

Virtual Automatic Rapid Prototyping on HPC Platforms + Fast Morphing tutorial

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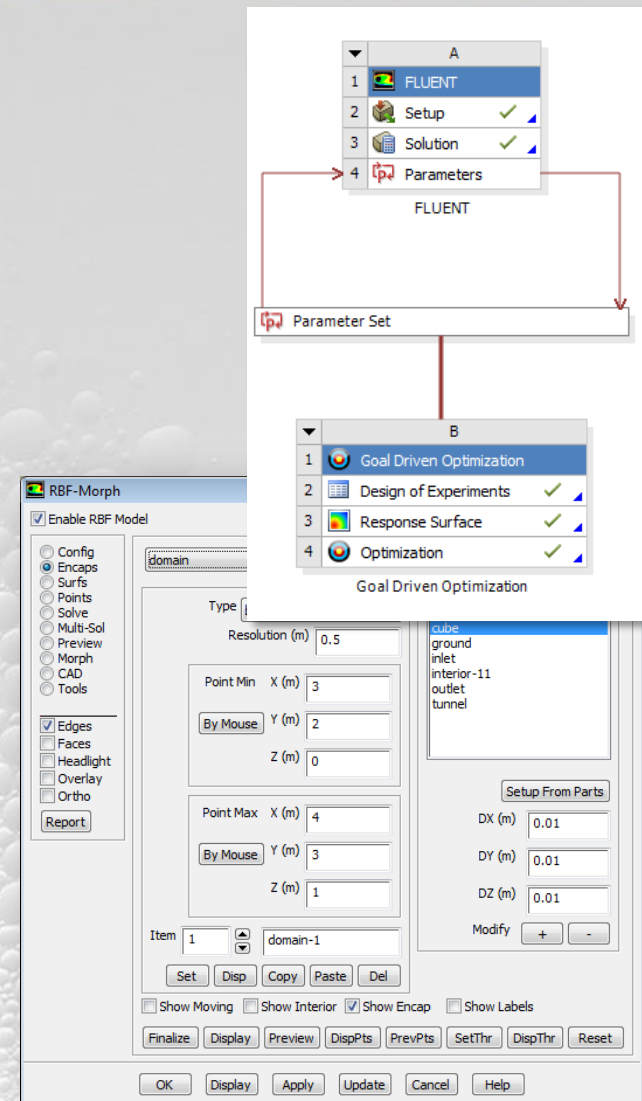


- A mesh morpher is a tool capable to perform **mesh modifications**, in order to achieve arbitrary shape changes and related volume smoothing, without changing the mesh topology.
- In general a morphing operation can introduce a reduction of the **mesh quality**
- A **good** morpher has to minimize this effect, and maximize the possible shape modifications.
- If mesh quality is well preserved, then using the same mesh structure it's a **clear benefit** (remeshing introduces **noise!**).

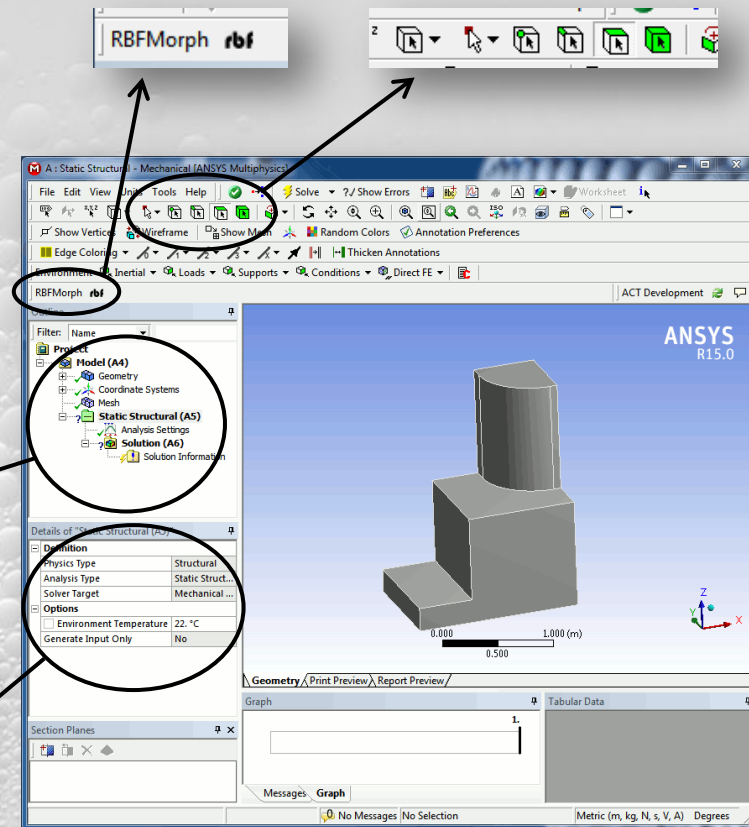
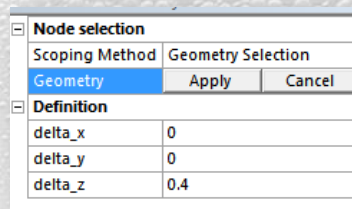
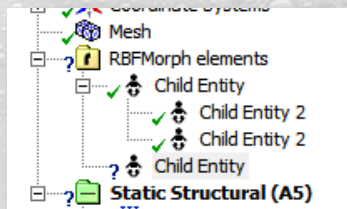
- HPC RBF **general purposes** library (state of the art algorithms, parallel, GPU). This is the numerical kernel of our software.
Millions of RBF centers can be fitted in a short time.
- Awarded mesh morphing software available as an add-on for **ANSYS Fluent** CFD solver
- **Stand alone** morphing software + smoothing commands for different mesh formats
- ANSYS Mechanical **ACT extension**



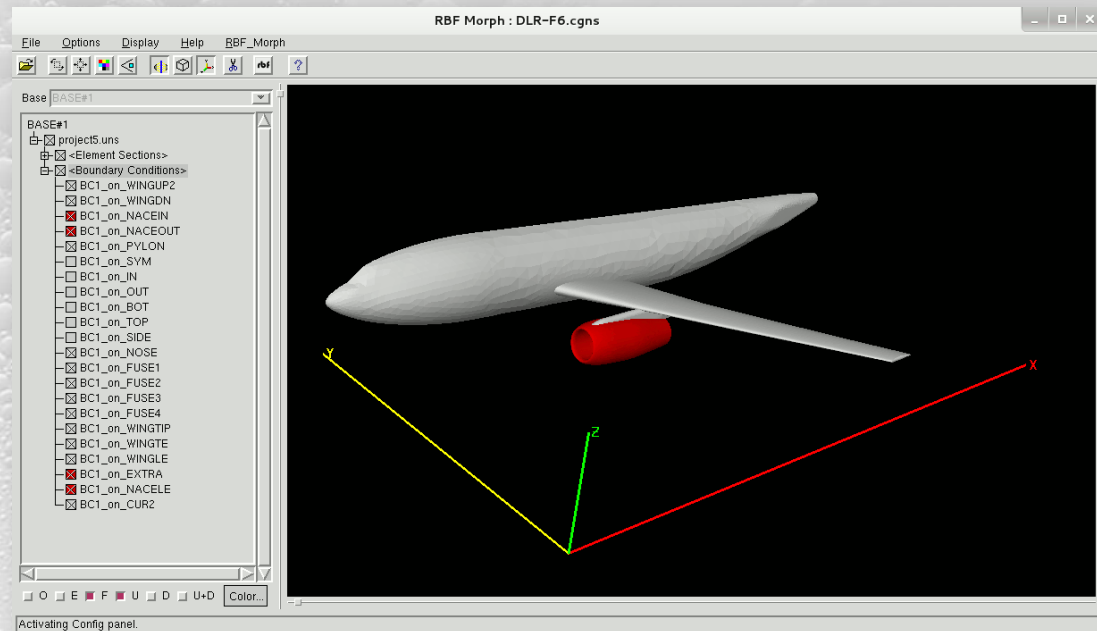
- **Add on** fully integrated within **Fluent** (GUI, TUI & solving stage), **Workbench** and **Adjoint Solver**
- **Mesh-independent** RBF fit used for surface mesh morphing and volume mesh smoothing
- **Parallel** calculation allows to morph **large size** models (many millions of cells) in a short time
- Management of **every kind of mesh** element type (tetrahedral, hexahedral, polyhedral, etc.)
- Support of the **CAD re-design** of the morphed surfaces
- **Multi fit** makes the Fluent case truly parametric (only 1 mesh is stored)
- **Precision**: exact nodal movement and exact feature preservation (**RBF** are better than **FFD**)



- Deeply integrated in ANSYS Mechanical: same look & feel, same interaction logic
- Nested in the usual Mechanical tree as an added object, shares its scoping tools for **geometrical** and **mesh elements** selections
- Written in **python** and **xml**, uses external C++ RBF Morph core libraries
- **Cuda** and **OpenMP** acceleration
- Child **hierarchical logic** for complex morphings (two steps, three steps, ..., n steps setups)



- RBF solutions are fully compatible and **exchangeable** between add-on and standalone versions
- Support for STL and CGNS file formats. Selected morphed surfaces can be exported in STL format and **back to CAD** is possible via STEP files
- **Add-on-like** interface
- **Solver independent** process currently supports many mesh formats
- Functions **scriptable** via tcl
- Global supported bi-harmonic functions and C^0 , C^2 , C^4 compact supported functions available



- A system of **radial functions** is used to **fit a solution** for the mesh movement/morphing, from a list of **source points** and their **displacements**.
- The RBF problem definition does not depend on the mesh
- Radial Basis Function interpolation is used to derive the displacement in **any location** in the space, each component of the displacement is interpolated:

$$\begin{cases} v_x = s_x(\mathbf{x}) = \sum_{i=1}^N \gamma_i^x \phi(\|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}_{k_i}\|) + \beta_1^x + \beta_2^x x + \beta_3^x y + \beta_4^x z \\ v_y = s_y(\mathbf{x}) = \sum_{i=1}^N \gamma_i^y \phi(\|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}_{k_i}\|) + \beta_1^y + \beta_2^y x + \beta_3^y y + \beta_4^y z \\ v_z = s_z(\mathbf{x}) = \sum_{i=1}^N \gamma_i^z \phi(\|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}_{k_i}\|) + \beta_1^z + \beta_2^z x + \beta_3^z y + \beta_4^z z \end{cases}$$



