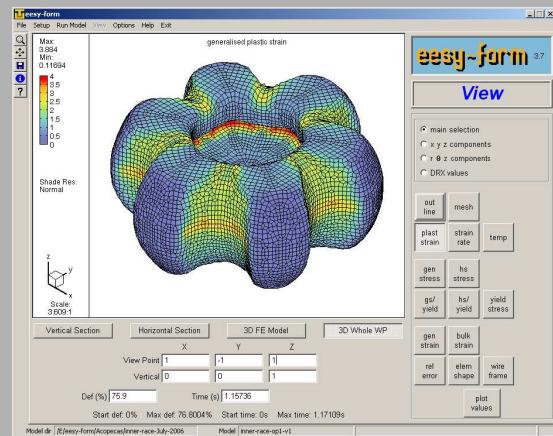


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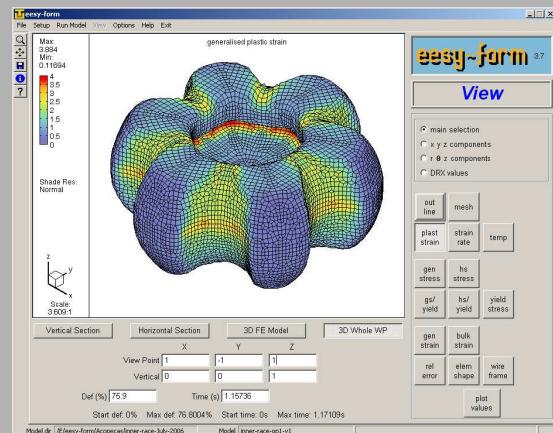
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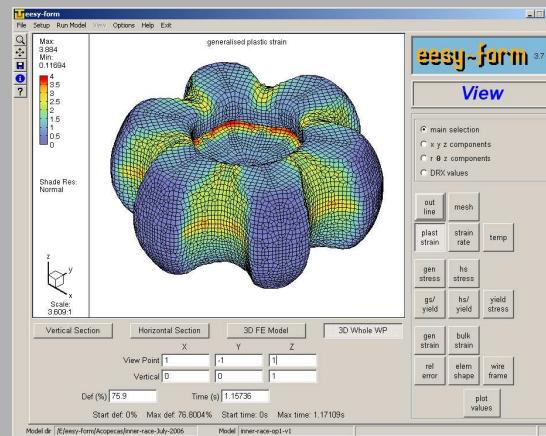


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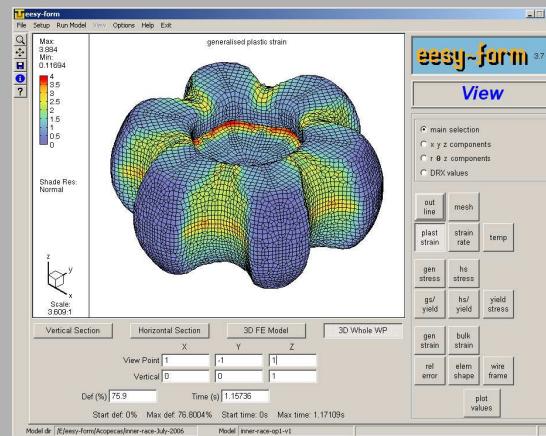


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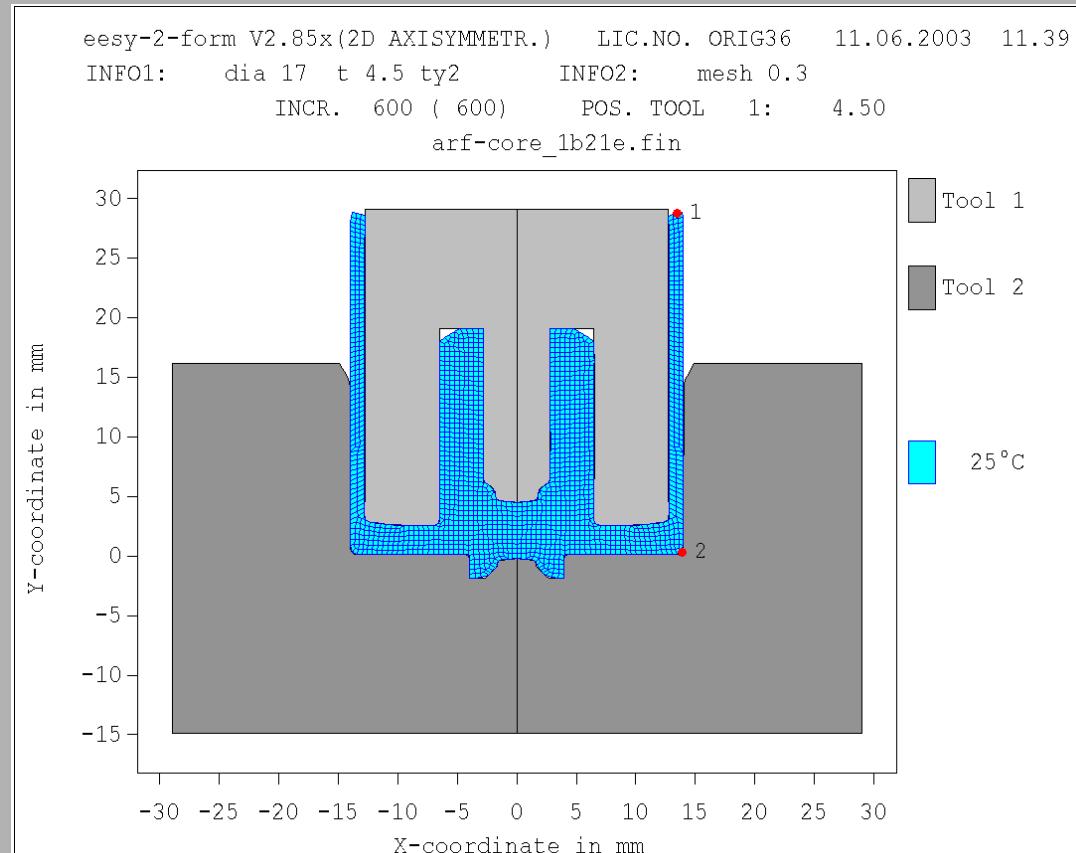
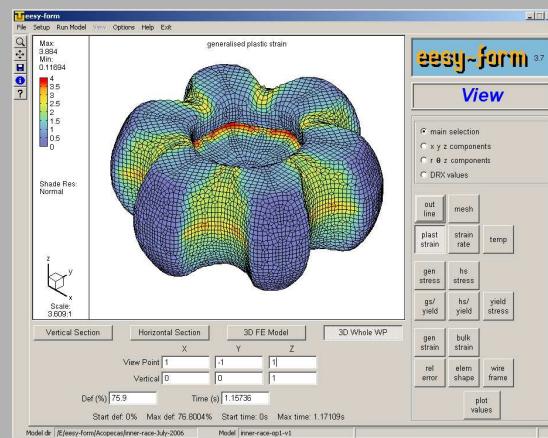


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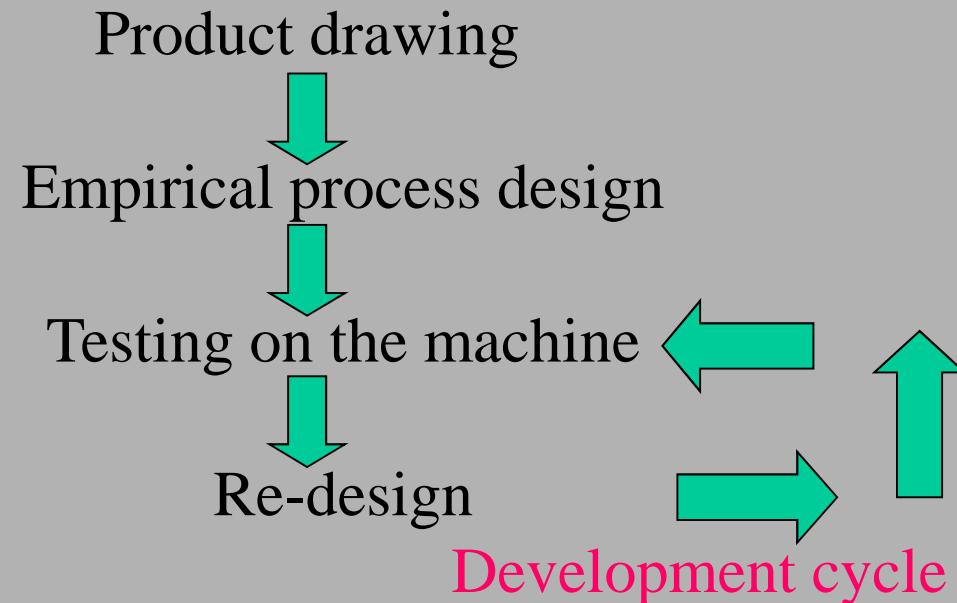


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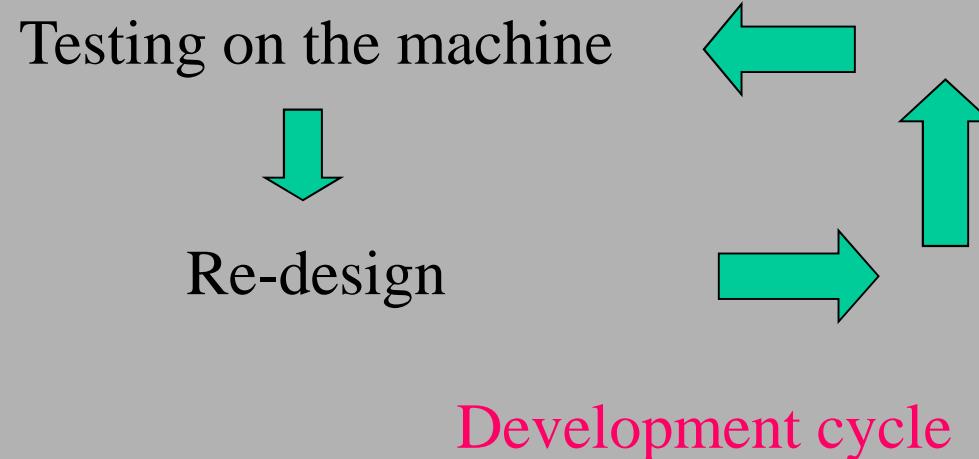
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**This development cycle is very cost intensive  
and covers a lot of uncertainties**



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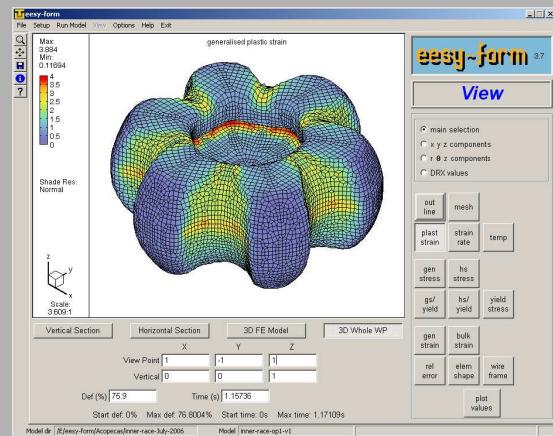
**Besides reducing the costs of the product development  
Simulation can help**

- To develop specific product properties
- To analyze the product application
- To train production and engineering personal
- To explain production tasks to a customer during common development
- To build up technological „know why“
- .....

