



# Digimat

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## How Moldex3D Tackles Fiber Simulations

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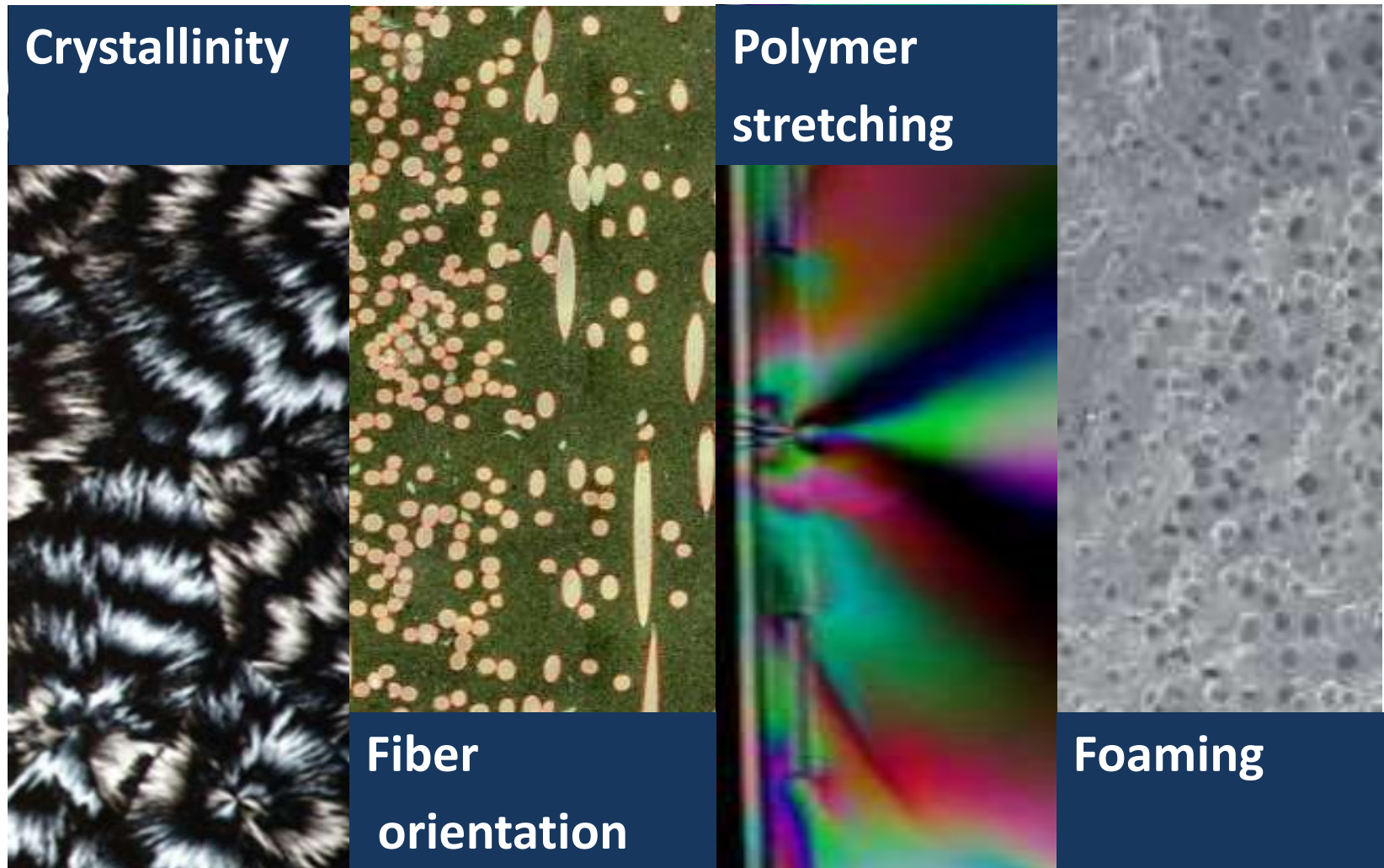
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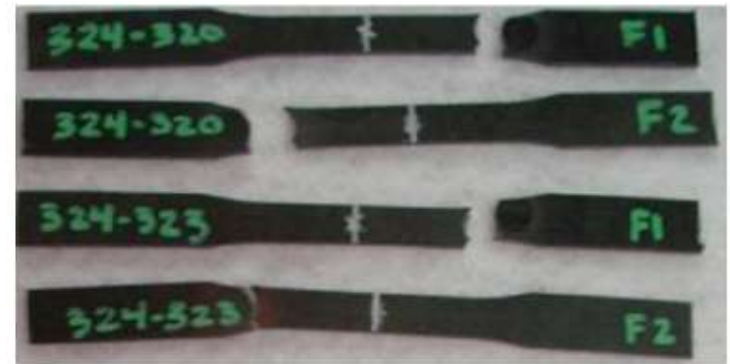
# Flow induced microstructures



# Why isn't broken at center?



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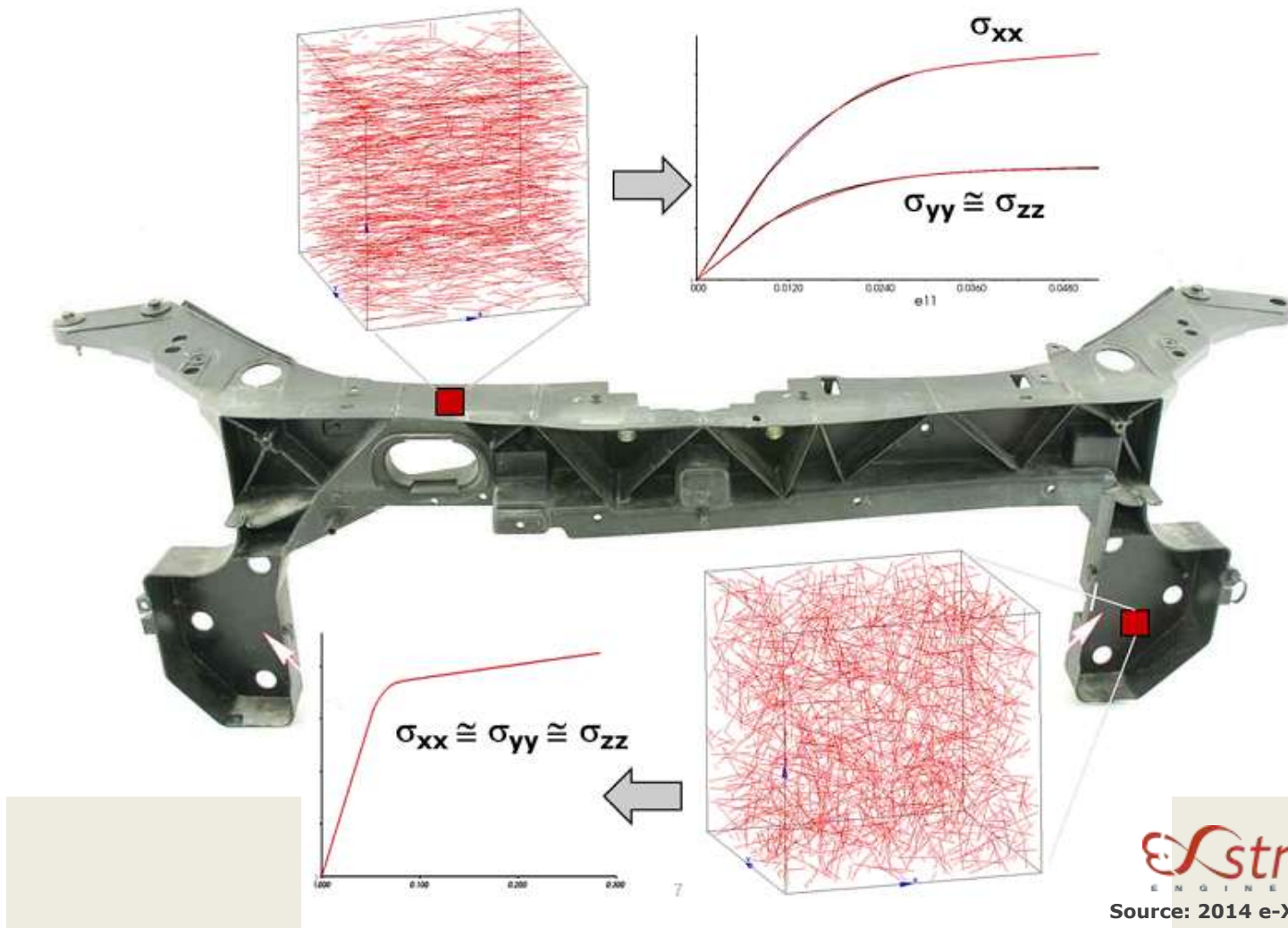


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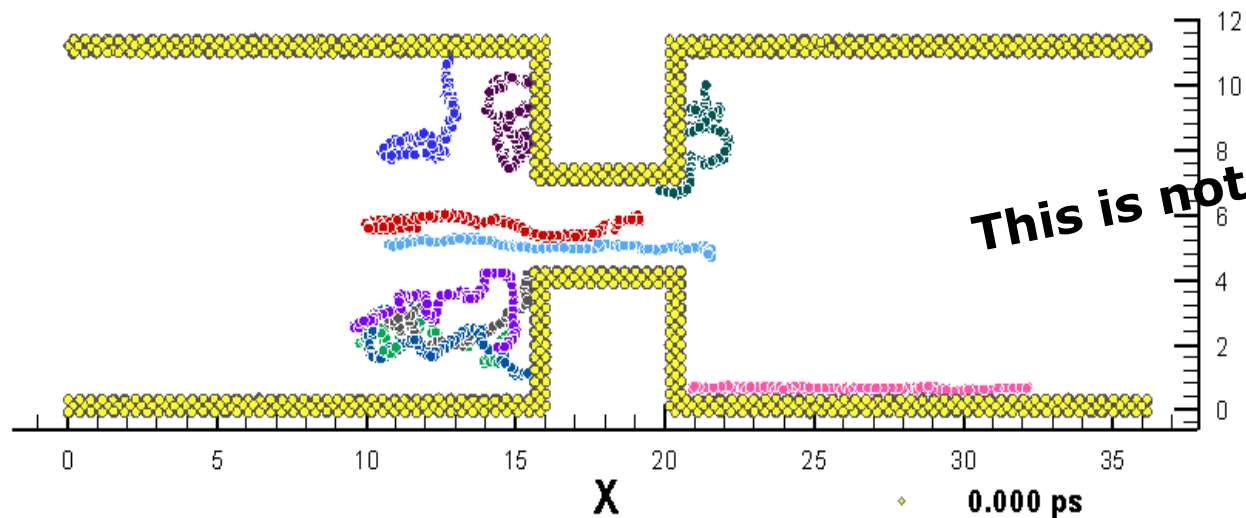
Figure 6. (a) Predicted failure and (b) experimental failure for the flow-direction specimens cut from the 40% glass-PP center-gated plaques

Source: Oak Ridge National Laboratory

# Influence of fiber orientation

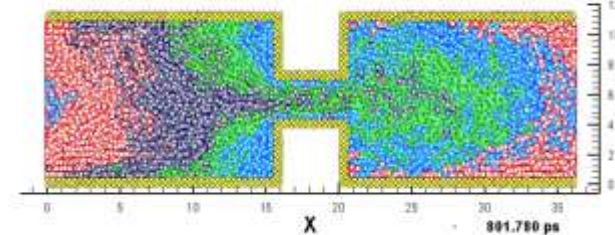


# How does a molecule move?



**This is not Ebola**

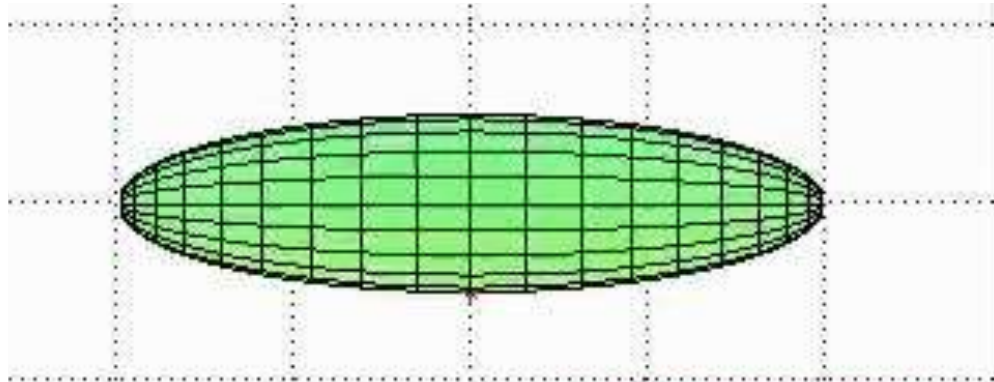
**400K, 666 chains of  $[\text{CH}_2]_{100}$**



