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- > Front-End-Air-Flow (FEAF) Simulation for Vehicle
- **➤** Underhood Thermal Management (UTM)
- > Full Vehicle Thermal Soaking
- **➤ Vehicle External Aerodynamics**
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Vehicle FEAF Simulation

What

• The Front-End-Air-Flow (FEAF) analysis provides information of how flow goes through the cooling package of a vehicle.

Why

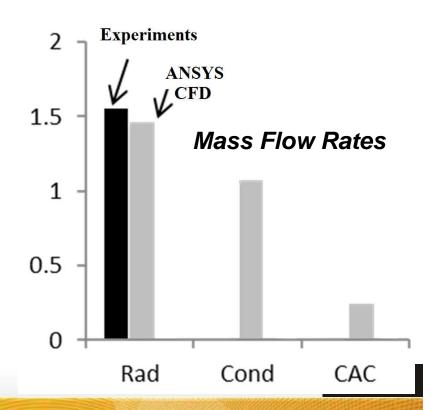
- Provides vital information to determine if the cooling package receives sufficient air flow to achieve the desired cooling capacity.
 - oHelps choosing the proper cooling package.
 - OHelps design the front fascia, especially the grille.
 - oIndirectly affect the aerodynamics of the vehicle.
- Quick turnaround time in simulation compared with full vehicle UTM.



The main objective is to model full vehicle to predict flow through the cooling module.



Vehicle FEAF Simulation



Streamlines released from radiator outlet in reverse

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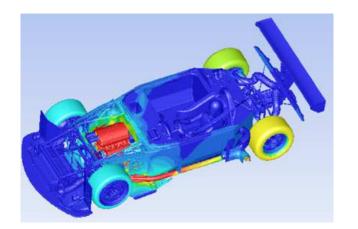
Underhood Thermal Management (UTM)

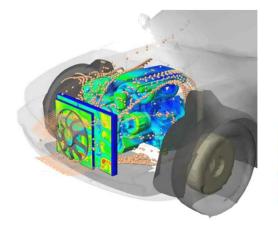
What

• Underhood/underbody flow and thermal analysis to predict the thermal footprint of the full vehicle under various driving conditions.

Why

- Many components in a vehicle can become so hot that they can potentially fail, or degrade nearby components, leading to safety, durability, and warranty issues.
- UTM becomes a more prominent task in the automotive industry with the introduction of new materials to vehicle designs and advent of new vehicle powertrains such as hybrid, electric and fuel cell.









The main objective of UTM simulation is to predict the thermal footprint of key components throughout the vehicle with robustness and high fidelity.

Underhood Thermal Management (UTM)- Challenges

- Complex Geometry: Many parts and high geometry details
- Dirty Geometry: Parts not sharing same source, coordinate, and unit system; overlaps, missing parts; intersections; corrupted geometry, etc.
- Localized poor quality mesh

Meshing challenges

- 10 ~ 200 million volume cells
- 10 ~ 400 cell zones, both fluid and solid type.
- Coupled physics of flow and heat transfer phenomena.
- Conjugated heat transfer.

Large model size and complex physics



• unavailability of reliable data.

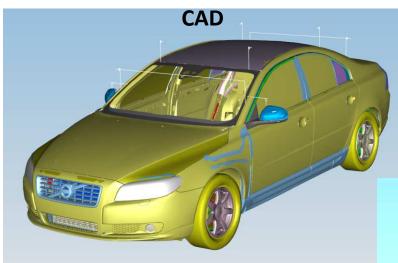
Experimental uncertainty



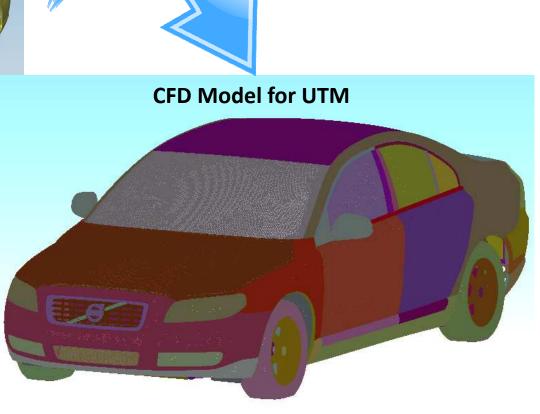


Underhood Thermal Management (UTM)

Volvo S80 model

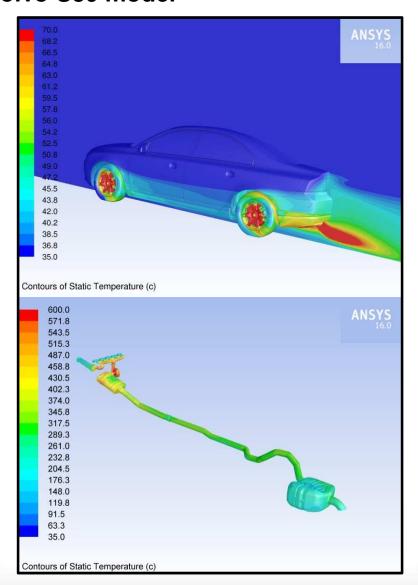


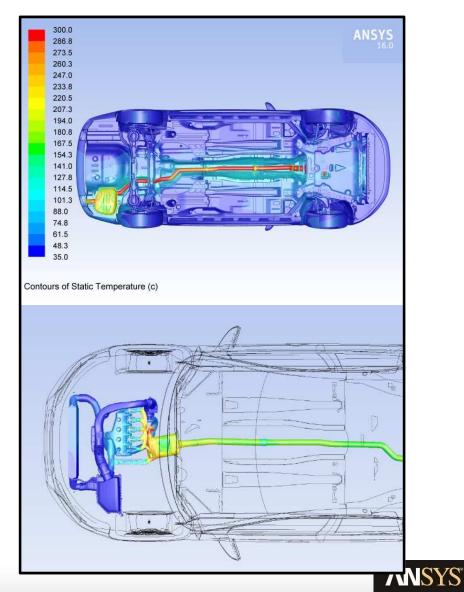
- 400+ solid zones.
- 20+ fluid zones.
- Vehcle thermal footprint @ 110 kph and 2050 rpm engie speed.
- Porous media for Heat Exchanger and catalytic converters.
- Fan performance.
- · Heat Exchangers thermal output.





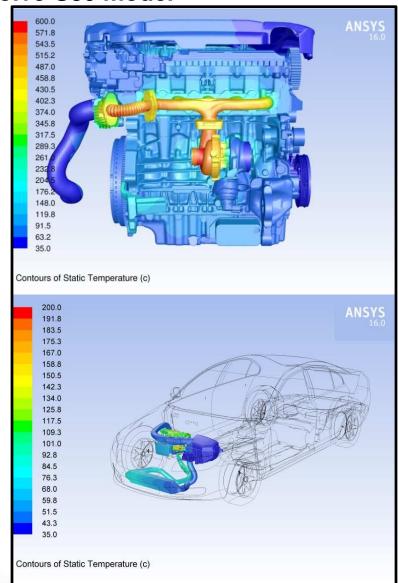
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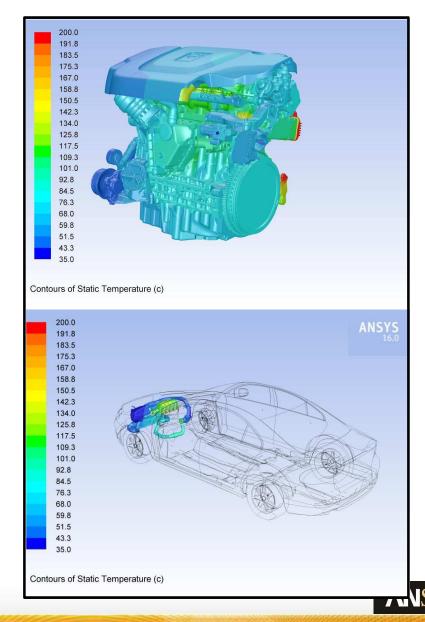




