

SOL 200 Web App

The SOL 200 Web App is compatible with MSC Nastran and enables users to convert SOL 1xx BDF files to SOL 200. The web application features the ability to select design variables, an objective and design constraints. The subsequent SOL 200 BDF files may be exported from the web app and an optimization by MSC Nastran may be performed.

The web app differentiates itself from other pre/post-processors in 3 ways: 1) The web app is based on the latest web technology and is accessible from ordinary web browsers. 2) The web app features numerous validations to ensure each MSC Nastran entry has been configured correctly. These validations ensure BDF files are run ready for MSC Nastran and successful optimizations can be performed. 3) MSC Nastran entries are generated in real time. As changes to the variables, objective or constraints are made, the respective entries are instantly regenerated.

The SOL 200 Web App comes with additional web apps including the HDF5 Explorer, Machine Learning web app, Beams Viewer, PBMSECT web app, and more.



Capabilities

- Optimization Types: Size, Topometry, Topology and Topography
- Optimization Options:
 - Local Optimization
 - Sensitivity Analysis
 - Global Optimization
 - Parameter Study
 - Multi Model Optimization
 - Machine Learning
- Analysis Types
 - SOL 101 - Statics
 - SOL 103 - Normal Modes
 - SOL 105 - Buckling
 - SOL 107 - Direct Complex Eigenvalues
 - SOL 108 - Direct Frequency Response
 - SOL 110 - Modal Complex Eigenvalues
 - SOL 111 - Modal Frequency Response
 - SOL 112 - Modal Transient Response
 - SOL 144 - Static Aeroelastic Response
 - SOL 145 - Aerodynamic Flutter
 - SOL 400 - Implicit Nonlinear (Machine Learning only)
- Multidisciplinary Optimization - Specify different ANALYSIS types per SUBCASE
- INCLUDE file support
- Equation driven objective and constraints (DRESP2 and DEQATN)
- Objective and constraints dependent on multiple load cases or SUBCASEs (DRSPAN)
- CSV Import/Export - Generate hundreds of Variables, DLINK entries and Constraints
- Semi-automatic Nastran execution and live status updates
- Auto Plotting of Results - Line plots and bar charts
- Model Matching

Supported MSC Nastran Entries

Bulk Data Entries	
BEADVAR	✓
DCONADD	✓
DCONSTR	✓
DDVAL	✓
DEQATN	✓
DESVAR	✓
DLINK	✓
DOPTPRM	✓
DRESP1	✓
DRESP2	✓
DTABLE	✓
DVXREL1	✓
DVXREL2	✓
TOMVAR	✓
TOPVAR	✓

Case Control Commands	
ANALYSIS	✓
DESGLB	✓
DESSUB	✓
DRSPAN	✓
DSAPRT	✓

Workflow

1. Open a web browser to access the web app and upload BDF files
2. Identify and set structural parameters as design variables, e.g. area, thickness, etc.
3. Configure the limits of design variables
4. Inspect the status or validation of each entry
5. Review Nastran entries that are instantly created and updated
6. Specify the objective, e.g. minimize weight, and constraints, e.g. stress limits
7. Assign design constraints to multiple load cases or configure multi-discipline optimization
8. Export SOL 200 BDF Files and automatically start Nastran

*Access dozens of tutorials in the User's Guide

9. Automatically start MSC Nastran
10. Track progress of each job
11. Review final status messages for each job

12. Automatically display results
13. Use controls to plot different quantities

Item	Sample 0000	Sample 0001	Sample 0002	Sample 0004	Sample 0005	Sample 0006
Extrema (Max/Min)	Max					
Objective	6.594656E+02	4.056496E+03	1.872572E+03	2.937953E+03	2.24082E+03	2.843099E+03
Normalized Constraint	1.827233E+00	N/A	9.494511E-01	-1.867295E-02	9.359214E-04	2.847197E-01
Y1	2.5200E+00	6.2500E+00	2.7500E+00	2.7500E+00	6.2500E+00	2.7500E+00
Y2	2.5200E+00	6.2500E+00	6.2500E+00	2.7500E+00	6.2500E+00	6.2500E+00
Y3	2.5200E+00	6.2500E+00	6.2500E+00	2.7500E+00	2.7500E+00	2.7500E+00

Supported Designable Parameters

Entry	Properties
PACABS	CUTFR, B, K, M
PACBAR	MBACK, MSEPTM, FRESON, KRESON
PBAR	A, I1, I2, J, NSM, C1, C2, D1, D2, E1, D2, F1, F2, K1, K2, I12
PBARL	DIMi, NSM
PBEAM	(A(i), I1(i), I2(i), I12(i), J(i), NSM(i), C1(i), C2(i), D1(i), D2(i), E1(i), E2(i), F1(i), F2(i), i = A, B, 1 ... 9), K1, K2, S1, S2, (NSI(j), CW(j), M1(j), M2(j), N1(j), N2(j), j = A, B)
PBEAML	(DIMi(j), NSM(j), j = A, B, 1 ... 9)
PBRESECT/ PBMSECT	W (Overall Width), H(Overall Height), T(Overall Thickness) and T(n) Thickness of segment.
PBUSH	(Ki, Bi, GEi, i = 1, 6), SA, ST, EA, ET
PBUSH1D	K, C, M, SA, SE
PCOMP	Z0, NSM, SB, TREF, GE, Ti, THETAi
PDAMP	B1, B2, B3, B4
PELAS	K1, GE1, S1, K2, GE2, S2
PGAP	U0, F0, KA, KB, KT, MU1, MU2
PCOMPG	Z0, NSM, SB, TREF, GE
PMASS	M1, M2, M3, M4
PROD	A, J, C, NSM
PSHEAR	T, NSM, F1, F2
PSHELL	T, 12I/T**3, TS/T, NSM, Z1, Z2
PTUBE	OD, T, NSM
PVISC	CE1, CR1, CE2, CR2
GPLY	T, THETA
PWELD*	D
PFAST*	D, KT1, KT2, KT3, KR1, KR2, KR3, MASS, GE

Entry	Properties
Material Properties	
MAT1	E, G, NU, RHO, A, TREF, GE
MAT2	G11, G12, G13, G22, G23, G33, RHO, A1, A2, A3, TREF, GE
MAT3	EX, ETH, EZ, NUXTH, NUZTH, NUZX, RHO, GZX, AX, ATH, AZ, TREF, GE
MAT8	E1, E2, NU12, G12, G1Z, G2Z, RHO, A1, A2, TREF, Xt, Xc, Yt, Yc, S, GE
MAT9	G11, G12, G13, G14, G15, G16, G22, G23, G24, G25, G26, G33, G34, G35, G36, G44, G45, G46, G55, G56, G66, RHO, A1, A2, A3, A4, A5, A6, TREF, GE
MAT10	BULK, RHO, C, GE
Connectivity Properties	
CBAR	X1, X2, X3, W1A, W2A, W3A, W1B, W2B, W3B
CBEAM	X1, X2, X3, BIT, W1A, W2A, W3A, W1B, W2B, W3B
CBUSH	X1, X2, X3, S, S1, S2, S3
CDAMP2,4	B
CELAS2	K, GE, S
CELAS4	K
CGAP	X1, X2, X3
CMASS2,4	M
CONM1	M11, M21, M22, M31, M32, M33, M41, M42, M43, M44, M51, M52, M53, M54, M55, M61, M62, M63, M64, M65, M66
CONM2	M, X1, X2, X3, I11, I21, I22, I31, I32, I33
CONROD	A, J, C, NSM

* Not documented in Table 2-1 of the MSC Nastran Design Sensitivity and Optimization User's Guide but is supported by the DVPREL1 entry

Supported Responses for Objective and Constraints

DRESP1	Response Title	DRESP1	Response Title
WEIGHT	Weight	ACPWR	Acoustic Power through Radiated Surface, Panels
VOLUME	Volume	ACINTS	Acoustic Intensity Normal to Wetted Surface
EIGN	Eigenvalue	AFPRES	Acoustic Pressure for Acoustic Field Point Mesh (AFPM)
CEIG	Complex Eigenvalue	AFINTS	Acoustic Intensity for Acoustic Field Point Mesh (AFPM)
FREQ	Frequency	AFVELO	Particle Velocities for Acoustic Field Point Mesh (AFPM)
LAMA	Buckling Eigenvalue/Factor	AFPWR	Acoustic Power for Acoustic Field Point Mesh (AFPM)
DISP	Displacement	DYSTIFF	Dynamic Stiffness Response
STRAIN	Strain	ERP	Equivalent Radiated Power (ERP)
ESE	Element Strain Energy	TDISP	Displacement
STRESS	Stress	TVELO	Velocity
FORCE	Force	TACCL	Acceleration
FATIGUE	Fatigue, pseudo-static fatigue analysis	TSPCF	Single Point Constraint Force
FRFTG	Fatigue, random vibration fatigue analysis	TSTRE	Element Stress
SPCFORCE	Single Point Constraint Force	TFORC	Element Force
CSTRAIN	Strain in PCOMP or PCOMPG	STMONP1	Structural Integrated Load Monitor Point
CSTRESS	Stress in PCOMP or PCOMPG	STMOND1	Structural Displacement Monitor Point
CFAILURE	Composite Failure Criterion	MONPNT3	Integrated Load Monitor Point
CSTRAT	Composite Strength Ratio	AEMONP1	Aerodynamic Integrated Load Monitor Point
TOTSE	Total Strain Energy	AEMOND1	Aerodynamic Displacement Monitor Point
GPFORCE	Grid Point Force	TRIM	Trim Variable
GPFORCP	Grid Point Force, PARAM NEOLOP > 1	STABDER	Stability Derivative
ABSTRESS	Beam Stresses referencing PBRSECT and PBMSECT	FLUTTER	Flutter Damping Value
FRDISP	Displacement	DIVERG	Dynamic Response of the Selected Root
PRES	Acoustic Pressure	WMPID	Weight from Particular Material or Property ID
FRVELO	Velocity	COMP	Compliance (Product of displacement and the applied load)
FRACCL	Acceleration	FRMASS	Fractional Mass
FRSPCF	Single Point Constraint Force		
FRSTRE	Element Stress		
FRFORC	Element Force		
PSDDISP	Power Spectral Density Displacement		
PSDVELO	Power Spectral Density Velocity		
PSDACCL	Power Spectral Density Acceleration		
RMSDISP	Root Mean Square Displacement		
RMSVELO	Root Mean Square Velocity		
RMSACCL	Root Mean Square Acceleration		

Supported Bulk Data Entries and Fields

The following depicts bulk data entries and their specific fields that are supported by the web app.

