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# Simcenter Femap Best Practices: Model Organization, Working with Views, and Presentation Graphics

A Seminar for Simulation Engineers

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#### Seminar Outline



#### **Associativity**

- Connections between entity types
  Granular control (pros/cons)
- Geometry-FE Model Connections

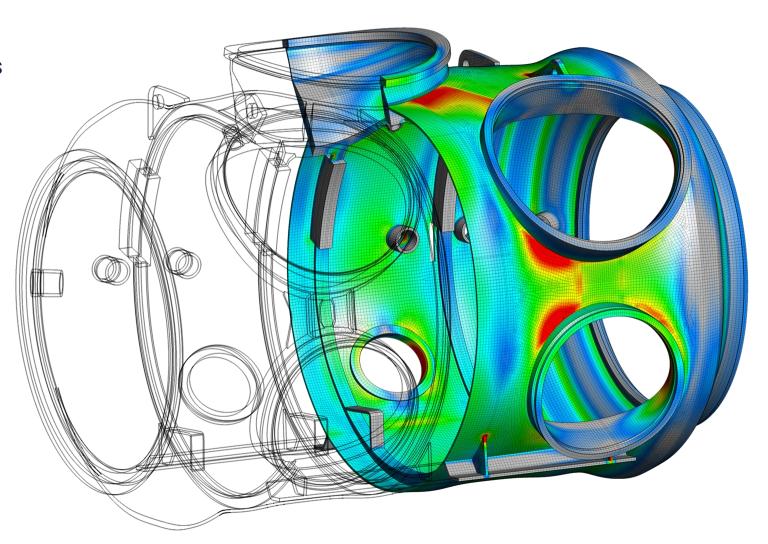
# Controlling Views Displaying types of entity Showing specific entities Easy on-screen picking Nuclear option (resets)

