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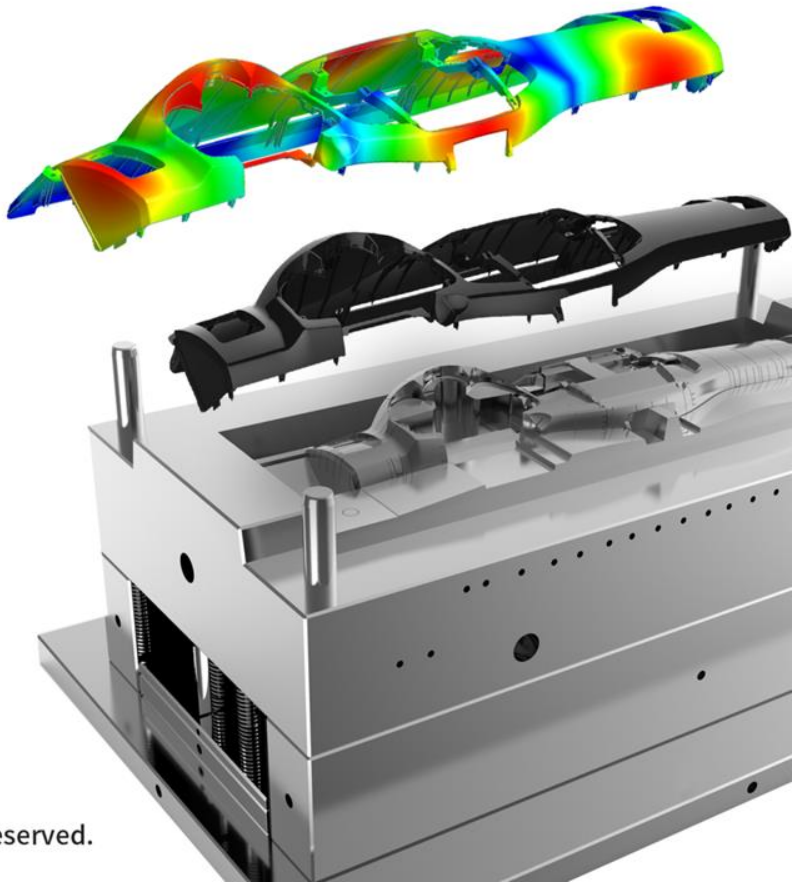
What's New in R16

Version: R16



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Supported Platforms

- Moldex3D supports Windows 64-bit platform for all purposes such as pre-processing, solving and post-processing, and Linux platform is supported as calculation resource
- Moldex3D Mesh R16 for Rhino5 64-bit platform only

Platform	OS	Remark
Windows / x86-64	Windows 10 family Windows 8 family Windows 7 family Windows Server 2008 R2 Windows HPC Server 2008 R2 Windows Server 2012 Windows Server 2016	Moldex3D R16 is certified for Windows 10
Linux / x86-64	CentOS 6 family CentOS 7 family RHEL 6 family RHEL 7 family SUSE Linux Enterprise Server 11 SP2	Linux platform is used for calculation resource only. Moldex3D LM, Pre-processor and post-processor do not support Linux platform

* Moldex3D LM server supported platform will switch to Windows 64-bit OS next official release in 2019 and R16 LM is the last version that supports Windows 32-bit OS

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Terminology Change

- Moldex3D R16
  - Remove sub-version number known as “.0” in the official product name
- Foam Injection Molding (FIM)
  - Rename the application type which is previously known as Microcellular Injection Molding (MCIM)
- Molten Core
  - Rename result item in filling, packing and cooling analysis which is previously known as melting core
- Joint Type
  - Rename the term for the junction between two curves in runner or cooling channel which is previously known as node type

Terminology Definition

- Clamping Force Centroid
  - The clamping force centroid shows the center of the clamping force at the moment of peak

- Pin Movement
  - New capability in advanced hot runner (AHR) module to simulate pin movement with profiled speed setting

Announcement

- New License Architecture
  - The lighter and flexible new R16 license is implemented to make a better user experience
- Moldex3D Project Files
  - Moldex3D eDesign project is switched from *.mvj to *.m3j that unify the previously two 3D projects, eDesign and Solid, to be only one single file extension
- Moldex3D 64-bit LMSR
  - Moldex3D LMSR application known as Moldex3D License-Admin is going to switch the supported platform to 64-bit Windows OS and plan to terminate 32-bit program next official release in 2019

Moldex3D R16 Highlights

- Coupled VE-Flow Analysis
- Full Moldbase Non-matching Technology
- Boost Design Verification Productivity
- Long Fiber Prediction Achievement
- Simulation Workflow Automation Tool

More Enhancements in Moldex3D R16

- More Enhancements in Solver
- More Enhancements in Pre-processor
- More Enhancements in UI
- More Enhancements in Solution Add-On
- More Enhancements in Moldex3D Studio (Beta)

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Coupled VE-Flow Analysis

New Generation Viscoelastic Flow Solver

> Fluid Analysis with Coupled VE Technology

- The viscoelastic (VE) character of plastics is taken into account and coupled during the molding simulation
- Upgrade kernel from viscous fluid to viscoelastic fluid to simulate such phenomena as die swell, jetting and buckling

> **Benefit**

- Improved optics and warpage prediction
- Pioneered analysis technology of Viscoelastic Fluid
- One step further to explorer the tricky issues such as ear flow, tiger stripe and more…

Core Technology Revolution in Solver

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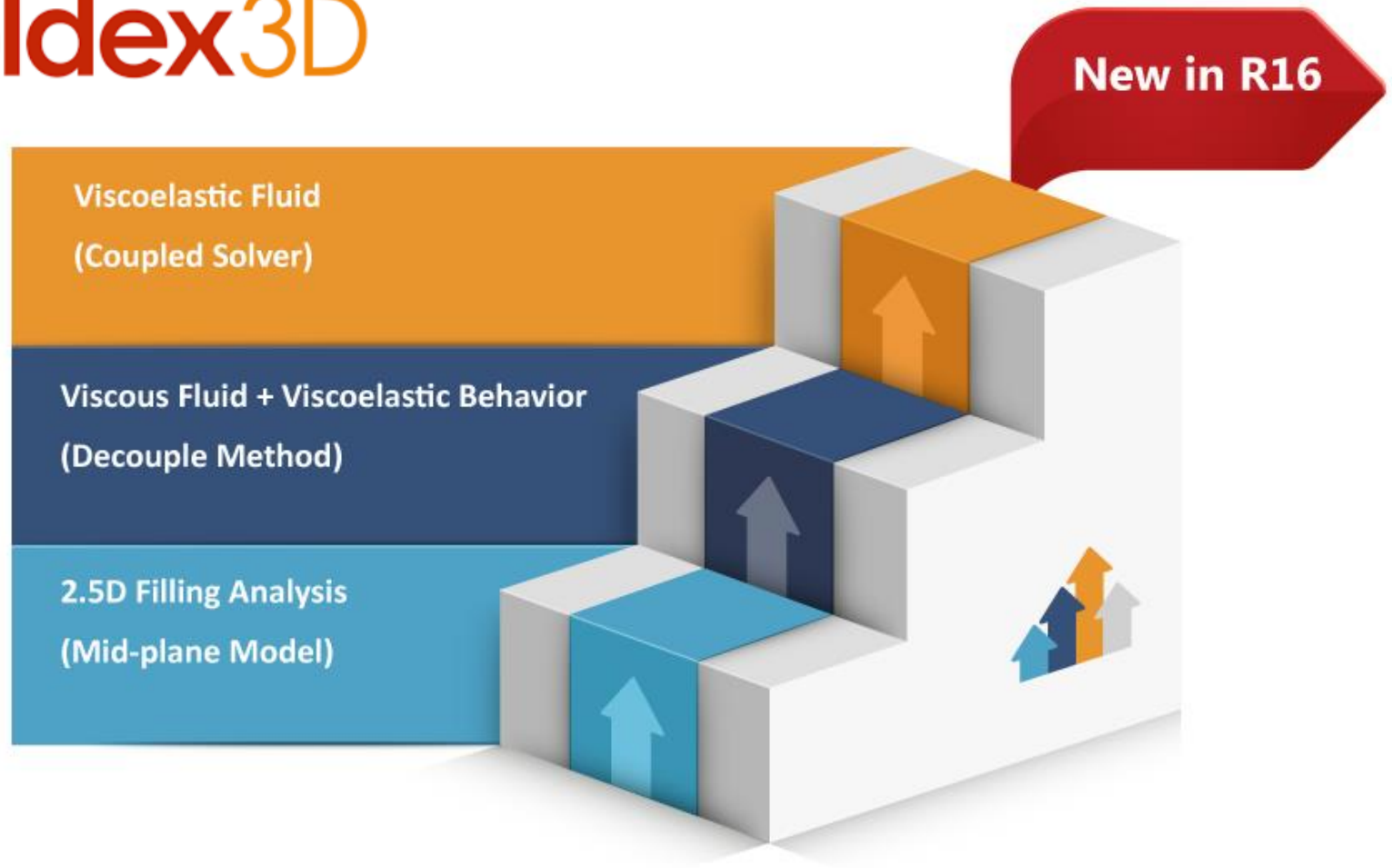
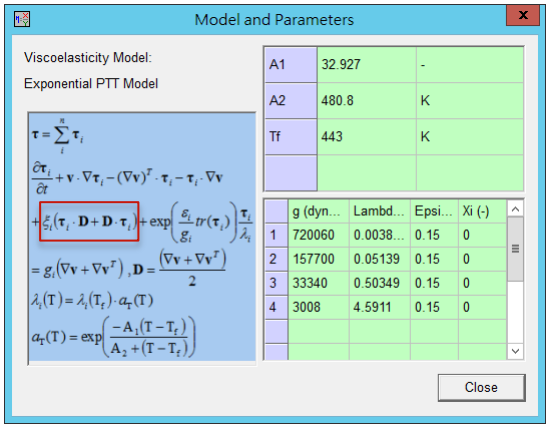
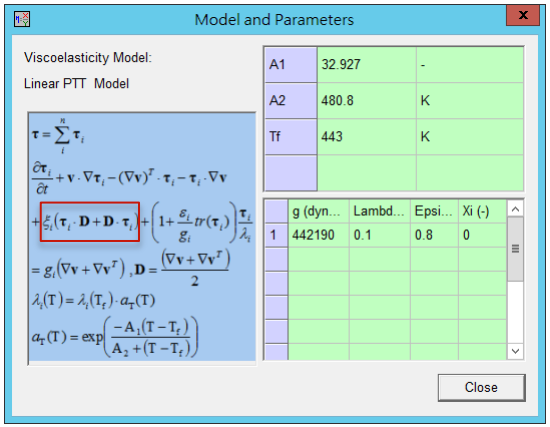


1995 Moldex (Shell) → 2002 Moldex3D (3D) → 2018 Moldex3D (3D + VE)

Improve for Complete PTT Model

> Enhance flow-induced residual stress prediction
  - **Second Normal Stress Coefficient ψ_2**

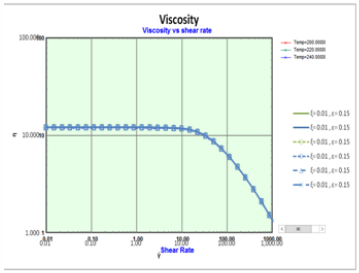




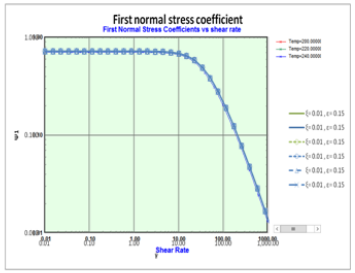
Material Functions of Complete PTT Model

> Comparison with analytical solution for steady simple shear flow
  - η= 12.038, λ= 0.03, ε= 0.15, ξ=0.01

Shear viscosity η



First Normal Stress Coefficient ψ_1



Second Normal Stress Coefficient ψ_2

> Reference
  - Manuel A. Alves, Fernando T. Pinho, *Paulo J. Oliveira,* "Study of steady pipe and channel flows of a single-mode Phan-Thien–Tanner fluid", J. Non-Newtonian Fluid Mech. 101 (2001) 55–76

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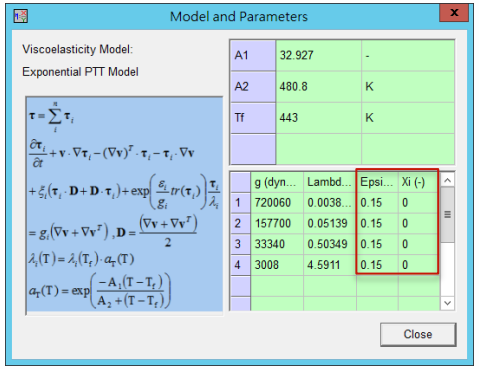
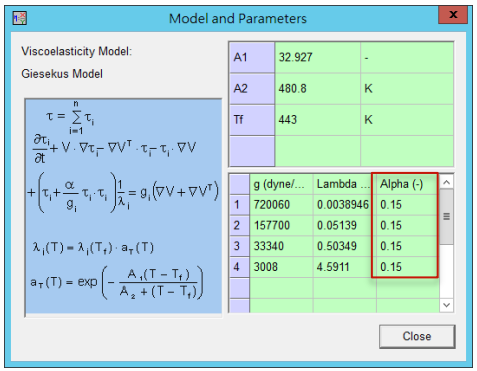
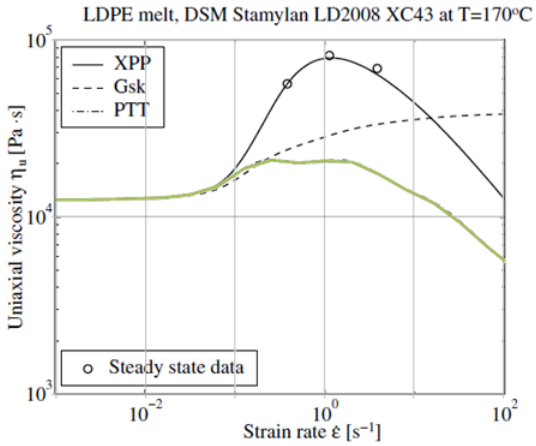
Support Multi Mode for Non-Linear Parameters

