

Modeling and Calibration of Additive Manufacturing Processes using the Example of the Additive Layer Manufacturing Process (ALM)

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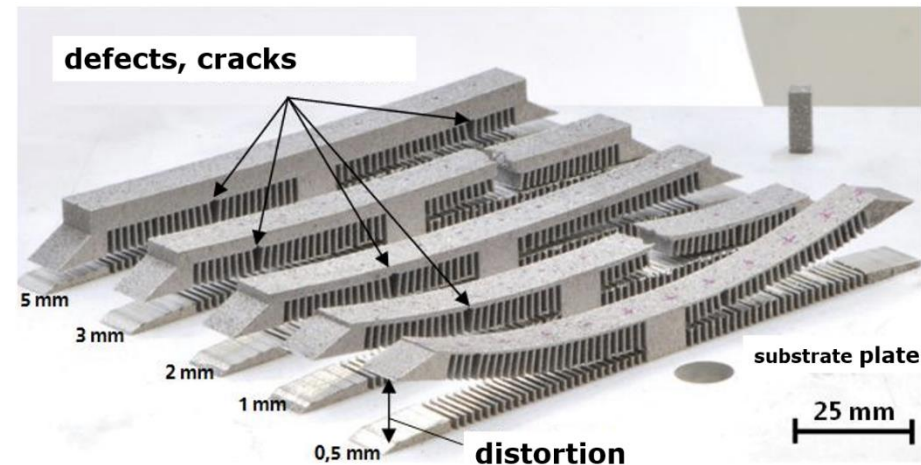
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Why parametrized simulation for Additive Manufacturing?

challenges in AM process

- thermal history, overheating
- distortion of the printed structures
- residual stresses during the AM process
- structural damage, defects & cracks because of the AM process



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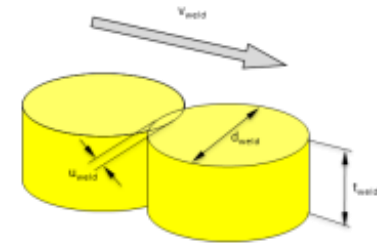
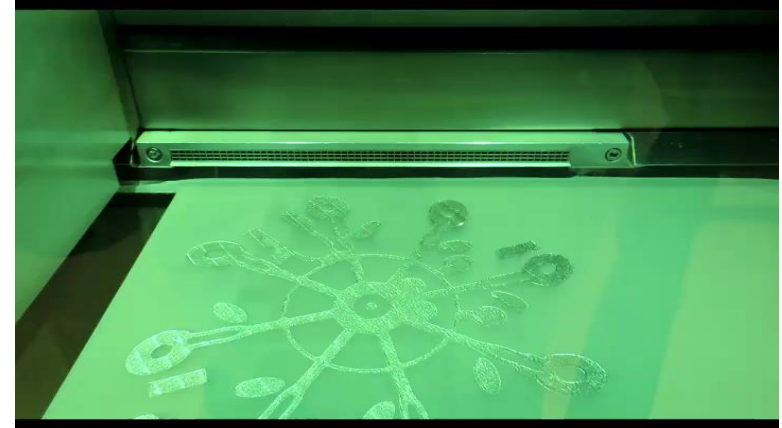
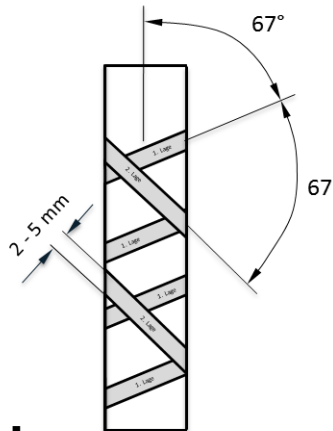
parametrized simulation can help:

- to find the necessary discretization niveau of a simulation model and to calibrate the simulation model for sufficient prognosis quality
- to find relevant, sensitive process parameter to ensure necessary product quality (especially for dimensioning-relevant components)
- to reduce the costly Trial & Error process

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Process parameter

- ✓ **Laser power**
- ✓ **Melt velocity**
- ✓ **Melt temperature**
- ✓ **Melt zone size**
 - diameter
 - depth
 - Overlap
- ✓ **Laser - Direction $\pm 67^\circ$**
- ✓ **Cooling time of melt pot**
 - t_{cool} time before the next layer is melted
 - t_{wait} time to the next powder placement

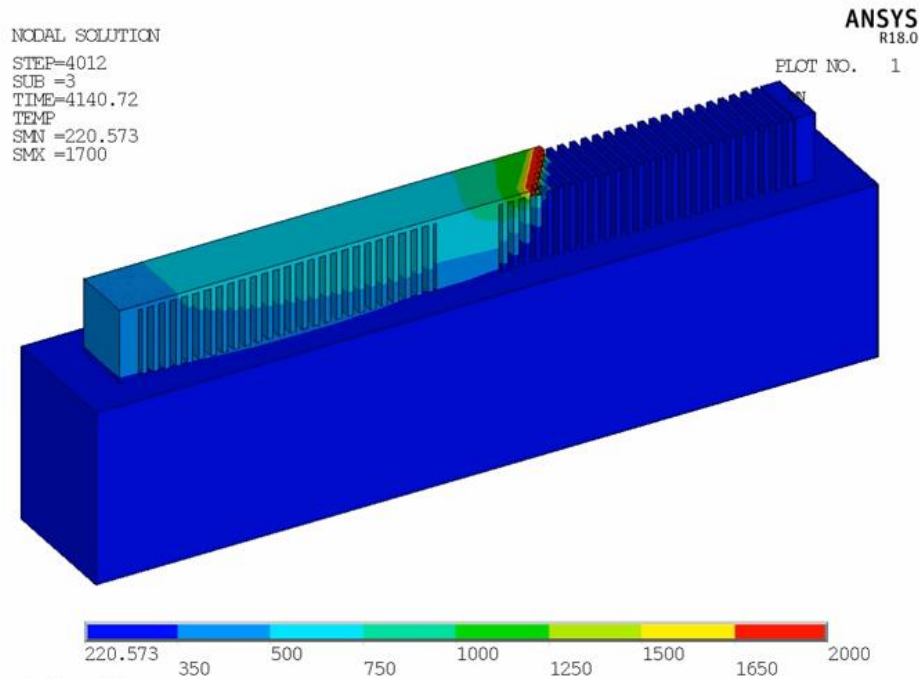


- v_{weld} = Laser speed 1200 mm/sec
- d_{weld} = Laser diameter 0.1 mm
- t_{weld} = Laser depth 0.1 mm
- u_{weld} = Overlap 0.01 mm