#### **Model Organization**

- Groups
- Layers
- Smart numbering

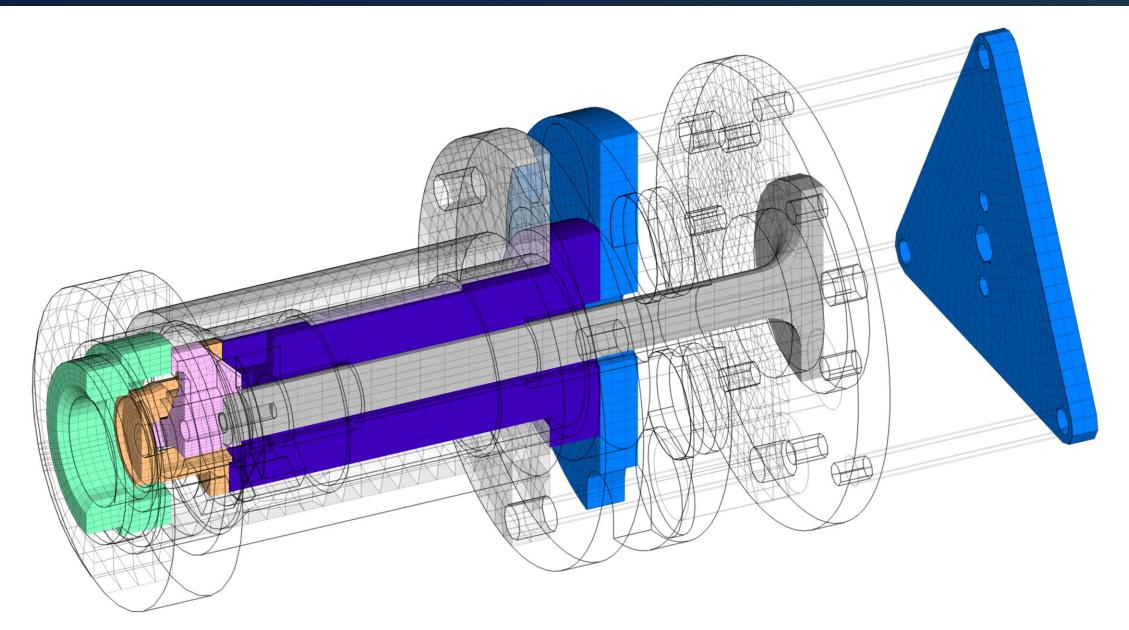
### **Custom Graphics**

- A few favorite settings
- And some API scripts



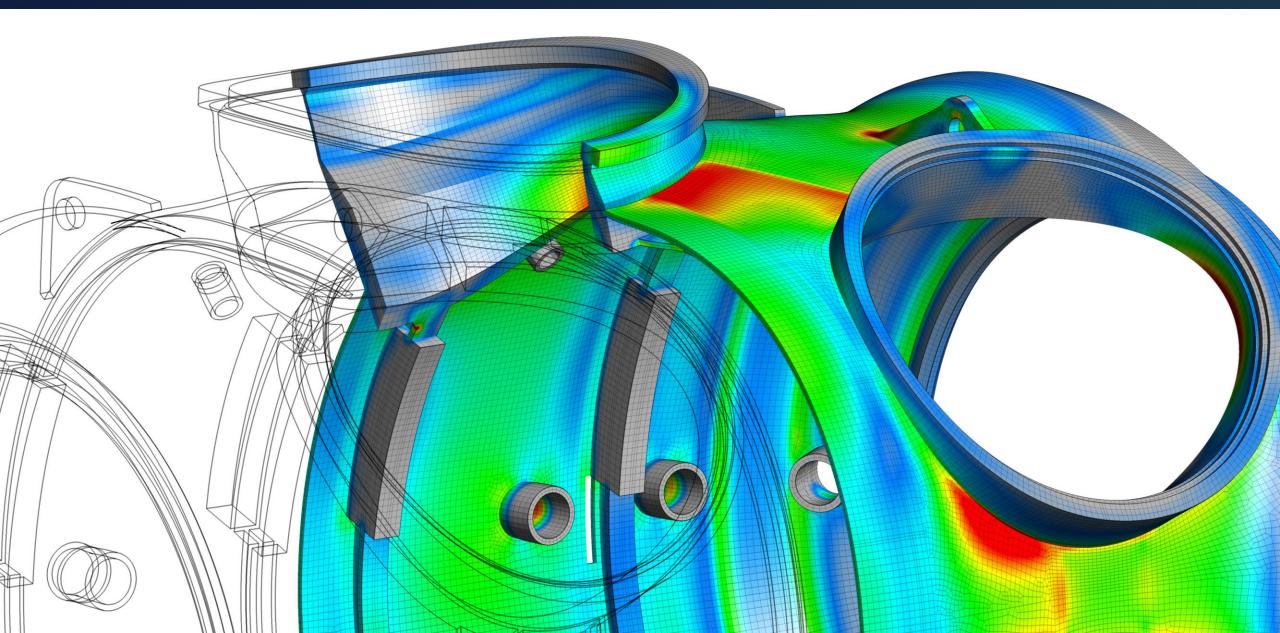
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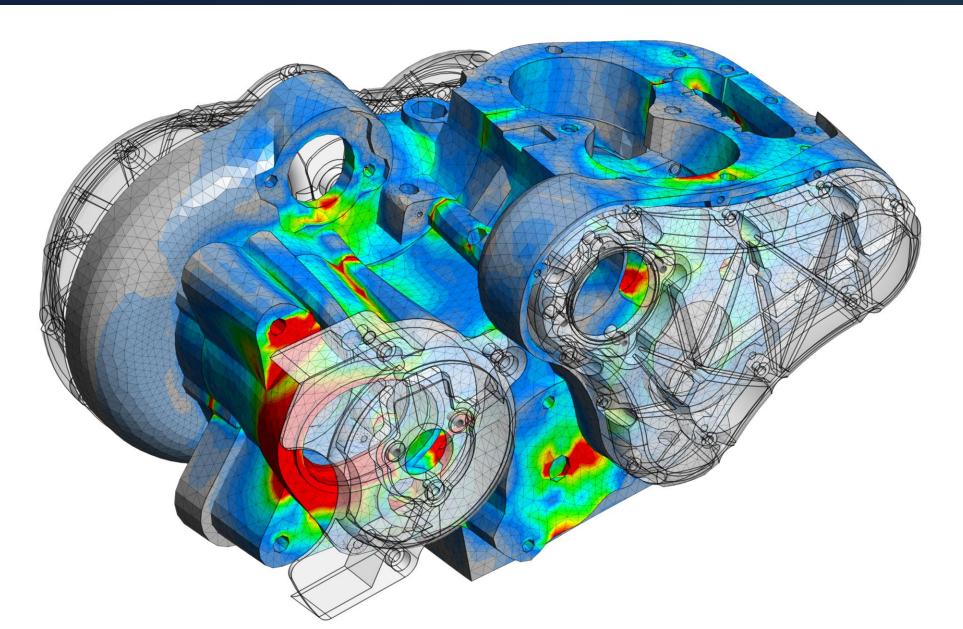
# Some examples...





