

# WEBINAR: QUENCHING SIMULATION

A Simulation Approach for the Thermal Treatment  
of Engine- & Automotive Components

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# WHO IS PRESENTING TODAY?

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# MOTIVATION

- Optimization of the thermal treatment of cast parts
  - Improvement of quality and durability of components in service
- **AVL provides a highly developed multi-phase boiling model for Quenching applications**
- **Direct, air and spray** quenching approaches available
  - **Any metal** material
  - **Oil, water and water-polymer emulsions** as quenchants
- **Goal:** Create a quenching simulation methodology that can be used in production

# WHY SIMULATE QUENCHING?

## Problems to solve:

- Cracks under operational loads
- Deformations during machining / final part

## Reasons:

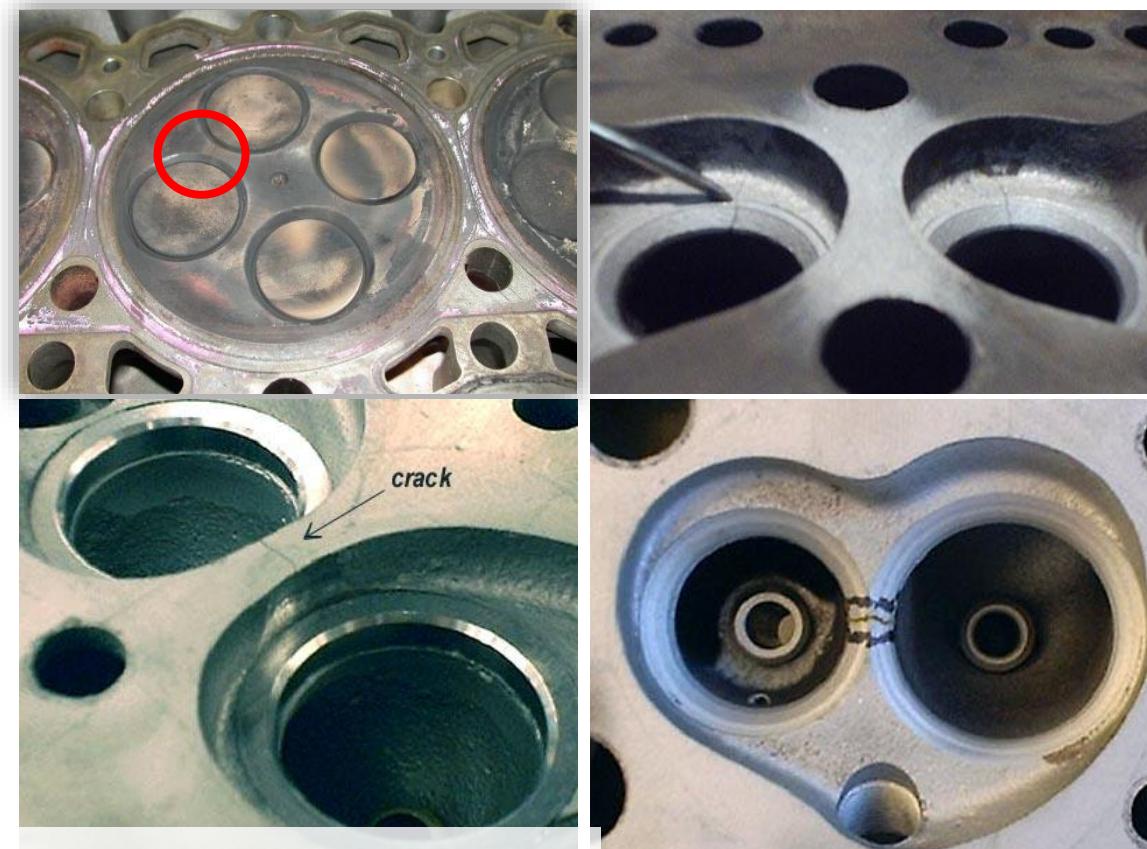
- Material limit exceed due to combination of high operational loads and residual stresses.
- Residual stresses during production.

## Consequences:

- Leakages & breakages, engine failure
- Part not within tolerances

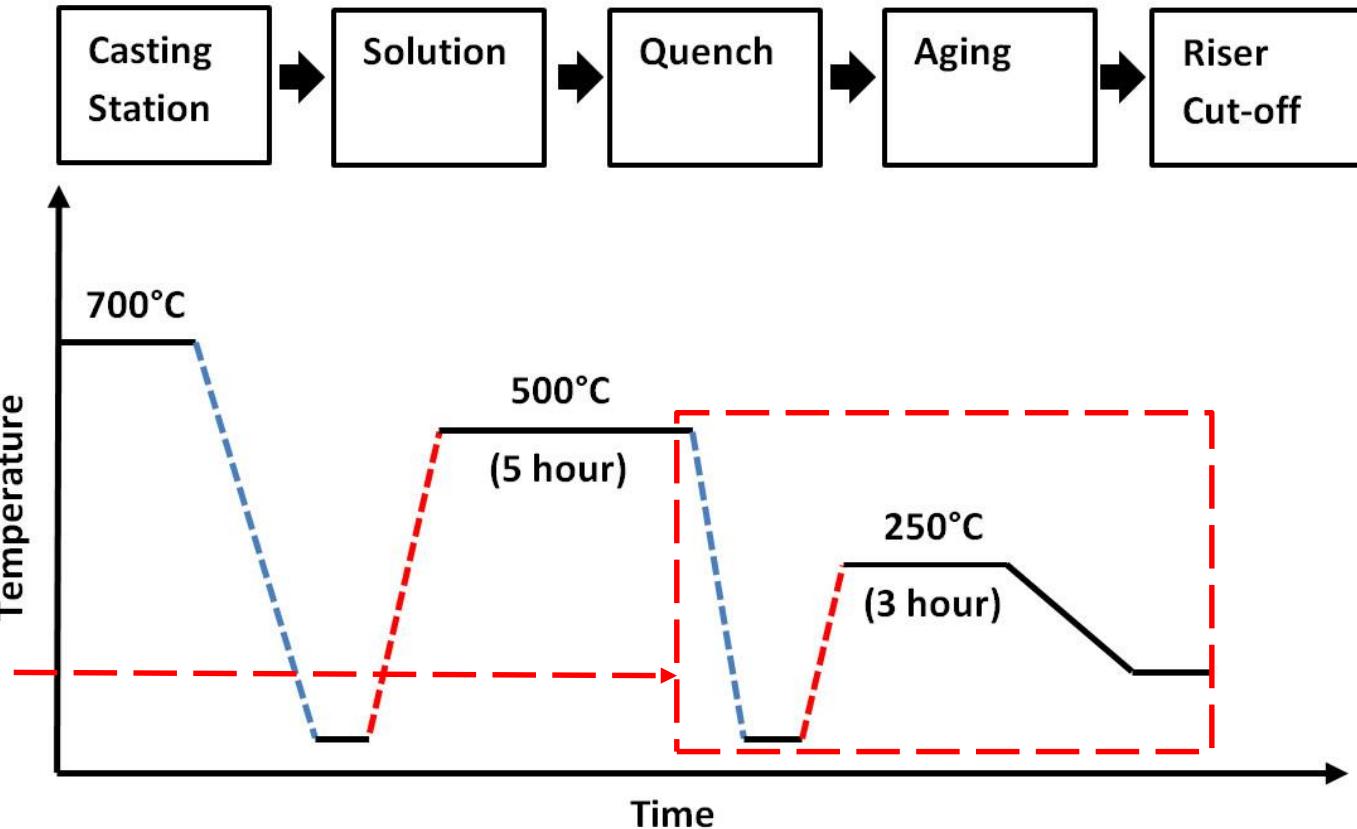
## AVL's solution:

- Simulation based residual stresses reduction
- Optimization of heat treatment

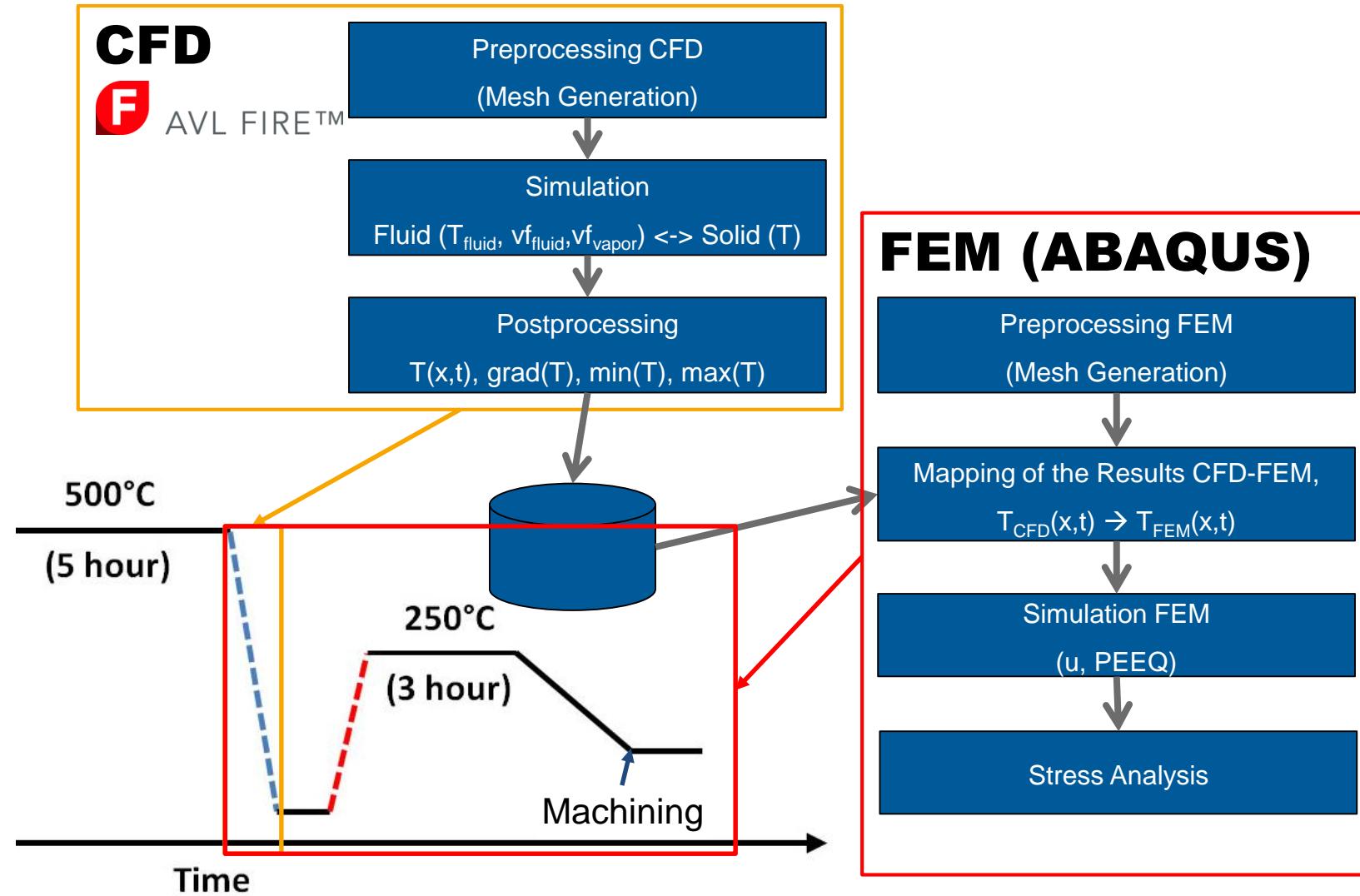


# HEAT TREATMENT

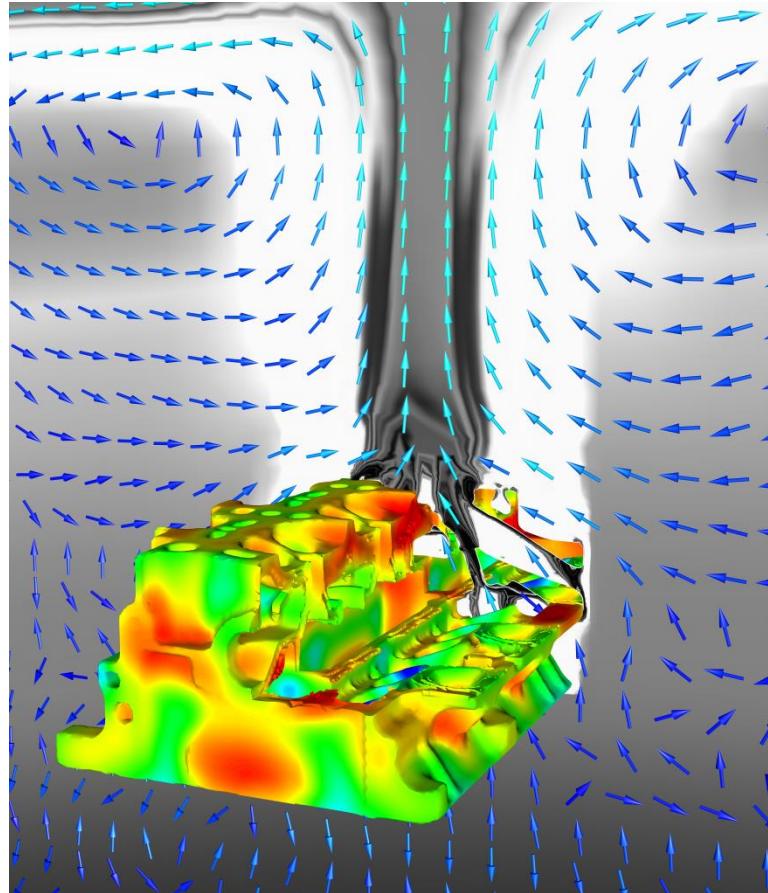
- Casting or forging
- Cooling of parts
- Reheating to about  $500^{\circ}\text{C}$
- Quenching
- Reheating to about  $250^{\circ}\text{C}$
- Aging
- Machining



# OVERVIEW OVER THE SIMULATION APPROACH



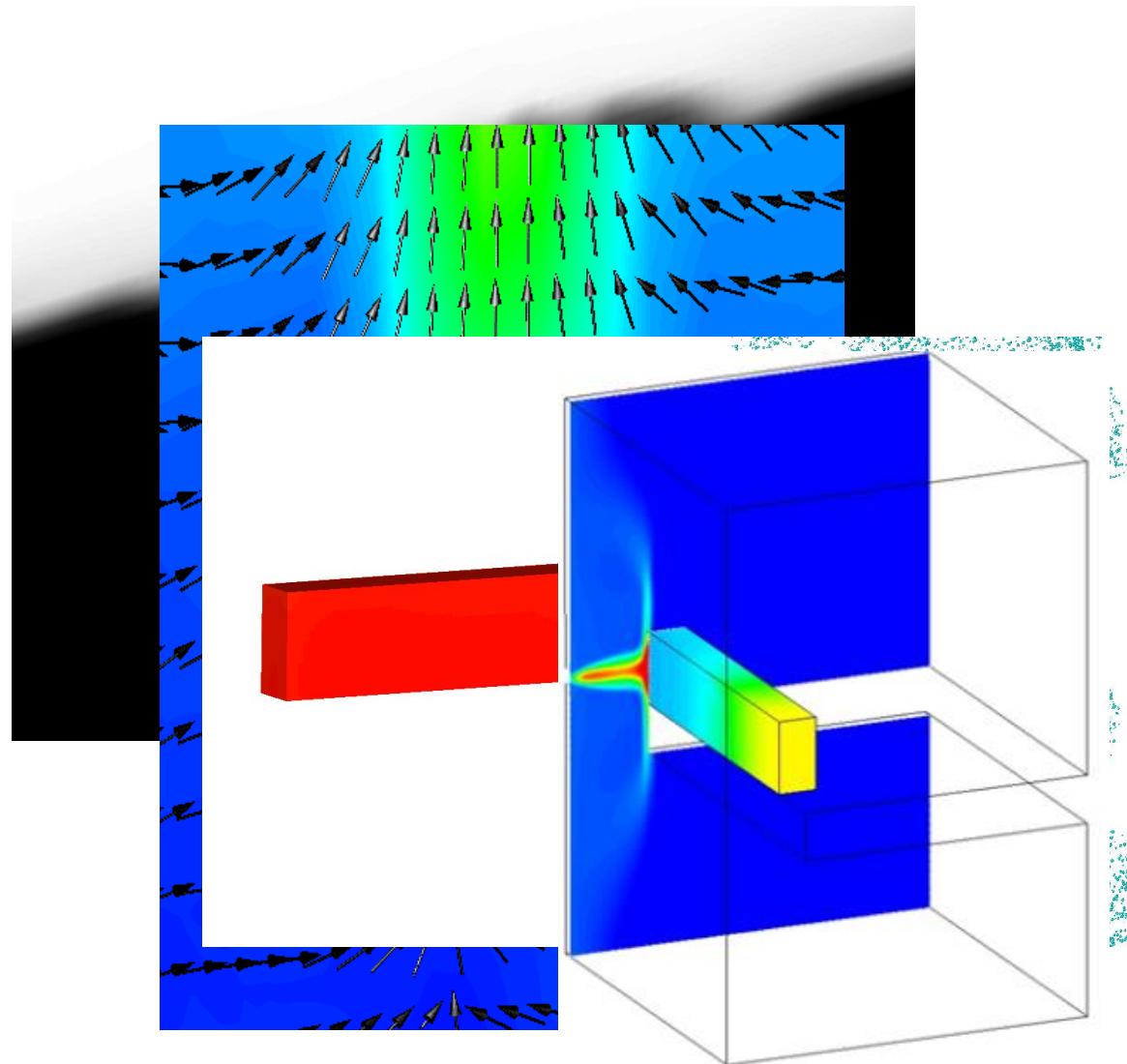
# SIMULATION OF THE QUENCHING PROCESS



## Simulation of the Quenching Process with **F** AVL FIRE™

- Calculation of the temporal Temperature distribution in the SOLID caused by the flow field around the SOLID and boiling behavior at the SOLID surface
- Input-data for the Finite-Element-Analysis is generated
- Calculation of the Strain / Stress distribution with appropriate constitutive laws in ABAQUS
- Prediction of the residual stresses for the SOLID
- Basis for the evaluation and optimization of process parameters

# SIMULATION OF THE QUENCHING PROCESS



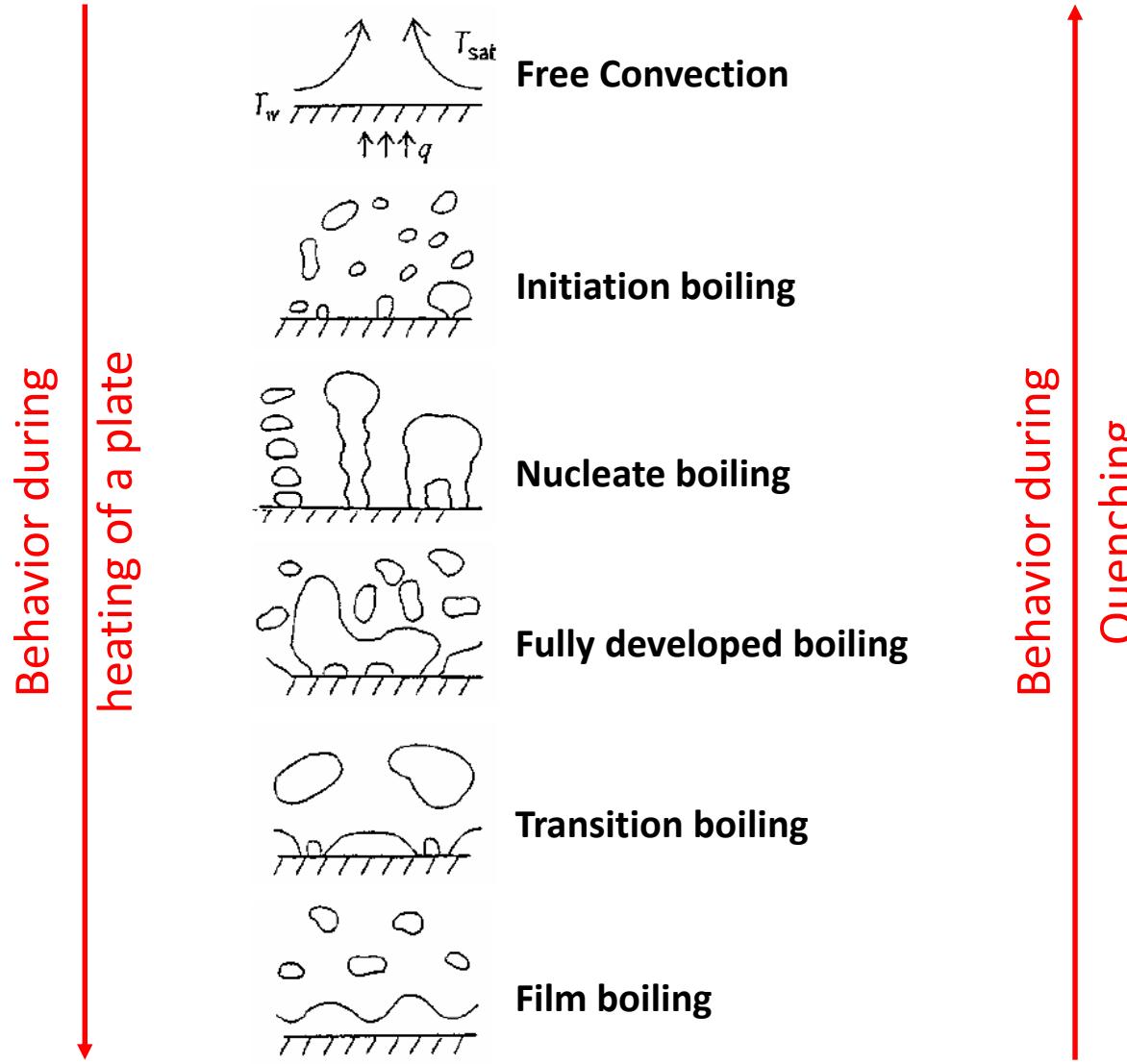
## Simulation of the Quenching Process with

 AVL FIRE™

- With AVL FIRE™ it is possible to simulate
  - Immersion Quenching
  - Air Quenching
  - Spray cooling
  - Spray quenching
- Alongside Aluminum other alloys as well as Steel are possible!
- Usual Immersion Quenching takes place in Water as cooling medium, but also Oil as well as Water-Polymer-Emulsions are possible!

