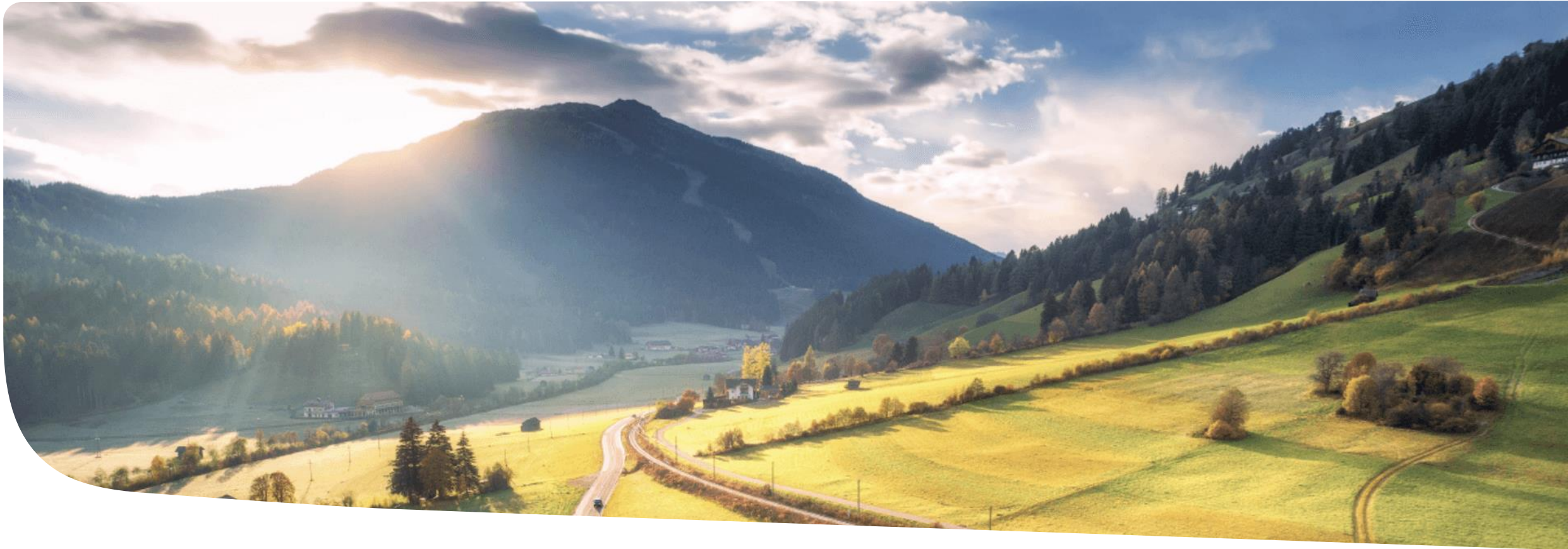


# **Engineering and simulation of Vehicle Headlamp systems at HELLA**

Experience of TIER 1 supplier with 3Dx CATIA Behavior modeling,  
V5 and 3Dx co-existence

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# 01

**Forvia HELLA**  
**Products, engineering, our tasks in engineering**

# HELLA Mohelnice

## Overview

Established 1992  
D & D center  
Fully Competent Development HUB >500 Empl., Fully Competent Measuring and Testing Lab  
Production location

## General Information

- Employees: 3325
- Customers: BMW, Audi ,Škoda, VW, Daimler , Ford, Jaguar Land-Rover, GM, Renault,Seat
- CATIA V5 releases : R19 → R32
- Development customer groups: 4+



SKODA FELICIA



BMW iX



Audi



VW



## Product Groups

1

Headlamps



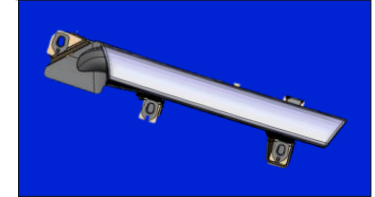
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LED Modules



3

Auxiliary Lamps



## Technologies

- Duroplast molding
- Automated process lacquering – metalizing
- Thermoplast injection molding
- Automated molding – metallization, packaging, visual inspection
- Thickwall optics and components
- Light guides for headlamps
- Fully automated process for 1K and 2K lenses
- Laser technology



# HELLA Lighting Product portfolio

## Leading vehicle lighting supplier

Light is essential to both **seeing and being seen**. Since vehicle lighting is so important to the safety of everyone on the road, HELLA develops innovative lighting systems that offer a high level of **driving comfort** while also providing **optimum illumination** of the road ahead. But that's not all: Design is also an increasingly important factor where HELLA develops systems enabling designers to create **unique brand-specific styles**.

Headlamps and modules



Rear lamps



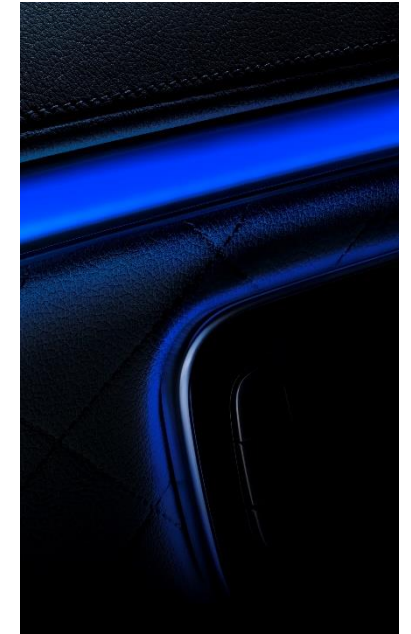
Car body lighting



Radomes

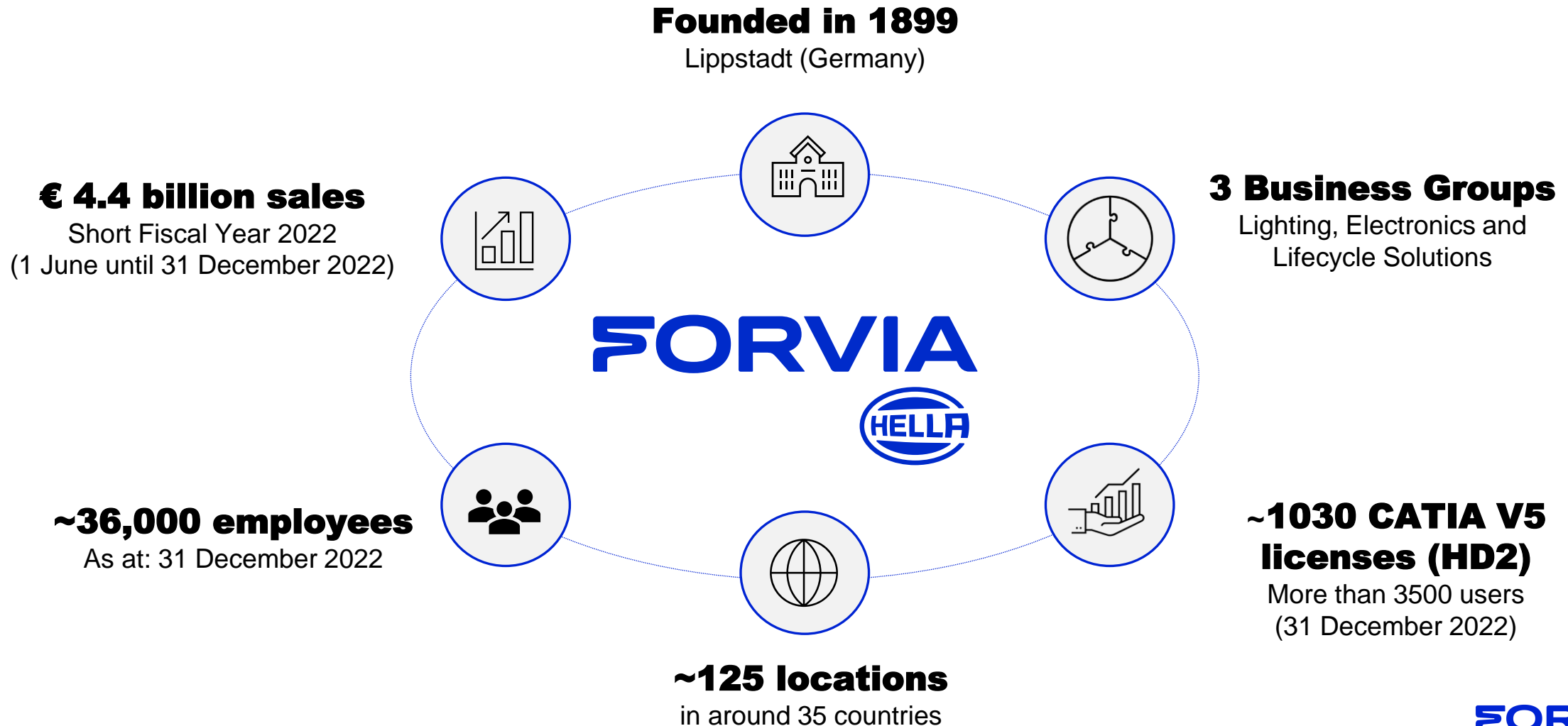


Interior lighting



# HELLA has been a close and reliable partner to the automotive industry for over 120 years

## HELLA in overview



# Faurecia + HELLA = FORVIA

## A global leader in automotive technologies

A Group combining profitable growth and innovation,  
well placed to meet the strategic evolutions transforming our industry

