



# FINITE ELEMENT STRESS ANALYSIS OF ITER MODULE 13

**Elastic Finite Element Stress Analysis of Modules 13 Shield Block and  
First Walls Under Operational Pressure and Temperature Distribution**

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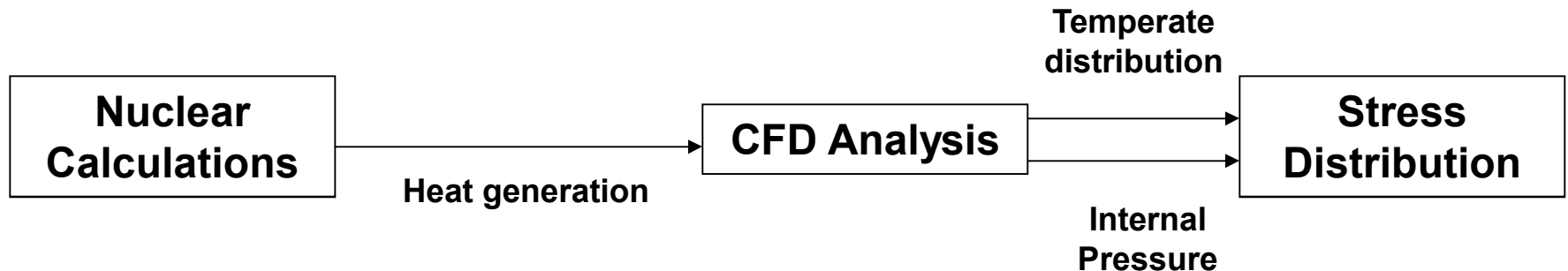
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# Purpose Of Analysis

- **Demonstrate FEA stress results based on nuclear heating and CFD analysis**



- **Compare initial stress results to ITER criteria for stress limits during operating conditions**

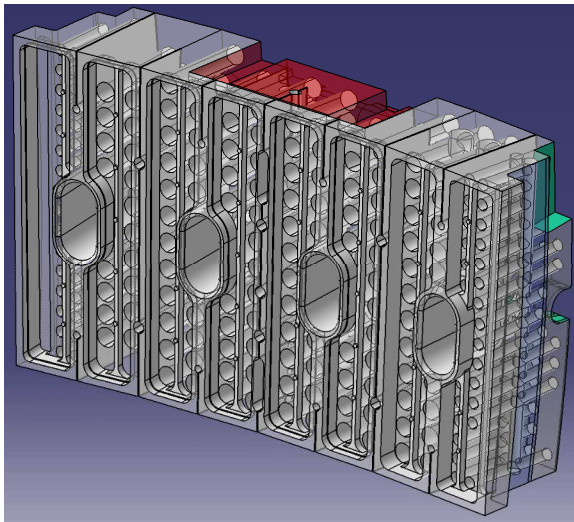
## Stress Criteria per ITER SDC-IC

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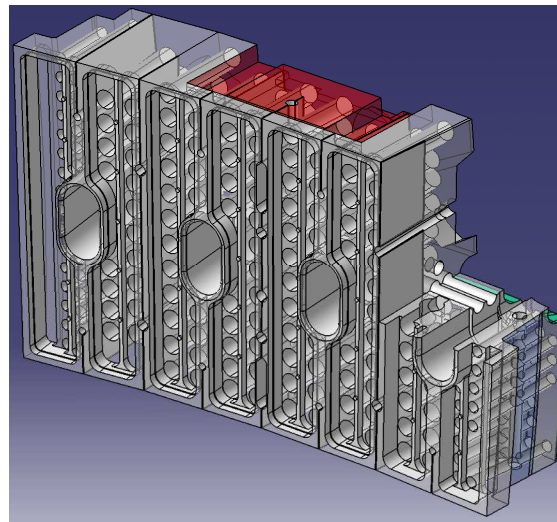
- **Acceptable stress intensity is dictated by  $S_m$  for elastic analysis.**
  - $S_m$  is defined for each material based on a percentage of minimum, temperature dependant, ultimate and yield strengths.
- **$S_m$  is the stress limit for primary stresses.**
  - Stresses caused by internal coolant pressure are classified as primary stresses
- **$3S_m$  is the stress limit for the combination of primary and secondary stresses.**
  - Stresses caused by temperature distribution classify as secondary stresses.

# FEA Geometry For Shield Modules

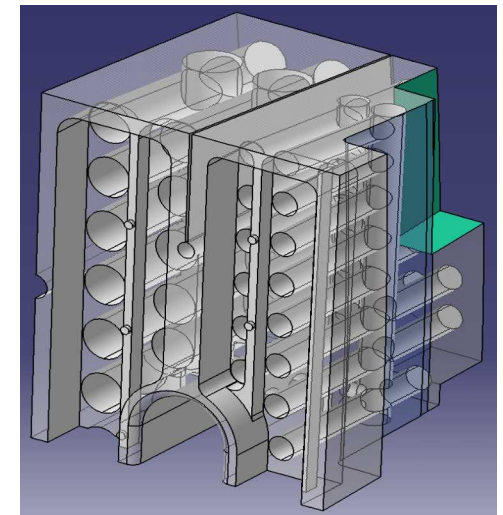
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- Thermal stresses based on initial temperature of 100°C
- Pressure stresses based on 3MPa coolant pressure
- ABAQUS used for elastic static FEA



Full Geometry of  
Shield Block

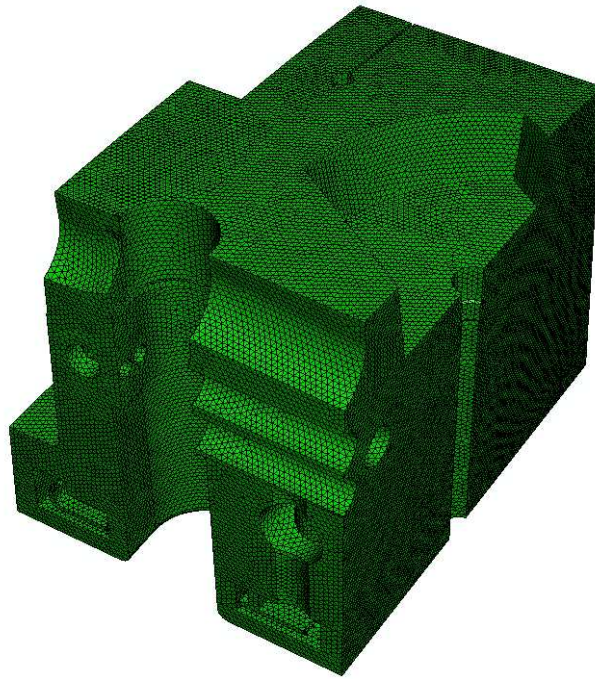


Analyzed Section  
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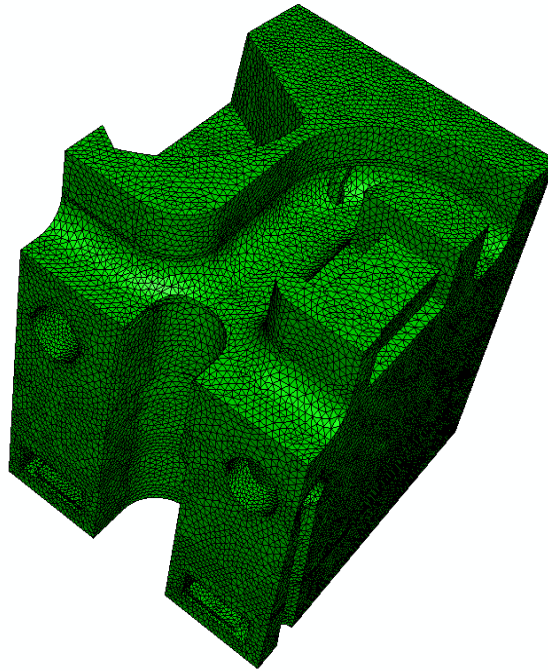