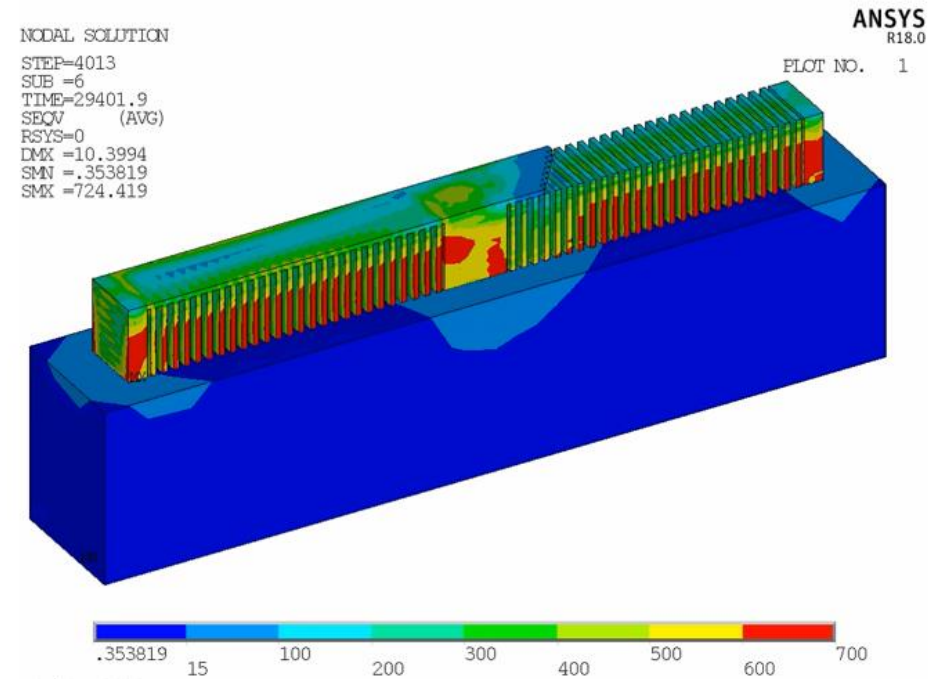
$$\text{vol}_{\text{weld}} = v_{\text{weld}} \cdot (d_{\text{weld}} - u_{\text{weld}}) \cdot t_{\text{weld}} = 10.80 \left[\frac{\text{mm}^3}{\text{sec}} \right]$$

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Thermal Simulation (temperature fields)

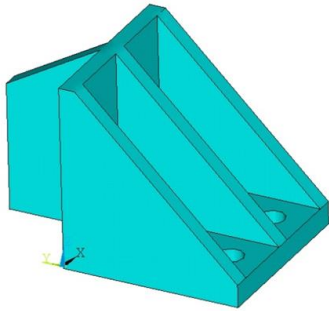


Mechanical Simulation (stress, strain, deformation)

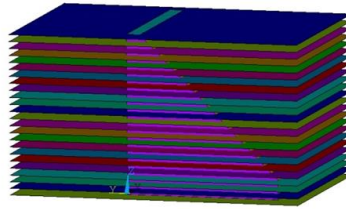


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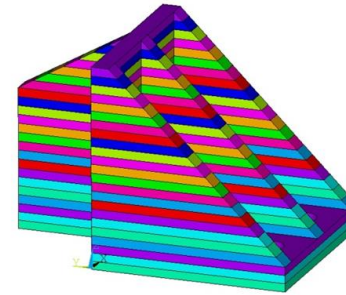
Using Kill & Alive Option from ANSYS mechanical



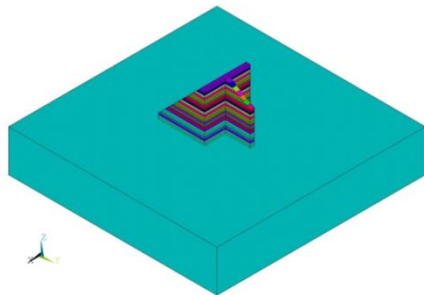
Geometry (Volumes)



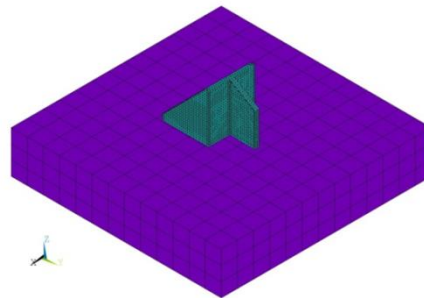
via set of layers (volumes)



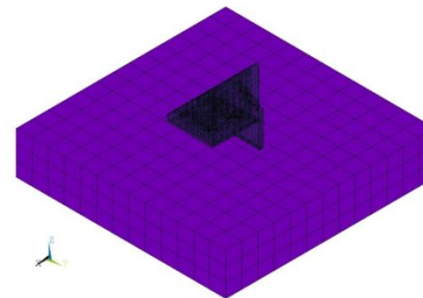
Sliced (boolean operation)



Geometry
(slices and base plate)



Meshed freely
(elements must not cross inactive via Kill-command
joint faces between slices)



Construction element set

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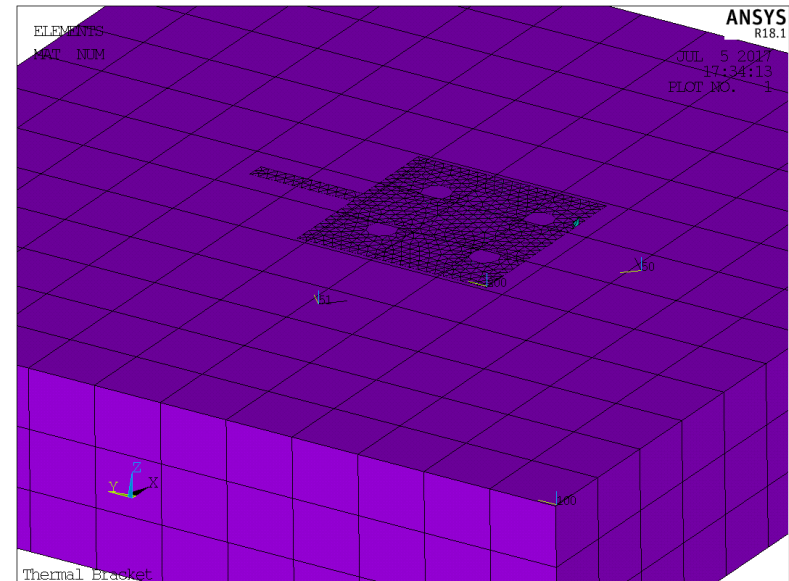
Kill & Alive Option from ANSYS mechanical

