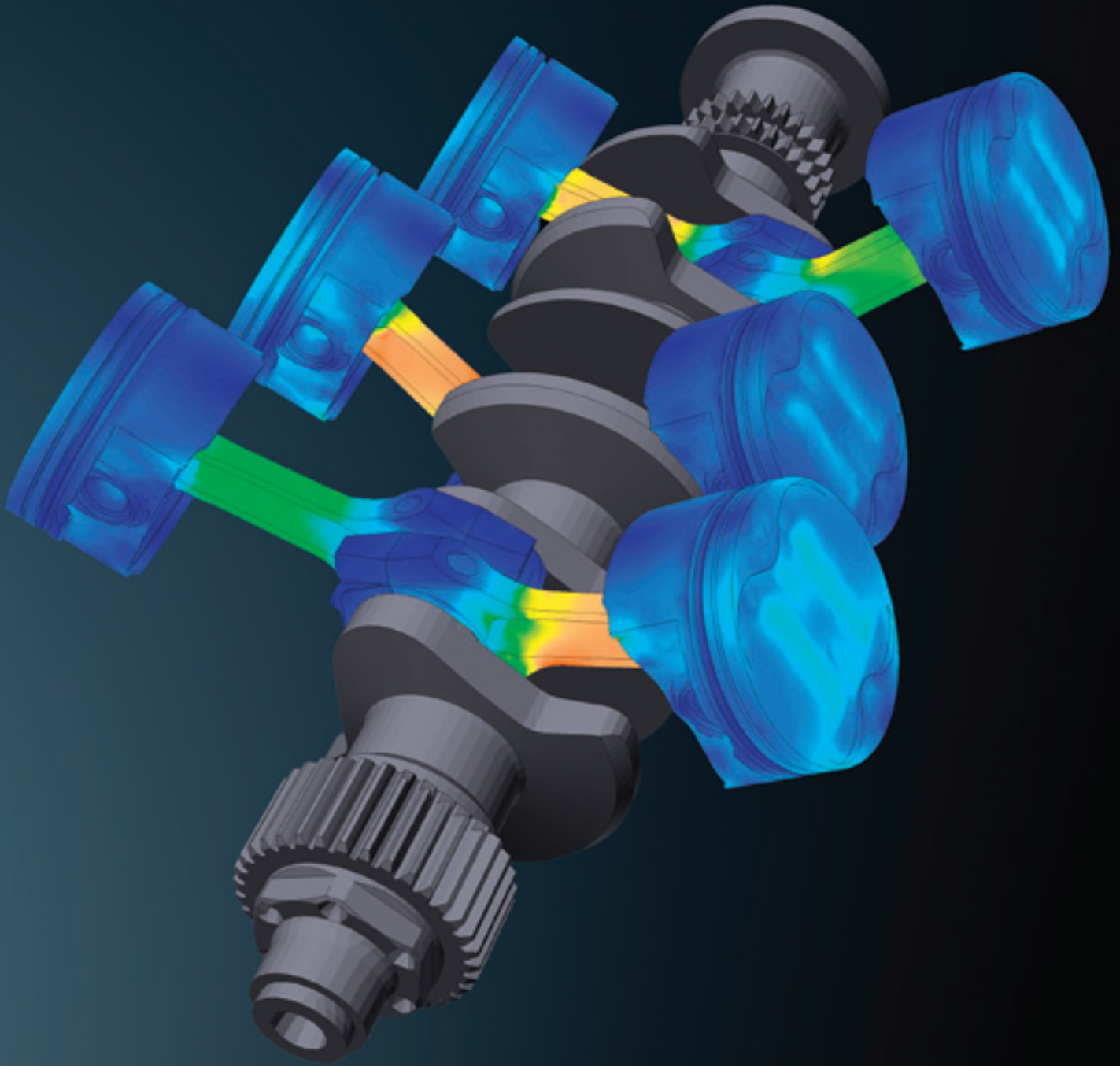


Validate. Predict. Optimise.



Mechanical event simulation of a crankshaft assembly in an aircraft engine. Autodesk® Inventor® and Autodesk® Simulation software products were used in the design process. Image courtesy of ADEPT Airmotive (Pty) Ltd.

Design validation and optimisation

Physical prototypes are costly. Optimising designs and eliminating errors before manufacturing helps to increase efficiency, productivity and innovation.

Facing these issues?

- Designers and engineers need to make accurate design decisions without building multiple physical prototypes.
- Confidence in simulation results is required before investing resources in design changes or new products.
- Product designs include a wide range of materials, not just common metals.
- Motion, fluid flow and the combination of multiple physical effects are critical design considerations.
- Engineering managers want to expand the simulation toolkit without retraining the design team.
- Product design teams need to perform simulation on geometry from multiple CAD software tools.

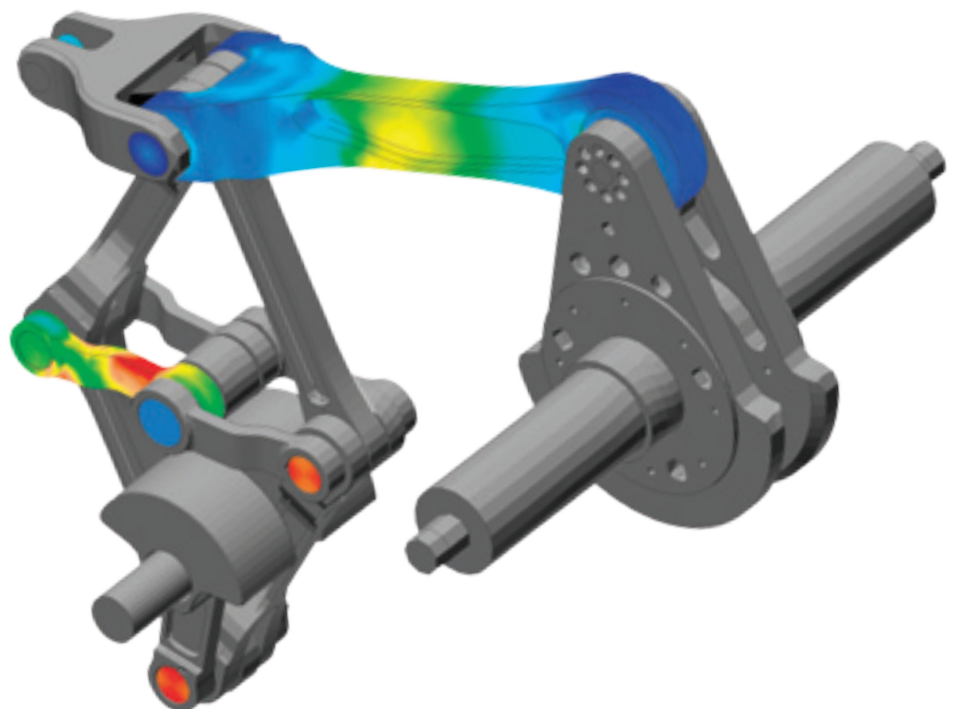
Help to predict product performance with Autodesk Simulation software.