- Non-linear parameters of VE property set by different mode
  - Allow more fitting capacity for fluid VE, such as fitting elongational viscosity
  - Supported model: Linear PTT, Exponential PTT and Giesekus

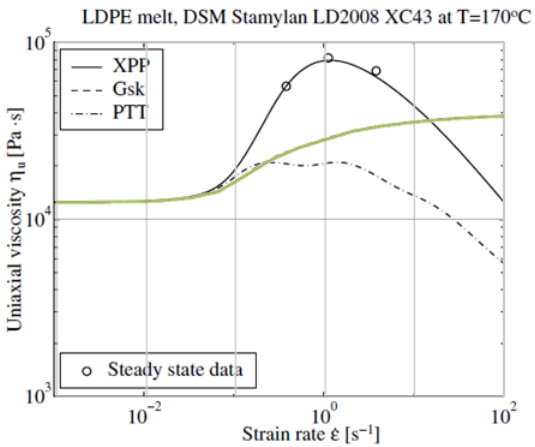




PTT model



Gieskus model



Comparison of elongational viscosity to reference

Ref. : Wilco M. H. Verbeeten “Computational Polymer Melt Rheology”

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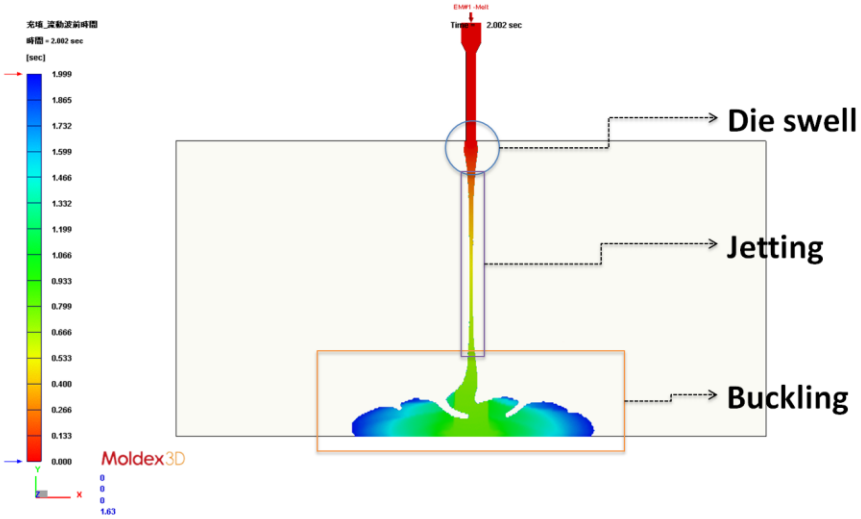
Enhance Flow Simulation with Viscoelastic Effect

- Viscoelastic free-surface effects
  - Die swell
  - Jetting
  - Bucking

Time-series animation of melt front time



Simulation result from Literature

Ref. : J. L. Favero, “Viscoelatic fluid analysis in internal and in free surface using the software OpenFOAM

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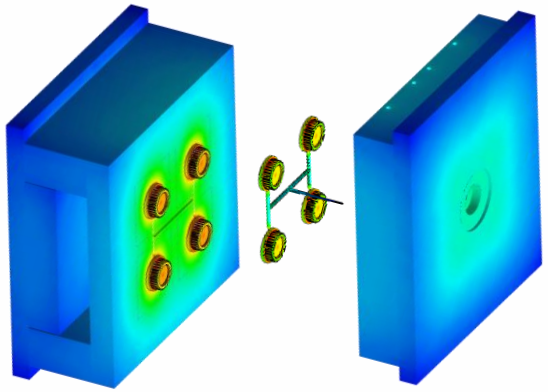
Full Moldbase Non-matching Technology

Allow Full Moldbase with Non-matching Faces

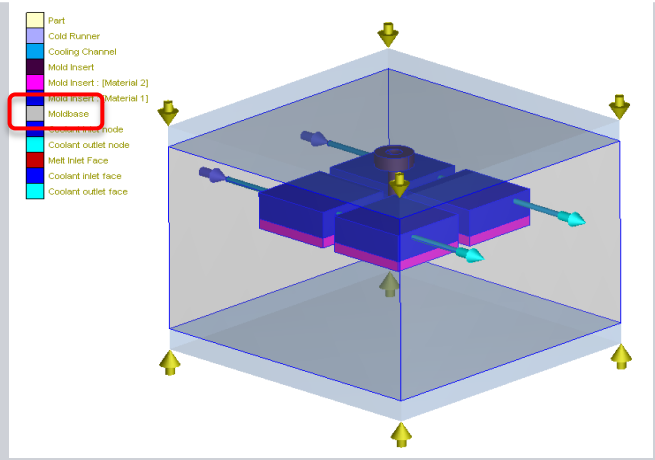
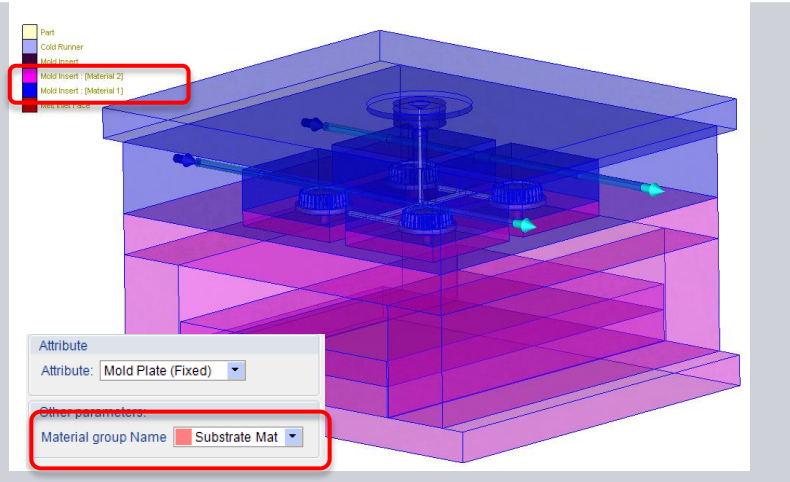
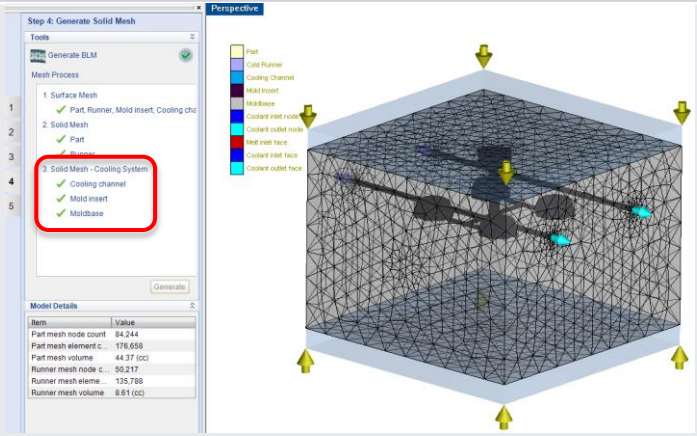
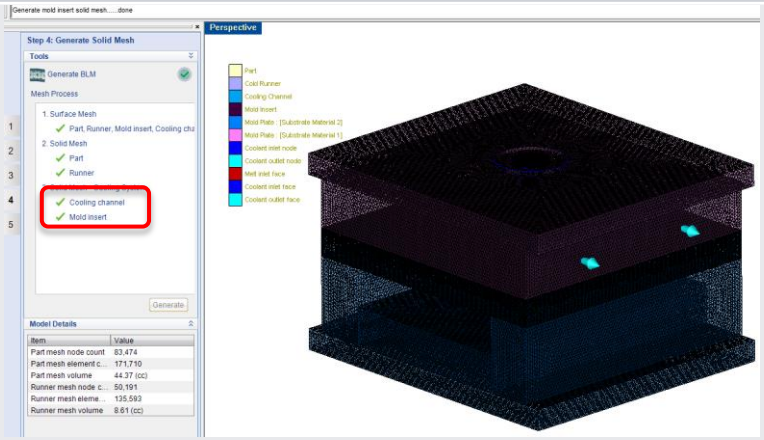
- Support complete moldbase components
  - All moldbase components are fully supported to be non-matched for standard solid cool approach
  - Provide new attributes, Mold Plate (Movable) and Mold Plate (Fixed) for detailed moldbase modeling
- **Benefit**
  - To assign different mold plate materials individually and visualize the temperature of parting plane
  - To reduce effort to generate solid moldbase mesh for better resolution and accurate prediction



New Generation Non-matching Technology

	Non-matching Mehs in R14.0	Non-matching Mesh R15.0	**Non-matching Mesh in R16**
Part Insert	√	√	√
Mold Base System	Not Supported	- Cooling Channel - Heating Rod - Moldbase	- Cooling Channel - Heating Rod - Moldbase - Mold Insert - Mold Plate (New Attribute)
Mold Base Mesh	Auto-grid (Fast Cool)	Solid Mesh (Standard Cool)	Solid Mesh (Standard Cool)

Non-matching Moldbase vs. Non-matching Mold Plate

Non-matching Moldbase (Bounding Box)	Non-matching Mold Plate (Actual Geometry)
	
	

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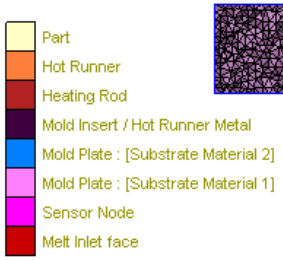
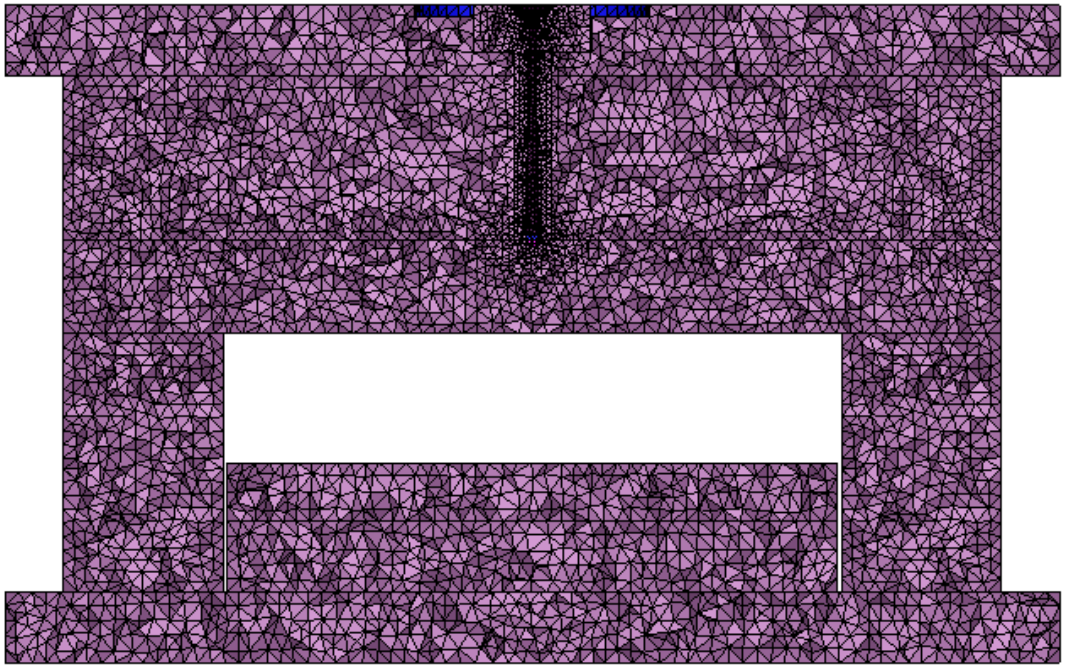
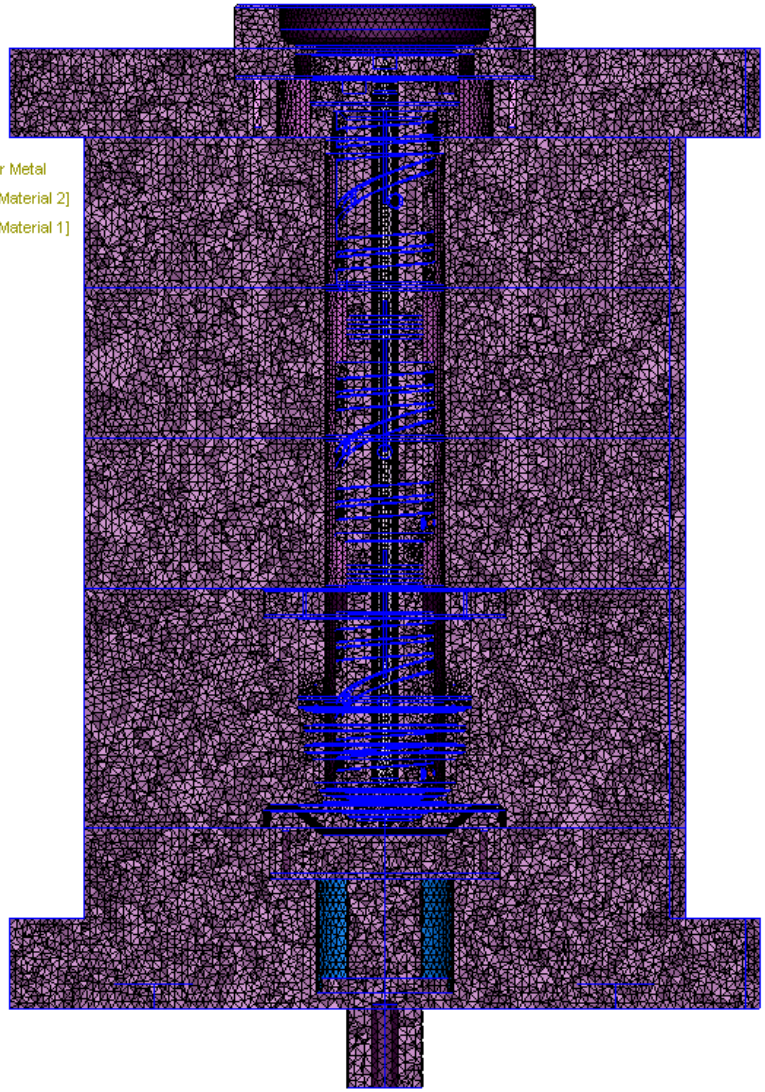
Non-matching Model with Other Components

