

A 3D CAD model of a mechanical assembly, possibly a turbine or pump component, rendered with a color gradient from blue to red to represent stress or temperature distribution. The model is shown in a cutaway view, revealing internal components like a rotor and stator. The background is dark blue with a white diagonal line.

COMSOL®: Modeling Advanced Mechanisms for Extreme Environments



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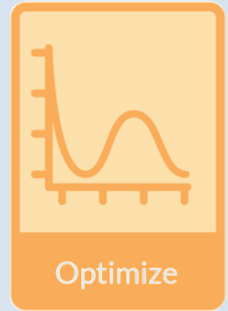
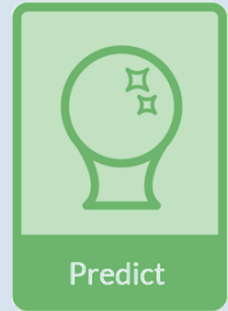
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Agenda

Time	Topics
15h00 – 15h45	Introduction to COMSOL Multiphysics Structural Mechanics Live Demos (Single Physics)
15h45 – 16h00	Break
16h00 – 16h45	Multiphysics Applications and Examples Live Demo of the Microbeam (Multiphysics)

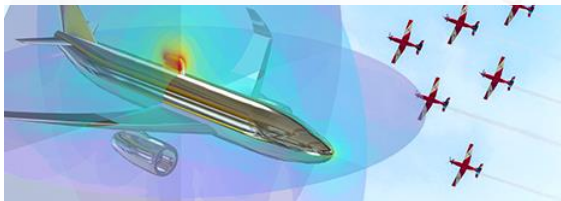
Key Requirements for Research and Development

- Most complex technical devices
- High level of collaboration
- Full control and low-level access
- Optimization and risk assessment
- Organization of large complex projects
- Independent learning
- Reliable local support



Simulate Real-World Designs, Devices and Processes

Aerospace & Defense



Architecture, Engineering and Construction



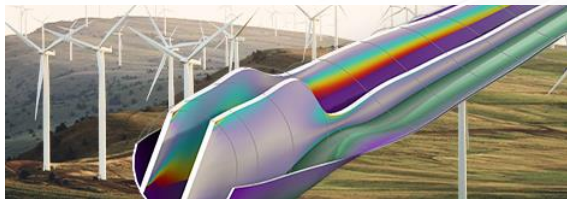
Automotive



Electronics



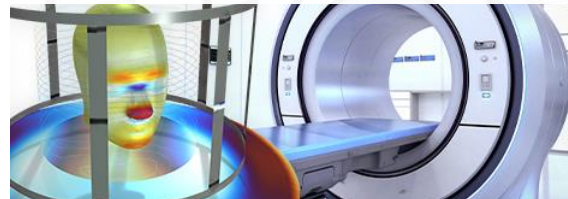
Energy



Food and Beverage



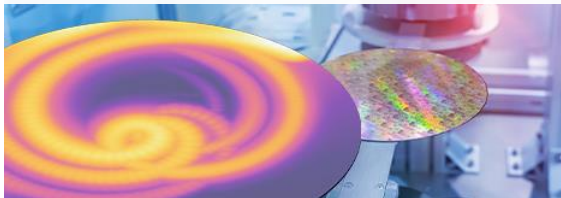
Healthcare



Manufacturing



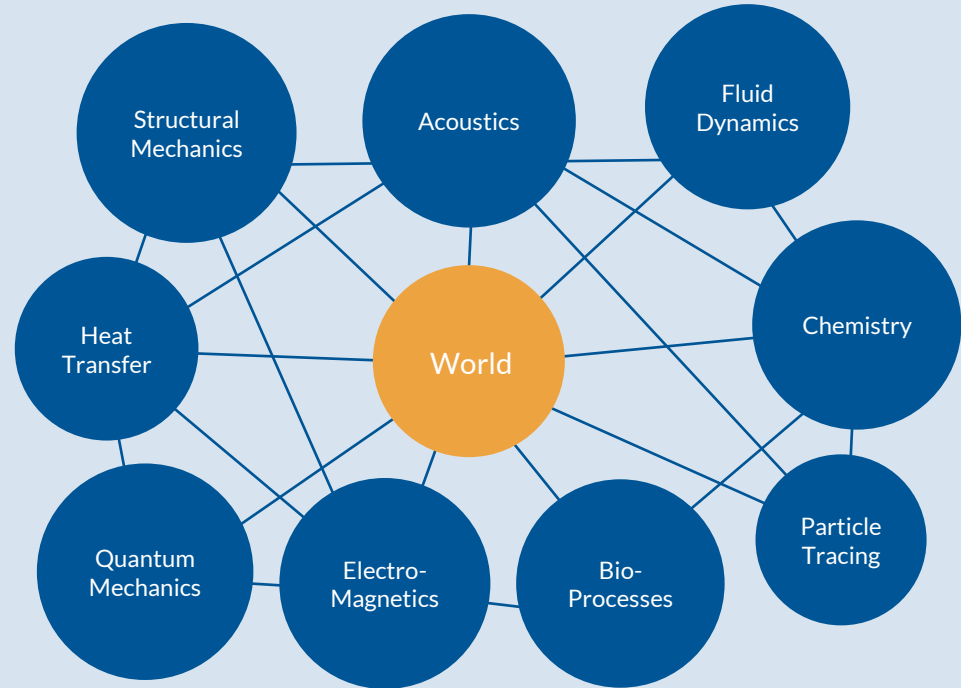
Semiconductor Manufacturing



Transportation



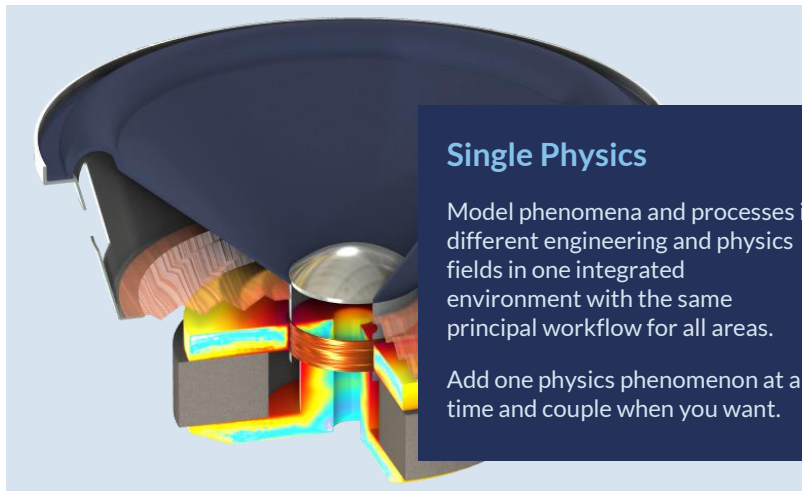
- Single-physics and Multiphysics model
- Enabling new technologies
- Unified modeling approach
- Users in all industries



COMSOL Multiphysics®

One software environment, any engineering field.

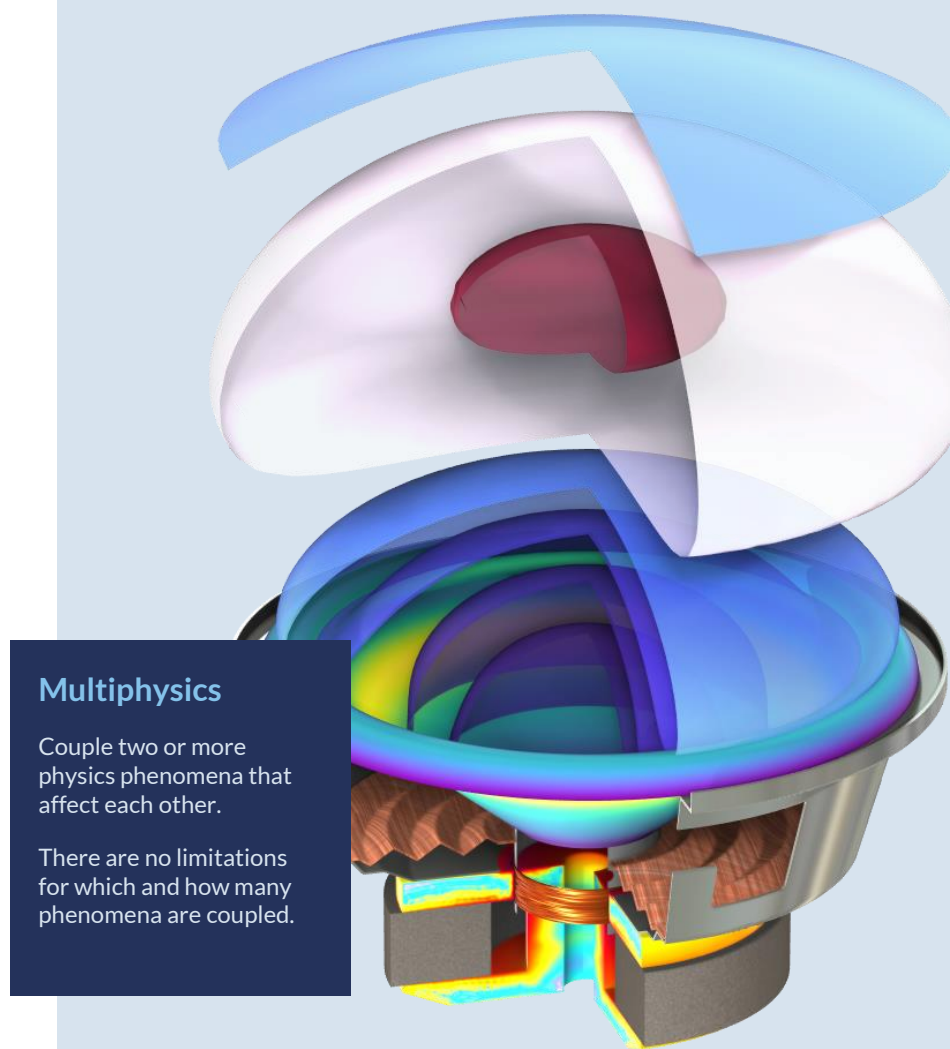
A modeling and simulation platform that provides fully coupled multiphysics and single-physics modeling capabilities.



