

Master Complexity of Version Management in SDM by AI-Driven Assistance

Management of CAE Model Evolution
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Simulation Setup
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Result Data
Storage & Evaluation



Monitor
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Collaboration



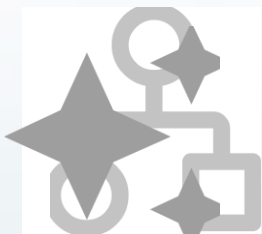
Flexible Priority & Postprocessor Integration



Standards Agnostic



Open APIing



Adaptation & Transparency

Introduction: Master Complexity of Version Management in SDM by AI-Driven Assistance

Challenge of Complexity

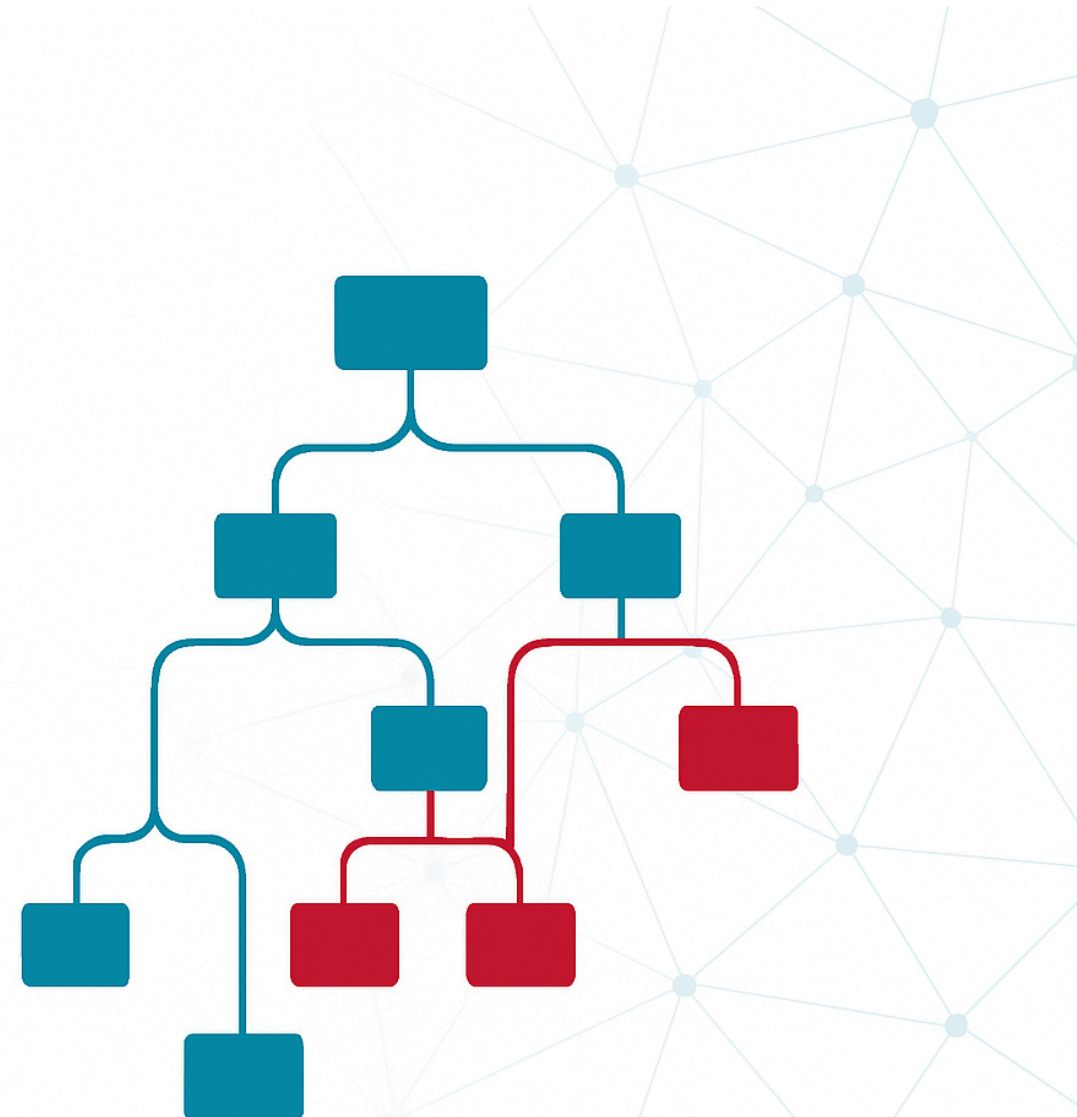
- **Countless CAE model iterations**
Simulation-based design generates numerous CAE model iterations, each with subtle yet critical differences.
- **Collaboration between numerous users**
Coordinating multiple simulation versions across distributed engineering teams

AI-Driven Assistance

- **Streamlining change documentation**
Leveraging AI streamlines change tracking and automates the documentation process
- **Redefining discoverability**
Transforms complex version data into actionable insights

Transforming SDM

- **Improved collaboration**
Integration of these technologies paves the way for more agile and efficient CAE model evolution



