

# Strategies to improve the Efficiency of Sheet Metal Forming Simulations with LS-DYNA

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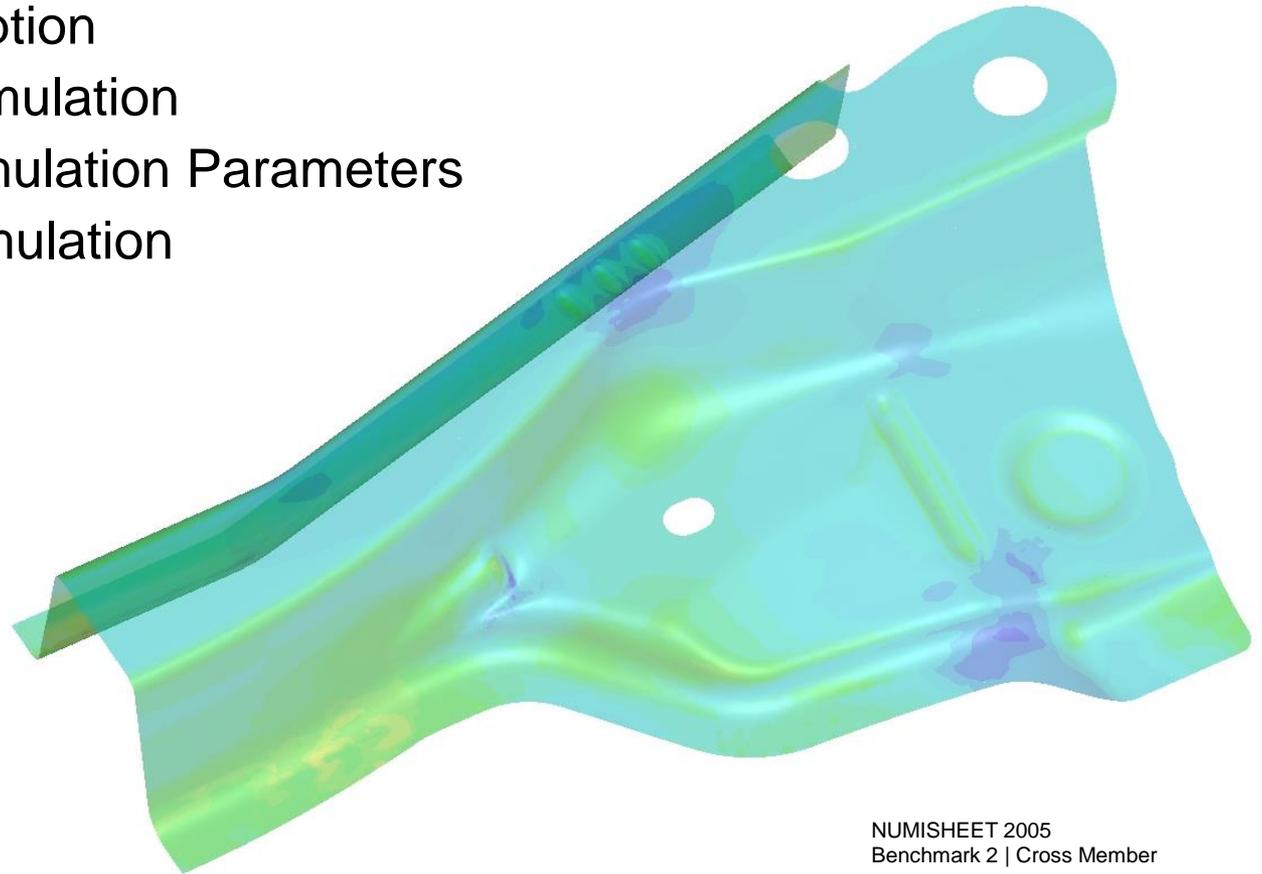
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# Overview

- Challenge
- Model Description
- Reference Simulation
- Examined Simulation Parameters
- Optimized Simulation
- Conclusions



NUMISHEET 2005  
Benchmark 2 | Cross Member

# Challenge

LS-DYNA is an accepted FE-Solver in the Sheet Metal Forming Area ...

- + Cost-Efficient
- + High Accuracy
- + High Flexibility

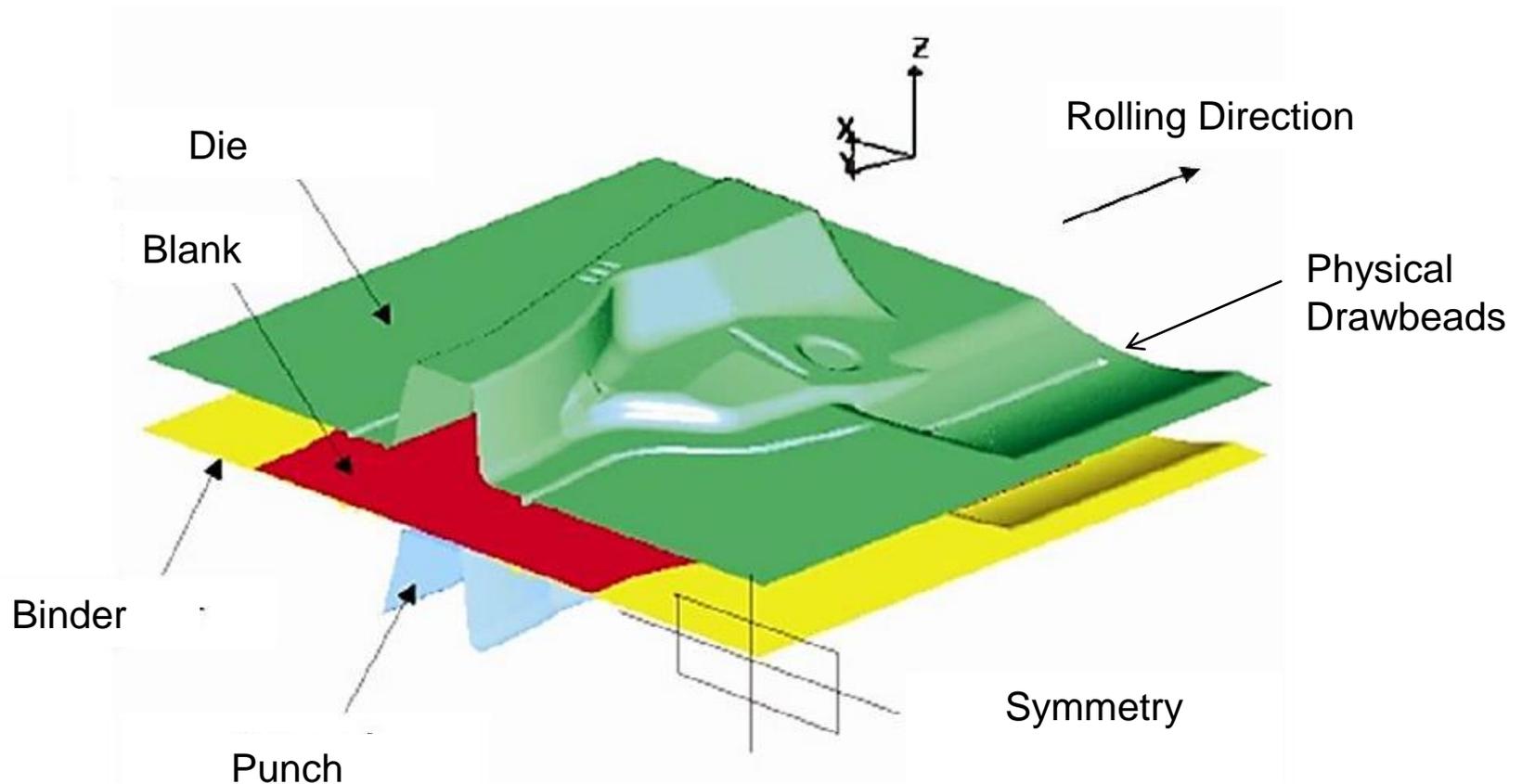
... but there are still some concerns in the customer's mind:

- "Tool for Experts and academic applications"
- **Simulation Time**

➔ We need optimized simulation settings with an acceptable loss of accuracy

# Model Description

## ■ NUMISHEET 2005 - Benchmark 2 | Cross Member

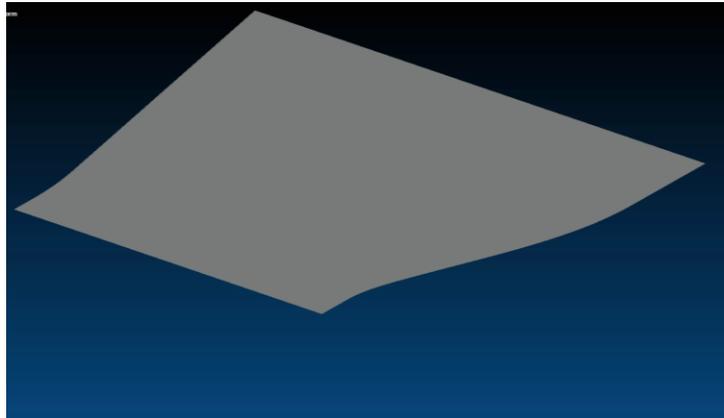


$t = 1.6 \text{ mm}$ , Aluminum Al5182-0, MAT036,  $F_{\text{binder}} = 200 \text{ KN}$

# Model Description

## ■ Process Chain

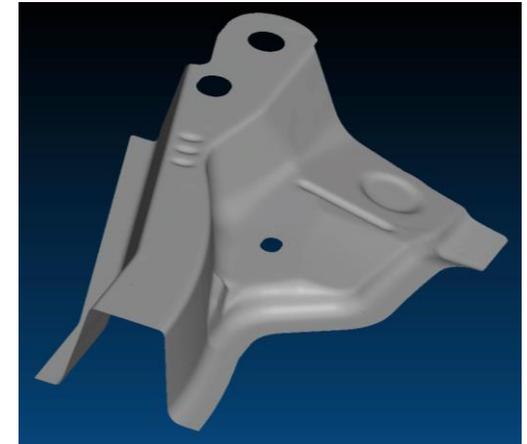
OP10 Forming



OP15 Trimming



OP25 Springback



Highest potential to reduce simulation time in the forming operation

# Model Description

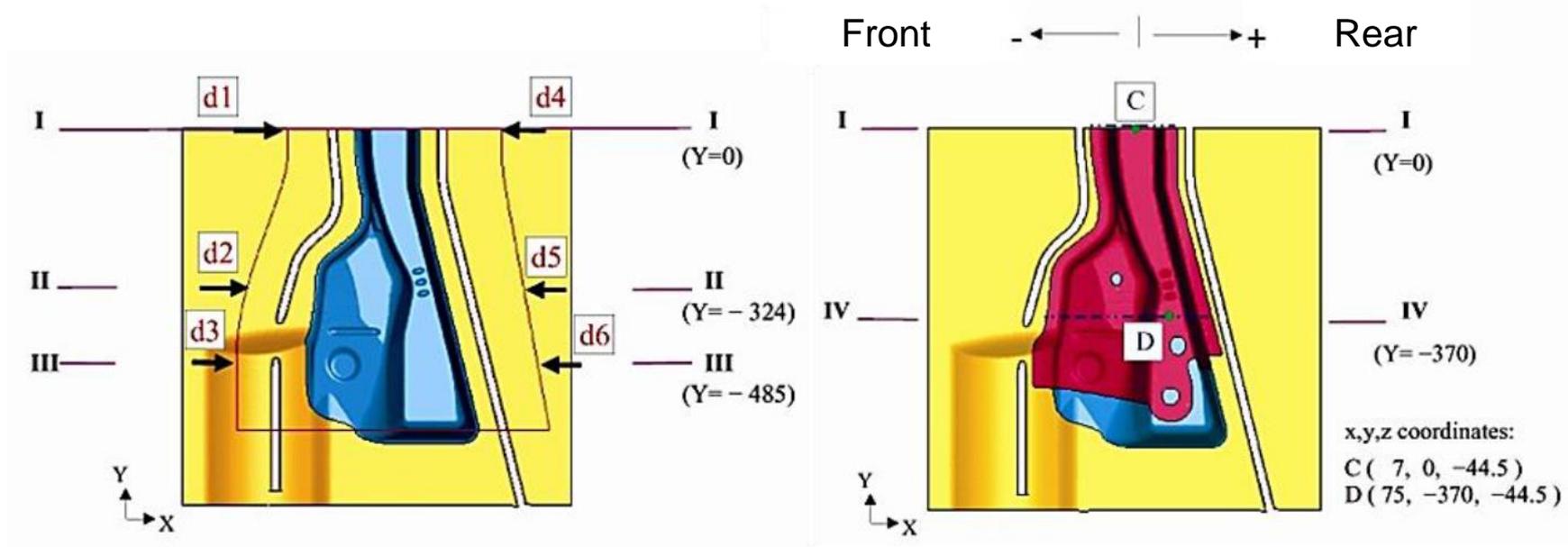
## ■ Procedure

- Setup and validation of a reference model
- Determination of the reference simulation time  $t_{\text{ref}}$
- Variation of simulation parameters
- Comparison of forming and springback results
- Comparison of time

**➔ Setup recommendations for the early development phase**

# Model Description

## ■ Postprocessing (requested by the Benchmark)



- Tonnage Prediction in KN of the whole model
- Blank draw-in in  $\Delta x$  (mm) at the sections I, II and III (d1 to d6)
- Major/Minor true strain distribution at the upper surface and true thickness strain distribution after forming at the sections I and IV (C and D are zero points; strain over arc length distance from C and D)
- Section cuts of the part before and after springback at sections I and IV
- Evaluation of the simulation time

# Reference Simulation

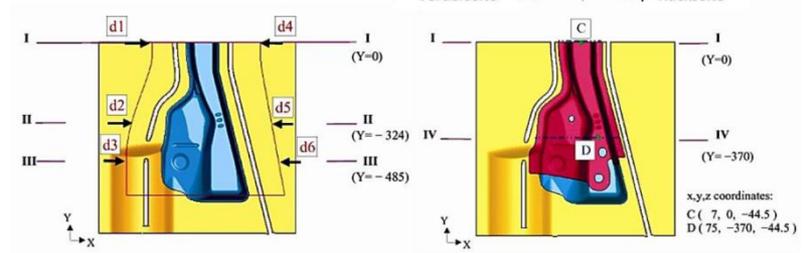
## ■ Model:

- Elform 16
- NIP 7
- Element size 0.8 mm
- No adaptive mesh refinement
- Conventional mass scaling  $DT2MS = -1,46 \text{ e-}7$ , mass increase 0.3 %
- Tool velocity 2000 mm/sec (closing) and 5000 mm/sec (drawing)

# Reference Simulation

## Results

### Blank draw-in



Blecheinzug ( $\Delta x$ )	d1(mm)	d2(mm)	d3(mm)	d4(mm)	d5(mm)	d6(mm)
Experiment	62,2	51,8	56,0	73,7	57,6	47,8
Referenzsimulation	56,7	50,4	54,8	70,2	54,4	47,9



### Springback

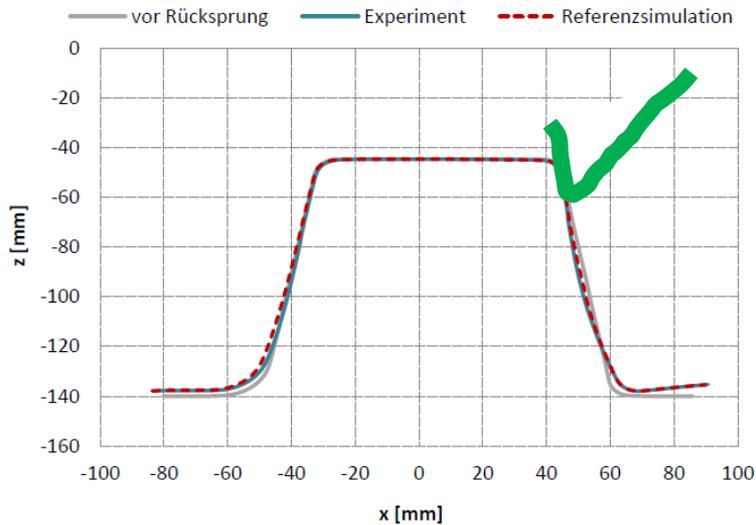


Abbildung 5.6: Rücksprung – Referenzmodell (Schnitt I)

