



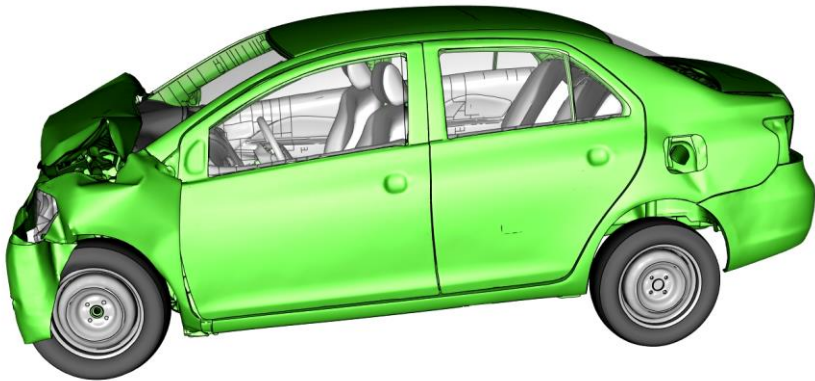
# LS-DYNA - from explicit to implicit simulation models

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**FROM EXPLICIT ...**



**TO IMPLICIT**

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# Acknowledgement

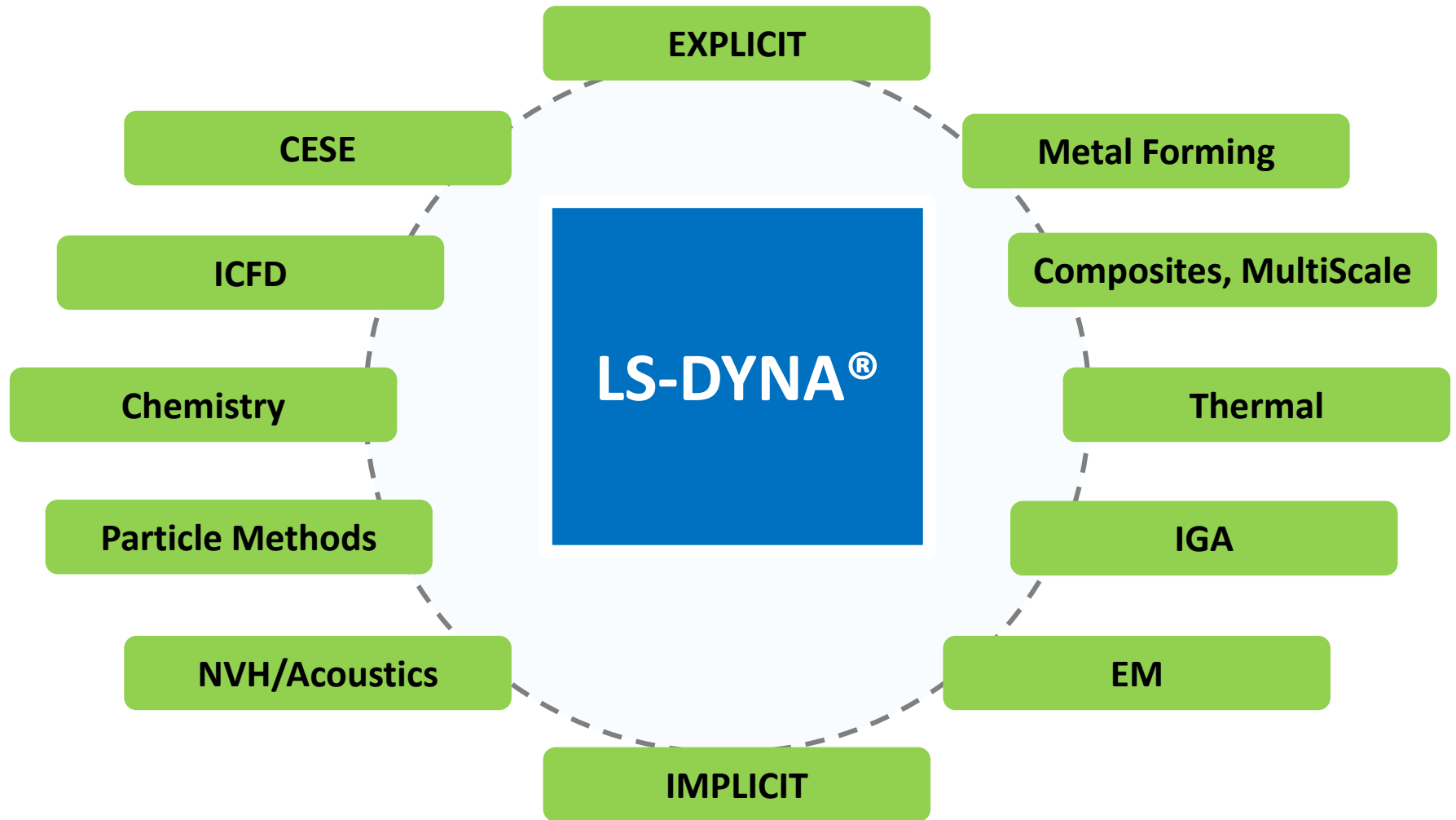
- This presentation contains examples based on the public FE-model:
- 2010-toyota-yaris-detailed-v2j.zip
- from The Center for Collision Safety and Analysis (CCSA) at the George Mason University (GMU) developed under a contract with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA)
- The work of the CCSA at GMU is gratefully acknowledged.
- Also the public FE-model
- [Oblique THOR Accord Model](#)
- was used. It is developed by EDAG, Inc. under sponsorship from NHTSA



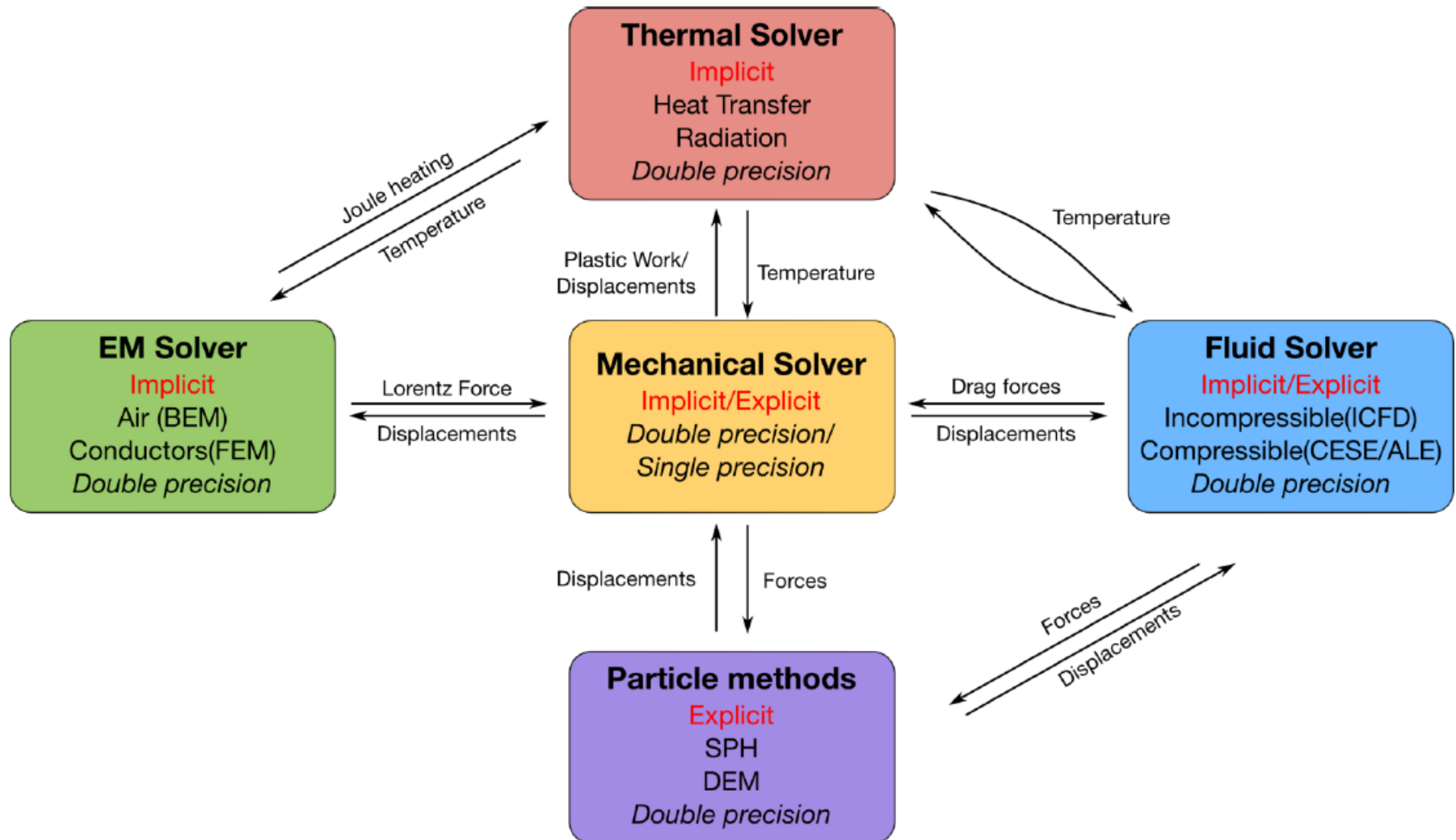
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# BACKGROUND

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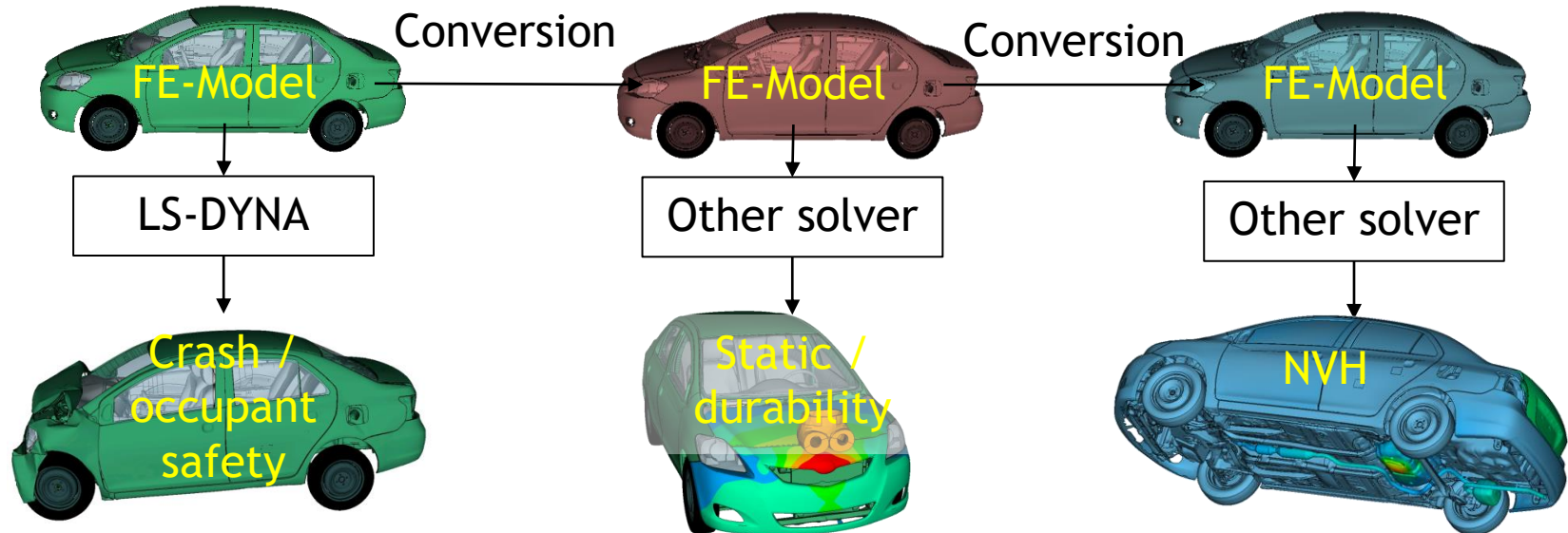


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# WORKFLOW

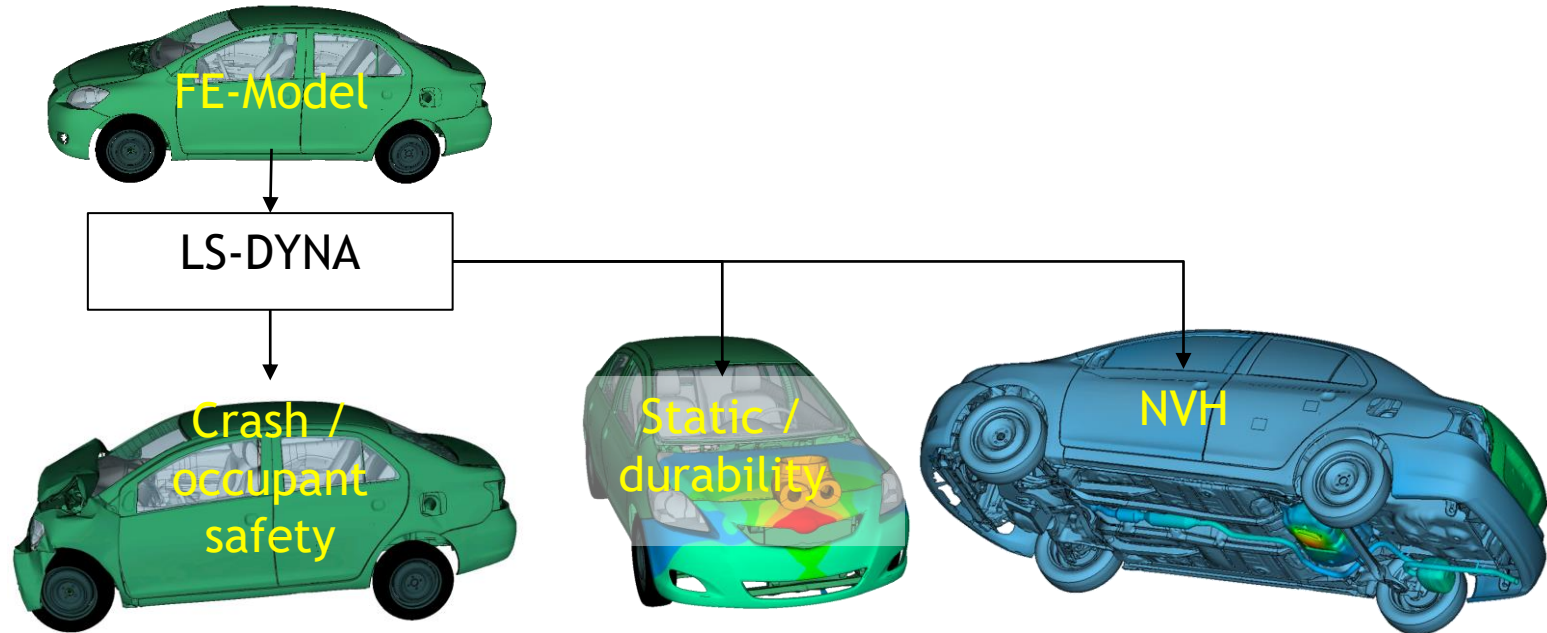
# LS-DYNA implicit - Opening for new possibilities

