



Webinar:  
**What's New in Femap 2020.2**  
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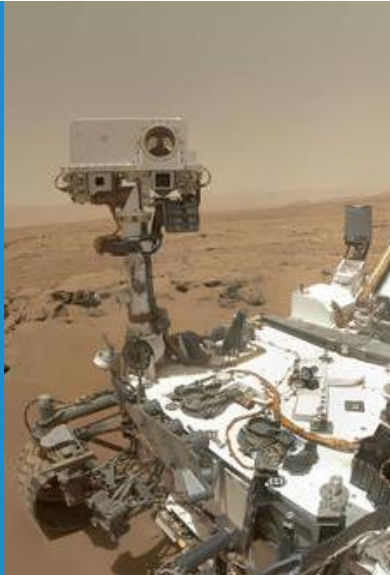
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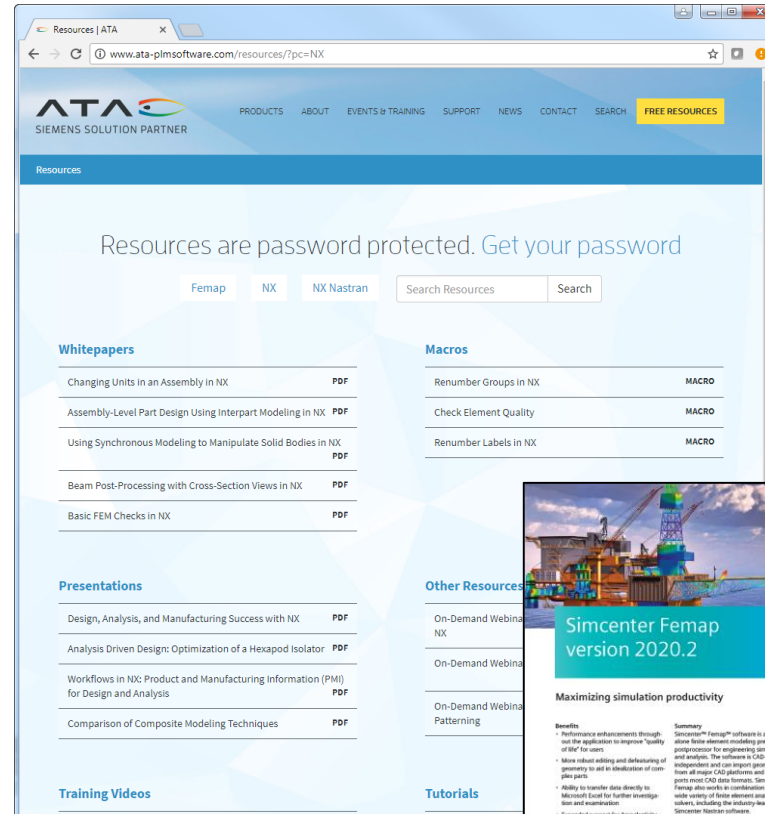
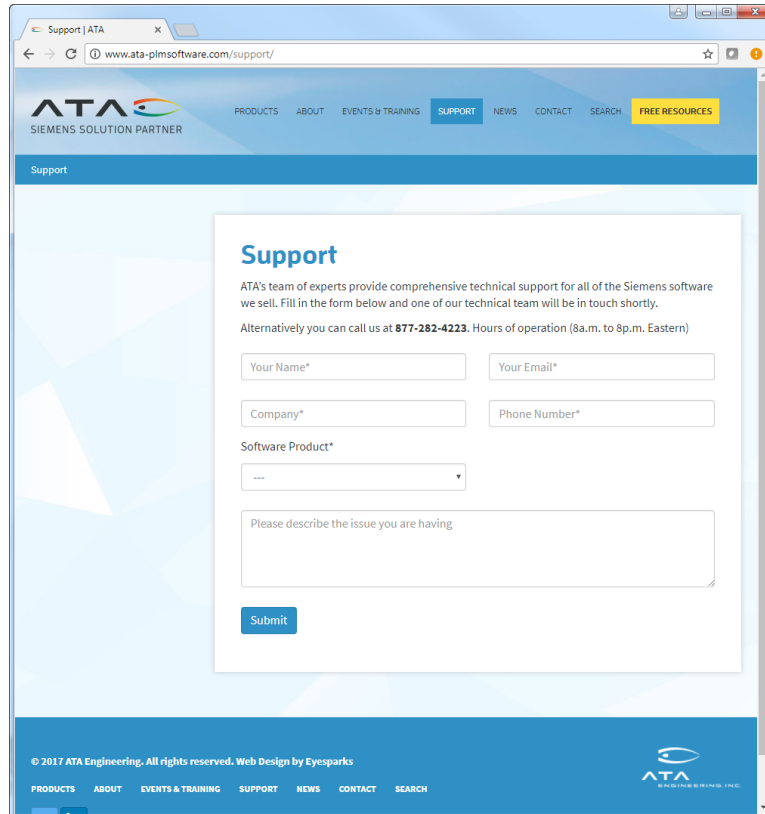


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# Simcenter Femap v2020.2 What's New

# Simcenter Femap Direction



35+ Years Dedicated to the Needs of the FEA Analyst!

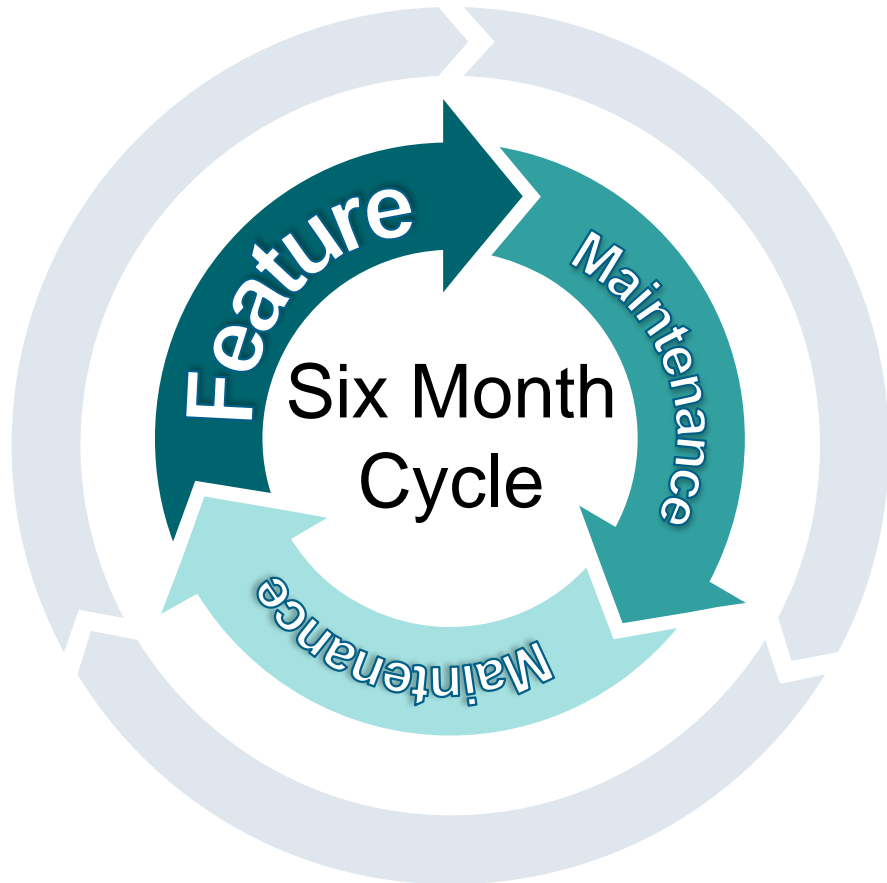
Maximize efficiency of FEA tasks

- Efficient creation of high fidelity FE models that accurately represent real-world engineering problems
- Intuitive interpretation of analysis results to improve the design and performance of engineered products

Build upon strong Simcenter Femap capabilities

- Geometry idealization and processing for FE models
- Powerful meshing, model creation and interactive editing
- In-depth support for industry standard solvers
- Flexible customization tools to streamline analysis processes

# Simcenter Femap Roadmap – Update Release Cadence



## **Feature Release Every Six Months**

Database Change, UI Updates including Localization, Licensing Updates – April - October

## **Maintenance Release – If Required**

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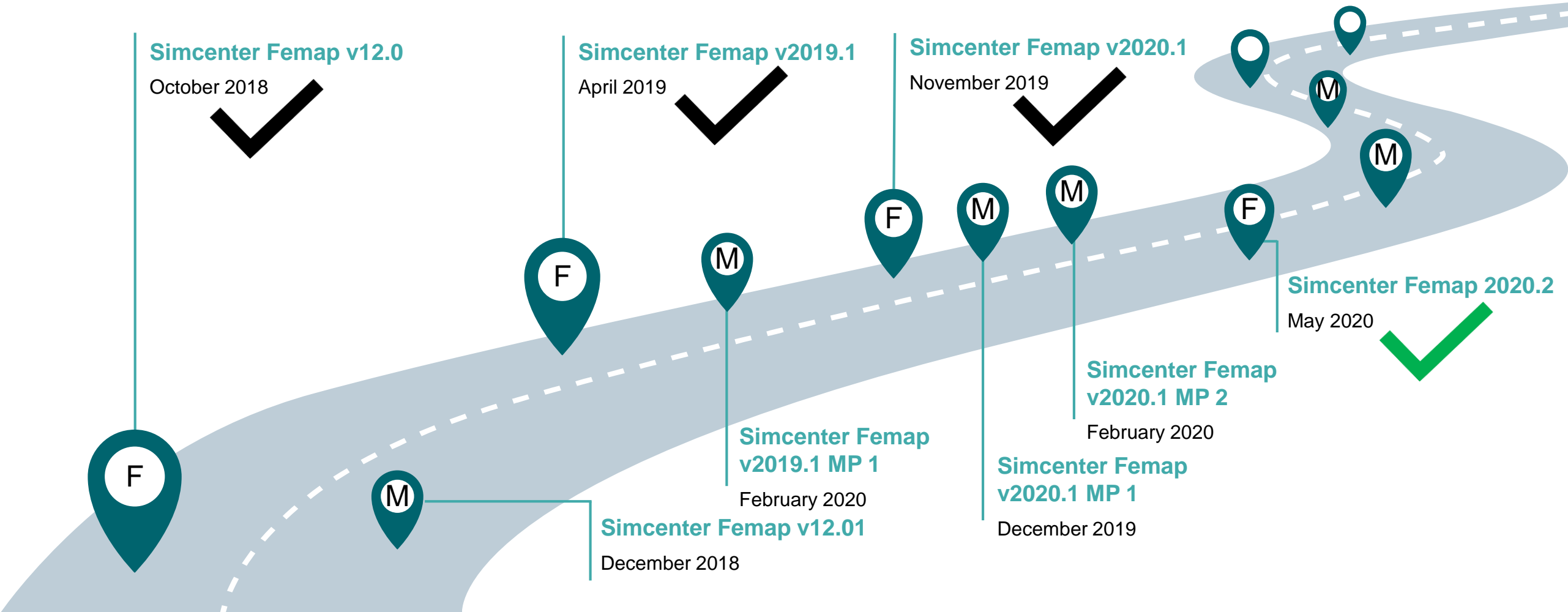
## **Feature Release – April/October**

- **New Features**
- **Expanded Functionality**
- **Database Changes**
- **API Expansion**
- **Will Require Licensing Update, Localization Update**

## **Maintenance Release**

- **Bug Fixes**
- **Minor Enhancements without User Interface Changes**
- **Working to Modernize Installer – Maintenance Releases as Patches, not full Installs**
- **Simcenter Nastran Update**

# Simcenter Femap v12.0 and Beyond Roadmap



## **Agenda:**

### **Performance Improvements**

UI and Visualization

Preprocessing

Meshing

Post Processing

Solver Support

Miscellaneous



# Simcenter Femap v2020.2 – What's New Performance Improvements



- Connect->Automatic command
  - **3x-5x** improvement in models with a large number of connections
- Geometry, Copy/Rotate/Reflect: Mesh, Copy/Rotate/Reflect; and Move commands
  - Significant improvements have been made to both the copy/move phase of these commands and the redrawing phase
  - Most noticeable improvement will be in large models when copying small portions of the model...potentially **40x** faster.
- Length-based operations on Curves
  - Impacts Mesh Sizing and Coordinate methods such as Along Curve, Length Along and Midpoint by making these methods both Faster and More Accurate
  - Mesh Sizing **2x-3x** faster on large model

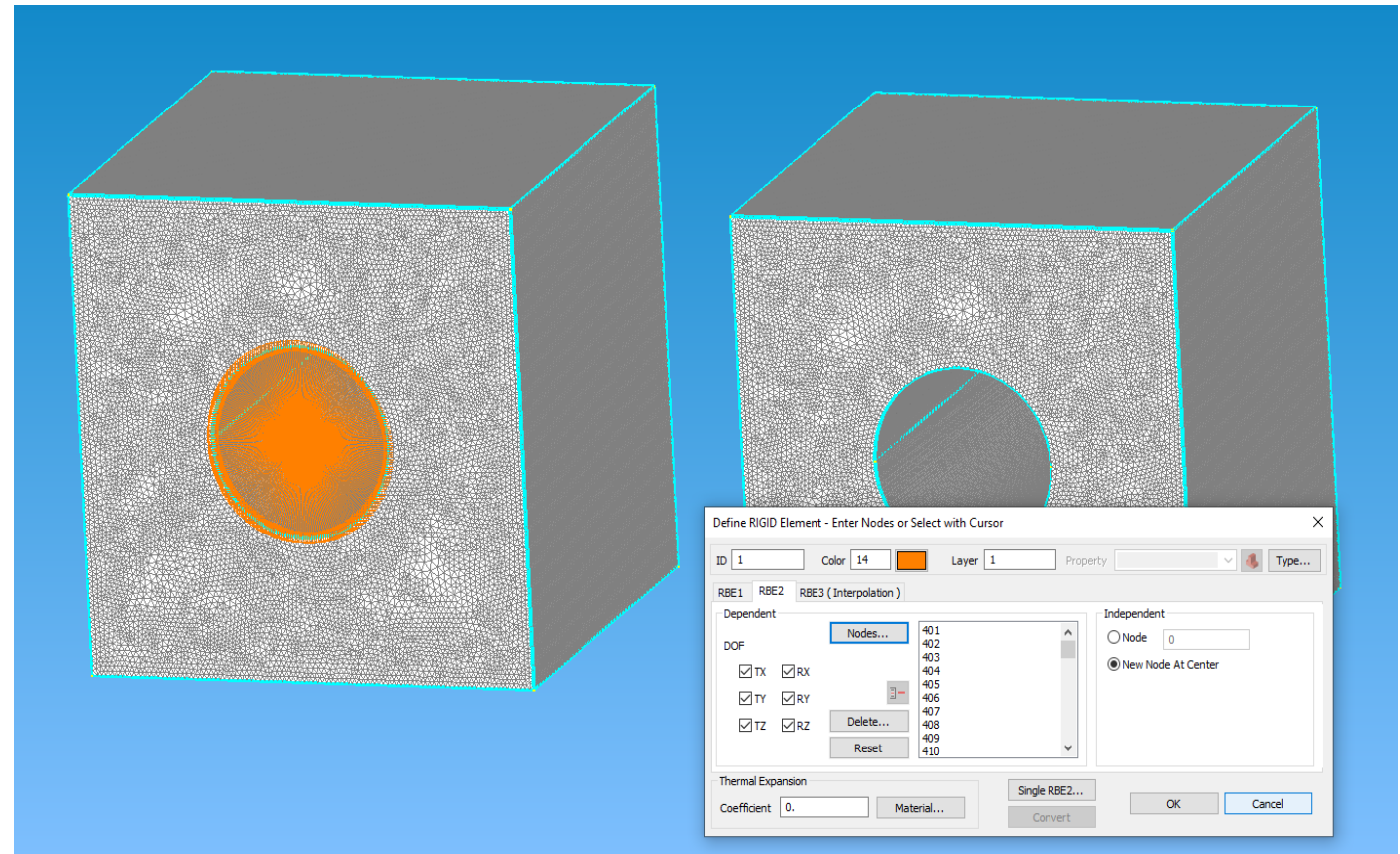
# Simcenter Femap v2020.2 – What's New Performance Improvements



- Commands which can be “Aborted”
  - Many Checking and Listing commands can be aborted while doing computations or listing results.
  - Anywhere from **2x-100x** improvement in speed of these commands with only slightly slower abort reaction time
  - Largest improvements in the Tools->Check and Tools->Mass Properties commands
- Output Process
  - **30%+** improvement in the Envelope, Linear Combinations, and RSS combinations
- Nastran Model Read
  - Almost **2x** improvement in importing large input files
- ANSYS Results Read
  - **2x-3x** improvement when reading results from non-compressed RST files

# Simcenter Femap v2020.2 – What's New Performance Improvements – Graphics

- Performance
  - Entity creation (especially in PG\*)
  - Minimize free face evaluation
  - Minimize full graphics regenerations
- Creating a single entity when the model is already large was slow in PG\*.
- Creating a single rigid element in a model with 3.3 million 10-noded tetrahedral elements took **29** seconds in 2020.1, but now takes **0.3** seconds (**~95x** improvement)
- Some improvement to entity copy in large models but not as significant as in creation

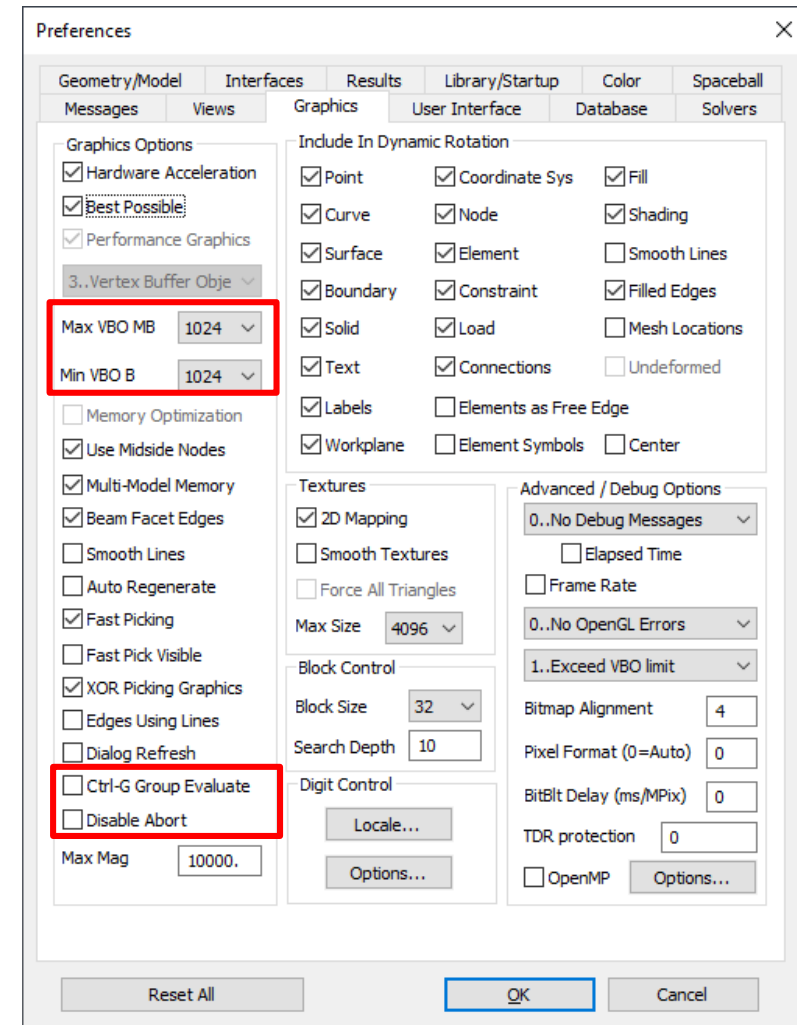


\*PG = Performance Graphics in Simcenter Femap



# Simcenter Femap v2020.2 – What's New Performance Improvements – Graphics

- Added *Ctrl-G Group Evaluate* option to *Graphics* tab of *File->Preferences*, which performs *Group->Operations-> Evaluate* on all groups currently visible when using *Window-> Regenerate (Ctrl+G Shortcut Key)*. Helps when creating entities into the displayed group.
- Added *Disable Abort* option to *Graphics* tab of *File->Preferences* to disable checking for user aborts while drawing
- *Max VBO MB* and *Min VBO B* are available to specify when *Best Possible* is enabled
- Improved performance of thumbnail generation for large models from 30 seconds to 10 seconds



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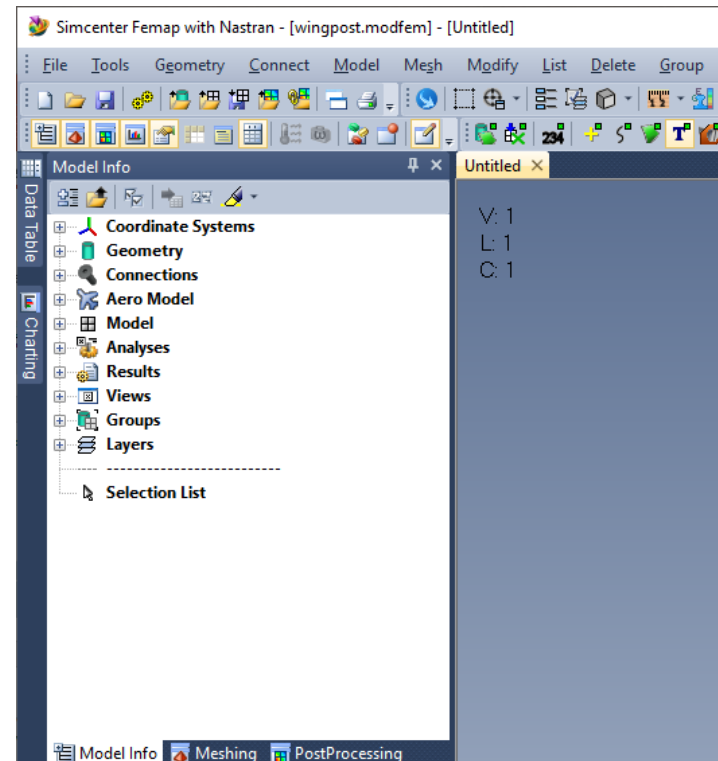
Miscellaneous

# Simcenter Femap v2020.2 – What's New UI and Visualization – High DPI Support

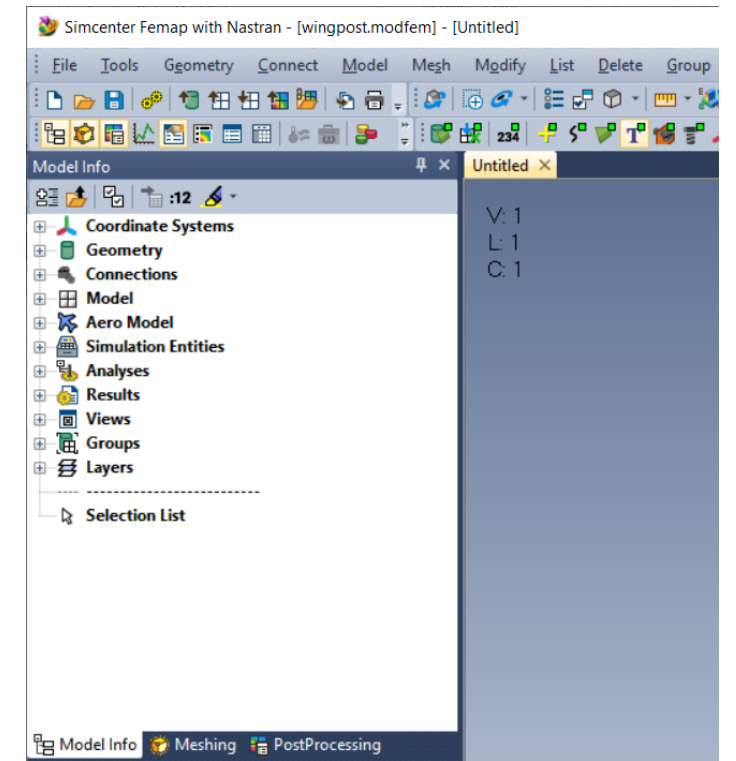


## New Icons

- Icons were redrawn with a modern style and color palette
- Colors selected to provide enhanced contrast making selection easier
- Consistent theme throughout Femap
- Designed to maximize familiarity to minimize learning curve



Old



New

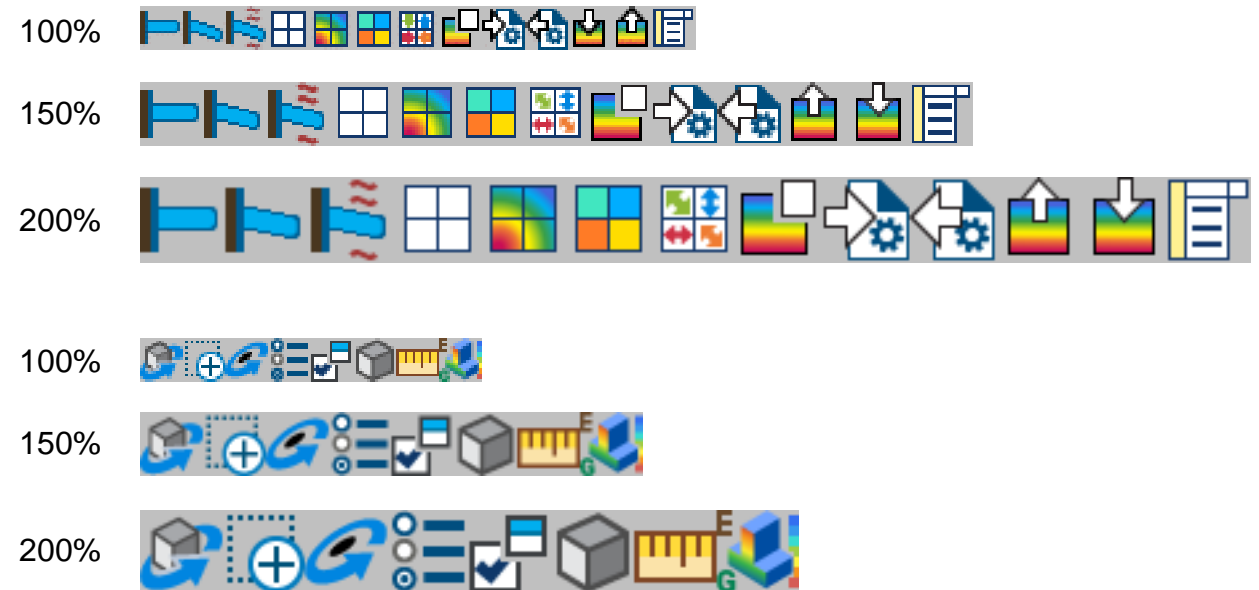


# Simcenter Femap v2020.2 – What's New UI and Visualization – High DPI Support

## New Icons – All 1600+ Completed in v2020.2!

- Vector assets of all icons allow for Femap to fully support high resolution (4K) displays
- UI scaling - Full high DPI support in 2020.2 now available!!!
- Other options can be set with Preference:
  - Disabled – Femap is drawn at 100% resolution, however text and icons can be small and hard to read
  - Handled by Windows – Femap is scaled at the Windows scaling setting via extrapolation; leads to blurry text and *blurry text and icons*

