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## **Reliable Design of Reinforced Plastics**



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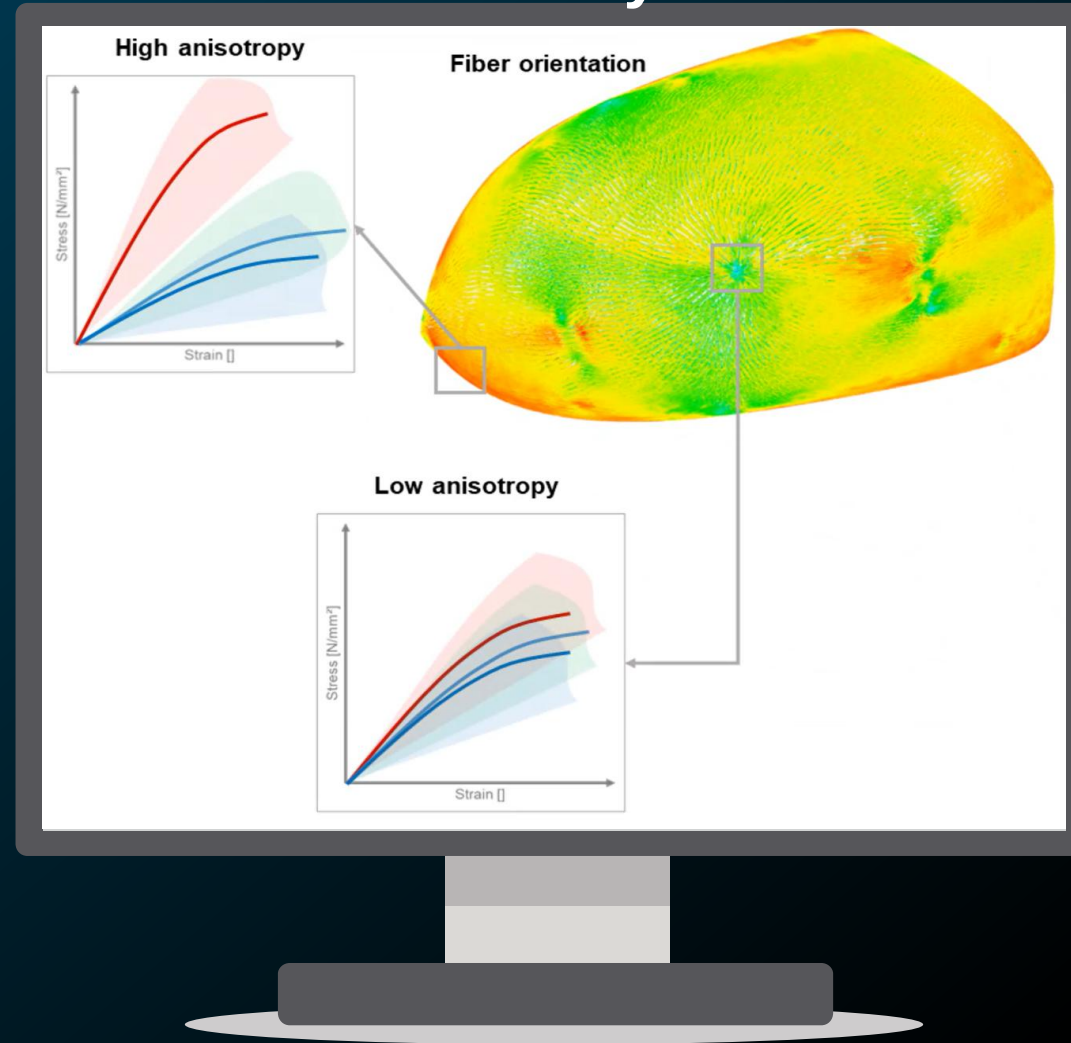
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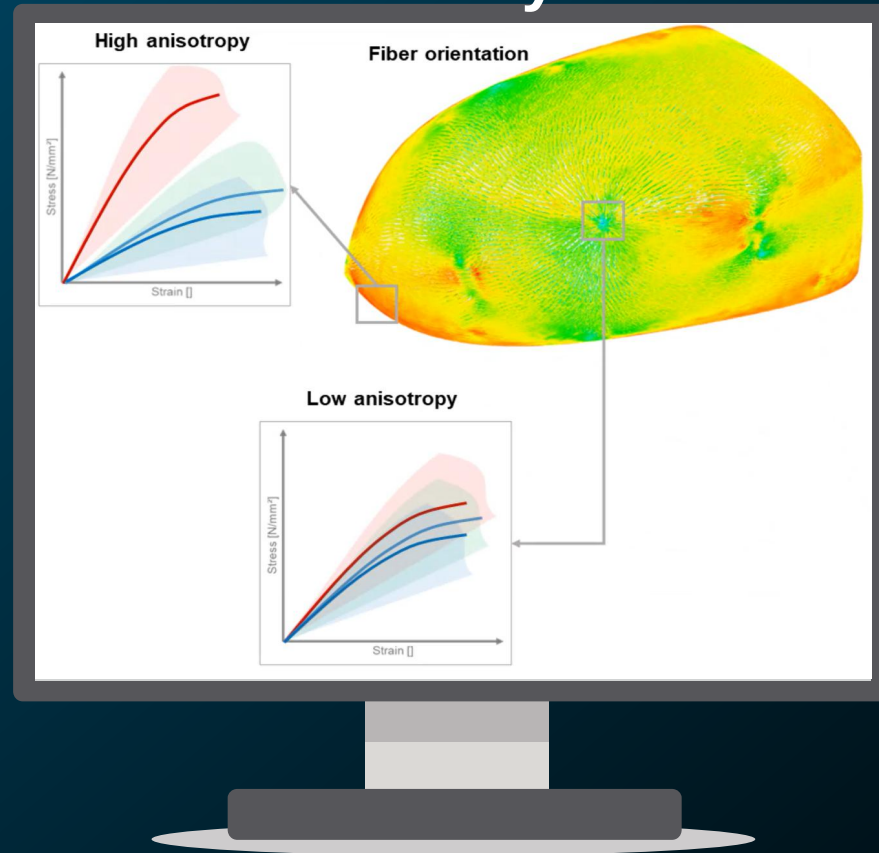
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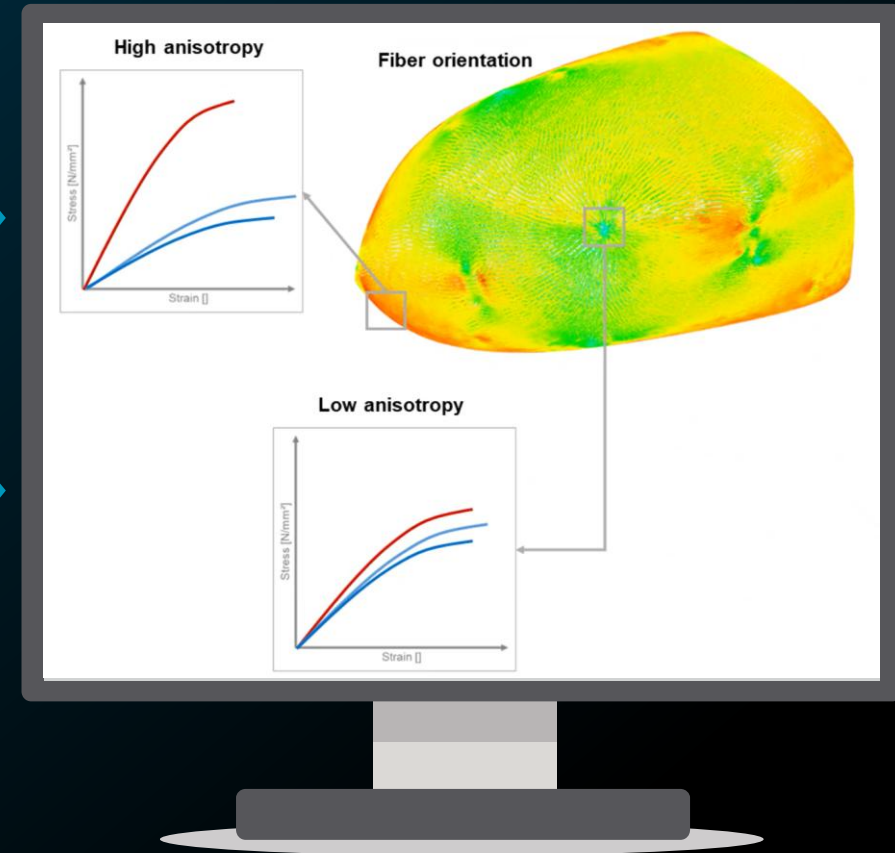
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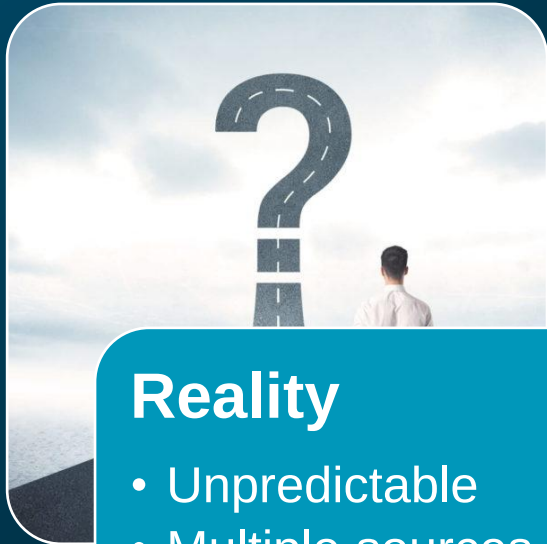