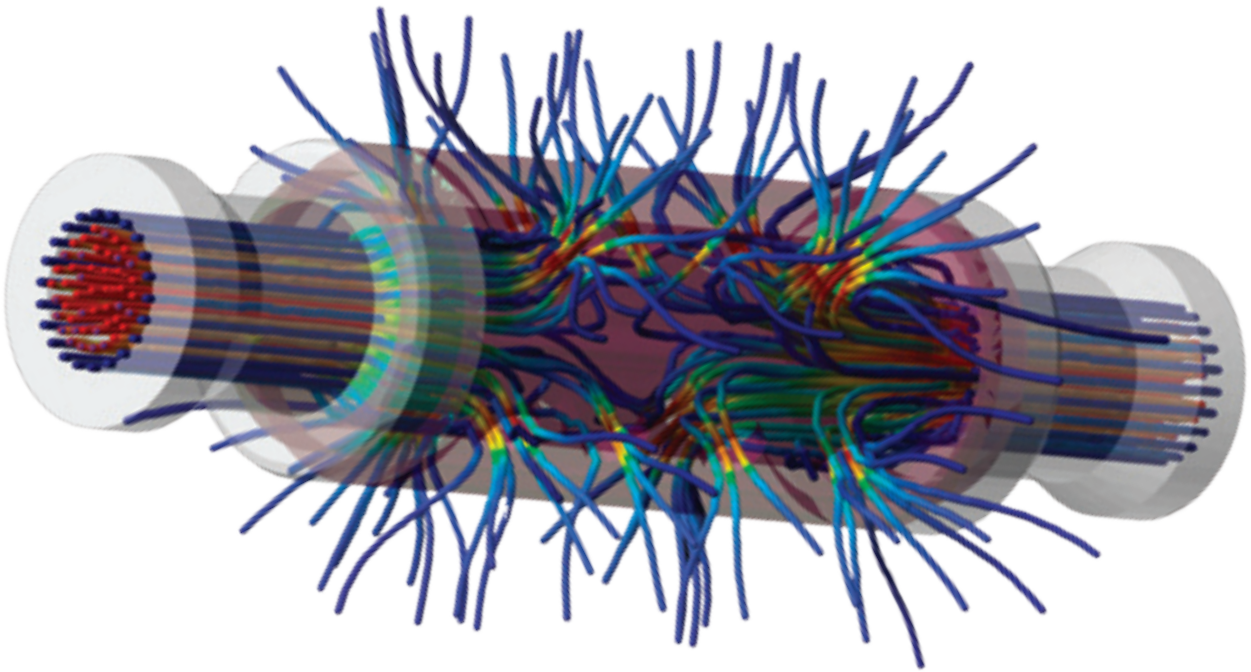
The Autodesk® Simulation (formerly Autodesk® Algor® Simulation) product line, part of the Autodesk® solution for Digital Prototyping, provides a broad range of simulation tools that enable designers and engineers to bring product performance knowledge into early stages of the design cycle, helping to improve collaboration, design better and safer products, save time and reduce manufacturing costs.

Perform Accurate Simulations Efficiently

Simulation enables critical engineering decisions to be made earlier in the design process. With Autodesk Simulation software, designers and engineers have the tools to study initial design intent more easily and to help predict the performance of a complete digital prototype.

When working with CAD geometry, automatic meshing tools produce high-quality elements on the first pass, resulting in higher simulation accuracy within the areas of greatest engineering concern and helping to predict product performance in less time. Built-in modelling capabilities enable designers and engineers to edit the mesh directly to help with accurate placement of loads and constraints, or to create simplified geometry for proof-of-concept studies. In addition to increasing productivity through modelling flexibility, Autodesk Simulation software makes it possible to validate design concepts quickly before resources are invested in significant design changes or new products.





Choose the Right Materials

Support for a wide range of linear and non-linear materials allows for better understanding of the real-world behaviour of products. No matter what materials are included in a design, from metal to rubber, material data is vital to the accuracy of an engineering simulation as it allows designers and engineers to learn more about how a product will perform or even how it might fail.

Expand the Engineering Simulation Toolkit Easily

Decisions to further integrate engineering simulation into the design process often lead to unexpected costs and delays associated with retraining the product design team. By providing an entire range of validation and optimisation tools within one easy-to-use interface, Autodesk Simulation software lets designers and engineers start with mainstream tools and then expand their toolkit to include more advanced simulation such as mechanical event simulation (MES) and computational fluid dynamics (CFD), without the need to learn new workflows.