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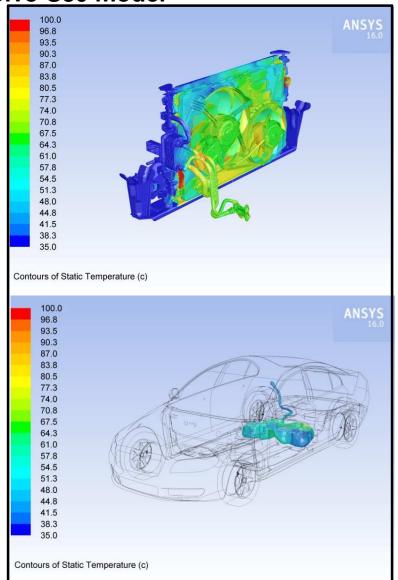
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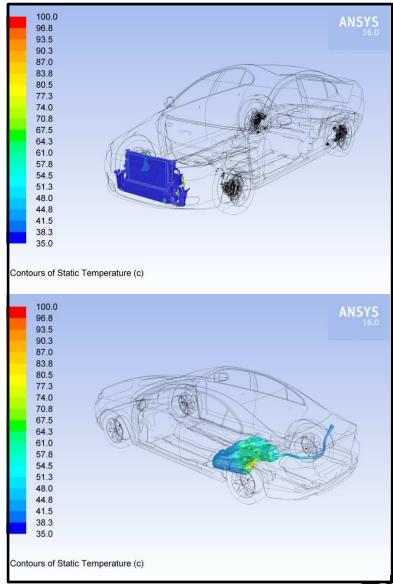




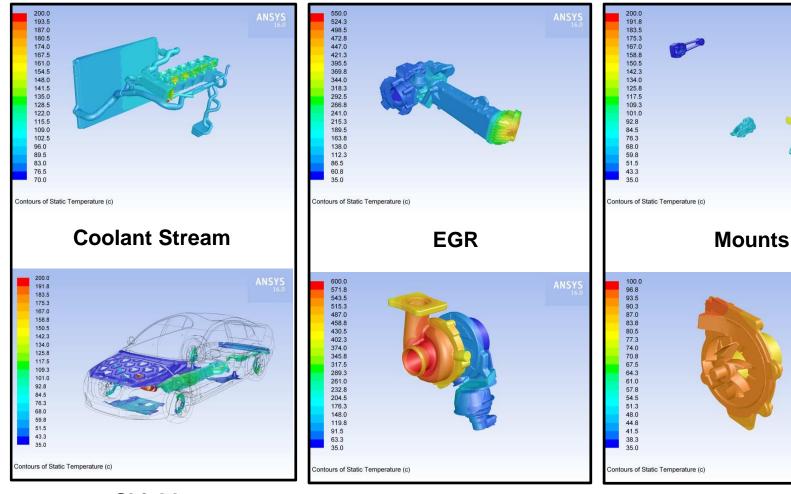
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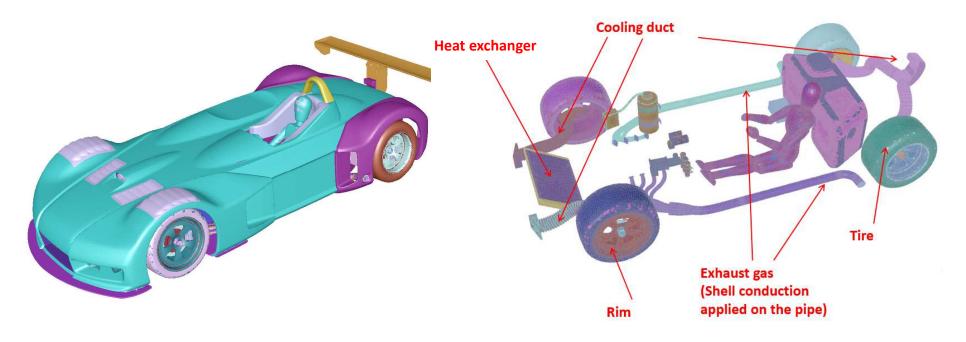
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Shields Turbo Water Pump



Underhood Thermal Management (UTM) PTC World Car model

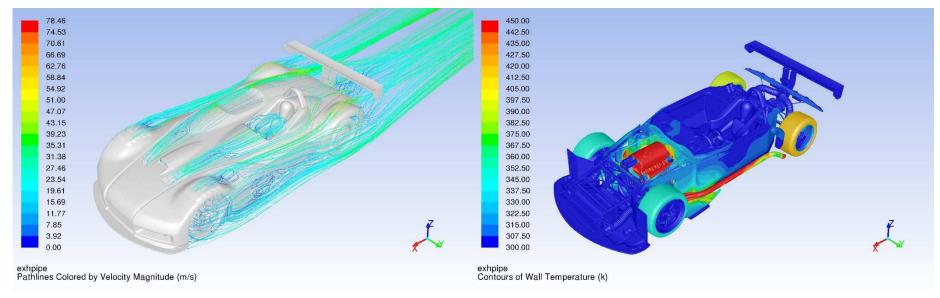


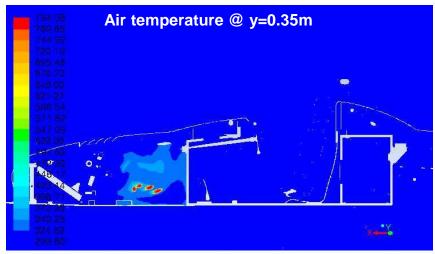
- ~48M cells.
- 31 Solid zones and 4 Fluid zones.
- UTM analysis at vehicle speed 90mph.

- Exhaust gas is modeled as secondary flow and thermal source.
- Obtain accurate temperature prediction on more than 30 critical components with one simulation.



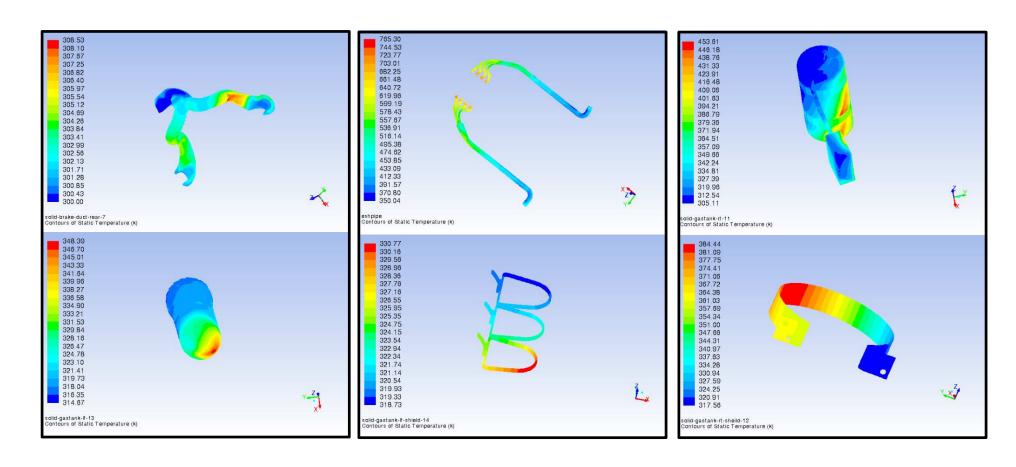
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Vehicle Thermal Soaking

What

- Thermal soaking or "Hot-Stop" refers to the build-up of temperature under the hood after high speed/load driving followed by immediate engine "key-off".
- As the fans stop operating and ram air is reduced to zero, some components near vicinity of the exhaust system will experience extreme temperatures.

Why

• The drastic change of convection mode compromises the capability of heat removal, resulting in possible increase of component temperature within a shot period of time in thermal soaking process. That increase of component temperature may cause degradation and failure which are not expected during normal working condition.

How

- Vehicle Thermal Management is traditionally based on two or three steady-state load cases: maximum velocity and trailer towing uphill
- In addition to steady-state load cases, unsteady thermal soak and idle is one of the most critical underhood operating conditions.



The main objective of the soaking simulation is to predict maximum temperatures experienced by sensitive components.



Vehicle Thermal Soaking - Challenges



Large Problem: 10-100 million cells

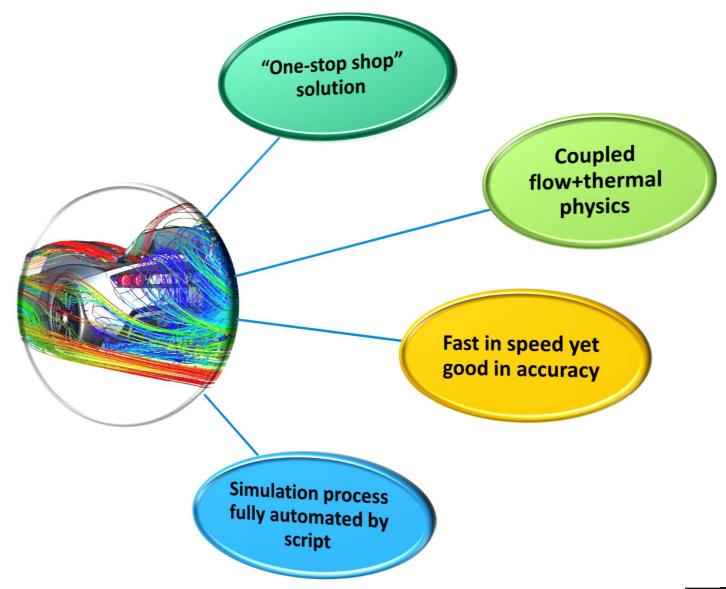
Long Transient Simulation : Time durations of 100 to 1000 seconds

Large Thermal Constant Variation: Small time step needed.

