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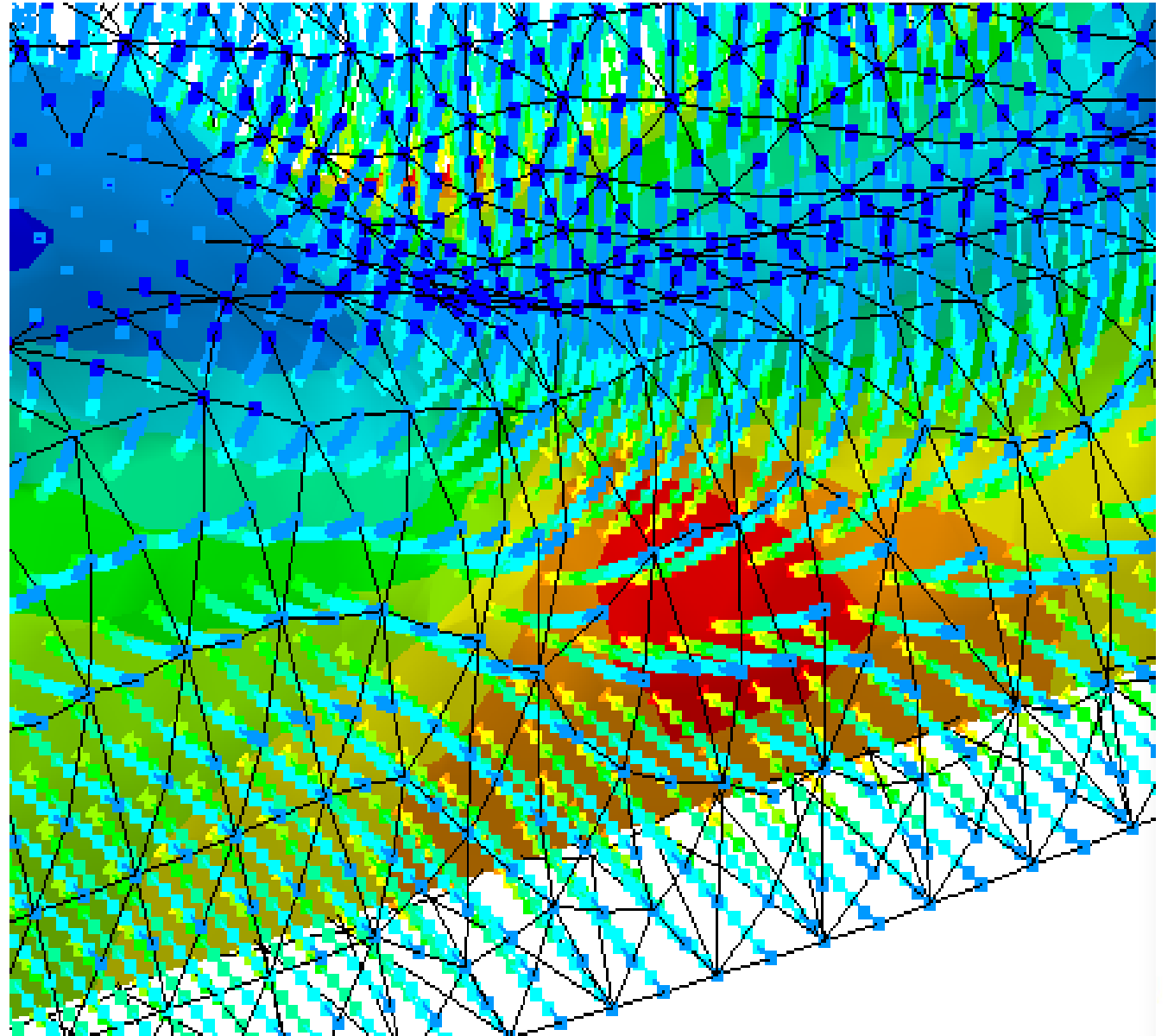
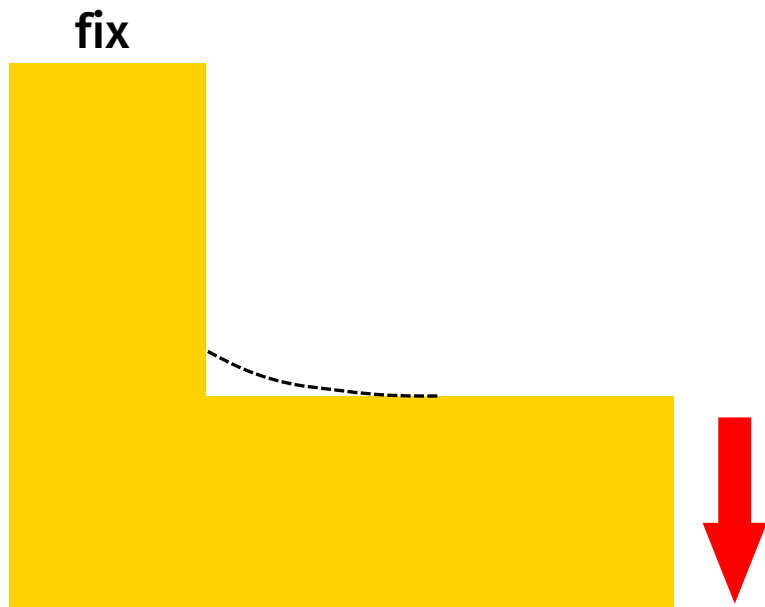
**SVS FEM**

# M3Opti Shape Optimization

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# M3Opti – BGM Method

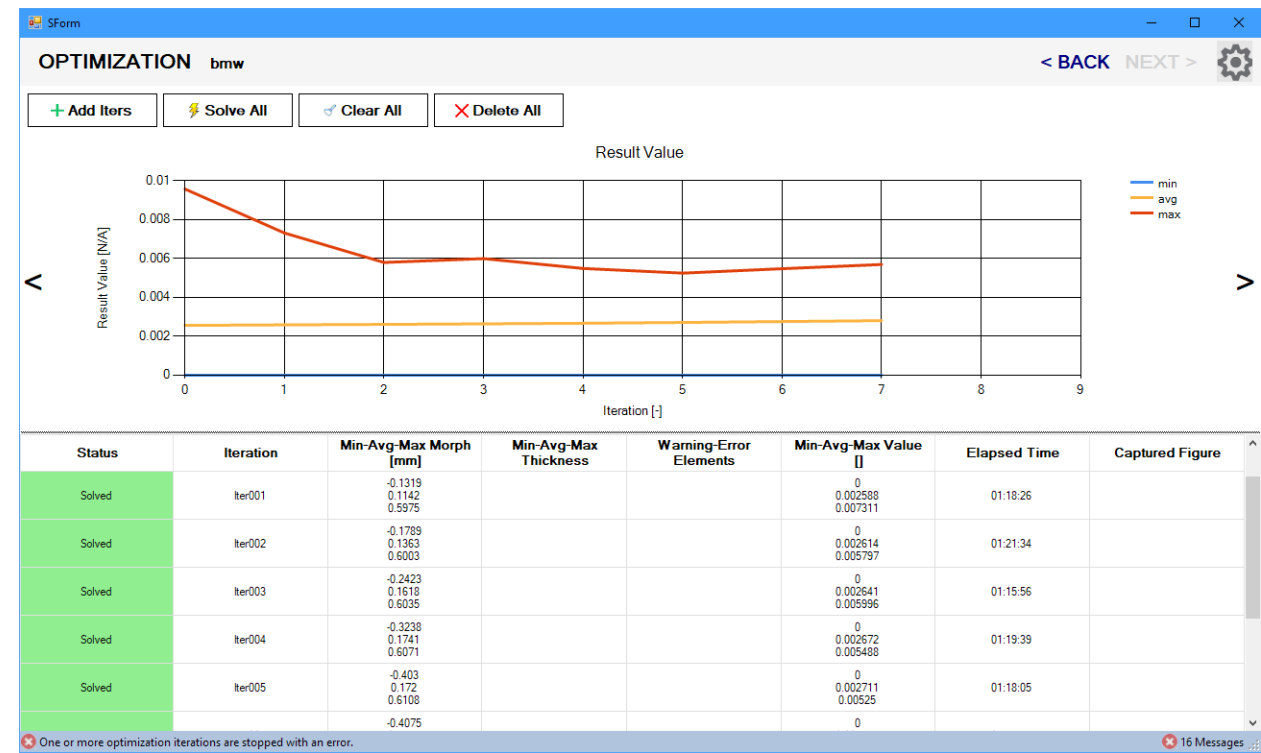
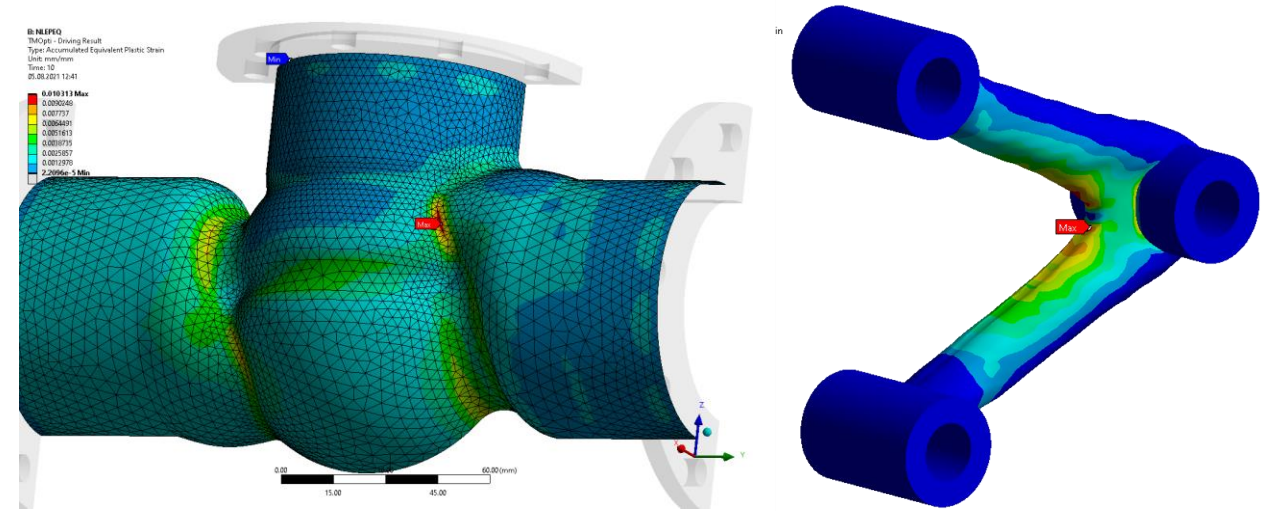
- Biological Growth Method sculpting





# M3Opti - Capabilities

- Typical analyses examples:
  - Stress, Strain, User-defined, ...
    - Static Structural, Harmonic, Spectral, Transient ...
    - Thermal + Structural
  - Total Heat Flux, ...
    - Steady-state or Transient Thermal
  - Accumulated Plastic Strain
- Supported features:
  - Nonlinear Material Model
  - Nonlinear Contact
  - Large deflection
- Typical bodies:
  - Seal, Turbo Charger
  - After Topology Optimization



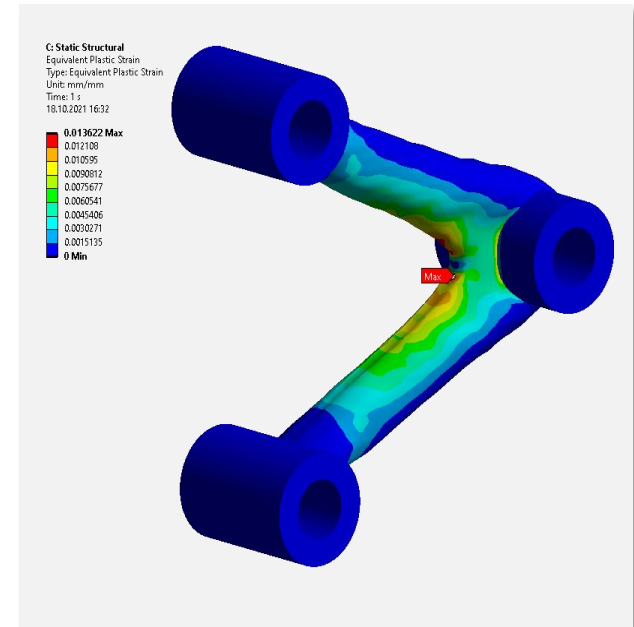
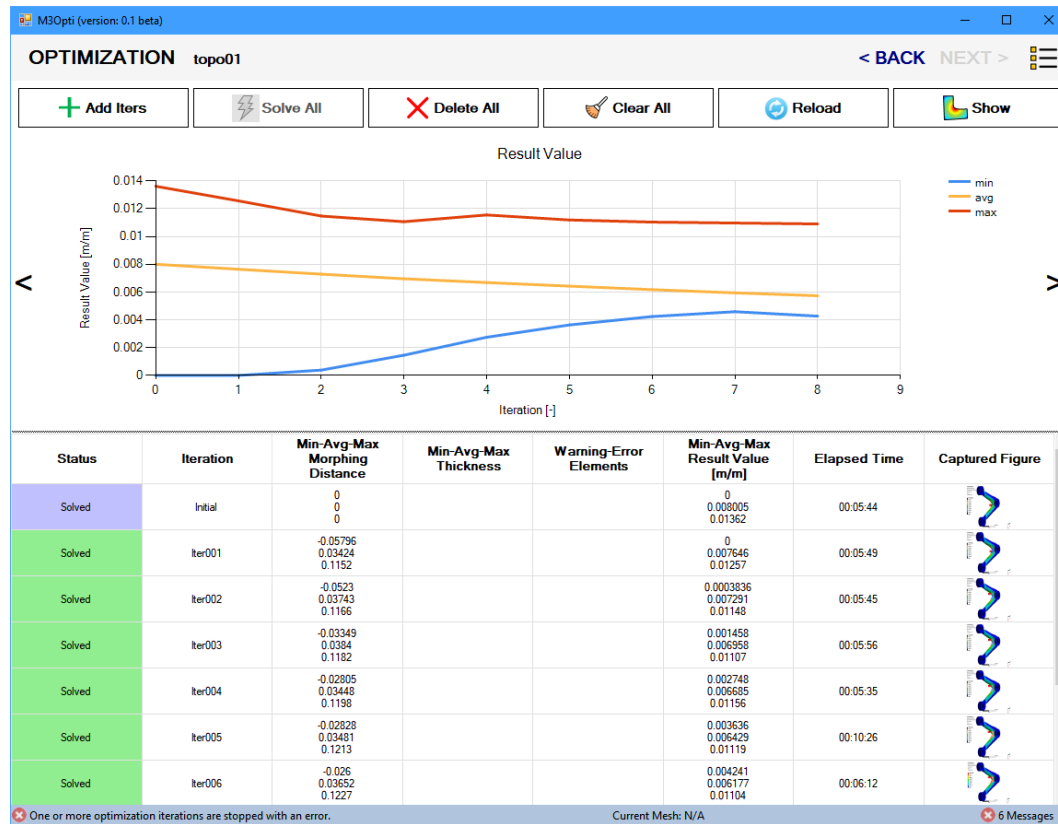
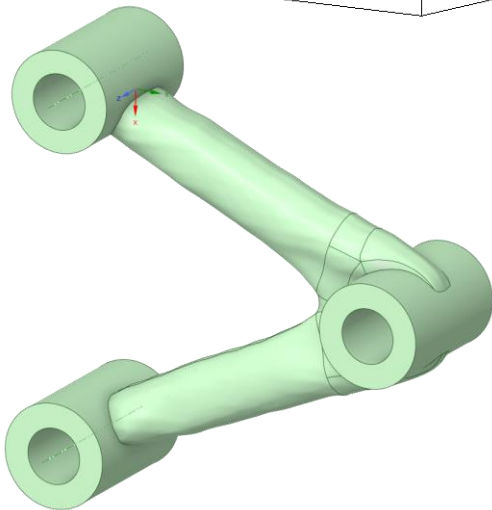
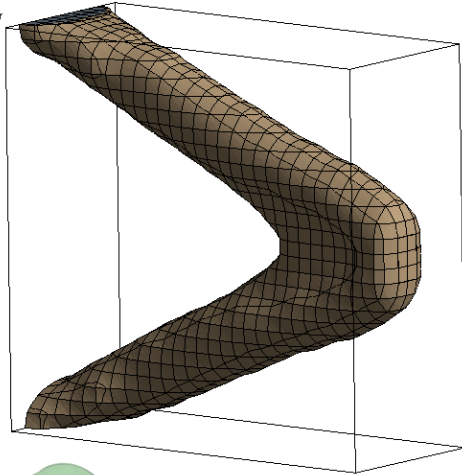


