

# Modelling Magnetic Pulse Crimping

Workshop Impulse Forming & Joining  
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# OCAS combines strengths



**MATERIALS RESEARCH  
CLUSTER GENT**

- Materials Research Cluster
- Initiative with CRM, BIL, Sirris, Flamac, SIM, Clusta, Ghent University

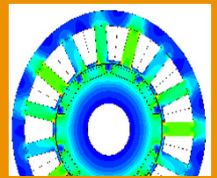
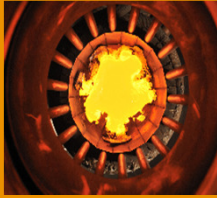


- Metal Structures Centre
- Initiative with Belgian Welding Institute (BIL) and Ghent universities' lab Soete

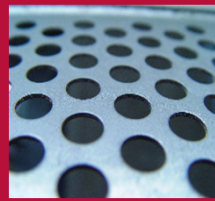
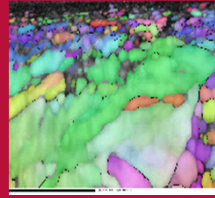


- Metal Processing Centre
- Joint venture with Centre for Research in Metallurgy (CRM)

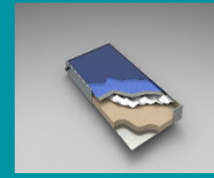
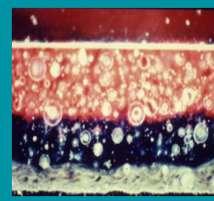
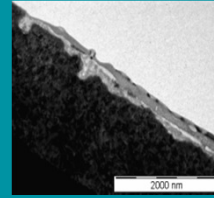
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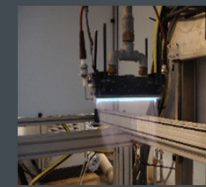
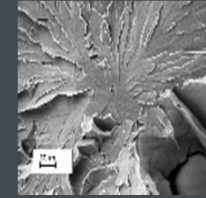
## Durability



## Environment



## Technical Support & Entrepreneurial R&D



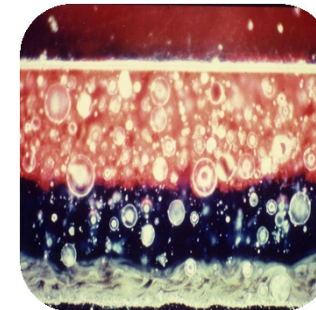
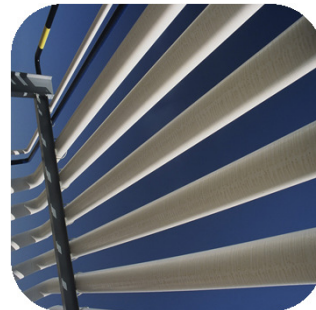
Metallurgy

Surfaces

Applications  
& Solutions

# Metallurgy

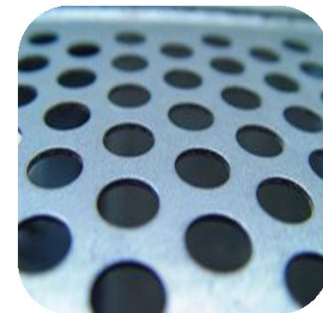
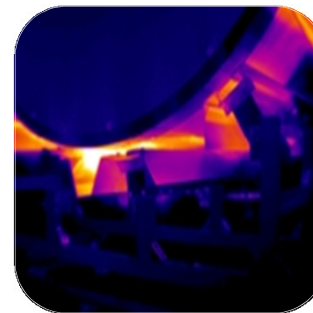
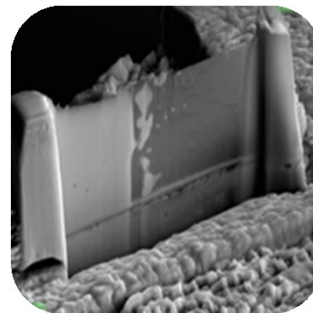
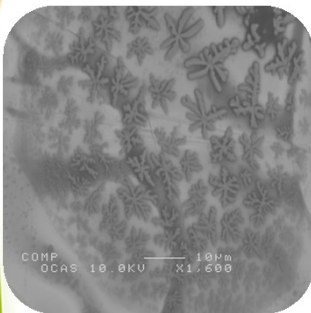
- **Extending product range of ultra high strength steels**
  - ✓ Pearlitic-bainitic-martensitic multiphase grades
  - ✓ Improving hydrogen embrittlement resistance of steel
  - ✓ Optimising hydrogen induced cracking corrosion (HIC) properties
- **Innovative developments for specific applications**
  - ✓ Low loss high permeability electrical steel
  - ✓ Green alternative for direct white enamelling



# Surfaces



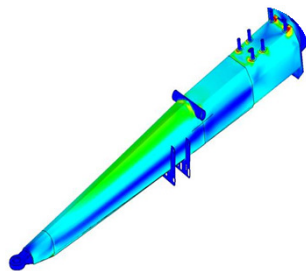
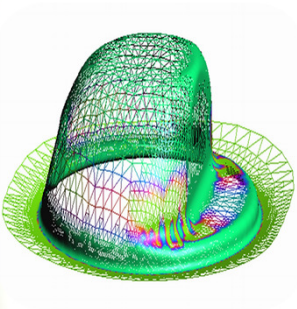
- **Extend durability of metallic coatings**
  - ✓ Mg in metallic coating for long lasting corrosion protection
  - ✓ Wear resistance coatings
- **Develop cost-effective REACH compliant passivation products**
  - ✓ CrVI-free passivations
  - ✓ Ready-to-paint, Ready-to-enamel, Dry lubes
- **Add novel functionalities to coatings**
  - ✓ Organic, metallic & hybrid coatings



# Applications & solutions



- **Product implementation based on finite element simulations**
  - ✓ Co-design & Co-engineering with manufacturer
- **Applied research**
  - ✓ New solution concepts
  - ✓ Communication kits
- **Numerical simulation and validation using real test set-up**



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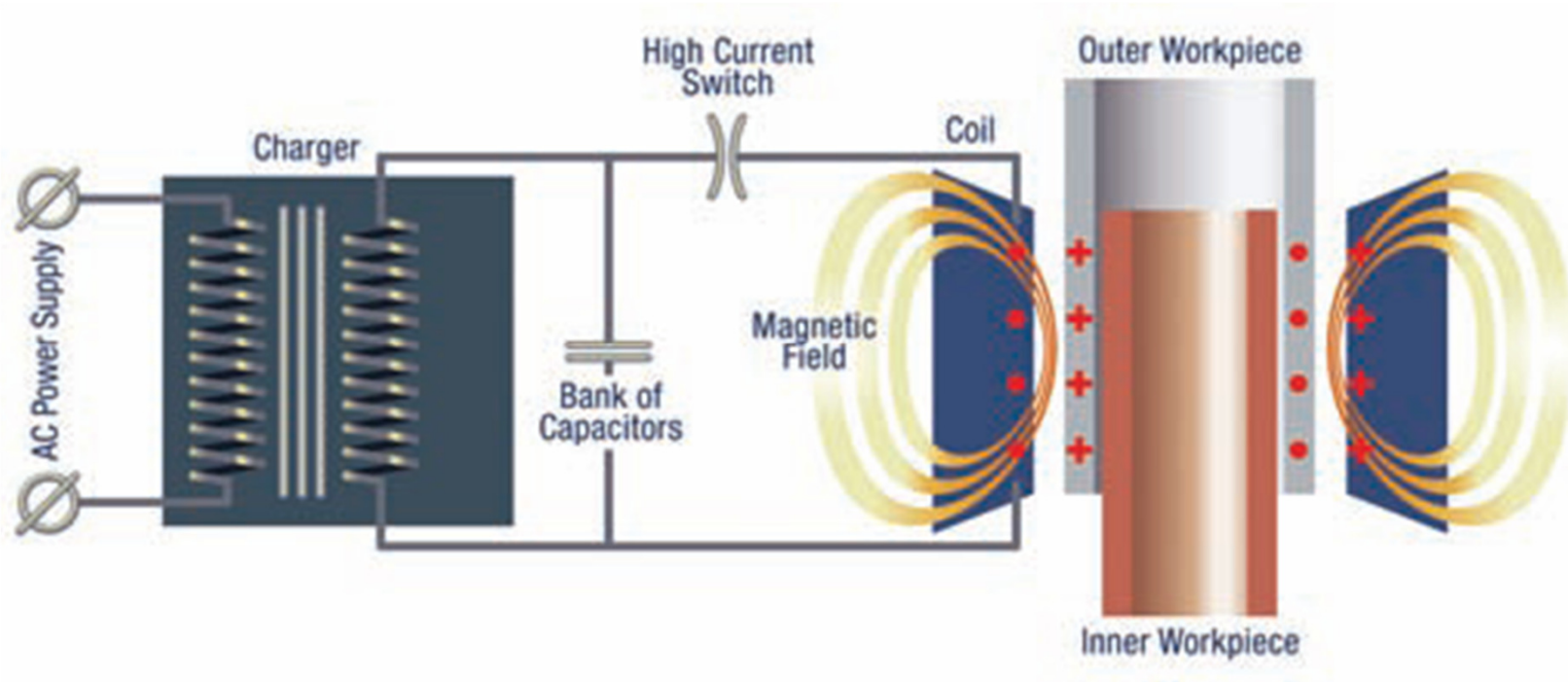
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- What is Magnetic Pulse Crimping?
  - What needs to be modelled?

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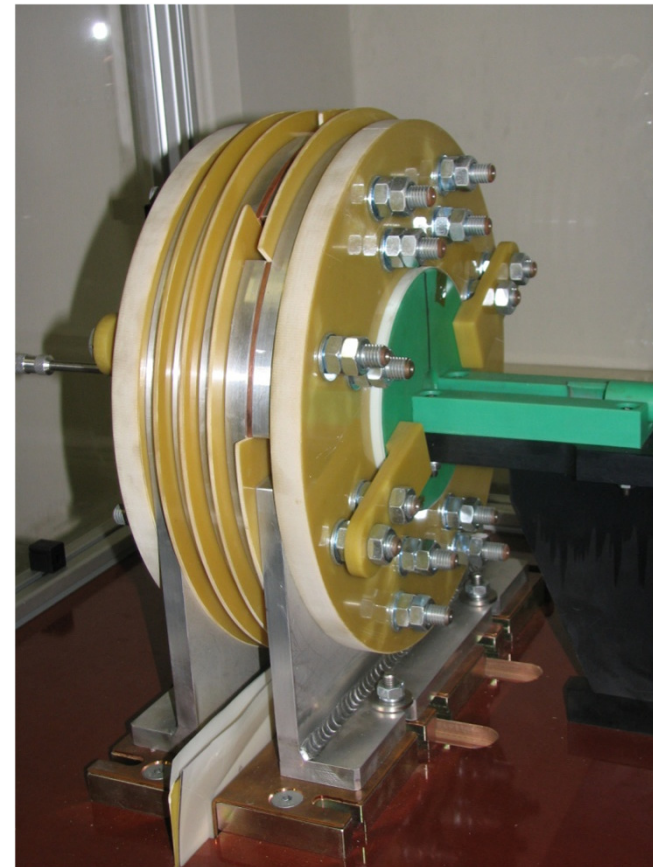
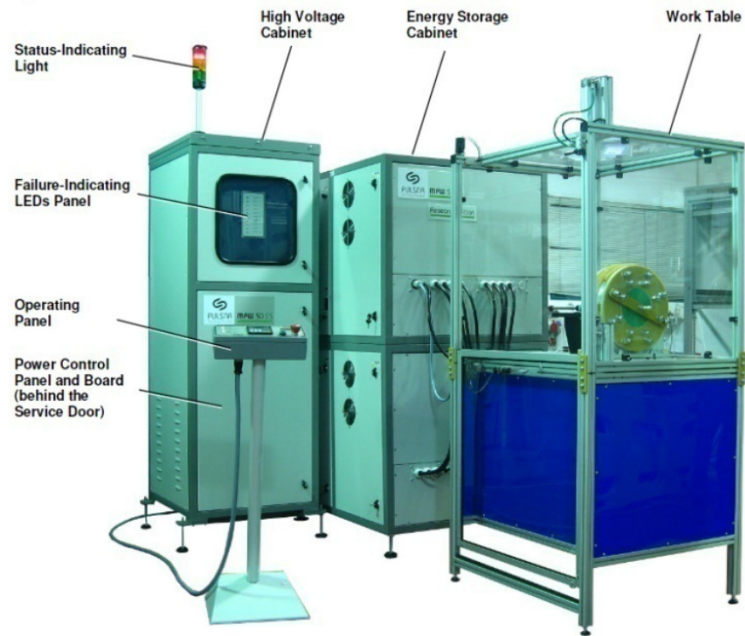
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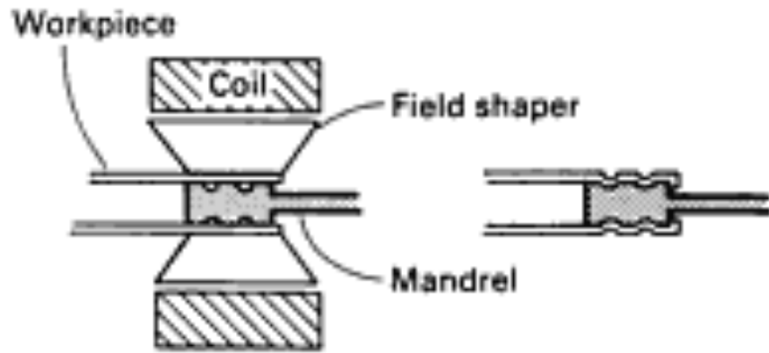
# Equipment @ BIL (Pulsar 50kJ / 25kV)



