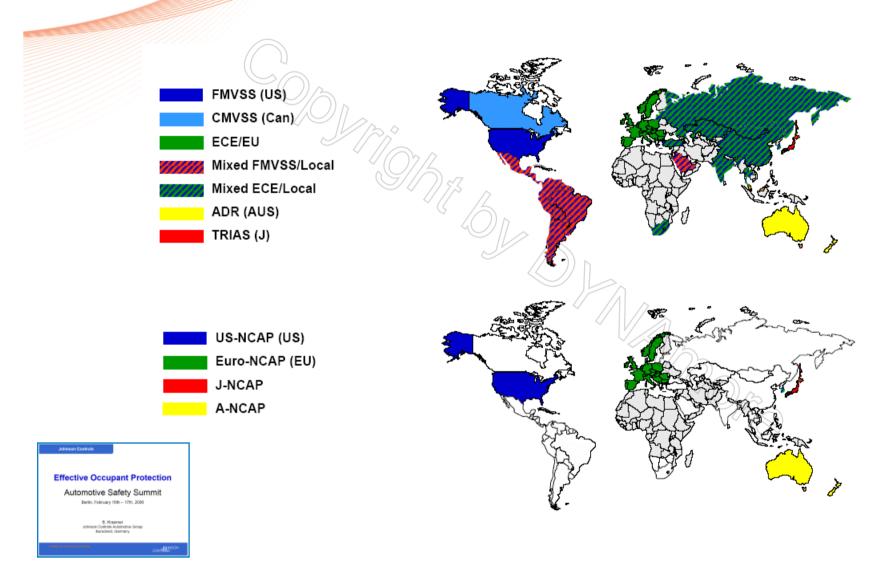


Early Design Validation of Vehicle Interiors for FMVSS 201 using IHIT and LS-DYNA

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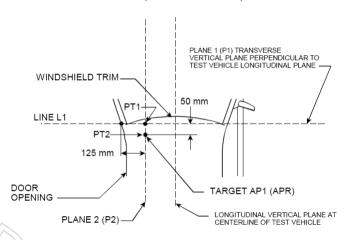


U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NATIONAL HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY ADMINISTRATION LABORATORY TEST PROCEDURE FOR FMVSS 201 Occupant Pr DEFINITIONS INSTRUMENT PANEL AREA TO BE INVESTIGATED Area of the instrument panel NOT excluded by the following (see Figure 4): Areas less than 5 inches inboard from the juncture of the instrument panel Areas closer to the windshield juncture than those statically contactable by the head form with the windshield in place Areas outboard of any point of tangency on the instrument panel of a 6.5 inch diameter head form tangent to and inboard of a vertical longitudinal plane tangent to the inboard edge of the steering wheel Areas below any point at which a vertical line is tangent to the rearmost surface Office INSTRUMENT PANEL EXCLUDED AREA - HEADFORM - VERTICAL PLANE STEERING WHEEL-TOP VIEW - HEADFORM - VERTICAL PLANE EXCLUDED AREA LEFT SIDE VIEW INSTRUMENT PANEL FIGURE 1

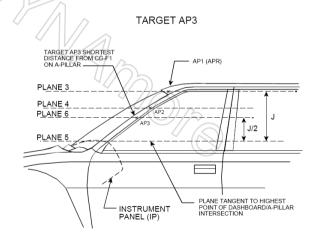
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FMVSS 201 regulation and procedures

TARGET AP1 (A-PILLAR REF. APR)



Target Point Variation due to reach-ability issues



Head Impact Zone Variation



Challenges in FMVSS 201Simulation

- Time consuming manual calculation of target points
 - 1 hour to complete one target point in average
 - Nearly 70 target points on left and right side of the vehicle
 - New components requires complete re-calculation
- Learning and interpreting the FMVSS 201 regulation
- Human errors in measurement procedure
 - Wrong reference point invalidates the dependent points
- CAE engineers use measured target points
 - Value of CAE not fully explored
- Alternatively, target points are defined in CAD models during design



ESI holistic approach



CAD based Model

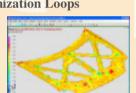


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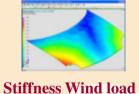
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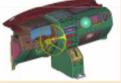
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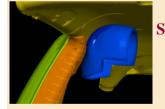
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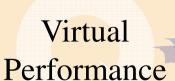


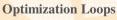


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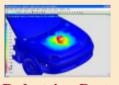






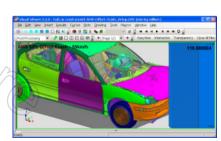






Pedestrian Prot.