# M3Opti – Example

Final step after topological optimization – improved design (all nonlinearities can be included)

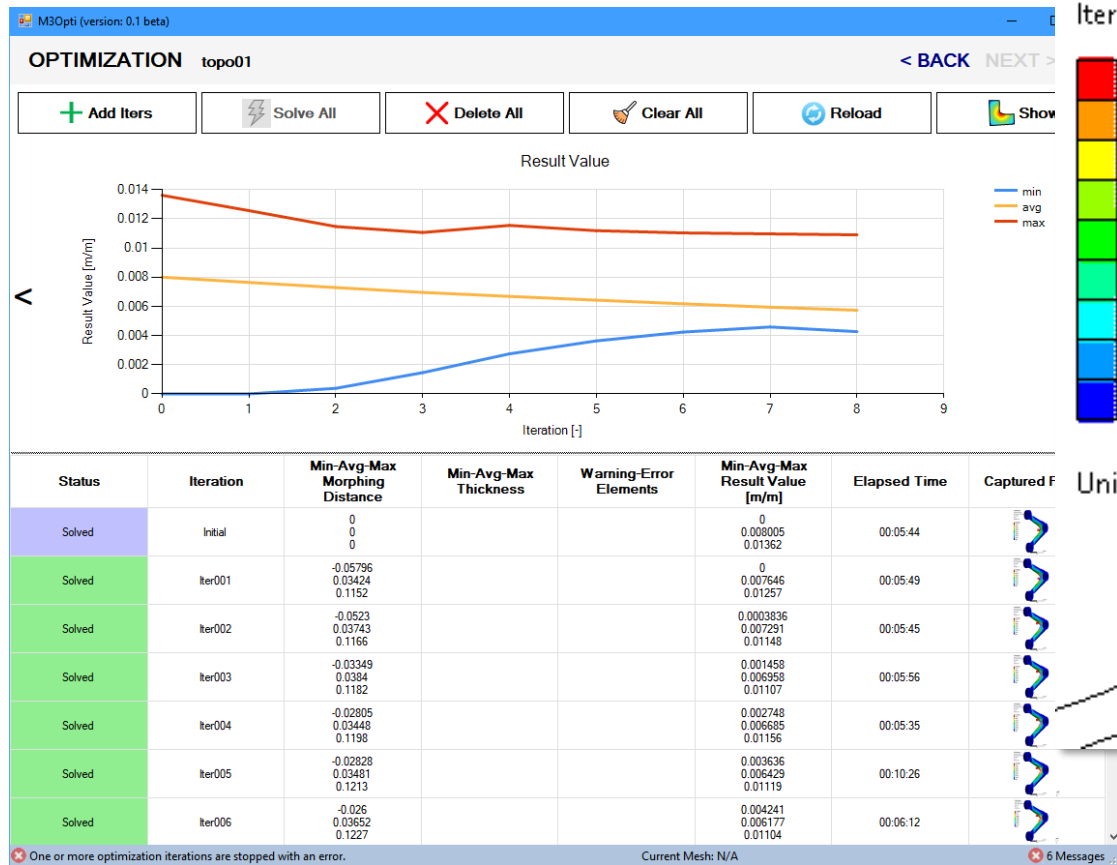
**B: Structural Optimization**  
Topology Density Tracker  
Type: Topology Density Tracker  
Iteration Number: 46  
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Remove (0.0 to 0.4)  
Marginal (0.4 to 0.6)  
Keep (0.6 to 1.0)



# M3Opti – Postprocessing

Contour results can be displayed without presented RST file. An animation can be also easily created from iteration steps.



C: Static Structural

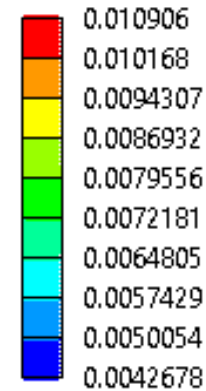
Solution

Time: 1. s

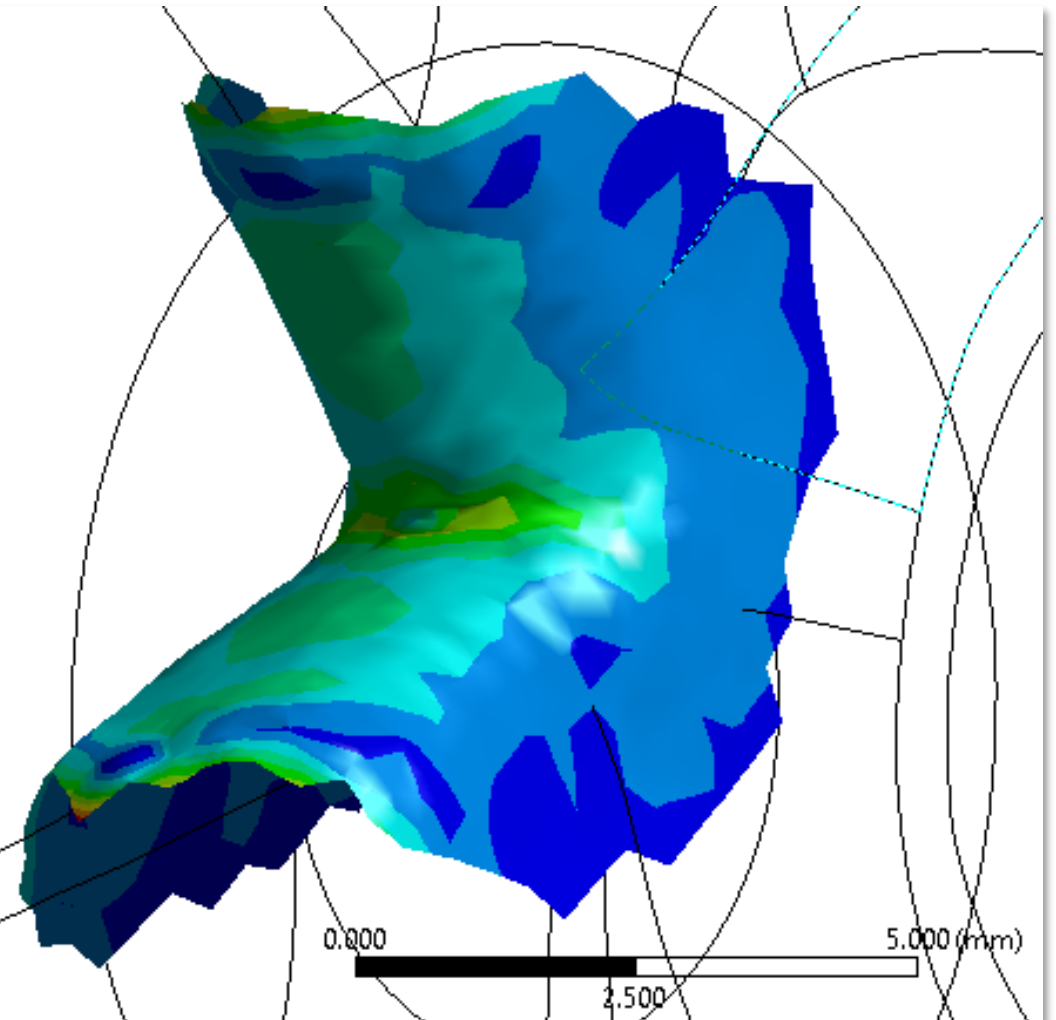
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Result Value