# How does a filler do?

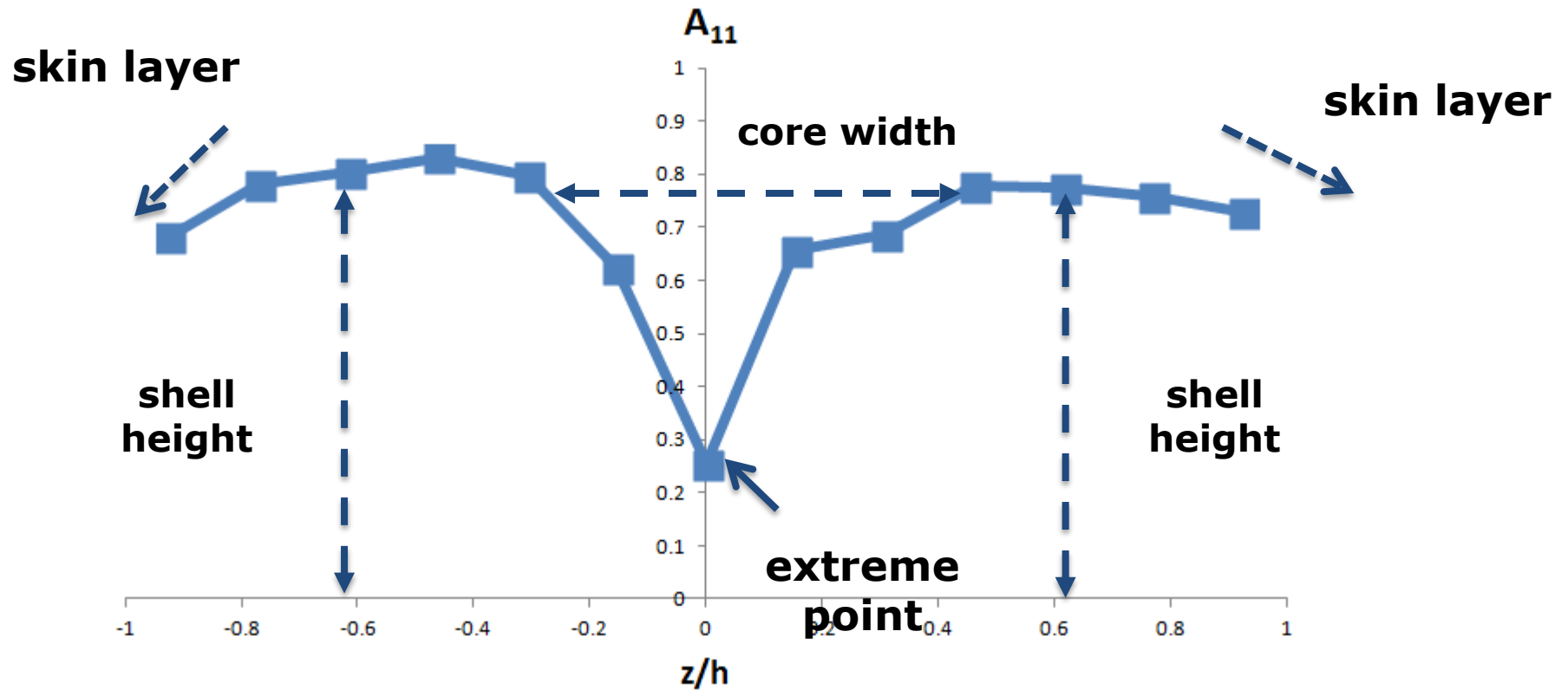
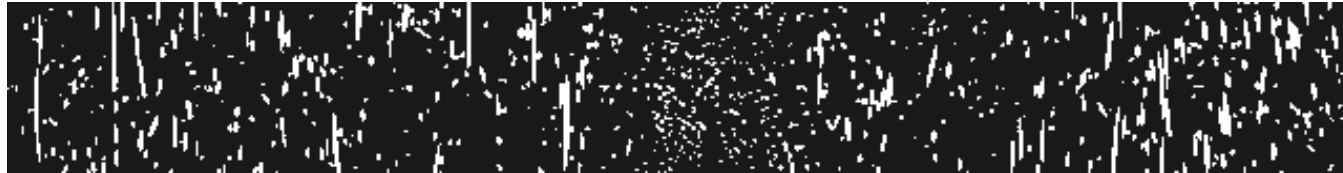
## Jeffery's orbit

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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5mmFs5MkhRI>

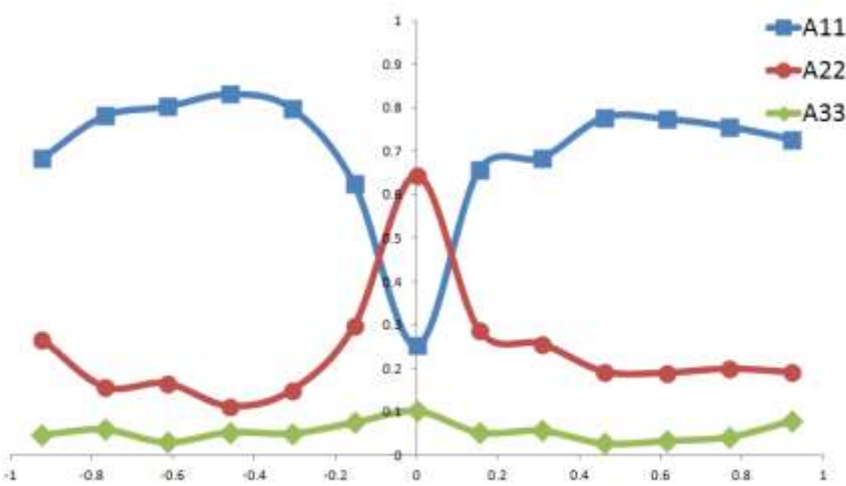
# Features of Fiber Orientation Distribution



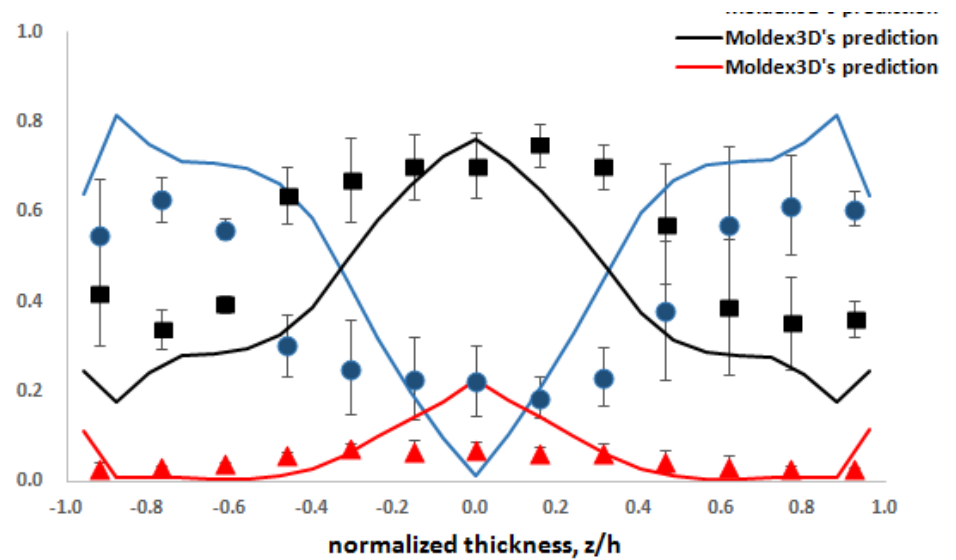


# What if I have longer fiber?

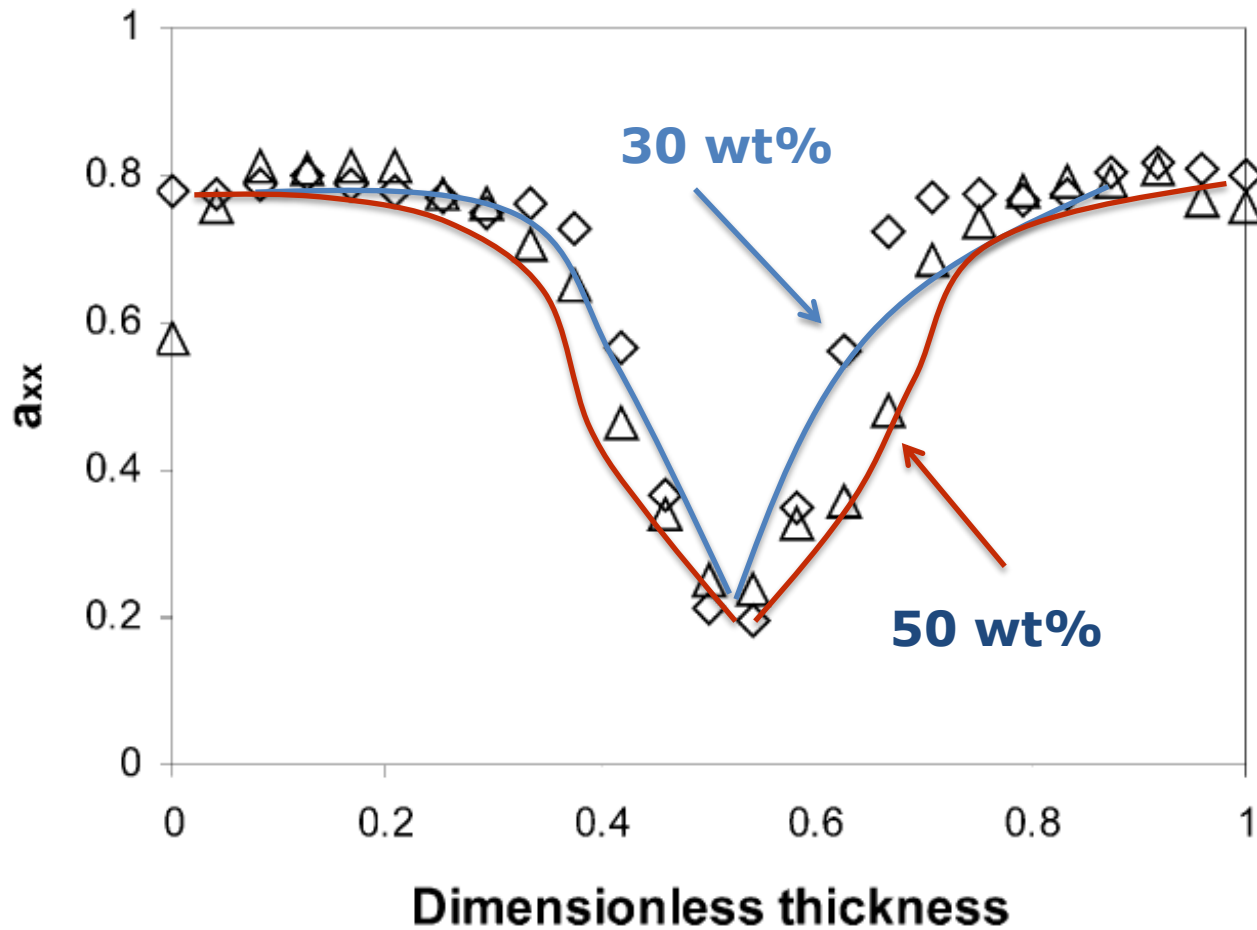
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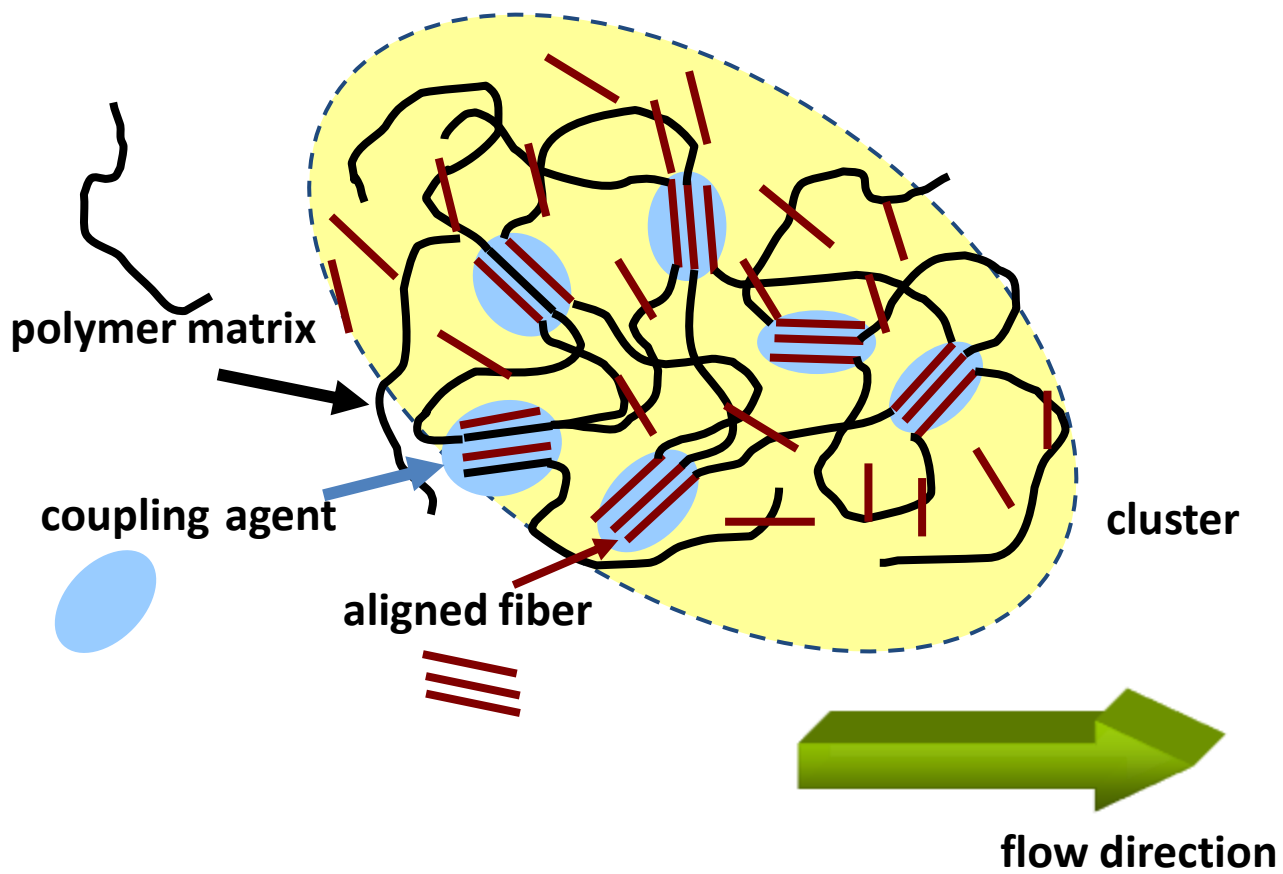
## Long