Combine Multiple Physical Effects in Advanced Simulations

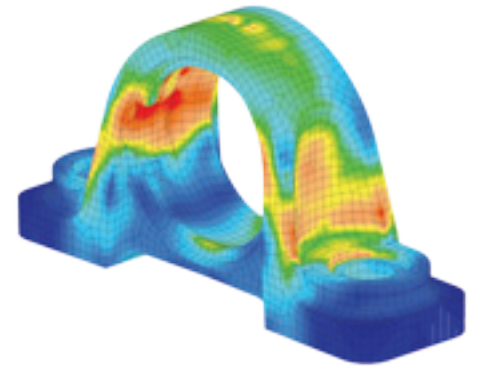
Real-world product behaviour is often the result of multiple physical effects interacting simultaneously. Advanced simulation set-up is made easier through the use of standard engineering terminology, visual process guidance and user-friendly tools and wizards that automate the transfer of simulation results among multiple analyses, helping designers and engineers to focus on product performance rather than advanced numerical or simulation methods.

Collaborate in a Multi-CAD Environment

Manufacturers often create and share designs in multiple CAD software tools, making it difficult to integrate engineering simulation tools into an existing design process without significant and costly changes. Autodesk Simulation software supports efficient workflows in today's multi-CAD environment by providing direct geometry exchange and full associativity with Autodesk® Inventor®, Pro/ENGINEER®, Solid Edge®, SolidWorks® and other software.

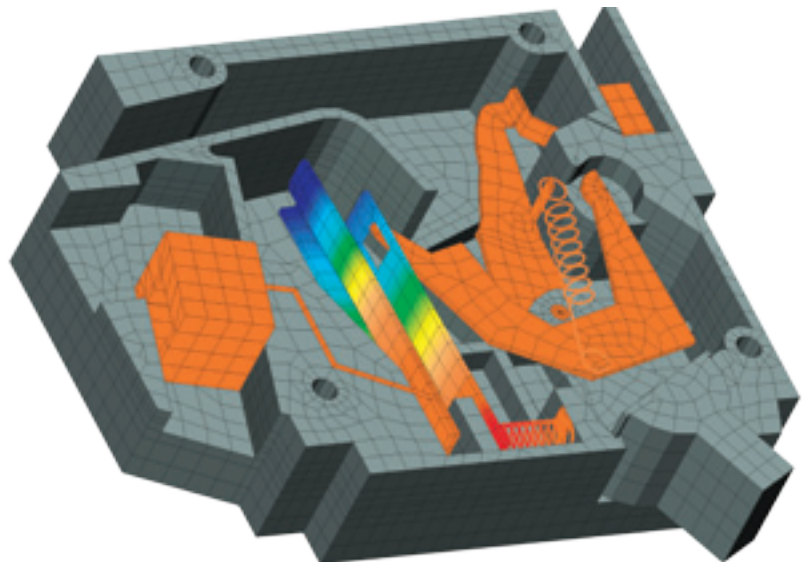
Simulate More and Build Fewer Physical Prototypes

Necessary design changes become more apparent when a product's real-world environment is fully simulated, but computationally intensive analyses can also be time and resource intensive. Fast solvers in Autodesk Simulation software utilise the power of all available computing resources to perform parallel and distributed processing, allowing designers and engineers to study more realistic digital prototypes in less time.



Learn More About Your Product's Performance

Through easy-to-use tools, extensive CAD support and proven technology, Autodesk Simulation software helps you to predict the real-world performance of products while reducing reliance on physical prototypes. Design validation and optimisation through extensive engineering simulation helps you to bring better products to market faster and at less cost.



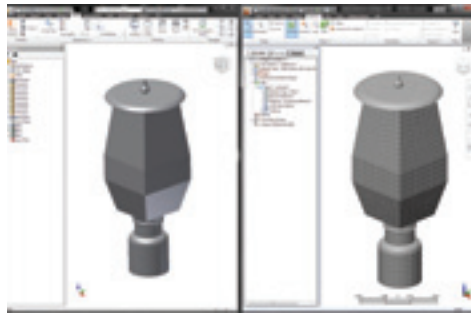
Modelling and Meshing

Create finite element models and meshes using tools and wizards designed to improve productivity and simulation accuracy.

Autodesk Simulation software includes tools for creating finite element models and meshes, including solid models, thin-walled models, surface models and line element models. Wizards automate finite element modelling and meshing tasks, boosting your productivity.

CAD Data Exchange

- Make iterative design changes without redefining materials, loads, constraints or other simulation data by working with the native CAD format, exchanging geometry and related data directly with Autodesk Inventor software and most CAD solid modellers.
- Import 2D and 3D geometry through CAD universal file formats such as ACIS®, IGES, STEP and STL for solid models and CDL, DXF™ and IGES for wireframe models.



Model Simplification

- Simplify your CAD model by suppressing features in preparation for simulation.
- Reduce part geometry to minimise processing time.

CAD Solid Models

- Mesh CAD solid models to represent the physical volume of parts.
- Work with the same CAD models used throughout the design process, opening geometry and related data directly in Autodesk Simulation software.

CAD Surface Models

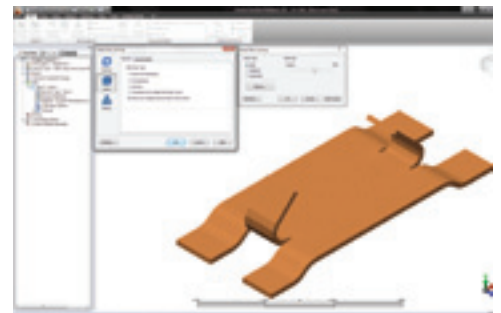
- Build surface models in CAD software and mesh automatically using unstructured 3D quadrilateral or triangular elements and refinement.
- Reduce thin-walled geometry in a solid model to plate or shell elements with automatic handling of parts, assemblies, multi-thickness regions and mixed element types.

User-Created Meshes

- Create planar sketches and surface and volume meshes using a variety of modelling and structured meshing tools.
- Develop an idealised model to reduce simulation complexity and processing time.
- Edit the finite element mesh directly to further refine geometry.

Mesh Engines

- Produce high-quality elements for more accurate simulation results on the first pass.
- Generate hex-dominant meshes using brick elements on the model surface and tetrahedral elements on the inside.
- Match meshes between parts automatically; produce a finer mesh in areas where results tend to be higher.
- Maintain extensive control over mesh type and size, improving accuracy and optimising processing times.



