



LEVERAGING MUMPS TO ENHANCE PERFORMANCE OF ALTAIR SOLVERS

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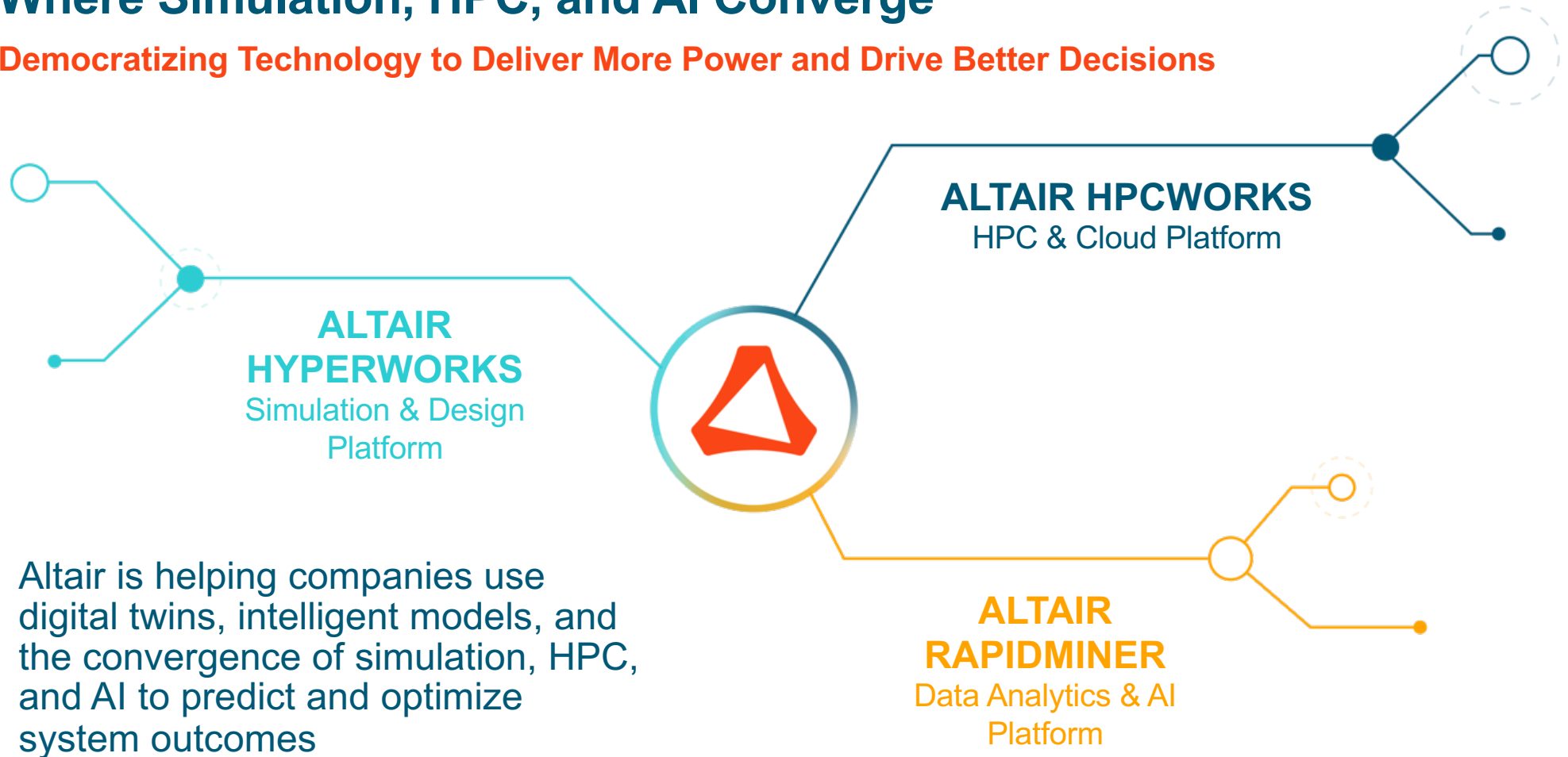
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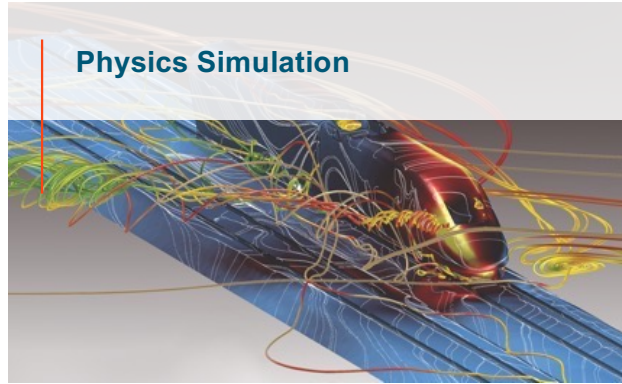


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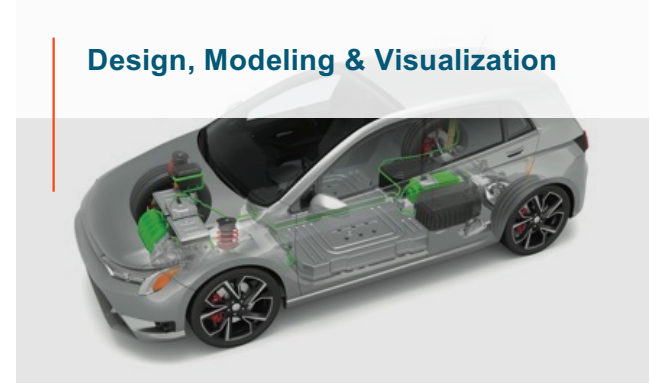
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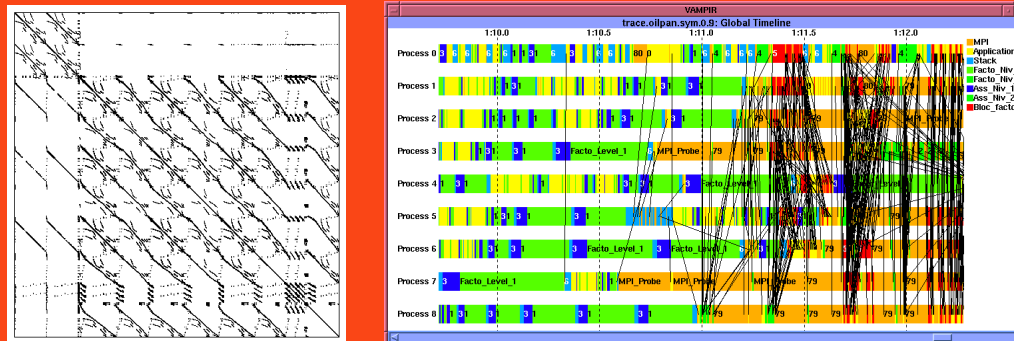
High-Performance Cloud Computing



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A Fruitful Collaboration Story with MUMPS

Radioss® using MUMPS for implicit

2012: Integration of MUMPS in OptiStruct®

2013: Altair acquired Feko®

2014: Altair joined the consortium at its beginning

2016: Altair acquired Flux®

2019: Collaboration project MUMPS on GPUs

Altair's continuous support as a gold member
since the start of MUMPS Technologies