## Conventional Simulation



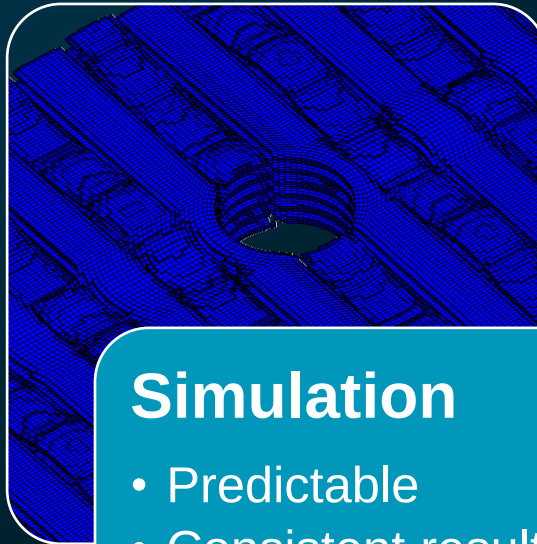
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Pain points – Overall



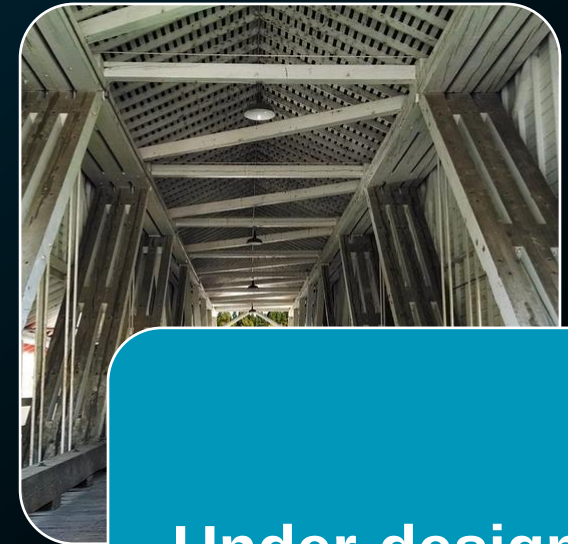
## Reality

- Unpredictable
- Multiple sources of uncertainty
- Cannot always be accounted for



## Simulation

- Predictable
- Consistent results based on inputs
- Sources of uncertainty neglected



**Under-design  
Over-design**

# Probabilistic based design

## Sources of uncertainties

### Physical Uncertainty

- Issues from material processing & testing
- Unexpected defects in part

### Numerical Uncertainty

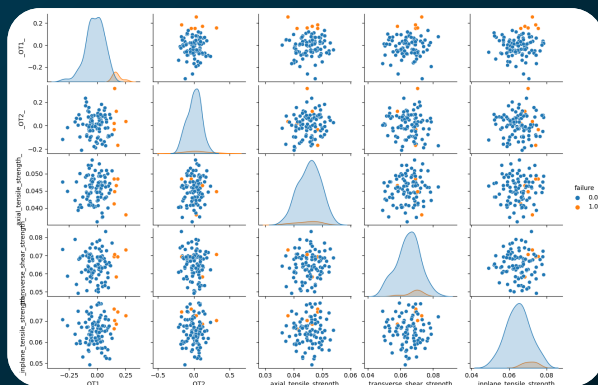
- Averaging errors in structural analysis results
- Inaccurate process simulation results

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## Objectives

### Reliable Design of Reinforced Plastics

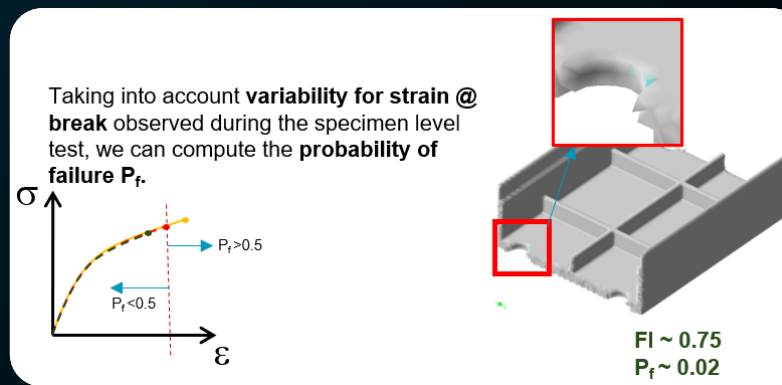
#### Uncertainty Quantification



All sources from material card



#### Variability



Only material failure limit

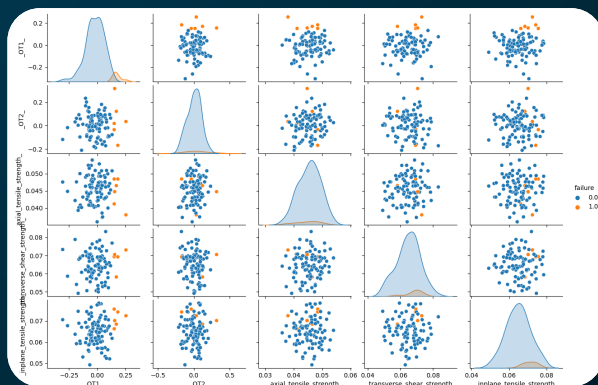


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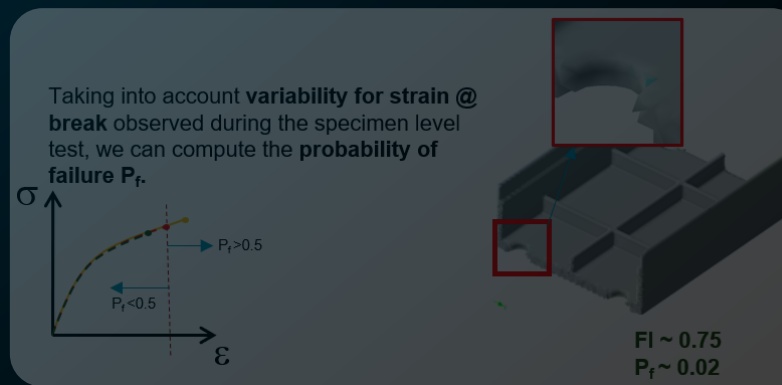


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Focus of presentation

#### Variability



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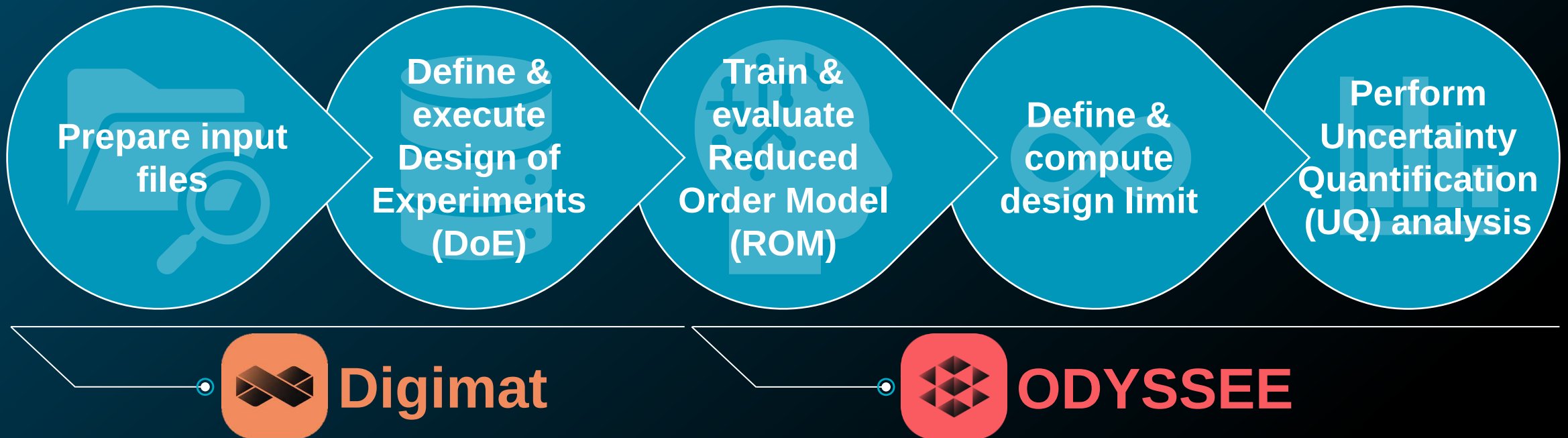


