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# **API 579 Based Level 3 FFS Assessment Using Abaqus/CAE**

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# About this Course

## Course Objective

This course is intended to provide a practical introduction to Finite Element Analysis (FEA) based Level 3 Fitness-for-Service (FFS) assessment of pressurized components using Abaqus software.

The main objectives of the course are:

1. Introduce essential skills to use Abaqus/CAE to create FEA models of commonly encountered pressurized components/sub-components.
2. Introduce FFS assessment procedures per API 579-1/ASME FFS-1 with special reference to Level 3 stress analysis.
3. Introduce Level 3 FFS assessment techniques using Abaqus/CAE through practical examples such as vessel with local metal loss.

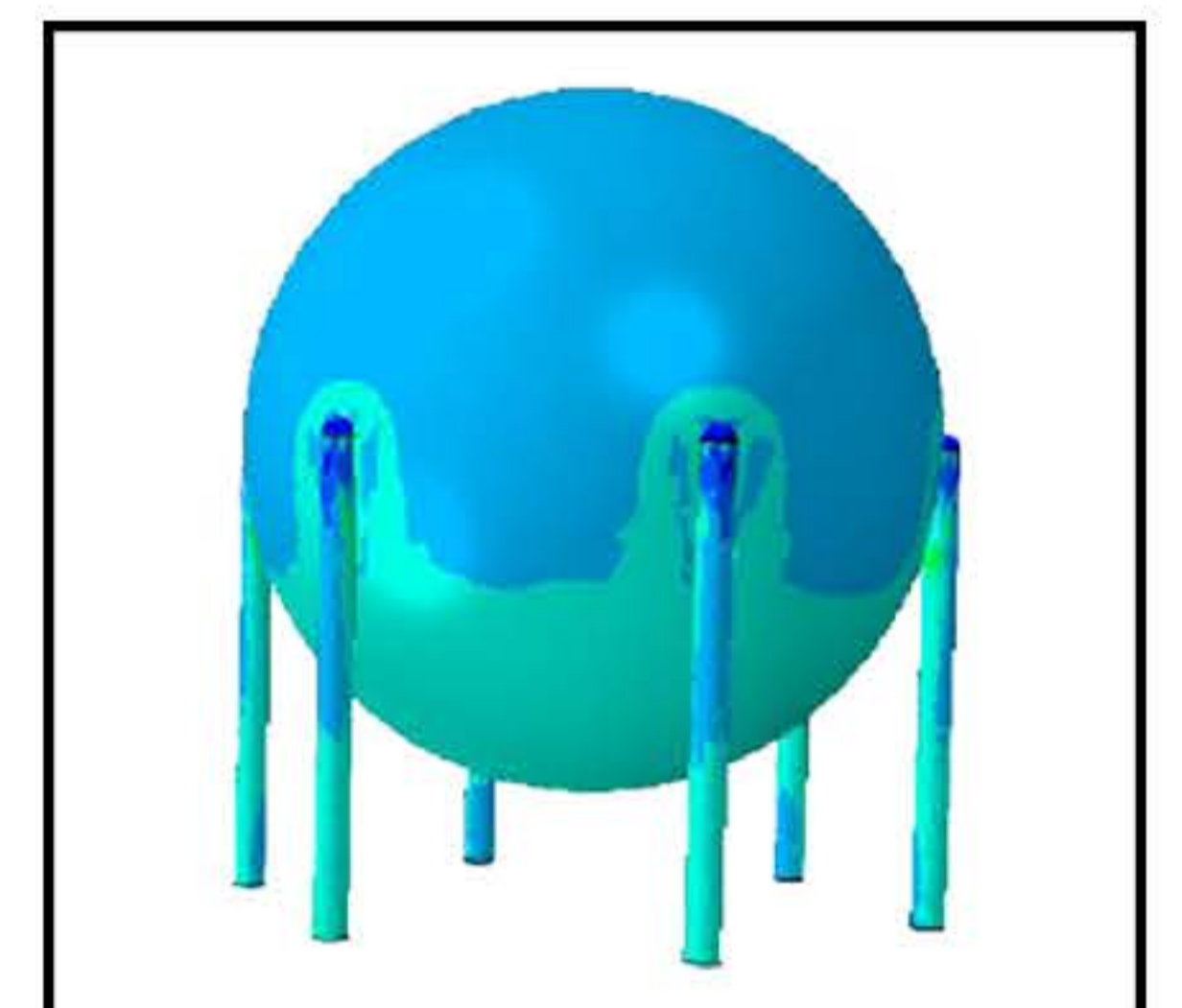
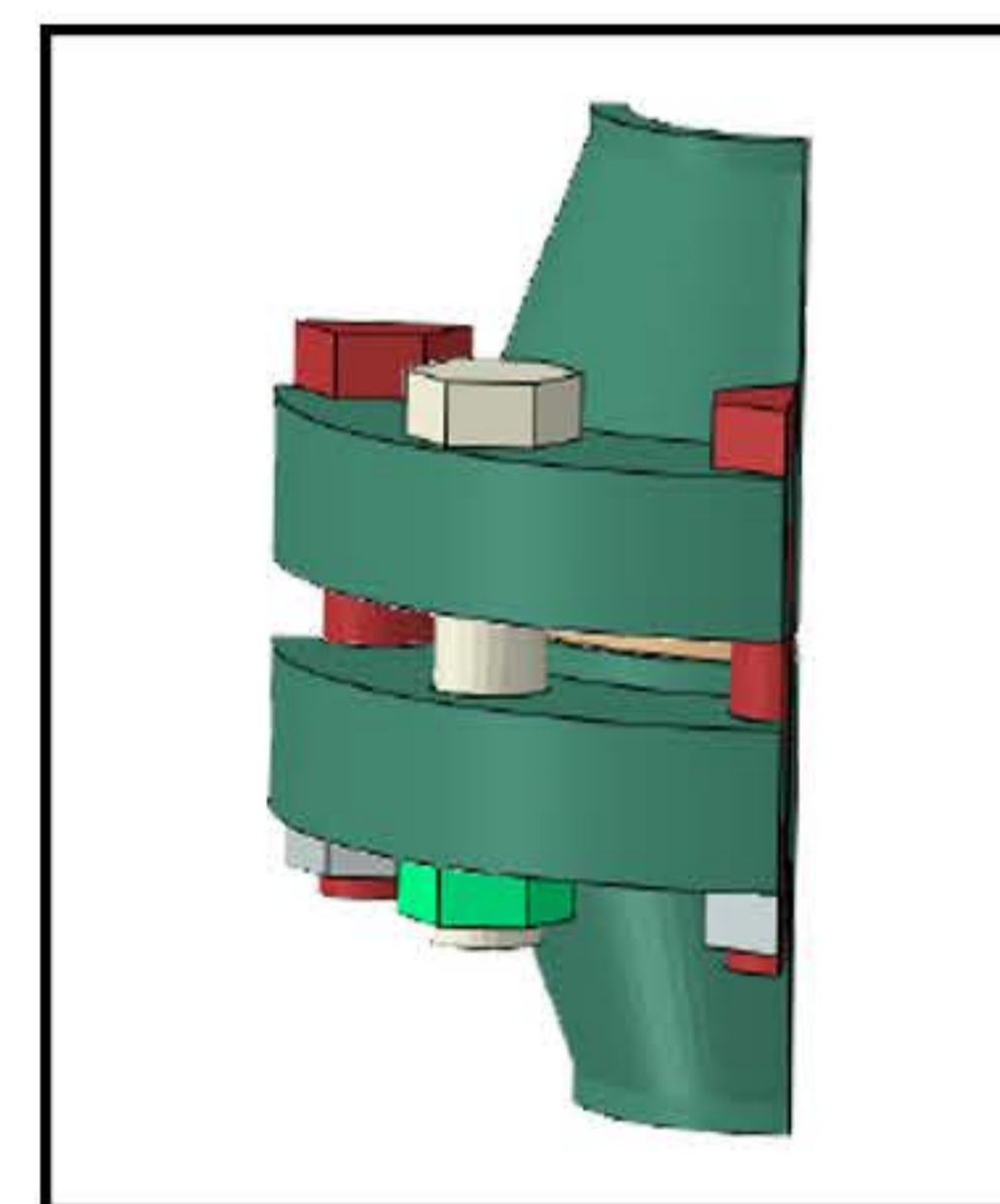
As part of the training, an **Abaqus plugin** will be available, **at no cost**, to map thickness data from inspection onto the FEA model.

