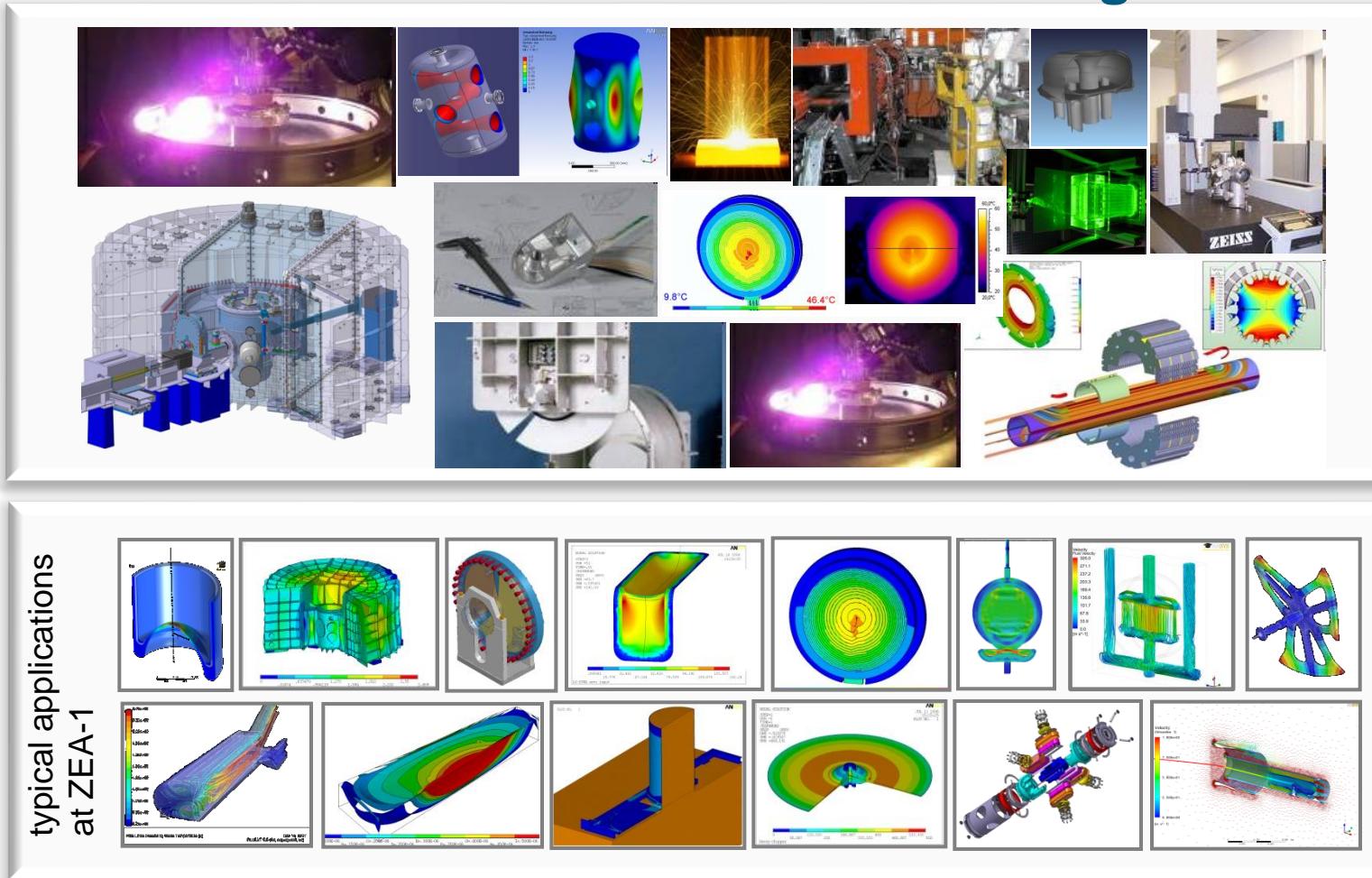


## J. Wolters: Numerical Simulations and Design Calculations



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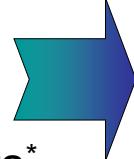
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## ↳ guiding principles

- ZEA-1 is a scientific and technical institute supporting the research institutes at Forschungszentrum Jülich as a competent partner.
- We design, develop, and fabricate scientific and technical equipment, instruments, and processes that are not commercially available, both for the institutes at Forschungszentrum Jülich and for third parties.
- We maintain and modify instruments, refine them, provide technology consulting for our customers, and compile feasibility studies.
- With our competence and extensive experience, we meet our customers' and partners' requirements in a quick and flexible manner.
- We extend our expertise and acquire new know-how as and when required by our customers.
- **We offer attractive and future-oriented jobs and training.**
- Our excellence and our strong emphasis on customer needs play a decisive part in helping Forschungszentrum Jülich achieve its objectives.



# The Benefit of Modern Simulation Tools

- analysis of complex systems possible
  - fast and easy design optimization in terms of material stressing, weight, stiffness ...
  - identification of faulty designs and weak spots in the early development phase
  - minimization/optimization of costly experiments\*
  - results are available everywhere in the system
  - assessment of lifetime
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- enhanced product quality
  - shortening of development phases
  - reduction of development costs

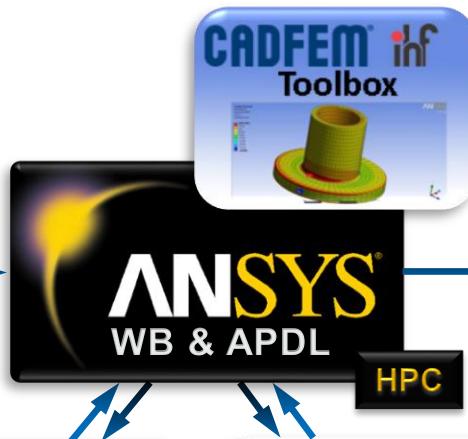
\*nevertheless, in most cases experiments are also indispensable in prototype development and only the combination of simulations and experiments will lead to optimal results



# Software at ZEA-1 (FEM / CFD / others)



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# HPC Hardware at ZEA-1



8 compute nodes  
 80 cores  
 10 Gbit/s Ethernet network  
 464 GB main memory  
 storage cluster Skylake1 as file server



10 compute nodes (+ 3 nodes for login / service)  
 48 cores / node = 480 cores  
 100 Gbit/s InfiniBand network  
 4608 GB main memory



GPFS storage cluster

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## fields of competence

thermo-mechanical calculations

collapse & buckling

thermo-electric calculations

fatigue / fracture mechanics

magnetic / electromagnetic calculations

Vibrations, modal analyses & rotordynamics

magneto-hydrodynamics (MHD)

dynamics & crash simulations

CFD / thermal-hydraulics

optimization



## FEM = Finite Element Method

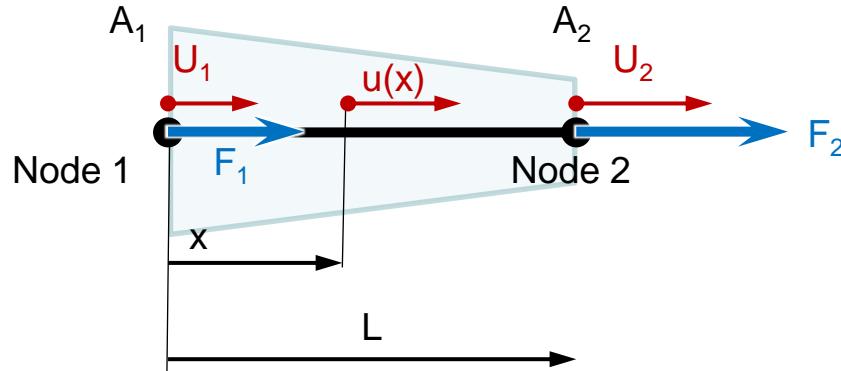
- numerical method
  - partitioning domain into small, non-overlapping subdomains – the finite elements
  - local functions approximate global solution
- applicable for differential equations for almost all technical problems



## degrees of freedom and shape functions

Shape functions interpolate the element solution between the discrete values obtained at mesh nodes, e.g. displacements

example: linear bar element



$$u(x) = \underbrace{\left(1 - \frac{x}{L}\right)}_{N_1} \cdot U_1 + \underbrace{\left(\frac{x}{L}\right)}_{N_2} \cdot U_2 = N_1 \cdot U_1 + N_2 \cdot U_2$$

Element strain given by derivative with respect to x:

$$\varepsilon(x) = \frac{du(x)}{dx} = \frac{d[N]}{dx} \{U\} = \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} -\frac{1}{L} & \frac{1}{L} \end{bmatrix}}_{[B]^{(e)}} \begin{pmatrix} U_1 \\ U_2 \end{pmatrix} = \frac{(U_2 - U_1)}{L} = \frac{\Delta L}{L}$$

general formulation

$$\{u\}^{(e)} = [N]^{(e)} \{U\}^{(e)}$$

$[N]^{(e)}$ : shape functions of element

$\{U\}^{(e)}$ : discrete values at nodes / element degrees of freedom

$\{u\}^{(e)}$ : solution within element

$$\{\varepsilon\}^{(e)} = [D][N]^{(e)}\{U\}^{(e)} = [B]^{(e)}\{U\}^{(e)}$$

$[D]$ : matrix differentiation operator

$[B]^{(e)}$ : displacement differentiation matrix

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⇒ potential energy function for linear elastic materials

The total potential energy  $\Pi$  is given by the strain energy  $U$  and the work potential  $W$  of external loads:

$$\Pi = U + W = \frac{1}{2} \int_V \{\varepsilon\}^T \{\sigma\} dV - \underbrace{\int_V \{u\}^T \{p^V\} dV}_{\text{volumetric loads}} - \underbrace{\int_S \{u\}^T \{p^S\} dS}_{\text{surface loads}} - \underbrace{\sum_i \{u\}_i^T P_i}_{\text{concentrated loads}}$$

example: linear bar element

$$\sigma(x) = E \cdot \varepsilon(x) = E \cdot \frac{(U_2 - U_1)}{L}; dV = A(x) \cdot dx$$

$$\Pi = \frac{1}{2} \int_0^L E \cdot \frac{(U_2 - U_1)^2}{L^2} \cdot A(x) dx - F_1 \cdot U_1 - F_2 \cdot U_2$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} E \cdot \frac{(U_2 - U_1)^2}{L^2} \cdot \int_0^L A(x) dx - F_1 \cdot U_1 - F_2 \cdot U_2$$

$$\Rightarrow \Pi = \underbrace{\frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{E \cdot A_m}{L} (U_2 - U_1)^2}_U - \underbrace{F_1 \cdot U_1 - F_2 \cdot U_2}_W$$

general formulation

$$\{\sigma\}^{(e)} = [E]^{(e)} \cdot \{\varepsilon\}^{(e)} = [E]^{(e)} [B]^{(e)} \{U\}^{(e)}$$

$$\Pi = \frac{1}{2} \int_V ([B]^{(e)} \{U\}^{(e)})^T [E] ([B]^{(e)} \{U\}^{(e)}) dV$$

$$- \int_V ([N] \{U\})^T \{p^V\} dV - \int_S ([N] \{U\})^T \{p^S\} dS$$

$$- \sum_i ([N] \{U\})_i^T P_i$$

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$[E]^{(e)}$ : elasticity matrix



⇒ potential energy function for linear elastic materials

The system is at a stable/stationary position when an infinitesimal variation from such position (discrete values  $\{U\}$ ) involves no change in the total potential energy:

example: linear bar element

$$\left\{ \frac{\partial \Pi}{\partial U} \right\} = \begin{Bmatrix} \frac{\partial \Pi}{\partial U_1} \\ \frac{\partial \Pi}{\partial U_2} \end{Bmatrix} = \begin{Bmatrix} \frac{\partial \left( \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{E \cdot A_m}{L} (U_2 - U_1)^2 - F_1 \cdot U_1 - F_2 \cdot U_2 \right)}{\partial U_1} \\ \frac{\partial \left( \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{E \cdot A_m}{L} (U_2 - U_1)^2 - F_1 \cdot U_1 - F_2 \cdot U_2 \right)}{\partial U_2} \end{Bmatrix} = \{0\}$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{Bmatrix} \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{E \cdot A_m}{L} \cdot 2(U_2 - U_1) \cdot (-1) - F_1 \\ \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{E \cdot A_m}{L} \cdot 2(U_2 - U_1) \cdot (1) - F_2 \end{Bmatrix} = \{0\}$$

$$\Rightarrow \underbrace{\frac{E \cdot A_m}{L} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}}_{\substack{\text{bar stiffness} \\ \text{stiffness matrix } [K]}} \begin{Bmatrix} U_1 \\ U_2 \end{Bmatrix} = \begin{Bmatrix} F_1 \\ F_2 \end{Bmatrix}$$

general formulation

$$\left\{ \frac{\partial \Pi^{(e)}}{\partial U^{(e)}} \right\} = \{0\}$$

$$\Rightarrow \int_V [B]^{(e)T} [E]^{(e)} [B]^{(e)} dV \quad \{U\}^{(e)} =$$

$$\int_V [N]^T \{p^V\} dV + \int_S [N]^T \{p^S\} dS$$

$$+ \sum_i [N]_i^T P_i = \{F\}^{(e)}$$

$$\Rightarrow [K]^{(e)} \{U\}^{(e)} = \{F\}^{(e)}$$

$[K]^{(e)}$ : element stiffness matrix

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# FEM - Theory

## ↳ connecting elements

example: linear bar element

Expanding element set of equations

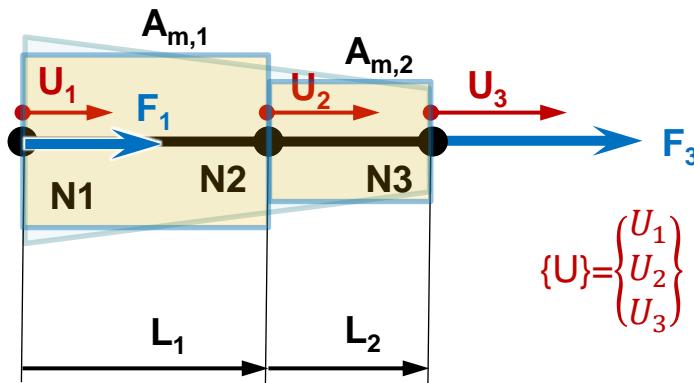
$$\begin{bmatrix} \frac{E_1 \cdot A_{m,1}}{L_1} & -\frac{E_1 \cdot A_{m,1}}{L_1} & 0 \\ -\frac{E_1 \cdot A_{m,1}}{L_1} & \frac{E_1 \cdot A_{m,1}}{L_1} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} U_1 \\ U_2 \\ U_3 \end{Bmatrix} = \begin{Bmatrix} F_1 \\ F_2^{(1)} \\ 0 \end{Bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{E_2 \cdot A_{m,2}}{L_2} & -\frac{E_2 \cdot A_{m,2}}{L_2} \\ 0 & -\frac{E_2 \cdot A_{m,2}}{L_2} & \frac{E_2 \cdot A_{m,2}}{L_2} \end{bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} U_1 \\ U_2 \\ U_3 \end{Bmatrix} = \begin{Bmatrix} 0 \\ F_2^{(2)} \\ F_3 \end{Bmatrix}$$

Superposition

$$\begin{bmatrix} \frac{E_1 \cdot A_{m,1}}{L_1} & -\frac{E_1 \cdot A_{m,1}}{L_1} & 0 \\ -\frac{E_1 \cdot A_{m,1}}{L_1} & \frac{E_1 \cdot A_{m,1}}{L_1} + \frac{E_2 \cdot A_{m,2}}{L_2} & -\frac{E_2 \cdot A_{m,2}}{L_2} \\ 0 & -\frac{E_2 \cdot A_{m,2}}{L_2} & \frac{E_2 \cdot A_{m,2}}{L_2} \end{bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} U_1 \\ U_2 \\ U_3 \end{Bmatrix} = \begin{Bmatrix} F_1 \\ 0 \\ F_3 \end{Bmatrix}$$

$$F_2^{(1)} + F_2^{(2)} = 0 \text{ (inner forces)}$$



$$\{U\} = \begin{Bmatrix} U_1 \\ U_2 \\ U_3 \end{Bmatrix} \quad \{F\} = \begin{Bmatrix} F_1 \\ 0 \\ F_3 \end{Bmatrix}$$

general formulation

$$\sum_{i=1}^{n_{el}} [C]^{(i)T} [K]^{(i)} [C]^{(i)} \{U\} = \sum_{i=1}^{n_{el}} [C]^{(i)T} \{F\}^{(i)}$$

$[C]^{(i)}$ : logic element connection matrix

$$\Rightarrow [K]\{U\} = \{F\}$$

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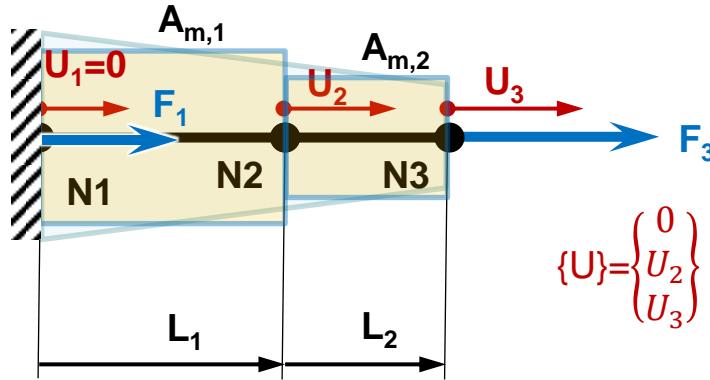
# FEM - Theory

## fixed degrees of freedom

Fixed degrees of freedom will reduce the set of equations

example: linear bar element

$$\begin{bmatrix} \frac{E_1 \cdot A_{m,1}}{L_1} & \frac{E_1 \cdot A_{m,1}}{L_1} & 0 \\ -\frac{E_1 \cdot A_{m,1}}{L_1} & \frac{E_1 \cdot A_{m,1}}{L_1} + \frac{E_2 \cdot A_{m,2}}{L_2} & -\frac{E_2 \cdot A_{m,2}}{L_2} \\ 0 & -\frac{E_2 \cdot A_{m,2}}{L_2} & \frac{E_2 \cdot A_{m,2}}{L_2} \end{bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} U_1 \\ U_2 \\ U_3 \end{Bmatrix} = \begin{Bmatrix} F_1 \\ 0 \\ F_3 \end{Bmatrix}$$



$$\{U\} = \begin{Bmatrix} 0 \\ U_2 \\ U_3 \end{Bmatrix} \quad \{F\} = \begin{Bmatrix} F_1 \\ 0 \\ F_3 \end{Bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} \frac{E_1 \cdot A_{m,1}}{L_1} + \frac{E_2 \cdot A_{m,2}}{L_2} & -\frac{E_2 \cdot A_{m,2}}{L_2} \\ -\frac{E_2 \cdot A_{m,2}}{L_2} & \frac{E_2 \cdot A_{m,2}}{L_2} \end{bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} U_2 \\ U_3 \end{Bmatrix} = \begin{Bmatrix} 0 \\ F_3 \end{Bmatrix}$$