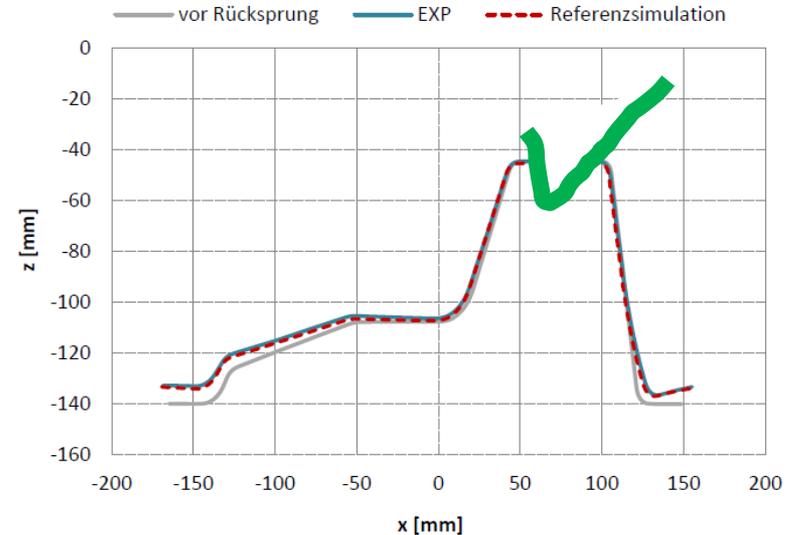
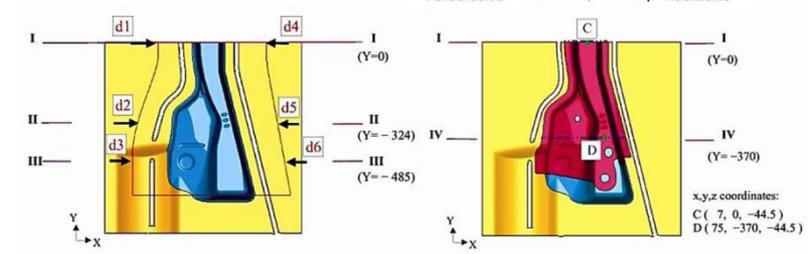


Abbildung 5.7: Rücksprung – Referenzmodell (Schnitt IV)

# Reference Simulation



Simulation time (4 Cores):

**67 hours 34 min. 2 sec.**



# Examined Parameters to reduce Simulation Time

- Symmetry
- Analytical / physical drawbeads
- Number of CPUs/cores
- Conventional mass scaling
- Adaptive mesh refinement
- Element type (2, 16)
- Number of integration points
- Selective mass scaling
- Tool velocity

# Examined Parameters to reduce Simulation Time

## ■ Adaptive mesh refinement

Reference

MAXLVL	Ausgangselementkantenlänge l [mm]
1	0,8
2	1,6
3	3,2
4	6,4
5	12,8

Tabelle 5.1: Ausgangselementlänge

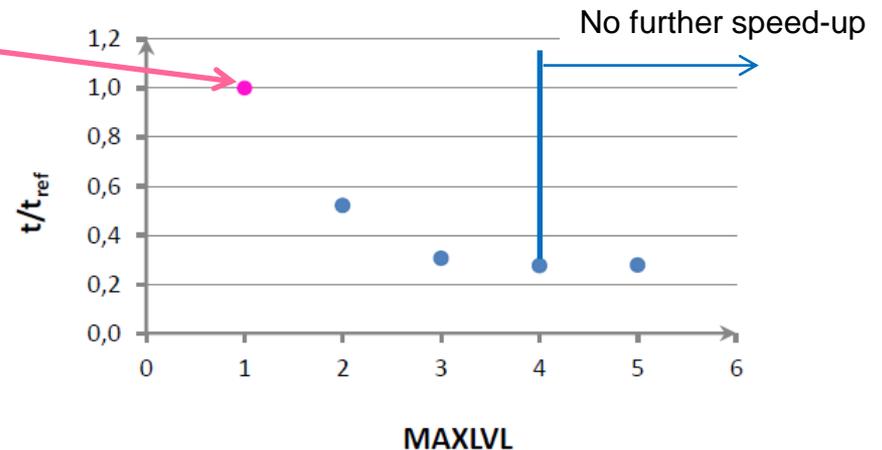
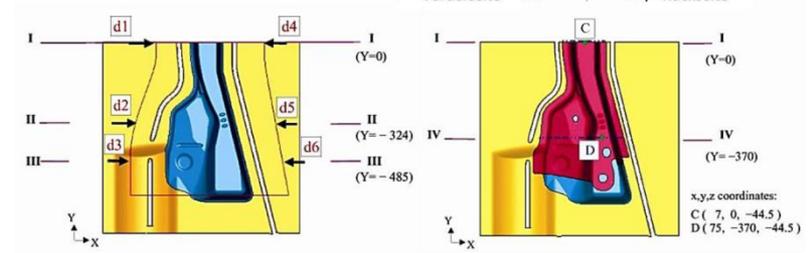


Abbildung 5.8: relative Rechenzeit – Adaptive Netzverfeinerung

- MAXLVL 4: Time reduction 72 %

# Results MAXLVL 4



Blecheinzug ( $\Delta x$ )	d1(mm)	d2(mm)	d3(mm)	d4(mm)	d5(mm)	d6(mm)
Referenzsimulation	56,7	50,4	54,8	70,2	54,4	47,9
maxlvl4	57,1	50,2	54,6	71,7	55,6	49,3

Different mesh leads to different node positions

Tabelle 5.3: Blecheinzüge –

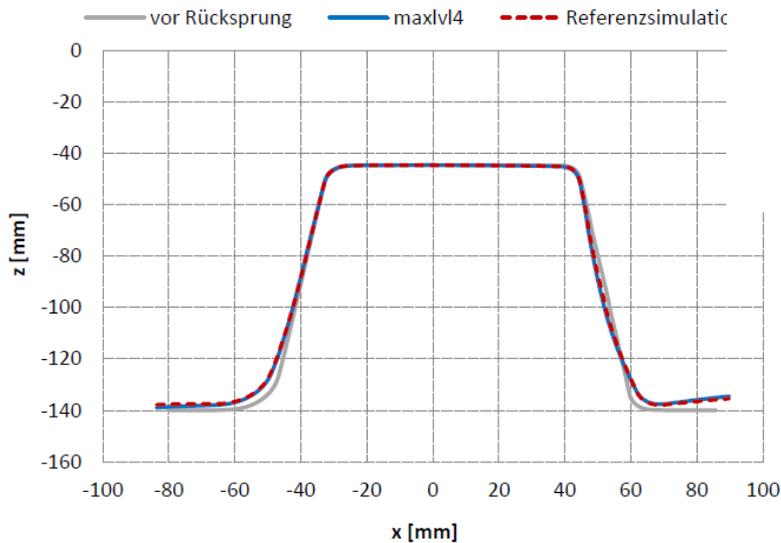


Abbildung 5.9: Rücksprung – Adaptive Netzverfeinerung (Schnitt I)