- Traditional workflow for multi-disciplinary analyses



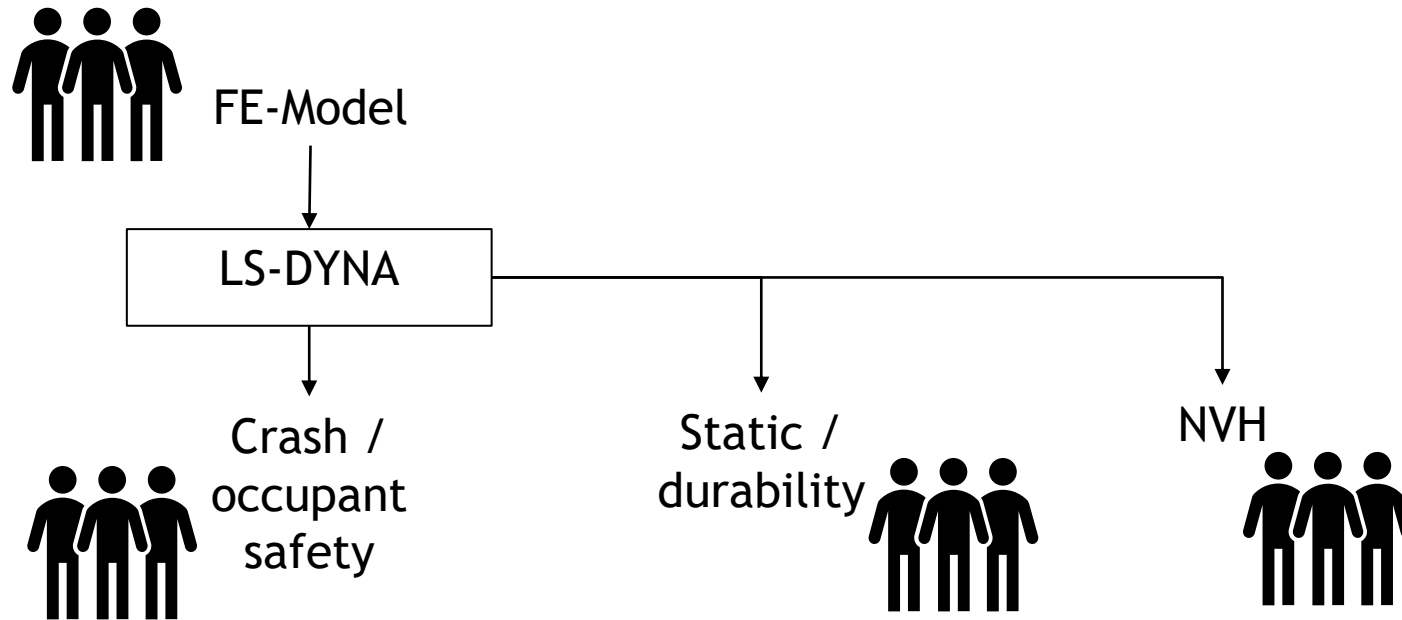
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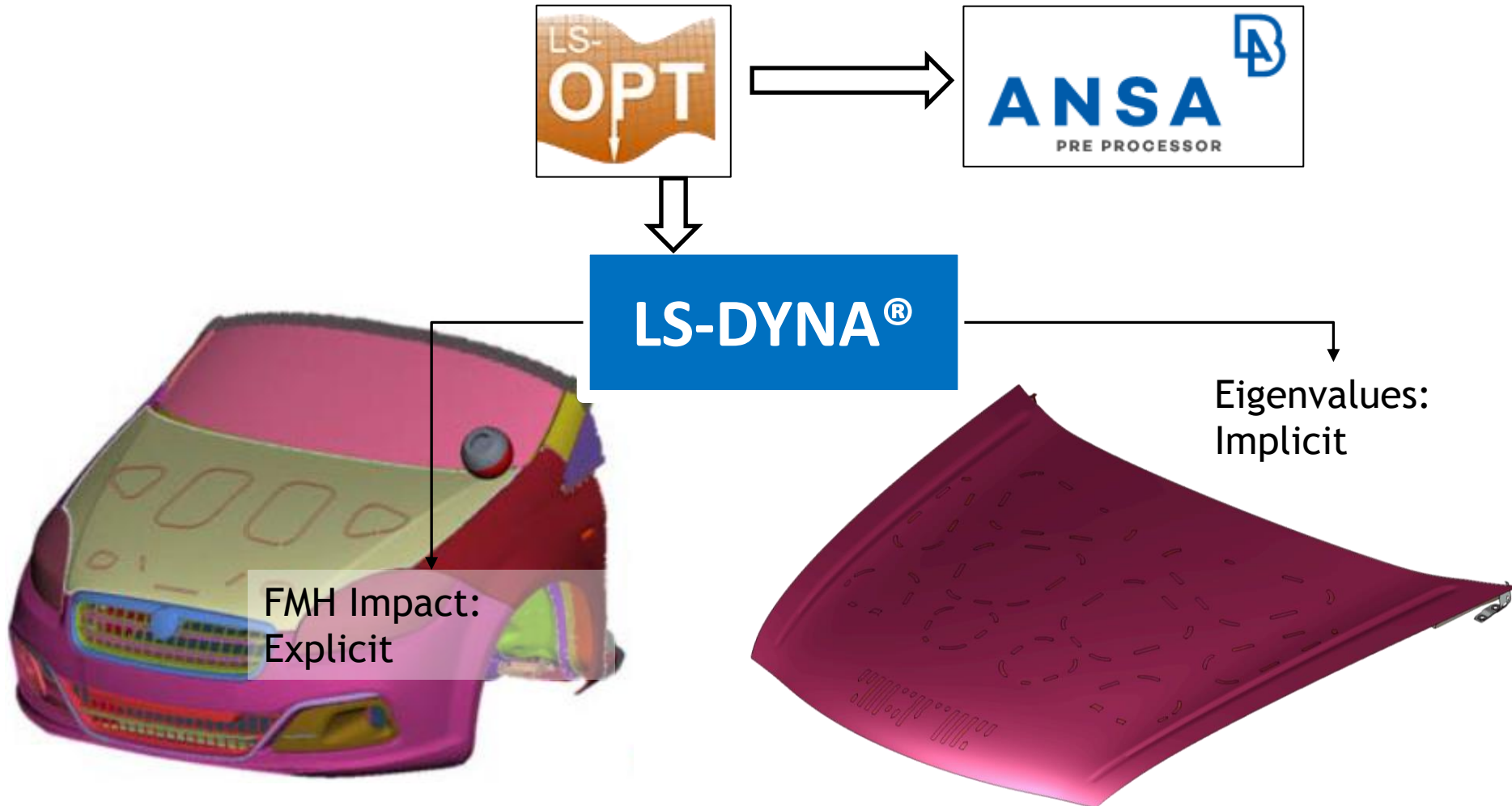
## ■ LS-DYNA One-code philosophy



Using LS-DYNA for different disciplines makes it easier for simulation engineers from different groups to share information and experiences

# LS-DYNA implicit - Opening for new possibilities

- Multi-disciplinary optimization of a hood



# Workflow

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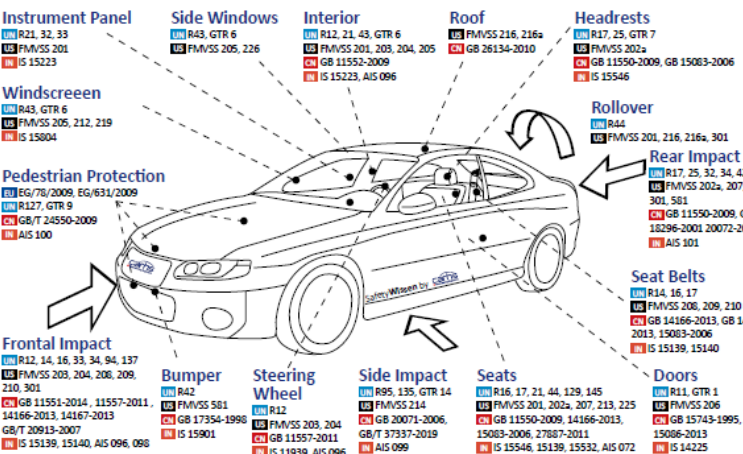


Automated meshing,  
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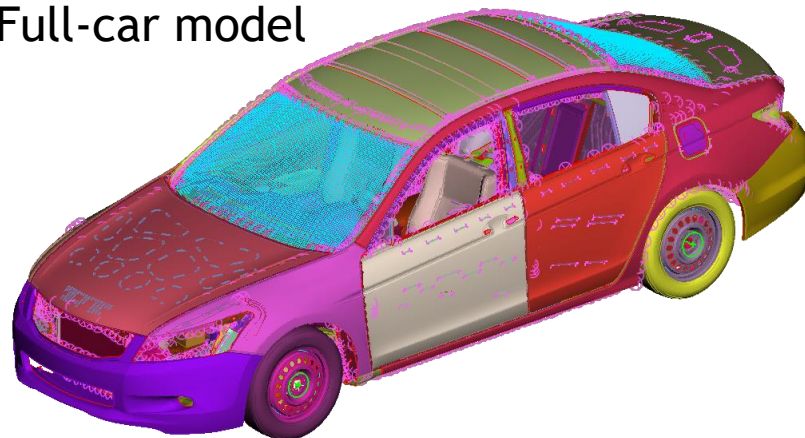
Sub-system  
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## Crash load cases

Crash-Regulations: Europe, United Nations, USA, China and India

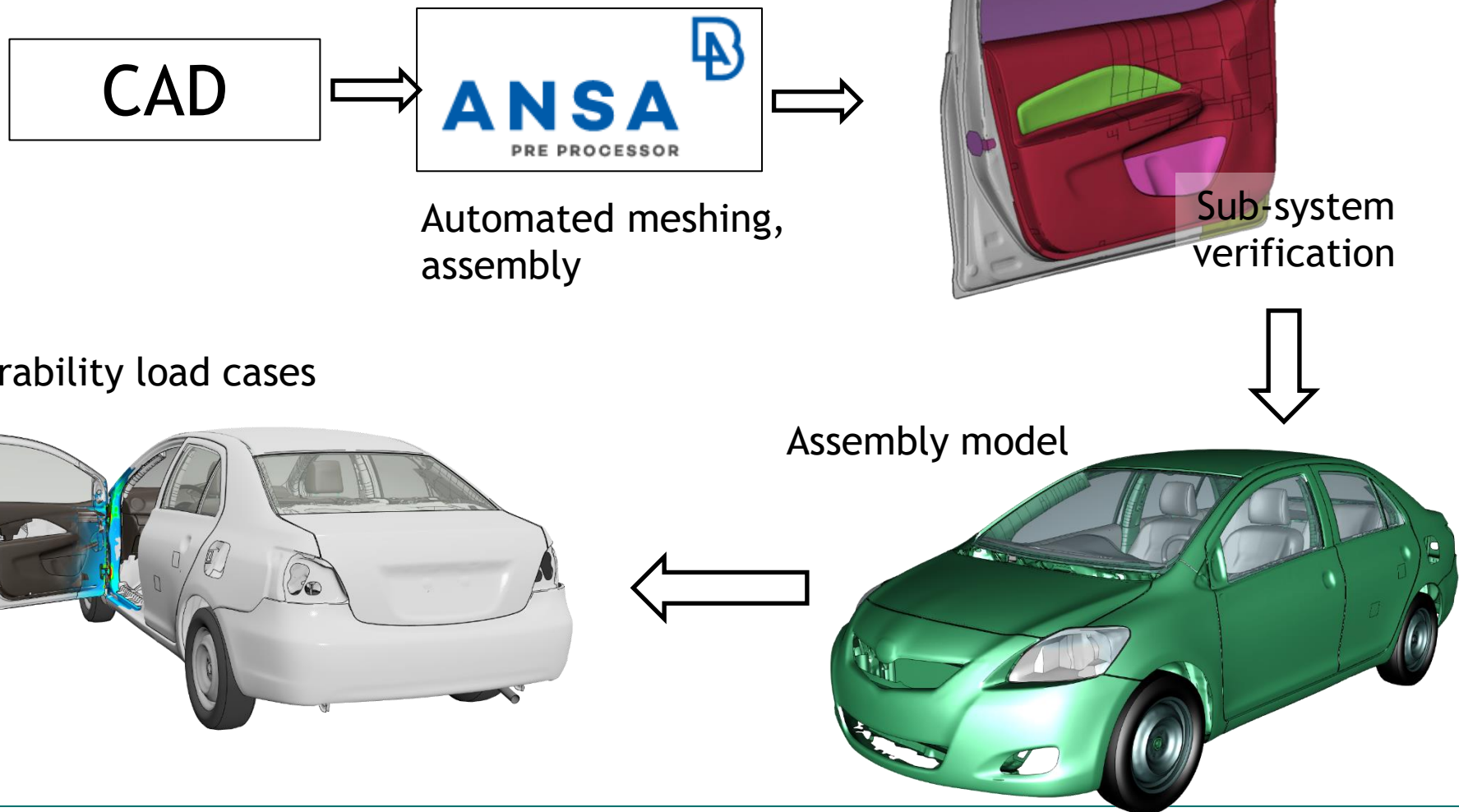


Full-car model



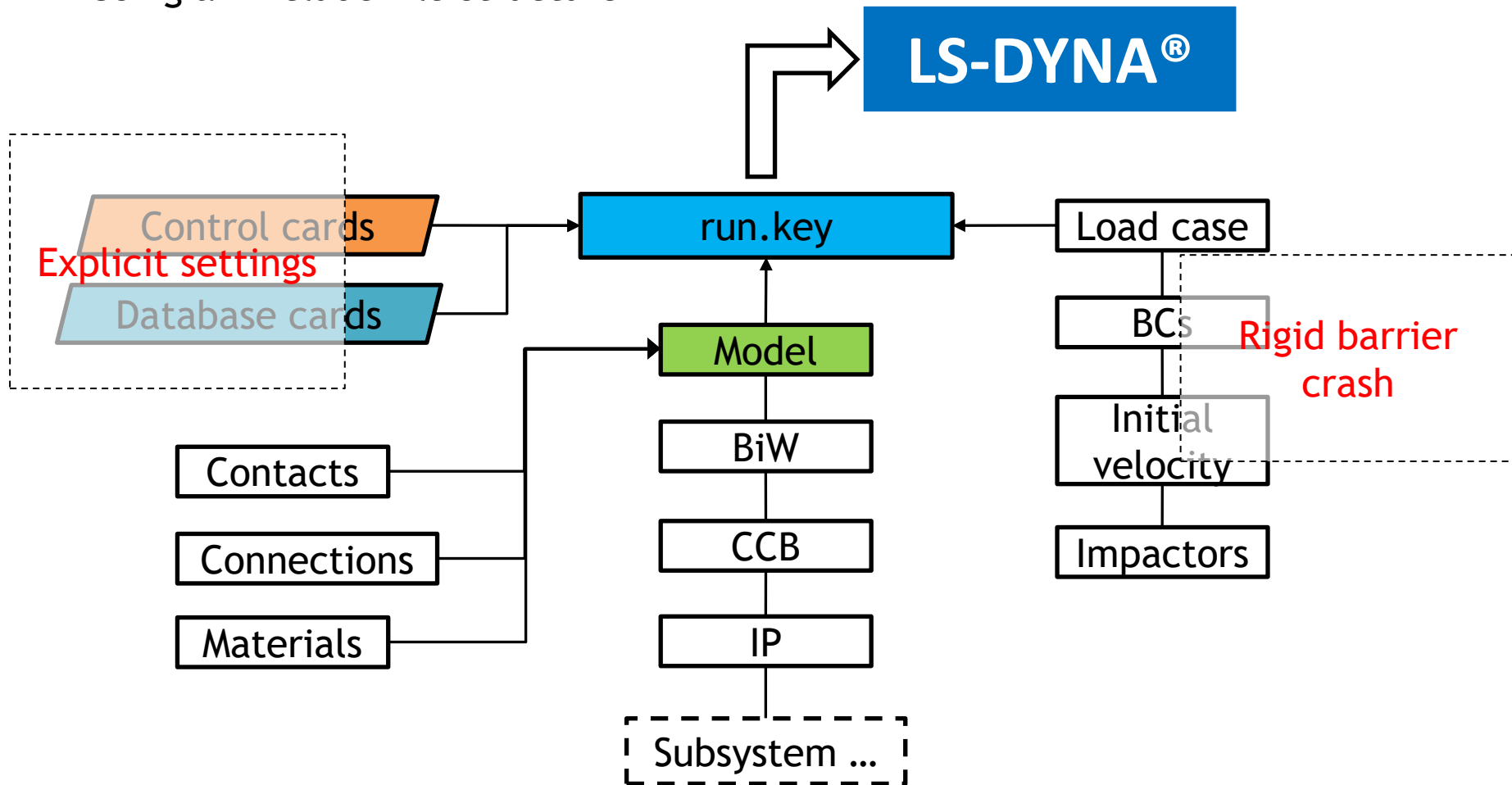
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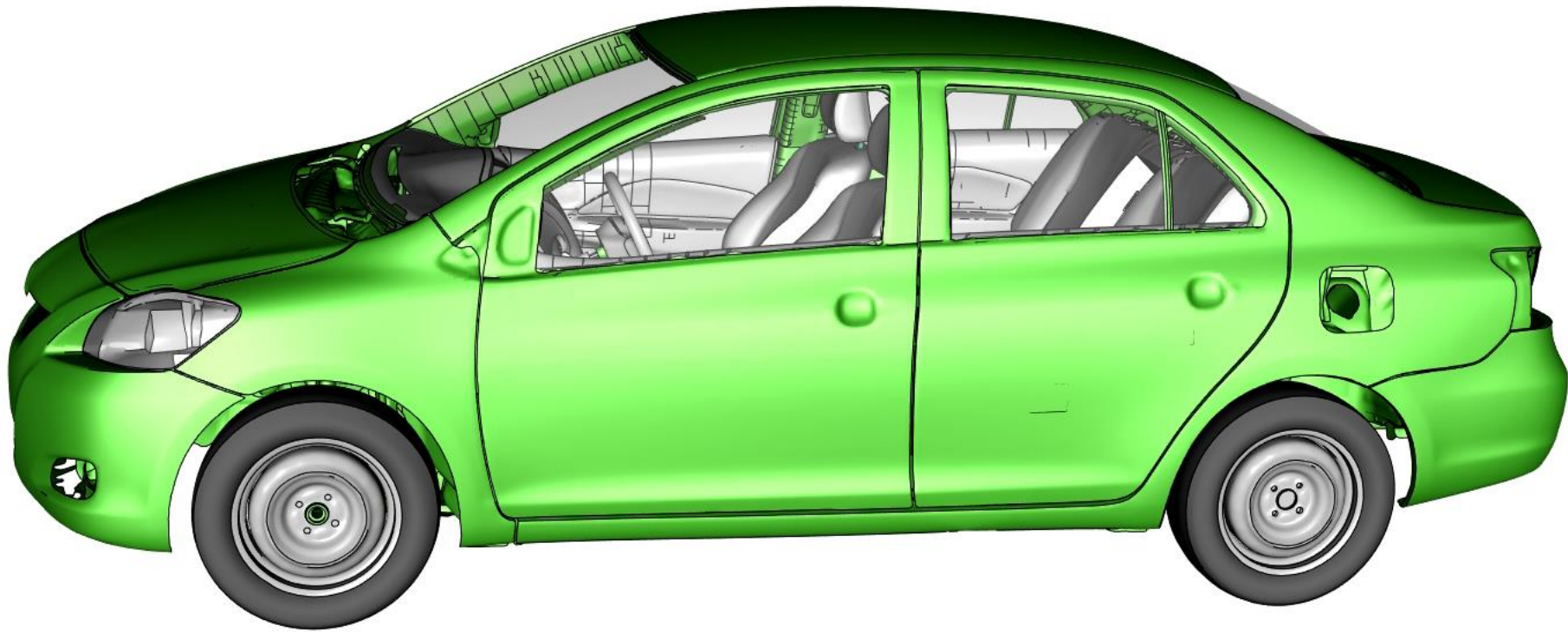


