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Simulate Realistic Performance with
Advanced Multiphysics Solutions



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Industry Challenges

In the race to deliver new and innovative products to market faster, manufacturers face many challenges, including globalization, cost reductions, and shorter development cycles. To gain a competitive advantage in the marketplace, manufacturers have started to leverage the robust capabilities of realistic simulation to lessen dependency on physical testing, reduce part weight, or evaluate the use of alternative materials during the product design phase to ensure optimum product performance.

Abaqus Unified FEA Solution

SIMULIA delivers a scalable suite of unified analysis products that allow all users, regardless of their simulation expertise or domain focus, to collaborate and seamlessly share simulation data and approved methods without loss of information fidelity.

The Abaqus Unified FEA product suite offers powerful and complete solutions for both routine and sophisticated engineering problems covering a vast spectrum of industrial applications.

Best-in-class companies are taking advantage of Abaqus Unified FEA to consolidate their processes and tools, reduce costs and inefficiencies, and gain a competitive advantage.

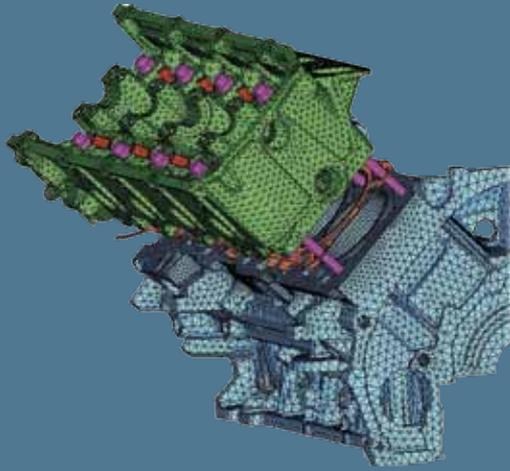


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Abaqus offers a sophisticated environment for accelerating contact modeling and mesh creation. Image courtesy of Ford Motor Company

Reduce time and costs
Improve product reliability
Gain competitive advantage

Modeling

Abaqus offers a hybrid modeling approach that enables users to work with geometry-based data alongside imported meshes without associated geometry. It also provides a powerful modeling and visualization environment focused on complete support of Abaqus solver technology, customization capabilities, proven capture and reuse analysis workflows, and flexibility to implement user-defined subroutines.

Feature-based, parametric modeling also makes Abaqus/CAE a highly efficient and effective pre- and postprocessor for every analysis need. Abaqus/CAE enables users to leverage the complete range of Abaqus analysis functionality, such as acoustics, connectors, damage, fracture, and failure. Familiar Abaqus concepts such as steps, interactions, sections, and materials make the user interface highly intuitive.

Geometry

Parts and assemblies can be created using the constraint-driven sketcher, or imported from CAD systems. In addition, CAD associative interfaces for CATIA V6, CATIA V5, SolidWorks, and Pro/ENGINEER allow the synchronization and rapid analysis iterations of CAD and CAE assemblies.

Meshing

Abaqus/CAE offers a comprehensive meshing environment and provides a variety of sophisticated approaches for simplifying and speeding up mesh creation.

Contact

Abaqus provides comprehensive contact modeling capabilities, including the ability to model interactions between deformable bodies, rigid bodies, and self-contact. Abaqus automatically detects contact between different bodies, dramatically reducing missed contact definitions and time required to define contact in complex assemblies.

Specialized Techniques

The direct cyclic procedure provides a computationally efficient way to analyze steady-state response to cyclic loading, which is useful in applications where thermal fatigue is of concern, such as in electronics or powertrain.

Adaptive remeshing in Abaqus alleviates uncertainty in mesh creation by automatically remeshing only where necessary to ensure accuracy.

The hydrostatic fluid cavity capability provides a simplified means to predict the mechanical response of structures, such as pressure vessels, hydraulically-driven mechanisms, or tires.

Advanced Materials

Increasing regulations, environmental concerns, and the need for lighter, more efficient products are forcing designers to seek out new materials such as lead-free solder, composites, and polymers. The Abaqus product suite provides an extensive library of material models that can be used to simulate the realistic behavior of biological tissue and traditional engineering materials, such as metals and rubber.

Advanced Analysis

Linear & Nonlinear

The implicit solution technology in Abaqus is ideal for solving static and low-speed dynamic events, such as sealing pressure in a gasket joint or crack propagation in a composite airplane fuselage.

In addition to providing basic and advanced linear analysis capabilities, Abaqus also supports the general application of linear analysis techniques in cases where the linear response can depend on prior nonlinear load history, such as vibration of rotating machinery or the response of building structures due to earthquake loading.

The explicit solution technology employed by Abaqus is well-suited for high-speed dynamic events, such as consumer electronics drop testing, automotive crashworthiness, and ballistic impact.

Multiphysics

Many industrial applications today involve the interaction of multiple physical phenomena. For example, in order to design safe and effective drug-eluting stents, engineers must account for the interplay between blood flow and stent deformation.

To address these applications, Abaqus provides robust multiphysics capabilities, including thermal-stress, thermal-electrical, low-frequency electromagnetics, structural-acoustics, and fluid flow through porous media.