Solving reduced set of equations:

$$\Rightarrow U_2 = \frac{F_3 \cdot L_1}{E_1 \cdot A_{m,1}}; U_3 = \frac{F_3 \cdot L_2}{E_2 \cdot A_{m,2}} + \frac{F_3 \cdot L_1}{E_1 \cdot A_{m,1}}$$

$$\Rightarrow F_1 = -\frac{E_1 \cdot A_{m,1}}{L_1} \cdot \frac{F_3 \cdot L_1}{E_1 \cdot A_{m,1}} = -F_3$$

general formulation

reduced set of equations:

$$[K]' \{U\}' = \{F\}'$$

$$\Rightarrow \{U\}' = [K]'^{-1} \{F\}'$$

reaction forces:

$$\Rightarrow \{F\} = [K]\{U\}$$

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# FEM - Theory

## ↳ accuracy of solution

example:

$$A_L = \frac{1}{2} A_0; L_i = \frac{L}{n}; E_i = E$$

$$\Rightarrow A_{m,i} = \frac{4 \cdot n - 2 \cdot i + 1}{4 \cdot n} A_0$$

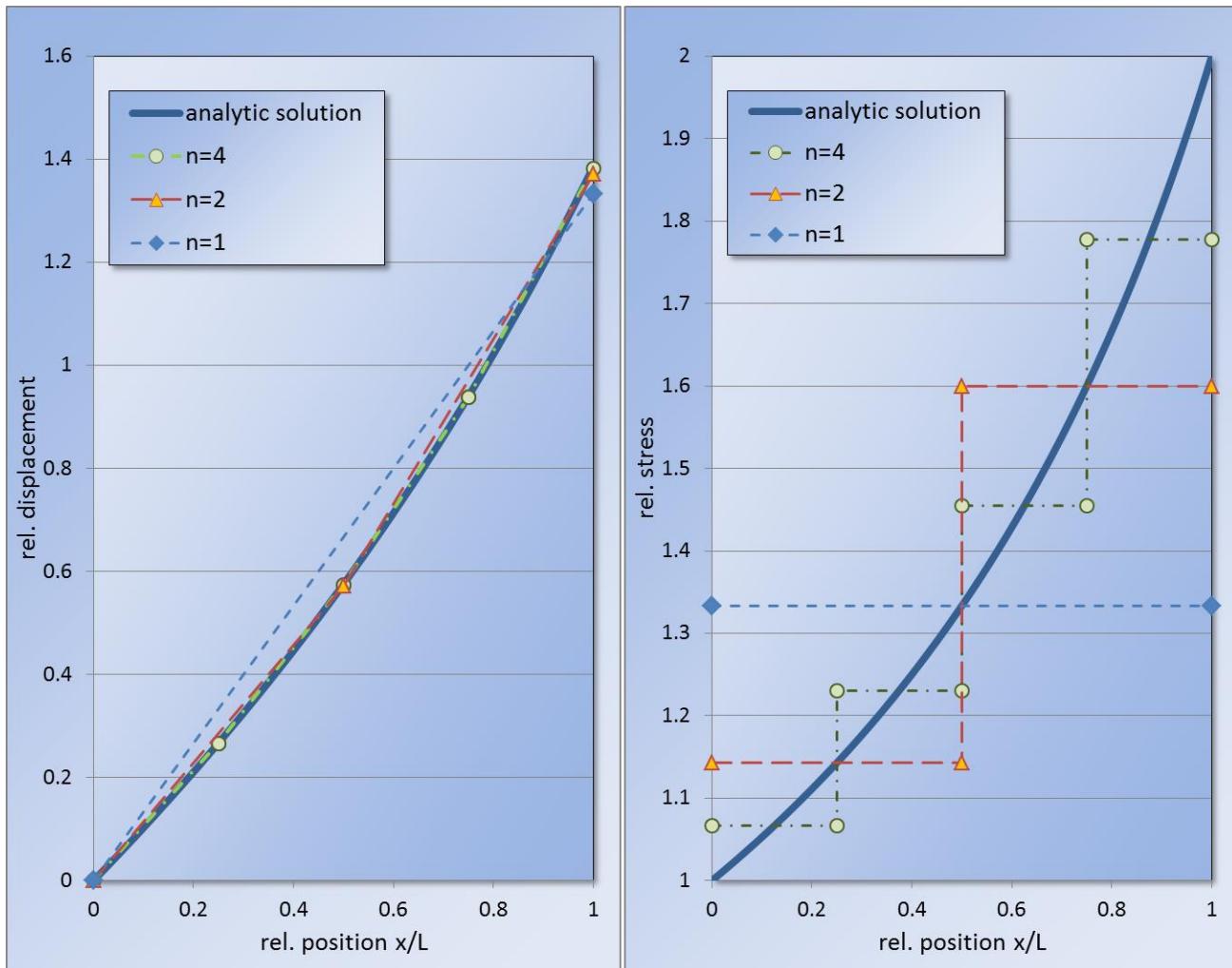
Analytic solution:

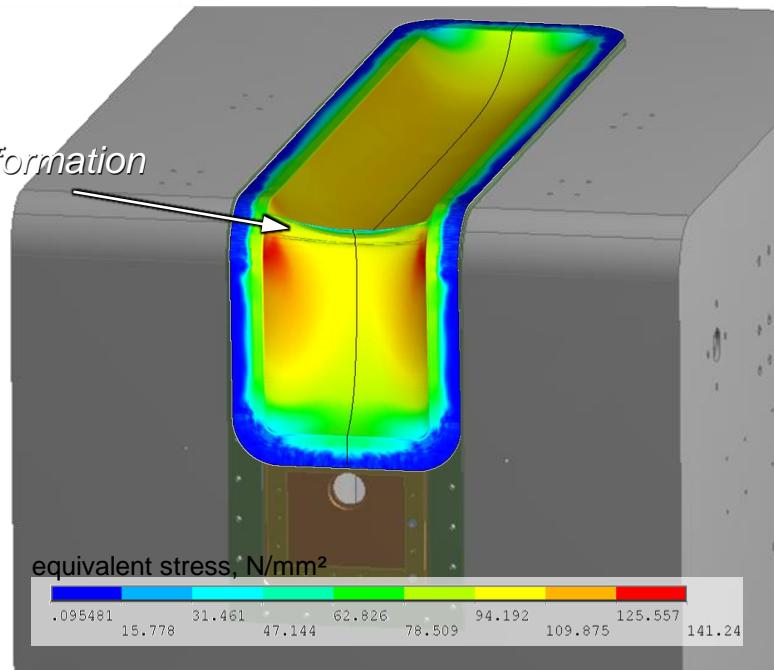
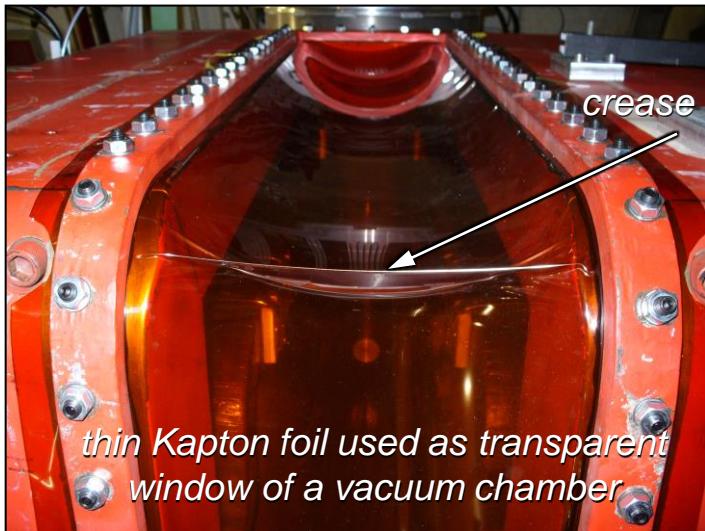
$$u_r(x) = \frac{u(x)}{F \cdot L}$$

$$\Rightarrow u_r(x) = \ln \left[ \left( \frac{1}{1 - \frac{x}{2L}} \right)^2 \right]$$

$$\sigma_r(x) = \frac{\sigma(x)}{F}$$

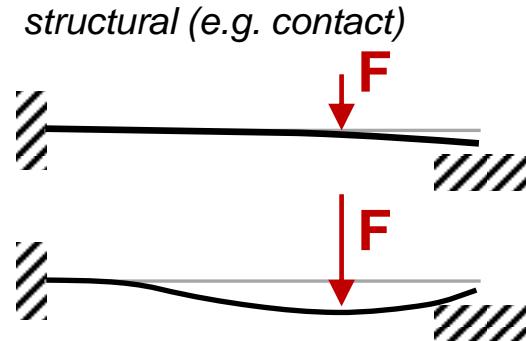
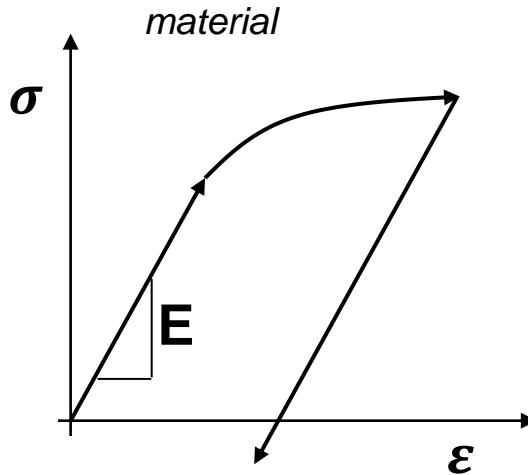
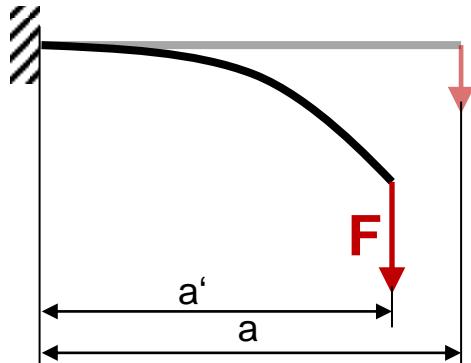
$$\Rightarrow \sigma_r(x) = \frac{1}{A_0} \frac{1}{1 - \frac{x}{2L}}$$





### Three types of nonlinearities

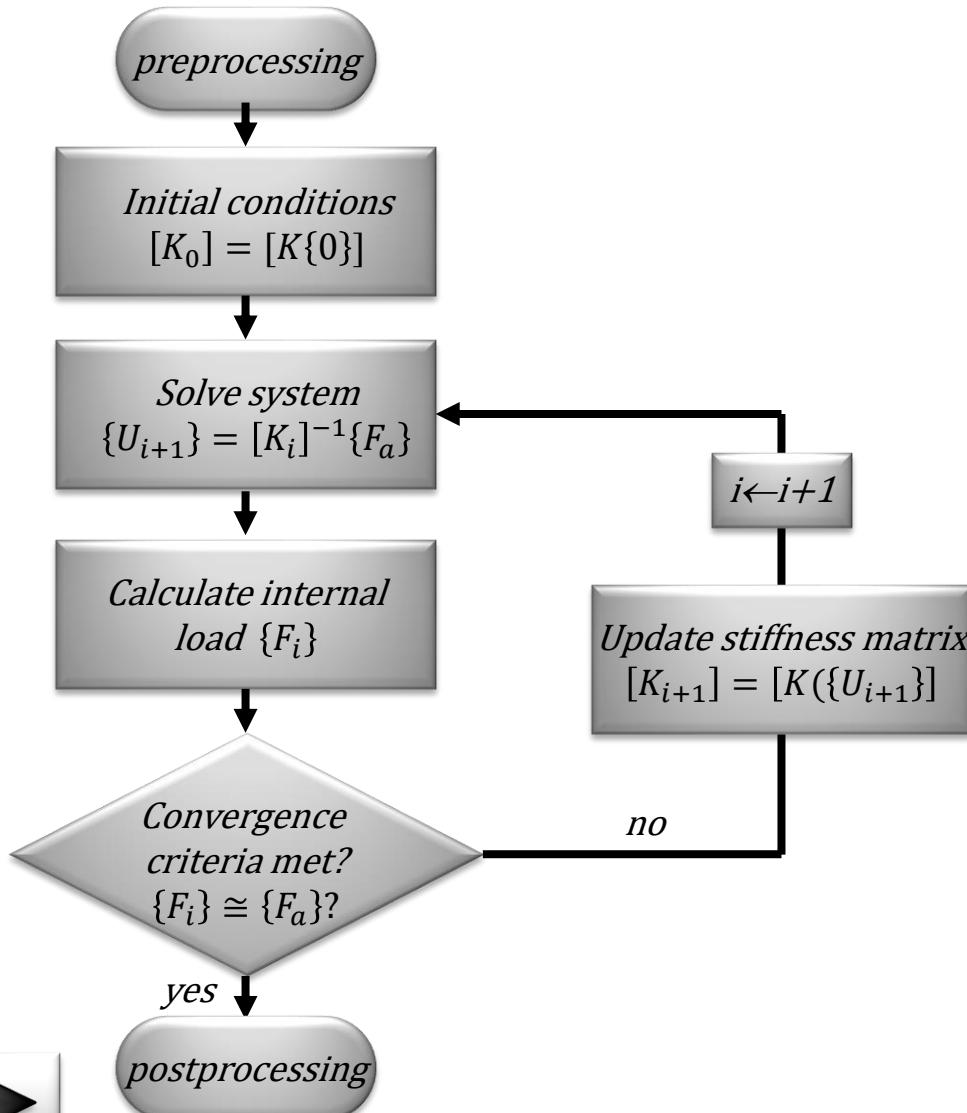
large displacements



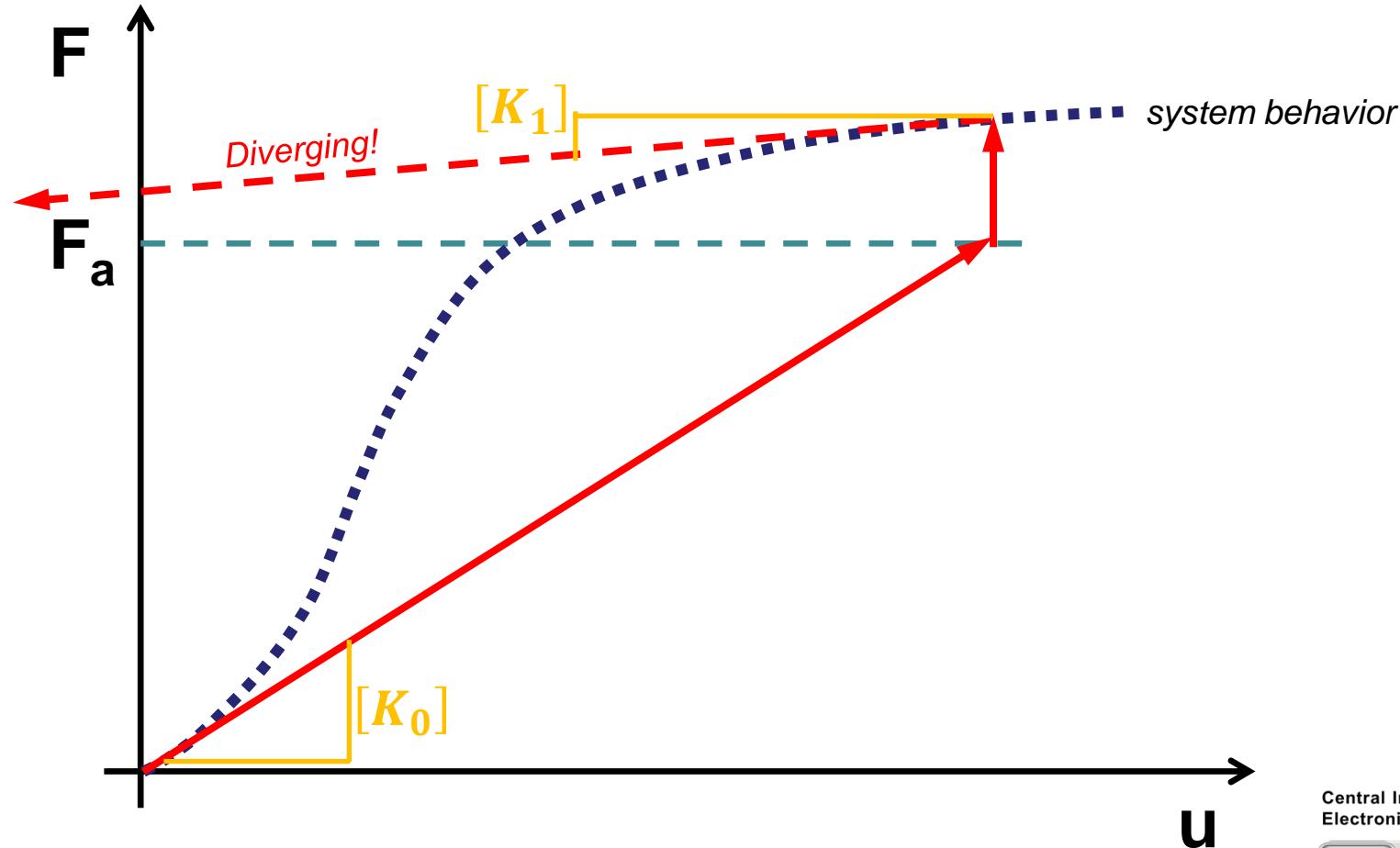
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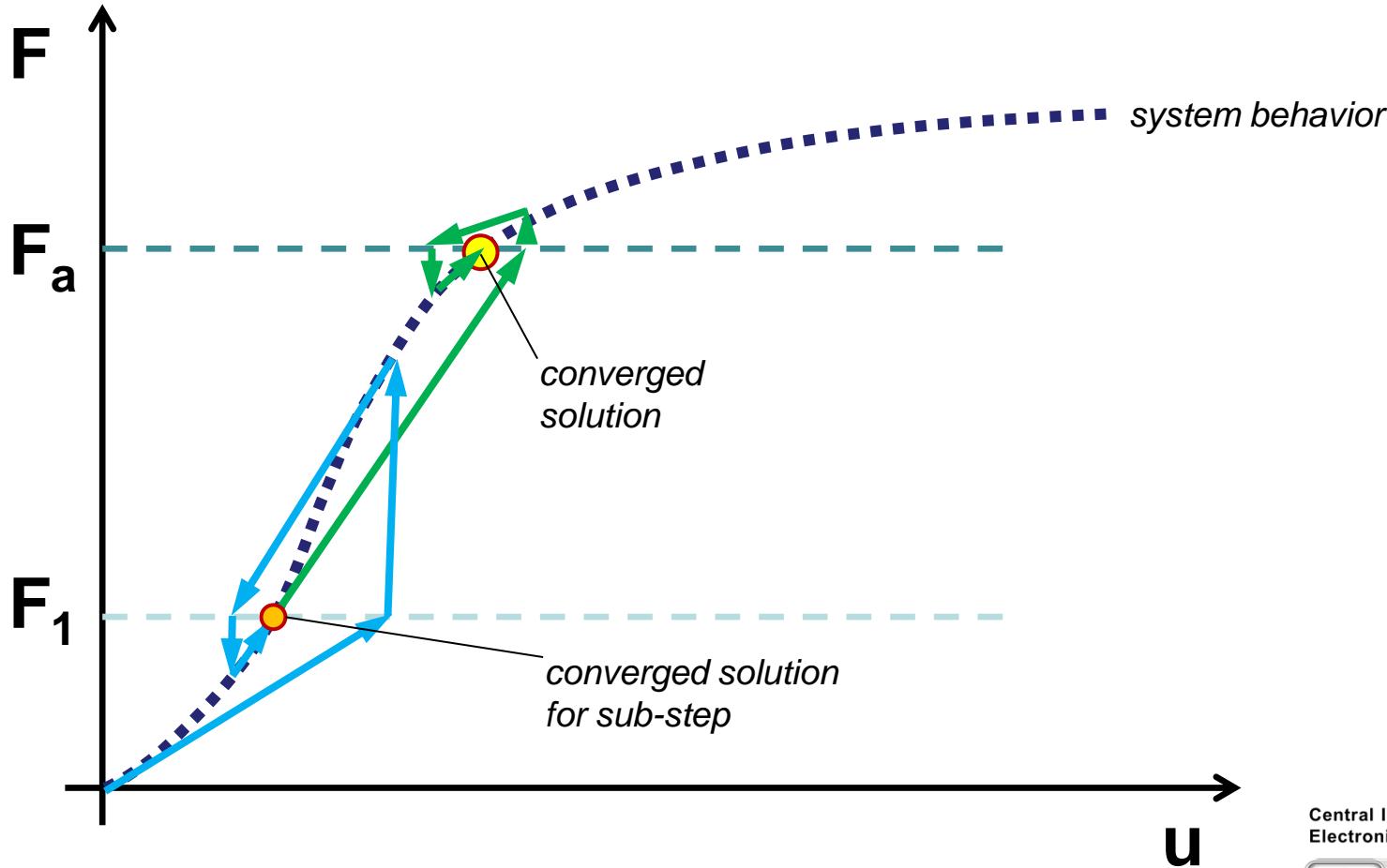
If the stiffness matrix depends on deformations  $[K(\{U\})]\{U\} = \{F\}$ , the system has to be solved iteratively:



Newton-Raphson Method to solve nonlinear Systems



Newton-Raphson Method to solve nonlinear Systems



# FEM – Theory

## ↳ further applications

*Diffusion:*  $[D]\{C\} = \{Q\}$

[D]: diffusion coefficient  
{C}: concentration  
{Q}: sources

*Electrostatic:*  $[\chi]\{\varphi\} = \{Q\}$

[\chi]: dielectricity  
{\varphi}: electric potential  
{Q}: charge

*with damping:*

*Temperature:*  $[C]\{\dot{T}\} + [K]\{T\} = \{Q(t)\}$

[C]: heat capacity  
[K]: conductivity  
{T}: Temperature  
{Q}: heat source

*Magnetic fields:*  $[C]\{\dot{A}\} + [K]\{A\} = \{F(t)\}$

[C]: electric conductivity  
[K]: magnetic permeability  
{A}: vector potential  
{F}: current density