P2P meeting in Grenoble in 2017

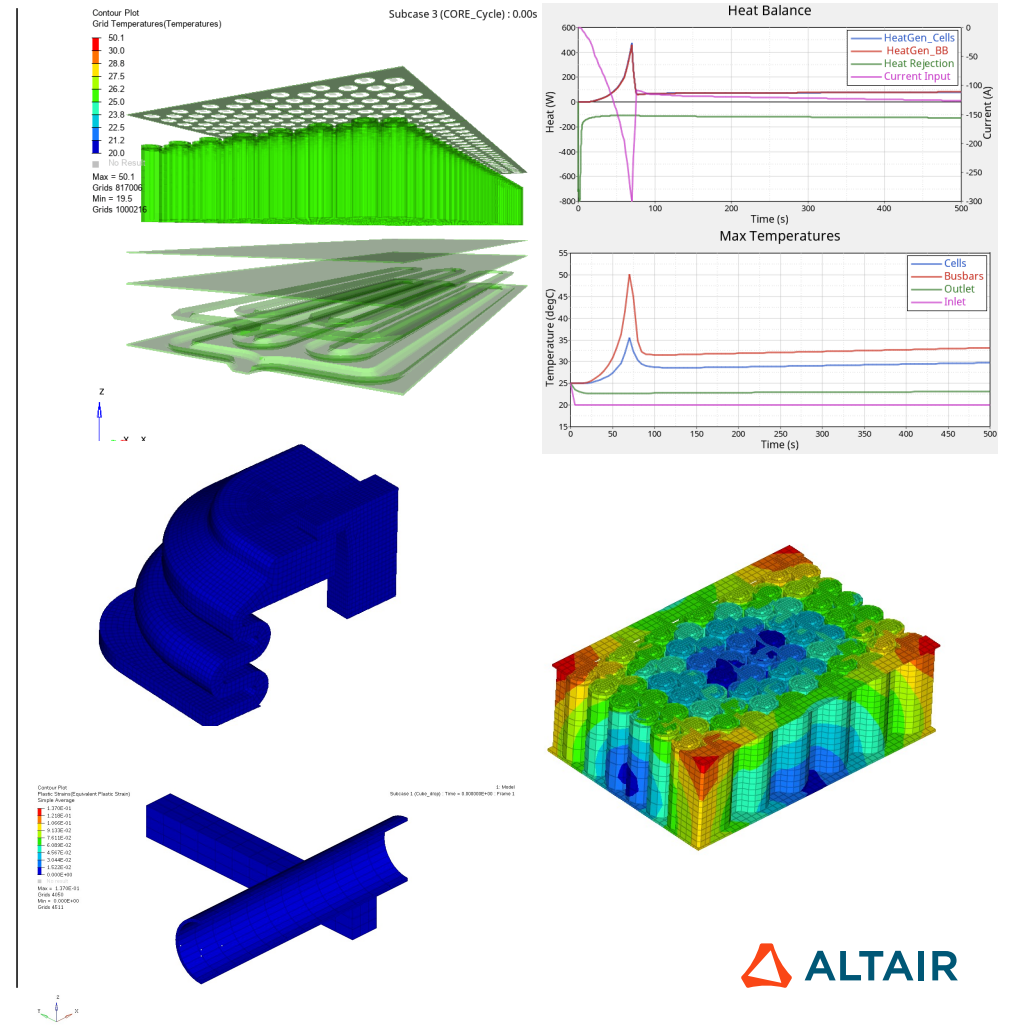
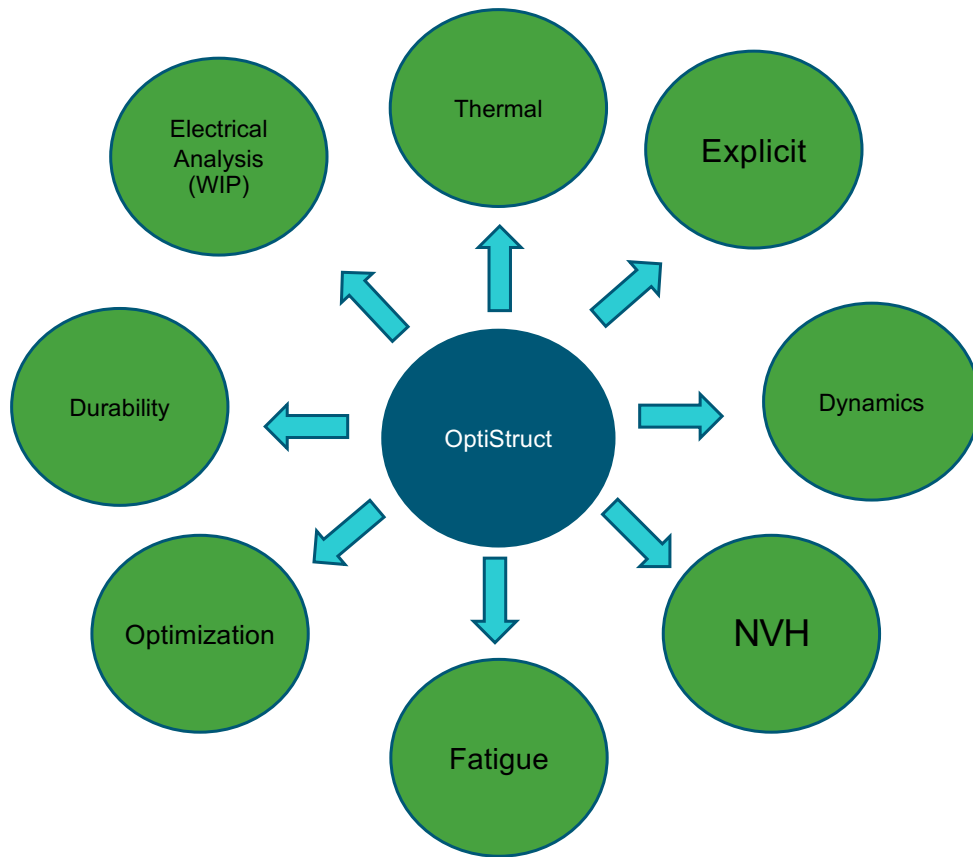


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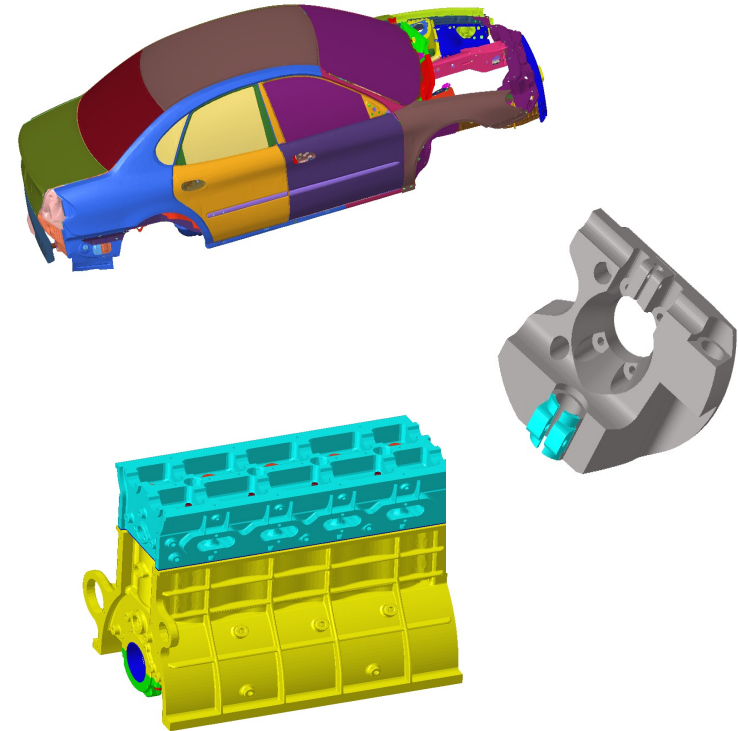


Benchmark MUMPS 5.6.0 consortium

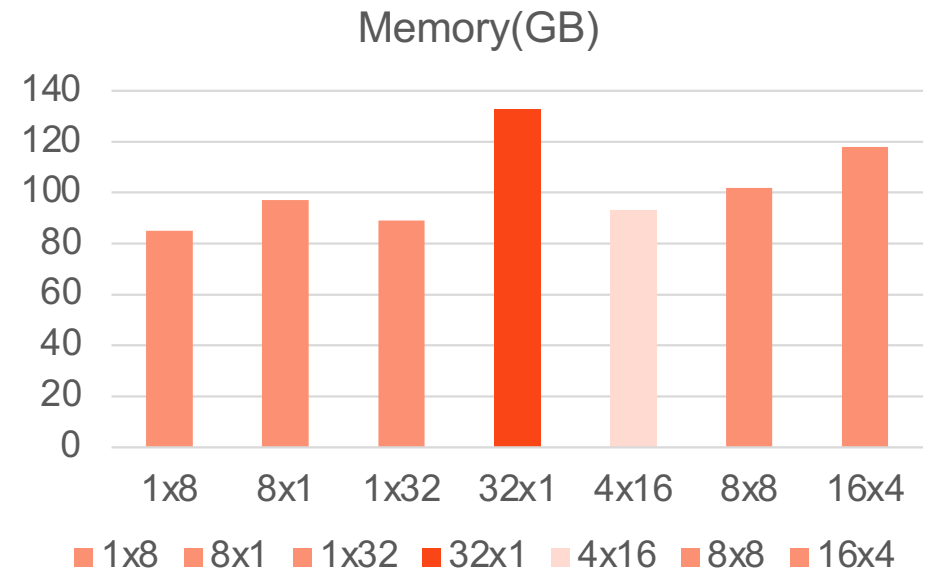
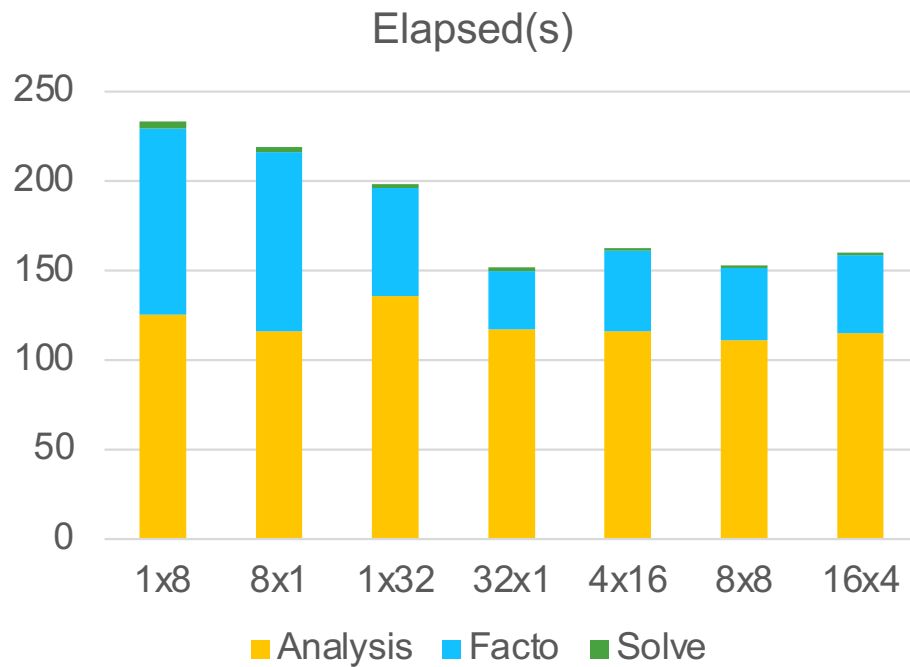
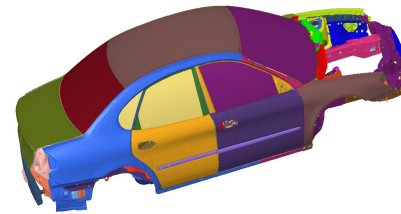
Standard Public Models:

- Carbody
 - High order shell, 18M DoF, Linear static
- Knuckle
 - Solid, 8.5M DoF, Linear static
- Engine
 - Solid, 4.6M DoF, Nonlinear static

