

Isogeometric Shell Components in Full Vehicle Crash Simulations: Hybrid Modeling

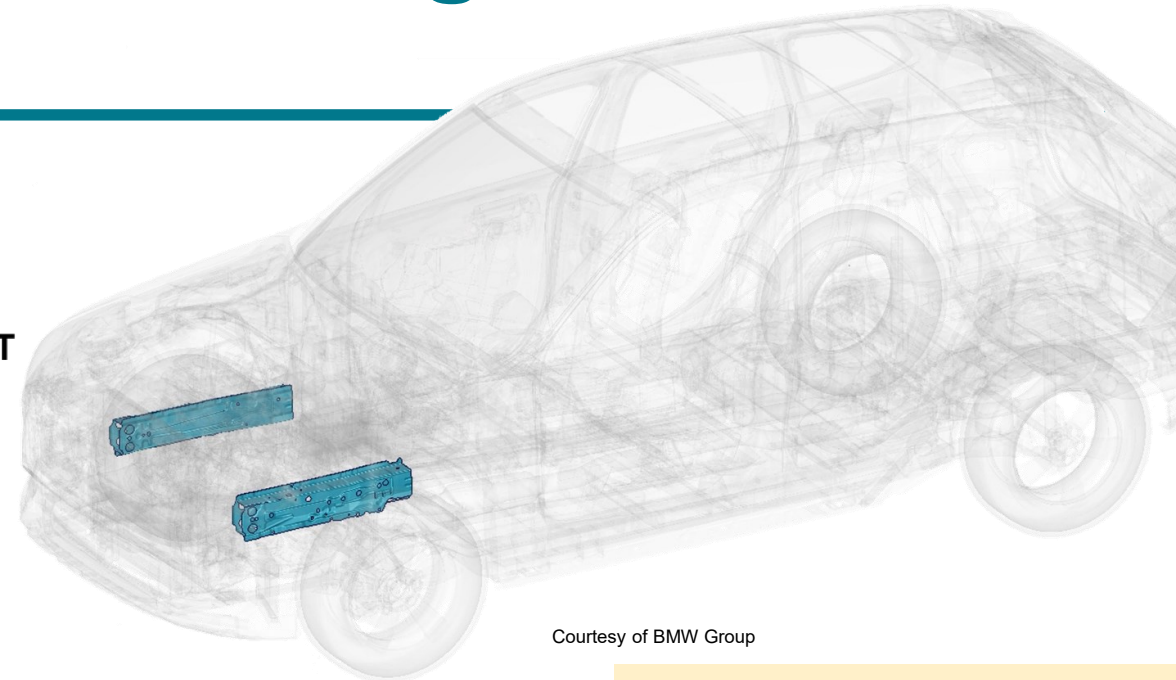
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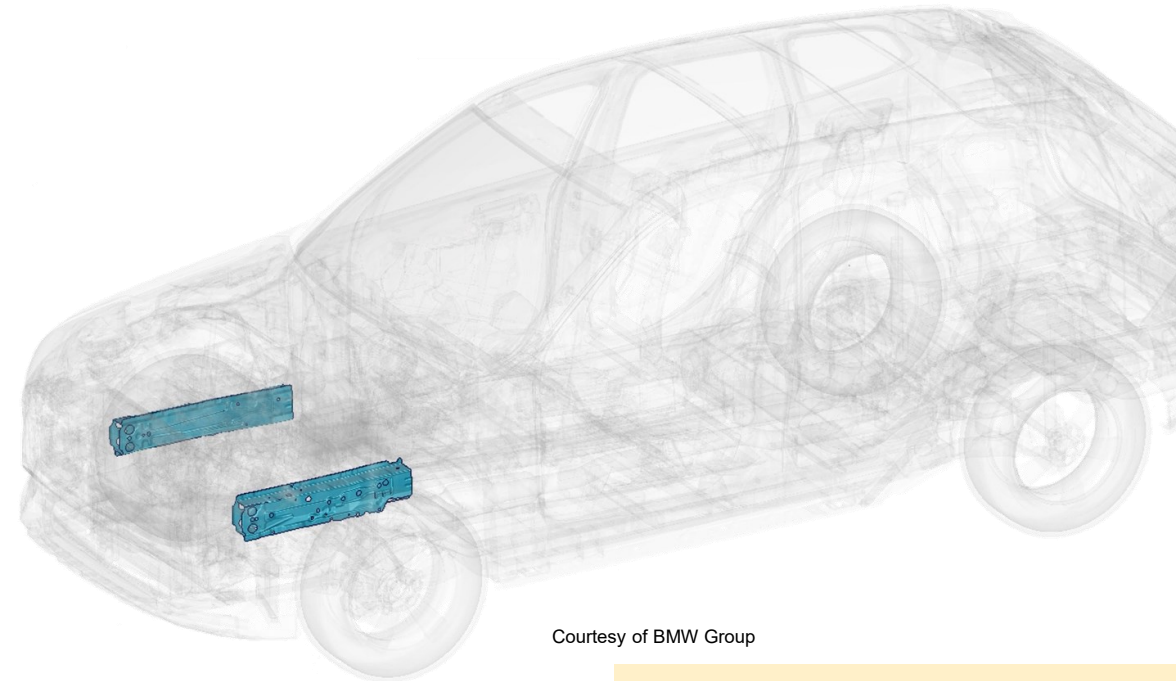
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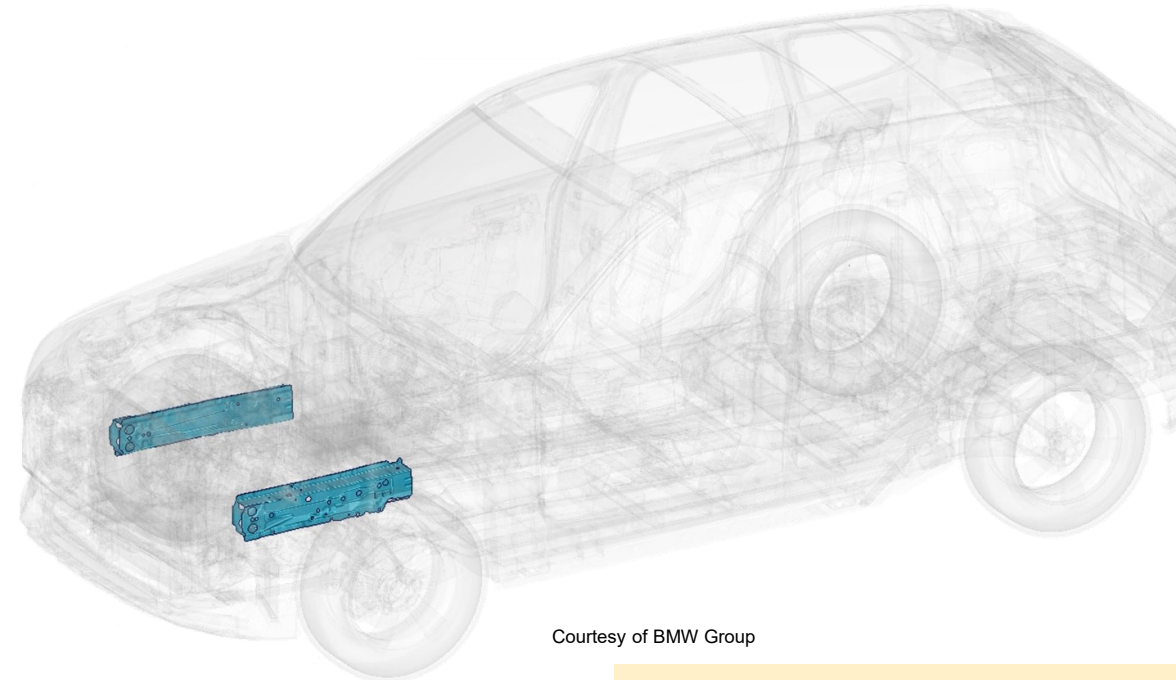
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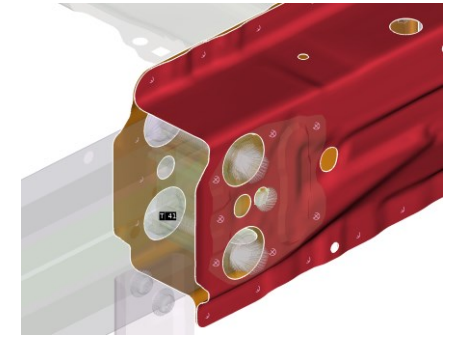
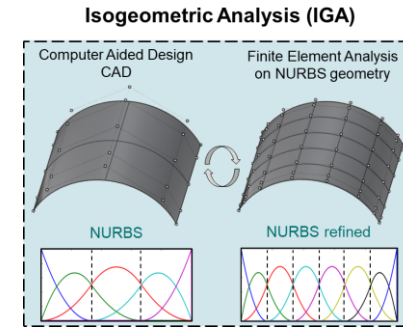


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Why Isogeometric Analysis?

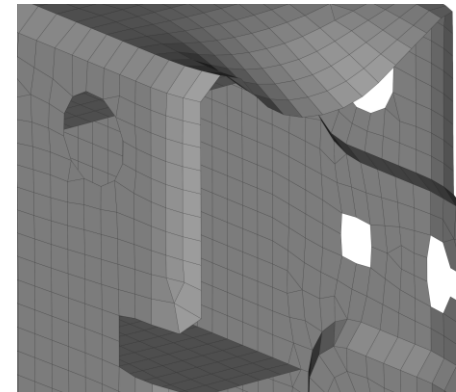
Potential benefits

- **Faster development process** by integrating design and analysis
 - Same NURBS-based geometry description, consistent data structure
 - Mesh-independent modeling (spotwelds, connections, etc.)
- **Higher predictive accuracy** (for similar element size)
 - More accurate geometry description: Consider details neglected with standard FEA
 - Higher-order AND higher-continuity basis
 - Smooth solution field
 - Capture deformation modes correctly
- **Increased efficiency**
 - Larger element size and fewer DOFs (for similar accuracy)
 - Larger time step size in explicit dynamics (for similar element size, C^{p-1} continuity and interior elements)

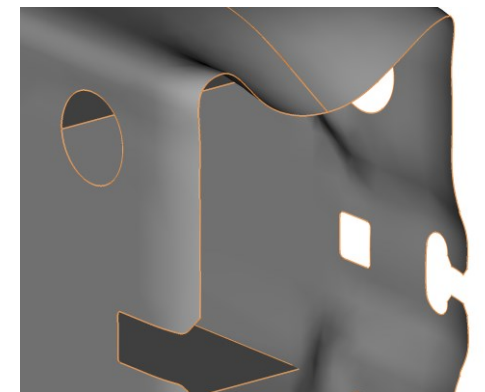


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Linear FEA



IGA



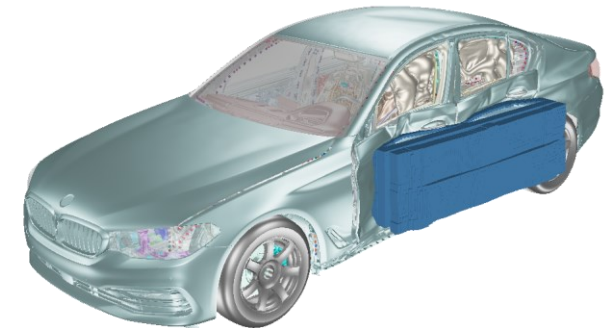
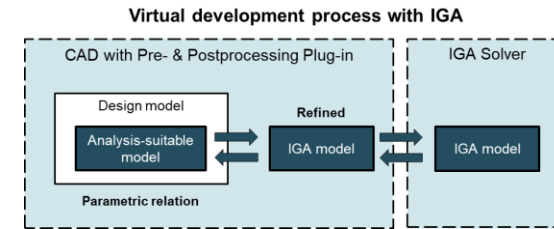
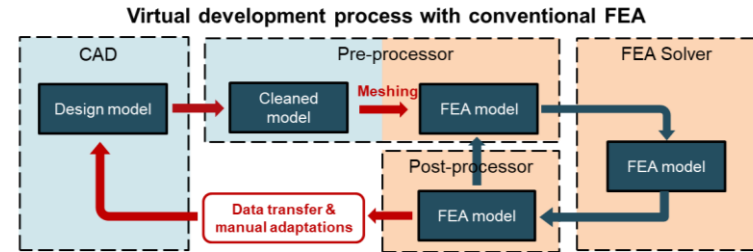
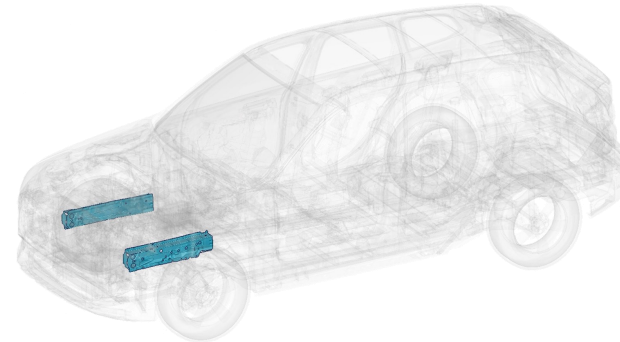
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Why Hybrid IGA/FEA Models?