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## Examples of application



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Folding of material

Failure of punch because of contact problems

Cracking of a screw head do to tangential stress

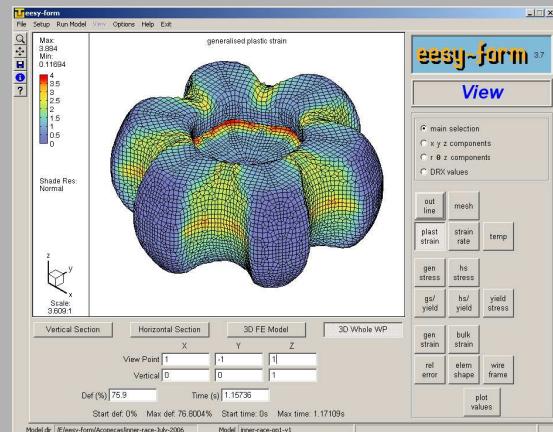
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Die design

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Microstructure prediction in forging



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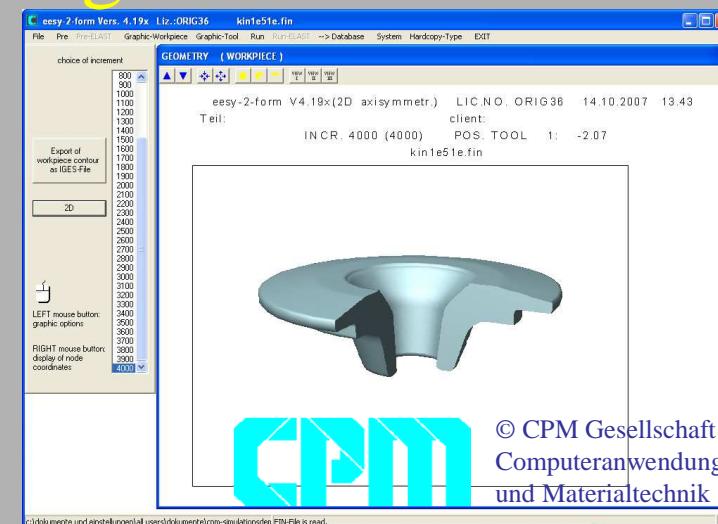
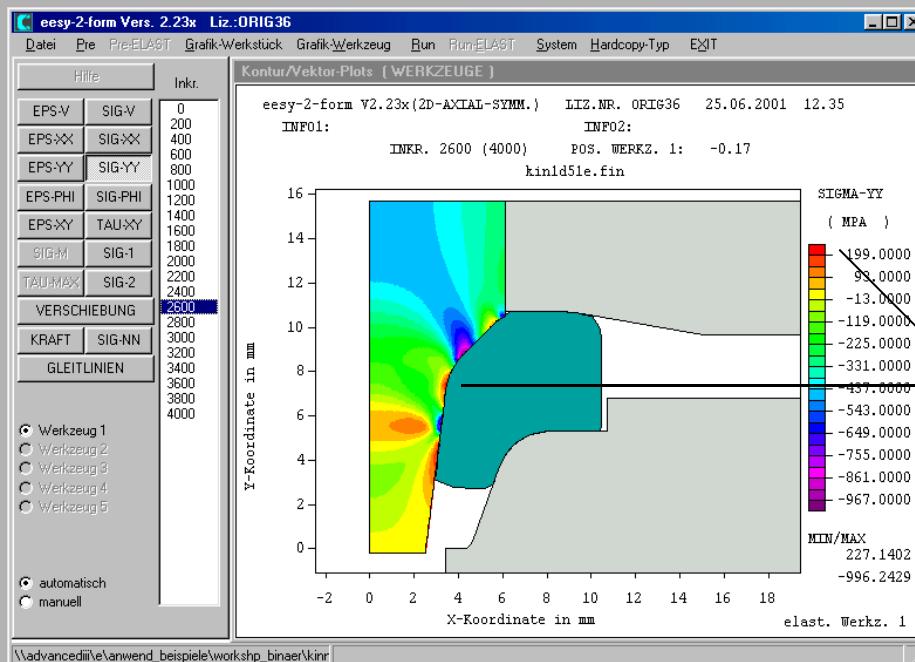
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## Tool failure in production of a valve spring retainer

- Searching for  
Failure of punch  
High stresses!



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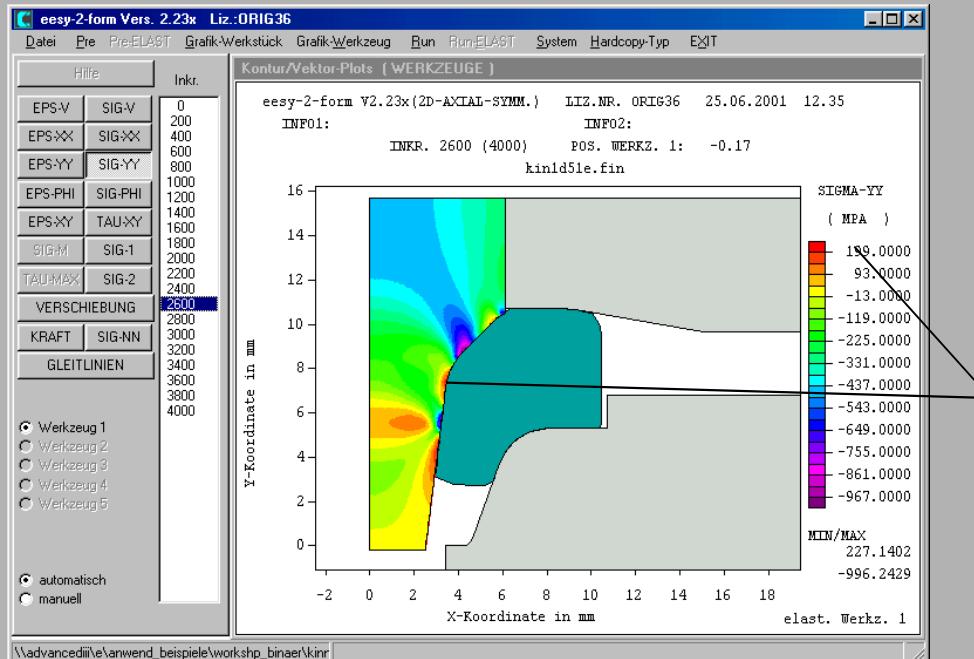


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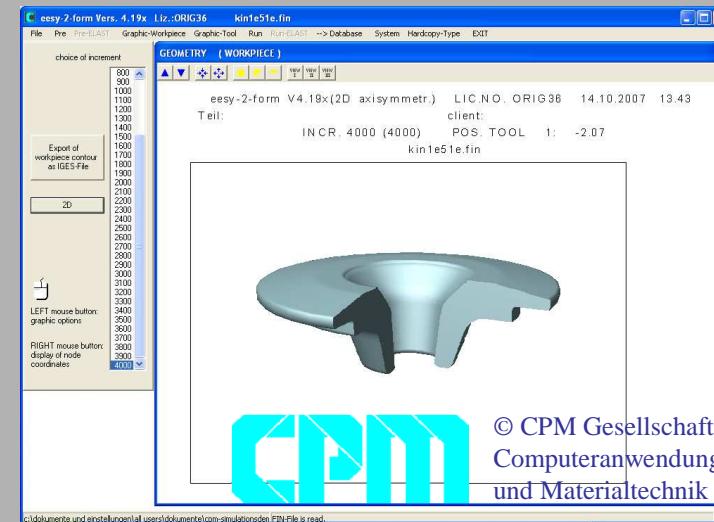
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### Tool failure in production of a valve spring retainer



- Avoiding of failures

Failure of a punch

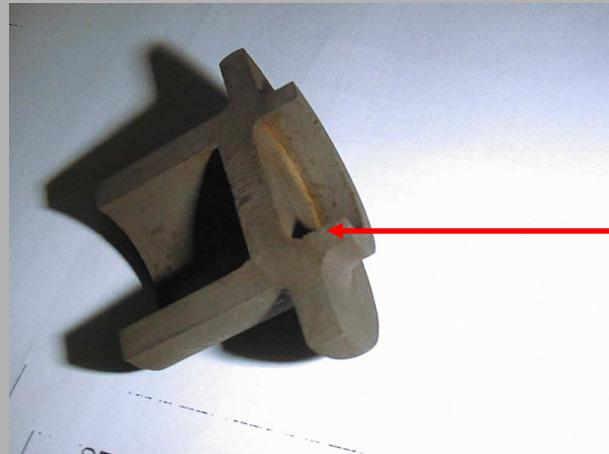


wrong pre-form design!