- A radial basis fit exists if desired values are matched at source points with a null poly contribution
- The fit problem is associated with the solution of a linear system
- **M** is the interpolation matrix
- **P** is the constraint matrix
- **g** are the scalar values prescribed at source points
- γ and β are the fitting coefficients

$$s(\mathbf{x}_{k_i}) = g(\mathbf{x}_{k_i}) \quad 1 \leq i \leq N$$

$$0 = \sum_{i=1}^N \gamma_i q(\mathbf{x}_{k_i})$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{M} & \mathbf{P} \\ \mathbf{P}^T & \mathbf{0} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \gamma \\ \beta \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{g} \\ \mathbf{0} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$M_{ij} = \phi(\|\mathbf{x}_{k_i} - \mathbf{x}_{k_j}\|) \quad 1 \leq i, j \leq N$$

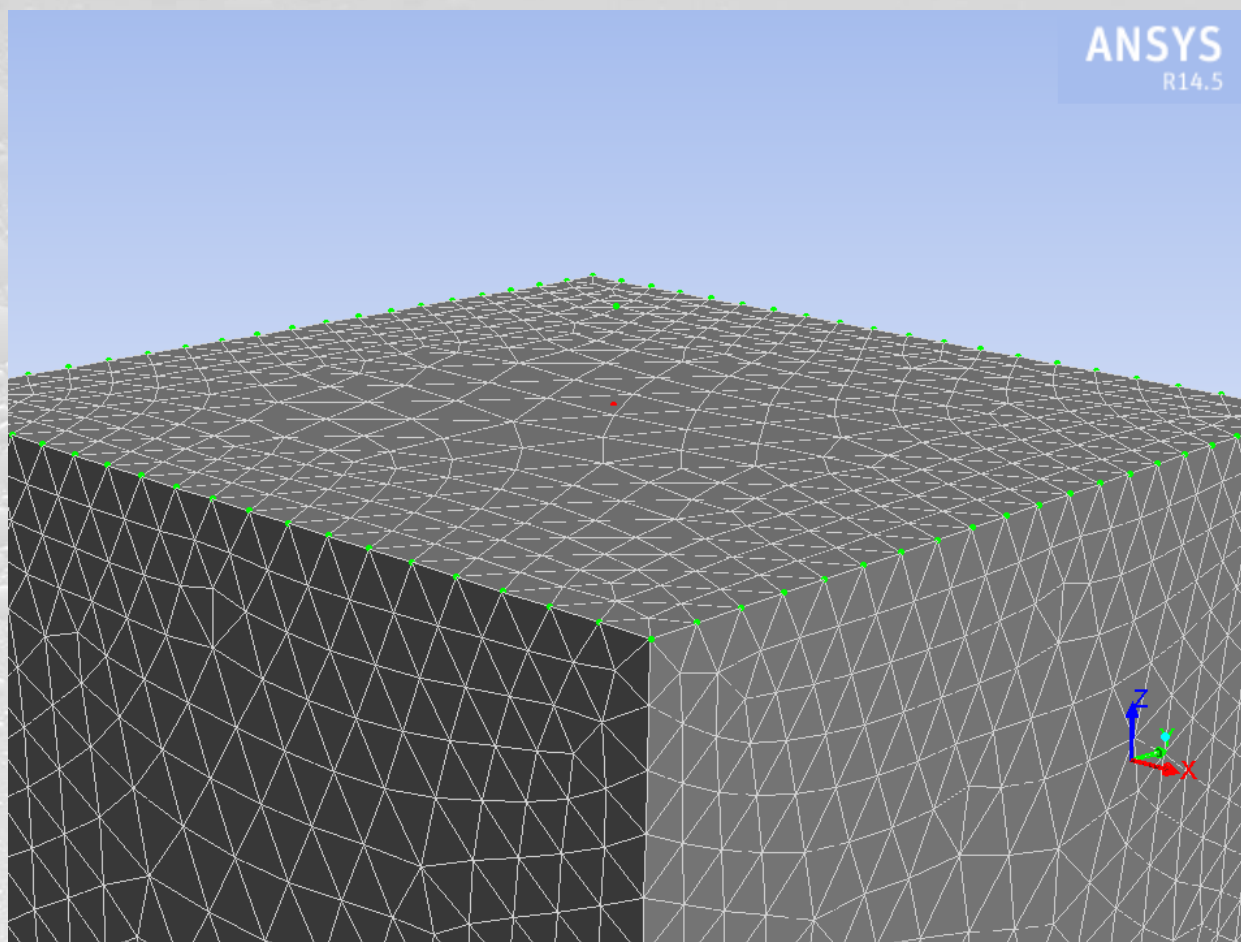
$$\mathbf{P} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & x_{k_1}^0 & y_{k_1}^0 & z_{k_1}^0 \\ 1 & x_{k_2}^0 & y_{k_2}^0 & z_{k_2}^0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ 1 & x_{k_N}^0 & y_{k_N}^0 & z_{k_N}^0 \end{pmatrix}$$

- The radial function can be fully or compactly supported. The bi-harmonic kernel fully supported gives the best results for smoothing.
- For the smoothing problem each component of the displacement prescribed at the source points is interpolated as a single scalar field.

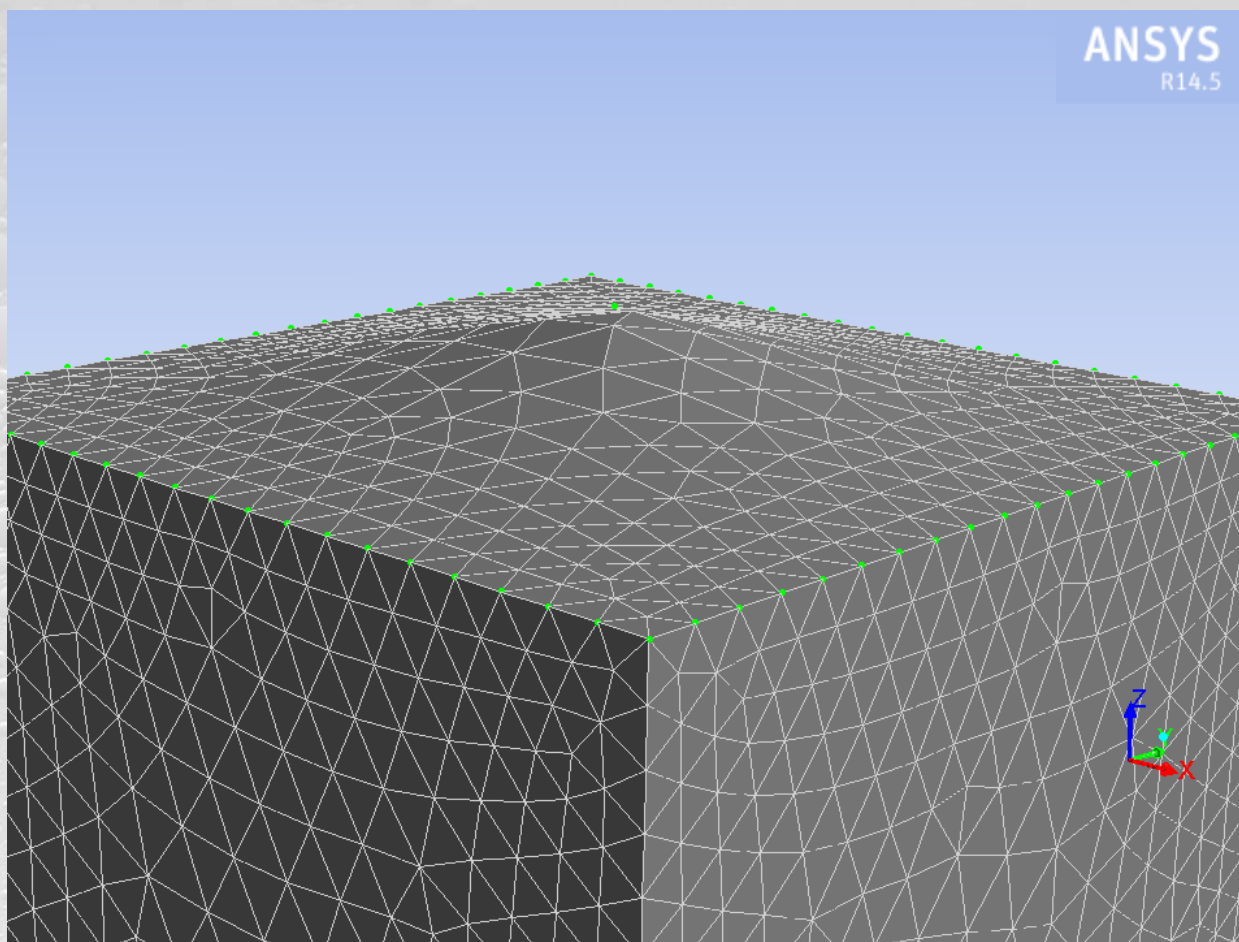
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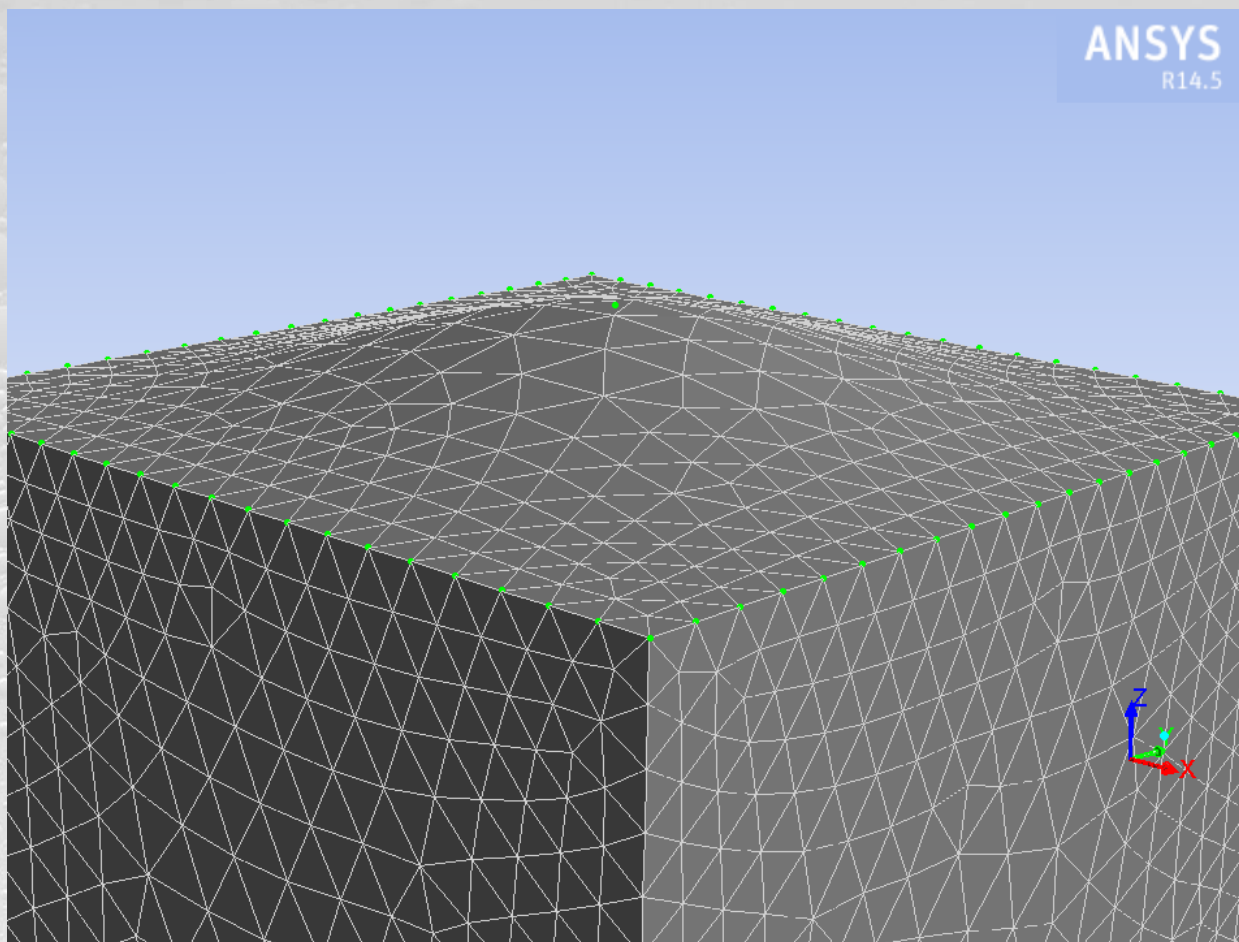
One pt at center 80 pts at border



