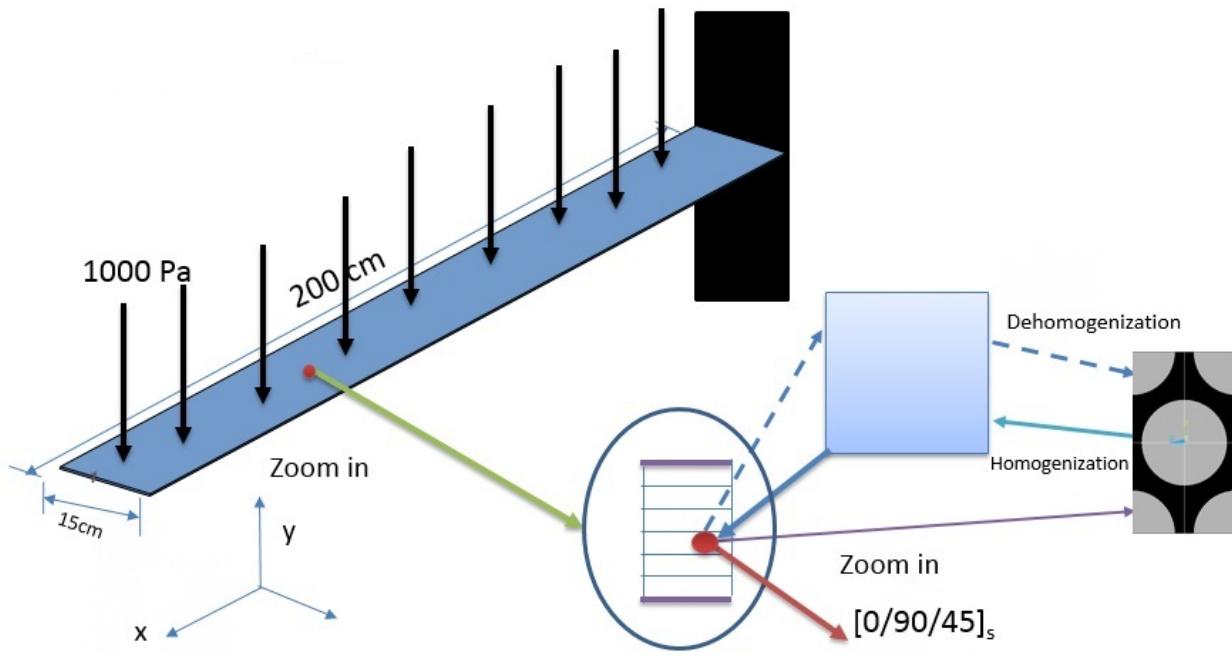


Predictions of local/global stress/strain fields in composite structures

In this problem, we will try to show how to analyze the local-global fields in composite structures using [SwiftComp](#)-Abaqus-GUI.

The figure below can summarize how to do the local global analysis.



Let the material properties a fiber (T300) property be: : $E_{11}=230$ GPA, $E_{22}=15$ GPA, $\nu_{12}=0.20$, $\nu_{23}=0.0714$, $G_{12}=15$ GPa, $G_7=3.928$ GPa.

and matrix (3501-6 epoxy) be: $E = 4.2$ GP, $\nu=0.34$

The composite lay-up:

$[0/90/45], , s, ,$

Thickness of each ply=0.00025m

"Soden, P. D., Hinton M. J. and Kaddour, A. S., Lamina properties, lay-up configurations and loading conditions for a range of fibre reinforced composite laminates. Compos. Sci. Technol., 1998, 58(7), 1011"

Major steps to perform local-global analysis

Step 1: Input material properties

There are two materials namely fiber and matrix

- a. Fiber properties
- b. Matrix properties

Edit Material X

Name: Fiber Edit

Description:

Material Behaviors

Density

Elastic

General Mechanical Thermal Electrical/Magnetic Other Edit

Elastic

Type: Engineering Constants ▼ Suboptions

Use temperature-dependent data

Number of field variables: 0 Up/Down

Moduli time scale (for viscoelasticity): Long-term ▼

No compression

No tension

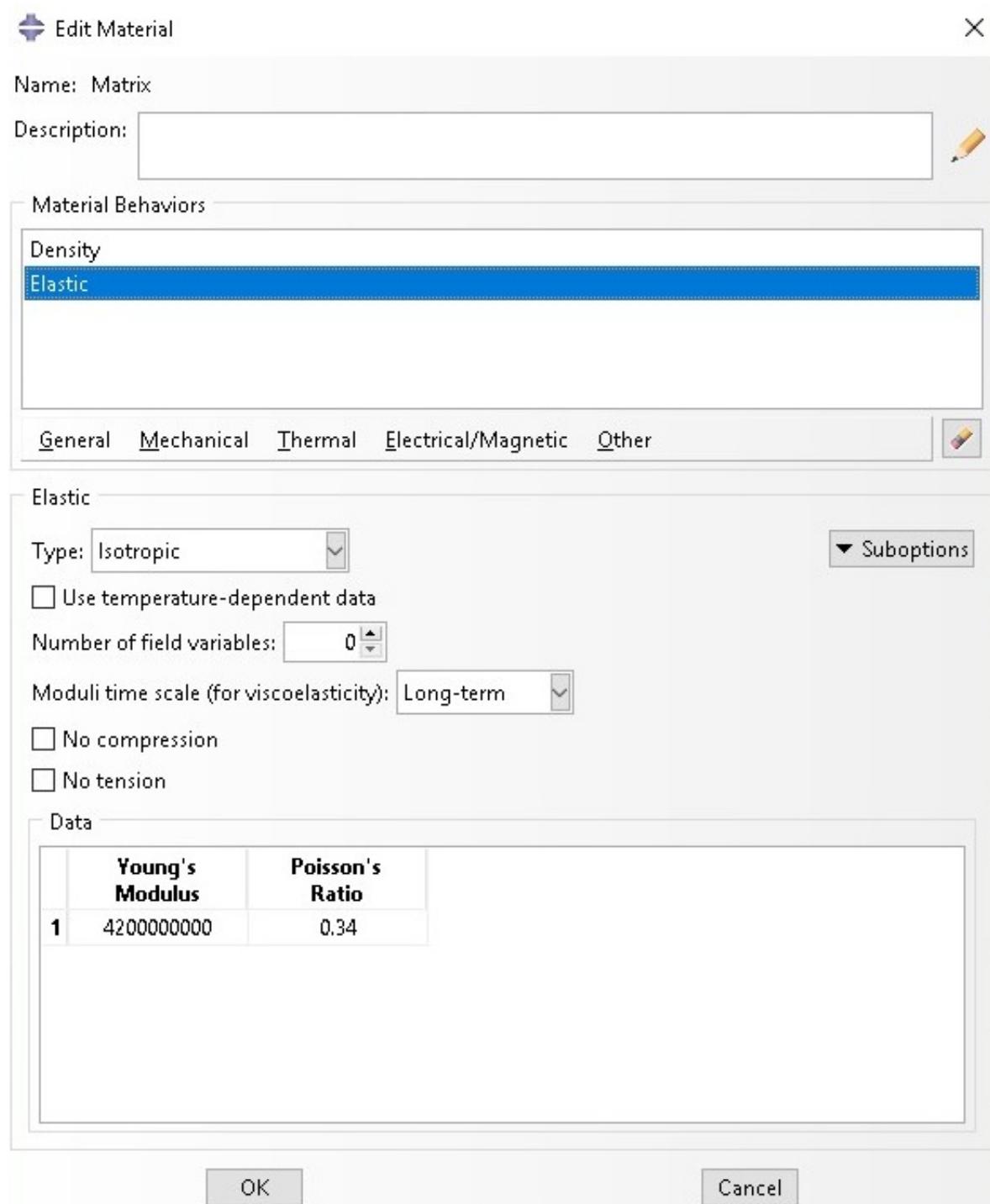
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	E1	E2	E3	Nu12	Nu13
1	230000000000	150000000000	150000000000	0.2	0.2

