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HPC on Cloud for SMEs. The case of bolt tightening.

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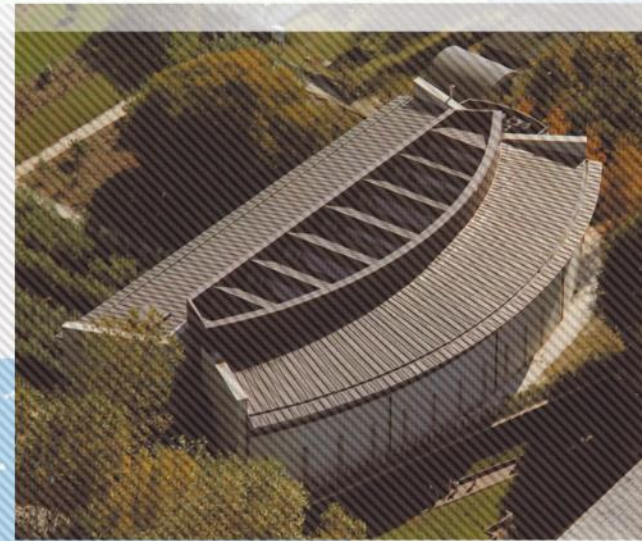
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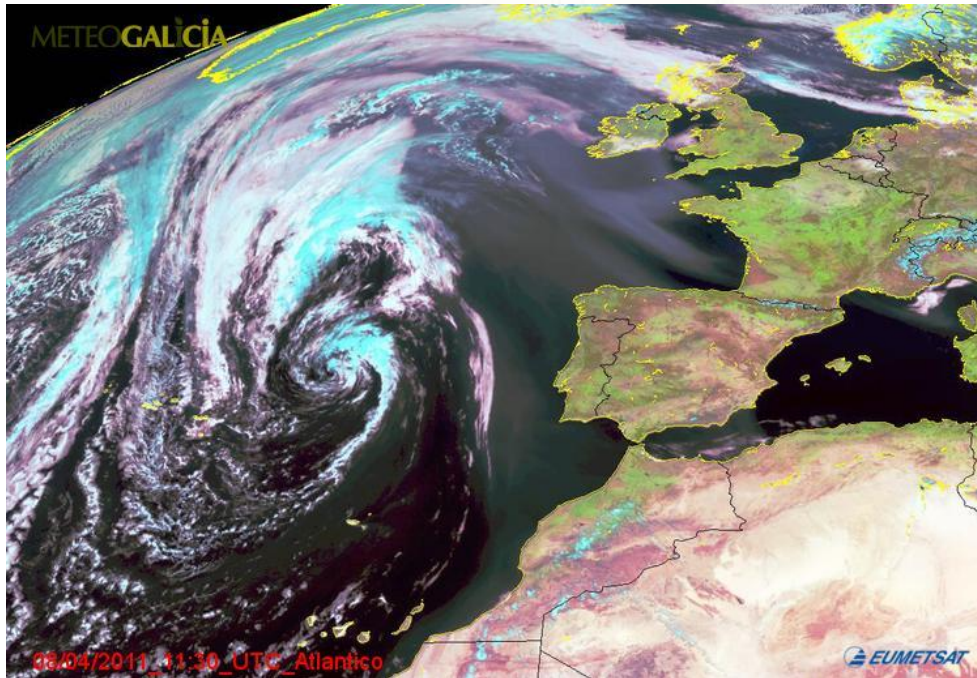
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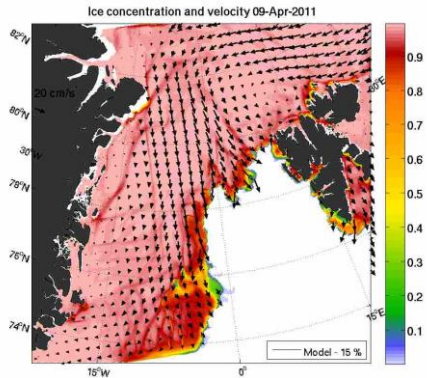
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Examples of use

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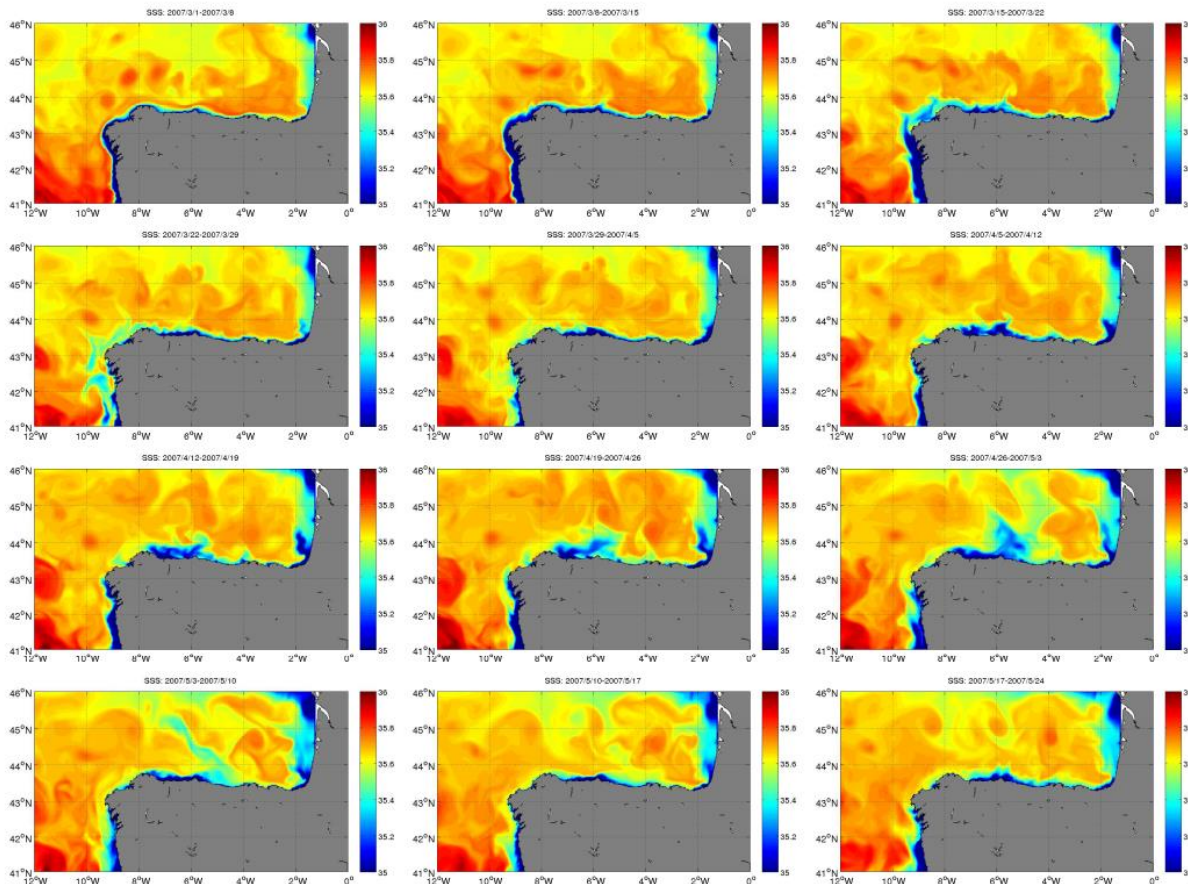
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Examples of use

