#### Finite Element Analysis with ANSYS Workbench

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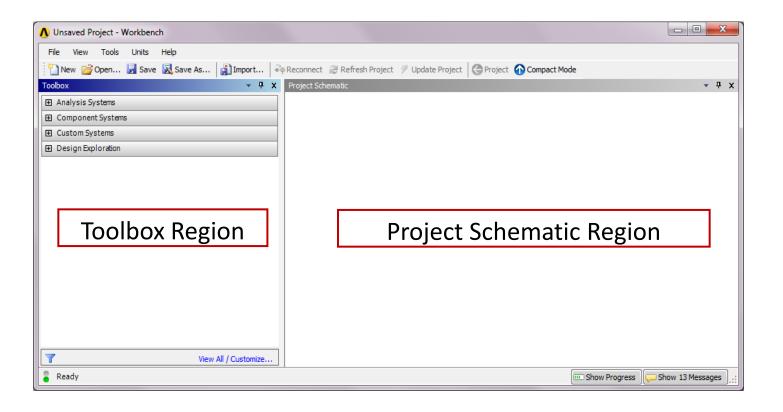
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- 2. Structural Static Analysis
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#### The User Interface

□ The Workbench interface is composed primarily of a Toolbox region and a Project Schematic region.





#### The User Interface

The toolbox contains four groups of systems.



<u>Analysis Systems</u>: Pre-defined analysis templates used to build your project, including static structural, steady-state thermal, transient thermal, fluid flow, modal, shape optimization, linear buckling and many others.

<u>Component Systems</u>: Component applications that can be used to build or expand an analysis system, including geometry import, engineering data, mesh, post processing and others.

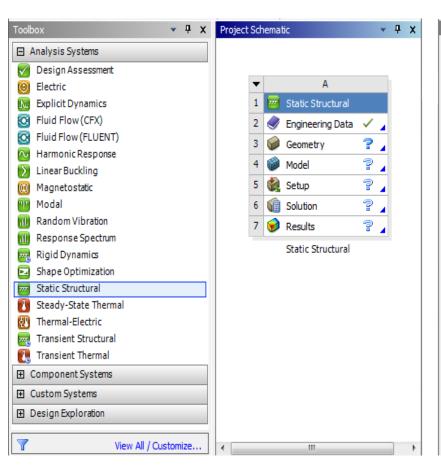
<u>Custom Systems</u>: Coupled-field analysis systems such as fluid solid interaction, pre-stress modal, thermal-stress and others.

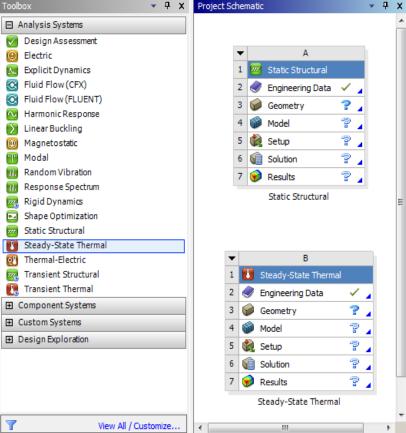
<u>Design Exploration</u>: Parametric optimization studies such as goal-driven optimization, parameters correlation, six sigma analysis and others.



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The project schematic is a graphical representation of the workflow process.







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Cells are components that make up an analysis system.



Static Structural

**Engineering Data**: Define or edit material models.

**Geometry**: Create, import or edit the geometry model.

<u>Model/Mesh</u>: Assign materials, define coordinate system & generate mesh.

**Setup**: Apply loads, boundary conditions and configure analysis settings.

**Solution**: Access the model solution or share solution data with other downstream systems.

**Results**: Indicate the results availability and status (i.e., post-processing).



#### The User Interface

□ Indicator icons and descriptions of the various cell states

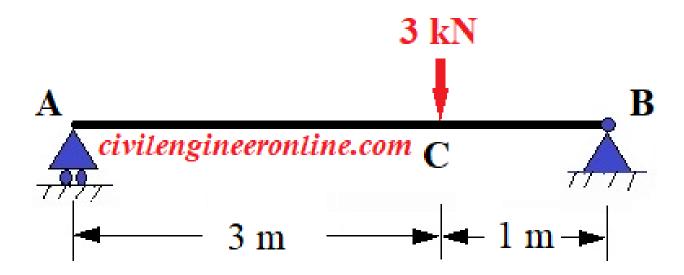
Cell State	Indicator	Description
Unfulfilled	3	Need upstream data to proceed.
Refresh Required	2	A refresh action is needed as a result of changes made on upstream data.
Attention Required	?	User interaction with the cell is needed to proceed.
Update Required	7	An update action is needed as a result of changes made on upstream data.
Up to Date	~	Data is up to date and no attention is required.
Input Changes Pending	*	An update or refresh action is needed to recalculate based on changes made to upstream cells.
Interrupted	<b>!</b>	Solution has been interrupted. A resume or update action will make the solver continue from the interrupted point.
Pending	7 <u>X</u>	Solution is in progress.





