

180 Series elements:  
Why should one use them in  
Linear Analysis

Mechanics & Simulation Support  
Group

# Introduction

- 180 series elements were designed & developed for large deformation analysis with plenty of advanced element technologies and a very rich nonlinear constitutive support.
- During the development, consistency and generality were the main theme.
  - Fewer assumptions were made.

# Introduction (cont.)

- They are natural candidates for nonlinear analysis in general for:
  - Finite strain and large rotation analysis
  - History dependent and independent materials
- We will not focus on nonlinear functionalities in general here.
- But ... they are excellent choices even in linear analysis. The reasons are discussed here.

# Solid Elements; Formulations

Formulations	Core Legacy	180 Series	Comment on 18x Series
<b>Displacement</b>			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Both Shear and Volumetric locking are addressed in 180 series</li> <li>• Independent of Poisson's Ratio (nearly or equal to 0.5) and useful for small strain plasticity</li> </ul>
Conventional	✓ <sup>4</sup>	☑ <sup>3</sup>	
Selective Reduced Integration(B-bar)	✗	✓	
Uniform Reduced Integration	☑ <sup>1</sup>	✓	
Enhanced Strain	☑ <sup>2</sup>	✓	
<b>Mixed u-P</b>			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•ANSYS automatically switches among the mixed u/P formulations according to the materials.</li> </ul>
Elasto-plastic materials	✗	✓	
Fully incompressible hyperelastic	✗	✓	
Nearly incompressible hyperelastic	✓	✓	

<sup>1</sup> PLANE82, SOLID45 and SOLID95 only

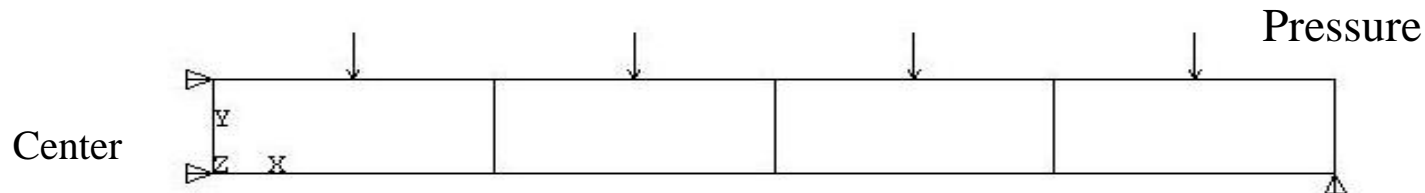
<sup>2</sup> Extra shapes meant for bending application only

<sup>3</sup> Degenerate forms, Plane stress state of PLANE182

<sup>4</sup> Not desirable most frequently!

# Enhanced Strain vs Extra Shapes

- Bending of a thin plate ( $R=10, h=1$ )
- Element 182 with enhanced strain formulation and 42 with extra shape function
- Axisymmetric stress state
- Pure elastic material, different Poisson's ratios ( $E=1875, \nu=0.0, 0.25, 0.3, 0.49, 0.499, 0.4999$ )
- Linear analysis, under pressure ( $p=1$ )



# Enhanced Strain vs Extra Shapes

- Vertical displacements of central point
  - No locking in element 182 for high Poisson's ratio

Results from Element 42

NU	Node	Theory	ANSYS	Error(%)
0	1	5.03200	4.95185	1.59273
	7	5.03200	4.95220	1.58579
0.25	1	3.97070	3.91587	1.38088
	7	3.97070	3.91623	1.37170
0.3	1	3.74360	3.69292	1.35370
	7	3.74360	3.69329	1.34380
0.49	1	2.82480	2.72489	3.53689
	7	2.82480	2.72529	3.52272
0.499	1	2.79000	2.36694	15.16353
	7	2.79000	2.36734	15.14912
0.4999	1	2.78550	2.06928	25.71246
	7	2.78550	2.06968	25.69802

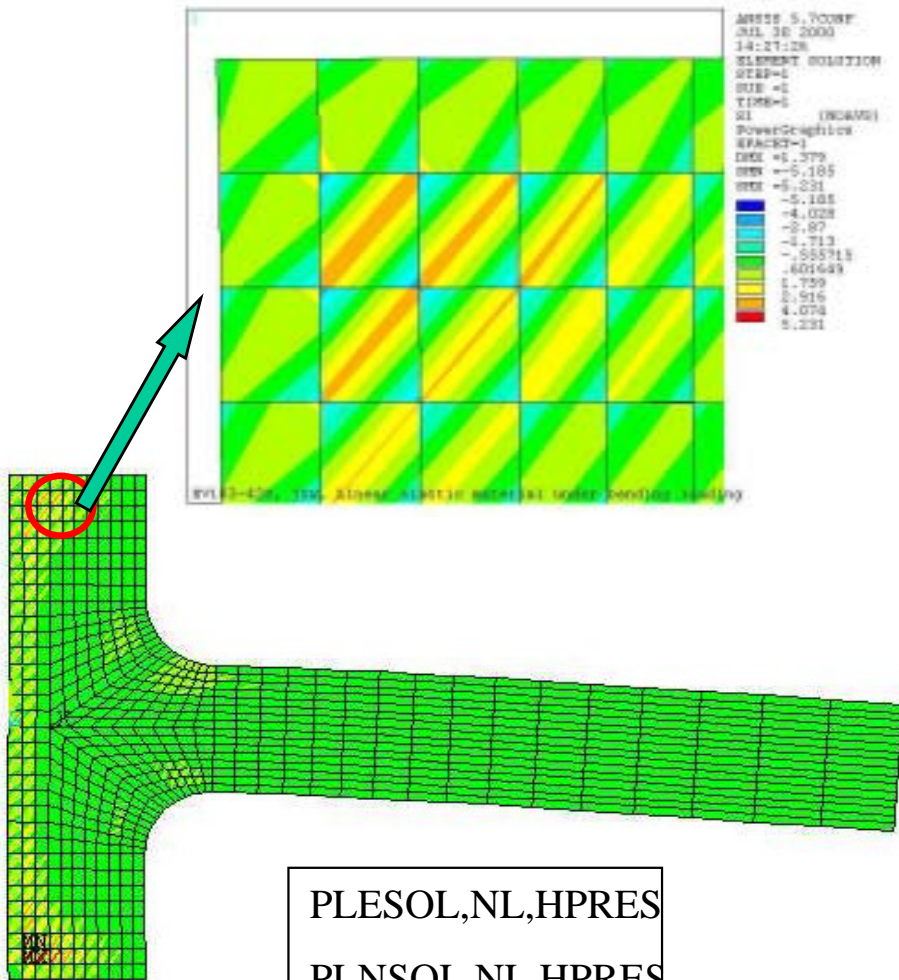
Results from Element 182

NU	Node	Theory	ANSYS	Error(%)
0	1	5.03200	5.15370	2.41859
	7	5.03200	5.15406	2.42564
0.25	1	3.97070	4.04281	1.81599
	7	3.97070	4.04317	1.82514
0.3	1	3.74360	3.79787	1.44975
	7	3.74360	3.79824	1.45955
0.49	1	2.82480	2.79481	1.06156
	7	2.82480	2.79520	1.04796
0.499	1	2.79000	2.74437	1.63538
	7	2.79000	2.74476	1.62158
0.4999	1	2.78550	2.73931	1.65809
	7	2.78550	2.73970	1.64426

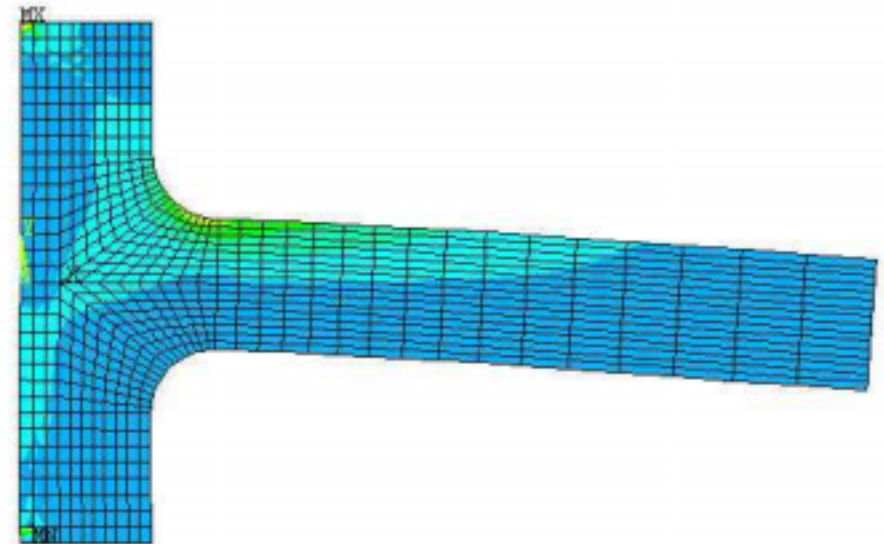
# Mixed u-P in Linear Analysis

18x only!

When Poisson's ratio is too high and other technologies can not eliminate volumetric locking, mixed u-P formulation should be employed.