Iter008



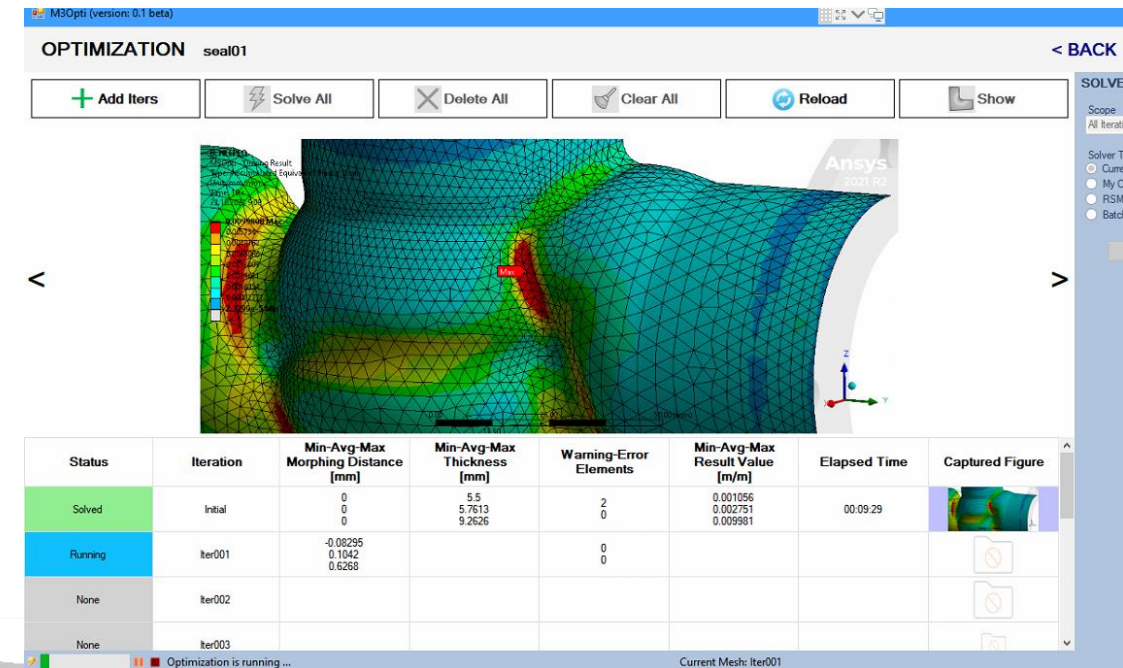
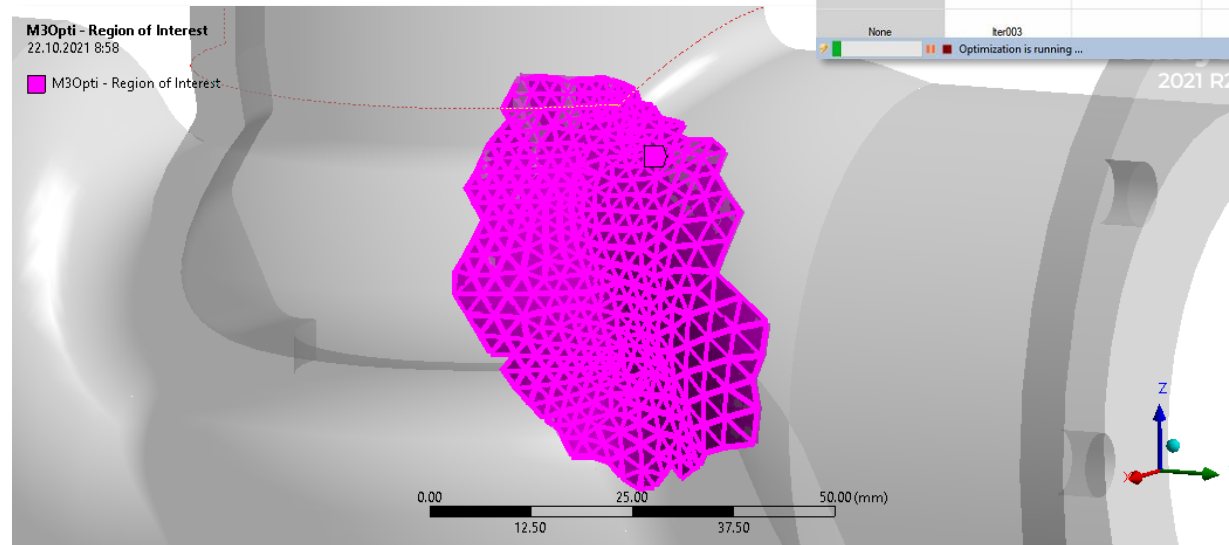
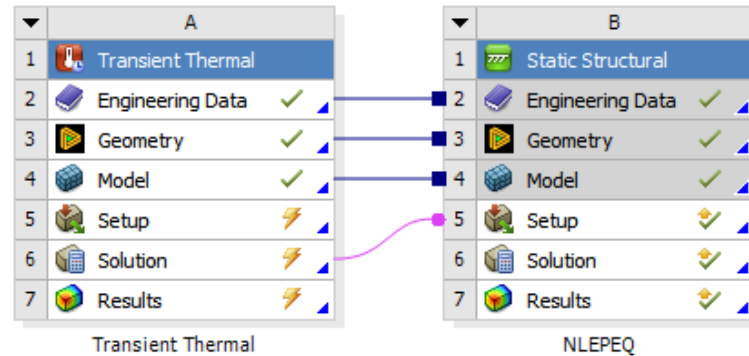
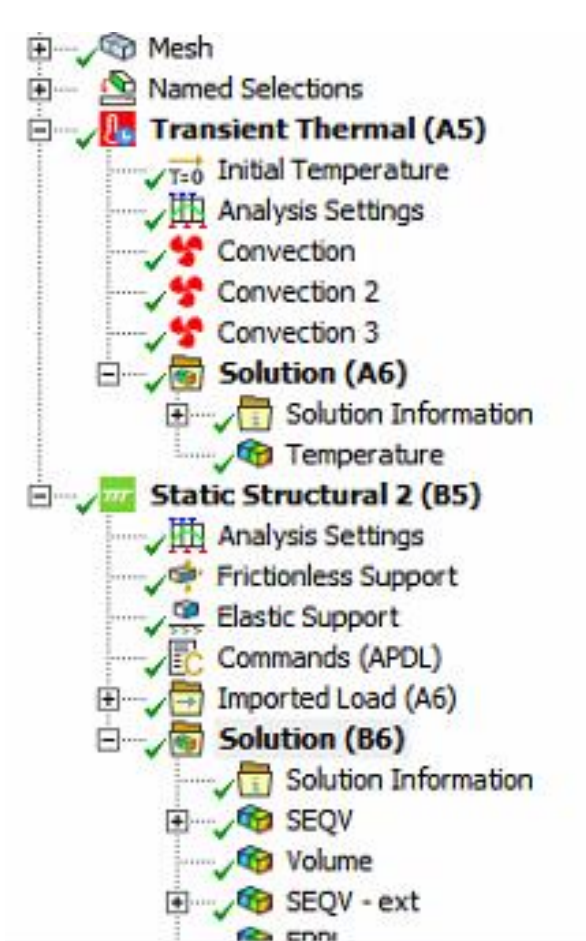
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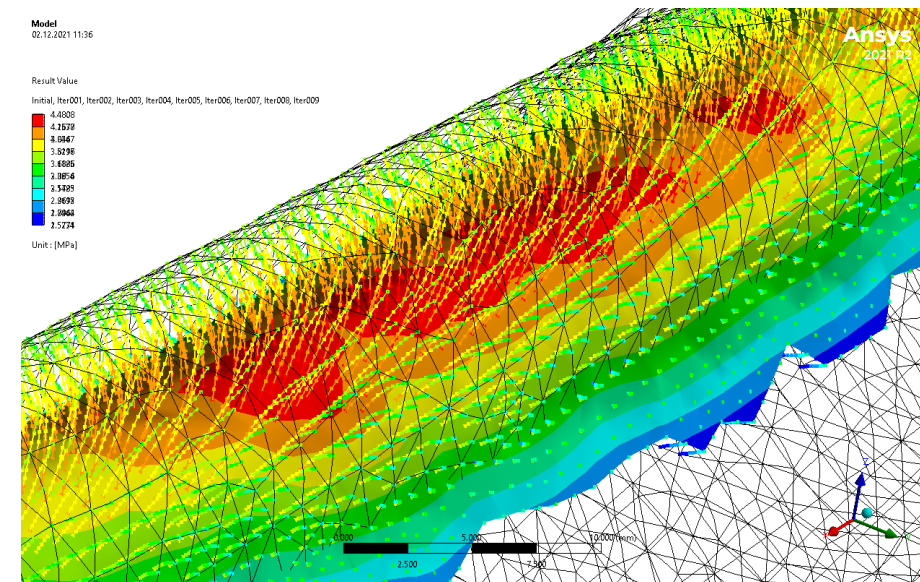
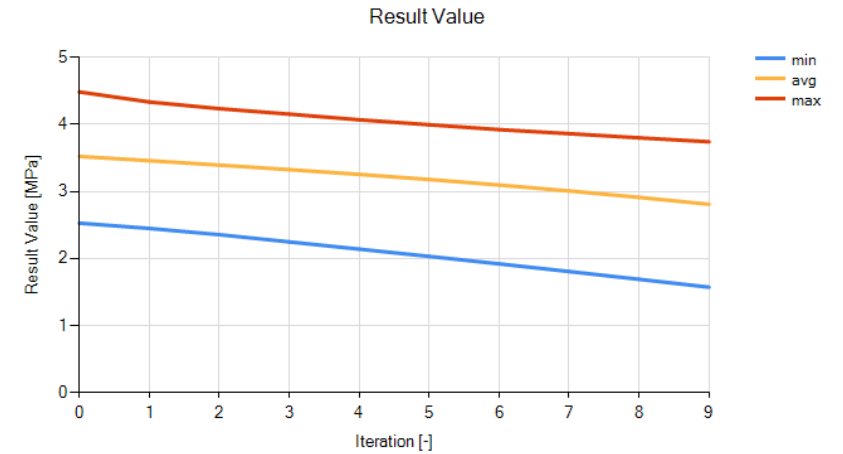
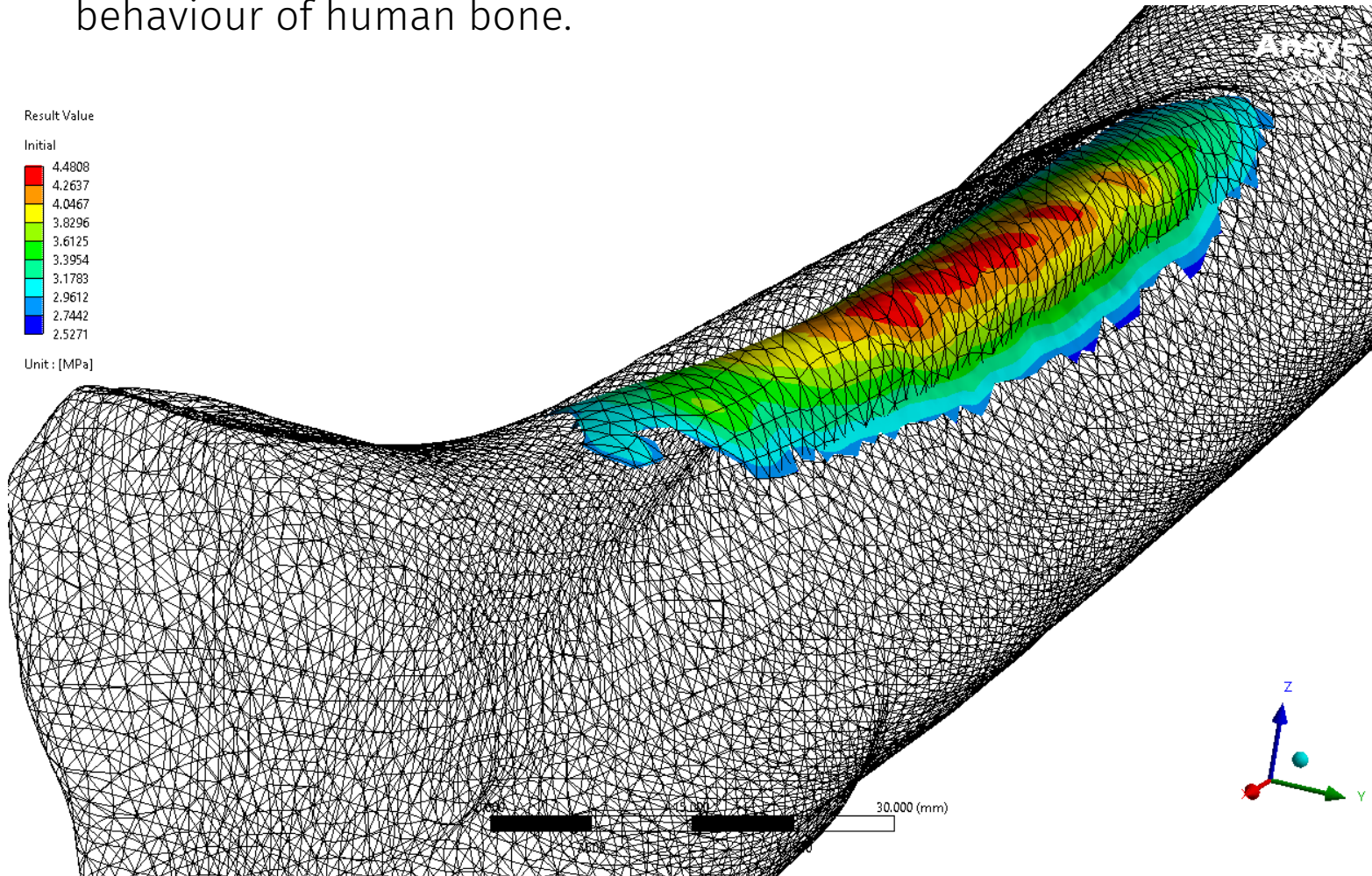
# M3Opti – Example

Thermo-structural nonlinear solution of seal housing body  
– fatigue resistance improved in chosen parts.



# M3Opti – Example

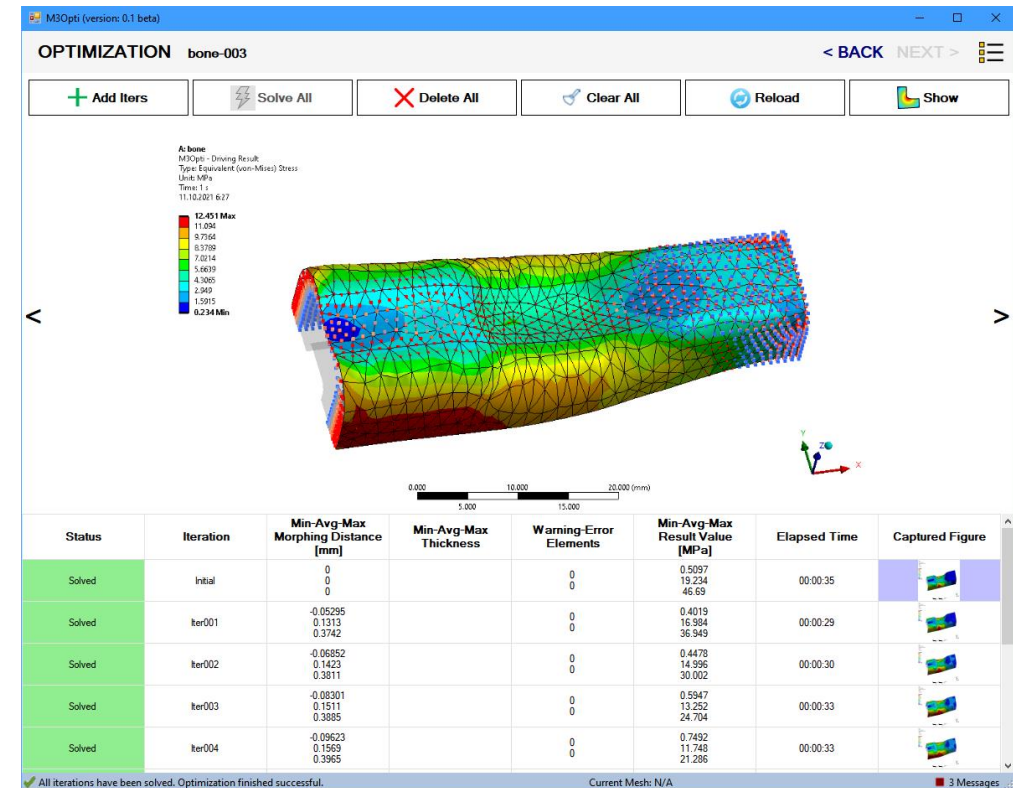
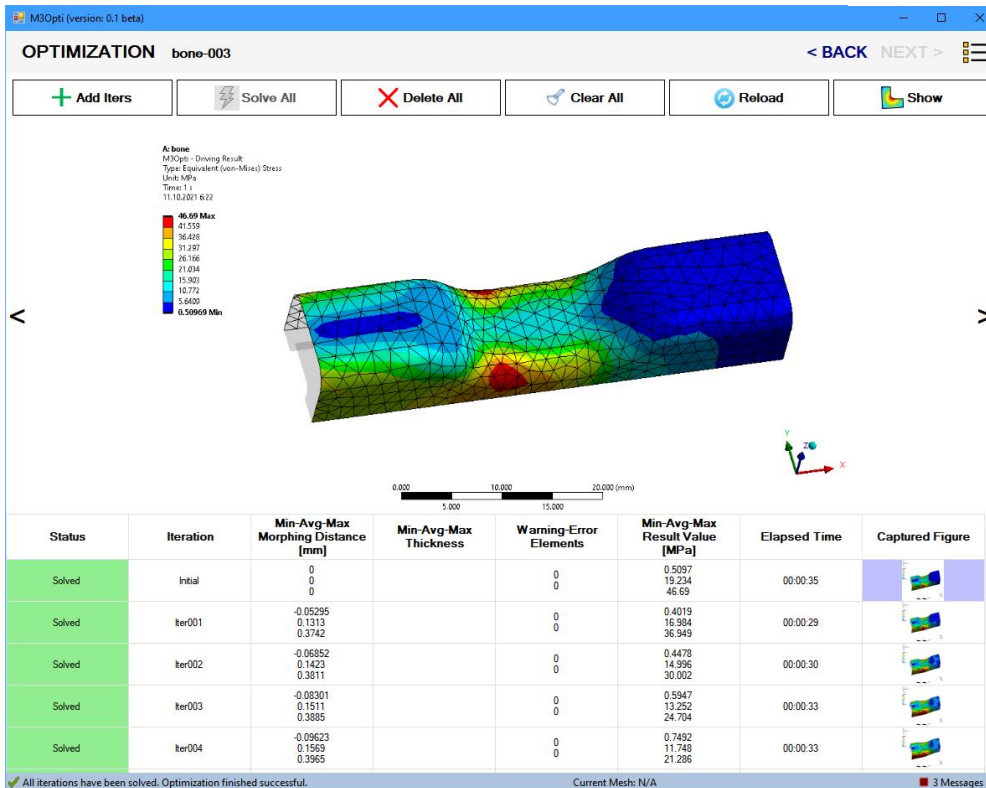
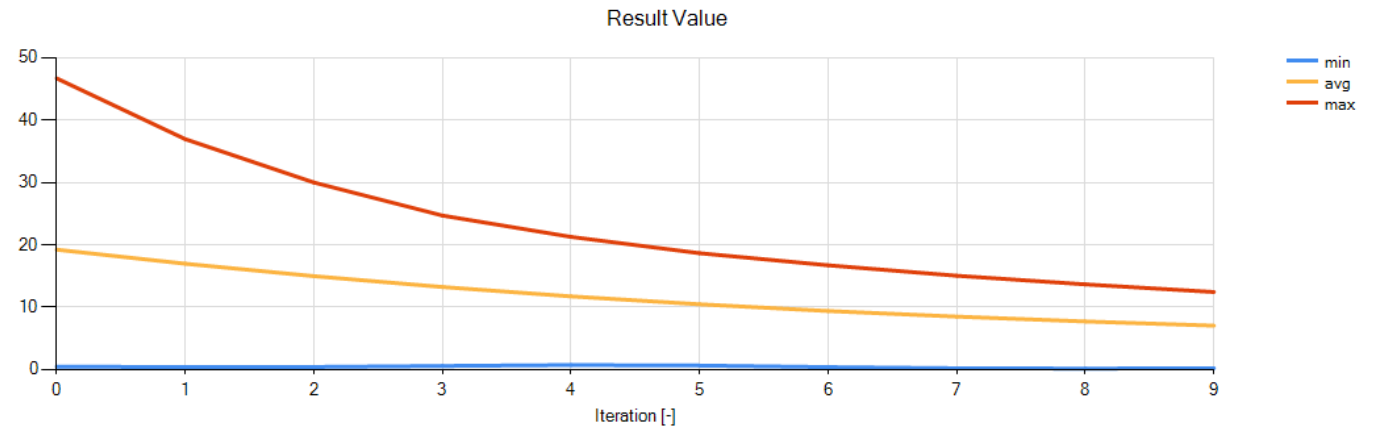
Improvement stress  
behaviour of human bone.





# M3Opti – Example

Improvement stress behaviour of specimen structure.