## Description

The following SIMULIA products are covered by this course: Abaqus/CAE, Abaqus/Standard.

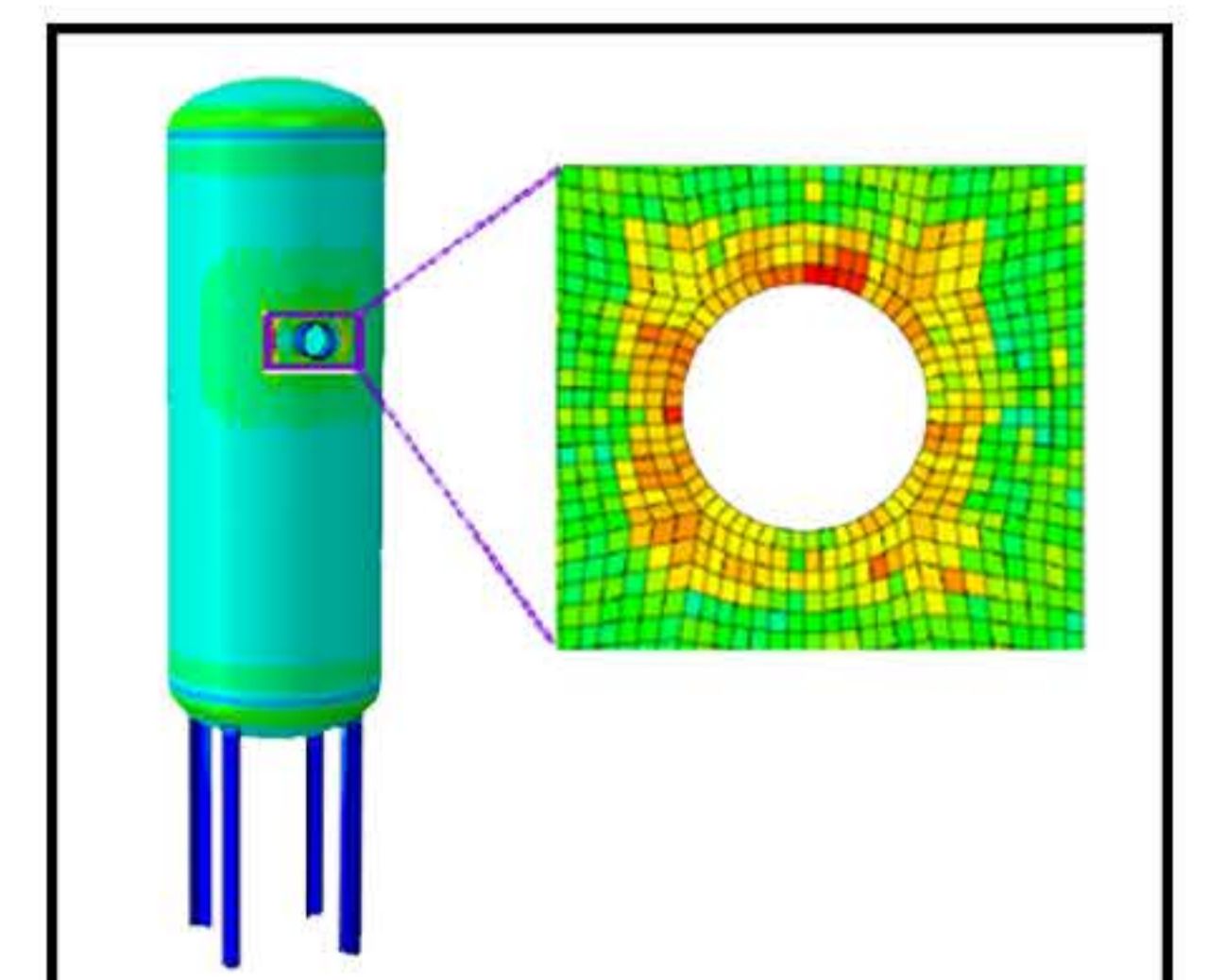
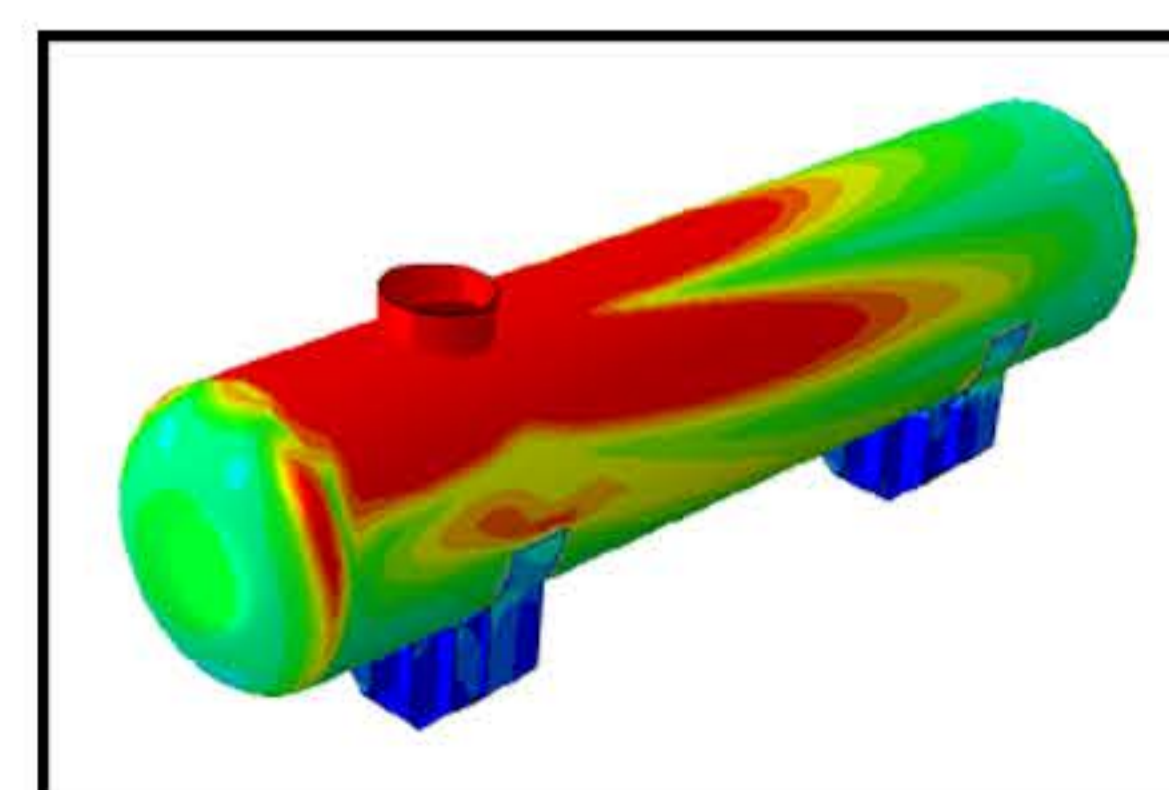
This course covers the following topics:

- Linear and nonlinear structural analysis
- Material models: linear elasticity and metal plasticity
- Loads and constraints
- Creating, submitting and monitoring analysis jobs
- Viewing simulation results
- FFS assessment procedures
- FEA base Level 3 assessment
- Practical examples showing Level 3 assessment
- Utilizing thickness mapping plugin to model local metal loss



This course is divided into lectures, demonstrations, and workshops.

The course's workshops are integral to the training. They are designed to reinforce concepts presented during the lectures and demonstrations. They are intended to provide users with the experience of running and trouble-shooting actual Abaqus analyses.



## Prerequisites

None

## Target Audience

FFS Engineers, Equipment Reliability Engineers, Welding Engineers, Operations Personnel, Process Engineers, Project Managers, HSEQ Personnel

## Duration

2 days

## Day 1

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Lesson 1                      Overview of Abaqus

Lesson 2                      Introduction to Abaqus/CAE - Part I

Workshop 1                  Modeling of a vertical tower

Lesson 3                      Introduction to Abaqus/CAE - Part II

Workshop 2                  Modeling of a flange joint

Lesson 4                      Introduction to Abaqus/CAE - Part III

Workshop 3                  Analysis of a vertical tower with  
vacuum rings

Lesson 5                      Overview of Abaqus solvers

Workshop 4                  Analysis of flange connection

## Day 2

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Lesson 6      Overview of Fitness-for-Service analyses

Lesson 7      Applying loads in a Simulation

Workshop 5      Modeling and analysis of spherical storage vessel

Lesson 8      Analysis of metal loss

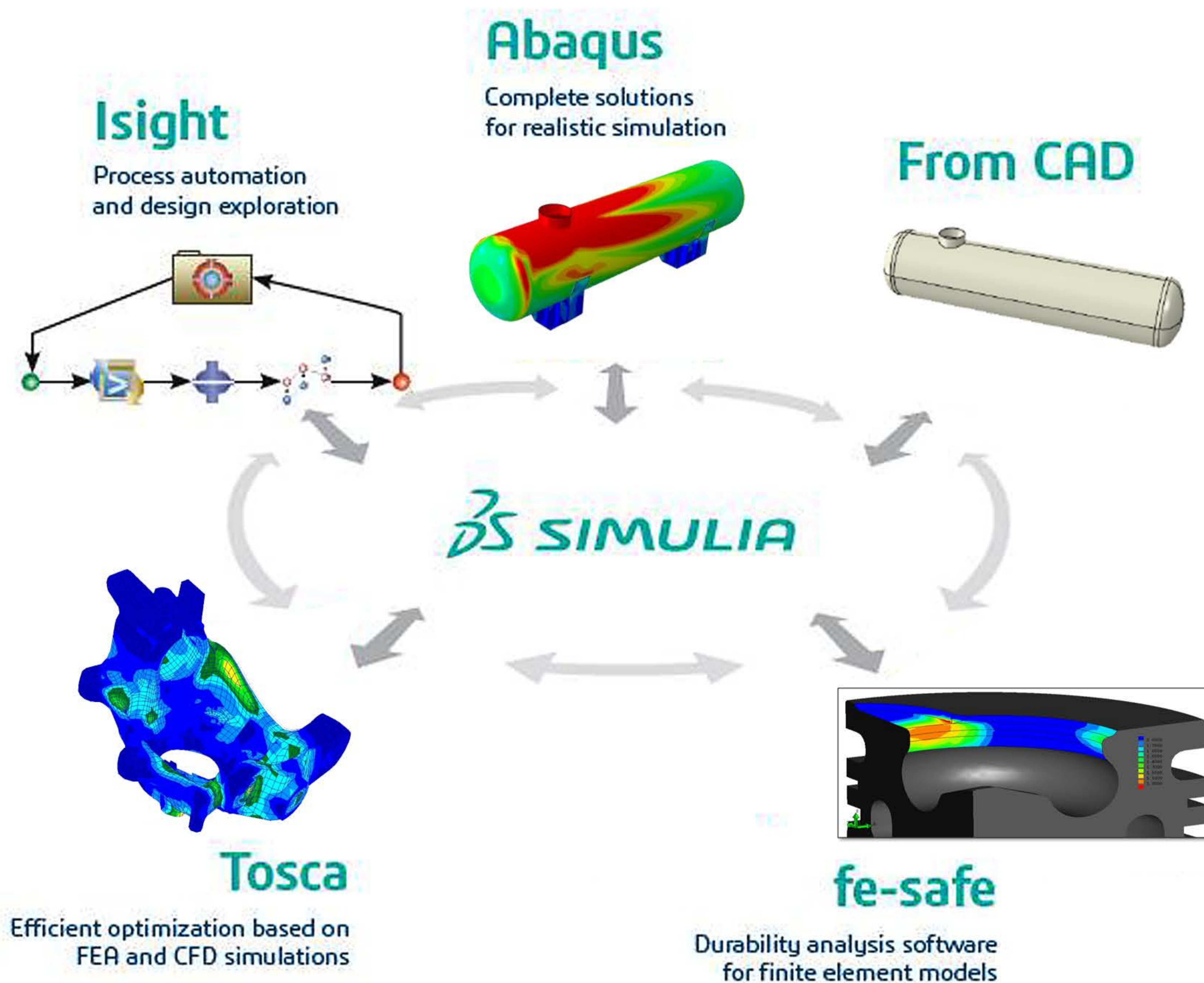
Workshop 6      Modeling and analysis of horizontal vessel