Checkerboard patterns  
of pure displacement  
formulations



Mixed u-P results, no  
checkerboard patterns

# Solid Elements; Stress States

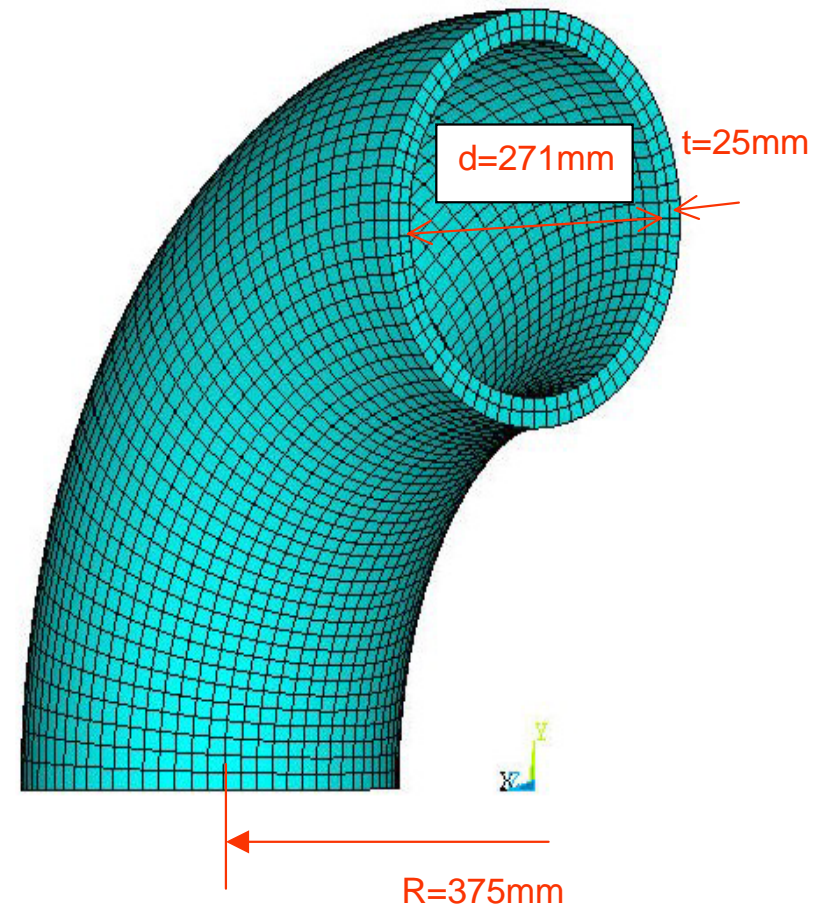
Stress States	Core Legacy	180 Series <sup>1</sup>
Plane Stress	✓	✓
Plane Strain	✓	✓
Generalized Plane Strain	✗	✓
3D Continuum	✓	✓
Axisymmetric	✓	✓

<sup>1</sup> All formulations pass patch test for all stress states

# Generalized Plane Strain

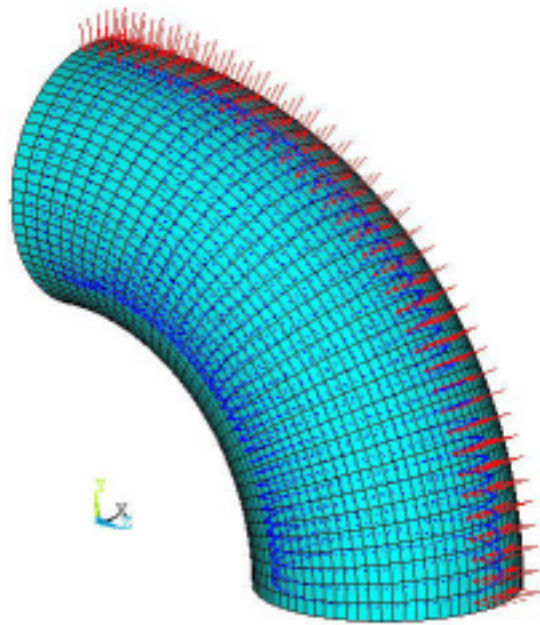
182/183 only!

- To simulate elbow pipe under pressures
  - Geometry
    - As shown in the figure
    - The two end planes have an angle of 90 degrees
  - Material
    - $E=200$  Gpa
    - $\nu=0.28$
  - Load
    - Inner pressure: 150 Mpa
    - External pressure: 1200 Mpa
  - FE model
    - 2D 183 generalized [lane strain
    - 3D 186

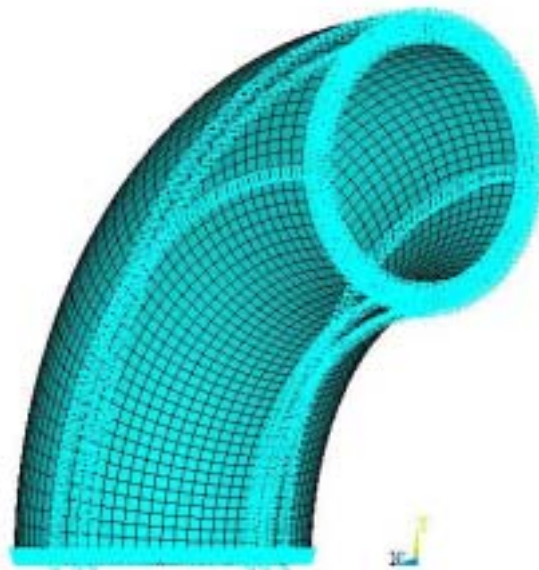


# 3D Simulation of The Elbow Pipe

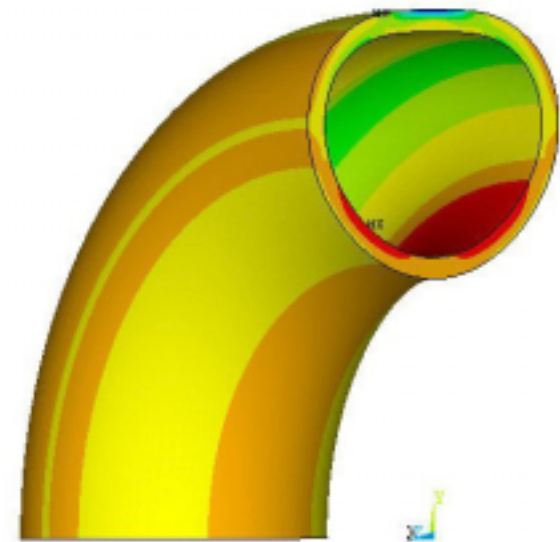
- Model creation and solution need more time



Loads



Boundary conditions

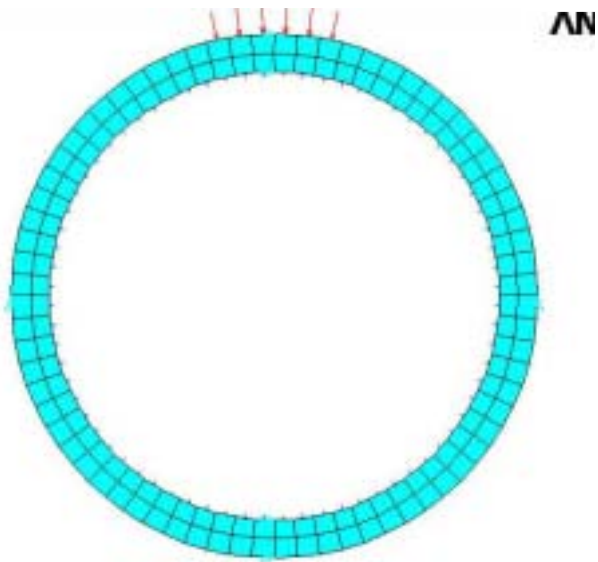


Solutions

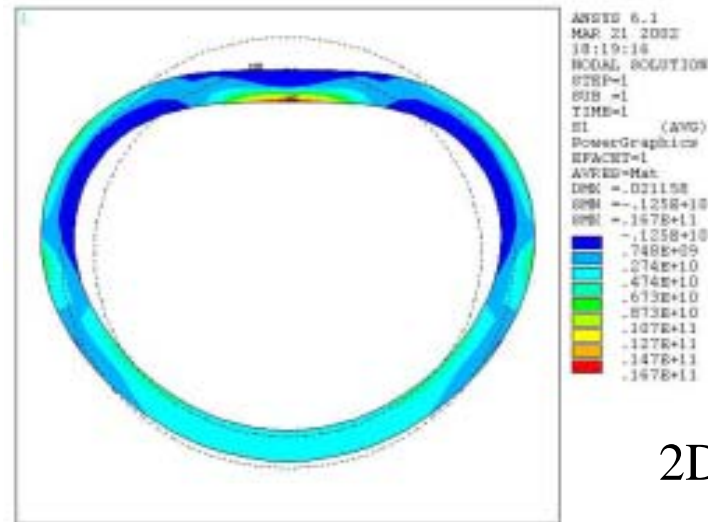
3D Model

# 2D Simulation of The Elbow Pipe

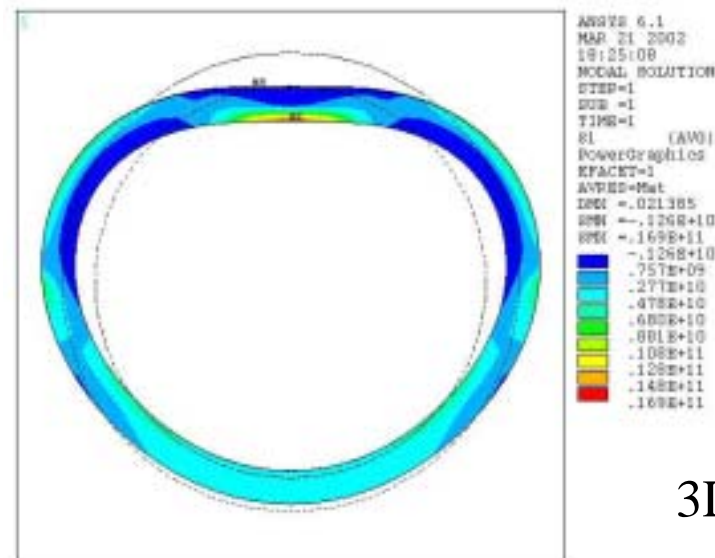
- Modeling so simple
- Simulation is about 100 times faster than 3D
- Results are almost identical



2D Model



2D Solution



3D Solution

# Solid Elements; Materials

- 180 series of continuum elements are applicable for all different type of materials
  - Anisotropic materials
  - Hyperelastic
  - Viscoelastic
  - Viscoplastic
  - Elastoplastic
  - Foam
  - Cast-Iron
  - Many more

# Solid Elements: Other advantages

- Variational analysis using CADOE is supported with 180 series
- Mass matrix evaluated with numerically exact order of integration in 180 series
  - Consistent performance in modal/frequency analysis
- Pressure load stiffness terms are included by default
  - More accurate eigenvalue buckling prediction
  - Consistent stiffness matrix for nonlinear analysis

## Other advantages (cont.)

- Mixed u/P formulations can be combined with different element technologies and applied to all stress states
- Automatic selection of element technologies is under development

# Beam Elements

- What is available?

