



## Die Nutzung von LS-DYNA und LS-OPT bei der Entwicklung von Bauteilen aus thermoplastischen Kunststoffen

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- Motivation: Faserverstärkte Thermoplaste
  - Bauteilentwicklung - Integrativer Ansatz
- Beispiele
  - Lower Bumper Structure
  - Energy Absorber
  - Motorträger
  - Optimierung des Anspritzpunkts
  - Optimierung der Faserorientierungsvorhersage
  - Optimierung der Planarität eines Bauteilflansches
- Integrative Optimierung
- Ausblick: Endlosfaserverstärkte Thermoplaste
- Zusammenfassung, Ausblick

# Ganzheitlicher Blick auf die Bauteilentwicklung - Integrativer Ansatz

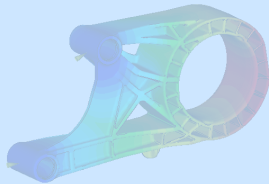
Herstellprozess



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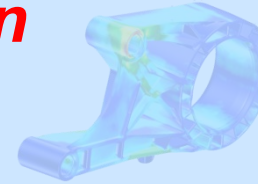


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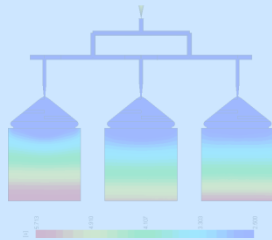


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Struktur Simulation

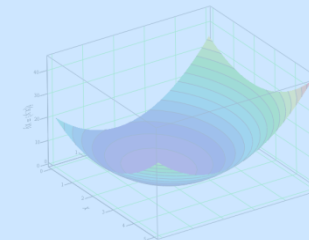


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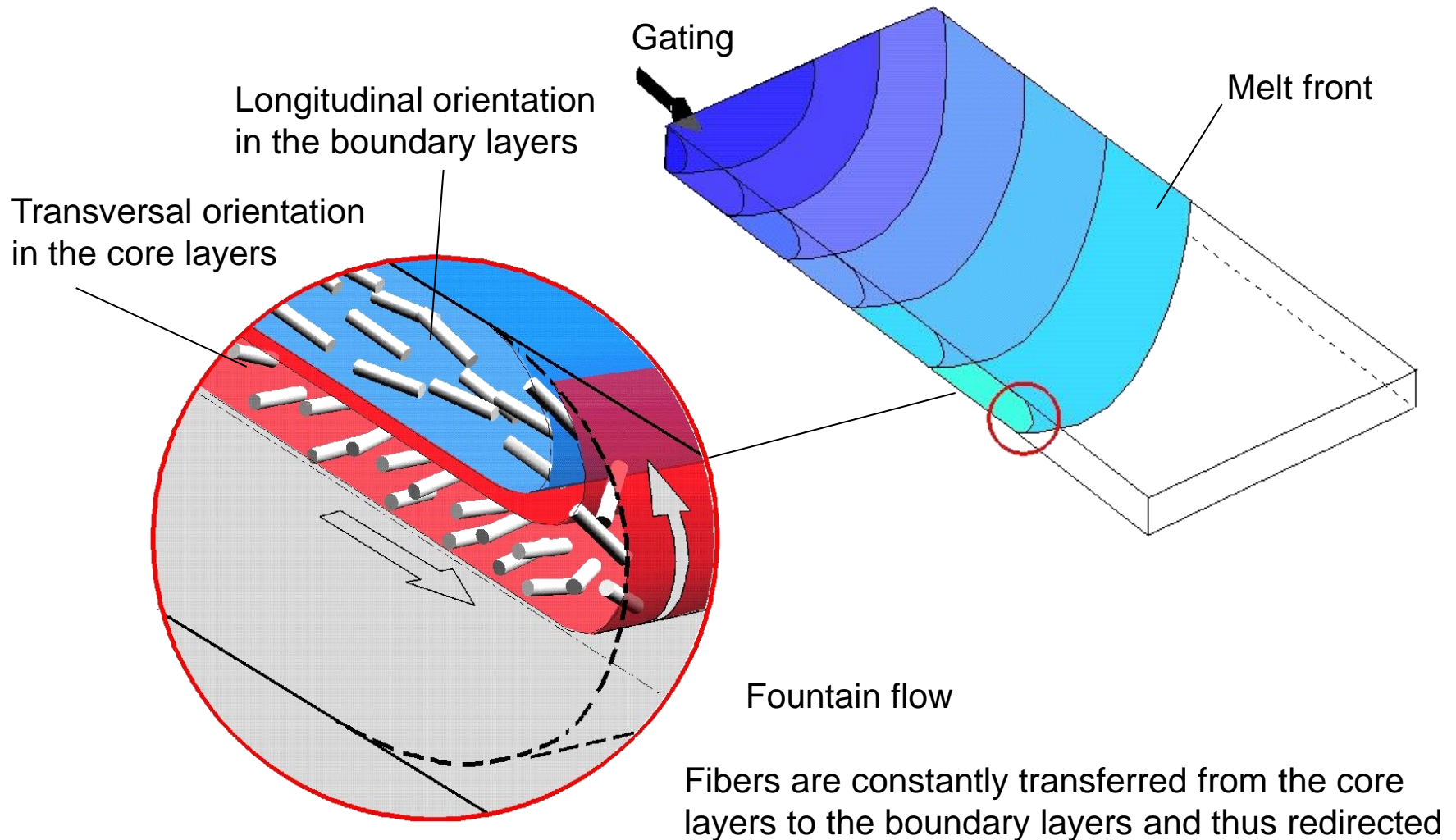


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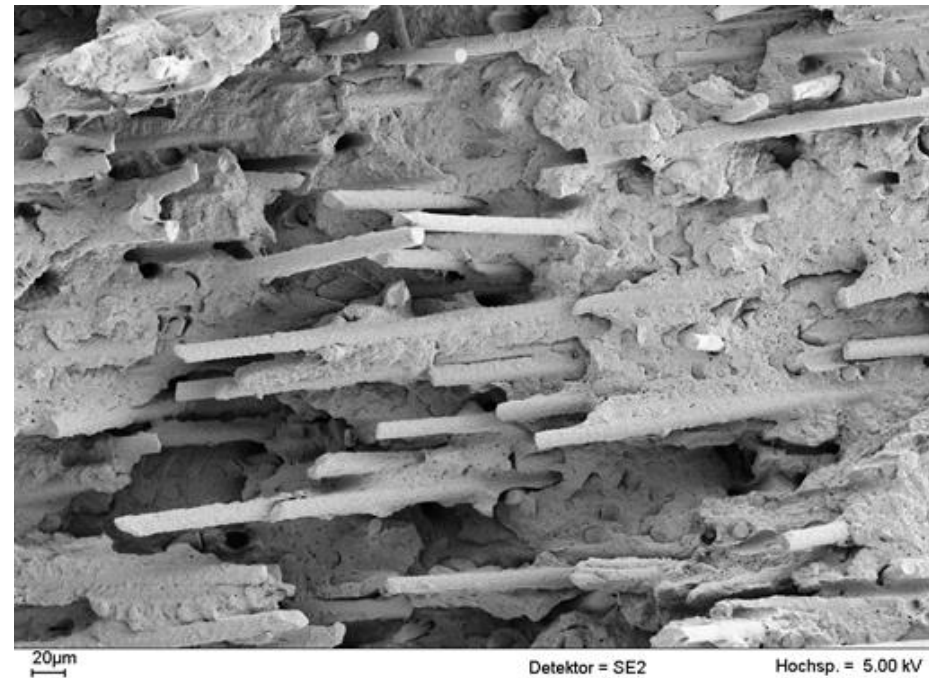
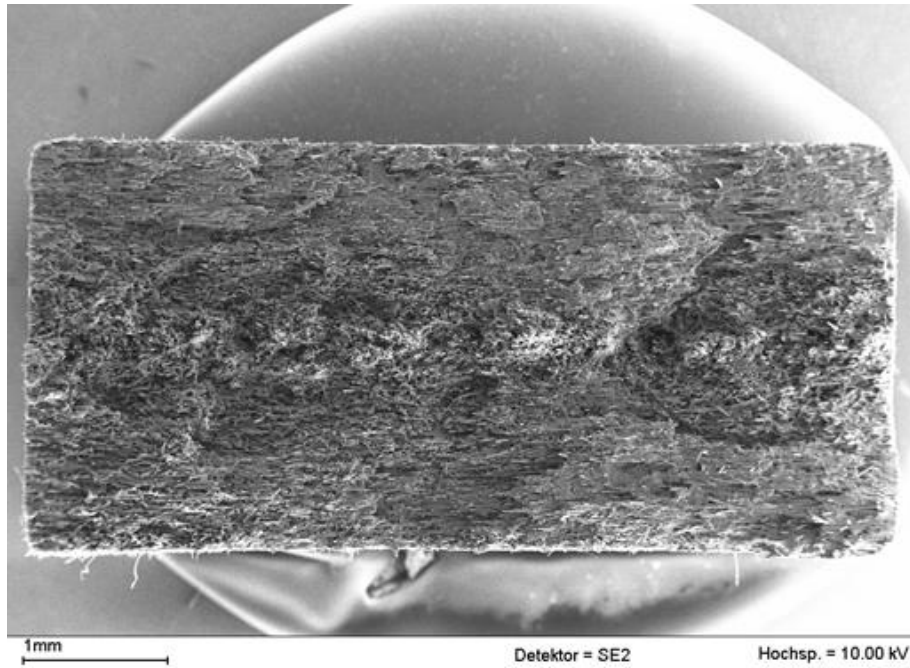
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# Evolution of Fiber Orientation in Mould Filling Process

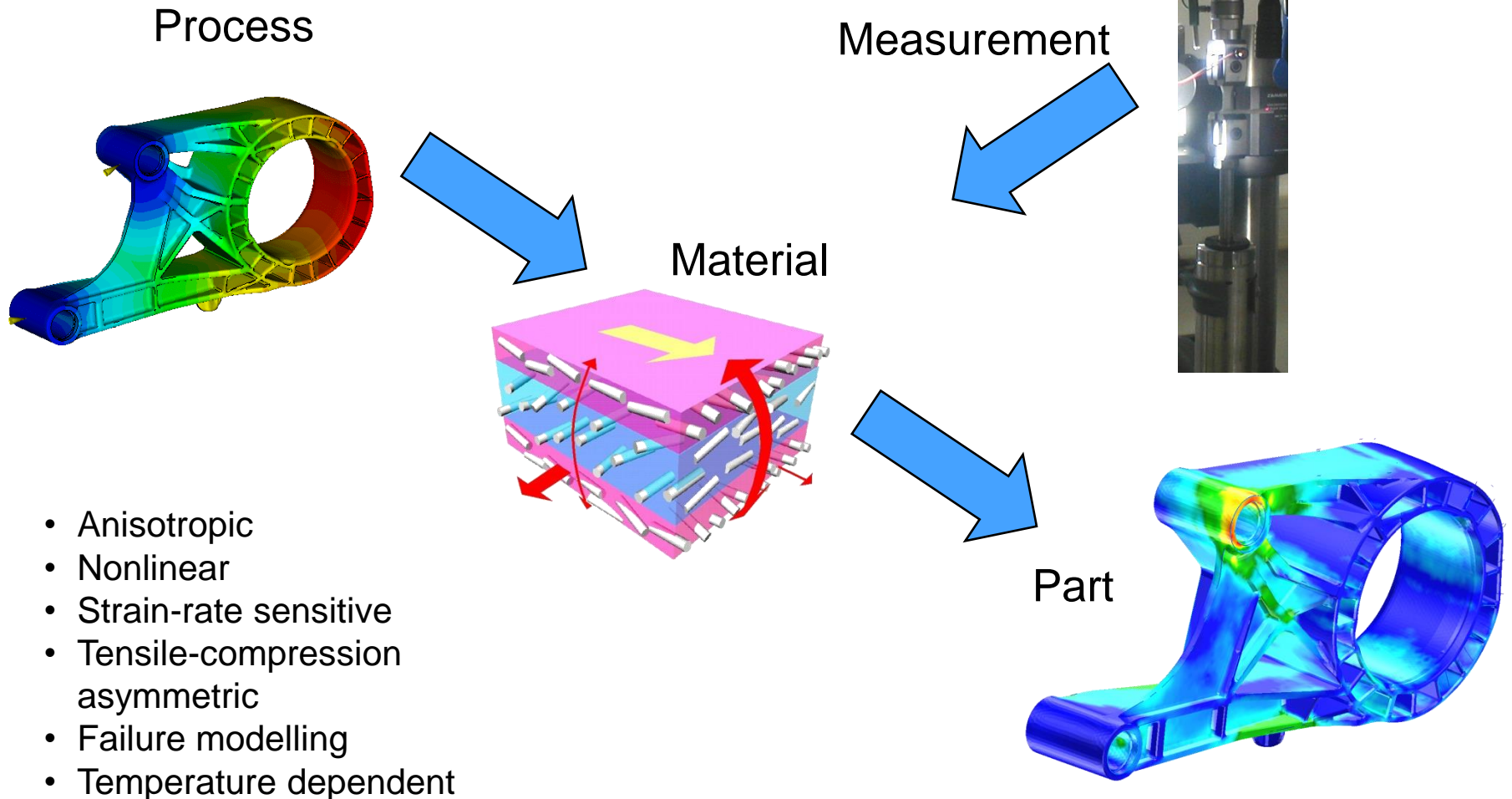


# Cross section of a plastic part, microscopic view REM Photo of glassfibers in polymer matrix



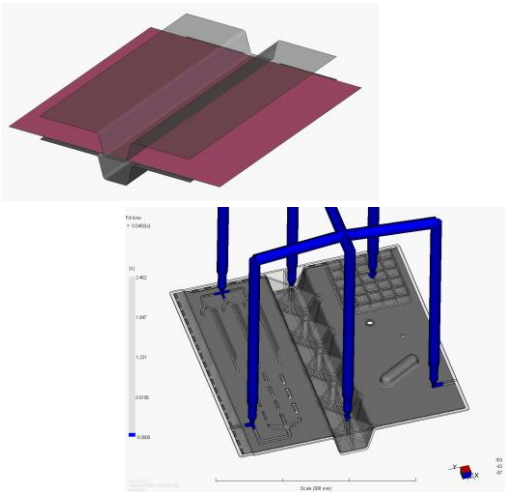
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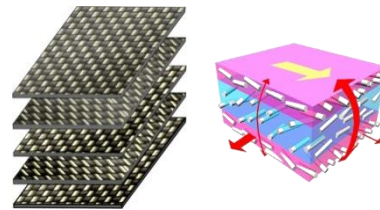


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## Process Draping / Overmolding