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**Folding of material**



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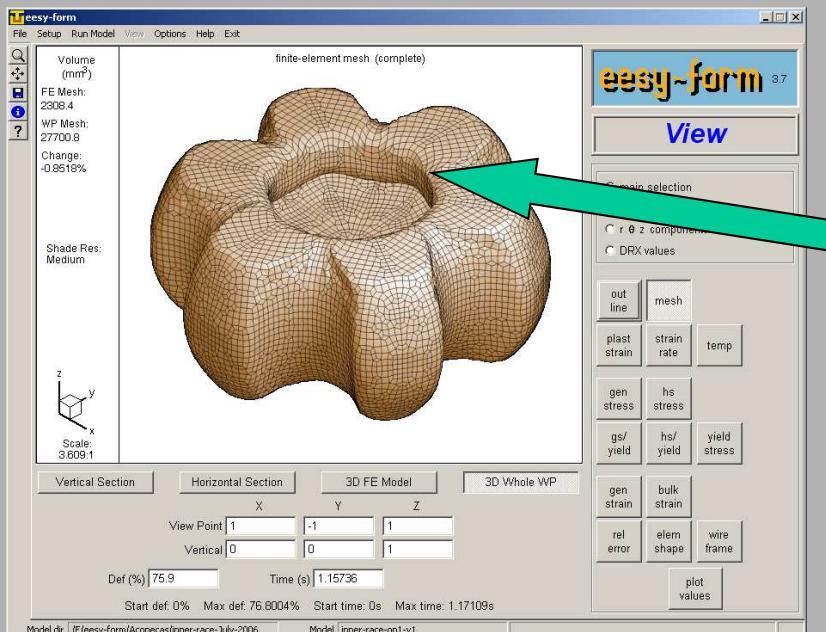


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## Folding of material



Folding / Underfilling

on an inner race

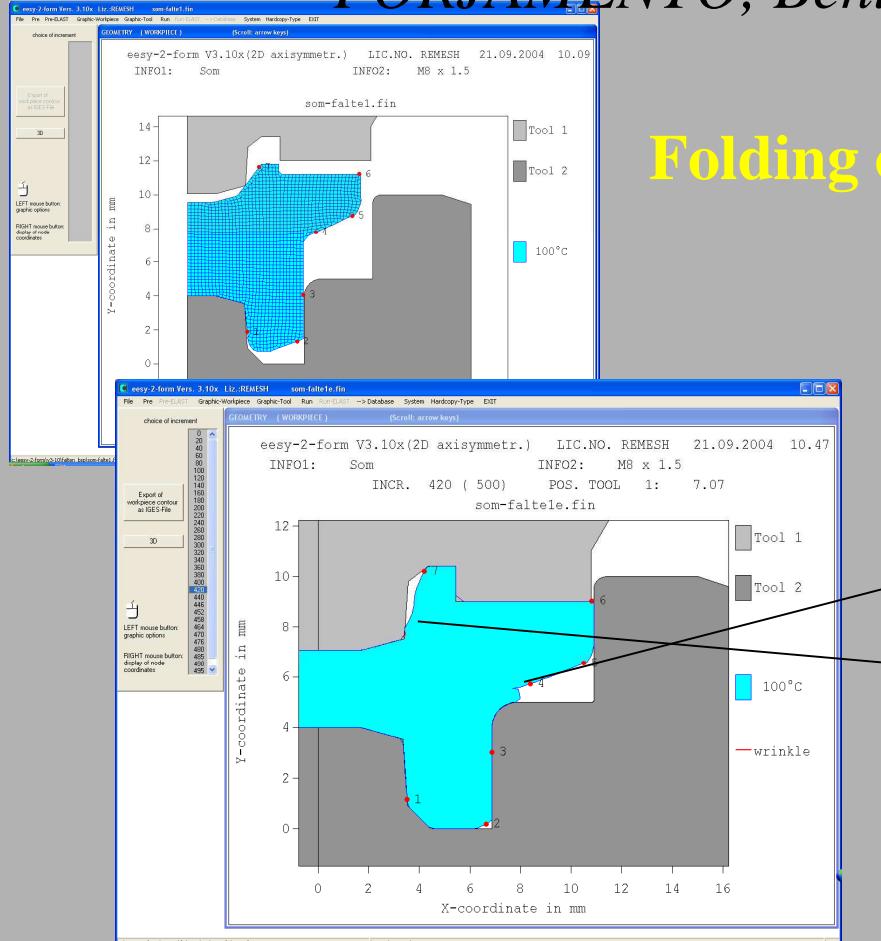
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Folding of material

Folding at nut in  
- Surface and  
- Thread area

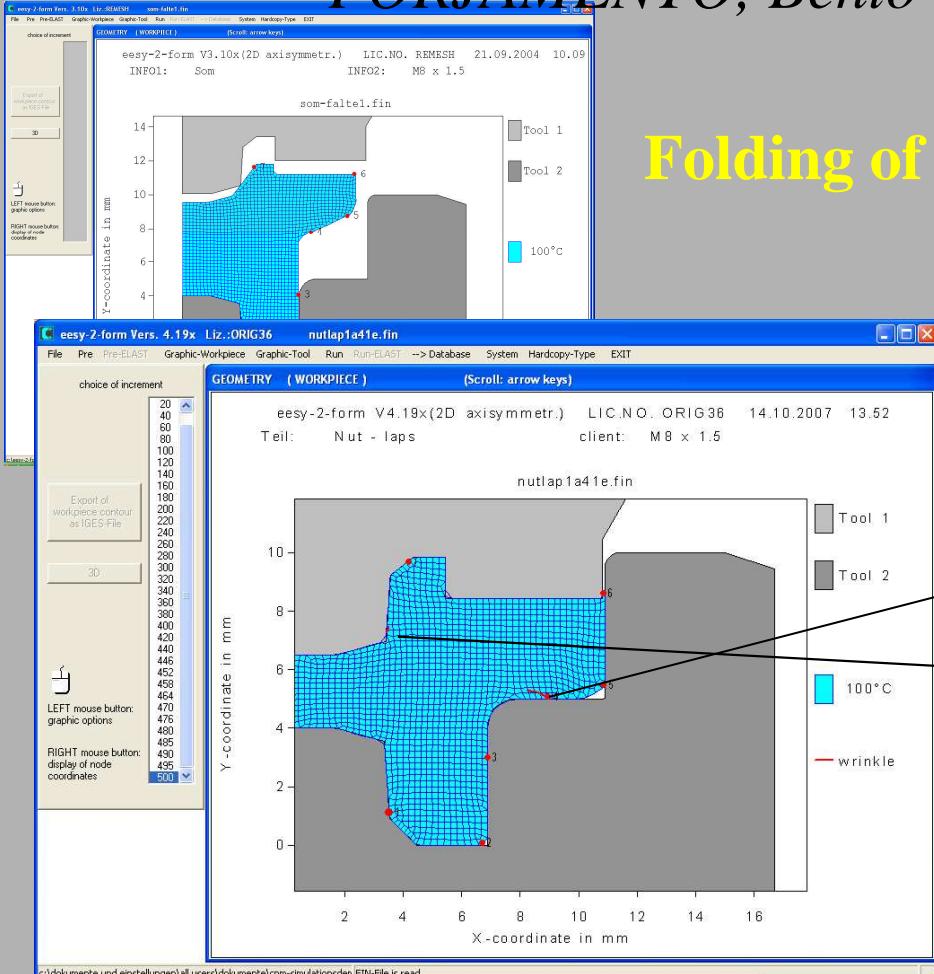
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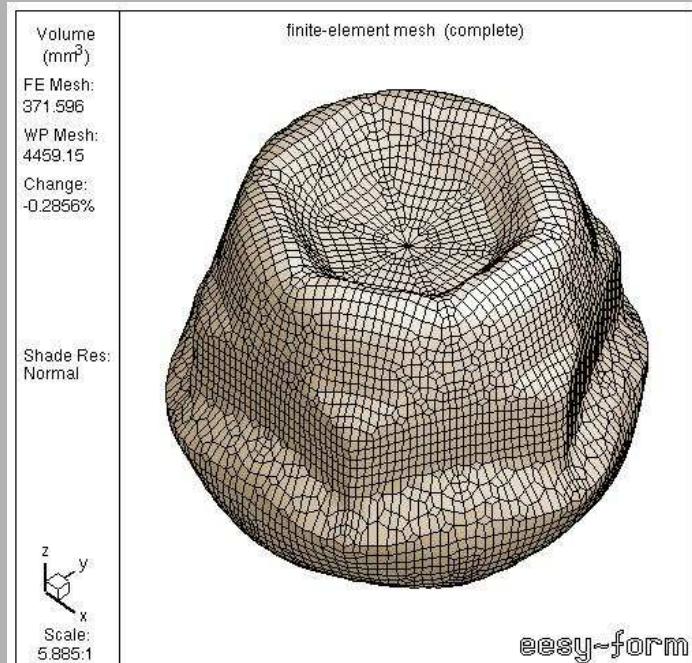


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## **Failure of punch because of contact problems**



