

DYNAmore Express Webinar

Isogeometric Analysis in LS-DYNA with the New CAD-Inspired *IGA Keywords

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 - Trimmed Multi-Patch Shells
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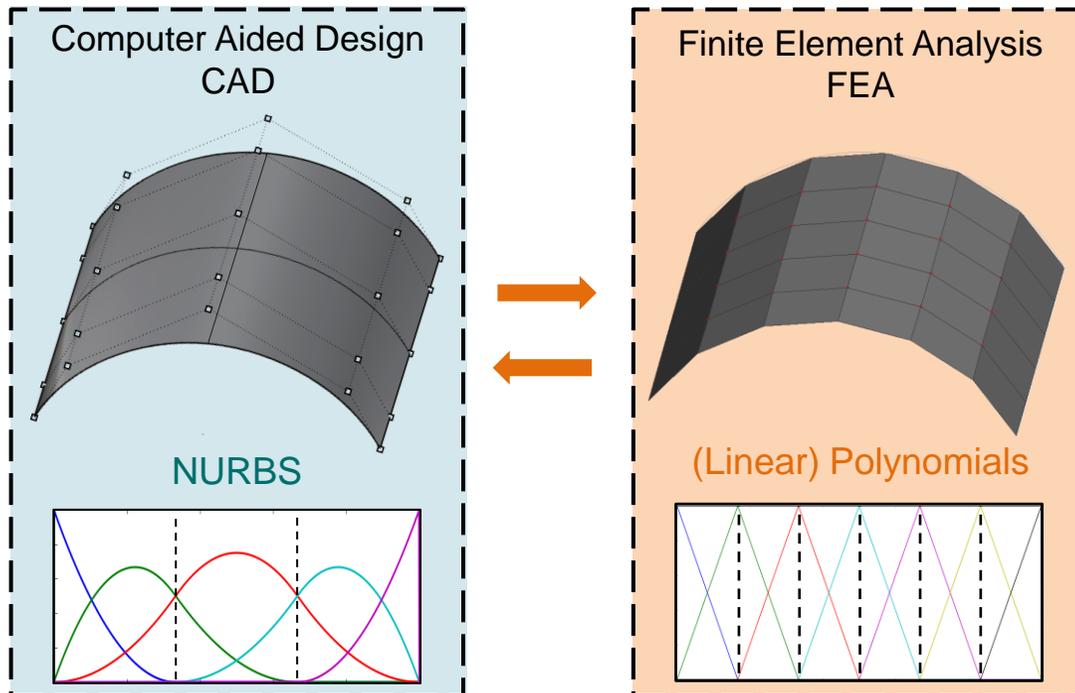
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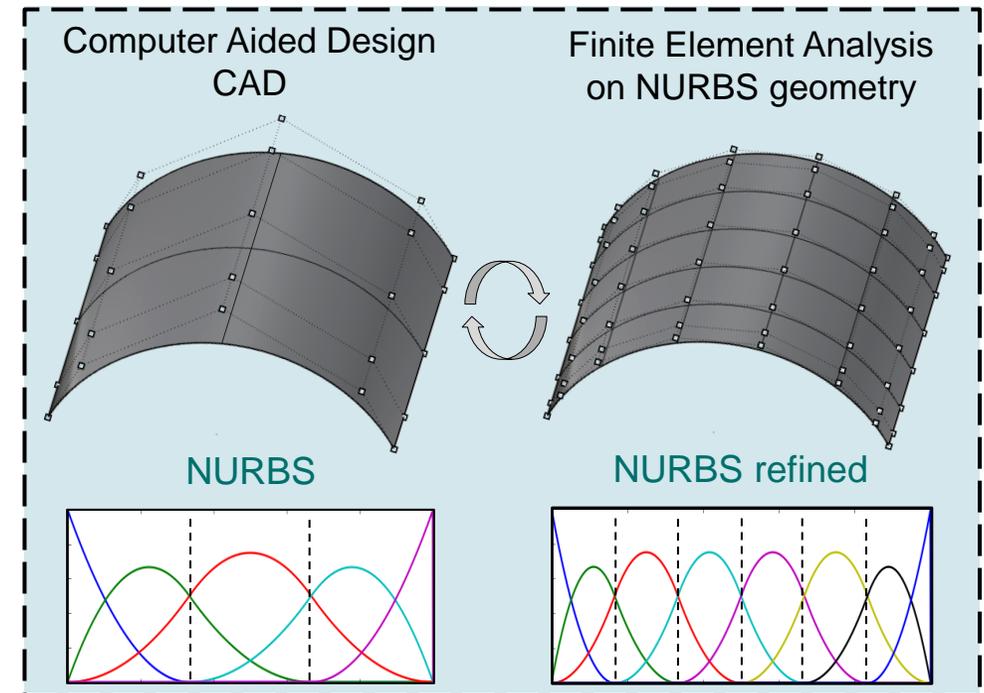
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Conventional Finite Element Analysis (FEA)



- Change of geometry description
- Time- and labor-intensive model conversion
- Synchronization problems

Isogeometric Analysis (IGA)

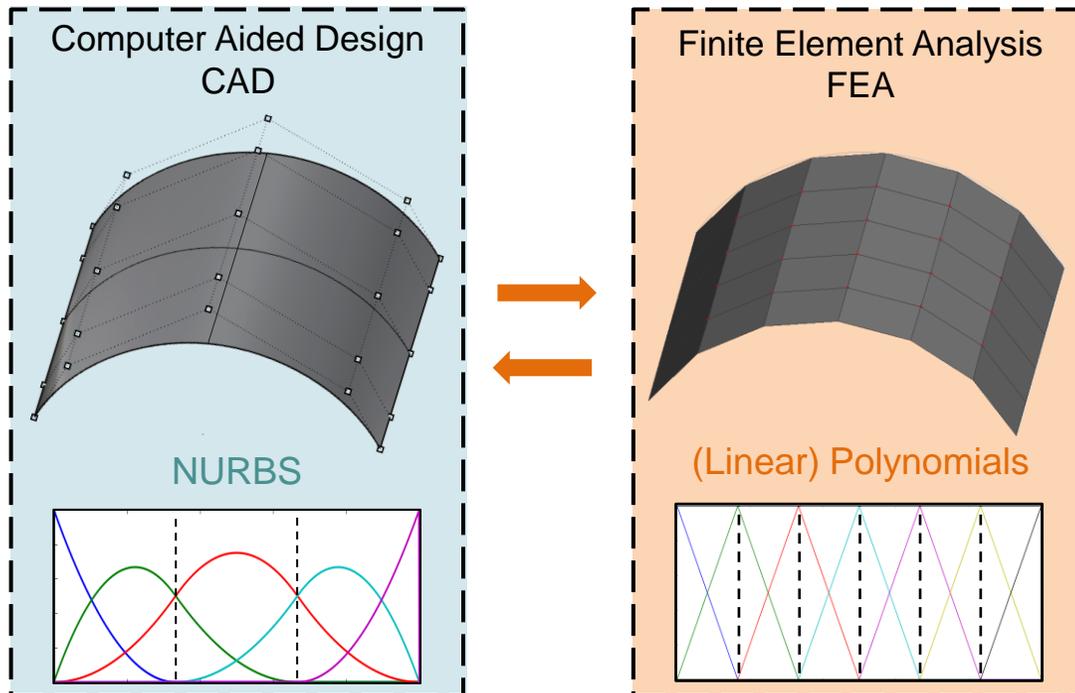


- Analysis directly on CAD geometry
- Finite Element Analysis with new basis functions
- Design and analysis in sync

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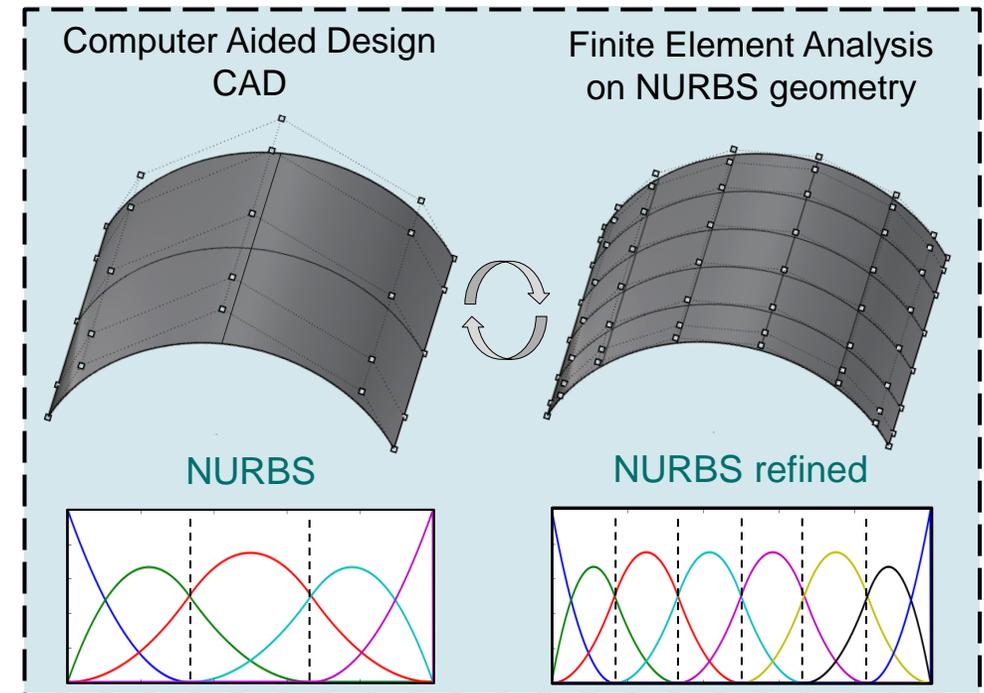
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- Nodes located on geometry

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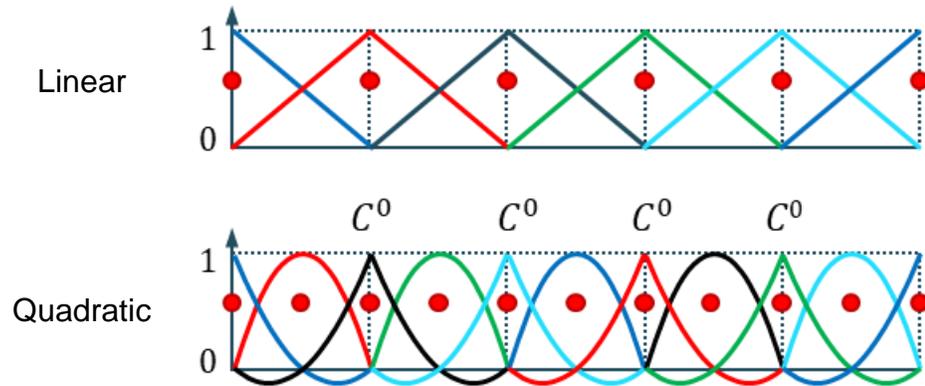


- **Accurate** geometry for the analysis
- Geometry and DOFs defined by **control points**
- Control points in general not located on geometry

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Conventional Finite Element Analysis (FEA)

Lagrange Polynomials

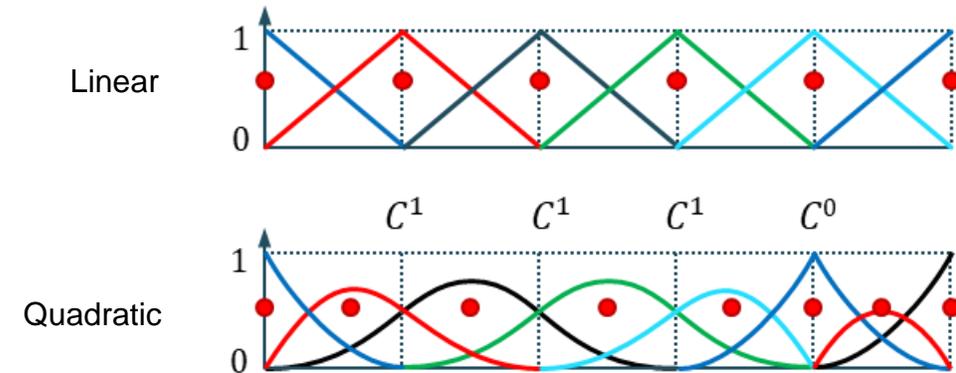


- Max. inter-element continuity: C^0
- Basis functions span across max. 2 elements
- Basis functions are also negative
- p nodes per element (asymptotically)
- h - and p -refinement only

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(Generalization of B-Splines)

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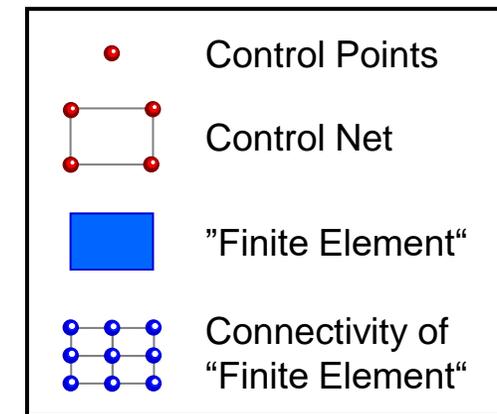
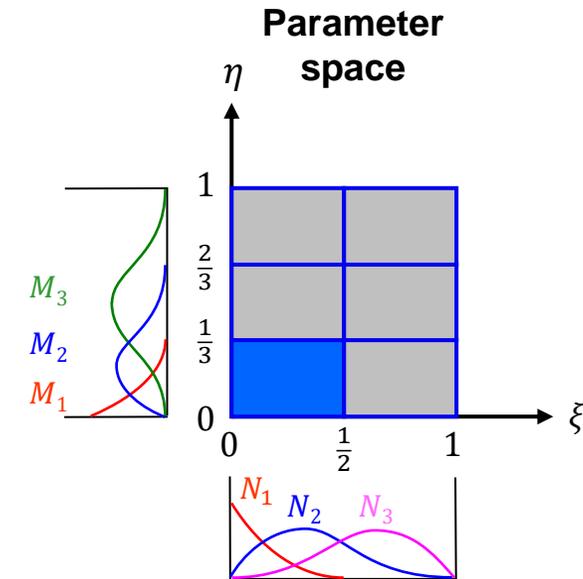
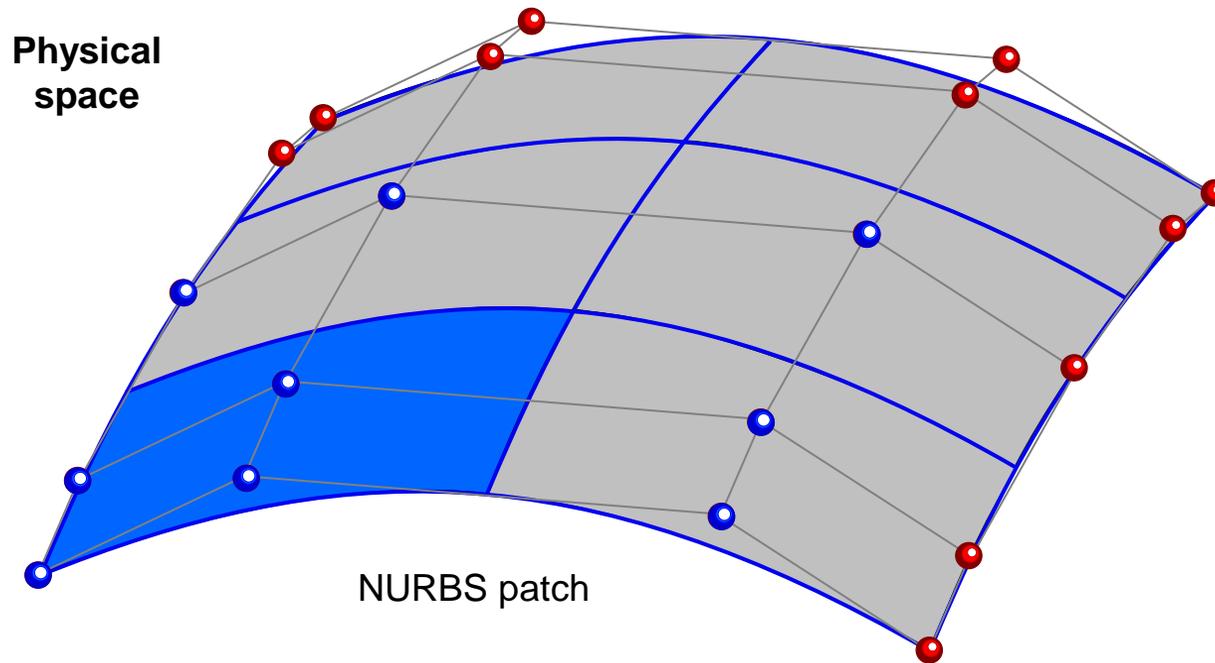
B-Splines



- Max. inter-element continuity: C^{p-1}
- Basis functions span across max. $p + 1$ elements
- Basis functions are non-negative
- 1 node per element (asymptotically for C^{p-1})
- h -, p - and k -refinement + variations

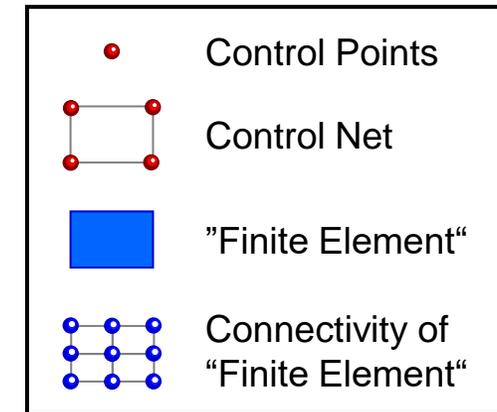
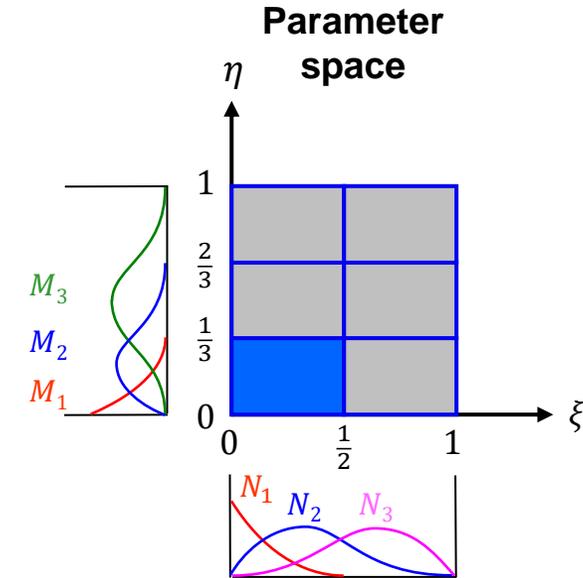
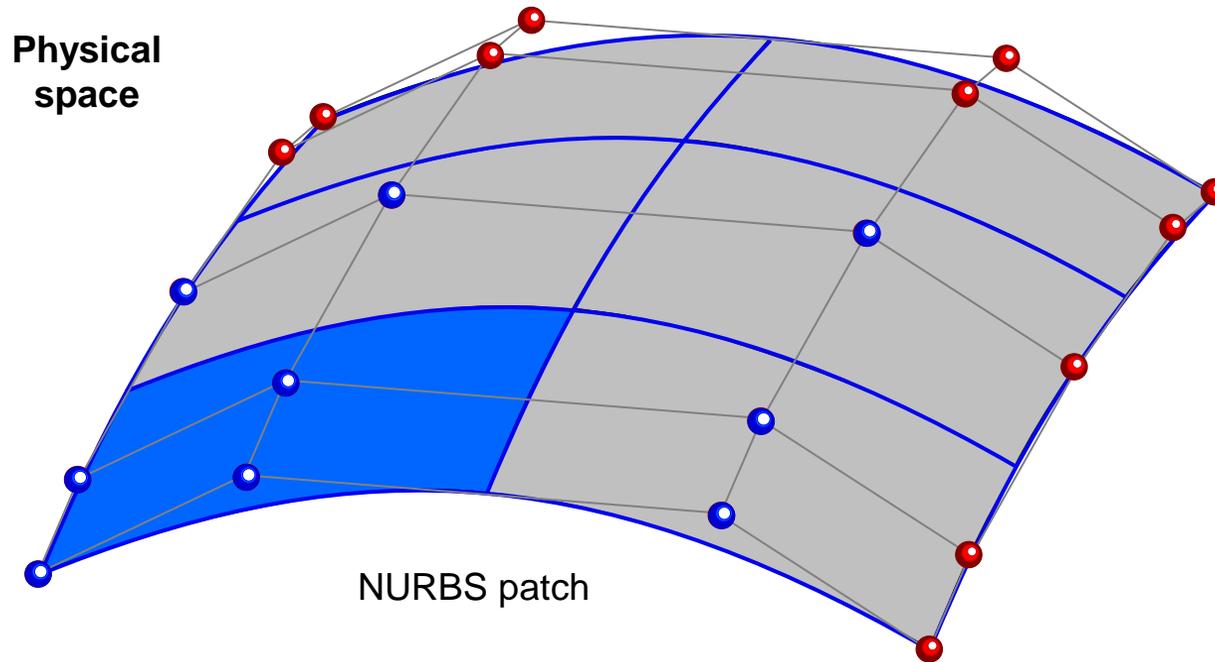
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- Elements are defined patch-wise (kind of macro-element or subdomain)
- Elements within a patch have same degrees, material, integration rule, etc.
- Basis functions exist in the **parameter space**
- Control points define the geometry in the **physical space**
- Control points form a control net



