

# MIDAS NFX STR

TOTAL SOLUTIONS FOR TRUE ANALYSIS-DRIVEN DESIGN

# TOTAL ANALYSIS SOLUTIONS FOR OPTIMUM DESIGN IN MULTI-DISCIPLINES

SIMPLIFIED FRAMEWORK  
FOCUSED ON EASY USER INTERFACE

## Operation Environment



**Works Tree**  
Provides model data in a tree structure and useful functions for data management and modeling

**Ribbon Menu**  
Provides related works in panel type

**Tabbed Toolbar**  
Provides categorized toolbar icons

**Properties Window**  
Provides various information and an editing function

**Context Menu**  
Provides frequently used menus depending on selected entities

**Message Window**  
Provides various information and operation results in modeling

**Table Window**  
Provides input data and result values in Excel-like tables

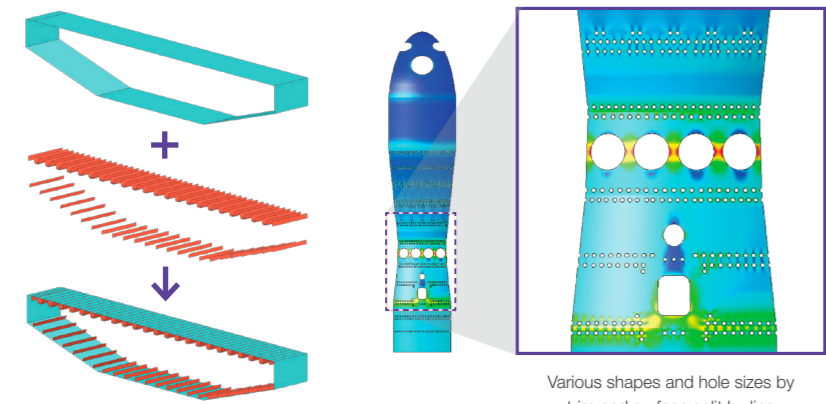
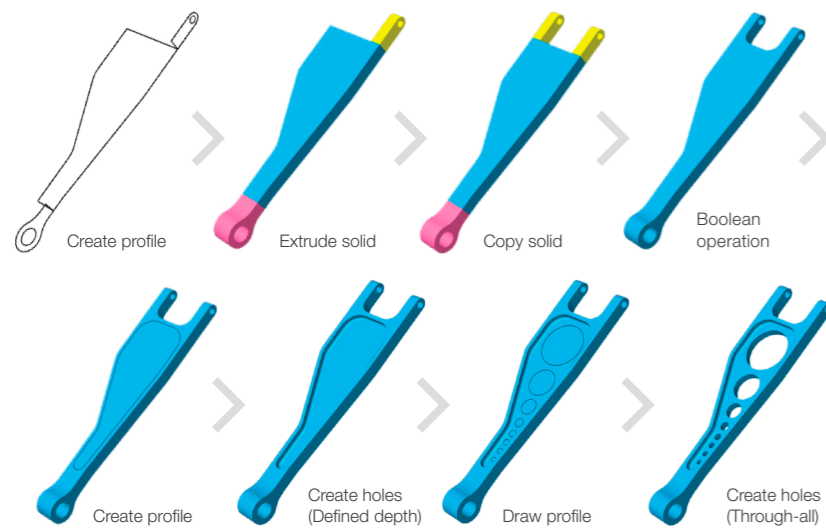
**Unit Manager**  
Provides real time unit conversion

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1	Tetrahedron	1:3D Property	23	52	9	
2	Tetrahedron	1:3D Property	59	19	56	
3	Tetrahedron	1:3D Property	35	30	16	
4	Tetrahedron	1:3D Property	61	30	51	
5	Tetrahedron	1:3D Property	62	19	20	
6	Tetrahedron	1:3D Property	25	29	54	

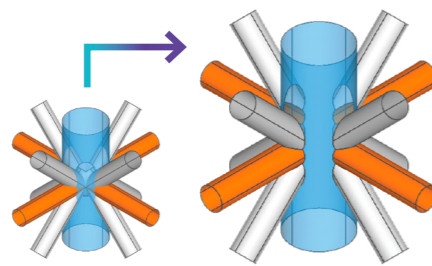
## Geometric modeling

Mid-range of CAD modeling functions for a variety of practical geometric modeling.

### Solid Modeling Example



Connection of stiffeners using sew and fuse functions of surface (Non-manifold Surface creation)



Trim 2 surfaces based on intersection line

### Surface

- Surface : plane, Coons, NURBS, point interpolation
- Extrude, revolve, sweep, loft
- Fillet, chamfer, offset
- Fuse, sew (end-connect, mid-intersect, approximate)
- Trim, extend, imprint of point/curve on surface
- Trim by surface/curve

### Solid

- Primitive: box, cylinder, sphere, torus, cone
- Boolean operations: fuse, cut, common
- Extrude, revolve, sweep, loft
- Trim, divide, draft, shell
- Fillet, chamfer, create hole

### Curve

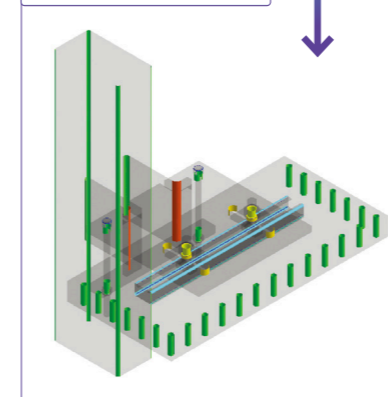
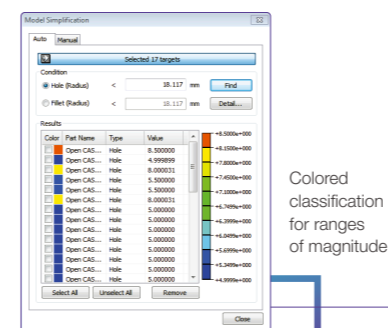
- Line, polyline, arc, circle
- Rectangle, polyline
- Spline, profile, spiral
- On-face curve
- Intersect line on surface, shortest line, tangent
- Trim, extend, fillet, chamfer, offset
- Merge, divide, make wire (grouping)

### Geometry manipulation

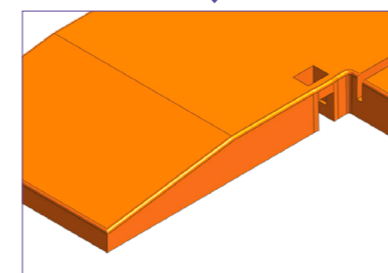
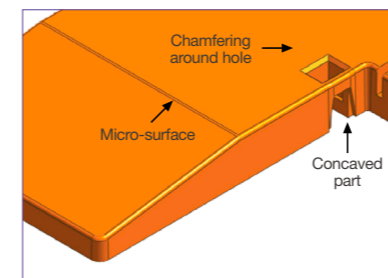
- Explode, compound
- Model check: topology, overlap
- Search/delete small surface/curve
- Measure: area, length, distance, angle
- Move: translate, rotate, mirror, scale
- Remove: hole, interior (imprint) point/line

## Automatic Cleanup

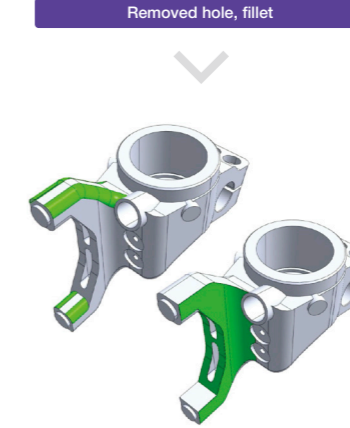
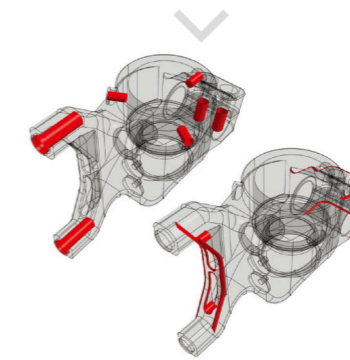
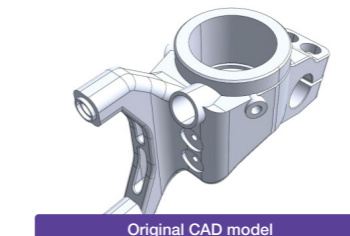
The automatic cleanup function of midas NFX can conveniently clean up features such as small holes and fillets that are not essential for analysis.