Flansh nut 2nd. Station

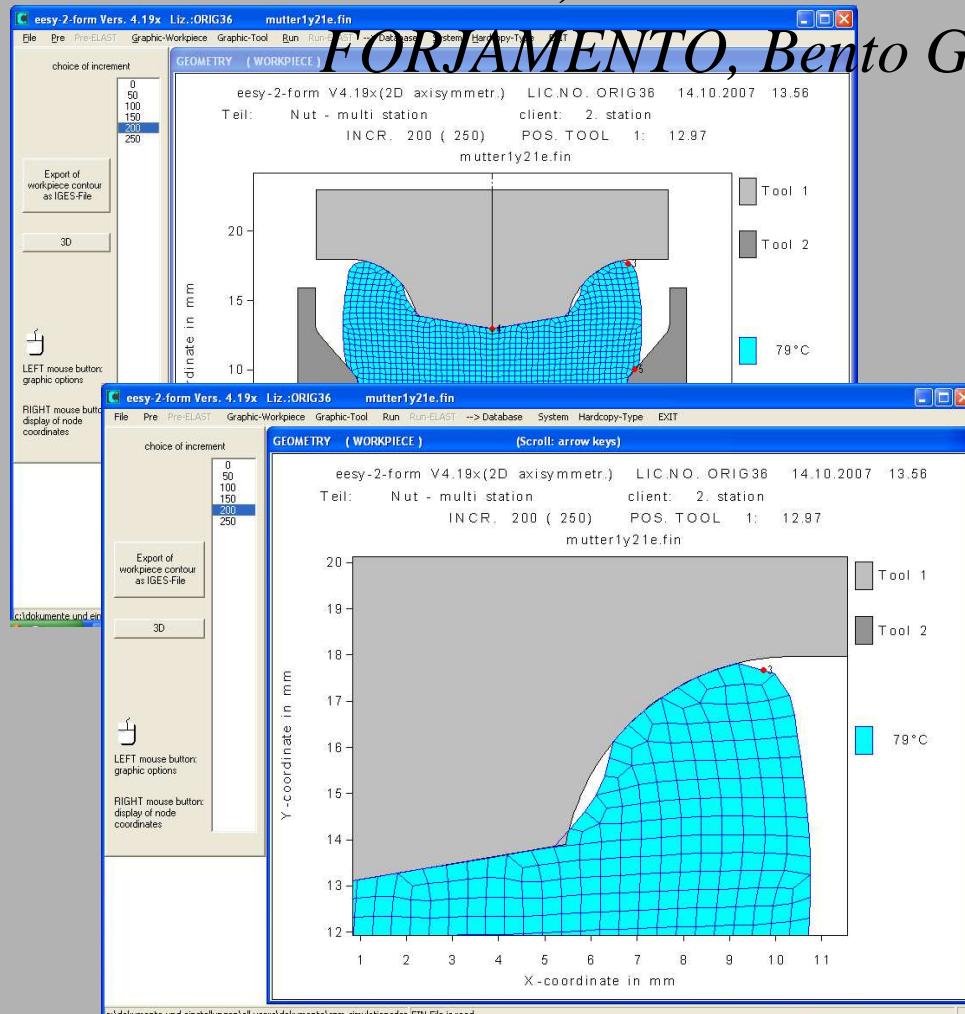
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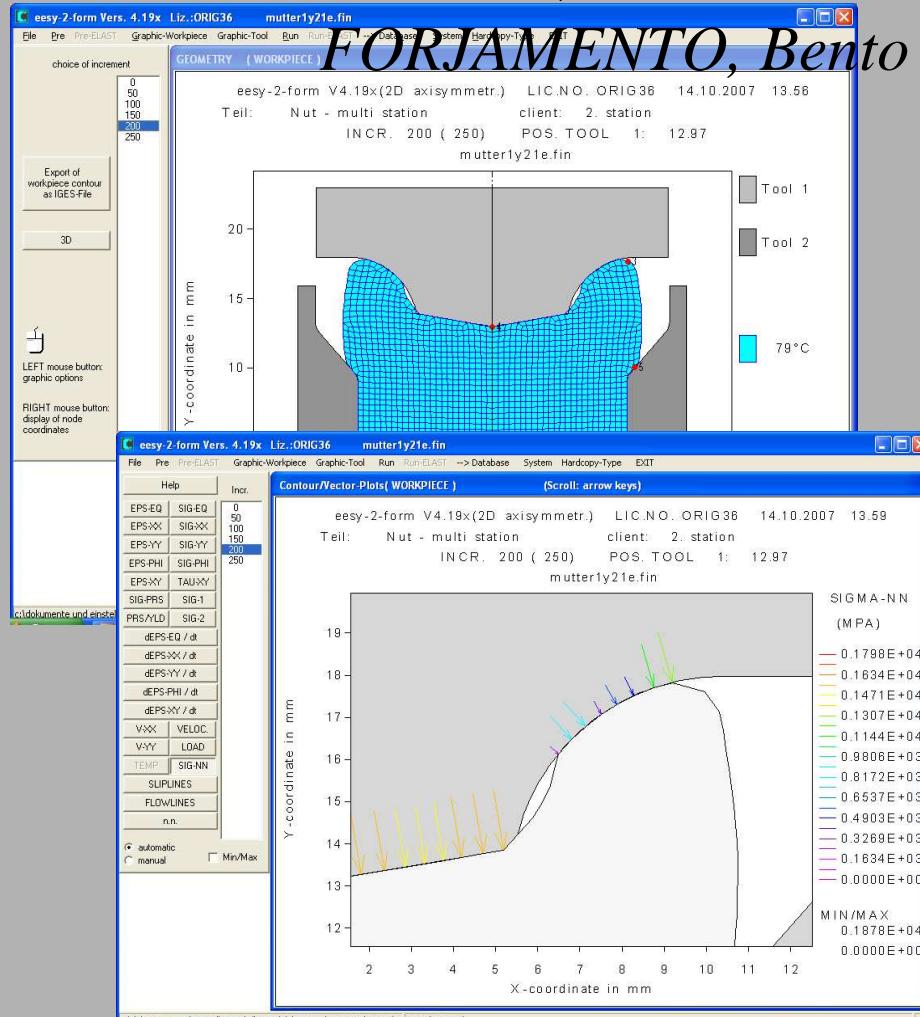
Non sufficient contact  
between punch and  
material!



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Failure of punch because  
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Flansh nut 2nd. Station

inhomogeneous stress  
situation!

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**Failure of punch because  
of contact problems**

**Failure of a punch in another  
nut making process due  
to the same reason**

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**Cracking of a screw head do to tangential stress**



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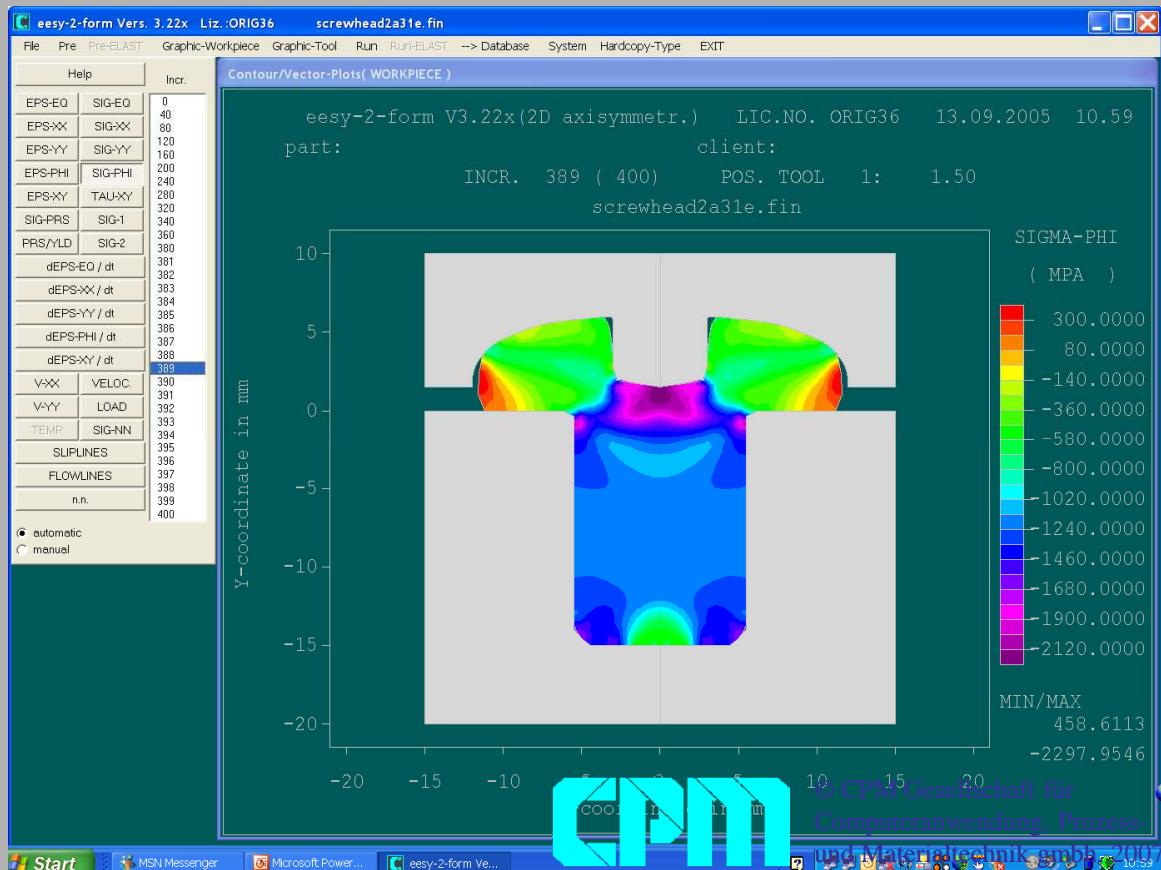


