



FROM MATERIAL SUPPLIER TO INNOVATION PARTNER

**THE POWER OF PREDICTIVE SIMULATION AND
FUNCTIONAL PROTOTYPING IN METAL REPLACEMENT.
THE E-MOTOR MOUNT CASE HISTORY**



AGENDA

DOMO Chemicals

- Our company – our presence – our ambitions
- Polyamides – The right choice for demanding applications
- Our way of bringing additional value for our customers
- Stronger together: **HEXAGON** – Our software simulation partner

The virtual prototyping process: Metal replacement in an e-motor mount

- The challenges of metal replacement and how to innovate by predictive simulation
- Introduction into vibrational modelling and why anisotropic damping is key
- Dynamic material models comparison and methodology for assemblies

Conclusions

- HEXAGON and DOMO key insights

Q&A session

DOMO CHEMICALS

A NEW WORLD LEADER IN POLYAMIDES 6 & 66 COMPOUNDS

STRONG
INTEGRATED
POSITION

... uniquely integrated and connected businesses, from benzene to engineering plastics



SUSTAINABLE
INNOVATION

... Proven industrial technology & innovation expertise to better serve our customers, sustainability-driven, customer-centered innovation



Committed to the future of polyamide

BROAD PORTFOLIO

... from producer to solution provider, contributing to Megatrends



GLOBAL SUPPLY
AND SERVICES

...to serve growing future markets and applications globally



ENGINEERED MATERIALSFOR A BROAD BASE
OF APPLICATIONS**PRODUCTS**

- Extensive standard and customized **PA6** and **PA66**
- Specialties based on **PA6.10** and **PA-HT**
- Enhanced performance compounds
- Leader in **sustainable polyamides**

SOLUTIONS FOR

- Lightweight
- Electrification
- CO2 reduction
- Miniaturization
- Eco-design



AUTOMOTIVE

INDUSTRIAL &
CONSUMER GOODSELECTRIC &
ELECTRONIC**DOMO****DOMO ENGINEERED MATERIALS****Capacity: 200kT****Recycled material sales (% of 2020 sales volume): 12%****Production units :**

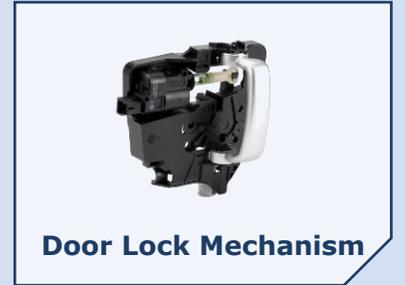
Germany – Italy – France – Poland – China – USA – India.

Brand names: Domamid, Econamid and Technyl (EU)

WHERE DOMO POLYAMIDES HELP TO SAVE WEIGHT

EXAMPLES FOR METAL REPLACEMENT IN AUTOMOTIVE APPLICATIONS

EXAMPLES



BENEFITS OF POLYAMIDES

1. **Thermoplastic semi-crystalline material with easy processing**
2. **High mechanical performance in durability and strength**
3. **Good thermal stability from -40°C to 220°C**
4. **Resistance against many chemicals**
5. **Global availability – no single sourcing**
6. **Balanced cost-to-serve ratio**

HUB DOMO'S INTEGRATED CONCEPT
LINKING MATERIAL AND INNOVATION
by **TECHNYL**

MATERIAL SCIENCE
& DATABASE



MMi TECHNICAL DESIGN
SIMULATION



APT TECHNICAL VALIDATION

APPLICATION
PERFORMANCE
TESTING



DESIGN OPTIMIZATION

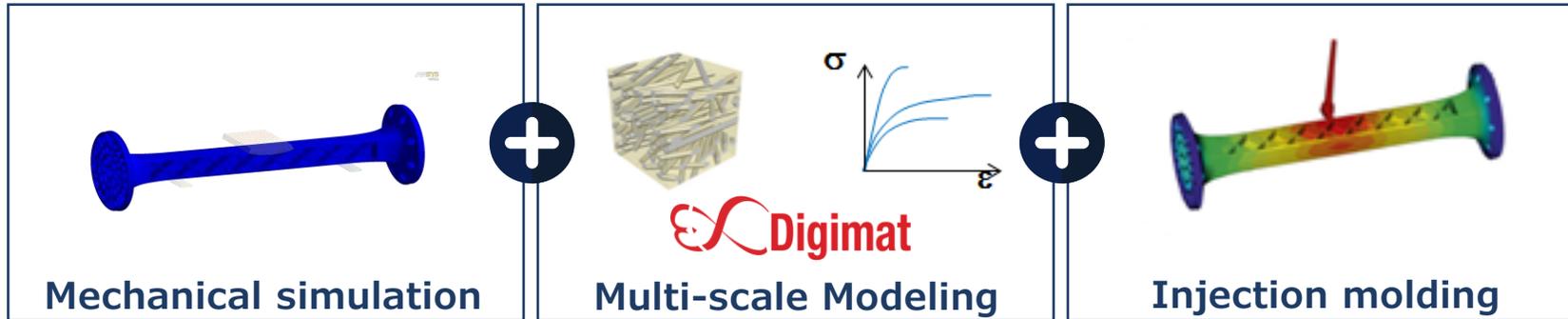
FUNCTIONAL
PROTOTYPING

**SINTER
LINE**
TECHNYL PROTOTYPING



THE MMI APPROACH

APPLYING FULL ANISOTROPIC MATERIAL DATA IN ALL STAGES OF THE SIMULATION PROCESS



- Implementation of new simulation methods

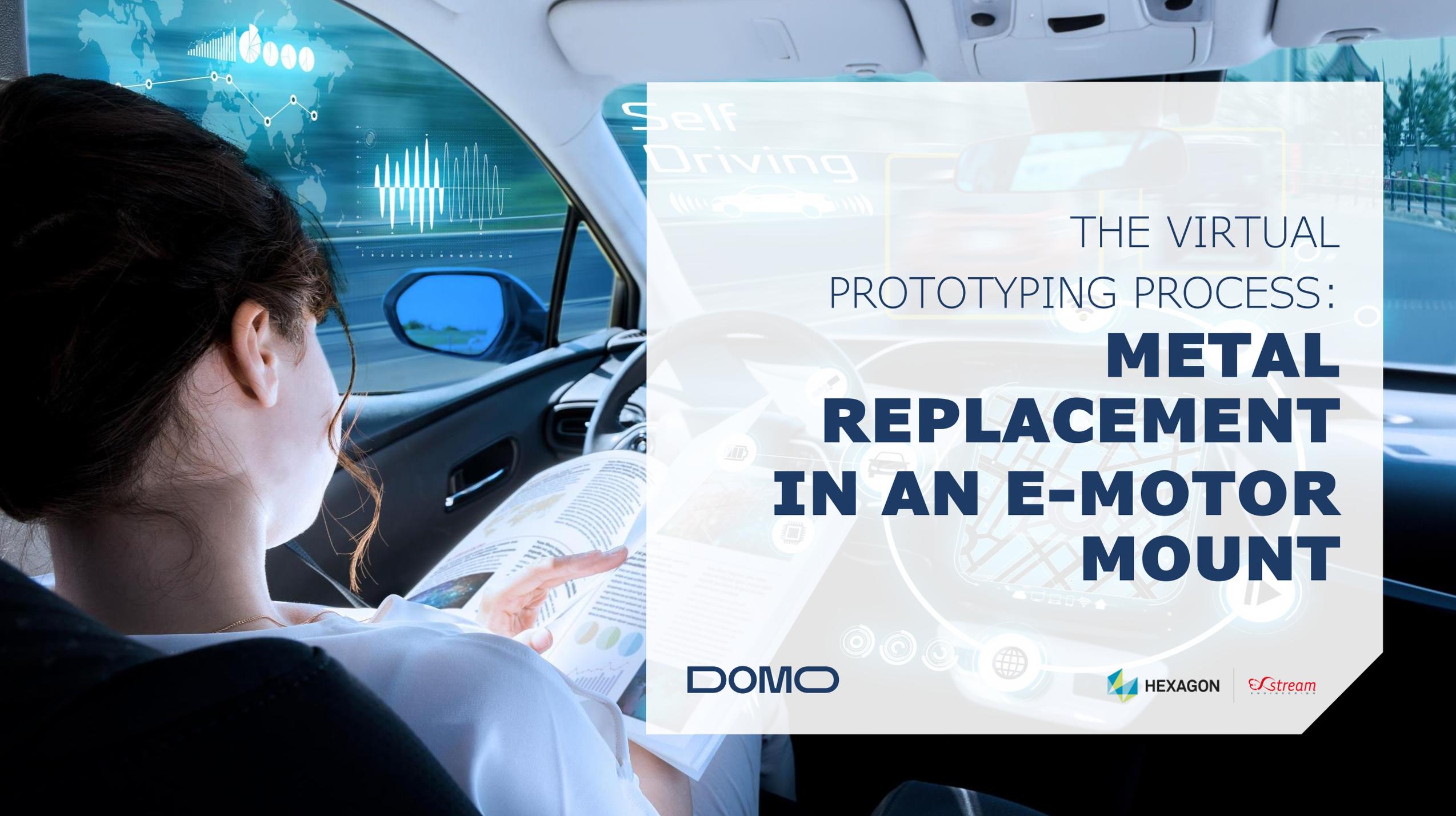
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- Material data generation
- Material modelling
- Full simulation capabilities for customer projects