- Long-established and optimized development processes for FEA
- All-encompassing IGA process: Requires fundamental changes and mind shift

1. Impossible to change entire process at once
2. Pure isogeometric vehicle model not yet possible

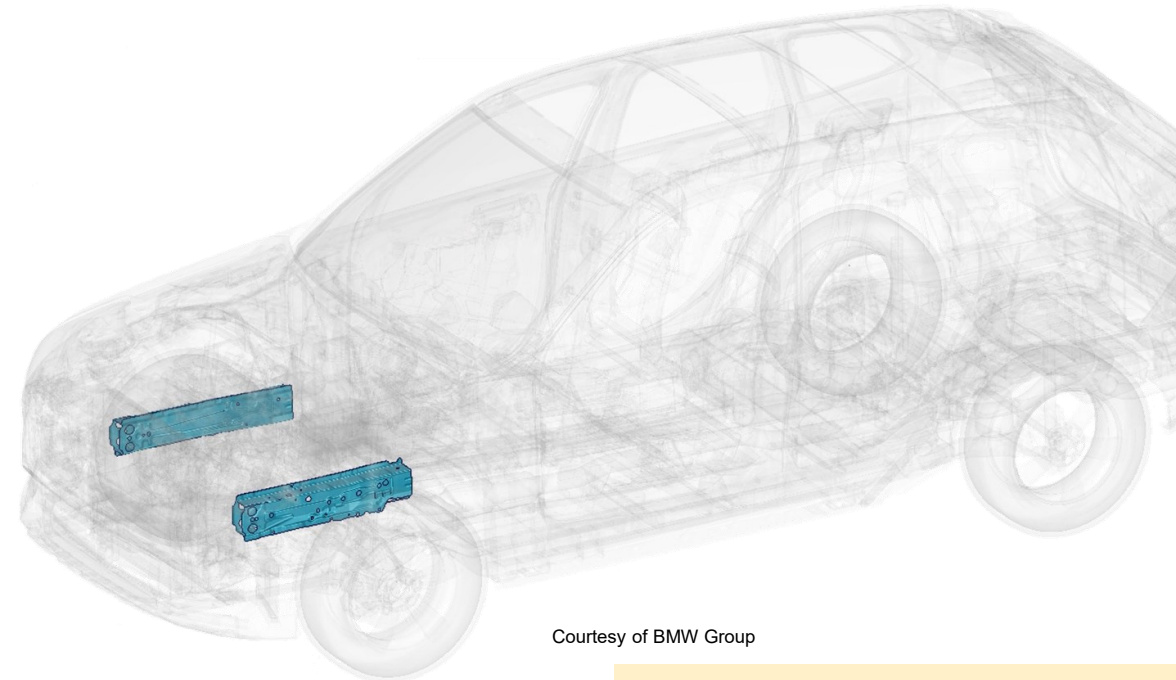
- Start with small changes: Replace certain components
- Make changing to IGA as simple as changing the element formulation
- Build trust in the technology
- Demonstrate specific benefits



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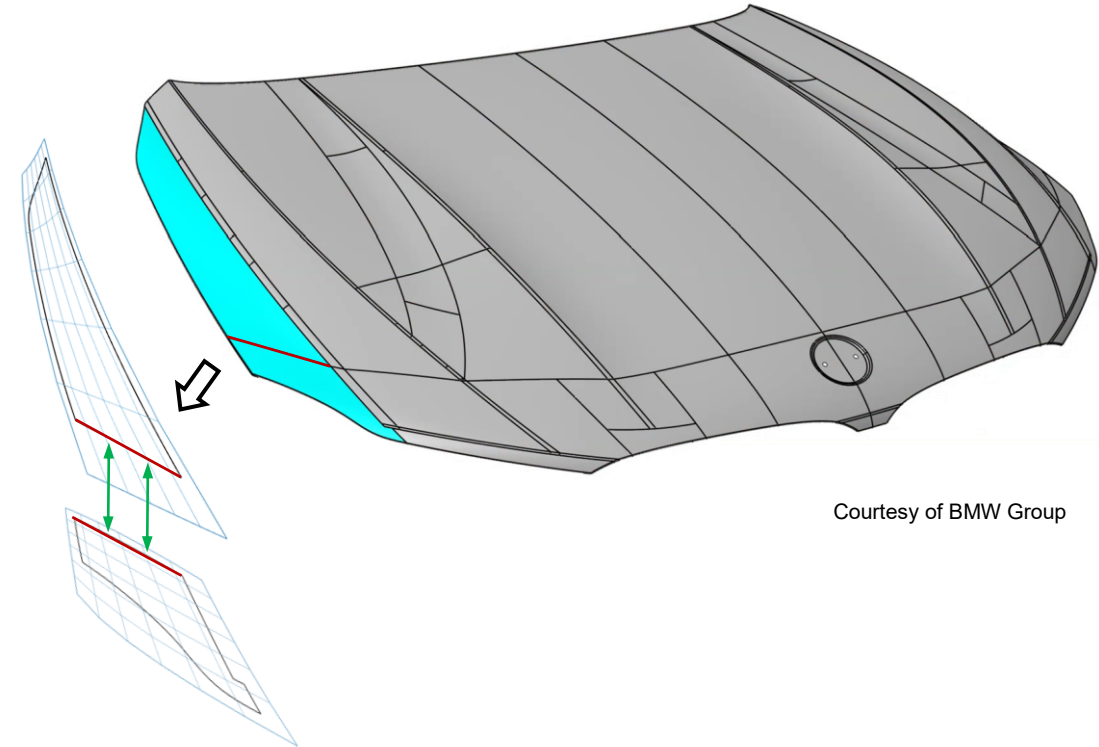
LS-DYNA Capabilities

1. Processing of CAD data: **Geometry** + **Topology** + **Analysis** information

→ CAD-inspired ***IGA** keyword family

*IGA Keywords for Geometry and Topology	
*IGA_1D_NURBS_UVW	NID NR PR RKi U V W WGT
*IGA_EDGE_UVW	EID EXYZID NID
*IGA_EDGE_XYZ	EID NID PSID
*IGA_1D_BREP	BRID EIDi
*IGA_2D_NURBS_XYZ	NID NR NS PR PS RKi SKi X Y Z WGT
*IGA_FACE_XYZ	FID NID ORI PSID ESID BRIDi

*IGA_SHELL	SID PID NISR NISS
*PART	PID SECID MID
*SECTION_IGA_SHELL	SECID ELFORM SHRF NIP IRL
*MAT_ELASTIC	MID RO E PR

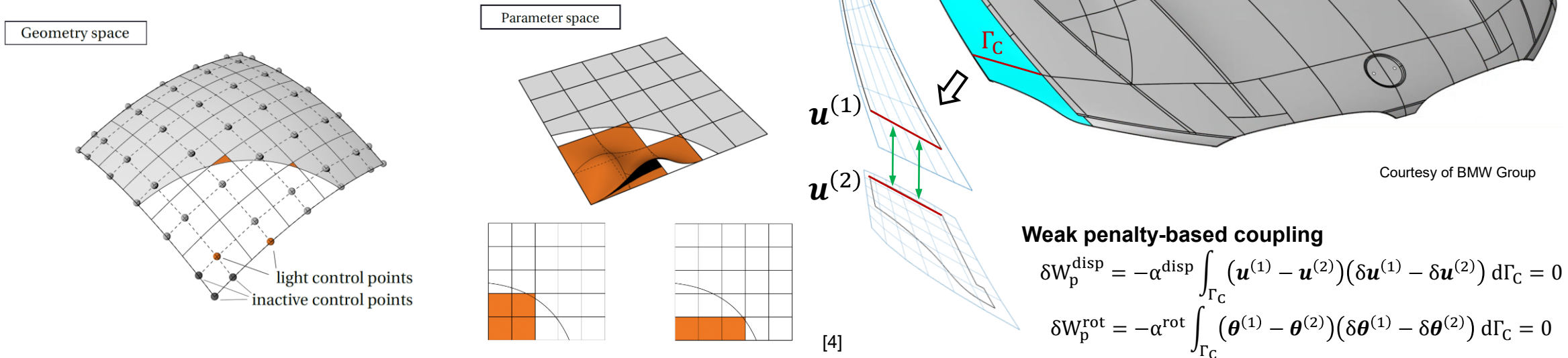


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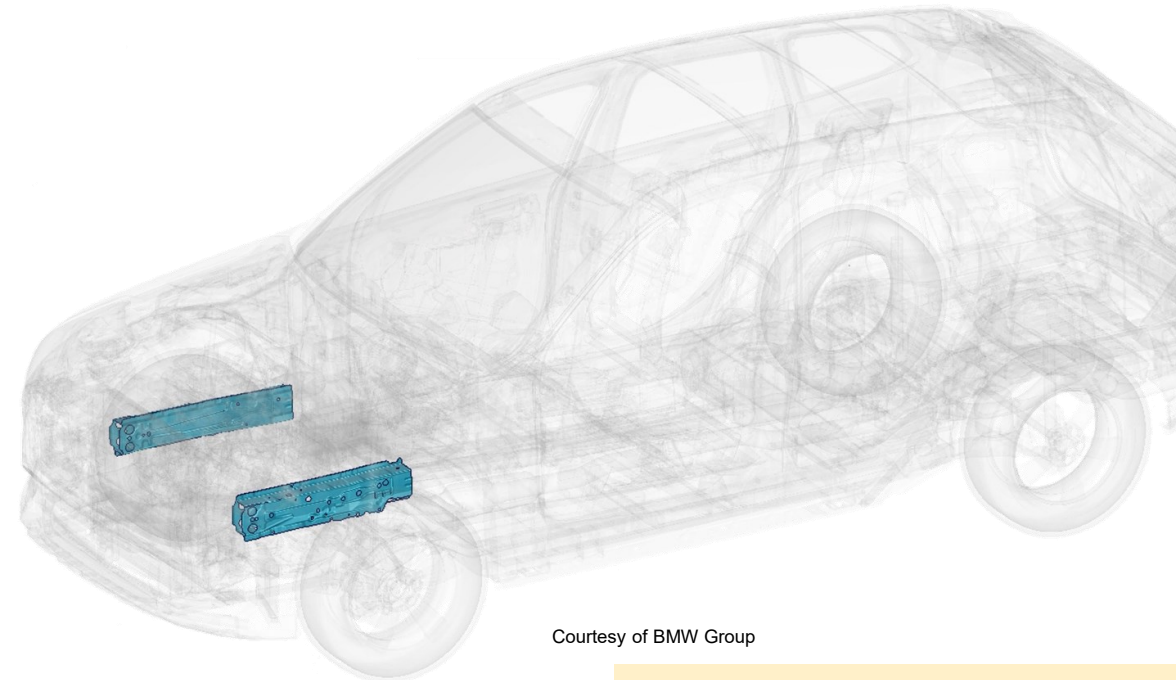
1. Processing of CAD data: Geometry + Topology + Analysis information
2. Numerical integration of trimmed NURBS elements [1]
3. Application of coupling and boundary conditions [2,3,4]
4. Stabilization of small trimmed elements [4]



