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# What's New in

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**MSC/NASTRAN**  
*for* Windows

## Version 4

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# Enhancements

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- **Geometry Enhancements**
- **STEP CAD Interface**
- **Improved Semi-Automatic Hex Meshing**
- **Attributes (Properties, Materials, etc.)  
Associated with Geometry**
- **General Beam Section Calculator**
- **Mesh Connection: Zip, Unzip, Link**

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# Enhancements

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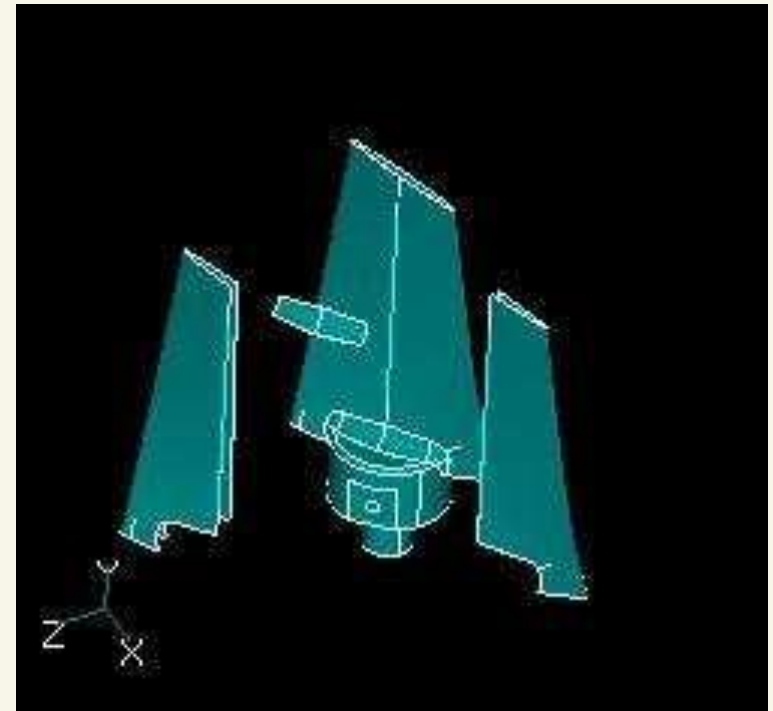
- **MSC/NASTRAN Version 70**
- **Response Spectrum Analysis**
- **MSC/NASTRAN OP2 Binary Results File**
- **Floating Network License**
- **Free Body Diagrams and Grid Point Force Balances**
- **Graphics Enhancements**
- **Scripting Language**
- **Polygon and Freehand Selection**

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# Geometry Modeling

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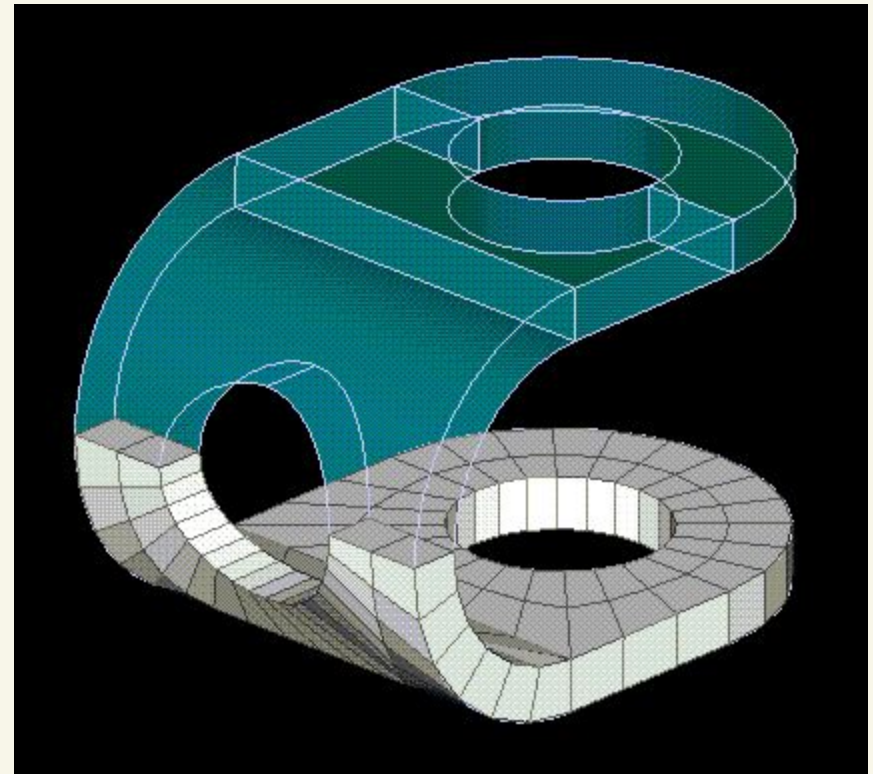
- **Imported Geometry Manipulation**
  - **Use of Surfaces on Solid**
    - copy, extrude etc.