Transient Thermal-Analysis

- „ALIVE – Element volumes are heated to melt temperature
- Calculate Temperature distribution until the next set of elements will „alive“

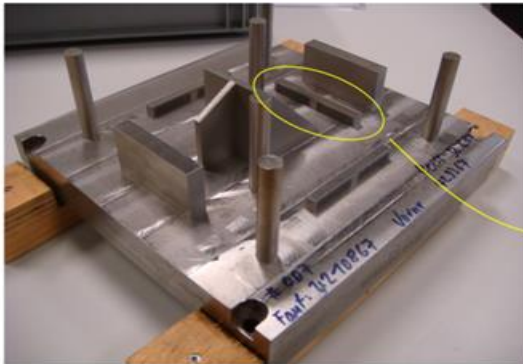
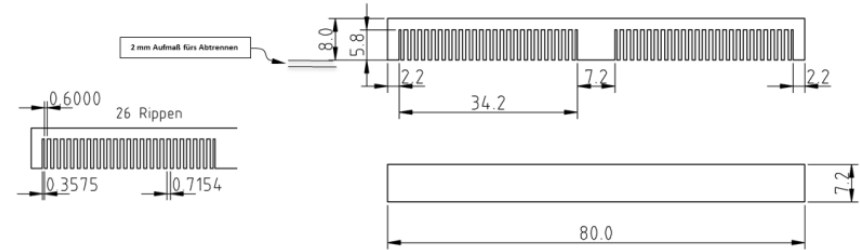
Non-linear Structural-Analysis

- Elasto-plastic material modeling
- „Alive“ elements are initialized with approximated Temperatures
- Per step stresses and strains (elastic+plastic) are calculated



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Reference Specimen



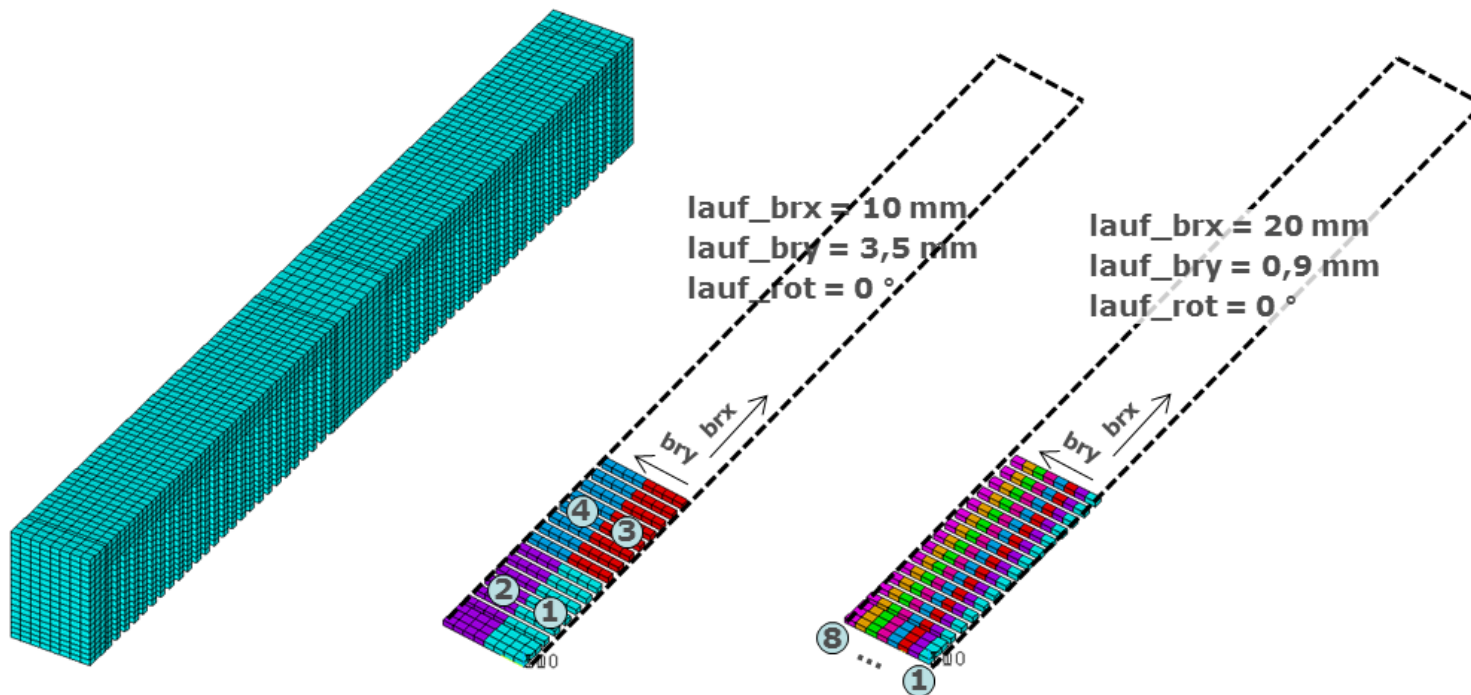
How fine the mesh needs to be?

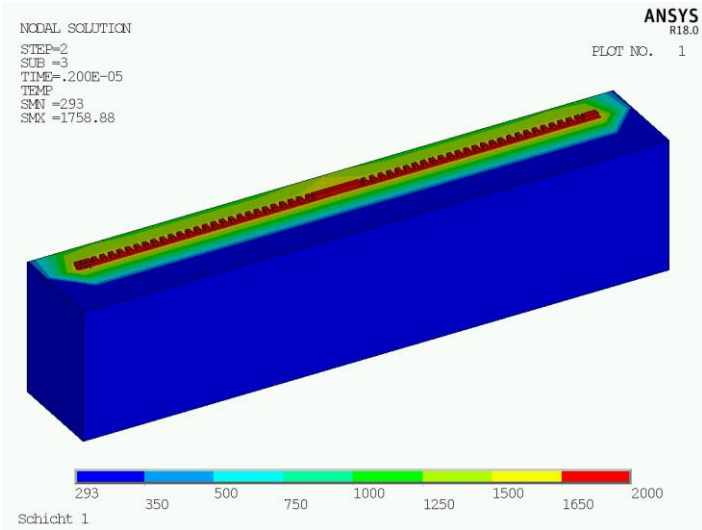
Convergence studies on the test structure show reasonable convergence with 3 to 4 elements over one layer (1.8 mm) resulting in element size of the Quader 0.6 mm.