Overview of CAE Model Evolution in SDM

Virtual Product Development

an iterative process

1. Choose a base Version

- Think of changes to improve the behavior

2. Apply the changes

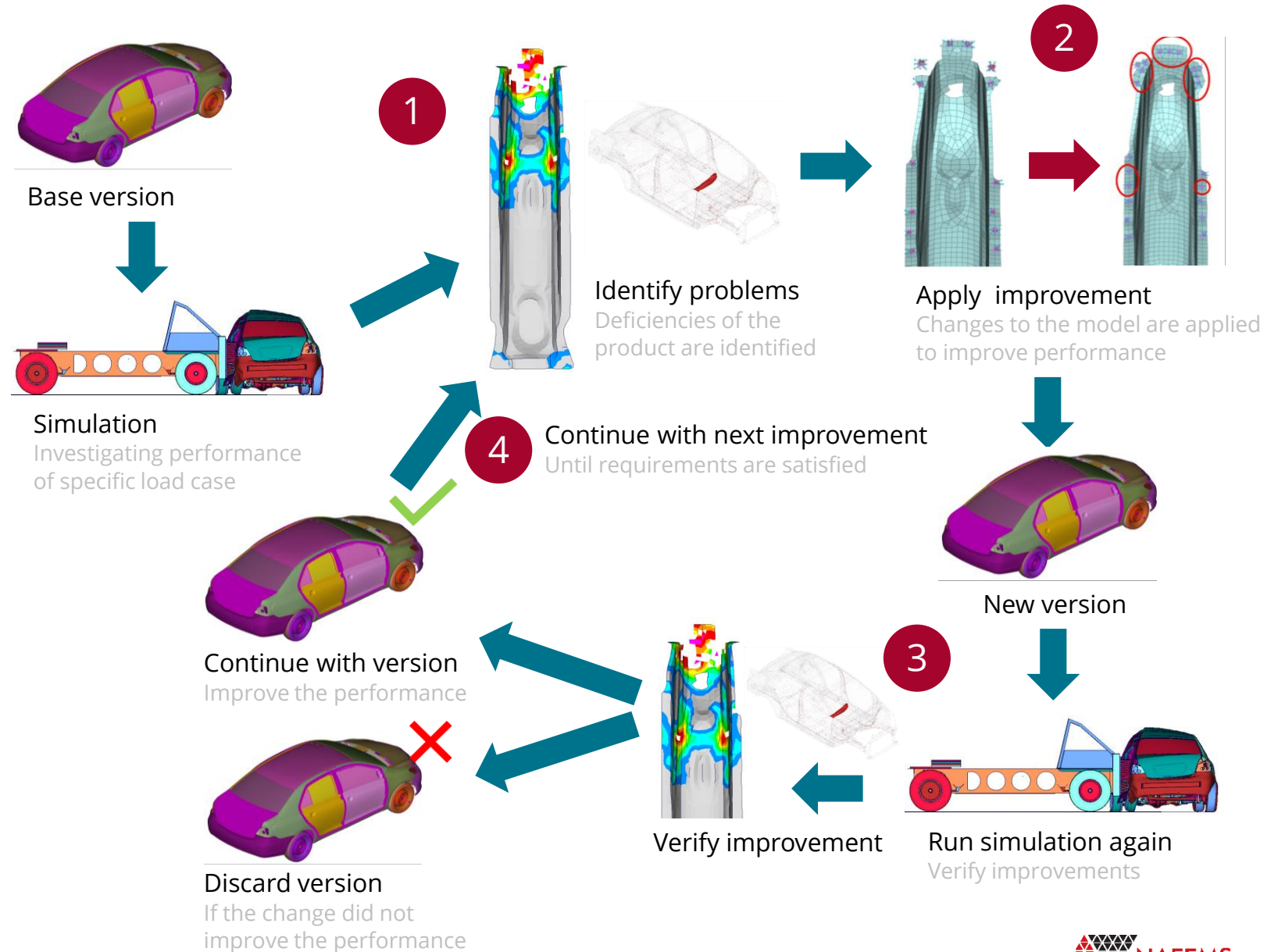
- Run the simulations