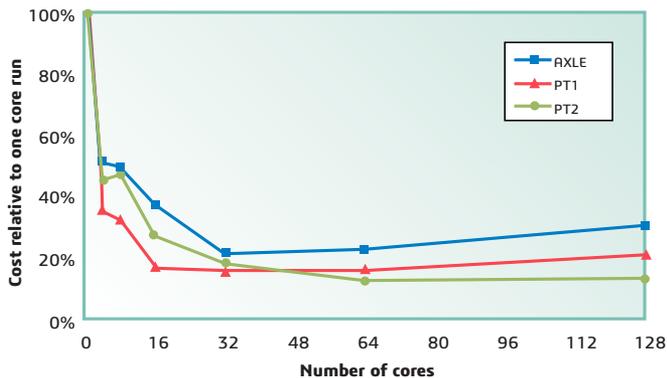
The Computational Fluid Dynamics (CFD) capability in Abaqus provides technology for simulating incompressible fluid flow, including turbulence and deforming meshes, such as cooling of an automotive exhaust manifold or blood flow through an artery.

Abaqus also supports coupling of independent and external CFD software to perform Fluid-Structure Interaction (FSI) analysis, including smoothed particle hydrodynamics and Coupled Eulerian-Lagrangian (CEL).

Robustness and accuracy, combined with ease-of-use and high-performance computing, makes Abaqus indispensable for simulating materials and product behavior under real-world operating conditions.

High-Performance Computing

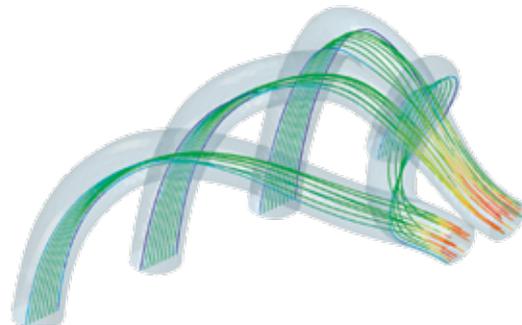
Reducing analysis turnaround time enables the examination of multiple and more detailed design scenarios. The distributed memory parallel direct solver technology in Abaqus sets a new benchmark for the industry, demonstrating impressive scaling and robustness. The parallel implementation of explicit dynamics in Abaqus, based on domain decomposition technology, greatly accelerates the solution process and boosts productivity.



A benchmark of three different models, ranging from 5 to 9 million degrees of freedom (DOF), shows a decrease in overall cost and runtime as the number of cores increases. In this example, the best balance of cost and speed occurs at 64 cores.

Visualization

The comprehensive set of best-in-class visualization capabilities in Abaqus helps users interpret and communicate model data and analysis results. Visual diagnostics enable the progress of analyses to be tracked and assessed easily. Very large, complex models can be visualized using a wide range of options, including contour, path, X-Y, and ply stack plots. In addition, results in specific regions can be evaluated using display groups, view cuts, and free-body display.



The Stream toolset in Abaqus enables users to visualize fluid flow data by placing a rake, or a line segment with a number of points specified along its length, allowing the display of fluid flow in the model. An example application is a conjugate heat transfer analysis of an exhaust manifold.

Abaqus Advantages

FEA and Multiphysics

- Linear and nonlinear
- Coupled physics: structural acoustics, thermal-electrical, and more
- Electromagnetics and smoothed particle hydrodynamics

Complex Materials

- Rubbers, thermo-plastics, powder metals, human tissue, soil, composites, and more

Complex Assemblies

- Flexible multibody dynamics, controls, and joint behavior

Contact, Fracture & Failure

- Crack, impact, and crash events

High-Performance Computing

- Scaling from 4 to 256 cores for rapid turnaround and large-scale analyses

Model Preparation and Results Interpretation

- Automation tools for customization of standard workflows

Partners

- Over 100 value-added solutions for Abaqus to address numerous industry processes

Applus IDIADA Designs Out Vehicle Squeaks

As vehicles run more quietly, drivers have become more aware of interior squeaks and rattles (S&R), impacting warranties and customer satisfaction for automotive manufacturers and dealerships. S&R can be extremely hard to pinpoint, expensive for car dealers to repair, and the repairs may even cause further S&R issues. IDIADA engineers are using Abaqus to approximate nonlinear car component S&R effects inside linear noise and vibration (N&V) models in order to pinpoint where S&R might arise.

By developing increasingly sophisticated realistic simulation models with Abaqus, IDIADA will help their automotive customers mitigate S&R issues early in the design stage, saving time and expense down the product development road.

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Smith & Nephew Studies Performance of Replacement Joints

Damage to the knee—whether from a sports injury, serious accident, or arthritis—is life-changing because of its importance to the body. While knee replacement surgery has become a successful solution when injury and arthritis impair mobility, designers continue to work on improving functionality and lifespan of the implant’s metal and plastic components.

Smith & Nephew’s European Centre for Knee Research uses Abaqus for a variety of product design and development studies, including realistic simulation of knee implant components and their contact points; bone resorption; and the effects of implant geometry on gait and knee kinematics. Abaqus helps researchers visualize component interactions that are difficult to measure with post-surgical patients.

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“Since we’d already been using Abaqus in vehicle cockpit design and testing for thermal, impact and normal modal analyses, it made a lot of sense to simply develop a new load case for squeak and rattle inside Abaqus.”

Inés Lama, Project Manager, Design Engineering, IDIADA



Rattle detected in red circled area. Courtesy of Applus IDIADA.

“Abaqus is helping us get ever-closer to designs that let total knee arthroplasty patients do everything they want to for a full, active life after surgery.”

Bernardo Innocenti, Lead Project Manager for Numerical Kinematics, European Centre for Knee Research, Smith & Nephew



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