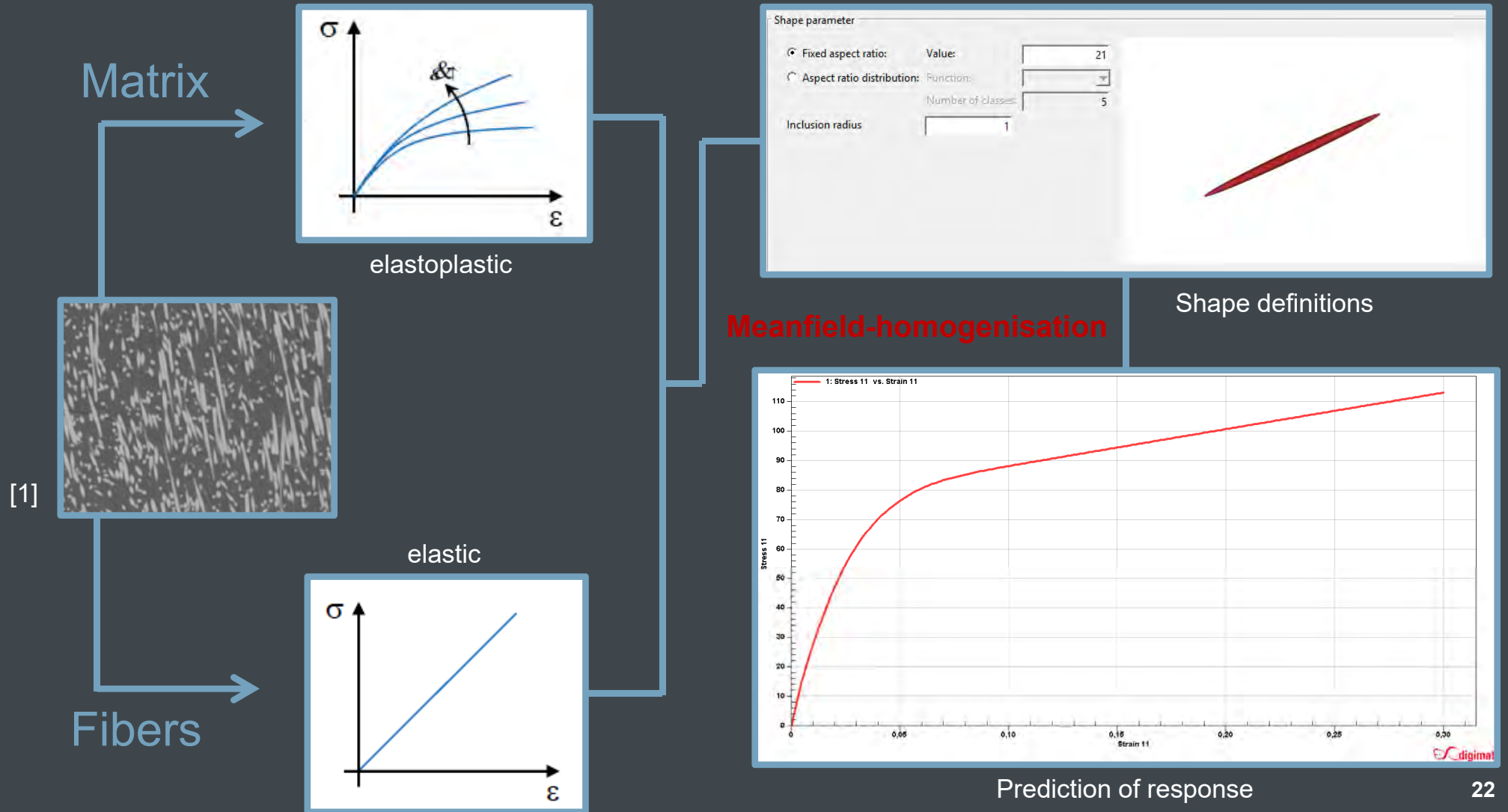
— Fiber-matrix debonding

— Fiber-buckling



Materialmodelling

Prediction of material behavior with mean-field homogenisation



Material modeling

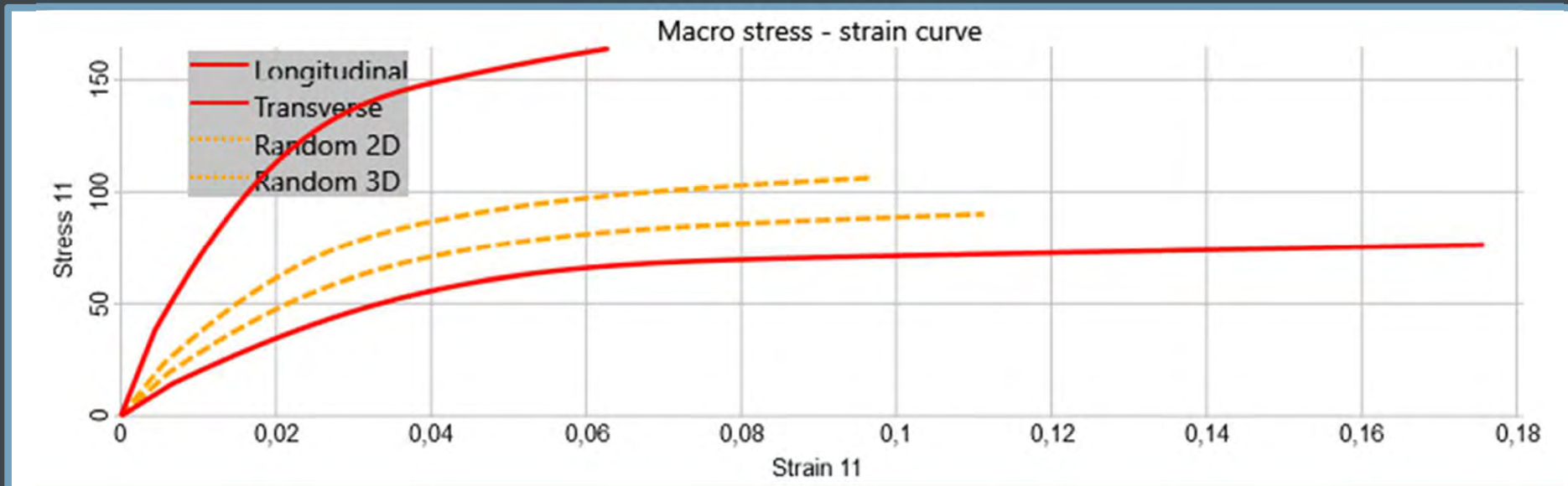
Available material models in Digimat

Strain-rate independent:

- (Thermo-) elastic
- (Thermo-) elastoplastic
- (Thermo-) elastoplastic with damage

Strain-rate dependent

- (Thermo-) viscoplastic
- (Thermo-) elastoviscoplastic
- Viscoelastic-viscoplastic



Material modeling

- Define criteria for indicators

- Weld line indicator

- Knockdown-factor

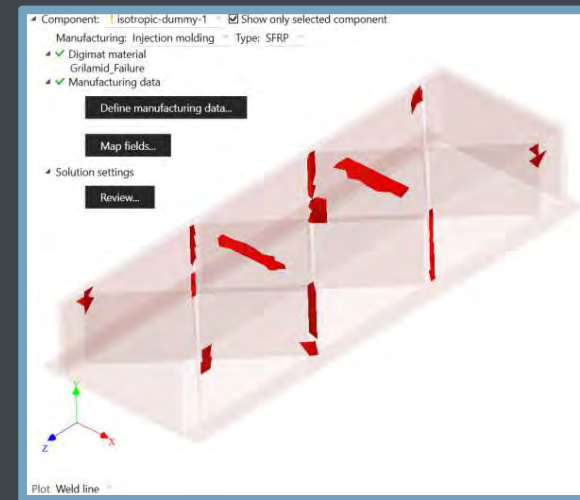
- Criteria for each phase of microstructure

- Stiffness reduction

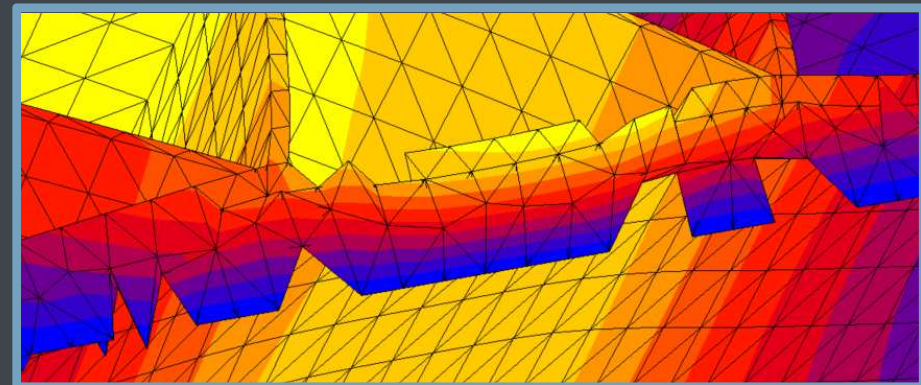
- With damage

- With deleting elements

- Failure indicator



Weld line elements



Element deletion

Material modeling: Reverse Engineering

Calibrate the Digimat material with experimental curves

Automatic

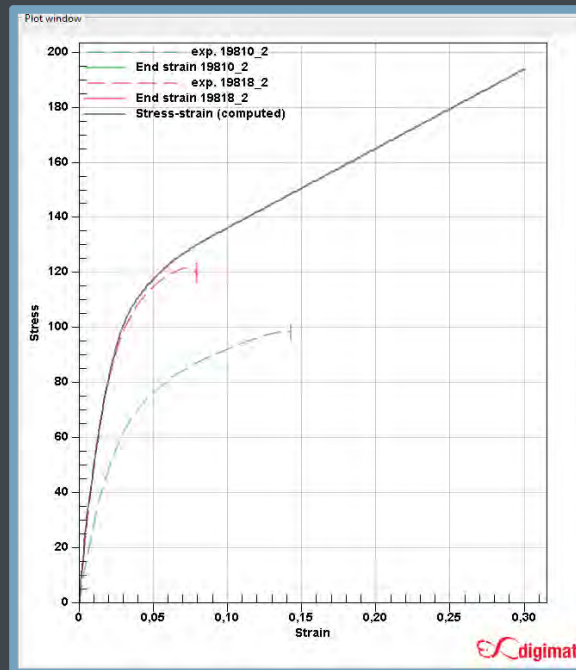
Interactiv

Calibrate three curves in 0°/45°/90° of fiber orientation:

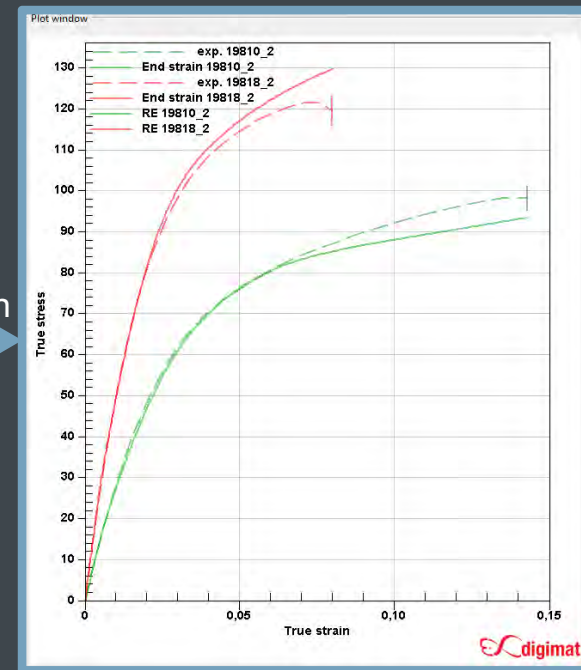
Trend of curves

Anisotrope properties of the microstructure

Failure

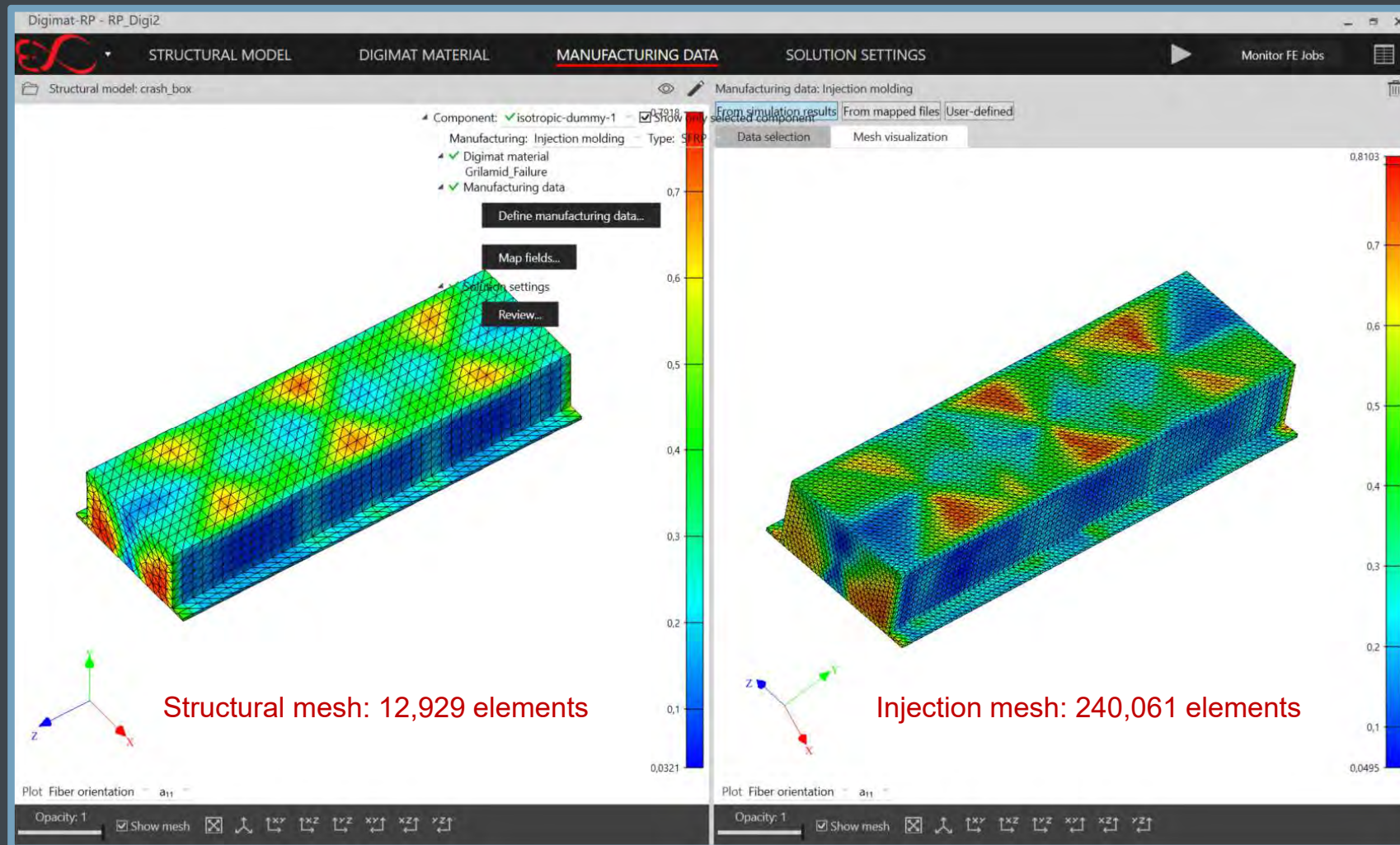


Calibration



Material modeling

Mapping of different data (Prediction / CT-Scan)



Material modeling: CT Scan

μ -CT

Measurements

σ/ϵ curves

Material Model

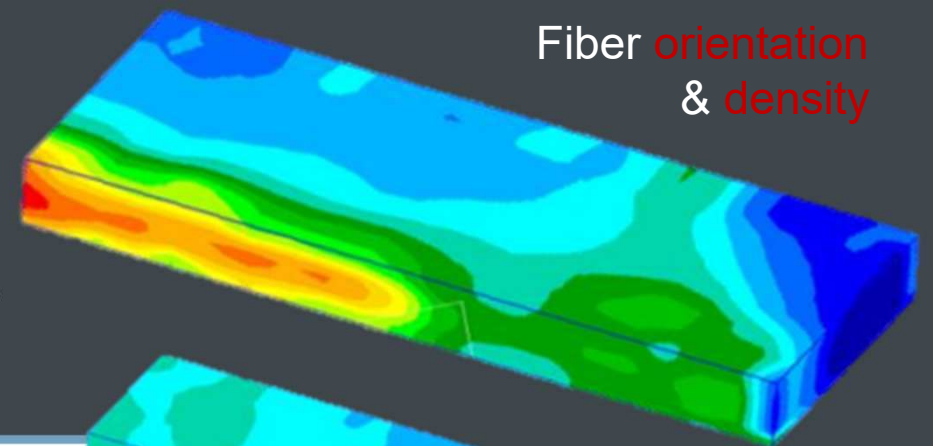
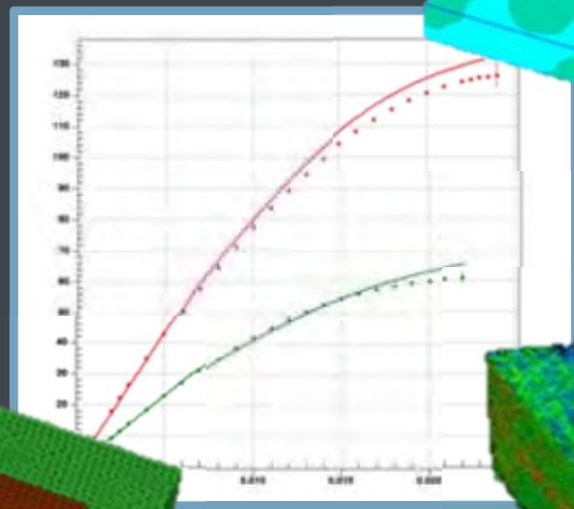
Anisotropic (non) linear