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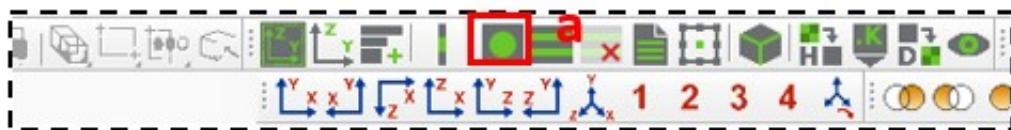
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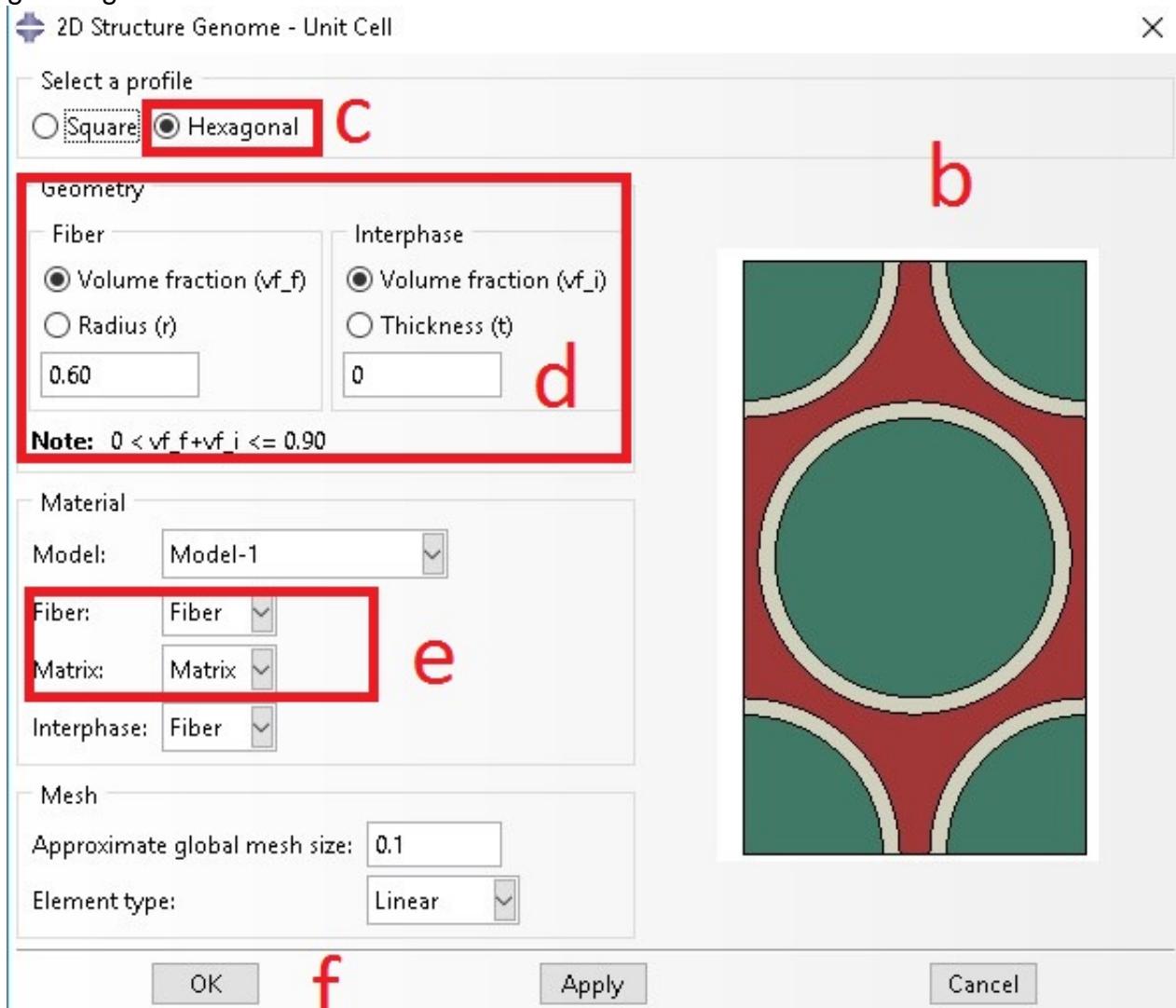


