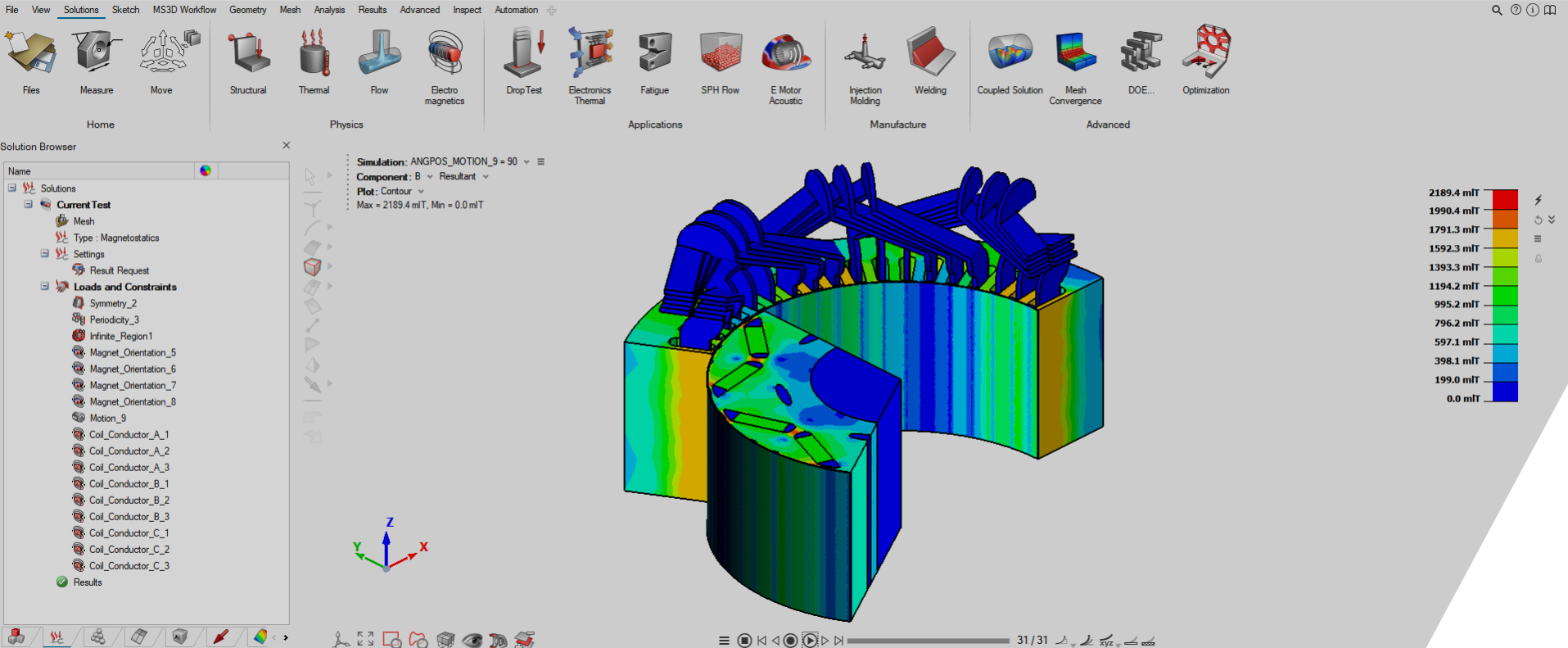




TESLA MODEL 3'S ELECTRIC MOTOR: BASIC ELECTROMAGNETIC ANALYSIS

MODELING AND ANALYSIS OF E-MOTORS IN SIMLAB

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OUTLINE

Modeling and Analysis of the Tesla Model 3's Electric Motor

Introduction

3D e-Motor Design
(Periodic Modeling)

Basic Motor Analysis
(with Flux)

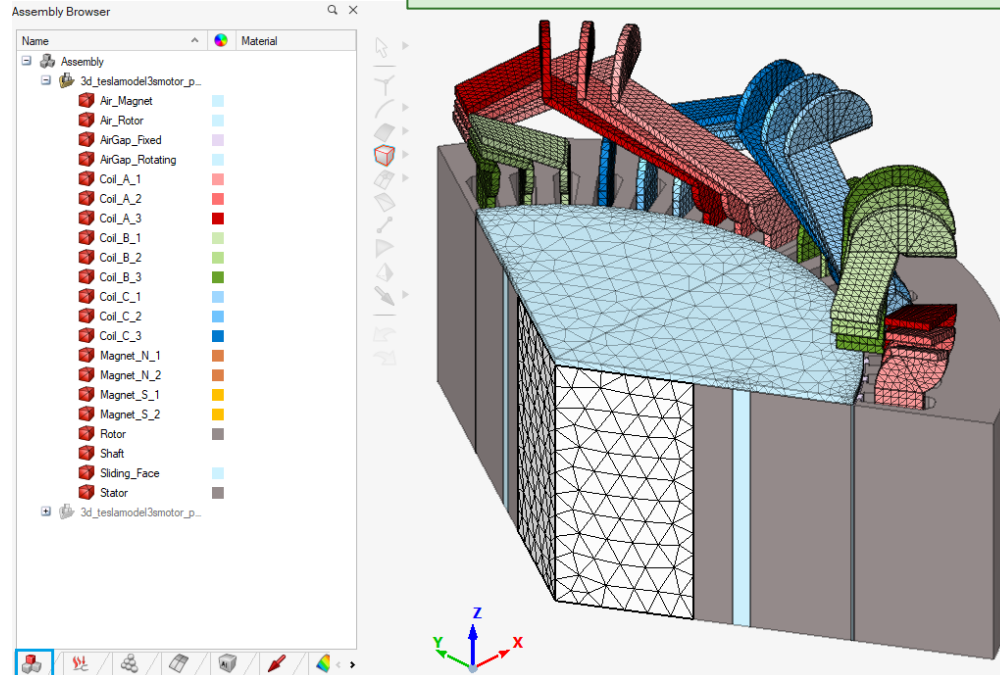
Conclusion



BASIC MOTOR ANALYSIS (WITH FLUX)

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- Periodic motor model design
 - Open the project “3D_TeslaModel3sMotor_PeriodicModel.slb”

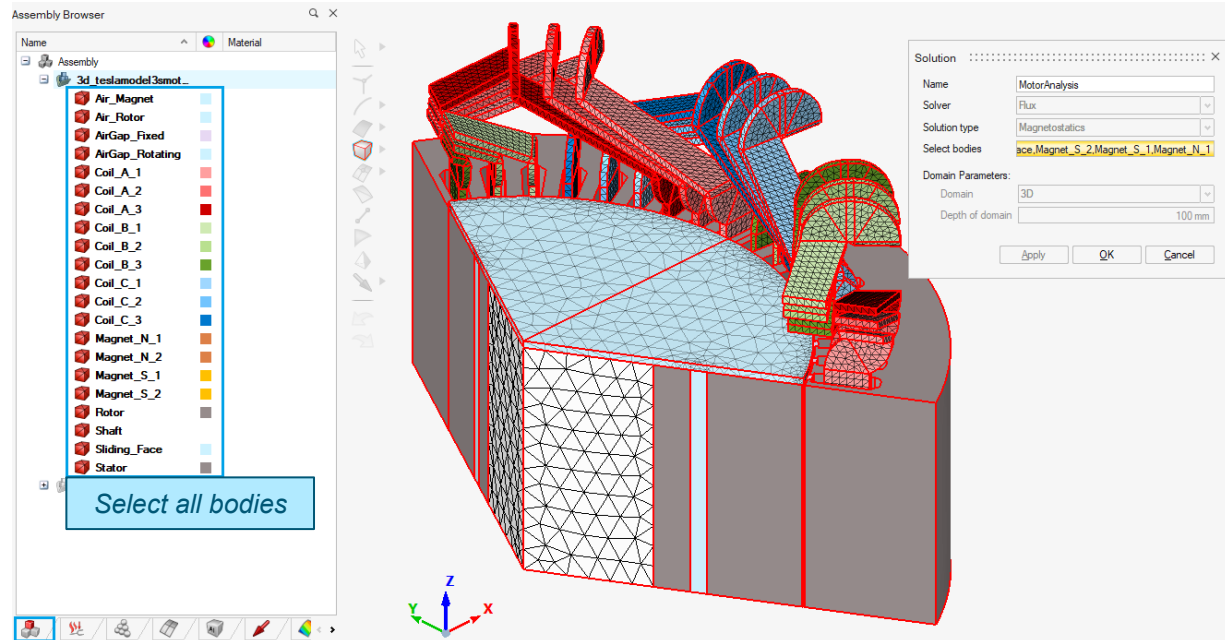
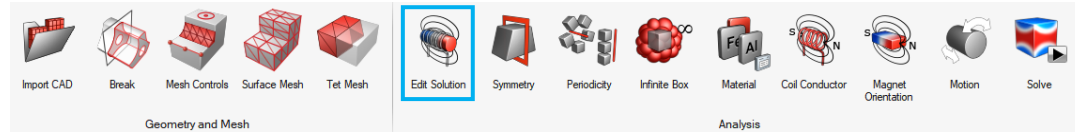


BASIC PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION

BASIC MOTOR ANALYSIS (WITH FLUX)

Basic Physical Description

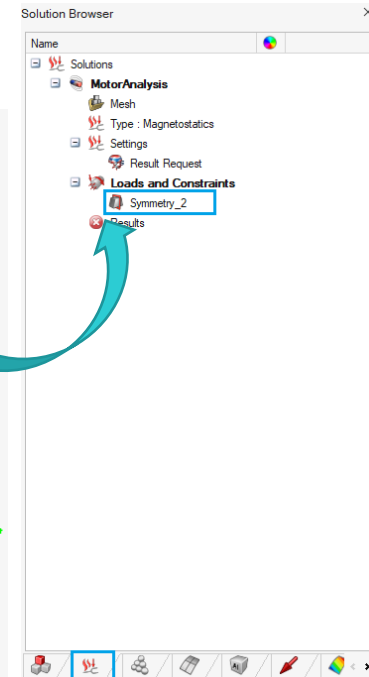
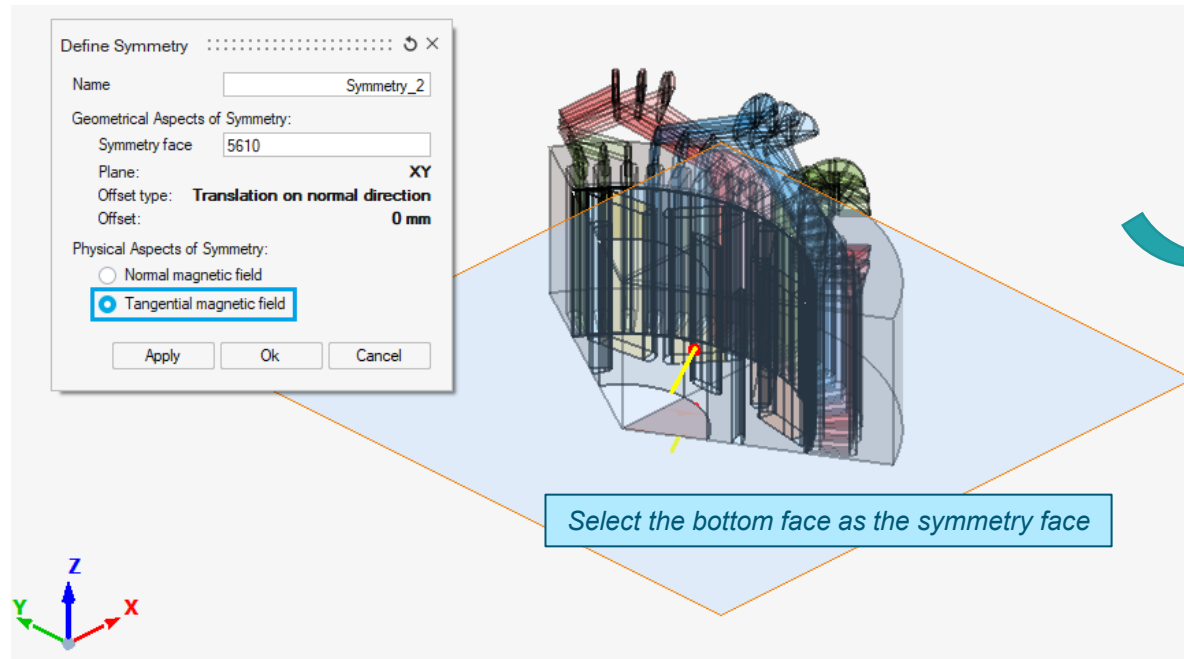
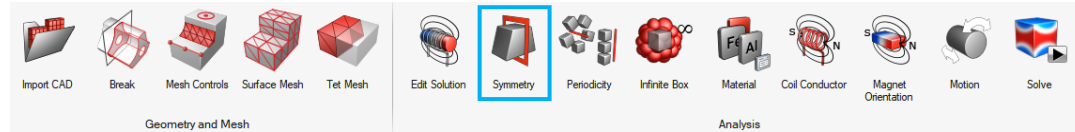
- Complete the **Solution** definition
- [Analysis] – [Edit Solution]
 - Select all bodies