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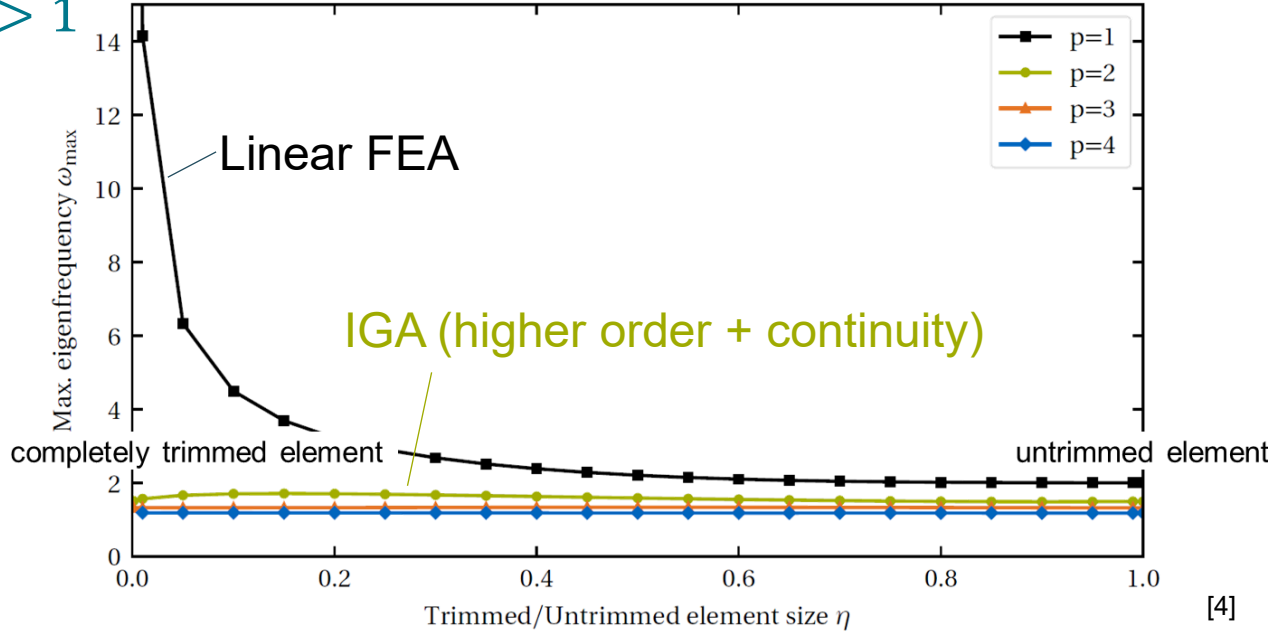
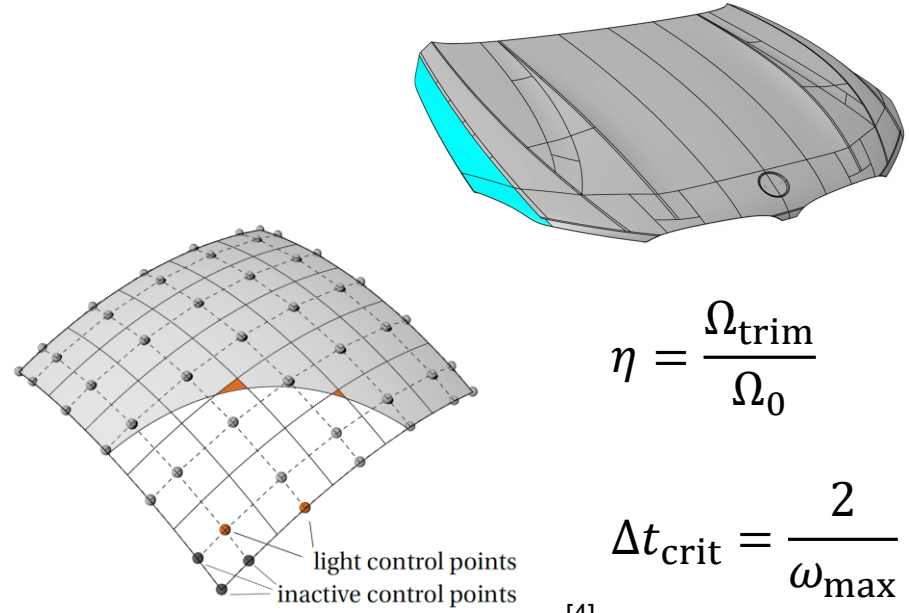
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Analysis Capabilities for Explicit Dynamic Crash



Time Step Size, Time Step Estimation, Mass Scaling

- Effect of trimmed element size on time step size?
 → Practically, no effect for IGA with C^{p-1} and $p > 1$



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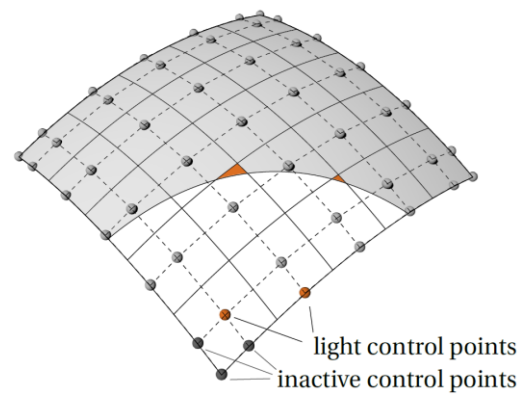
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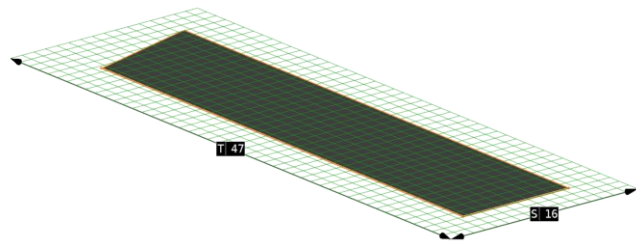
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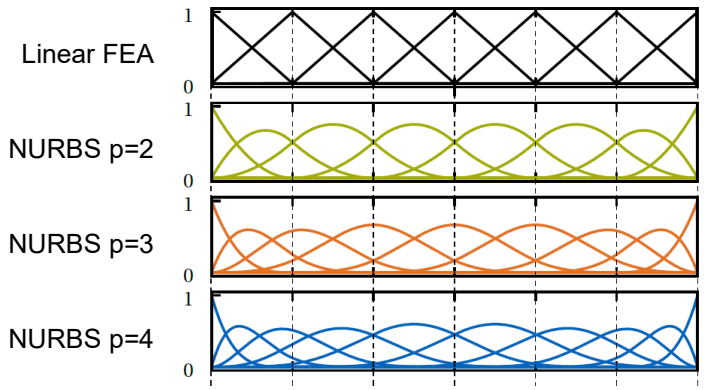
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Bar models
Basis functions



ω_{max}^e

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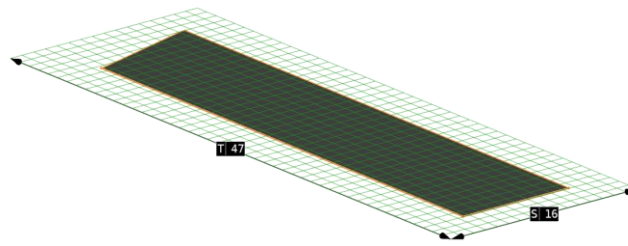


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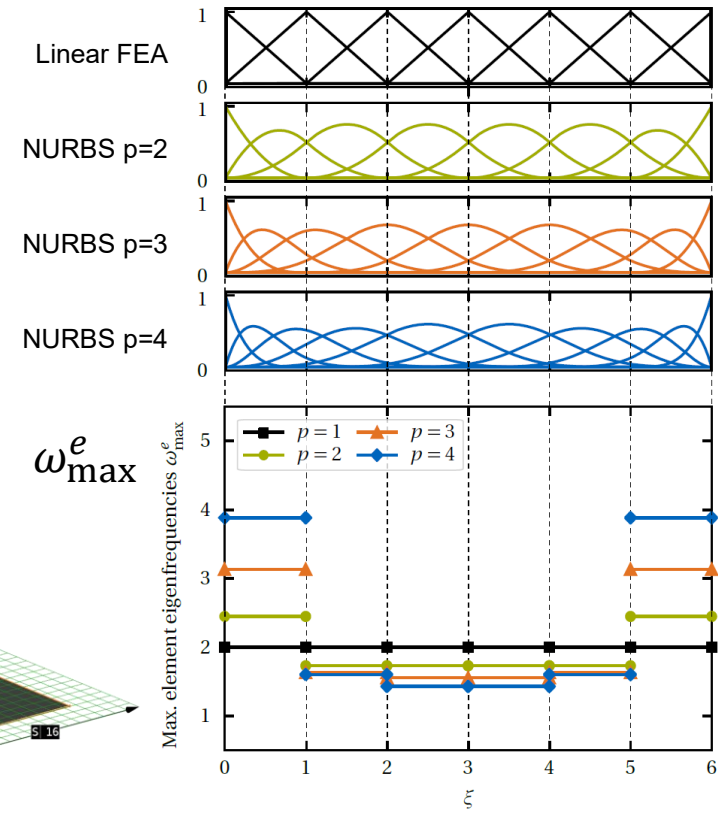
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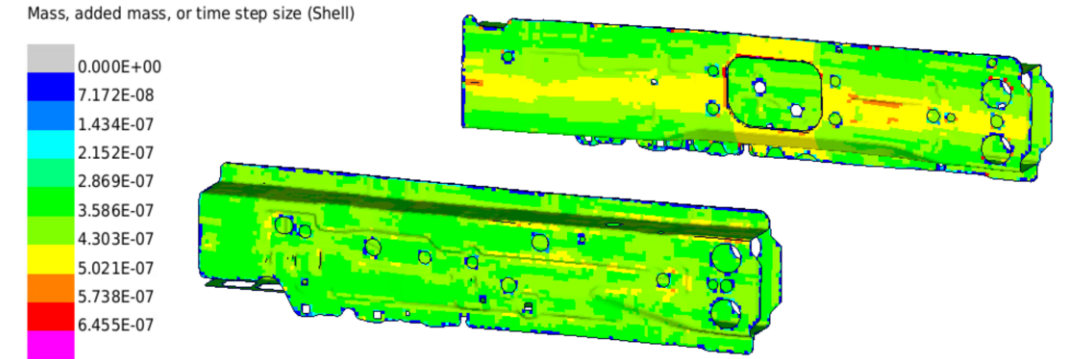


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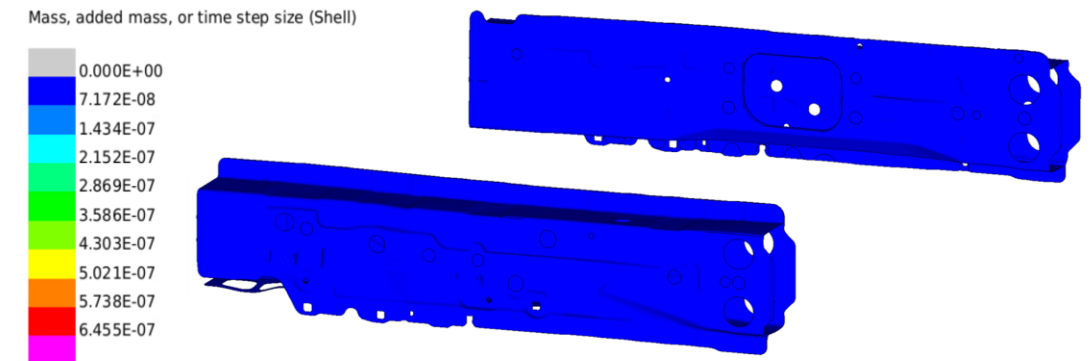
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→ Account for continuity
- Mass scaling for predefined time step
→ Significant scaling for FEA with same mesh size

IGA time step estimate **not accounting** for continuity:
→ Significant mass scaling