Modelling and Meshing

Line Elements

- Create idealised representations of slender structures such as buildings and frames using modelling tools and AISC section data.
- Create line elements for beams, pipes and trusses for simple construction of complex structures.
- Change cross-section properties quickly and easily.

2D Modelling

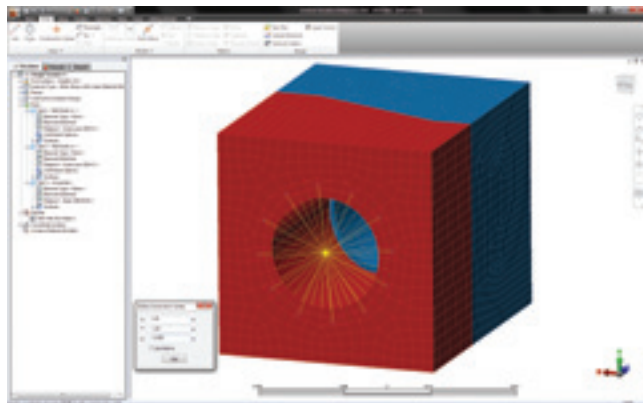
- Create 2D profiles for first-pass or proof-of-concept studies.
- Use built-in 2D sketching, modelling and meshing tools to validate your model and confirm simulation parameters.

Combined Element Models

- Combine element types in a single finite element model to reduce processing time.
- Build an entire assembly within CAD software or idealise some parts with efficient element types such as springs, beams, trusses, plates, shells, membranes and composites.

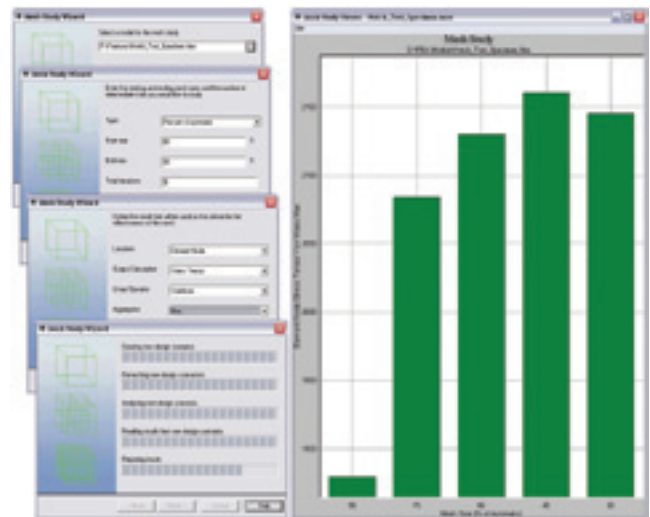
Mesh Seed Points

- Specify node location, allowing for more precise placement of loads and constraints.
- Add a line element, enquire on results and perform other nodal-based operations.



Mesh Study Wizard

- Automate mesh sensitivity studies by meshing the CAD model at different densities, running static stress analyses and displaying the results in a graph.
- Determine the optimal mesh density required for more accurate simulation results and verify accuracy with precision contours.



Modelling Wizards

Autodesk Simulation software includes a range of wizards to help you:

- Create pin and ball joints.
- Create fasteners such as bolts, screws, nuts and rivets.
- Create tapered beams.
- Reduce solid and surface geometry to line elements.
- Model a fluid medium automatically.
- Create pressure vessels and piping components.

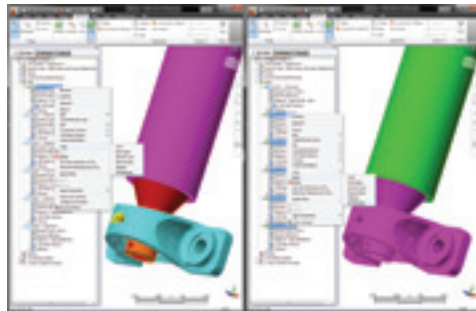
Properties Definition

Define, group and apply properties such as loads, constraints and materials, making it easier to predict product performance more accurately.

Autodesk Simulation software helps you to gain a better understanding of the real-world performance of products by applying material data, loads and constraints to your digital prototype. Numerous material models and a library of common engineering materials help you to characterise and predict how parts will respond to loads.

Environment Definition

- Maintain full control over the definition of your simulation environment.
- Apply, modify and delete loads, constraints, materials and simulation properties using right-click functionality.
- Use context-sensitive menus tailored to particular steps in the modelling process.
- Use drag-and-drop capabilities for simulation data.



Easy Simulation Setup

- Use standard engineering terminology and visual process guidance for simulation setup.
- Manage time-dependent input parameters through simple, easy-to-navigate dialogue boxes.
- Use mathematical expressions during data entry.

Load and Constraint Sets

Group loads and constraints into sets, making it easier to simulate multiple loading and constraint scenarios.

Design Scenarios and Studies

- Group properties together to study the full environment of a product in order to help predict real-world performance.
- Batch-run multiple simulations using different analysis types, load sets and constraint sets for the same model.

Loads

Apply loads – including centrifugal loads, gravity loads, heat generation, current density, pressure, convection, radiation, flow rate, force, temperature and voltage – easily to an entire model, its surface or edges, or individual parts or nodes.

Variable Loads

- Apply variable loads, such as time- and results-based loads, to your model.
- View and edit multiplier data associated with time-dependent loading; import load curves easily from other sources.
- Adjust the magnitude of an applied load based on the results calculated in a mechanical event simulation (MES) analysis.



Properties Definition

Loading Wizards

Autodesk Simulation software includes a range of wizards to help you:

- Calculate and apply remote loads, such as torque, to a structural model.
- Estimate heat transfer coefficients for convection loads between a solid and its ambient environment.
- Calculate view factors for determining the amount of radiation passed between bodies.
- Automate application of results from one analysis type to another for multiphysics simulations.