Core Legacy	180 series
BEAM4	BEAM188
BEAM44	BEAM189
BEAM3	
BEAM24	
BEAM23	
BEAM54	

# Beam188/189 – Section Support

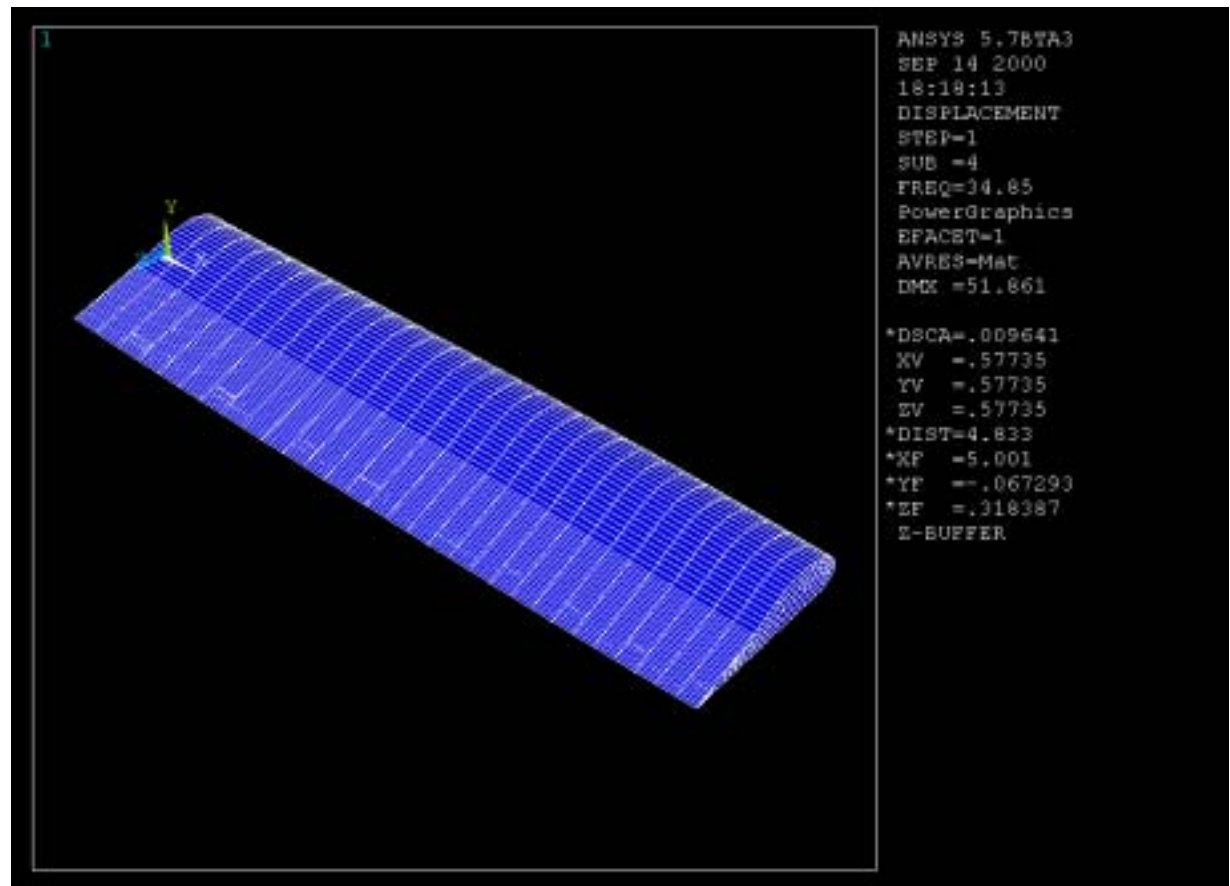
Function	Core Legacy	180 series
Standard Cross sections	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BEAM44 only	✓
Arbitrary User Mesh	✗	✓
Multi-Material Cross section	✗	✓
Geometrically Exact Tapered Section	✗	✓ <sup>1</sup>
User Control over cross section mesh	✗	✓

<sup>1</sup>Beta at 7.0

# BEAM188/189 – Modal analysis

- 180 Series provides Consistent Mass Matrix inclusive of rotary inertia terms

<i>Mode</i>	<i>SOLID45</i>	<i>BEAM189</i>
<i>1</i>	3.56799	3.5306
<i>2</i>	17.2689	17.174
<i>3</i>	22.0382	21.830
<i>4</i>	35.6358	34.850
<i>5</i>	60.4129	60.019

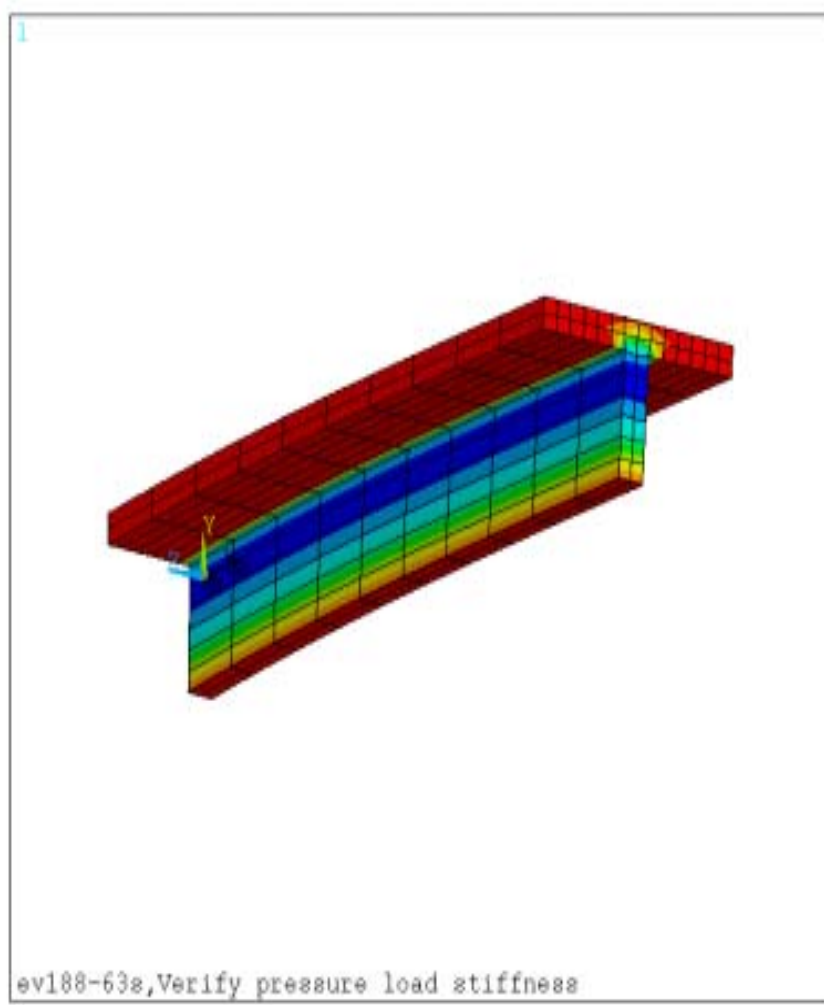
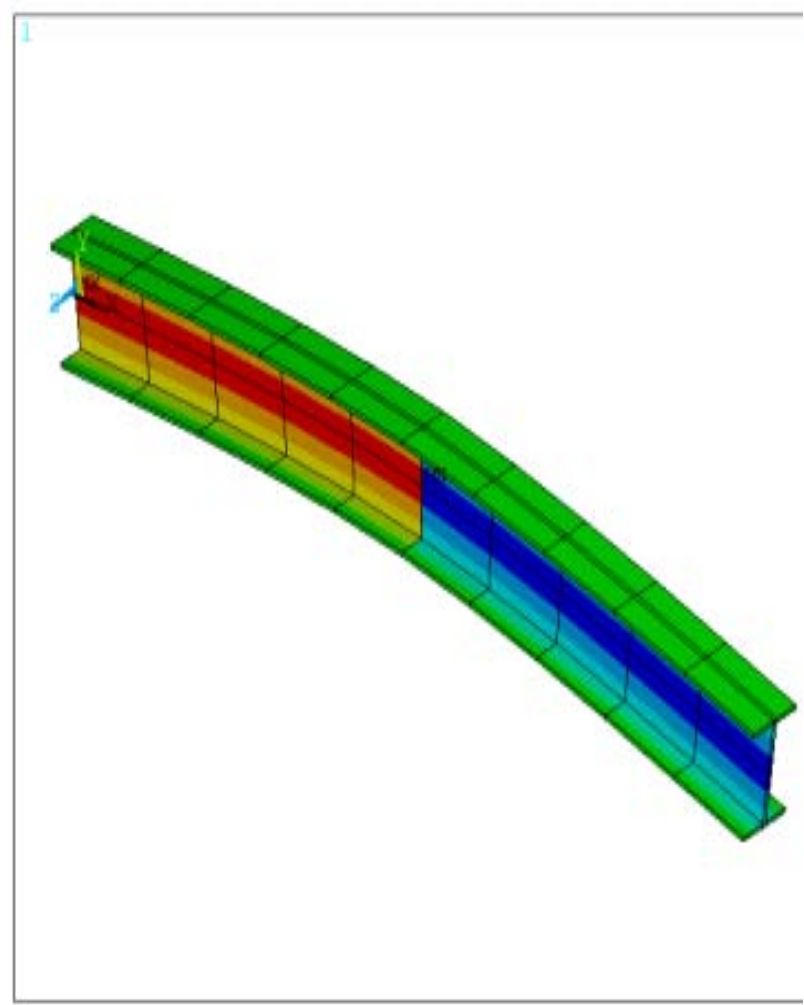