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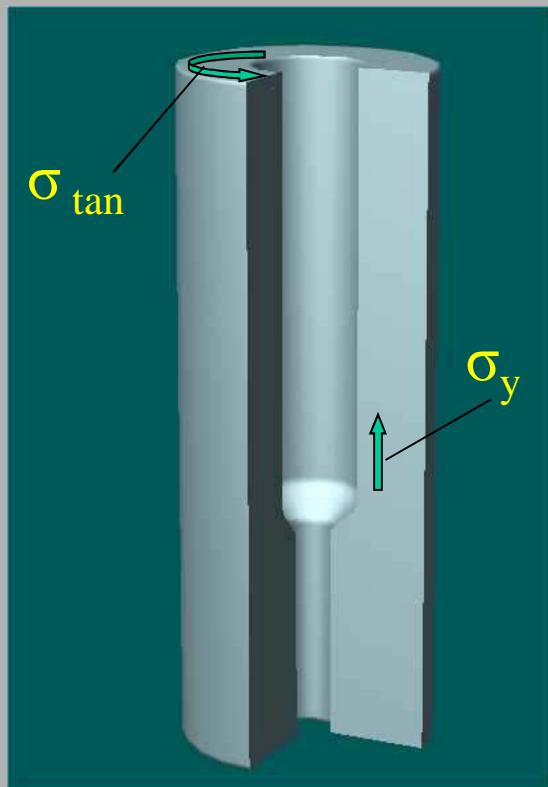
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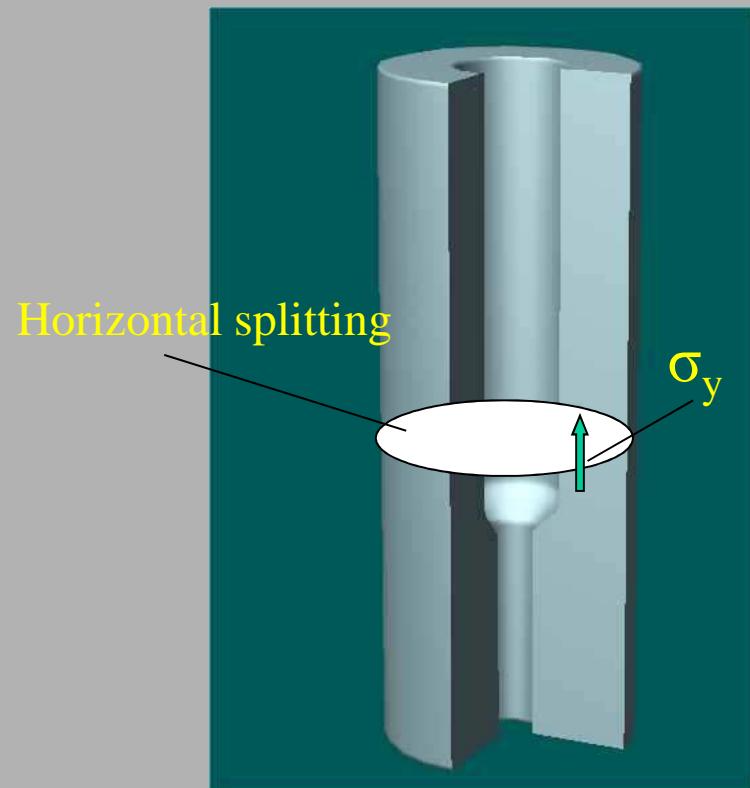
*Principle of Die Design*

$\sigma_{tan}$ : critical for axial crack

$\sigma_y$ : critical for horizontal crack

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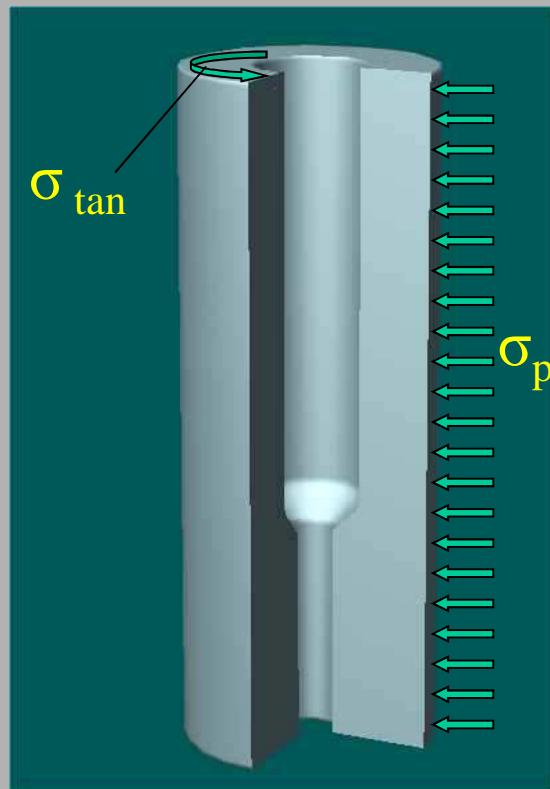
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➡ horizontal split of the insert

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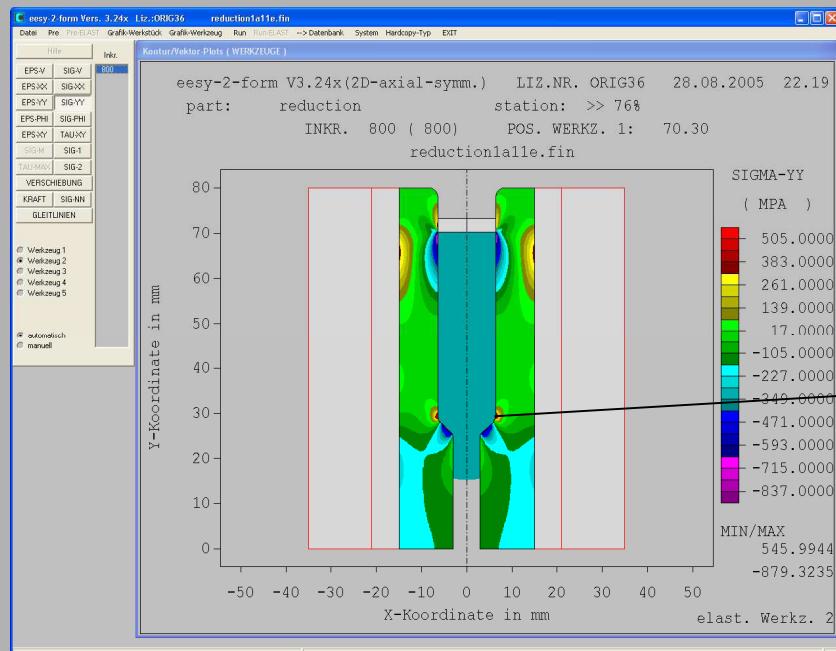
→ Pre-stressing of the insert

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## Die failure

- Avoiding of failures (elastic analysis of the insert with FEM)  
Splitting the die to avoid too high axial stresses



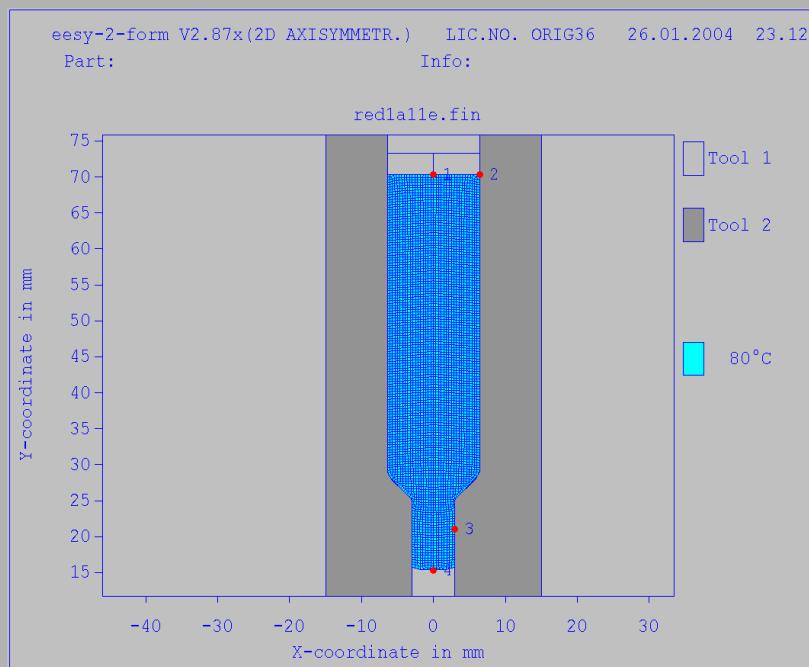
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## **Die design**

**Pre-straining of dies**

**to avoid axial die  
breakage**

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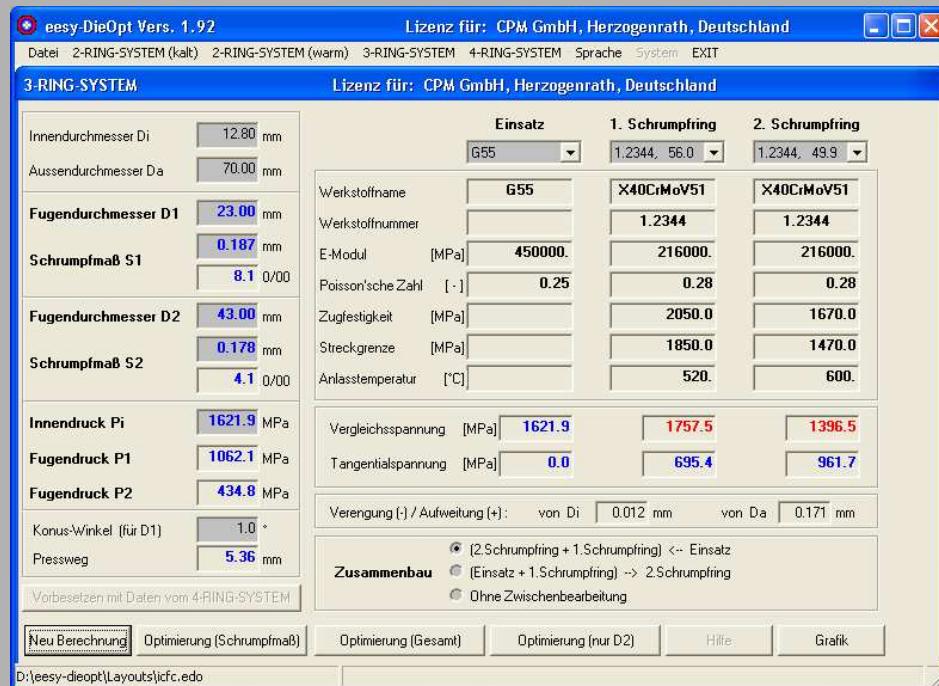
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## Calculation of Die Layout