Oceanographic simulation to better understand fisheries population dynamics



Colaborative Research with universities

Large scale electromagnetism simulation for improved radar systems



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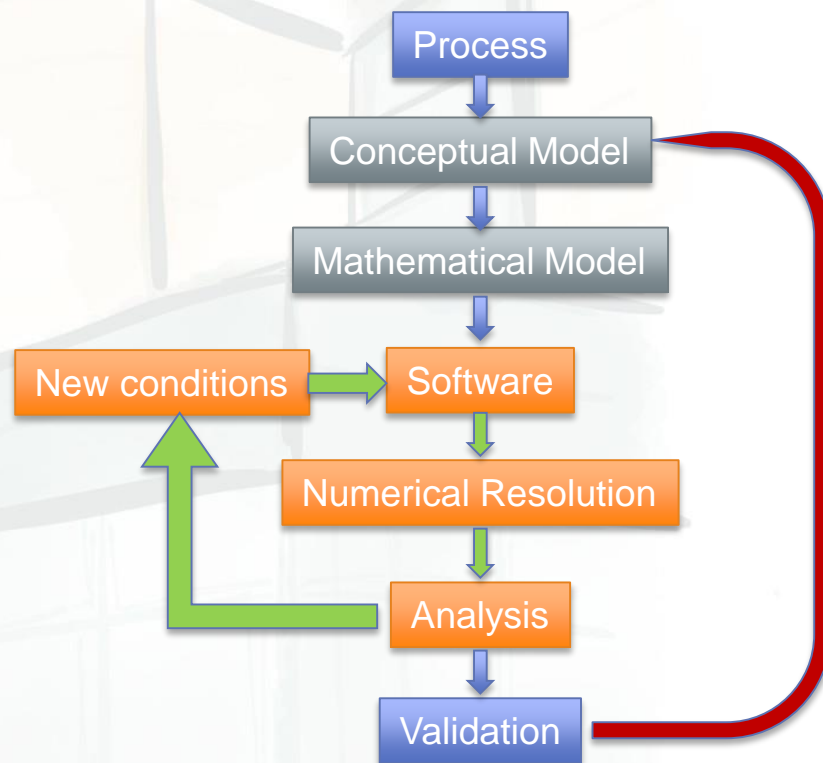
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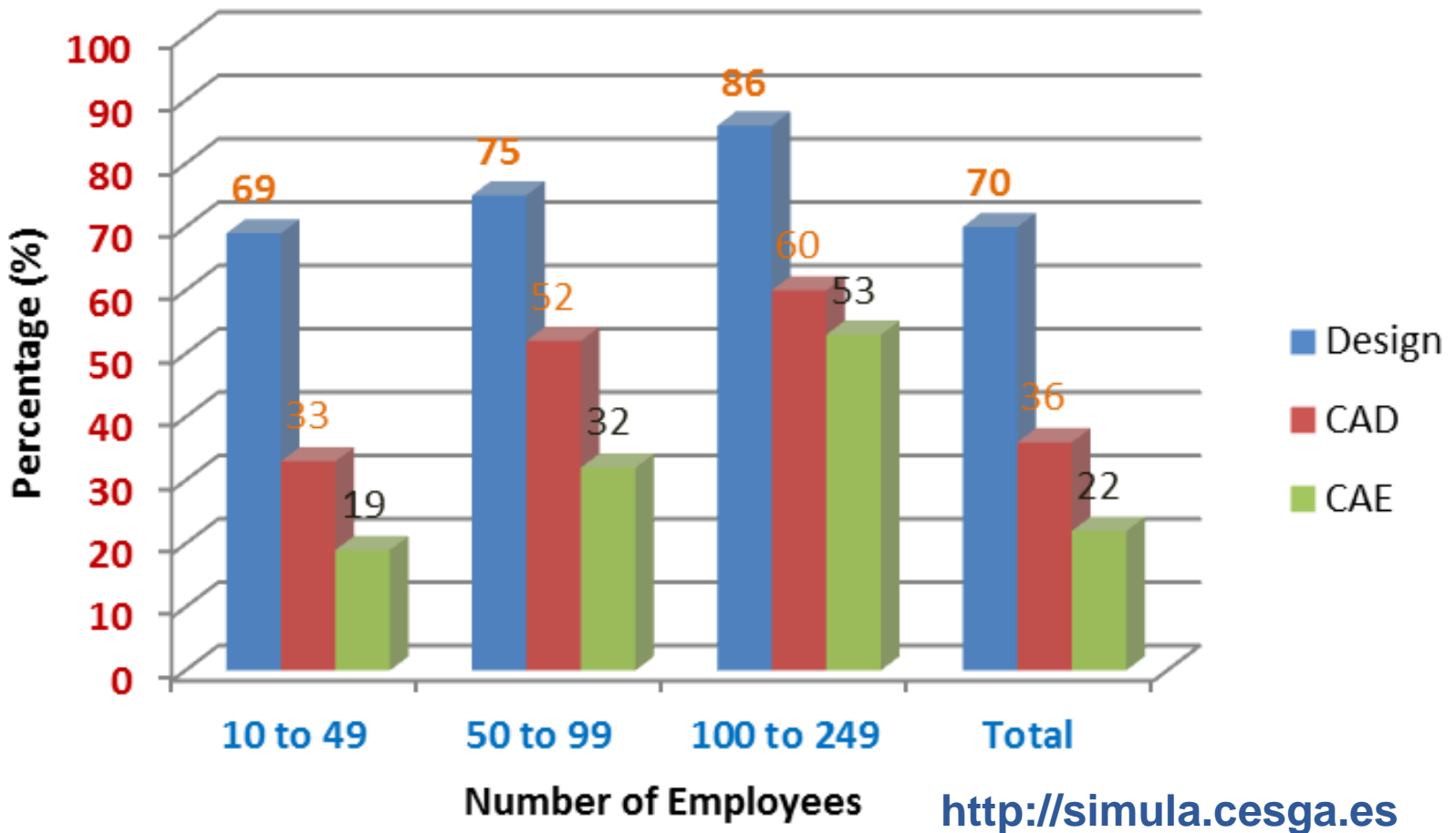
But for SMEs, HPC does not always mean big supercomputers

High Performance Computing

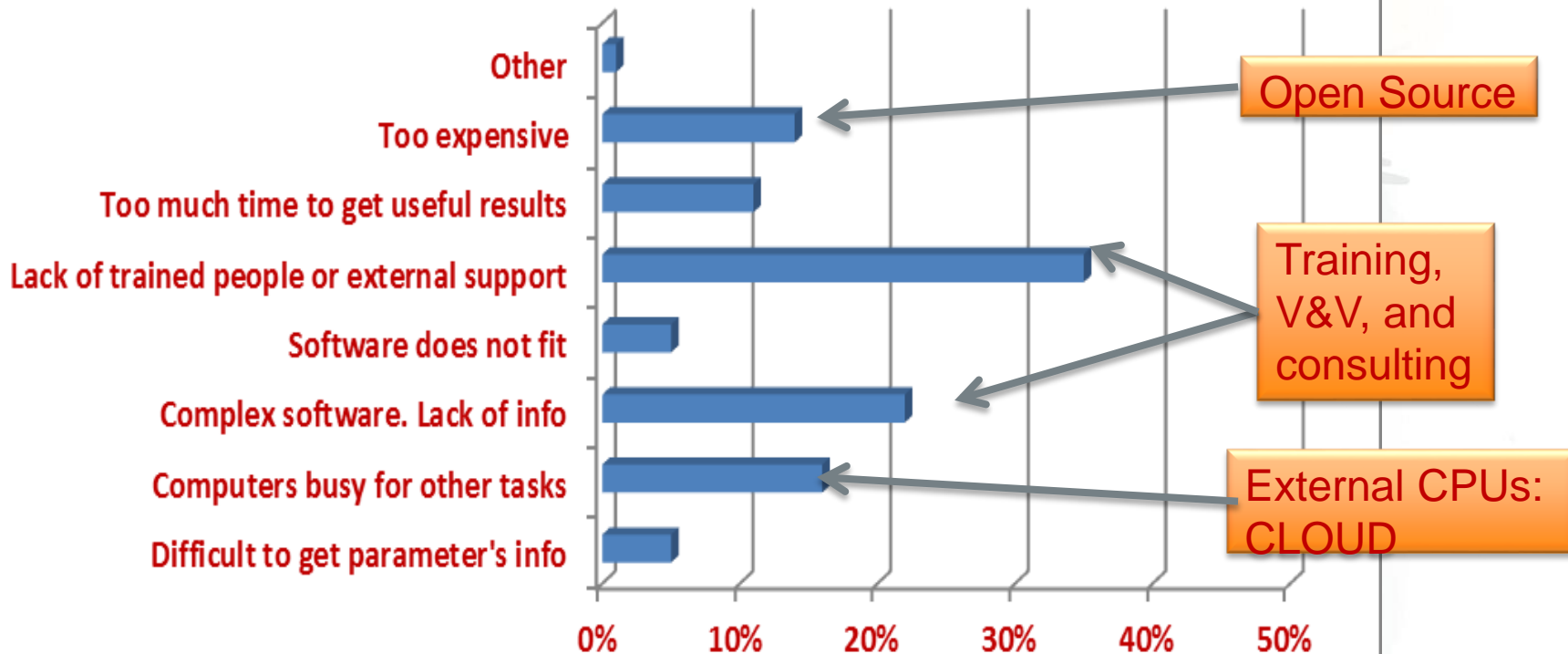
(HPC) is the use of servers, clusters, and supercomputers – plus associated software, tools, components, storage, and services – for scientific, engineering, or analytical tasks that are particularly intensive in computation, memory usage, or data management

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Constraints from CAE users



<http://simula.cesga.es>

Initial solution: Cloud services in ne



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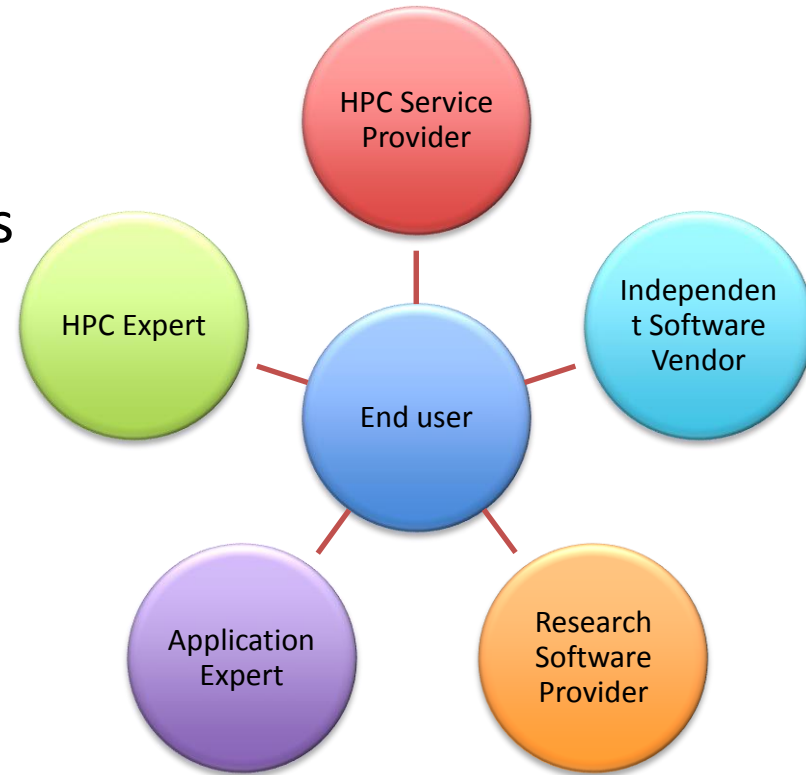
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What do they need?