Full virtual prototype



ESI Vehicle safety simulation

- Integrated CAE system for Crash / Save / NVH
 - Managed compute model for all major vehicle CAE disciplines
 - Automatic definition of discipline relevant compute models
 - Sidecrash vs. Frontcrash model
 - Automatic update of geometry, material or connection information
 - Compare variants, projects and results
 - Generate reports and Web documents
 - FMVSS 201
 - Calculation of HIT Table
 - Headform positioning
 - Simulation
 - Report
- Example Visual DSS IHIT tools for integrated FMVSS 201 simulation



Visual DSS IHIT Tools

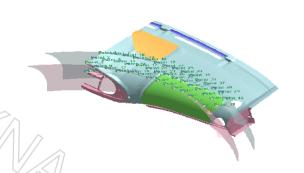
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Upper Targets Locater

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CAE Model Setup

- Overview IHIT Tools
 - Upper Interior Targets Locater
 - Instrument Panel Targets Locater
 - Contactable Robustness Points and 12
 mph Zone Locater
 - Simulation Model Setup for LS-DYNA,
 PAMCRASH, ABAQUS and RADIOSS
 - Simulation Report Generation





Testimonials

"Visual-Safe IHIT software developers worked closely with OEMs to have a software that accurately calculates target locations consistent with practical application of the Safety Standard. The automation saves time and eliminates inconsistent application of the targeting procedure."

-- Robert (Bob) Armitage,
Head Impact Technical Specialist, Ford Motor Company, USA

"With the use of Visual-Safe IHIT, we have been able to improve turnaround time from 3 weeks to 1 week on interior head impact. Target points, zone, approach angles, impactor / headform positioning in the FEA model and report generation are automatically done by using this software."

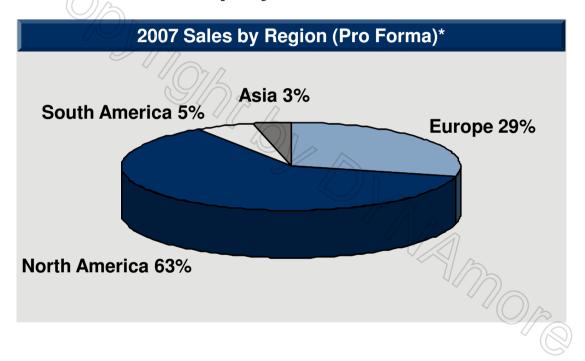
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Automated Approaches Using VisualDSS



IAC Global Summary

 Globally, IAC Group has 73 manufacturing facilities in 17 countries with more than 25,000 employees and \$5 billion in sales



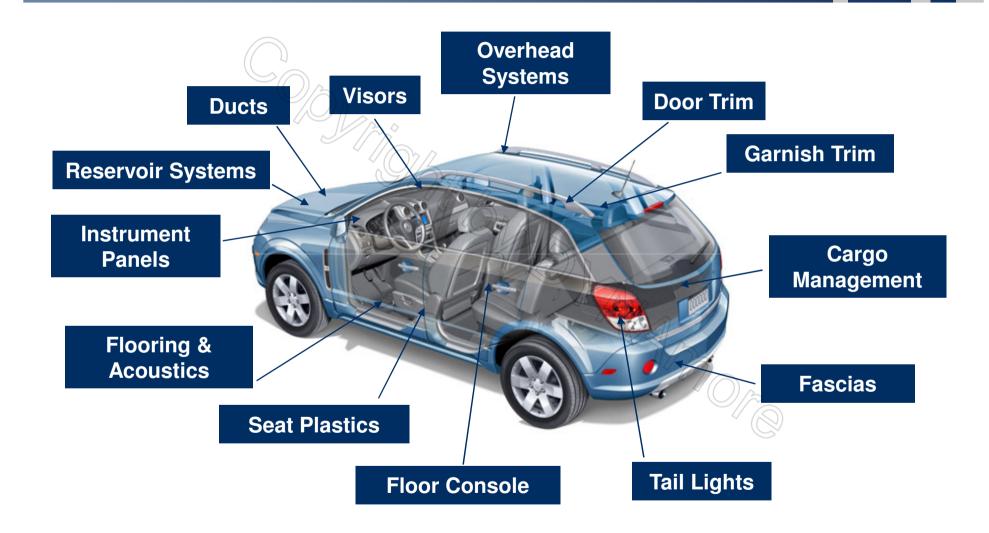
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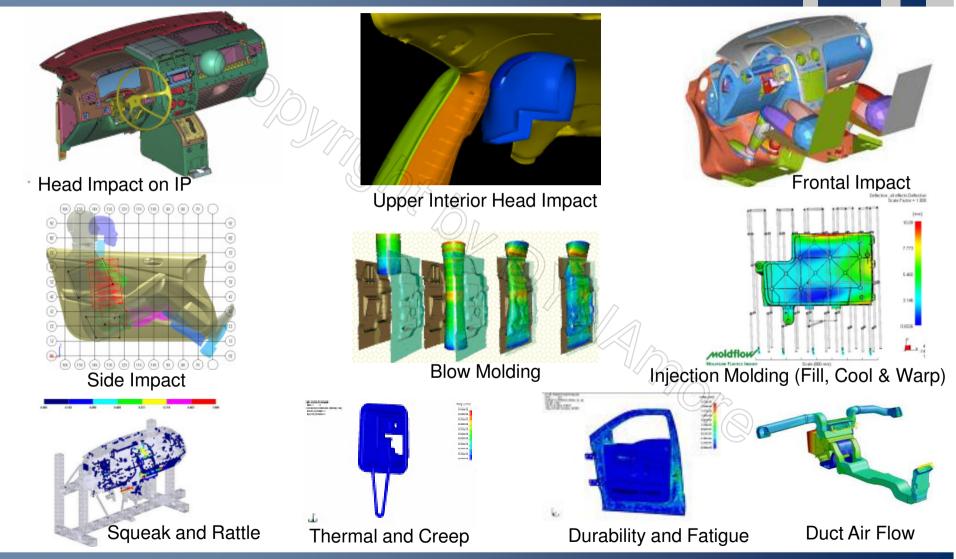
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Global Product Portfolio