Lesson 9      Analysis of a flange connection

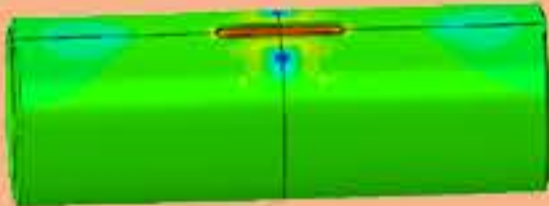
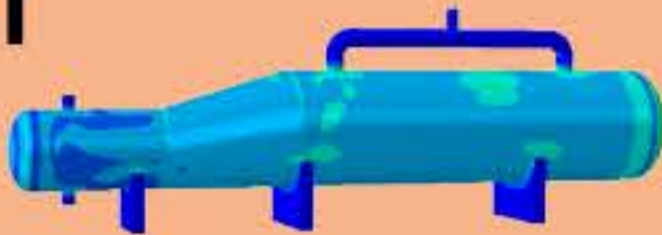
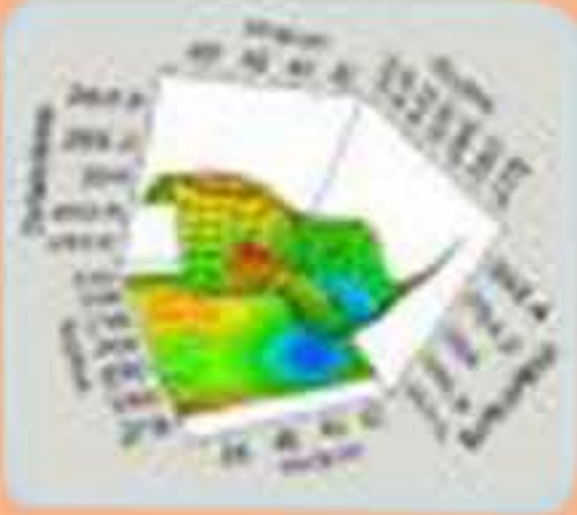
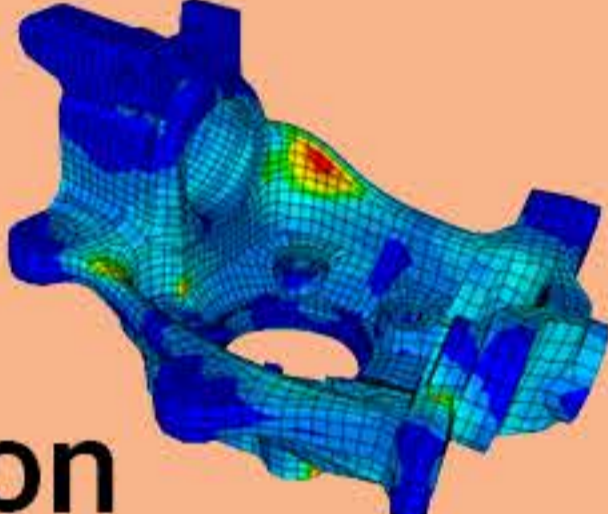
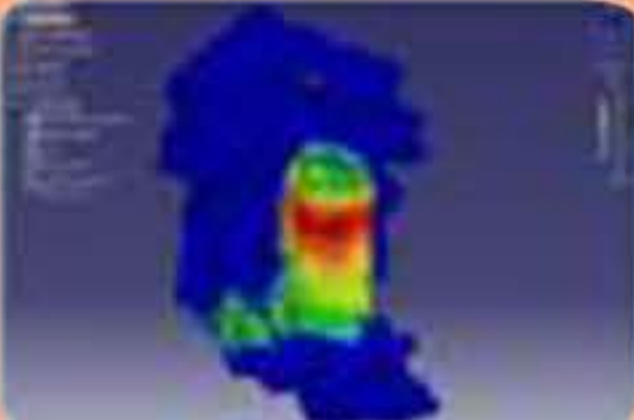
Workshop 7      Limit load of a heat exchanger

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- ▶ Portfolio of established, best-in-class products
  - Abaqus, Isight, Tosca, fe-safe
  - All using a common extended licensing pool



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<b>Isight</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Process Integration</li><li>• Design Optimization</li><li>• Parametric Optimization</li><li>• Six Sigma and Design of Experiments</li></ul> 	Material Calibration Workflow Automation Design Exploration
<b>Tosca</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Non-Parametric Optimization</li><li>• Structural &amp; Fluid Flow Optimization</li><li>• Topology, Sizing, Shape, Bead Optimization</li></ul> 	Conceptual/Detailed Design Weight, Stiffness, Stress Pressure Loss Reduction
<b>fe-safe</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Durability Simulation</li><li>• Low Cycle &amp; High Cycle Fatigue</li><li>• Weld, High Temperature, Non-metallics</li></ul> 	Safety Factors Creep-Fatigue Interaction Weld Fatigue