**7<sup>th</sup>**

global automotive  
technology supplier

**1 in 2** vehicles  
worldwide equipped  
with FORVIA products

**6**

Business Groups

**80+**

automotive customers

**76**

R&D centers

**~2,500**

CATIA V5 licenses

**14,000+**

patents

**1,000**

programs in 2022

**291**

Plants/  
industrial  
sites

**43**

countries

**150**

nationalities

**15,000**

R&D engineers

**157,000**

employees

All figures at December 31, 2022

# 02

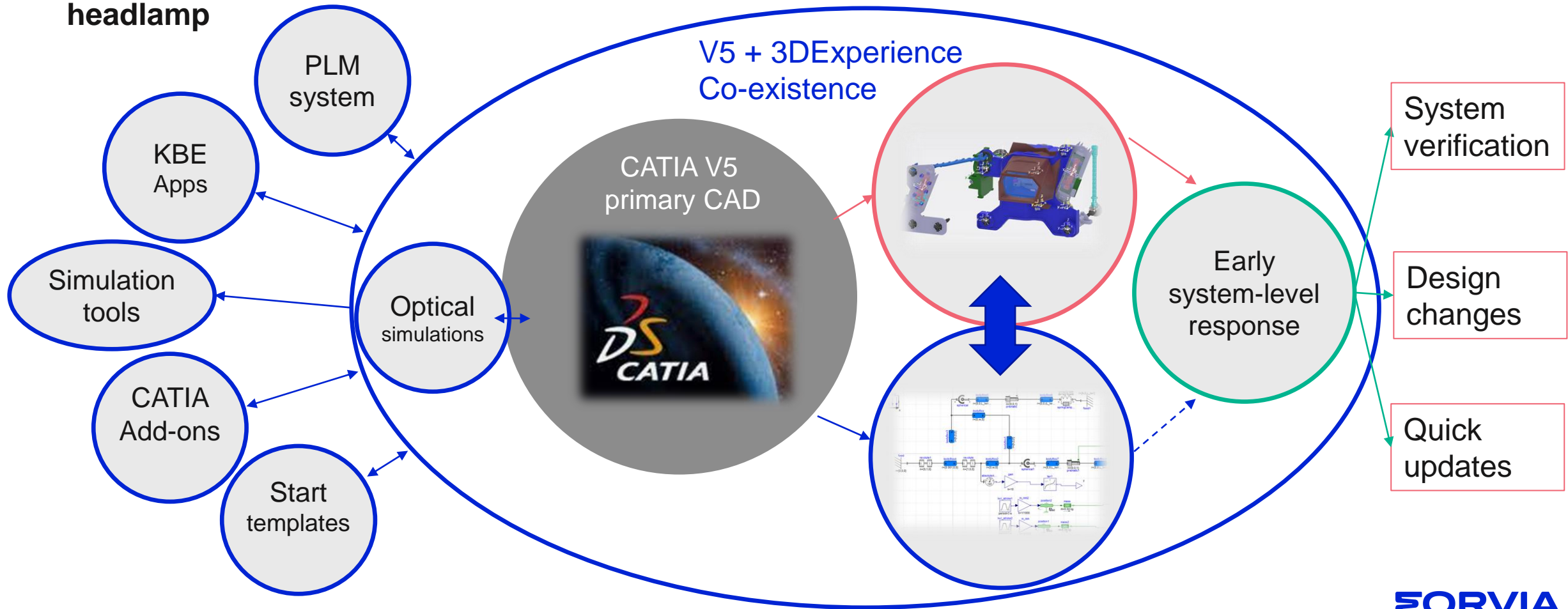
**Our engineering environment with CATIA  
V5 and 3DEXPERIENCE co-existence**



# Primary CAD system CATIA V5 in co-existence with 3DEXPERIENCE

Delivery of early system-level response helps to verify design and drive changes in right time

- Co-existence between V5 3D data and 3Dx systems is a key factor in an early virtual validation of headlamp



# 3DEXPERIENCE innovative solutions utilized at HELLA globally



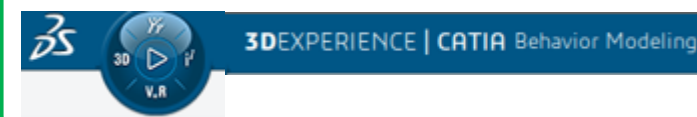
Business innovation initiatives lead the way for improvement in internal process efficiency

- 3DExperience apps adoption based on business needs and opportunities
- HELLA has 11 roles with 106 applications (OnPremise)