BASIC MOTOR ANALYSIS (WITH FLUX)

Basic Physical Description

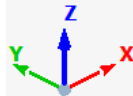
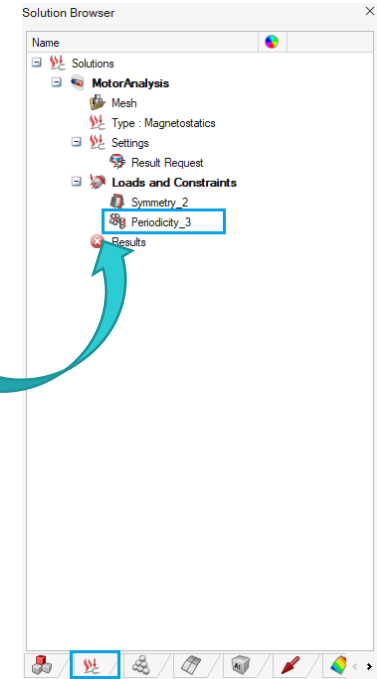
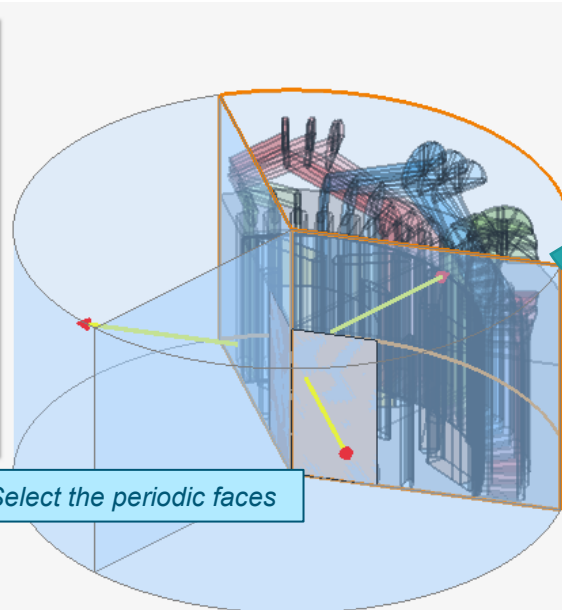
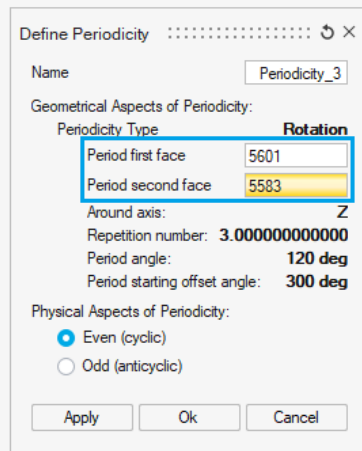
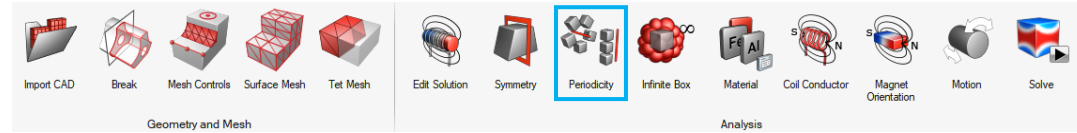
- Define **Symmetry**
 - [Analysis] – [Symmetry]



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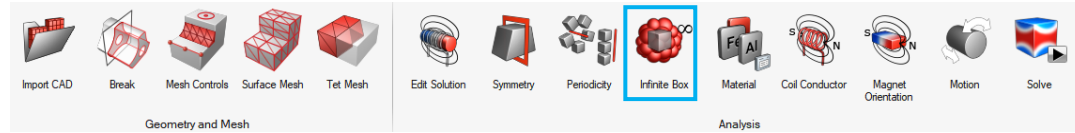
Basic Physical Description

- Define **Periodicity**
 - [Analysis] – [Periodicity]



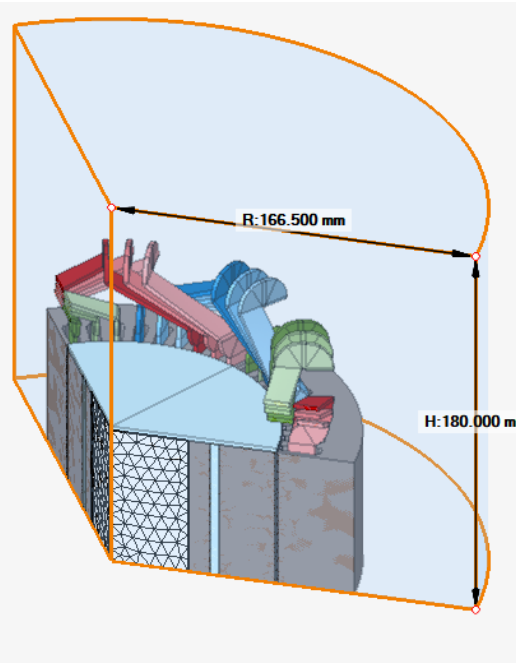
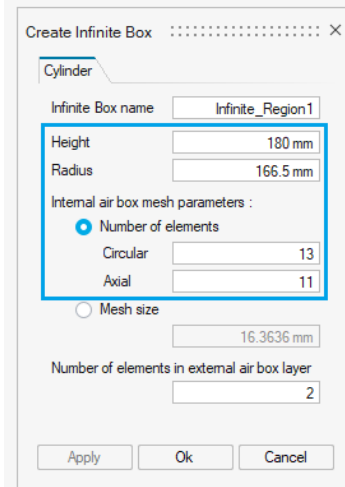
BASIC MOTOR ANALYSIS (WITH FLUX)

Basic Physical Description



- Define **Infinite Box**
- [Analysis] – [Infinity Box]

N.B.: this step might take several minutes.



Infinite box parameters

Height	180 mm
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Radius	166.5 mm
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Number of elements

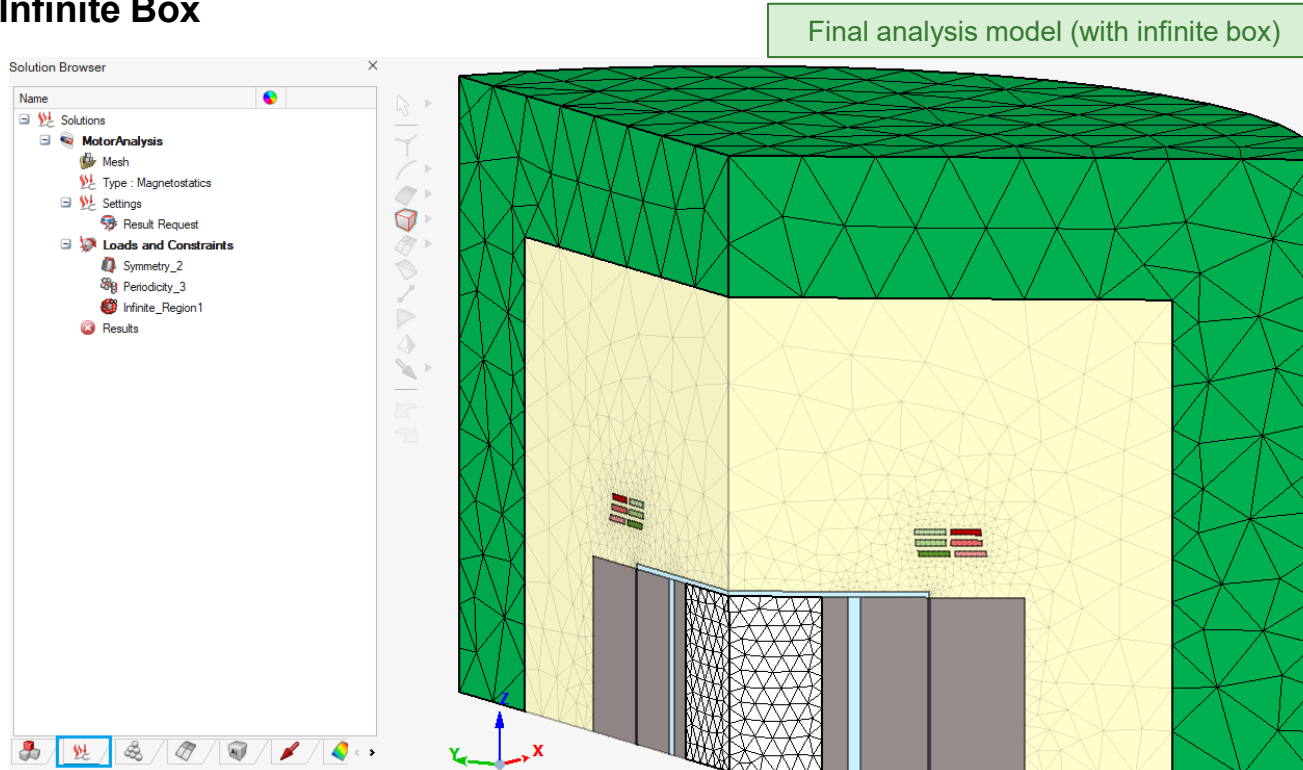
Circular	13
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Axial	11
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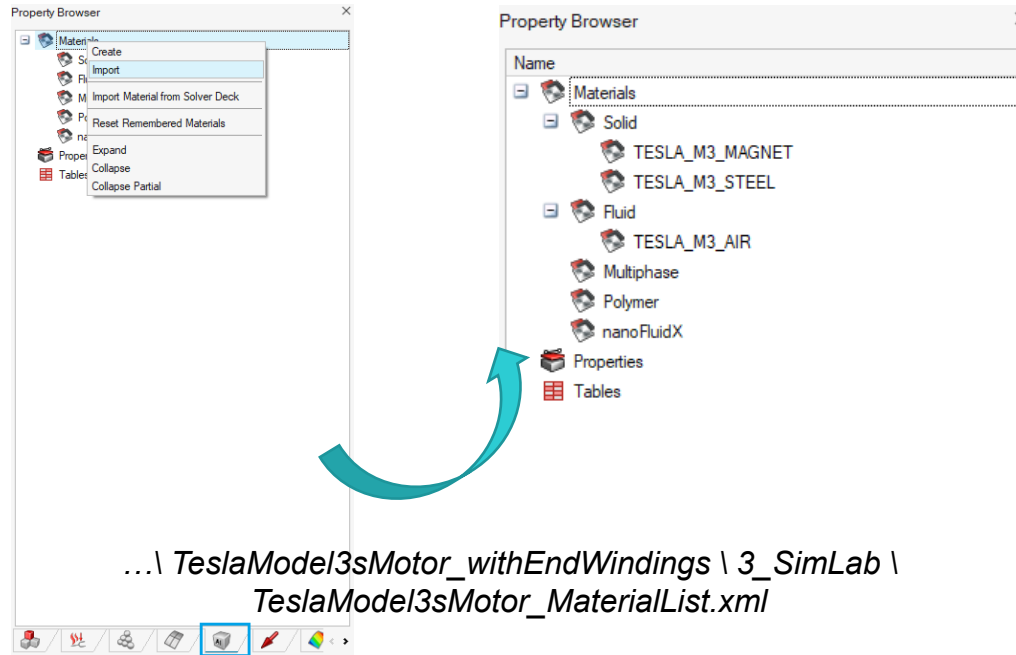
- Define **Infinite Box**



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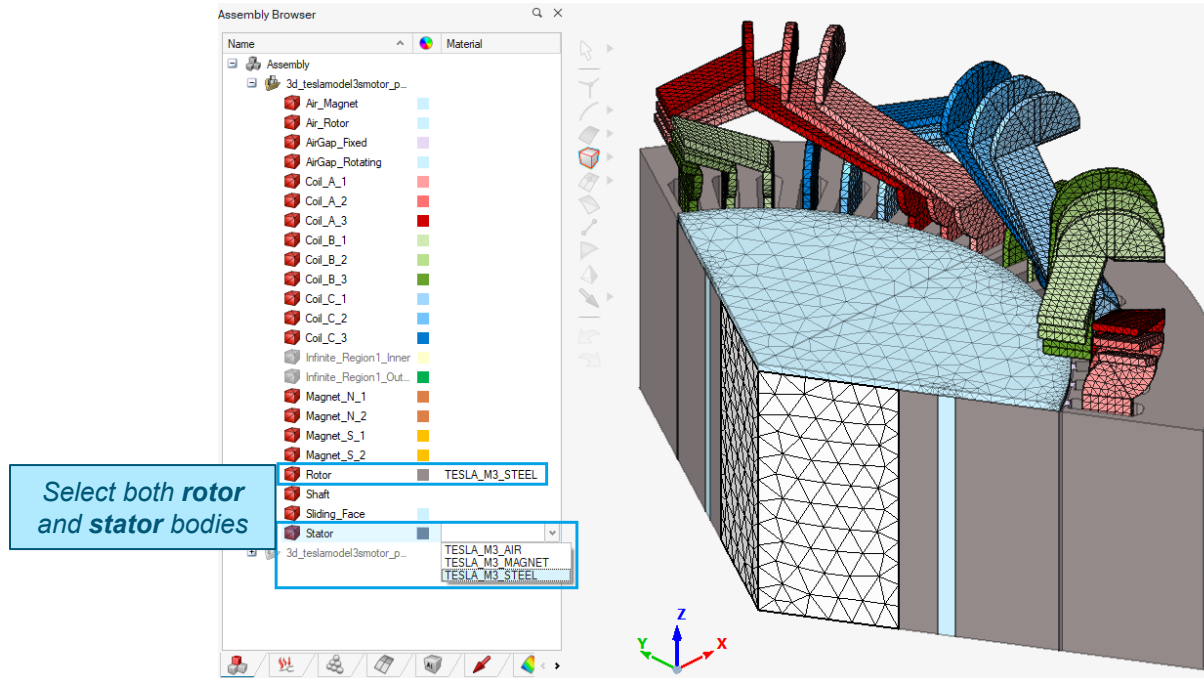
- Define **Materials**
 - Import materials