Simple Beam

**<Problem Description>** The beam cross-section is rectangular with a width of 5cm and depth of 10 cm. The modulus of elasticity of beam material is 200 GPa. Compute the deflection.

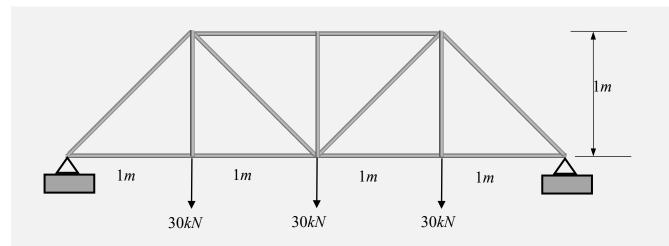






Truss Bridge

<Problem Description> Truss bridges can span long distances and support heavy weights without intermediate supports. They are economical to construct and are available in a wide variety of styles. Consider the following planar truss, constructed of wooden timbers, which can be used in parallel to form bridges. Determine the deflections at each joint of the truss under the given loading conditions.



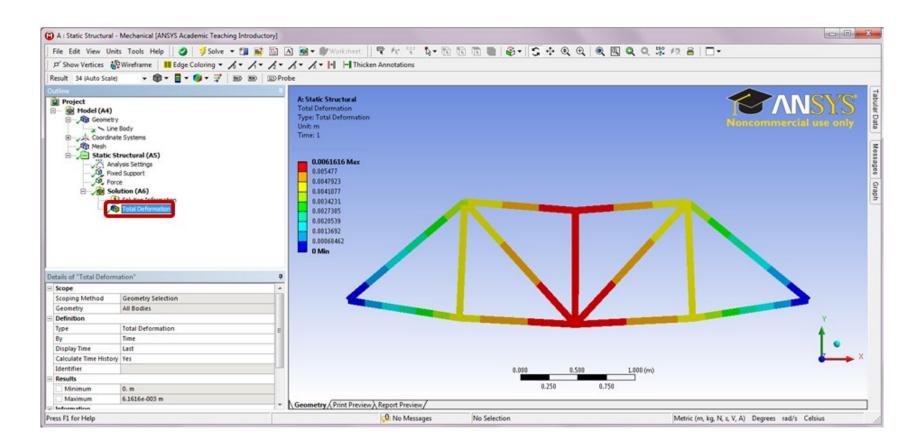
Material: Douglas Fir E = 13.1 GPa v = 0.29 Member cross section: height = 6 cm width = 6 cm





#### Truss Bridge

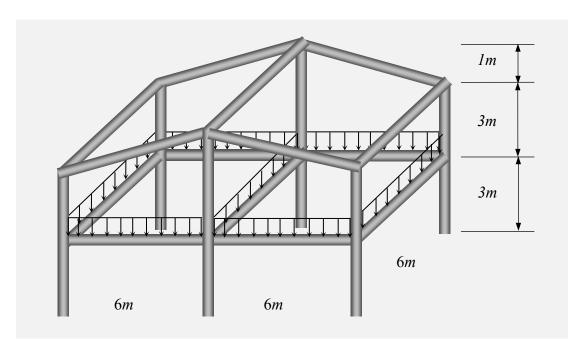
Run a Static Structural Analysis to review the truss deformation results.





#### Beam Building

**<Problem Description>** Steel framing systems provides cost-effective solutions for low-rise buildings. They have high strength-to-weight ratios, and can be prefabricated and custom-designed. Consider the following two-story building constructed with structural steel I-beams. Determine the deformations and the stresses in the frame when a uniform load of 50 *kN/m* is applied on the second floor as shown below.



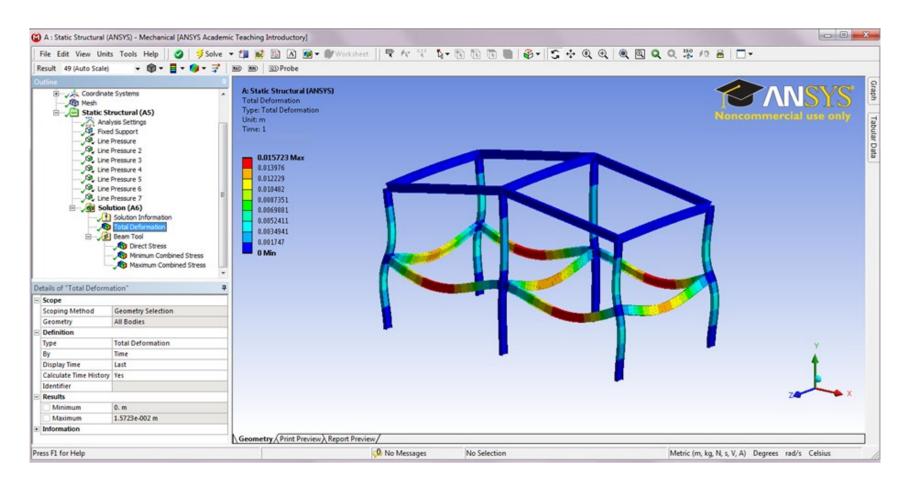
Material: Structural Steel
Line pressure: 50 kN/mI-Beam size: W356×171
beam depth = 355.6 mm
flange width = 171.5 mm
web thickness = 11.5 mm
flange thickness = 7.3 mm