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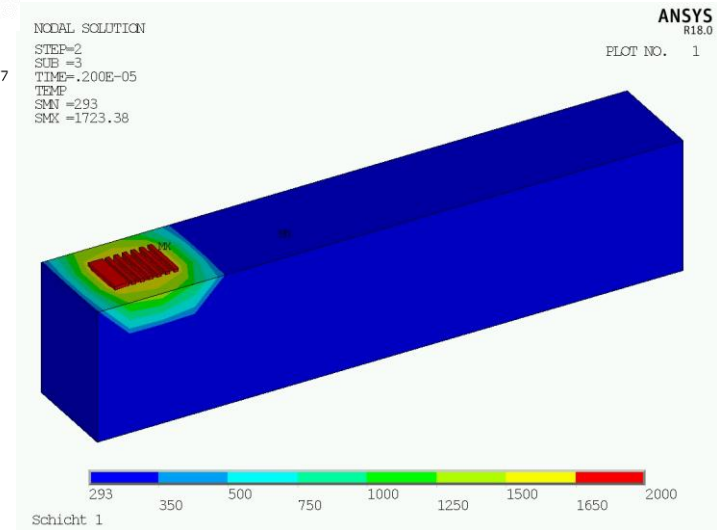
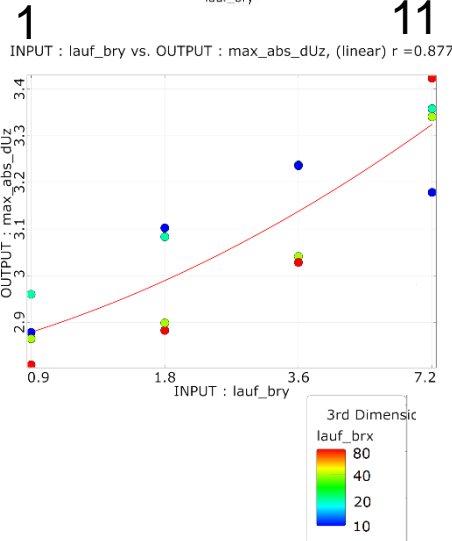
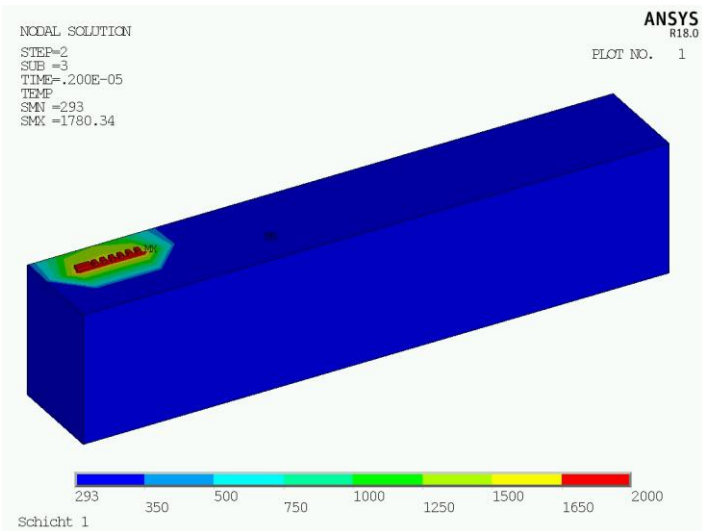
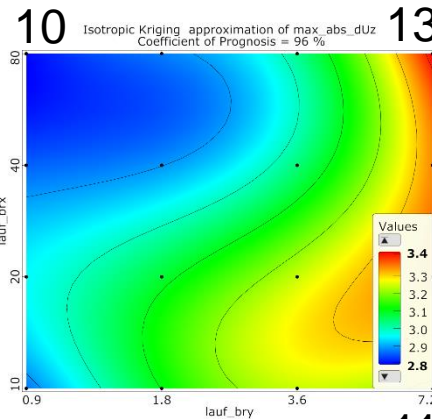
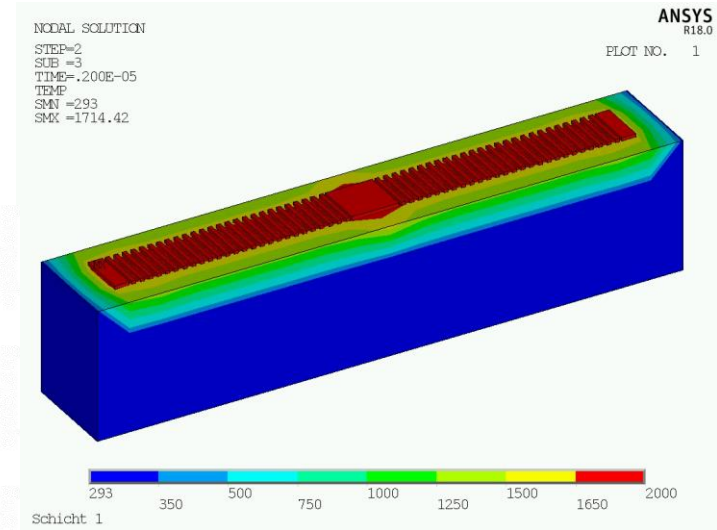
optiSLang parameter sensitivity analysis

possible combinations of the discretization of the ALM Layer





The higher the resolution of the process zone, the more continuous the energy input and the smaller the deformation.



