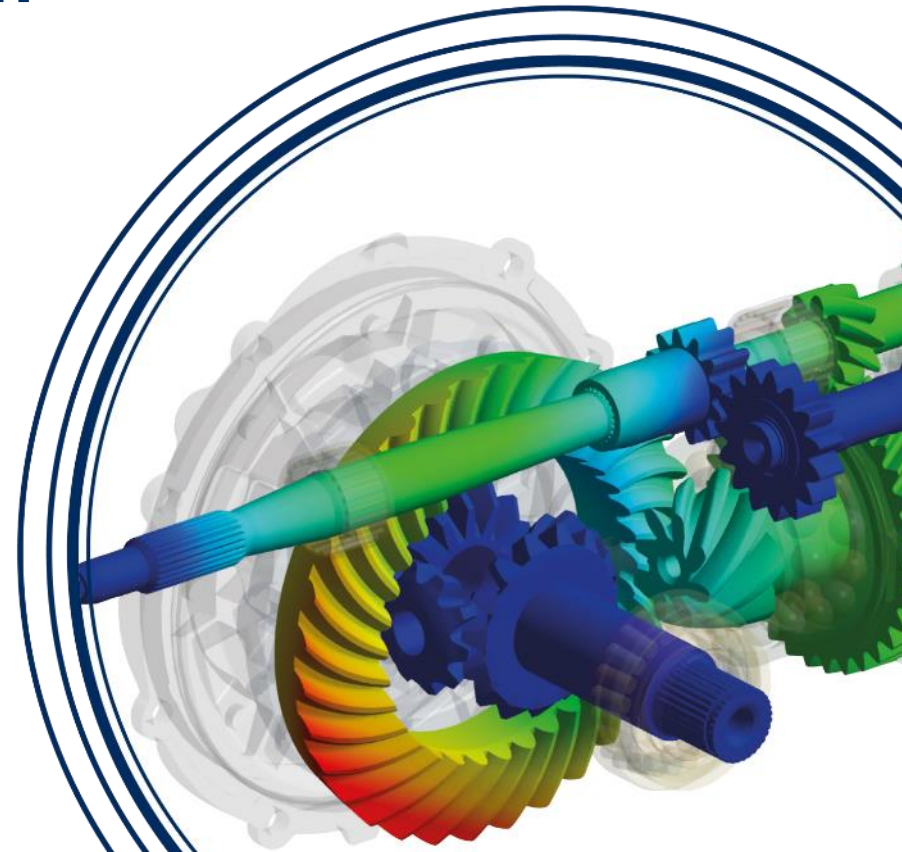


Fortgeschrittene multiphysikalische Simulation mit System Coupling

Fokus auf Elektrisch-Thermisch

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Motivation

Multiphysics simulation allows engineers and designers to design and create virtual prototypes of their products operating under real-world conditions where the interactions between fluid dynamics, structural mechanics, and electromagnetics are key.

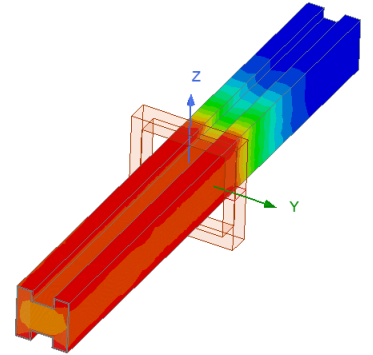
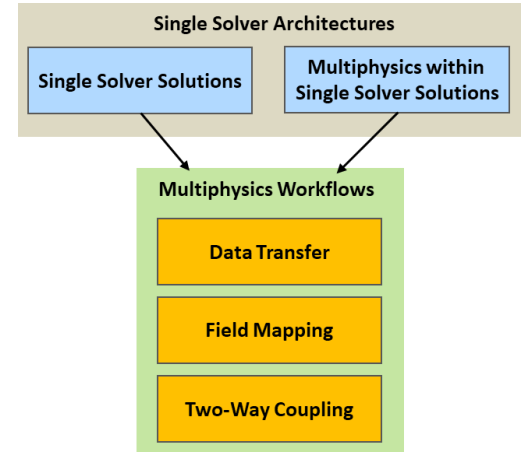
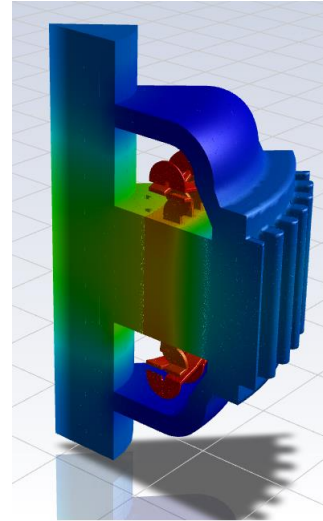
Multiphysics simulations are becoming increasingly important in modern industrial Computer-Aided Engineering (CAE) Applications.

Due to the interactions between more than one physics disciplines, multiphysics problems such as those encountered for example in aerospace, biomedical, civil, and car engineering domains tend to be extremely challenging to simulate.

Complex problems in such industries involve physics (corresponding to different spatial as well as temporal scales) from multiple disciplines such as electrical, electromagnetics and fluid-mechanical.

Agenda

- **Multiphysics Methods**
- **Ansys System Coupling**
- **Example: Electric Motor Steady-State (Maxwell-Fluent Coupling)**
- **Example: Inducting Heating of a H-Beam (Maxwell-Mechanical Coupling)**