Intuitive interface for searching and distinguishing objects to be removed



Cleanup process for various shapes/parts (automatic/general)



The cleanup function can be applied automatically when importing a CAD model. Or features can be conveniently searched, checked and deleted in the cleanup wizard without any complicated manual work.

### Main automatic cleanup functions

- Remove holes, fillets, projections
- Remove/merge micro-surfaces
- Check and modify topology



## Definition of Contact

Automated contact definition suitable for complex, large scale assemblies and convenient visualization and management.

Completed state of automatic contact assignment (total model check)

Assembly model

Show	Name	Contact Parameter	Contact Type
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Contact manager to conveniently check, revise and manage contact definitions

Individually check each contact definition

Even for a complex assembly model, contacts are established by automatic calculation of distances between the parts without having to check every contact condition between the parts. The defined contacts can be clearly checked through visual representations.

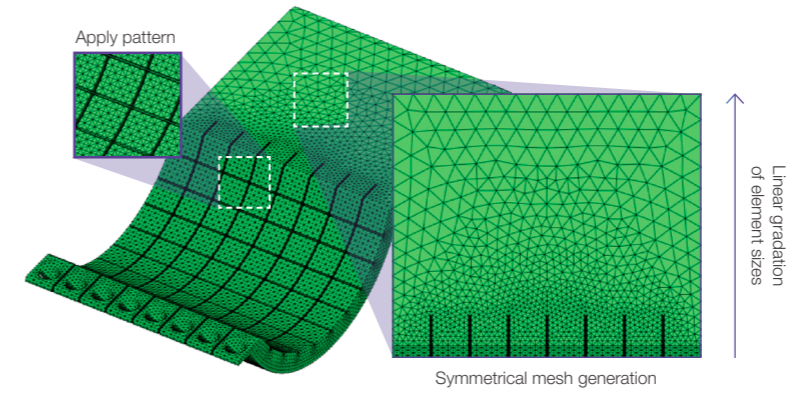
Also, by using the contact manager function, the essential information of the defined contacts can be readily checked and simply revised.

Contact surface at back side → unshaded

Contact surface at front side → shaded

Depending on the viewpoints of the contact surface, the shaded surface changes, which allows the user to easily check the location of the contact surface.

## Mesh Generation



### Automatic Generation

**Auto-mesh generation**  
 : Surface, solid & plane domains  
 : 2D → 3D. Element based regeneration  
 : Densification including internal points/curves Mapped mesh generation  
 : Surface, solid, 4-nodes  
 : Curve/surface defined volume

### Density Control

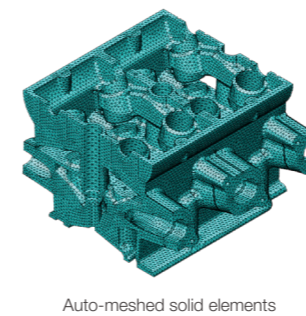
**Density Control**  
 : Element length, number of divisions, length ratio  
 : Linear gradation, symmetrical distribution  
 : Mouse click assignment, table input, matching Property assignment and check  
 : Default value assignment and use  
 : Division of patterns and density control

### Protruded Generation

Extrude, revolve, sweep project, offset, fill  
 Node → 1D element extrusion  
 Curve → 2D element extrusion  
 2D element/solid element surface → 3D extrusion  
 Equal, unequal interval extrusion  
 Extrusion based on geometric entities, nodes and elements

### Manipulation Function

**Node/element table**  
 : Definition, name change, Boolean operation  
**Change in element parameters** (order, etc.)  
**Check** : connection condition, element quality  
**Move** : translate, rotate, mirror-copy, scale  
**Group calculation** : union, intersection, difference of sets, XOR



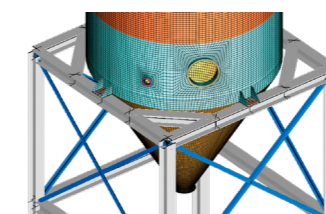
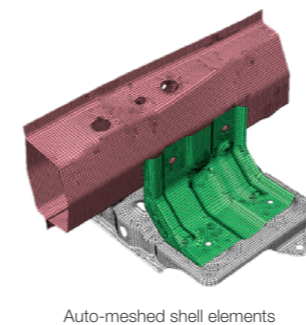
Mesh Test

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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Twist Angle	30
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Element length	
Min	0.1 mm
Max	100 mm

Mesh Set: Poor-Elems [Send]

[Apply] [Close]

Graphics based convenient element mesh quality check and group classification



Freedom of combining of solid, shell and frame elements (frame cross-sections displayed)

midas NFX enables both expert and novice users to easily generate optimum mesh for analysis through a number of mesh generation options.

- Surface Auto-Mesher
- Solid Auto-Mesher
- Map-Mesher
- Manual extraction of higher order element mesh
- Element based mesh regeneration
- Element mesh generation including internal points and curves
- Assignment of mesh densities to internal element meshes
- Offset element creation around internal holes
- Adaptive analysis reflecting geometric shapes

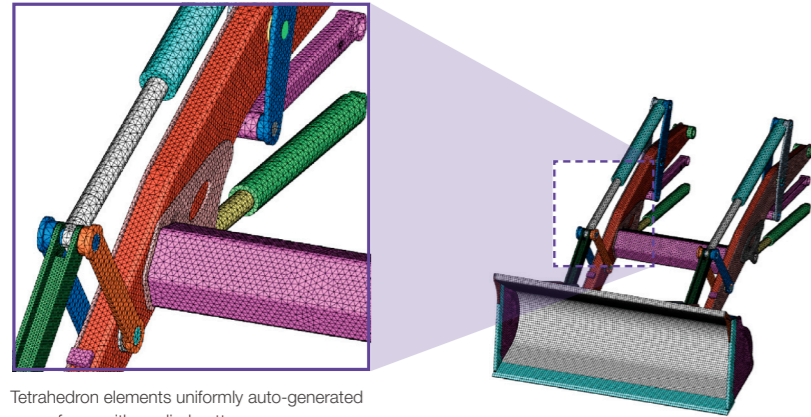
midas NFX contains practical functions to improve and manipulate element mesh of high quality. midas NFX also provides various management and checking functions to conveniently manage complex models.