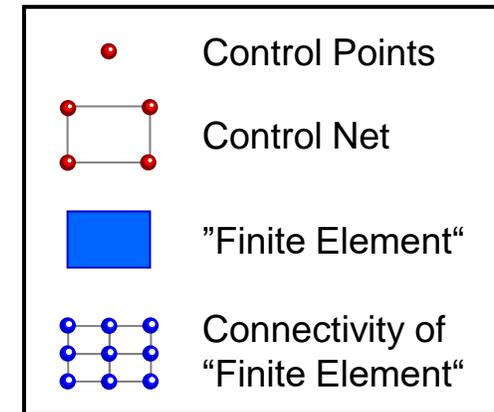
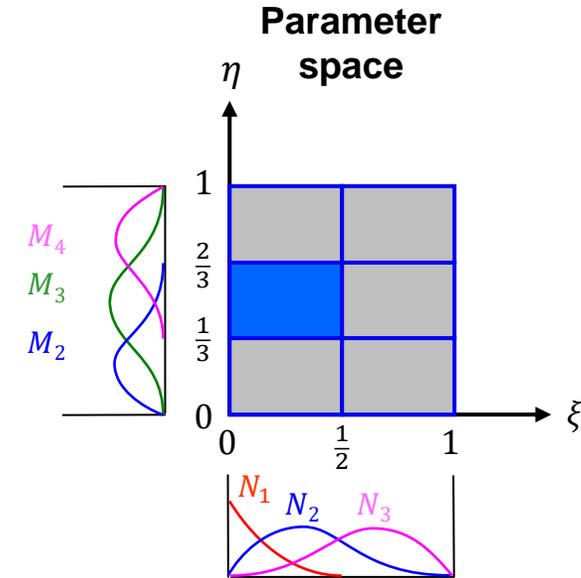
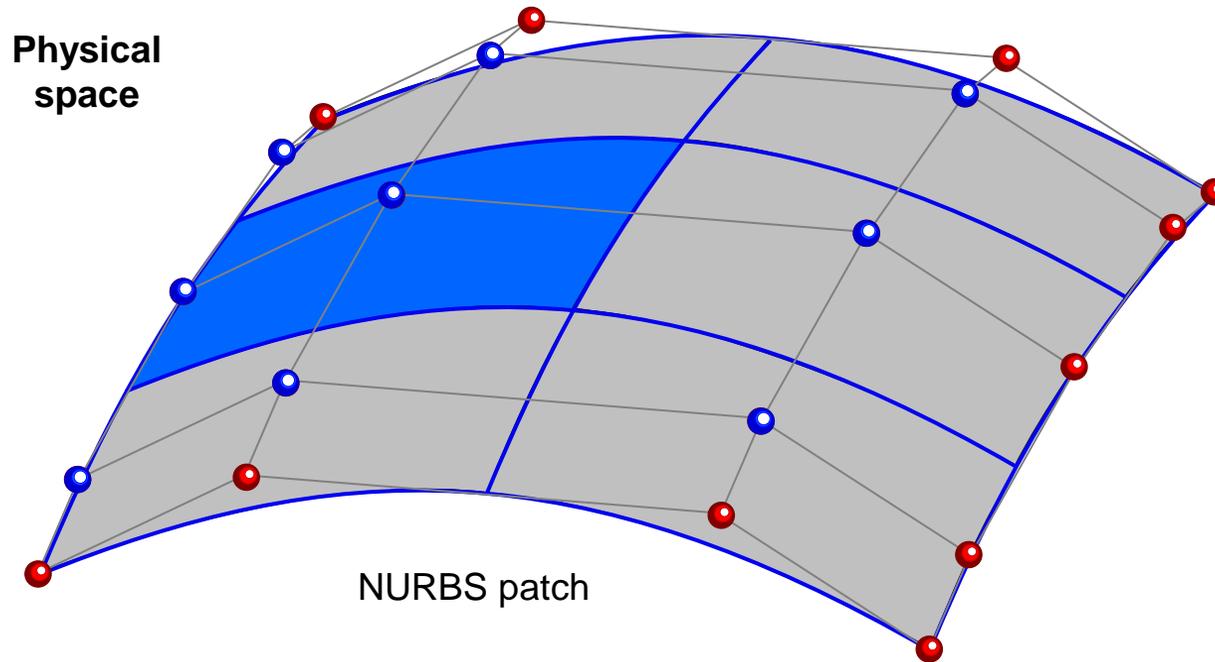
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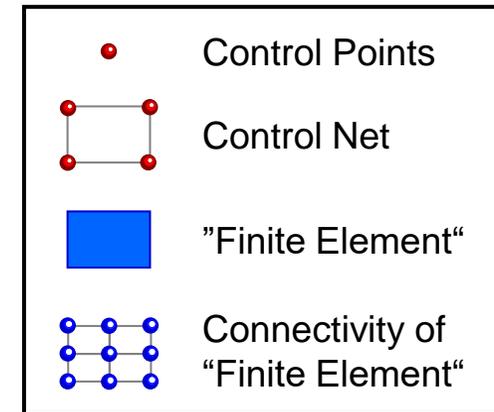
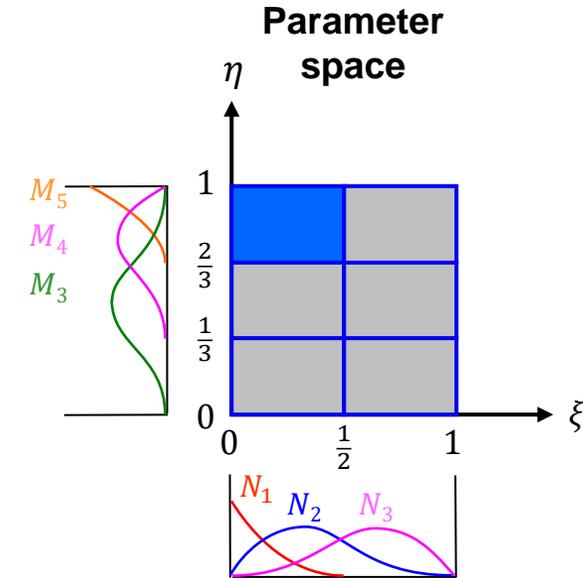
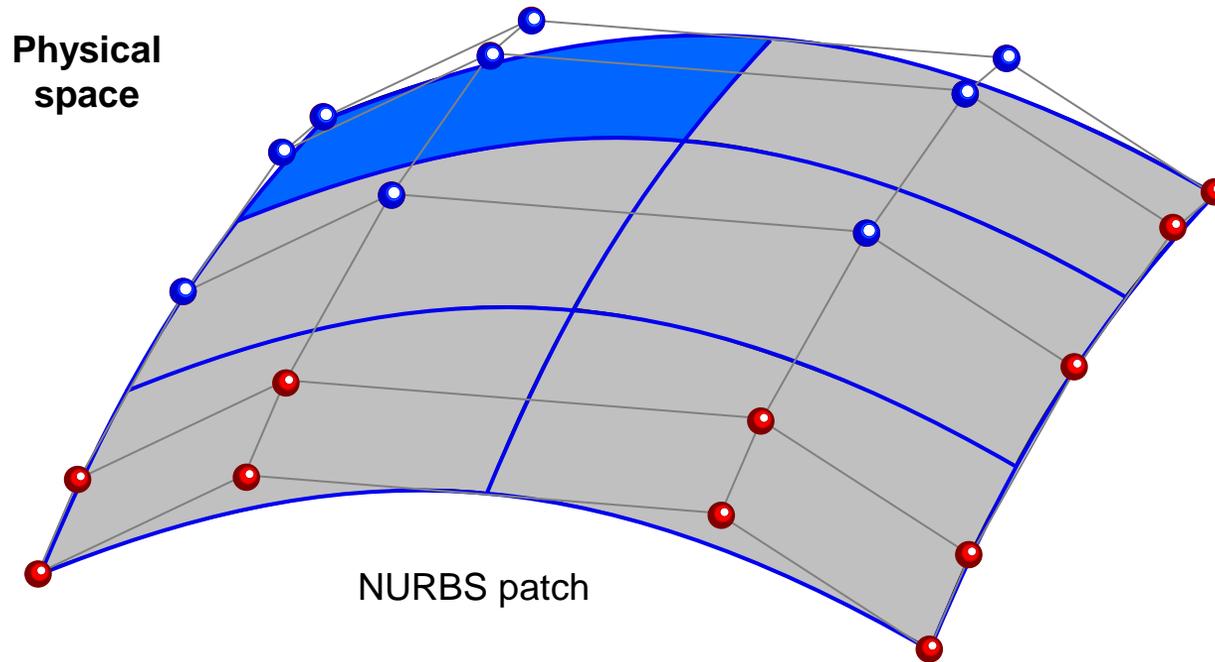
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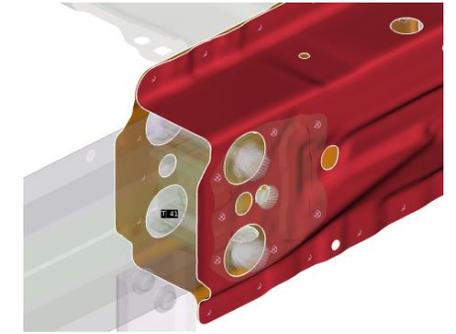
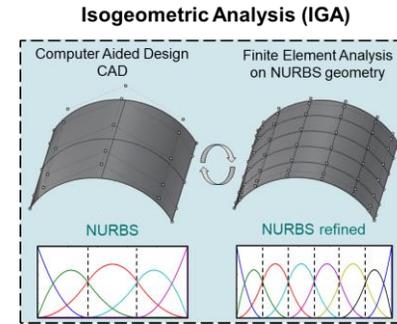
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What is Isogeometric Analysis (IGA)? – Potential benefits

■ Faster development process by integrating design and analysis

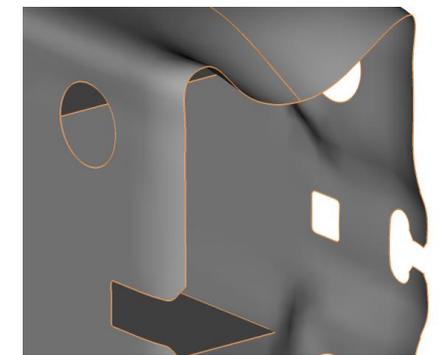
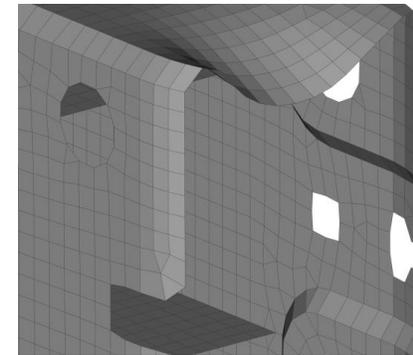
- Same NURBS-based geometry description, consistent data structure
- Mesh-independent modeling (spotwelds, connections, etc.)
- Associative and feature-based model (assembly) as in CAD



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■ Higher predictive accuracy (for similar element size)

- More accurate geometry description: Consider details neglected with standard FEA
- Higher-order AND higher-continuity elements:
 - Smoother displacement/strain/stress fields
 - Capture deformation modes correctly
 - More accurate representation of eigenmodes (NVH)



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■ Increased efficiency

- Larger element size and fewer DOFs (for similar accuracy, depending on application, e.g. sheet metal forming)
- Larger time step size in explicit dynamics (for similar element size, C^{p-1} continuity and interior elements)

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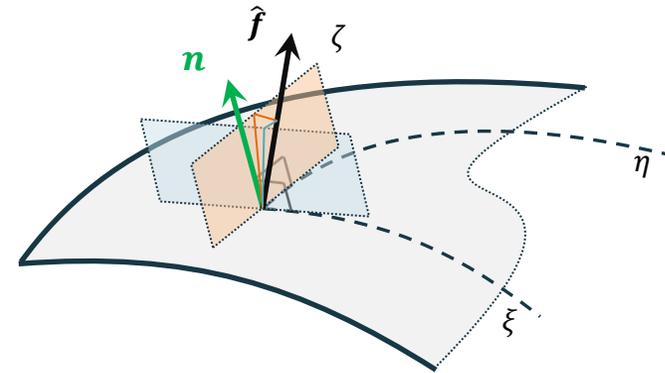
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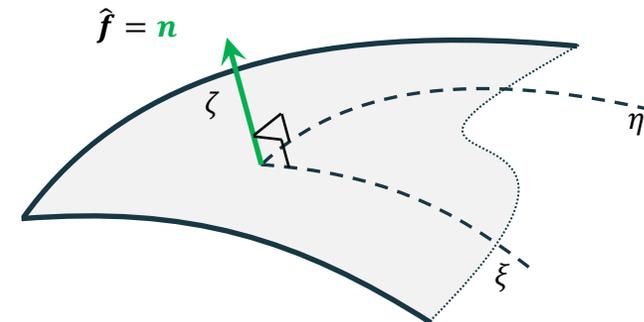
■ IGA in LS-DYNA

- Shells and solids
- Explicit and implicit analysis, SMP and MPP
- Basically all material models available

2 Reissner-Mindlin (RM) shells
(with rotational DOFs, shear-deformable)



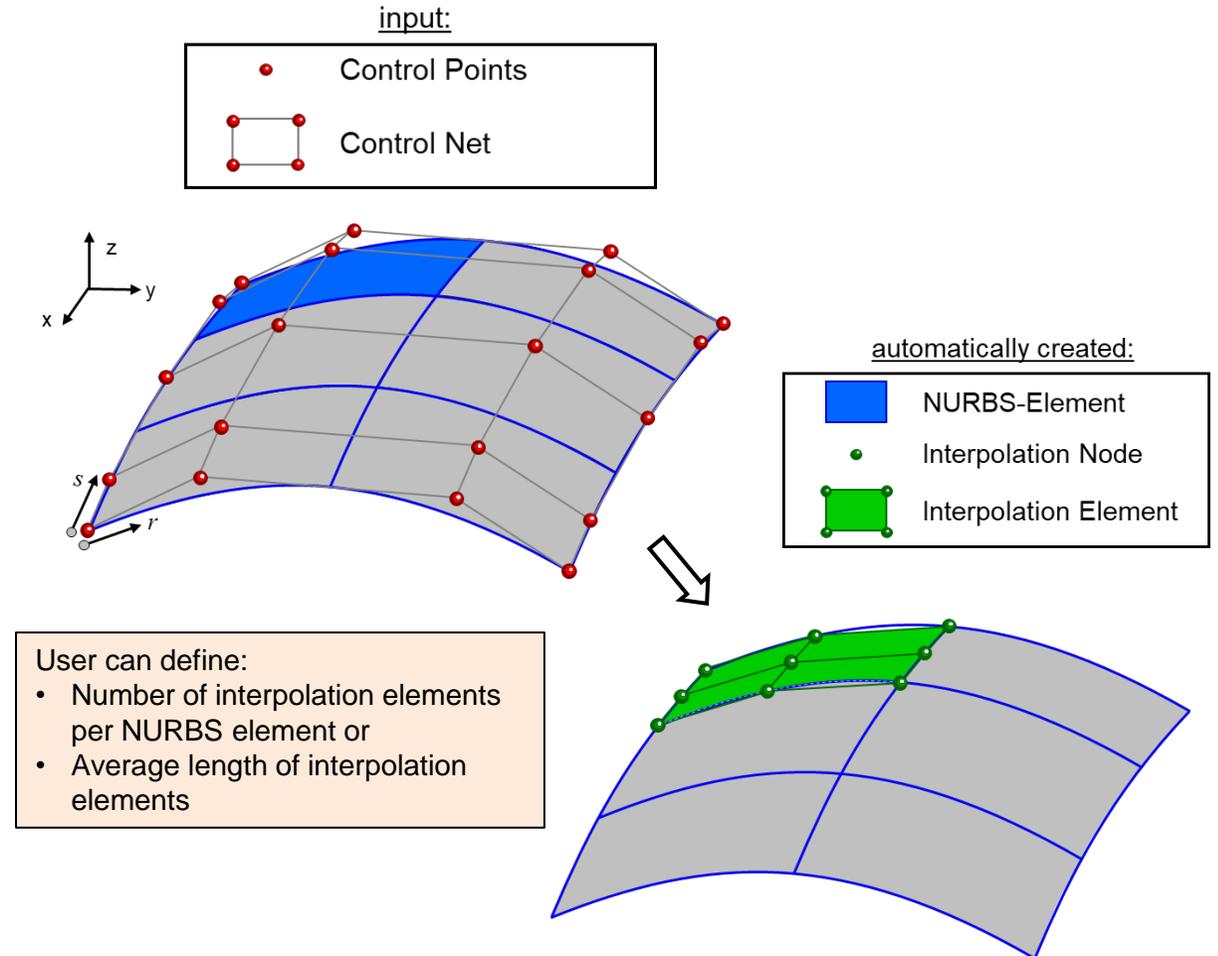
2 Kirchhoff-Love (KL) shells
(no rotational DOFs, no transverse shear)



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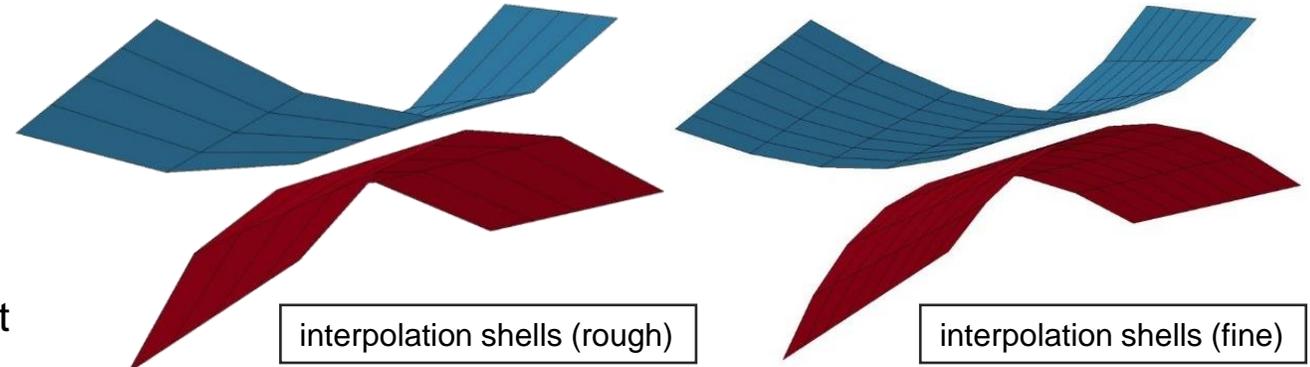


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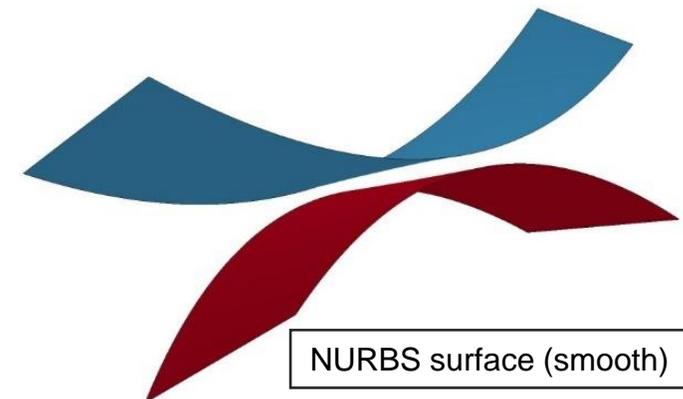
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Option 1: Via interpolation nodes/elements