# Semi-Automatic Hex Meshing

- More Approaches and Control on Mapped Surface Meshing

**Semi-Automatic  
Hex Meshing**



# Geometry Assigned Attributes

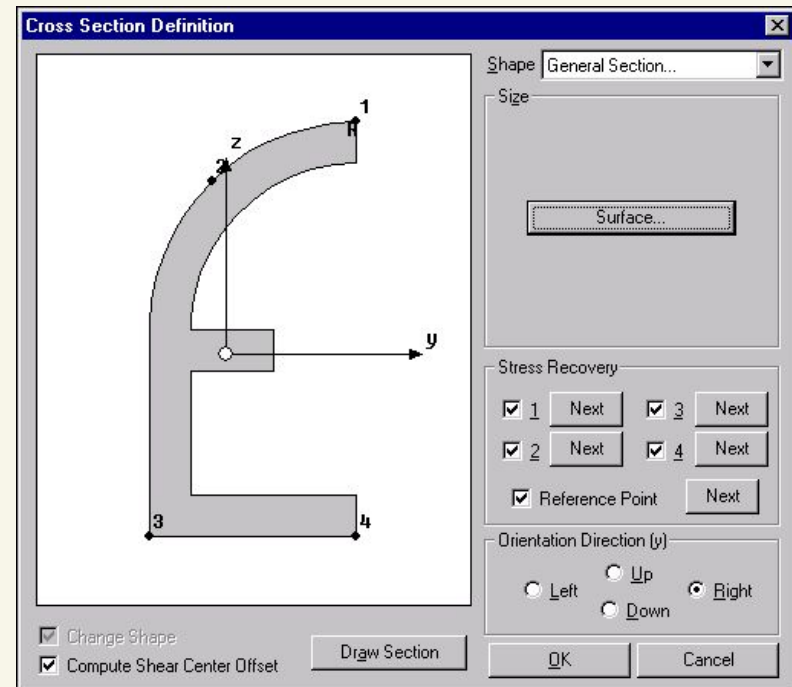
- Assign Materials and Properties to Solids



# General Beam Section Calculator

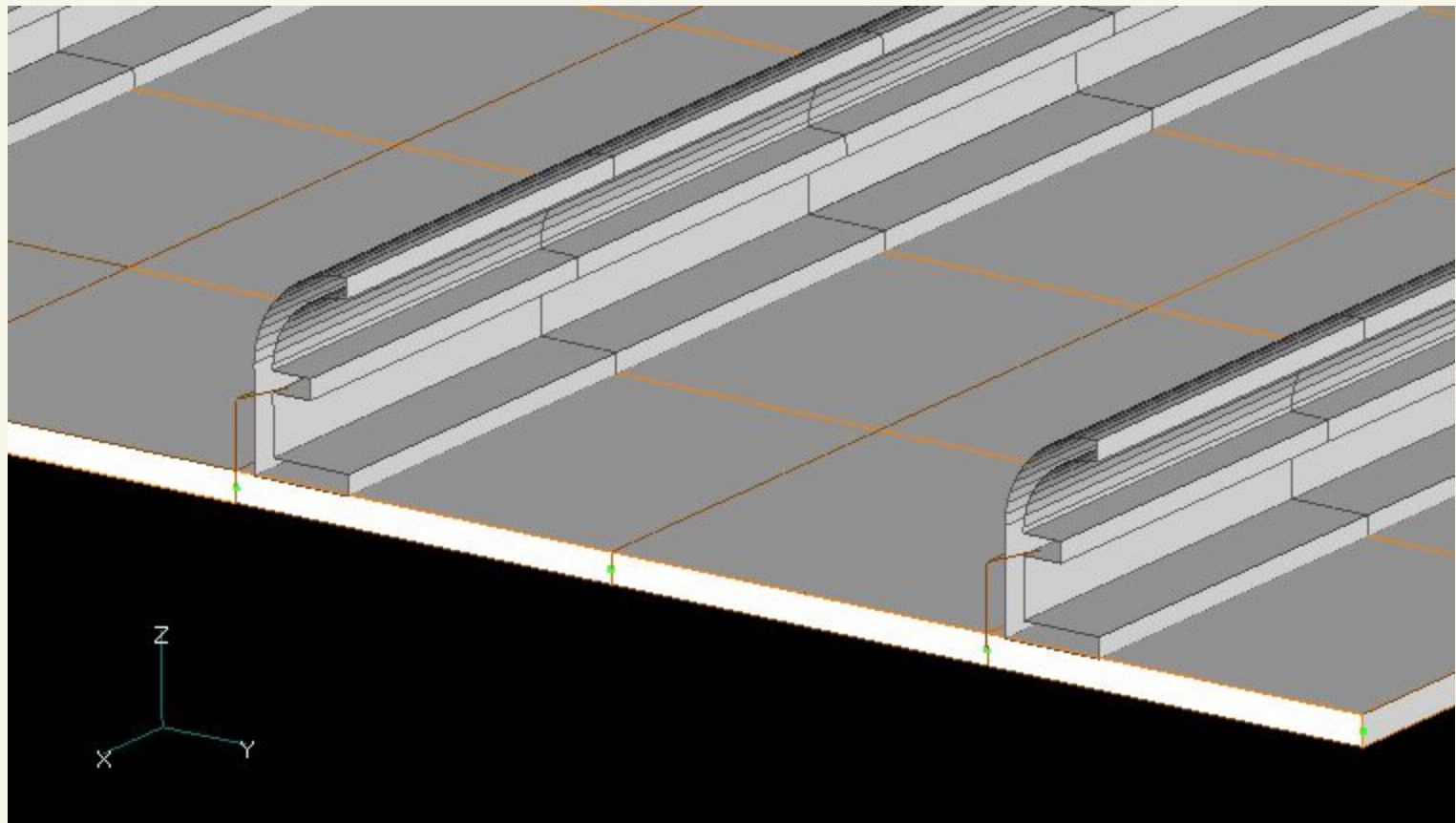
- Uses any Surface as Cross-Section
- May have Internal Loops