# What if I have more fiber?

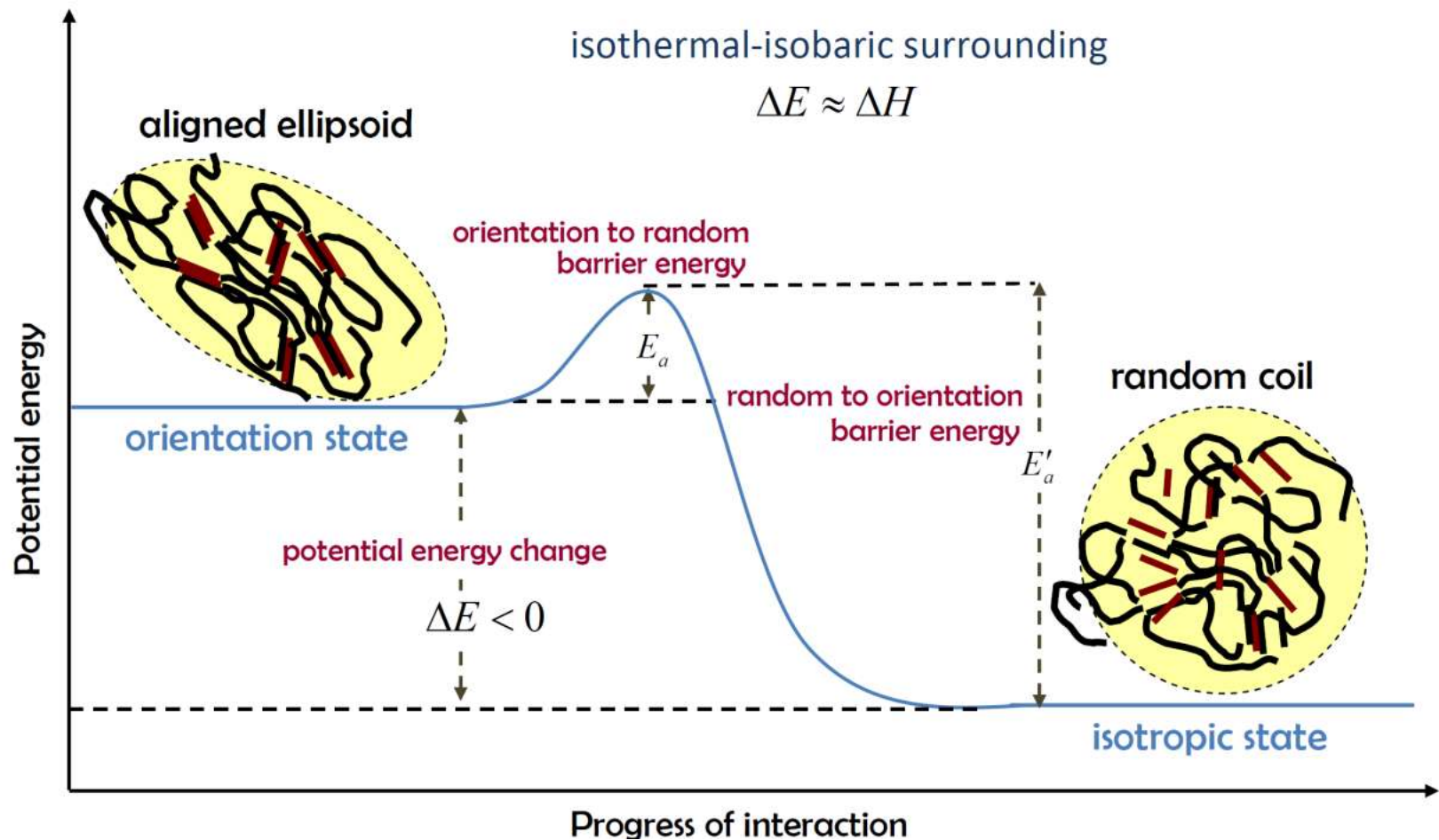


# Considering fiber-fiber and fiber-matrix interaction



# Physical approach

## Fiber orientation with thermodynamic aspect

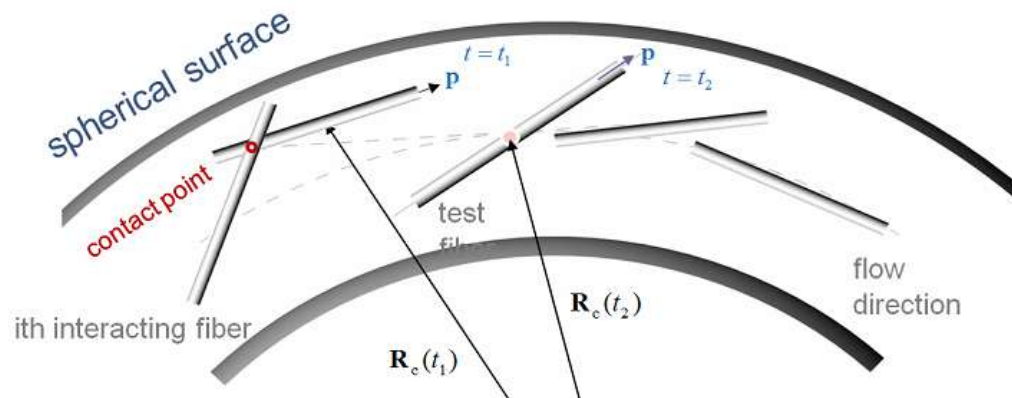


# Fiber Model of Moldex3D: iARD-RPR Model

- iARD-RPR (an improved ARD tensor combined with a new Retardant Principal Rate) model involves three parameters,  $\alpha$ ,  $C_I$ ,  $C_M$

$$\dot{\mathbf{A}} = \dot{\mathbf{A}}^{\text{HD}} + \dot{\mathbf{A}}^{\text{iARD}}(C_I, C_M) + \dot{\mathbf{A}}^{\text{RPR}}(\alpha)$$

$$\dot{\mathbf{A}}^{\text{HD}} = (\mathbf{W} \cdot \mathbf{A} - \mathbf{A} \cdot \mathbf{W}) + \xi(\mathbf{D} \cdot \mathbf{A} + \mathbf{A} \cdot \mathbf{D} - 2\mathbf{A}_4 : \mathbf{D})$$



# Benefit of iARD-RPR Model

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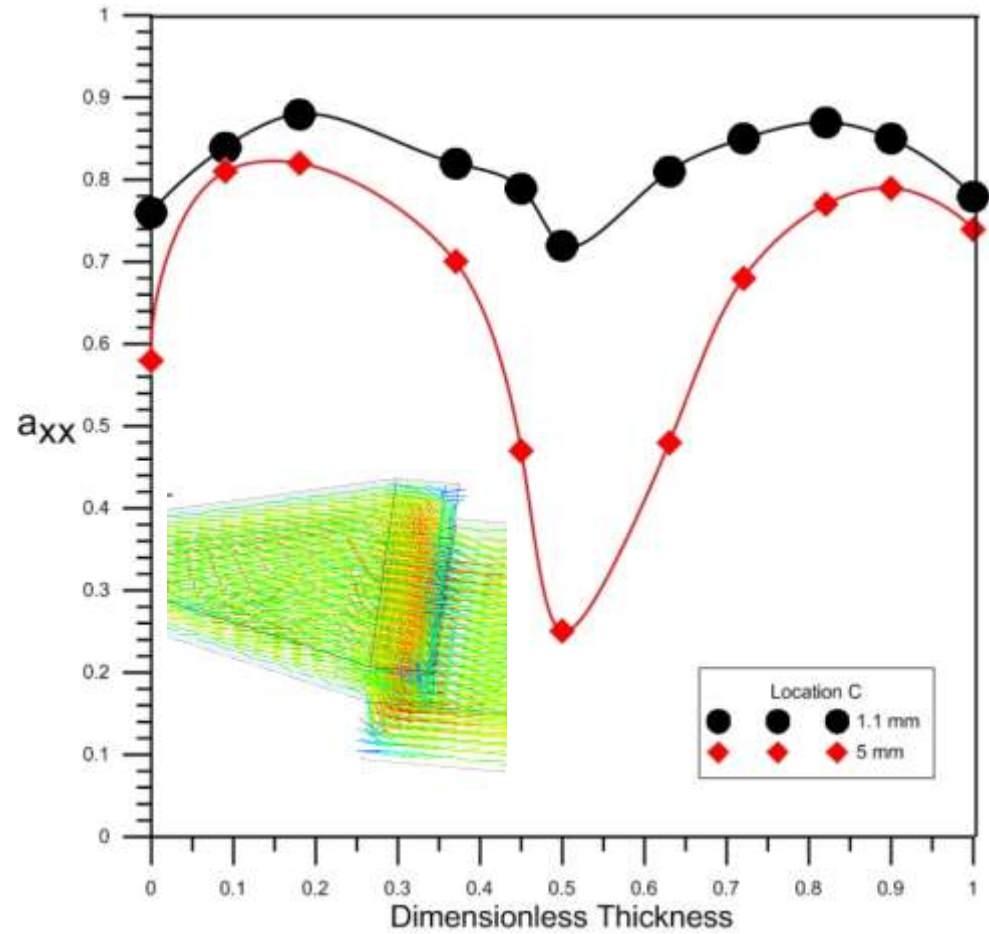
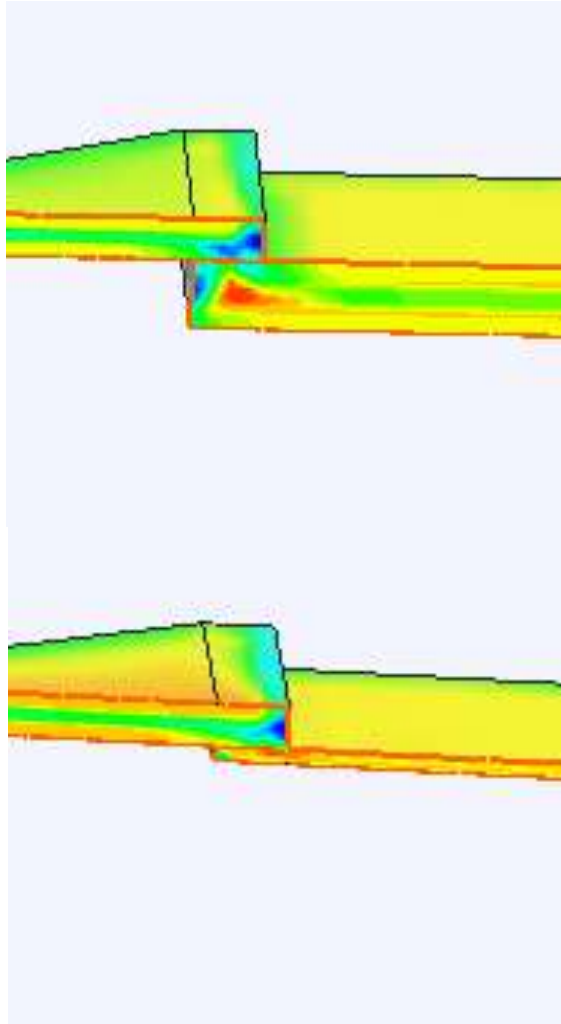
∞ A simple formula with linear superposition

$$\dot{\mathbf{A}} = \dot{\mathbf{A}}^{\text{HD}} + \dot{\mathbf{A}}^{\text{iARD}}(C_I, C_M) + \dot{\mathbf{A}}^{\text{RPR}}(\alpha)$$