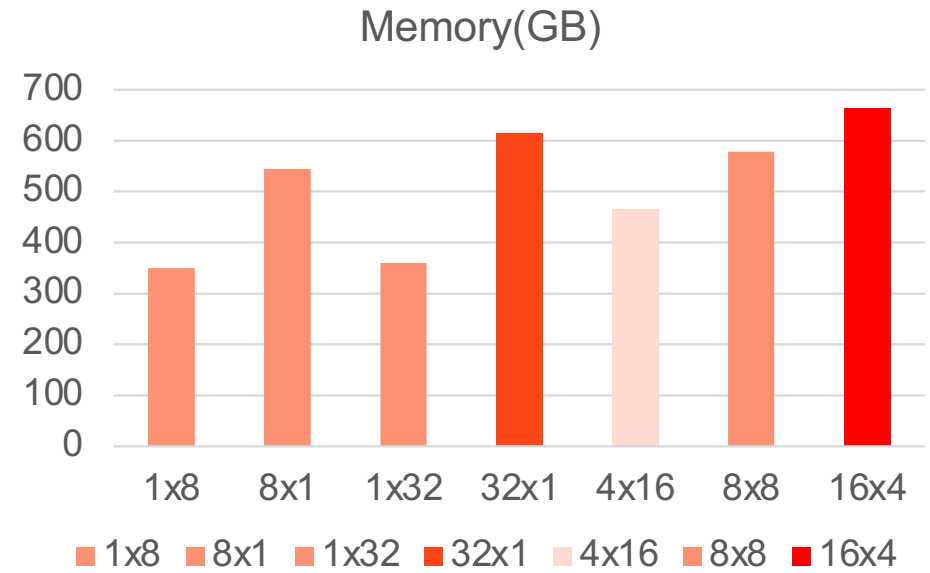
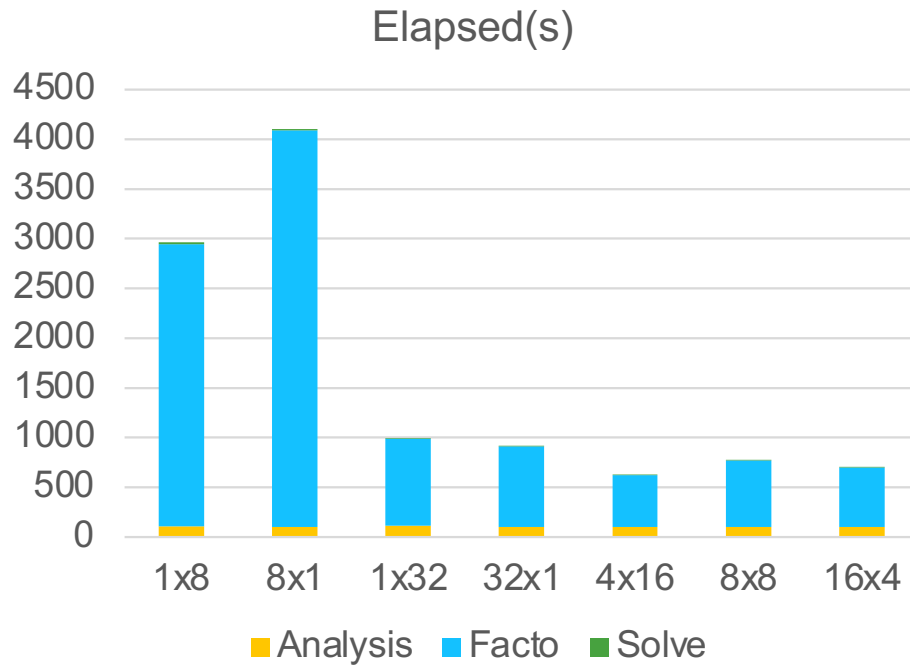
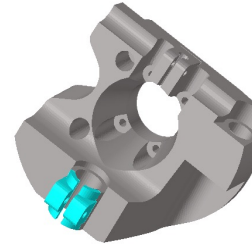
Cluster test:
8 nodes with 512 GB RAM
Intel E5-2697A v4 32 cores @ 2.60GHz



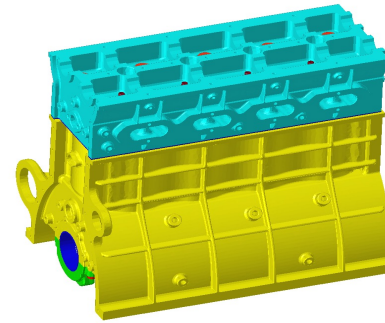
Benchmark – Carbody (2.5D)



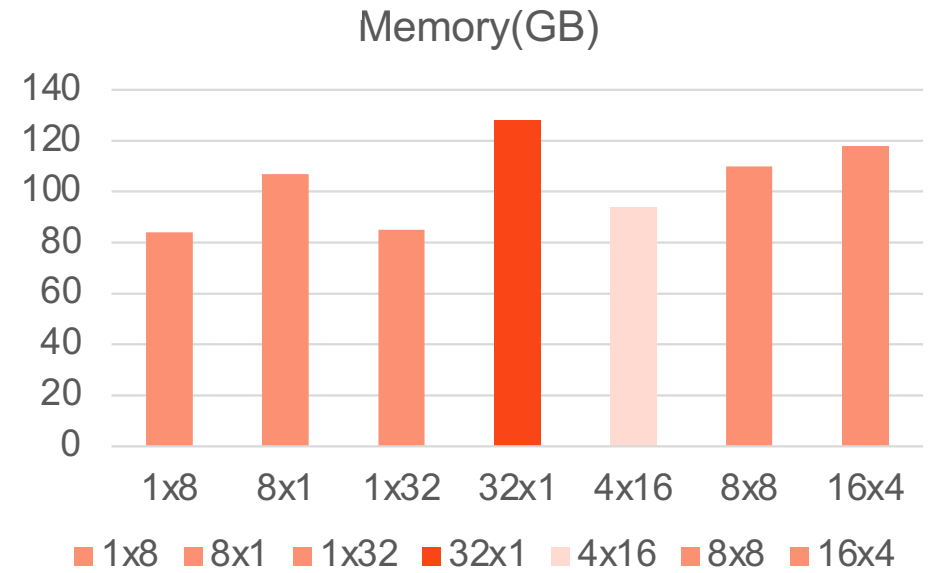
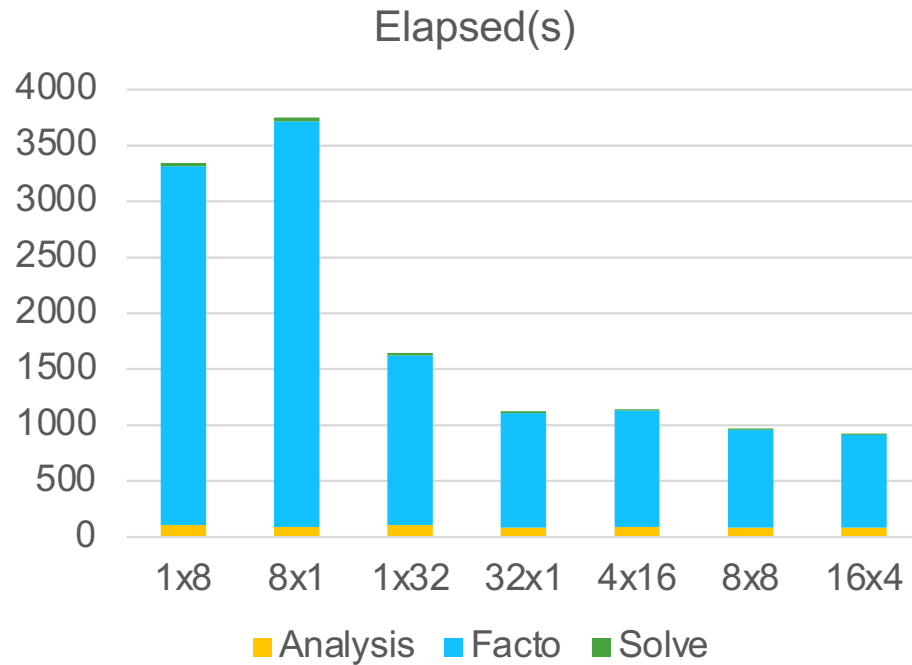
Benchmark – Knuckle (3D)



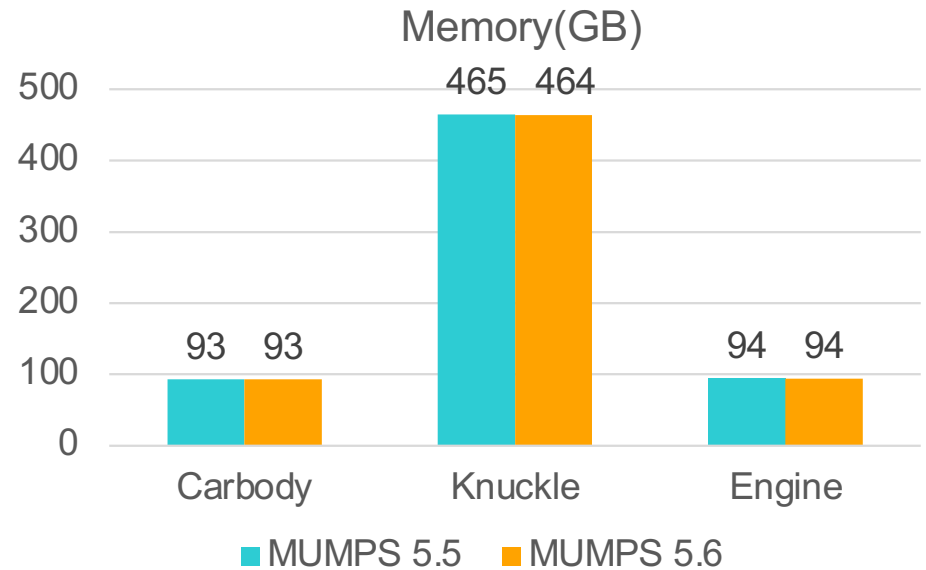
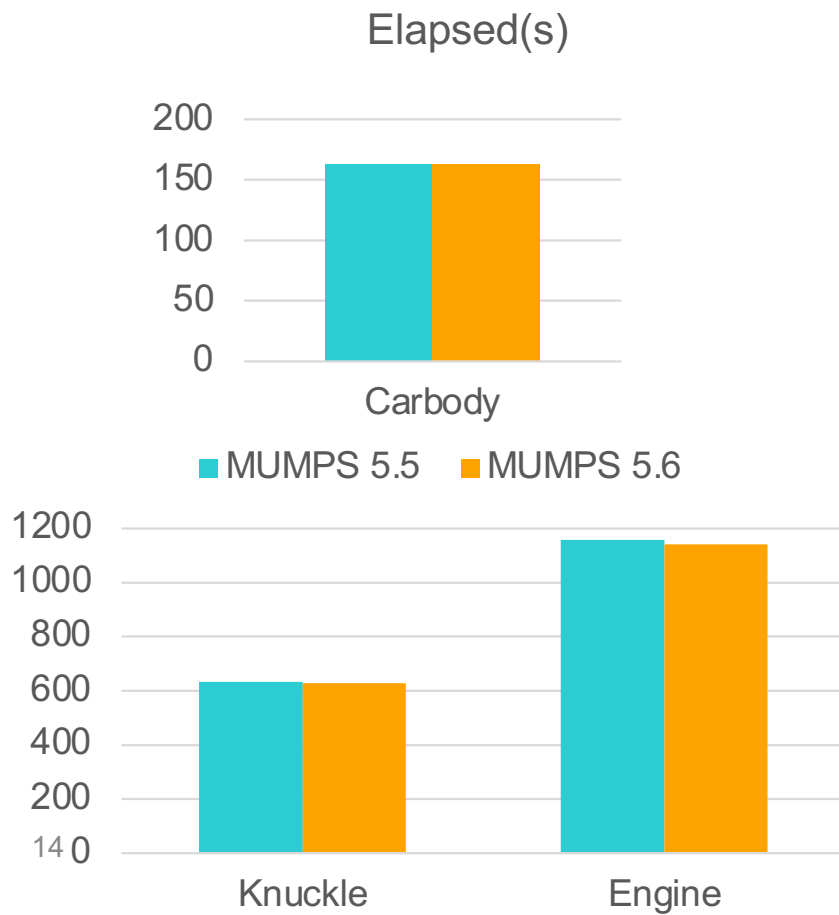
Benchmark – Engine (3D)