Hexagon MSC's portfolio of technology & expertise

Providing state of the art solutions for Design & Engineering challenges





THE VIRTUAL
PROTOTYPING PROCESS:
**METAL
REPLACEMENT
IN AN E-MOTOR
MOUNT**

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THE CHALLENGE

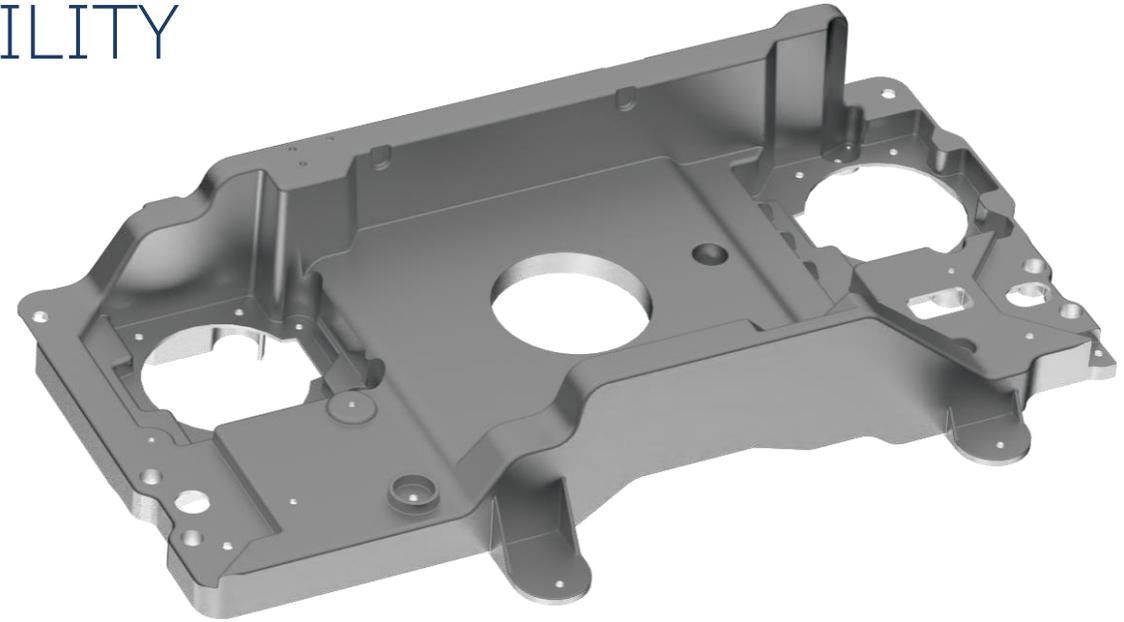
METAL REPLACEMENT FOR E-MOBILITY

THE MOTIVATION FOR METAL REPLACEMENT:

1. Weight reduction
2. Less vibration and less noise inside the car
3. Simplified processing and production
4. Optimized total cost of ownership

PART SPECIFICATION NEED TO BE FULFILLED FOR:

1. Static and dynamic load cases
2. Fatigue
3. **Vibration and damping behavior of assembly**

**ELECTRICAL MOTOR MOUNT**

Aluminum die-casting part

Dimensions:

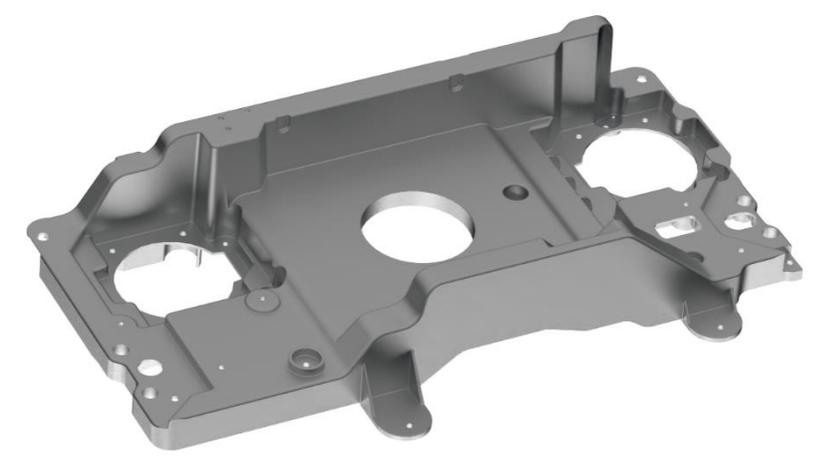
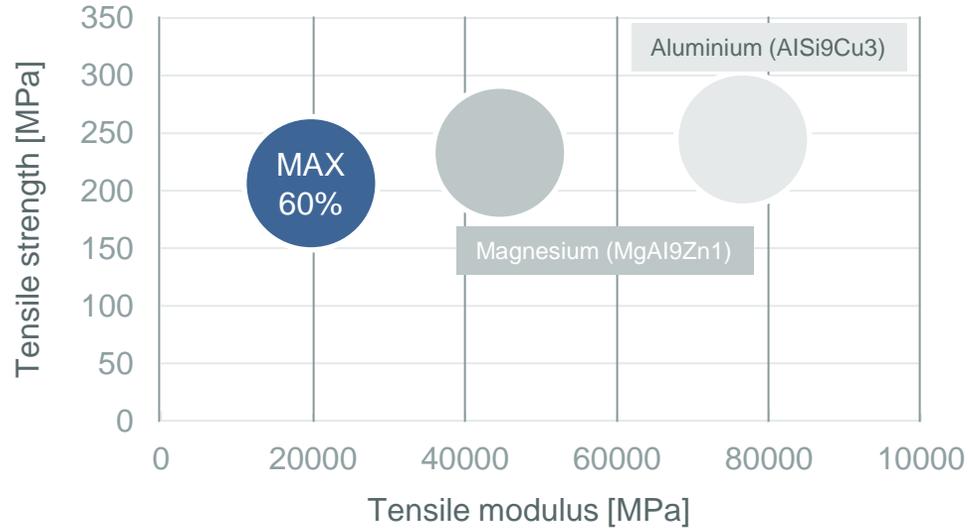
710mm x 420mm x 150mm

Weight:

5,7 kg

THE CHALLENGE

METAL REPLACEMENT FOR E-MOBILITY



Property	Al AlSi9Cu3	Mg MgAl9Zn1	PA66-GF60*	Comparison Al and PA66-GF60
Density [g/cm ³]	2.70	1.81	1.70	→ PA66-GF density is 40% lighter
Tensile modulus [MPa]	76000	45000	17400	→ Aluminum is 4x stiffer
Tensile strength [MPa]	240	230	200	→ Material tensile strength is similar
Damping factor [%]	0.01		1	→ PA66-GF damping is 100x better

**Resulting part stiffness is a question of design
while noise damping is a question of material choice**

PREDICTING THE VIBRATIONAL BEHAVIOR OF POLYAMIDES

MICROMECHANICAL MODELLING TO DETERMINE HARMONIC FREQUENCY RESPONSES

Electric vehicle structural and vibrational loads

Induced by:

- **E-Motor**
 - Electrical lines
 - Power electronics
- **Gearbox**

Definition of relevant EV frequency range and accelerations

MMI modelling of polyamide part response

Non-linearities to consider:

- Visco-elastic anisotropic material behavior
- Frequency dependent material damping

Unlike combustion engines, the e-powertrain emits high frequency and low amplitudes harmonic noise
Correctly modelled polyamide components are the basis of system modelling

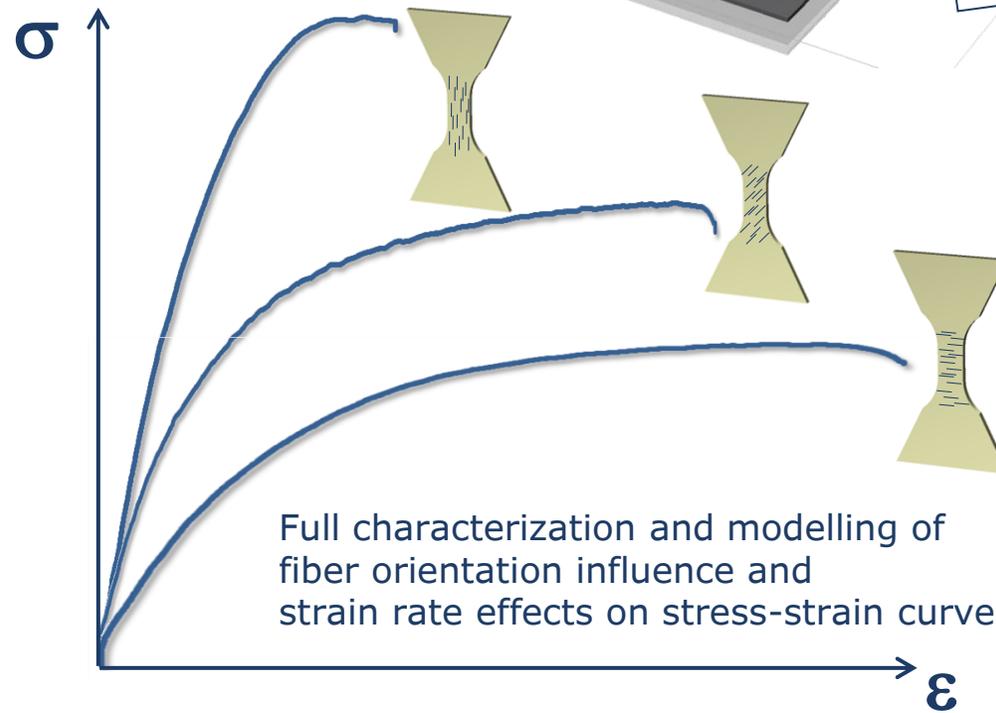
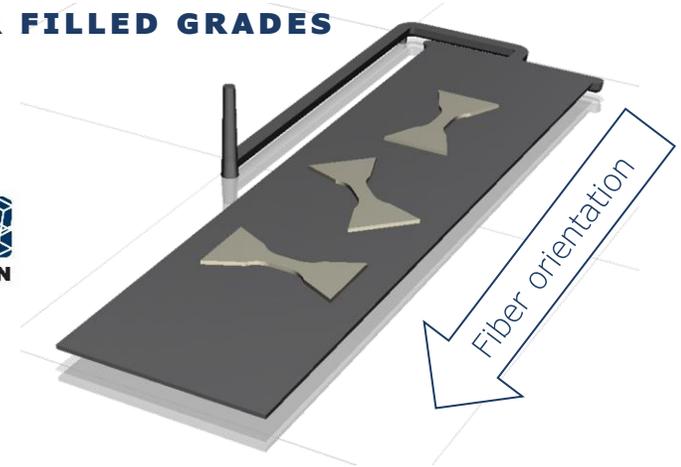
MATERIAL MODELLING FOR SIMULATION