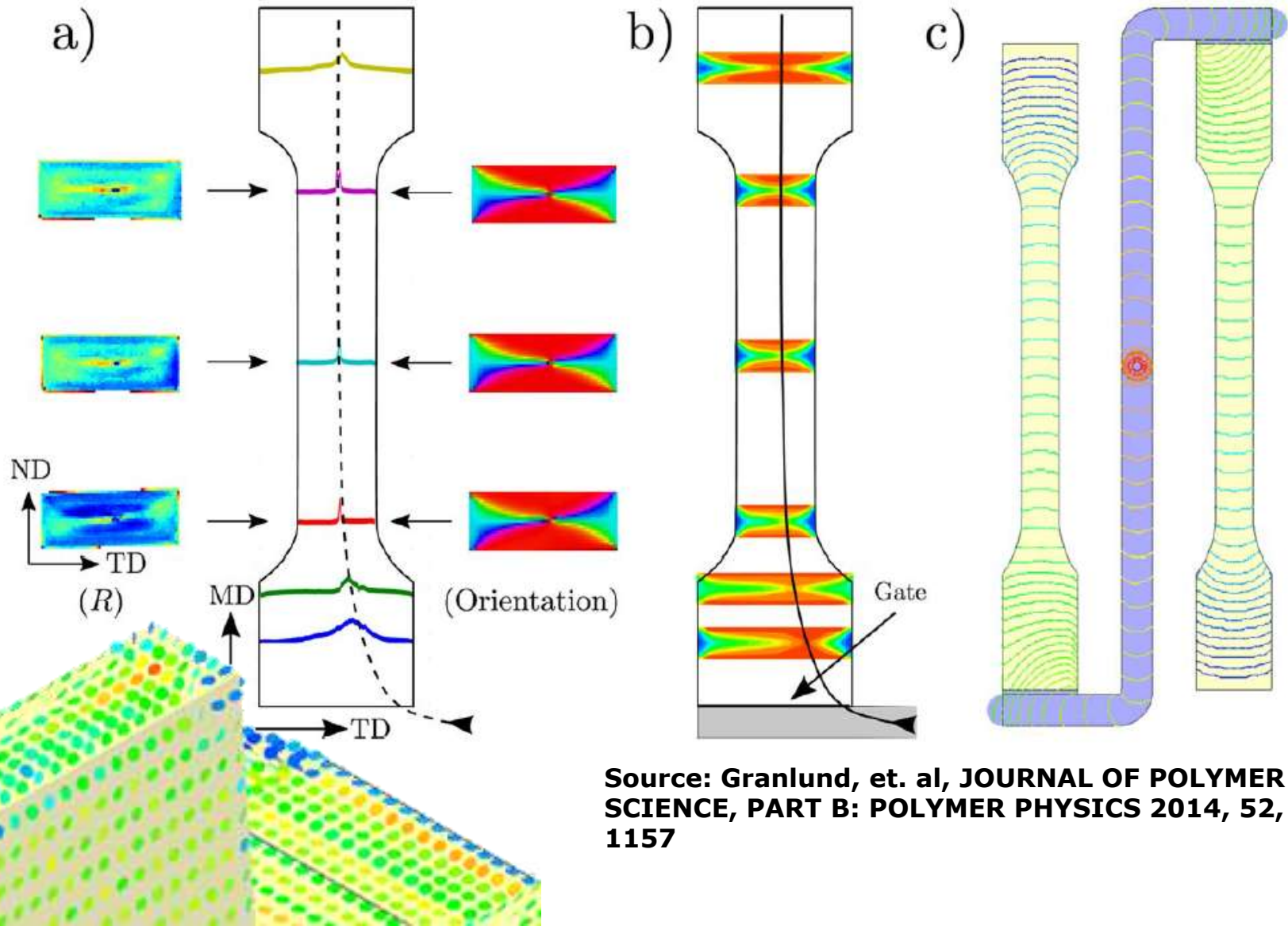
∞ Only three fitting parameters with physical meaning

∞ Using inlet condition is **NOT** necessary.

# Change of thickness of the part



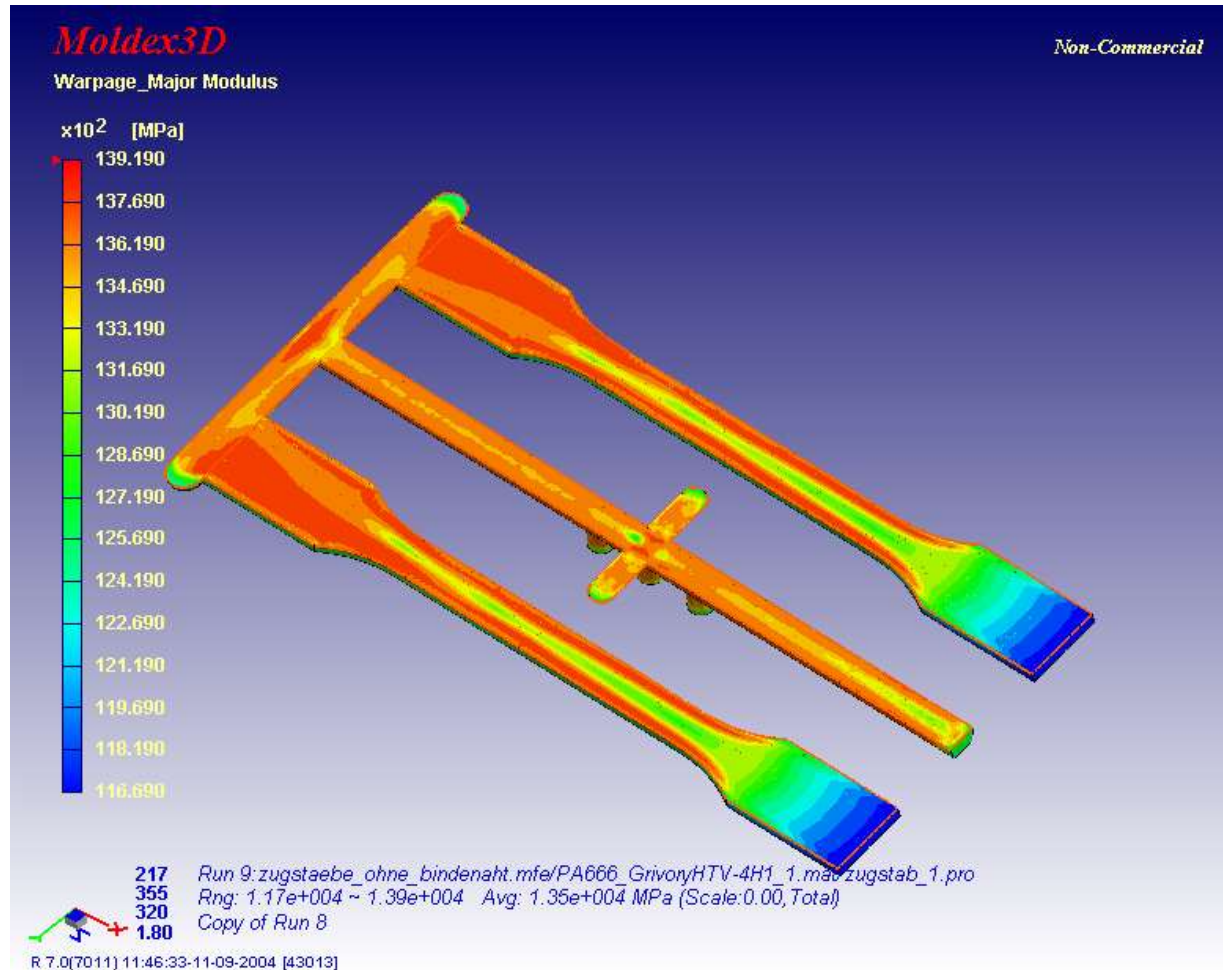
# Flat disc instead of a fiber



Source: Granlund, et. al, JOURNAL OF POLYMER SCIENCE, PART B: POLYMER PHYSICS 2014, 52, 1157



# Seeing test coupon in a different way



# Orientation verified fiber system

Client	Part Shape	Fiber Type	Fiber Length	Fiber Content	Polymer Matrix
Material supplier	2.5 mm Plaque	Short Glass Fiber	5mm	40 wt.%	PA66
	<i>One</i> center point tested accurate with 70%, , <i>core, shell and skin regions predicted well.</i>				
Automotive OEM	3.0 mm Plaque and Disk	Short Glass Fiber	5mm	10 & 30 wt.%	PBT
	<i>Three</i> locations tested accurate with 70-80%, core, shell and skin regions predicted well.				
Aerospace	3.4 mm Plaque	Short Carbon Fiber	7mm	30 wt.%	PEEK
	<i>9 out of 9 locations</i> tested accurate with 90%, , core and shell region values predicted				

# Orientation verified fiber system

Client	Part Shape	Fiber Type	Fiber Length	Fiber Content	Polymer Matrix
Research Center	3.0 mm Plaque	Long Carbon Fiber	13 mm	40 wt.%	PA66
	<i>8 out of 10 locations</i> tested accurate with 80%, core and shell region values predicted well, especially for more wide core.				
Automotive supplier	3.0 mm Plaque	Long Glass Fiber	13 mm	40 wt.%	PP & PA66
	<i>3 out of 3 locations</i> tested accurate with 60-70%, , core and shell region values predicted well.				
Automotive OEM	Multi Ribbed box-shaped part	Long Glass Fiber	13 mm	20 & 40 wt.%	PP & PA66
	<i>10 out of 17 points</i> are accurate with 70%, , especially for the ribbed areas				

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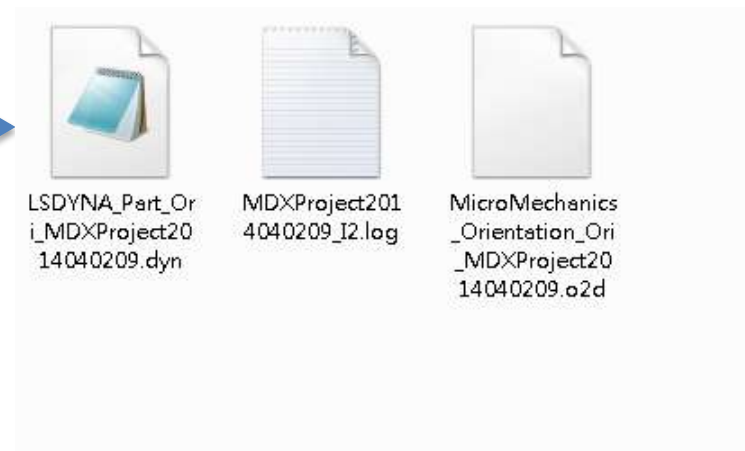
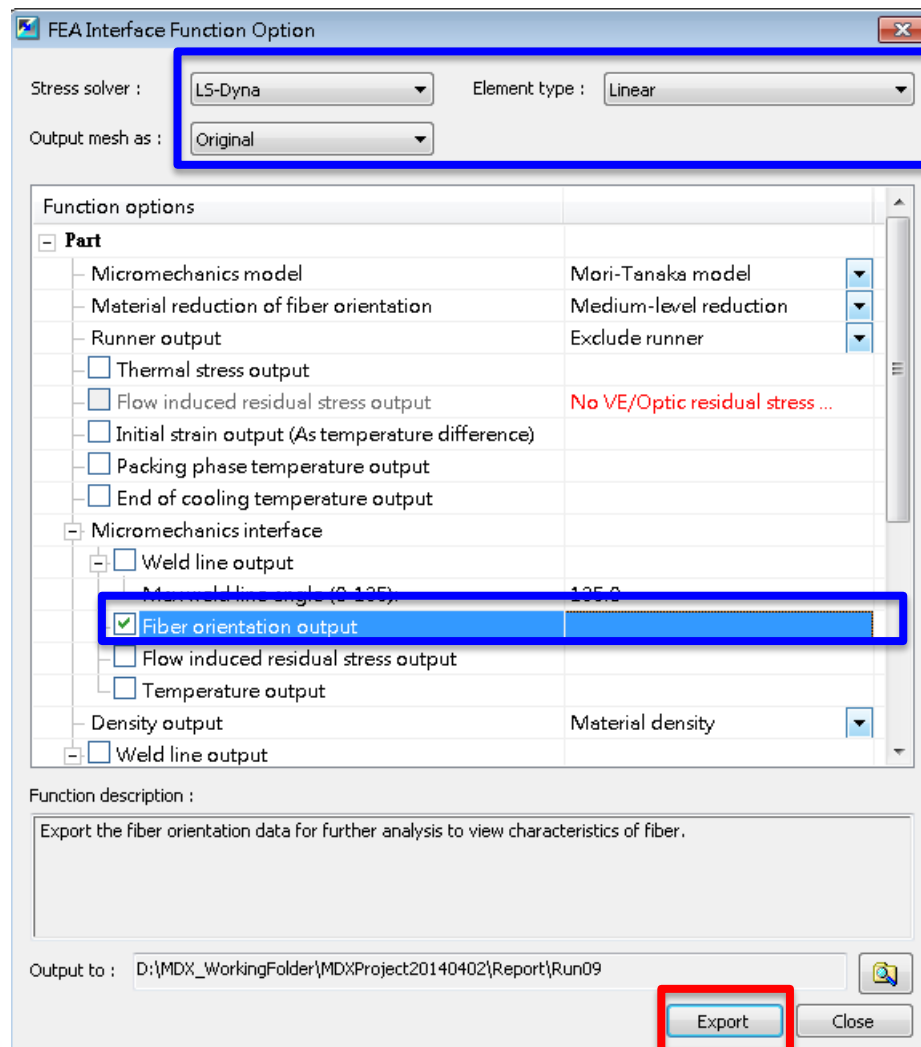
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# Moldex3D