Step 2: Select appropriate SG

- Select 3D SG that represent the current example



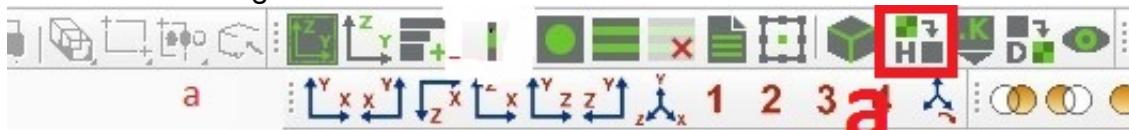
- b. 3D SG wizard shows up
- c. Select spherical inclusion as microstructure
- d. Add inclusion volume fraction
- e. Select material properties for inclusion and matrix
- f. Click on OK to generate the SG
- g. See generated 2D SG



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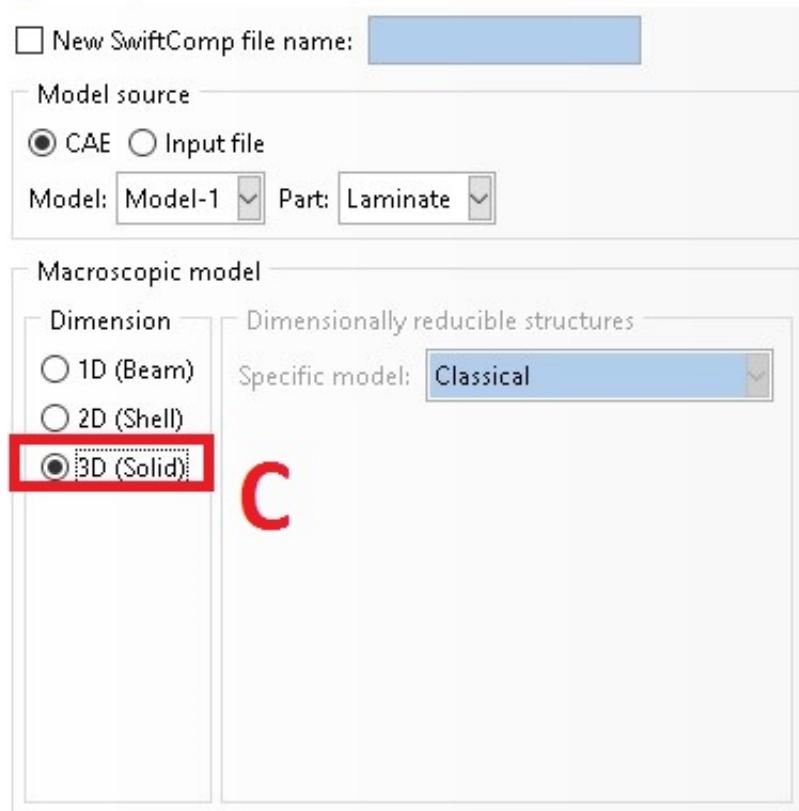
Step 3- Homogenization- 3D effective properties

- a. Click on Homogenization



- b. Homogenization wizard shows up (see below)
- c. Select 3D (solid) Model
- d. Select analysis type, elastic
- e. Click on OK to start homogenization
- f. See the predicted 3D effective properties

 Homogenization



New SwiftComp file name:

Model source:
 CAE Input file

Model: Part:

Macroscopic model

Dimension: Dimensionally reducible structures

 1D (Beam) Specific model:

 2D (Shell)

 3D (Solid) C

Omega:

Note: Provide omega if the part is not a line, rectangle or cube

Options

Analysis type:

Element type:

Elemental orientation:

Temperature distribution:
d

Aperiodic

 y1 y2 y3

Only generate input file. Do not run SwiftComp.

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Step 4: Export predicted effective properties to create a new model

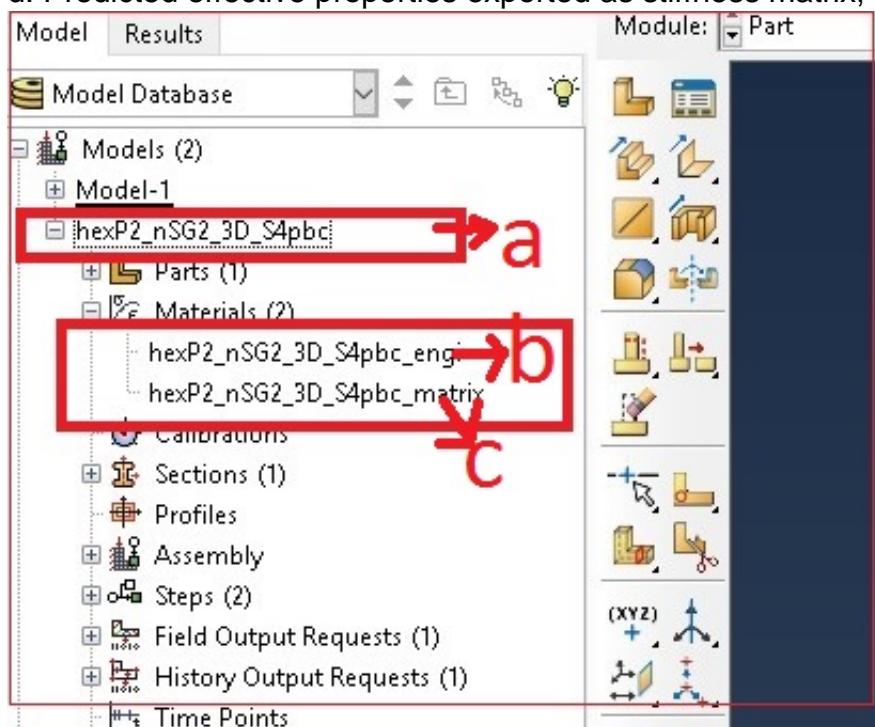
- Export the predicted effective properties