Material Model Capabilities

- Better understand the real-world behaviour of parts by closely considering actual material behaviour for foam, gasket, rubber, plastic and other non-linear materials.
- Choose from a wide range of non-linear material models to get more accurate results when a part's operation involves twisting, stretching, squashing or buckling.
- Learn how a part is likely to fail, especially when large deformation occurs.

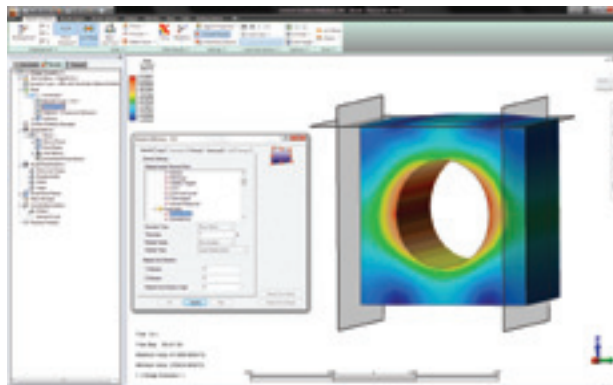


Material Library Manager

- Import, create and manage customised material libraries to better simulate material behaviour.
- Apply properties from a built-in library of common engineering materials, import properties from industry-standard material resources such as MatWeb, or create custom materials and save them for reuse.
- Apply the same material properties to multiple parts simultaneously or apply different properties to each part.

Material Wizard

- Calculate material values automatically by curve fitting stress-strain test data.
- Calculate constant values for hyperelastic material models and input the constants directly into the material property fields.



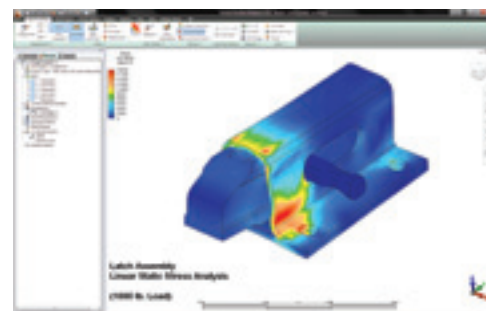
Static Stress and Linear Dynamic Analysis

Study the structural response of designs with tools for static stress and linear dynamic analysis.

Autodesk Simulation software includes features for static stress and linear dynamic analysis. Study stress, strain, displacement, shear and axial forces resulting from structural loading.

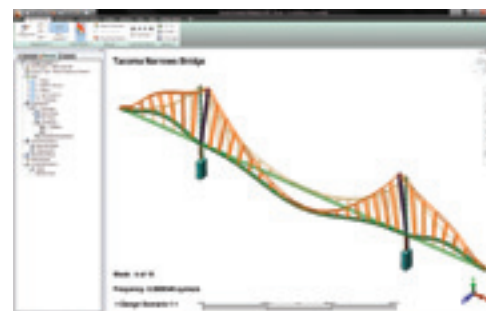
Static Stress Analysis

- Test designs for structural integrity, avoiding over- or under-designing.
- Study stress, strain, displacement, shear and axial forces by applying known, static loads for linear or non-linear stress analyses.
- Help to predict large deformation, permanent deformation and residual stresses.
- Use the Riks method to simulate non-linear buckling.



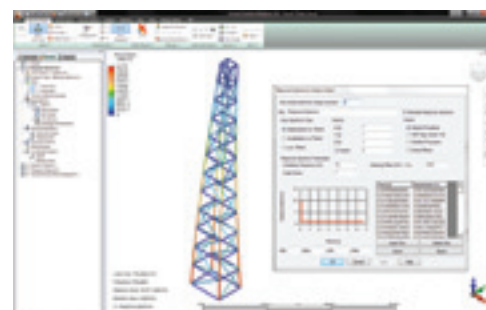
Natural Frequency (Modal) Analysis

- Determine a part's natural frequencies and mode shapes to avoid frequencies that are disruptive or harmful in your design.
- Use studies of oscillating modes to determine whether a part resonates at the frequency of an attached power-driven device such as a motor.
- Make design changes to reduce the amplitude of oscillations and account for stiffening effects from applied loads.



Response Spectrum Analysis

- Design structures to withstand sudden loads by determining the structural response to sudden forces or shocks such as earthquakes.
- Use formulae recommended by the US Nuclear Regulatory Commission, often used to design nuclear power plant components such as reactor parts, pumps, valves, piping and condensers.



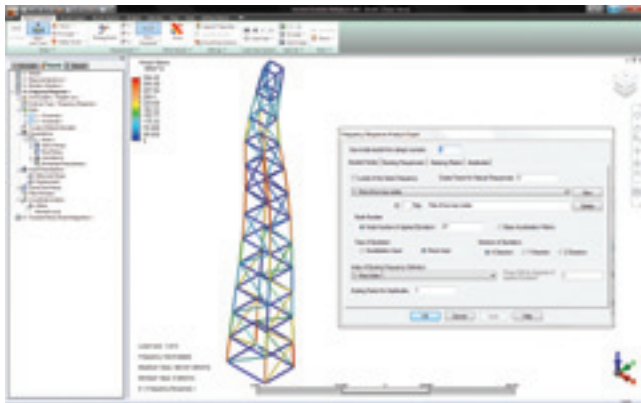
Static Stress and Linear Dynamic Analysis

Random Vibration Analysis

- Design structures to withstand constant, random vibrations by calculating the structural response to vibrations generated by motors, road conditions, jet engines and more.
- Study a vehicle's structural integrity and the effects of vibration on transported payloads.

Frequency Response Analysis

- Determine the steady-state operation of a machine, vehicle or press equipment design subjected to continuous harmonic loading.
- Specify a constant frequency and amplitude to help predict the vibration effects.

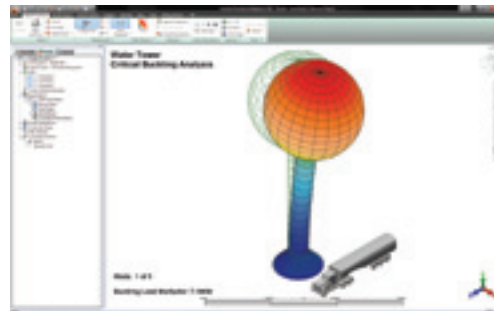


Transient Stress Analysis

- Calculate structural response to time-varying loads and ground acceleration.
- Conduct structural vibration and load testing for applications such as wind loading on towers or the cycling effects of air purification equipment.