### Die design



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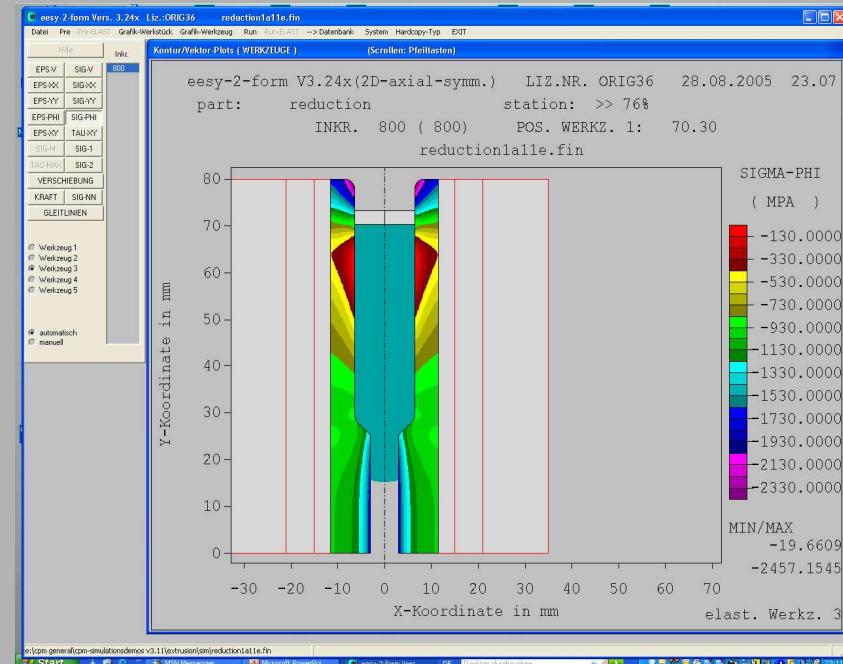
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## Die design

The stress distribution  
in an insert with pre  
straining optimisation



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Punch die to form torx recesses.

After systematic optimization such a punch produces more than 2.000.000 parts!



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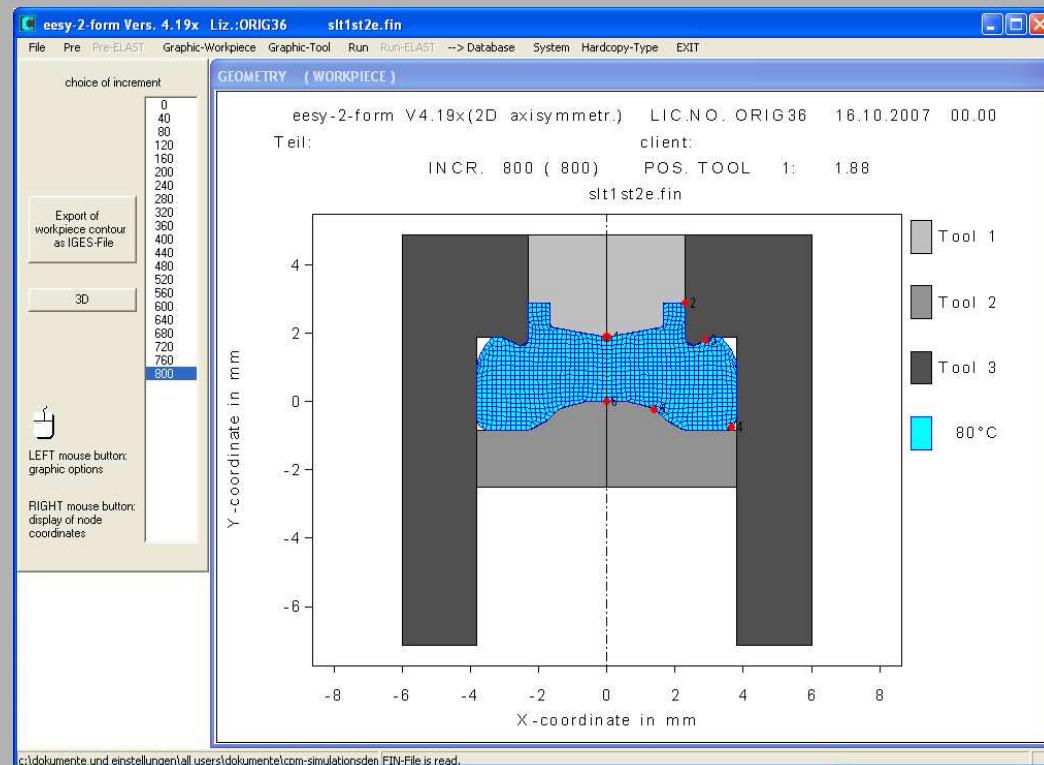
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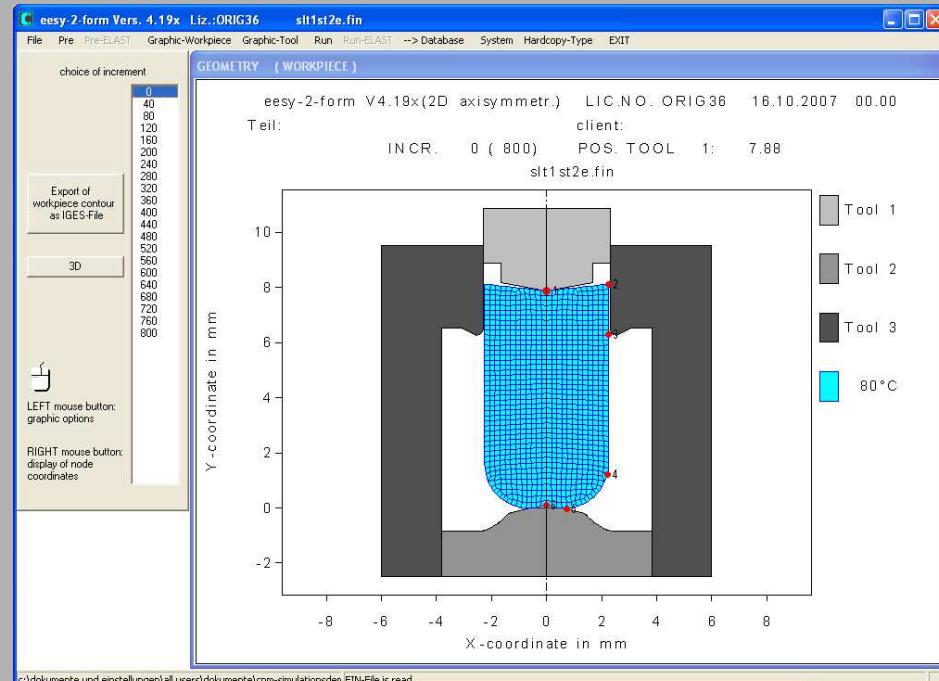
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**Layout of the spring  
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**Initial position**



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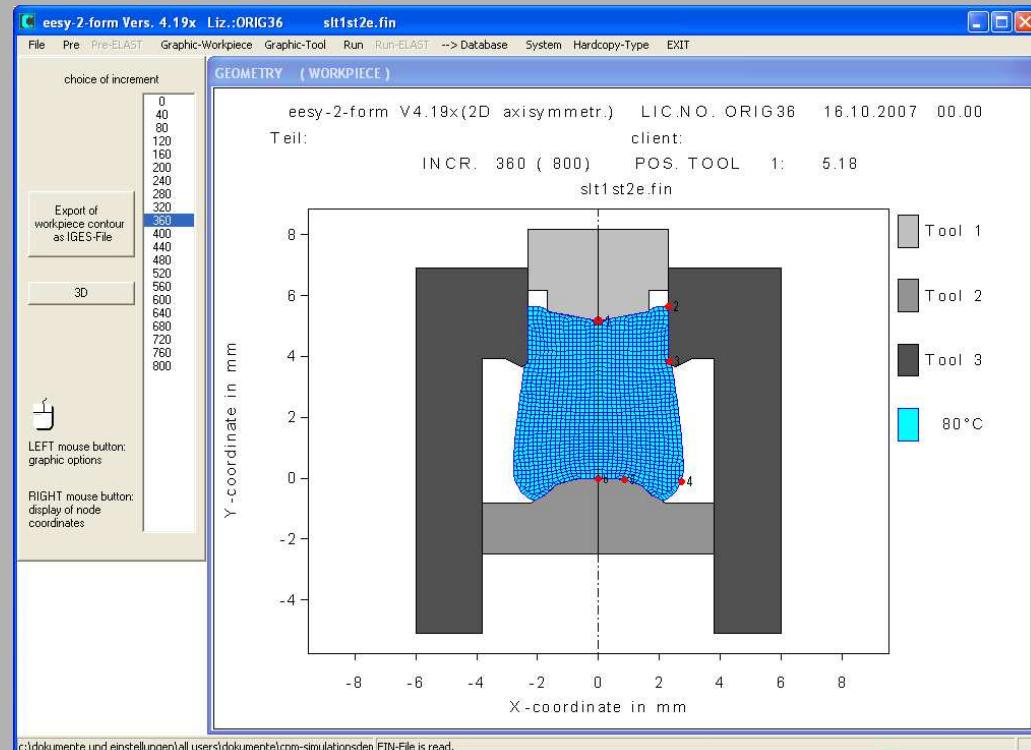
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Die starting to slide