Coupled Physics: Temperature and velocity field coupling



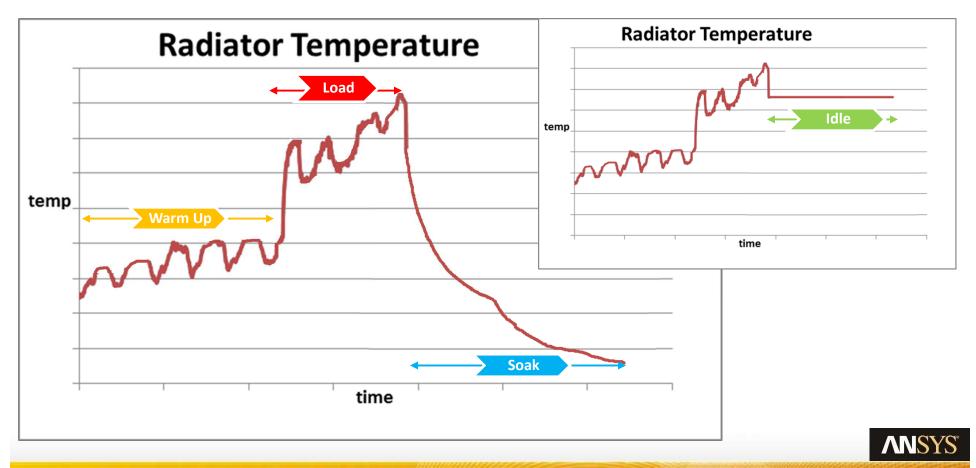
Vehicle Thermal Soaking: Why Use ANSYS Fluent for Transient Soaking?





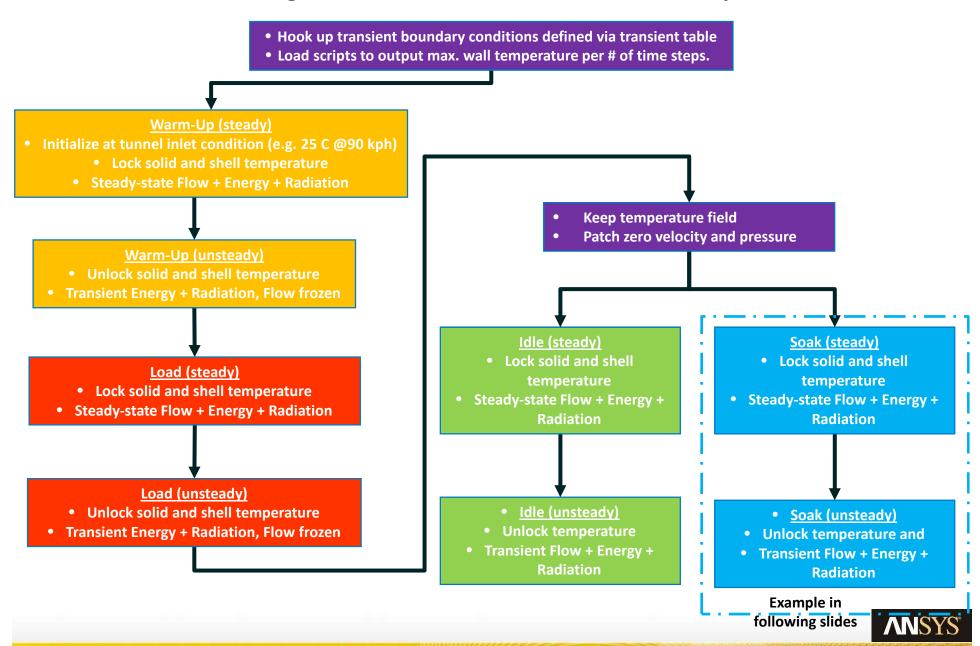
Vehicle Thermal Soaking

- Transient BC profiles is applied to major heat sources as a results of the changing driving conditions, e.g.,
 - Radiator heat rejection.
 - Heat flux/Heat Transfer Coefficient on certain boundary walls such as engine block.
- Tabular input of the transient BC profiles.



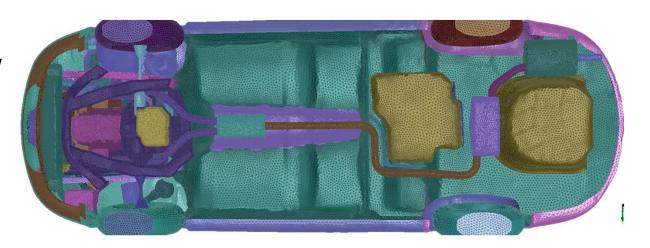
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Vehicle Thermal Soaking: Process – automated via Fluent scripts



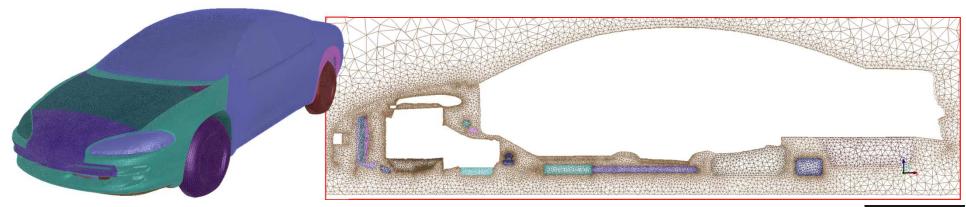
Model specifications.

- 12 million tet mesh
 - A dozen solids
 - Exhaust internal flow
 - Fuel tank
 - Tires
 - Baffles (heat shields)
 - Air induction system

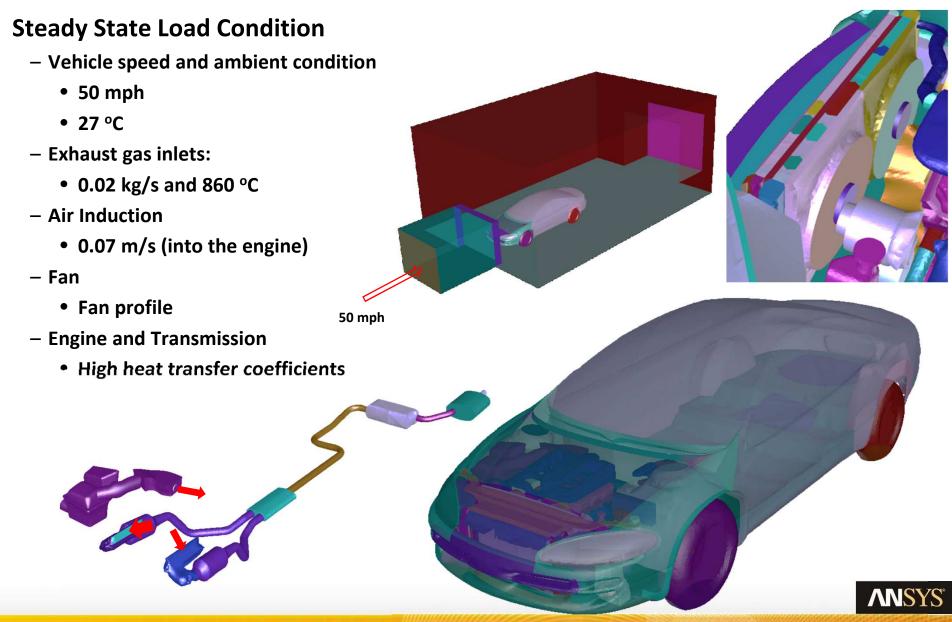


Road Condition:

Accelerate to 50 mph → Drive uphill for a long time → decelerate to 0 mph → Soak



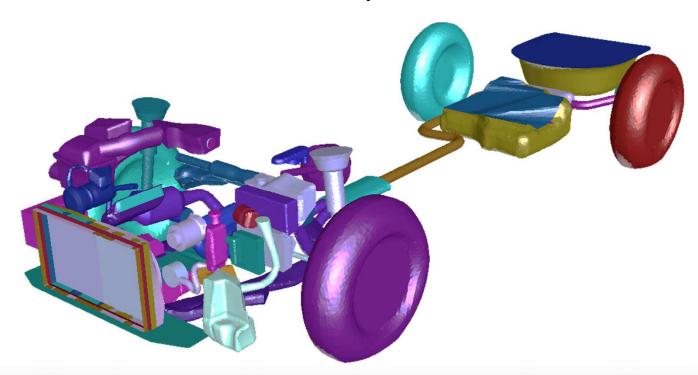




- Thick solids
 - Assumed some material properties and emissivities
- Thin solids
 - Most are modeled using shell conduction

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 Convection Augmentation Factor (CAF) applied on the inside exhaust walls to consider the enhanced thermal convection due to impulsive motion of exhaust flow.