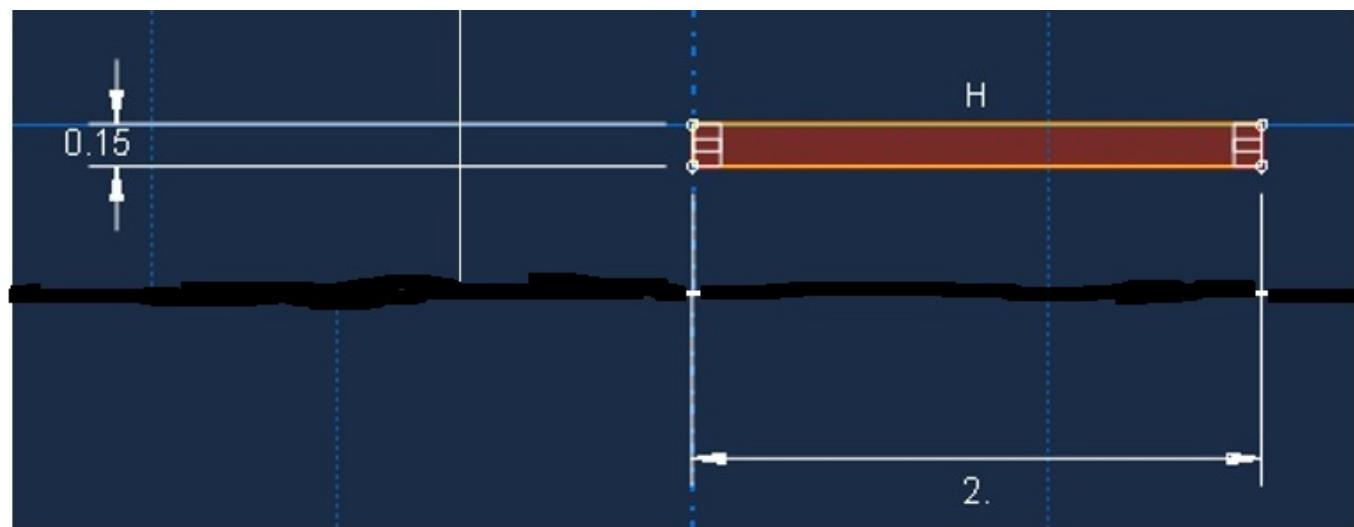
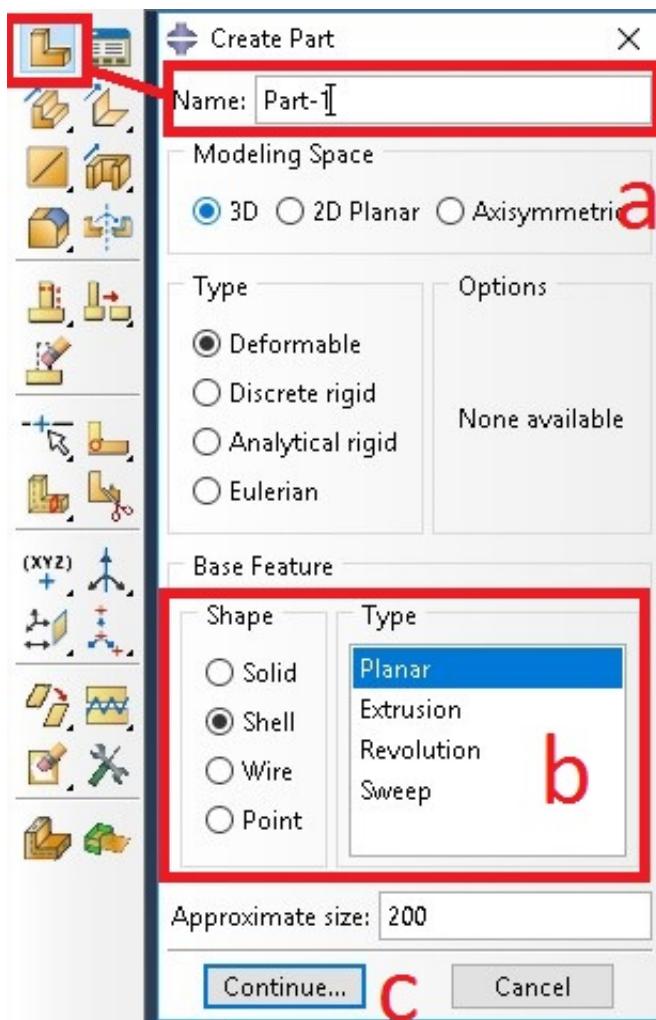
- A new model is automatically generated, this is to be used for generating a global model

- Predicted effective properties exported as engineering constants

- Predicted effective properties exported as stiffness matrix, D,

**Step 5: Generate the global model**

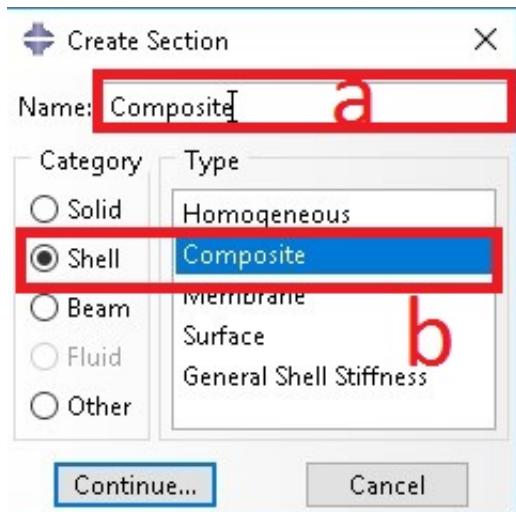
- Click on Part and name as Part-1
- Select 'Shell' from Shape and 'Planer' from type
- A new model is generated as shown (0.2m and thickness=0.15m)



Step 6: Create and Assign Section'

- Click on Section and name as 'Composite'
- Select 'Shell' from Category and 'Composite' from type
- Edit section wizard shows up
- Add section properties as shown and click OK

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Edit Section

Name: CompositeA
Type: Shell / Continuum Shell, Composite

Section integration: During analysis Before analysis

Layup name:

Basic Advanced

Thickness integration rule: Simpson Gauss

Symmetric layers

Material	Thickness	Orientation Angle	Integration Points	Ply Name
hexP2_nSG2_3D_S4pbc_engi	0.00025	0	3	A
hexP2_nSG2_3D_S4pbc_engi	0.00025	90	3	B
hexP2_nSG2_3D_S4pbc_engi	0.00025	45	3	C
hexP2_nSG2_3D_S4pbc_engi	0.00025	45	3	D
hexP2_nSG2_3D_S4pbc_engi	0.00025	90	3	E
hexP2_nSG2_3D_S4pbc_engi	0.00025	0	3	F