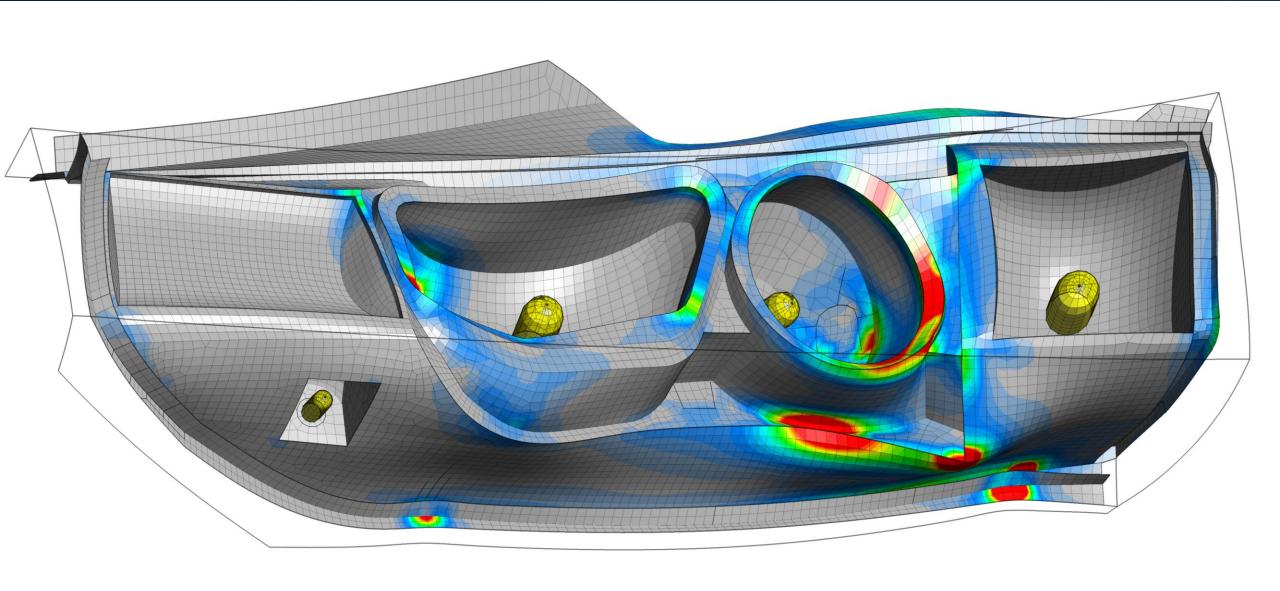
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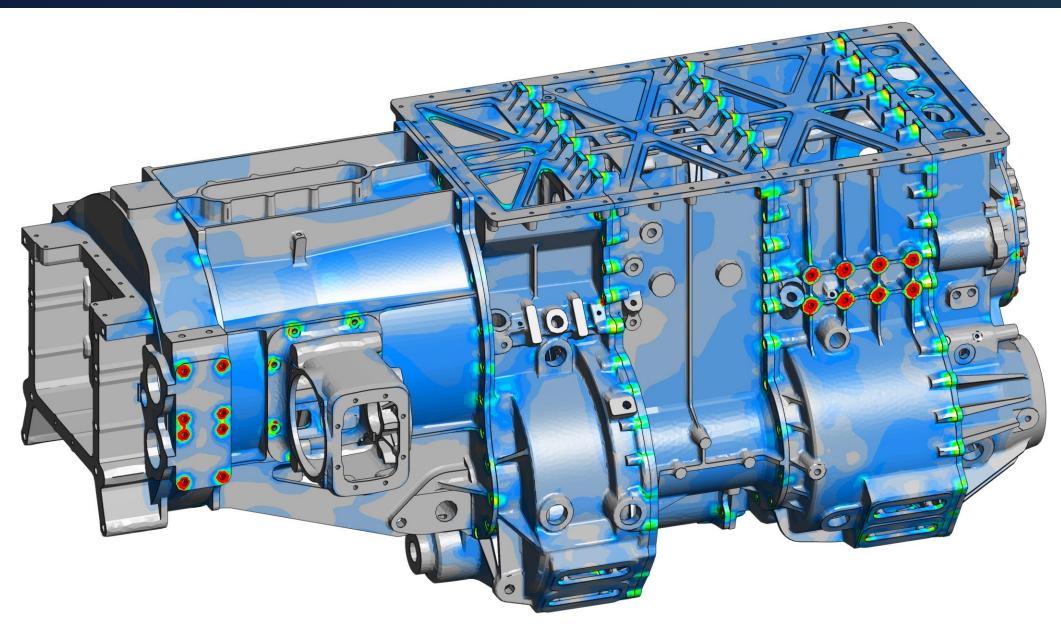
# can create...





