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DEVELOPMENT AND VALIDATION OF AN IMPETUS SIMULATION MODEL OF CTS' BIOFIDELIC BIRDSTRIKE TEST SURROGATE ALPHA®

BASED ON THE MASTER THESIS RESULTS OF TIM KLINGSPOHN

YOUR GLOBAL MOBILITY AND
INDUSTRY ENGINEERING EXPERTS



OUR FACTS & FIGURES



1969
FOUNDATION



~ 70
LOCATIONS
WORLDWIDE



19
COUNTRIES



~ 8.900
EMPLOYEES



2015
IPO



~ 4 %
TRAINING
RATE



844,3
MILLION
REVENUE



~ 3,6 %
CAPITAL
EXPENDITURE ON
REVENUE

EDAG WORLDWIDE

Europe:

- Germany
- United Kingdom
- Italy
- Netherlands
- Poland
- Sweden
- Switzerland
- Spain
- Czech Republic
- Turkey
- Hungary
- Austria

Asia:

- China
- India
- Japan
- Malaysia

North & South America:

- Brazil
- Mexico
- USA



EDAG GERMANY

- Berlin
- Bremen
- Dortmund
- Eisenach
- Friedrichshafen
- Fulda
- Ingolstadt
- Köln
- Leipzig
- Lindau
- München
- Neckarsulm
- Recklinghausen
- Regensburg
- Stuttgart
- Ulm
- Weinheim
- Wiesbaden
- Wolfsburg
- Zwickau



IMPETUS

EDAG CAE-SIMULATION PORTFOLIO

RANGE OF SERVICES



MULTIBODY-Simulation

- Driving Dynamics
- Virtual Proving Ground

CFD-Simulation

- Interior / Exterior Flow
- Aero- & Fluidynamics



EXTERIOR-Simulation

- Doors / Hinges
- Hang on Parts



PEDESTRIAN Protection

- Head impact
- Upper / Lower leg impact



OCCUPANT Safety

- Restrain Systems
- Airbags and Active Safety

INTERIOR-Simulation

- Seating Systems
- Interior Trim / Dashboard



Advanced Technologies

- AI-Tools
- HV-Battery Simulation
- EMC Simulation



CRASH-Simulation

- Structural Integrity
- Crash Strategy Development
- Material Concepts



STRENGTH & FATIGUE Simulation

- Stiffness analysis
- Fatigue-Strength evaluation
- Weldseam and Bolt / Screw evaluation



NVH-Simulation

- Acoustics, Vibrations
- Static / Dynamic stiffness
- Frequency Response

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DEFENCE-Simulation

- Interior / Exterior Ballistics
- Development of Protective Equipment
- Armoured Vehicle Development



~ 500
EMPLOYEES

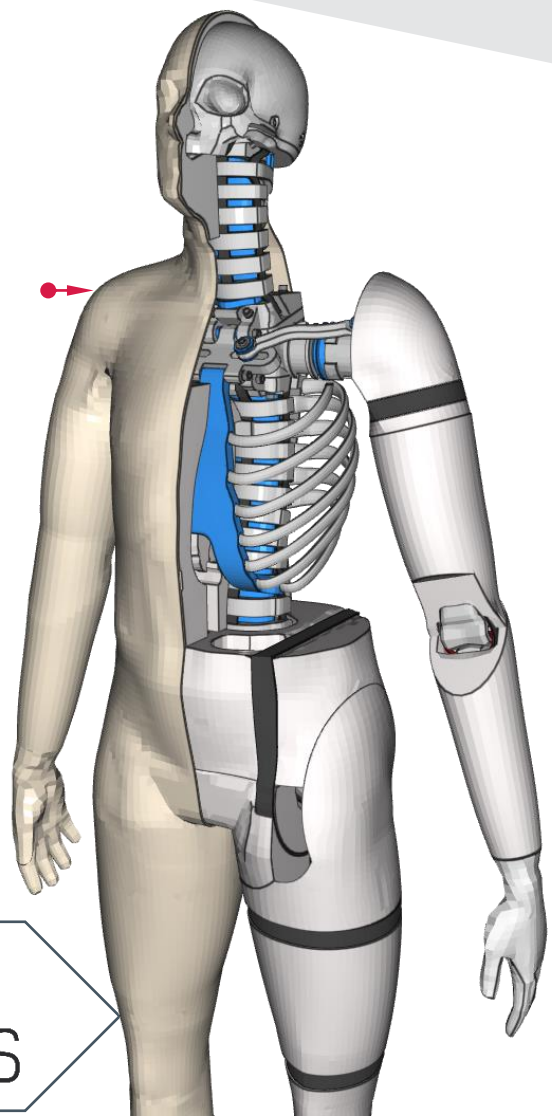
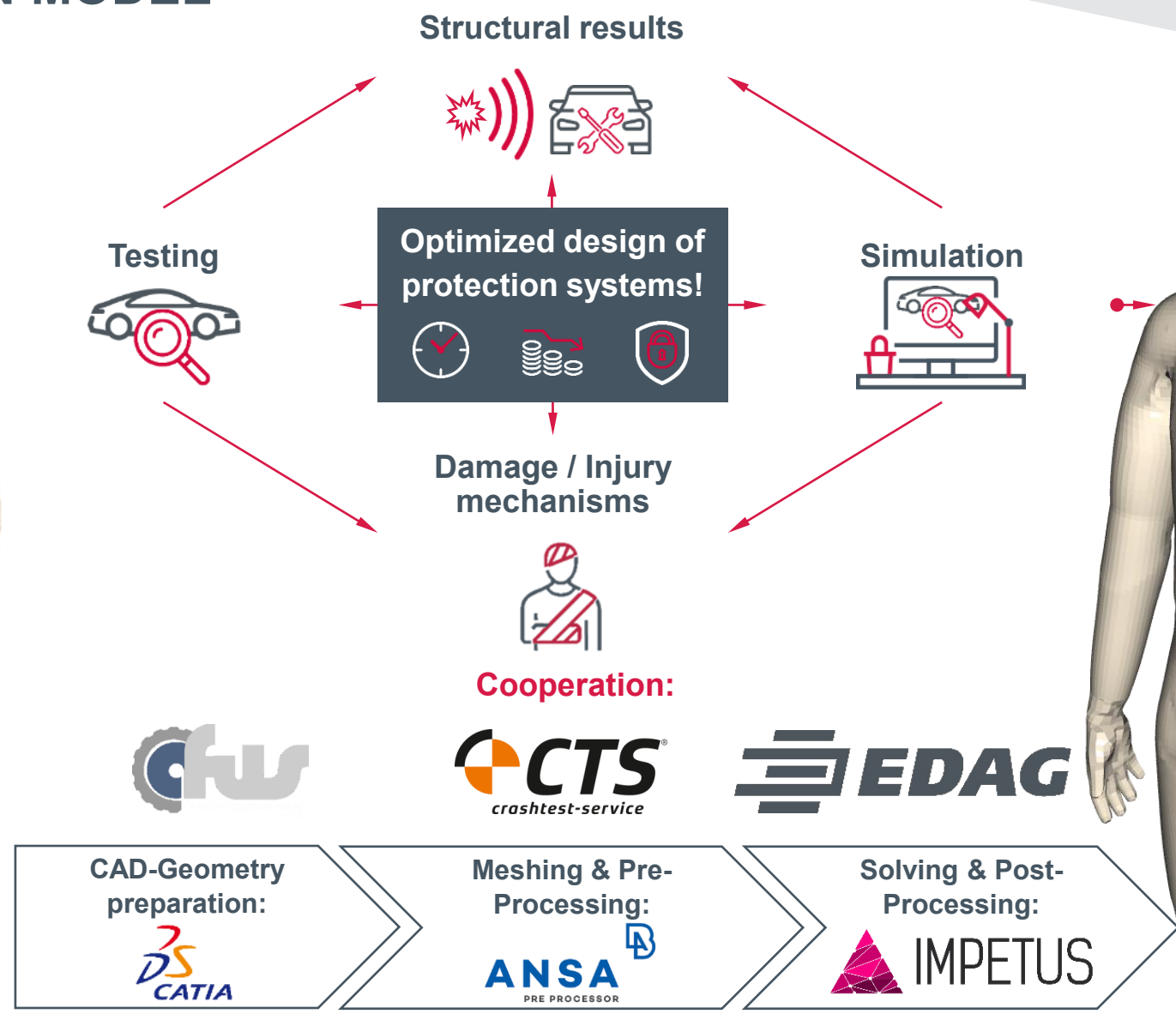


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CAE SOLVER /
PROGRAMMS

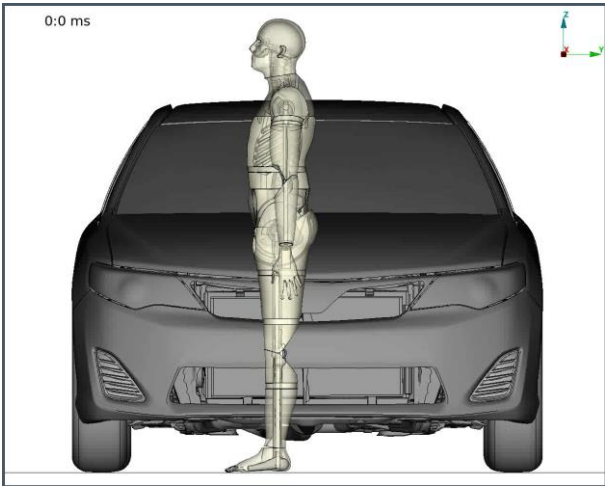
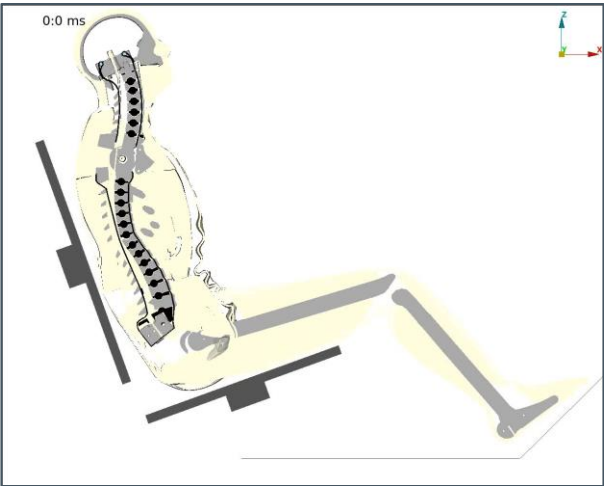
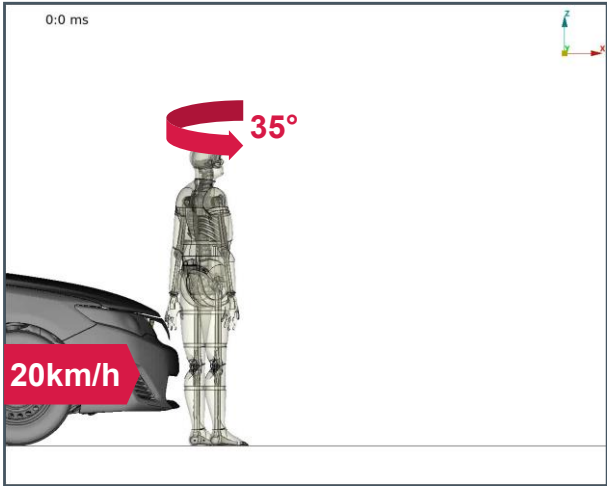
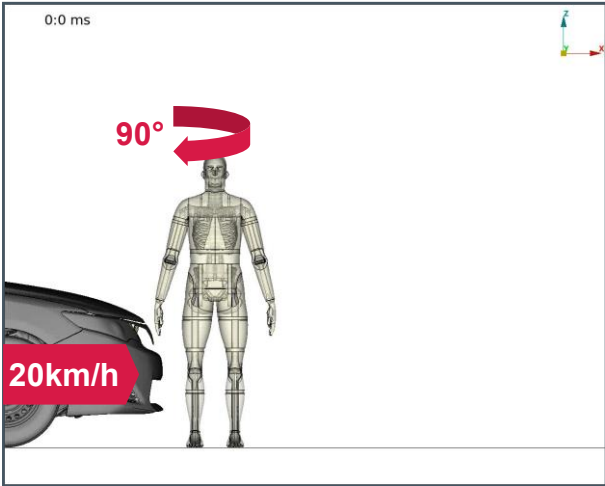
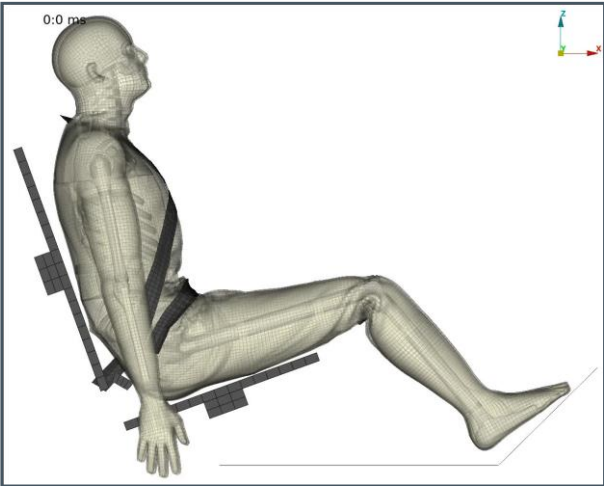
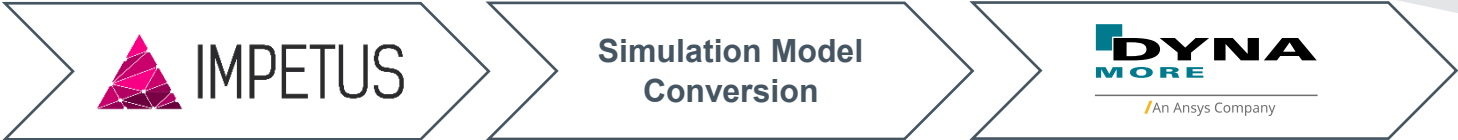
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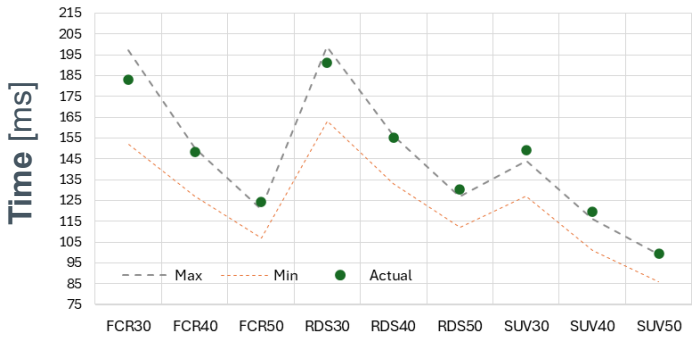
<https://www.crashtest-service.com/de/biofidel-dummy-/modelluebersicht/primus-breakable/>