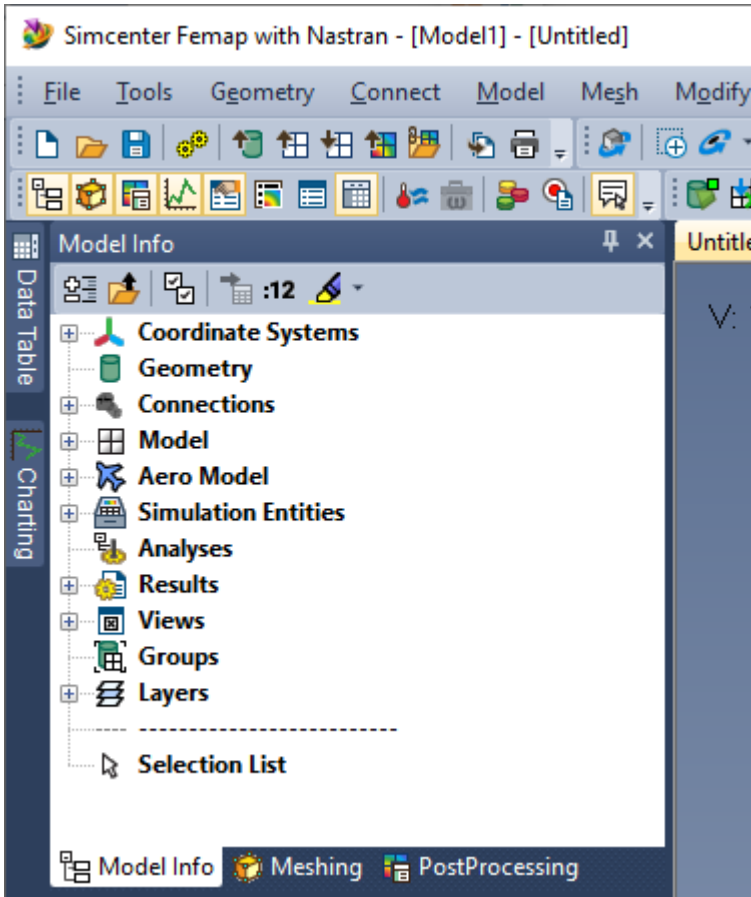
Example icons



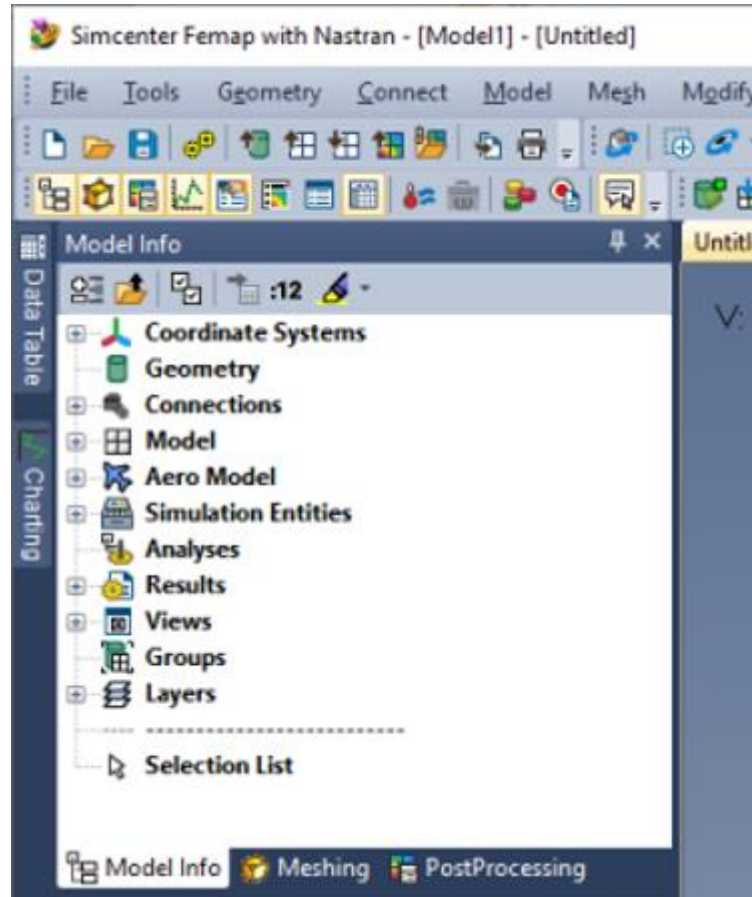
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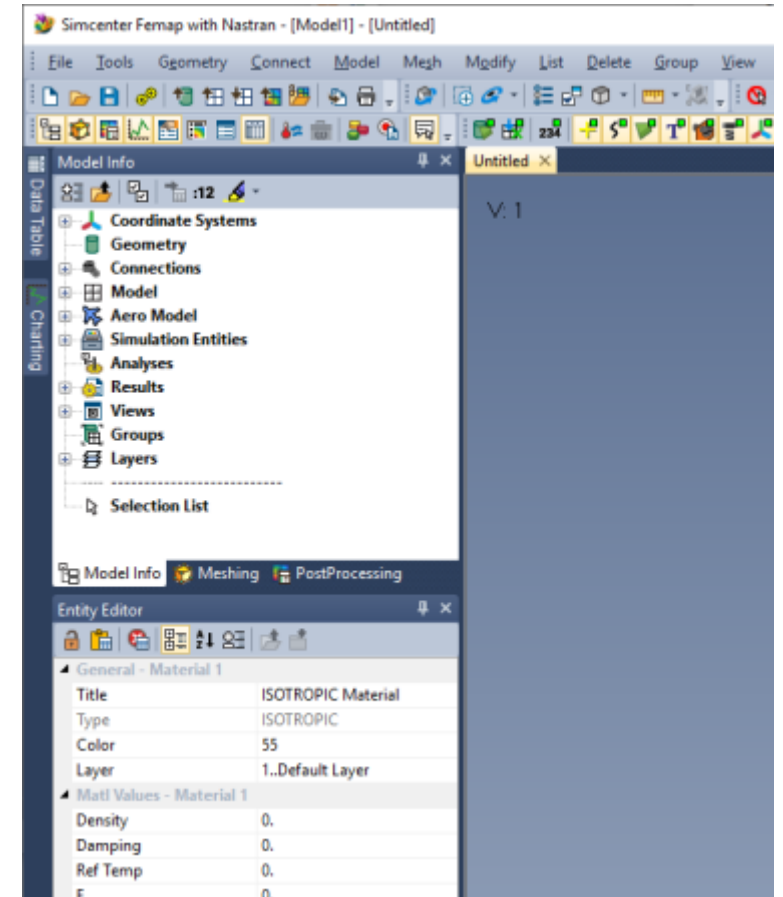
High DPI Support – v2020.2 examples on 4k monitor



High DPI Aware



Windows Native Scaling

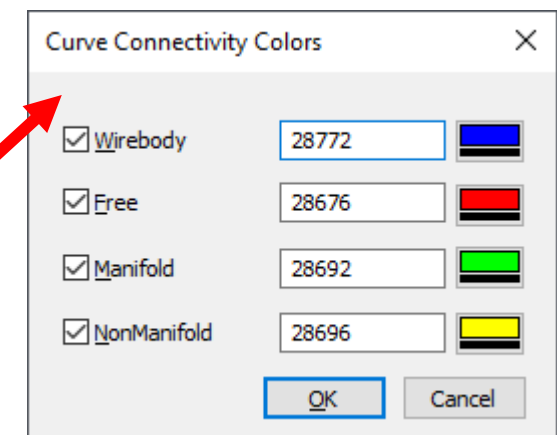
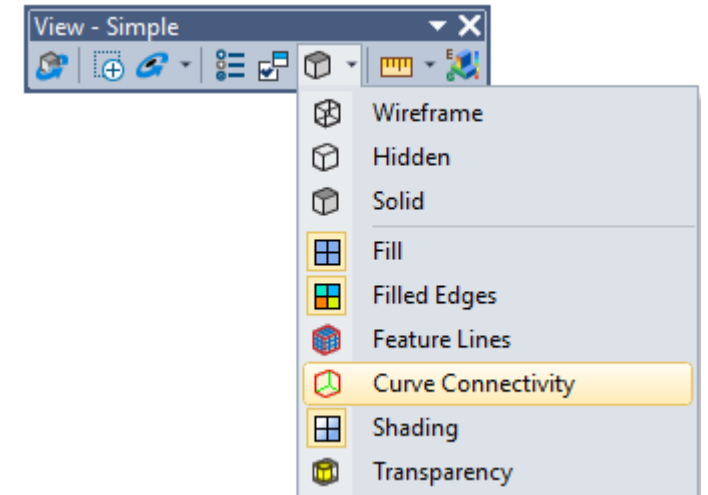
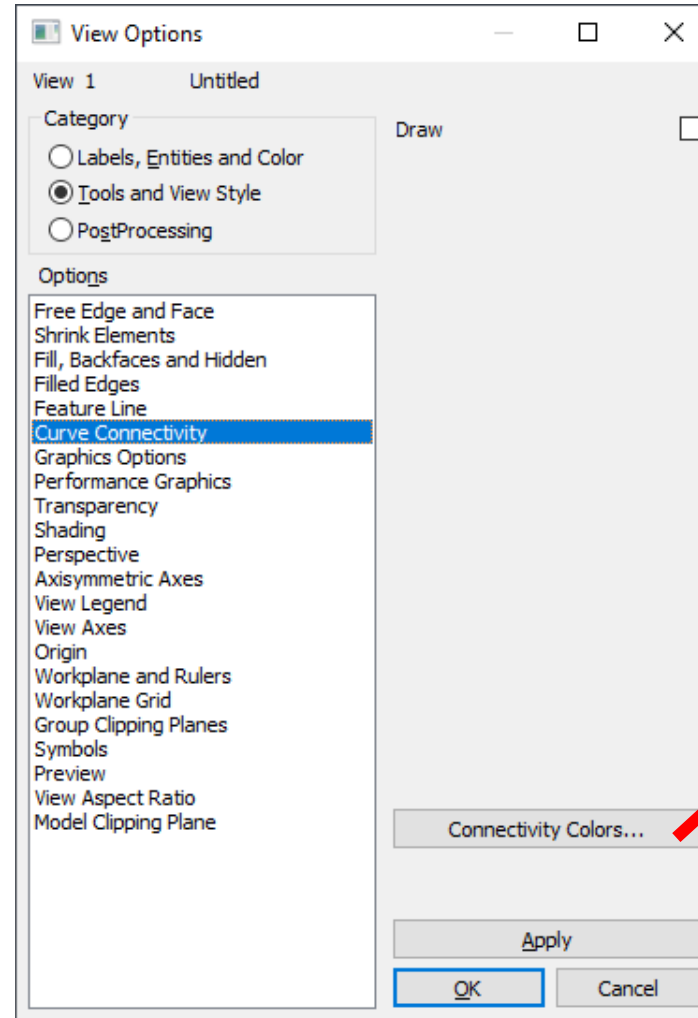


No Scaling

# Simcenter Femap v2020.2 – What’s New UI and Visualization – Curve Connectivity

*Curve Connectivity* in View->Options  
colors Curves by level of connectivity

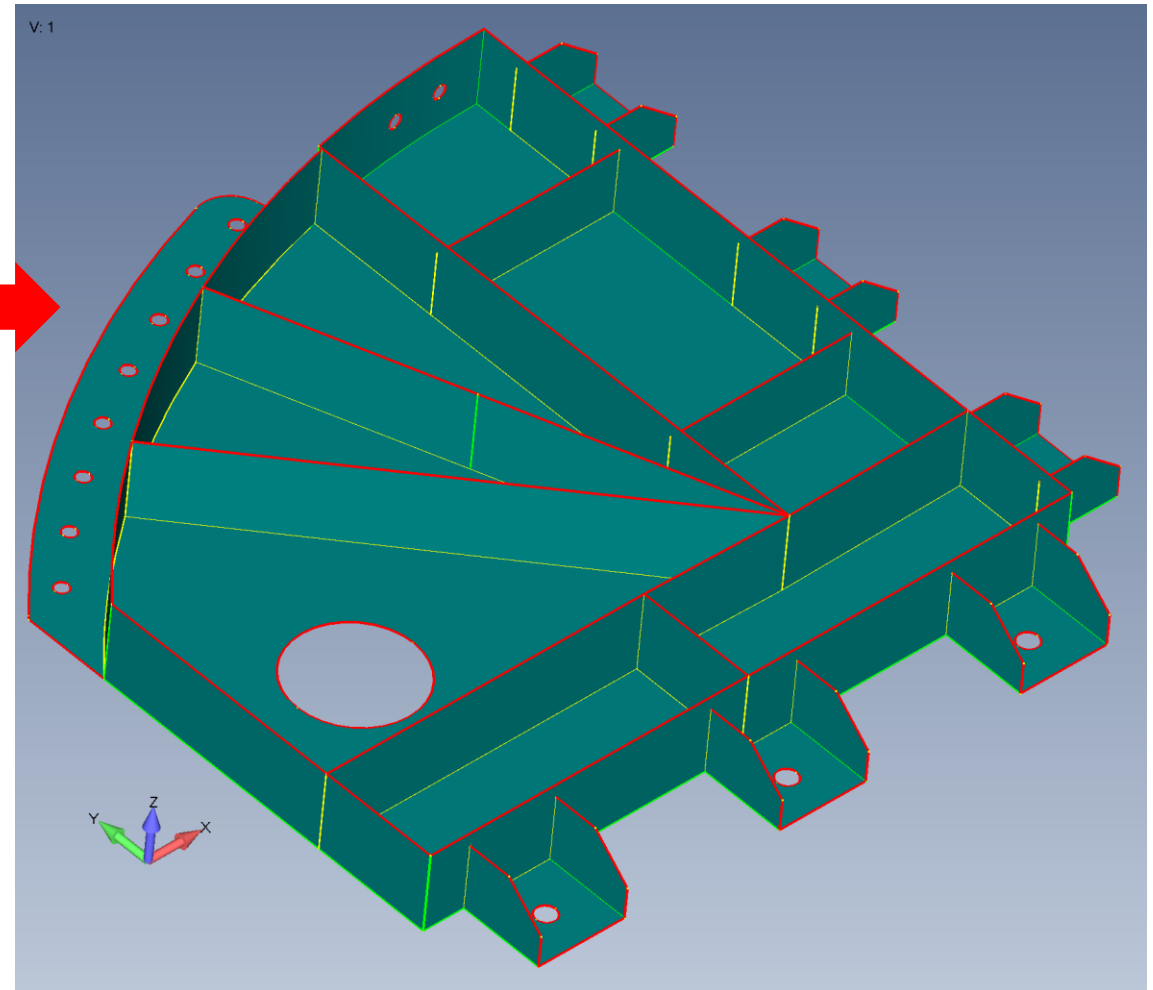
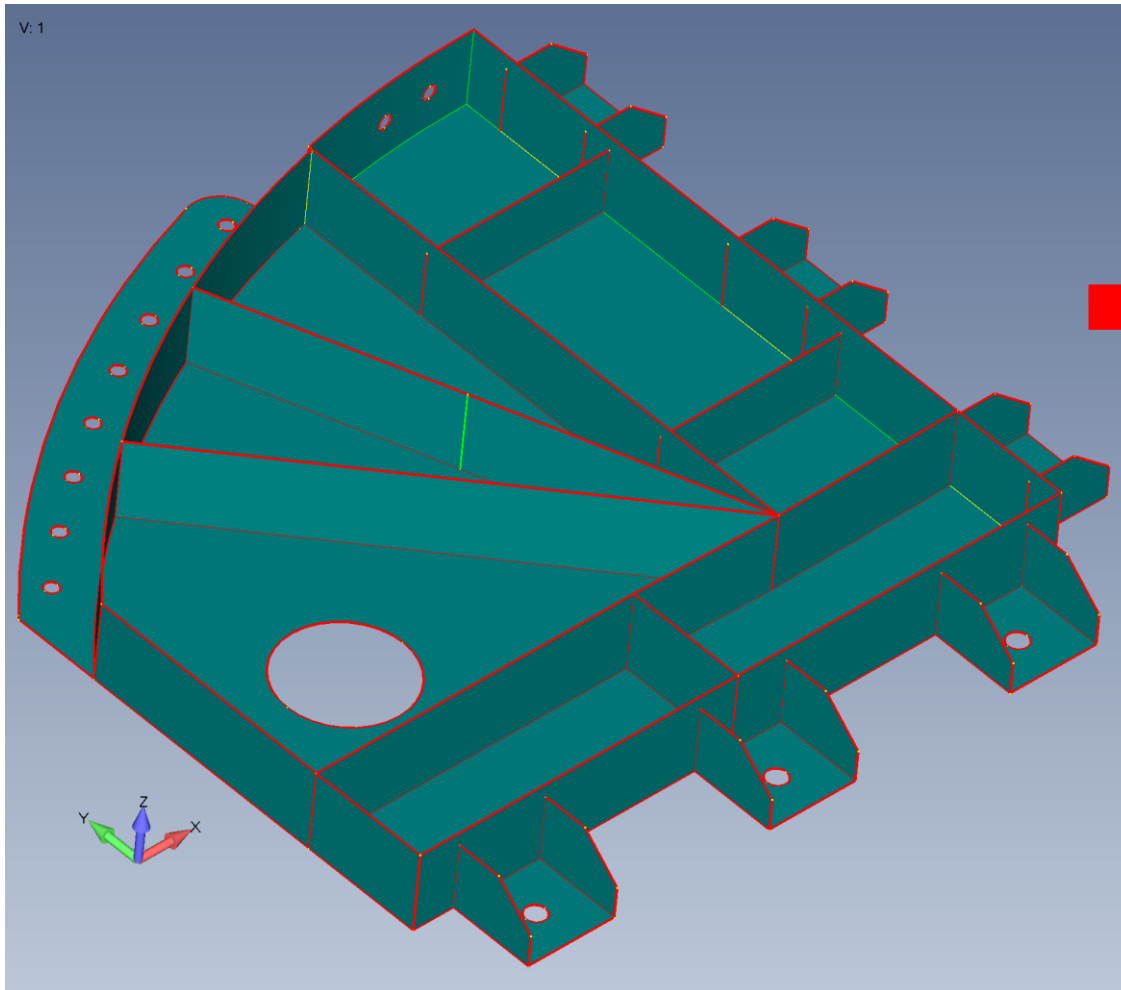
- Override curve color based on surface connectivity
- Free – 1 surface attached
- Manifold – 2 surfaces attached
- NonManifold – more than 2 surfaces attached or “T-junction”
- Wirebody - 0 surfaces attached (not common as Wirebody entities cannot be created in Femap)



# Simcenter Femap v2020.2 – What's New UI and Visualization – Curve Connectivity

Before NonManifold Add – No NonManifold Curves Exist

After NonManifold Add – NonManifold Curves Shown in Yellow



# Simcenter Femap v2020.2 – What’s New UI and Visualization – Renumbering

Improved Renumbering commands to provide better control when choosing to offset IDs

- Replaced old “Constant Offset” option with new *Renumbering Options* section
- *Compress* – Specify *Starting ID* and optionally *Increment*
- *Offset To* – Specify *Starting ID*
- *Offset By* – Specify *ID Offset*

Renumber To

Starting ID  Increment

Sort Renumbered Order by

- Original ID
- Selection Order
- Color
- Layer
- Type
- Property
- Minimum Node ID
- Coordinates

Sort Order

- Ascending
- Descending

Renumbering Options

- Compress
- Offset To
- Offset By

Verify Renumbering

CSys  ▼

Order  ▼  ▼  ▼

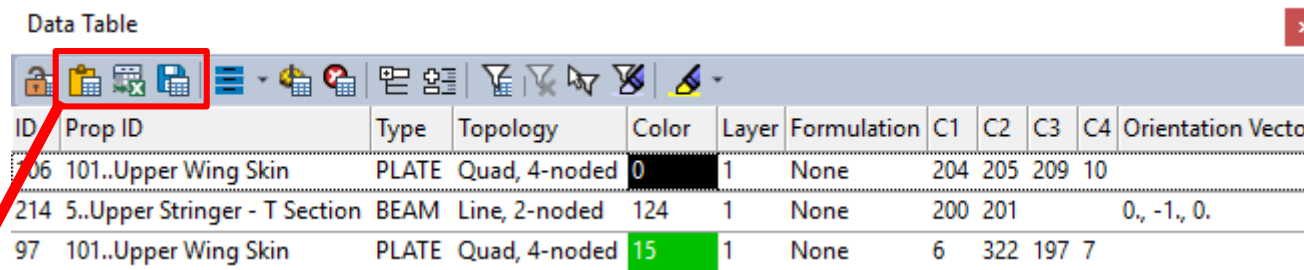
Tolerance

Absolute Value



# Simcenter Femap v2020.2 – What’s New UI and Visualization – Copy/Save Formats

Enhanced *Copy to Clipboard* and *Save to File* commands for the *Data Table*, *Connection Editor*, *Mesh Point Editor*, *Function/Table Editor* and *Entity Editor* to copy/save data using formatted HTML.



ID	Prop ID	Type	Topology	Color	Layer	Formulation	C1	C2	C3	C4	Orientation Vector
106	101..Upper Wing Skin	PLATE	Quad, 4-noded	0	1	None	204	205	209	10	
214	5..Upper Stringer - T Section	BEAM	Line, 2-noded	124	1	None	200	201			0., -1., 0.
97	101..Upper Wing Skin	PLATE	Quad, 4-noded	15	1	None	6	322	197	7	

Improves formatting when pasting into Office Tools and allows viewing of saved files with standard browsers.