IGA time step **accounting** for continuity:
→ No mass scaling



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Analysis Capabilities for Explicit Dynamic Crash



Plasticity, Damage and Failure

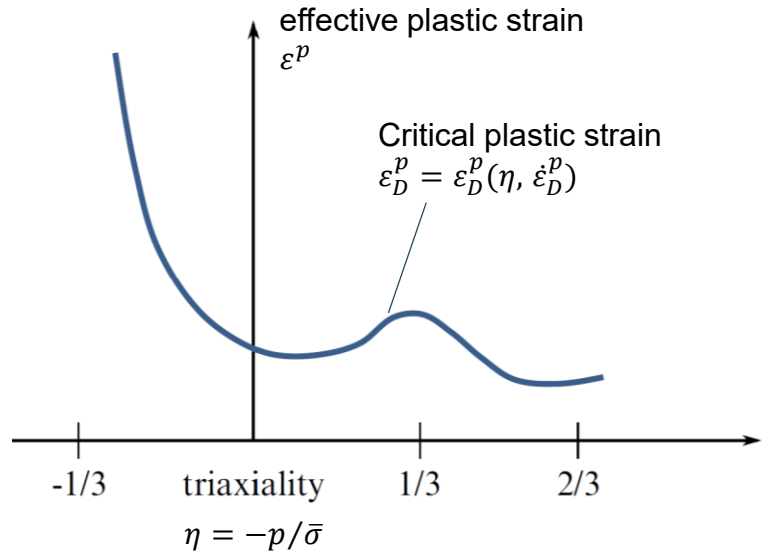
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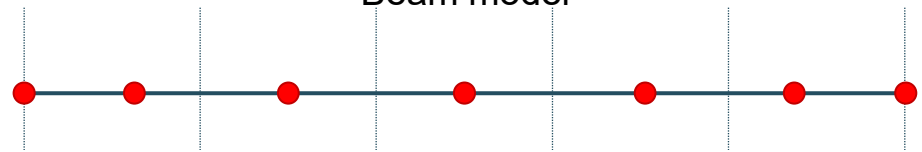
Damage variable

Control points

Forming Limit Curve (FLC)



Beam model



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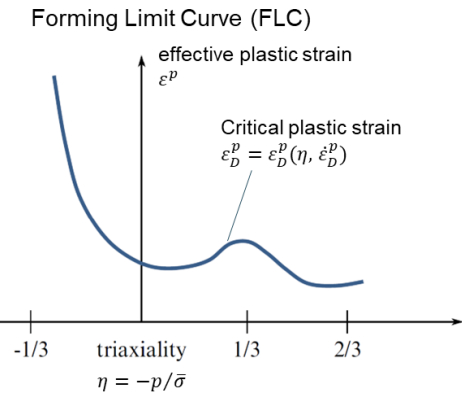
- Crack modeling

- So far: simple element deletion

- Discontinuity? → “Cross-talk”!

- Delete p elements for discontinuity

- More sophisticated crack modeling to be developed



Damage variable

$N_{i,2}(\xi)$

Control points

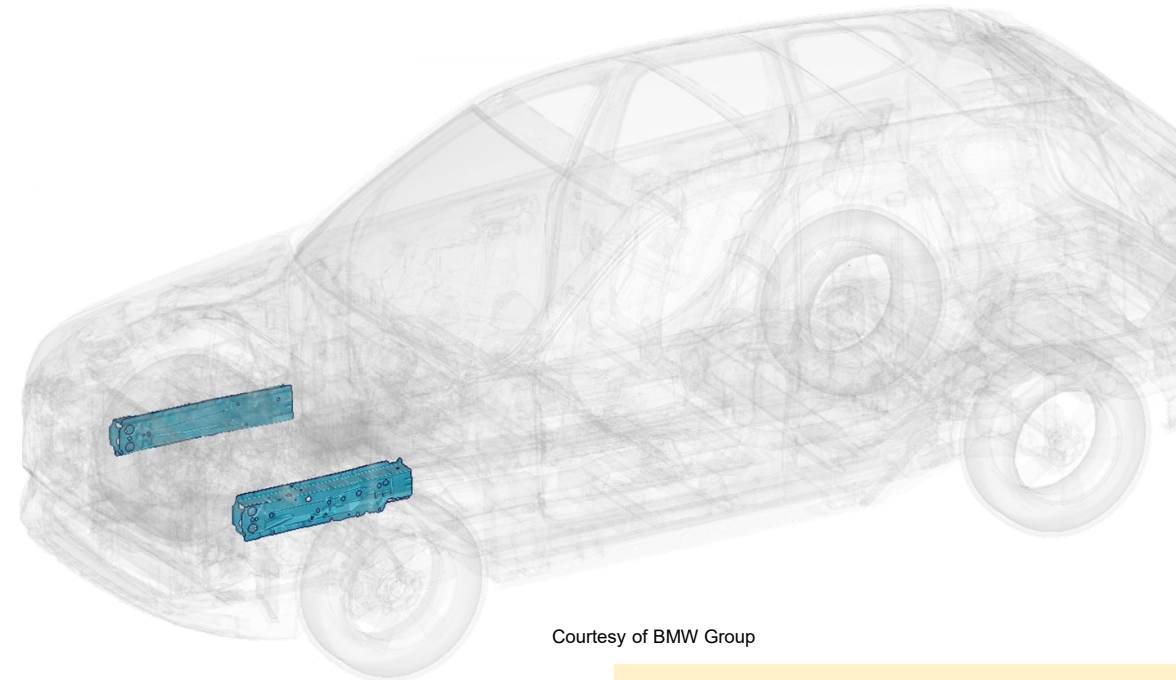
Integration points

Layer 1
+h/2
Layer 2
Layer 3
-h/2

Element 1 Element 2 Element 3 Element 4 Element 5

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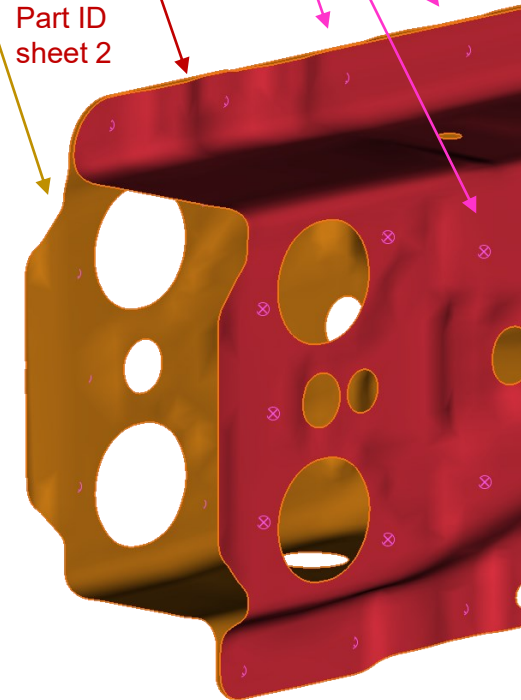
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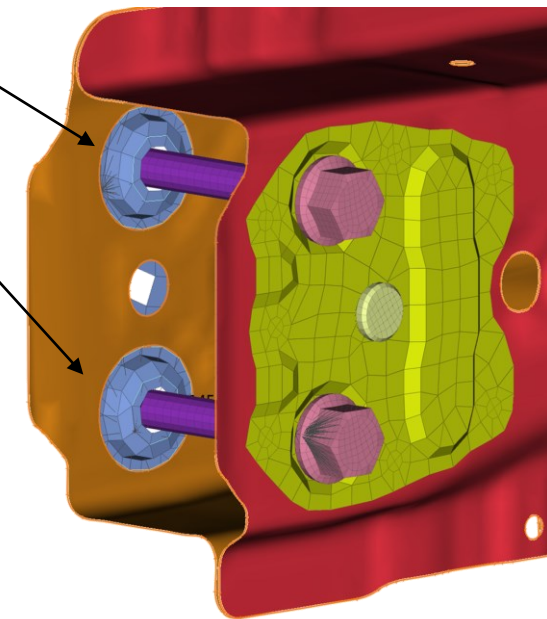
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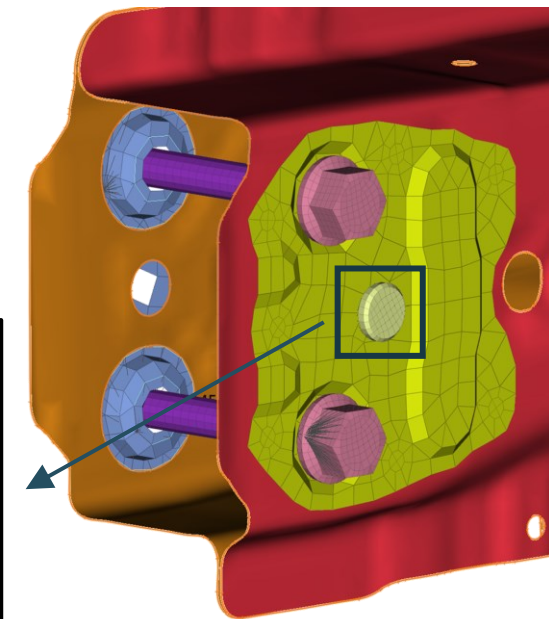
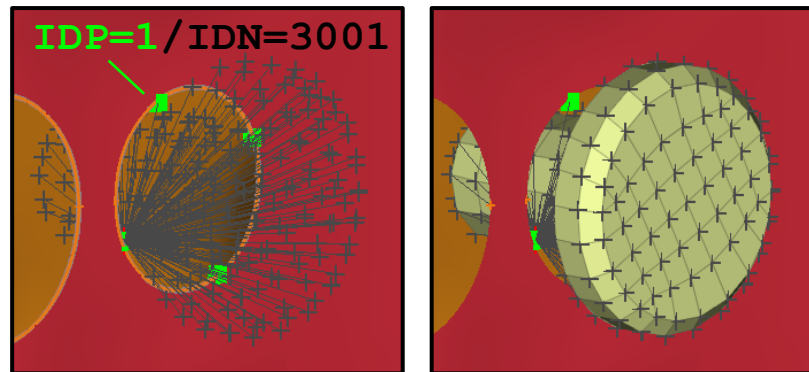
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- Attach existing rigid bodies (pins and bolts)
 - “Glue” FE nodes of ***CNRB** to IGA shells using
 - ***IGA_POINT_UVW**

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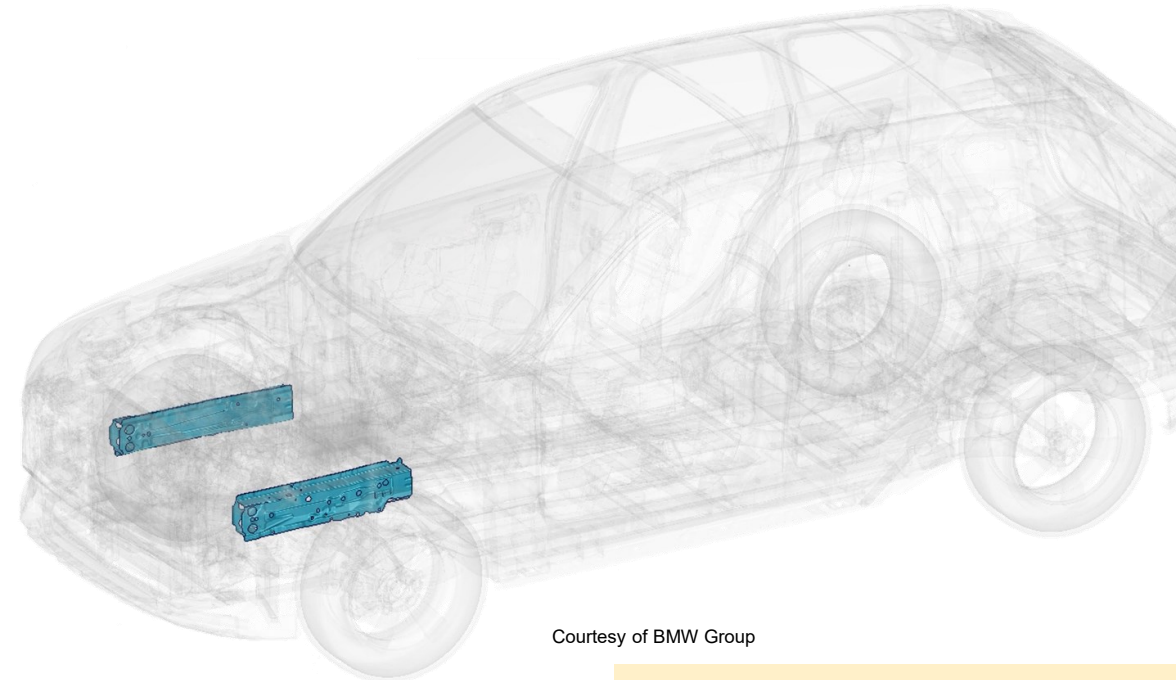
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Process-Specific Capabilities