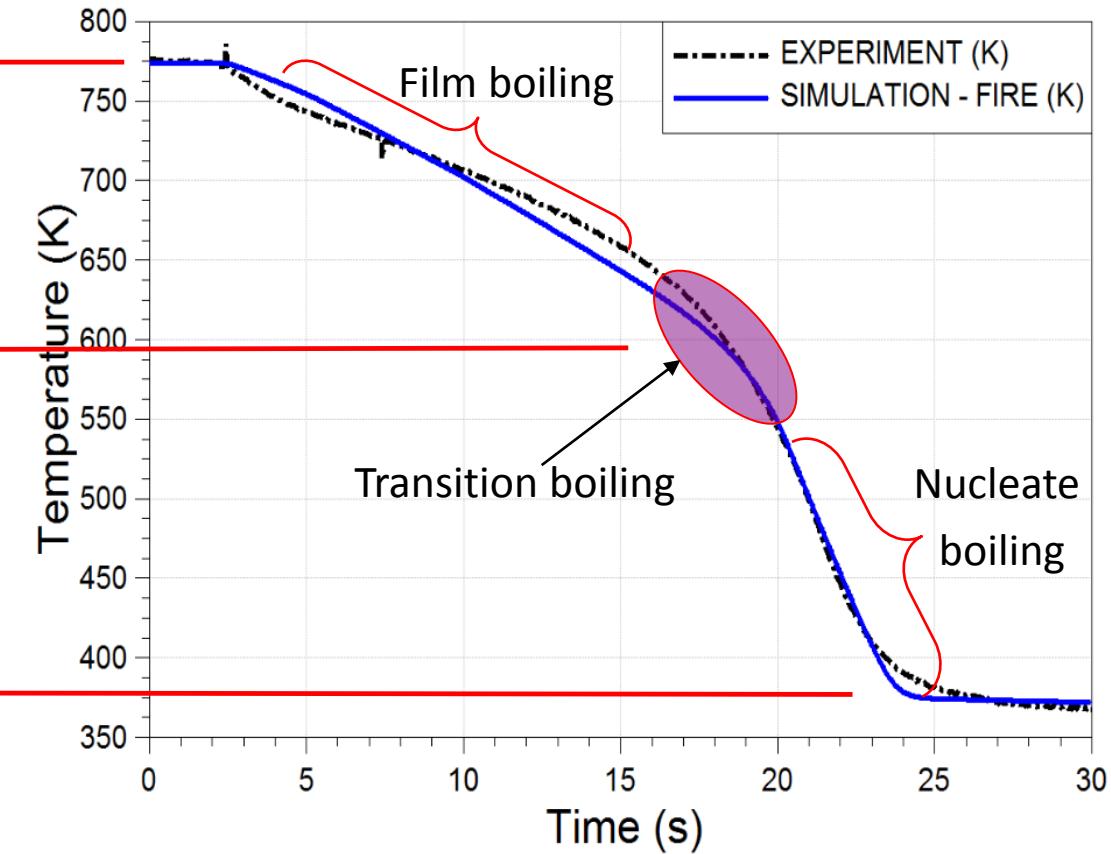
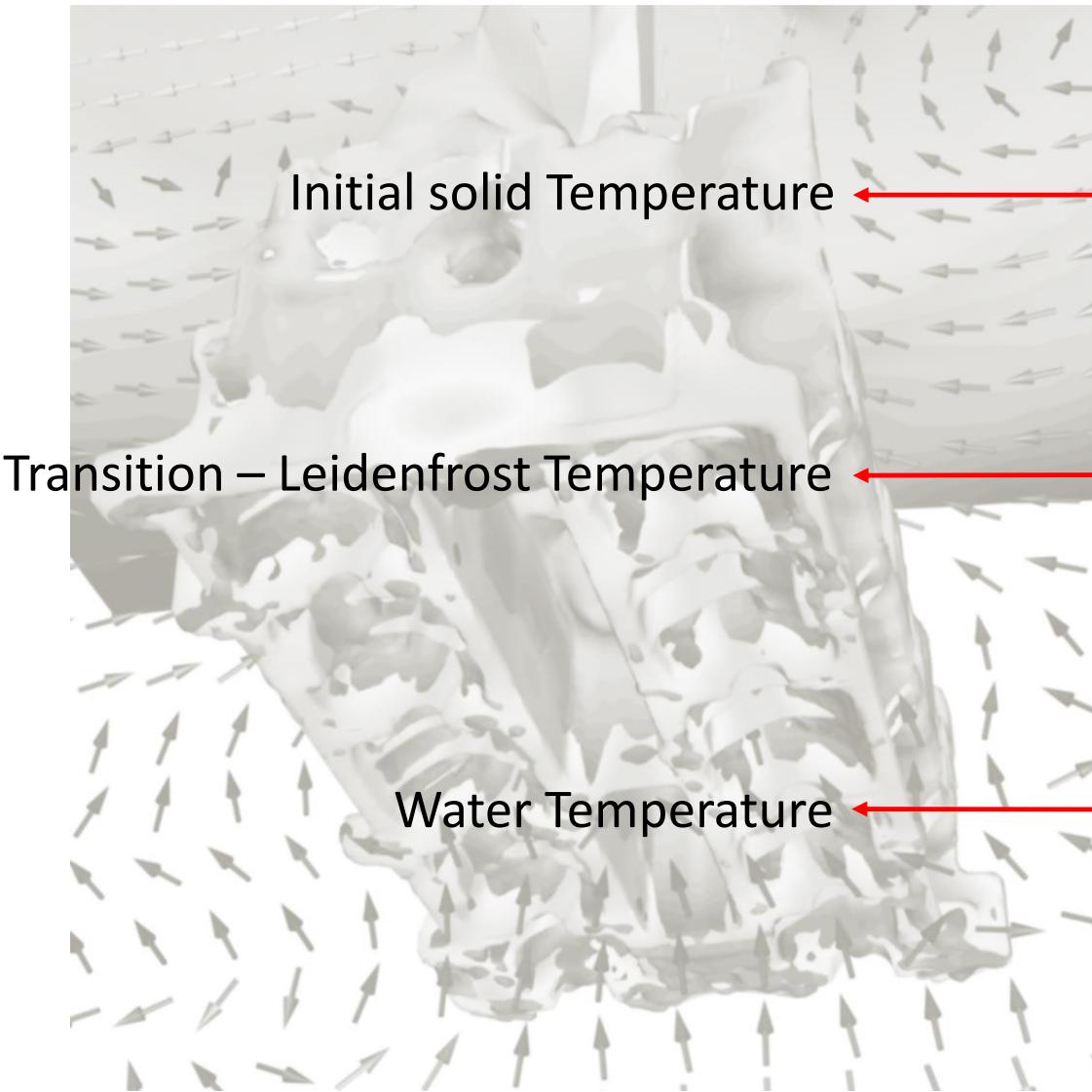
} Under research!

# CFD QUENCHING SIMULATION



- The analysis covers heat transfer evaluation over the complete quenching process
- Different boiling regimes require different modeling strategies

# BOILING DURING QUENCHING

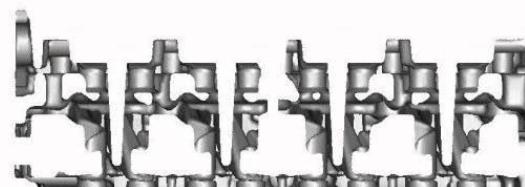


# MODEL APPROACH FOR THE IMMERSION QUENCHING PROCESS



- Experiment

-  AVL FIRE™ - Results



SOLID



100 % Gaseous phase (vapor)

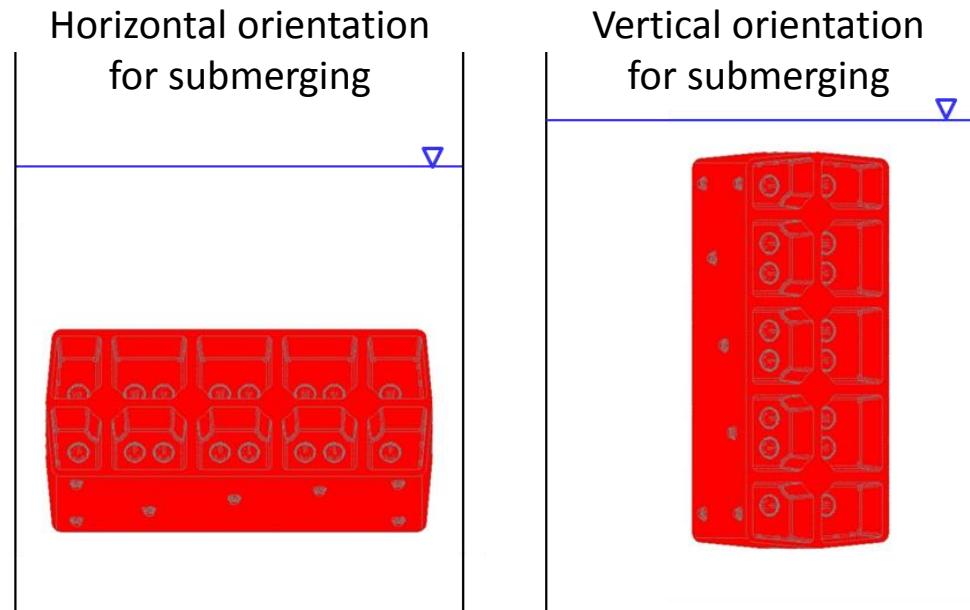


100 % Liquid phase (water)

# TEST GEOMETRY FOR VALIDATION PURPOSE



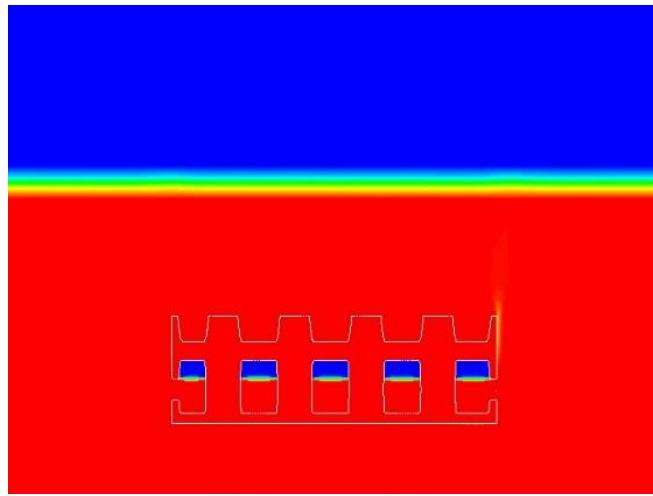
- FVV Project “Quench IT” with partner **NEMAK**
- The numerical approach has been validated against measured data
- Sample represents an abstraction of a cylinder head
- Capturing of orientation effects and coolant temperature effects



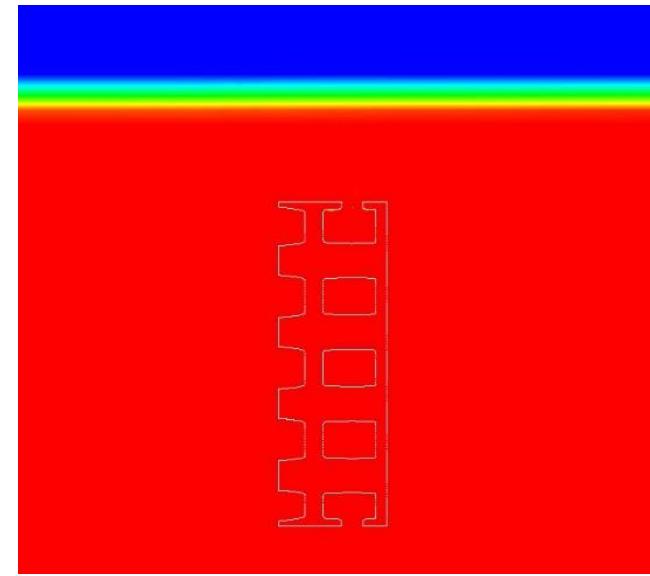
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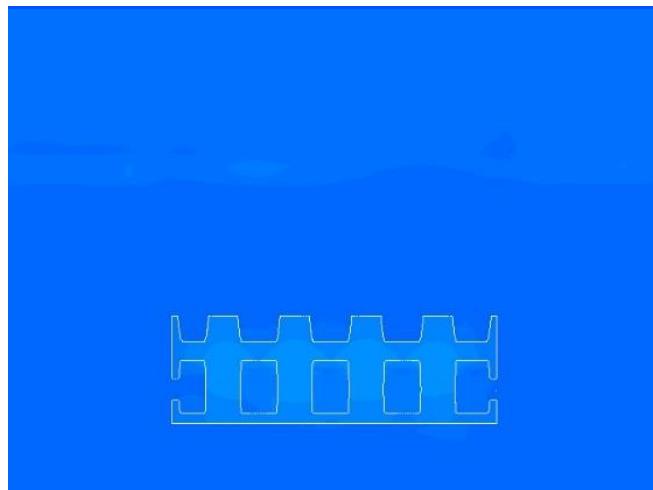
Side view VF