PRESENT COOPERATION PRIMUS SIMULATION MODEL



EURO NCAP QUALITY CHECK (Head impact time)



AGENDA

1. BIRD STRIKE SURROGATES

- a. Introduction
- b. Surrogates for Bird Strike Testing

2. ALPHA® CHICKEN SURROGATE

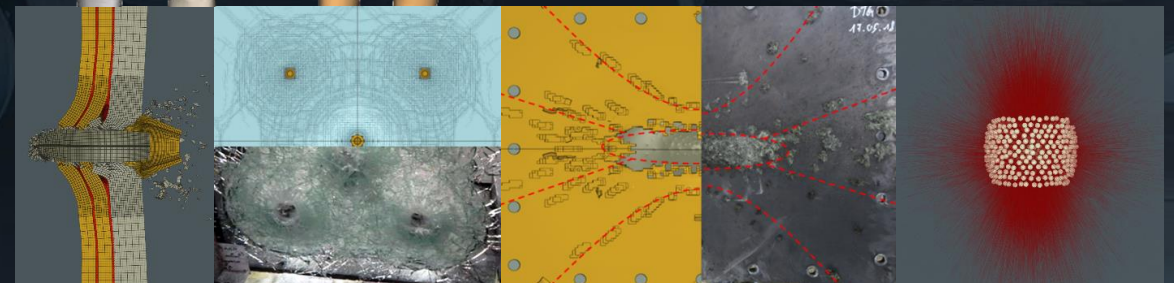
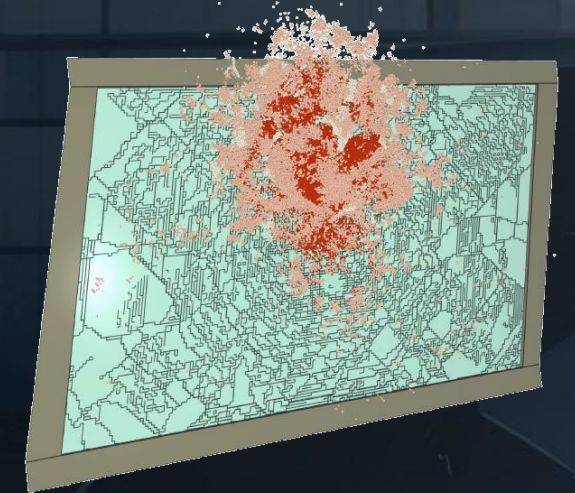
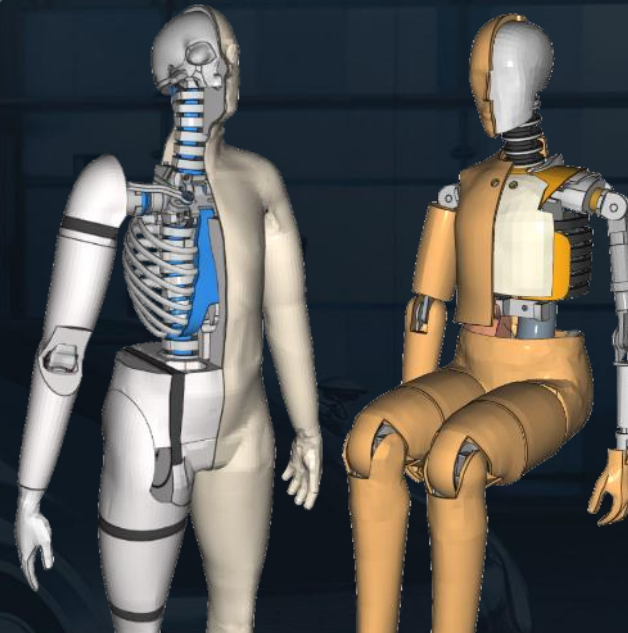
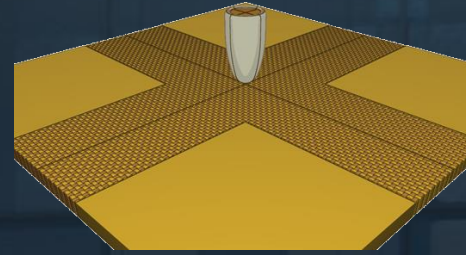
- a. Chicken Birdstrike Surrogate Model
- b. Validation Strategy and Underlying Experiments
- c. Validation Pyramid (SAE G-28)

3. AVIATION FORECAST

- a. Impact on Aviation Structures

4. ALPHA® GOOSE SURROGATE

- a. Goose Birdstrike Surrogate Model
- b. Chicken to Goose Differences in Impact on Aviation Structures



BIRDSTRIKE SIMULATION MODEL

BIRDSTRIKE INTRODUCTION



<https://www.expats.cz/czech-news/article/nato-video-captures-czech-pilot-birdstrike>



https://de.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/Datei:Jet_engine_damaged_by_bird_strike.jpg



Bird strike in aviation : statistics, analysis and management



BIRDSTRIKE SIMULATION MODEL

BIRDSTRIKE TESTING

Leading edge

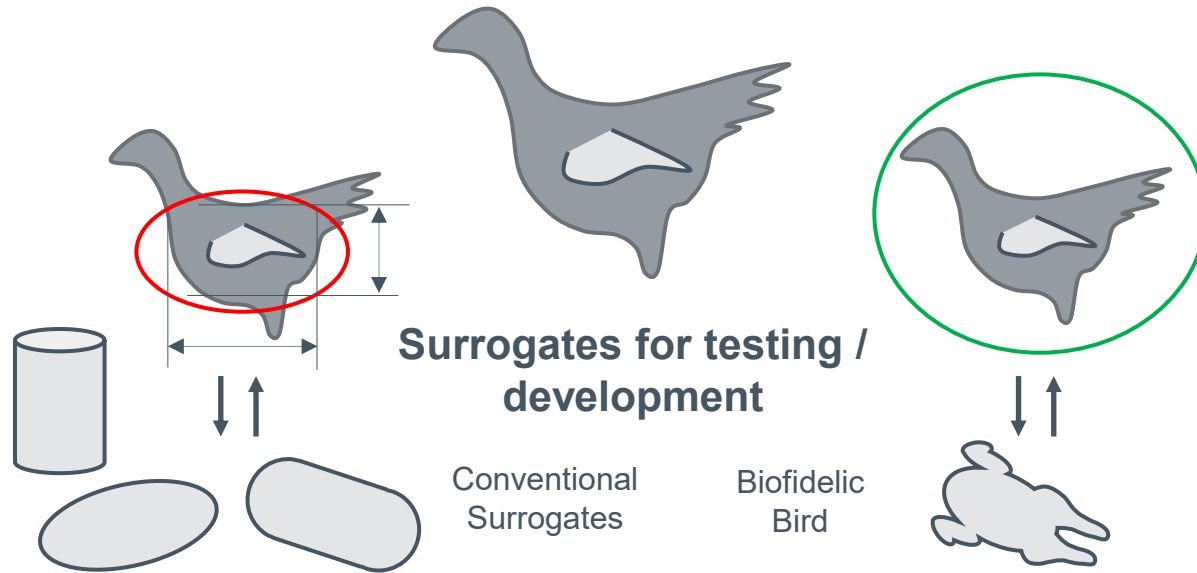
Study, Design and Testing of Structural Configurations for the Bird-Strike
Compliance of Aeronautical Components



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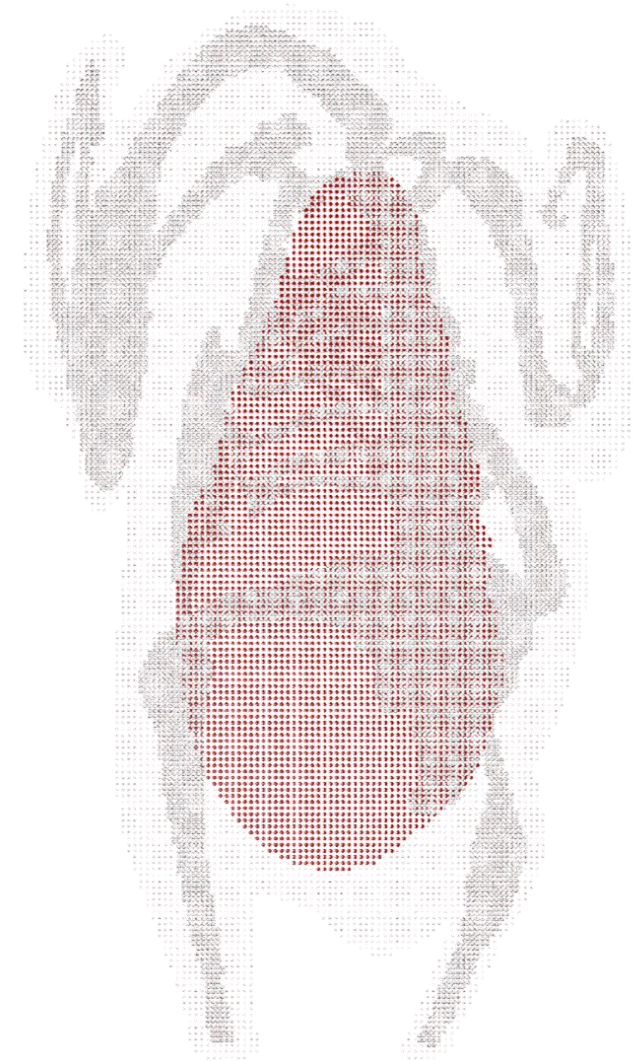
ALPHA® BIRDSTRIKE-SURROGATE (CHICKEN)

