

# Free offshore Seminar on ANSYS Issues in Fatigue Analysis

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# Presentation

A photograph of an offshore wind farm at sunset. The sky is filled with golden and orange clouds, and the sun is low on the horizon, creating a bright glow. The sea is dark blue with some whitecaps. In the distance, a long line of wind turbines stretches across the horizon. A small boat is visible in the middle ground.

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# Goals

- Mission
  - To educate Finite Element Method
  - To ensure transfer of technology and knowledge between University and Industry
- Objectives
  - Bachelor level: Mechanical Engineering students should be able to use FEA in a product design and development environment
  - Bachelor level: Civil Engineering students should be able to use FEA in structural design
  - Master level: Civil and Mechanical Engineering students should be able to use FEA in a research and development environment

# Program

- Issues in Fatigue Analysis – from an educational point of view
  - Education – Self paced learning and Project Oriented Problem Based Learning
    - FEA - Strong motivator in teaching structural behavior
  - Scope of Fatigue Analysis
  - Issues in Fatigue Analysis
- Issues in Deterministic Fatigue Analysis
- Examples – In danish

# Education - FEM in Esbjerg

- 10 years ago – use of FE in graduate projects 50%:
  - Supervision and training share in the study curriculum
  - 0% CAE Inventor Professional
  - 100% ANSYS Classic
  - 0% ANSYS Workbench
- 5 years ago – use of FE in graduate projects 70%:
  - Supervision and training share in the study curriculum
  - 10% CAE Inventor Professional
  - 90% ANSYS Classic
  - 0% ANSYS Workbench
- 3 years ago – use of FE in graduate projects 90%:
  - Supervision and training share in the study curriculum
  - 20% CAE Inventor Professional
  - 70% ANSYS Classic
  - 10% ANSYS Workbench
- Currently – use of FE in graduate projects 100%:
  - Supervision and training share in the study curriculum
  - 20% CAE Inventor Professional
  - 50% ANSYS Classic
  - 30% ANSYS Workbench

# Education

- Bachelor level
  - Fatigue in Machine elements – infinite life (only for mechanical engineering students)
  - Fatigue in Steel structures - introductory (welded) – finite life (for both civil and mechanical engineering students)
  - Fatigue in Steel structures (welded) – finite life (only for mechanical engineering students)
- Master level
  - Fatigue in Steel structures (welded) – finite life (for both civil and mechanical engineering students)
  - Linear Elastic Fracture Mechanics (for both civil and mechanical engineering students)

# Scope of Fatigue Analysis

- Considering a minimum of 8 directions, 10 waves per direction and 10 periods per wave and reminding that there must be 18 steps for each wave, this means that the fatigue stresses will require 14400 load cases, in order to determine 800 stress ranges
- In the case of a jacket structure it is usually checked for fatigue at 8 points around the circumference of the joint connection, times 2, because each member has 2 ends and times 2 again because there is stress concentration on both the chord side and the brace side of the connection.
- If the jacket has 1000 members, this means that 32000 fatigue checks must be performed, dealing with the 1440 stress values that were determined above, leading to 80 stress ranges.
- This means that  $80 \times 32000 = 2.56$  million damage calculations must be performed for the entire structure (80 for each point).
- In education minimum is one.

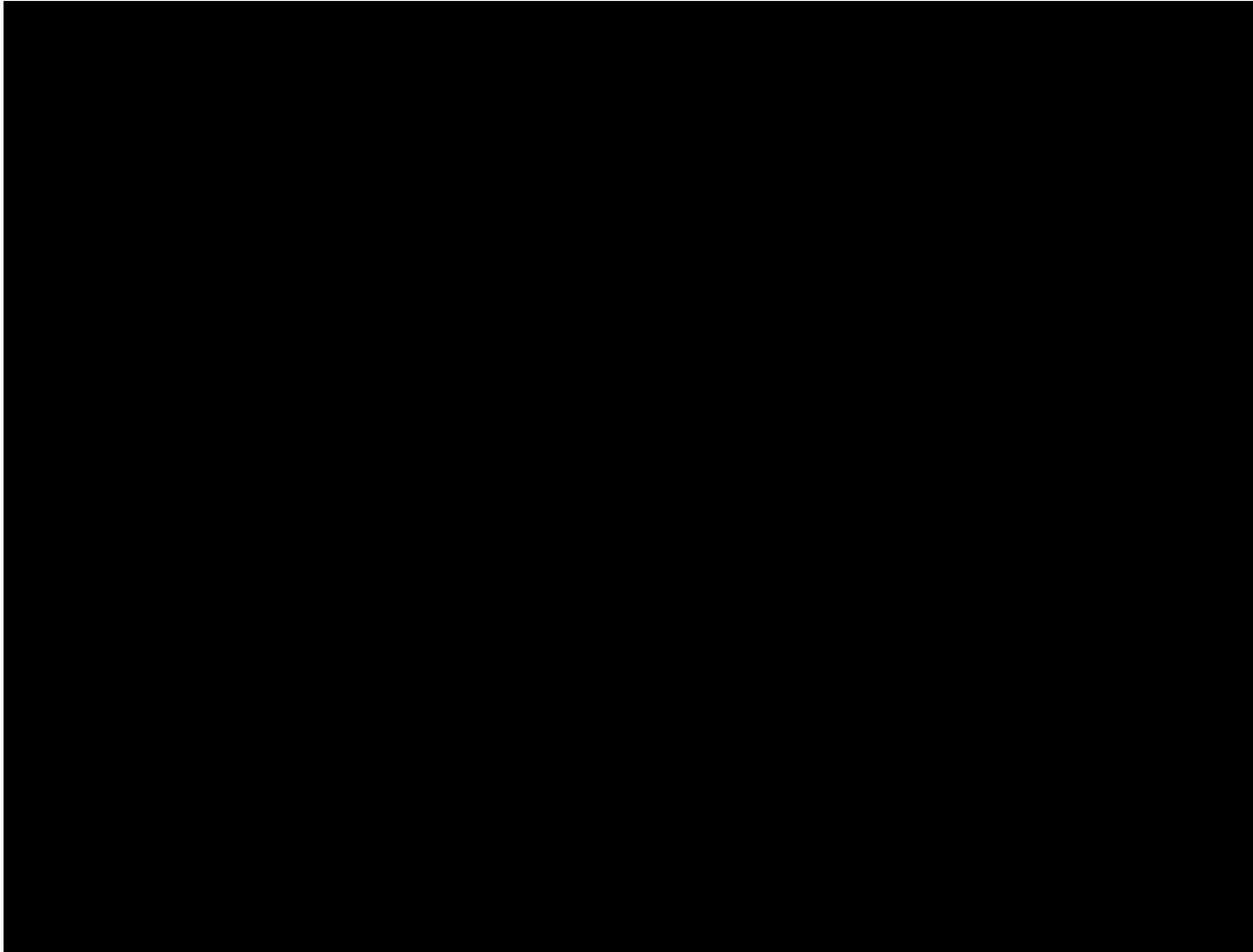
# Issues in fatigue analysis

- Design approach
  - Infinite life design
  - Safe life design
  - Fail-safe design
- Identification of critical regions
- Modeling issues
  - Idealization
  - Mesh
  - Geometrical Detail
  - Stress Concentrations
  - Fatigue Modification Factors
  - Material Data (S-N data, toughness, surface roughness...)

# Issues in fatigue analysis ...

- Load data
  - Dynamical behavior (large deformation, flexible multi-bodies, ...)
  - Number of cycles
  - Stress range in each load cycle
  - Mean stress in each load cycle
  - Multi-axial Stress Correction
- Fatigue analysis approach
  - Deterministic Fatigue Analysis – Time domain
  - Spectral Fatigue Analysis – Frequency domain
  - Strain life LCF
  - Stress life HCF
  - LEFM

# Issues in fatigue analysis



# Issues in Deterministic Fatigue Analysis

1. Identify all phenomena which contribute to fatigue
2. Translate phenomena into loads on structural members
3. Translate member loads into local stresses
4. Choose appropriate S-N curve
5. Carry out Damage calculation using Miner's Rule
6. Compare with design life accounting for Factors of Safety