3. Evaluate the results

- Chose the best

4. Start over with 1.

Repeat until you are satisfied



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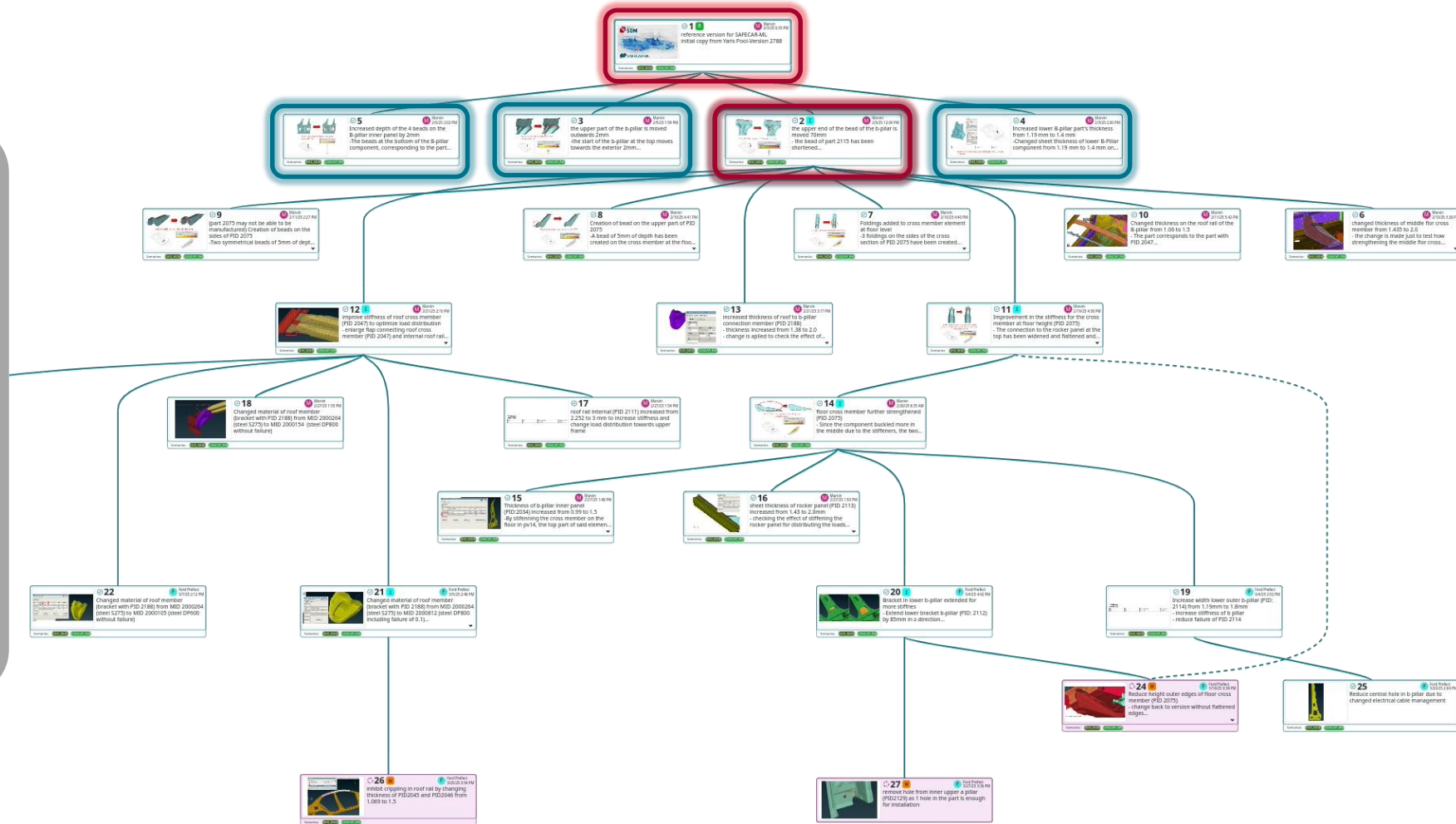
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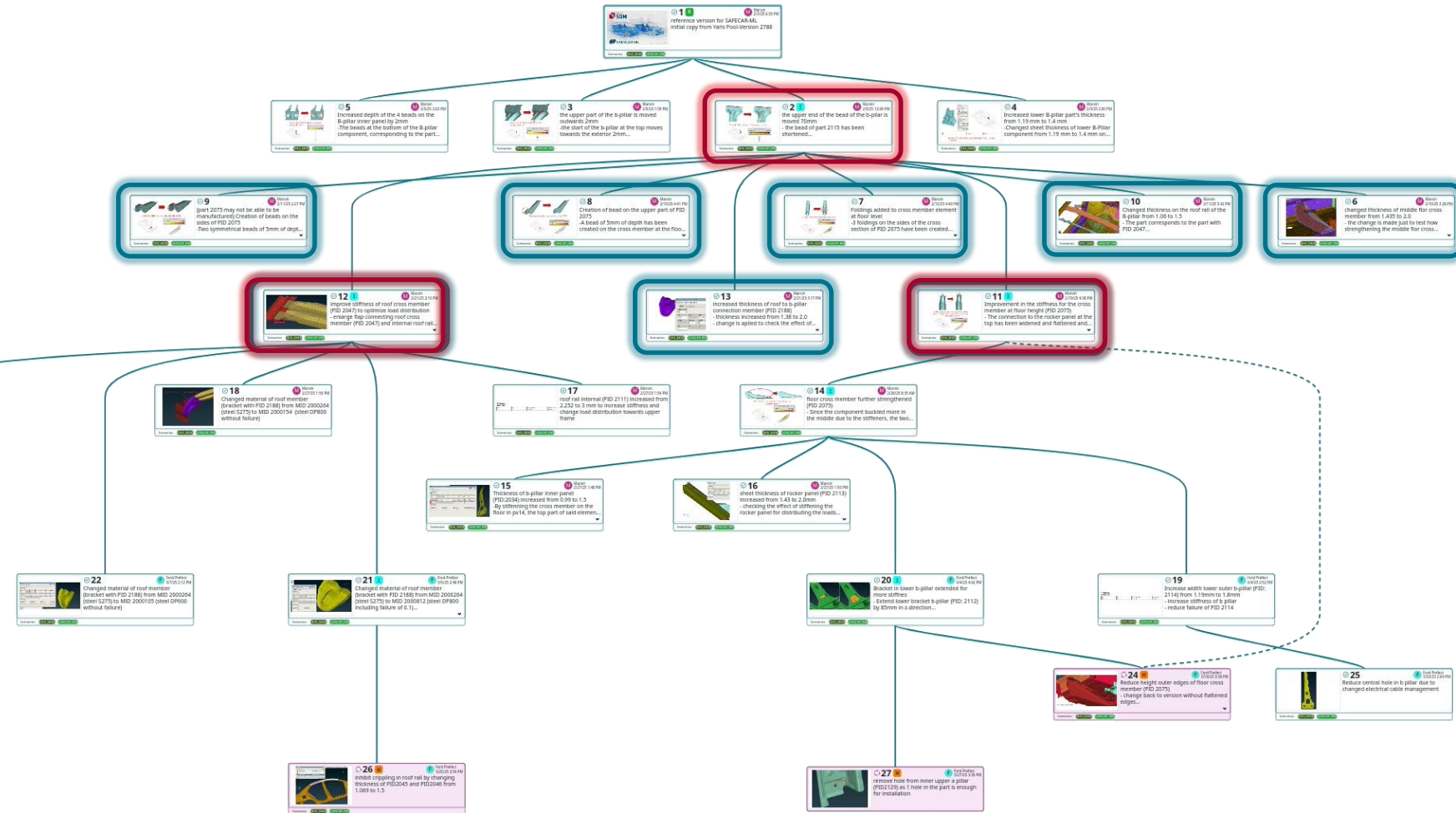