# BEAM188/189-Shear Stresses

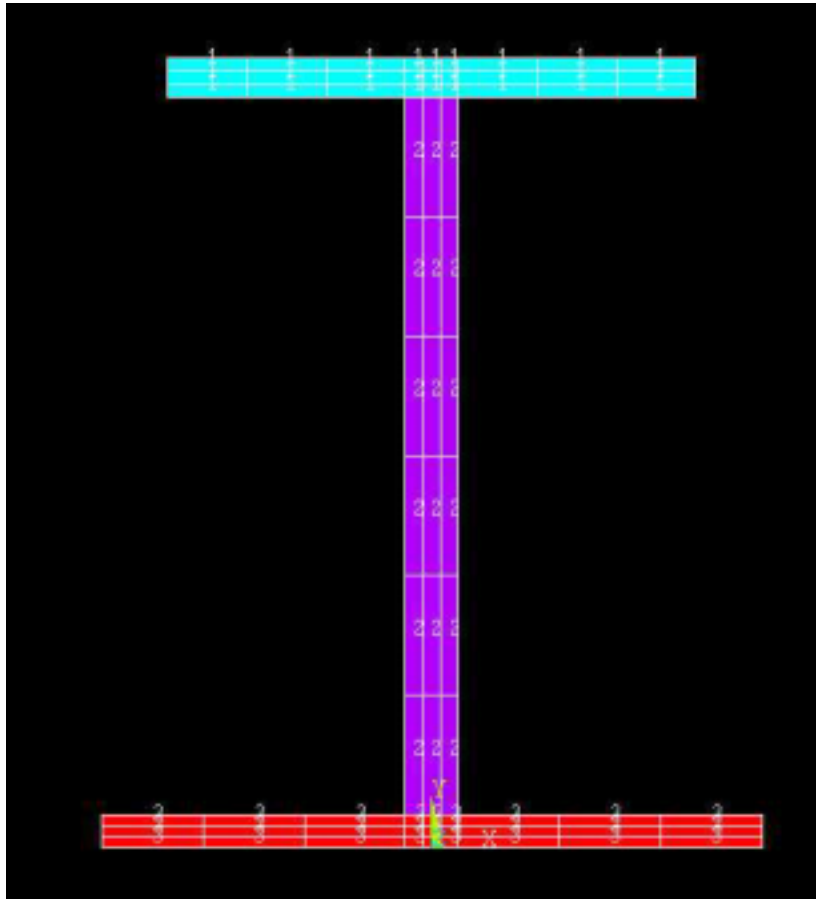
- Torsional
  - 188/189 provide highly accurate torsional shear stresses varying in a quite complex manner over the cross section (irrespective of particular shapes or topological complexities)
- Transverse shear
  - 188/189 provide highly accurate transverse shear stress output (either in numbers or graphically). Traditionally these are referred to as  $Vq/I$  terms, and is deemed important in civil engineering. Again, the complexity of cross section is immaterial.

# BEAM188/189

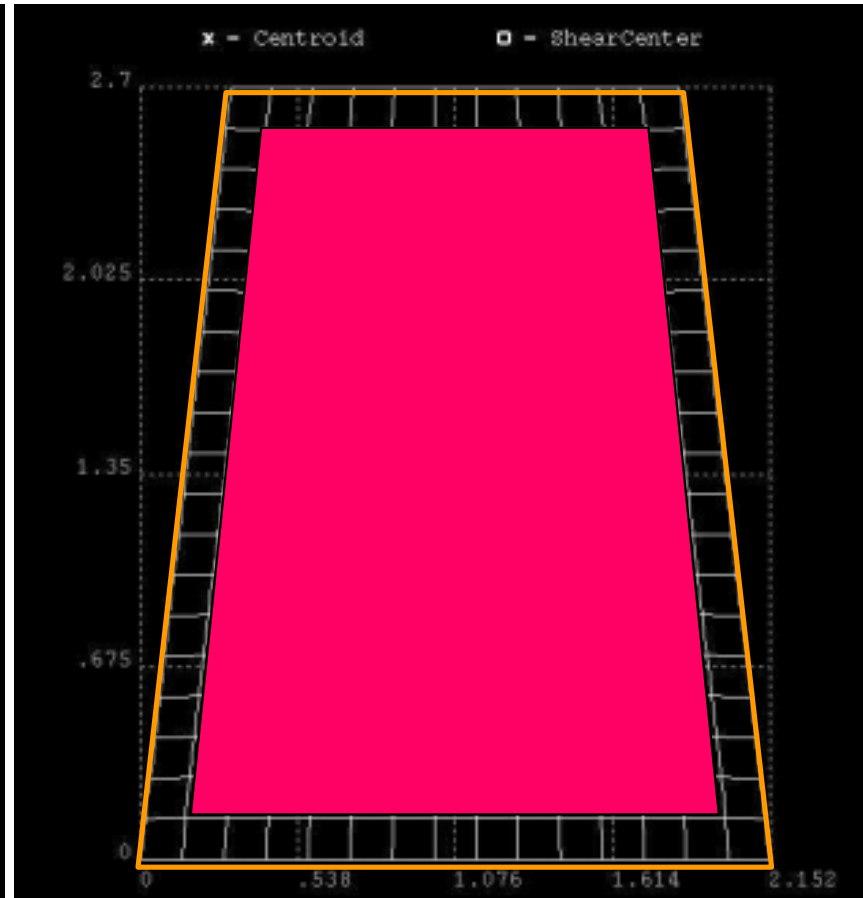
## Shear Stresses Visualization



# Built-up Multi-material Sections

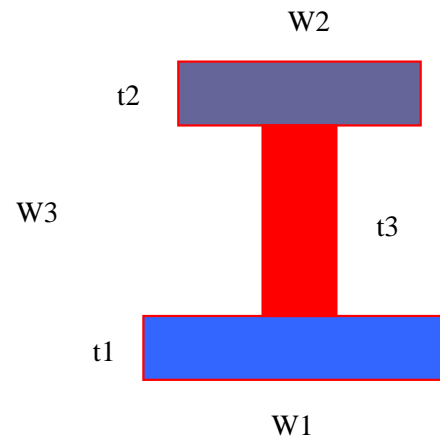
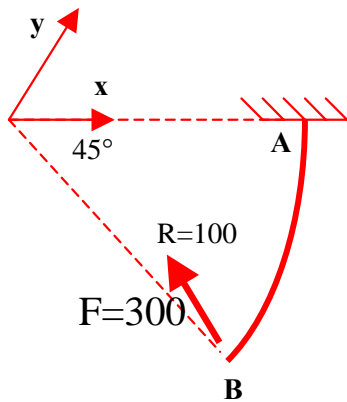


