

Simulation of a clamping ring under high dynamic loading

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 - Correlation of testing and simulation / Quasi-static pull-out test
 - Numerical effects using LS-DYNA Explicit for a pull-out test
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 - Influence of different design parameters of the clamping ring
- High Dynamic Load (3rd Task)
 - Impeller burst of a turbo engine / Different failure scenarios
- Summary

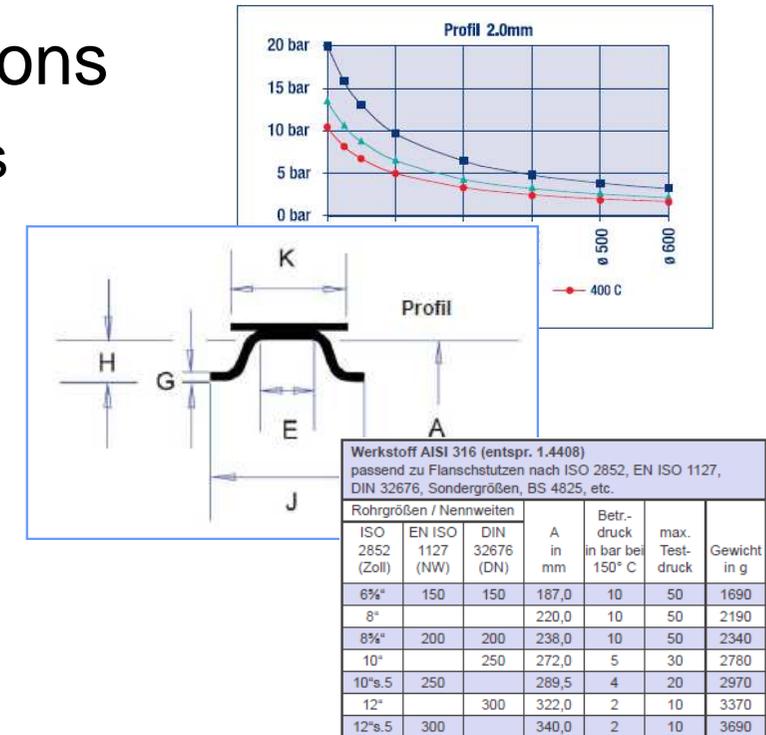
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- Use of clamping rings
 - Connection of two or more parts at the cylindrical flanges
- Examples of common application
 - Several kinds of tubes and pipes or pressure vessels and tanks
- Application in turbo engines
 - Connection of the compressor, turbine and bearing casing of smaller turbo chargers and turbo pumps



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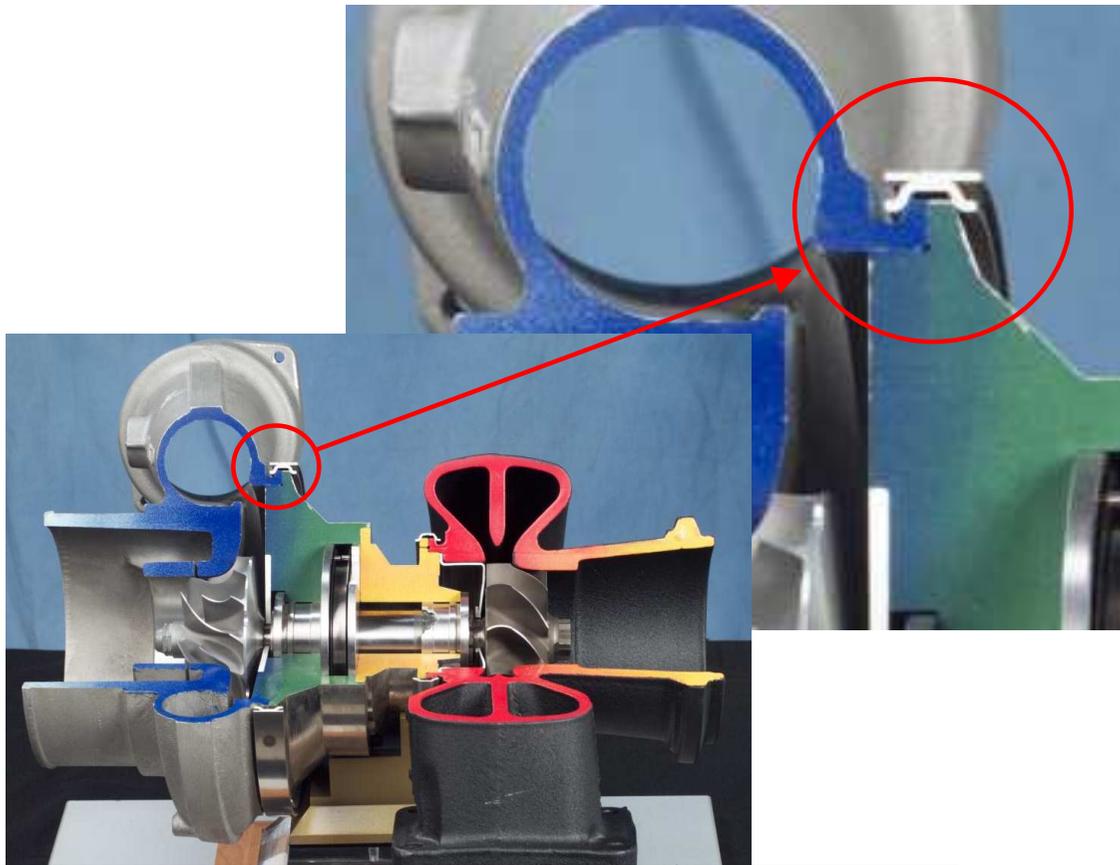
- Design for normal operating conditions
 - Standard rules and supplier guide lines
 - Simple static analyses
- Design for highly dynamic loading due to misuse or failure
 - E.g. shock waves, compressor surge, impeller burst
 - Consideration of the effects of the highly dynamic loading (impulse transmitted, mass inertia, non-linear material behaviour, complex contact situation)
 - This can be done using an explicit code like LS-DYNA



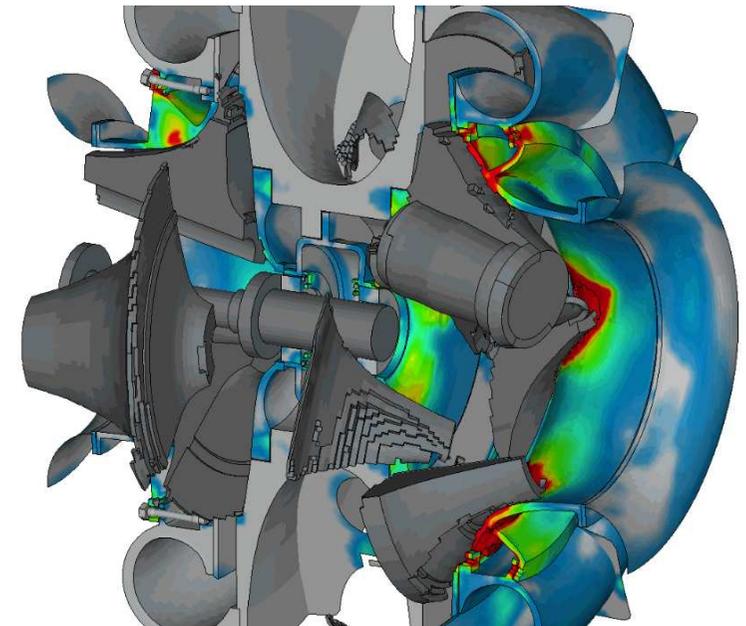
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- Examples: Use of clamping rings in turbo engines

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Use of the clamping ring in order to connect the compressor and bearing casing



Demonstration model of a typical containment simulation of a turbo charger with highly dynamic loading