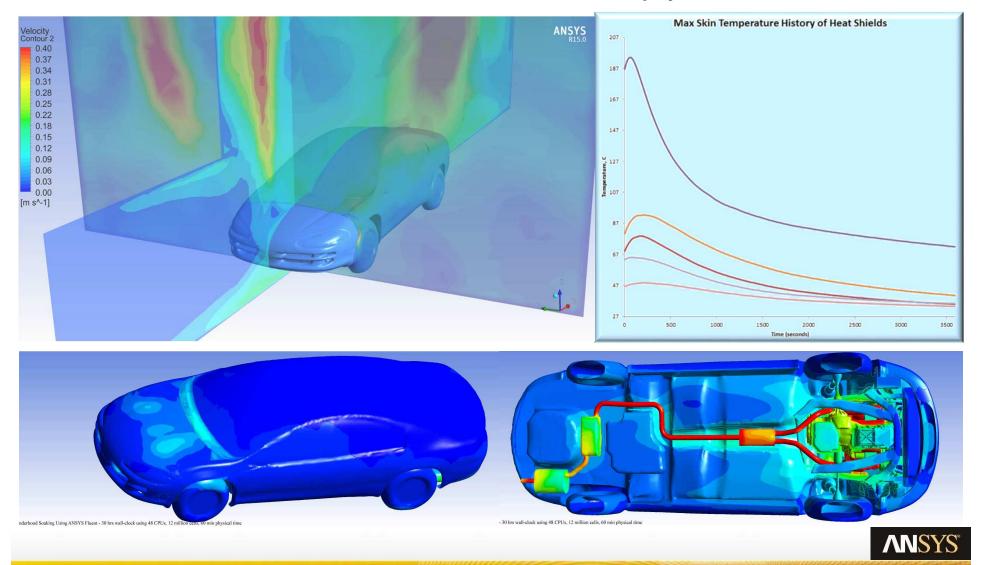




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CPU Effort: 20 Hrs wall-clock with 144 CPUs for 60 minutes physical time



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Vehicle External Aerodynamics

What

• The aerodynamic characteristic of road vehicles, such as drag and lift.

Why

- Vehicle aerodynamic characteristic affects
 - Fuel economy
 - Performance and handling (acceleration, grip, stability, etc)
 - Wind noise
 - Esthetic

How

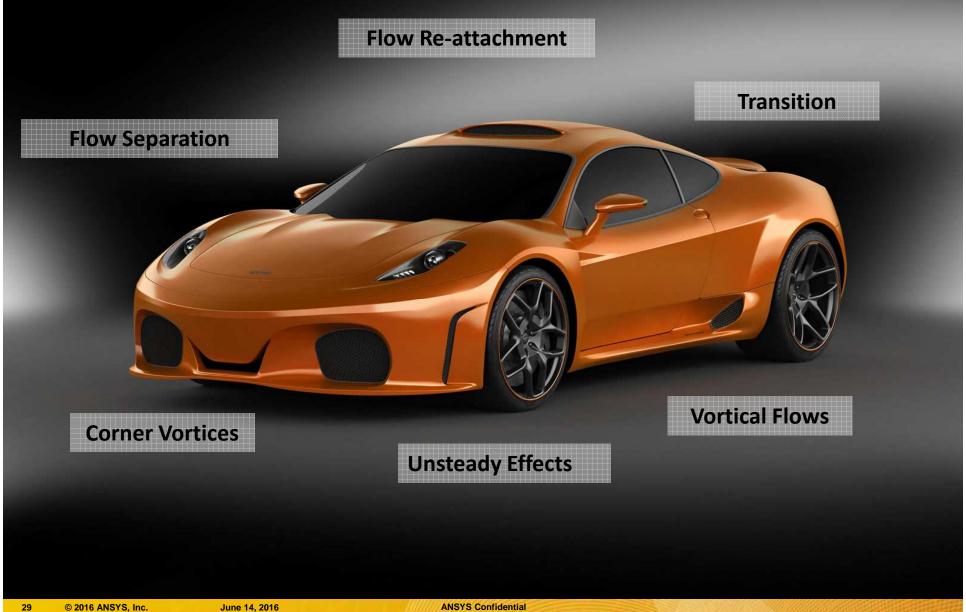
- Proper numerical models to capture the physics.
- Good-quality mesh to resolve the flow details.



- Aerodynamic characteristic prediction for full-vehicle geometries
- ✓ Resolution of important flow features
 - Boundary layers O Reattachment
 - flow separation noise sources
 - Recirculation



Vehicle External Aerodynamics



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Vehicle External Aerodynamics - Turbulent Flow Simulation Methods

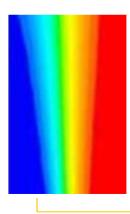
DNS SRS RANS (Direct Numerical Simulation) (Scale Resolving Simulations) (Reynolds Averaged Navier-Stokes Simulations) N ~ Re^{3/2} $N \sim Re^{9/4}$

- Numerically solving the full unsteady Navier-Stokes equations
- No modeling is required
- A research tool only- far too much information for industrial applications
- Includes Large Eddy Simulation (LES)
- The motion of the largest eddies is directly resolved in the calculation, in at least a portion of the domain, but eddies smaller than the mesh are modeled
- Inherently unsteady method

- Solve Reynolds-averaged Navier-Stokes equations (time-average)
- Steady state solutions are possible
- All turbulence is modeled. Larger eddies are not resolved
- RANS turbulence models are the only modeling approach for steady state simulation of turbulent flows
- This is the most widely used approach for industrial flows



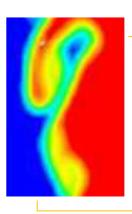
Vehicle External Aerodynamics - Comparison of RANS and SRS



RANS

Advantages: For many applications, steady state solutions are preferable, and for many applications a good RANS model with a good quality grid will provide all the required accuracy

Disadvantages: For some flows, challenges associated with RANS modeling can limit the level of accuracy that is possible to attain



SRS

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Advantages: Potential for improved accuracy when the resolution of the largest eddies is important or when unsteady data is needed

Disadvantages: computationally expensive; Higher grid resolution required; Unsteady simulation with small time steps generates long run times and large volumes of data



Vehicle External Aerodynamics - Turbulence Guidelines for External **Aerodynamic CFD Analysis**

Aerodynamic Body, limited CPU resources

Realizable k-e models with wall function (y+>30)

Aerodynamic Body, adequate CPU resources

k-w SST model or transition k-w models (y^{+~}1)

Bluff Body, limited **CPU** resources

Realizable k-e models with wall function (y+>30)

(D)DES/(E)LES/SAS simulation

- •Run unsteady for about $1^{\sim}1.5T$ (T=L/U where L is the domain length and U is the vehicle speed) without collecting data or flow statistics.
- Obtain statistics after that



Vehicle External Aerodynamics

Ford Ka

• 18M polyhedral cells

• y⁺ ~ 30...300

RKE with non-equilibrium wall-function

• 8h on 24 CPUs

Cd (data)	Cd (CFD)	∆cd [%]
1	0.999	0.09

0.3300 Cd Coupled 0.3250 Hybrid Aggressive Setting 0.3200 Cd Coupled Hybrid 0.3150 Conservative Setting 0.3100 1000 1500

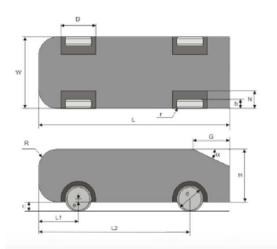
Aggressive settings: default PBCS

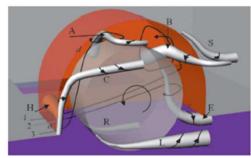
Conservative settings: Courant 50, explicit URFs 0.25

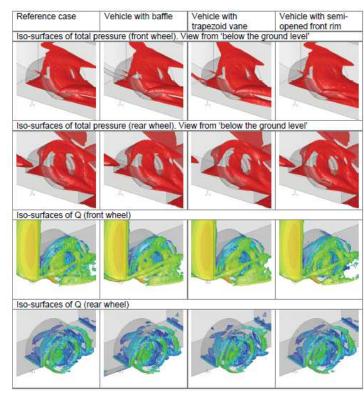


Vehicle External Aerodynamics - Wheel Aerodynamics

- Ahmed Body with wheels
- 3.3M cells
- Hybrid prism/tet mesh
- v⁺ ~ 30
- **RKE with non-equilibrium wall-function**