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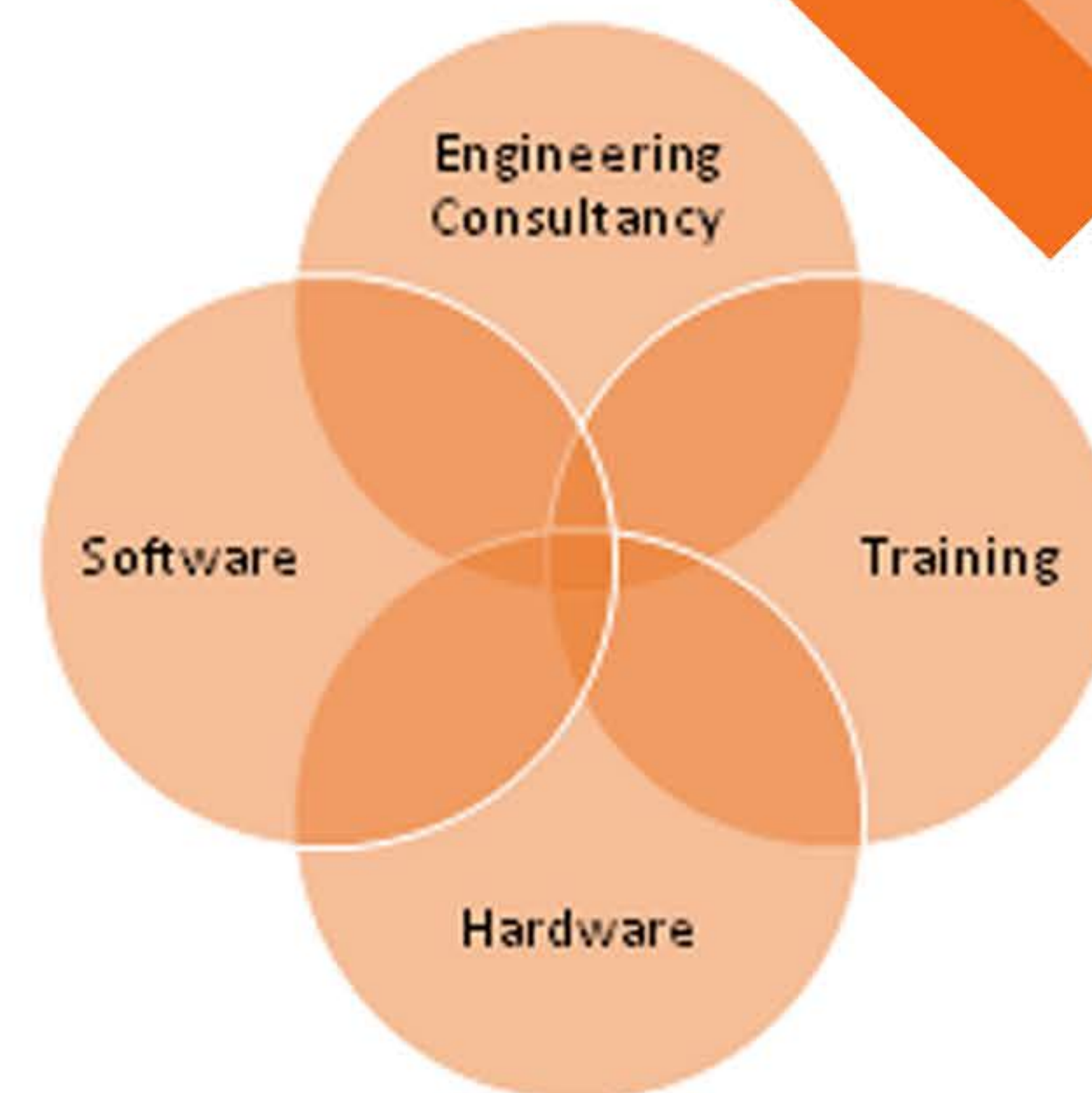
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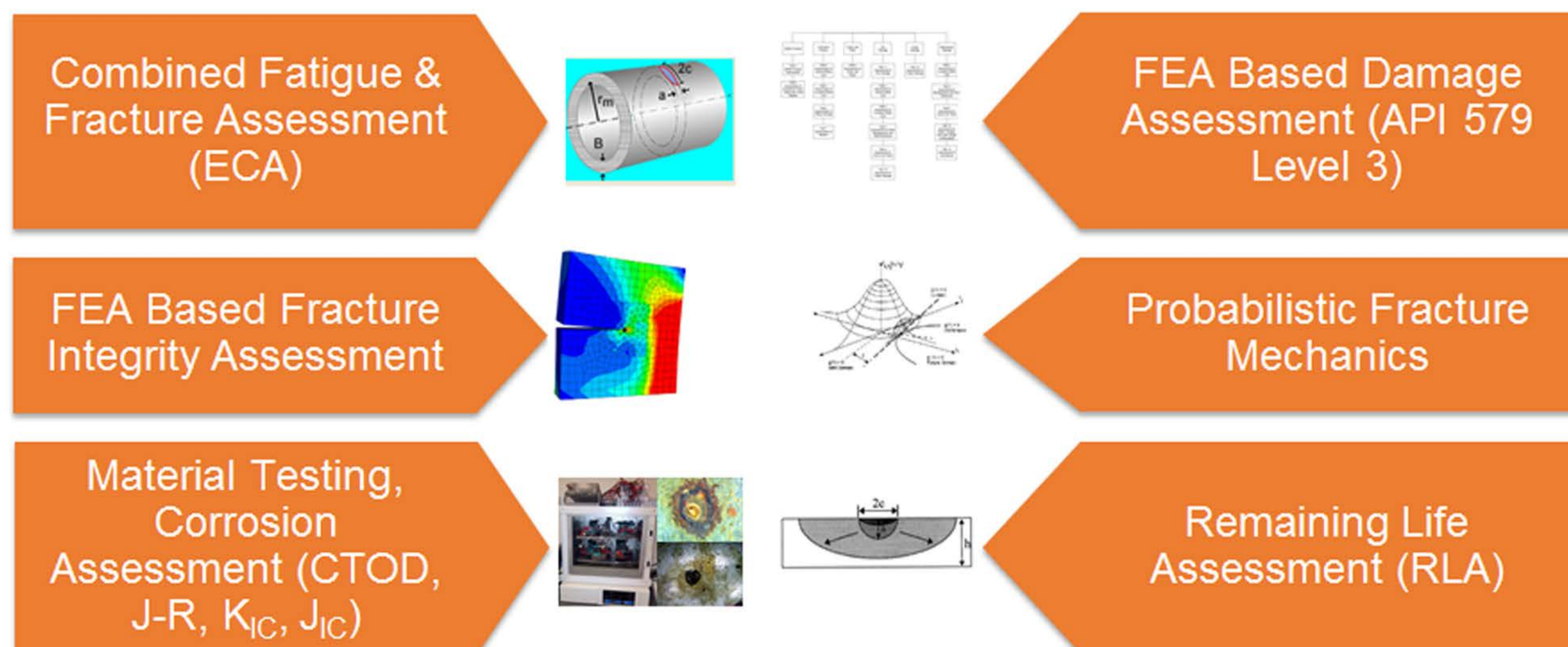
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## FFS Capabilities



