



# Choosing Contact Types in Ansys Mechanical

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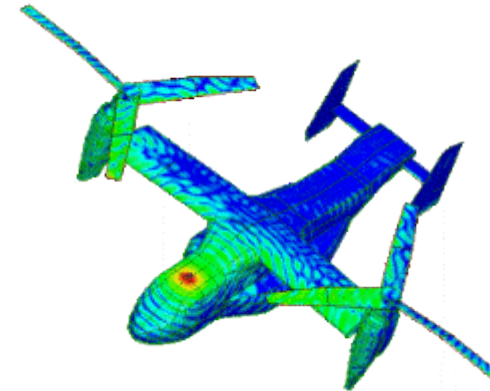
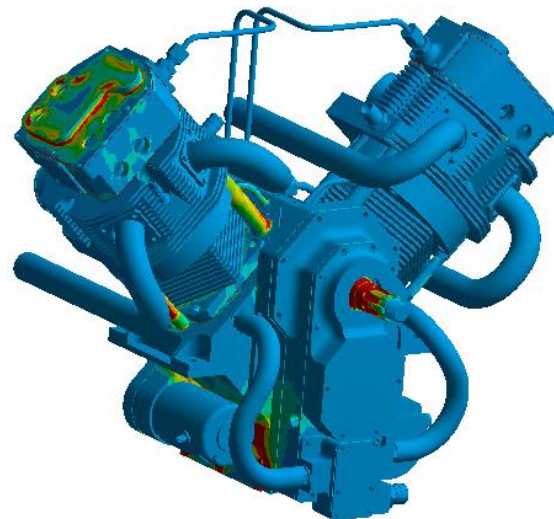
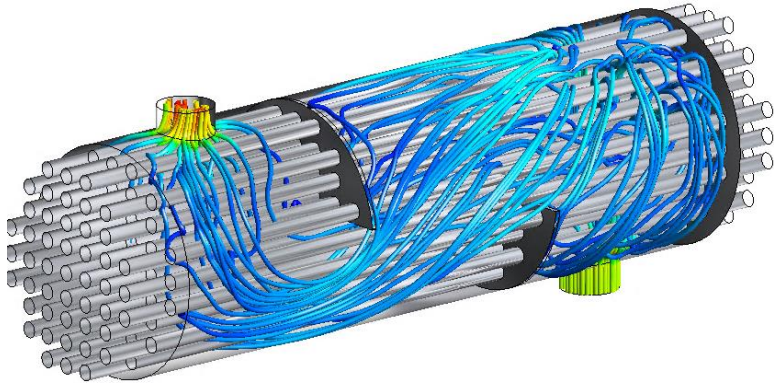
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# Agenda

Introduction to DRD  
Linear vs. Nonlinear Contact  
Summary of Contact Types  
Q&A

# Mission Statement

DRD Technology helps engineering teams accelerate product development. With in-house expertise spanning the entire range of physics, we ensure customers succeed when using Ansys simulation tools for virtual prototyping and design verification.

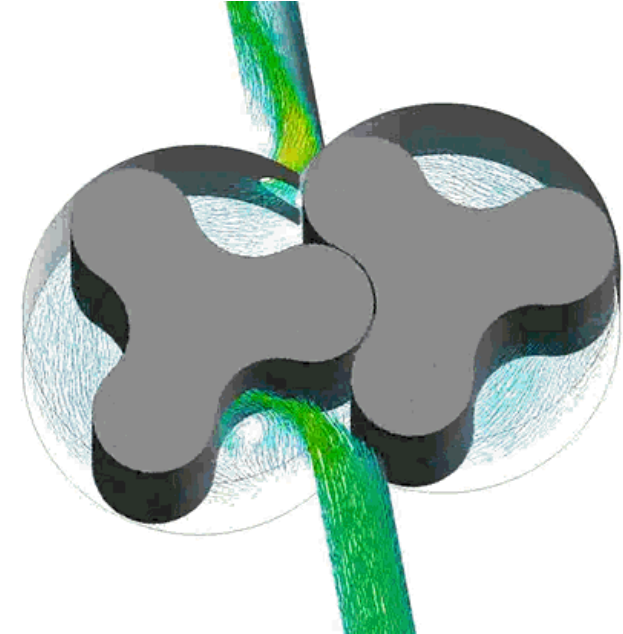


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# DRD History

Since 1980, DRD Technology has been focused on engineering simulation.

In 1984, DRD became an Ansys Channel Partner.