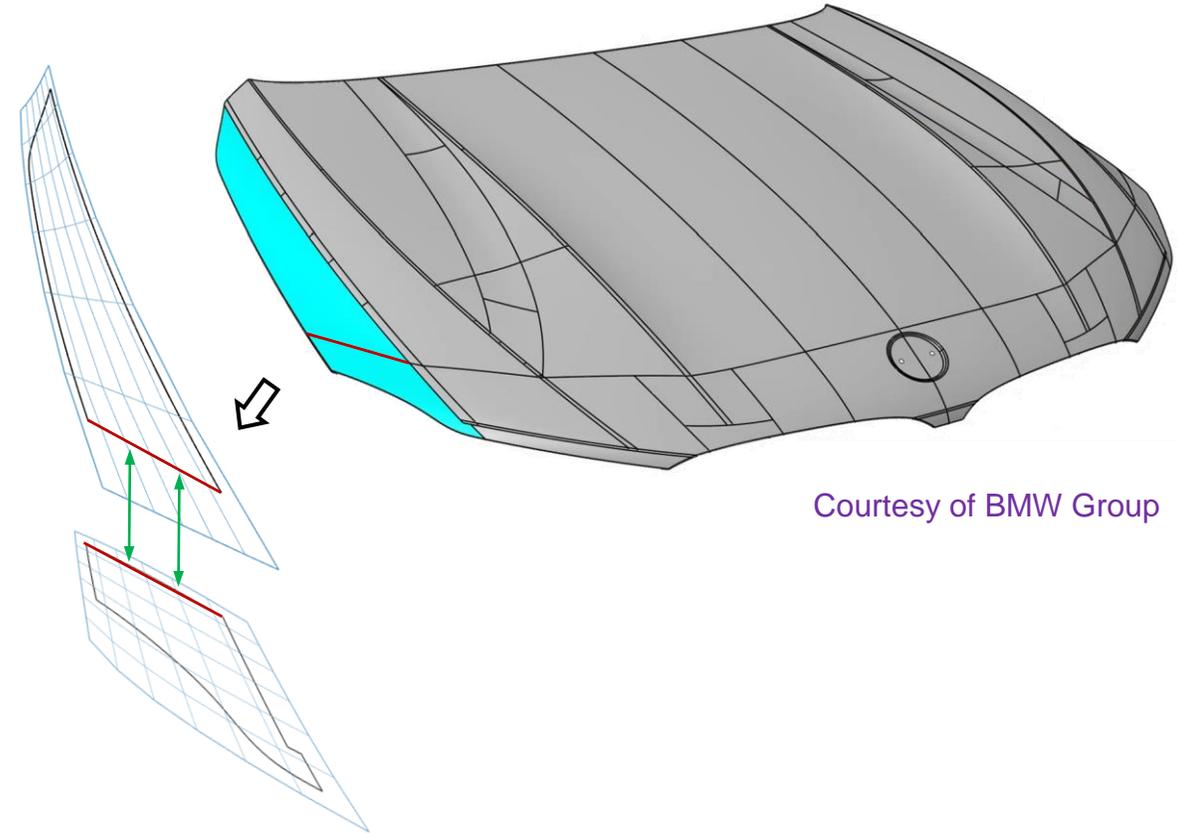
Option 2: Use NURBS representation for master side



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- Trimming and coupling of shell patches
- Hybrid models: Combine FEA and IGA components
- Stress/strain/thickness initialization
- Keyword format
 - Original keywords: “NURBS-based FEA”
 - *ELEMENT_SHELL/SOLID_NURBS_PATCH
 - New *IGA keywords: “CAD-inspired” structure
 - *IGA_SHELL/SOLID (from R13)

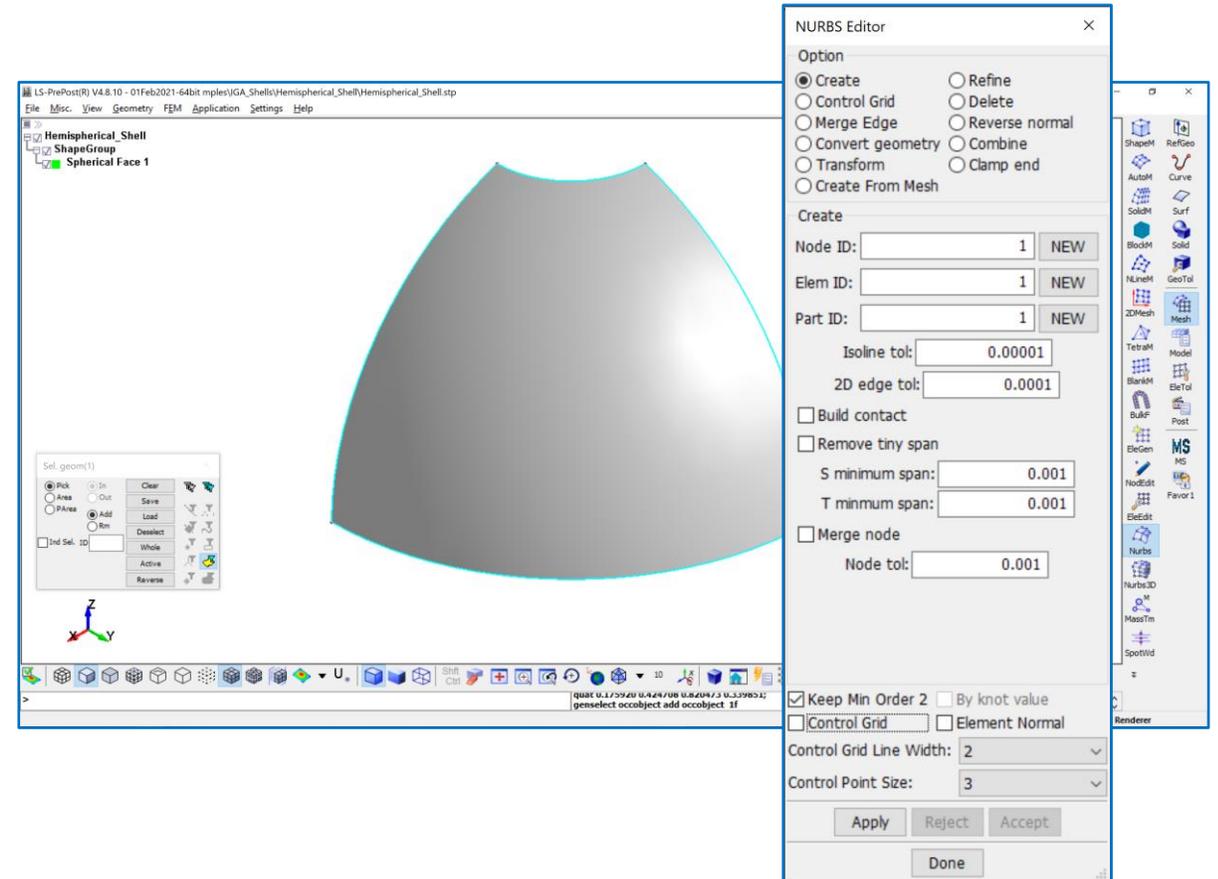


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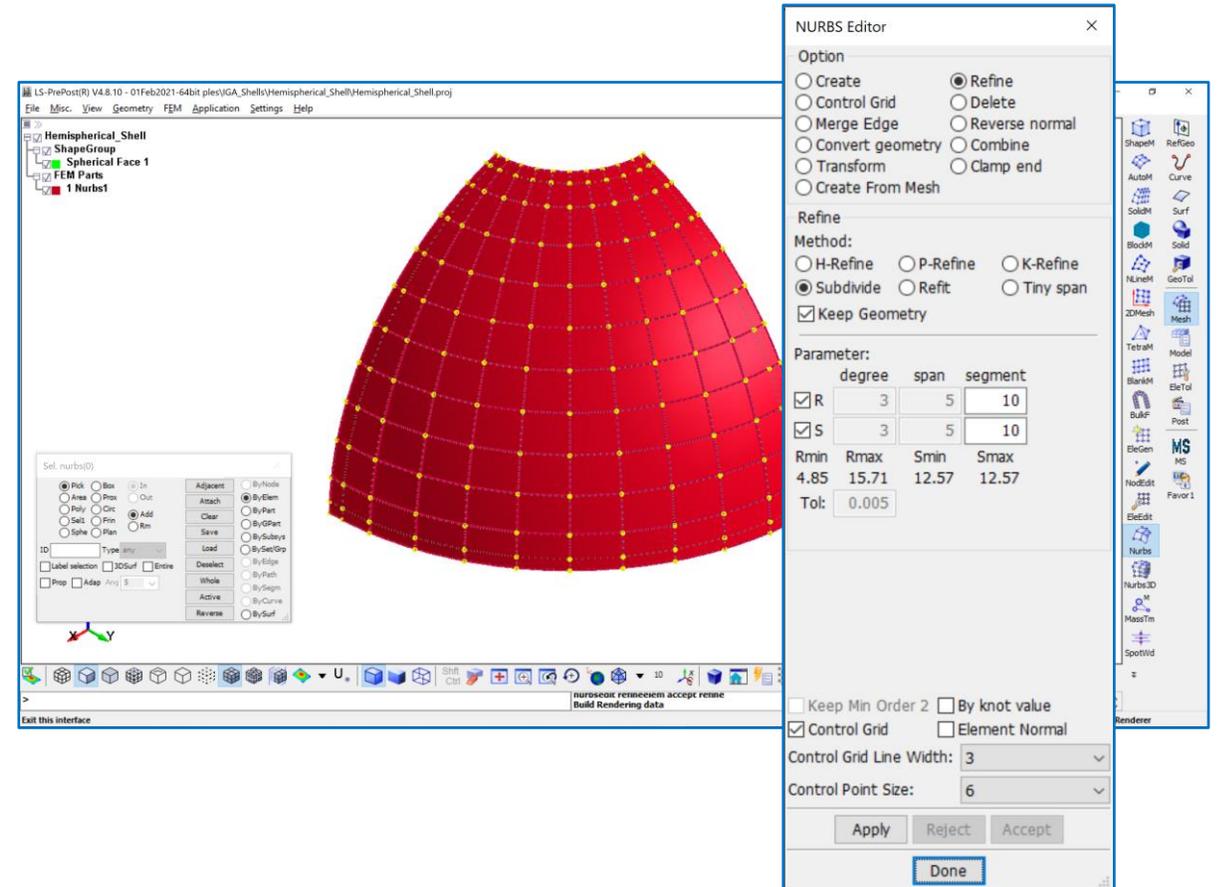
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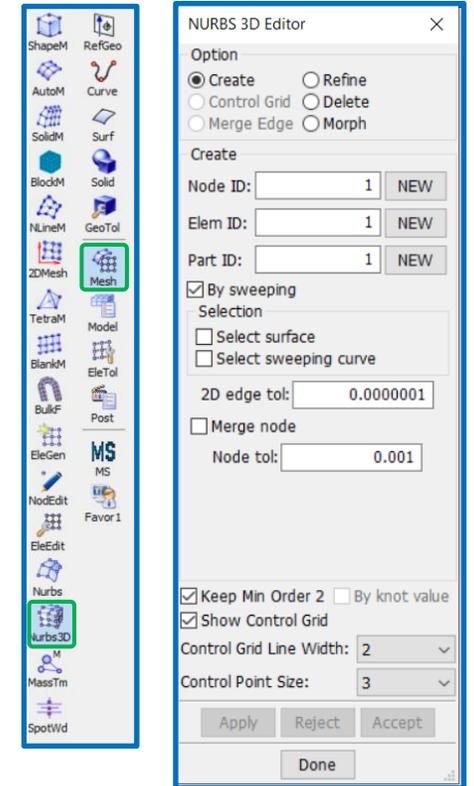
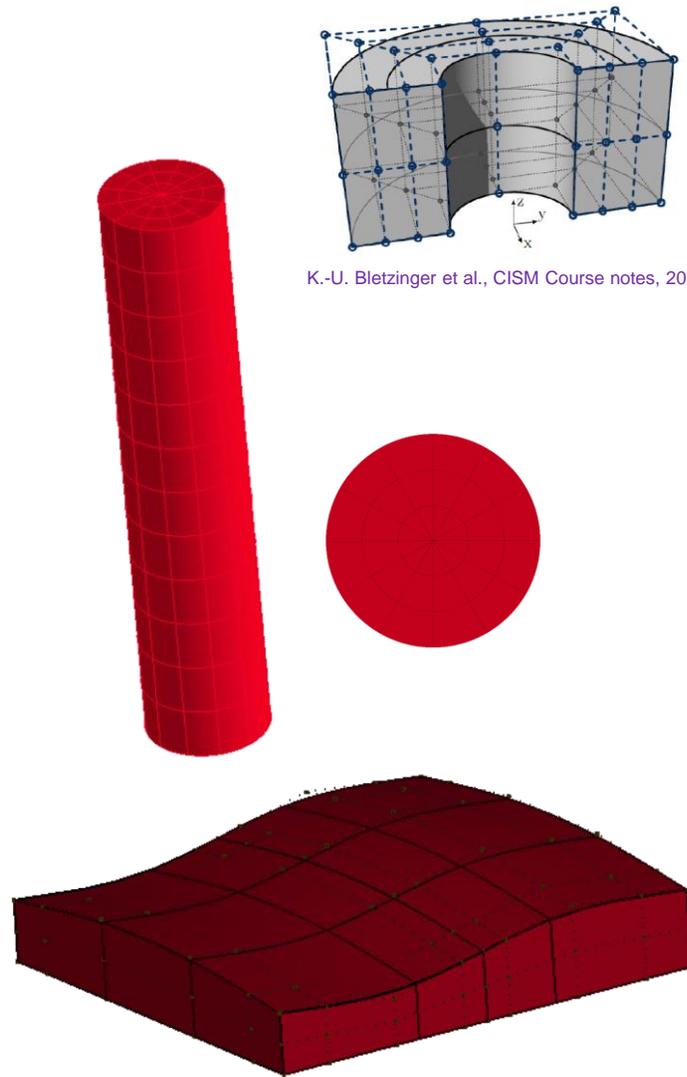
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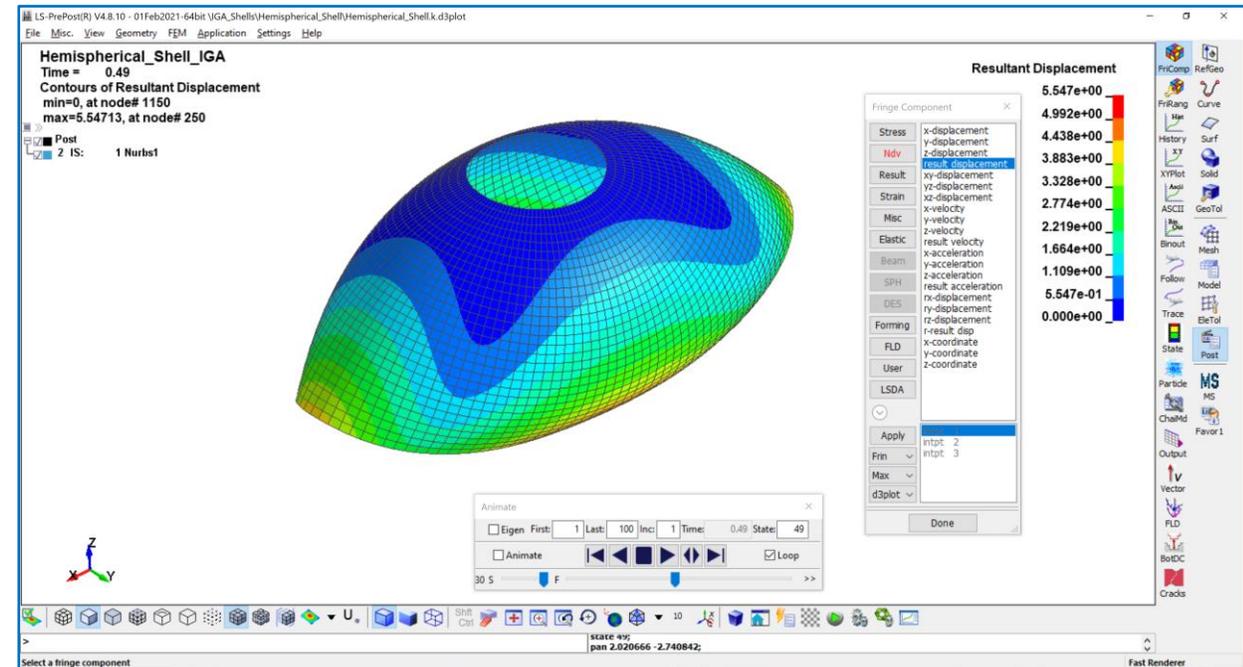
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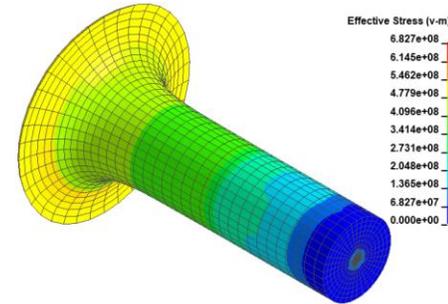
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3 Interpolation Solid Element

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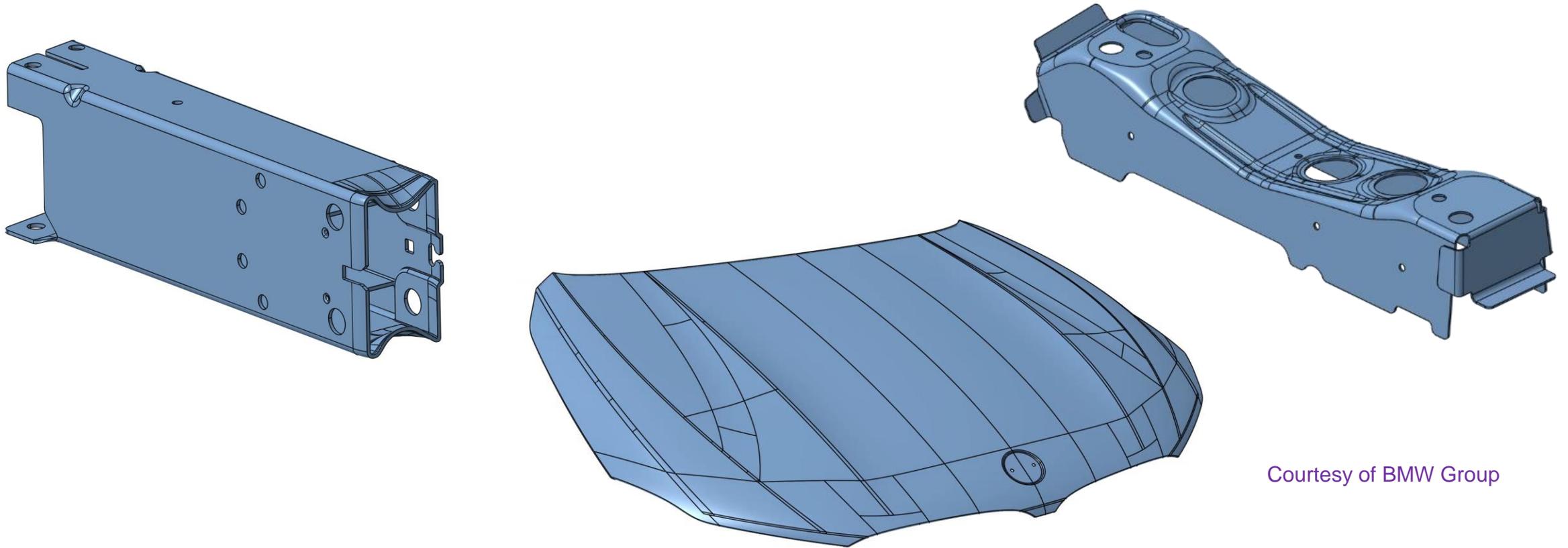
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The New CAD-Inspired *IGA Keywords – Motivation

- Motivation: Isogeometric analysis on industrial CAD models (B-Rep models)
 - Develop keywords that capture B-Rep data structure: Geometry + topology information