> Support Non-matching mold plate with:
  - Hot Runner Metal
  - Mold Insert







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Boost Design Verification Productivity

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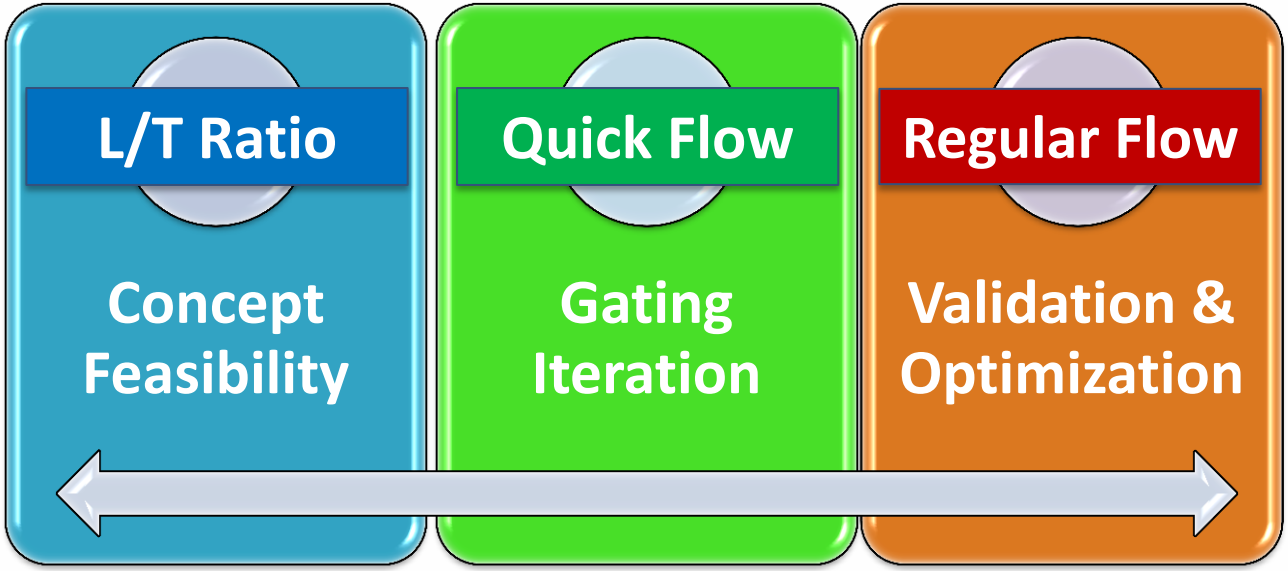
- Various approaches for different design stages
  - L/t Ratio: To obtain the filling-like pattern in seconds **Enhanced**
  - Quick Flow: Accelerated flow analysis completed in minutes **New**
  - Regular Flow: Enhanced calculation performance **Enhanced**
- **Benefit**
  - Get the best analysis productivity according to the situation with different methods which adopted different approaches



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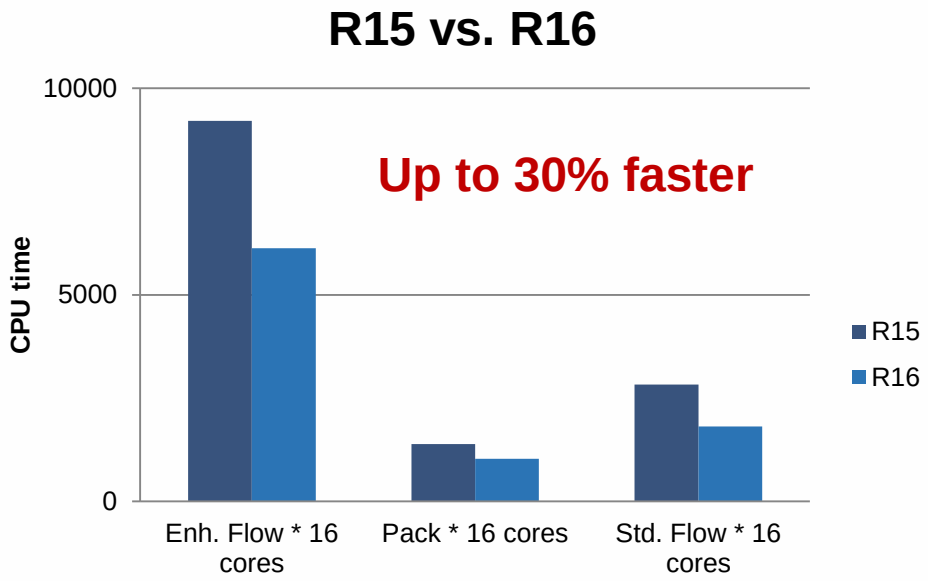
Enhancements in Calculation Efficiency

- Up to Better calculation performance
  - Improved data structure for higher accessing efficiency
  - Improved efficiency for matrix solver
  - Improved data transferring efficiency in parallel computing
- **Benefit**
  - Better leverage the computation resource before hardware investment



*. A case with element number= 4,813,180

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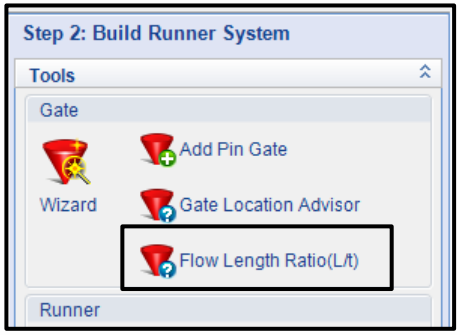
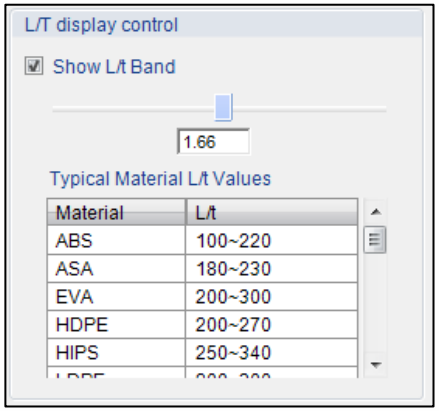
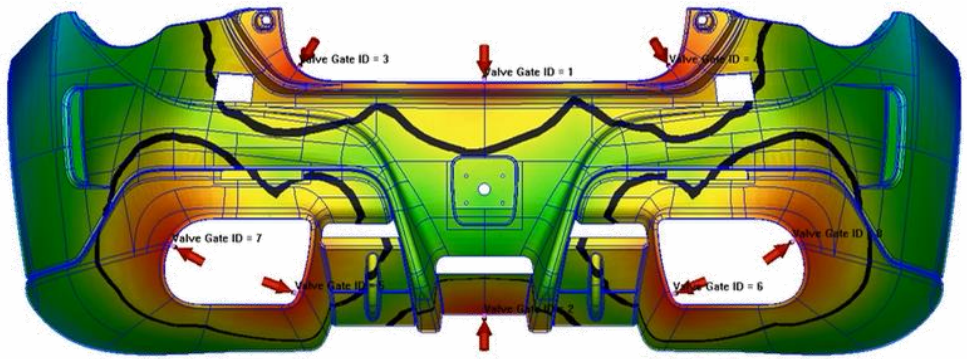
Enhancements in L/t Ratio

- Verify ideas instantly
  - Upgraded UI of L/t function for better user experience
  - Improved kernel is for better result and display performance
  - Typical material L/t value is provided as reference







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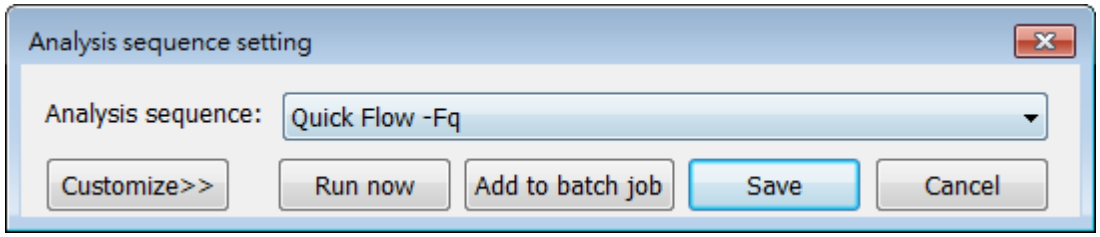
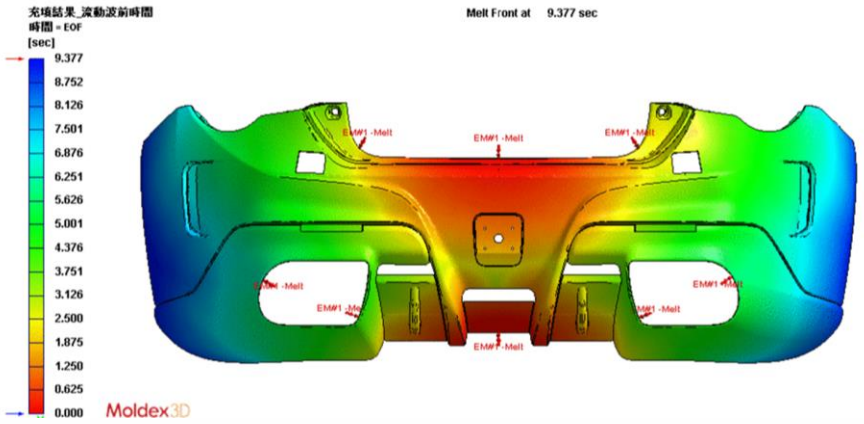
New Analysis Sequence – Quick Flow

- New analysis sequence item
  - One set of fixed solver parameter is imbedded when Quick Flow – Fq selected
  - A special analysis for the model that contains gate design only
  - Speedup the iteration in gating design verification for big parts





	Elapse CPU time
Quick Flow	574 sec (10 min)
Enh. Flow	9,397 sec (2.6 hr)

Comparison based on the same mesh and process condition

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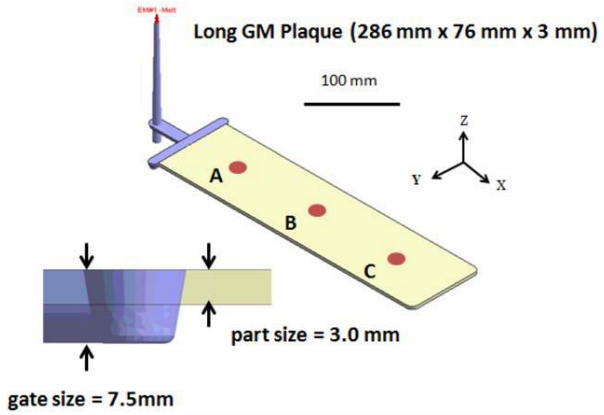
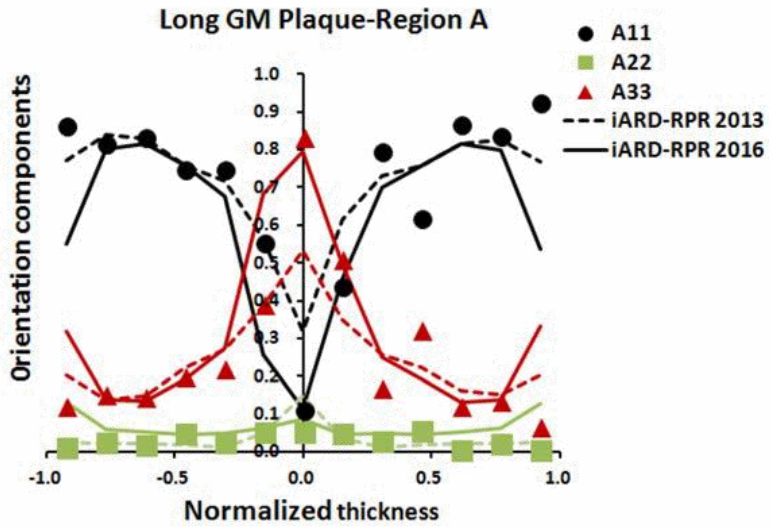
Long Fiber Prediction Achievement