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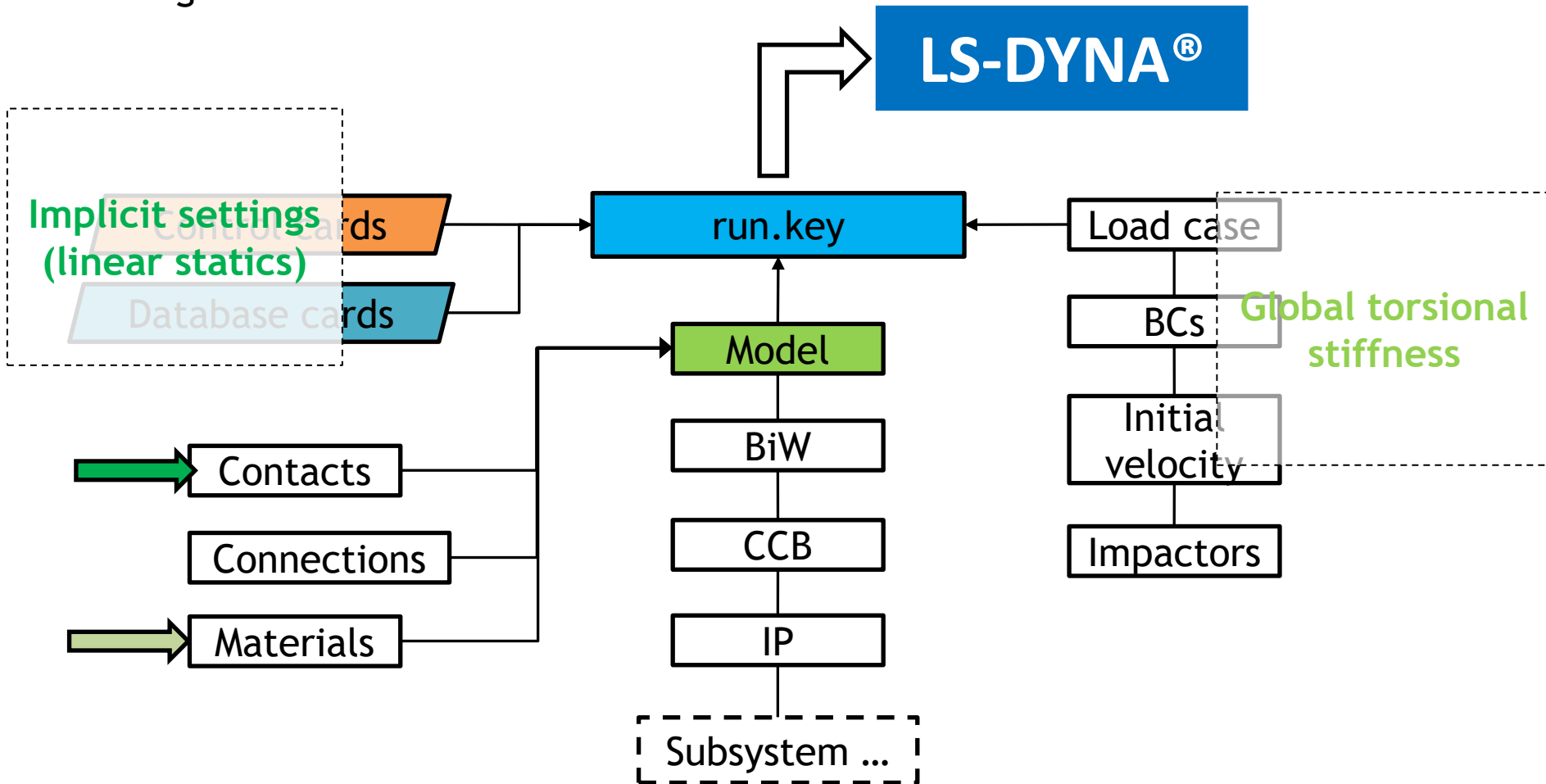


# Rigid barrier crash



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# Torsional stiffness analysis



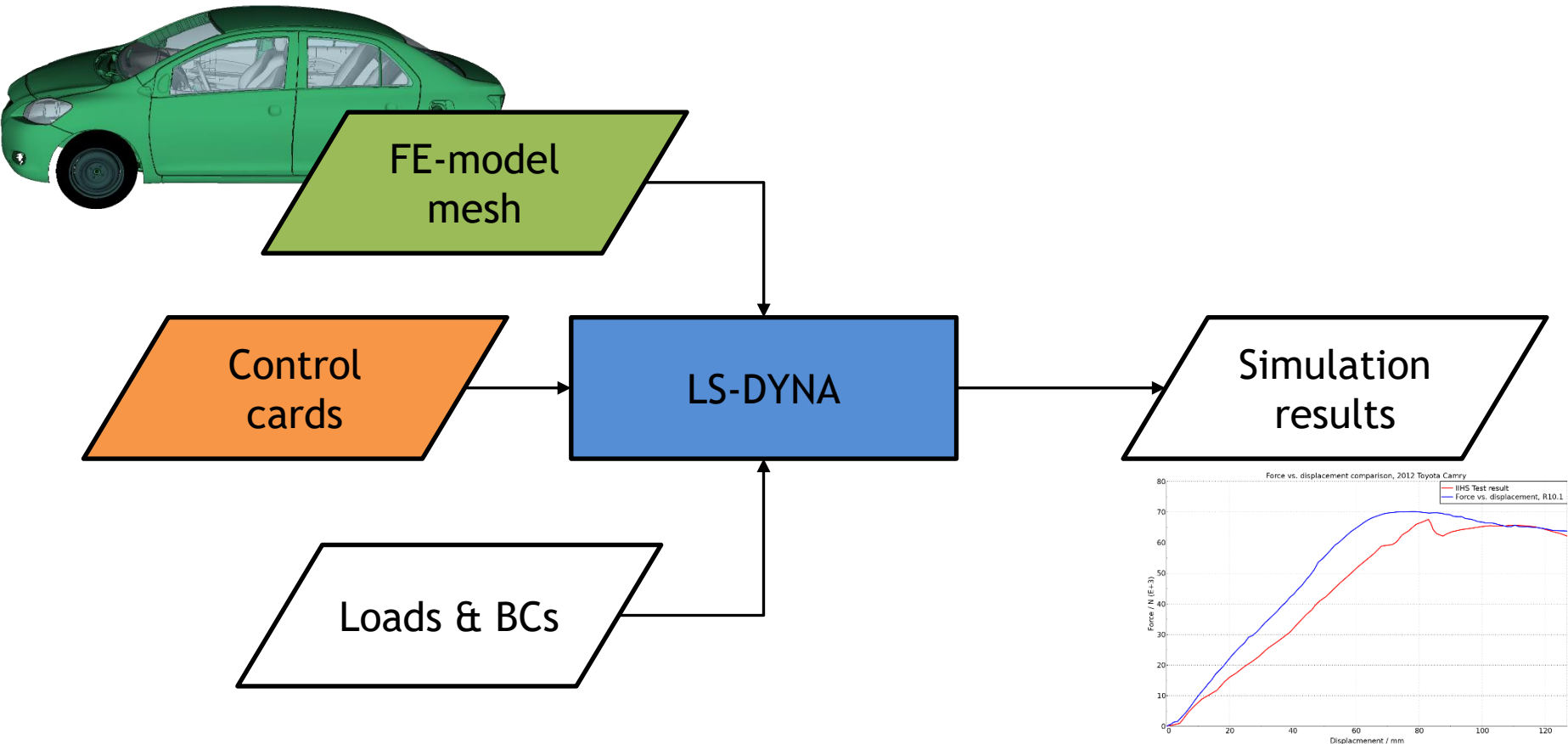


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# IMPLICIT SET-UP

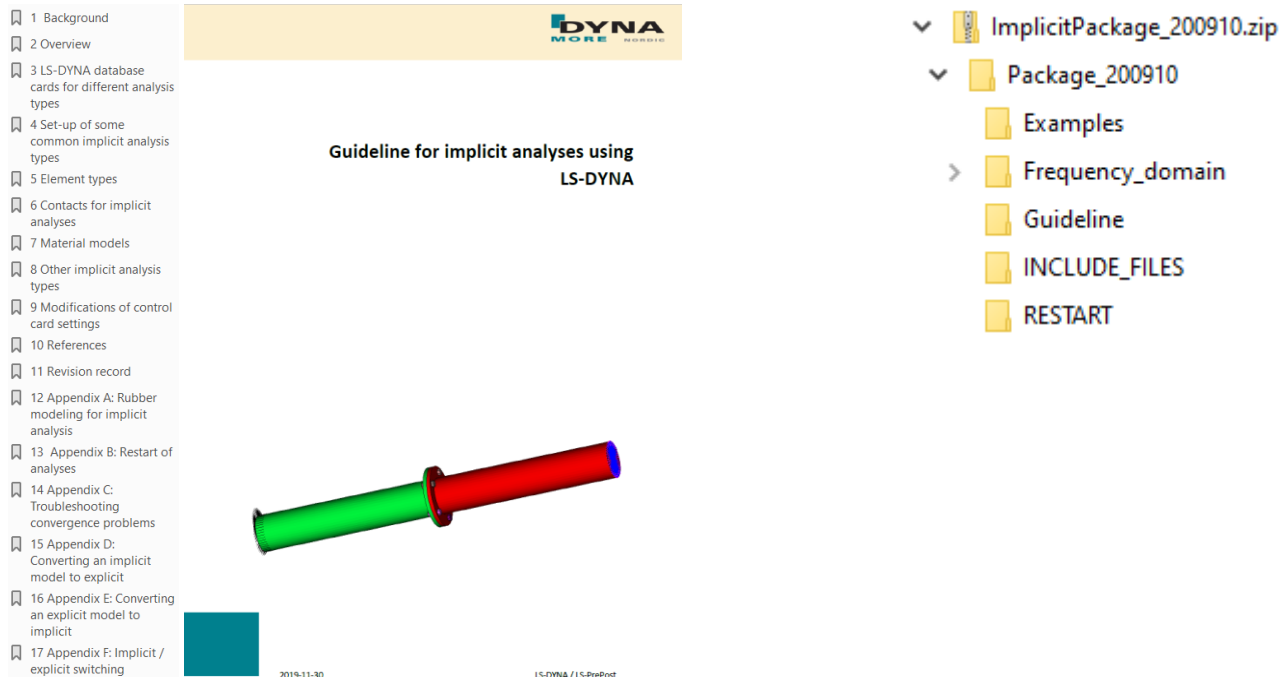
# Implicit set-up in LS-DYNA

- Objective: to set-up a non-linear implicit analysis with minimal effort
- LS-DYNA is a versatile multi-physics solver. Many different analysis types are possible.



# Implicit set-up in LS-DYNA

- In order to help the user getting started with Implicit analyses in LS-DYNA, the Guideline to implicit analysis was developed



- Available for DYNAmore Nordic customers from [files.dynamore.se>ClientArea](https://files.dynamore.se/ClientArea)
- The focus of the “Guidelines for implicit analyses” is how to set up the analysis as such, and to guide in choice of elements, contacts, material models etc. Also provide a suggested starting point for control cards settings.

# Implicit set-up in LS-DYNA - Control cards

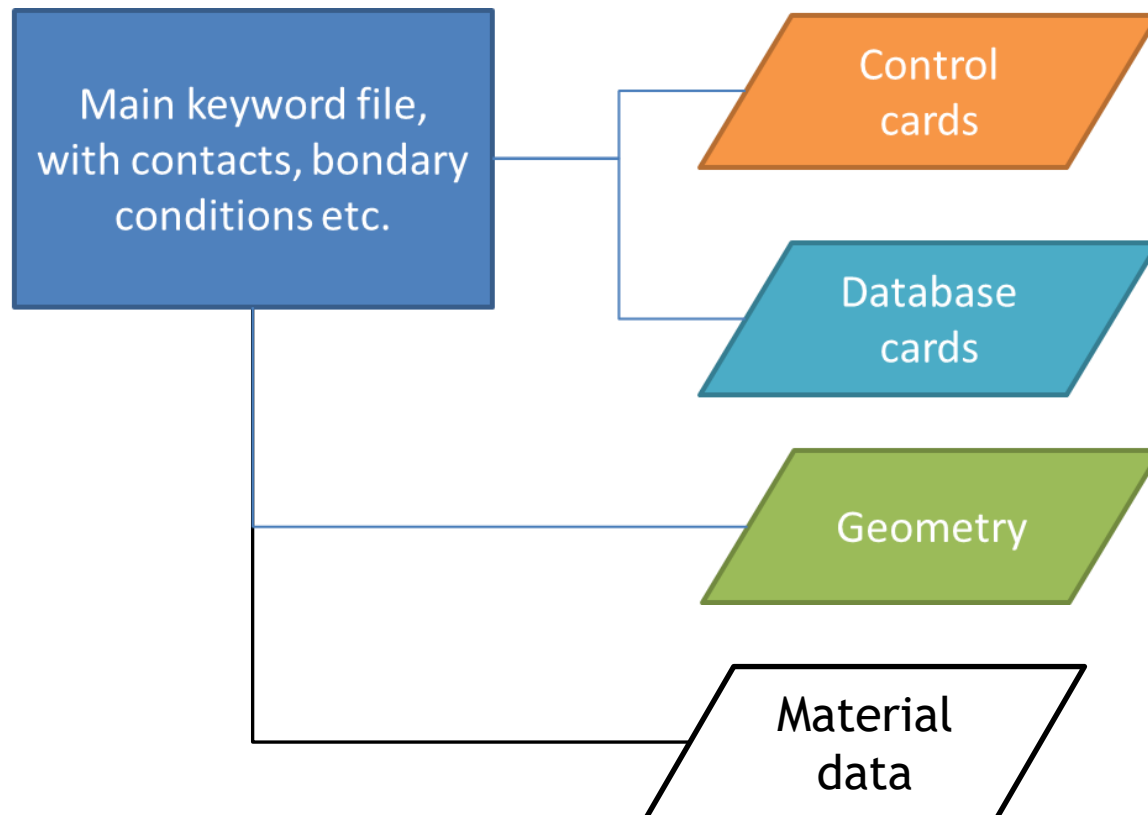
- Identify analysis type and select control card include file
  - In many cases, \*CONTROL\_TERMINATION is the only required additional control card
  - Note! LS-DYNA implicit is always either purely non-linear or purely linear!
- Use an include file structure! Then the control card include files from the Guideline may be used directly.

|                                                | Include files     |                    | Add keywords: (*)     |
|------------------------------------------------|-------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|
| <b>Analysis type</b>                           | control_cards_... | database_cards_... | *CONTROL_IMPLICIT_... |
| <b>Linear static</b>                           | linear.key        | static.key         |                       |
| <b>Non-linear static</b>                       | nonlin.key        | static.key         |                       |
| <b>Linear buckling</b>                         |                   | (1)static.key      | BUCKLE                |
| <b>Non-linear postbuckling</b>                 | arc.key           | static.key         |                       |
| <b>Eigenfrequency analysis</b>                 |                   | (1)static.key      | EIGENVALUE            |
| <b>Linear transient modal dynamics</b>         | linear.key        | dynamic.key        | MODAL_DYNAMIC         |
| <b>Frequency domain analyses<sup>(2)</sup></b> | linear.key        |                    |                       |
| <b>Non-linear implicit dynamics</b>            | nonlin.key        | dynamic.key        | DYNAMICS              |

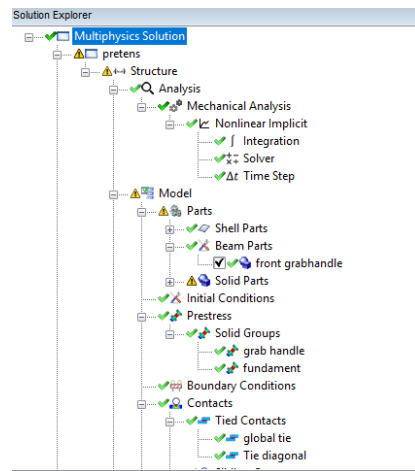
Notes: (\*) \*CONTROL\_TERMINATION must always be added. (1) Can be part of both linear and non-linear analysis. (2) Frequency response functions, steady state dynamics etc.