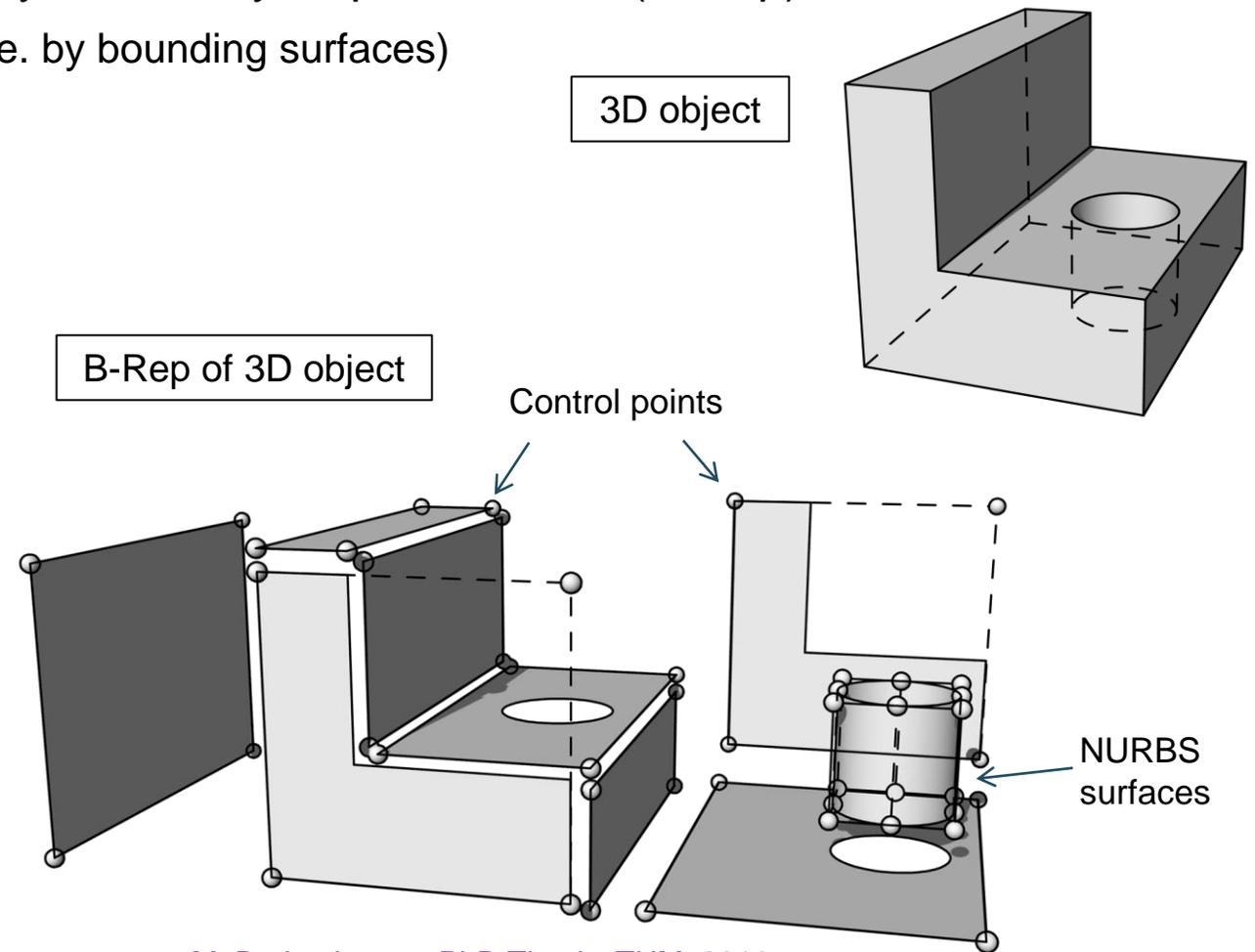


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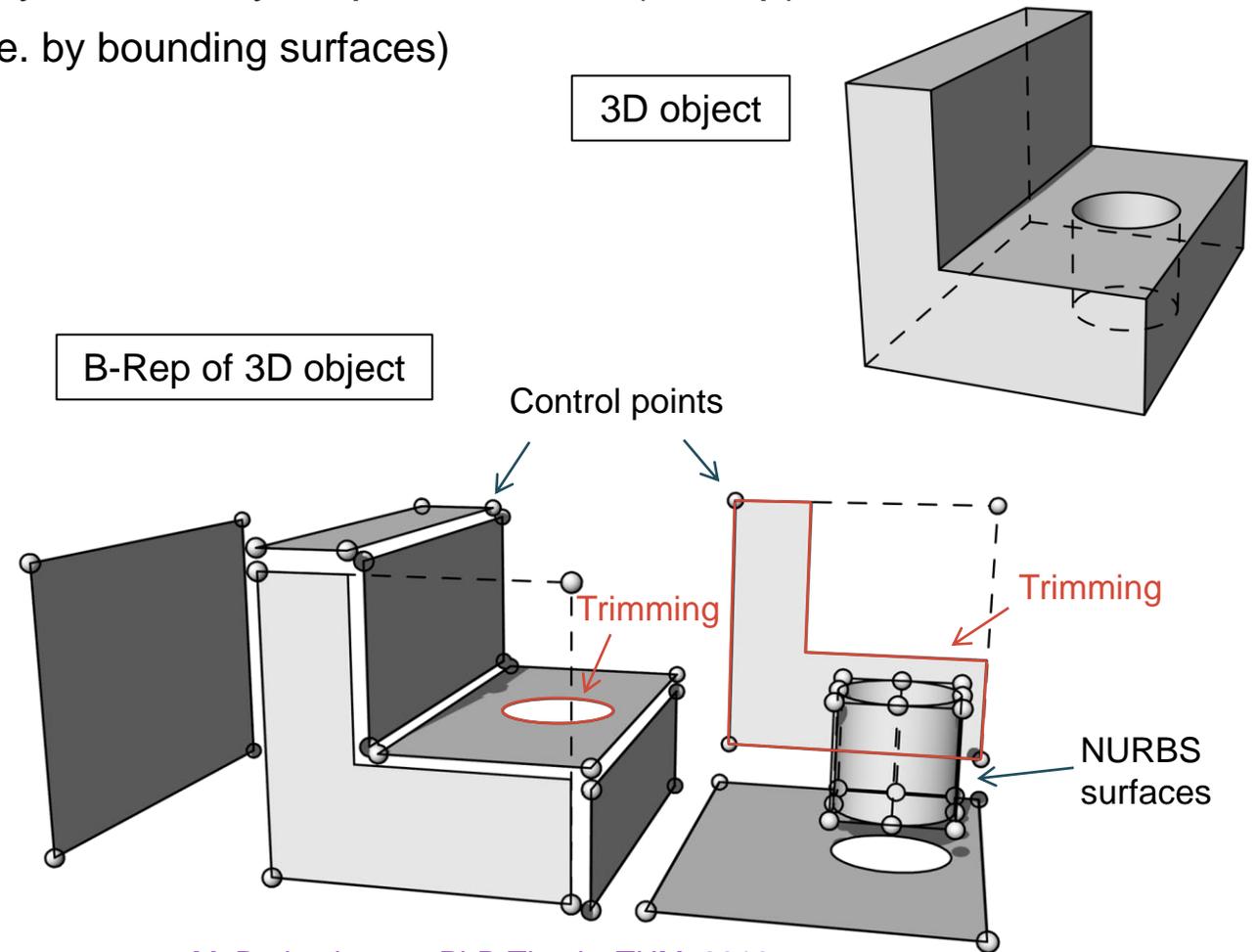


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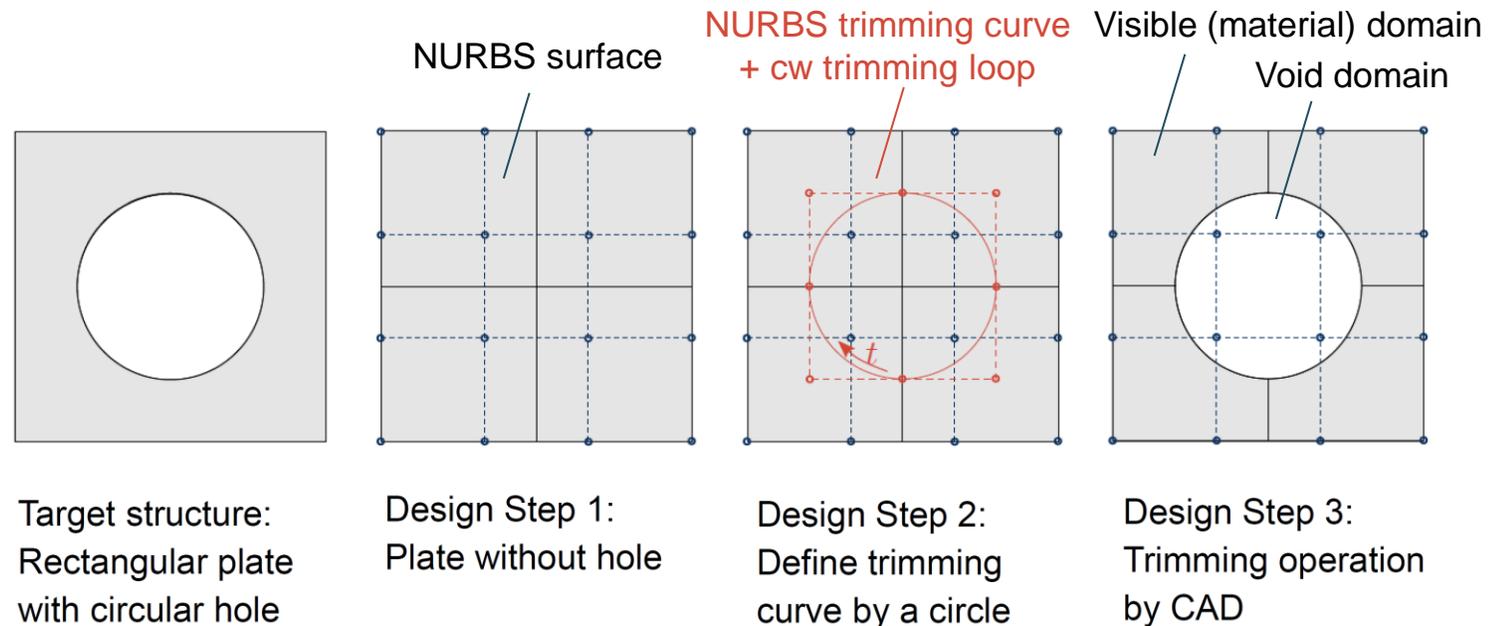
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- NURBS surfaces have tensor product structure
 - Topology limited to quadrangular surfaces
 - Trimming to overcome this limitation
- Trimming curves divide NURBS surface into visible and void domain(s)

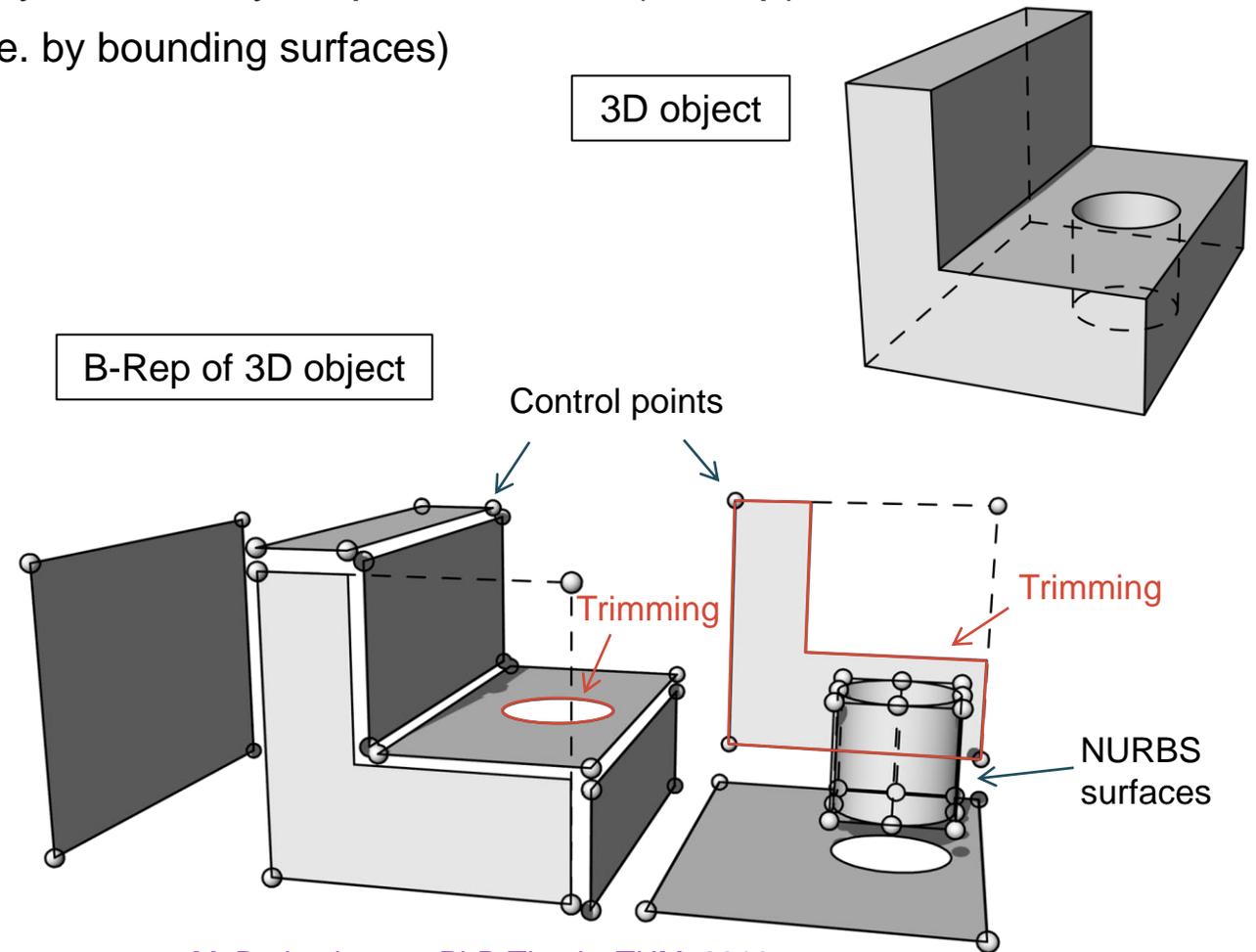


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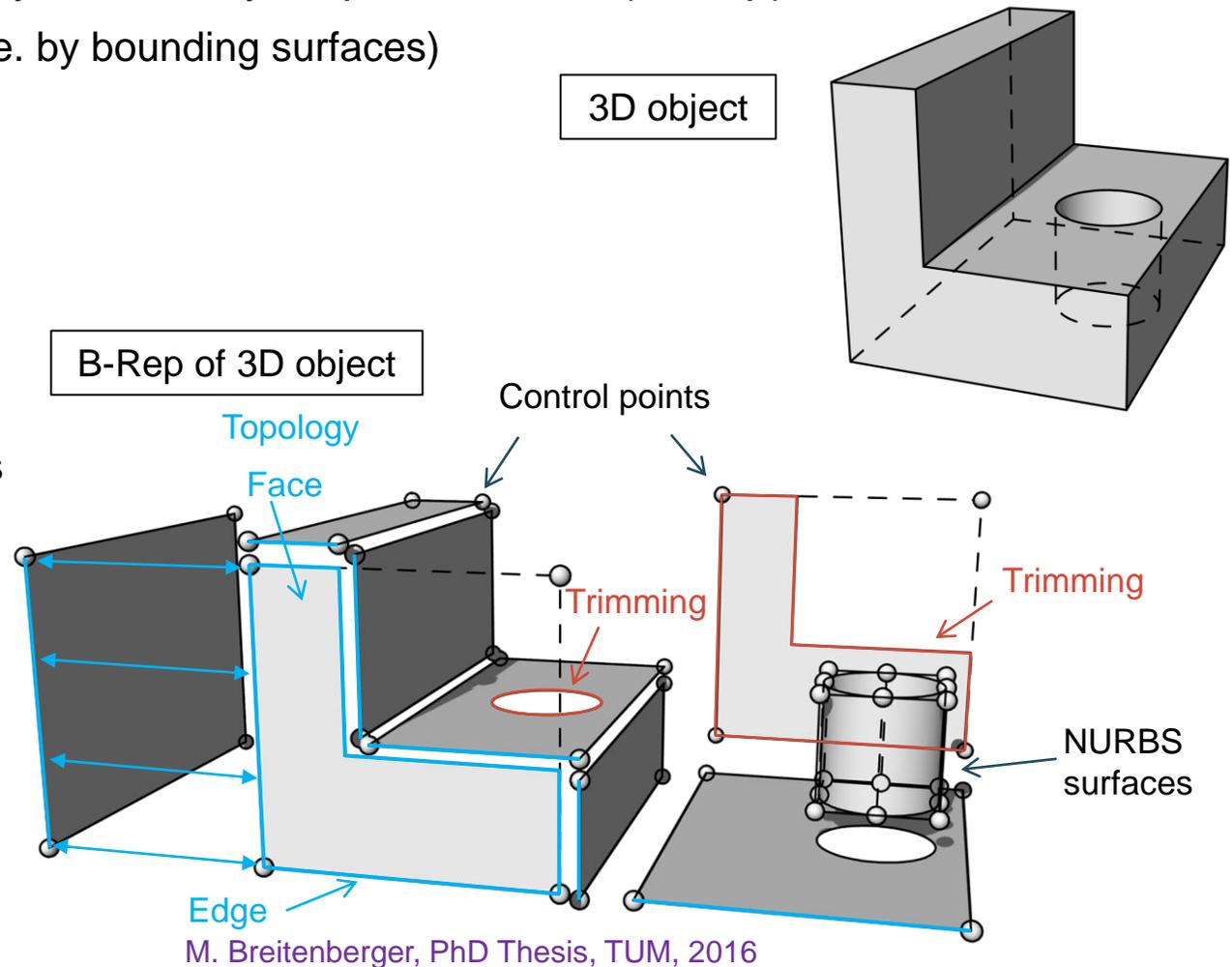
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 3. Data structure: Geometry + **Topology**

→ Capture B-Rep data structure with *IGA keywords

- **Geometry:**
Defines position and shape of geometric entities
- **Topology:**
Defines how entities are arranged and connected



The New CAD-Inspired *IGA Keywords – Motivation: Trimming and coupling

■ IGA on trimmed multi-patch NURBS shells requires specific analysis capabilities

1. Processing of B-Rep data including geometry, trimming and topology information
2. Numerical integration of trimmed NURBS elements
3. Application of coupling and boundary conditions
4. Stabilization of small trimmed elements

■ First approach covering all capabilities for implicit statics

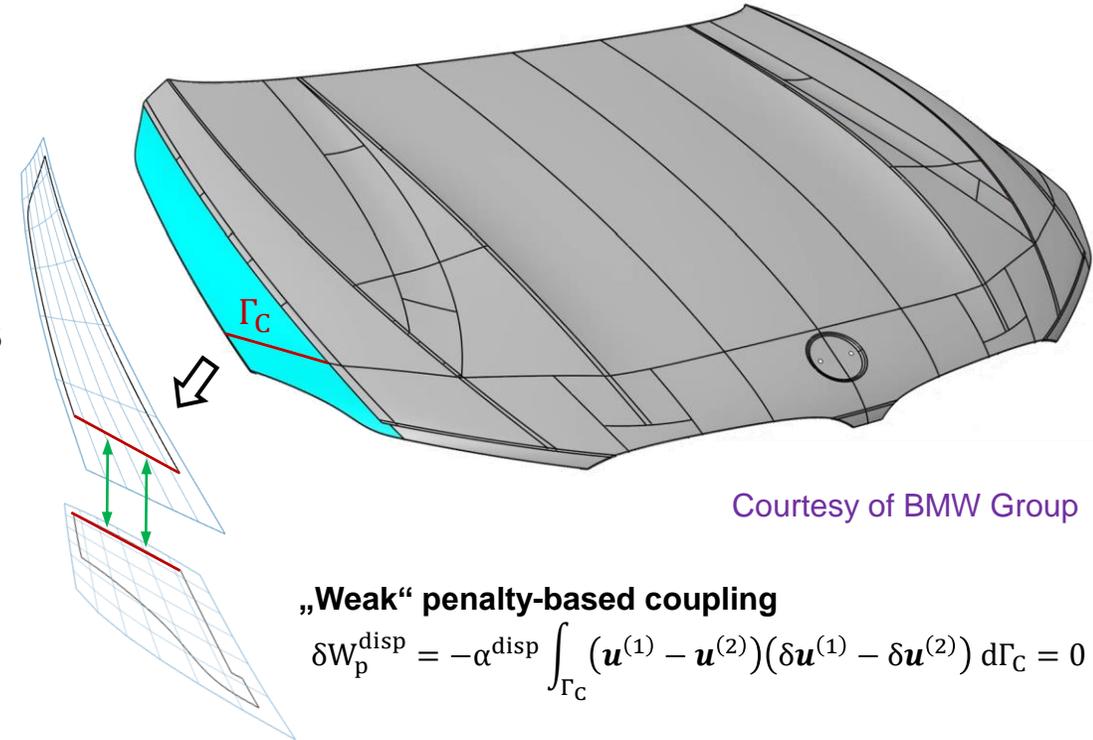
- Isogeometric B-Rep Analysis (IBRA) by Breitenberger et al. 2015 [1]



■ Extension to explicit dynamics in LS-DYNA

- Explicit IBRA by Leidinger et al. 2019 [2]

■ Current *IGA implementation in LS-DYNA



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„Weak“ penalty-based coupling

$$\delta W_p^{\text{disp}} = -\alpha^{\text{disp}} \int_{\Gamma_C} (\mathbf{u}^{(1)} - \mathbf{u}^{(2)}) (\delta \mathbf{u}^{(1)} - \delta \mathbf{u}^{(2)}) d\Gamma_C = 0$$

[1] M. Breitenberger, A. Apostolatos, B. Philipp, R. Wüchner, K.-U. Bletzinger, Analysis in computer aided design: Nonlinear isogeometric B-Rep analysis of shell structures, Comput. Methods Appl. Mech. Eng. 284 (2015) 401–457.