Analyzed Section

# FEA Meshes For Shield Modules



**Module 13 Corner**

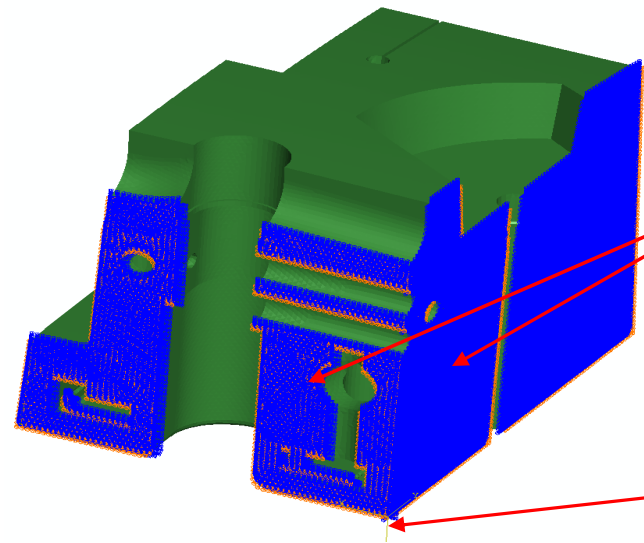


**Module 13 Mid 1/8th**

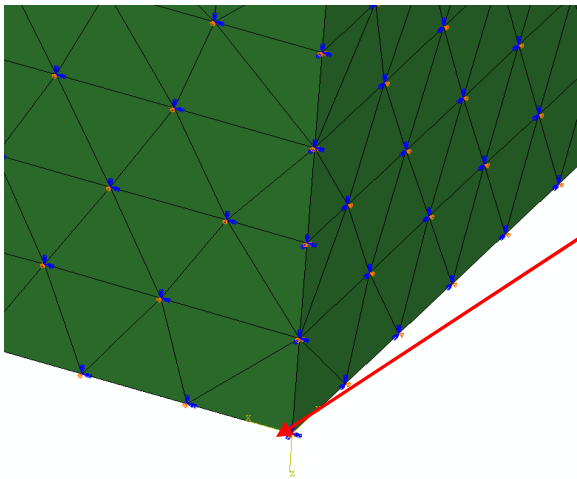


**Module 13 First Wall**

# Boundary Conditions



Cut faces (shown in blue) were restrained in 1 DOF relative to local coordinate system



