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Topology & geometry based structure optimization using implicit parametric models and LSOPT

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Potential for Shape/Topology Optimization

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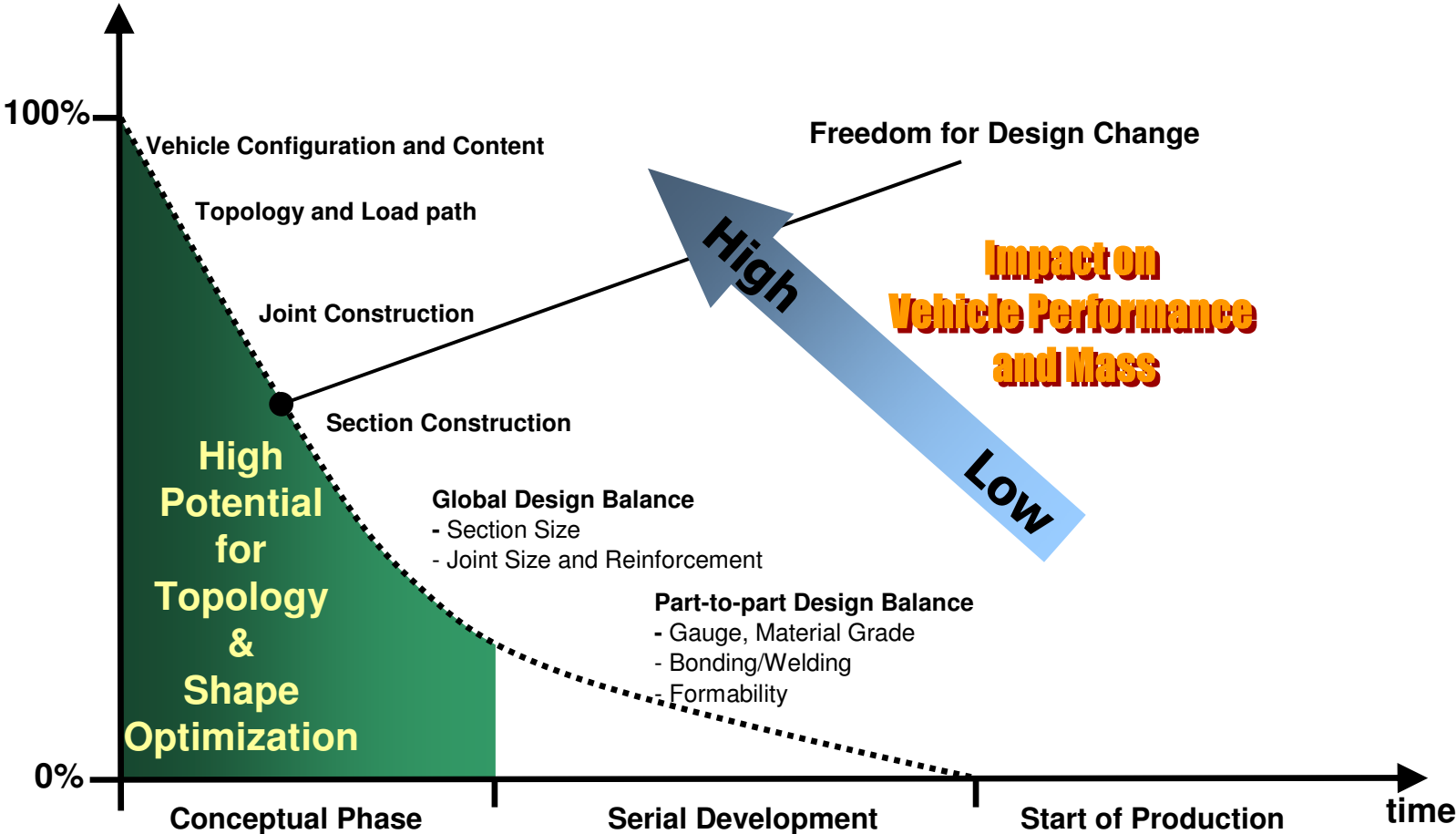
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Challenges in Shape/Topology Optimization

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- Theory is long known
- Optimization algorithms are mature
- Still Topology / Shape Optimization remains a challenge.

WHY?

- FE based
 - limited to small geometric changes & no topological
 - Overwhelming number of design variables
 - Lack of design constraint management : non-manufacturable solutions
- CAD based
 - Over constrained/Incompatible geometries
 - Lack of associative meshing
- Furthermore process integration is also an issue

Geometry – Topology - Simulation – Optimization

How to create a parametric simulation geometry

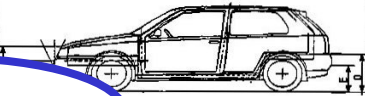
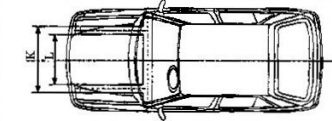
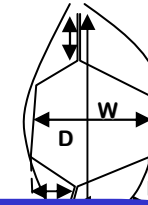
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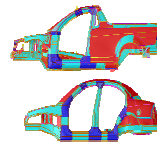
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Parameters,
for Data



Parametric
components,
assemblies
(SFE CONCEPT
LIBRARY)

Key for upfront CAE is

II. the auto
input de

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III: the parametric exploration of the
available
link to

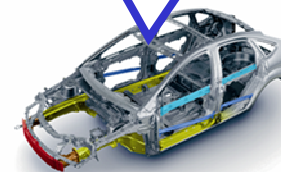
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IV: Integration with CAD

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I. the existence of a detailed enough
Simulation Geometry
derived from various data sources

PARAMAS,
RADIOSS



CAD Data
IGES, VDA, STEP, CATIA V5

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SFE CONCEPT Parametric Model

Points and Lines

Cross Sections

Joints & Beams

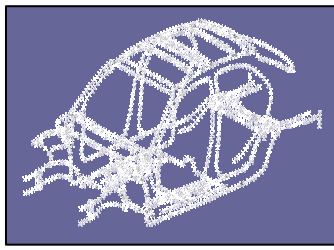
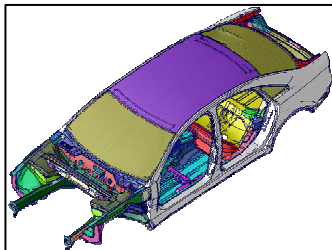
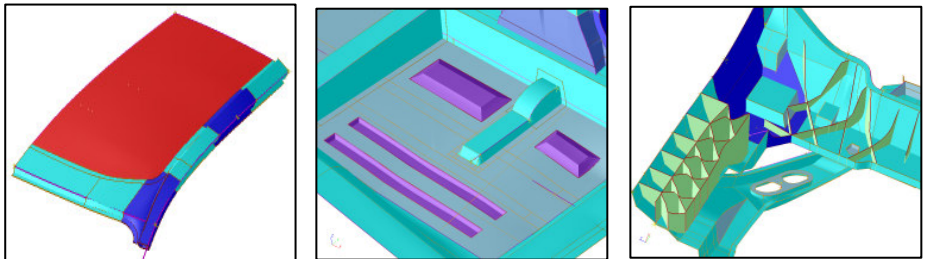
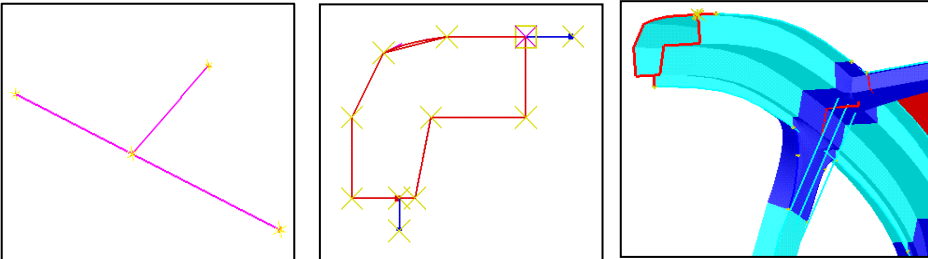
Freeform Surfaces

Beads, Stamps, Ribs

FE Meshes

Welds, Adhesives

Loading, Etc.



**Explicit
(C A D)**

versus

**Implicit
(SFE CONCEPT)**

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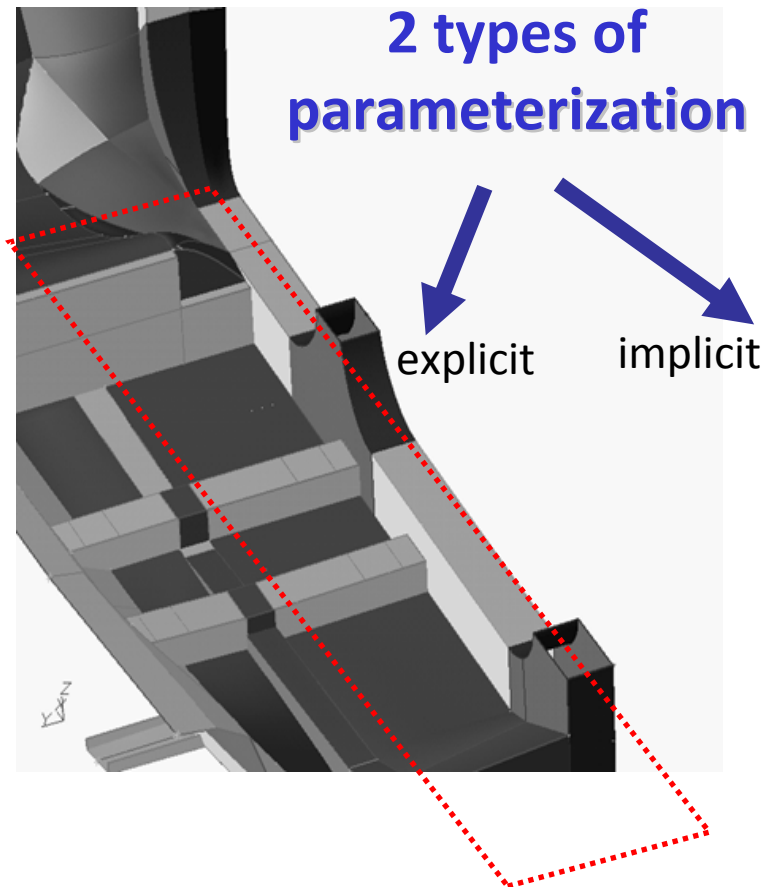
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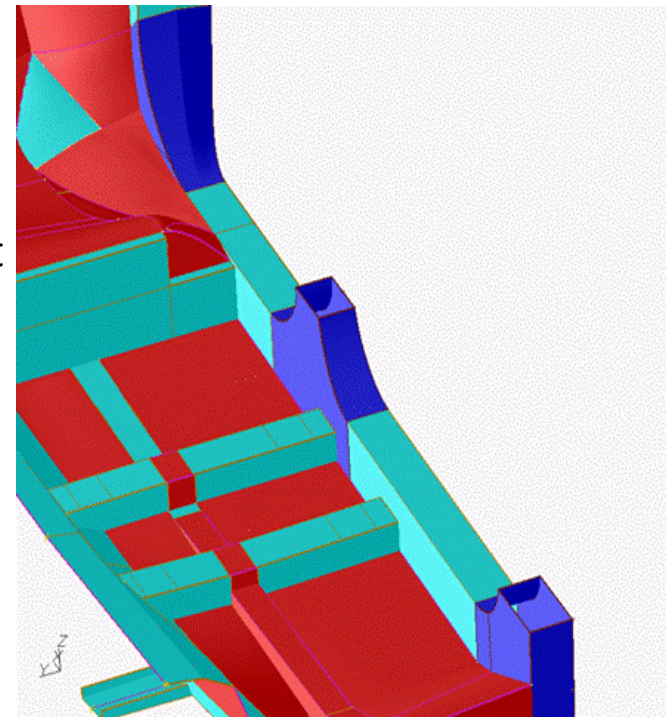
Explicitly parameterized geometry

- Parameter description for defining & maintaining geometrical and topological compatibility is **nearly impossible**



Implicitly parameterized SFE CONCEPT geometry

- Parameter description for defining & maintaining geometrical and topological compatibility is **very easy**