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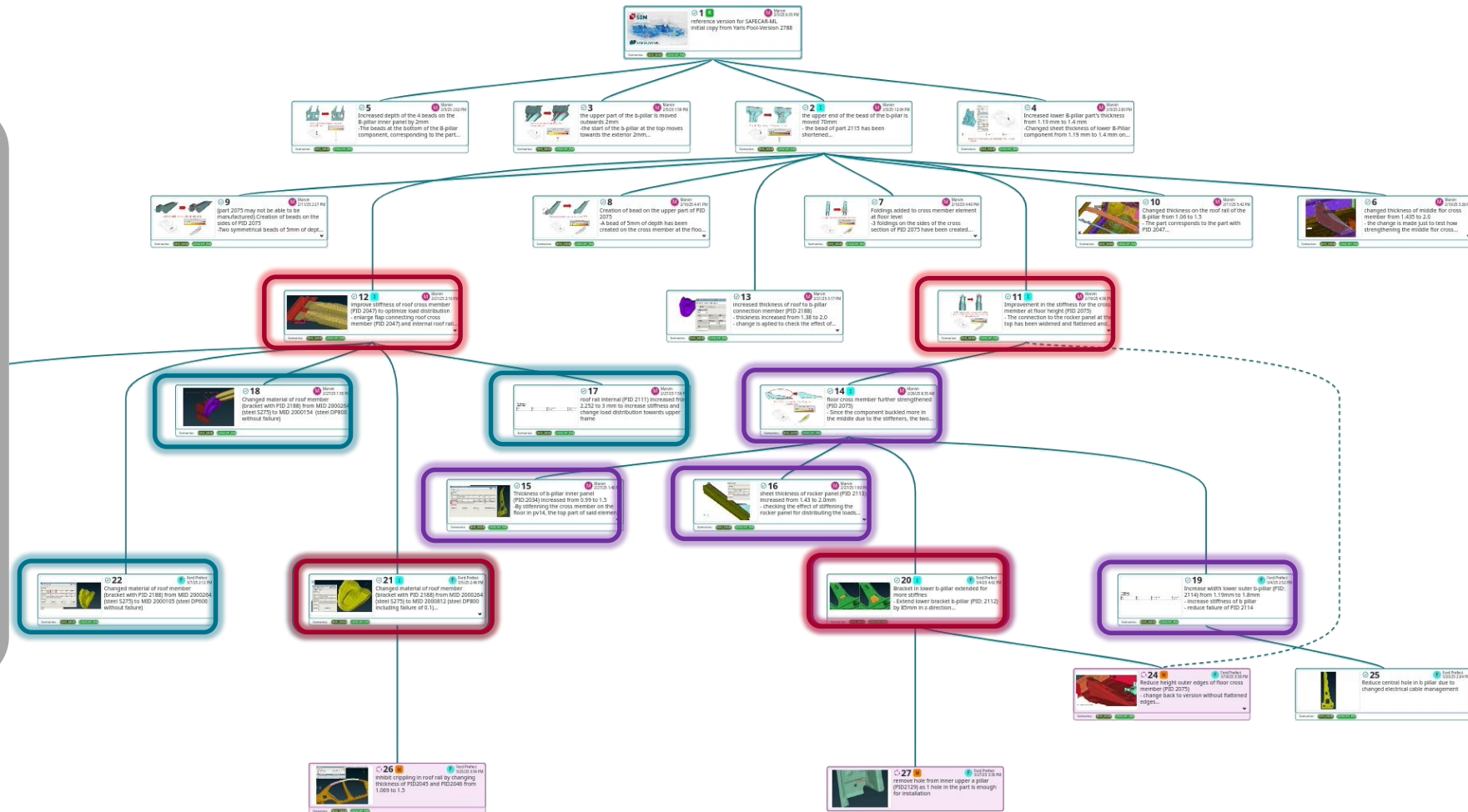
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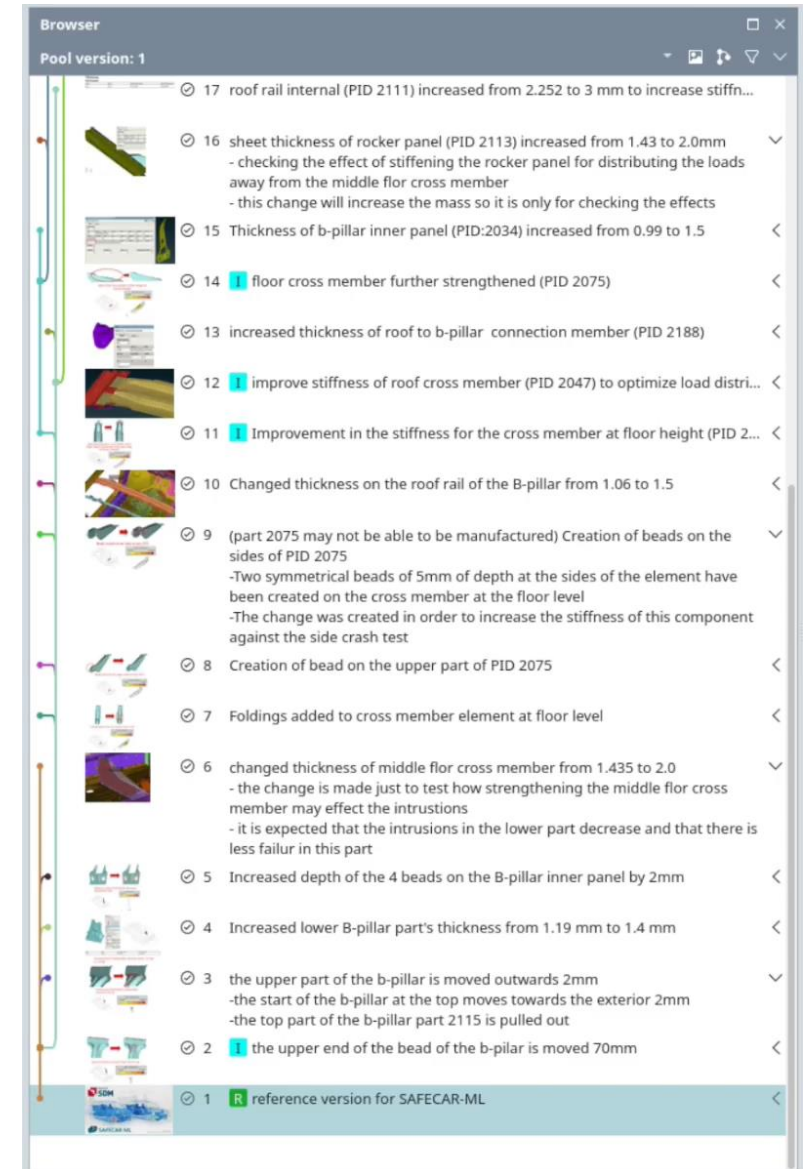
Robust Version Management