The logo for Digimat, featuring a stylized red and white icon of a person's head and shoulders on the left, followed by the word "digimat" in a lowercase, sans-serif font.Logos for Altair (a colorful triangle), ANSYS (the word "ANSYS" in white on a black background), and esi (the word "esi" in orange with a stylized wave) with the tagline "get it right™" below it.Logos for MSC Software (the word "MSC Software" in red with a stylized 'X'), SAMTECH (a blue ribbon icon above the word "SAMTECH"), and Abaqus Solution Partner (the word "Abaqus" in white on a blue background, "Solution Partner" in white on a dark blue background, and the "3S SIMULIA" logo).The Digimat logo, consisting of a stylized red and white icon of a person's head and shoulders followed by the word "Digimat" in a bold, sans-serif font.

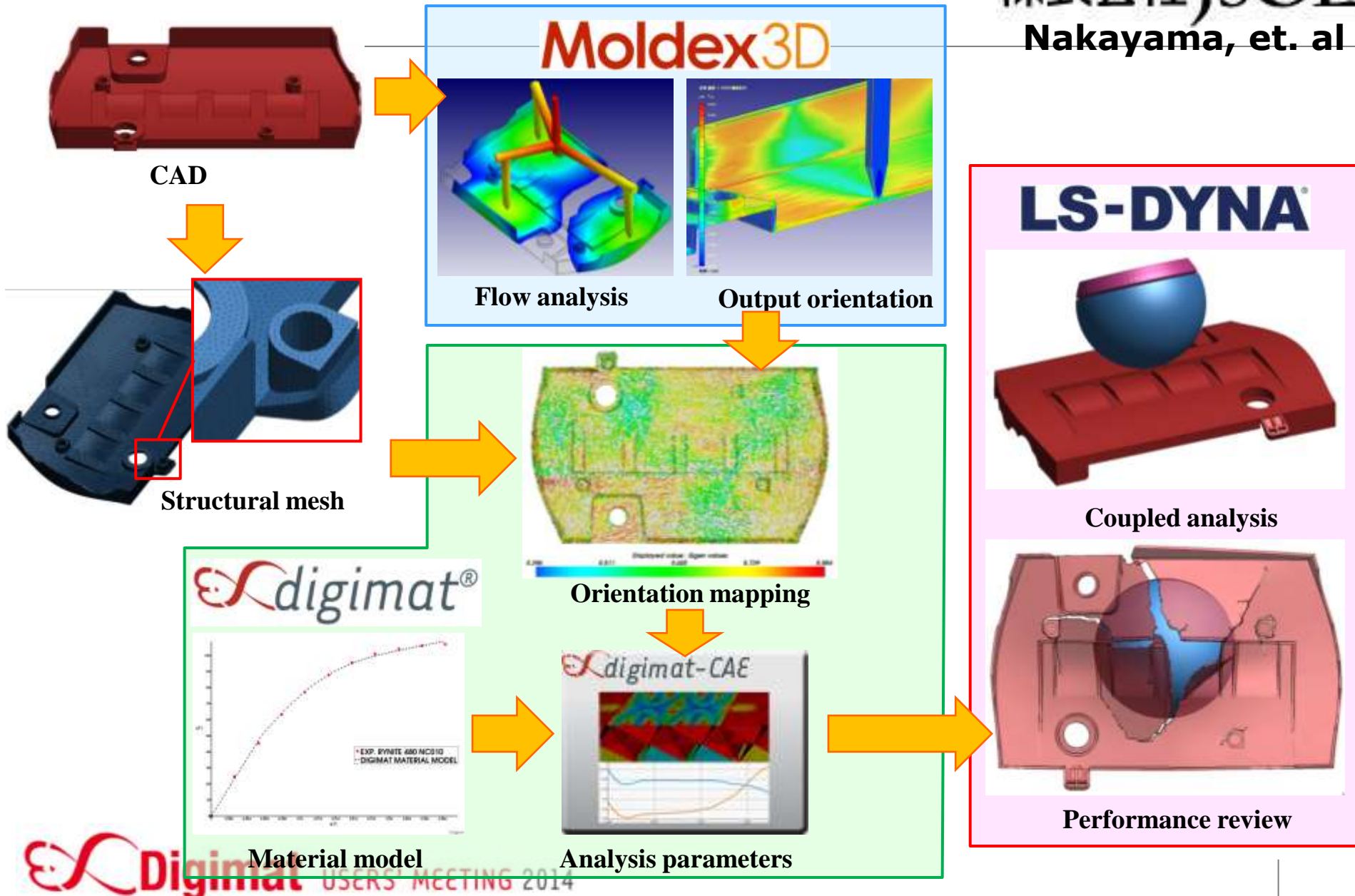
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# Exporting fiber information to Digimat



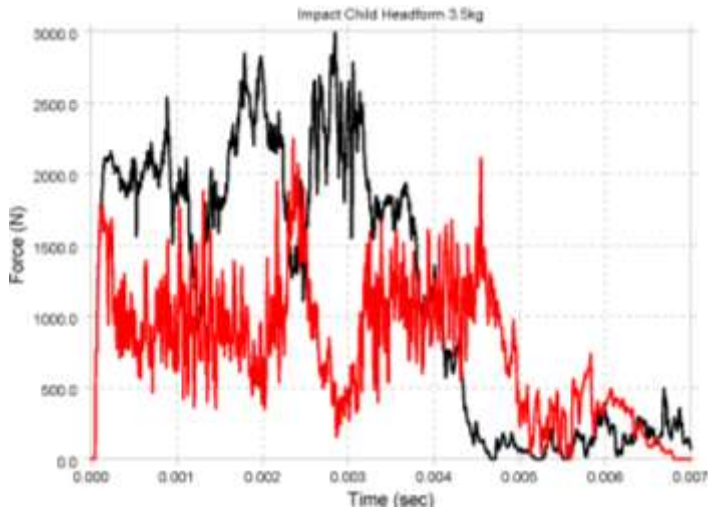
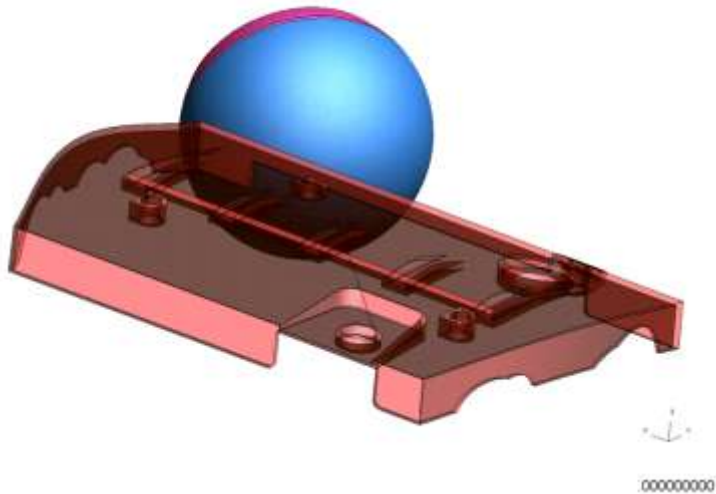
# Moldex3D-Digimat-LS DYNA simulation

Courtesy:  
株式会社 JSOL  
Nakayama, et. al

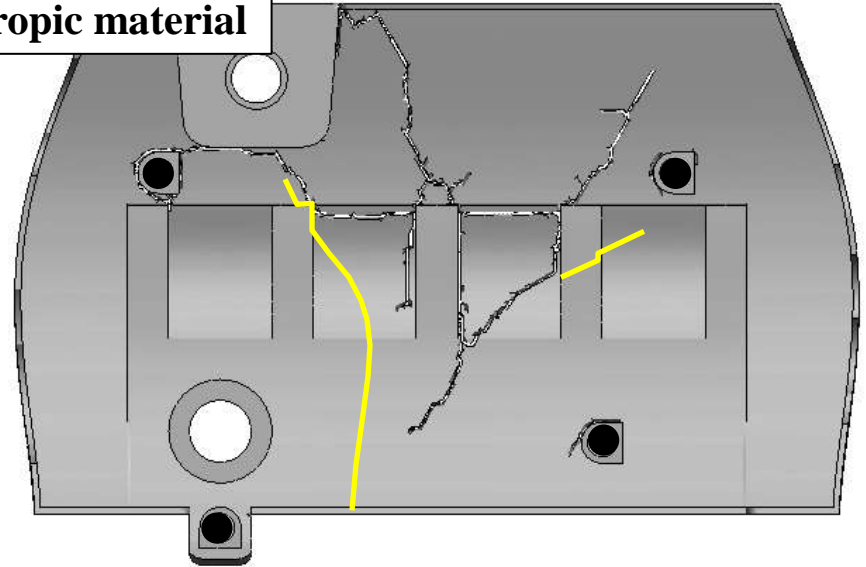


# Impact result comparison

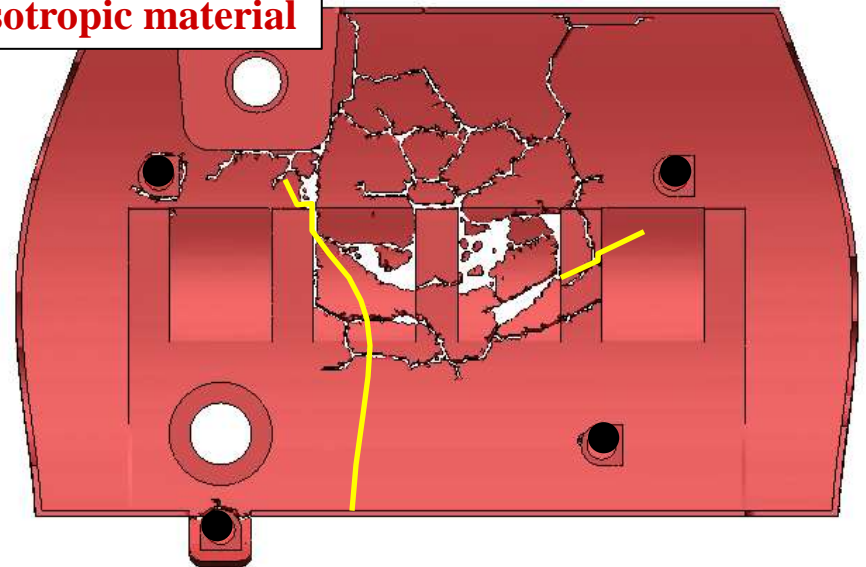
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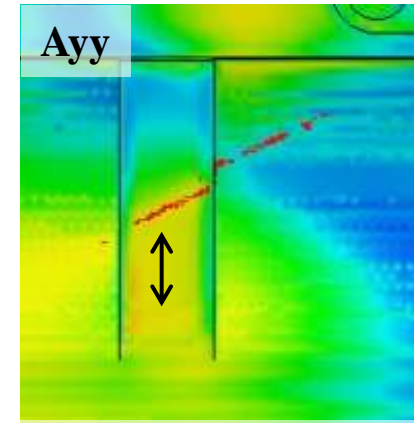
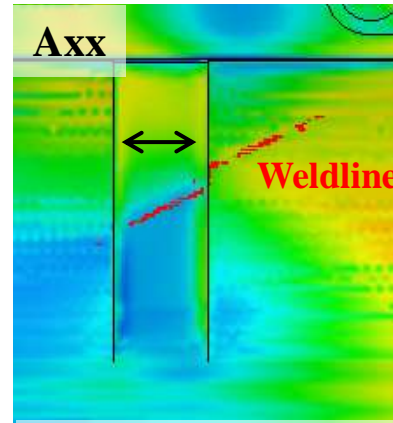
Isotropic material