- Automatic group creation by parts
- Element mesh check
- Element mesh quality testing
- Checking and aligning element coordinate systems
- Division of element patterns
- Renumbering nodes/elements

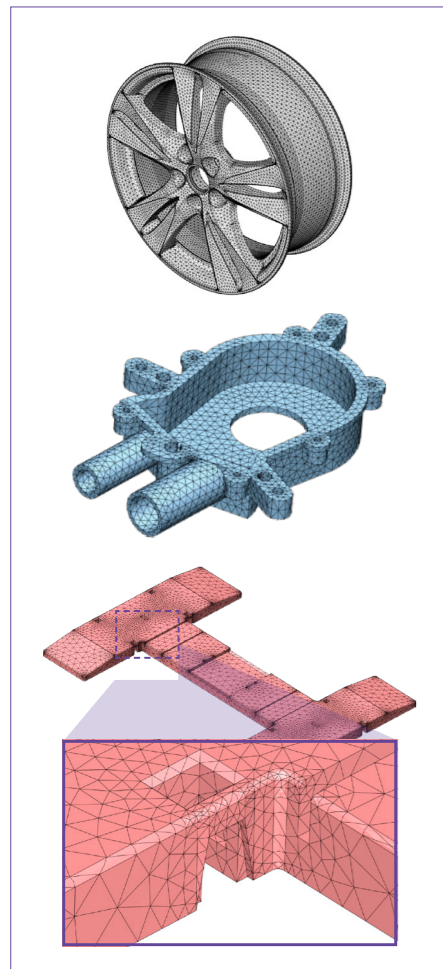


## Solid Automatic Mesh

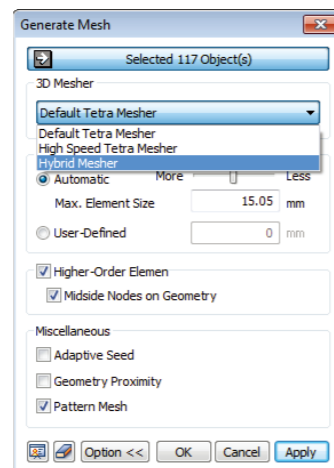
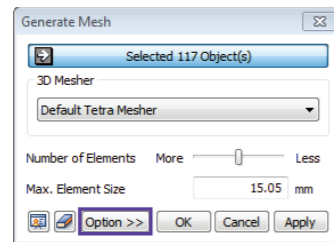
Total Solutions for True Analysis-driven Design High-performance, high-quality auto-mesh generation for optimum finite element mesh.



Tetrahedron elements uniformly auto-generated on surfaces with applied patterns



Auto-generated tetrahedron mesh with the automatic control of mesh density reflecting the shape characteristics such as curvature and proximity to holes

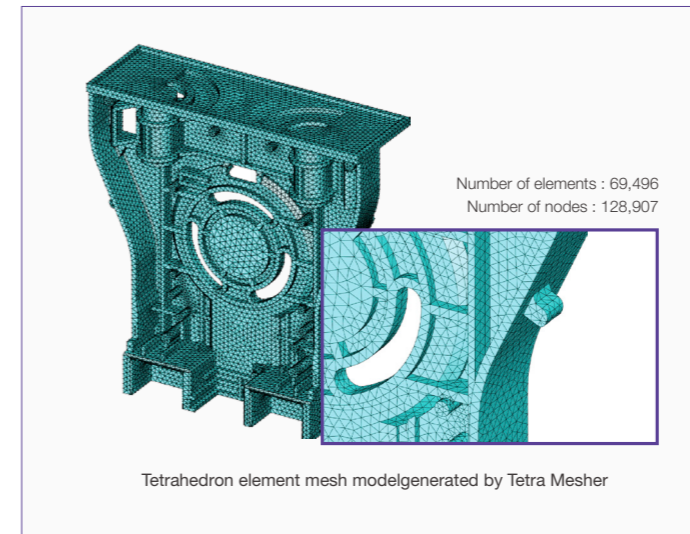


Various practical control options for element mesh density and shape

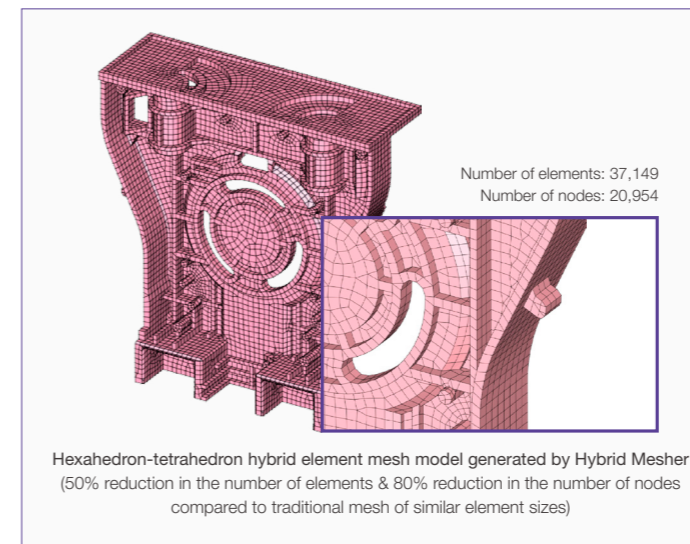
midas NFX generates high-quality, hexahedron dominant element mesh even for solid models of complex shapes. As such, the number of nodes and hence the analysis time become significantly reduced. Especially the boundaries generally consist mostly of hexahedra, the results of which are superior to other element types.

midas NFX supports parallel processing that utilizes multi-cores during mesh generation. Even for a large scale assembly model consisted of tens and hundreds of parts, many parts are simultaneously meshed, which results in a significant reduction in the total mesh generation time.

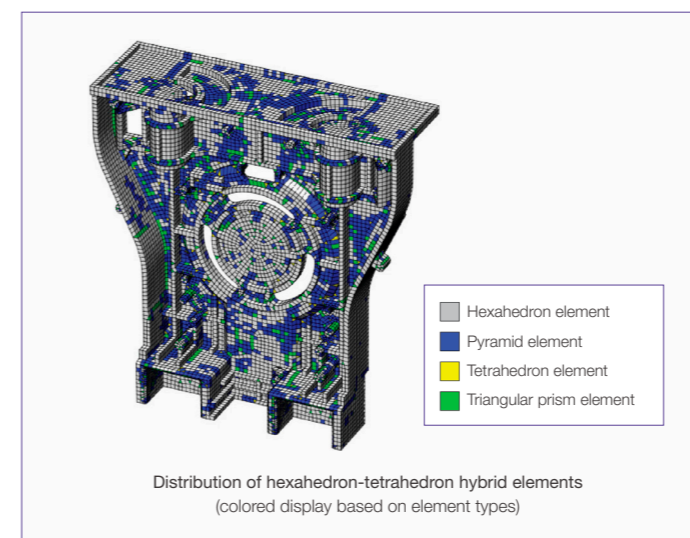
## Hybrid Element Mesh (hexahedron-tetrahedron hybrid element mesh)



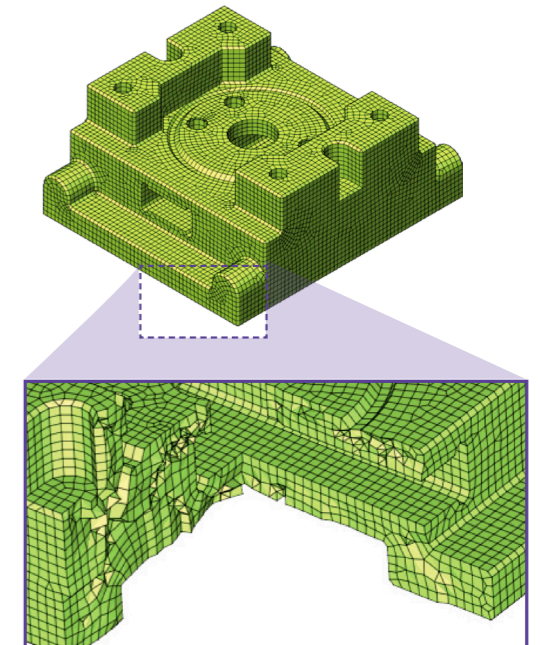
Tetrahedron element mesh model generated by Tetra Mesher



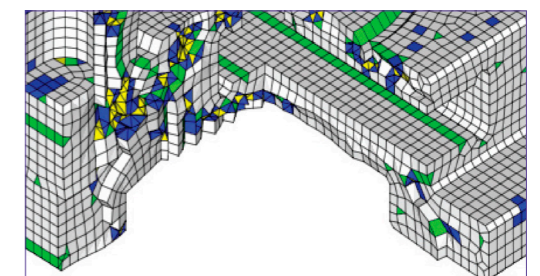
Hexahedron-tetrahedron hybrid element mesh model generated by Hybrid Mesher (50% reduction in the number of elements & 80% reduction in the number of nodes compared to traditional mesh of similar element sizes)