*Tools | Section Properties*  
(new option)  
Calculates all Properties,  
Including Torsional and  
Warping Constants



# General Beam Section Calculator

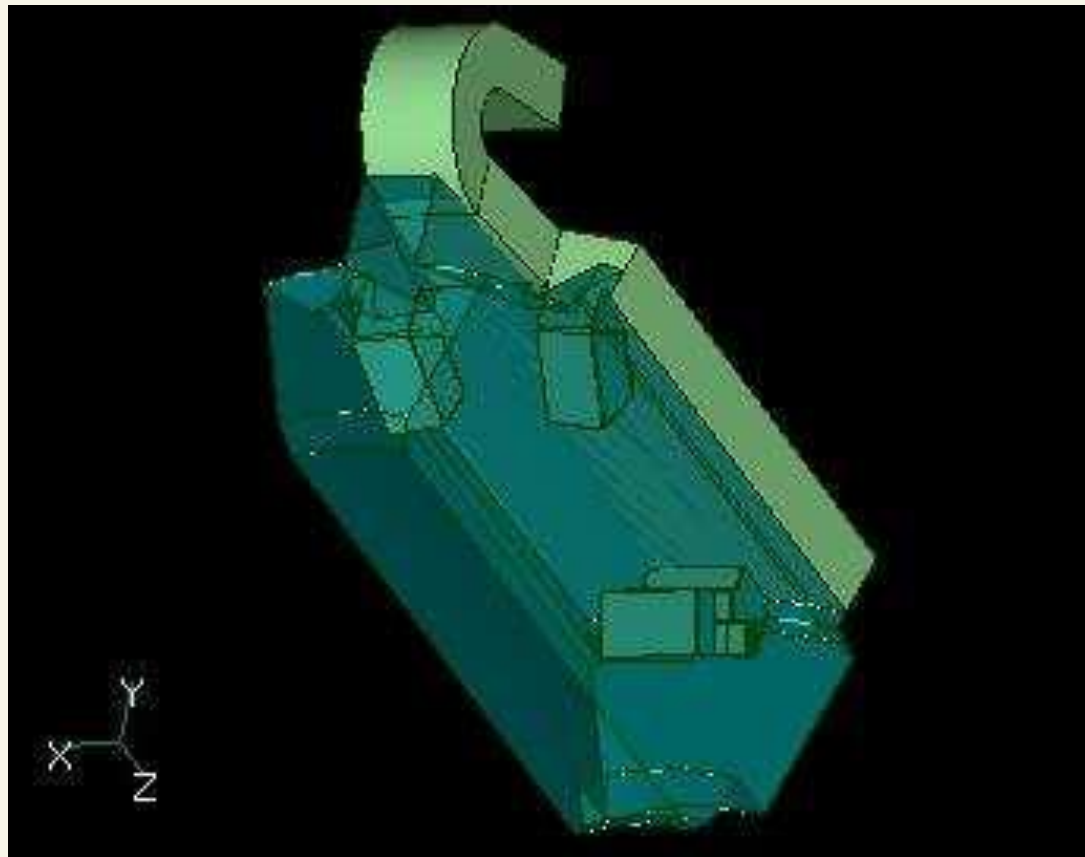
- Display of Actual Beam Cross-Sections





# Graphics Enhancements

- **Transparent Solids/Materials/Elements**



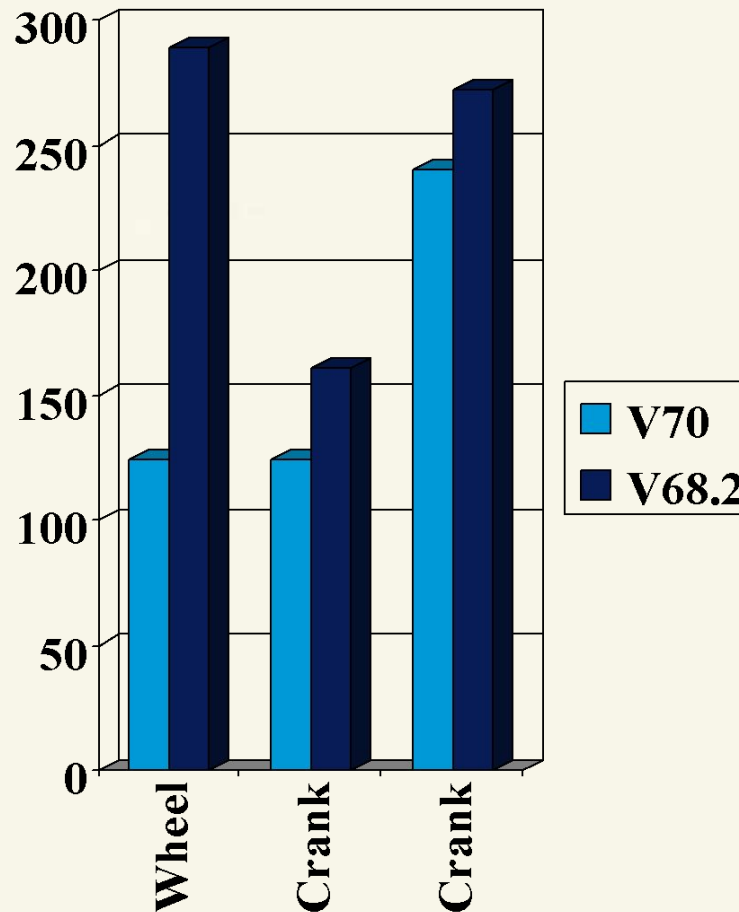
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# Solver Enhancements