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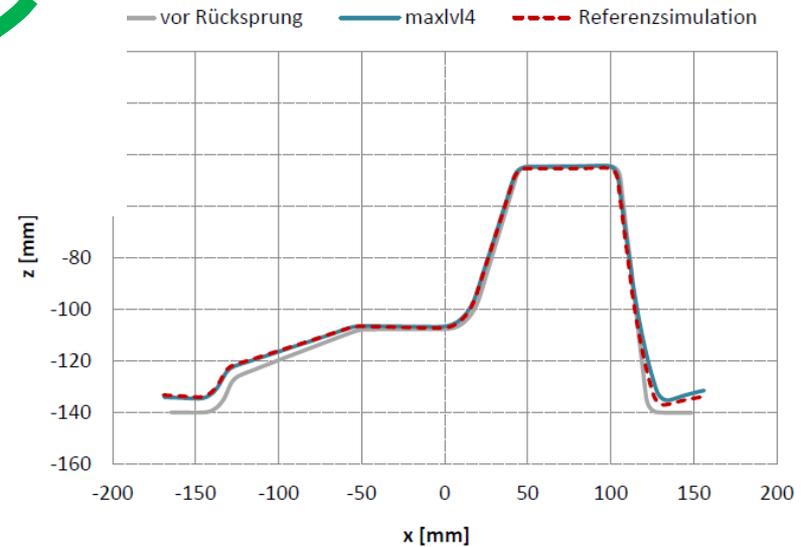
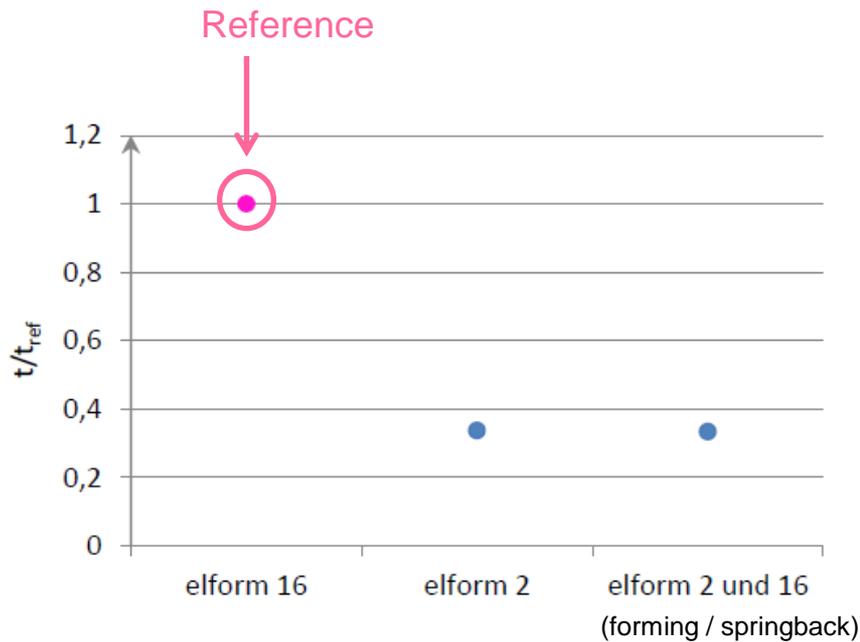


Abbildung 5.10: Rücksprung – Adaptive Netzverfeinerung (Schnitt IV)

# Examined Parameters to reduce Simulation Time

## ■ Element Type (16, 2)



- ELFORM 2: Time reduction 66 %

Abbildung 5.11: relative Rechenzeit – Elementtyp

## ■ Results Element Type (16, 2)

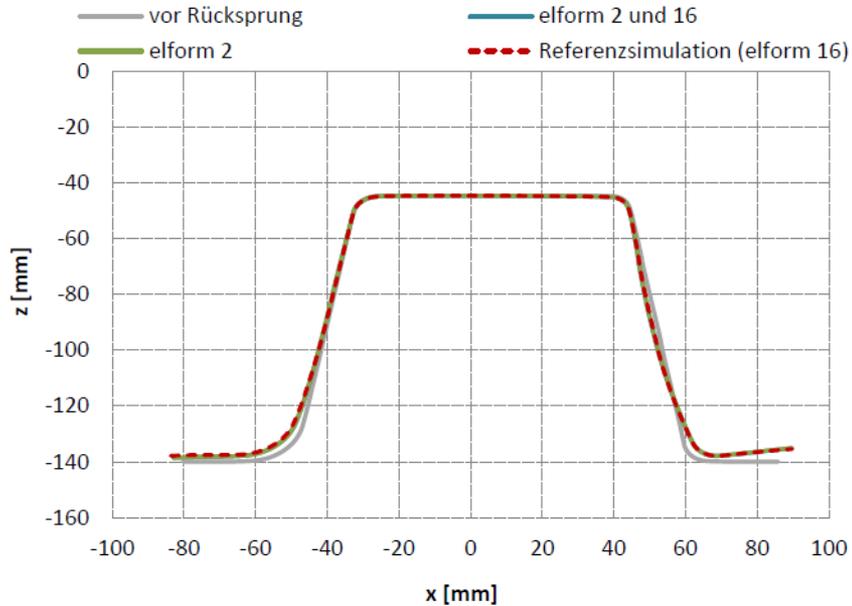
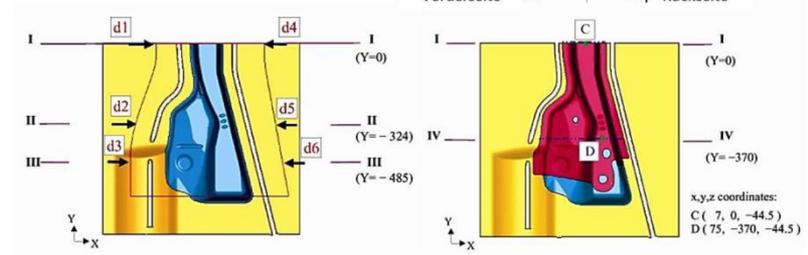


Abbildung 5.12: Rücksprung – Elementtyp (Schnitt I)

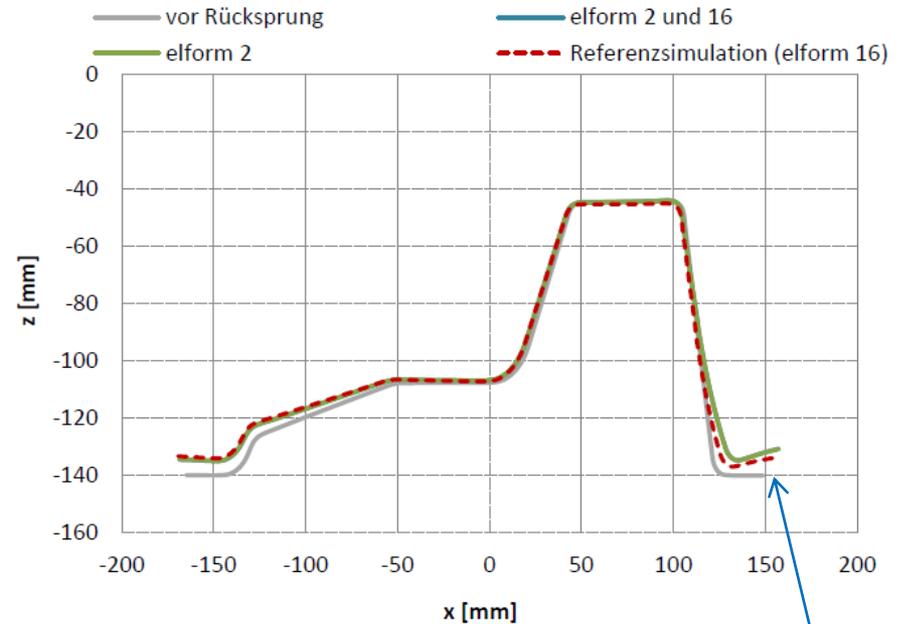


Abbildung 5.13: Rücksprung – Elementtyp (Schnitt IV)