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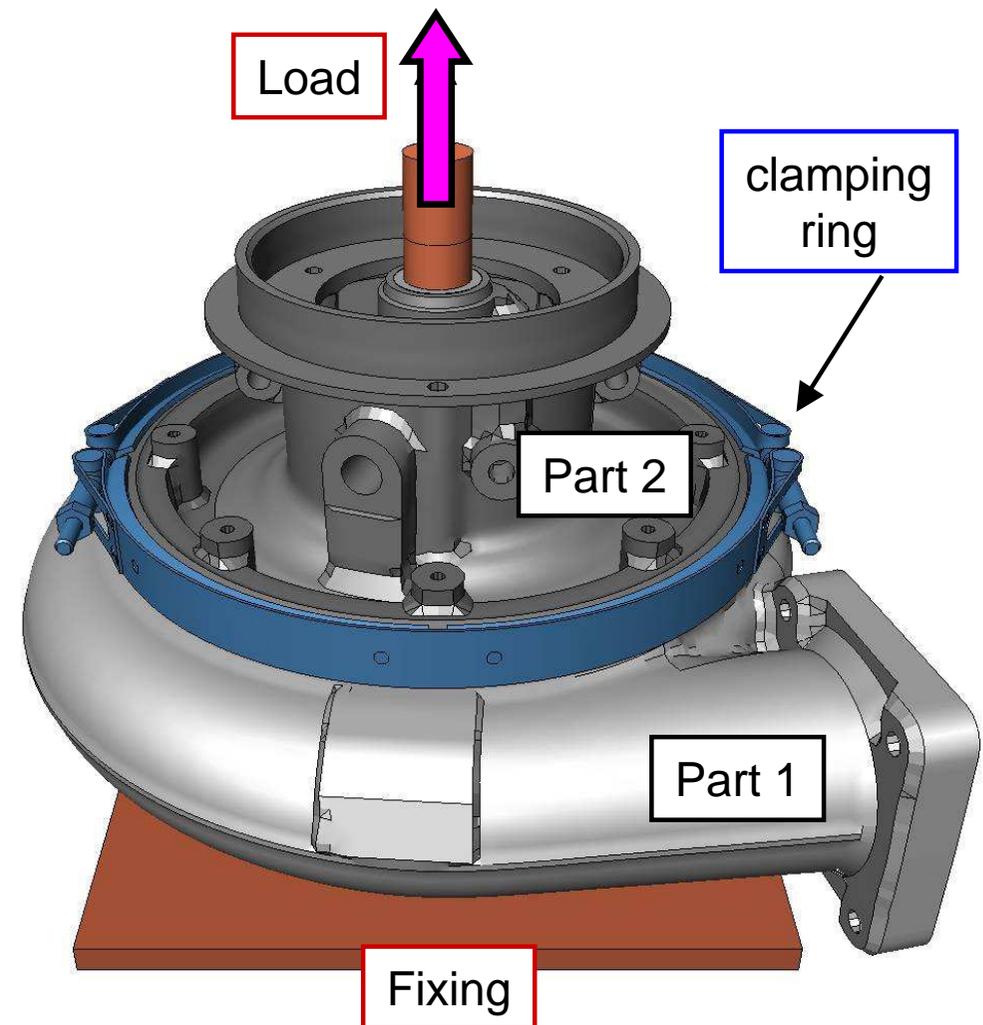
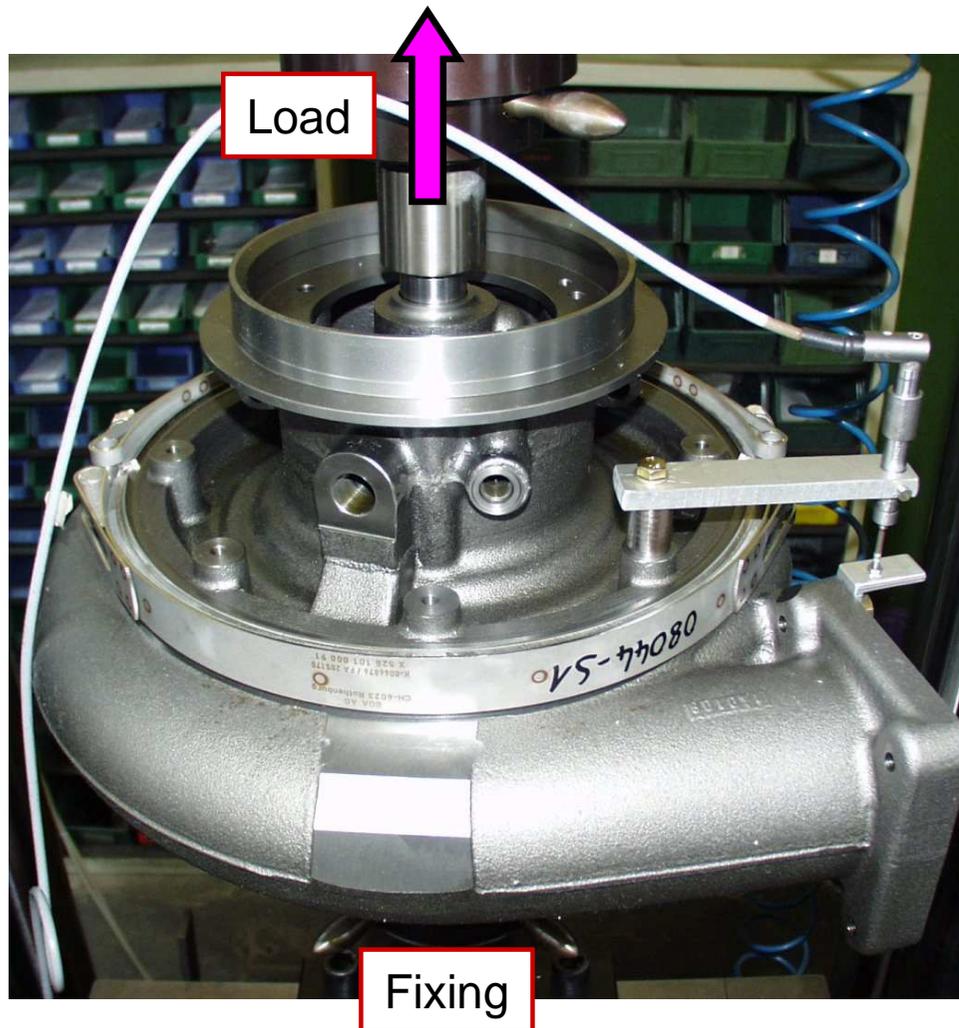
- Aim
 - Designing a clamping ring for the worst-case scenario of an impeller burst of a small turbo charger
 - The connection of the compressor and bearing casing by the ring must be ensured even for such a highly dynamic loading
- CAE process
 - 3 steps lead to a reliable design
 - 1st task: a quasi-static pull-out test to validate the CAE technique
 - 2nd task: a parameter analysis of the clamping ring (optionally for better knowledge of essential design parameters)
 - 3rd task: the burst simulation meaning the highly dynamic loading

- Introduction
 - The 1st task in the CAE process is a simulation of a quasi-static pull-out test in order to validate the CAE technique
 - A quasi-static pull-out test with real hardware turbo charger parts was carried out as a basis for this validation
 - The focus of the validation is on the matching of the load-versus-deflection-curve and the maximum static load capacity
- CAE technique
 - Comparison of the test rig in trial and in simulation
 - Modelling of the pre-stressing of the clamping ring
 - Quasi-static pull-out test in simulation (LS-DYNA Explicit)

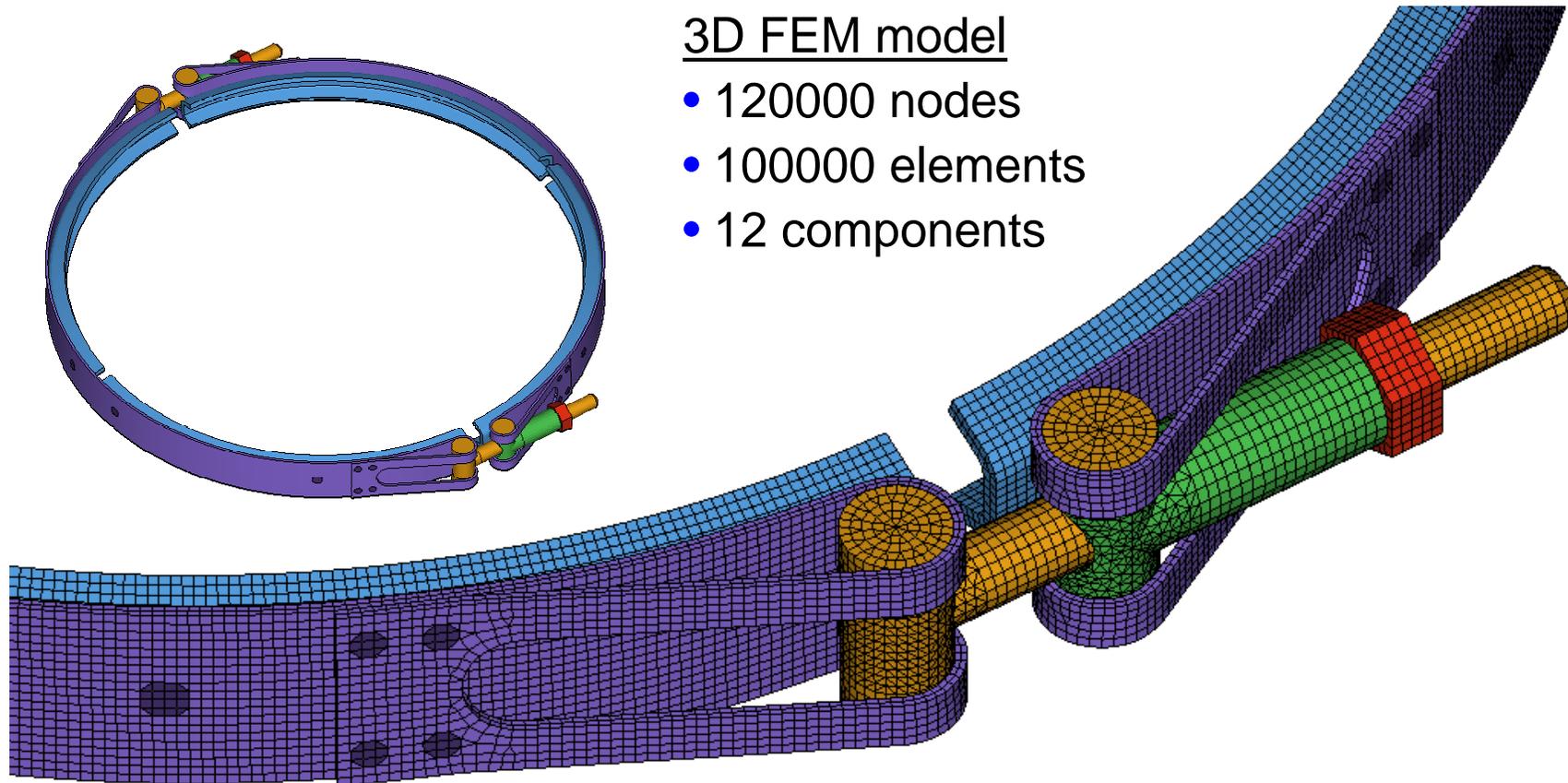
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- Test ring in trial and in simulation