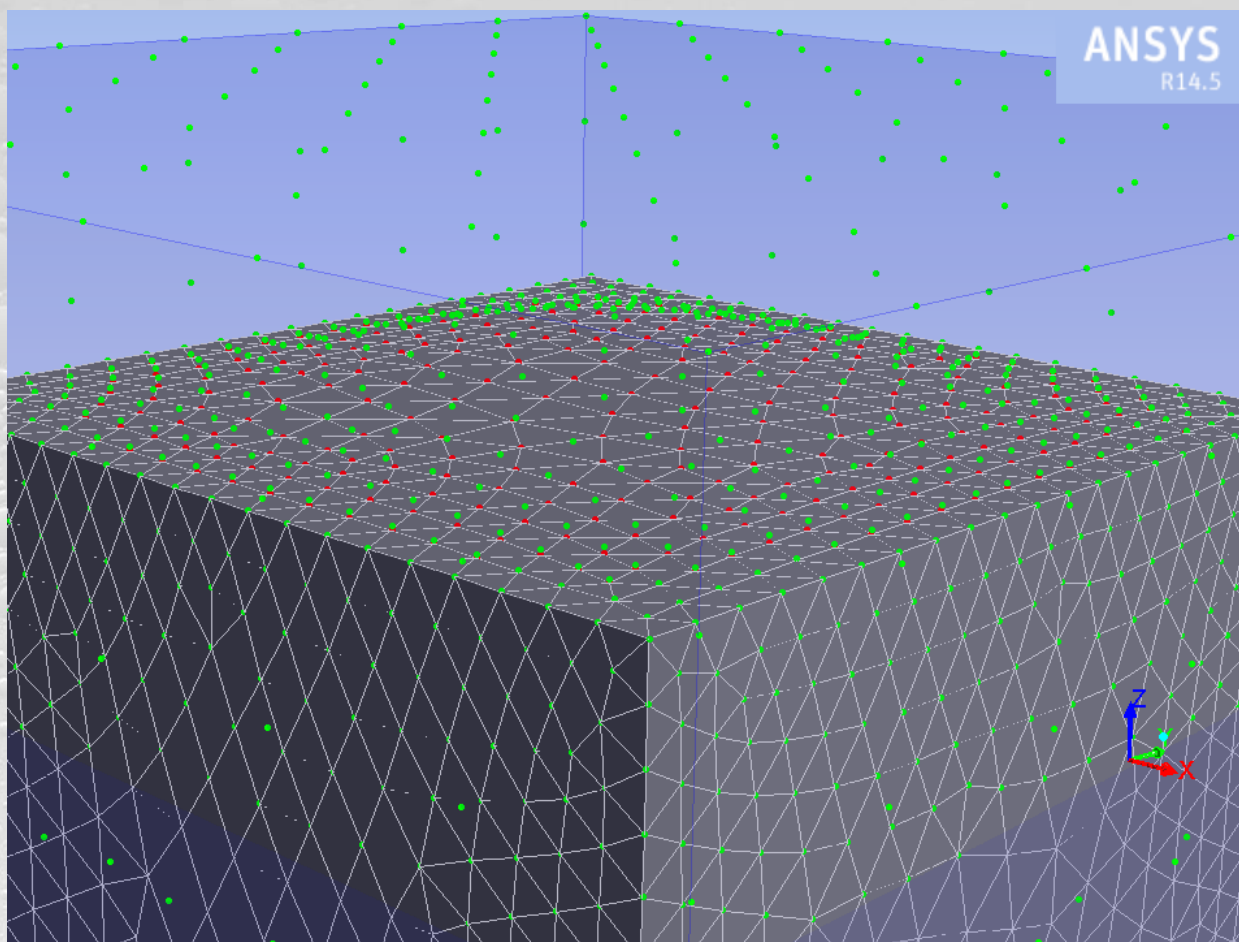
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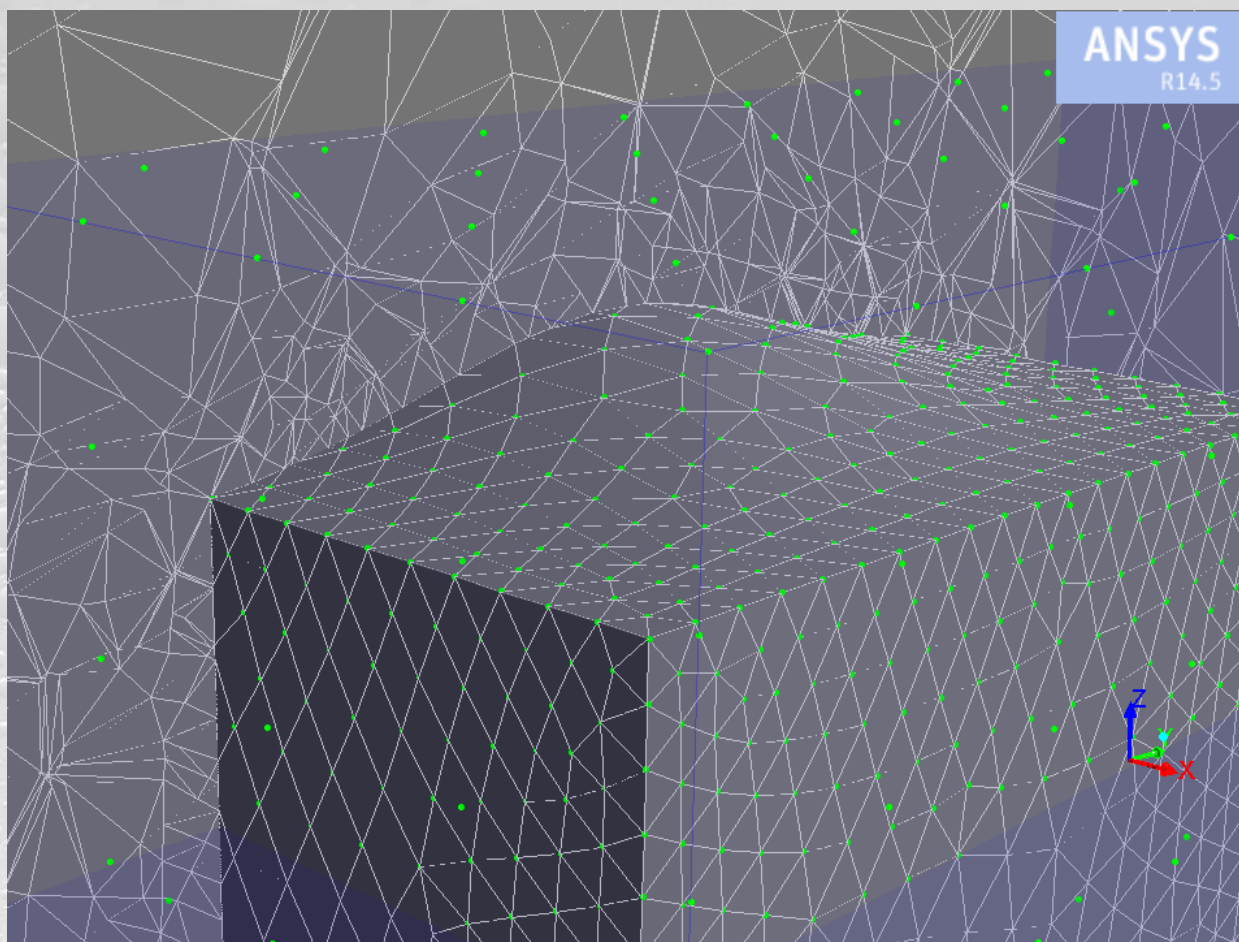
Effect on surface (cp-c4)



Control of volume mesh (1166 pts)



Morphing the volume mesh



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- The evaluation of RBF at a point has a cost of order N
- The fit has a cost of order N^3 for a direct fit (full populated matrix); this limit to ~ 10.000 the number of source points that can be used in a practical problem
- Using an iterative solver (with a good pre-conditioner) the fit has a cost of order N^2 ; the number of points can be increased up to ~ 70.000
- Using also space partitioning to accelerate fit and evaluation the number of points can be increased up to **~ 300.000**
- The method can be further accelerated using fast pre-conditioner building and FMM RBF evaluation...