Long Fiber Prediction

> Improved Fiber Orientation Predictions

- To capture broader core region of the fiber orientation structure for fiber-filled parts in the injection molding process
- Apply Cross-WLF Viscosity model with consideration of Herschel-Buckley Yield-Stress





Journal Publisher: Polymer Composites 2017

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Adding Herschel-Buckley Yield-Stress to Cross-WLF Viscosity model

$$\eta = \eta_y(\dot{\gamma}, T) + \frac{\eta_0(T,P)}{1+\left(\frac{\dot{\gamma}}{\dot{\gamma}_{cv}}\right)^{1-n}}$$

Yield-Stress Viscosity

Cross-WLF model

$$\eta_0 = D_1 \exp\left(\frac{-A_1(T-T_c)}{A_2+(T-T_c)}\right)$$

$$T_c = D_2 + D_3 P \quad \tilde{A}_2 = A_2 + D_3 P$$

Herschel-Buckley Yield-Stress Viscosity with respect to temperature

$$\eta_y(\dot{\gamma}, T) = \frac{\tau_{y0} \exp\left(\frac{T_y}{T}\right)}{\dot{\gamma}}$$

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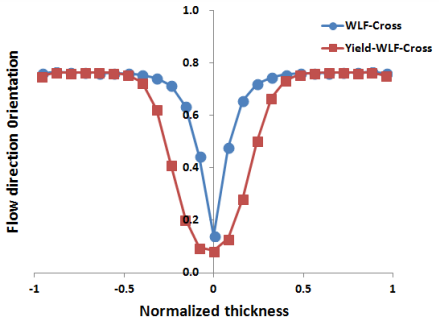
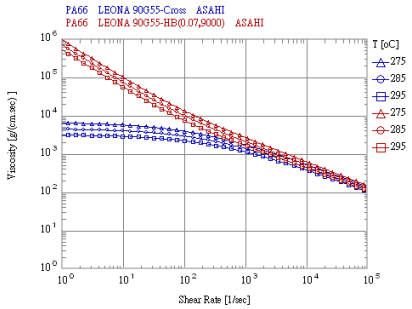
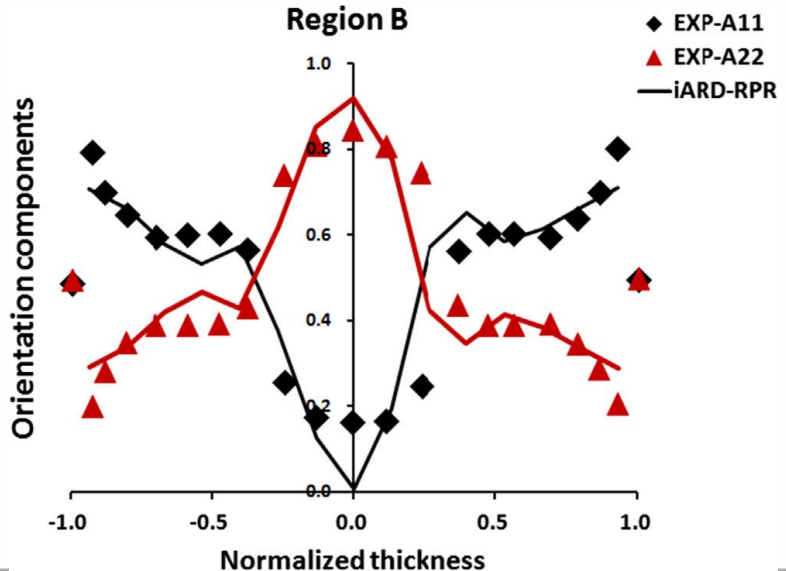
Contribution of US Patent and Journal Paper

> This yield stress viscosity is considered to improve orientation prediction of core region that has been applied in US Patent 2016 and published in Journal – Composite A 2017





$$\eta(\dot{\gamma},T,P)=\frac{\tau_y}{\dot{\gamma}}+\frac{\eta_0(T,P)}{1+\left(\frac{\eta_0\dot{\gamma}}{\tau^*}\right)^{1-n}}$$



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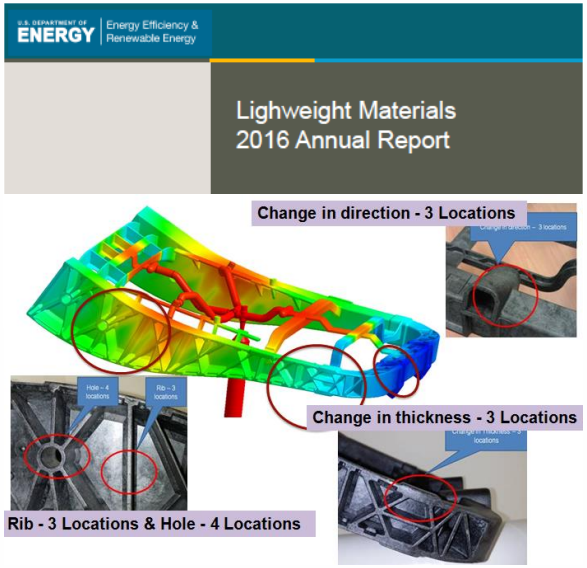
Experimental Validation

> Seatback
  - Polyamide with 40% CF
  - Most (8/9) predictions satisfied 15% validation criteria



8/9 (89%) achievement

Location	Moldflow	Moldex3D	Experiment	Moldflow Prediction Deviation (%)	Moldex3D Prediction Deviation (%)
Direction Change 1	0.82	0.57	0.75	8.9	24.2
Direction Change 2	0.72	0.55	0.62	16.4	11.1
Direction Change 3	0.58	0.62	0.63	8.0	2.5
Thickness 1	0.96	0.76	0.72	32.7	5.1
Thickness 2	0.96	0.75	0.69	39.8	9.2
Rib	0.98	0.71	0.77	27.4	8.2
Flat Mutual Point	0.95	0.71	0.67	41.2	5.5
Hole 1	0.90	0.70	0.79	13.7	11.2
Hole 2	0.89	0.70	0.78	13.1	10.2

Model – Experiment Comparison of First Eigenvalue of Second Order Orientation Tensor for Polyamide with 40% CF Molded with Low Back Pressure and Slow Fill Speed

Source: US DOE Plan 2017

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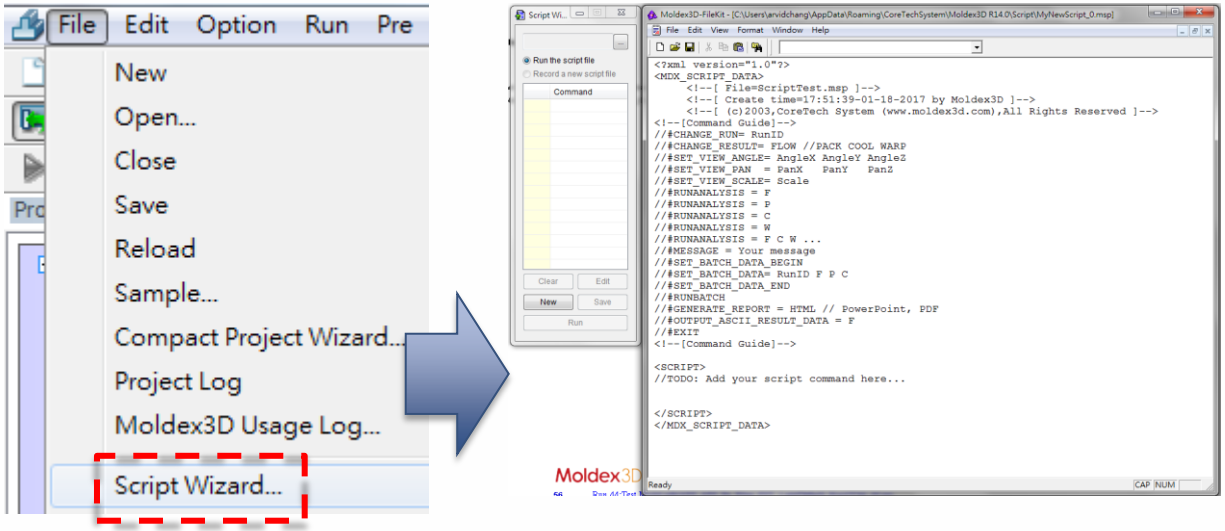
Simulation Workflow Automation Tool

Advanced Script Wizard

- Embedded function in Moldex3D Project
- No additional license is required
- Available functionality:
  - Switch Run
  - Execute Analysis
  - Output Report
  - Output Max, Min, Avg and SD from the results of F/P/C/W



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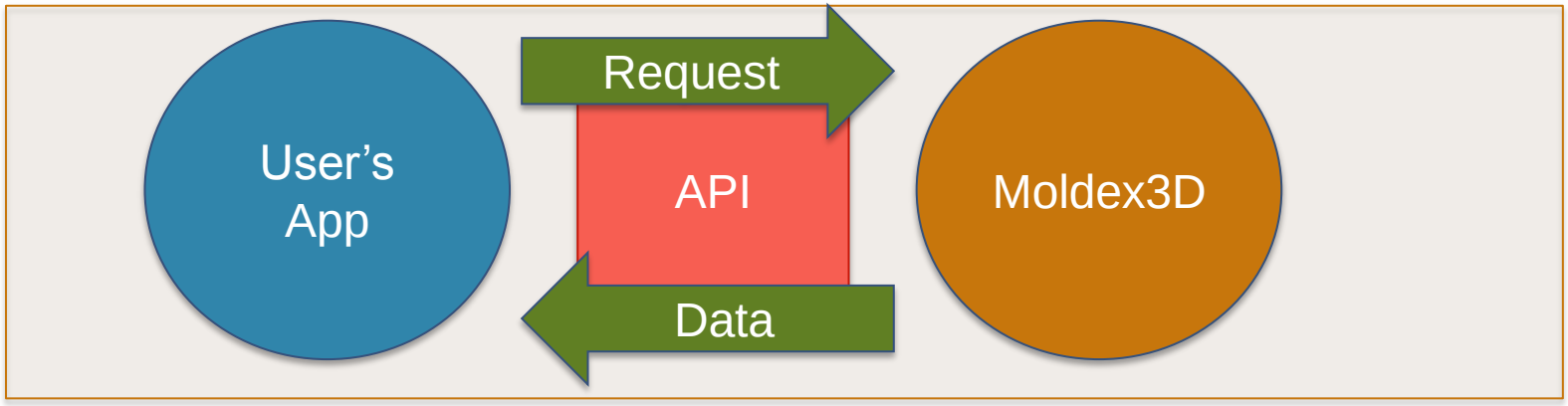
Moldex3D API (Application Programming Interface)

- Moldex3D API is in DLL format and compatible with C#
- Moldex3D API license is required
- Available functionality:
  - Pre-processor
  - Post-processor
  - Analysis setup application
  - Report customization



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Moldex3D API (Application Programming Interface)

Product & Part Design

Design Engineers

Customized report

Product Design System

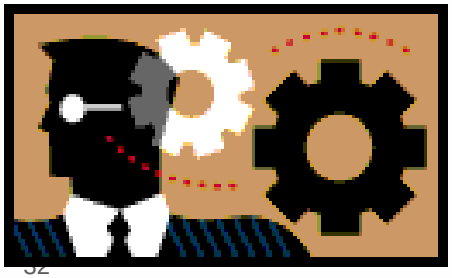
Process Optimization

Process Engineers

API

Mold Design & Tooling

Mold Engineers



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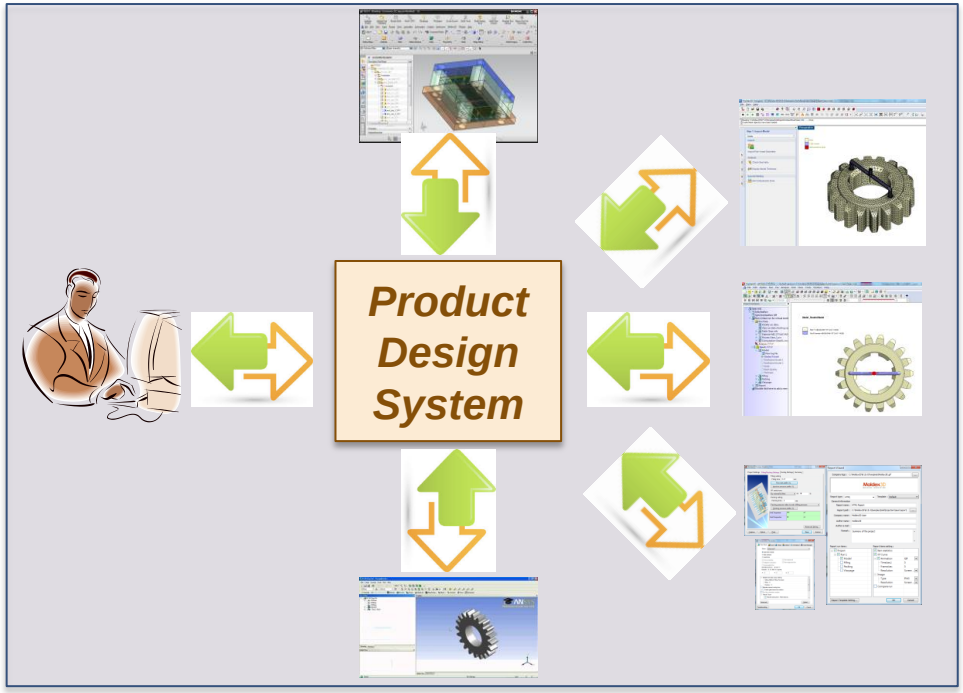
API Scenario – Consistent User Interface