TO USE THE FULL POTENTIAL OF TECHNOL COMPOUNDS FOR GLASS FIBER FILLED GRADES

ISO 527



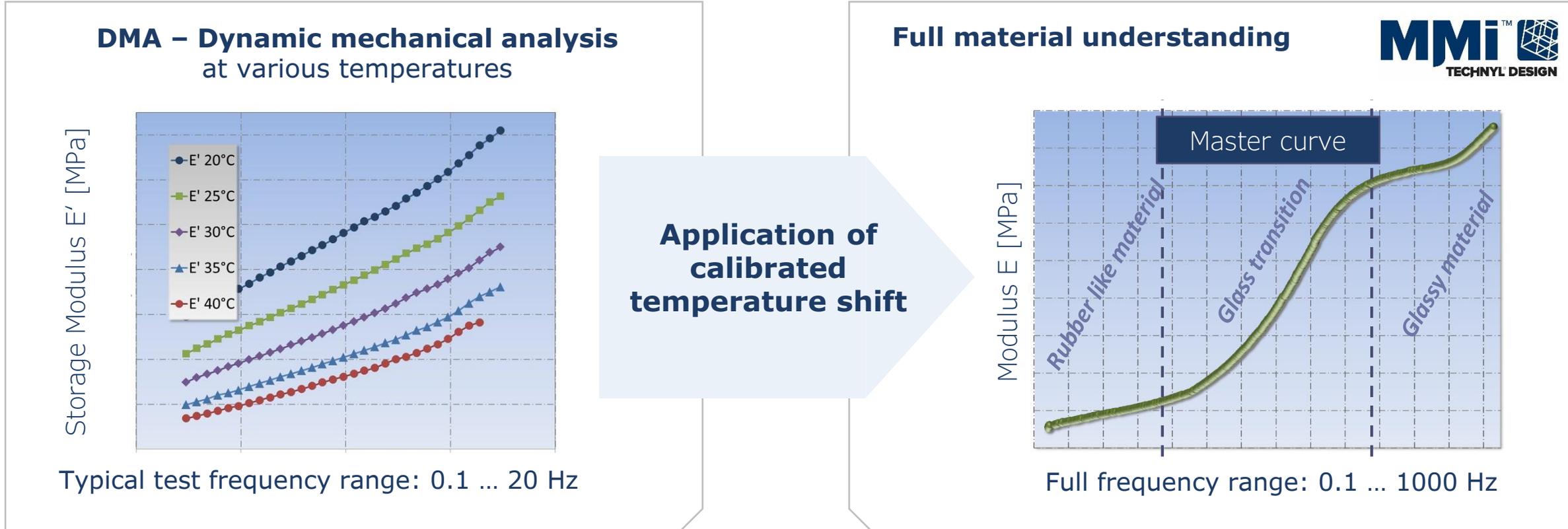
Standard characterization



Full characterization and modelling of fiber orientation influence and strain rate effects on stress-strain curve

POLYAMIDES – MECHANICAL BEHAVIORS TO MODEL

CREATING A FULL SET OF DATA FOR VIBRATIONAL BEHAVIOR CALCULATION



Material master curves are built as basis of anisotropic visco-elastic models considering GF orientations and included in MMI



MMI™ TECHNOL® DESIGN

THE MOST EXHAUSTIVE AND RELIABLE DATABASE OF DIGIMAT MATERIAL CARDS



Files

> 34 000



- Multiple material behavior
- 3 matrix: PA6, PA66, PA-HT

- **Static load and failure**

Deformation under load for elastic and elasto-plastic behaviors, permanent deformation, prediction of failure

- **Impact, Crash**

Strain-Rate dependent elasto-plasticity (short-term)

- **Modals, Vibration and Damping**

Visco-elastic behavior (short-term)

- **Fatigue**

Consider effect of alternate loading, with frequency and load ratio, for elastic and visco-elastic behavior

- **Thermal dilatation and warpage**

Thermo-elastic and thermo-elasto-plastic behavior

- **Effect of moisture and glycol**

Elastic and elasto-plastic behavior at various humidity rates and glycol content to take into account the plasticization phenomena



Temperature

-40 to 210 °C



EH

0% to 100%



GF

15% to 60%



THE VIRTUAL
PROTOTYPING PROCESS:
**FROM METAL TO
PLASTICS
STEP BY STEP**

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STEP 1:**IDENTIFYING PROMISING MATERIAL CANDIDATES****TECHNYL[®]****TECHNYL A 218 V50 black 21N****Standard PA66-GF50**

- Short glass-fiber reinforced grade
- Market standard for structural parts
- **Enhanced stiffness >16GPa**
- Good fatigue behavior

TECHNYL[®]
MAX X**TECHNYL MAX AF 218 XV60 black 21N****High performance PA66-GF60**

- Innovative glass-fiber technology
- Reduced anisotropy
- Improved processing
- Massive warpage reduction
- **High-stiffness >22GPa**
- Good fatigue behavior

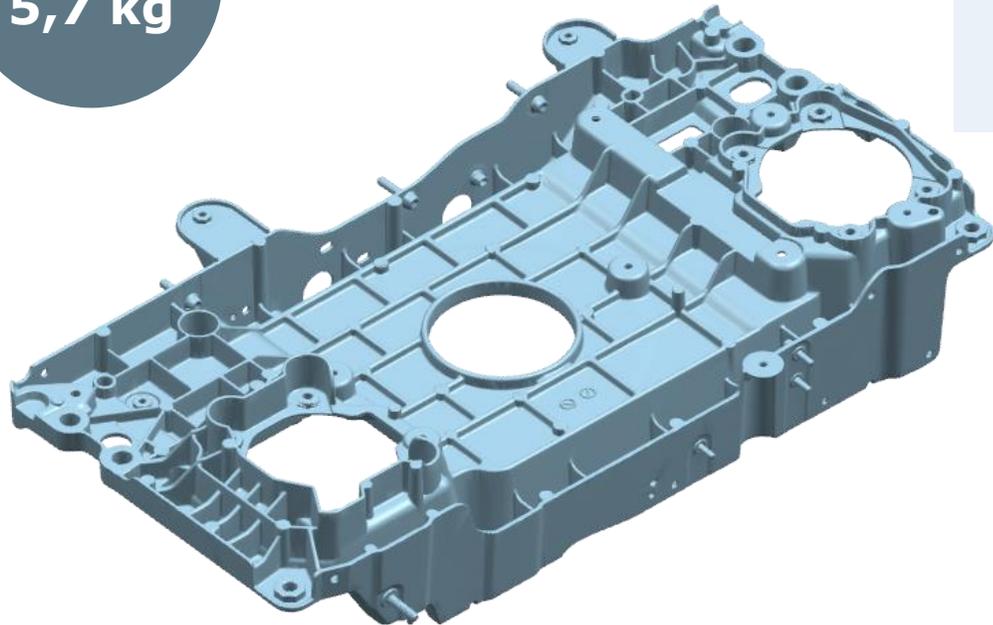
**Anisotropic visco-elastic effects measured
taken into account for MMI simulation**

STEP 2:

REDESIGN AND OPTIMIZATION OF RELEVANT STRUCTURES

Die-cast aluminium part

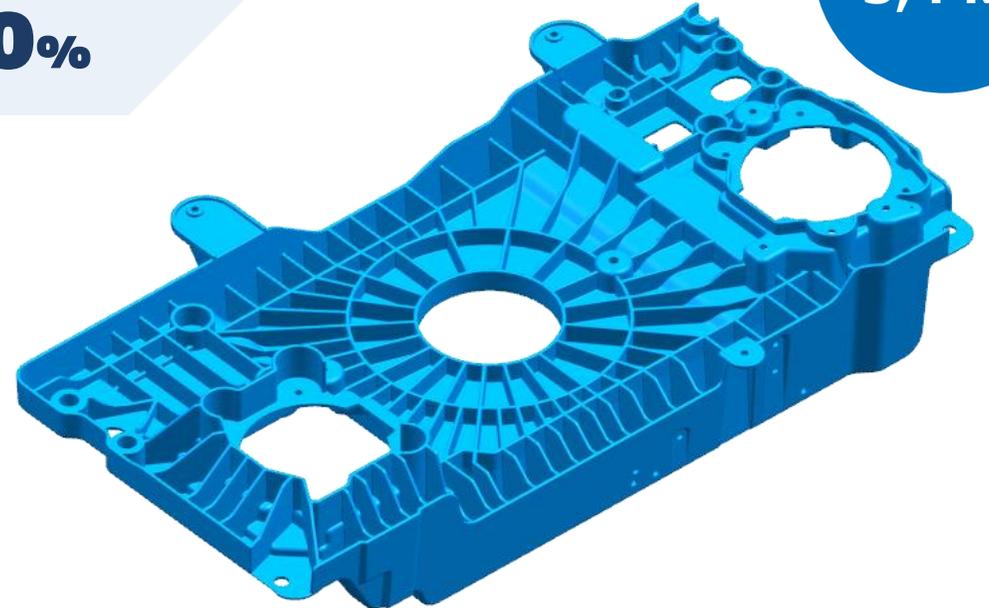
Weight:
5,7 kg



Topological
optimization of design
**Weight reduction
of 40%**

PA66-GF part

Weight:
3,4 kg



STEP 3:

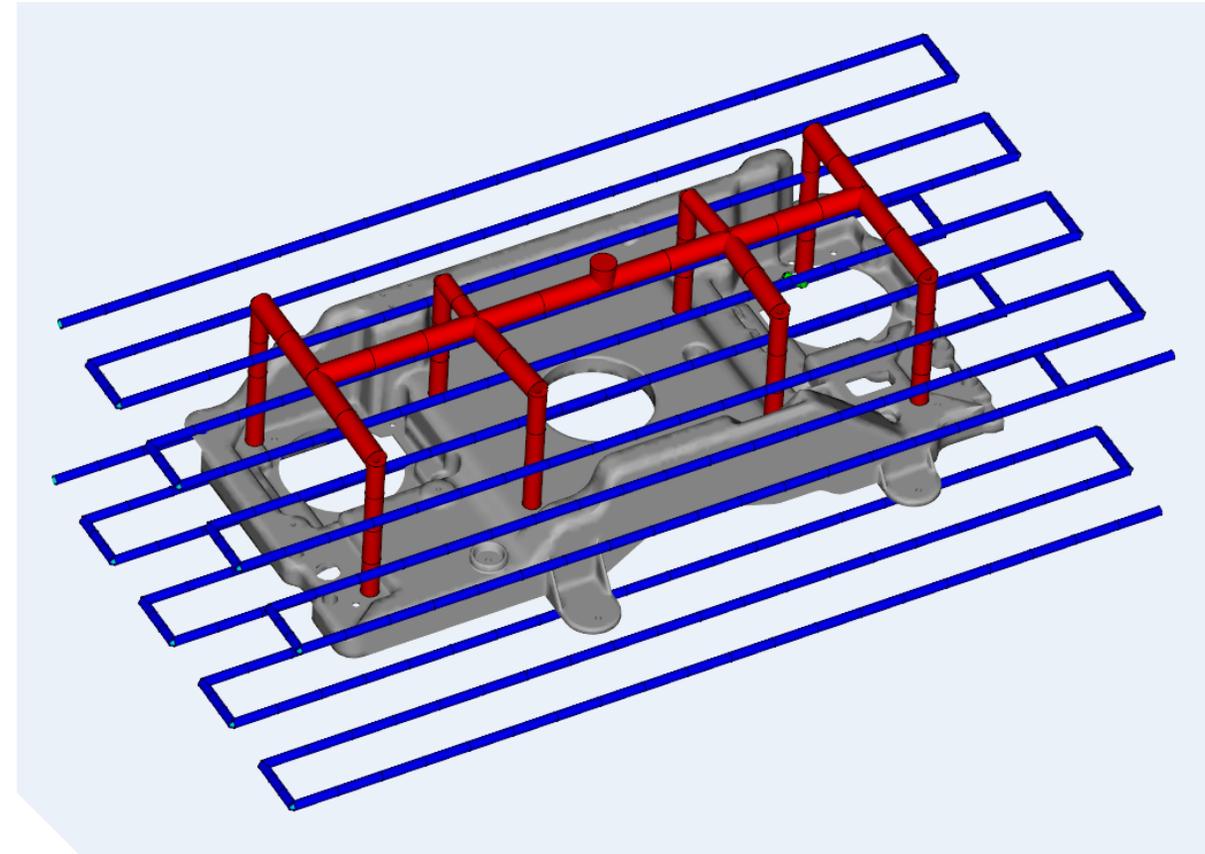
ASSESSMENT AND OPTIMIZATION OF MOLDING PROCESS

Targets of optimization process:

- Stable filling and packing process
- Homogeneous packing pressure distribution
- Reduced clamp forces
- Load adapted glass-fiber orientations
- Control of weld line areas
- Low warpage of part
- Further customer input possible

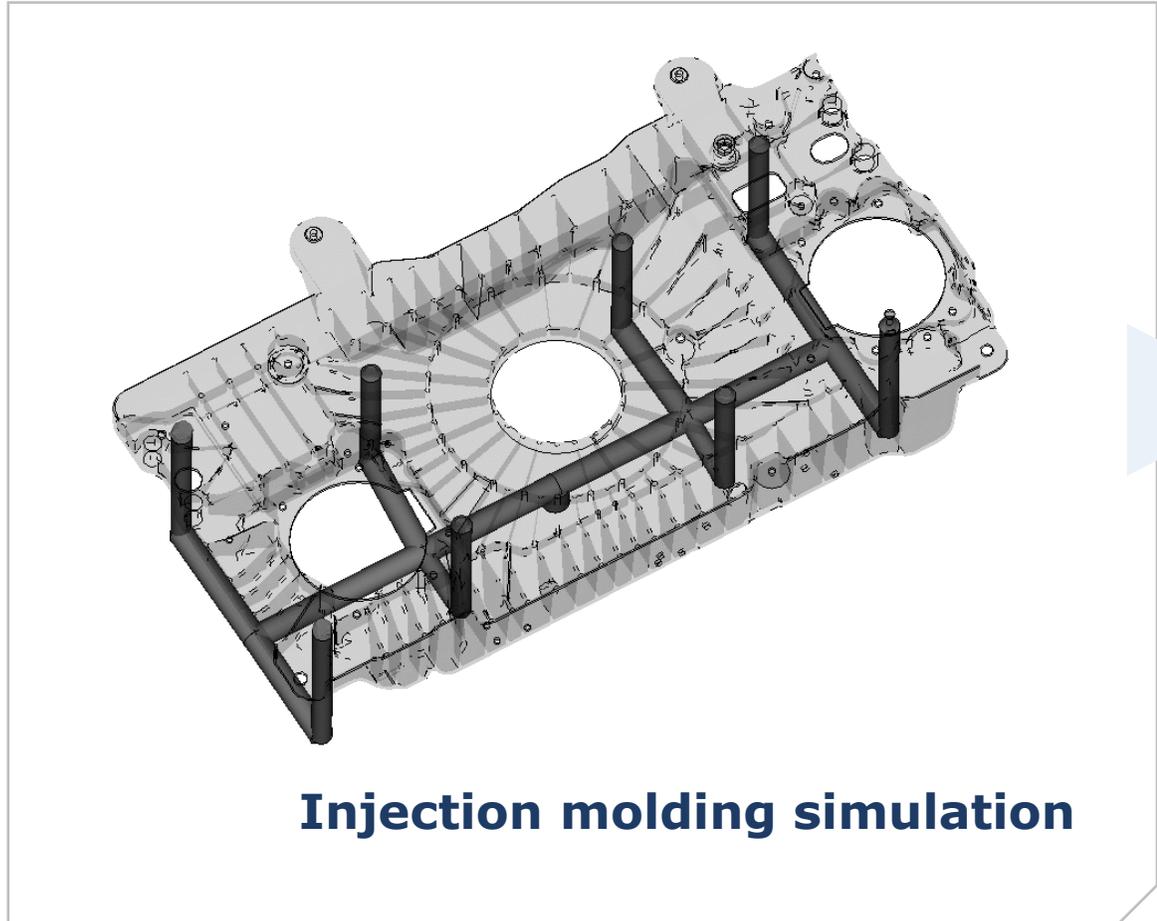
Parameters:

- Layout of gating positions and cooling channels
- Process conditions

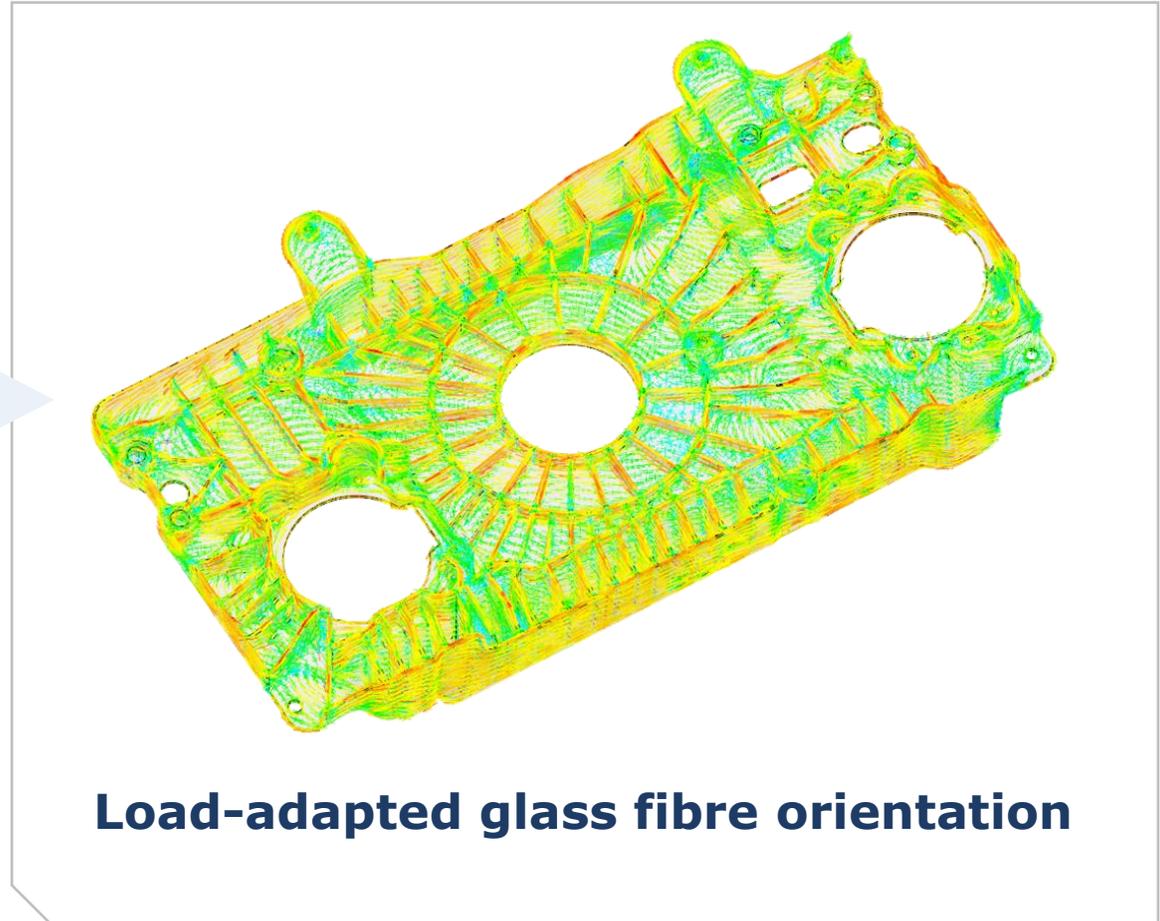


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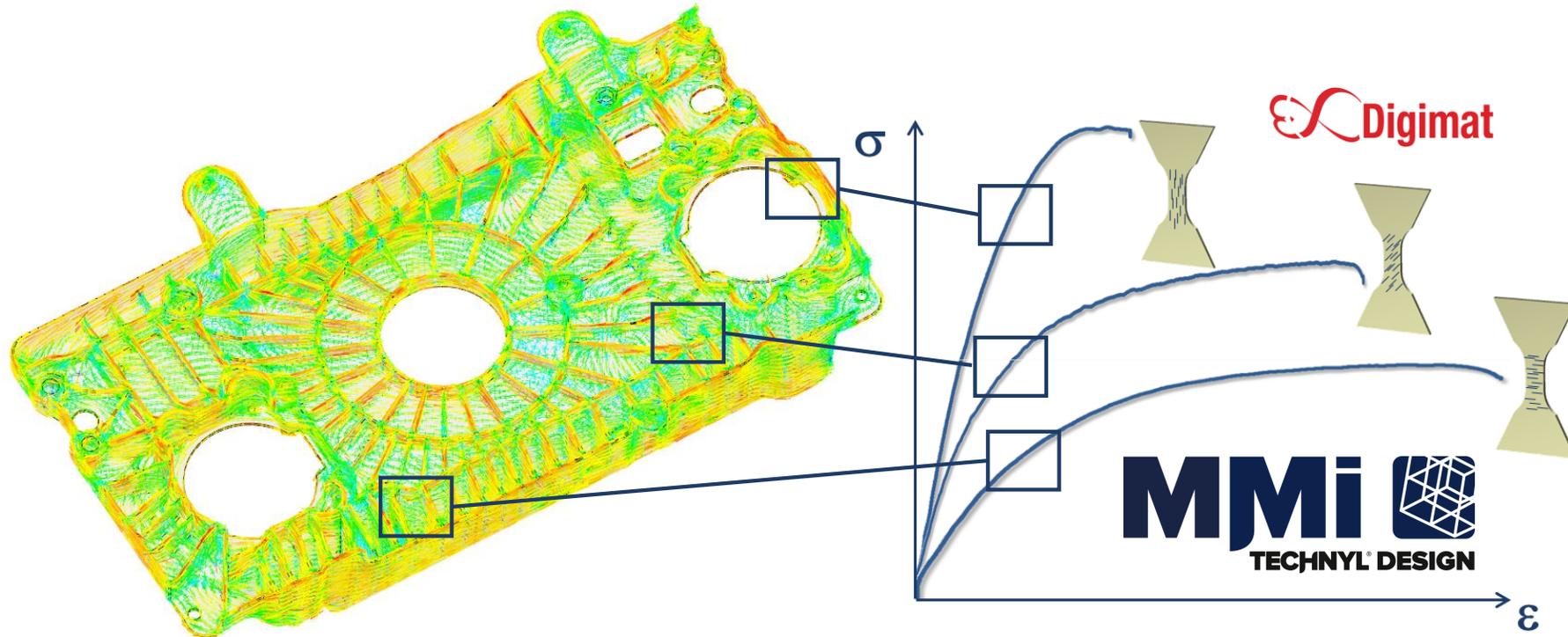
OPTIMIZING PRODUCTION PROCESS TO MAXIMIZE MATERIAL PERFORMANCE IN PART



Injection molding simulation



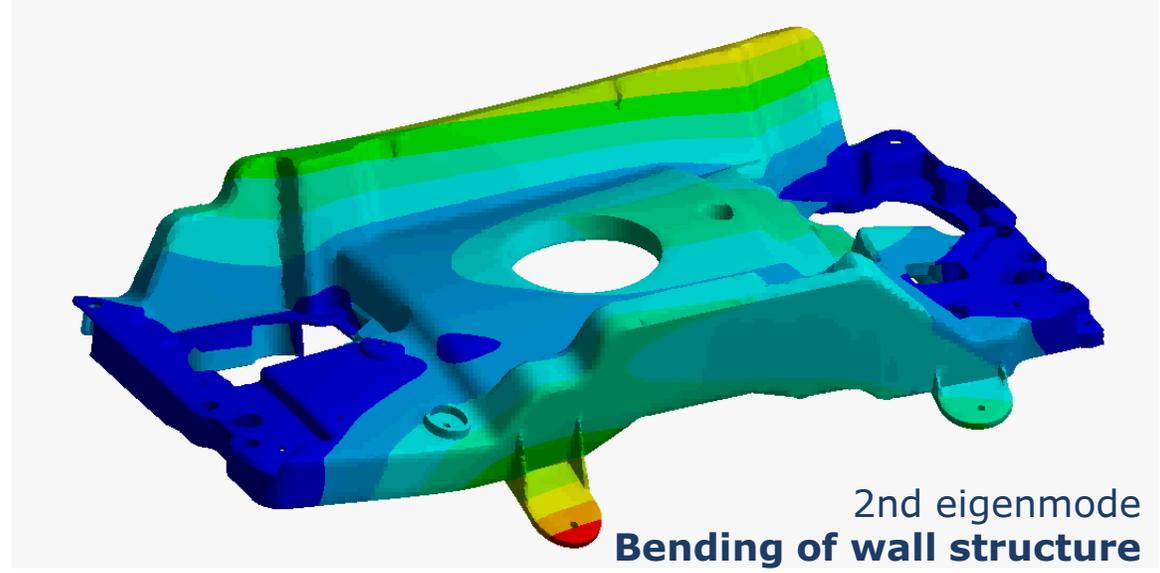
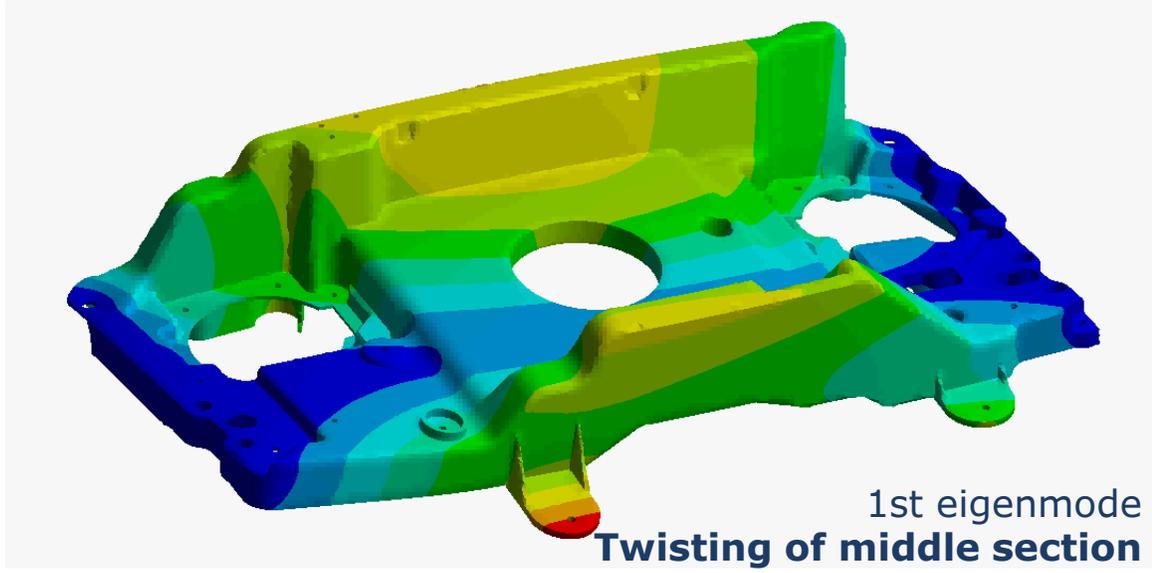
Load-adapted glass fibre orientation

STEP 5:**LINKING LOCAL GF ORIENTATIONS
WITH MICROMECHANICAL MODEL**

GF orientation specific material properties including damping
for each element provided to the FE-Solver

STEP 6:

EVALUATION OF MECHANICAL PERFORMANCE
THE BASIC EIGENMODE CASE



Material	Hz	%
TECHNYL A 218 V50	46	-
TECHNYL MAX AF 218 XV60	64	+33%
Aluminum alloy	135	+110%

Material	Hz	%
TECHNYL A 218 V50	127	-
TECHNYL MAX AF 218 XV60	169	+33%
Aluminum alloy	327	+93%

The first plastic design already reduced the factor 4 e-modulus gap by 50%



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TOOLS AND MODELS PREPARATION

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MANAGING VIBRATION IN E-MOBILITY IS KEY

SOLVING HARMONIC FREQUENCY RESPONSE

In order to capture the noise emitted by vibrational structures, harmonic simulation is used, to compute vibration amplitudes of parts.