BASIC MOTOR ANALYSIS (WITH FLUX)

Basic Physical Description

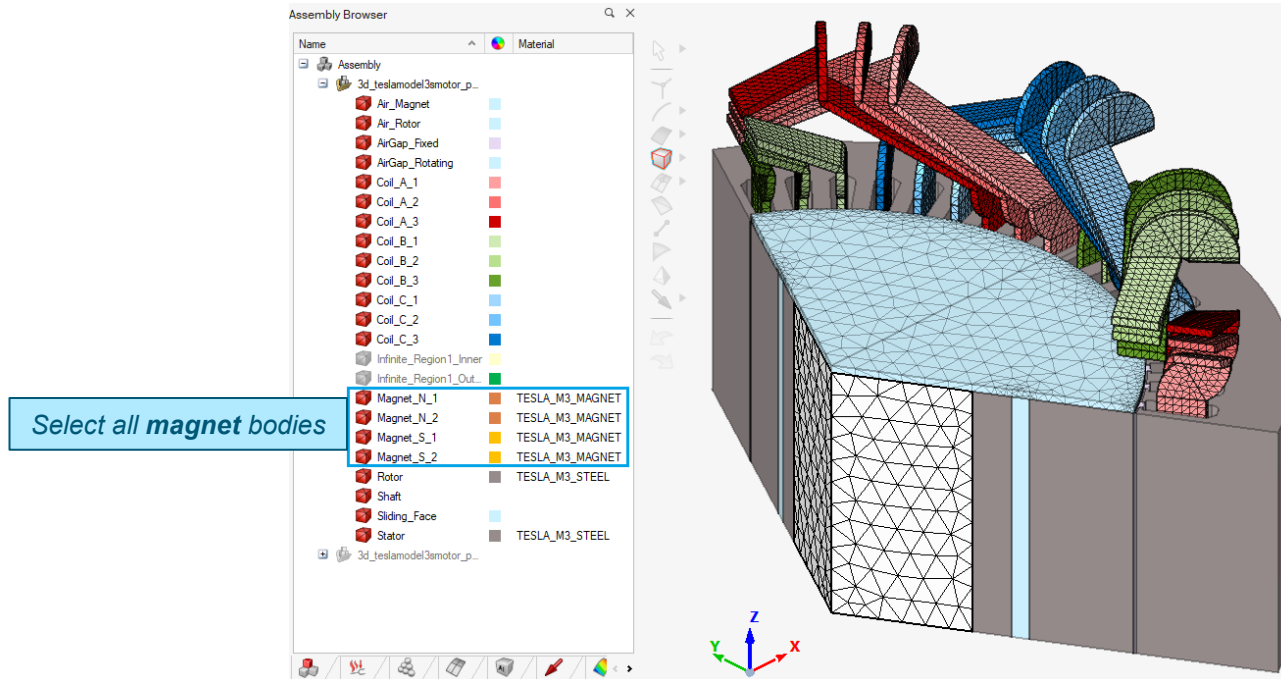
- Define **Materials**
 - **Stator** and **Rotor** bodies



BASIC MOTOR ANALYSIS (WITH FLUX)

Basic Physical Description

- Define **Materials**
- **Magnet** bodies

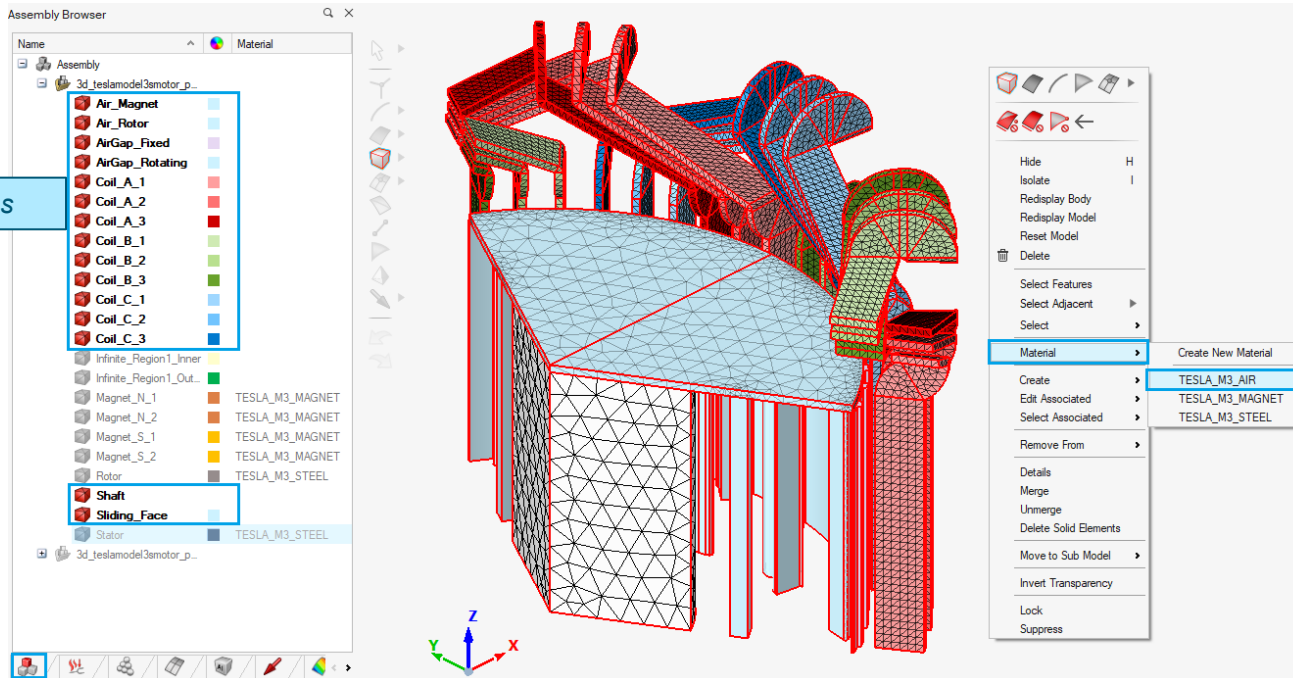


BASIC MOTOR ANALYSIS (WITH FLUX)

Basic Physical Description

- Define **Materials**
 - **Air** bodies

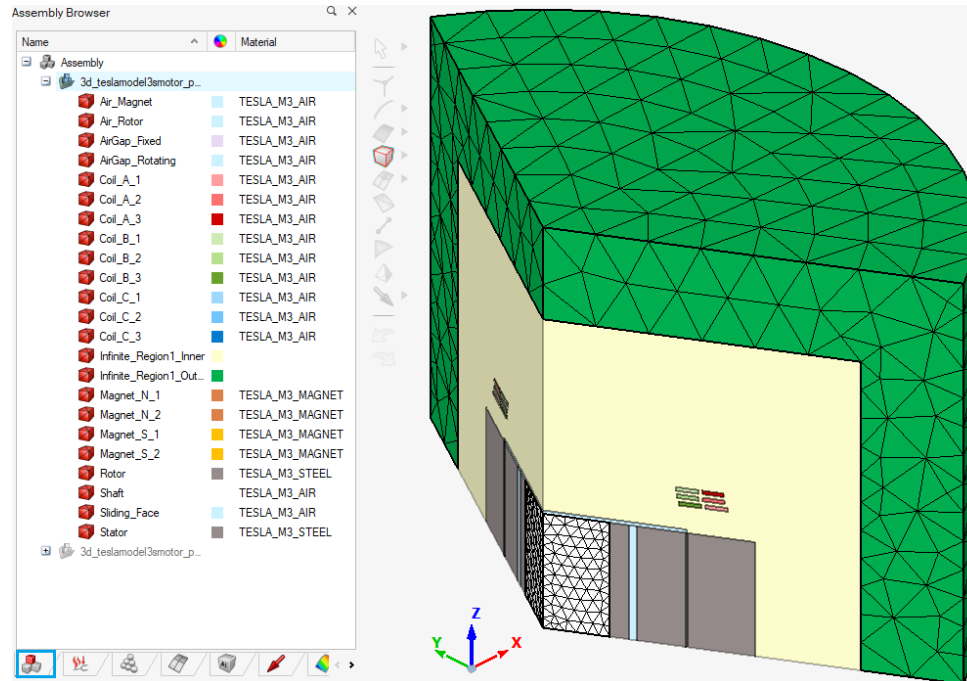
Select all air bodies



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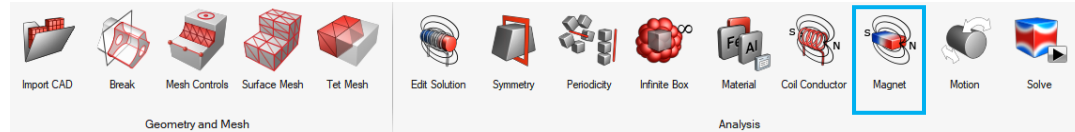
Basic Physical Description

- Define **Materials**
- Final material definition list

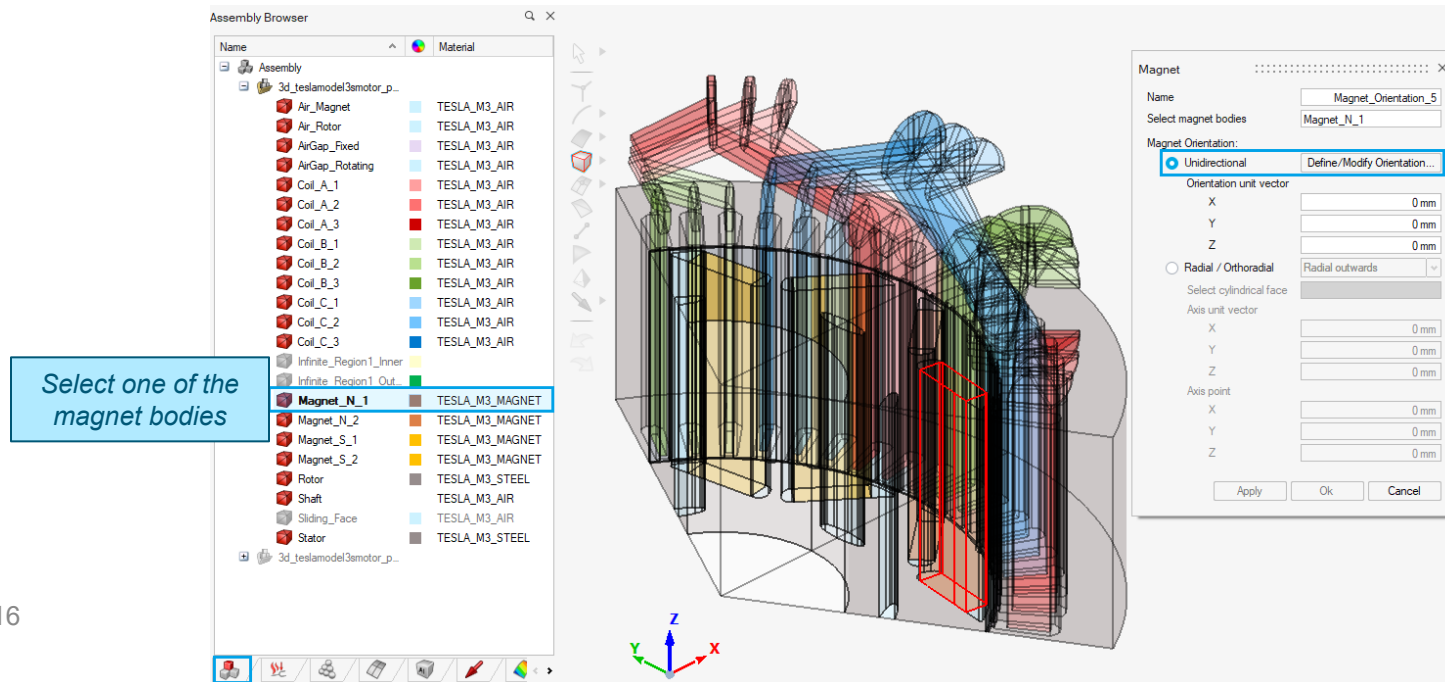


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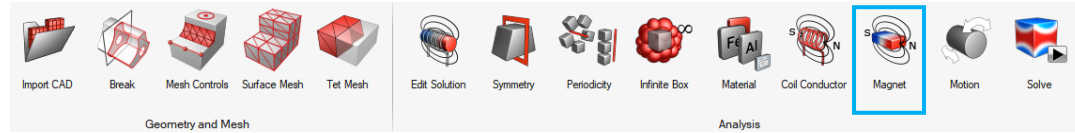