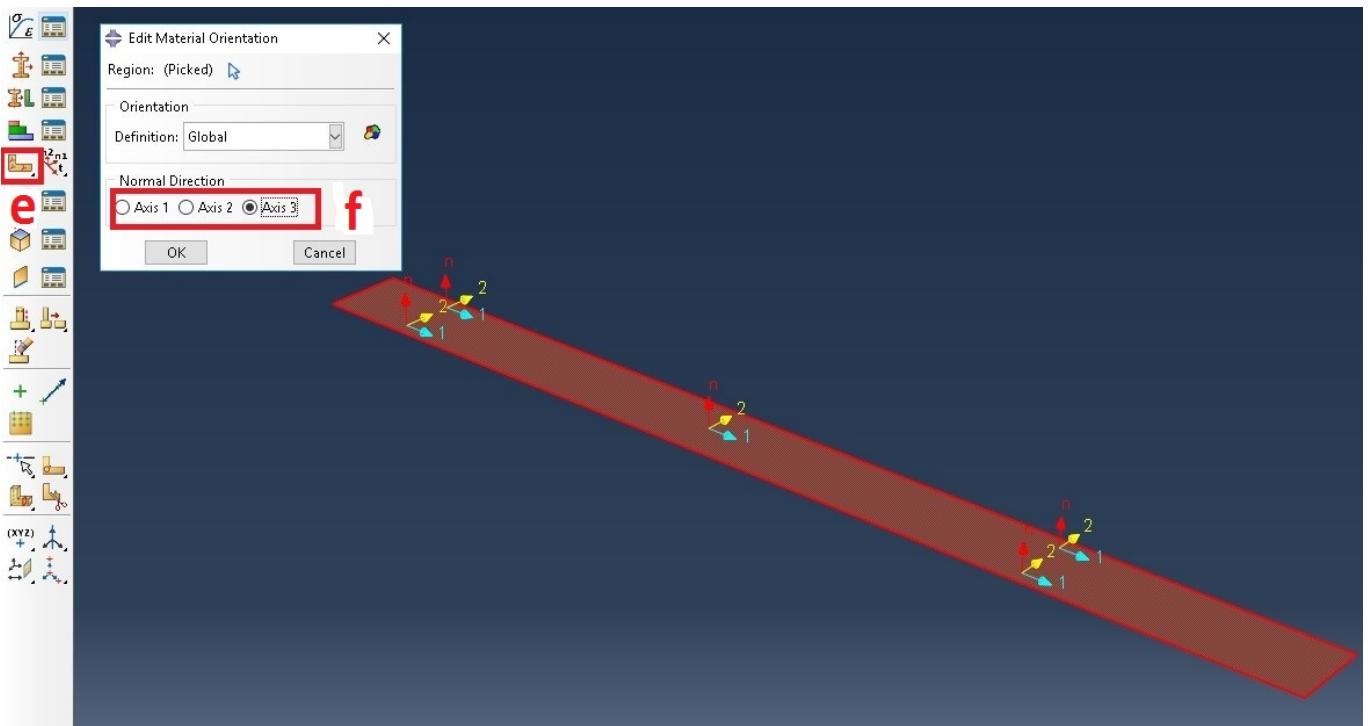
Options:

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OK Cancel

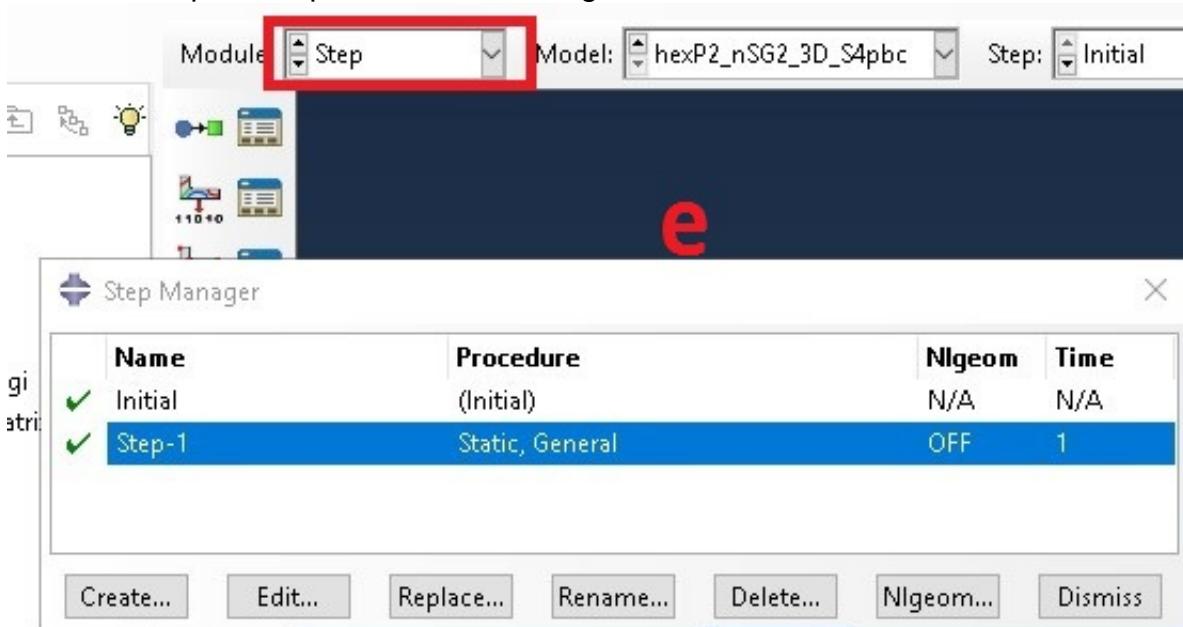
- e. Assign material orientation
- f. Click on Axis 3

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Step 7: Create Assembly and Steps

- Select Assembly
- Select 'Part-1' from Create Instance
- Click OK
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- Create steps, accept the default setting