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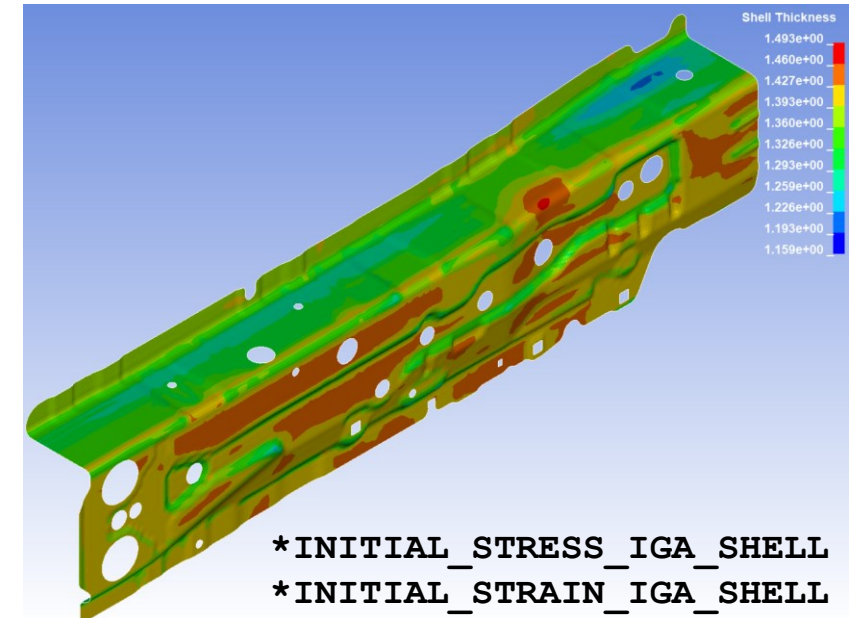
- Initialization with material history data (e.g. from forming simulations)

- **Current approach**

- External mapping from dynain file using DYNAmore 
- Difficulty: IGA integration point location for trimmed elements
- `*INITIAL_STRESS/STRAIN_IGA_SHELL`

- **Possible future approach**

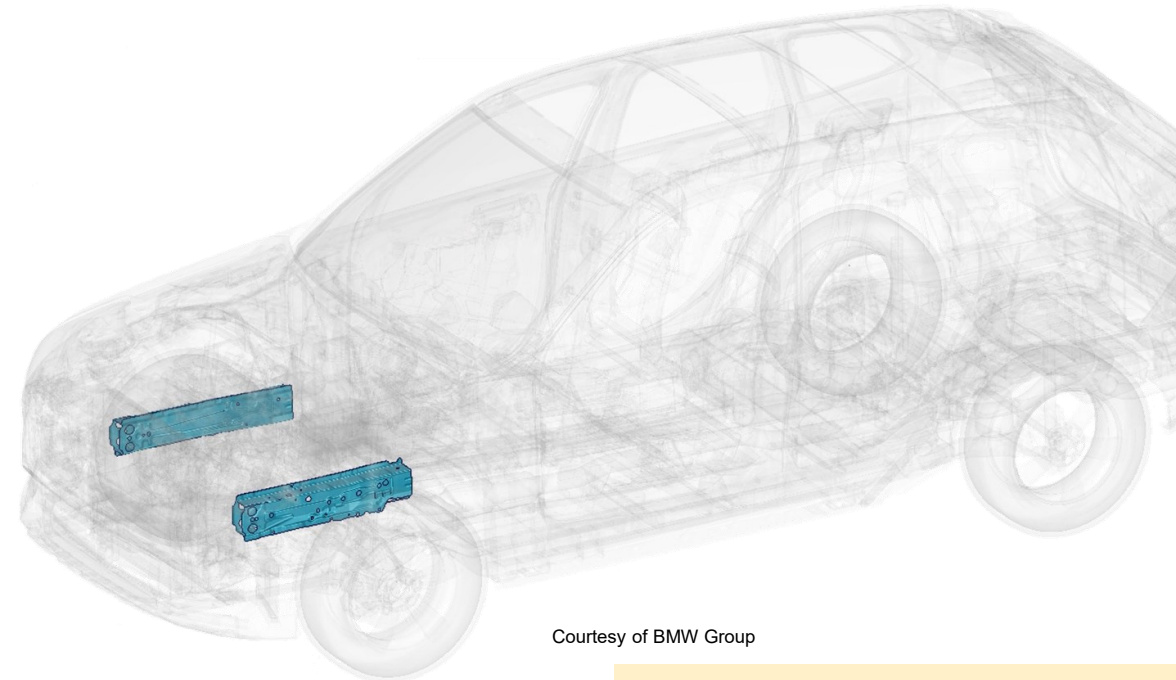
- Internal mapping in LS-DYNA
- Spatial point cloud + field data for history variables



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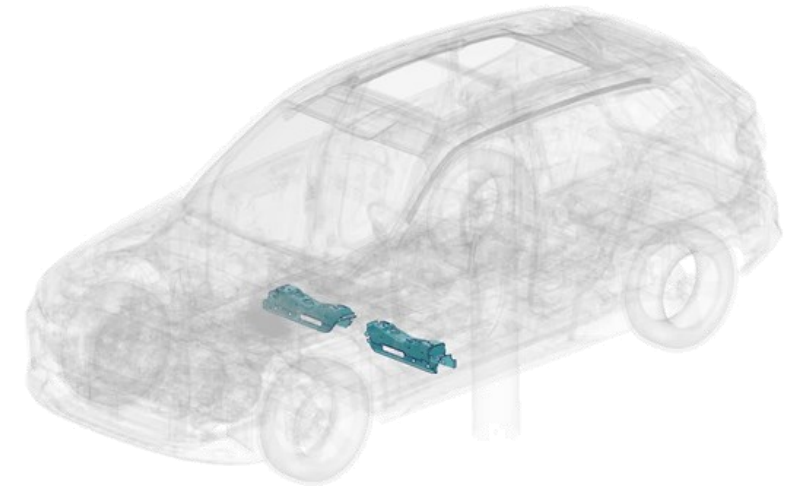
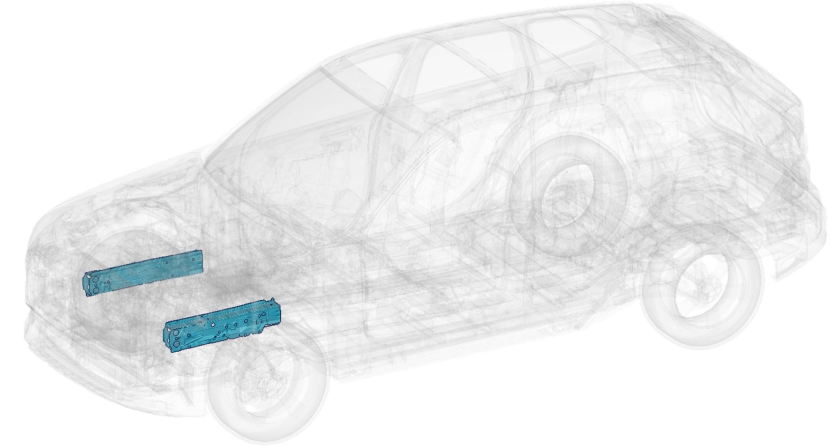


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Examples: Hybrid Vehicle Crash Simulations

Overview

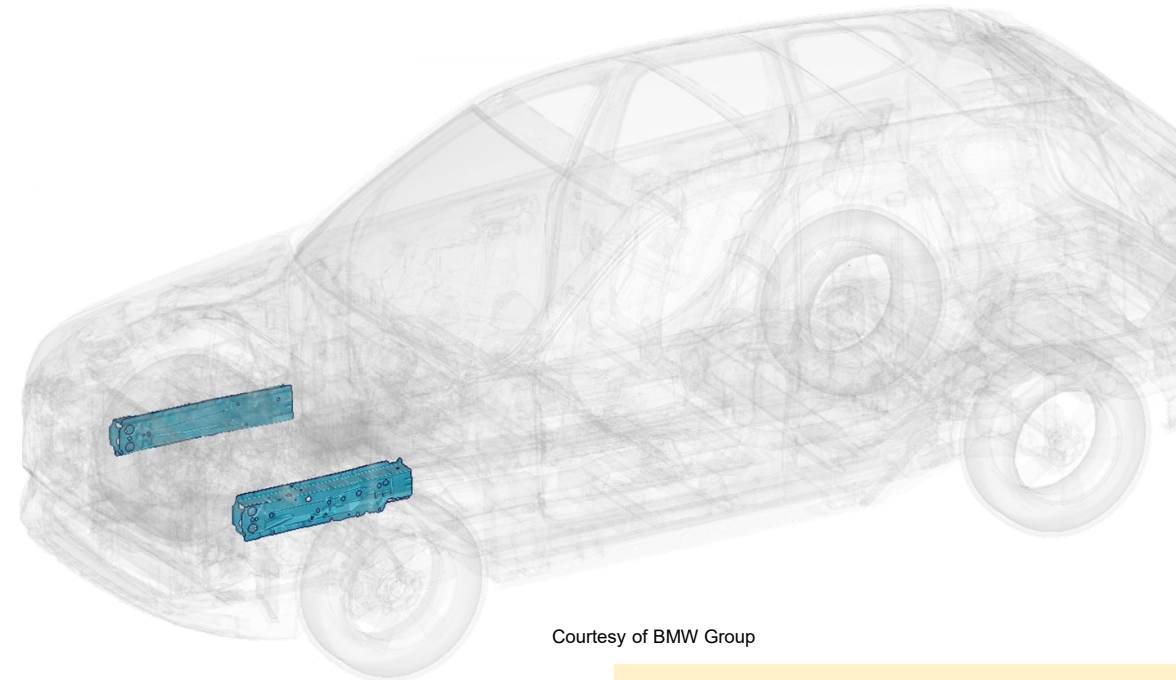
- Conventional FEA vehicle model
 - Replace certain components with IGA shells
- One-to-one component exchange without further modifications
- Semi-automatic IGA model generation with ANSA
- IGA settings:
 - Cubic NURBS-based Reissner-Mindlin shell
 - 4mm average element length
 - Reduced Gauss integration (3x3 integration points)
 - New time step estimate → practically no mass scaling for IGA shells
 - Plasticity, damage and failure considered