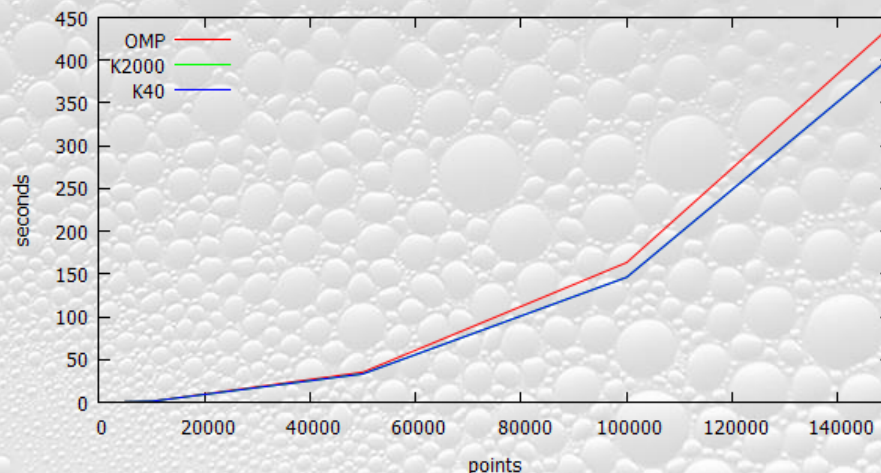
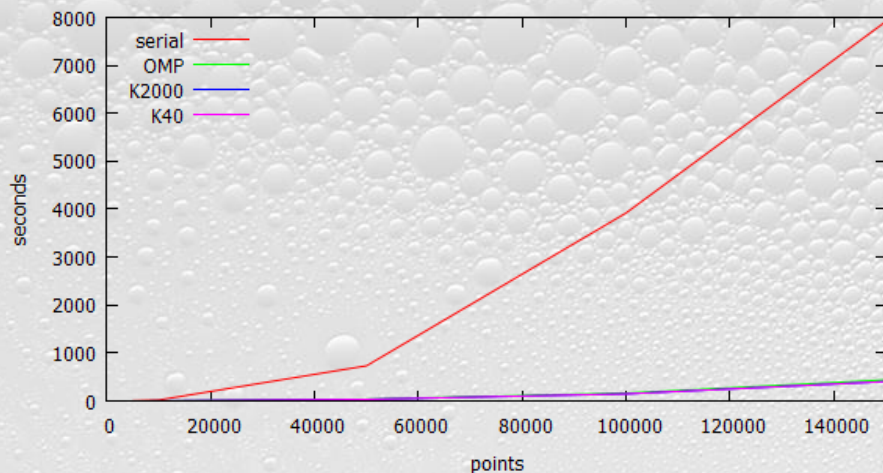
- 10.000 RBF centers FIT
 - 120 minutes Jan 2008
 - 5 seconds Jan 2010
- Largest fit **2.600.000** 133 minutes
- Largest model morphed **300.000.000** cells
- Fit and Morph a **100.000.000** cells model using **500.000** RBF centers within **15 minutes**

#points	2010 (Minutes)	2008 (Minutes)
3.000	0 (1s)	15
10.000	0 (5s)	120
40.000	1 (44s)	Not registered
160.000	4	Not registered
650.000	22	Not registered
2.600.000	133	Not registered

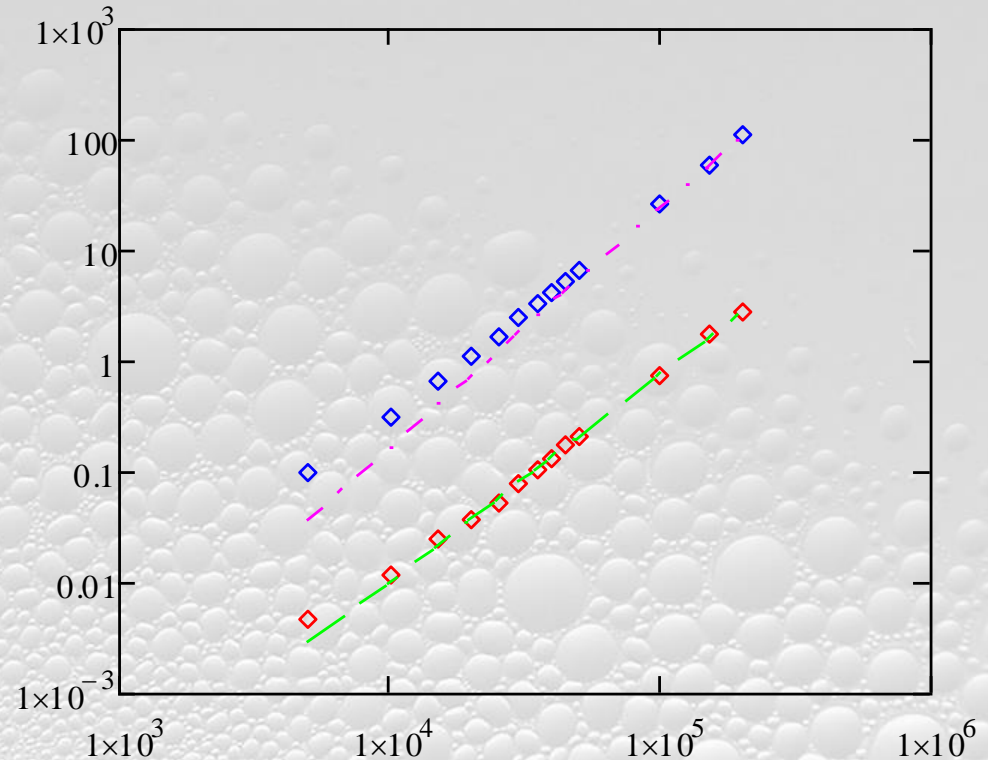


- Single RBF complete evaluation
- Unit random cube
- **Kepler 40:** 2880 CUDA cores GPU Clock 0.75 GHz
- **Quadro K2000:** 384 CUDA cores GPU Clock 0.95 GHz
- **CPU:** Intel Xeon E5-2680 Clock 2.8 GHz 20 cores

#points	CPU serial		CPU OMP		K2000		K40	
	Preconditioner build	iterations	Preconditioner build	iterations	Preconditioner build	iterations	Preconditioner build	iterations
5000	0.8	4.352	0.955	0.4770	0.94	0.491	2.194	0.060
10000	2.47	19.867	2.32	1.132	2.41	1.140	3.885	0.17
50000	47.07	733.463	46.463	35.20	47.510	33.13	48.95	5.12
100000	231.03	3922.31	238.68	163.375	238.82	146.20	239.007	21.365
150000	375.75	7915.24	379.923	439.546	400.12	402.95	457.597	52.568



- Complexity is expected to grow as N^2
- GPU observed as $N^{1.87}$
- CPU observed as $N^{2.174}$
- Estimation at one million points:
GPU: 59 s
CPU: 2783 s

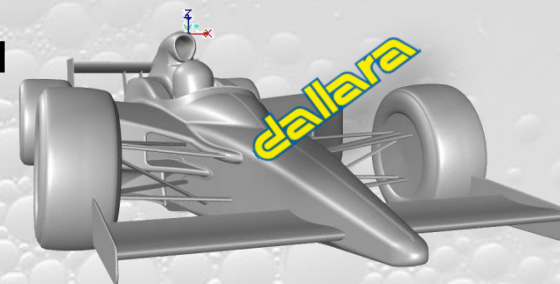
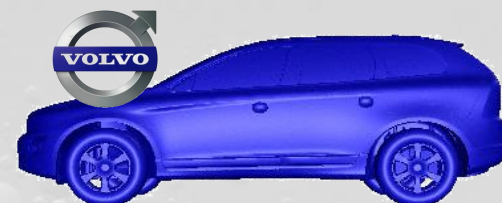


Key benefits: performances

- **14 mill.** cells, 60.000 points, PC 4 cpu 2.67 GHz
 - fitting time: **53 sec.** (serial)
 - smoothing: **3.5 min.**
- **50 mill.** cells, 30.000 points, HPC 140 cpu
 - fitting time: **25 sec.** (serial)
 - smoothing: **1.5 min.**
- **100 mill.** cells, 200.000 points, HPC 256 cpu
 - fitting time: **25 min.**
 - smoothing: **5 min.**
- Largest fitted cloud **2 mill.** points on **32 cpu** in **3 hours.**
- Largest model morphed (in our knowledge) **700.mill.** cells on **768 cpu** in **45 min.**



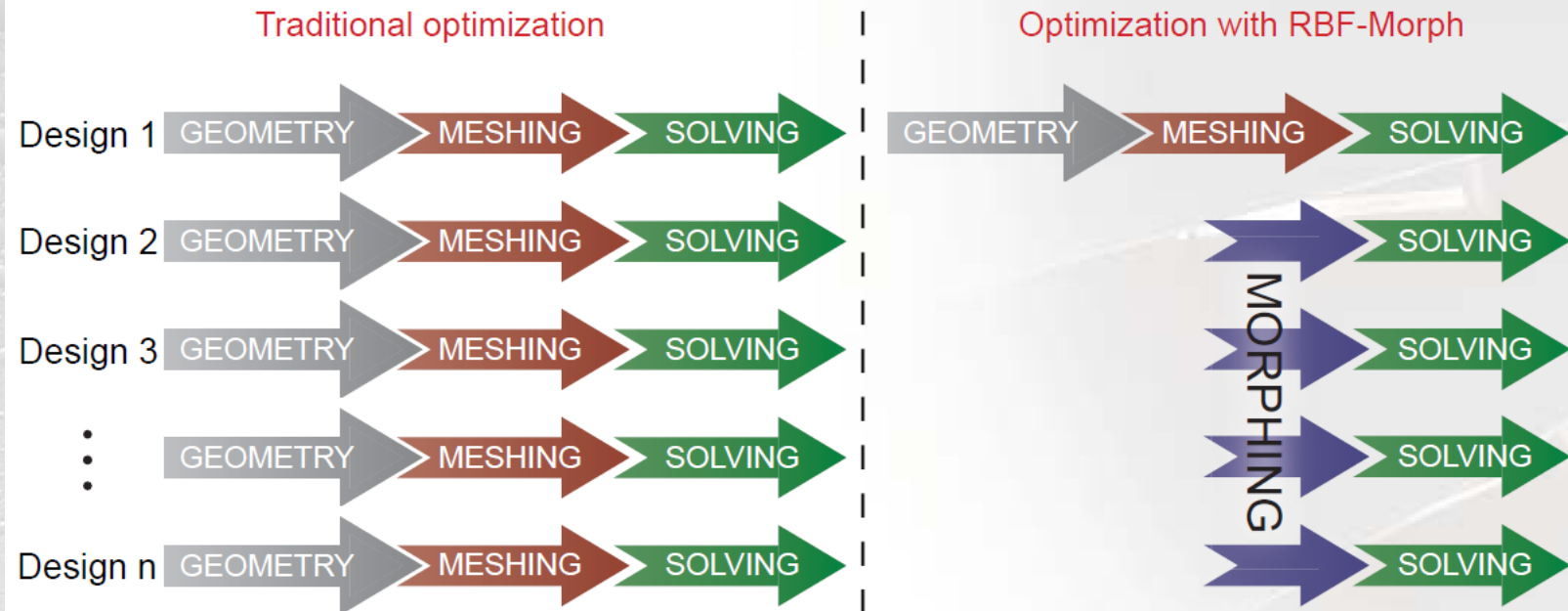
Morphing Preview (x=0)