## Material

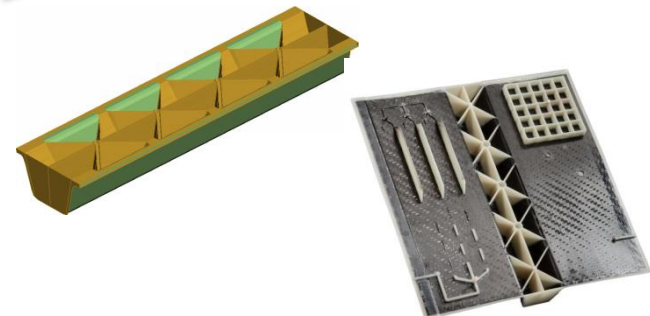


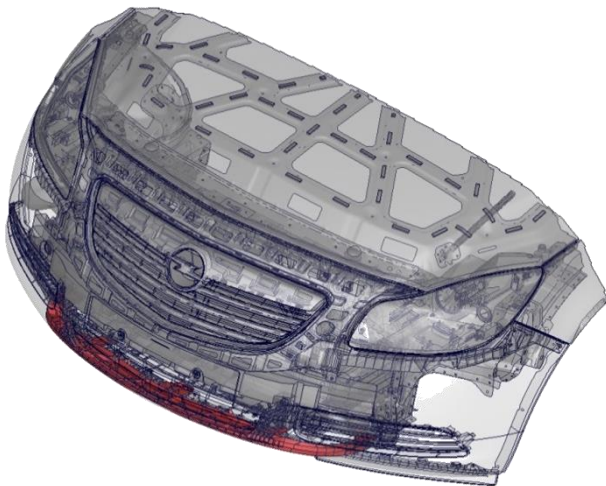
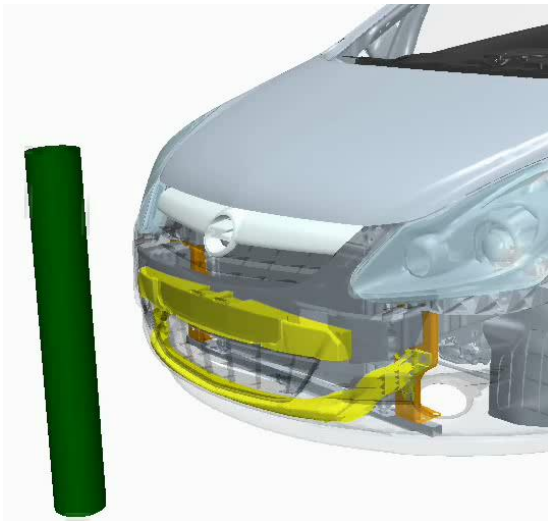
## Measurement



- Anisotropic
- Nonlinear
- Strain-rate sensitive
- Tensile-compression asymmetric
- Failure modelling
- Temperature dependent

## Part





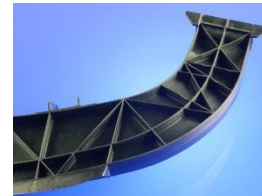
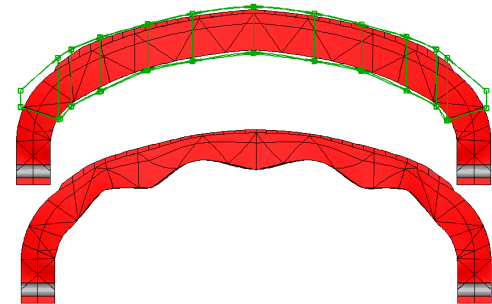
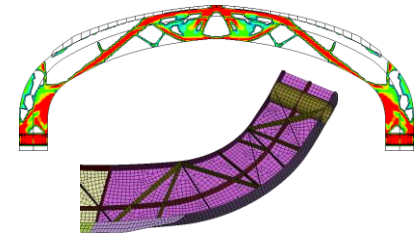
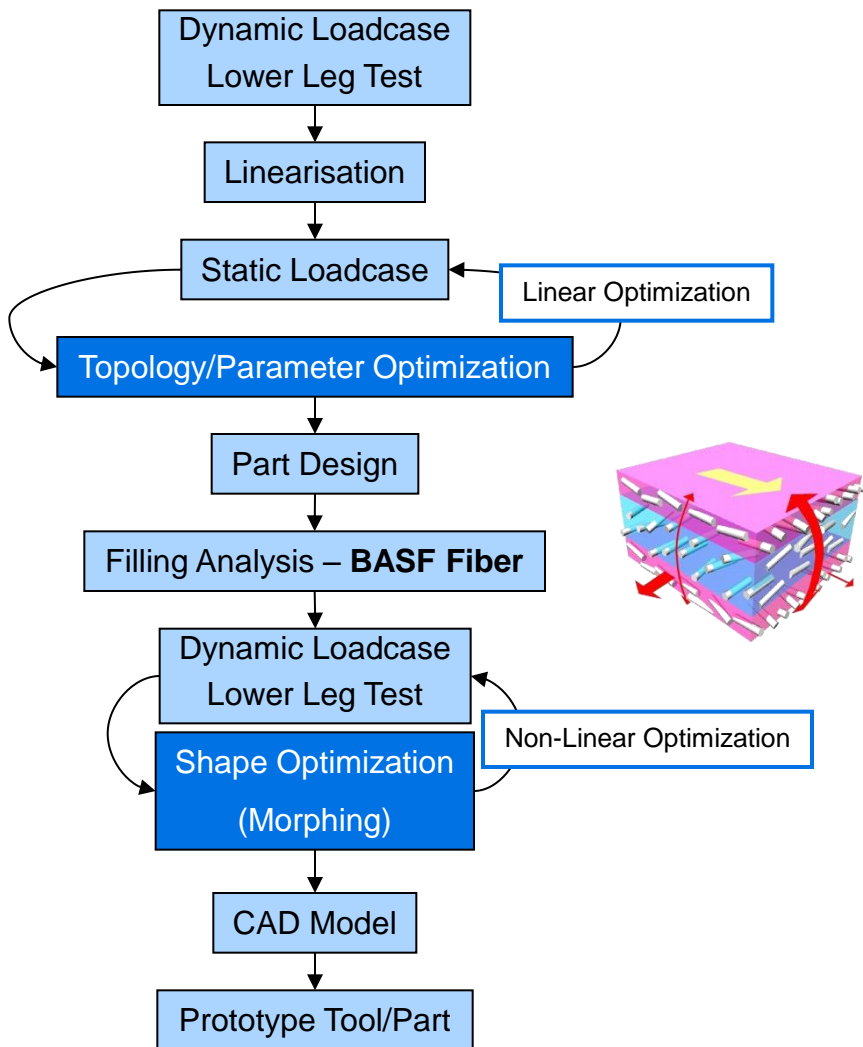
## Development targets

- Optimized, ribbed plastic structure to provide sufficient support for lower leg during the impact
- Needs to fail in a controlled manner during RCAR impacts in order not to damage other components
- Low weight at reasonable costs



# Optimization in CAE

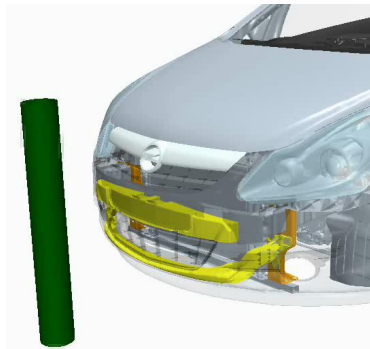
Example of optimization types used in an LBS project



# Optimization in CAE

## Linearization of dynamic loadcase: Lower Leg Test

Real World

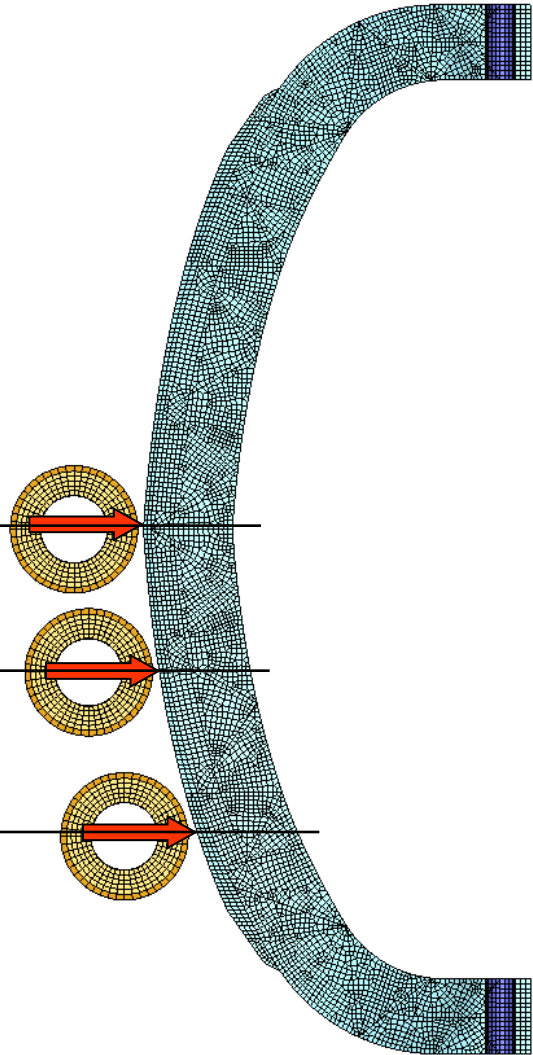


$y = 0$

$y = -50$

$y = -100$

etc.



Linear World

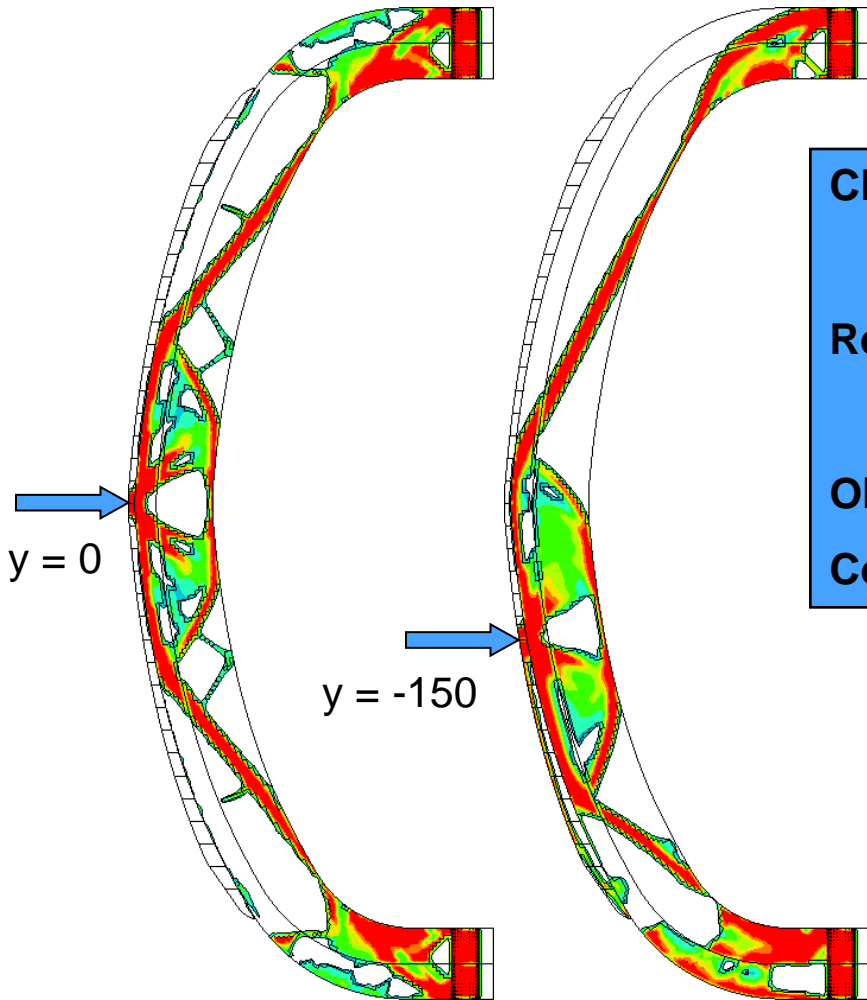
Static forces applied at different positions

Loadcase 1:  $y = 0$   
Loadcase 2:  $y = -50$   
... ..

Different impact positions in Lower Leg Test lead to different loadcases

# Optimization in CAE

## OptiStruct for designing a reasonable rib pattern Selected solutions of Topology Optimization



### Classical Topology Optimization Problem Setup

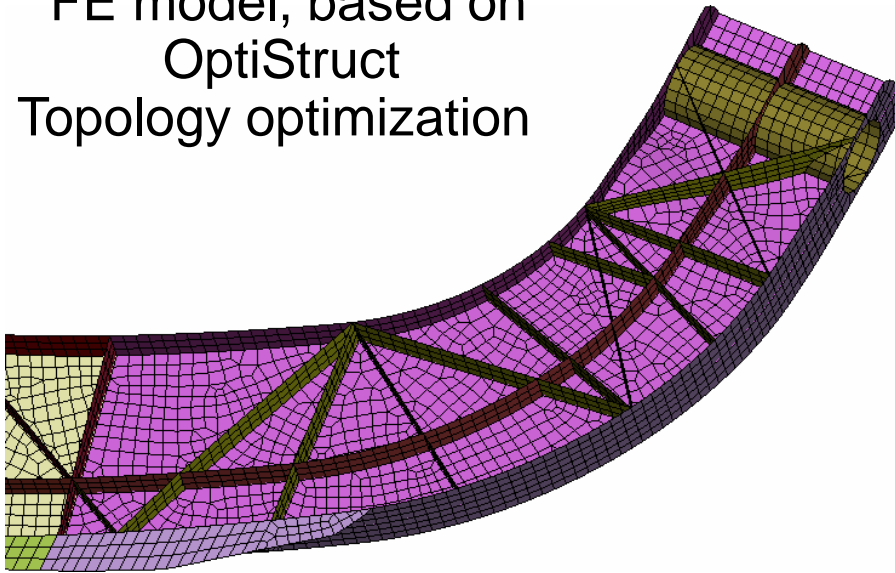
|                    |   |
|--------------------|---|
| <b>Responses:</b>  | <b>1. Compliance WCOMP</b><br><b>2. Volume Fraction VFRAC</b> |
| <b>Objective:</b>  | <b>Minimize weighted compliance</b>                           |
| <b>Constraint:</b> | <b>VFRAC &lt; 0.3</b>   |

OptiStruct gives clear hints for the rib pattern!