Mapping

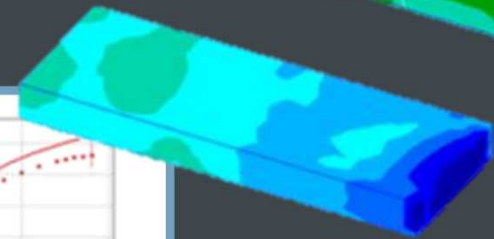
Structural mesh

FEA

Structural analysis

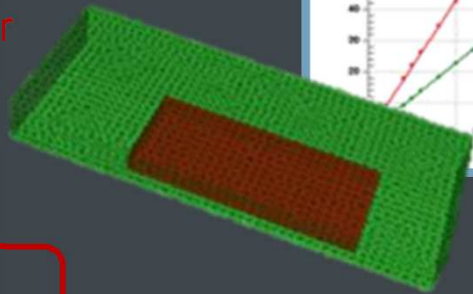


Fiber orientation & density



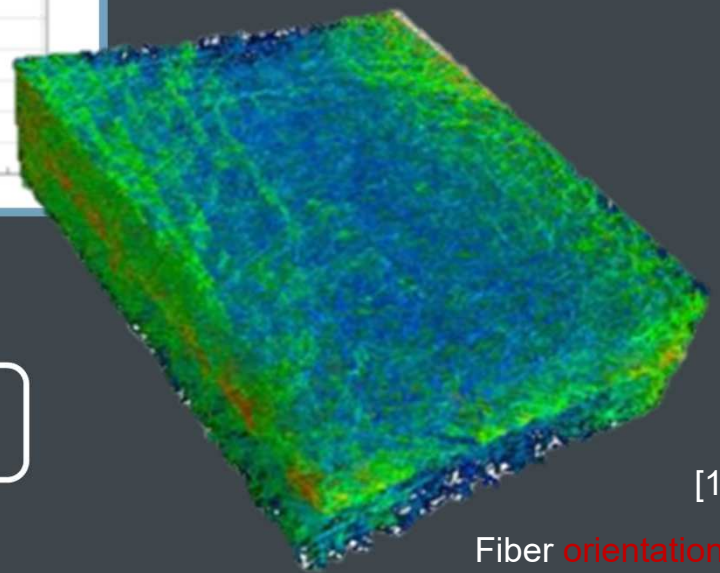
Stress contribution

Fiber orientation



Measurements

$\rightarrow \mu$ -CT



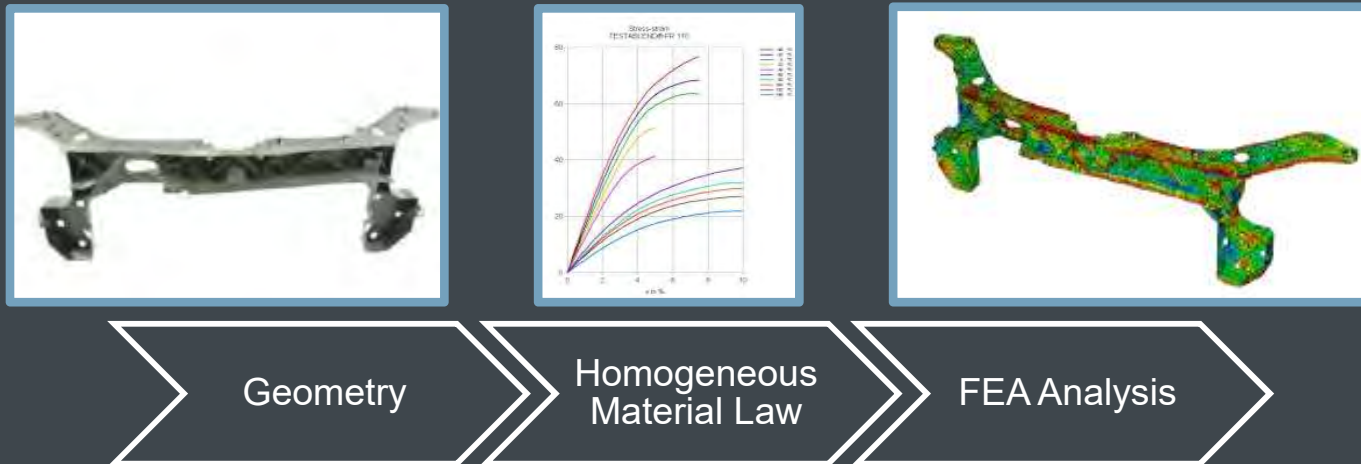
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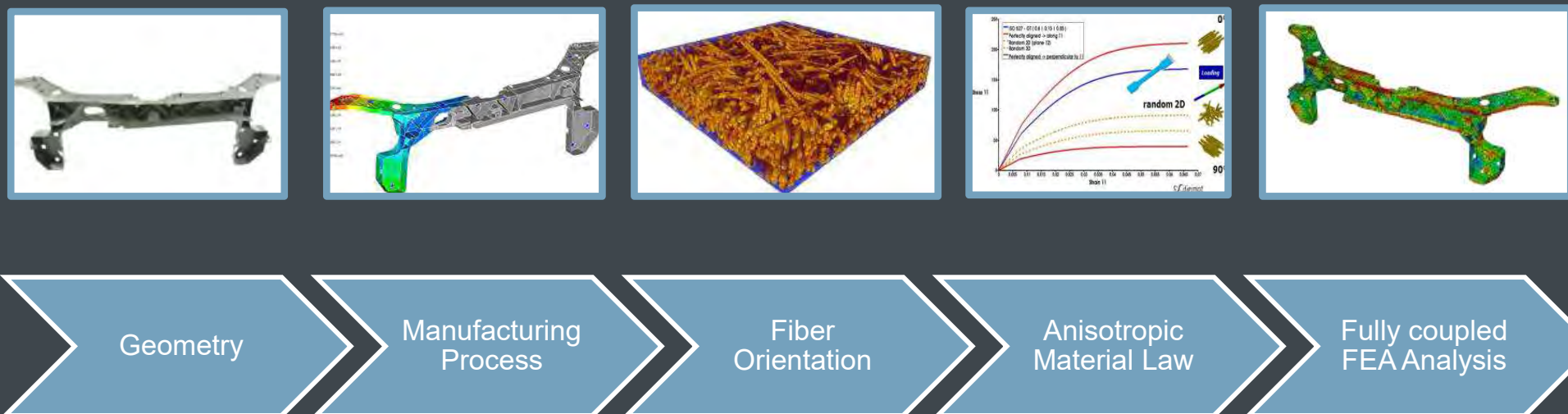
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Digmat: From manufacturing process to performance