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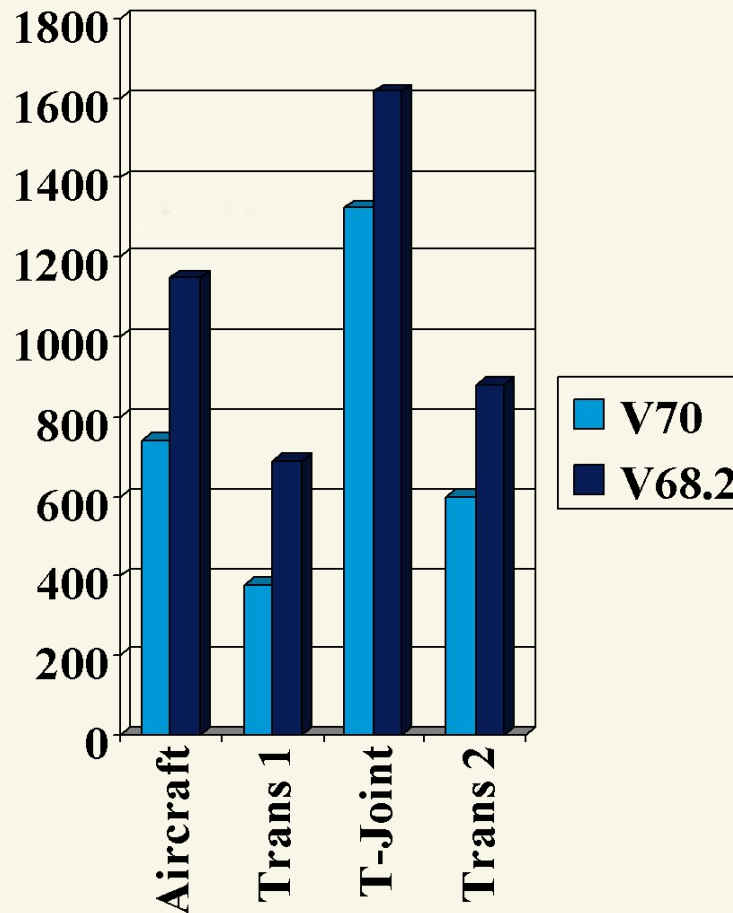
- **Kernels Tuned**
- **New Compiler**
  - 5-10% Performance improvement
- **Reduced Memory Requirement**
  - less CPU time for jobs that spill
- **Iterative Solver**
  - less disk usage
- **Frequency Response Enhancements**

# MSC/NASTRAN V70 Vs. V68



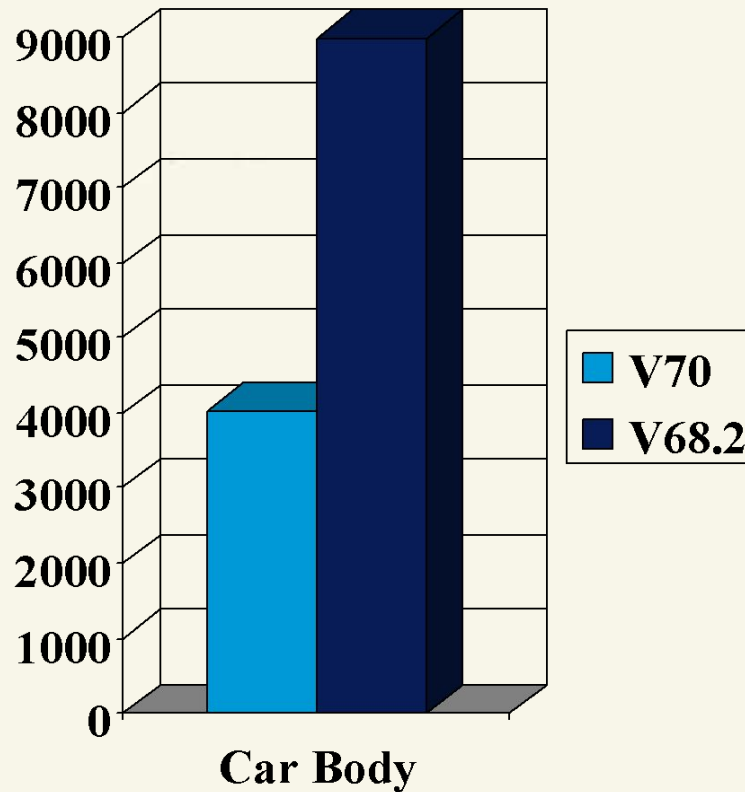
- **Wheel**
  - Statics, 32,184 dof
- **Crank Shaft**
  - Statics, 30,934 dof
- **Crank Shaft**
  - Modes, 30,934 dof

# MSC/NASTRAN V70 Vs. V68



- **Aircraft Part**
  - Buckling, 66,000 dof
- **Transmission Part 1**
  - Modes, 99,191 dof
- **T-Joint**
  - Statics, 134,333 dof
- **Transmission Part 2**
  - Statics, 139,649 dof