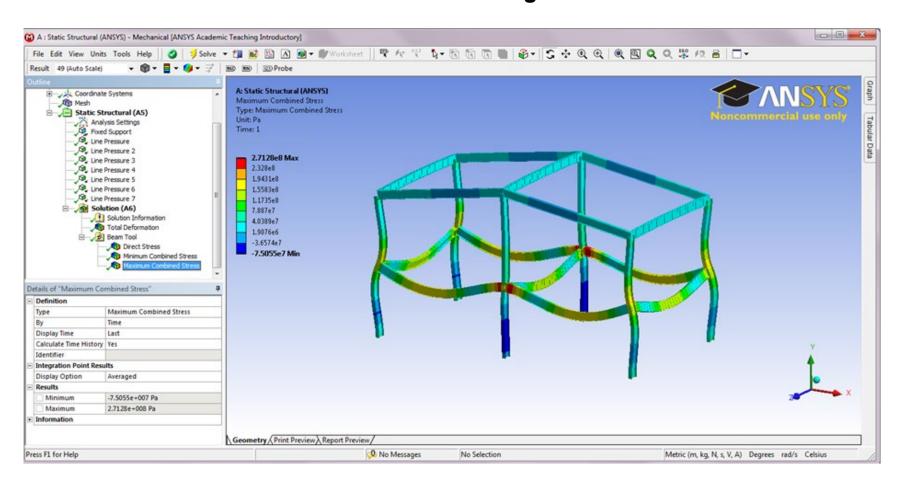
Run a Static Structural Analysis to review the frame deformation results.





#### **Beam Building**

Maximum Combined Stress under Beam Tool to retrieve the linear combination of the Direct Stress and the Maximum Bending Stress results in beams.

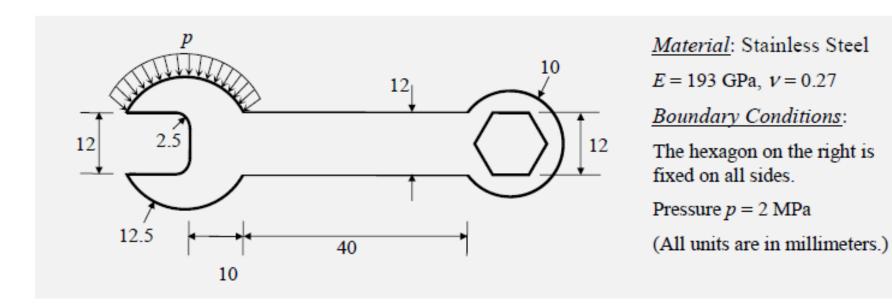








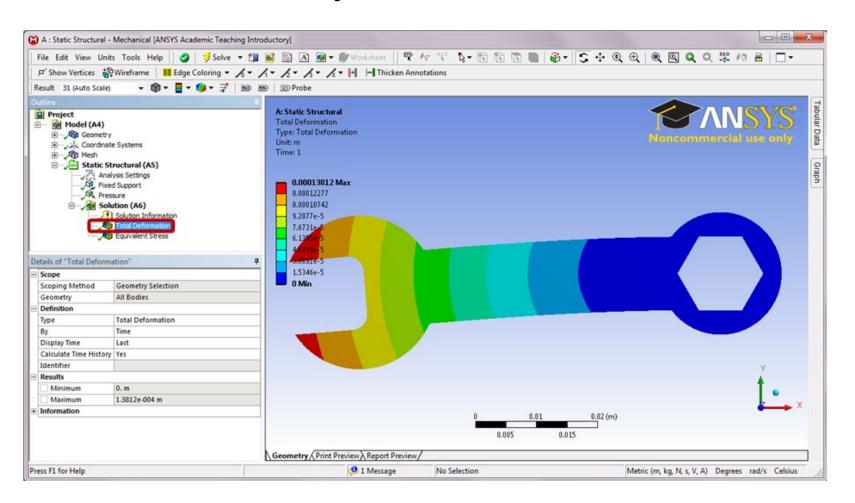
**Problem Description>** A combination wrench is a convenient tool that is used to apply torque to loosen or tighten a fastener. The wrench shown below is made of stainless steel and has a thickness of 3*mm*. Determine the maximum deformation and the distribution of von Mises stresses under the given distributed load and boundary conditions.







Run a Static Structural Analysis to review the wrench deformation results.