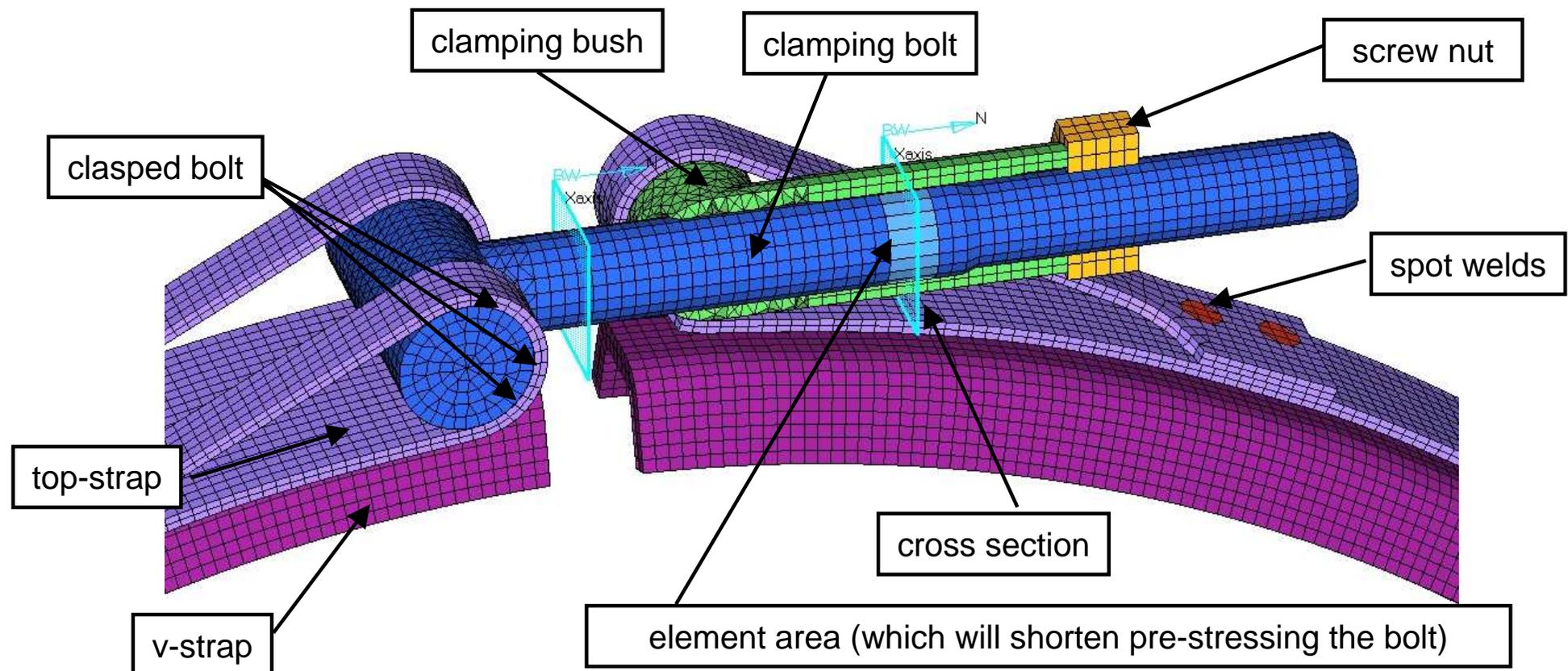


- CAE model technique
 - Typical CAE model of a clamping ring for crash simulation

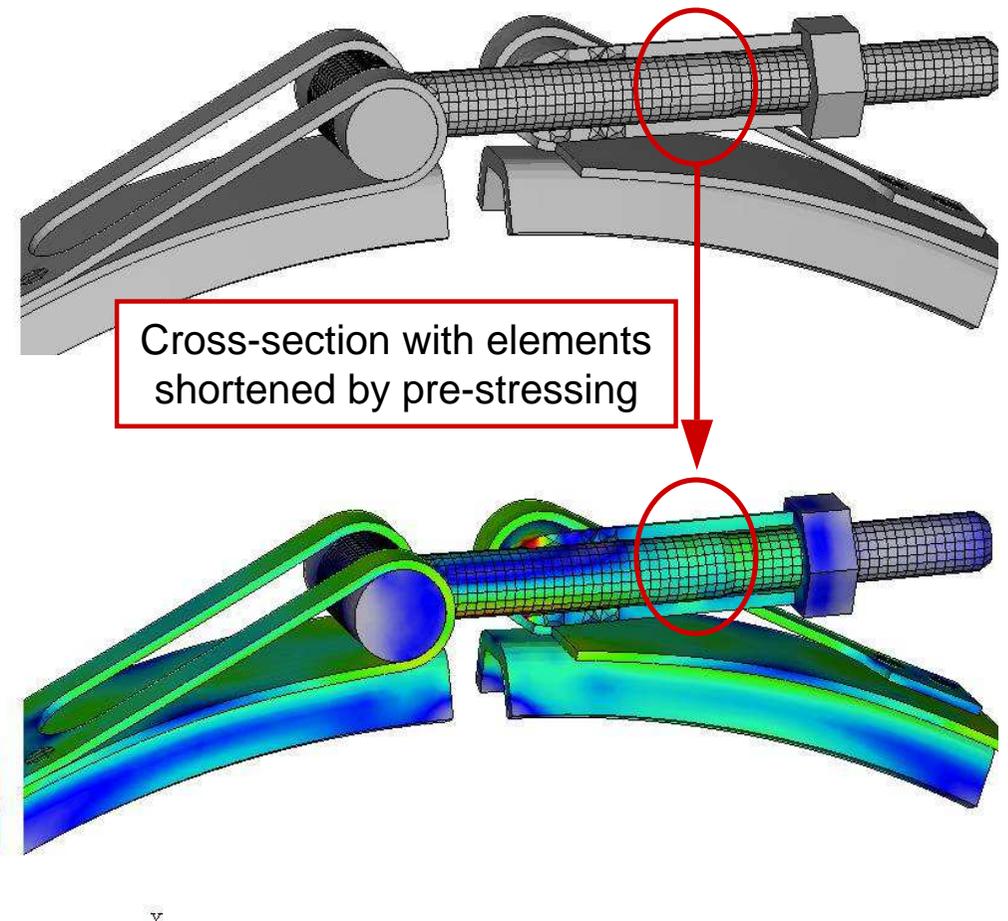
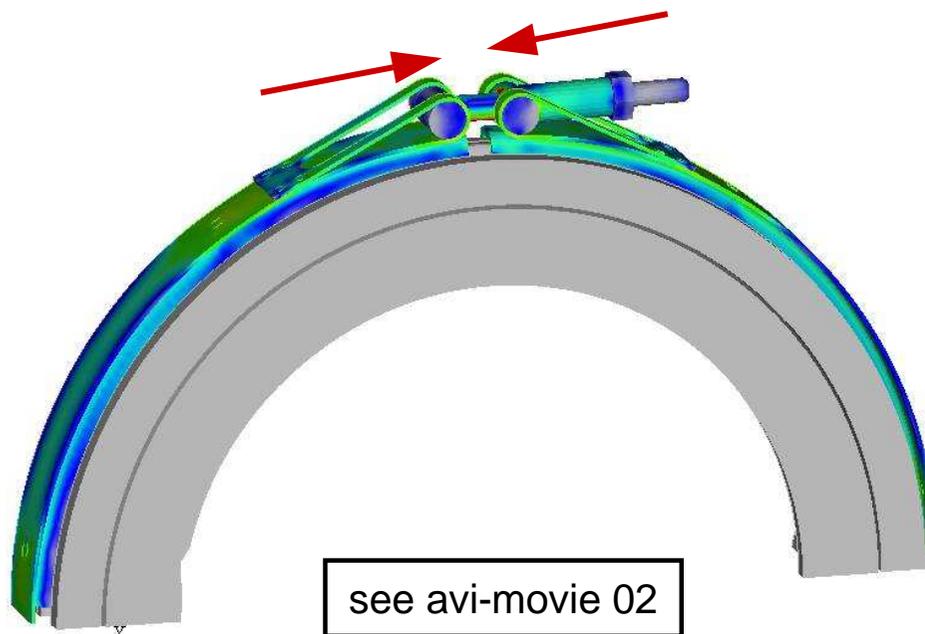