Why?

- Capture and document every state of the design process
Timestamps, authorship, change comments, documentation ...
- Enable discoverability
Timestamps, authorship, change comments, documentation ...
- Facilitating comparison and merge operation
Even in large iterative revision cycles
- Prevent errors and rework
By creating transparency and maintaining a reliable rollback mechanism

Versions for everything

- Each component
Solver includes, preprocessor files, materials, control cards, configurations, ...
- Parameters
Design parameters, solver and HPC parameters, ...
- Processes & scripts
Preprocessing, postprocessing, check scripts, HPC and job submission, ...
- The whole project
One version for the whole simulation input data



UI Elements for Version Control in SDM

Rail Graph

- Navigation
Always aware of version context
- Quick insights
Shows versions of selected data instantly

History Graph

- Big picture
Tailored for the navigation of many versions
- Detailed insights
For each selected version
- Summary of changes
Additional ...

Compare & Merge

- Understand differences
- Merge changes of different branches

Preview image review

Rail Graph version history of selected object

History graph

selected object

Details of version

Details of object

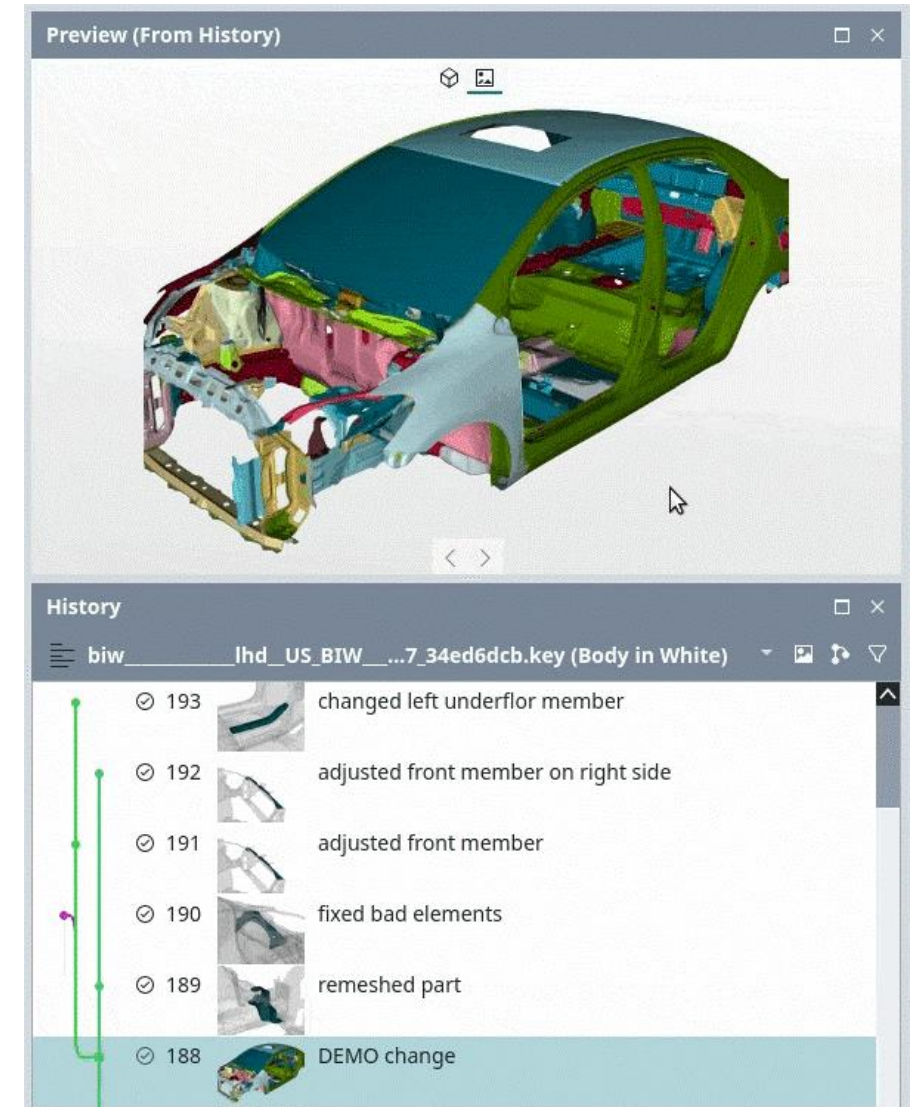
3D Previews for Rapid Visualization of Changes

3D Previews

- Provide immediate visual context
Instantly reveals model state for quick visual assessment
- Faster orientation in SDM
Speeds up navigation within the SDM environment
- Understand changes
- Interactive 3D navigation
Enables dynamic rotation, zoom, and geometry exploration

Features

- Auto-generated after each change
Previews are created with every modification of a solver file
- Interactive visualization compare of changes
Visually highlights modifications between versions for rapid understanding of changes
 - Changes made to the currently selected file
 - Differences between files
highlighting the changes made for each of the compared files
- Creation of static images
Generates snapshots for documentation and sharing

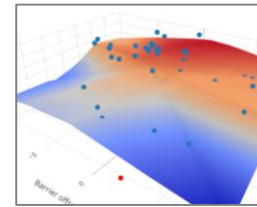




Learn from Simulation Results

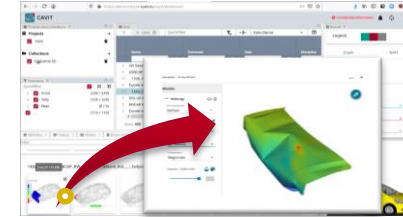
Predictions, classifications, detection of unwanted behavior, ...