*with inertia and damping:*

*Dynamics:*  $[M]\{\ddot{U}\} + [C]\{\dot{U}\} + [K]\{U\} = \{F(t)\}$

[M]: mass (inertia)  
[C]: damping  
[K]: stiffness



*can also be solved using explicit solvers*



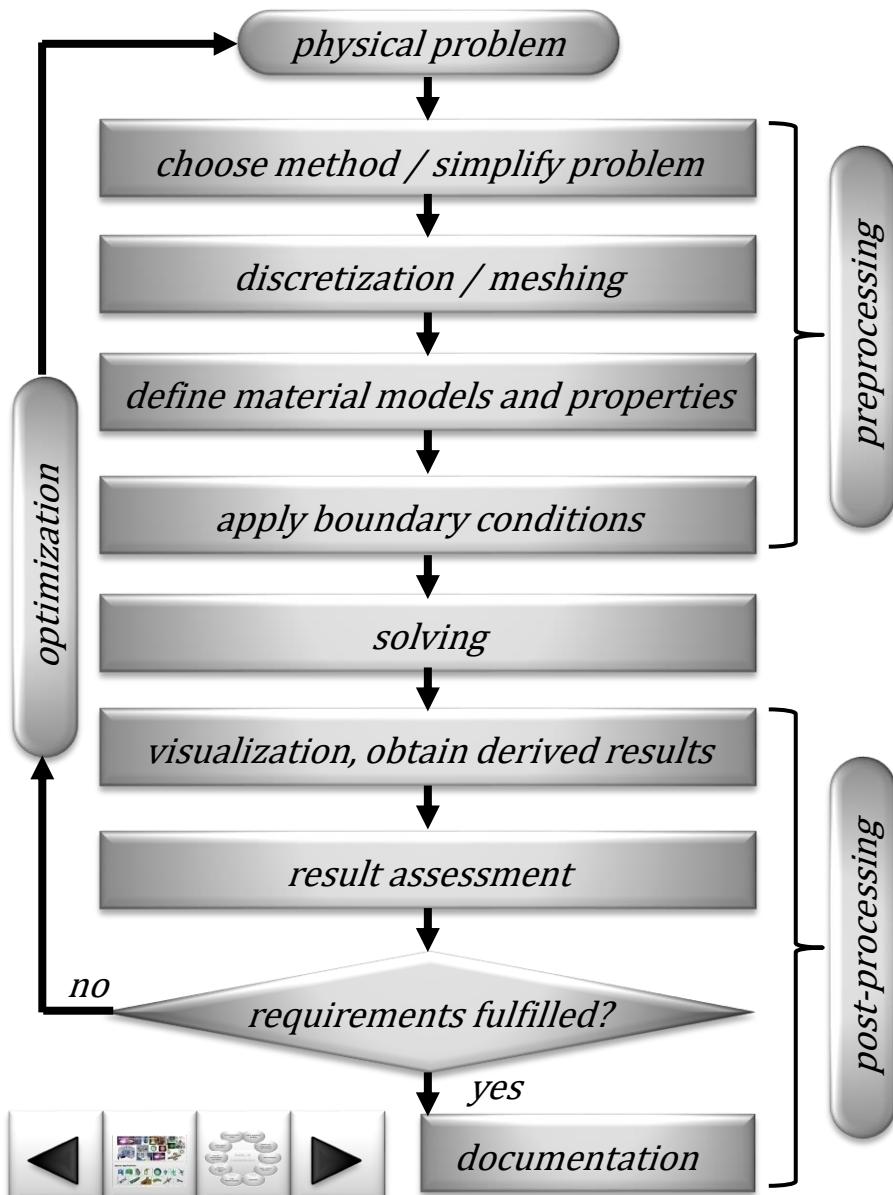
## CFD = computational fluid dynamics

- Numerical method for solving partial differential equations representing conservation laws for **mass, momentum, energy and species** for fluid flows.
- Domain is discretized into a finite set of control volumes or cells. The most commonly used method for CFD is the **Finite-Volume-Method**.
- Control volume balance for a general flow variable  $\phi$  can be expressed by:  
**rate of change = net convective flux + net diffusive flux + net creation rate**
- The **Navier-Stokes equations** are the general form of the equation of motion for a viscous fluid.
- Typical numerical methods to consider **flow turbulence**:
  - **DNS** (direct numerical simulation): all eddies are resolved by a very fine mesh  
=> this method is time consuming and requires huge computational resources
  - **RANS** (Reynolds-Averaged Navier-Stokes): a turbulence model describes all effects of turbulence on the flow  
=> this is the most commonly used method for technical applications; stationary analyses are possible and computational costs are low
  - **LES** (large eddy simulations): only the largest eddies are resolved by the mesh and smaller eddies are considered by a turbulence model  
=> compromise between DNS and RANS



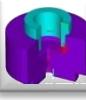
# Setting up numerical simulations with FEM/CFD

↳ important aspects for a design engineer



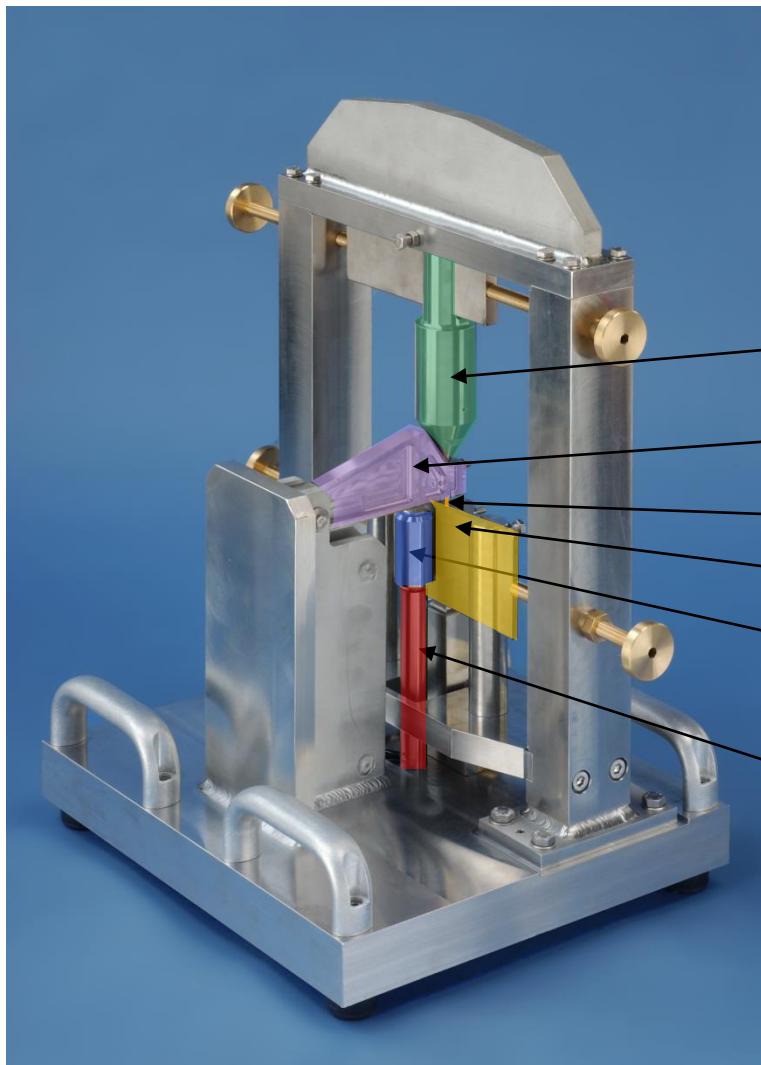
Knowledge and experience of the engineer

- which design rules have to be applied?
- what are the requirements of the design rules, what are the safety-related acceptance targets and criteria, what are the limits?
- which physical effects and details are important?
- how can the problem be simplified?
- how does the material behave, which material parameters are applicable and proven?
- which software is suitable to solve the problem?
- implementation of new methods / models necessary?
- how big is the error due to the meshing, where is a mesh refinement necessary?
- how to model the boundary conditions, how to cover uncertainties in the boundary conditions?
- chose appropriate solvers, solver settings, load steps and convergence criteria!
- estimate necessary computational resources!
- validate model!
- assess results according to design rules!
- ...



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## fatigue tests at high strain rates

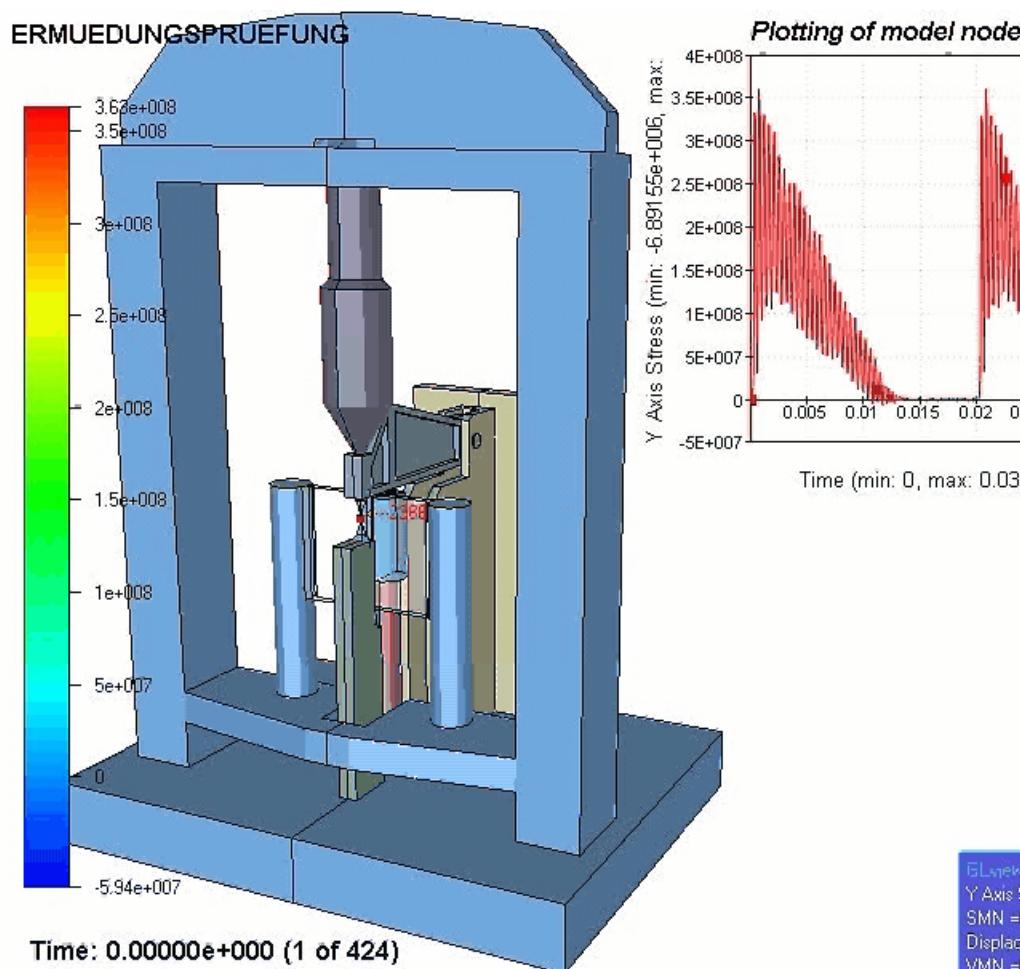


upper limiter  
lever  
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lower limiter  
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piezo-actuator



# FATIMA – Test Facility

fatigue tests at high strain rates



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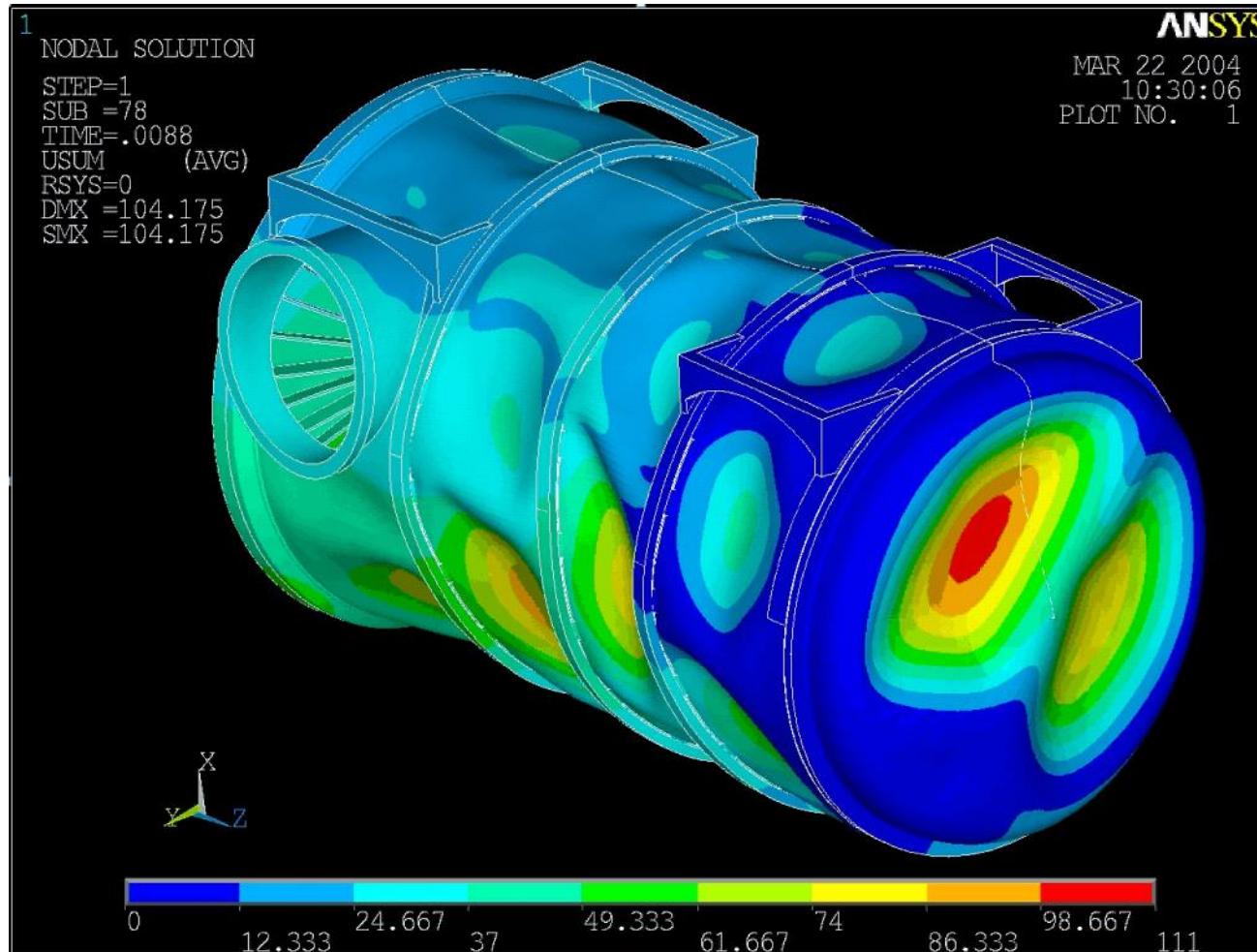
# Buckling analysis for a vacuum vessel

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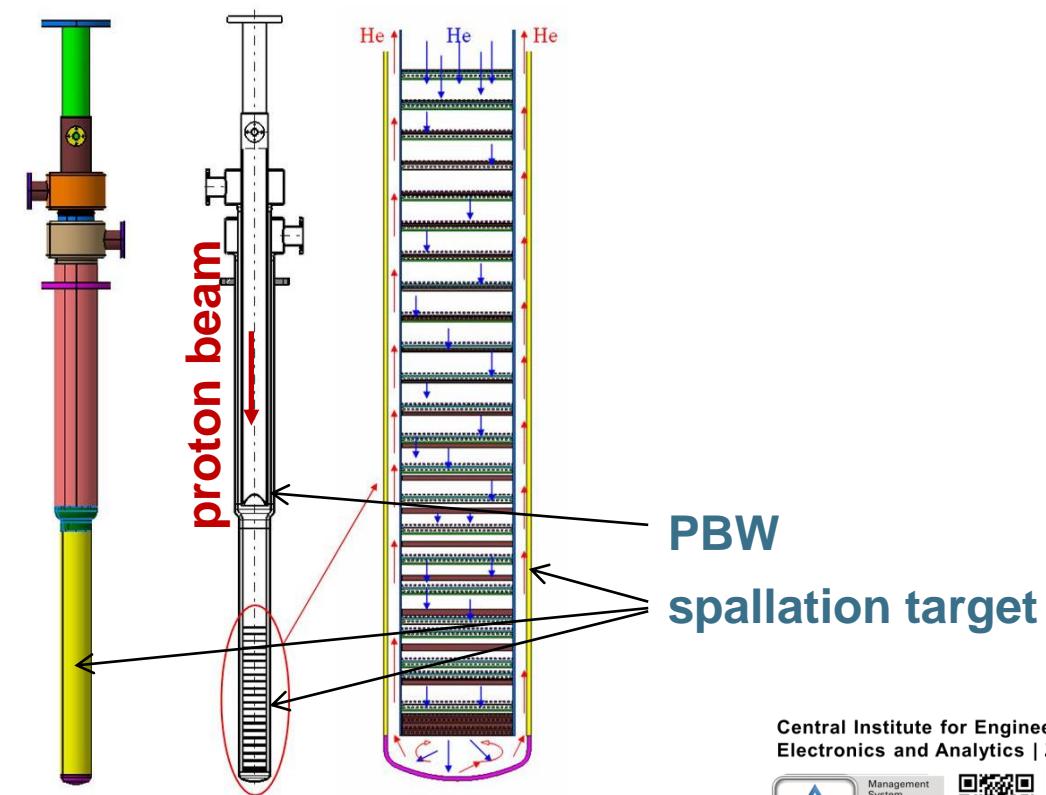
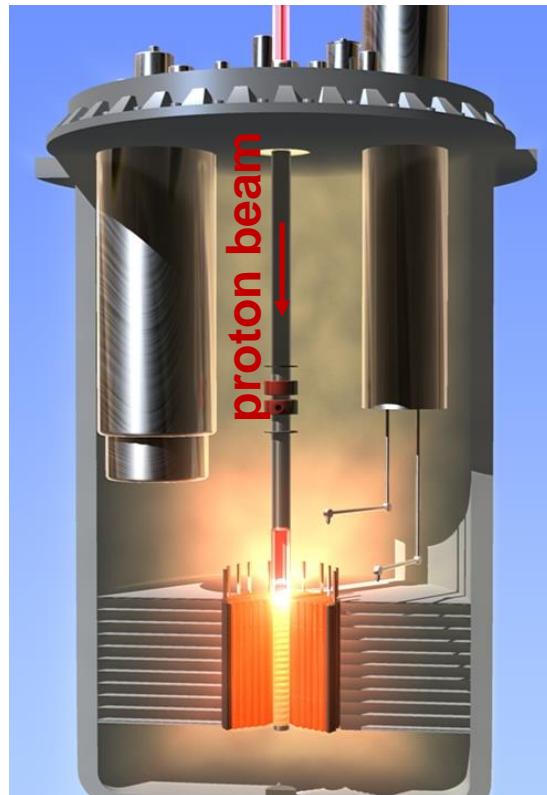
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# Design of Proton Beam Windows

⚡ AGATE

- AGATE (Advanced Gas-cooled Accelerator-driven Transmutation Experiment)
- the spallation target serves as continuous neutron source for a subcritical reactor
- the PBW separates the accelerator vacuum from the target coolant (60bar helium)
- water at 3 bar is used for the PBW cooling



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# Design of Proton Beam Windows