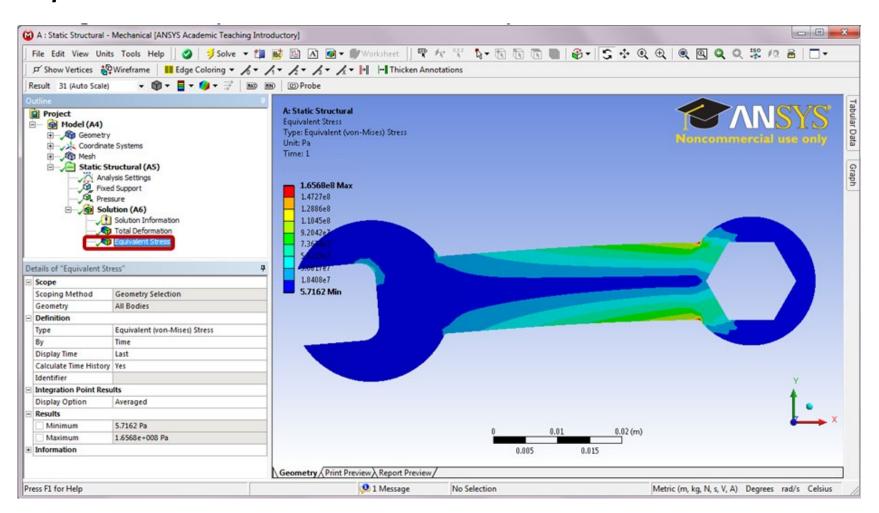








Equivalent Stress in the Outline to review the von-Mises stress distribution.

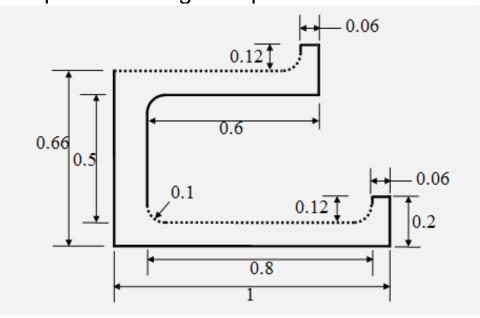




#### **Garden Fountain**



<Problem Description> Garden fountains are popular amenities that are often found at theme parks and hotels. As a fountain structure is usually an axisymmetric geometry with axisymmetric loads and support, only a 2-D model, sliced through the 3-D geometry, is needed to correctly predict the deformation of or stress in the structure. The figure below gives the dimensions of the planar cross section of a two-tier garden fountain made of concrete. Determine the maximum deformation and von Mises stress under the given hydrostatic pressure. Use adaptive meshing to improve solution convergence.



Material: Concrete

E = 29 GPa

v = 0.15

**Boundary Conditions**:

Bottom edge: fixed.

Left edge: axis of symmetry.

Hydro pressure on dotted edges.

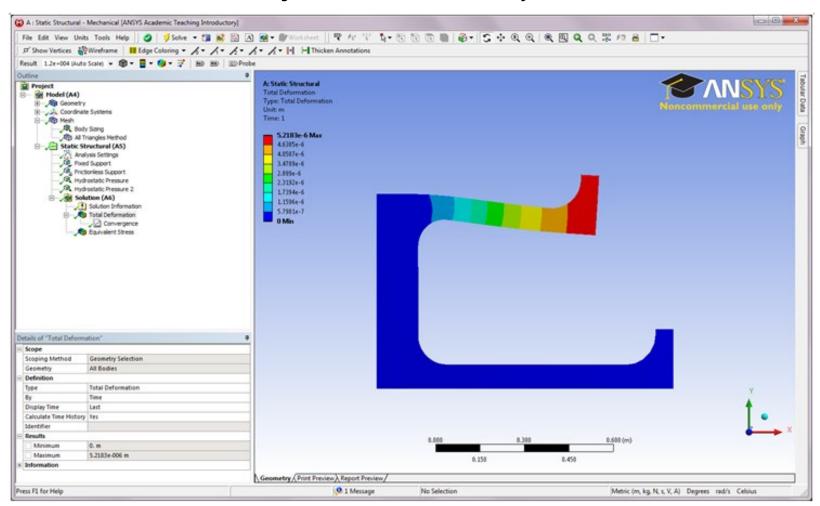
(All units are in meter)