Volume fraction  
0 0.5 1

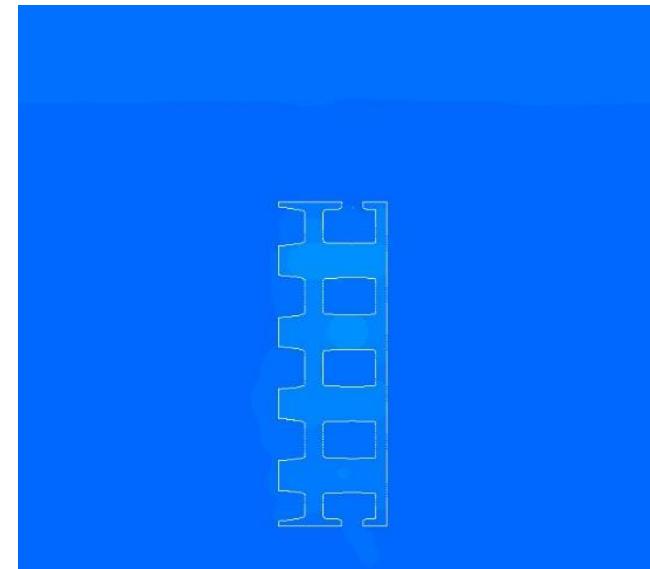


Side view TEM



Temperature  
300 550 800

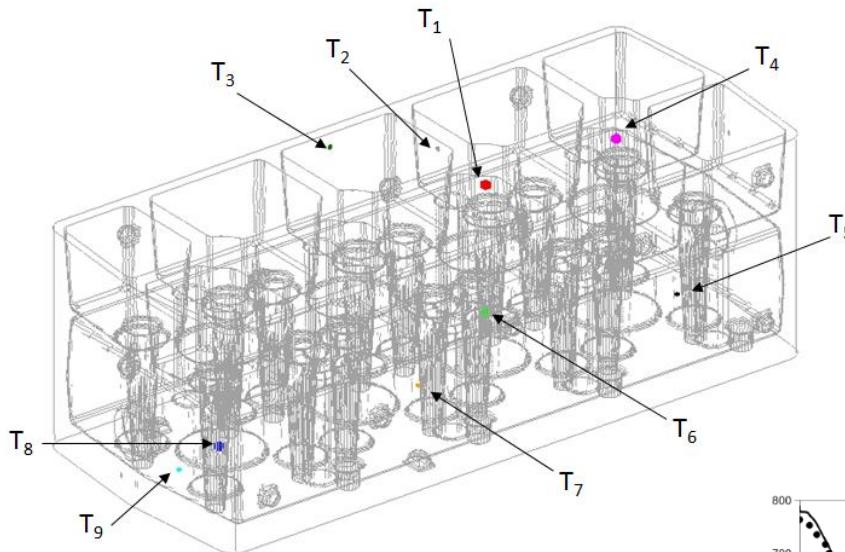
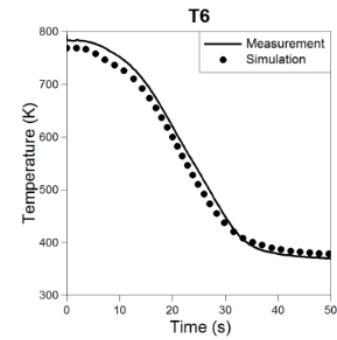
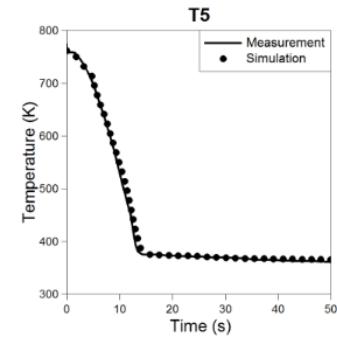
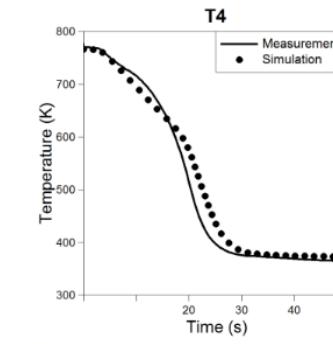
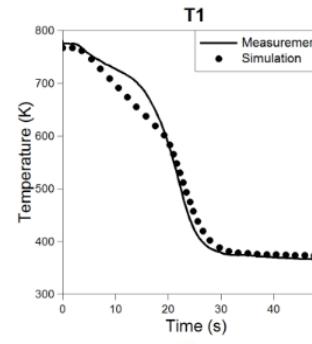
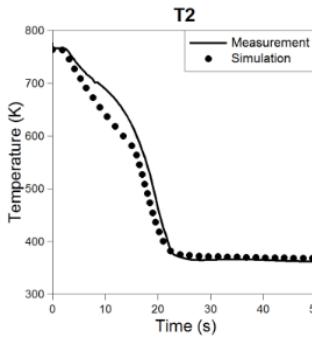
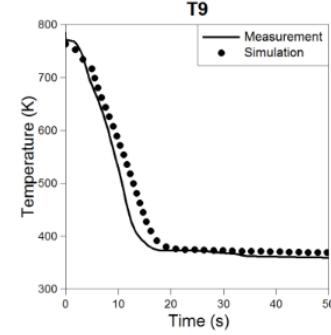
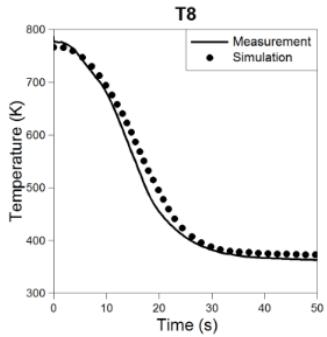
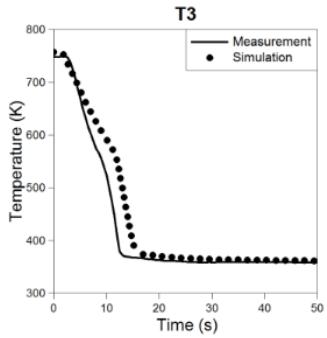
Uniform cooling



Non- uniform  
cooling

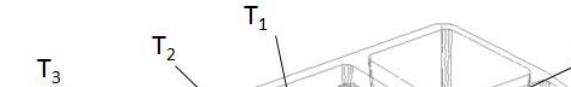
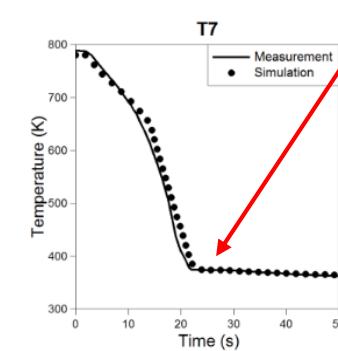
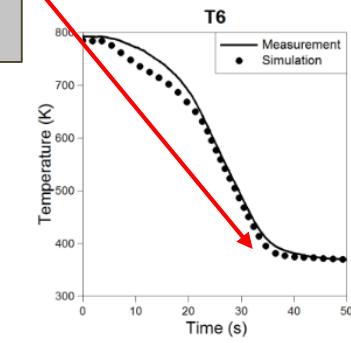
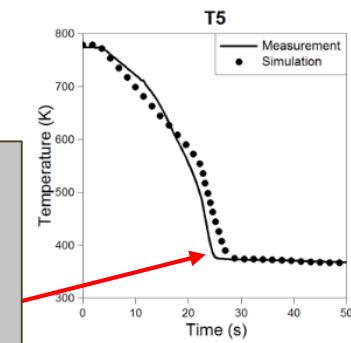
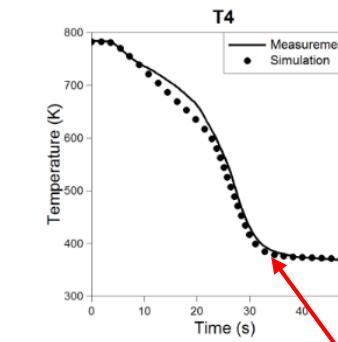
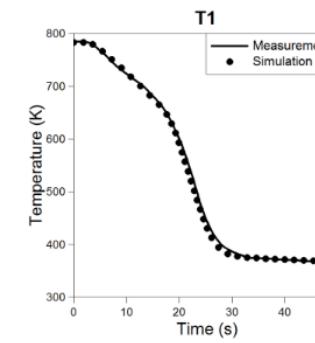
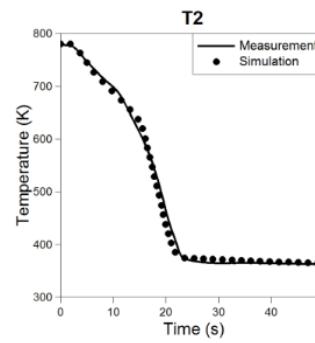
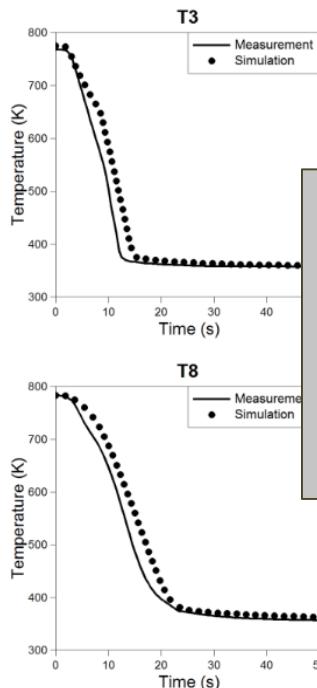
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- Horizontal orientation

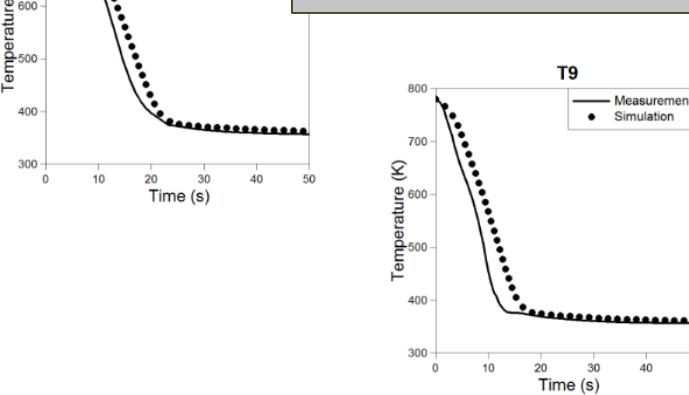


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Transferring the temporal and spatial  
Temperature results from the CFD simulation  
onto the FE mesh for further FE Analysis!