ESS

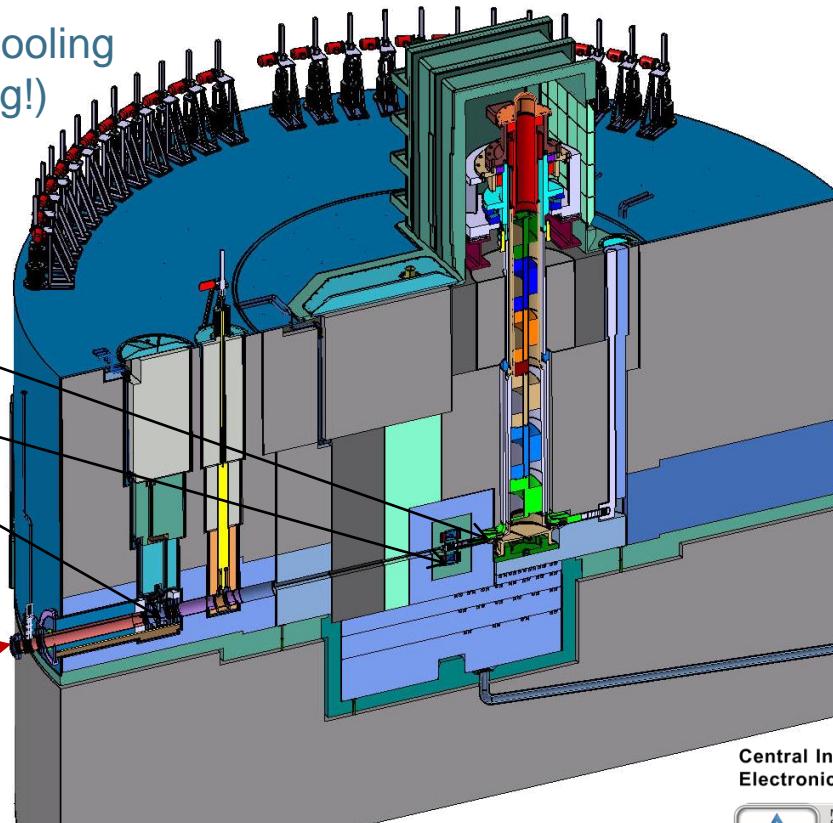
- ESS (European Spallation Source)
- the spallation target serves as neutron source for scientific experiments
- the PBW separates the accelerator vacuum from the helium atmosphere in the target room (1 bar helium)
- helium at 10 bar is used for PBW cooling (customer request: no water cooling!)
- pulsed operation (fatigue)

spallation target

moderators

PBW

proton beam



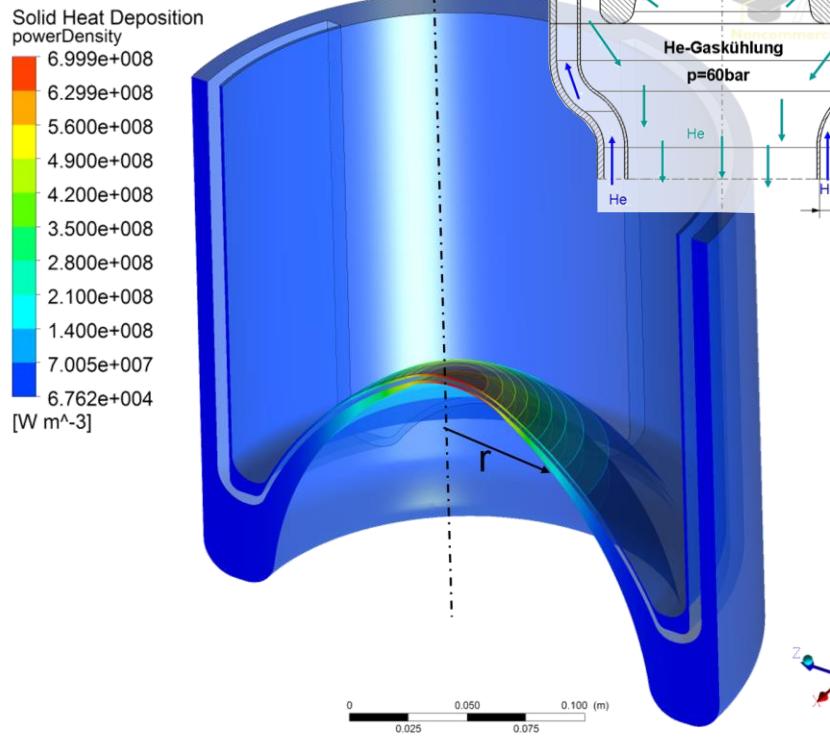
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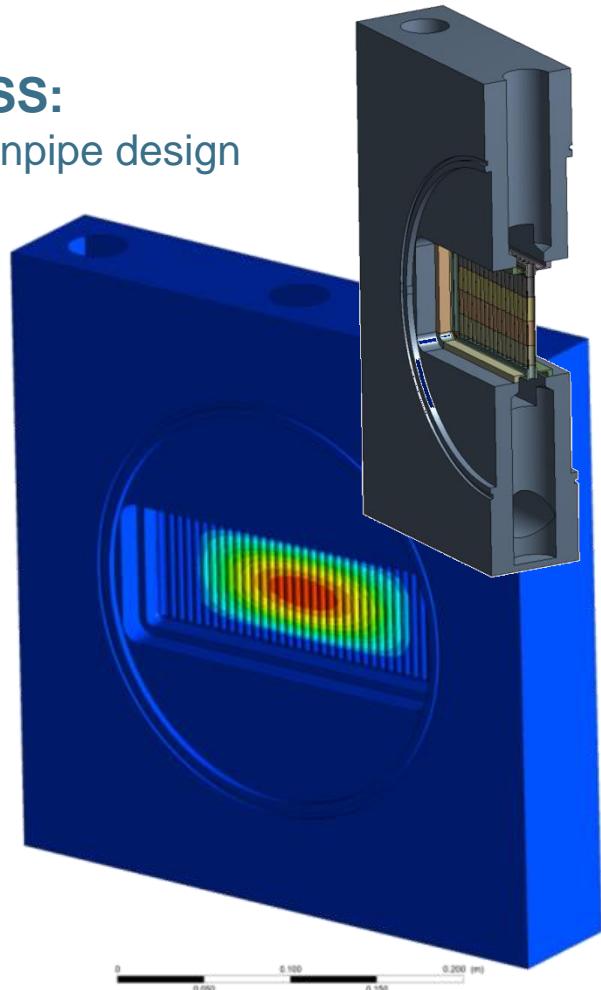
# Design of Proton Beam Windows

**AGATE:**  
double-walled, curved  
window



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# ESS: panpipe design



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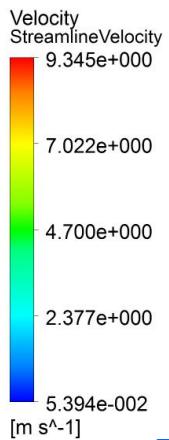
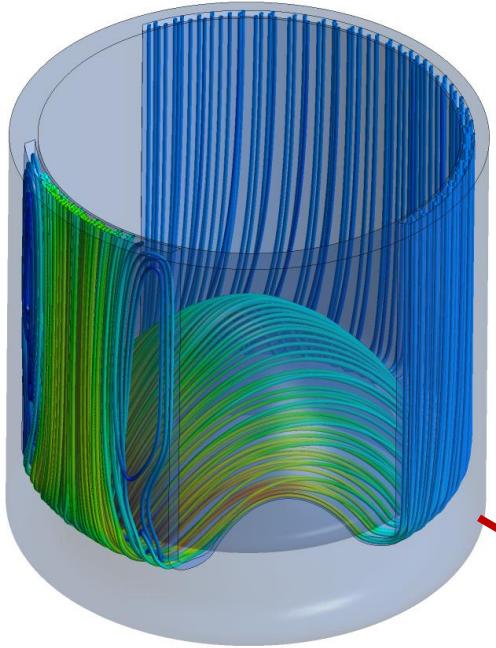
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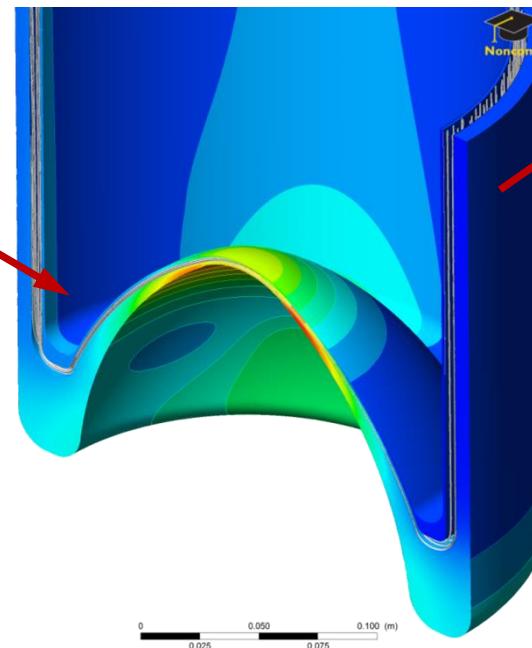
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↳ design details for AGATE

coolant velocity, m/s

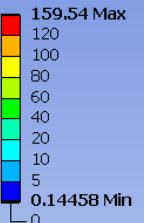
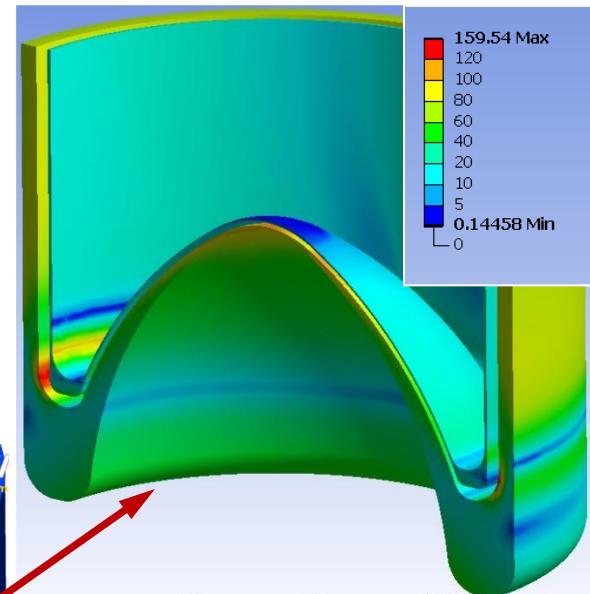


temperature, °C



0 0.025 0.050 0.075 0.100 (m)

equivalent stress, MPa



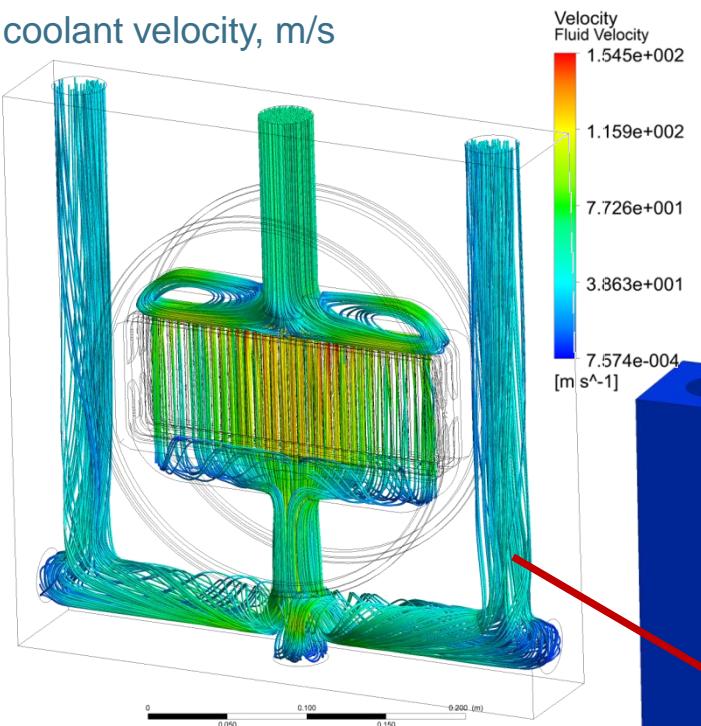
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# Design of Proton Beam Windows

↳ design details for ESS

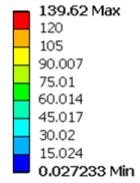
coolant velocity, m/s



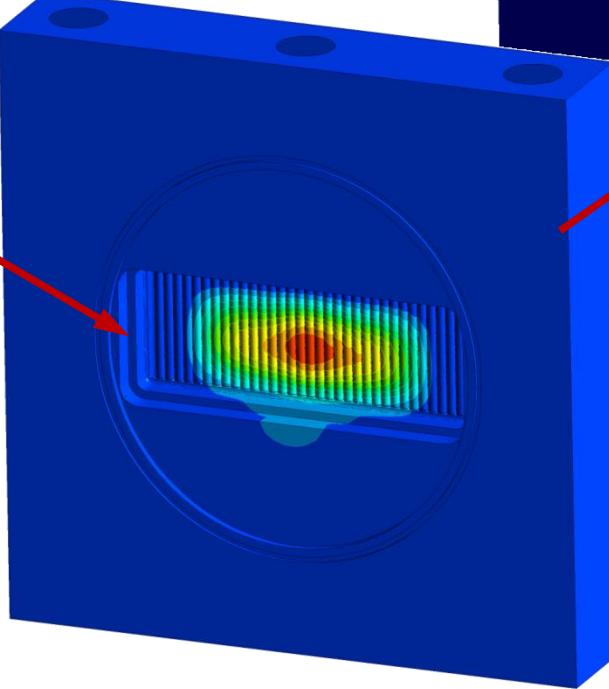
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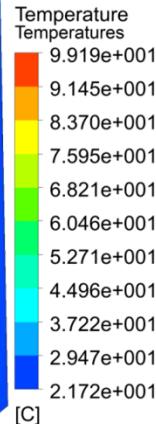
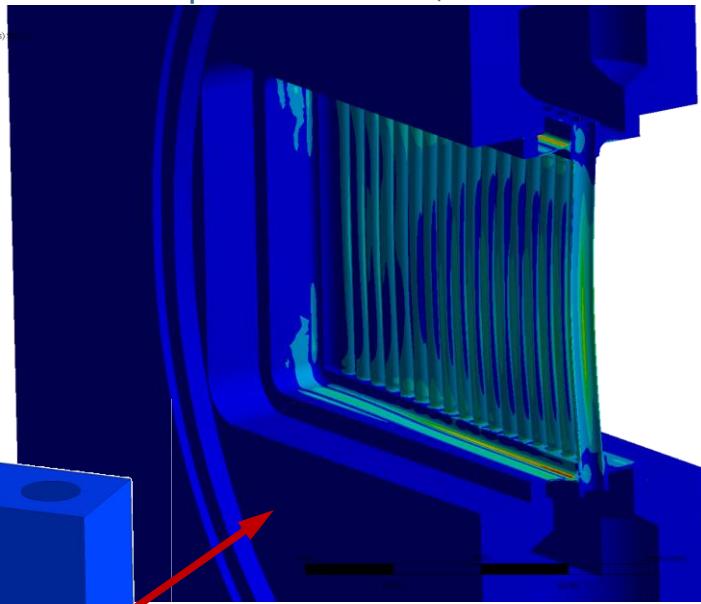
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temperature, °C



equivalent stress, MPa



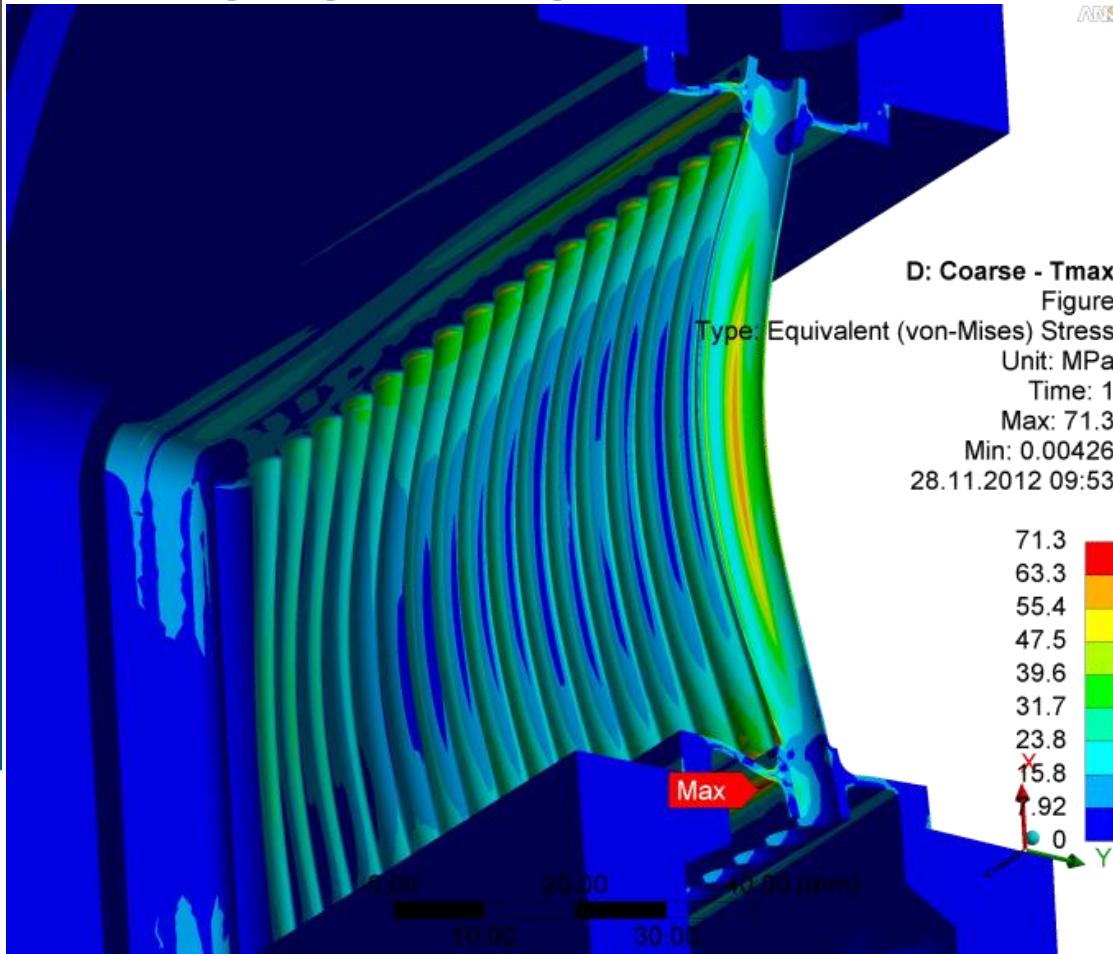
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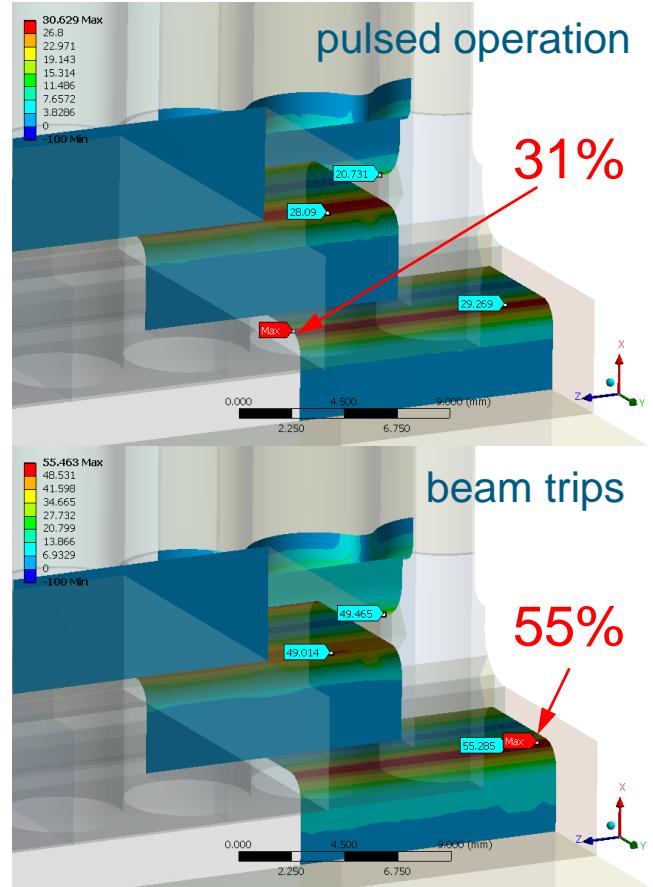
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design against fatigue for ESS