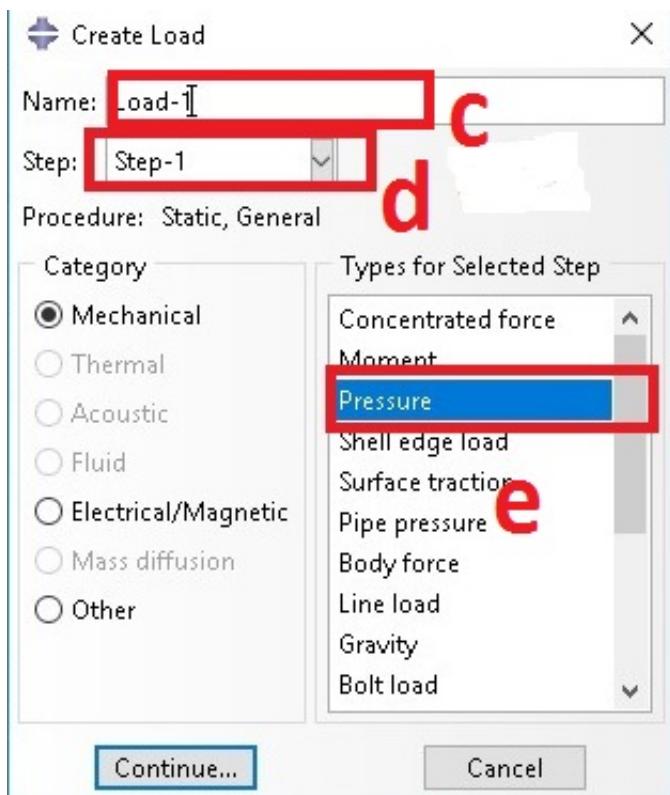
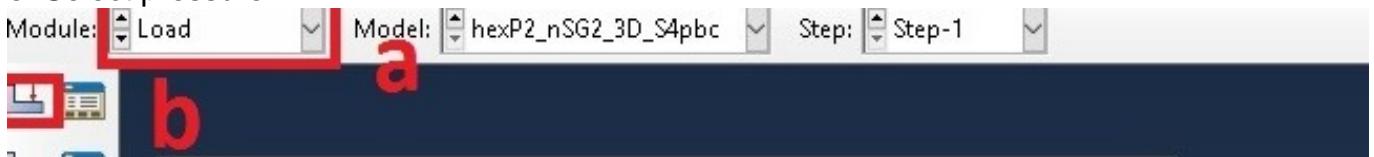


Step 8: Create load and boundary conditions

- Select load from Module
- Select load
- Name the load as 'Load-1'

d. Select step 1

e. Select pressure



f. Select the area to be loaded

g. Add the load

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Step 9: Create boundary conditions

a. Select load from Module

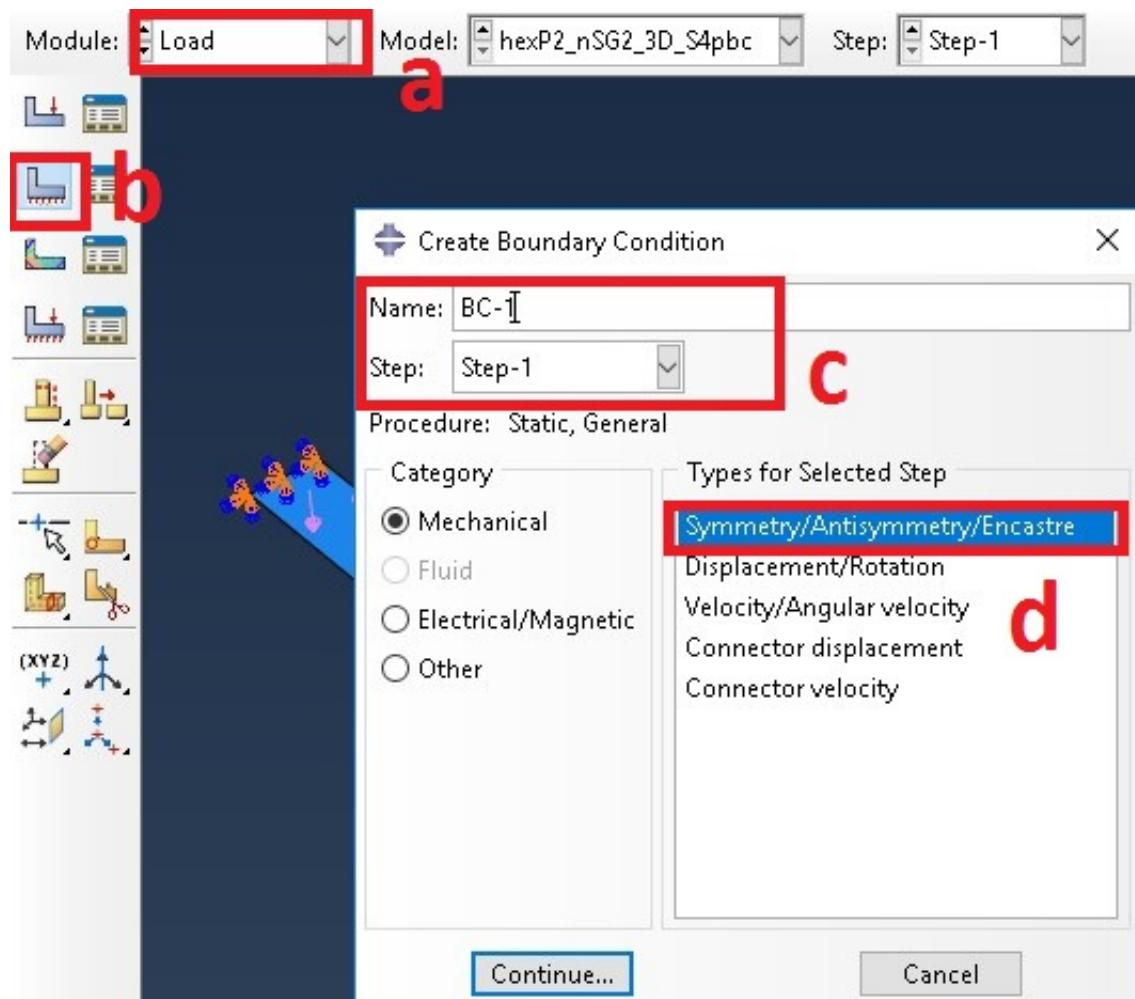
b. Boundary Conditions (BC)

c. Name the BC as 'BC-1' and Select 'Step-1'