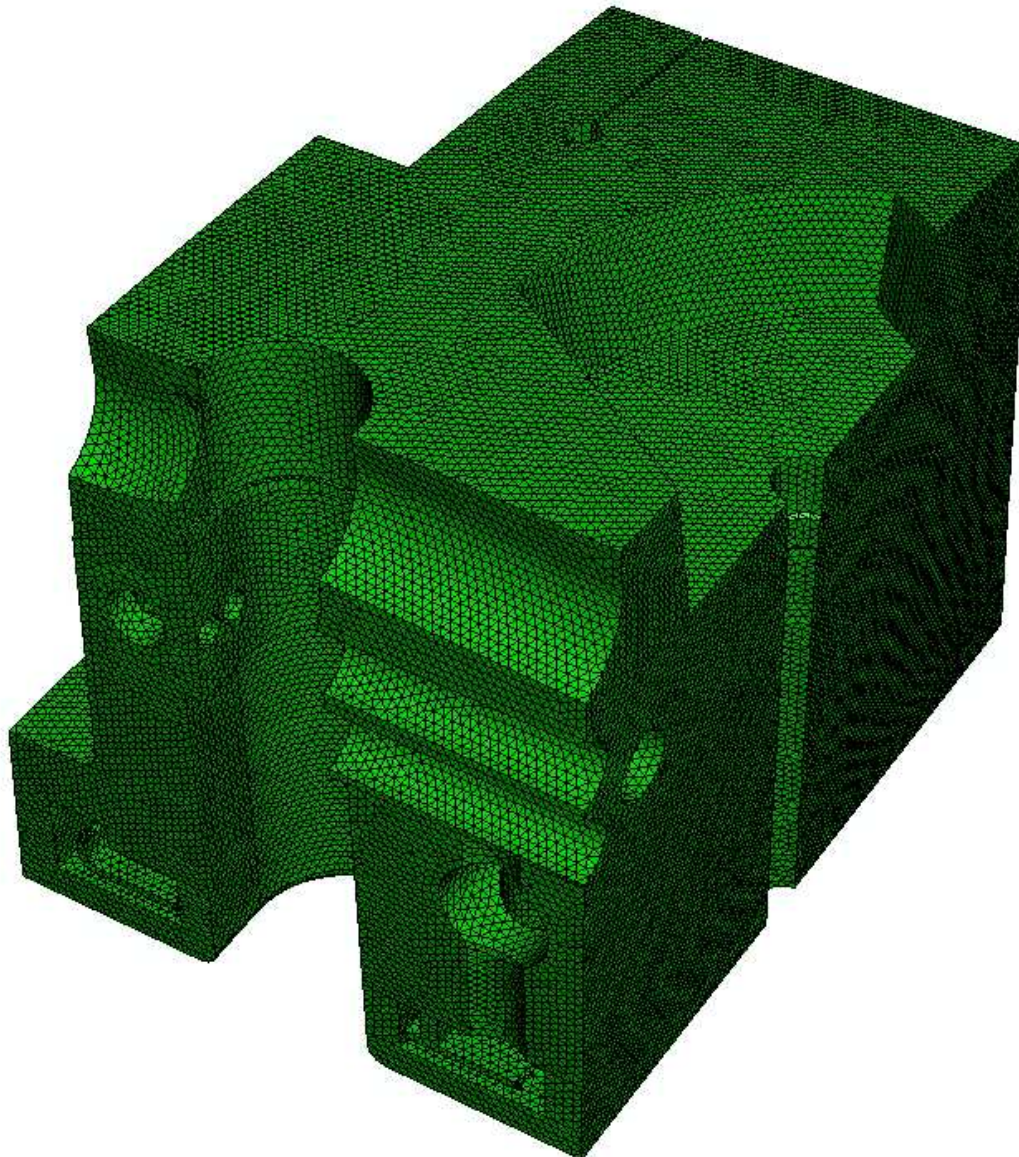
Pinned Corner

Local coordinate system located at pinned node

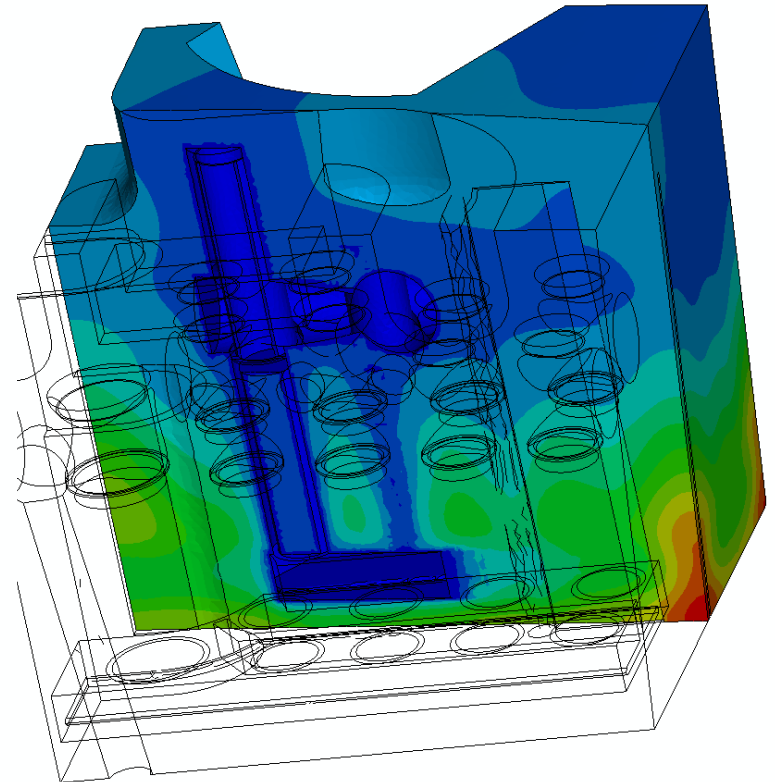
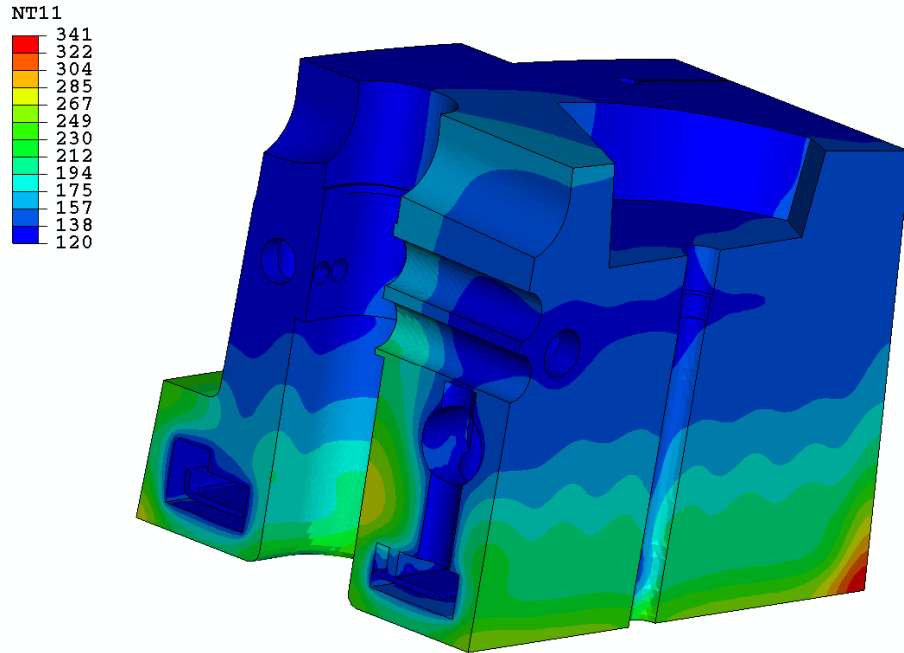


# FEA Mesh of Shield Module 13 Corner Section

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# Temperature Distribution for Shield Module 13 Corner section °C

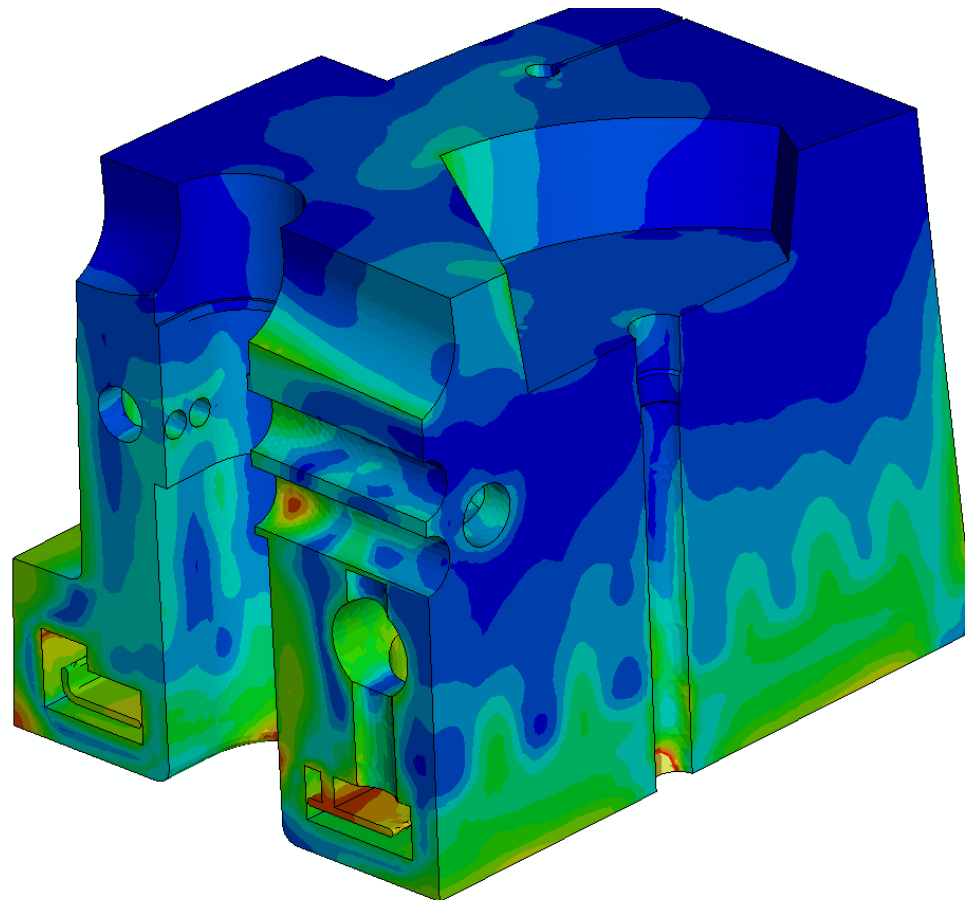
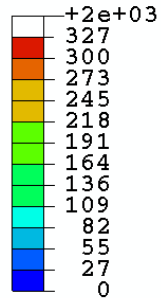