Test - Electrical systems design



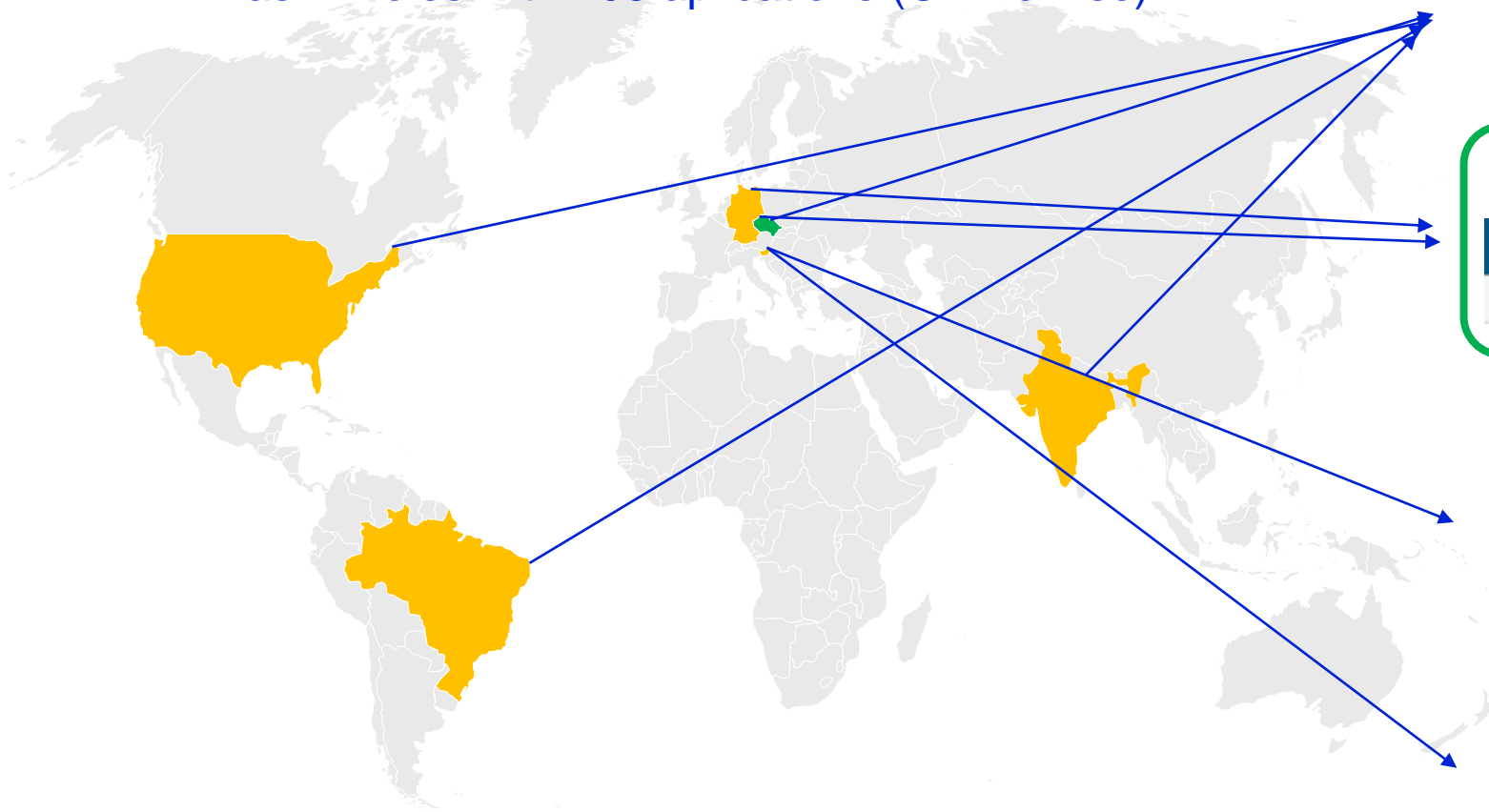
Productive - CATIA Systems



Productive - xGenerative design



Pilot - MCAD in 3Dx  
Native design



# CATIA V5 and 3DEXPERIENCE co-existence, 3D data basis for MBSE

CATIA V5 data transfer to 3DExperience CATIA, to get interactive automatic updates of system

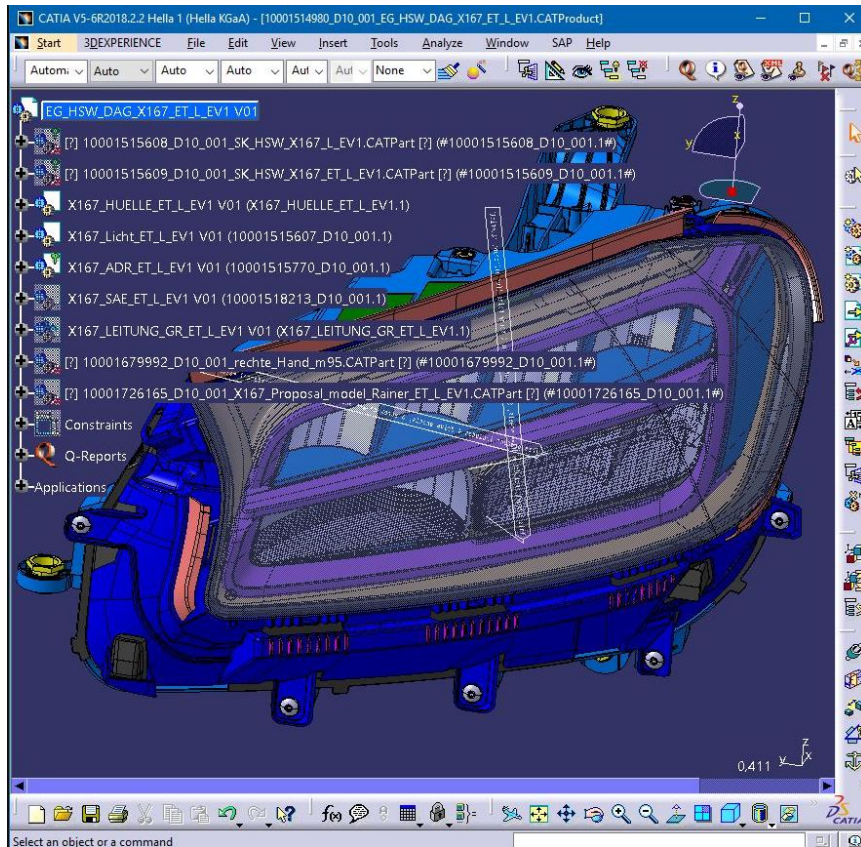


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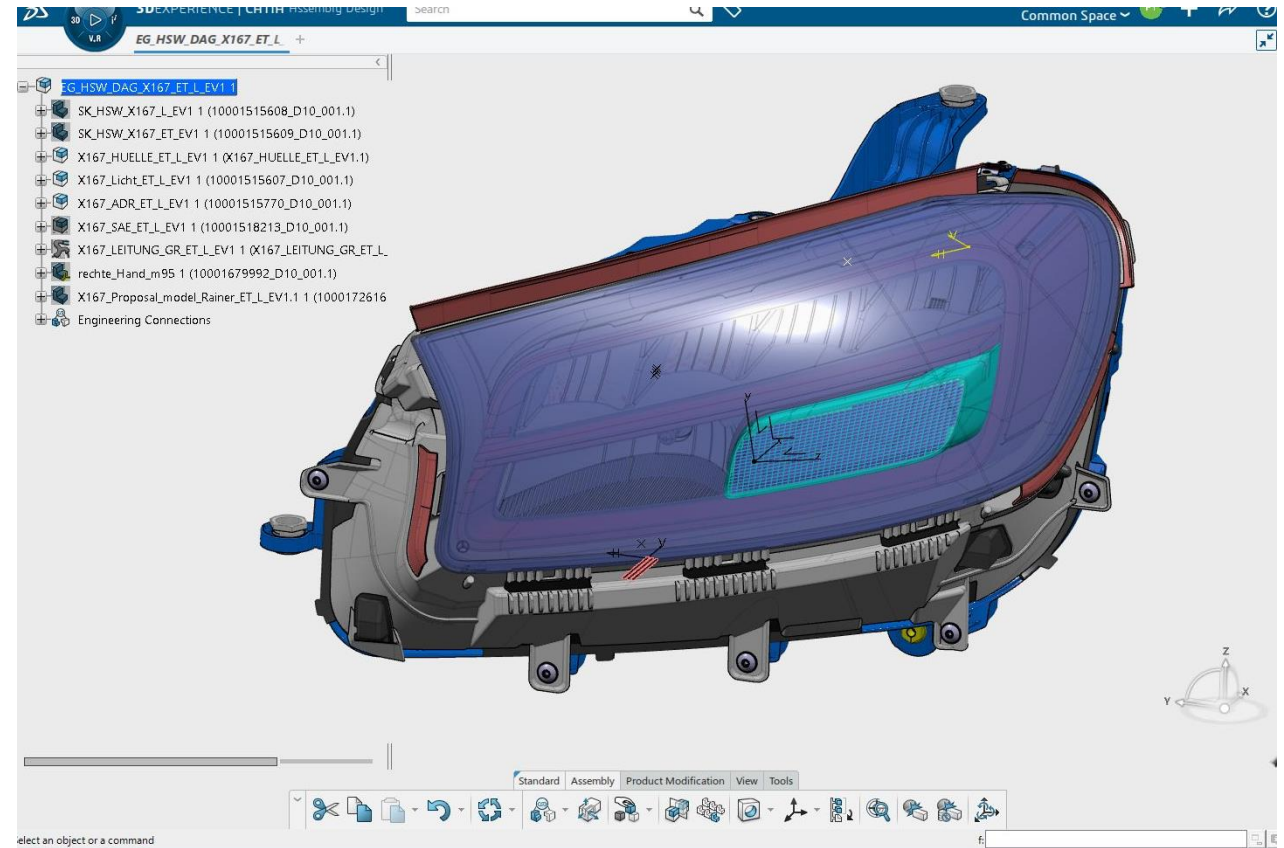


Illustration picture

- 3D geometry as an interactive basis for a seamless and quick-updatable system simulations