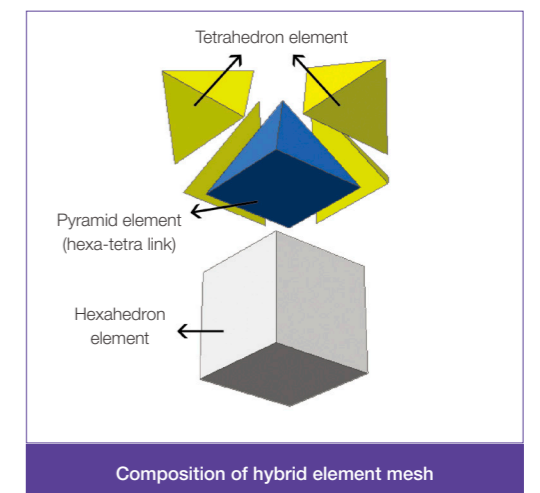
Distribution of hexahedron-tetrahedron hybrid elements (colored display based on element types)



Hexahedron elements are primarily generated at the boundaries where high stresses are resulted. Tetrahedron elements are partially generated at interiors where stiffness and mass calculations are more meaningful.



Element distribution in hexahedron-tetrahedron hybrid element mesh (colored display based on element types)



Composition of hybrid element mesh



# GRAPHIC USER INTERFACE

GUI

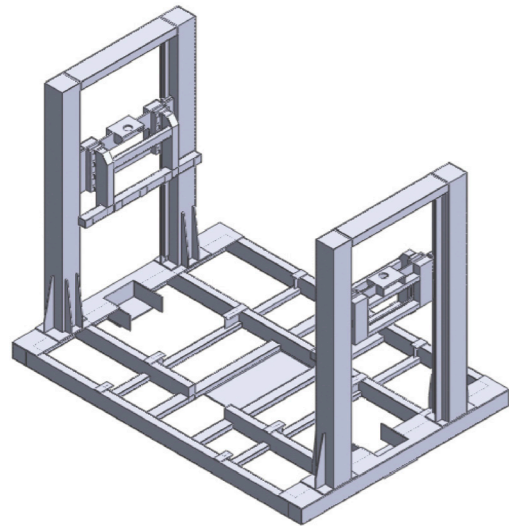
# ANALYSIS FUNCTION

SOLVER

## Mesh generation by parallel processing

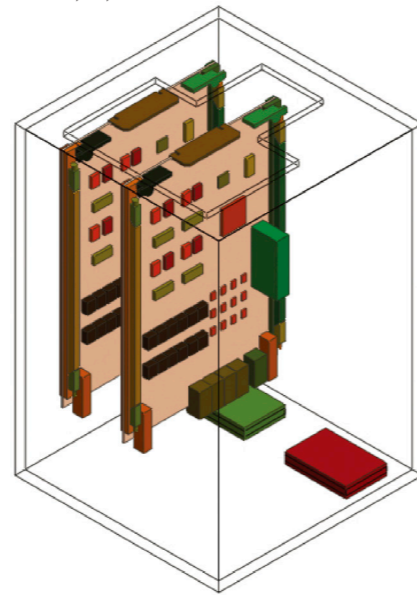
Comparison of automatic mesh generation speed according to the number of cores (1) (assembly model of a total of 23 parts)

number of element : 580,076ea  
number of node : 930,327ea



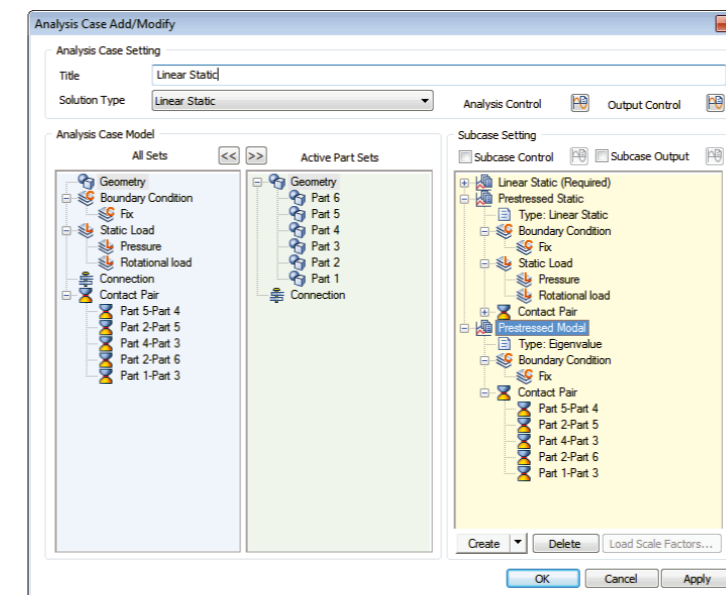
Comparison of automatic mesh generation speed according to the number of cores (2) (assembly model of a total of 129 parts)

number of element : 2,115,758ea  
number of node : 3,161,460ea



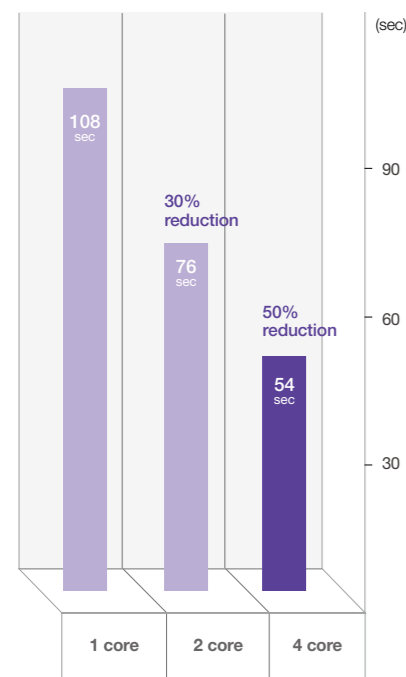
## Linear Static Analysis

Using the superb analysis performance and the linear contact function of the high performance parallel processing solvers (multifrontal & AMG), models of any complexity can be analyzed quickly and accurately.



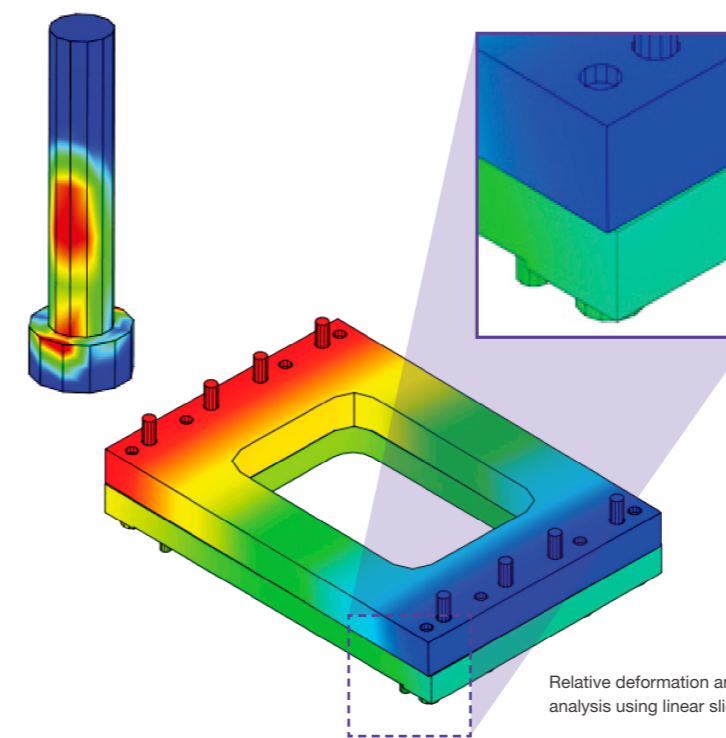
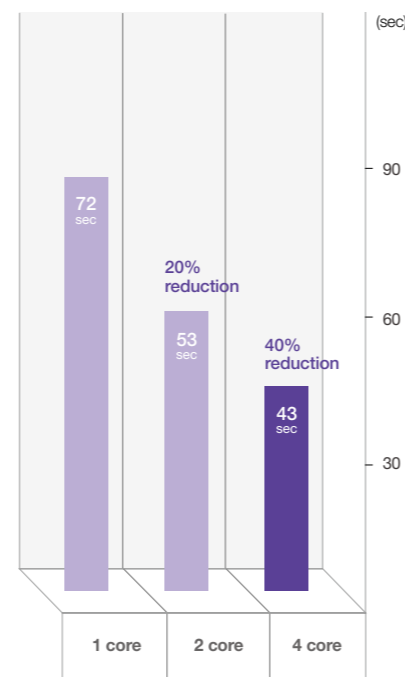
Multiple number of analysis cases for a single project model and the results of the analysis cases compared after analyses (Intuitive user interface consisted of a tree structure and Drag & Drop method)