AM – ANSYS optiSLang workflow

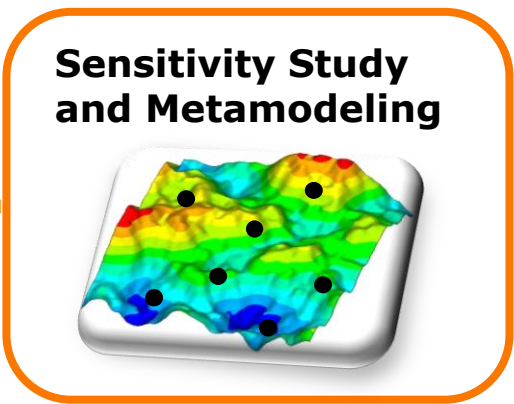
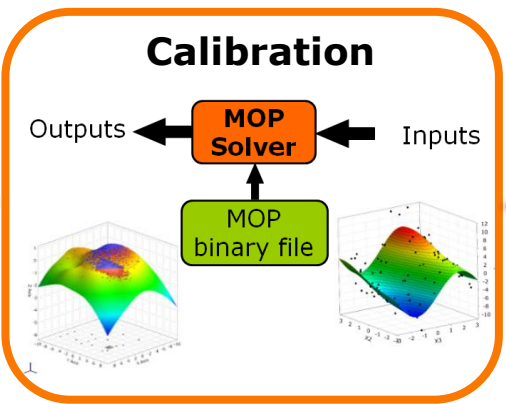
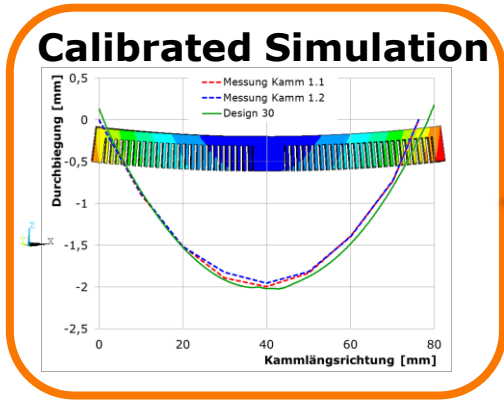
Parametric modeling for material, mesh, slicing & AM process

80,0
8,0
5,8

ANSYS: Thermal and Mechanical Simulation

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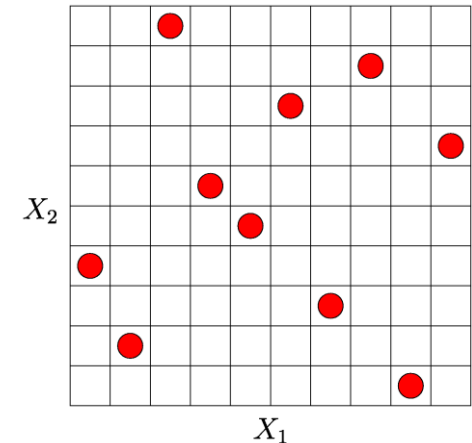
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- 150 Latin hypercube samplings

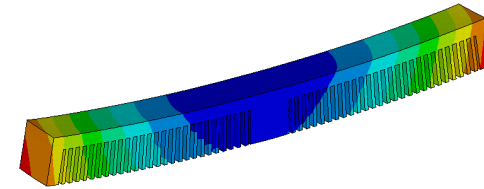


	Name	Parameter type	Reference value	Constant	Value type	Resolution	Range	Range plot
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2	lauf_bry	Optimization	3.6	<input type="checkbox"/>	REAL	Ordinal discrete (by index)	0.9; 1.8; 3.6; 7.2	
3	lauf_rot	Optimization	0	<input type="checkbox"/>	REAL	Continuous	0 67	
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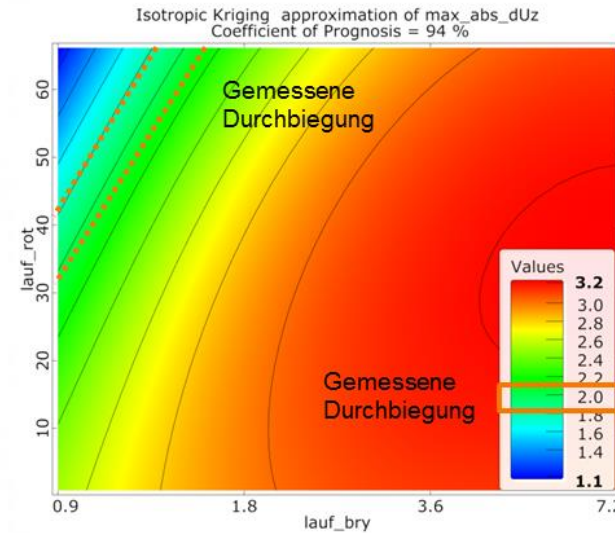
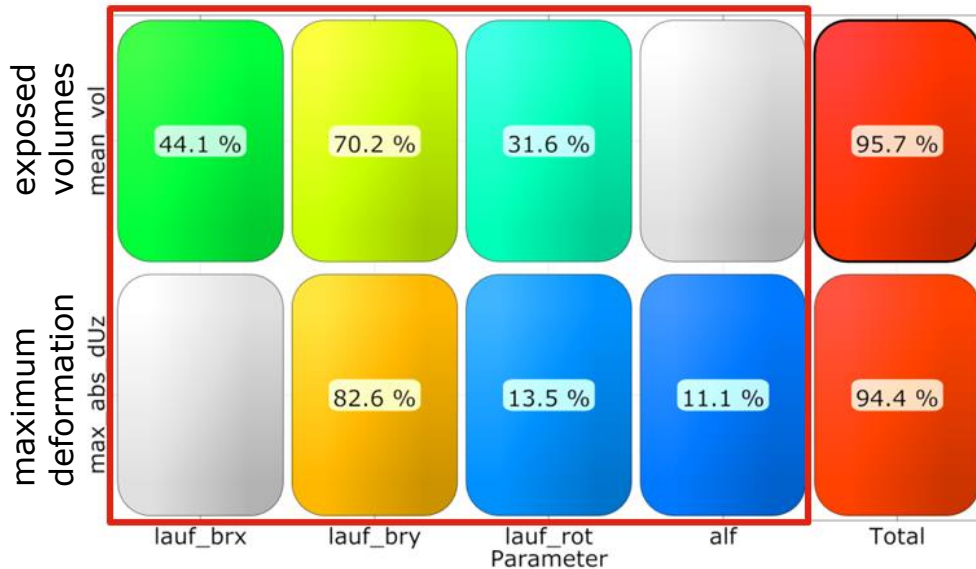
Metamodeling after Sensitivity Analysis

- **CoP** Matrix (**C**oefficient of **P**rognoses)