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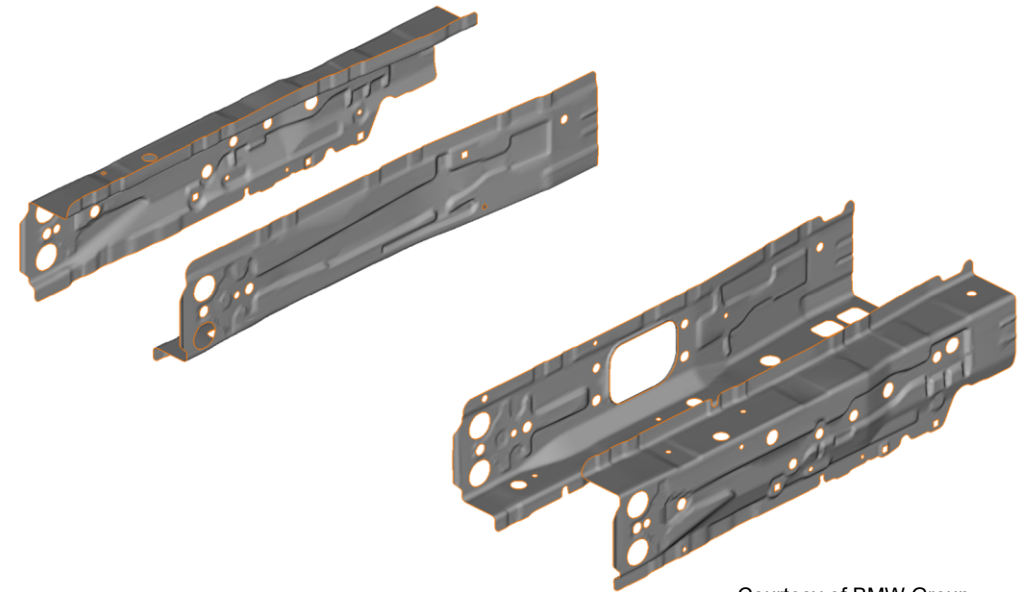
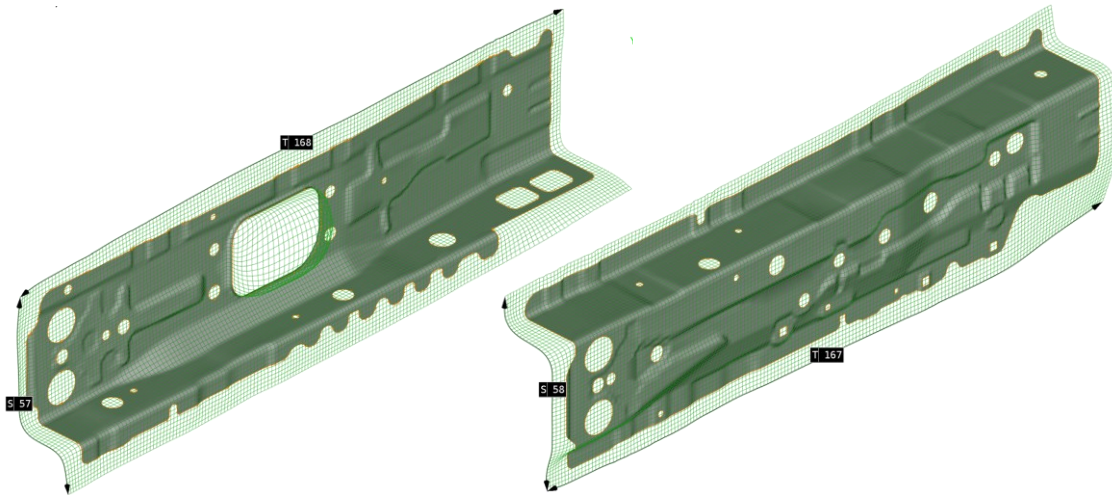
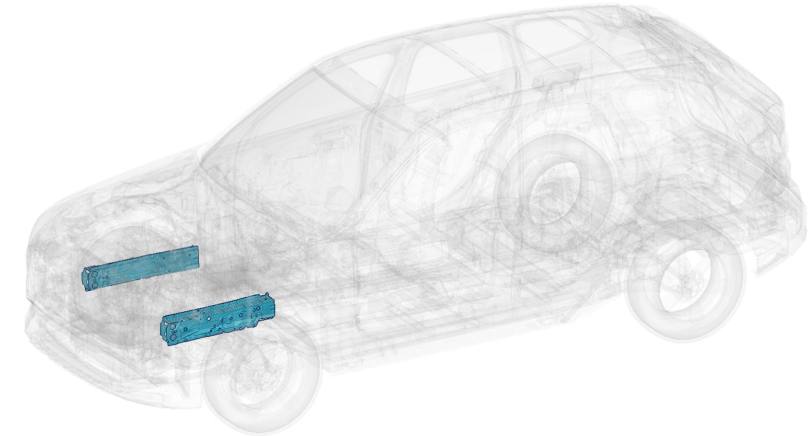
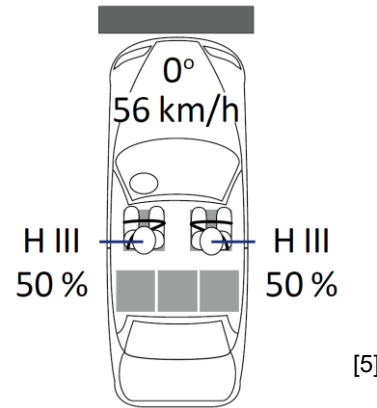


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Examples: Hybrid Vehicle Crash Simulations

Front Crash: Car Against Rigid Wall

- Hybrid model with IGA longitudinal members
 - Two trimmed single-patch shells each side
 - Connected via spotwelds + bolts
 - ~5.5M elements
- Full width frontal impact



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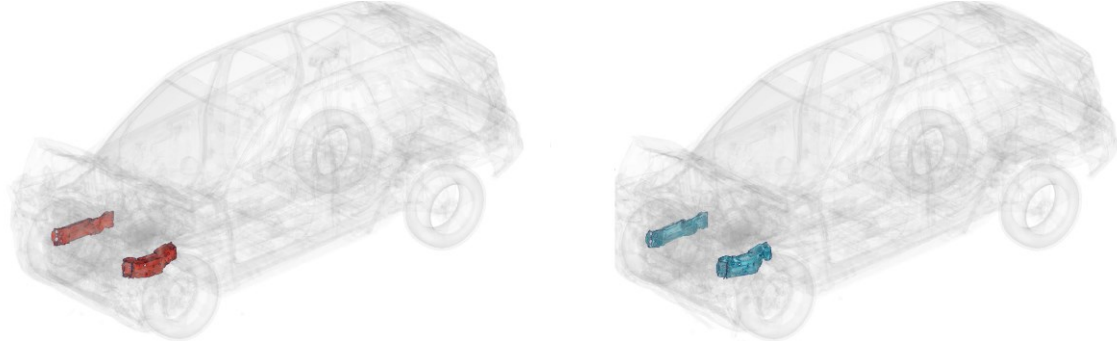
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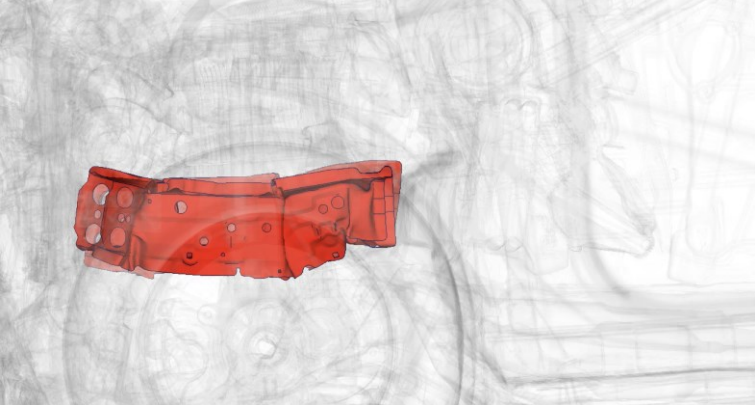
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- Pure FEA vs. Hybrid IGA/FEA model

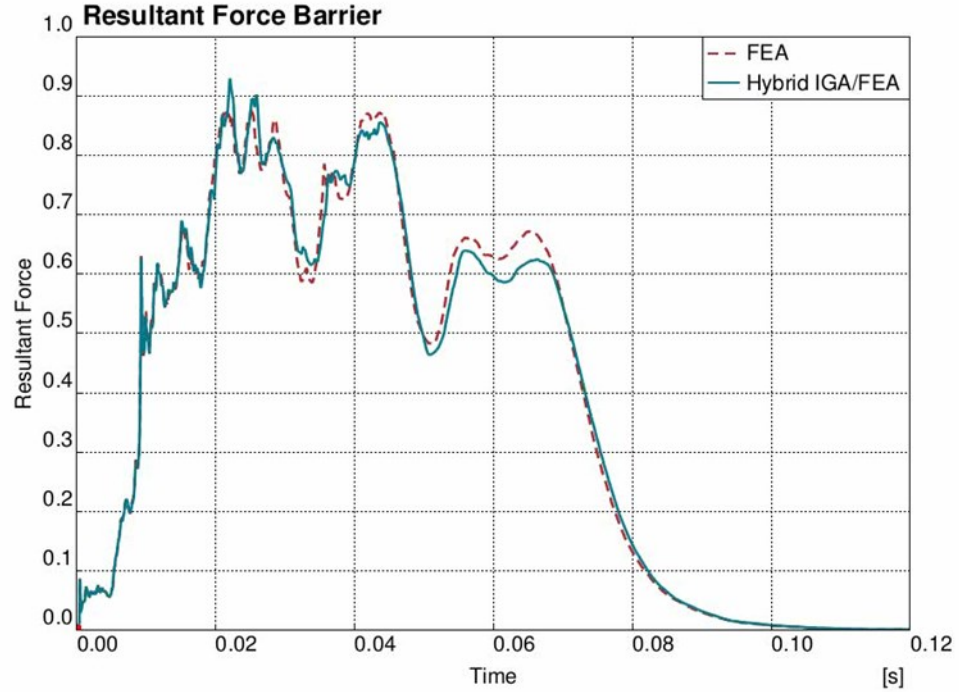
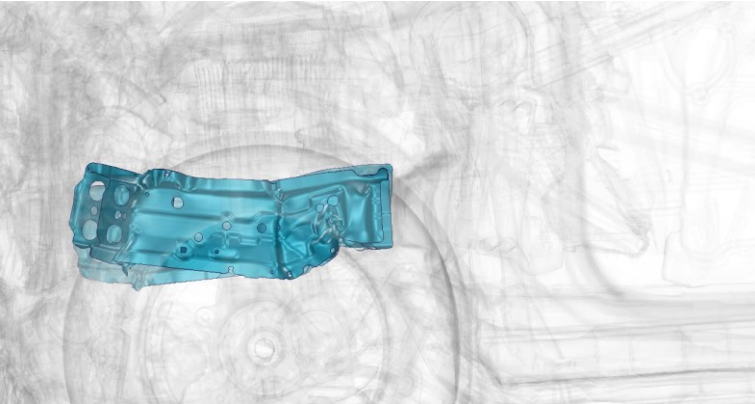
Side view