Real Birds for Certification



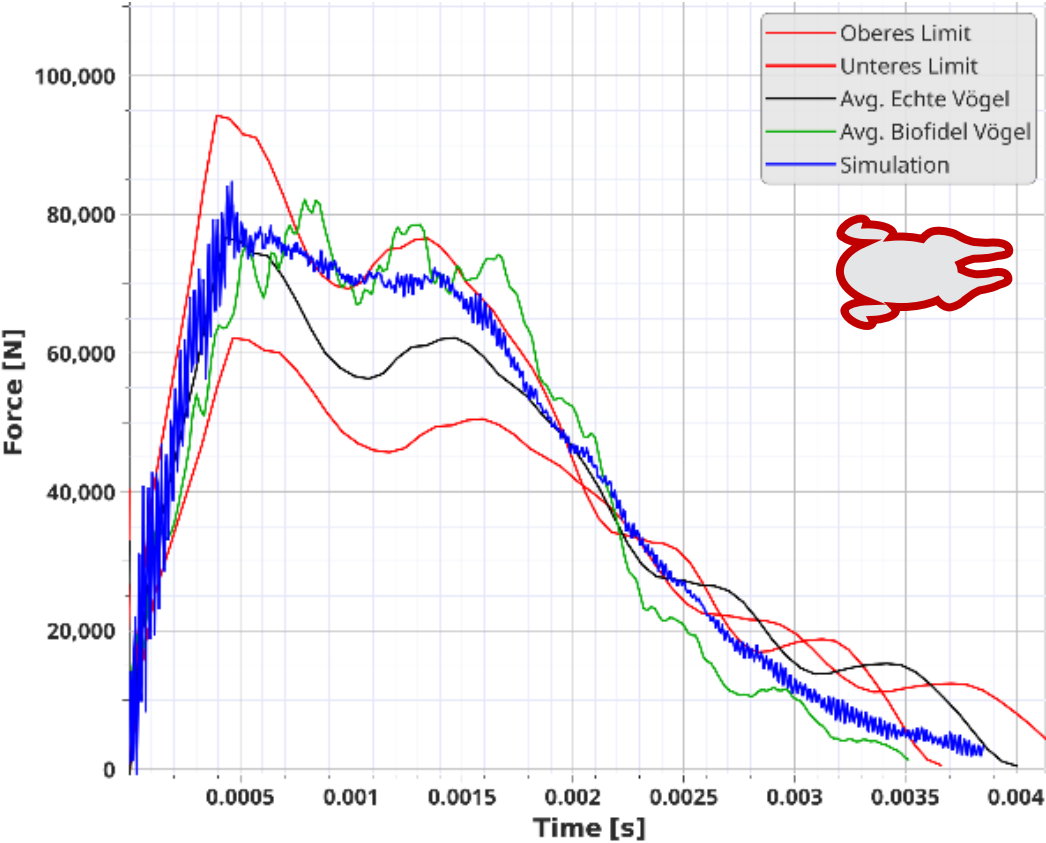
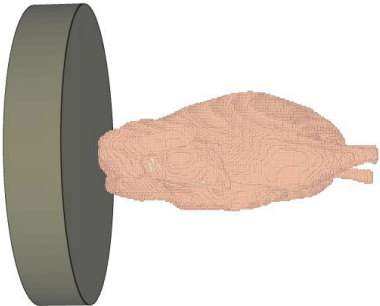
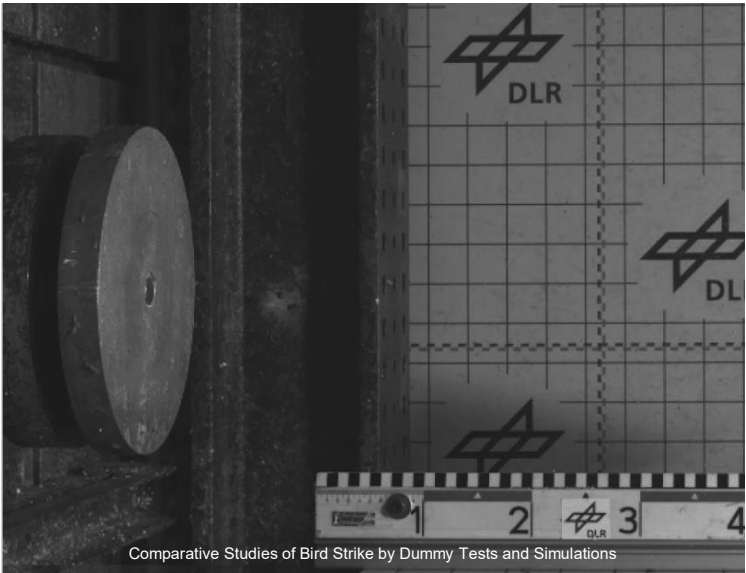
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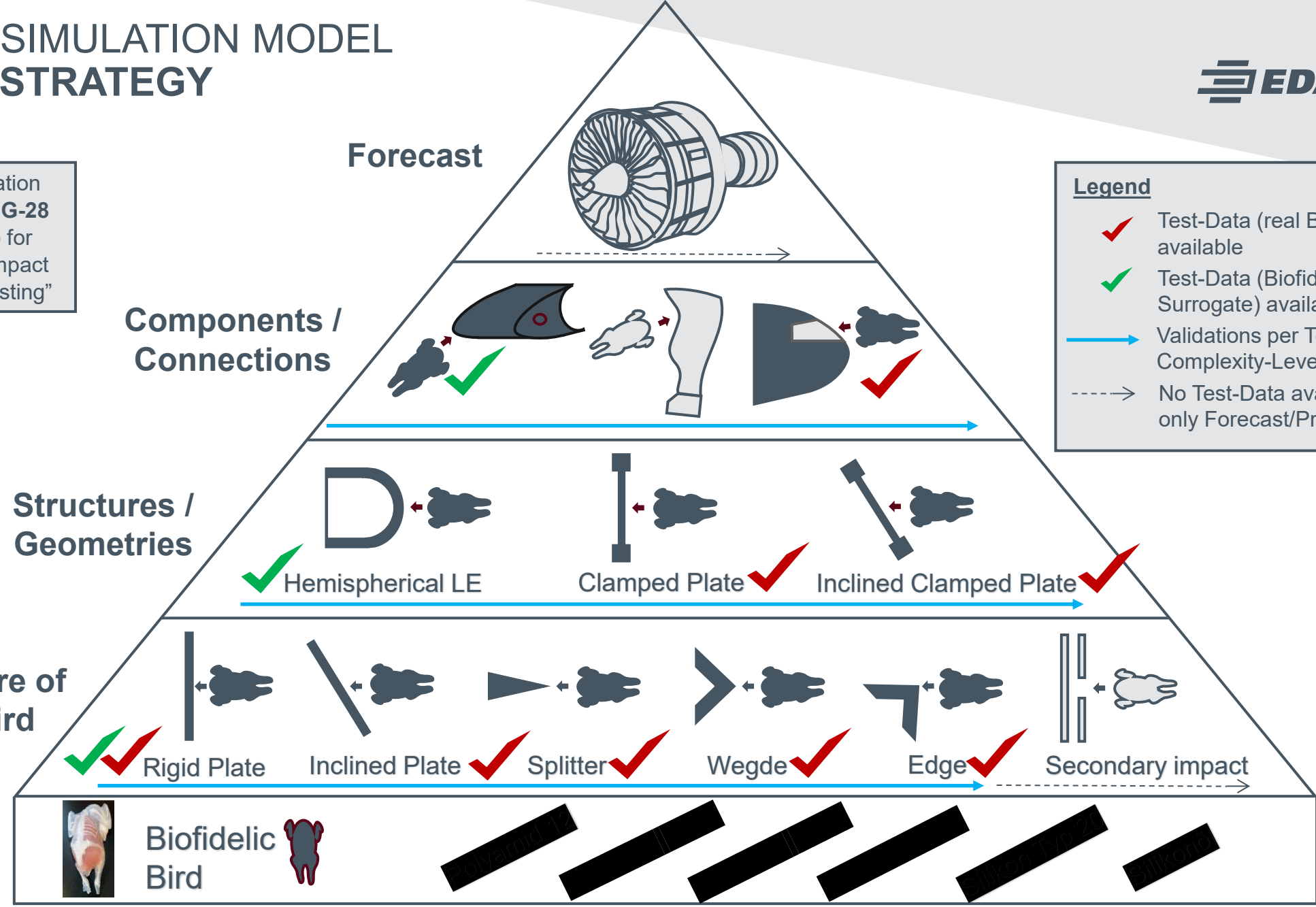
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BIRDSTRIKE SIMULATION MODEL VALIDATION STRATEGY



Based on validation pyramid of **SAE G-28** working Group for „Simulants for Impact and Ingestion Testing”



Legend

✓

Test-Data (real Birds) available

✓

Test-Data (Biofidelic Bird-Surrogate) available

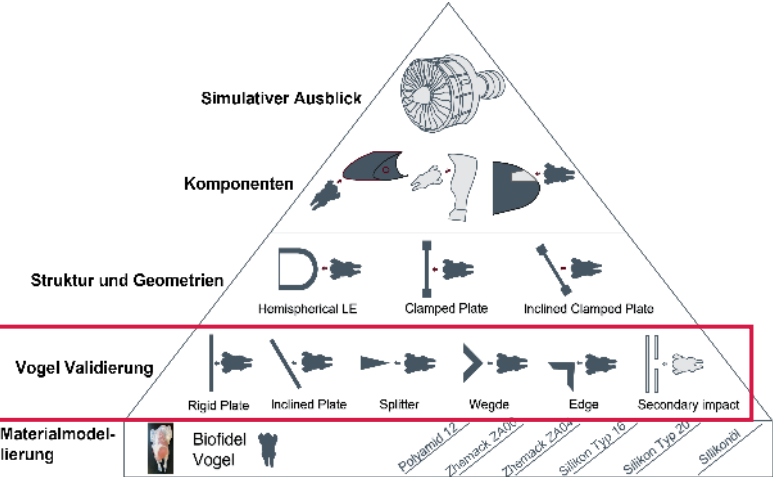
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Validations per Test-Complexity-Level

No Test-Data available, only Forecast/Prediction

BIRDSTRIKE SIMULATION MODEL

LEVEL 1 VALIDATION

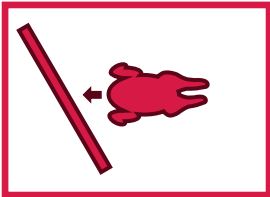
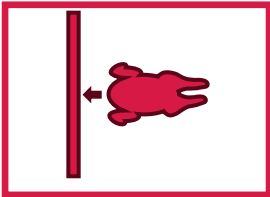


Rigid Plate	Inclined Plate	Splitter	Wedge	Edge
Materials: Structures are fully rigid				
Velocities: 85m/s 90m/s	Velocity: 125m/s	Velocity: 69m/s	Velocity: 106m/s	Velocity: 125m/s

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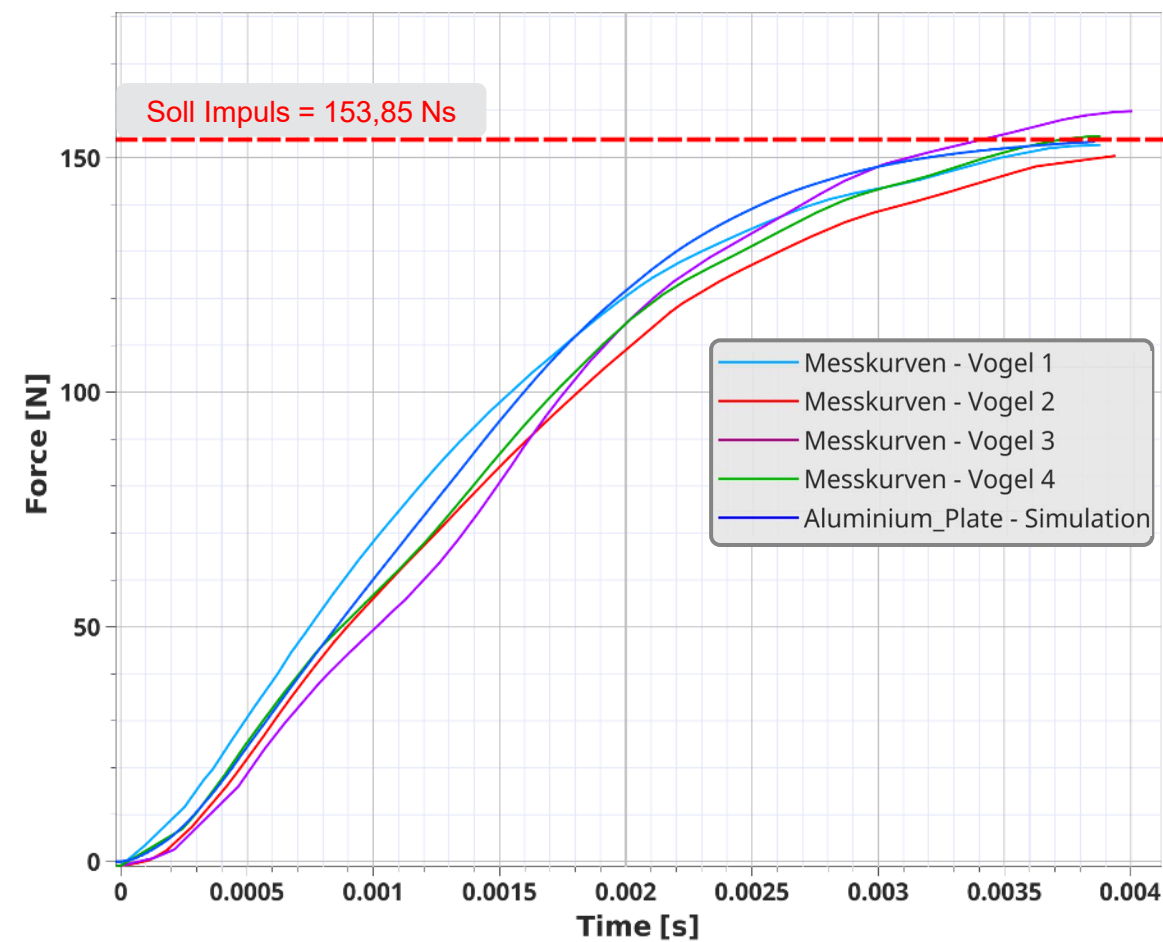
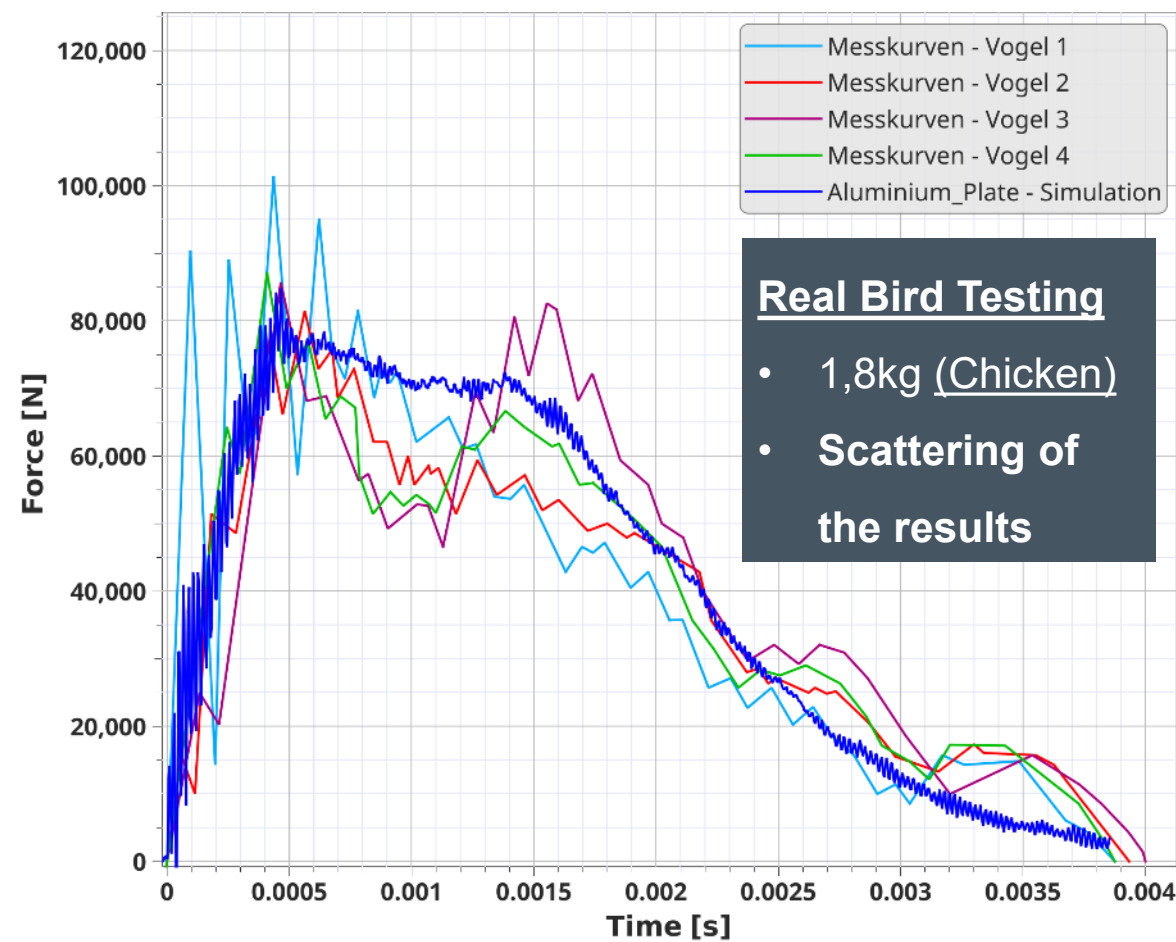