Expectation: Evolution of Design

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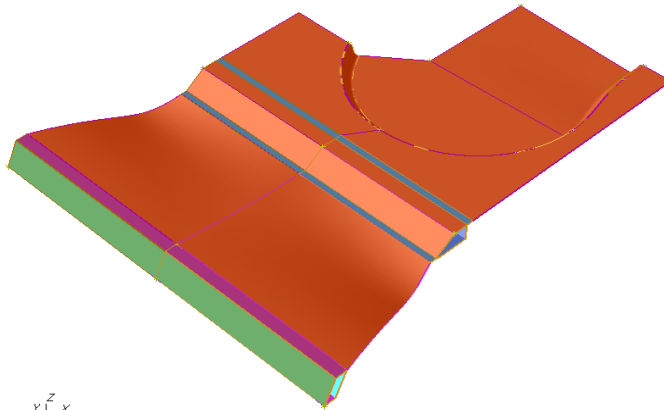
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early design phase



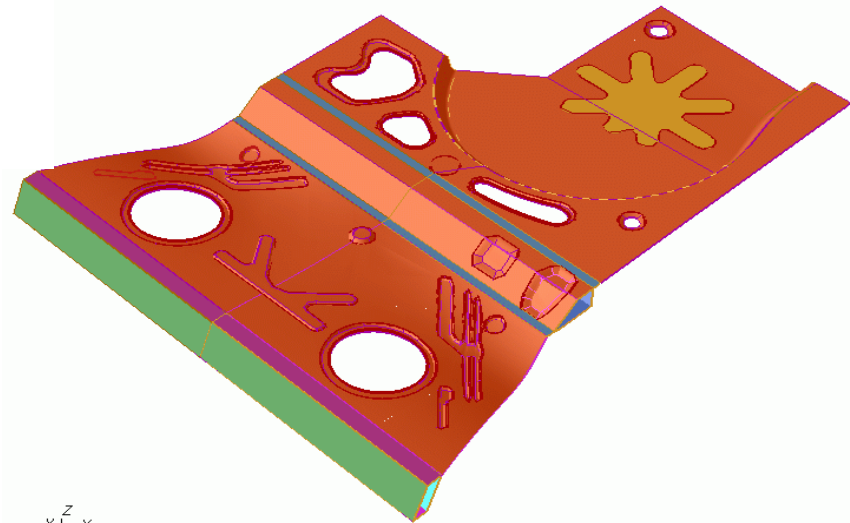
Evolution of Design

... add complexity

without

„hierarchical constraints“

extended model



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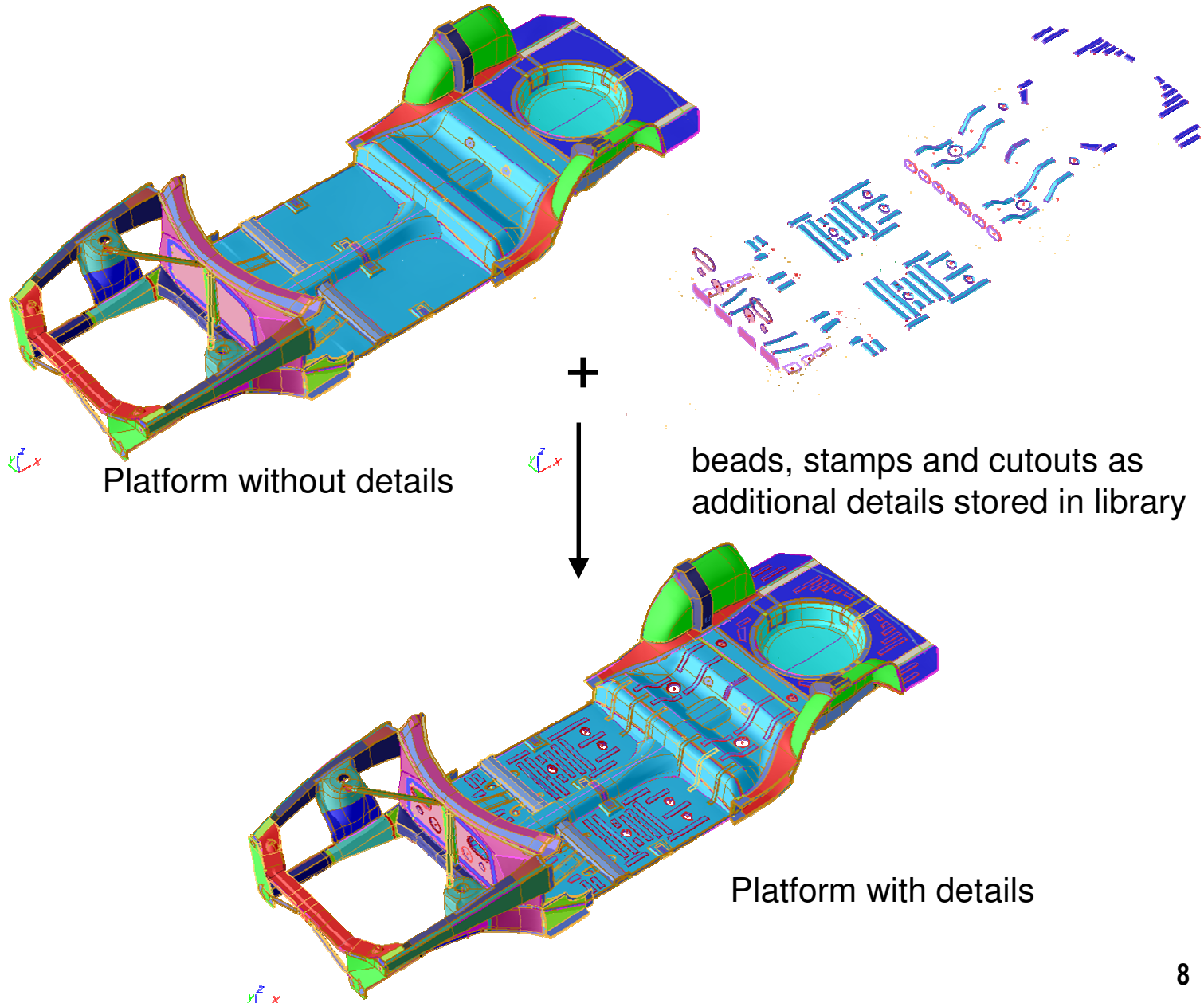
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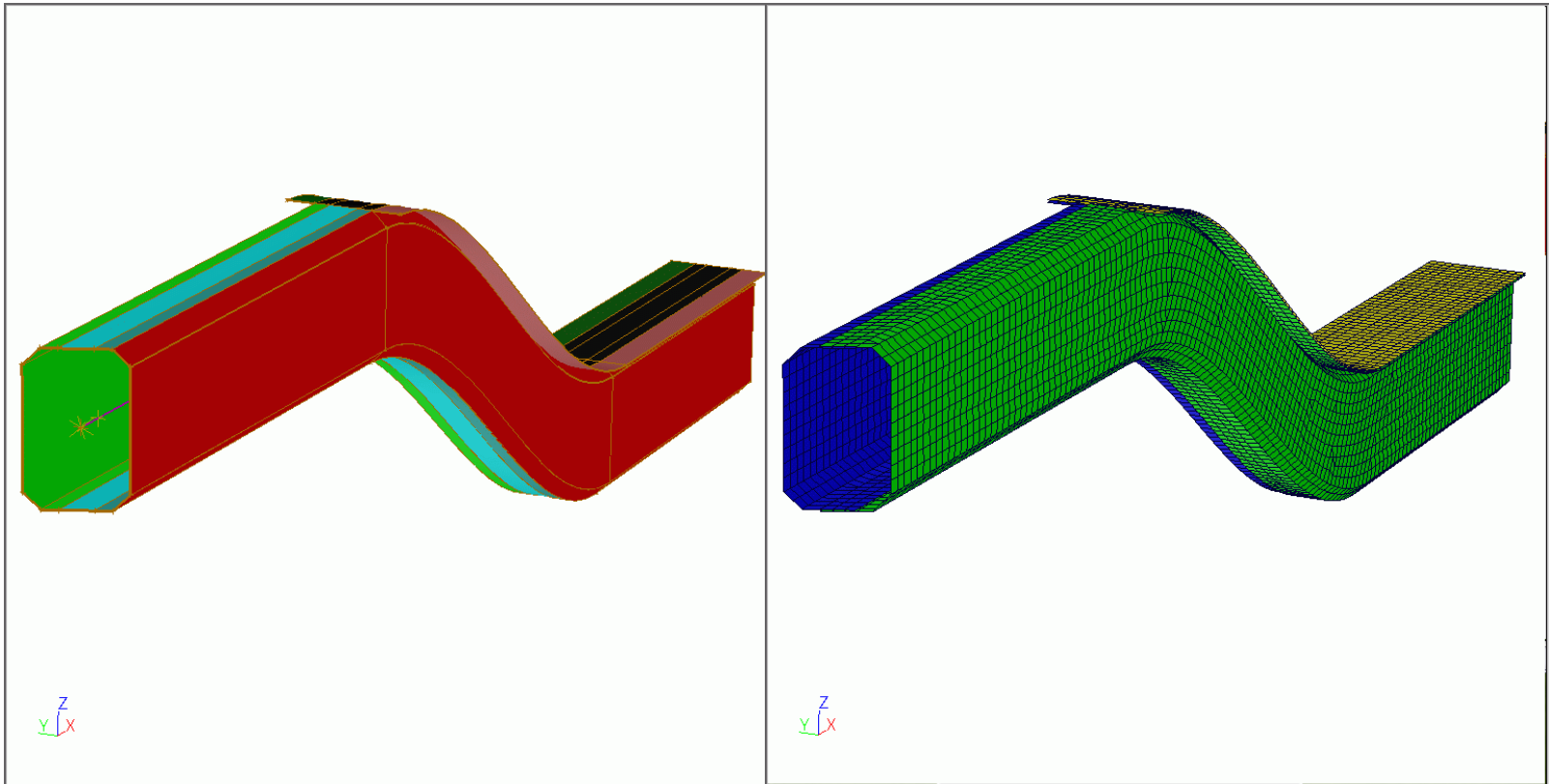
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Topology & Geometry Changes – Automated Loop



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SFE CONCEPT FE Model

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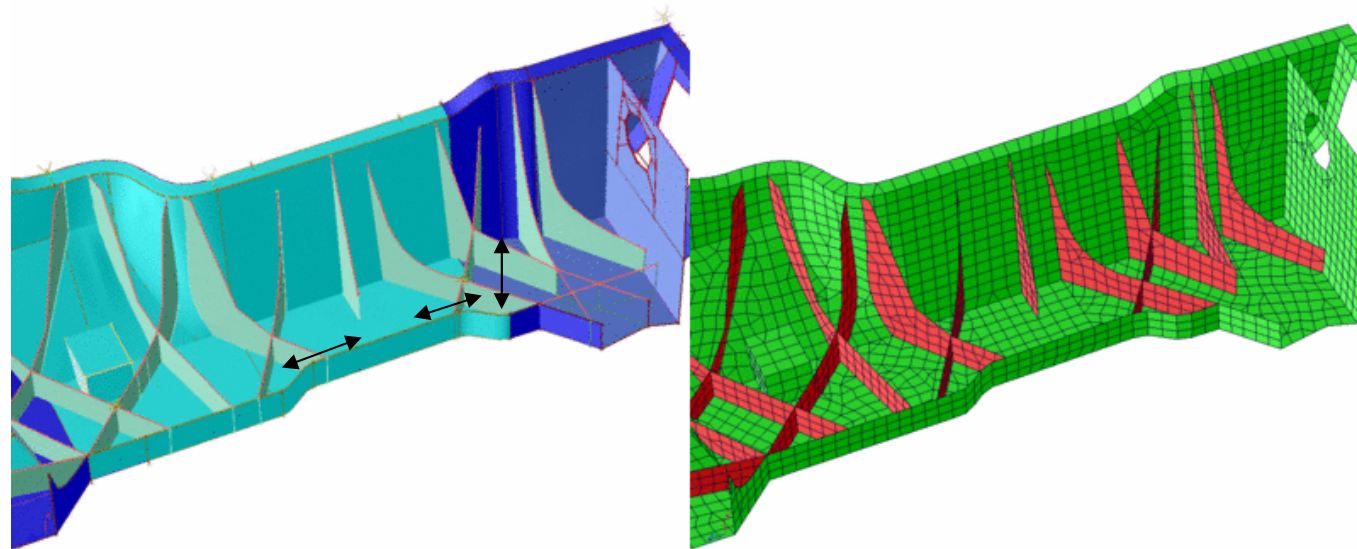
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- Parametric Ribs Positioning, ON/OFF
- Rib Height, Length
- Ribs with any desired Shape
- Automesh to follow the geometrical changes