# M3Opti – Integrated Help

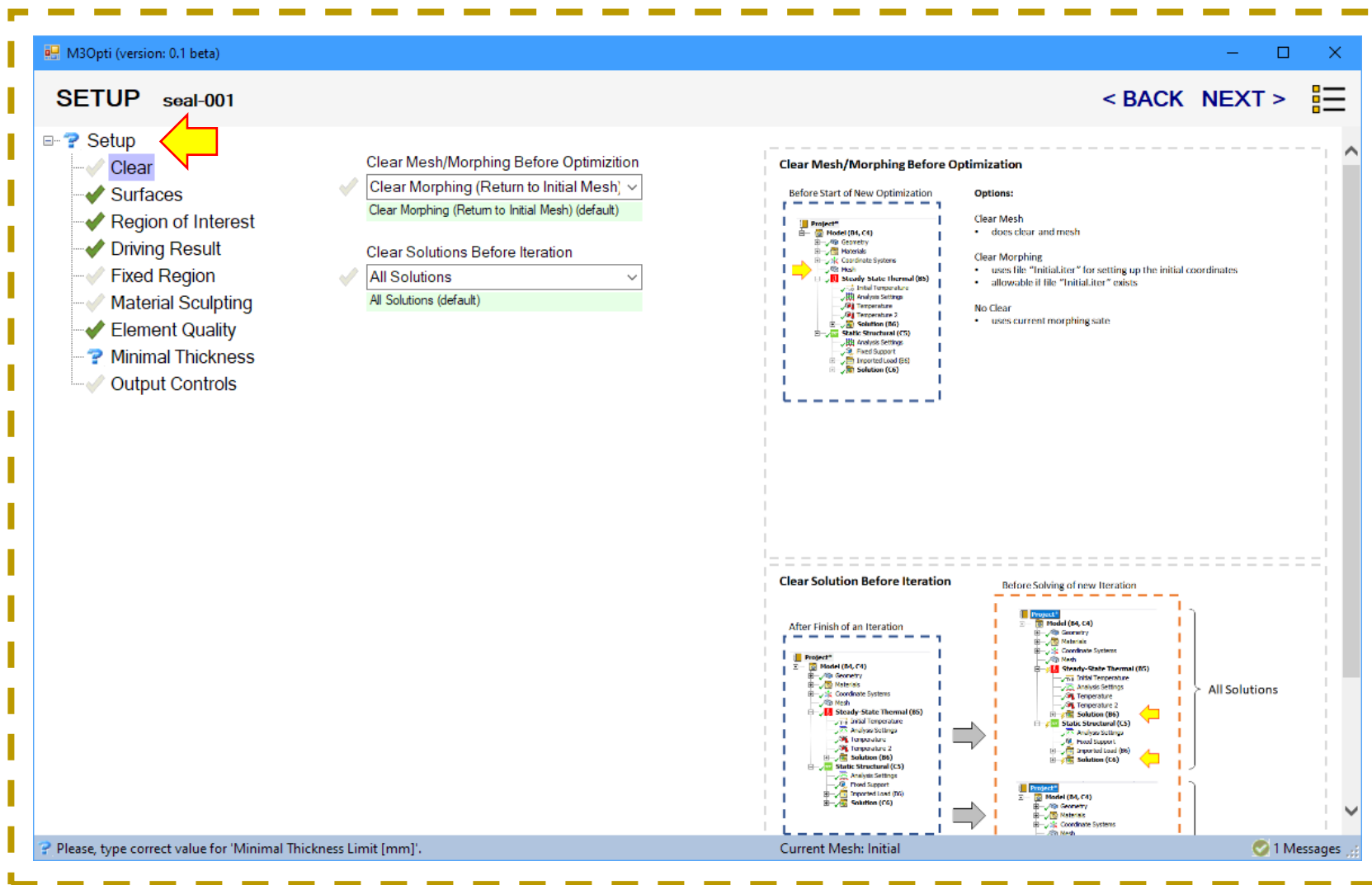
## Basic Workflow

(3) Type you name of your optimization analysis



## Basic Workflow

(4) Setup the optimization analysis step by step



## Basic Workflow

(5) Add iterations and solve them. Review results.

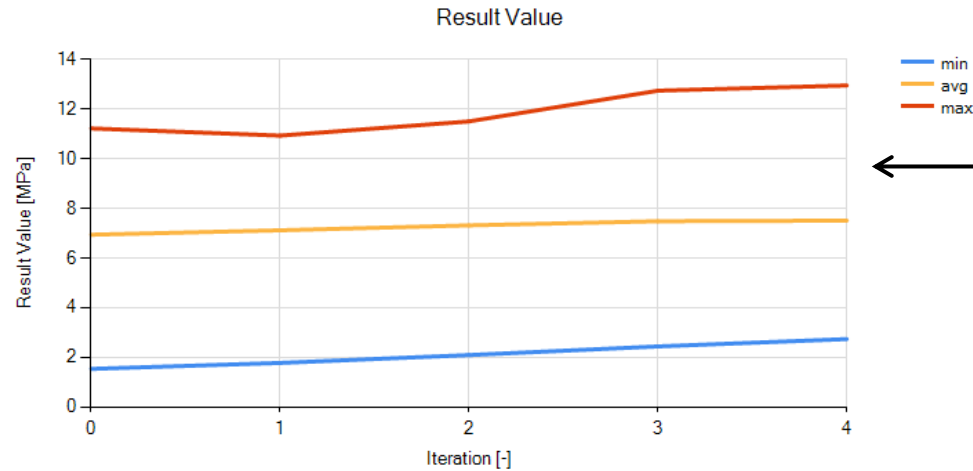
The screenshot shows the M3Opti software interface for optimization. The top bar indicates the current project is 'OPTIMIZATION seal-001'. The toolbar contains several action buttons: '+ Add Iters' (highlighted with a red arrow), 'Solve All' (highlighted with a red arrow), 'Delete All', 'Clear All', 'Reload', and 'Show'. The main workspace displays a 3D model of a mechanical part with a color-coded stress distribution. A dashed box labeled 'Optimization Help' is overlaid on the workspace, showing a smaller version of the interface with labels for 'Menu', 'Viewer (charts, figures, helps, logs, ...)', 'Navigation', and 'Grid (charts, figures, helps, logs, ...)'. Below the workspace is a table with the following columns: Status, Iteration, Min-Avg-Max Morphing Distance, Min-Avg-Max Thickness, Warning-Error Elements, Min-Avg-Max Result Value, Elapsed Time, and Captured Figure. The bottom status bar shows 'No Iteration.', 'Current Mesh: Initial', and '1 Messages'.



## Basic Workflow

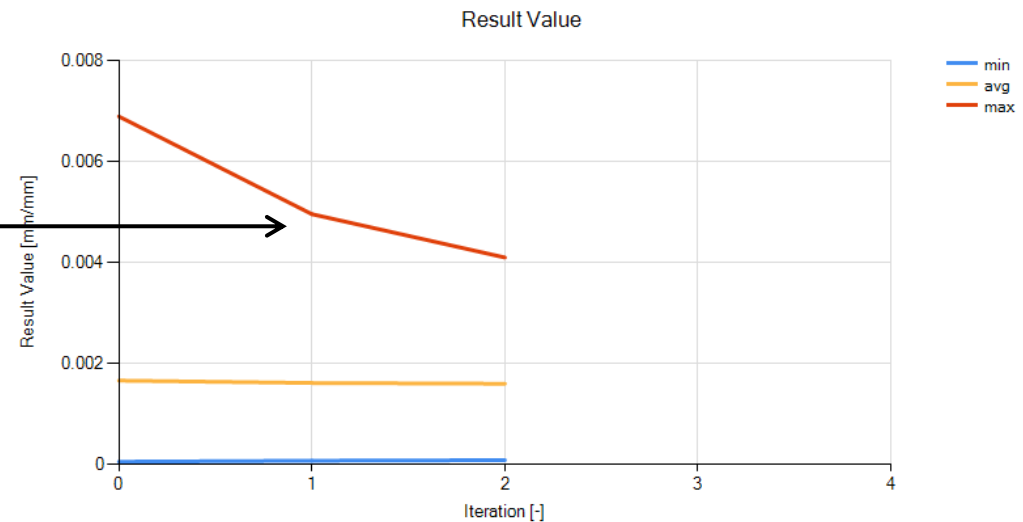
(6) Checking optimization progress,

- in general, decreasing of driving result values is main goal of the shape optimization analysis,
- observing maximal/average/minimal values from whole field can show if solution is going well or wrongly



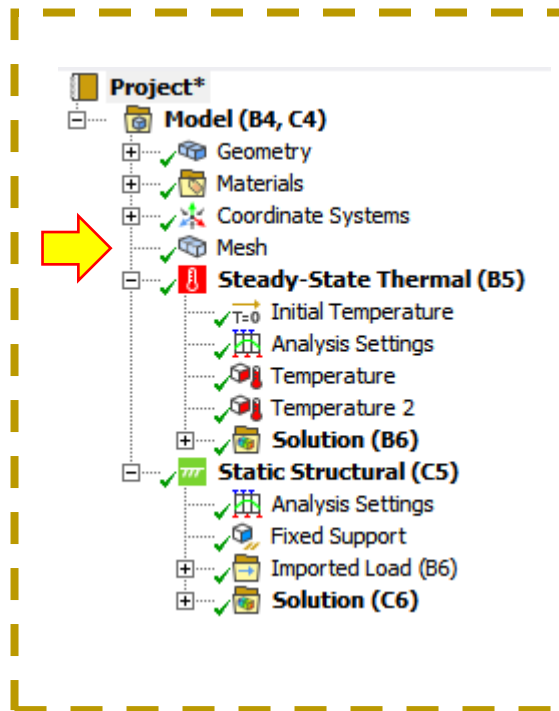
Wrong optimization progress

Perfect optimization progress



## Clear Mesh/Morphing Before Optimization

Before Start of New Optimization



### Options:

#### Clear Mesh

- does clear and mesh

#### Clear Morphing

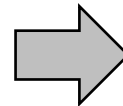
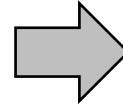
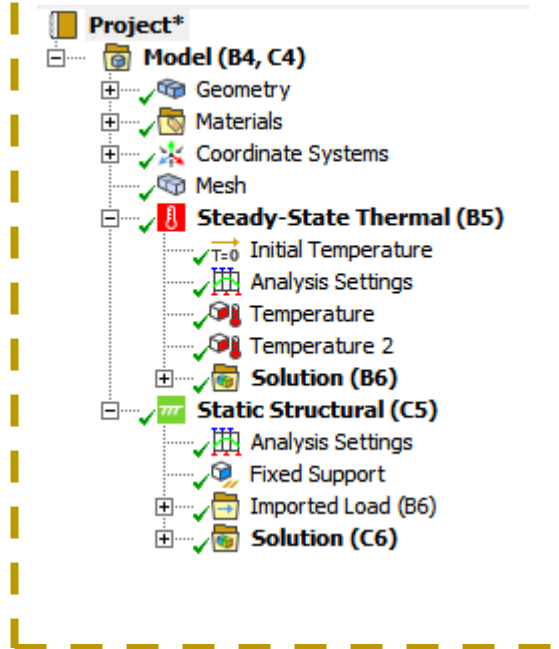
- uses file "Initial.coords" for setting up the initial coordinates
- allowable if file "Initial.iter" exists

#### No Clear

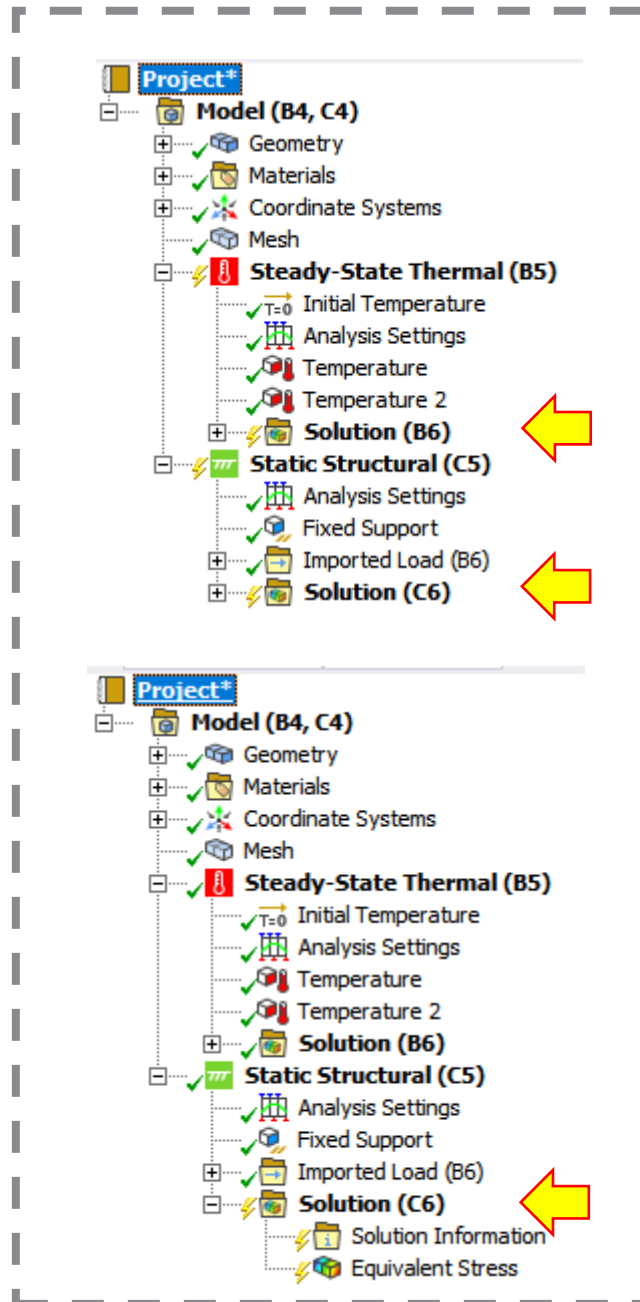
- uses current morphing state

## Clear Solution Before Iteration

After Finish of an Iteration



Before Solving of new Iteration



All Solutions

Only One With Result  
(Driving Result Object)

### Note:

In case of “Only One With Result” for example same field of temperatures will be used in following Static Structural, solving of Thermal analysis will be skipped every time (assumption small change in temperature field)