Numerical Simulation of Impact bird against rigid flat plate and rigid edge for bird splitting analysis



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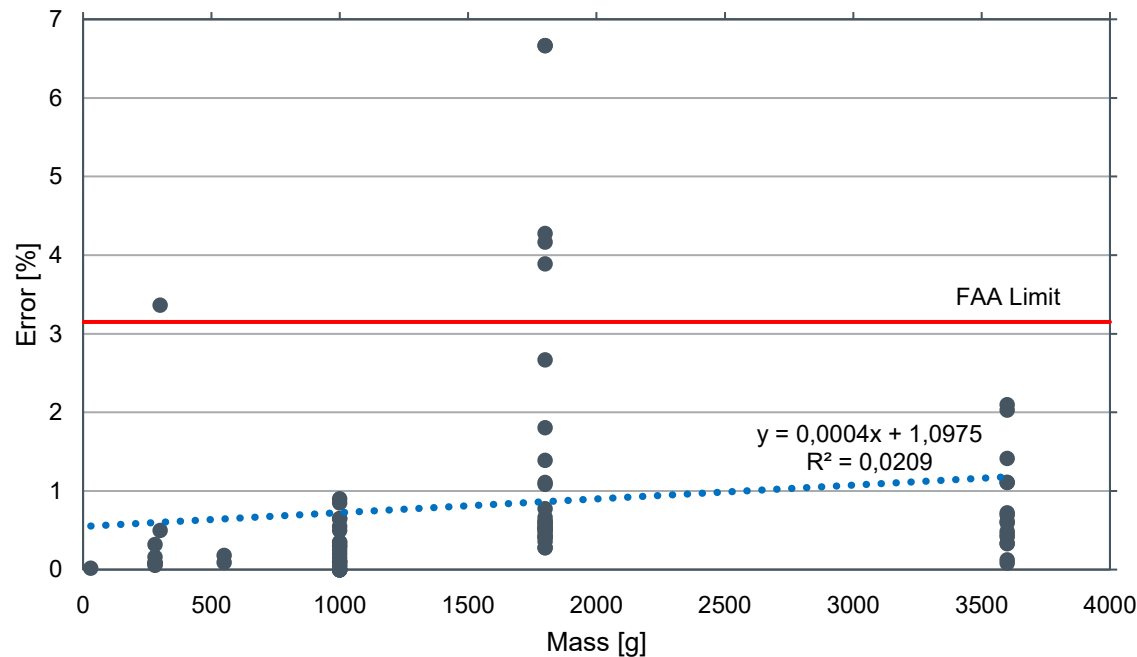


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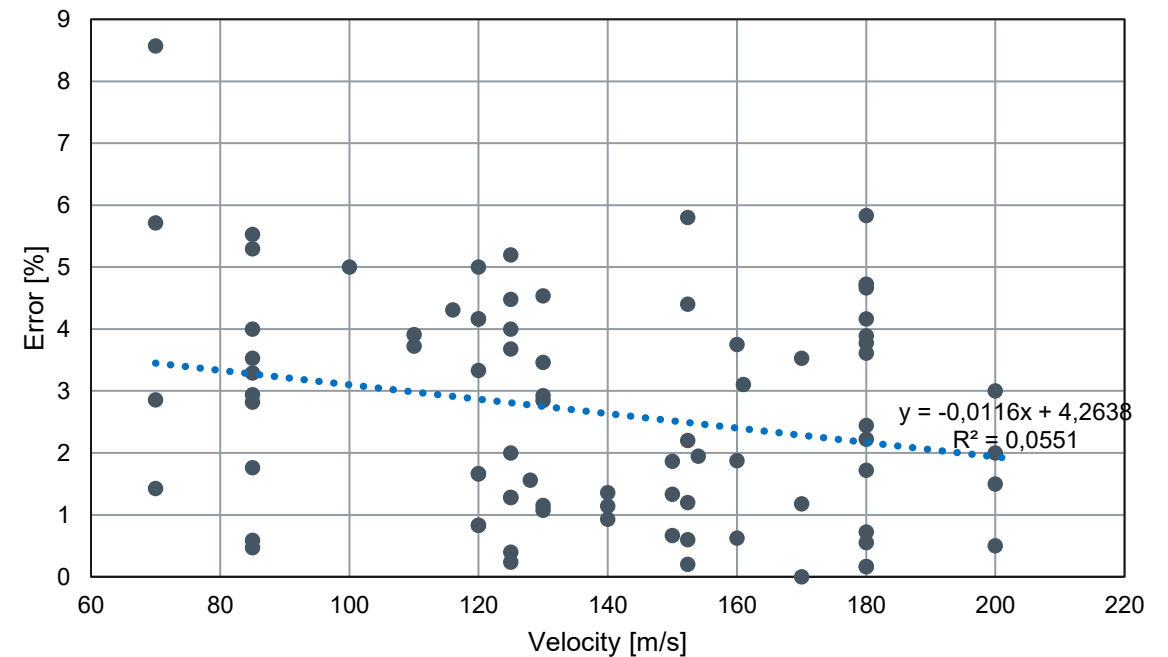


$$p = m \cdot v, \quad F = \frac{m \cdot v}{t}, \quad t = \frac{l}{v}$$

Percentage Mass-Error



Percentage Velocity-Error



- ASTM F330-21 für „Bird Impact testing“ allow a mass error of max. 3,15% and a velocity measurign deviation of max. 2%
- Different Birdstrike Test-Facilities indicate an absolute error of $\pm 5 - 7$ m/s, therefore the percentage velocity-error is lower at higher velocities

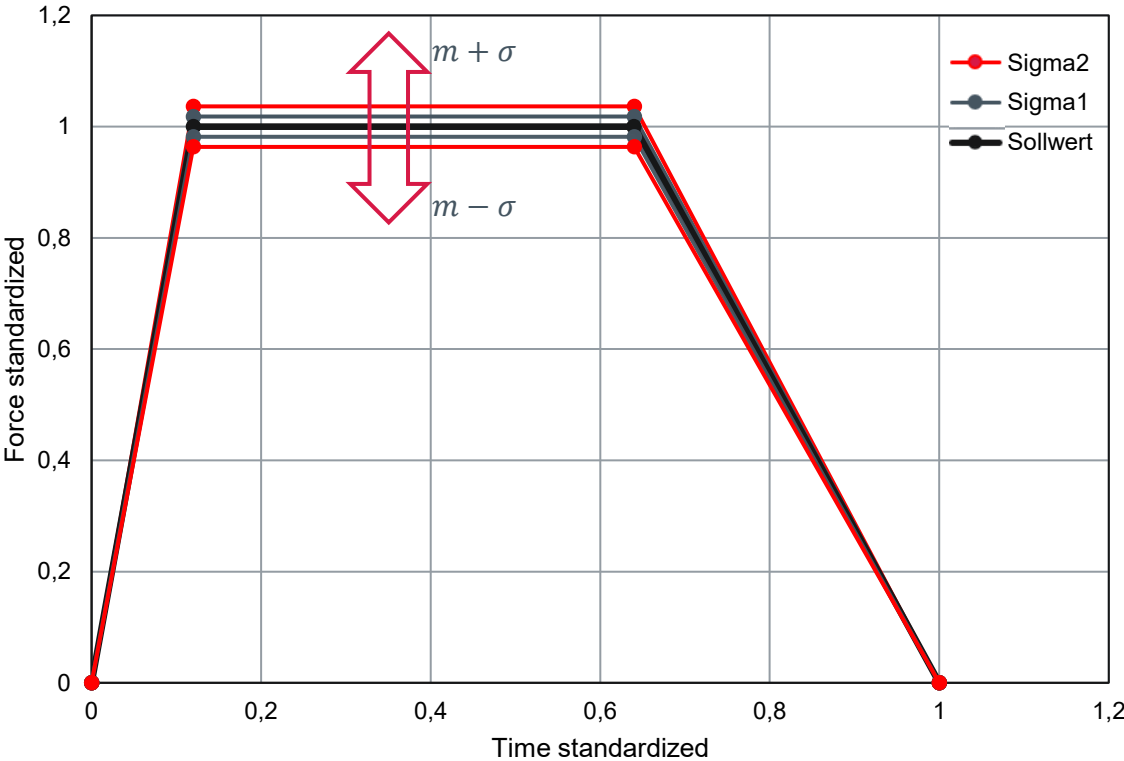
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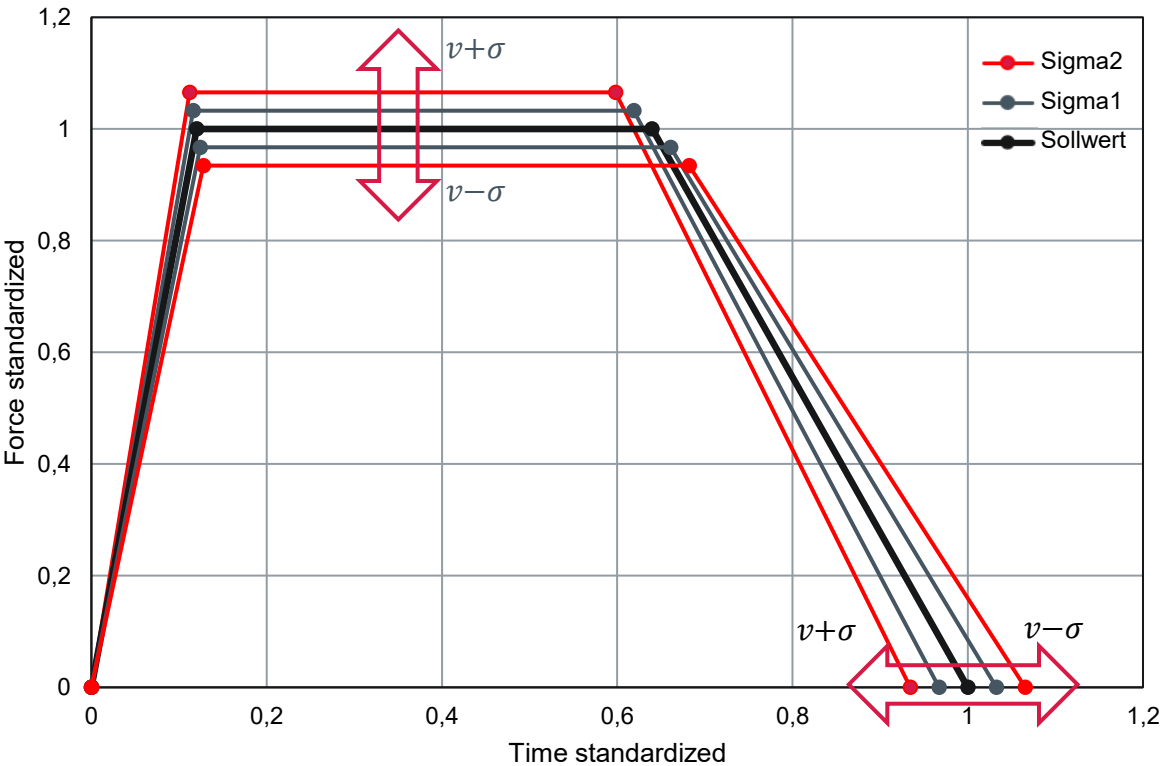


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Effect of Mass-Error



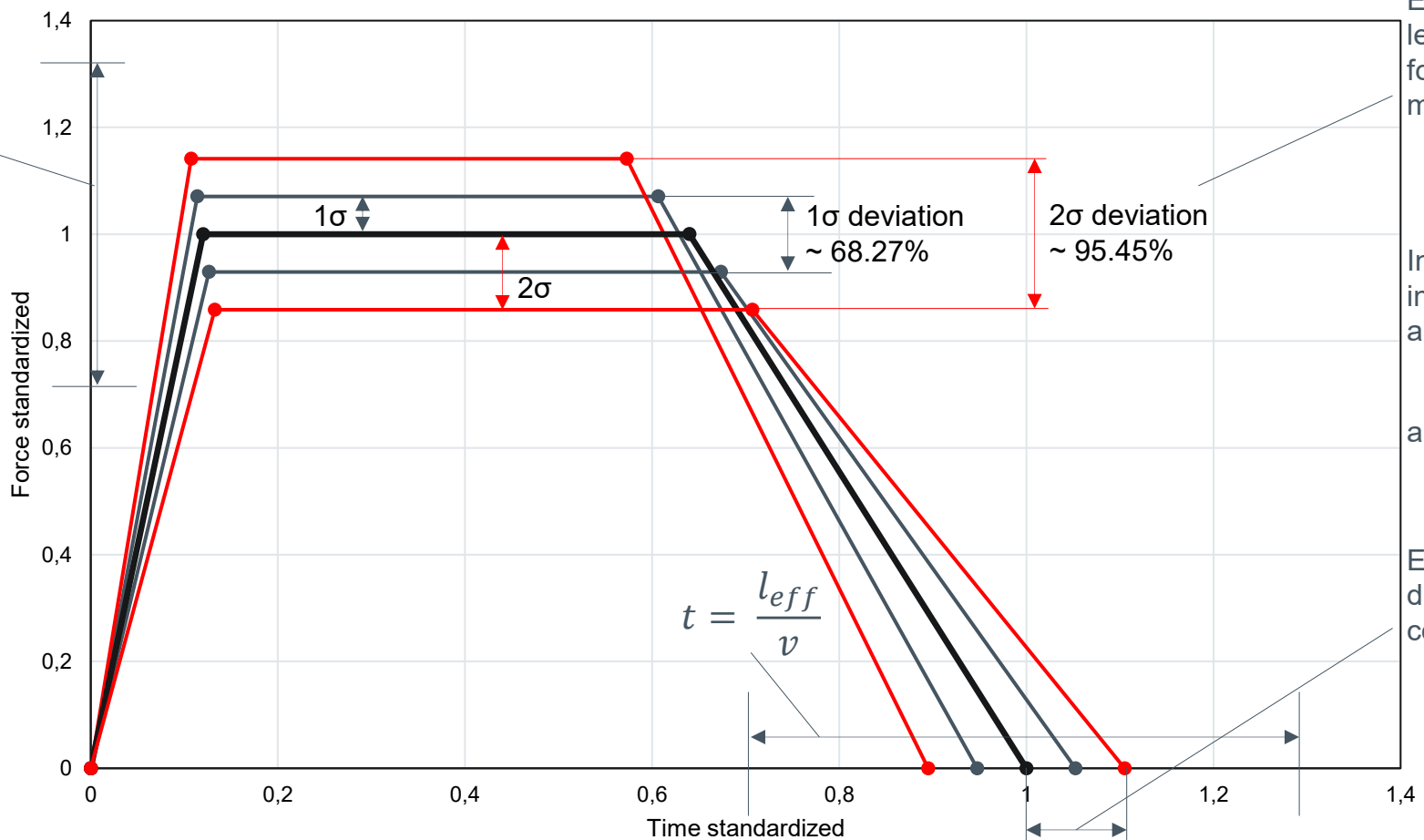
Effect of Velocity-Error



Dimensionless Force-Time-History

Error range in the force that would be additionally increased by deviations in the length