Deviation

## ■ Results Element Type (16, 2)

### ■ ELFORM 2:

- Time reduction 66 %
- Forming results ok
- Deviations in springback

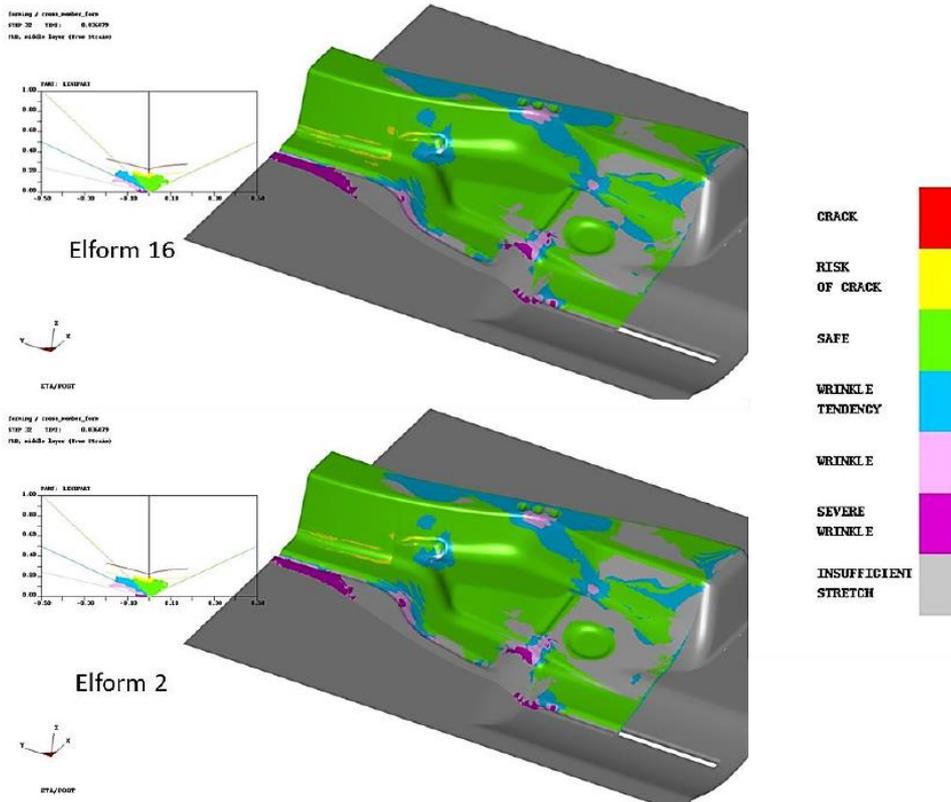


Abbildung 5.14: FLD-Diagramm – Elementtyp

# Examined Parameters to reduce Simulation Time

## ■ Number of Integration Points (ELFORM 16)

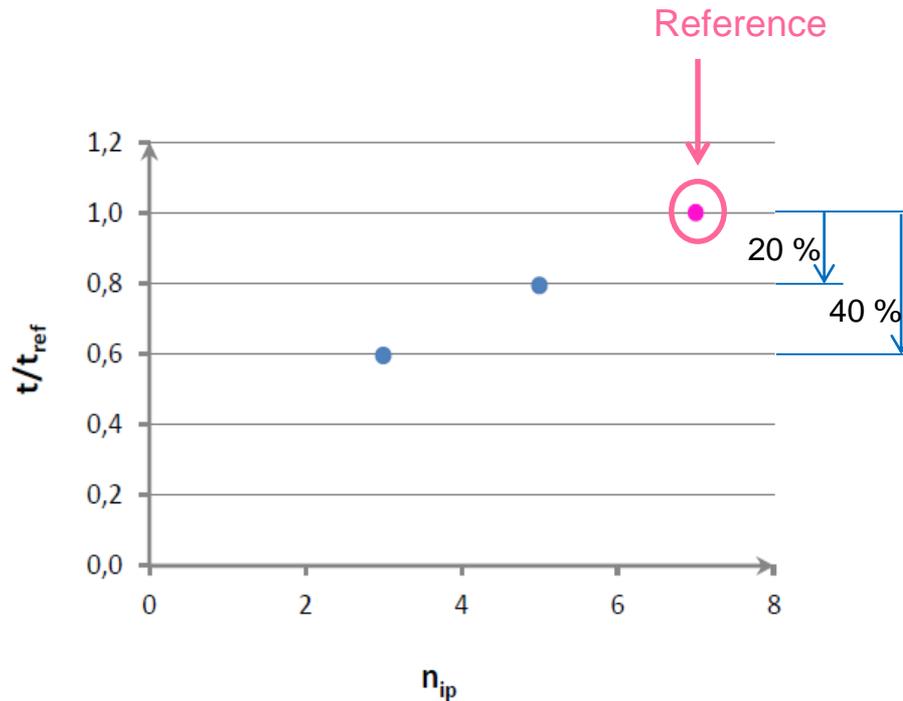


Abbildung 5.15: relative Rechenzeit – Anzahl der Integrationspunkte (ELFFORM16)

# Number of Integration Points (ELFORM 16)

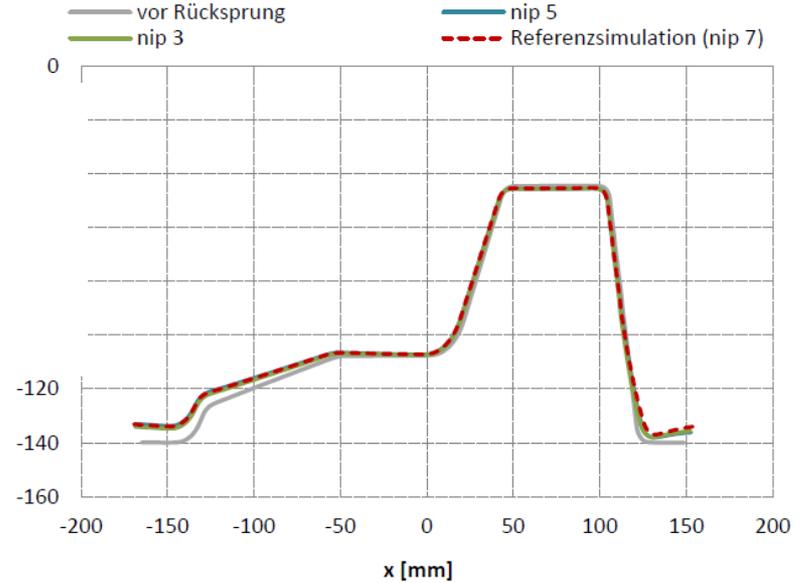
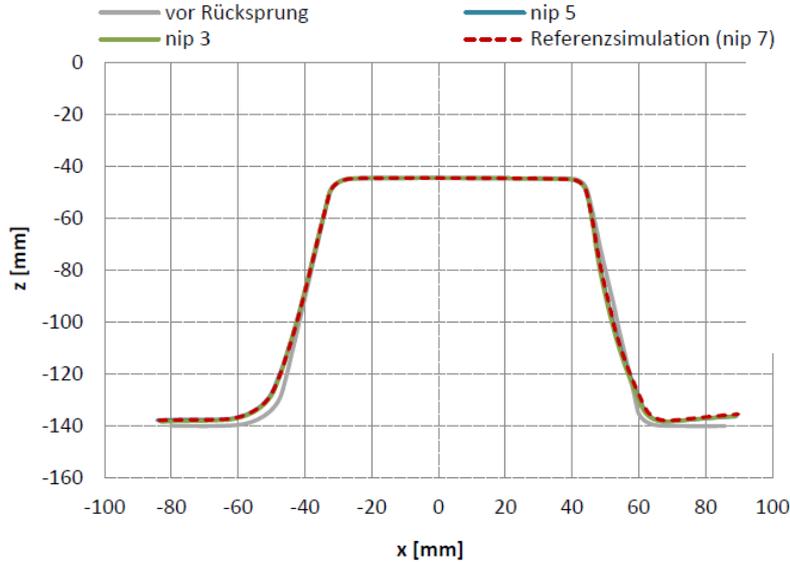
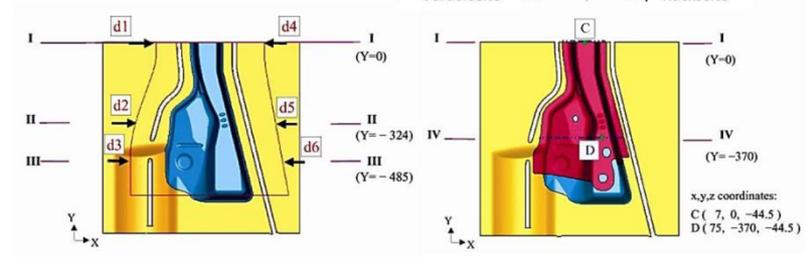