Define Materials for  
a Standard Section



Define Materials for a Custom Section

# Curved composite cantilever beam



Cross section  
has 3 materials

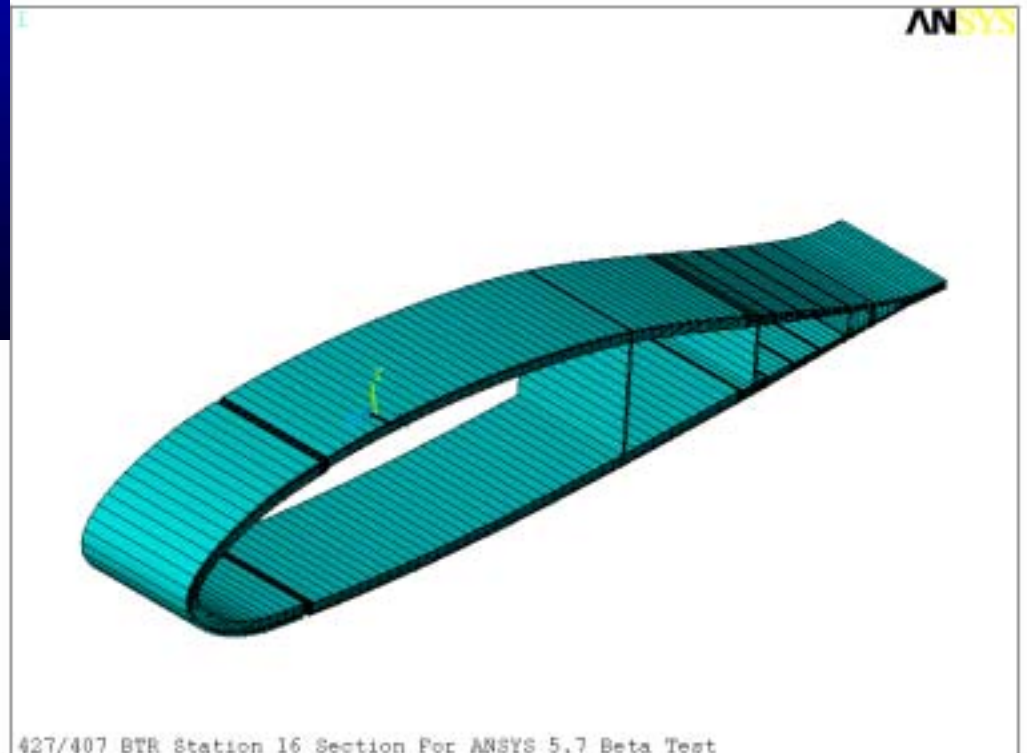
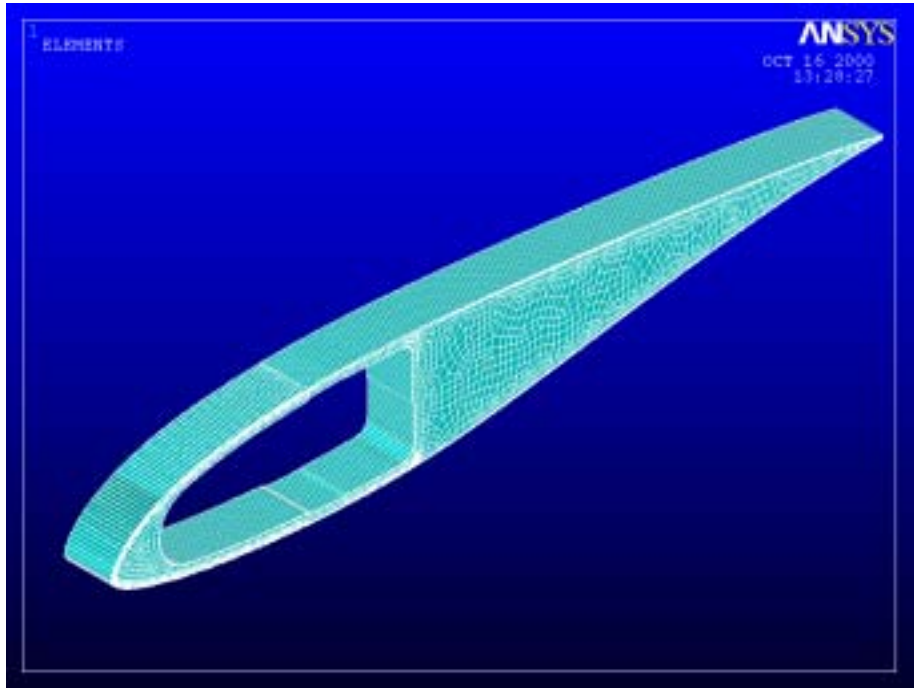
Material	EX
1	0.5E7
2	1.0E7
3	3.0E7

	BEAM189 (NDOF=96)		BEAM189 (NDOF=192)		SOLID186 (NDOF=18900)
	Value	% diff.	Value	% diff.	Reference value
Max. displacement					
Ux	19.664	0.2	19.666	0.2	19.625
Uy	24.819	1.9	24.822	1.9	25.310
Uz	54.486	0.5	54.490	0.5	54.769
CPU Time	82.610		115.460		4587.850

$$w1=1, w2=0.75, w3=1, t1=0.2, t2=0.15, t3=0.15$$

188/189 only!

# Composite Rotor Section



# Parametric Study (Sandwich Beam)

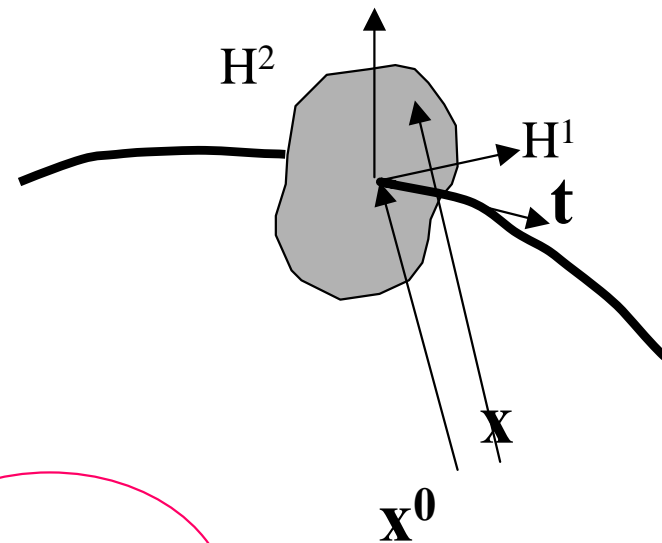
Normalized Results (BEAM189/SOLID45)									
E-Face/E-Core	Length/Thickness	UZ	UY	UX	ROTX	Frequencies			
1	40	1.0025	1.0025	1.0000	1.0162	0.9987	0.9989	0.9757	0.9768
2	40	1.0025	1.0025	1.0000	1.0148	0.9987	0.9989	0.9758	0.9770
20	40	1.0025	1.0025	1.0030	1.0281	0.9988	0.9989	0.9758	0.9323
200	40	1.0026	1.0025	1.0050	1.0704	0.9988	0.9987	0.9759	1.0402
2000	40	1.0062	1.0025	1.0050	1.0659	0.9988	0.9930	0.9759	0.9625
20000	40	1.0510	1.0025	1.0040	0.9252	0.9987	0.9436	0.8883	0.9761
1	20	1.0025	1.0023	0.9930	1.0186	0.9987	0.9993	0.9757	0.9799
2	20	1.0025	1.0025	0.9940	1.0187	0.9988	0.9994	0.9760	0.9807
20	20	1.0025	1.0025	1.0030	1.0425	0.9988	0.9995	0.9762	1.1674
200	20	1.0035	1.0025	1.0190	1.0654	0.9988	0.9987	0.9762	0.9757
2000	20	1.0232	1.0025	1.0080	1.0537	0.9988	0.9930	0.9726	0.9763
20000	20	1.1332	1.0070	1.0090	0.7943	0.8676	0.9988	0.7716	0.6789

# Inclusion of warping

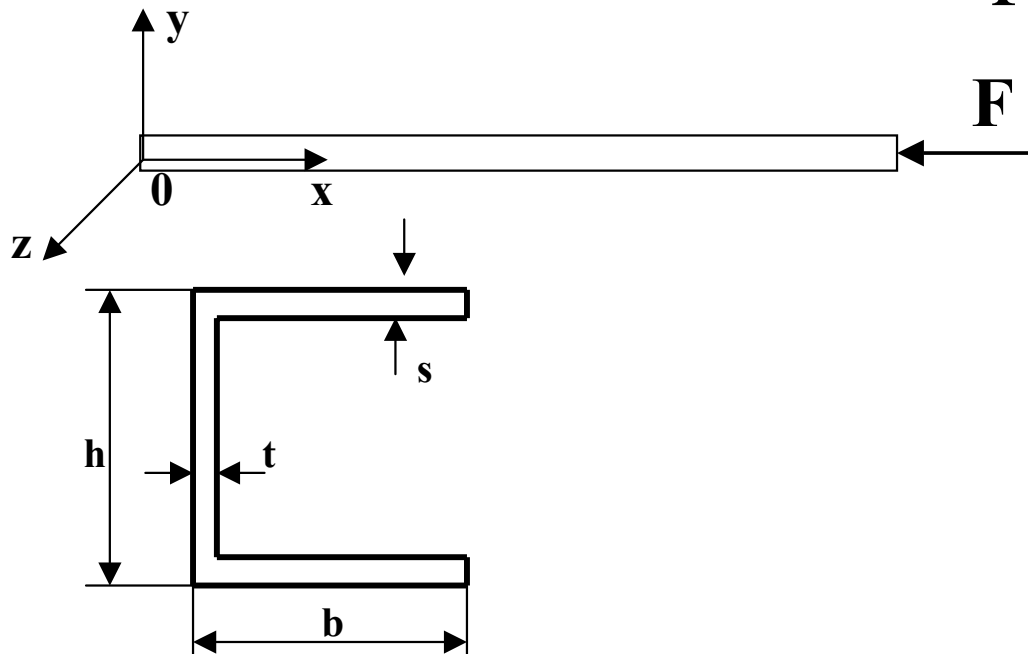
$$\{\mathbf{u}, \varphi, \omega\}$$

$$\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{x}^0 + H^\alpha \mathbf{n}^\alpha + \omega \boldsymbol{\psi} \mathbf{t}$$

$$\varepsilon = \ln(\lambda) + H^\alpha \varepsilon_\alpha^\beta \kappa^\beta + \frac{d\omega}{dS} \boldsymbol{\psi} \mathbf{t} + O(h^2)$$