Standard approach: Manufacturing process and FEA uncoupled



Digmat approach: Manufacturing process and FEA coupled



[1]

Coupling of manufacturing data, material modeling and structural analysis

Manufacturing Process



- Injection molding
- Injection compression molding
- Foam injection molding
- ...

Material Modeling



- Fiber orientation
- Fiber shape
- Fiber weight
- Fiber length
- Porosity
- Orientation of toolpath
- ...

Structural Analysis



- Static
- Crash
- Fatigue
- Noise Vibration Harshness (NVH)

[1]

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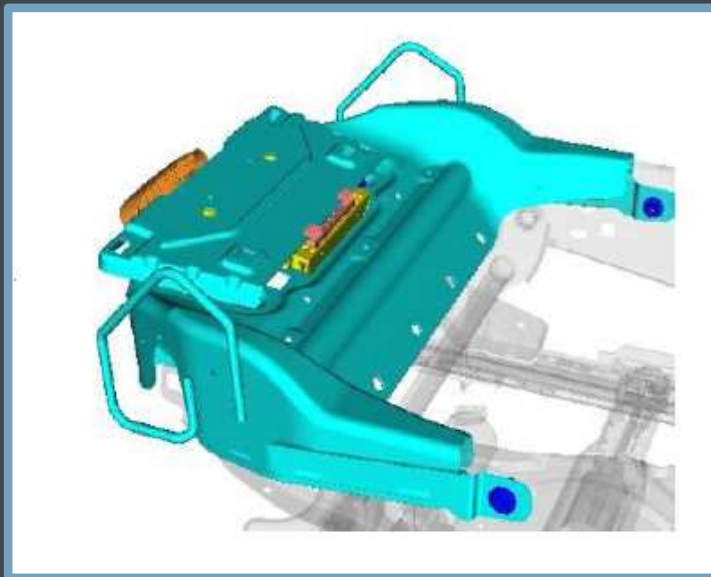
Faurecia Seat – Design of SFRP

Challenge:

— Metal Replacement by TECHNYL®

Reference Seat

— All steel

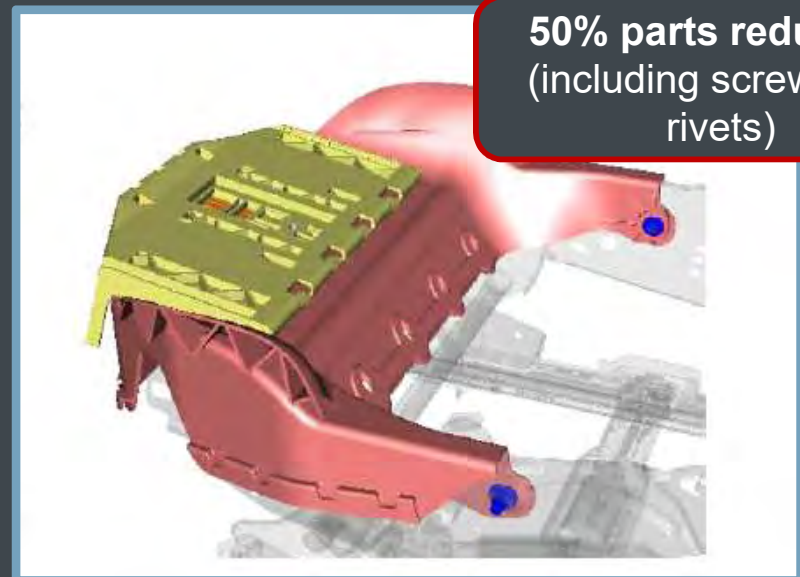


— Cushion length adjustment and powered tilt function

— 2,750 g

Multifunctional Seat Pan

— Injected PA6/GF30



50% parts reduction
(including screws and rivets)