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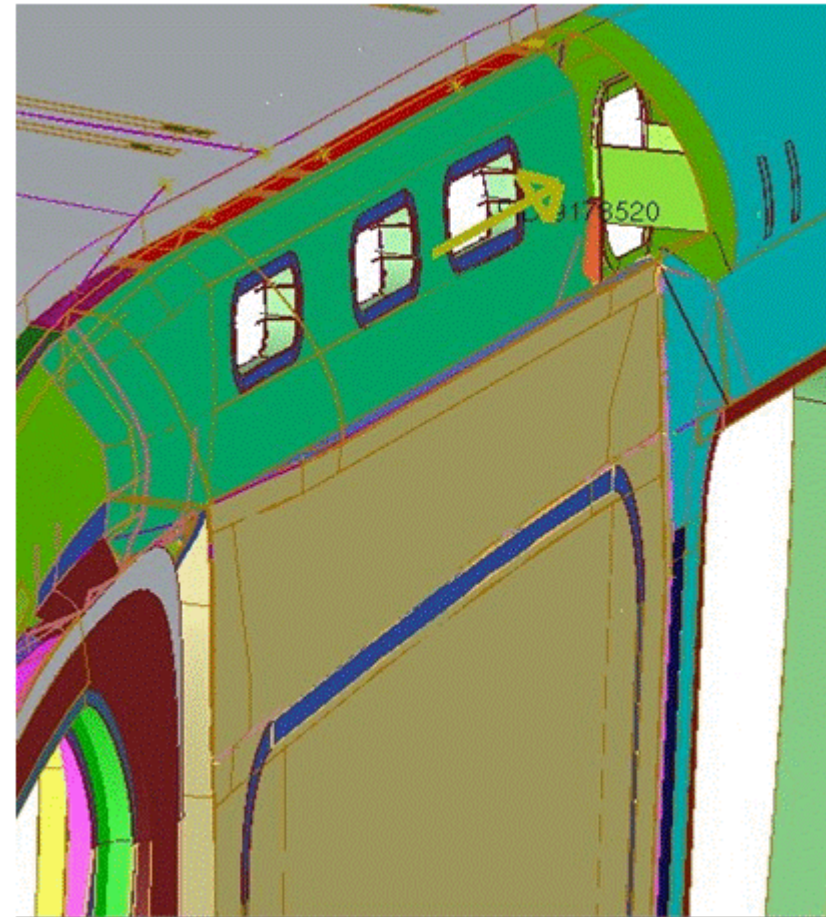
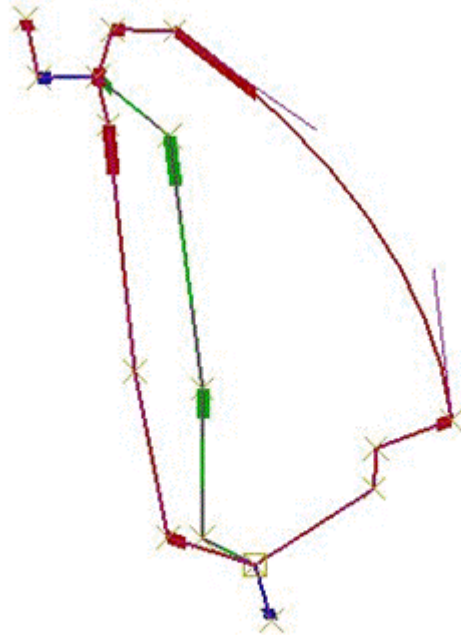
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- Roof Rail Section



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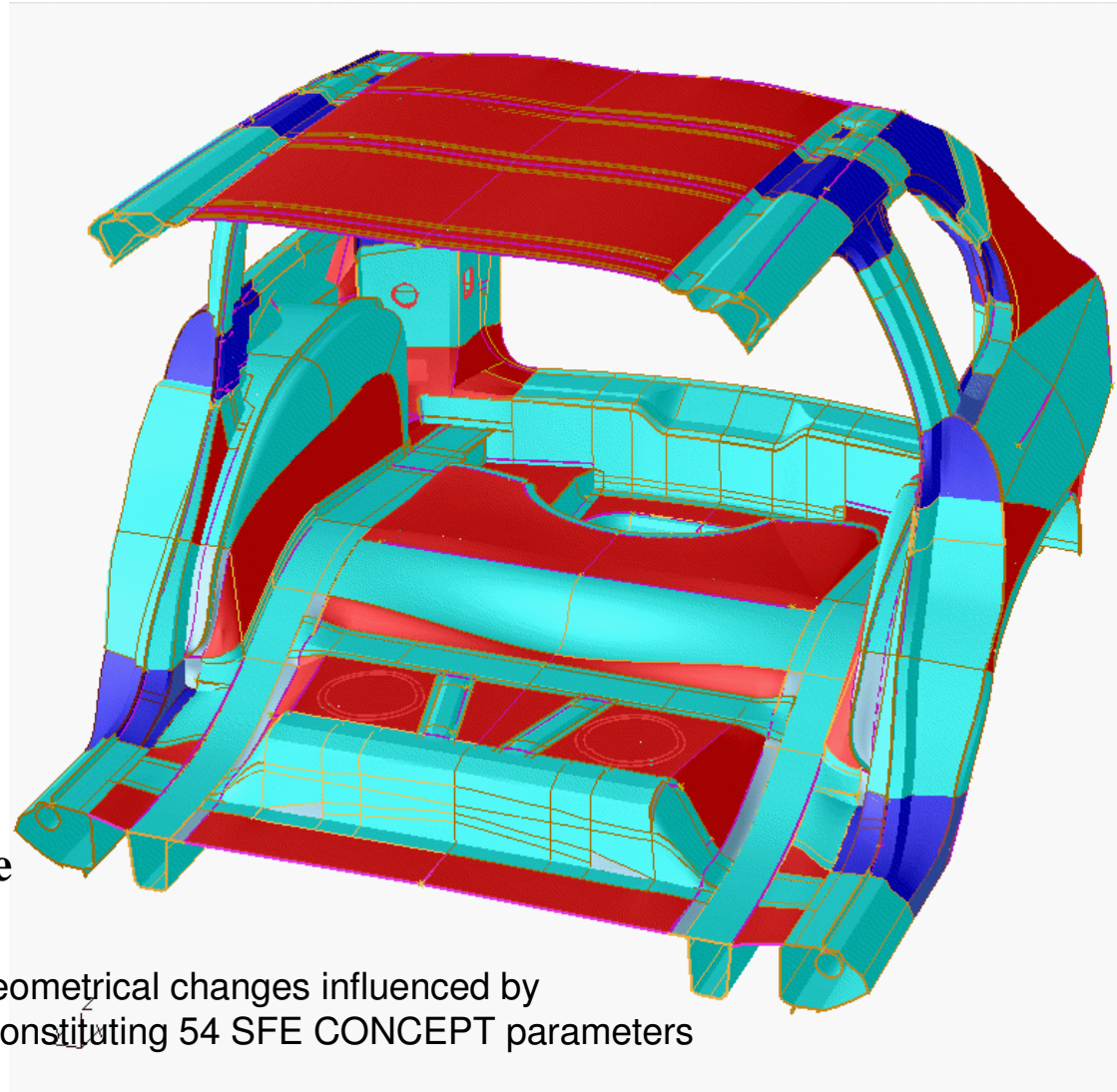
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Optimization
taking
several
simultaneous
changes
into account



Source: Porsche

Representation of geometrical changes influenced by
4 Design variables constituting 54 SFE CONCEPT parameters

Expectation: Reusability -Library

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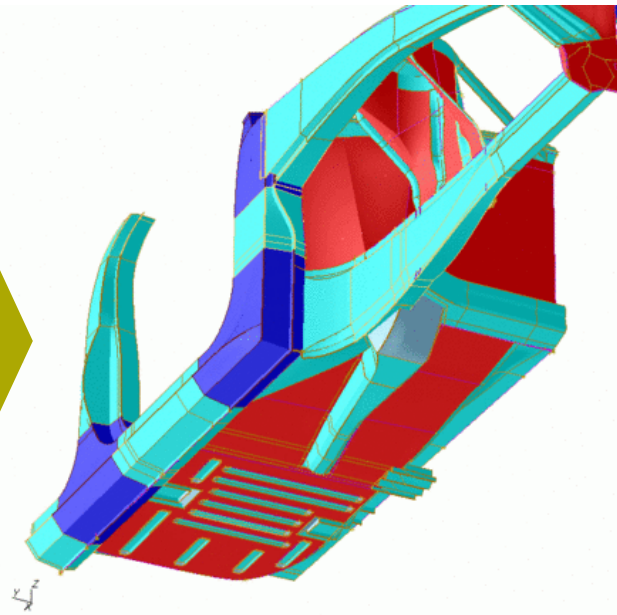
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Sub-assembly Library		



SFE CONCEPT Model



Assembly Library	
Variant 1	Variant 2
Variant 3	Variant 4
.....

Expectation: Reusability -Library

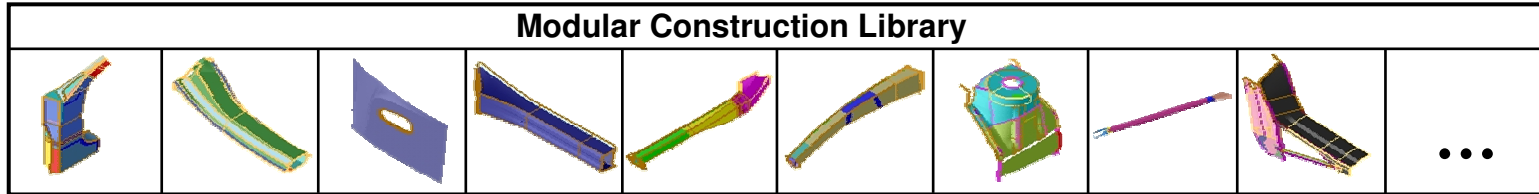
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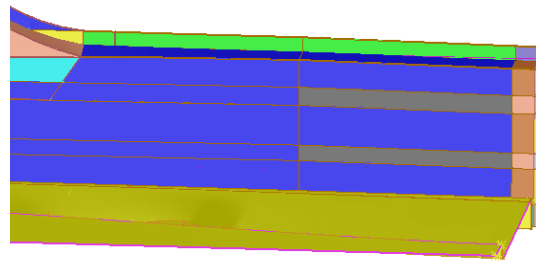
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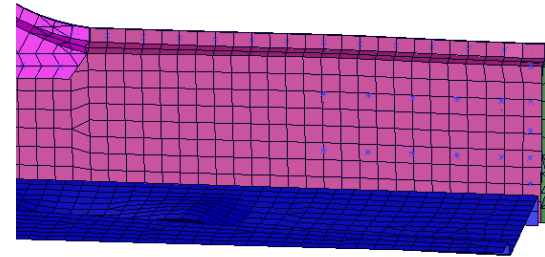
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From Library



Mesh & welds



- Use parametric model components or assemblies in current design
- These components know where they attach and what type of connections they have
- Automatic shape and size adaptation based on target model
- Part layers are automatically recognized and connected