- Data Analysis
- Event Detection
- Time series classification
- Data-driven Reduced Order Models (ROMs) ,
Physics-Informed Neural Networks (PINNs)



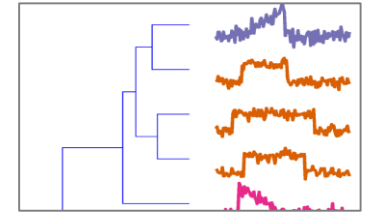
Data Analysis

Neural Network based
Regression Models



Event Detection

Automatic detection of
unseen behavior



Time Series Classification

Labeling / Error Detection

Discovering and Creating Simulation-related Content in the SDM System

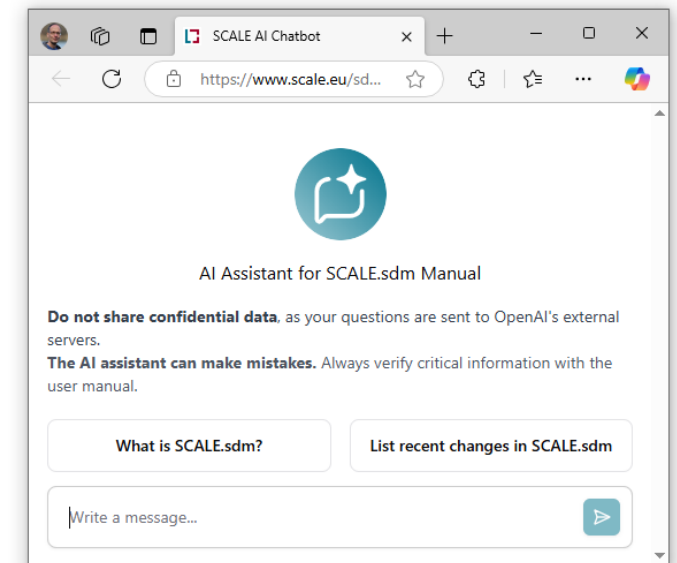
LLM-based generative AI for discovering SDM data and CAE documentation to aid new content creation

- Chat assistant for talking with the documentation
SDM and CAE user manuals, documents stored in the SDM system, ...
- **System for assisting the creation of change documentation**
- Integrations in CAE preprocessing tools
Text-based assistant for solver files in editors, tools integrated in CAE tools e.g. for meshing, ...
- Outlook: Search and summarization on the data stored in the SDM system

Outlook: Perform complex tasks in the SDM system

Agentic AI and tool use with LLMs (MCP server)

- LLM based automatization beyond classical approaches



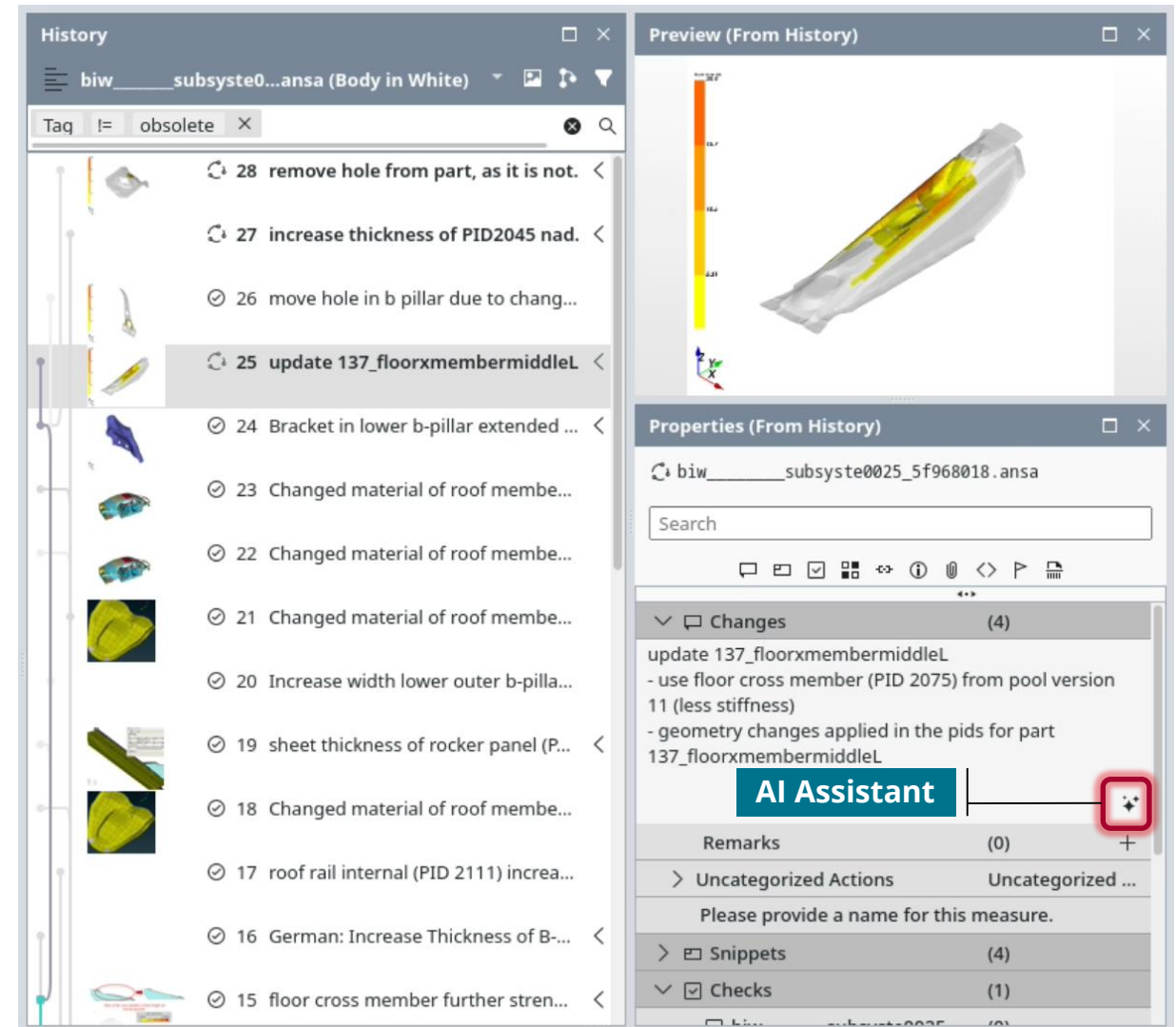
AI-Driven Assistance for Change Documentation