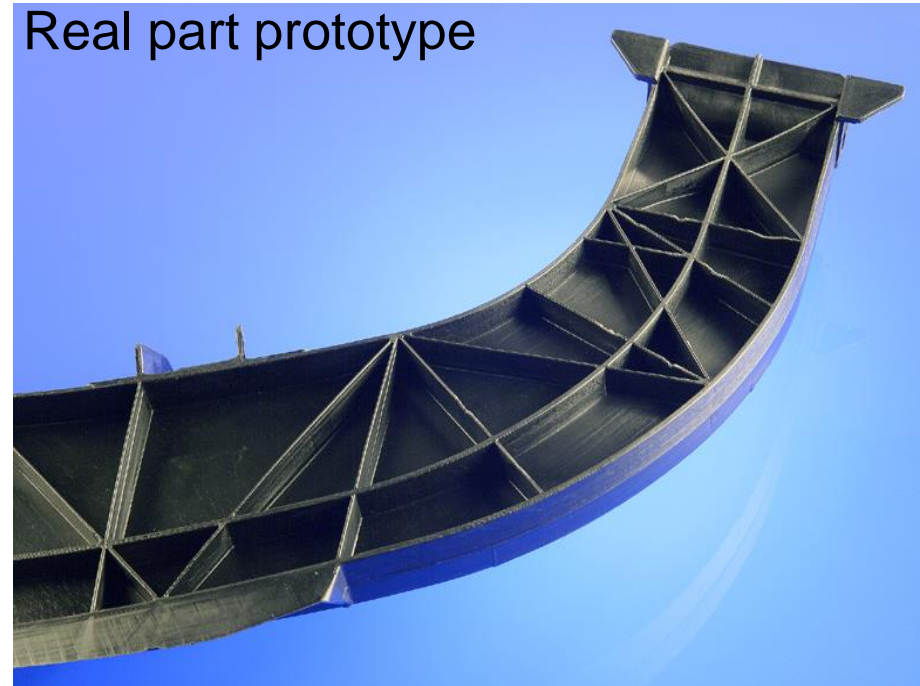
# Optimization in CAE

OptiStruct for designing a reasonable rib pattern  
Prototype realized

FE model, based on  
OptiStruct  
Topology optimization



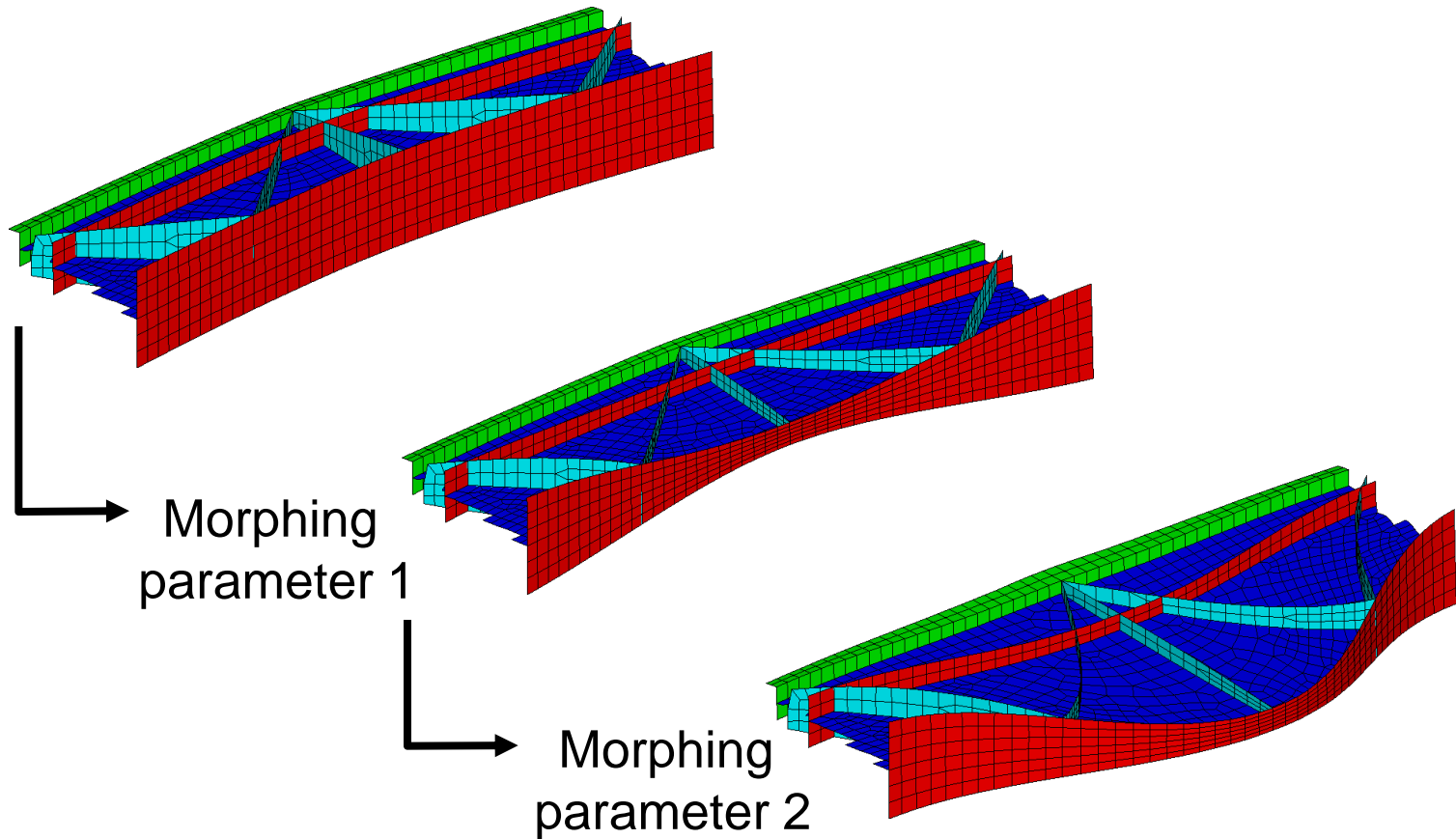
Real part prototype



Part showed very good behavior in pedestrian protection test

# Shape Optimization using Morphing

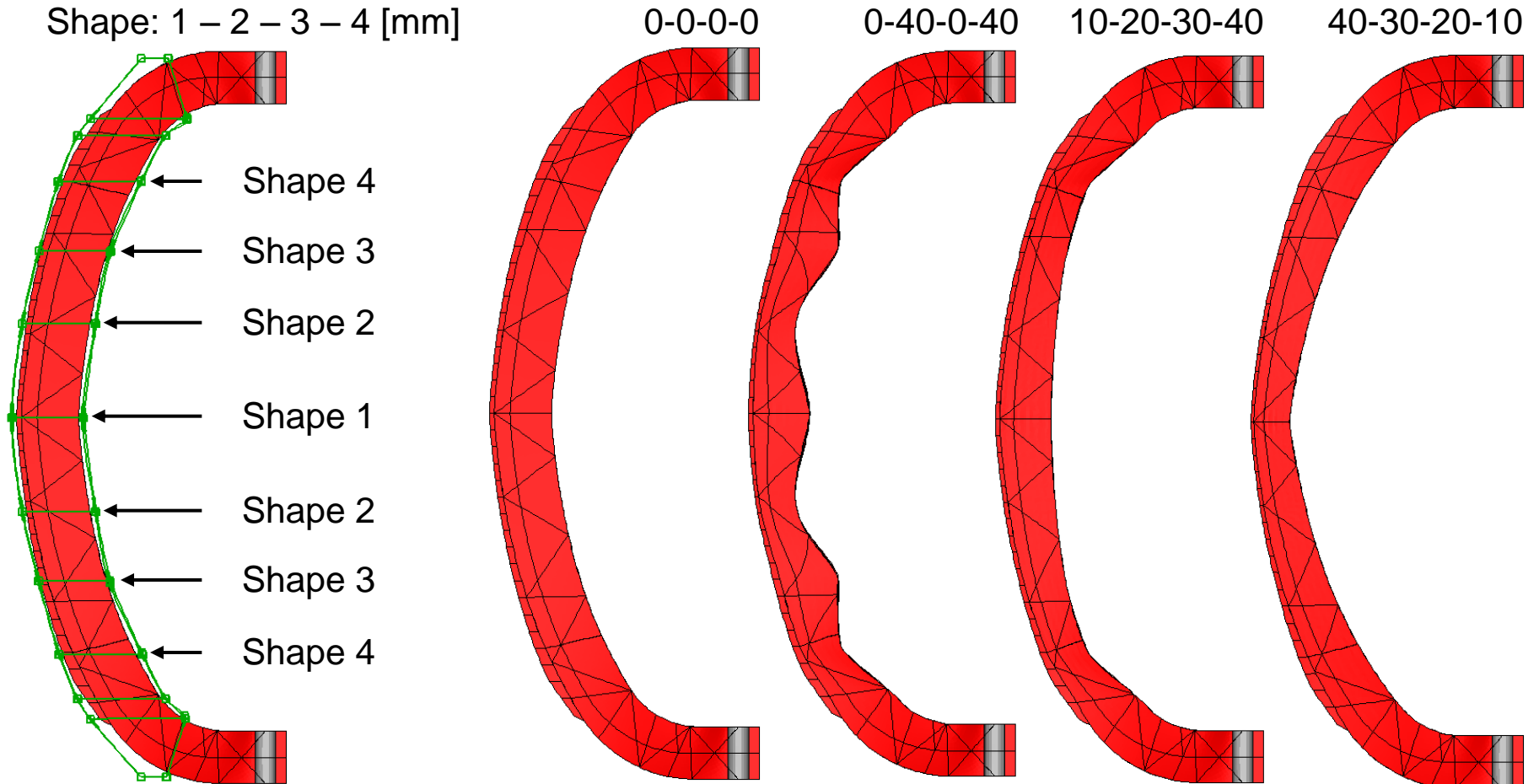
Goal: reduce weight without significantly losing performance



# Optimization in CAE

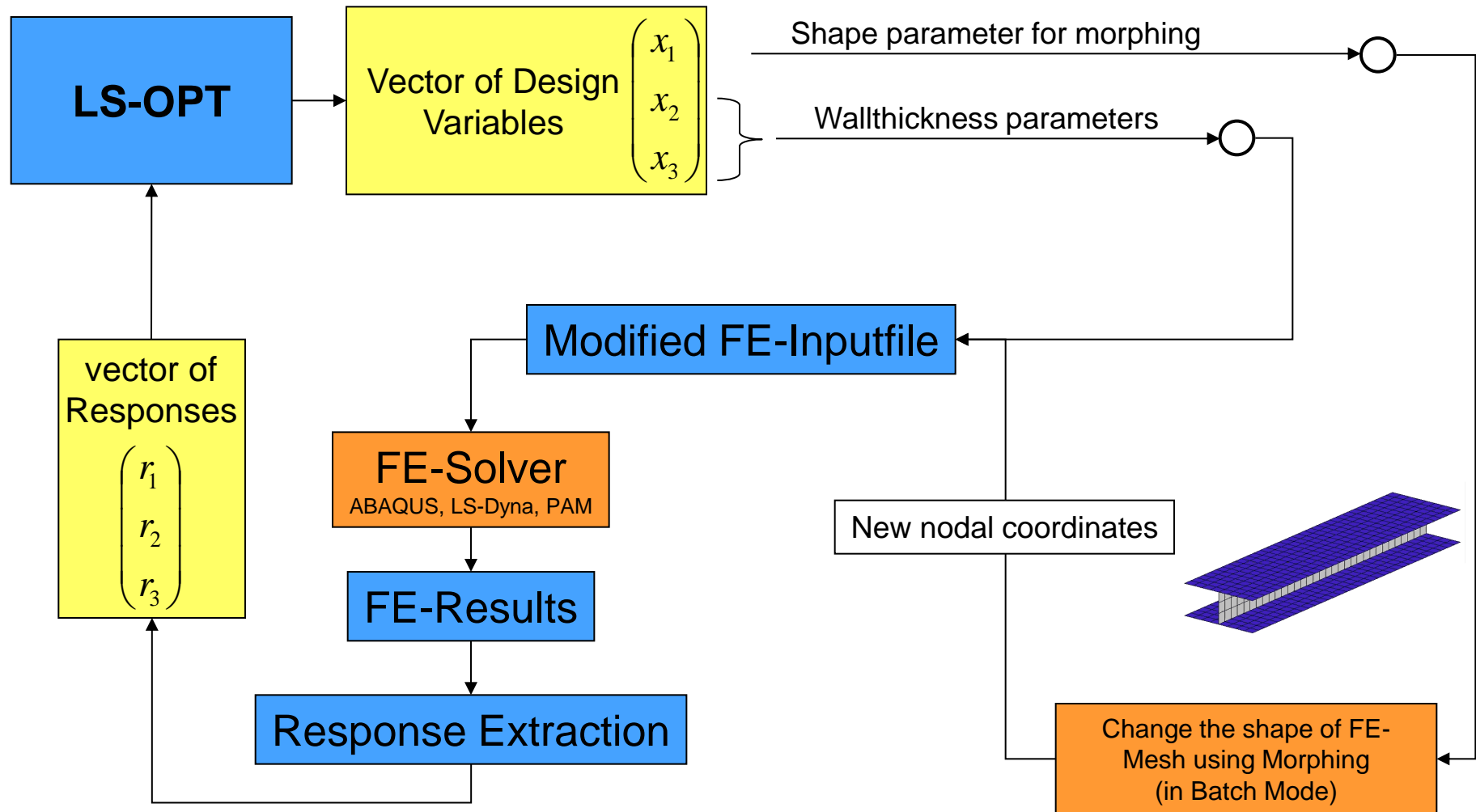
## Nonlinear Shape Parameter Optimization