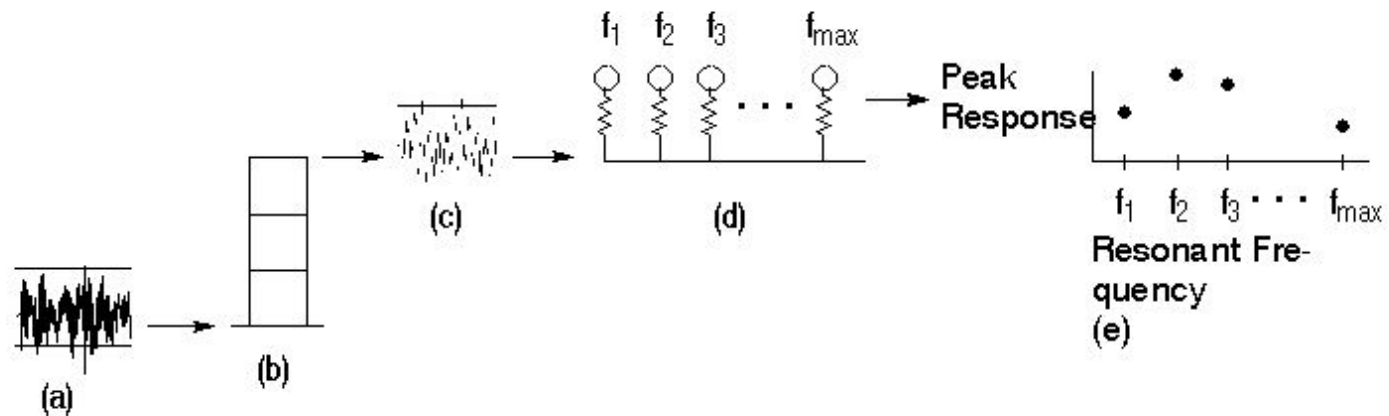
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- Car Body
  - Modes, 331,468 dof

# Response Spectrum Analysis

- New Analysis Type
- Continues from Response Spectra Generation



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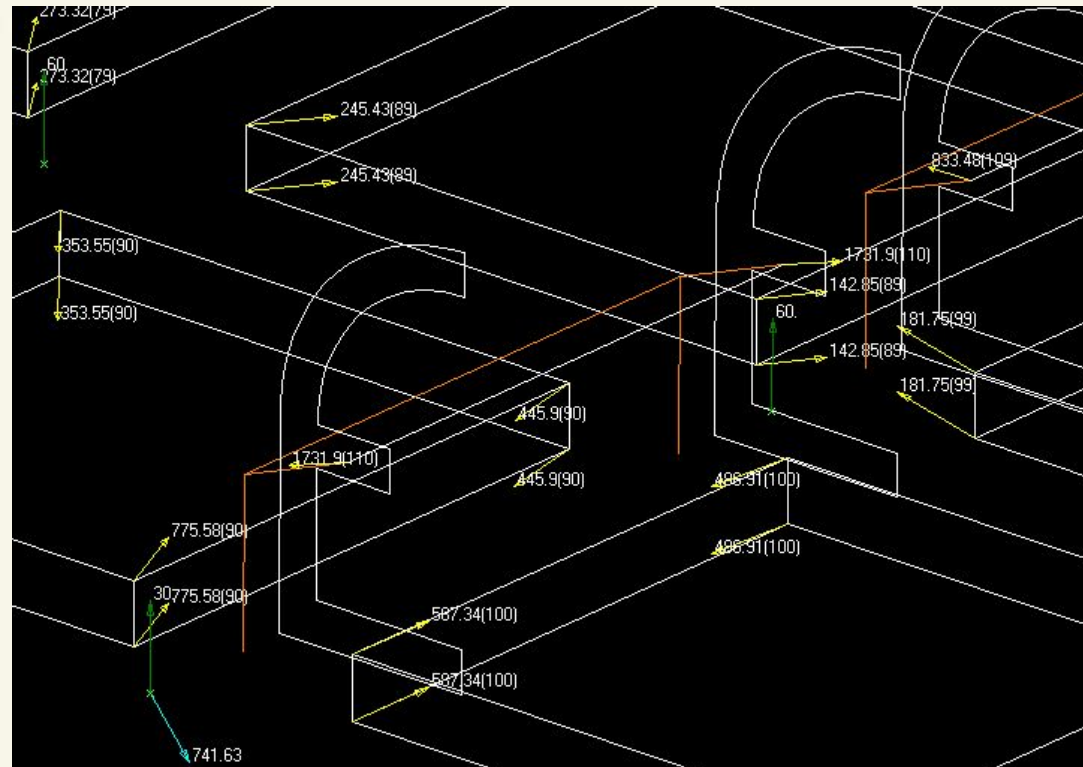
# OUTPUT2 Binary Results

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- **The Binary “OP2” File now Supported**
- **Compliments the ASCII Output File (F06)**
- **Over 8X Faster for Large Results Files**