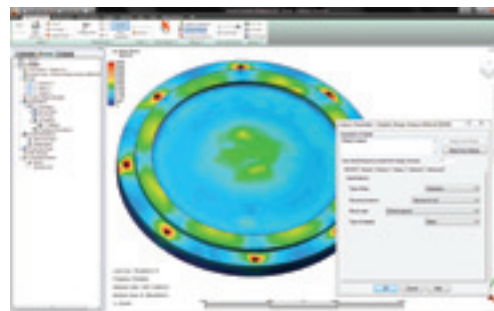
Critical Buckling Load Analysis

- Help to avoid structural failure by determining the amount of load that would cause a structure to buckle.
- Examine the geometric stability of models under primarily axial load and edge compression.
- Review the predicted buckling shape, then add supports and stiffeners to your design.



Dynamic Design Analysis Method Analysis

- Estimate the response of a component to shock loading caused by sudden movement of a vessel resulting from depth charges, mines, missiles or torpedoes.
- Simulate interaction between the shock-loaded component and its fixed structure by accounting for equipment weight, mounting location and orientation on the vessel.
- Help to validate designs for naval applications, including when input values need to remain confidential.



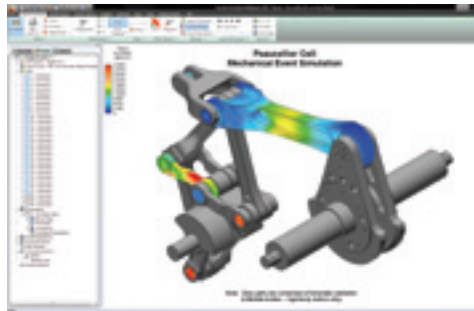
Mechanical Event Simulation

Enhance design decisions by using multi-body dynamics with support for large-scale motion, large deformation and large strain with body-to-body contact.

Autodesk Simulation software allows you to use multi-body dynamics with support for large-scale motion, large deformation and large strain with body-to-body contact to enhance design decisions. Simulate models subject to dynamic loads and inertial effects involved in motion, drop tests and impact. Study stress, strain, displacement, shear and axial forces due to motion. Mechanical event simulation (MES) with linear and non-linear materials automatically calculates loads and time-stepping based on physical data, helping you to avoid costly, inaccurate assumptions.

Rigid-Body Motion

- Simulate kinematic motion of inflexible models. A model can include coupled mechanisms or be completely unconstrained, allowing movement in any direction.
- Use 2D and 3D kinematic elements when focused on rigid-body motion results and when stresses are unimportant.
- Determine stresses for kinematic element parts of a model at any time by using an inertial load transfer capability.

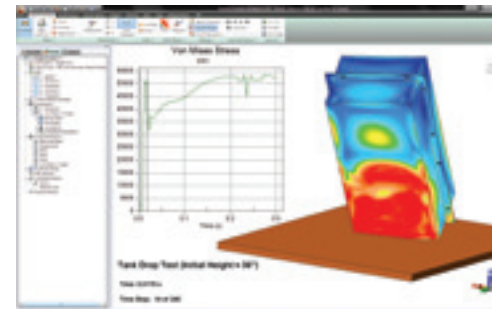


Flexible-Body Motion

- Account for bending, twisting, stretching, squashing and inertial effects by conducting simultaneous motion and stress analysis to see motion and its results, such as impact, buckling and permanent deformation.
- Account for flexible joints and links in a mechanism to produce more accurate results.
- Simulate geometric and material non-linearities such as large deformation beyond the material yield point.
- Display a part's range of motion and resulting stresses in real time, helping to identify yielding or failure quickly.

Contact Analysis

- Simulate interaction and the transfer of loads between multiple parts of an assembly more accurately, for both linear and non-linear contact scenarios.
- Study bonded, welded, free/no, surface and edge contact for applications such as bolted connections and interference fits. Capabilities for non-linear contact include additional contact methods such as coupling elements, dashpot elements and surface-to-surface contact.
- Specify the surfaces and parts that may come into contact throughout an event and choose whether to include friction effects. There is no need to estimate dynamic or contact forces for MES – Autodesk Simulation software automatically calculates contact points, orientations and related loads.



Computational Fluid Dynamics (CFD)

Study the thermal characteristics of designs and simulate more accurate, detailed fluid flow behaviour.

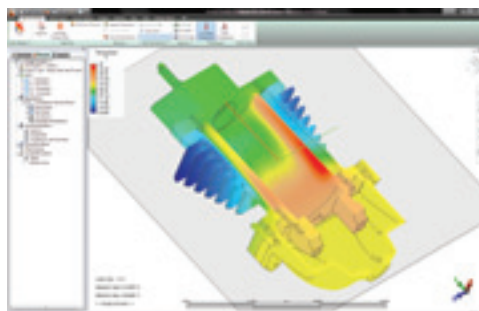
Use computational fluid dynamics (CFD) tools in Autodesk Simulation software to perform heat transfer and fluid flow analyses.

Heat transfer analysis – Study changes in a product's temperature profile to help reveal potential failure. Analyse linear and non-linear thermal designs by considering conduction, convection, heat flux, heat generation, radiation and thermal contact. Autodesk Simulation software automatically handles variable material properties, making it easier to analyse the impact of temperature profiles on a design.

Fluid flow analysis – Analyse patterns in multiple, independent fluids by calculating velocity and pressure that occurs within incompressible, viscous 2D and 3D flows. Help to predict laminar and turbulent flow simultaneously in a single model. Simulate more accurate, detailed fluid flow behaviour by utilising boundary layer meshing.