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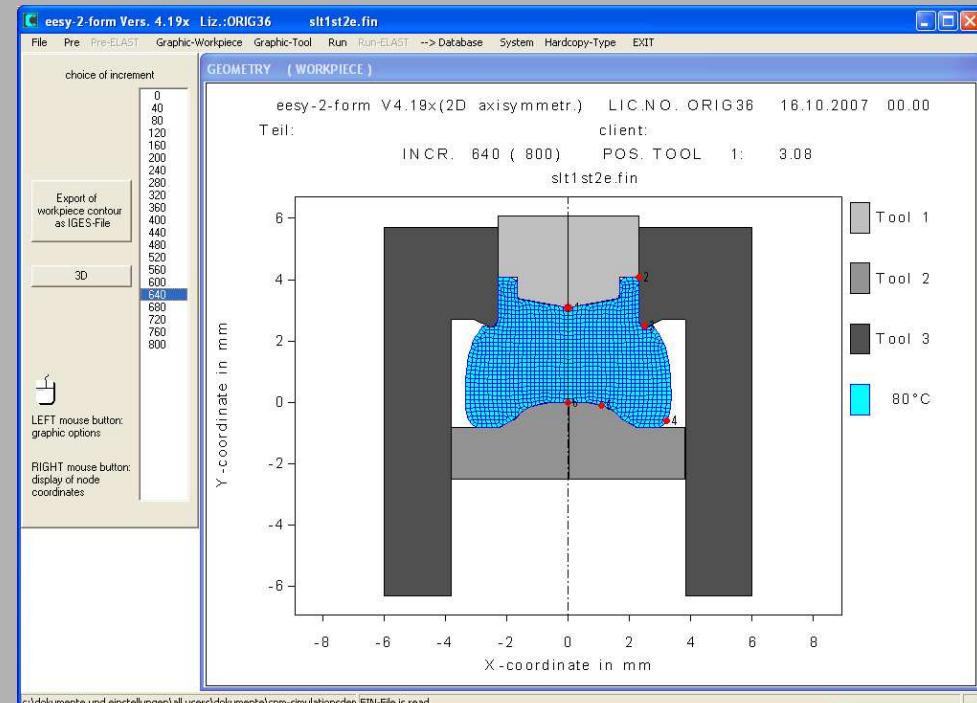
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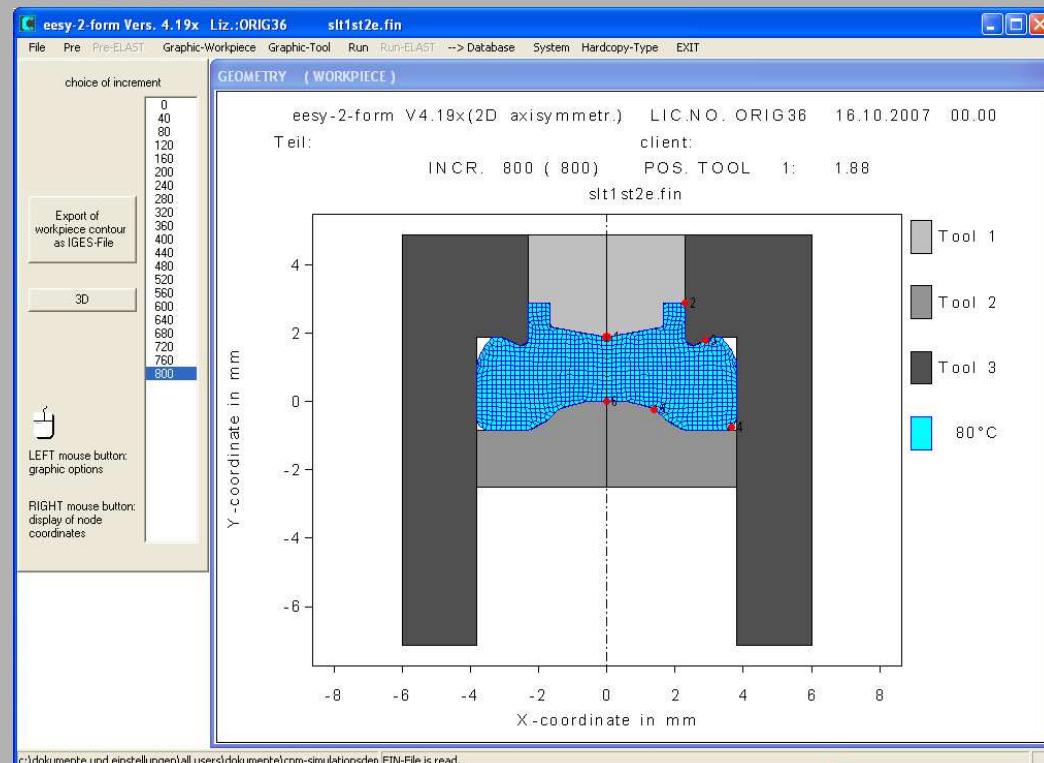
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Final position



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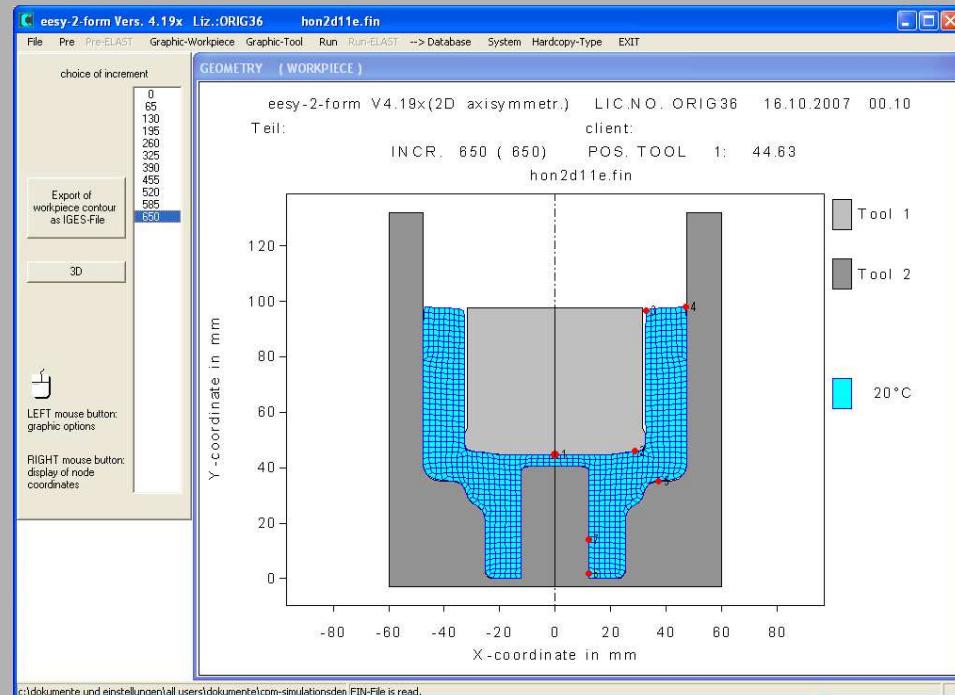
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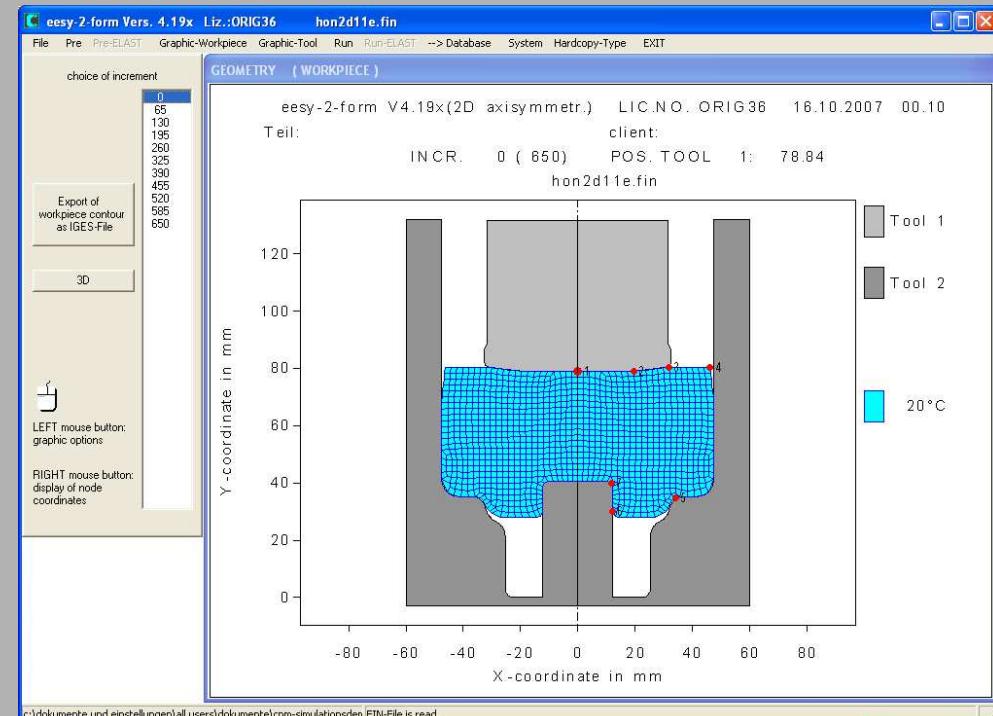
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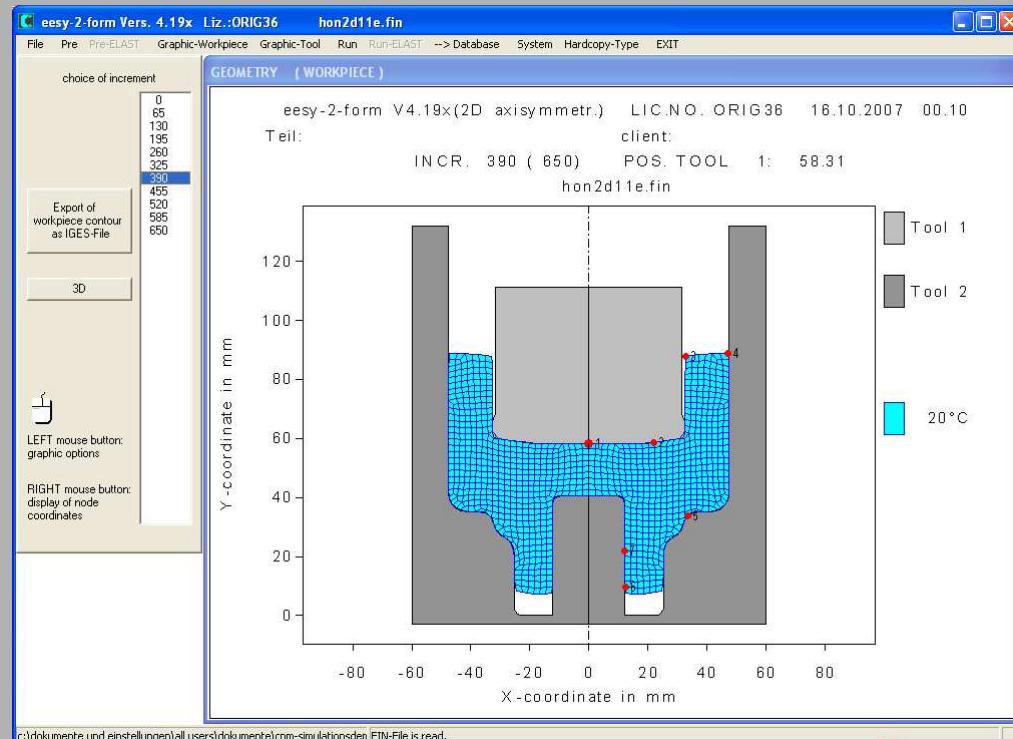
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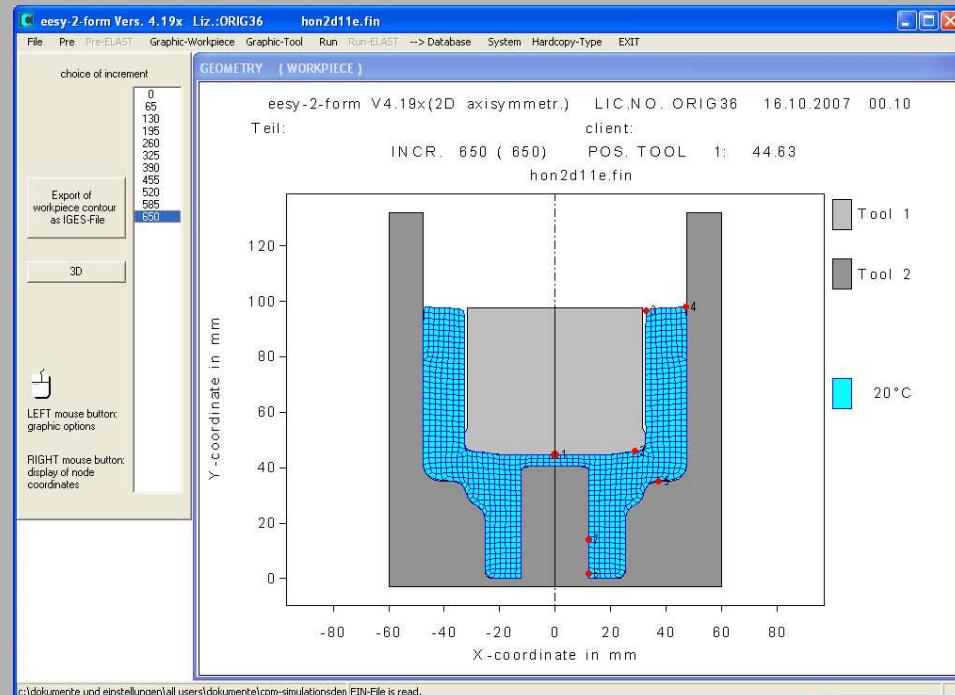
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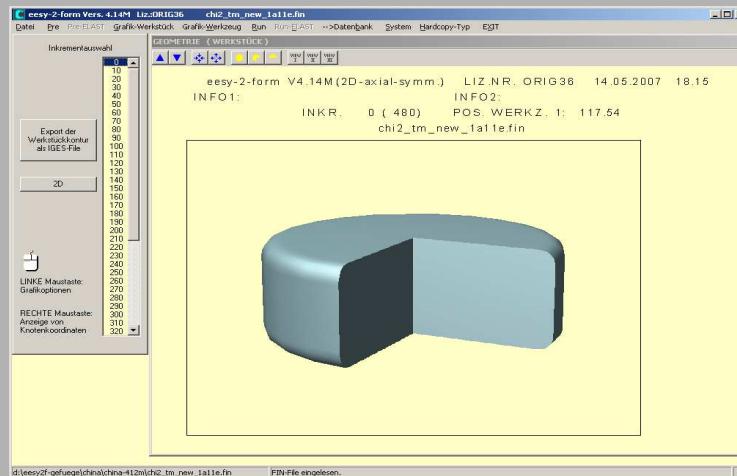