resultant stresses due to thermal and mechanical loading

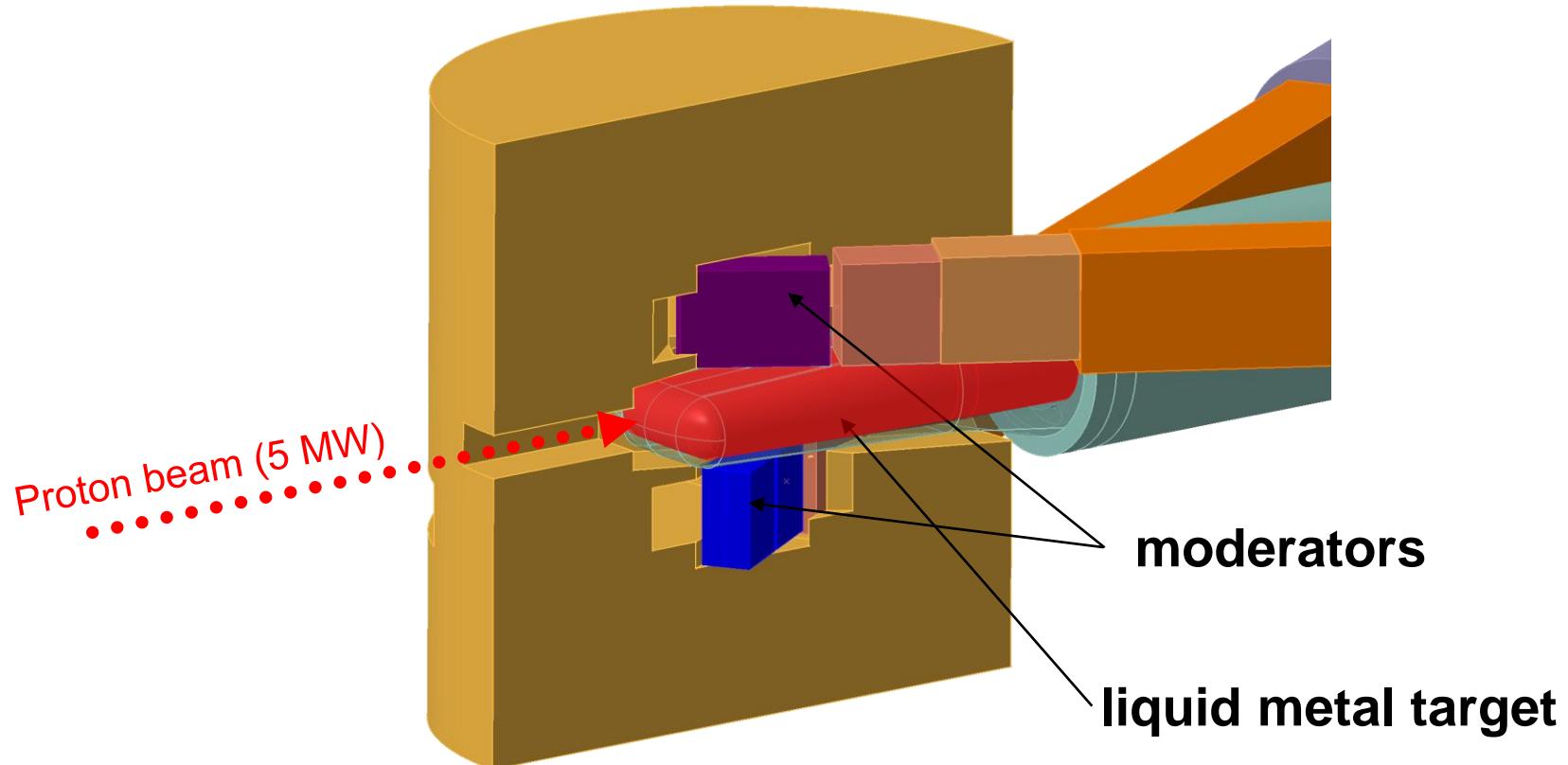


calculated utilization factors



# Design of ESS Mercury Target

↳ configuration



# Design of ESS Mercury Target

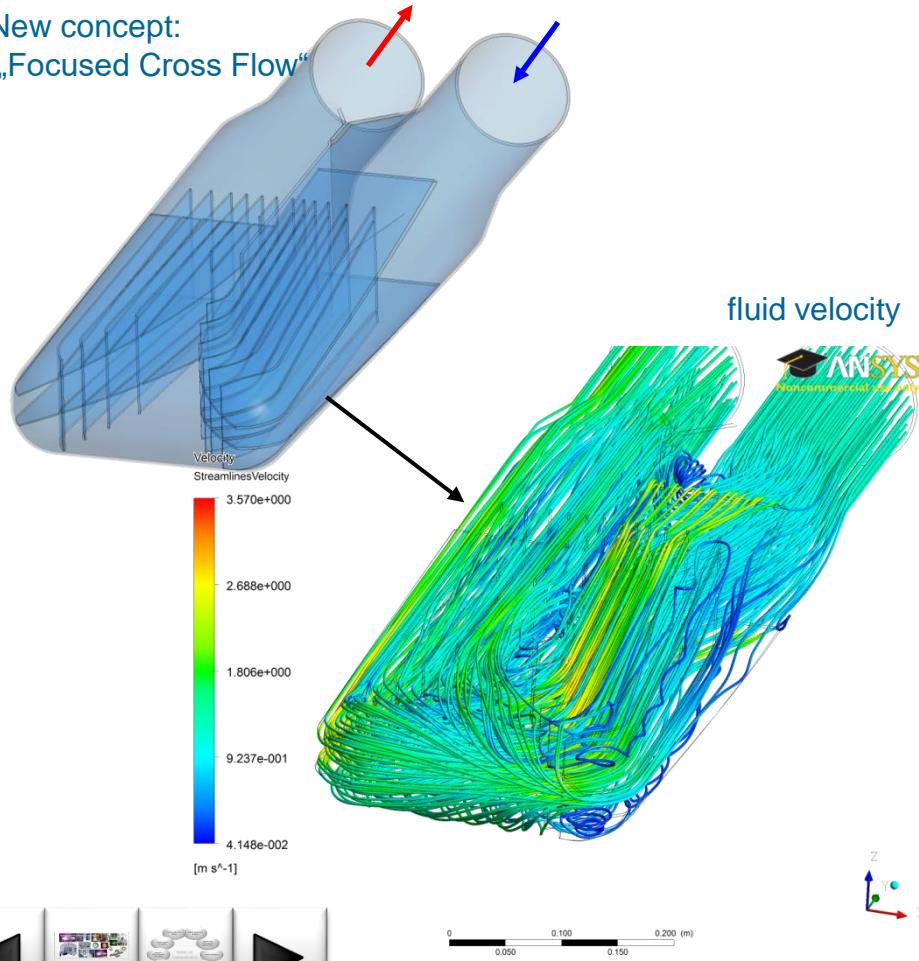
## ↳ thermal hydraulic design

Focus on:

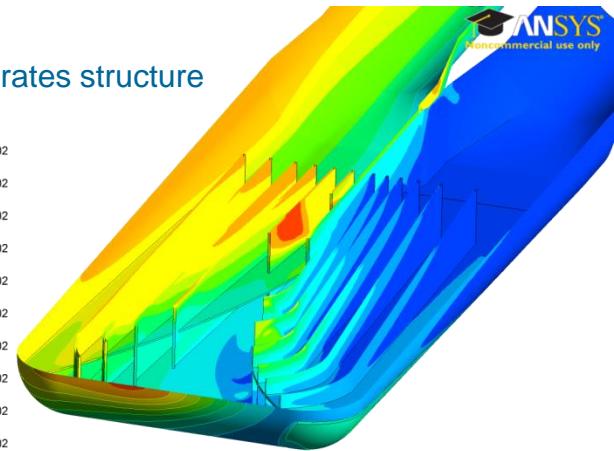
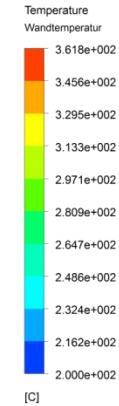
- cooling of beam entrance window
- heat removal capacity

New concept:

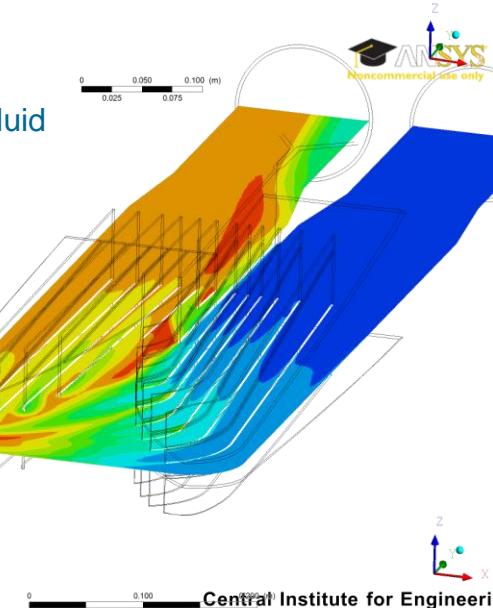
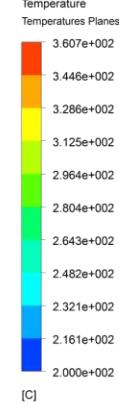
„Focused Cross Flow“



temperates structure

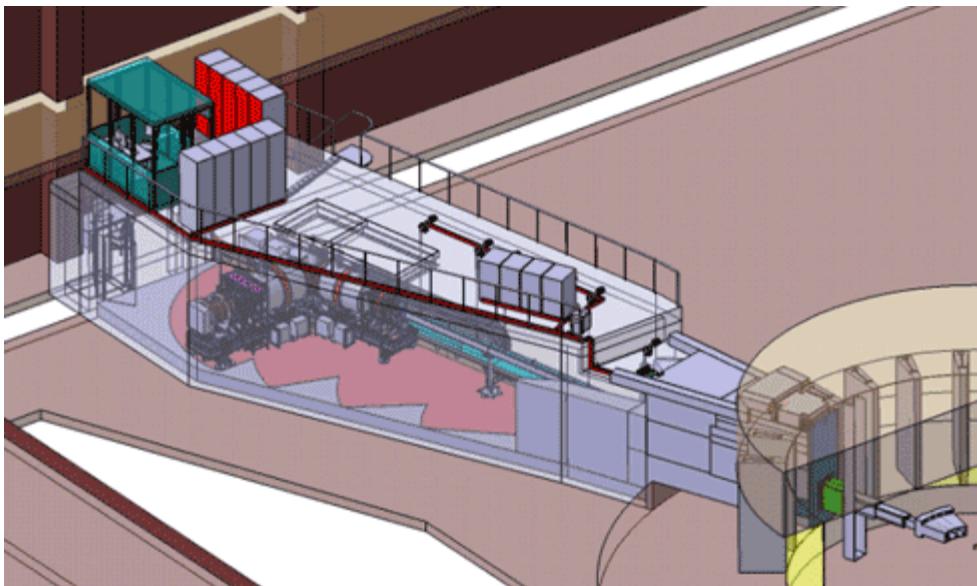


temperatures fluid



# Design of Magnetic Shielded Room

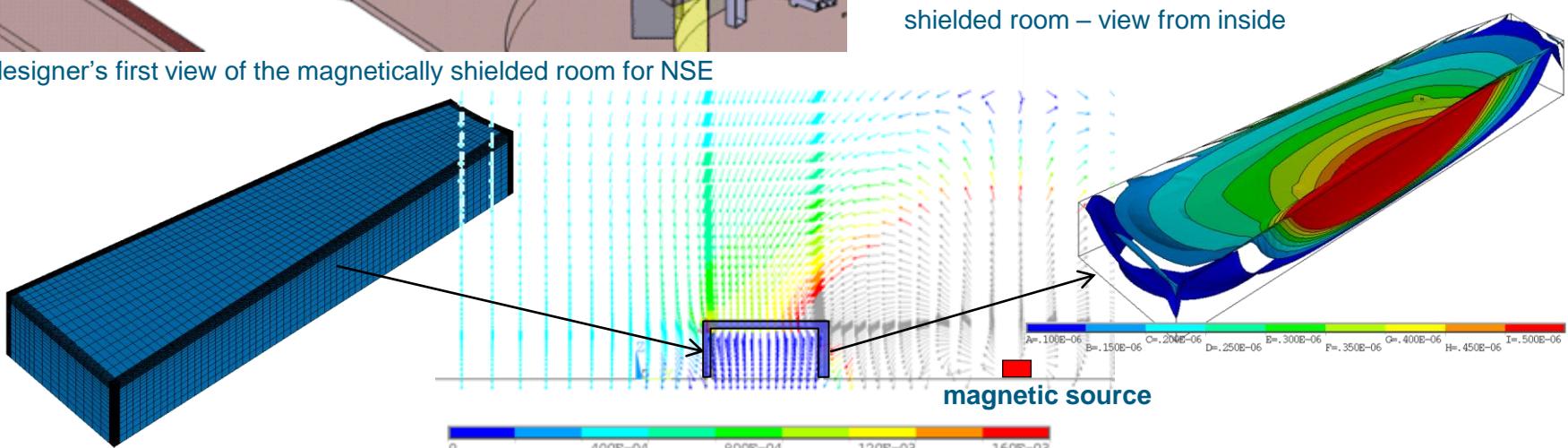
for neutron spin echo spectrometer @SNS



designer's first view of the magnetically shielded room for NSE



shielded room – view from inside



FE model of the double-walled room made of  $\mu$ -material

magnetic flux density calculation for an external magnetic source



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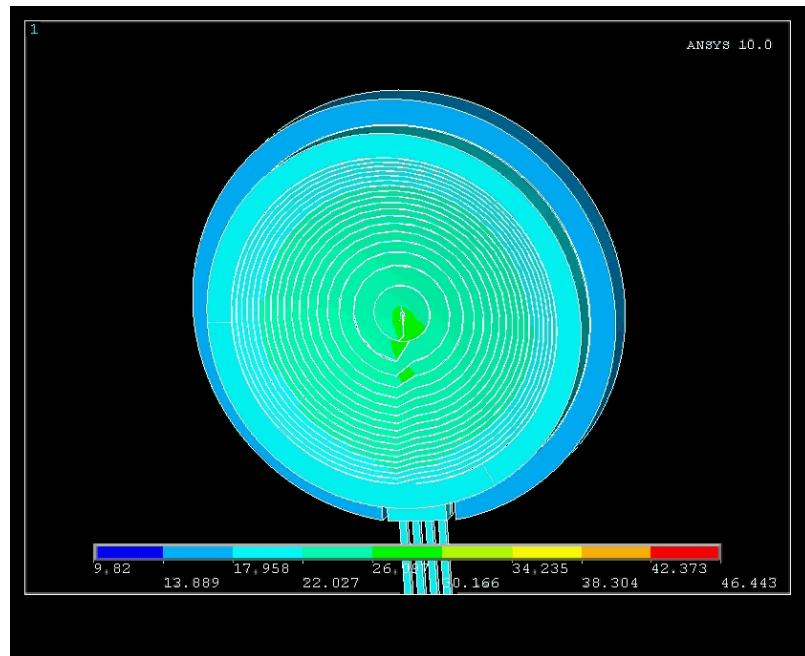
# Thermal Design of Correction Coils

for neutron spin echo spectrometer @SNS

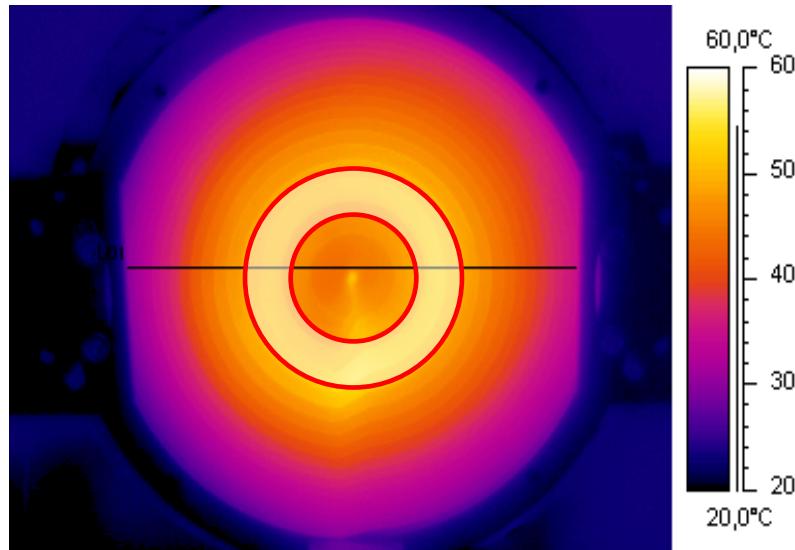
- current density in the coil was calculated
- thermal load due to high current modeled
- cooling by bonded cooling plate was considered



## Temperature distribution in the coil simulation



measurement



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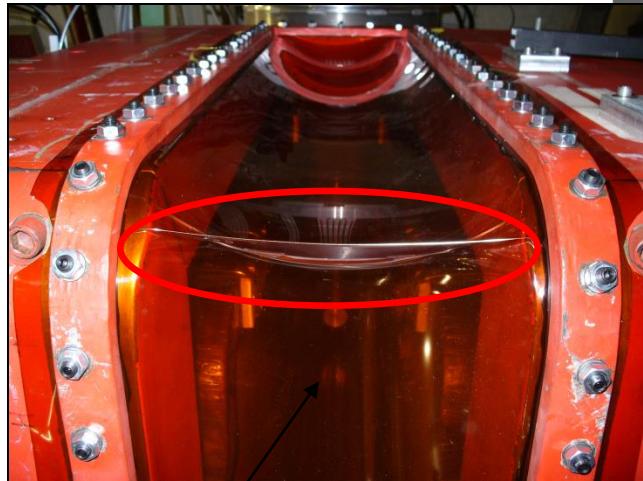
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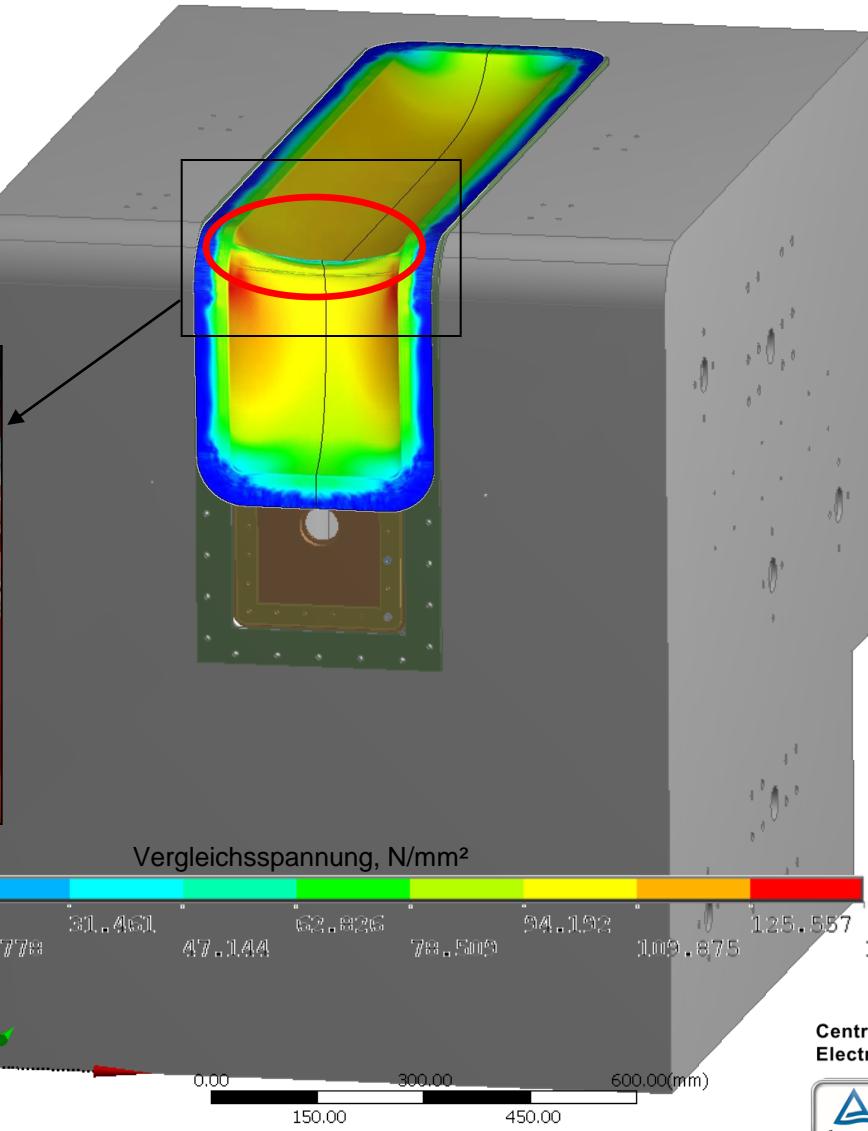
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# Kapton foil window for a vacuum chamber