— Same functionality

— 1,665 g

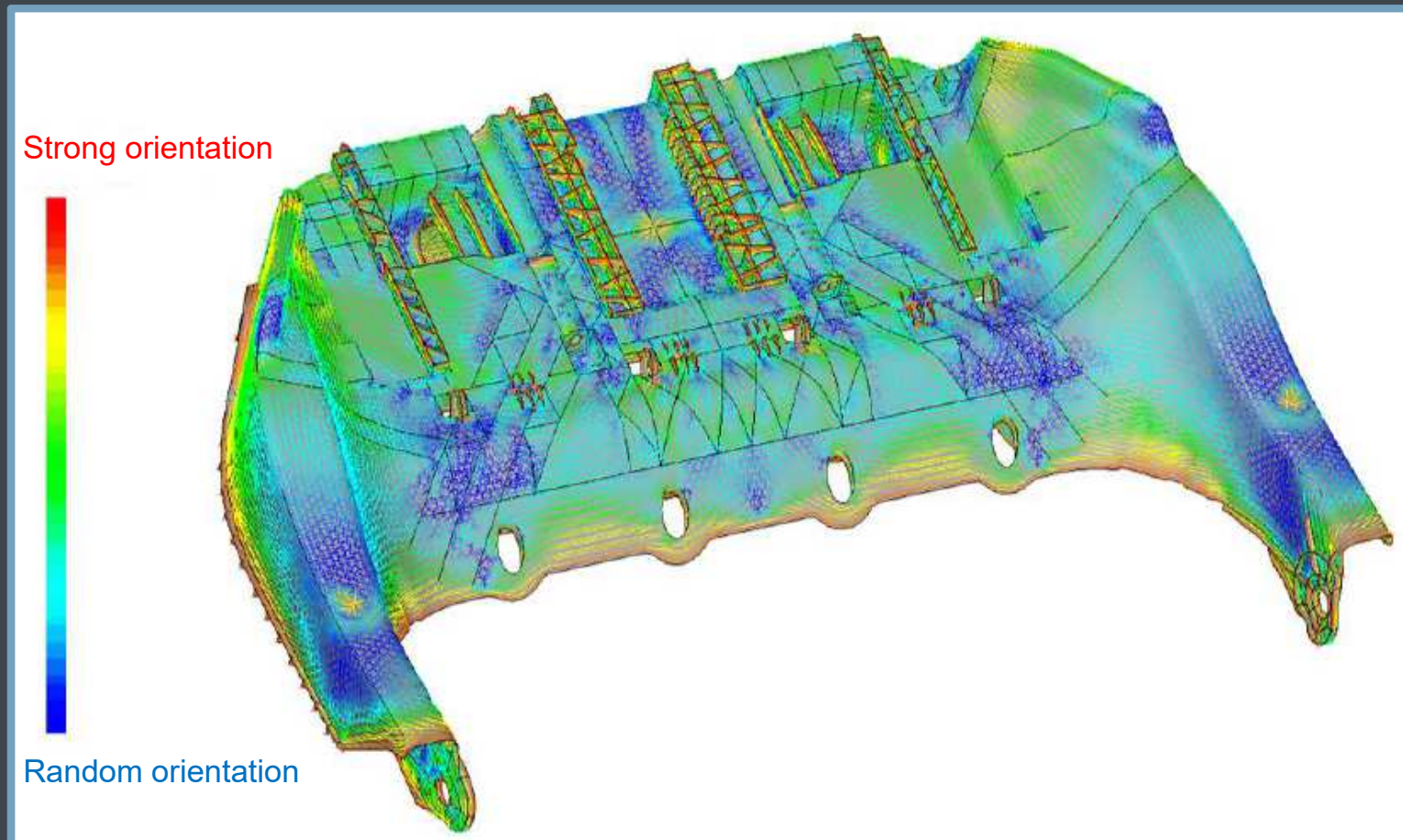
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Injection Molded Part

Fiber orientation from injection molding process



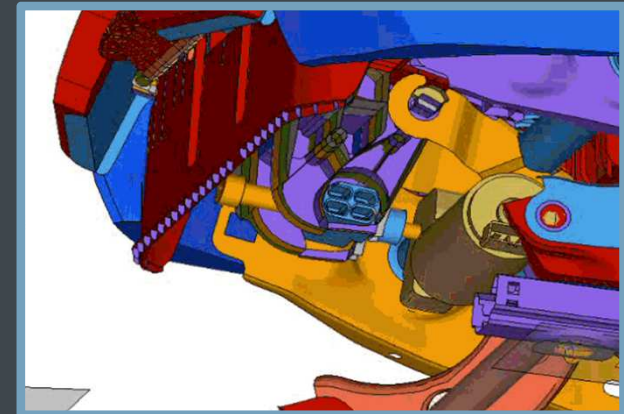
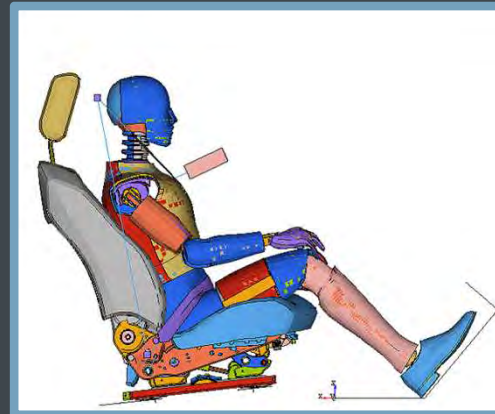
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Simulation Strategy

- Complete front crash test and simulation (65 km/h)

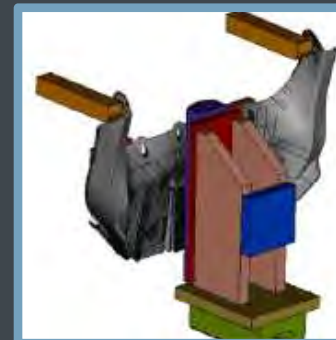
- Tests performed at Faurecia facilities

- LS-Dyna explicit analyses at Solvay



- Investigation of a simple sub-system

- Tests and simulation performed at Solvay application development laboratory



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Failure Correlation

Focus on 3 significant events

- Rib buckling
- Rib failure
- Failure evolution



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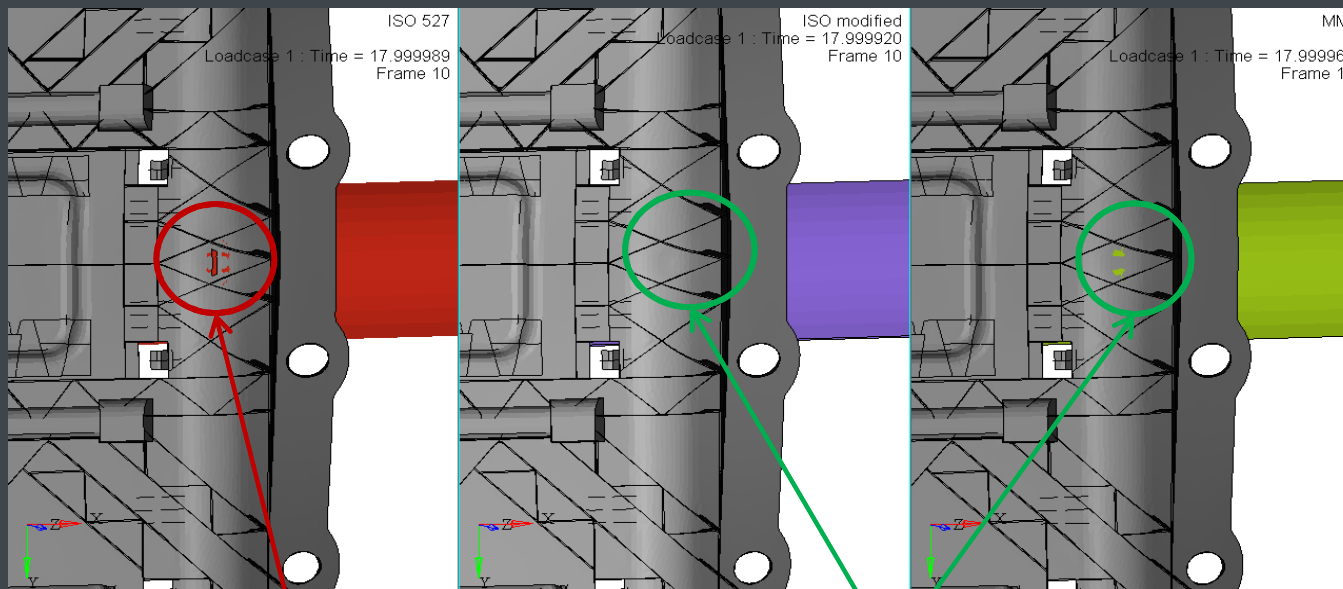
Failure Correlation