Anisotropic material

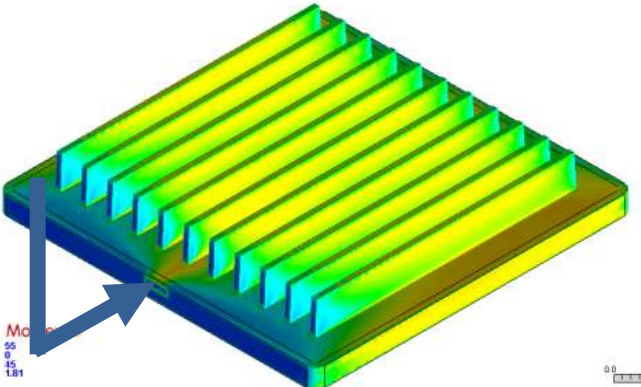
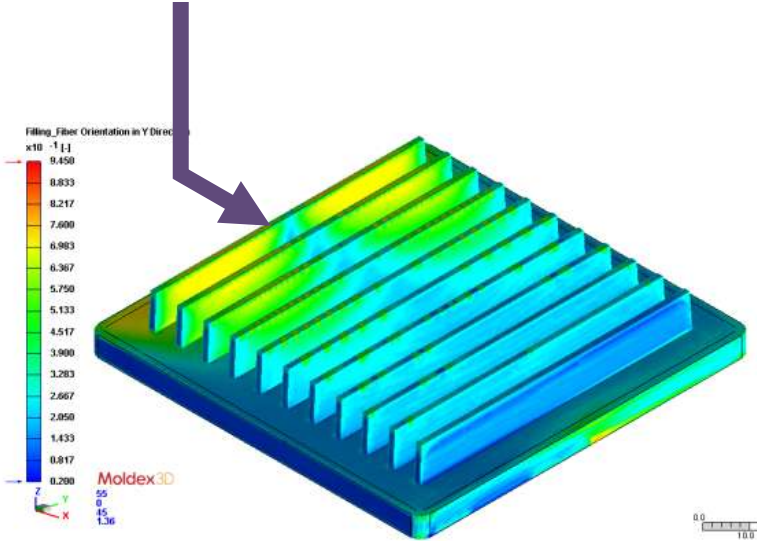


# Orientation across the weldline results in different breakage pattern

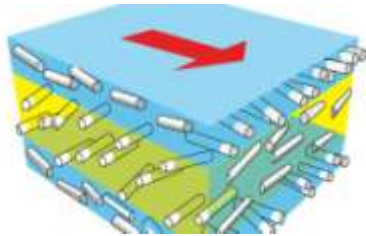




# Design considerations for performance

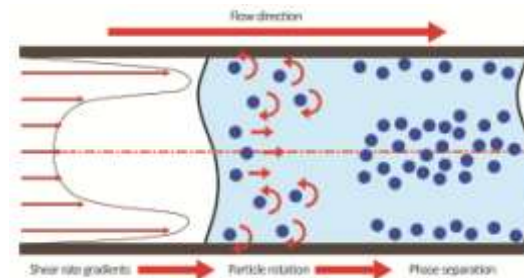
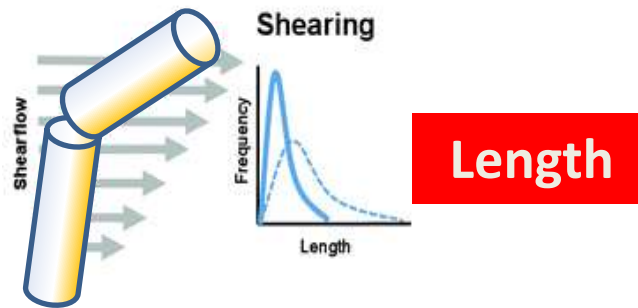


# Adding more fiber aspects for realistic simulation



<http://www.en.emi.fraunhofer.de>

**Orientation**



# Fiber breakage prediction model

## ∞ Fiber Breakage Rate Model

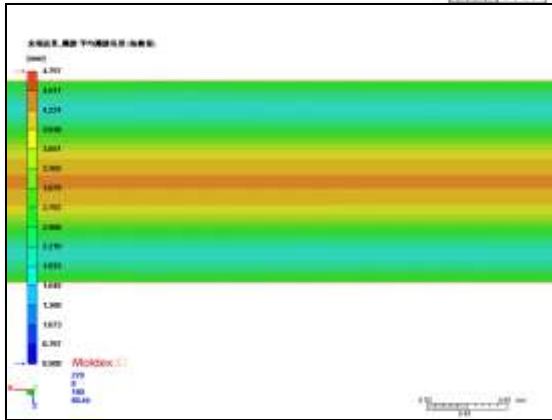
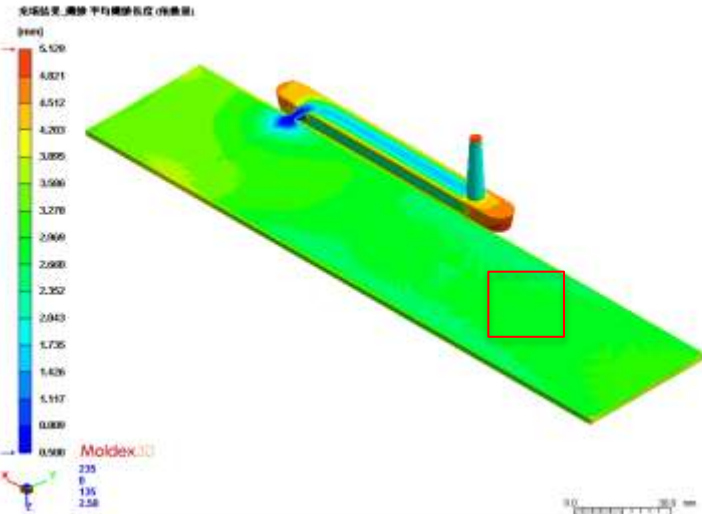
$$P_i = C_B \dot{\gamma} \max \left\{ 0, \left[ 1 - \exp \left( 1 - \frac{\bar{F}_i}{F_{\text{crit}}} \right) \right] \right\}$$

## ∞ Dimensionless critical fiber breakage force

$$\frac{\bar{F}_i}{F_{\text{crit}}} = \frac{8}{\pi^3} \overbrace{\eta_m}^{\text{matrix viscosity}} \underbrace{C_D}_{\substack{\text{dimensionless drag coefficient} \\ \downarrow}} \underbrace{\frac{l_i^4}{E_f d_f^4}}_{\text{fiber information}} \left( - \overbrace{\mathbf{D}}^{\text{folw field}} : \overbrace{\mathbf{A}}^{\text{fiber orientation}} \right) > 1$$

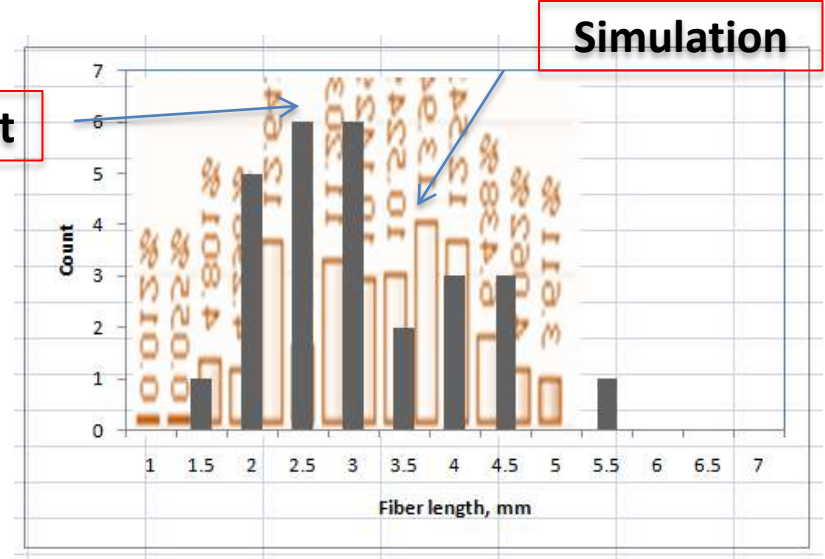
Reference: J. H. Phelps, Processing-microstructure Models for Short- and Long-fiber Thermoplastic Composites, *Ph.D. Thesis, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, (2009)*

# Exemplary length result

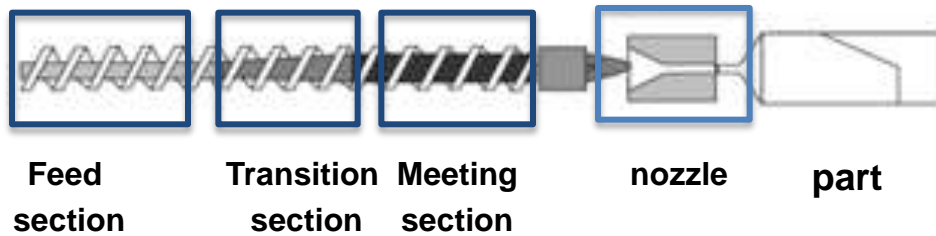


Center 4.3 mm  
Skin 1.5 mm  
Average 3.2 mm

Experiment



# Major length reduction is due to plastication



Item	Feed section	Transition section	Metering section	Unit
Pitch Size	85			mm
Screw Speed	25			rpm
Screw Diameter	66	85	77	mm
Channel Depth	9.5	Slope(9.5/4)	4	mm
Section Length	855	430	425	mm
Number of Pitch	10	5	5	-
Nozzle Diameter	2			mm
Nozzle Length	10			mm
Temperature Control Zones				
Time Const of Injection Speed		0.0075	-	
Time Const of Injection Pressure		0.1	-	
Nozzle volume		80	cm <sup>3</sup>	
Max Pressure Slope		2500	MPa/sec	

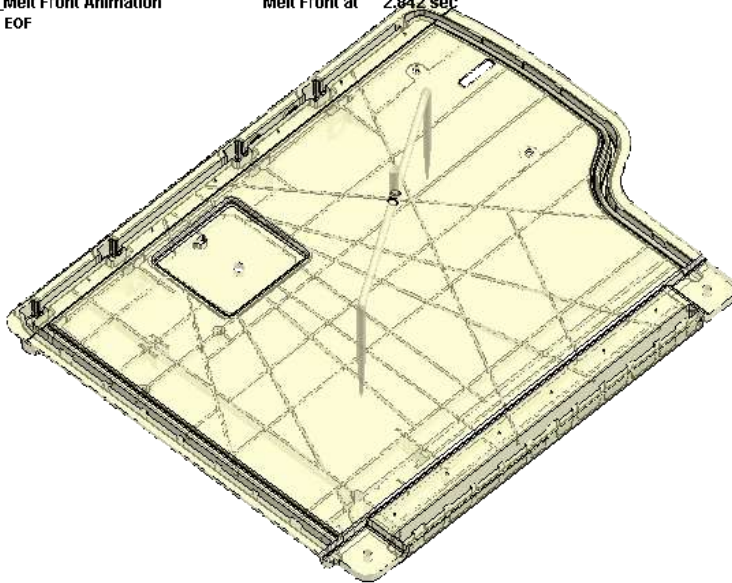
Processing condition	Length after plastication
Plastication 25RPM	1.93
Plastication 60RPM	1.10
Fiber mixed during compression zone (D-LFT 1)	2.28
Fiber mixed during metering zone , enlarged nozzle (D-LFT 2)	5.74

# Better length preservation through compression process

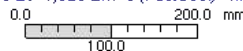
## Injection molding

Filling\_Melt Front Animation  
Time = EOF

Melt Front at 2.842 sec



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44 2runner\_HR\_rotate\_RaiseMold/MeltTemp  
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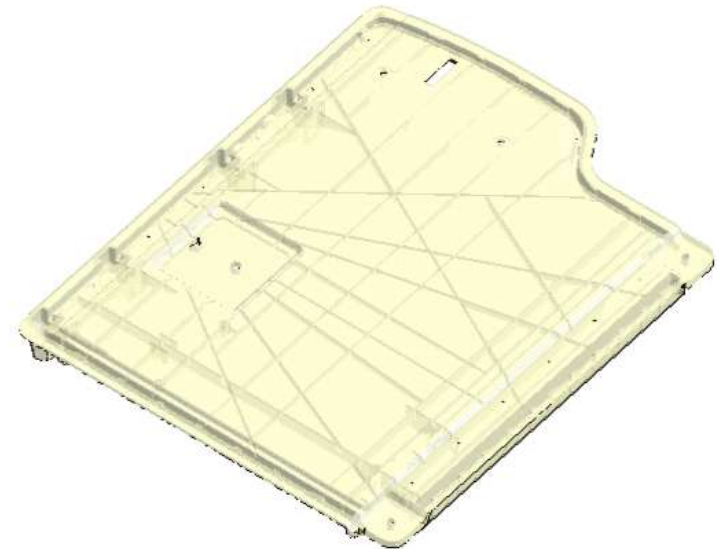