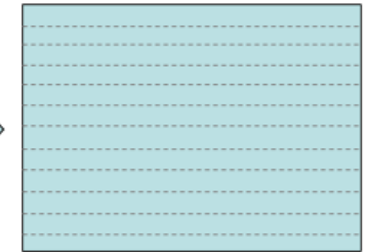
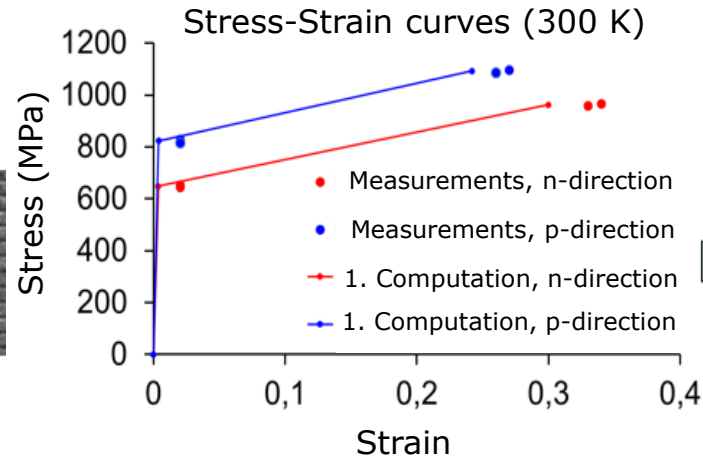
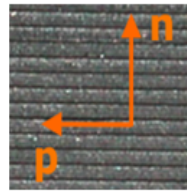
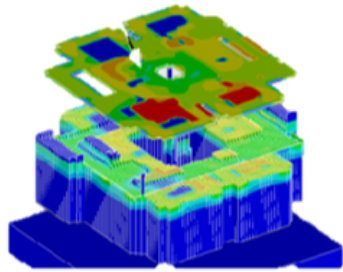
Influences (%) of process input parameters
Regarding the exposed volumes and the deformation

Meta-model shows range of variation and trends of maximum deformation



Metamodel of Optimal Prognosis (MOP)

Material properties, anisotropy



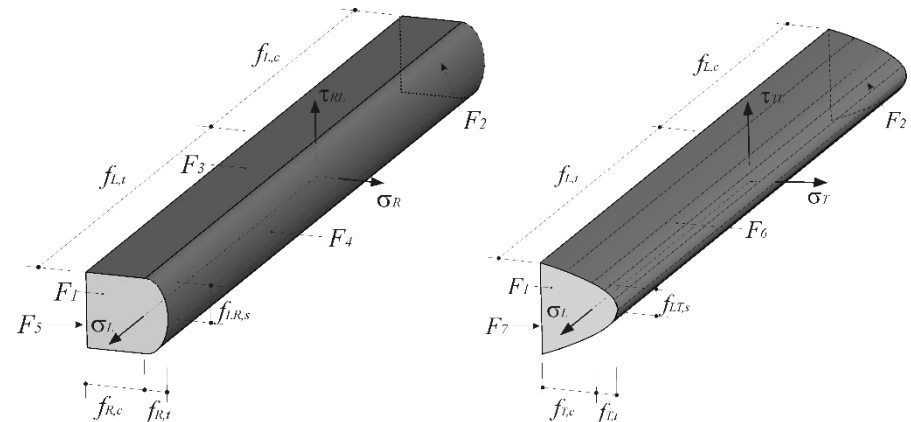
material printed in layers

anisotropic material behavior

homogeneous, anisotropic, multi-surface material model



Yield surfaces of the anisotropic layer printed material model



ALM - ANSYS multiPlas

Anisotropic material modeling

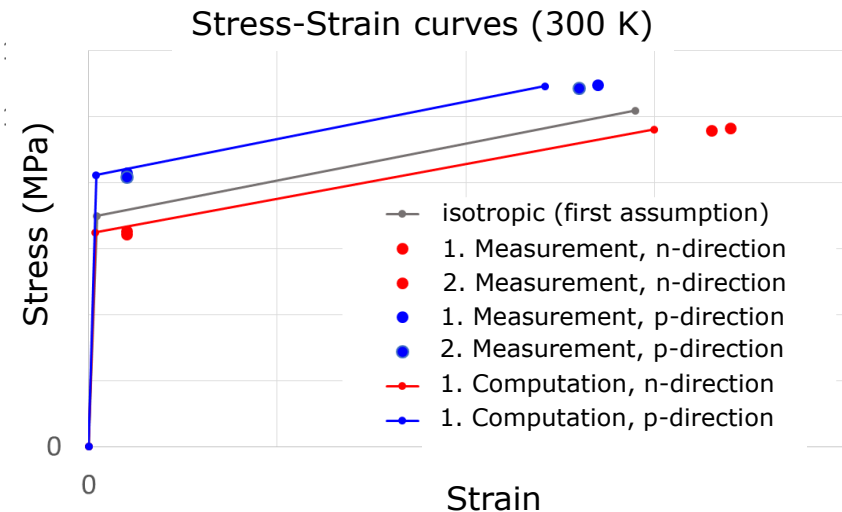
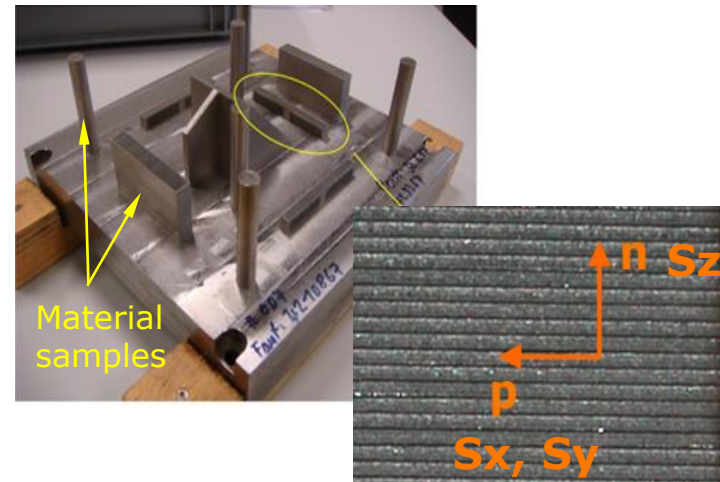
Material Data Anisotropy

- Measured mean values X,Y and Z
 n – normal to layer, in printing direction
 p – parallel to layer

- $E_n \approx 0,87 E_p$
 $R_{p0,2_n} \approx 0,80 R_{p0,2_p}$
 $R_{m_n} \approx 0,88 R_{m_p}$
 $A_n \approx 1,24 A_m$