21 NL iterations

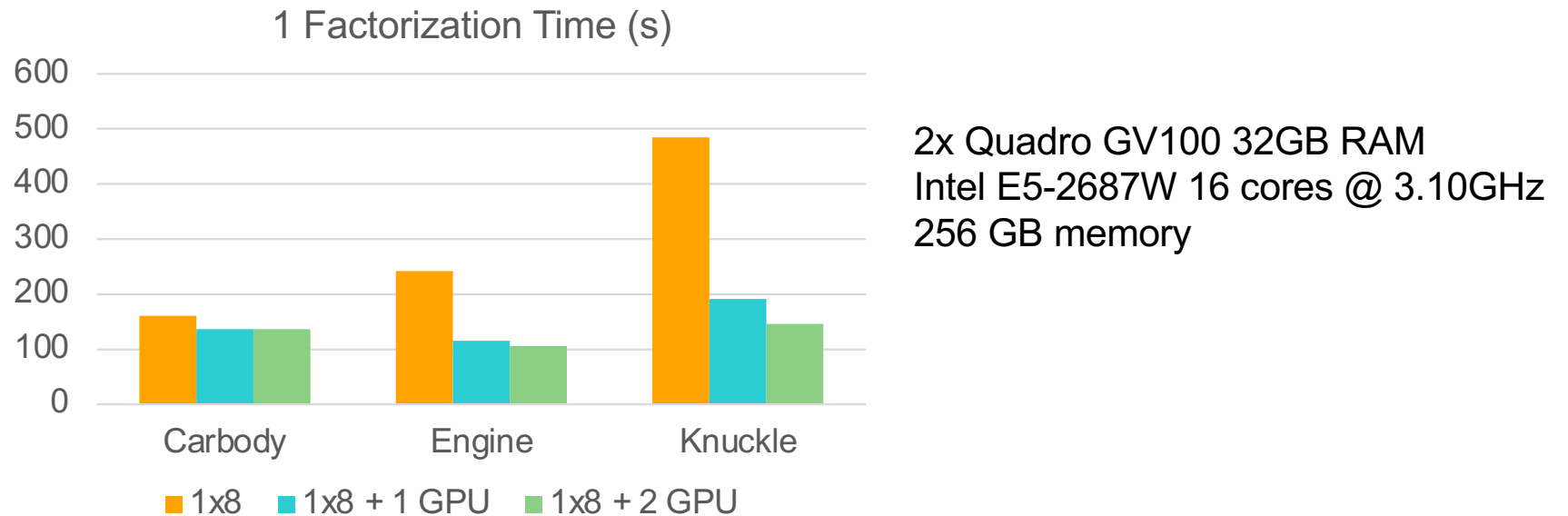


Benchmark – Versions Comparison (4 MPI x 16 OMP)



Consistent results and stable performance between MUMPS 5.5 and 5.6 version

Benchmark – GPU Acceleration (8 MPI x 1 OMP) MUMPS 5.6.0c



Good acceleration for 3D models

A coarser version of the Knuckle is used due to some memory limitation on the platform tested (2.8M DoF)

Larger compute intensive cases show scaling beyond 2 GPUs

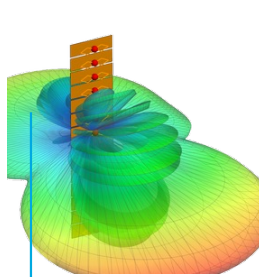
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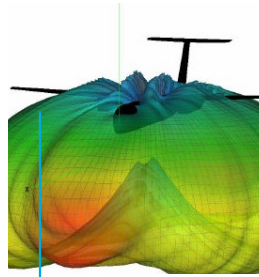
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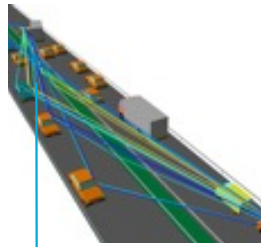
Altair Feko™ – A Comprehensive Electromagnetic Solver



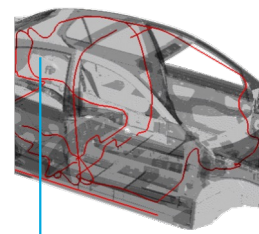
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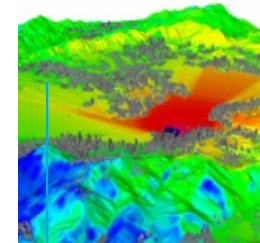
Antenna Placement & Coupling



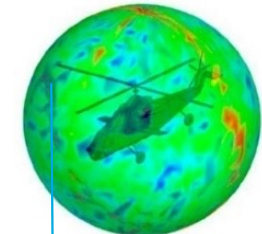
Virtual Drive & Flight Tests for Platform Connectivity & ADAS



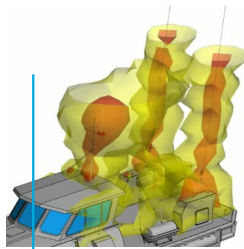
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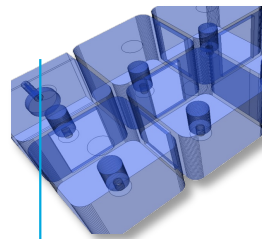
Radio & Radar Coverage & Planning



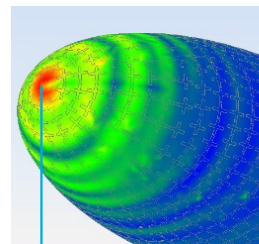
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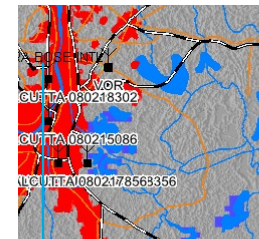
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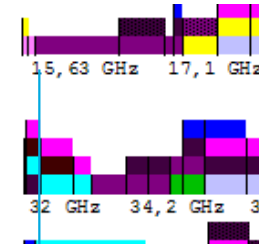
RF Device Design



