Simpleware Software Solutions for Materials & Manufacturing
From 3D Images to Models
Applications in Materials & Manufacturing

Complex Material Modeling

Multi-Phase Material Meshes
- Optimized segmentation for multi-phase, granular and porous materials
- Automatic material/grain/pore distribution analysis and multi-phase material meshing
- FE-based linear homogenization for mechanical, flow and thermal properties

Non-Destructive Evaluation

Visualize and Quantify Defects
- Use automated and semi-automated segmentation tools to model manufacturing defects
- Compare image and CAD data and inspect defects using automated wall thickness or deviation tools
- Characterize features/defects/pores using Simpleware’s extensive statistical framework and reports

Digital Rock Physics

Characterizing Porous Media
- Automated and semi-automated segmentation to characterize pore space
- Use patented meshing technology to accurately represent flow path geometry
- Calculate absolute permeability from image data using fully integrated Stokes Solver in Simpleware FLOW

Reverse Engineering

High Value Part Models from Images
- Build a digital twin using multiple sets of image data to capture important features
- Qualify internal geometries with shape fitting and centerline statistic tools
- Export multi-part simulation-ready meshes (for FE or CFD) to determine part viability or life span without CAD idealization
The Simpleware Solution

Synopsys Simpleware™ software provides an industry-leading, comprehensive 3D image processing platform for handling 3D scan data. Accurately process images with a wide range of tools for visualizing data, obtaining image statistics and carrying out segmentation, right through to generating 3D printing and simulation-ready models.

Improve Materials & Manufacturing Workflows

Simpleware software is accessible to both beginners and more advanced users. The intuitive interface provides quick-and-easy access to a range of powerful tools. Customization options, such as the ‘My tools’ tab and scripting, allow automation of workflows, making it easy to handle data from multiple samples and save time when working with complex datasets.
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3D Image Processing in Simpleware ScanIP

FE/CFD Volume Meshing

Measurements & Statistics

Interactive Tools
- Quick measurements/statistics
- Measure volumes, surface areas, orientations, distributions
- Wall thickness assessment
- Shape fitting and analysis
- Deviation analysis
- Fibre, pore and particle analysis

Image Statistics Framework
- Generate templates, test reports...
- Quantify phases, grains, fractures, pores, particles...
- Centerline fitting, editing and analysis within dedicated tools
- Assess statistics globally or in local regions of interest
- Export raw or processed statistical data in a range of formats

Surface Models

Surface Mesh Generation
- High quality meshes (no post-processing/fixing)
- Volume and topology preserving smoothing
- Feature-based decimation
- Advanced options to control mesh properties
- Conforming multi-part surfaces
- Range of surface mesh exports
- Mesh quality histogram for mesh inspection

3D Printing Toolkit
- Prepare models using dedicated tools including: cut, hollow, emboss text, connectors
- Analysis and inspection tools to check the model before export
- Multiple export formats designed for 3D printing

Simpleware FE
- Conforming multi-part volume meshes
- Feature-based and user-defined mesh refinement
- Per-part meshing controls
- Define contacts, node sets and shells
- Boundary layer meshing for CFD
- Automated positioning of CFD clipping planes
- Dedicated exports for major solvers
- Optimize element qualities against multiple metrics
- Import and remesh existing volumetric meshes

Fast Quantitative Analysis
With quick, push-button statistics and measurement options, Simpleware software offers an easy way to carry out quantitative analysis on different types of data. The extended statistical framework provides you with a broad range of pre-defined templates, as well as the flexibility and ability to input custom functions and create custom templates.

Customize Your Workflow with Scripting
All functionality within Simpleware products is accessible from a fully documented API, with bindings available for Python and C#. Use this API to automate repeatable workflows, build wizards and integrate custom plugins. By using our macro recording functionality, you can generate code without needing any prior experience.
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Working with Computer-Aided Design (CAD)

Simpleware CAD
- Fast and easy-to-use tools to combine CAD and image data
- Import CAD files, work with them independently or integrate them into models
- Automatic fixing of erroneous CAD data on import
- Automatic registration with snap tool for alike surfaces
- Landmark registration tools for positioning CAD in image data
- Preserve CAD feature edges when combined with image data
- Surface deviation analysis for CAD and image data comparisons
- Sweep pipes/tubes along centerlines

Simpleware NURBS*
- Create NURBS models for use in CAD packages
- Automated NURBS patch fitting
- Choice of algorithms
- Highly accurate conversion
- Inspection tool to check models
- Models suitable for further design work/simulation
- Export as STEP or IGES

Simpleware Design Link*
- Synchronize models with SOLIDWORKS®
- Import and position parts or assemblies
- Automatically update design changes made in SOLIDWORKS®

Physics Simulation

Simpleware SOLID, FLOW and LAPLACE
- Ideally suited for material and microstructure modeling
- Calculate effective stiffness tensor/elastic moduli, absolute permeability, effective electrical conductivity and permittivity
- Calculate thermal conductivity and molecular diffusivity
- Full simulations with built-in FE solver
- Analyze in 3D, 2D or 1D
- Model multi-phase materials
- Quick semi-analytical estimates
- Visualize deformations, stress, strain, velocities and pressures
- Assess isotropy/orthotropy of data
- Export material property tensors

Combine Image and CAD Data
Unique capabilities allow you to integrate CAD models within 3D image data to obtain comparisons of scans of as-built parts with original CAD designs. Avoid the challenge associated with combining multiple sources of data in different formats by working directly in Simpleware software, with additional options for synchronizing models with SOLIDWORKS®.

From Image to Mesh
Simpleware software offers a direct route from image data to simulation. Generated meshes are ready to use in the FE/CFD solver of your choice, with extensive options for tailoring your models to different simulation requirements. Rely on software that generates simulation-ready models, with no need for post-processing or fixing. Export directly to all major solver formats.

*Not available in the Linux operating system
Custom Model Generation and Services

Our service team can generate models for any application. We will work with you to develop a model, or series of models, that are tailored to your specific needs. This can be based on your own scan data or we can work from our library of high resolution image datasets.

Expert Support for Your Requirements

All licenses come with full support from our team of experts. Our engineers can help you develop unique workflows, ensuring your use of the software is as efficient as possible, and your final output matches your requirements. Our support is offered via email, phone or web meetings, or we can even visit you on-site. Contact us at if you have any questions.

Training at All Levels

Receive step-by-step training on all areas of Simpleware software. We offer classroom training courses at local Synopsys offices or at your site, as well as customized one-to-one sessions at your place of work, or through web meetings. Our interactive courses include a combination of lectures, demos and hands-on tutorials.

Try Simpleware Software

Try the software for yourself with a free evaluation version, available on our website. The trial is fully functional and gives you access to the complete Simpleware software suite, full range of tutorials and technical support.

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