- ❑ Help with M&S and validation
- ❑ Vertical Applications/Easy interfaces
- ❑ Confidentiality
- ❑ Remote storage/HPC/Visualization
- ❑ Time-to-solution



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Why M&S Tightening?

- ❑ TEXAS Controls **core business**.
- ❑ There is **no software solution in the market**.
- ❑ It seems **feasible to do it with open source** software.
- ❑ The SME **does not have** the required **computer capacity**.
- ❑ A **challenge** regarding modelling, **simulation**, and execution.

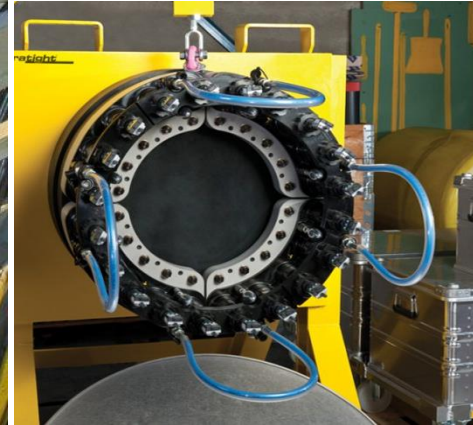
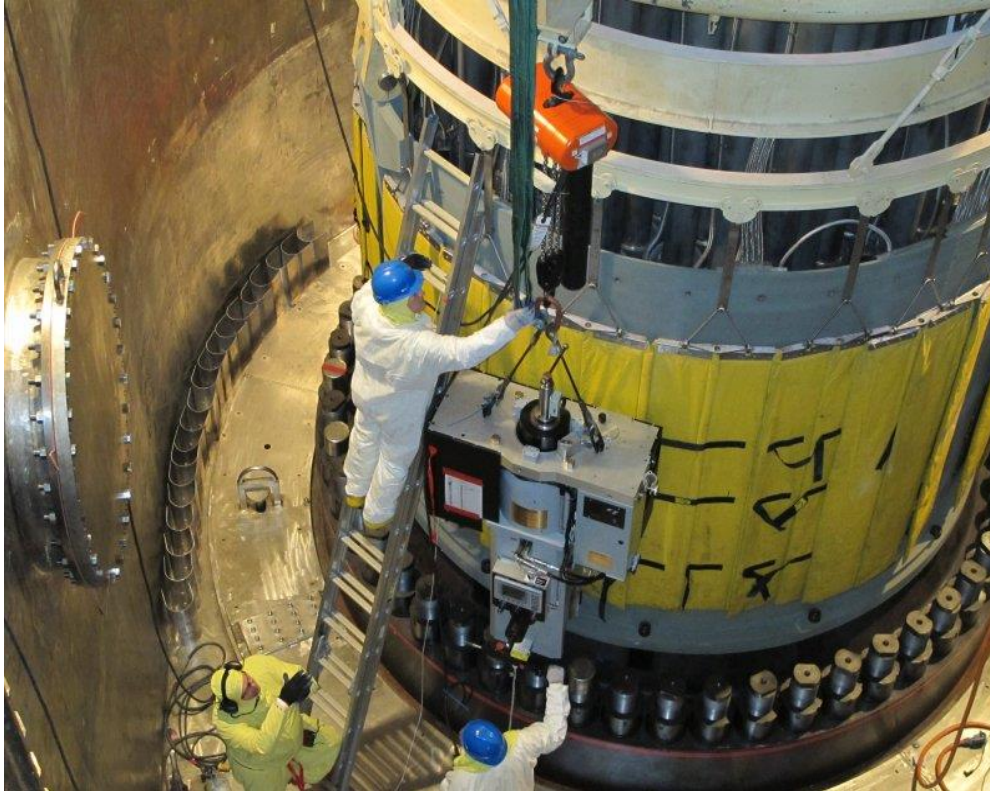
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End User/Company Profile:



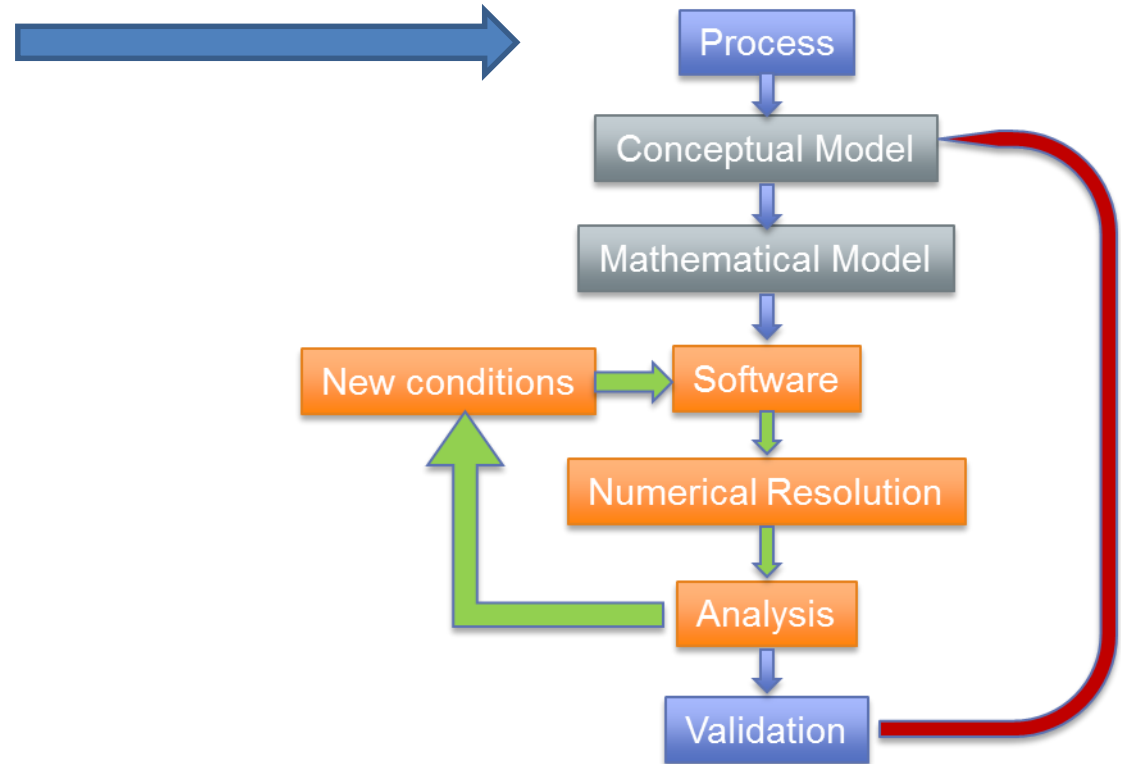
Tightening examples

Nuclear plants



Try to Reduce operational time & the time exposure to radiation.