Single Physics

Model phenomena and processes in different engineering and physics fields in one integrated environment with the same principal workflow for all areas.

Add one physics phenomenon at a time and couple when you want.



Multiphysics

Couple two or more physics phenomena that affect each other.

There are no limitations for which and how many phenomena are coupled.

A Look at the Model Builder

The structure of the user interface is always the same, regardless of the engineering application and physics phenomena.

Definitions

Geometry

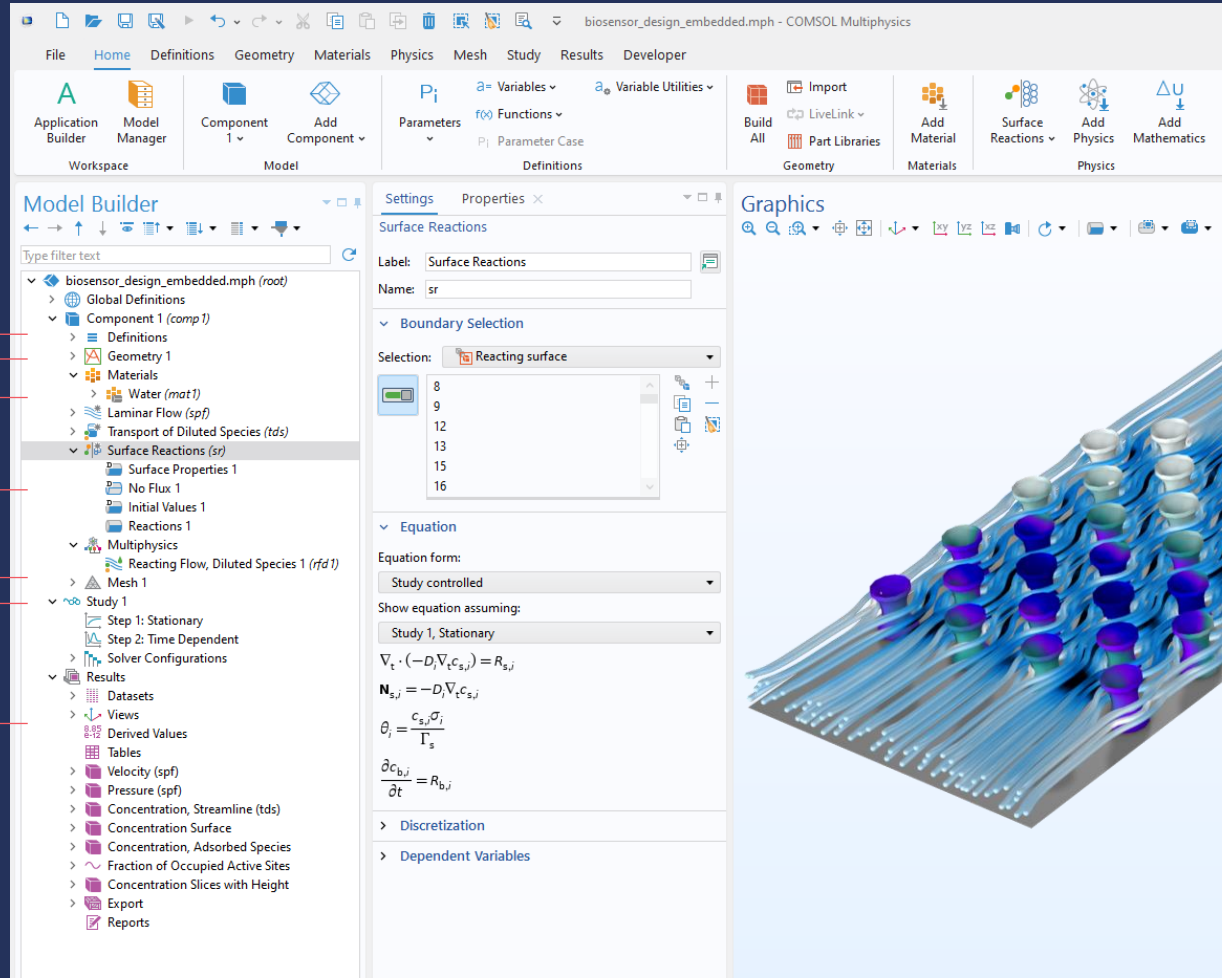
Materials

Physics

Mesh

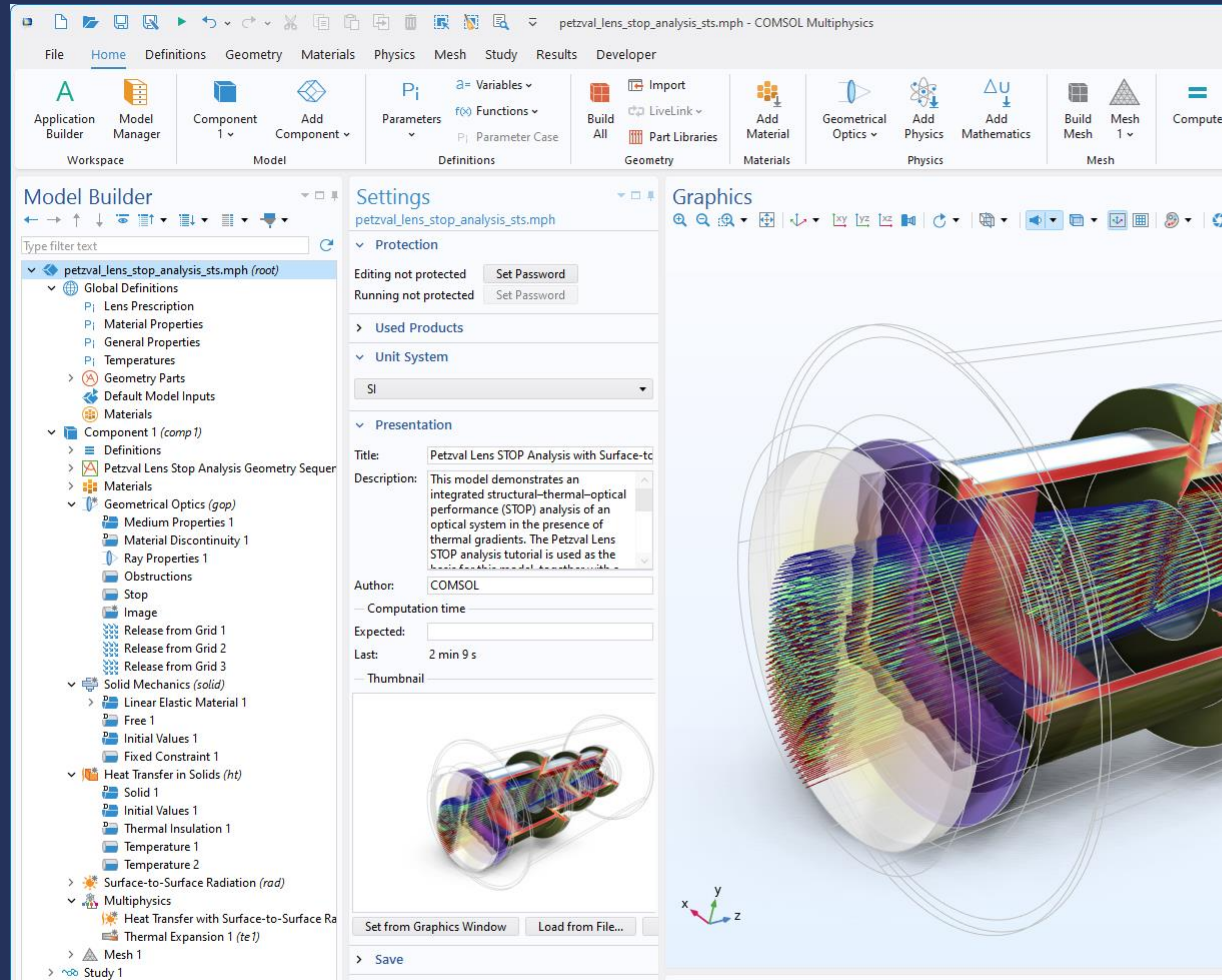
Studies

Results



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COMSOL MULTIPHYSICS®

The platform product for simulating real-world designs, devices, and processes. One user interface for all engineering applications.

- **MODEL BUILDER:** Combine physics phenomena in one model
- **APPLICATION BUILDER:** Build simulation apps from models
- **MODEL MANAGER:** Collaborate and organize models and apps

COMSOL Compiler™

Compile simulation apps into executable files. Run them freely on any computer.

COMSOL Server™

Host and administrate your simulation apps. Run them through a web interface.