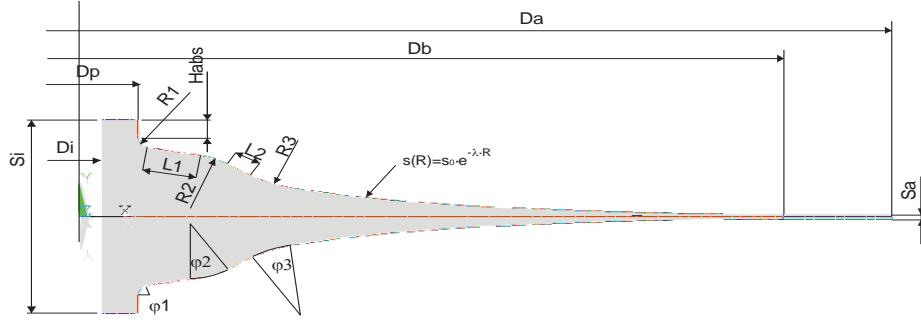


**Kapton foil**

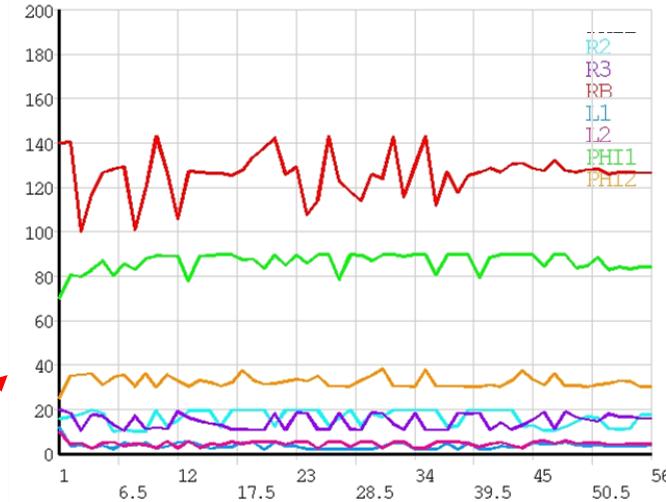


# Optimization of the chopper disk contour

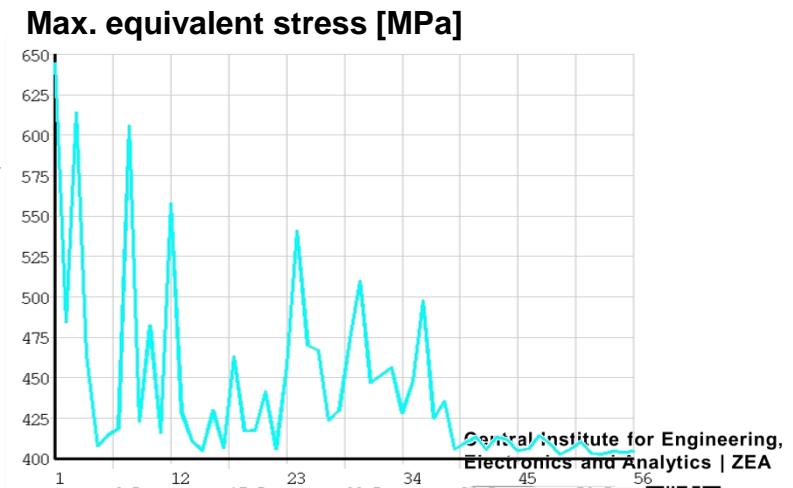
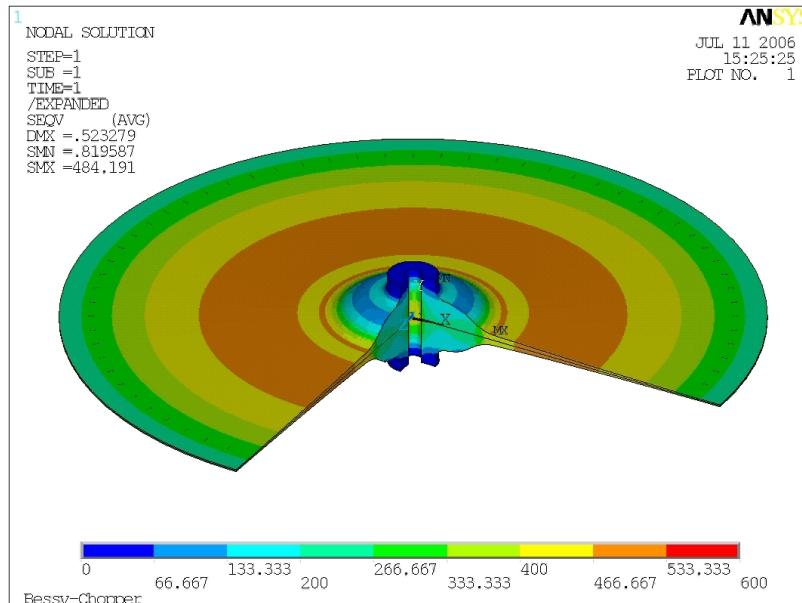
## parameterized model



## Variation of parameters



## Optimization process in ANSYS



## ⇨ introduction

- Lysimeters are tubes containing soil samples for scientific experiments in the field of agricultural and environmental research
- The tubes are pressed into the soil and afterwards excavated
- A sintered metal plate is used to cut the soil column and to seal the lysimeter



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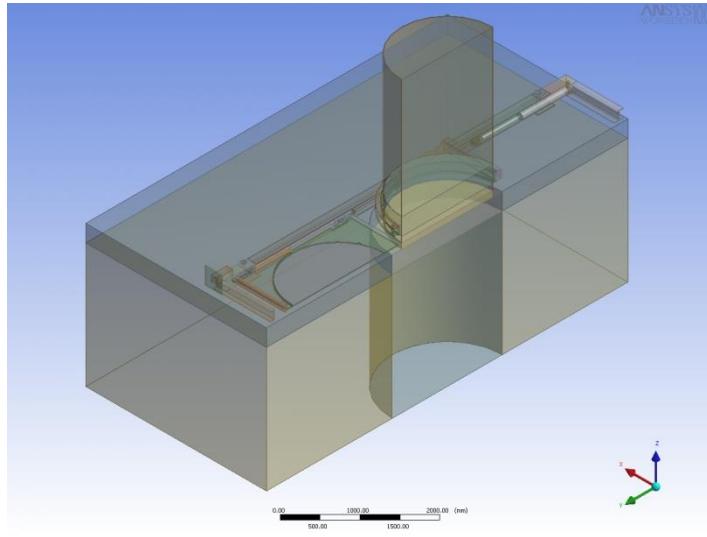


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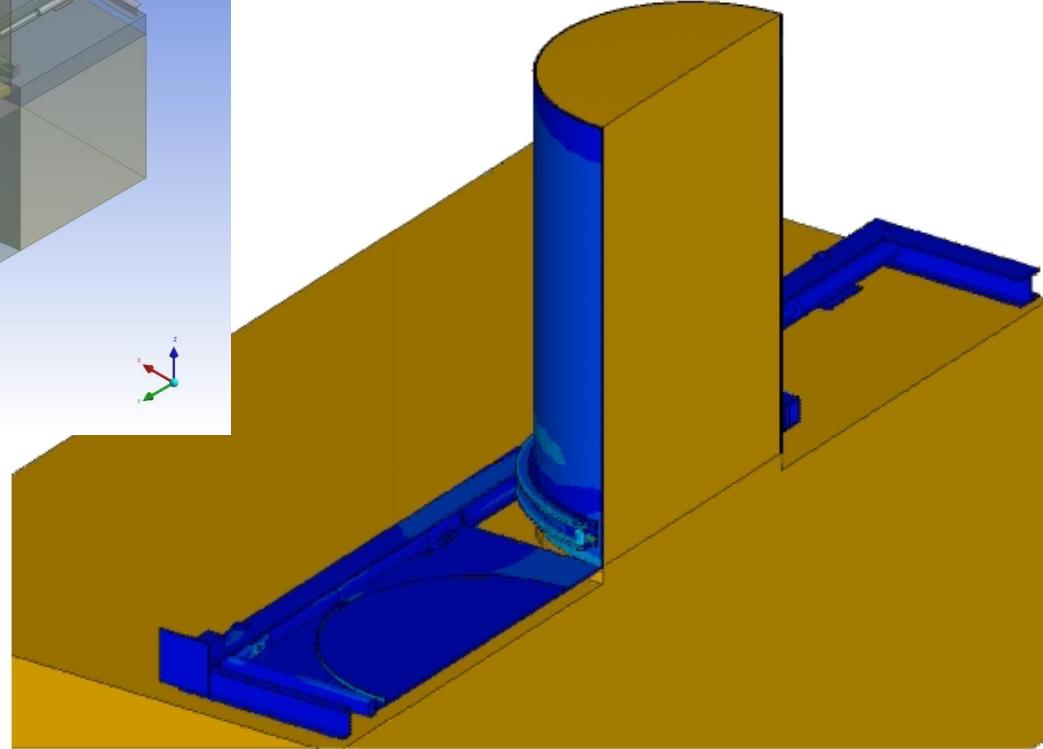
## optimization of lysimeterpress

- Project start: typical engineering task -> optimization of design



Spannungszustand der Lysimeterpress  
Bewegung der Schnidplatte nach vorne: 0 mm  
Bauteile: Lysimeterpress und Rohr  
Vergleichsspannungen [MPa]; Verschiebungen 1x skaliert

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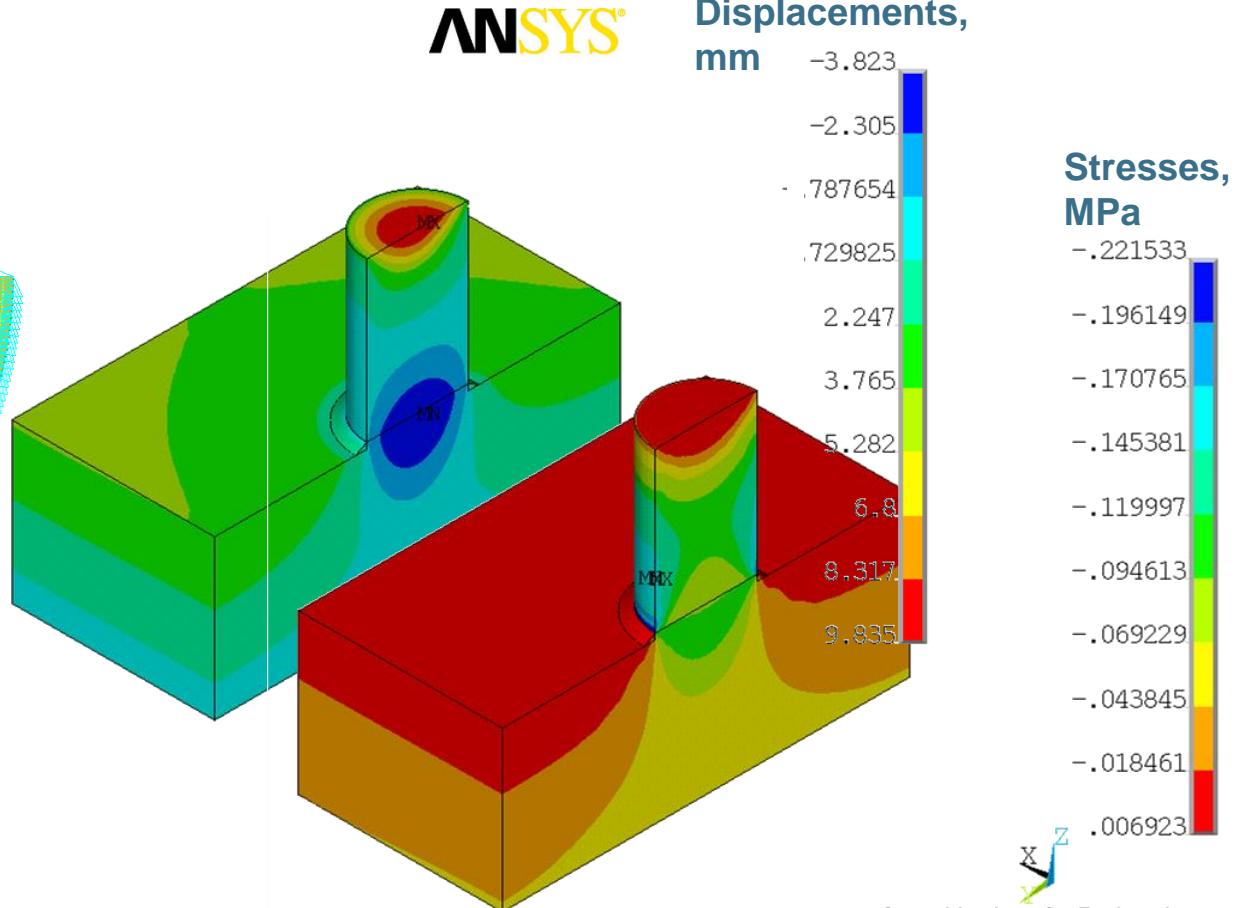
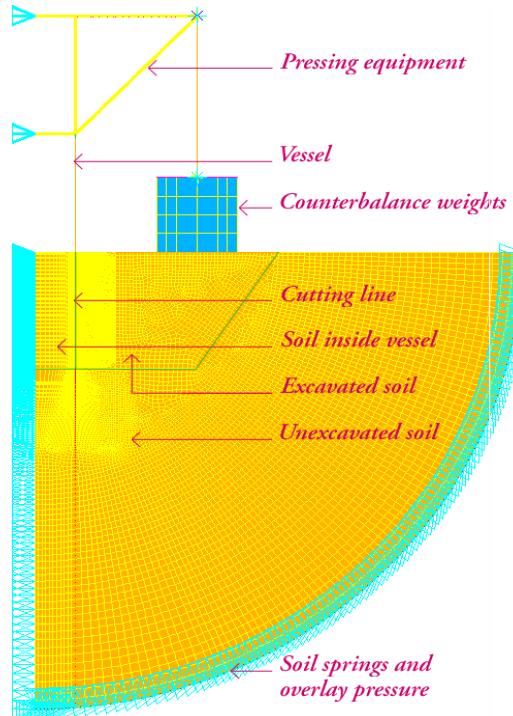
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## optimization of lysimeterpress

- Project progress: scientific aspect -> soil state in lysimeter



- Some important conclusions could be drawn with respect to the influence of the lysimeter design on the soil state



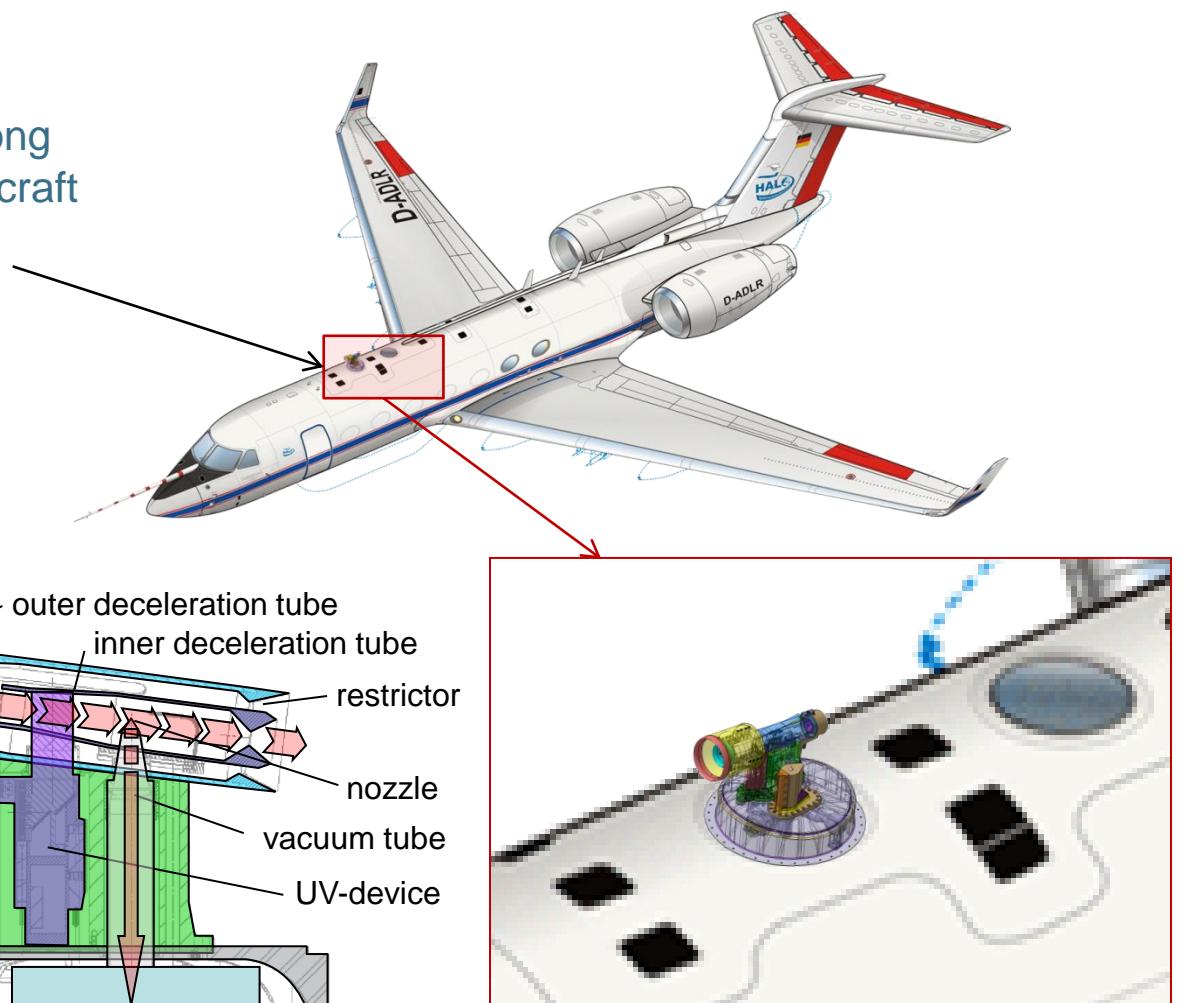
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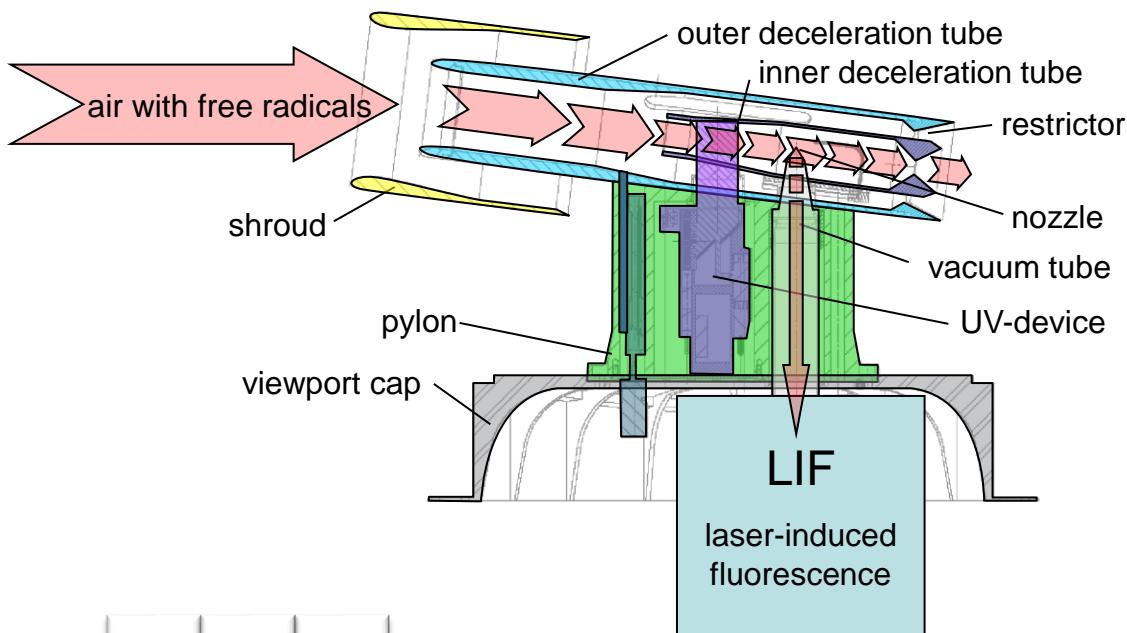
# Inlet System for HALO

## ↳ introduction

- HALO = high altitude and long range research aircraft
- Inlet system for LIF device (measuring radicals)