## VISION

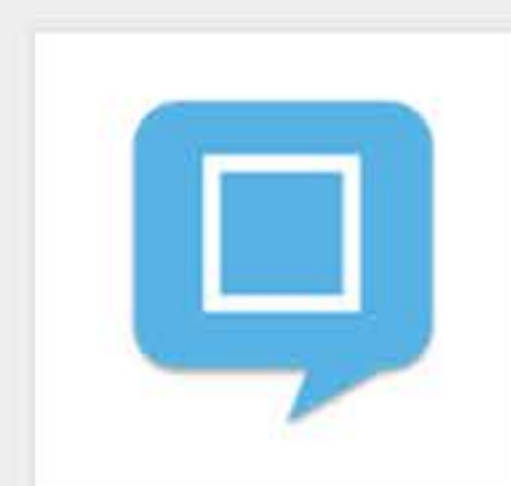
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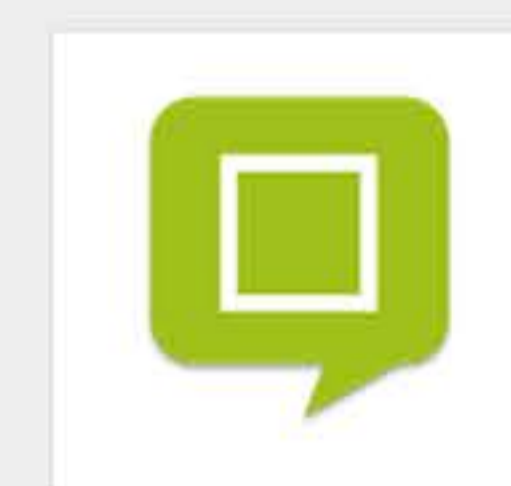
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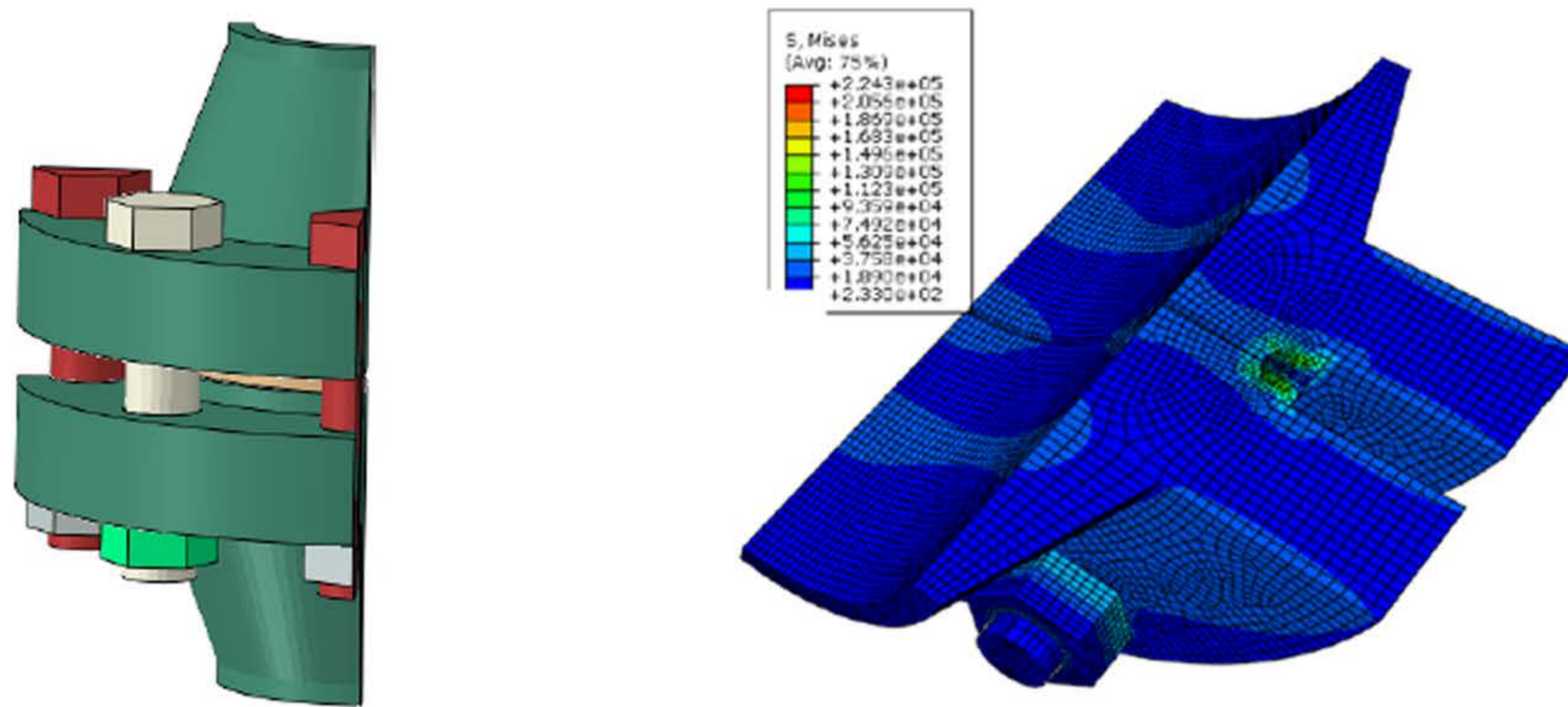
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Date	Topic
June 6–10, 2016	Introduction To Abaqus
June 13–14, 2016	Introduction to Abaqus/CAE
June 27–28, 2016	Introduction to Abaqus Scripting
June 29–30, 2016	FSI Simulation Using Abaqus and Third-party CFD Codes
July 18–19, 2016	Introduction to Abaqus/CFD
July 20–22, 2016	Modeling Fracture and Failure with Abaqus
August 11–12, 2016	API 579 Based Level 3 FFS Assessment Using Abaqus/CAE
August 15–16, 2016	Introduction to Abaqus/CAE
August 22–23, 2016	Introduction to fe-safe
August 29–30, 2016	Introduction to Abaqus Scripting

# COURSE HIGHLIGHTS (1/3)

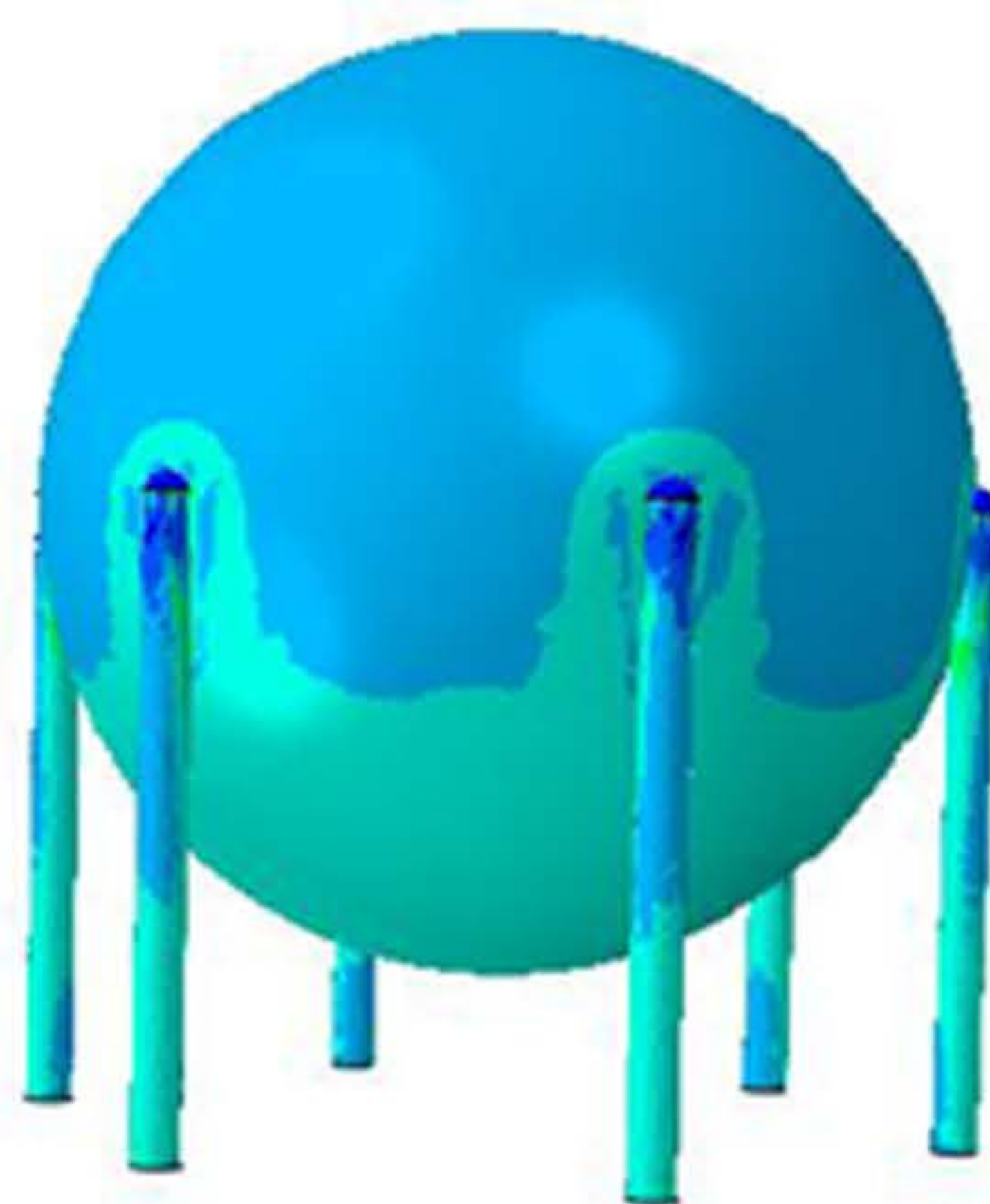
## Modeling and Analysis of a Flange Connection