ADD-ON PRODUCTS

ELECTROMAGNETICS

- AC/DC Module
- RF Module
- Wave Optics Module
- Ray Optics Module
- Plasma Module
- Electric Discharge Module
- Semiconductor Module

FLUID & HEAT

- CFD Module
 - Mixer Module
- Polymer Flow Module
- Microfluidics Module
- Porous Media Flow Module
- Subsurface Flow Module
- Pipe Flow Module
- Molecular Flow Module
- Metal Processing Module
- Heat Transfer Module

STRUCTURAL & ACOUSTICS

- Structural Mechanics Module
 - Nonlinear Structural Materials Module
 - Composite Materials Module
- Geomechanics Module
- Fatigue Module
- Rotordynamics Module
- Multibody Dynamics Module
- MEMS Module
- Acoustics Module

CHEMICAL

- Chemical Reaction Engineering Module
- Battery Design Module
- Fuel Cell & Electrolyzer Module
- Electrodeposition Module
- Corrosion Module
- Electrochemistry Module

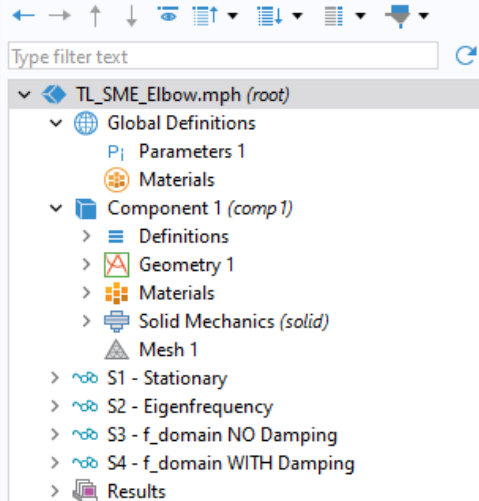
MULTIPURPOSE

- Optimization Module
- Uncertainty Quantification Module
- Material Library
- Particle Tracing Module
- Liquid & Gas Properties Module

INTERFACING

- LiveLink™ for MATLAB®
- LiveLink™ for Simulink®
- LiveLink™ for Excel®
- CAD Import Module
- Design Module
- ECAD Import Module
- LiveLink™ for SOLIDWORKS®
- LiveLink™ for Inventor®
- LiveLink™ for AutoCAD®
- LiveLink™ for Revit®
- LiveLink™ for PTC Creo Parametric™
- LiveLink™ for Solid Edge®
- File Import for CATIA® V5

Model Builder

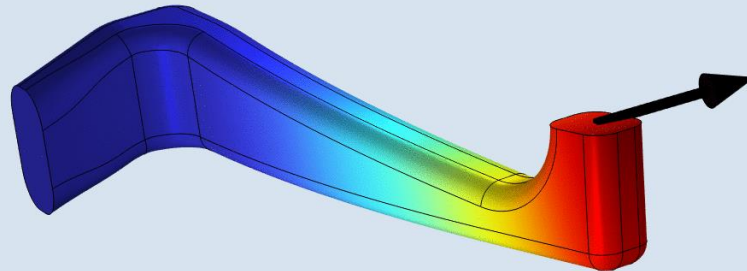


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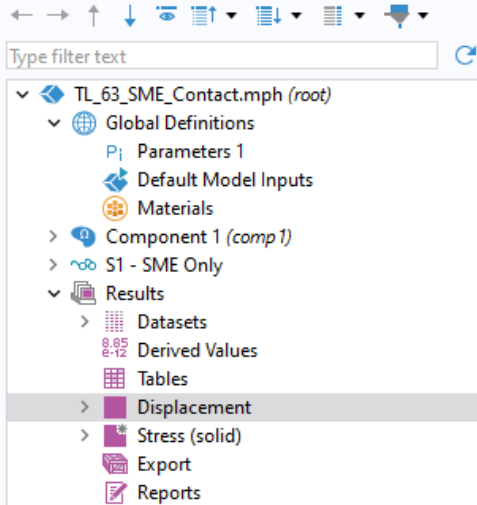
Elbow Deformation

Steel elbow deforms under an applied load

- *Single physics: Solid Mechanics*
- *Parametrization of:*
 - *loads*
 - *geometry*



Model Builder

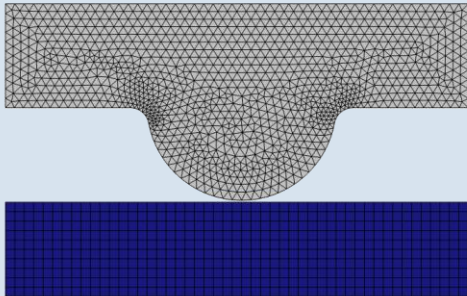


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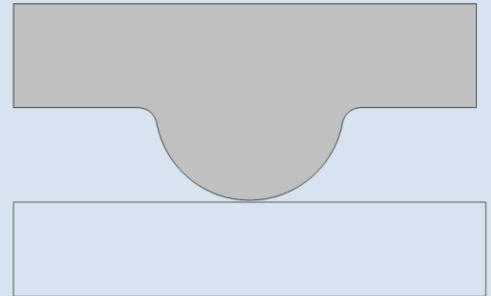
Mechanical Contact

Two solid objects come into contact

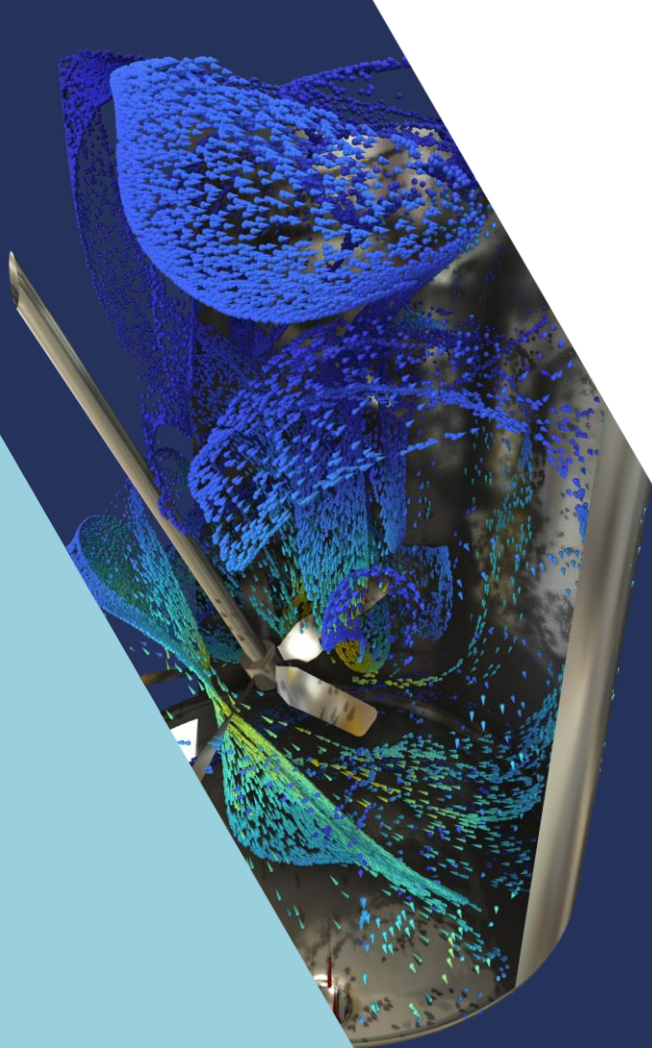
- Single physics: Solid Mechanics



Total Displacement



Von Mises Stress

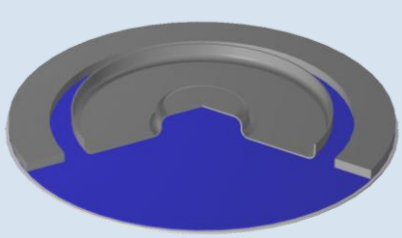


Selected Physics Applications

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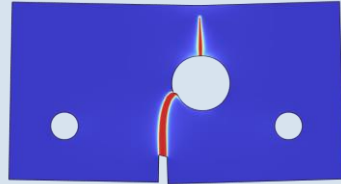
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Structural Mechanics