# Restrained Warping Analysis

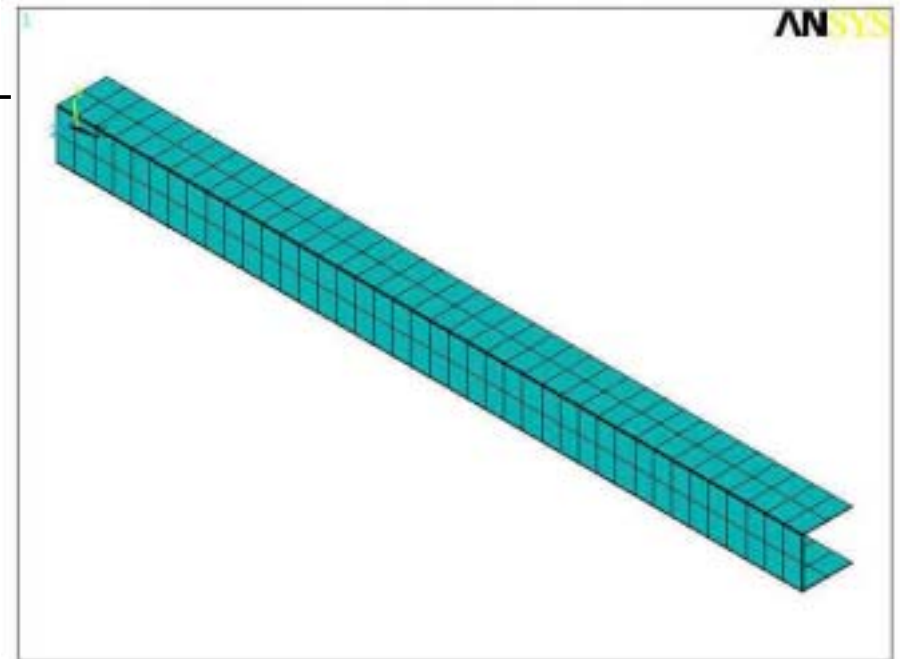


## Geometry

$h = 10 \text{ cm}$ ,  $b = 10 \text{ cm}$ ,  $s = t = 0.2 \text{ cm}$ ,  
 $L = 150 \text{ cm}$  (length)

## Material Properties

$E = 21000 \text{ kN/cm}^2$ ,  $G = 8077 \text{ kN/cm}^2$



## Boundary Conditions

$$x = 0: \quad u_x = u_y = u_z = 0$$

$$\theta_x = 0$$

$$x = L: \quad u_y = u_z = 0$$

$$\theta_x = 0$$

# Warping restraint is important!

Critical buckling loads (Theory and numerics of three-dimensional beams with elastoplastic material behavior by F. Gruttmann et al.):

$$F_1 = n^2 \frac{\pi^2 EI_{22}}{L^2}$$

$$F_2 = n^2 \frac{\pi^2 EI_{33}}{L^2}$$

$$F_3 = \frac{1}{(i_M)^2} \left( GI_T + n^2 \frac{\pi^2 EI_w}{L^2} \right)$$

The theoretical critical buckling load:

$$F_{cr} = 2 \left[ \left( \frac{1}{F_2} + \frac{1}{F_3} \right) + \sqrt{\left( \frac{1}{F_2} - \frac{1}{F_3} \right)^2 + \frac{4}{F_2 F_3} \left( \frac{m_2}{i_M} \right)^2} \right]^{-1}$$

where  $(i_M)^2 = (i_p)^2 + (m_2)^2$

Mode Number	Value of the Buckling Load (kN)		
	FEM (w/o warping)	FEM (w/ warping)	Reference
1	<del>7.371</del>	113.9	115.5
2	<del>7.398</del>	419.6	443.3

Pure torsional reference critical buckling load w/o warping = 7.386 (kN)

# Lateral Buckling

**NAFEMS BENCHMARK TEST**

**FOR BEAMS AND SHELLS, January  
1993**

**Problem ID 3DNLG-4**

**Critical Buckling Load**

**Target Solution= 0.01892**

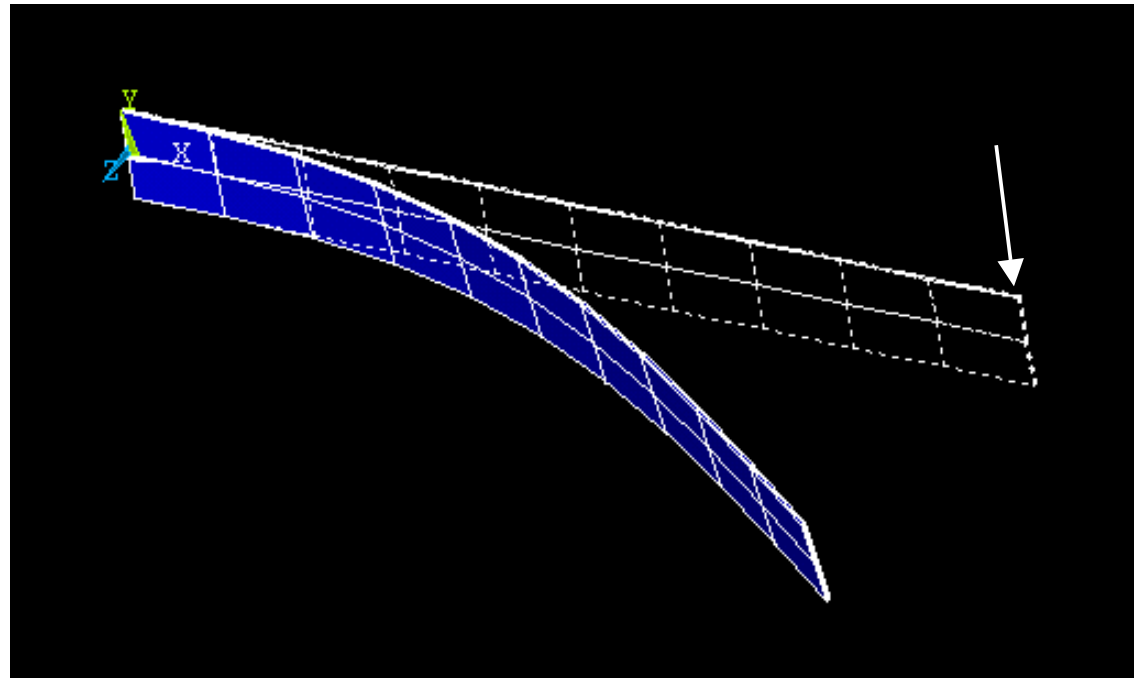
**BEAM188 = 0.01902**

*BEAM44 produces a error message:*

**\*\*\* ERROR \*\*\***

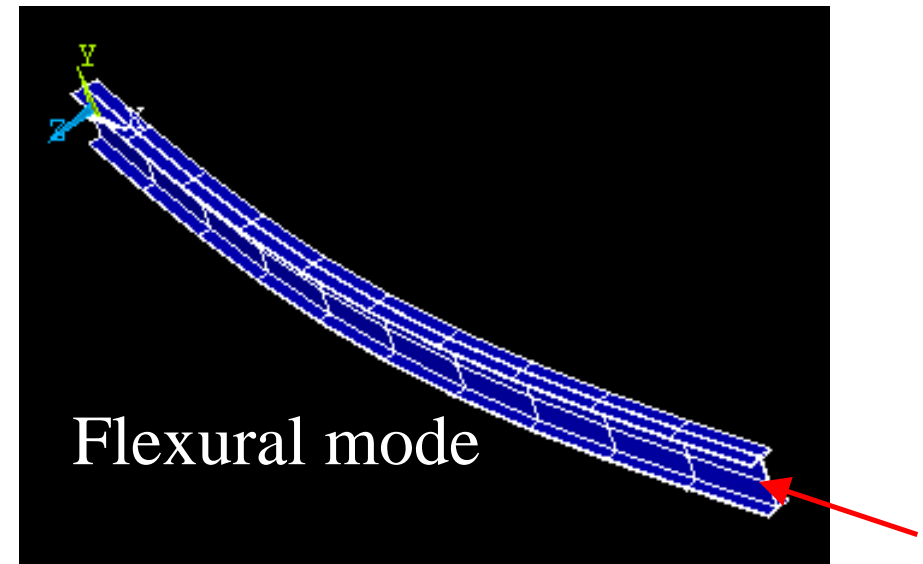
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Stress stiffness matrix is all zero. No load factor solution is possible.

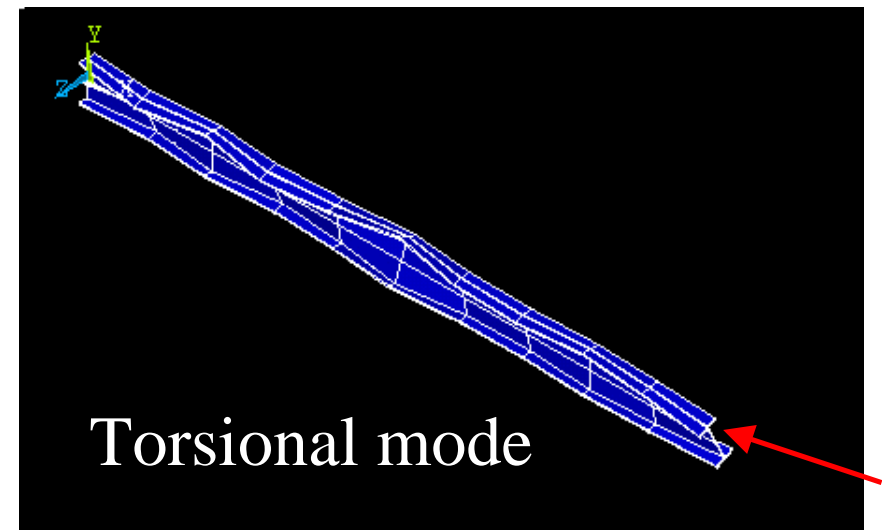


# Lateral/Torsional Buckling

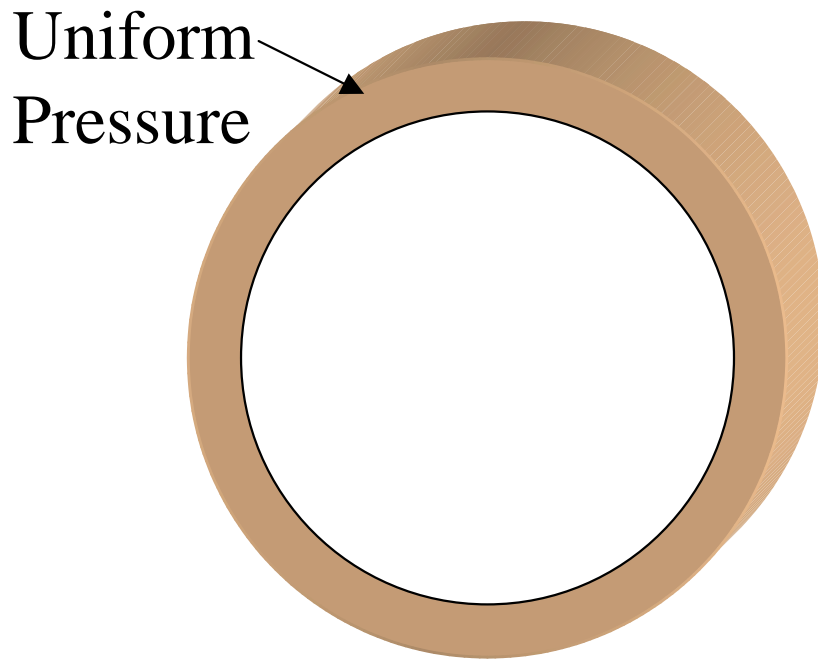
BEAM44	0.17484E+07
BEAM188	0.17732E+07
Target	0.17510E+07