Investigation of Simple Possibilities for Reduction of Drag due to the Wheels of Road Vehicles - Attila Schwarczkopf, MSc

Abbott Risk Consulting Ltd., UK

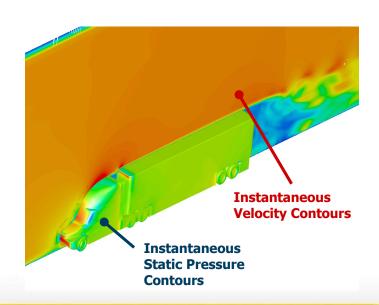
Case	Drag coefficient	Lift coefficient			
CFD, Authors	0.281	0.288			
Experiment [3]	0.289	0.280			
Difference in %	2.7%	2.8%			

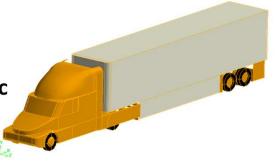


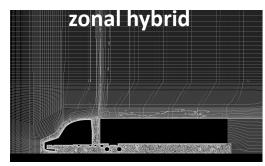
Vehicle External Aerodynamics – Truck Aerodynamics

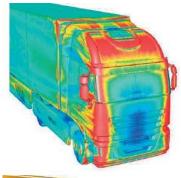
Simulation of Flow Field Around a Generic **Tractor Trailer Truck**

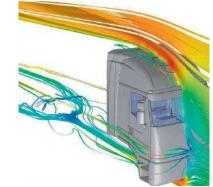
- Yaw angles 0° and 6°
- Steady-state vs. Transient
- (U)RANS vs. SRS











Yaw Angle	Solver	Meshing Strategy	Turbulence Model	Deviation from Expt.
0 °	Steady State	Traditional Tet	Realizable k-ε	+13.3%
0°	Transient	Traditional Tet	RNG k-ε	+8.0%
0°	Steady State	Zonal Hybrid	Realizable k-ε	-1.6%
0 °	Transient	Zonal Hybrid	RNG k-ε	0.0% +3.8%
6°	Transient	Zonal Hybrid	RNG k-ε	10.0%
0°	Transient	Zonal Hybrid	DES	+0.77%
6°	Transient	Zonal Hybrid	DES	-3.5%

Note: Traditional Tet Strategy = 5.5M cells, Zonal Hybrid Strategy = 8.3M cells



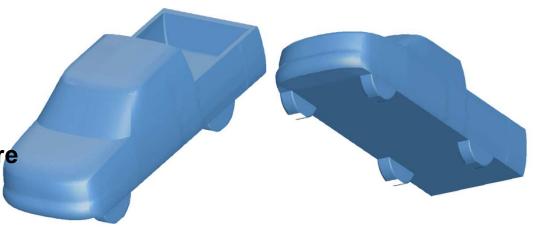
Vehicle External Aerodynamics - Pick-Up Aerodynamics

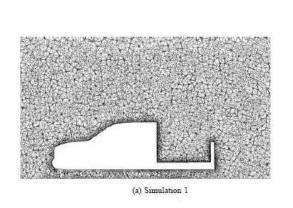
 Transient Simulation of the Flow Field around a Generic Pick-Up Truck

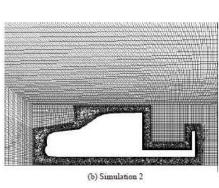
Simulation 1: LES

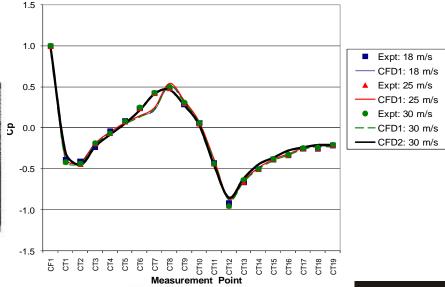
 Mesh was not fine enough for pure LES

Simulation 2: k-e-RNG





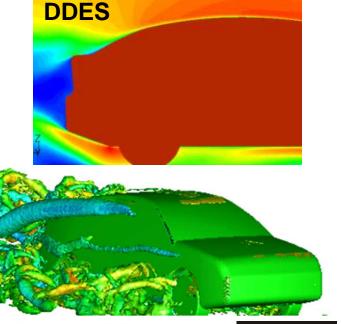




Vehicle External Aerodynamics - PSA Peugeot Citroën

- External aerodynamics with yaw angle 20°
- Velocity 40 m/s
- DDES Turbulence Model
 - DES can produce grid-induced separation

Model	Ехр.	DDES	DES	LES
Drag (SCx)	1	1.014	1.071	0.986



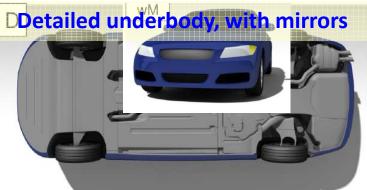
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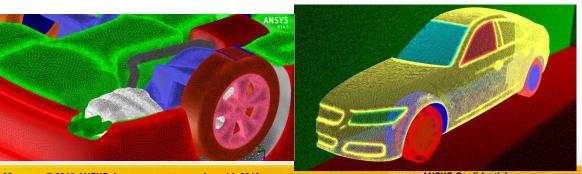
Courtesy PSA Peugeot Citroën

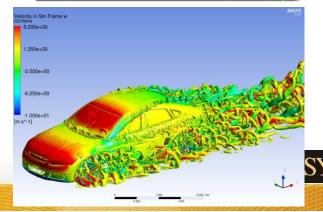
DrivAer Aerodynamics

- Mixture of BMW 3 series and Audi A4 series
- 113M cells, y⁺ ≤ 1
- 20 prism layers on car
- 15 prism layers on road
- Steady state case
- 15 hours (168 nodes)
- **Transient SAS case**
- ~ 15 days, 3s flow time

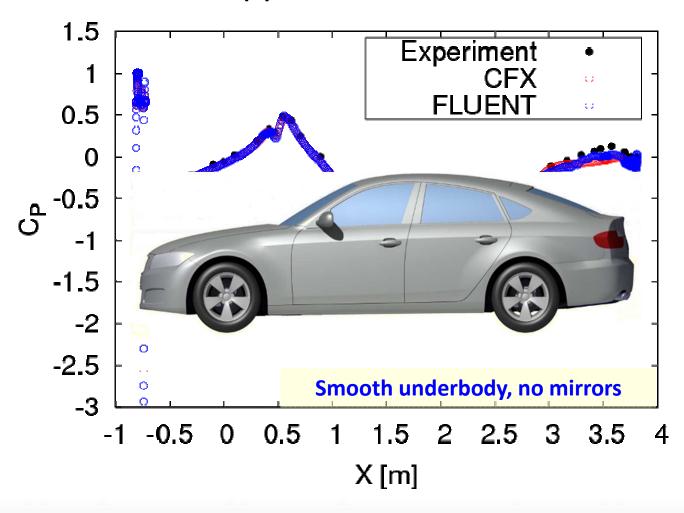






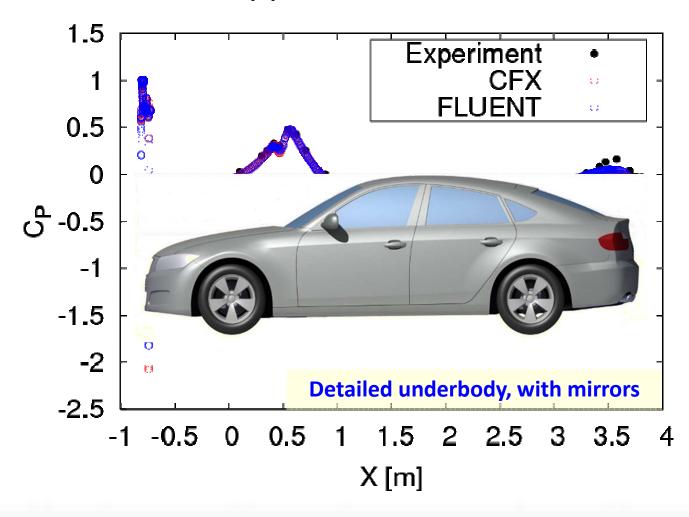


DrivAer Pressure Coefficient (1)