## Sculpting Method

### BGM

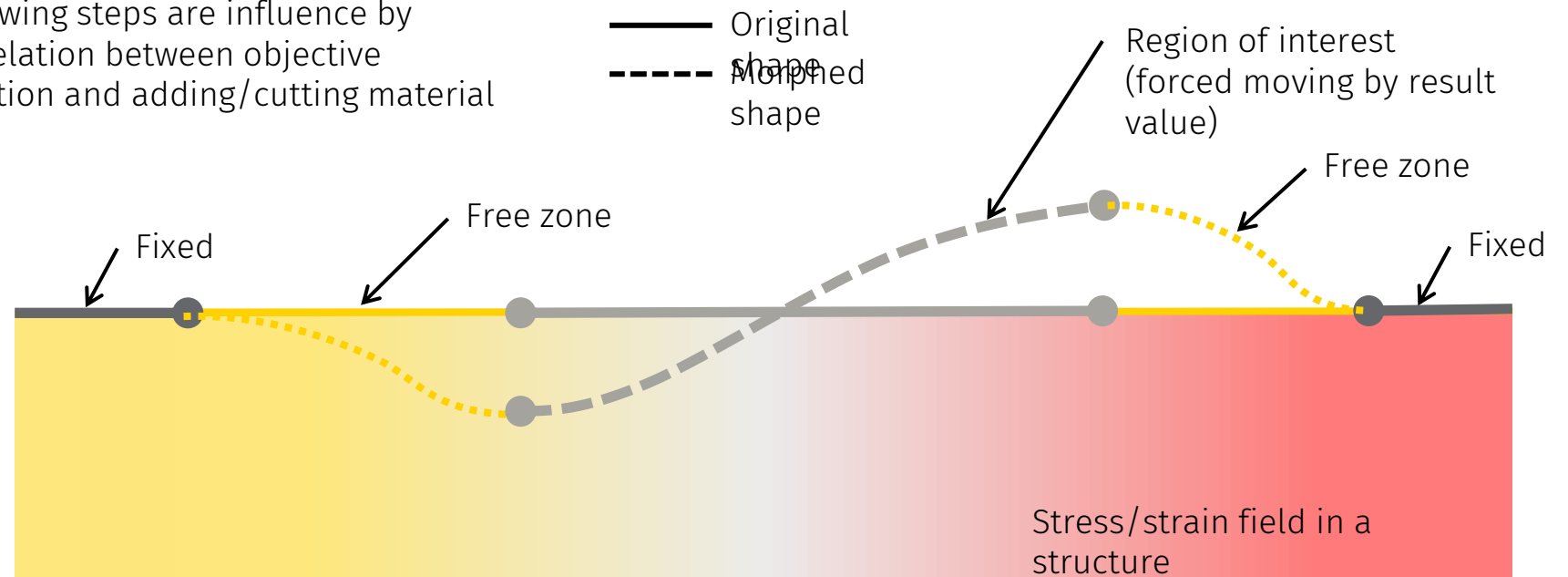
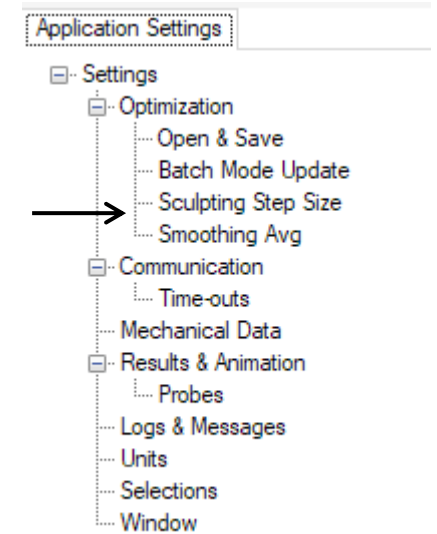
- Biological Growth Method sculpting
- inspired by nature
- add material where “structure” (like bones, trees, ...) is overstressed
- **Automatic** ... predefined settings
- **Manual** ... individual settings

### BGM + Correlation Scatter (Beta)

- initial steps are performed as pure BGM
- following steps are influence by correlation between objective function and adding/cutting material

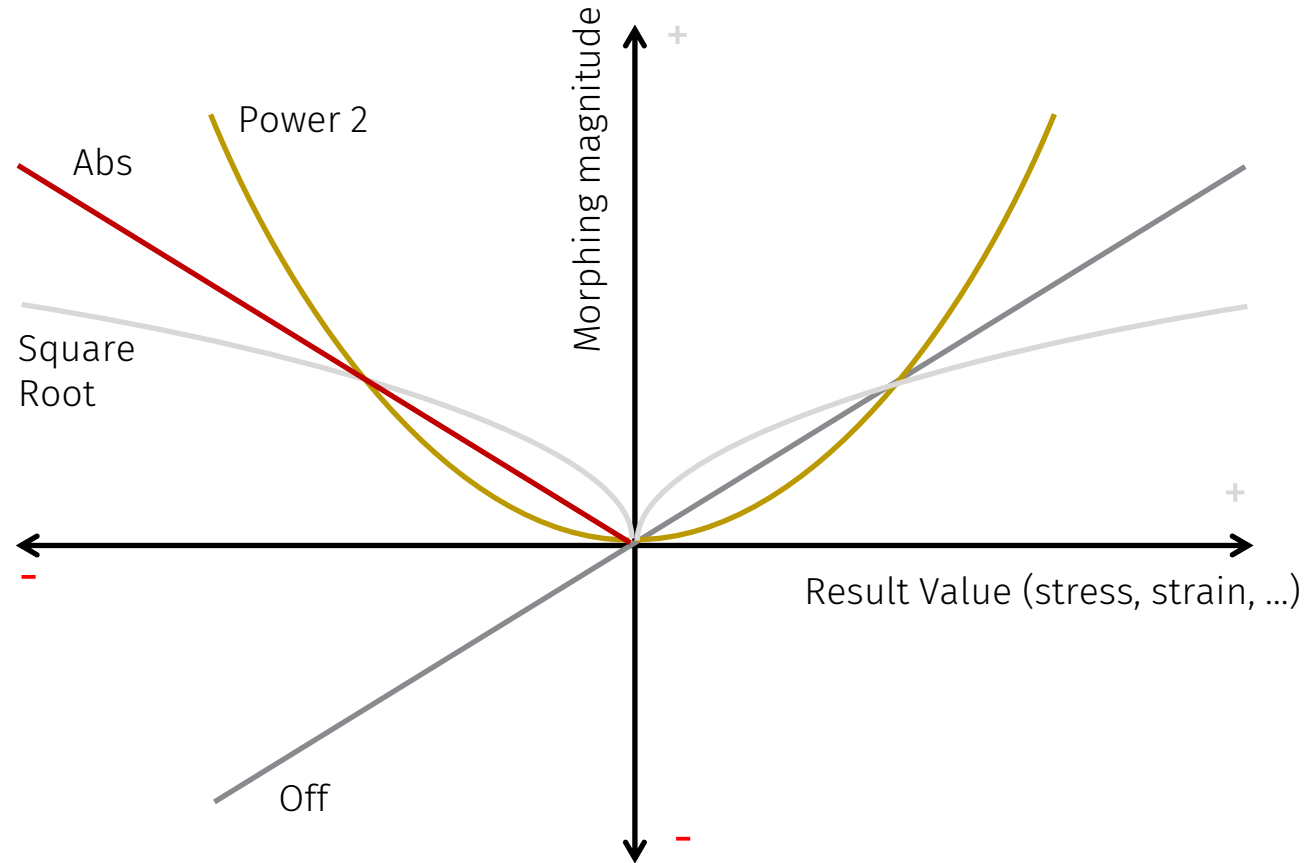
### Note:

Automatic predefined settings has been tuned to on typical models. User can customize the setting via BGM (Manual) option and application settings of M3Opti.





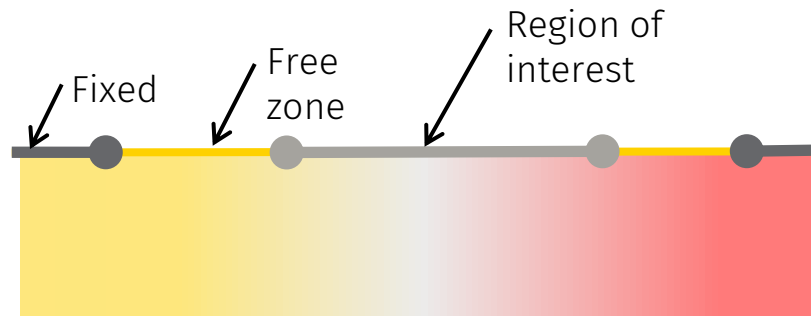
## Result Value Magnification



**Note:**  
Typically, absolute value (Abs) should be used. But user can magnify high or low values by power or sqrt function.

## Sculpting Direction

Initial state (original shape)

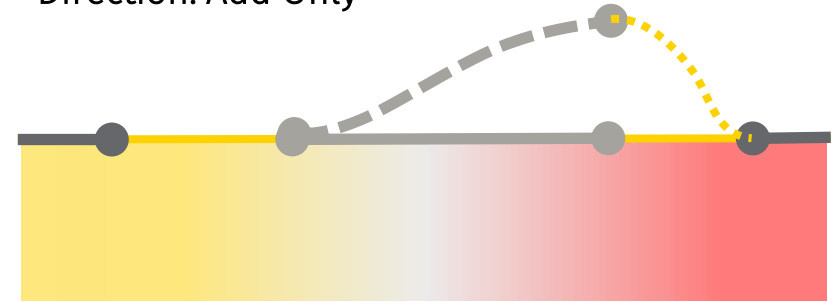


### Note:

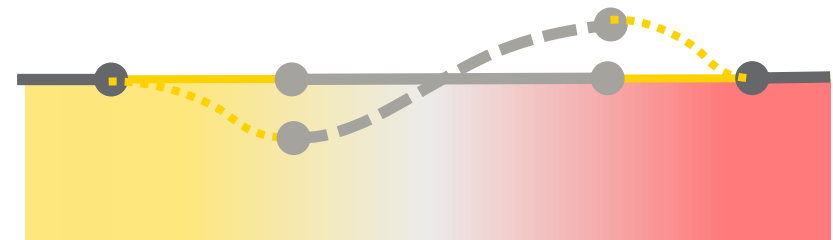
The setting affects if material will be added or reduced. Threshold (tr) is defined relatively to result values in region of interest:

- Add Only ...  $tr = \min(\text{result values})$
- Add Mainly ...  $tr = 25\% \text{ quantile of result values}$
- Add and Cut ...  $tr = 50\% \text{ quantile of result values}$
- Cut Mainly ...  $tr = 75\% \text{ quantile of result values}$
- Cut Only ...  $tr = \max(\text{result values})$

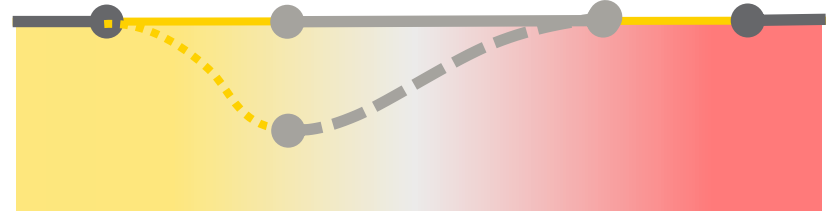
Direction: Add Only



Direction: Add and Cut



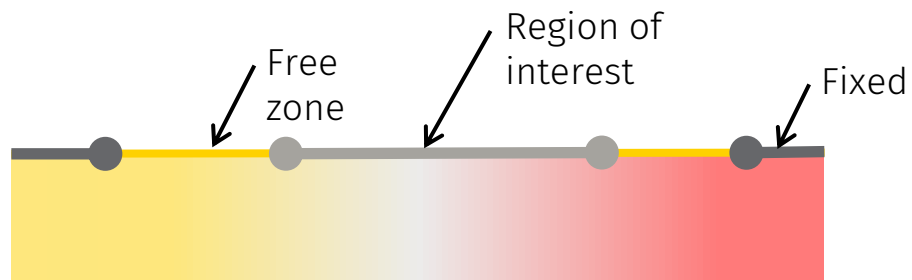
Direction: Cut Only



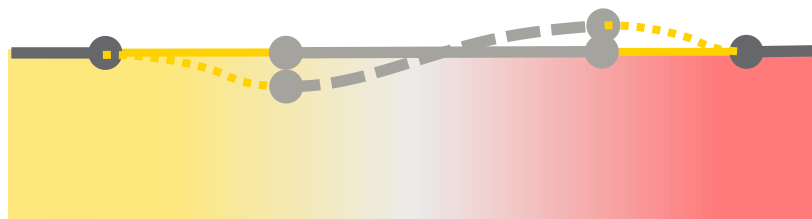
## Sculpting Step Size

— Original shape  
 - - - Morphed shape

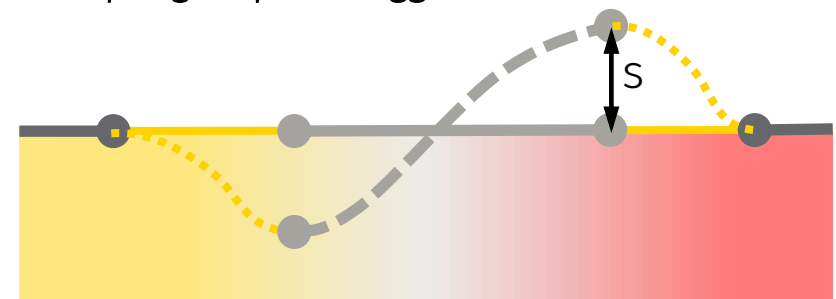
Initial state (original shape)



Sculpting Step Size: Fine



Sculpting Step Size: Aggressive



Sculpting Step Size Manual	0.002
Sculpting Step Ratio Extra Aggressive	1.5
Sculpting Step Ratio Aggressive	1
Sculpting Step Ratio Normal	0.5
Sculpting Step Ratio Fine	0.25
Sculpting Step Ratio Extra Fine	0.12

### Note:

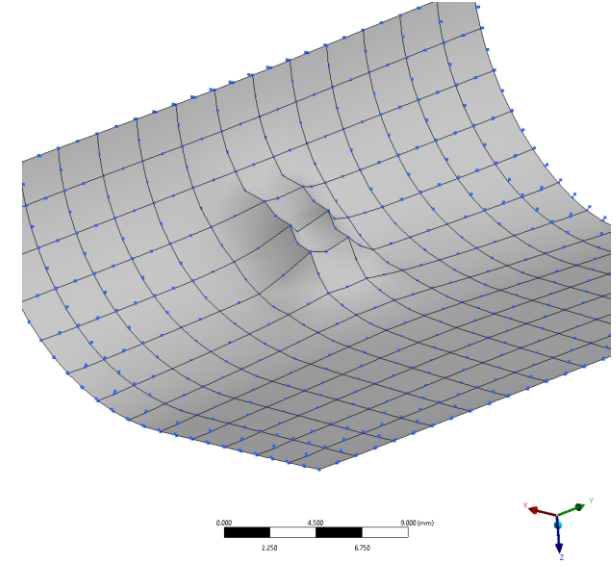
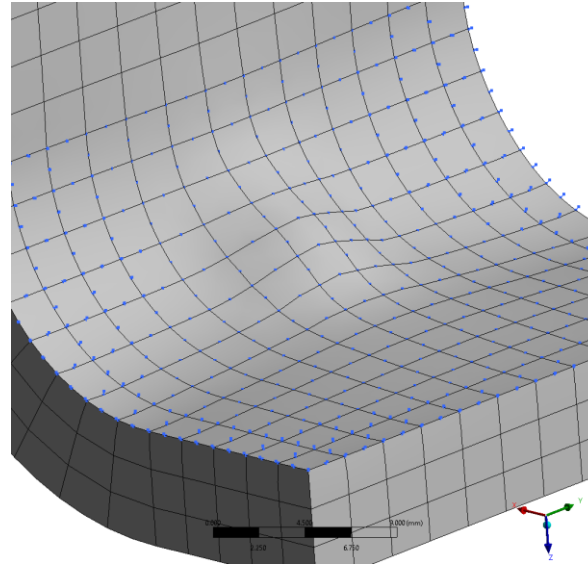
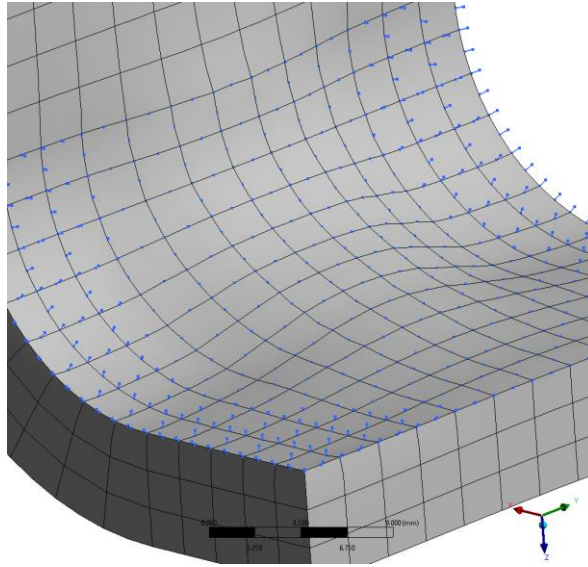
In general, larger step size increase convergence (faster decrease of stress/strain), but, large step can lead to wrong mesh quality. Automatic predefined settings is relative to element size attached to region of interest. The ratio can be see or changed in Settings of M3Opti.

