

FloTHERM v12.0 New Functionality

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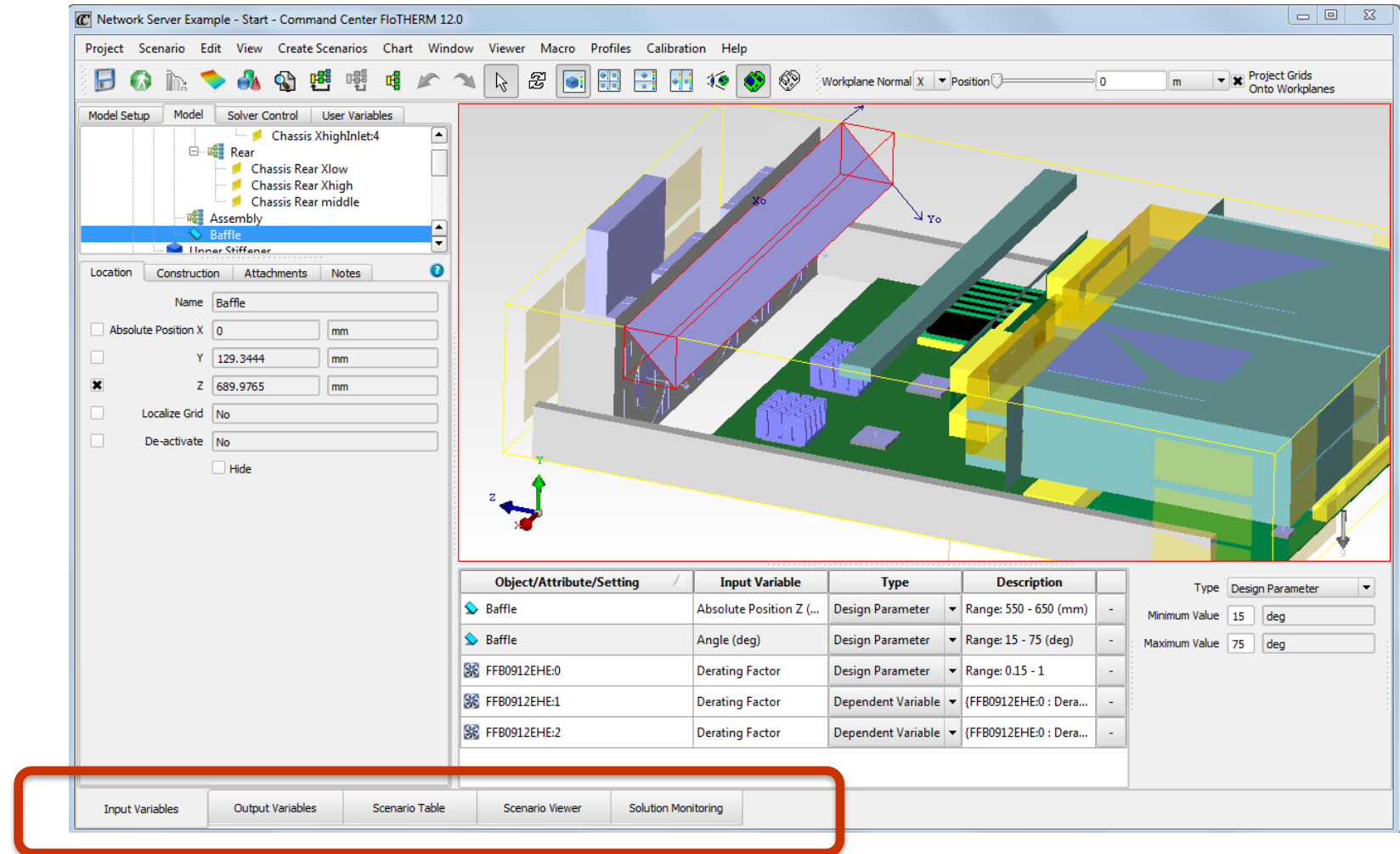
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COMMAND CENTER OVERVIEW

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New and Improved Command Center

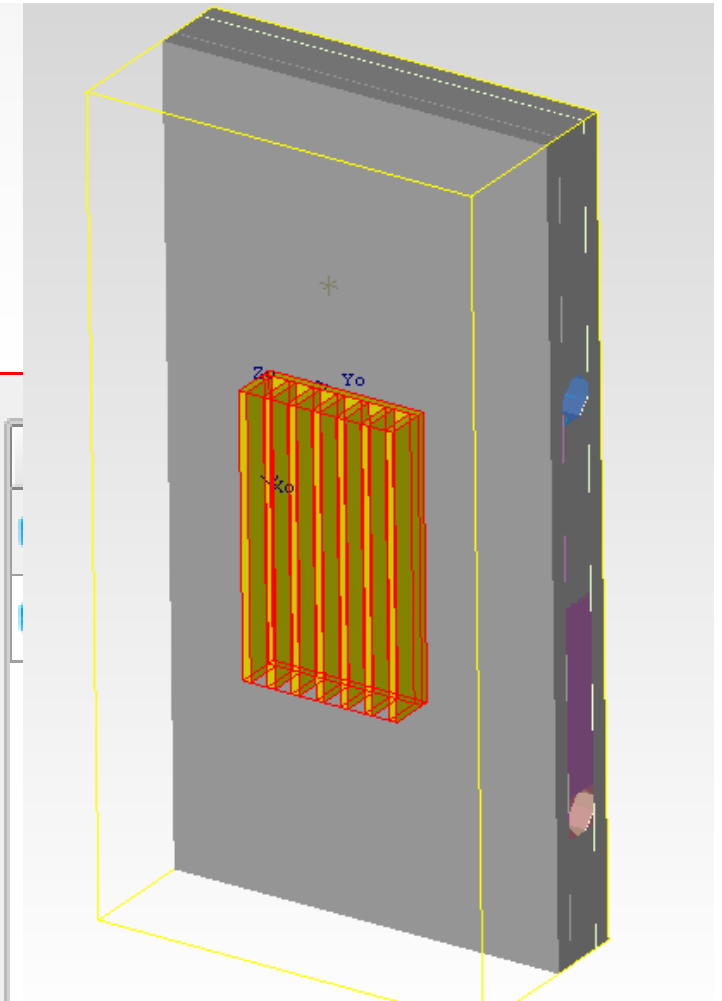
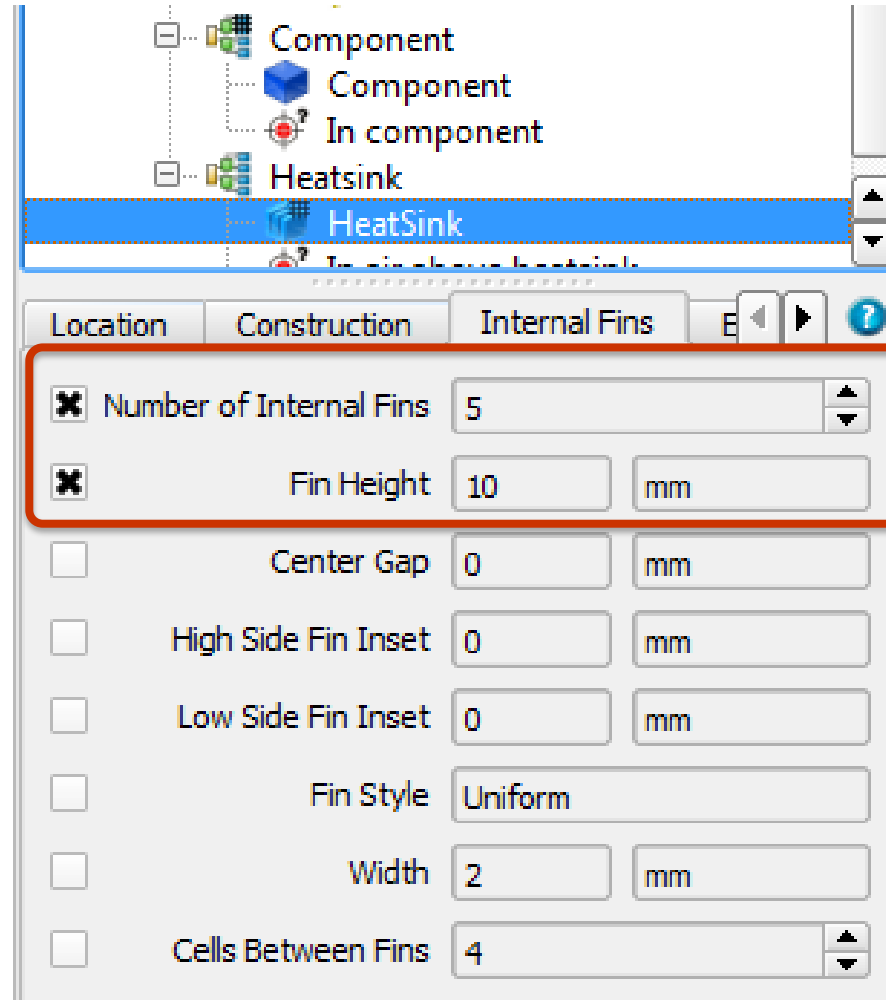
- The tabbed approach is retained:
 - Input Variables – Define what model parameters can vary
 - Output Variables – Define what key results need to be captured
 - Scenario Table – Tabular view of all simulations.
 - Scenario Viewer** – Graphical view of all simulations.
 - Solution Monitoring – Track the progress of each solution



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Command Center - Input Variables






- Input Variables is a **read-only** view of the **baseline model**
- All inputs are found in the same location as the baseline model.
- Input Variables are nominated from property sheets.
- **Multiple selections** supported.
- **Find tool** is supported



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Command Center Input Variables

- Nominated Input Variables appear in a table, from which they can be further defined
- Types:
 - Default:** Manual definition of values for all scenarios
 - Design Parameter:** Assign a numerical range. Used for optimization and model calibration tasks.
 - Dependent Variable:** Specify a relationship with other Input Variables.