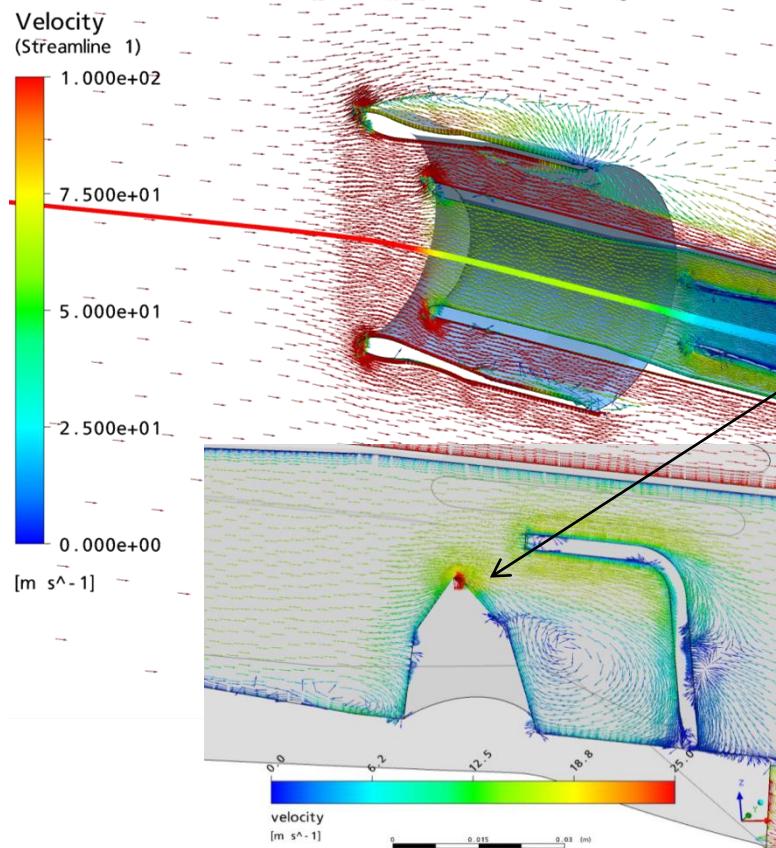


principle set-up:



# Inlet system for HALO

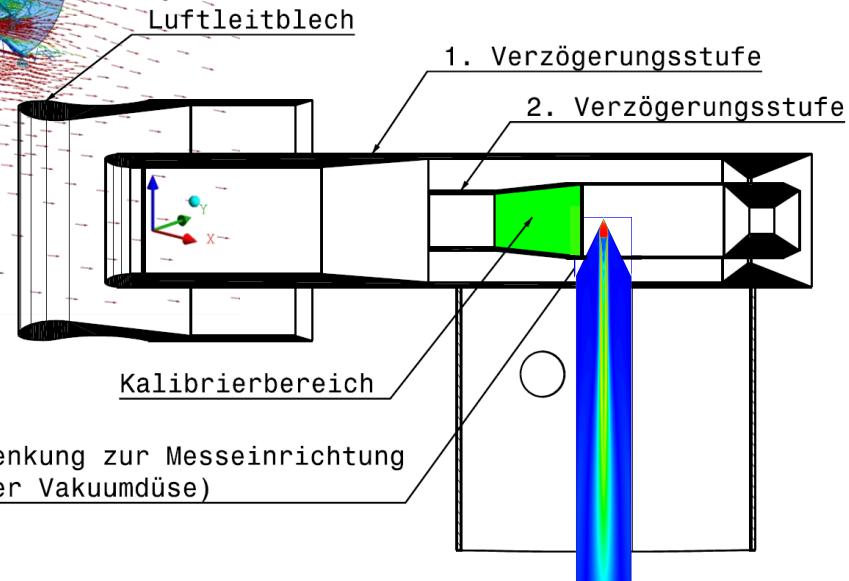
## ↗ aerodynamic design



- design of the nozzle
- jet formation
- maximum distance to the LIF unit

## Typical question to answer

- influence of scaling
- design of restrictors
- influence of angle of attack
- risk of wall contact
- reduction of turbulence intensity



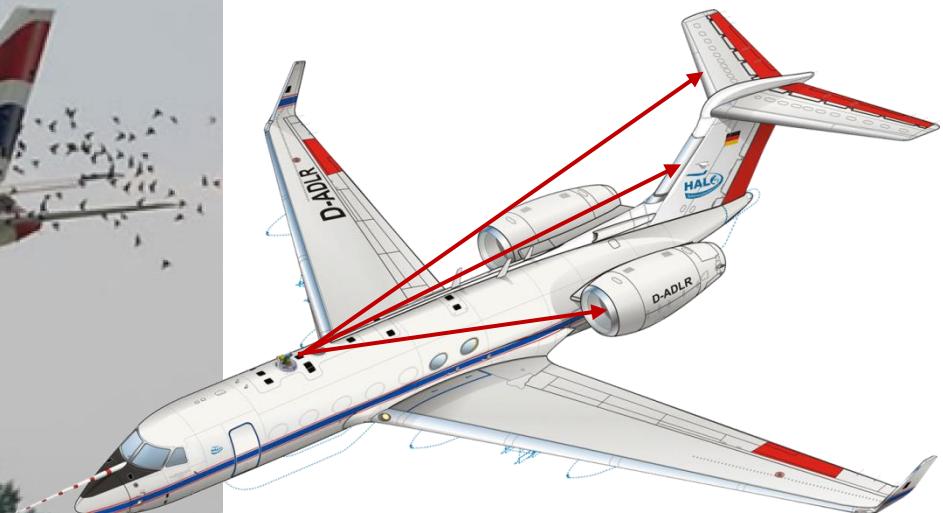
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# Inlet System for HALO

## ↗ bird strike event

- the 'Bird strike' load case is a critical design issue for the inlet system and has to be investigated (requirement of the Federal Office of Civil Aeronautics)
- the inlet system must be robust enough to avoid impact of broken-off parts into the engines or the tail assembly
- but if the inlet system is too stiff and totally 'captures' a bird (this would be the case if the restrictor is fixed to the inlet tubes) the aircraft shell can be seriously damaged

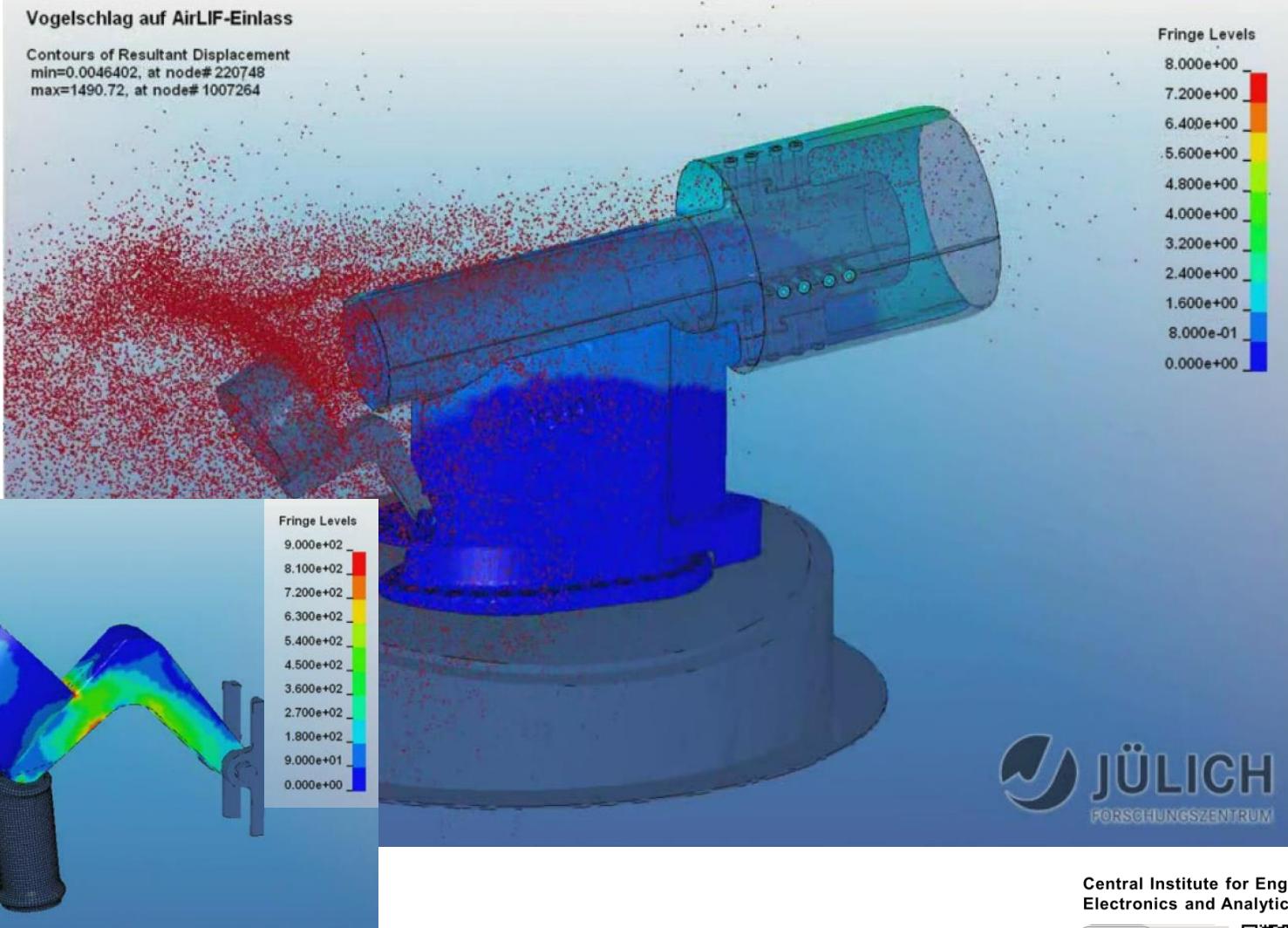


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# Inlet System for HALO

## ↗ bird strike simulation



# Inlet system for HALO

↗ bird strike test



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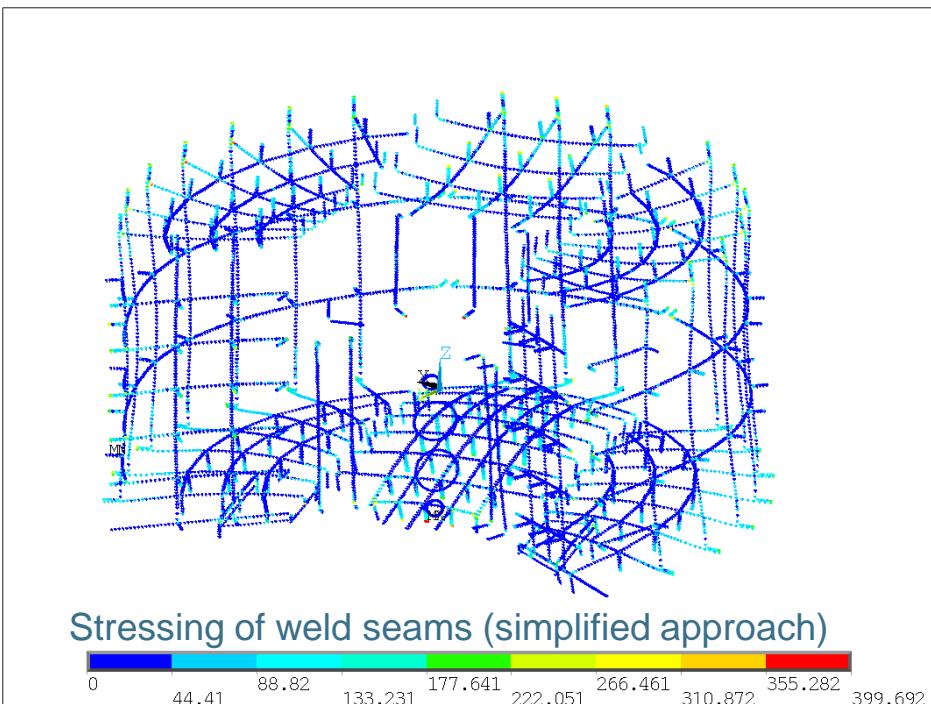
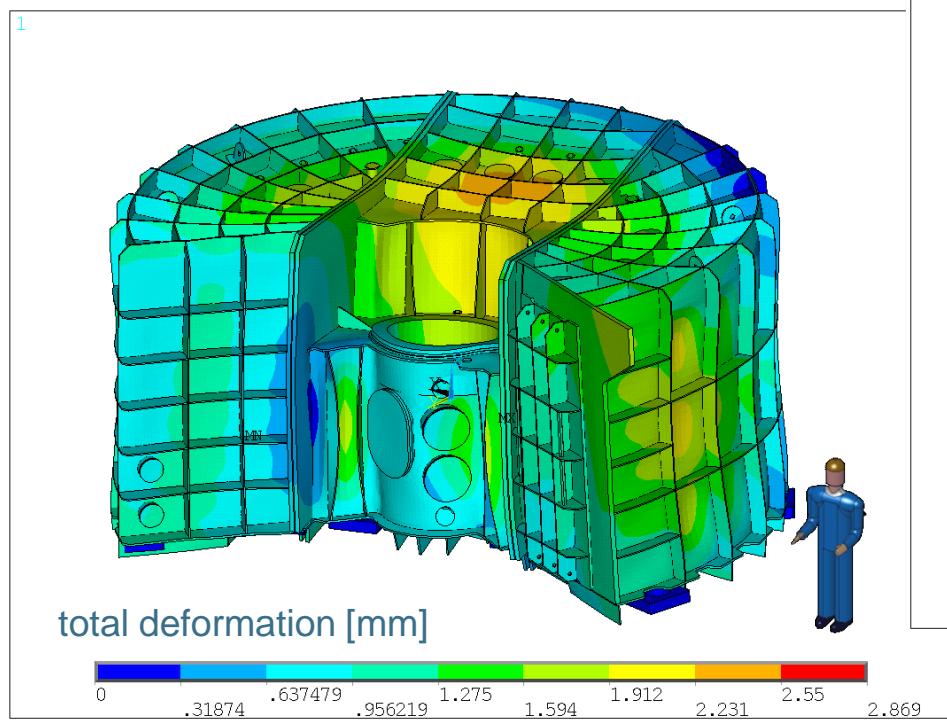
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# Mechanical Design of Vacuum Chambers

## ⚡ weld seam design for the TOPAS vacuum chamber

- The TOPAS vacuum chamber was designed to withstand the outer pressure of 1 bar
- Weld seams could not be modeled in detail in the global model, therefore a simplified contact approach was used to determine critical regions..
- For the critical regions a sub-model was investigated in detail.



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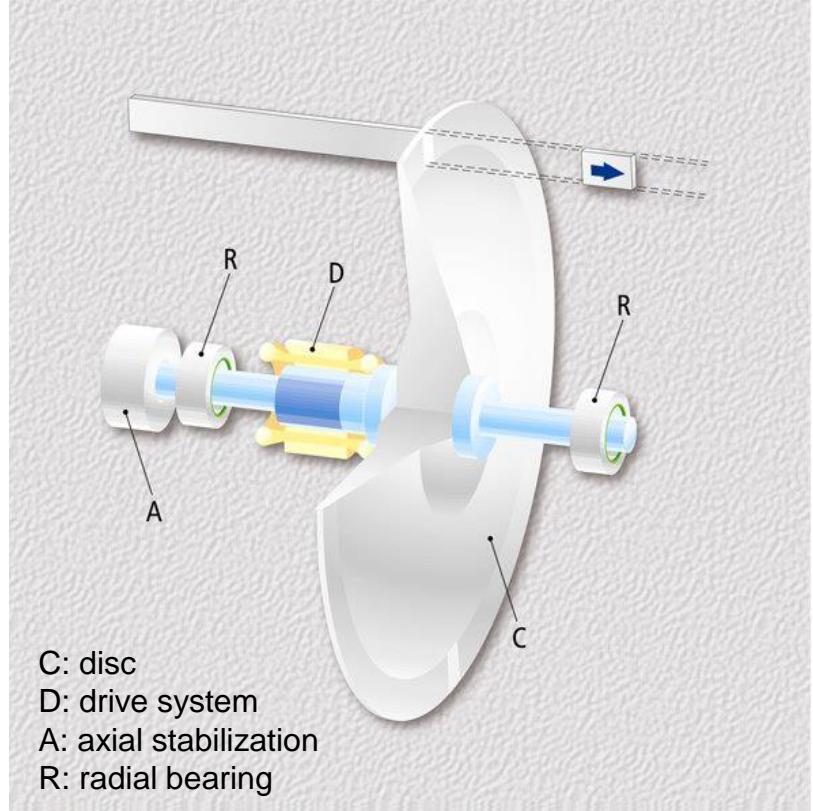
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# Chopper Design

## ↳ introduction

- Neutron beams are useful probes for studying the arrangement of atoms in materials
- A neutron chopper is essentially a disc rotated at high speed with one or more ‘windows’, which the neutrons can pass unhampered at particular points in time
- By arranging several choppers - one after another - special neutron pulses can be selected
- At ZAT maintenance-free magnetic bearings are used for such chopper systems at high rotational speeds and operating in vacuum.
- Beside neutron choppers ZAT also developed and built neutron, light pulse and x-ray pulse selectors



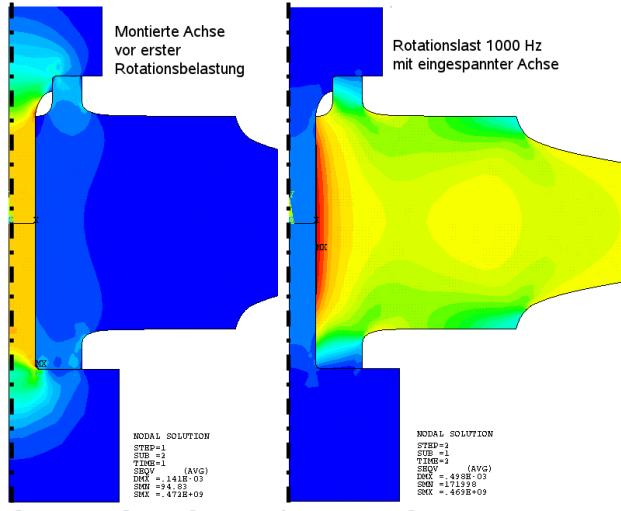
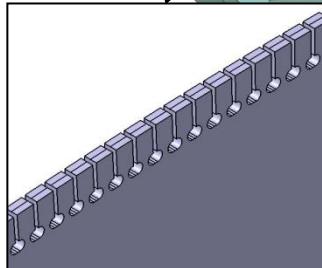
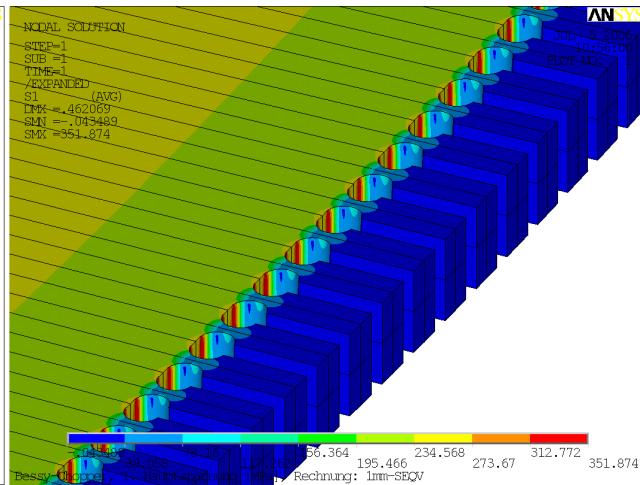
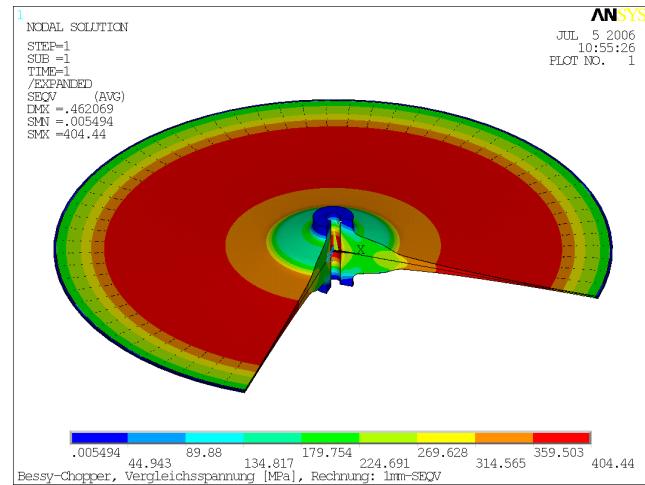
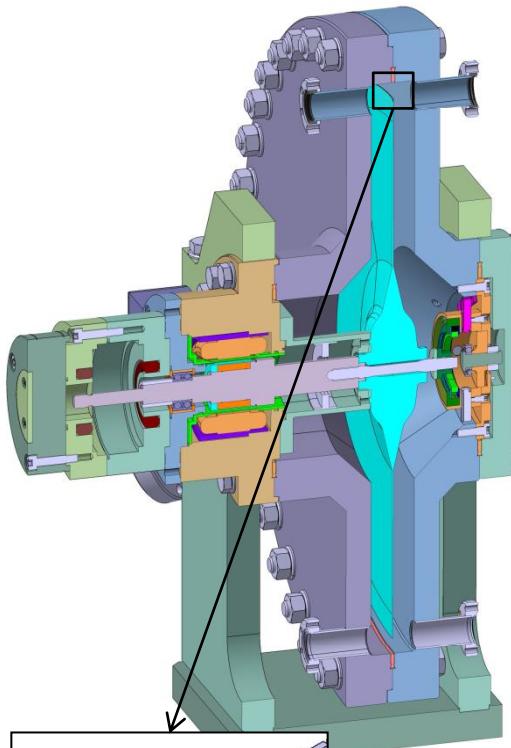
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↳ typical choppers developed at ZEA-1