- Temperature dependent
- First realization uses available anisotropic box-value model in

multiPlas

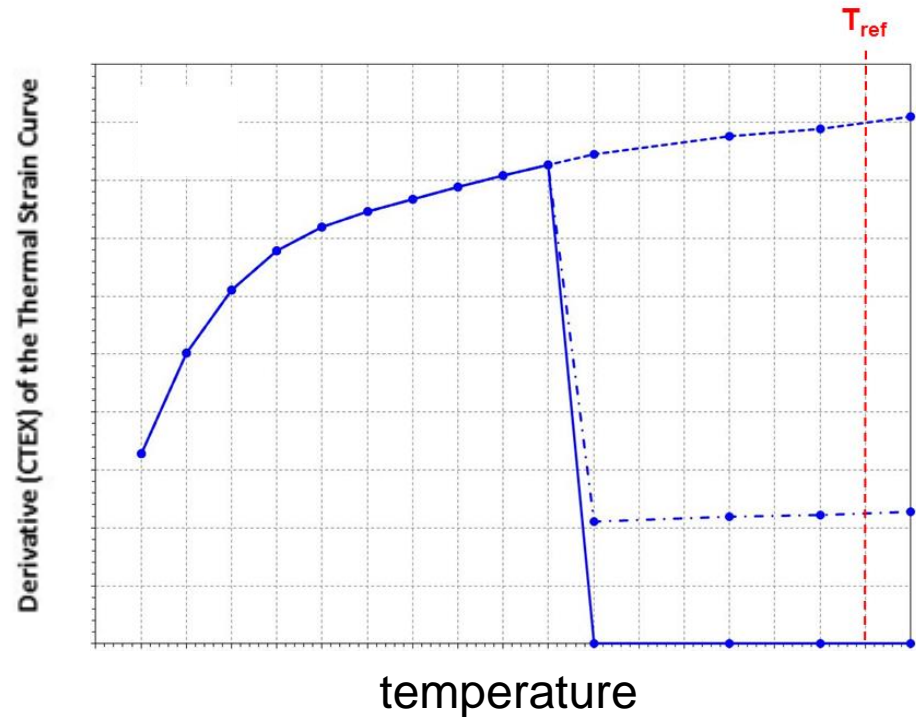


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Material parameter

Re-crystalization

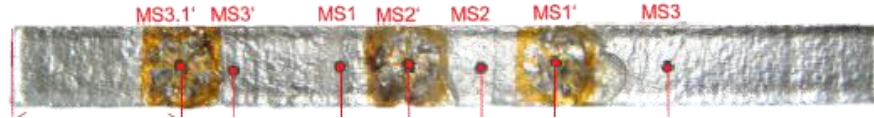
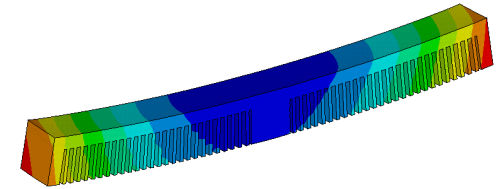
- At cooling process of melt temperature from 1700 K to 1100 K no relaxation of plastic strain and stress
- Heat expansion coefficient varies between 1700K and 1000K
- Parameter α between 0 und 1



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Influences (%) of process input parameters regarding the stresses on different locations MS1 – MS3'

vor Erodiere

Model	lauf_brx	lauf_bry	lauf_rot Parameter	alf	Total
MS3_Sy_0_K		65.9 %	7.8 %	17.8 %	87.0 %
MS3_Sy_0.6_K		50.0 %	13.4 %	12.9 %	75.6 %
MS3_Sx_0_K		64.1 %	21.7 %	14.6 %	79.9 %
MS3_Sx_0.6_K		52.5 %	20.3 %	15.0 %	83.6 %
MS2_Sy_0_K	6.7 %	75.7 %	8.4 %	14.4 %	95.6 %
MS2_Sy_0.6_K		71.7 %	13.1 %	9.0 %	90.3 %
MS2_Sx_0_K		77.7 %	32.2 %	19.1 %	90.0 %
MS2_Sx_0.6_K		52.1 %	42.9 %	19.0 %	80.5 %
MS1_Sy_0_K		77.8 %	6.6 %	13.1 %	93.7 %
MS1_Sy_0.6_K	3.3 %	56.3 %	3.0 %	8.9 %	72.6 %
MS1_Sx_0_K		65.8 %		23.5 %	74.9 %
MS1_Sx_0.6_K		43.2 %		19.8 %	60.5 %