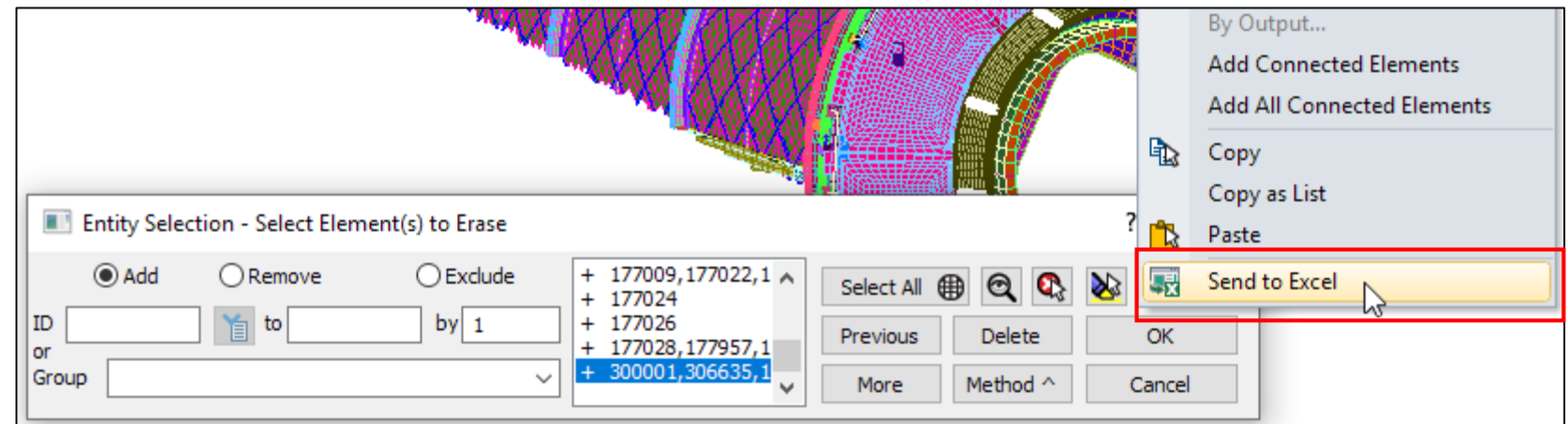
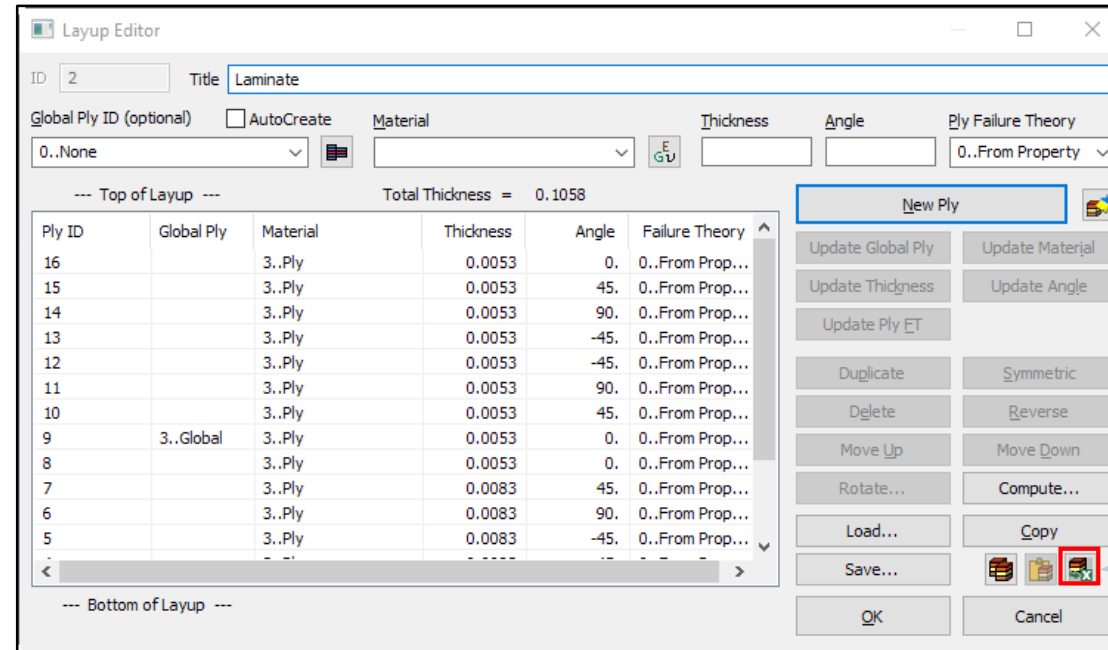
# Simcenter Femap v2020.2 – What's New UI and Visualization – Send to Excel



New technology in Simcenter Femap offers ability to transfer data from dialog boxes and panes directly to Microsoft Excel

Examples of dialog boxes which have *Send to Excel* commands or icons to transfer data are:

- Layup Editor
- Standard Entity Selection



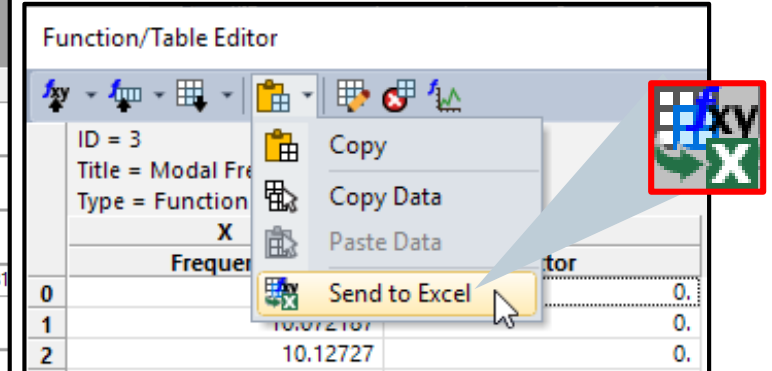
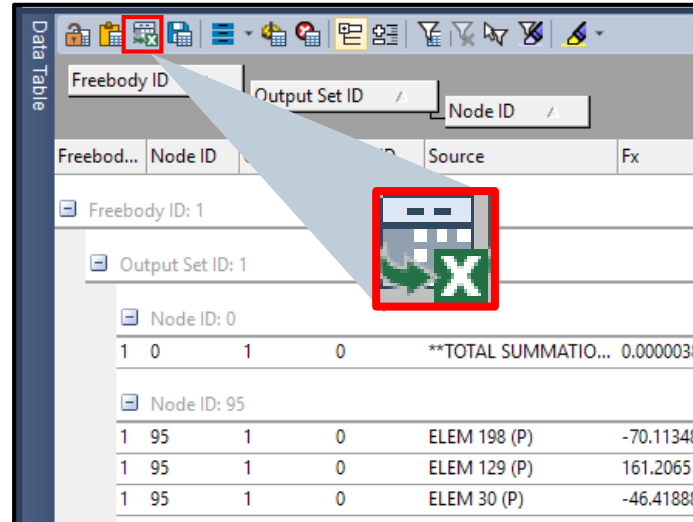
# Simcenter Femap v2020.2 – What’s New UI and Visualization – Send to Excel

Various dockable panes in Femap are now outfitted with *Send to Excel* commands or icons

Typically located next to Copy/Save icons or on *Copy to Clipboard* menu

Data is sent with HTML Formatting

- Organized
- Clean look and feel
- Easy to manipulate column width and other features of the table

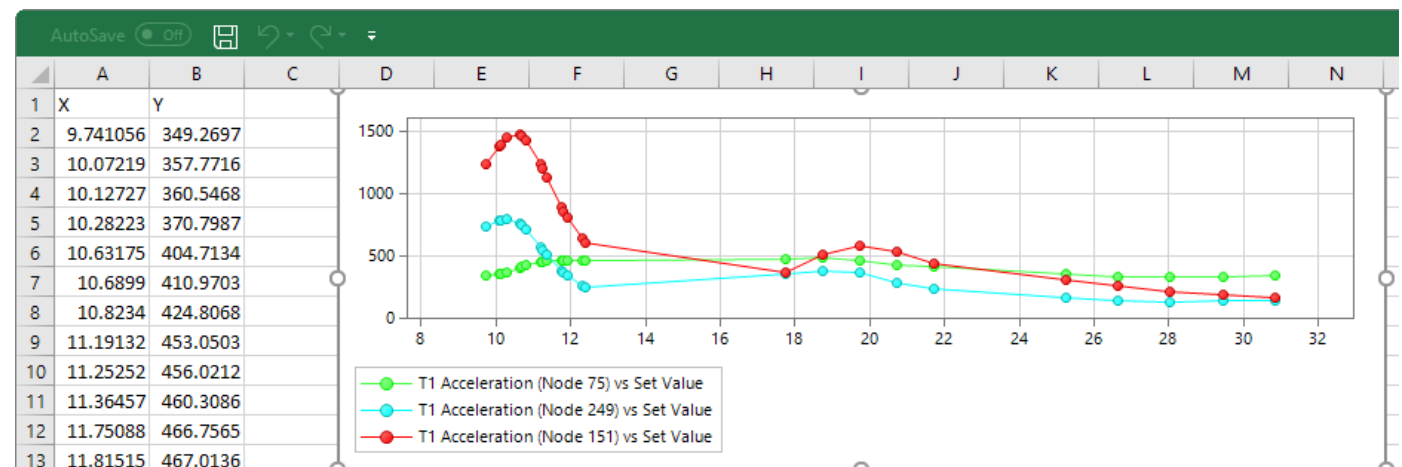
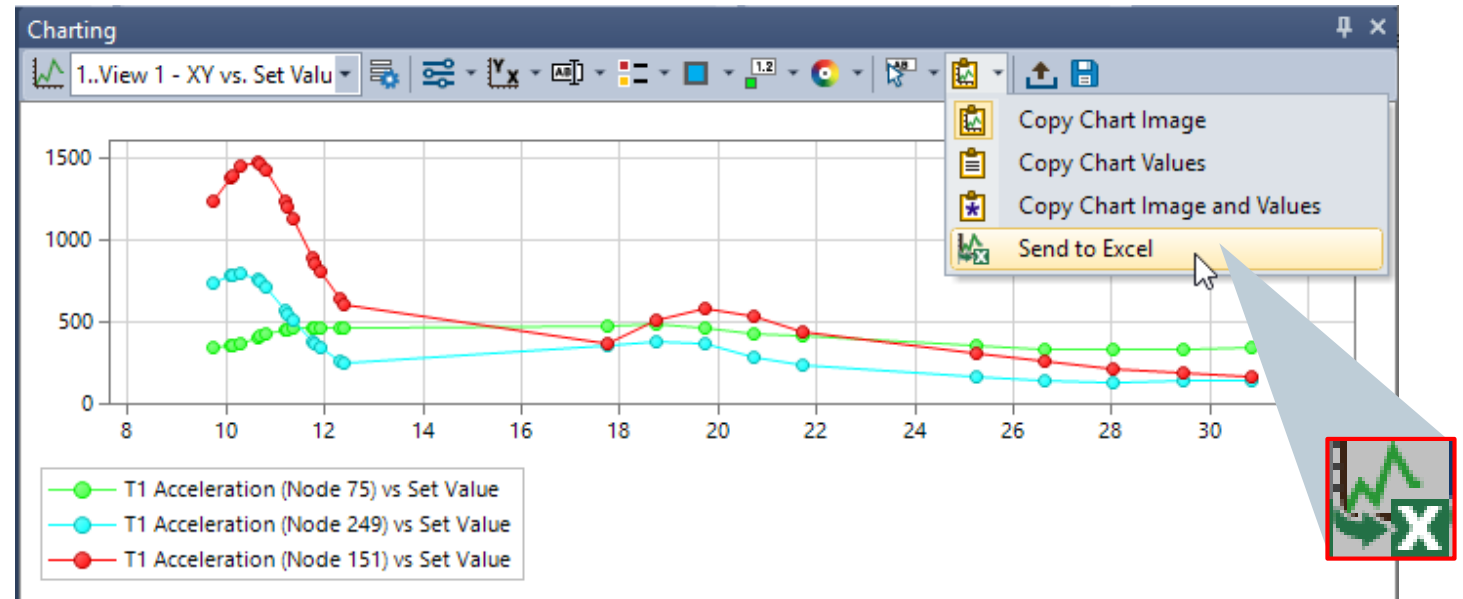


	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K
1	Freebody ID	Node ID	Output Set ID	CSys ID	Source	Fx	Fy	Fz	Mx	My	Mz
2	Freebody ID: 1										
3	Output Set ID: 1										
4	Node ID: 0										
5	1	0	1	0	**TOTAL SUMMATIO N**	3.815E-06	1500	7.629E-05	-58050.01	0.0018311	23253.75
6	Node ID: 95										
7	1	95	1	0	ELEM 198 (P)	-70.11348	155.5345	462.3213	0.134426	0.953465	0.341325
8	1	95	1	0	ELEM 129 (P)	161.2065	11.38988	203.6129	-0.0564618	-0.0990452	-0.931557
9	1	95	1	0	ELEM 30 (P)	-46.41888	18.41415	326.4073	79.94971	98.96718	6.704117
10	Node ID: 174										

# Simcenter Femap v2020.2 – What's New UI and Visualization – Send to Excel

*Send to Excel* command in *Charting* pane simultaneously transfers:

- XY Data Pairs for ALL Data Series currently visible in the *Charting* pane
- Image of Chart



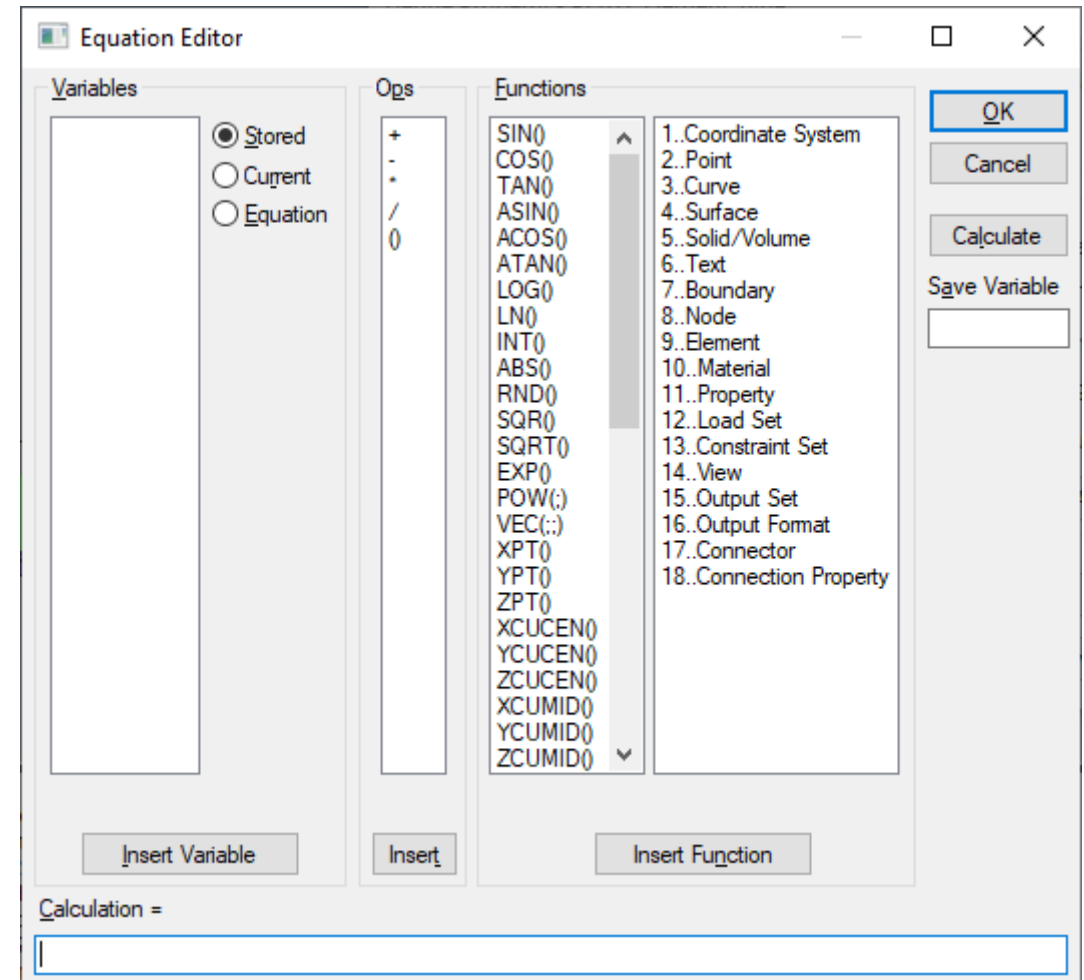
# Simcenter Femap v2020.2 – What’s New UI and Visualization – Miscellaneous

Updated *Equation Editor* dialog box to be resizable, added context-sensitive help by pressing *F1* key, and reordered items in the *Functions* list to group similar items together.

Added *ELTHK*( elemID ; cornerID ), which returns planar element corner thicknesses.

Updated *View->Options* command to automatically switch *Color Mode* to appropriate “*View Color*” option after using *Color Palette* to select a color, then clicking *OK*

Updated selection of solids to allow use of the *Select Visible* icon, but only selects visible solids, not “*Simcenter Femap volumes*”





# Simcenter Femap v2020.2 – What’s New UI and Visualization – Miscellaneous

Updated List->Geometry->Curve command to include Arc/Circle center coordinates when *Advanced* option is enabled.

Messages

List Curves  
3 Curve(s) Selected...

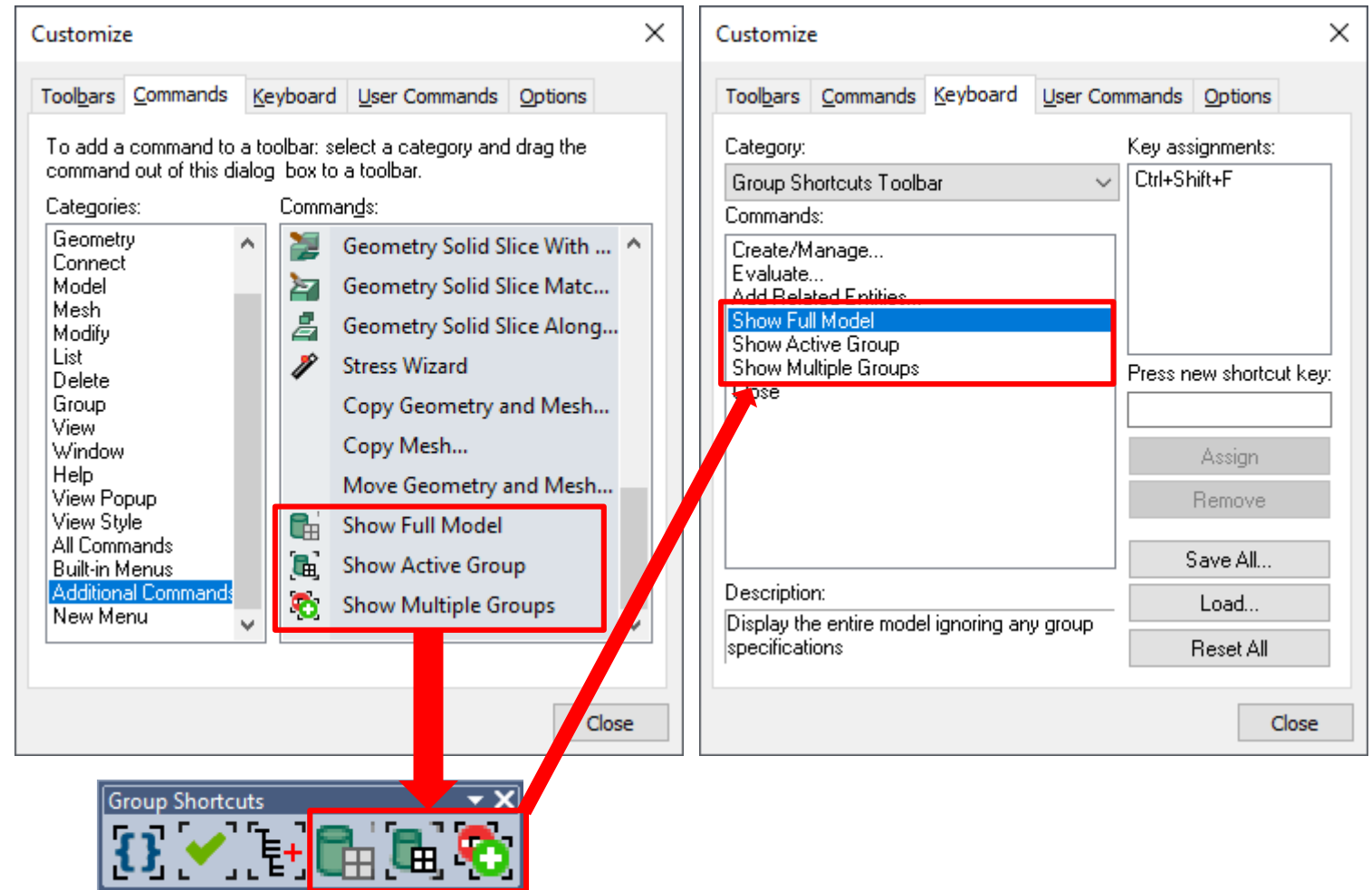
ID	Type	Color	Layer	Bias	MeshElem	Points	#Surface	Length	Radius	Angle	
13	Edge	120	1	0.	0	14	13	0	0.392699	0.125	180.
			Segments:	17	Address: 410						
			Center:		X=0.	Y=4.	Z=1.				
15	Edge	120	1	0.	0	16	15	0	0.589049	0.1875	180.
			Segments:	17	Address: 391						
			Center:		X=0.	Y=5.	Z=1.				
18	Edge	120	1	0.	0	18	17	0	0.785398	0.25	180.
			Segments:	17	Address: 389						
			Center:		X=0.	Y=6.	Z=1.				

Improved Model->Merge to more cleanly handle cases where user intentionally chooses to overwrite existing entities in the current model.

# Simcenter Femap v2020.2 – What’s New UI and Visualization – Miscellaneous

Added ability to use commands on “floating” toolbars (i.e., not “docked”) while using another command. It was already possible to use commands on “docked” toolbars in previous versions.

Added “Group Display Mode” (i.e., *Show Full Model*, *Show Active Group*, and *Show Multiple Groups*) commands under “Additional Commands” on the *Commands* tab of the *Customize* dialog box. Once added to any toolbar, they can also have shortcut keys assigned



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# Simcenter Femap v2020.2 – What's New Preprocessing – Beam Properties

Added *Write Zeros at End B (Off=Blank)* option for Nastran solvers to Beam Property

Define Property - BEAM Element Type

ID: 2 Title: Tapered I-Beam Material: 1..AISI 4340 Steel

Color: 110 Layer: 1

Property Values

Tapered Beam  Write Zeros at End B (Off=Blank)

	End A	End B
Area, A	0.205	0.16605
Moment of Inertia, I1 or Izz	0.00462396	0.00303378
I2 or Iyy	0.029066	0.0190702
I12 or Izy	0.	0.
Torsional Constant, J	7.07667E-4	0.0004643
Y Shear Area	0.103553	0.
Z Shear Area	0.0885987	0.
Nonstruct mass/length	0.	0.
Warping Constant	0.	0.
Perimeter	4.3	3.87
Y Neutral Axis Offset	0.	0.
Z Neutral Axis Offset	0.183649	0.165284

Stress Recovery (2 to 4 Blank=Square)

	Y	Z
End A 1	-0.375	-0.261473
2	0.375	-0.261473
3	0.25	0.738527
4	-0.25	0.738527
End B 1	-0.3375	-0.235325
2	0.3375	-0.235325
3	0.225	0.664675
4	-0.225	0.664675

Buttons: Load... Save... Copy... OK Cancel

If option is disabled, nothing is written to Nastran input file for that field, which means End B = End A for field

