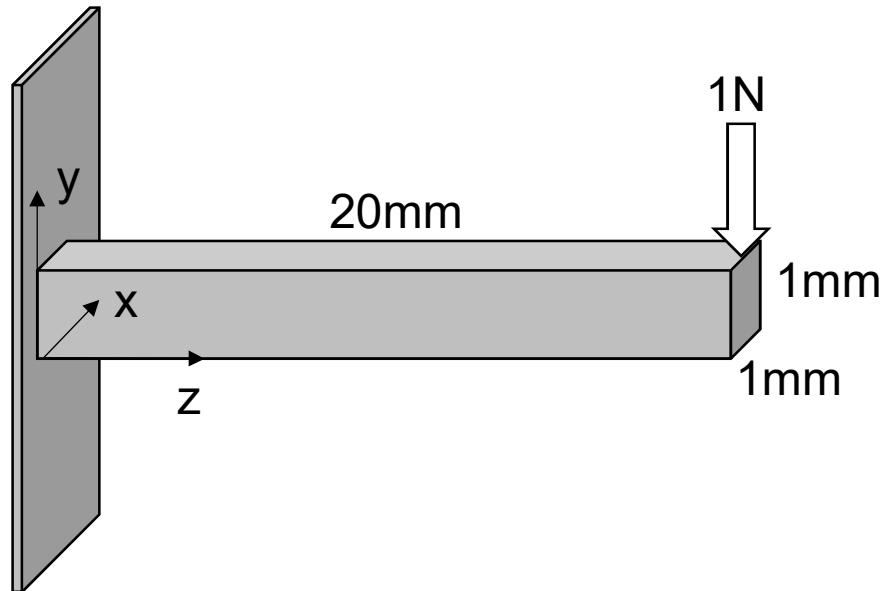


Finite element analysis of beam bending

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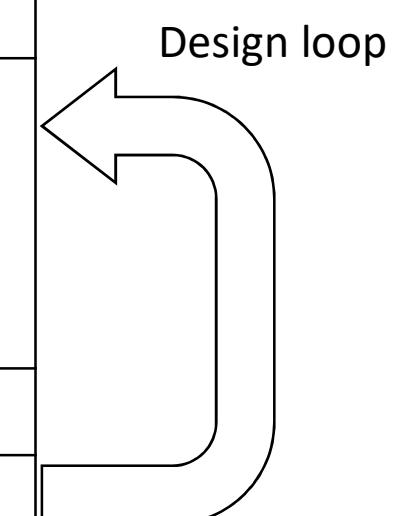
$$\text{Displacement} = P \cdot L^3 / (3EI)$$