# In Simcenter Femap





# Associativity



#### Intrinsic links between entity types

- E.g., Points on curves, surfaces on solids, nodes on elements
- Think of building blocks (subatomic particles, atoms, molecules, etc.)

#### Granular control (pros/cons)

- This lets you organize the model and views precisely how you want
- This means you must pay attention when selecting entities

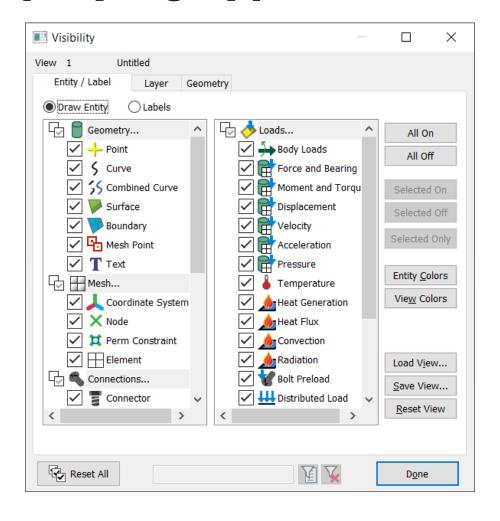
#### Geometry-Mesh associativity

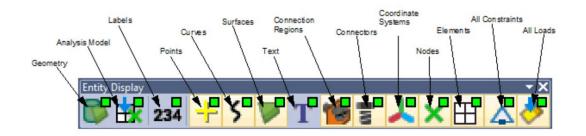
- Not a mandatory link in Femap...
- But incredibly useful!
- Nobody wants to pick hundreds of nodes, one-by-one...

# Controlling Views



# **Displaying Types of Entities**





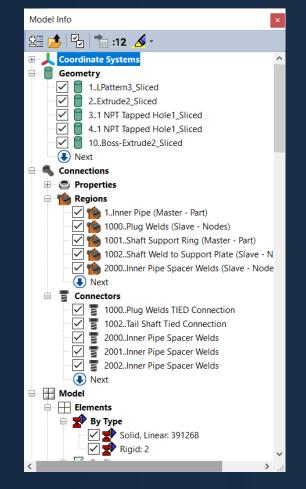
- Start simple with "Entity Display" toolbar
- For more control, use the "Visibility" dialogue box
  - Ctrl-Q is the shortcut

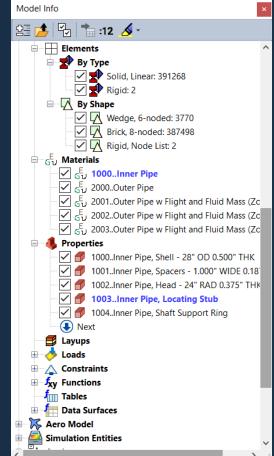
# **Controlling Views**



# Displaying Specific Entities

- The "Visibility" dialogue box has options for this
  - Explore the tabs up top
  - And the buttons on the left
- The "Model Info" pane has view control
  - Left-click the check boxes to blank
  - Right-click for advanced options