This type of simulation aims at delivering the amplitude and phase of vibration along a frequency range.

Usual harmonic simulation are performed with isotropic elastic material assumptions, and a constant damping ratio.

BUT

Anisotropy can lead to 50% stiffness variation over the part.

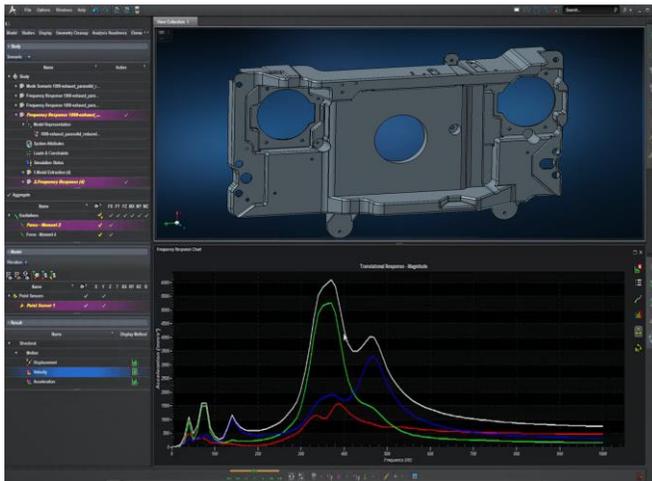
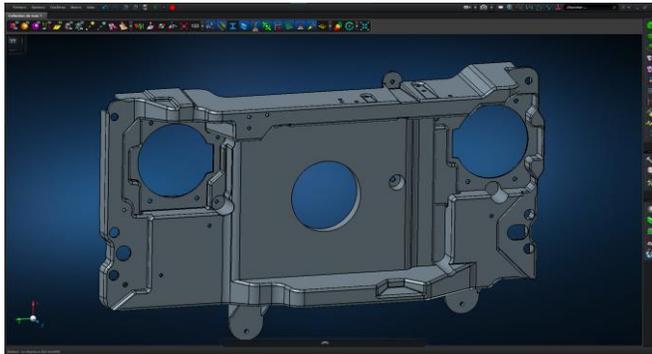
It has a tremendous effect on mode shapes and natural frequencies.

Visco-elasticity may bring damping variation of factor 10.

It has a tremendous effect on harmonic response amplitude, and in a lower manner, on natural frequencies.

THE LEADING SOLUTION FOR PREDICTIVE NVH ANALYSIS

APEX / DIGIMAT / NASTRAN WORKFLOW SUPPORTED BY MSC ONE LICENSING



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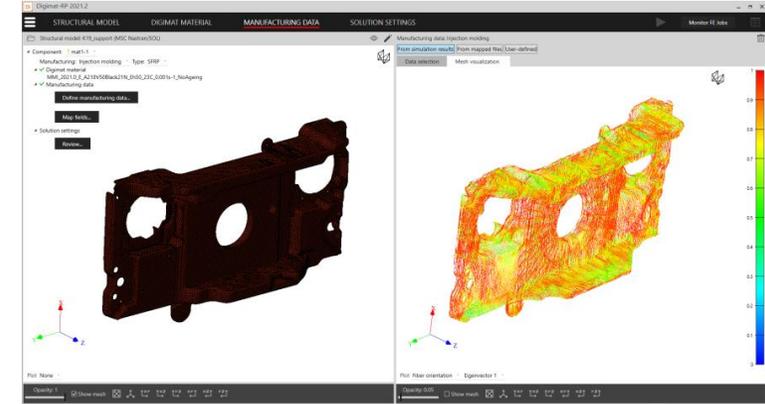
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MSC Nastran

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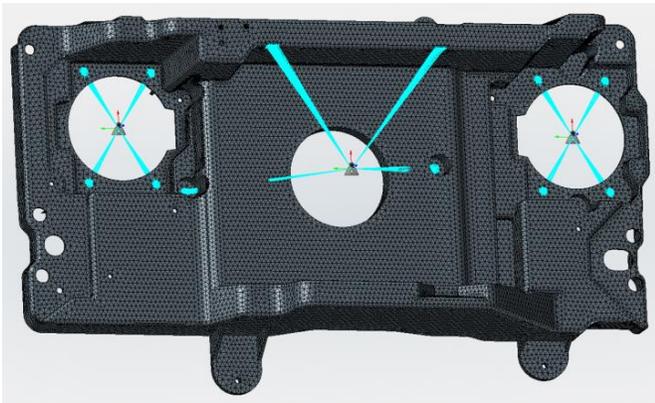


DIGIMAT-RP: MODEL PREPARATION

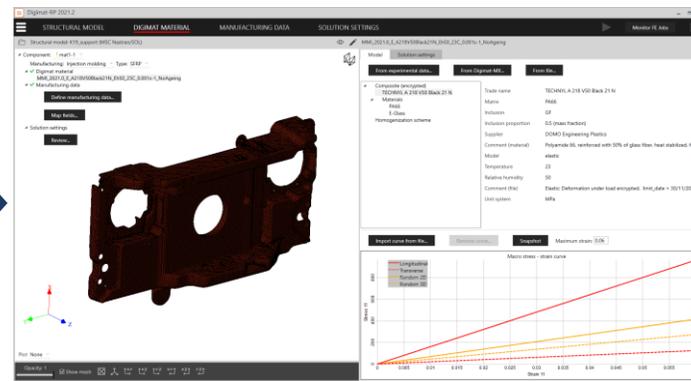
VISCO-ELASTIC MATERIAL

Material damping: $\tan \delta = E'/E''$
 Damping is not a constant value over frequency range!

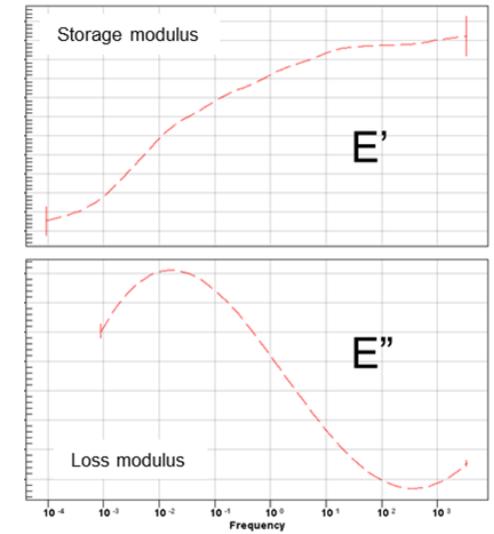
APEX Input deck for Nastran



Assign Digimat material properties



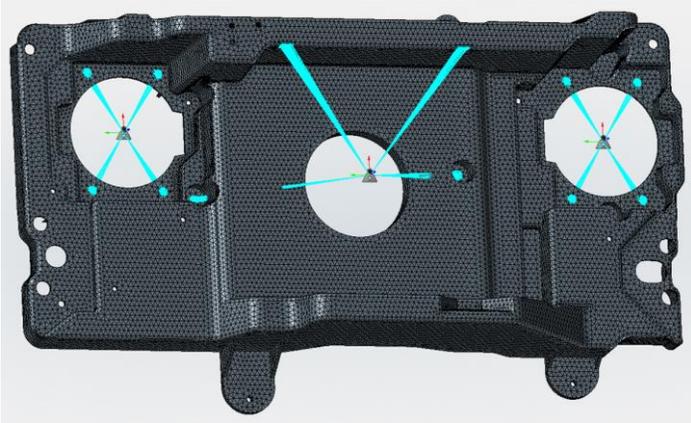
Digimat material model



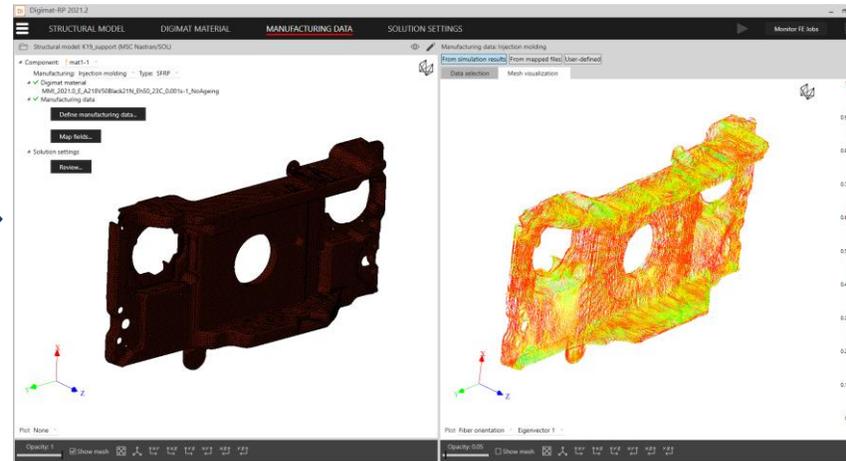
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MANUFACTURING DATA DEFINITION

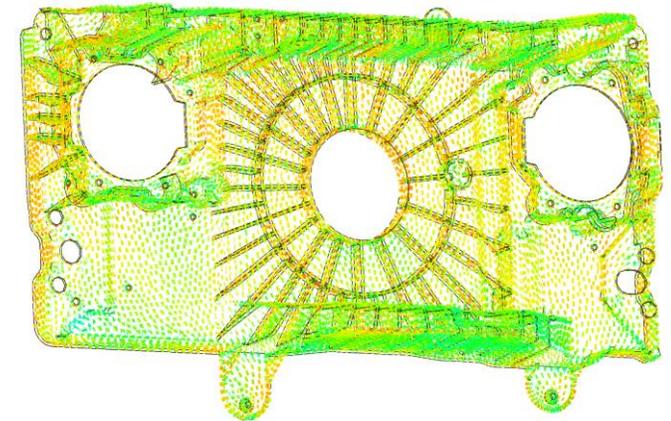
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Assign fiber orientation tensor



Manufacturing data (fiber orientation)





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RESULTS

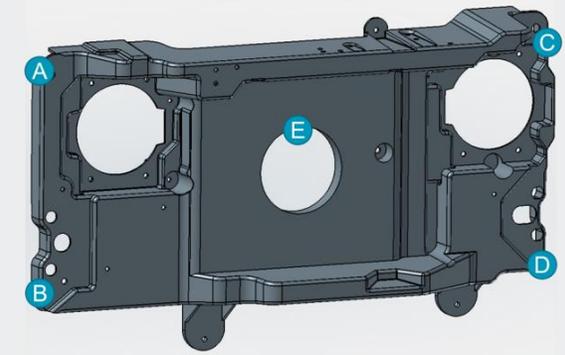
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STIFFNESS SHIFTS FREQUENCY, DAMPING SHIFT AMPLITUDE.