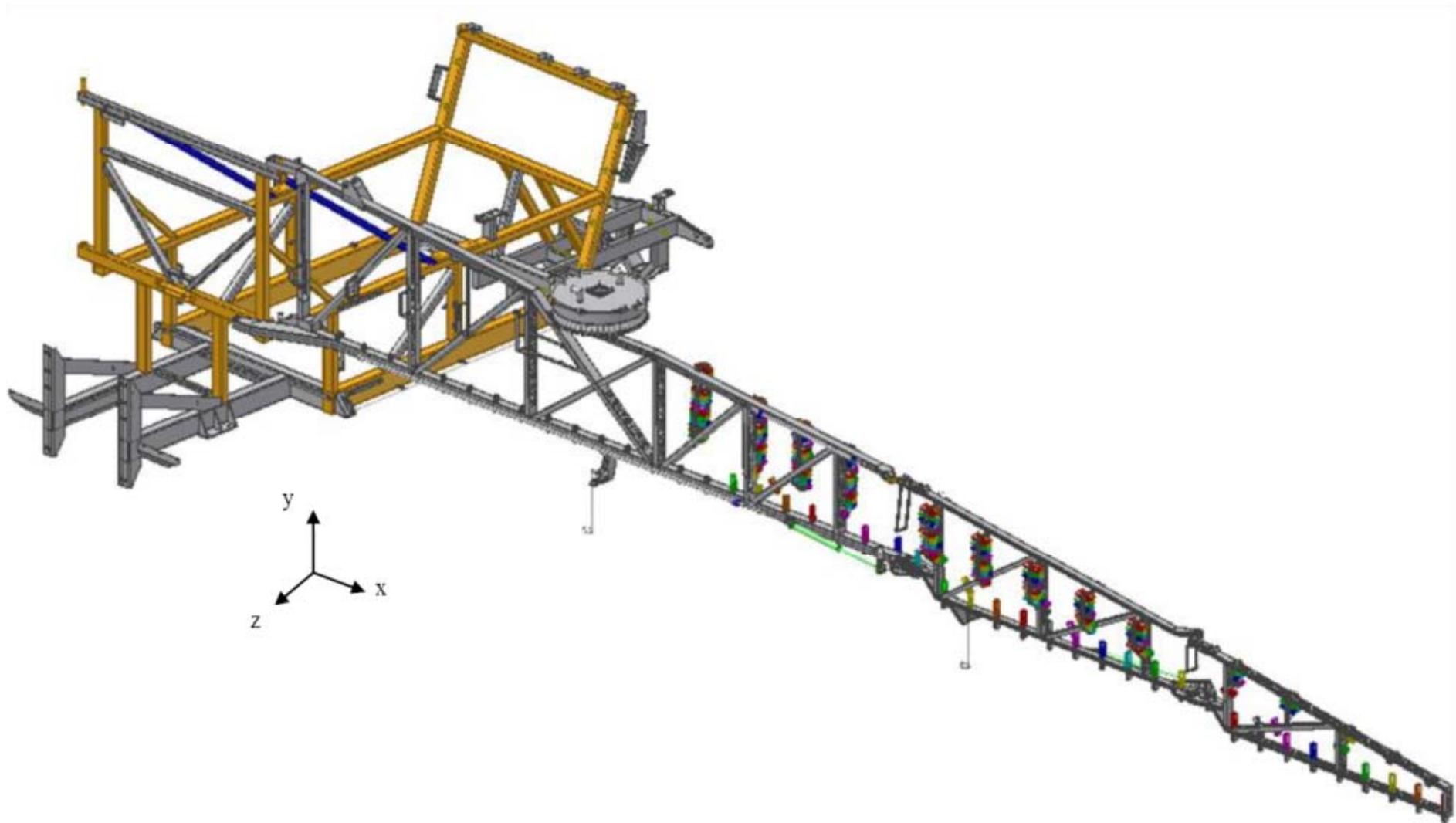
# Examples

- Example – Bachelor
- Example – Master
- Current work

# Example - Bachelor

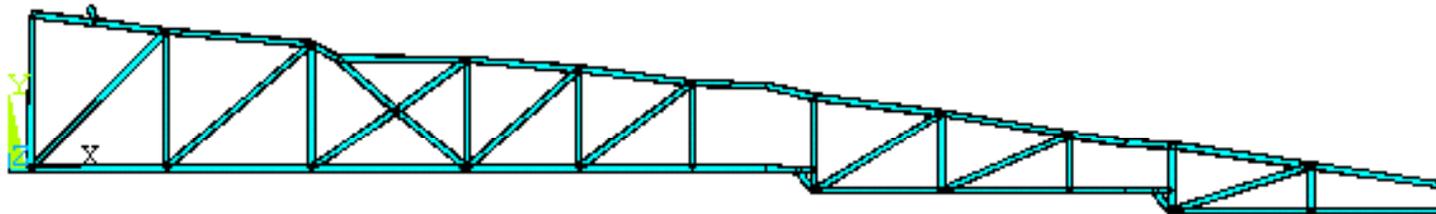
- Static models to identify loading conditions employing a variety of elementtypes in ANSYS Classic
- Static models in 3D solid in ANSYS Workbench to identify stress concentrations
- Dynamic models to compute eigenfrequency
- Establish dynamical models to generate a load history
- Hot-spot stress by, e.g. DNV or Eurocode
- Fatigue analysis by ANSYS/Workbench

# Example - Bachelor



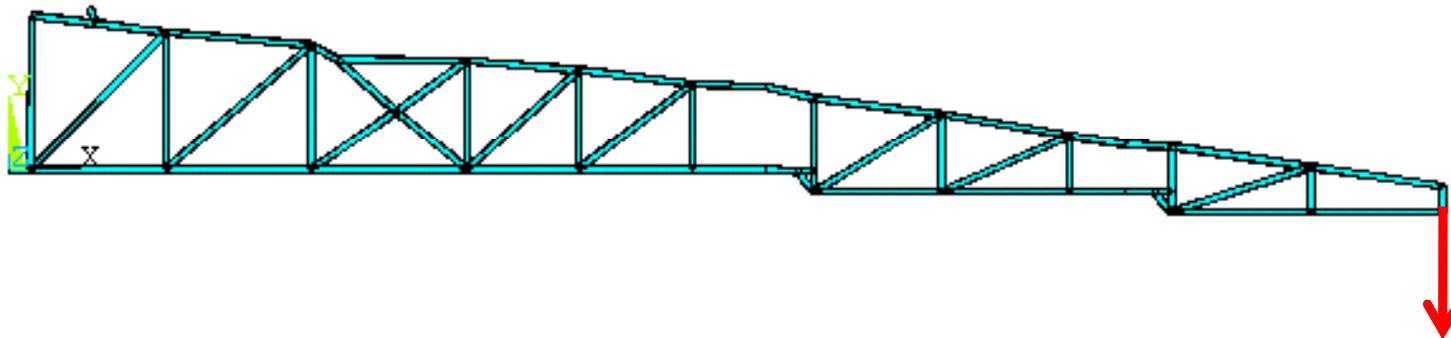
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- Lasttilfælde 1
  - Egenvægt af vingekonstruktion
  - Slinger med gylle



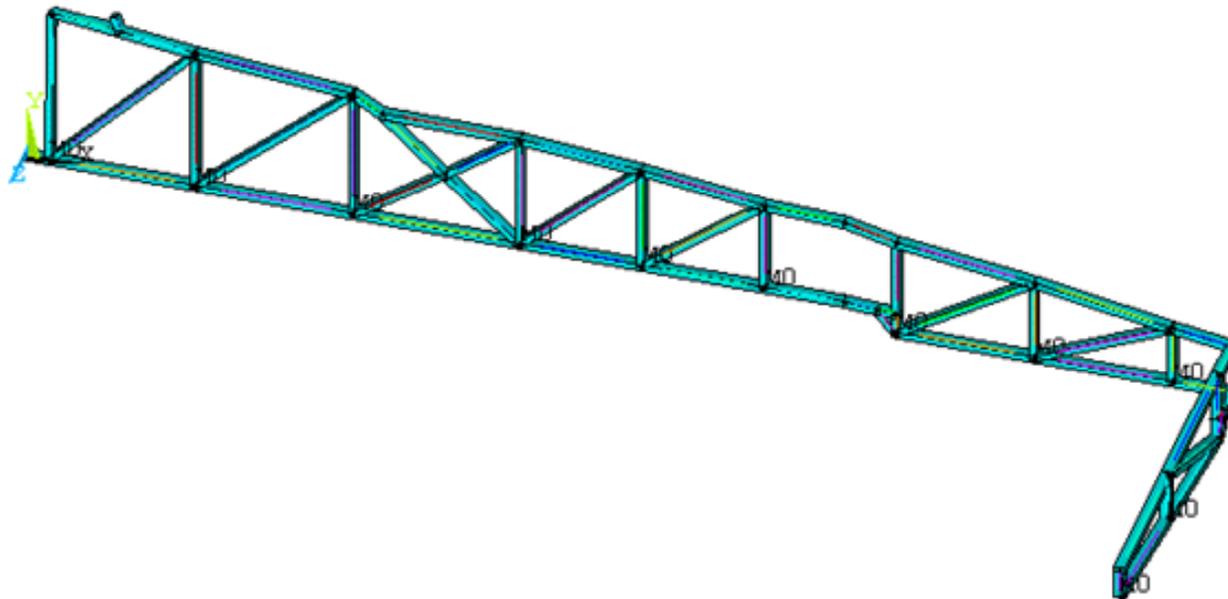
# Lasttilfælde

- Lasttilfælde 2
  - Egenvægt af vingekonstruktion
  - Slinger med gylle
  - 1200 N i 3. sektion



# Lasttilfælde

- Lasttilfælde 3
  - Egenvægt af vingekonstruktion
  - Slinger med gylle
  - 3. sektion knækket i 90°



# Bjælke model af vinge

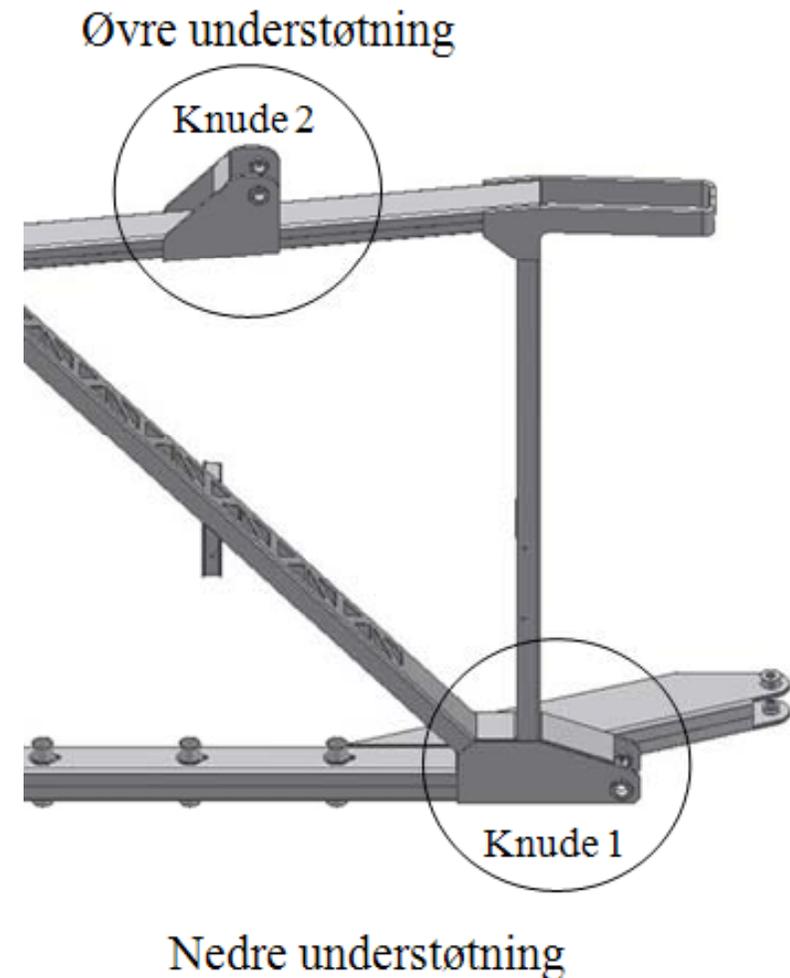
- Randbetingelser

$$\mathbf{K}_{Global} \cdot \vec{v}_{Global} = \vec{r}_{Global}$$

$$\mathbf{K}_{Global} = \text{Global stivhedsmatrix} \left[ \frac{N}{m} \text{ el. } \frac{Nm}{rad} \right]$$