Abbildung 5.16: Rücksprung – Anzahl der Integrationspunkte ELFORM16 (Schnitt I)

Abbildung 5.17: Rücksprung – Anzahl der Integrationspunkte ELFORM16 (Schnitt IV)

# Examined Parameters to reduce Simulation Time

## ■ Selective Mass Scaling (ELFORM 16)

C: Scaling factor of the time Step size related to the reference simulation

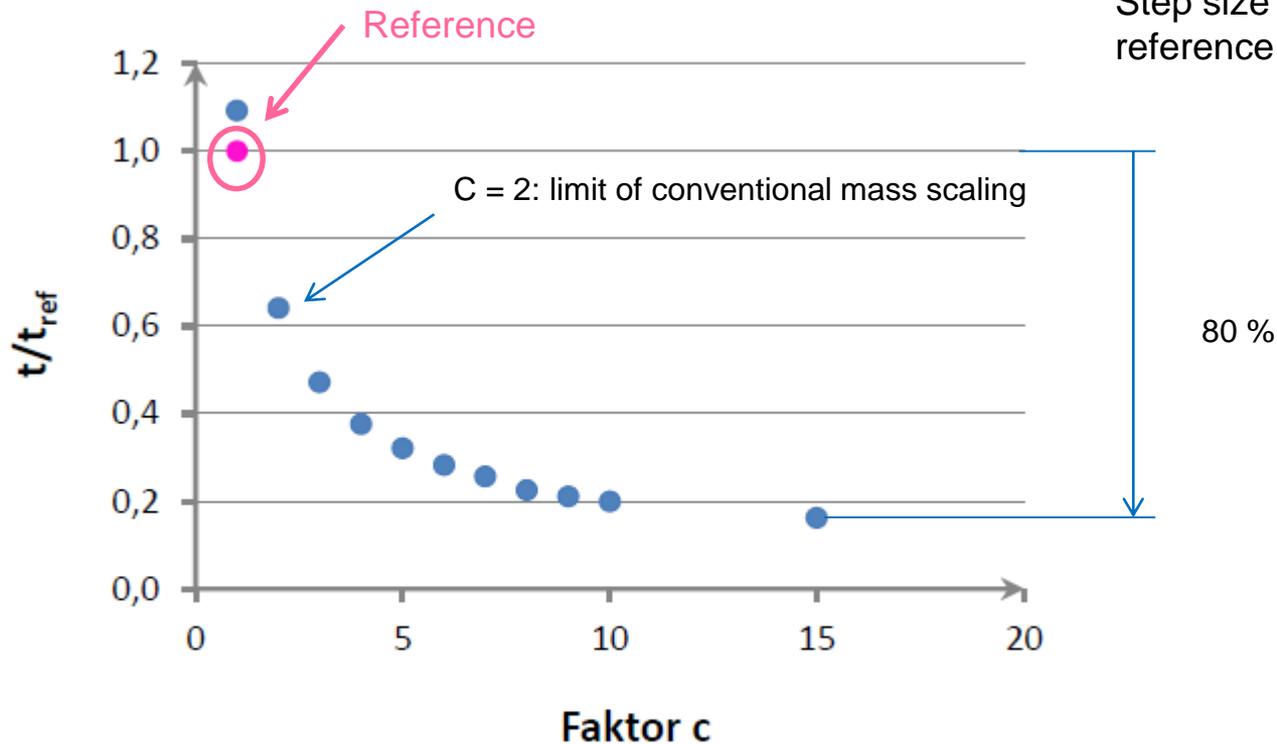


Abbildung 5.27: relative Rechenzeit – selektive Massenskalierung

## Selective Mass Scaling (c = 15)

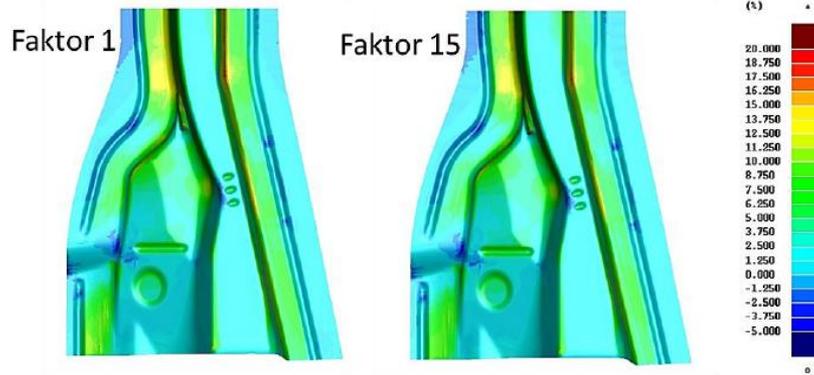
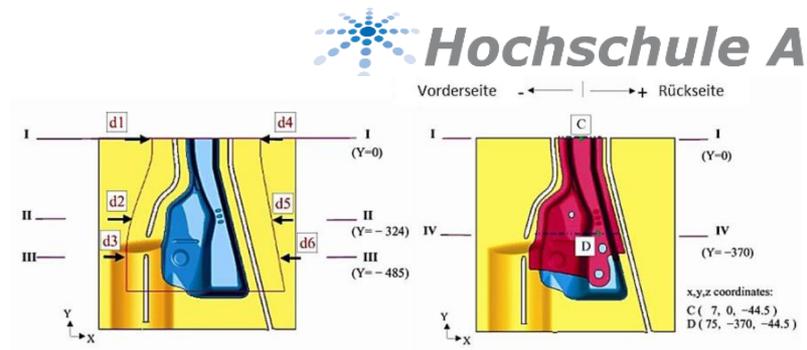


Abbildung 5.31: Ausdünnung in Prozent



— vor Rücksprung    — Faktor 15    - - - Referenzsimulation

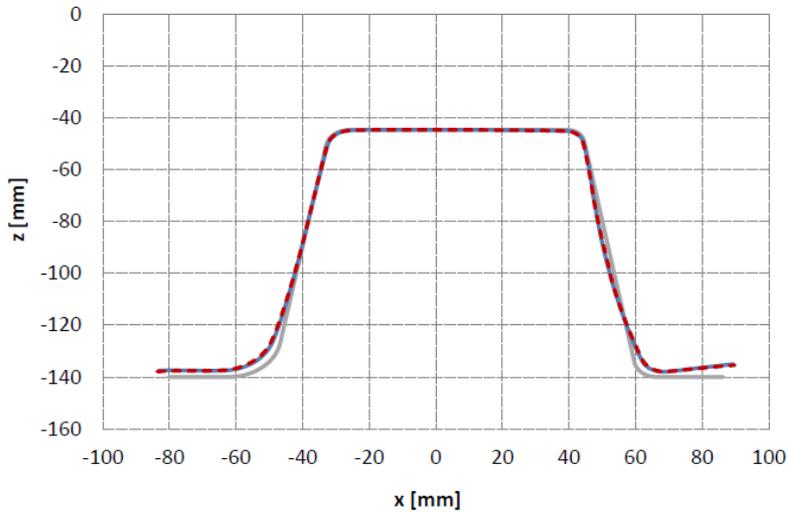


Abbildung 5.29: Rücksprung – selektive Massenskalierung (Schnitt I)