Object/Attribute/Setting	Input Variable	Type	Description	
 Baffle	Absolute Position Z (...)	Design Parameter	Range: 550 - 650 (mm)	-
 Baffle	Angle (deg)	Design Parameter	Range: 15 - 75 (deg)	-
 FFB0912EHE:0	Derating Factor	Design Parameter	Range: 0.15 - 1	-
 FFB0912EHE:1	Derating Factor	Dependent Variable	{FFB0912EHE:0 : Dera...	-
 FFB0912EHE:2	Derating Factor	Dependent Variable	{FFB0912EHE:0 : Dera...	-

Type:

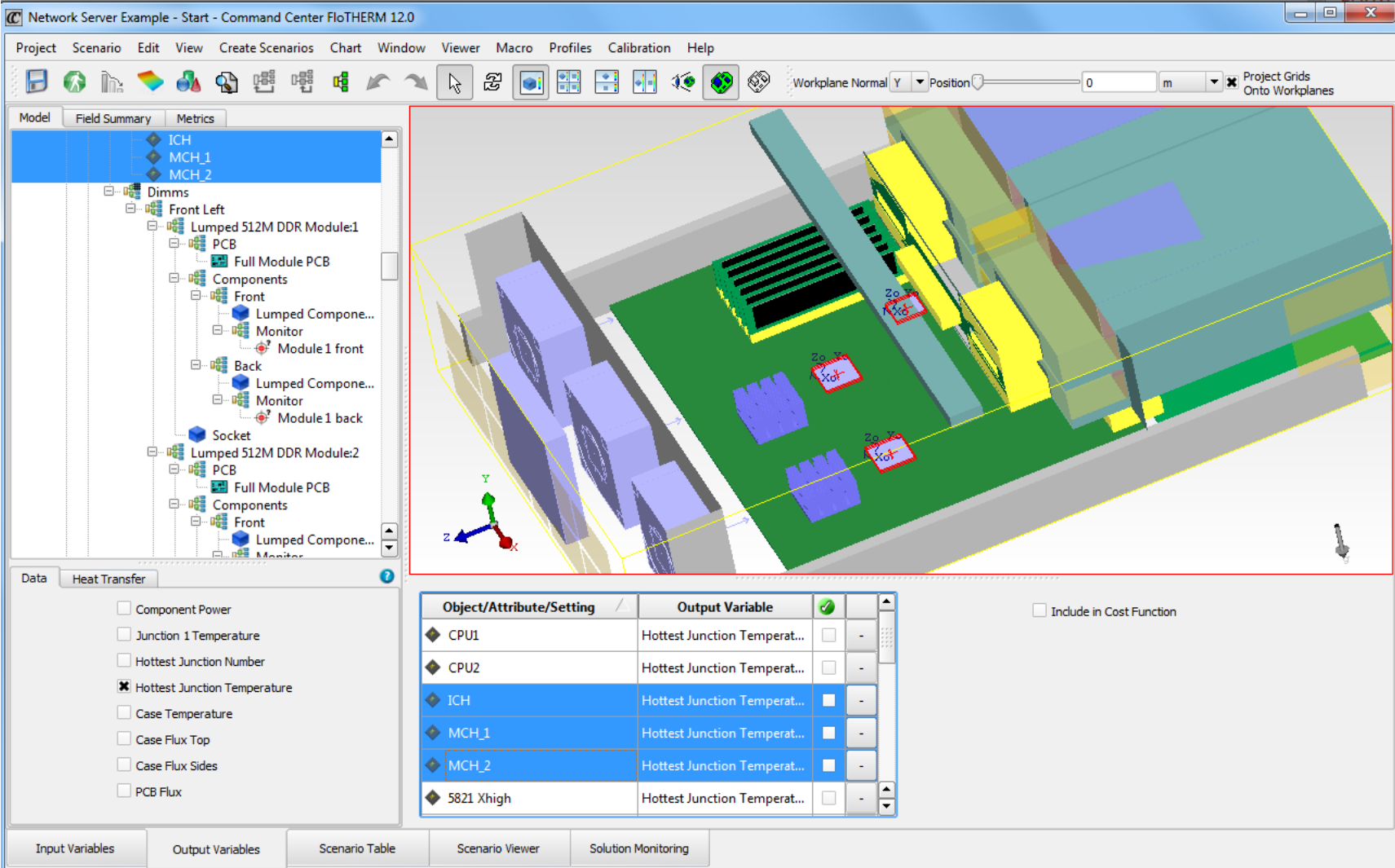
Minimum Value:

Maximum Value:

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Command Center Output Variables

- Output Variables is another read-only view of the baseline model
- All inputs are found in the **same location** as the baseline model.
- Output Variables are nominated from property sheets and then appear in a table.
- **Multiple selections** supported.
- **Find tool** is supported.
- Find All MPs and track Temperature!



The screenshot displays the FloTHERM v12.0 Command Center interface. On the left, a tree view shows the model hierarchy, including components like ICH, MCH_1, MCH_2, Dimms, Front Left, Lumped 512M DDR Module:1, PCB, Full Module PCB, Components, Front, Lumped Component, Monitor, Module 1 front, Back, Lumped Component, Monitor, Module 1 back, Socket, Lumped 512M DDR Module:2, PCB, Full Module PCB, Components, Front, Lumped Component, and Monitor. Below the tree, the 'Data' tab is active, showing a list of heat transfer variables with checkboxes for 'Component Power', 'Junction 1 Temperature', 'Hottest Junction Number', 'Hottest Junction Temperature' (checked), 'Case Temperature', 'Case Flux Top', 'Case Flux Sides', and 'PCB Flux'. On the right, a 3D model of a network server is shown, with a coordinate system (X, Y, Z) at the bottom left. Below the 3D model, a table lists output variables for selected objects.

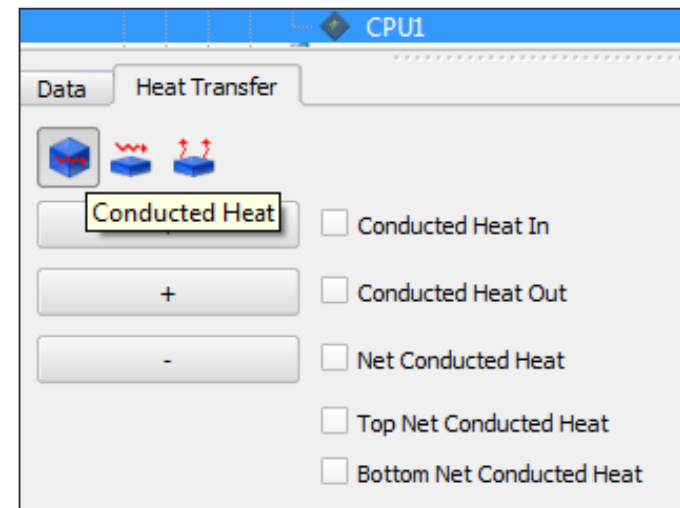
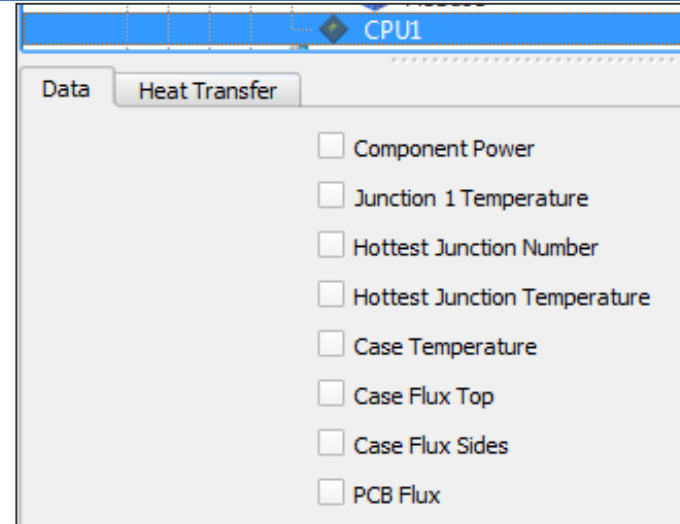
Object/Attribute/Setting	Output Variable	✓	-
CPU1	Hottest Junction Temperat...	<input type="checkbox"/>	-
CPU2	Hottest Junction Temperat...	<input type="checkbox"/>	-
ICH	Hottest Junction Temperat...	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	-
MCH_1	Hottest Junction Temperat...	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	-
MCH_2	Hottest Junction Temperat...	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	-
5821 Xhigh	Hottest Junction Temperat...	<input type="checkbox"/>	-

Below the table, there is a checkbox labeled 'Include in Cost Function' which is currently unchecked. At the bottom of the interface, there are tabs for 'Input Variables', 'Output Variables', 'Scenario Table', 'Scenario Viewer', and 'Solution Monitoring'.

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Command Center Output Variables

- Tabbed Property Sheets with Output Variable type filters utilized.
 - **Data:** Object specific data
 - **Heat Transfer:** Conduction, convection, radiation heat flux results
 - **Temperature:** Surface temperatures and face based temperature results
 - **Fluid Flow:** Volume flow, mass flow and pressure drop results.
 - **Region Data:** Min, Max, Mean results



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Command Center Scenario Table

- Scenario Table display the input and output variable values for each defined scenario, as well as the solution status for each.
- Scenarios can be modified directly from the table cells.
- **Full copy/paste operation supported** between the Scenario Table and Spreadsheet tools.
- Solution Progress bar built in.