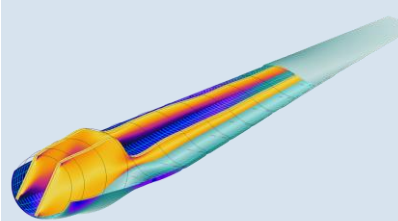
Contact Modeling

Die forming



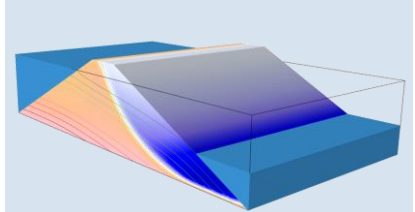
Nonlinear materials

Brittle fracture of a holed plate



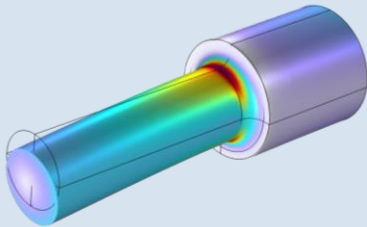
Composites

Wind turbine composite blade



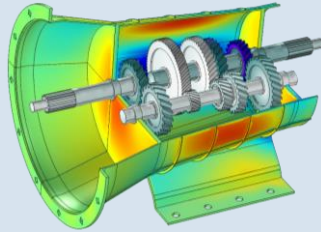
Geomechanics

Stability in an embankment dam



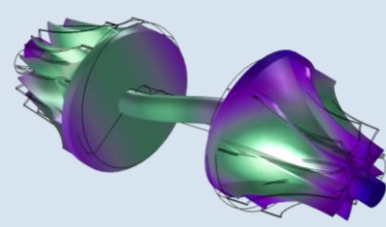
Fatigue

Loaded shaft with a fillet



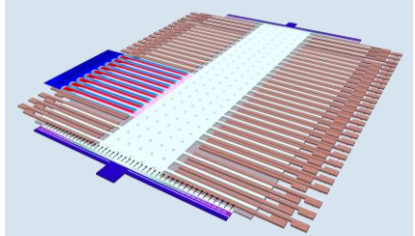
Multibody dynamics

Vibration and noise in a gearbox



Rotordynamics

Stability of a turbocharger



MEMS

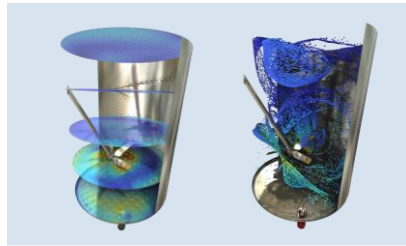
Micromachined accelerometer

Fluid Flow



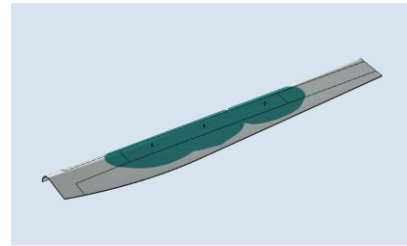
CFD

Sports car aerodynamics



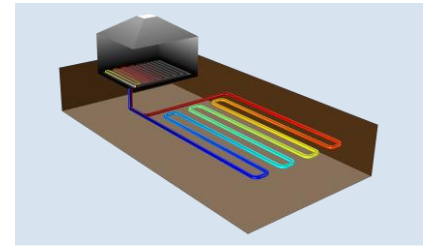
Mixer

Continuous Mixer



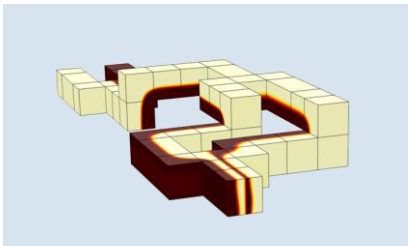
Polymer Flow

Molding of a Wind Turbine Blade



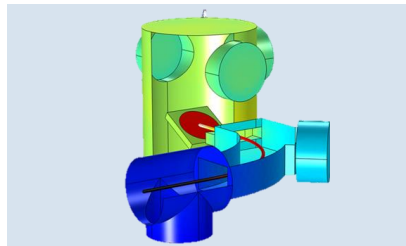
Pipe Flow

Ground heat recovery for radiant floor heating



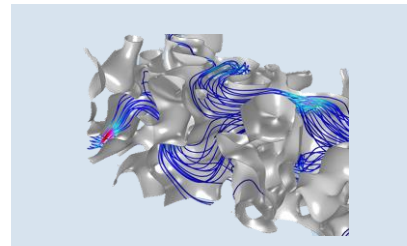
Microfluidics

Split and recombine mixer



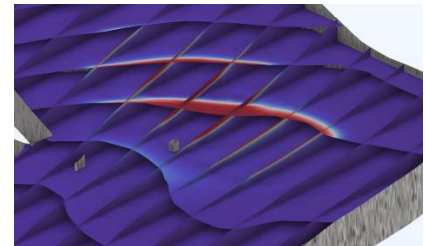
Molecular Flow

Ion-impant vacuum system



Porous Media

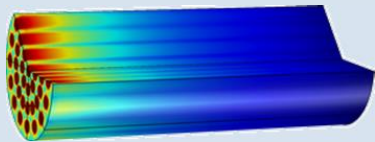
Microscopic porous structures



Subsurface Flow

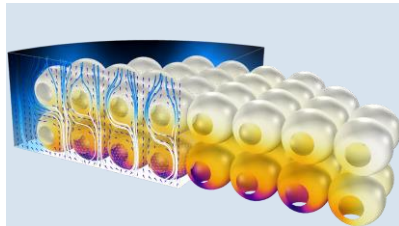
CO2 Storage in a Geologic Formation

Chemical Engineering



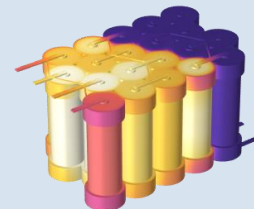
Packed Bed Reactors

Heterogeneous catalysis



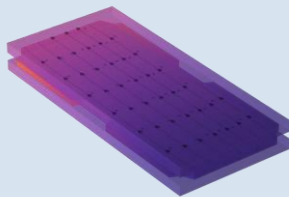
Mixing and Separation

Thermodynamic properties



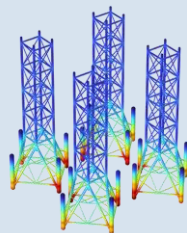
Battery Design

Thermal Runaway Propagation



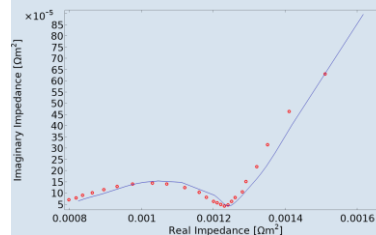
Fuel Cells and Electrolyzers

Fuel Cell Stack Cooling



Corrosion and Deposition

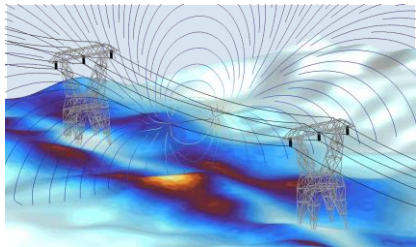
Cathodic protection



Electrochemistry

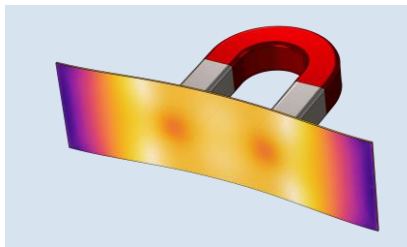
Impedance spectroscopy

AC/DC



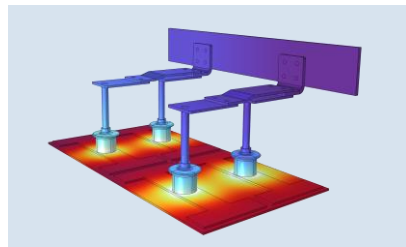
Electrostatic

Overland line



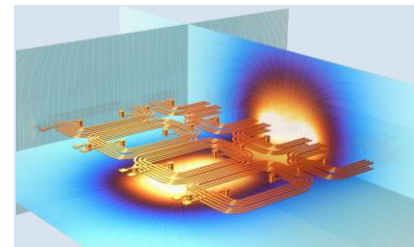
Magnetostatic

Iron plate deformed by magnet



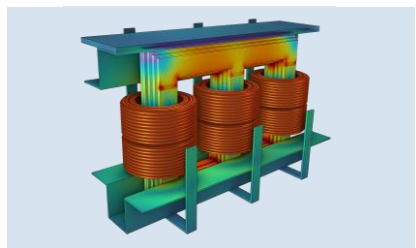
Electric Currents

Busbar



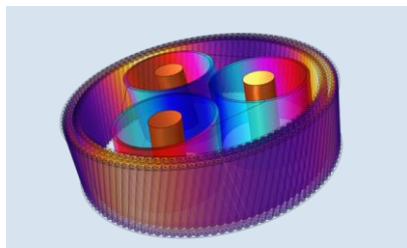
Magnetic Fields, Currents Only

Printed circuit board



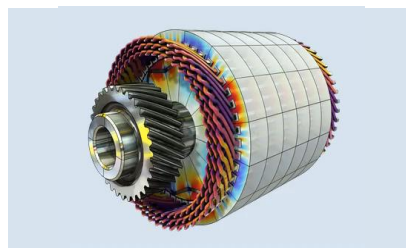
Magnetic Fields

Transformer



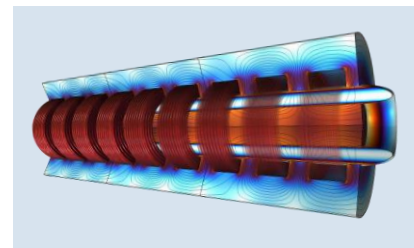
Magnetic and Electric Fields

Cable



Rotating Machinery

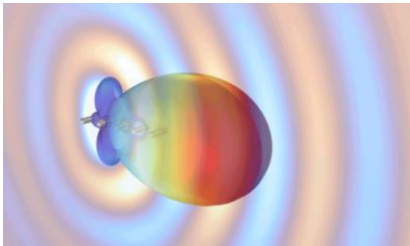
3-phase synchronous machine



Magnetohydrodynamics

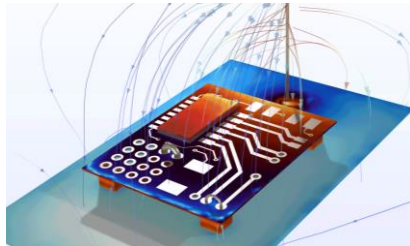
Magnetohydrodynamics pump

High-Frequency Electromagnetics



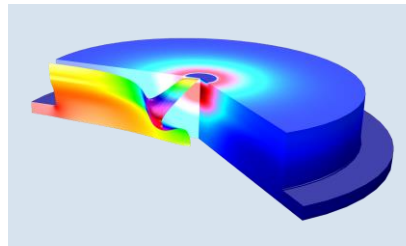
Antennas

Yagi-Uda Antenna



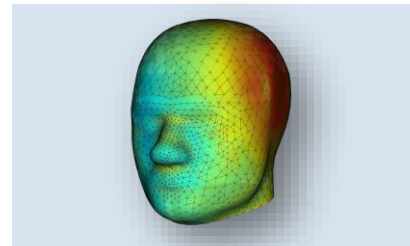
Devices

Electrostatic Discharge Test



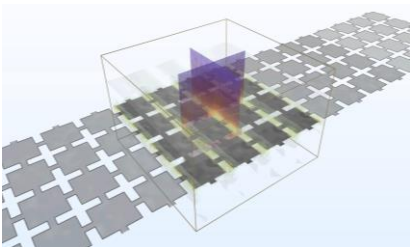
Optoelectronics

P-N junction of an infrared LED



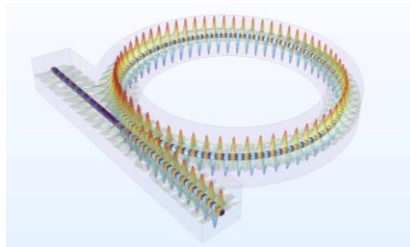
Biomedical

Absorbed Radiation (SAR) in the Human Head



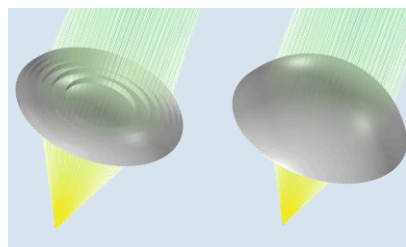
Micro/Nanooptics

Graphene Metamaterial Absorber



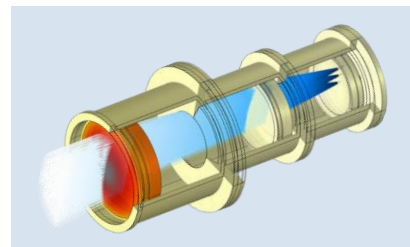
Waveguides

3D Optical Ring Resonator



Optical Systems

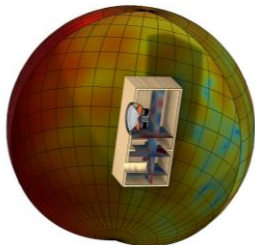
Ray Optics Modeling of a Fresnel Lens



STOP Analysis

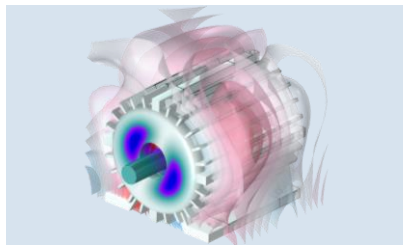
Thermally deformed Petzval lens

Acoustics



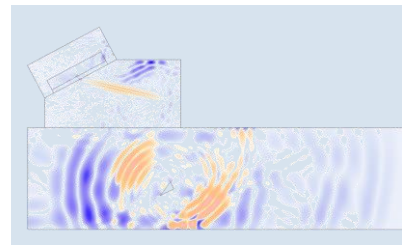
Speakers / Microphones

Loudspeaker simulation (BEM-FEM)