The Problem

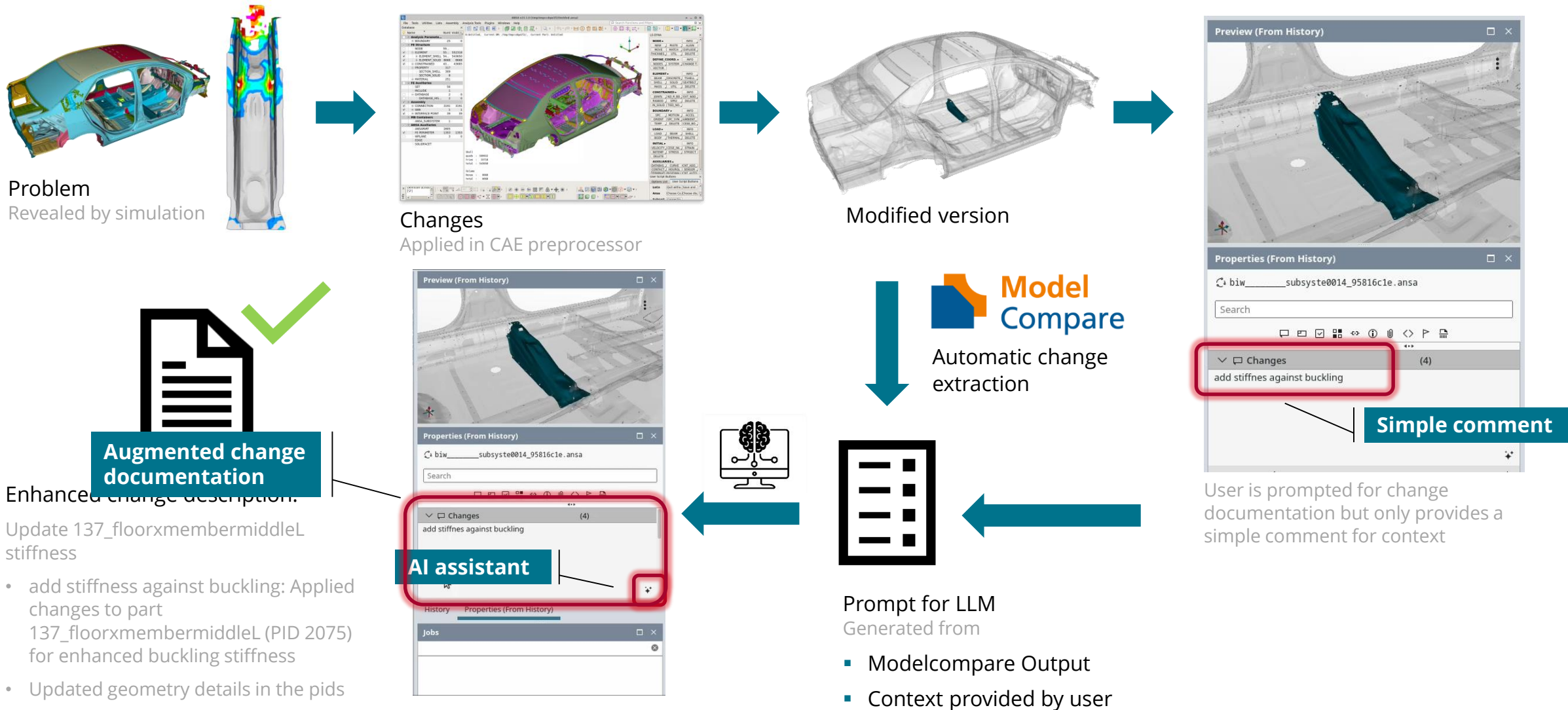
- Writing change documentation is boring
„Dokumentation ist wie eine Krawatte – sie ist optional, aber sie rundet das Gesamtbild ab.“
- **Consequence:** bad change documentation
Discoverability is sacrificed, loss of knowledge
- Good change documentation is key
Understanding model evolution, discovery, collaboration, ...