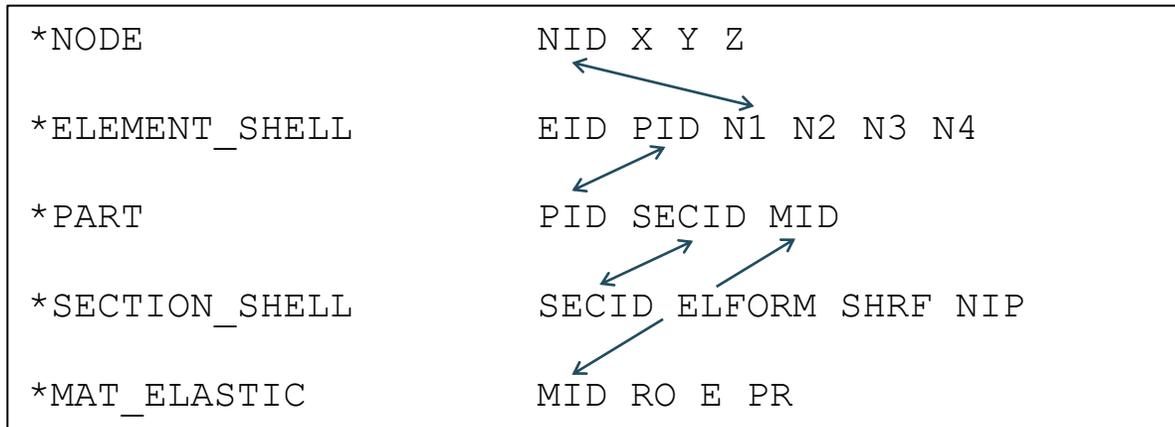
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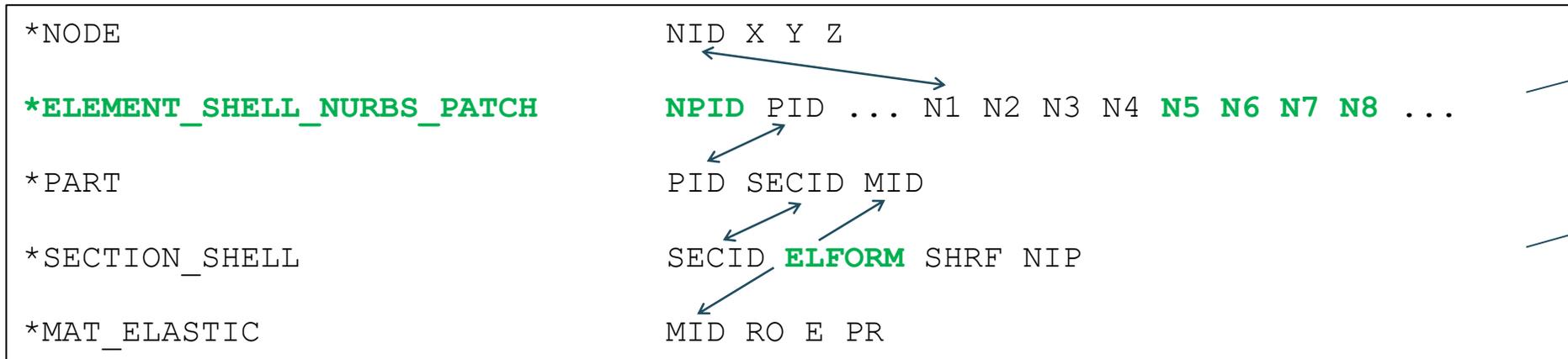
The New CAD-Inspired *IGA Keywords – Original Keywords for Shells

■ Input structure for original “NURBS-based FEA”: Comparison with standard FEA



Input structure for standard FEA (shells)

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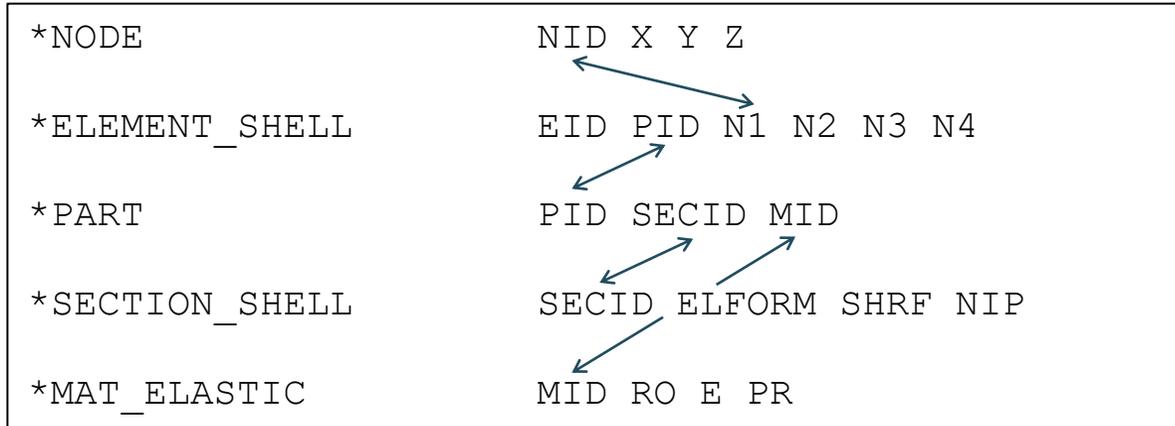


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element definition

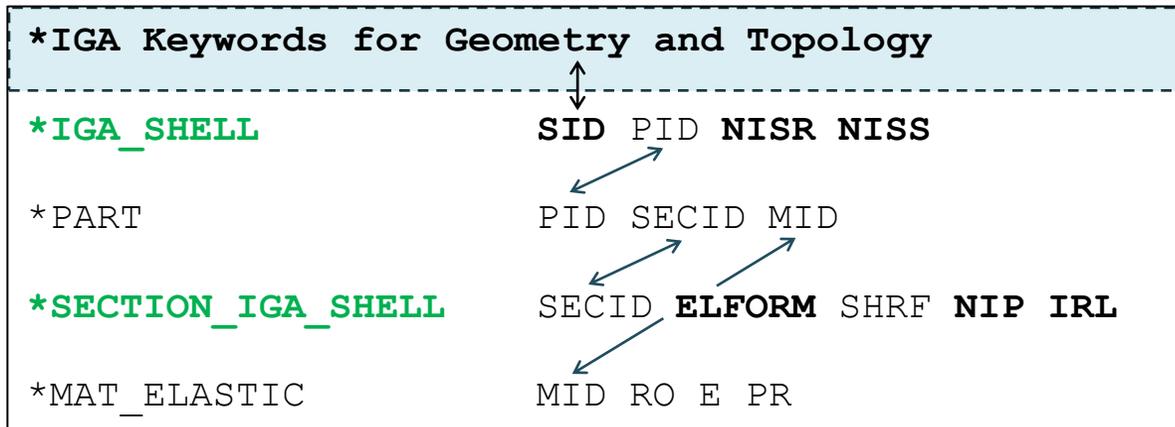
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The New CAD-Inspired *IGA Keywords – The *IGA Keyword Structure for Shells

■ Input structure for new *IGA keywords: Comparison with standard FEA



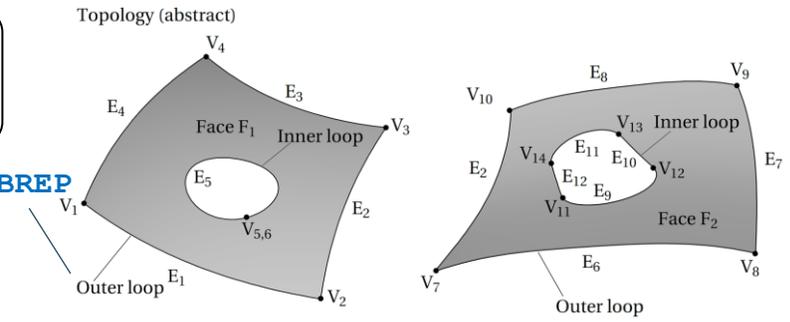
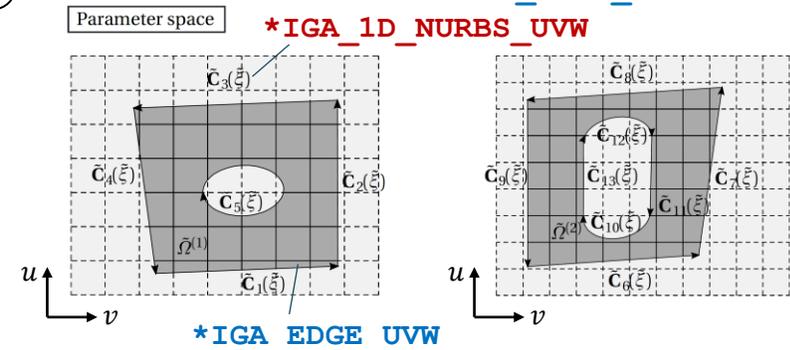
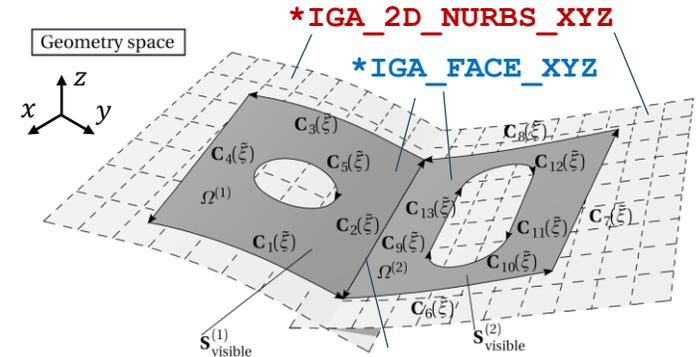
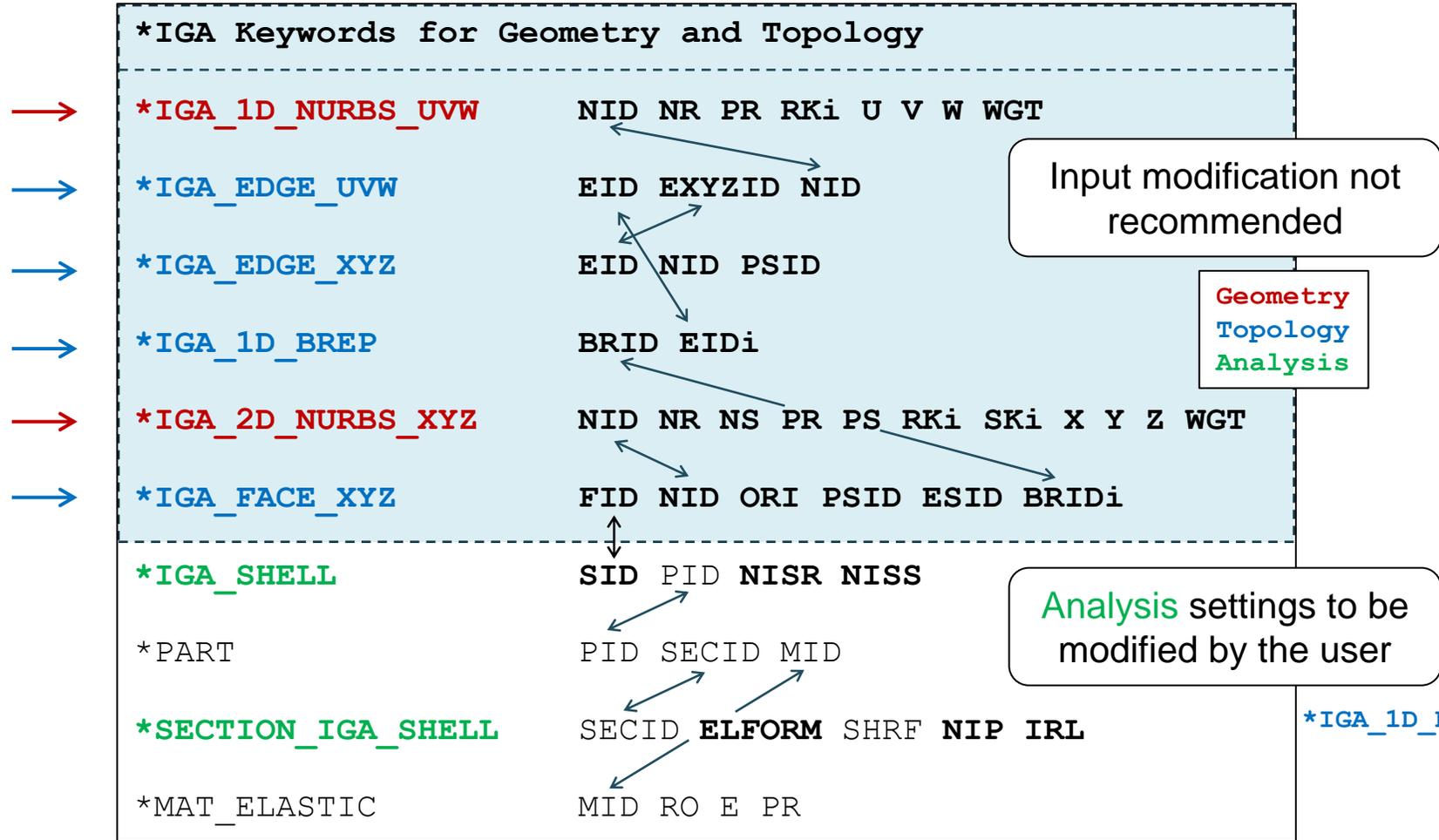
Input structure for standard FEA (shells)



Input structure for new *IGA keywords (shells)

The New CAD-Inspired *IGA Keywords – The *IGA Keyword Structure for Shells

Input structure for new *IGA keywords in LS-DYNA



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The New CAD-Inspired *IGA Keywords – Preview: Trimmed Solids

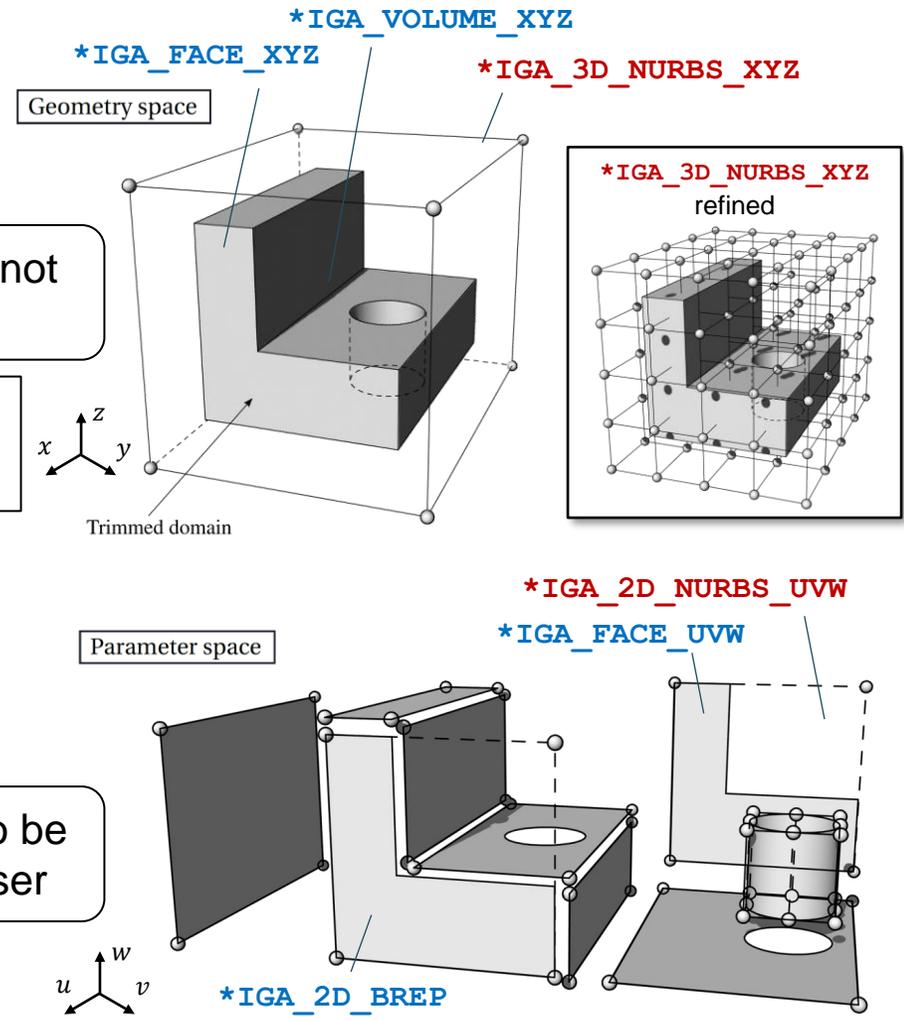
Input structure for new *IGA keywords in LS-DYNA

*IGA-KWs for Geometry and Topology	
*IGA_2D_NURBS_UVW	NID NR NS PR PS RKi SKi U V W WGT
*IGA_FACE_UVW	FID FXYZID NID
*IGA_FACE_XYZ	FID NID PSID ESID BRIDi
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*IGA_VOLUME_XYZ	FID NID PSID ESID FSID BRIDi
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*IGA_SOLID	SID PID NISR NISS NIST
*PART	PID SECID MID
*SECTION_IGA_SOLID	SECID ELFORM IR
*MAT_ELASTIC	MID RO E PR

Input modification not recommended

Geometry
Topology
Analysis

Analysis settings to be modified by the user



M. Breitenberger, PhD Thesis, TUM, 2016

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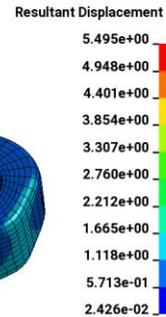
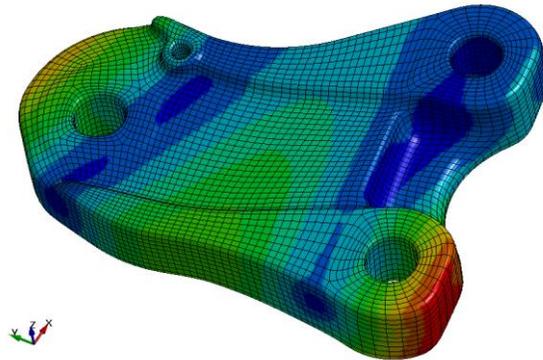
The New CAD-Inspired *IGA Keywords – Novel Spline Technologies

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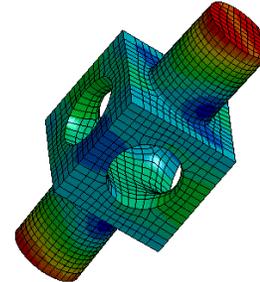
■ Include Bézier extraction format: *IGA_INCLUDE_BEZIER

- Input any kind of spline technology via Bézier extraction format
- Bézier extraction allows representing a spline basis (higher continuity) as a Bézier basis (C^0 as in standard FEA)
- Mainly non-standard, boundary-fitted descriptions
 - T-Splines, U-Splines, LR-Splines,
 - Subdivision Surfaces,
 - and others...