$$\vec{v}_{Global} = \text{Global flytningsvektor} [m \text{ el. } rad]$$

$$\vec{r}_{Global} = \text{Global knudekraftvektor} [N \text{ el. } Nm]$$





# Opbygning af bjælke model

Dimensioner til keypoints.xlsx - Microsoft Excel

Startside Indsæt Sidelayout Formler Data Gennemse Vis

Calibri 11 Ombyrd tekst Standard

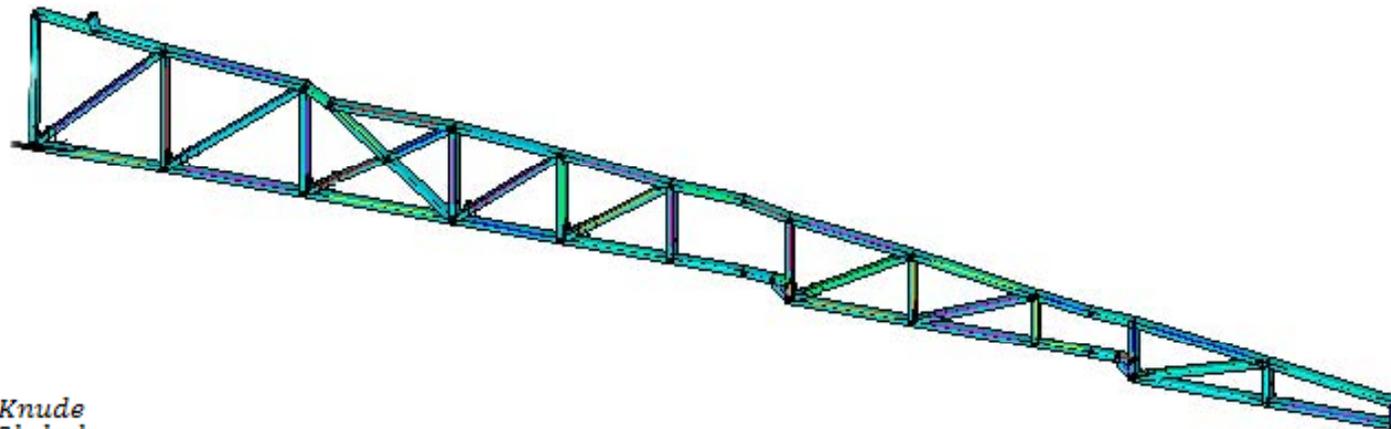
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122	!	Real Constants Set 4																			

Invntor dimensions Dimensioner til keypoints Lige Knaekket Modalanalyse Knaekket modal Test S

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# Bjælke model af vinge



$$\vec{v}_{Lokal}^{Knude} = \mathbf{T} \cdot \vec{v}_{Global}^{Knude}$$

$$\mathbf{k}_{Lokal} \cdot \vec{v}_{Lokal} = \vec{r}_{Lokal}$$

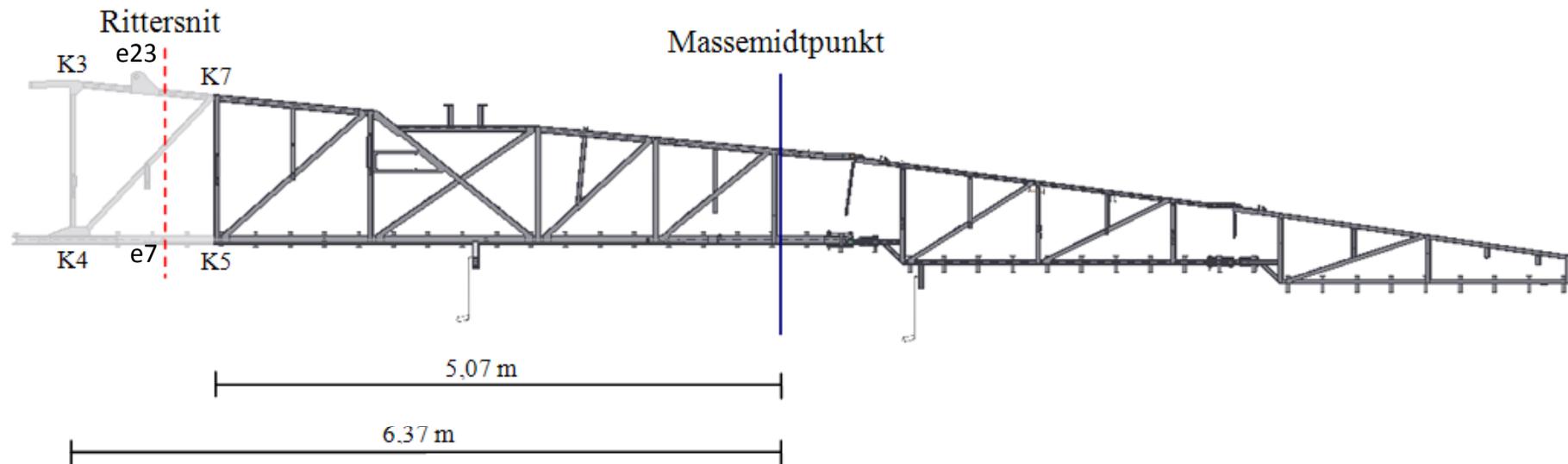
$$\mathbf{k}_{Lokal} = \text{Lokal stivhedsmatrix} \left[ \frac{N}{m} \text{ el. } \frac{Nm}{\text{"rad"}} \right]$$

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$$\vec{r}_{Lokal} = \text{Lokal knudekraftvektor} [N \text{ el. Nm}]$$

# Validering

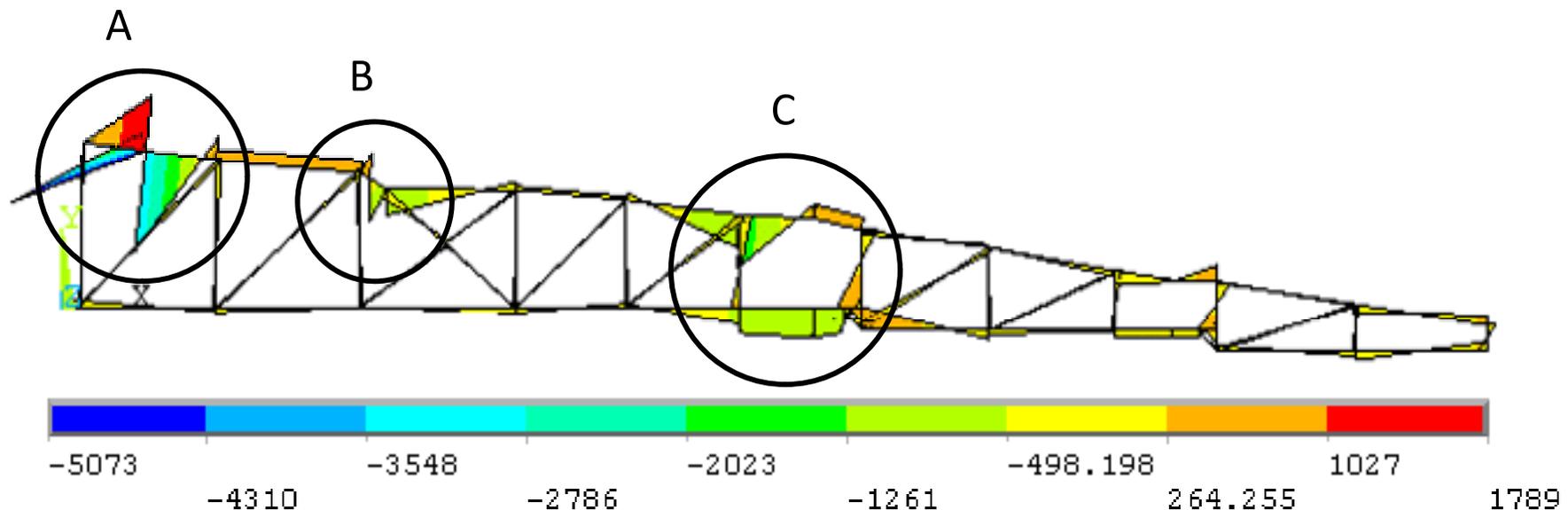
- Rittersnit



Normalkraft	Lasttilfælde 1			Lasttilfælde 2		
	Rittersnit	Ansys Classic	Afvigelse	Rittersnit	Ansys Classic	Afvigelse
N7	-27,6 kN	-25,2 kN	9,5 %	-38,9 kN	-36,6 kN	6,3 %
N23	27,4 kN	26,4 kN	3,8 %	37,6 kN	36,6 kN	2,7 %

# Resultater fra bjælke modellen

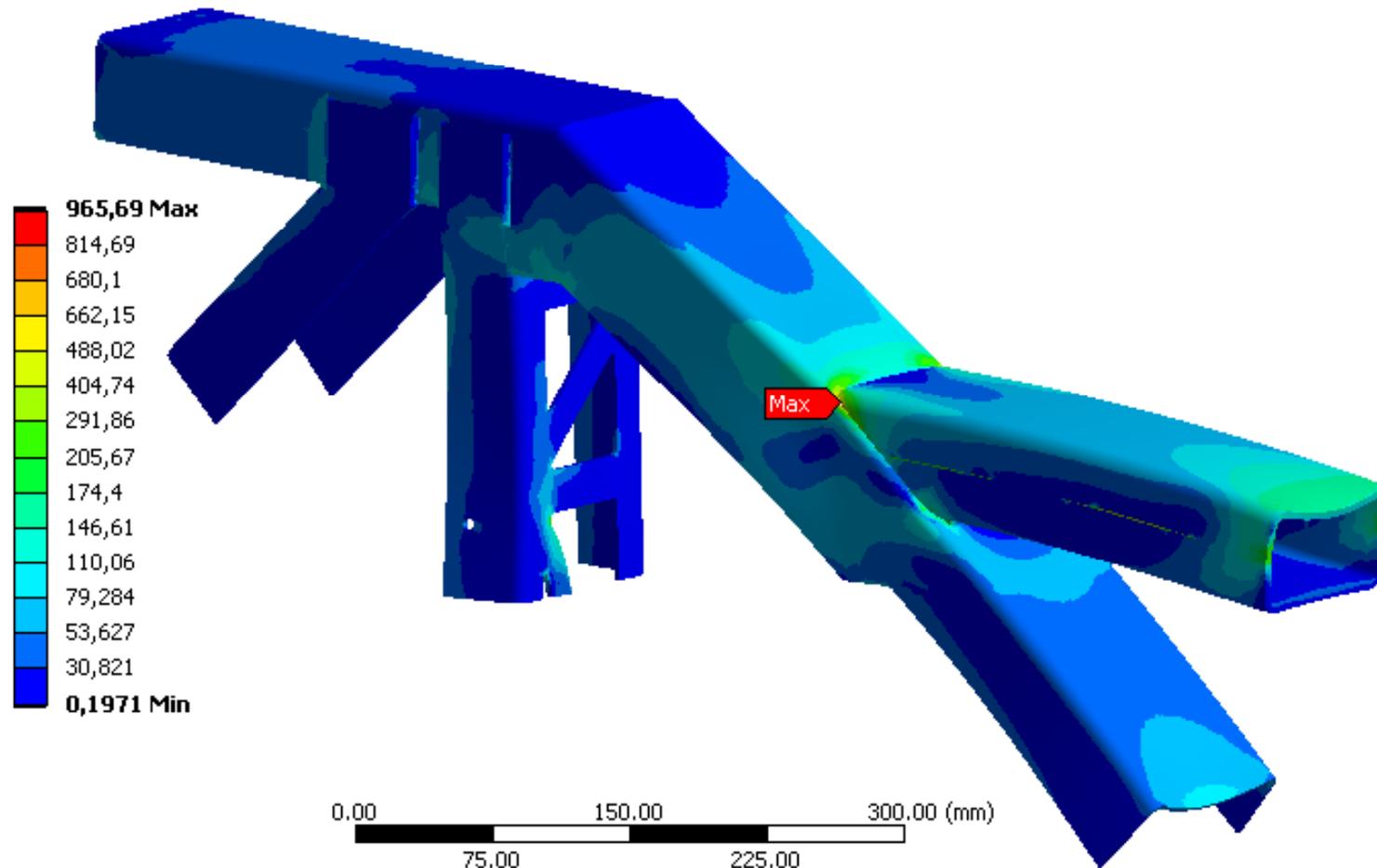
- Lasttilfælde 2
  - Udbøjningen er 67,4 mm
  - Normalkræfter
  - Bøjningsmomenter om z-aksen