After 10 ms: rib buckling

Standard

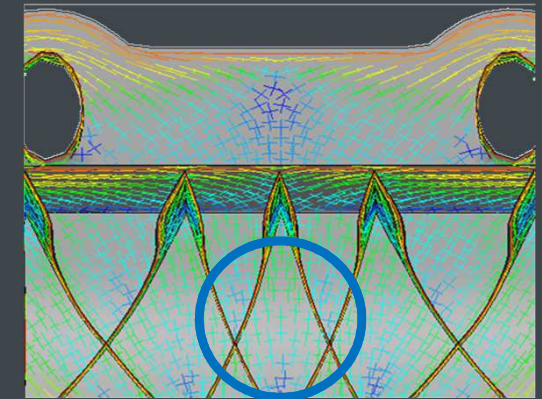
Empirical

MMI



First failure,
Wrong prediction,
The part do not fail yet.

No failure as in experiment,
Good prediction.



In ISO 527 sample, stress and fibre direction are aligned. Material is seen as having a brittle behaviour.

In the part, fiber and stress are not aligned. Thus, the material is more ductile than expected with a standard ISO 527 based material model.

No failure occurs yet.

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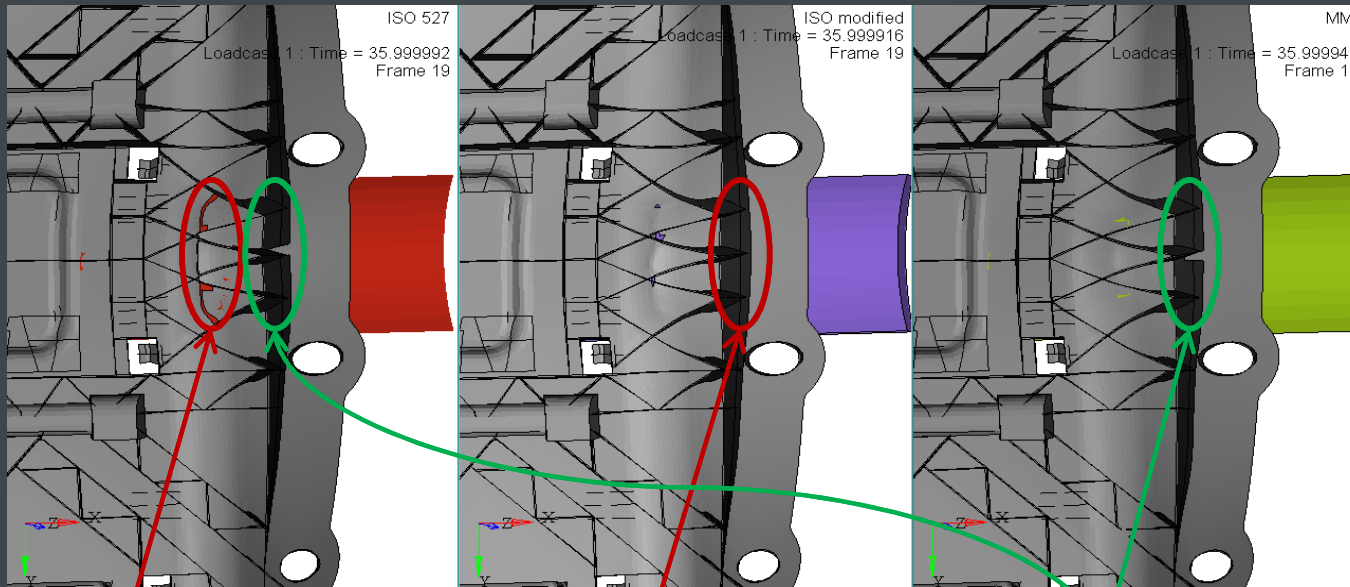
Failure Correlation

After 28 ms: rib failure

Standard

Empirical

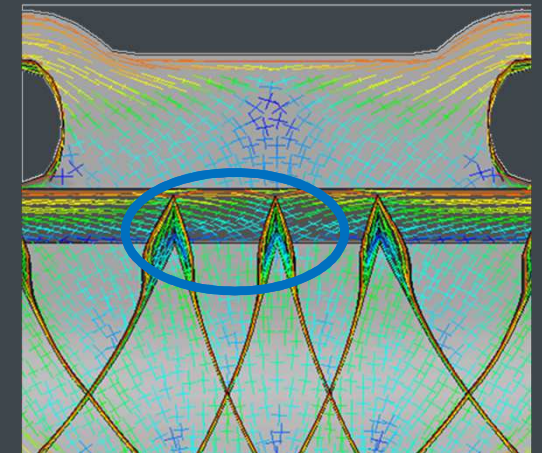
MMI



Transverse failure,
Wrong prediction.

Rib should fail,
Wrong prediction.

Rib fails as experiment,
Good prediction.



In top of rib, fibre orientation and stress direction are aligned as in an ISO 527 sample, this is why failure occurs at same time in standard and MMI.