Final max step size (s) is:

- $s = \text{ratio} * \text{avg}(\text{element size})$

## Smoothing

Smoothing level



### More smoothing

- adds material in larger area
- better for fine mesh
- can lead to wrong capture of local overstress

### Less smoothing

- adds material more locally
- better for coarse mesh
- can lead to wrong element quality

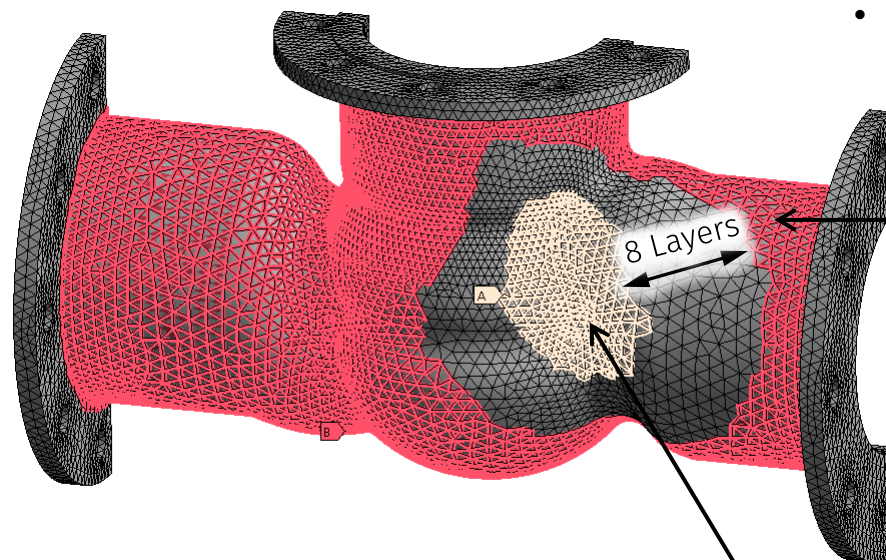


## Fixed Region

Fixed Region Definition = Automatic

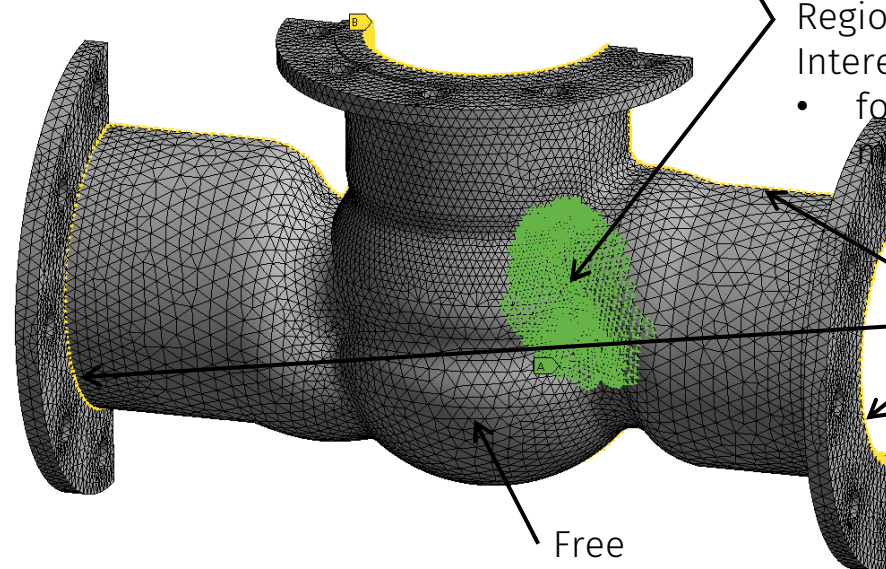
Notes:

- Internal nodes are fixed if region of interest lays on external
- External nodes are fixed if region of interest lays on internal



Fixed region

- Only a Few Layers Around Interest Region
- 8 Layers (free morphing)



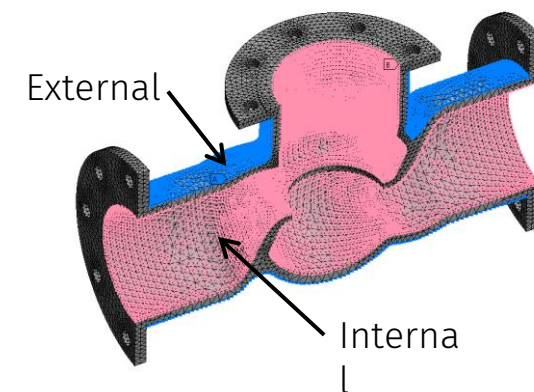
Region of Interest

- forced moving

Fixed region

- Border Edges

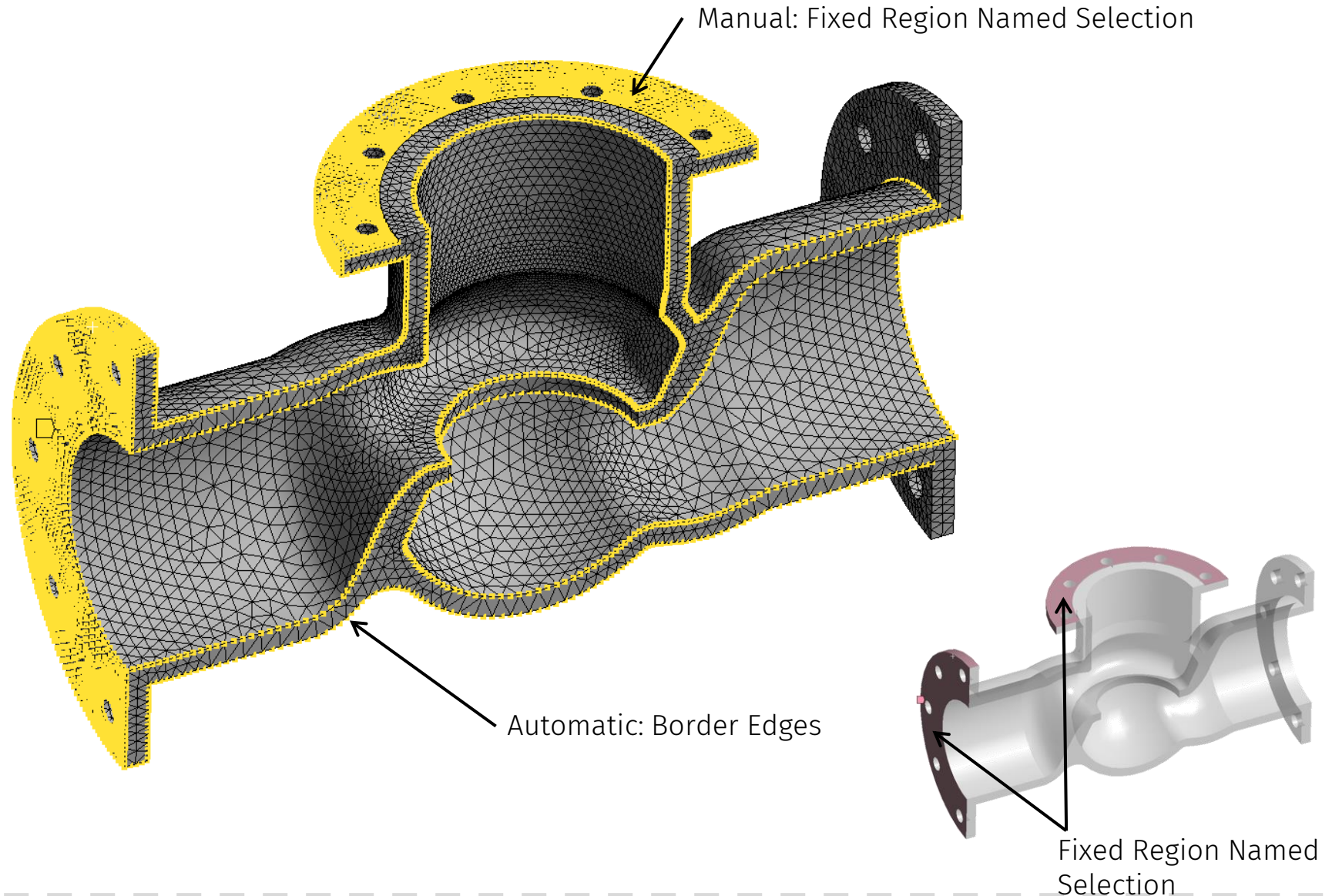
Free morphing



## Fixed Region

Fixed Region Definition = Automatic & Manual

- Border Edges
- Fixed Region Named Selection



## Surfaces

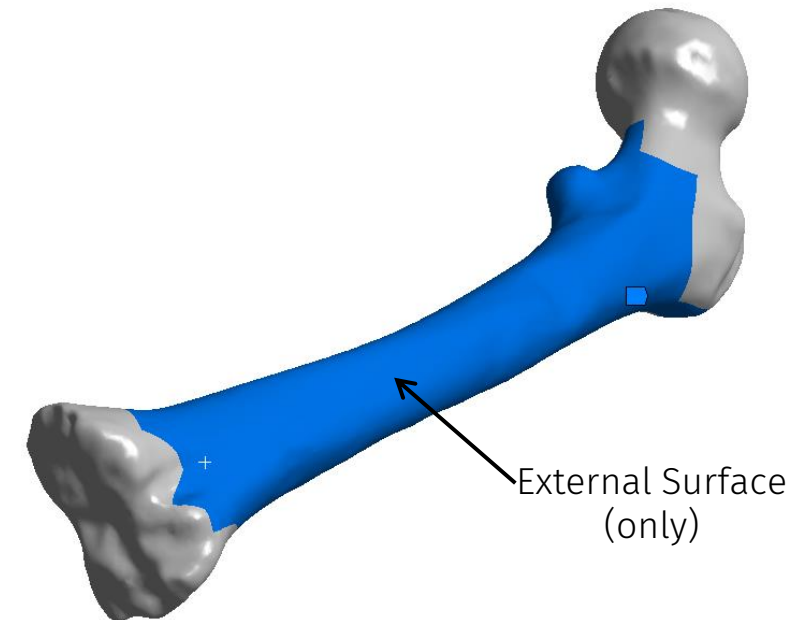
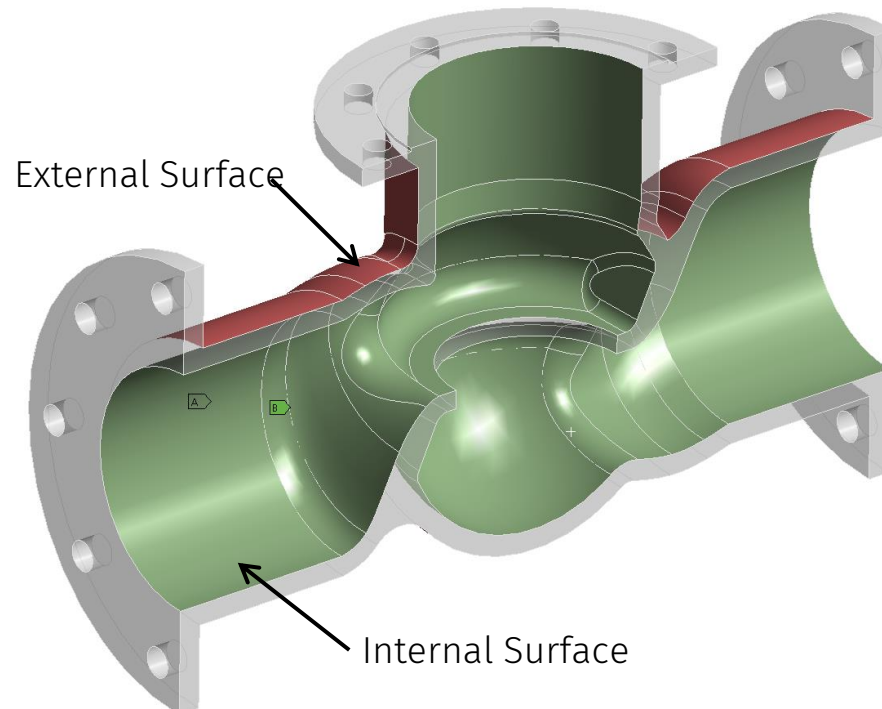
M3Opti Shape Optimization is based on morphing surfaces of a body.

Two body types are supported:

- **Body Type = With Internal Faces** ... thin wall bodies or for bodies where thickness of plate should be checked
- **Body Type = Only External Faces** ... solid bodies (without cavities)

Surfaces are used for:

- specification of bodies which are used in optimization
- opposite surface (to region of interest) is fixed (if automatic fixing is used)
- specification surfaces for wall thickness constraints





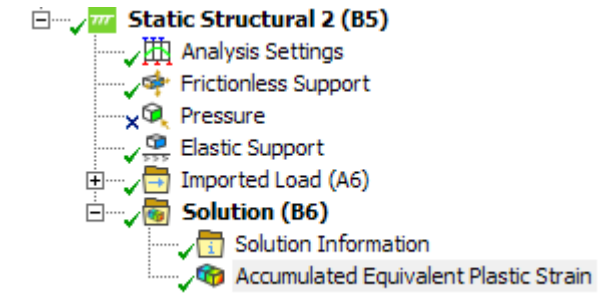
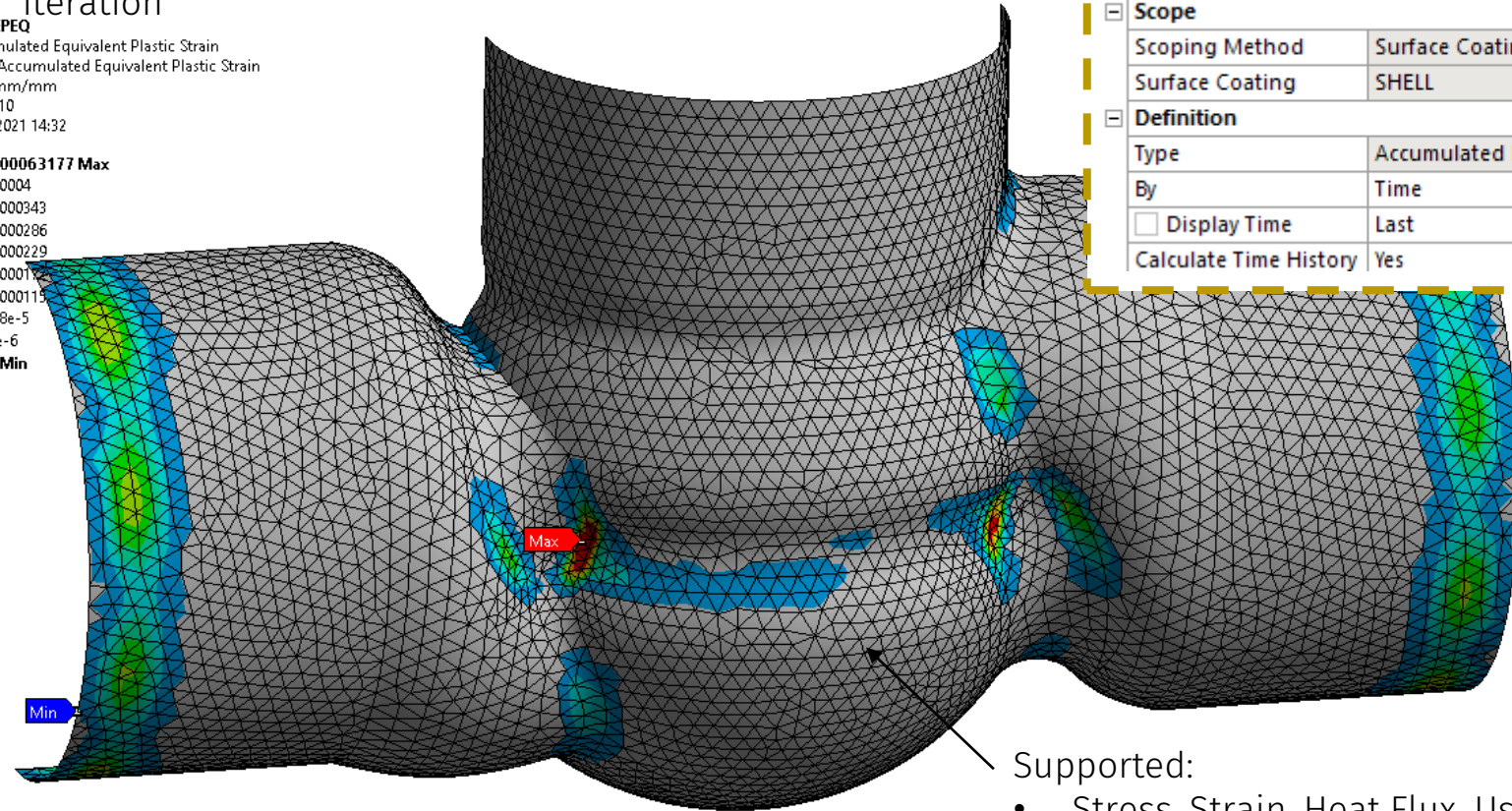
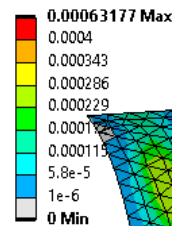
## Driving Result