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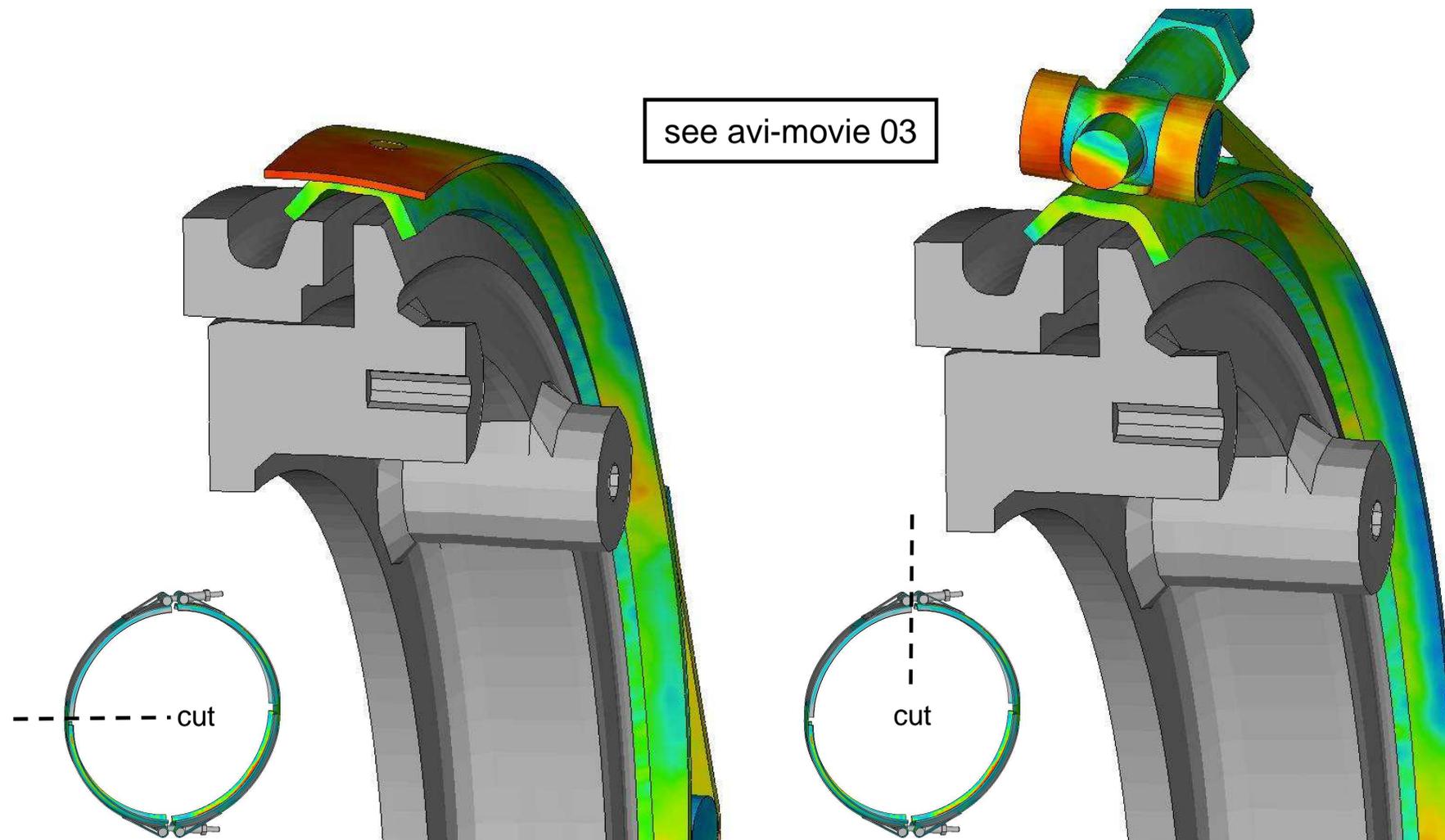
- CAE technique of the pre-stressed clamping ring
 - 3D model of the clamping ring using brick and tetra elements only



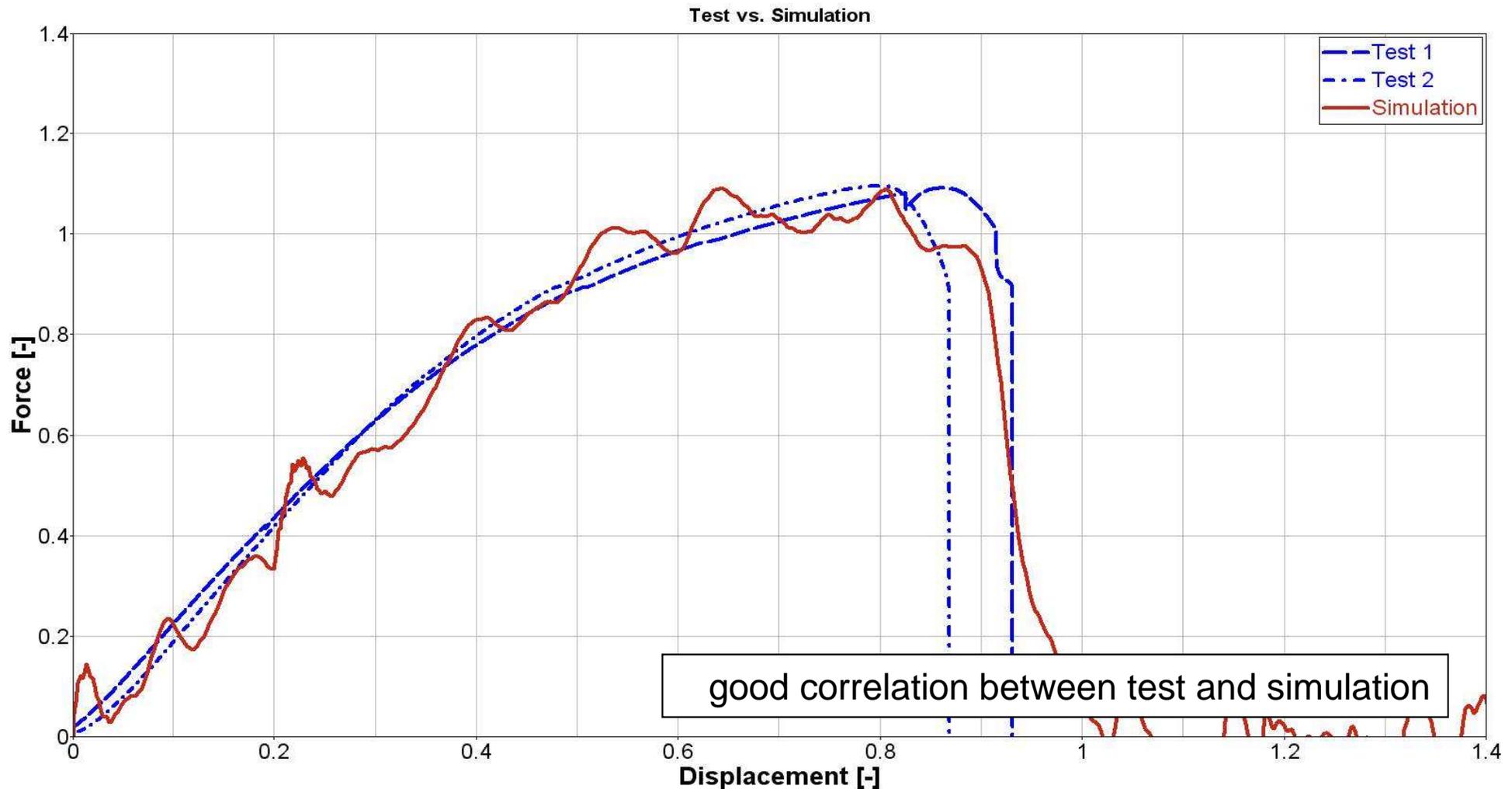
- CAE technique for pre-stressing the clamping ring
 - Pre-stressing of the bolts is realized by shortening the elements at the cross-section