Lobe pump

*I've been working with DRD for 29 years. Working with your team has been one of the more enjoyable parts of my career. You have always been ready to help in any way.*

- Rick Kunc  
Sr. Research & Development Engineer



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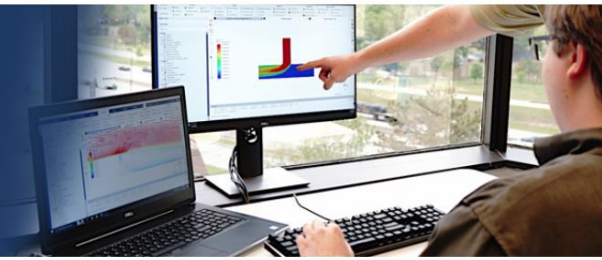
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## Support & Resources





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**[www.drd.com](http://www.drd.com)**



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*For more than five years, I have worked closely with DRD Technology to execute tactical and strategic initiatives here at EaglePicher due to our unprecedented growth. We've been very happy with DRD and will continue to work with them as our business partner for using Ansys tools effectively and efficiently.*

- *Doug Austin*  
*Director of Research and Development*

# Ansys Software Training

## Courses from DRD

### Structures

- Introduction to Ansys Mechanical (2 days)
- Ansys Composite Cure Simulation (1 day)
- Ansys Mechanical Nonlinear Structural Simulation (2 days)
- Ansys Mechanical Structural Dynamics (2 days)
- Ansys Mechanical Fracture Mechanics (1 day)
- Ansys Mechanical Thermal Simulation (1 day)
- Ansys Composite PrepPost (1 day)
- Ansys Topology Optimization and Metal Additive Manufacturing (1 day)
- Ansys Workbench LS-DYNA (2 days)
- Advanced Meshing for Ansys Mechanical (1 day)
- Introduction to SpaceClaim for Ansys Mechanical (1 day)
- Ansys Mechanical Fatigue Life Prediction (1/2 day)
- Ansys nCode Design Life (2 days)

### System Modeling

- Introduction to Ansys Twin Builder for Mechanical Systems (1 day)

### Fluids

- Introduction to Ansys CFX (2 days)
- Introduction to Ansys Fluent (2 days)
- Workbench Meshing for Ansys Fluent (1 day)
- Fault Tolerant Meshing for Underhood Thermal Modeling with Ansys CFD (1 day)
- Ansys Rocky (1 day)

### Electronics

- Introduction to Ansys HFSS (2 days)
- Ansys HFSS Antenna Design (2 days)
- Ansys HFSS SBR+ Antenna Placement Design (1 day)
- Introduction to Ansys SIwave (1 day)
- Introduction to Ansys HFSS 3D Layout (2 days)
- Introduction to Ansys Maxwell (1 day)
- Ansys Maxwell Motor Modeling (1 day)
- Introduction to Ansys Icepak (2 days)

# DRD Tulsa, OK Training Facility

In person training may be conducted at DRD's Tulsa offices or on-site at a customer's facility.

*DRD's training has the right mix of theoretical background, technical depth, and practical application.*

- Patrick Stahl  
Sr. Product Development Engineer



# Ansys Expert Mail List

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## Ansys Expert Tech Corner

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The topics on this page are intended for engineers who are interested in highly technical and detailed information on Ansys. These topics contain information, which is not readily available to Ansys users through standard documentation and training courses. For example, some topics provide information on Ansys capabilities that are under development or are not documented.

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### Fracture Mechanics Webinar: Gain Insight Into Structures with Cracks with Ansys Fracture Mechanics - (April 2023)

This webinar, conducted on April 28, 2023, provides a brief overview of fracture mechanics and Ansys capabilities in fracture analysis. DRD discusses safe-life vs. damage tolerant design, material data acquisition, and simulation of cracks in structures. Ansys fracture capabilities include both stationary, and static and fatigue crack growth options for engineers to analyze their systems.

For a recording and the presentation slides, download [here](#). (A password is [required](#) if you have not obtained one already. Select Fracture Mechanics Webinar (April 2023) from the password topic list).