# FEA Thermal Stress Results for Shield Module 13 Corner section

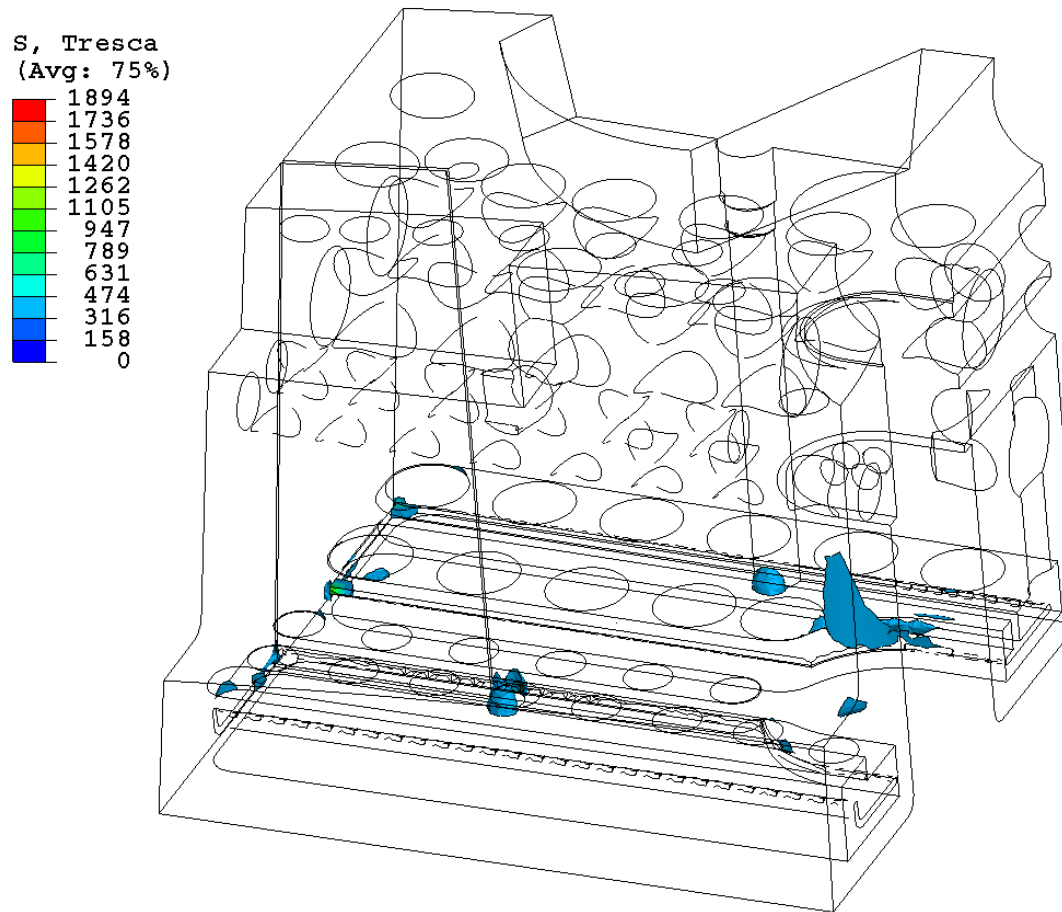
Tresca stress distribution (MPa) with upper  
contour limit set to  $3S_m$

S, Tresca  
(Avg: 75%)