Case	Motorbike windshield	Reference car	Sedan	Hull	Volvo XC60	Sails	DLR-F6	IR5
Organization	MRA/UTV	MIRA	ANSYS	Leeds	ANSYS	New Castle / UTV	MorphLab/ UTV	Dallara
Year	2009	2010	2011	2011	2012	2013	2013	2013
#Mcells	1,5	5,2	6	0,3	50	1,5	14	80
mesh type	tets	poly	tets	hexa	tets	hexa	tets	tets
#par	3	3	2	8	4	4	8	5
#design	45	27	9	45	50	100	81	1
RS Tool	modeF	Mathcad	DX	DX	DX	DX/ Mathcad	DX	FSI
ncores	4	2	12	4	240	16	16	256
RUN (hr)	48	300	24	45	50	26	102	1
Time to set-up one par (hr)	1,5	2,5	2	1	2	2	1	2
Time to set-up (hr)	4,5	7,5	4	8	8	8	8	8
Serial time one design (hr)	4,27	22,22	32,00	4,00	240,00	4,16	20,15	256,00
Serial time one design (hr/Mcells)	2,84	4,27	5,33	13,33	4,80	2,77	1,44	3,2

Key benefits: automated

- RBF Morph makes the Fluent model **parametric** with respect to the **shape**
- Works for **any size of mesh** (from small models managed with a WS up to huge Formula 1 meshes in an HPC environment)
- Exposed parameters can be steered with the **optimizer of choice** (DX, modeFRONTIER, Dakota,...)

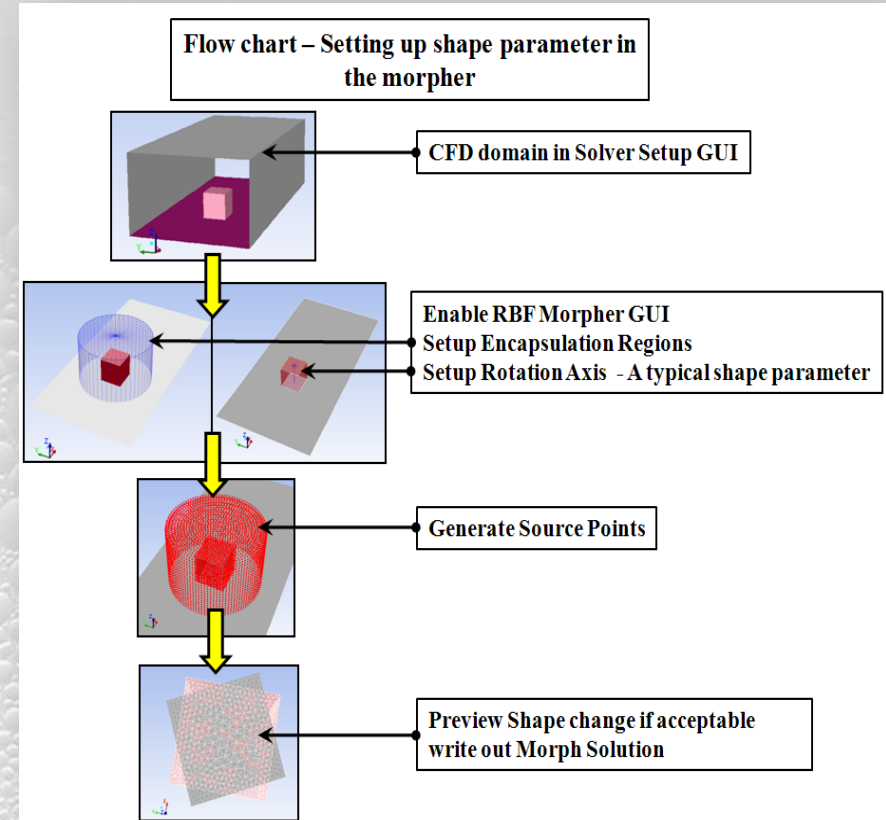


- *RBF Morph* basically requires three different steps:
- **Step 1 setup** and definition of the problem (source points and displacements).
- **Step 2 fitting** of the RBF system (write out .rbf + .sol).
- **Step 3 [SERIAL or PARALLEL] morphing** of the surface and volume mesh (available also in the **CFD solution stage** it requires only baseline mesh and .rbf + .sol files).



How it Works: the problem setup

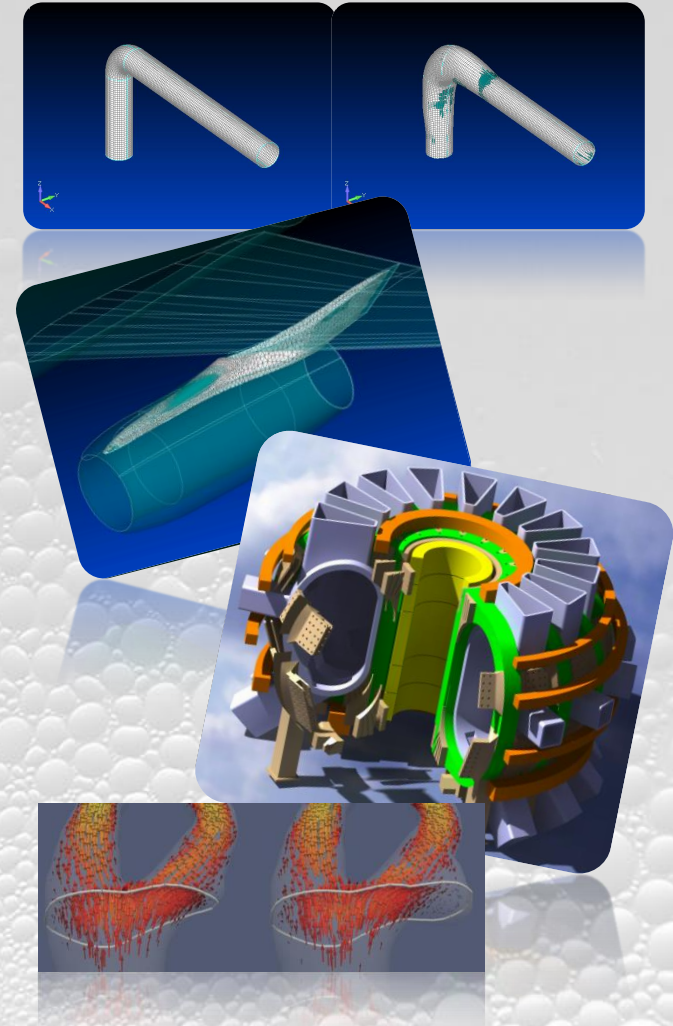
- The problem must describe correctly the **desired changes** and must **preserve exactly** the fixed part of the mesh.
- The prescription of the **source points** and their displacements fully defines the *RBF Morph* problem.
- Each problem and its fit define a mesh **modifier** or a **shape parameter**.



- **Interactive** update using the GUI **Multi-Sol** panel and the Morph/Undo commands.
- **Interactive** update using **sequential morphing** by the TUI command `(rbf-smorph)` .
- **Batch** update using the **single morphing** command `(rbf-morph)` in a journal file (the RBF Morph DOE tool allows to easily set-up a run).
- **Batch** update using several **sequential morphing** commands in a journal file.
- Link shape amplifications to **Fluent custom parameters** driven by **Workbench** (better if using **DesignXplorer**).
- More options (transient, FSI, modeFRONTIER, batch RBF fit ...)

Ongoing RBF Morph Researches

- RBF Morph and Adjoint coupling: Adjoint sculpting, Adjoint preview, Augmented DOE
- **STL** targeting, **CAD** controlled surfaces
- **Mesh to CAD** features
- Mapping of **magnetic** and **pressure** loads
- Interpolation of **hemodynamic** flow fields acquired *in vivo*
- Strain and **stress calculation** (experimental data, coarse FEM, isostatic lines)



- “Innovative Benchmark Technology for Aircraft Engineering Design and Efficient Design Phase Optimisation” –

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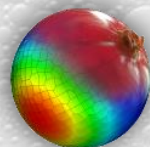
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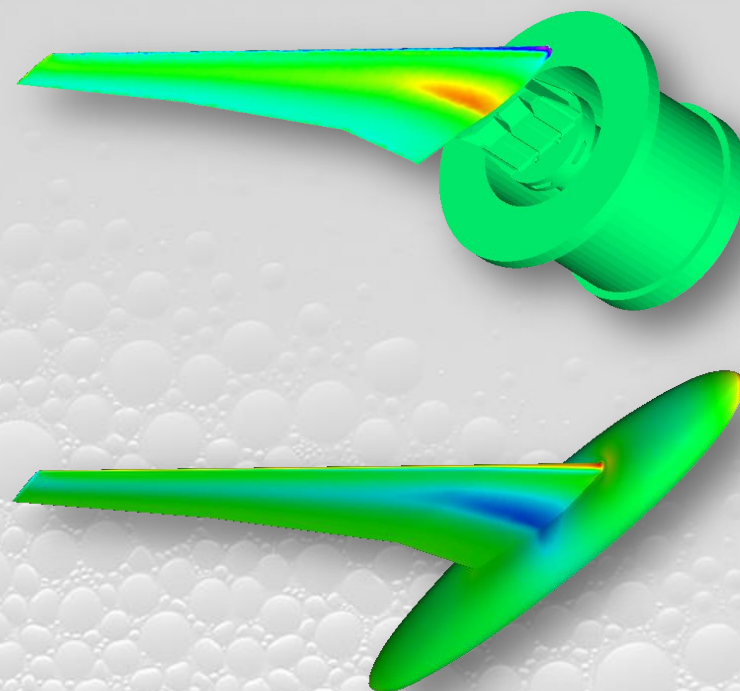