#### Garden Fountain



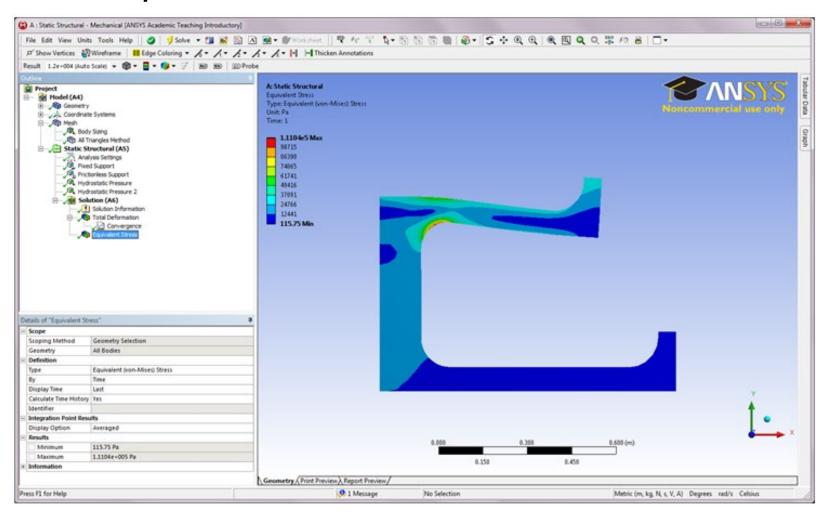
Run a Static Structural Analysis to review the axisymmetric deformation results.





#### Garden Fountain

Click on *Equivalent Stress* in the *Outline* to review the stress results.

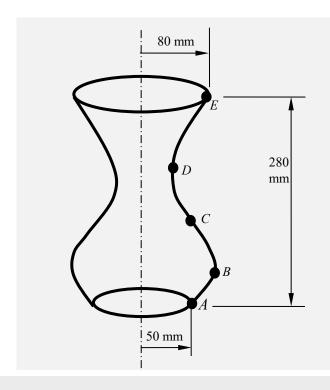




**Shell Vases** 



<Problem Description> Vases are decorative pieces that can be of any artistic shapes. The figure below gives the dimensions of a flower vase made of glass. Assume that the vase has a uniform thickness of 4 mm. The water level reaches 100 mm below the opening of the vase. Determine the maximum deformation and von Mises stress under the hydrostatic pressure.



Material: Glass

E = 70 GPa

v = 0.17

**Boundary Conditions:** 

Bottom surface: fixed.

**Coordinates of Construction Points:** 

A: (50 mm, 0 mm, 0mm)

*B*: (90 mm, 40 mm, 0mm)

C: (60 mm, 120 mm, 0 mm)

D: (40 mm, 180 mm, 0 mm)

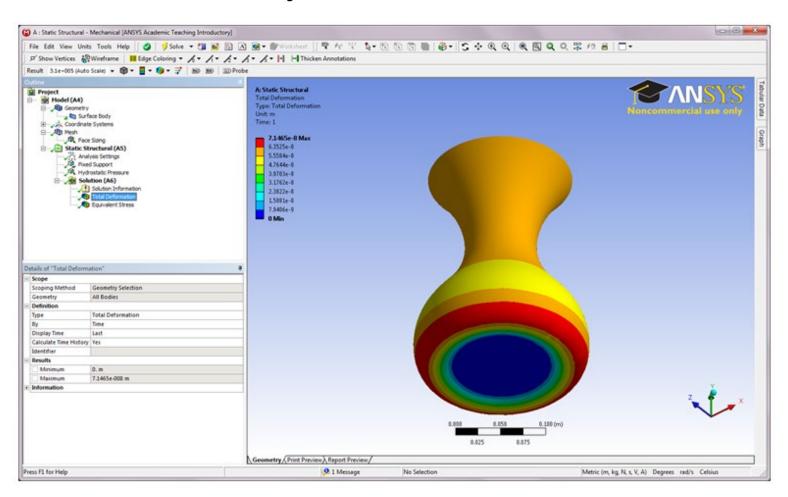
*E*: (80 mm, 280mm, 0mm)







Run a Static Structural Analysis to review the deformation results of the vase.

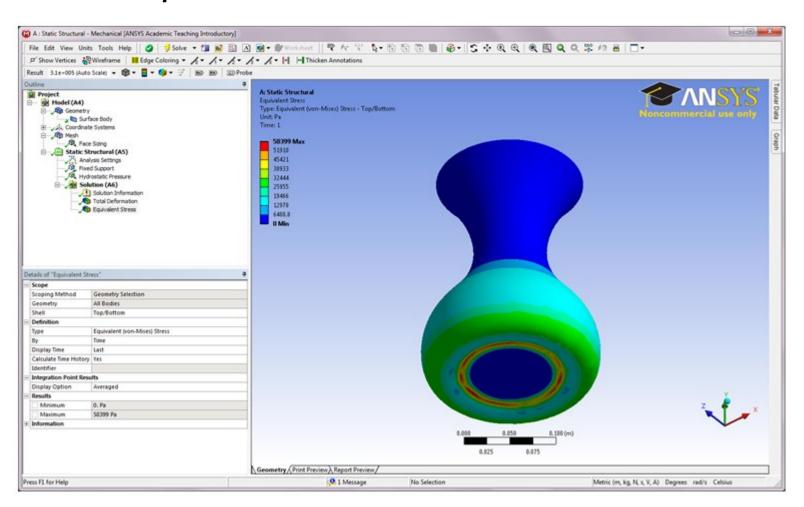








Click on *Equivalent Stress* in the *Outline* to review the stress results.