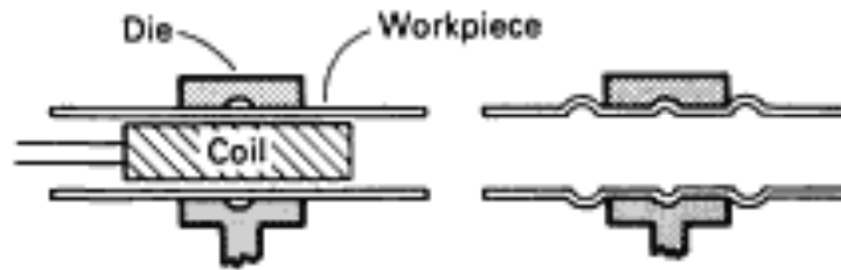
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# Applications

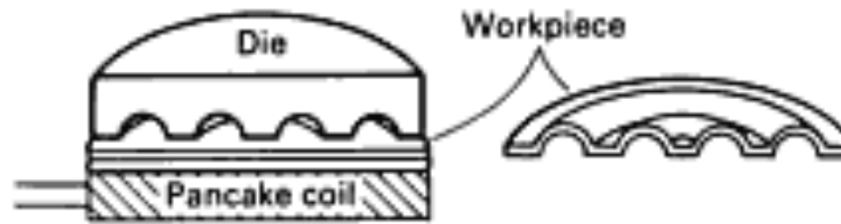
- Tube compression
- Tube expansion
- Sheet metal forming



(a)

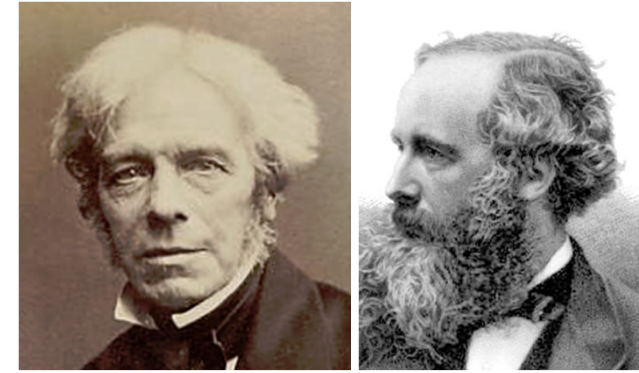


(b)



(c)

# Electro magnetics



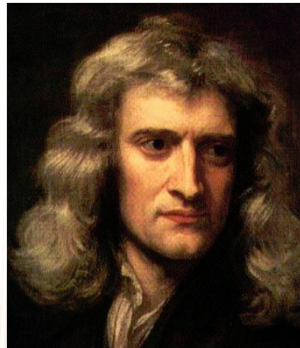
Currents

PulsCrimp  
Physics

Heat

# Heat transport

Forces

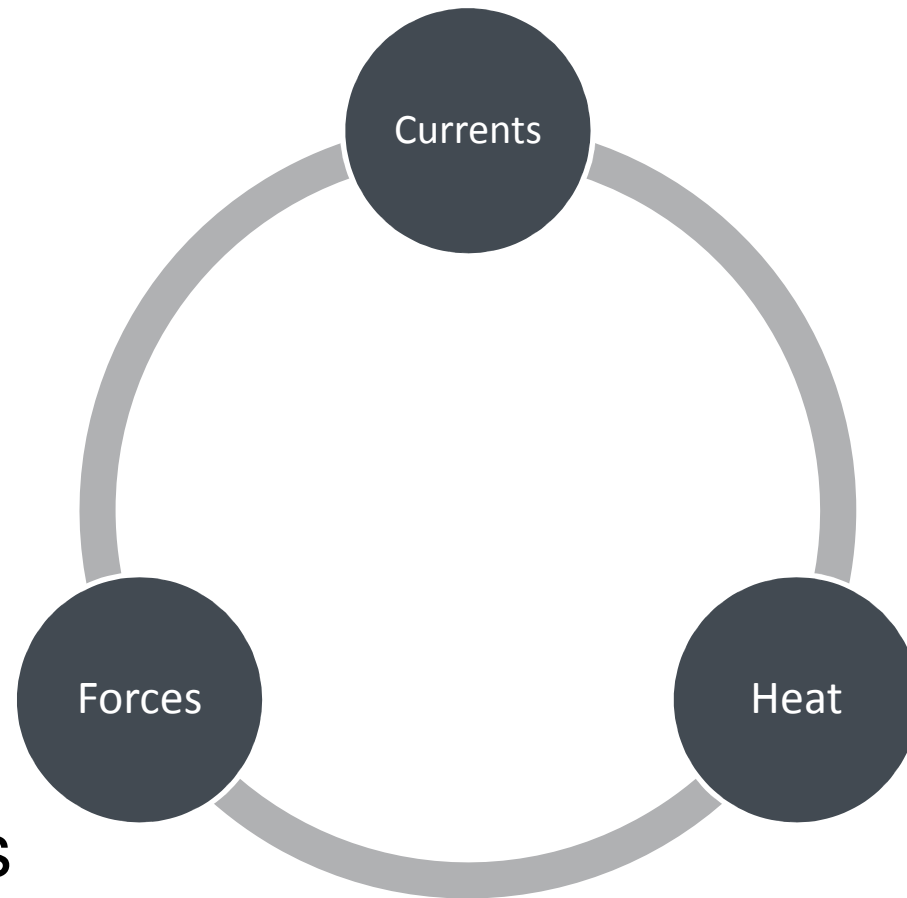


# Mechanics

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# Electro magnetics

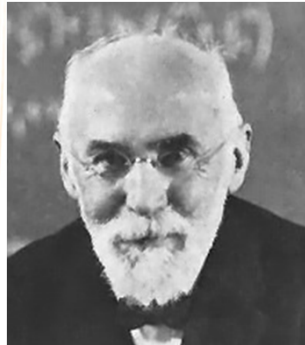


Mechanics

Heat  
transport

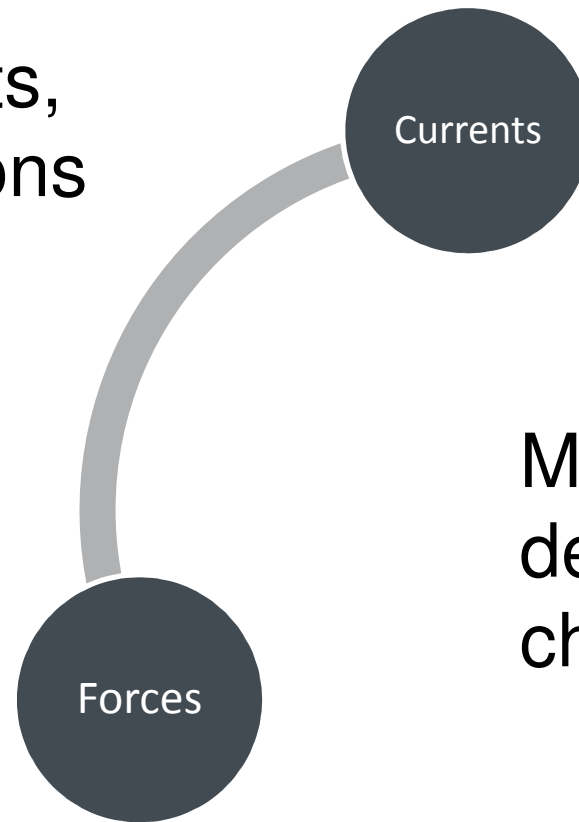


Currents cause forces, movements, deformations



Mechanics

Electro  
magnetics



Movements and deformations cause change in currents



Plastic deformation  
causes heating

Heating causes  
softening

Mechanics

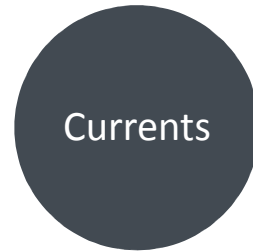


Heat  
transport

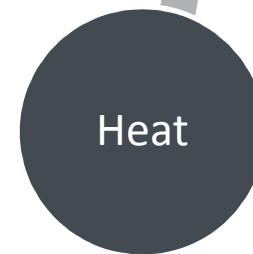


Electro  
magnetics

Heating causes  
higher resistance



current causes  
heating



Heat  
transport

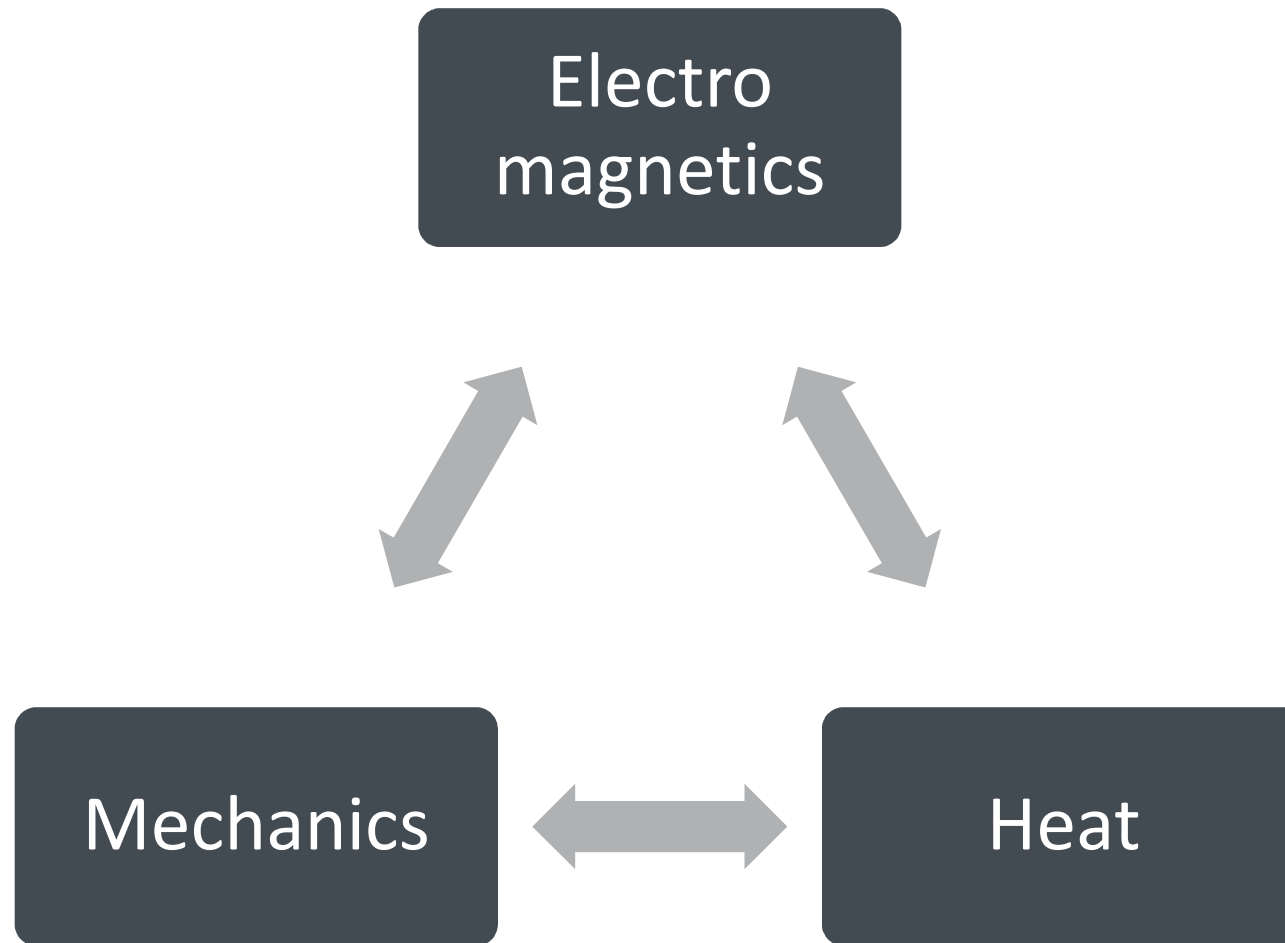


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# Coupled multiphysics



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# Purpose of modelling

- **ElectroMagnetic Forming is complex: many relevant material and process parameters**
  - ✓ Material of work piece
    - ElectroMagnetic properties:  $\sigma$  (or  $\rho$ ),  $\mu$
    - Mechanical properties
      - Elastic:  $E$ ,  $\nu$
      - Plastic:  $\sigma_y$ , hardening
      - Viscoplastic: strain rate dependency, damping
    - Thermal properties:  $C_p$ ,  $(k)$
  - ✓ Process
    - Geometry
      - Coil
      - Field shaper
      - Work piece
      - Mandrel
    - Electrical ( $U_0$ ,  $C$ )
- **Reduce needs for experiments**