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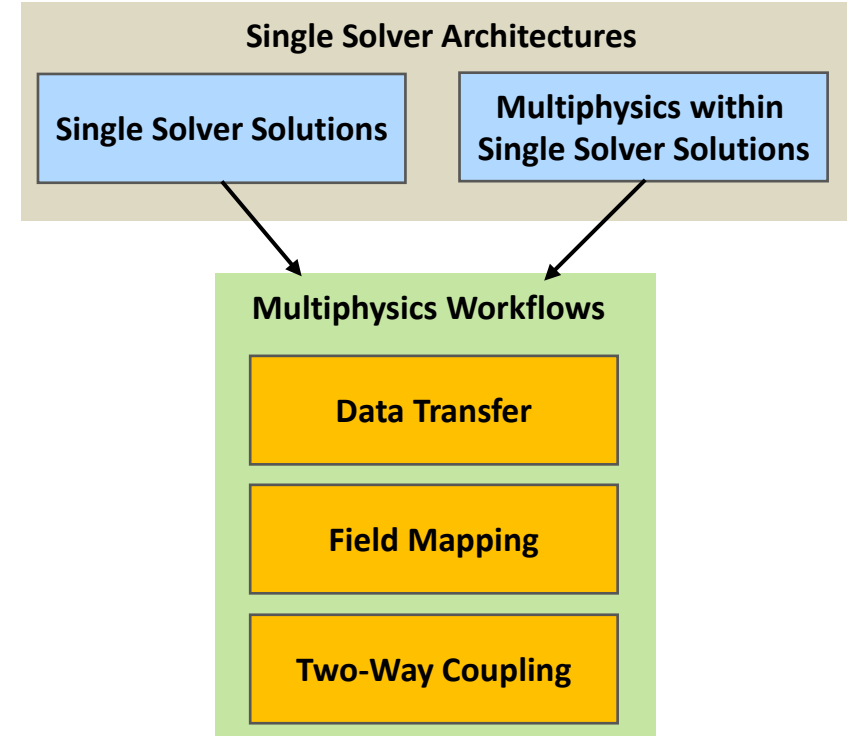
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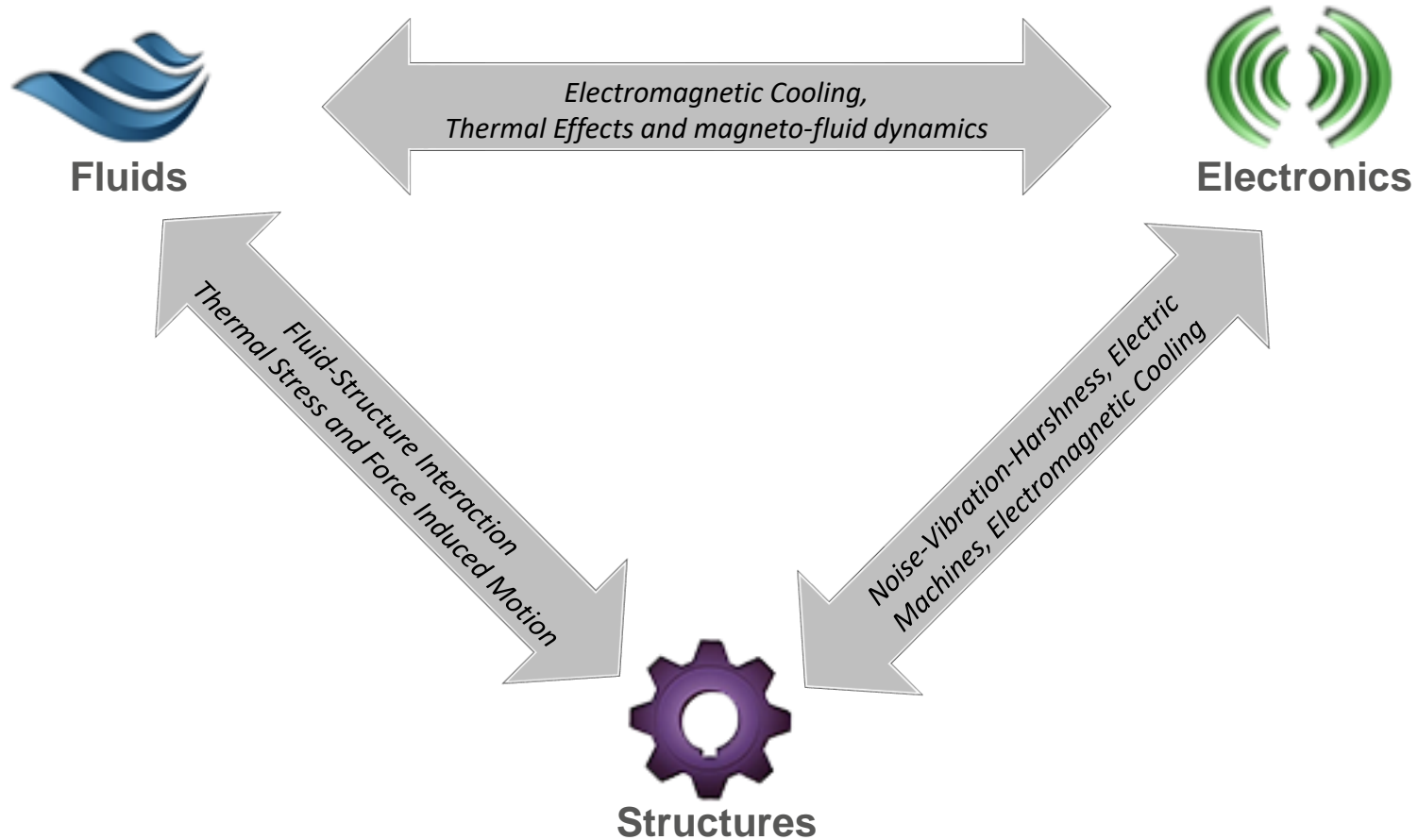
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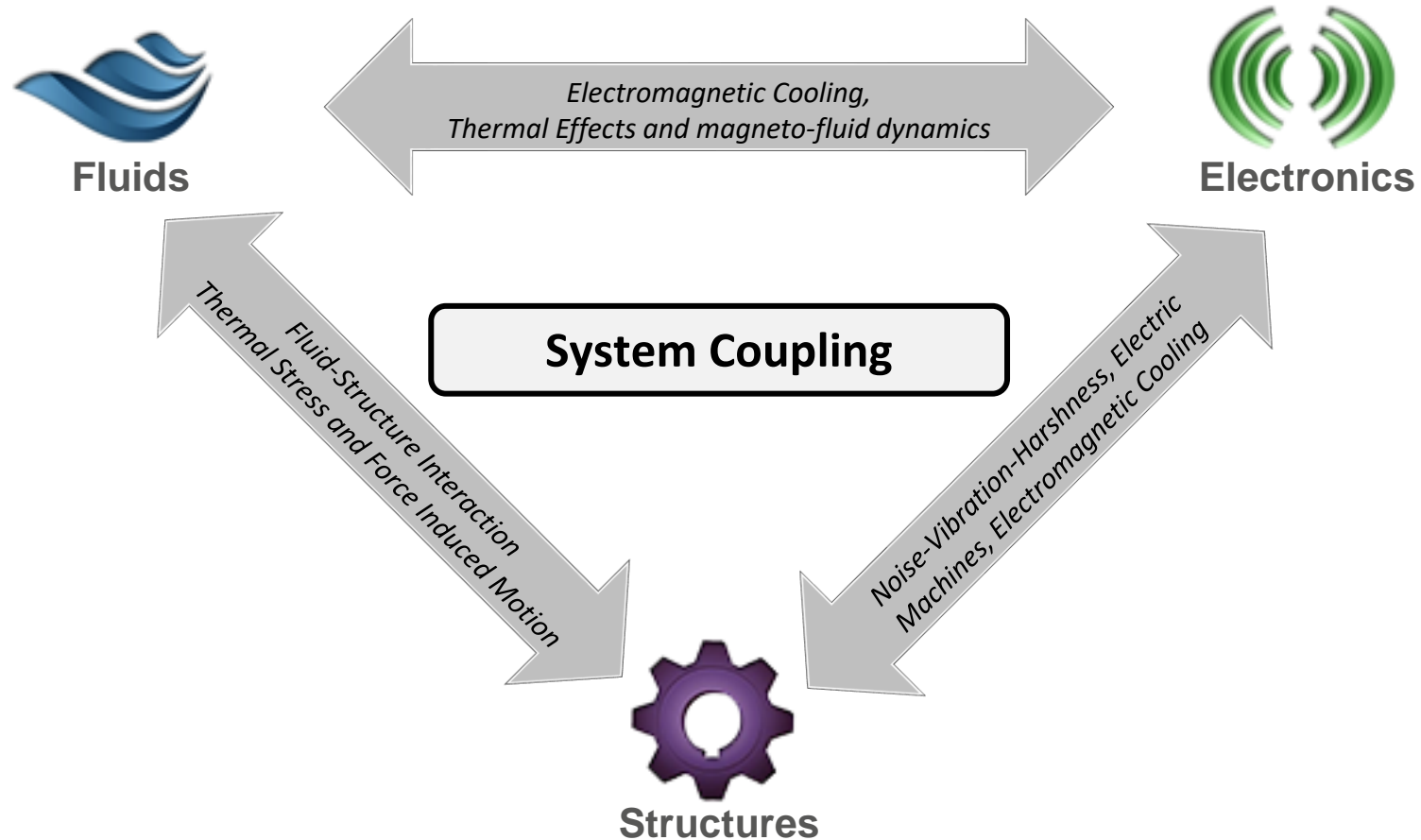
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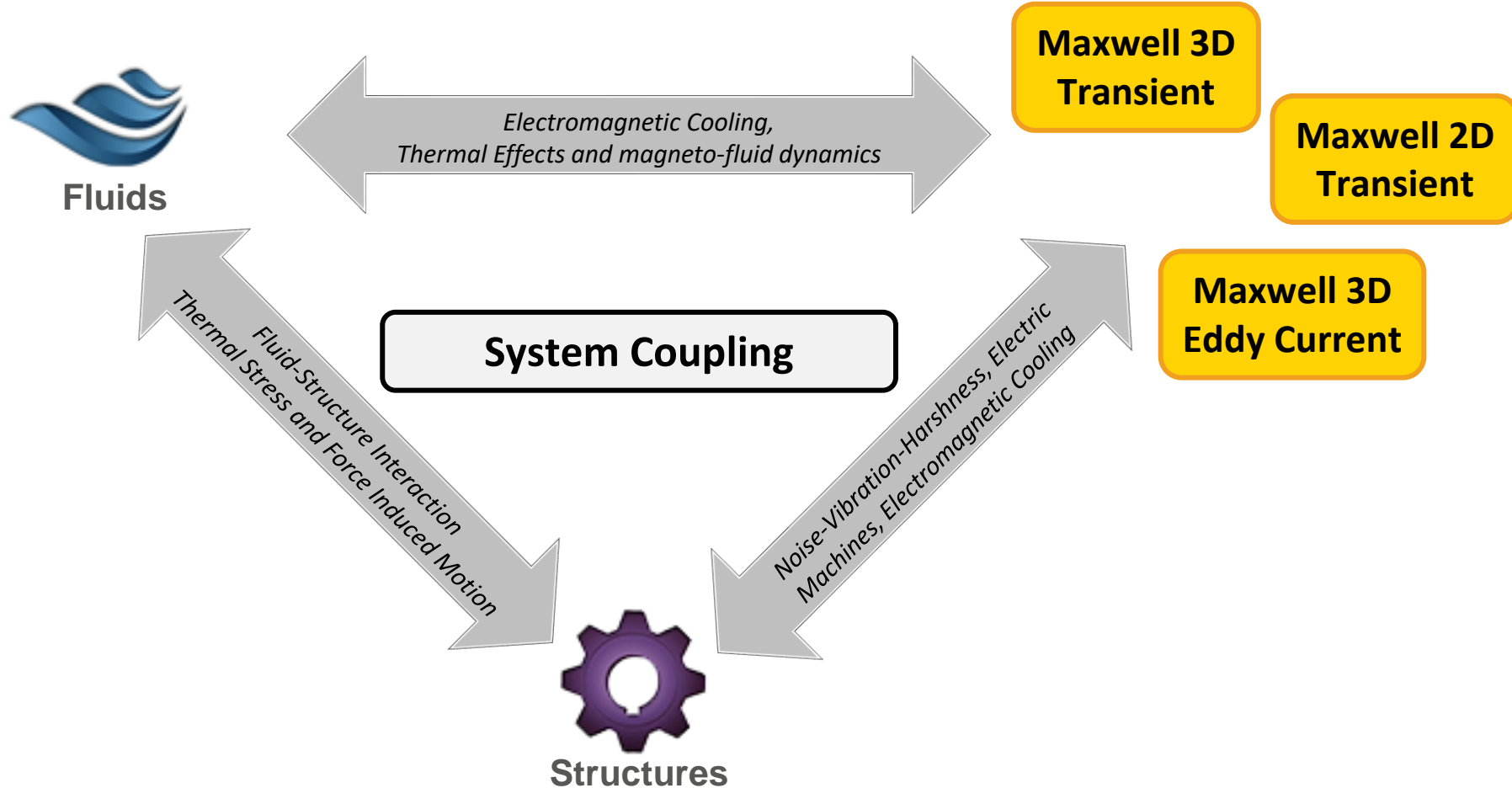
Integrate single solver solutions, 3rd party software or experimental data, for high fidelity simulations