- Modeling of a bolted flange connection including top flange, bottom flange, bolts, nuts, and a gasket
- Performing of FEA to predict response after applying bolt loading and internal pressure



## Modeling and Analysis of a Spherical Vessel

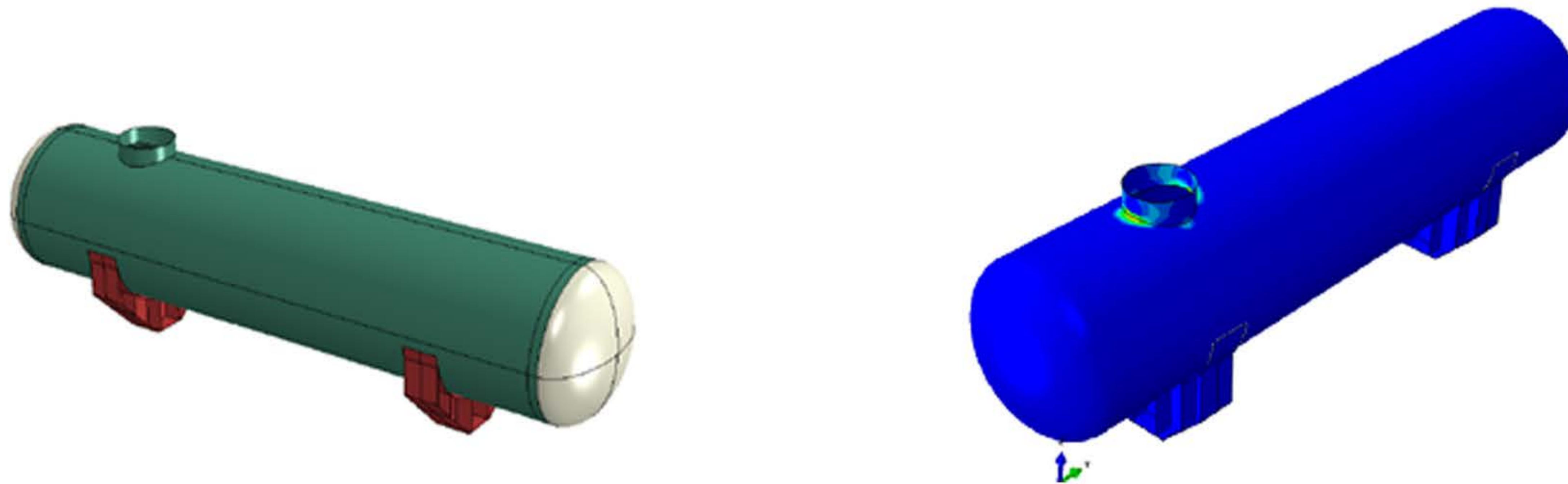
- Modeling of a storage spherical vessel
- Performing static stress analysis with weight of the contents and internal pressure



## COURSE HIGHLIGHTS (2/3)

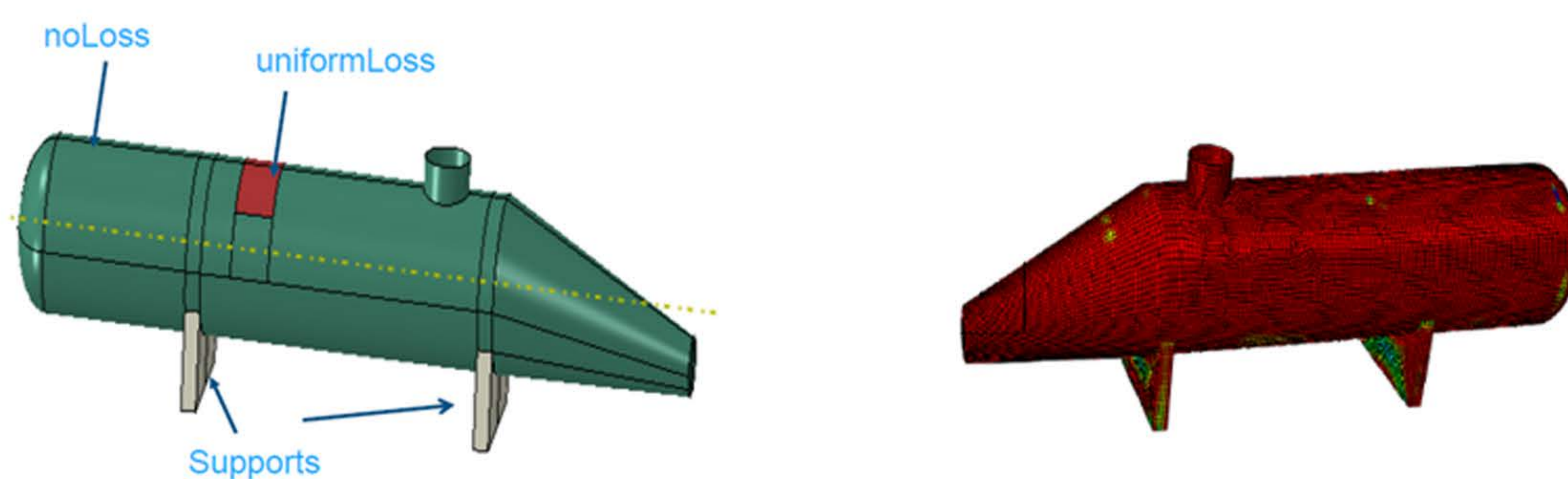
### Modeling and Analysis of a Horizontal Vessel

- Modeling of a horizontal vessel including the nozzle and saddle supports
- Performing static stress analysis with weight of the internal fluids
- Performing buckling analysis when the vessel is empty