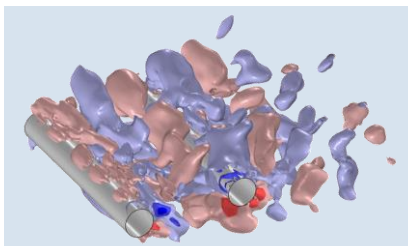
Noise emission

Electric motor noise



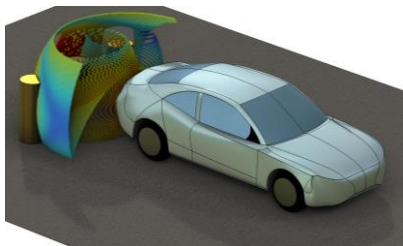
Nondestructive testing

Angle beam ultrasound NDT



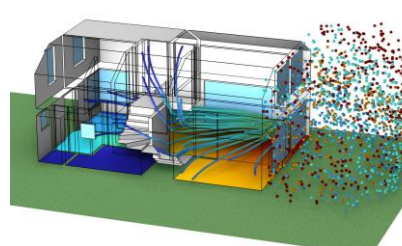
Flow-induced noise

Cavity flow noise



Sensors

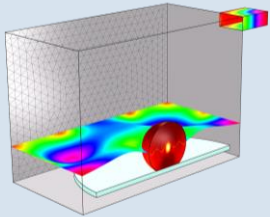
Ultrasonic car parking sensor



Architectural acoustics

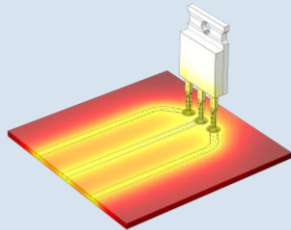
One-Family House Acoustics

Heat Transfer



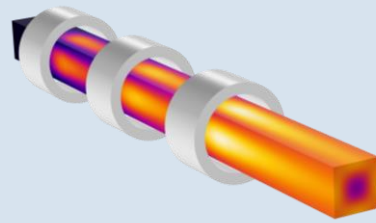
Microwave heating

Potato in a microwave oven



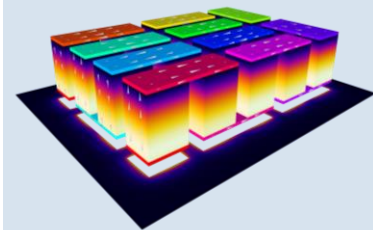
Joule heating

Transistor on a circuit board



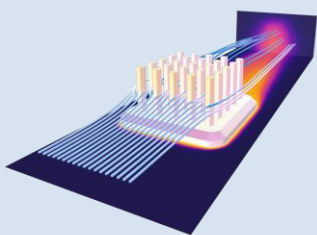
Inductive heating

Induced eddy current heating



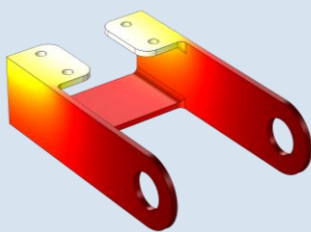
Thermoelectric effects

Thermoelectric cooler



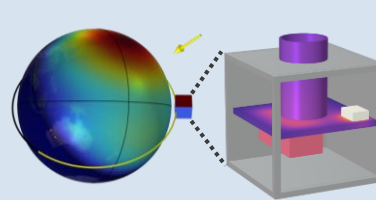
Conjugate heat transfer

Pin heat sink



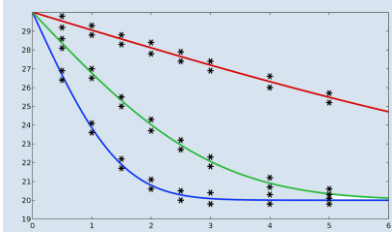
Thermal expansion

Heated bracket



Orbital Thermal Loads

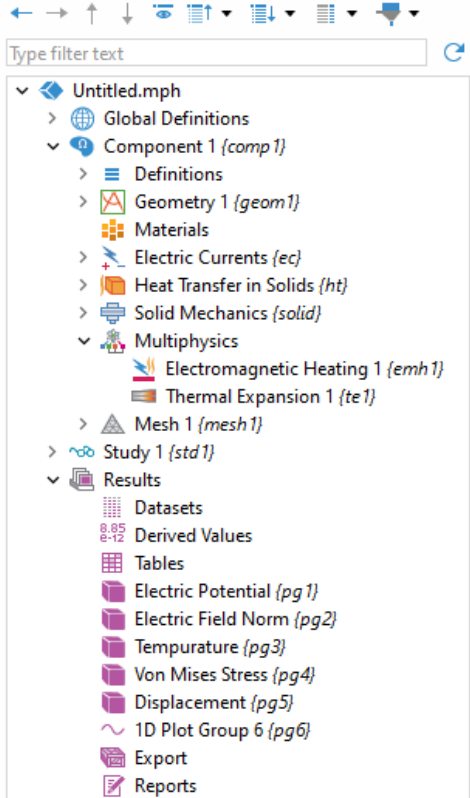
Spacecraft Thermal Analysis



Heat and moisture

Heat and moisture transport in building materials

Model Builder

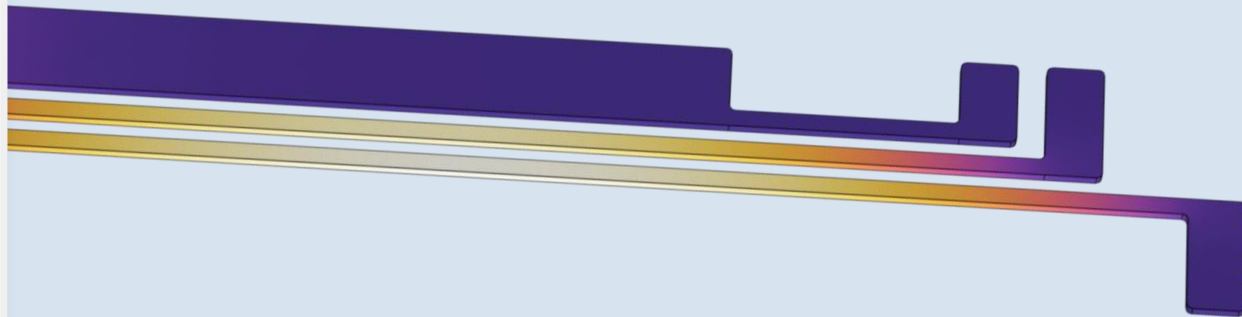


SOFTWARE DEMONSTRATION

Thermal Actuator

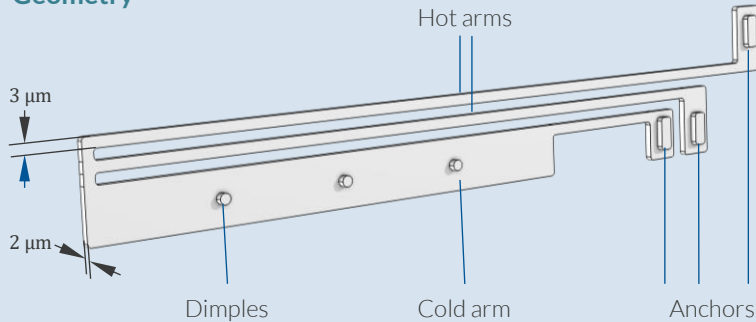
Joule Heating and Thermal Expansion

- *Electric Currents*
- *Heat Transfer in Solids*
- *Solid Mechanics*



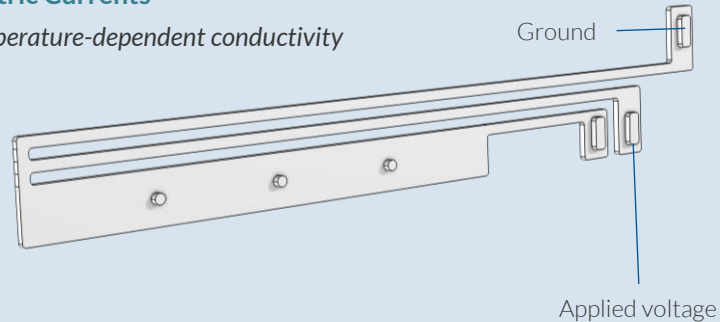