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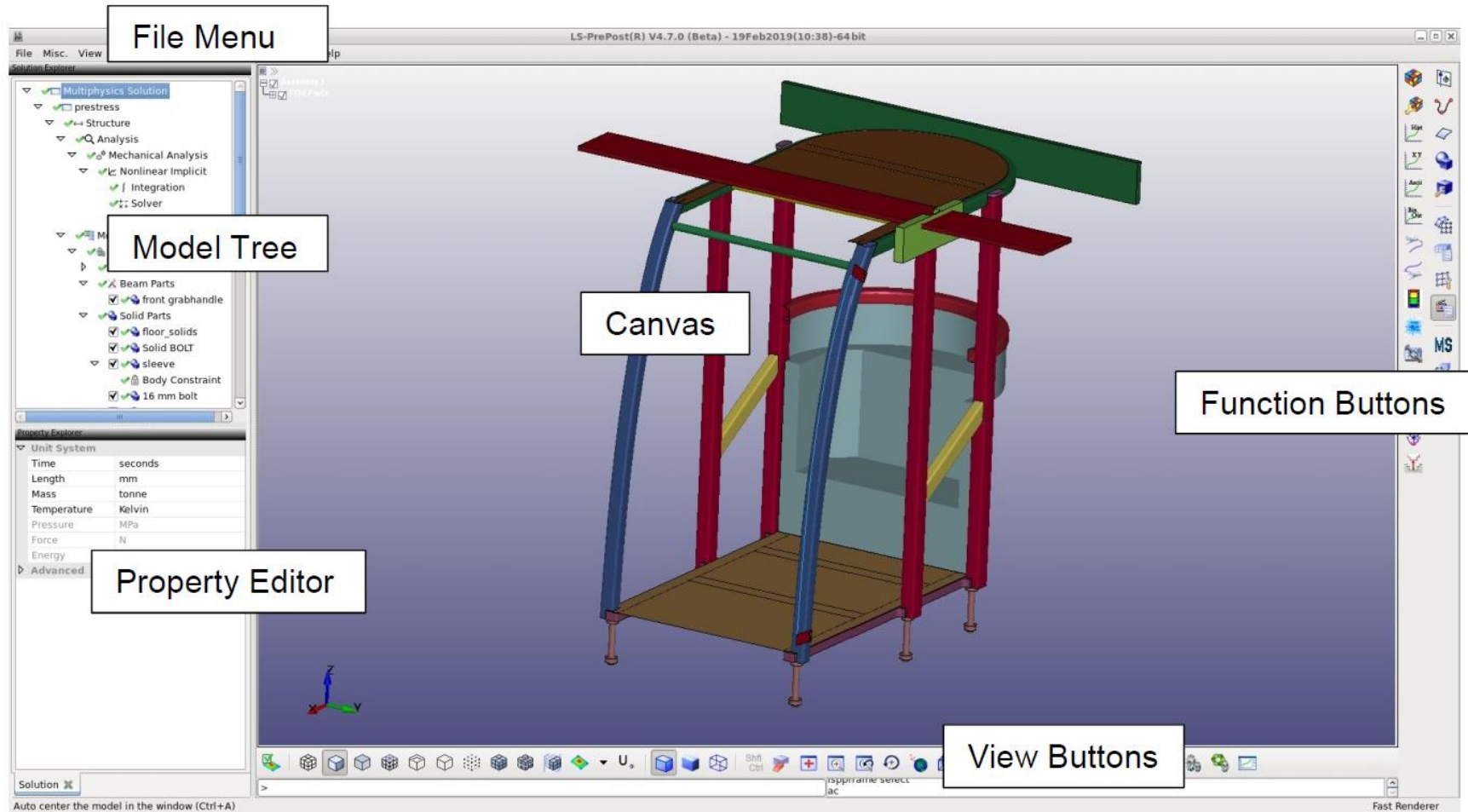


Solution explorer

LS-DYNA  
Implicit

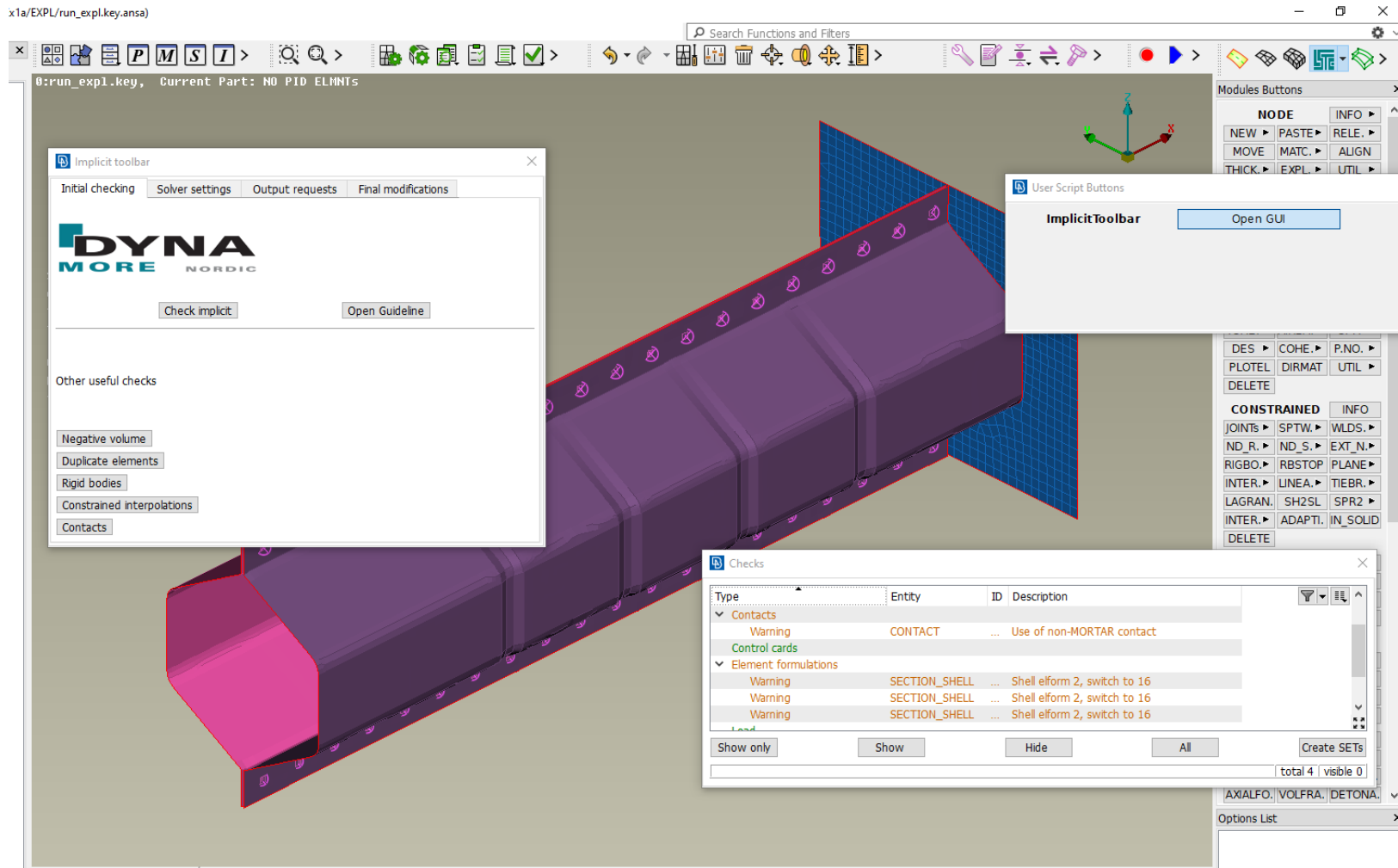
# Different ways into the world of LS-DYNA implicit

## ■ The Solution Explorer in LS-PrePost



# ANSA Implicit toolbar

## ■ Help with model check and set-up



# Implicit set-up in LS-DYNA

- Other sources of useful information regarding implicit analyses in LS-DYNA:
  - [www.dynasupport.com/howtos/implicit](http://www.dynasupport.com/howtos/implicit)
  - <http://www.dynaexamples.com/implicit>
  - [www.dynalook.com](http://www.dynalook.com) - search conference papers
- DYNAmore / ANSYS LST also gives courses in implicit analyses:
  - Non-linear implicit analysis in LS-DYNA (Dr. T. Borrvall)
  - NVH & Frequency domain analysis in LS-DYNA
  - From explicit to implicit simulation models in LS-DYNA
  - All courses available as on-line seminars
- See also: <https://www.dynamore.se/en/training/seminars> and <https://www.dynamore.de/en/training/seminars>
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# Conversion: Implicit modelling aspects

## ■ Use the Mortar contacts

- \*CONTACT\_AUTOMATIC\_SINGLE\_SURFACE\_MORTAR\_ID
- \*CONTACT\_AUTOMATIC\_SURFACE\_TO\_SURFACE\_MORTAR\_ID

## ■ The same contacts modelling approach as in explicit can be applied also for implicit

- One global single surface contact
- One global tied contact

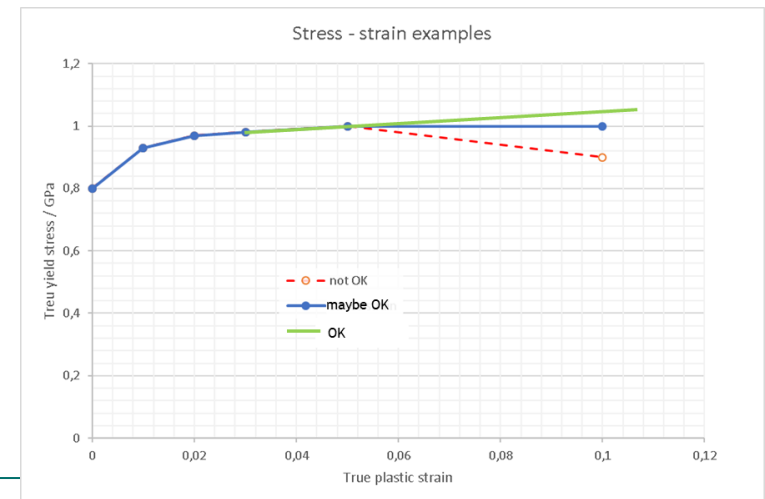
## ■ Model connectivity is crucial

- Unconnected sub-assemblies may cause non-convergence in statics
- Loose, spinning sub-assemblies may cause slow convergence in dynamics

## ■ Fully integrated elements

## ■ Materials

- Hardening curves
- Damage / failure is available also in implicit
- User defined material models require also appropriate tangential stiffness



# Mortar contact

## ■ \*CONTACT\_AUTOMATIC\_...\_SURFACE\_MORTAR

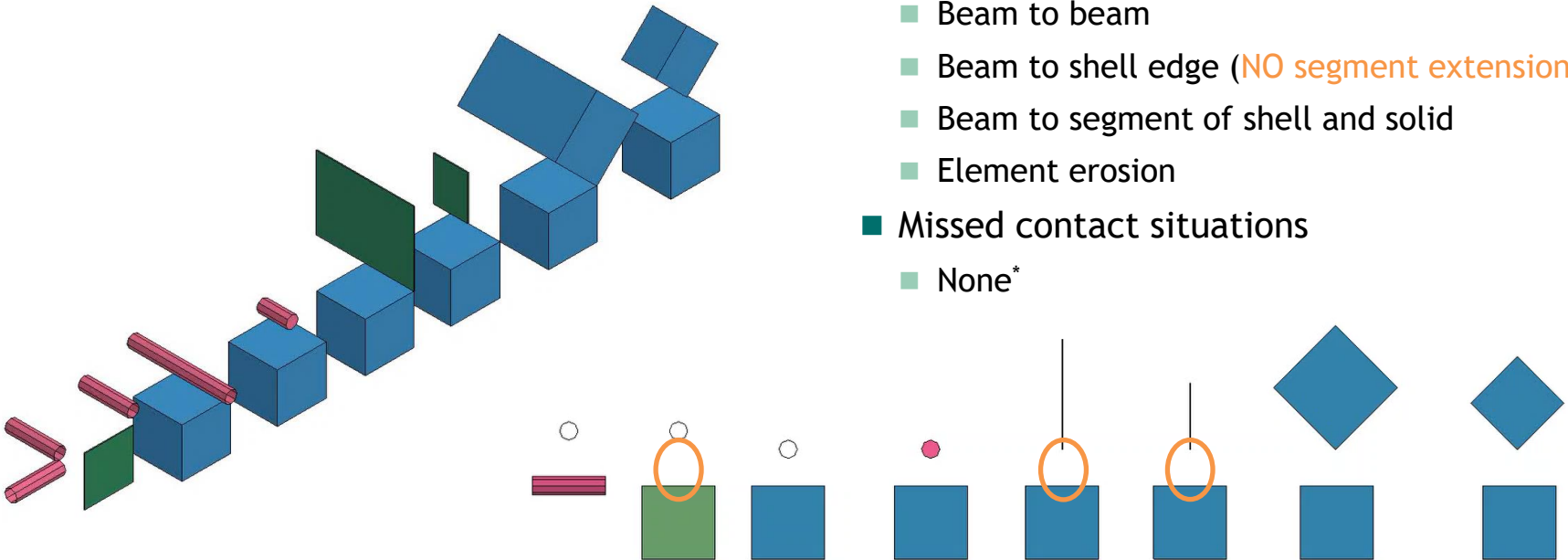
- Segment-based penetration check
- Based on consistent FE-theory
- Focused on accuracy for implicit

## ■ Captured contact situations

- Segments not allowed to penetrate segments
  - Shell edge to segment of shell and solid
  - Solid edge to segment of shell and solid
- Beam to beam
- Beam to shell edge (**NO segment extension!**)
- Beam to segment of shell and solid
- Element erosion

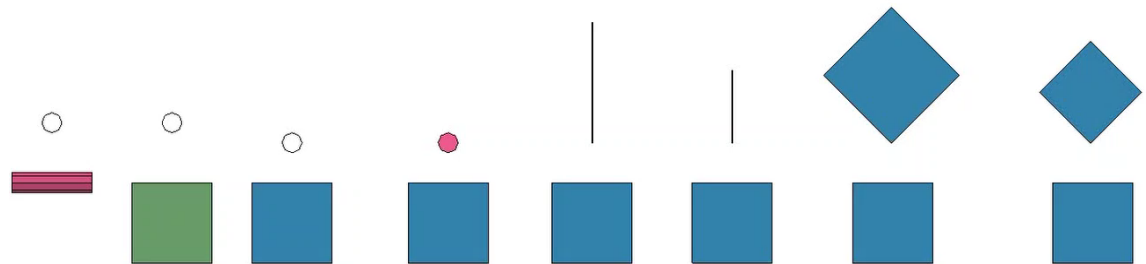
## ■ Missed contact situations

- None\*



# Mortar contact

- `*CONTACT_AUTOMATIC_..._SURFACE_MORTAR`
  - Segment-based penetration check
  - Based on consistent FE-theory
  - Focused on accuracy for implicit
- Captures all\* contact situations
- In explicit models, `*CONTACT_AUTOMATIC_GENERAL_ID` is often applied for modelling beam-to-shell-edge or beam-to-beam or edge-to-edge situations
- In implicit, this should be replaced by  
`*CONTACT_AUTOMATIC_SINGLE_SURFACE_MORTAR_ID`