# Workflow

Methodology & solution

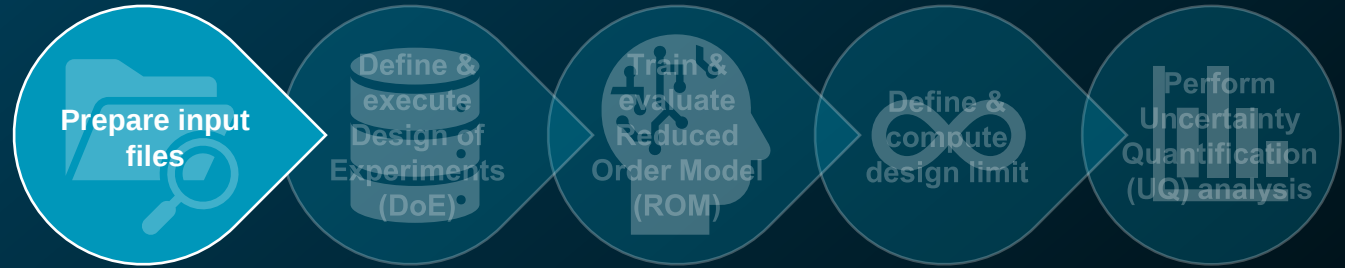
# Workflow

Methodology – Five main steps



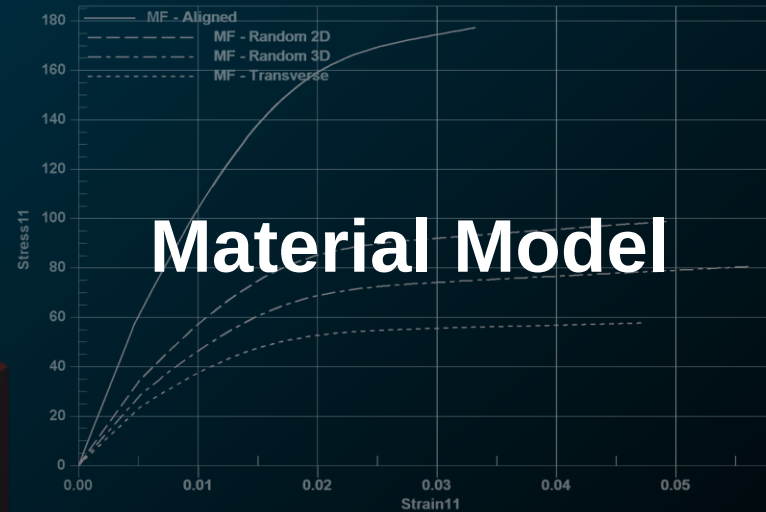
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## Methodology



## User inputs

**FEA Model**

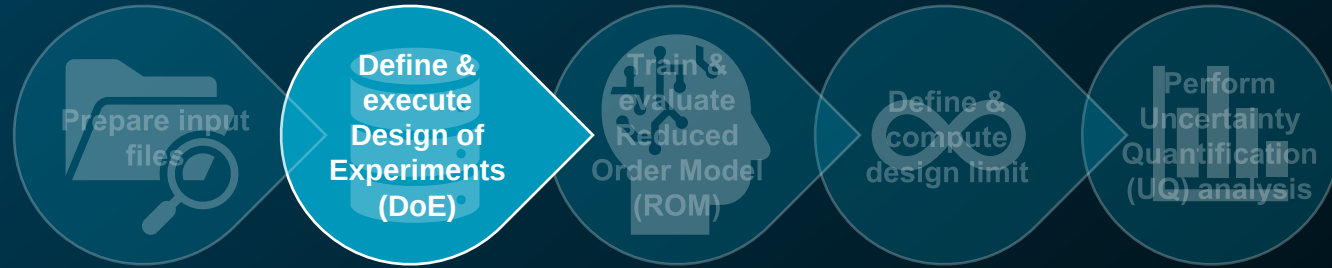


**Material Model**

**Orientation File**

# Workflow

Methodology



## User inputs



**Number of simulations**

**Key Performance Indicators (KPIs)**  
Streamline post-processing

The visualization shows a cross-section of a flow field with streamlines and a color map indicating KPIs. The color scale ranges from blue (low) to red (high).

# Workflow

Methodology



## User inputs

Number of simulations used for ROM training

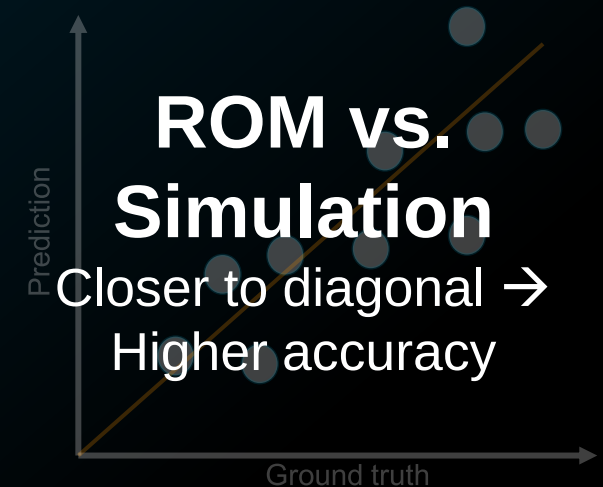
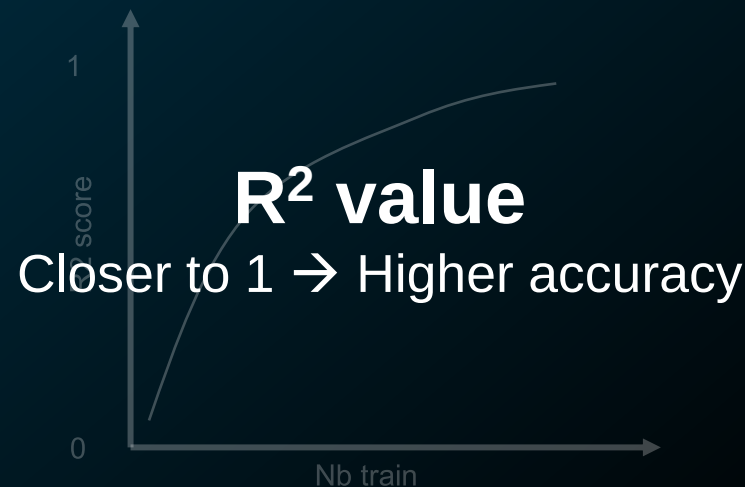
Recommendation:

80% → Train

20% → Test

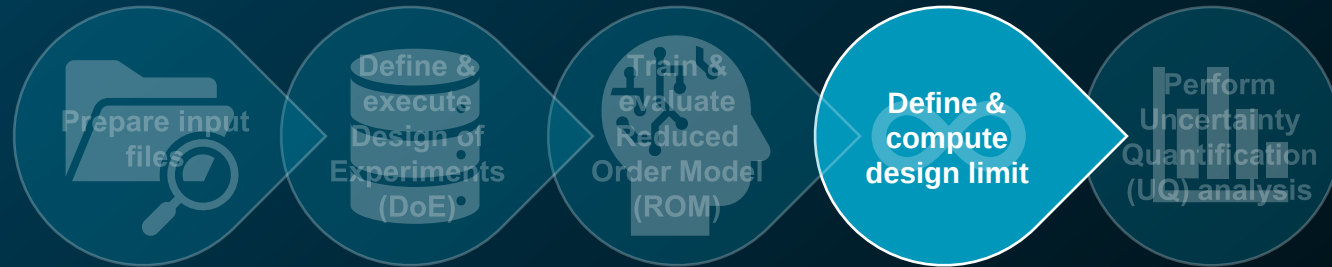
## Performance Assessment

Based on KPIs identified



# Workflow

## Methodology



## Design limit

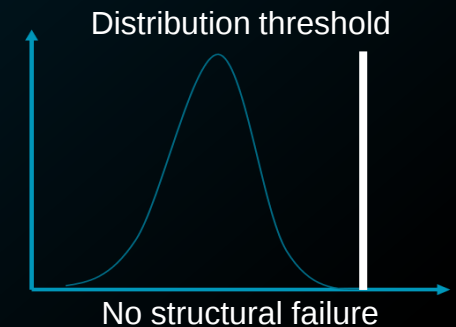
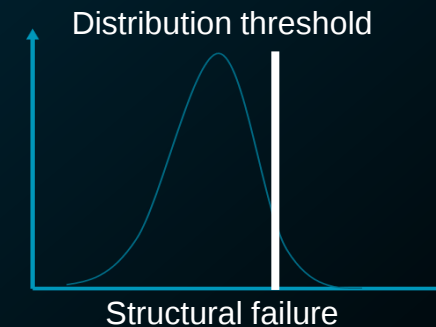
Criteria used to determine if design is robust or not