Model Definition and Physics Settings

Geometry



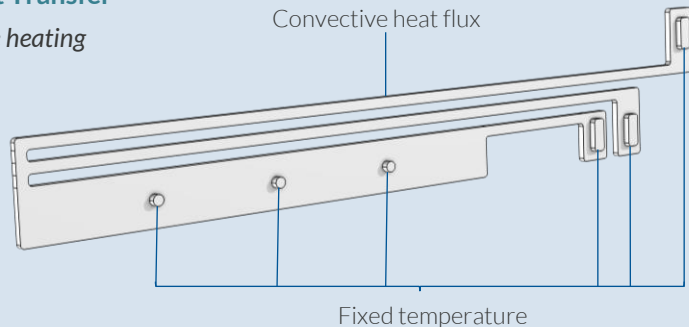
Electric Currents

Temperature-dependent conductivity



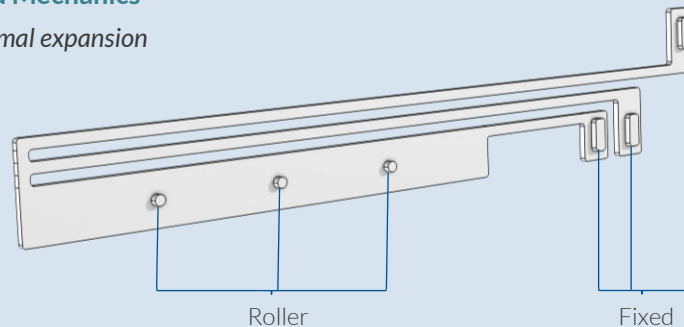
Heat Transfer

Joule heating



Solid Mechanics

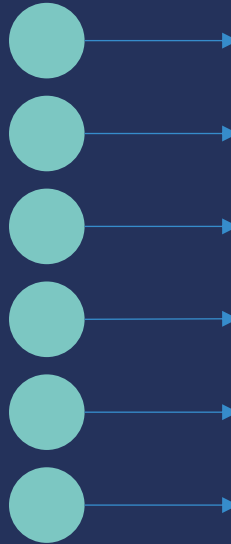
Thermal expansion



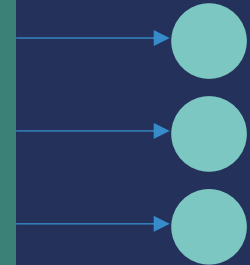
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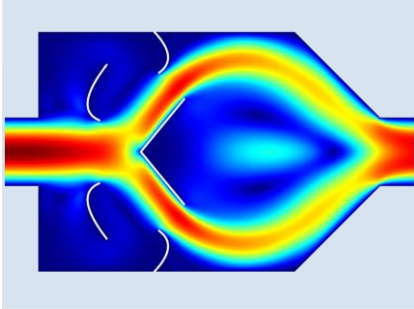
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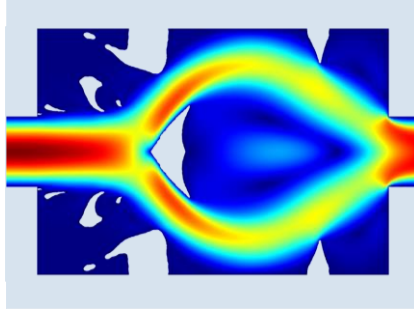
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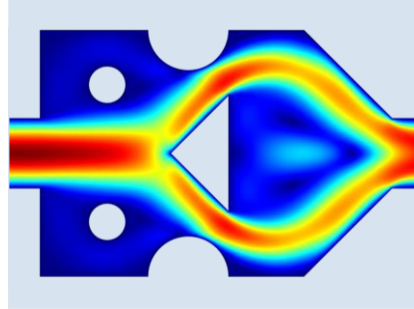
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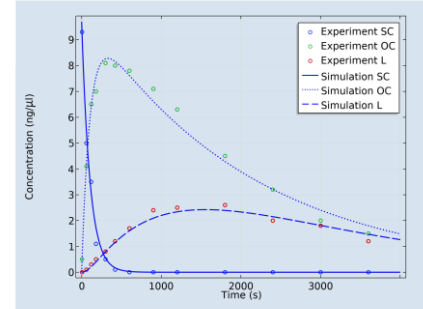
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Optimize the material distribution to minimize an objective function given a set of constraints.



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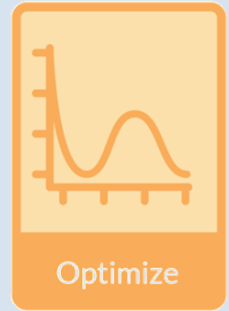


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Find a set of parameter values that minimizes the discrepancy between a model and measurement (objective).

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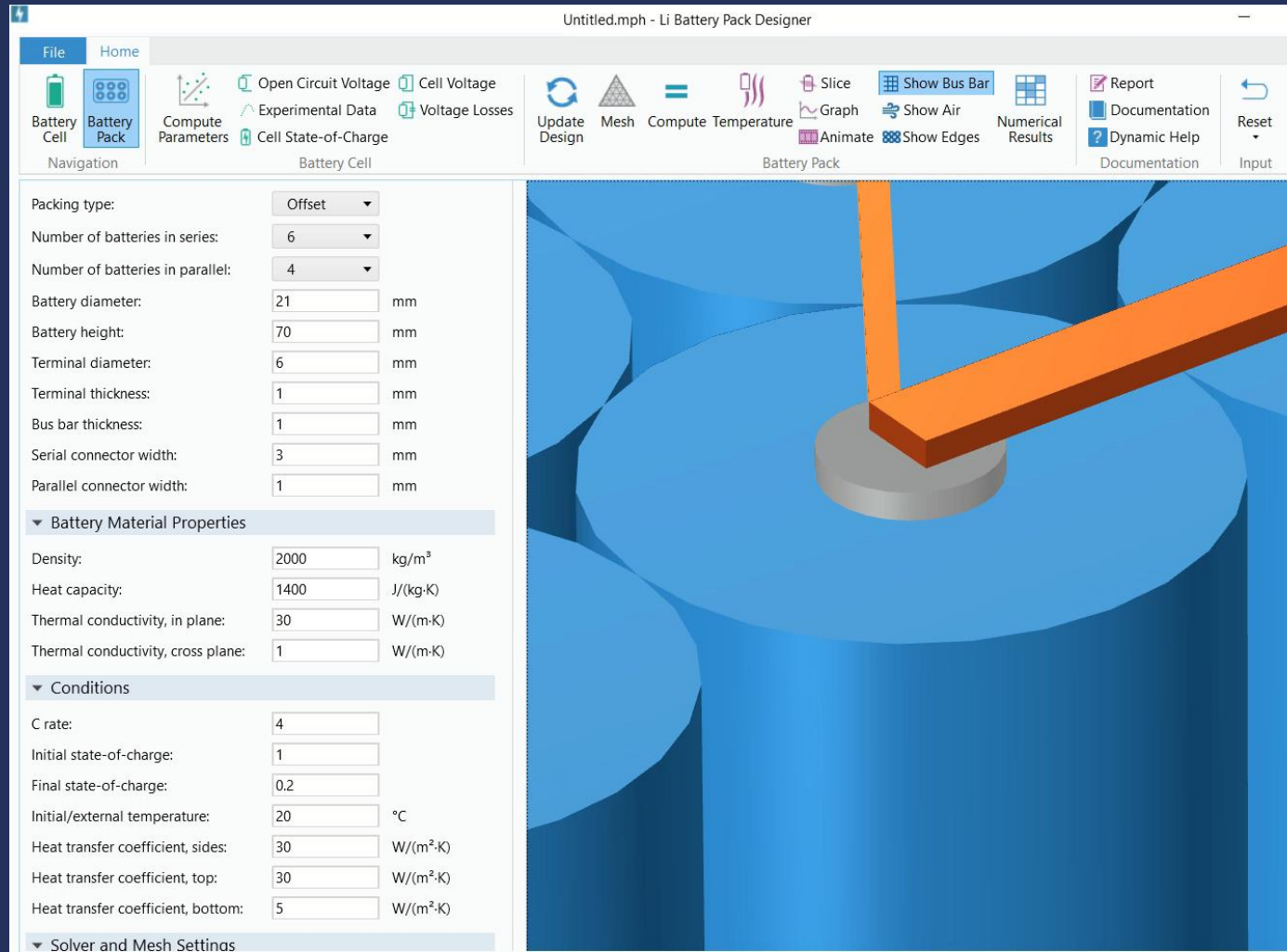
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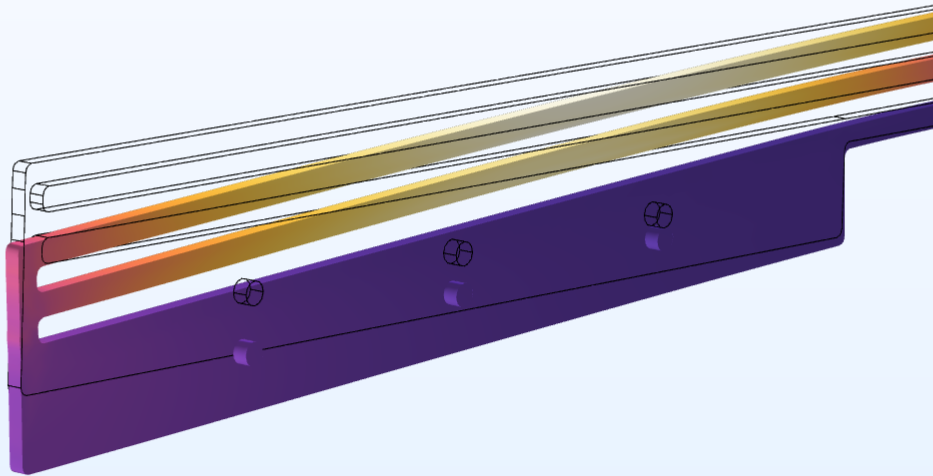
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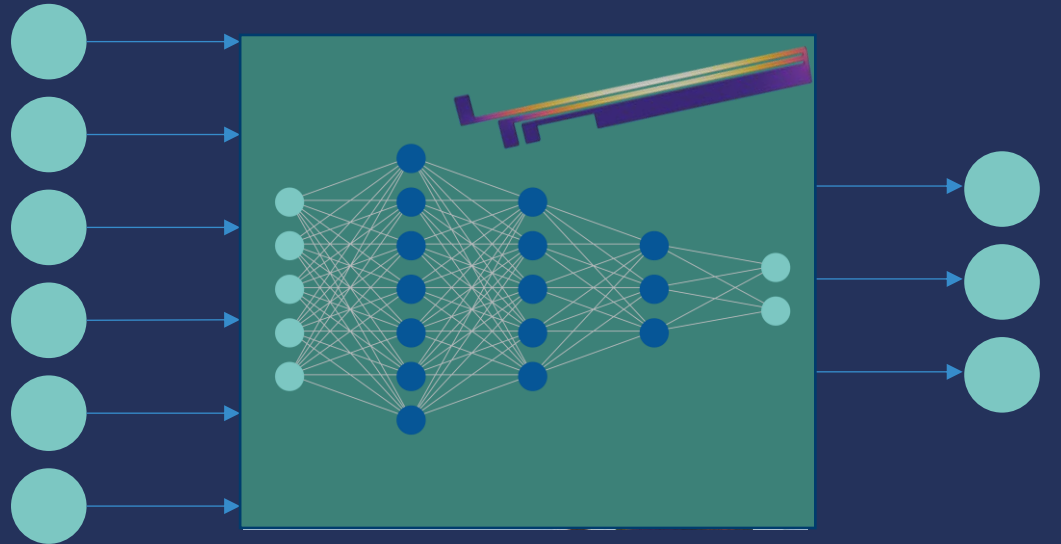