# Challenges of modelling

- **Multiphysics**

- ✓ Electric circuit (Kichhoff)
- ✓ ElectroMagnetic induction (Faraday)
- ✓ Plasticity (von Mises)
- ✓ Dynamics (Newton)
- ✓ Electric heating (Joule)
- ✓ Plastic work heating (Taylor-Quinney)

- **Interactions**

- ✓ EM – Mech
- ✓ EM – Therm
- ✓ Mech – Therm

- **Highly nonlinear !**

# Simulation tools

- Pre-2005: academic codes
- Now: commercial multiphysics
  - ✓ Comsol
  - ✓ ANSYS
- MagPuls (2008-2009) – Comsol 3.5
- PulsCrimp (2011-2012) – Comsol 4.2, now 4.3a
- New needs – new capabilities

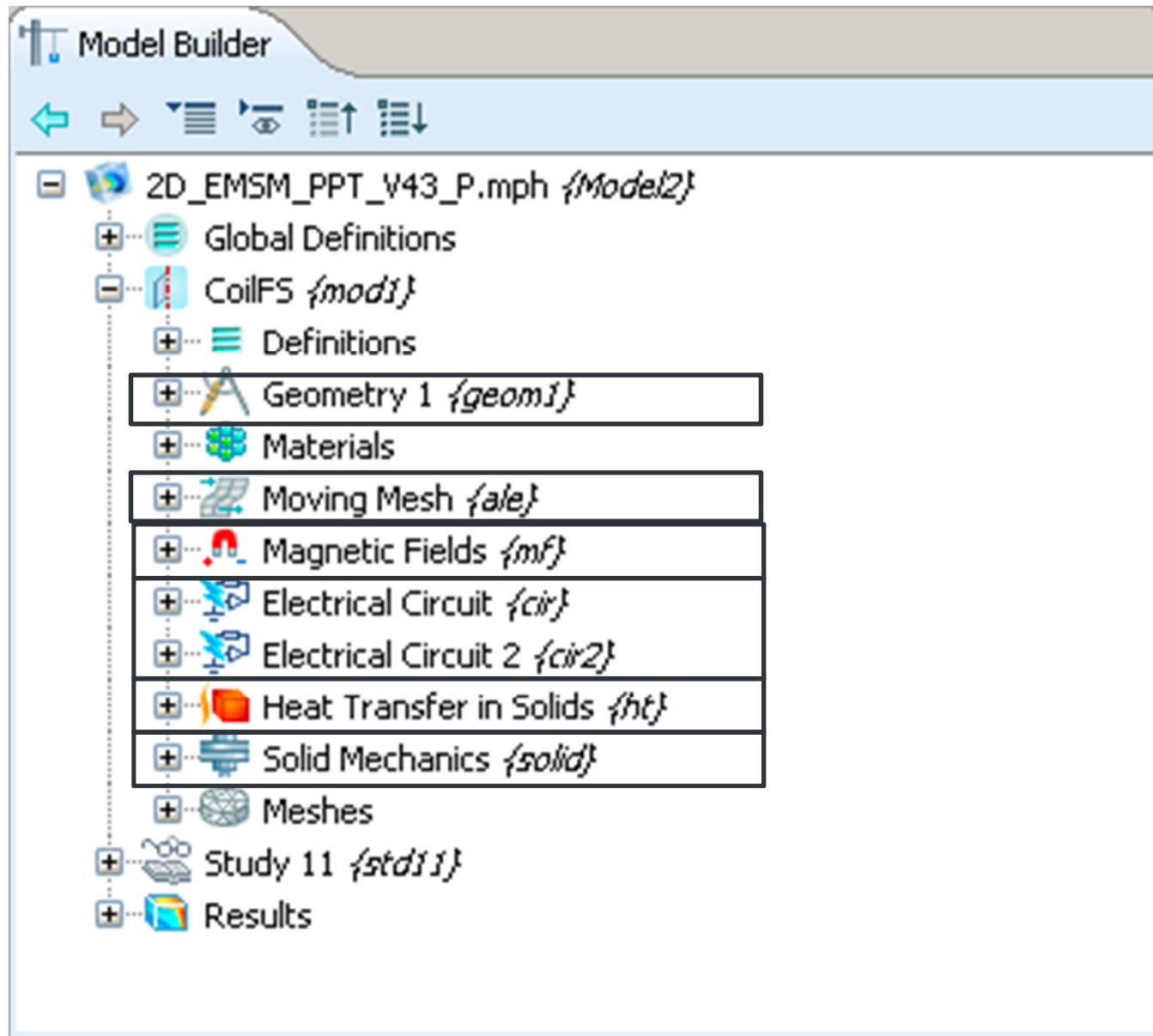
# New needs for PulsCrimp

- **Large deformations**
  - ✓ Strong influence of deformation on EM solution
- **Contact**
  - ✓ More complex mandrel geometry
- **Stresses in coil and field shaper**



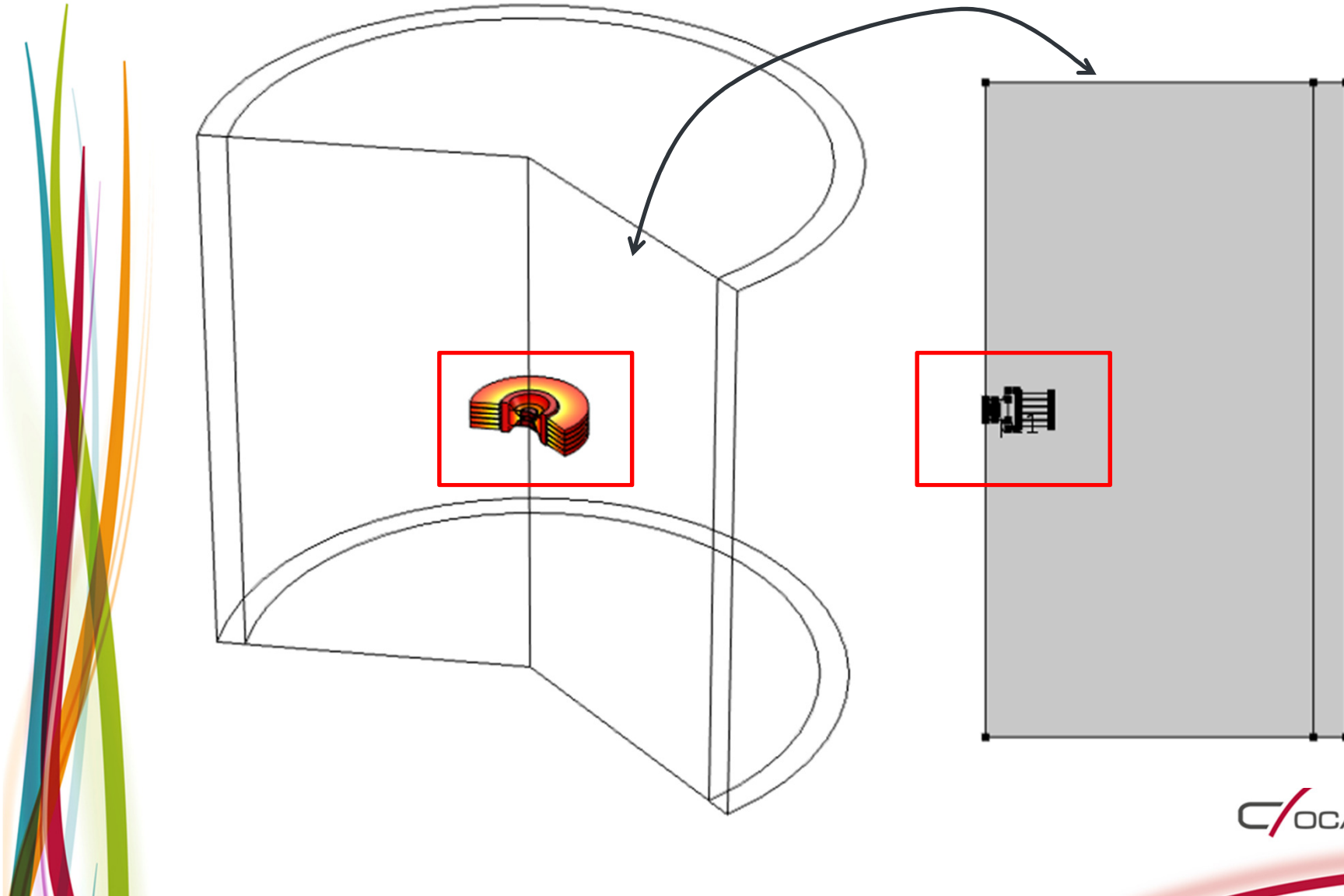
# New capabilities

- **Electric circuit – EM solver**
- **Moving mesh in gaps**
  - ✓ between field shaper and work piece
  - ✓ Between work piece and mandrel
- **Automatic remeshing**
  - ✓ In gaps
  - ✓ Near contact
- **Better computing hardware**



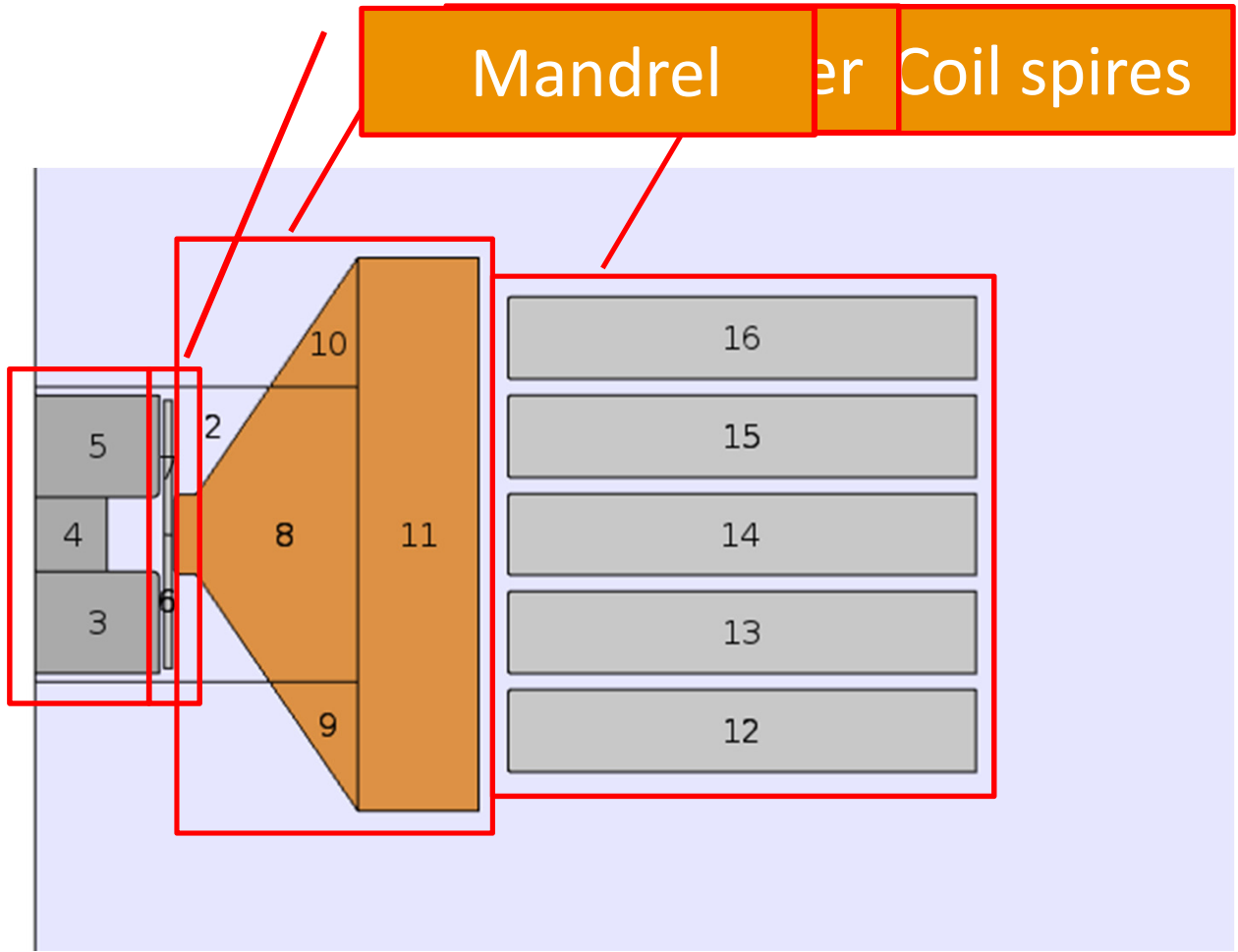
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# Geometry: 2D Axisymmetrical