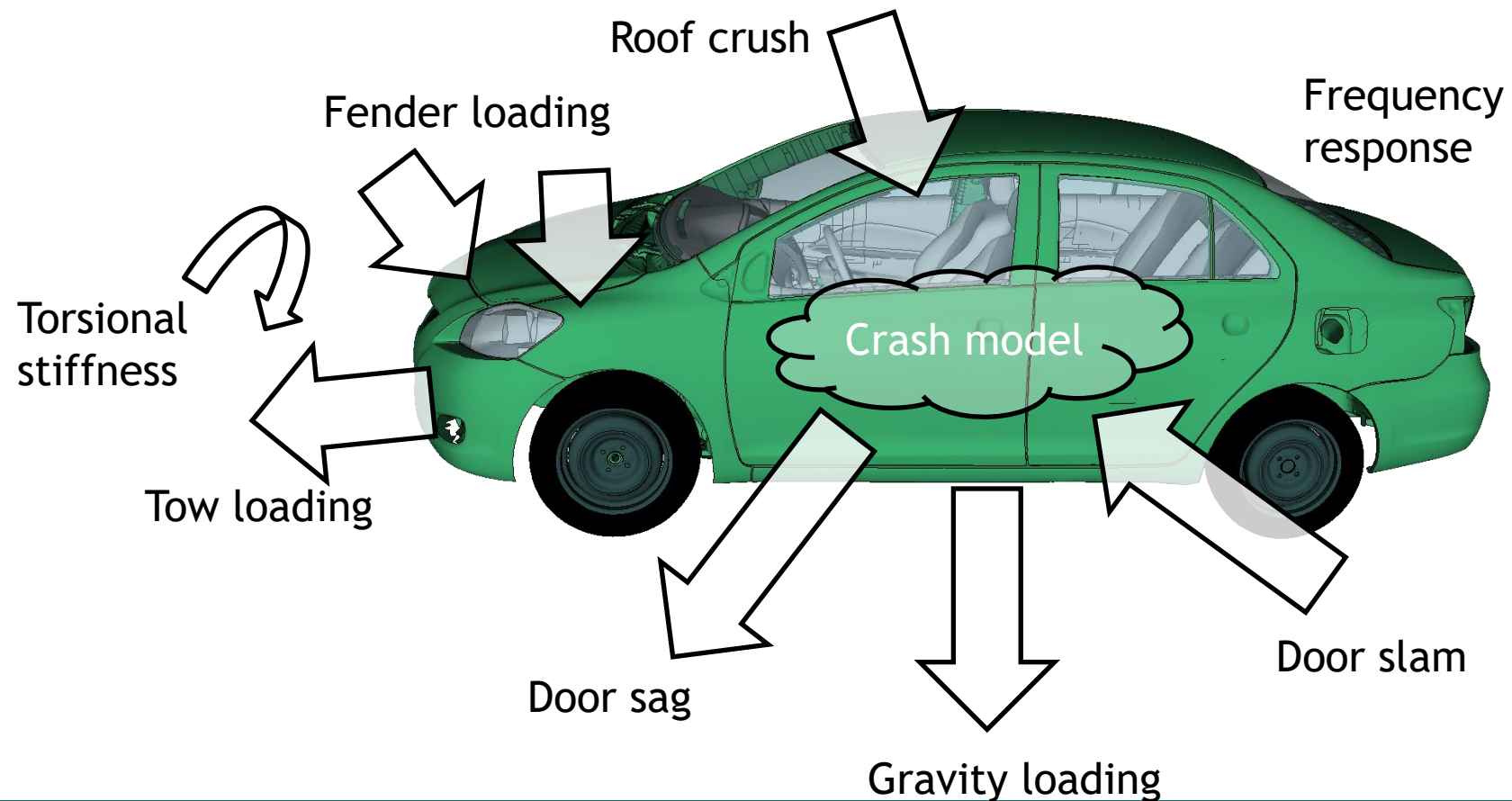


# Conversion: Implicit modelling aspects

- Unconnected parts or assemblies will cause rigid body modes, which may prevent convergence in implicit statics
- Check model connectivity!
  - Perform an eigenvalue analysis. Just add `*CONTROL_IMPLICIT_EIGENVALUE`
  - Use Check > Connectivity > Detect unconnected assemblies in ANSA
  - Check tied contacts. Setting `IPBACK = 1` on `*CONTACT_TIED_...` may be a quick fix for avoiding for example loose spot-welds
- Connectivity causing hinges or mechanisms
  - For example beam -> solid using common nodes
  - A CNRB connecting to one node of a solid will also cause a spherical joint
  - Joints
  - From R11, joint stiffness can be applied globally on `*CONTROL_RIGID`
- General model QA
  - Check mesh quality, initial penetrations, duplicate elements, negative volume etc.
  - Similar to any LS-DYNA model

# Conversion: Example - The Yaris model from CCSA

- Start out with a model for explicit crash analysis
- Create a model that works in implicit for many different load cases

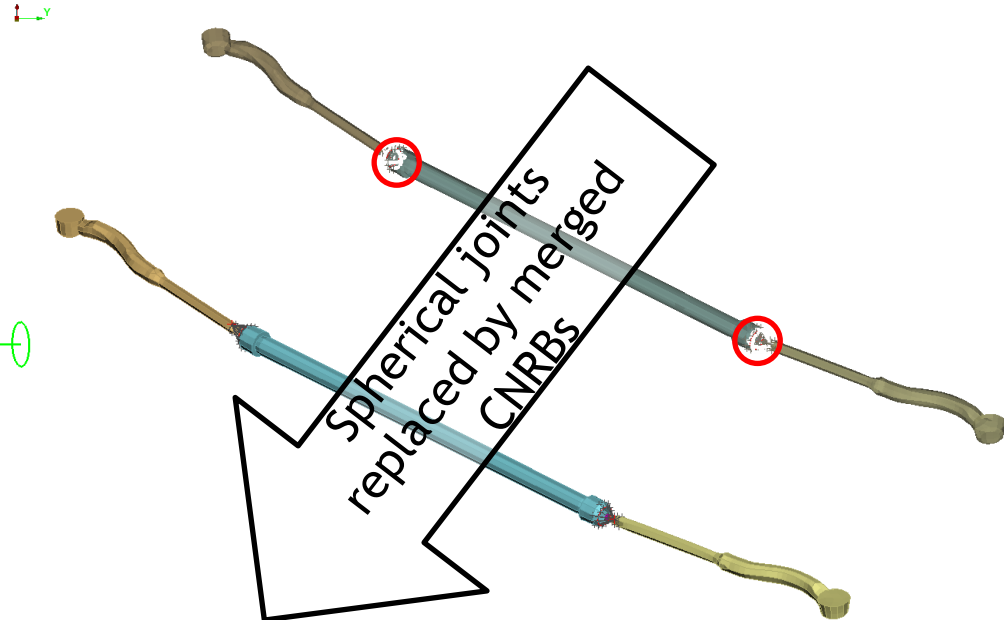
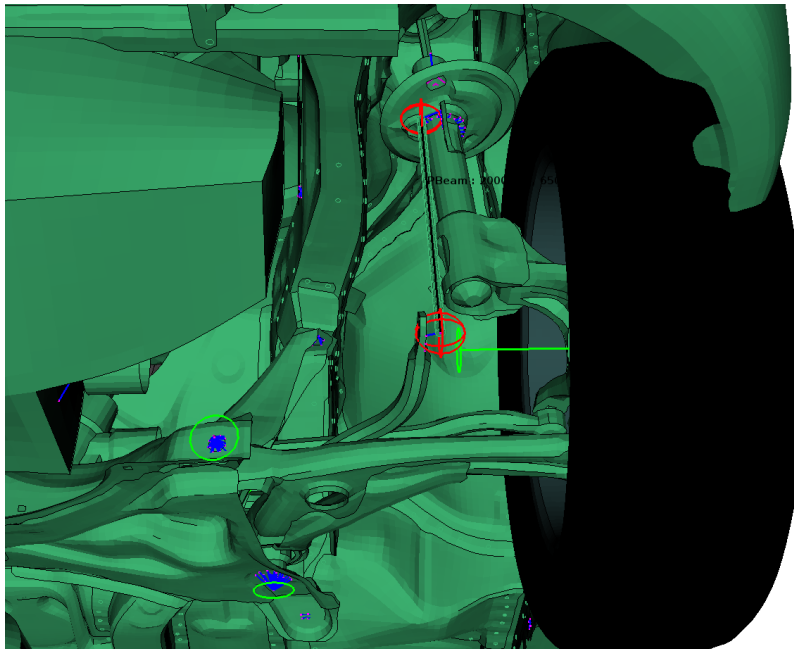


# Specific modifications: Yaris

- Removed “dummies” from crash model
- The tire airbags were separated and switched to `*AIRBAG_LOAD_CURVE`
- For the door-related load cases, the door hinges were aligned and some CNRBs between the BiW and the door were removed
- The single surface contact was switched to Mortar contact (Note! Still one automatic single surface contact definition for the whole model)
  - Removed null-shells from solids
- Added `IPBACK` to the tied contact for spot welds
- The suggested control card settings for non-linear implicit analyses from the Guideline were used as a basis
  - `DNORM = 1` on `*CONTROL_IMPLICIT_SOLUTION` was used in many load cases
- The geometrical stiffness effect was disabled (`IGS = 2` on `*CONTROL_IMPLICIT_GENERAL`)
- Rate effects were disabled (`IRATE = 2` `*CONTROL_IMPLICIT_DYNAMICS`)
- Switched to shell elform 16 using `*CONTROL_IMPLICIT_EIGENVALUE`
  - From R11, shell elform 2 are automatically switched to elform 16 due to `IACC = 1`

# LS-DYNA implicit - Modifications

- The Yaris is modeled in the gravity loaded position. Pre-loading of the suspension must be applied in some way. This was changed from the original model to \*ELEMENT\_DISCRETE\_LCO.
- Spherical joints can be a potential problem, since rigid body modes may be introduced (spinning parts)
  - added some CNRBs to steering links and
  - SPCs to constrain rotation of the anti-roll bar links in the front suspension

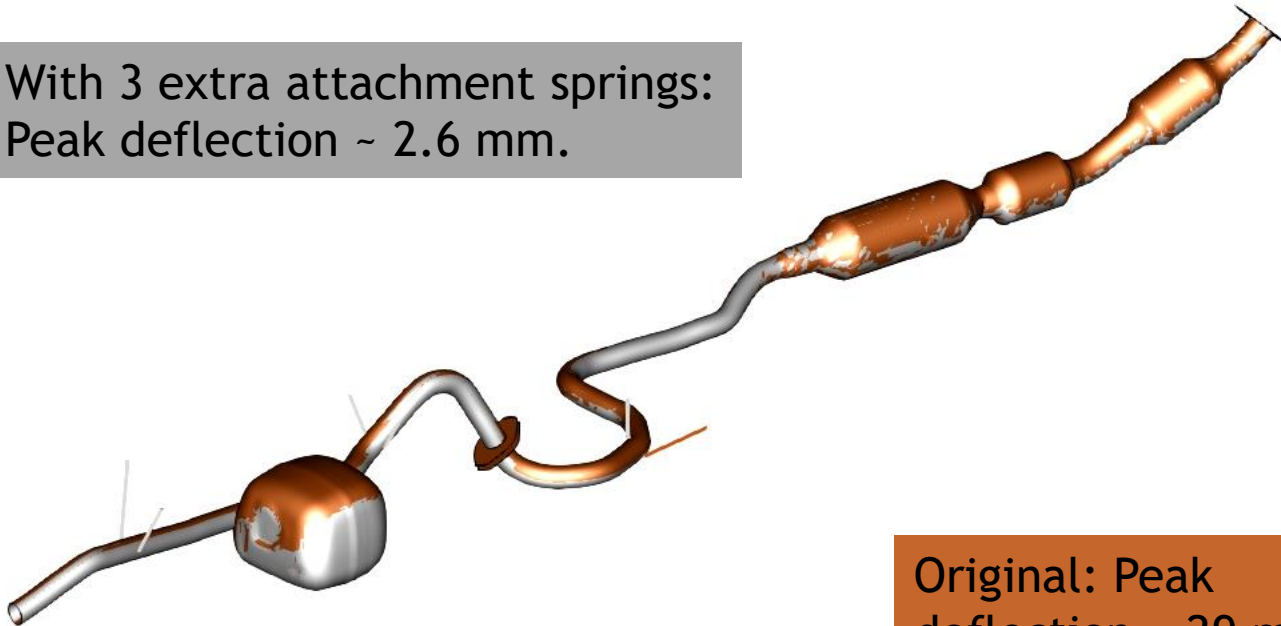


# LS-DYNA implicit - Modifications

- Added three extra springs to attach the exhaust system to reduce deformation due to gravity loading

Gravity loading of exhaust system only

With 3 extra attachment springs:  
Peak deflection ~ 2.6 mm.

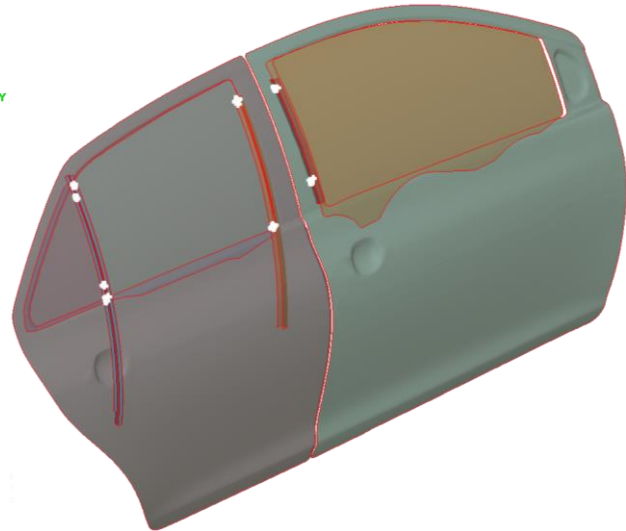
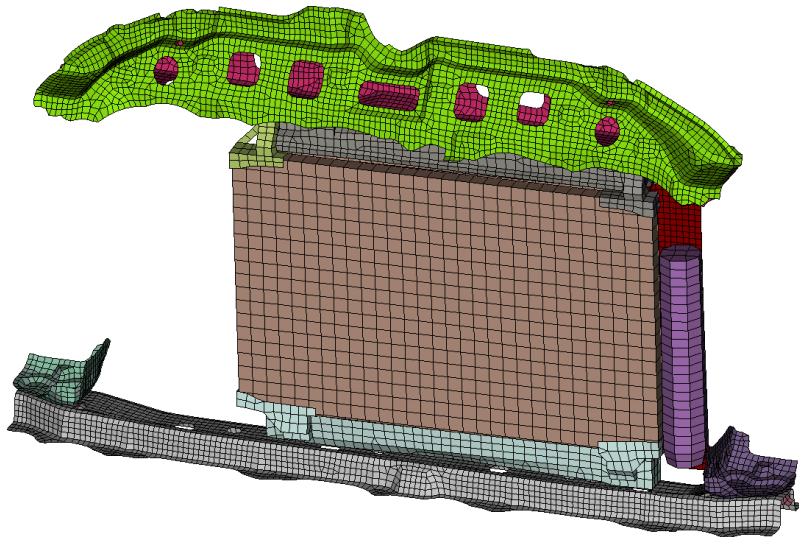


Original: Peak  
deflection ~ 29 mm.

# LS-DYNA implicit - Modifications

- Added some CNRBs to cooler tube and windows (the rubber seals are missing)

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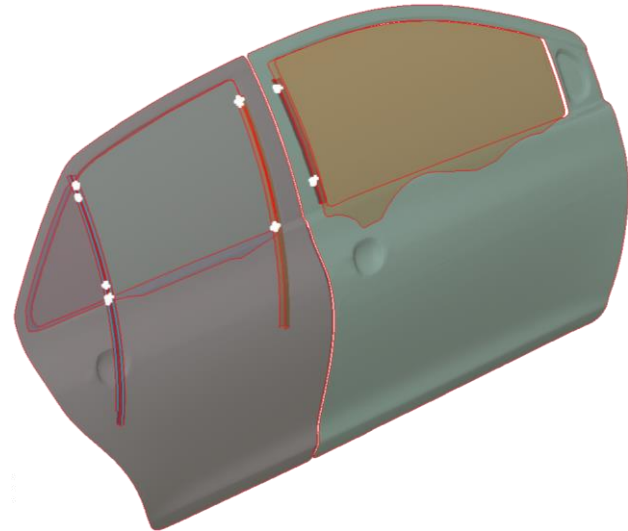
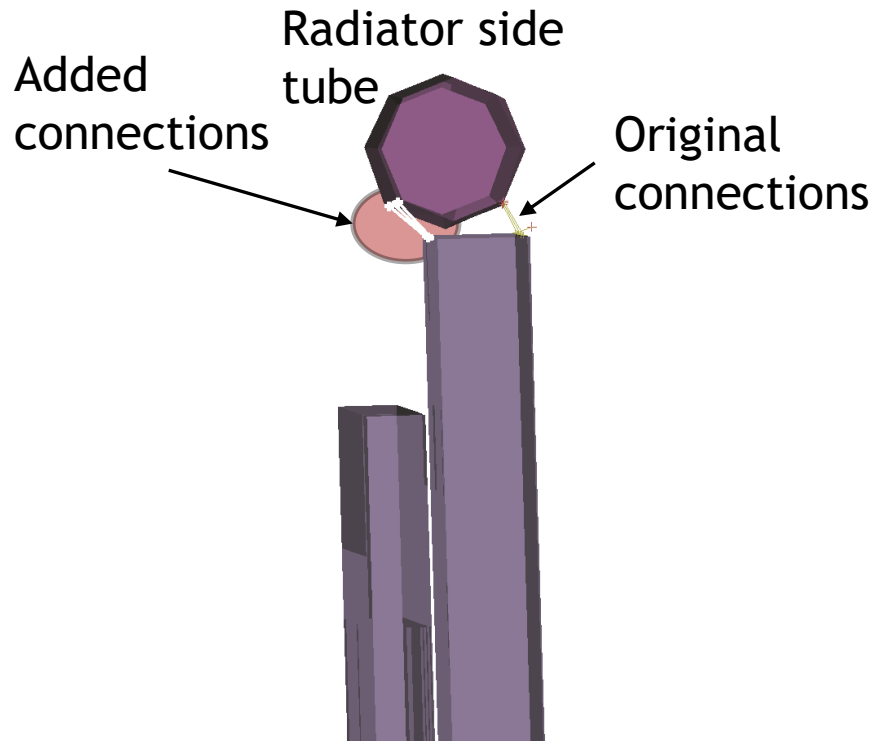


\*\*\* Warning 60301 (IMP+301)

Using \*CONSTRAINED\_SPOTWELD with nodes without rotational dofs.