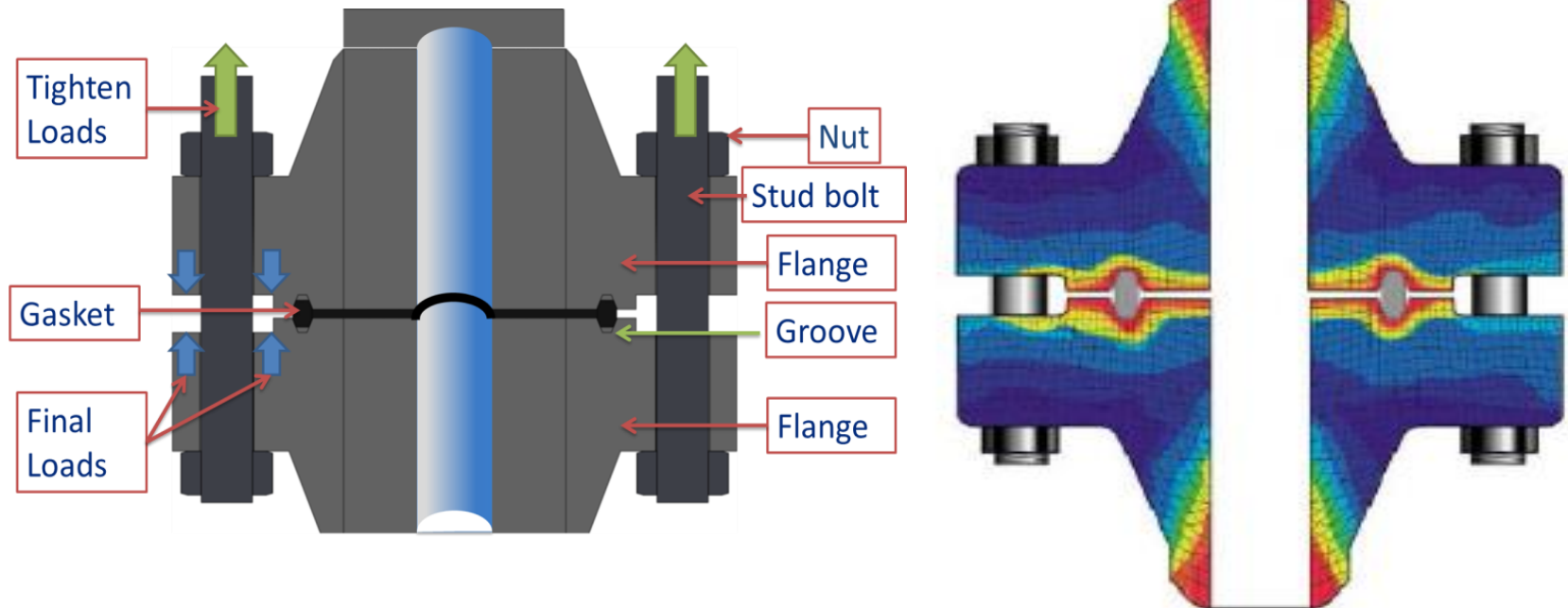
The process (Il processo)



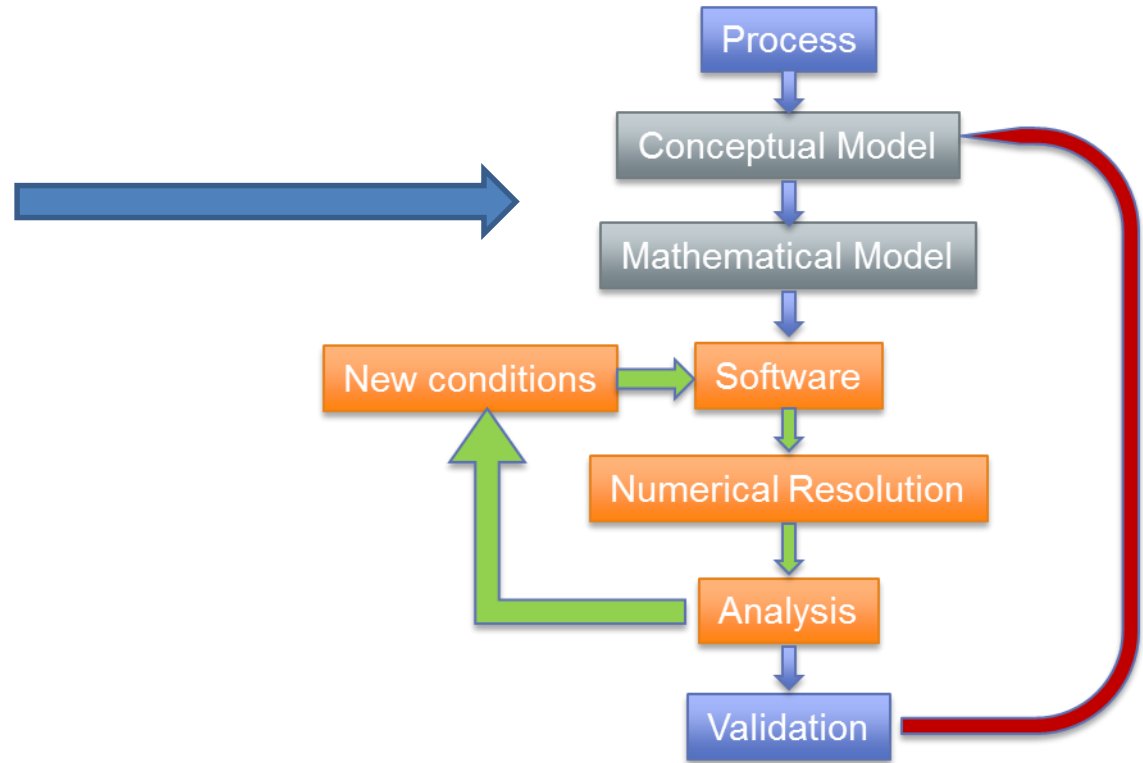
Tightening process

Study and prediction of flanges behavior during tightening process.

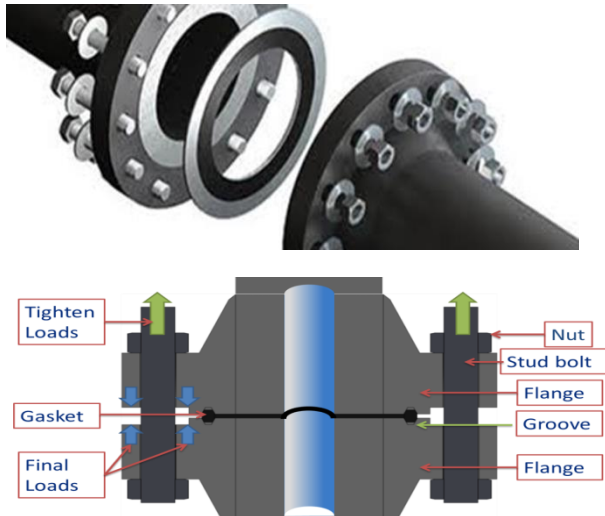
What is the best strategy to execute it?



The Model (Il modello)



Contact-Friction model



Materials

- Flanges
- Gasket
- Bolts

Design

- Nr bolts
- Groove
- Flange
- Bolts
- Gasket

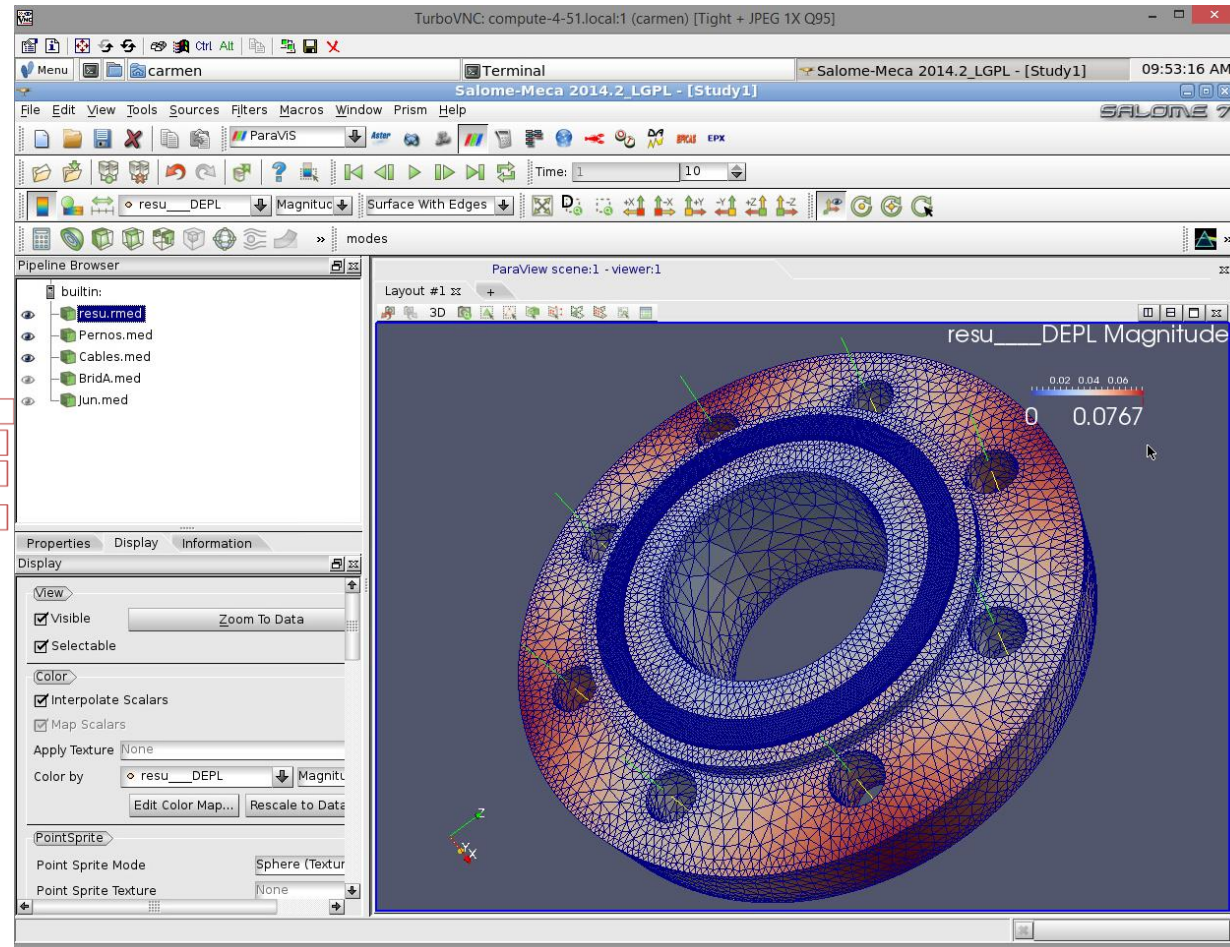
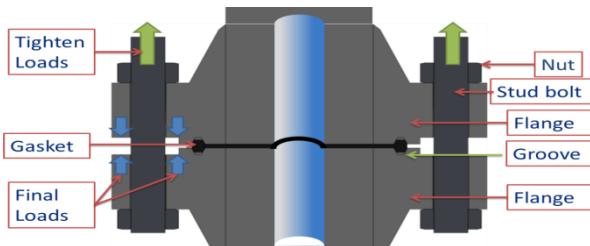
Sequence parameters