Goals

- Facilitate change documentation
Make it effortless, enhance the motivation for the engineer
- Augment change documentation
By using automatically extracted details
- AI that understands the nature of changes
Get change description even for geometry updates



Pipeline for AI Comment Generation

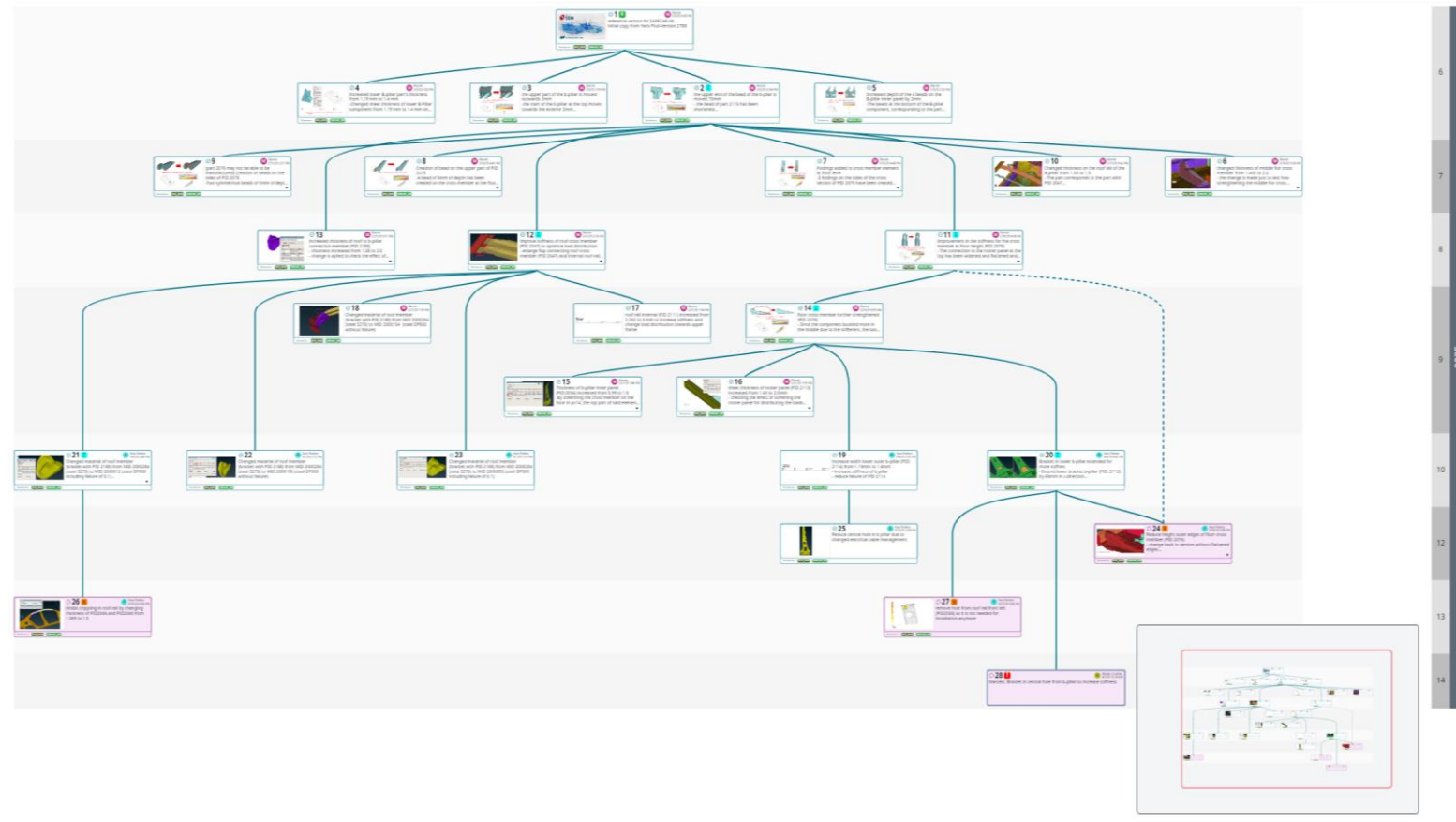


SAFECAR-ML

ML-based automatic classification and semantic description of measures for the CAE vehicle development

Goals

- Dataset for LLM fine tuning
Modal model that uses geometry and produces text
- 100+ well documented changes
 - Carefully written change comments
 - Additional documents e.g. images for each change
 - Simulation results with summary of observations
- Dataset will be made publicly available
For research and noncommercial use
- Development of LLM models for automatic creation of semantic descriptions of changes



Outlook & Conclusion

- Create automatic summaries for results
 - Retrieve data from key results
 - Create prompt to the LLM to make a
 - Use existing observations for style and context
- Research thinking models for making recommendations on further changes
 - Integrate all change comments and observations in RAG system
- Automatization
 - Create MCP server for connecting LLMs
 - Enable LLM tool use for search, retrieval and automatization beyond classical approaches

Conclusion:

- LLM based AI will provide new tools to facilitate the usage of SDM-System and leverage an increased utilization of the knowledge stored in the SDM-System

The screenshot displays the SCALE.sdm web application interface. The main dashboard features a table of structural ratings for various components, including Head, Thorax, Abdomen, and Pelvis. The table lists 26 items, with the selected item being 0011_YARIS_IHS_MDB. The table columns are Name, Head [m], Thorax [m], Abdo... [m], and Pelvis [m]. The selected item has values: Head [m] 0.27, Thorax [m] 0.34, Abdo... [m] 0.36, and Pelvis [m] 0.36.

Below the table, there is a section for 'Attributes', 'Photos', 'Videos', 'Documents', and 'Channels'. The 'Photos' section shows a grid of images, including a 3D model of a car's interior and a 3D model of a car's exterior.

On the right side, there is a 'Report' panel. It includes a 'Legend' section with a color-coded key for '0011_YARIS_IHS_MDB' and a 'Description' section. The 'Description' section contains a 'History Comment' and an 'Observation' section. The 'Observation' section is highlighted with a red box and contains the following text:

Observation

- Slight increase of the intrusion values at head, thorax and abdomen height.
- Increase of the intrusion value at pelvis height
- Similar amount of failure and plastic strain on the components of the B-pillar
- Slight worsening of the failure and plastic strain on the cross member on the roof

Below the 'Description' section, there is a 'Summary for observations of results' section, which is highlighted with a blue box. This section contains a 3D model of a car's interior and a 3D model of a car's exterior.

SO LONG, AND THANKS

FOR ALL THE FISH



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