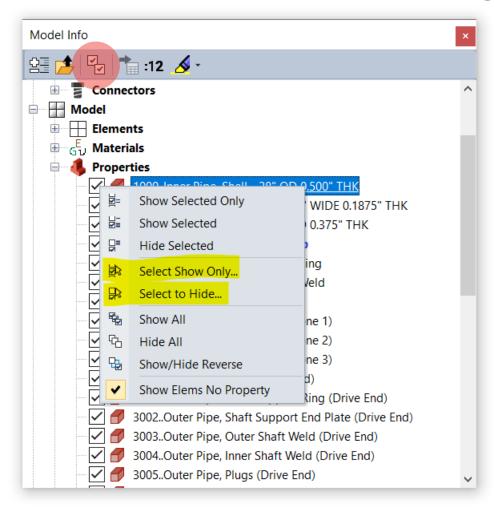




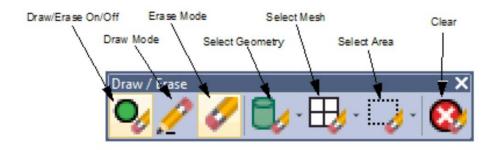
### Controlling Views



# Easy On-Screen Picking



- "Model Info" right-click options
  - Select Show Only...
  - Select to Hide...
- The "Draw / Erase" toolbar is same same, but different...
  - Independent of blanking
  - Respects geometry-mesh associativity
  - Dynamic on/off and draw/erase functionality



### Model Organization



# Groups

- Flexible entities can be in multiple groups, or none at all
- Applications in controlling analyses and post processing
- Good for clustering entities (geometry and mesh) in Femap

# Groups 1.."Accelerometer" Nodes 2..Elements at stress evaluations points 3..+X Section Cut (nodes and elems)

# Layers

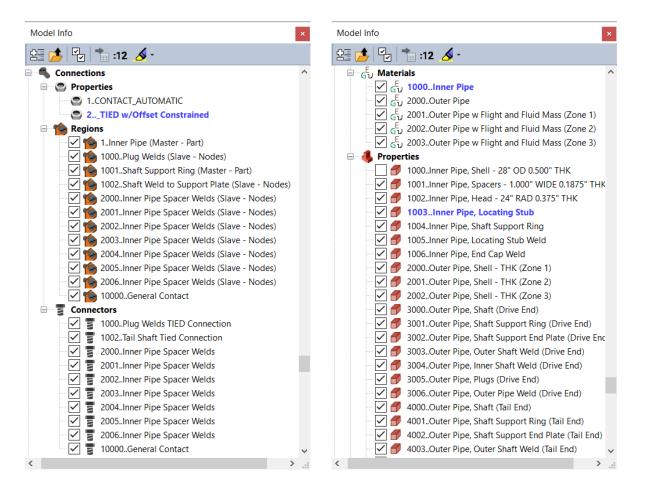
- Complete entities must only be in one layer
- More 'durable' than groups but requires thoughtful organization
- Good for subdividing the model (geometry and mesh) in Femap



# Model Organization



# **Numbering Schemes**



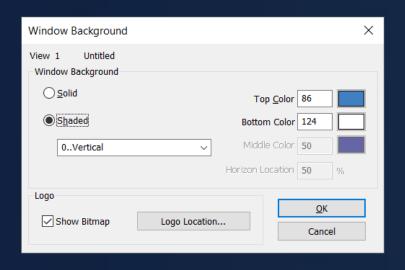
- The OG Model Organization Tool
- If all Groups and Layers were lost, it's easy to navigate a wellnumbered model
- It also makes the other organization tools easier to use