Radomes including FSS



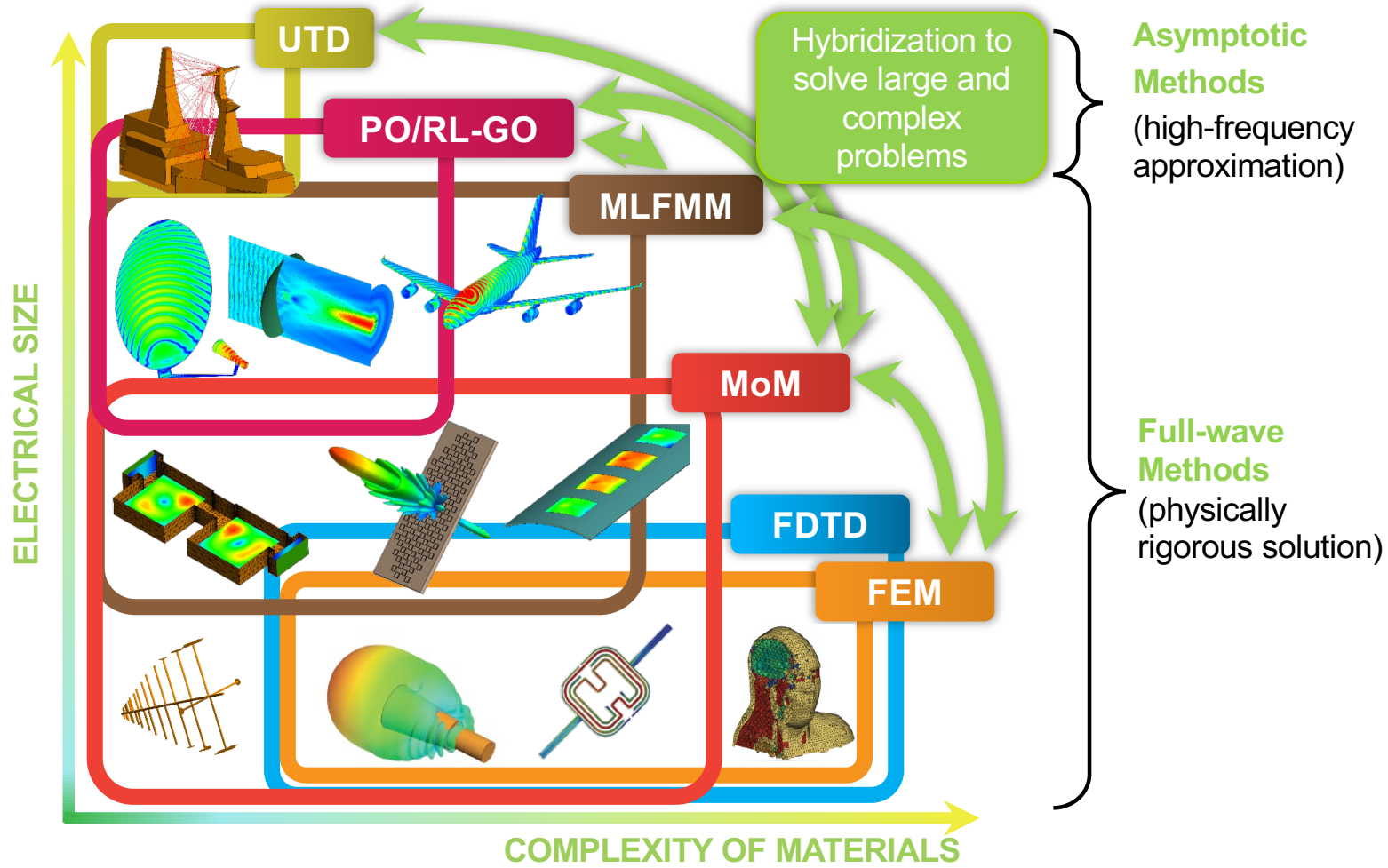
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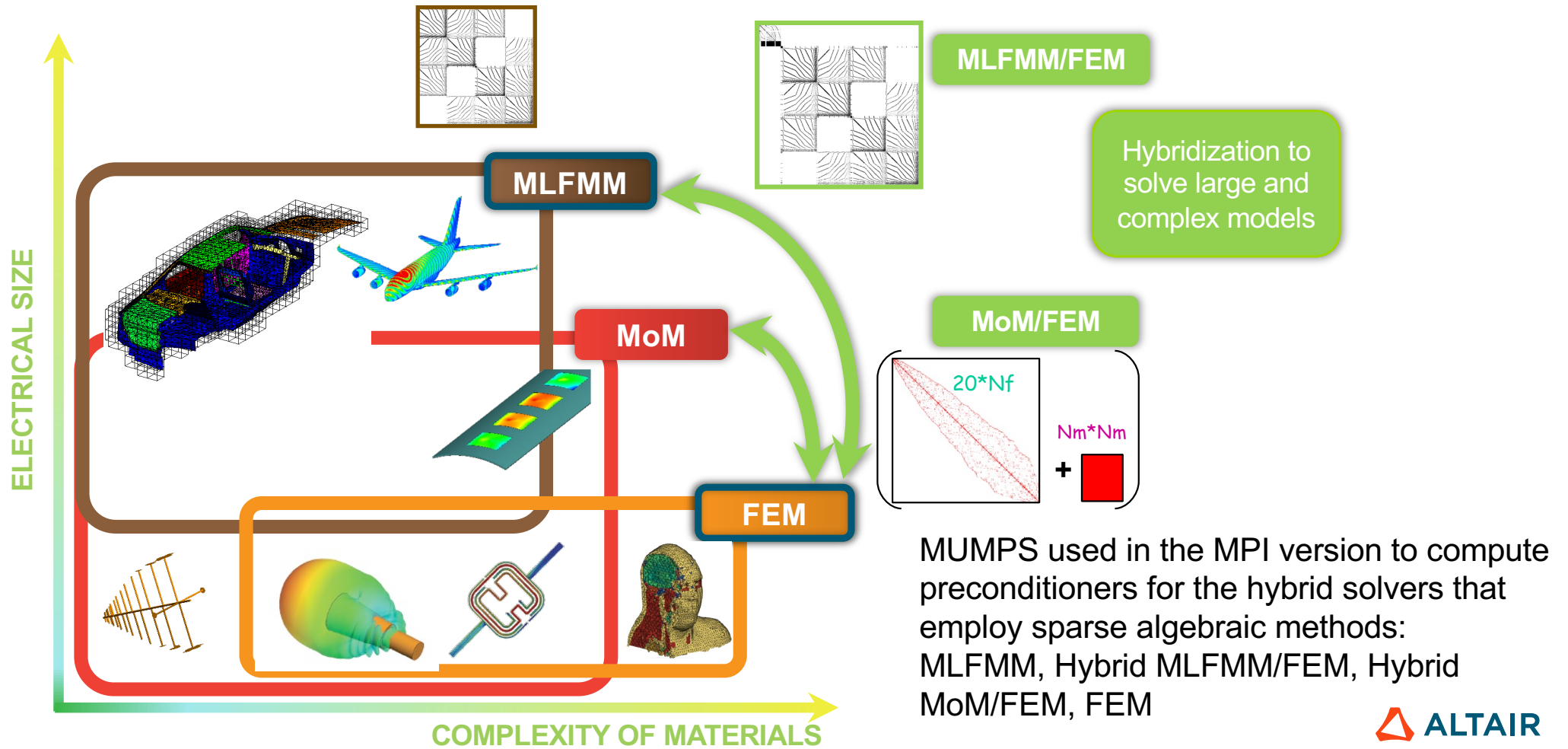
Spectrum Management

Wave propagation modeling, radio network planning and spectrum management applications are done with WinProp and WRAP tools, which are part of Feko

Solvers in Feko – Simulation Map



Solvers in Feko Using MUMPS



Overview of MUMPS Usage in Feko

Features of MUMPS (5.6.0consortium) used in Feko

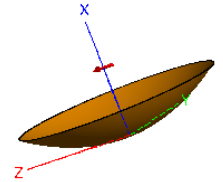
- The matrix is complex, unsymmetrical and in distributed assembled format in coordinate form
- Selective 64-bit integer support
- Working host (PAR=1)
- Ordering algorithm selection by MUMPS
AMD, PORD, METIS (64-bit), SCOTCH (6.0.5r3), PT-SCOTCH (6.0.5r3)
- Advanced performance settings of consortium version
'L0 thread' ; 'MPI to k OpenMP' ...
- Block Low Rank (BLR) is the default in Feko's preconditioners:
For select classes of models BLR brings a memory and performance benefit
For others BLR is comparable in memory and performance to full-rank
- Analysis-by-blocks is used for the MLFMM

BLR in Preconditioning

MUMPS 5.6consortium Block Low Rank (BLR) compared to full-rank single precision

BLR threshold: 1E-4

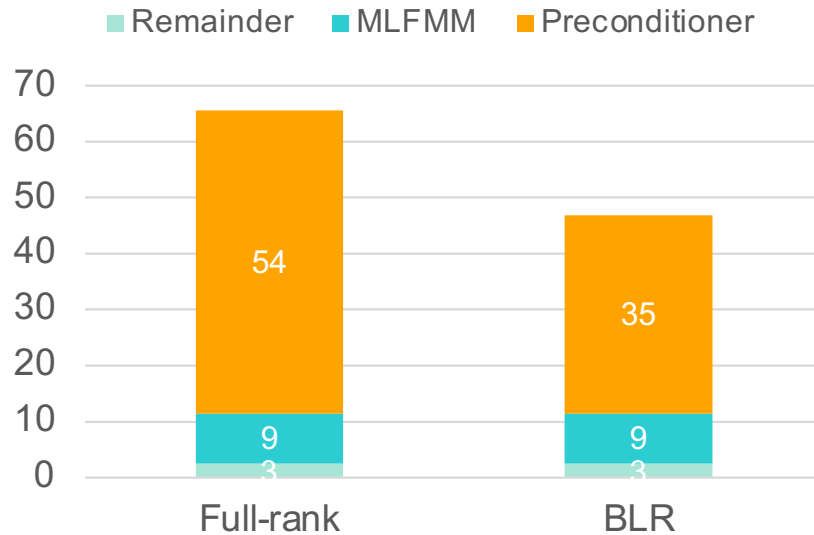
8 MPI processes



Parabolic dish at 30 GHz

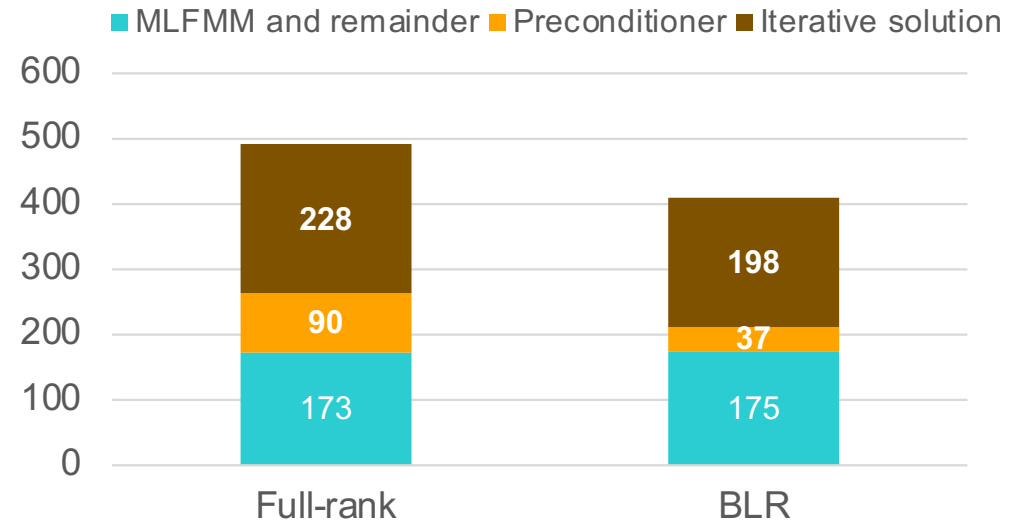
- 2.6 M unknowns
- MLFMM: 408 M non-zero's (sparsity: 0.0061 %)
- Sparse matrix: 4.576 GByte
- Iterative solution convergence: 13 iterations