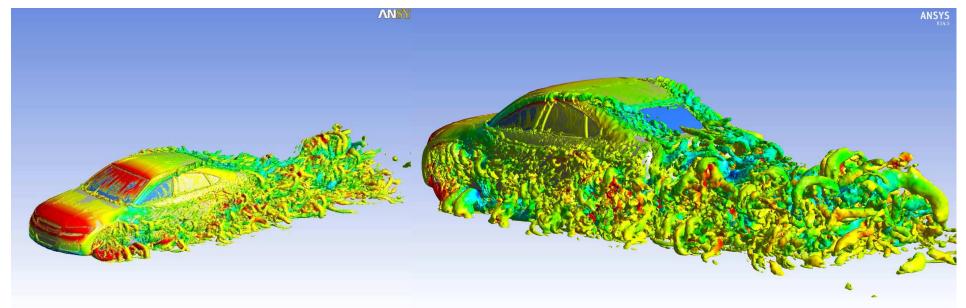


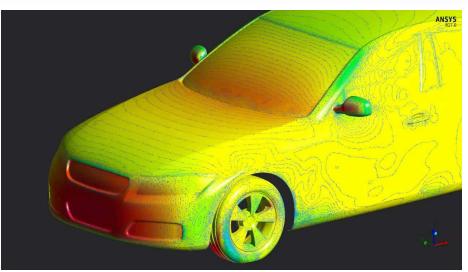


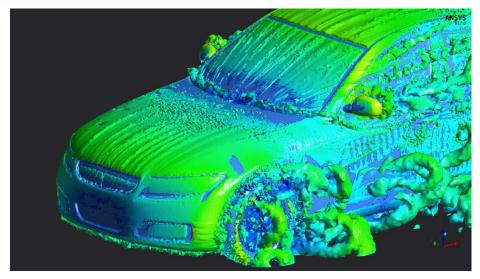
DrivAer Pressure Coefficient (2)









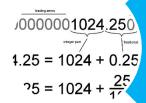




Vehicle External Aerodynamics - Summary



Steady-sate simulations for quick turnaround



Unsteady state simulation for ultimate accuracy



ANSYS Fluent Steady State and Transient simulation capability offers the customer a versatile portfolio to achieve balanced simulation result/cost based on their needs

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Vehicle Common Model Approach

What

• A common model is an approach to use a single unified model to incorporate multiple vehicle applications, including FEAF, UTM, external aero, etc.

Why

- Minimizing time spent on CAD assembly and CAD cleanup within the company
- No compromise/assumptions on boundary conditions at the interface of differenet attributes
- Respecting the coupled nature of the various subsystems as in the real world
- Using a common material database for all simulations

How

- Change of paradigm
- ANSA-Tgrid

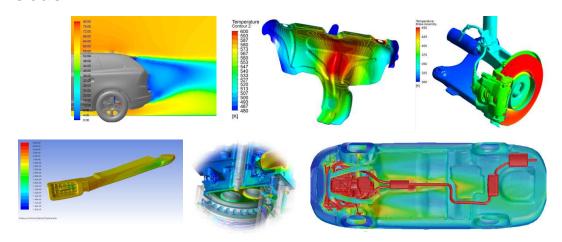


Faster and more accurate results.



Motivation of Using a Common Model

- Within the automotive OEMs, it is common to have separate teams for different areas of simulation focus
 - Aerodynamics
 - Underhood Thermal Management
 - Aero Acoustics
 - Engine CHT
 - Brakes
 - Exhaust After-treatment
 - Climate Comfort
 - Contamination (Snow, Dust, Rain)

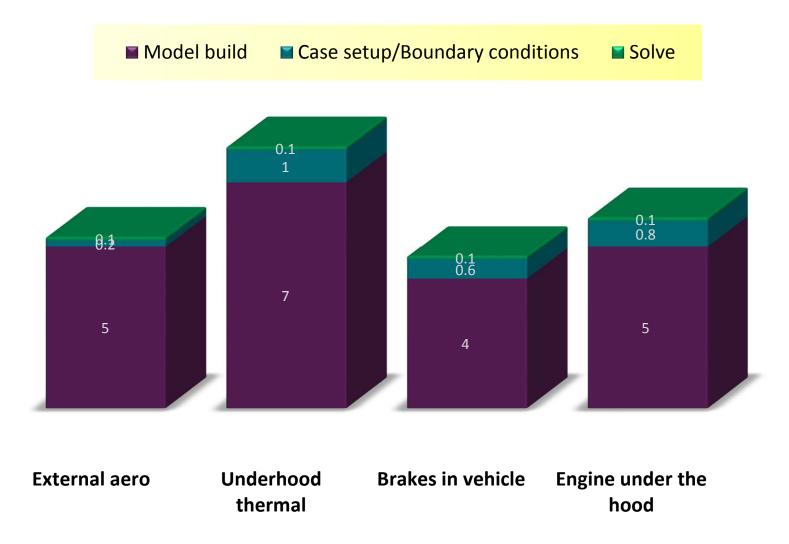


- This allows each team to focus on individual areas.
- However, potential inefficiencies with this setup are
 - Duplication of CAD work (Cleanup/assembly)

- Duplication of Meshing
- Inconsistency and excessive need of boundary conditions and material data
- Potential compromise on accuracy due to interdependencies
- Non-optimal simulation times

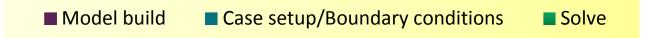


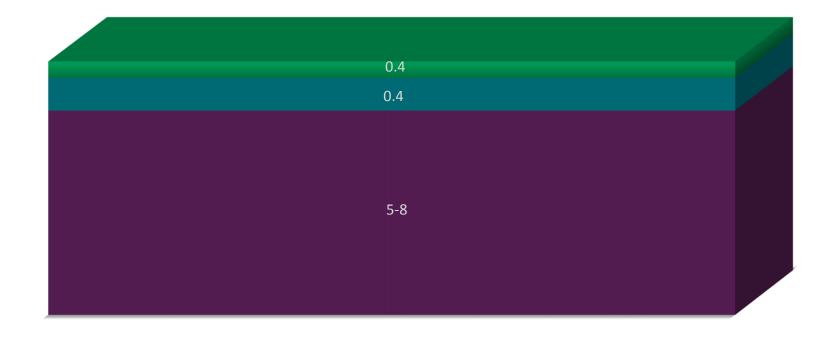
Model per Attribute





Common Multi-Objective Model





External aero

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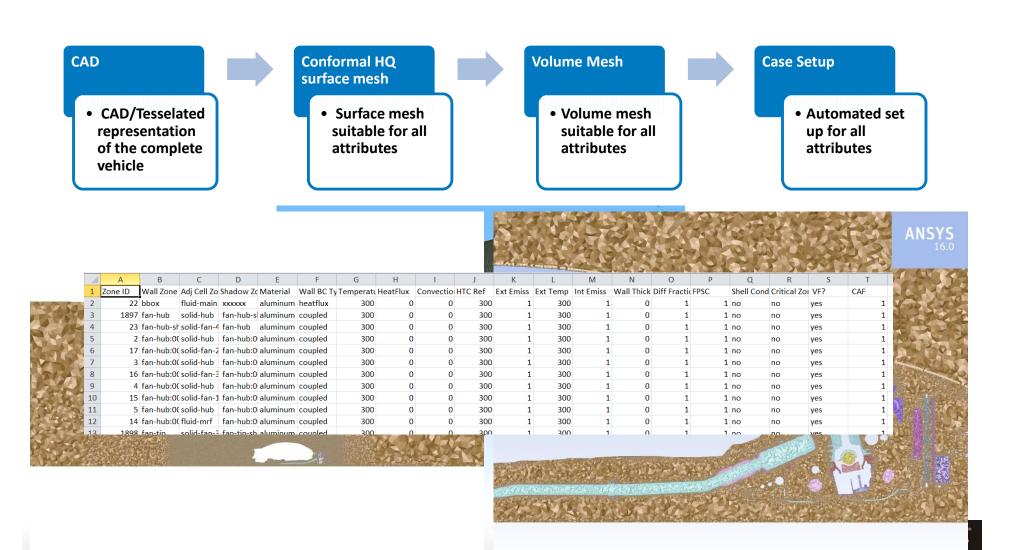
Underhood thermal

Brakes in vehicle

Engine under the hood



Ideal Workflow (Current Study)



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Workflow Alternatives

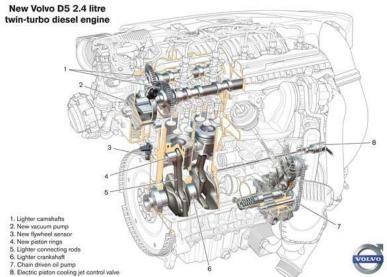
Conformal surface CAD **Volume Mesh Case Setup** mesh • CAD/Tesselated Surface mesh Volume mesh Automated set representation suitable for all suitable for all up for all of the complete attributes attributes attributes vehicle Fine-tuned surface Fine-tuned volume Modified volume **Modifications** mesh for selected mesh per attribute mesh per attribute per load case attributes Solids Morphing **Prism layers Refinement zones** MDO Solids **0D/1D** couplings **Part Swapping** Multiphysics