$$F = \frac{m \cdot v}{t} = \frac{m \cdot v^2}{l_{eff}}$$



Errors in velocity and mass lead to differences in the force derived from the momentum:

$$p = m \cdot v, \quad F = \frac{m \cdot v}{t}$$

In addition, a measurement inaccuracy of the tests of approx.:

$$v = 2\%$$

and

$$m = 1.8g$$

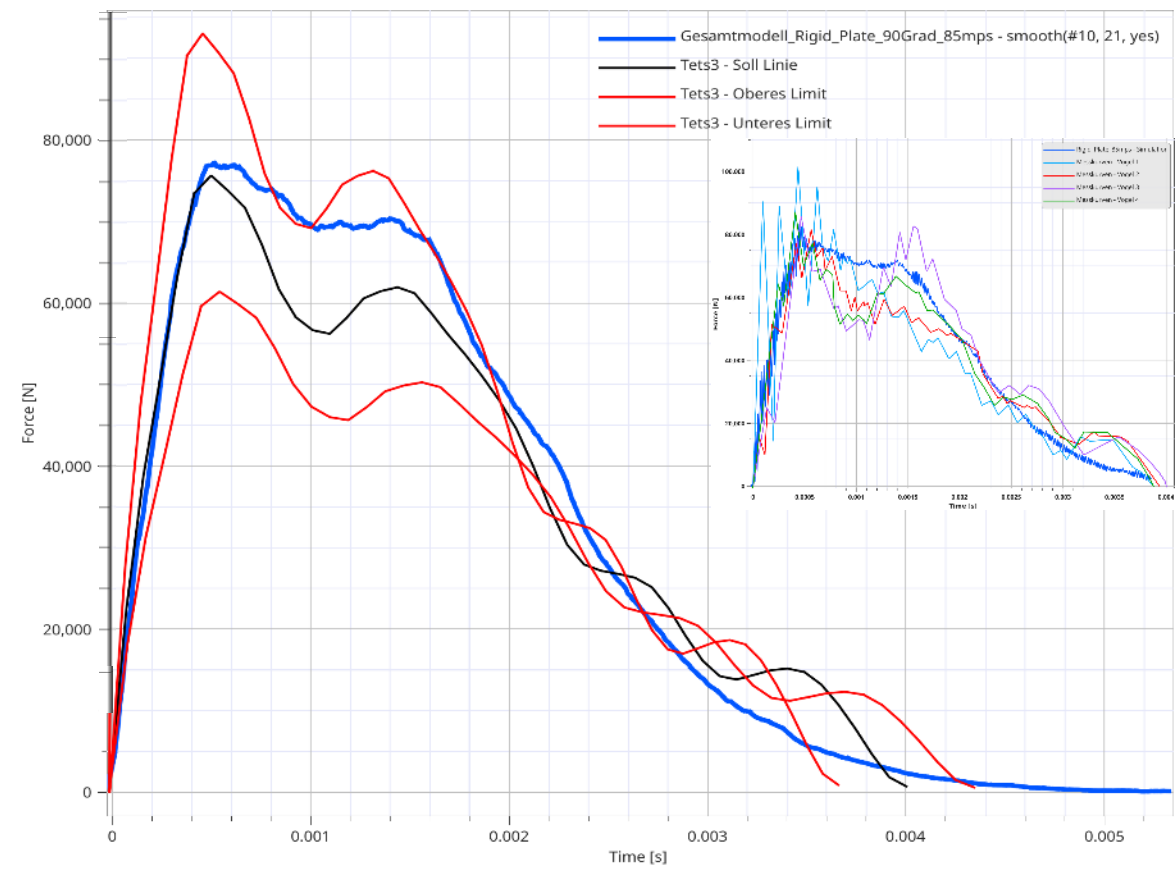
Error in speed leads to differences in time if a constant length is assumed

$$t = \frac{l_{const.}}{v}$$

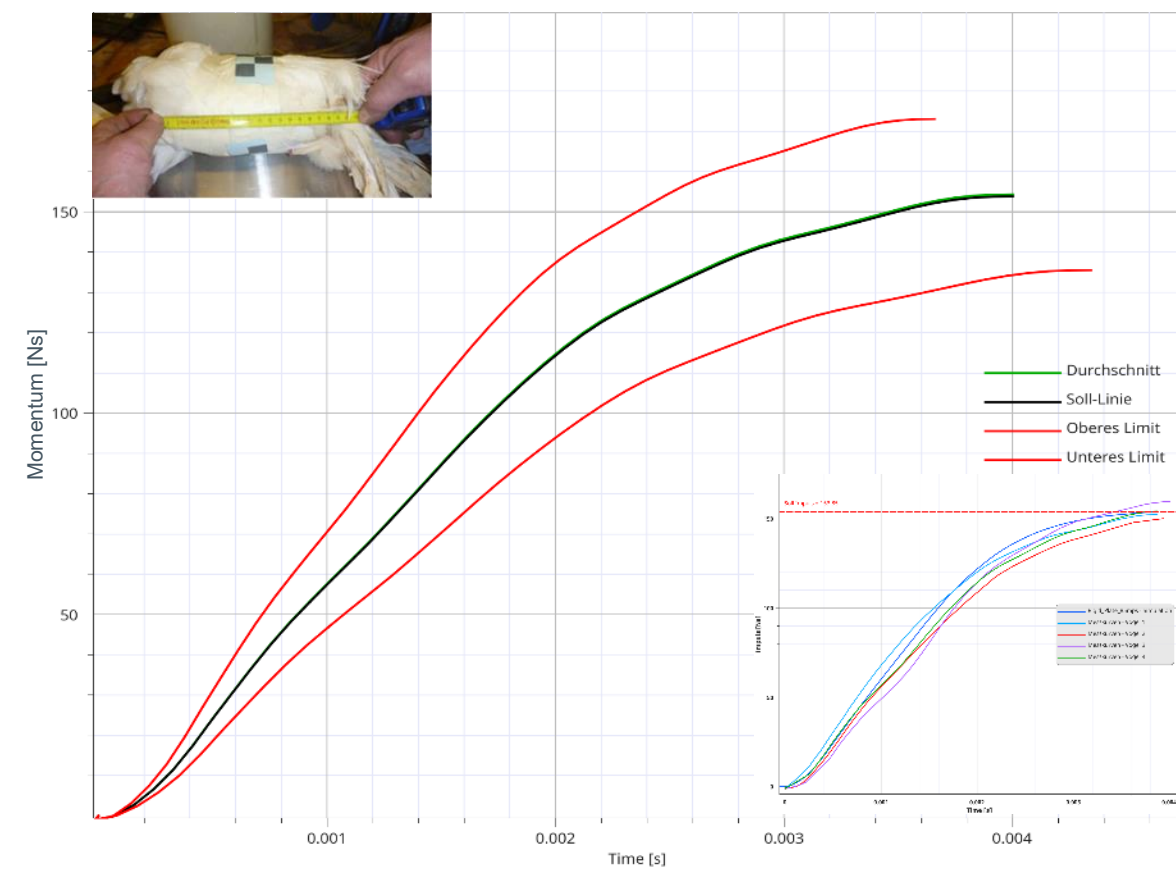
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Force-Time Confidence Interval

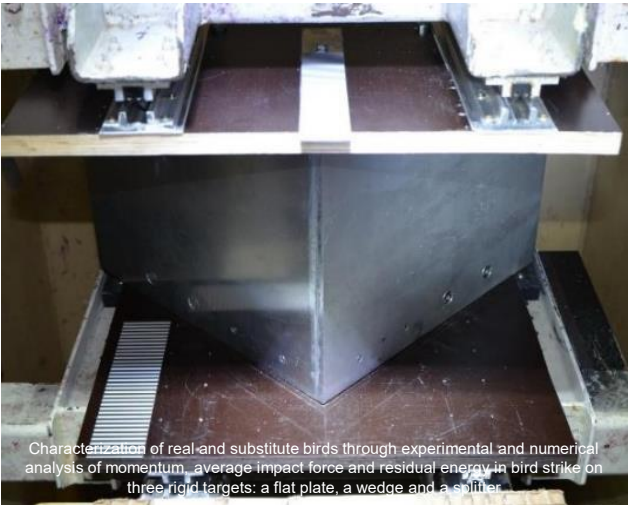


Momentum-Time Confidence Interval

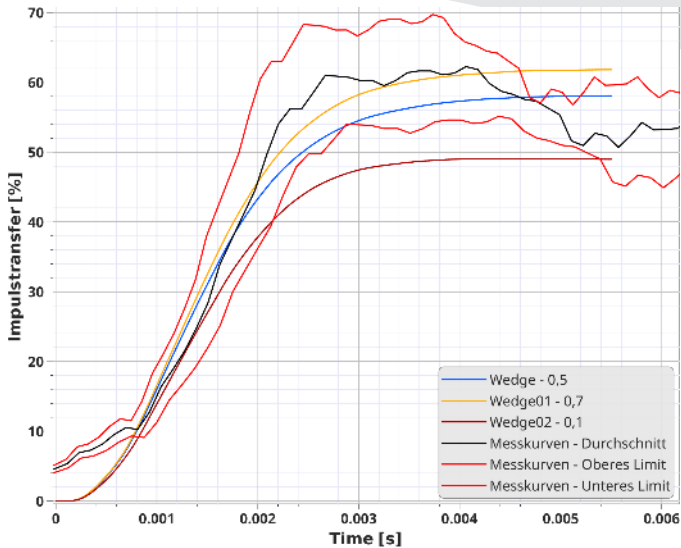
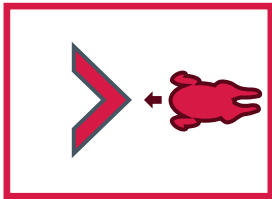
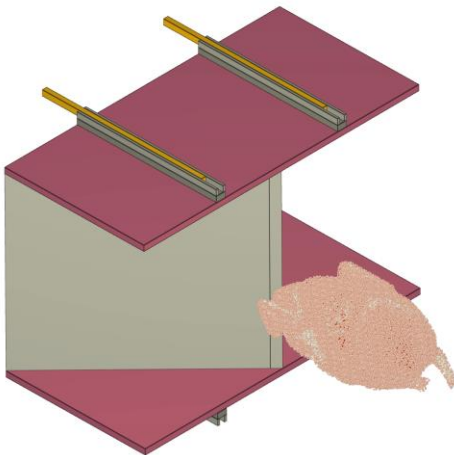


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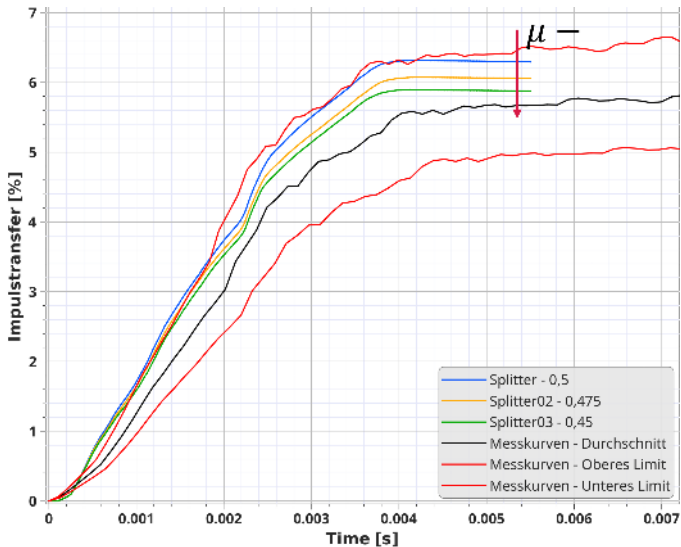
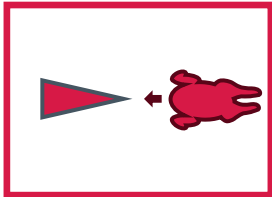
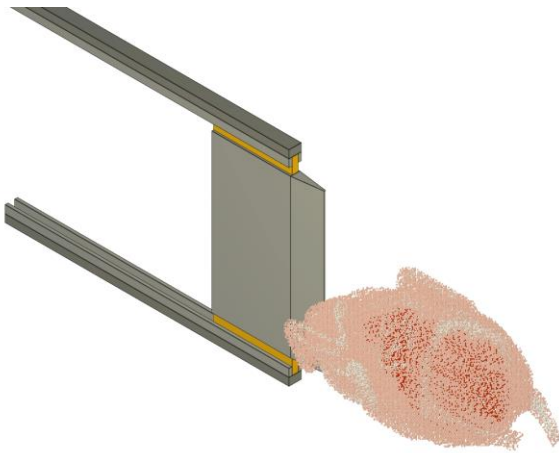
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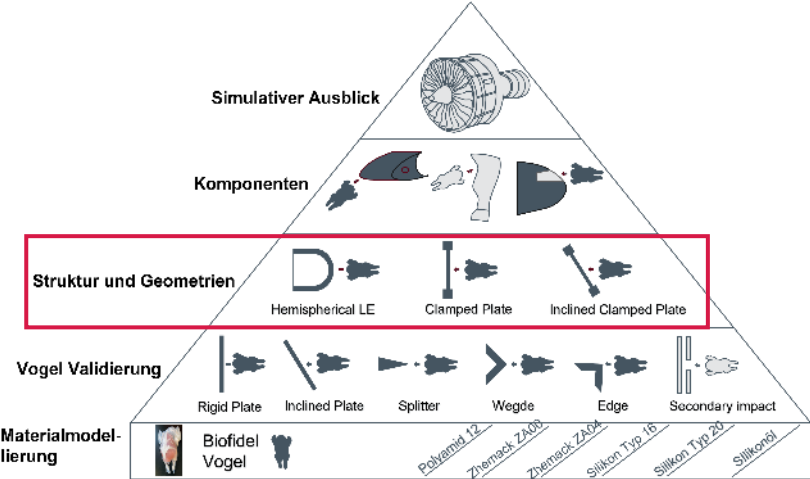
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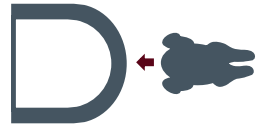
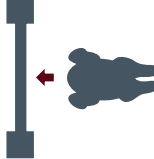
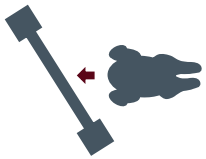