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Field not supported

BEADVAR	ID	PTYPE	PID	MW	MH	ANG	BF	SKIP	DTABLE	LABL1	VALU1	LABL2	VALU2	LABL3	VALU2	LABL4	VALU4
	DESVAR	NORM/X D	YD	ZD	CID	XLB	XUB	DELXV *									
	GRID	NGSET	DGSET							LABL5	VALU5	-etc.-					
DCONADD	DCID	DC1	DC2	DC3	-etc.-				DVCREL1	ID	TYPE	EID	CPNAME	CPMIN*	CPMAX*	CO	
										DVID1	COEFF1	DVID2	COEF2	DVID3	COEF3	-etc.-	
DCONSTR	DCID	RID	LALLOW /LID	UALLOW /UID	LOWFQ	HIGHFQ			DVMREL1	ID	TYPE	MID	MPNAME	MPMIN*	MPMAX*	CO	
										DVID1	COEFF1	DVID2	COEF2	DVID3	COEF3	-etc.-	
DDVAL	ID	DDVAL 1	DDVAL 2	DDVAL 3	DDVAL4	DDVAL 5	DDVAL 6	DDVAL 7	DVPREL1	ID	TYPE	PID	PNAME/ FID	PMIN*	PMAX*	CO	
		DDVAL 8	-etc.-							DVID1	COEFF1/ PVAL'	DVID2	COEF2	DVID3	COEF3	-etc.-	
DEQATN	EQID	EQUATION**							DVCREL2	ID	TYPE	EID	CPNAME	CPMIN	CPMAX	EQID	
		EQUATION** (CONT.)								"DESVAR	DVID1	DVID2	-etc.-				
DESVAR	ID	LABEL	XINIT	XLB	XUB	DELXV*	DDVAL			"DTABLE	LABL1	LABL2	-etc.-				
DLINK	ID	DDVID	C0	CMULT	IDV1	C1	IDV2	C2	DVMREL2	ID	TYPE	EID	MPNAME	MPMIN	MPMAX	EQID	
		IDV3	C3	-etc.-						"DESVAR	DVID1	DVID2	-etc.-				
DRESP1	ID	LABEL	RTYPE	PTYPE	REGION	ATTA	ATTB	ATT1		"DTABLE	LABL1	LABL2	-etc.-				
	ATT2	-etc.-							DVPREL2	ID	TYPE	PID	FNAME	PMIN	PMAX	EQID	
DRESP2	ID	LABEL	EQID or FUNC	REGION	METHOD	C1	C2	C3		"DESVAR	DVID1	DVID2	-etc.-				
"DESVAR"	DVID1	DVID2	DVID3	DVID4	DVID5	DVID6	DVID7			"DTABLE	LABL1	LABL2	-etc.-				
	DVID8	-etc.-							DOMREL2	ID	TYPE	PID	PNAME/ FID	PMIN	PMAX	EQID	
"DTABLE"	LABL1	LABL2	LABL3	LABL4	LABL5	LABL6	LABL7			"DESVAR	DVID1	DVID2	-etc.-				
	LABL8	-etc.-								"DTABLE	LABL1	LABL2	-etc.-				
"DRESP1"	NR1	NR2	NR3	NR4	NR5	NR6	NR7		TOMVAR	ID	TYPE	PID	PNAME/ FID	PMIN	PMAX	EQID	
	NR8	-etc.-								DLINK	TID	C0	C1				
"DNODE"	G1	C1	G2	C2	G3	C3				DDVAL	DSVID						
	G4	C4	-etc.-						TOPVAR	ID	LABEL	PTYPE	XINIT*	XLB*	DELXV*	POWER*	PID
"DVPREL"	DPIP1	DPIP2	DPIP3	DPIP4	DPIP5	DPIP6	DPIP7			SYM	CID	MS1	MS2	MS3	CS	NCS	
	DPIP8	DPIP9	-etc.-							CAST	CID	DD	DIE	ALIGN			
"DVCREL"	DCIC1	DCIC2	DCIC3	DCIC4	DCIC5	DCIC6	DCIC7			EXT	CID	ED	ALIGN				
	DCIC8	DCIC9	-etc.-							TDMIN	TMIN	TVMAX					
"DVMREL"	DMIM1	DMIM2	DMIM3	DMIM4	DMIM5	DMIM6	DMIM7			STRESS	STLIM						
	DMIM8	DMIM9	-etc.-														
"DVPREL"	DPI2P1	DPI2P2	DPI2P3	DPI2P4	DPI2P5	DPI2P6	DPI2P7										
	DPI2P8	DPI2P9	-etc.-														
"DVCREL"	DCI2C1	DCI2C2	DCI2C3	DCI2C4	DCI2C5	DCI2C6	DCI2C7										
	DCI2C8	DCI2C9	-etc.-														
"DVMREL"	DMI2M1	DMI2M2	DMI2M3	DMI2M4	DMI2M5	DMI2M6	DMI2M7										
	DMI2M8	DMI2M9	-etc.-														
"DRESP2"	NRR1	NRR2	NRR3	NRR4	NRR5	NRR6	NRR7										
	NRR8	-etc.-															
"DVLREL"	DLIL1	DLIL2	DLIL3	DLIL4	DLIL5	DLIL6	DLIL7										
	DLIL8	etc.-															

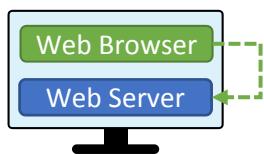
* The field is imported and exported but is not configurable within the web app. A text editor is recommended to edit the indicated field.

** The special DEQATN functions, e.g. AVG, SUM, ..., are supported.

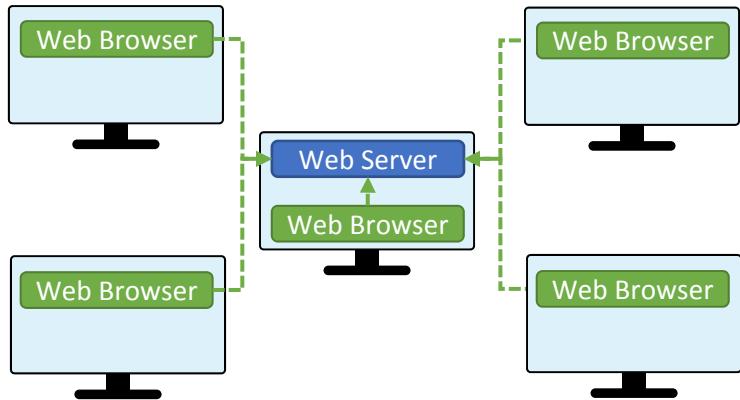
Installation Requirements

Installation Configurations

Configuration 1 - Desktop



Configuration 2 - Network



Web Browser Requirements

At least one of the web browsers listed below should be installed to access the SOL 200 Web App.

Web Browser	Supported Versions	
	Windows 10	Linux (RHEL 7.x)
Google Chrome	2021 - Present (v88.0.4324.104 - Present)	2021 - Present (v88.0.4324.96 - Present)
Mozilla Firefox	2021 - Present (v85.0 - Present)	2021 - Present (v78.6.1 - Present)
Microsoft Edge*	2021 - Present (v88.0.705.56 - Present)	Browser not available on this platform

* Microsoft Edge Legacy is not supported. Use the new Microsoft Edge . Refer to your company's IT support team for assistance.

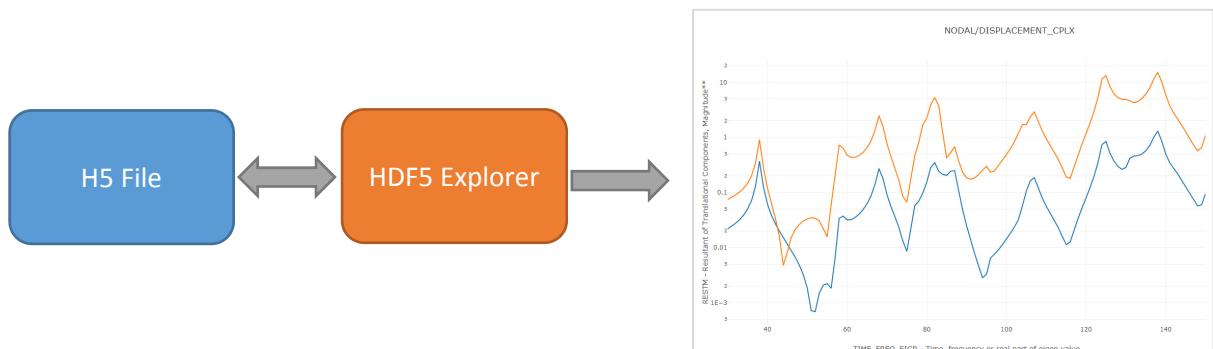
Web Server Requirements

Node JS is a free open-source application that will run a web server and host the SOL 200 Web App to other machines.

Application	Supported Versions	
	Windows 10	Linux (RHEL 7.x)
Node JS	2021 - Present (v14.15.4 - Present)	2021 - Present (v14.15.4 - Present)

HDF5 Explorer

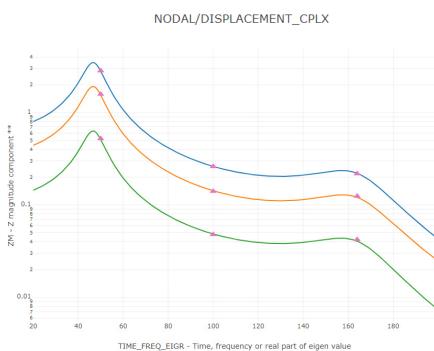
The HDF5 Explorer is used to automatically extract results data from the MSC Nastran HDF5 file (.h5) and automatically generate multiple plots. The HDF5 Explorer reduces the amount of work necessary to extract data and create plots. With traditional tools, the process to create one plot involves the following: 1) Extract 2-3 datasets. Dataset A contains the values to plot. Dataset B contains the respective Subcase and Frequency/Time values. 2) Combine the 2-3 datasets together. 3) Sort and separate the data by Subcase, Grid ID, etc. 4) Specify the horizontal and vertical axis. 5) Create the final plot. The HDF5 Explorer fully automates steps 1-5 and includes additional plotting options. The HDF5 Explorer is included in the SOL 200 Web App.