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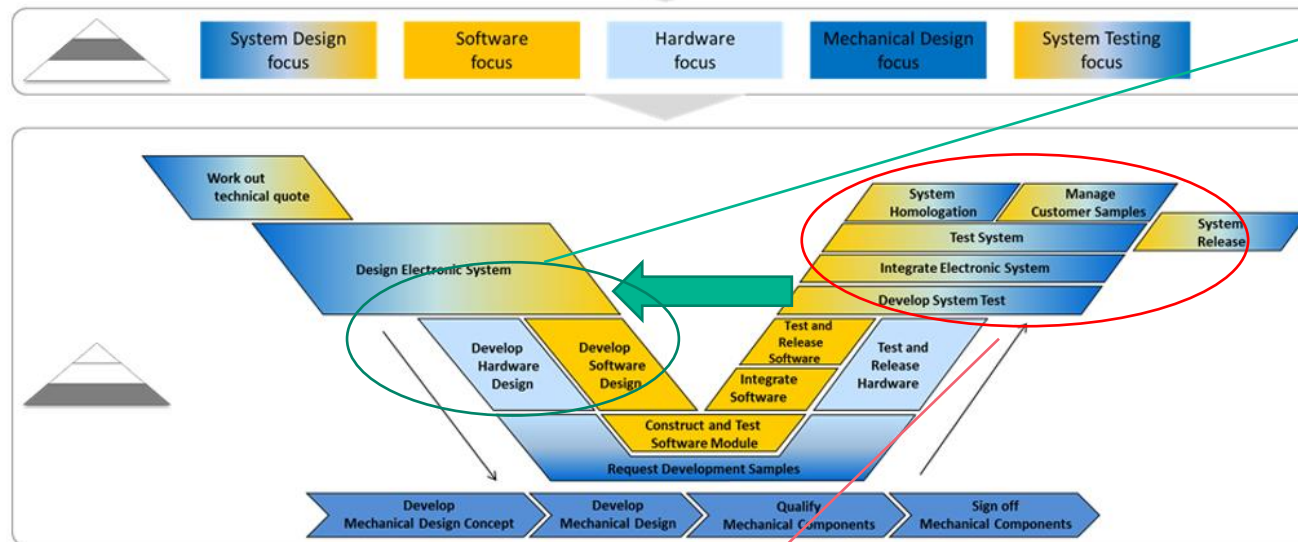
**Our development process  
with Dymola contribution**



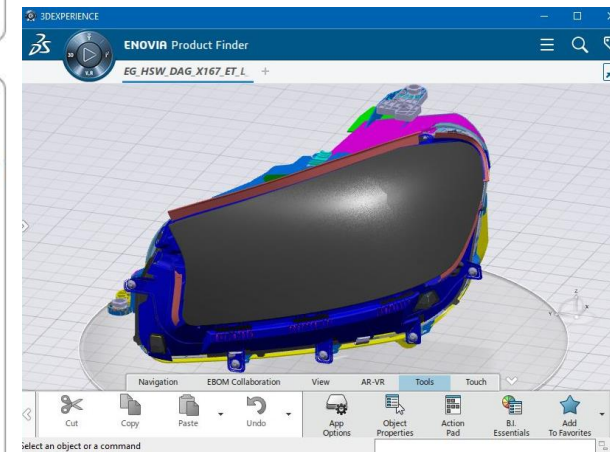
# Headlamp development process and system simulations in it

Virtual testing in early development phase, prior to expensive physical testing at the end of V-model

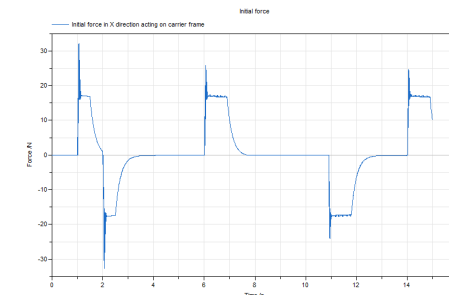
- 3DExperience Behavior modeling results shows future products behavior and guides teams to a first time right solution from the very beginning



Virtual testing of future system behavior



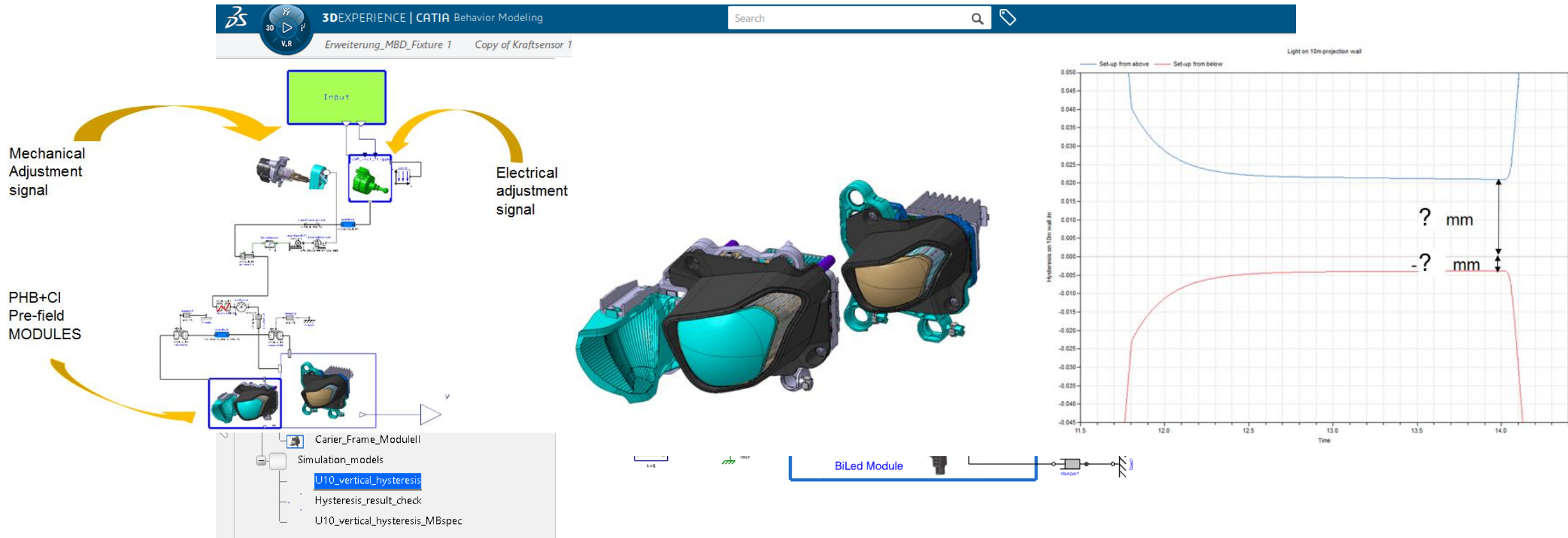
Traditional physical testing phase



# CATIA V5 a 3DEXPERIENCE co-existence, HELLA Mohelnice

## System simulation with CATIA Behavior modeling in 3DExperience

- Multidisciplinary modelling and analysis connects multiple physical disciplines with one 3D model
- Fundamental part of selected headlamp development projects