# Grid Point Force Balance

- Grid Point Force Balances
- Free Body Diagrams

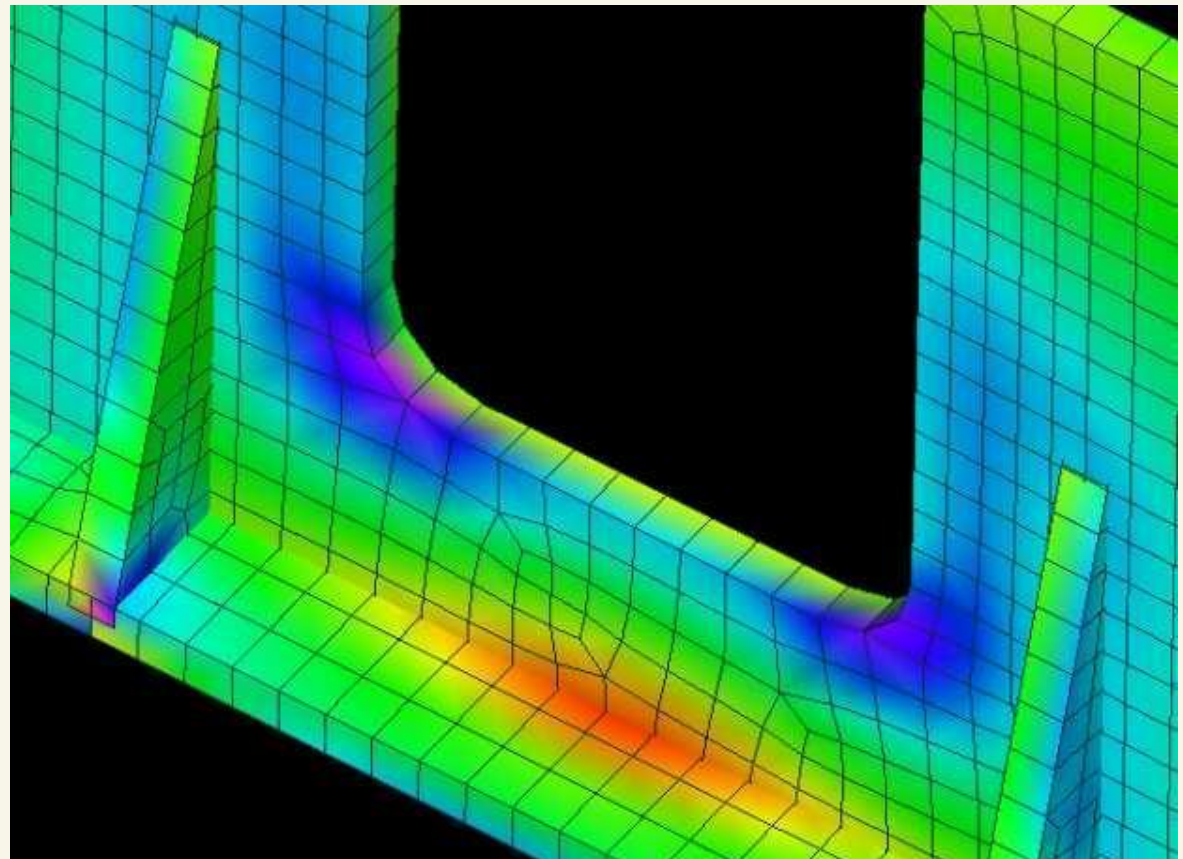




# Results Viewing Enhancements

- **Simultaneous Display of Top and Bottom Surfaces**

**Display  
Shells as  
Solids**



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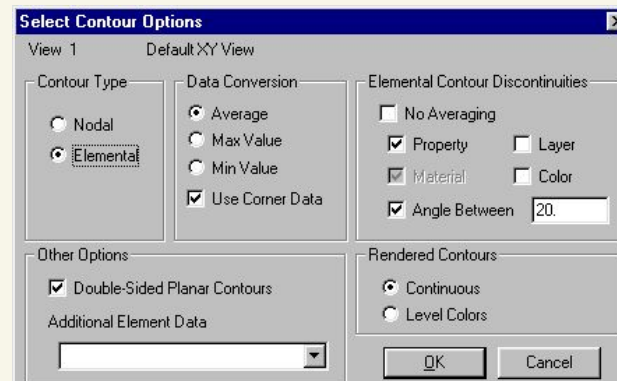
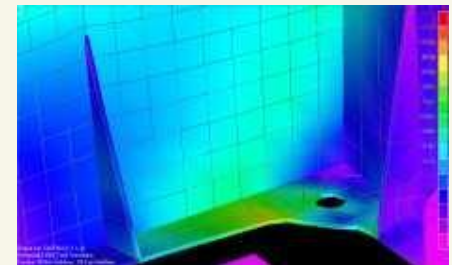
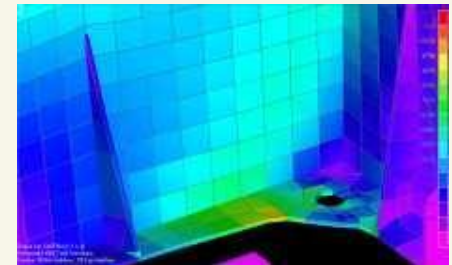
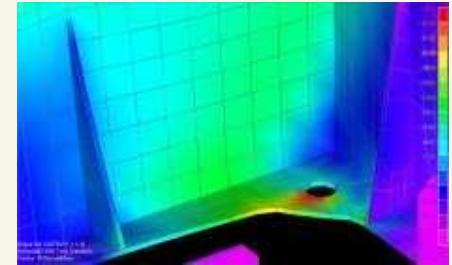
# Scripting Language

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- **New Script Editor**
  - Supports vb form files
  - Integrated graphical dialog box designer
- **Customize Menu Commands**
  - Build your own menus to run scripts and program files
- **Extended Functionality**
  - Over 100 new MSC/N4W functions implemented