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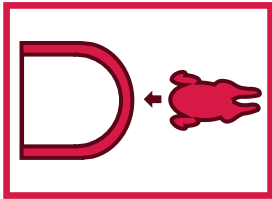
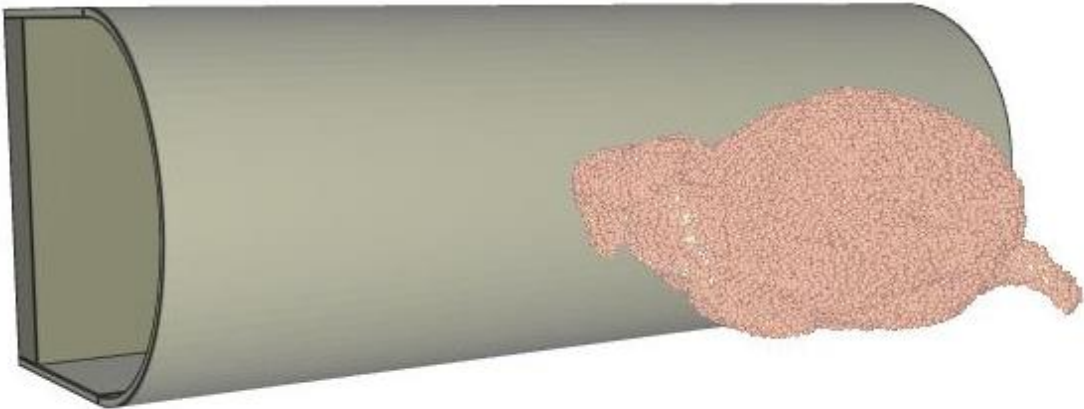
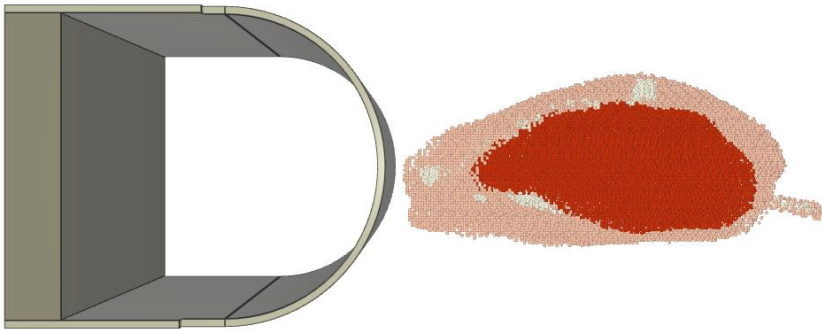
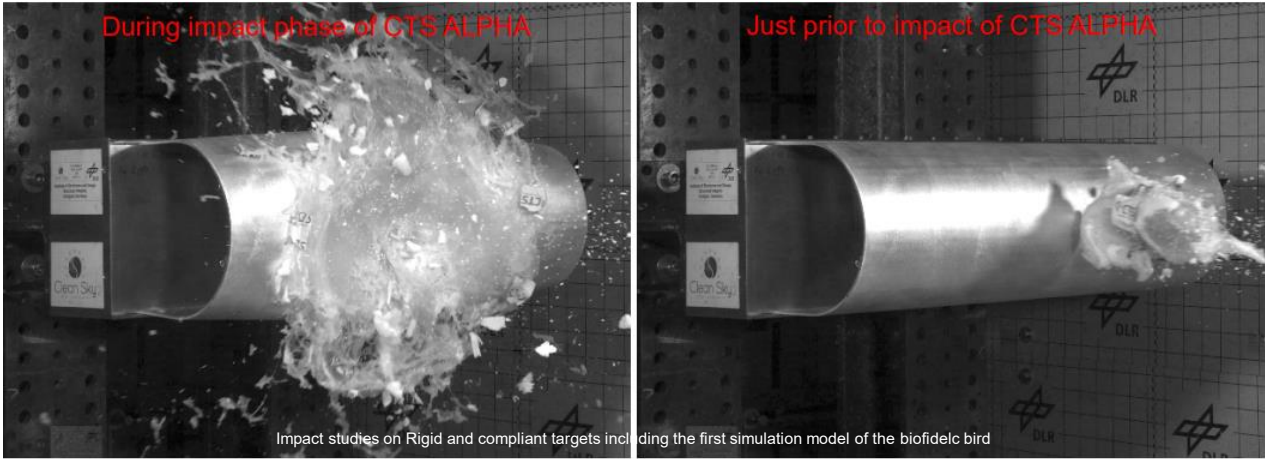
BIRDSTRIKE SIMULATION MODEL LEVEL 2 VALIDATION



 Hemispherical LE	Configurations: Mono-plate Layered structure	Configurations: Mono-plate Double-plate Layered glass
	 Clamped Plate	 Inclined Clamped Plate
Material: Al 2024T3	Materials: Al 2024 T3 C45E4 AlSi7Mg0,5 TC4	Materials: Al 2024 T3 Glass TPU&SG Composite TORAY PC Makrolon
Velocity: 110m/s	Velocities: 69m/s, 70m/s, 120m/s, 138m/s, 149m/s, 170m/s, 180m/s, 195m/s	Velocity: 110m/s, 130m/s, 150m/s, 155m/s
		Angles: 45°, 30°

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LEVEL 2 VALIDATION



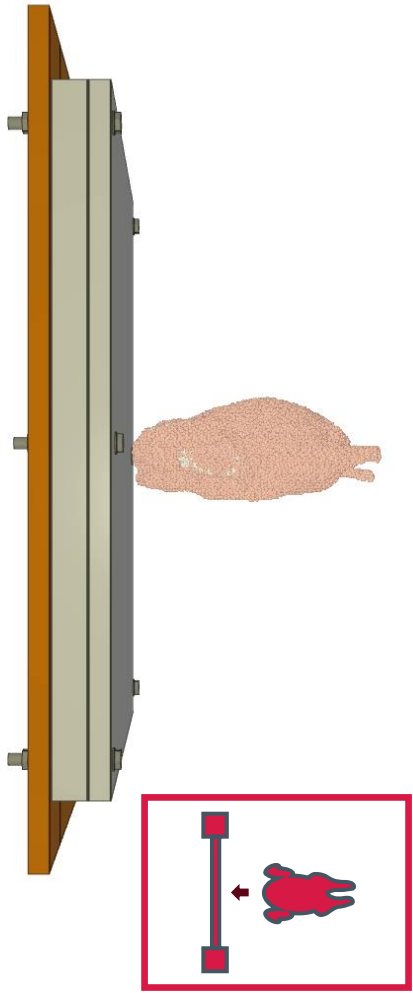
BIRDSTRIKE SIMULATION MODEL

LEVEL 2 VALIDATION

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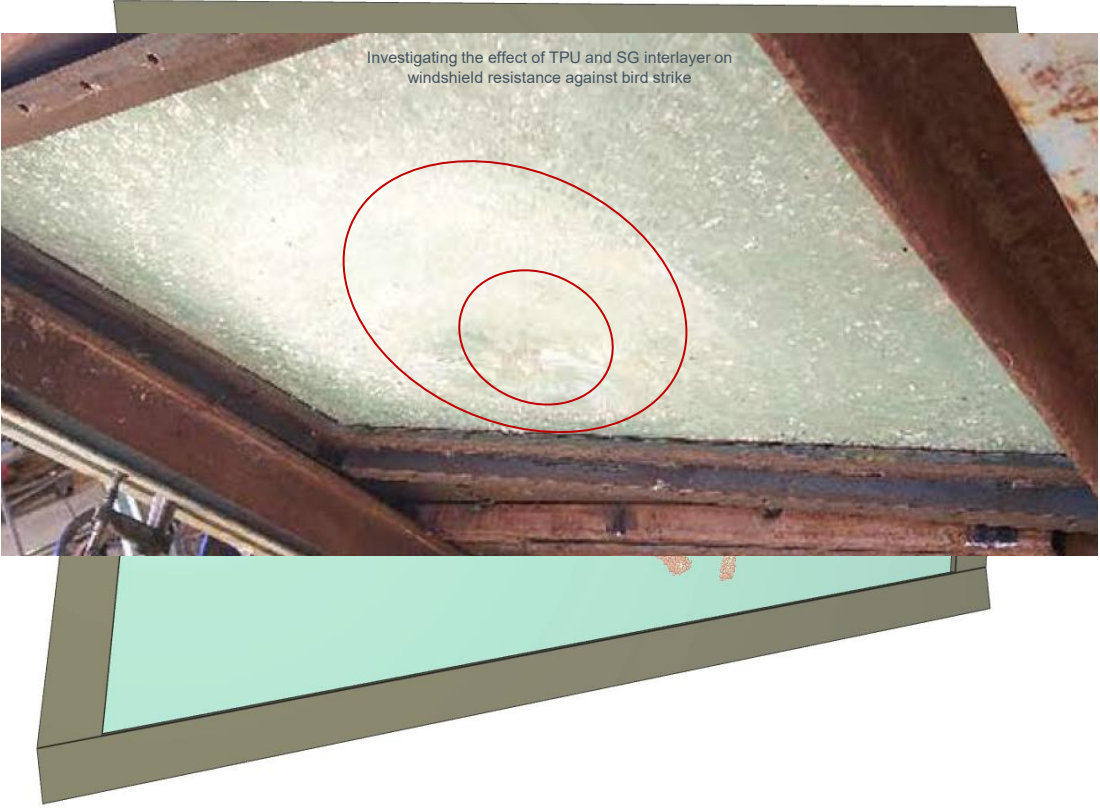


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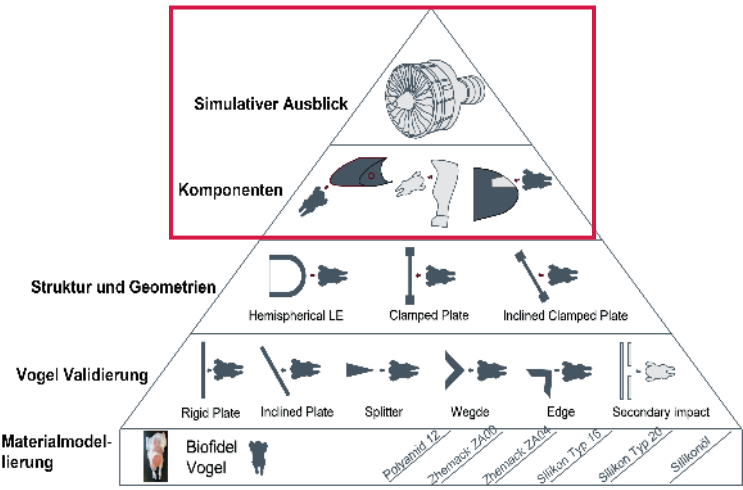


BIRDSTRIKE SIMULATION MODEL

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BIRDSTRIKE SIMULATION MODEL LEVEL 3 VALIDATION AND FORECAST

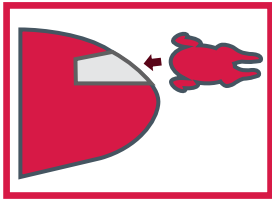
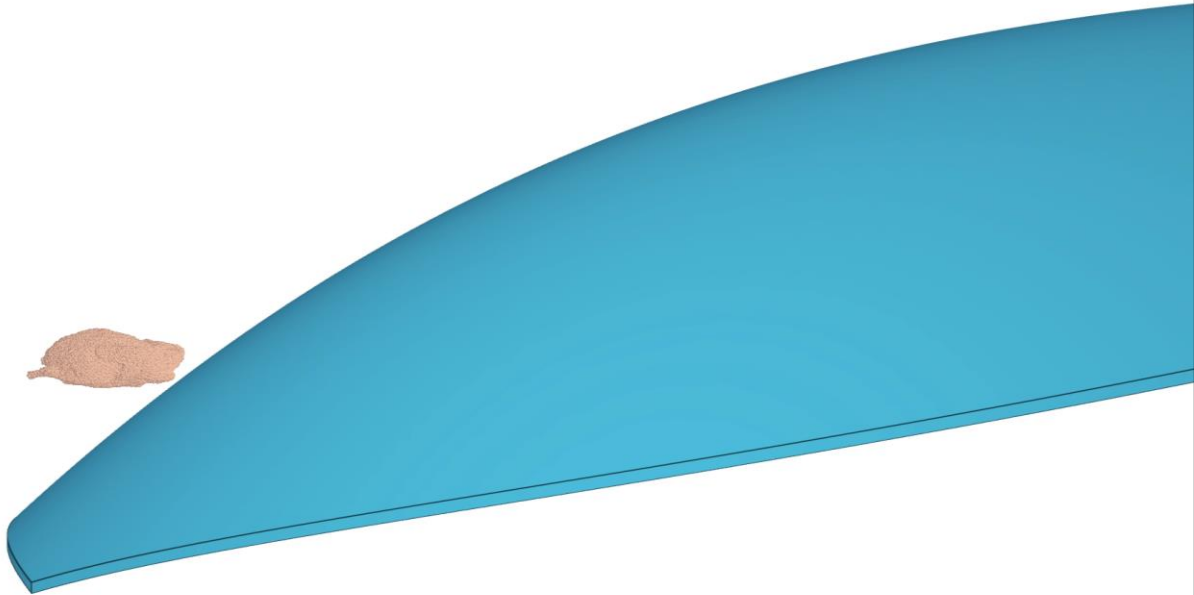