- Radial basis functions at fluid Interface Boundaries to Envelope flow results for advanced Structural analysis

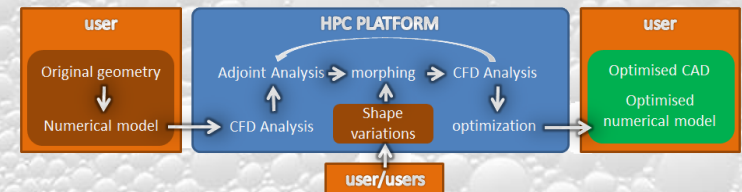
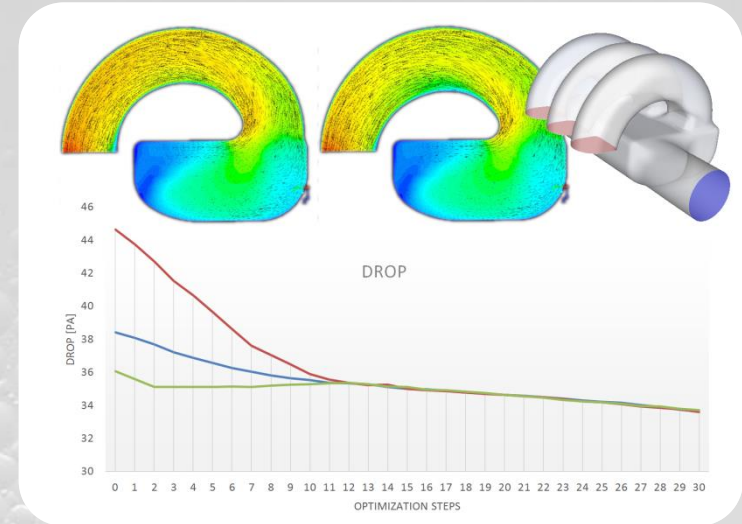
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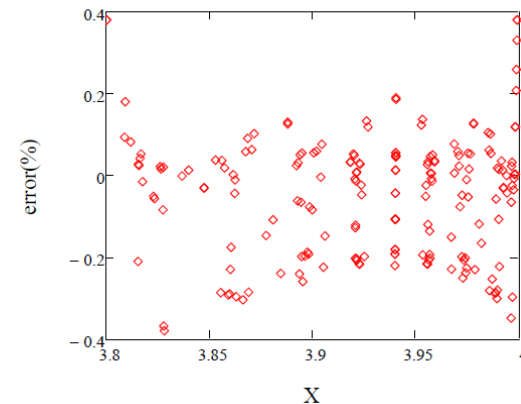
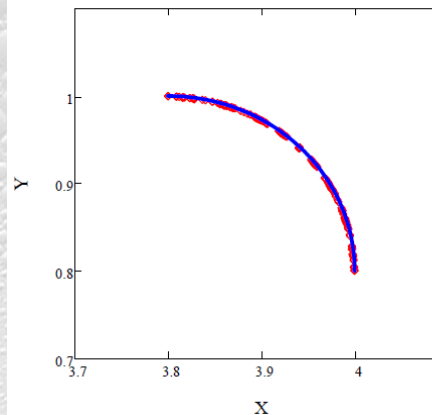
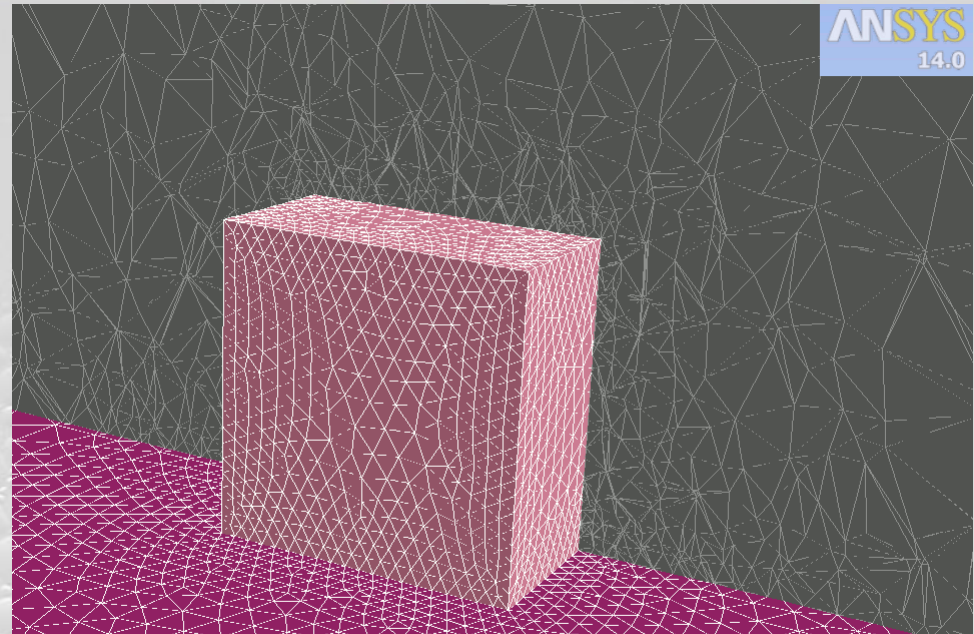
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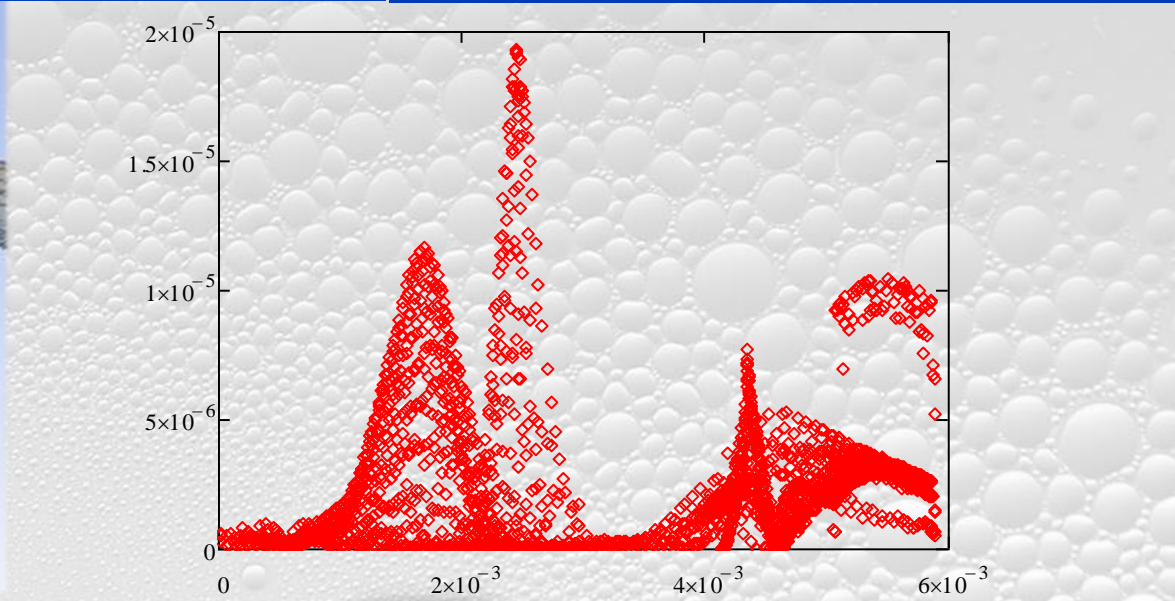
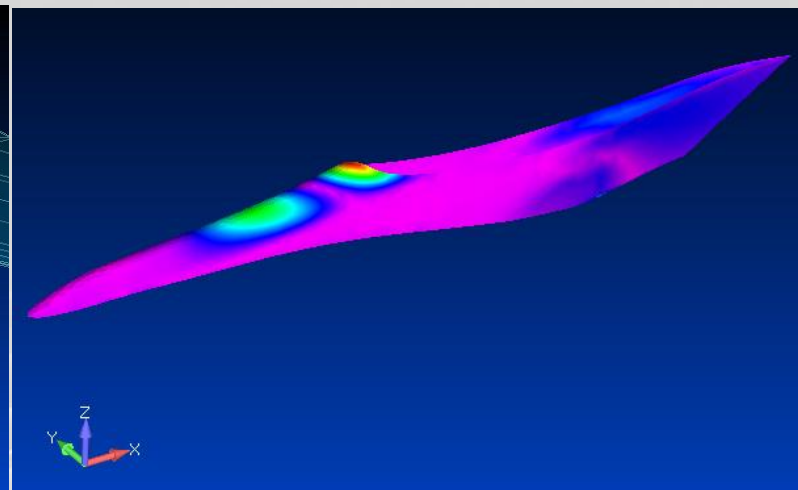
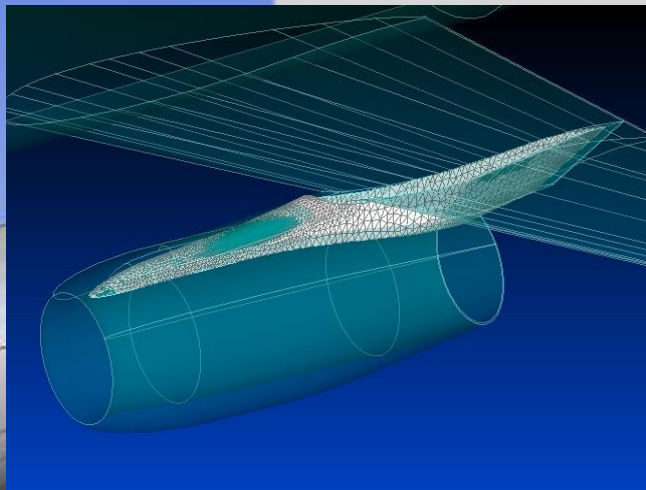
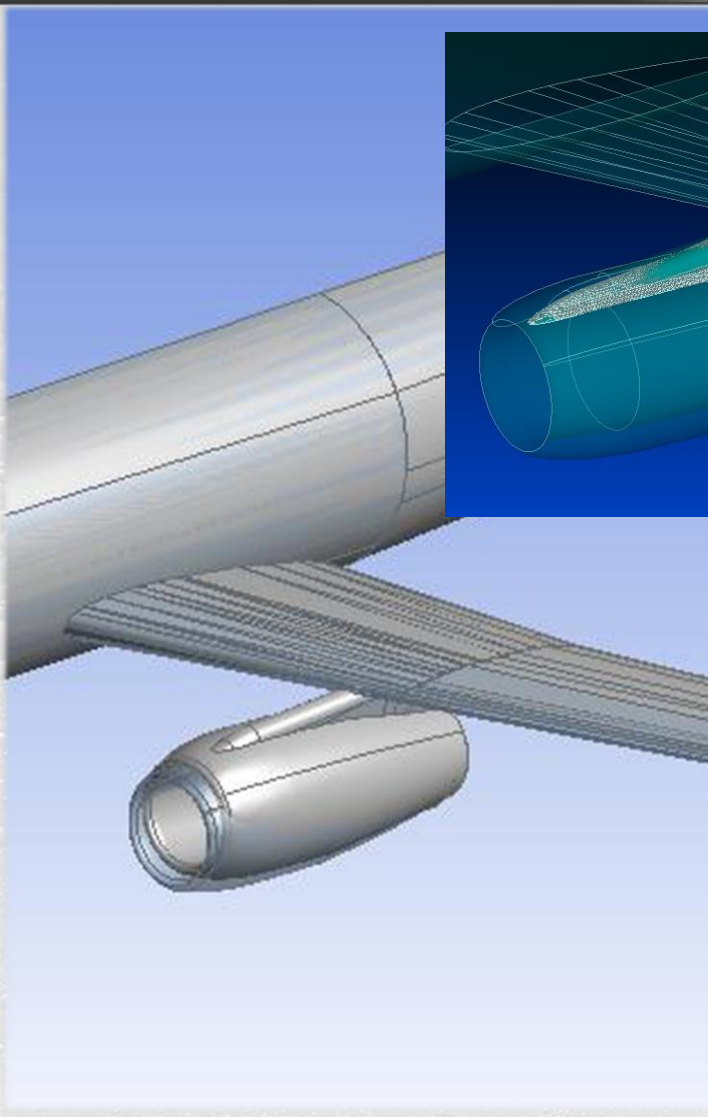