Morphing of the part's rear edge: selected shape combinations



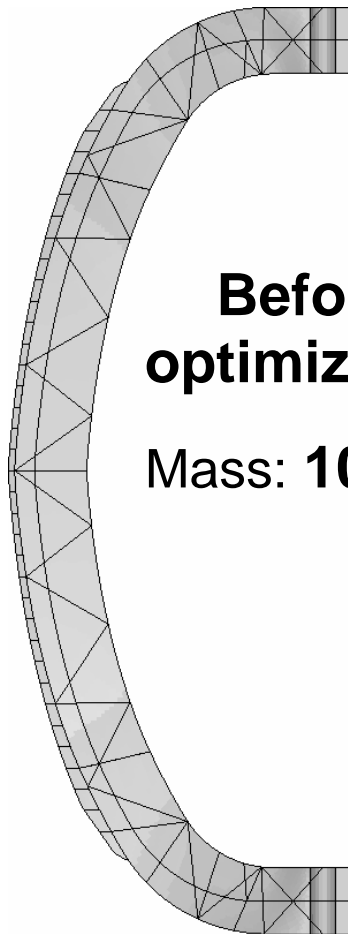
# Part Development II – Detailing

## Implementation of Morphing



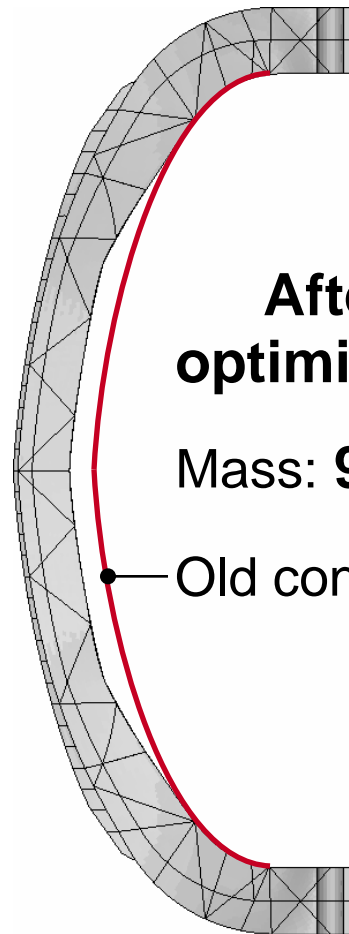
# Optimization in CAE

## Nonlinear Shape Optimization - Result



**Before  
optimization**

**Mass: 100%**



**After  
optimization**

**Mass: 93%**

● Old contour

**Shape Results**  
(0-40 mm)

1: 31.0 mm

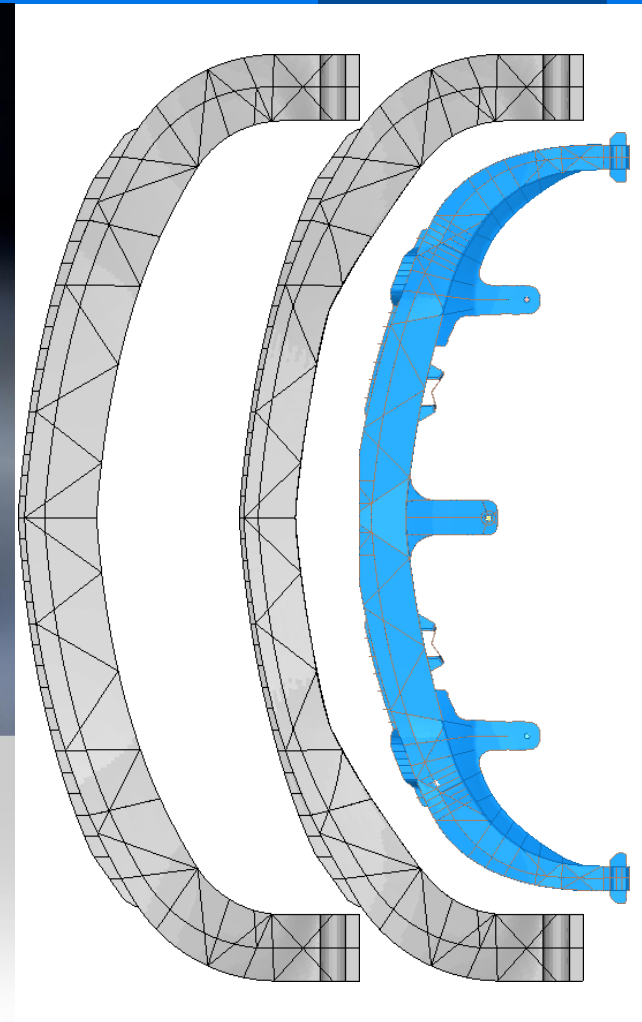
2: 30.5 mm

3: 32.0 mm

4: 10.1 mm



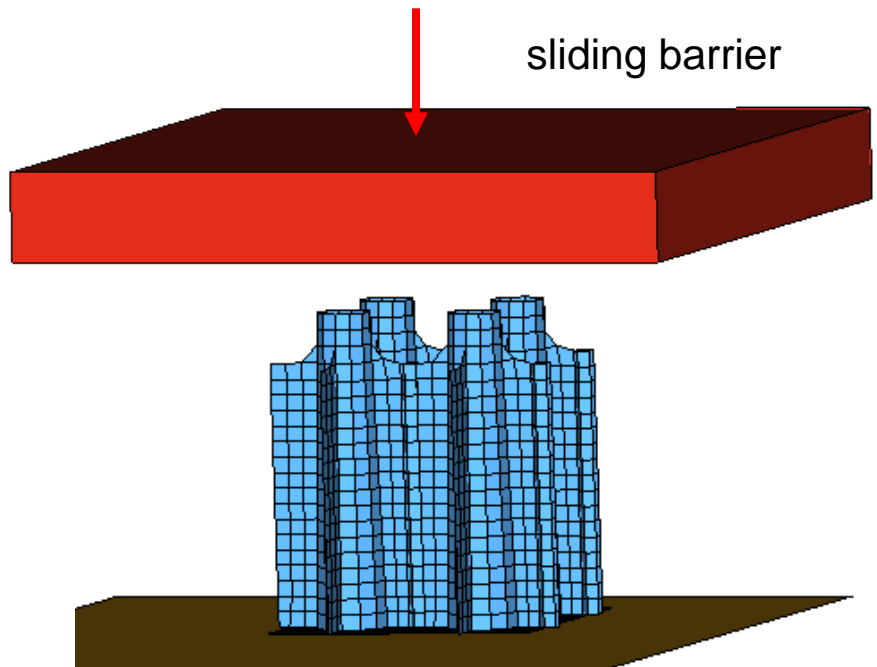
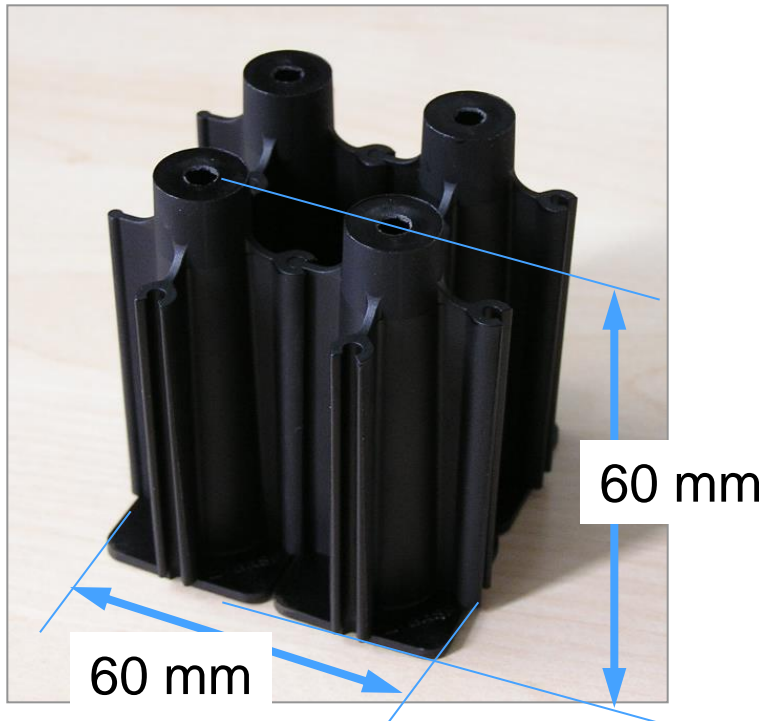
# Insignia LBS – Ultramid® B3WG6CR



# Example for an Energy absorbing plastics structure – BASF Test Specimen for compression load Needed for Calibrating Failure Simulation Parameters

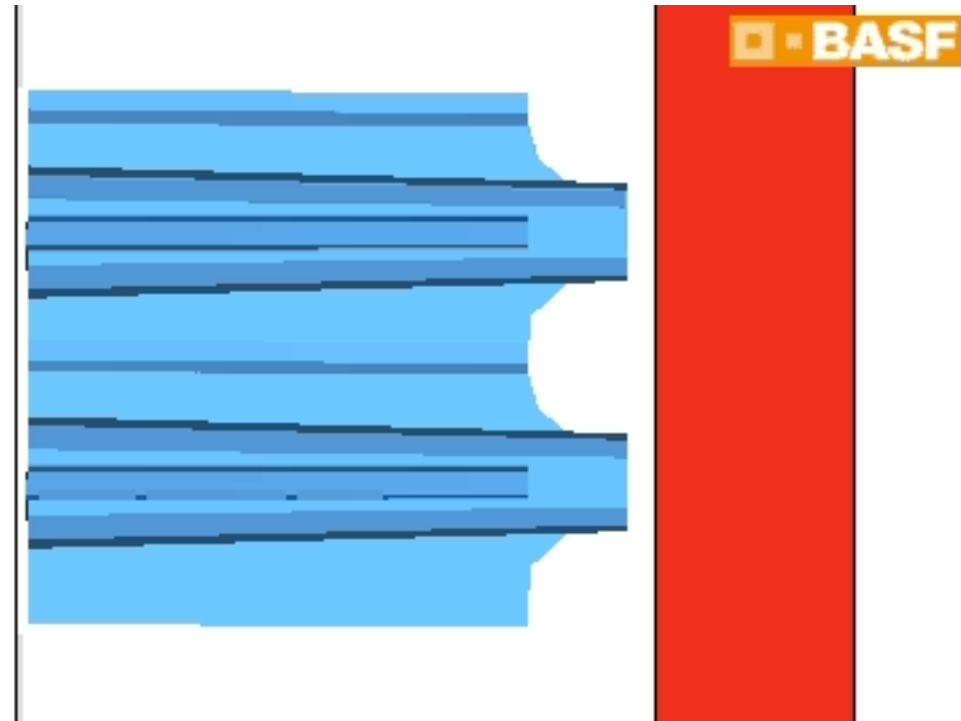
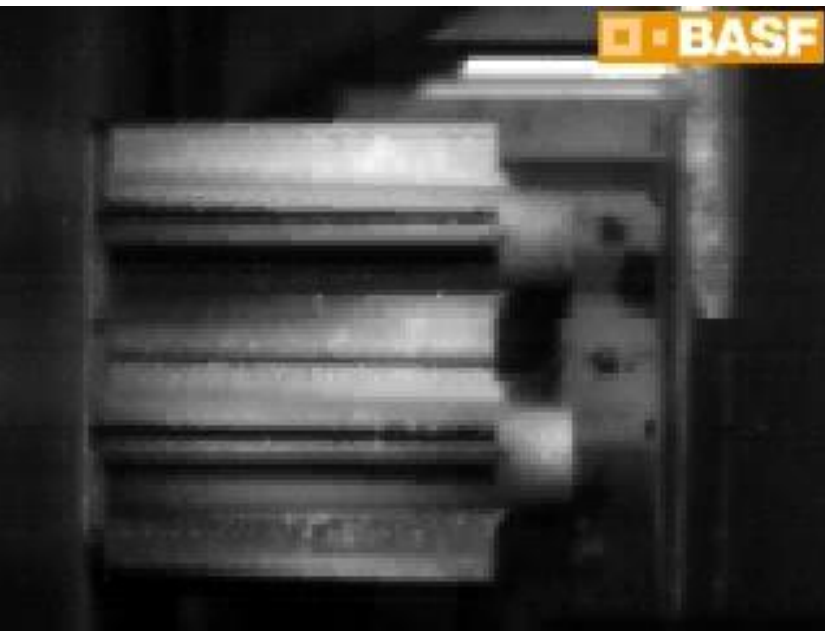
Specimen is designed for controlled collapse

Material: B3WG6 CR (PA6 GF30%)