- Initial load
- Residual load
- Steps of tightening
- Groups of tightening

Parametric simulations: huge number of cases to obtain the optimal design

The model

Contact-Friction model



Taguchi method

The Taguchi method is a standardized approach for determining the best combination of inputs to produce a product or service.

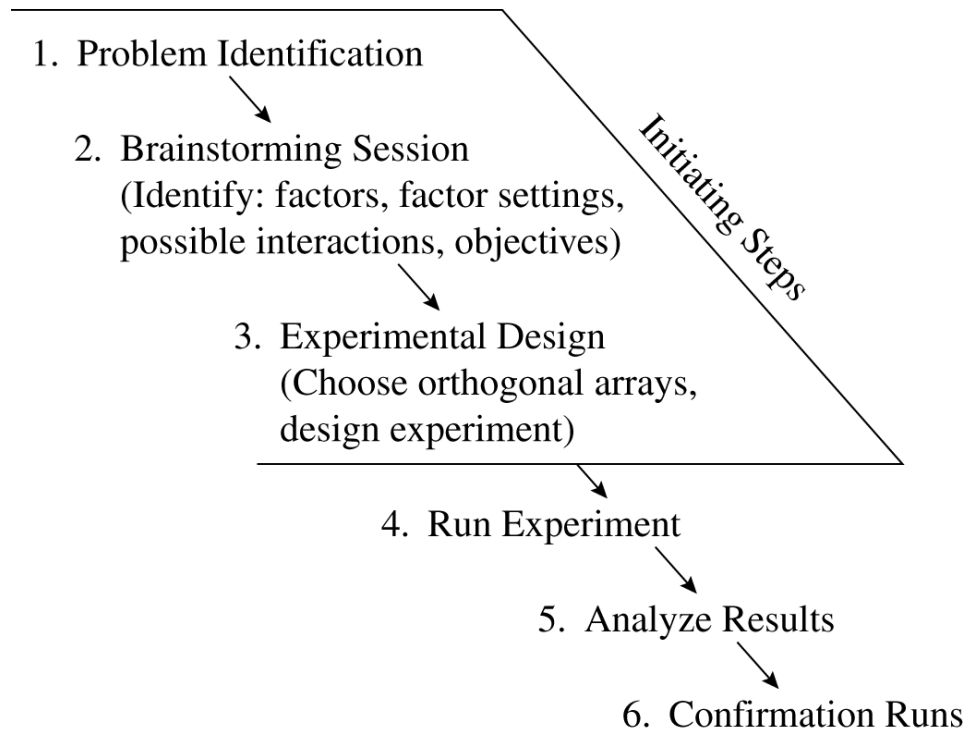


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Parametric jobs: Taguchi

TAGUCHI METHOD:

The approach for this experiment corresponds to the Taguchi L'16 orthogonal array (up to 4 levels & 5 parameters), i.e. up to 16 parametric jobs. The runtimes for each of these parametric jobs are very similar.

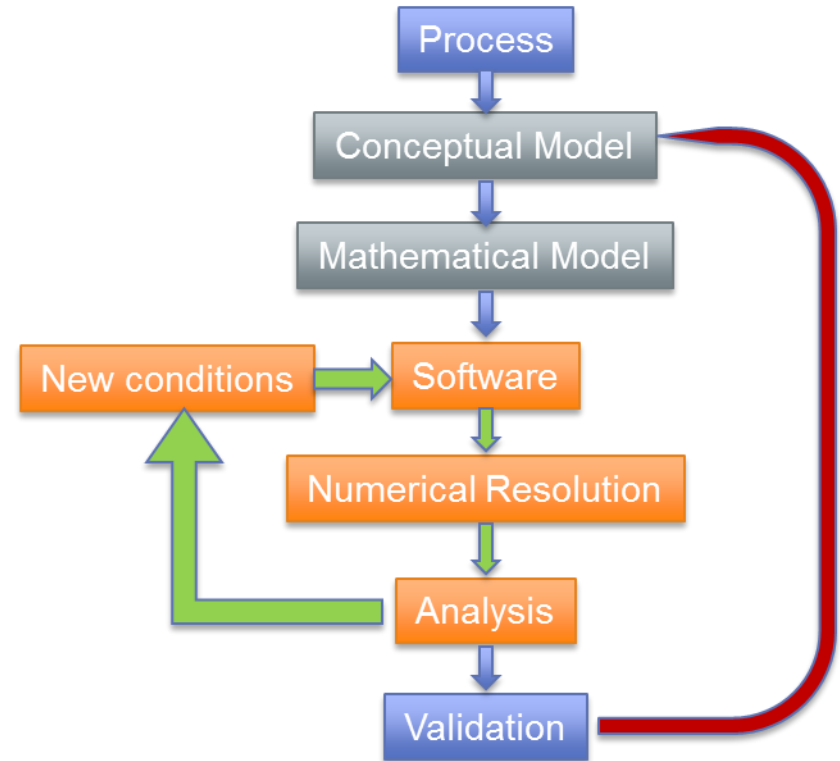
PARAMETERS:

- ❑ Materials for flanges and gaskets
- ❑ Number of bolts for each subset (strategy);
- ❑ Final load value (minimum load) .
- ❑ Maximum load for each step.

Taguchi L'16 orthogonal array

Experiment	P1	P2	P3	P4	P5
1	1	1	1	1	1
2	1	2	2	2	2
3	1	3	3	3	3
4	1	4	4	4	4
5	2	1	2	3	4
6	2	2	1	4	3
7	2	3	4	1	2
8	2	4	3	2	1
9	3	1	3	4	2
10	3	2	4	3	1
11	3	3	1	2	4
12	3	4	2	1	3
13	4	1	4	2	3
14	4	2	3	1	4
15	4	3	2	4	1
16	4	4	1	3	2

The software
(II software)