Inputs

Controls

Outputs

	Base Project	Design 1	Design 2	Design 3	
HeatSink : Internal Fin Height (mm)	10	11	14	13	2
HeatSink : Number of Internal Fins	5	9	8	12	1
Solution Status	Steady State Co...	Solving	Solving	Queuing (1)	C
Store Results?	Full	History Only	History Only	History Only	H
Initialize From	-1	Base Project	Base Project	Base Project	E
Water Outlet : Temperature (°C)	21.40496	-	-	-	-
In component : Temperature (°C)	25.15781	-	-	-	-
In air above heatsink : Temperature (°C)	23.1108	-	-	-	-

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Command Center Scenario Table

- Append Scenario column, directly enter data to create new scenarios:
- New scenario will take values from adjacent cell if unspecified

	Base Project	<i>Append Scenario</i>
HeatSink : Internal Fin Height (mm)	10	12
HeatSink : Internal Fin Uniform Width (mm)	2	
HeatSink : Number of Internal Fins	5	
Solution Status	Steady State Co...	
Store Results?	Full	
Initialize From	-1	
Water Outlet : Temperature (°C)	21.40496	
In component : Temperature (°C)	25.15781	
In air above heatsink : Temperature (°C)	23.1108	

	Base Project	Scenario 1	<i>Append</i>
HeatSink : Internal Fin Height (mm)	10	12	
HeatSink : Internal Fin Uniform Width (mm)	2	2	
HeatSink : Number of Internal Fins	5	5	
Solution Status	Steady State Co...	Unsolved	
Store Results?	Full	History Only	
Initialize From	-1	Base Project	
Water Outlet : Temperature (°C)	21.40496	-	
In component : Temperature (°C)	25.15781	-	
In air above heatsink : Temperature (°C)	23.1108	-	

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Command Center Scenario Table

- Append Scenario column, paste data from external sources to create new scenarios:

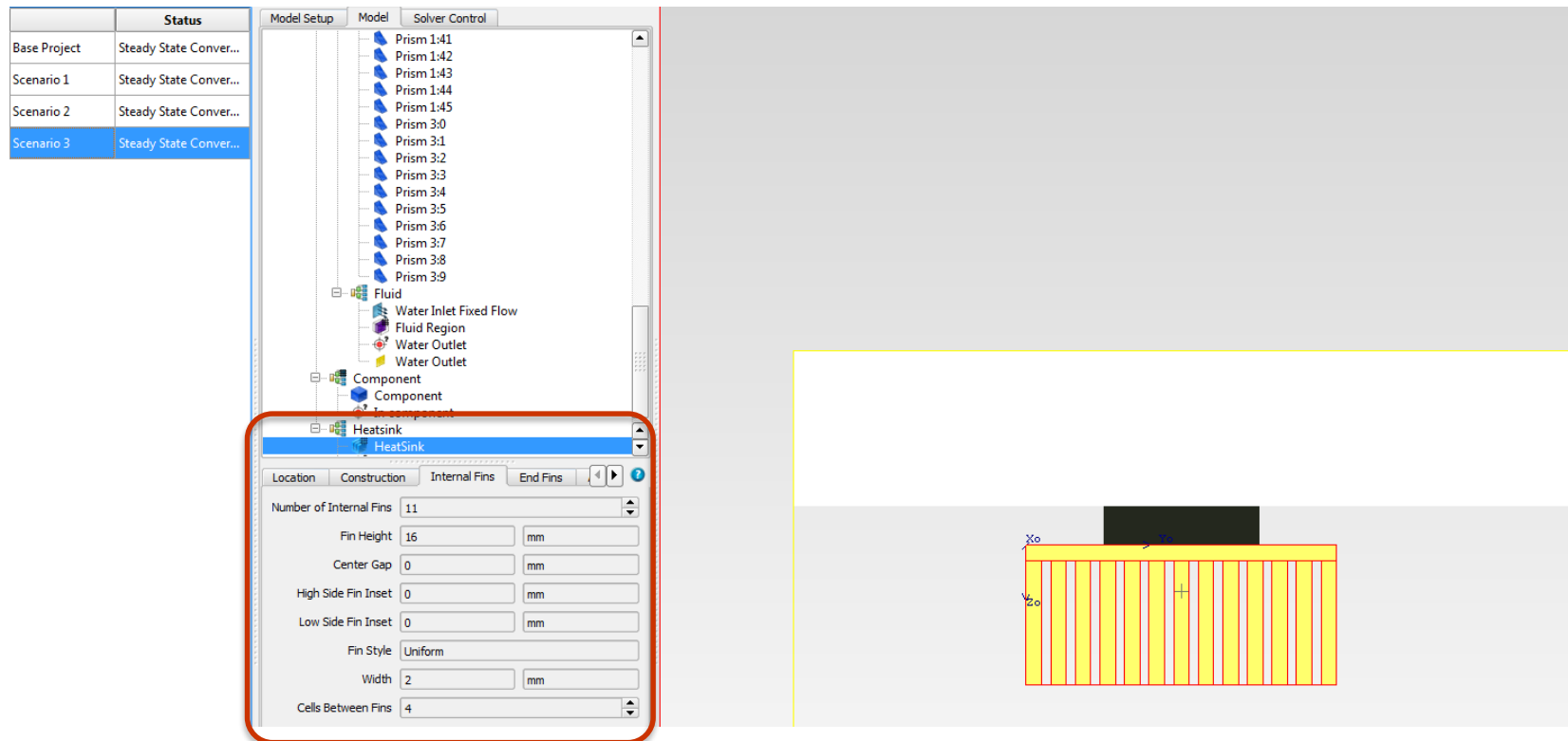
	Base Project	Append Scenario			
	Base Project	Scenario 1	Scenario 2	Scenario 3	Append Scenario
HeatSink : Internal Fin Height (mm)	10	12	14	16	
HeatSink : Internal Fin Uniform Width (mm)	2	2	3	2	
HeatSink : Number of Internal Fins	5	7	9	8	
Solution Status	Steady State Co...	Unsolved	Unsolved	Unsolved	
Store Results?	Full	History Only	History Only	History Only	
Initialize From	-1	Base Project	Base Project	Base Project	
Water Outlet : Temperature (°C)	21.40496	-	-	-	
In component : Temperature (°C)	25.15781	-	-	-	
In air above heatsink : Temperature (°C)	23.1108	-	-	-	

	A	B	C	D
1	12	14	16	
2	2	3	2	
3	7	9	8	
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Command Center Scenario Viewer

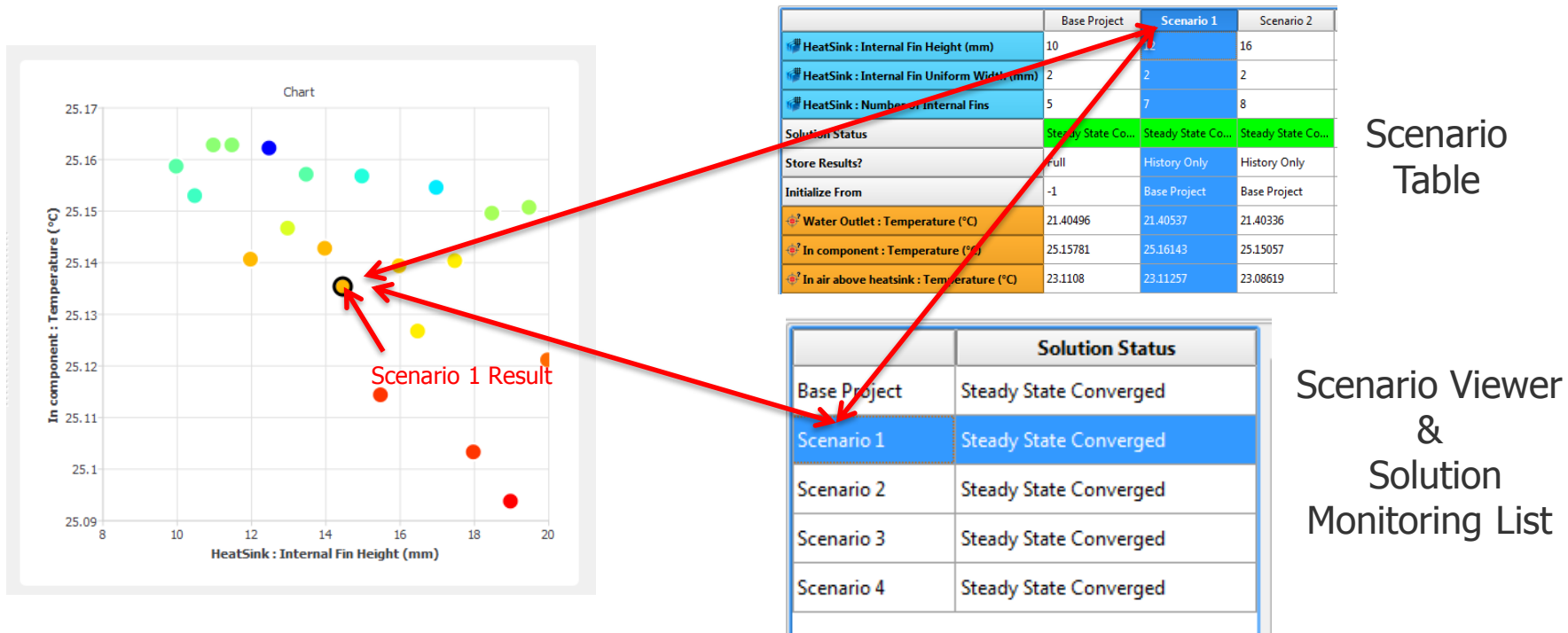
- Model tree and display for each scenario is available for each defined scenario, allowing easy visual inspection of the models, including the grid distribution.