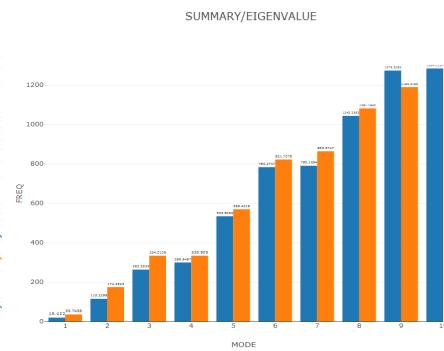
Capabilities

- Extract FEA results from the HDF5 (.h5) file
 - Over 500 datasets supported
 - Supported Schema: v20182
- CSV download of extracted data
- Automatically generate multiple plots on startup
- Use the Plots Browser to navigate between plots
- Manually create and delete plots
- CSV download of plotted values
- Download PNG images of plots
- Plot Configuration Options:
 - Horizontal and Vertical Axis, e.g. displacement, stress, pressure, frequency, etc.
 - Filters, e.g. Subcase, Grid ID, Mode Number, etc.
 - Type: Scatter, Bar and Polar Plots

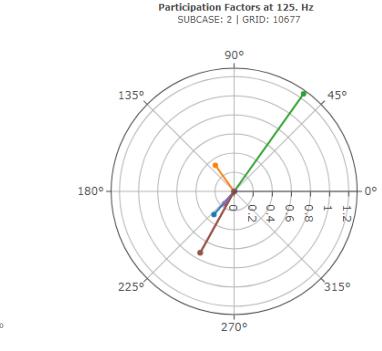
Supported Plot Types



Scatter Plots



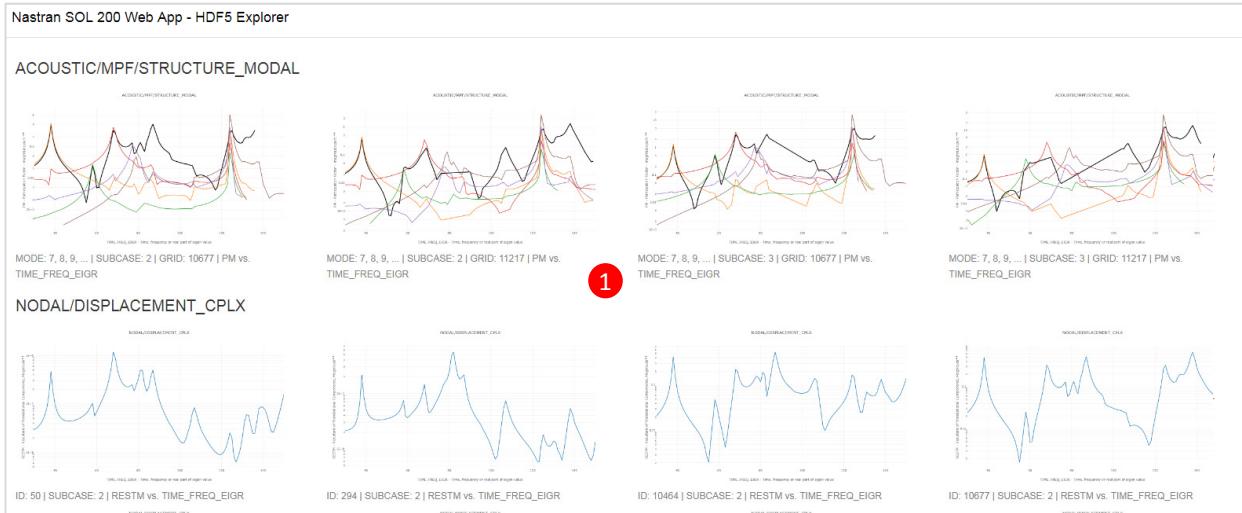
Bar Charts



Polar Plots

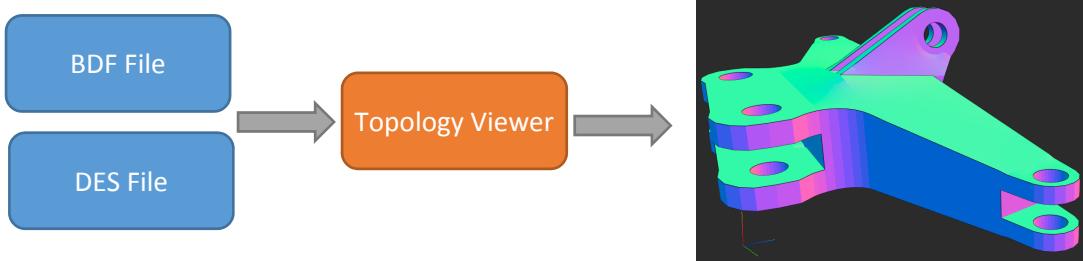
Workflow

- When the HDF5 Explorer is first started, multiple plots are automatically created and listed in the Plots Browser. Click on any icon to jump to that plot.
- The values for the horizontal and vertical axis can be configured.
- Use a filter to display plots for Subcases, Grid IDs, and other quantities.
- A table of plotted values is available.
- The table of plotted values can be downloaded to a CSV file.
- An image of the plot can be downloaded.



Topology Viewer

The Topology Viewer allows users to display and adjust the results of a topology optimization all within the web browser. The new model can be downloaded to an STL file and moved to a separate CAD software application.

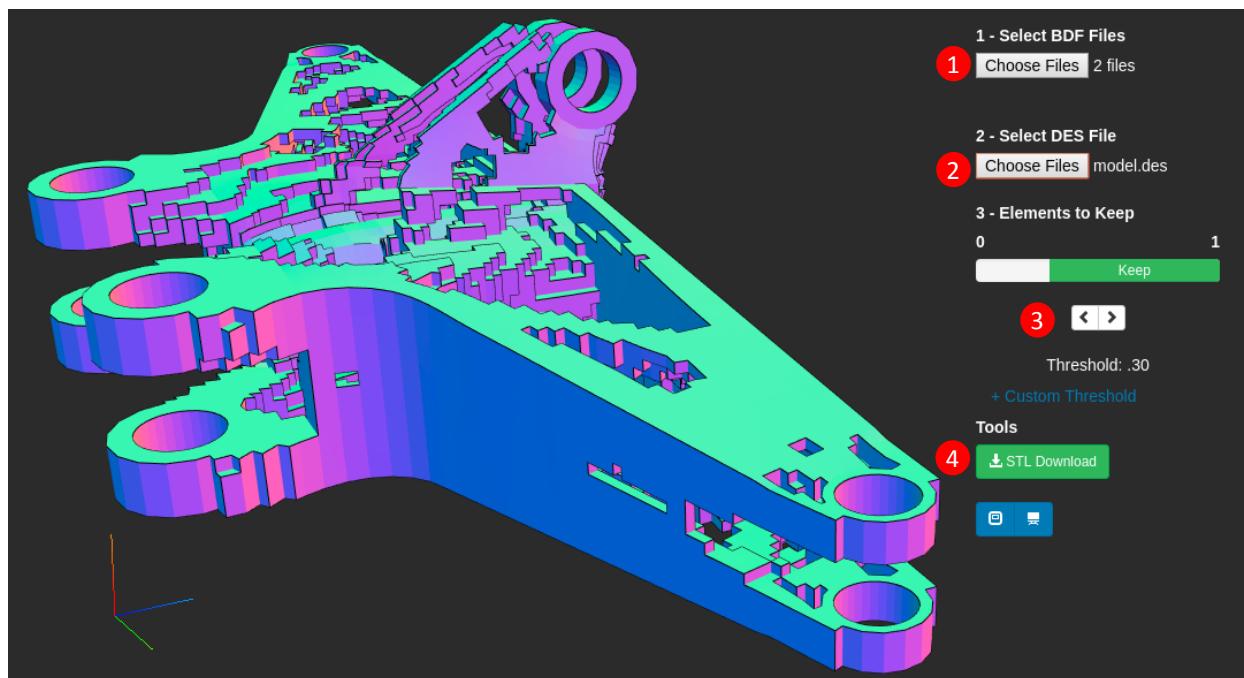


Capabilities

- Element Types
 - CTRIA3
 - CTRIA6
 - CTRIAR
 - CQUAD4
 - CQUAD8
 - CQUADR
 - CQUAD4
 - CQUAD8
 - CQUADR
 - CHEXA
 - CTETRA
 - CPENTA
 - All other elements are not supported
- Coordinate Systems
 - Only the basic coordinate system (CID=0) is supported for GRIDs. This is a rectangular Cartesian system and is also known as the default coordinate system.
 - All other coordinate systems are not supported. This includes cylindrical, spherical and other cartesian systems (CID=1, 2, 3...).
 - STL Download/Export

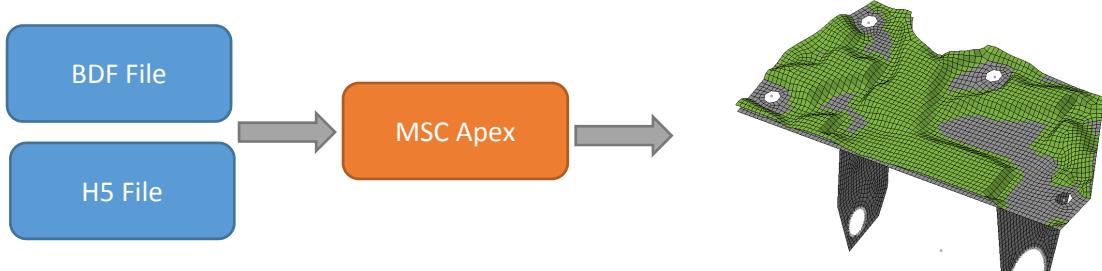
Workflow

1. Select the BDF Files.
2. Select the DES file containing the Topology Optimization results.
3. Adjust the elements to keep.
4. Download an STL file of the new model.



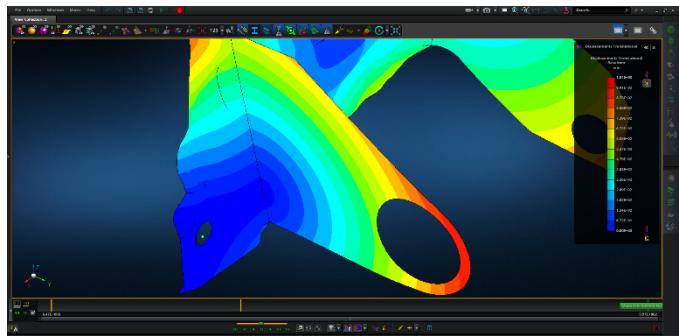
MSC Apex Support

A critical step during the optimization process is inspecting the newly optimized model. After an optimization is complete, the SOL 200 Web App automatically opens MSC Apex and the results of the optimization are displayed.