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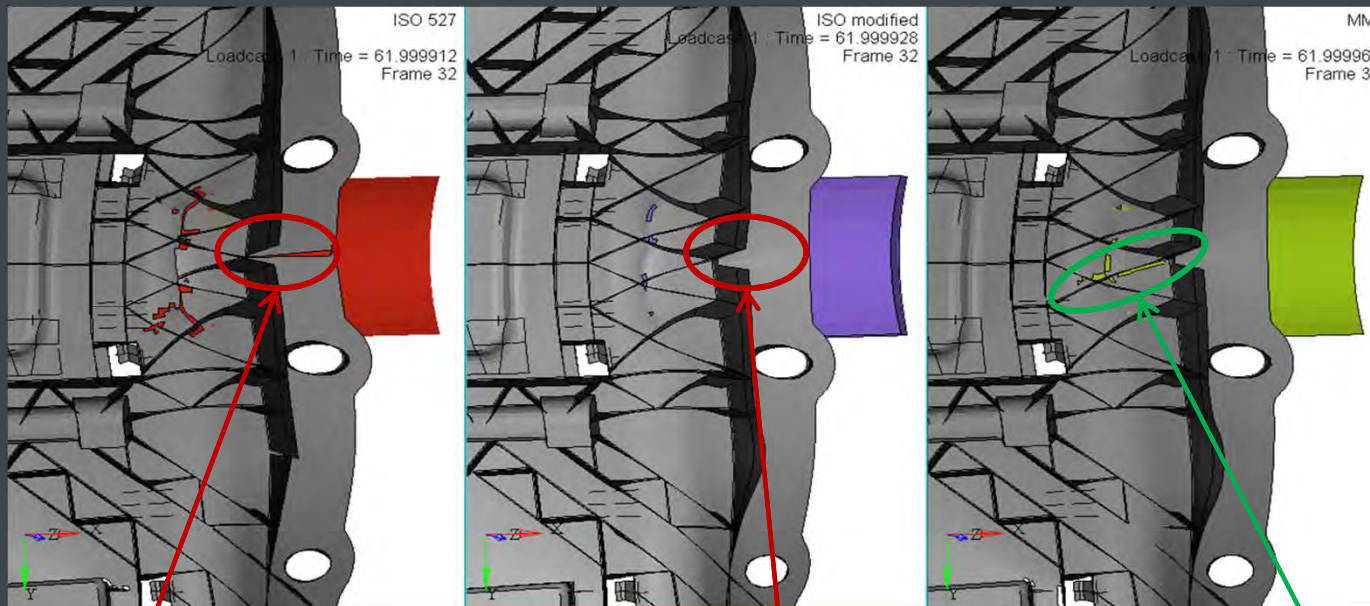
After 54 ms: first failure evolution

Standard

Empirical

MMI

Experiment



Failure goes in wrong direction.

Failure stops. Wrong prediction.

Failure continues following rib base, Good prediction.



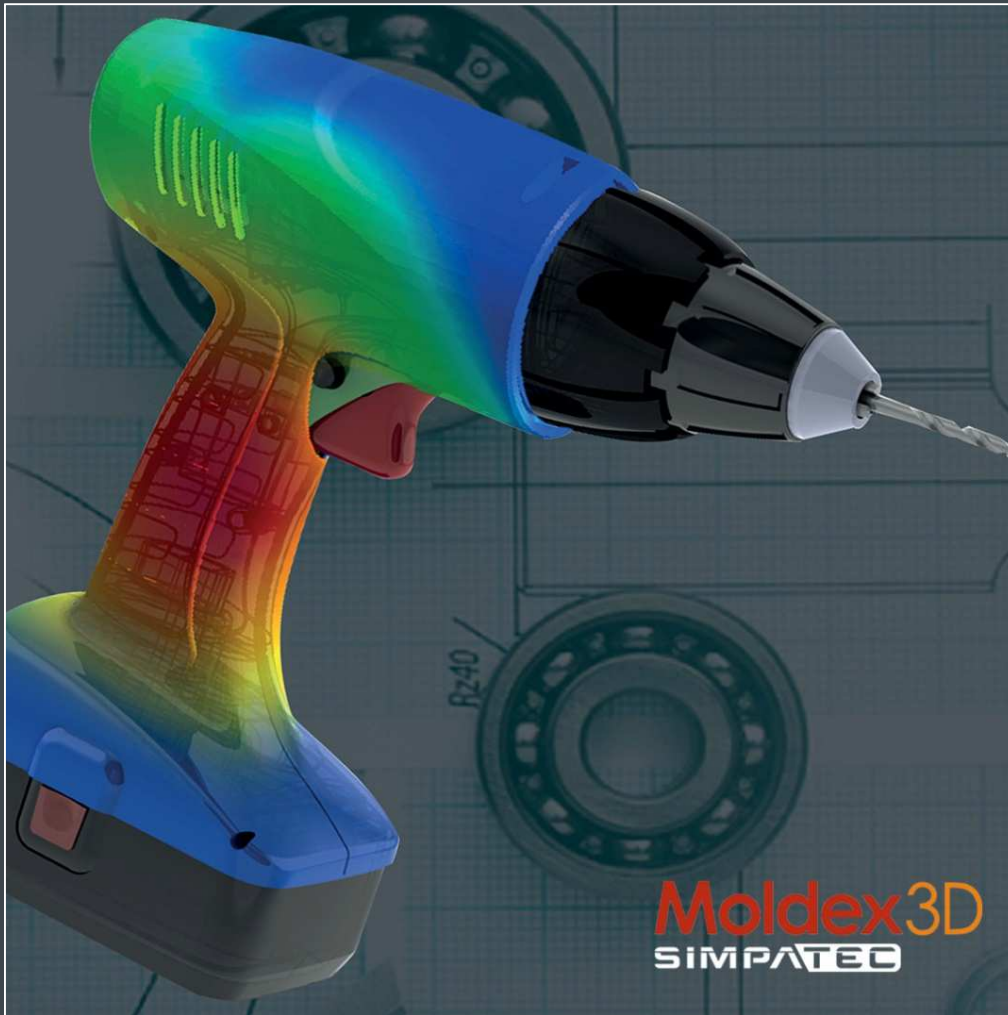
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