# Plastic specimen under compression load

## Simulation and Experiment

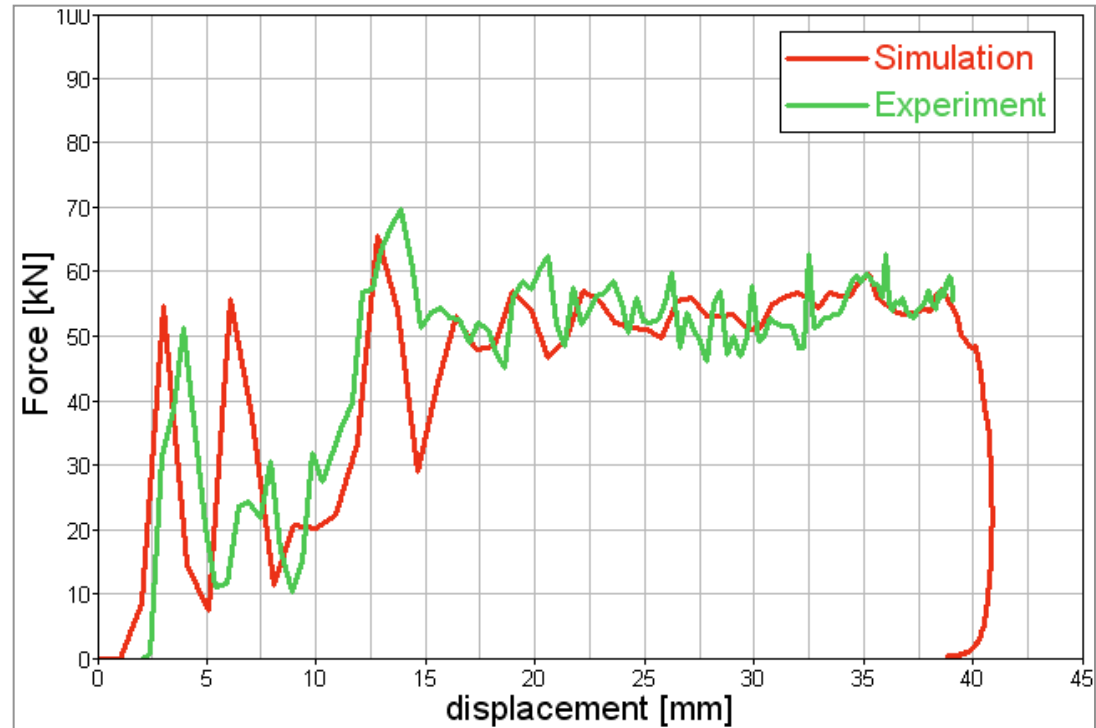


# Test-specimen under compression load

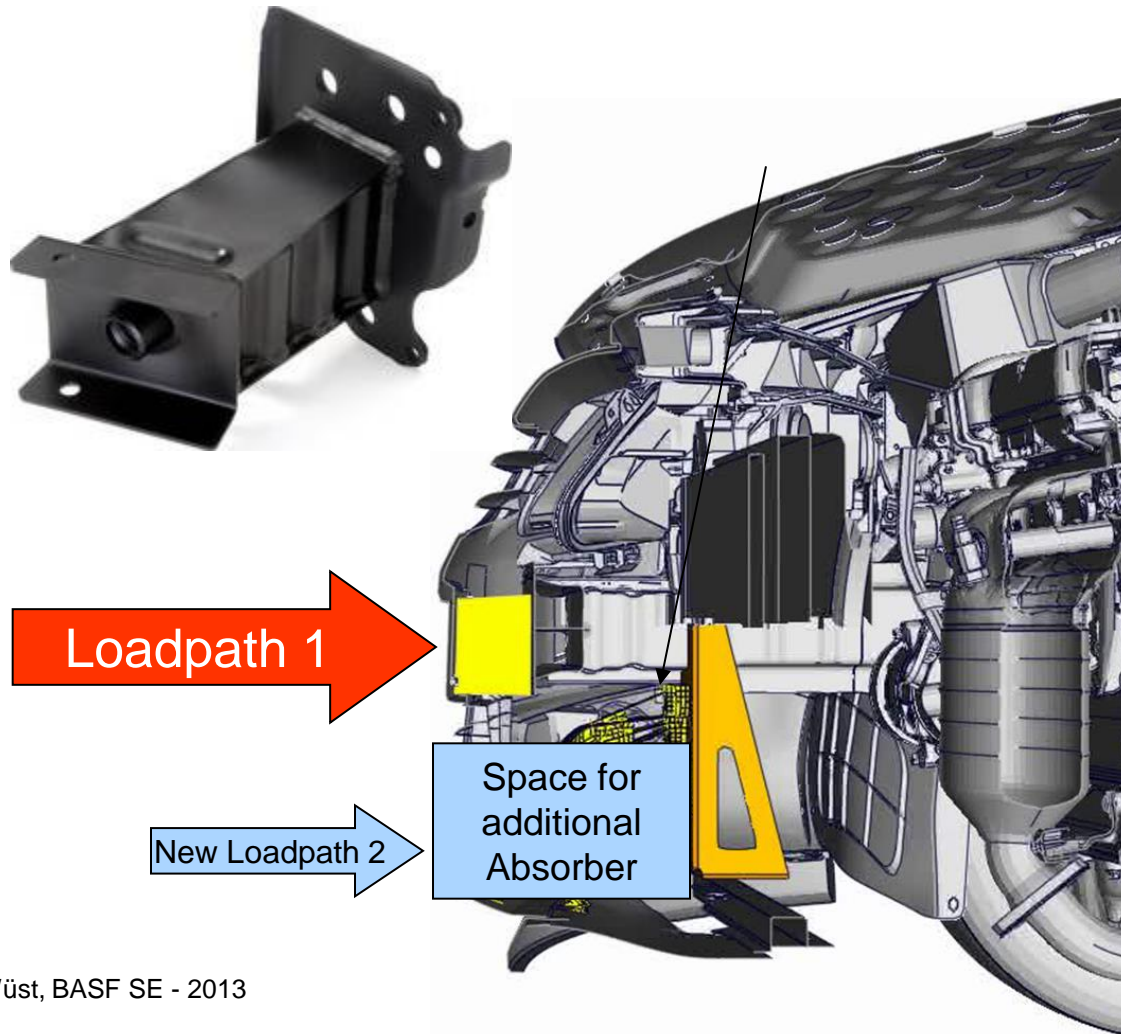
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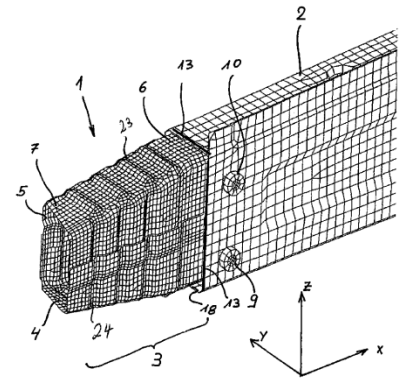
60 mm