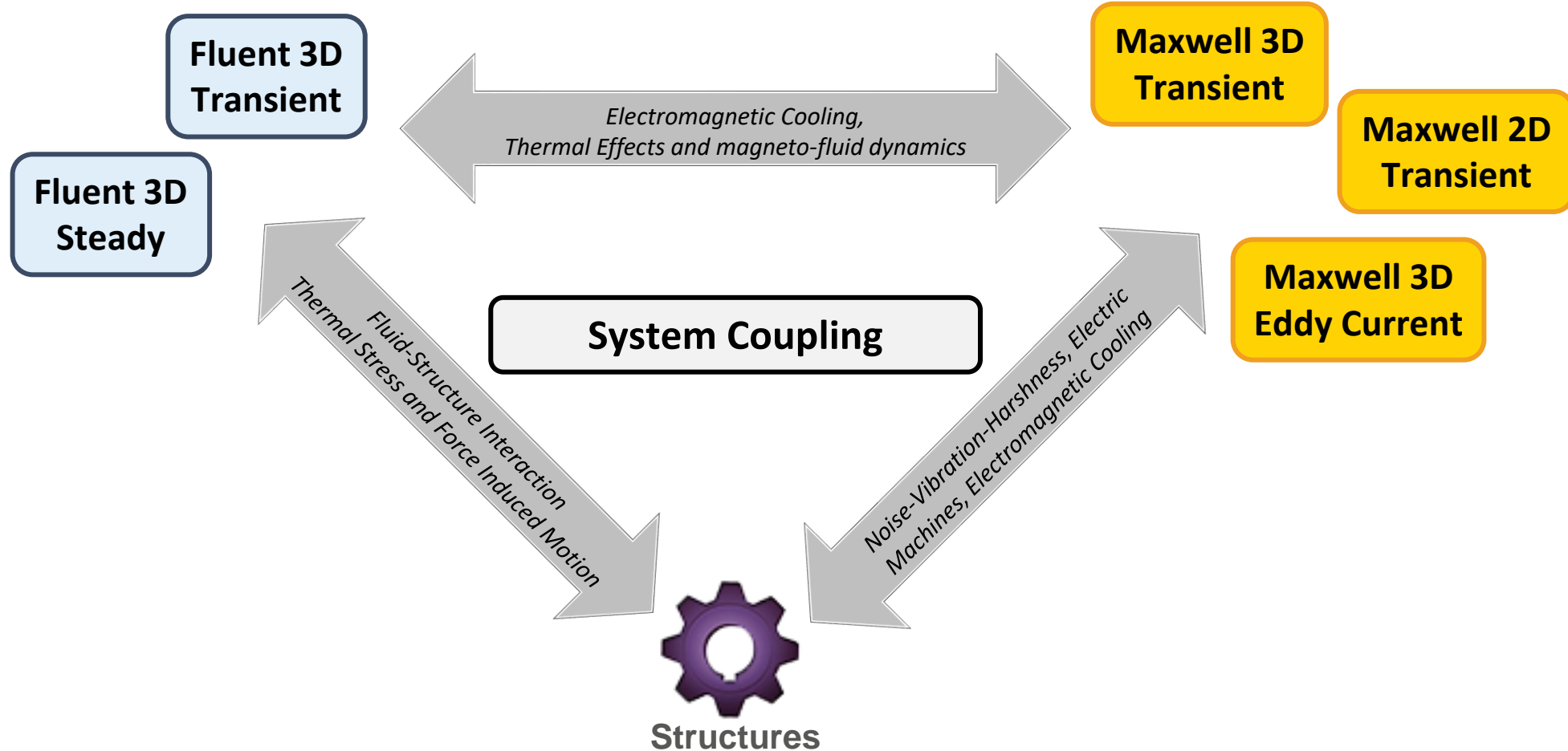
- **Data transfer:** Transfer and map data from experiments and other software packages for initial or boundary conditions
- **One-way couplings:** Automatic results transfer for when one physics solution is dependent on another
- **Two-way couplings:** Tight integration for when different physics solutions heavily impact each other



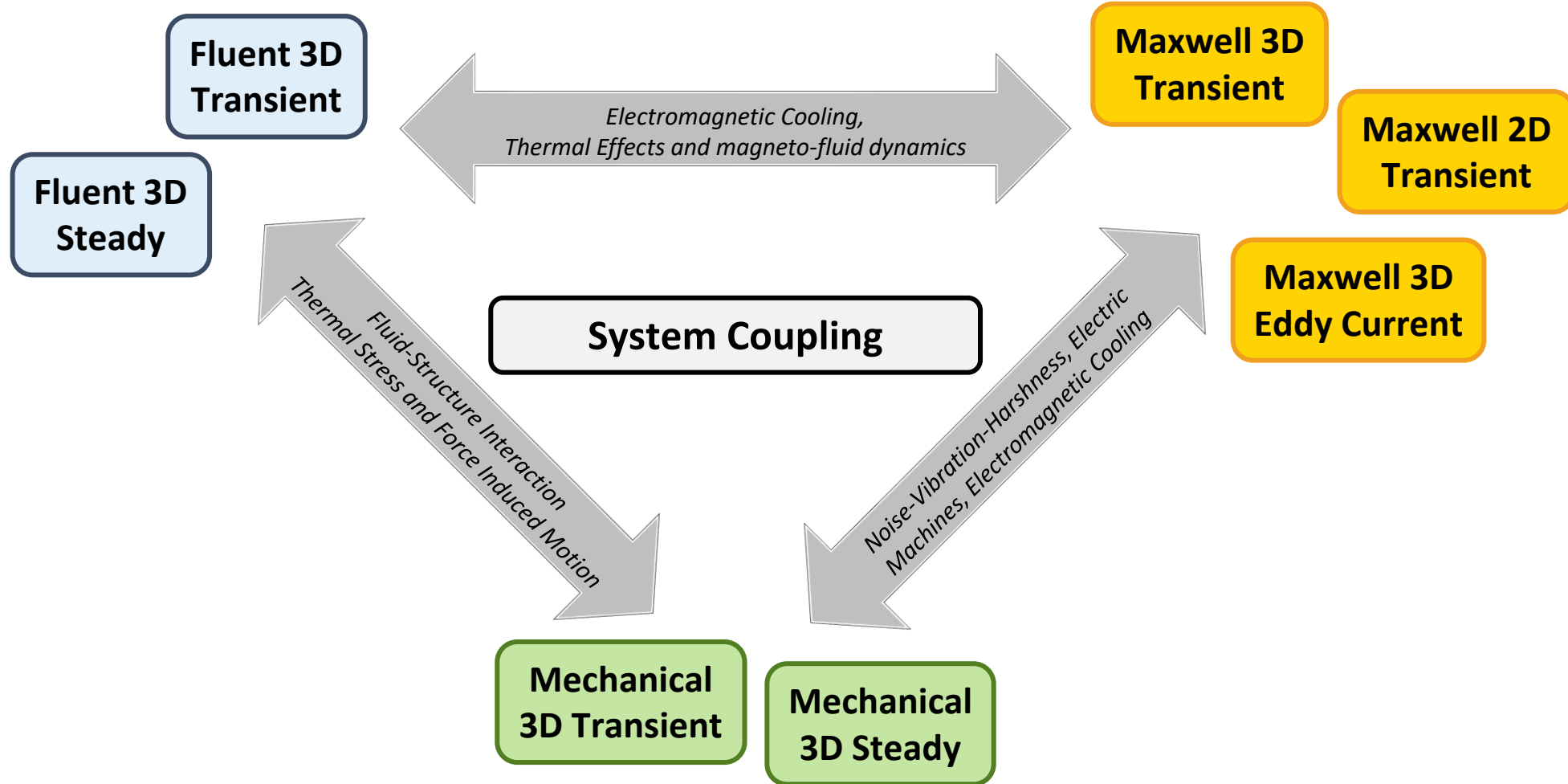








Ansys Multiphysics

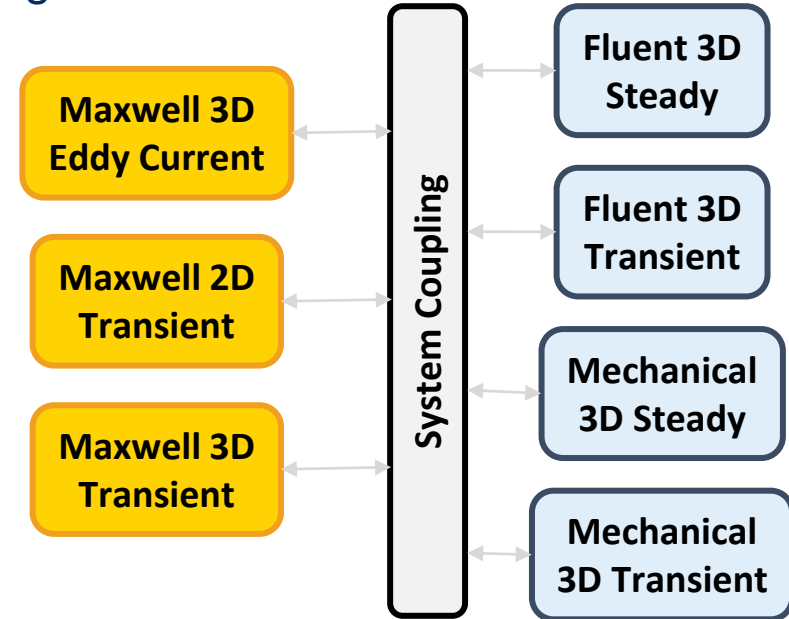


System Coupling Overview

A Framework to Couple ANSYS Tools

System Coupling extend capabilities for coupling

- Dissimilar mesh
- Multiple time-scales
- Scalable
- HPC-capable
- Cross-platform

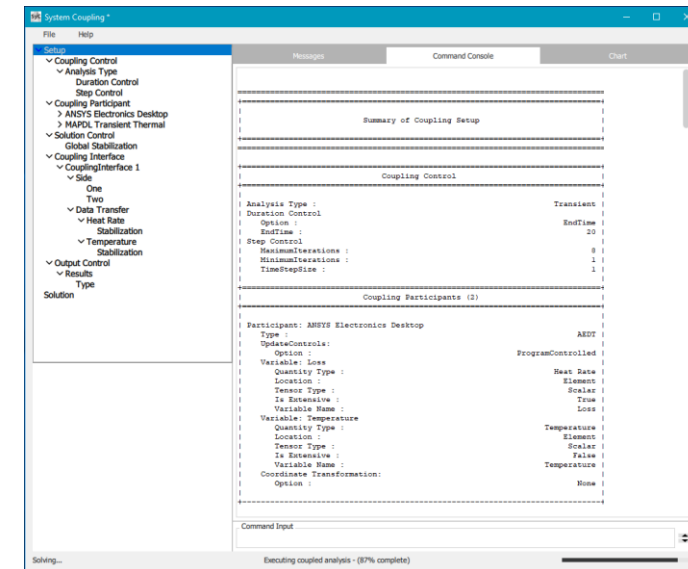


System Coupling Overview

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Steps of a System Coupling Analysis

1. Set up the physics for coupling participants

For each participant, set up data transfer variables and regions to be coupled, as well as coupling-related settings that enable a coupled analysis.