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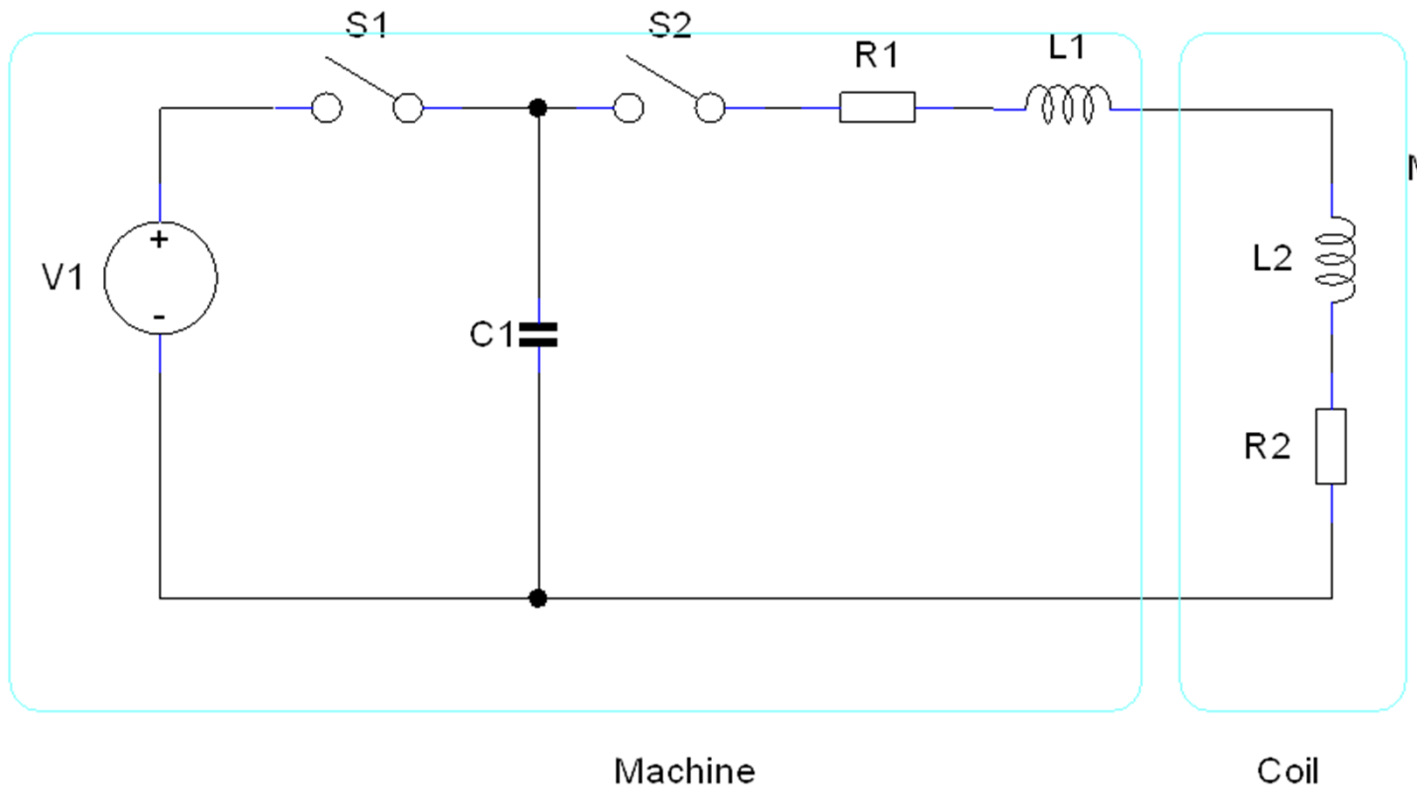




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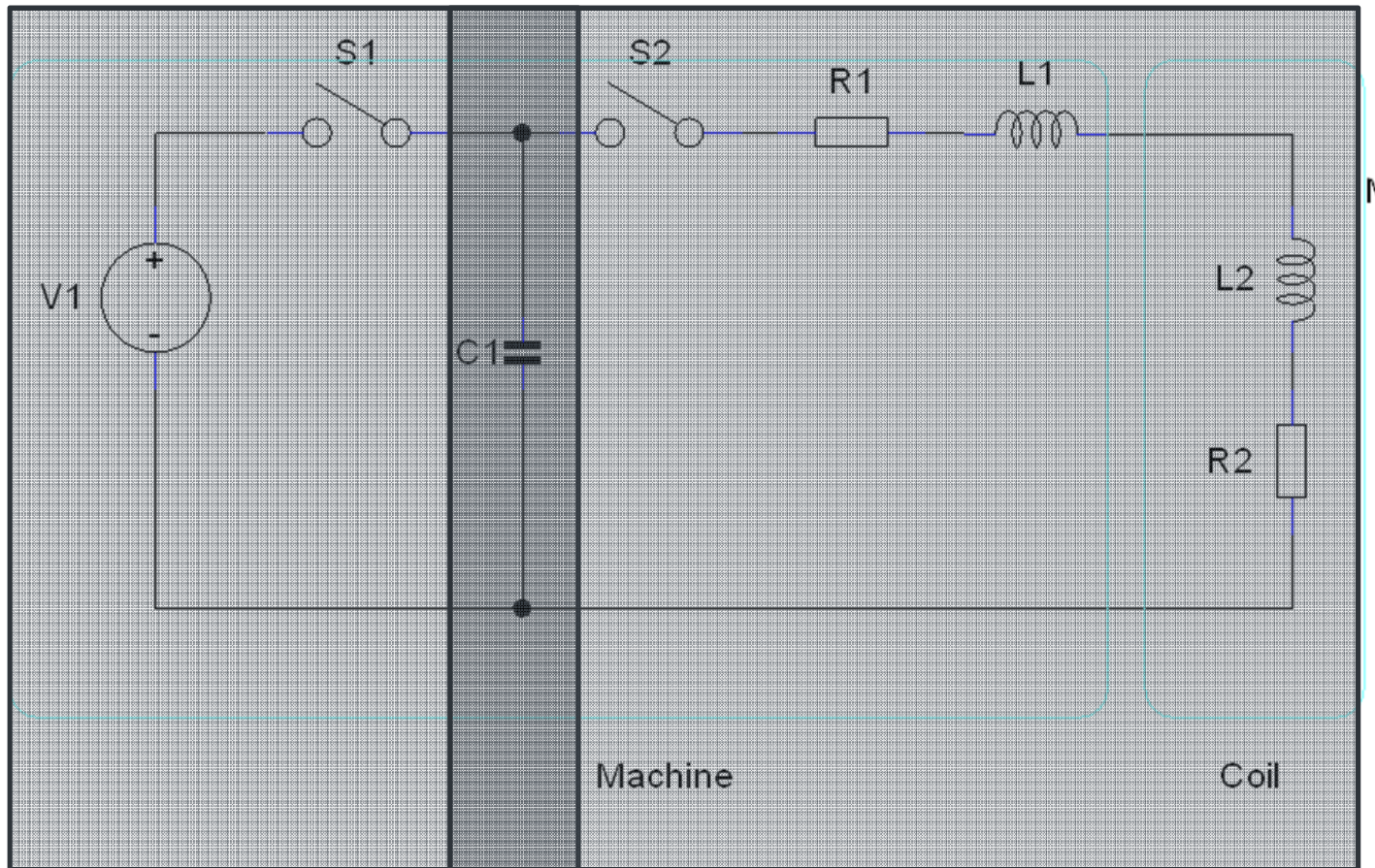


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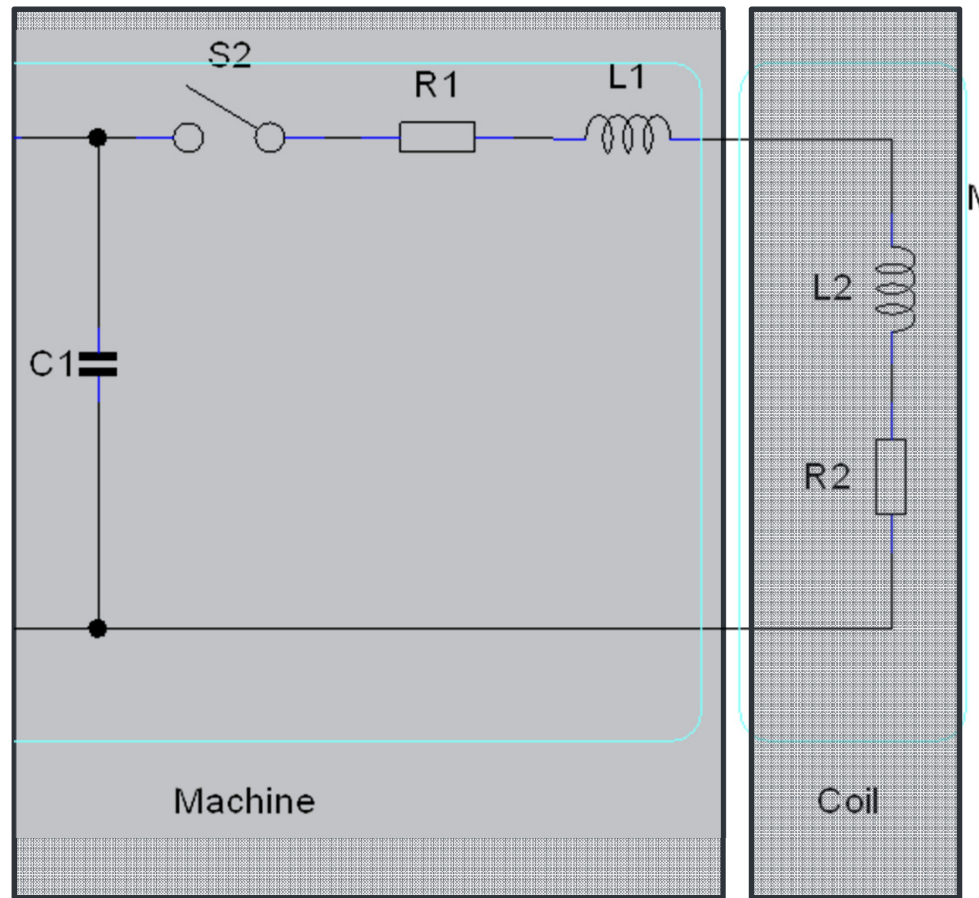
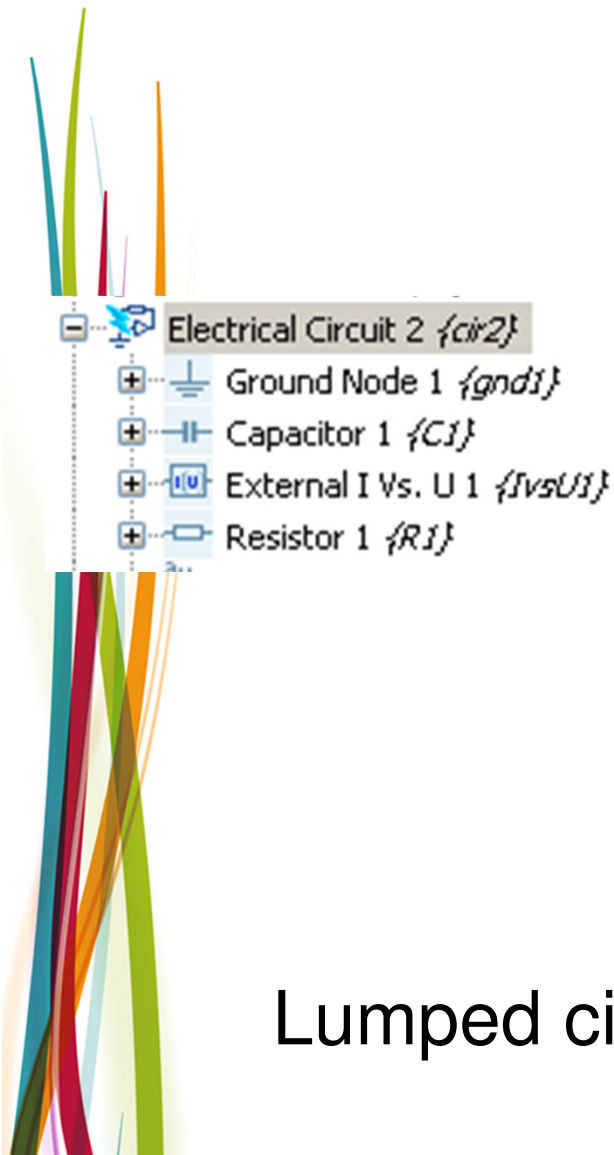
# Lumped circuit – Finite Element