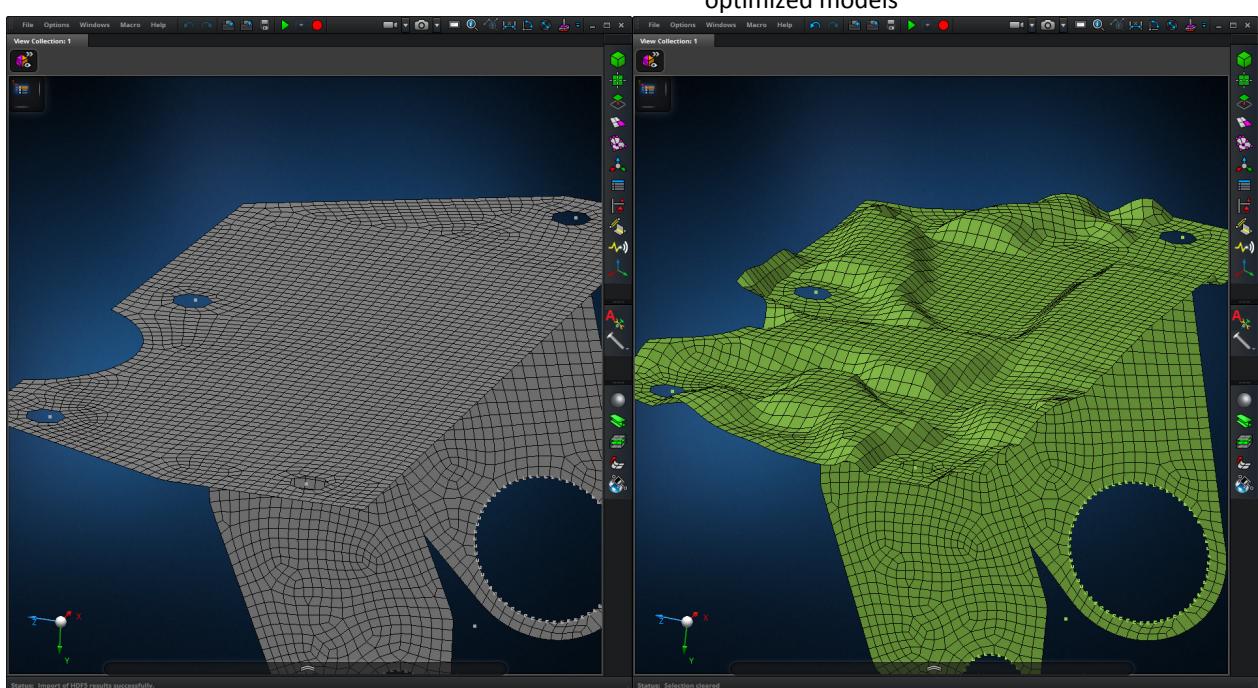
Capabilities

- Display optimized beam cross section dimensions or shell element thickness
- Review optimized responses for static or normal modes analysis (SOL 101 or 103)
- Supported versions: MSC Apex 2021 and 2021.1



Workflow

1. Perform and complete an optimization with either MSC Nastran SOL 200 or machine learning
2. Automatically open MSC Apex and display the original and optimized models
3. Make comparisons between the original and optimized models



Machine Learning

Gradient-based optimization has been demonstrated to be a reliable method in linear response optimization. For example, MSC Nastran SOL 200's optimization capability is applicable to solution sequences, 101, 103, 105, 107, 108, 110, 111, 112, 144 and 145. If a practitioner is interested in nonlinear response optimization, say with responses from SOL 400, gradient-based optimization is not as reliable.

The Machine Learning web app features active learning technology to optimize nonlinear responses, such as responses from SOL 400. Use this web app to define the parameters, objective and constraint responses; execute machine learning; and display live updates of the objective during the machine learning process.

This web app is also used to configure a Parameter Study, or batch execution of multiple MSC Nastran runs. Use this web app to set up different configurations of the parameters via a Latin Hypercube Sampling, Taguchi or user-defined design. During the execution of each MSC Nastran run, the respective responses of interest are stored in a single CSV file for future post-processing of your choice.



Capabilities

Supported file types	BDF, DAT, H5, CSV
Designs	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Latin Hypercube SamplingLatin Hypercube Sampling, ReproducibleMesh GridTaguchiUser-defined
Procedures	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Machine Learning (Bayesian Optimization)Parameter Study (Batch Runs)Local Optimization (Gradient Based Optimizer)Sensitivity Analysis (Gradient Based Optimizer)
Supported MSC Nastran versions	2016-Present
Supported solution sequences (SOL xxx)	All except SOL 700

Workflow – Configure the Problem Statement's Parameters and Responses

1. Open a web browser to access the Machine Learning web app and upload the BDF files
2. Click a field on a Bulk Data entry to set the field as a parameter
3. Configure the bounds of the parameter
4. Inspect the status or validation of each parameter
5. Add additional comments to parameters for future identification

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Parameters Samples Responses Download Results Connection Settings Home

1

Select Parameters

Configure Parameters

Delete	Parameter	Status	Low	High	Comments
x	x1	4	.01	5.	Area of member 1 and 2
x	x2	4	.01	5.	Area of member 3

2

3

4

5

6. Upload the H5 file to make responses available for selection
7. Switch to other datasets to select additional responses to monitor
8. Specify entity IDs such as grid IDs or element IDs
9. Click Acquire Dataset to extract data from the H5 file
10. Select the table cell to track that specific response
11. View and configure responses to monitor

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Parameters Samples Responses Download Results Connection Settings Home

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Select Responses to Monitor

Session ID: 5831

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11

View Responses to Monitor

Monitored Responses

Delete	Label	Status	Objective	Lower Bound	Upper Bound	Monitor the respon... of the FINAL design cycle (SOL 200 onl)
x	r1	4	MIN	Lower	Upper	
x	r2	4		-15000.	20000.	
x	r3	4		-15000.	20000.	
x	r4	4		-15000.	20000.	
x	r5	4		-15000.	20000.	
x	r6	4		-15000.	20000.	
x	r7	4		-15000.	20000.	

Workflow – Configure and Execute Machine Learning

12. Navigate to the Samples section to configure the design used to generate the initial training data
13. Specify the design type, e.g. Latin Hypercube Sampling (LHS), and specify the number of samples n
14. Inspect the different parameter configurations (samples)
15. Navigate to the Settings section and specify the Machine Learning procedure

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Parameters **Samples** Responses Download Results Connection Settings Home

Configure Samples **13**

Design: Latin Hypercube, Reproducible

Number of Samples: 10

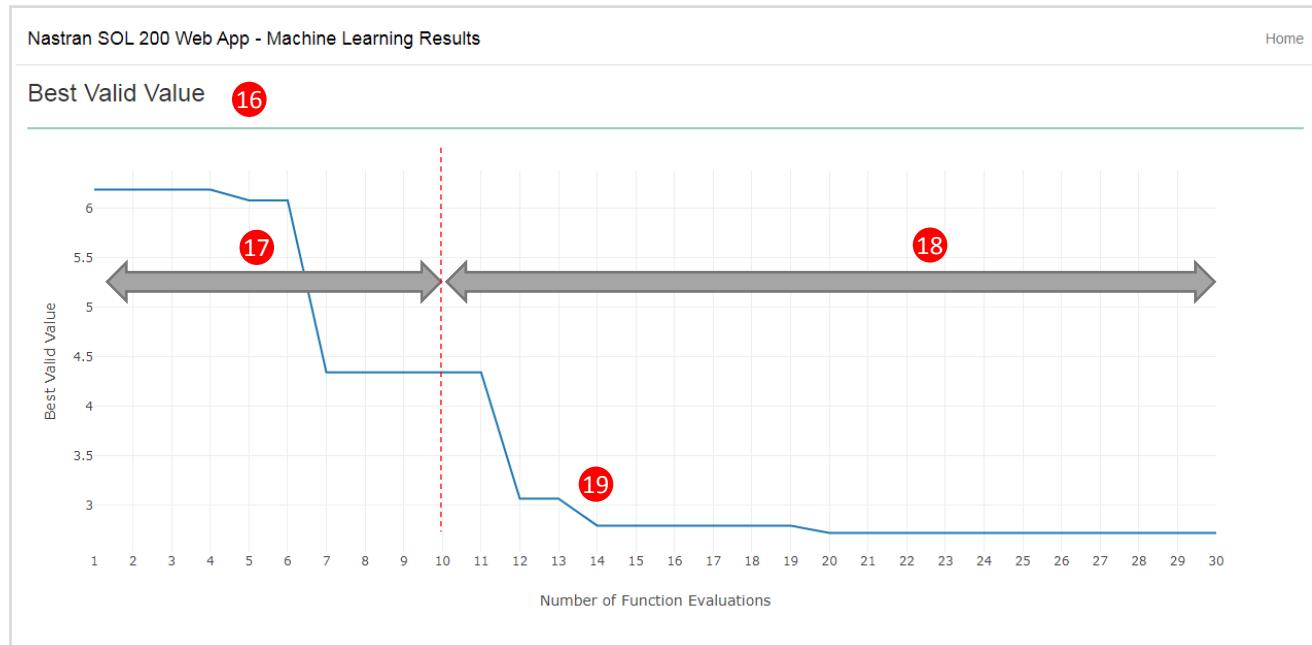
Samples to Run

+ Options **14**

Parameters		
Sample Number	x1	x2
1	1.042721	3.242836
2	2.985954	2.083597
3	4.257217	.8577
4	3.806829	2.855711
5	1.975237	.4956

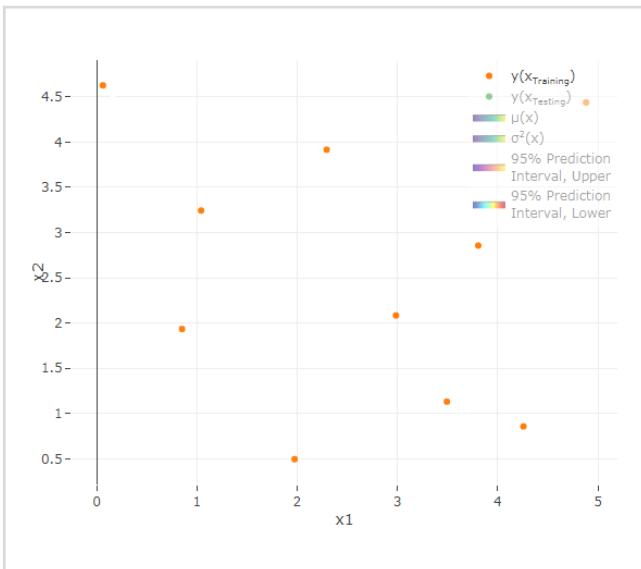
« 1 » **1** 2 » 5 10 20 30 40 50

16. During the machine learning process, a live update of the optimization is displayed
17. The first n runs correspond to the samples used to generate the initial training data
18. The subsequent runs correspond to the machine learning iterations
19. Note the objective is minimized during the machine learning process