- Define **Magnet**
- [Analysis] – [Magnet]

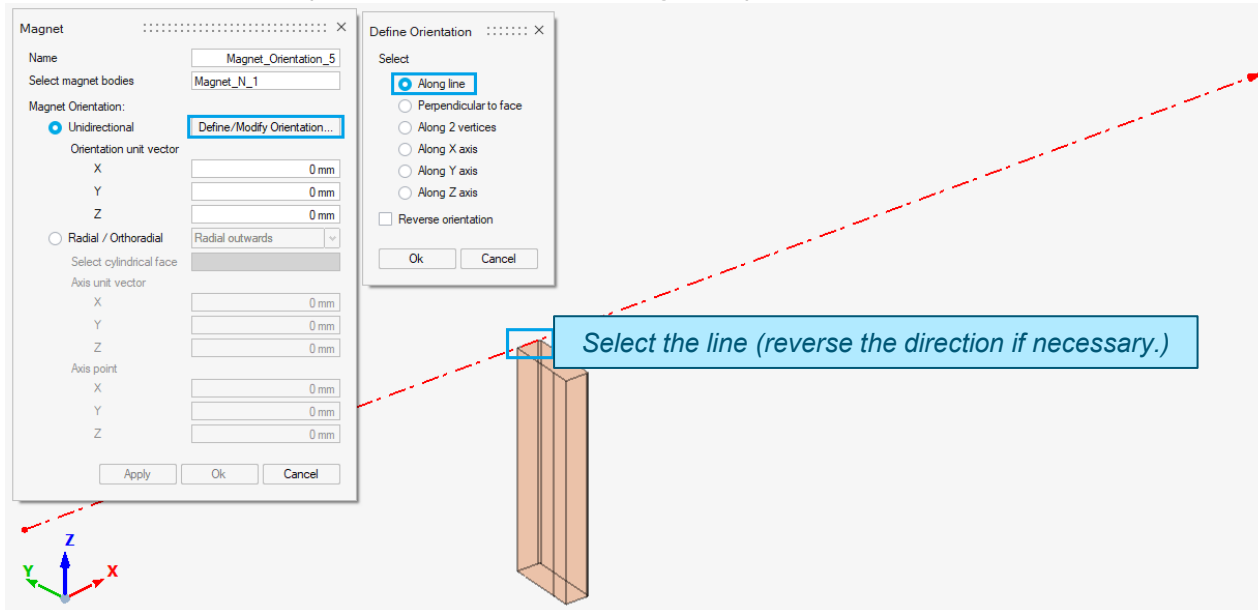


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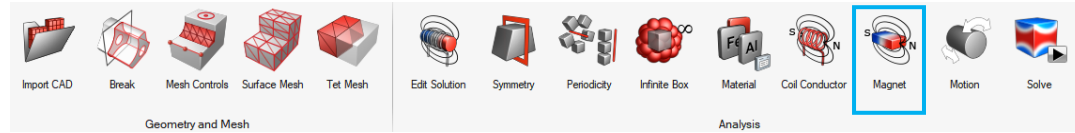


- Define **Magnet**
 - [Analysis] – [Magnet]
 - Define the orientation (Unidirectional – Along line)

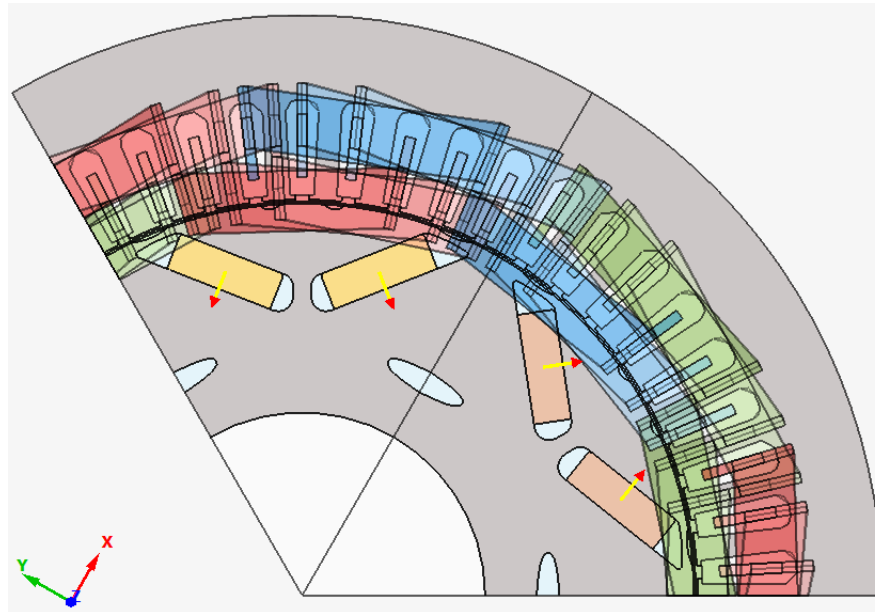


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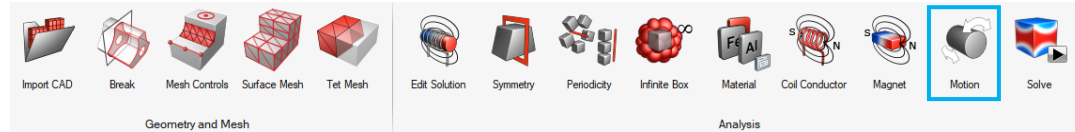


- Define **Magnet**
 - [Analysis] – [Magnet]
 - Final magnet orientation

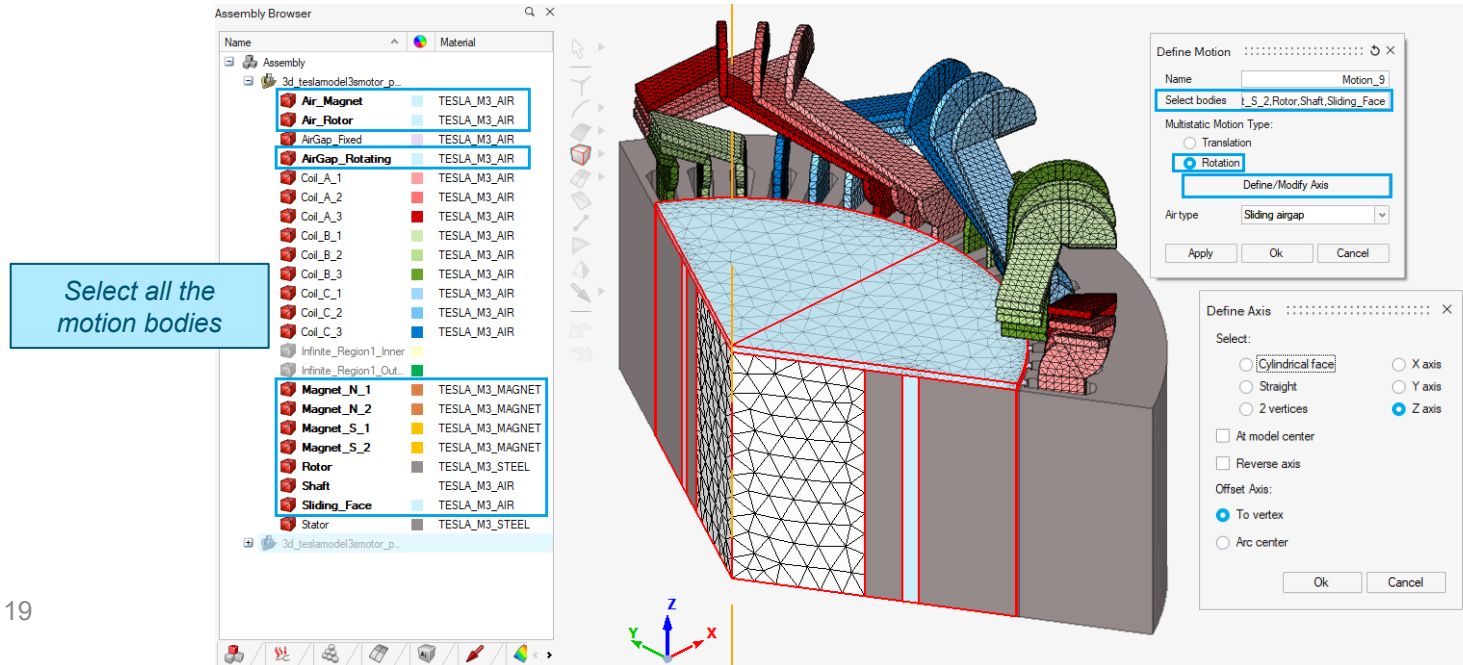


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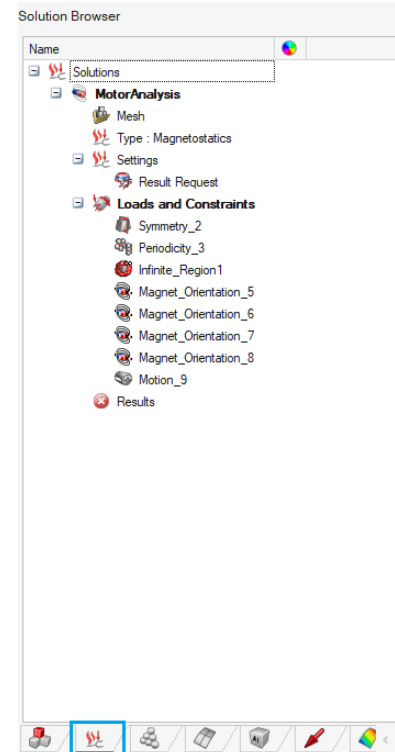
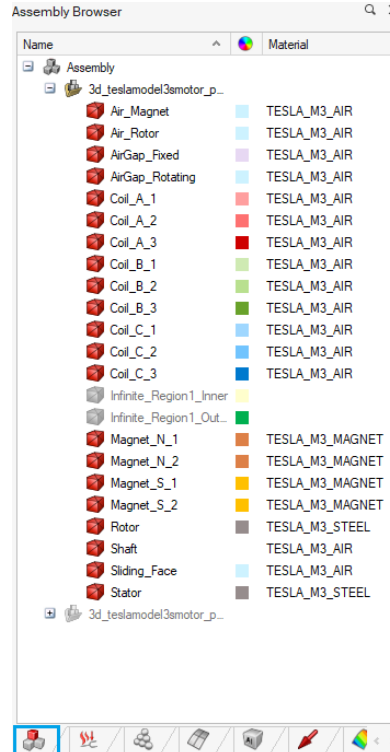
- Define **Motion**
- [Analysis] – [Motion]



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Basic Physical Description

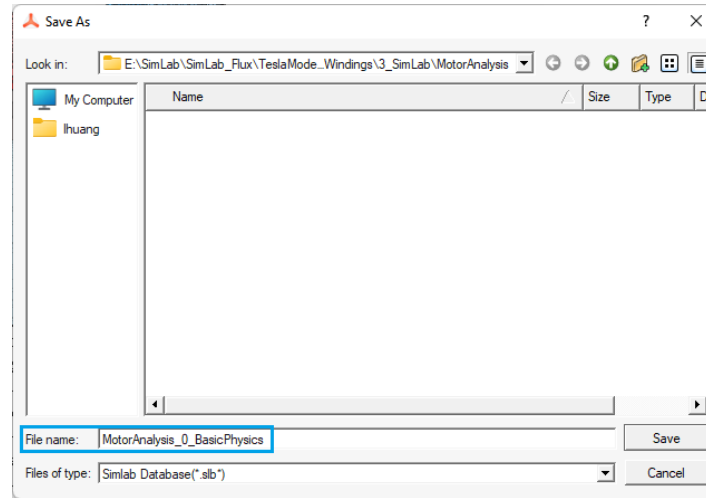
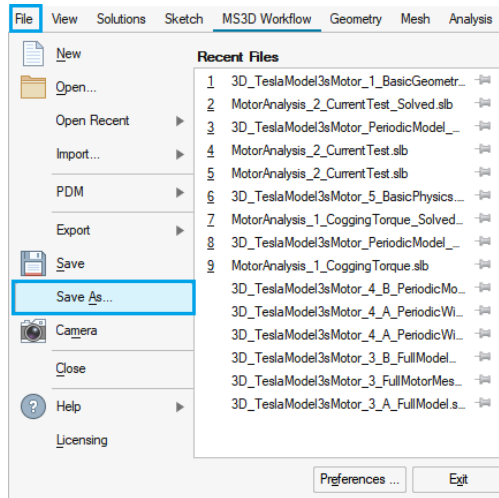
- Finish basic physical description
 - Check Model Browser
 - Assembly Browser
 - Solution Browser