- Construct a consistent user interface in product design
- The system communicate to Moldex3D via API tools
  - Can customize own design workflow
  - Can Integrate with design optimization tools
  - Can reserve key technology
  - Can shorten users' learning curve



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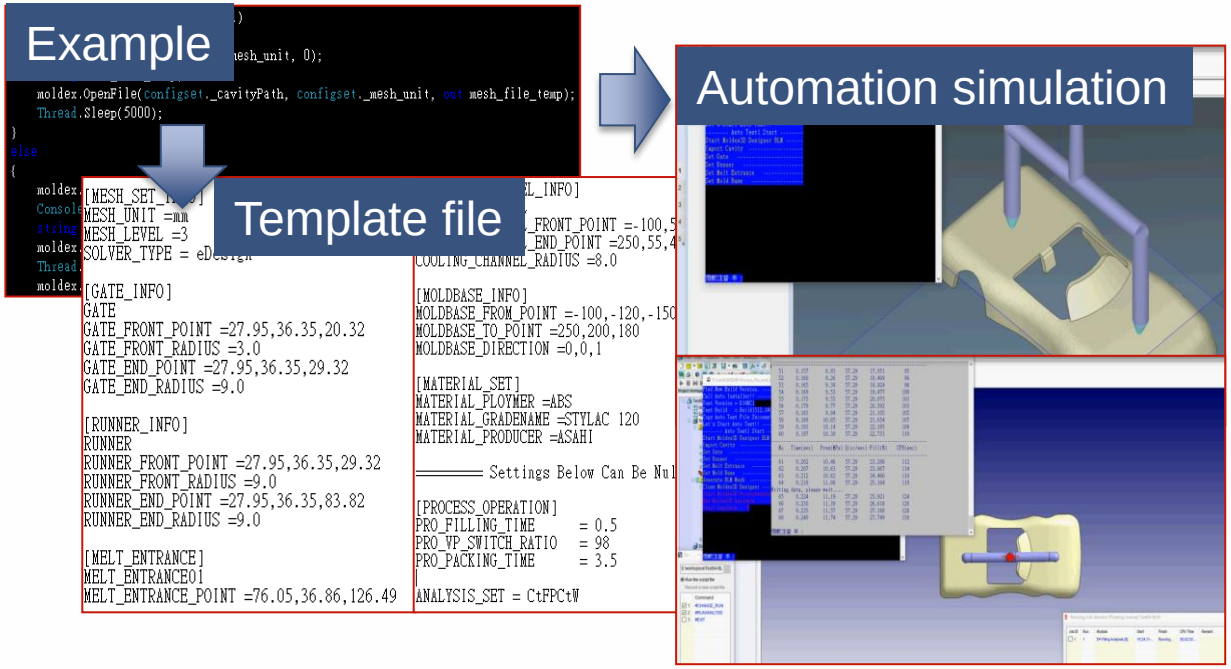
API Scenario – Standard Analysis Procedure

- > Construct an automatic simulation environment
- > There are standard design rules
  - – Specify default parameter via template file
  - – Automation simulation from meshing, project setup, solving to report generation with single click
  - – Avoid human error with Standardized analysis process



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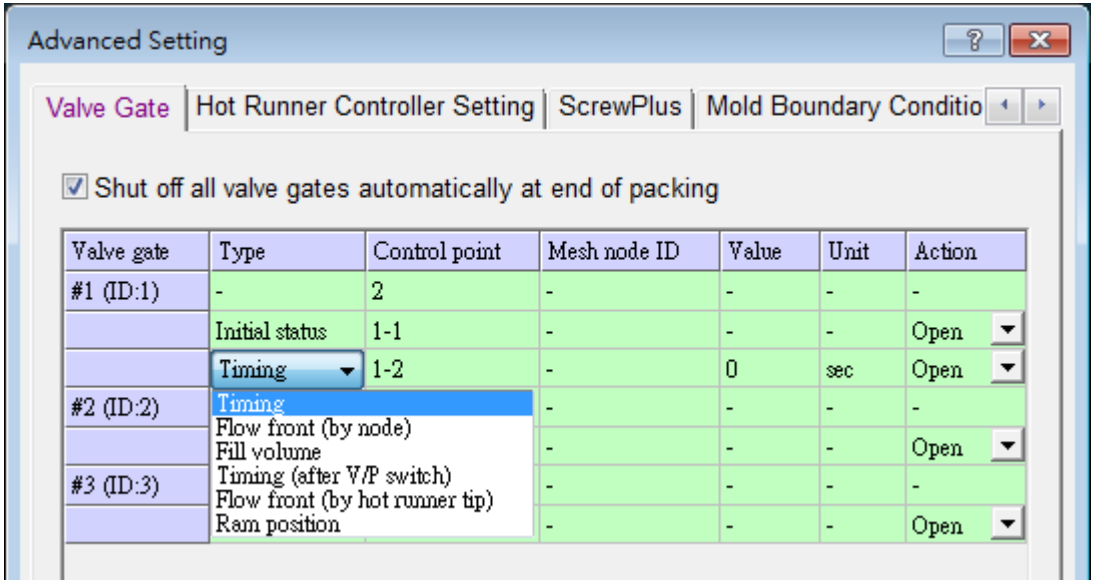
More Enhancements in Solver

Advanced Valve Gate Control

- **Totally 6** control types provided
  - Three additional control types: Fill volume, Timing (after V/P Switch) and Flow front (by hot runner tip)
  - Support mixed type for different control points or valve gates
- Improved usability for control setting
  - Add new option to shut off all valve gates automatically at end of packing in default
  - Initial status can be specified to avoid any misunderstanding



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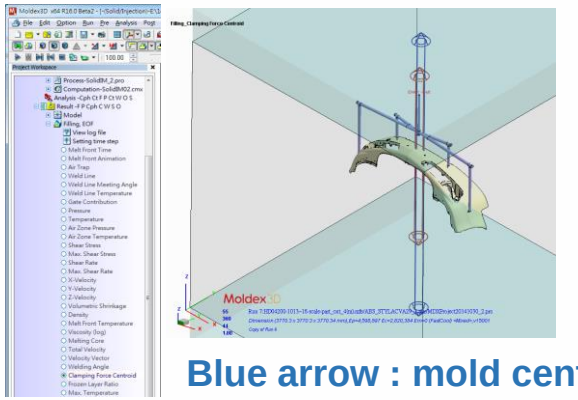
Advanced Flow to Cavity Consideration

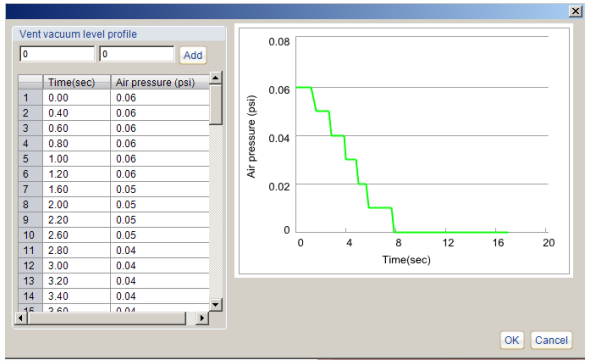
- Show Clamping Force Centroid
  - Calculate clamping force centroid all the time and the result indicates the centroid at the moment of clamping force peak



Blue arrow : mold center

Red arrow : clamping force centroid during molding process

- Allow tabulated Venting Profile for Detailed air Vent Setting
  - Support vacuum level profile for venting analysis



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Additional Capability for Different Scenario

- Resume Calculation
  - Extend the supported process setting mode to machine mode, so all standard process modes support resume
- Multiple Time Steps Output
  - Support to output intermediate results at extend packing stage
- Over-molding Process
  - Support to directly read DYNA-IN file to import the deformed prepreg as an insert for Moldex3D

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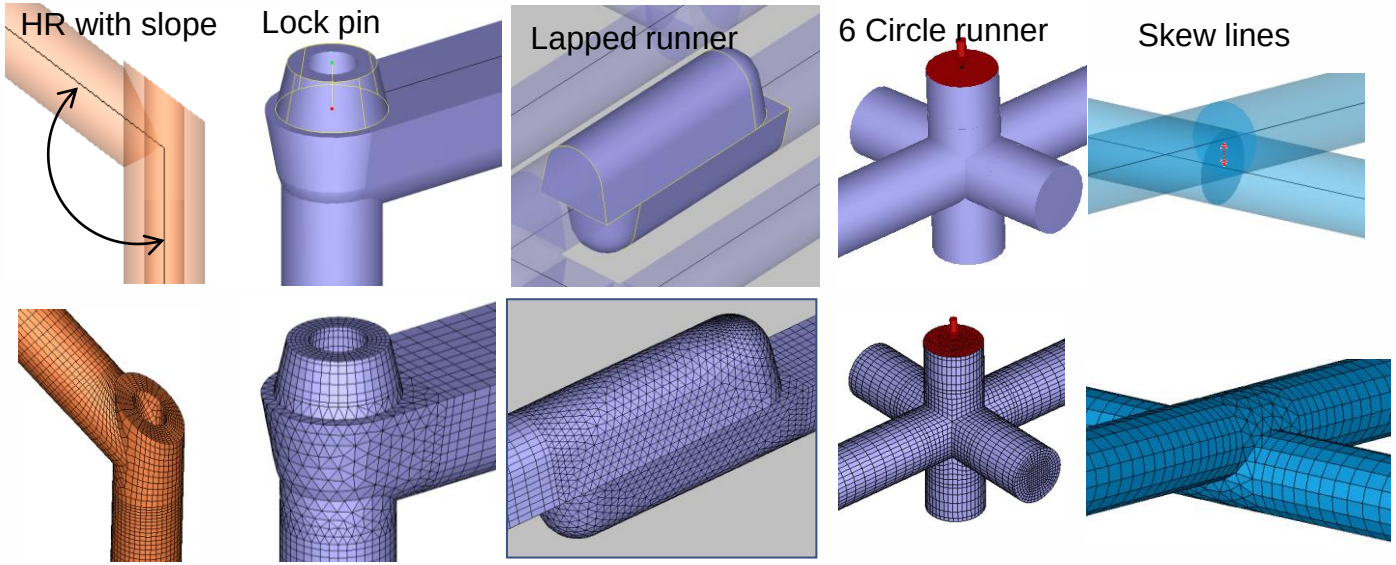
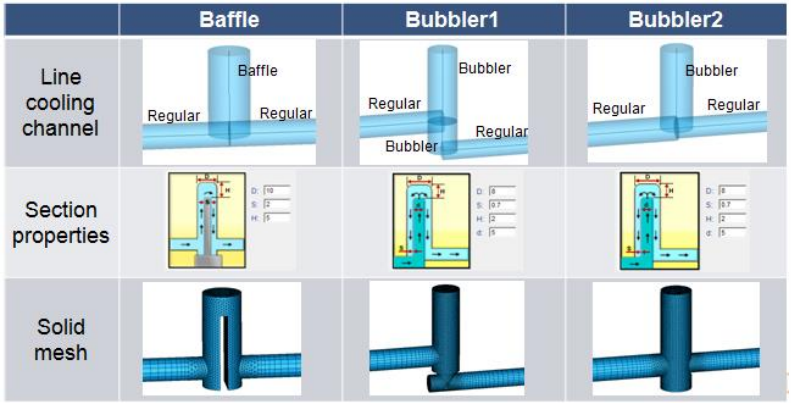
More Enhancements in Pre-processor

New Format Hexa-Based Solid Mesh

> New and enhanced runner/cooling joints



> Support hexa-based baffle and bubbler solid mesh



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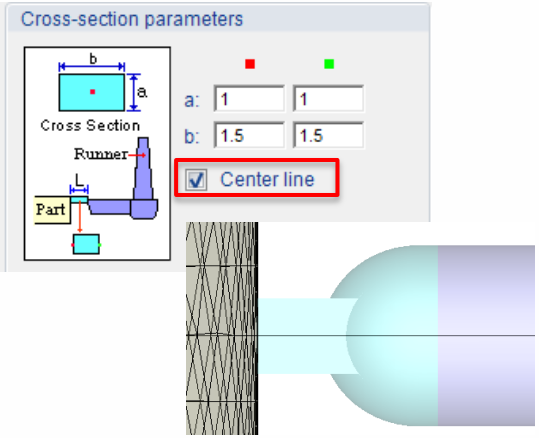
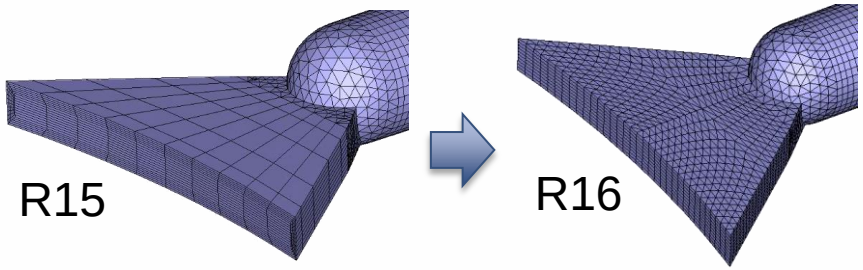
Flexible Gate Design with Hexa-Based Mesh