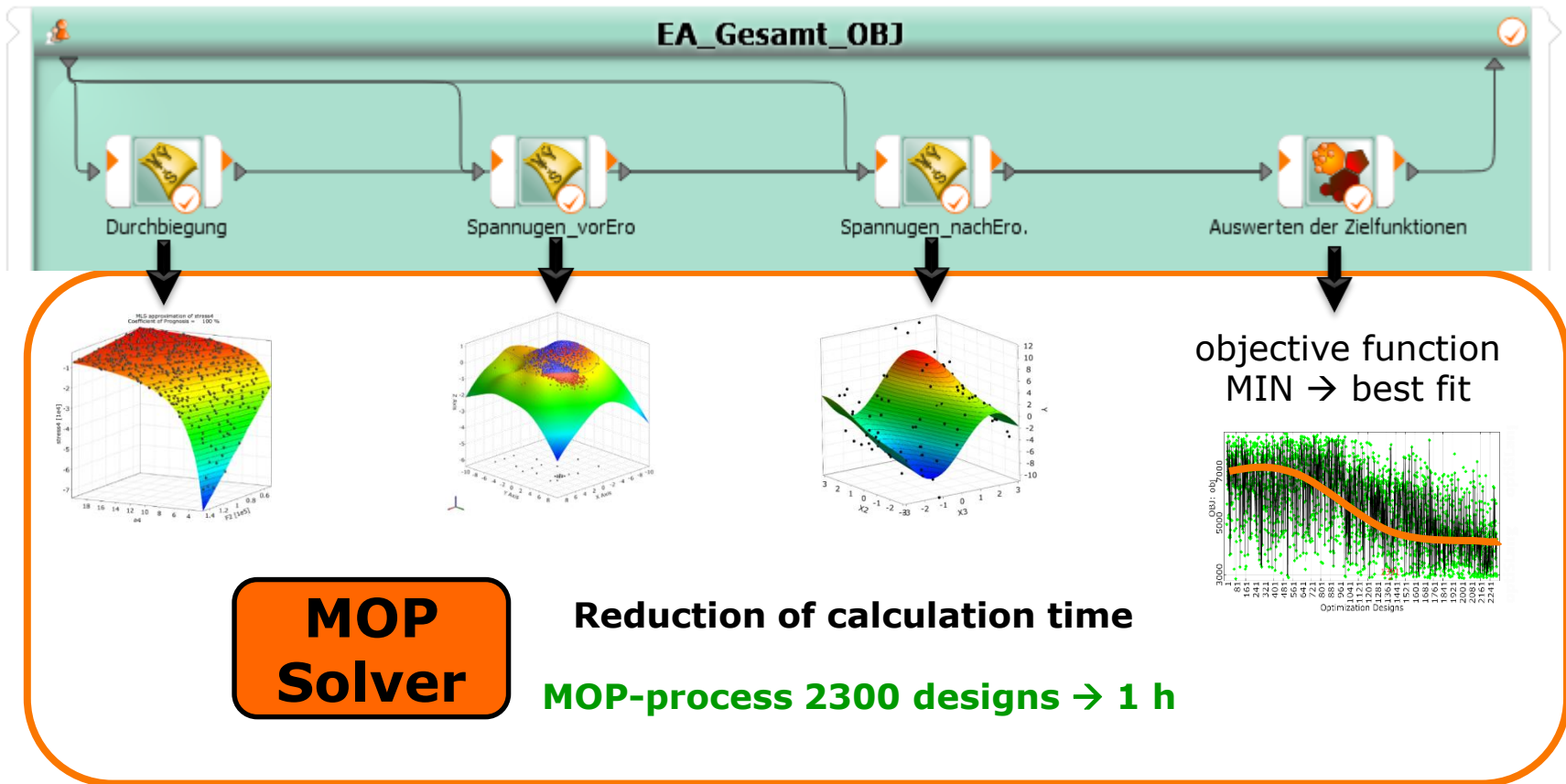
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Model	lauf_brx	lauf_bry	lauf_rot Parameter	alf	Total
MS3'_Sy_0_K		66.5 %	8.3 %	9.7 %	84.0 %
MS3'_Sy_0.6_K		52.3 %	23.6 %	6.5 %	85.8 %
MS3'_Sx_0_K		56.7 %	25.0 %		76.4 %
MS3'_Sx_0.6_K		33.9 %		9.6 %	43.8 %
MS2'_Sy_0_K		60.3 %	17.9 %	6.2 %	80.7 %
MS2'_Sy_0.6_K		39.6 %	34.2 %		56.9 %
MS2'_Sx_0_K		11.2 %	46.7 %		57.9 %
MS2'_Sx_0.6_K				1.0 %	1.0 %
MS1'_Sy_0_K		67.9 %	11.8 %	7.0 %	81.7 %
MS1'_Sy_0.6_K		48.0 %	26.7 %	23.5 %	71.9 %
MS1'_Sx_0_K	14.7 %	18.2 %	37.1 %		71.1 %
MS1'_Sx_0.6_K		8.5 %	22.0 %		30.7 %

Optimization – objective function for calibration

$$\mathbf{Obj} = \text{Obj_Uz} + \text{Obj_MS_Sx} + \text{Obj_MS_Sy} + \text{Obj_MS_Sz} + \text{Obj_MS}'_Sx + \text{Obj_MS}'_Sy + \text{Obj_MS}'_Sz \quad [\%]$$

Optimization process → best fit for distortion and stress

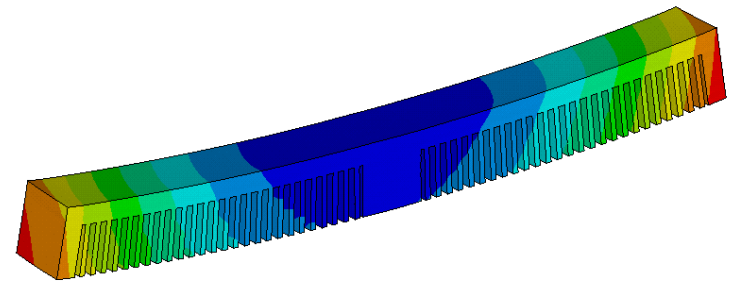
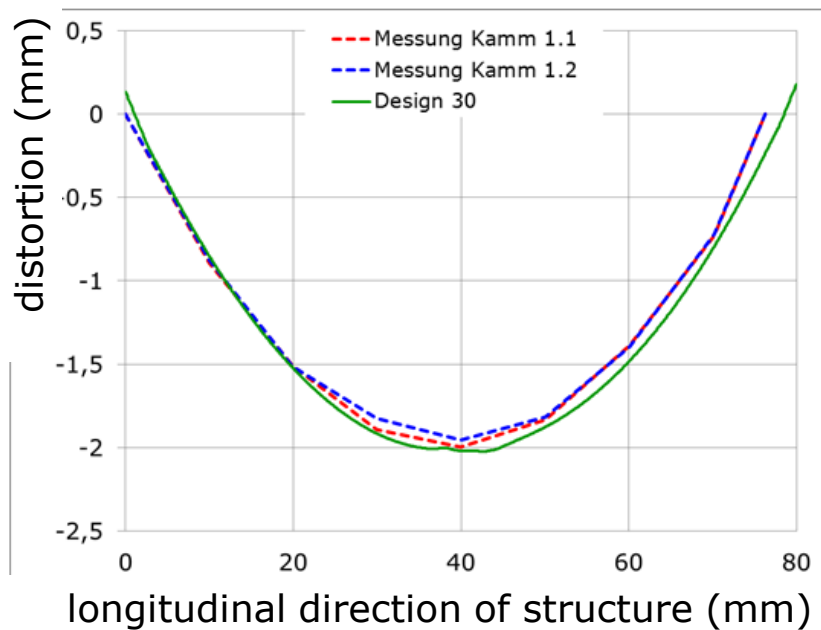


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Parameter Calibration using metamodeling

- Very good agreement was achieved
- Residual stress are within the window of variation from measurements

Check of the best design with real solver run was successfully.



Calibrated Parameter set:

lauf_brx = 20 mm

lauf_bry = 0.9 mm

lauf_rot = 66.75°

alf = 0.7682

Summary

ALM - ANSYS optiSLang workflow: available features

- ✓ parametrized simulation workflow for additive manufacturing
- ✓ geometry slicing & free-meshing for arbitrary geometries
- ✓ Kill & Alive Option from ANSYS mechanical
- ✓ Thermal – Mechanical simulation for
 - thermal process optimization
 - deformation, stress, crack prognosis with special nonlinear material model
- ✓ Includes stress relocation after cutting off parts from supports (kill contact elements)
- ✓ all optiSLang functionality for model calibration, sensitivity analysis, product / process optimization, robustness evaluation