Configuration: Military Jet Engine EJ200	Configurations: Elevator of a Boeing 737 (Between and on rib structure)	Configurations: Fan Blade Compound of a Turbofan-Engine	Configuration: Cockpit L-39NG
Materials: Fully-Rigid	Material: Al 2024 T3	Material: Titan TC4	Material: Polycarbonate
Velocity: 250m/s	Velocity: 180m/s	Velocity: 110m/s	Velocities: 110m/s 130m/s 150m/s 155m/s
Engine-RPM: 20.000 1/min		Engine-RPM: 2.500 1/min	

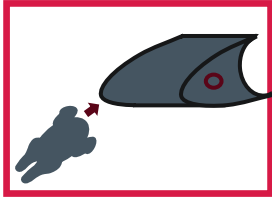
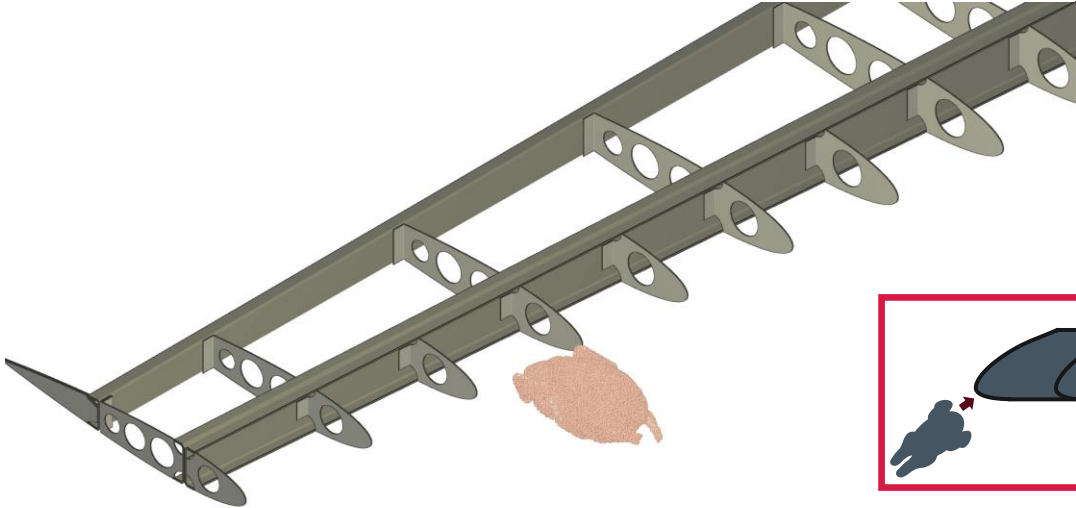
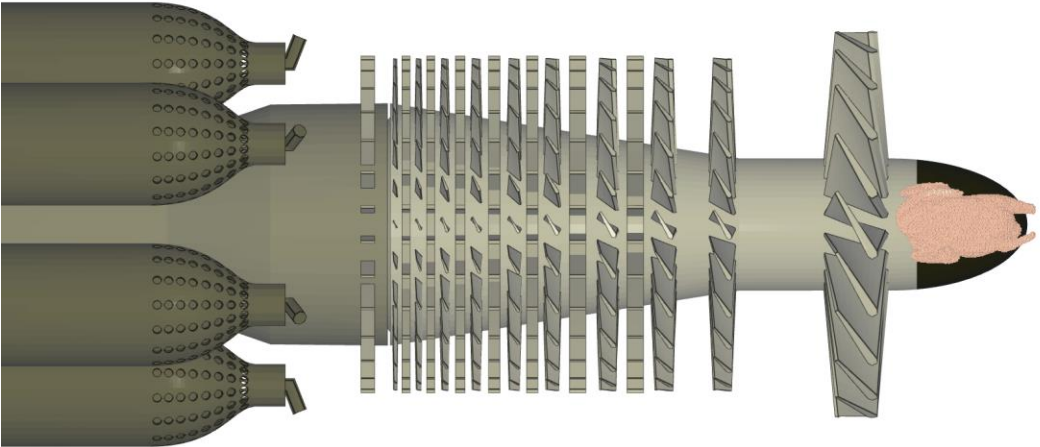
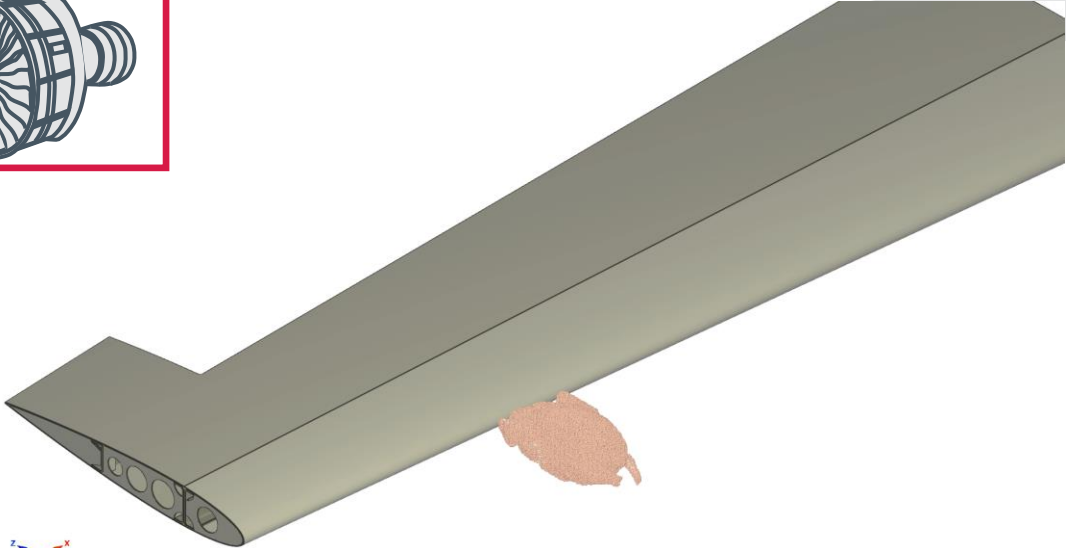
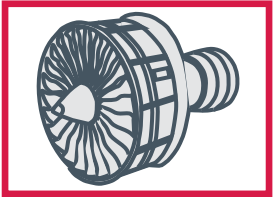
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Cockpit L-39NG



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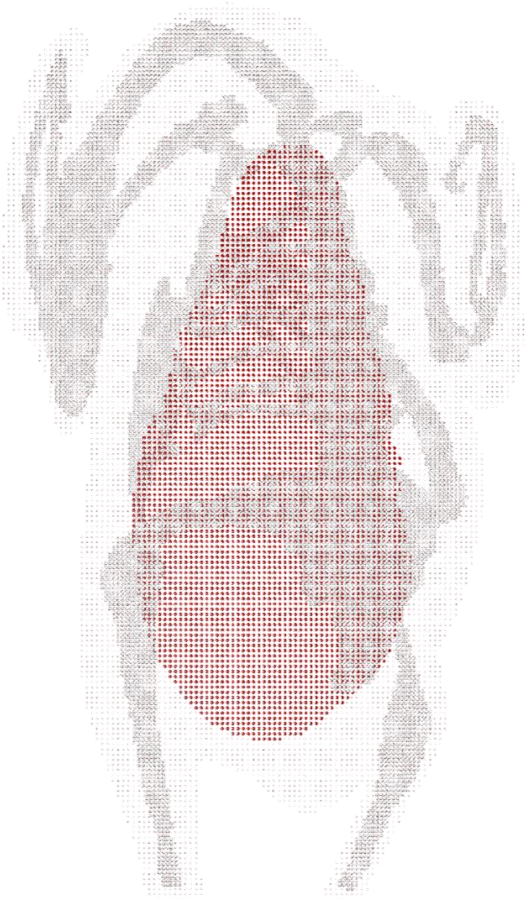
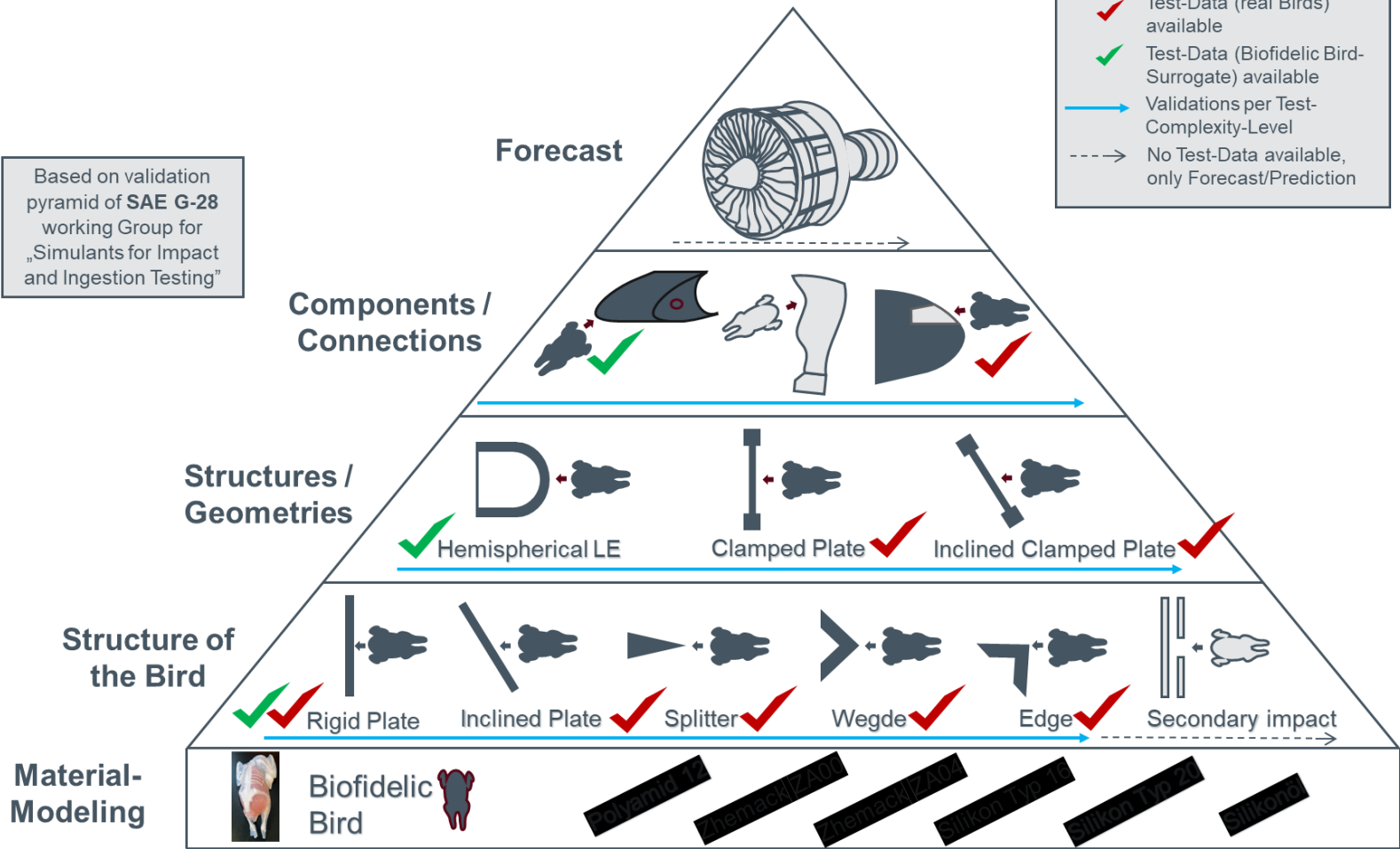
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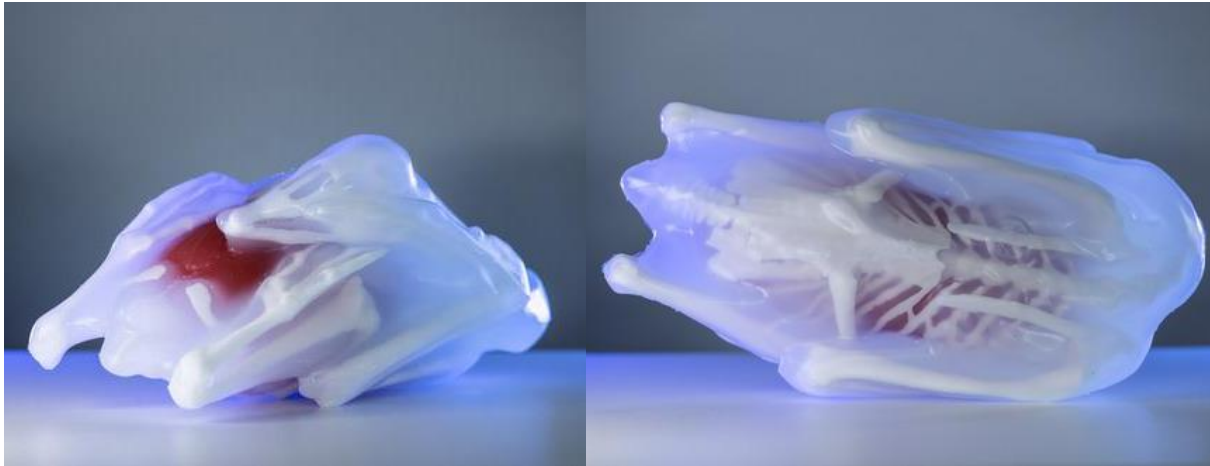
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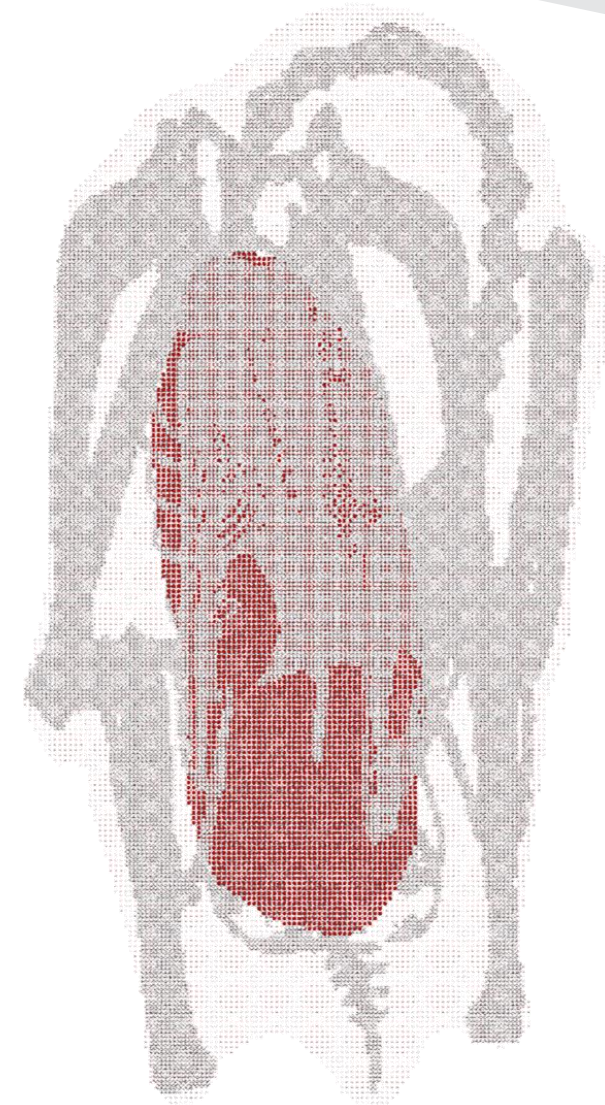
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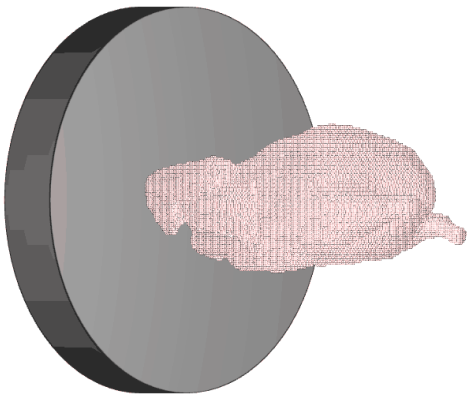
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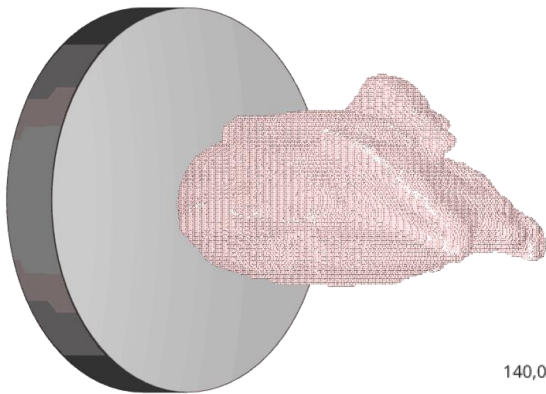