# Analyse af knudesamling

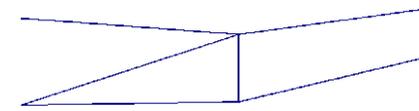
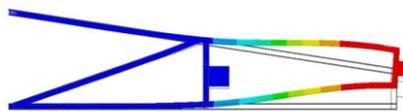
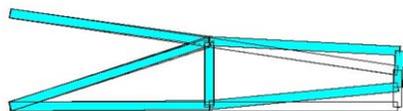
- Konvergenstudie af lasttilfælde 2
  - Refinement = 1, Meshrelevance = 85



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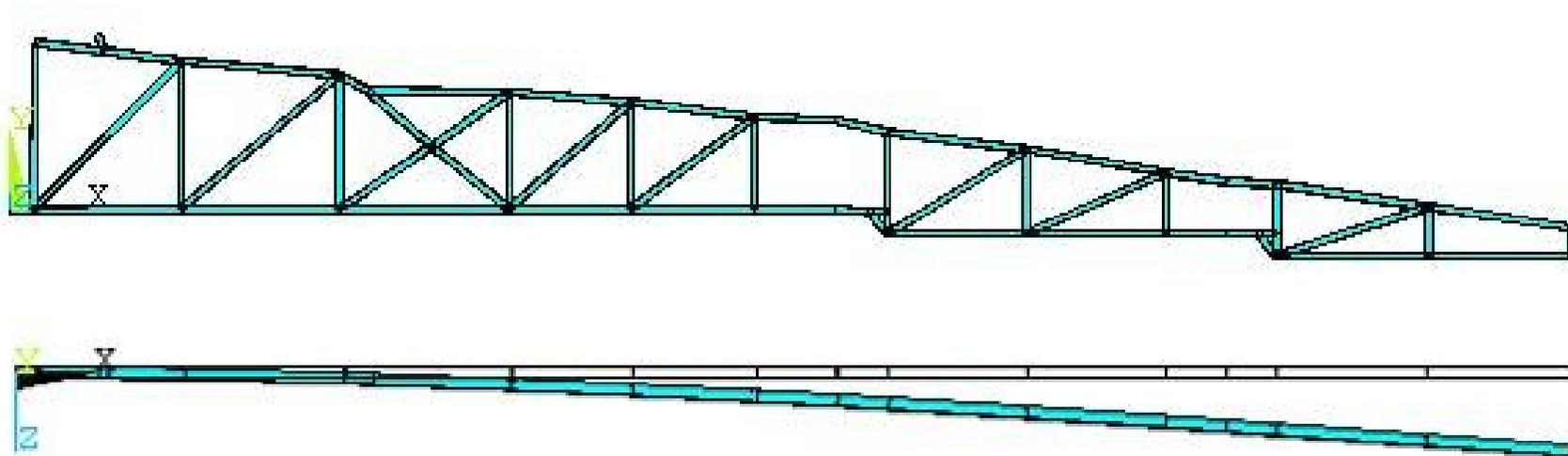
- Sammenligning af egenfrekvenser

Modeshape	Bjælkemodel	Solidmodel Inventor		Analytisk beregning	
	F [Hz]	F [Hz]	Afvigelse. [%]	F [Hz]	Afvigelse. [%]
1	21,6	22,5	+5,1	19,8	-8,3
2	64,2	68,9	+7,3	55,4	-13,7