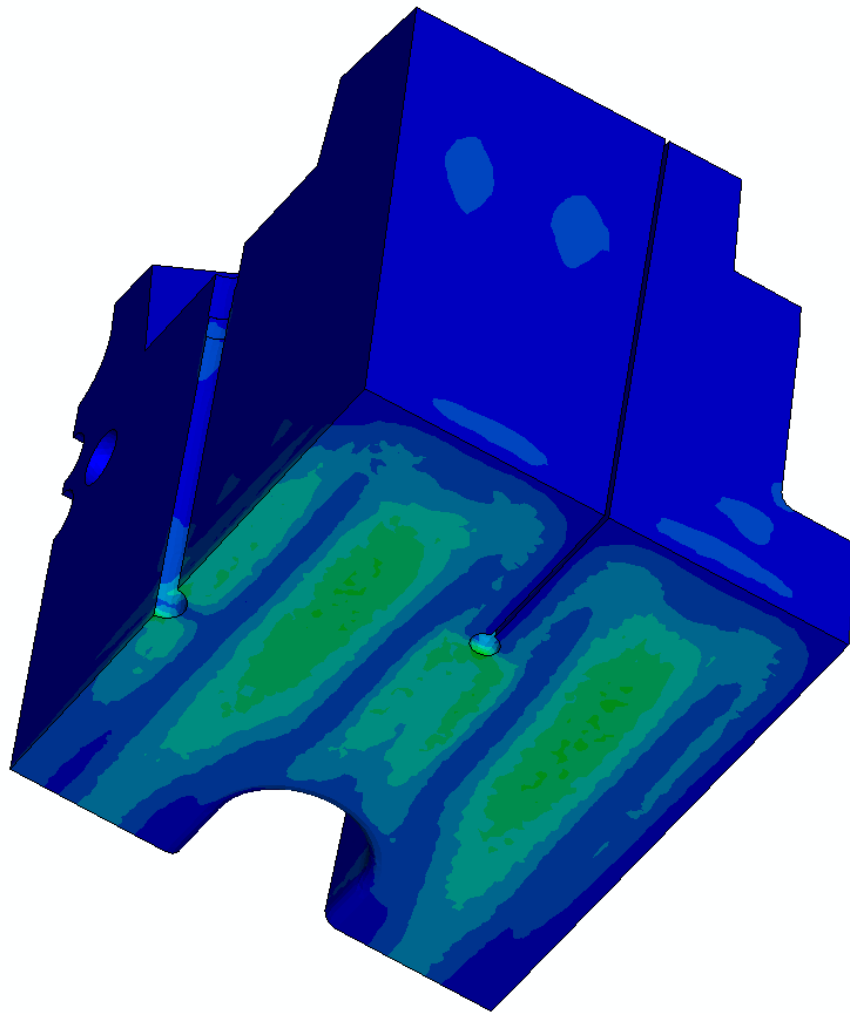


# FEA Thermal Stress Results for Shield Module 13 Corner section

Tresca stress results (MPa) showing  
regions over 3Sm



# FEA Pressure Stress Results for Shield Module 13 Corner section

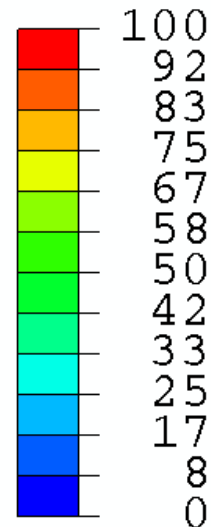


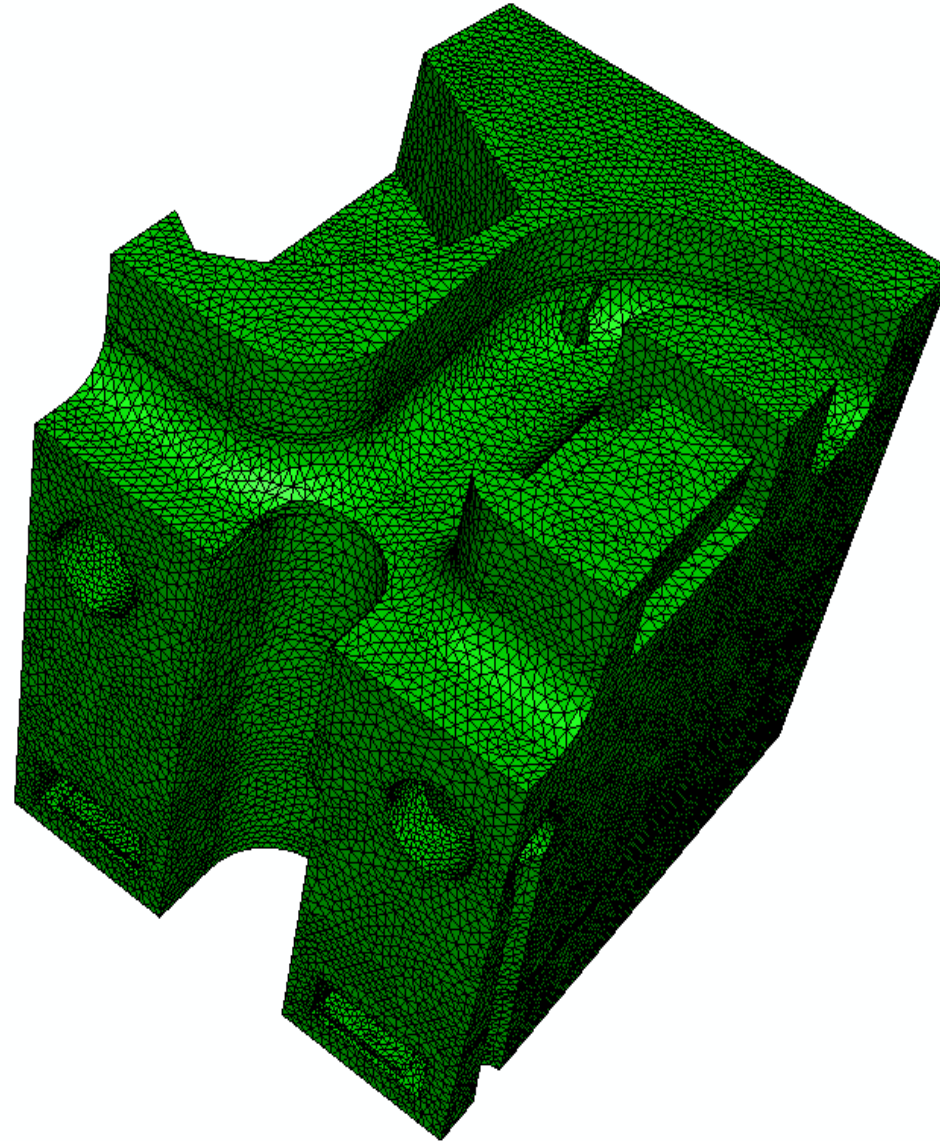
Max stress due to 3MPa coolant  
pressure=100MPa, Tresca

(less than 50MPa away from  
stress concentrations and  
discontinuities)

$S_m = 109\text{MPa}$

$S$ , Tresca  
(Avg: 75%)

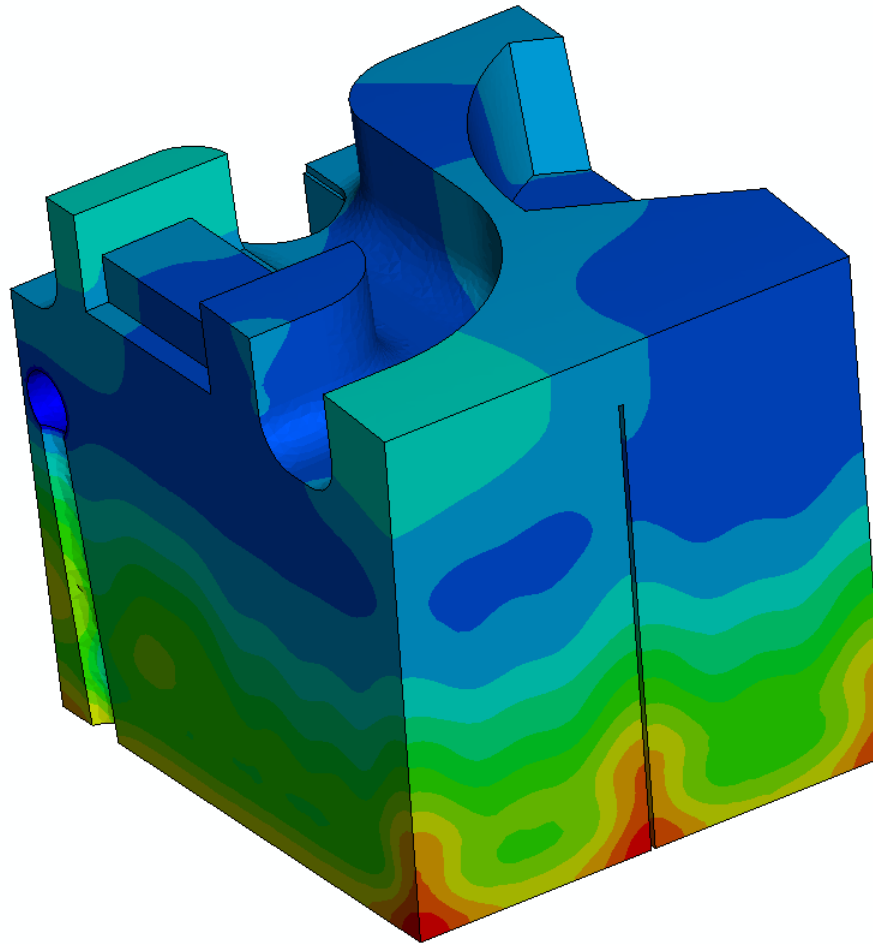
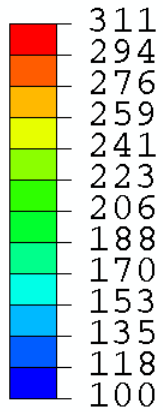