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# Examples of some load cases solved in implicit

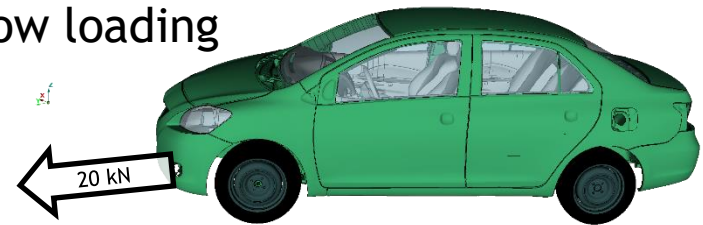
## ■ Full car model

- Tow loading
- Door sag
- Fender loading

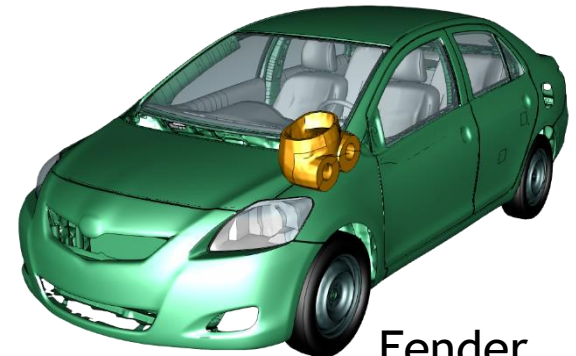
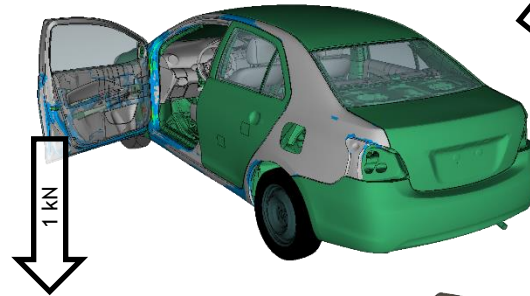
## ■ Partial models

- Seating
- IP as footrest
- BSR analysis of IP

Tow loading



Door sag

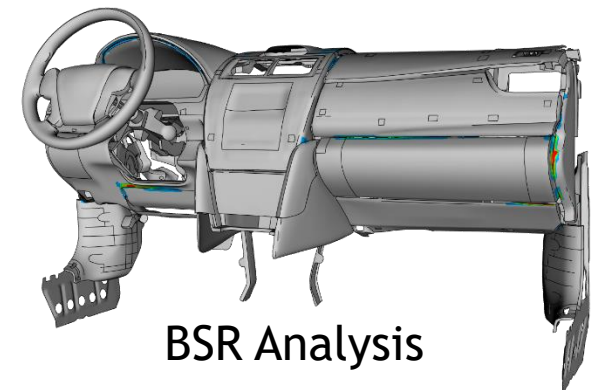


Fender loading

Seating



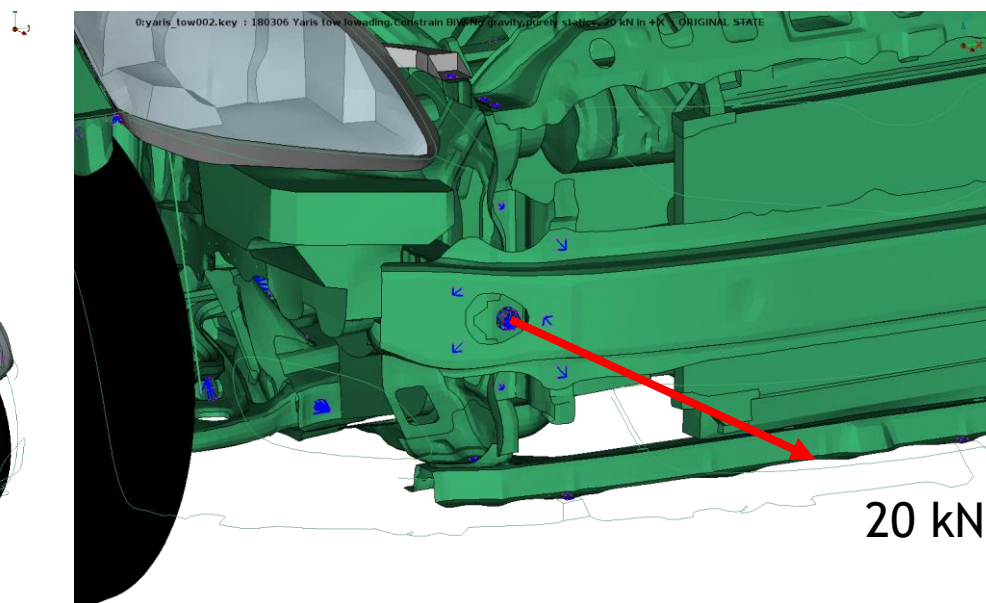
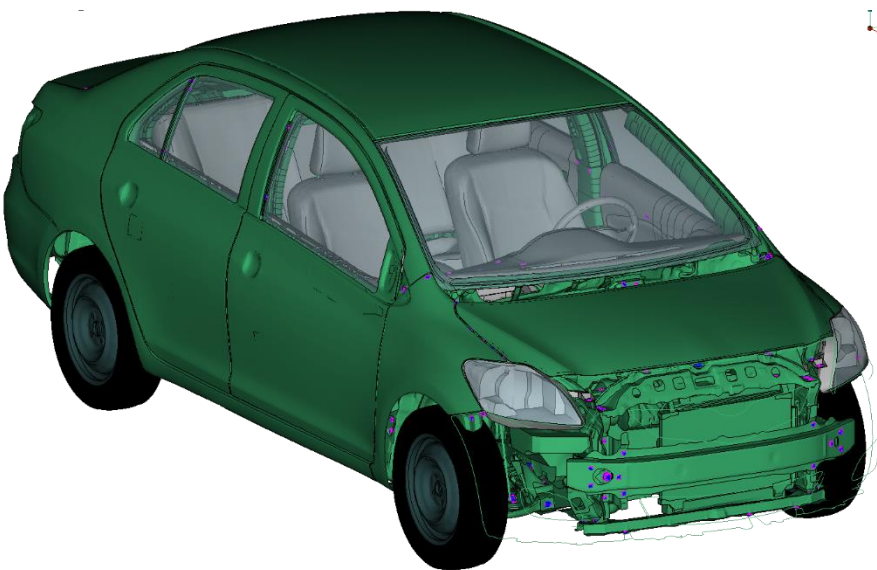
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BSR Analysis

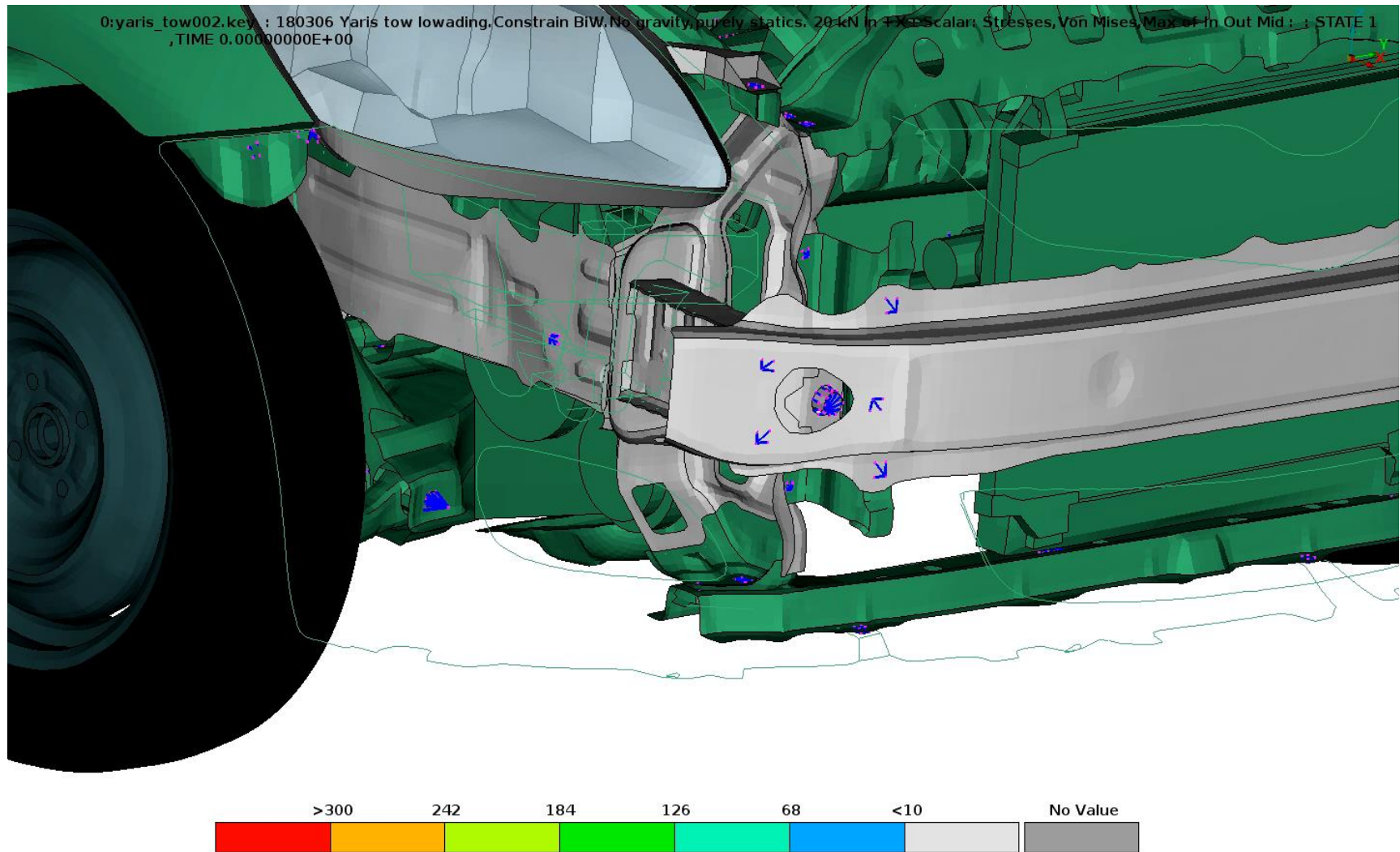
# Tow loading

- The chassis was constrained at the wheel hubs. The BiW was constrained at the lifting positions / longitudinals
- 20 kN is applied to the towing eyelet attachment
- The Yaris model is quite simplified
  - Towing eyelet not available
  - Probably more detailed (spot) weld modelling required in the area of interest



# Tow loading

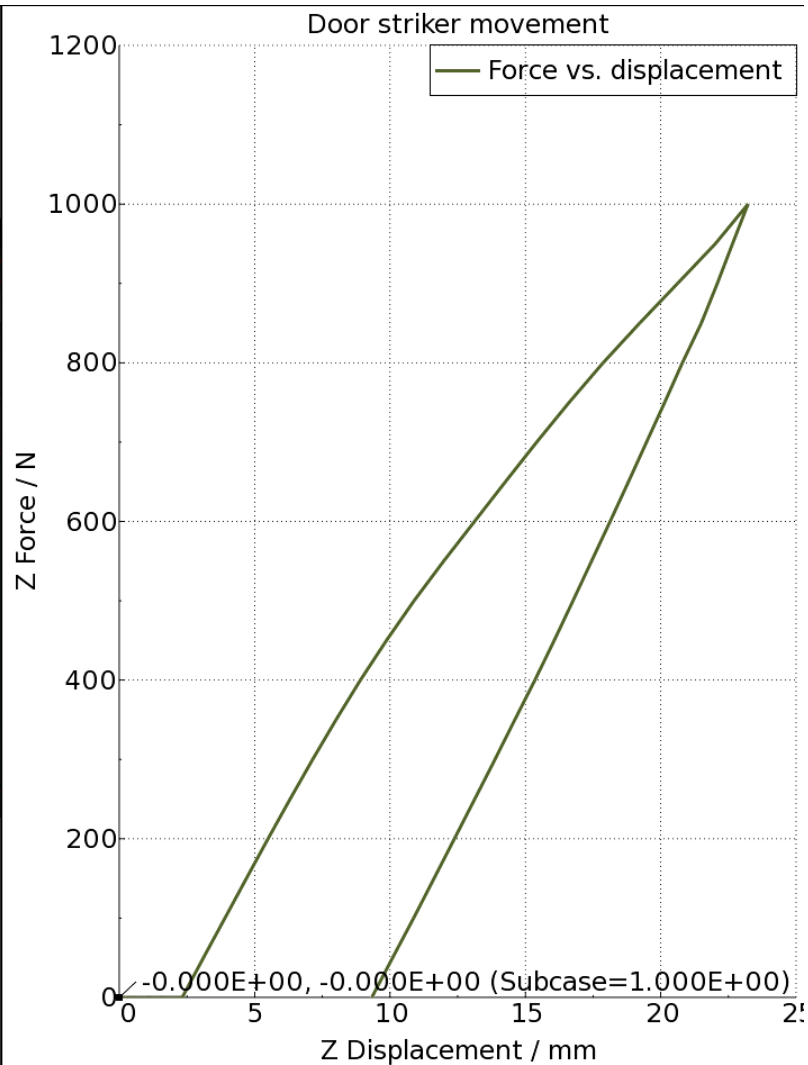
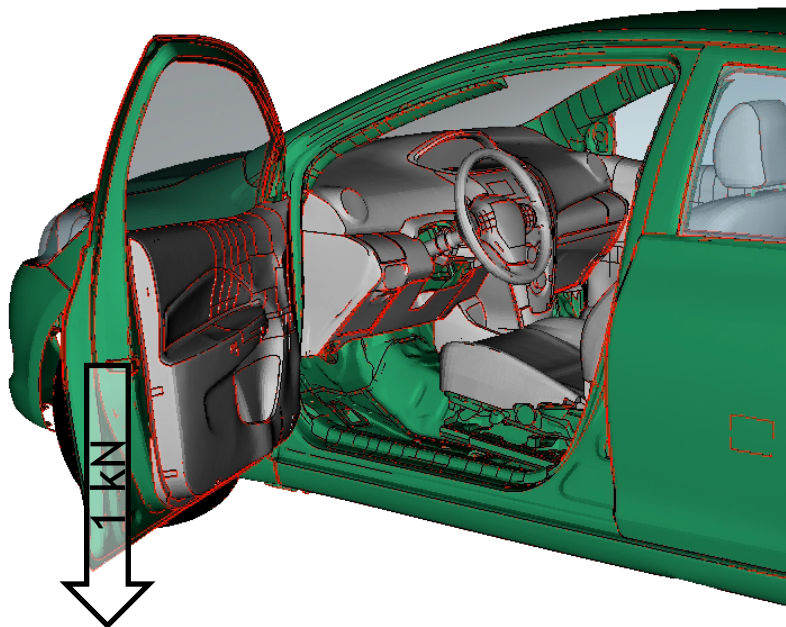
Solution time: 2h 49min on 12 cores