- Quasi-static pull-out test in simulation



- Quasi-static pull-out test in simulation and trial



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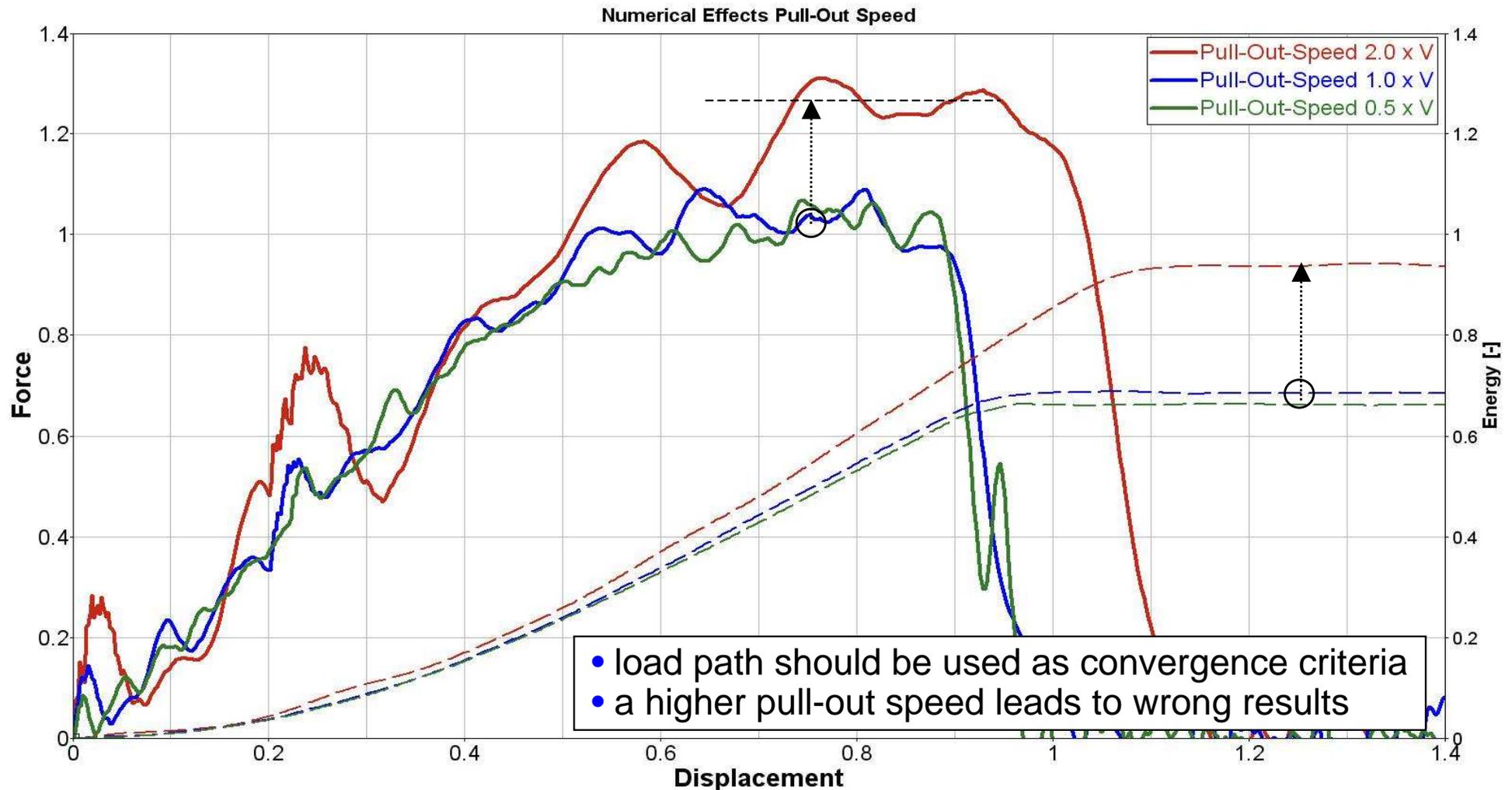
- Quasi-static pull-out test in simulation and trial
 - Good correlation between test and simulation



significant plastic deformation of v-shaped lower strap

split line for presentation

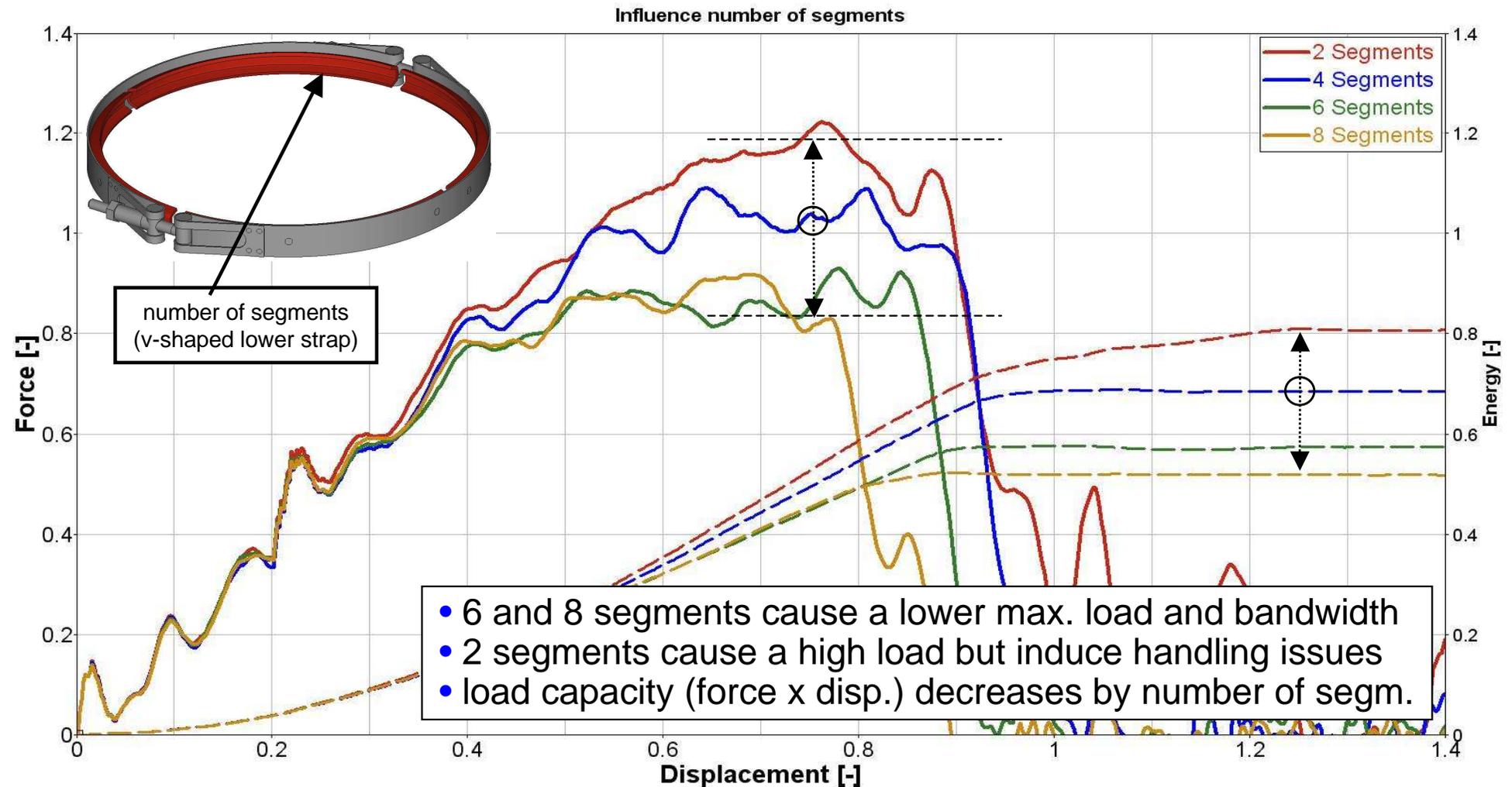
- Use of LS-DYNA Explicit for quasi-static analysis