BASIC MOTOR ANALYSIS (WITH FLUX)

Basic Physical Description

- Save the project [File] – [Save]
- Save the project as “MotorAnalysis_0_BasicPhysics.slb”



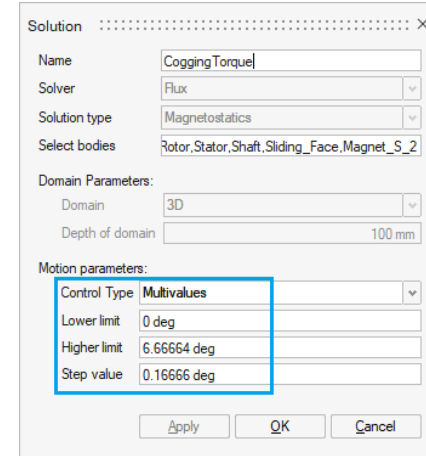
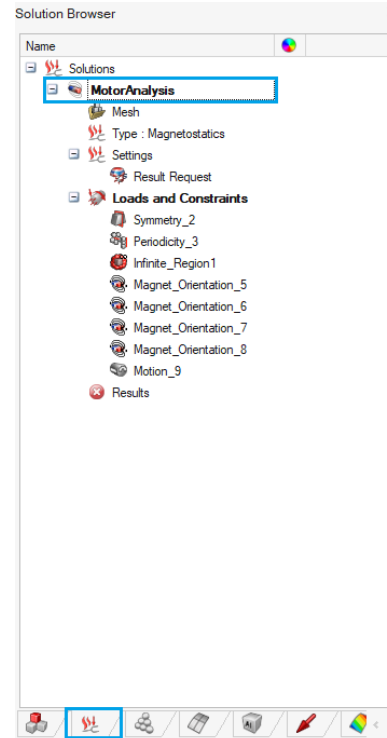
ANALYSIS 1: COGGING TORQUE

BASIC MOTOR ANALYSIS (WITH FLUX)

Analysis 1: Cogging Torque

- Define solving parameters
- Motion parameters
 - Change the solution name to “CoggingTorque”
 - Double click on the solution and modify parameter setting

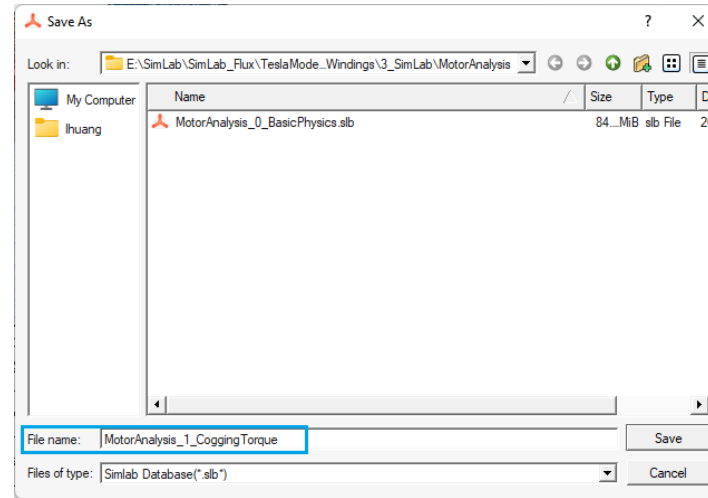
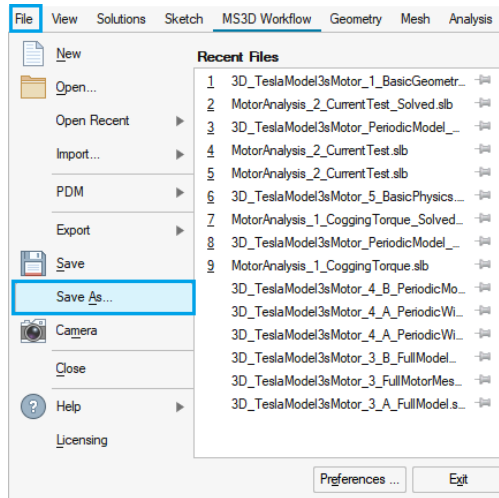
Motion parameters	Value
Control Type	Multivalues
Lower limit	0 deg
Higher limit	6.66664 deg
Step value	0.16666 deg



BASIC MOTOR ANALYSIS (WITH FLUX)

Analysis 1: Cogging Torque

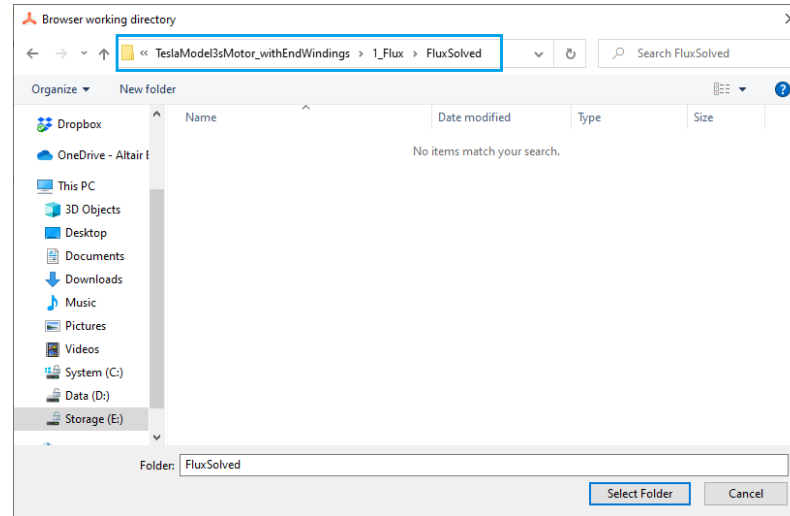
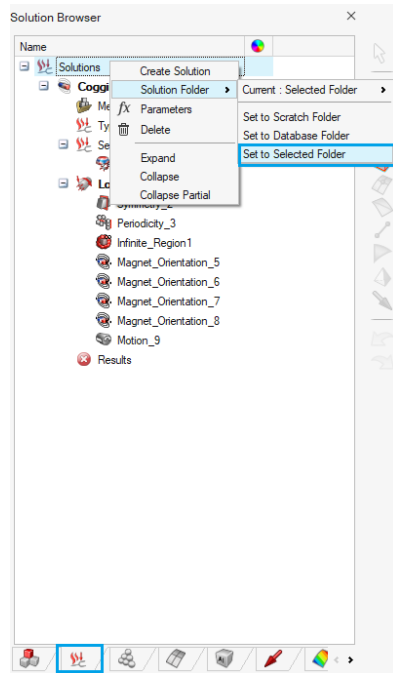
- Save the project before solving ([File] – [Save])
- Save the project as “MotorAnalysis_1_CoggingTorque.slb”



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Analysis 1: Cogging Torque

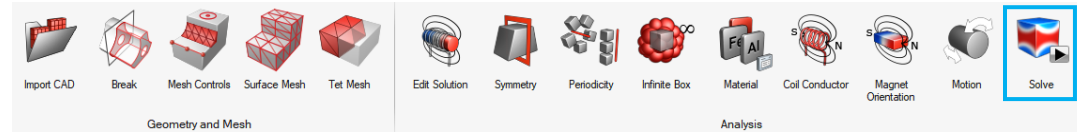
- Solve the project
 - Right click on the “Solutions” and select the solving folder for Flux



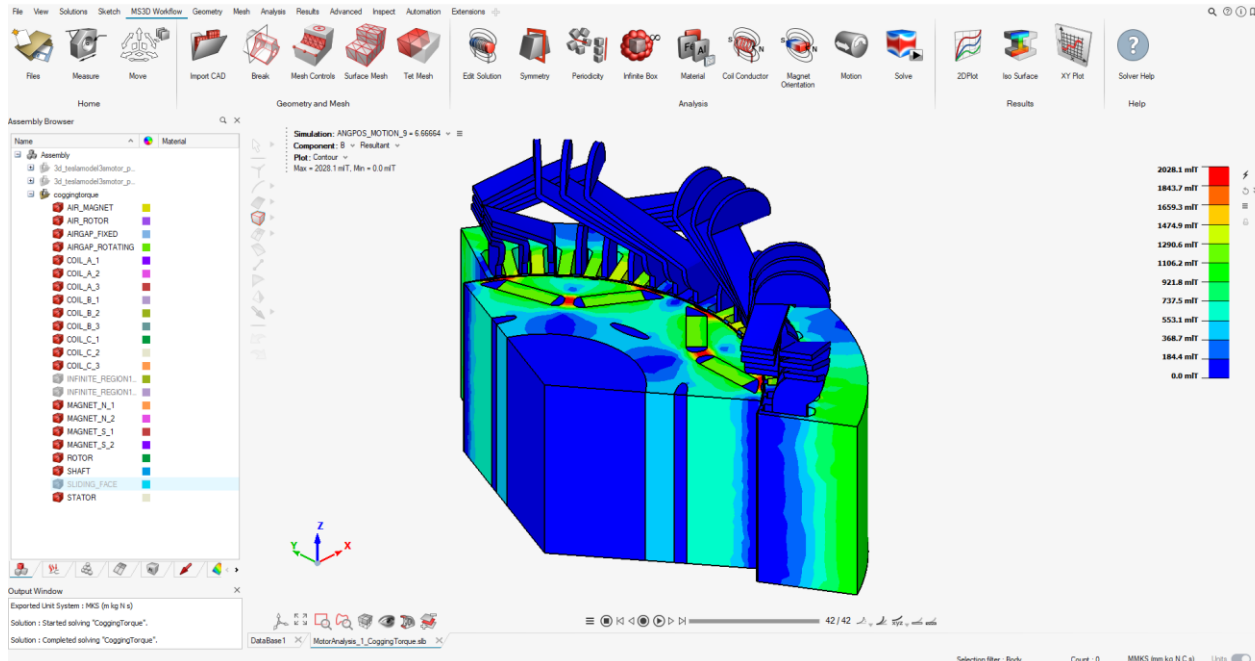
BASIC MOTOR ANALYSIS (WITH FLUX)

Analysis 1: Cogging Torque

- Solve the project
- [Analysis] – [Solve]



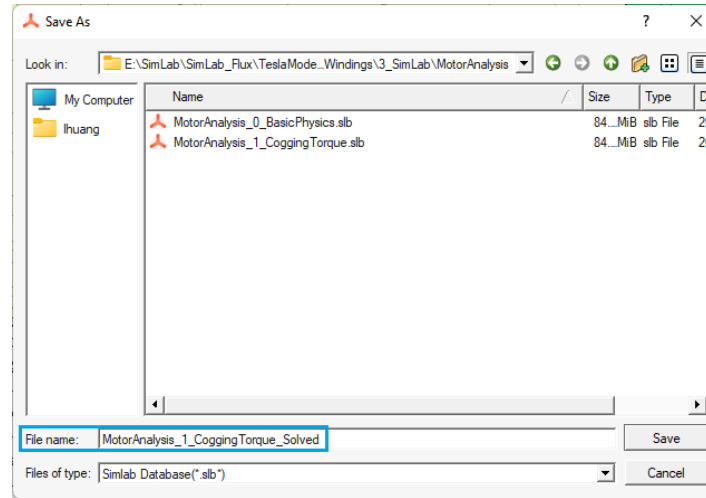
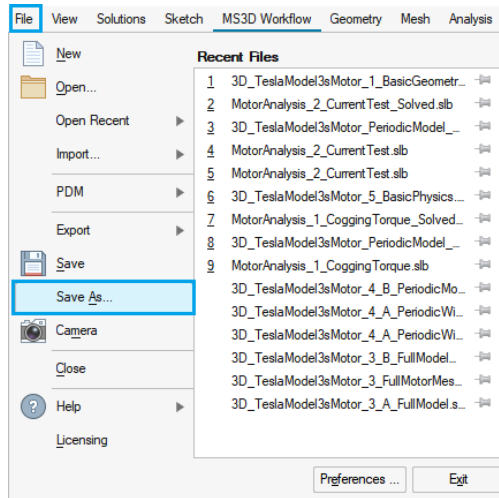
Solution time: about 3.5 hours