### Example: Part failure

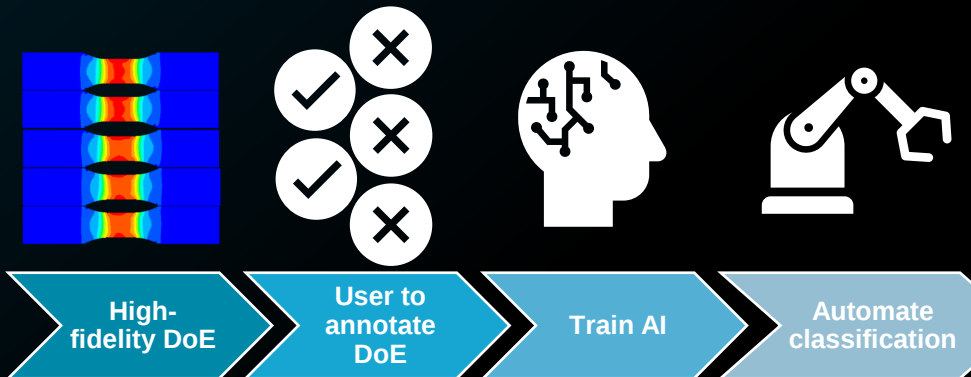
Failure limit determined by:

- Criteria at each integration point
- Evolution of force/displacement curve (Not yet available)

**Distribution method**  
Part breaks if x% of distribution exceeds critical index

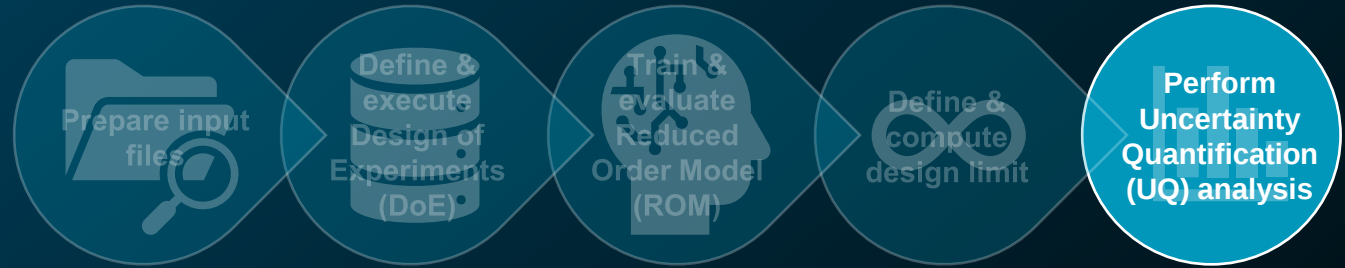


**Artificial Intelligence method**  
Train model to learn to determine if part breaks



# Workflow

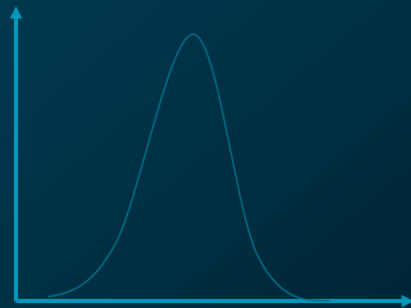
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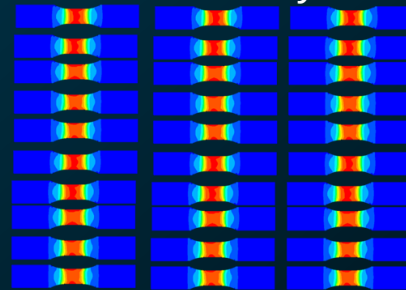
## Uncertainty