BEAM44	missed mode <sup>x</sup>
BEAM188	0.42867E+07
Target	0.40632E+07



# Buckling & Load Stiffness of A Ring



## *BEAM188*

### Buckling load

	<b>BEAM188</b>	<b>BEAM44</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>7.5061</b>	<b>10.002</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>37.607</b>	<b>39.998</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>88.045</b>	<b>89.959</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>159.23</b>	<b>159.84</b>

### Critical Load

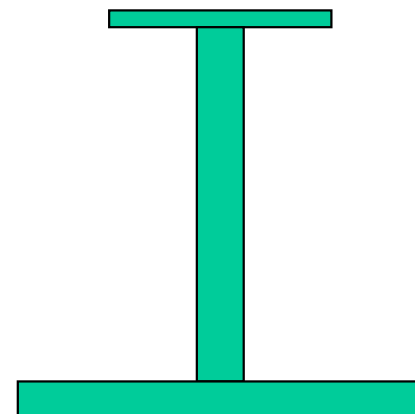
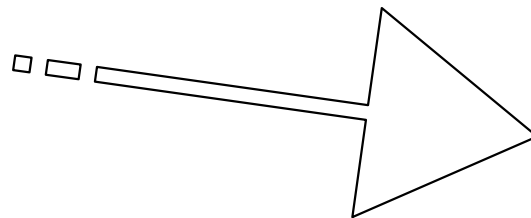
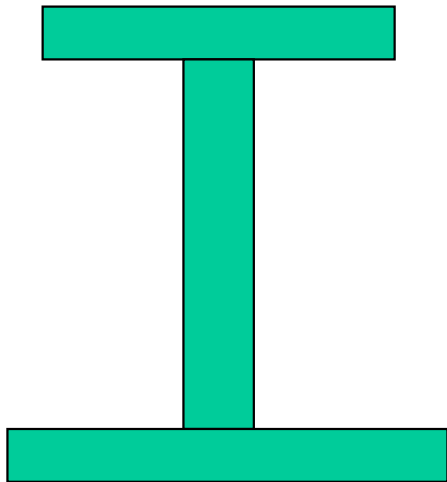
Target = 7.500

\* SURF153 can be overlaid on BEAM44 to get correct results

# Tapered sections\*

Geometrically Exact Tapering:  
*Cross section properties are evaluated at points of integration using linear interpolation of section dimensions spatially.*

- More accurate
- Allows for optimizing web & flanges
- Is applicable to all Standard/User Mesh sections!



\* Scheduled for release in 8.0 (beta in 7.0)

# BEAM188/189 - Others

- Curved beams may be modeled with BEAM189 without facet approximation
- CADOE variational (what-if) analysis is supported with 180 series beam elements
- Visualization in 3D of stresses, strains, mode shapes etc.

# Material nonlinearities in beams

Type of Element	Interpolation	Formulation				Elasticity			Plasticity						Viscoplasticity		Viscoelasticity		Other Features		
		B-Bar	URI/Standard	Enhanced	Mixed U-P	Isotropic, Orthotropic (MP)	ANEL	BISO	MISO	NLISO	BKIN	KINH/MKIN	CHAB	CAST/UNIAXIAL	HILL	RATE (PEIRCE, PERZYNA)	CREEP (Implicit)	Viscoelasticity (hypoelasticity)	Viscoelasticity (hyperelasticity)	User-Defined	Element Birth and Death
188	Linear		•			•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•		•	•	•		•	•	•
189	Quadratic		•			•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•		•	•	•		•	•	•

BEAM23 & BEAM24 provide plasticity support

# Beams:

## Linear, Small & Large Strain!

- Core legacy elements use “linear” strain measure (even in nonlinear analysis)
- BEAM 188/189 use natural strain (logarithmic)
- Usually– small strain implies an approximation to “logarithmic” (such as Green-Lagrange)

**Strain reported in a single element stretched by 20%:**

**Target = 0.18232, BEAM189 = 0.18232, BEAM44=0.20**

# SHELL181

ANSYS Element Library	Type of Element	Interpolation	Formulation				Elasticity		Plasticity						Viscoplasticity		Hyperelasticity			Viscoelasticity			
			B-Bar	URI/Standard	Enhanced Strain	Mixed U-P	Isotropic, Orthotropic (MP)	ANEL	BISO	MISO	NLISO	BKIN	KINH/MKIN	CHAB	CAST/UNIAXIAL	HILL	RATE (PEIRCE, PERZYNA)	CREEP (Implicit)	Mooney-Rivlin	Polynomial Form	Ogden	Arruda-Boyce	Viscoelasticity (hypoelasticity)
SHELL181	Shell	Bilinear		•	•		•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•

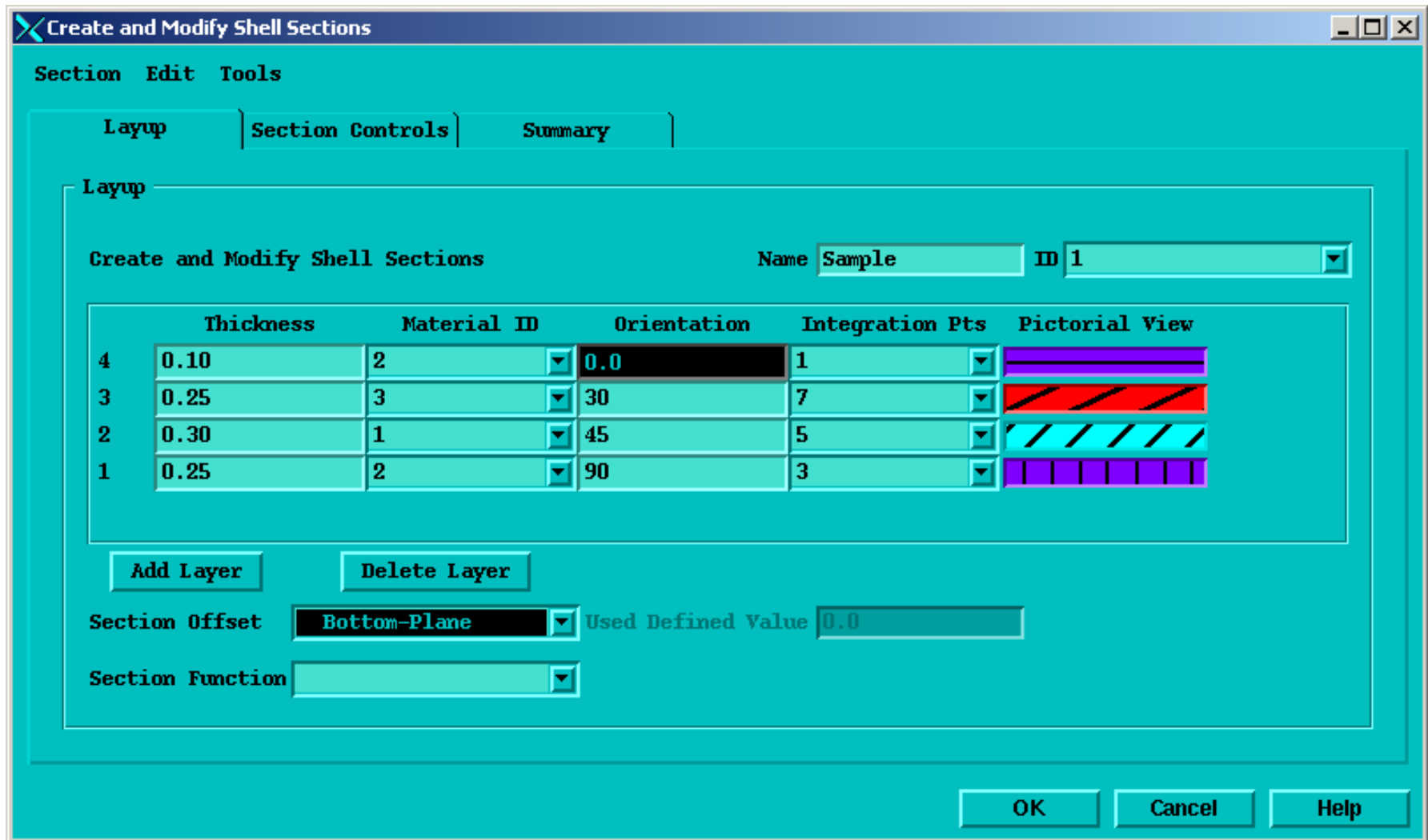
- HILL (anisotropic Hill potential) can be used with any plasticity model (including CREEP, RATE).
- CHAB (Chaboche nonlinear kinematic hardening) can be combined with any isotropic hardening.
- RATE is combined with any isotropic hardening law
- All 18x elements support USERMAT user-defined material as well as USERCREEP user-defined implicit creep law.
- SHELL181 supports composite definition.