Driving Result is reference (by name) of result object which will be source of driving values for optimization (mesh morphing)

- nodal values for all nodes in Region of Interest have to be included
- select specific time (or max. over time, ...)
- parent analysis/solution is clearing each optimization iteration

B: NLEPEQ

Accumulated Equivalent Plastic Strain  
Type: Accumulated Equivalent Plastic Strain  
Unit: mm/mm  
Time: 10  
25.06.2021 14:32



Details of "Accumulated Equivalent Plastic Strain" ▾ 🔍 □

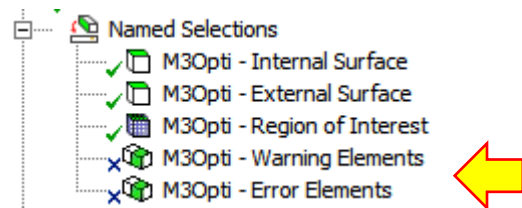
Scope	
Scoping Method	Surface Coating
Surface Coating	SHELL
Definition	
Type	Accumulated Equivalent Plastic Strain
By	Time
<input type="checkbox"/> Display Time	Last
Calculate Time History	Yes

Supported:

- Stress, Strain, Heat Flux, User Defined Results
- Bodies, Faces, Element Faces
- Surface Coatings



## Check Element Quality = Yes



Defined by “Worksheet” Named Selections automatically generated. User can modify criteria individually.

Warning elements

- only for information

Error elements

- bisection of morphing magnitude is used if one or more elements occurred

Worksheet

M3Opti - Warning Elements

Generate

Note: Internal comparisons of values that have units are done in the CAD Unit System. See help for more information.

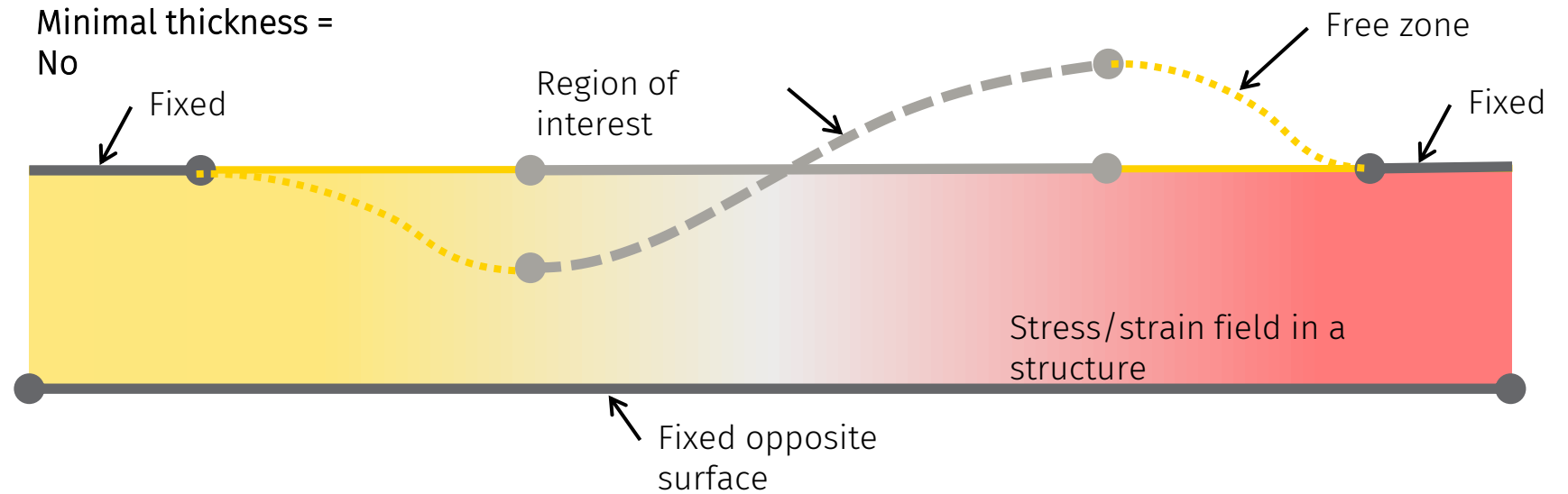
Current CAD Unit System: Metric (m, kg, N, s, V, A)

	Action	Entity Type	Criterion	Operator	Units	Value	Lower Bound	Upper Bound	Coordinate S...
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Add	Mesh Element	Element Quality	Less Than	N/A	0.2	N/A	N/A	N/A
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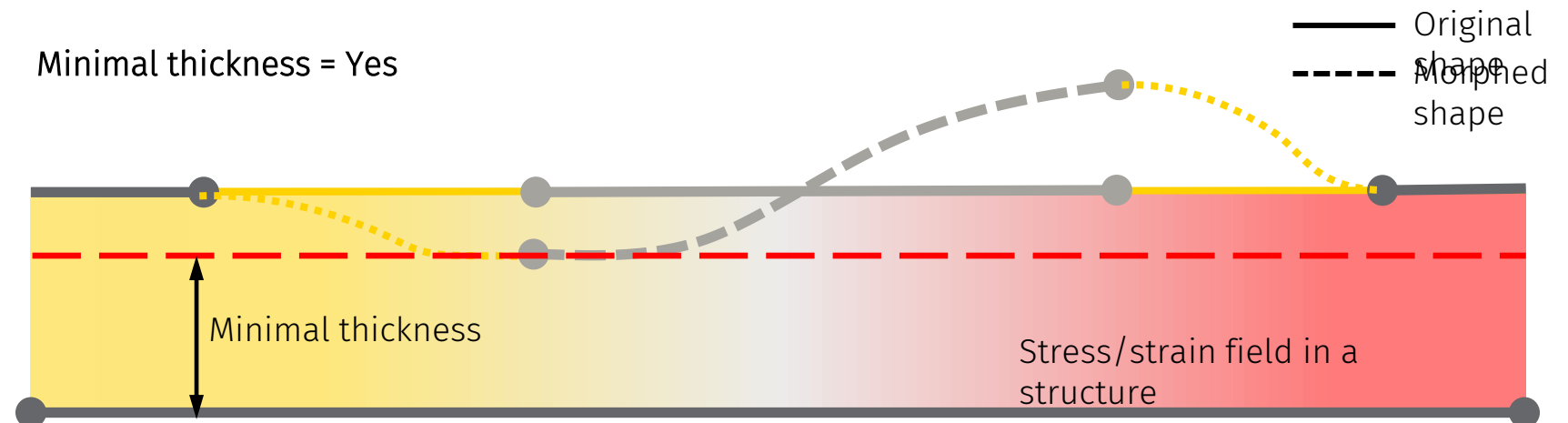
## Minimal Thickness

Minimal thickness defines constrain

Minimal thickness constrain is available only if External and Internal surfaces is specified.



Minimal thickness = Yes



## Output Control

Output Control defines which files will be saved during solution (each optimization iteration)

### Save RST Files

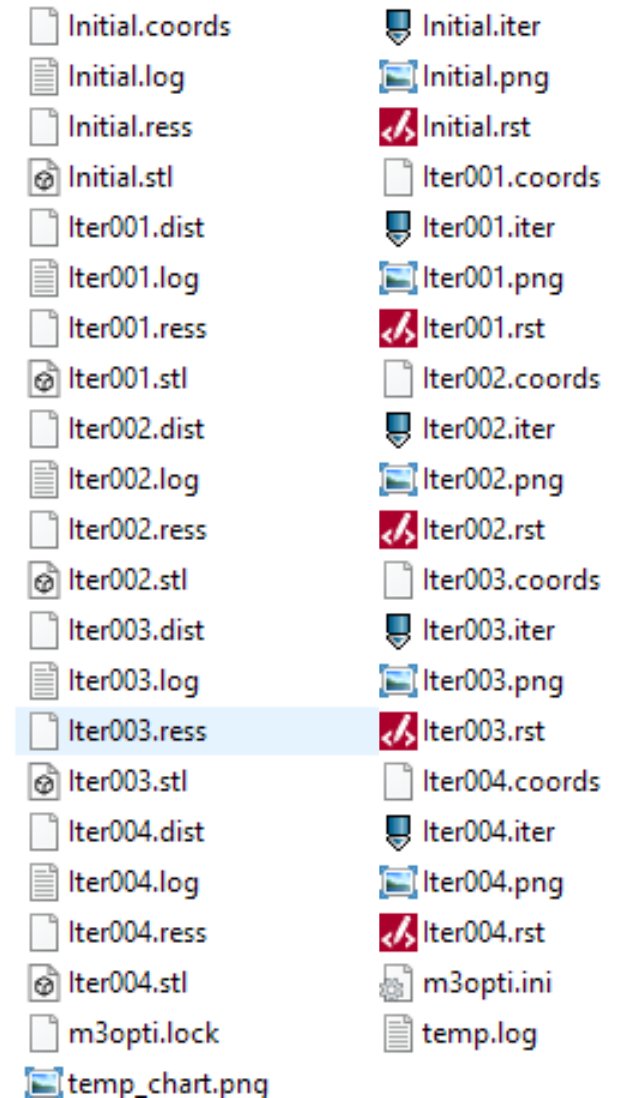
- allows to evaluate all result items for all solution for all time steps

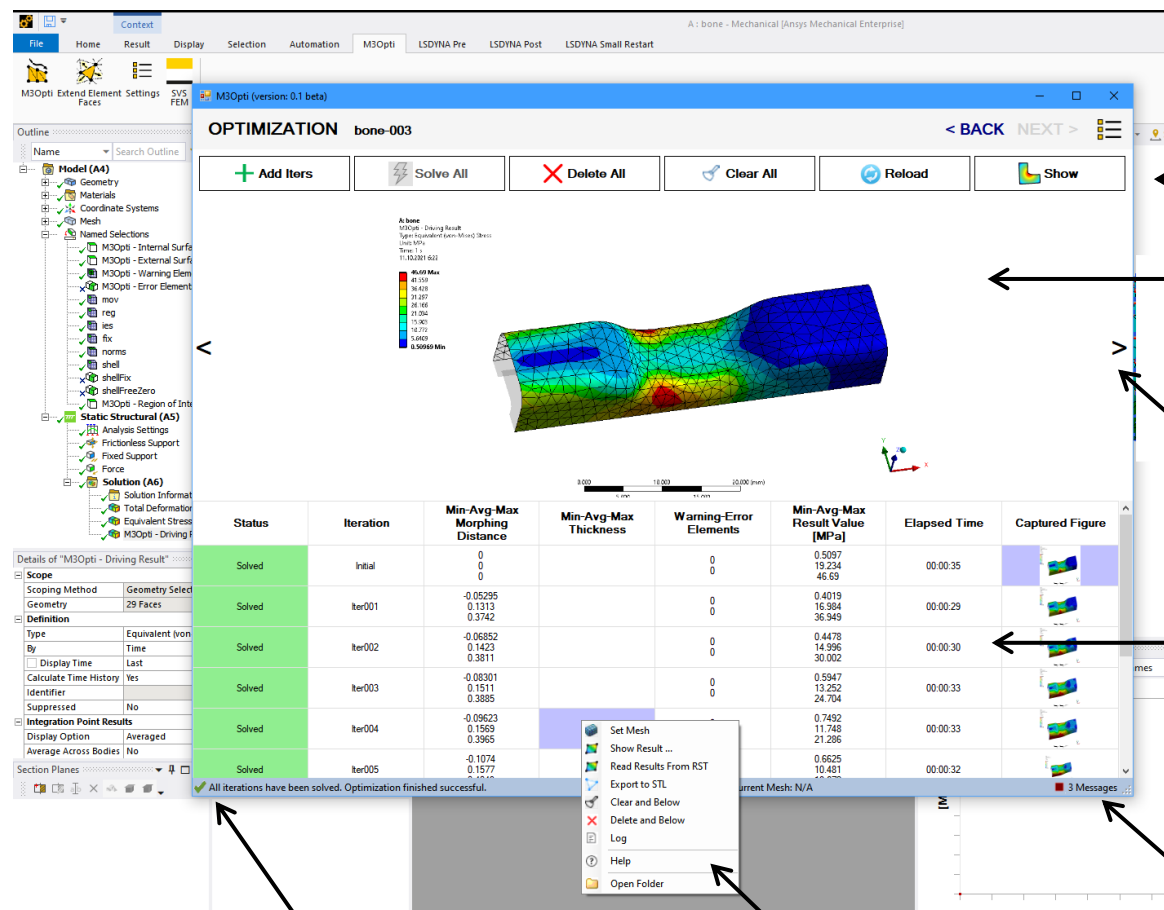
### Capture Figures

- captures current screen view for each optimization iteration

### Save Mesh STL Files

- saves external mesh into STL files for each optimization iteration
- STL file could be generated after solution but it can be more time consuming due to re-morphing the mesh





## Mesh & Morph State

Status bar shows current mesh/morph states. The tool allows to compare current Mechanical mesh with saved mesh in COORDS files which are saved each optimization iteration.