Charging circuit    Discharging circuit

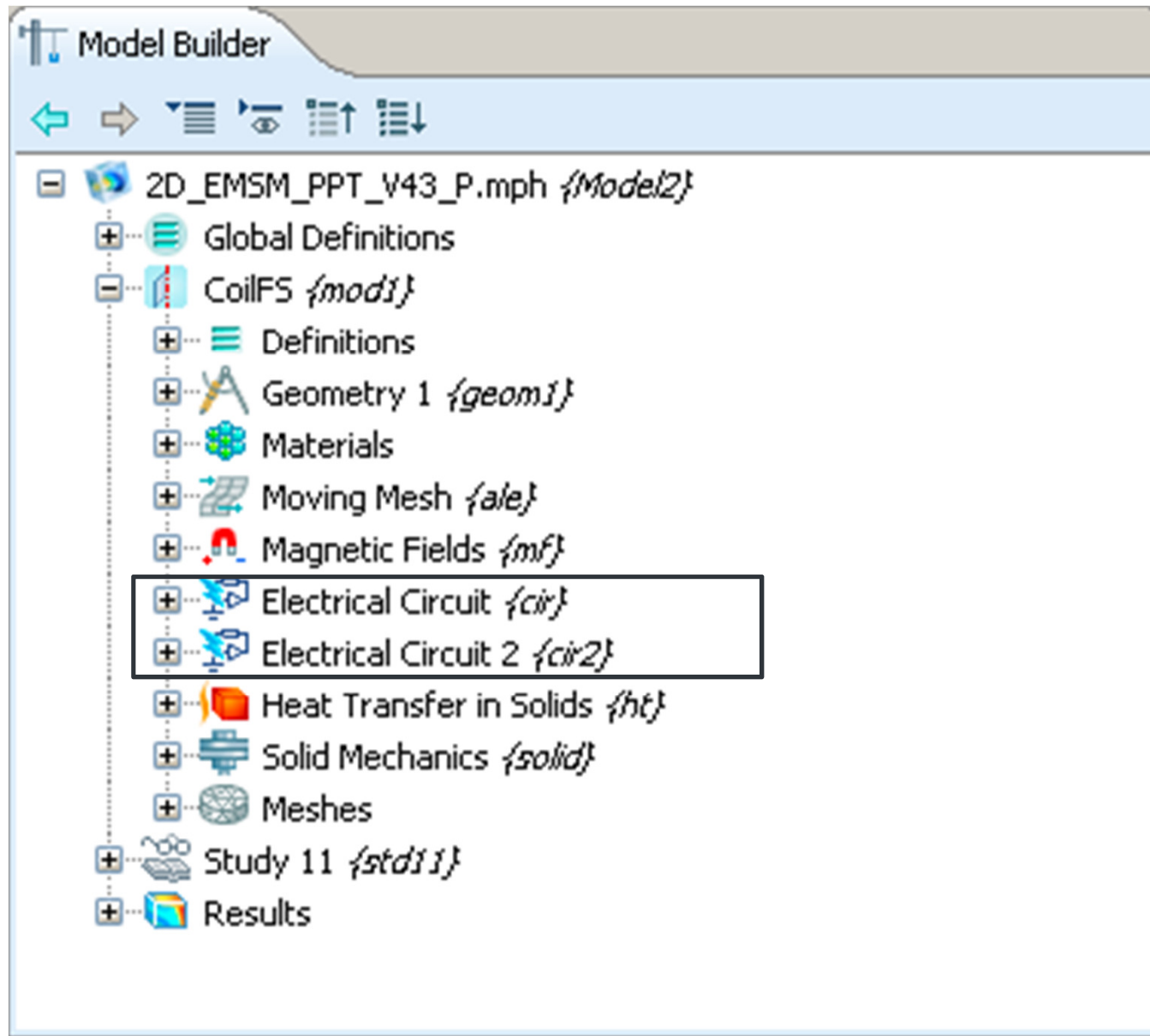


# Lumped circuit – Finite Element



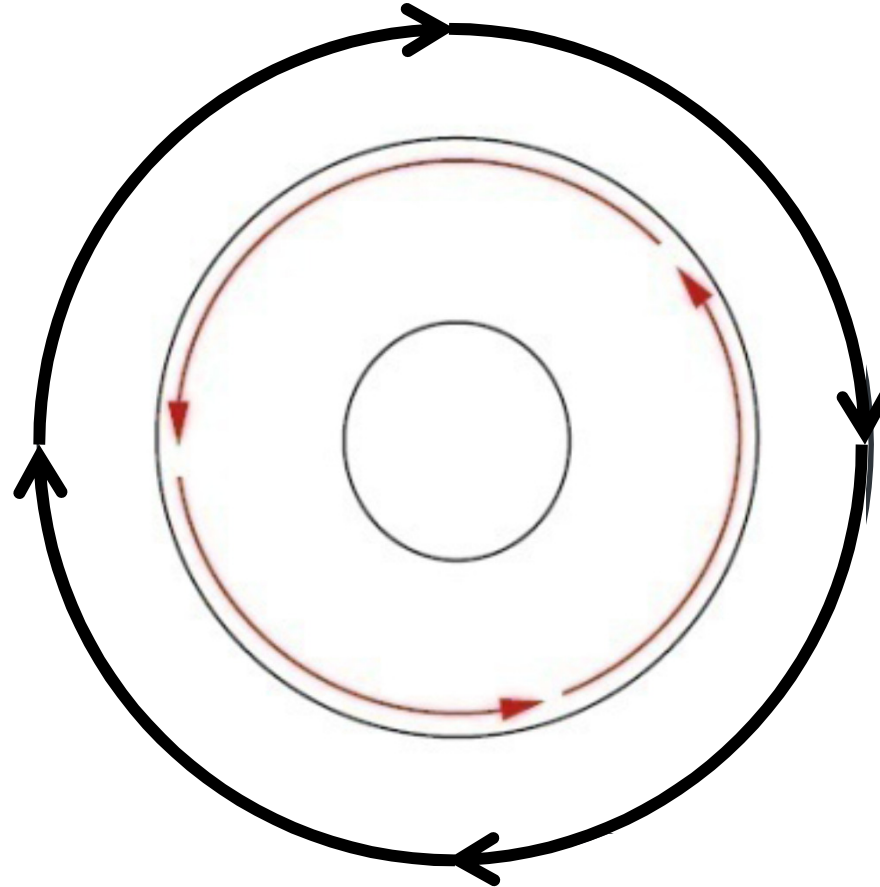
Lumped circuit    Finite Element Model





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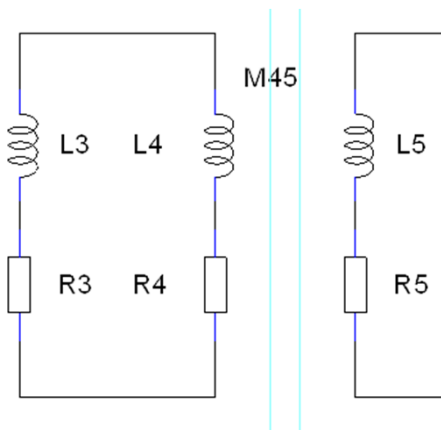
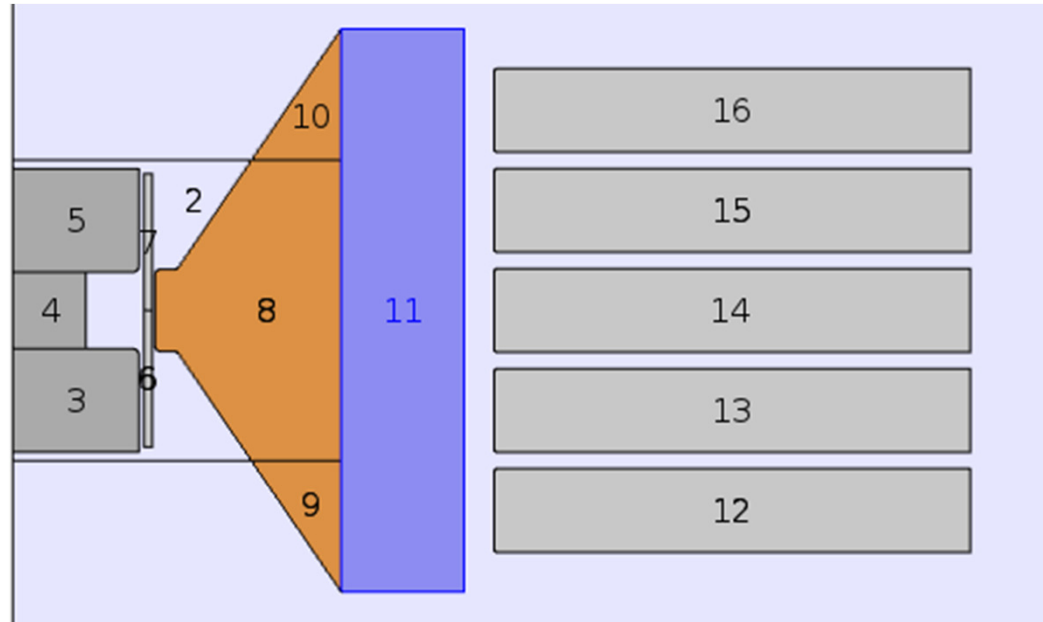
# Coil and Field Shaper seen from top