# Linear versus Nonlinear Contact

## Linear Contact

- No change in contact status
- Easier and faster to solve
- Types: Bonded or No Separation

## Nonlinear Contact

- Contact status can change
- Requires solver iteration
- Types: Frictionless, Frictional, or Rough

# Bonded Contact Type

- Linear Contact
- Bonds surfaces together
- Initial gap or penetration ignored
- Suitable for welds, bolted connections, etc.
- Assumption: two parts act as a single part



# No Separation Contact Type

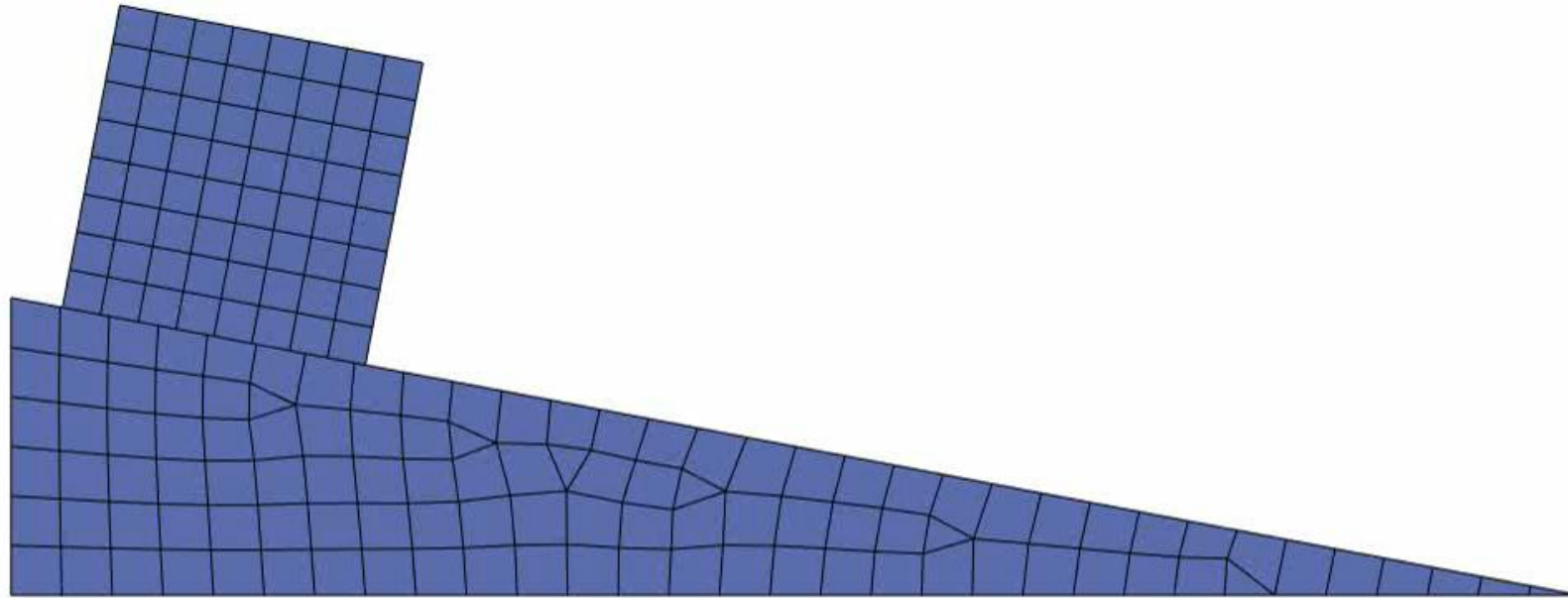
- Linear contact type
- Initial gap or penetration ignored
- In-plane sliding allowed
- Suitable for surfaces that are in contact but not bonded
- Assumptions: surfaces will not separate, friction can be ignored



# Frictionless Contact Type

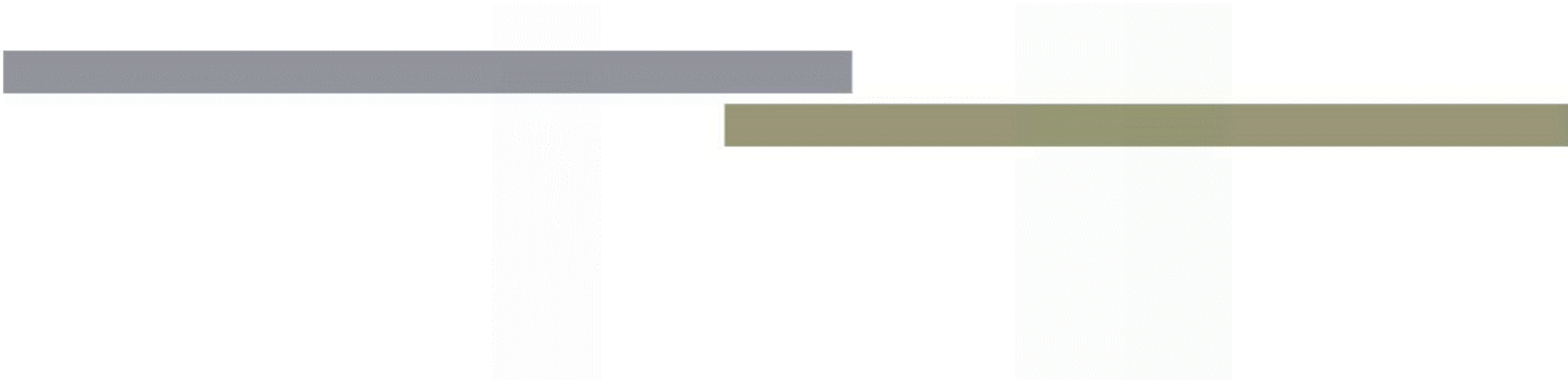
- Nonlinear contact type
- Respects geometric gap or penetration
- Separation and collision both allowed
- Applies to many situations where surfaces may touch but are not joined
- Assumptions: friction is ignored