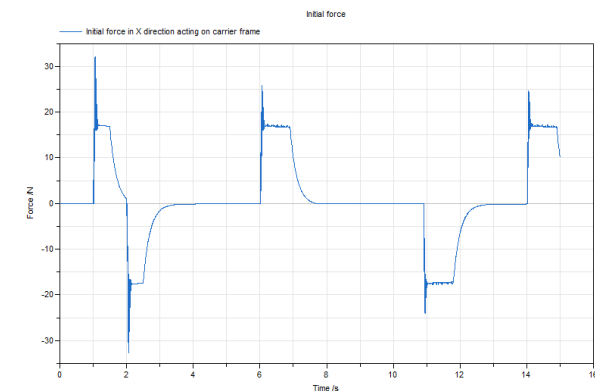
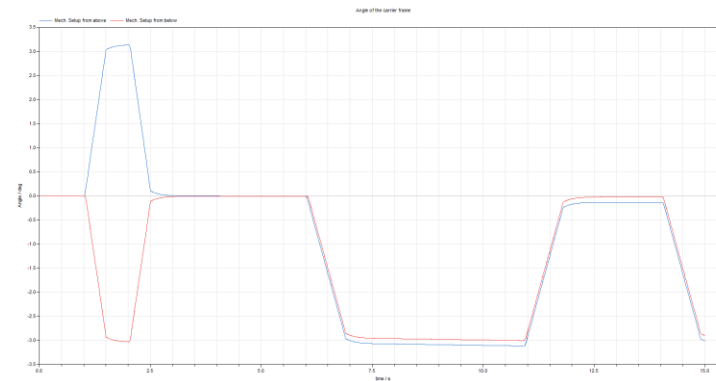
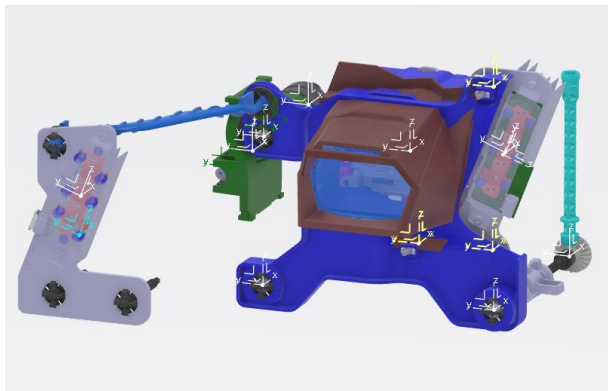
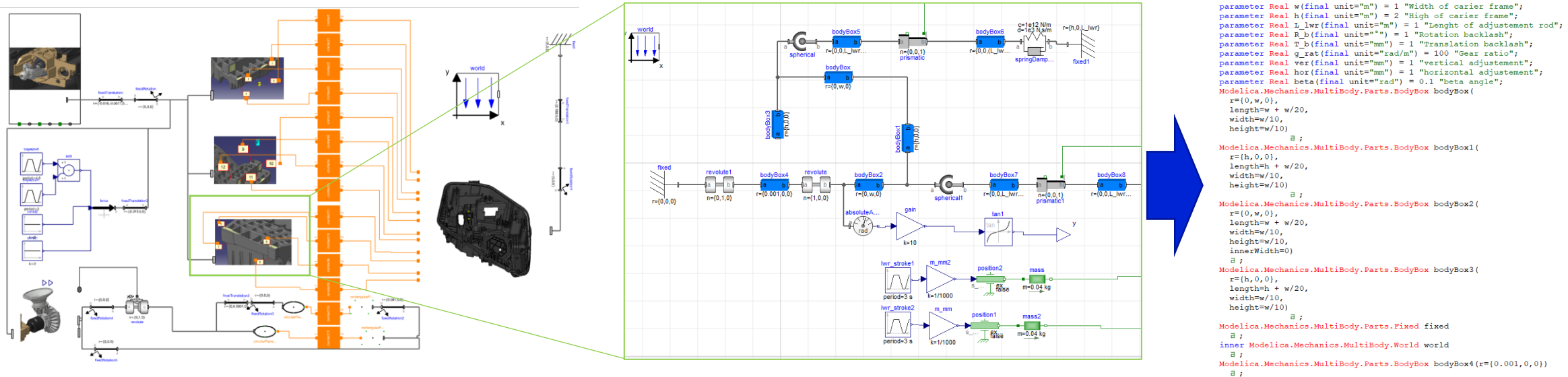


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**Technical details of virtual  
testing with  
3DEXPERIENCE CATIA  
Behavior modeling**

# 3DEXPERIENCE CATIA Behavior modeling with V5 3D data imported

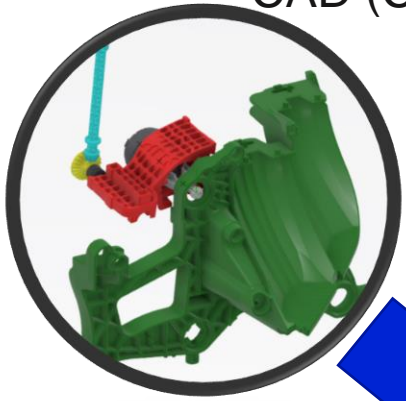
Physical behavior of pre-development system can be analyzed and possible failures identified



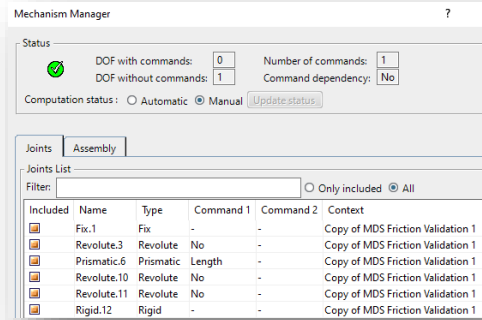
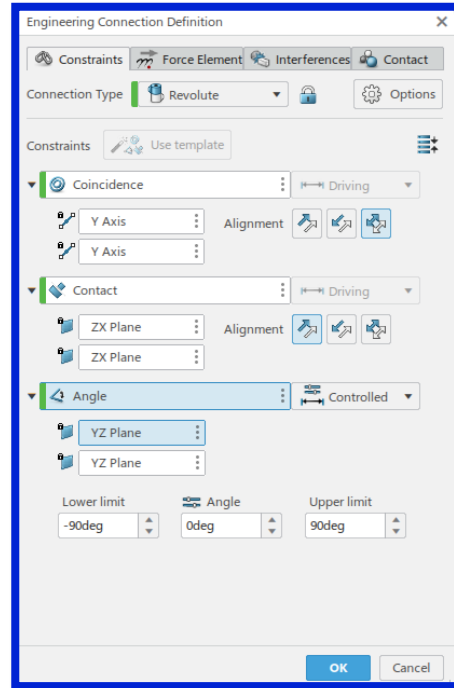


# 3D data used for KINEMATICS, which is transfered to the SYSTEM

CAD (CATIA)

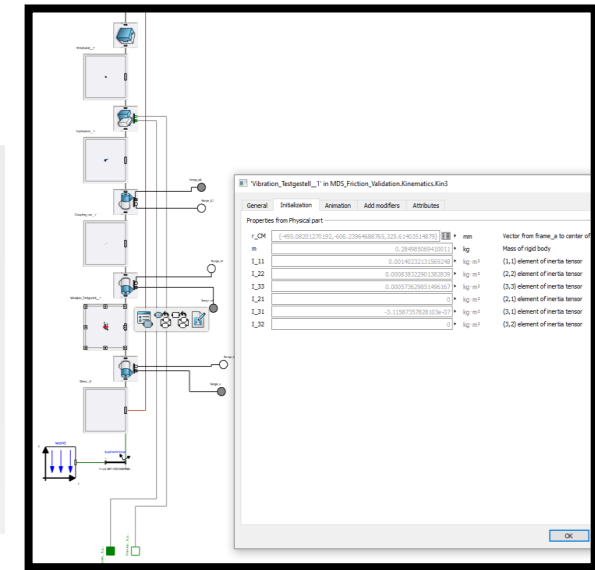


Constraints

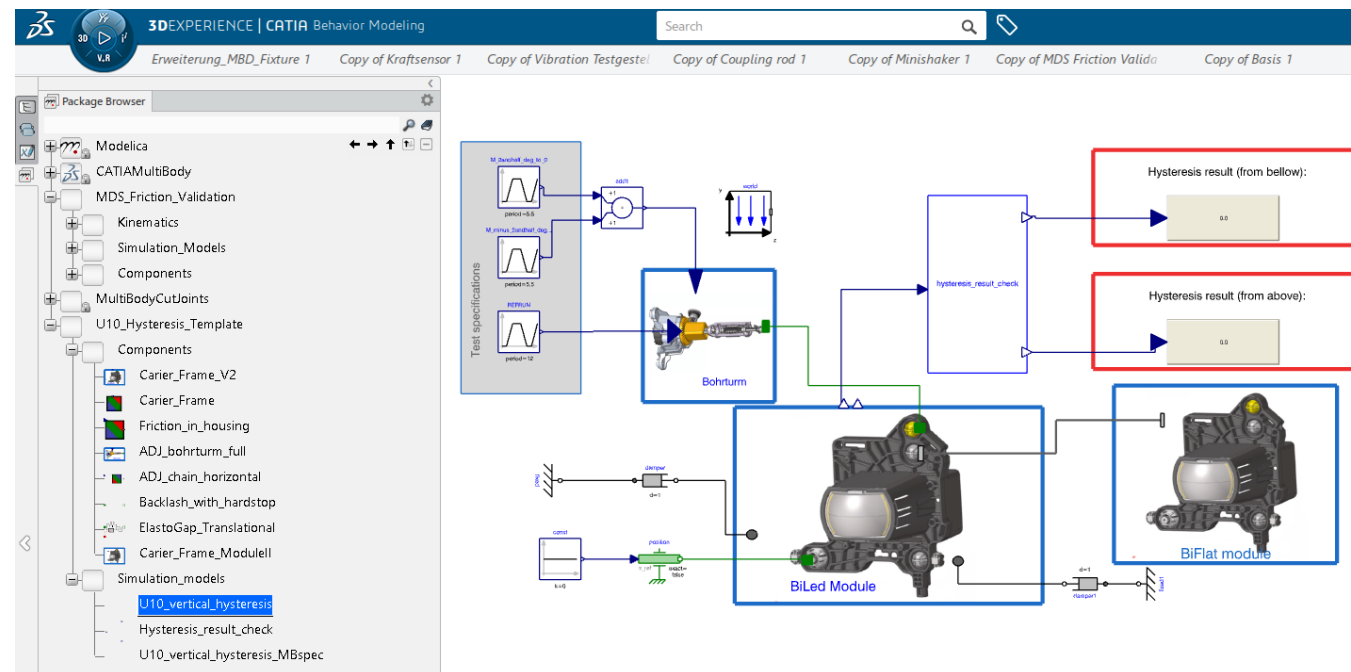


Kinematic definition and translation (CATIA)