Total peak memory [GByte]



Preconditioner: MUMPS analysis and factorisation

Wall-clock time [seconds]

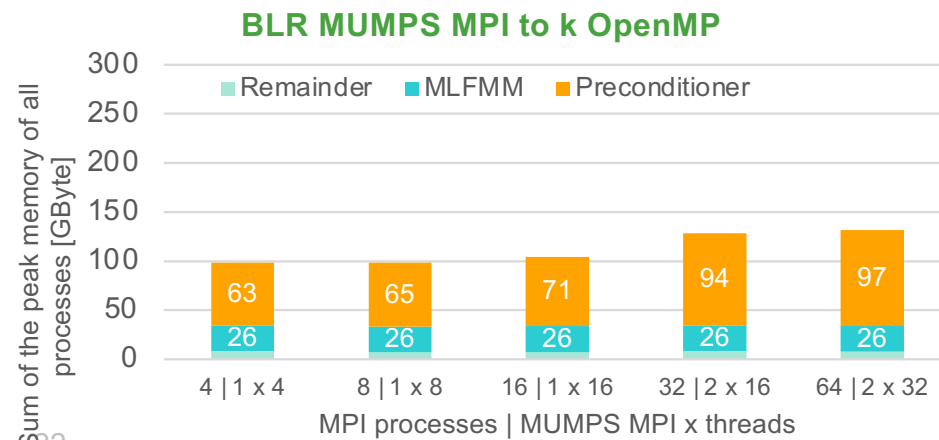
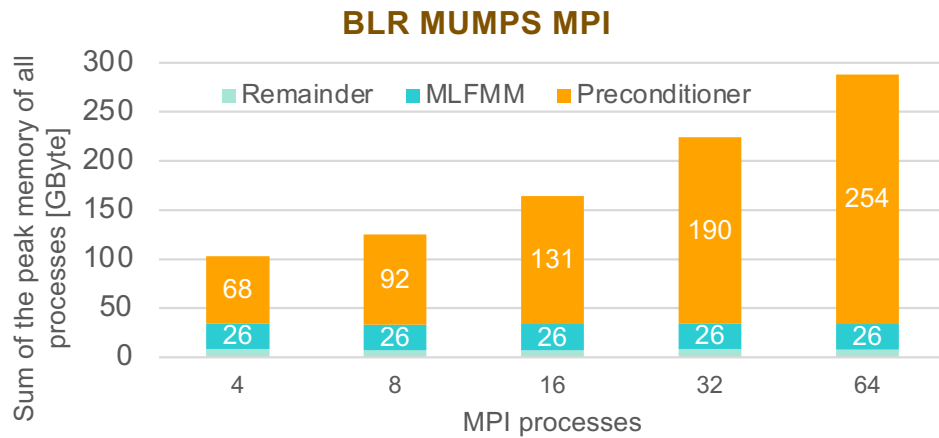


Preconditioner: MUMPS analysis and factorisation

Iterative solution: includes MUMPS solves for preconditioning



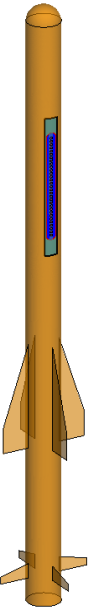
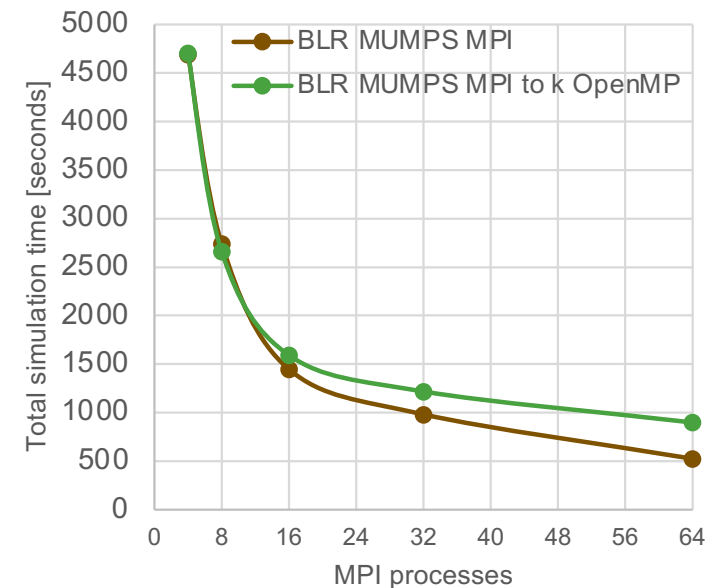
Experiment with MUMPS “MPI to k OpenMP”



Missile at 5.9 GHz

- 500 k unknowns
- MLFMM: 2200 M non-zero's (sparsity: 0.7989 %)
- Sparse matrix: 24 GByte
- Number of boxes at the finest level: 20 k

Total wall-clock time



Preconditioner: MUMPS analysis and factorisation

Goal: Reduce preconditioner memory footprint (scalability) while maintaining performance in Feko's traditionally distributed-memory, parallel MPI environment

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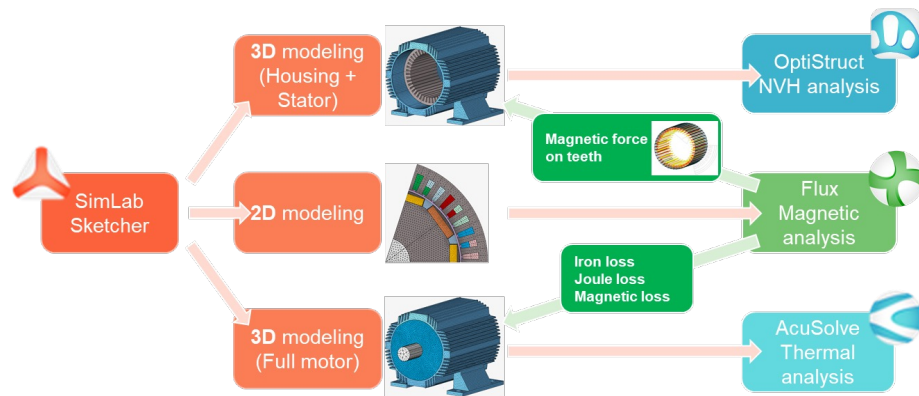


ALTAIR FLUX™

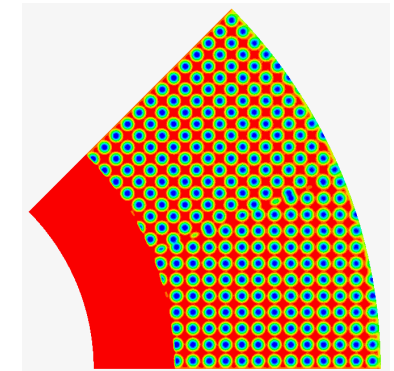
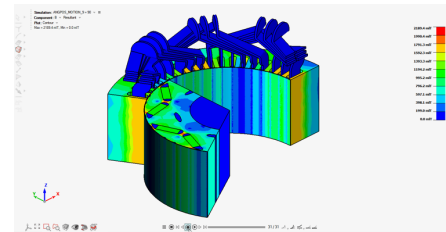
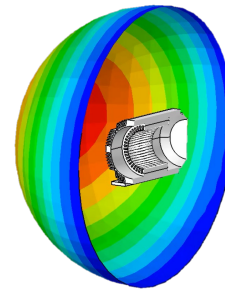
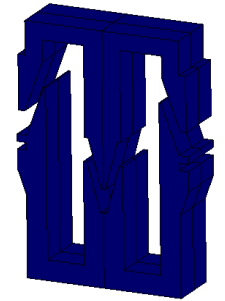
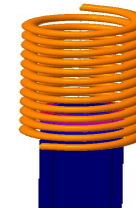
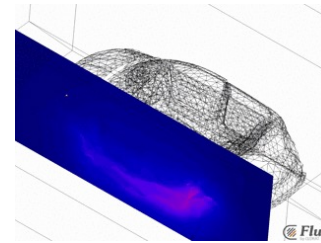


Altair Flux – Solution for Low Frequency Electromagnetics

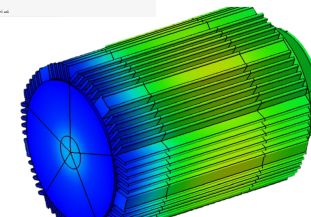
Flux addresses the broadest set of low frequency electromagnetic, electric, and thermal simulations, and is closely linked to Altair global solutions for multidisciplinary design exploration and optimization