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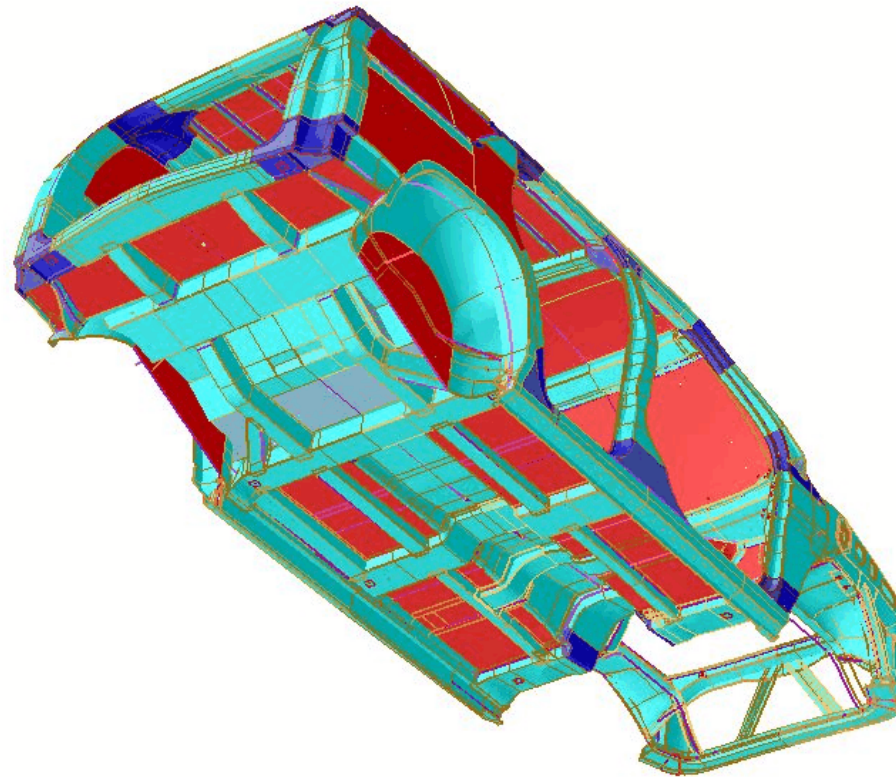
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- Floor concepts & Commonalities

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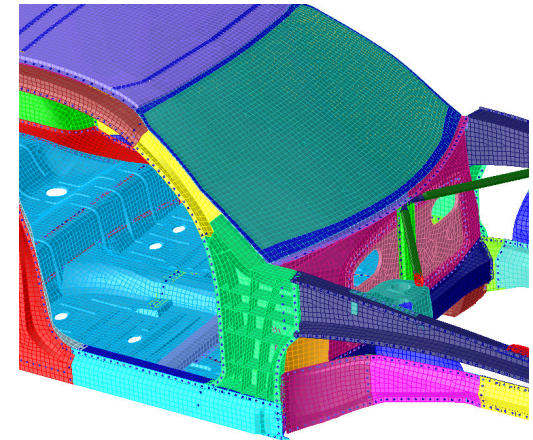
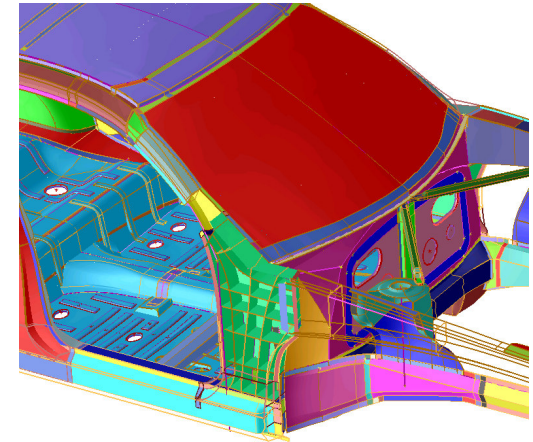
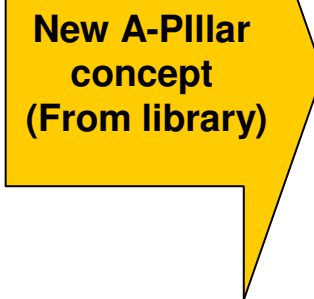
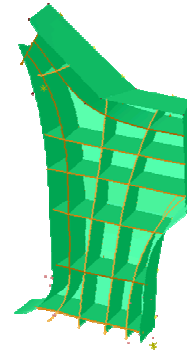
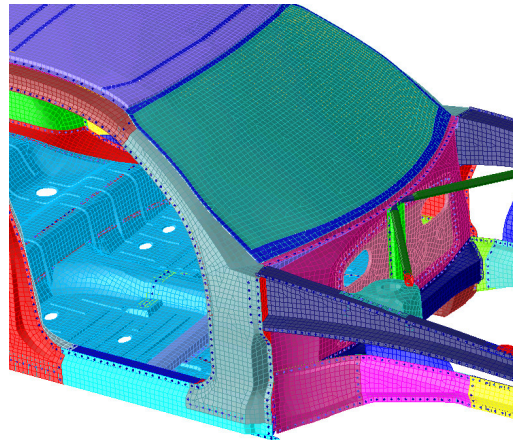
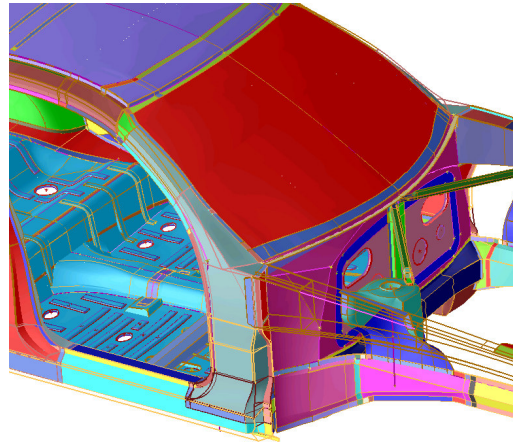
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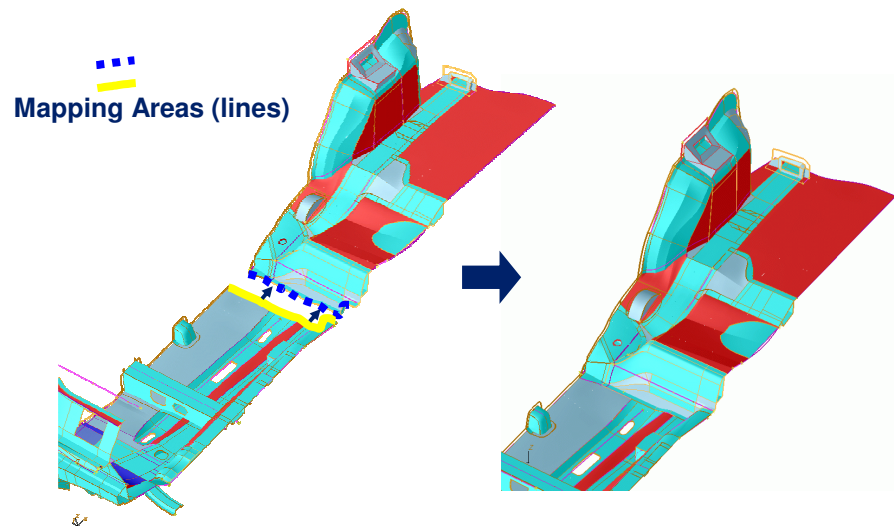
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New topology, new material concept

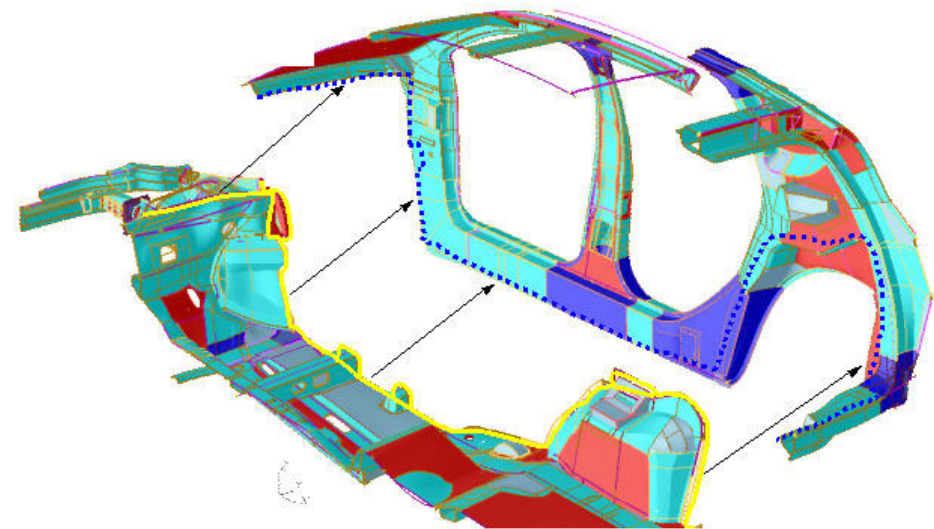
Upfront CAE

Parametric Geometry– First Part for the Upfront Process



Platform Components
Rear Structure

Platform Components
& Top Hat Structure



Component Assembly – Platform and Top Hat Structure



Optimization loop

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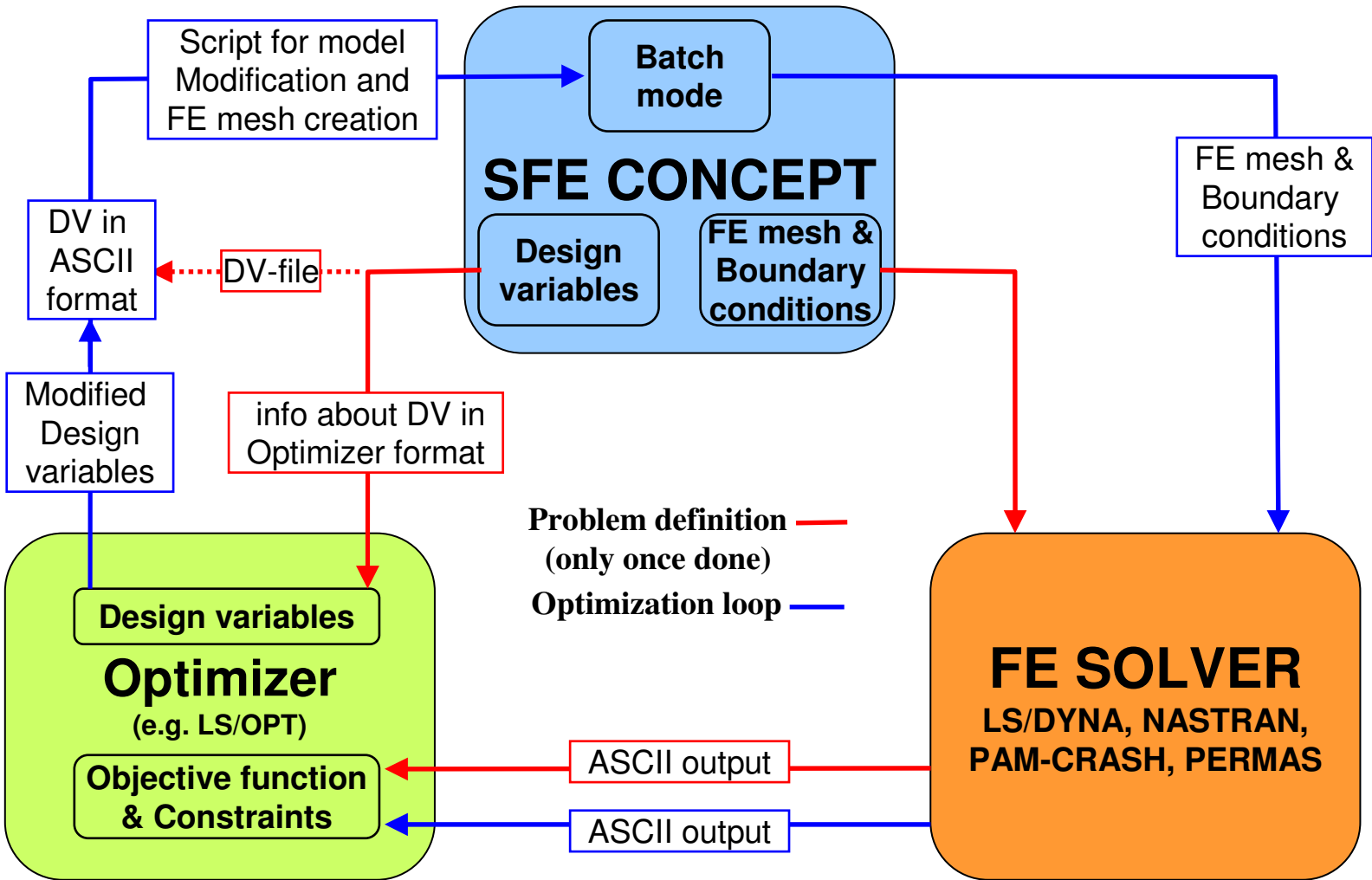
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Problem definition — (only once done)
Optimization loop —