Scatter expected on input of interest

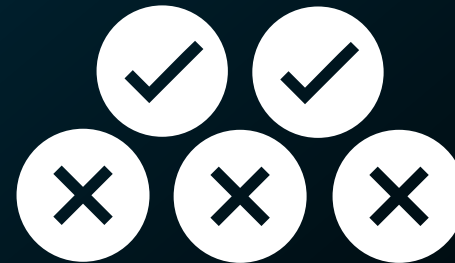
Gaussian distribution of error



**N** random configuration generation based on uncertainty



**n** broken cases determined by design limit



Probability of failure:  $P_f = \frac{n}{N}$   
Reliability:  $1 - P_f$



Define uncertainty

Predict **N** cases with ROM

Predict **n** broken cases

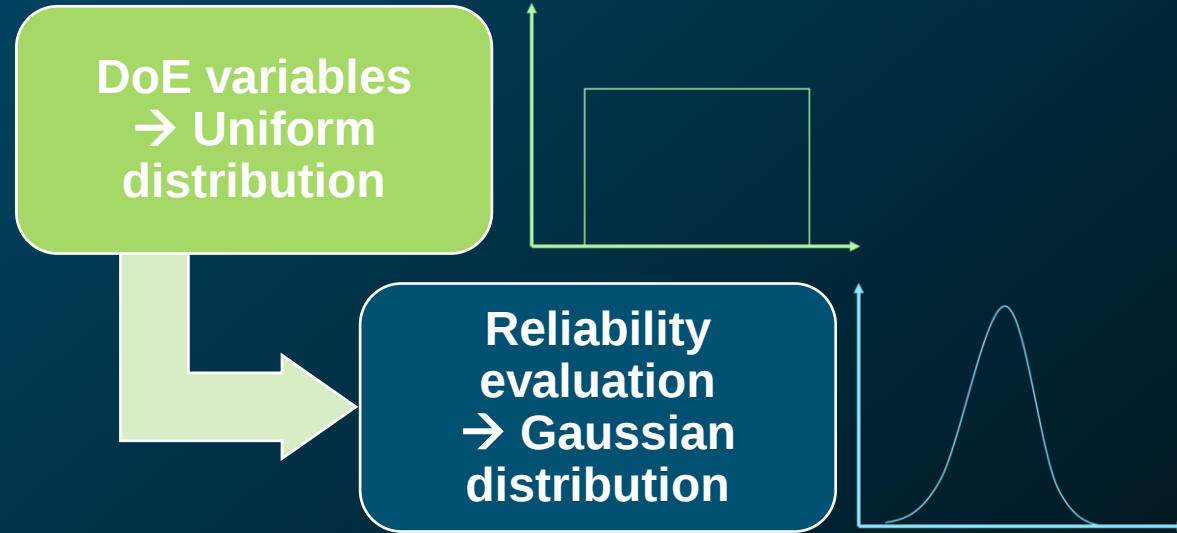
Deduce reliability

# Example 1

Specimen

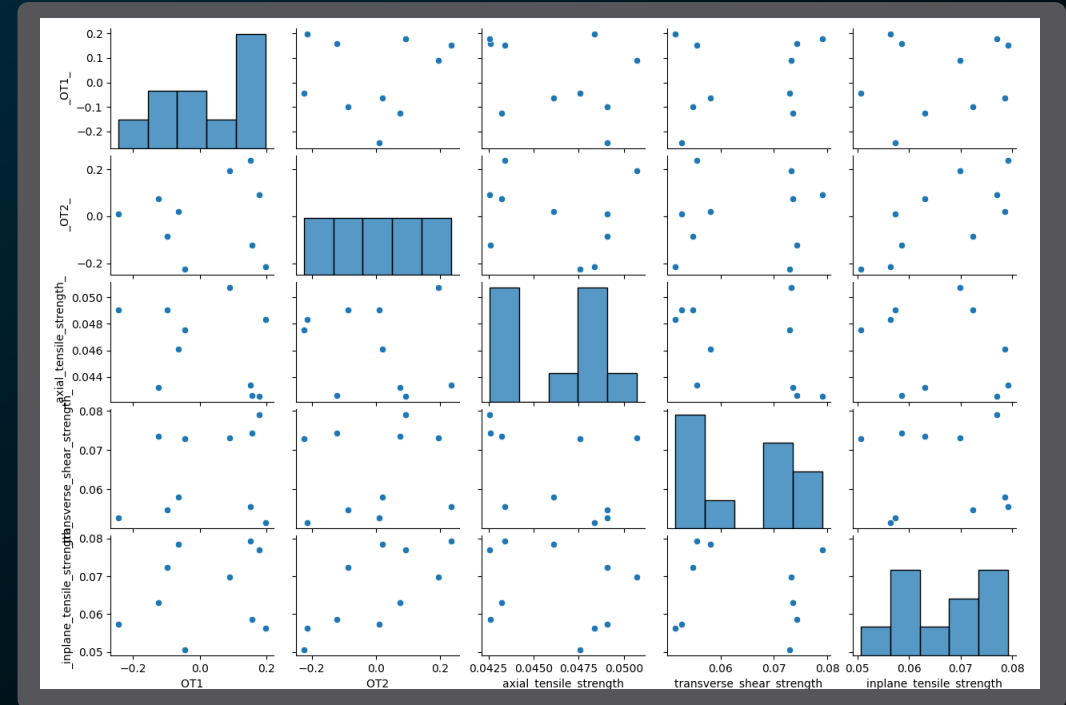
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## Design of Experiments (DoE) validation



Two sources of uncertainty:

1. Injection simulation results; i.e., orientation tensor  
2 parameters
2. Failure limits of material  
3 parameters



# Results

## Validation of Reduced Order Model (ROM)

High-Fidelity DoE

10 runs

Train

8 runs

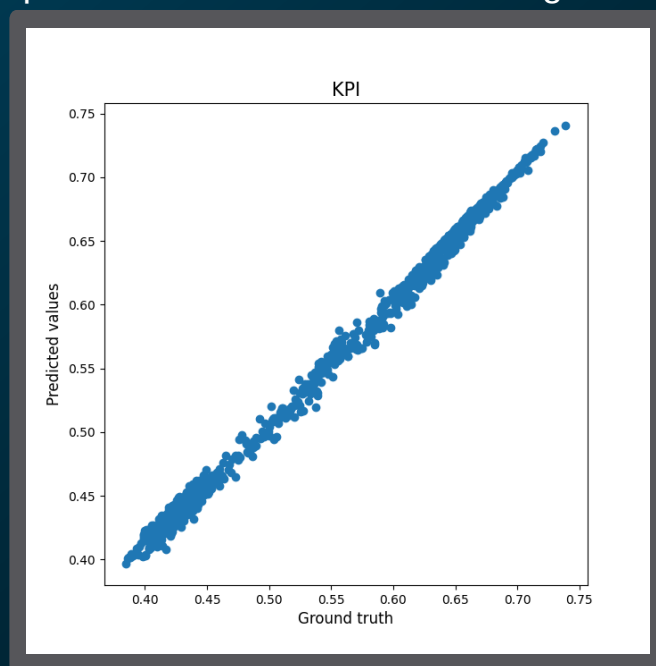
Test

2 runs

Failure indicator at each integration point compared

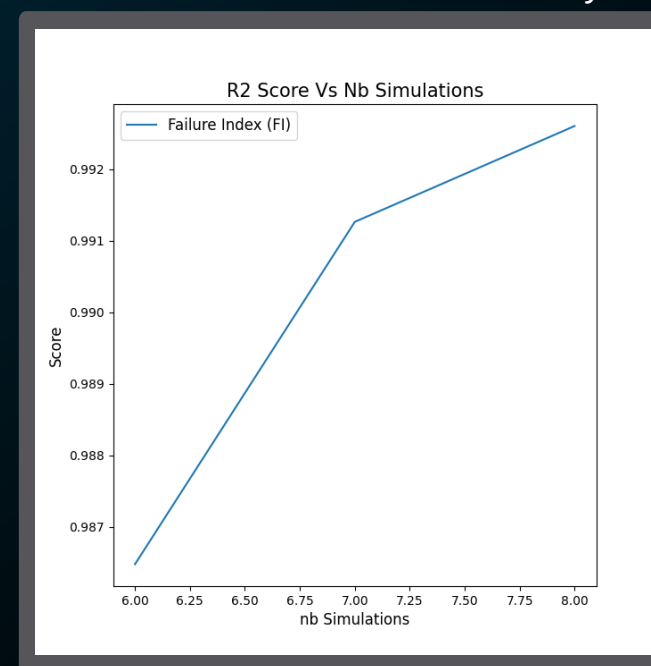
### ROM vs. Simulation

Near perfect match between ROM & ground truth



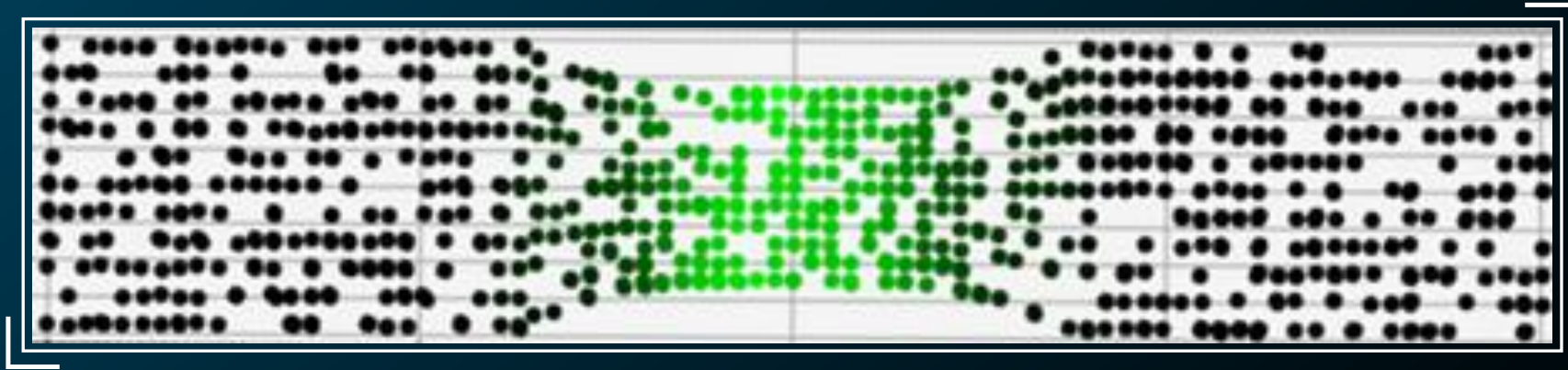
### R<sup>2</sup> value

Between 98.6-99.3% accuracy



# Results

What-if analysis



## Predict & display full field of failure indicator using trained ROM

- Real time testing of different configurations
- Assess how model responds to various sources of uncertainty

# Results

## UQ/Reliability analysis

### 100 calls to trained Reduced Order Model (ROM)

- Failure : 6/100
- $P_f$  : 6%
- Reliability : 94%

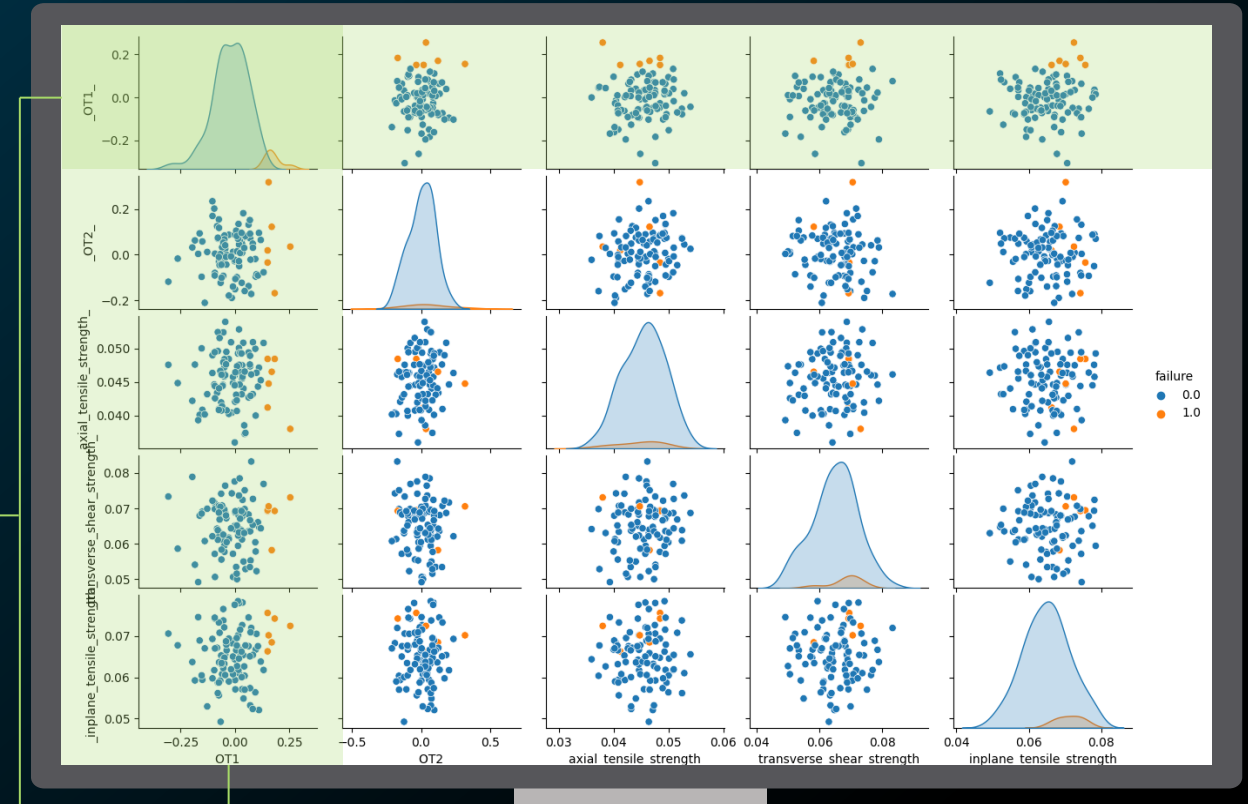
### First component of orientation tensor