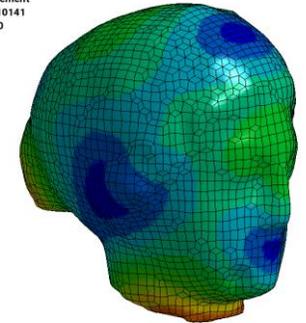
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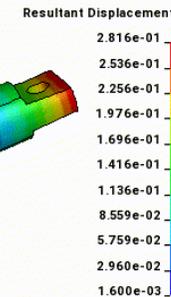
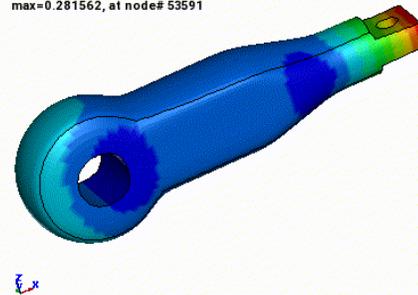
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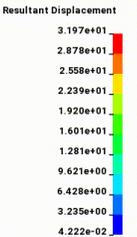
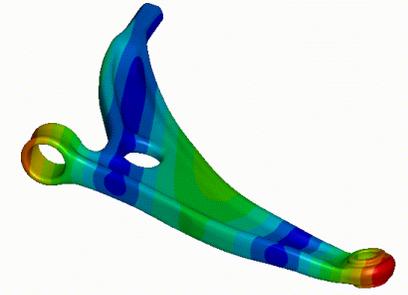
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Carnegie Mellon University, Jessica Zhang's group; Honda Motor Co., Ltd.

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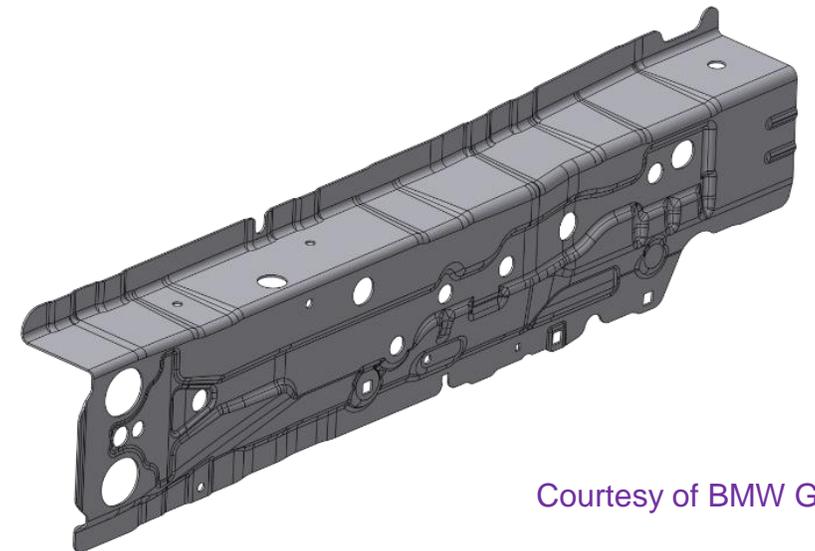
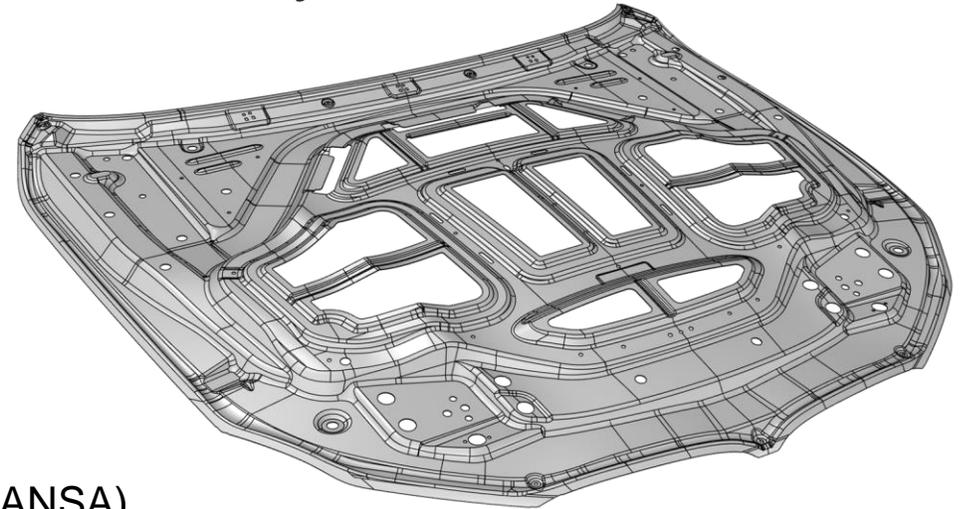
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2. Future CAD models: Build according to certain guidelines

- Min. element size, min. patch size, max. degree, etc.
- Provide midsurface description in CAD
- Still limited “preprocessing” capabilities of CAD systems



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IGA for Industrial Applications – Model Generation with ANSA

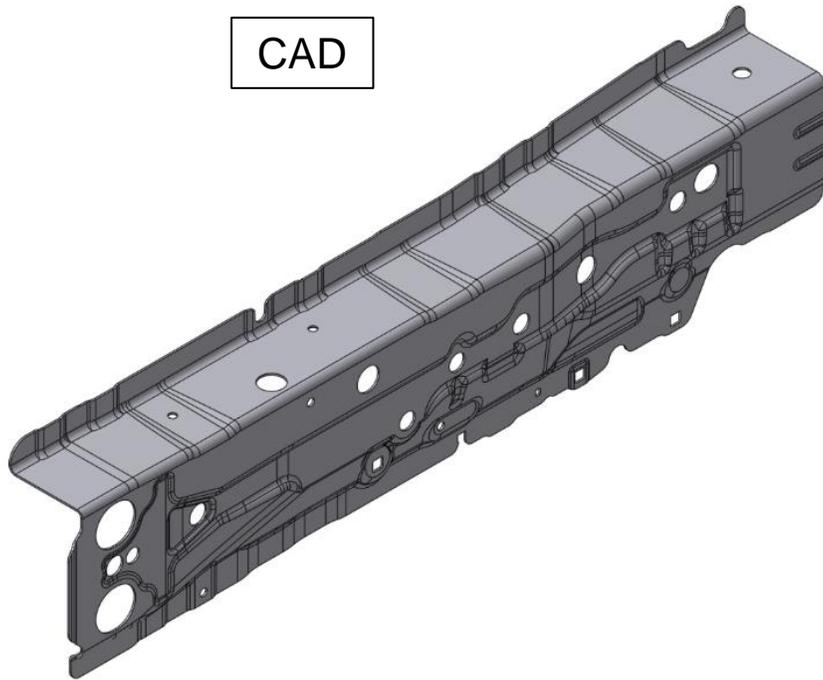
■ Analysis-suitable model generation with ANSA

1. Import B-Rep model
2. Generate midsurface
3. Generate single-patch model (min/max span, distortion, uniform mesh, join patches)

Mode	Create
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Uniform	✓
Extend	✓
Join	✓

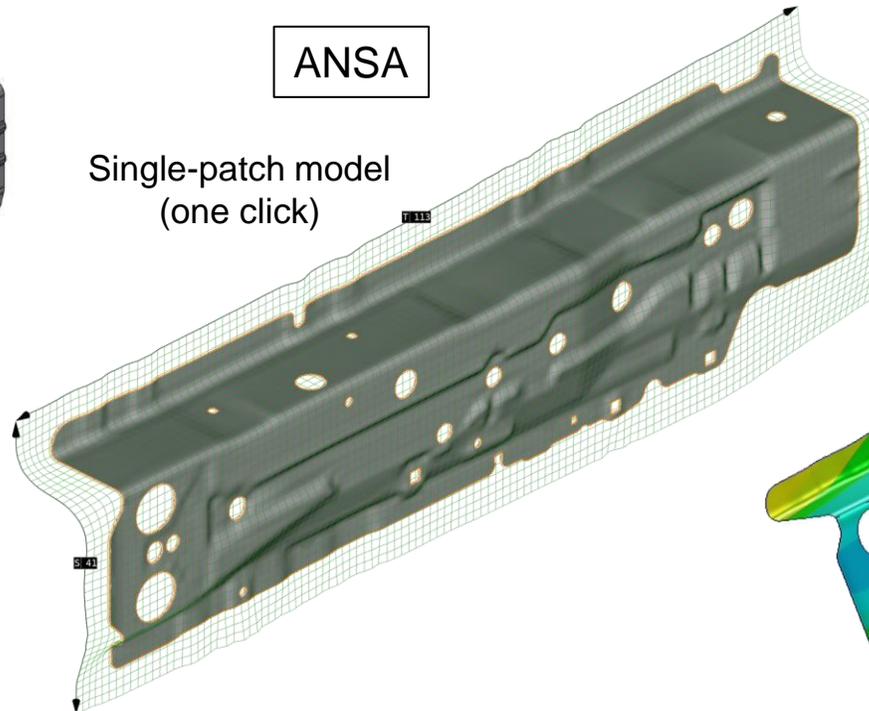


CAD



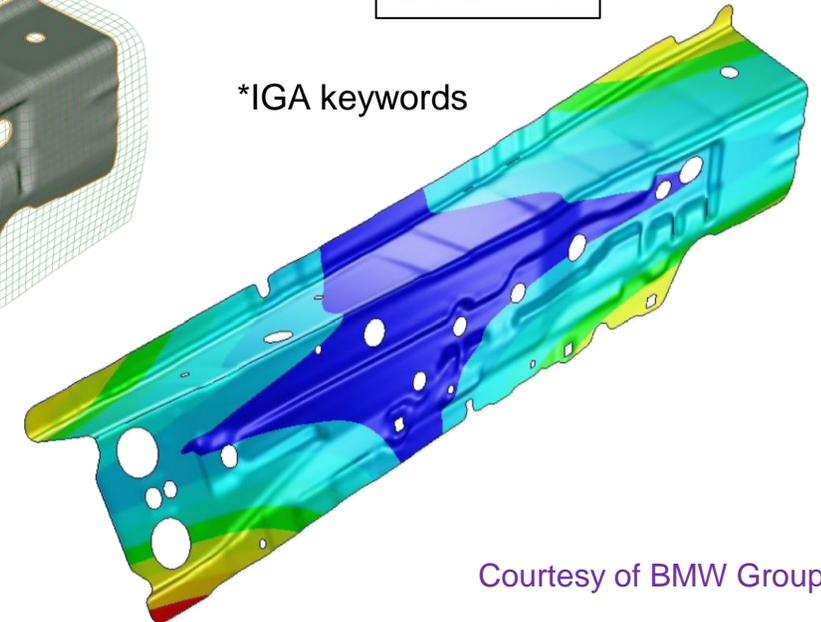
ANSA

Single-patch model
(one click)



LS-DYNA

*IGA keywords

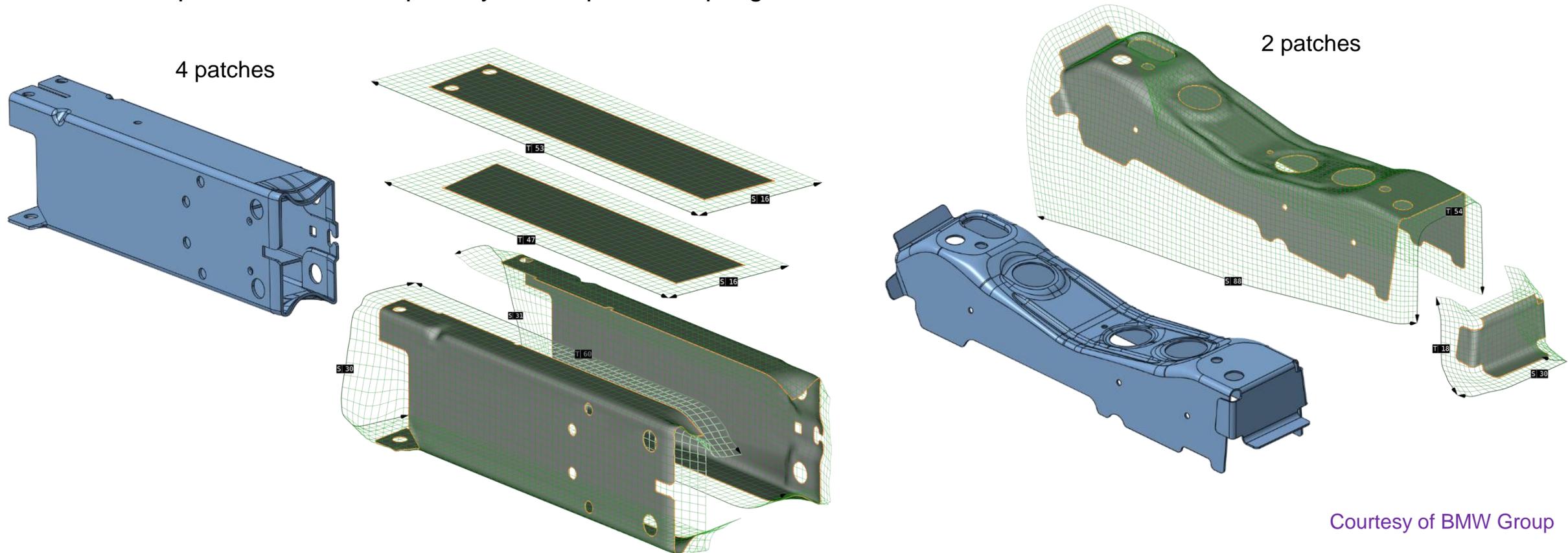


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IGA for Industrial Applications – Model Generation with ANSA

■ Analysis-suitable model generation with ANSA

- Single-patch models not always possible: Closed cross-sections, T-joints, undercuts, overlaps, etc.
- Multi-patch models with penalty-based patch coupling in LS-DYNA

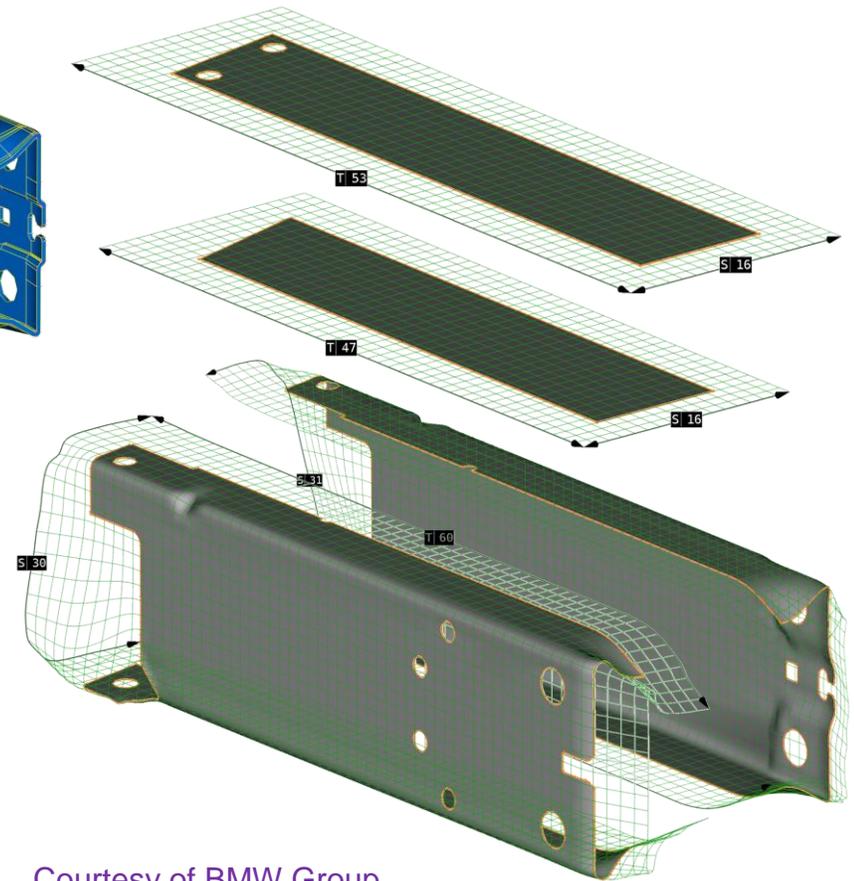
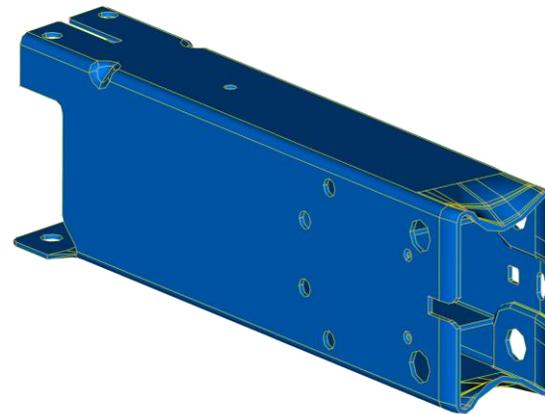


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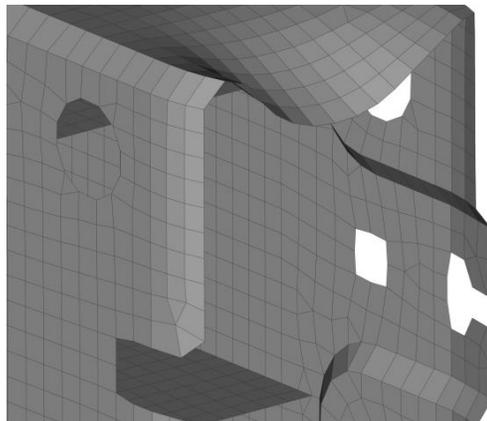
IGA for Industrial Applications – Example 1

■ Dynamic buckling of an energy-absorbing component

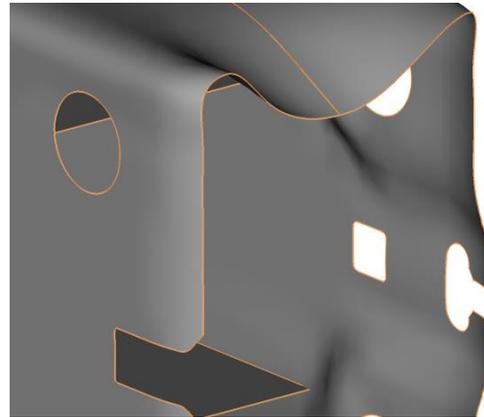
- Component modeled with 4 patches
- Model generation with ANSA
- Goal
 - Extruded component with IGA shells
 - Coupling of trimmed NURBS patches (penalty-based, smooth + T-joints)
 - Large deformations, energy absorption



FEA model



IGA model



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IGA for Industrial Applications – Example 1

■ Dynamic buckling of an energy-absorbing component

■ Problem definition

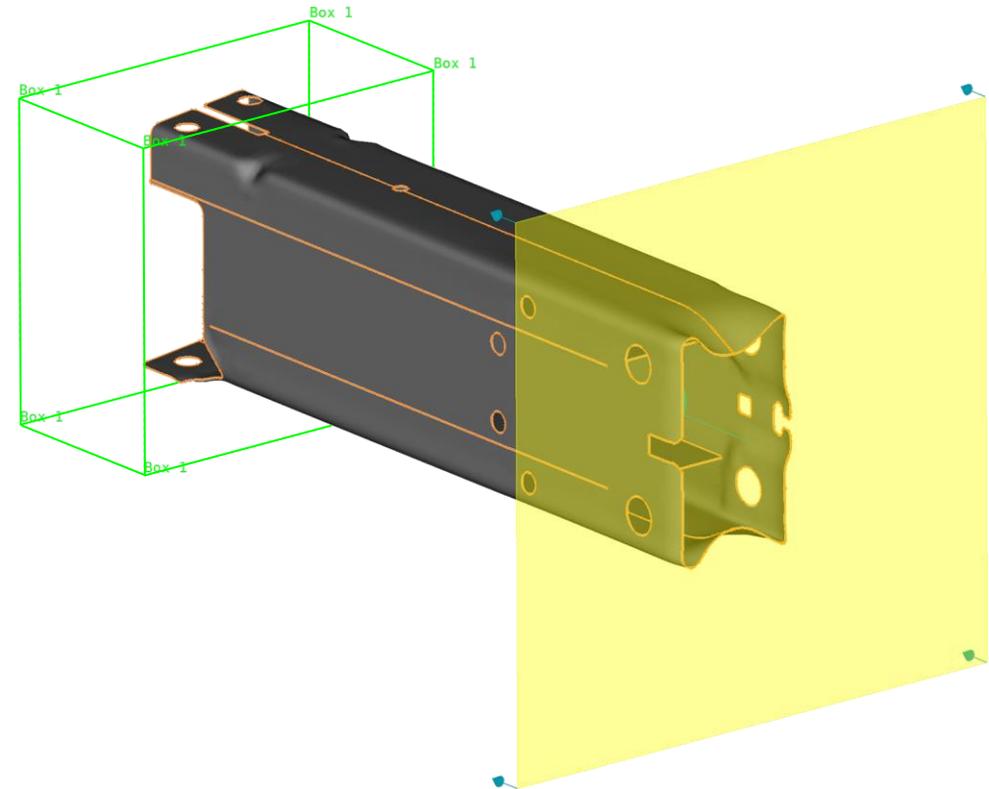
- MAT_024 (piecewise linear plasticity)
- Fixed DOFs within Box
- Rigid Wall $m = 150\text{kg}$, $v = 50\text{km/h}$