Optimization – Example Pedestrian Protection Hood

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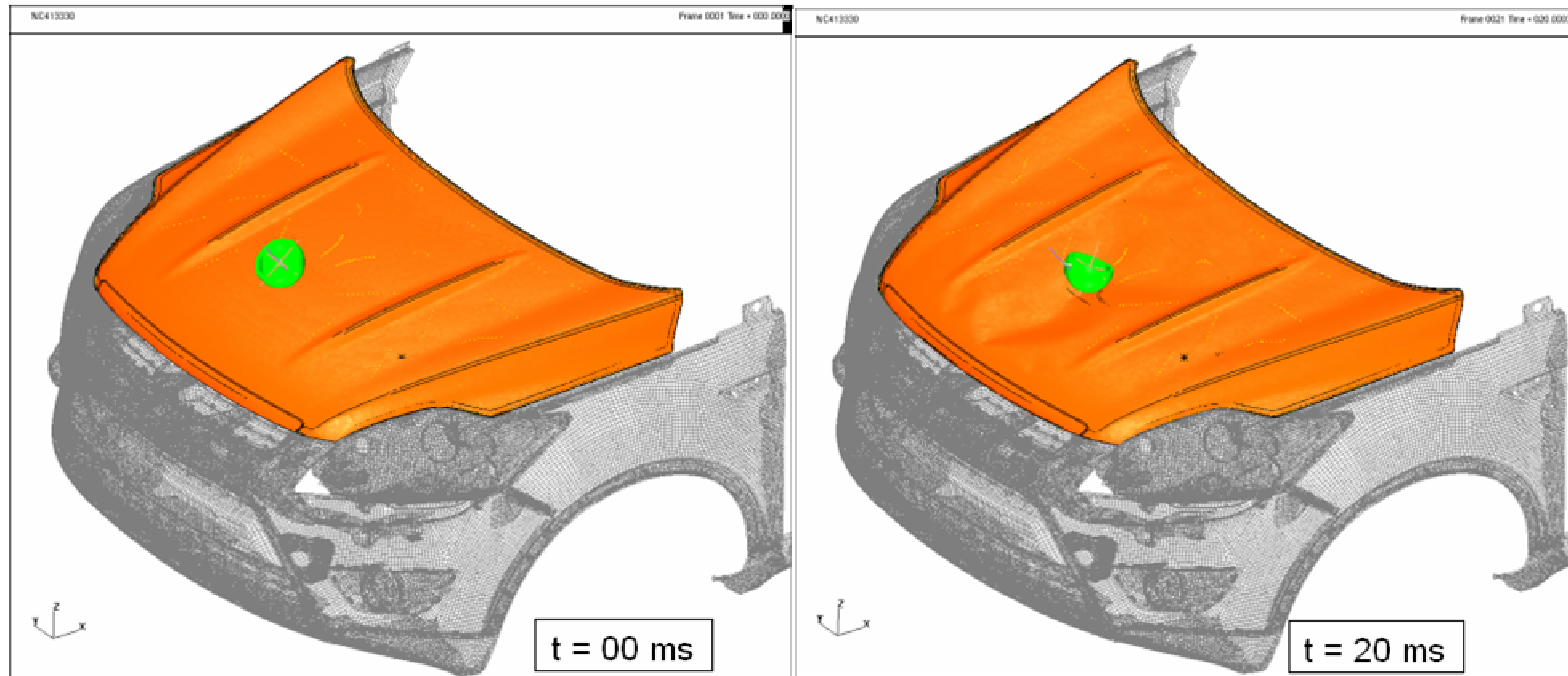
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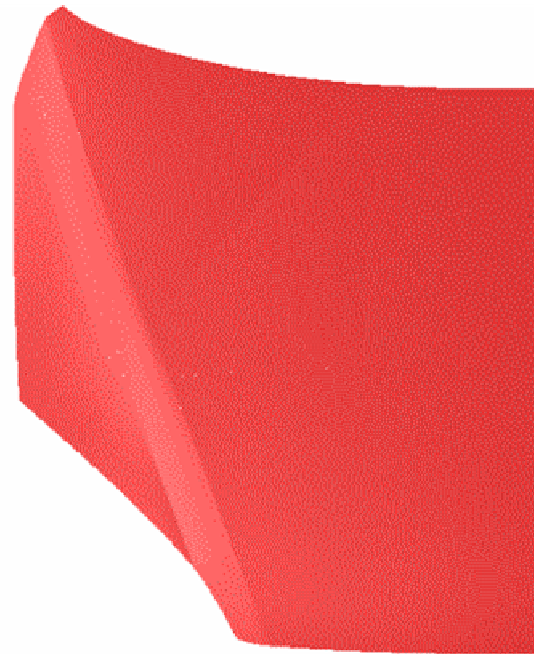
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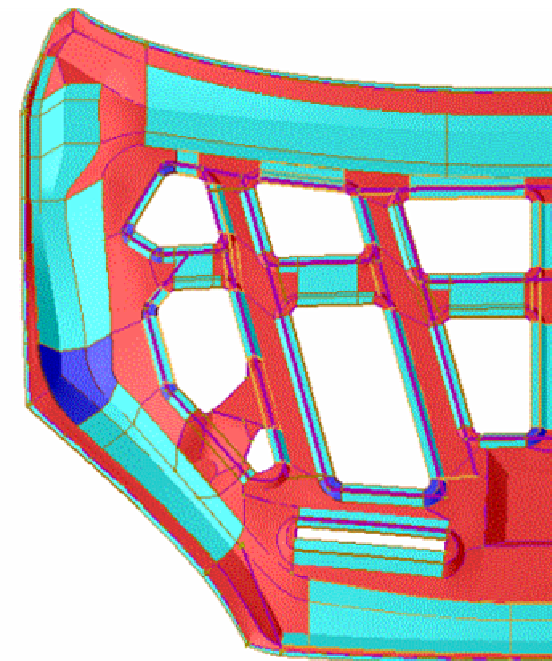
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Optimization – Example Pedestrian Protection Hood

Hood panel



Hood structure



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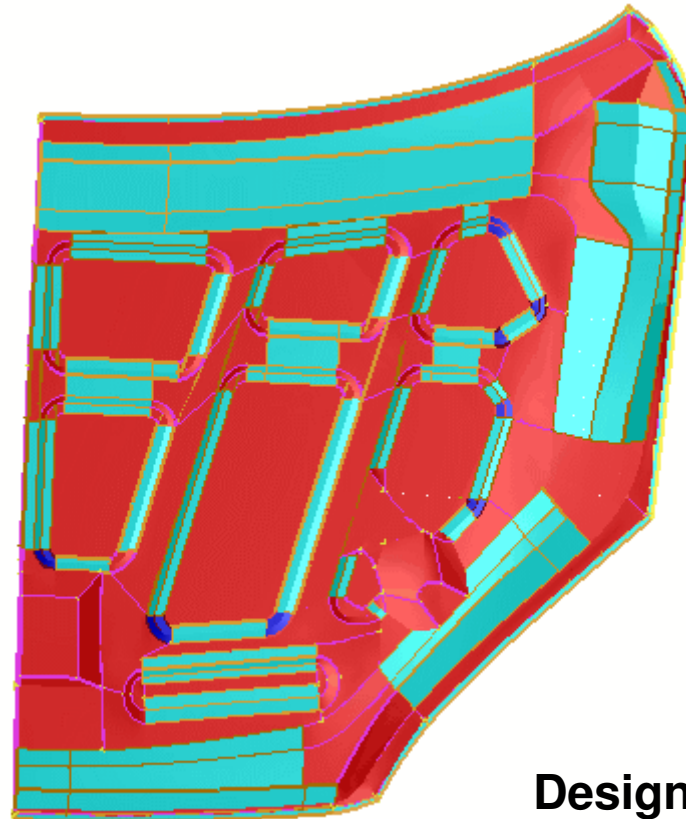
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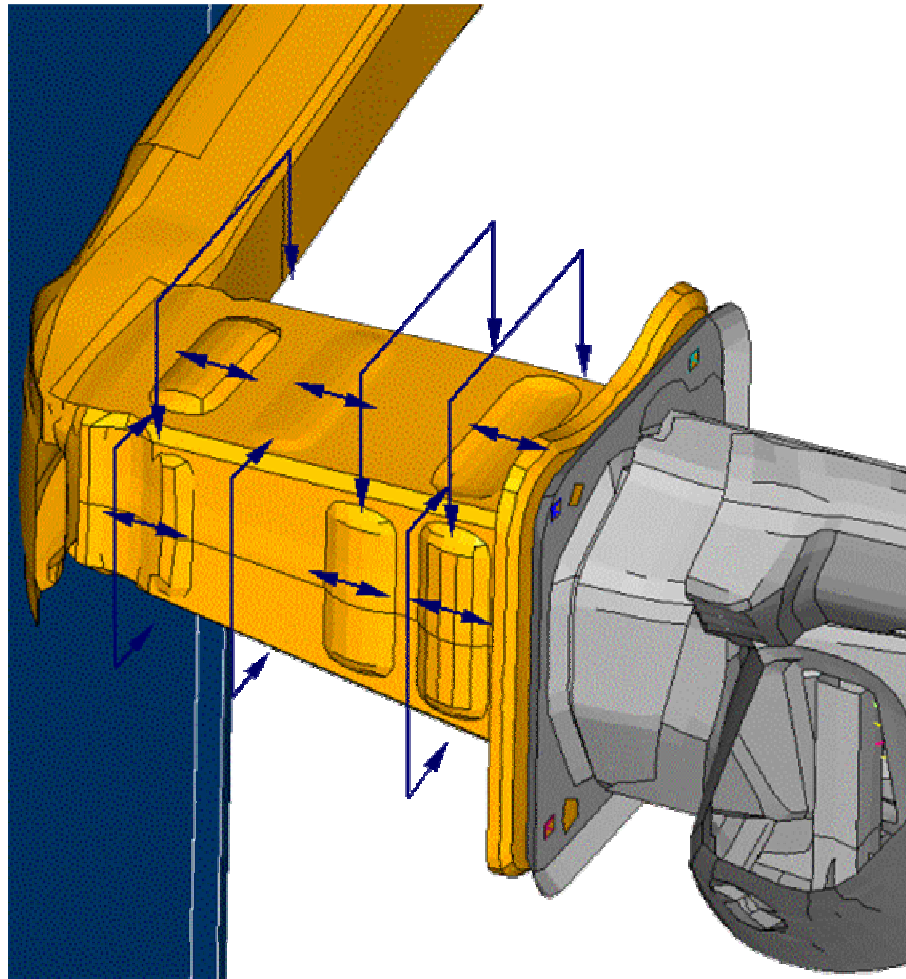
Example:
Moving the center Cross Member
=> Modifying Design Variable

CTR-XMBR/POS-X" = 0.0 - 3.0

Design Model 1

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Optimization – Example CD34x Bumper Crash Can