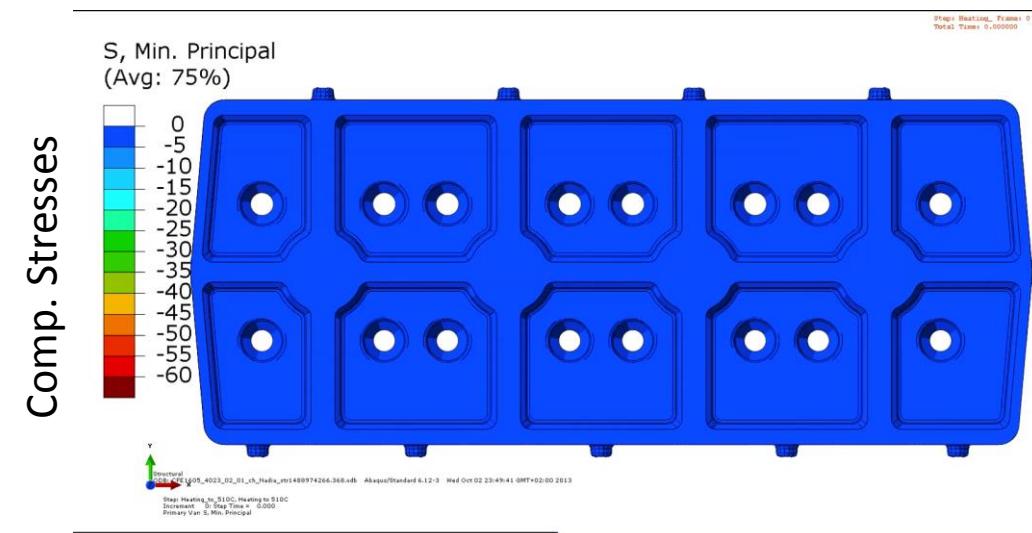
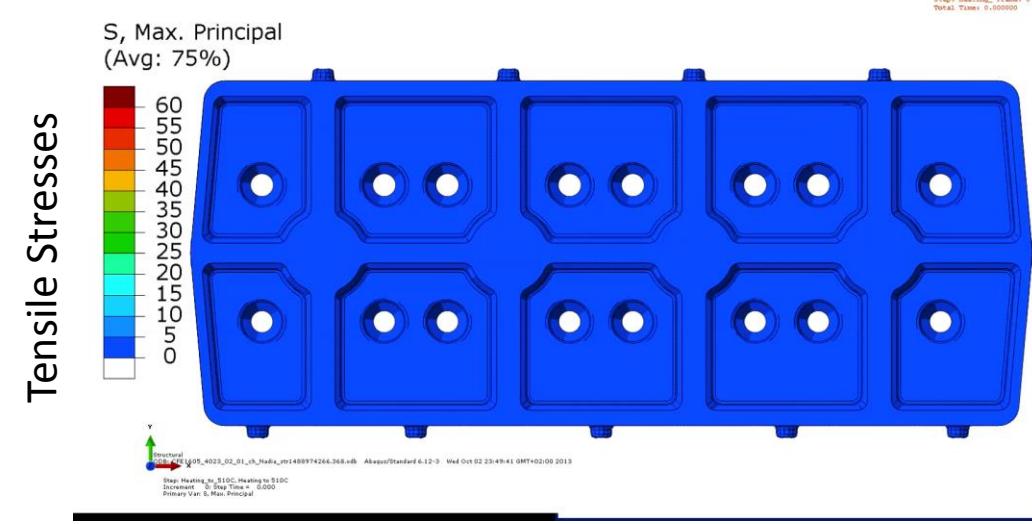
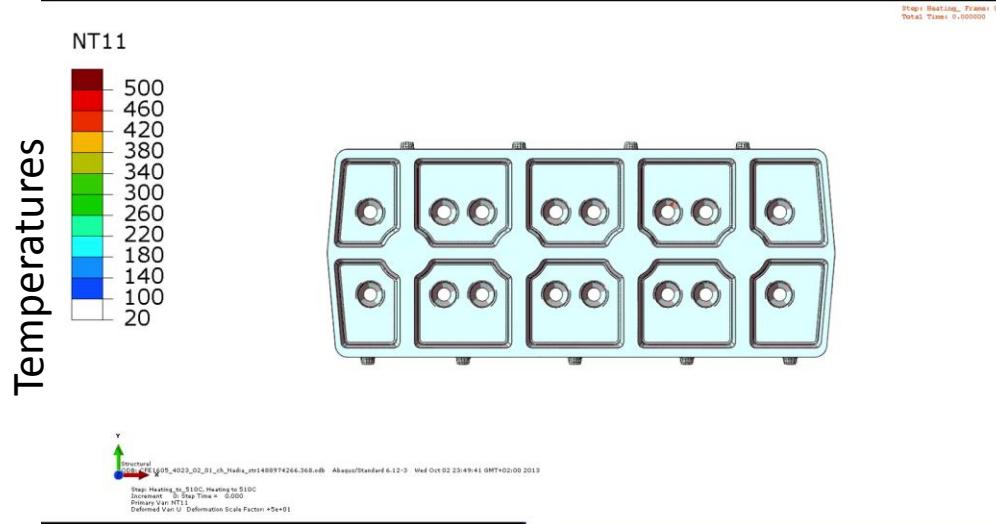
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Visco-plastic stress strain analysis

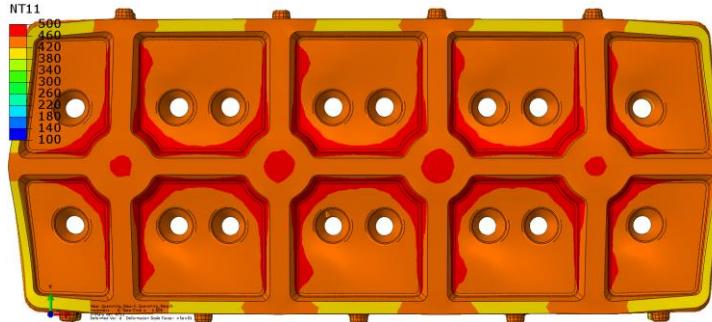
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## Horizontal Dipping Direction



# TRANSIENT SIMULATION RESULTS FROM FE-ANALYSIS

Temperatures



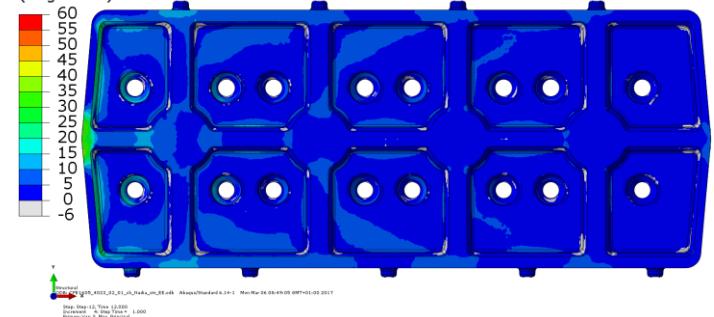
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Tensile Stresses

Vertical Dipping Direction



Comp. Stresses

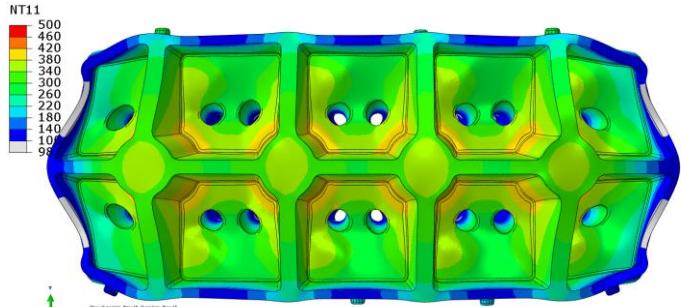


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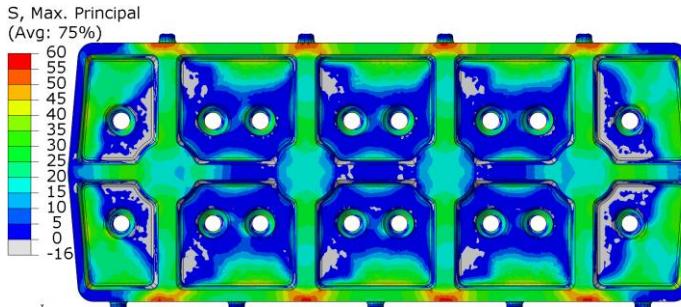
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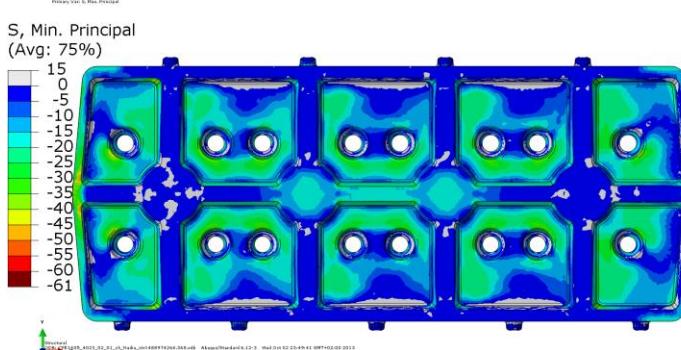
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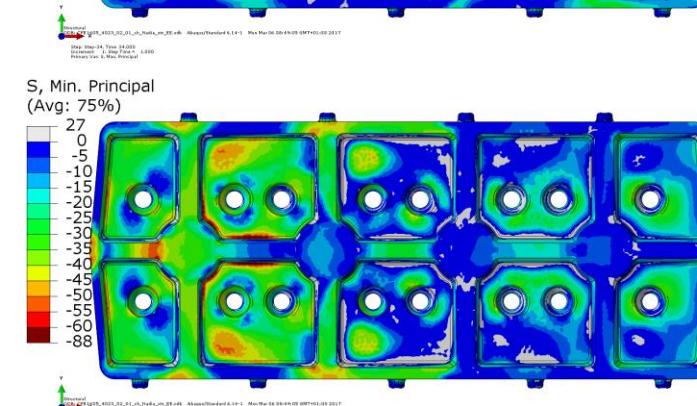
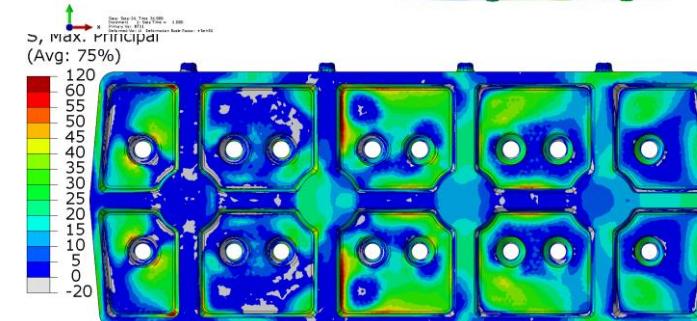
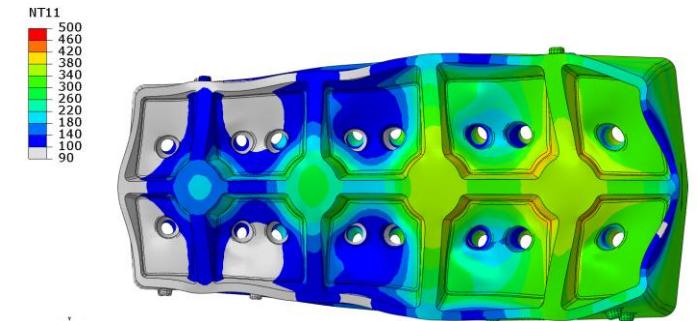
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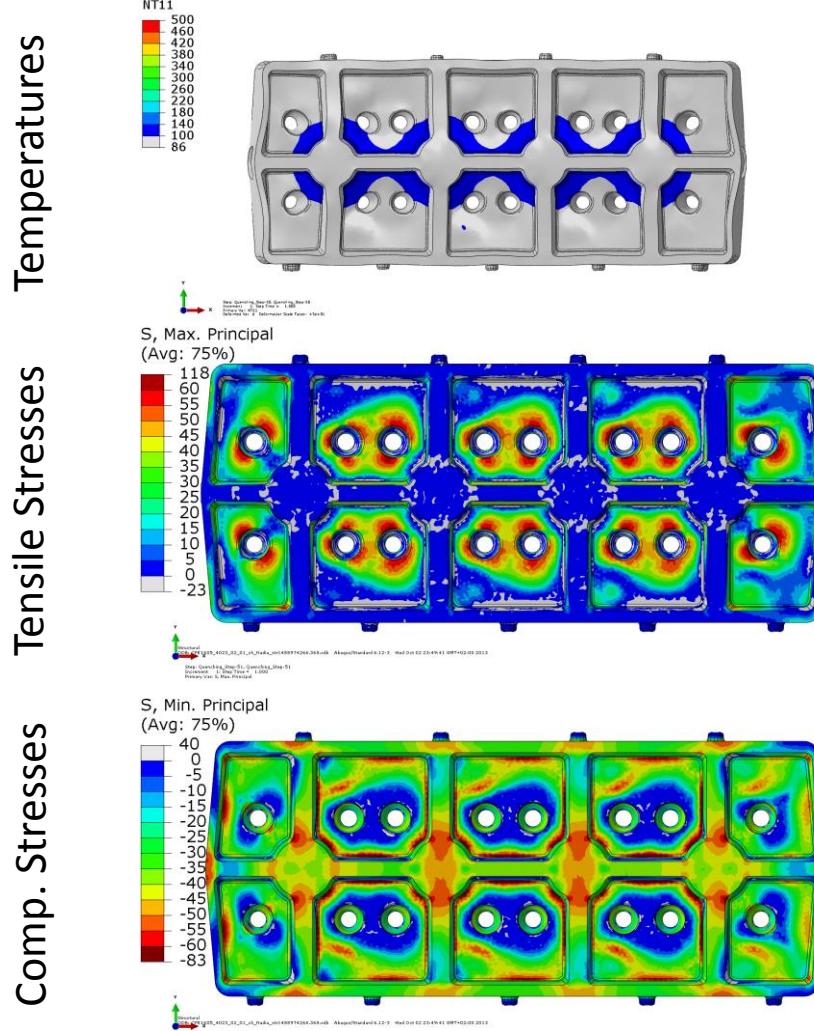