# Temperature Distribution for Shield Module 13

## Mid Section °C

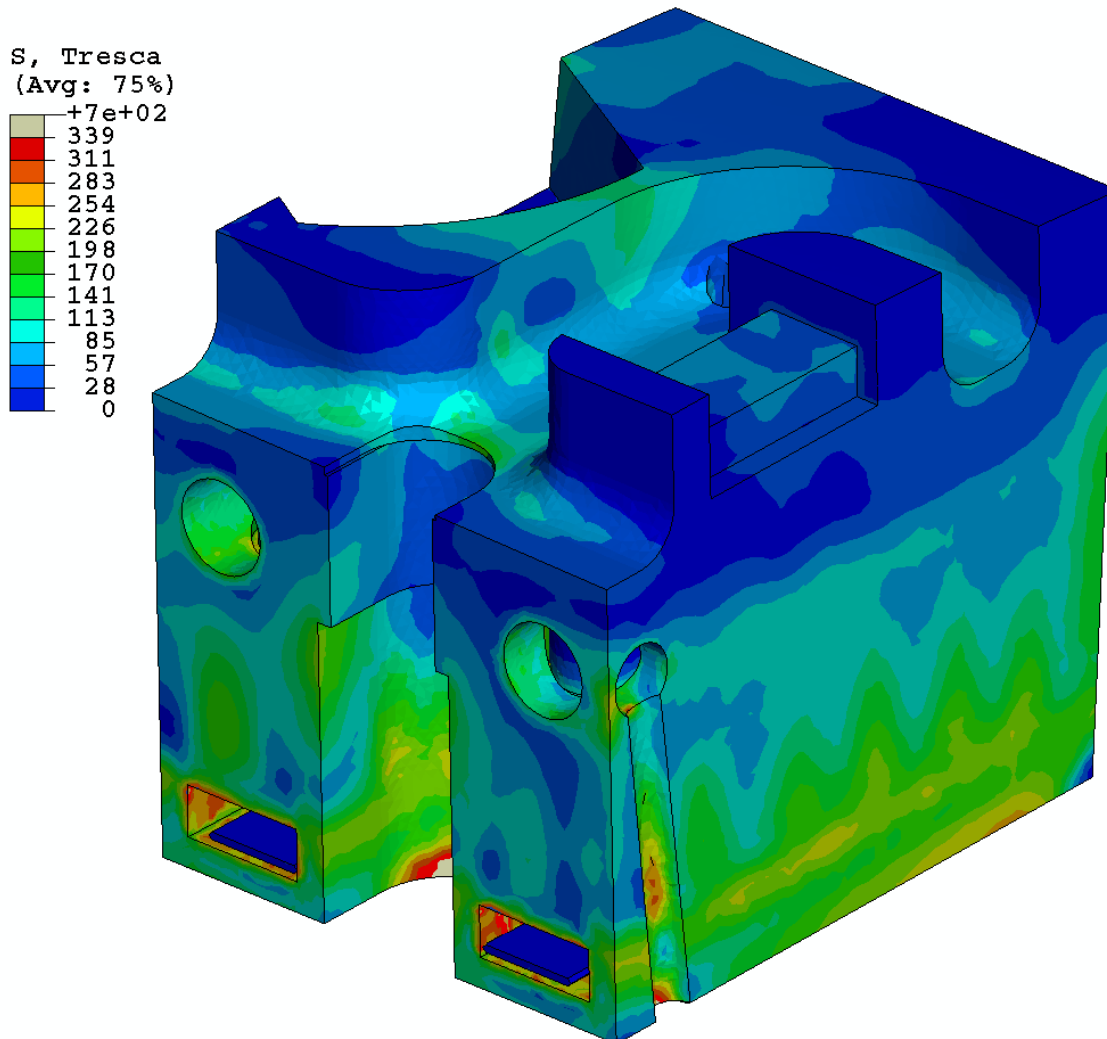
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# FEA Thermal Stress Results for Shield Module 13 Mid Section