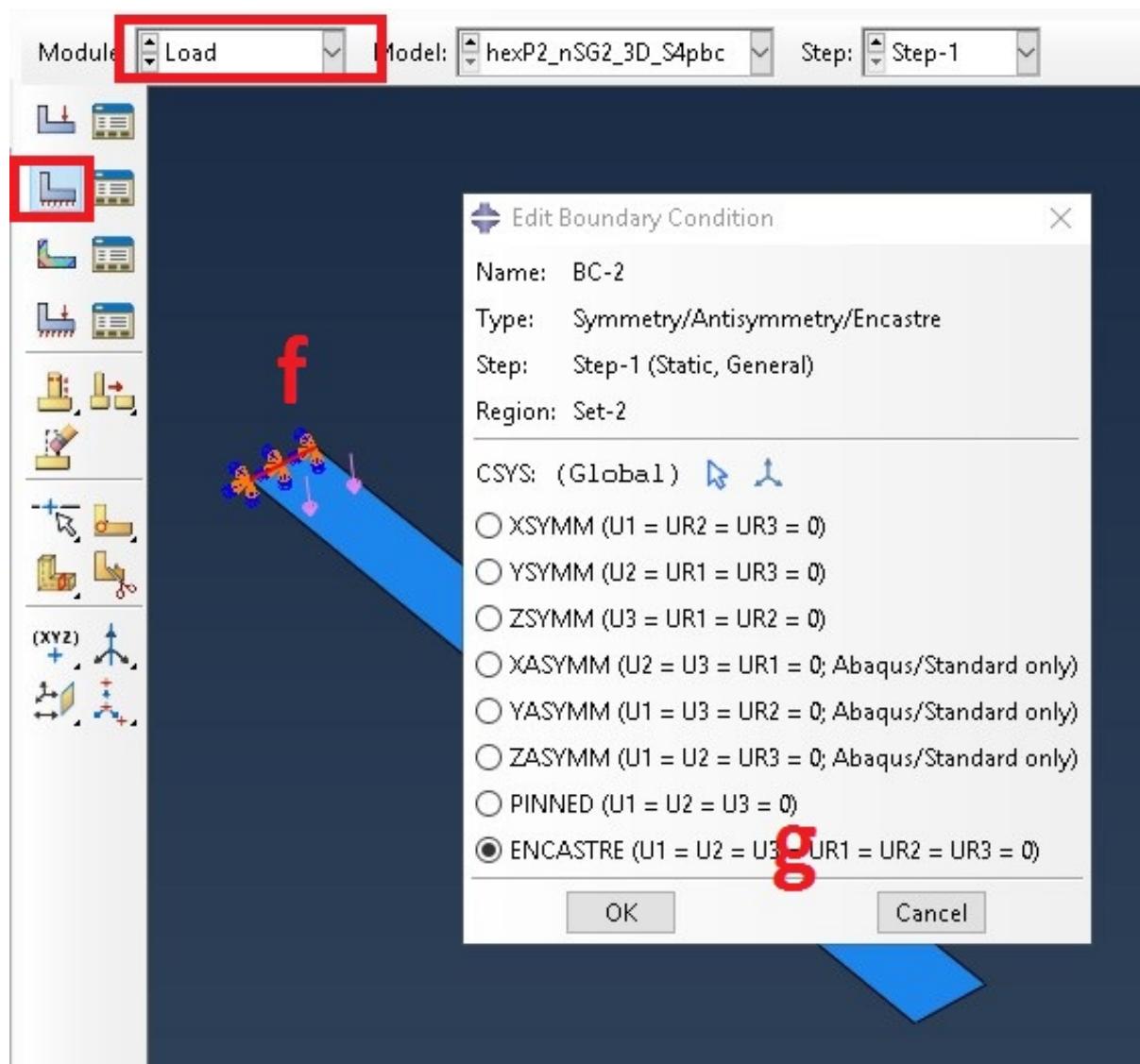
d. Select 'Mechanical' from Category and Symmetry type BC

e. Click on OK

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- f. Select the edge for BC
- g. Select ENCASTER