- Greatest impact on design reliability
- Failed runs show clear trend as function of OT1

$$\text{Probability of failure: } P_f = \frac{n}{N}$$

$$\text{Reliability: } 1 - P_f$$

● No failure ● Failure

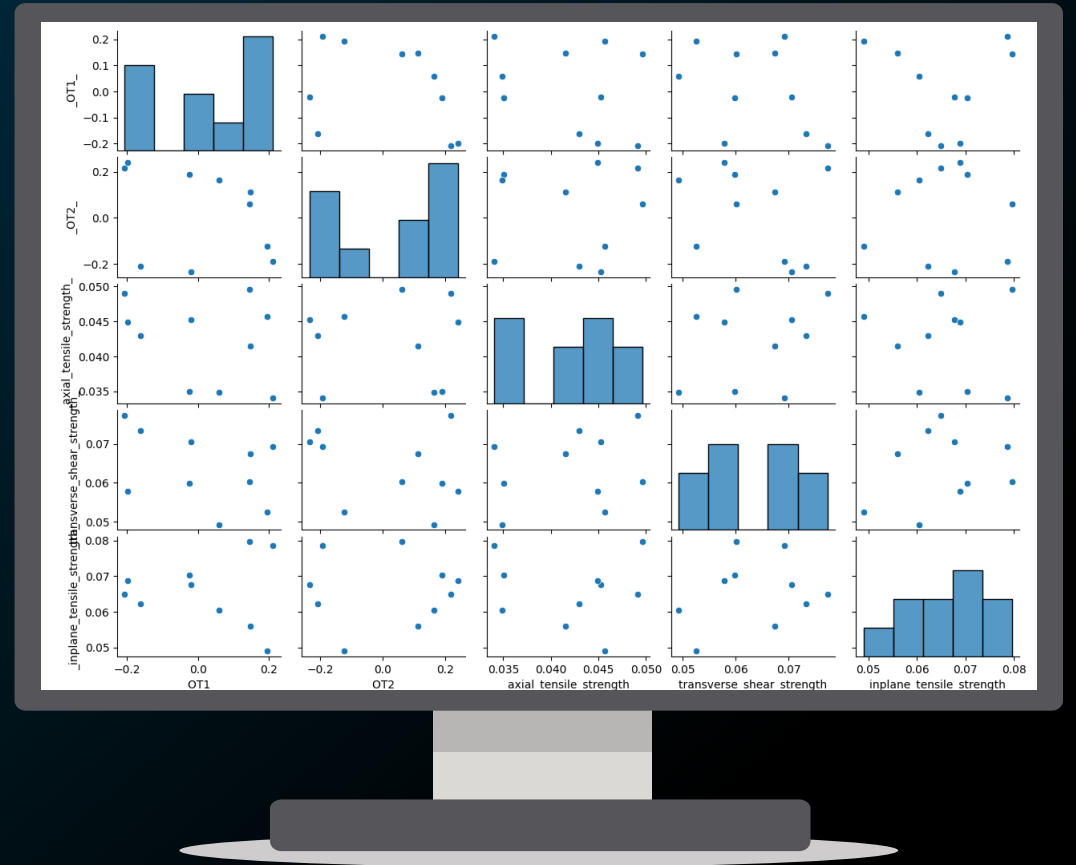
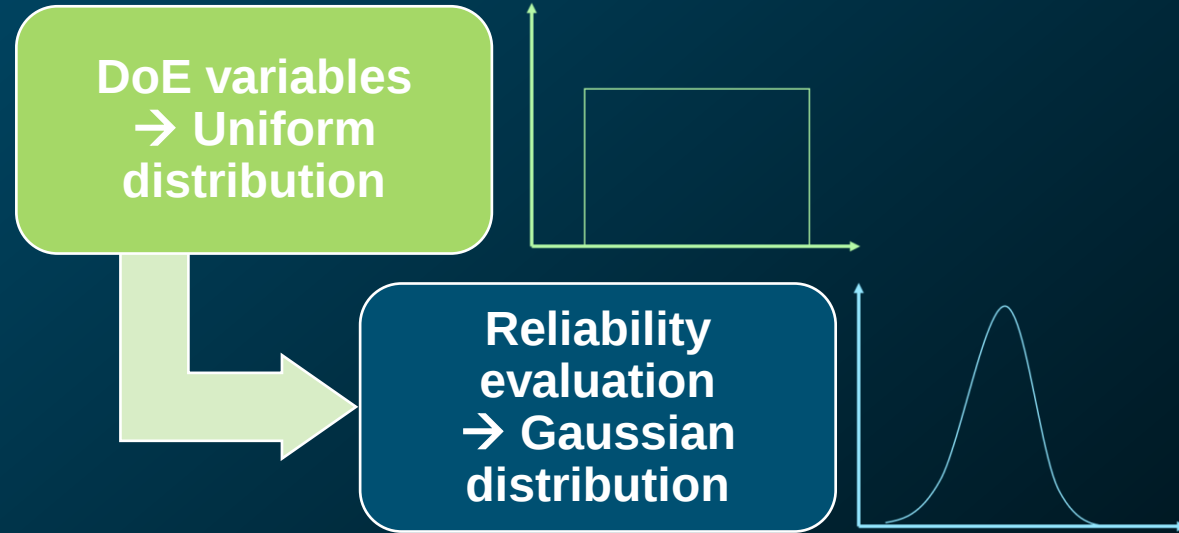
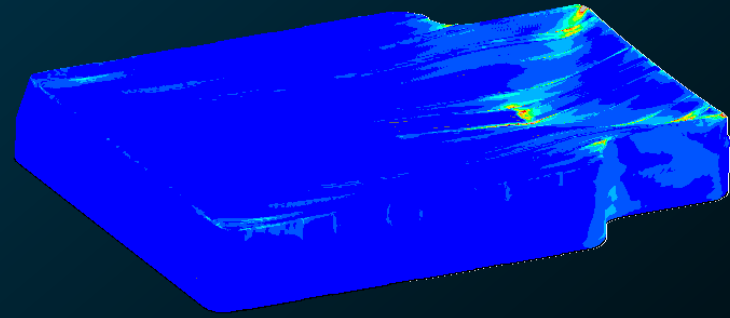