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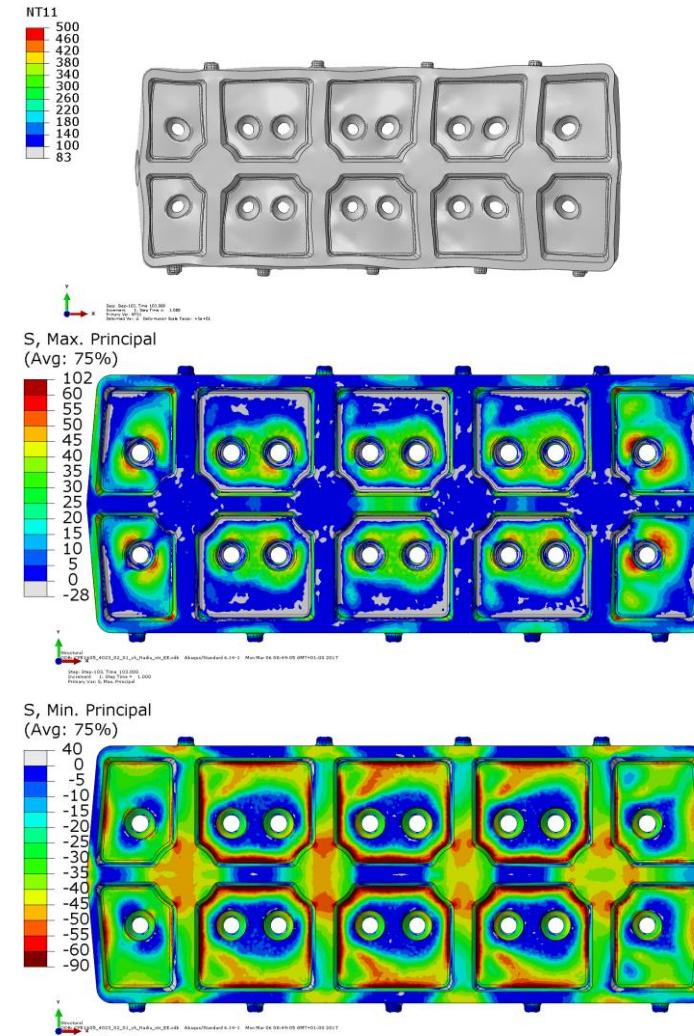
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Horizontal Dipping Direction



Vertical Dipping Direction

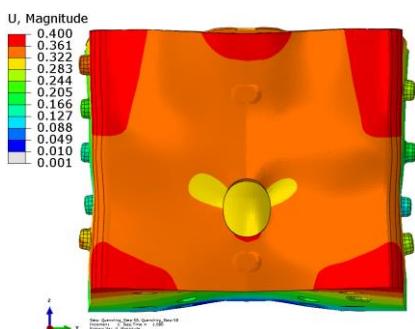
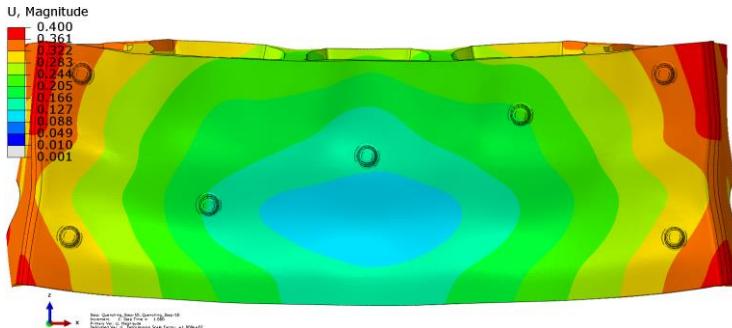
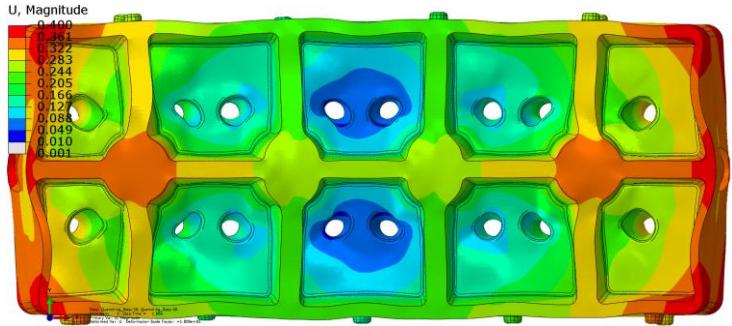


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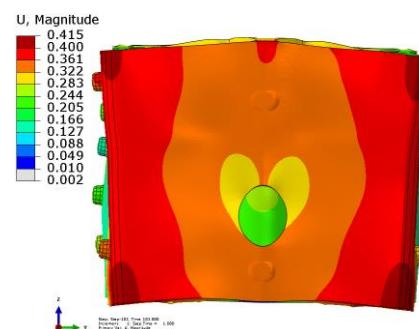
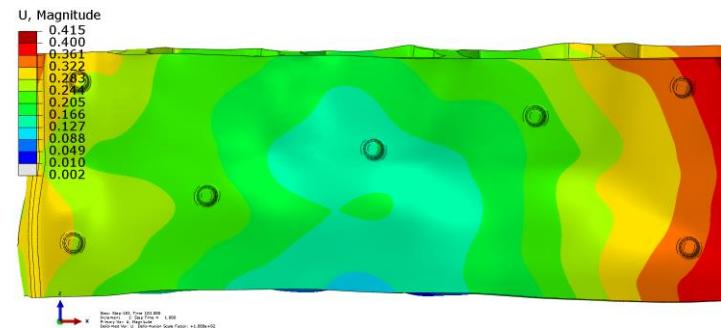
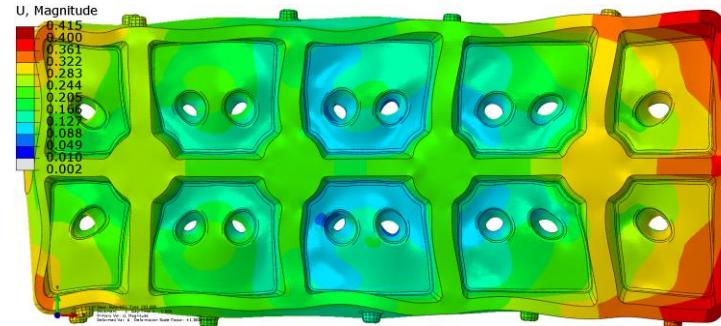
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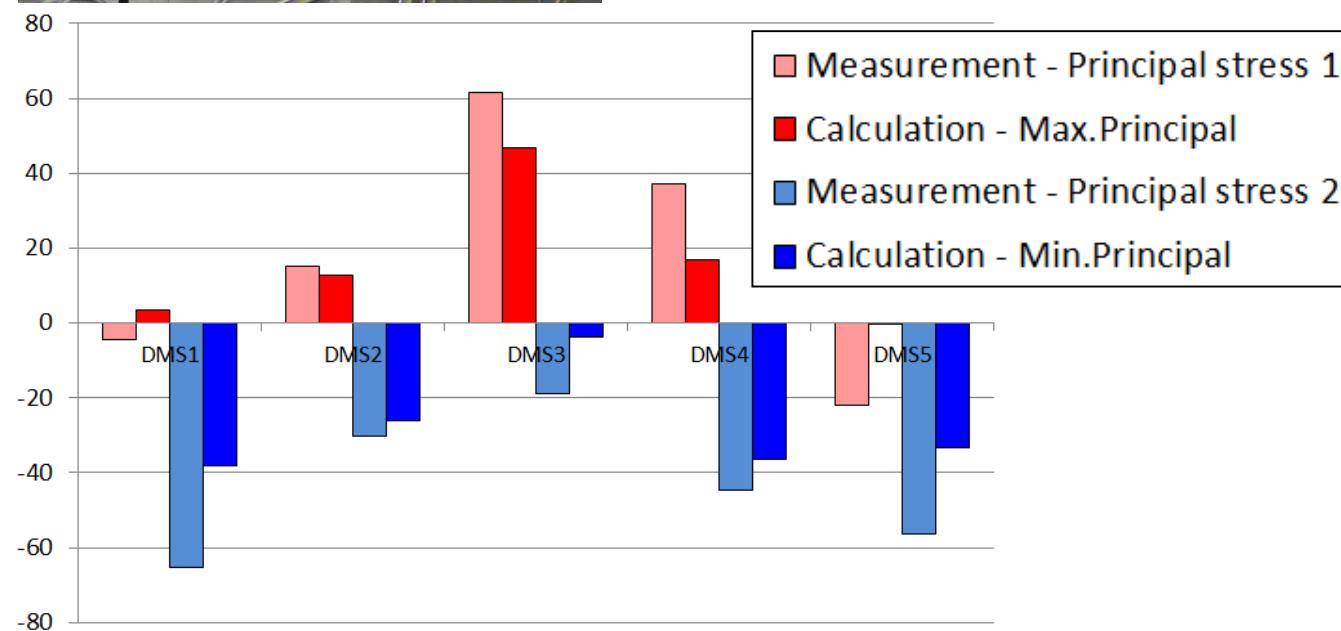
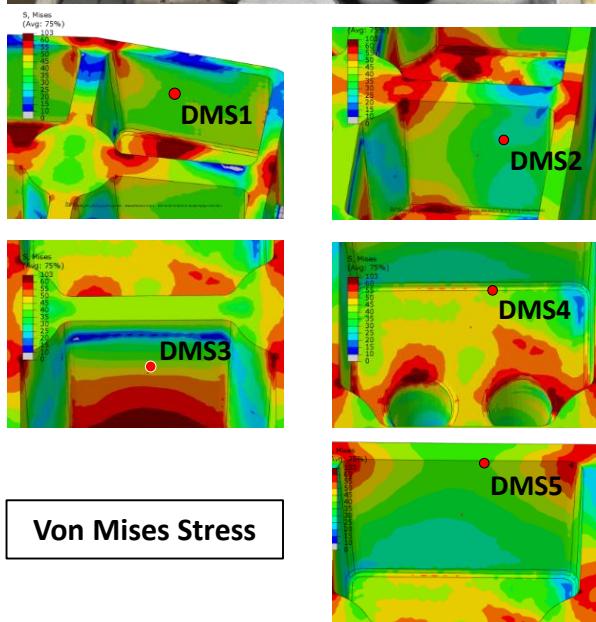
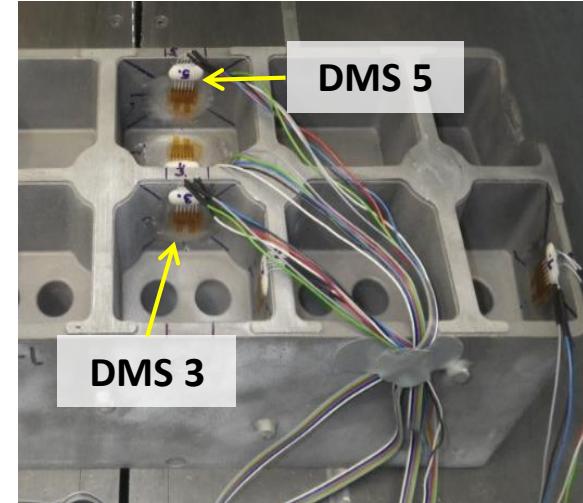
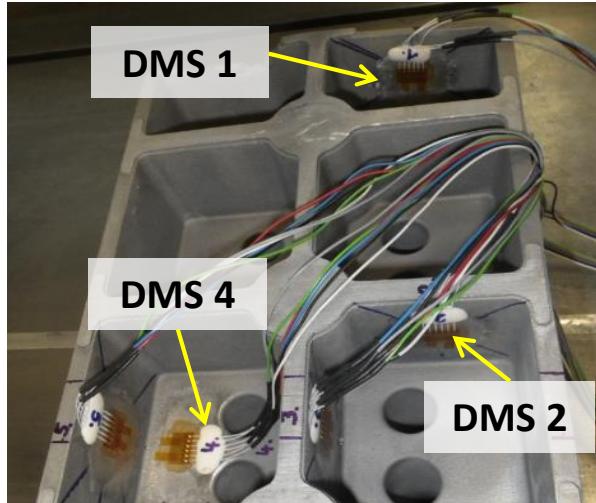
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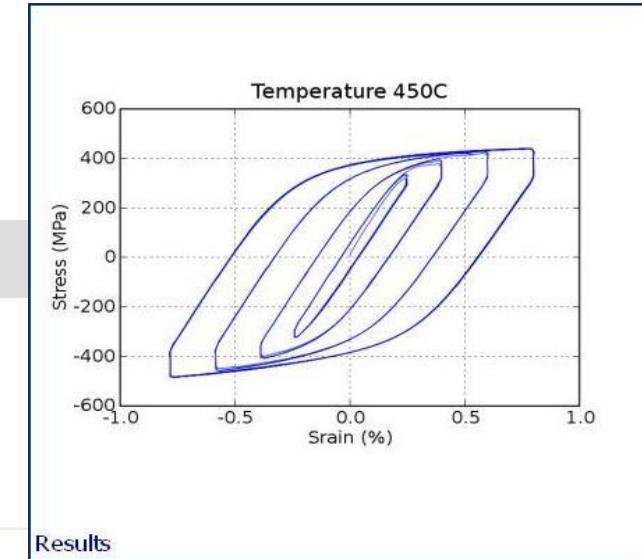
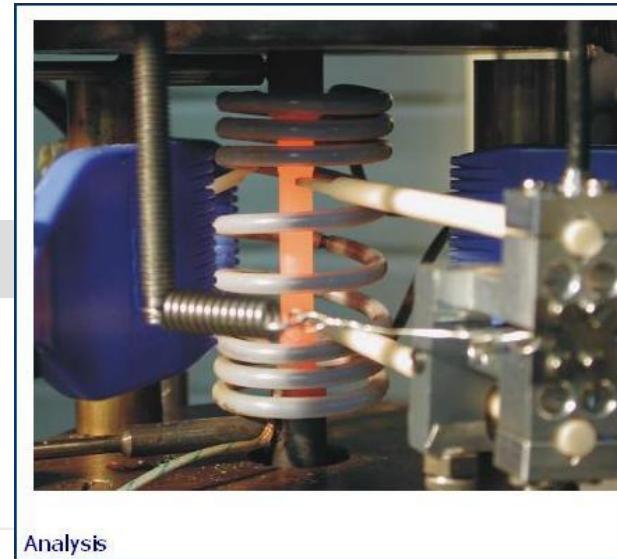
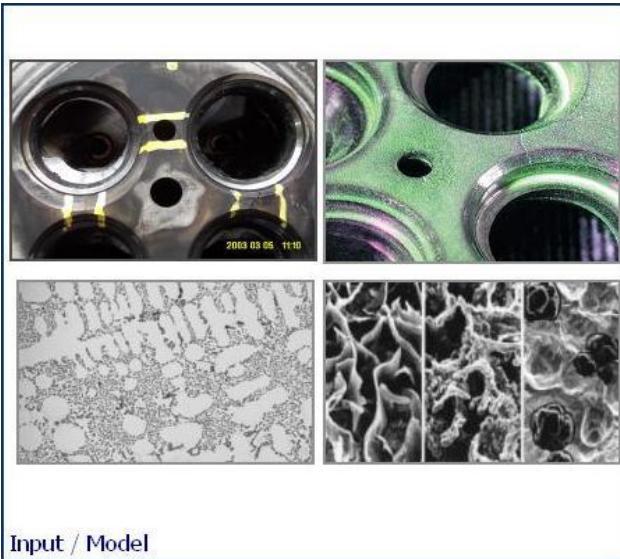
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- Comparison with measurement for horizontal orientation