2. Set up System Coupling

Set up the System Coupling part of the analysis, specifying analysis settings and defining data transfers.

3. Run the coupled analysis

Run the coupled analysis by starting System Coupling and each of the participant solvers.


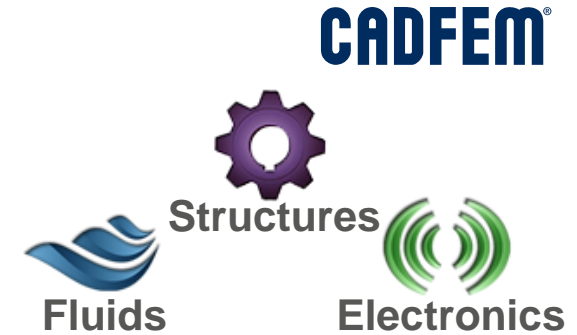
4. During the coupled analysis

- Monitor solution progress
- Stop and resume the analysis

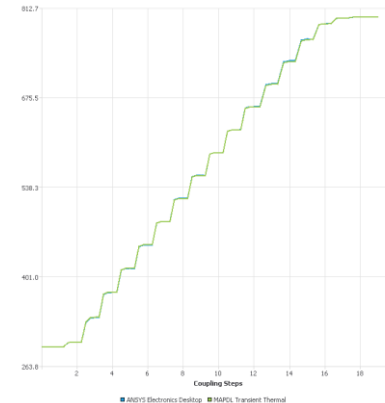
5. After the coupled analysis

- Extend and restart the analysis
- Debug your coupled analysis

6. Review the analysis output



MAPPING SUMMARY		
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Interface 1		
Temperature		
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Mapped Elements (%)	100	100
Mapped Nodes (%)	100	100
Temperature		
Mapped Volume (%)	>99	100
Mapped Elements (%)	>99	100
Mapped Nodes (%)	96	100
ANSYS Electronics Desktop		
Interface: CouplingInterface 1		
Temperature		Not yet converged
RMS Change	1.00E+00	1.00E+00
Weighted Average	7.99E+02	7.99E+02
MAPDL Transient Thermal		
Interface: CouplingInterface 1		
Temperature		Not yet converged
Heat Rate	1.00E+00	1.00E+00
Sum	2.87E+01	2.87E+01
Participant solution status		
ANSYS Electronics Desktop		Complete
MAPDL Transient Thermal		Converged
COUPLING ITERATION = 2		
ANSYS Electronics Desktop		
Interface: CouplingInterface 1		
Temperature		Not yet converged
RMS Change	1.25E-02	2.93E-02
Weighted Average	7.99E+02	7.99E+02
MAPDL Transient Thermal		
Interface: CouplingInterface 1		
Heat Rate		Converged
RMS Change	1.23E-03	6.80E-04
Sum	2.84E+01	2.84E+01
Participant solution status		
ANSYS Electronics Desktop		Complete
MAPDL Transient Thermal		Converged



System Coupling Settings

- **Analysis settings**

Define the type of analysis and controls for the initialization, duration, and steps of the analysis.

- **Solution settings**

Define analysis-level solution controls, such as simultaneous execution of participant solutions.

- **Execution control settings**

Define details about the execution of the coupled analysis.

- **Output control settings**

Define the frequency with which coupling output (specifically, restart points) is generated.

- **Participant settings**

Define a name for each participant, regions from and to which data can be transferred, the input and output data transfer variables available for each region, and the frequency with which the participant is updated.

- **Data transfer settings**

Define a source and a target for each data transfer. Both source and target are defined by a coupling participant, along with a region and variable defined for that participant. Additional data transfer settings control how specified data transfers are executed. These can include convergence target, relaxation factor, ramping, and Quasi-Newton solution stabilization options.

- **Expert settings**

Provide additional controls for the coupled analysis.

Coupling Interfaces

A coupling interface defines two sets of regions, each set belonging to one participant, between which data can be transferred during the coupled analysis. A single coupling interface encompasses all transfers in either direction between a given set of regions on the two sides of the interface.

Interfaces support two-way data transfers, so a given participant can be both a source and a target in the same interface. Because of this, both the interface sides and their associated participants and regions are referred to as "side One" and "side Two," instead of "source" and "target."

Data Transfers

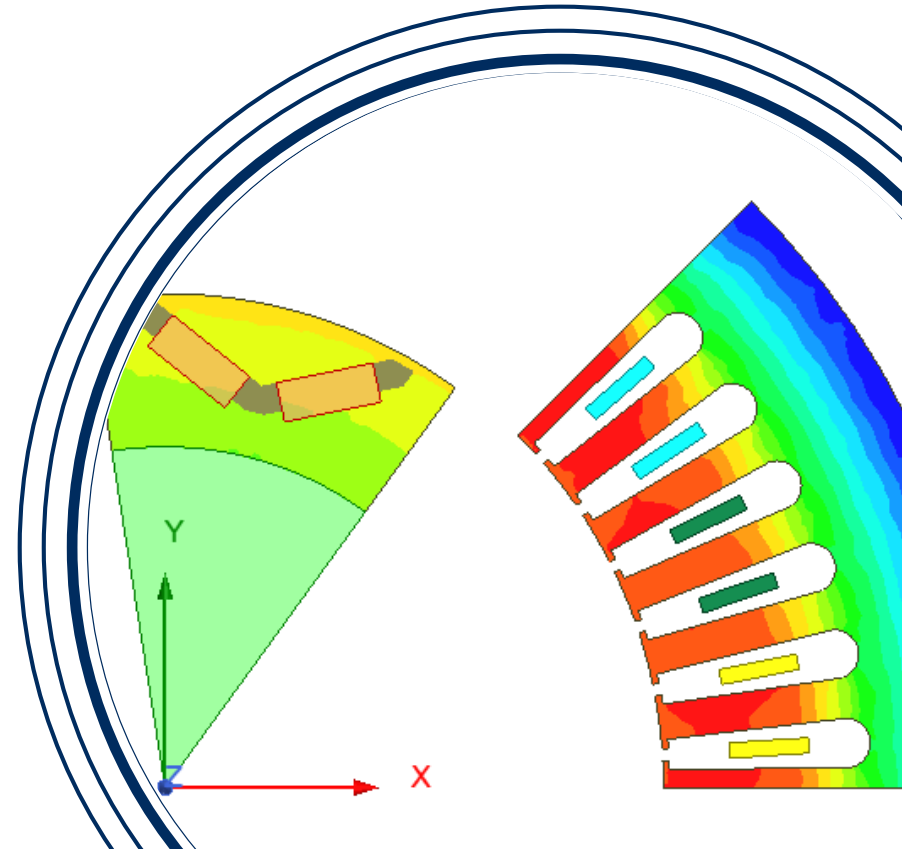
A data transfer is the transfer of a single quantity type in one direction between the two sides of the interface.

Because data transfers go in only one direction, associated participants and regions may still be referred to as "source" and "target" when discussed in relation to a data transfer.

Electric Motor

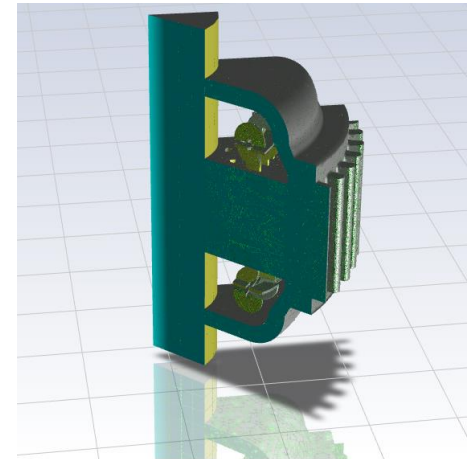
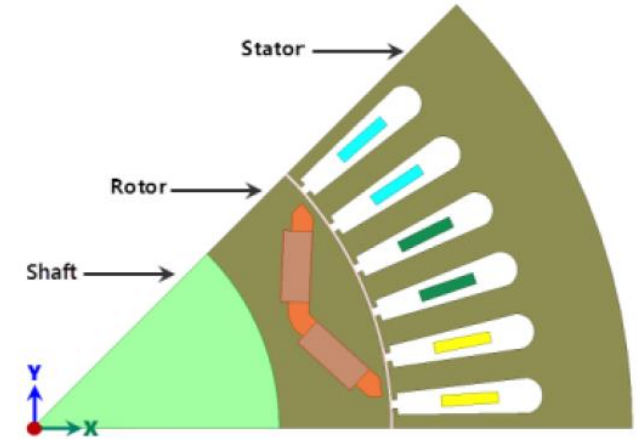
Task:

A steady electromagnetic-thermal co-simulation of a permanent magnet electric motor.



Electric Motor

- **Machine Type:** Internal Permanent Magnet Machine
- **Maxwell 2D Design**
 - It can be assumed a uniform power-loss distribution along the axial direction.
 - Reduce Maxwell's computation time by simulating only an axial slice.
- **Fluent 3D Design**
 - Fluent simulates the thermal coupling between the rotor and stator components. The rotor and stator are separated by two air-like solid zones.



Coupled Simulation Process

Physics

- Electro-magnetic and CHT coupled physics

Time Scales

- Maxwell performs a 2D transient electromagnetic solution. The solution values sent to System Coupling are time-averaged over the duration of the co-simulation.
- Fluent performs a 3D steady thermal solution. Based on this, the co-simulation also has a steady analysis type.