Preview Analysis Input File

```
< 1 >> 2 >> 3 >> 4 >> 5 >> 6 >> 7 >> 8 >> 9 >>
$ Femap Property 1 : Tapered I-Beam
$ Femap PropShape 1 : 9,0,1,,0.5,0.75,0.1,0.1,0.1
$ Femap PropMethod 1 : 9,0,1,0.3
$ Femap PropOrient 1 : 9,0,0,,1,,2,,7,,8,,-1,,0,,0.
$ Femap PropShape 1 : 9,1,0,9,0,45,0.675,0.09,0.09,0.09
$ Femap PropMethod 1 : 9,1,1
$ Femap PropOrient 1 : 9,1,0,,1,,2,,7,,8,,-1,,0,,0.
PBEAM
  1      1      .205 .004624 .029066      0.7.0767-4      0.+
+      -.375-.261473      .375-.261473      .25 738527      .25 738527+
+      YES      1.      .16605.0030338.0190702      0. 4.643-4      0.+
+      -.3375-.235325      .3375-.235325      .225 .664675      -.225 .664675+
+      .5051366.4321888
+      0. .183649      0. .165284
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$ Femap PropOrient 2 : 9,0,0,,1,,2,,7,,8,,-1,,0,,0.
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$ Femap PropOrient 2 : 9,1,0,,1,,2,,7,,8,,-1,,0,,0.
PBEAM
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+      -.375-.261473      .375-.261473      .25 738527      .25 738527+
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Buttons: Edit Preview Analyze Export Done

# Simcenter Femap v2020.2 – What's New Preprocessing – Tools

## Tools->Parameters

- Added ability to specify Output Coordinate System to use for all newly created nodes
- Added ability to specify Color, Next ID, and Inc for Monitor Points
- Add ability to specify Next ID and Inc for Matrix Input entities

Model Parameters

Color and ID Control										
	Color	Next ID	Inc		Color	Next ID	Inc		Next ID	Inc
Coord Sys	60	3	1	Connection Prop	110	1	1	Layup	1	1
Point	24	1	1	Region	20488	1	1	Load Set	1	1
Curve	120	1	1	Connector	14	1	1	Constraint Set	1	1
Combined Curve	20590	1	1	Node	46	1	1	Function	1	1
Surface	60	1	1	Element	124	1	1	Group	1	1
Boundary	24642	1	1	Material	55	1	1	Output Set	1	1
Solid	66	1	1	Property	110	1	1	Output Format	1	1
Mesh Point	24578	1	1	Aero Panel	124	1	1000	View	2	1
Text	124	1	1	Aero Property	110	1	1	Matrix Input	1	1
Monitor Point	105	1	1	Aero Spline	24696	1	1			
				Aero Surface	24590	1	1			

Active Entities		Merge Tolerance	
Coord Sys	0..Global Rectangular	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Automatic	1.73205E-4
Output CSys	0..Global Rectangular	<input type="radio"/> Specified	0.
Connection Prop		Curve Faceting	
Material		Angle Error	1.5 %
Property		Chord Error	0.1 %
		Curve Factor	3.

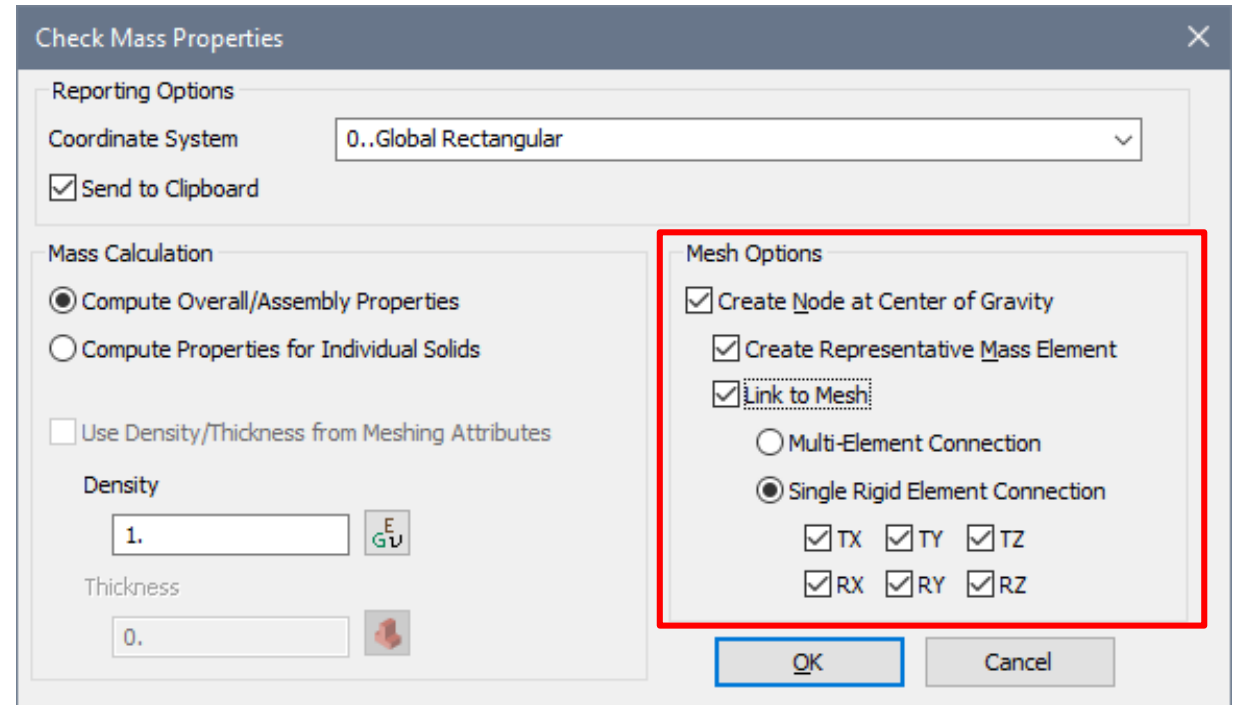
OK Cancel



# Simcenter Femap v2020.2 – What's New Preprocessing – Tools

Tools->Mass Properties->Solid Properties

- Added support for multiple solids
- Support copying the listing to the Clipboard in Text, RTF, and HTML format
- Update the listing format to be similar to Tools->Mass Properties->Mesh Properties
- Supported computing overall properties and properties for individual solids. “Individual Solids” is only available if you select multiple “true solids” ... no general or sheet bodies.

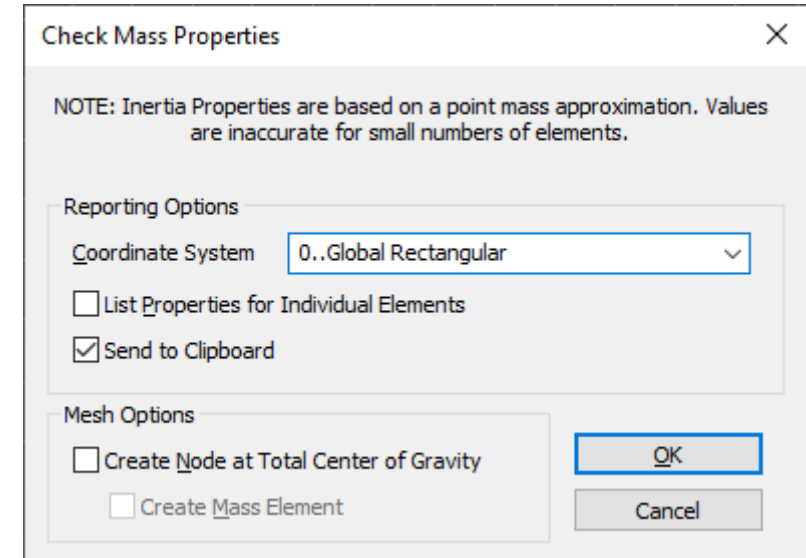


Added Mesh Options section to connect newly created representative mass element to any number of nodes in an existing mesh using either a single rigid element or multiple elements generated by Mesh->Connect->Closest Link functionality

# Simcenter Femap v2020.2 – What's New Preprocessing – Tools

Tools->Mass Properties->Mesh Properties

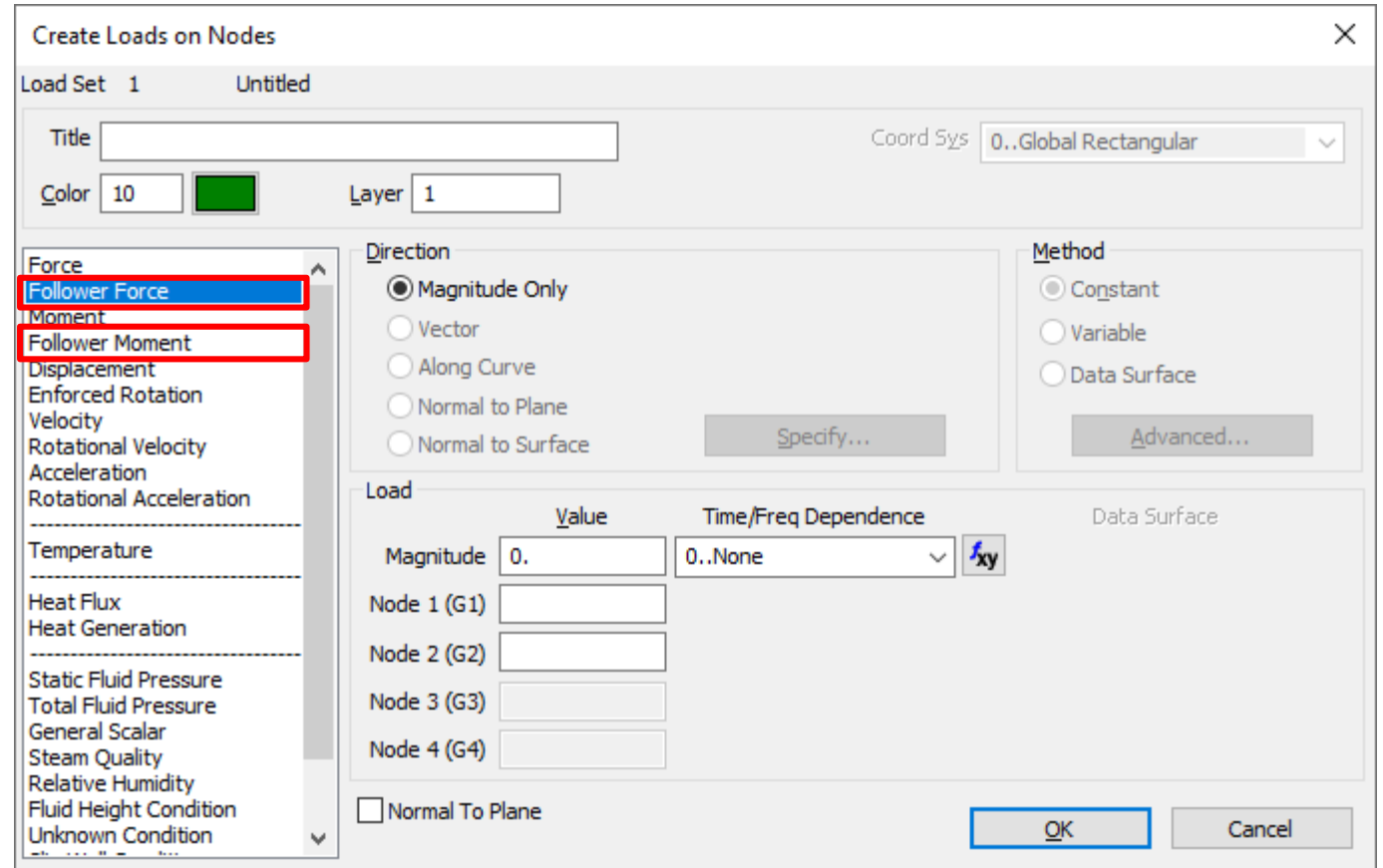
- Added support to copy the listing to the Clipboard in Text, RTF, and HTML format
- Added support for Solid Laminates Elements
  - Laminate Layup thicknesses are scaled to match the length of each edge in the layup direction. Each ply is then computed as a “thin” single material brick/wedge with corners at the correct top/bottom ply locations.
- *NOTE: CG computations will not match Nastran unless you use PARAM,COUPMASS,1. This is an error in Nastran, not Simcenter Femap. See PR# 9631432. Also, inertias will not match, just like all of the Simcenter Femap inertia computations, we simply use a lumped mass at the centroid and do not account for the inertia of the individual element geometry.*



# Simcenter Femap v2020.2 – What's New Preprocessing – Loads and Boundary Conditions

Added ability to create Follower Forces and Follower Moments (Nastran Only)

- Define a force or moment in terms of a magnitude and direction nodes
- 2 nodes/points can be specified to define the direction of the of the load terms of a vector.
- 4 nodes/points can be specified to define the direction as normal to a plane
- Both nodal and geometric follower loads can be defined



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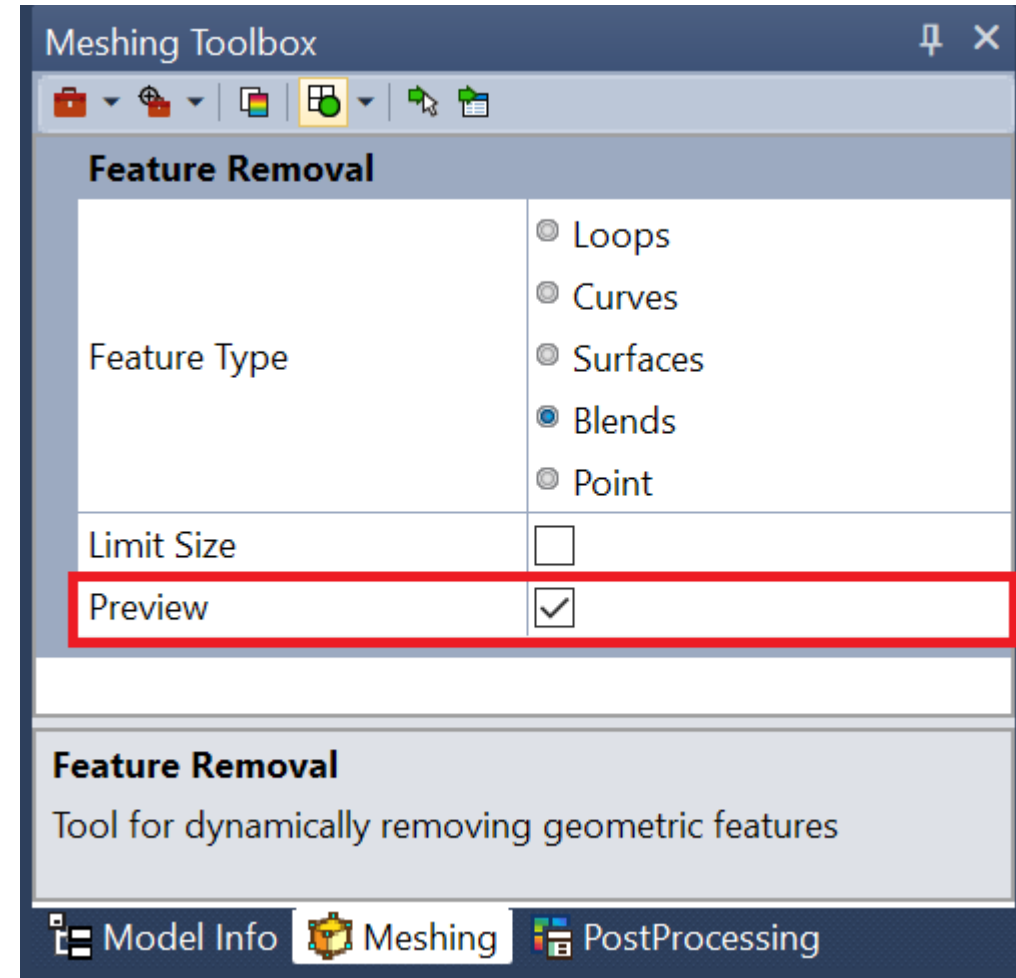
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# Simcenter Femap v2020.2 – What's New Meshing Toolbox – Feature Removal Tool

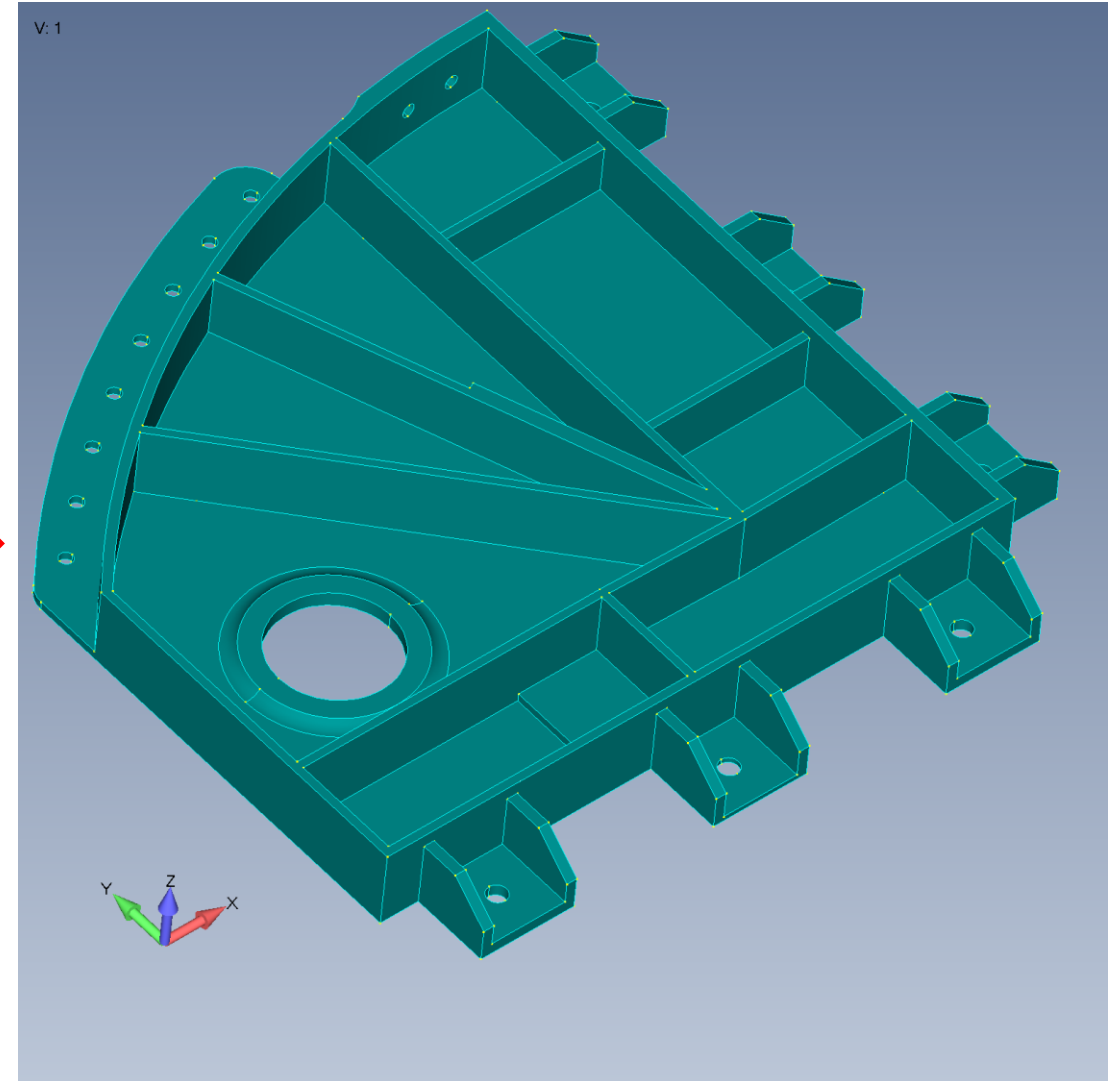
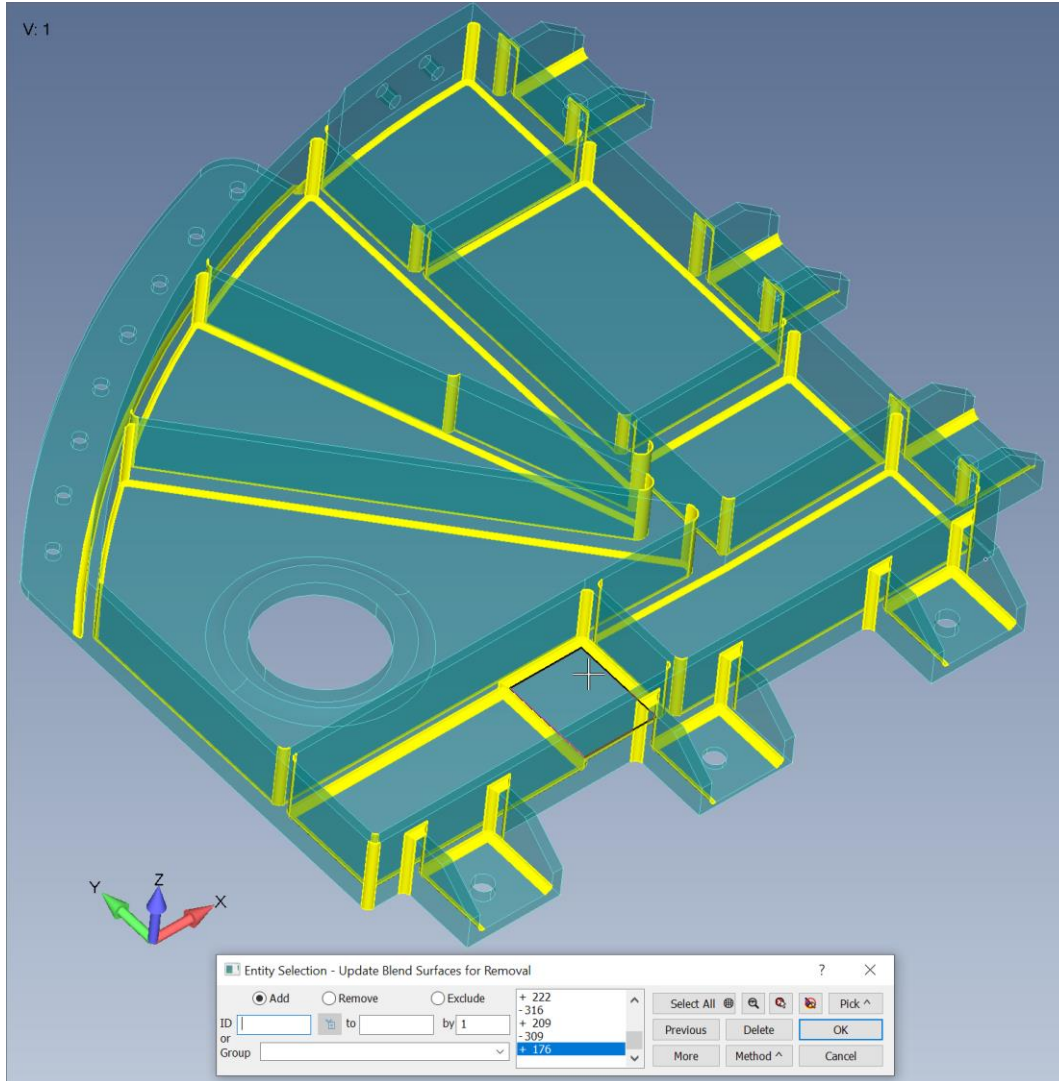
Added Preview option to Feature Removal Blends.

- Brings up surface entity select dialog with all found blends highlighted.
- Ability to add or remove specific blends.
- Can be used with or without Limit Size.



# Simcenter Femap v2020.2 – What's New Meshing Toolbox – Feature Removal Tool

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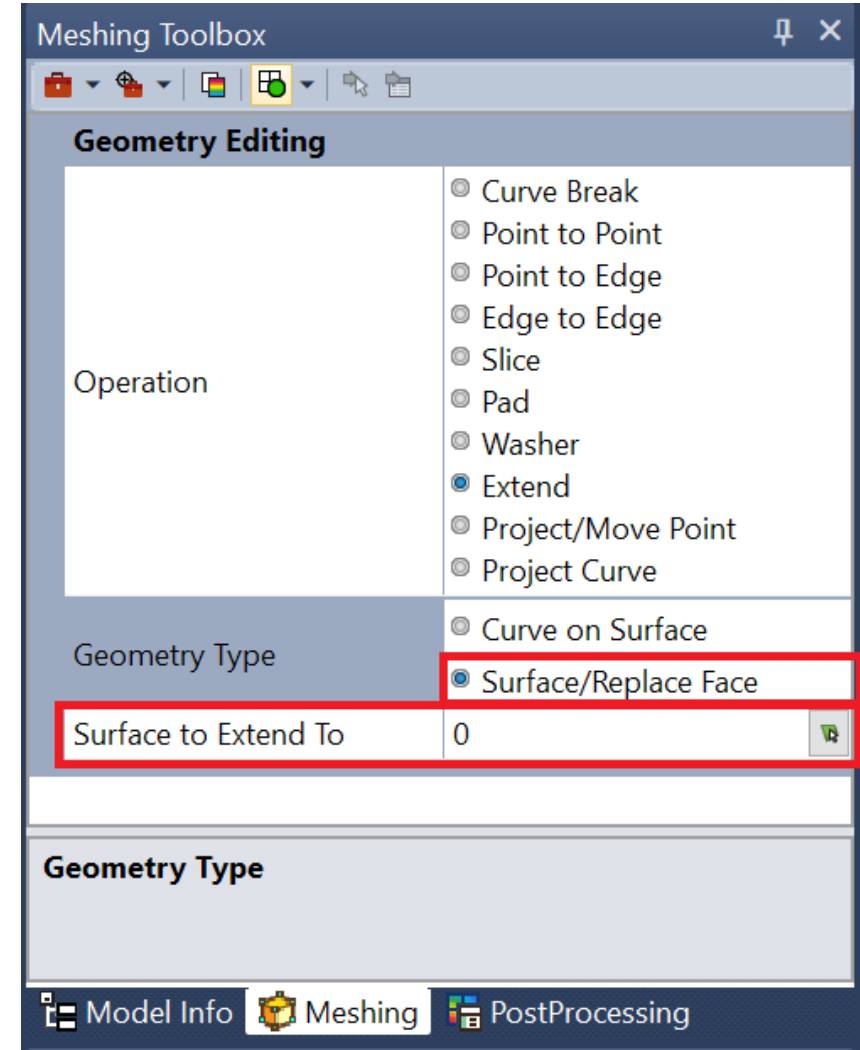




# Simcenter Femap v2020.2 – What's New Meshing Toolbox – *Geometry Editing Tool*

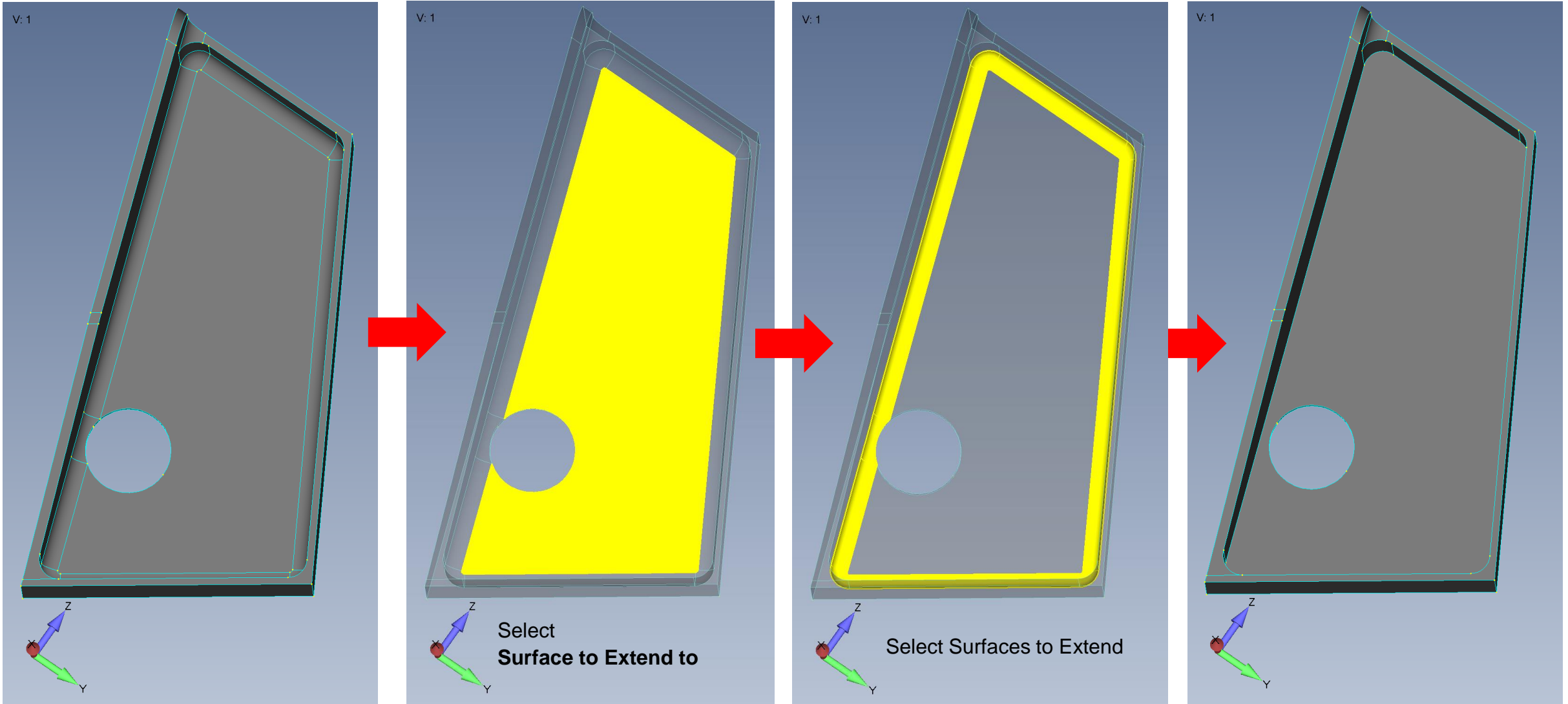
Added Surface/Replace Face capability to Extend under Geometry Editing.

- Extend faces of solid up to selected surface.
- Remove fillets that have failed from blend removal.
- Raise or retract surfaces to main solid to remove features.
- Existing extend commands are now under Curve on Surface.