Qualitative good agreement

# MATERIAL MODEL PARAMETER IDENTIFICATION

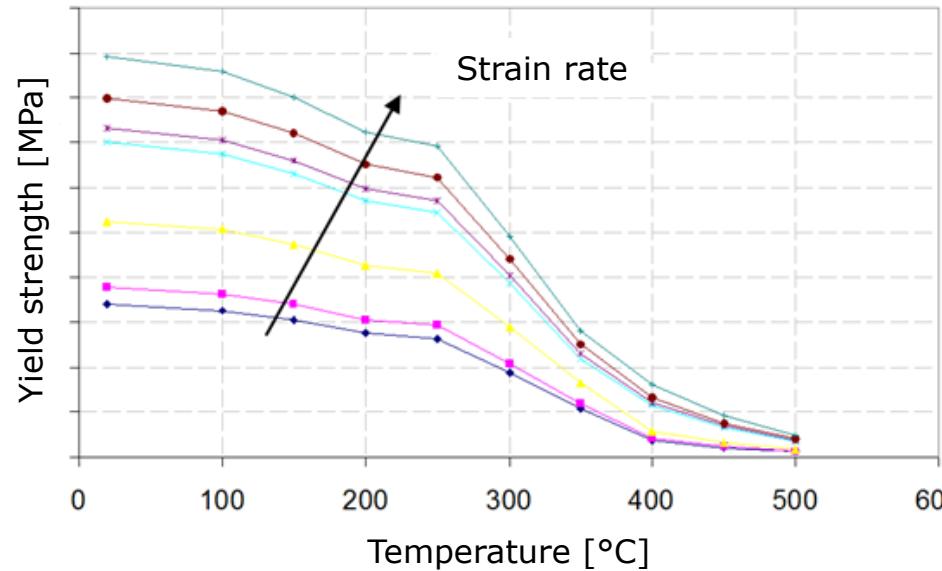


## Development value

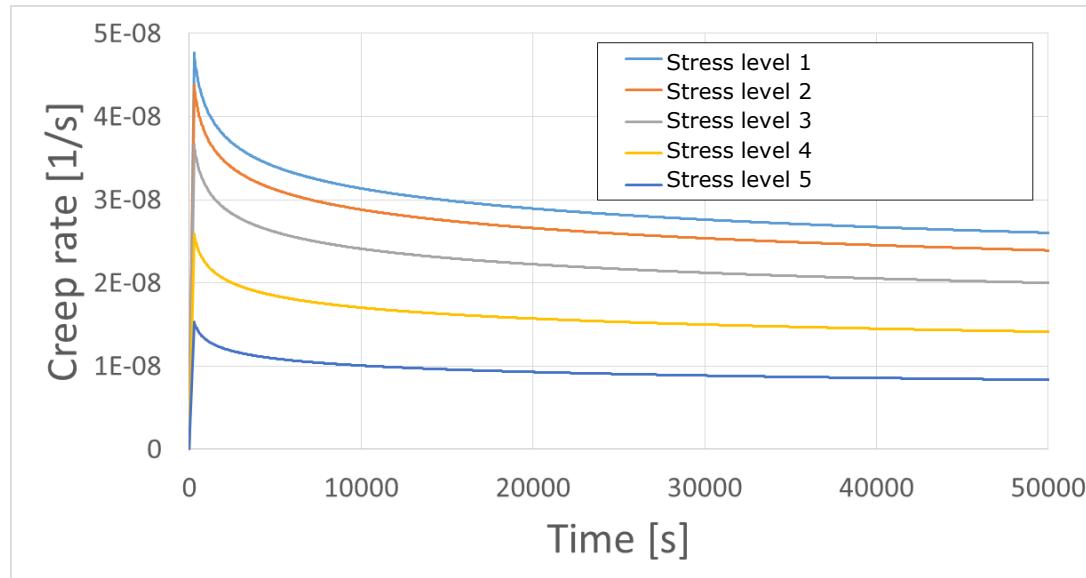
- Database with detailed test results from hardening and creep for quenching available.
- Experience with external partners to measure new materials.
- Experts to implement new materials / material models.

# INFLUENCING PARAMETERS FOR MATERIAL MODELING WITH FOCUS ON QUENCHING

Strain rate dependency on yield

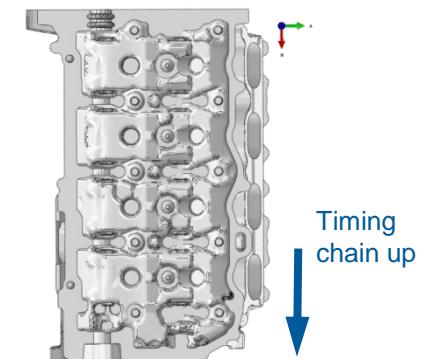
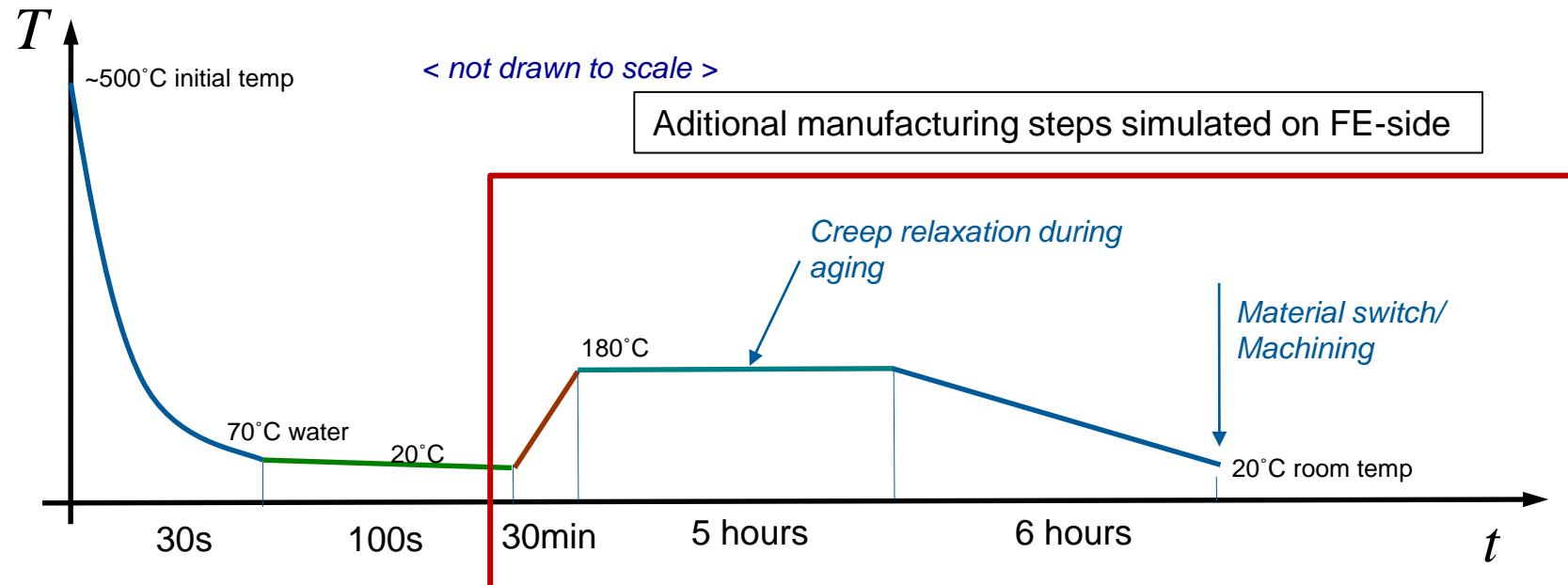