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ALPHA® BIRDSTRIKE-SURROGATE (GOOSE)



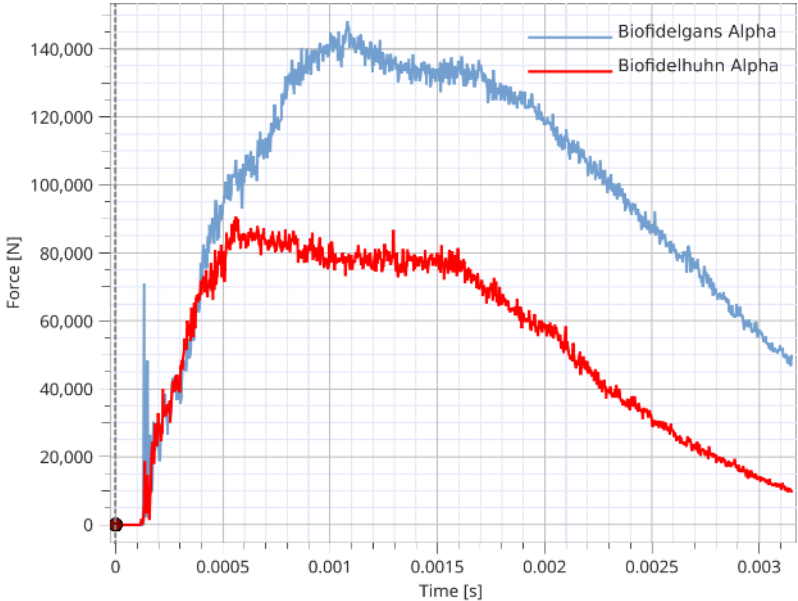
1,8kg



3,6kg

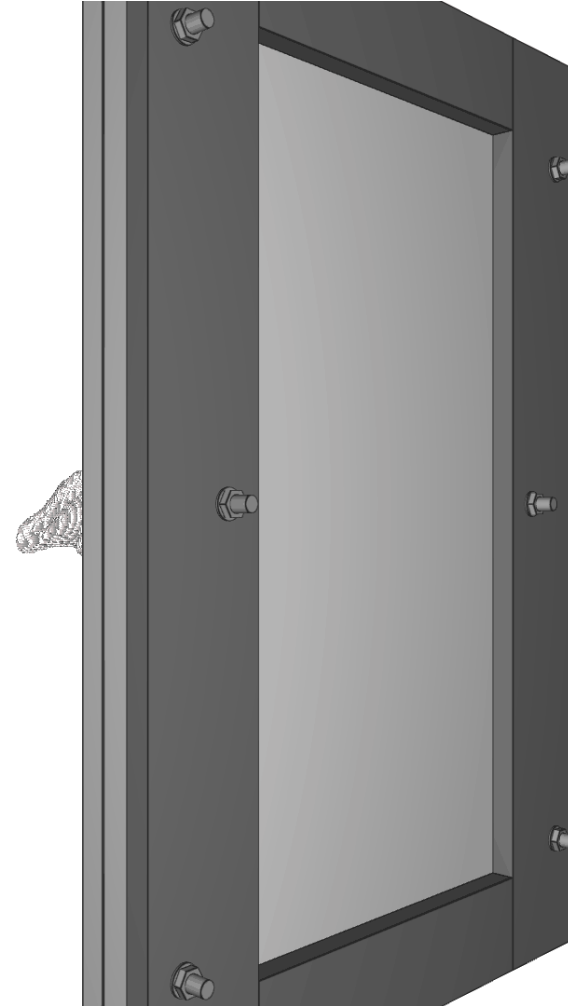
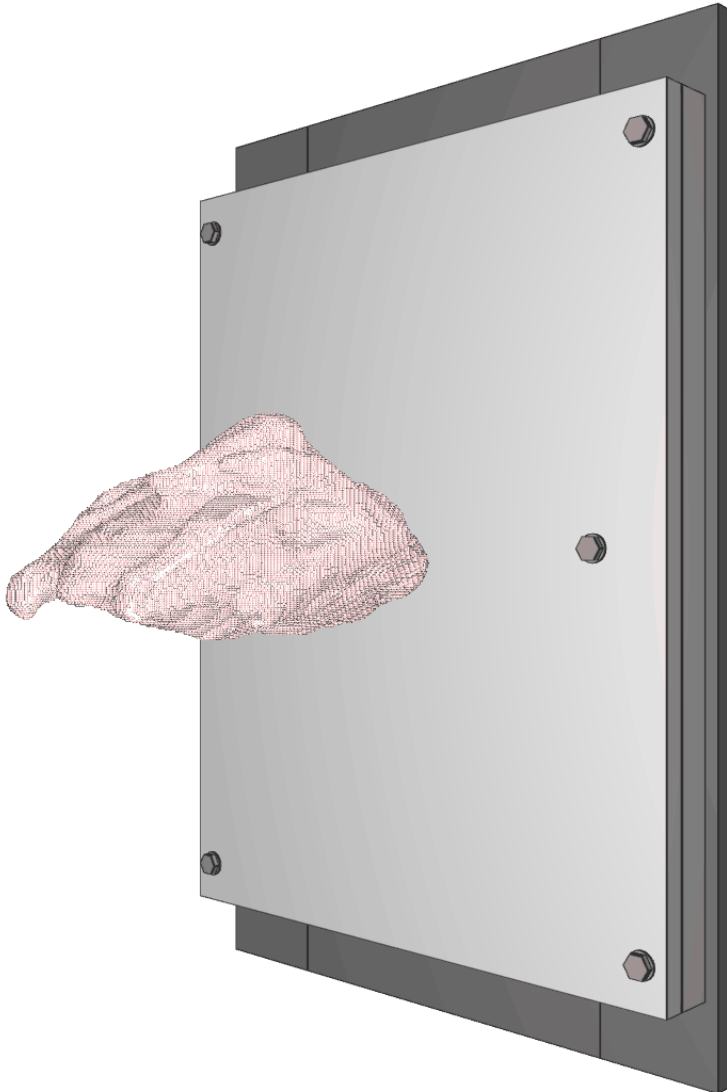
Alpha® Birdstrike-Surrogate (Chicken vs. Goose)

Same characteristics in Force-Time History



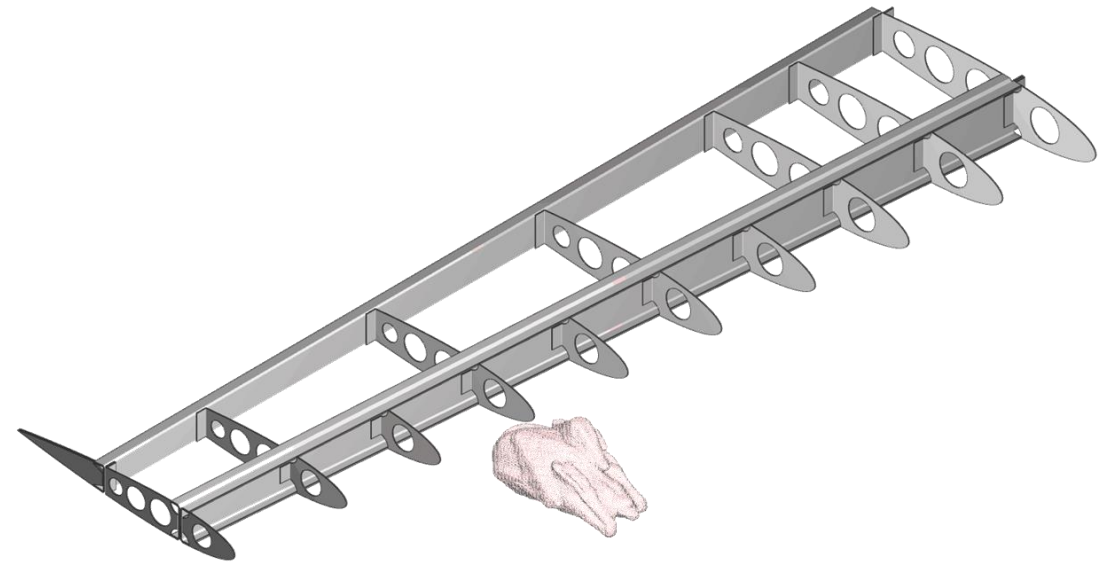
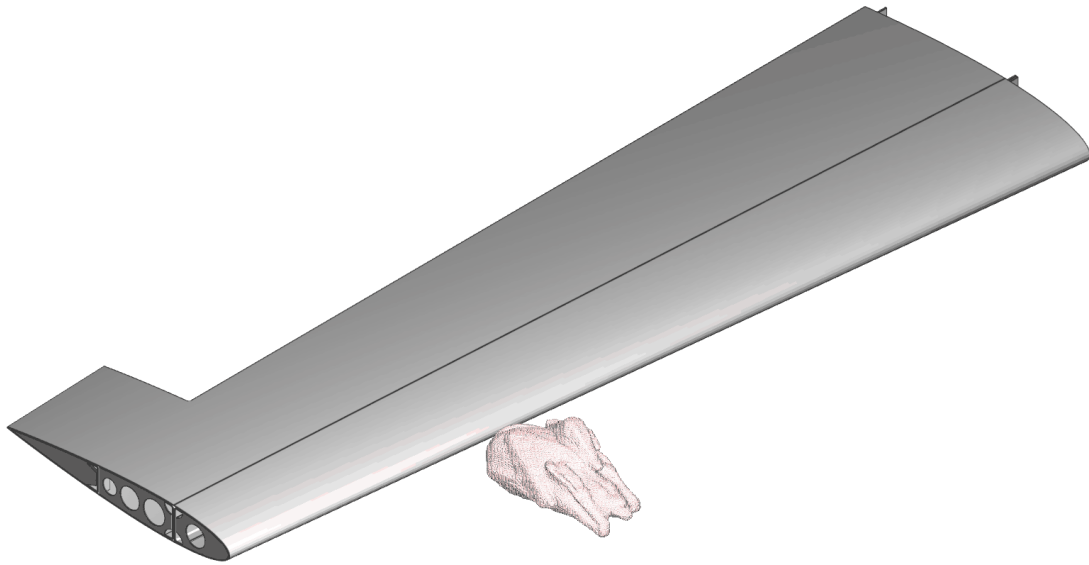
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