Multiphysics



Topology Optimization



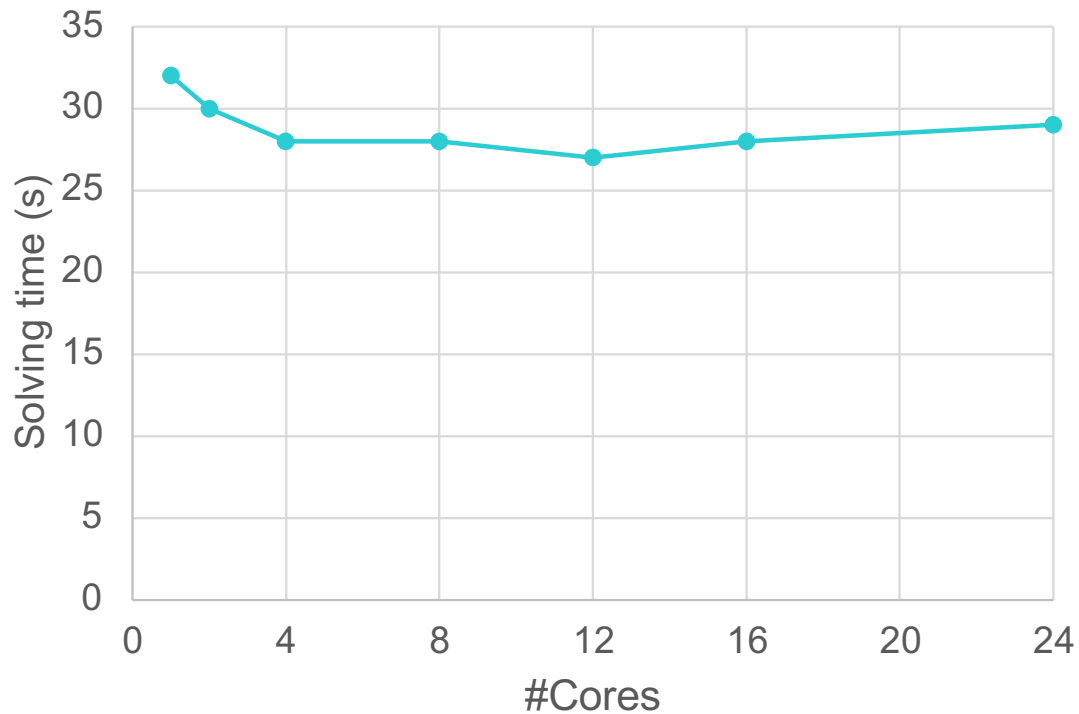
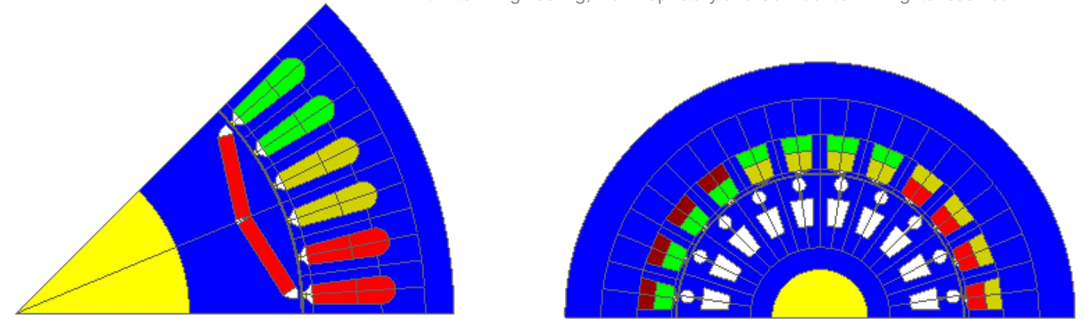
Benchmark Examples & Recommendations

Characteristics	
Dimension	2D / Skew(=2.5D) / 3D
Application	Magnetostatic
Number of nodes	~1 000 to several millions
Cores	1 to 24
Solver	MUMPS 5.5.0consortium

Hardware Configuration
E5-2697A v4 2x16 cores @ 2,6 GHz
512 GB Memory

2D Scalability Test

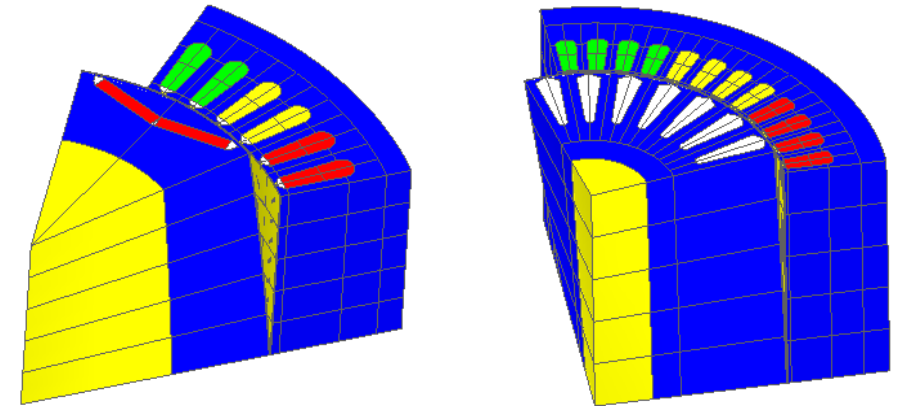
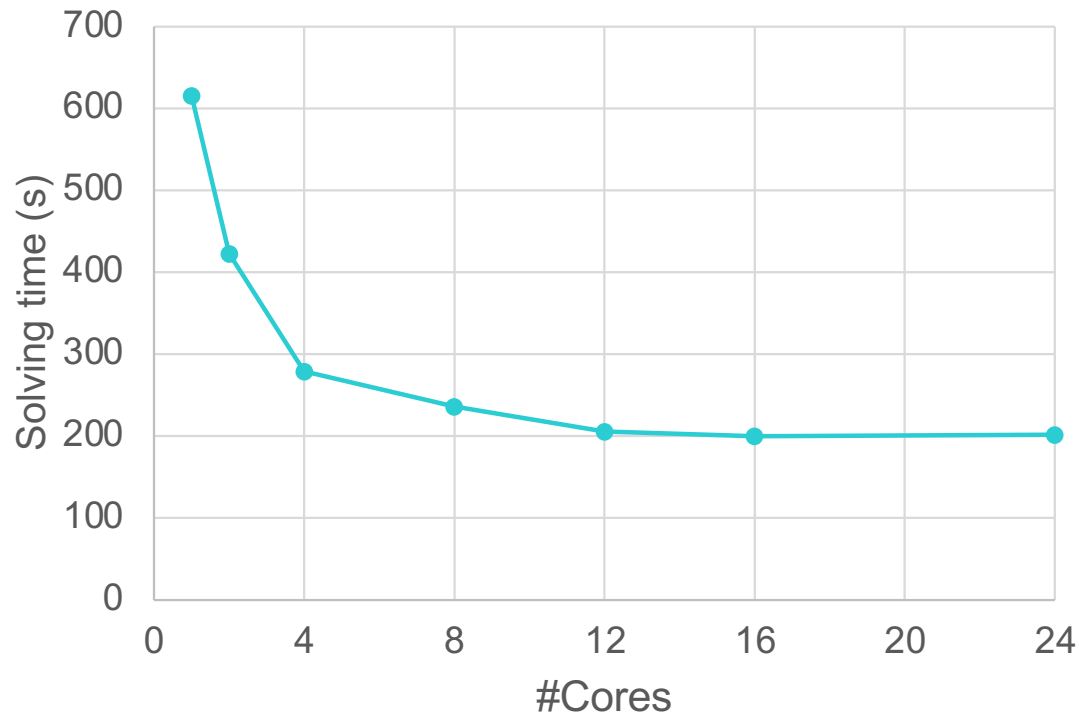
2D – 1.5M DoF



- 1.5 GB
 - No parallel speed-up
 - A lot faster than iterative solver (~x2.8)
- ✓ MUMPS using 1 to 4 cores recommended on all 2D applications

2.5D Scalability Test

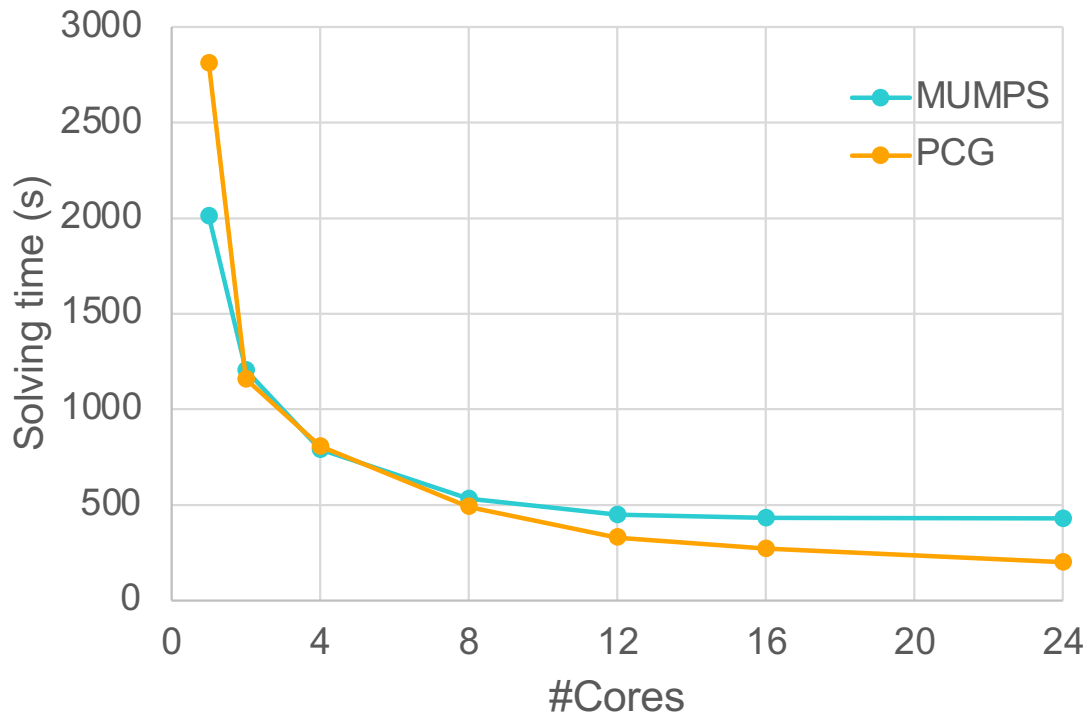
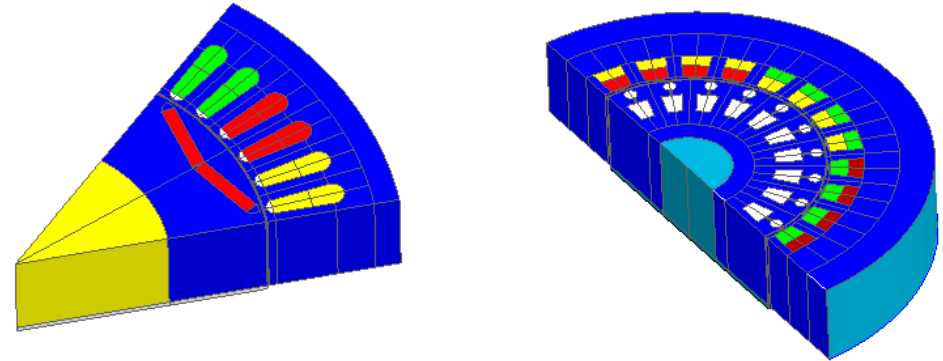
2.5D – 8M DoF