> Hexa-based Solid Mesh Kernel

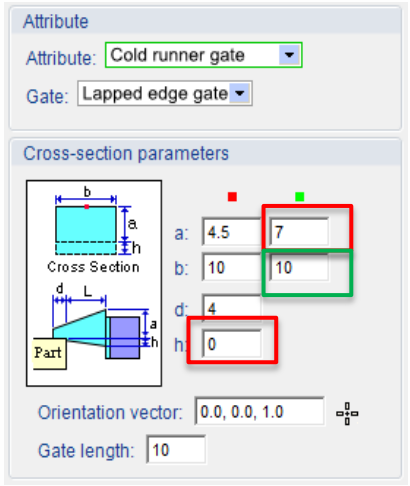
– Support center line and enhance mesh quality in edge/fan gate

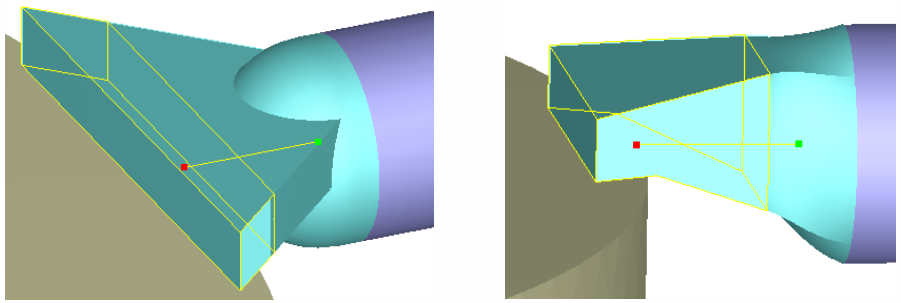




In the case with large aspect ratio

– Support more shapes and UI improvements in lapped edge gate





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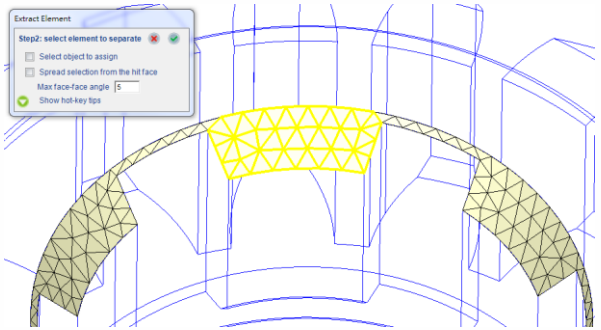
Enhanced BLM Kernel for Surface Mesh

> Advanced Surface Mesh Preparation Tools

- Transform functions like copy, move, rotate... are now activated in fix surface mesh mode
- Extract element function is added in fix surface mesh mode



> Improved Surface Mesh Generation Kernel

- Surface/solid mesh generator kernel enhancement for better performance, quality and less element
- Improve data transfer for symmetry volume calculation
- Add moving surface BC in Set Face BC function

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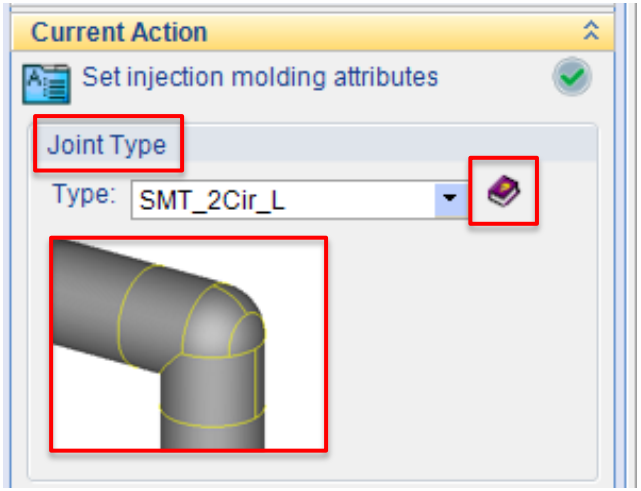
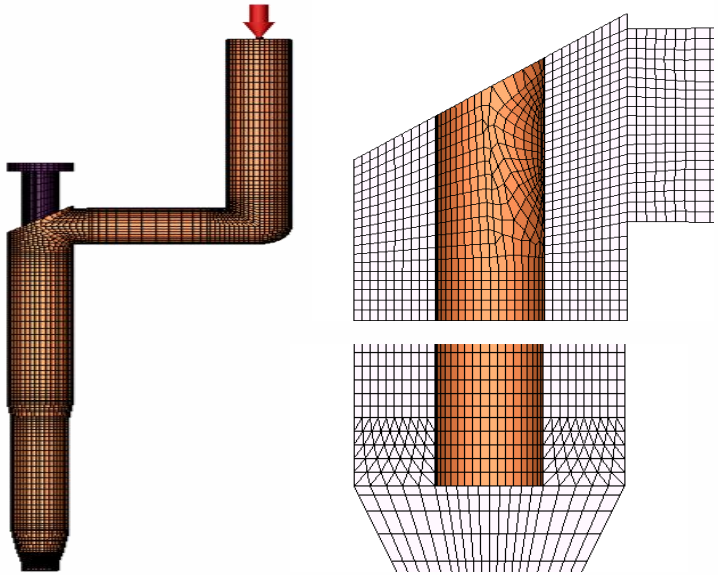
Enhanced BLM Kernel for Solid Mesh

- Joint Type Function UI Enhancement
  - On-line help quick link provided
  - Change model color in the diagram
  - Utilize term Joint type, instead of Node type, for better understanding



- Hot Runner Mesh Generation
  - Refined mesh in annular layer
  - Automatic solid mesh generation for stroke and for pin movement simulation



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Enhanced Material Wizard with New Models

- Add new PvTC model: Two domain modified Tait
  - Extended from Modified Tait Model (2) to consider conversion variation effect
- Add new viscosity model: Cross CastroMacosko Model (1)
  - Extended from Cross CastroMacosko model to observe increased viscosity with low shear zone
- Enhance Material Wizard Usability:
  - Modify history, information resource, search window size

Expanded Modeling Database

> New and Updated Material to Database
  - 31 thermoplastic materials are newly added
    - COC(2), LCP(4), PBT(2), PPS(3), PA(19), PK(1)
  - 0 thermo-set materials are newly added
  - 11 material information is updated for properties including viscosity, PvT, Cp and K

> New Injection Machine
  - Billion: 367 different machines from GM, HERCULE, SELECT series
  - Toshiba: 63 different machines from EC-S series

> Machine Mode Process Setting
  - Enable Maximum injection pressure from Classic mode to Simple mode
  - Support Machine Interface for 百塑 machines

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More Enhancements in UI

Enhance Analysis Post-processing Capability

- [Fiber] Improve sketch performance of Fiber result item
- [Cool] Allow to show node information on cooling channel by Selection
- [Project] Allow history curve plotting for result in different time steps
- [Project] Allow result plotting for thickness direction distribution with multiple time steps
- [Project] Support model rotation with local coordinate system
- [Project] Support clipping function together with warpage scale
- [Project] Allow select function applied to part insert nodes

Allow More Flexibility for Project Management

- [Project] Preserve remark for copied or exported run
- [Project] Add option to show/hide run remark with XY Curve result
- [Project] Allow rename when exporting run as a new project
- [Project] Merge eDesign project (MVJ) into Solid (M3J)
- [Report] Add customized summary page in PPT report

Enhanced User Experience for SYNC Simulation

- Improved SYNC usability to run simulation on CAD
  - [SYNC] Add maximum injection pressure as process condition
  - [SYNC] Allow to skip project type selection

- Renewed SYNC UI and workflow with CAD style
  - Include style of NX, Creo and SolidWorks
  - Include UI of Parting Direction, Symmetry Ratio, Report Wizard, Modify Runner, Analysis, Plotting setting

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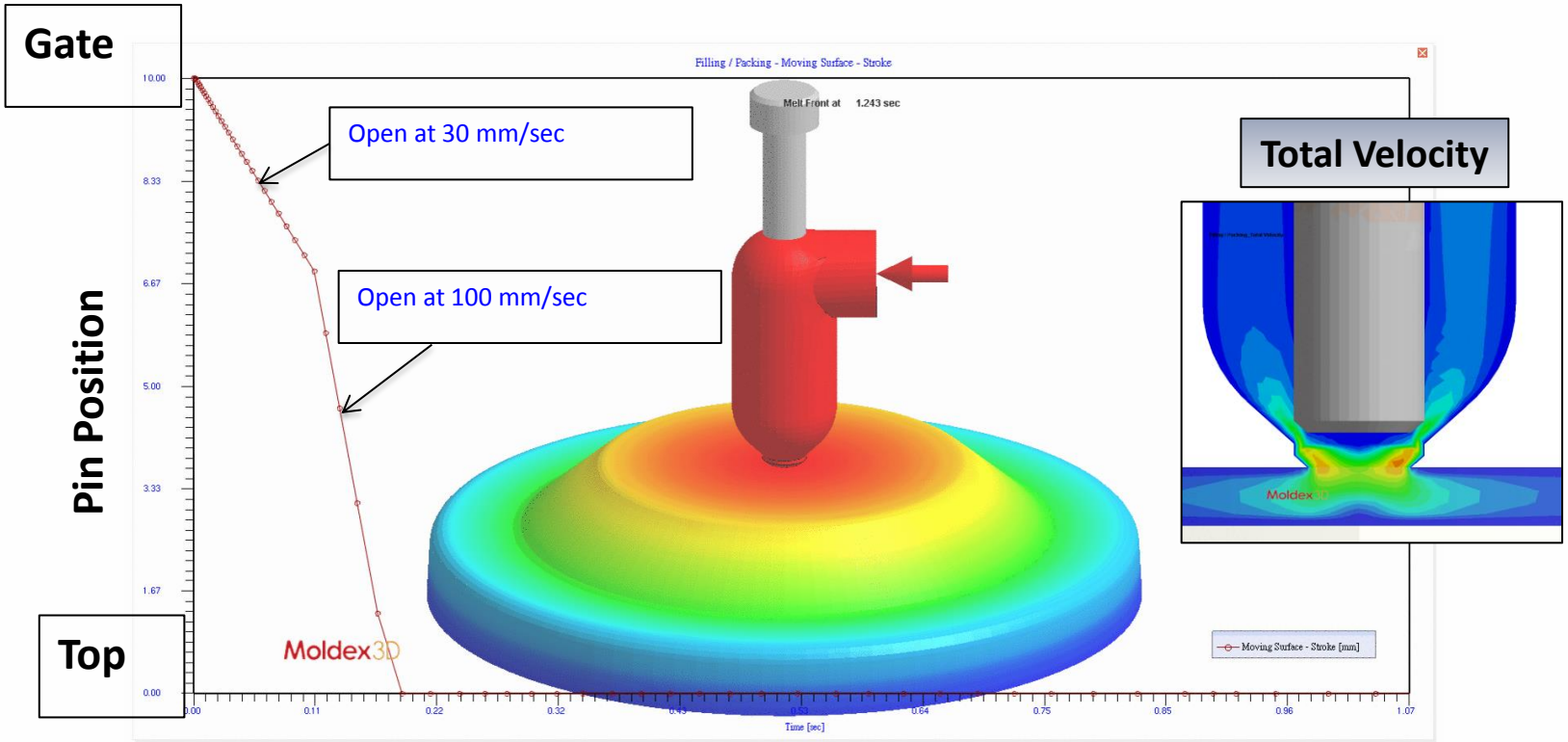
Enhancements in Solution Add-On

Advanced Hot Runner (AHR)

> Pin Movement Simulation

– **Realistic approach to take valve pin position and movement into account of melt flow behavior simulation**



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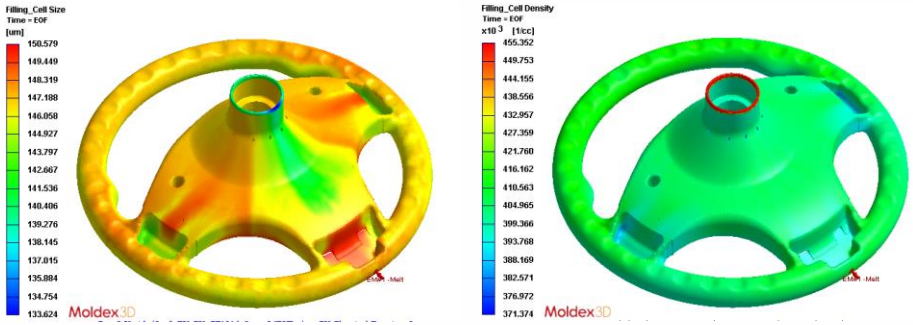
Chemical Foaming Molding (CFM)