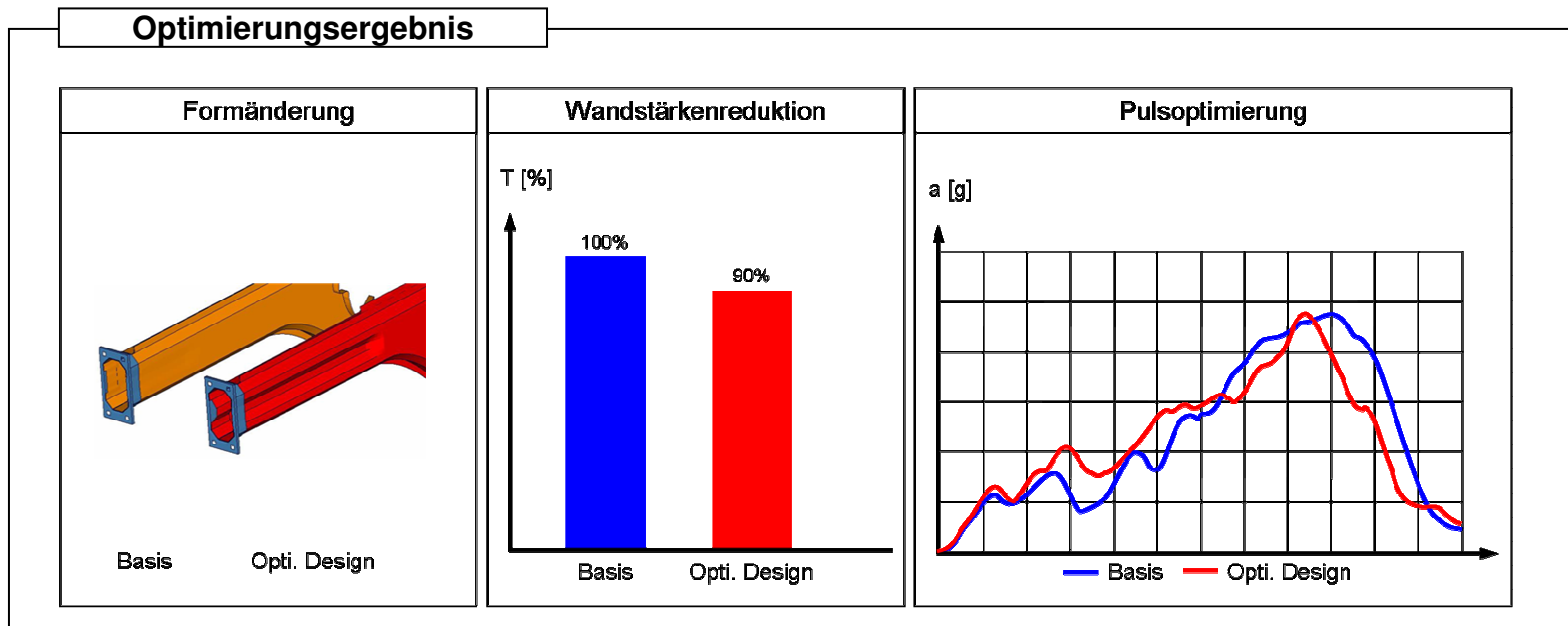
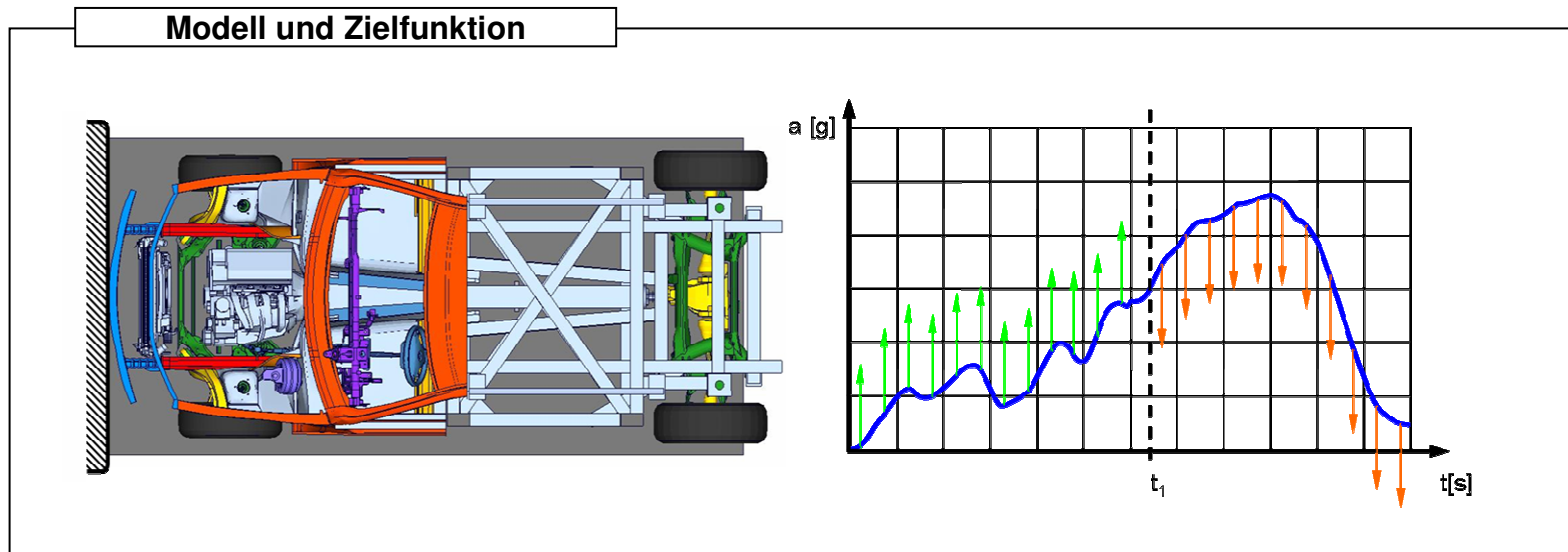


- Crash can thickness (0.05 mm increments)
- Crash can material (ZSTE → DP600)
- 6x Trigger positions
- 5x Trigger depression shape (inward, outward, flat)
- 2x Trigger width
- **In total: 15 Design Variables**

Owner: Jörgen Hilmann

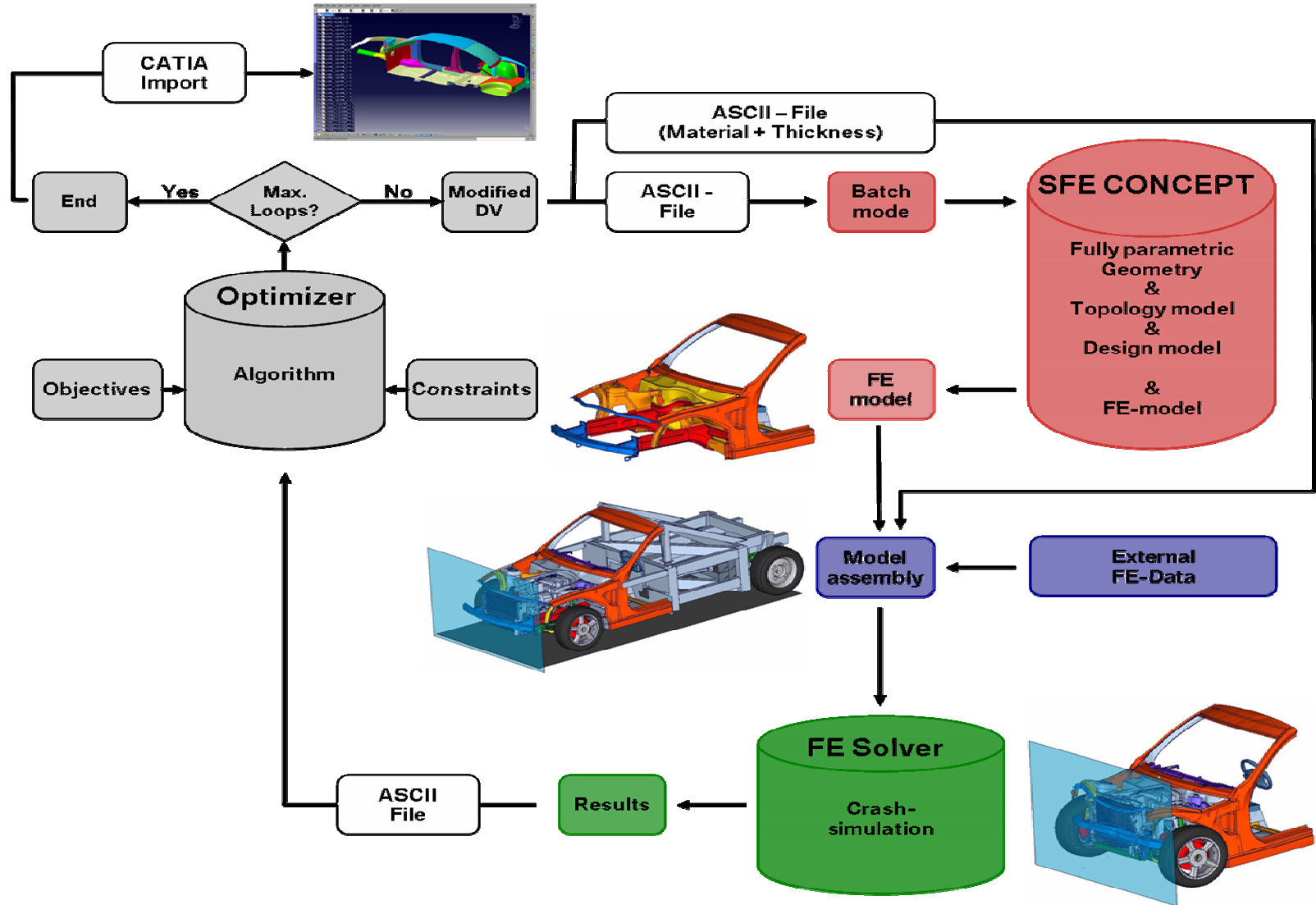
Funktionsauslegung in frühen Entwicklungsphasen