Slit in field shaper :  
no longer Axisymmetrical

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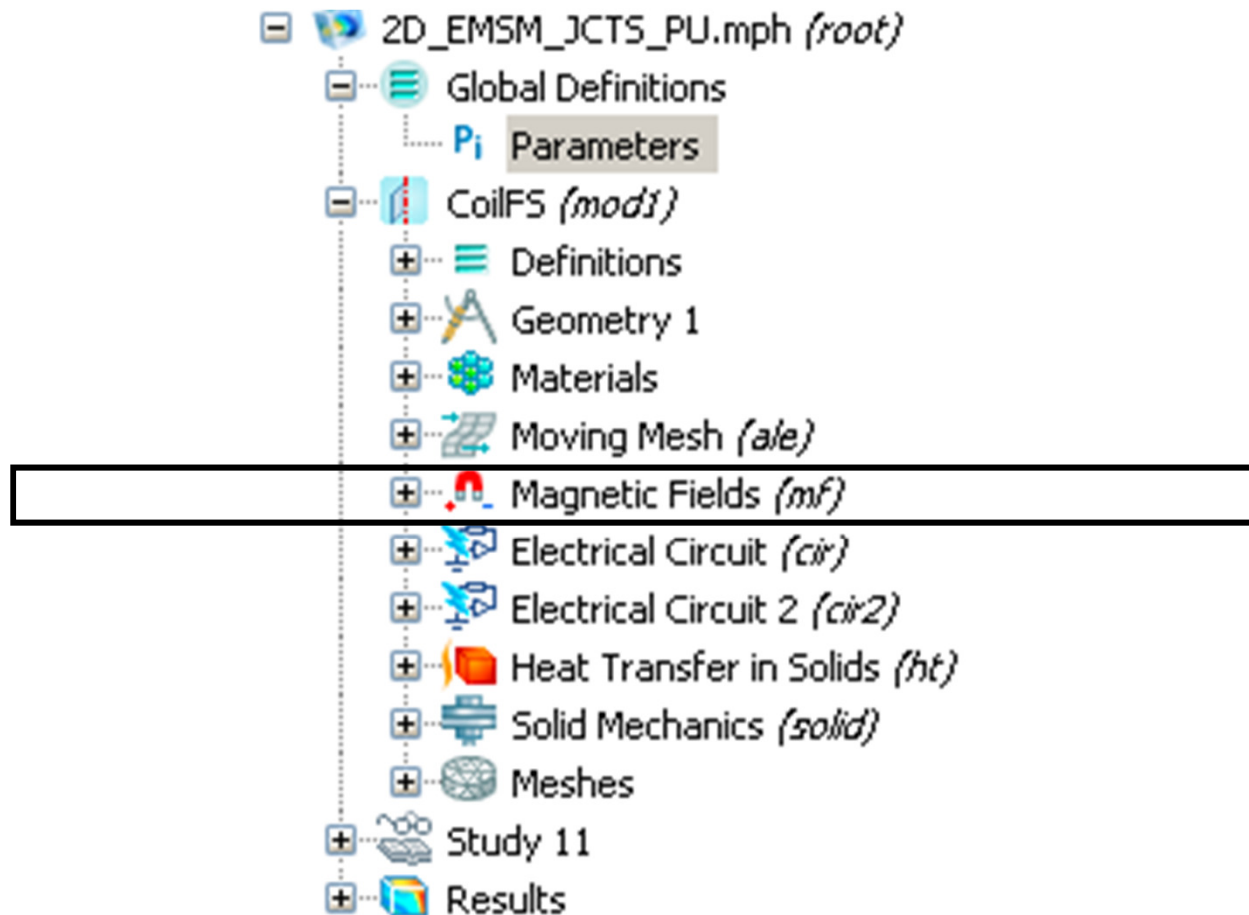
# Divided field shaper with circuit



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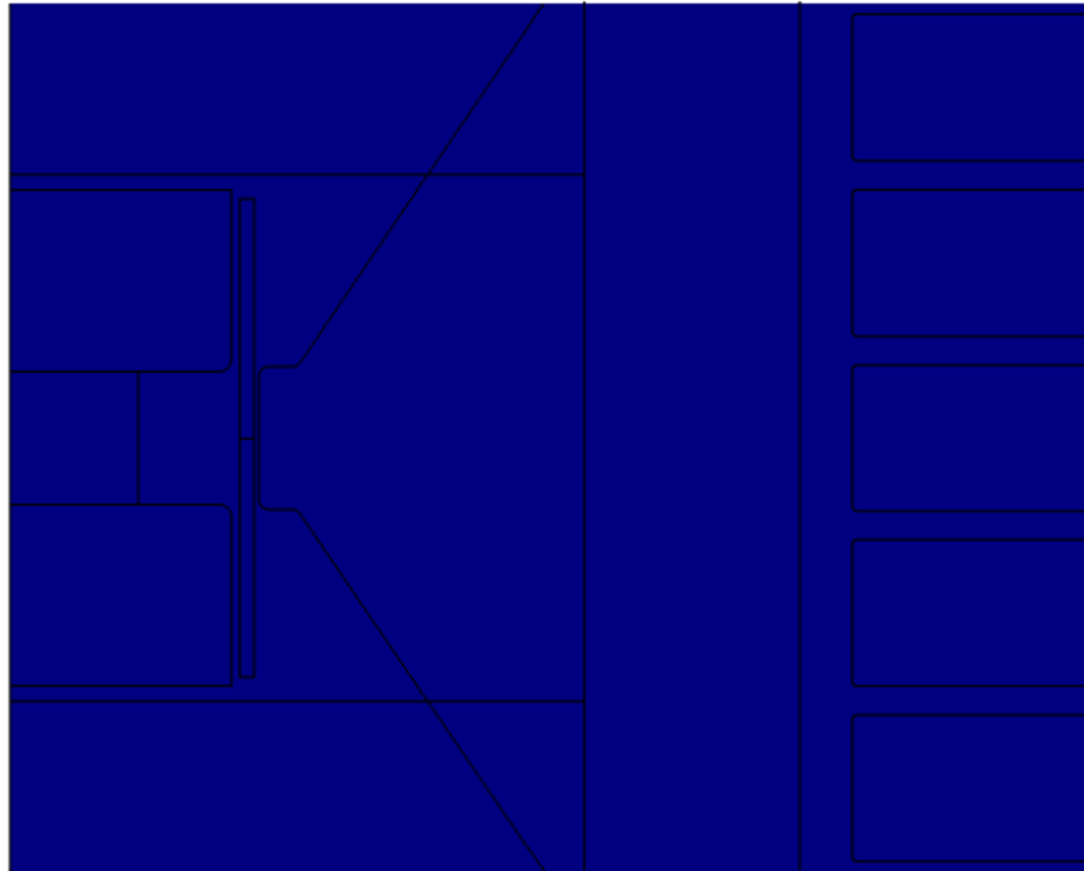
# Multiphysics model: Magnetic Fields



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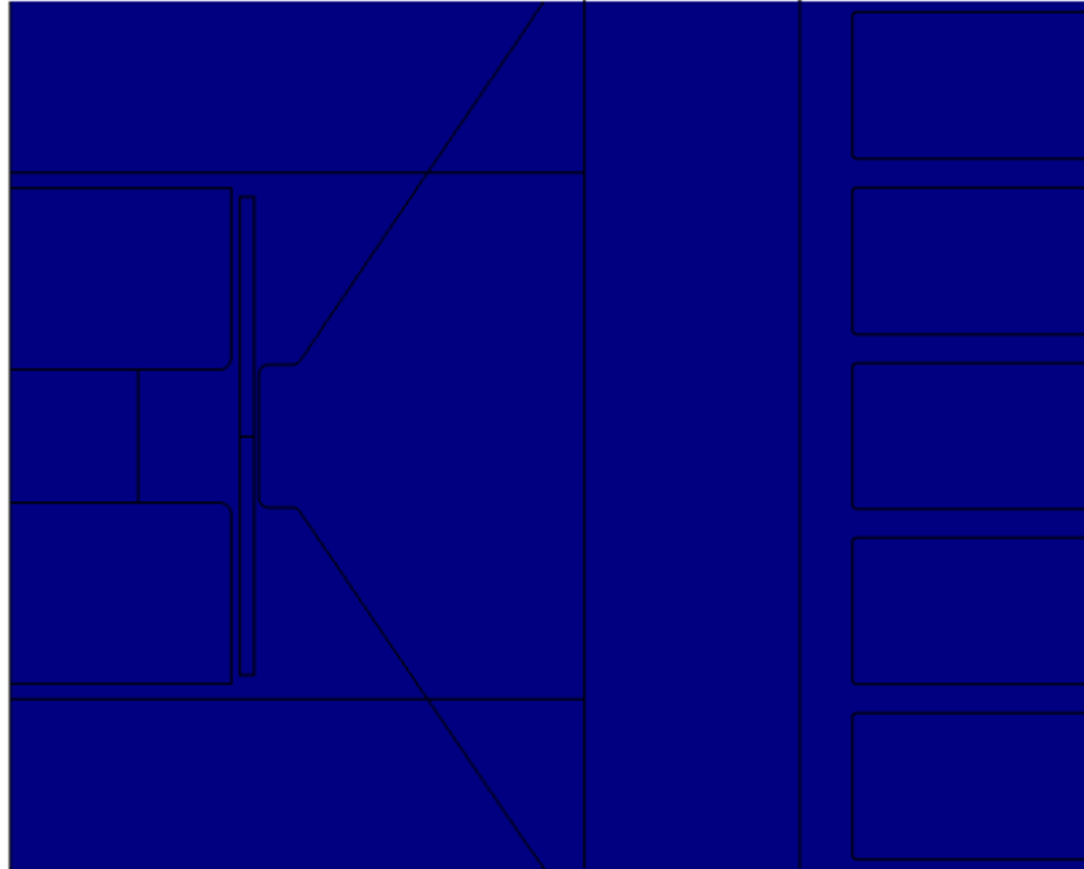


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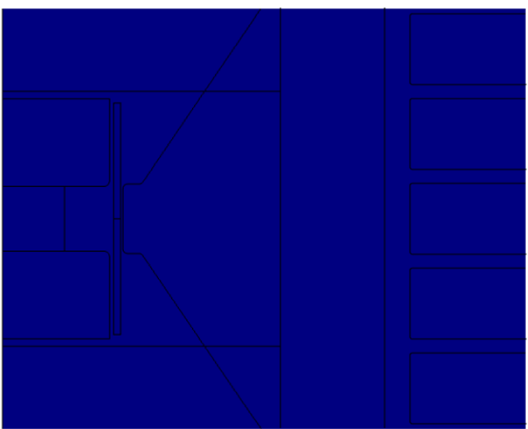
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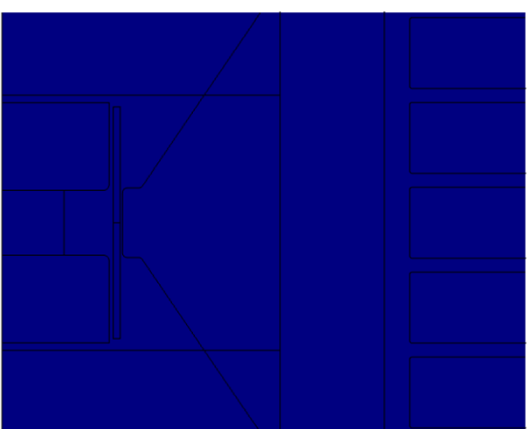




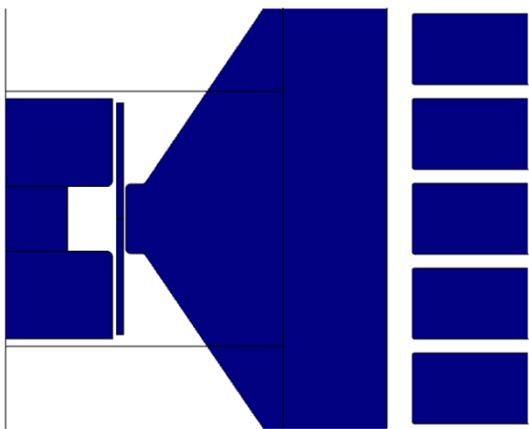
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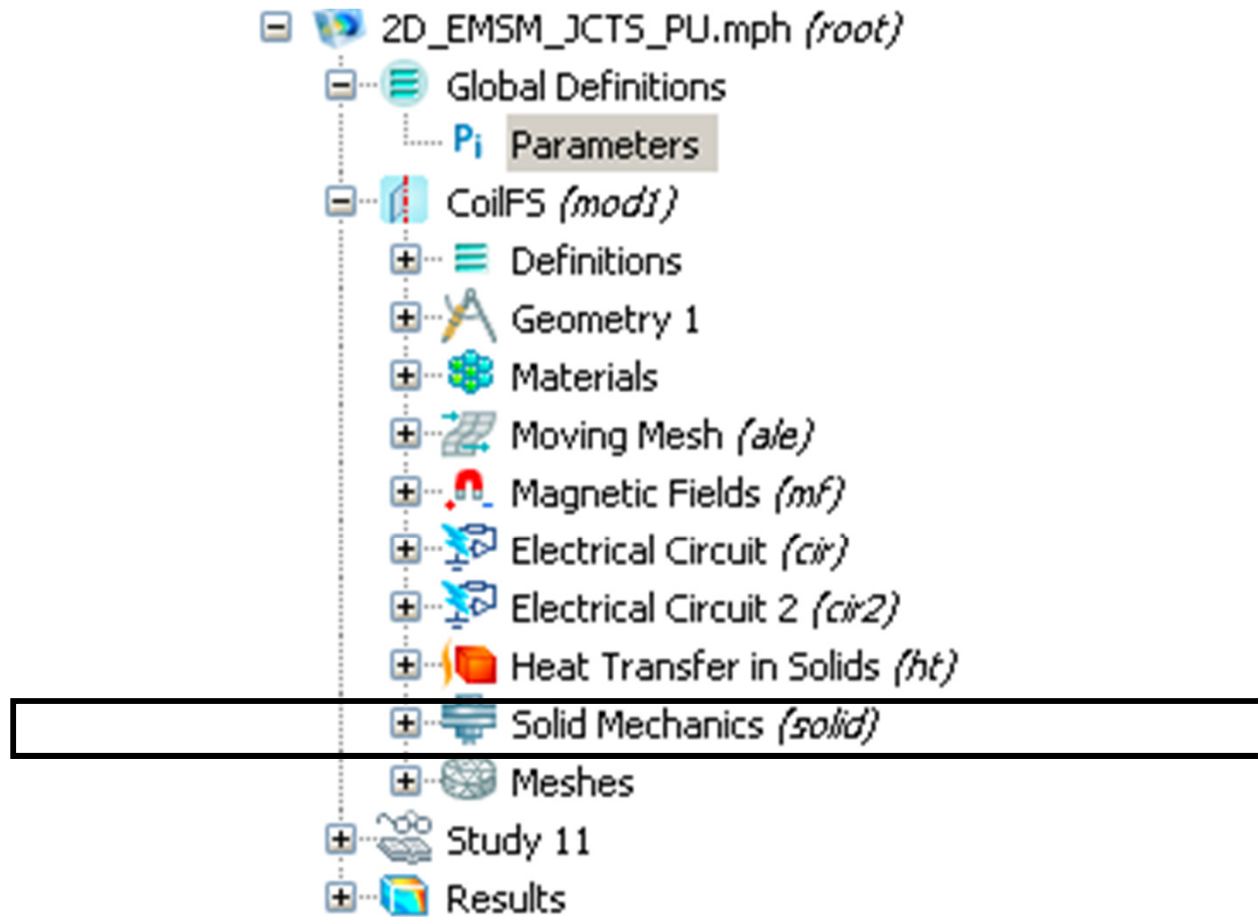