Mesh & morph states:

### No connection

- mesh state cannot be checked in Stand-alone mode

### No COORDS file

- no file with morphing (COORDS) is presented in optimization folder
- optimization has not been started or the files have been deleted

### No Mechanical data

- no mesh data received from Mechanical
- there is a problem with connection with mechanical

### No valid mesh

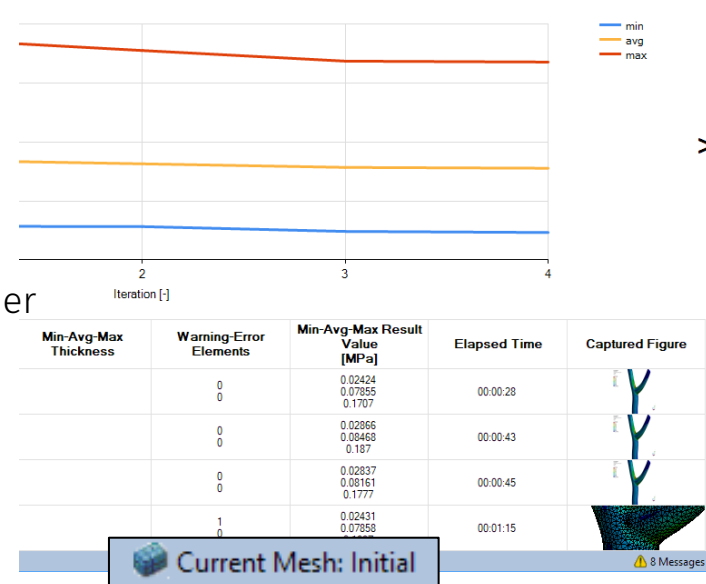
- mesh is not currently generated in Mechanical

### Not checked

- some COORDS files have been found and they are probably suitable with current mesh
- try check current mesh, which morphing mesh shape is matched

### Different mesh

- mesh is different than mesh in COORDS file(s) => count of nodes or elements does not match with counts in the file(s).
- the model (current mesh) is not suitable for current optimization, restart of optimization is not available.
- please, clear optimization and start new one.



Status of current mesh state

## Mesh & Morph State

Click to Current Mesh button to see more options:

### Check Current Mesh: ...

- performs comparison current mesh and morphing (COORDS) files
- tries to found the most suitable file to current mesh
- there are 3 options (fast ... precise)

### Check Current Mesh: Interest

- checks nodes only in Interest NS
- fastest
- could be less precise

### Check Current Mesh: Internal + External

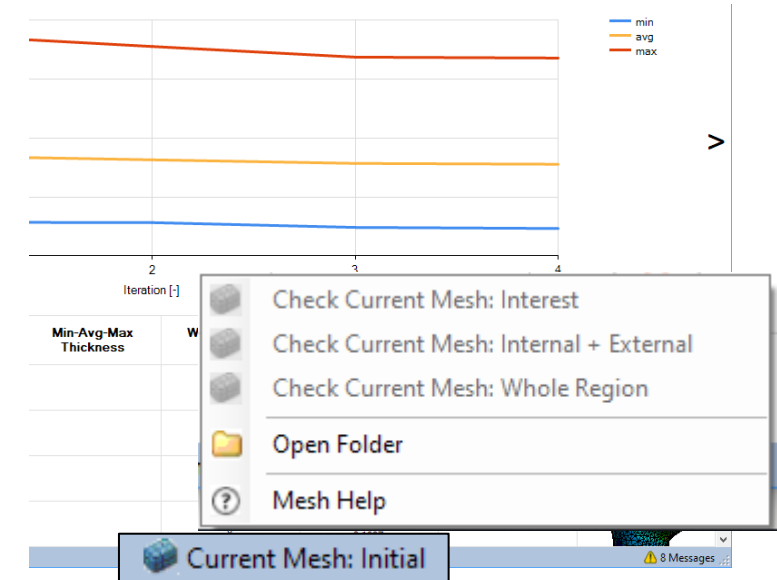
- checks nodes only in Internal + External NSs

### Check Current Mesh: Whole Region

- checks nodes only in whole body attached to Internal + External NSs
- most precise
- could be slow

### Open Folder

- opens folder with optimization files



## Optimization Help

### Menu

- Add Iterations ... adds iterations for current optimization
- Solve All ... solves all iterations with “None” status
- Delete All ... deletes all iterations with all data
- Clear All ... deletes all data
- Reload ... reloads grid and chart data from current M3Opti folder
- Show ... shows results, animations, ...

### Columns in Grid

- Status ... current status
- Iteration ... id
- Min-Avg-Max Morph ... morphing distance (minimum, average, maximum)
- Min-Avg-Max Thickness ... wall thickness (minimum, average, maximum)
- Min-Avg-Max Value ... result value (minimum, average, maximum)
- Warning Elements ... count of warning elements
- Error Elements ... count of error elements
- Elapsed Time ... overall elapsed time per one iteration
- Capture Figure ... figure of driving result object

### Files per Iteration

- Iter000.coords ... nodal coordinates
- Iter000.dist ... morphing normal distance
- Iter000.thk ... wall thickness
- Iter000.iter ... main data (setup, grid)
- Iter000.log ... log from solution
- Iter000.png ... captured figure
- Iter000.ress ... nodal result values
- Iter000.rst ... result file (Ansys Mechanical APDL)



## Result Scope

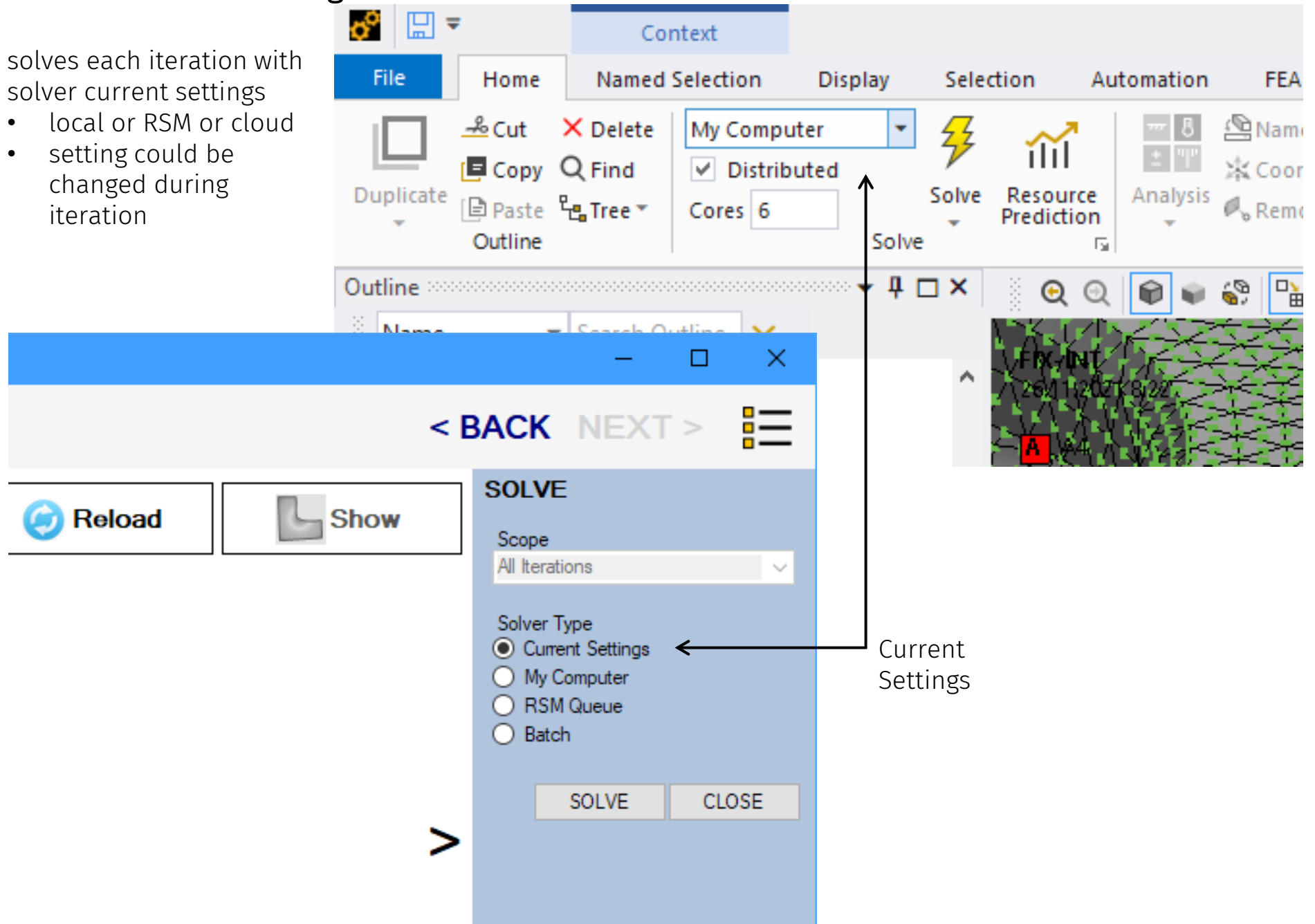
### Menu

- "0" ----> Initial
- "Inital" ----> Initial
- "inital" ----> Initial
- "Iter001" ----> Iter001
- "iter001" ----> Iter001
- "001" ----> Iter001
- "1" ----> Iter001
- "1; 2; 3; 4" ----> Iter001, Iter002, Iter003, Iter004
- "1 - 4" ----> Iter001, Iter002, Iter003, Iter004
- "1 - 4; 8" ----> Iter001, Iter002, Iter003, Iter004, Iter008
- "all" ----> Iter001, Iter002, Iter003, Iter004, Iter005, Iter006, Iter007, Iter008
- "All Iterations" ----> Iter001, Iter002, Iter003, Iter004, Iter005, Iter006, Iter007, Iter008

## Solve – Current Settings

solves each iteration with  
solver current settings

- local or RSM or cloud
- setting could be changed during iteration



## Solve – Batch

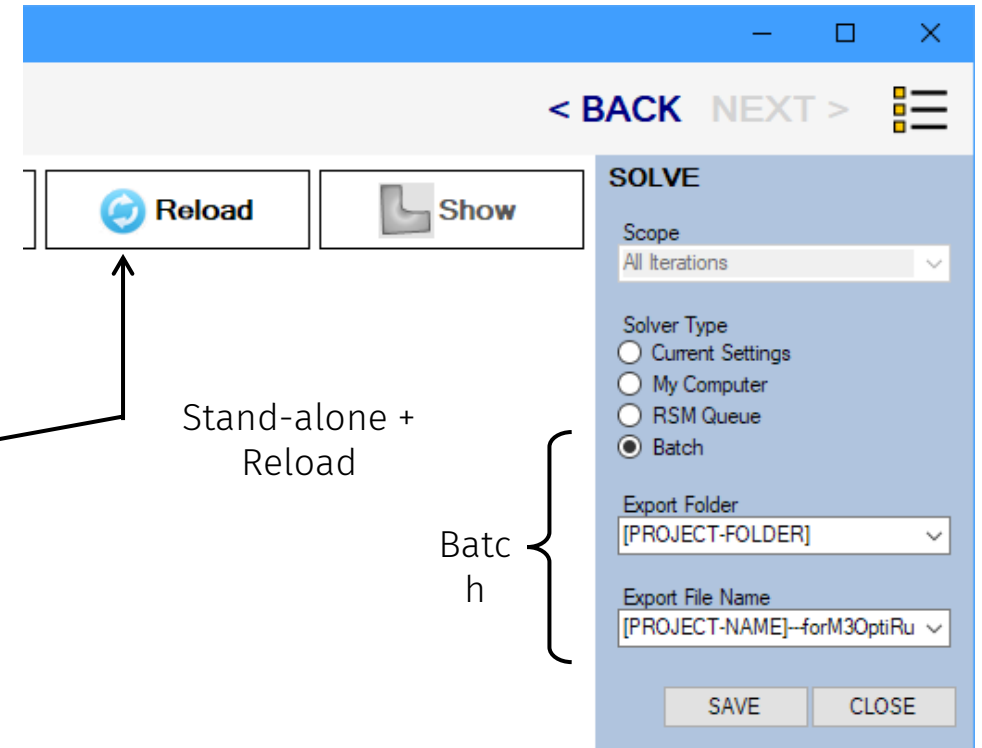
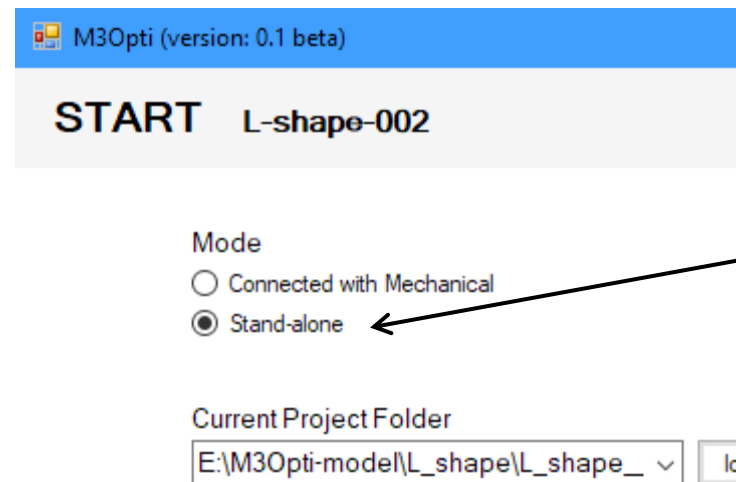
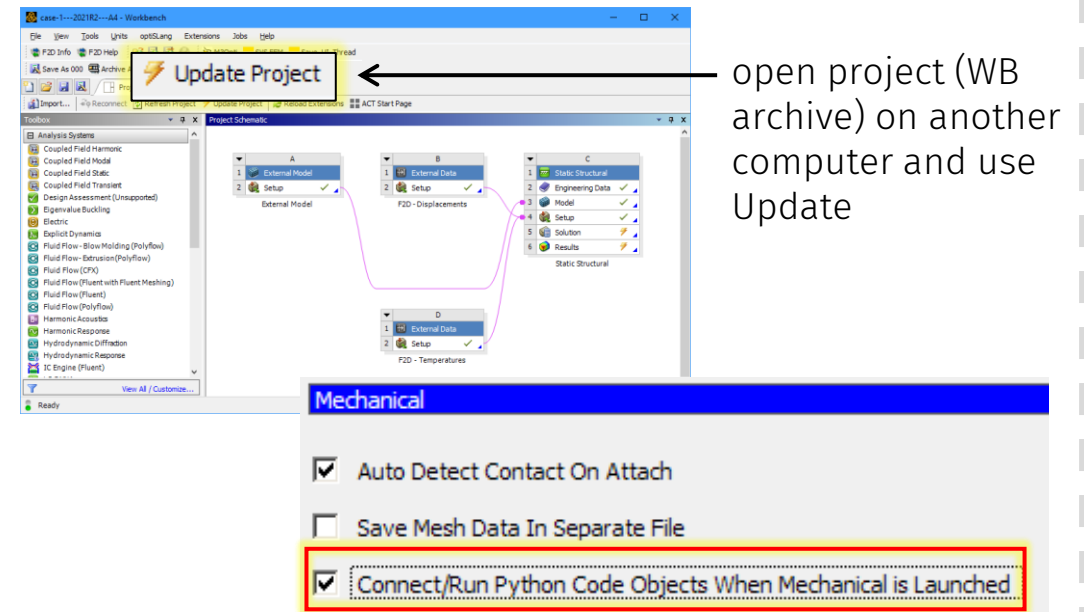
creates files which are necessary to solve all iterations in another computer

steps:

- save files for batch (button “SAVE”)
- open WB project on another computer
- turn on:
- Update whole project
- after solution is done or during solving, M3Opti can be run in “Stand-alone” mode and solution progress can be seen

available for system:

- Windows
- Linux



Stand-alone +  
Reload

Batch