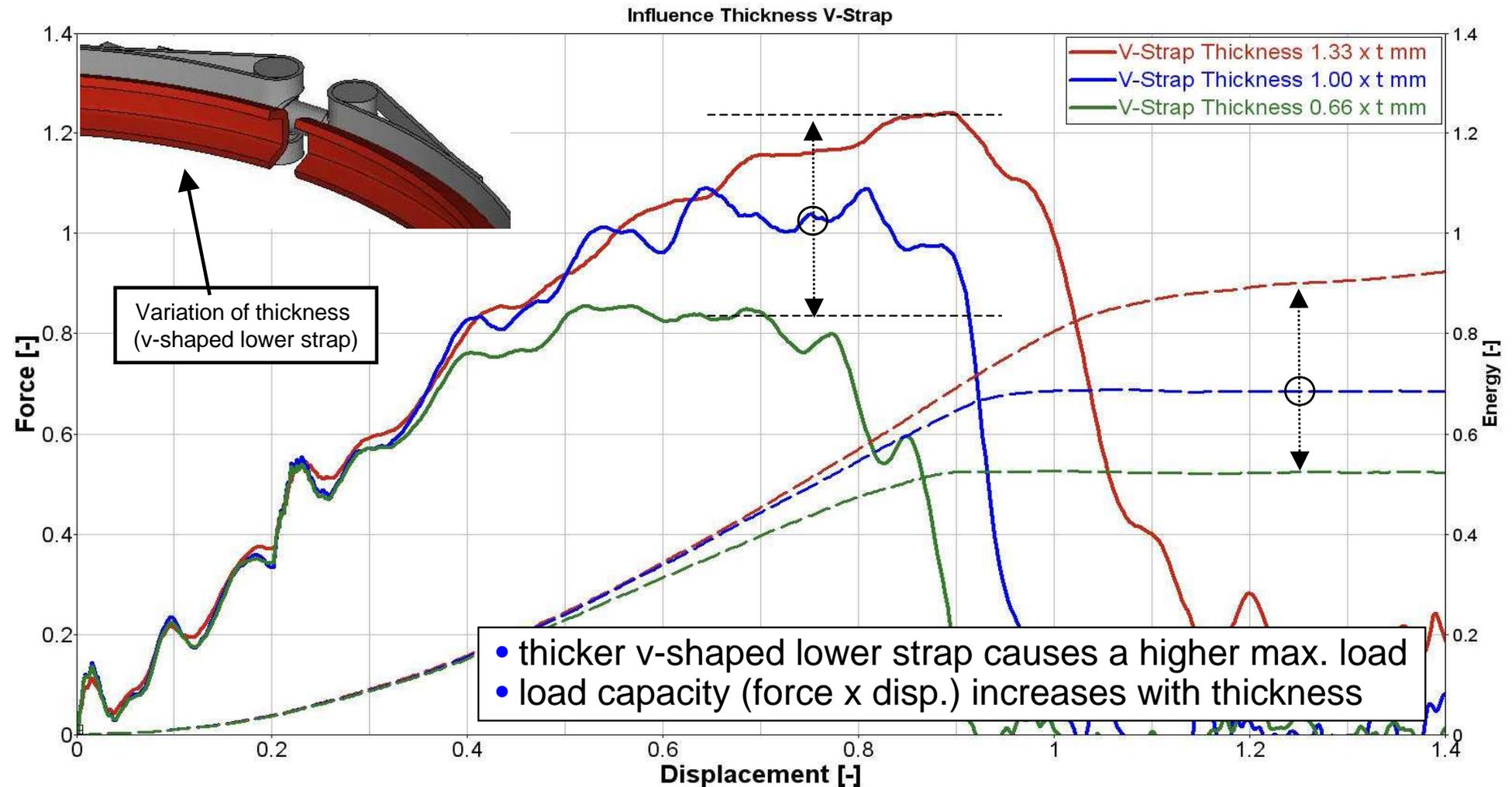
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 - The 2nd CAE task is a parameter analysis of the clamping ring for getting a better knowledge of the essential design parameters
 - This task is optionally, and shown here in order to demonstrate how design issues can be analysed very clearly by simulation
- Typical design parameters
 - The number of the segments of the v-shaped lower strap
 - The thickness of the lower v-strap or of the top strap
 - The number of the bolts
 - The material properties / data
 - etc ...

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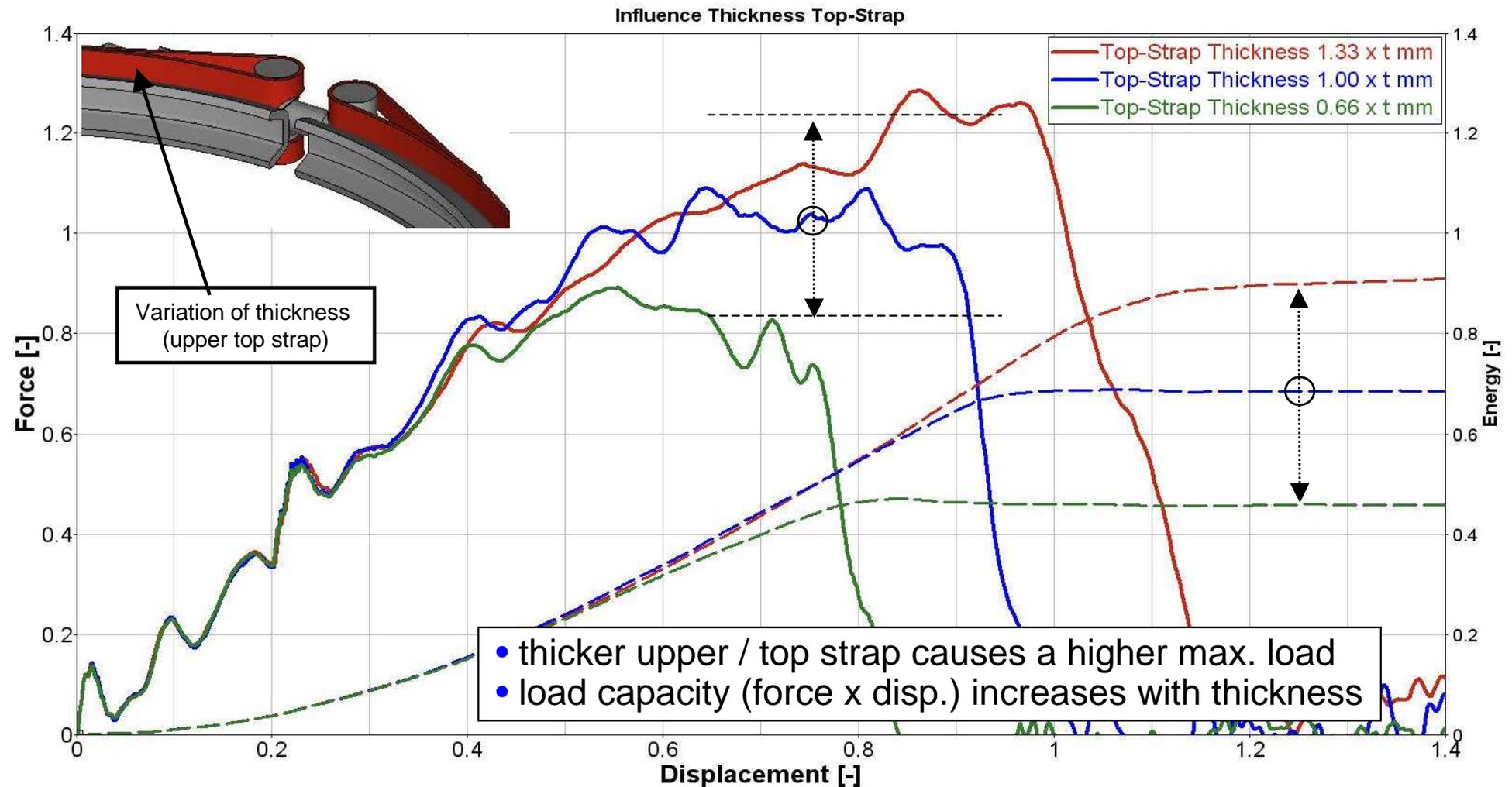
- Influence of the number of the segments of the lower strap



- Influence of the thickness of the v-shaped lower strap



- Influence of the thickness of the upper top strap

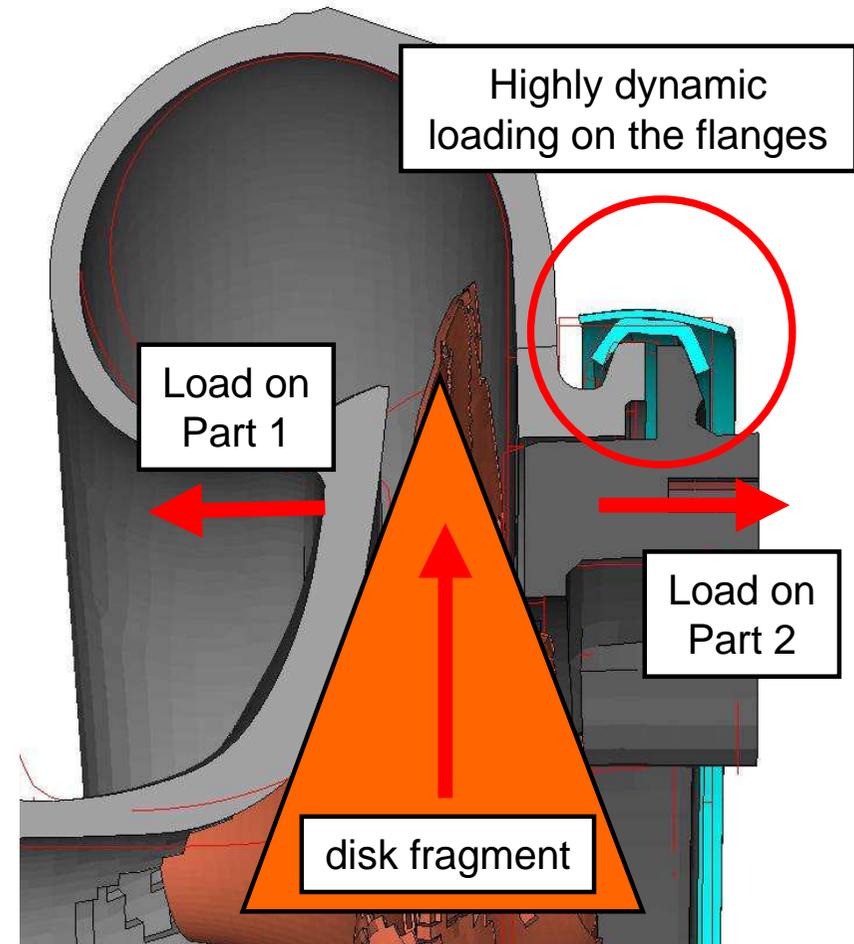


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 - The 3rd CAE task is the burst simulation of an impeller burst of a turbo charger with its highly dynamic loading of the clamping ring
 - Non-linear material behaviour, dynamic strain rate effects, high rate of plastification with failure, high geometric deformation and the complex contact situation have to be taken into account
 - Due to the validation done with the quasi-static pull-out test, the CAE model is reliable for crash simulation purposes too
- CAE technique
 - Using the presented CAE model for explicit analyses
 - Comparison of the forces in dynamic vs. static load case
 - Stiffness balance of the clamping ring and the structure