Contact-friction model

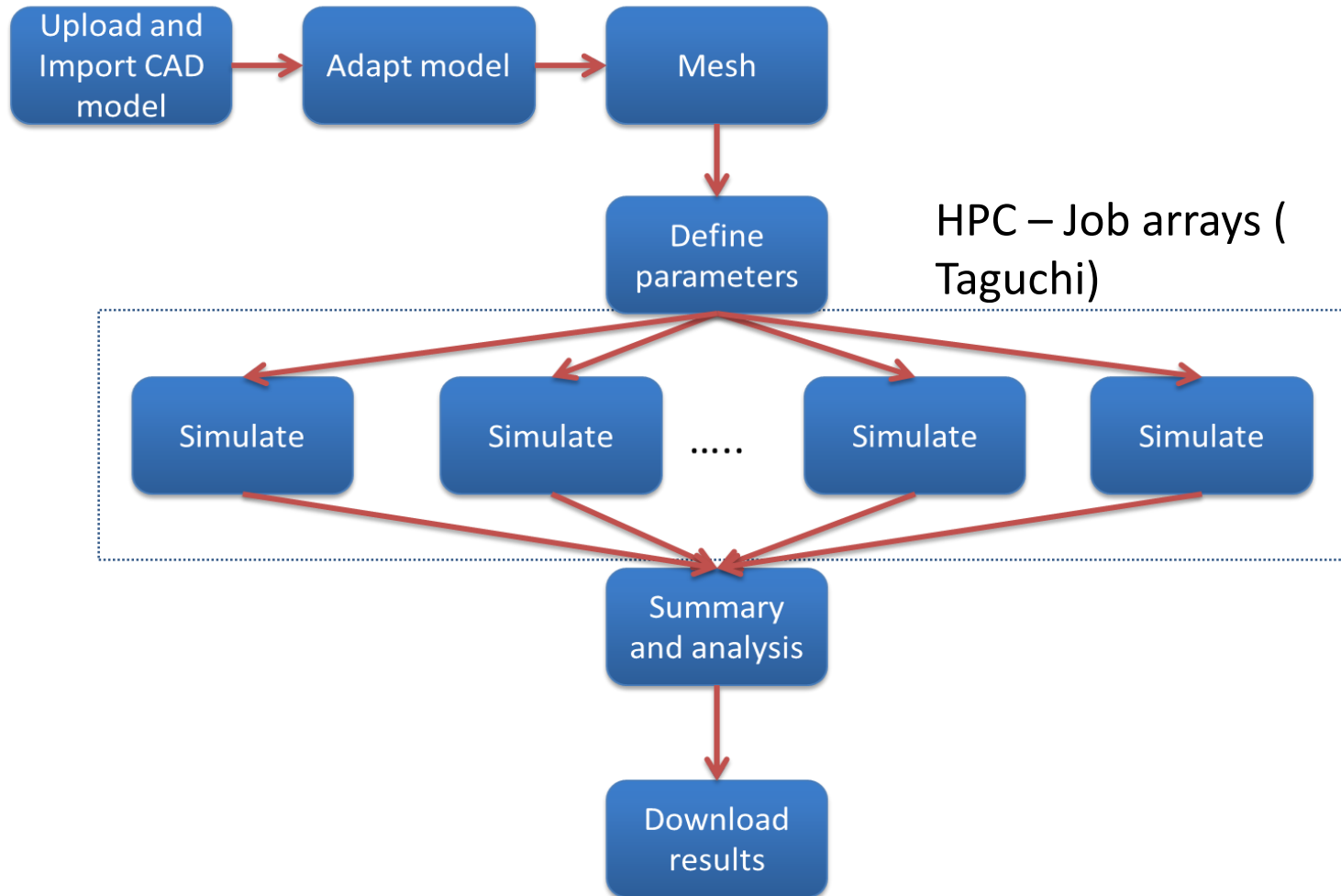
- ❑ **Code_aster** (and Abaqus for initial model verification)
- ❑ Taguchi implementation:
 - Python script which receives the number of parameters/levels from the web application and generates the different number of .comm files (input) for the parametric jobs.
 - Embedded python in the Code_Aster .comm file for controlling the tightening workflow .
 - Job arrays : same job using different .comm file.
- ❑ Symmetries, Choices of surfaces main and slaves and Quality of the mesh
- ❑ Numerical Resolution:
 - Discrete formulation: ALGO_CONT , ALGO_FRO. Options: LAGRANGIAN or GCP algorithm
 - Formulation continue: ALGO_RESO_CONT, ALGO_RESO_FROT, ALGO_RESO_GEOM. Options: POINT_FIX or NEWTON algorithm.
- ❑ Solvers: MULT_FRONT, MUMPS, LDLT, PCG, PETSC or FETI
- ❑ In case of MPI solvers: PARALLELISME = CENTRALISE, GROUP_ELEM, MAIL_DISPERSER, MAIL_CONTIGU, SOUS_DOMAINE

Contact-friction model

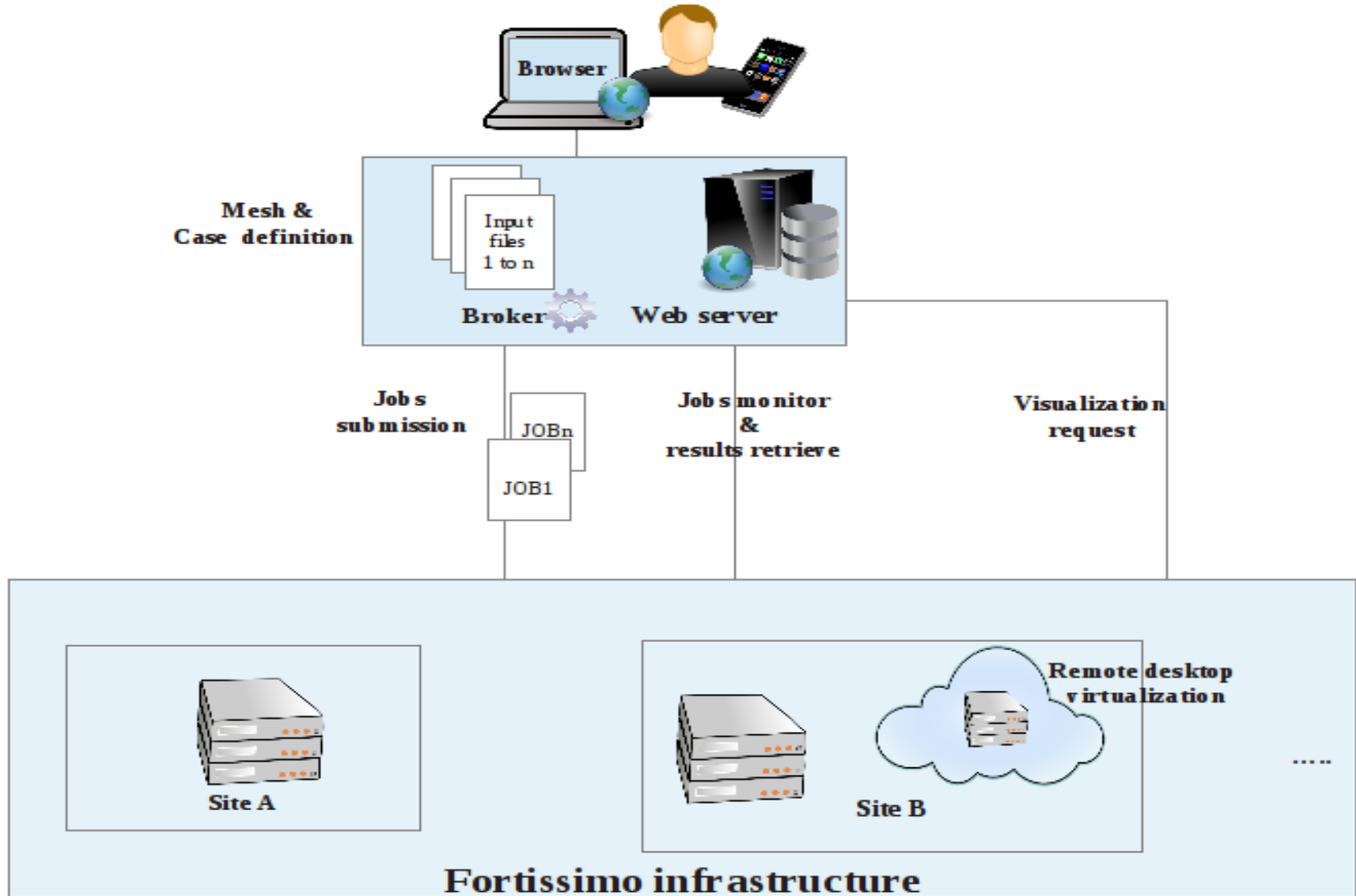
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Too complicated for most SMES

Case workflow



System architecture



GUI: Experiments manager

Experiments manager + New experiment

Created Modified	Name	Nr bolts	Strategy	Load min.	Load levels	Nr Jobs	Actions
01/09/14 11:40 12/11/14 01:11	Gasket FF	8	25%,50%	75000	4	8	
01/09/14 11:40 12/11/14 01:11	Copy of Barcelona test 1	8	25%,50%	75000	4	8	
01/09/14 11:43 03/11/14 01:11	Arabia Saudi	8	25%,50%,100%	6500	4	12	
05/11/14 14:26 09/12/14 01:12	Test 24	24	25%,33%,50%	50500	4	12	
30/10/14 19:25 11/11/14 05:11	Final test	8	25%,50%	67000	2	4	

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GUI: Define material

Material

Name

Comments

Material properties

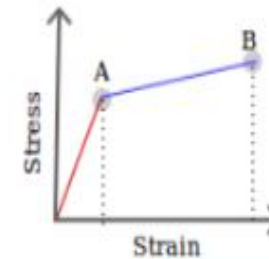
Young module (N/m²)

Poisson ratio

Ultimate tensile stress (MPa)

Yield Strength (MPa)

B(x,y)



Save material

GUI: Define simulation

Gasket FF

Bolts number 8	Title Gasket FF	Comments New material
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Meshes & Materials

Bolts mesh 8 Bolts Simple v1	Flange mesh Flange stress groups	Gasket mesh Gasket	Wire mesh file Cables
Flange material M Flange and Gasket	Gasket material Select		

- M Bolts
- M Flange and Gasket**
- M Cables
- Select

Jobs parameters

Groups 25%, 50%	Max Cycles 4	Stopping criteria (MPa) (Fmax-Fmin)/Wm1
Minimum load applied (kN) 67000	# Levels 4	% Increment Fmin -> Fmax % increment



GUI: Submit simulations

New Submission: Gasket FF

Submit experiment

Please check the experiment configuration before submission:

Nr of bolts: 8 Strategy: 25%,50% Load min: 67000kN Load levels: 4 Increment: 5 % Nr jobs: 8

Strategy 25%:

Level	FA	FB	FC	FD
1	70350kN	69234 kN	68117 kN	67000 kN
2	73868kN	71579 kN	69290 kN	67000 kN
3	77561kN	74041 kN	70521 kN	67000 kN
4	81439kN	76626 kN	71813 kN	67000 kN

GUI: Results in critical points

Gasket FF

Job 1



Remote visualization

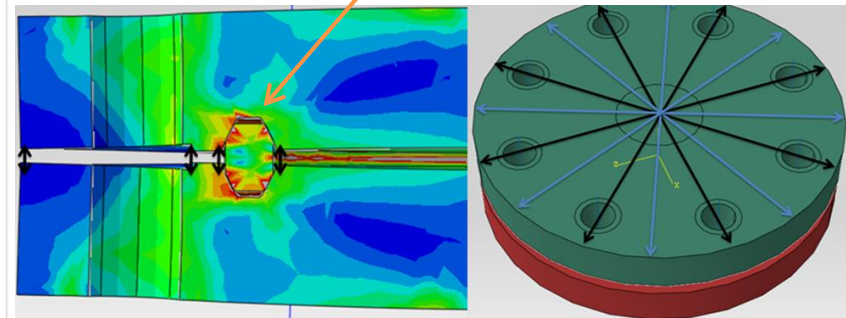
Job 2



Displacements

COOR_X	COOR_Y	COOR_Z	DX	DY	DZ	DRX
8.36062E+01	4.50200E+01	5.49546E+01	0.00000E+00	0.00000E+00	0.00000E+00	0.00000E+00
2.02597E+01	4.50200E+01	9.79773E+01	0.00000E+00	0.00000E+00	0.00000E+00	0.00000E+00
8.36062E+01	4.50200E+01	5.49546E+01	3.76901E-03	-2.67562E-02	2.31844E-03	7.03716E-02
2.02597E+01	4.50200E+01	9.79773E+01	2.95612E-03	-5.34853E-02	1.35491E-02	4.12638E-02
8.36062E+01	4.50200E+01	5.49546E+01	3.48461E-03	-3.49386E-02	2.13671E-03	6.48224E-02
2.02597E+01	4.50200E+01	9.79773E+01	2.89821E-03	-6.19878E-02	1.32608E-02	4.03824E-02
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8.36062E+01	4.50200E+01	5.49546E+01	3.30060E-03	-4.00672E-02	2.04977E-03	6.21644E-02
2.02597E+01	4.50200E+01	9.79773E+01	2.84803E-03	-6.73531E-02	1.30963E-02	3.98797E-02
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2.02597E+01	4.50200E+01	9.79773E+01	2.84040E-03	-6.80831E-02	1.30758E-02	3.98170E-02
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8.36062E+01	4.50200E+01	5.49546E+01	3.25047E-03	-4.12085E-02	2.03205E-03	6.16789E-02

Values around the groove are critical to seal the assembly



Critical distortion points

Intermediate results for each tightening step.
Job can be stopped if this results show wrong values.

GUI: Jobs monitor

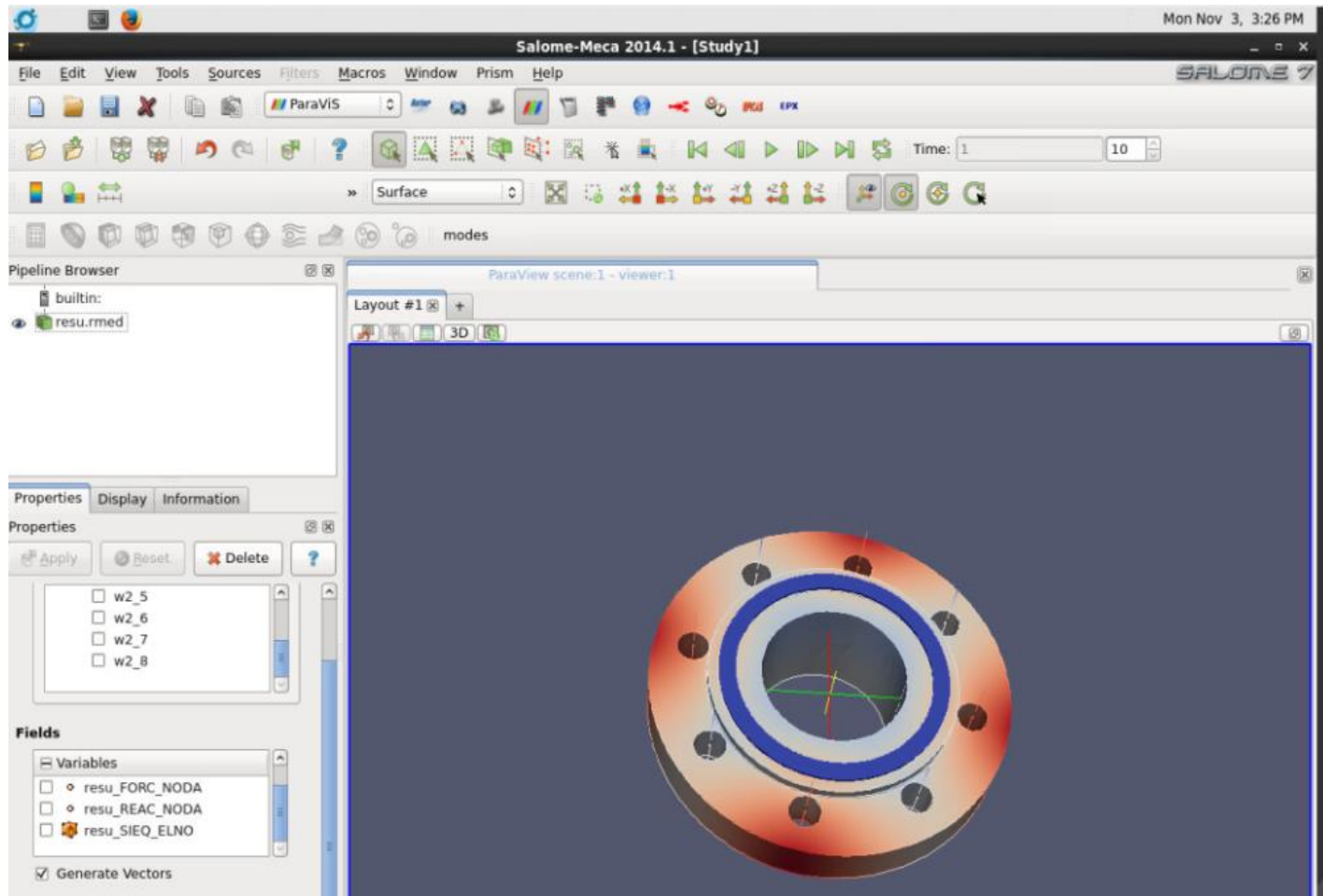
Experiments / Jobs monitor

Active experiments Refresh

Job id	Job Name	Tasks number	State	Submission_time	Start time	
1002049	run.sh	1,2	pending	2014-09-16T10:37:0		✕
1002051	run.sh	1-4:1	pending	2014-09-16T10:38:0		✕
1002053	run.sh	1-3:1	pending	2014-09-16T10:38:2		✕