# Frictionless Contact Type

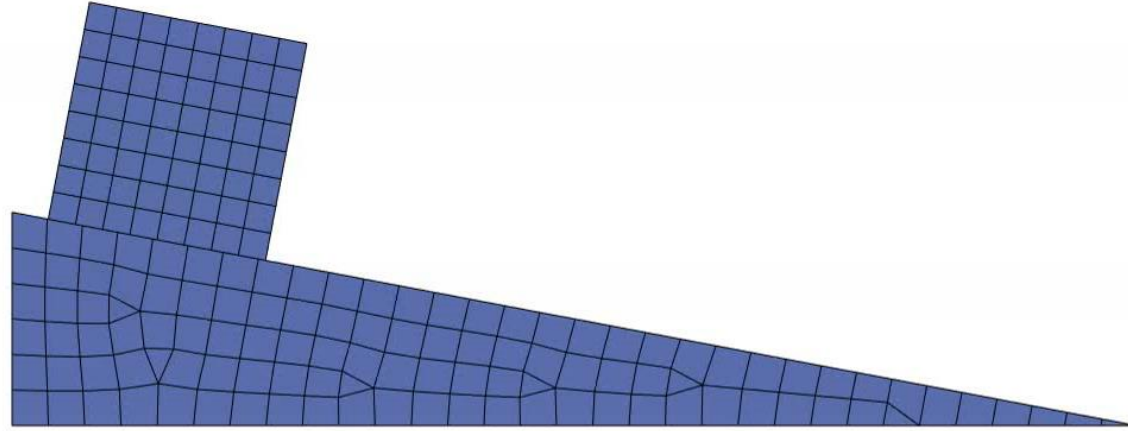


# Frictional Contact Type

- Nonlinear contact type
- Most behaviors shared with Frictionless
- Respects geometric gap or penetration
- Separation and collision both allowed
- Applies to many situations where surfaces may touch but are not joined
- Friction controlled by a user-specified friction coefficient