# Lower Loadpath

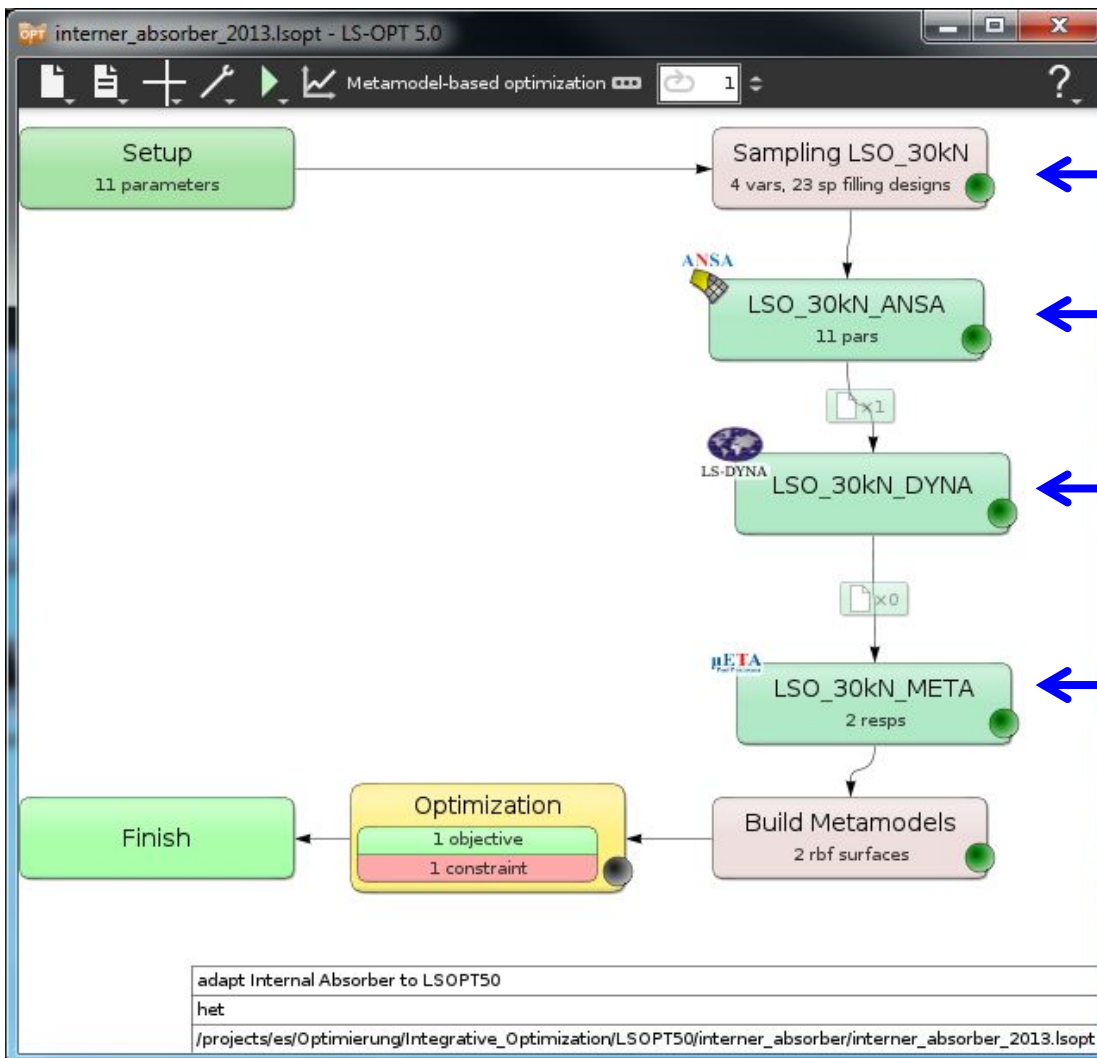


## Traditional Metal Crashbox:



# LS-OPT GUI

## Graphical – Stage based - hierarchical



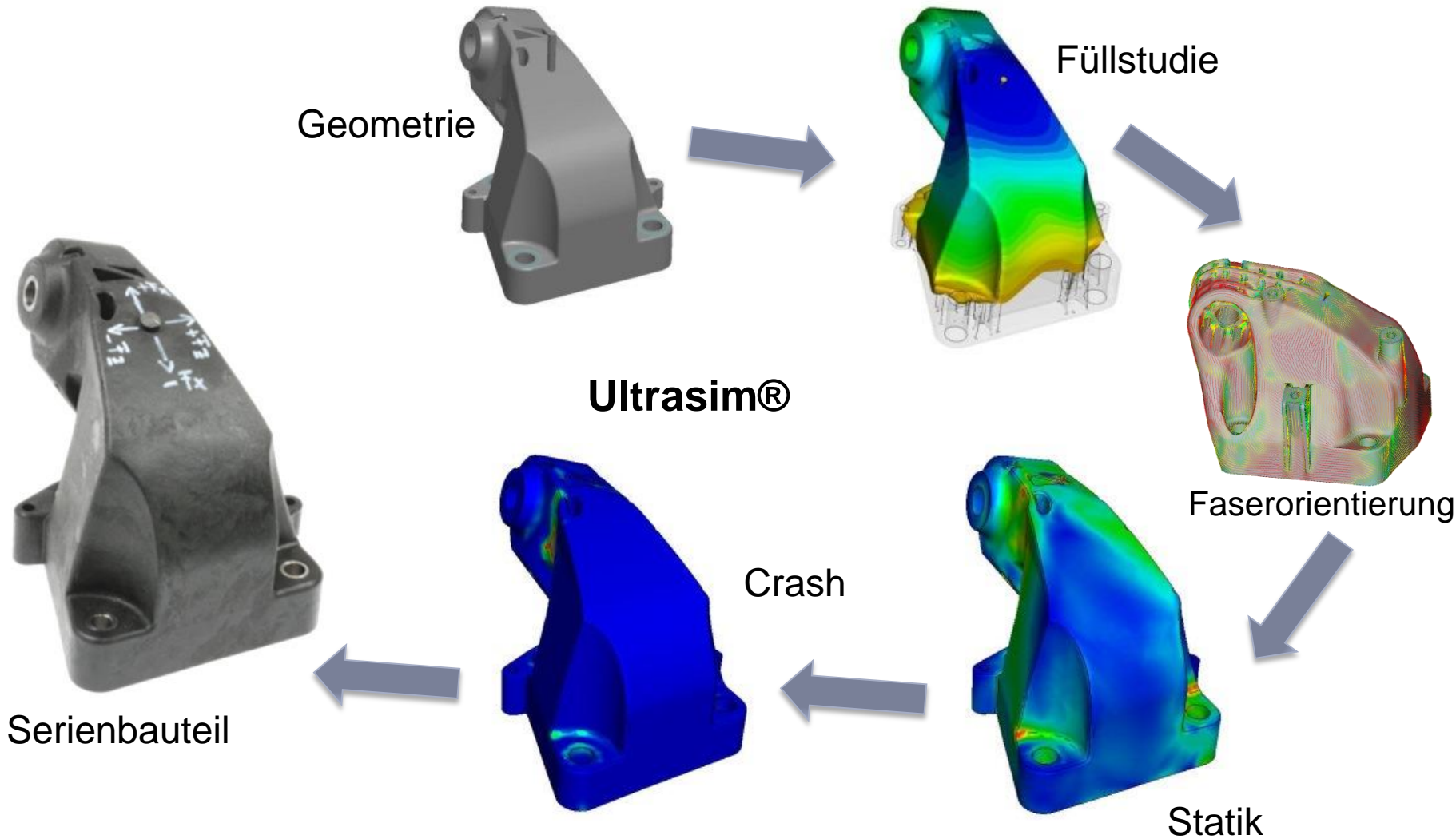
← Sampling Stage

← Preprocessor Stage

← Solver Stage

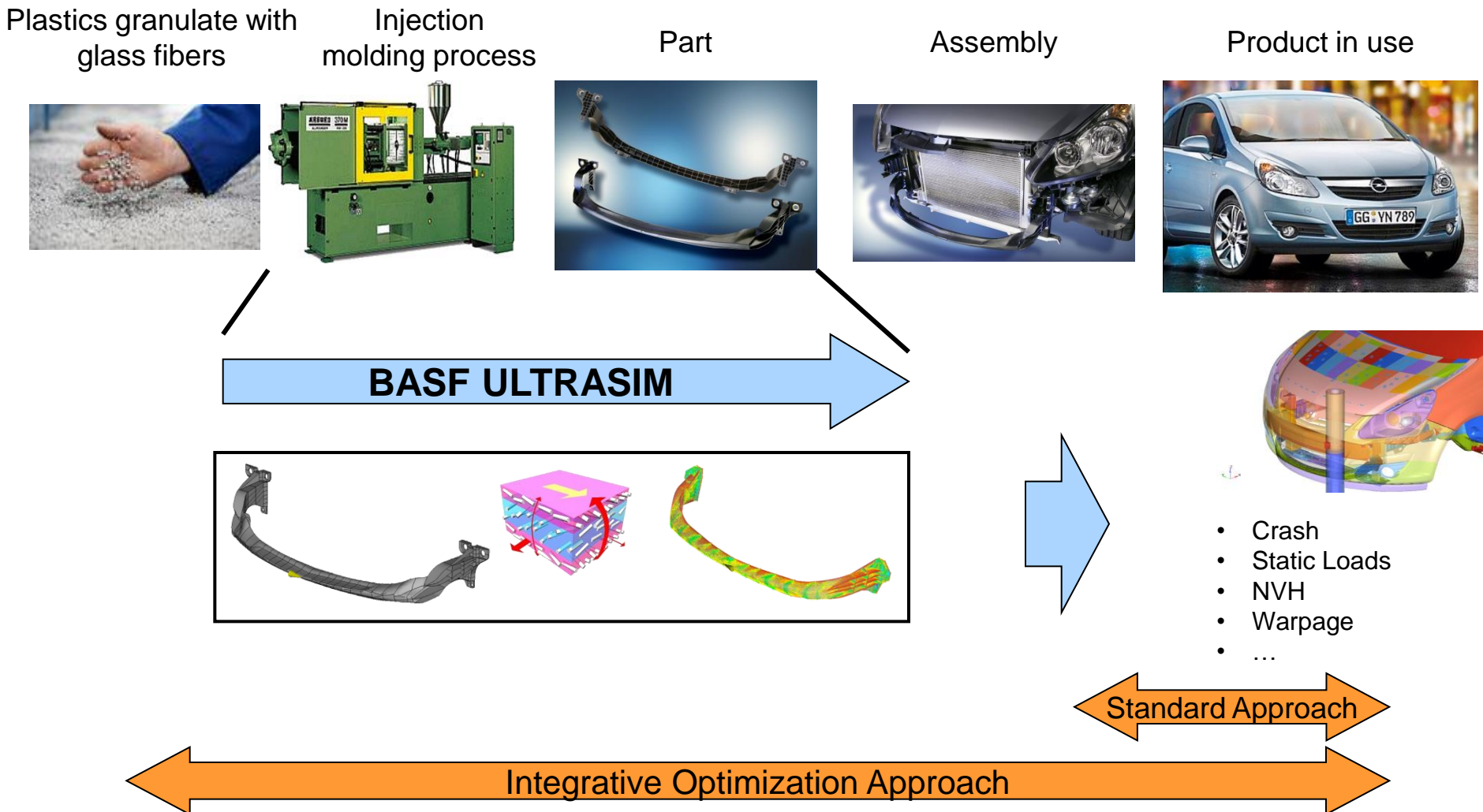
← Postprocessor Stage

# Ultrasim Approach Engine Mount GL Class



# Integrative Optimization

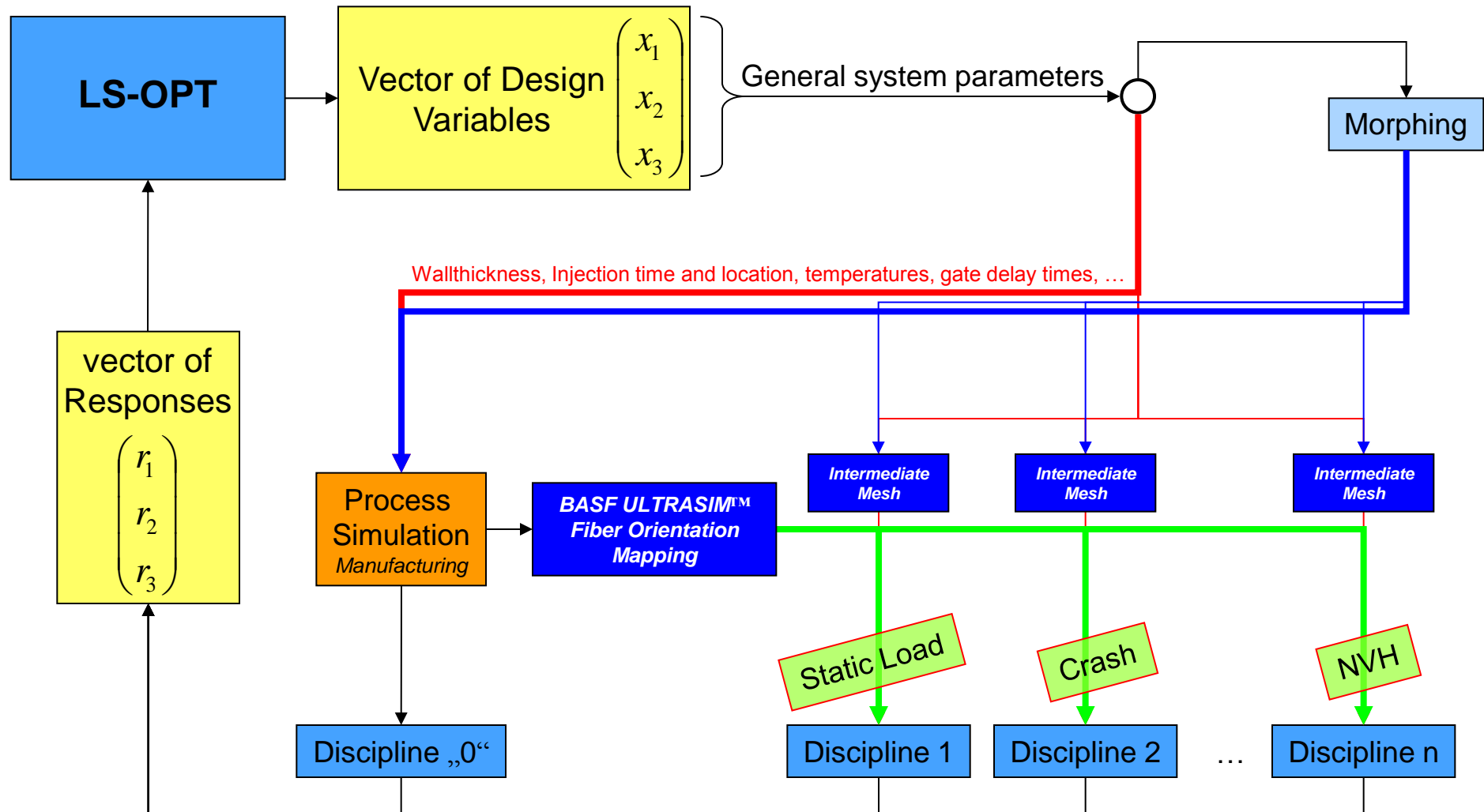
## Standard Optimization and Integrative Approach





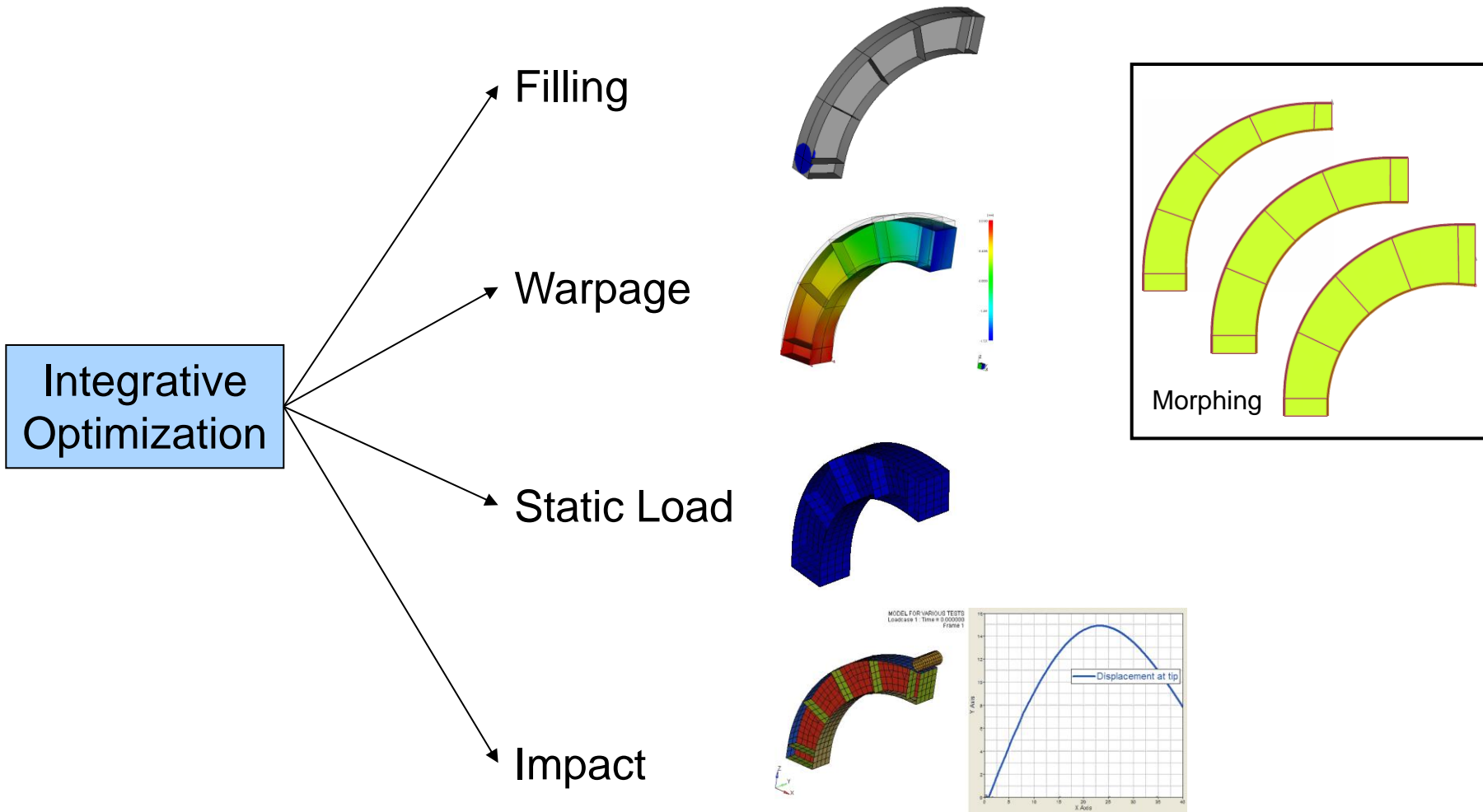
# Workflow for Integrative Optimization Approach

## Multi disciplinary (with morphing)



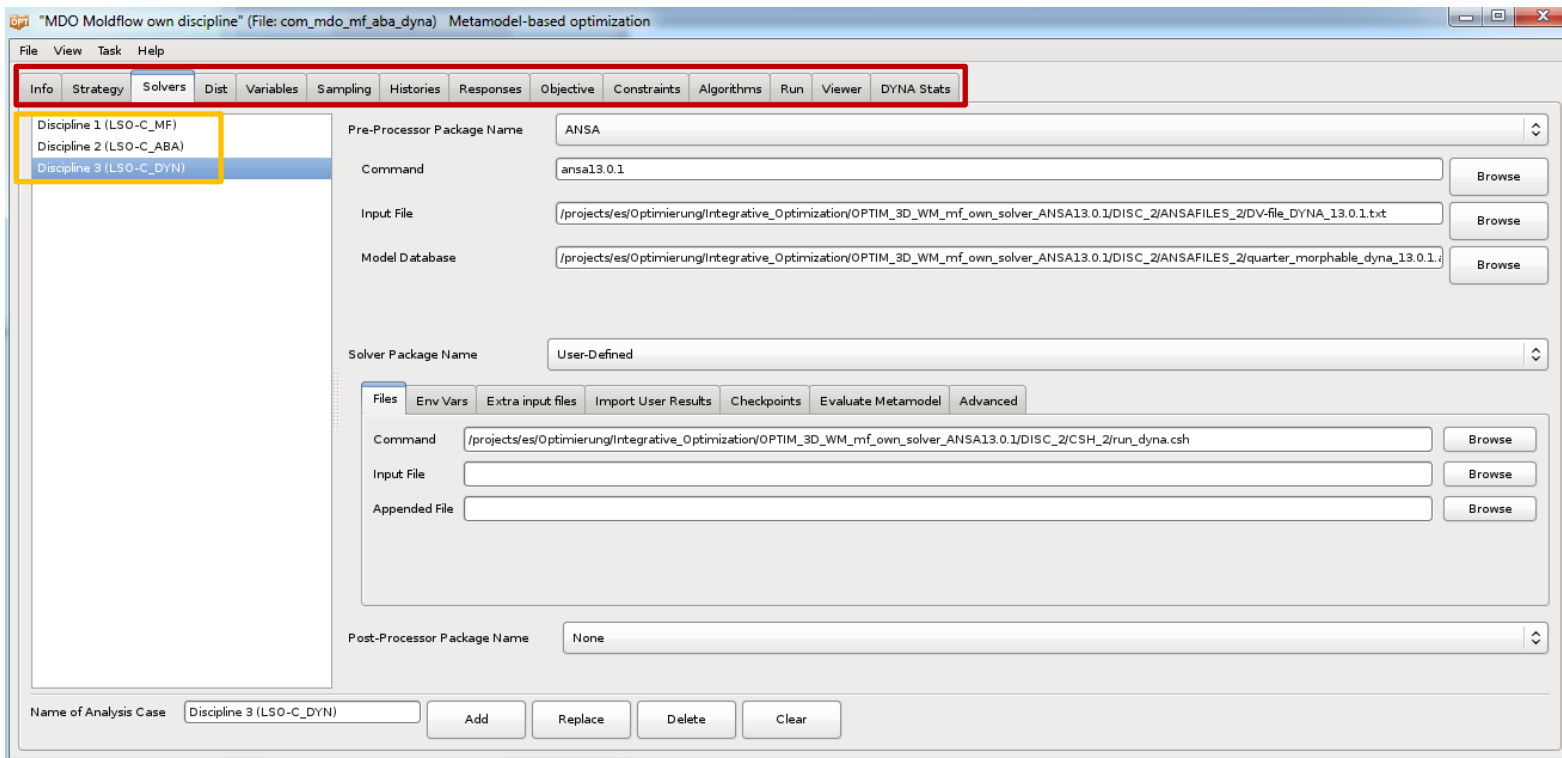
# Integrative Optimization Example

Filling, Warpage, Impact, Static Load, Shape Optimization by Morphing  
LS-OPT, MOLDFLOW, LS-Dyna, ANSA, ABAQUS



# Optimization with LSOPT Present (LSOPT 4.2 and earlier)

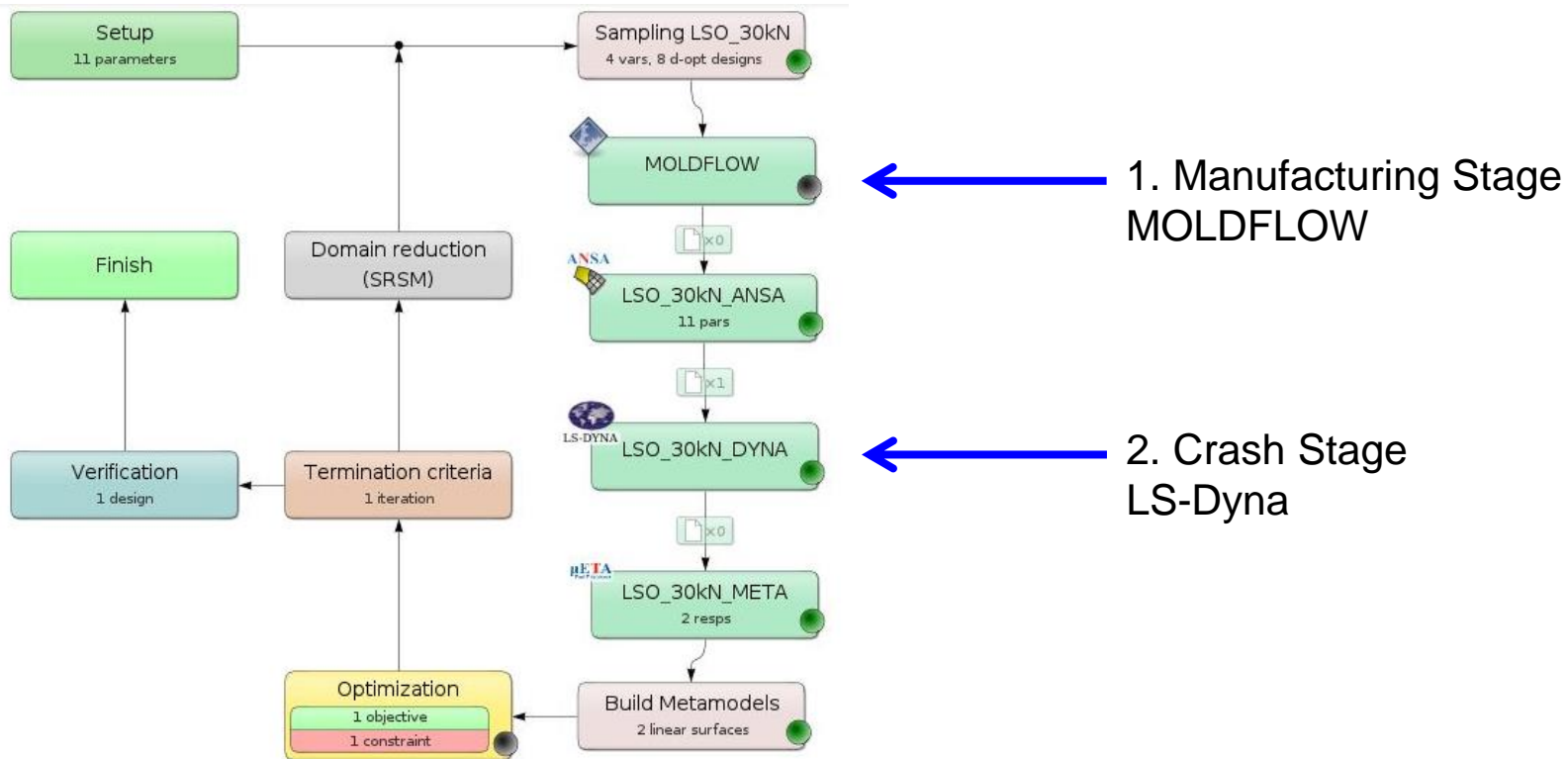
- Tab based GUI requires to input design variables, solvers, objectives etc. sequentially