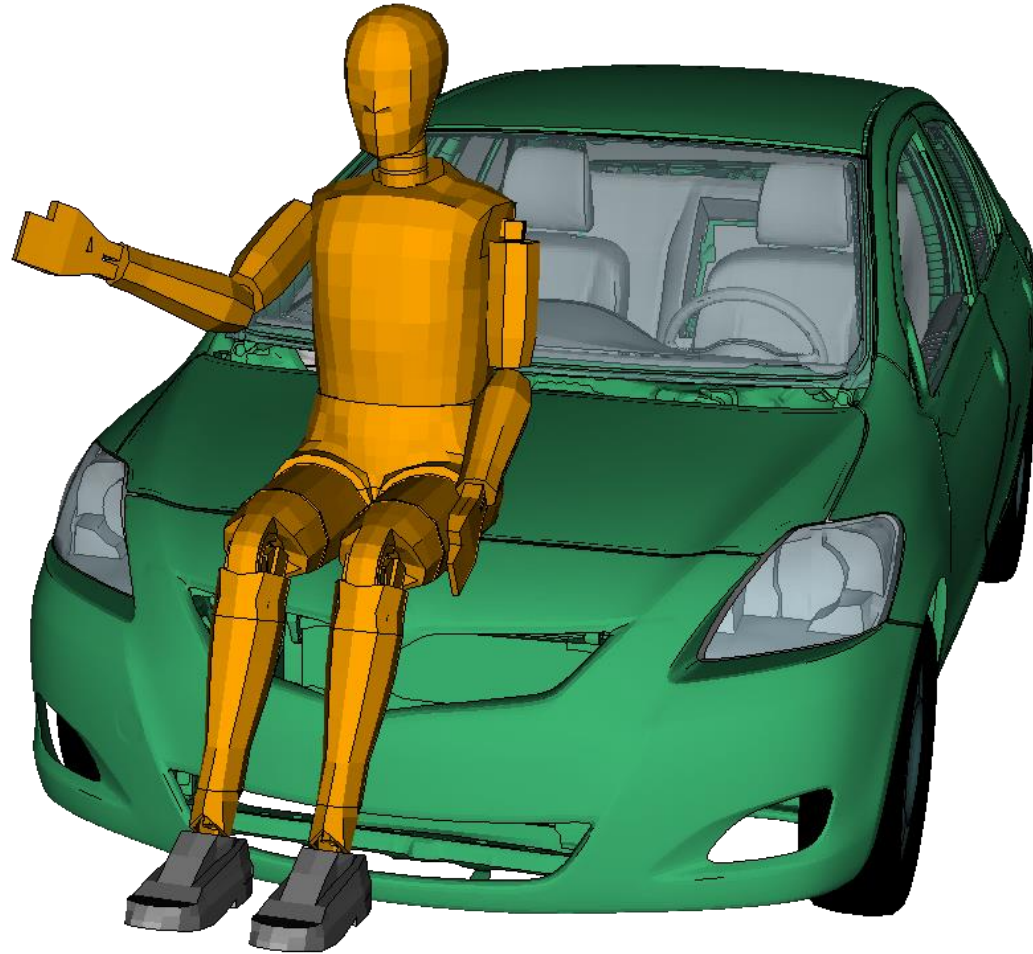
# Door sag loading

Solution time: 8h 48min on 16 cores

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loading.Statics : STATE 1 ,TIME 0.00000000E+00

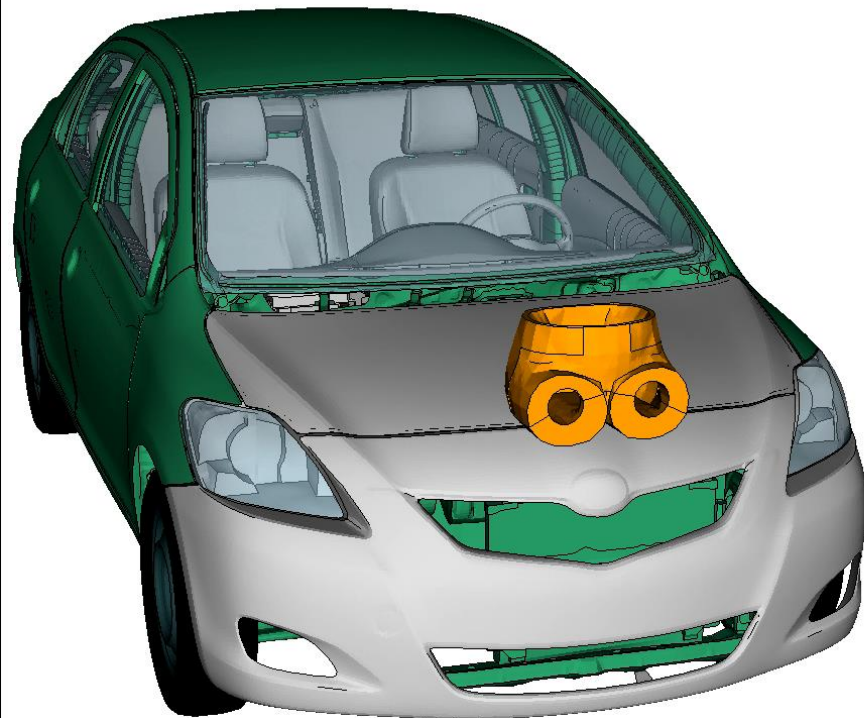


## Hood / fender loading



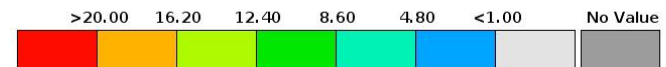
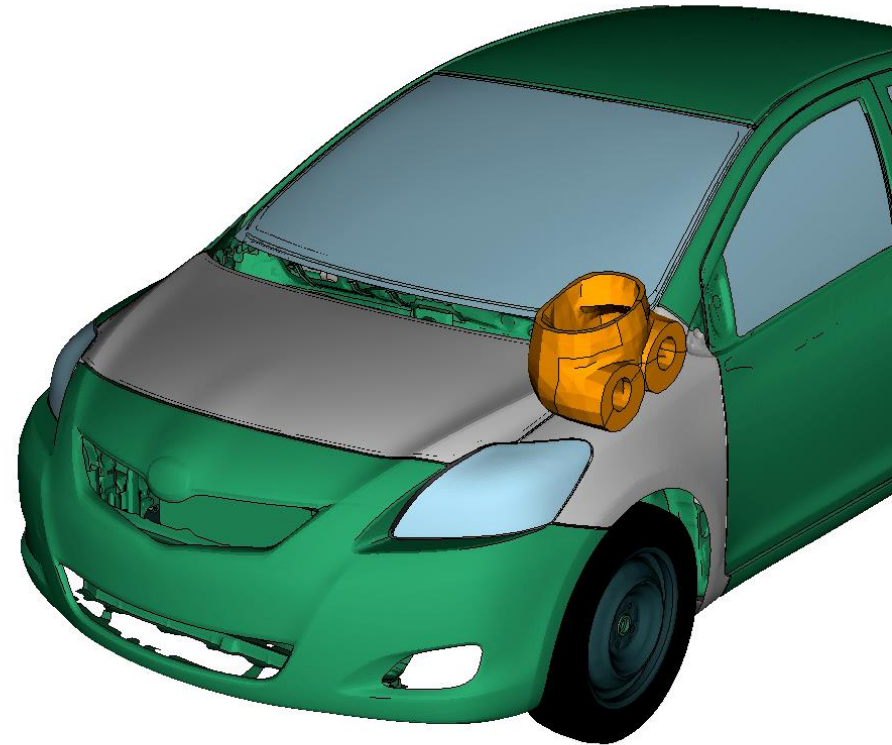
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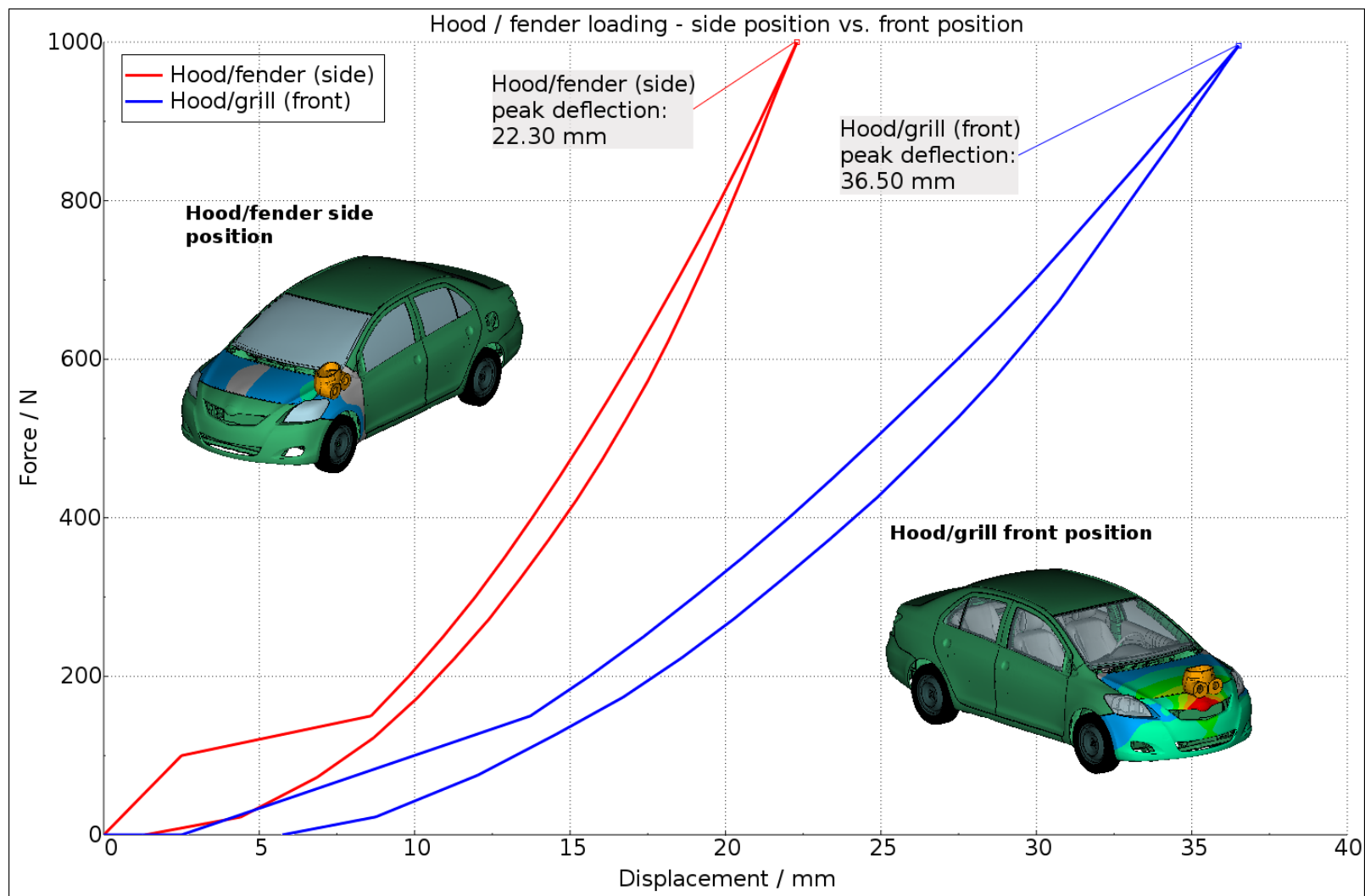


Solution time: 7h 38 min on 24 cores

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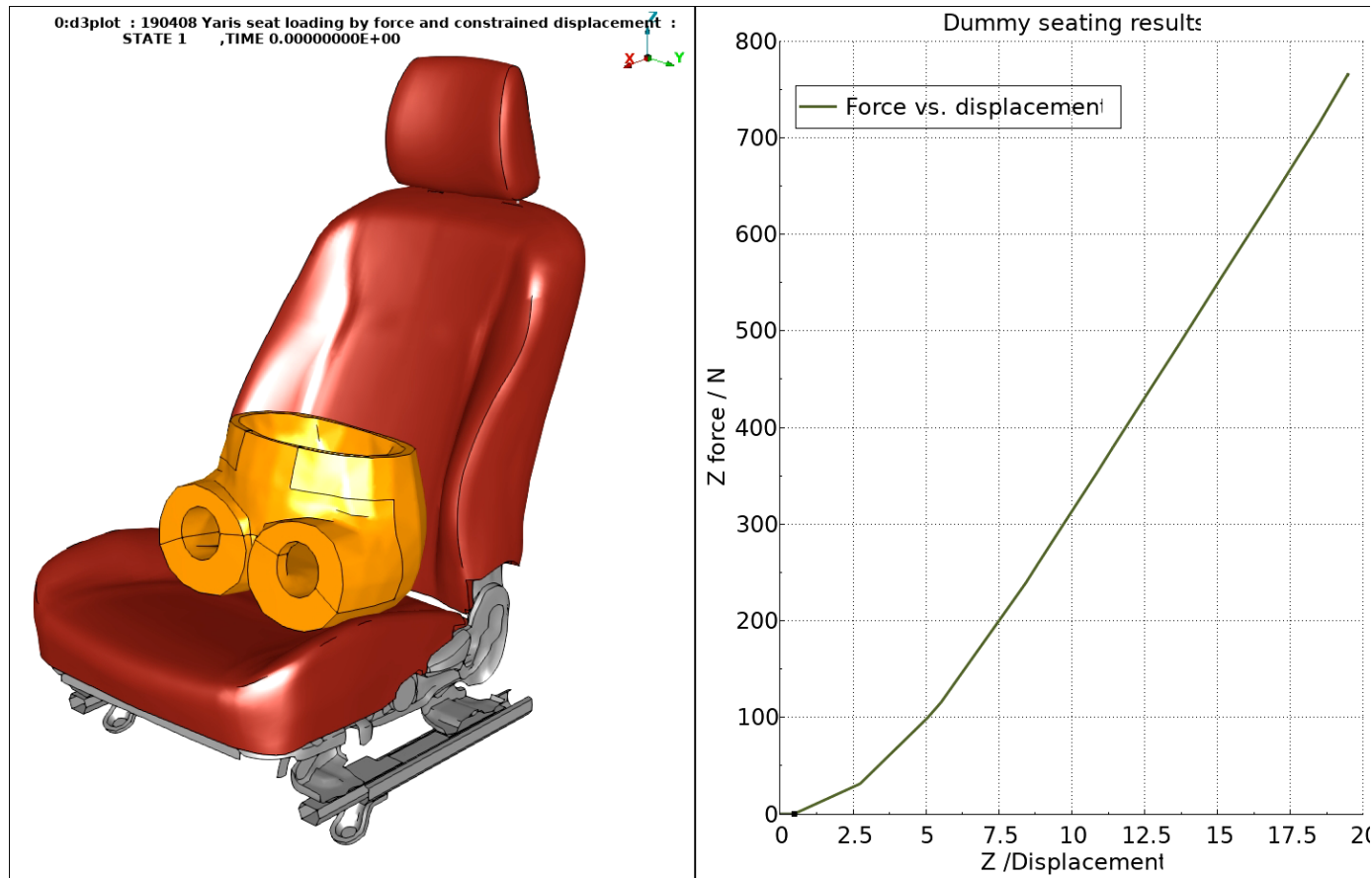


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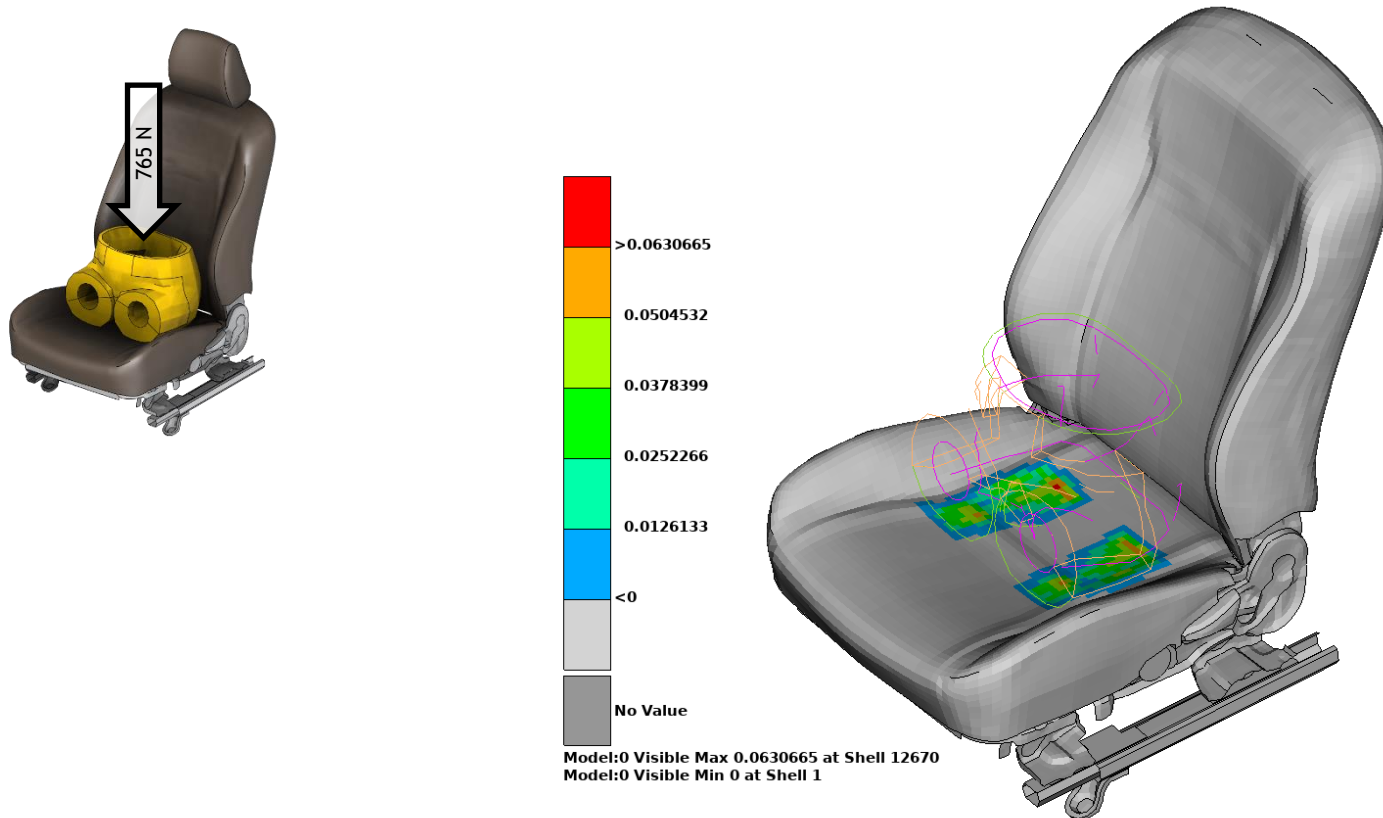
# Seating