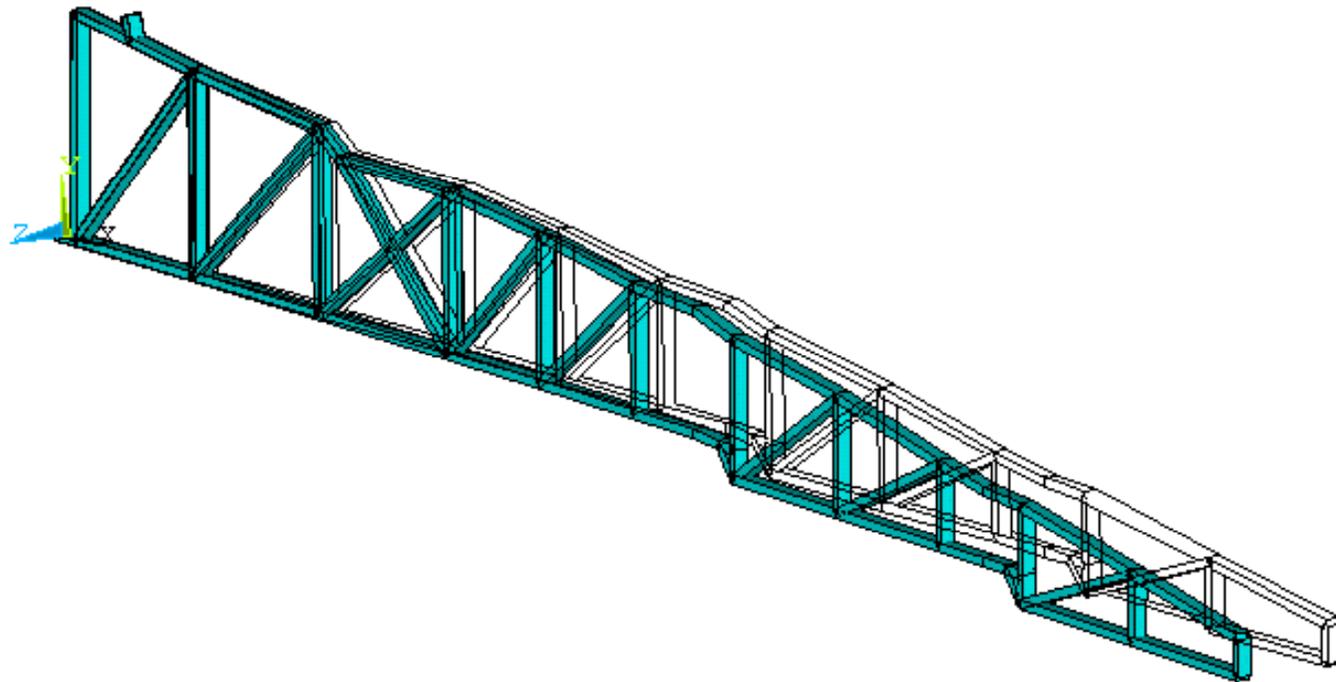
# Modeshapes

- $F_{\text{konstruktion},1} = 0,37 \text{ Hz} < 3,33 \text{ Hz}$



# Modeshapes

- 2 laveste egenfrekvenser
  - $F_{\text{konstruktion},1,2} < 3,33 \text{ Hz}$



# Påvirkninger under kørsel

- Beregning af acceleration

$$\ddot{x}_p(t_{maks}) = \ddot{x}_p(0,23 \text{ s}) = 3,22 \frac{m}{s^2}$$

$$\ddot{x}_{p,maks} = \begin{matrix} + \\ - \end{matrix} 3,22 \frac{m}{s^2}$$

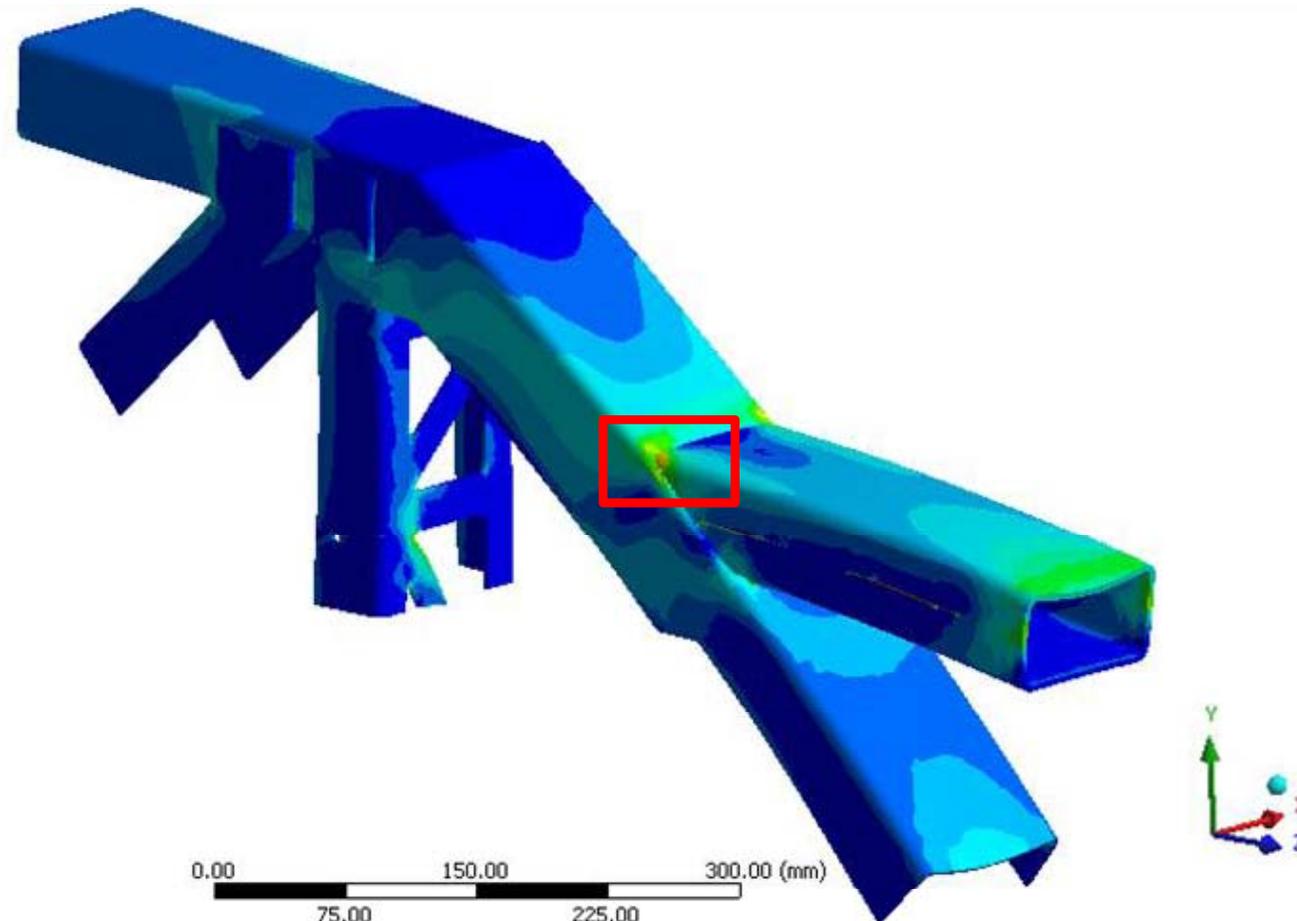
- Påvirkninger på konstruktionen

$$a_{maks} = 9,82 \frac{m}{s^2} + 3,22 \frac{m}{s^2} = 13,04 \frac{m}{s^2}$$

$$a_{min} = 9,82 \frac{m}{s^2} - 3,22 \frac{m}{s^2} = 6,60 \frac{m}{s^2}$$

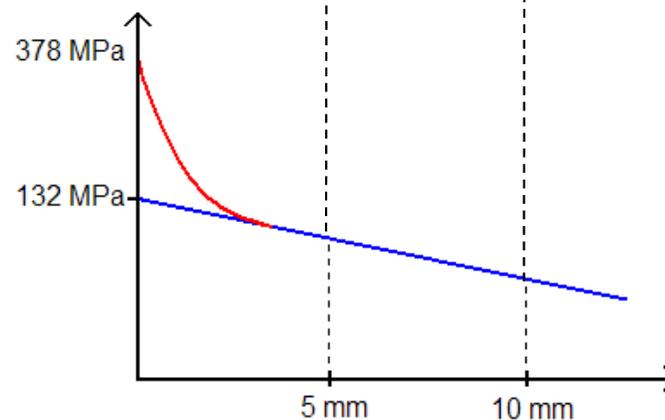
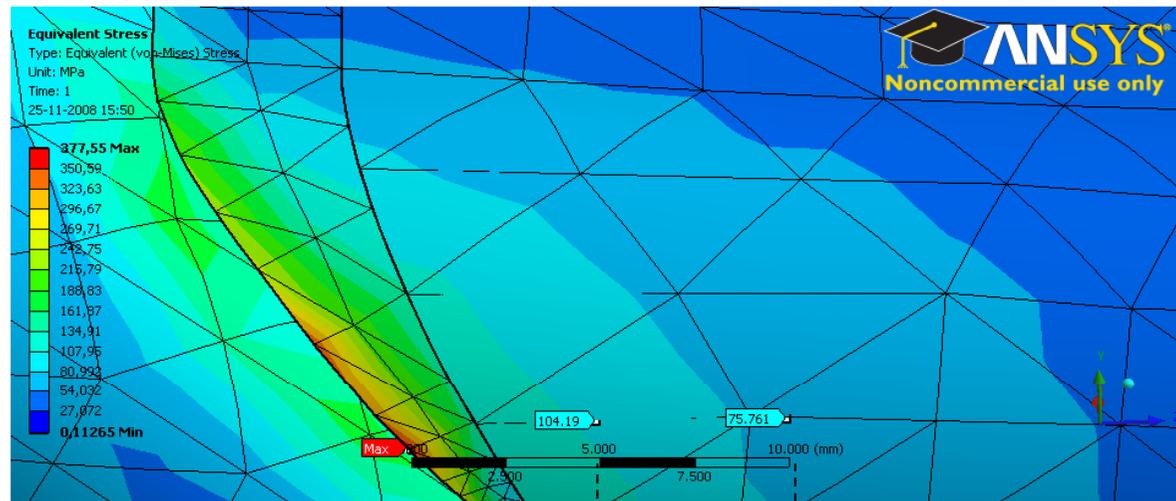
# Udmattelse efter DS 412

- Knudesamling [K10] mellem e25 og e6

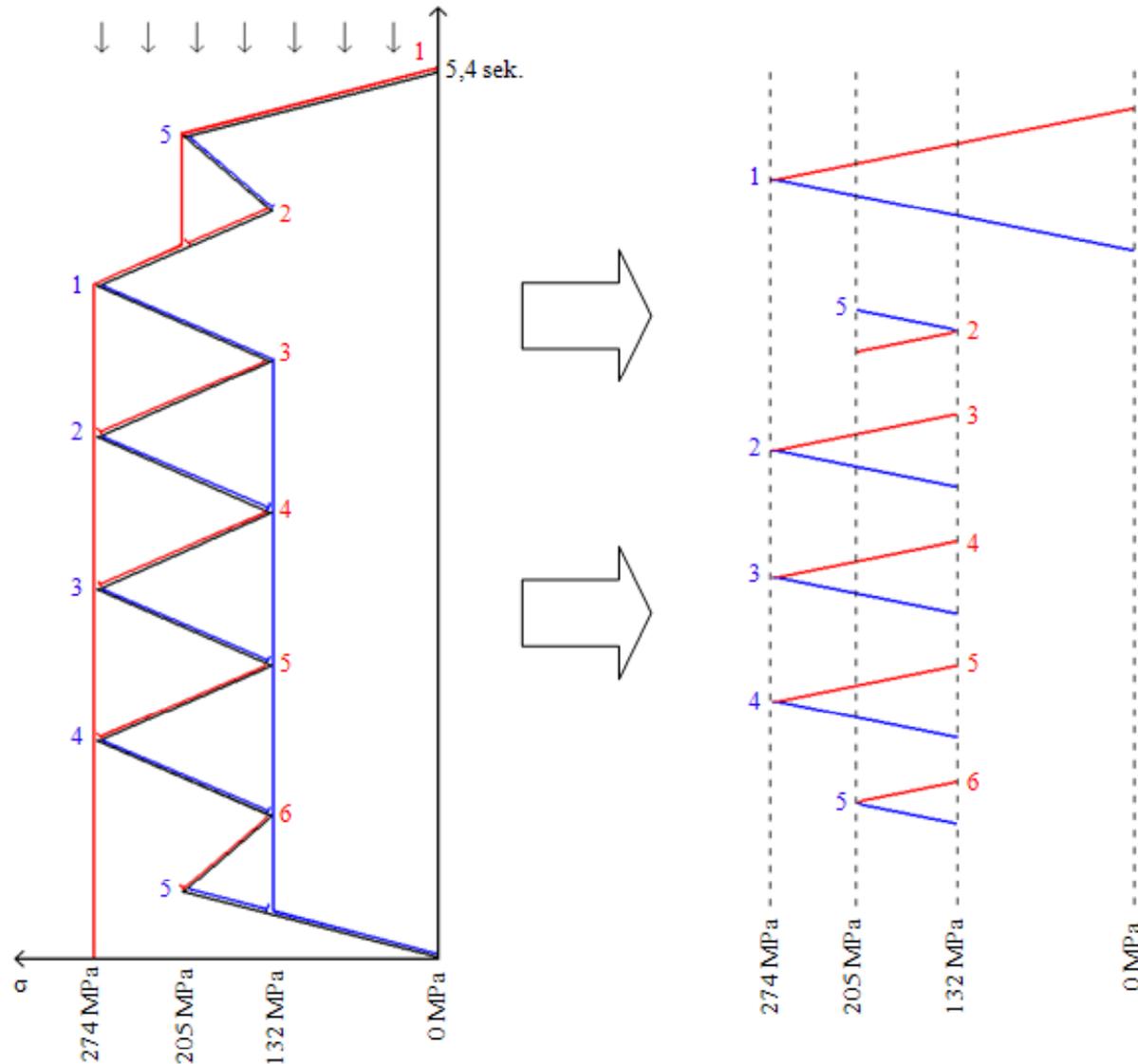


# Udmattelse efter DS 412

- Hot spot analyse ved en acceleration på  $6,60 \frac{m}{s^2}$



# Udmattelse efter DS 412



1 x 274 MPa  
3 x 142 MPa  
2 x 73 MPa

# Levetidsberegning efter DS 412

Spændingsvidde	Antal påvirkninger		Påvirkninger før brud	Delskader
$\sigma_{fat}$	Cyklus	$n_5$	$n_{fat}$	$n_5/n_{fat}$
274 MPa	1	73720	137330	0,5368
142 MPa	322	23737840	986628	24,0596
73 MPa	2	147440	7261893	0,0203
			I alt	24,6167

- Beregning af fatale antal påvirkninger [ $n_{fat}$ ]