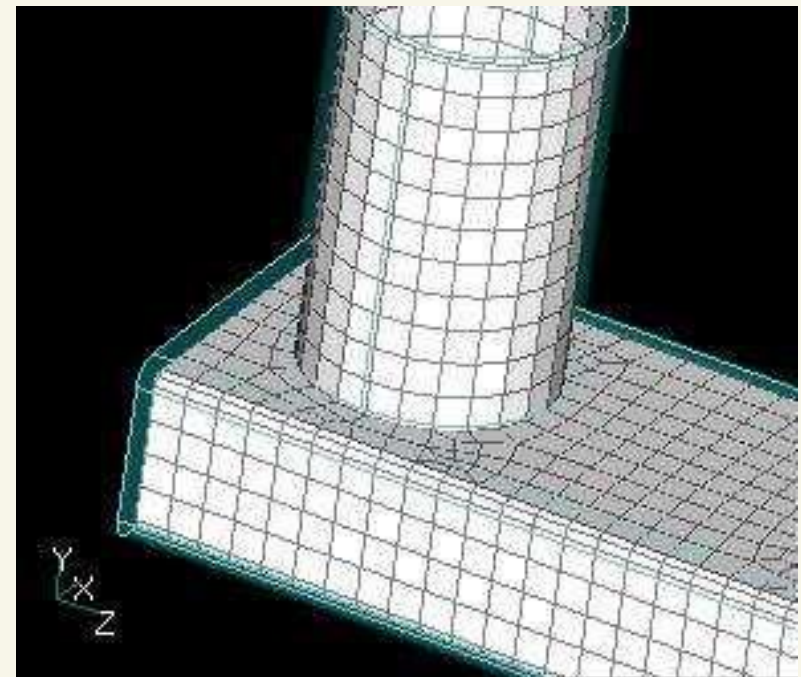
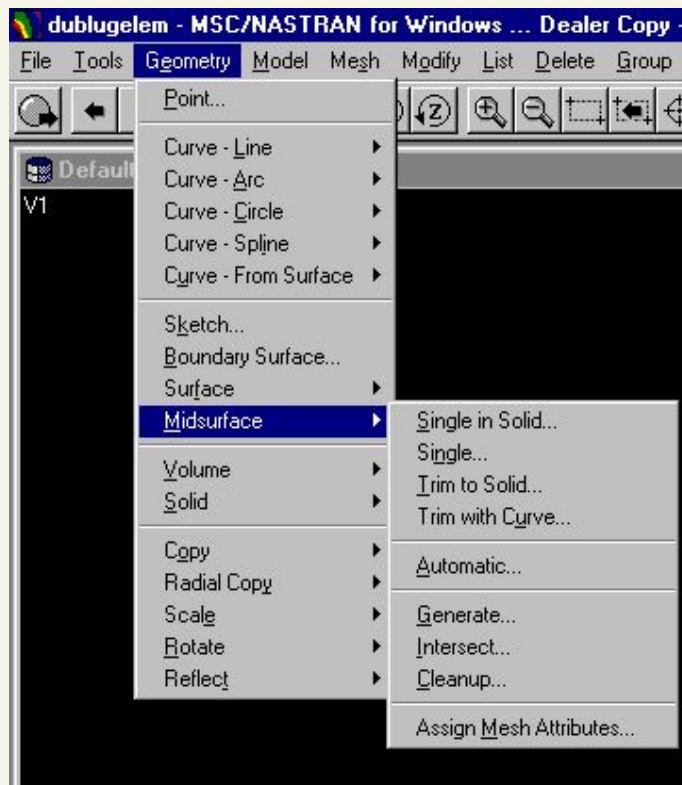
# Smart Results Averaging

- Option on Post Data
- Elemental Data now Provides
  - “No averaging”
  - Double-sided on shells
  - “Smart averaging”, e.g., by property, layer, color or angle



# Mid Plane Extraction

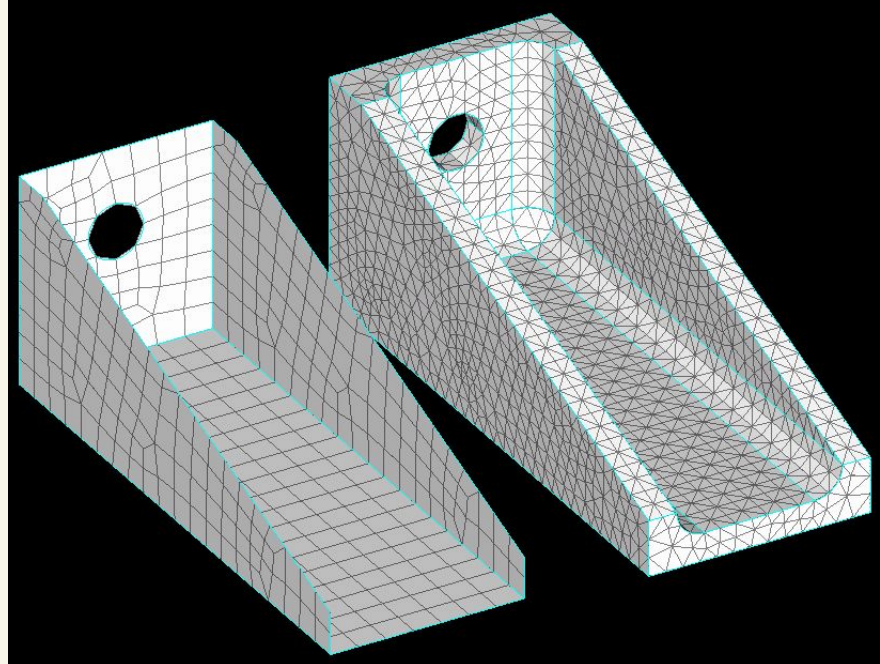
- Semi Automatic and Manual Tools to Create Surface Mid Plane Models