System scheme (Dymola) based on kinematics

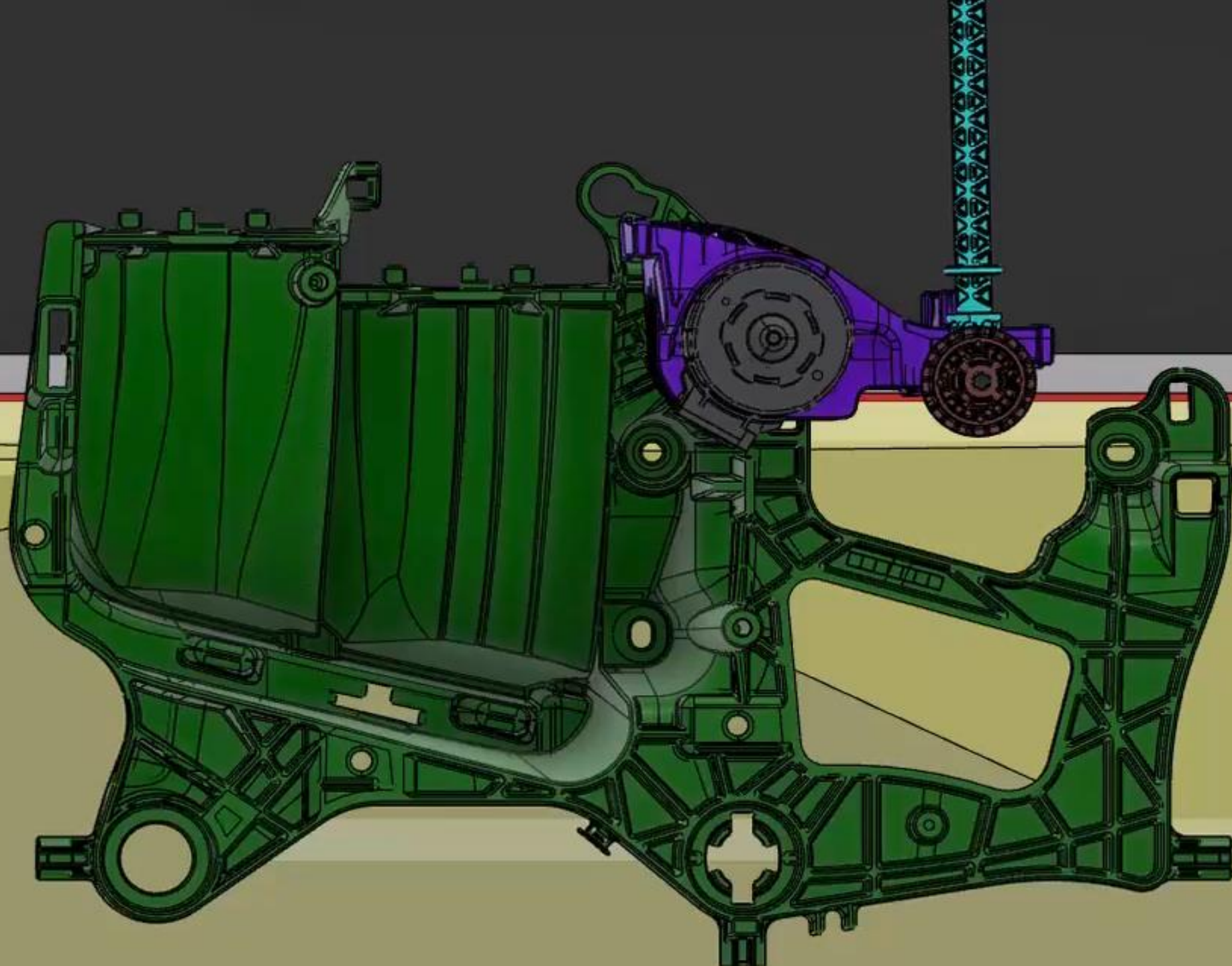


## System model with kinematics based on CAD data



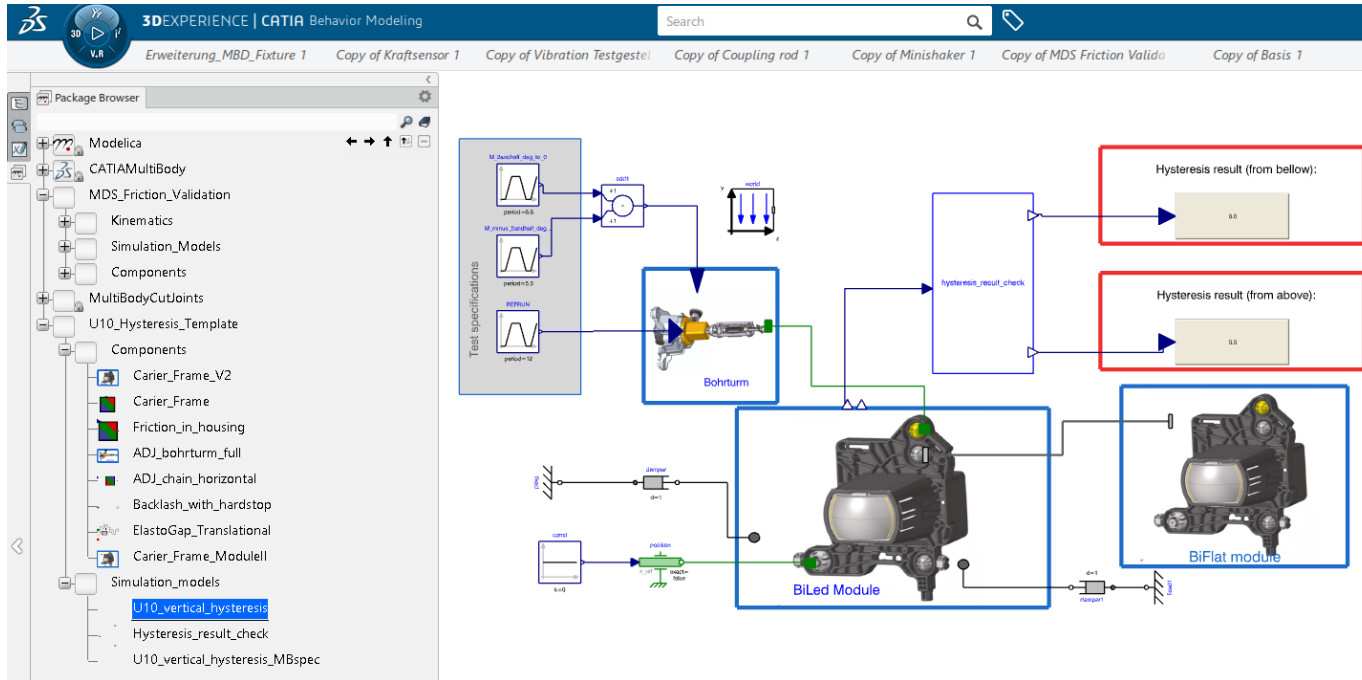
Simulation model updated with  
all parameters based on 3D