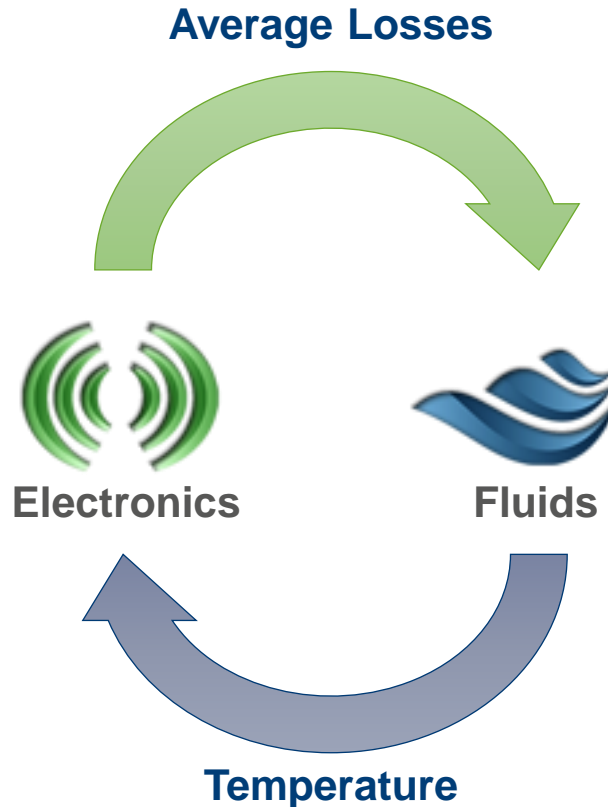
Data Transfer

- System Coupling coordinates the simultaneous execution of their solvers and the data transfers between them.
- Data are transferred between planar surface (Maxwell) and volume (Fluent) topologies.

Maxwell

- Transient Solver
 - Movement of the rotor
 - (Power supply wave form)
- Materials
 - Temperature dependent properties
- Data transfer
 - Import temperature
 - Export average losses
- System Coupling Setup
 - Averaging time period

«Include Temperature Dependence» and
«Enable Feedback» should be turned on



Fluent

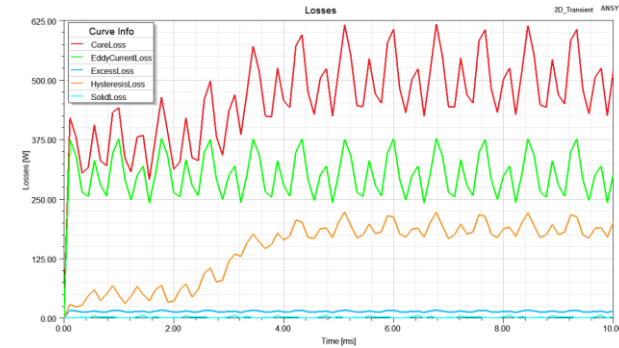
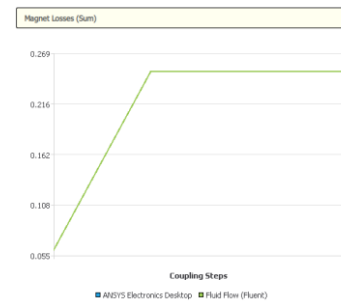
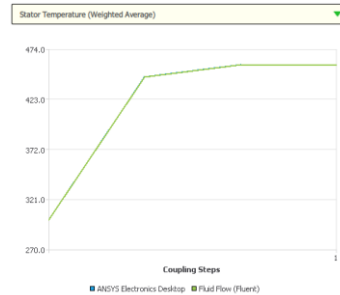
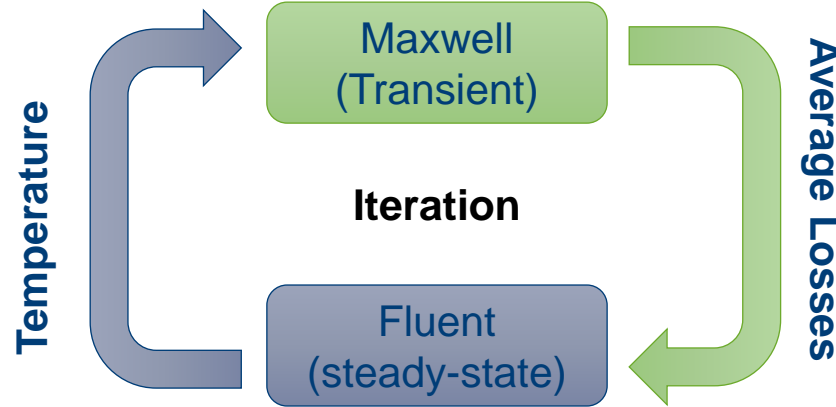
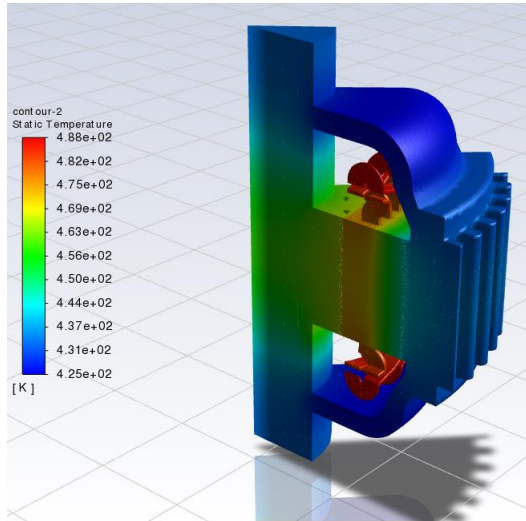
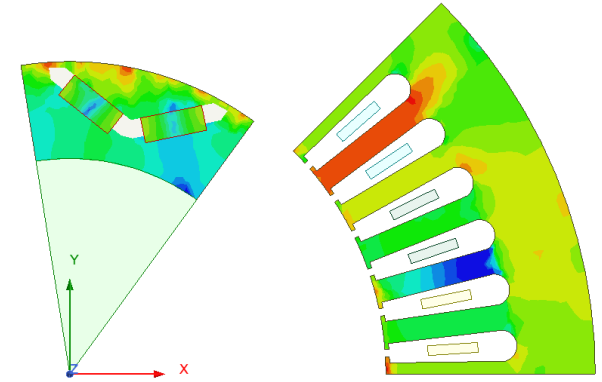
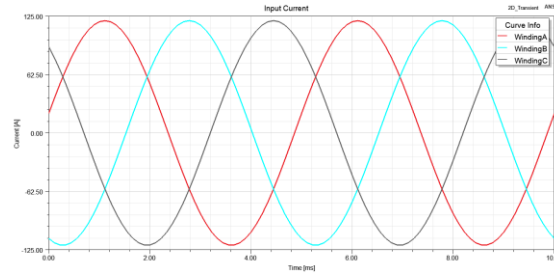
- Steady-state
 - Temperature (Solving Energy Equations)
 - (Flow)
- Materials
 - Temperature dependent properties
- Data transfer
 - Import heat rate
 - Export temperature

Temperature dependent properties (permeability, el. conductivity, magnetic coercivity, core losses)

Data Transfer

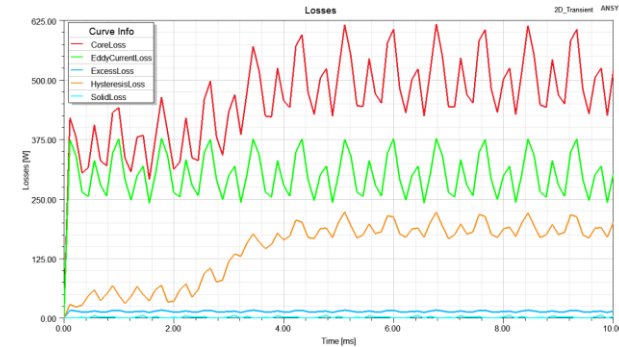
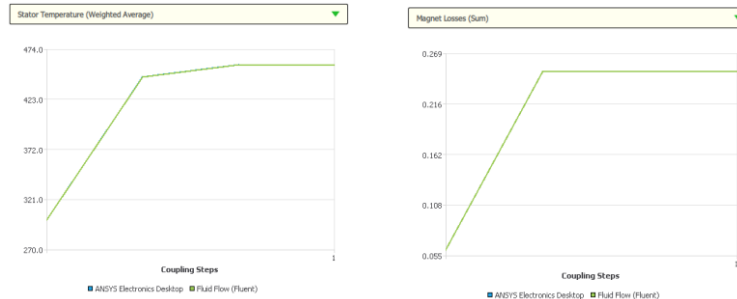
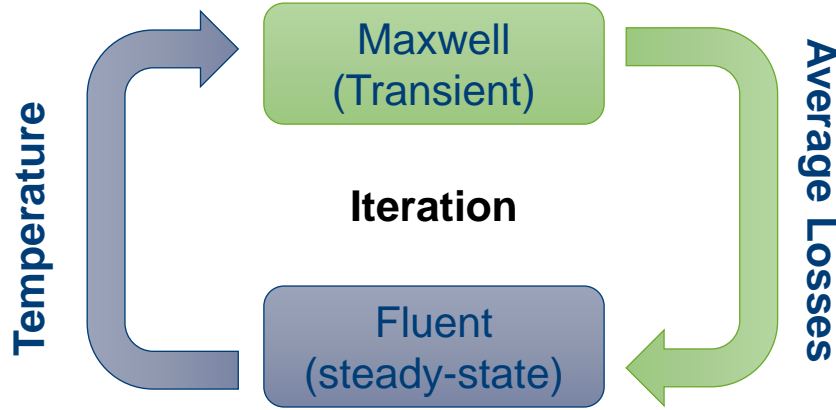
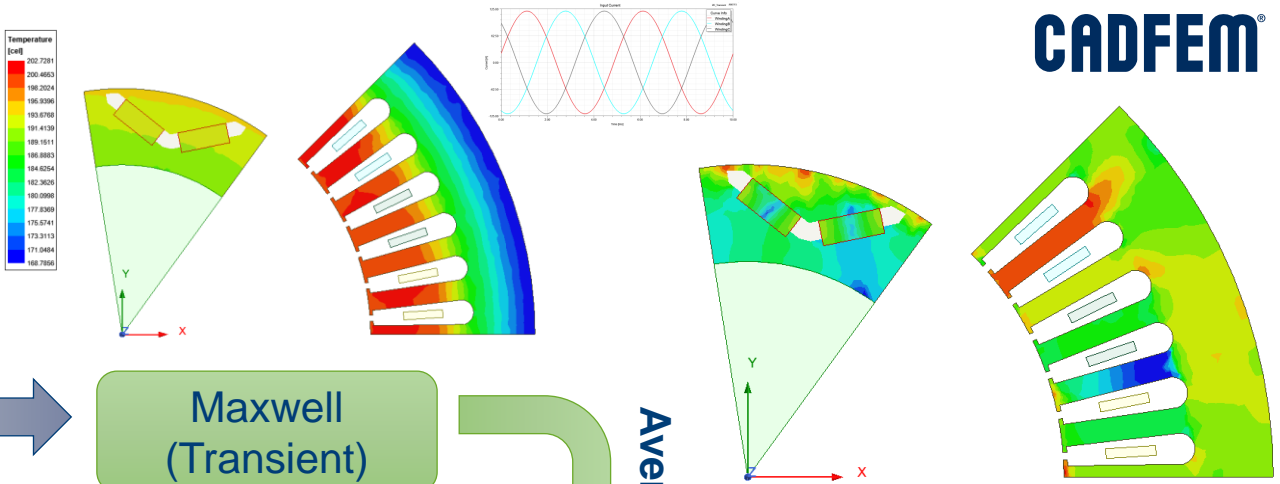
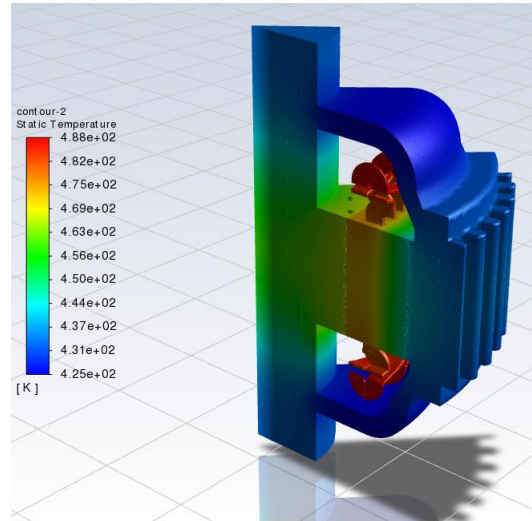
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1) Setting up the electromagnetic analysis