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Command Center – Selection Linking

- Selections are retained throughout Command Center:
 - Scenario selection linking between Scenario Table, Scenario Viewer, Solution Monitoring tabs, and Charts.
 - Object selection linking between Scenario Viewer, Input Variables, and Output Variable tabs, and the Project Manager

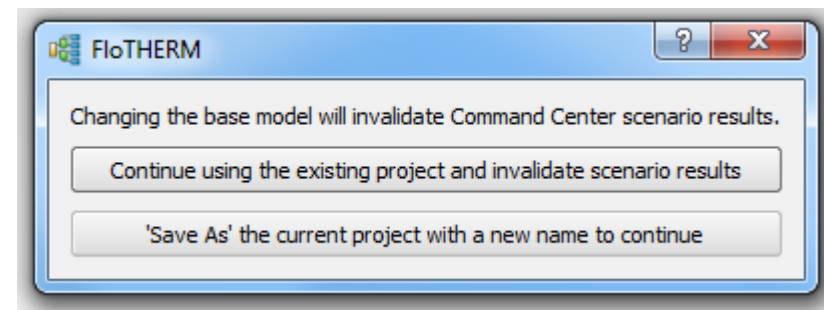
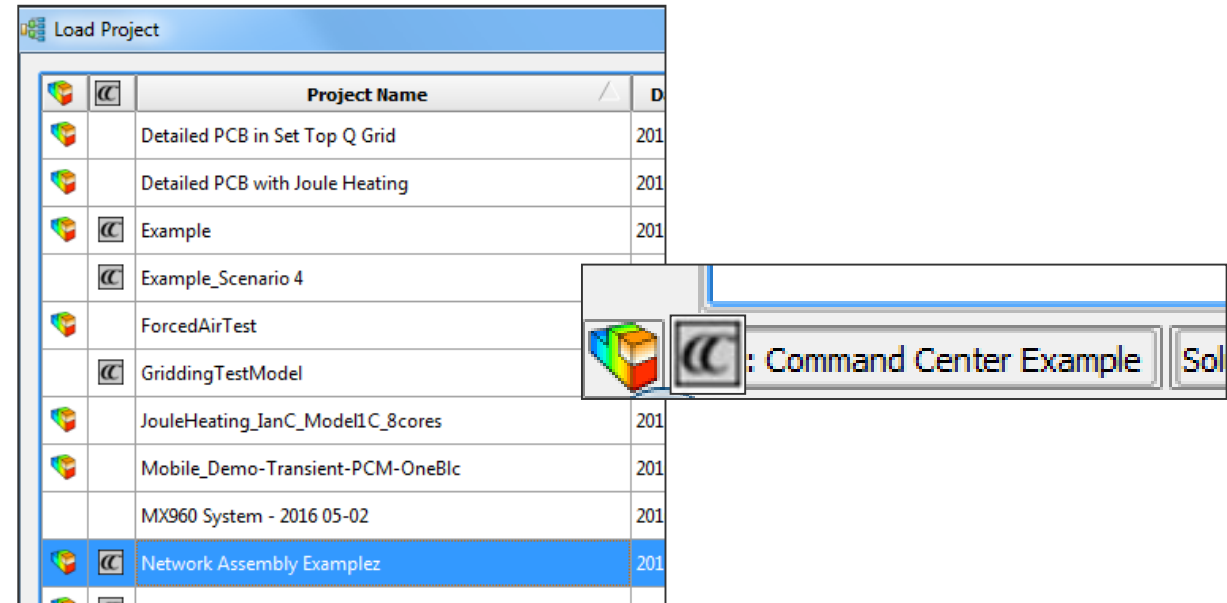


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Command Center Awareness

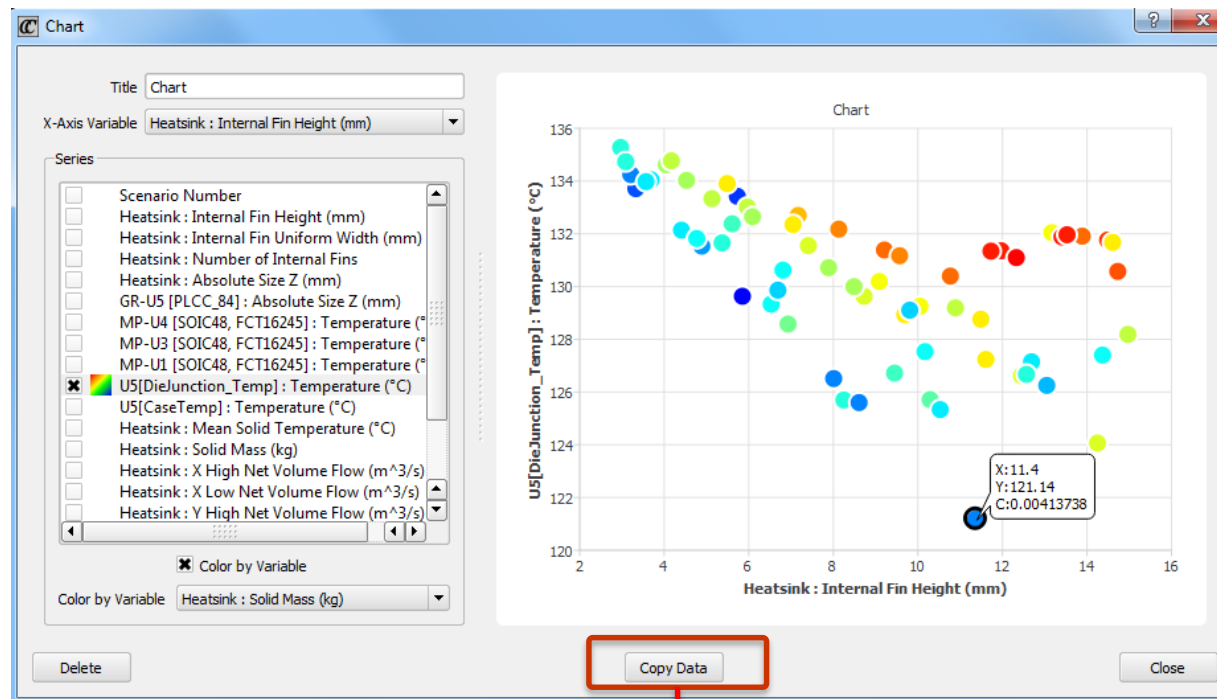
- Presence of Command Center setup is now indicated in the Load Project dialog.
- An icon will appear if at least one input variable or Output Variable has been defined.
- Project Manager status bar will indicate if Input Variables are defined in Command Center
- A change to the base model that would invalidate scenario results prompts the user to save as new project



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Command Center – Charts

- XY Scatter Charting Tool
- Chart Point – Scenario selection linking
- Double click to annotate or remove annotation
- Colour chart points uniformly or by another variable
- **Copy/Paste chart data** into spreadsheet applications

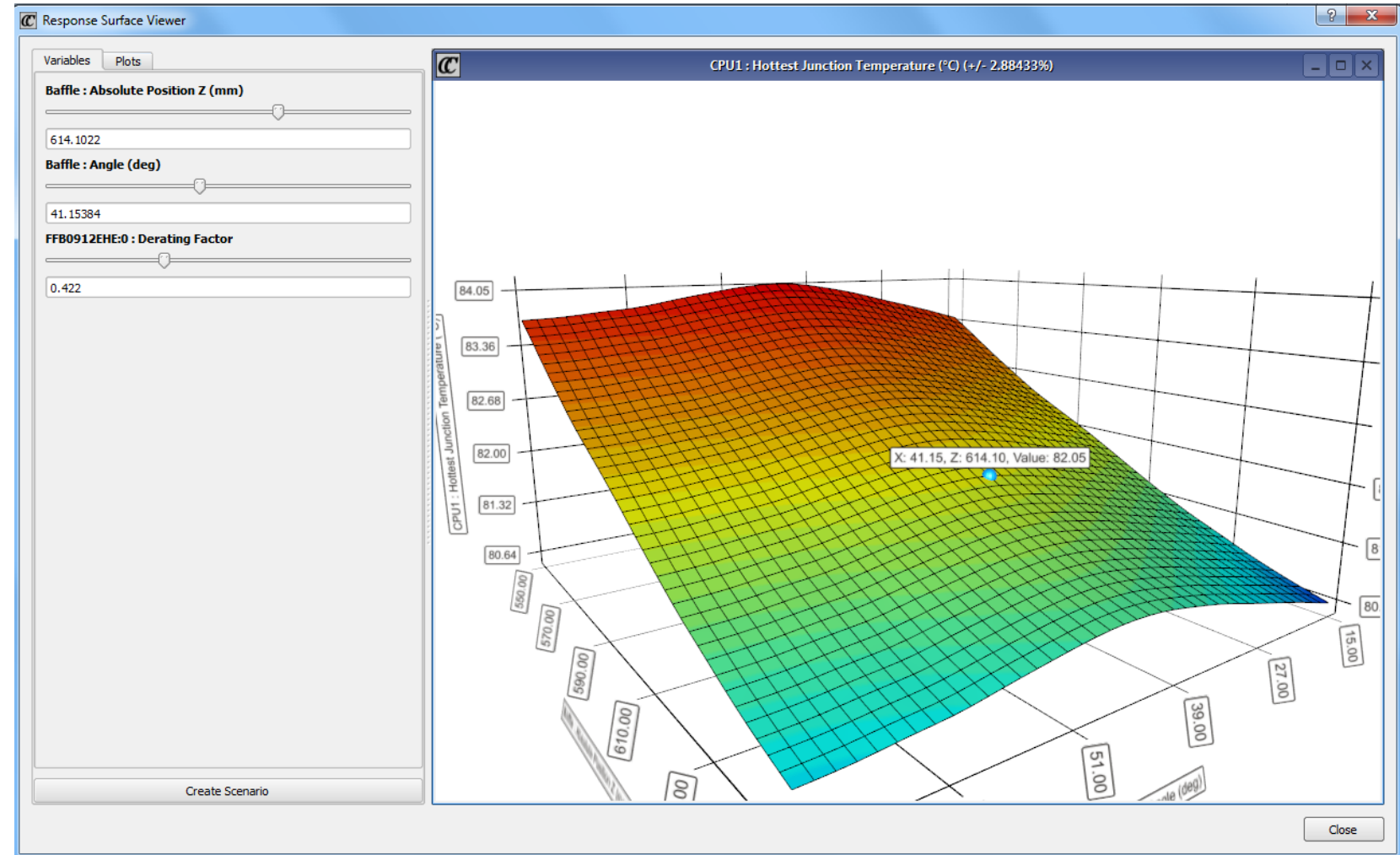


	A	B	C
1	Heatsink : Number of Internal Fins	U5[DieJunction_Temp] : Temperature (°C)	Heatsink : Solid Mass (kg)
2		10	128.099
3		3	120.27
4		10	125.083
5		12	122.529
6		13	127.637
7		9	127.682
8		3	120.347
9		14	125.757