HARMONIC RESPONSE CURVES (INERTANCE)



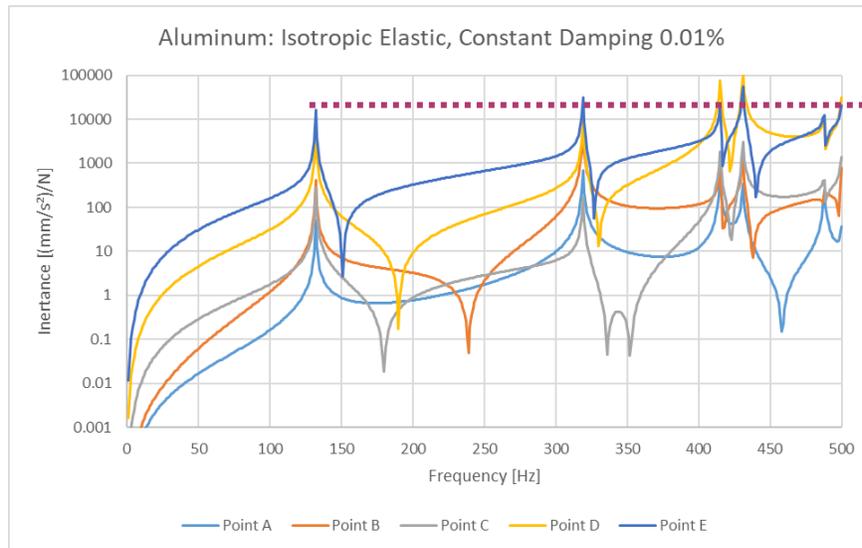
Response points location

Aluminum*:

Isotropic elastic with constant damping 0.01%

1st mode 135 Hz

Sharp peaks ⇔ low damping

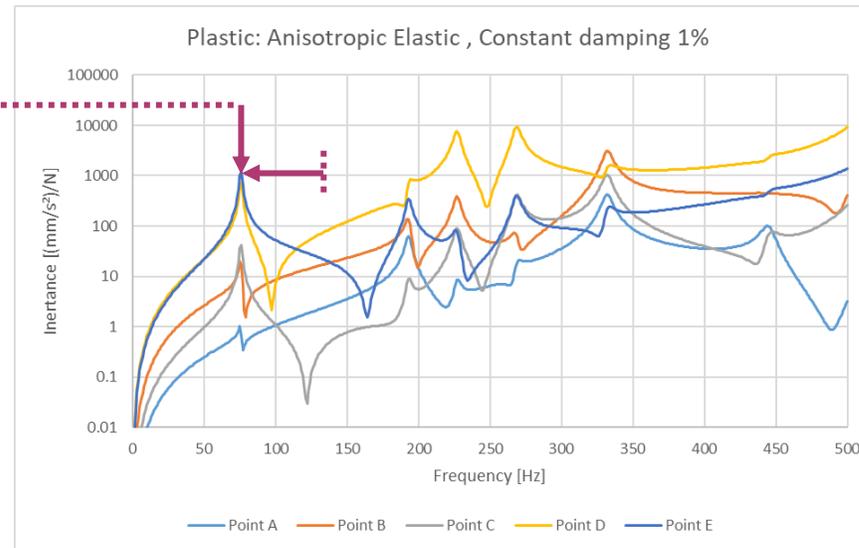


Plastic:

Isotropic elastic with constant damping 1%

1st mode 75 Hz ⇔ lower stiffness

Smooth peaks ⇔ higher damping (factor of 100)

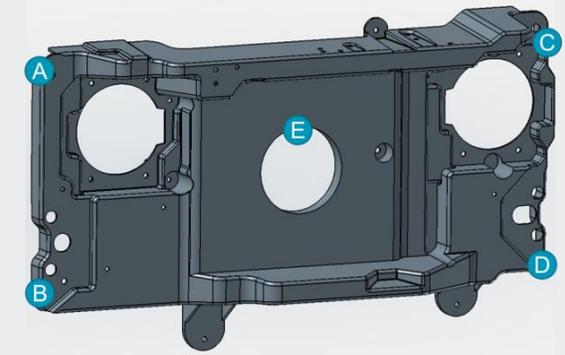


Car passenger's acoustic comfort is **positively influenced by high damping.**

*Aluminum part do not have ribs and is thicker than plastic part

ANISOTROPY INFLUENCE STIFFNESS AND SHIFTS FREQUENCY

HARMONIC RESPONSE CURVES (INERTANCE)

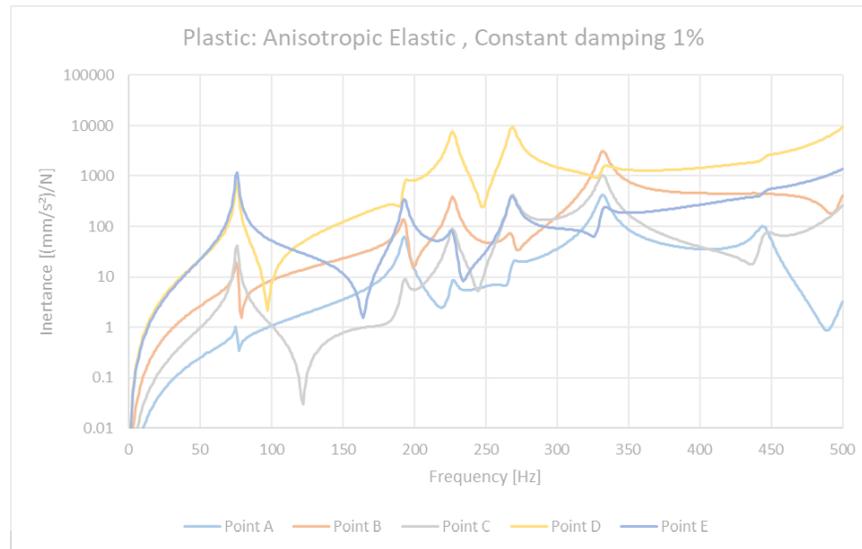


Response points location

Plastic:

Isotropic elastic
with constant damping 1%

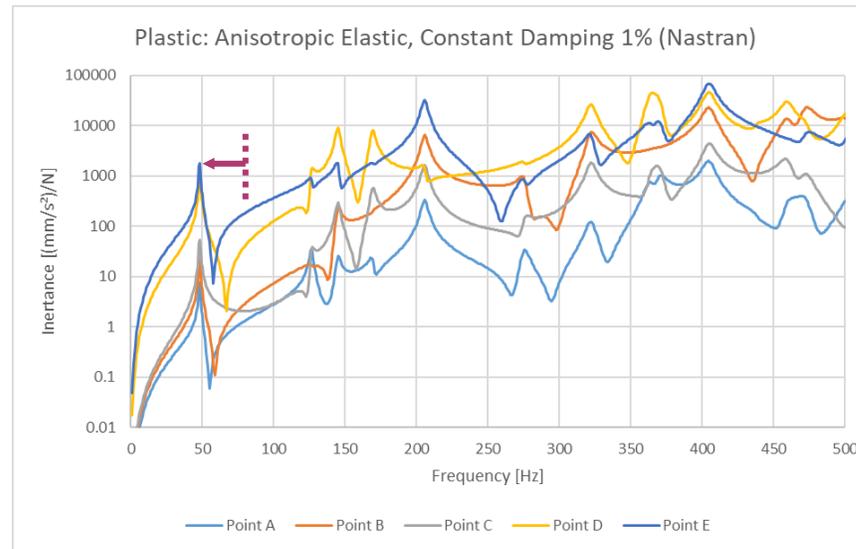
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Plastic:

Anisotropic elastic
with constant 1% damping

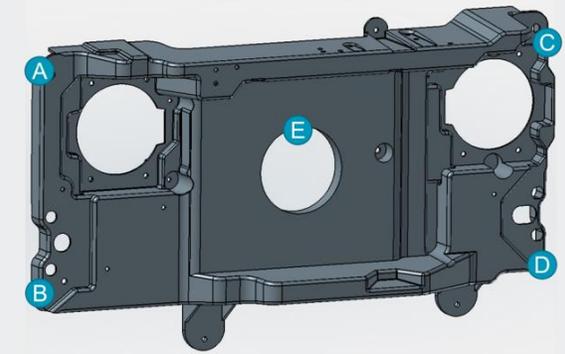
1st mode 46 Hz ⇔ anisotropic stiffness
Same damping ⇔ More natural frequencies under 500 Hz



Integrative simulation required
to account
for anisotropy effect.