2) Defining the Materials

3) Add system coupling

ANSYS Electronics Desktop 2021 R1 - ElectricMotor2 - 2D_Transient - 3D Modeler - [ElectricMotor2 - 2D_Transient - Modeler]

File Edit View Project Draw Modeler Maxwell 2D Tools Window Help

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Project Manager

ElectricMotor2*

2D_Transient (Transient, XY)*

3D Components

Model

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SystemCouplingSetup1

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Temperature of Objects

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Duct	vacuum			
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Magnet2	NS211	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	20	cel
PhaseA	copper			
PhaseA_7	copper			
PhaseB	copper			
PhaseB_7	copper			

Select By Name:

Temperature: 22 cel

OK Cancel

System Coupling Setup

Context:

Setup:

Setup1

Start time:

5ms

End time:

10ms

Quantities:

Quantity	Type	Include	Settings
1 Temperature	Input	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Object temperature
2 System Coupling Time	Input	<input type="checkbox"/>	
3 Loss	Output	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	

System coupling configuration files will be generated when OK is pressed.

OK Cancel

Message Manager

ElectricMotor2_2D_Transient_SystemCouplingSetup1.py

ElectricMotor2_2D_Transient_SystemCouplingSetup1.scp

Time = -1

Progress

Ready

Hide 0 Messages Hide Progress

1) Setting up the electromagnetic analysis

2) Export SCD File

The image shows the ANSYS Fluent interface with a 3D model of an electric motor. The 'Physics' tab is selected, and the 'Mesh' panel is visible. The 'Outline View' on the left shows the 'Setup' and 'Solution' sections. The 'Task Page' on the right shows the 'General' and 'Solver' settings. The 'File' menu is open, showing the 'Export' option. The 'Export' submenu is open, showing the 'Auto-write SCP File...' option. The 'Console' window at the bottom shows the output of the 'Auto-write SCP File...' command, indicating that the file 'ElectricMotorSteadyStationary.scp' has been created.

File Menu:

- Read
- Write
- Import
- Export
- Export to CFD-Post...
- Table File Manager...
- Solution Files...
- Interpolate...
- FSI Mapping
- Save Picture...
- Data File Quantities...

Export Submenu:

- Solution Data...
- Particle History Data...
- System Coupling...
 - Auto-write SCP File...
 - Write SCP File...

Task Page:

- General
 - Mesh
 - Scale...
 - Check
 - Report Quality
 - Solver
 - Type
 - Pressure-Based
 - Density-Based
 - Velocity Formulation
 - Absolute
 - Relative
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 - Gravity

Console:

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Files:

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System Coupling

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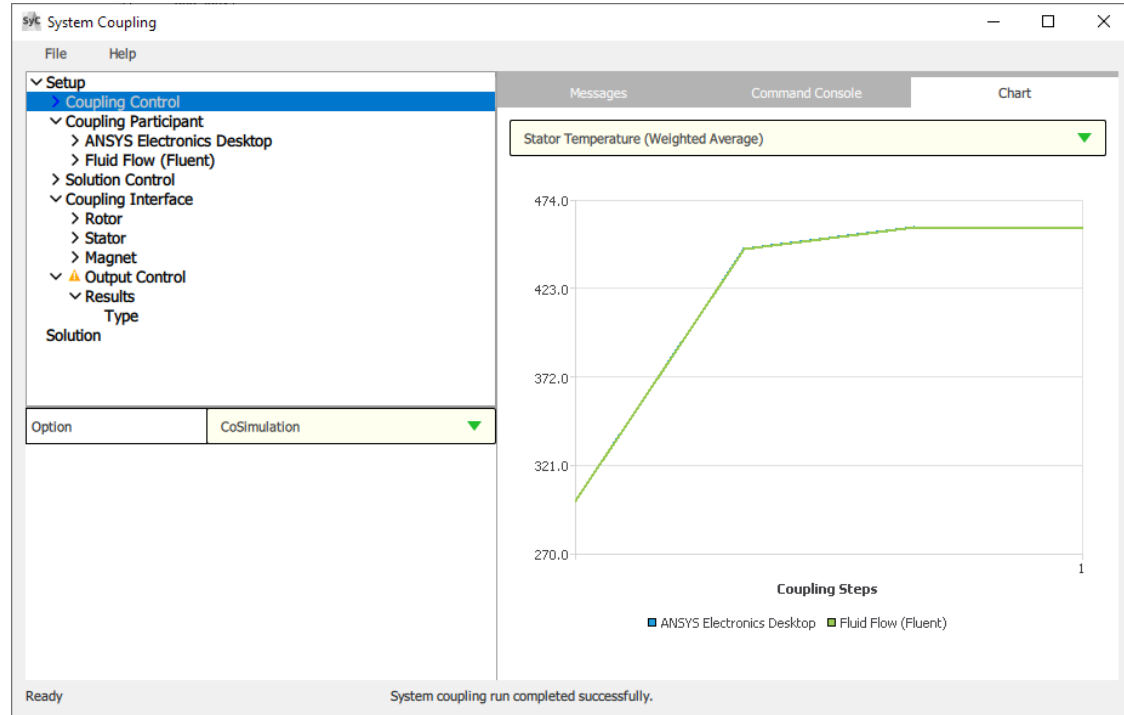
2) Set Coupling Control Settings

3) Add Coupling Interfaces

3b) Add Data Transfer

4) Solve the Co-Simulation

5) Postprocessing System Coupling Results



Postprocessing System Coupling's Results

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 - Review Mapping in the Transcript
 - Visualize Temperature Mapping Quality in EnSight

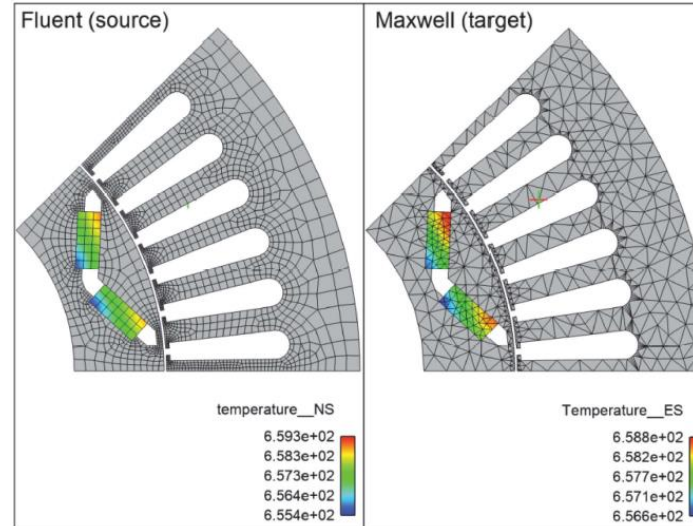
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Rotor Temperature		
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Mapped Elements [%]	84	100
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Stator		
Stator Losses		
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Magnet		
Magnet Losses		
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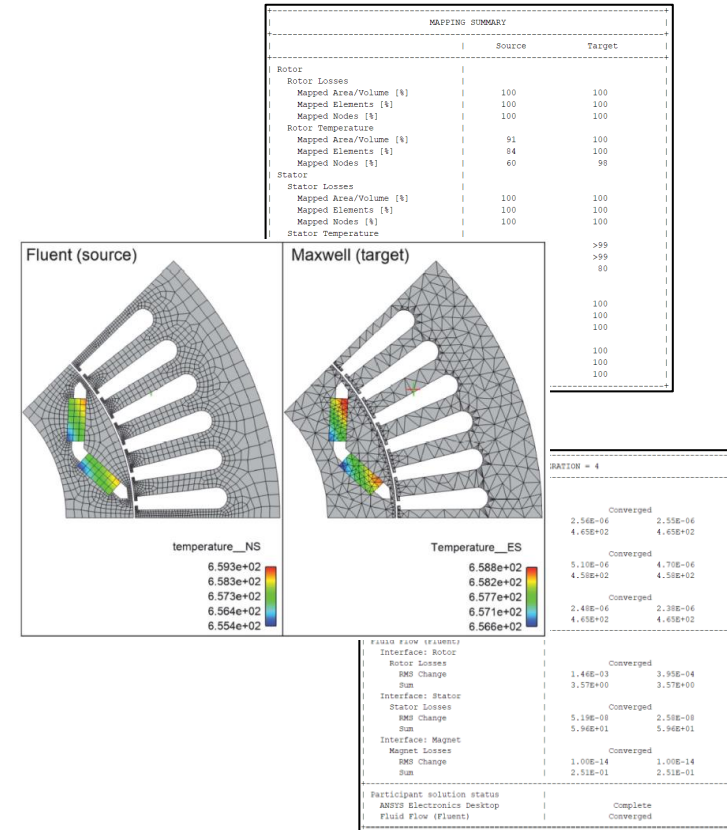
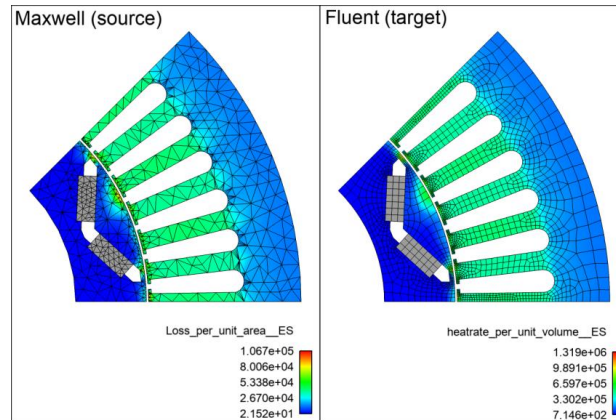
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COUPLING ITERATION = 4			
ANSYS Electronics Desktop			
Interface: Rotor			
Rotor Temperature		Converged	
RMS Change	2.56E-06	2.55E-06	
Weighted Average	4.65E+02	4.65E+02	
Interface: Stator			
Stator Temperature		Converged	
RMS Change	5.10E-06	4.70E-06	
Weighted Average	4.58E+02	4.58E+02	
Interface: Magnet			
Magnet Temperature		Converged	
RMS Change	2.48E-06	2.38E-06	
Weighted Average	4.65E+02	4.65E+02	
Fluid Flow (Fluent)			
Interface: Rotor			
Rotor Losses		Converged	
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Sum	3.57E+00	3.57E+00	
Interface: Stator			
Stator Losses		Converged	
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Sum	5.96E+01	5.96E+01	
Interface: Magnet			
Magnet Losses		Converged	
RMS Change	1.00E-14	1.00E-14	
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Participant solution status			
ANSYS Electronics Desktop		Complete	
Fluid Flow (Fluent)		Converged	