Integrierte Form- und Attributsbeeinflussung zur Craschoptimierung



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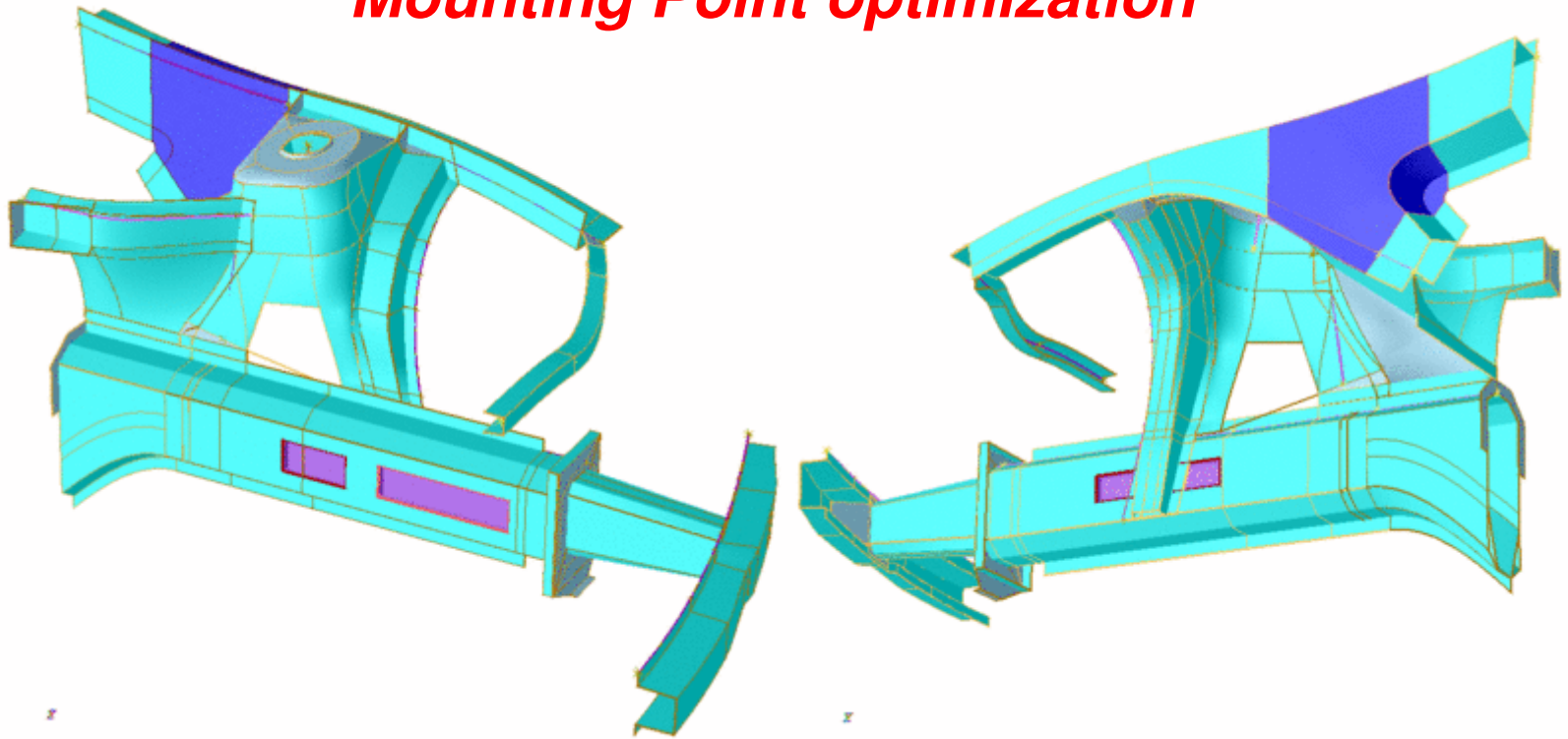
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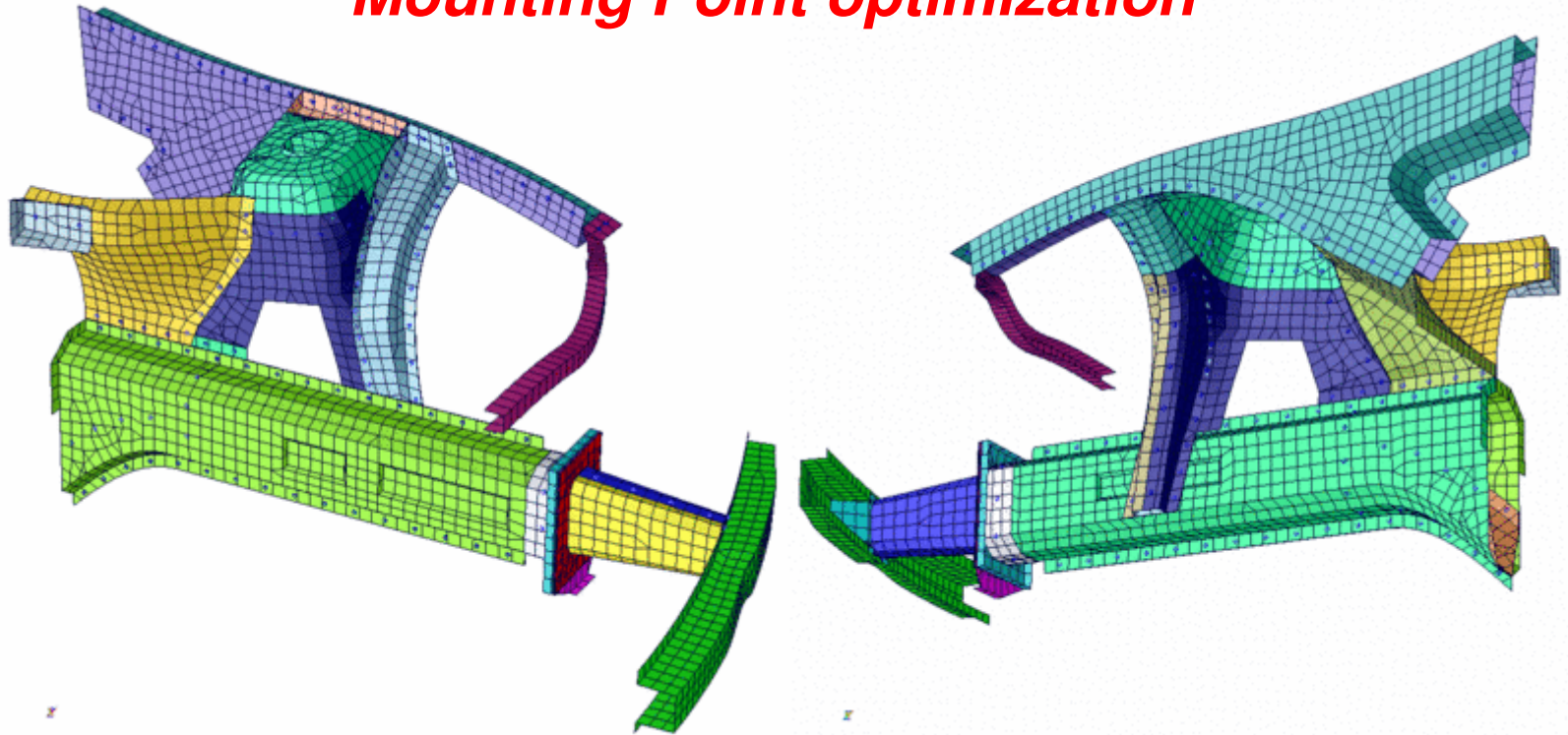
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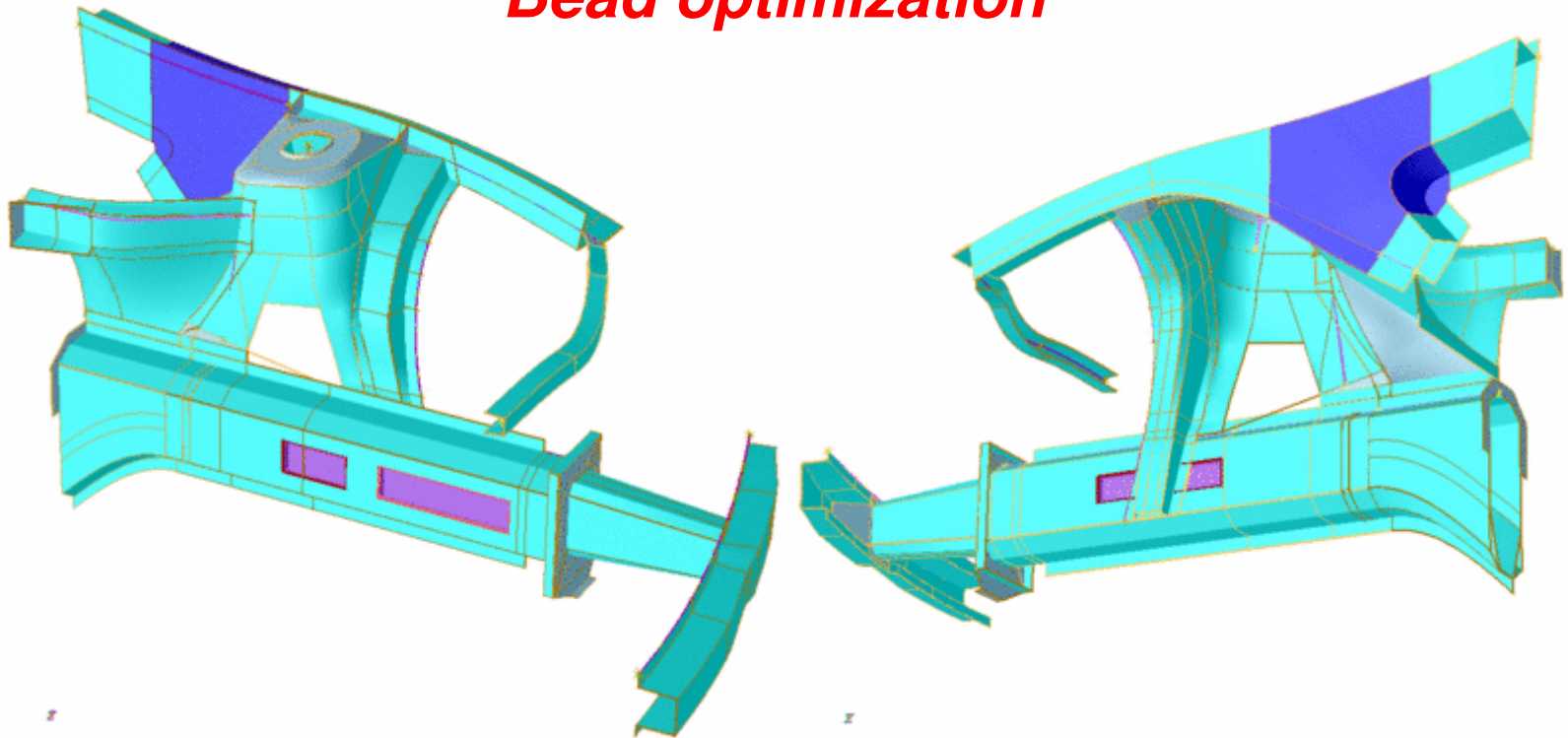
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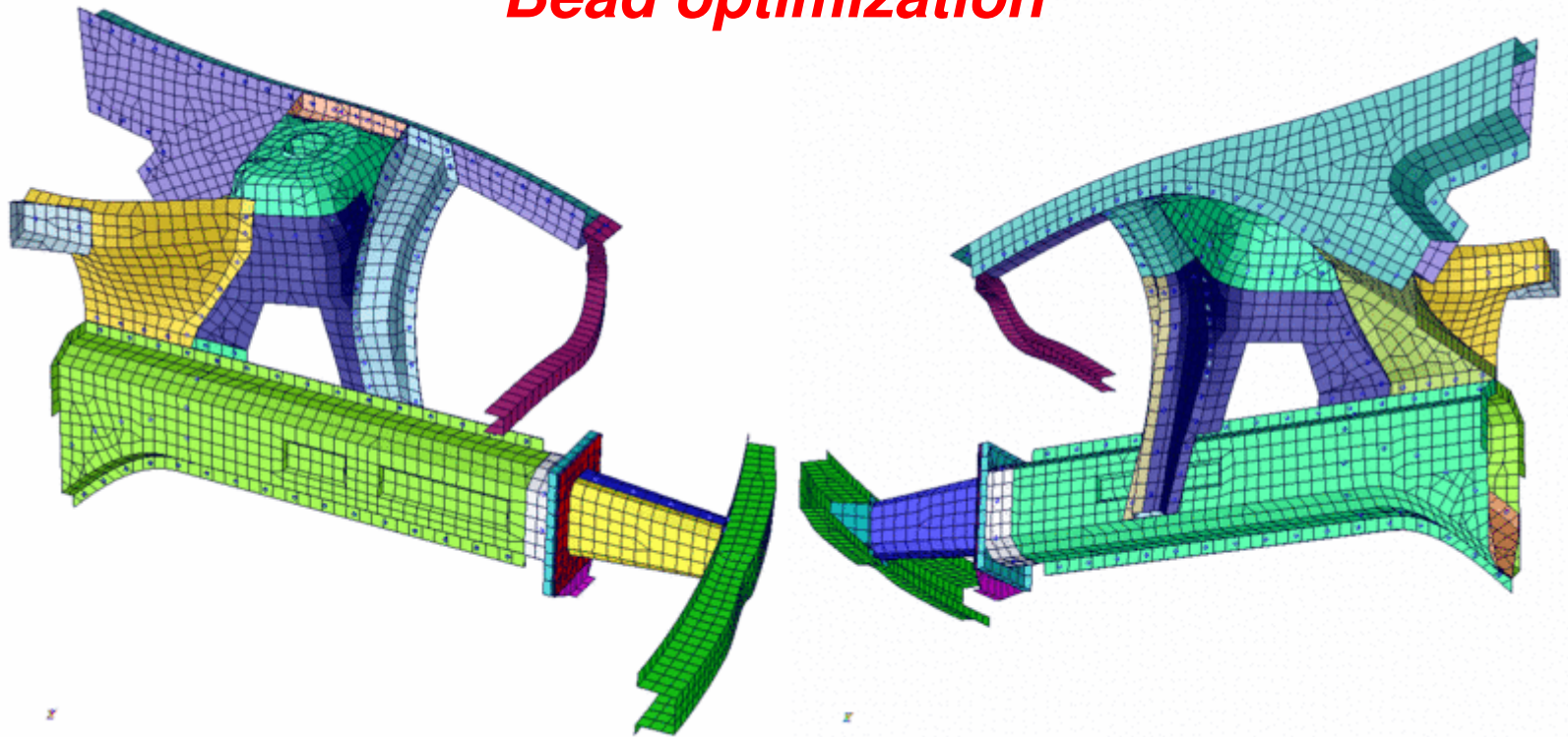
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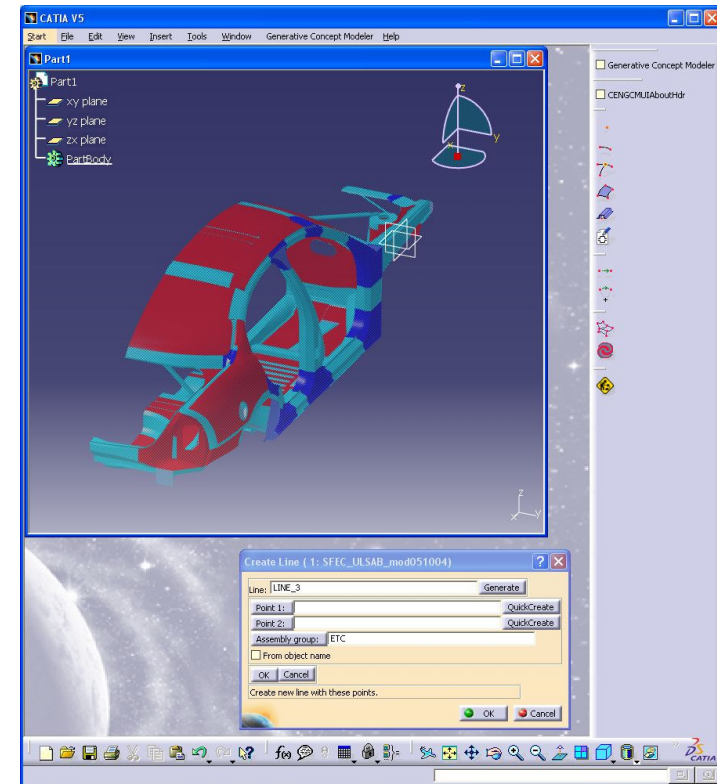
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- **Full integration in CATIA V5 integriert means:**
 - native CATIA V5 model
 - all parts/components of the SFE CONCEPT model are available within CATIA for further use with full SFE CONCEPT functionality
 - One single GUI in CATIA „look & feel“