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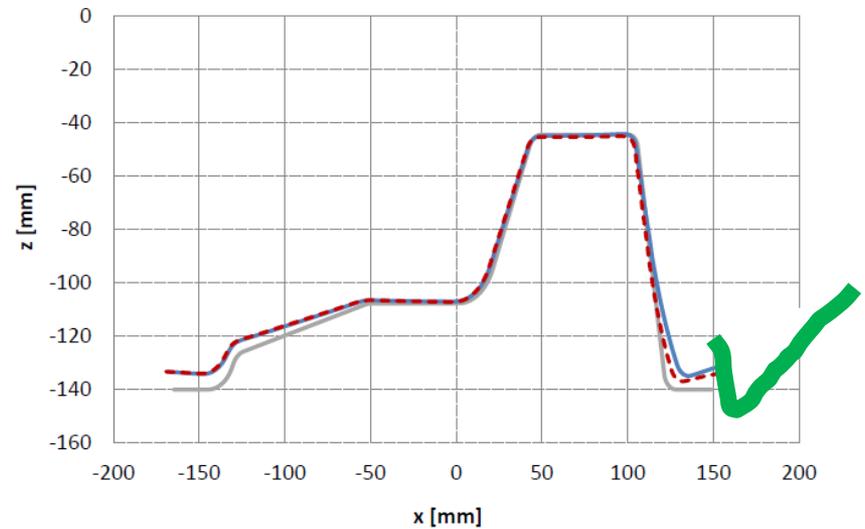


Abbildung 5.30: Rücksprung – selektive Massenskalierung (Schnitt IV)