# Example 2

EV battery enclosure

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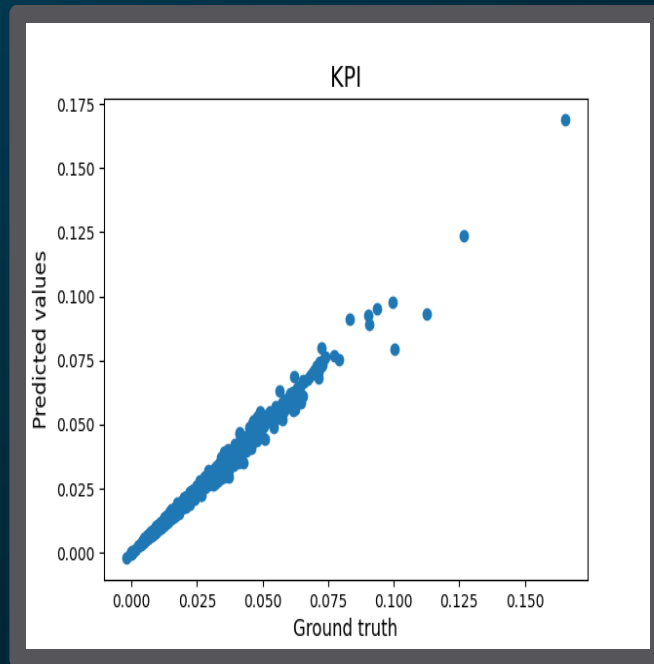
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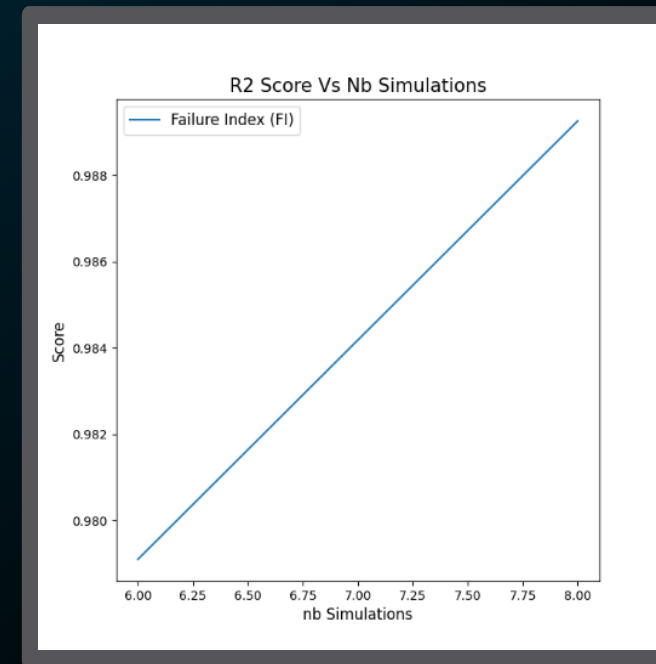
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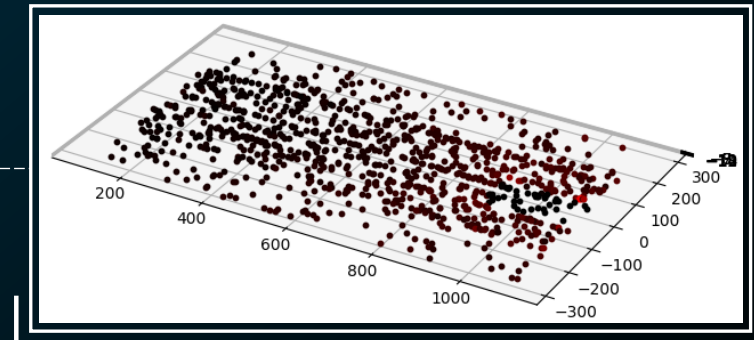
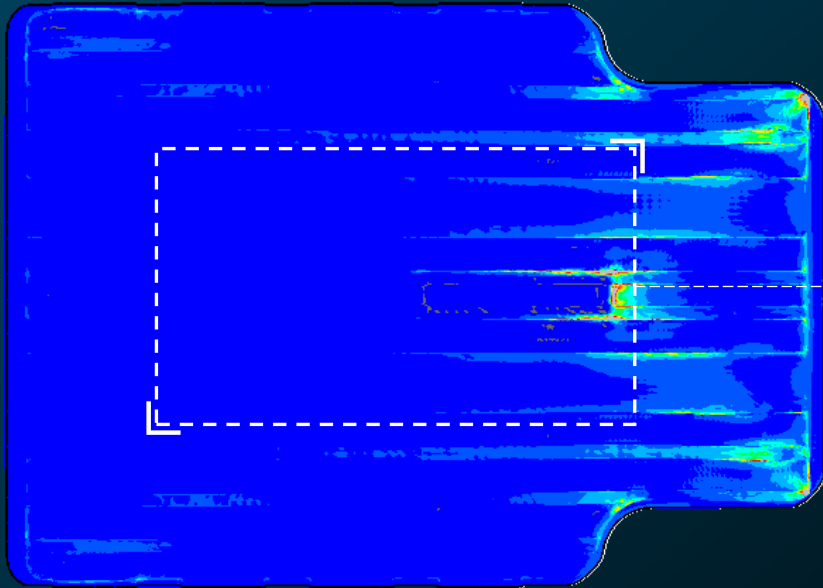
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## UQ/Reliability analysis

### 100 calls to trained Reduced Order Model (ROM)

- Failure : 8/100
- $P_f$  : 8%
- Reliability : 92%

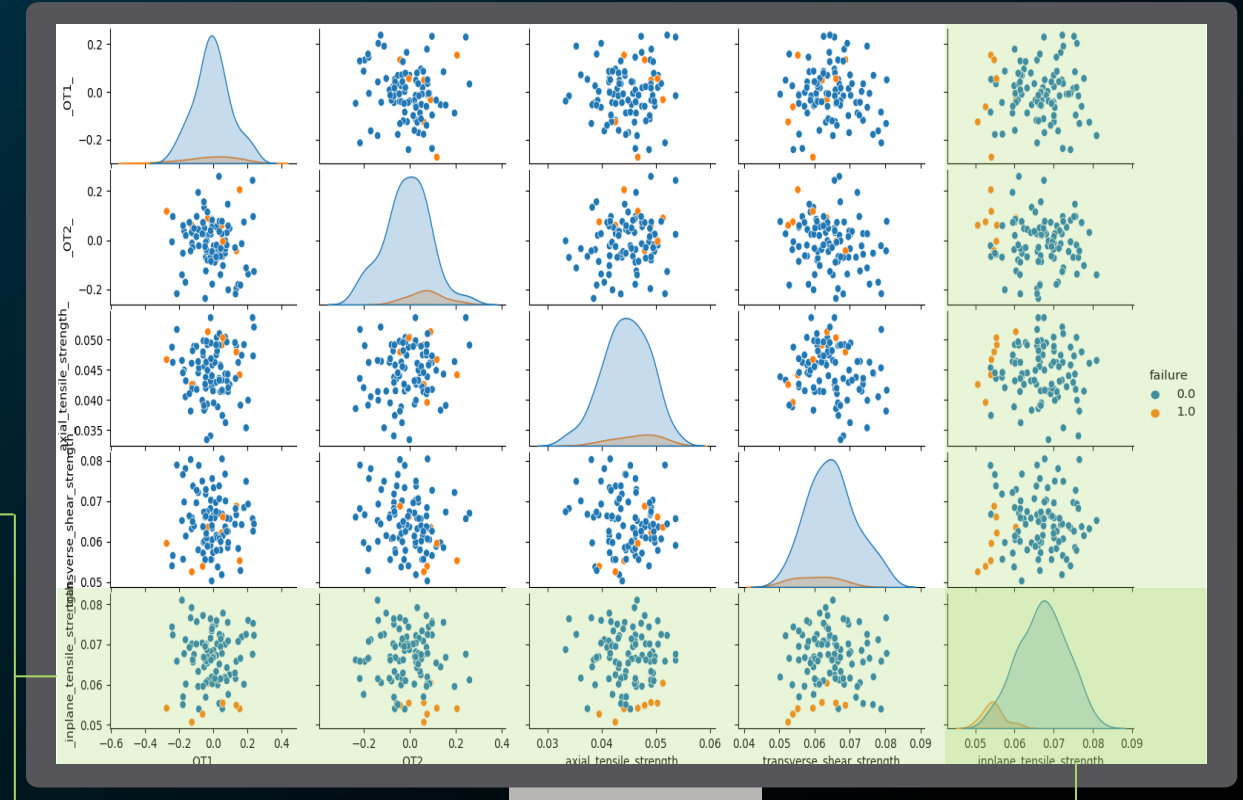
### In-plane tensile strength

- Greatest impact on design reliability
- Failed runs show clear trend as function of inplane\_tensile\_strength

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$$\text{Reliability: } 1 - P_f$$

● No failure ● Failure





## UQ based design for reinforced plastics

Hexagon's products and services provide excellent support to our daily business with innovative simulation methods for holistic virtual engineering of plastic components. It's great to collaborate with such a professional and knowledgeable team.