# SHELL181 features

	Core Legacy 4-node Shell elements	SHELL 181
Layered Composites	×	✓
Offset (reference surface)	×	✓
Function builder support for thickness	×	✓
Choice of Incompatible mode vs. Uniform Reduced Integration	×	✓

181 only!

# Friendly interface for sections



# Section Offset

- SECOFFSET, Location, OFFSET1..
  - Location is one of TOP, BOT, MID, USER
  - OFFSET is valid only when POSITION=USER
- SHELL181 will include rotary inertia effects
  - Other shell elements in ANSYS ignore rotary inertia effects in all circumstances.

# Transverse Shear Stiffness

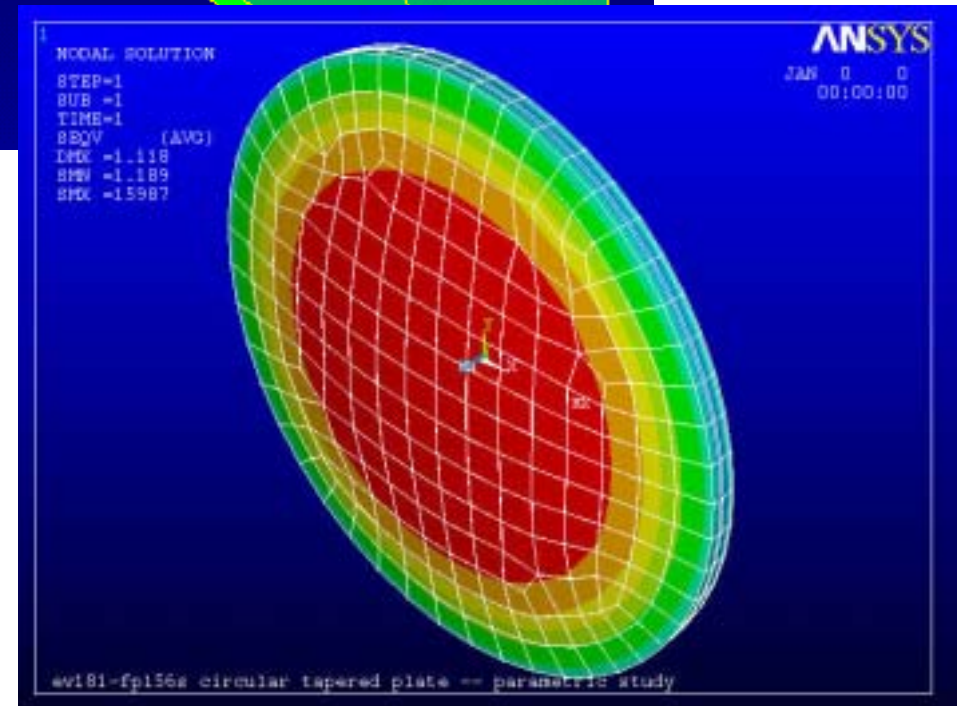
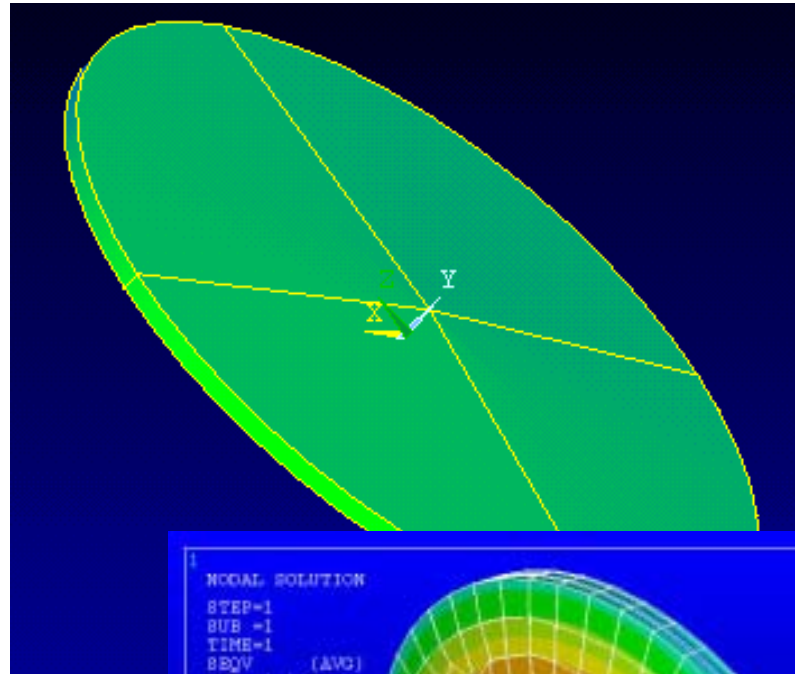
- In the beginning of each load step, ANSYS will evaluate
  - Interlaminar shear stress distribution coefficients
  - Consistent energy equivalent transverse shear correction factors (not available in any other ANSYS shell element)
- Abundant choice of material models (including hyperelasticity)

# Error\* in Frequencies of a sandwich beam

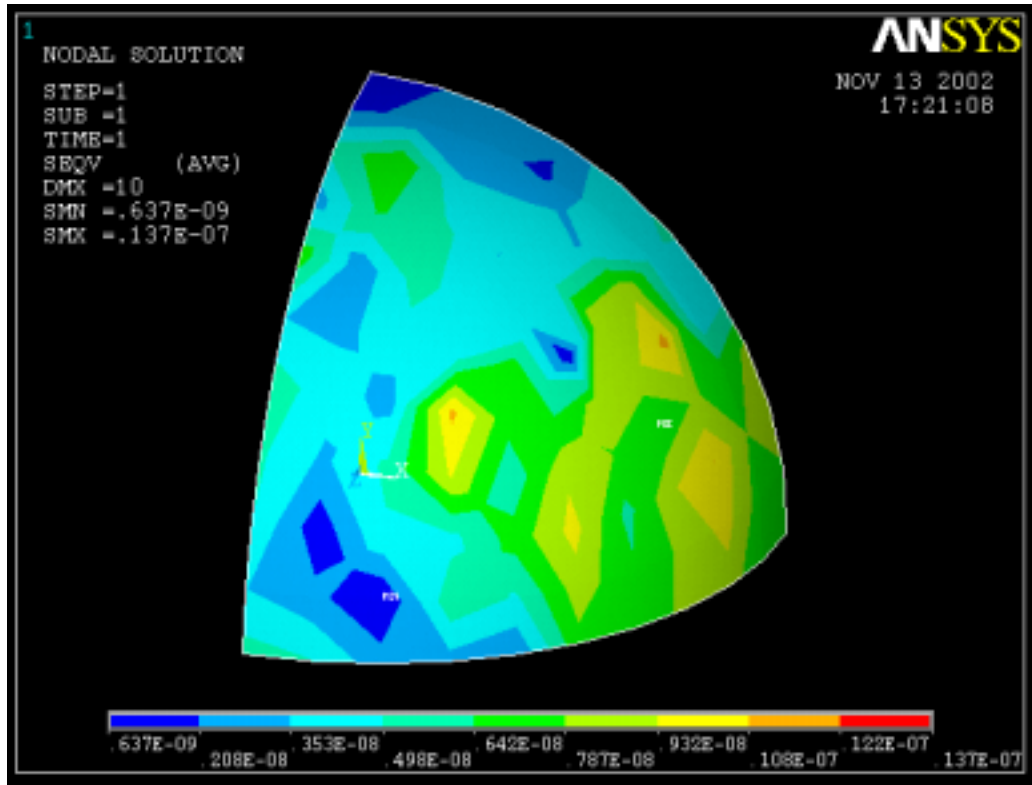
Element	SHELL 91 (Regular)	SHELL 91 (Sandwich)	SHELL 181
1	2.87%	-4.39%	0.97%
2	-0.78%	-0.42%	0.60%
3	19.22%	-20.28%	4.31%
4	60.41%	-42.82%	7.40%
5	39.66%	-34.30%	7.74%
6	57.92%	-42.51%	8.12%
7	36.30%	-34.50%	10.40%
8	23.88%	-27.28%	9.49%
9	44.18%	-35.45%	5.74%
10	64.43%	-44.48%	7.63%

\*Comparison with SOLID45 results

# Tapered circular plate using Function Builder



# Free thermal expansion



Element	Order of stress
Target	0.0
SHELL 63	10e-6
SHELL 143	1417
SHELL 181	10E-7
SHELL 43	2.742

# SHELL181 - advantages

- Wide variety of elasto-plastic, viscoelastic, viscoplastic, and hyperelastic material models
- Formulation is equivalent to a “Field consistent” algorithm\*
- Robust nonlinear convergence behavior
- CADOE Variational analysis support
- UserMat is supported

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# Conclusions

- Be it a linear or nonlinear analysis, 180 series is a good choice
- They provide
  - More functionality
  - Better accuracy (by strong emphasis on consistency)
  - State of the art formulations
  - More friendly interfaces and internal architecture
  - Higher customizability (e.g. UserMat and cross section building for beams)
  - Higher robustness