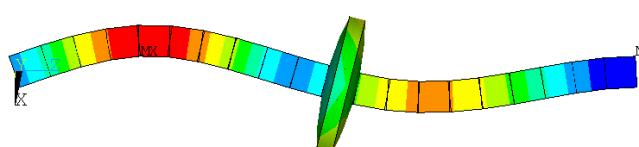
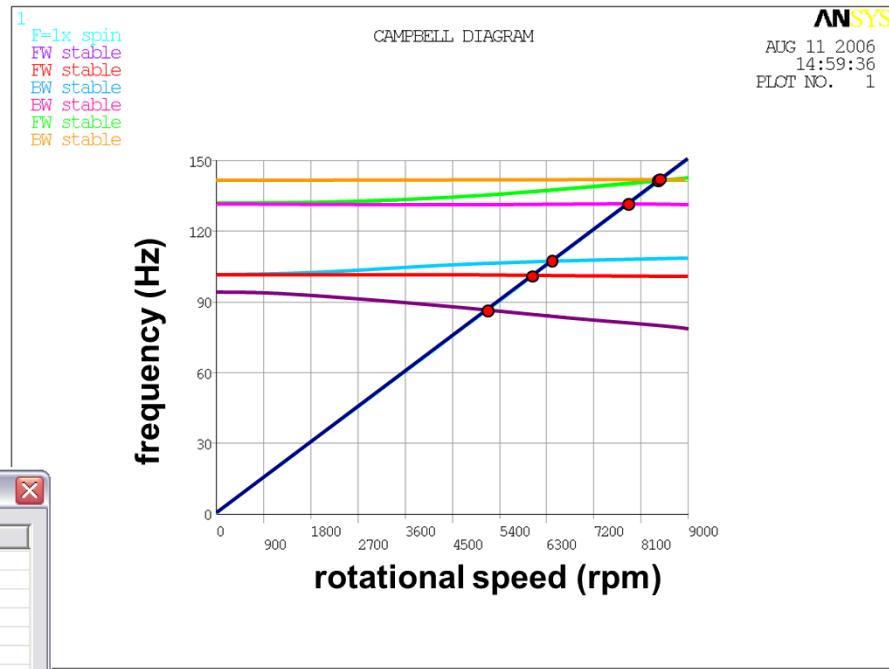
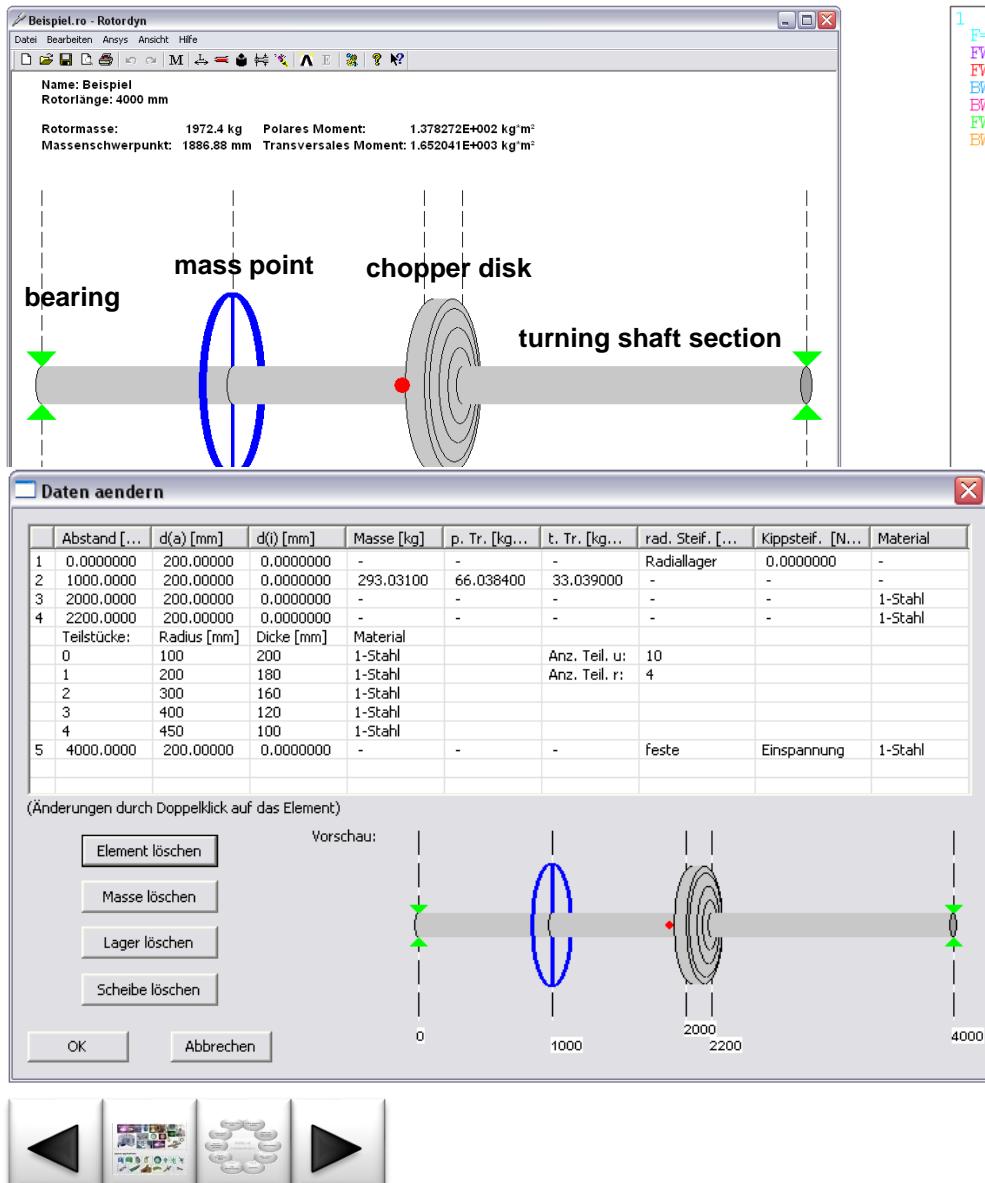
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↳ mechanical design of chopper disc (here: BESSI)



# Chopper Design

## ↳ rotor-dynamic design

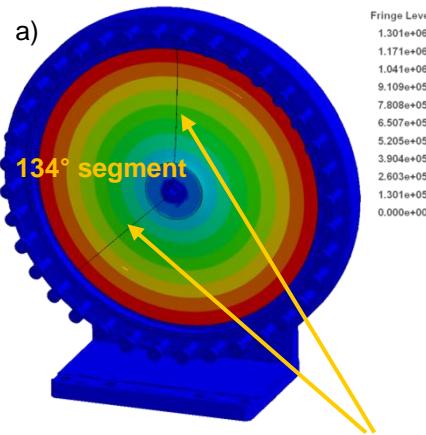


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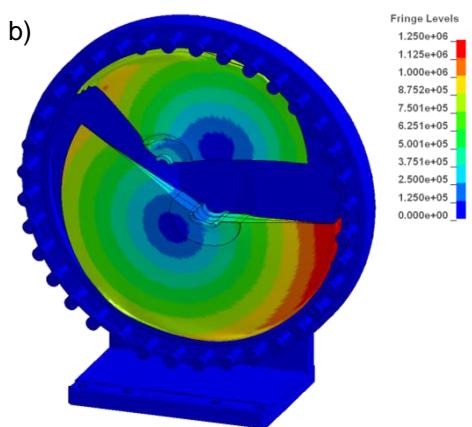


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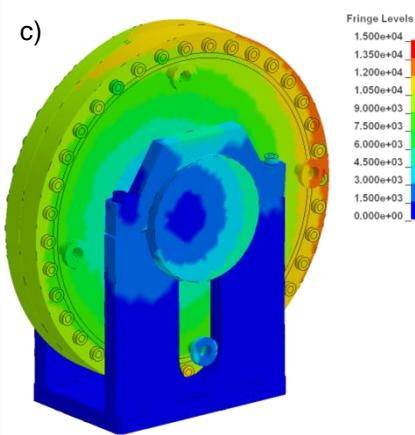
## ⚡ safety case for housing



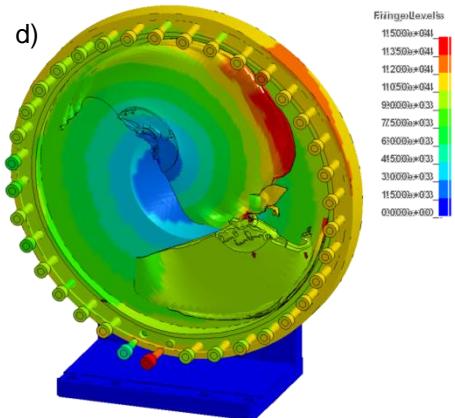
0 ms: initial conditions – disc with crack



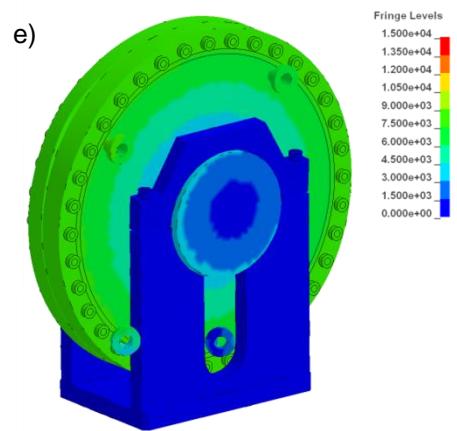
0.2 ms: disc crash on housing,  
housing starts to rotate in its bearings



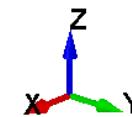
2,3 ms: first adapter shears-off due to rotation  
of housing



~4 ms: rotational speed of disc  
≈ rotational speed of housing  
(end of plastic impact)



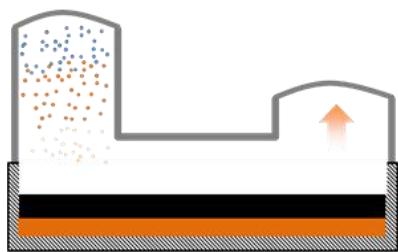
20 ms: end of simulation – the housing is still  
rotating but the remaining kinetic energy is  
less than 1% of the initial energy



# Copper Slag Cleaning Process

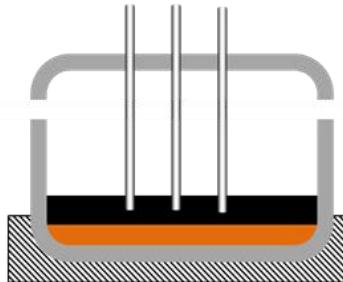
⚡ electromagnetic stirring to intensify the cleaning process

Flash Smelting Furnace (FSF)



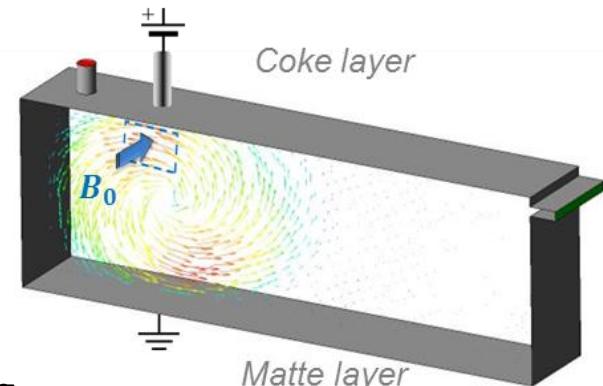
FSF slag  
(4-8% Cu)

Submerged Arc Furnace (SAF)



SAF slag  
(0.8% Cu)

EM Slag Cleaning Furnace

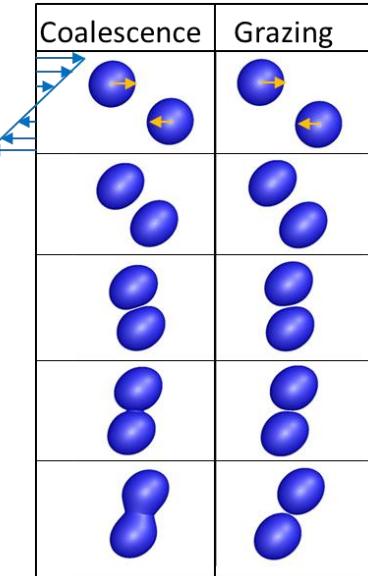
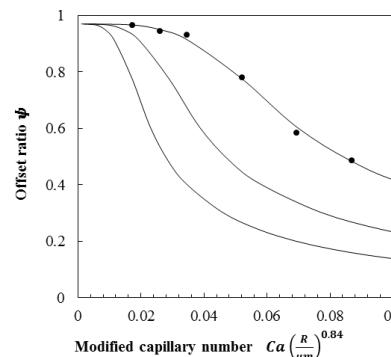


## Technical objective:

- Enhanced inter-droplets collision and coalescence resulting in higher settling rates
- Significant reduction of copper content in slags up to 0.4%

## Main achievements:

- Implementation of a mesh independent hybrid collision algorithm
- Using new collision outcome regime map based on VoF calculations
- Cooperation with SMS Group GmbH to share experimental and numerical achievements



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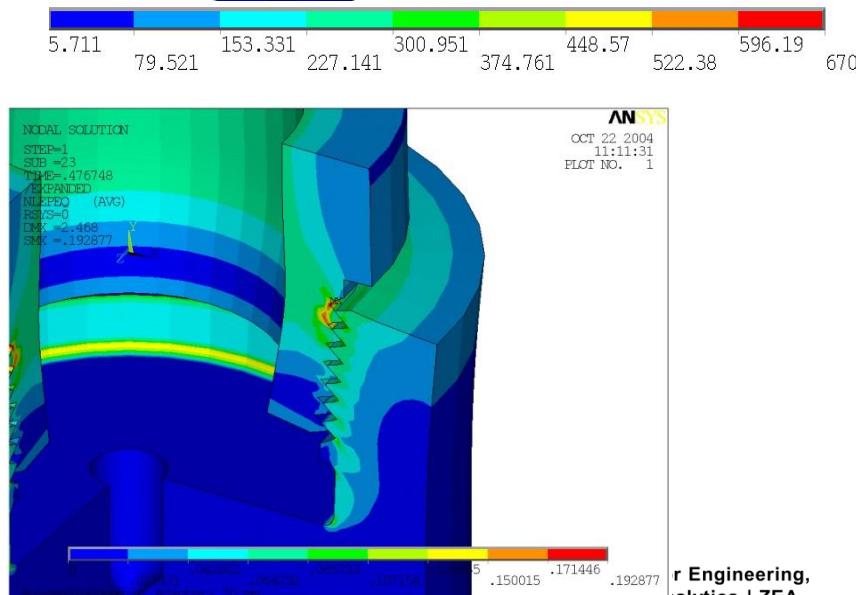
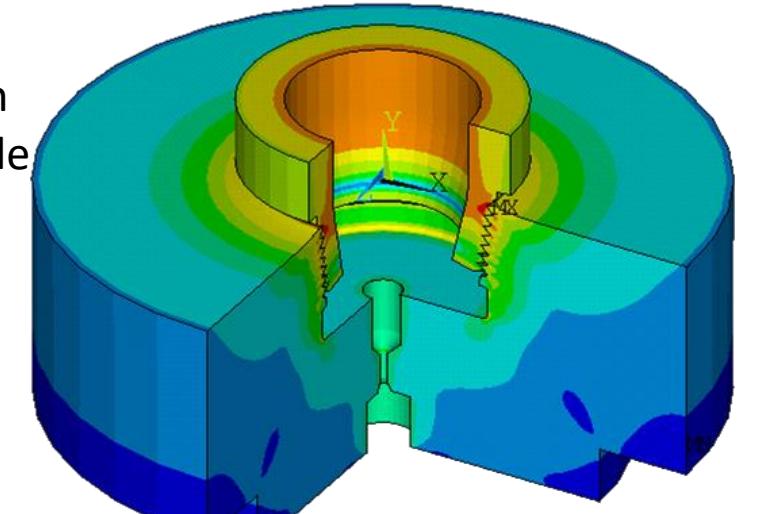
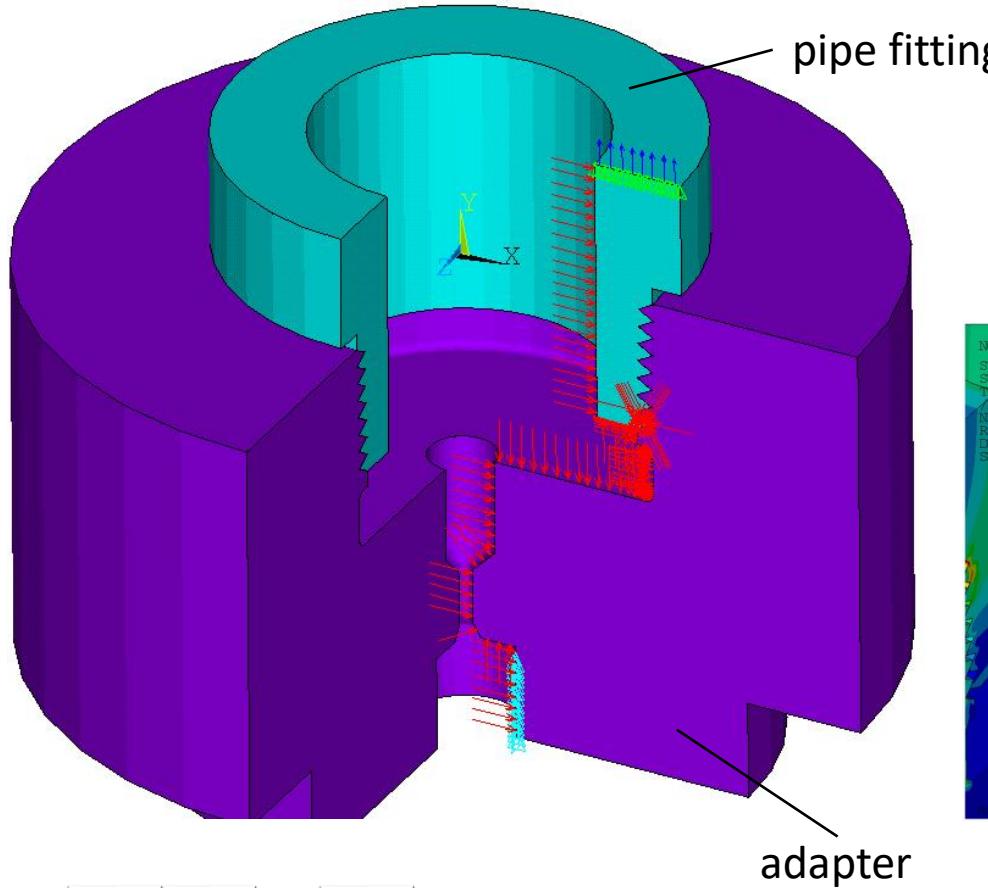


# High pressure NPT 1 ½ " - adapter

## ↳ detailed modelling of the thread collapse

Semi-empirical approach to determine required depth of engagement according to design rules not applicable

- pre-stress in conical thread
- flexibility of pipe fitting


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