$$I = bh^3/12$$

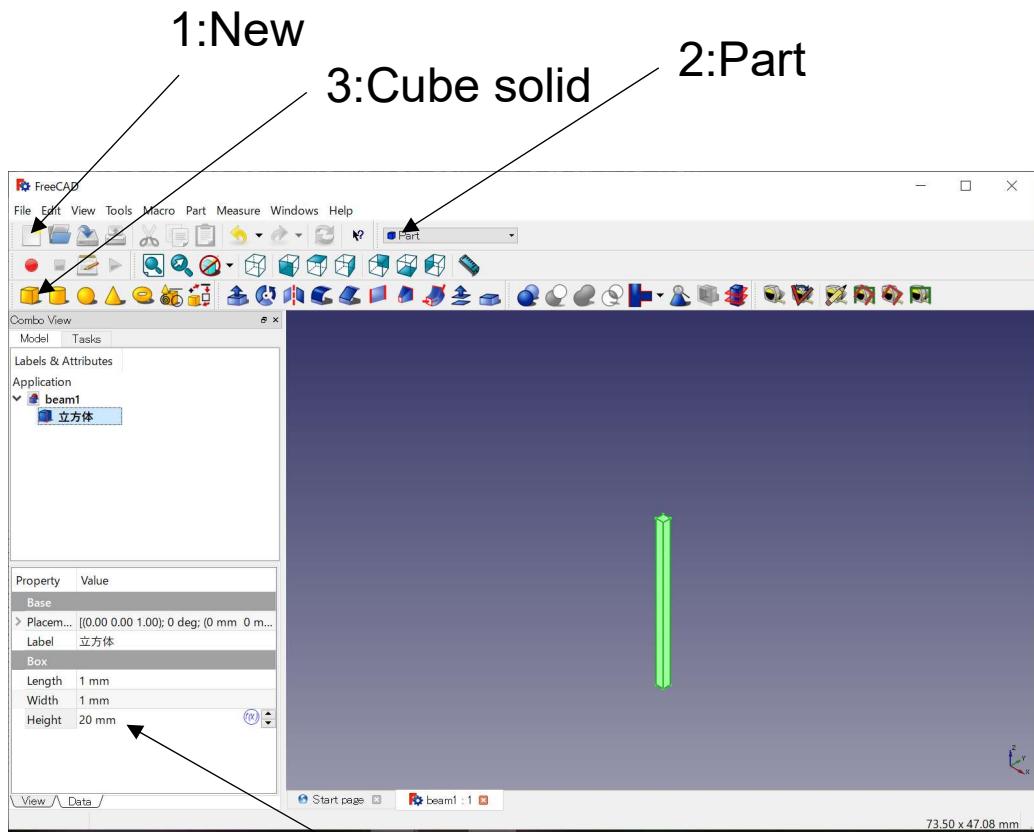
Iron bar

P	N	1
L	m	20e-3
E	Pa	211e9
I	m ⁴	8.33e-14
Disp.	m	1.52e-4

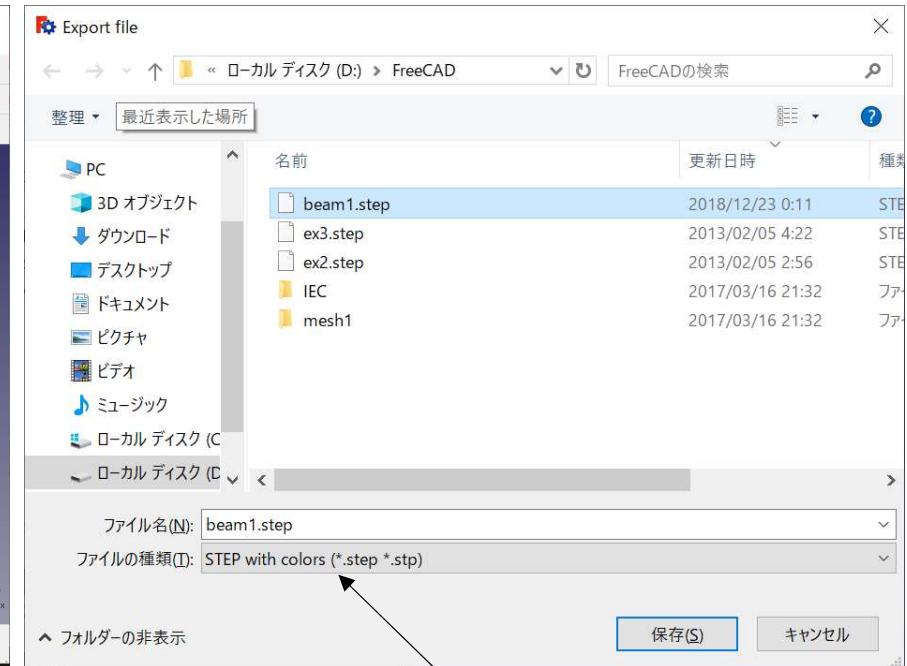
	workflow	software
pre-process1	Creating geometries Export geometries in STEP format	FreeCAD
pre-process2	Import geometries Creating mesh (discretizing) Assign Materials Set fix points Set loading points	SimScale
processing	Run simulations	SimScale
post-process	Check displacement and stress	SimScale



Creating geometries on FreeCAD



1:New
2:Part
3:Cube solid



4:Length=1mm, Width=1mm, Height=20mm

5:File>Export
Select STEP format

Import geometries on SimScale

New Project

Create New Project

beam1

Private Project: DISABLED

Upgrade my plan

beam example

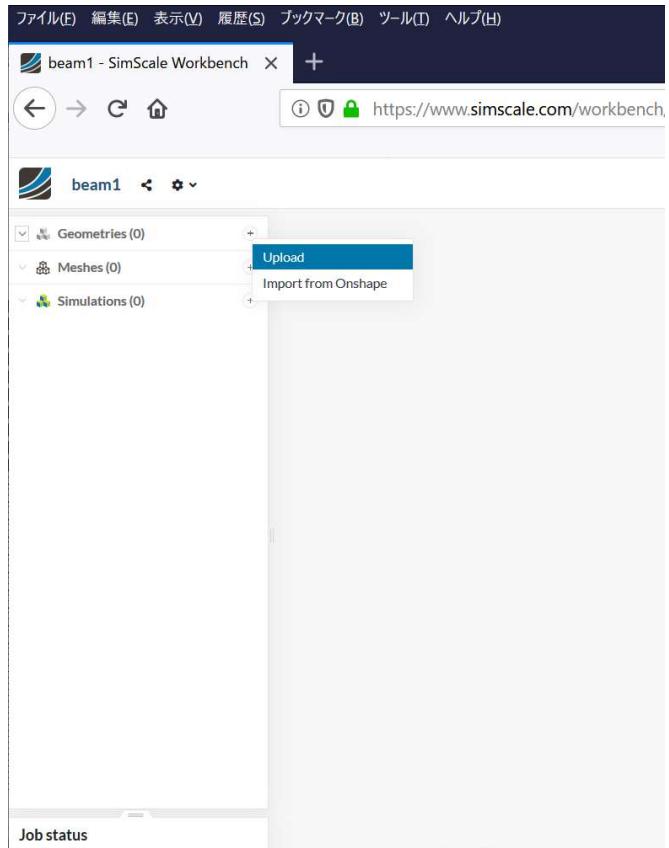
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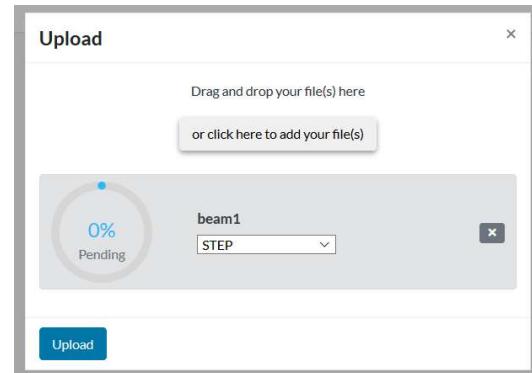
Drag and drop your CAD files here
or click here to add your files