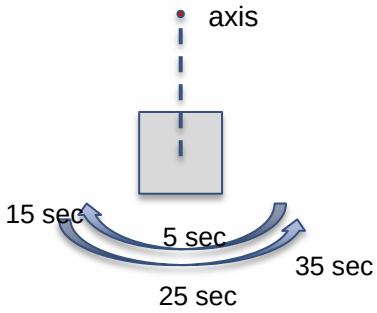
> Predict the distribution of Cell size & cell density

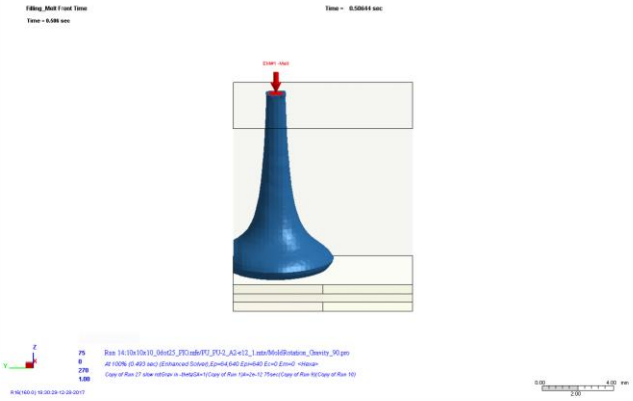
– PU foaming process simulation provides new capability for estimating/calculating cell size and cell density



> Support oscillating rotation simulation

– Consider foaming front influenced by oscillating rotation effect





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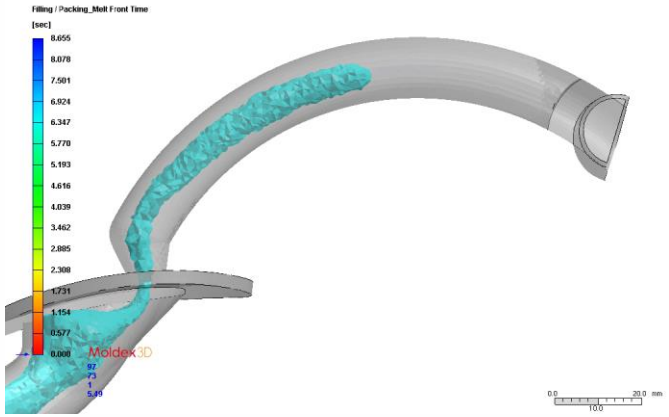
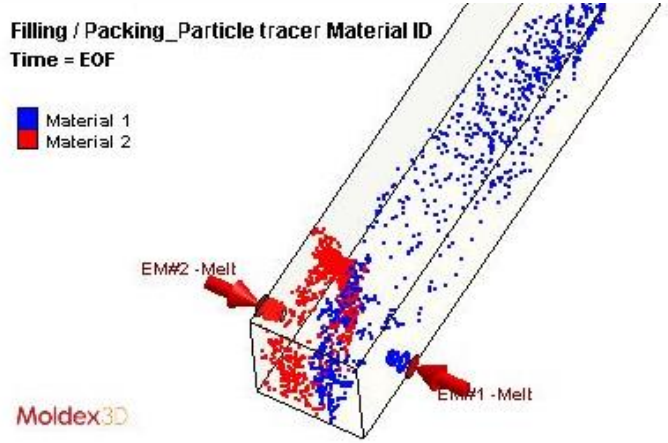
Fluid-Assisted Injection Molding (FAIM)

- Water-Assisted Injection Molding (WAIM)
  - Support simulation of push-back, a technique process in full-shot process to avoid the switchover mark and material waste



- Support Particle Tracer by materials for BiIM & CoIM



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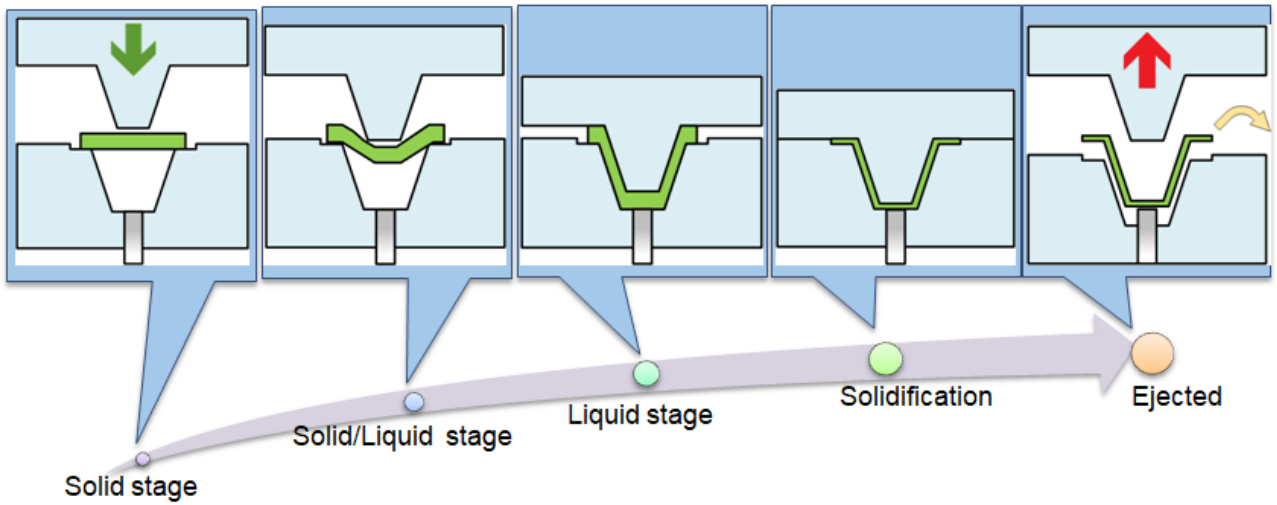
Compression Molding (CM)

- Enhancements in Charge Deformation from LS-DYNA
  - Numerical stability is improved in solid stage
  - Gravity effect & air convection in solid stage are considered
  - A format of LS-DYNA results is output in addition to LS file
- Integration in 3rd Party Solver
  - Optimize the integration workflow to import initial charge shape, temperature distribution and fiber orientation data easier



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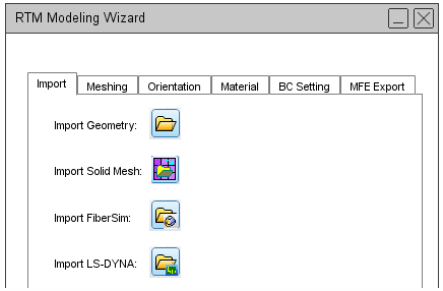
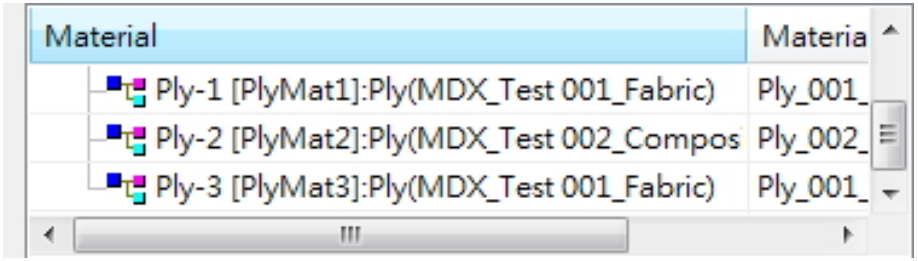
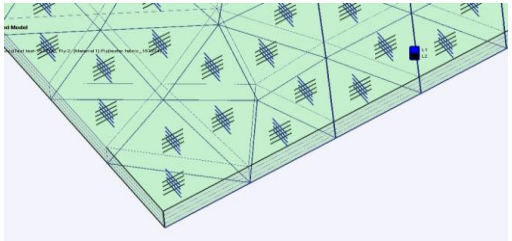
Resin Transfer Molding (RTM)

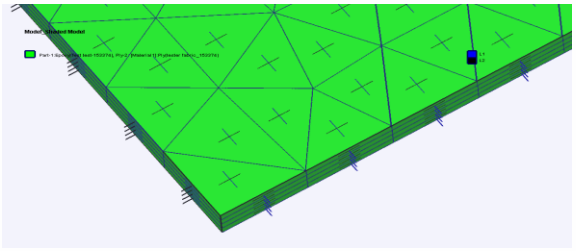
- RTM Pre-processor
  - Develop RTM wizard to help users to import draping data, generate mesh, and specify ply groups, BC and material groups





- Ply Material
  - Permeability property for each material group
- Ply Orientation Display
  - Ply orientation for all elements or skin only





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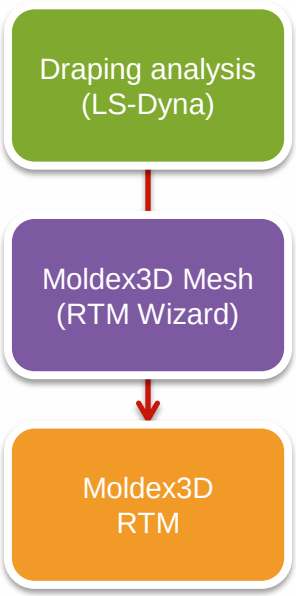
Resin Transfer Molding (RTM)

> Draping Effect

– **The draping result can be imported into Moldex3D Mesh during mesh preparation and the analysis result will be affected by considering the draping effect**



Import ply orientation
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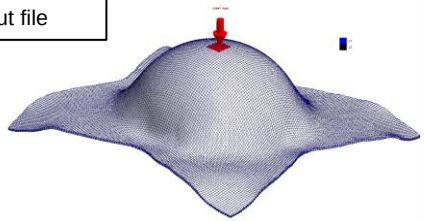

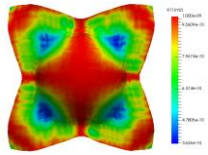

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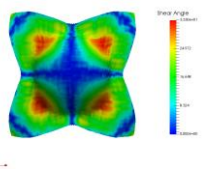

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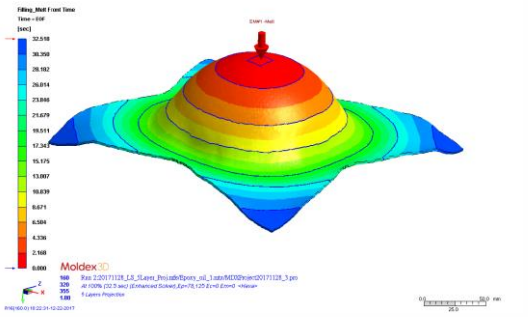

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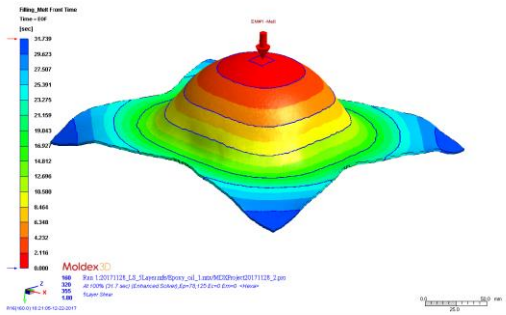

With the effect of draping

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Resin Transfer Molding (RTM)

> Warpage analysis

- Support warpage with consideration of fiber mat orientation
- Multi-layer composite structure property is calculated with multi-component module

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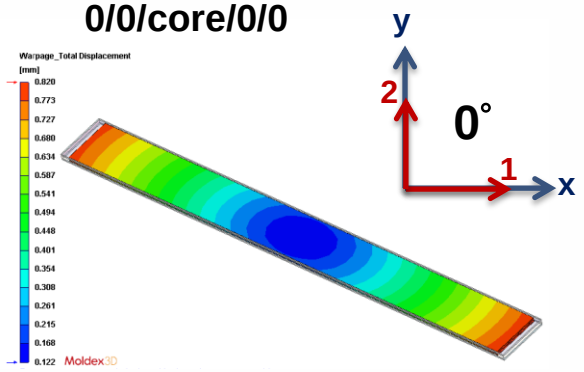

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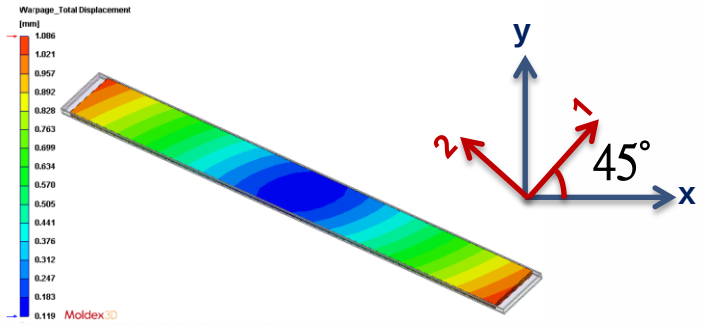
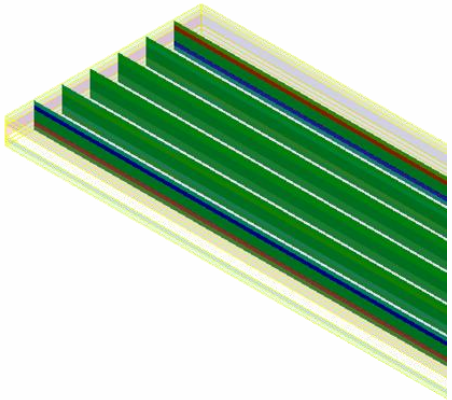


- 3D simulation to show the stress difference between layers in micro-structure.