Postprocessing System Coupling's Results

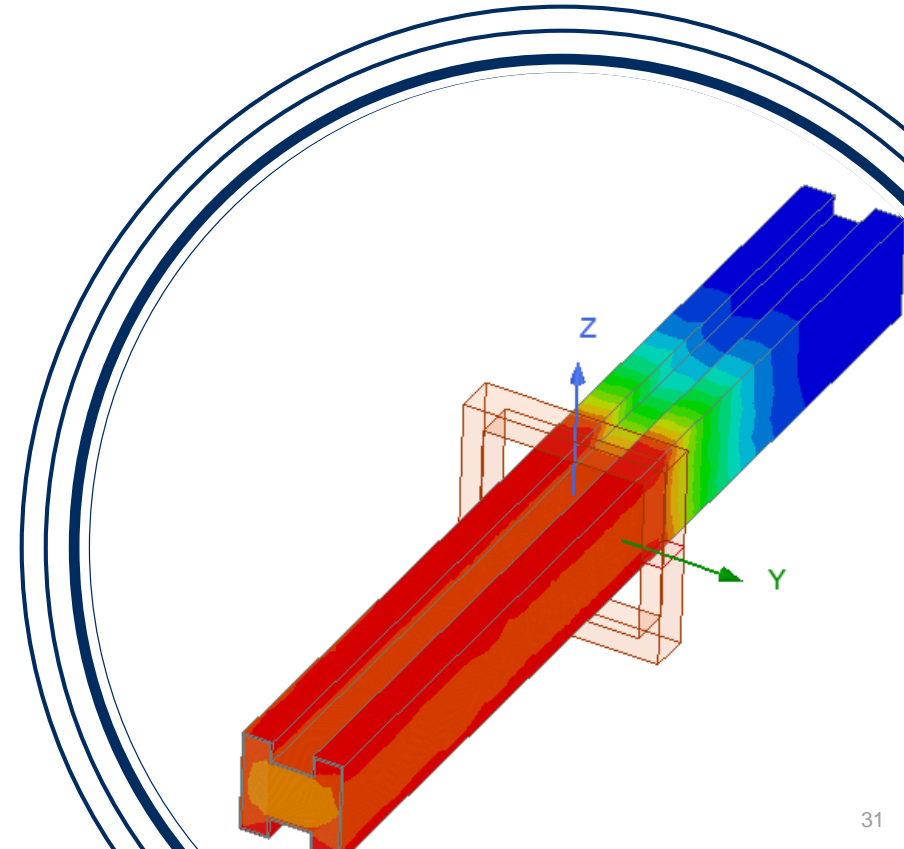
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- Verify the Application of Maxwell-Generated Losses



Inducting Heating of a H-Beam

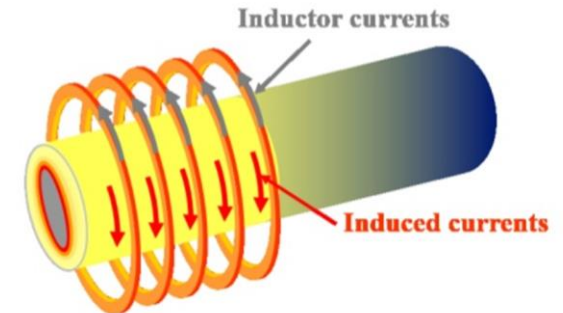
Task:

An electrically conductive H-beam is moved through an excitation coil which induced eddy currents in the beam. The eddy currents leads to a heating process in the beam.



Background – Induction Heating

- Use of high frequency AC currents to induce eddy current losses in conducting objects
 - For industrial applications, typical frequency is in the range of kHz (up to few hundreds).
- Several advantages vs. conventional heating sources:
 - Fast and selective heating cycles
 - Energy savings
 - Reduced oxidation and cleaning
 - Process repeatability
- The process works only with conductive materials (usually metals)
 - Materials with high permeability (i. e. ferromagnetic materials) are easier to heat
- Frequency used depends on the workpiece size, desired penetration depth and material type



ANSYS, Induction Heating Coupled Simulation Workflow, Davide Frigerio, Senior Engineer

Coupled Simulation Process

Physics

- Electro-magnetic and Thermo-mechanics must be considered as coupled physics

Time Scales

- Since the time scale of the phenomena is order of magnitudes different among physics, the most effective approach is to consider each of them as quasi-static

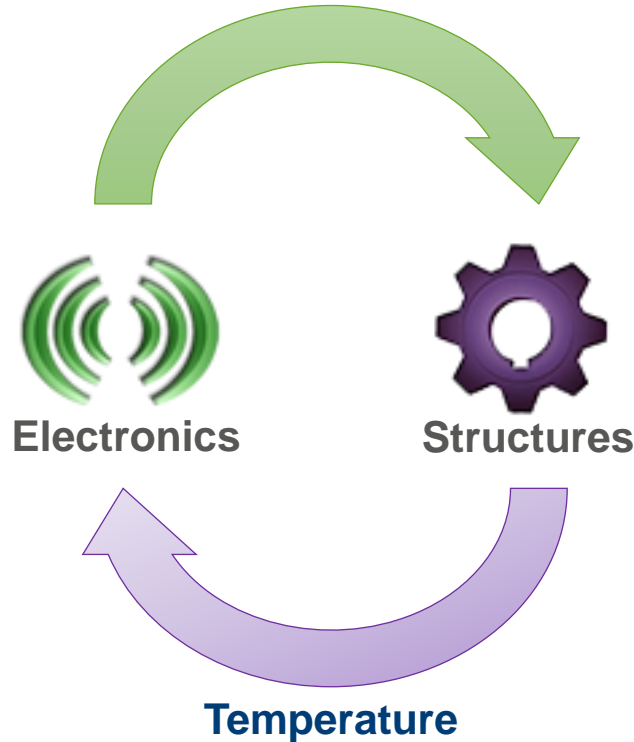
Data Transfer

- Massive data transfer and synchronization are required in order to complete successfully the analysis

Maxwell

- Quasi-static (Eddy Current Solver)
 - Sinus excitation
- Materials
 - Temperature dependent properties
 - Linear magnetic properties
- Data transfer
 - Import temperature
 - Export average losses
- System Coupling Setup
 - Steady results

Average Losses



Mechanical

- Transient thermal
 - Convection boundary
- Materials
 - Temperature dependent properties
- Enable data transfer
 - Import Losses
 - Export Temperature
 - Time Step

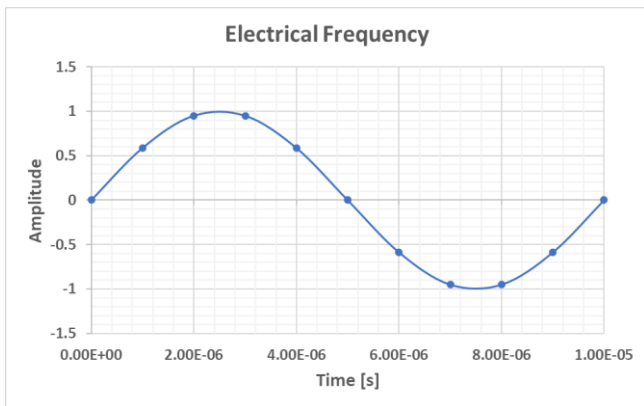
«Include Temperature Dependence» and
«Enable Feedback» should be turned on

Temperature dependent properties (permeability, el. conductivity, thermal properties)