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Command Center – Response Surfaces

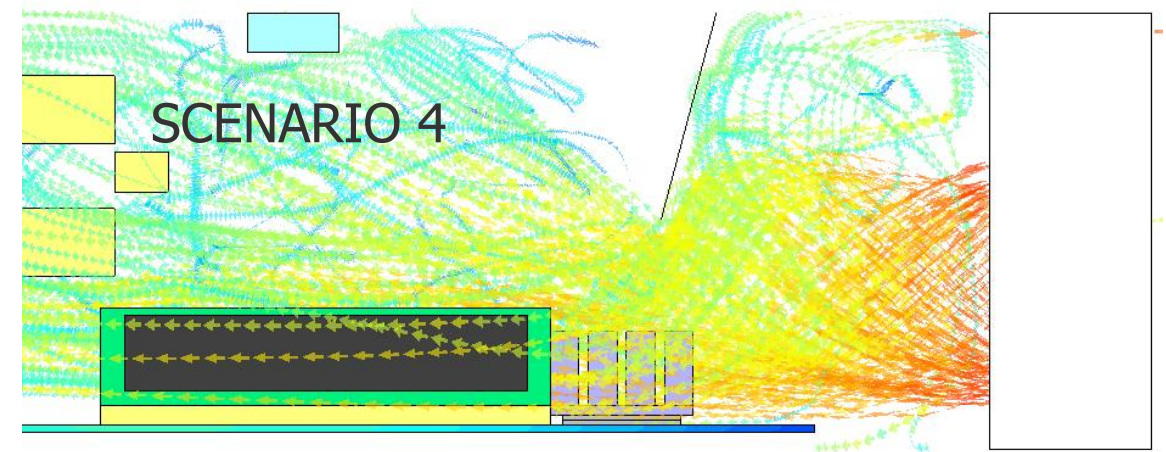
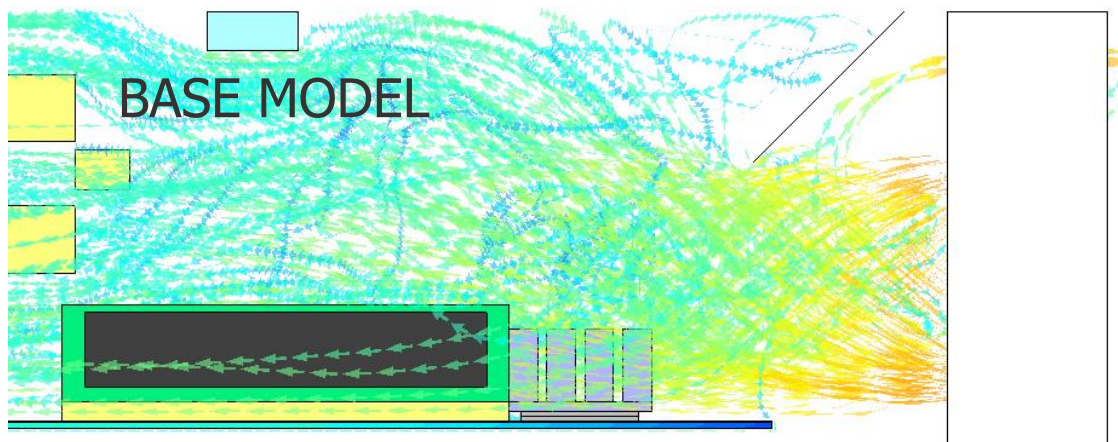
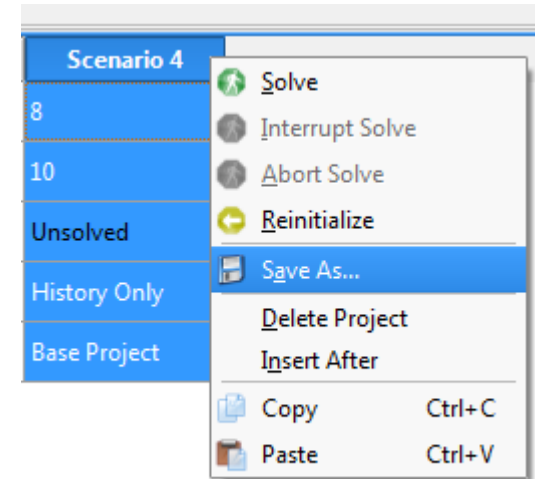
- 3D Plot Type
- Click Surface to annotate and update slider bar values
- Then use **'Create Scenario'** command to easily create new models for any point of interest.



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Command Center Scenario Table

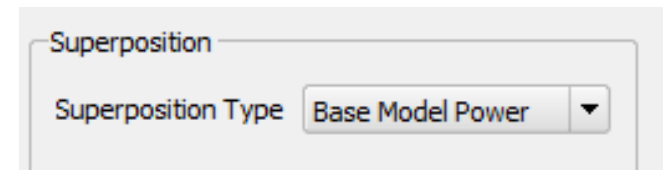
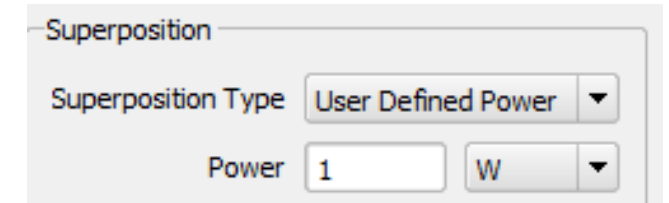
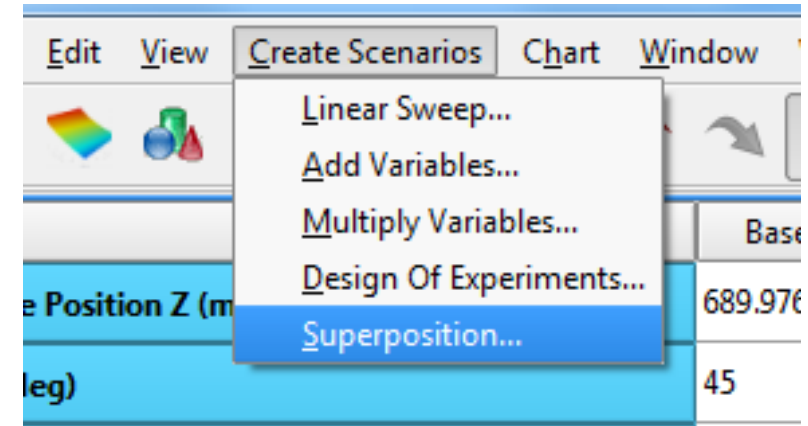
- Scenario controls as per previous versions, with two extensions
- The 'Save As...' command will now copy:
 - Visual Editor state into the new project to save time for subsequent post-processing.
 - All Input Variables
 - All Output Variables



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Command Center – Scenario Creation Tools

- Create Scenarios menu containing various tools to create scenarios.
 - As in previous versions:
 - **Linear Sweep**
 - Add/Multiply Variables
 - Design of Experiments
 - And new in v12: **Superposition**
 - One scenario is created per total power input variable, and only one component is powered per scenario.
 - Powers are User Defined, or taken from the base model.
 - Greatly reducing the user interaction required to set up these analyses.



	Base Project	Scenario 1	Scenario 2	Scenario 3	Scenario 4
* U1 [Component] : Conduction Total Power (W)	2	1	0	0	0
* U2 [Component] : Conduction Total Power (W)	3	0	1	0	0
* U3 [Component] : Conduction Total Power (W)	1.4	0	0	1	0
* U4 [Component] : Conduction Total Power (W)	0.33	0	0	0	1

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Command Center - Automation Support

- Command Center will fully support **FloSCRIPT technology** found in other areas of FloTHERM.
- Every aspect of using Command Center can be scripted:
 - Input/Output Variables, Scenario Definition
 - Solving, Optimization, Calibration
 - Results extraction
- In addition, the scenario file written to 'PDProject' has a new XML format. Easy to read and write.