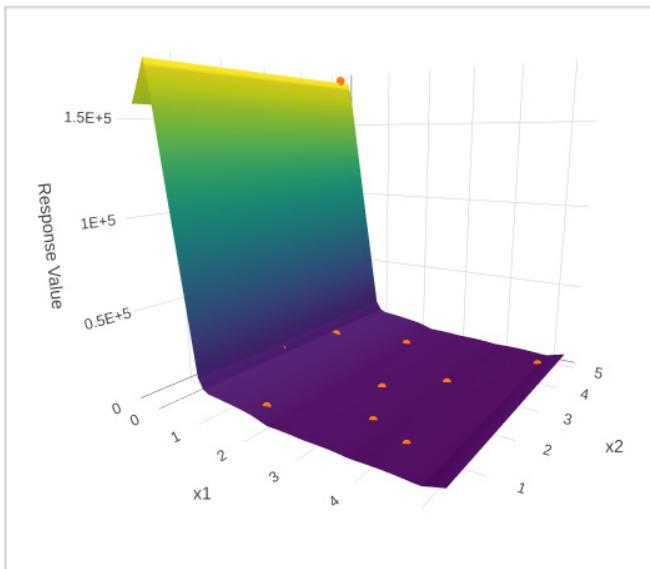


Workflow – Internal Process

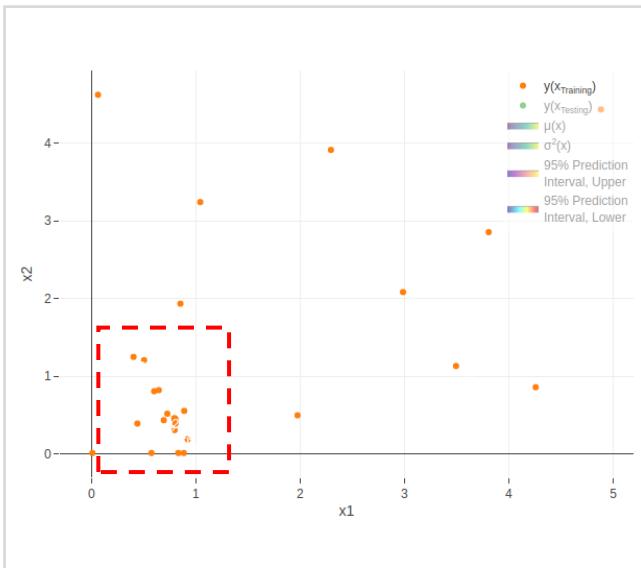
1. MSC Nastran is evaluated for each of the n samples previously configured. For each sample, or parameter/input configuration, the respective output responses are collected. These initial inputs and outputs are the training data.



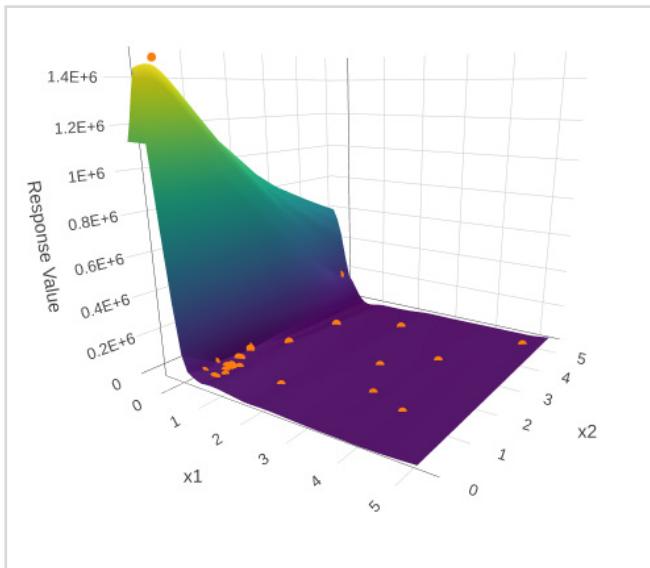
2. The initial inputs and outputs are used to train the starting surrogate models. Below is an example of a surrogate model for a stress response.



3. During the machine learning process, acquisition functions are used to determine candidate samples that are likely to yield a better design. For each candidate sample, MSC Nastran is used to evaluate that candidate. Eventually, new samples are close to each other, indicating the optimum is being approached.



4. With each new sample evaluated by MSC Nastran, the surrogate models are updated. In effect, the optimization is learning from previous experience.



Prediction Analysis

In some instances, finite element analysis can require hours to complete. If there is a need to run multiple finite element (FE) analyses, days or weeks may be required. Methods to determine the FE solver output with a limited number of FE analyses are desired.

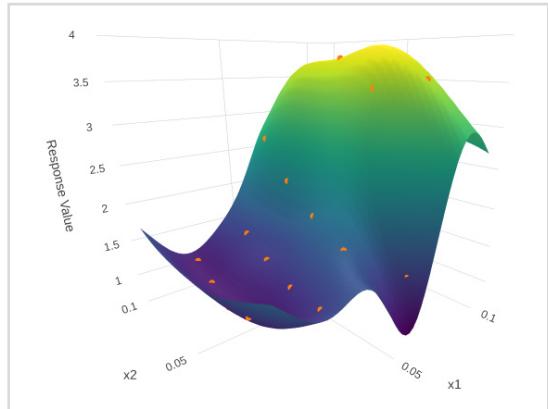
The Prediction Analysis web app is used to construct surrogate models which are used to predict the output of the FE solver. To construct surrogate models, the FE solver is executed at different parameter configurations of the FE model, the outputs are collected, and

Gaussian process (GP) regression is used to train the surrogate models. Any predictions made using the surrogate models are computed in seconds and is a contrast to FE analyses that sometimes span hours.

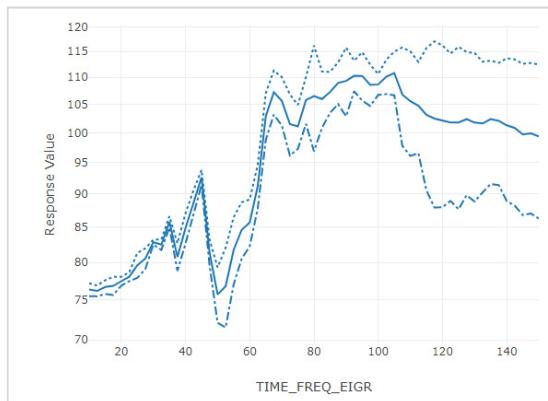
It should be noted that the Machine Learning web app can be used to configure multiple MSC Nastran runs and collect the output responses. The different FE configurations, or inputs, and output responses serve as the training data that the Prediction Analysis web app uses to construct the surrogate models.

Capabilities

Supported File Types	<ul style="list-style-type: none">CSV
Regression Type	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Gaussian process regression
Kernels (Covariance Functions)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Matern 5/2ExponentialRadial Basis Function (RBF)
Outputs of Regression	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Mean (Prediction values)Variance (Prediction uncertainty)95% Prediction IntervalHyperparameter ValuesAutomatic Relevance Determination ValuesLog Marginal LikelihoodNormalized Root Mean Square Error (NRMSE)
Plots	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Response Surface (plot of the mean function) for 1D or 2D parameter problemsVariance Bar ChartsXYPLOTS for frequency or transient responses
Parameter/Variable Screening	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Automatic Relevance Determination



Displayed is an example of a surrogate model. Each point represents the output of the FE solver at different parameter configurations. The output was used to train the surrogate model.



A plot of the predicted frequency response is displayed along with the 95% prediction intervals.

Workflow

1. Excel is used to customize CSV files that contain the training data
2. Training data, and optionally testing data, is uploaded to the Prediction Analysis web app
3. A regression is performed for 3 different kernel functions and the response surfaces are displayed
4. A plot of the surrogate model is displayed
5. A plot of the true function is displayed
6. The training data points are displayed
7. A contour plot of the surrogate model is displayed
8. A contour plot of the true function is displayed
9. The training data points are displayed
10. A prediction is made at the known minimum and coincides with the true minimum

Training and Testing Data

x_training

CSV Export CSV Import

Select files app.config Import CSV Imported

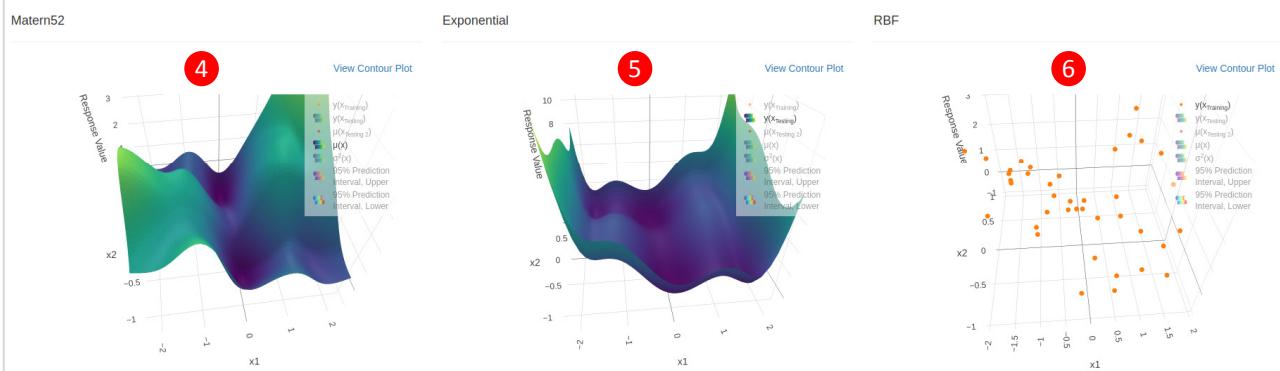
1

2

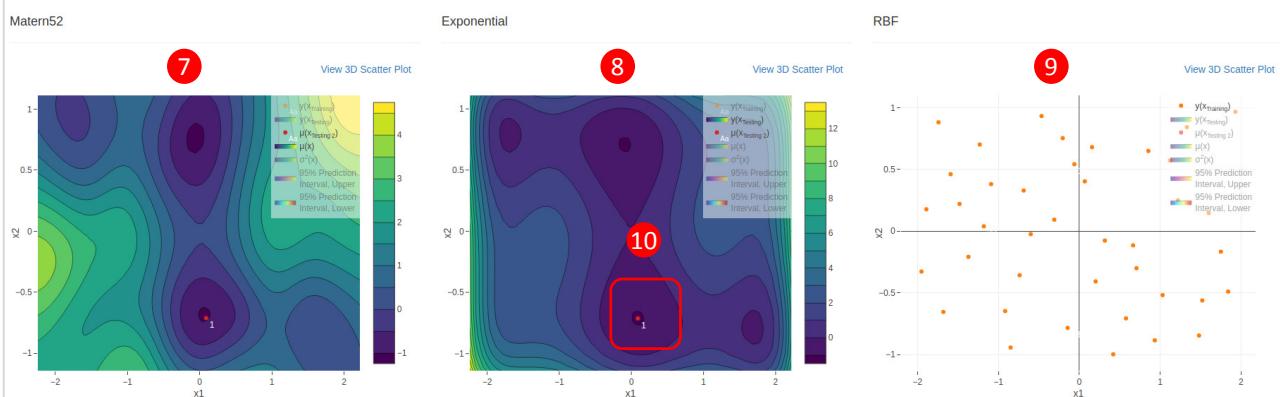
sample	x1	x2	x8	x11
1	1.	4.333333	3.051282	4.717949
2	1.128205	2.538462	3.435897	3.051282
3	1.25641	4.076023	5.102664	1.897436
4	1.384615	5.102564	2.794872	2.282051
5	1.512821	2.025641	3.692308	5.487179
6	1.641026	2.923077	5.615385	4.205128
7	1.769231	2.153846	1.384615	4.333333
8	1.897436	1.512821	5.230789	1.709231
9	2.025641	3.455897	1.128205	2.025641
10	2.153846	5.358974	4.974359	3.692308