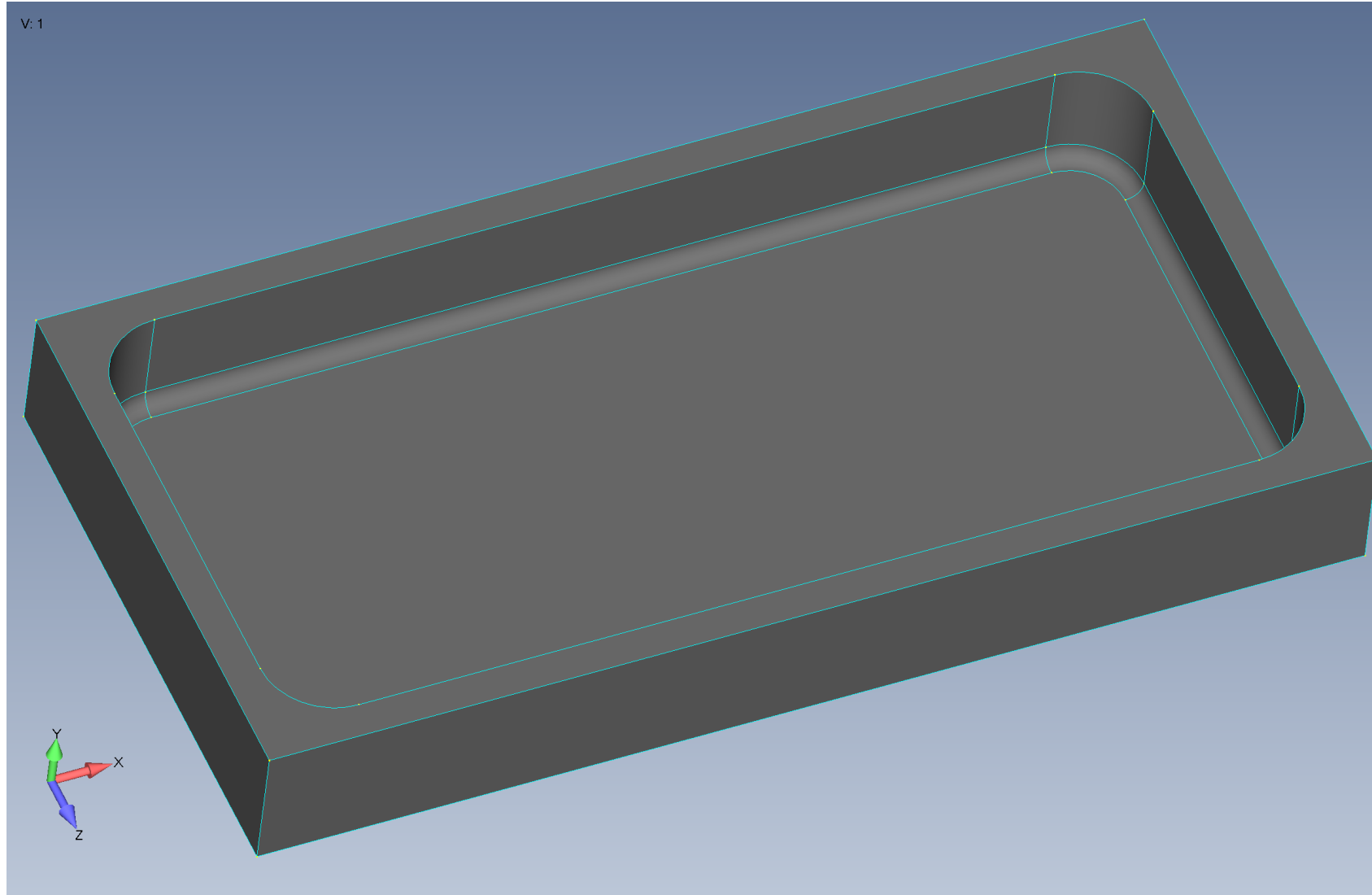
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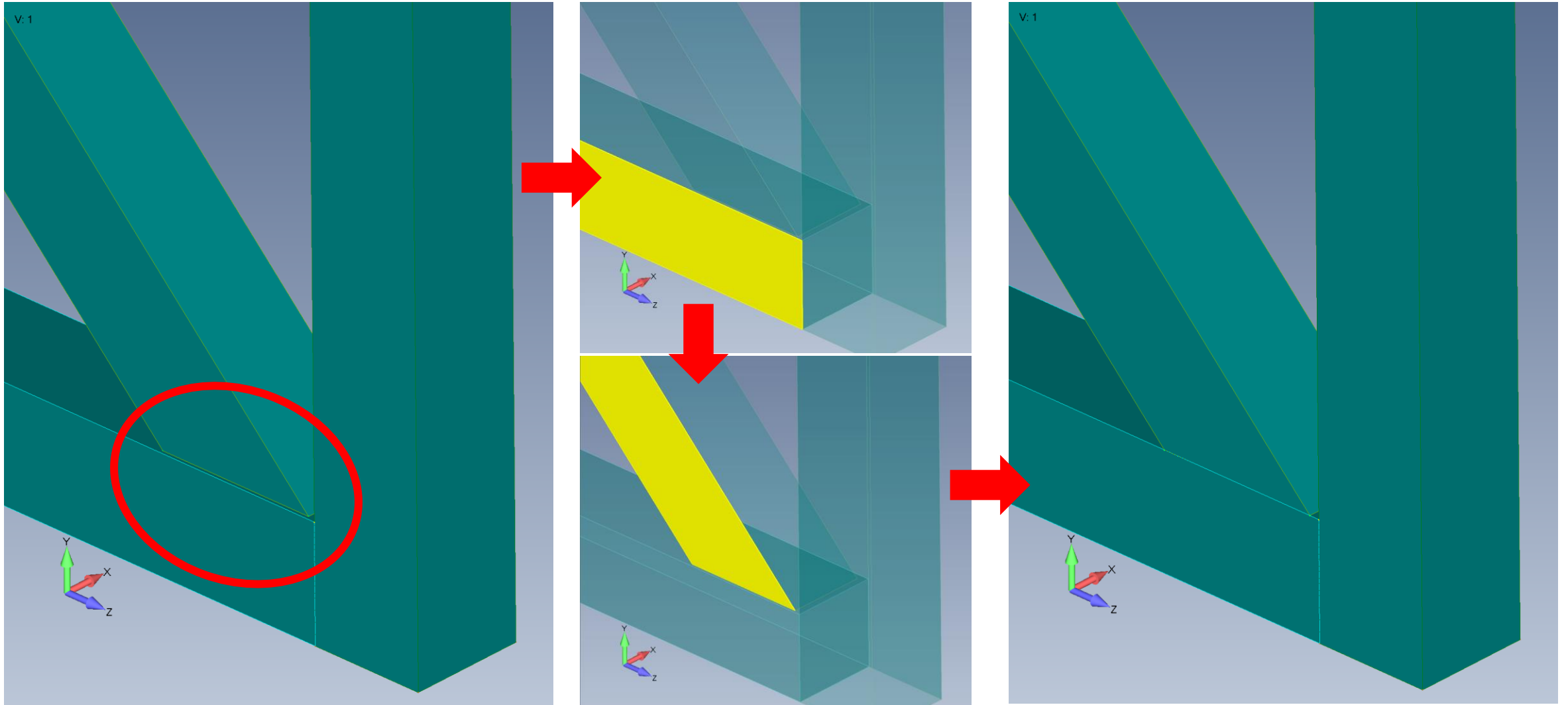
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# Simcenter Femap v2020.2 – What's New

## Meshing – Mesh Editing

- Updated various Mesh Editing commands to more fully and consistently handle the other entities associated and/or related to the elements being edited
- Commands that have been updated include:
  - Mesh->Editing->Interactive
  - Mesh->Editing->Split
  - Mesh->Editing->Element Refine
  - Mesh->Editing->Edge Split
- Features that are supported across these commands include:
  - Updating Nodal Constraints and Nodal Permanent Constraints
  - Updating Loads (On Faces, Corner Pressures, On Edges, Distributed Line)
  - Updating Regions (both Nodal and Elemental)
  - Updating Tapered Beam Shapes, Beam Offsets, Plate Thickness and Material Direction
  - Updating Groups
  - Updating Geometric Associativity

# Simcenter Femap v2020.2 – What's New

## Meshing – Miscellaneous



- Mesh Sizing
  - Improved consistency when setting Mesh Sizes on curves using Element Size
  - Previously two curves of seemingly similar length could end up with a different number of elements (+/- 1) due to very small length differences.
- Combined Curve Creation (typically done to improve mesh quality)
  - Only allow creation of Combined Curves if all underlying curves have the same manifold type (i.e., all curves are Free Edge, Manifold, NonManifold or Wirebody).



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# Simcenter Femap v2020.2 – What's New Postprocessing – Send to Excel



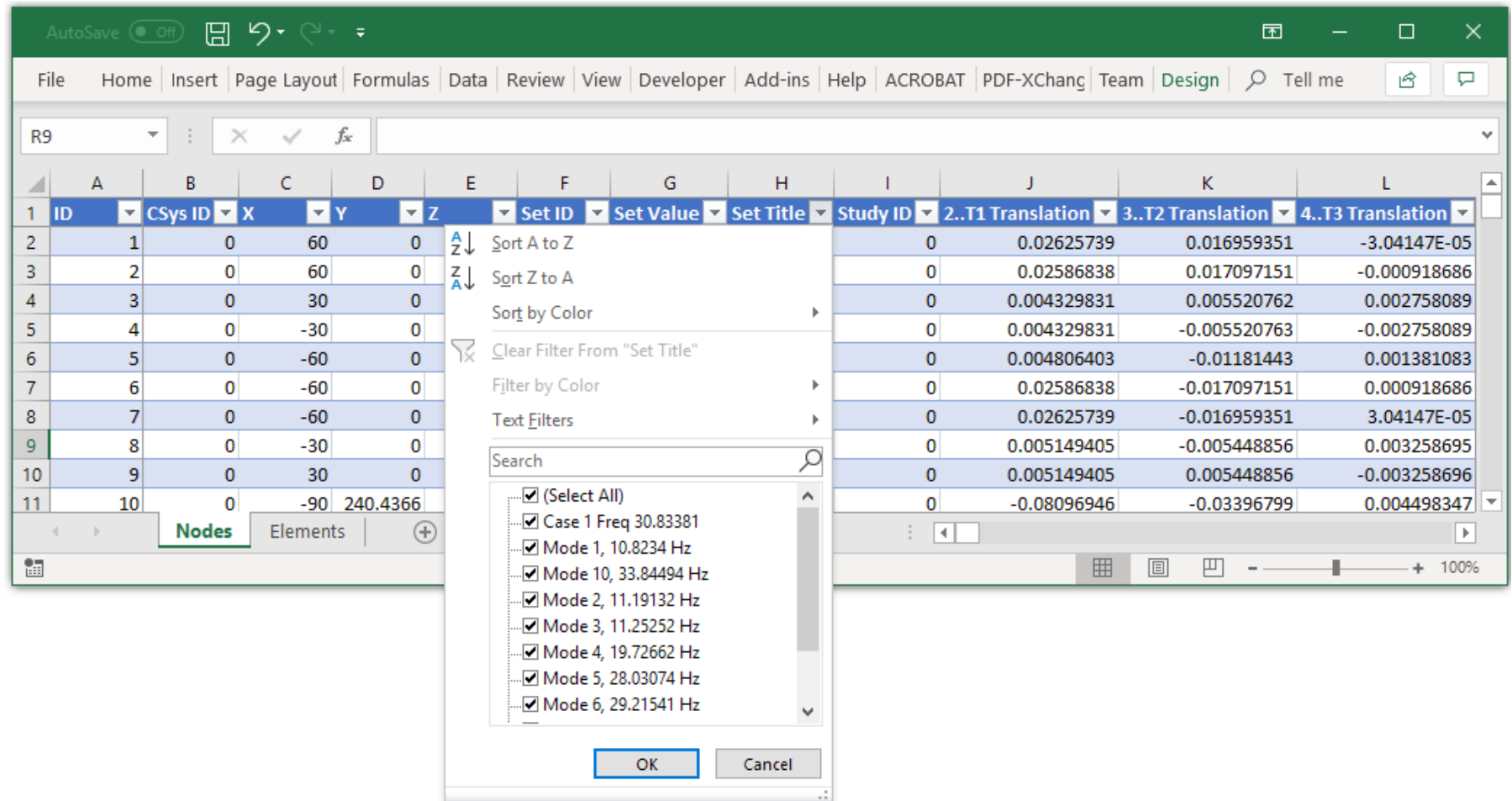
- List->Output->Results to Excel
- Automatically opens Excel to transfer a variety of Results very quickly
- Take advantage of:
  - Row / Column control
  - Alternate column order
  - Formatting style
  - Transformation of Output Data
- Transfer Nodal and/or Elemental Results at same time

The image illustrates the workflow for sending simulation results to Excel in Simcenter Femap v2020.2. It shows the 'List' menu path: List -> Output -> Results to Excel. A red box highlights the 'Results to Excel...' option. A red arrow points from this menu item to the 'Send Results to Excel' dialog box. Another red arrow points from the 'OK' button in the dialog to the 'Results Transformation' dialog box. The 'Send Results to Excel' dialog shows options for Report Style (Output Sets, Output Vectors, Nodes/Elements) and Transform (None, From Active View, Custom...). The 'Results Transformation' dialog shows options for Nodal Vector Output, Line Element Output, Shell Element Output, and Solid Element Output.

# Simcenter Femap v2020.2 – What's New Postprocessing – Send to Excel

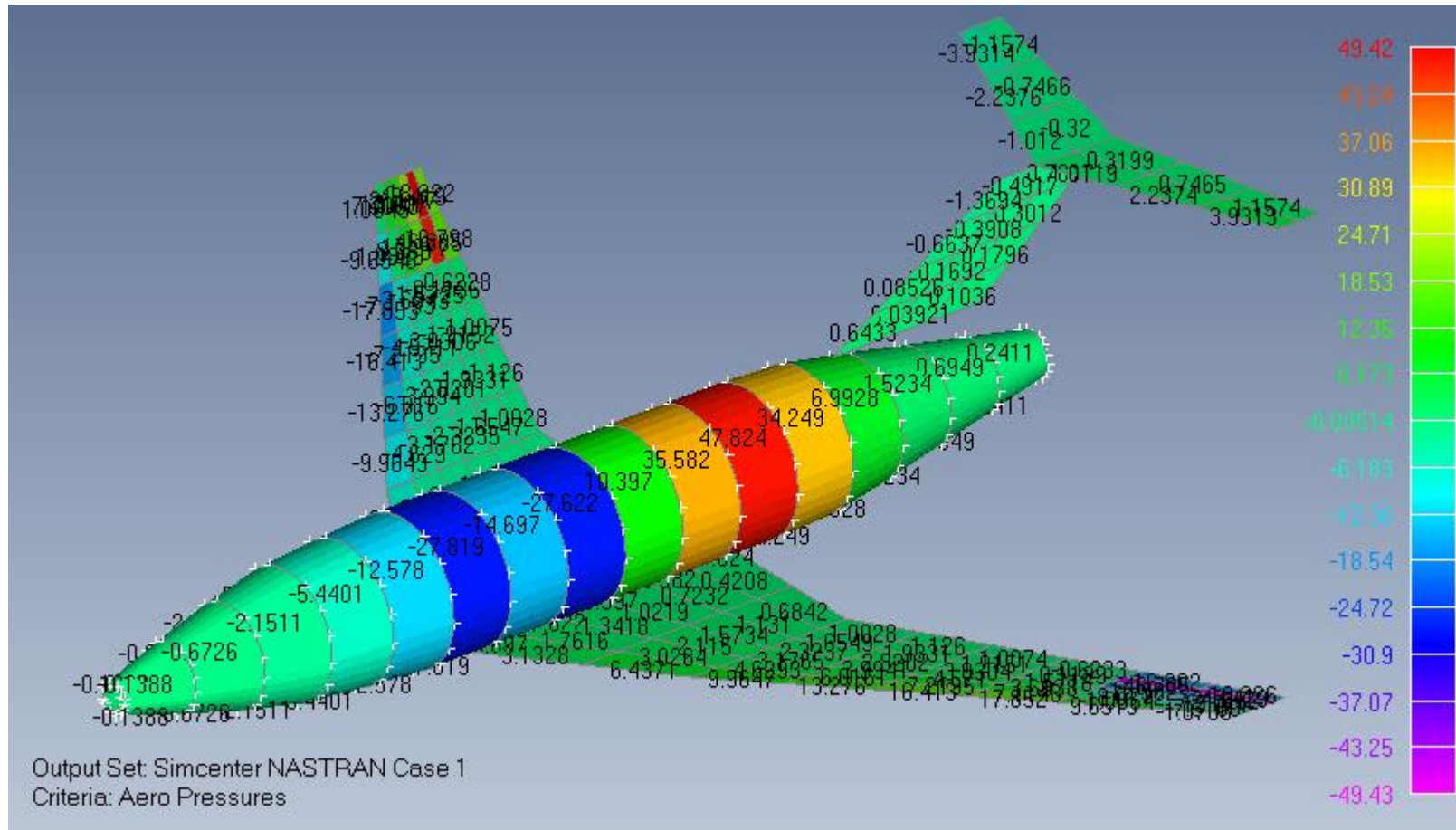
When *Formatting* option is enabled, each worksheet in Excel will include:

- Column Filters
- Frozen Row Heading
- Frozen ID Column
- Nodal and Elemental results organized by different sheets



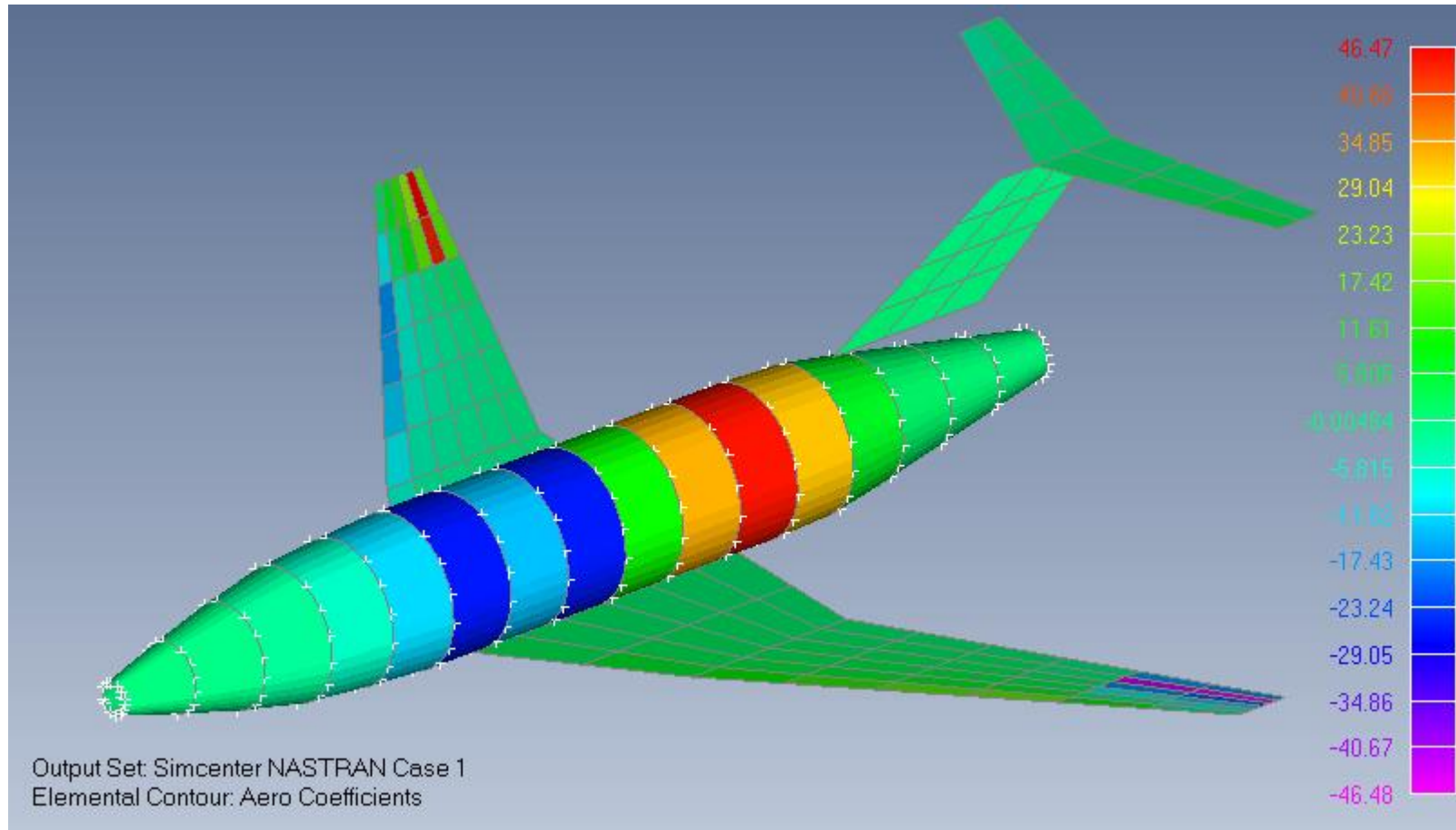
# Simcenter Femap v2020.2 – What's New Postprocessing

Added support to display *Aero Pressures* from Static Aeroelasticity (SOL 144) analysis (\*.f06 file only)



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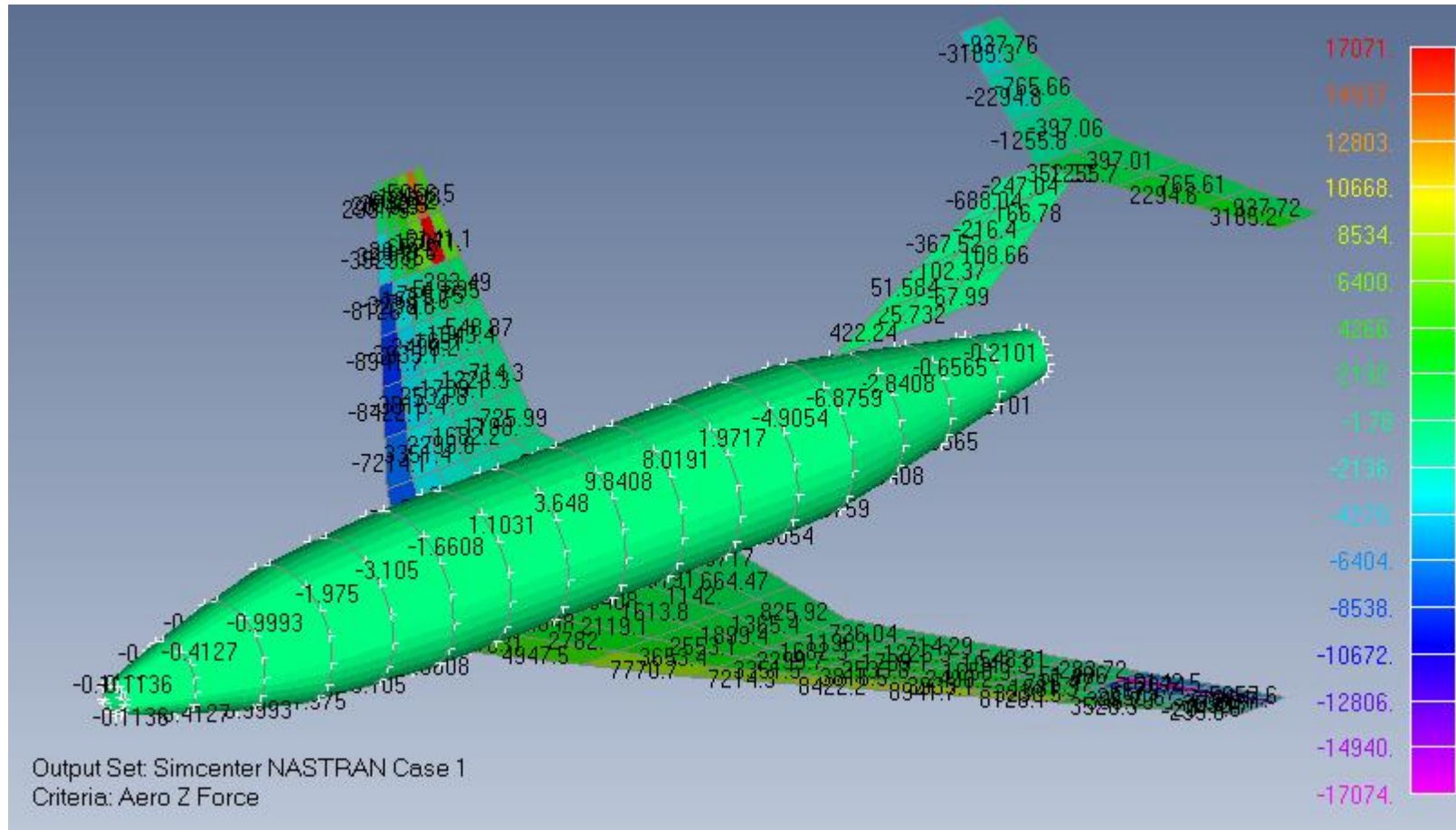
Added support to display *Aero Coefficients* from Static Aeroelasticity (SOL 144) analysis (\*.f06 file only)





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Added support to display *Aero Forces* generated by Static Aeroelasticity (SOL 144) analysis (\*.f06 file only)

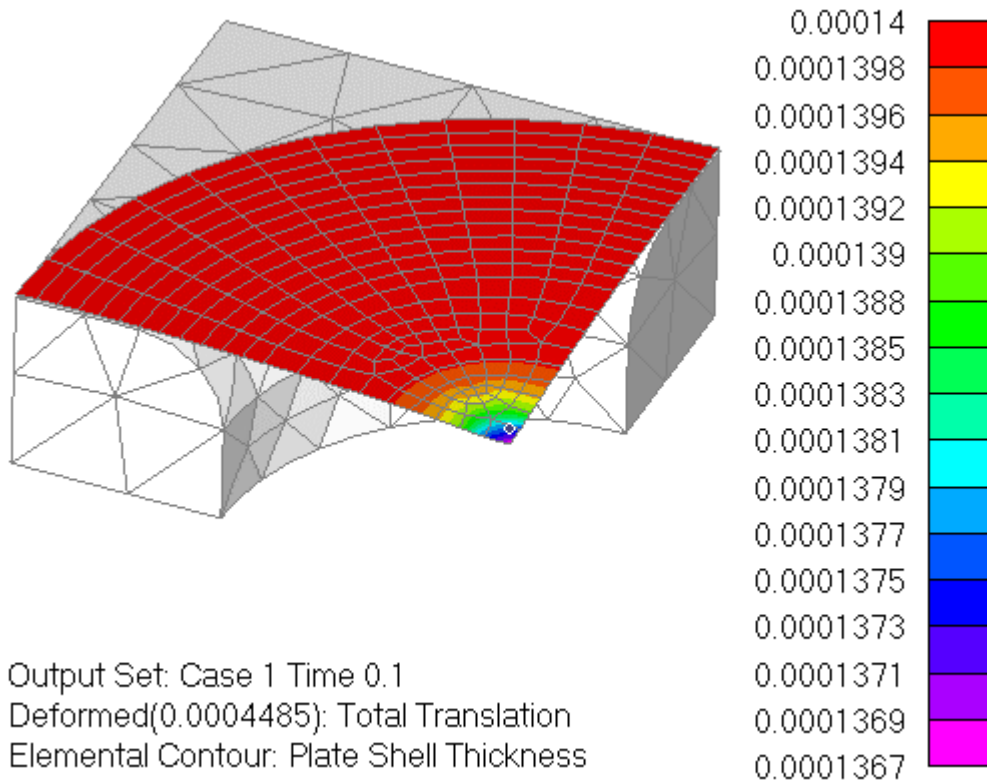




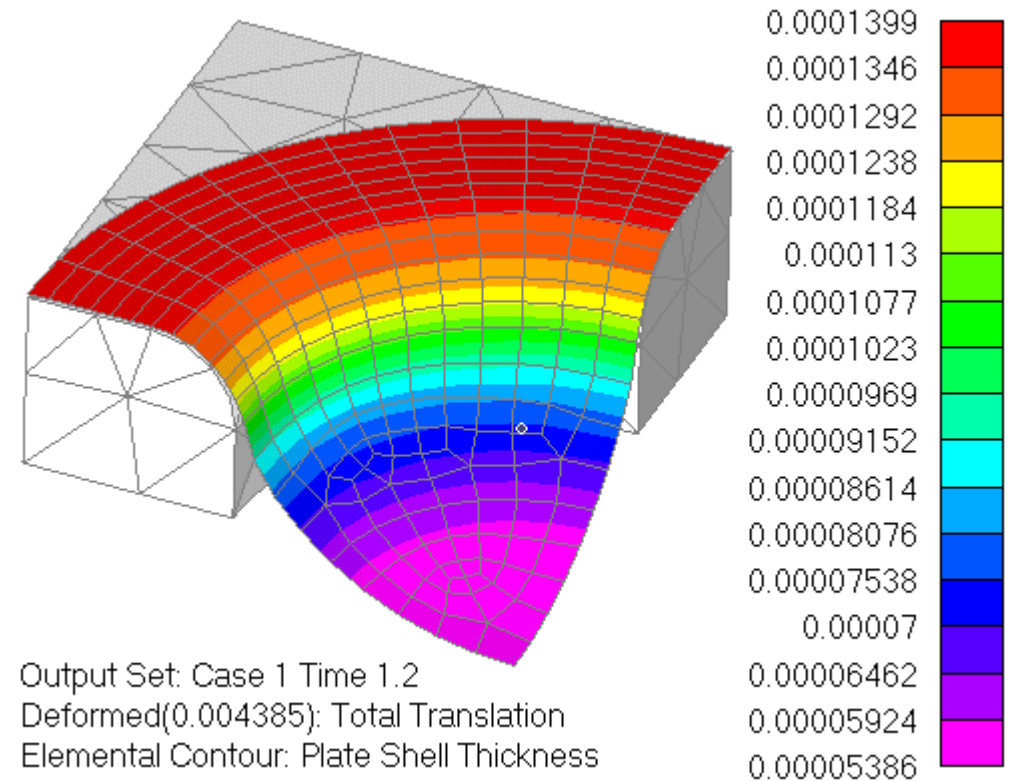
# Simcenter Femap v2020.2 – What's New Postprocessing

Added support for Shell Thickness Output (requested by SHELLTHK) from Simcenter Nastran SOL 402

Step 1 Thickness: Max = 1.4E-04; Min 1.367E-04



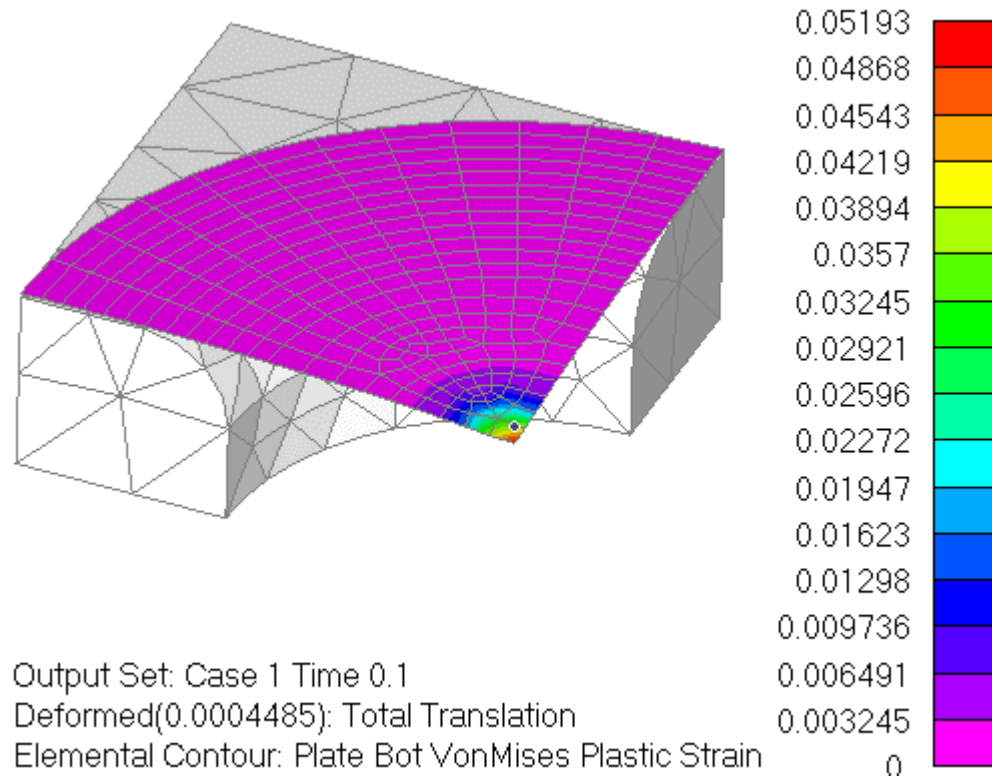
Step 12 Thickness: Max = 1.399E-04; Min 5.386E-05



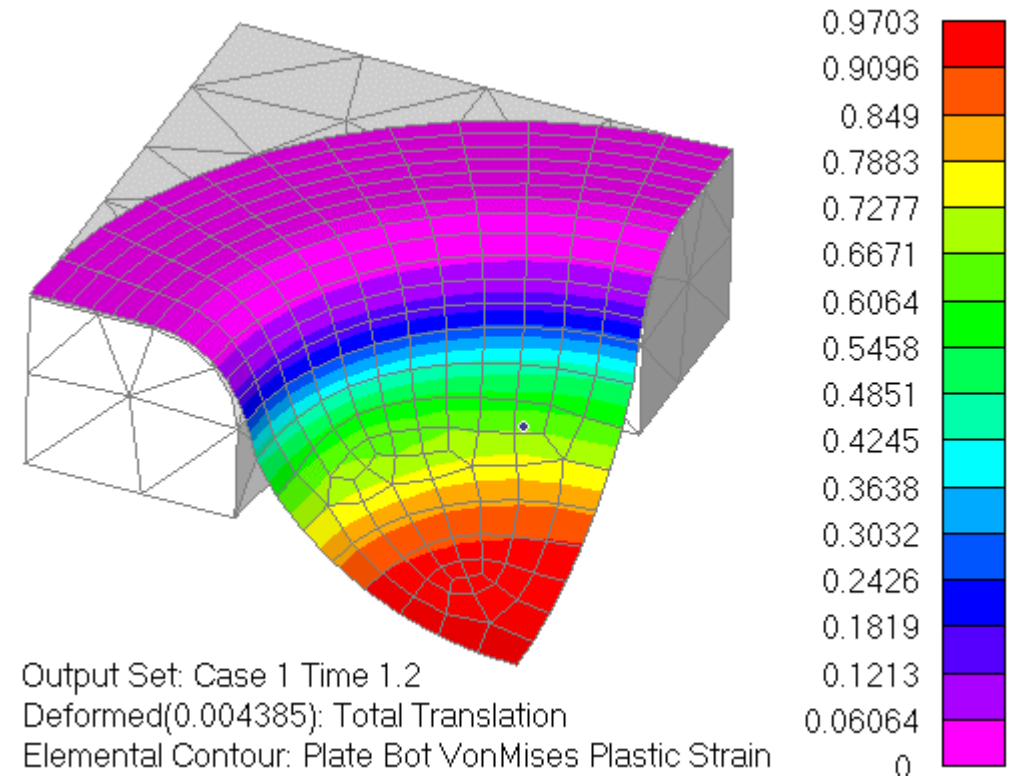
# Simcenter Femap v2020.2 – What's New Postprocessing

Added support for Plastic Strain Output (requested by PLSTRN) from Simcenter Nastran SOL 401/402

Step 1 Plastic Strain: Max = 0.05193; Min 0.0

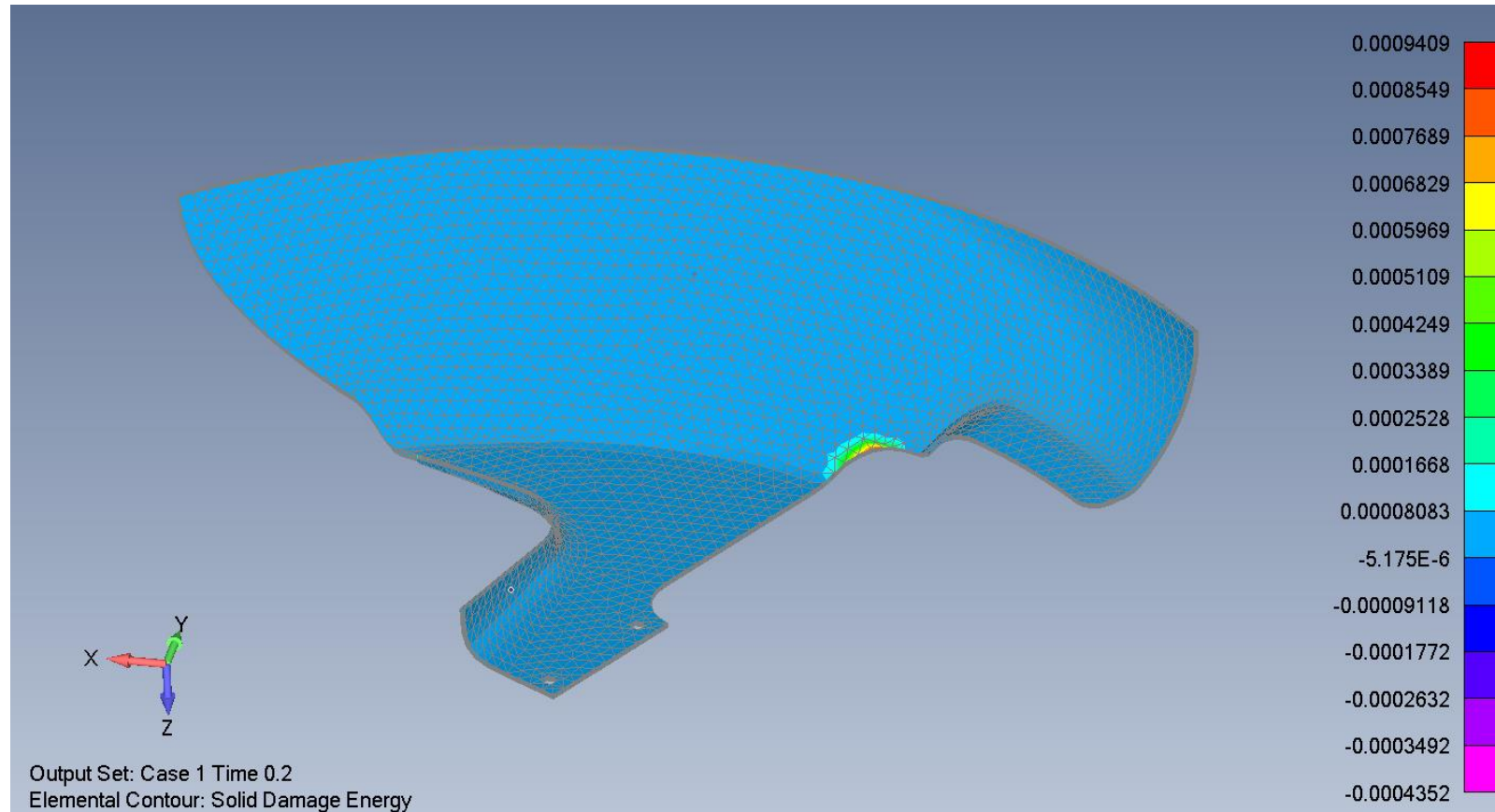


Step 12 Plastic Strain: Max = 0.9703; Min 0.0



# Simcenter Femap v2020.2 – What's New Postprocessing

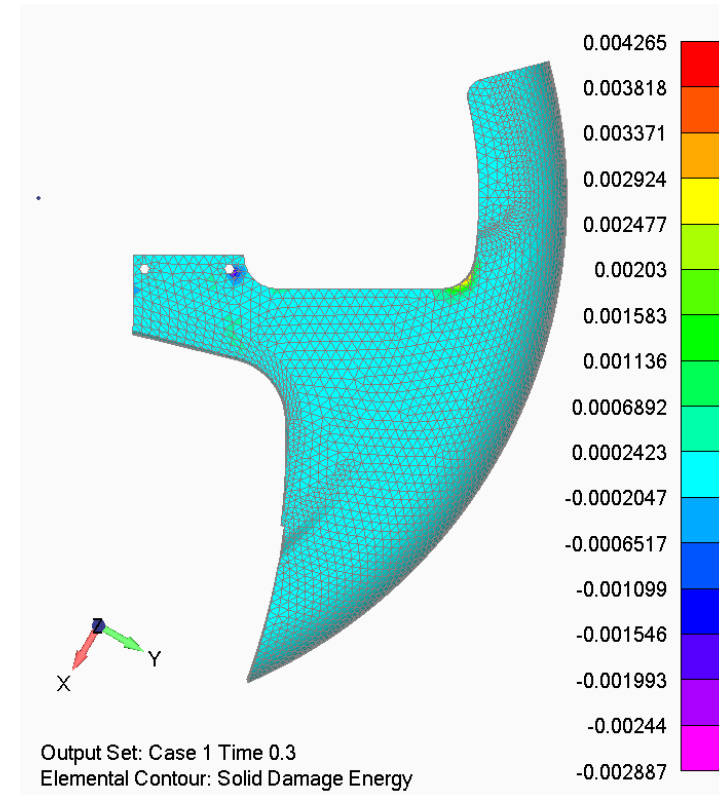
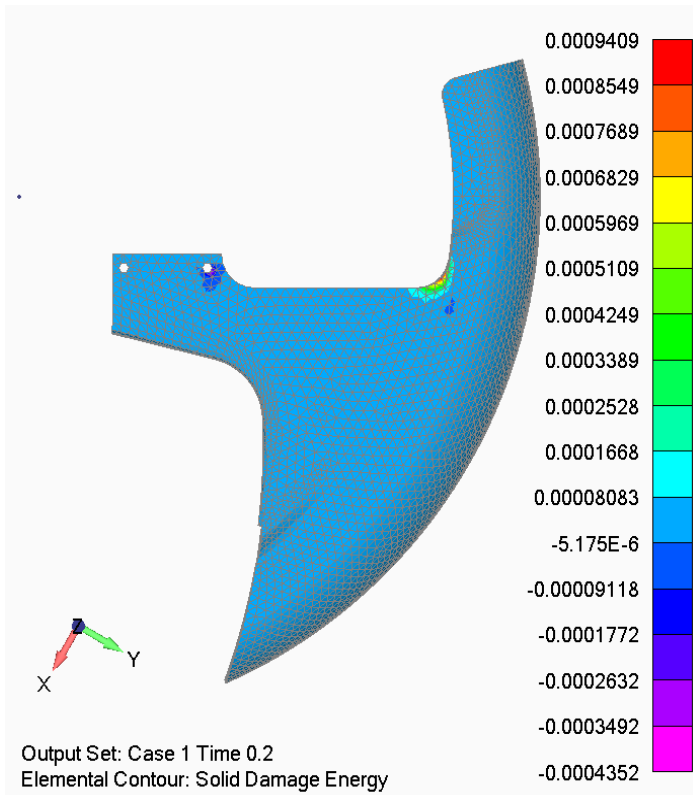
Added support for progressive failure results output (requested by PFRESULTS) from SOL401/SOL402



# Simcenter Femap v2020.2 – What's New Postprocessing

Failure results include Damage Status, Damage Values, **Damage Energy**, and Crack Density

Time 0.2 Damage Energy: Max = 9.41E-4; Min -0.435E-4    Time 0.3 Damage Energy: Max = 4.27E-3; Min -2.89E-3

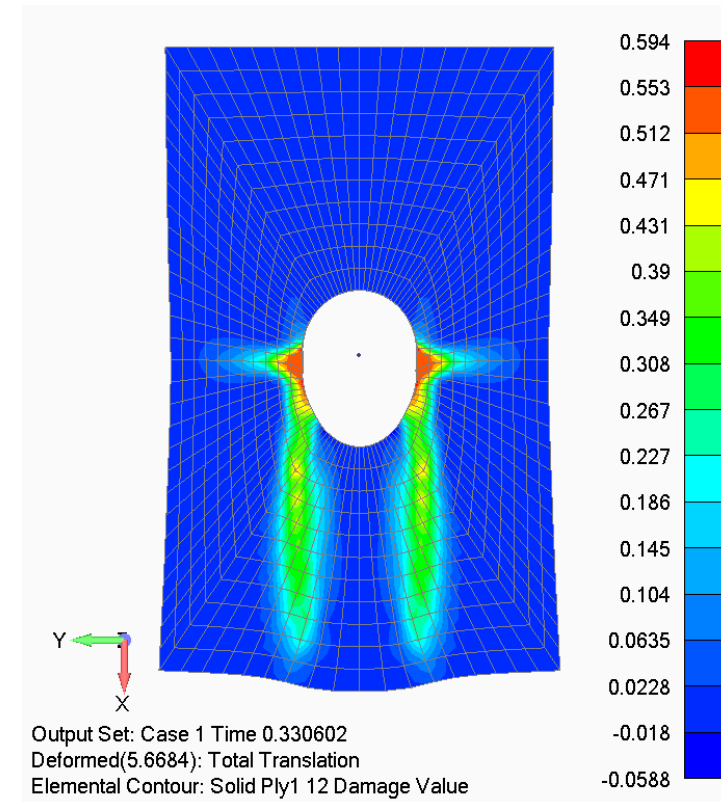
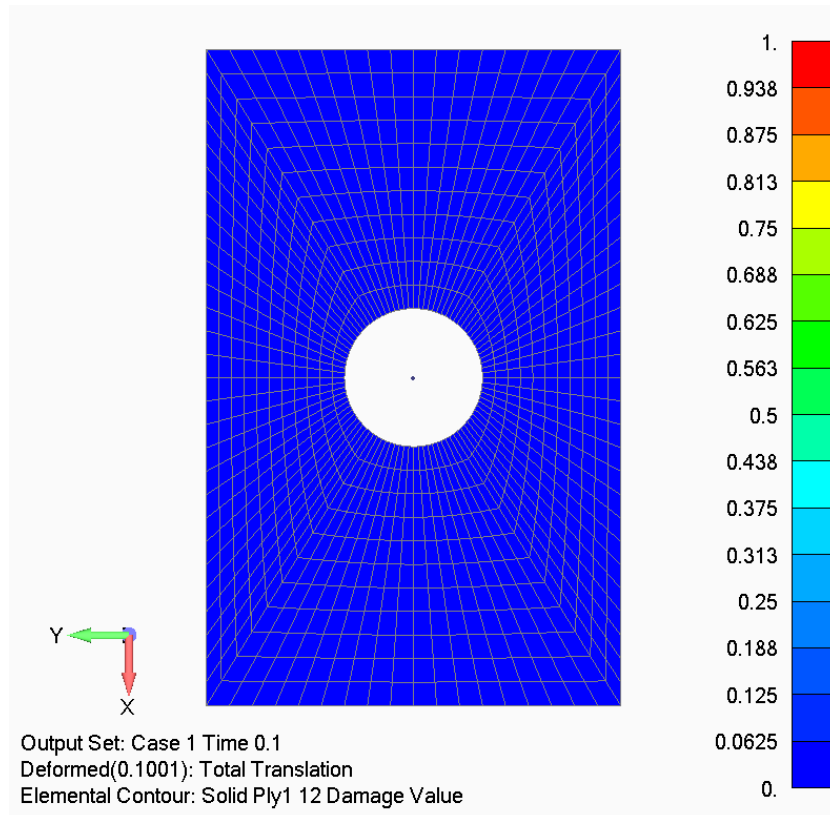


# Simcenter Femap v2020.2 – What's New Postprocessing

Failure results include Damage Status, **Damage Values**, Damage Energy, and Crack Density

Step 1 Ply D12: Max = 0.0; Min 0.0

Time 0.33 Ply D12: Max = 5.94E-1; Min -5.88E-2



# Simcenter Femap v2020.2 – What's New Postprocessing

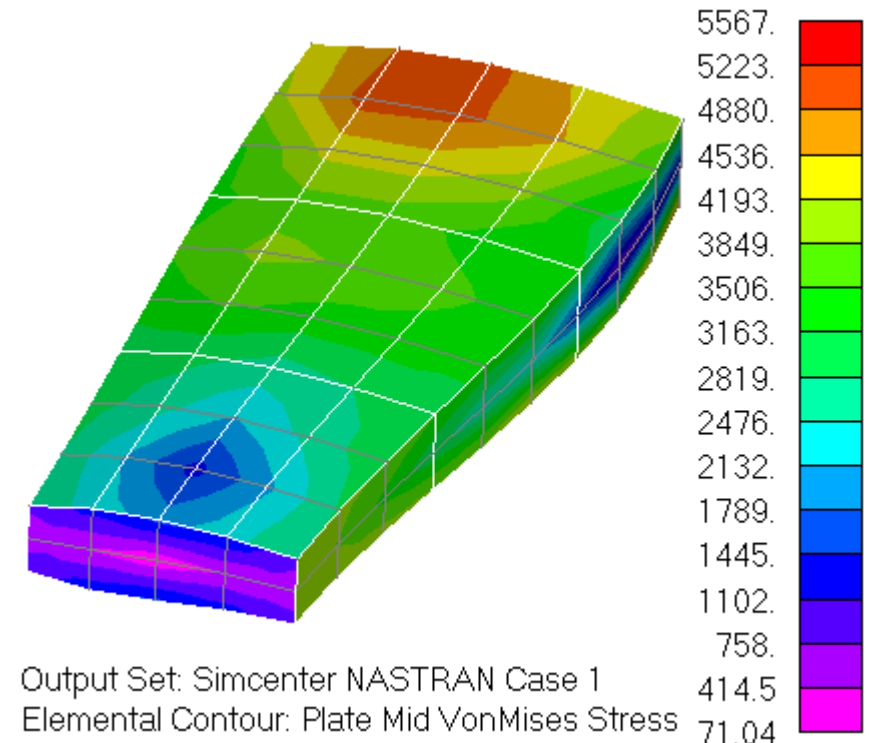
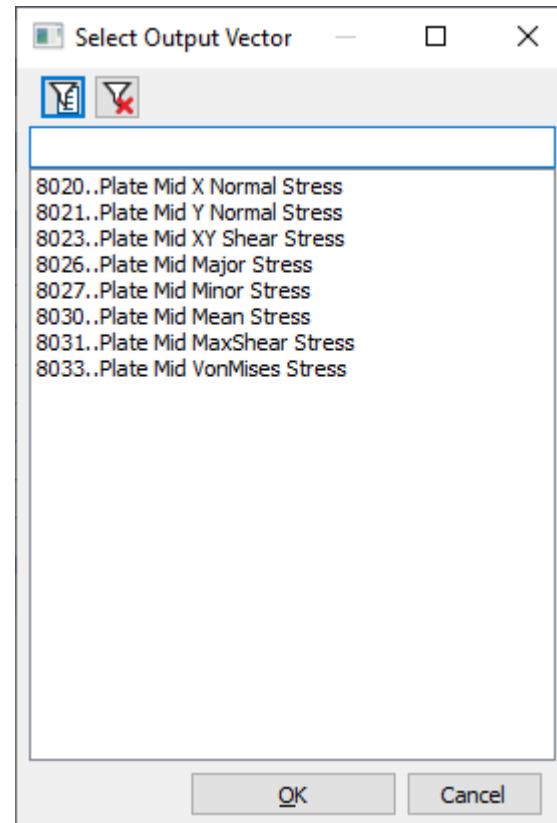
Added an option to *Results* tab of File->Preferences to allow computing Averaged Midplane Stress and Strain.

- Simple average of Top and Bottom Results.
- Includes computation of Invariants from averaged mid values.
- Supported for Results either Read into the Database or Attached.
- Not supported for Complex Results.

General Solver Options

Compute Principal Stress/Strain