# Frictional Contact Type

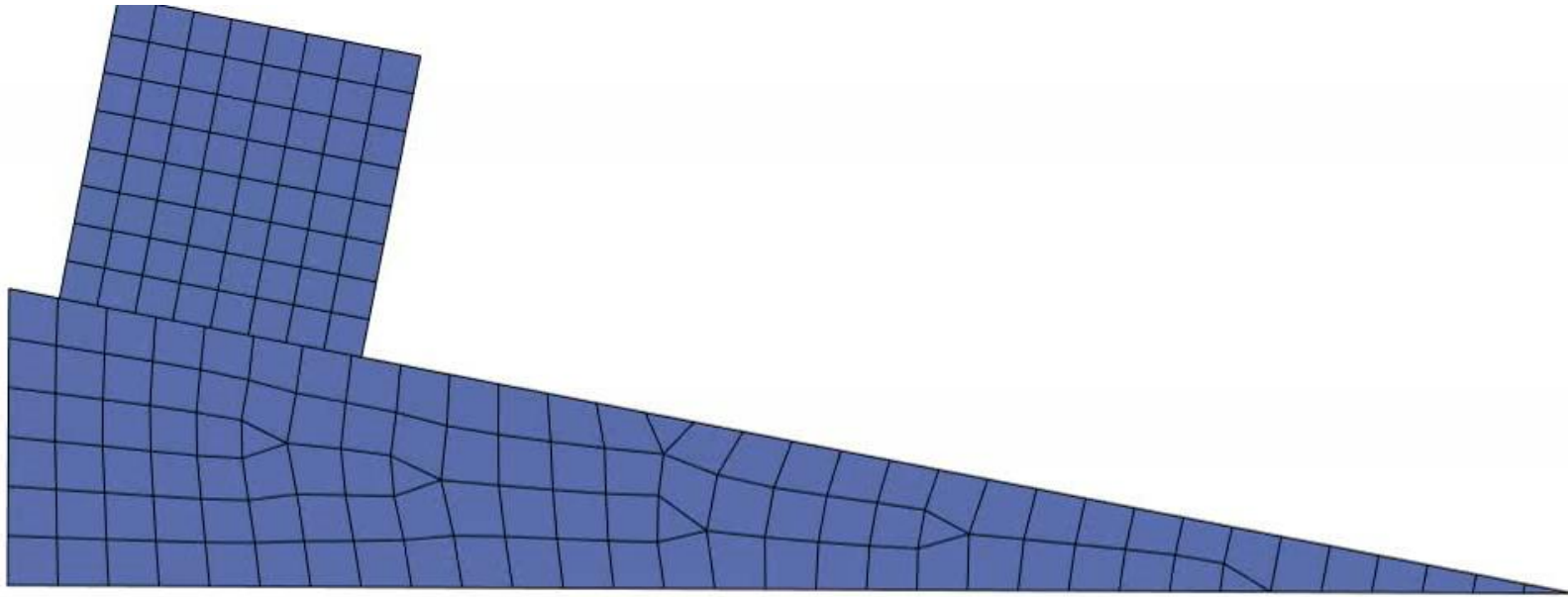


# Rough Contact Type

- Nonlinear contact type
- Most behaviors shared with Frictionless and Frictional
- Respects geometric gap or penetration
- Separation and collision both allowed
- Applies to situations where surfaces in contact have very high friction
- Assumption: no sliding allowed

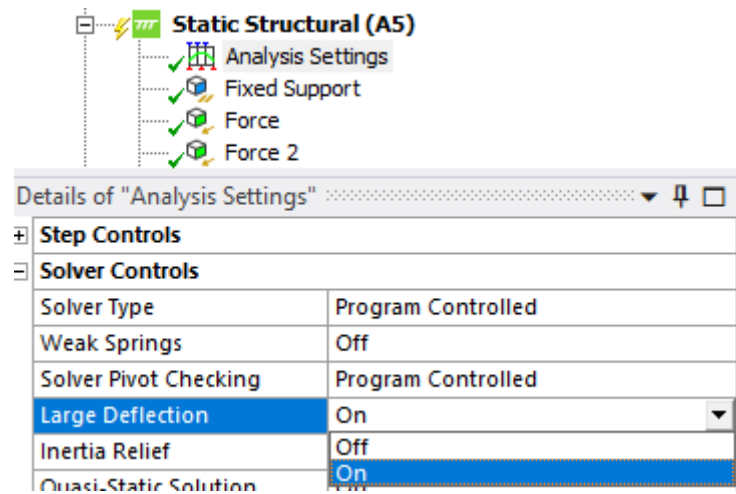


# Rough Contact Type



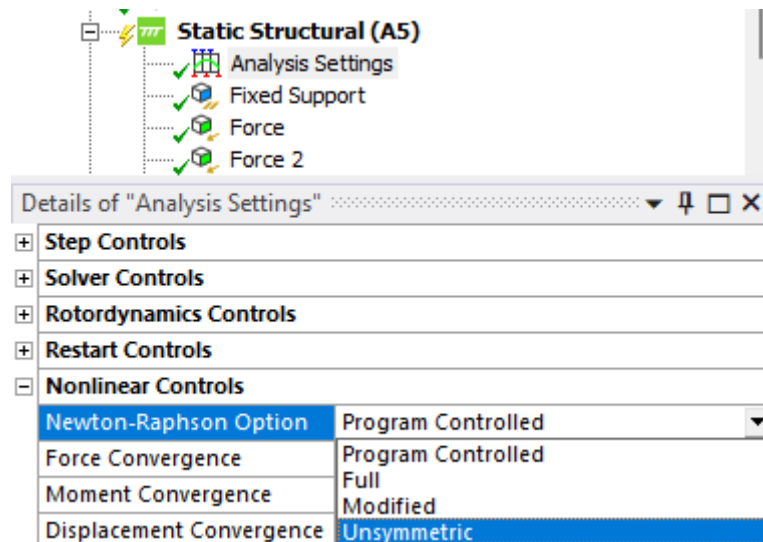
# Large Deflection Setting

- Turn Large Deflection on for models with nonlinear contacts



# Newton-Raphson Option

- Models with friction: Unsymmetric setting for Newton-Raphson Option
- Easier convergence but slower iteration
- Recommended if displacements affected by friction
- Rule of thumb: Unsymmetric method if friction coefficients  $> 0.2$



# Questions?