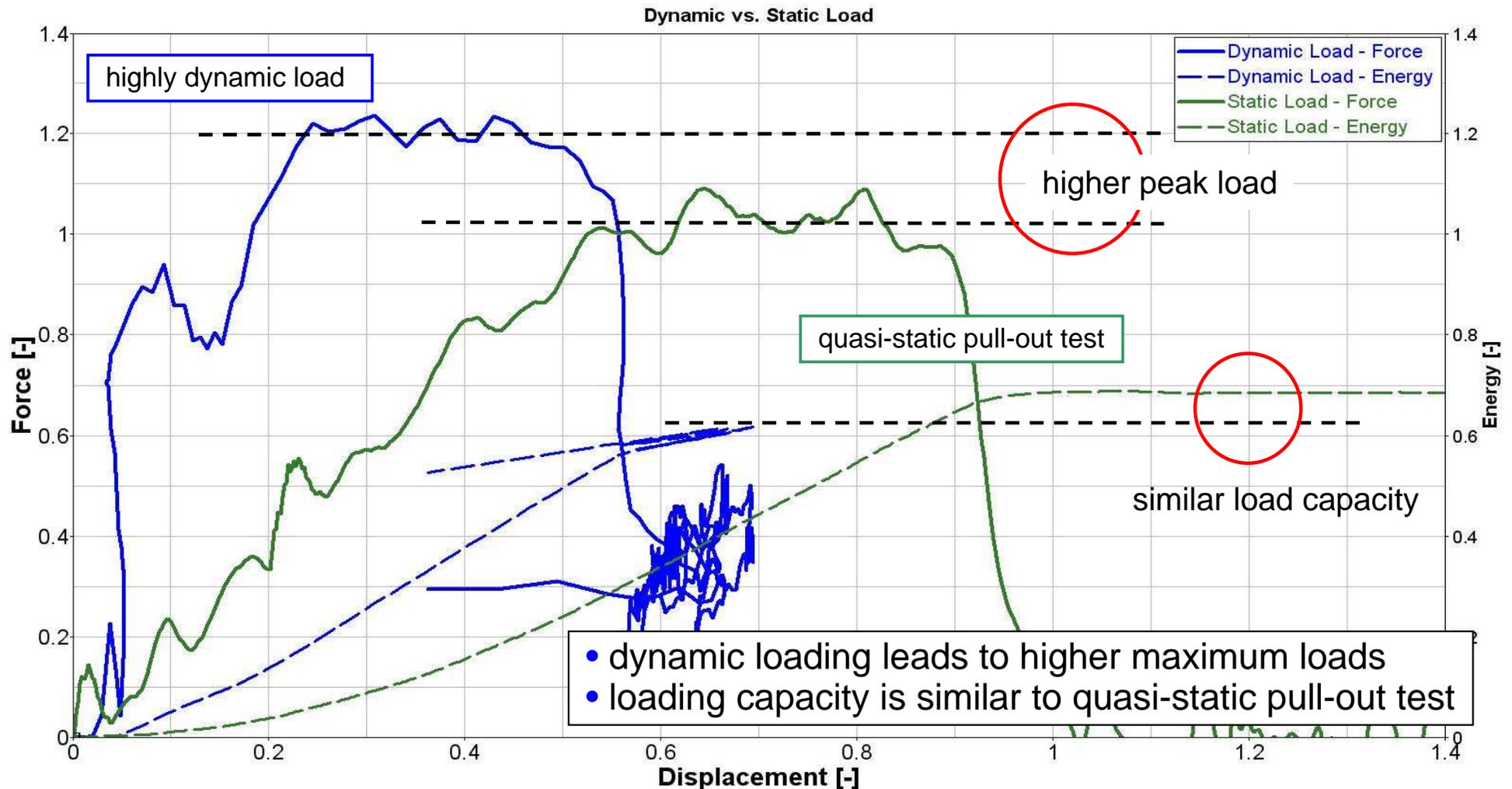
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- Containment load case due to the impeller burst
 - Failure of the impeller (compressor wheel) releases a high amount of energy and impact load
 - The disk fragments move radially entering the airflow channel towards the casing spiral
 - Acting like wedges, they introduce a high bending moment and a high axial load into the structure
 - In consequence, a highly dynamic loading is applied onto the flanges connecting the compressor and bearing casing