Common Model Example: Volvo S80

- Volvo S80 D5 MY2012
- 2.4-litre, 5-cylinder Twin-turbo Diesel Engine, 215 hp and 440 Nm







Common Model

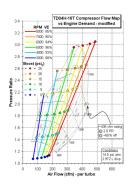
- Attributes included
 - Aerodynamics
 - Underhood Thermal Management
 - Engine CHT/Under the hood
 - Cooling system
 - Brake system
 - Air intake system
 - Exhaust system
- ~400 Solids
- ~50 Shells (readily extensible to 1000's)



- Use case
 - Vehicle moving at 110 kph
 - Engine rpm: 2050
 - Thermal sources:



- Hot exhaust gas into exhaust system and environment
- Frictional heat in brake rotor
- **Brakes engaged**
- **Turbo and pump**
- **CRFM (Fans and HXs)**





Turnaround

Sub System/Model	Model Build Time (days)		
Body, grille	8		
Powertrain: Entire engine solids Air intake Cooling circuit	2.5 1 .1		
UTM: Exhaust, turbo, EGR Mounts CRFM Shields	2 .5 .25		
Brakes	1.5		
Misc. (CRFM, chassis, suspension, transmission, etc.)	.25		
MRFs and Checks	1		
Integration	4		
Volume Mesh	.5		
Detailed Case setup	2		
Postprocess	2		
Total	26 (~5 weeks)		

- Full vehicle with all details
- One common model built
- CAD-to-Solution time reduced significantly with no compromise on accuracy
- **Maximizing efficiency across** multiple teams
- **Foundation for common** model MDO

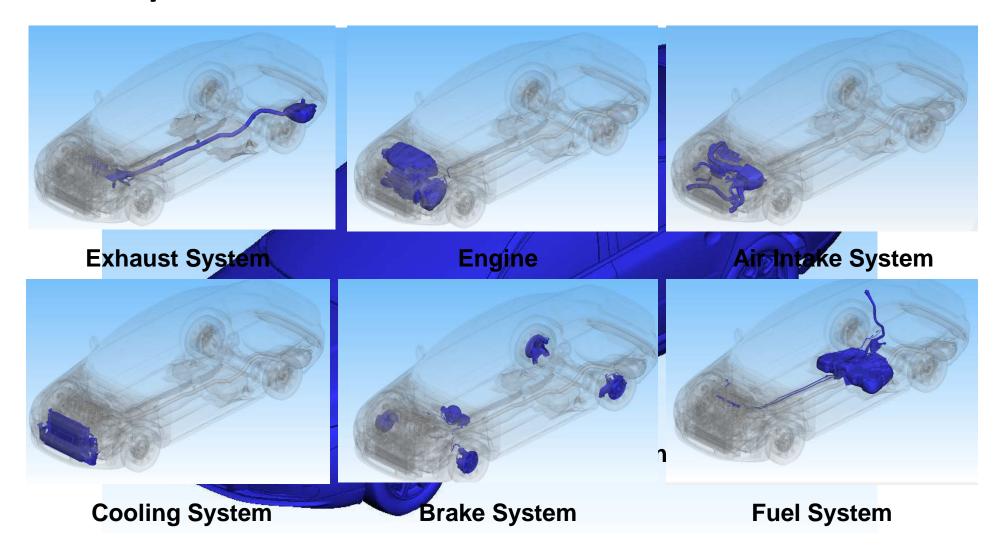
~400 Solid zones

~50 Shell zones

~265 M conformal cells



Sub Systems

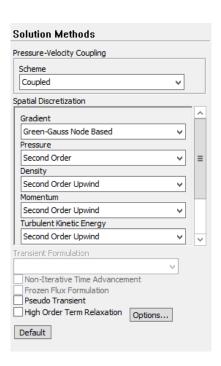




Simulation Details

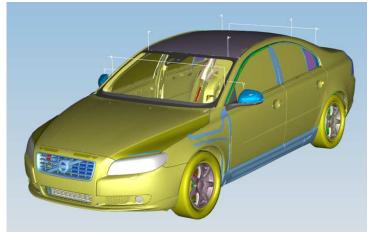
- One single simulation
- Realizable k-ε Turbulence Model with Enhanced Wall Function
- Second Order Upwind discretization, Coupled Solver, GGNB
- Surface to Surface (S2S) Radiadion Model
- Secondary streams
 - Exhaust Mix at EGR Air intake system
 - Cooling
- **Ideal** gas
- Turbocharger modeled using MRF, 140k rpm
- 110 kph, 35°C inlet
- Fans, RPM from supplied data

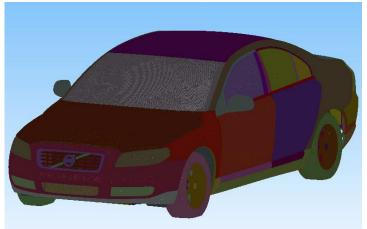
- Water pump modeled with MRF, 2050 rpm
- 3000 iterations

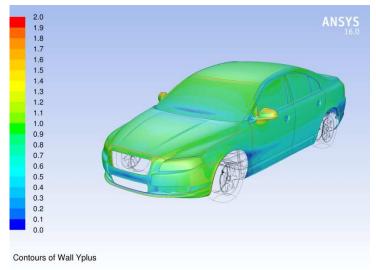


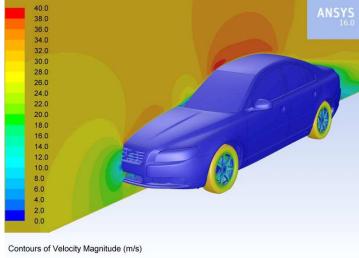


CAD, Mesh, Results – Aerodynamics





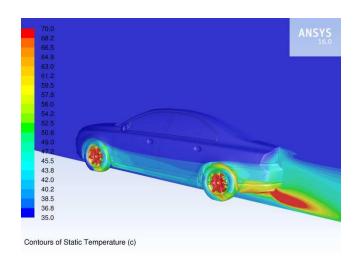


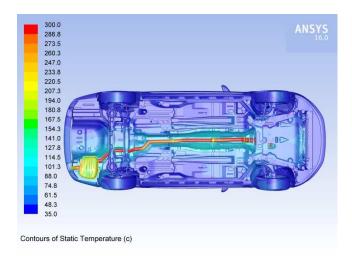


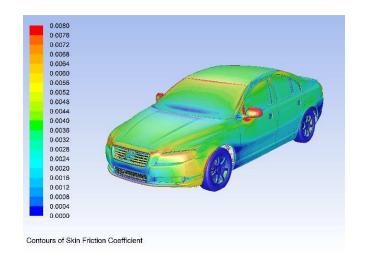
- Detailed capture of all styled surfaces with no deviation from the exterior geometry
- 12 prism layers on styling surfaces with first height 0.02mm
- Rotating rims (MRF)
- **Moving ground**
- Refinement regions at wake and flow separation regions
- Cd = 0.27

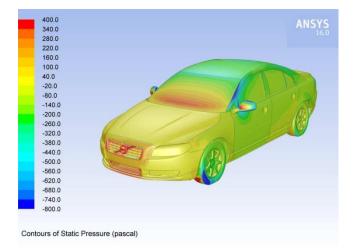


CAD, Mesh, Results – Exterior



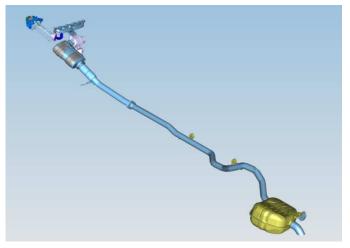


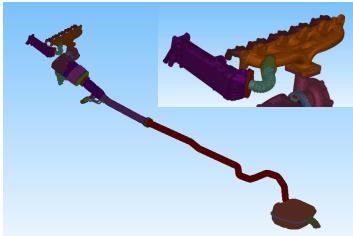


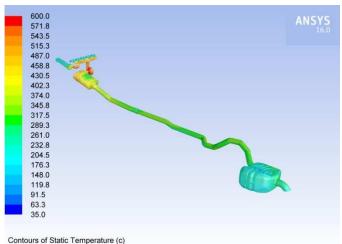


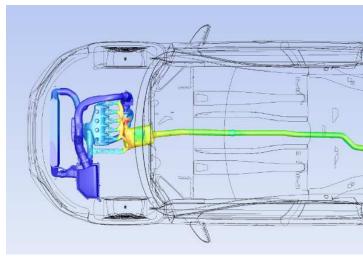


CAD, Mesh, Results – Exhaust





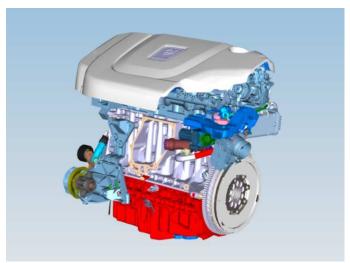


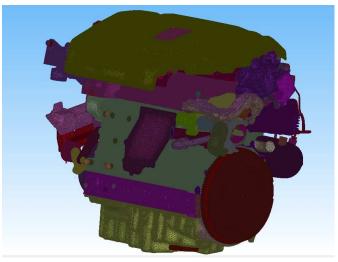


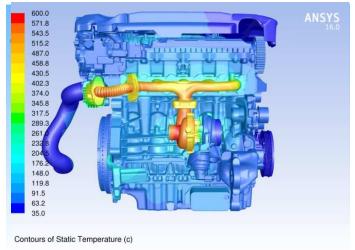
- Complete exhaust system from ports through tailpipe including manifold, turbo and EGR
- Gas flow mixes with AIS stream at EGR
- Includes hangers, brackets, bars as solids