– during modeling existing CATIA-data (packaging, styling) may be referenced/used **associatively**

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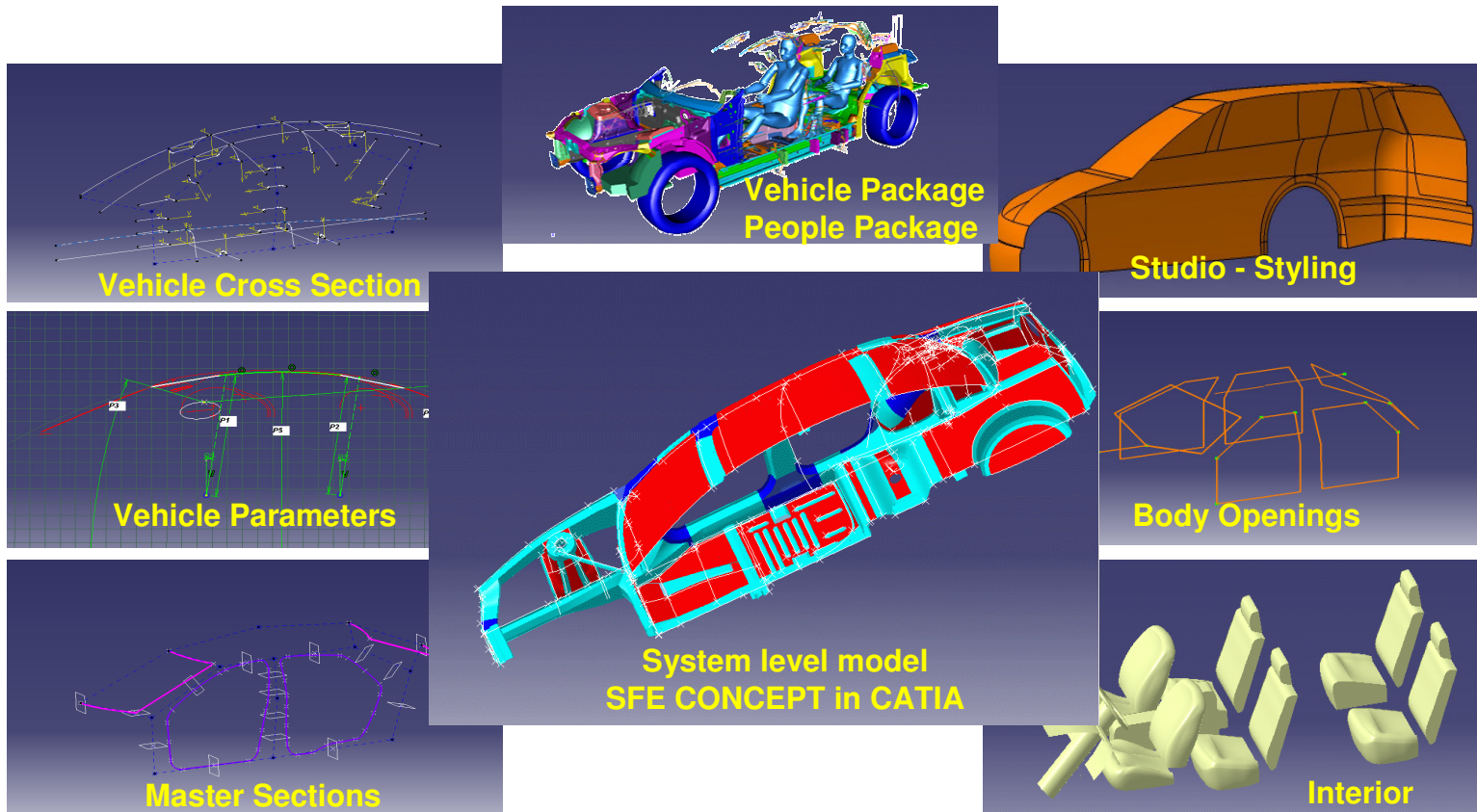
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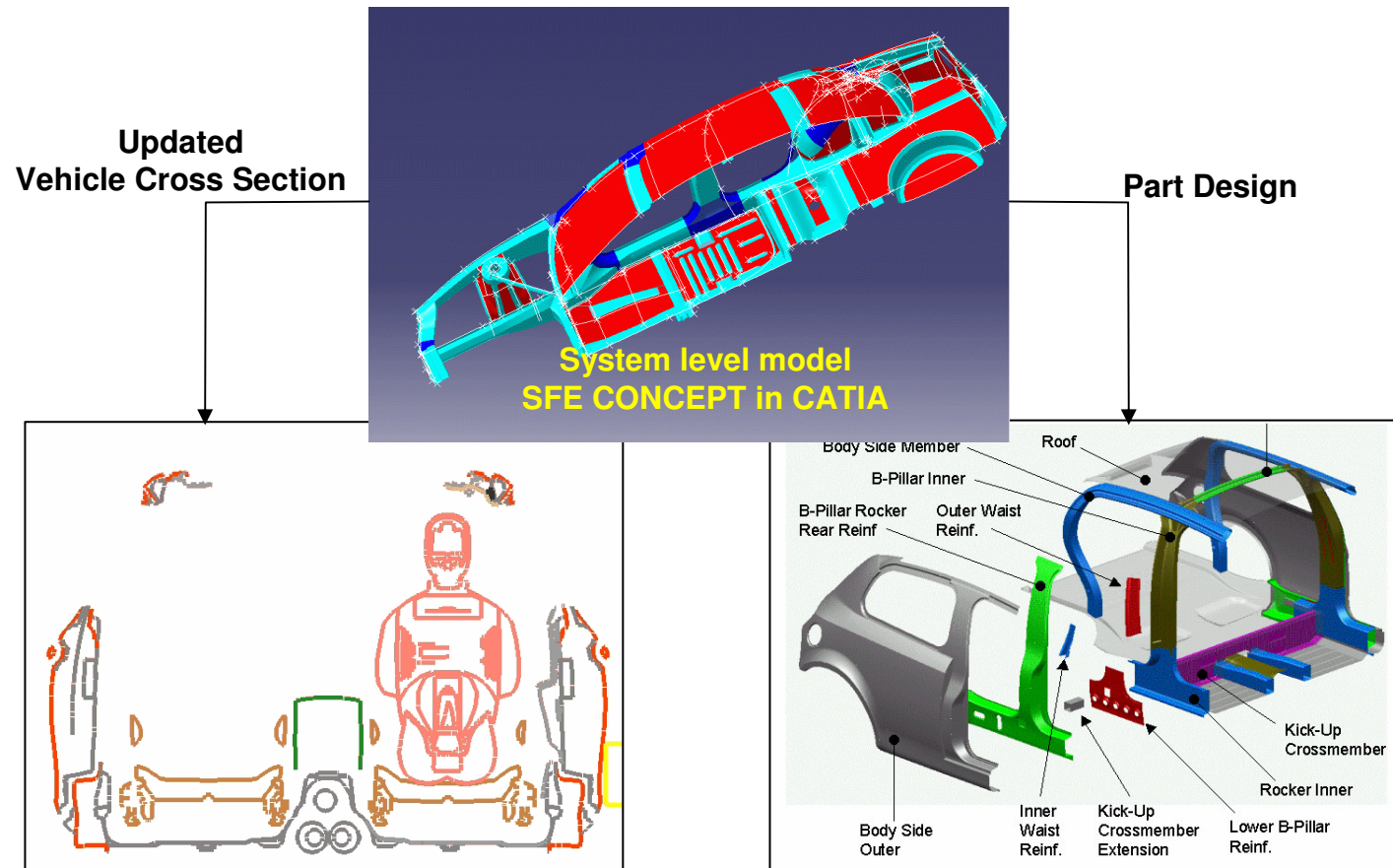
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- easy data exchange between employees, departments, suppliers; the CATIA document (CATPart / CATProduct) owns all data
- **use of CATIA as established platform**



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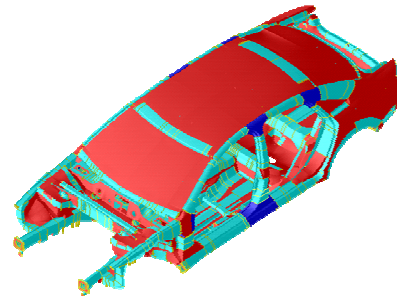
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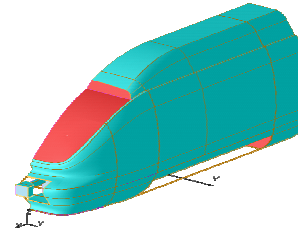
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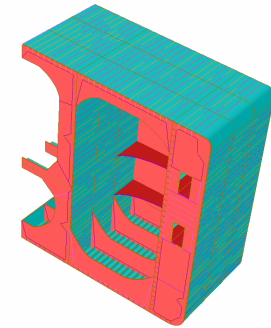
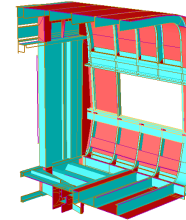
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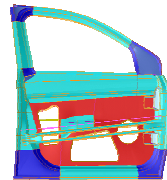
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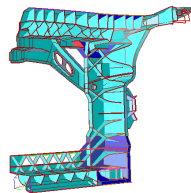
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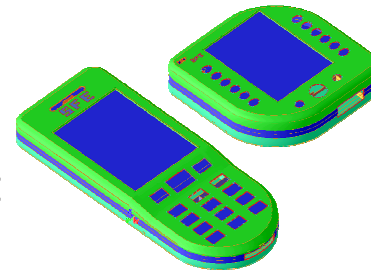
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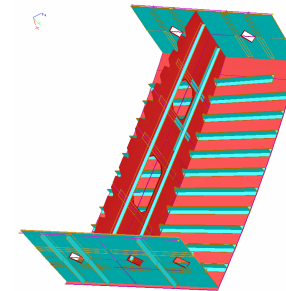
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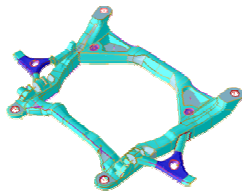
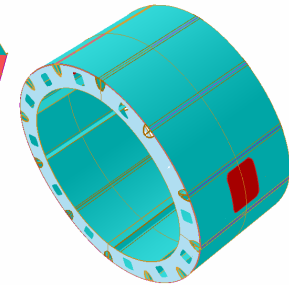
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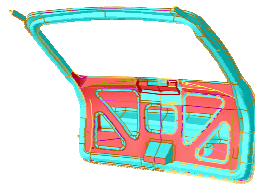
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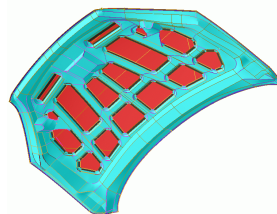
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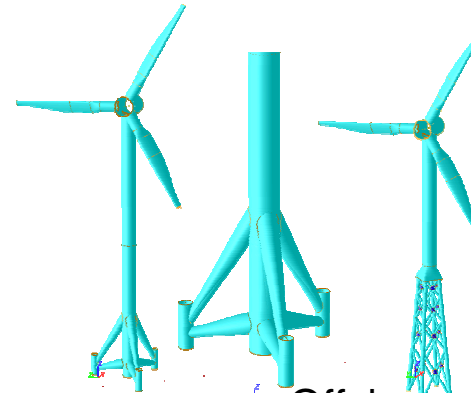
Front Sub-frame



Lift Gate



Hood



Offshore

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- Automated Process
- Pre-learning through Tradeoff Studies
- Best Common Practices
- Reusable Models and Components
- Parametric Models
- DOE Studies
- Multi-disciplinary Optimization (MDO)

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Simulation

Optimization

Summary



Thank You!