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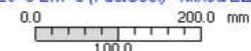
## Compression

Filling\_Melt Front Animation  
Time = EOF

Melt Front at 3.952 sec

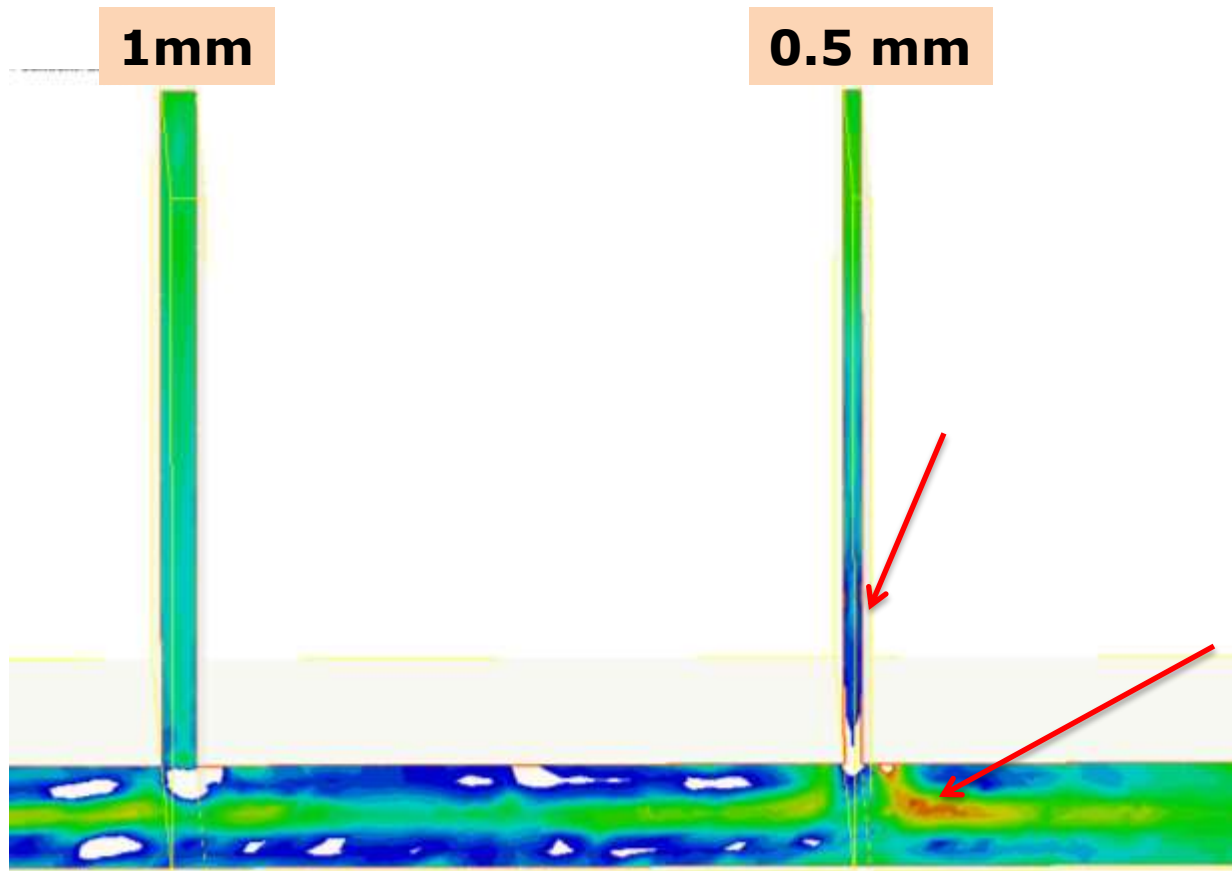


Moldex3D  
43 Run 2:BLM\_v8\_CompressionZoneSolid.mfe/GMT\_GMT\_2\_1.mtr/CM\_DG\_car\_4.pro  
360 At 100% (3.95 sec) (Enhanced Solver), Ep=6,601,091 Ec=0 Em=0 (FastCool) <Mixed/BLM>  
39 ChargeMiddle  
1.50



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# Fiber concentration benefits part design



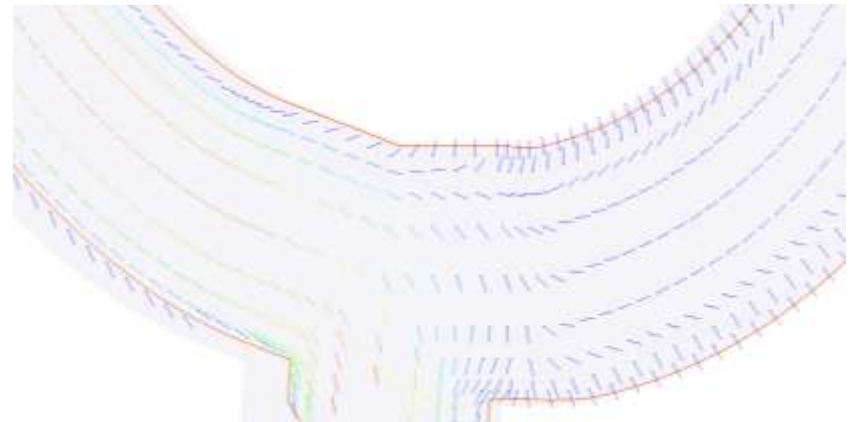
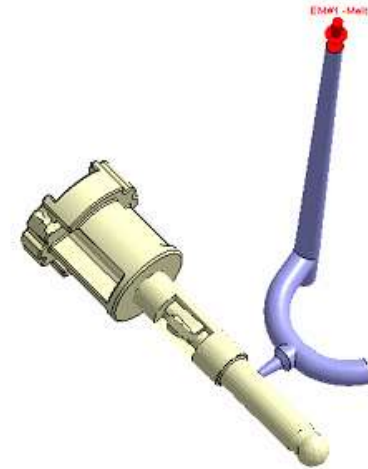
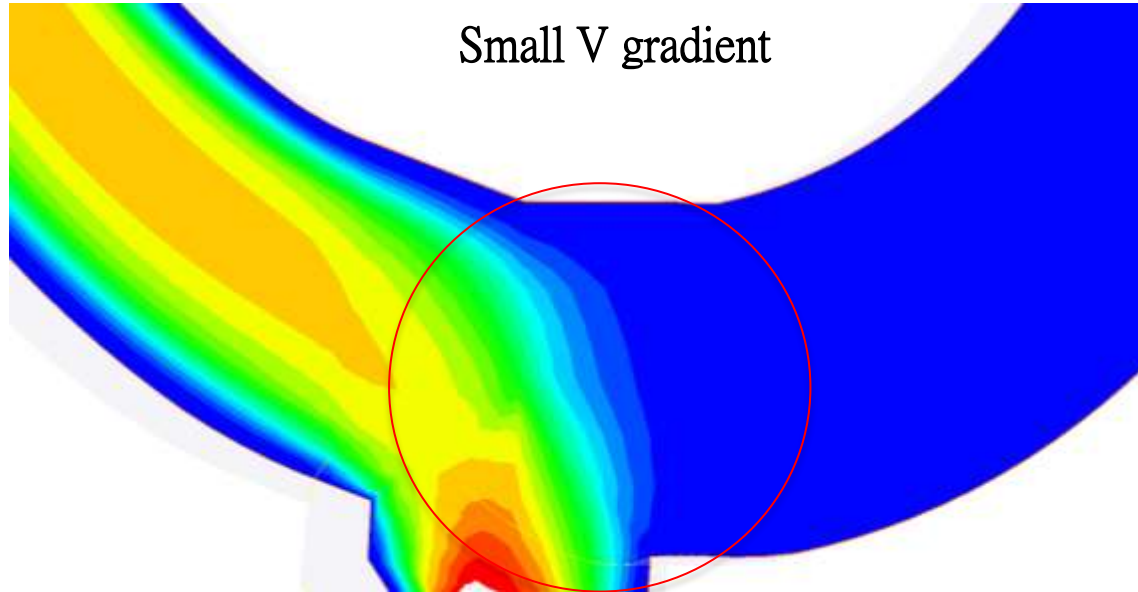
# Sewing machine puller study



Item	Production date	GF%	Fiber length(mm)
Pellets(mt'l)	-	31.86	0.239
Old pusher	2012/July	19.89	0.088
New Pusher	2012/Sept	23.15	0.133



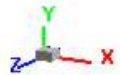
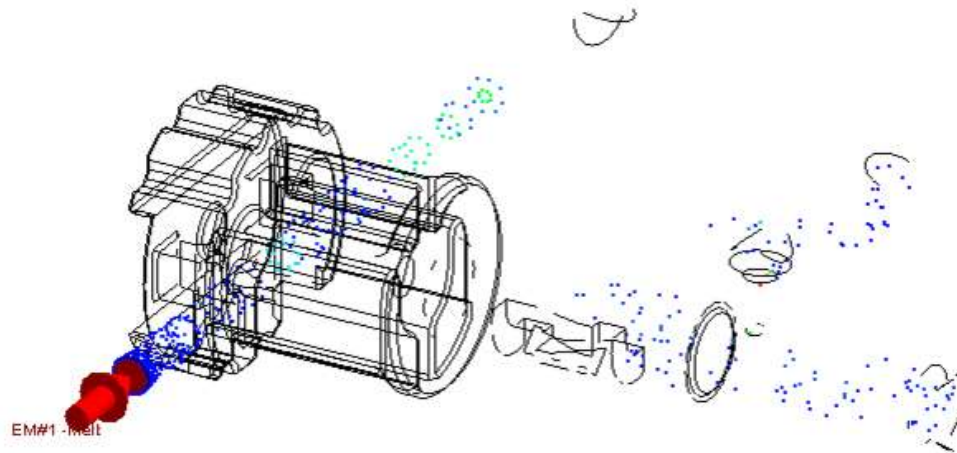
# Runner design causing fiber accumulation



# Particle tracer visualization

Filling\_Particle tracer Total Velocity  
Time = EOF

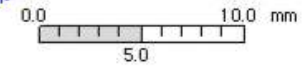
Melt Front at 0.184 sec



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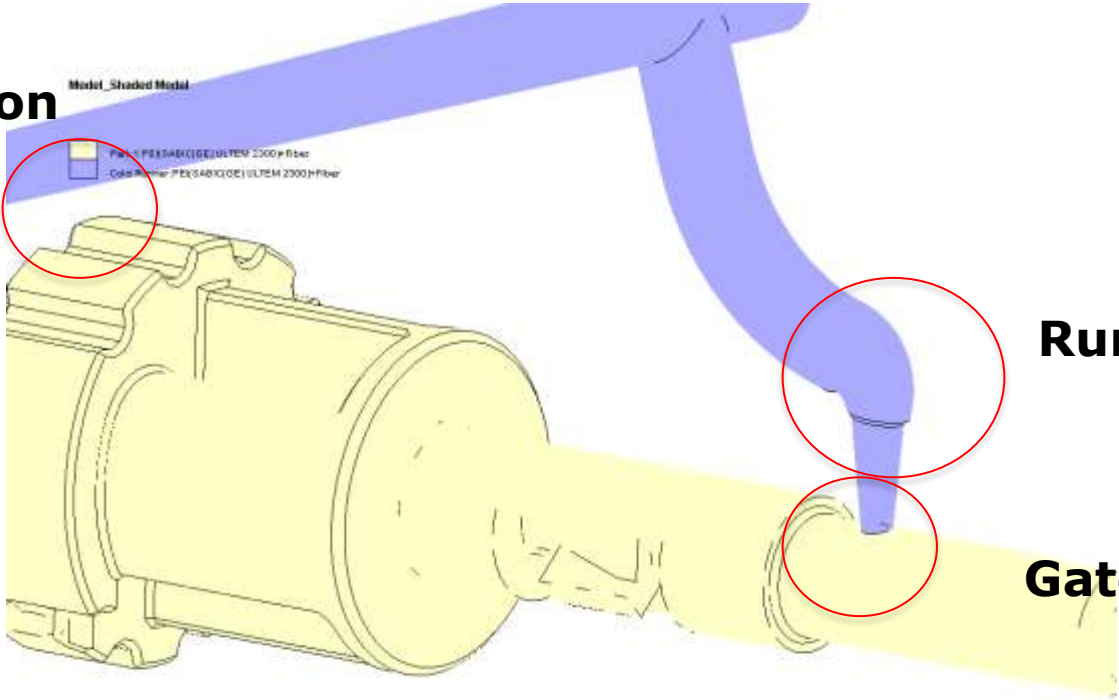
334 Run 6:Design 022.mfe/PEI\_ULTEM2300\_1.mtr/MDXProject20120924\_6.pro  
29 At 100% (0.19 sec) (Enhanced Solver+Fiber), Ep=134,439 Ec=0 Em=0 (FastCool) <Mixed/BLM>  
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# Design suggestions