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<scenarios>
<input_variables>
<output_variables/>
<design_of_experiments>
  <new_value new_value="sequentialFromBest" property_name="optimizationType"/>
  <new_value new_value="Base Project" property_name="startFrom"/>
  <new_value new_value="10" property_name="maximumNumberOfSteps"/>
  <new_value new_value="0" property_name="criticalCostValue"/>
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Command Center - General

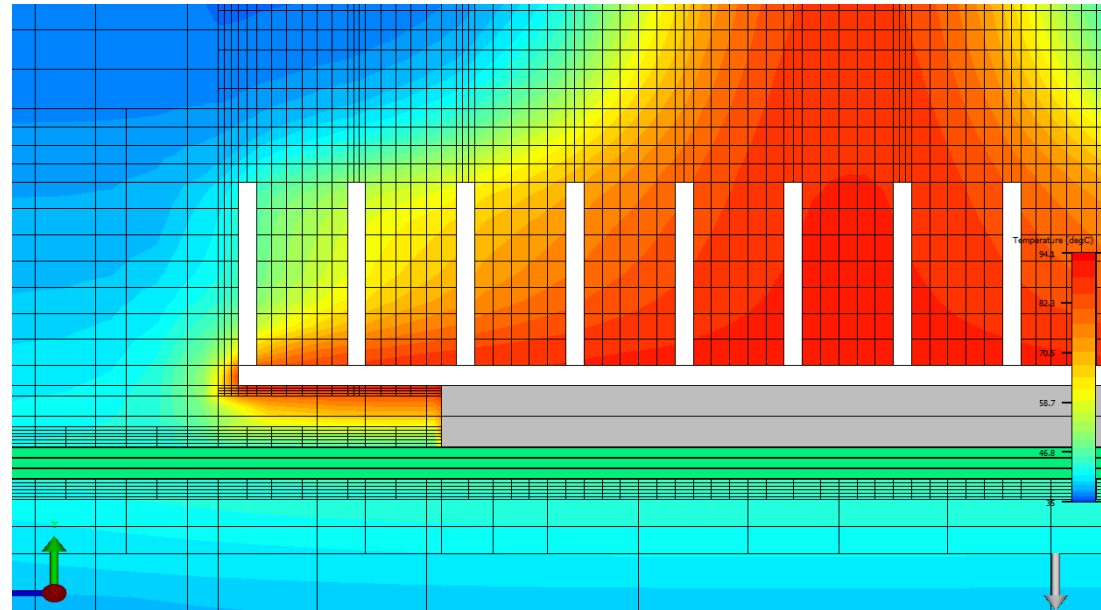
- **64 bit Support.** Extremely large models and many scenarios no longer pose a problem.
- **Scenario handling is vastly improved.** 50x faster in some cases for larger models with many defined scenarios.

COMPACT COMPONENTS

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Compact Components - Localized Grid Spaces

- 2-Resistor and 'Area Array' Compact Component SmartParts can now:
 - **Touch a localized grid** space boundary:
 - **Cross a localized grid** space boundary
- Benefit: Gridding is faster and easier than before!



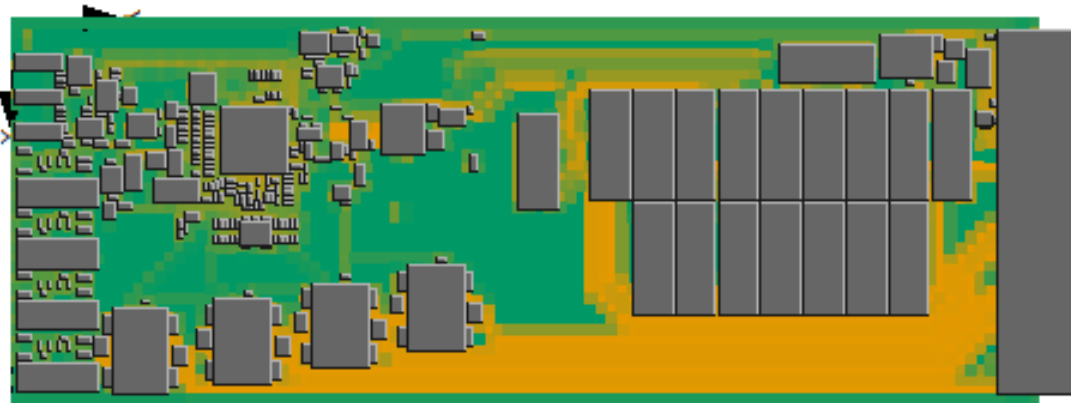
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ODB++ Import

FloEDA Bridge - ODB++ Import

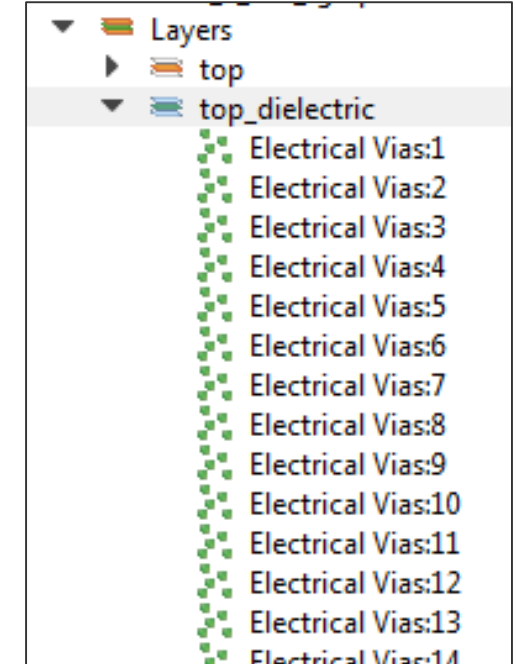
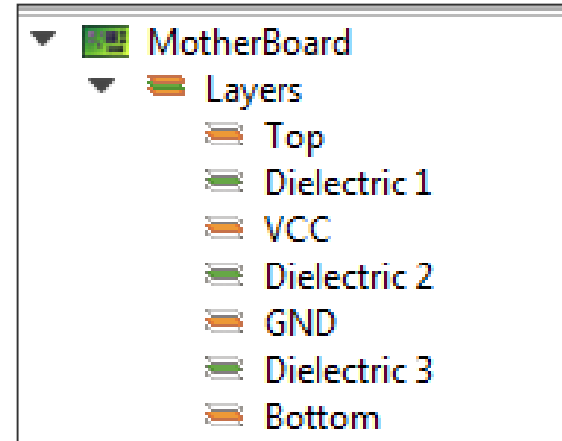
- Offering interfacing options most layout tools, including Xpedition, PADS, and tools from Cadence, Zuken, and Altium.
- Contains
 - Board Outline
 - Component Layout
 - Layer Stack Up
 - Metallic Distribution on all layers.



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Blind and Buried Vias

- Layers can be defined as 'Dielectric' or 'Metallic'
- ODB++ import will automatically create the stack up with appropriate settings for each layer, and assign images for each layer.
- Dielectric layers can be processed in the same way as metallic layers, creating a material map of that layer to user controlled resolution.
- Benefit: The entire board can be mapped, increasing accuracy when conduction into the PCB is critical.

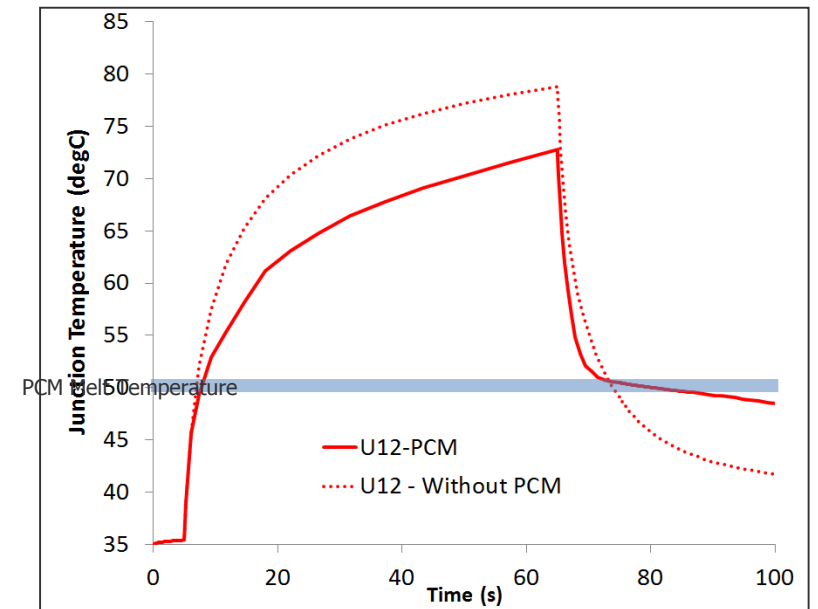
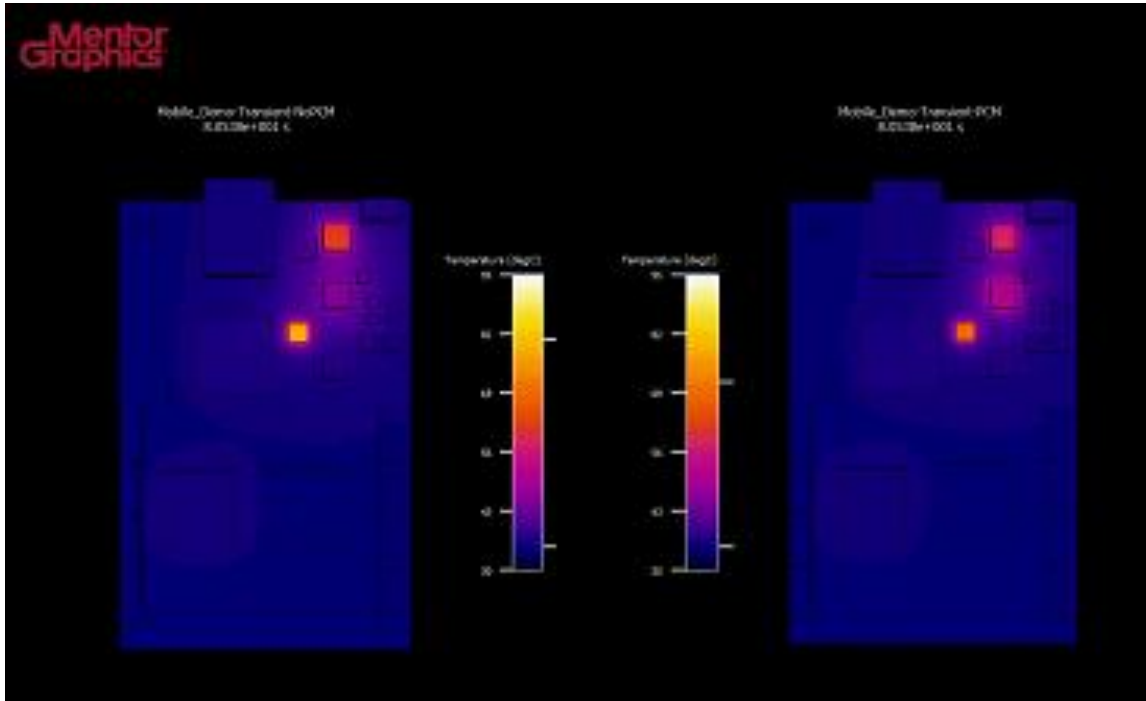


PHASE CHANGE MATERIALS

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Phase Change Materials

- Determine the impact on temperature transient response for encapsulated PCM applications.