IGA settings

- Cubic NURBS-based RM shell ELFORM=3
- # Out-of-plane IPs NIP=5
- # In-plane IPs IRL=0 ($p \times p$)
- Average element length ~6/4mm

FEA settings

- Linear Belytschko-Tsay elements ELFORM=2
- # Out-of-plane IPs NIP=5
- Average element length ~4mm

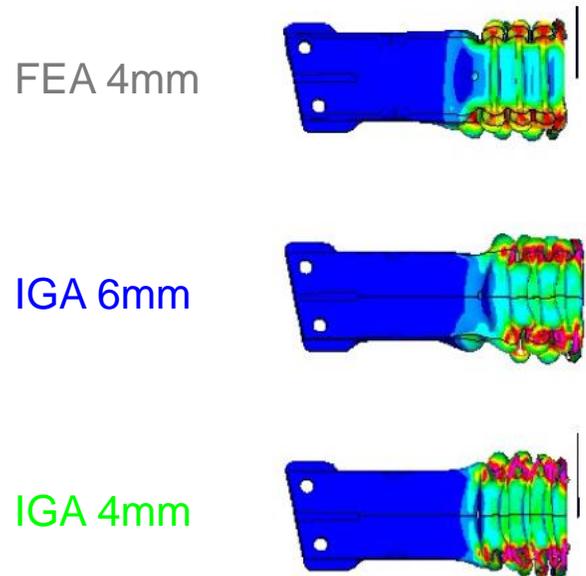


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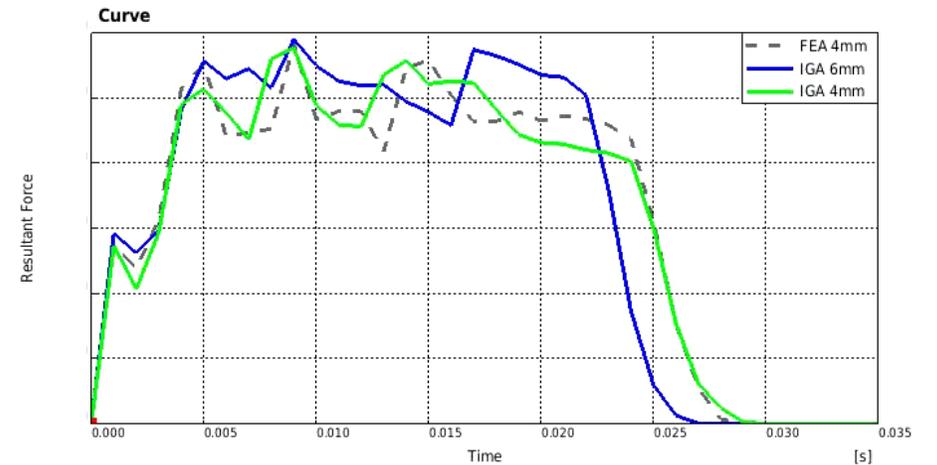
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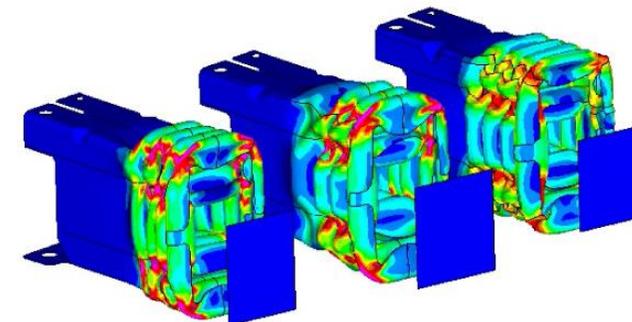
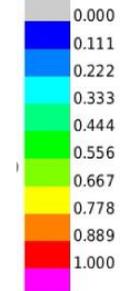
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 - Numerical effort per time step still higher
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 - Large potential to increase efficiency



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max. pl. strain (Shell/Solid)



IGA 4mm

IGA 6mm

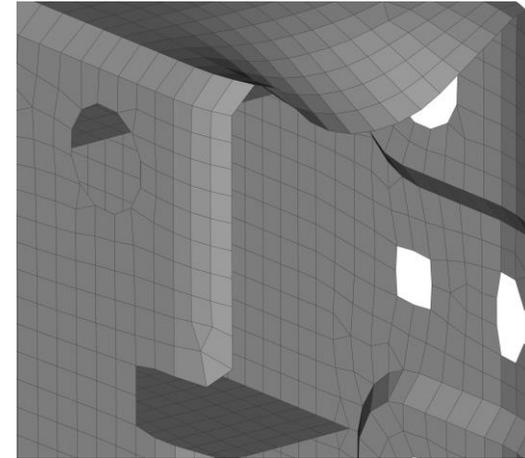
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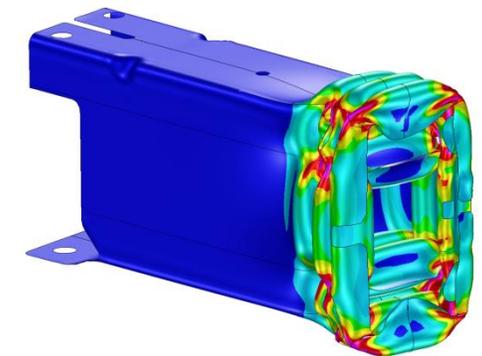
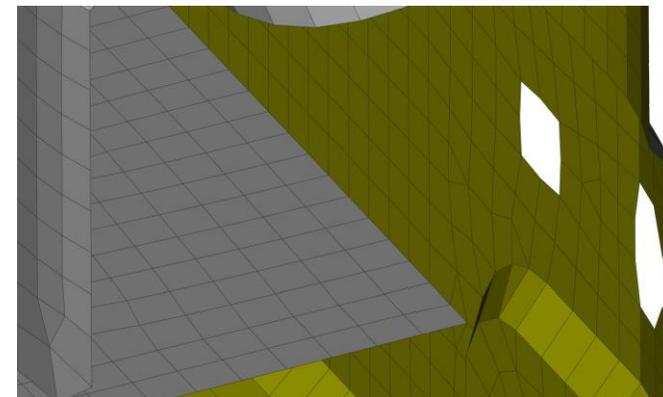
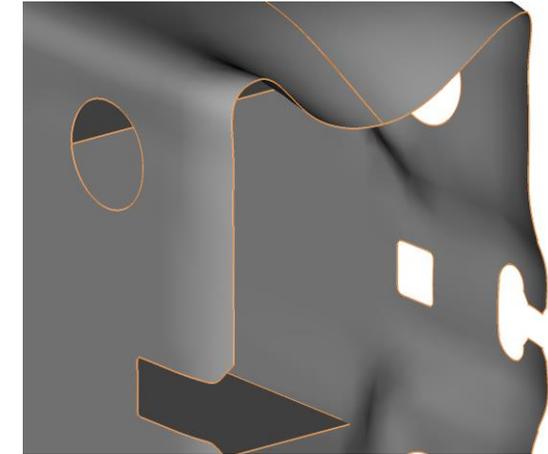
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- Immediate benefits
 - More accurate geometry for same element size OR
 - Use larger elements → fewer DOFs
 - Larger time step OR no/less mass scaling
 - T-joint modeling independent of mesh

FEA model



IGA model



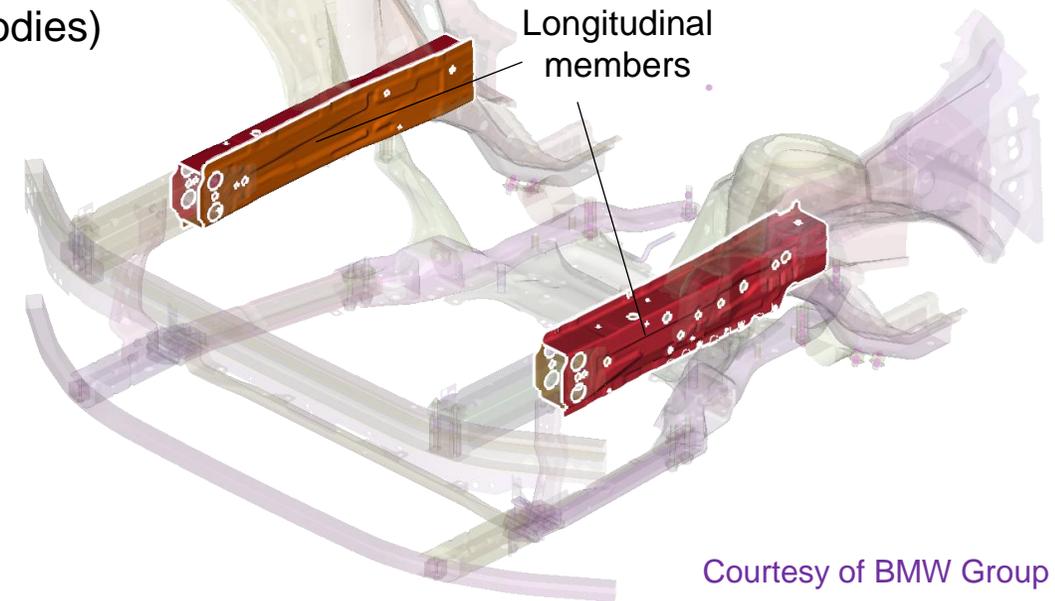
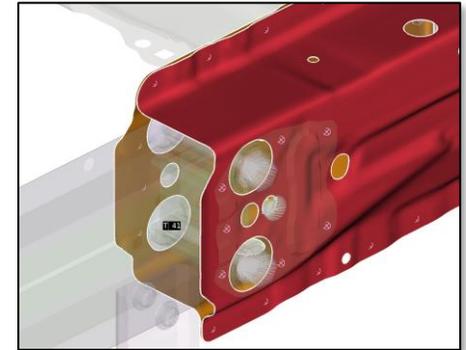
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IGA for Industrial Applications – Example 2

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- Conventional FEA model, but longitudinal members replaced by NURBS-based IGA shells
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ANSA
PRE PROCESSOR



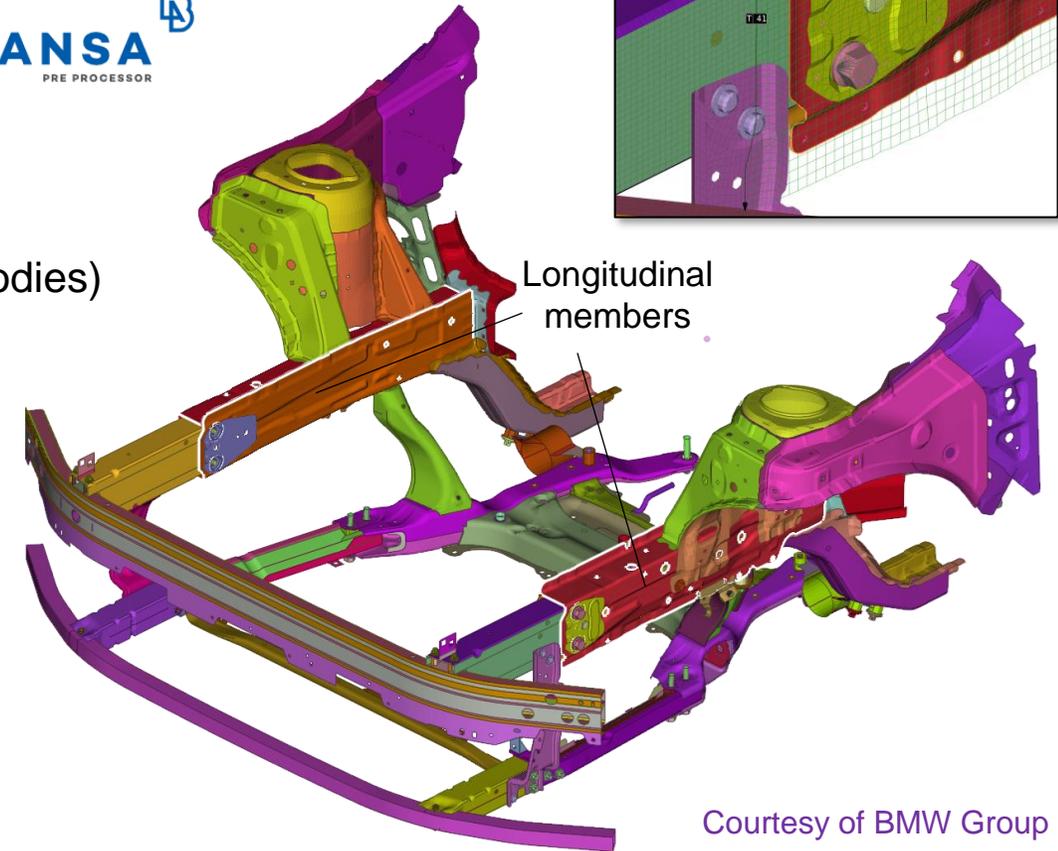
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- Required IGA functionality
 - Elasto-plastic material (MAT_024), Contact
 - Time step estimation + mass scaling
 - Spotwelds via SPR3 (IGA/IGA + IGA/FEA)
 - Bolts: Tied contact btw. FEA beams and IGA shells
 - Attach rigid bodies to IGA shells
 - Full availability for MPP

ANSA
PRE PROCESSOR

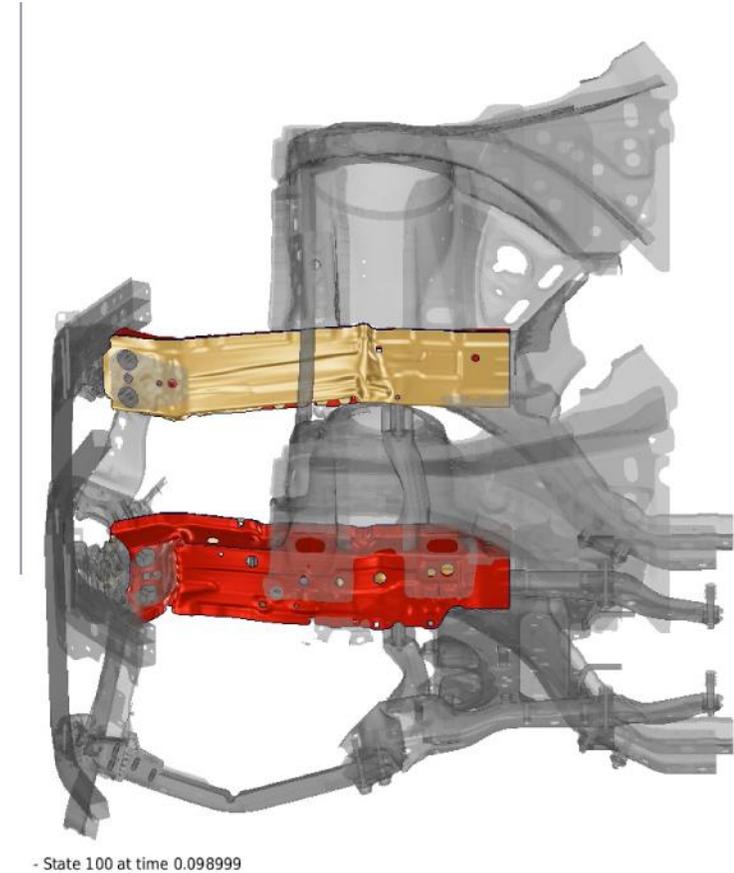
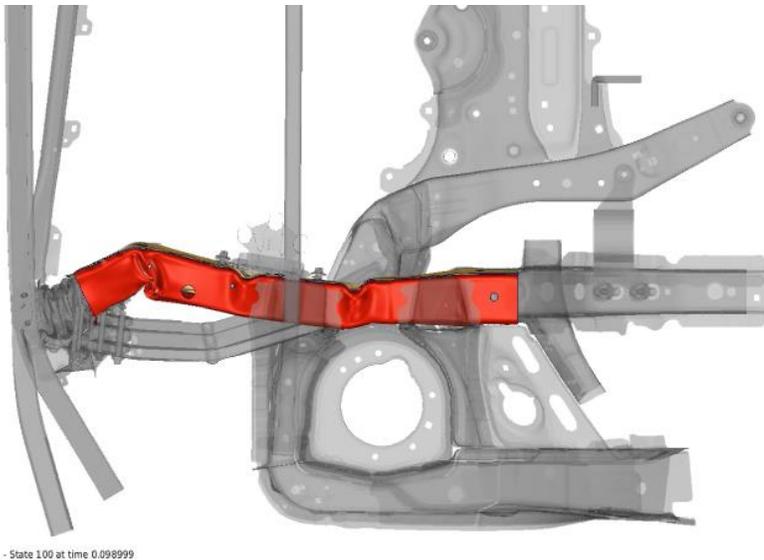


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- Explicit dynamic crash analysis
 - Standard postprocessing via FE interpolation mesh
 - Similar behavior as conventional FEA model
 - All connections considered
- Next step: IGA components in full vehicle simulation

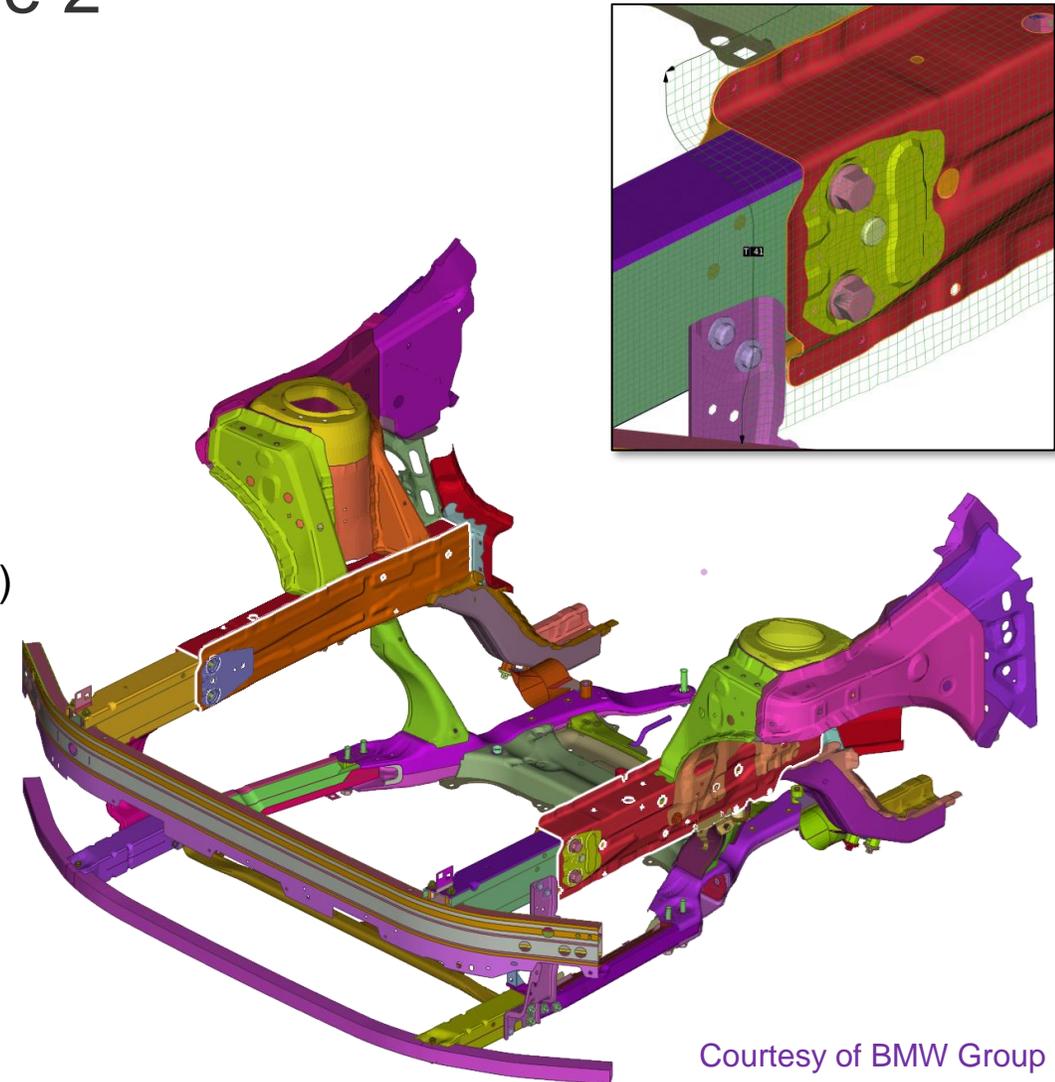
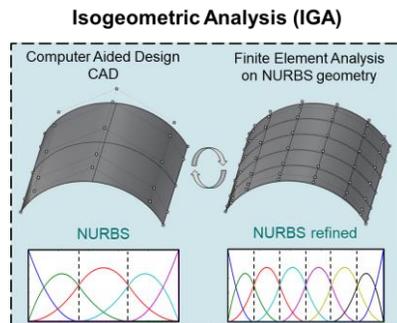