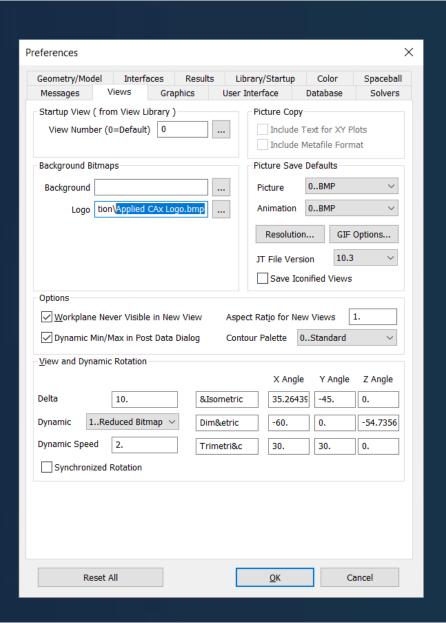
#### **Custom Graphics**



# **Backgrounds and Logos**

- Pick you colors (for gradient)
- And your style (shaded or solid)
- Use \*.bmp images for logos

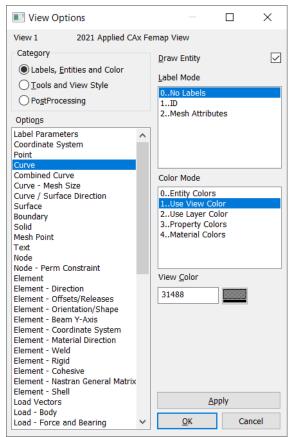


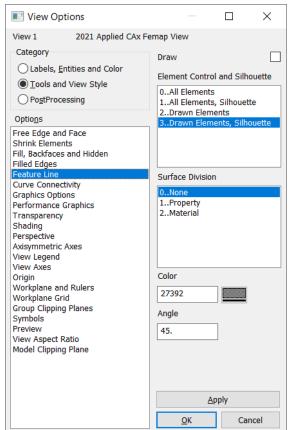


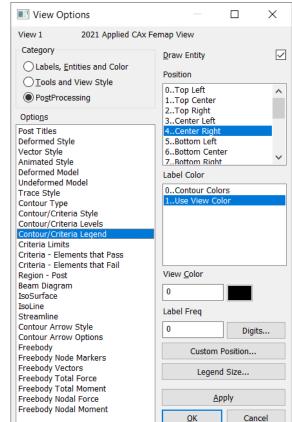
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# View Options (F6)







- Label Parameters
  - font and text size
- Geometry
  - curve color
- Mesh
  - filled edges
- Post Processing
  - contour colors
- Extra
  - Perspective
  - Reflection
  - feature line

#### **Custom Graphics**

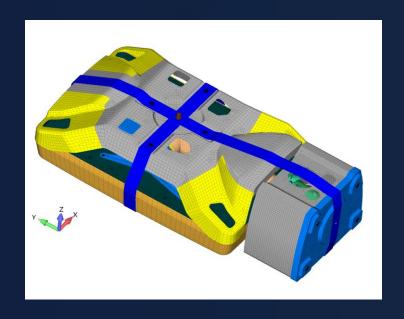


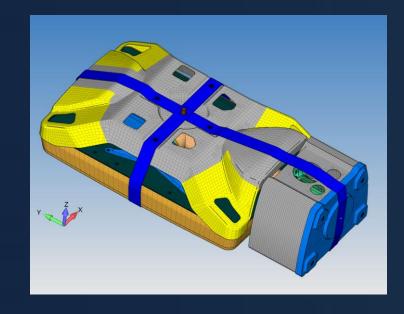
# Free Edge Flip

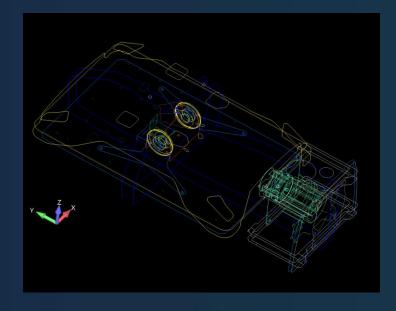
- Changes background colors
- Switches free edge view
  - good for checking plate meshes

#### **Feature Line**

- Changes feature line options
  - All elements / shown elements
- Switches lines on/off







#### Additional References



# **Applied CAx Technical Seminars**

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