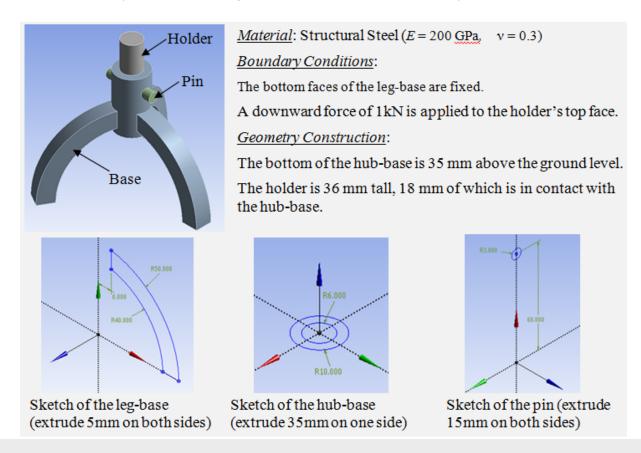




3D Base



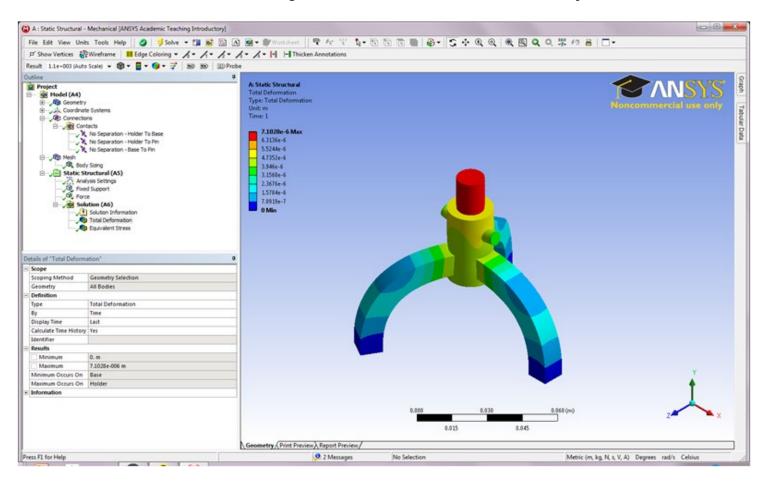
<Problem Description> A base stand assembly includes a base, a holder and a pin, as shown in the following figure. The stand assembly is made of structural steel. Assume a no-separation condition for all contact regions. Determine the deformation and von Mises stress distributions of the assembly under the given load and boundary conditions.







Run a Static Structural Analysis to review the assembly deformation results.

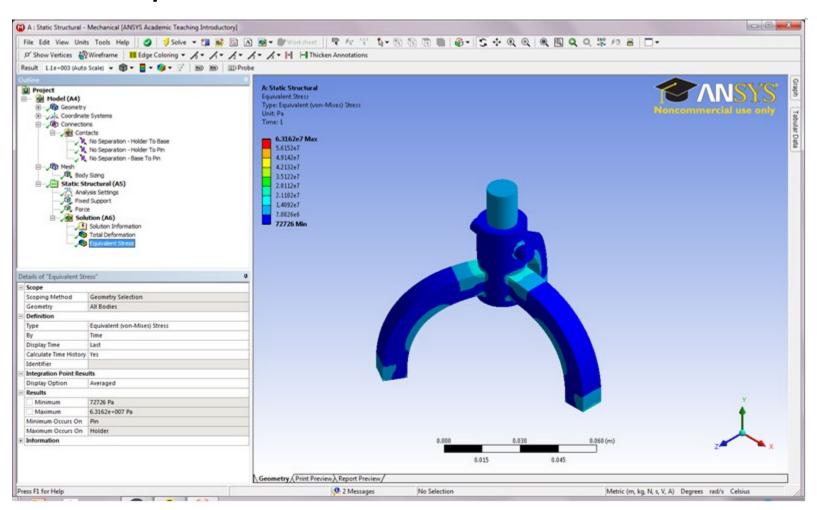








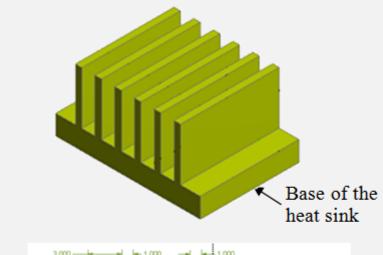
Click on *Equivalent Stress* in the *Outline* to review the stress results.