Create project

Geometries > Upload

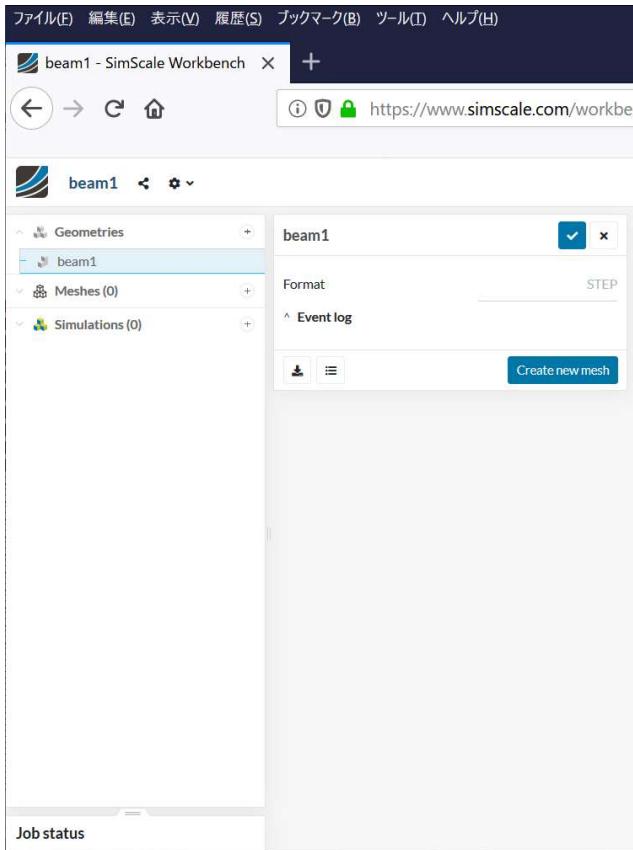


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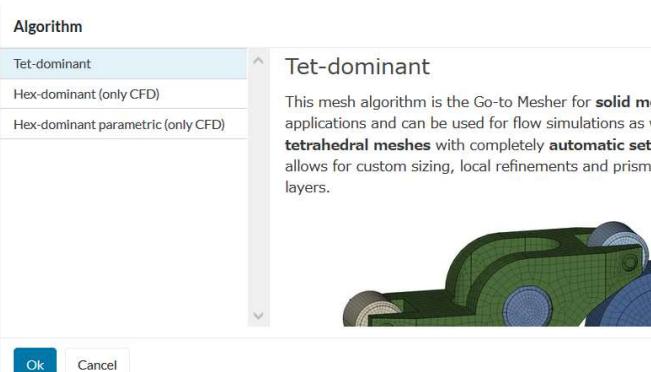


Meshing on SimScale

Create new mesh



Tet-dominant



Edge length(Manual)