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- The pelvis of a Hybrid III (the free Fast version from ANSYS/LST) was pushed into the seat by a force of 765 N



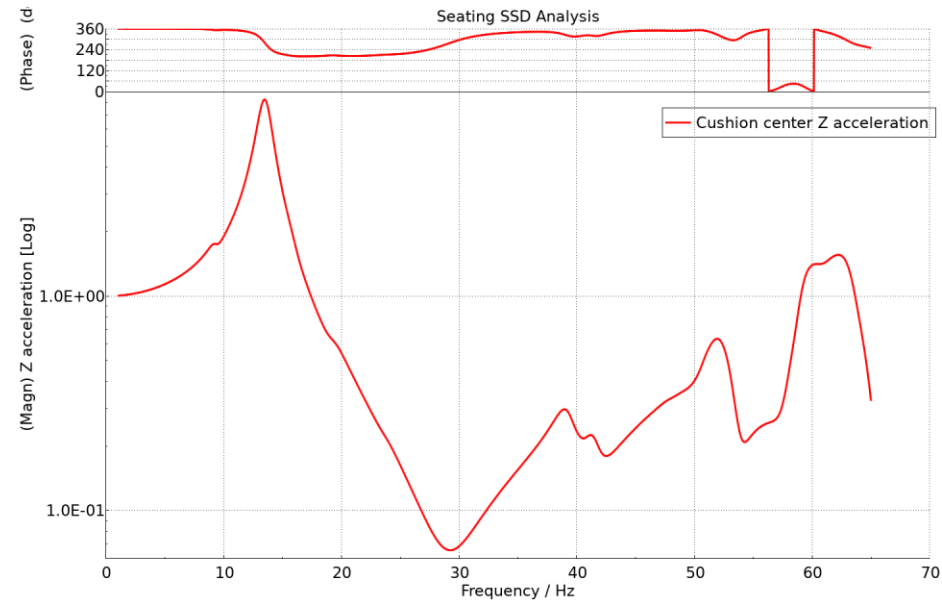
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- The contact pressure is obtained as an indication of seating comfort



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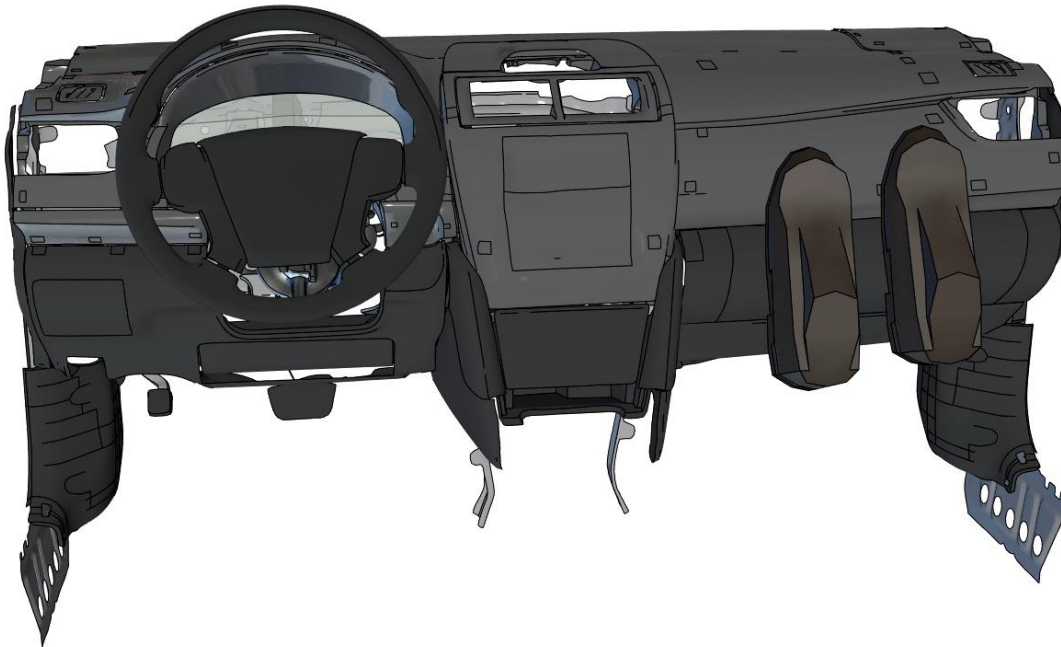
- An eigenvalue analysis of the loaded seat was performed, followed by a steady state dynamic analysis (\*FREQUENCY\_DOMAIN\_SSD) to obtain the transfer function between the attachment points and the seat cushion



# IP as footrest

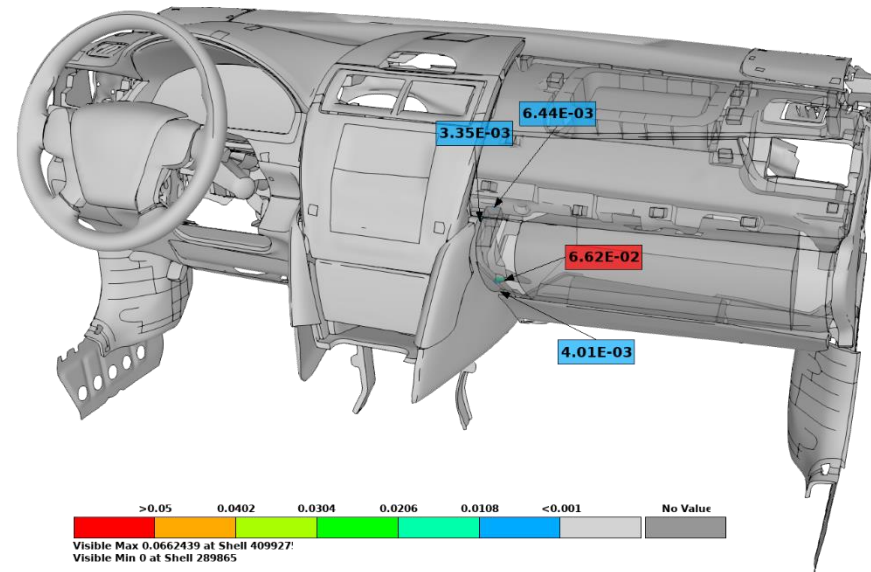
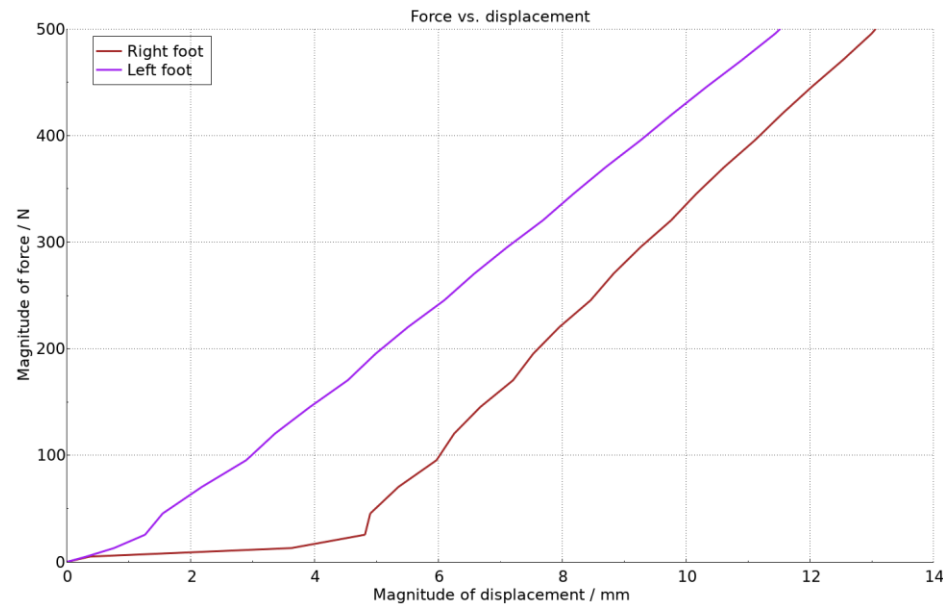
- The Instrument Panel was isolated from the Yaris model
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0:Z\_cprd3plot : Overload of Instrument Panel. Test first displacement control : ORIGINAL STATE



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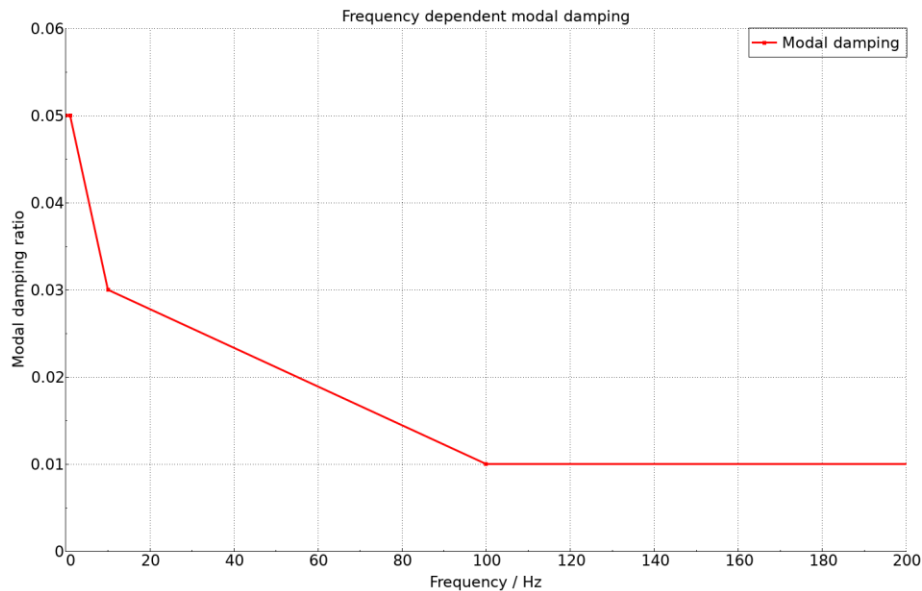
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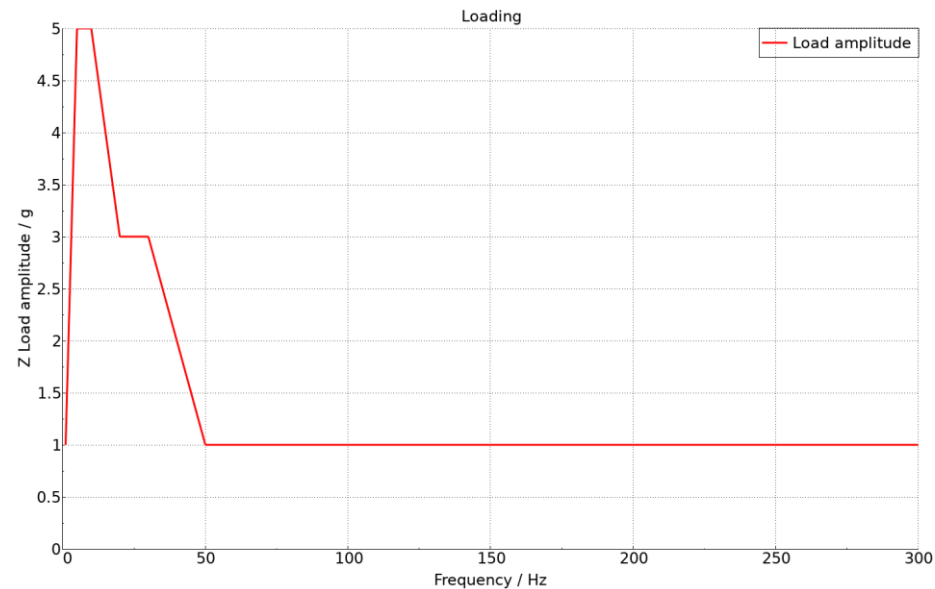
*Accumulated effective plastic strain*

# BSR Analysis of IP

- The Instrument Panel was isolated from the Yaris model
- A Steady State Dynamics analysis was performed using frequency dependent modal damping and an assumed acceleration load



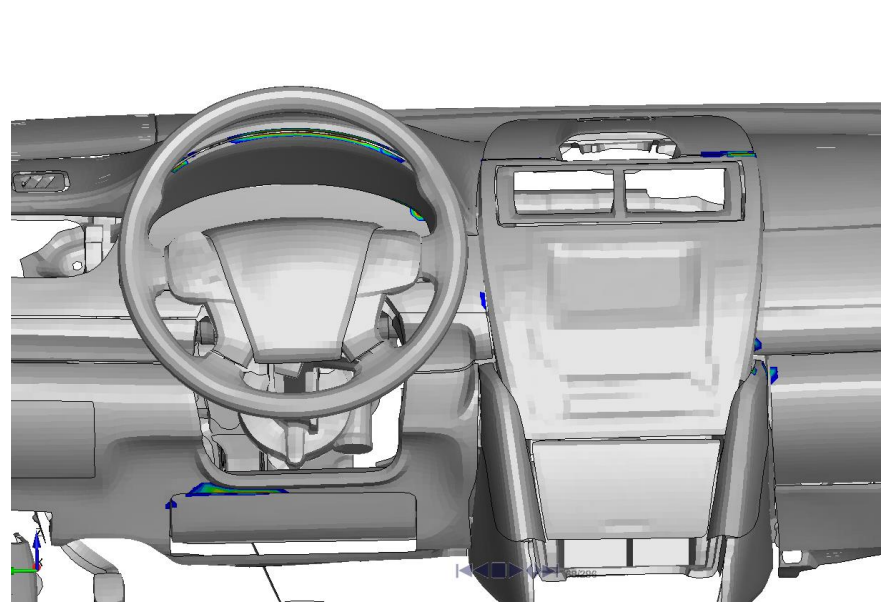
*Frequency dependent modal damping*



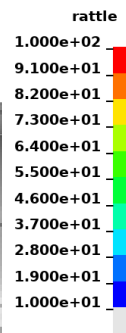
*Base acceleration loading (g) vs. frequency (Hz)*

# BSR Analysis of IP

- Based on the SSD results (d3ssd) a Buzz, Squeak and Rattle (BSR) analysis was performed using the BSR Tool in LS-PrePost 4.7



Rattle 72 Hz



Rattle 95 Hz

# Summary

- FE-models for explicit analyses can in many cases be used also for implicit with minimal modifications
  - Special requirements, for example for local mesh refinement for detailed stress analysis, could also be incorporated in the model generation process
  - Extended subsystem verification for implicit could also increase model quality for explicit analyses
- The one-code strategy of LS-DYNA is well suited for multi-disciplinary optimization
- Using LS-DYNA for different disciplines makes it easier for simulation engineers from different groups to share information and experiences
- The Guideline for implicit analyses in LS-DYNA can serve as a starting point
  - Build experience for your specific needs by consistent use of settings, element types etc.
- Examples of full-car models and sub-system models were presented
- Further reading:
  - [Roof-Crush Analysis of the Volvo XC40 using the Implicit Solver in LS-DYNA](#)
  - [Re-Using Crash Models for Static Load Cases with Minimal Effort](#)

Thank you!