- Linear stress, displacement and safety factor calculations
- Linear contacts : single-body motion, sliding, interpolation link
- Pre-stress function
- Diverse and yet practical loads and boundary conditions
  - Loads : self-weight, centrifugal force, concentrated load, moment, temperature, pressure, beam load, pipe internal pressure, remote load, bolt load, etc.
  - Boundary conditions : constraint condition, symmetrical condition, MPC condition, etc.
- GUI based subcase definition, calculation of results and transformation of result coordinate system
- Outstanding analysis speed due to high performance parallel solvers
  - Direct method : multifrontal solver
  - Iterative method : AMG solver
- Checking practical analysis results (convergence error caused by mesh density, etc.)
- Extraction of stress results using surface elements
- Inertia Relief



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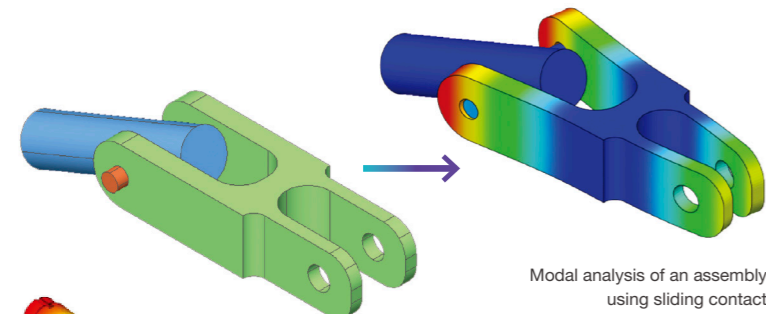
Parallel mesh generation process using multi-core for large-scale assembly models graphic



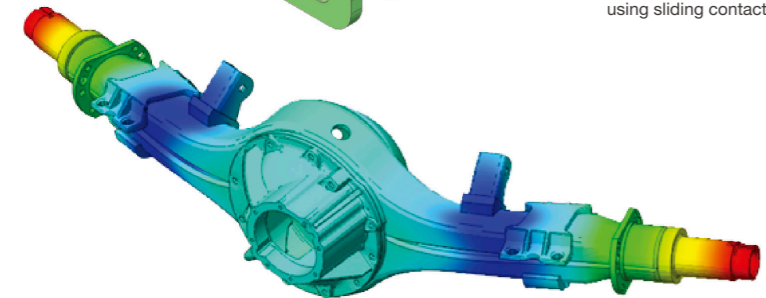
Relative deformation and bolt stress analysis using linear sliding contact

### Modal/Buckling Analysis

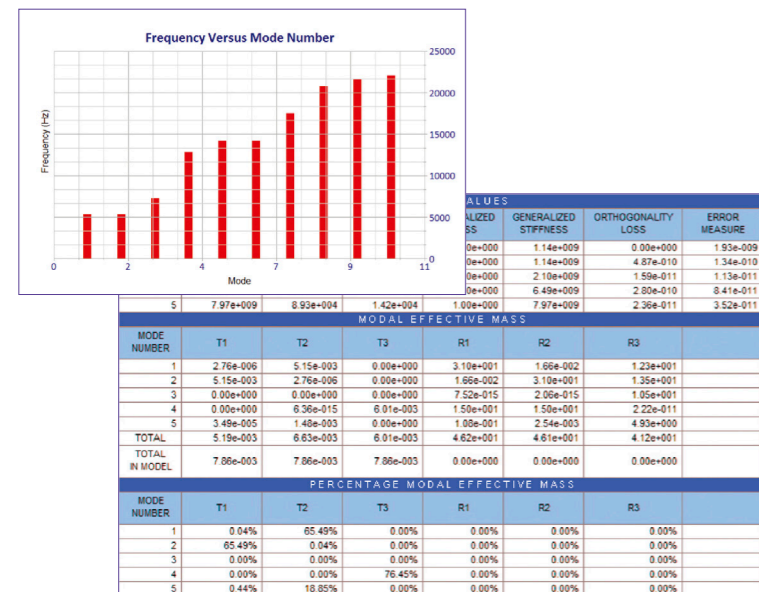
Using the Block Lanczos solver, fast eigenvalue analysis becomes possible for a large scale model. In a complex assembly model, the modes of behavior can be effectively calculated using the linear contact function reflecting the relative motions between the parts.



Modal analysis of an assembly using sliding contact



Modal analysis of an automobile axle (7th mode, Free-Free condition)

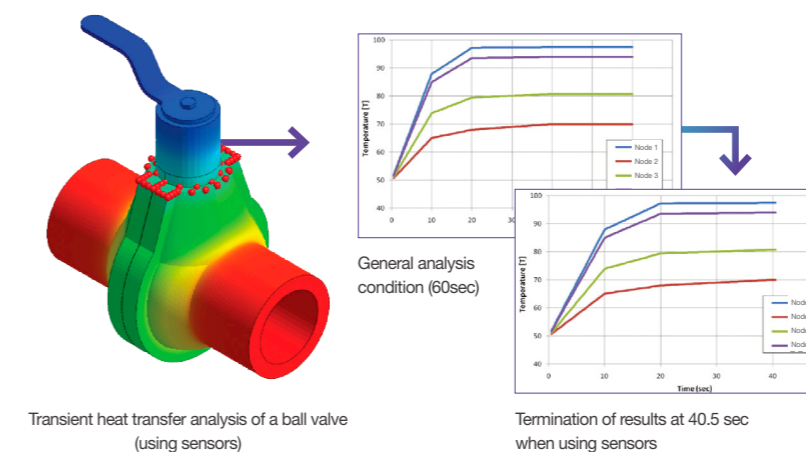
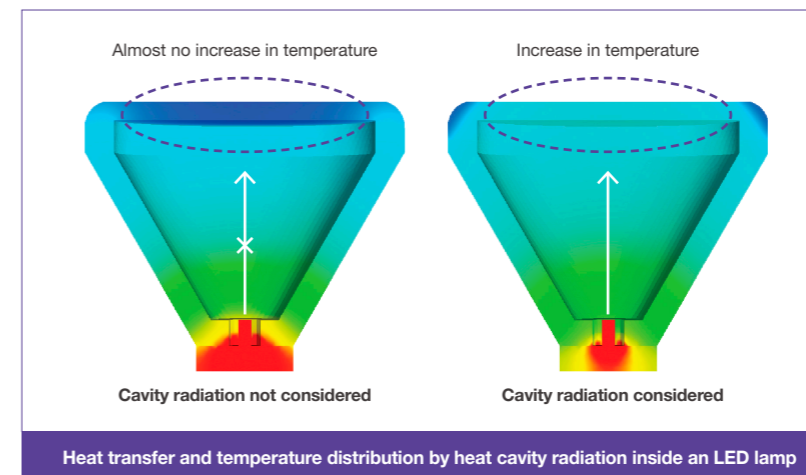
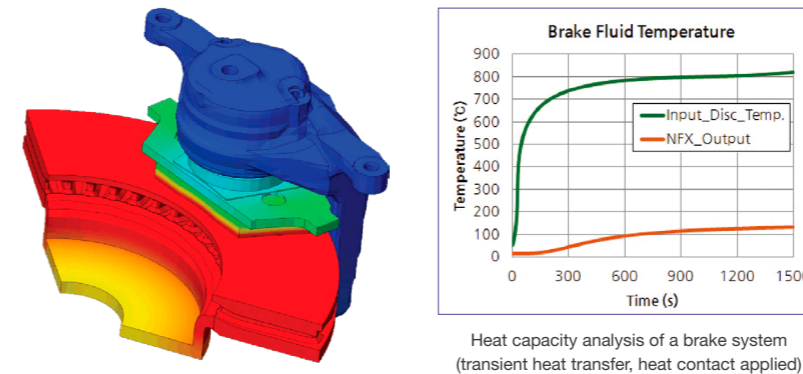