FEA



Hybrid IGA/FEA



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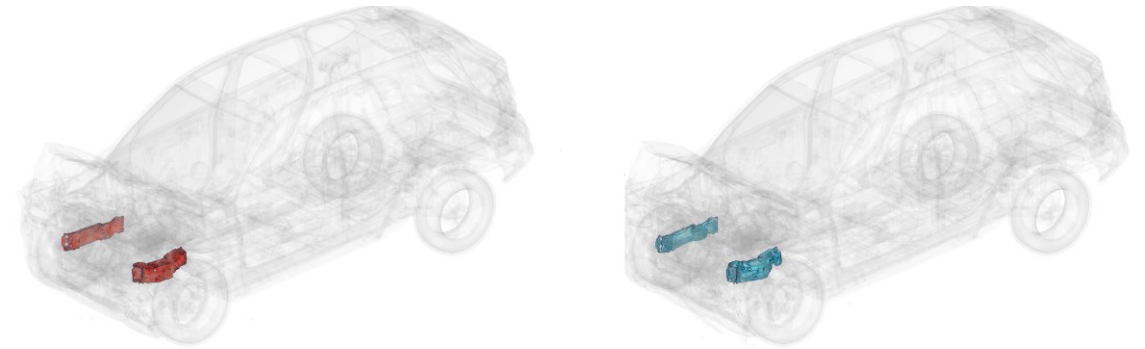
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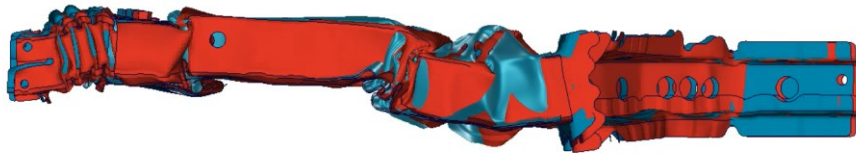
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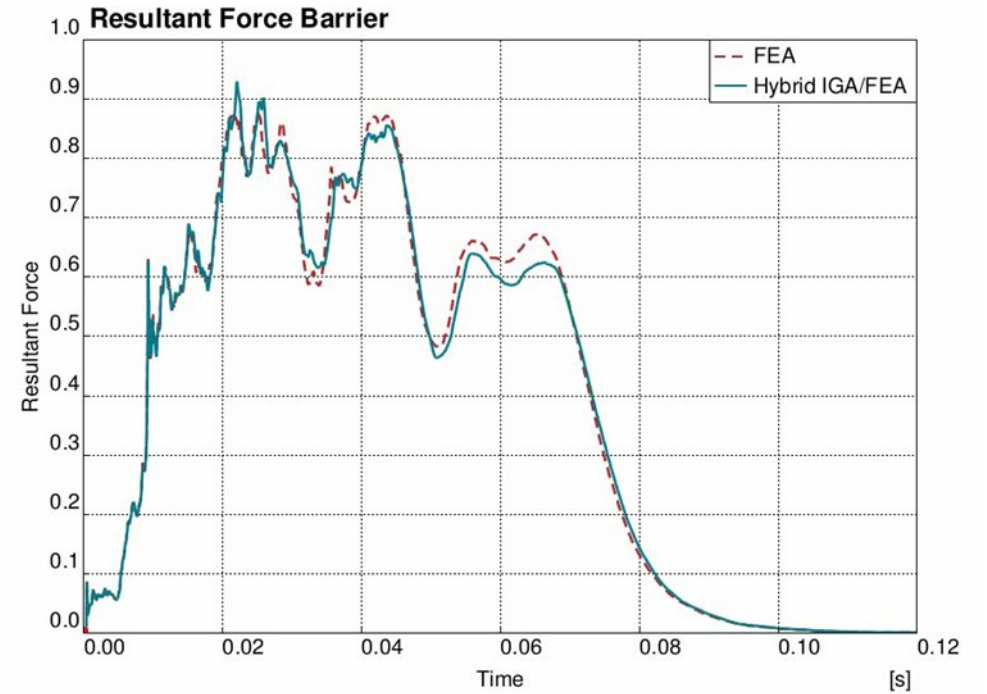
Top view (overlay)



Right load path



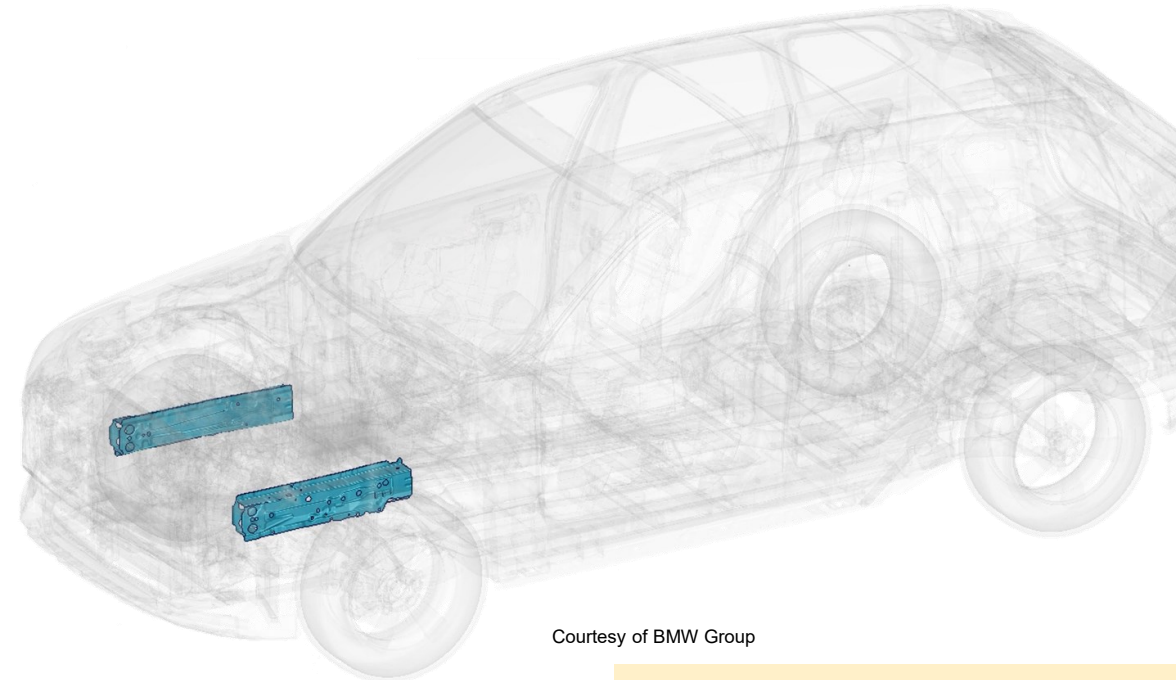
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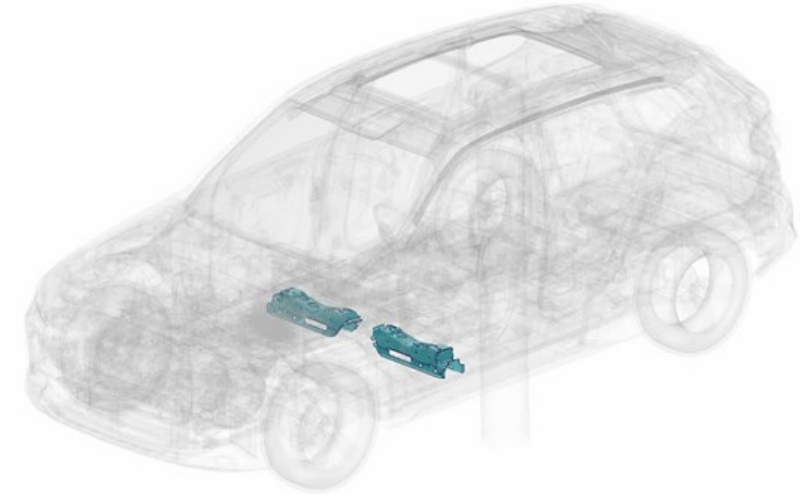
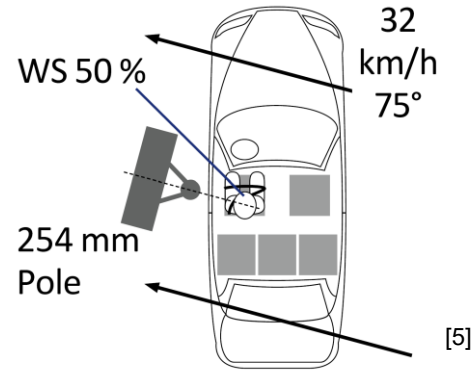


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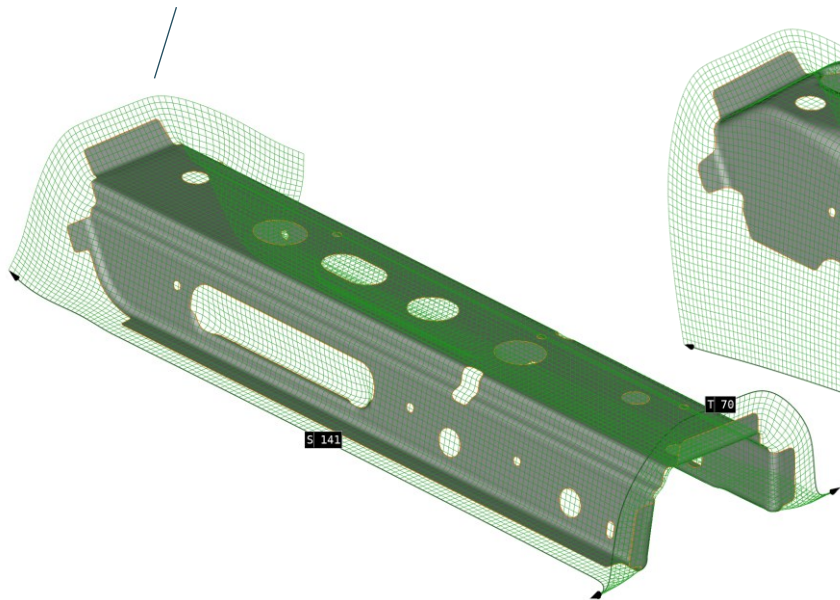
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Side Crash: Car Against Rigid Pole

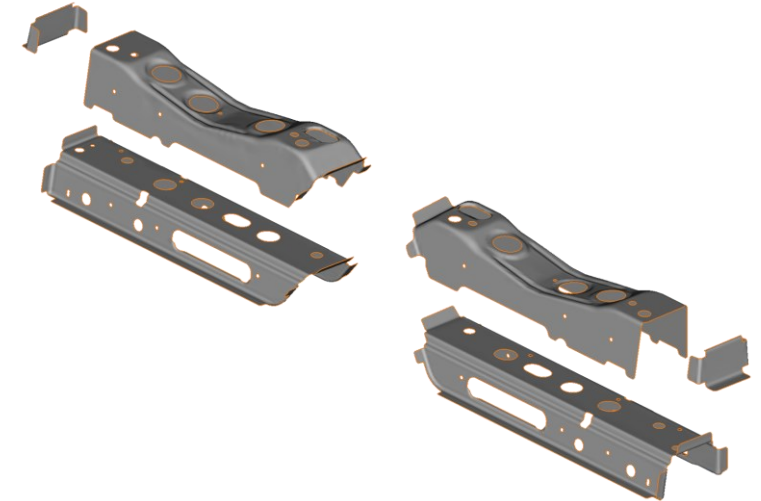
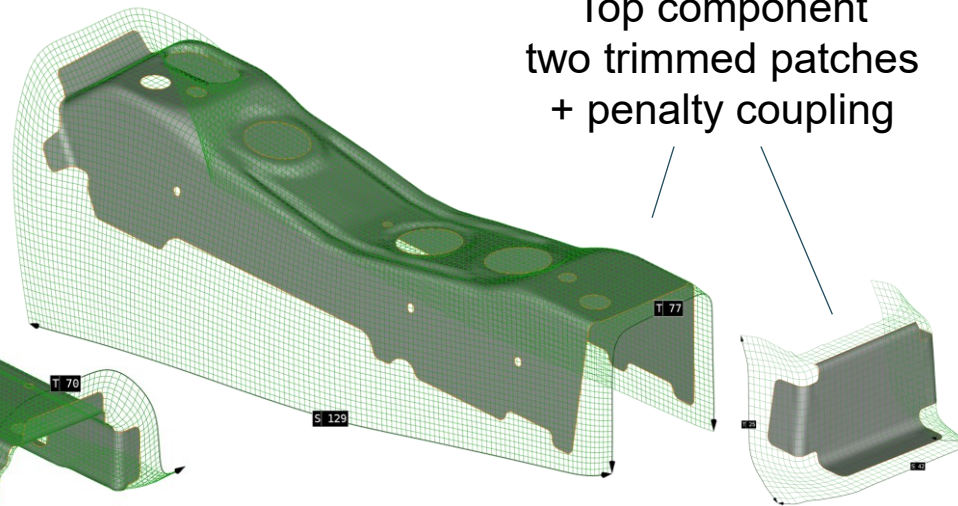
- Hybrid model with IGA seat cross-members
 - Basis + top component
 - Spotweld and bolt connections
 - Including dummy + airbags (~9M elements)