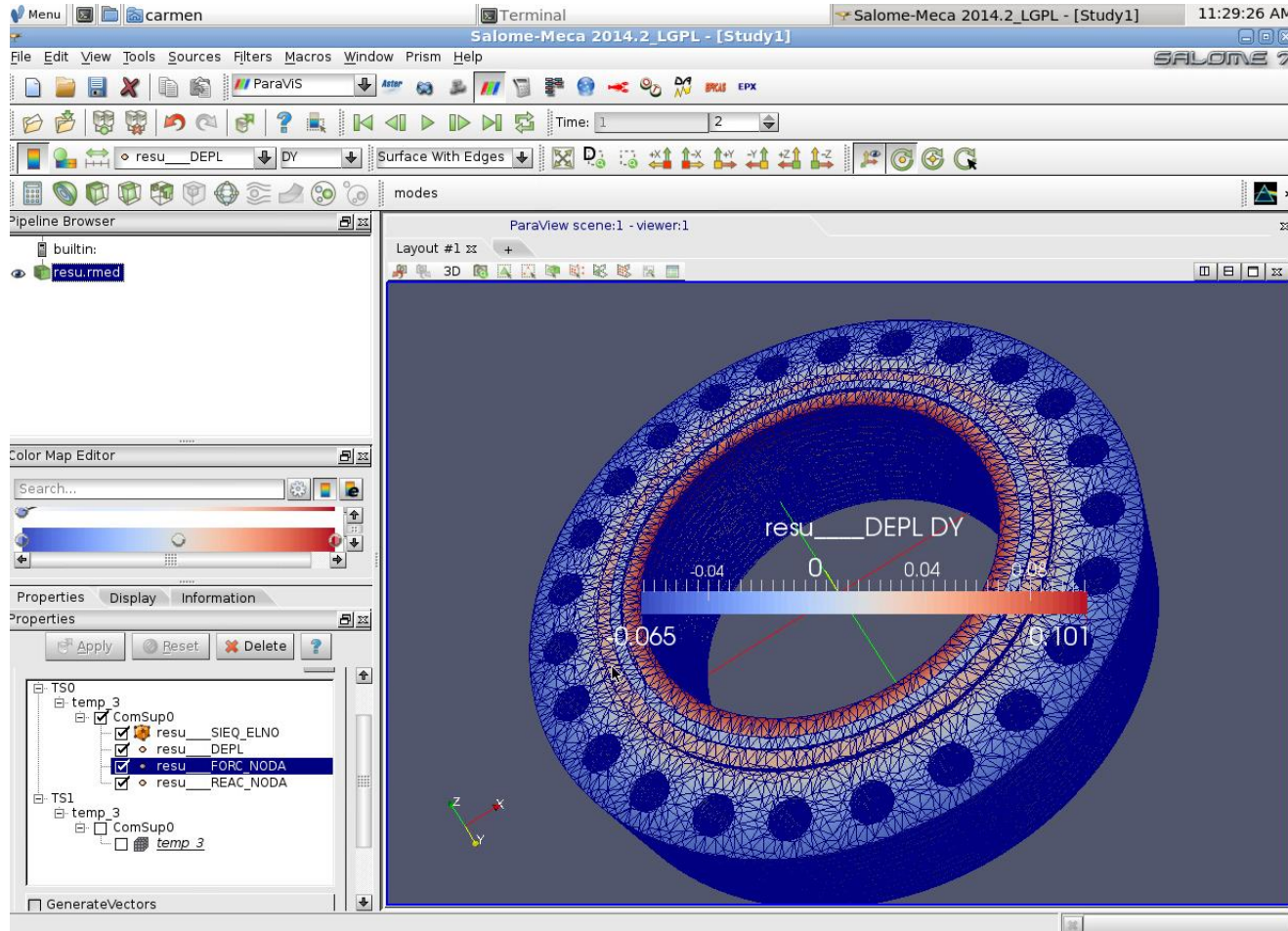
Cancel a parametric job
not the whole simulation

GUI: Remote visualization (I)

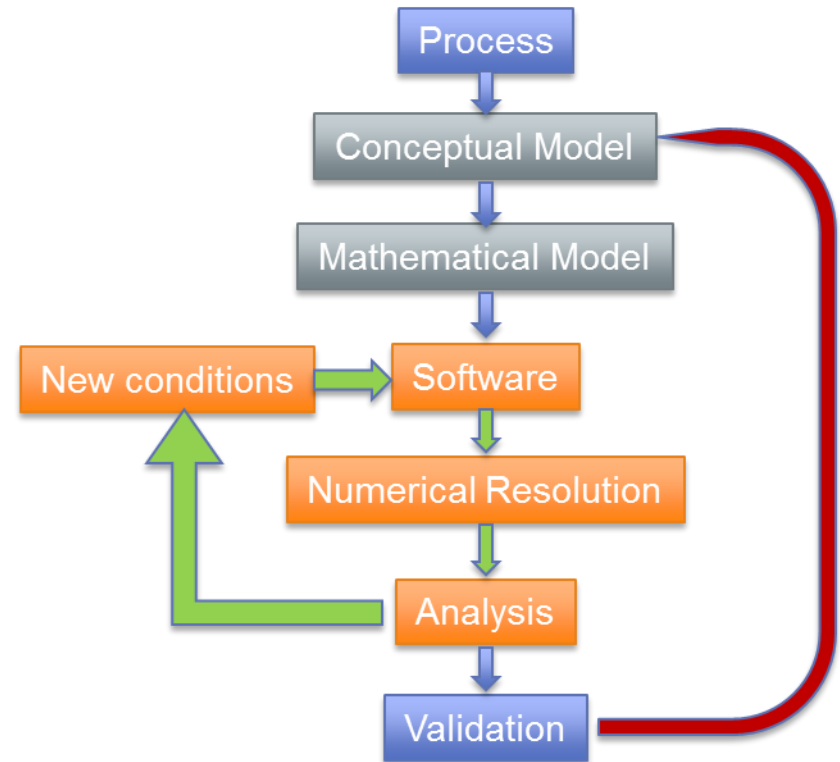


VNC client through a browser

GUI: Remote visualization (II)



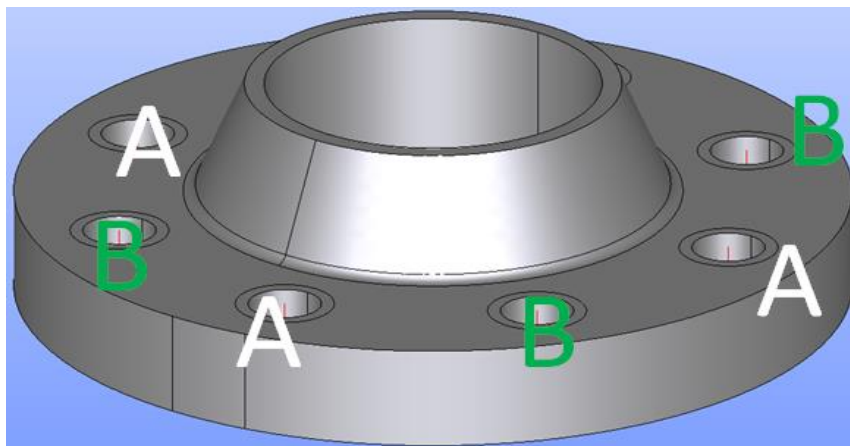
TurboVNC (high-performance version of VNC)



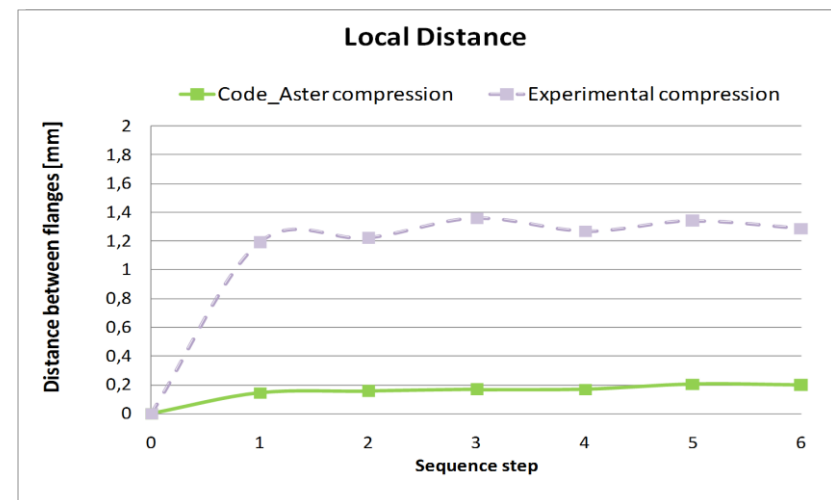
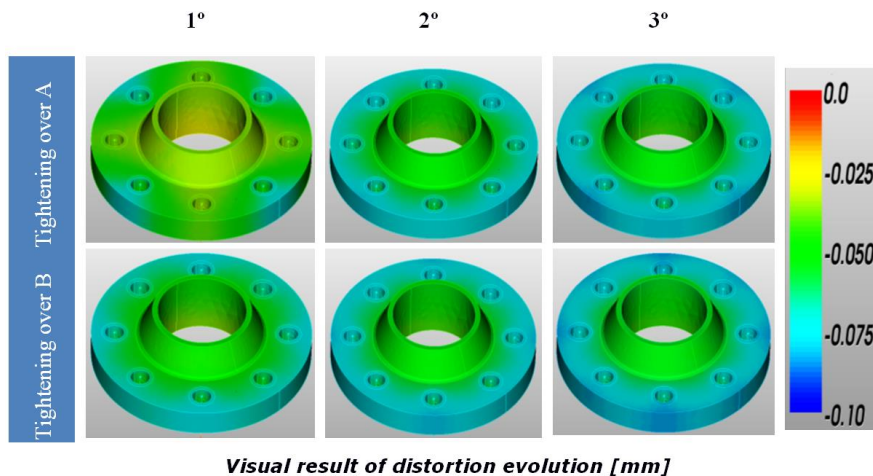
Validation (La validazione)



Case validation: Sensorized Flange



	1°	2°	3°
Group A	67850N	50880N	50880N
Group B	50880N	50880N	50880N



Conclusions

- ❑ Configuring the best simulation's could be a hard work for a no-expert in FEM.
- ❑ HPC resources are not only needed for simulations which need a high number of cores each one. Several multicore's (~16) simulations are needed for running parametric jobs (up to 16).
- ❑ Troubles appears very often and they are due to different issues: mesh, contacts definition, algorithms involved, software issues or MPI libraries.
- ❑ SMEs need validate their models against real cases.
- ❑ End-user prefers a GUI application and it must be flexible to incorporate new functionalities.
- ❑ Remote visualization is desirable. Best tool to visualize data depends on the output size.
- ❑ Value-added services are really needed as FORTISSIMO proposes.

Thanks for your attention.



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