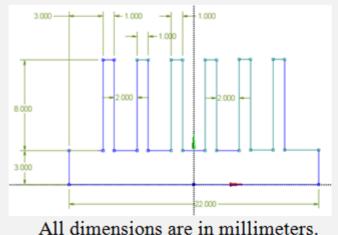




#### **Heat Sink**







#### Material: Aluminum

$$k=170 \text{ W/(m\cdot K)}$$

$$\rho$$
= 2800 kg/m<sup>3</sup>; c = 870 J/(kg·K)

$$E = 70 \text{ GPa}; v = 0.3$$

$$\alpha = 22 \times 10^{-6} \text{ 1/°C}$$

#### **Boundary Conditions:**

Air temperature of  $28^{\circ}$ C; h = 30W/( $(m^{2.\circ}$ C).

**Steady-state**:  $q' = 1000W/m^2$  on the base.

*Transient*: Square wave heat flux on the base.

#### Initial Conditions:

Steady-state: Uniform temperature of 28°C.

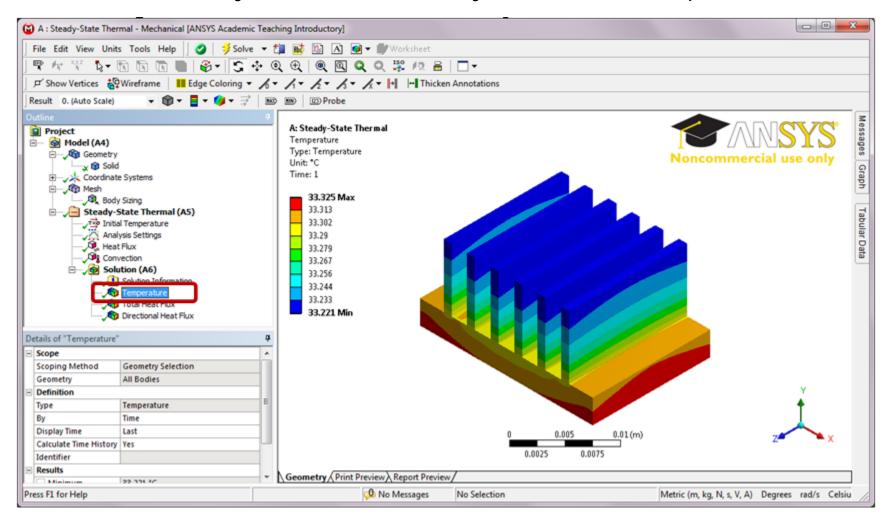
*Transient*: Steady-state temperature results.







Run a Steady-State Thermal Analysis to view the temperature results.

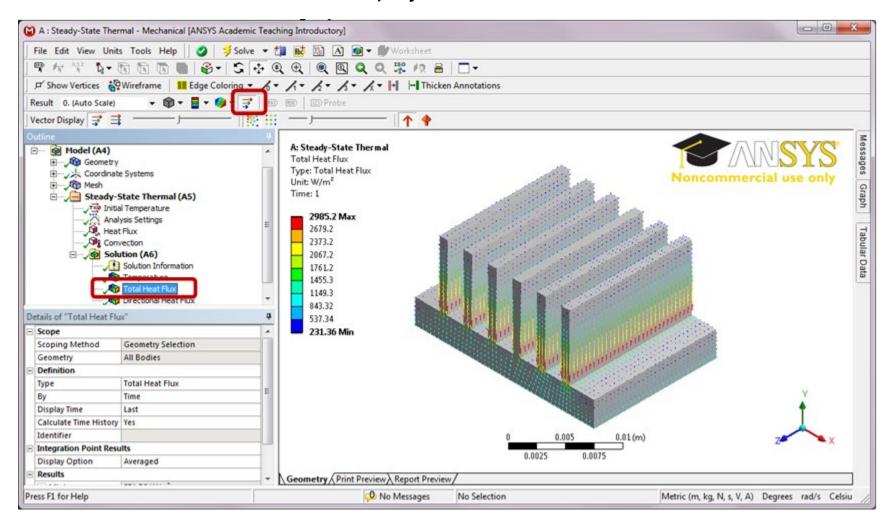








Select *Total Heat Flux* to display the heat flux with directional arrows.

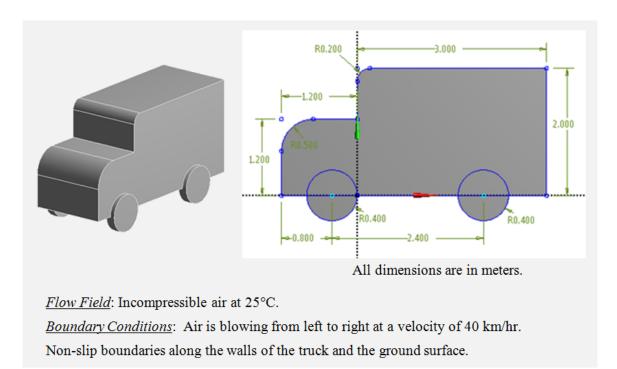




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#### Aerodynamic Vehicles

<Problem Description> The aerodynamic performance of vehicles can be improved by utilizing computational fluid dynamics simulation. Conduct fluid analysis of the air flow passing through a truck. Assume air at room temperature of 25°C for the flow field with an air velocity of 40 km/hr blowing from left to right. Use non-slip boundary conditions along the walls of the truck and the ground surface. Find the airflow pattern as well as the pressure and velocity distributions of the flow field around the truck.