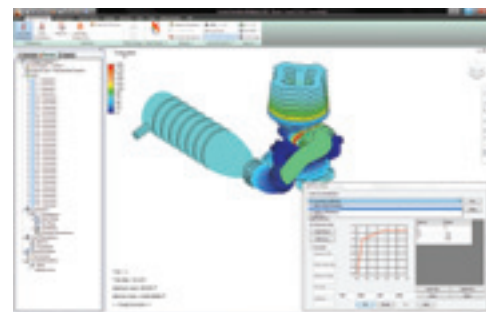
Steady-State Heat Transfer Analysis

- Determine temperature distribution, heat flow and heat flux in steady-state conditions.
- Consider thermal expansion and contraction to assess design performance.



Transient Heat Transfer Analysis

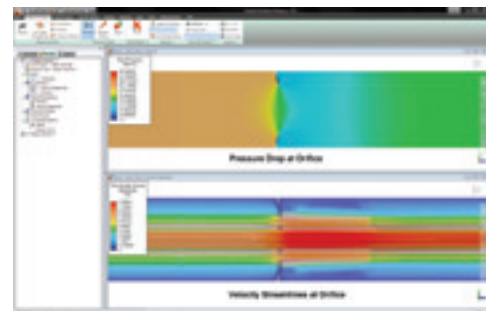
- Calculate temperature distribution, heat flow and heat flux when temperatures or loads vary over time.
- Study varying heat transfer conditions prior to reaching a steady state.



Steady Fluid Flow Analysis

- Determine the motion of a fluid due to steady loads.
- Perform fast simulations for flows in which velocities do not vary with time, such as lift and drag on a wing or flow through a pipe.

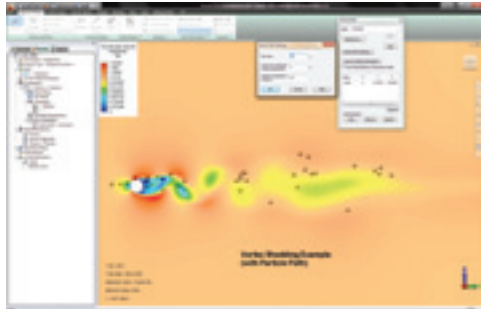
Unsteady Fluid Flow Analysis



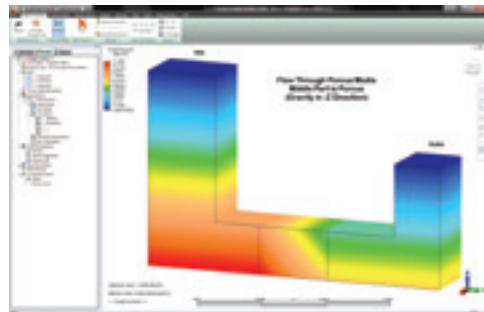
Computational Fluid Dynamics (CFD)

- Study dynamic motion of a fluid due to time-varying loads or steady loads.
- Consider inertial effects and acceleration of fluids to calculate a flow field when direction and velocity change over time.

Flow Through Porous Media Analysis



- Simulate flow through ground rock, catalyst and packed beds, filters, screens, perforated plates, porous metal foam, flow distributors, tube banks and more.
- Use both isotropic and orthotropic materials to calculate velocity and pressure fields.
- Study multiple parts with varying permeability and inertial effects for high Reynolds number applications.

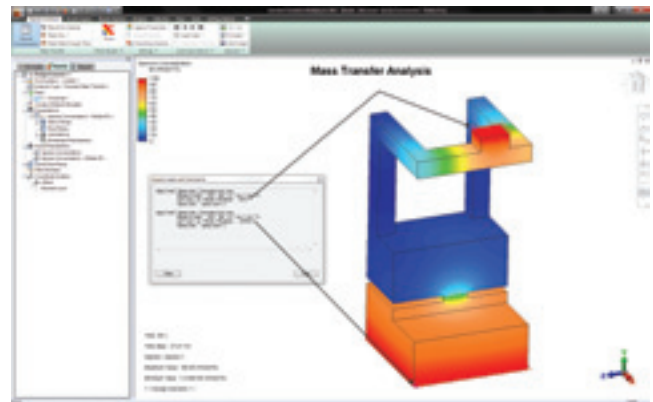


Open Channel Flow Analysis

Determine dynamic motion of a fluid in a volume that is less than completely filled, simulating a free surface between a flowing fluid and a gas above it. Typical applications include marine systems, drainage systems and liquid column gauges.

Mass Transfer Analysis

- Simulate mass in transit due to gradients in the concentration of species within a mixture, where transfer is due to random molecular motion. A typical application is chemical species through a membrane.
- Determine species concentration distribution and corresponding species flux over time.



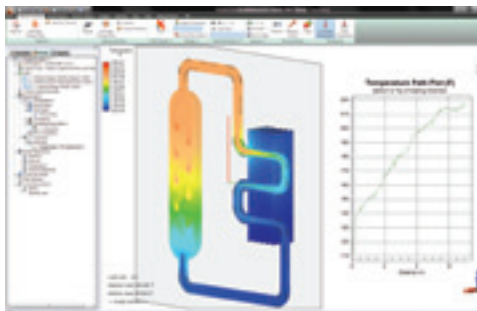
Multiphysics

Study the result of multiple physical factors acting simultaneously by combining results from multiple analysis types to help predict a product's real-world performance.

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Fluid and Thermal Analysis

- Calculate effects of fluid motion on the heat transfer of an assembly and the effects of temperature distribution on flow pattern. Applications include fan-cooled electronics, heat exchangers and systems that operate at extremely high temperatures.
- Use natural convection (buoyancy) capability to account for flow changes caused by temperature differences in fluids.
- Use forced convection capability to consider the effects of fluid flow when solving for temperature distribution.
- Determine the fluid velocity necessary to produce the desired temperature distribution and help to prevent part failure.
- View fluid flow and heat transfer results simultaneously for applications with both natural and forced convection (mixed convection).



Thermal Stress Analysis

Apply temperature results from a heat transfer analysis as thermal loads in a structural analysis to determine whether resulting deflections and stresses may cause otherwise suitable parts to fail.