# Creating Mid Plane Models

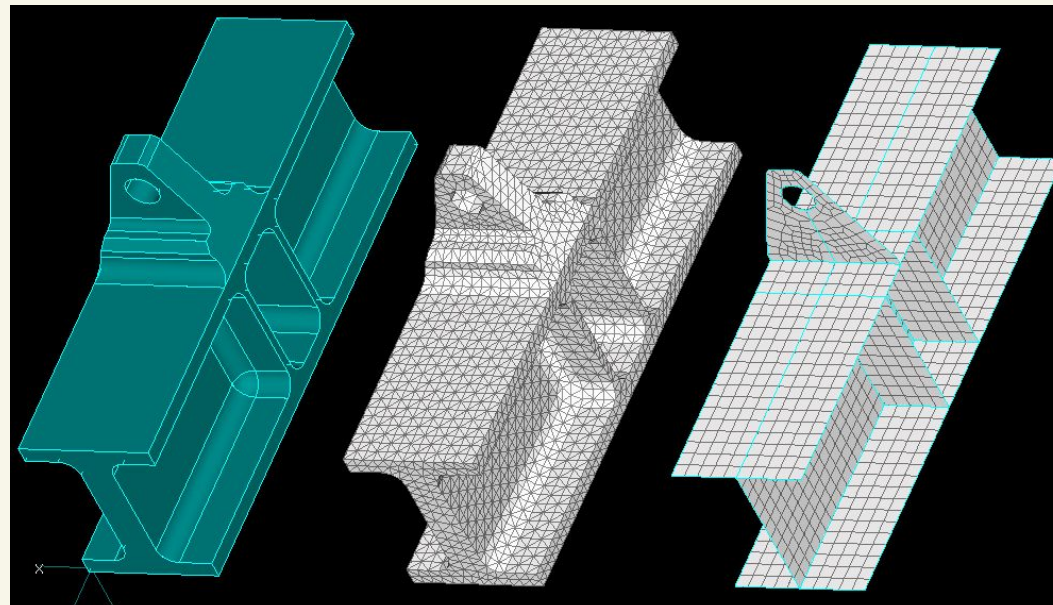
- **Simple Case**

- Fully automatic mid planes
- 14000 nodes, 6600 tetra, vs.
- 450 nodes, 425 parabolic shells (DOF 16:1)



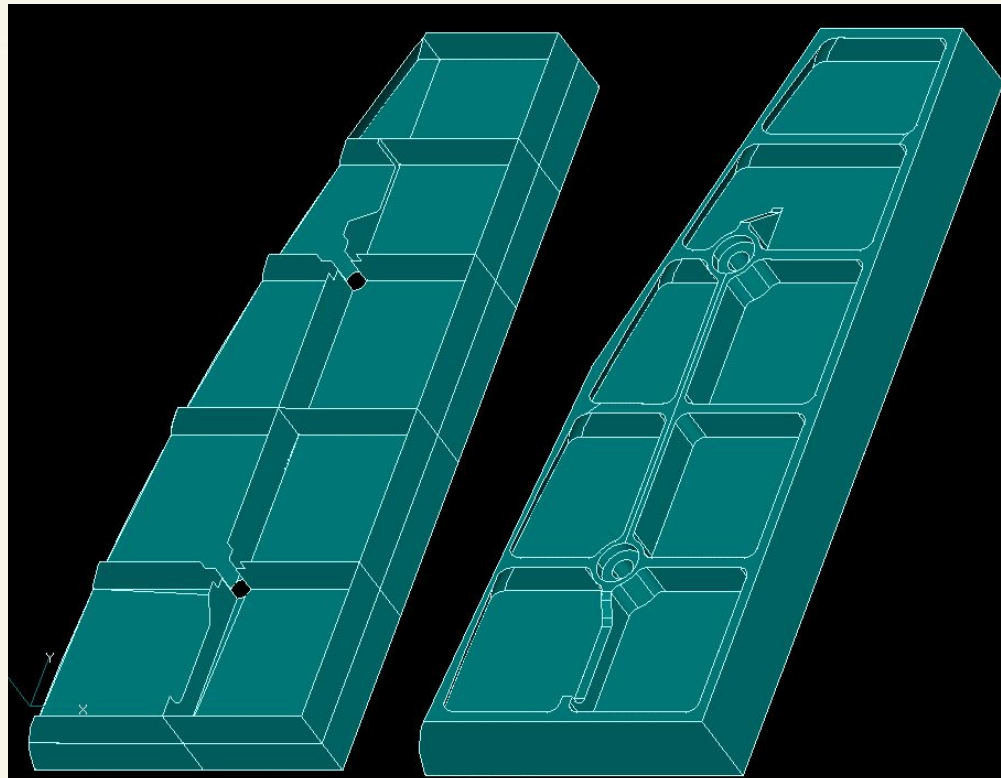
# Creating Mid Plane Models

- **Moderate Case**
  - All but 2 surfaces automatic
  - 35000 nodes, 19000 tetra, vs.
  - 2100 nodes, 2200 parabolic shells (DOF 8:1)



# Creating Mid Plane Models

- **Real CAD Geometry**
  - “Automatic” created about 80% of needed surfaces
  - Manual tools complete surface model in ~15 minutes



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