Example of numerical results table and graph for a modal analysis

- Natural frequency, mode shape, mode participation factor, effective mass results and calculation error check Define the range of eigenvalues to be calculated
- Sturm Sequence check (check for missing eigenvalues)
- Linear contact function : single-body motion, sliding, interpolation link
- Prestress considered (prestress modal)
- Mode Assurance Criterion (MAC)
- Consistent mass, lumped mass
- Results check identical to that of linear analysis (stress, strain, etc.)
- Buckling analysis possible for all the elements including composite material solids

### Heat Transfer/Heat Stress Analysis

NFX STR offers practical heat transfer and heat stress analysis capabilities. Especially heat stress analysis is provided as an independent analysis case. As such, a single analysis can produce temperature results by heat transfer and thermal deformation/thermal stress results.

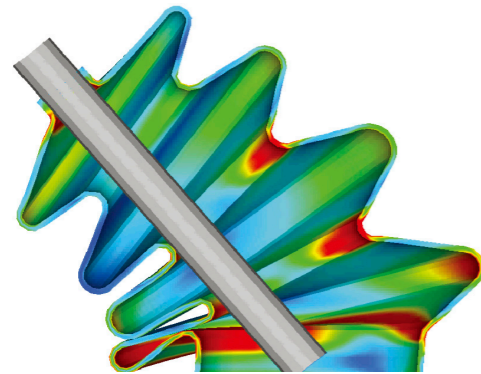


- Steady and transient heat transfer analyses
  - Restart function
- Nonlinear heat transfer analysis function considering temperature-dependent materials and conditions
- Various load conditions
  - Heat generation, conduction, convection, radiation, heat flux, joule heating, initial temperature, fixed temperature conditions
- Thermal contact function to simulate heat conduction between discontinuous parts
- Heat transfer analysis function considering cavity radiation
  - Open/closed conditions
  - Radiation shape factor calculation
- Effective transient heat transfer analysis using sensor
- Automatic termination of analysis based on standards
- Minimum / maximum / average temperatures in a selected domain defined under the sensor conditions

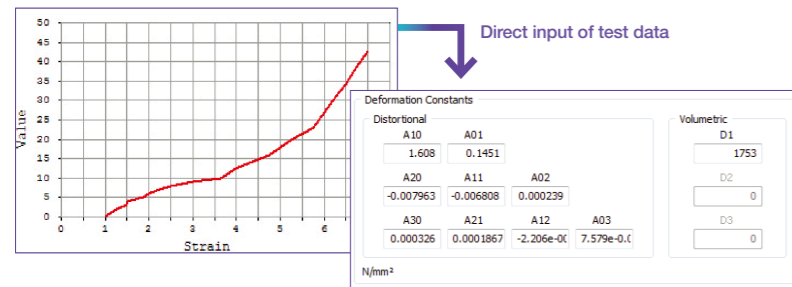


## Nonlinear Analysis

NFX STR provides excellent convergence and effectively undertakes material, geometric and contact nonlinear analyses.



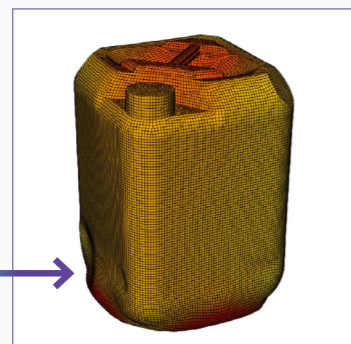
Non-linear contact analysis of boot seal (single-sided contact)



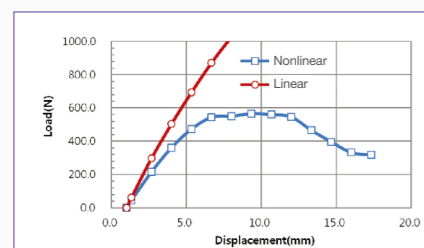
Rubber material property definition



Test results



NFX analysis results



Comparison with linear analysis

### Material nonlinearity

- Material models : elastoplastic, hyperelastic
- Hardening behaviors : isotropic, kinematic, combined
- Hyperelastic material models : Mooney-Rivlin, Neo-Hookean, Polynomial, Ogden, Blatz-Ko, etc.

### Geometric nonlinearity

- Large displacement and large rotation considered using the Updated Lagrangian method
- Follower force : pressure, gravity force, concentrated load, etc.

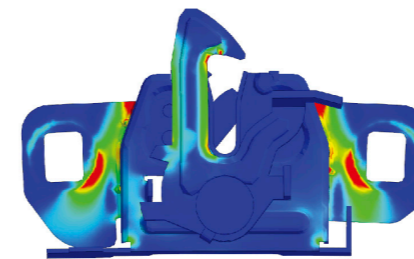
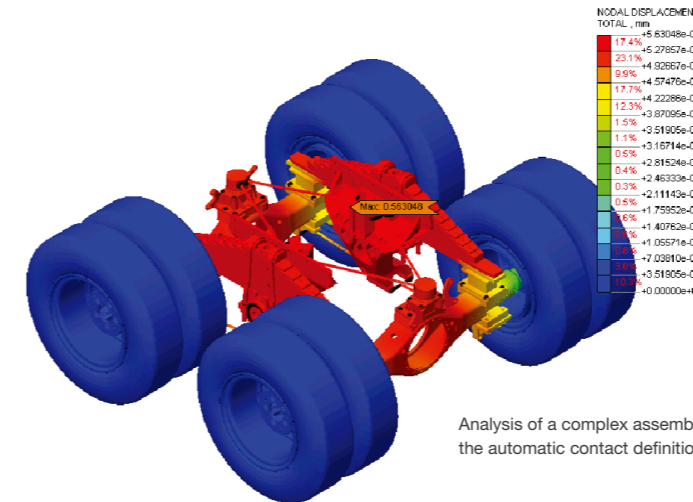
### Contact nonlinearity

- Two-dimensional point-line/line-line contact
- Three-dimensional surface-surface/line/line/point-surface contact, single surface contact
- Contact behaviors : single-body motion, sliding, rough contact, general contact, interpolation link, friction

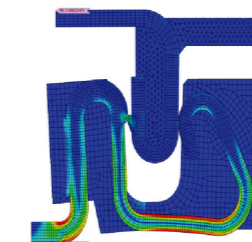
### Various load increments

- Automatic load increments
- Quasi-static load increments using functions

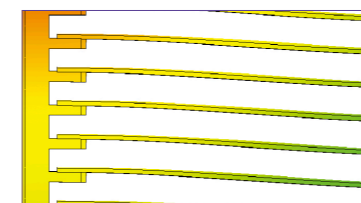
: Various iterative methods, stiffness update method and convergence criterion method  
 : Composition of continuous / independent load conditions  
 : Status of convergence and interim results during analysis, re-analysis (restart)