# Summary

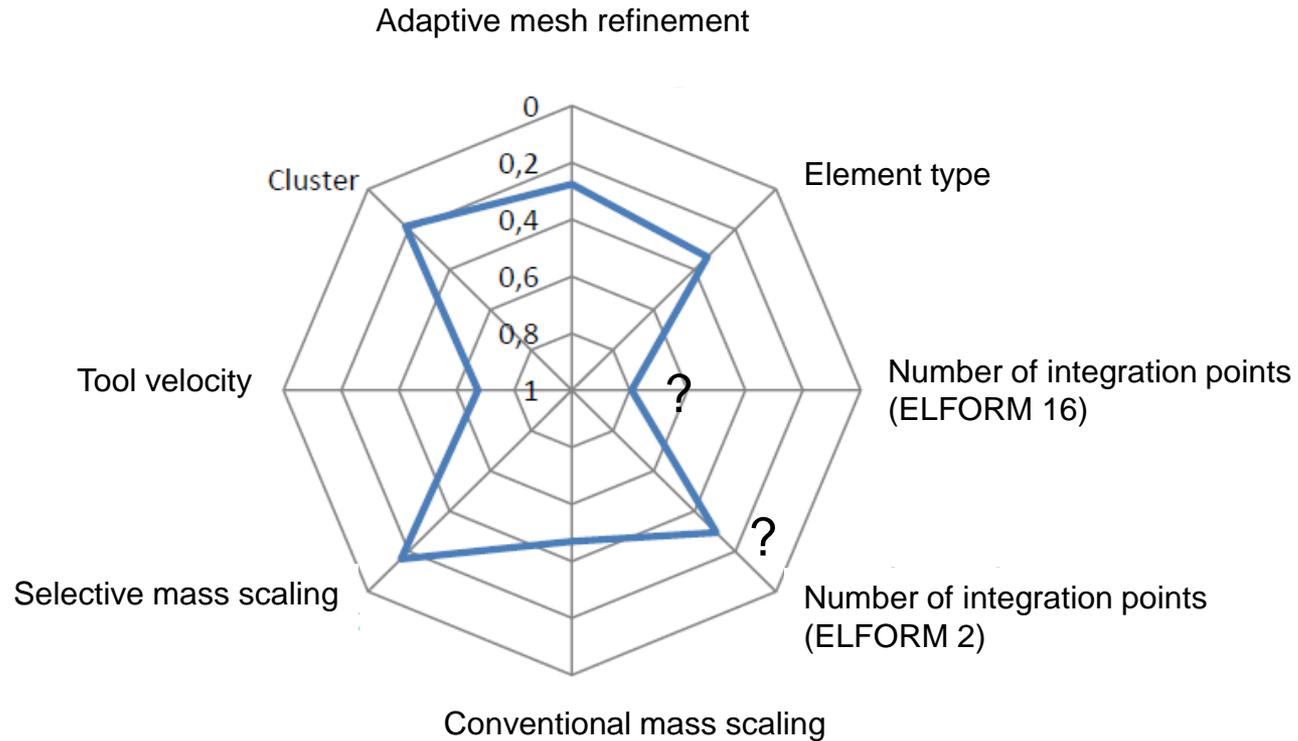


Abbildung 5.36: Vergleich der Parameterstudien

# Optimized Parameters

## ■ Selective mass scaling, MAXLVL 4, ELFORM 2

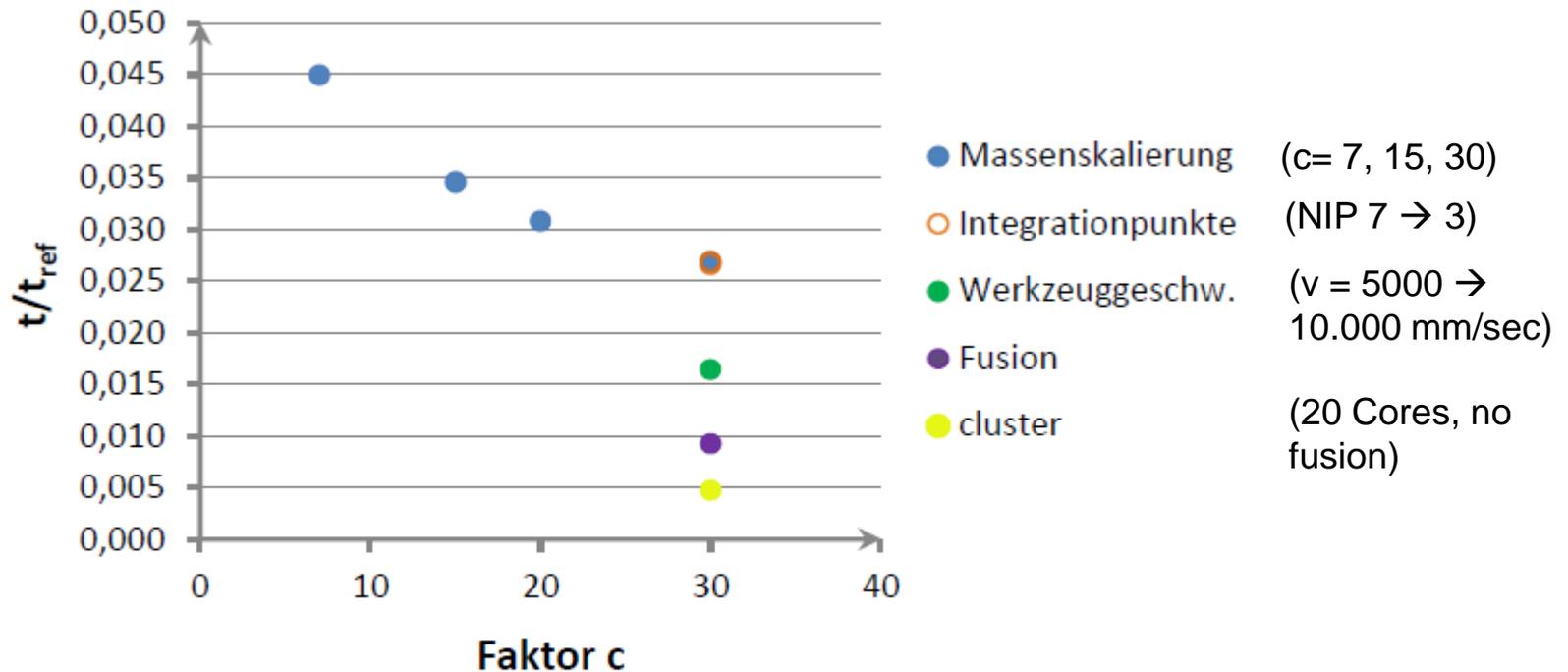


Abbildung 5.37: relative Rechenzeit – Variation der Parameter

■ Selective mass scaling, MAXLVL 4, ELFORM 2

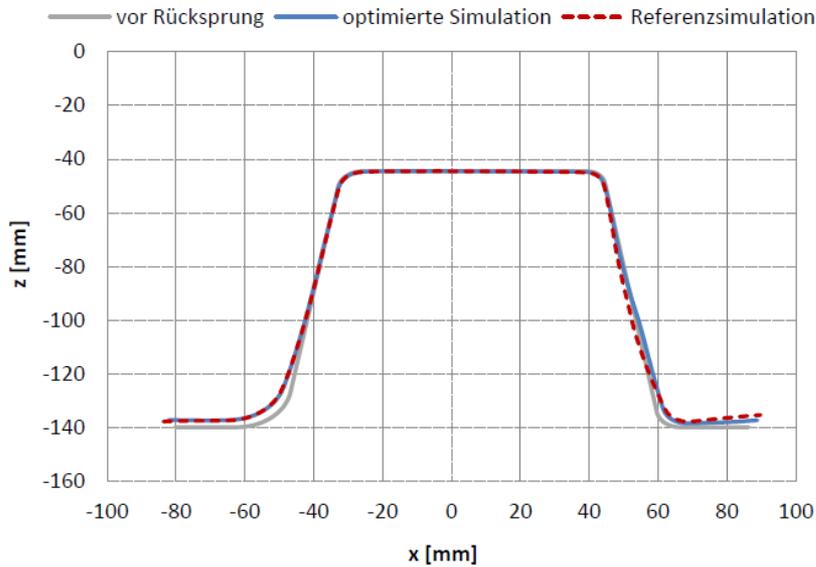
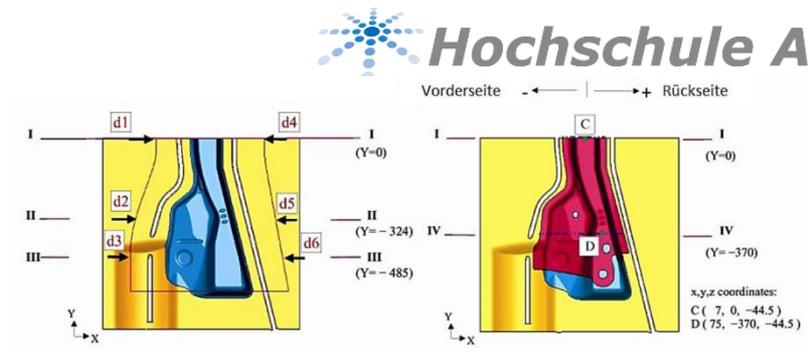


Abbildung 5.39: Rücksprung – Variation der Parameter (Schnitt I)

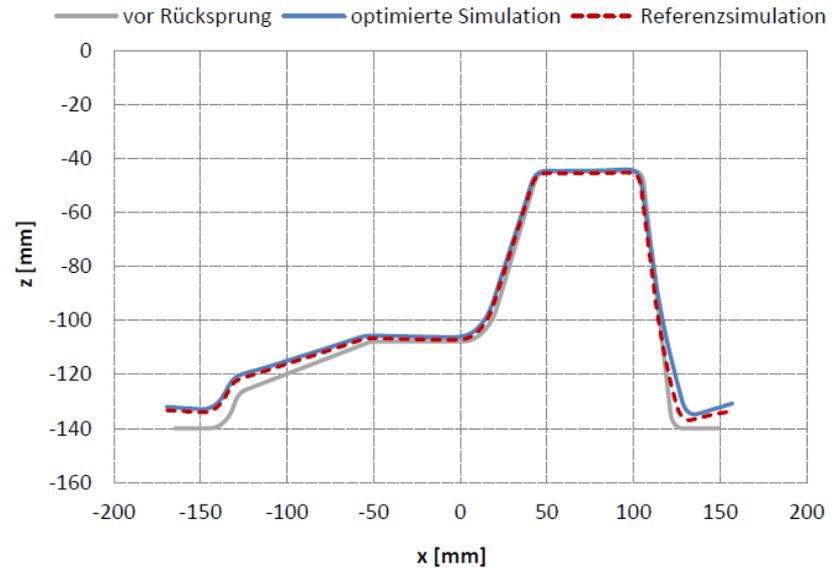
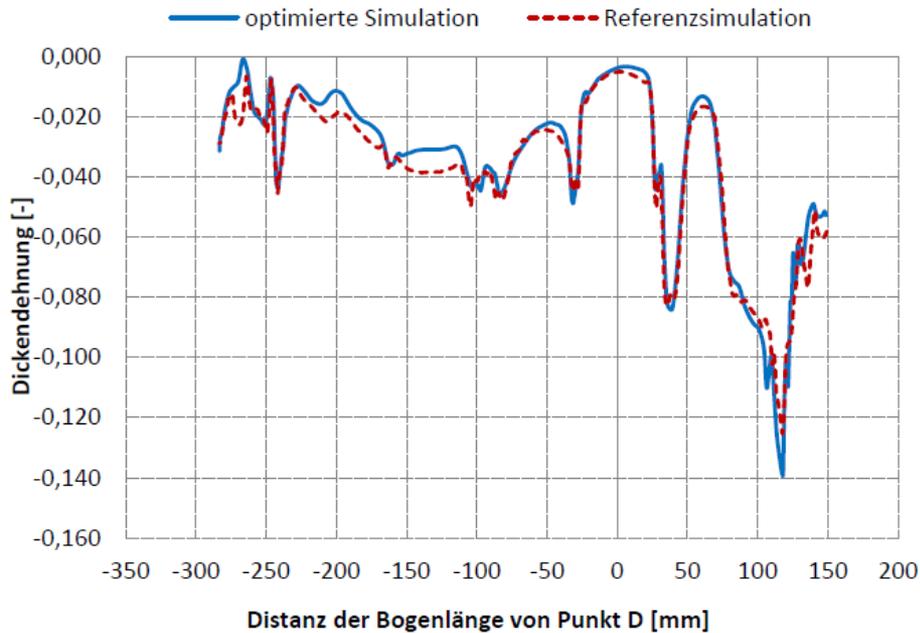
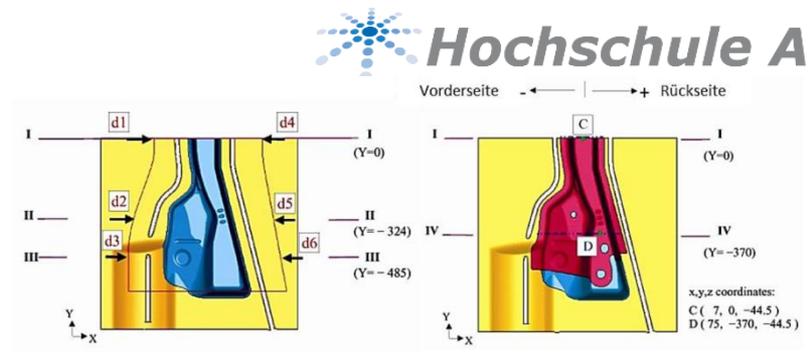


Abbildung 5.40: Rücksprung – optimierte Simulation

■ Selective mass scaling, MAXLVL 4, ELFORM 2



Simulation time: 38 minutes



Abbildung 5.41: Dickendehnung

# Conclusions

- Parameter studies have been performed to reduce the simulation time of the forming process of a cross member
- The studies confirm the expectations:
  - Reasonable settings for adaptivity/fusion, element type and NIP can reduce simulation time considerably at an acceptable loss of accuracy
  - Forming results are robust
  - Springback results are sensitive
- Selective Mass Scaling is very effective
- The simulation time has been reduced from 67 hours to 38 minutes
- Suitable values of the parameters have been developed
- The optimized parameters have been transferred to a customer`s forming process (not shown) with promising results
- The parameters have to be adapted to each part design