Compute Averaged Mid Stress/Strain

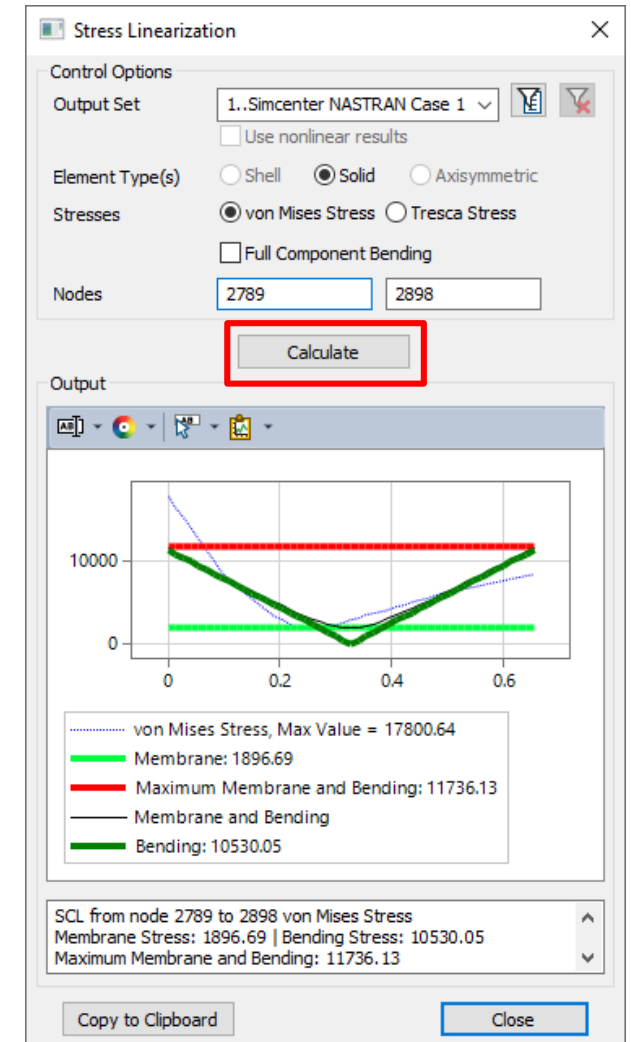
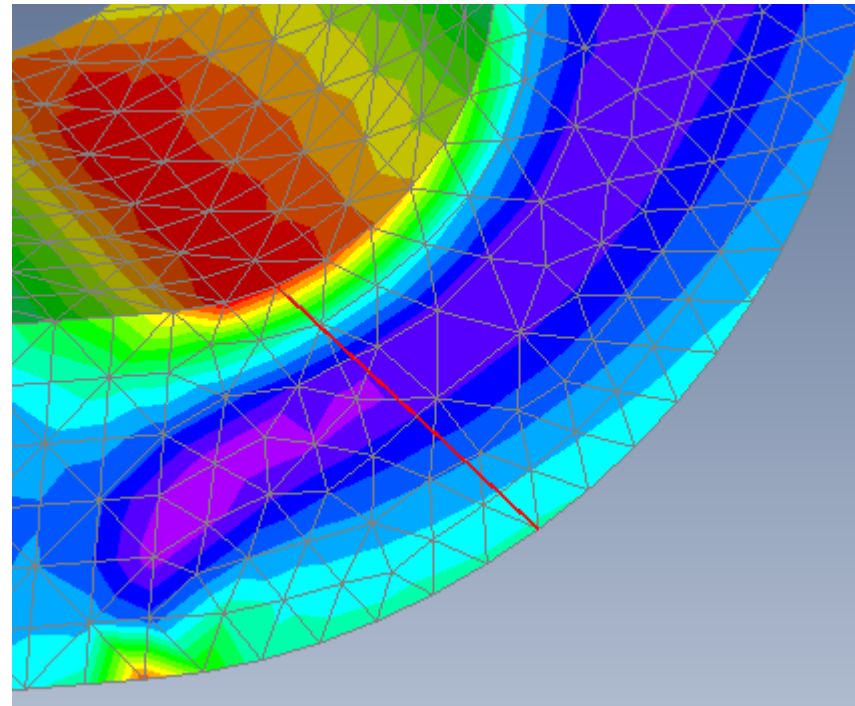




# Simcenter Femap v2020.2 – What's New Post-Processing

## Stress Linearization

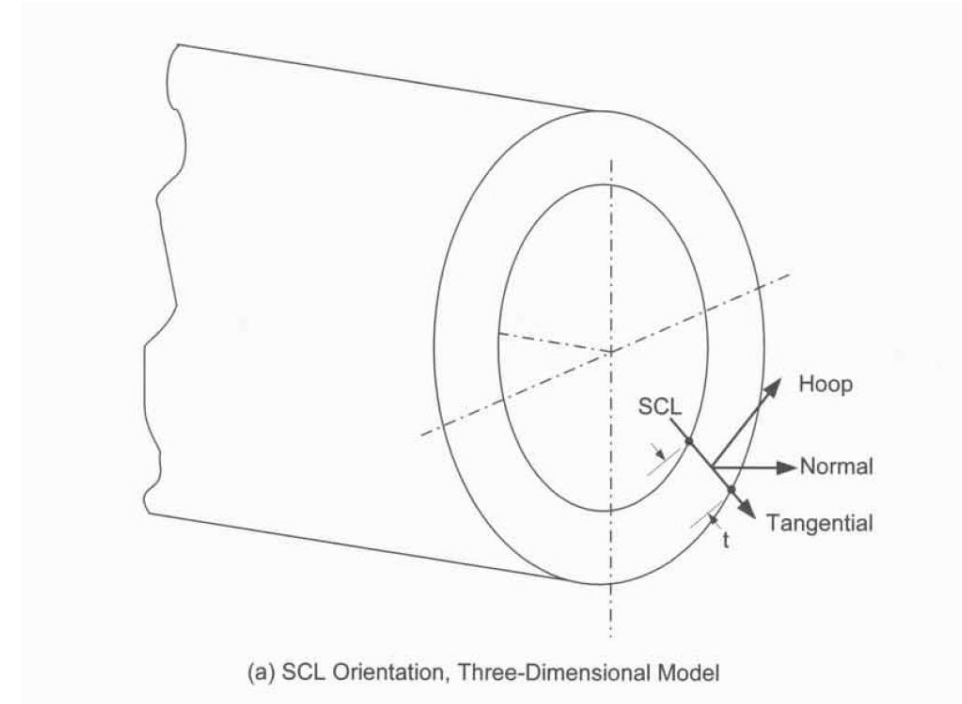
- ASME Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code, 2007 SECTION VIII, DIVISION 2, ANNEX 5.1 LINEARIZATION OF STRESS RESULTS FOR STRESS CLASSIFICATION
- Calculates a Linearized Membrane, Linearized Bending, and Peak Stresses along a Stress Classification (SCL)



# Simcenter Femap v2020.2 – What's New Post-Processing

## Stress Linearization Process per the ASME Code

- **Choice of the SCL is critical, user should be familiar with criteria for a proper SCL as defined in the ASME standard**
- Stress tensor extracted from the FEA results is transformed to be aligned with the SCL
- Linearized Membrane Stress tensor components are the average of each along the SCL
- Linearized Bending Stress tensor only includes Hoop and Normal axial stress, and Hoop/Normal shear stress



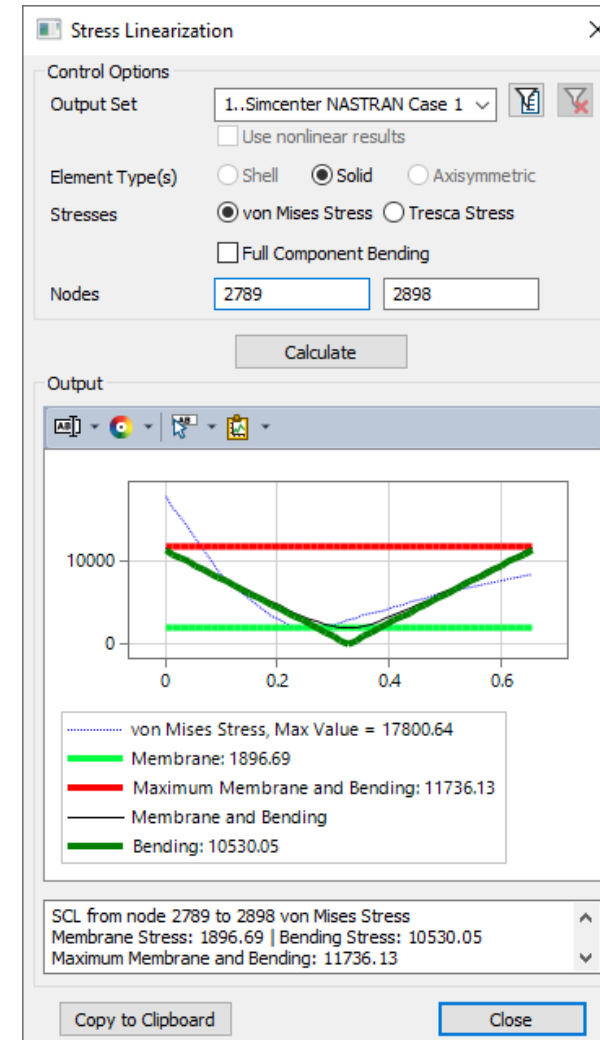
$$\sigma_{ij,m} = \frac{1}{t} \int_0^t \sigma_{ij} dx$$

$$\sigma_{ij,b} = \frac{6}{t^2} \int_0^t \sigma_{ij} \left( \frac{t}{2} - x \right) dx$$

# Simcenter Femap v2020.2 – What's New Post-Processing

## Stress Linearization Process in Femap

- Choose Output Set
- Choose Linear or Nonlinear Results for the Stress Tensor
- Element Type for Stress Data
- Von Mises or Tresca Stress
- Pick Nodes for the Stress Classification Line (SCL)
- Calculate



# Simcenter Femap v2020.2 – What's New Post-Processing

## Stress Linearization Results

- Chart showing the actual stress along the SCL
- Calculated Membrane, Bending, Membrane + Bending, Maximum Membrane + Bending
- Copy to Clipboard Option
- Exact Data values can also be copied from the Femap Chart

### Stress Linearization

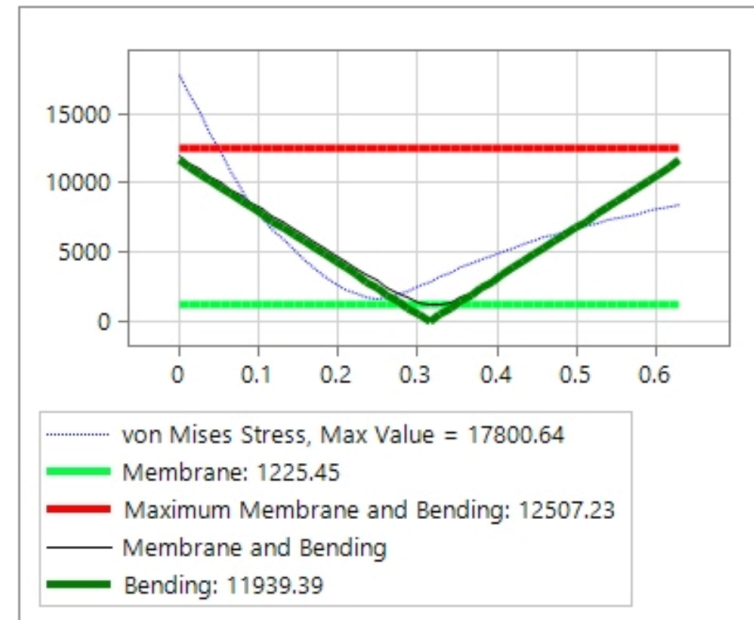
SCL from node 2789 to 2900 von Mises Stress

Membrane Stress: 1225.45 | Bending Stress: 11939.39

Maximum Membrane and Bending: 12507.23

Using Solid Linear Stress Data

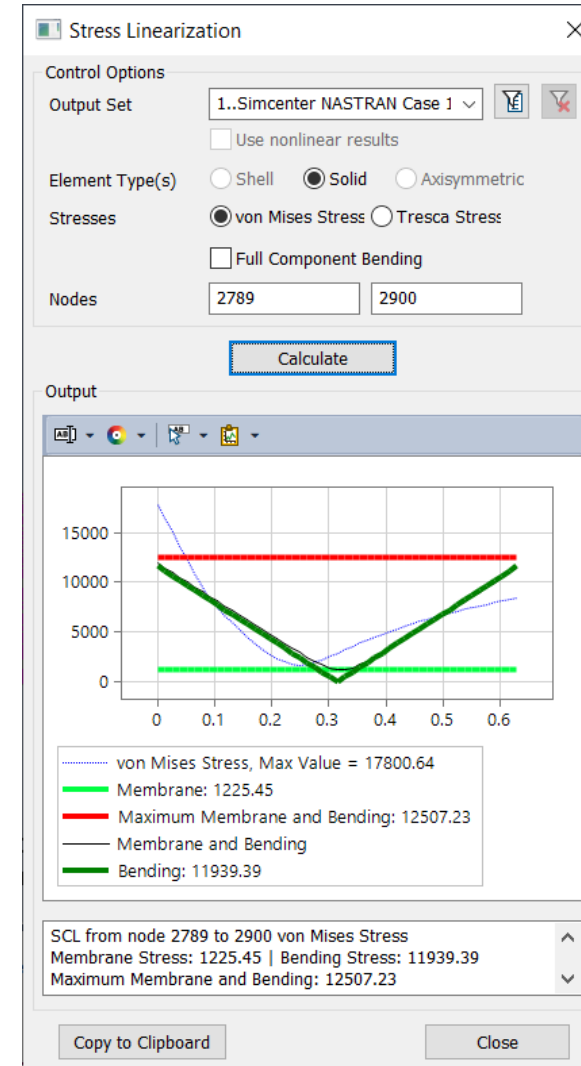
Stresses have been transformed from the Material Direction to the SCL.



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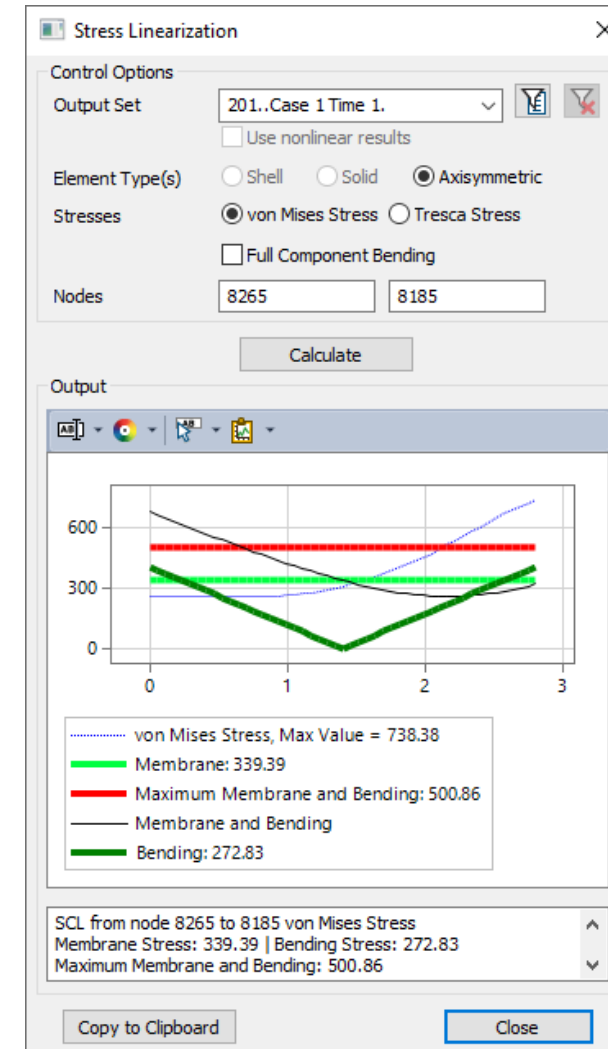
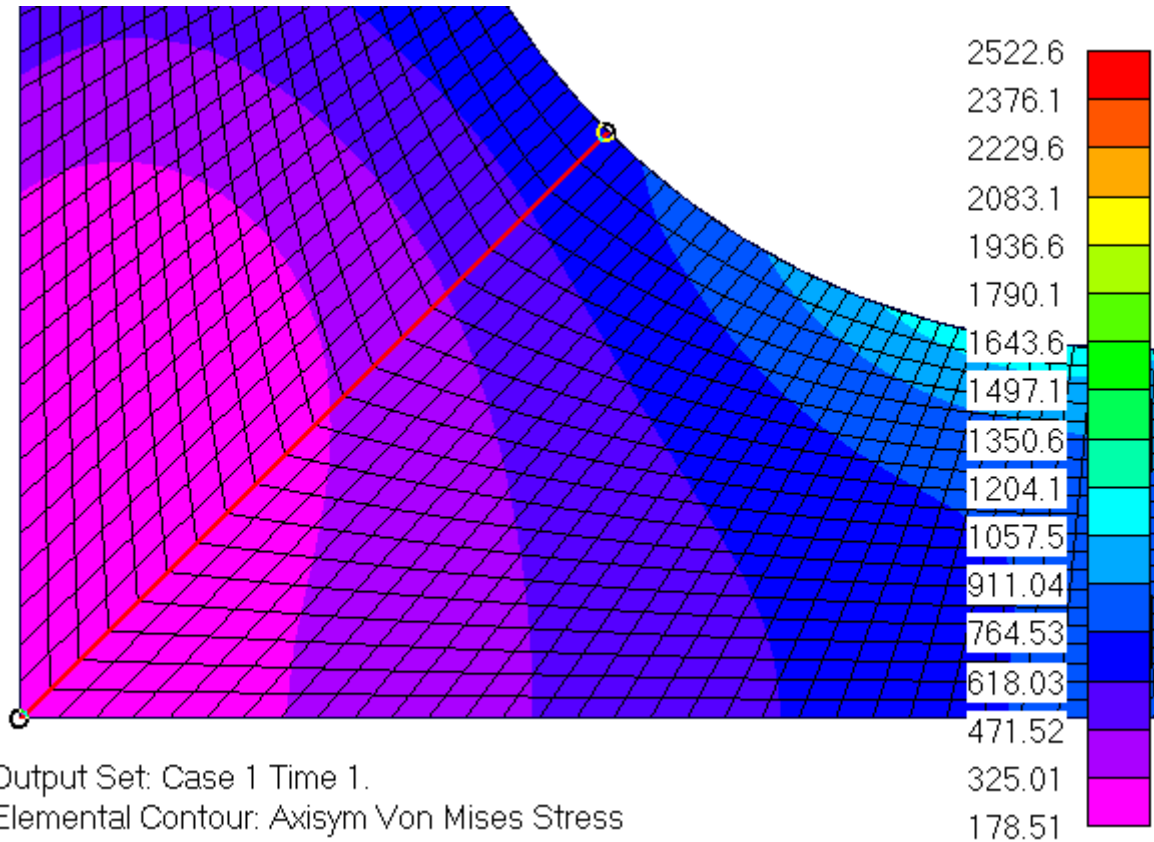
## Stress Linearization Notes

- Full Component Bending option allows you to process the linearization with all components of the stress tensor considered for the bending stress calculations
- Tresca Stress – calculates a “Tresca” failure criterion stress value, which is based on the maximum shear stress, the Tresca Stress calculated by the tool is 2 times maximum shear



# Simcenter Femap v2020.2 – What's New Postprocessing

Stress Classification Line (SCL) from Node 8185 to Node 8265





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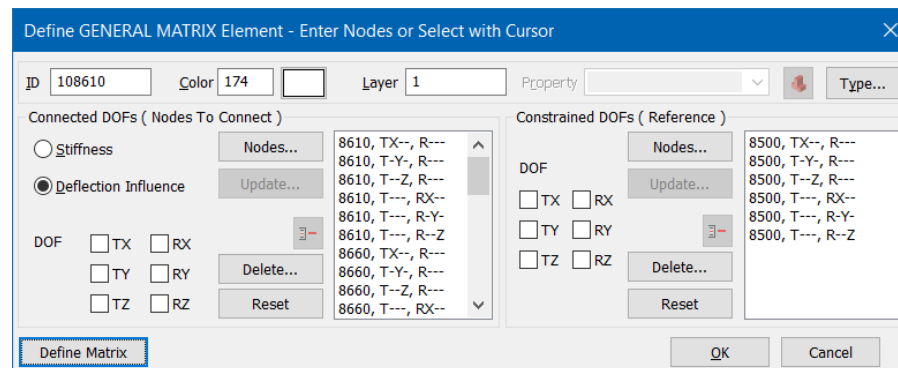
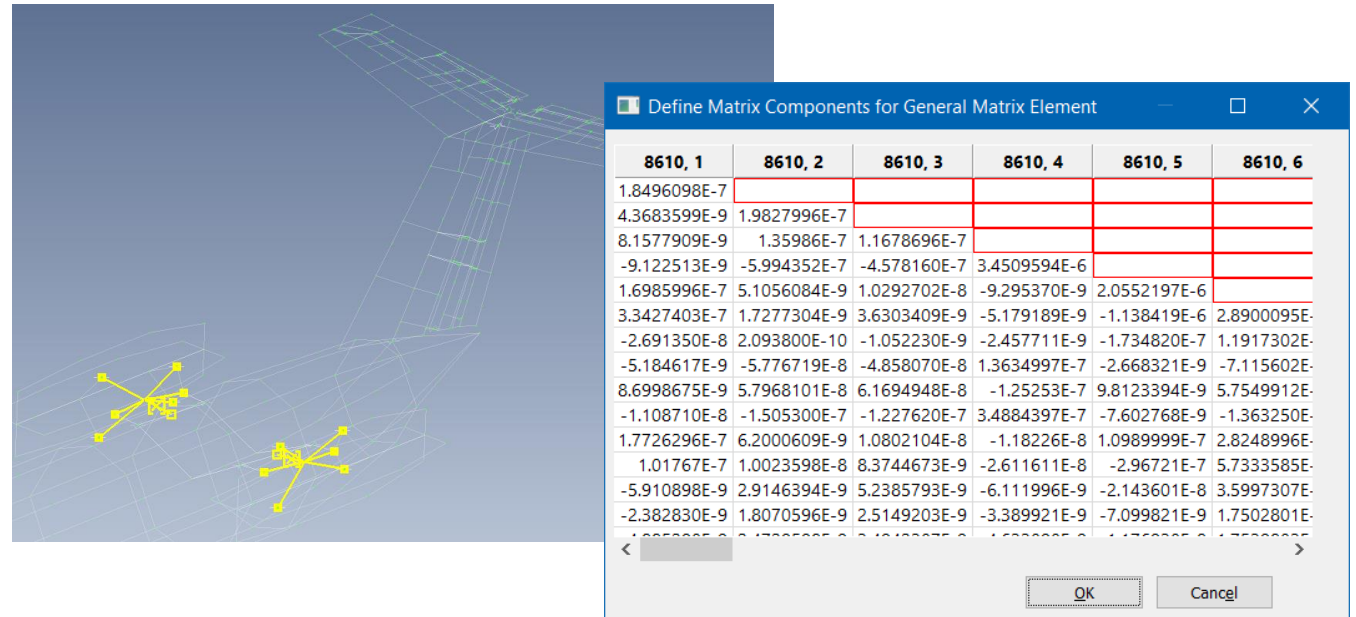
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# Simcenter Femap v2020.2 – What's New Solver Support – Nastran Solvers

Added support for the General Element capability (GENEL)

- Define a substructure in terms of empirically-determined structural data
- Table interface for defining deflection influence or stiffness matrixes
- Graphical representation drawn that represents the connected DOFs connected to the constrained DOFs



# Simcenter Femap v2020.2 – What's New Solver Support – Nastran Solvers

## Added support for Follower Forces and Follower Moments

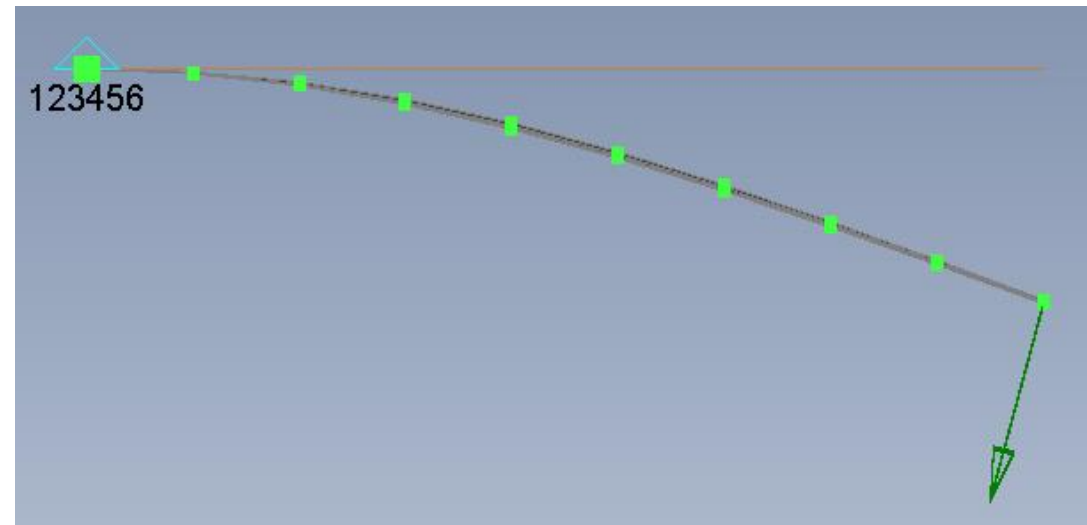
- When 2 nodes/points are specified to define the direction of the the load in terms of a vector, writes FORCE1 or MOMENT1
- When 4 nodes/points are specified to define the direction as normal to a plane, writes FORCE2 or MOMENT2
- Typically used by SOL 106, SOL 401, and SOL 402 for analysis which includes large deformation

Load

	Value	Time/Freq Dependence	Data Surface
Magnitude	10.	0..None	
Node 1 (G1)	24		
Node 2 (G2)	57		
Node 3 (G3)	27		
Node 4 (G4)	54		

Normal To Plane

OK Cancel



# Simcenter Femap v2020.2 – What's New Solver Support – Simcenter Nastran

Added new nonlinear contact and control parameters for SOL402

- New function types to specify type of exported stress-strain measures for SOL 402 (engineering vs. true)
- New option to consider thickness and Z-offset for shell elements involved in contact

Function Definition

ID: 1 Title: Hardening Curve Type: 46.. True Stress vs. Strain

X - Strain	Y - True Stress
0.51	-20.2996
0.52	-19.0295
0.53	-17.8571
0.54	-16.773
0.55	-15.7689
0.56	-14.8374
0.57	-13.9718
0.58	-13.1661
0.59	-12.415
0.6	-11.7138
0.61	-11.0581
0.62	-10.444
0.63	-9.86807

True Stress

Graph showing True Stress vs. Strain. X-axis: 0.3, 0.333, 0.366, 0.399, 0.432, 0.46. Y-axis: -9.86807, -23.0181, -36.1681, -49.318, -62.468, -75.618, -88.768, -101.918, -115.068.

Data Entry

Single Value  Edit Phase ( X )  Linear Ramp  Edit Magnitude ( Y )  Equation  Periodic

Delta X: 1 X Variable: x

X: Y: -9.86807

To X: To Y:

Buttons: Add, Update, Delete, Reset, Copy, Load fr, Save

Type list (highlighted in red box):

- 18..vs. Direction of Incidence
- 19..vs. Temp (TABLEM1 Linear, Lin
- 20..vs. Temp (TABLEM1 Log, Linear
- 21..vs. Temp (TABLEM1 Linear, Log
- 22..vs. Temp (TABLEM1 Log, Log)
- 23..vs. Mode
- 24..Displacement vs. Freq
- 25..Rotation vs. Freq
- 26..Velocity vs. Freq
- 27..Angular Vel vs. Freq
- 28..Acceleration vs. Freq
- 29..Angular Acc vs. Freq
- 30..Force vs. Freq
- 31..Moment vs. Freq
- 32..Stress vs. Freq
- 33..Strain vs. Freq
- 34..Mach Number vs. Freq
- 35..vs. Aerodynamic Factor
- 36..Acceleration vs. Location