VISCO-ELASTICITY ENHANCE DAMPING PREDICTION

HARMONIC RESPONSE CURVES (INERTANCE)

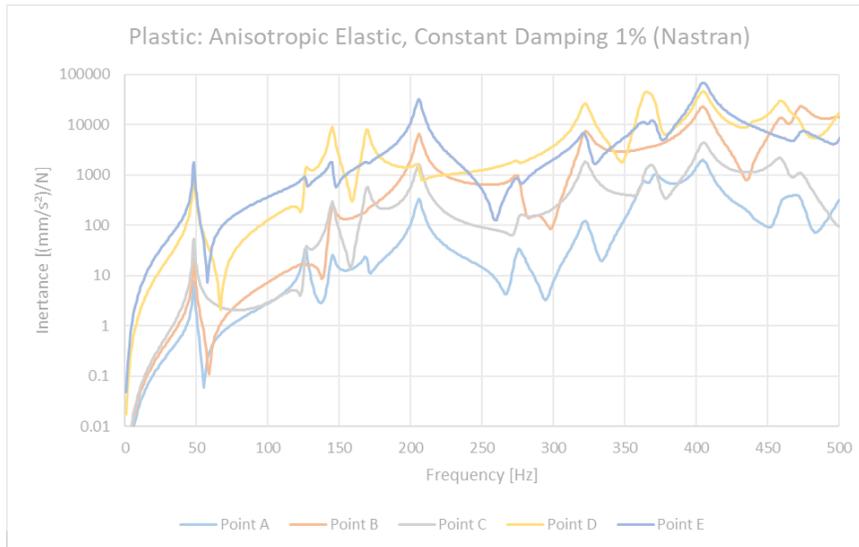


Response points location

Plastic:

Anisotropic elastic
with constant 1% damping

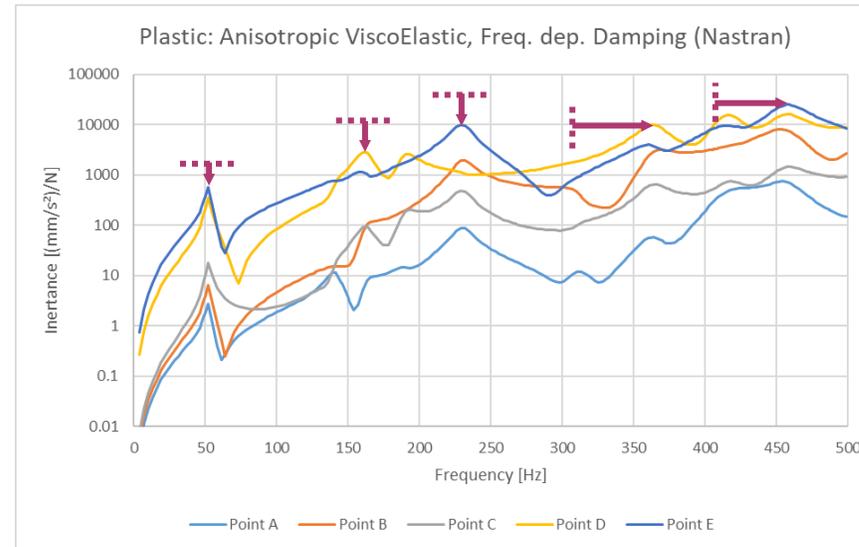
1st mode 46 Hz ⇔ anisotropic stiffness
Same damping ⇔ More natural frequencies under 500 Hz



Plastic:

Anisotropic **Visco-Elastic**
with **frequency dependent damping**

1st mode 46 Hz ⇔ anisotropic stiffness
Smoother peaks ⇔ Much higher damping



Above anisotropy,
a physics-based model
of the matrix, brings
additional reliability.



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SOME METHODOLOGY

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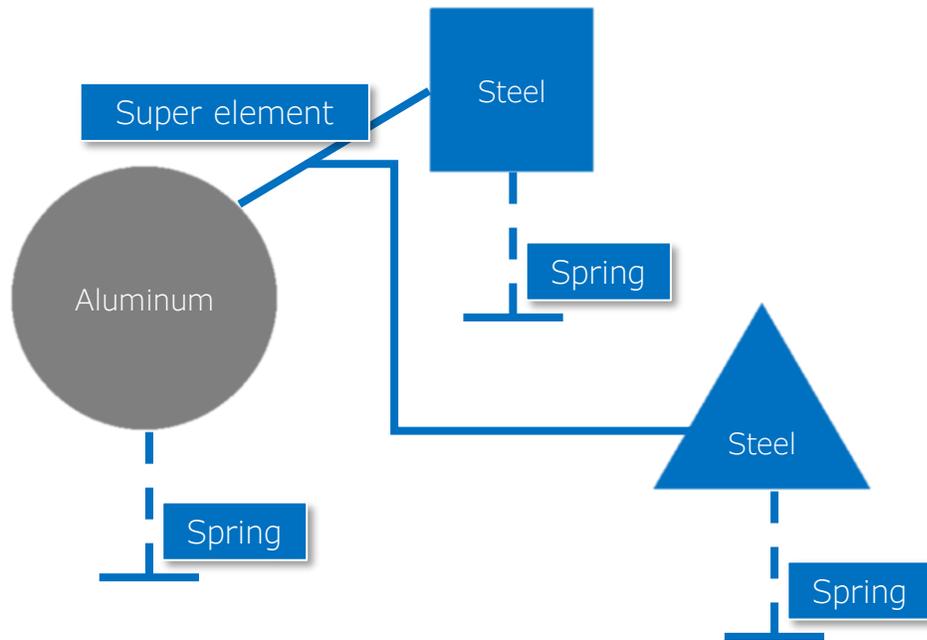
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VIBRATION ASSESSMENT OF ASSEMBLIES

DAMPING MANAGEMENT MUST BE REVIEWED.

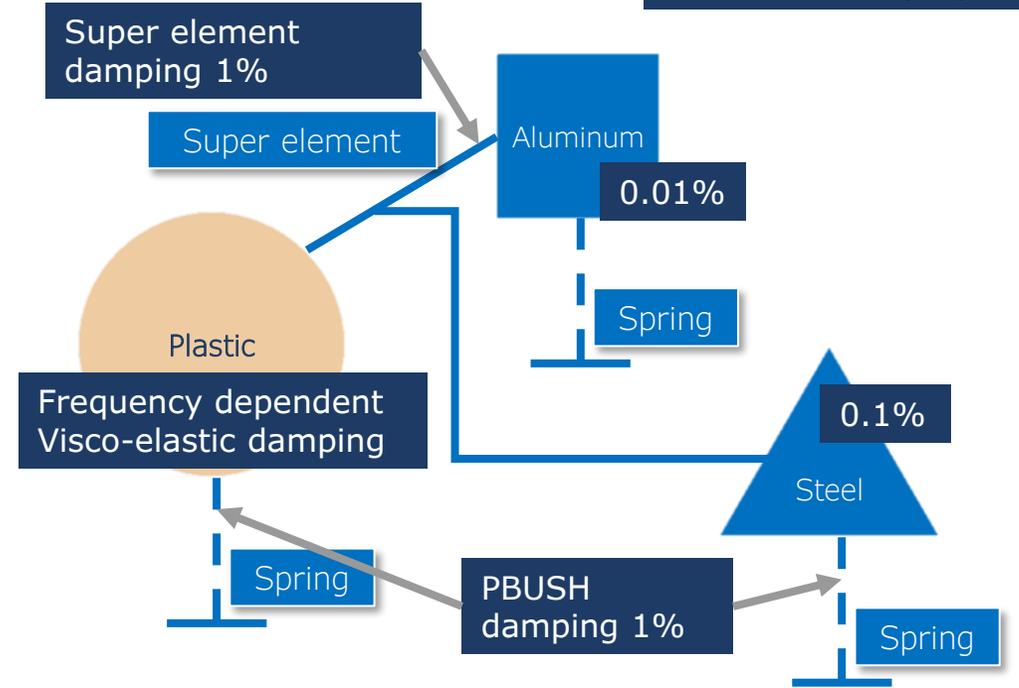
On complex assemblies, global structural damping is generally based on return from experiment. It is an average value applied on all components.

"Global" damping 3.5%



To account for damping of visco-elastic materials, global damping must be divided material damping and structural damping.

Structural damping 2.5%





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CONCLUSIONS

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HEXAGON: OUR CONCLUSIONS

**Visco-Elastic NVH simulation
get's the best
of NASTRAN and DIGIMAT**

- ▶ **Combining DIGIMAT material modeling techniques and NASTRAN solver,** we obtain a predictive virtual prototype.
- ▶ In assemblies, some changes of methodology must apply **to get the full value of this new technique.**
- ▶ **The combination of HEXAGON simulation technology and DOMO material modeling know how is a win.**

DOMO: OUR CONCLUSIONS



- ▶ **DOMO's can provide a wide set of PA compounds** with tailored properties for metal replacement.
- ▶ **Our materials come with detailed mechanical data** needed for simulation of e-mobility applications.
- ▶ The unique TECHNICAL HUB brings **the full service from design, simulation and part testing.**
- ▶ In the example e-motor mount case, **a 40% lighter TECHNICAL prototype was designed.**
- ▶ Further optimization steps or hybrid technology can use this weight potential to offer **a better cost-to-serve ratio compared with aluminum reference.**

Q&A SESSION



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Where innovative, efficient and sustainable solutions in the field of engineering plastics are required, we provide the perfect fit for your needs.



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