# Headlamp levelling system analysis – model and validation

## Analysis of adjustment systems



➤ Concept options checking

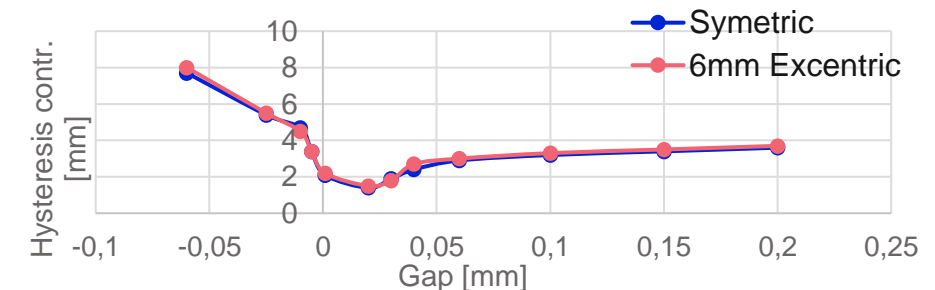
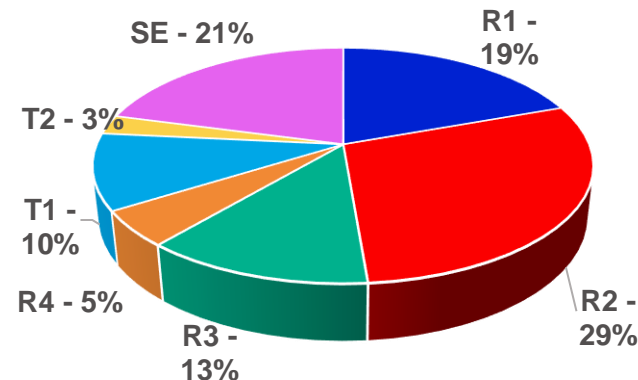
➤ Test result prediction

➤ Identification of root cause

➤ Validation of internal parameters

➤ Design optimization

|                          |                |
|--------------------------|----------------|
| 95 % confidence interval | < 4.5-9.4 > mm |
| OK result probability    | 86 %           |
| Average                  | 7.3 mm         |



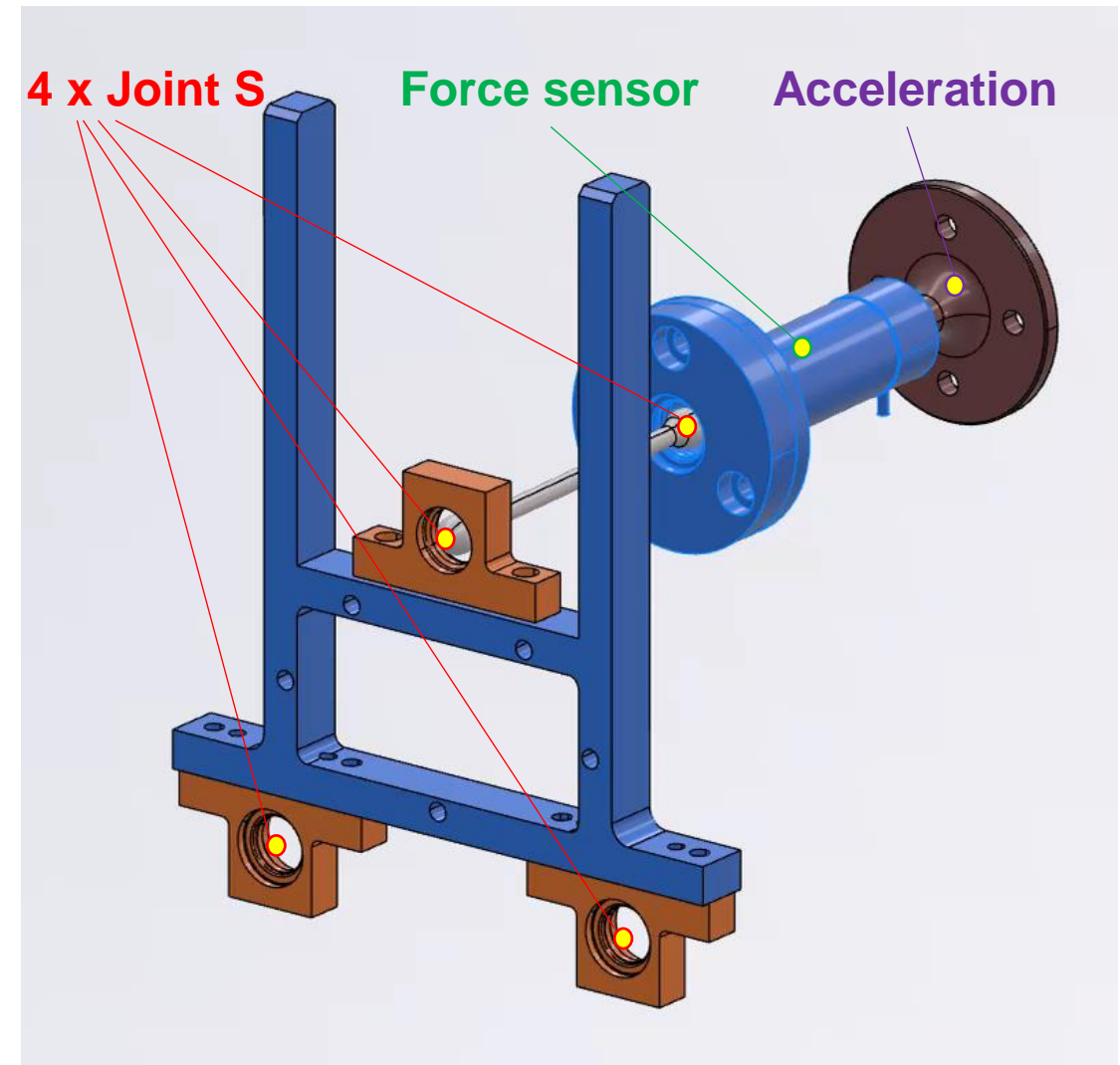
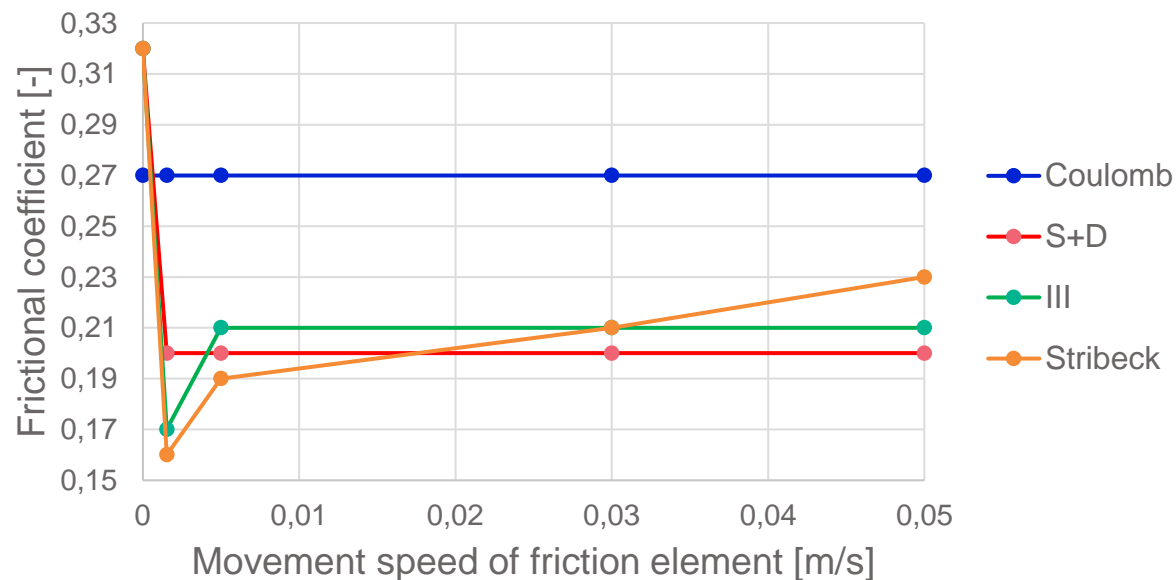