10 25 50 100

Response Surface **3**

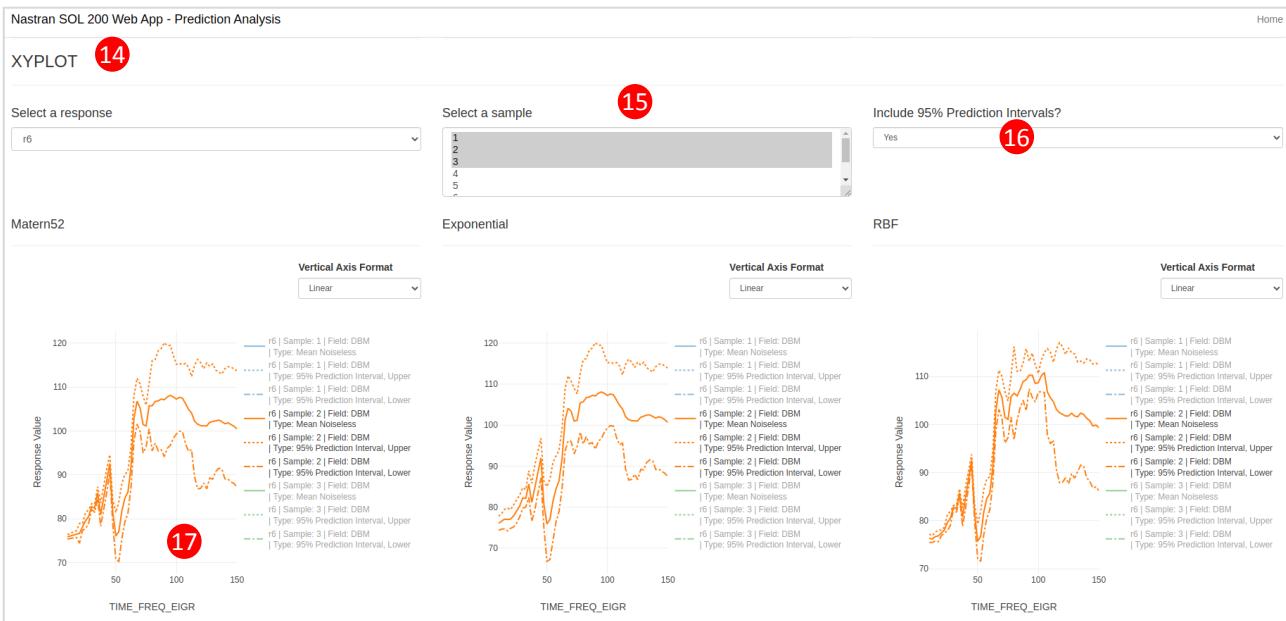
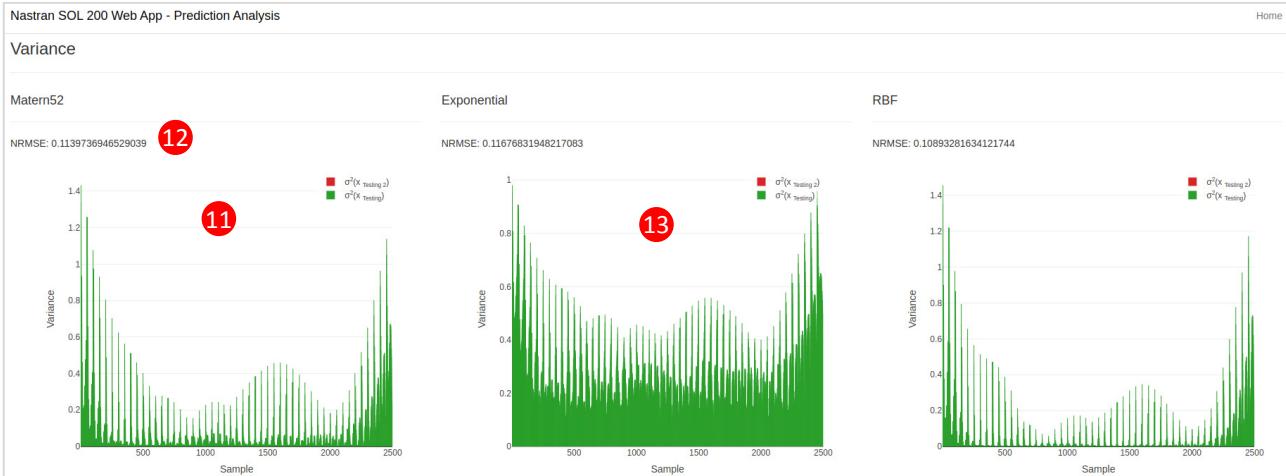


Response Surface



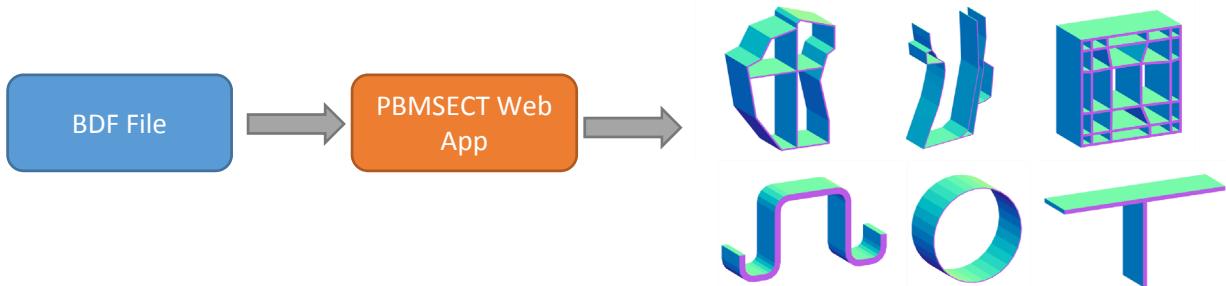
Workflow

11. A variance bar chart is created and indicates the prediction uncertainty for the testing data points
12. If testing data was provided, the normalized root mean square error (NRMSE) is computed and displayed
13. Different kernel functions yield different levels of prediction uncertainty, note the higher variances when the exponential kernel was used
14. If the surrogate model corresponds to a frequency or transient response, an XYPILOT is constructed
15. The controls can be used to display a particular response or predictive sample
16. The 95% prediction intervals can be optionally displayed
17. Each change to the controls immediately updates the displayed XYPILOT



PBMSECT Web App

The PBMSECT web app is used to visually create arbitrary beam cross sections. The necessary PBMSECT and PBRSECT entries are automatically managed by the PBMSECT web app.



Capabilities

- Supported forms: GS – Generation Section, OP – Open Profile, CP – Closed Profile
 - Composite arbitrary beam cross sections
 - Supported keywords: OUTP, INP, BRP, T, CORE
- or C, LAYER or L, NSM. OUTM and BEGIN BULK ARBMODEL are NOT supported.

Supported Bulk Data Entries

Entry	Import	Export
PBMSECT	✓	✓
PBRSECT	✓	✓
POINT	✓	✓
SET1	✓	✓
SET3	✓	

Workflow

- Upload BDF files (Not shown)
- Visually create the arbitrary beam cross section
- View the corresponding PBMSECT, PBRSECT, POINT and SET1 entries
- Run MSC Nastran to generate the actual arbitrary

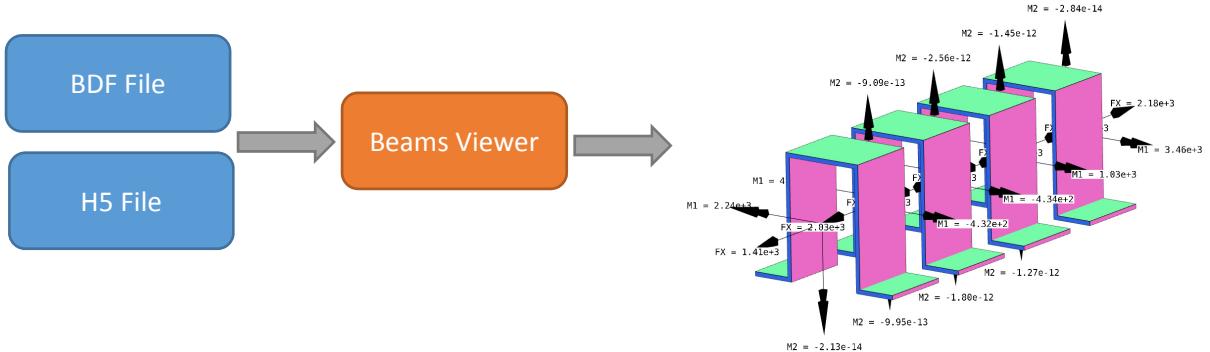
- beam cross section
- View cross section details such as location of shear center, centroid, width, height, and distance from shear center to outer fibers

The screenshot shows the SOL 200 Web App - PBMSECT interface. On the left, there's a table of Bulk Data Entries (BDF) for a stepped beam. In the center, a 3D model of the beam is shown with labels for the centroid, shear center, and dimensions W=8.50 and H=14.0. A coordinate system (X, Y, Z) is also visible. On the right, there are controls for Center Model, Fit Model, View, and Background Color. Below the 3D model, a 2D plan view of the cross section is shown with points labeled 1 through 5, corresponding to numbered callouts in the 3D view. The 3D view also shows numerical values for coordinates like 18.320197, 4.257178, 4.532030, and 4.099470.