$$\log(n_{fat}) = \log(a) - m \cdot \log(\sigma_{fat})$$

$$n_{fat} = 137330$$

- Beregning af delskade

$$\frac{n_5}{n_{fat1}} = \frac{73720}{137330} = 0,536$$

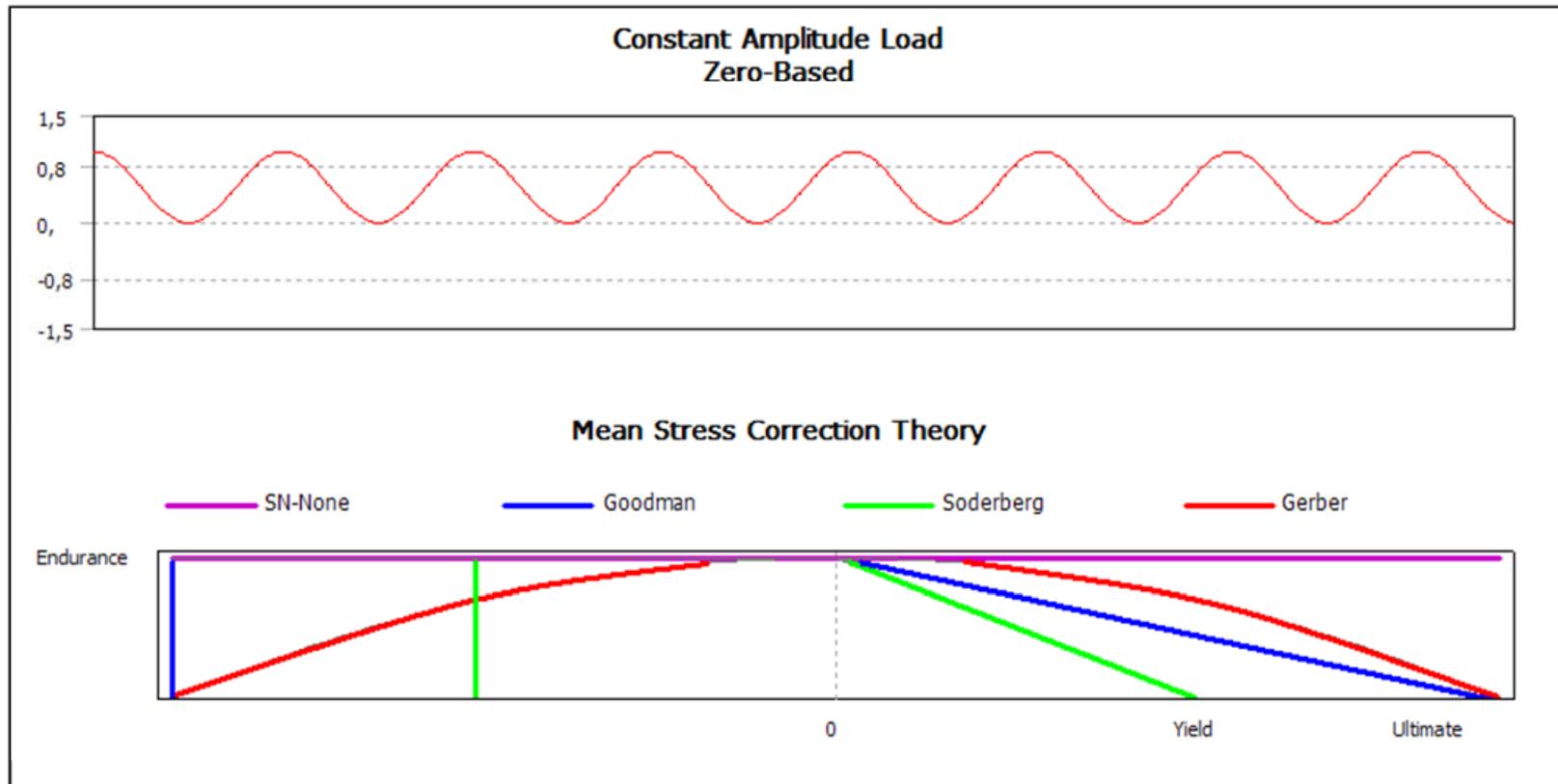
- Beregning af levetid

$$\text{Levetid i år} = 5 \text{ år} \cdot \frac{1}{24,61} = 0,2 \text{ år} \sim 240 \text{ timer}$$

# Levetidsberegning i Workbench

- Dynamisk kraftpåvirkning

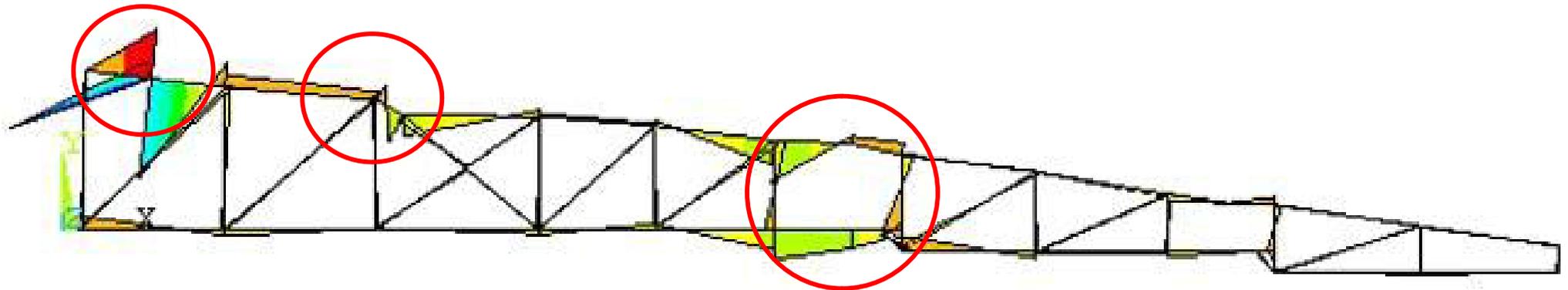
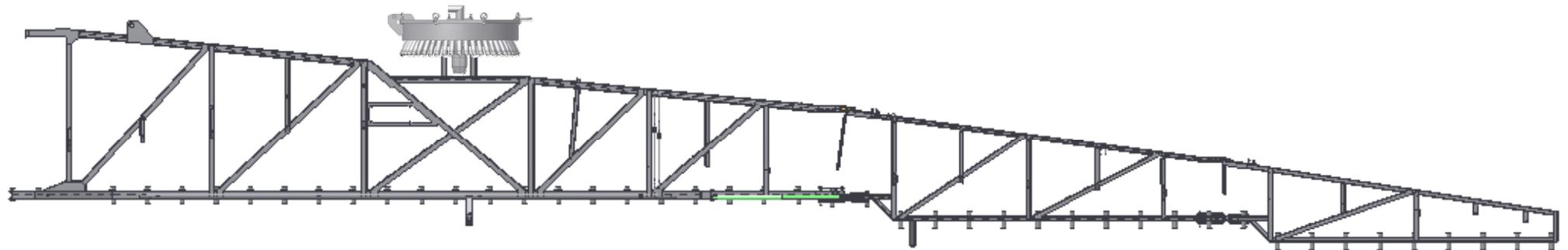
Normalkraft ved $13,09 \frac{m}{s^2}$	Normalkraft ved $6,55 \frac{m}{s^2}$	Dynamisk normalkraft
17152 N	8586 N	8566 N



# Sammenligning af levetid

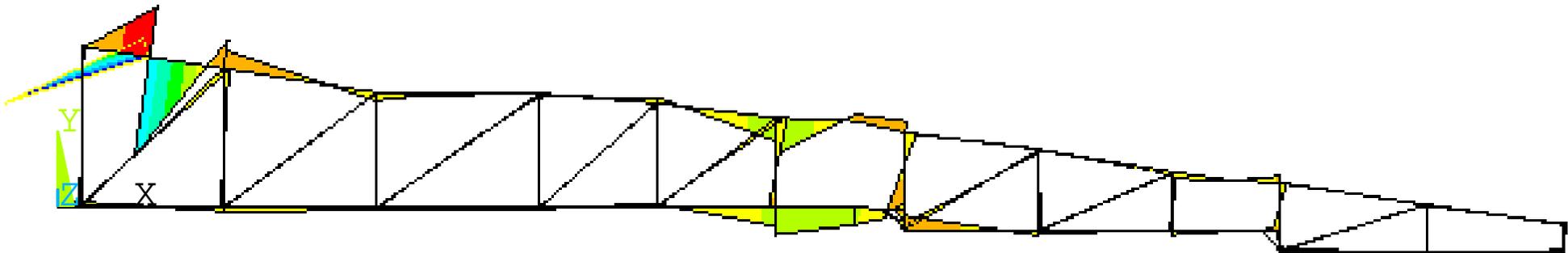
- Levetid vha. Ansys Workbench
  - 347 timer
- Levetid efter DS 412
  - 240 timer

# Optimering



# Optimering

- Resultater af den redesignede knude
  - Uændrede normalkræfter
  - Reducerede forskydningskræfter
  - Reducerede bøjningsmomenter med 50 %



# Optimering

- Spændingsanalyse i Ansys Workbench

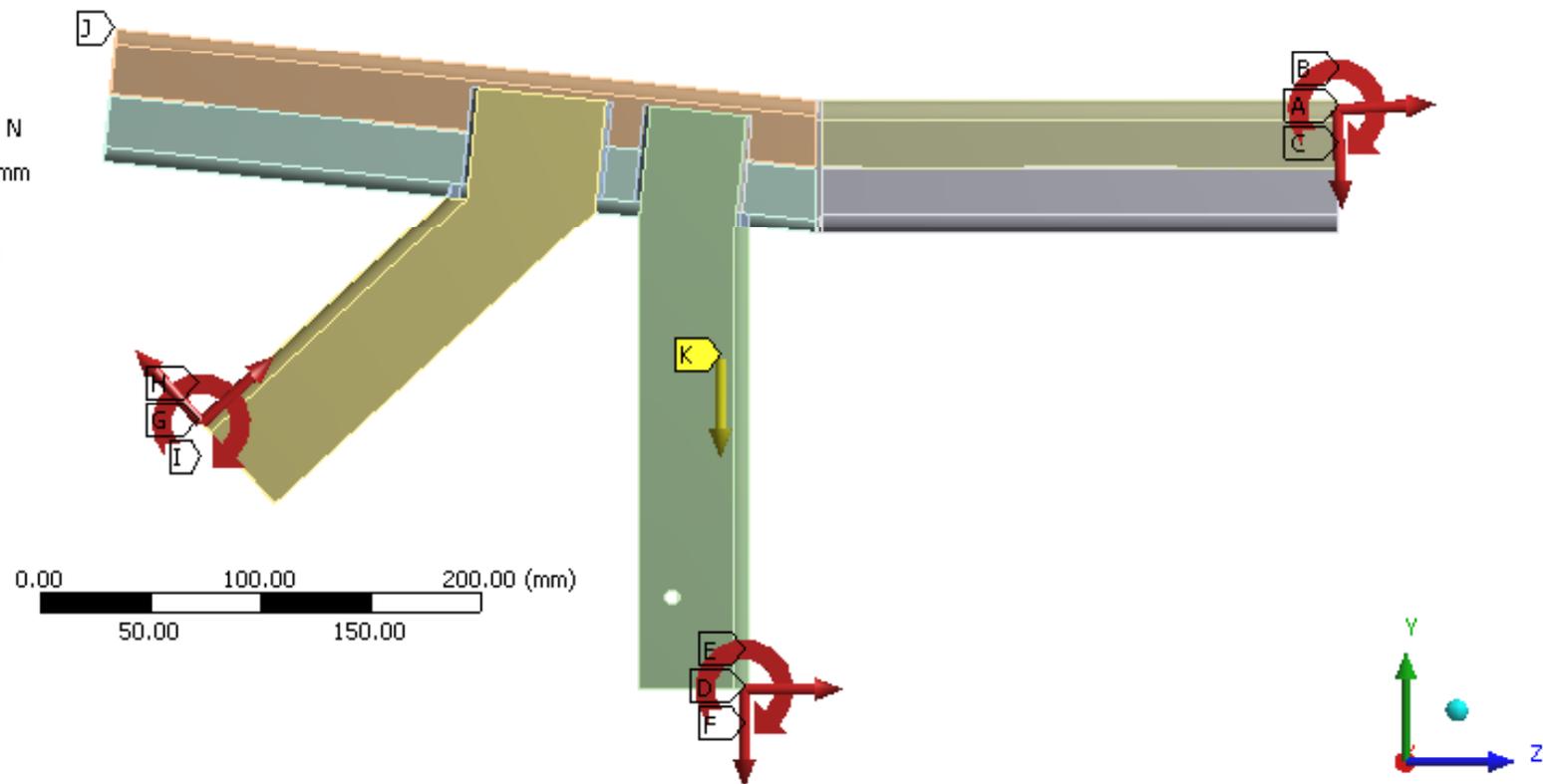
## Static Structural

Time: 1, s

Items: 10 of 11 indicated

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- A** Normalkraft e23: 21527 N
- B** Forskydningskraft e23: -174, N
- C** Moment e23: -1,19e+005 N·mm
- D** Normalkraft e13: 6424, N
- E** Forskydningskraft e13: 16, N
- F** Moment e13: 7000, N·mm
- G** Normalkraft e4: -5522, N
- H** Forskydningskraft e4: -1, N
- I** Moment e4: 2000, N·mm
- J** Fixed Support