Time Scales

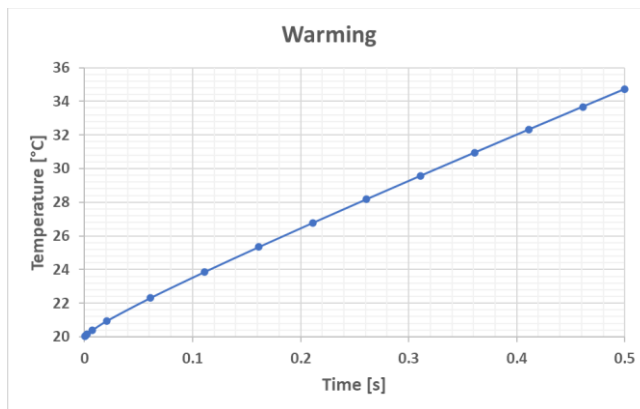
Electromagnetic

- Electric period in the range of μs



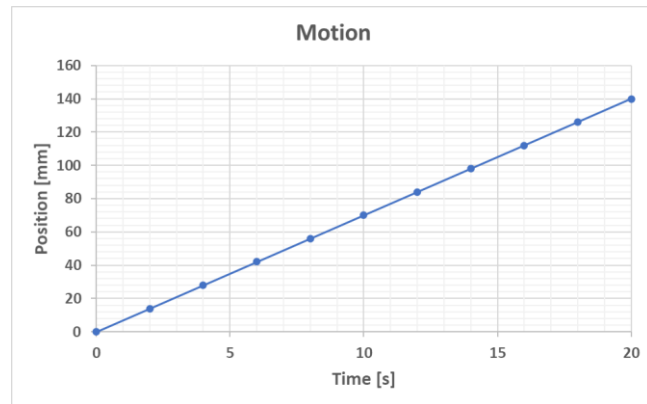
Thermal

- Warm-up rate of a few $^{\circ}\text{C}$ per 100ms



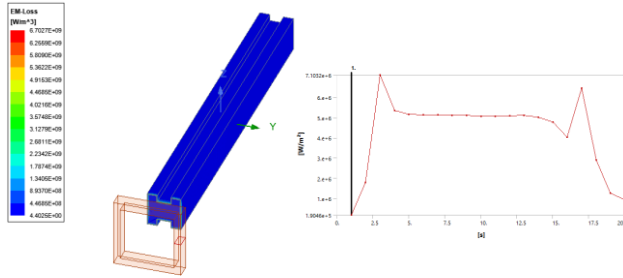
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- Speed a few mm per s

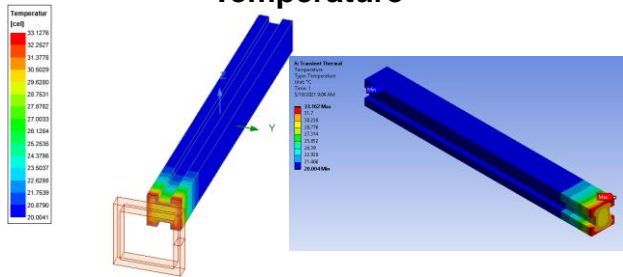


Data Transfer

Losses



Temperature



Maxwell



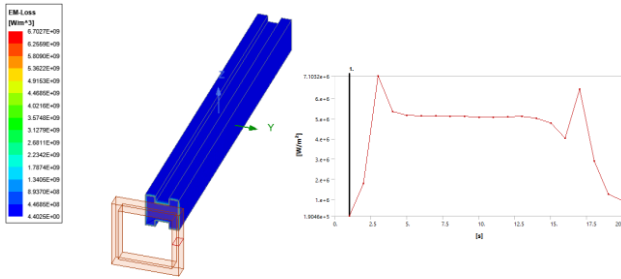
Mechanical

Stop

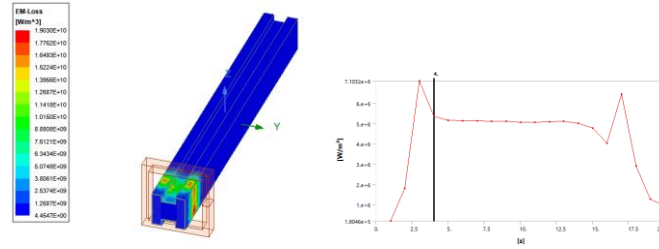
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Data Transfer

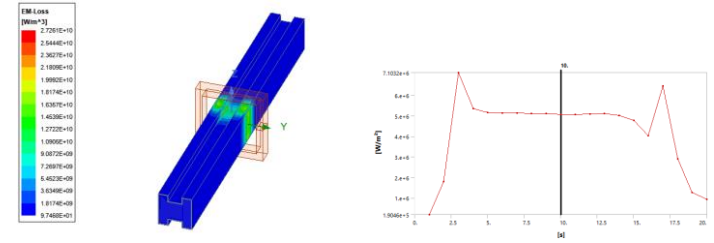
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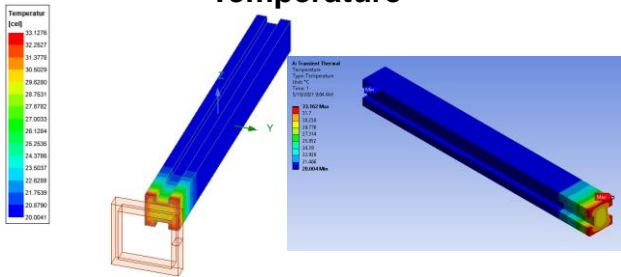
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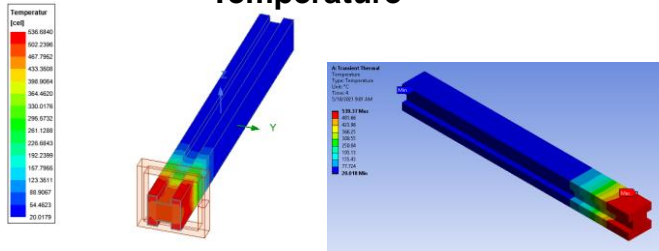
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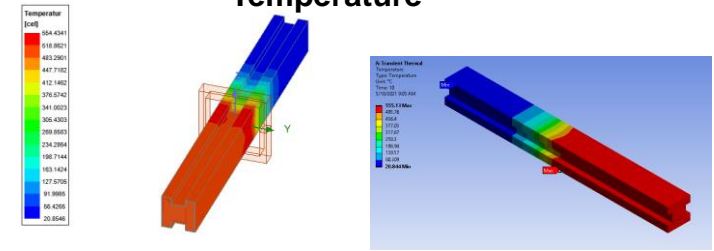
Temperature



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Stop

Stop

Stop

T_{Start}

$T_{interrupt 1}$

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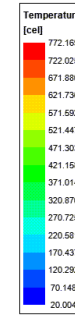
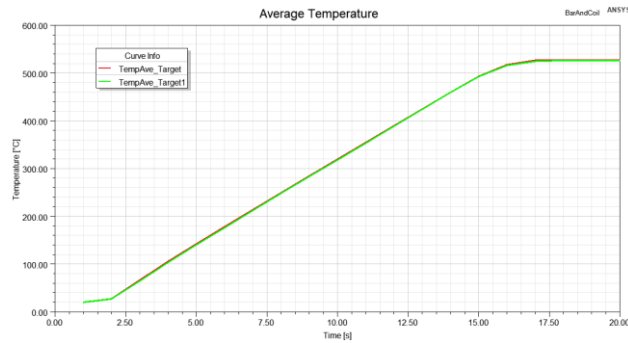
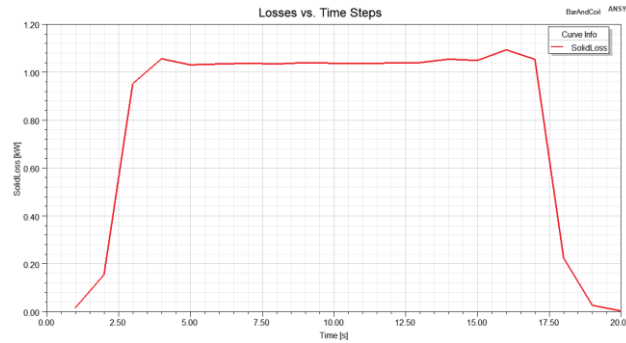
$T_{interrupt 2}$

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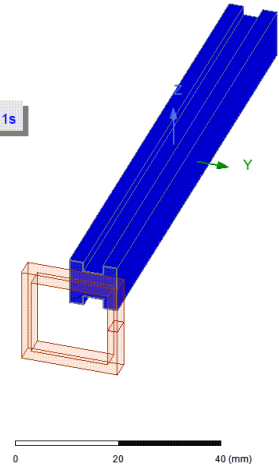
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Results

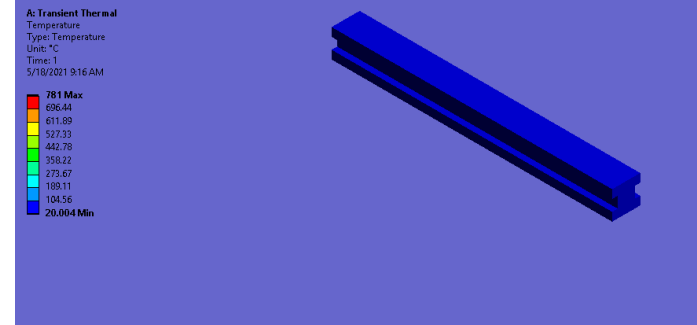
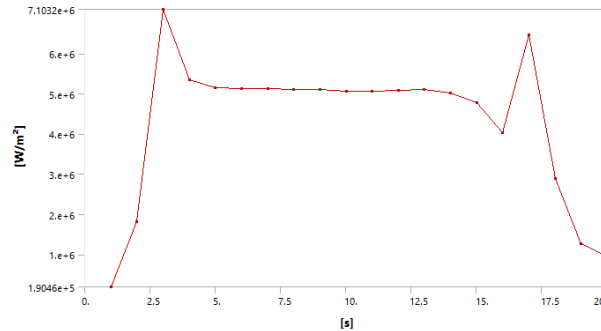
- Maxwell



SimTime = 1s



- Mechanical



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