# Validation of internal parameters

## Evaluating friction coefficients

### Task: Evaluate precise friction parameters of specific type of joint used in systems

- Verify a frictional approach based on measurements

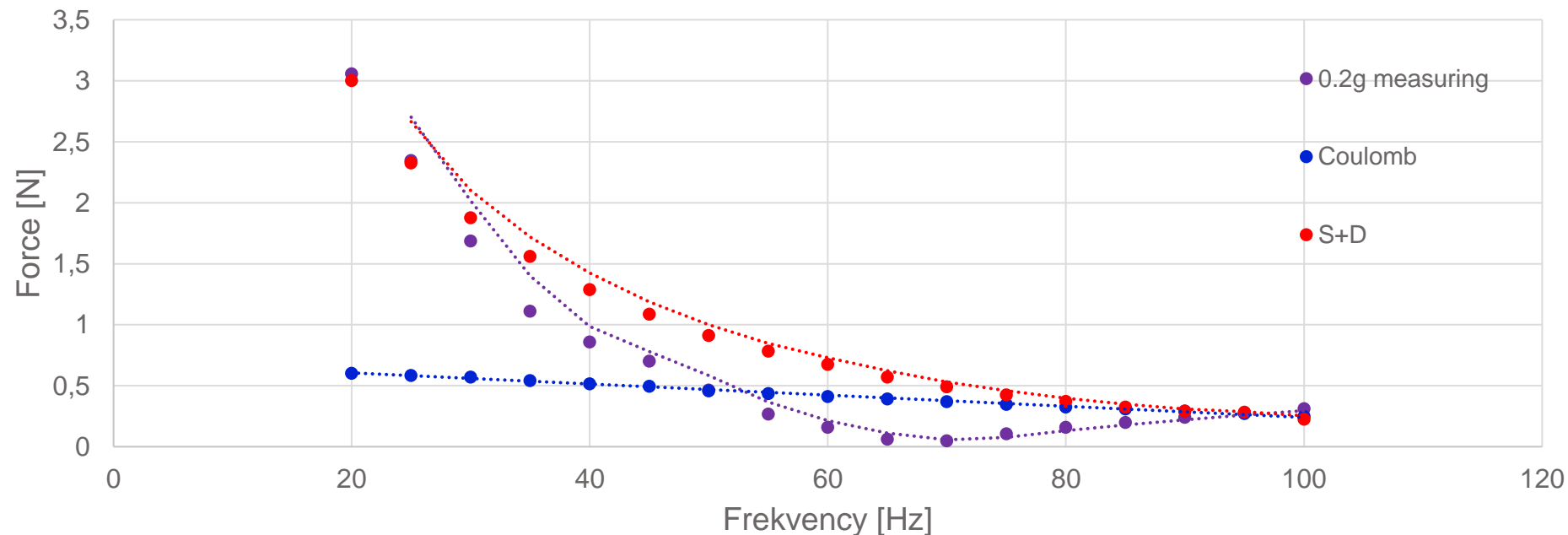
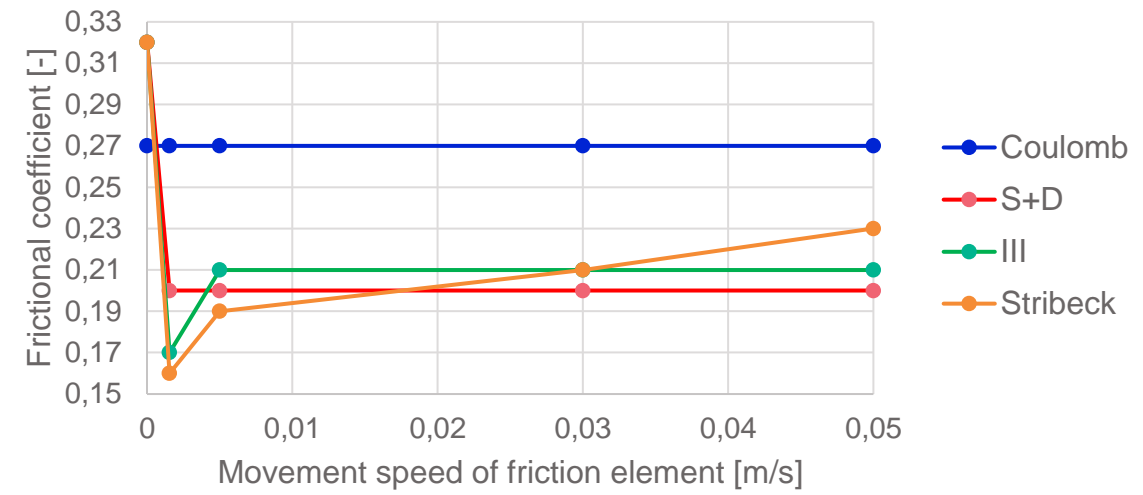


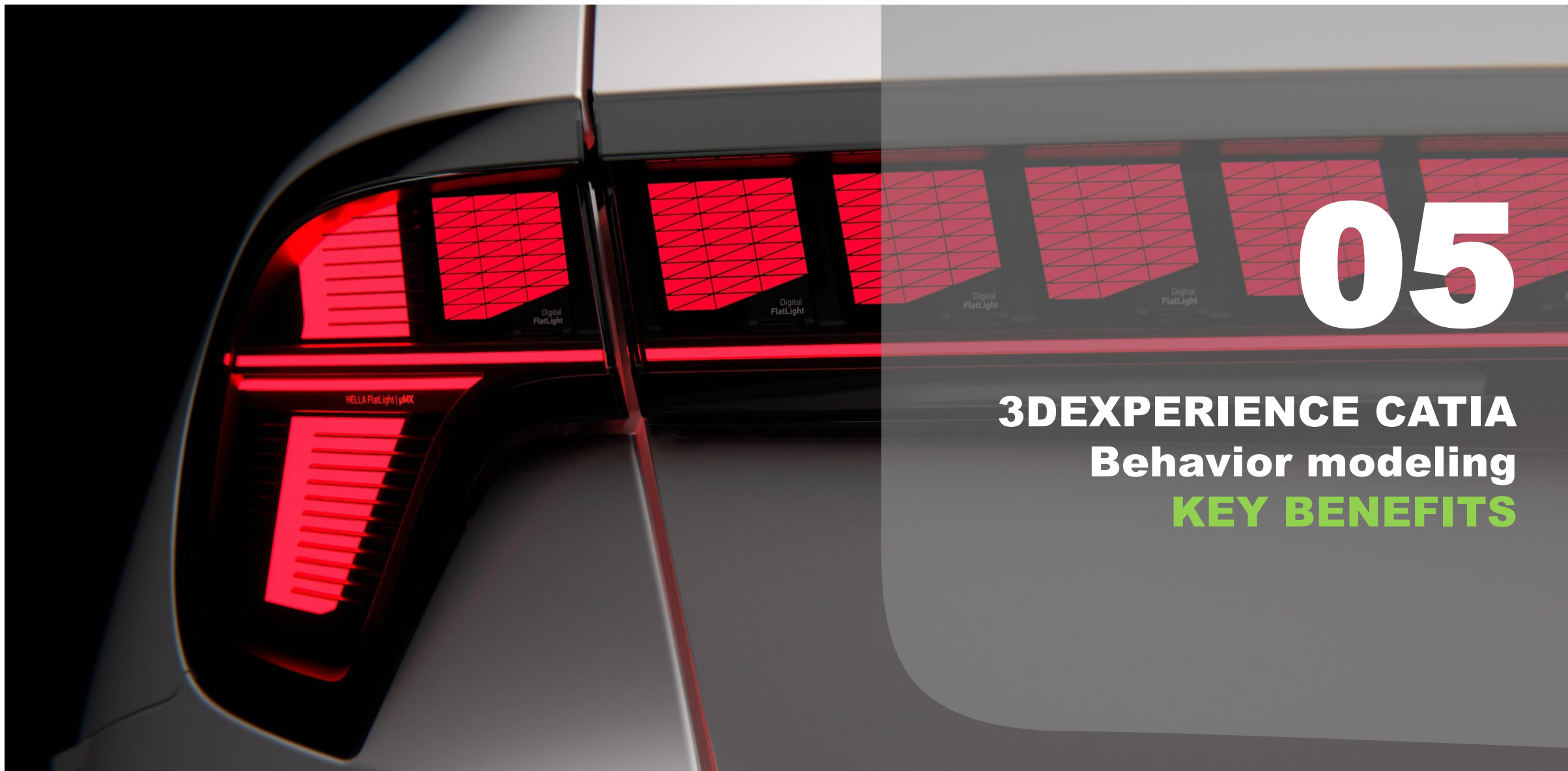
# Friction validation model

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# 05

## 3DEXPERIENCE CATIA Behavior modeling **KEY BENEFITS**

# Benefits for headlamp development

## Conclusion

### > Simulation based

- Calculation of geometric parameters (Inertia, mass, tensors, etc.)
  - **Development time reduced by 14-20 %**
- Update management with current 3D data
  - **Development time reduced by 6-10 %**
- All models on cloud – easy sharing



### > Project based

- Reducing the development time/costs
- Test result prediction
- Design optimization / comparison
- Identification of key nodes in the system
- Digitalization of testing processes





# Thank you for attention

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