beam1 mesh

Algorithm  Tet-dominant

Sizing Manual mesh sizing

Minimum edge length 0.001 m

Maximum edge length 0.002 m

Grading Automatic mesh gra

Fineness Coarse

Order First

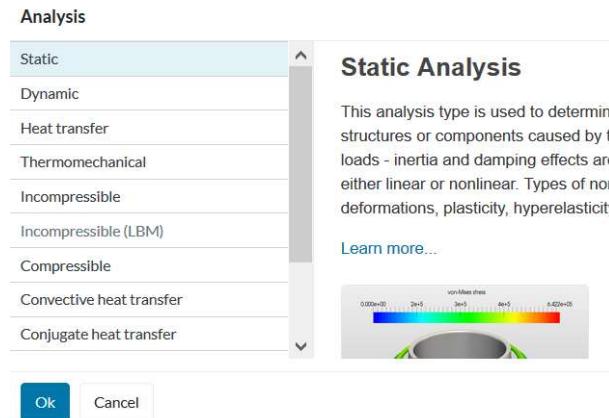
Allow quadrangles

Number of processors 4

Generate 

Assign materials

Static Analysis

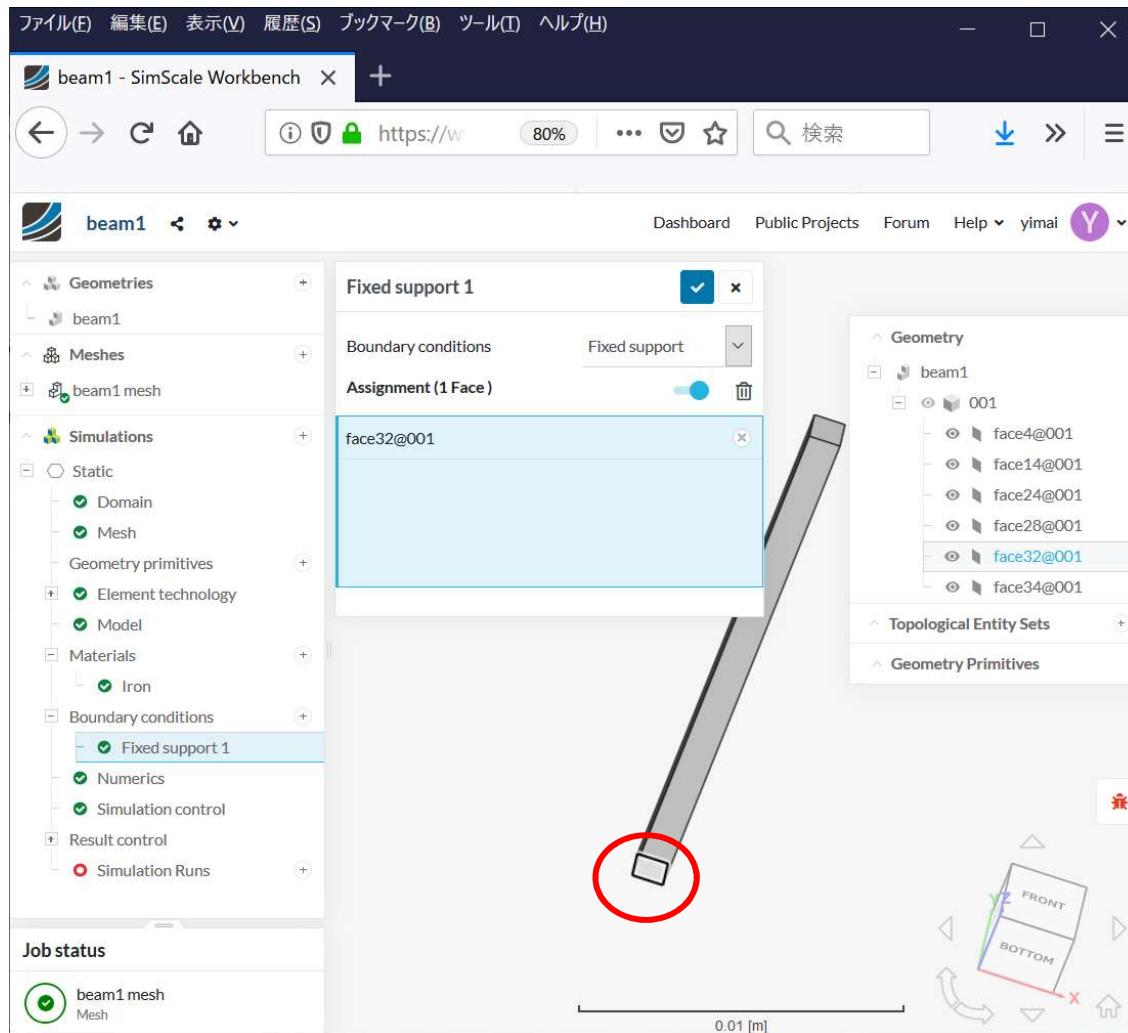


Materials (iron)

The screenshot shows the SimScale Workbench interface for a project named "beam1". The left sidebar lists project components: Geometries, Meshes, Simulations, Static, Materials, Job status, and a Job log. The "Materials" section is expanded, showing "Iron" assigned to the "beam1" geometry. The "Assignment (1 Volume)" panel shows the entry "001" with a delete button. The right side of the interface displays the 3D model of a beam with a coordinate system (X, Y, Z) and a topological entity set named "001" highlighted in blue. A status bar at the bottom indicates a length of "0.01 [m]".

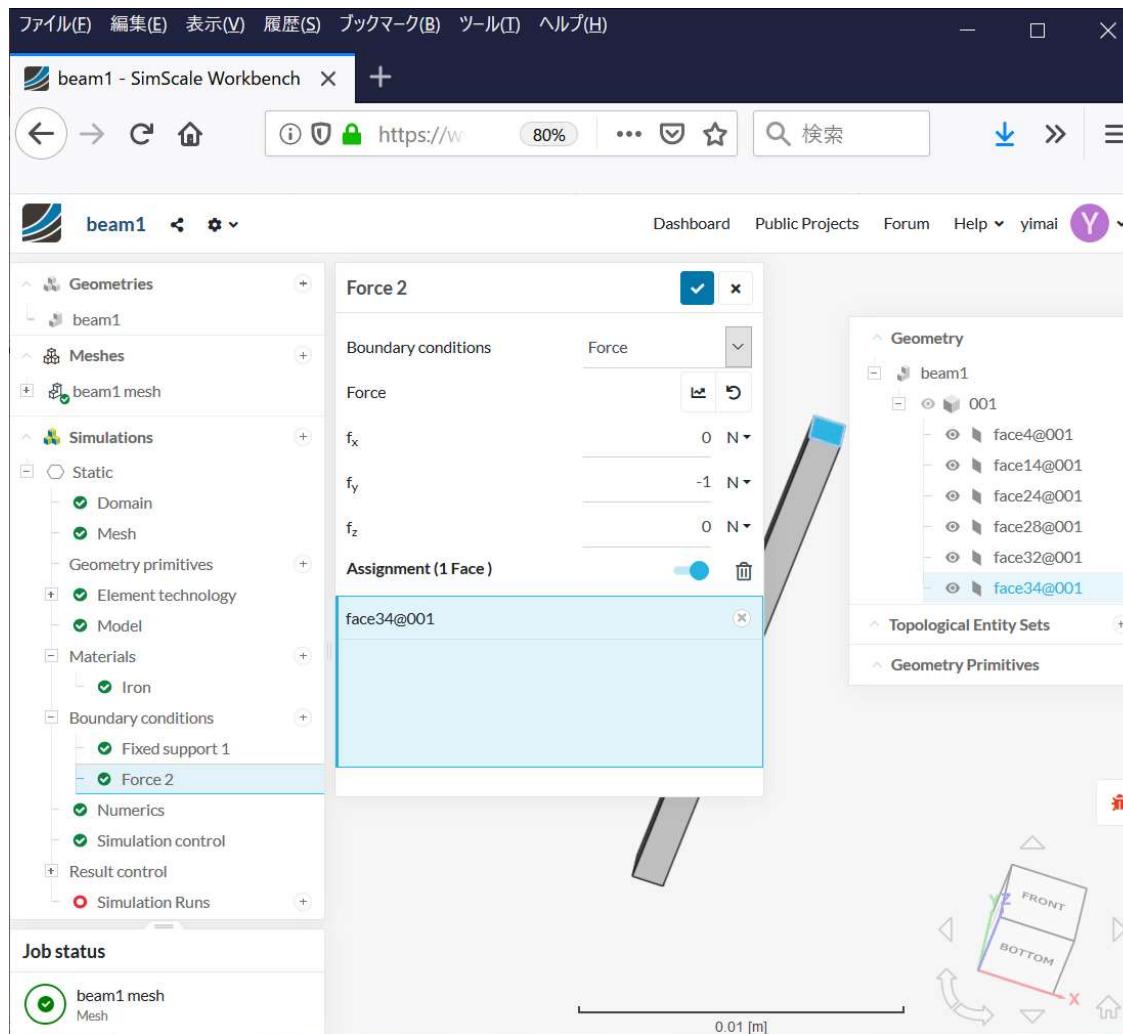
Boundary Conditions 1

Fixed Support ($z=0$ plane)