Tresca stress distribution (MPa) with upper  
contour limit set to  $3S_m$

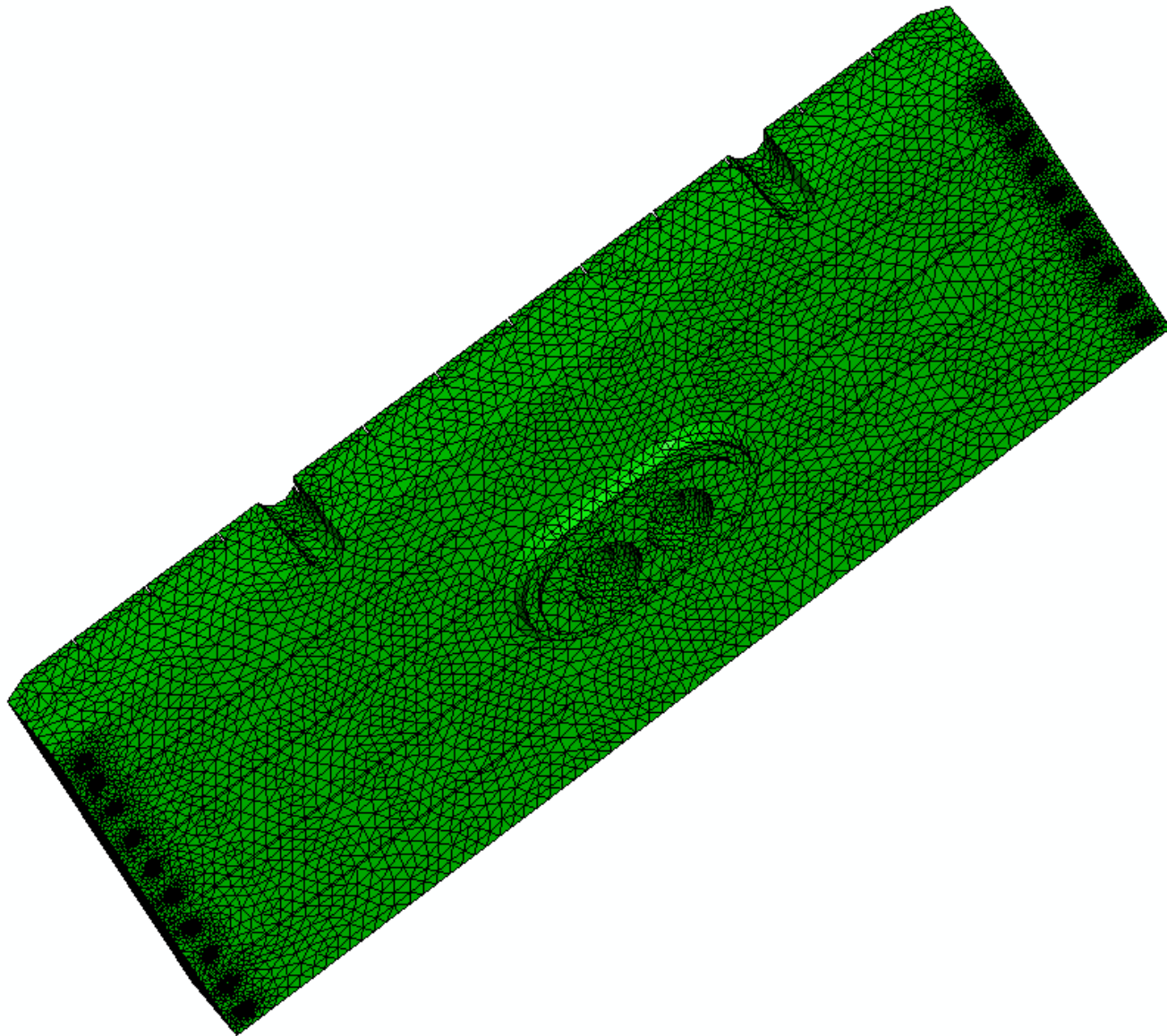


# Thermal Stress FEA Of First Walls

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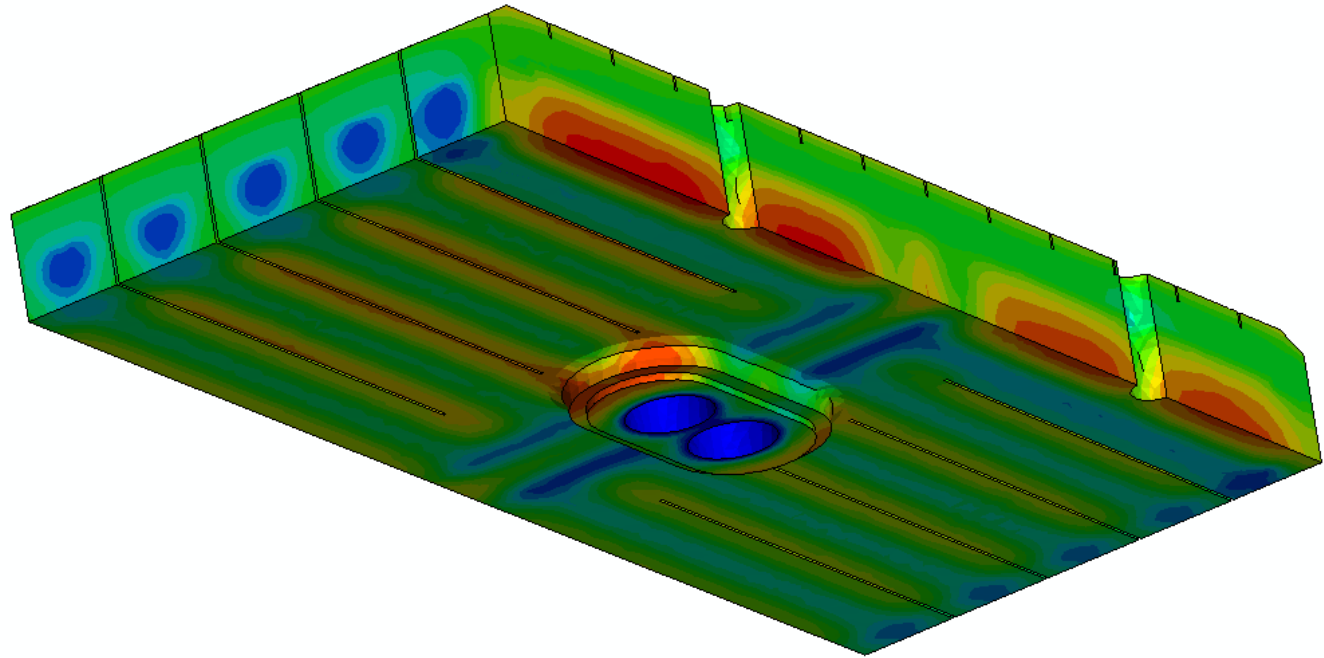
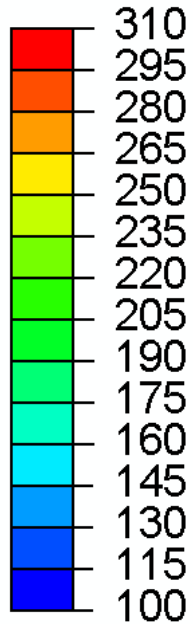
- Tetrahedral meshes created in CFDesign
- Temperature distribution taken from CFDesign results
- Thermal stresses based on initial temperature of 100°C
- Used “Stabilize” - no other boundary conditions
- ABAQUS used for elastic static FEA

## FEA Mesh of Module 13 First Wall



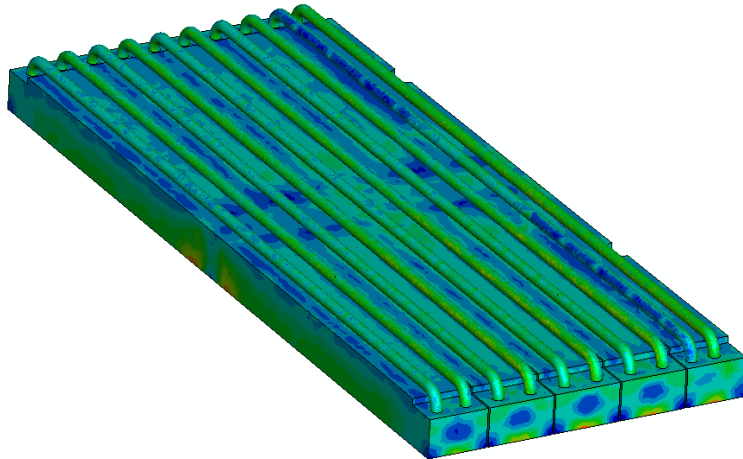
# Temperature Distribution In Module 13 First Wall

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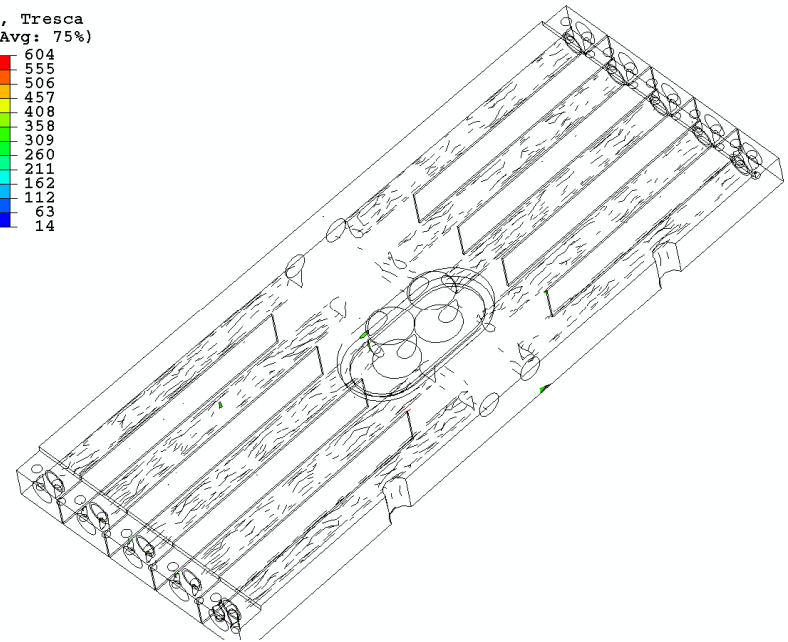
# Module 13 First Wall Thermal Stress Analysis Results in SS316L(N)-IG

S, Tresca  
(Avg: 75%)  
+6e+02  
342  
315  
287  
260  
233  
205  
178  
151  
123  
96  
69  
41  
14



**Tresca stress distribution (MPa)  
with upper contour limit set to  
3Sm**

S, Tresca  
(Avg: 75%)  
604  
555  
506  
457  
408  
358  
309  
260  
211  
162  
112  
63  
14