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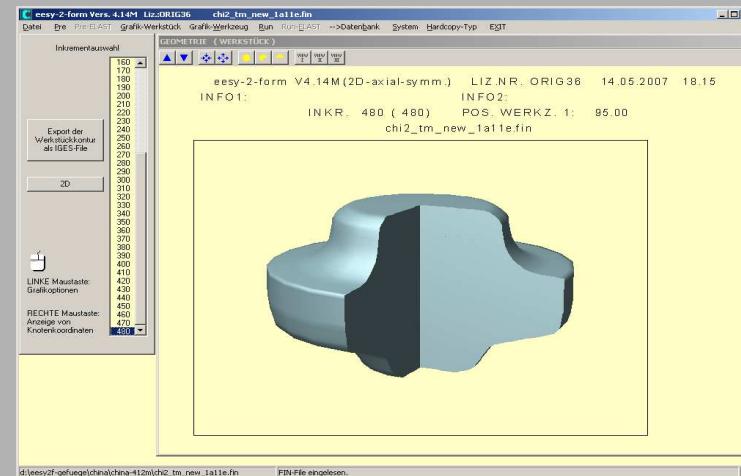
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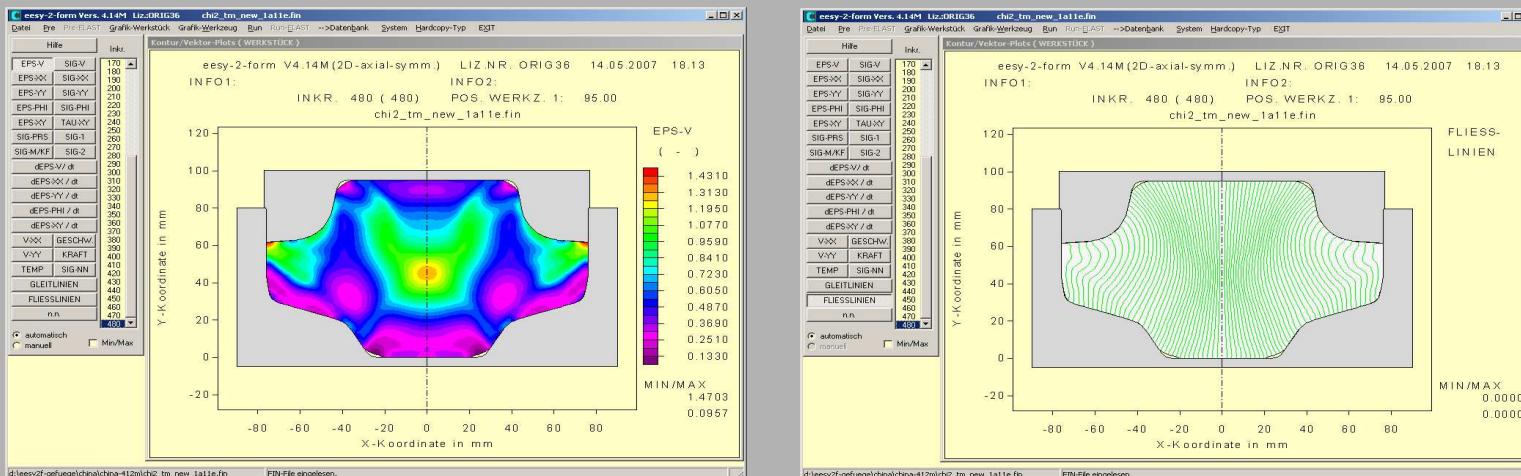


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Distribution of strain

Fibre distribution

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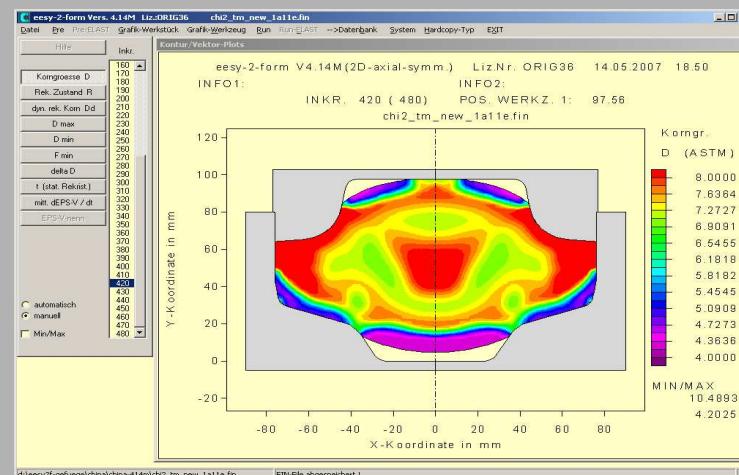
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## Microstructure prediction in forging

- Grain size
  - degree of re-cristallisation
  - dynamic re-crist. fraction
  - static re-crist. fraction
  - grain-groth
  - timing and recovering



## Aims of simulation

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## Gain size distribution



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## Conclusion

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### Conclusion

Most of the daily problems in design of a metal forming process can be supported by today simulation technology.

Some special application need further development still.

Simulation is generally established as a design tool.

**Hurry up to not miss the train .. But choose your simulation partner carefully ..... he has to be expert in forging as well!**

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**Thank you for your attention !**

**Like this bird knocking at my door  
at a Chineese Hotel  
in the early morning.....**

**I do not know whether he wanted  
support and knowledge....**

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