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Analysis 1: Cogging Torque

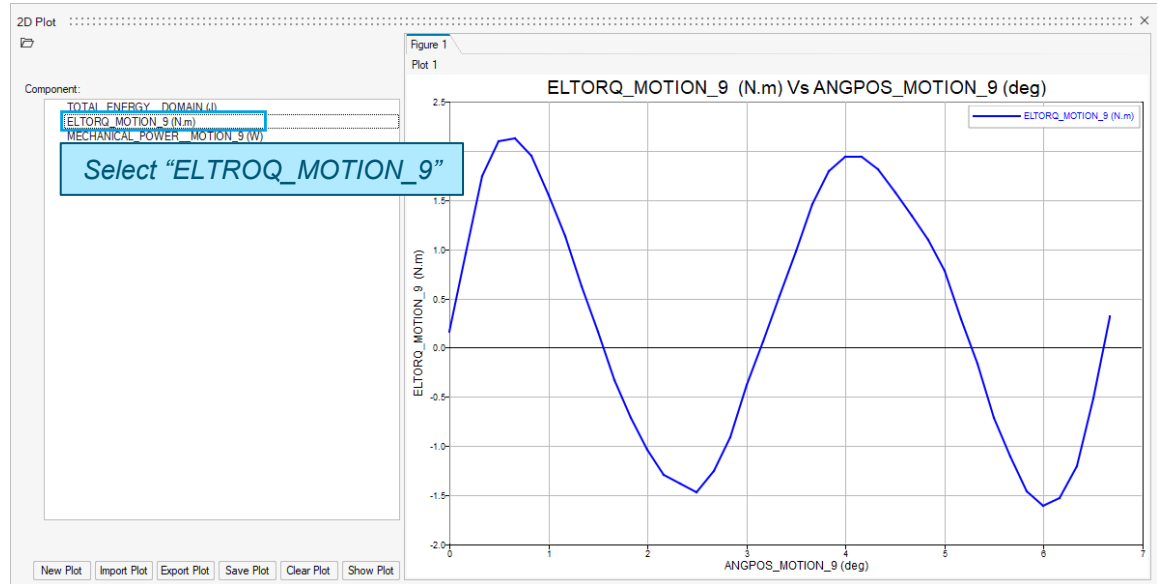
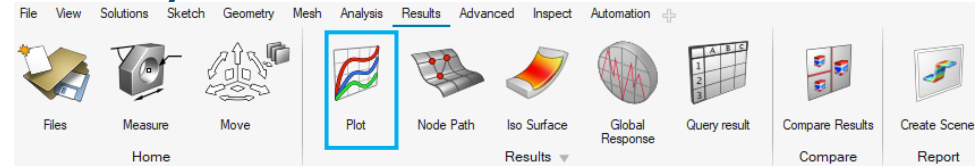
- Save the solved project ([File] – [Save])
- Save the project as “MotorAnalysis_1_CoggingTorque_Solved.slb”



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Analysis 1: Cogging Torque

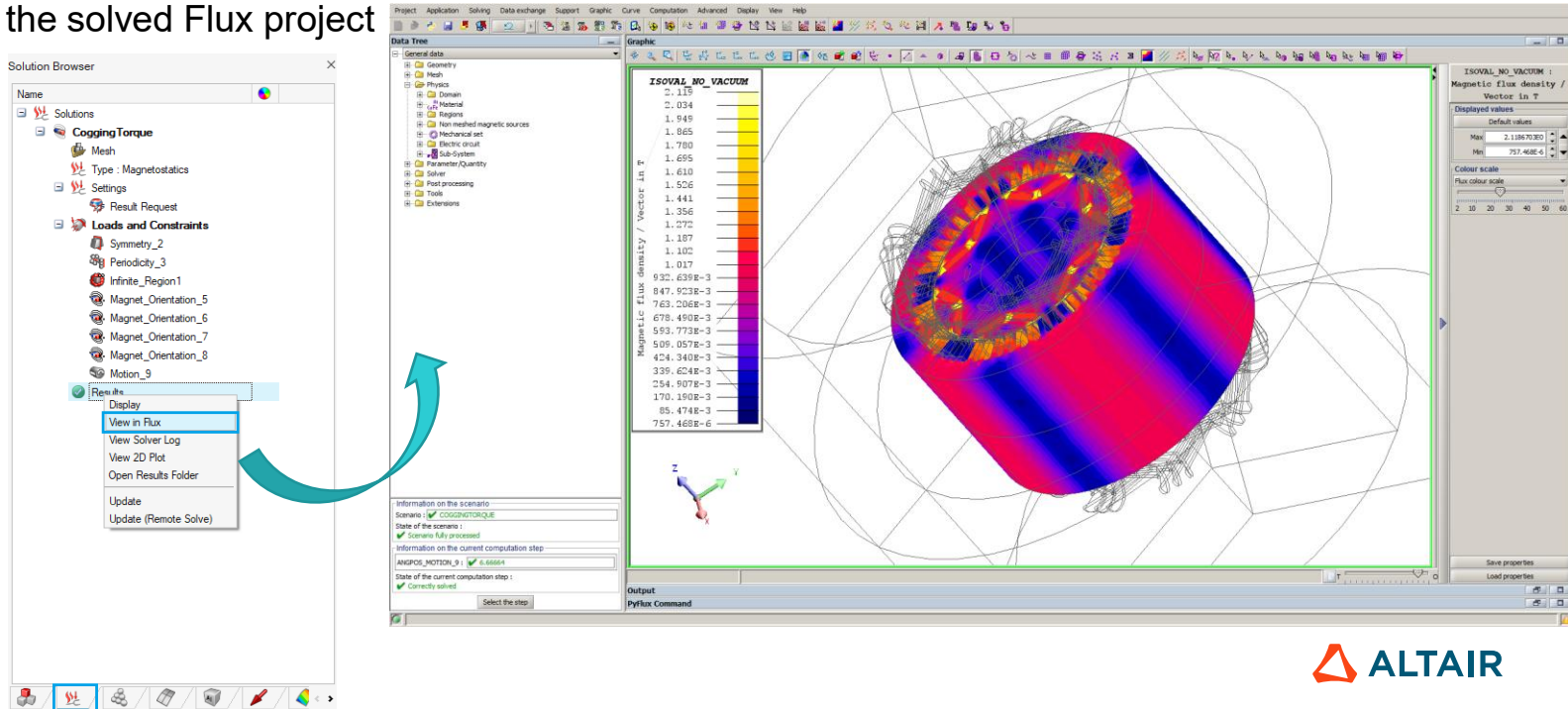
- Motor electromagnetic simulation: post-processing
 - Curve plot: cogging torque
 - [Results] – [Plot]



BASIC MOTOR ANALYSIS (WITH FLUX)

Analysis 1: Cogging Torque

- Motor electromagnetic simulation: post-processing
- Open the solved Flux project

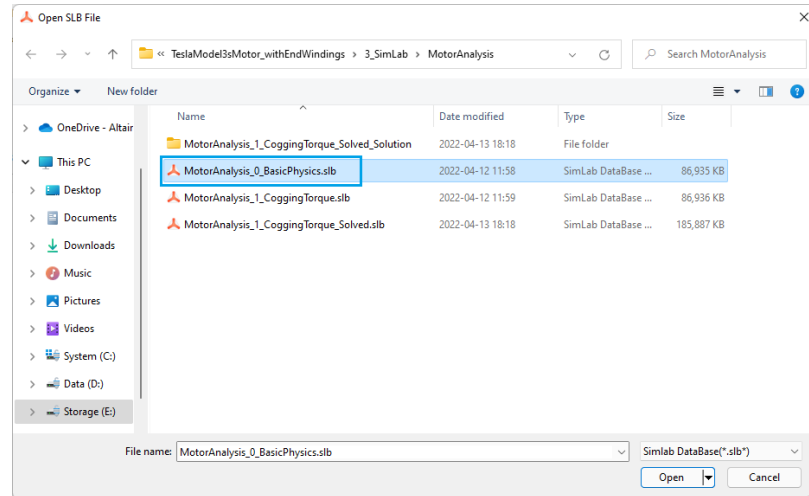
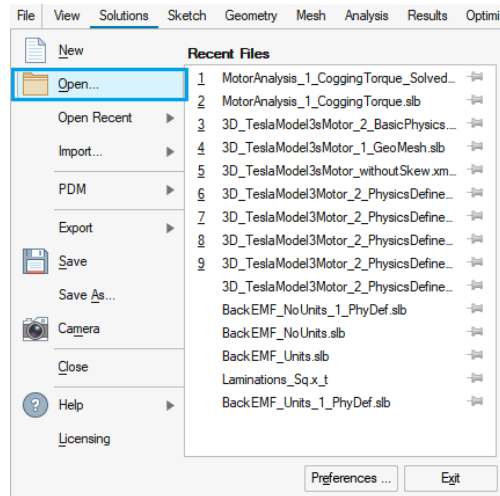


ANALYSIS 2: CURRENT TEST

BASIC MOTOR ANALYSIS (WITH FLUX)

Analysis 2: Current Test

- Open SimLab project with basic physical description
 - Open the project [File] – [Open]
 - Open the project “MotorAnalysis_0_BasicPhysics.slb”

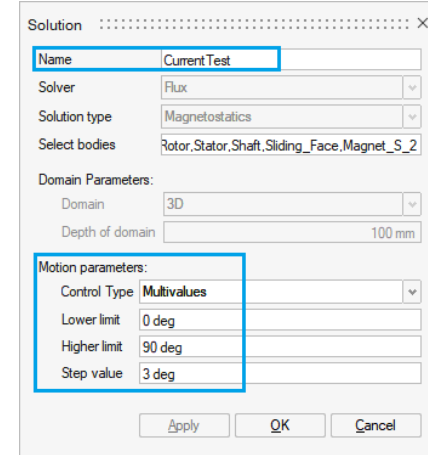
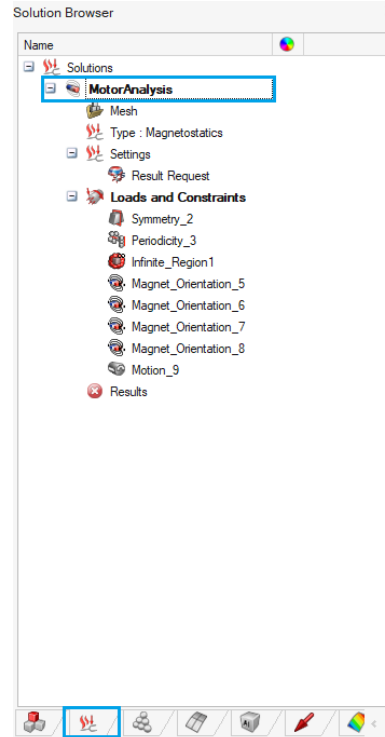


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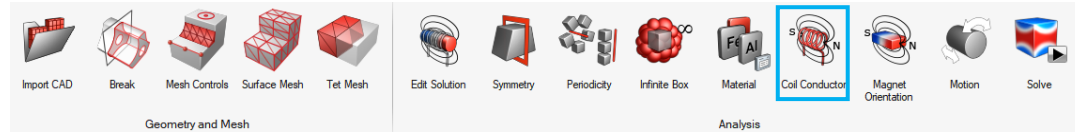
- Define solving parameters
- Motion parameters
 - Change the solution name to “CurrentTest”
 - Double click on the solution and modify parameter setting

Motion parameters	Value
Control Type	Multivalues
Lower limit	0 deg
Higher limit	90 deg
Step value	3 deg



BASIC MOTOR ANALYSIS (WITH FLUX)

Analysis 2: Current Test



- Define **Coil Conductor**
 - [Analysis] – [Coil Conductor]
 - Current expression

Terms	Expression
I1	$-I_PEAK * \sin(\text{THETA} * IM_PN / 2 * \pi() / 180 + CTRL_ANGLE * \pi() / 180)$
I2	$-I_PEAK * \sin(\text{THETA} * IM_PN / 2 * \pi() / 180 + CTRL_ANGLE * \pi() / 180 - 2 * \pi() / 3)$
I3	$-I_PEAK * \sin(\text{THETA} * IM_PN / 2 * \pi() / 180 + CTRL_ANGLE * \pi() / 180 - 4 * \pi() / 3)$
I_PEAK	$I_RMS * \sqrt{2}$
I_RMS	156.443
THETA	0.0
CTRL_ANGLE	0.0

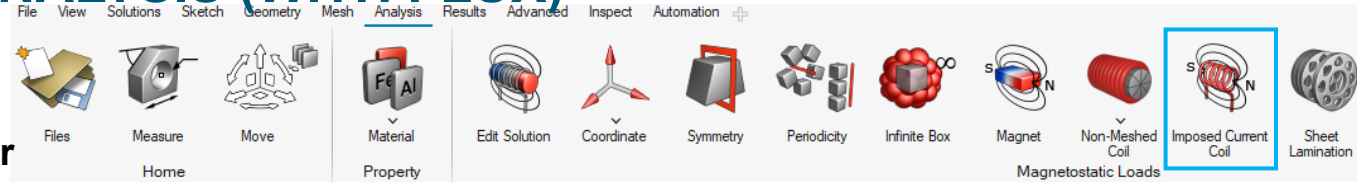
Terms	Value
Turns	5
PhaseA	0
PhaseB	191600 mA
PhaseC	-191600 mA

*Simplified current values
(for test)*

BASIC MOTOR ANALYSIS (WITH FLUX)

Analysis 2: Current Test

- Define **Coil Conductor**
 - [Analysis] – [Imposed Current coil]
 - Example: Coil_Conductor_A_1