- 37..vs. Velocity
- 38..vs. Pressure
- 39..vs. Wavelength
- 40..vs. Temperature Diff
- 41..vs. Heat Flow Rate
- 42..vs. Mass Flow Rate
- 43..vs. Volume Flow Rate
- 44..vs. Thermal Capacitance
- 45..vs. Latitude
- 46.. True Stress vs. Strain
- 47.. True Stress vs. Plastic Strain

# Simcenter Femap v2020.2 – What's New Solver Support – Simcenter Nastran

Added support for modeling progressive ply failure for solid laminates (MATDMG)

- New material types to specify unidirectional fiber reinforced ply damage model and enhanced unidirectional ply damage model
- New function type to specify nonlinear damage evolution law for in-plane shear (shear damage vs thermodynamic force)
- Compute damage values, energy, status and crack density to predict failure

Define Material

ID 2 Title Sim. Nastran UD Ply Failure (MATDMG) Material Type...

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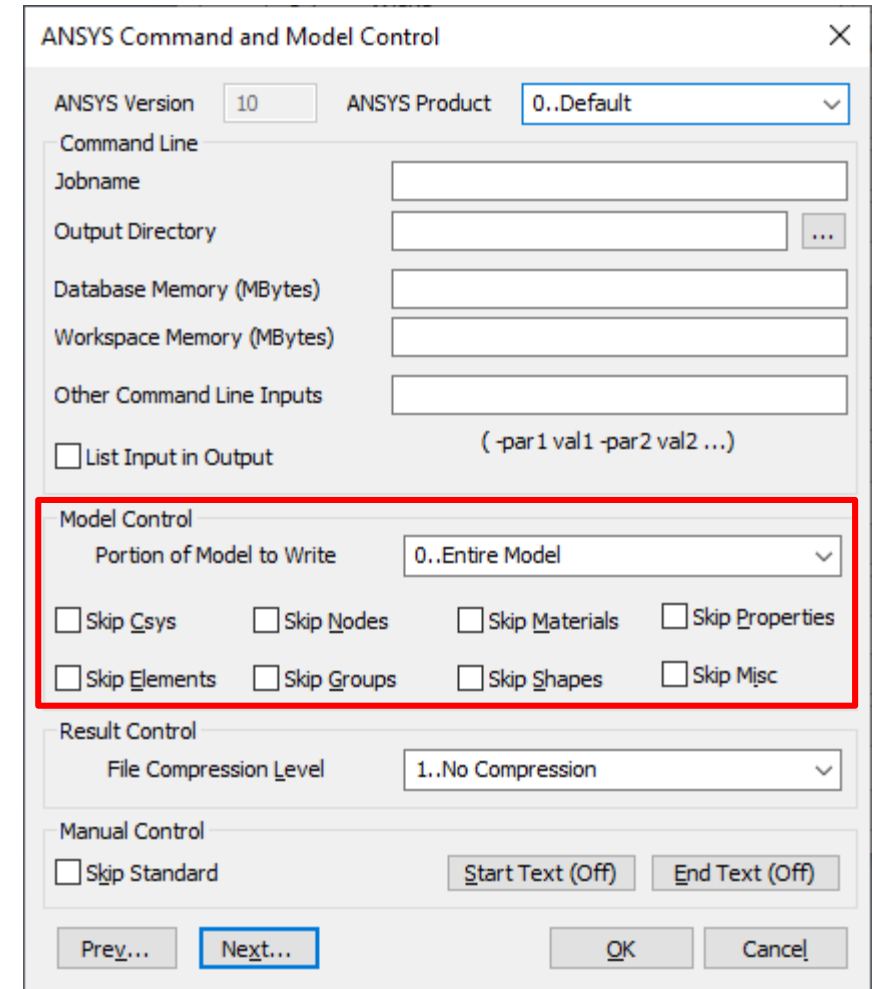
Material Type 512..Sim. Nastran UD Ply Failure (MATDMG Sol 401,402)

Material ID - MID	1	Transverse Limit E. - YS22	0.2	Load...
Max Damage Value - DMAX	0.999	Coupling Coeff. - B2	0.6	Save...
3D Effect Parameter - PE	0	Damage Var Coeff. - B3	0.5	Copy...
E. Threshold (+) - Y11LIMT	25.	Coupling Coeff. - A	0.6	Next >>
E. Threshold (-) - Y11LIMC	2.	Initial Plastic Threshold - LITK	0.1	<< Prev
Coeff. Parameter - PLYUNI	0	Plastic Law Param. - BIGK	489.	OK
Nonlin. Coefficient (+) - KSIT	3.	Plastic Law Exp. - EXPN	0.293	Cancel
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Shear E. Limit - YS12	3.	Delay Param. - ADEL	1.	
Damage Evolution - TID	108..NASTR/	Delay Time - TAU	1.E-4	
E.Threshold in Shear - Y012	0.			
Shear Critical E. - YC12	0.			

# Simcenter Femap v2020.2 – What's New Solver Support – ANSYS Updates

Added several options to *Model Control* section of *ANSYS Command and Model Control* dialog box

- Added *Skip Csys*, *Skip Nodes*, *Skip Materials*, *Skip Properties*, and *Skip Elements* - allows user to skip any combination of these entity types entirely during export
- Added *Skip Groups* – allows user to skip writing ESEL, NSEL and CM entries during export
- Added *Skip Misc* – allows user to skip view settings (/VIEW, /ANGLE, /ZOOM, etc), preprocessor commands (/NOPR, /FCOMP, /PREP7, /GOPR, etc), solution settings (/SOLU, ANTYPE, EQSLV, etc), SOLVE, FINISH, etc
- Changed *Skip Beam/Bar Cross Sections* to *Skip Shapes*





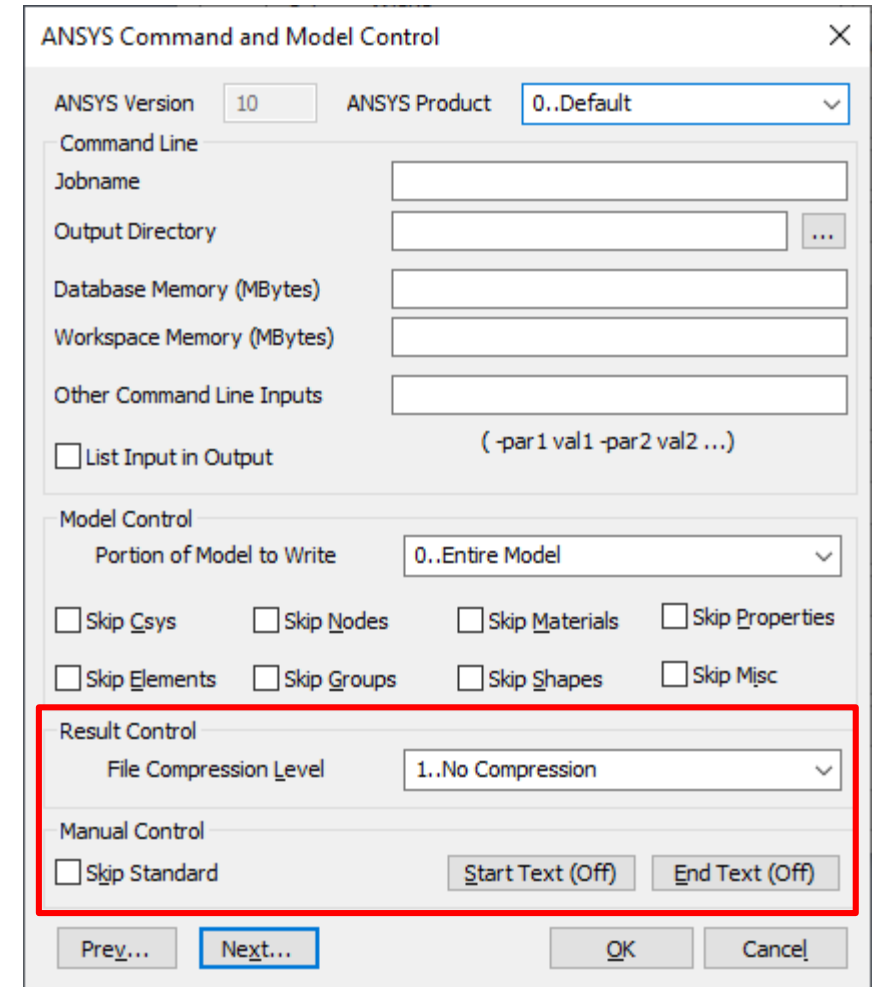
# Simcenter Femap v2020.2 – What’s New Solver Support – ANSYS Updates

Added *Result Control* section to select the *File Compression Level* for the ANSYS results file (\*.RST File)

Added ability to read output data contained in ANSYS results files which use “Version 1” compression (ANSYS default)

Added *Manual Control* section to:

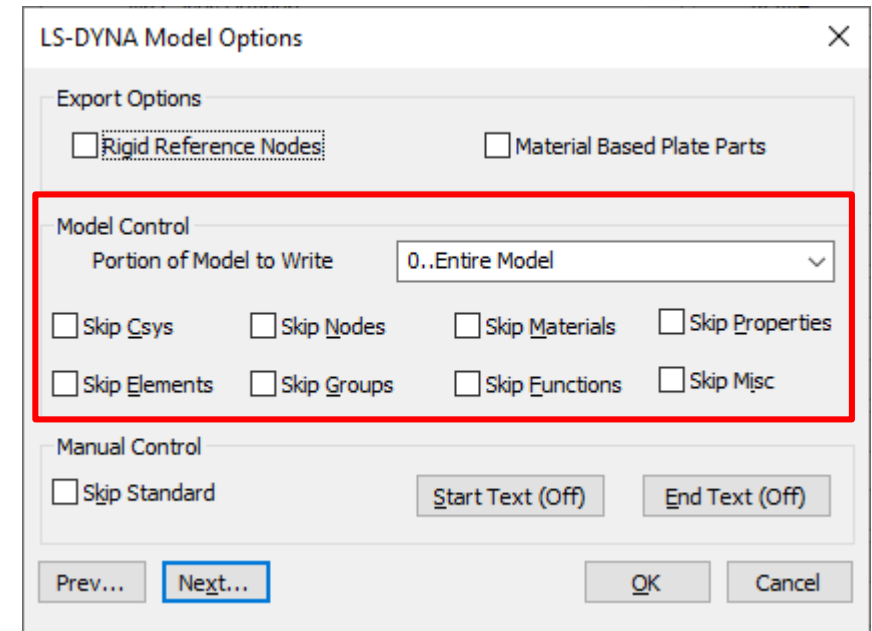
- *ANSYS Command and Model Control*
- *ANSYS Load Step*
- *ANSYS Time Step Options*
- *ANSYS Modal Analysis Options*
- *ANSYS Harmonic Analysis Options*
- *ANSYS Random Vibration Analysis Options*
- *ANSYS Buckling Options*
- *ANSYS Nonlinear Options*
- *ANSYS Output Requests*



# Simcenter Femap v2020.2 – What’s New Solver Support – LS-Dyna Updates

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- Added *Skip Csys*, *Skip Nodes*, *Skip Materials*, *Skip Properties*, and *Skip Elements* - allows user to skip any combination of these entity types entirely during export
- Added *Skip Groups* – allows user to skip writing \*SET\_ entries during export
- Added *Skip Functions* – allows user to skip writing functions (\*DEFINE\_CURVE entries) during export
- Added *Skip Misc* – allows user to skip comments starting with “\$”, \*KEYWORD, \*TITLE with corresponding “title”, \*CONTROL TERMINATION with corresponding value, \*DATABASE\_BINARY\_D3PLOT with corresponding value, \*END, and other entries during export



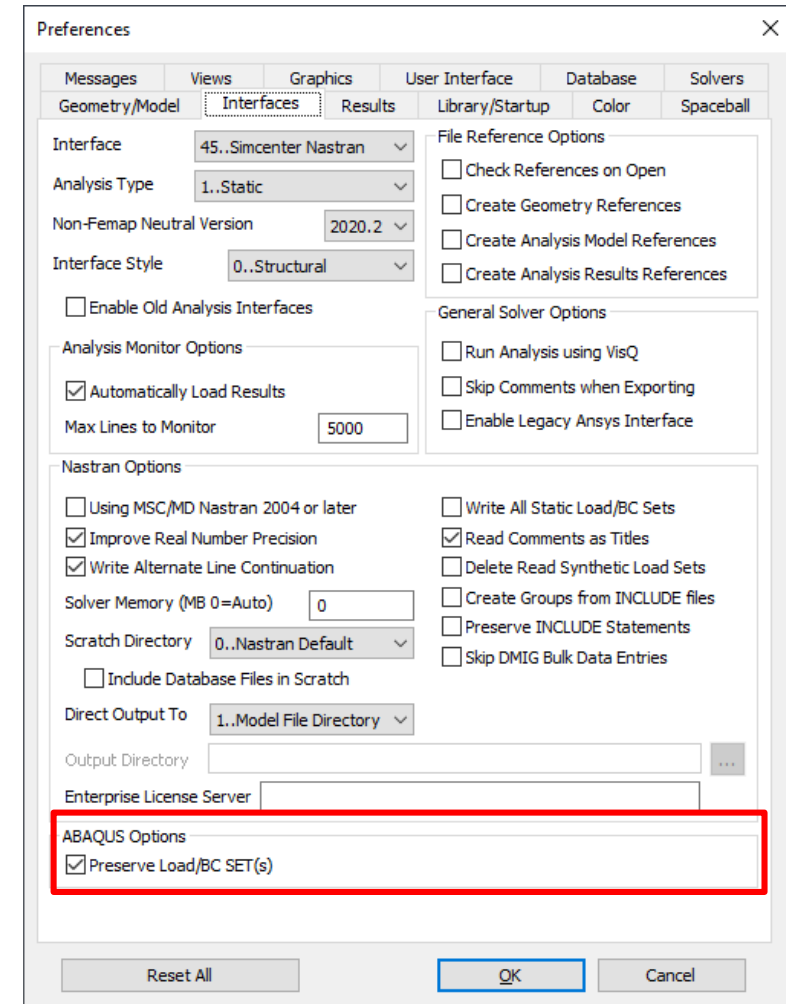
# Simcenter Femap v2020.2 – What’s New Solver Support – LS-Dyna and ABAQUS Updates

Added *LS-Dyna Analysis Monitor* to monitor solver progress, review solver files, and optionally import results

Added support *Preserve Load/BC Sets* option for ABAQUS

- When enabled, causes imported loads and boundary conditions which reference a SET to create a Load Definition or Constraint Definition in Femap

Added support to write all supported load/constraint types that are contained in a Load/Constraint Definition as a SET entry in the ABAQUS input file, if requested by enabling the *Write All Groups as Sets* option in the *ABAQUS Model Options* dialog box



## **Agenda:**

Performance Improvements

UI and Visualization

Preprocessing

Meshing

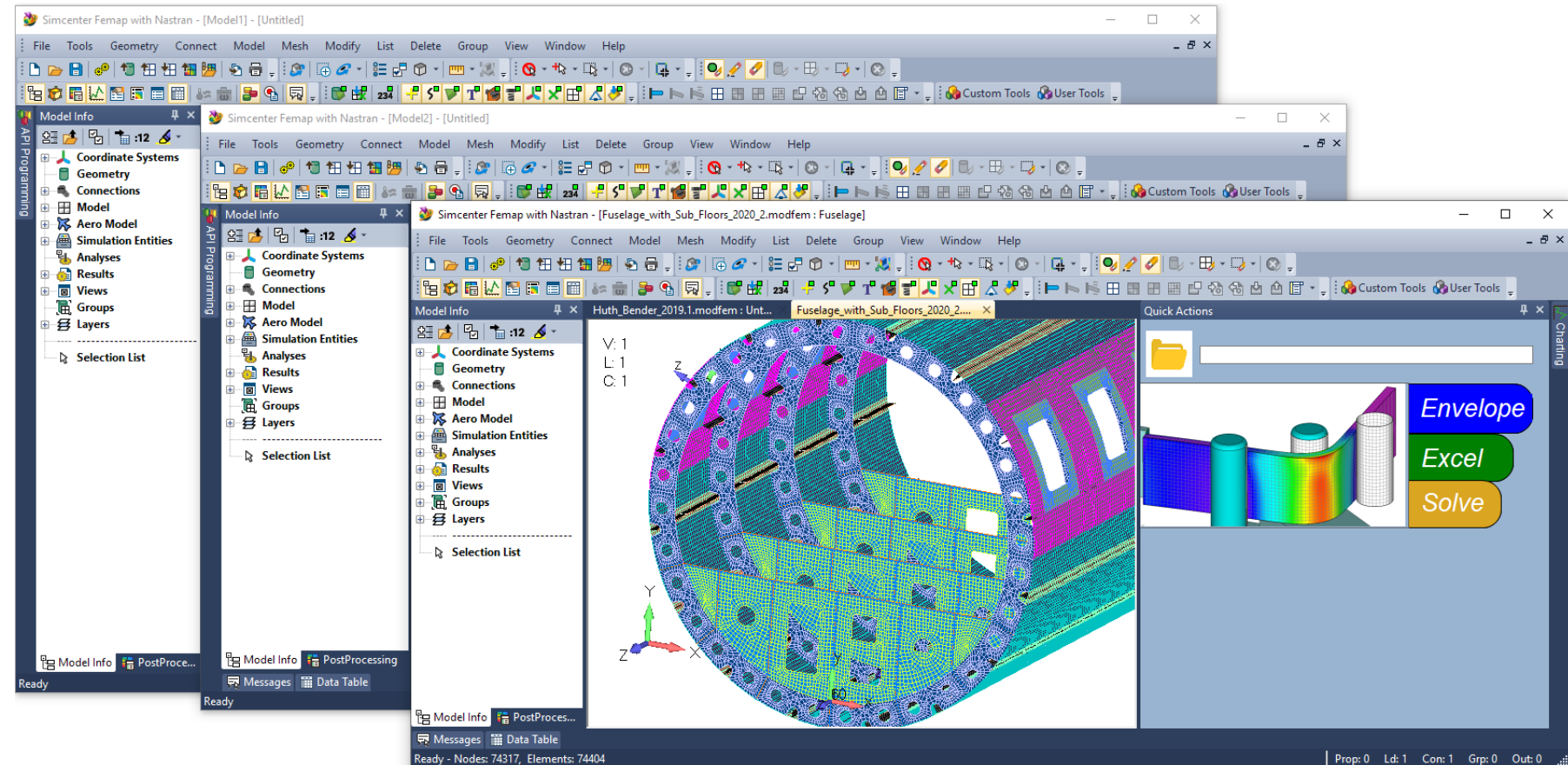
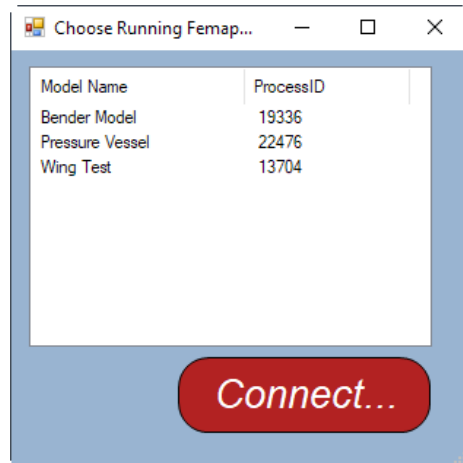
Post Processing

Solver Support

**Miscellaneous**

# Simcenter Femap v2020.2 – What's New API – Control Multiple Femap Sessions

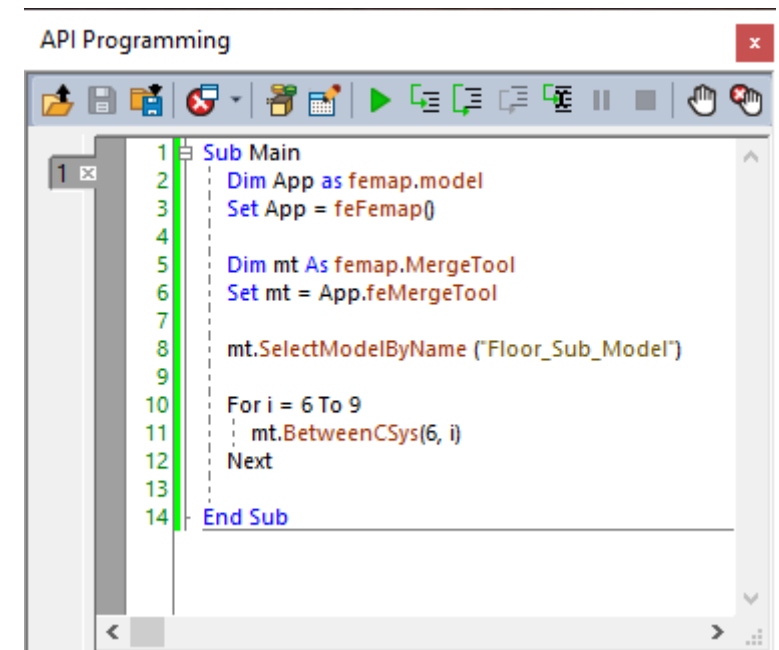
- API Developers can now control multiple Femap sessions ***simultaneously***
  - Including **Excel** VBA Developers
  - Forward-compatible
- `feAppRunningApplicationInfo()`
  - `feAppGetRunningApplication()`



# Simcenter Femap v2020.2 – What's New API

## New Tools

- Added a MergeTool Object (feMergeTool) that is similar to the existing CopyTool and MoveTool, but exposes the capabilities of the File->Merge Command
  - Ability to select *From Model* by name
  - Methods to toggle individual/groups of entity types to include
  - Method to “Add Related” entities with “Add Associated” option
  - Unique methods for each *Orientation/Transform* option
  - Properties to specify *Options*
  - Methods to create “Patterns” of merged entities (not in UI)