Up-Front Virtual Computer Aided Engineering Capabilities



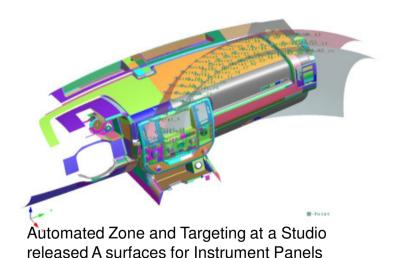
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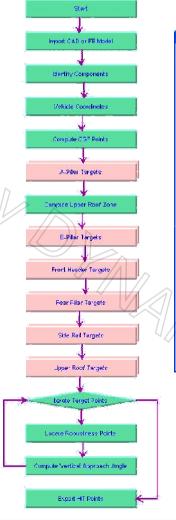


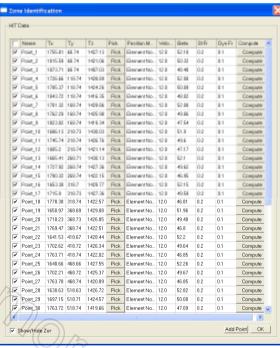
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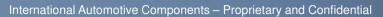


Typical Inputs from an OEM



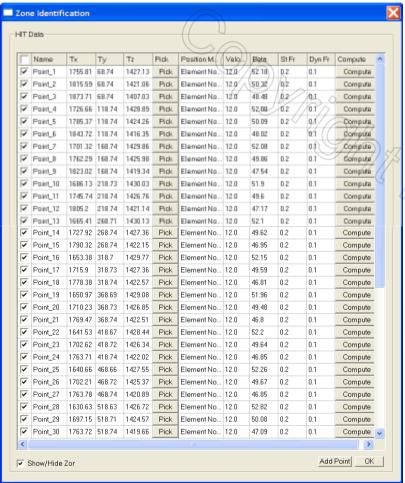








IP Head Impact Automation: Automated Positioning in CAE







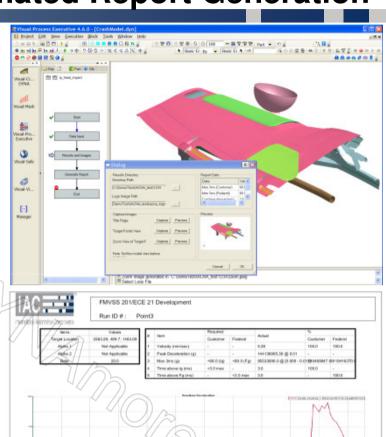
IP Head Impact Automation: Automated Report Generation

Automated report generation in Html, PowerPoint or PDF formats.

Create reports for each domain with standard content

Automatically create reports which compare different variants of different projects

Basic building block for knowledge database







Benefits

- Time and Cost Savings: Reduction of turn around time from 3 weeks to
 1 week for an Instrument Panel Head Impact project
- The Analyst's time can be utilized for other projects
- Less potential for human error
- Systematic and organized data management
- Helps the global offshore centers to be in par with the parent centre in a short period of time.
- Work can be started in the beginning of the product development cycle.
- One input file for all the IP head impact simulations
- This tool can also be used for upper interior head impact



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Challenges and Recommendations

- Ease of use needs some improvement
- Adopt online training for simple editing of the software to meet the user needs
- Robustness study module should be a part of the standard package
- Simple flow charts for better understanding of the process which should eliminate specialized training.





Questions?





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