Basis component
single trimmed patch



Top component
two trimmed patches
+ penalty coupling



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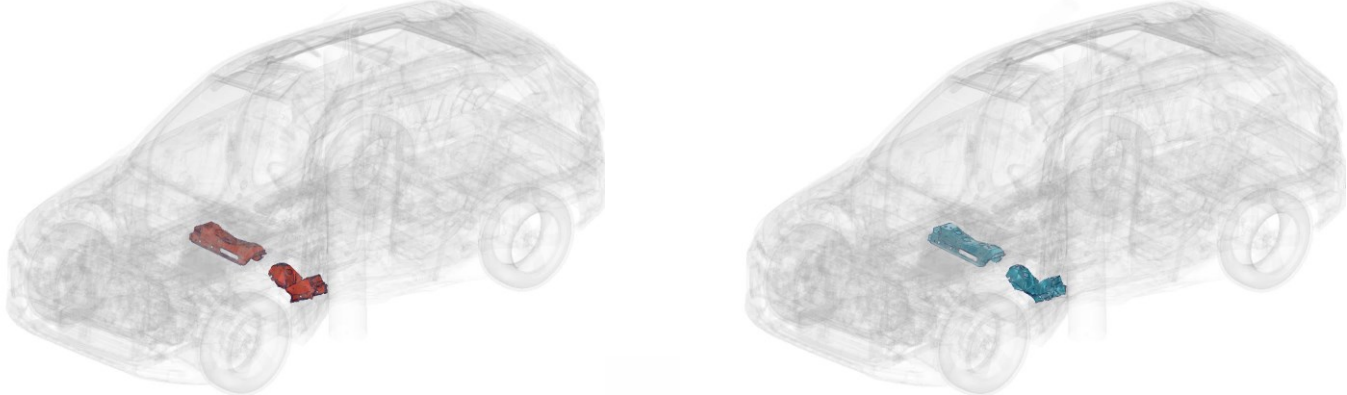
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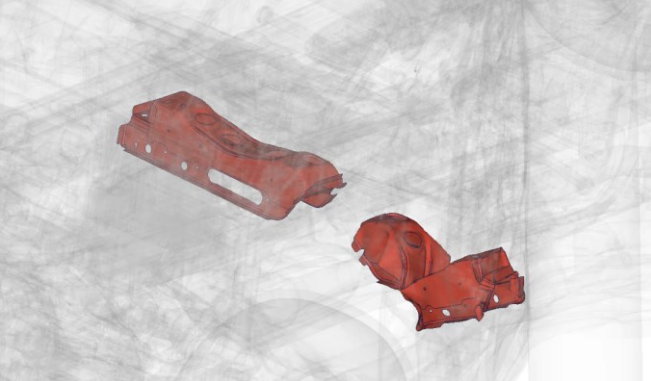
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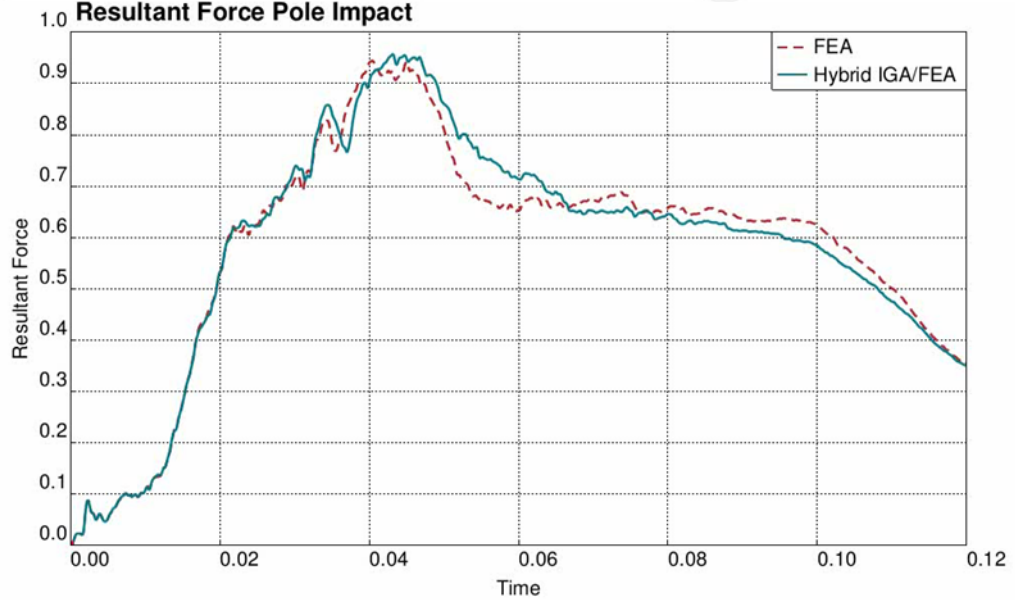
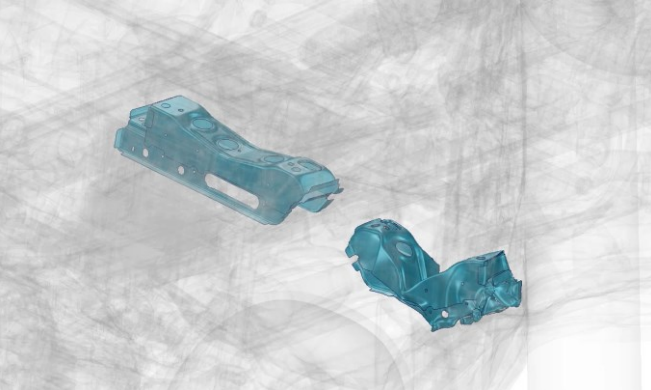
Oblique view



FEA



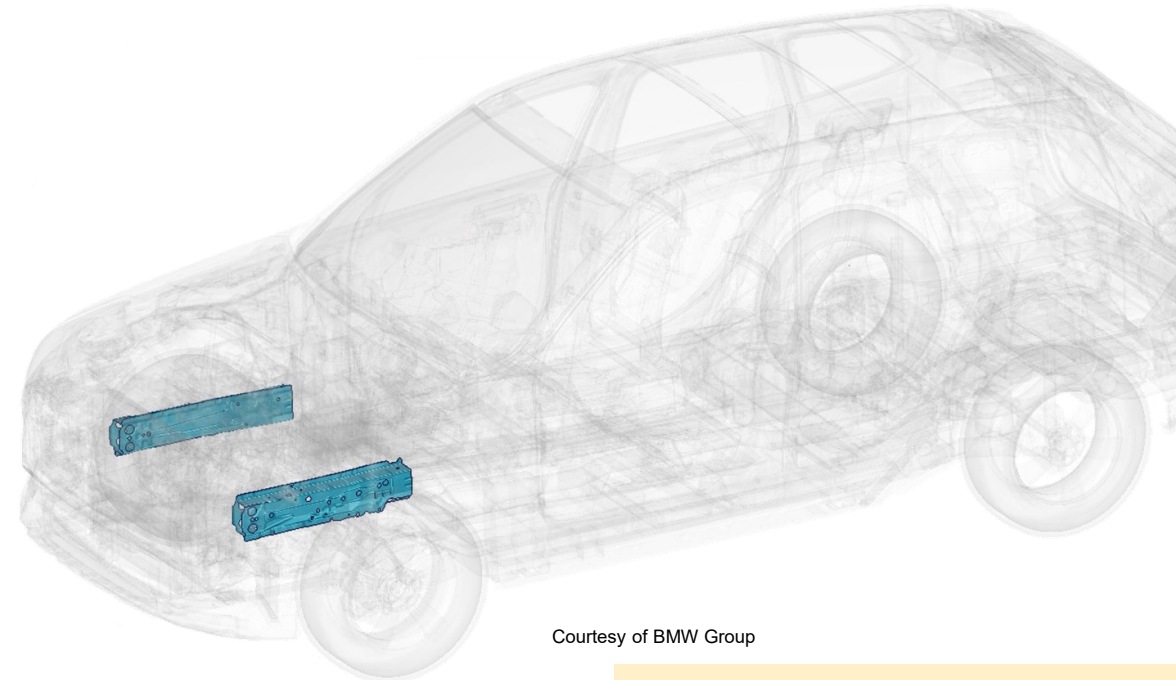
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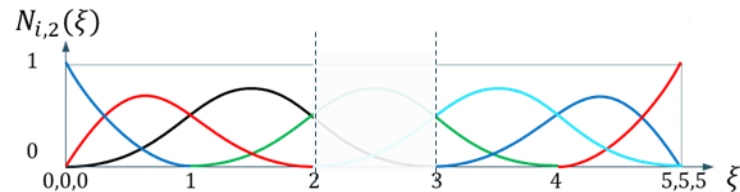
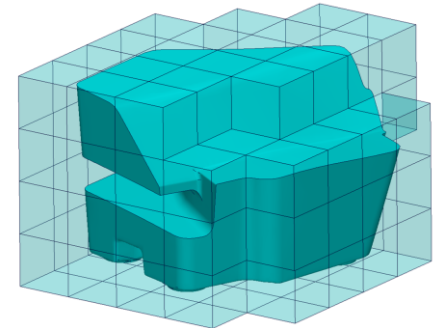
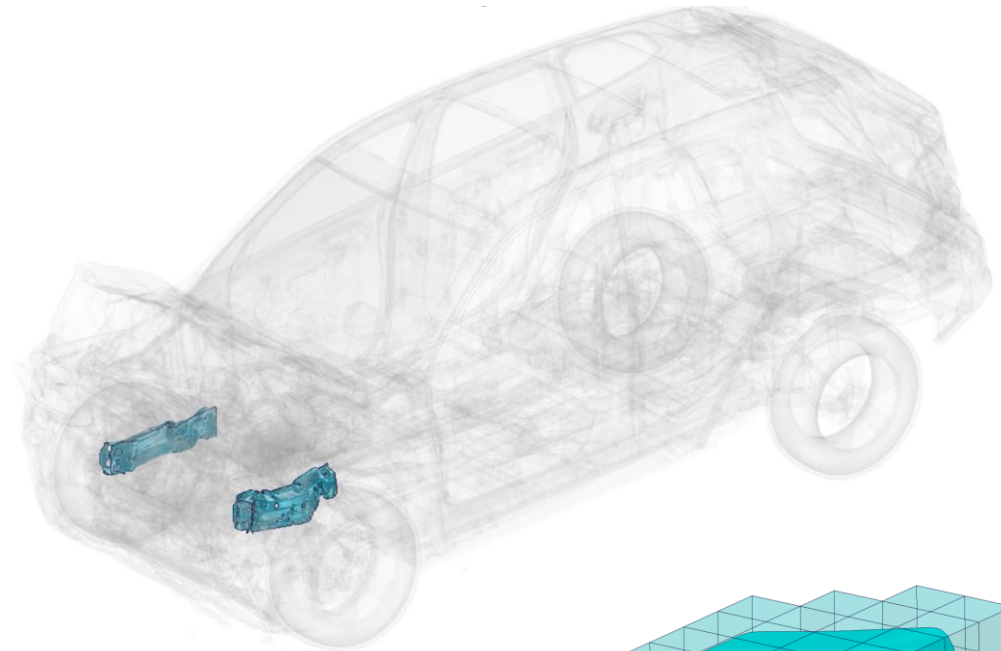


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Conclusion

Hybrid Modeling

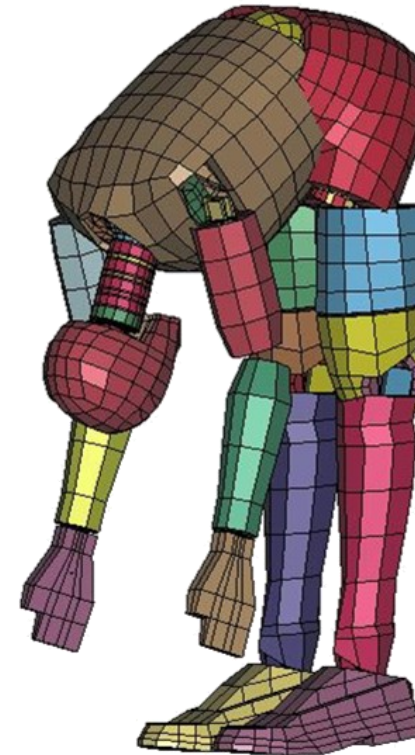
- Industrial workflow ANSA – LS-DYNA enables
 - Hybrid IGA/FEA full vehicle crash simulations
 - Simple 1:1 exchange of shell components→ Ready for productive tests
- Next Steps
 - Increase numerical efficiency + robustness
 - Validation of damage and failure, connection technology
- Ongoing R&D topics
 - Improved modeling of cracks and discontinuities
 - Feature-based modeling
 - Trimmed IGA solids



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