- Confusing at first, no link to workflow, all dependencies hard-wired

# LS-OPT 5.x – Hierarchical Definition

■ New GUI directly represents workflow and dependencies

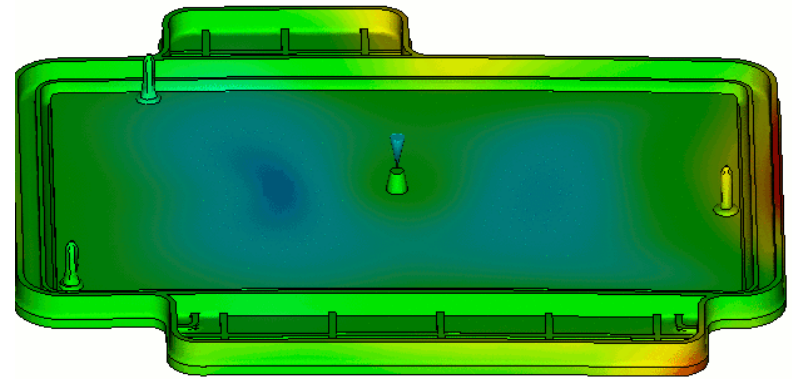
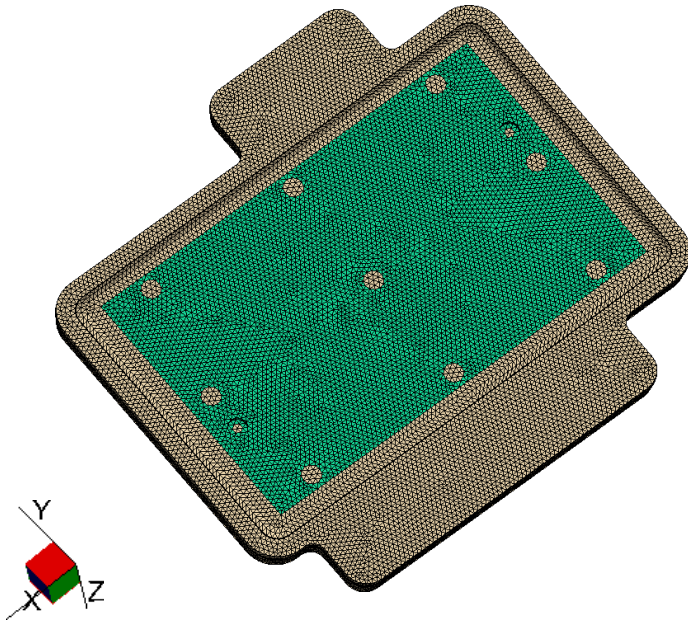


■ User-friendly, easy addition and removal of disciplines possible

# Example: Two-Component Cap

## Warpage optimization

- Two component cap

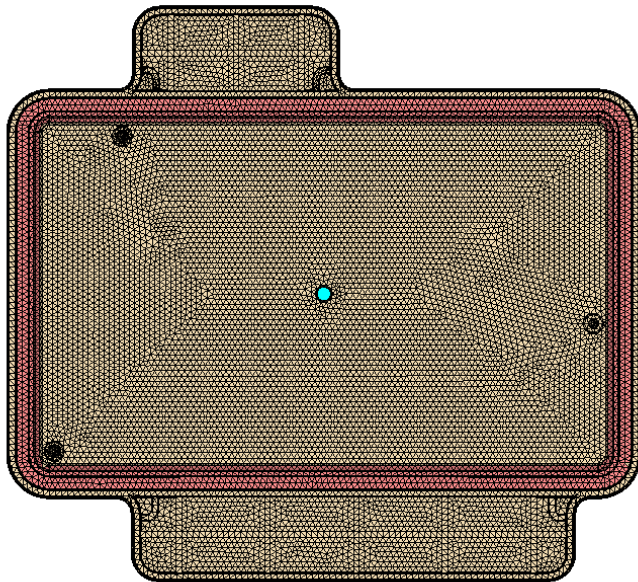


→ Goal: Find optimal injection location that minimizes customer specified warpage criterion

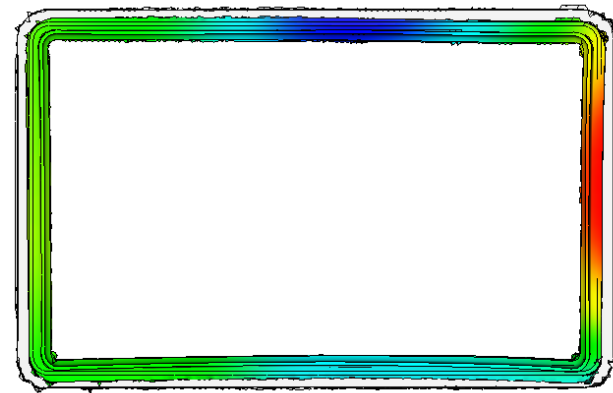
# Example: Two-Component Cap

## Calculation of unevenness

- Goal: Minimize unevenness of revolving seal

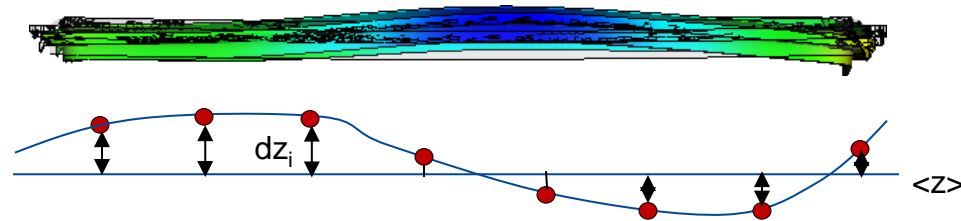


Deflection in z direction



Square deviation:

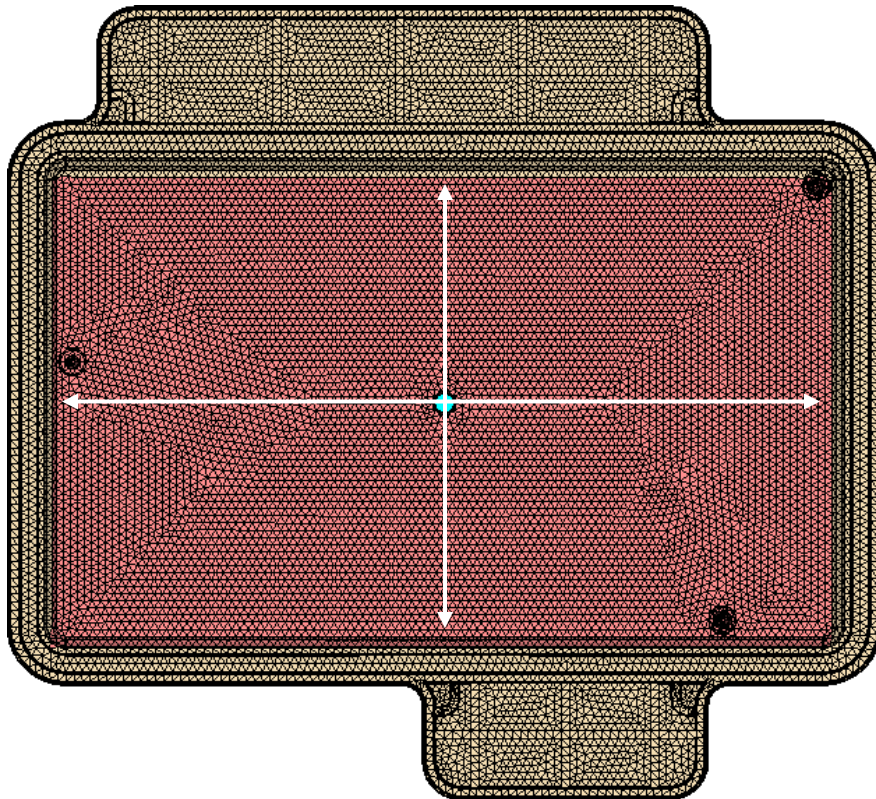
$$\sigma = \sqrt{\frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N (dz_i)^2}$$



# Example: Two Component Cap

## Customer specified area

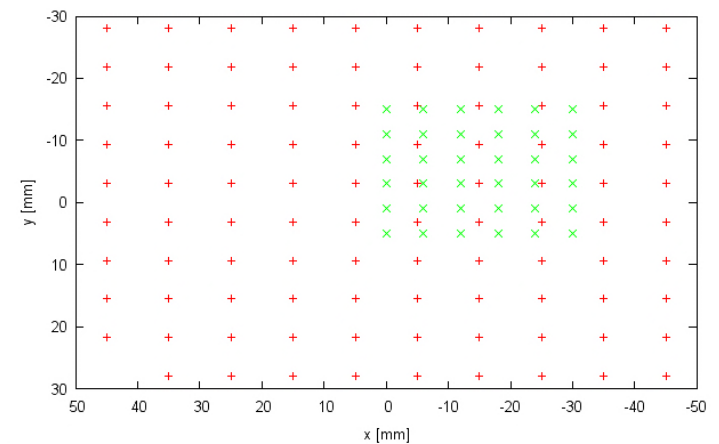
- Search for optimal injection point for second component within area specified by customer



Objective (is minimized):

Unevenness seal  $\sigma$

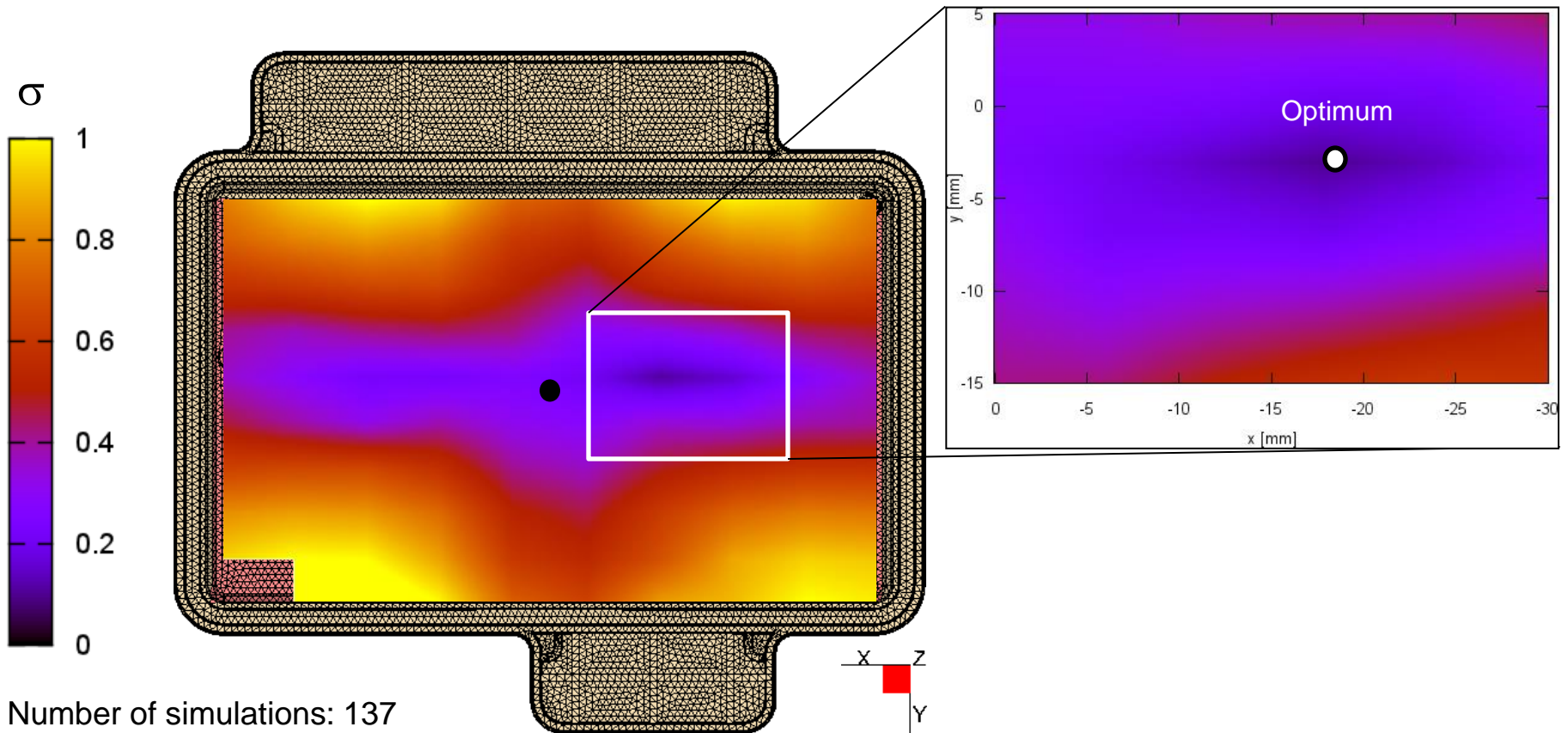
Simulated injection points:



# Example: Two Component Cap

## Optimum injection location

- Dependence of unevenness  $\sigma$  from injection location:

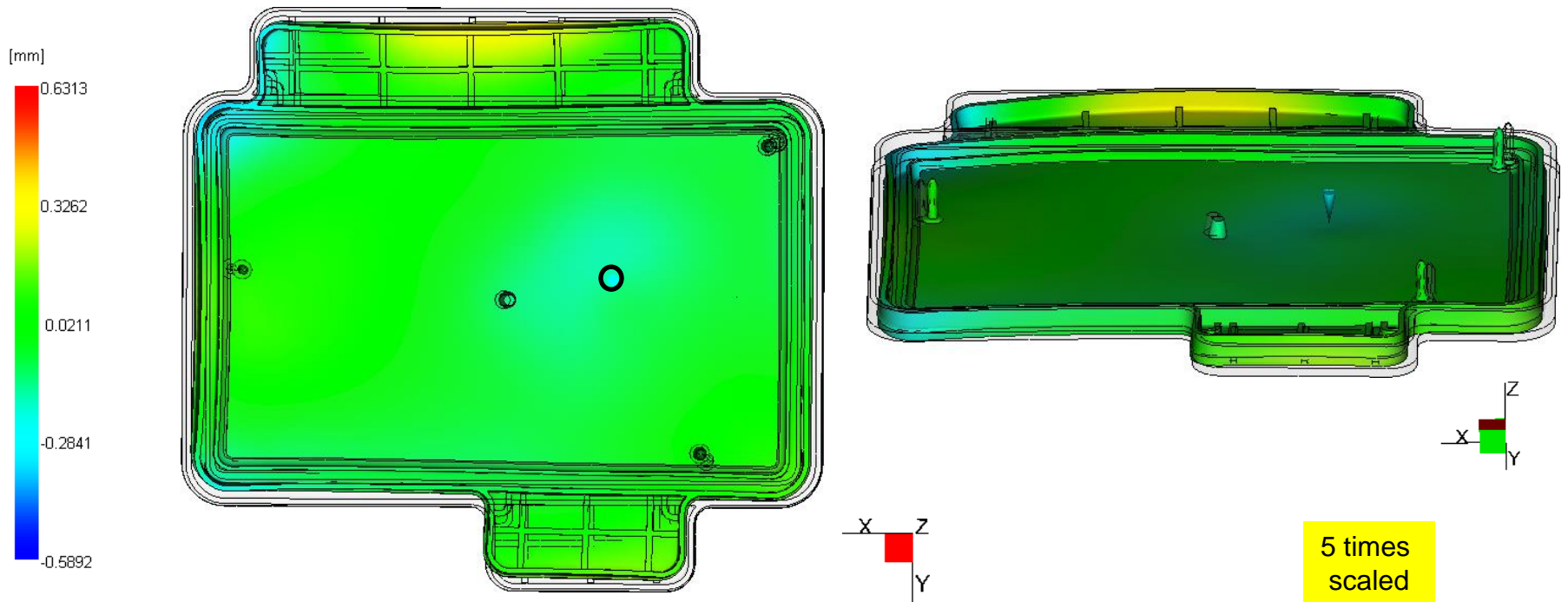




# Example: Two Component Cap

## Warpage optimum injection location

### ■ Warpage in z direction:



Unevenness seal:  $\sigma = 0.097$  mm

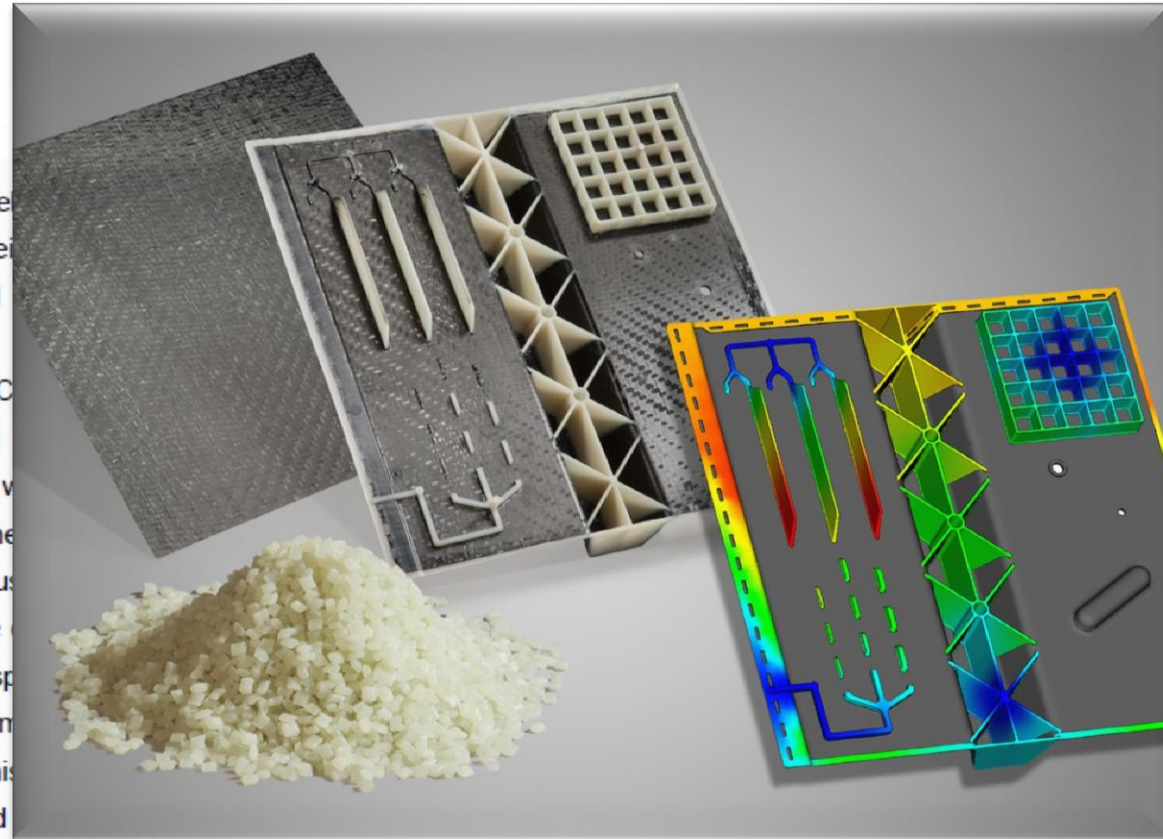
# Outlook

## Continuous Fiber Reinforced Parts

### BASF Ultracom™

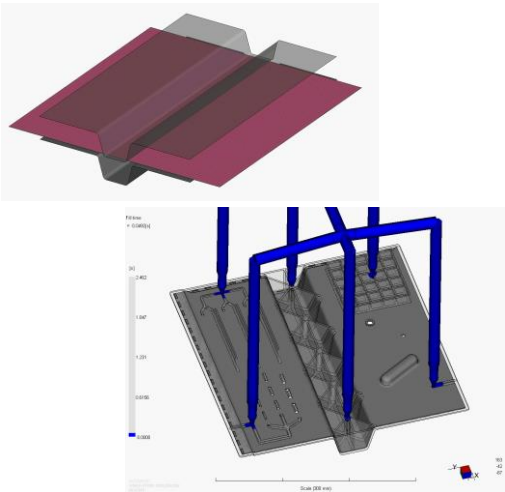
#### Die ersten kommerziellen Ultracom-Pakete

Zur K 2013 wird die BASF die ersten kommerziellen Produktpakete anbieten: Für Kundenprojekte im Bereich Bauteile besteht das Paket aus einem auf Polyamid Ultralaminat™ (oder Ultratape™ für hoch Verstärkungsstrukturen) sowie einem Ultramid G12 COM Glasfaserverstärkung als Umspritzmasse. Bei Anforderungen an die Schlagzähigkeit des Bauteils wird zusammen mit dem Kunden ein auf hohe Energie optimiertes Paket einsetzen. Es besteht ganz analog aus einem Ultramid ZG7 COM. Auch hier existiert eine Tape-Variante für lokale Verstärkungen, beispielsweise Sitzstrukturen, die mit demselben Ultramid COM ZG7 umgesetzt kann. Zunächst wird für die Laminat die bei den technischen bekannte orthotrope Köper-2/2-Struktur sowie Polyamid kommen. Auf der Kunststoffmesse werden die ersten mittels Ultracom umgesetzten seriennahen Bauteile zu sehen sein.

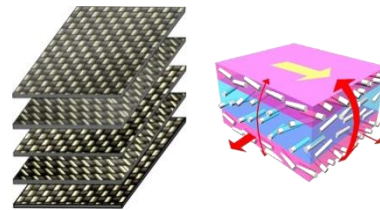


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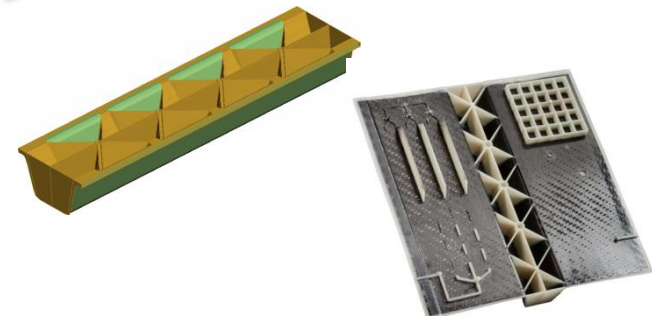


## Measurement



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- Strain-rate sensitive
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- Failure modelling
- Temperature dependent

## Part



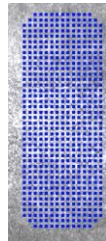
# Ultrasim

## Material modelling for Ultracom

### Material Modelling

#### Mechanical testing

- Tensile Test
  - Angular Variations
- 3 Point Bending
- Puncture Test
- Compression Test
- Sheartests
  - Tensile 45°
  - Shear Frame
- Molding Trials
  - Overmolding
- Draping
  - Picture Frame
  - Part tests

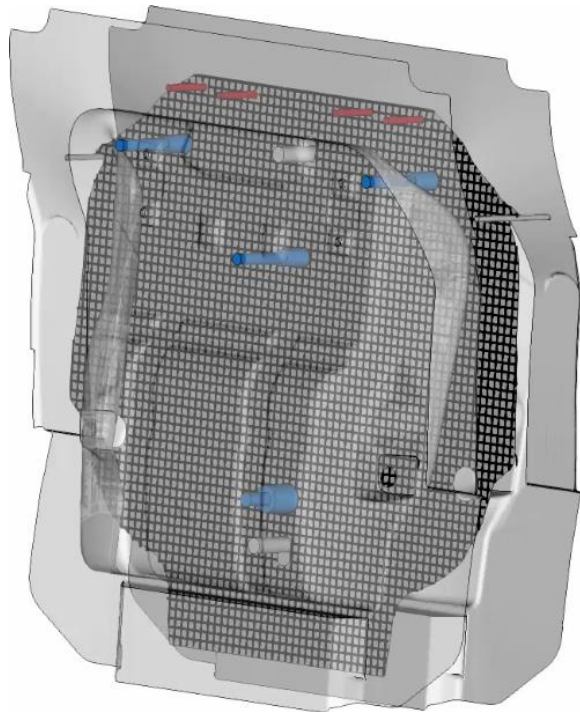


- Orientation
- Strainrate
- Wallthickness
- Humidity
- Temperature

#### Full nonlinear material modelling

- Crash
- Failure
- Degradation

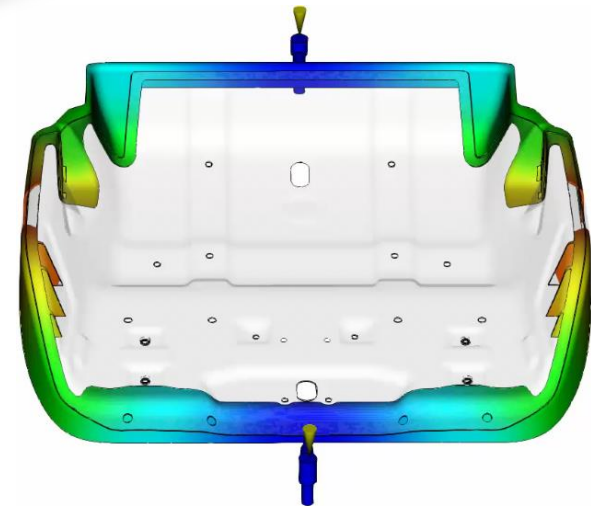
# Example: Astra OPC Seat Draping and Overmolding



Draping



Thermoplastic  
Laminate Insert

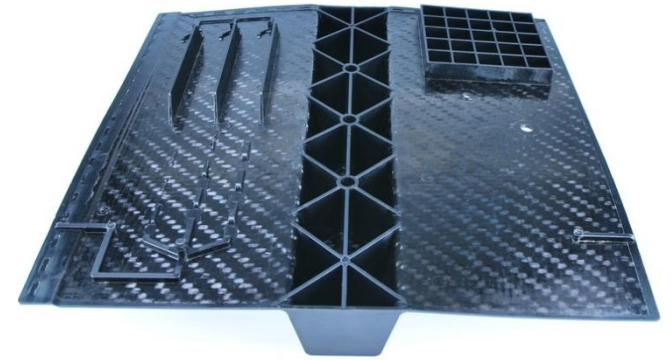
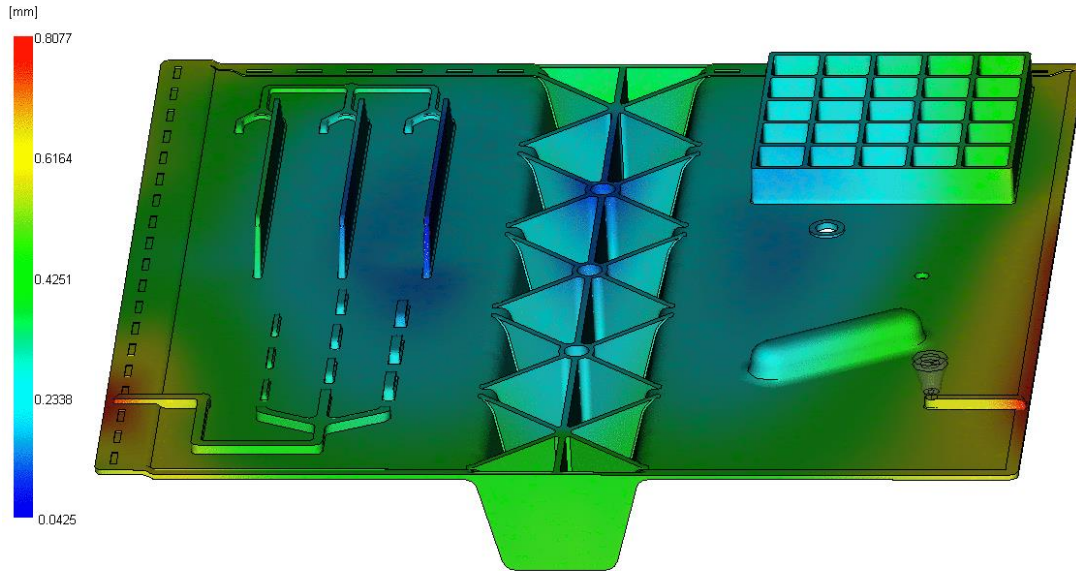


Overmolding

# Warpage

## Shrinkage contribution: Short fiber plus endless fiber

Deflection, all effects: Deflection  
Scale Factor = 0.0000

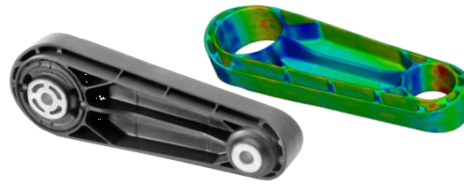


# Serial Applications supported by ULTRASIM®

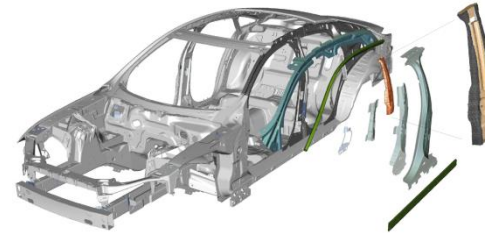
### Engine Mounts



### Torque Stabilizer



### IIHS Side Impact



Aim: control intrusion of B post into cabin

### Structural Stiffeners

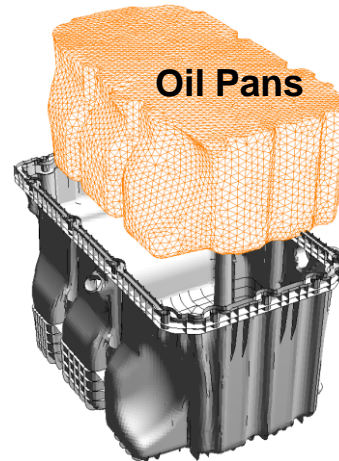


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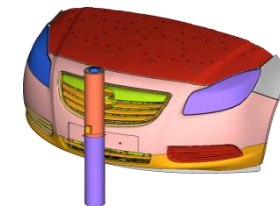
### Transmission Cross Beam



### Oil Pans



### Lower Bumper Stiffeners



- More and more parts are made of anisotropic polymers
- Manufacturing process determines fiber orientation and thus local mechanical properties
- Integrative, holistic view in development is crucial for success
- ULTRASIM<sup>®</sup> approach has been applied for numerous applications
- Integrative Optimization Approach allows simultaneous optimization of process and mechanical characteristics
- LS-Dyna and LS-OPT are important tools for CAE at BASF
- Endless Fiber parts further raise the bar for predictive CAE simulations





The Chemical Company