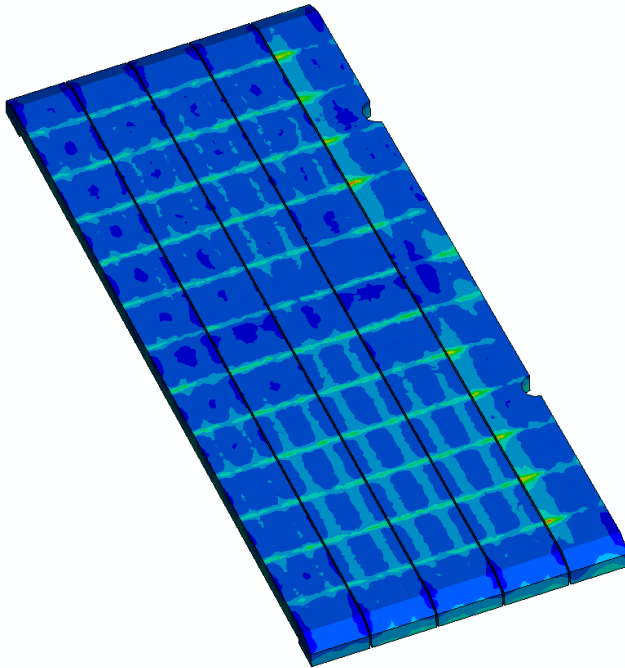


**Tresca stress results (MPa)  
showing regions over 3Sm**



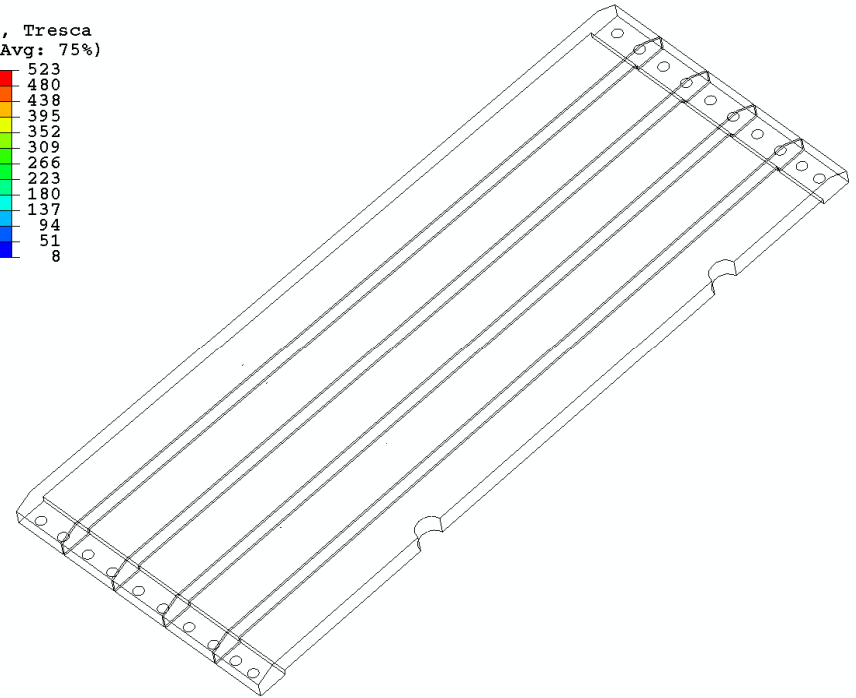
# Module 13 First Wall Thermal Stress Analysis Results in CuCrZr

S, Tresca  
(Avg: 75%)  
+5e+02  
312  
287  
261  
236  
211  
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160  
135  
110  
84  
59  
34  
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**Tresca stress distribution (MPa)  
with upper contour limit set to  
3Sm**

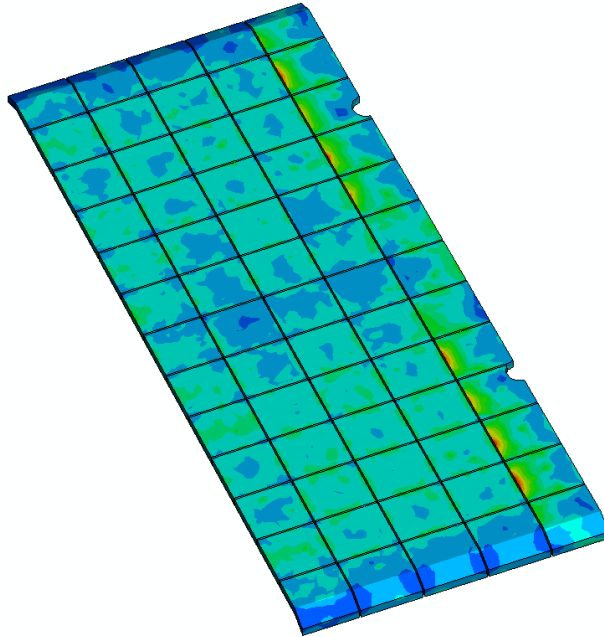
S, Tresca  
(Avg: 75%)  
523  
480  
438  
395  
352  
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51  
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**Tresca stress results (MPa)  
showing regions over 3Sm**

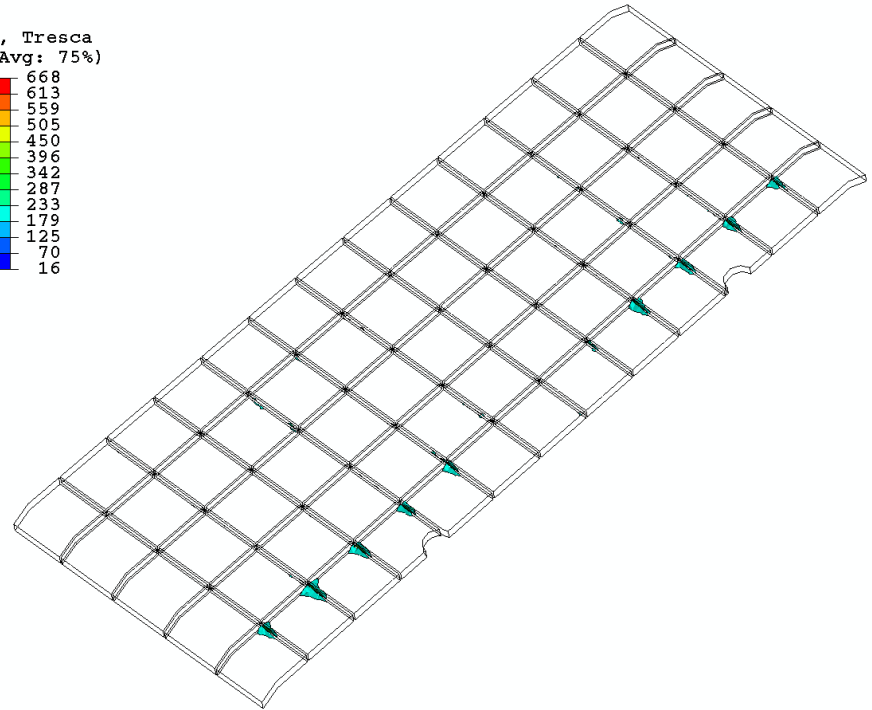
# Module 13 First Wall Thermal Stress Analysis Results in Be(S65C)

S, Tresca  
(Avg: 75%)  
+7e+02  
225  
208  
190  
173  
155  
138  
121  
103  
86  
68  
51  
33  
16



**Tresca stress distribution (MPa)  
with upper contour limit set to  
3Sm**

S, Tresca  
(Avg: 75%)  
668  
613  
559  
505  
450  
396  
342  
287  
233  
179  
125  
70  
16



**Tresca stress results (MPa)  
showing regions over 3Sm**

## Conclusion

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- **FEA Stress results were successfully produced based on nuclear heating calculations and the corresponding CFD thermal and pressure results.**
- **Stress levels in module 13 were shown to be generally under the limits set by ITER IO for elastic analysis of components during operating conditions.**

## Next Steps

- **Analyze larger sections of modules**
  - Better fit for symmetry boundary conditions
- **Optimize meshes for mechanical stress analyses**
  - Mesh refinement near smaller geometric features
- **Include electromagnetic forces**