```
1 Sub Main
2   Dim App as femap.model
3   Set App = feFemap()
4
5   Dim mt As femap.MergeTool
6   Set mt = App.feMergeTool
7
8   mt.SelectModelByName ("Floor_Sub_Model")
9
10  For i = 6 To 9
11    mt.BetweenCSys(6, i)
12  Next
13
14 End Sub
```



# Simcenter Femap v2020.2 – What's New API

## Stress Linearization API Access

- Automate processing of different Stress Linearization scenarios
- Same options as GUI version

## Output from API Script:

Maximum Stress = 17800.6378136816  
Membrane Stress = 1225.44895224937  
Bending Stress = 11939.3928698333

```
1 Sub Main
2   Dim App as femap.model
3   Set App = feFemap()
4
5   Dim fSL As femap.StressLinear
6   Set fSL = App.feStressLinear
7
8   fSL.ouSetID = 1
9   fSL.nElemType = 0
10  fSL.ndID1 = 2789
11  fSL.ndID2 = 2900
12  fSL.bNonlinearMode = False
13  fSL.bFullStressTensor = False
14
15  If fSL.CalcStressLinearization() = FE_OK Then
16    Msg = "Maximum Stress = " + Str$(fSL.dMaxStress)
17    App.feAppMessage( FCM_NORMAL, Msg )
18    Msg = "Membrane Stress = " + Str$(fSL.dMembraneStress)
19    App.feAppMessage( FCM_NORMAL, Msg )
20    Msg = "Bending Stress = " + Str$(fSL.dBendingStress )
21    App.feAppMessage( FCM_NORMAL, Msg )
22  End If
23
24 End Sub
```

# Simcenter Femap v2020.2 – What's New API



## New Application Methods

- Added `feFileGetByName( )` that returns Model ID of an open model based on its filename.
- Added `feEdgesOfFreeFaces( )` that returns pairs of node IDs along the edges of Free Faces of selected elements.

## New Object Methods

- Added `NextOnEntity( )` method to the `LoadGeom`, `LoadMesh` and `BCGeom` objects and `NextOnNode( )` to the `BCEqn` object. These new methods allow you to retrieve multiple loads/constraints of different types on multiple entities.
- Added `AddNodesOnFreeEdges( )` and `AddNodesOnFreeFaces( )` to the `Set` object that add nodes on free edges or faces of selected elements to the `Set`.
- Added `ComputeStdShape2( )` and `ComputeGeneralShape2( )` to the `Property` object that allow you to specify whether to compute properties at End A or End B of a tapered beam property.

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