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Phase Change Materials

- For 'Solid' objects, definition of:
 - Melt Temperature and Range
 - T_{melt} defined as the center of temperature band
 - Latent Heat of Fusion
 - Liquid Specific Heat
- **Several vendor materials** provided in library

Attribute Data

Name: my PCM

Conductivity Type: Constant

Conductivity: 2.2 W/(mK)

Electrical Resistivity: Constant

Resistivity: 0 Ohm m

Transparent Material

Density: 400 kg/m³

Specific Heat: 2000 J/(kg K)

Phase Change

Liquid Specific Heat: 2000 J/(kg K)

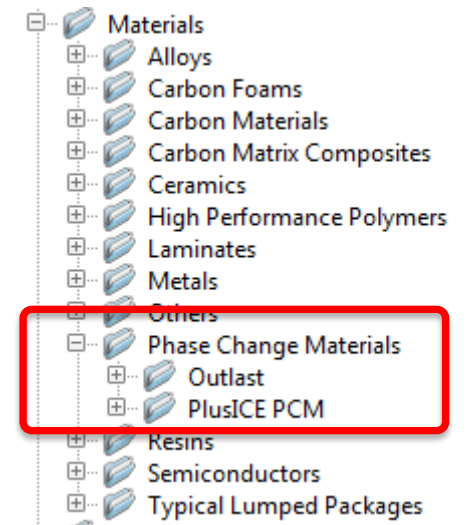
Latent Heat: 100000 J/kg

Melt Temperature: 50 °C

Melt Temperature Band: 1 °C

Surface: No Attachment

Edit



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Phase Change Materials – How it works

- Enthalpy is solved for within a PCM to ensure the full extent of the latent heat is accounted for.
- An important consequence of this is that the user does not need to know (or keypoint) the start and end of the melting event. An important advantage over tools that use a $C_p=f(T)$ approach.

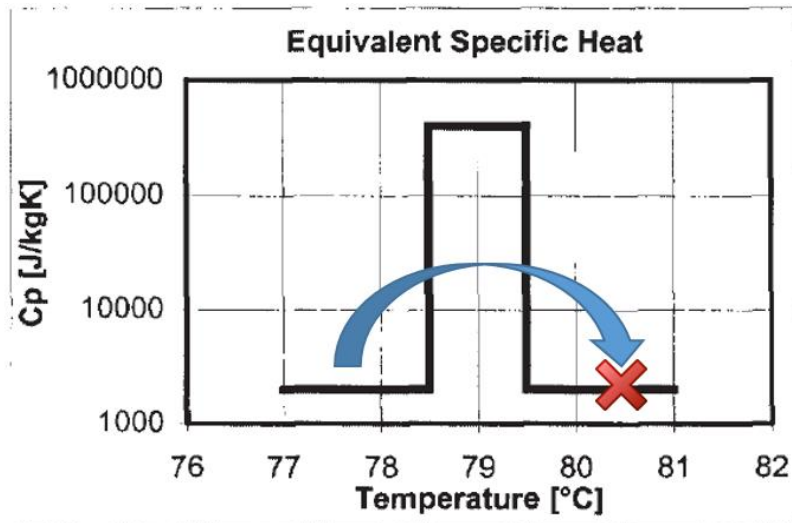
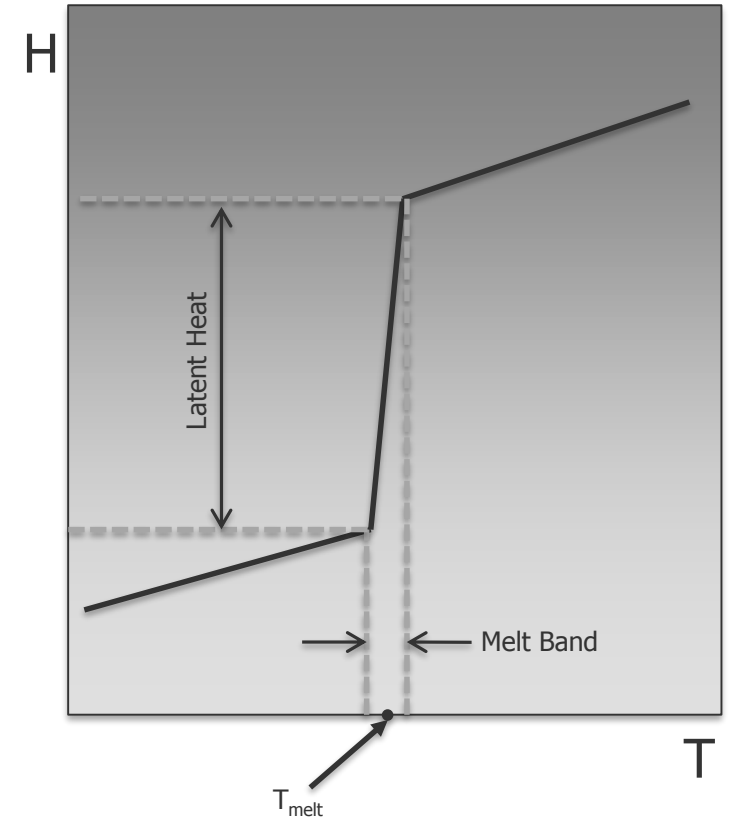


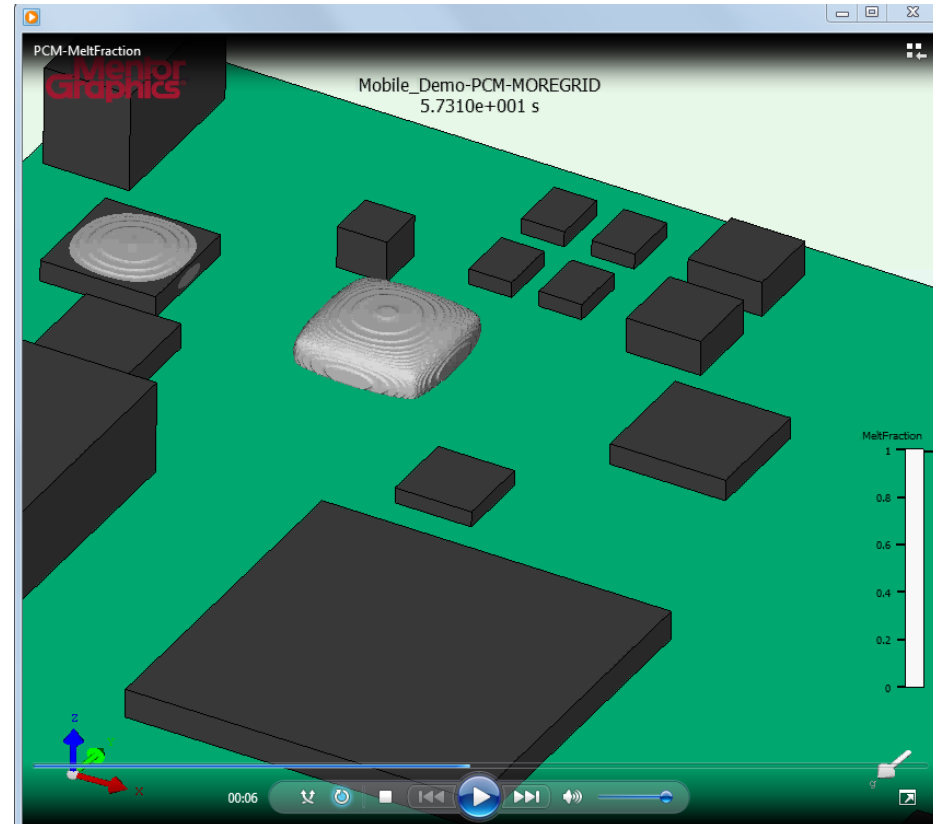
Fig. 3: The Equivalent Specific Heat Used in the Model.



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Phase Change Materials – Post-Processing

- New Scalar: Melt Fraction
 - **0** indicates completely solid
 - **1** indicates completely liquid
- Isosurface of Melt Fraction = 1 will show the moving melting front in a transient animation
- Melt Fraction is supported for Monitor Points and Region type results.