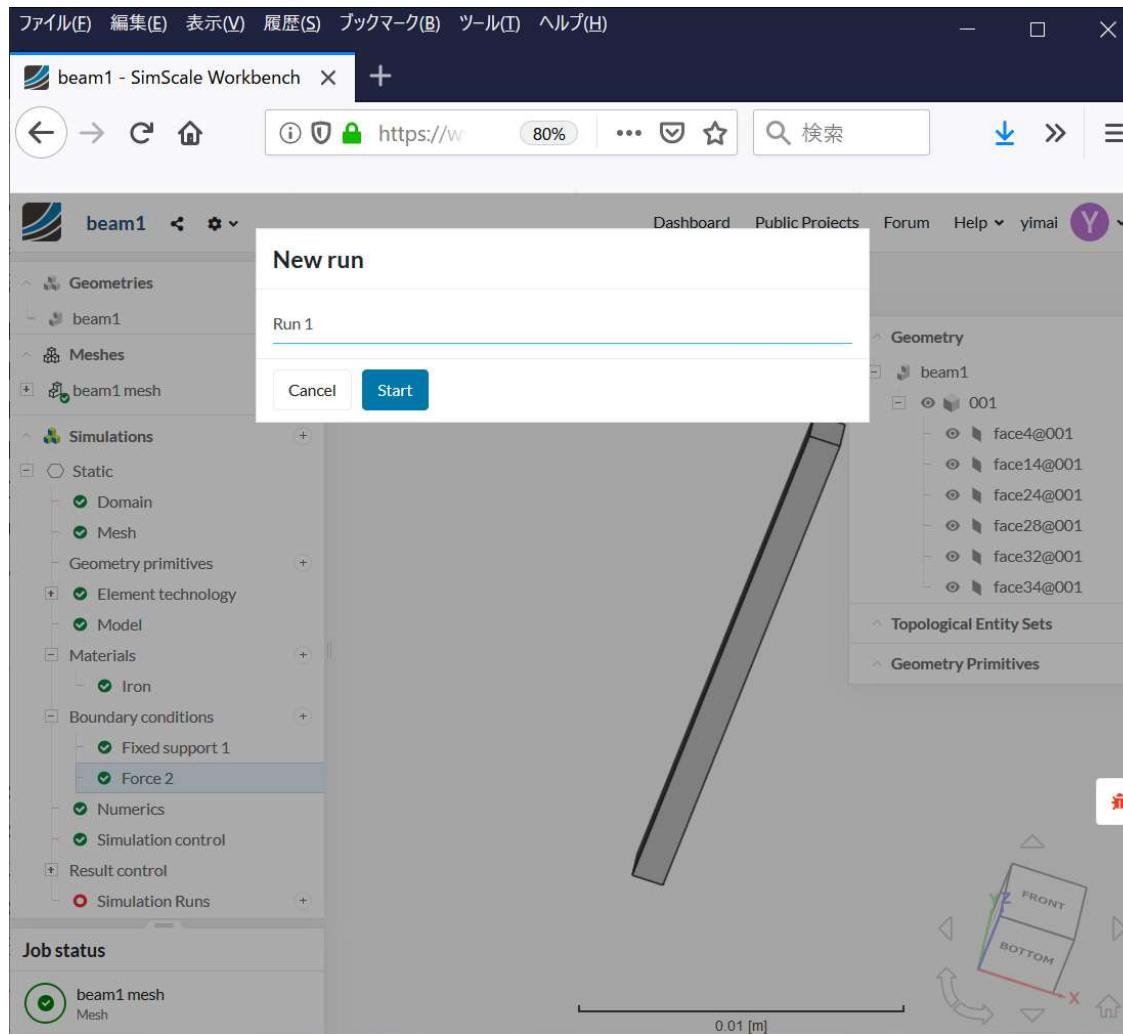
Boundary Conditions 2

Force ($F_y=-1\text{N}$, $z=0.002$ plane)