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# Multiphysics model: Solid Mechanics



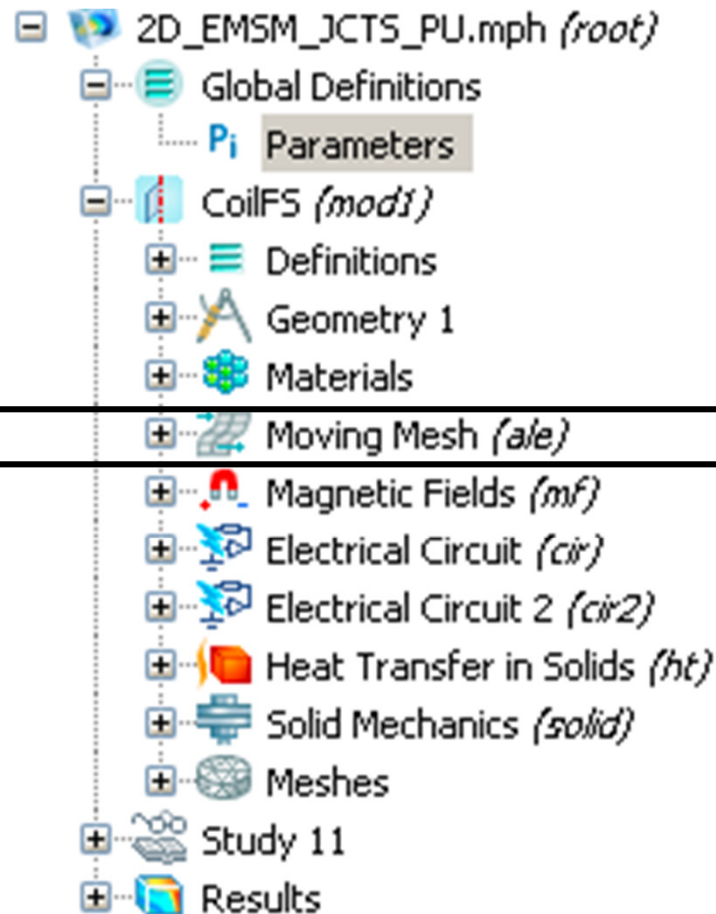
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# Solid Mechanics

- **Input**
  - ✓ Lorentz forces as body load
- **Results**
  - ✓ Displacements / deformations
  - ✓ (Plastic) strains
  - ✓ Stresses
- **Utility**
  - ✓ Predicts final shape
  - ✓ Useful for tool design / durability prediction