### Modeling and Limit Load Analysis of a Heat Exchanger

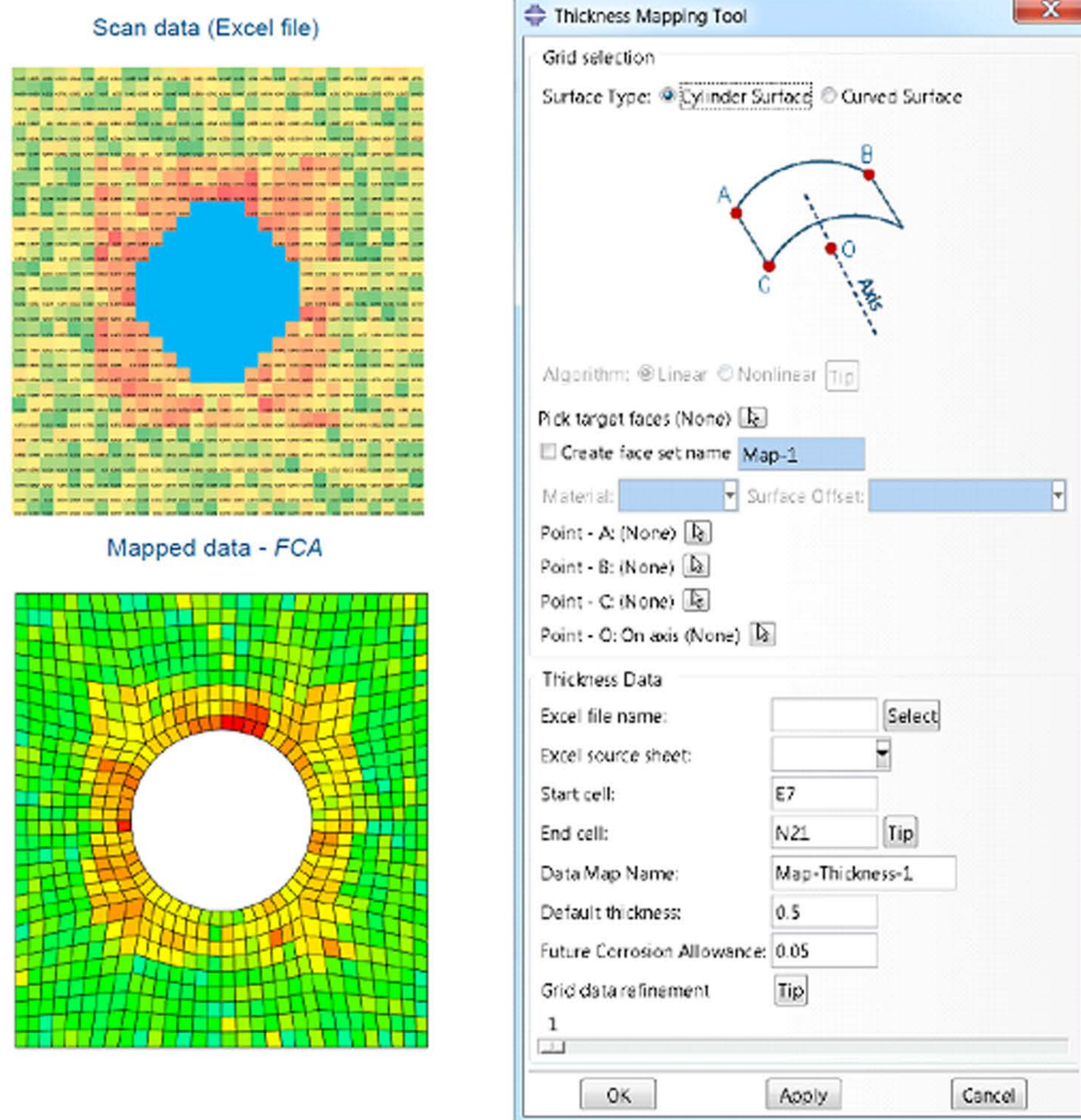
- Modeling of a heat exchanger including the nozzle, the thickness loss region and supports
- Performing limit load prediction analysis with uniform corrosion
- Performing limit load prediction analysis with thickness data



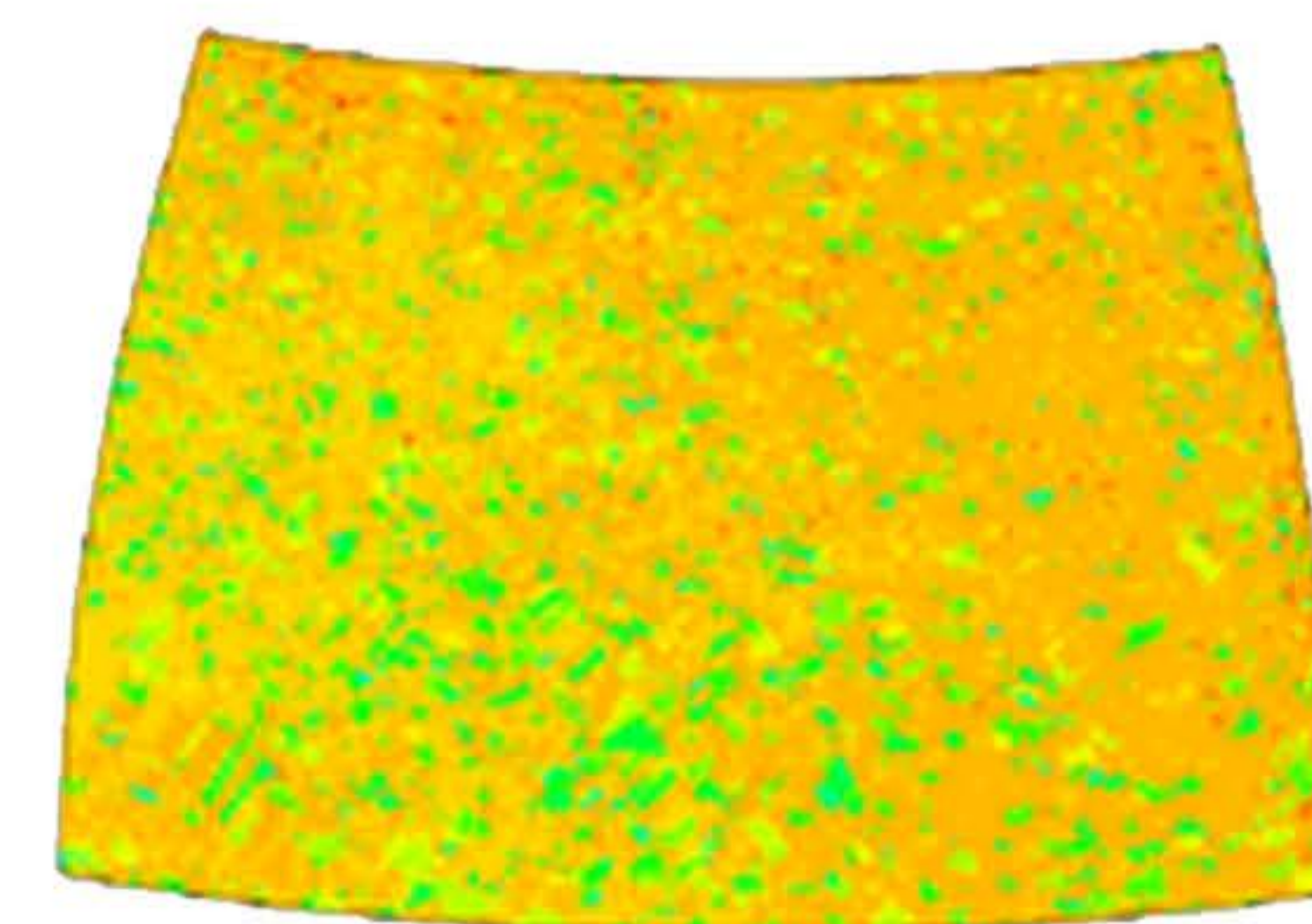
## COURSE HIGHLIGHTS (3/3)

### Thickness mapping plugin tool using Abaqus/CAE

A plugin tool was developed to assess a structure with loss of thickness due to corrosion by mapping thickness data onto a shell element model.



For post-processing, the plugin will plot the STH output on a curved surface to verify the thickness mapping.



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