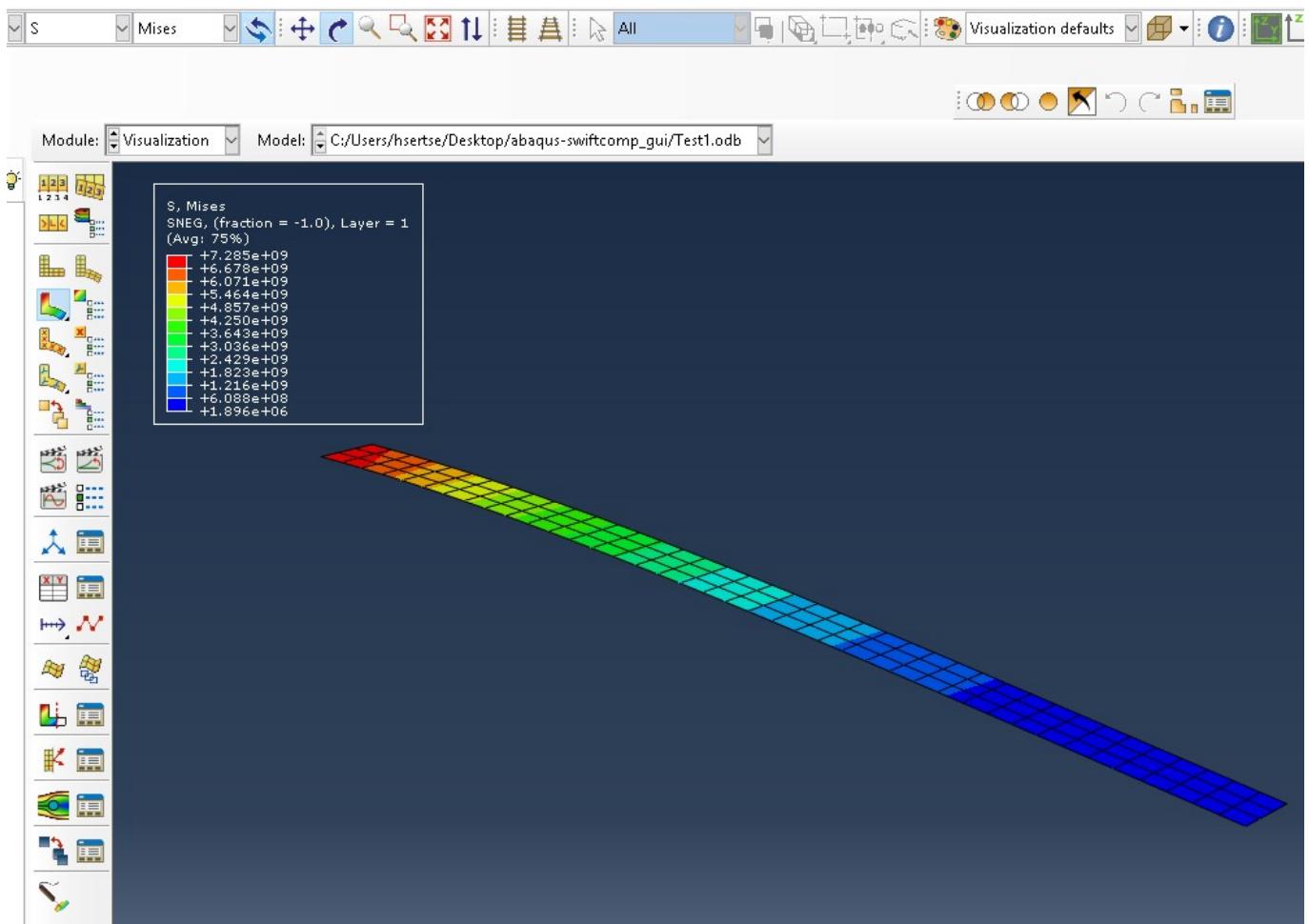


Step 10: Create Mesh ‘

Step 11: Run the analysis ‘

Step 11: Results of the analysis ‘

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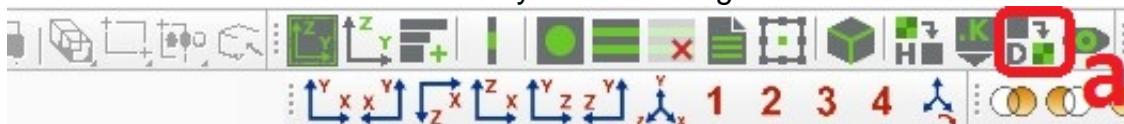


Step 12: Obtain global strains ‘

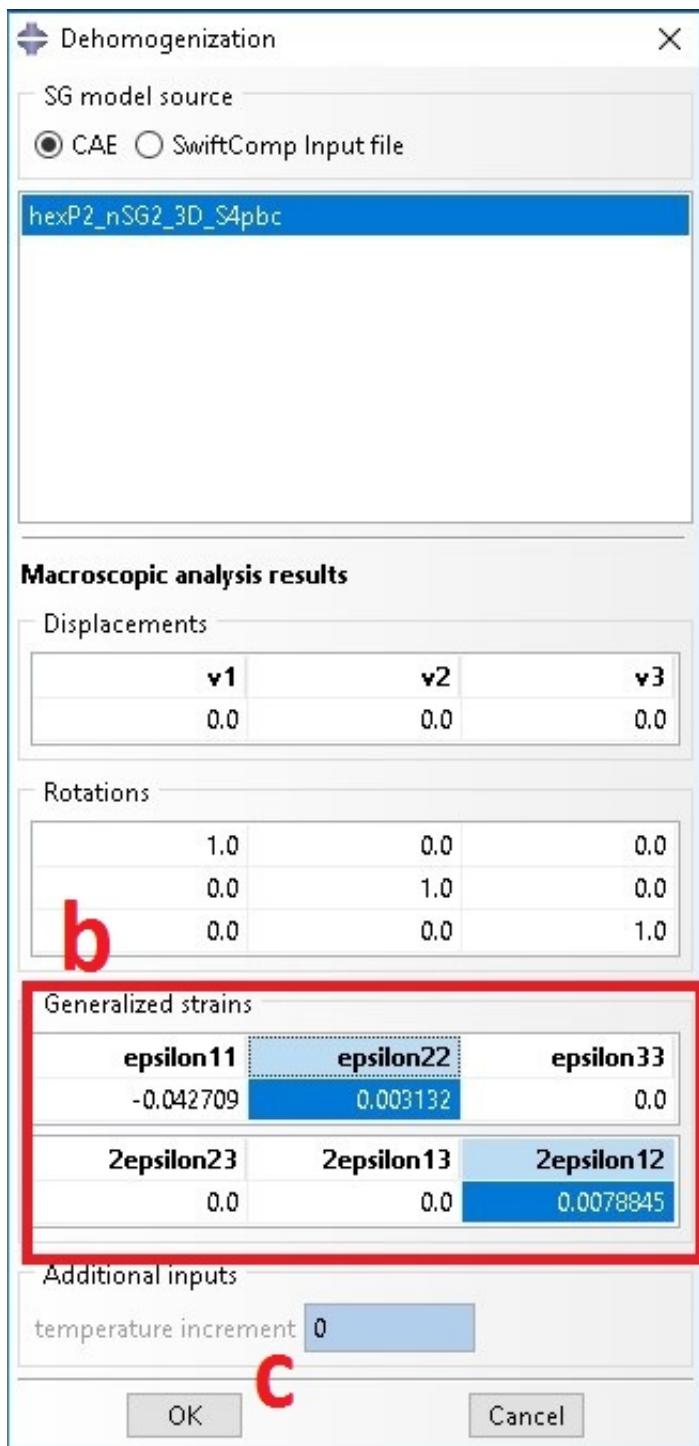
- Click on probe values to obtain global strain
- Click on a point on global structure
- Select nodes and all direct from probe values wizard
- The following strain values can be obtained, strain $e_{11}=-0.042709$, $e_{22}=0.00212116$, $2e_{12}=0.00788458$, and all others are zero

Step 13: Run dehomogenization ‘

- Go back to micromechanical analysis with hexagonal SG and click on dehomogenization



- Add global strain obtain in step 12 to obtain local field in 0 degree lamina
- Click on OK



Step 14: Create view port and show both global and micromechanical local field analysis '

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