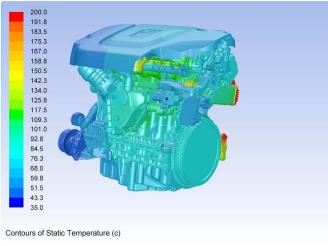


CAD, Mesh, Results – Engine





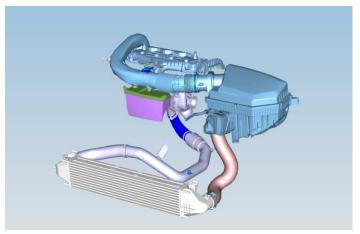


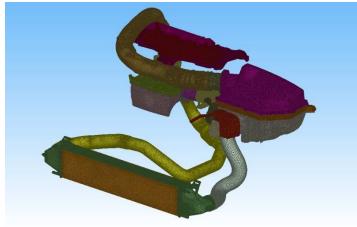


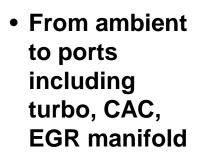
- Internal components included: head, block, crank and case, camshaft, valves, pistons, pins, rods, pulleys, gear sets, oil sump, fuel pump, oil separator, mounts
- Manifold heat shield is laminated steel/ceramic

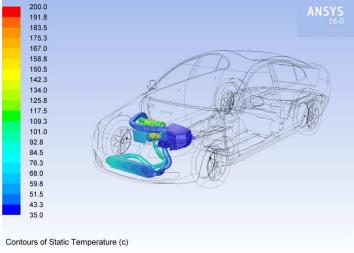


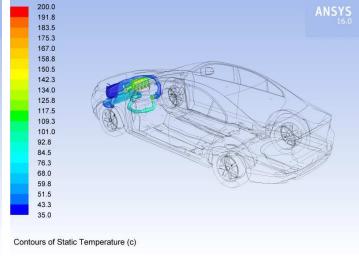
CAD, Mesh, Results – Air Intake System







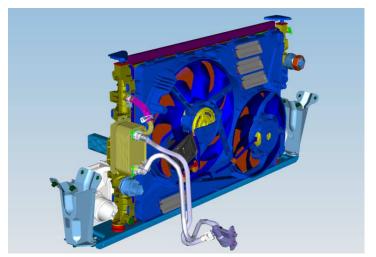


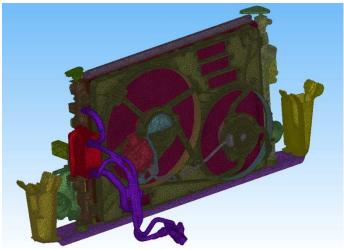


 Mix with **Exhaust** stream at EGR

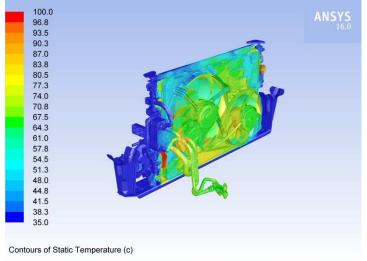


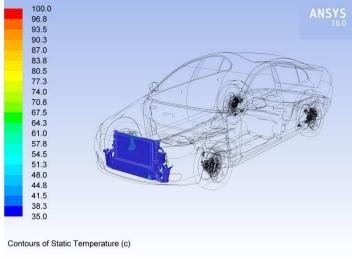
CAD, Mesh, Results - CRFM



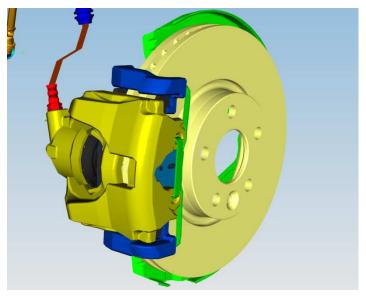


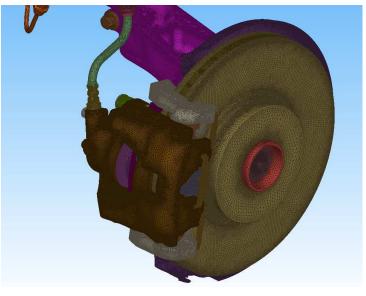
- **Dual-Fan** setup
- Fans modeled with MRF

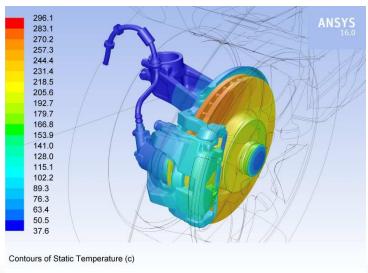


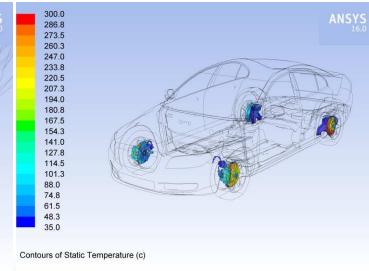


CAD, Mesh, Results – Brakes





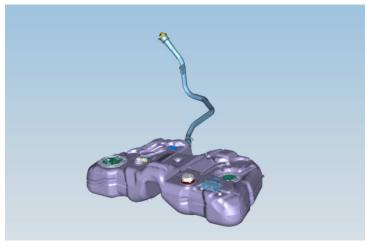


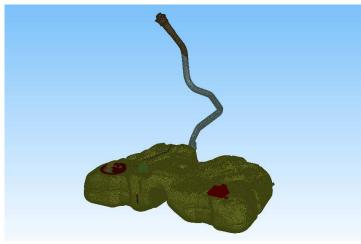


- ~200 solid zones
- All components accounted for
- MRF zones for the cooling slots (2x40)
- Frictional heat applied in the brake rotor

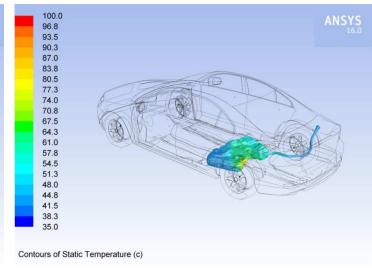


CAD, Mesh, Results – Fuel Tank





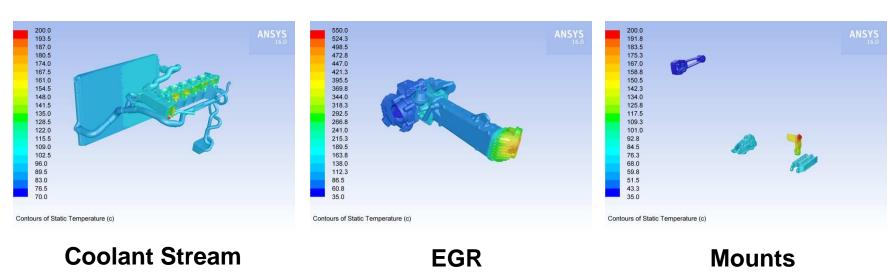
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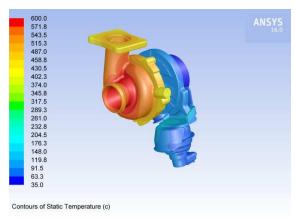
- Fluid-like material in the fuel tank
- Simplified internal components
- Accounts for accumulation of heat within the fuel tank

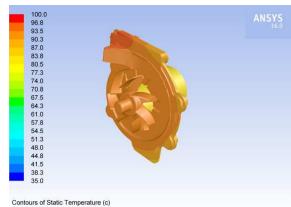


Results – Misc



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Shields

Turbo

Water Pump



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Vehicle Thermal Soaking

- Transient BC profiles is applied to major heat sources as a results of the changing driving conditions.
- Tabular input of the transient BC profiles.