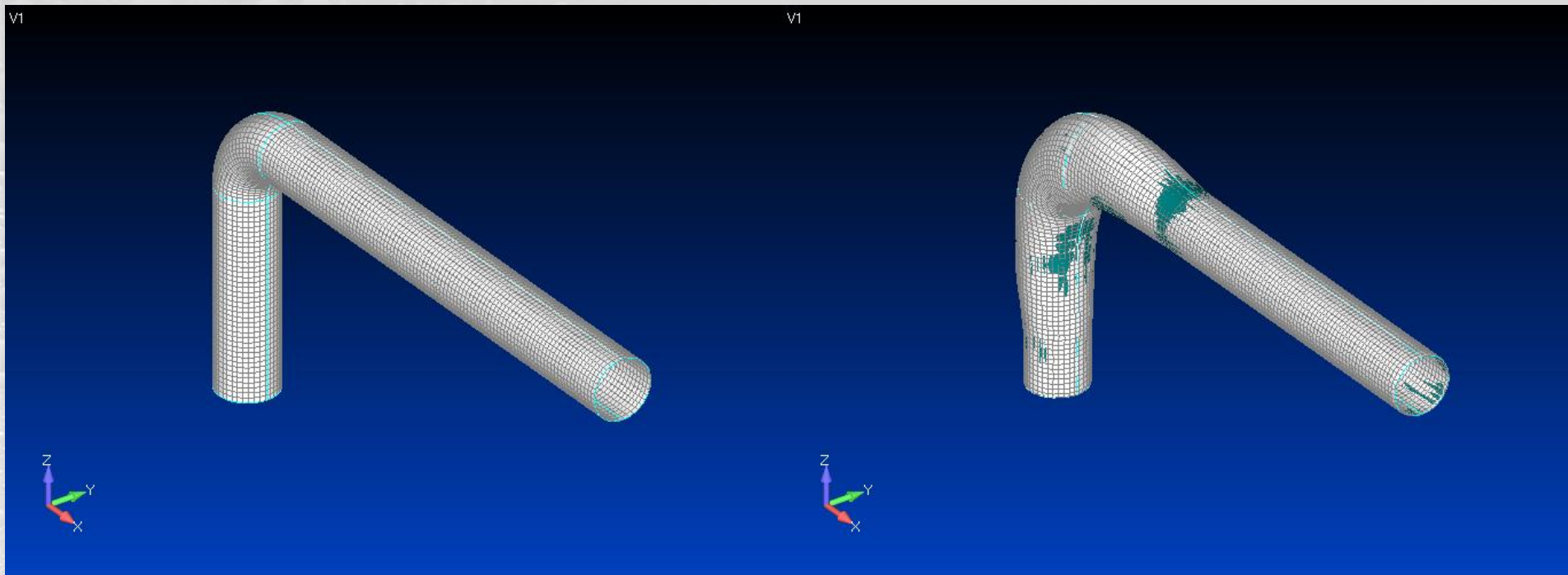
- **F**actories **O**f the Future **R**esources, **T**echnology, **I**nfrastructure and **S**ervices for **S**imulation and **M**odelling
- Approved experiment: “Virtual Automatic Rapid Prototyping Based on Fast Morphing on HPC Platforms”



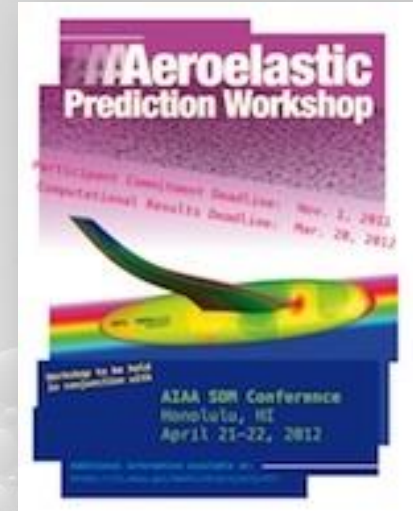
- A new shape known in advance can be inserted using an **STL target**
- In the example a **fillet** with radius in the range 20-30 mm is applied to one edge of the 1000 mm side cube
- Shape **blending** allows a continuous variation
- Accuracy of implicit surface is validated against reference analytic geometry



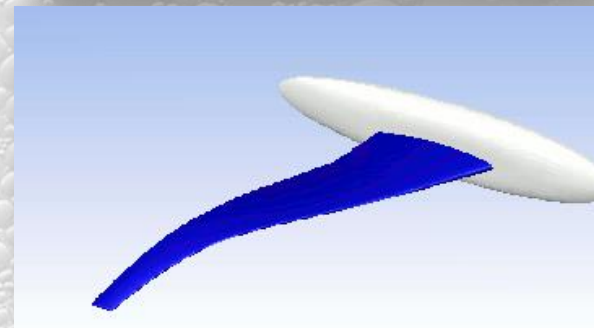
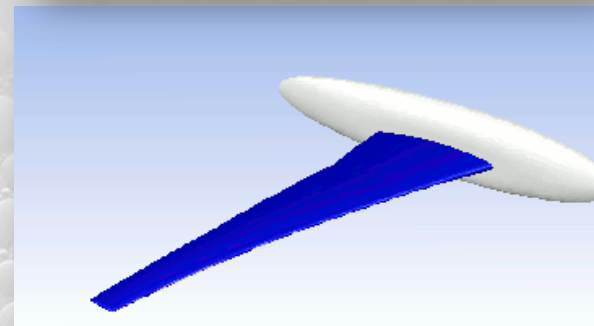
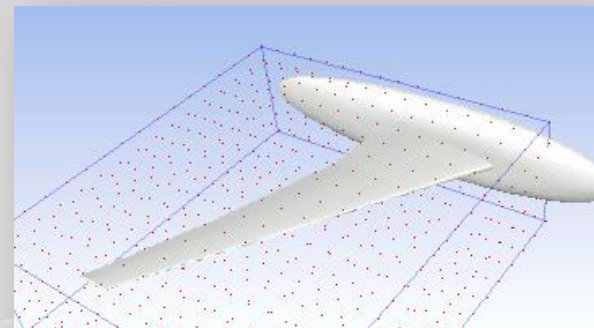
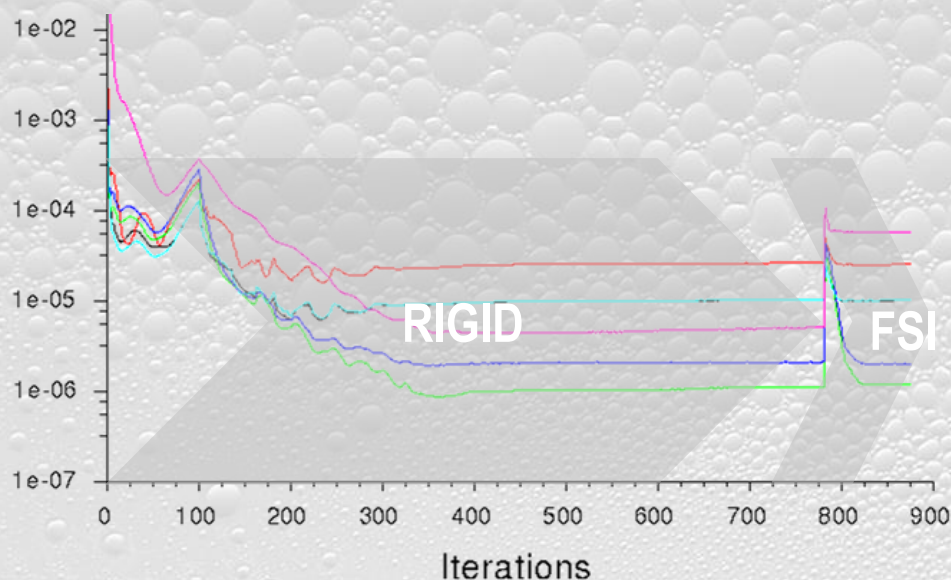