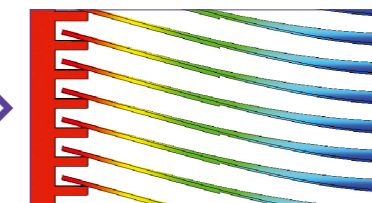
Nonlinear contact analysis of a car's Hood Latch



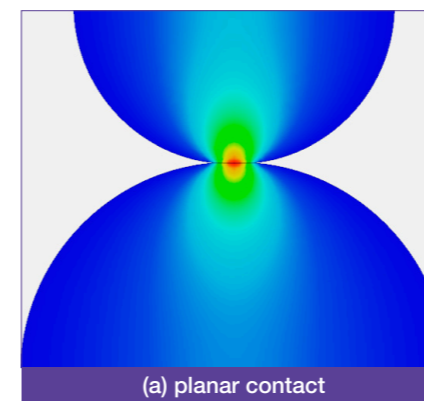
Connector fastening analysis using nonlinear contact



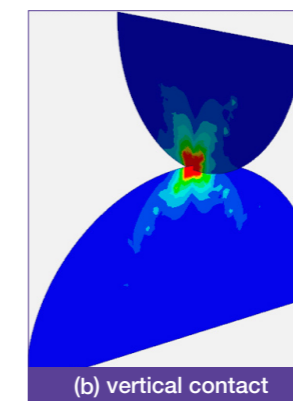
Linear contact (single-body motion)



Nonlinear rough contact (separation)



(a) planar contact



(b) vertical contact

3D line-line contact case : Hertz contact

### Contact Analysis

NFX STR uses the latest contact analysis function to analyze complex assembly models and nonlinear contact motions. Contact surfaces are autosearched from which contact conditions are subsequently defined in an assembly model of any complexity.

- Two-dimensional point-line/line-line contact
- Three-dimensional surface-surface, point-surface, single face contacts
- Various methods to define contacts
  - Automatic definition for each analysis case
  - Contact definition wizard, manual definition
- Contact behaviors suitable for practical work
  - Single-body motion, sliding, general and rough contacts, interpolation link
- Coefficient of friction, modulus of rigidity, possible to define shell thickness to simulate contact on both sides of shells
- Various results including contact force and contact stress
- Heat contact to simulate heat conduction between discontinuous parts

## Fatigue Analysis

NFX STR can conveniently examine fatigue and durability using an independent post-processing function. Fatigue analysis can be conveniently performed with only minimally required input data. The structural analysis domain can now extend from traditional strength checks to durability checks.

- Fatigue analysis in time domain (fatigue analysis by time-dependent load and stress history)
- Damage level, fatigue life results
- Fatigue analysis according to random vibration analysis
- Analysis objects designated (boundary, global, user-defined, etc.)
- Rainflow counting, mean stress correction options
- Selection of evaluation stress (Signed von-Mises, absolute maximum principal stress)
- Linear/multi-linear S-N curve

① Input : Random vibration

② Random vibration analysis

③ Material property for fatigue analysis

④ Random vibration fatigue analysis

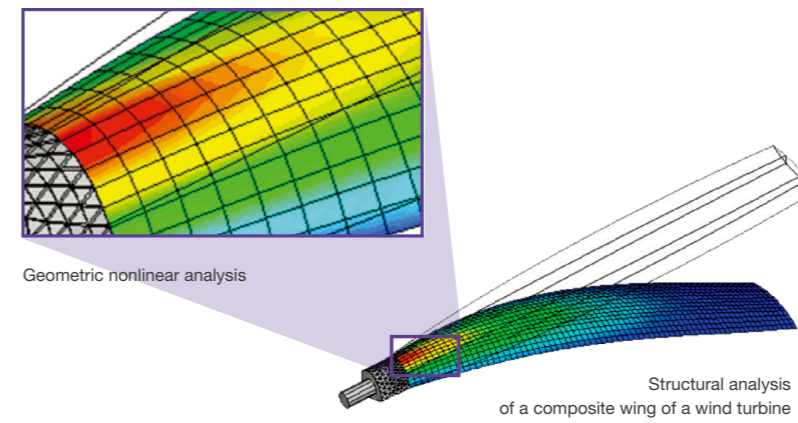
Deformation / strength and service life analysis of cord assembly

Random vibration analysis and random vibration fatigue analysis process

Static analysis using automatic contact function and examination of fatigue life of a medical stent using the static analysis results

## Composite Material Analysis

NFX STR can check 2D and 3D composite material elements together with an intuitive GUI for defining composite materials.



Stacking Sequence

Material	Thickness (mm)	Sign	Orientation Angle	Output Request
1.Mat1	10.0000	+	0.0000	No
2.Mat2	20.0000	+	45.0000	No
3.Mat3	30.0000	+	90.0000	No
3.Mat3	30.0000	-	90.0000	No
2.Mat2	20.0000	-	45.0000	No
1.Mat1	10.0000	-	0.0000	No

Laminite Preview

Intuitive GUI for defining a laminated layer structure (compatible with MS-Excel)

Result graph of model plies

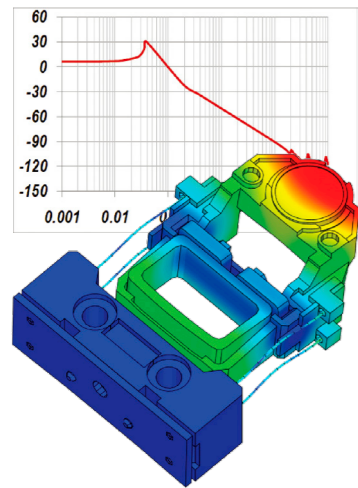
Ply maximum/minimum results (Contour, Iso-line)

- Failure theory
  - Hill, Hoffman, Tsai-Wu, maximum stress, maximum strain, NASA LaRC02
- Failure index
  - Failure Index, FE Failure Index, Strength Ratio
- 3D composite material solids and nonlinear materials supported
- Global Ply ID supported and material property matrices (A, B and D) calculated Top / bottom fiber results per ply produced
- Various ways to define material directions (angle, coordinate system, vector, etc.)

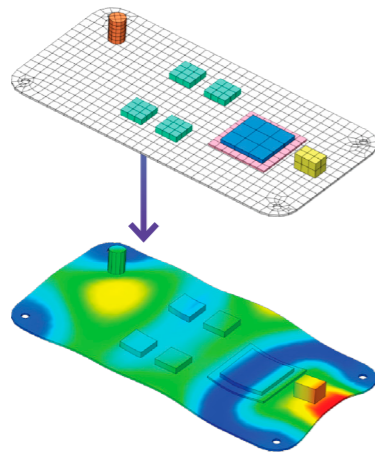


## Linear Dynamic Analysis

NFX STR can perform practically the most excellent and reliable dynamic analysis. Both direct integration and modal methods are provided with reliability and efficiency.