S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
PBMSECT 10 0000 0P OUTP=100, BRP(1)=101, BRP(2)=102, BRP(3)=103, T=9.1
POINT 10000 -.345 7.5
POINT 10001 -.335 6.5
POINT 10002 -.325 5.5
POINT 10003 -.315 5.5
POINT 10004 -.275 5.
POINT 10005 -.255 4.5
POINT 10006 -.195 3.9
POINT 10007 -.135 3.7
POINT 10008 -.135 2.
POINT 10009 -.135 1.
POINT 10010 -.235 -.1.
POINT 10011 -.335 -.3.
POINT 10012 -.435 -.5.8
POINT 10013 -.125 -.2
POINT 10014 .25 -.5.
POINT 10015 1.65 -.4.8
POINT 10016 3.15 -.1.3
POINT 10017 3.15 2.50
POINT 10018 3.1 3.4
POINT 10019 3.45 6.1
POINT 10020 3.35 6.4
POINT 10021 4.35 2.5
POINT 10022 4.05 -.8
POINT 10023 -.385 5.3
POINT 10024 -.3175 4.1
POINT 10025 1.25 -.4.2
POINT 10026 2.45 -.1.4
POINT 10027 2.55 2.6
POINT 10028 2.35 8.1
SET1 10001 10000 10001 10002 10003 10004 10005 10006 10007 10008 10009 10010 10011 10012 10013 10014
10015 10016 10017 10018 10019 10020
SET1 101 10016 10017 10021 10022 10016
SET1 102 10003 10023 10024 10086
SET1 103 10014 10025 10029 10027 10028

Beams Viewer

The Beams viewer is used to visually confirm the placement and orientation of 1D elements used by MSC Nastran. There is minimal support for post processing the 1D element's internal forces such as shear forces and moments. There is no pre processing support. For example, the orientation of beams may not be edited in the Beams Viewer. Due to web browser limitations, a maximum BDF file size of 200KB may be uploaded to the Beams Viewer.



Capabilities

- Coordinate systems
 - Only the basic, or default, coordinate system is supported. Custom Cartesian, cylindrical or spherical coordinate systems are currently not supported.
- Tapered beams and stations are supported
- Display
 - GRID IDs
 - Element IDs
 - Orientation Vector
 - Element Coordinate System
 - Beam Shape (3D view of cross section)
 - Neutral Axis
 - Shear Center
 - End A to End B
 - GA to GB
- 1D Element Forces
 - Moments M1 and M2
 - Shear forces V1 and V2
 - Torque
 - Axial force
- 1D Element Stresses
 - Bending/Longitudinal at C, D, E, F
 - Axial
 - Torsion

Supported Bulk Data Entries

Entry	Import
BAROR	✓
BEAMOR	✓
CBAR	✓
CBARAO	✓
CBEAM	✓
CBEAM3	✓
CBEND	✓
CONROD	✓
CROD	✓
CTUBE	✓
PBAR	✓
PBARL	✓
PBCOMP	
PBEAM	✓
PBEAM3	✓
PBEAML	✓
PBEND	✓
PBMSECT	✓
PBRSECT	✓
PROD	✓
PTUBE	✓

Supported Bulk Data Entries and Fields

The following depicts bulk data entries and their specific fields that are supported by the Beams Viewer.

GRID	ID	CP • 0 or blank only	X1	X2	X3	CD	PS	SEID
BAROR		PID			X1	X2	X3	OFFT
BEAMOR		PID			X1	X2	X3	OFFT
CBAR	EID	PID	GA	GB	X1 G0	X2	X3	OFFT • GGG or blank only • BGG, GGO, etc.
	PA	PB	W1A	W2A	W3A	W1B	W2B	W3B
CBARAO	EID	SCALE • LE or FR	X1	X2	X3	X4	X5	X6
CBEAM	EID	PID	GA	GB	X1 G0	X2	X3	OFFT • GGG or blank only • BGG, GGO, etc.
	PA	PB	W1A	W2A	W3A	W1B	W2B	W3B
SA	SB							
CBEAM3	EID	PID	GA	GB	GC Blank	X1 G0	X2	X3
	W1A	W2A	W3A	W1B	W2B	W3B	W1C	W2C
	W3C	TWA	TWB	TWC	SA	SB	SC	
CBEND	EID	PID	GA	GB	X1 G0	X2	X3	GEOM • 1, 2, 3, 4
CONROD	EID	G1	G2	MID	A	J	C	NSM
CROD	EID	PID	G1	G2				
CTUBF	FID	PID	G1	G2				

1. The GROUP must be MSCBML0 or blank. Custom libraries are not supported.
 2. TYPES supported: All sections (ROD, TUBE, ..., DBOX). The shear center is not computed for BOX1, HAT1 and DBOX.

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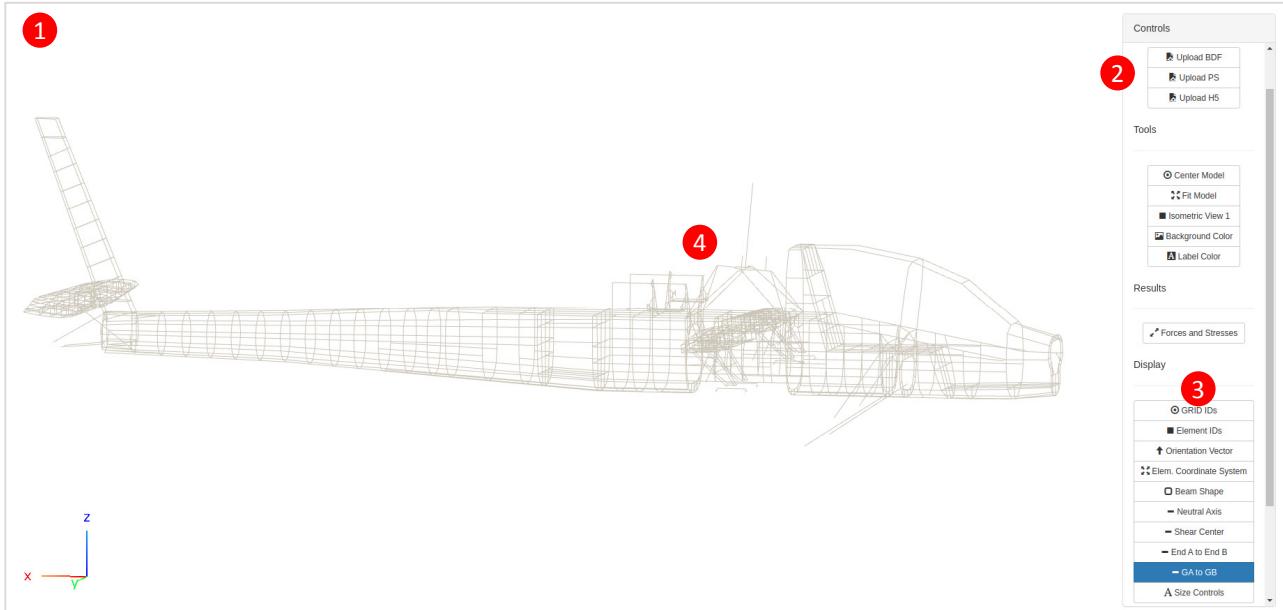
 Field is supported and used to display the cross section of the 1D element.

Field or option is not supported

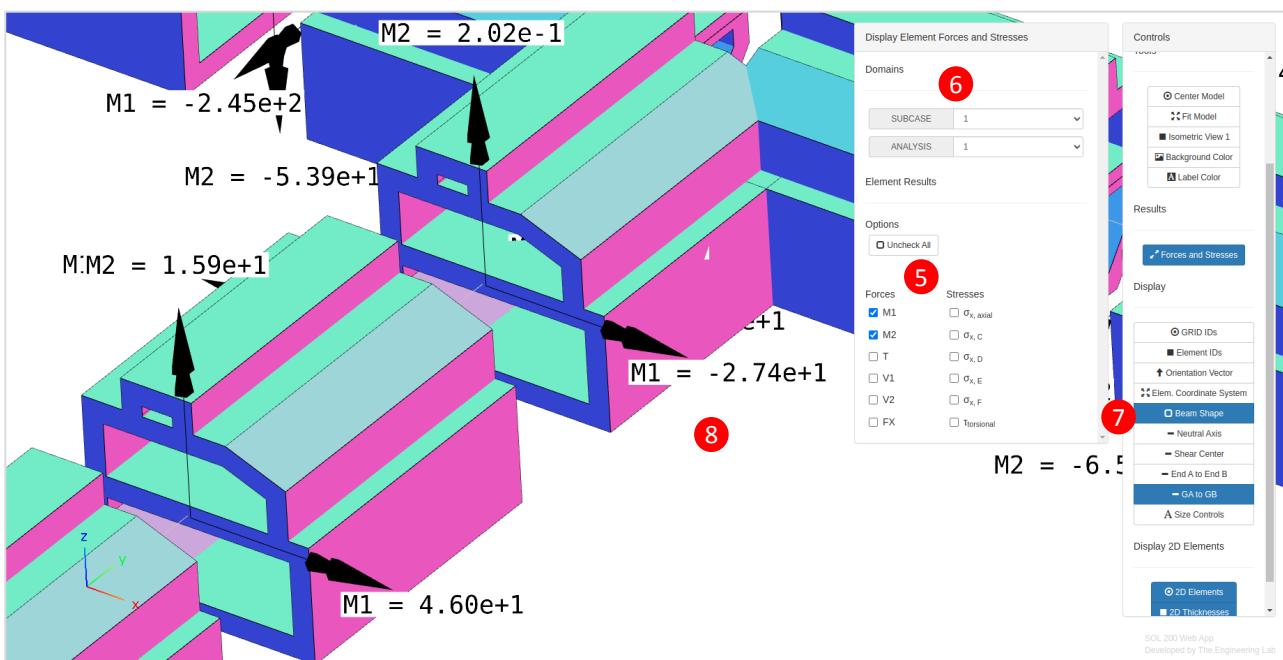
PBAR	PID	MID	A	I1	I2	J	NSM	
	C1	C2	D1	D2	E1	E2	F1	F2
	K1	K2	I12					
PBARL	PID	MID	GROUP ¹	TYPE ²				
	DIM1	DIM2	DIM3	DIM4	DIM54	DIM6	DIM7	DIM8
	DIM9	-etc.-	NSM					
PBEAM	PID	MID	A(A)	I1(A)	I2(A)	I12(A)	J(A)	NSM(A)
	C1(A)	C2(A)	D1(A)	D2(A)	E1(A)	E2(A)	F1(A)	F2(A)
	SO	X/XB	A	I1	I2	I12	J	NSM
	C1	C2	D1	D2	E1	E2	F1	F2
	K1	K2	S1	S2	NSI(A)	NSI(B)	CW(A)	CW(B)
	M1(A)	M2(A)	M1(B)	M2(B)	N1(A)	N2(A)	N1(B)	N2(B)
PBEAM3	PID	MID	A(A)	IZ(A)	IY(A)	IYZ(A)	J(A)	NSM(A)
	CY(A)	CZ(A)	DY(A)	DZ(A)	EY(A)	EZ(A)	FY(A)	FZ(A)
	SO(B)		A(B)	IZ(B)	IY(B)	IYZ(B)	J(B)	NSM(B)
	CY(B)	CZ(B)	DY(B)	DZ(B)	EY(B)	EZ(B)	FY(B)	FZ(B)
	SO(C)		A(C)	IZ(C)	IY(C)	IYZ(C)	J(C)	NSM(C)
	CY(C)	CZ(C)	DY(C)	DZ(C)	EY(C)	EZ(C)	FY(C)	FZ(C)
	KY	KZ	NY(A)	NZ(A)	NY(B)	NZ(B)	NY(C)	NZ(C)
	MY(A)	MZ(A)	MY(B)	MZ(B)	MY(C)	MZ(C)	NSIY(A)	NSIZ(A)
	NSIY(Z)	NSIY(B)	NSIZ(B)	NSIYZ(B)	NSIY(C)	NSIZ(C)	NSIYZ(C)	CW(A)
			STRESS • GRID or blank only					
	CW(B)	CW(C)	• GAUSS					
	WC(A)	WYC(A)	WZC(A)	WD(A)	WYD(A)	WZD(A)	WE(A)	WYE(A)
	WZE(A)	WF(A))	WYF(A)	WZF(A)	WC(B)	WYC(B)	WZC(B)	WD(B)
	WYD(B)	WZD(B)	WE(B)	WYE(B)	WZE(B)	WF(B)	WYF(B)	WZF(B)
	WC(C)	WYCC(C)	WZC(C)	WD(C)	WYD(C)	WZD(C)	WE(C)	WYE(C)
	WZE(C)	WF(C)	WYF(C)	WZF(C)				
PBEAML	PID	MID	GROUP ¹	TYPE ²				
	DIM1(A)	DIM2(A)	-etc..-	DIMn(A)	NSM(A)	SO(1)	X(1)/XB	DIM1(1)
	DIM2(1)	-etc.-	DIMn(1)	NSM(1)	SO(2)	X(2)/XB	DIM1(2)	DIM2(2)
	-etc..-	DIMn(2)	NSM(m)	-etc.-	SO(m)	X(m)/XB	DIM1(m)	-etc..-
	DIMn(m)	NSM(m)	SO(B)	1	DIM1(B)	DIM2(B)	-etc..-	DIMn(B)
	NSM(B)							
PBEND	PID	MID	A	I1	I2	J	RB	THETAB
	C1	C2	D1	D2	E1	E2	F1	F2
	K1	K2	NSM	RC	ZC	DELTAN		
PBMSECT	PID	MID	FORM					
			Data description for arbitrary section					
PBRSECT	PID	MID	FORM	NSM				
			Data description for arbitrary section					
PROD	PID	MID	A	J	C	NSM		
PTUBE	PID	MID	OD	T	NSM	OD2		

