



# Automate Simulation Processes Easily, Quickly and Reliably with Low Code Tools

More Innovation through Systematic Democratization of Simulation

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#### The Well Traveled Path Dilemma

"If I would have asked people what they wanted, they would have said faster horses."

Henry Ford

#### The New Path Possibilities

Low Code Tools: A More Efficient Way to Simulation Democratization

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# Special Low Code solution for CAD-to-Solver process and Report Generation

- ► Low-Code: Configure instead of programming/scripting
  - Configure geometry independent, re-usable simulation template (AM)
    - ✓ Mesh parameters, solver settings, report content
  - 2. Create CAE ready CAD models
    - ✓ Text attributes
    - ✓ Simulation "view" (e.g., fluid space instead of manufacturing CAD)
  - 3. Submit to CAENexus (via batch command)
    - ✓ Automatic mesh creation
    - ✓ Automatic solver input files creation
    - ✓ Automatic report generation (new feature pre-release)

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#### **Use Cases**

#### **Demo Processes**

- > Structural Simulation Heavy Equipment
- > CFD Simulation Automotive HVAC System

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### **Use Case Heavy Equipment**

# Automation of Structural Simulation Process

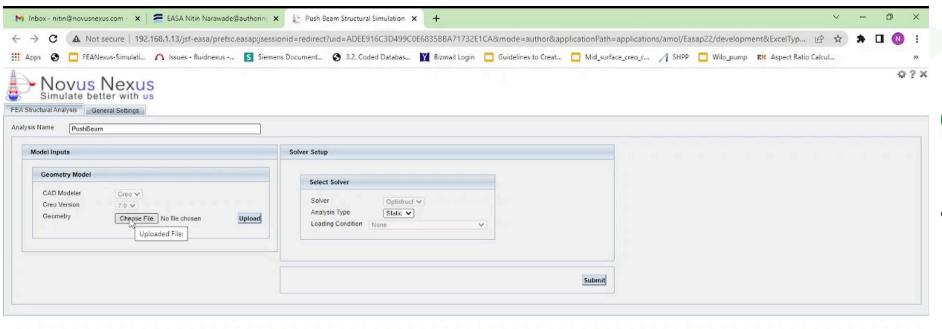


#### **User Challenges**

- Enable designers to perform dependable simulations
  - Use simulations systematically for all designs
  - Ensure that simulations done by designers are applying best practices involving the same tools as used by analysts
- Reliably handle highly complex and vastly varying geometries
- Workflow independent of specific solvers

#### Solution Implemented

- Automated simulation process for designers
  - Common end-to-end process and UI for multiple solvers
    - Multiple solvers, geometry types, load cases
  - Ensures that simulation results are always comparable
  - In-house team (analysts) created and maintain abstract models and overall automation workflow



#### GUI

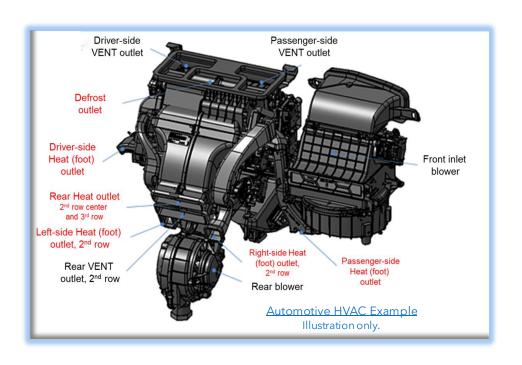
- Physics oriented
  - Adapts to CAD model type
  - Loads selected for different model types and operational conditions

## **Implementation Effort**

- Extra CAD effort (tagging)
  - 20 min. initial model, 0 to 20 minutes follow on models
- Abstract model configuration total under 1 hour
  - AM is authored from a similar, already existing model
- GUI configuration 1 day
- Workflow configuration
  - Misc. scripts, macros, batch commands 1 day
- Additional testing 1 day
- Total effort < 4 person days (implementation only, does not include time needed for requirement definition, simulation validation, and other planning/coordination tasks)

## **Use Case Automotive HVAC Systems**

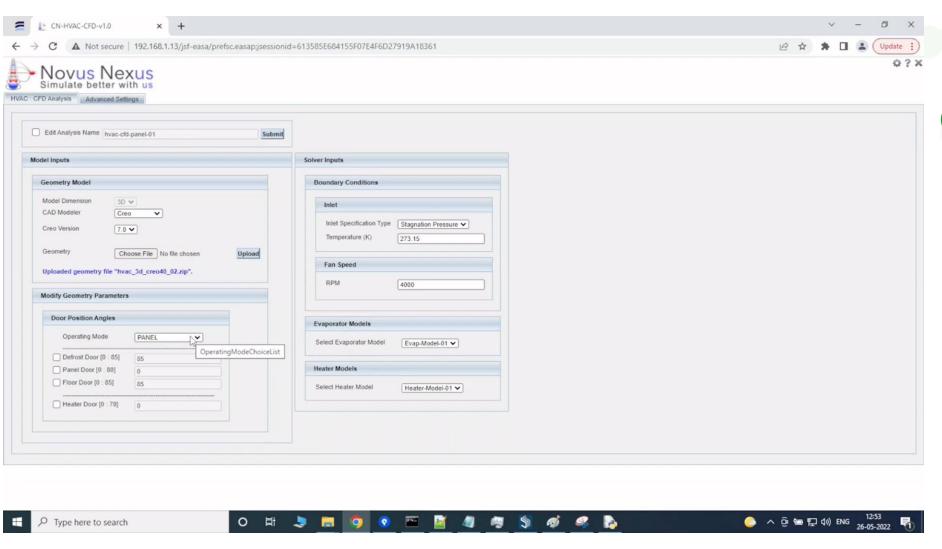
# **Automation of HVAC CFD Simulation Process**



#### **Customer Challenges**

- Requirement to significantly increase the number of simulations
  - Customers (OEMs) now want product performance insights already at time of proposal
  - Not enough analysts available
  - Impossible to always perform dependable simulations in time with existing approach
- No in-house resources nor know how to create a robust automated simulation process
  - Complex geometries and simulation/physics
- Need to ensure that simulation results are always comparable
  - Independent of who, when, and where
- Want ability to preserve simulation know how when analyst leaves





#### GUI

- ▶ Browser based
  - No client installation necessary
  - Configured using standard EASA functionality

# **Implementation Effort**

- Extra CAD effort (tagging)
  - ▶ 1 hr. initial model, 0 to some minutes follow on models
- ► Abstract model configuration
  - ► Pre-processing 1 day\*
  - ► Report 1 day\*
    - \* if AM is authored from scratch; starting from similar existing models can reduce time to less than one hour.
- ► GUI configuration 1 day
- Workflow configuration
  - ▶ Misc. scripts, macros, batch commands 1 ½ days
- ► Additional testing –1 day
- ► Total effort < 6 person days (implementation only, does not include time needed for requirement definition, simulation validation, and other planning/coordination tasks)



### Summary

- ► The right combination of Low Code Tools allows practical and economical automation of simulation processes and simulation democratization
  - Significantly reduces both, initial effort and maintenance
- ► Geometry independence is the key
  - "Abstract Models", reusable, geometry independent simulation templates, facilitate automating without extra effort
- Automation is affordable for any size company





# Thank You! Questions?

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