Response analysis of DVDROM due to magnetic force (frequency response analysis)

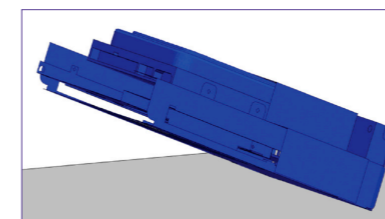


Random vibration analysis of PCB (RMS results)

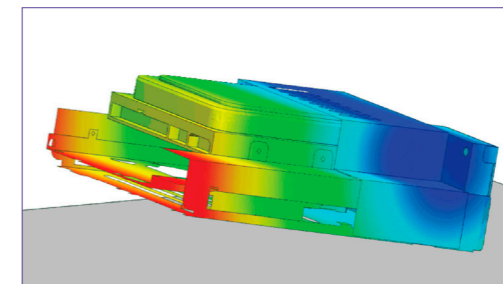
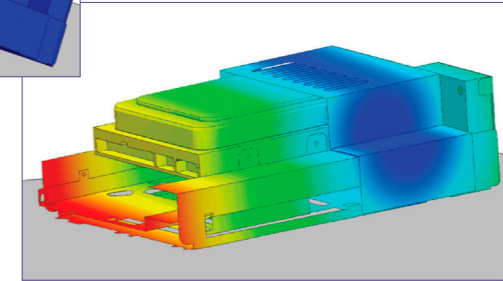
- Direct method and mode method
  - Transient response analysis
  - Frequency response analysis
  - Random vibration analysis
  - Response spectrum analysis
  - Enforced motion analysis
  - Import results of modal analysis
- Conversion function from static to dynamic loads
  - Analysis function considering various load conditions
- Automatic time increments
- Analysis function considering pre-stress
- Various damping effects
  - Modal, structural, material, Rayleigh, frequency-dependent
- Design spectrum database implemented

## Explicit Dynamic Analysis

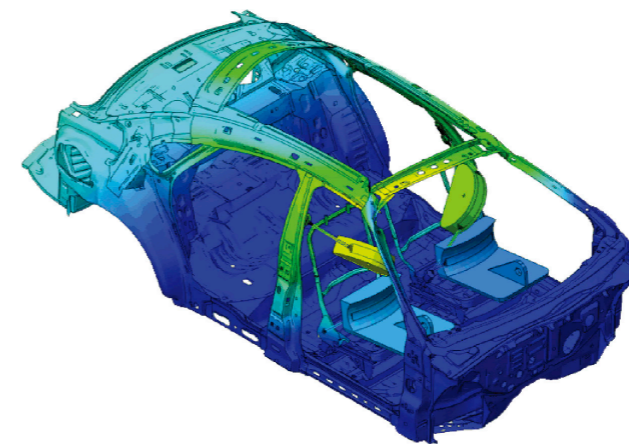
By using implicit and explicit time integration, NFX STR effectively calculates complex material, geometric and contact nonlinear phenomena of large scale assembly models. Accurate analysis can be conveniently carried out using various element types including hexahedron elements, pyramid elements and higher-order tetrahedron elements.



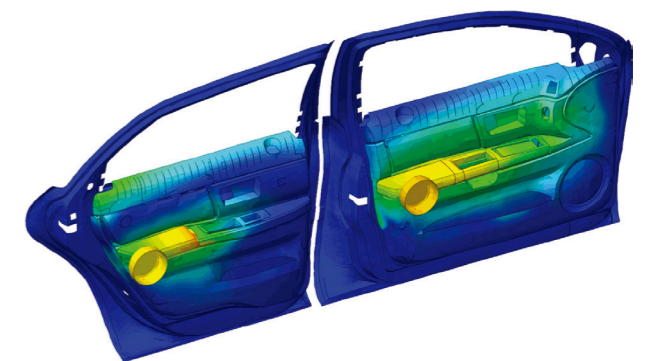
Hard disk drop test



- Diverse nonlinearity
  - Material nonlinearity: elastoplastic, hyperelastic (Mooney-Rivlin, Neo-Hookean, Polymoidal, Ogden, Blatz-Ko, etc.) models
  - Geometric nonlinearity: large displacement, large rotation, follower force
  - Contact nonlinearity: various contact behaviors considering three-dimensional contact and friction
- Mass scale
  - (Only applied explicit time integration analysis)
  - Scaling by individual element groups
  - Time step based mass adjustment
- Automatic calculation of safe time step by elements
- Checking the status of convergence and results in the interim steps during analysis
- Restart function using subcases and parallel processing function using multi-cores



Seat belt anchorage analysis



Door trim impact analysis

Selection / definition of design spectrum

Automatic generation of response spectrum seismic

Seismic analysis



## Topology Optimization Design

NFX STR provides practical topology optimization analysis considering static/dynamic analyses and manufacturing processes. By linking linear static, modal and frequency response analyses, all of which are widely used in practice, optimization analysis is performed considering structural safety and economy.

**Design domain defined**

**Topology optimization**

**Analysis model created**

**Design check**

Conceptual design using topology optimization (linear static analysis, weight reduction through minimizing volume)

Volume history  
77% weight reduced

Review against original design

Process of using topology optimization design

- Optimization analysis function linked with static and dynamic analyses
  - Linear static analysis
  - Modal analysis
  - Frequency response analysis
- Analysis function considering conditions of manufacturing processes
  - Setting design limit/constraint conditions such as stress, displacement, volume, draw direction and symmetrical conditions
- Simultaneous optimization analysis considering various operation and load conditions
- Automatic regeneration of analysis model without separate CAD work and mesh smoothing function
- Other practical convenience functions
  - Mode trace, definition of design/non-design domains, automatic initial value setup

## Size Optimization

NFX STR provides size optimization analysis based on estimation and verification of each material and property's influence. NFX STR can determine an optimal material/property composition to minimize stress, volume or weight of the designed model.

**Sampling point output/analysis**

**Approximate model generation**

**Capacity estimation/verification & Optimized model generation**

Assign Design Domainoptimiz

Topology Optimization

Approximate model Generation

Size Optimization

Approximate model-based size optimization design process

Size optimal design using topology optimization

- Size optimization for all types of thermal/structural analysis
- Property and material design variables
  - Intuitive assignment of variables for size optimization
  - Section size and thickness, composite material lamination thicknesses and angles, spring stiffness, damping, mass, modulus of elasticity, etc.
- Design Sampling
  - Various Methods (FFD, CCD, OA, LHD) & 1D Parameter Study
  - Correlation between Design variables & Analysis Response
- Size optimization design based on approximate models
  - Approximate modeling techniques (Kriging model, Polynomial Regression model)
  - 2D/3D Graphic tool for approximate model analysis
  - Optimization design estimation and analysis result verification
  - Automatic optimized model generation

Details

Structural	Linear Static Analysis	Linear Static Analysis
		Modal Analysis
		Buckling Analysis
		Composite Materials Analysis
	Nonlinear Static Analysis	Nonlinear Material Analysis
		Nonlinear Geometry Analysis
		Nonlinear Contact Analysis
	Heat Analysis	Heat Transfer Analysis
		Heat Stress Analysis
		Joule Heating Analysis
	Linear Dynamic Analysis	Transient Response Analysis
		Response Spectrum Analysis
		Frequency Response Analysis
		Random Vibration Analysis
	Nonlinear Dynamic Analysis	Explicit Dynamic Analysis
		Implicit Dynamic Analysis
Optimization	Topology Optimization Analysis	
	Size Optimization Analysis	
Fatigue Analysis	S-N curve (Stress-life Method) / $\epsilon$ -N curve (Strain-life Method)	
	Thermal Fatigue Analysis	
	Random Vibration Fatigue Analysis	

CFD	General Fluid Flow Analysis	Steady/Unsteady Fluid Flow Analysis
		Compressible/Incompressible
		14 Turbulence models
		Porous Media
		1-D Pipe Model
		Fan Boundary Condition
		MRF (Moving Reference Frame)
	Heat Transfer Analysis	Conduction/Convection/Radiation
		Conjugate Heat Transfer/1-way FSI
		Joule Heating/PCB Heat Resistance Model
	Mesh Deformation Analysis	Stretchable Mesh
		Sliding Mesh
		Overset Mesh
	Mixture Analysis	Species transport
	Multi-phase Analysis	Level Set
Wave Elevation Analysis		
Discrete Phase Model		

FSI (Fluid-Structural interaction)	Thermal 1-way coupled Analysis
	Structural 1-way coupled Analysis
	Structural 2-way coupled Analysis