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- Spændinger i redesignede knude

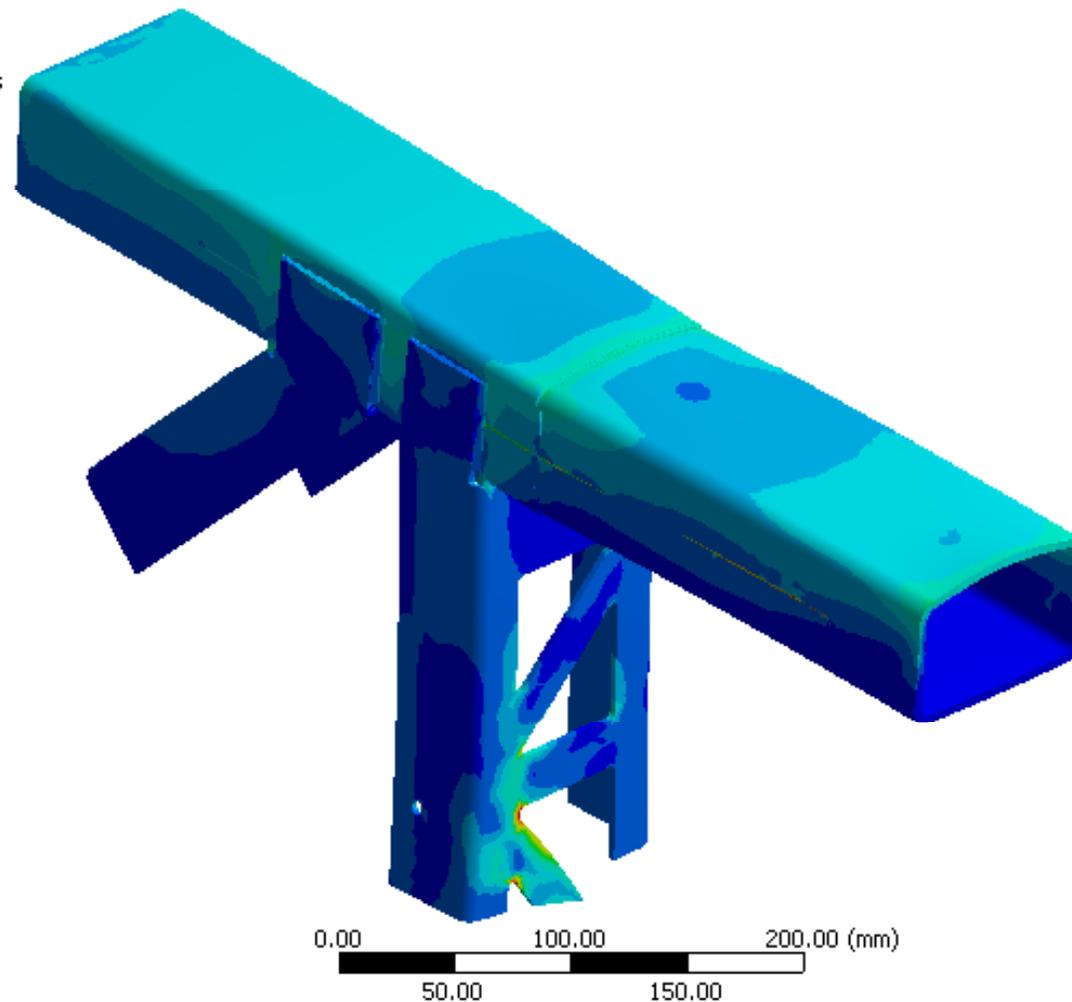
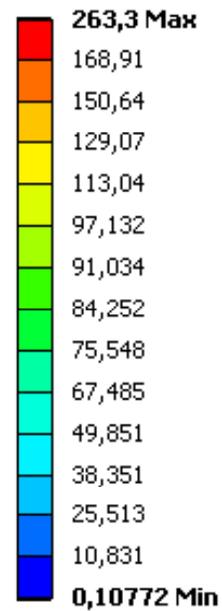
## Equivalent Stress

Type: Equivalent (von-Mises) Stress

Unit: MPa

Time: 1

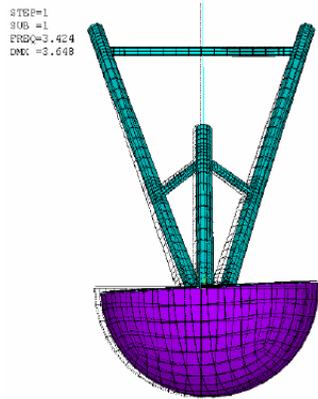
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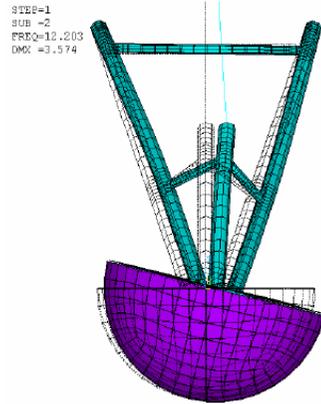
# Example - Master

- Static models to identify loading conditions employing a variety of elementtypes in ANSYS Classic
- Dynamic models to compute eigenfrequency
- Establish flexible multibody dynamic models
- Joint flexible study by ANSYS Classic beam models
- JONSWAP spectrum for fatigue analysis
- Hot-spot stress by DNV

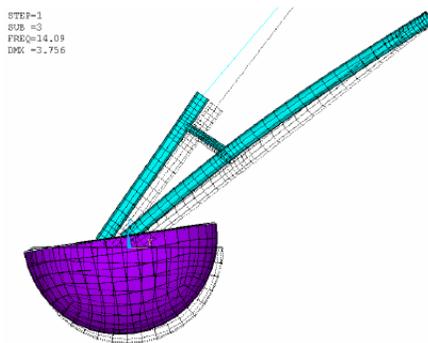
# Example - Master



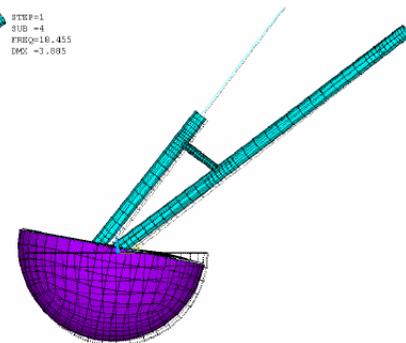
Mode 1: Flyder og arm bøjer let ud til siden



Mode 2: Flyder og arm vrides sidevejs

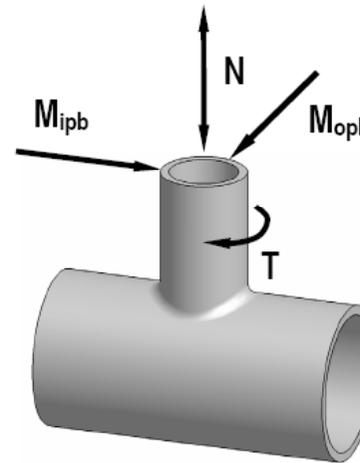


Mode 3: flyder og arm vrides forover.

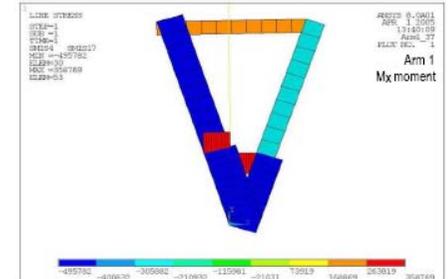


Mode 4: Flyder og arm bøjes op.

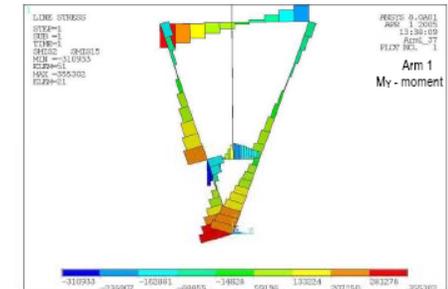
Figur 87: De 4 laveste mode shapes



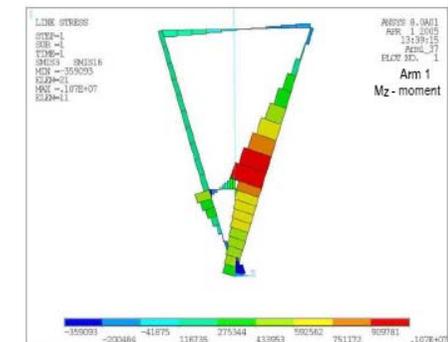
Rørknudesamling påsat dimensionsgivende kræfter



Figur 171: Arm 1 - Mx



Figur 172: Arm 1 - My



Figur 173: Arm 1 - Mz

# Example - Master

Armen beregnes nu for udmattelse ud fra det forventede antal påvirkninger i den budgetterede levetid. Dertil anvendes elasticitetsteorien, og det forudsættes, at armen er effektivt korrosionsbeskyttet under hele sin levetid. Til beregning af levetiden og under forudsætning af at påvirkningerne er tilfældigt fordelte spændingsvidder, anvendes Palmgren-Miners formel (65) til kontrol.