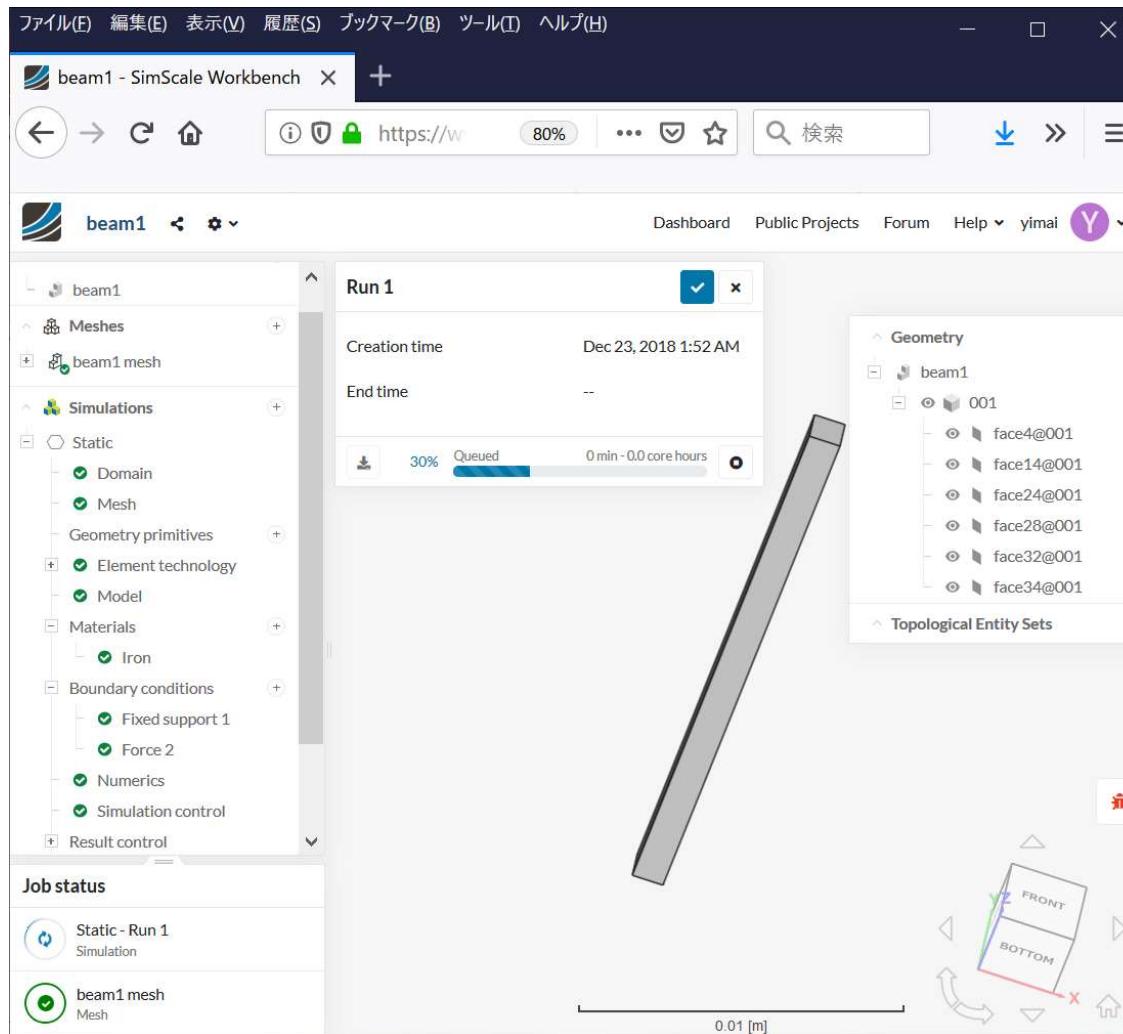
Simulation

Simulation Runs



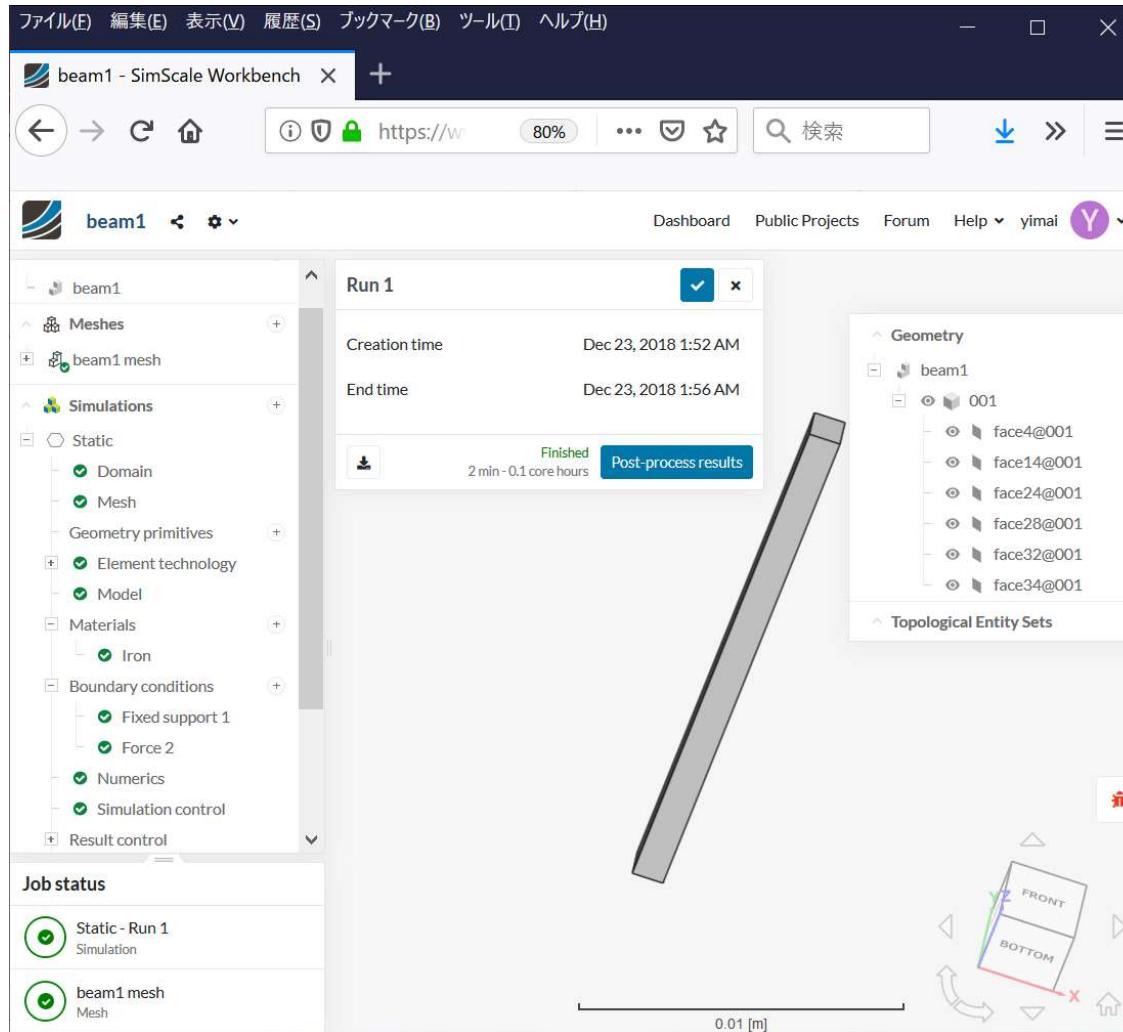