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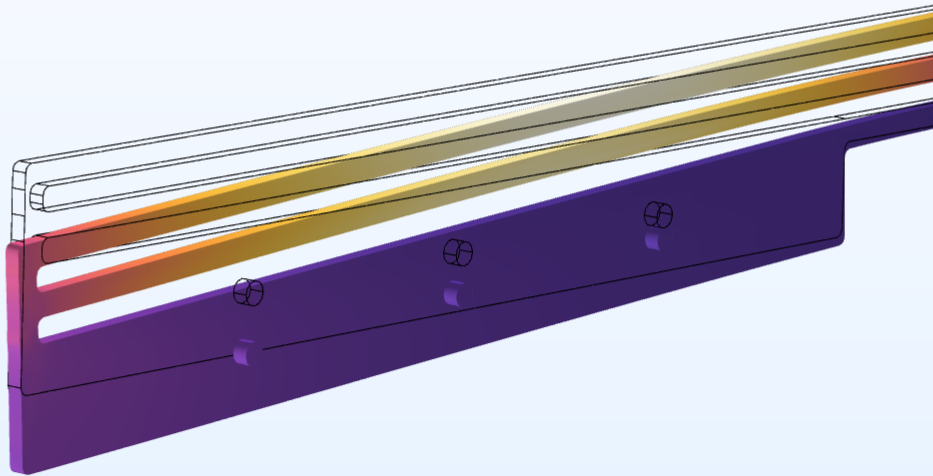
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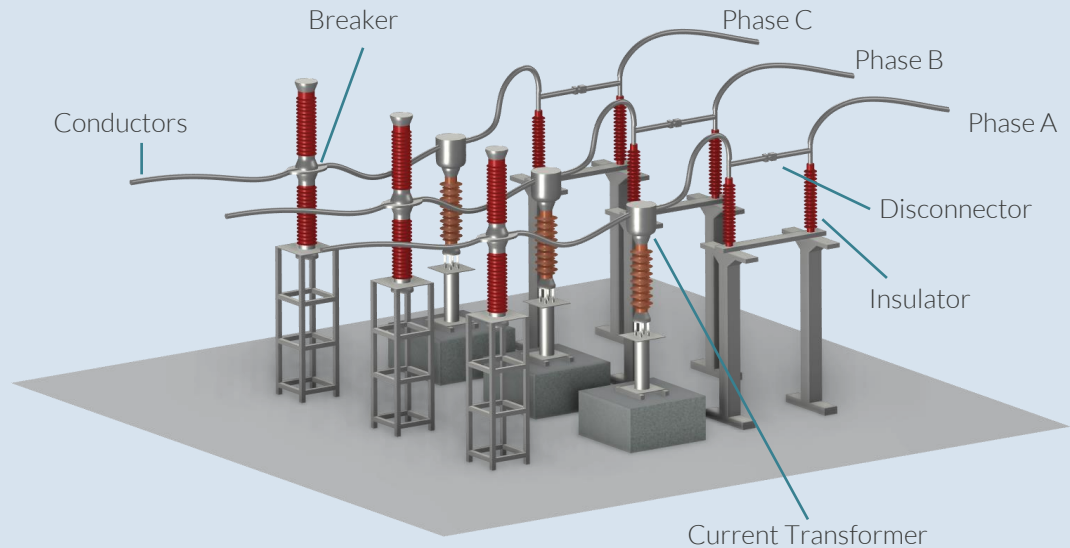