# Multiphysics model: Moving Mesh





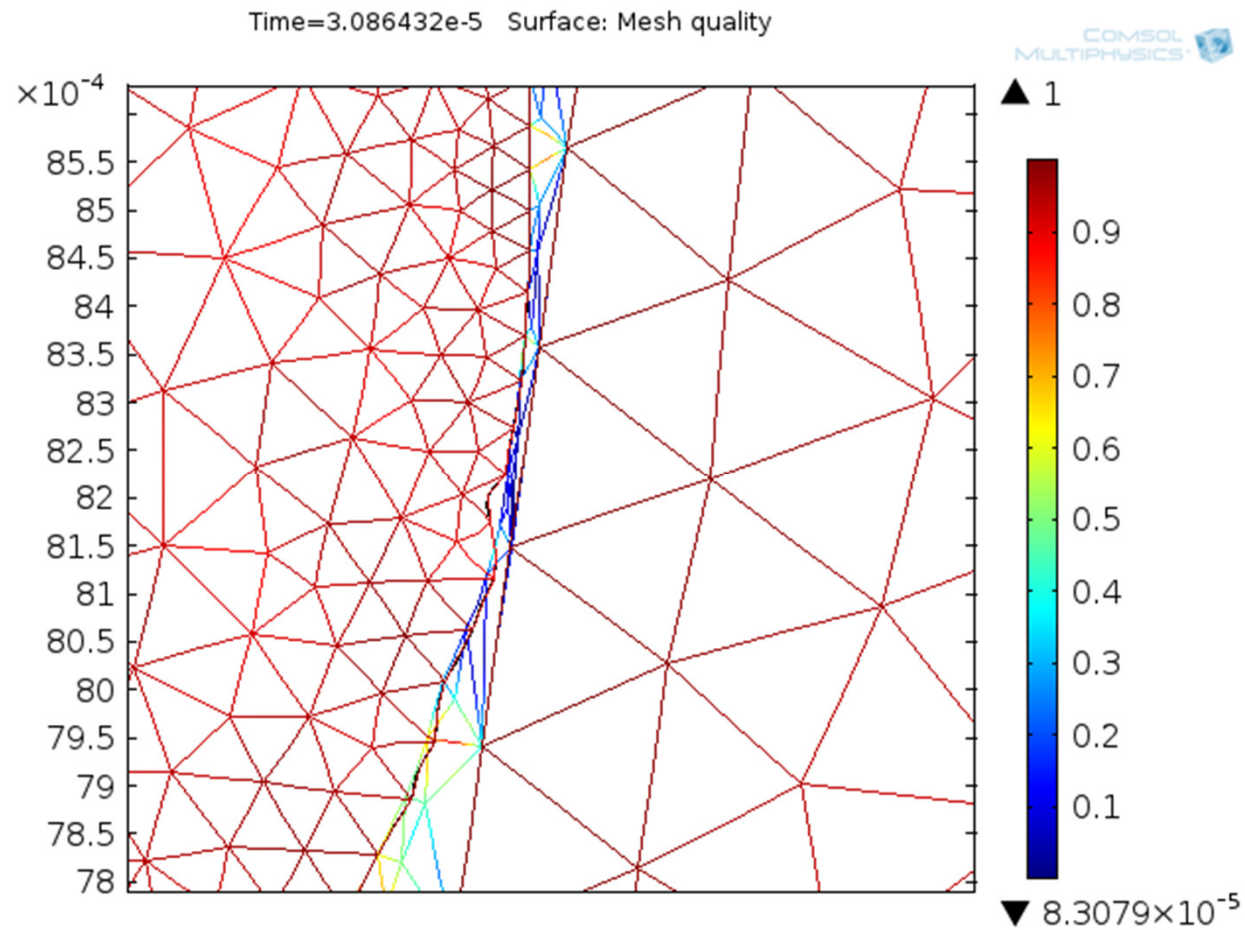
- **Large deformations :**

- ✓ meshes highly deformed
- ✓ Convergence problems

- **Solution**

- ✓ Moving meshes
- ✓ Automatic remeshing when quality low

# Contact offset necessary

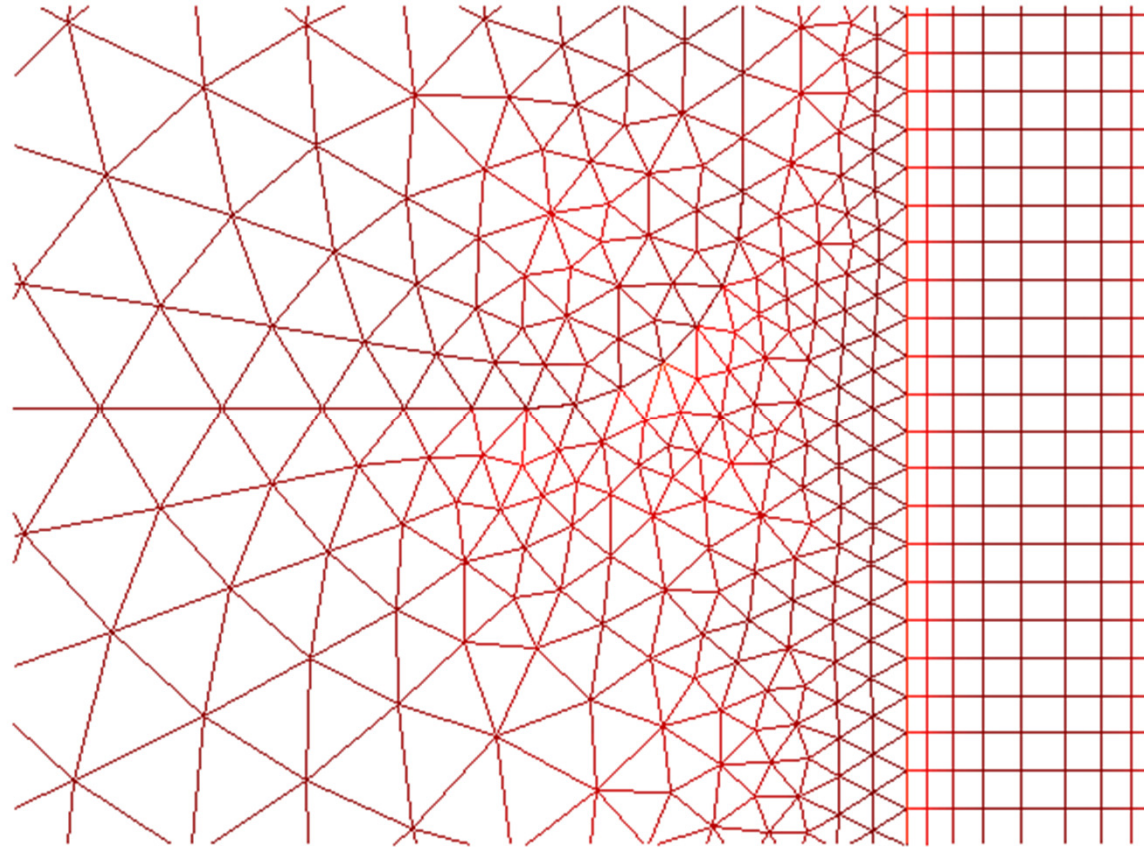


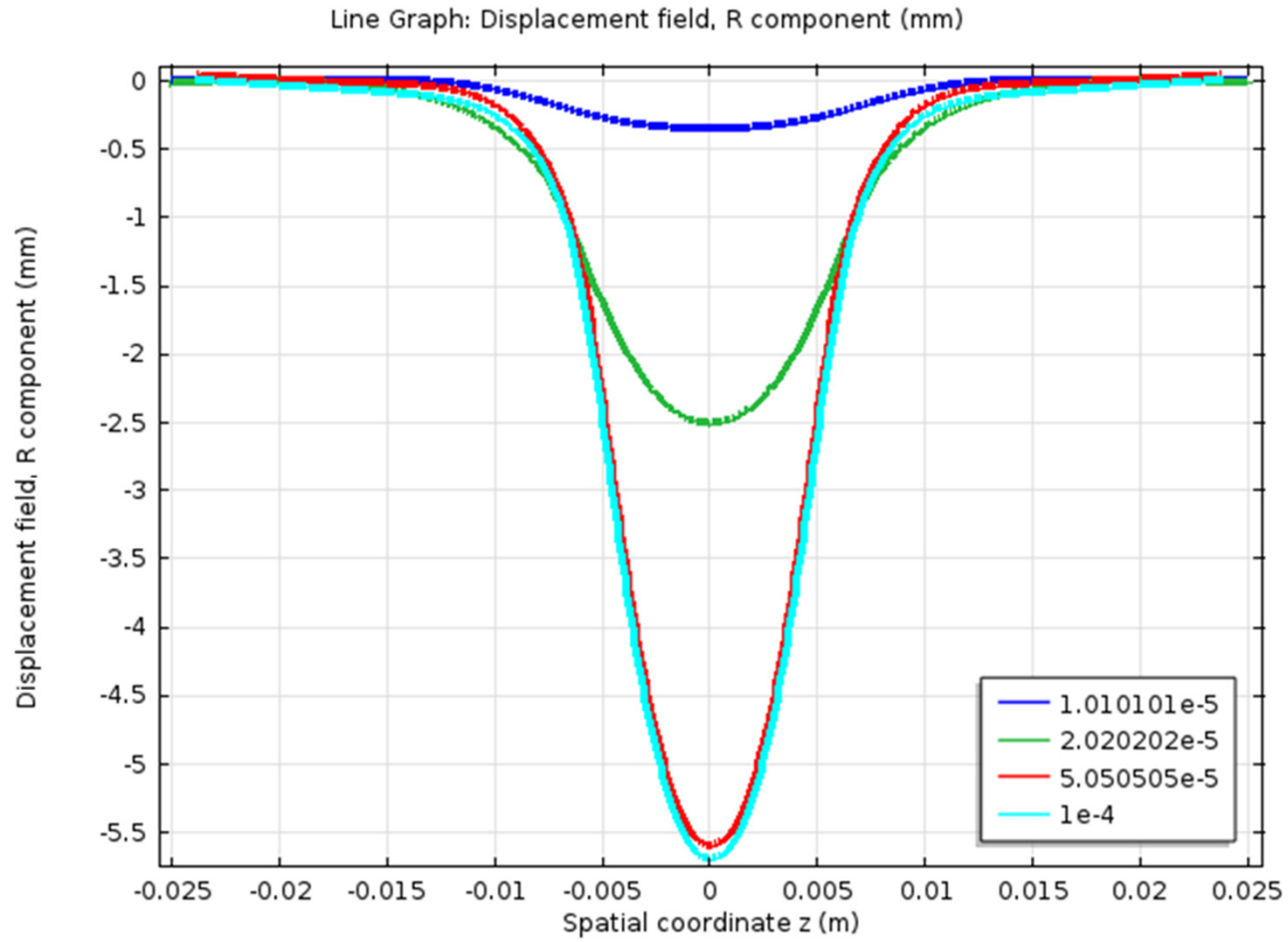
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Time=0 Surface: Mesh quality

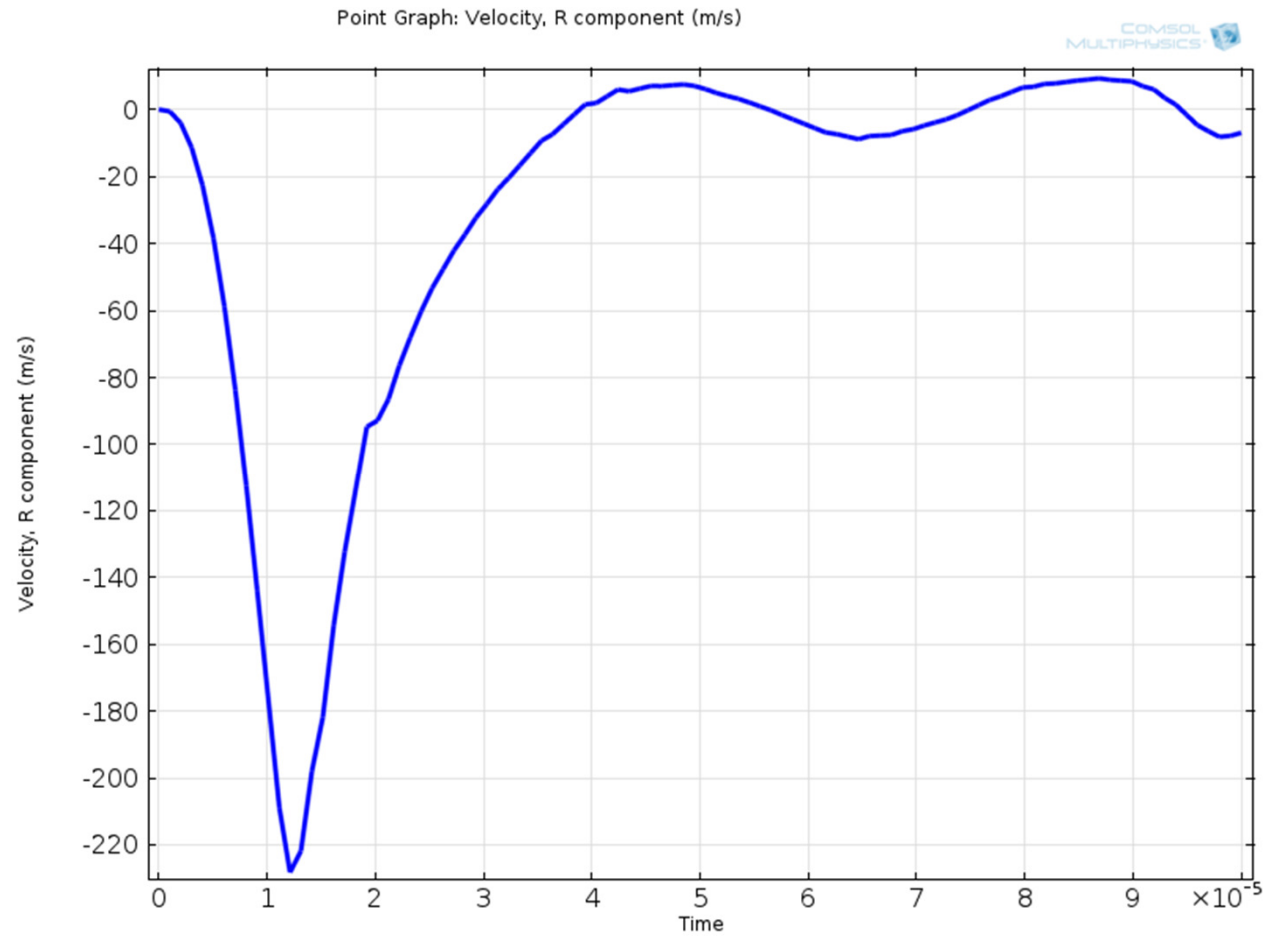




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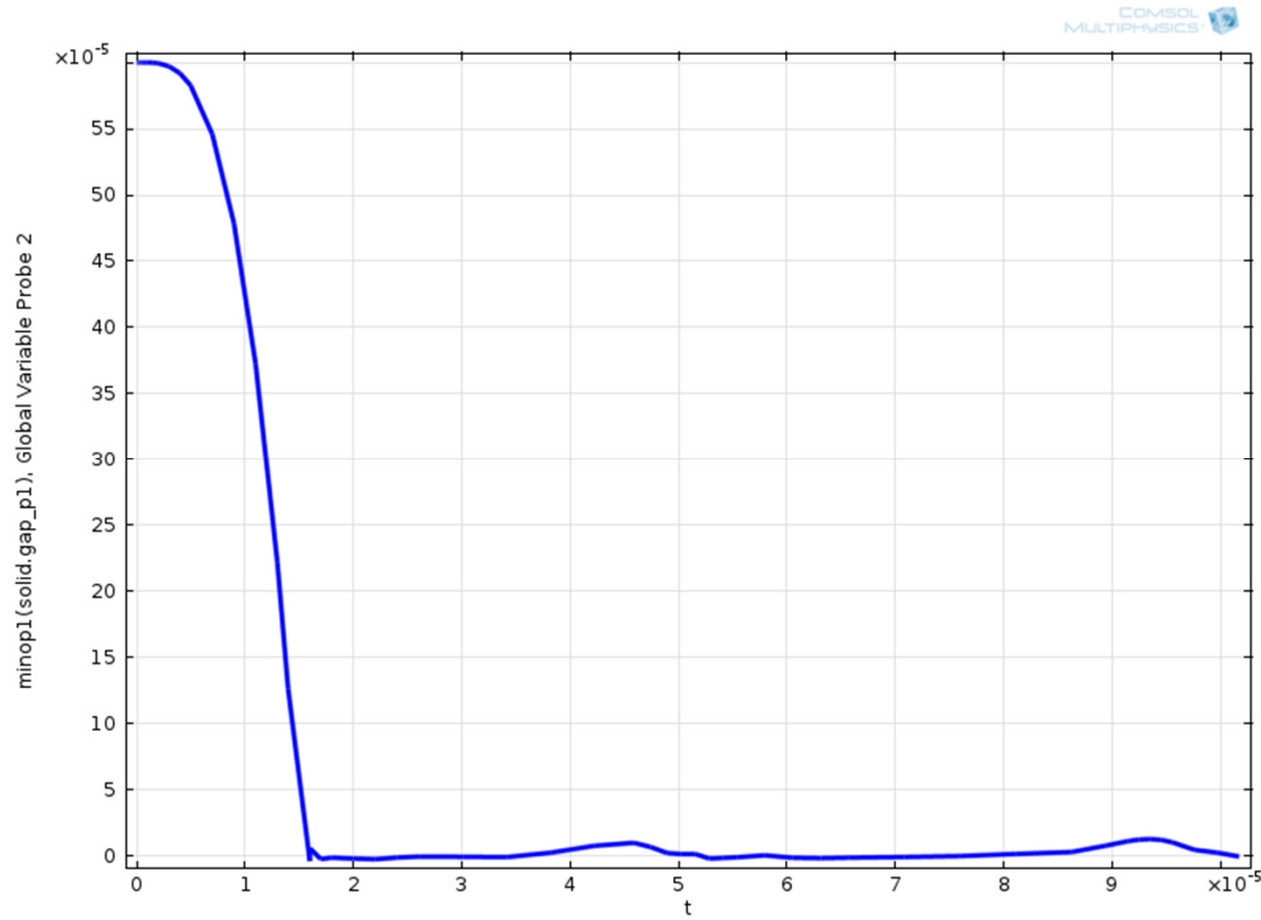
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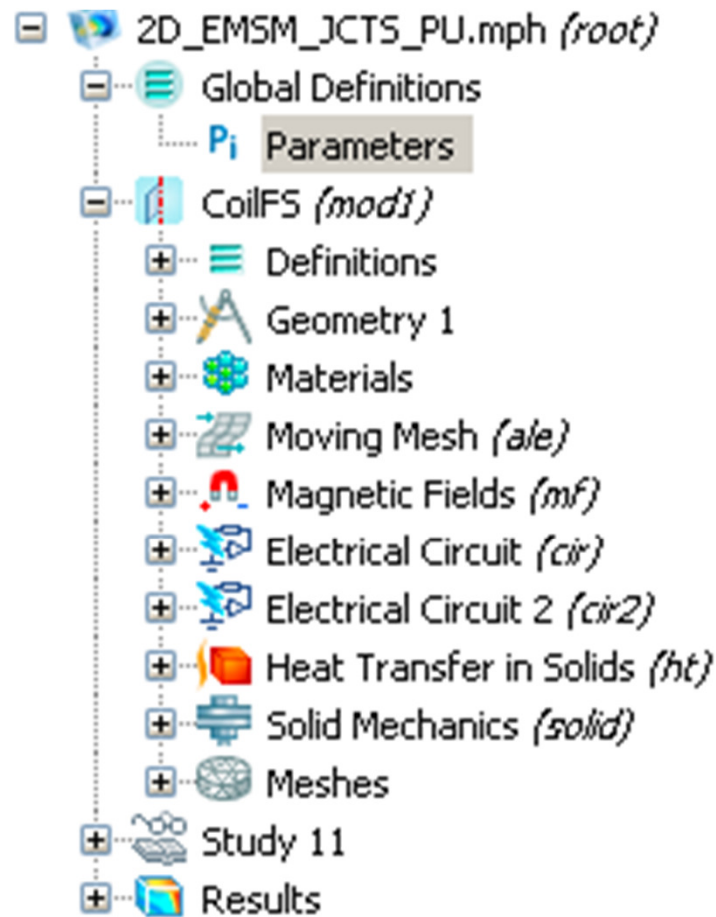
# Gap tube – mandrel



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# Multiphysics model



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# To conclude

- The PulsCrimp models extend the MagPuls models by
  - ✓ Allowing larger deformations
  - ✓ Fully integrate electric circuit and field shaper
  - ✓ Being fully parametrized

# Questions ?



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