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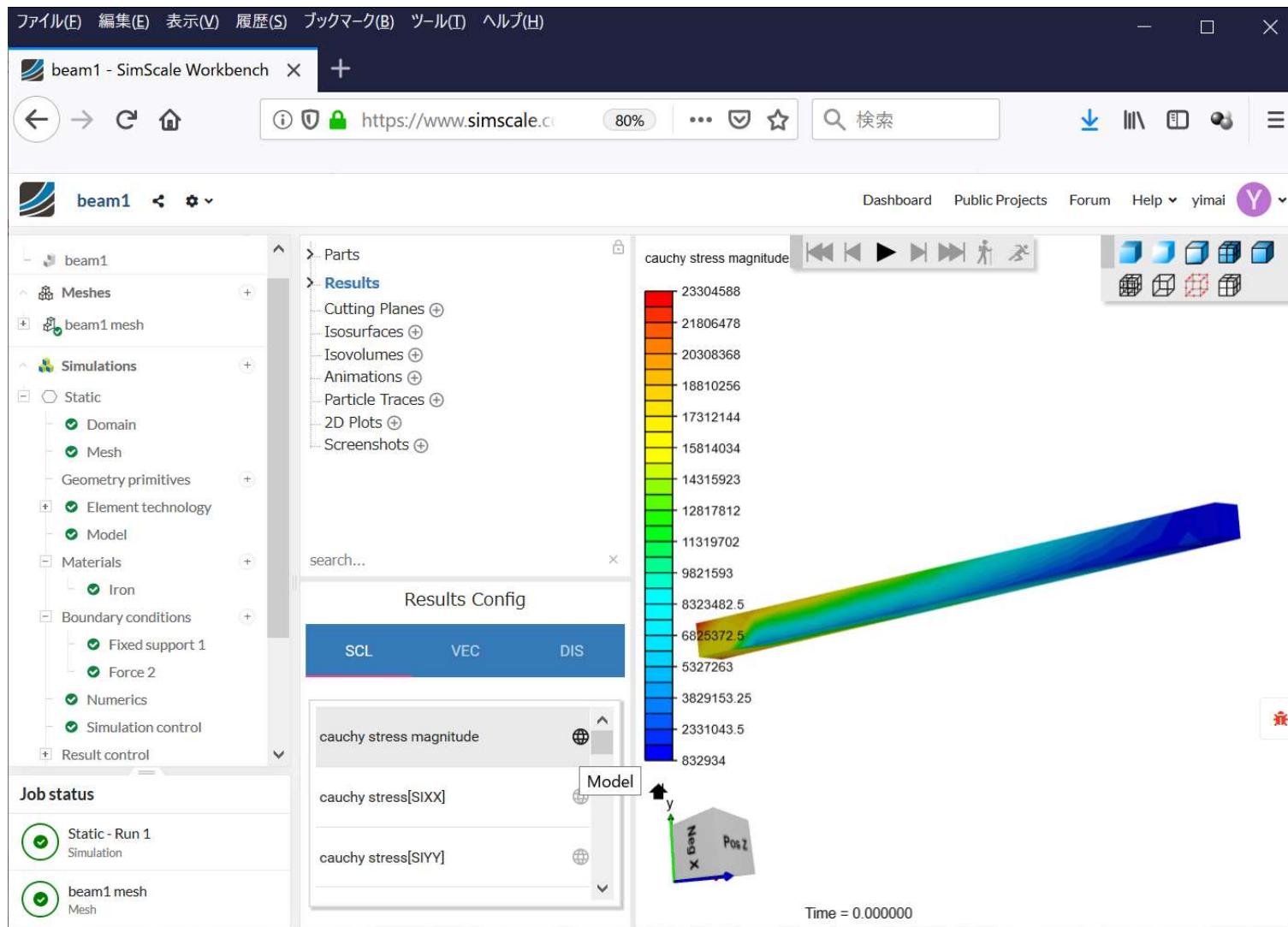
Simulation