**Jan-Martin Kaiser**

### Challenge

- Numerous sources of uncertainty present in reality
- Simulation ignores uncertainty
- Uncertainty must be accounted for to obtain robust designs

### Solution

- Simplified workflow, available through Digimat, that performs multiscale material modeling from manufacturing process to structural analysis
- Integration of Artificial Intelligence (AI) & Uncertainty Quantification (UQ) to account for material property uncertainties also available

### Benefits

- Embedding of material science, AI & UQ, into automated workflow allows for efficient and accurate design qualification
- Reliability of studied structural analysis can be evaluated
- Enhancement of product quality



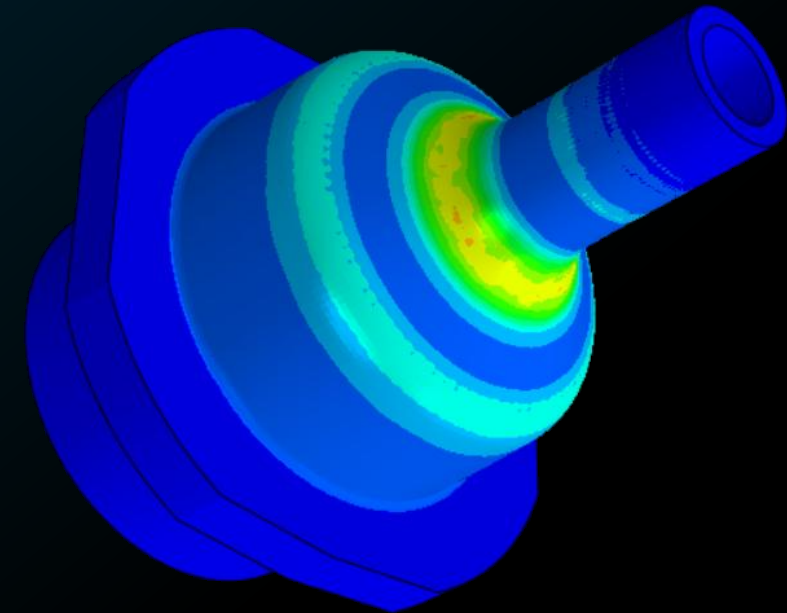
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**Digimat**



**ODYSSEE**



# Conclusion

Perspectives & next steps

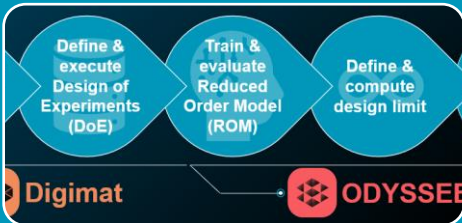
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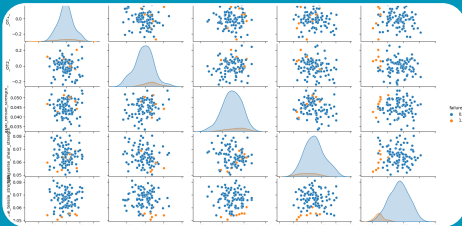
### Uncertainty

- Present in physical world
- Conventional simulation ignores uncertainty
- Uncertainty Quantification (UQ) necessary to prevent over/under-design



### Digimat & ODYSSEE

- Users can perform UQ based design studies
- Any input within material card or processing can be considered source of uncertainty
- Seamless integration of both solutions into existing workflow

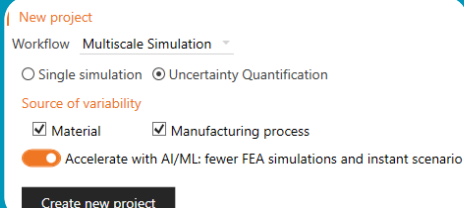


### Results

- Assess probability of failure based on 100s of tests through trained ROM
- Determine reliability of designed structural part
- Understand which parameters influence desired performance most greatly

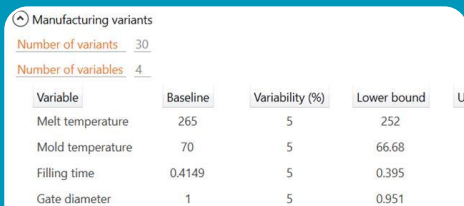
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## Next steps



## Implementation

- Digimat 2025.1 includes seamless, user-friendly interface for UQ analyses
- Ability to select material or manufacturing process as source of variability
- Option to select AI/ML to accelerate studies



| Variable         | Baseline | Variability (%) | Lower bound |
|------------------|----------|-----------------|-------------|
| Melt temperature | 265      | 5               | 252         |
| Mold temperature | 70       | 5               | 66.68       |
| Filling time     | 0.4149   | 5               | 0.395       |
| Gate diameter    | 1        | 5               | 0.951       |

## Assessment

- New and expanding plot library, like parallel coordinates, for reliability assessment
- Any predicted manufacturing process variability can be assessed:
  - Melt/mold temperature, filling time, pressure etc.

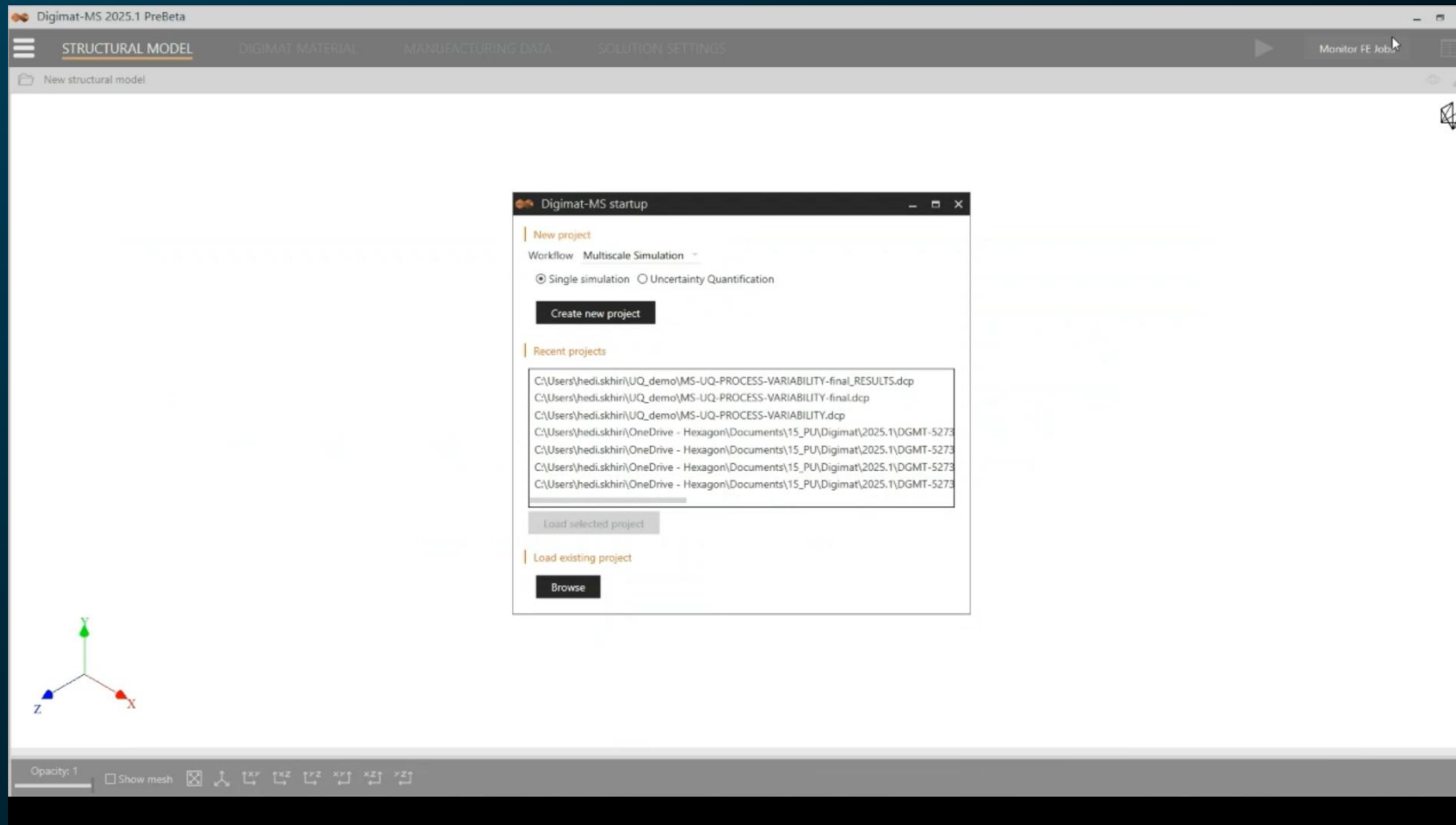


## Expansion

- Gather customer feedback on existing capabilities & future needs
- Improve existing workflows to be more seamless & user-friendly
- Gating position optimization based on structural KPIs

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**Thank You!**  
Questions?



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