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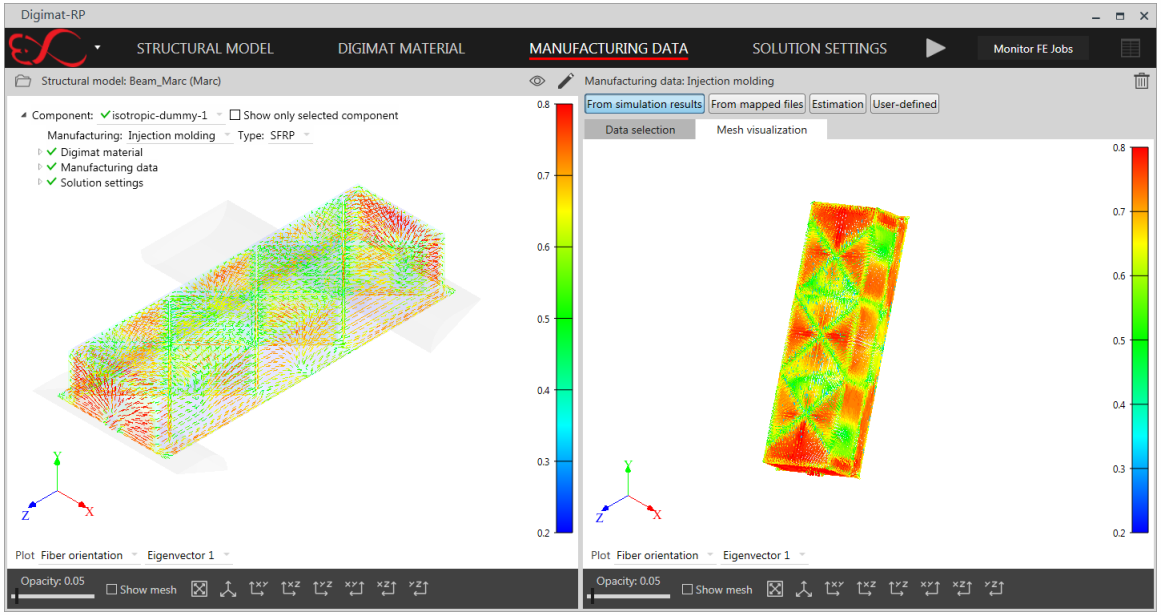
Optics, Expert, FEA Interface

- Optics simulation with Improve post-processing capability
  - Apply nm for Retardation result of Optics analysis
  - Support Clip, Slicing and IsoSurface function for Optics result
- Expert flexible optimization analysis and task
  - Add option to stop all batch runs when one failed
  - DOE support matrix mode setting and analysis
  - Support optimization with PvT result of multiple sensor nodes
- FEA Interface to allow more data transfer
  - 3D-to-Shell data mapping for ABAQUS
  - part insert temperature output

CADdoctor, Digimat-RP

- Moldex3D CADdoctor to support latest CAD version
  - **Parasolid V29.1**
- Upgrade Digimat-RP from 2017.1 to 2018.0 in Moldex3D
  - **Update for new user interface**
  - **Support weld line strength analysis**



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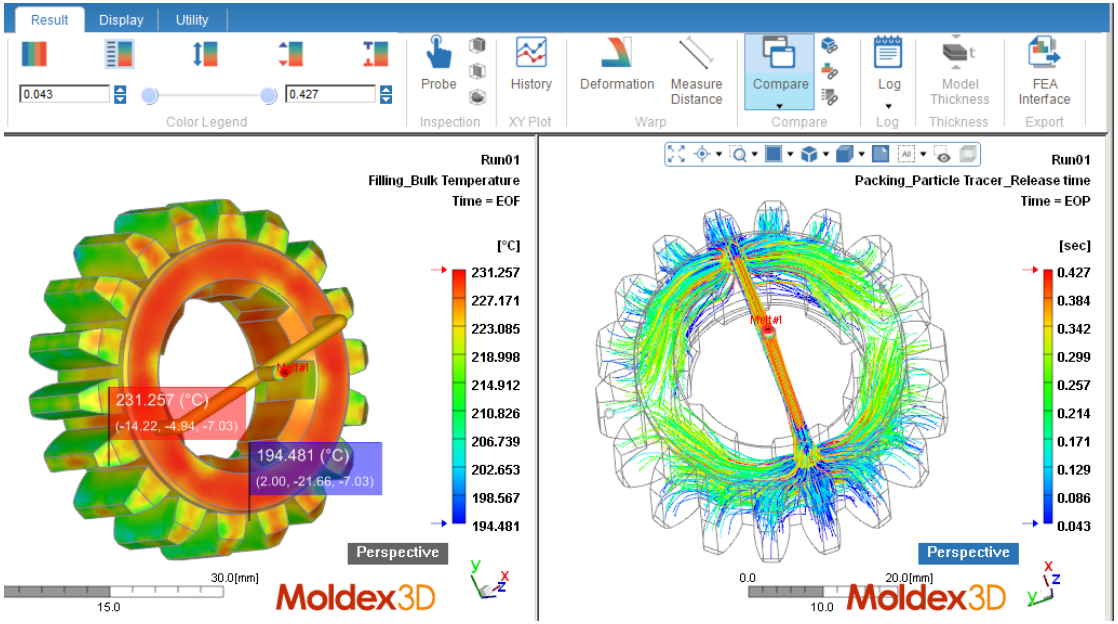
Enhancements in Moldex3D Studio (Beta)

Improved Usability of Analysis Preparation

- Improve Model Tree function for better group, appearance
- Support multi-language UI (Language Packs) and unit switch
- Allow customized platform setting for user preference
- Support Max/Min tooltips in display window and color legend
- Enhance Tree function and provide run setting summary



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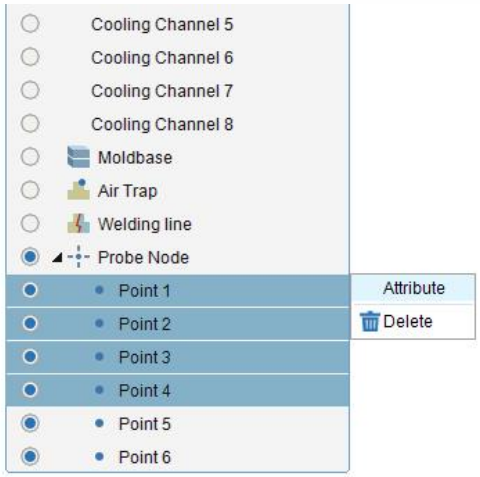
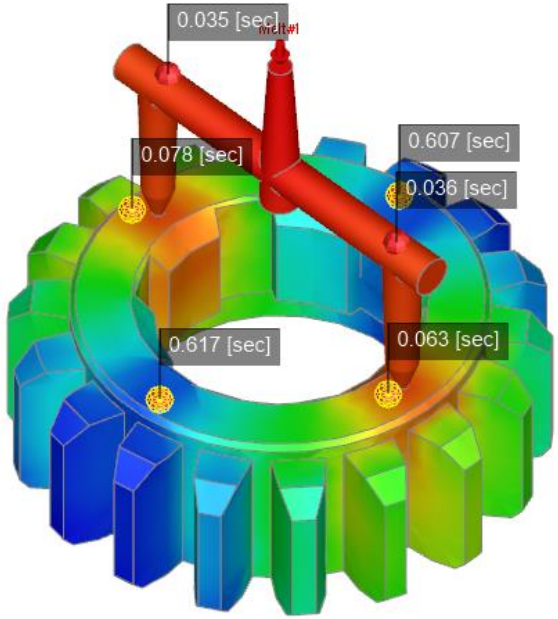
More Assistant Tools for Better Project Management

> Add Animation Wizard and Video generator to manage animation display and video generation

> Utilize Probe Node to replace Measure Node to display the local information of model and analysis result

> Support Result Advisor and two-point distance measurement





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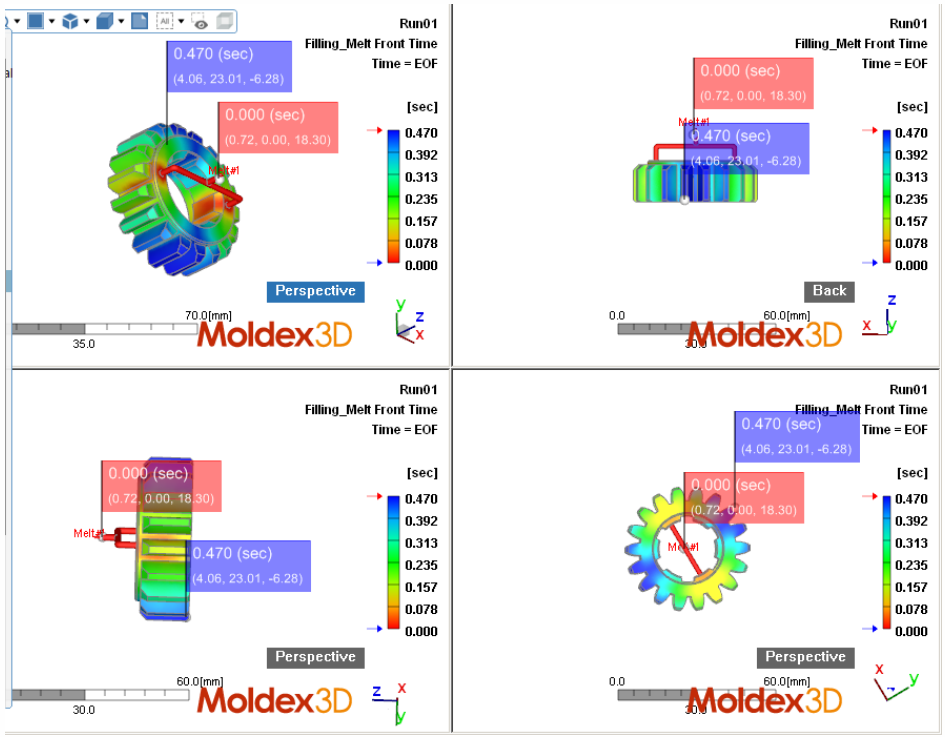
More Assistant Tools for Better Project Management

- Support snapshot (Hot key: Ctrl+P) and multiple display window for different runs and results: sync of result items, legend range and view
- Allow run management with function to copy, delete, export and clear



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Enhanced Simulation Capability

- Support more functions such for Multi-Component Molding and FEA Interface modules
- Support result plotting of history curve with multiple time steps and allow to add label and adjust range in XY Plot
- Support Cloud Computing and to launch Computing Manager before summiting jobs
- Support Space Mouse, different screens and DPI scenario
- Allow to import different format CAD files in the same time and continue the run setting with Project

Improved post-processing performance

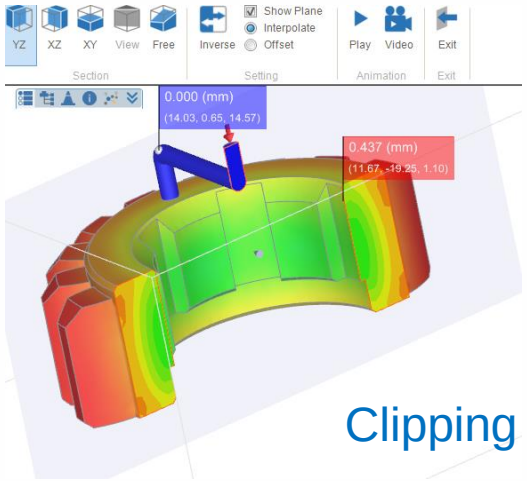
> Improve vector sketch efficiency for Fiber and Velocity result

> Support to export PPT format report

> Display scaled deformation for Warpage and Sink mark Result

> Improve display efficiency on Clipping function

> Display model thickness on part solid mesh entities



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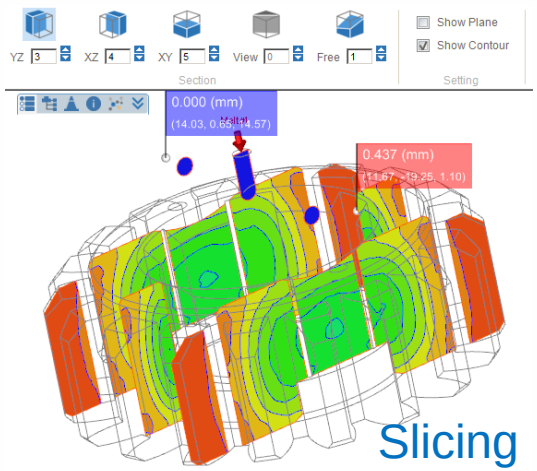

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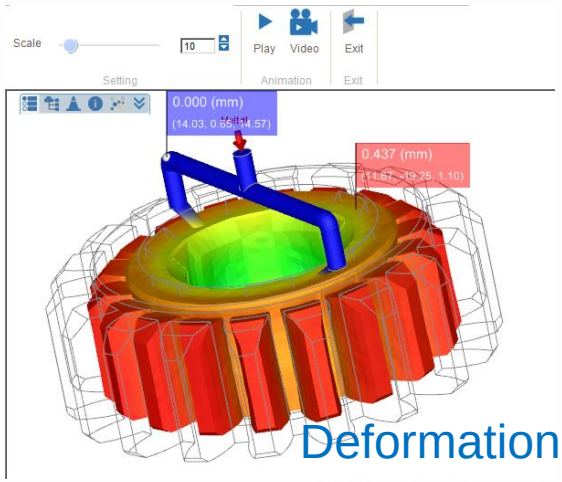

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