$$\sum_i (n_{f,i} / n_{fat,i}) \leq 1 \quad (65)$$

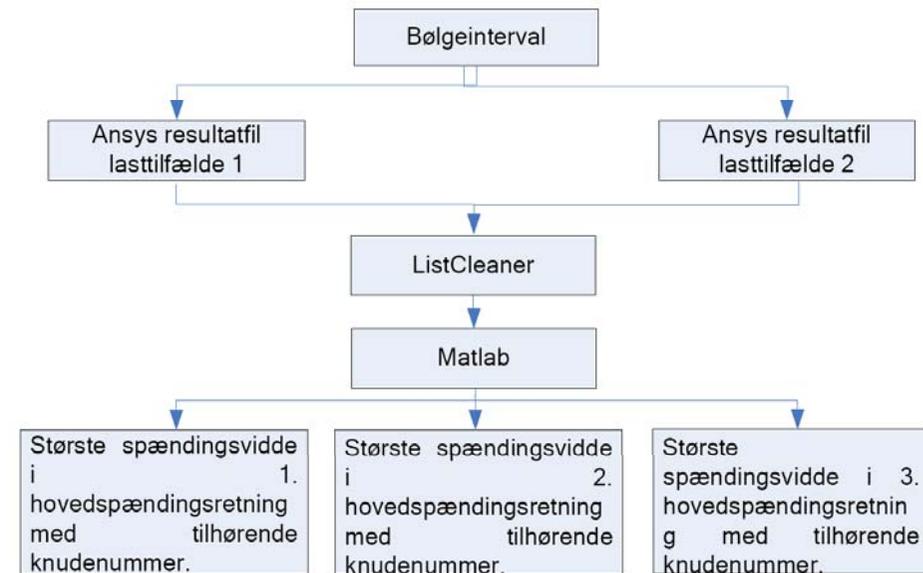
$n_{f,i}$  er det aktuelle antal påvirkninger ved en spændingsvidde  $\Delta\sigma_{hot\ spot}$

$n_{fat,i} = \frac{n_{fat,i}}{\gamma_m}$  er den regningsmæssig udmattelsestallet svarende til  $\Delta\sigma_{hot\ spot}$

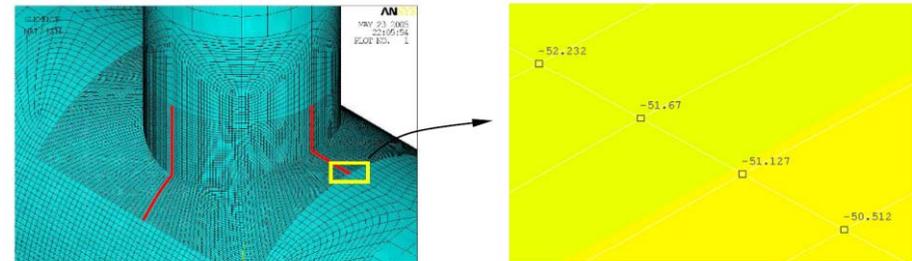
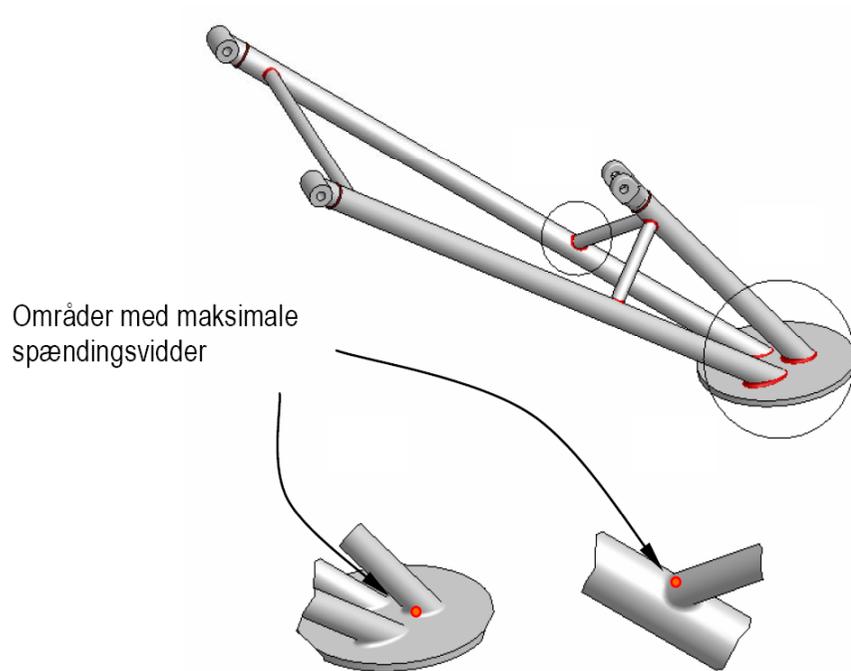
$n_{fat,i}$  er udmattelses tallet som kan aflæses ved en given  $\sigma_{fat}$  i Figur 100

$\gamma_m = 1.43$  er partialkoefficienten for udmattelsesstyrken  $\sigma_{fat}$  efter DS 412

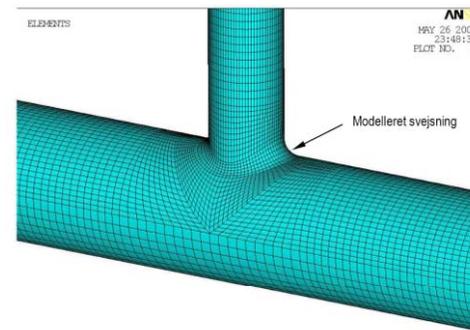
$$n_{fat} = \begin{cases} \frac{3.72 \cdot 10^{14}}{(\sigma_{fat})^{4.1}} & \text{for } \sigma_{fat} \geq 34 \text{ MPa} \\ \infty & \text{for } \sigma_{fat} < 34 \text{ MPa} \end{cases} \quad (66)$$



# Example - Master



Figur 195: Aflæste spændinger i samlingens krone

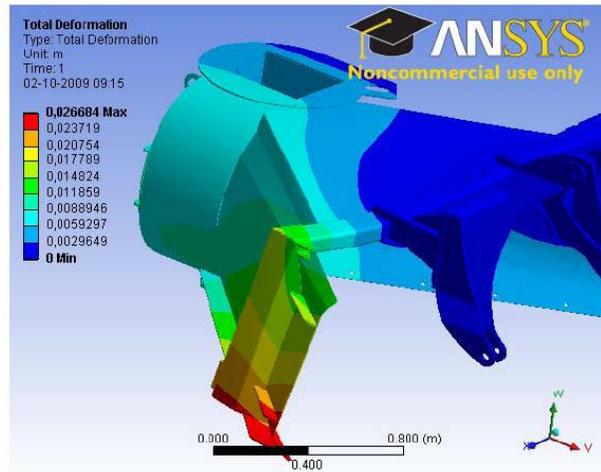


Figur 198: Solidmodel af T-samling

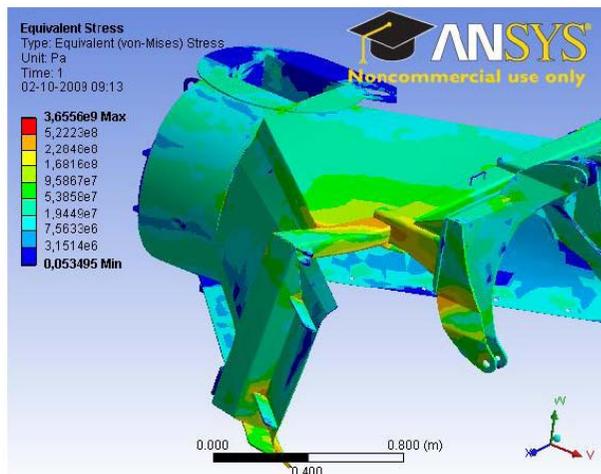
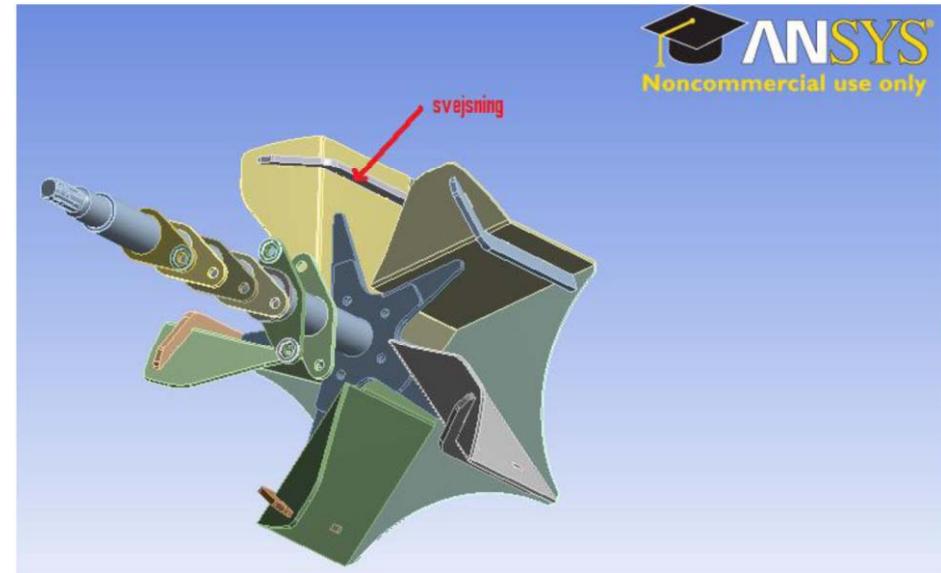
# Current projects

- Analysis of snow blasting machine – 5. semester project
- Fatigue analysis of flame cut steel components - bachelor graduate project
- Development of fatigue test rig for educational purposes – bachelor graduate project
- Fatigue analysis of lazer welded steel components – master graduate project
- Large deformation analysis of solar panel structure – research project

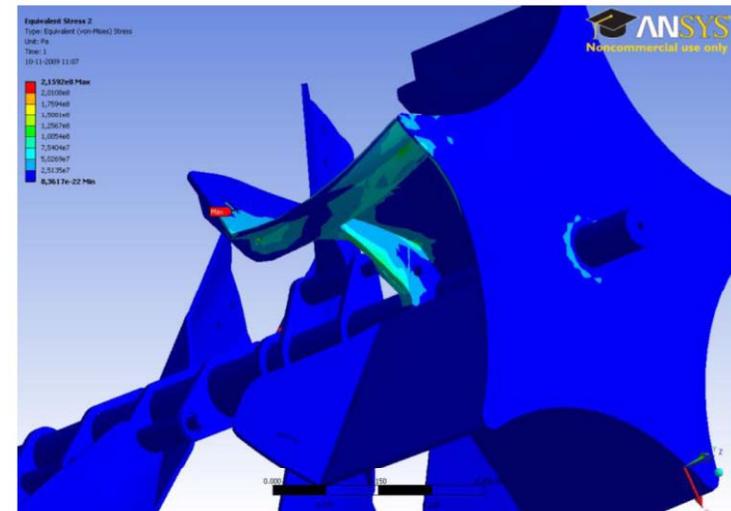
# Example – Snow blasting machine



Figur 6 udbojning i Ansys



Figur 7 spændingen i Ansys



# Summary

- Full 3D solid FEA will increase
- Emphasize on FE teaching
- Focus on mechanical and structural behavior
- Validation is key
- Important with real problems to push technology transfer and build students confidence