Workflow

1. Open a web browser to access the Beams Viewer
2. Upload BDF or H5 files
3. Control the display of GRID IDs, element IDs, orientation vector, etc.
4. View the respective line elements

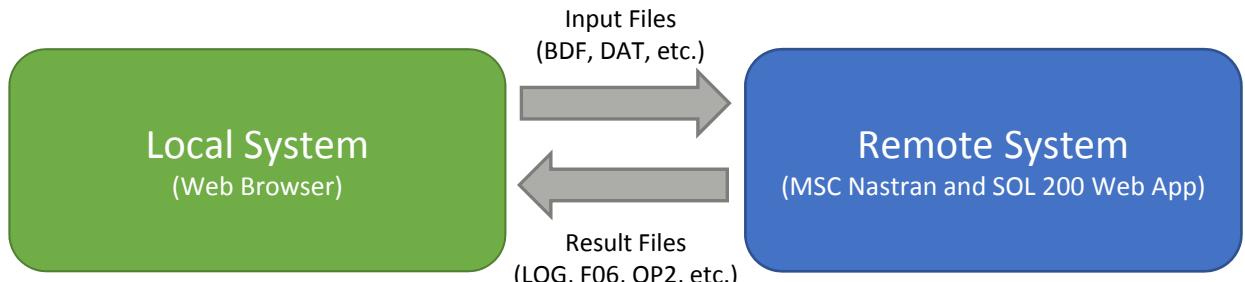


5. Display internal element forces such as moments, shear forces, torque and axial forces
6. Switch between different subcases, time steps, forcing frequencies, etc.
7. Display the cross section of the 1D elements
8. View the internal element forces displayed on the cross sections



Remote Execution

The Remote Execution web app allows users to run MSC Nastran on remote operating systems available on the local network. Traditionally, an FTP and SSH program are used to copy files to the remote system and start the MSC Nastran program. The Remote Execution web app allows for the same workflow but with only a web browser. Use the Remote Execution web app to upload BDF files to the remote system and start the MSC Nastran program.



Capabilities

- Supported operating systems: Windows and Red Hat Linux
- Support for regular MSC Nastran jobs and MultiOpt
- View live changes to the LOG, F04 and F06 files during the MSC Nastran run
- Download result files from the remote system to the local system
- Manage jobs on the remote system by using the Remote Execution Manager
- No FTP or SSH required
- MSC Nastran and the SOL 200 Web App must be installed together on the same remote operating system

Workflow

- Open a web browser, navigate to the Remote Execution web app and upload BDF files (Not shown)
- Select an MSC Nastran version to use for the job
- Select the BDF, DAT or other input file to run
- Specify any keywords to use during the MSC Nastran job
- Click Start SMC Nastran Job
- Watch live output of the remote terminal

The screenshot shows the SOL 200 Web App - Remote Execution interface. The top navigation bar includes links for Select a Location, Upload Input Files, Configuration and Run (which is highlighted), Result Files, Configure New Remote Execution, Remote Execution Manager, User's Guide, and Home.

The main area is titled "Configuration and Run". It contains several input fields and a terminal output window:

- Product Version Command:** A dropdown menu containing "msc2022" (circled in red as step 2).
- Program:** A dropdown menu containing "nastran".
- Input File:** A dropdown menu containing "topstr2.dat" (circled in red as step 3).
- Keywords:** A text input field containing "old=no news=no" (circled in red as step 4).
- MSC_LICENSE_FILE:** A text input field showing "License servers found on remote system: 27500@apollo:27500@localhost".
- Description of Run (Optional):** A text input field containing "Stress analysis of component A-123." (circled in red as step 3).
- Run MSC Nastran Job:** A button with a play icon and the text "Complete" (circled in red as step 5).
- Terminal Output:** A text area displaying the results of the MSC Nastran job execution. The output includes:
 - Path to working directory: \$ /scratch/remote_jobs/20221016_085209
 - Job ID: \$ PID of process: 29306
 - Nastran Version: MSC Nastran V2022.2 (Intel Linux 5.15.0-50-generic) Sun Oct 16 08:52:15 2022
 - System Information Message: *** SYSTEM INFORMATION MESSAGE (pgm: nastran, fn: estimate_job_requirements)
Starting ESTIMATE, please wait...
 - User Information Message: *** USER INFORMATION MESSAGE (pgm: nastran, fn: estimate_job_requirements)
Estimated bpool=6780.5MB
Estimated DOF=14251
Estimated memory=7940.0MB
Estimated disk=67.GMB
 - Job Completion: MSC Nastran beginning job topstr2.
MSC Nastran job topstr2 completed. (circled in red as step 6)
 - Run Status: \$ Run status: Complete

Workflow

7. Navigate to the Result Files section
 8. Switch between any LOG, F04 or F06 file generated during the MSC Nastran job
 9. View live output of the result files. Any update to the file on the remote system is also updated in the web browser.

SOL Web App - Remote Execution Select a Location Upload Input Files Configuration and Run **Result Files**  Configure New Remote Execution Remote Execution Manager User's Guide Home

Result Files

LOG  topstr2.log

F04  topstr2.log

F04  topstr2.f04

F06  topstr2.f06

```
MSC Nastran V2022.2 (Intel Linux 5.15.0-50-generic) Control File:  
-----  
Nastran BUFFSIZE=32769 $(/msc/MSC_Nastran/2022.2/conf/nast2022rc[4])  
$ $(/msc/MSC_Nastran/2022.2/conf/nast2022rc[6])  
$ $(/msc/MSC_Nastran/2022.2/conf/nast2022rc[14])  
$ End $(/msc/MSC_Nastran/2022.2/conf/nast2022rc[16])  
JID=.topstr2.dat  
OUT=.topstr2.log  
PWDIR=/scratch/remote_jobs/20221016_085209  
MEM=7940MB  
MACH=''  
MACH='Intel'  
OPER='Linux'  
OSVER='5.15.0-50-generic'  
MODEL='Intel(R) Core(TM) i7-2620M CPU @ 2.70GHz (apollo)'  
CONFIG=G186640  
NPROC=4  
symbol=DELDIR='/msc/MSC_Nastran/2022.2/msc2022/nast/del' $(program default)  
symbol=DEMODIR='/msc/MSC_Nastran/2022.2/msc2022/nast/demo' $(program default)  
symbol=SSALTEIRODIR='/msc/MSC_Nastran/2022.2/msc2022/nast/ssalteir' $(program default)  
symbol=TPLDIR='/msc/MSC_Nastran/2022.2/msc2022/nast/tpl' $(program default)  
SDIR=/scratch_2022/topstr2.T29306_15  
DBS=/scratch_2022/topstr2.T29306_15
```

10. Click the Download link to download result files from the remote system. Result files include LOG, F06, OP2, etc.
 11. Click Toggle Checkboxes to select all the files
 12. Select files of your own choosing by marking the checkboxes
 13. Click Download Selected Files to download the result files from the remote system
 14. Access the Remote Execution Manager page to access other jobs on the remote system, stop currently running jobs, or remove unnecessary jobs from the remote system

SOL 200 Web App - Remote Execution Select a Location Configuration and Run Result Files [Configure New Remote Execution](#) [Remote Execution Manager](#) [User's Guide](#) [Home](#)

Files on Remote System

(11) [Display Input Files \(BDF/DAT\)](#) [Reset Table Filters](#) [Toggle Checkboxes](#) [Download Selected Files](#) (13)

	File Name	File Size [Bytes]	File Extension	Download Link
(12)	Search		Search	
<input type="checkbox"/>	terminal_output.log	615	.log	Download
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	topstr2.f04	49481	.f04	Download (10)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	topstr2.f06	31850	.f06	Download
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