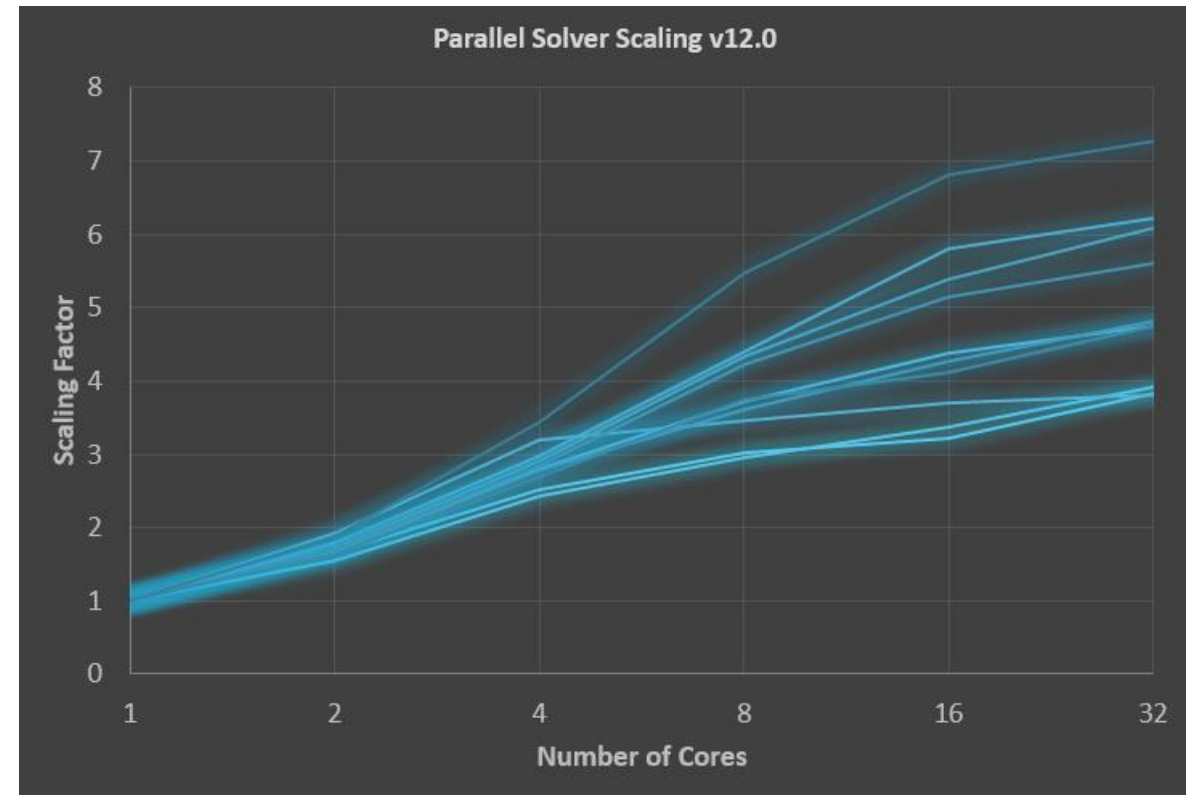
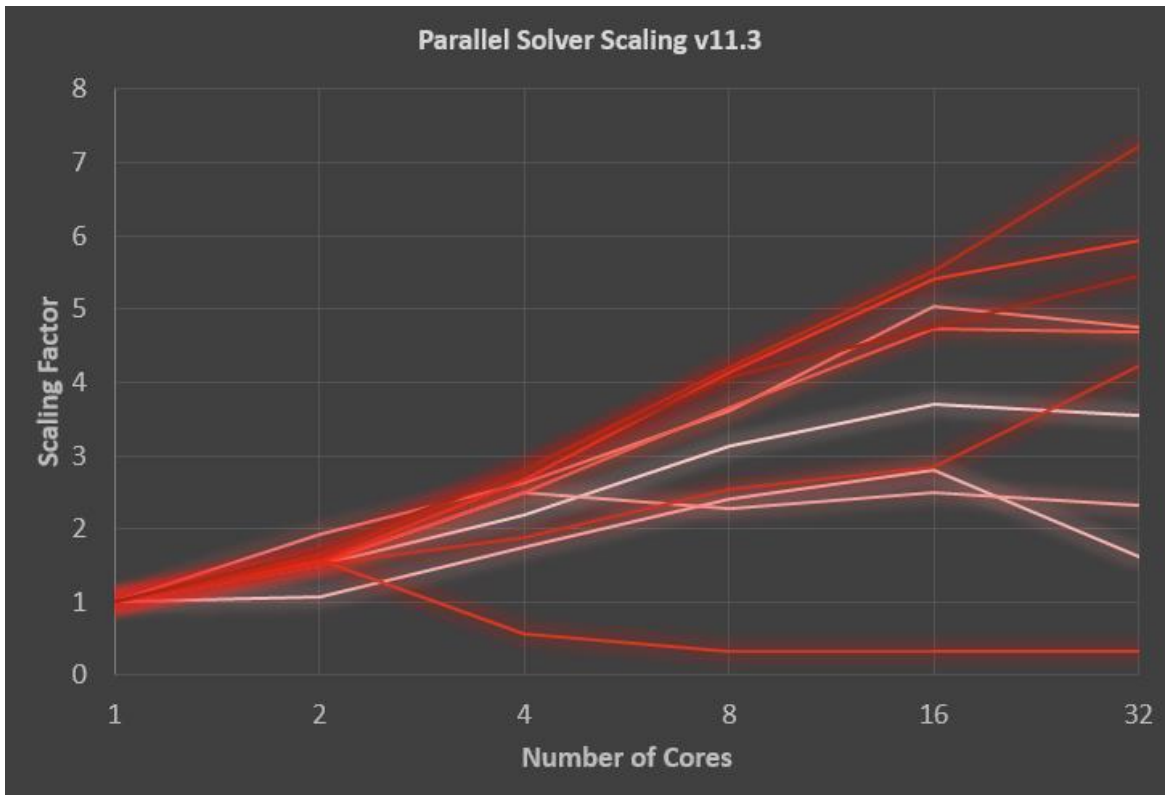


SOLVER

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Scalability and Stability Improvements

- **Parallel Solver** aspects re-engineered to offer improved stability and scalability for a broader range of models and cores.

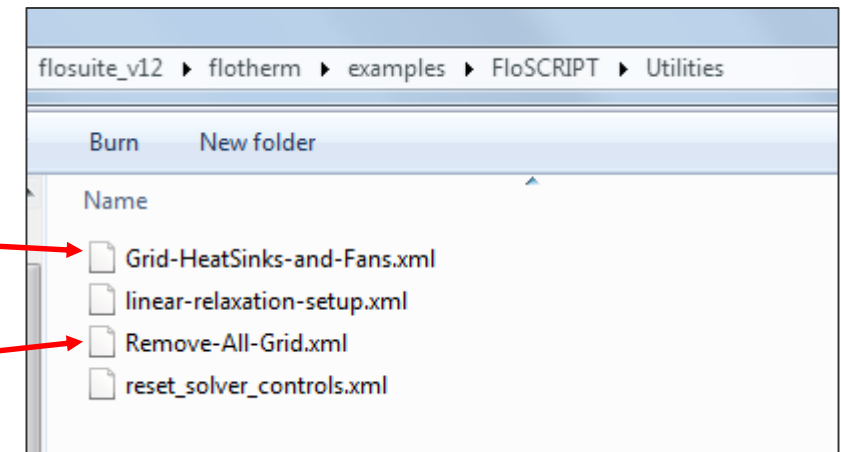
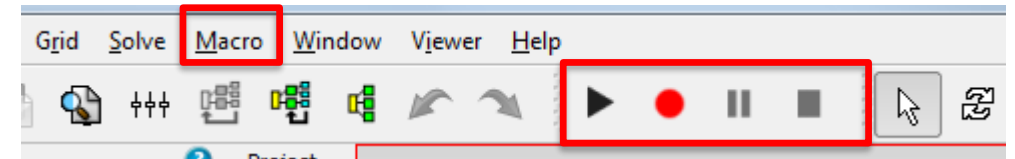


EXTRAS

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Work Flow Automation

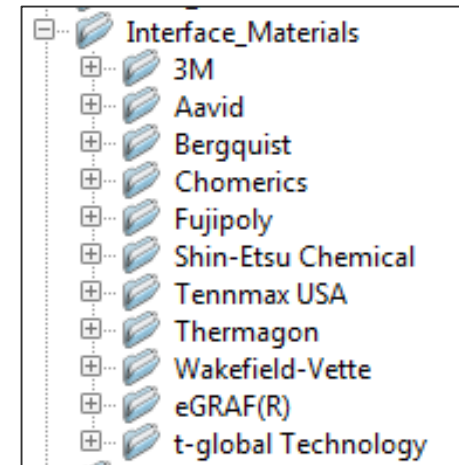
- Macro Recorder
 - Record specific **FloSCRIPT** commands and save to user defined location. Pause and Stop Recording commands supported.
 - Playback FloSCRIPT included as toolbar icon.
- Edit/Find queries are FloSCRIPT able. Subsequent actions are applied to Found objects
 - Examples:
 - Find all Heat Sinks and Fans, then attach grid constraint.
 - Find all objects with Localized Grid active, then turn off localized grid



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Extras

- **Multi-Select of Attributes**
 - Common property sheet used to quickly modify all selections
 - Quickly change Transient attributes attached to Sources
 - Quickly save attributes to a library folder
- **Use Summary columns for fast attribute display.**
 - Click an attribute icon to show the attribute property sheet
 - Click again to cycle through multi-face attributes if present
- **Project Load Speed Up**
 - Large models now load up to 100x faster
- **Updated Thermal Interface Material Library**



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Operating System Changes

- FloTHERM v12 is **64-bit only**
 - Supported Operating Systems
 - Windows 7
 - Windows 8 and 8.1
 - Windows 10
 - Windows Server 2008 R2
 - Windows Server 2012
 - Windows Server 2012 R2
 - RHEL 6

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