Creep relaxation during aging

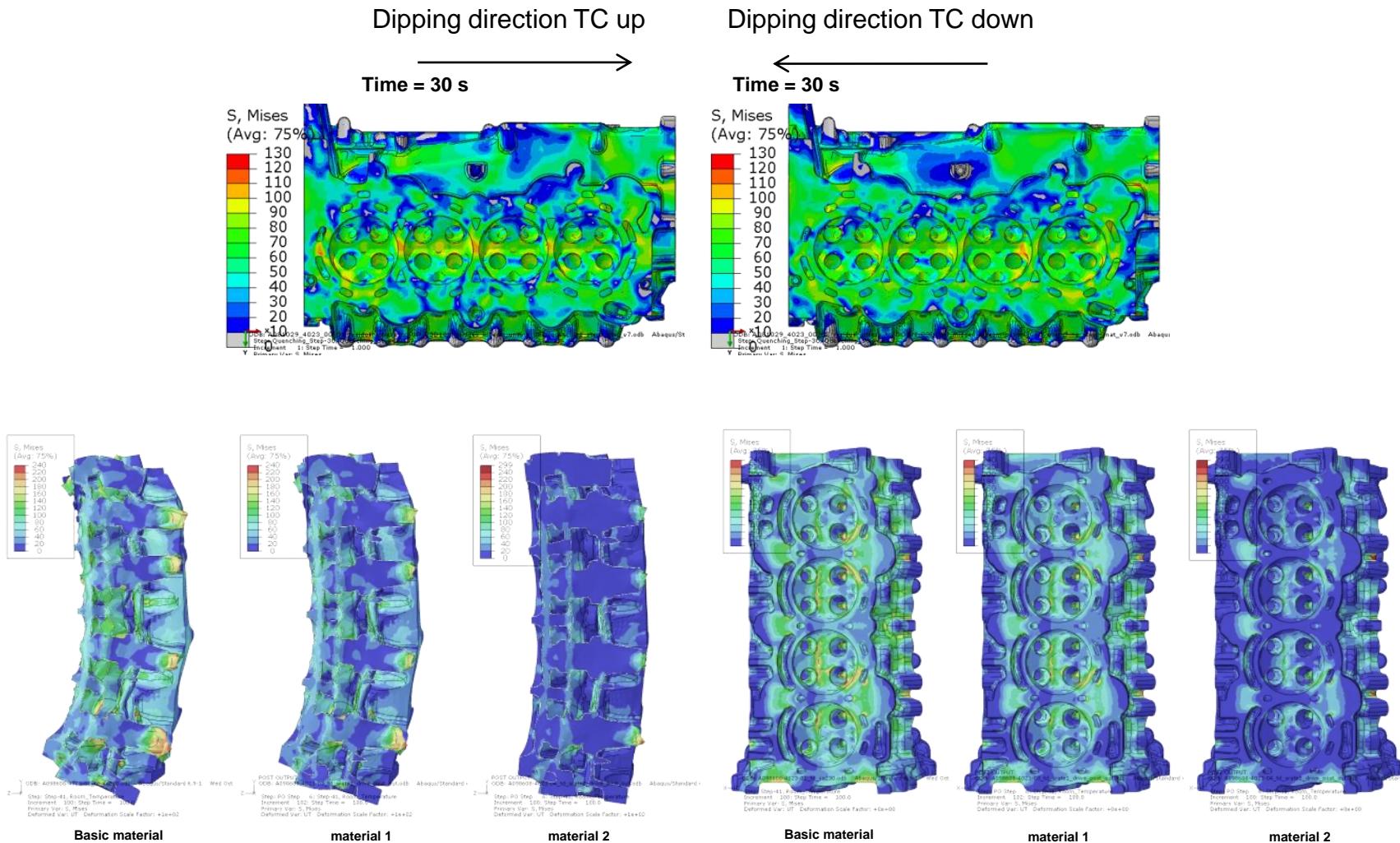


# TIME HISTORY OF HEAT TREATMENT WITH MACHINING STEP AT END

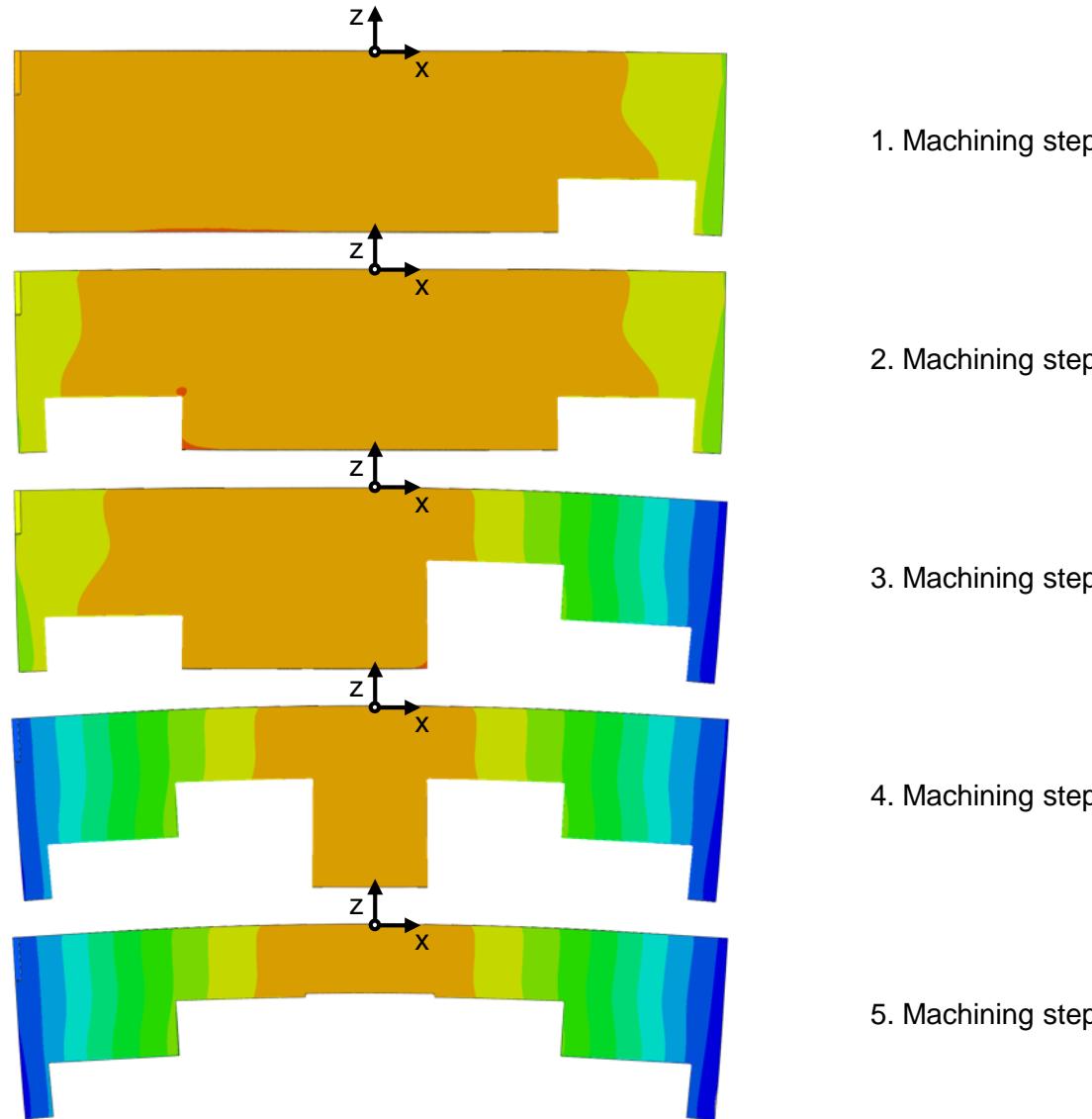
Temperature time history plot for a aluminum cylinder head



# INFLUENCE OF DIPPING DIRECTION AND MATERIAL ON THE STRESS AND DEFORMATION



# INFLUENCE OF MACHINING AND MACHINING ORDER ON THE DEFORMATIONS



# SUMMARY

- AVL offers a unique single-shot quenching simulation approach
- Simulation of any quenched metal parts is possible
- Direct, air and spray quenching can be considered
- Prediction of residual stresses and deformations for design and optimization of the thermal treatment process

*The methodology has matured and has been proven!*

# ANY QUESTIONS?

Please do not hesitate to contact us:

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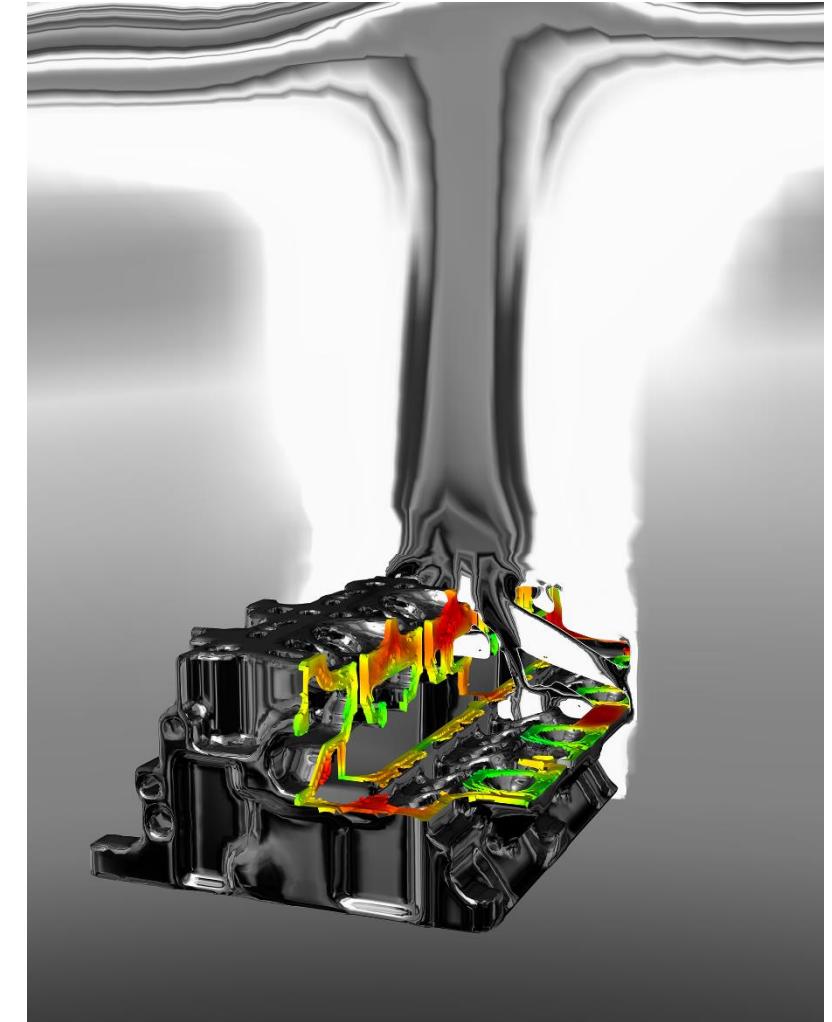
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