Select the body
Coil_A_1

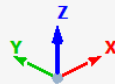
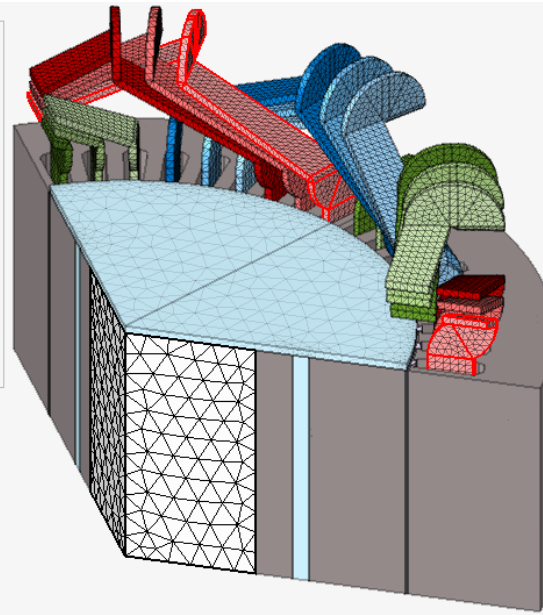
Define the number of turns as 5,
current value as 0 mA,
connection type as
"All in parallel"

*P.S.: current value for Phase B bodies is
191600 mA, for Phase c bodies is -191600 mA*

Coil Conductor

Name	Coil_Conductor_A_1
Select body	Coil_A_1
Number of turns	5
Current	Value
	0 mA
Conductors connection	All in parallel
Current orientation	External terminals
Input terminal faces	
Output terminal faces	

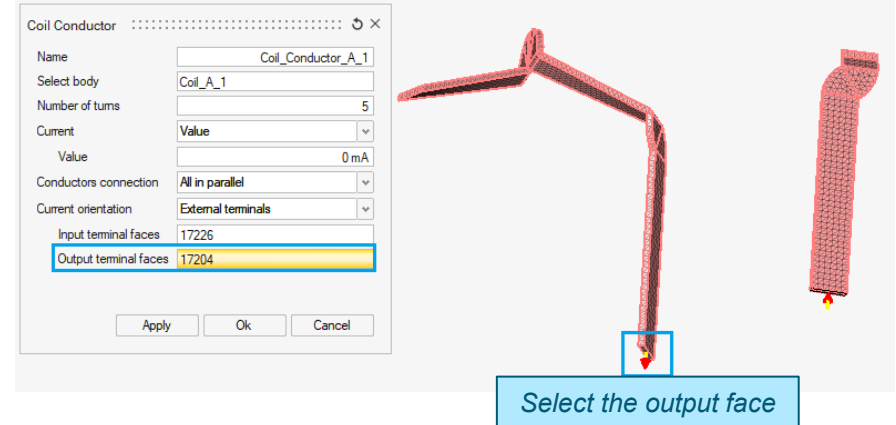
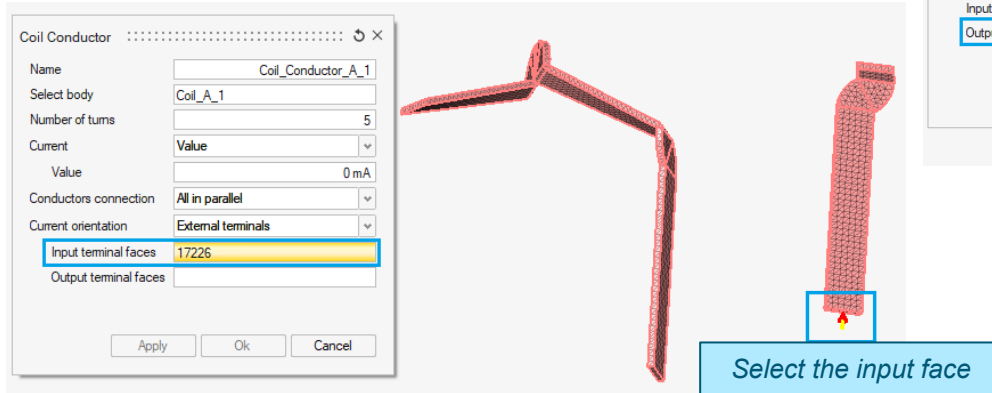
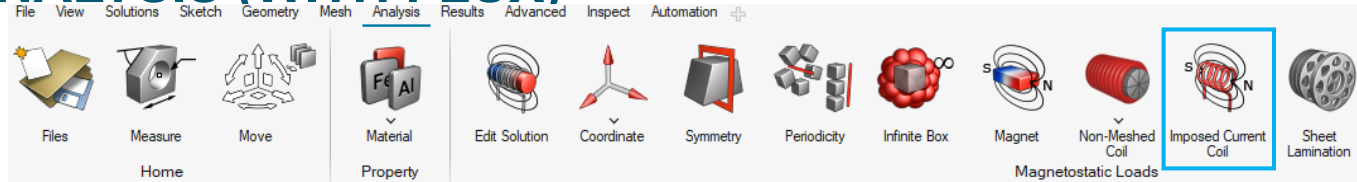
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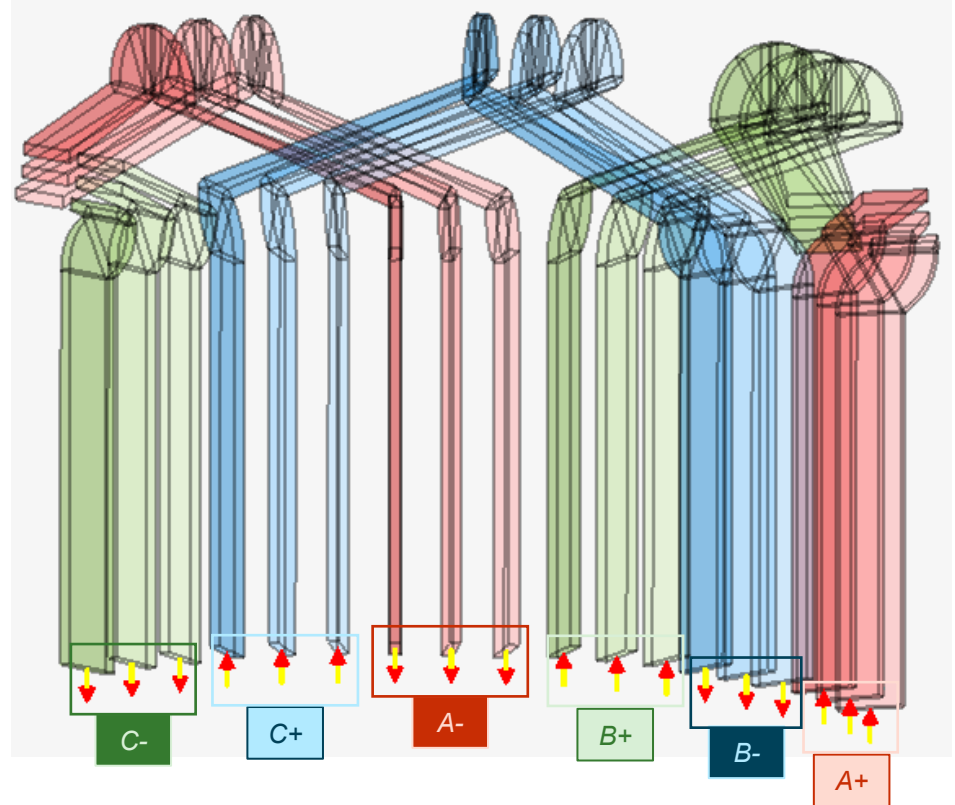
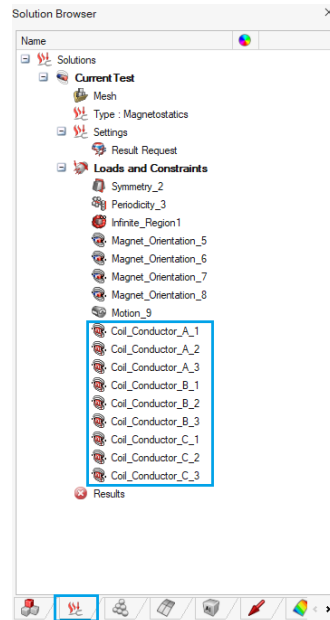
- Define **Coil Conductor**
 - [Analysis] – [Imposed Current Coil]
 - Example: Coil_Conductor_A_1
 - Define input and output terminals



BASIC MOTOR ANALYSIS (WITH FLUX)

Analysis 2: Current Test

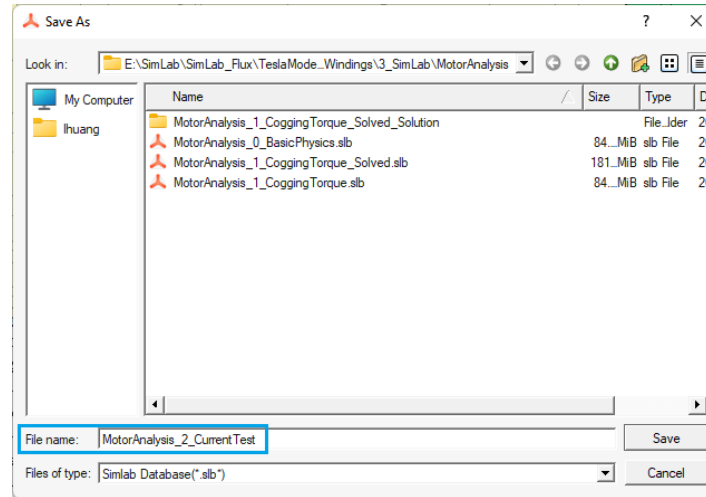
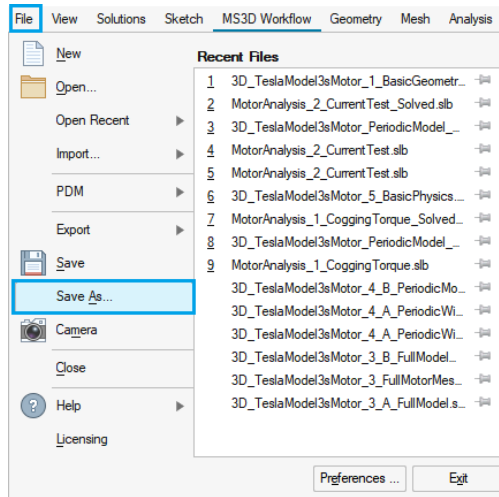
- Define **Coil Conductor**
- [Analysis] – [Imposed Current Coil]
 - Final **Coil Conductor** list



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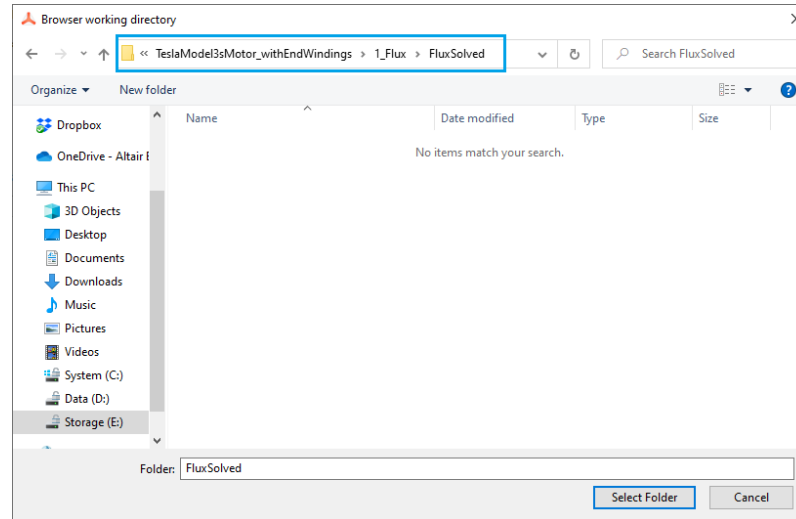
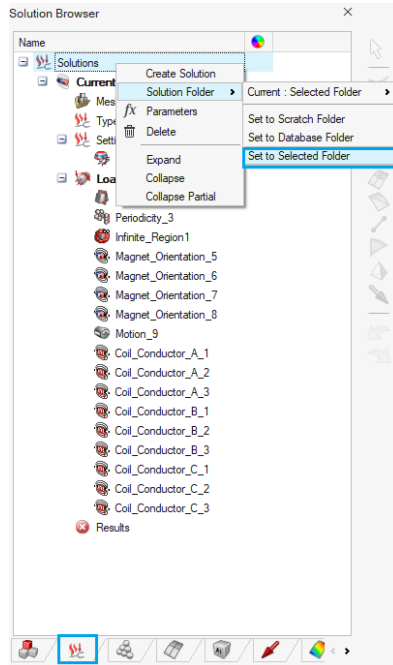
- Save the project before solving ([File] – [Save])
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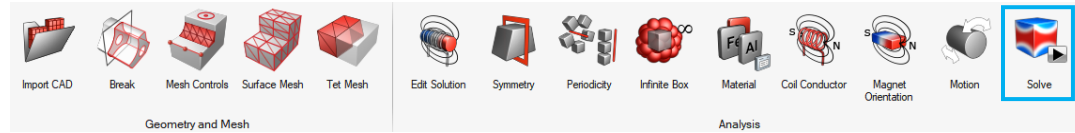
- Solve the project
 - Right click on the “Solutions” and select the solving folder for Flux