- 21 GB
 - Good parallel speed-up up to 8/12 cores
 - A lot faster than iterative solver (~x1.7)
- ✓ MUMPS using 1 to 12 cores recommended on all 2.5D applications

3D Scalability Test

3D – 6.5M DoF



- 80 GB
- Good parallel speed-up up to 8/12 cores
- ❖ Higher memory consumption (80GB vs 4GB with iterative solver)
- ❖ Iterative solver faster (~x1.8) thanks to higher scalability
- ✓ MUMPS recommended using 1 to 8 cores on 3D projects < 300k DoF, iterative solver otherwise

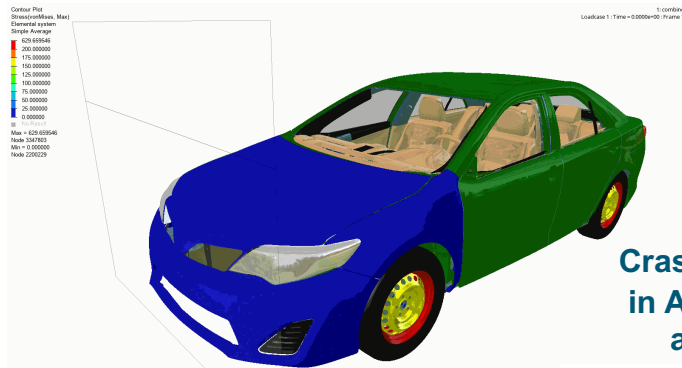


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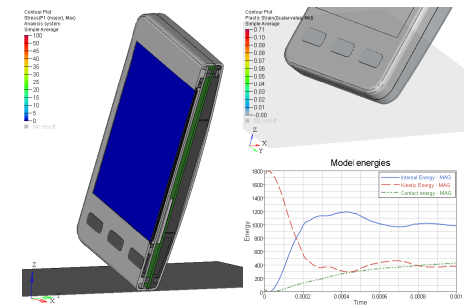
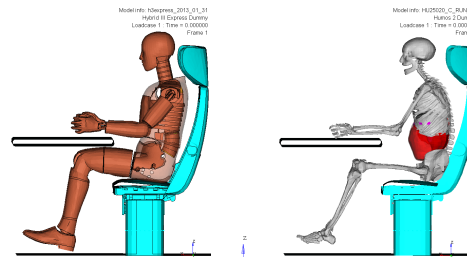
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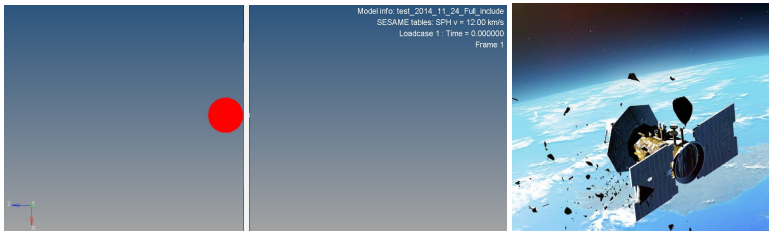
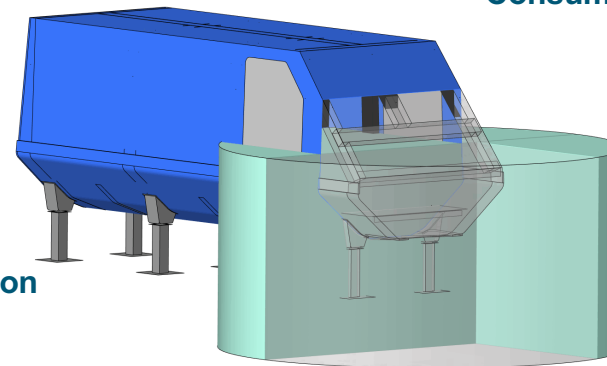
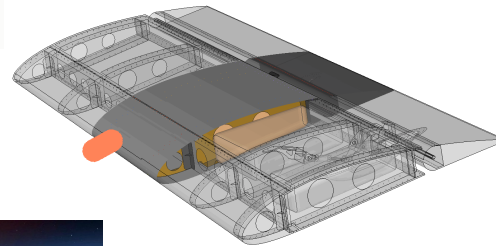
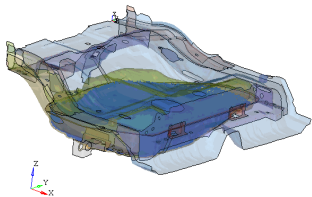
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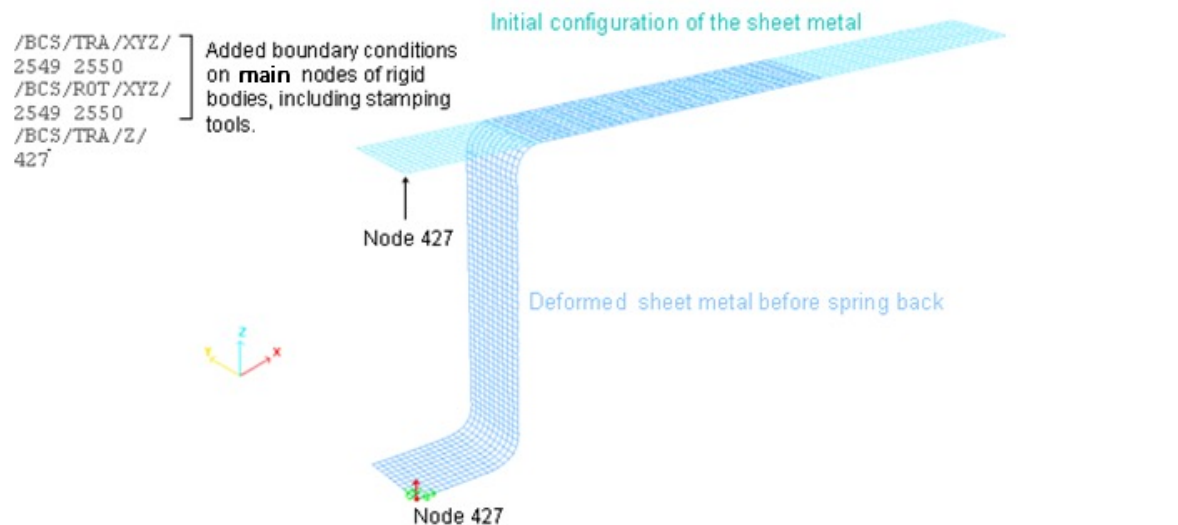
Large Scale Computing and Parallelization



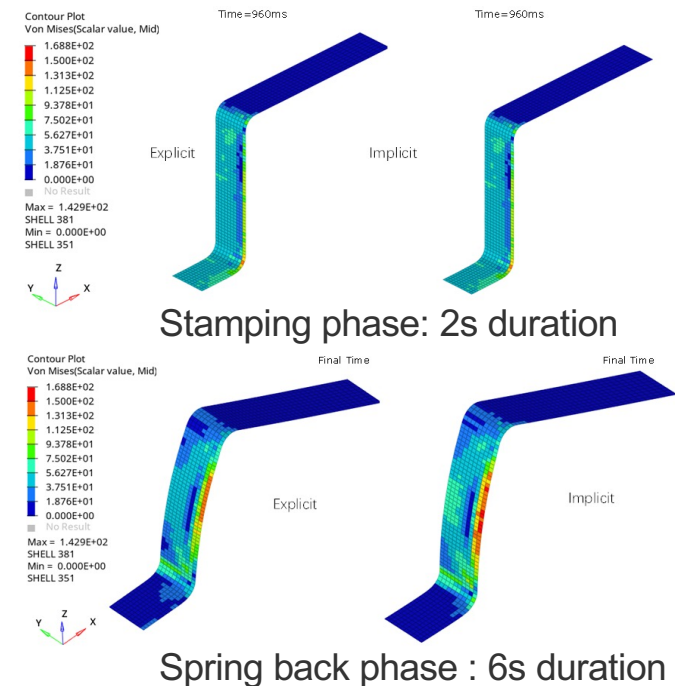
MUMPS Usage in Radioss

Use the public version MUMPS 5.5.1

Main usage: Spring Back in manufacturing (+ Navier-Stoke solver in FSI)



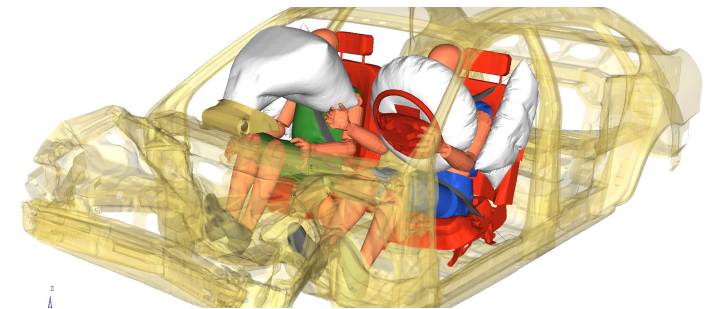
Timing (s)	Stamping	Spring back	Total
Explicit	43	160	203
Implicit	68	92	160
Explicit-Implicit	43	92	135



Altair Radioss & OpenRadioss™ – Commercial Open-Source Software Model

OpenRadioss open-source version

- Source code publicly accessible from: <https://github.com/OpenRadioss>
- Upstream version, contributions from a fast-growing community
- Precompiled Linux & Windows executables to run latest builds with no license check
- Support from the community, via forum




Altair Radioss commercial version

- Commercial releases with extensive QA, professional support, documentation and maintenance priority
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