Simulation Finish -> Post process



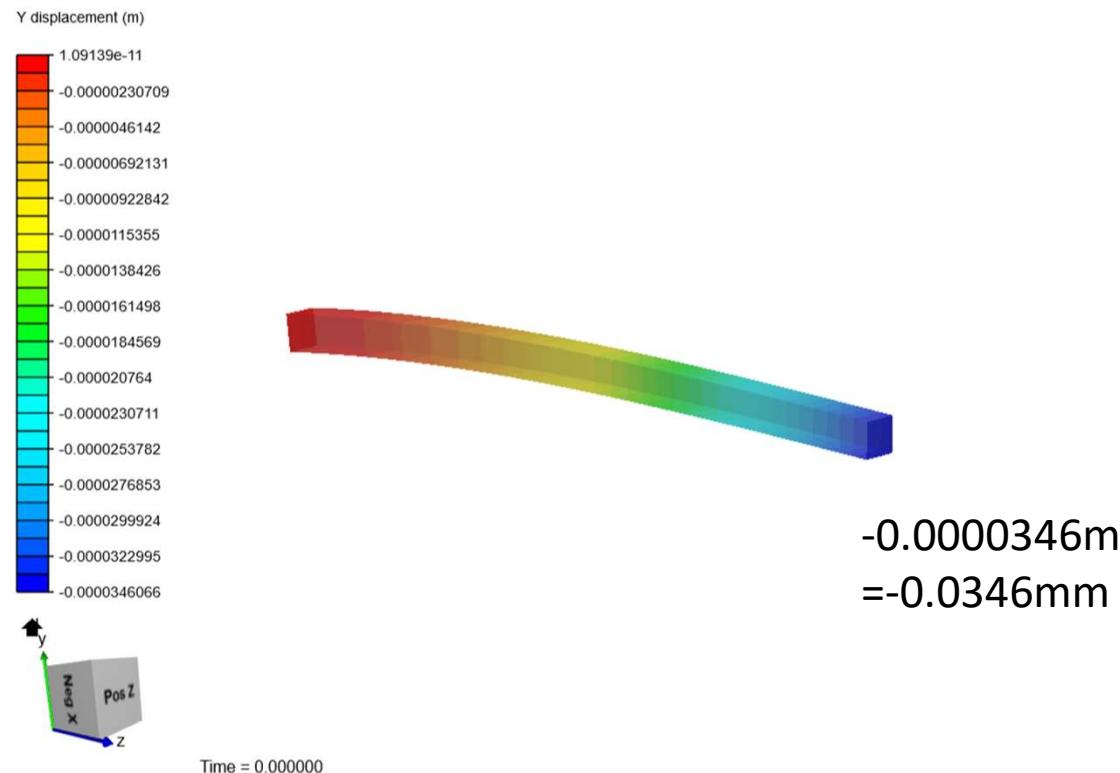
Post-Process

Stress at $z = 0$ is large. Stress at $z=0.002$ is small.



Post-Process

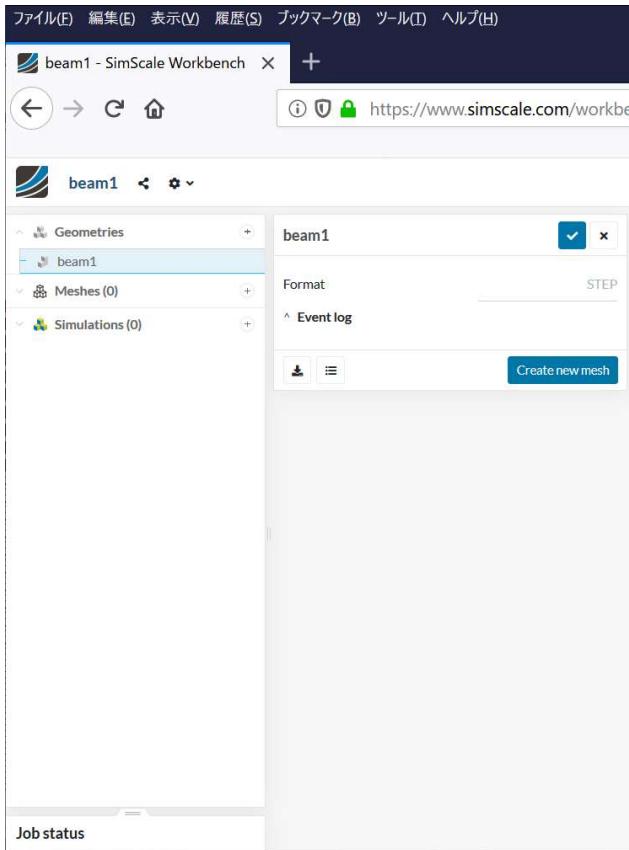
Y displacement at free end is larger than theory.



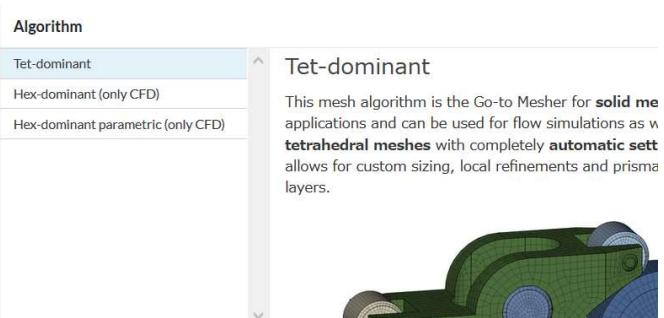
Re-calculate with smaller (fine) mesh.

Re-Meshing on SimScale

Create new mesh

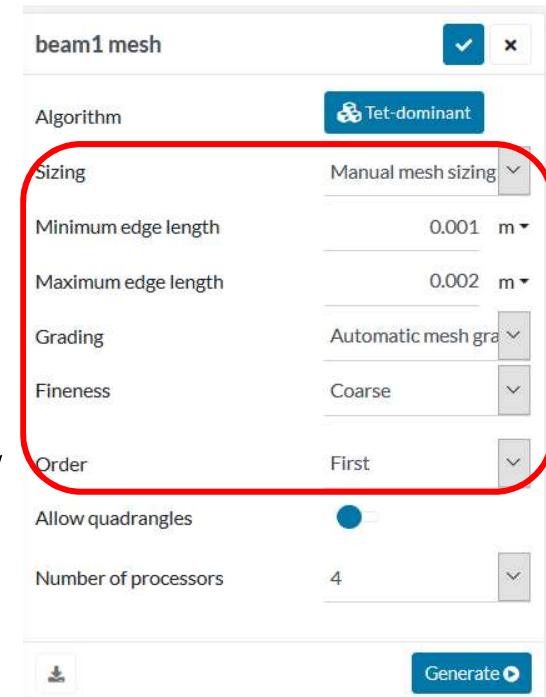


Tet-dominant



Change here

Edge length



Mesh size and FEA

Mesh size	Small(fine)	Medium	Large(coarse)
Accuracy			
Time consuming			

It is important to identify the relationship between accuracy and mesh size at an early stage.