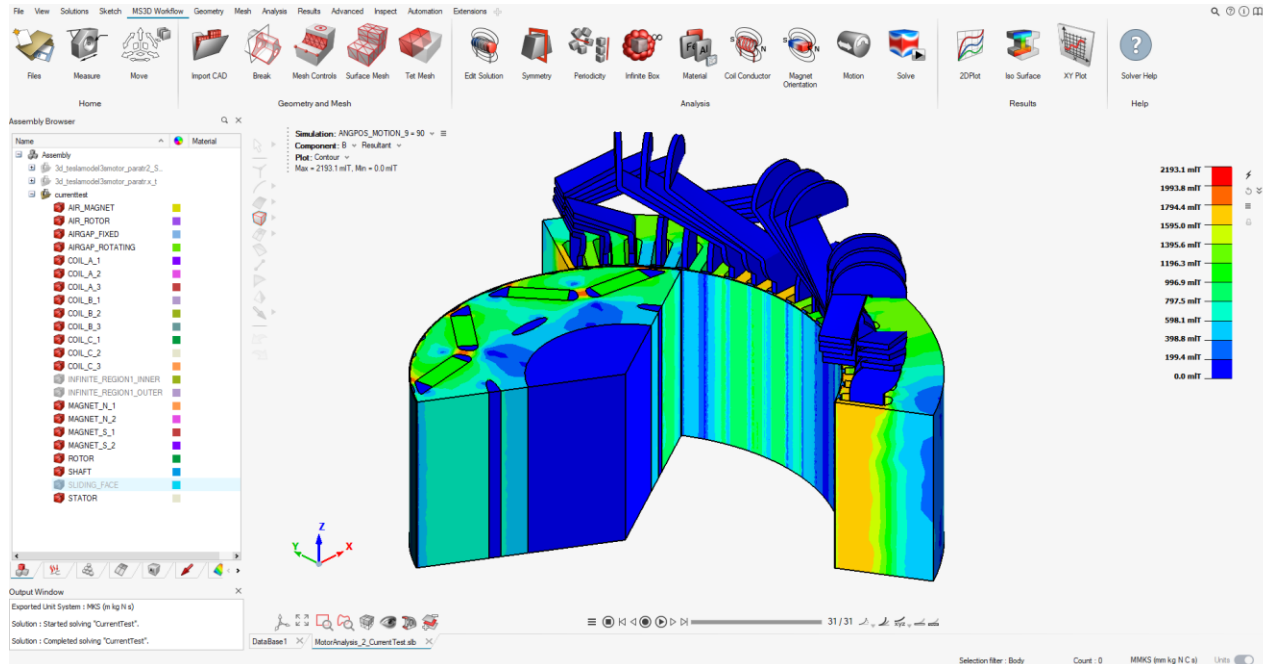
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- Solve the project
- [Analysis] – [Solve]



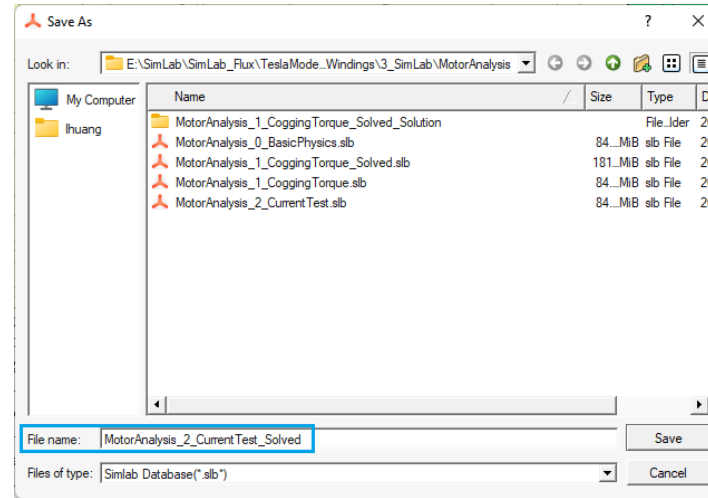
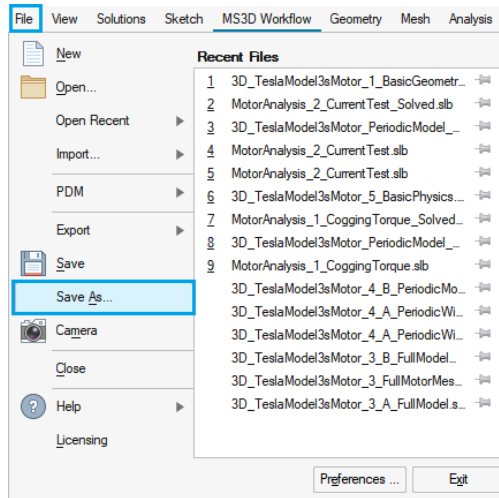
Solution time: about 5.5 hours



BASIC MOTOR ANALYSIS (WITH FLUX)

Analysis 2: Current Test

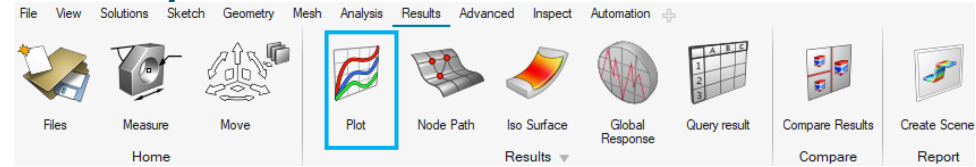
- Save the solved project ([File] – [Save])
- Save the project as “MotorAnalysis_2_CurrentTest_Solved.slb”



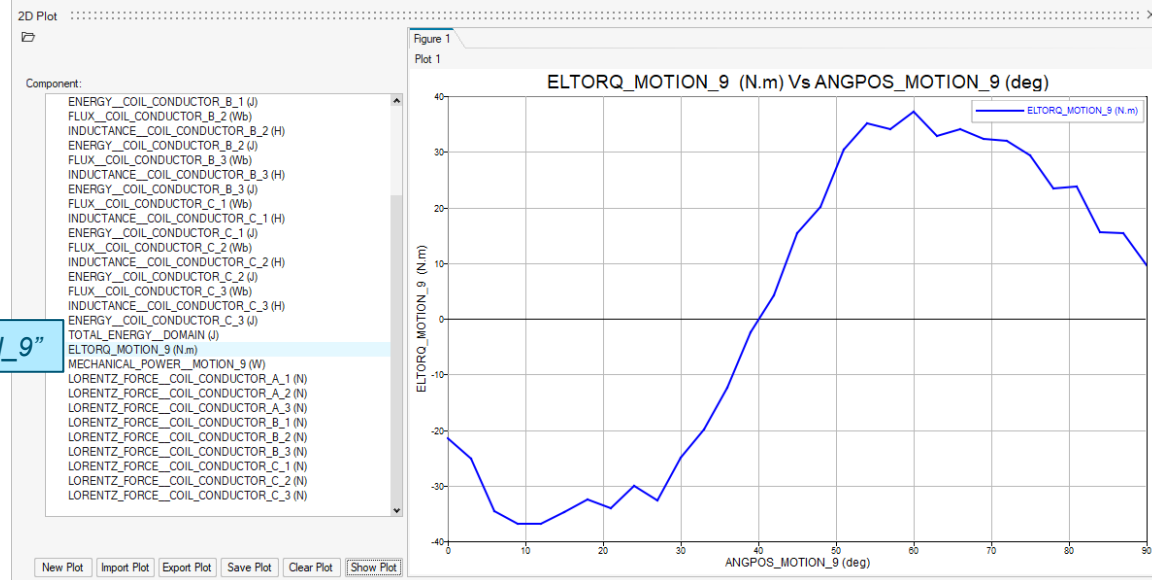
BASIC MOTOR ANALYSIS (WITH FLUX)

Analysis 2: Current Test

- Motor electromagnetic simulation: post-processing
 - Curve plot: electromagnetic torque
 - [Result] – [Plot]



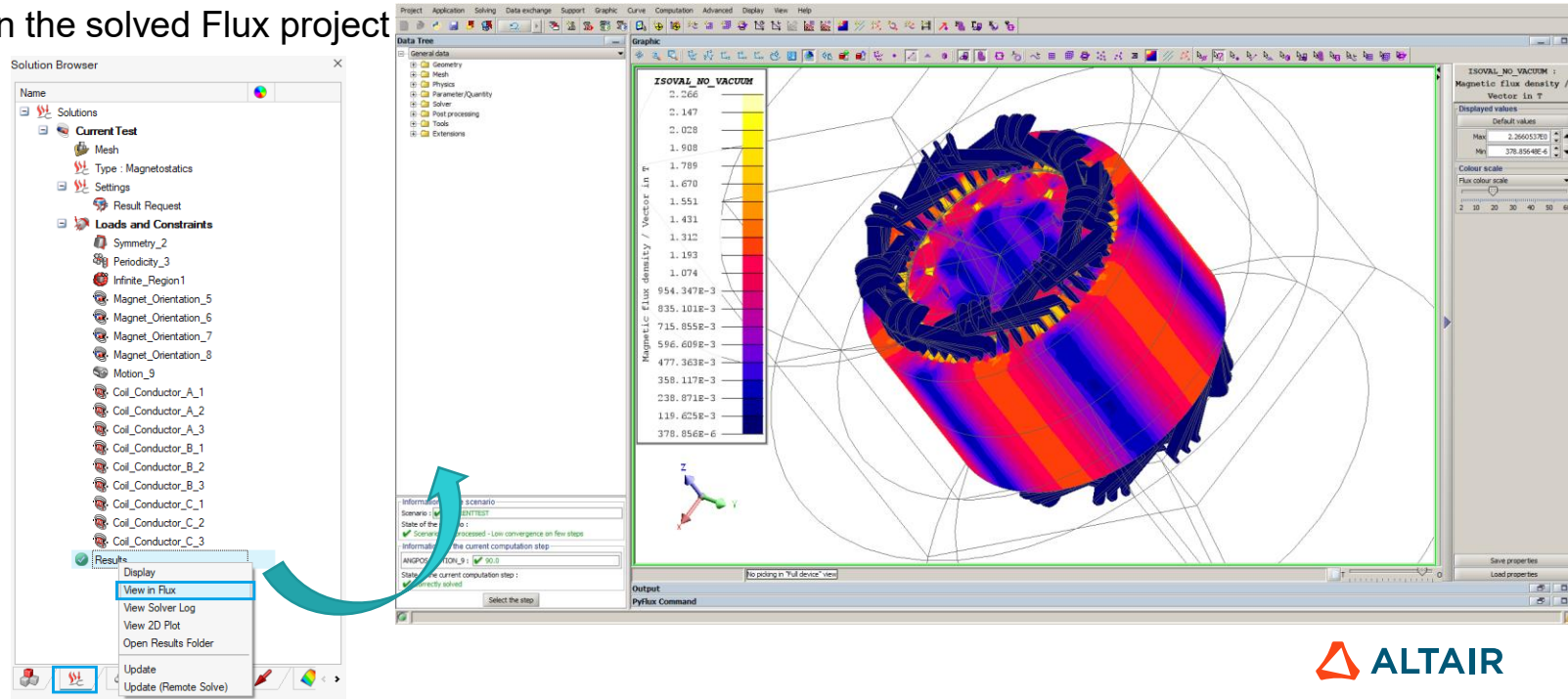
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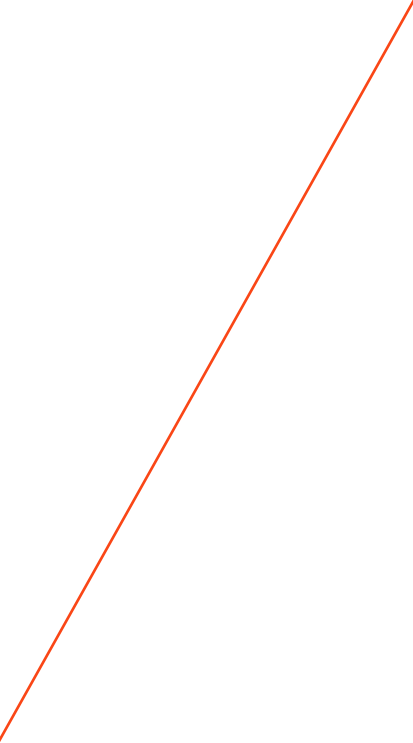
- Motor electromagnetic simulation: post-processing
- Open the solved Flux project



CONCLUSION

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- An application example (Tesla Model 3's motor) has been successfully modeled in SimLab.
- A periodic motor model with meshed motor windings are created for further analysis.
- Two basic motor analyses (**Cogging Torque** and **Current Test**) have been created and solved in SimLab with the new magnetostatics 3D application.
- The solved Flux projects are saved in the working directory, and they can be used for the post-processing.



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