**Gate location**



**Runner design**

**Gate size**

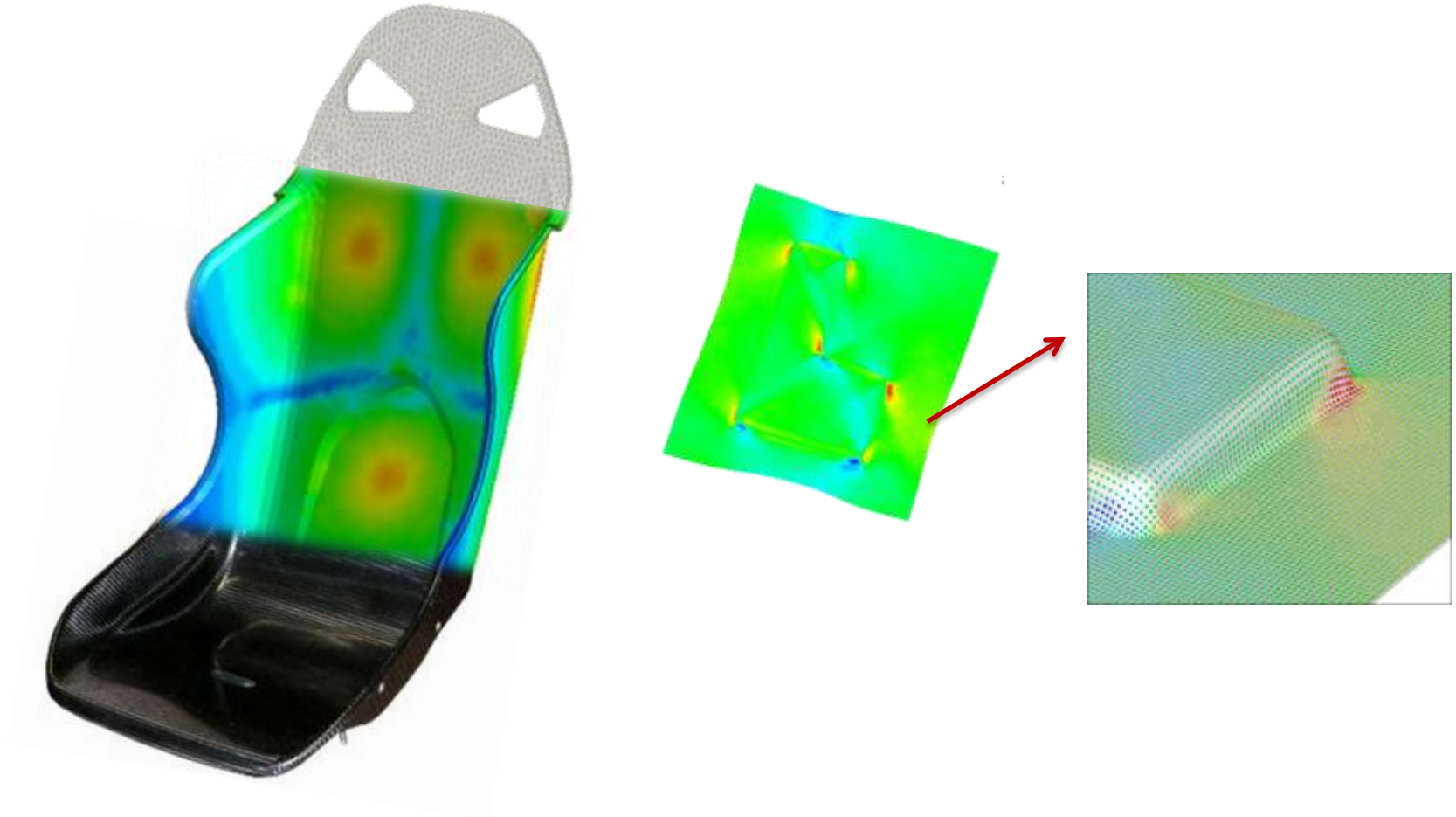
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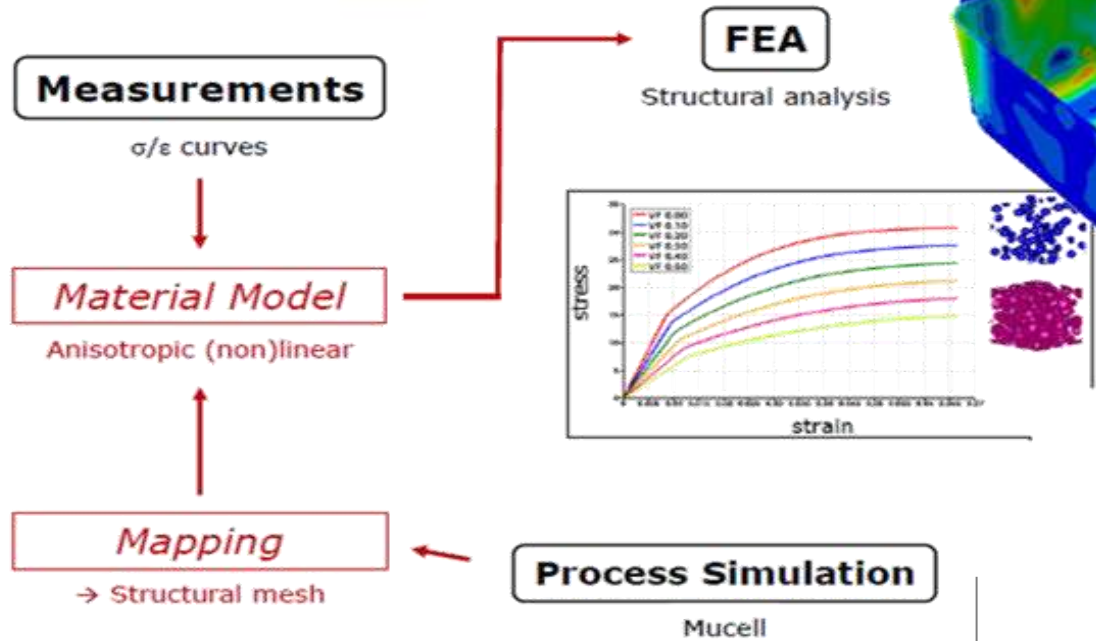
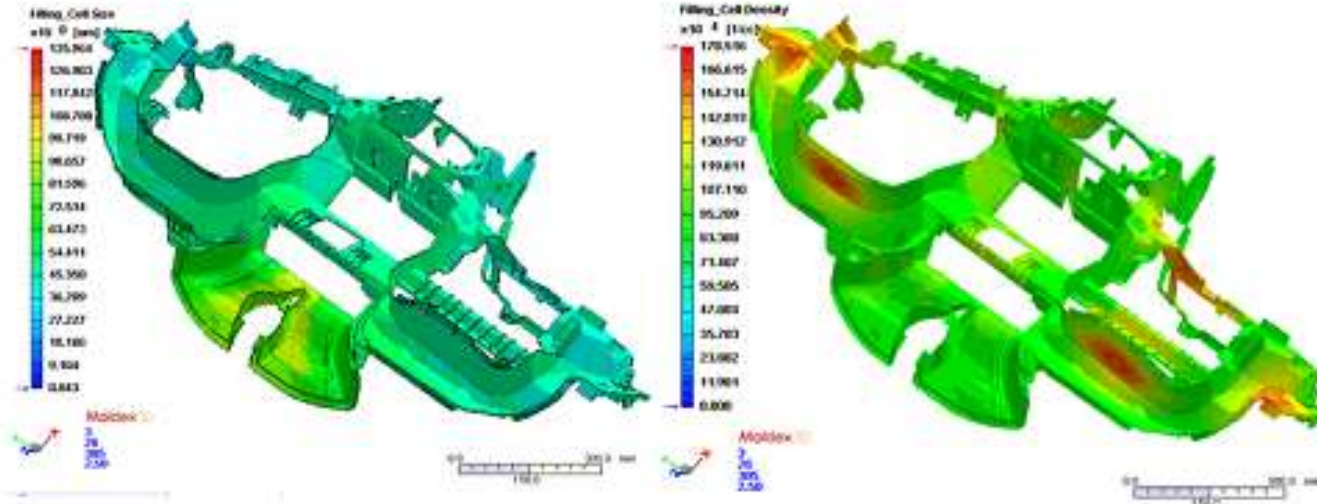
# New function – resin transfer molding

- Flow analysis Including draping analysis



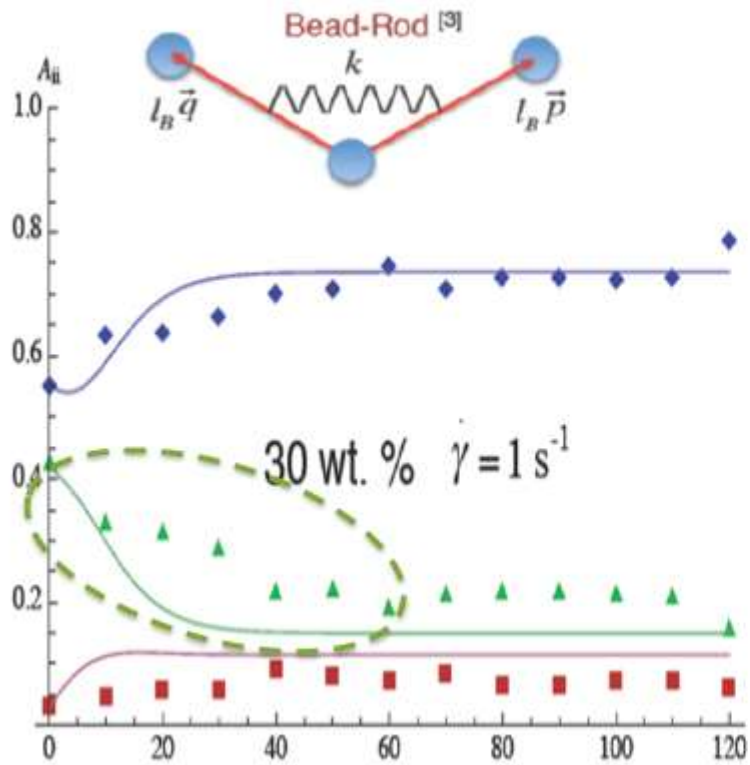
# New Function – exporting cell microstructures

## Foaming makes product lighter

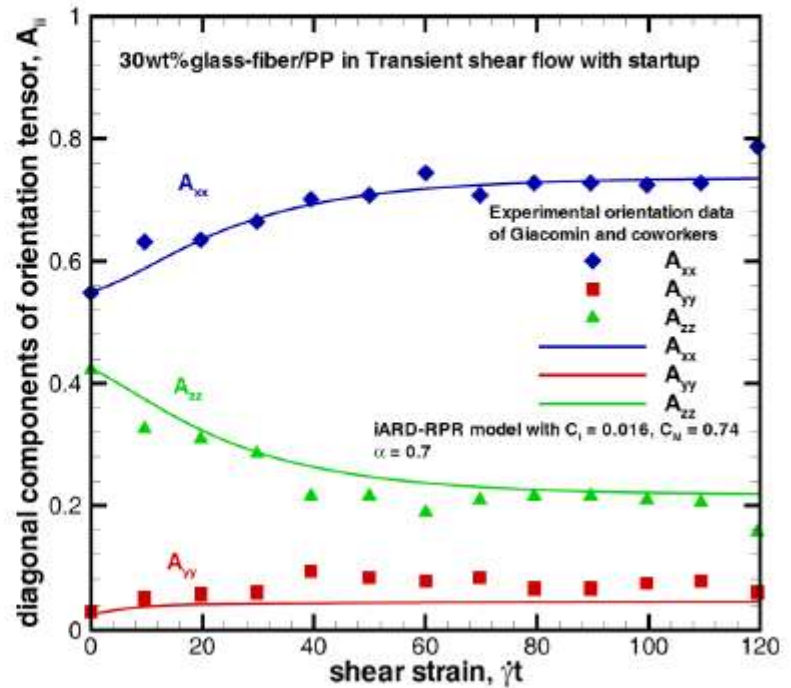


# Upcoming: Bending of fiber

Published Result



Moldex3D's work



# Company History (1983-2014)

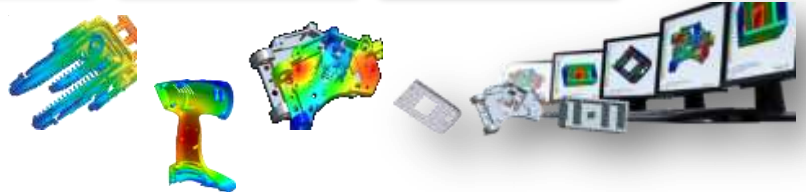
> Many years of development and experience in perfecting CAD-CAM-CAE workflow from design to simulation and manufacturing process

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> Distinctive business image and value system



- Software
- Solution
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