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IGA for Industrial Applications – Example 2

■ Hybrid IGA/FEA vehicle front end structure

- Immediate benefits
 - Fast and robust model generation with ANSA
 - Mesh-independent modeling of spotwelds
 - Mesh-independent connections btw. shell and bolts
 - Larger time step / No mass scaling
- Long-term goal: CAD/CAE integration
 - Consistent data structure for design and analysis (ID system)
 - Associative model structure as in CAD (automatic updates)



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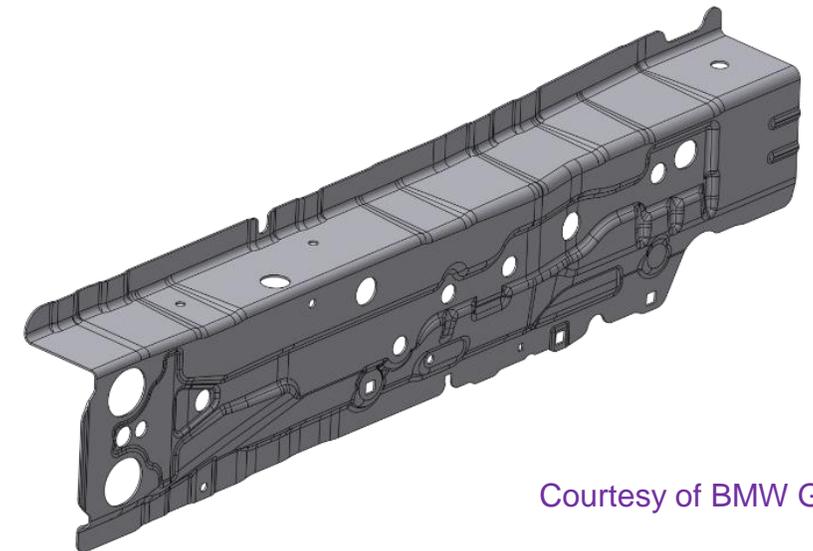
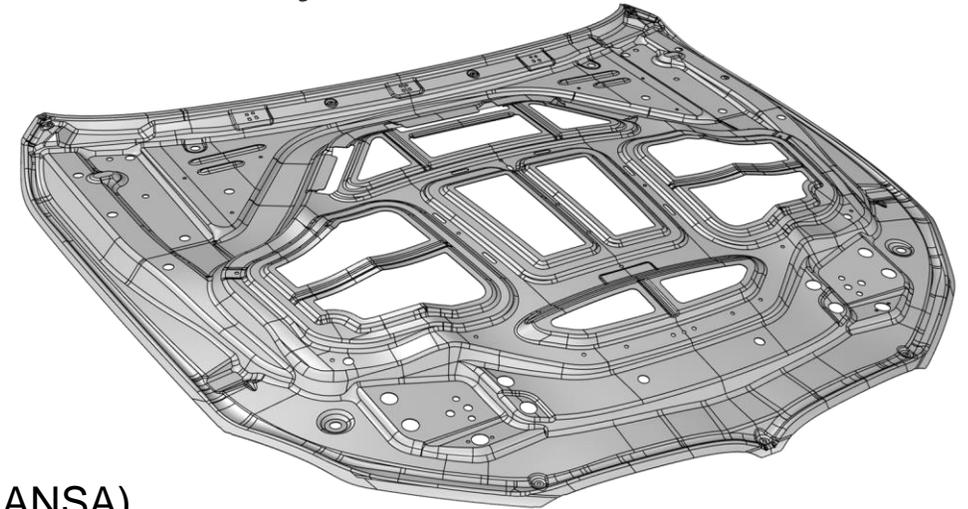
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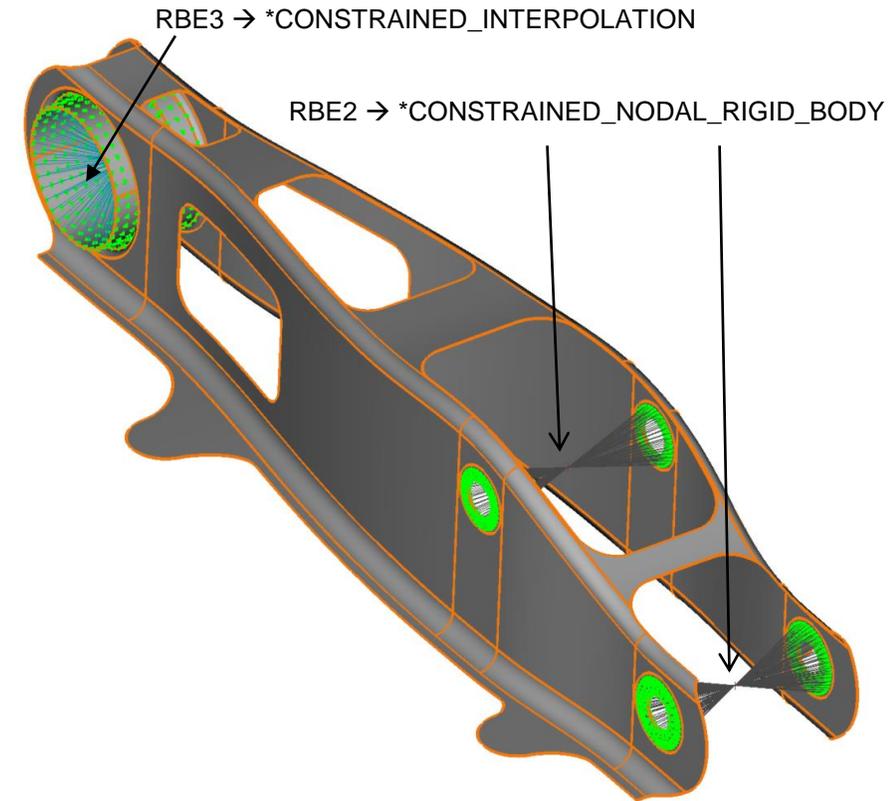


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IGA for Industrial Applications – Example 3

■ Stiffness and strength evaluation of a suspension component

- Analysis-suitable CAD model
 - No small, narrow faces
 - Associated midsurface as output of design process
- Model generation in ANSA
 - No merging of patches required
 - Fully automatic: Reduce degree, create uniform “mesh” size
 - Generate *IGA keywords + apply boundary conditions
- Rigid bodies attached to IGA shells (to model bearings)



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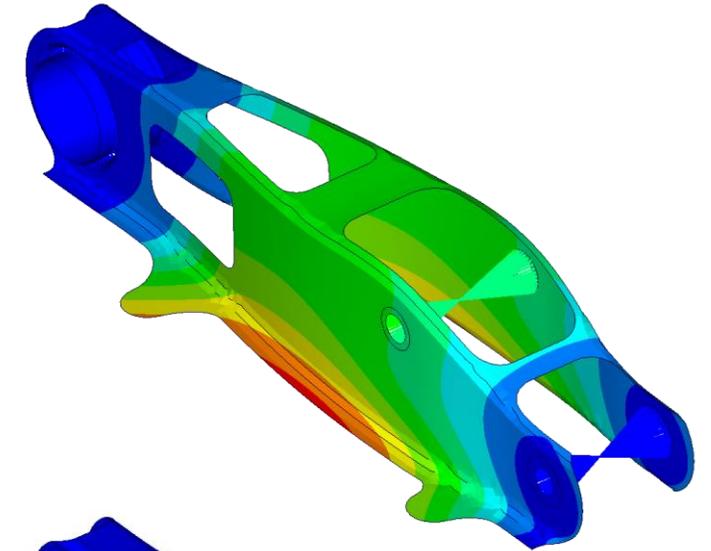
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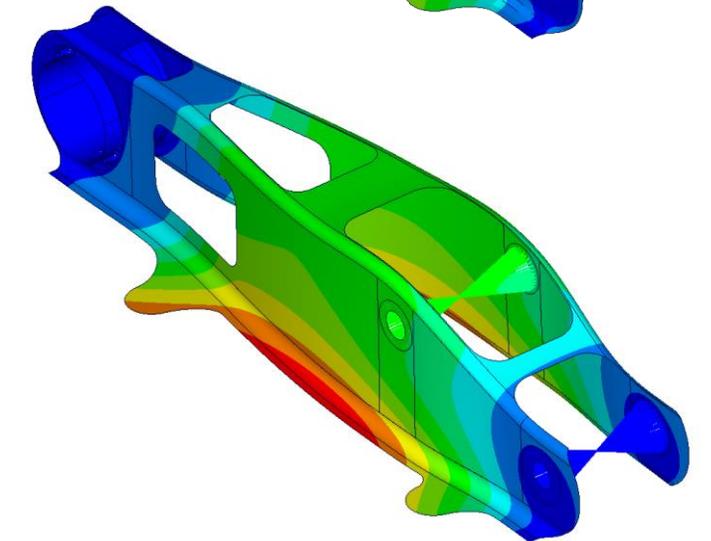
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- Implicit static analysis
- Trimmed multi-patch shell model (47 patches)
- Good agreement btw. FEA and IGA results

→ Possible to design CAD model with analysis in mind!

FEA



IGA



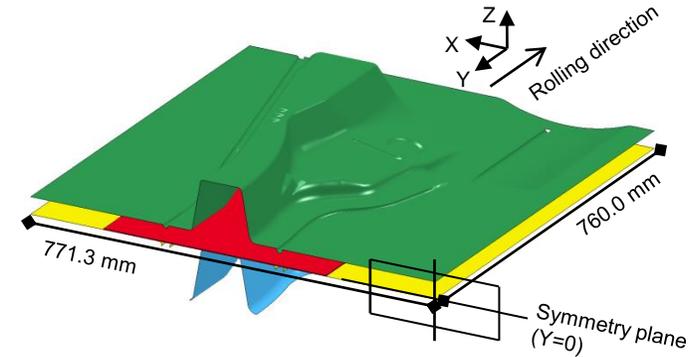
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IGA for Industrial Applications – Forming applications

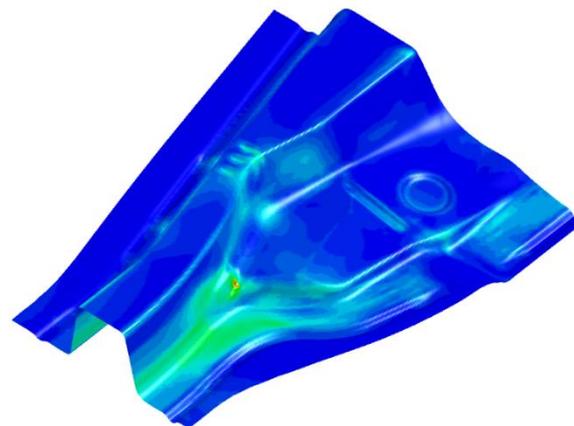
■ Sheet metal forming

- Accurate tool geometry
- Solution field of higher order and higher continuity
- Potentially larger elements and time steps, lower number of DOFs
- Multi-stage analysis: Reinitialization of stresses, strains and thicknesses

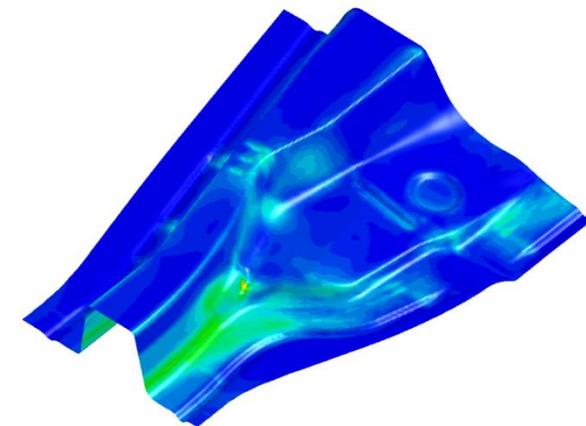
- `*INTERFACE_SPRINGBACK`
- `*INITIAL_STRESS_SHELL_NURBS_PATCH`
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FEA (Elform=16) 2mm
max value: 0.445336



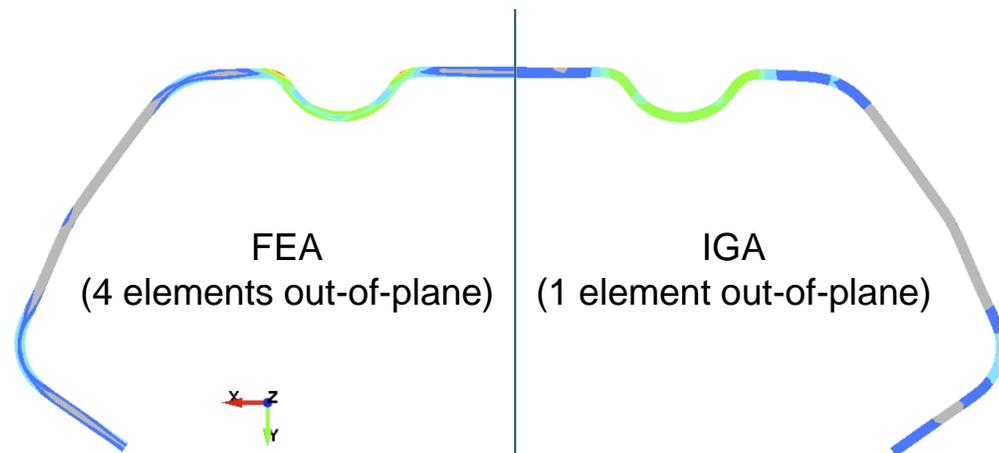
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IGA for Industrial Applications – Forming applications

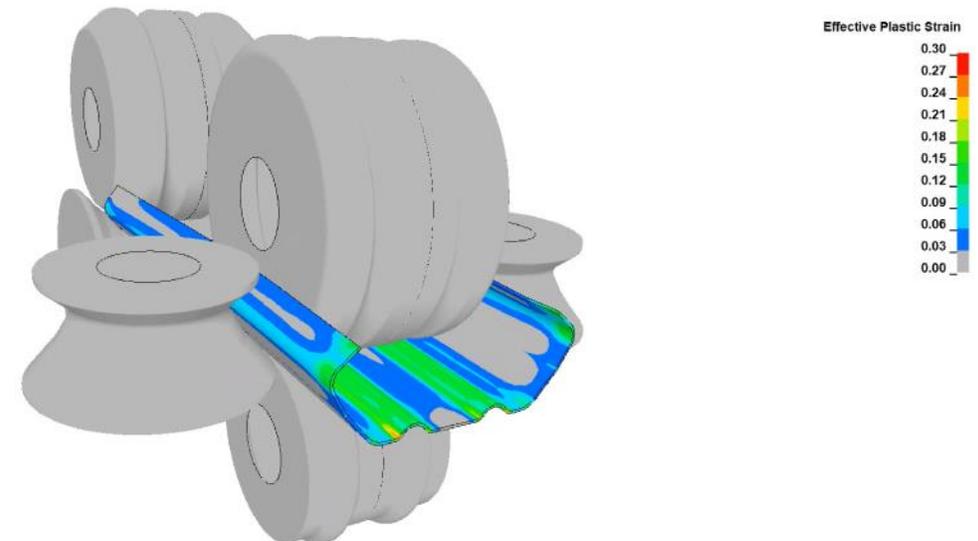
■ Roll forming (work in progress)

- NURBS solids with different polynomial degrees
 - Low degree sufficient
 - Keep number of in-plane integration points low
- Out-of-plane: Quartic
 - Lower number of elements across thickness
 - Lower number of DOFs + larger time step



Roll forming with Isogeometric Analysis

Roll Forming BumperS F06
Time = 0.054185
Contours of Effective Plastic Strain
max IP. value
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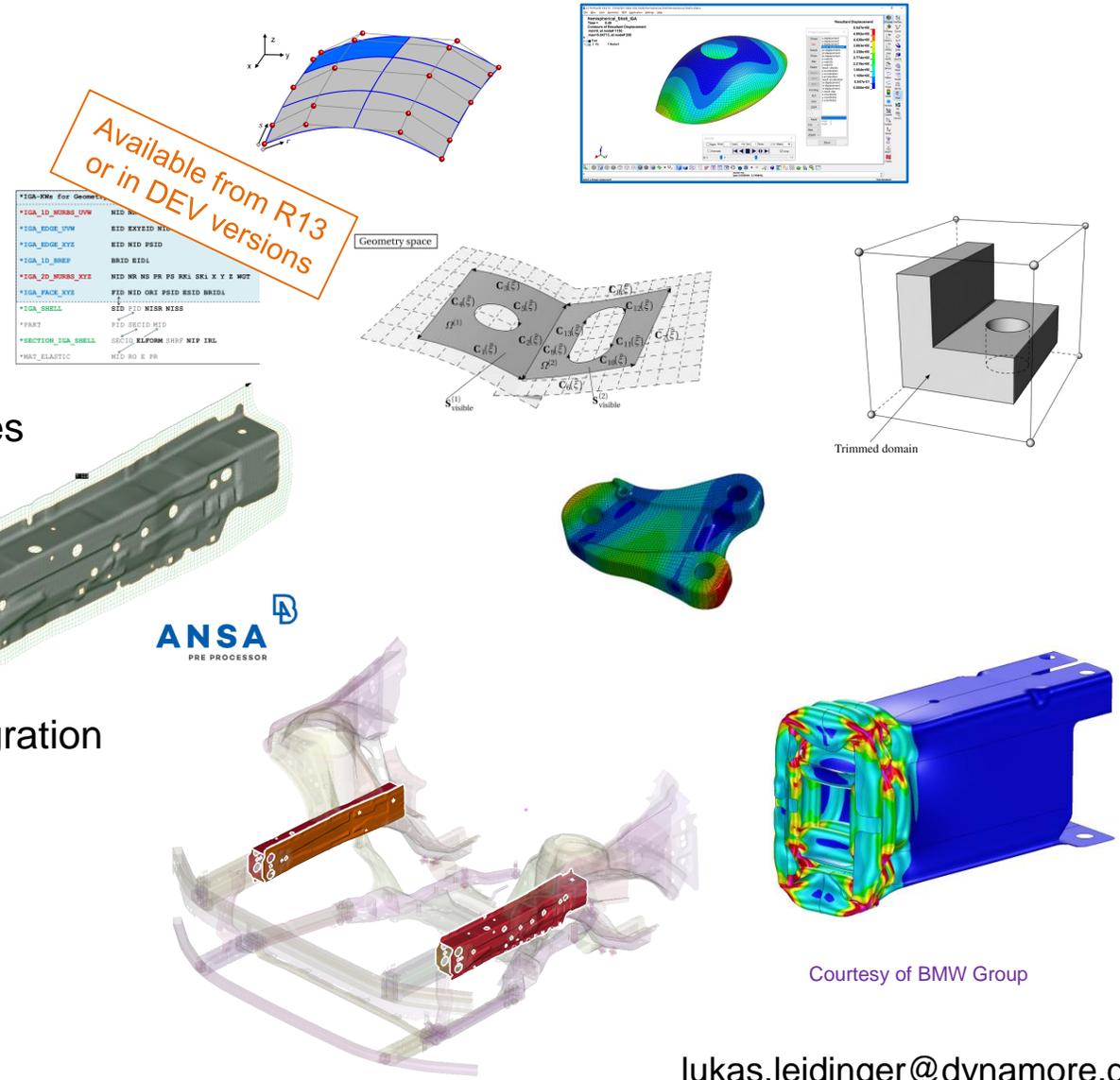
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- The new CAD-inspired *IGA keywords in LS-DYNA
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 - Trimmed multi-patch NURBS shells
 - Preview to trimmed solids and novel spline technologies
- IGA for industrial applications
 - Fast and robust model generation with ANSA
 - Hybrid IGA/FEA vehicle models for crash
 - Immediate benefits and long-term goal CAD/CAE integration
- Outlook
 - Make IGA ready for productive usage
 - we need your applications / your models!
 - In-depth IGA webinar incl. tutorials



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