Fluid and Structural Analysis

Input results from a computational fluid dynamics (CFD) analysis as loads in a structural analysis. This loosely coupled fluid-structure interaction lets you analyse the effects of fluid flow on a structure.

Electrostatic Analysis

- Determine voltage and current distribution when an electric potential is applied to a conductive material.
- Study electric fields around objects and analyse dielectrics, insulating materials polarised by electric fields.
- Study an assembly's electric conduction properties and test whether designs exceed the dielectric strength of capacitors and surrounding media.

Joule Heating Analysis

Simulate Joule heating effects by linking the results of an electrostatic analysis to a heat transfer analysis. This capability is useful when analysing spot welding, circuit breakers, microelectromechanical systems (MEMS) and electronic devices.

Electromechanical Analysis

- Determine how voltage relates to structural response.
- Calculate the strain in a piezoelectric material due to voltage distribution.
- Link the voltage distribution and electrostatic forces calculated by an electrostatic analysis to structural analysis tools.



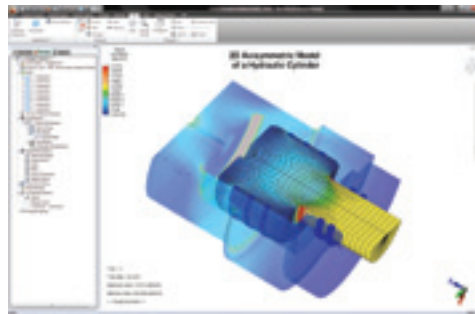
Results Evaluation

Visualise and evaluate simulation results, easily communicating the results via images, animations and reports.

Autodesk Simulation software provides a range of tools and wizards for model visualisation, results evaluation and presentation. Features include multiple-window displays, fast dynamic viewing controls and customisation options.

Visualisation

- View animated visualisations of your digital prototype, based on underlying physics.
- Hide parts of a model, slice it to view interior results and use transparency to examine specific parts while maintaining proper context.
- Visualise spring, beam, truss, 2D, plate and shell elements realistically in 3D.
- Create presentations that are realistic, vivid and intuitive in order to understand product performance more fully.



Result Types

- Understand how a product performs by viewing simulation results using a range of tools.
- Access pertinent results for any analysis type easily through context-sensitive menus.
- Define your own result types and display results for multiple load calculations.
- Add annotations to highlight the location of minimum and maximum results.
- Define probes at locations of specific interest.

Graphs and Plots

- Depict results as graphs that help you to investigate how the dynamic characteristics of a design vary through its operating cycle.
- Plot physical parameters, such as position, force and acceleration, versus time.
- Use stream lines, path plots and particle tracking to illustrate fluid flow patterns clearly.

Real-Time Monitoring

- Monitor dynamic visualisation of a product's behaviour during or after time-based simulations, providing insight into the early stages of complex simulations.
- Stop an analysis, adjust parameters and restart the analysis as needed.



Results Evaluation

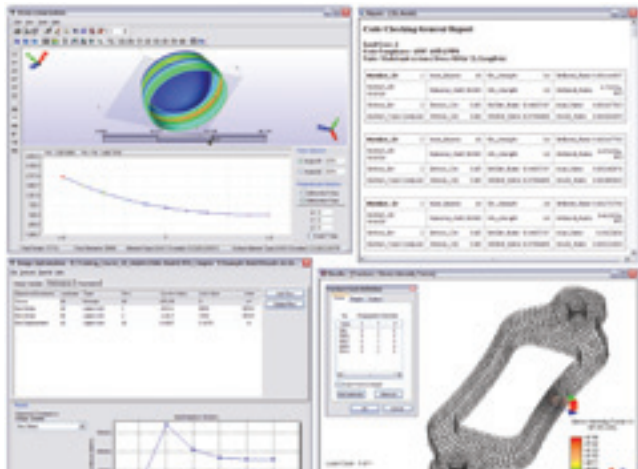
Volume and Weight Analysis

- Calculate centre of gravity, mass moment of inertia, products of inertia, volume and weight of any model.
- Generate new values quickly to view the impact of each design modification on volume and weight.
- Determine the amount of material required for a proposed design and make informed design decisions that consider the cost of materials.

Result Wizards

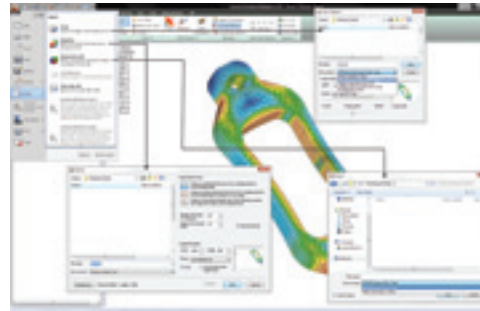
Autodesk Simulation software includes a range of wizards to help you:

- Verify compliance with AISC specifications for structural steel buildings, allowable stress design and plastic design.
- Calculate linearised stress distribution in thin-walled pressure vessels to verify compliance with the ASME Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code.
- Study fracture mechanics by calculating J-integral results and stress intensifications at cracks.
- Explore the impact of design changes and find the best solution by seeking automatically the parameter values that meet design criteria.



Images and Animations

- Communicate results to customers and team members through 3D web-based models, animations and images.
- Save to popular formats, including AVI, BMP, JPG, TIF, PNG, PCX, TGA, VRML and HOOPS Stream File (HSF).



Reports

- Document and share simulation results easily, presenting them through automatically generated reports in HTML, PDF, DOC and RTF formats.
- Add images, animations and text-based results.
- Customise appearance and formatting fully.

Microsoft Office Data Exchange

- Export contour and graph data to Microsoft® Excel® worksheets, then incorporate results into presentations and reports.
- Copy and paste results easily into other Microsoft® Office® applications.

Customisation Options

- Control default settings, displays, annotations, reports and more.
- Save settings for a results presentation and then use them with any model.

Digital Prototyping for the Manufacturing Market

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