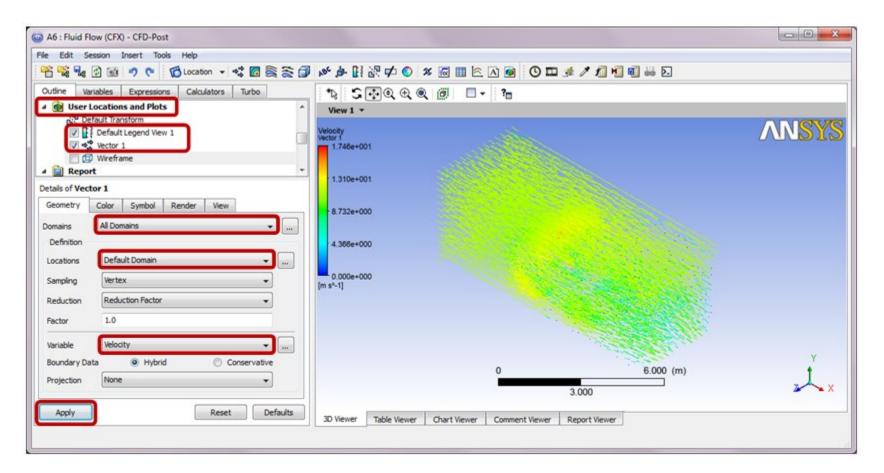








Plot Velocity Vector – Right-click *User Locations and Plots* in the *Outline*, and select *Insert* and then *Vector*.

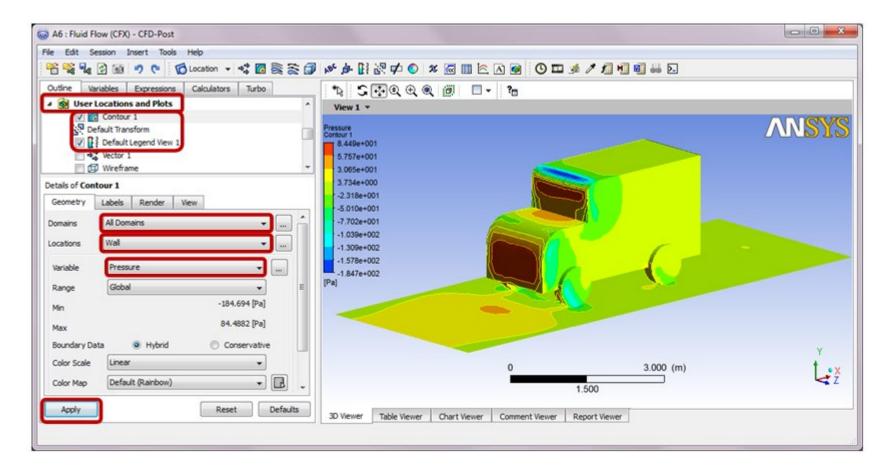








Plot Wall Pressure Contour – Right-click *User Locations and Plots* in the *Outline*, and select *Insert* and then *Contour*.

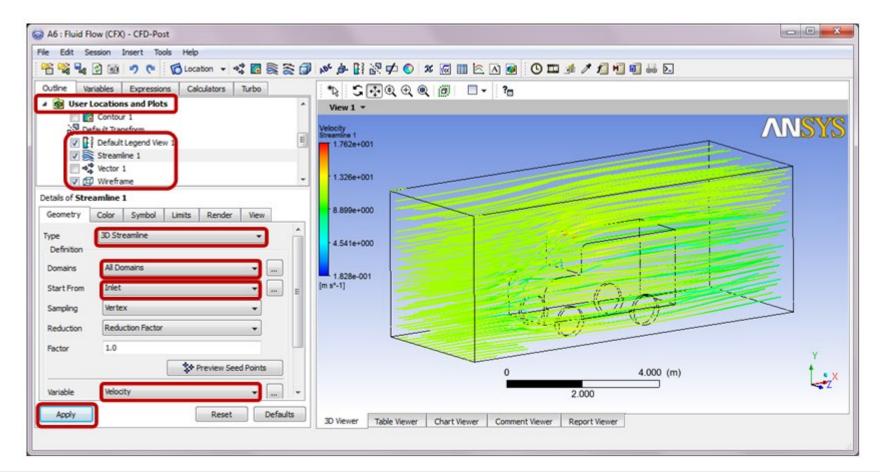








Plot Streamline – Right-click *User Locations and Plots* in the *Outline*, and select *Insert* and then *Streamline*.





# Thank You for Your Attention Q&A