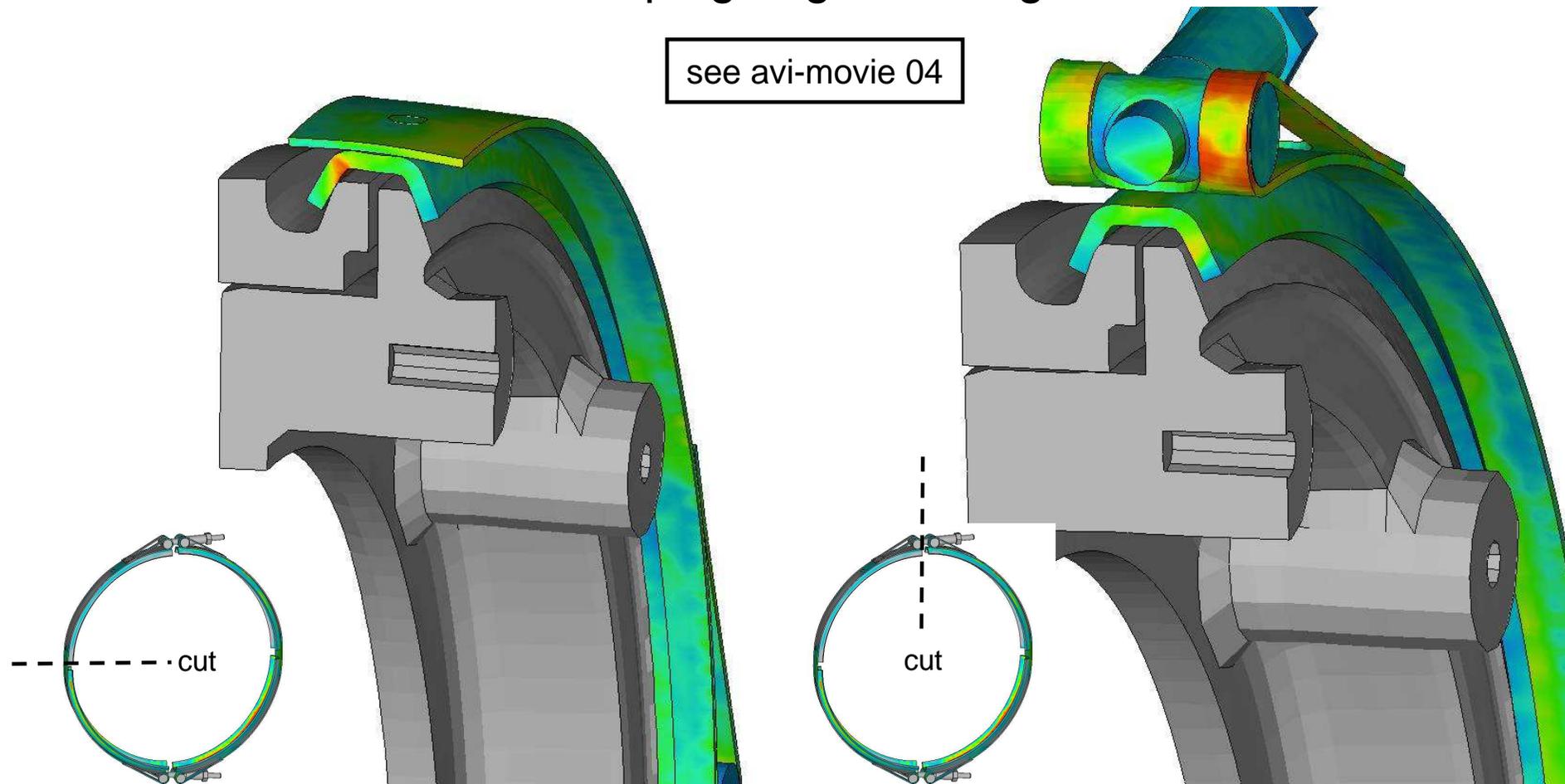


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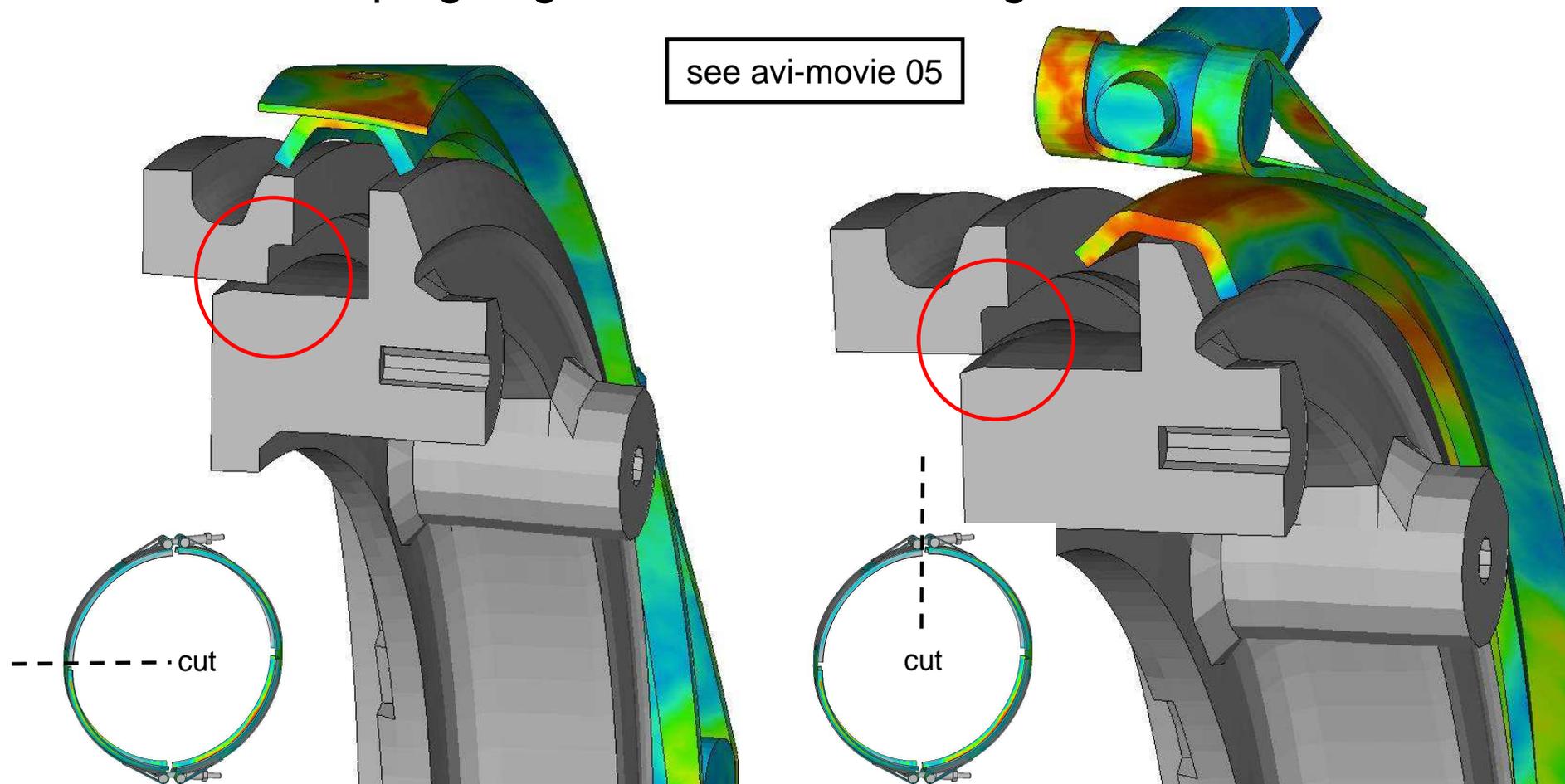
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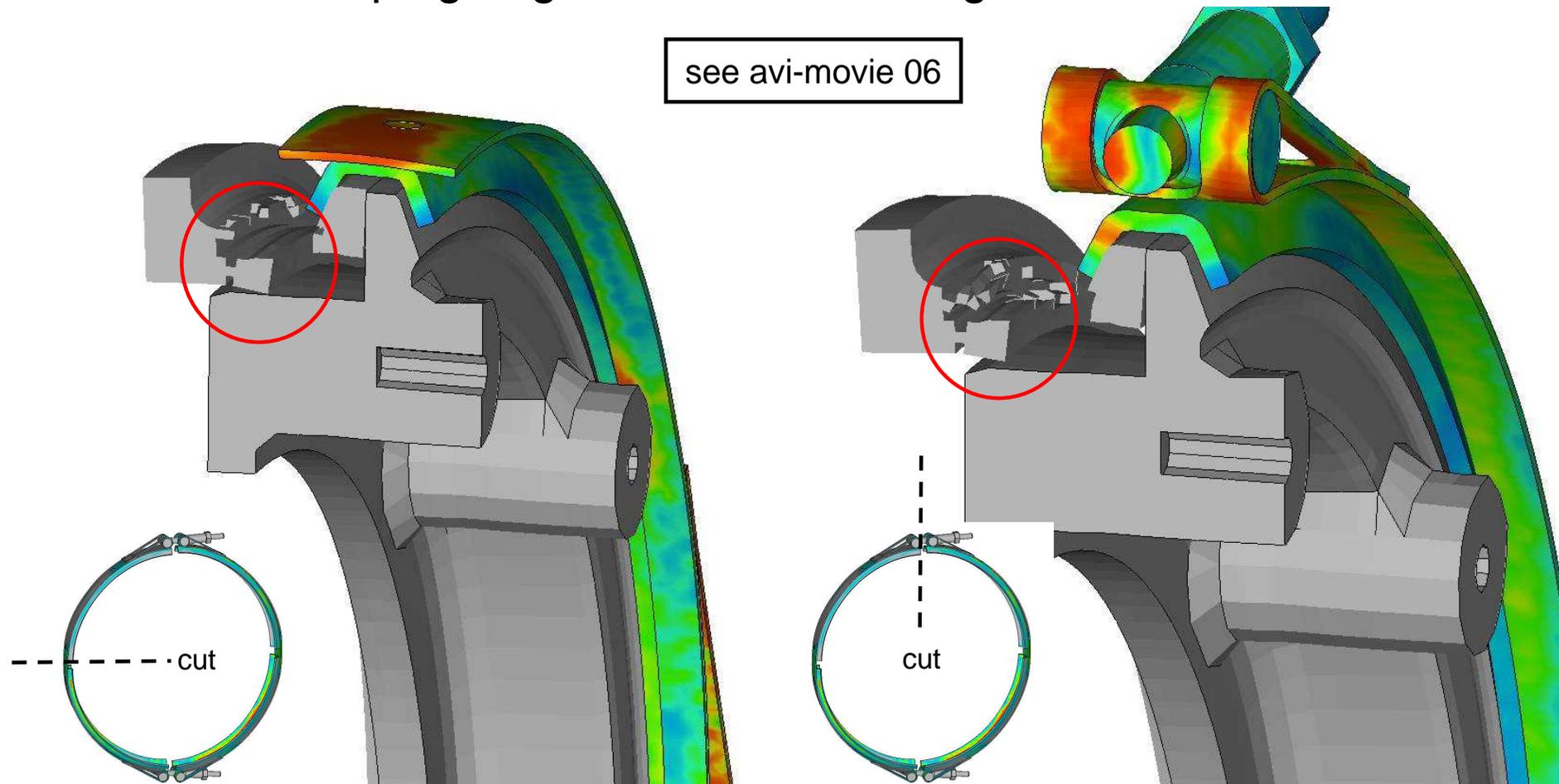
- Clamping ring under highly dynamic loading
 - Good balance of clamping ring and flange structure



- Example of a stiffness mismatch
 - The clamping ring is too weak, the flange connection is lost



- Example of a stiffness mismatch
 - The clamping ring is too stiff, the flange fails, the connection is lost



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- Clamping ring design
 - For the worst-case scenario of an impeller burst, standard rules and static analyses for clamping ring design are no longer sufficient
 - The highly dynamic loading and non-linear effects in deformation, material behaviour and contact have to be taken into account
- CAE Simulation / Process
 - LS-DYNA Explicit is a very efficient tool for designing and optimising a clamping ring under highly loading, as well as for quasi-static simulations like the pull-out test shown
 - A validation of a quasi-static pull-out test was carried out in order to improve the reliability of the simulation prediction
 - The potential of the CAE optimisation was shown by a parameter study for quasi-static and highly dynamic loading

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