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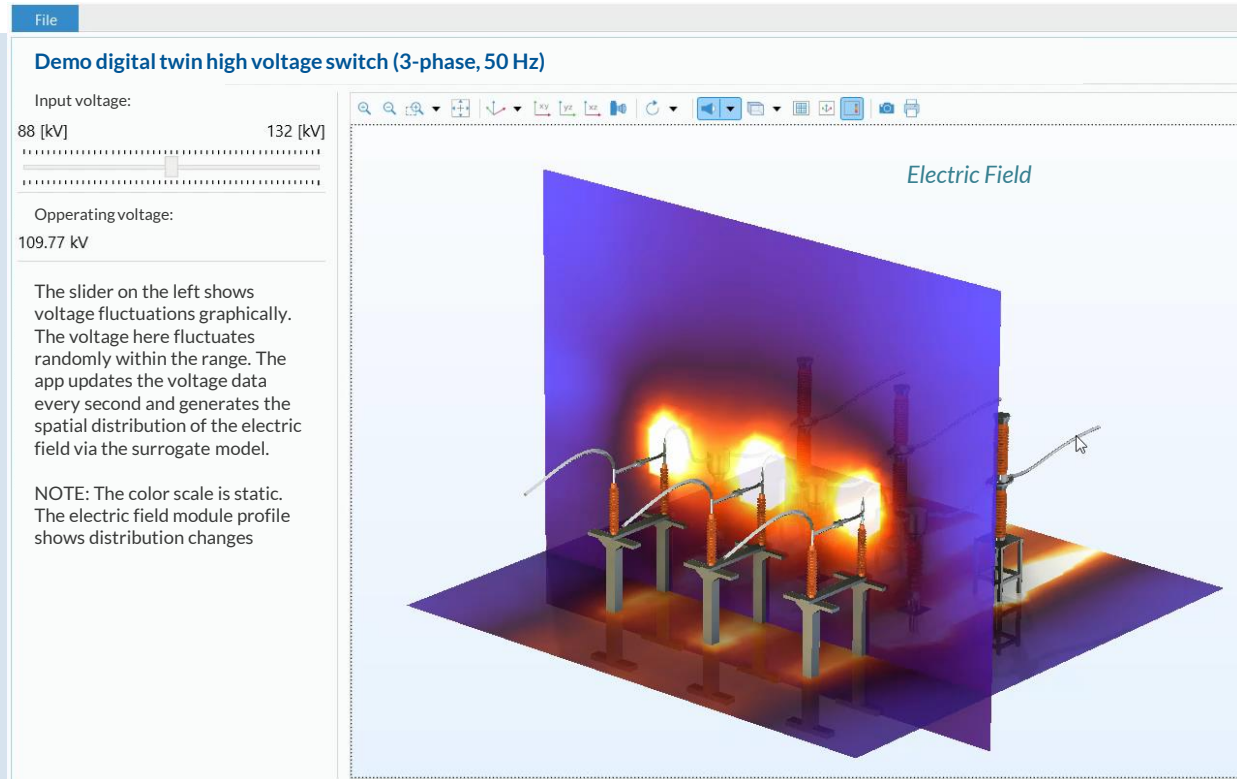
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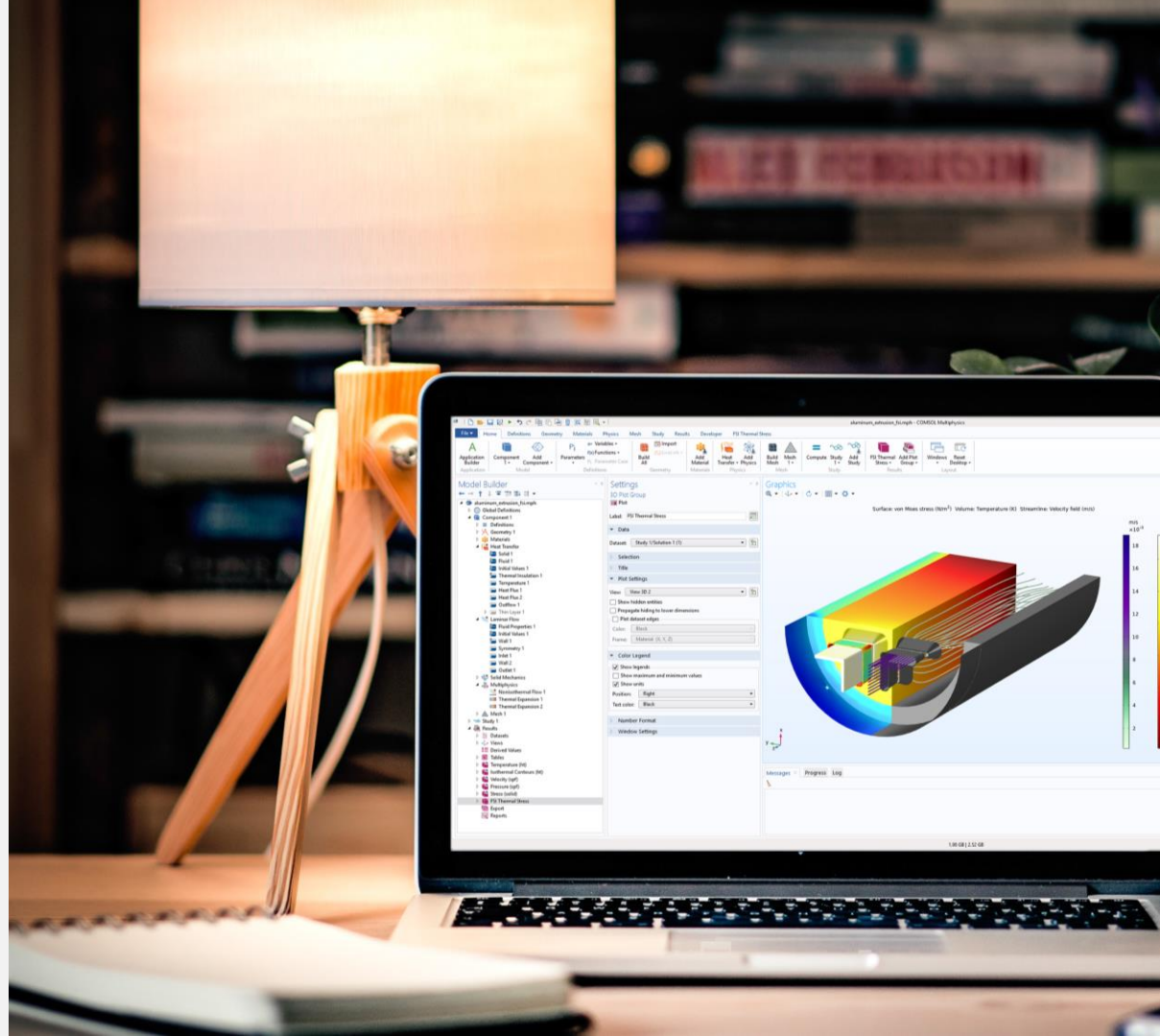
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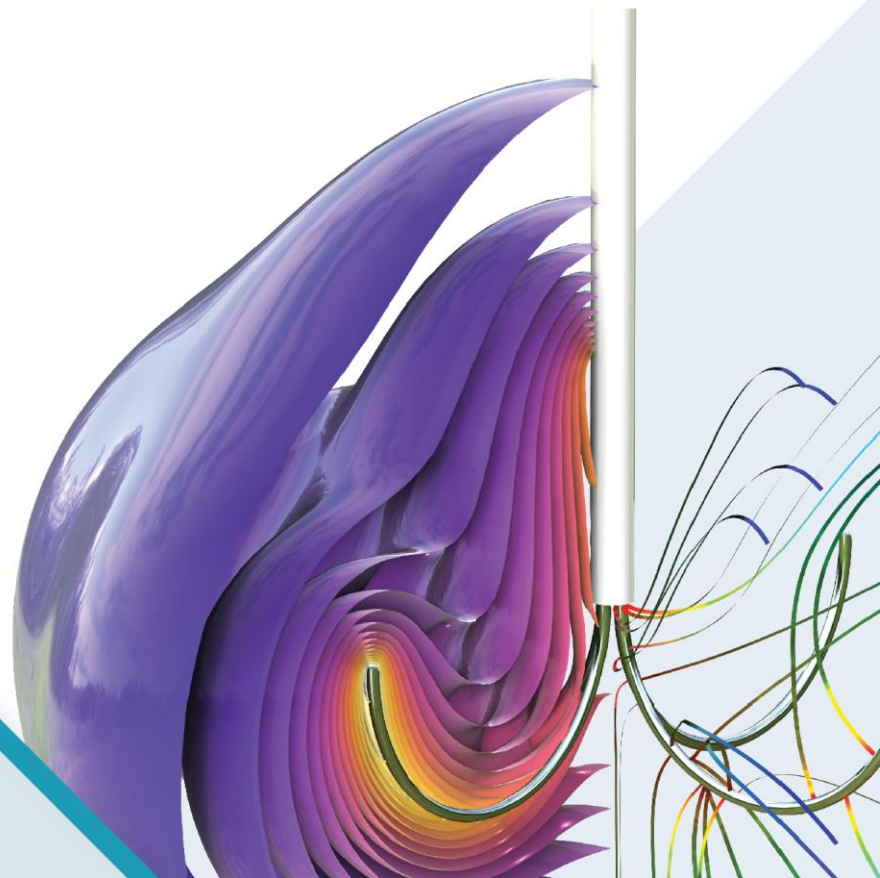
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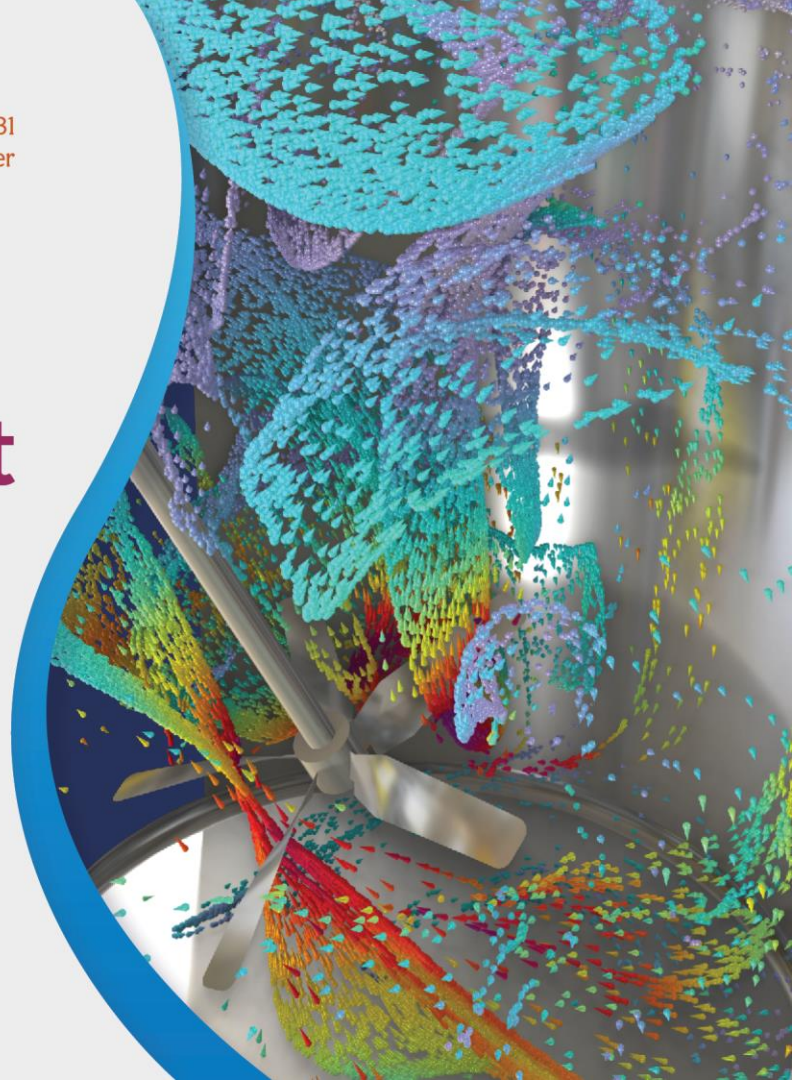
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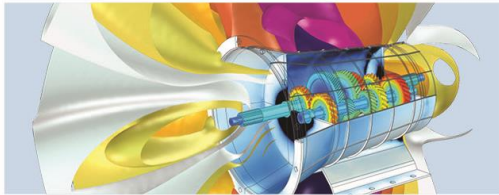
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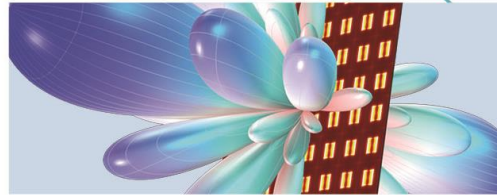


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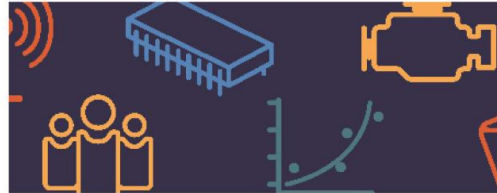
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