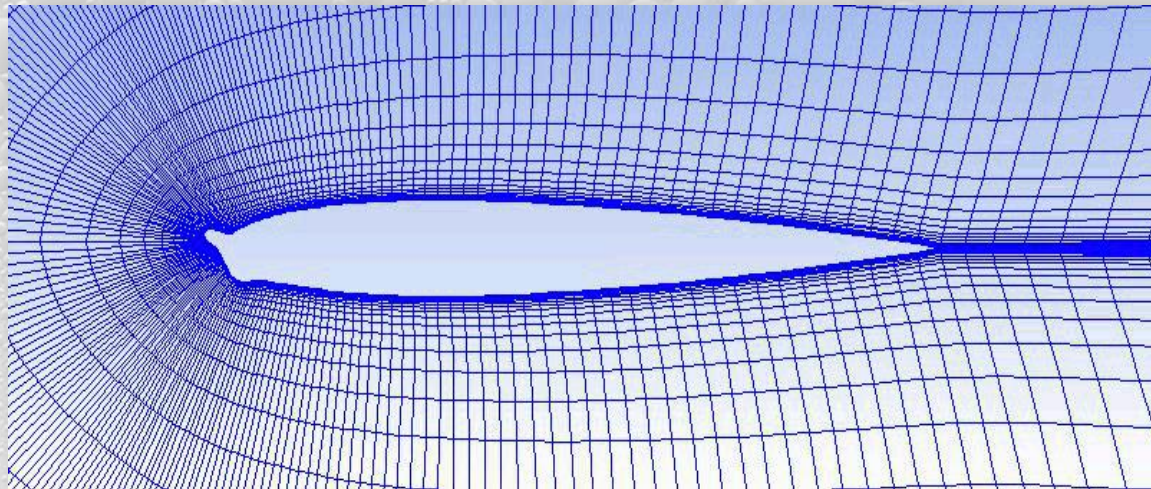
- Active project with ANSYS Germany & ANSYS Italy focused on HIRENASD case of benchmark of Aeroelastic Prediction Workshop (Thorsten Hansen, Angela Lestari, Benjamin Duda & Domenico Caridi)
- Flexible CFD model allows to do a steady aeroelastic run at the same cost of a rigid one
- Flexible CFD model can be used for transient FSI
- Actual modal coordinates can be linked to FEM for stress recovery
- Modal Forces are integrated within Fluent over the CFD surface mesh with actual pressure data
- FSI commands to fast update the mesh using current modal coordinates (steady & transient)



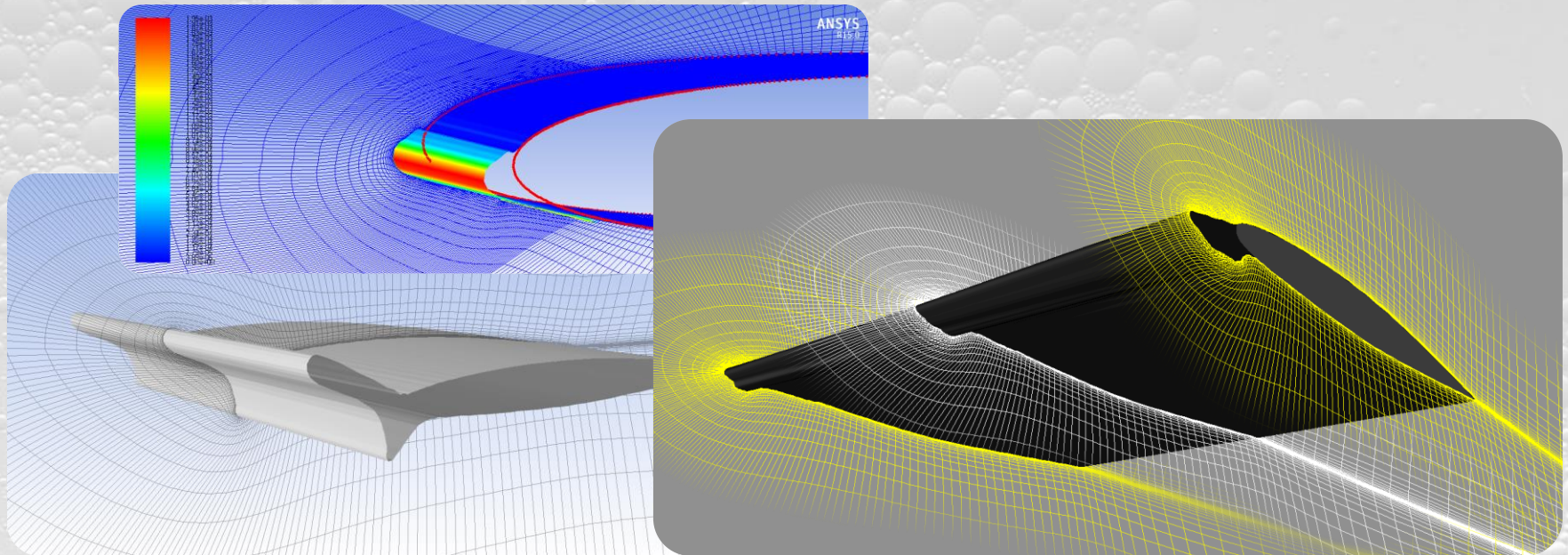
- Modal basis is validated within Fluent thanks to Preview panel
- Update command defined using a scheme function and invoked each 25 iterations as a Fluent calculation activity



- Any Ice accretion model that exposes results can be coupled with RBF Morph
- Thickness are applied as normal displacements and imported as meshless points
- At each step the mesh is automatically modified allowing to be used for the subsequent accretion calculation
- The method is valid for 2D and 3D cases
- Capability tested on geometries from LEWICE 2.0 validation manual



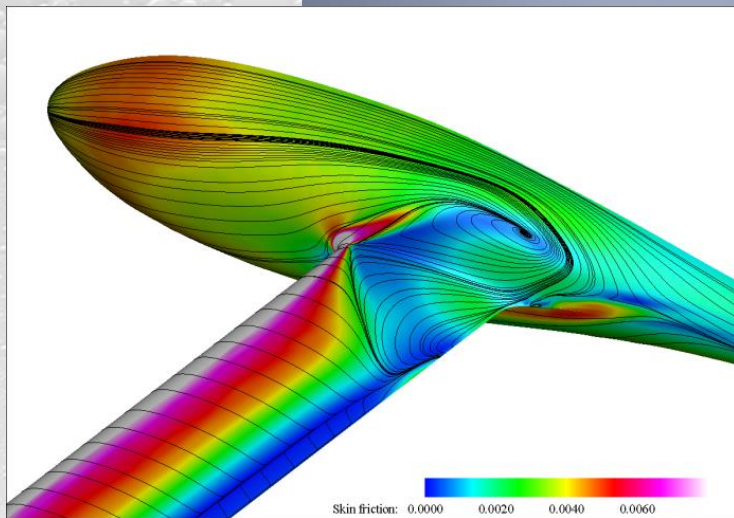
- The workflow can be automated by using scheme and UDF
- y^+ is preserved after morphing
- Active project with ANSYS india coupling EWF + custom accretion model + RBF Morph to automatically update the mesh during calculation



Test case : Glider optimisation

Reynolds 1.24 mill. (c 0.8 m)

Alpha 8 deg



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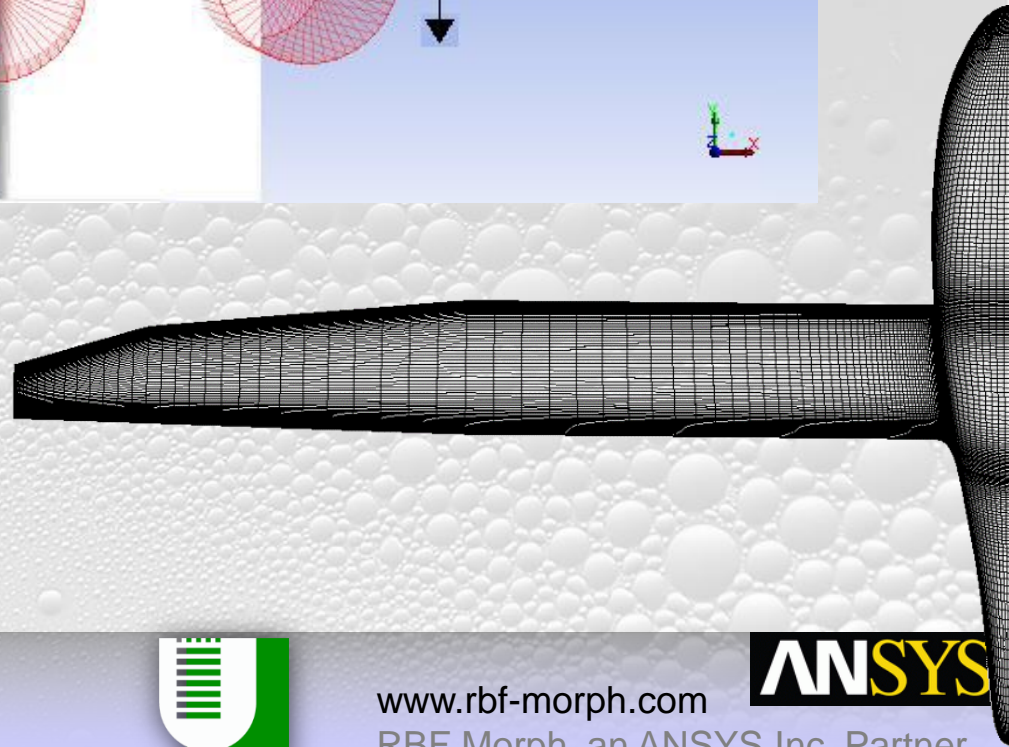
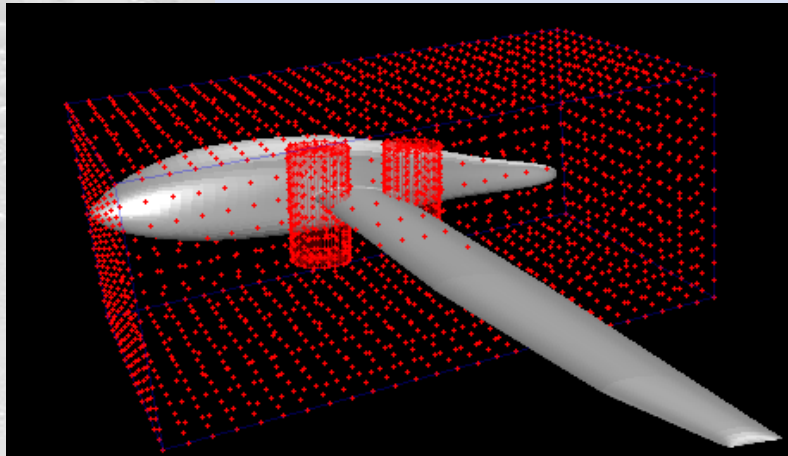
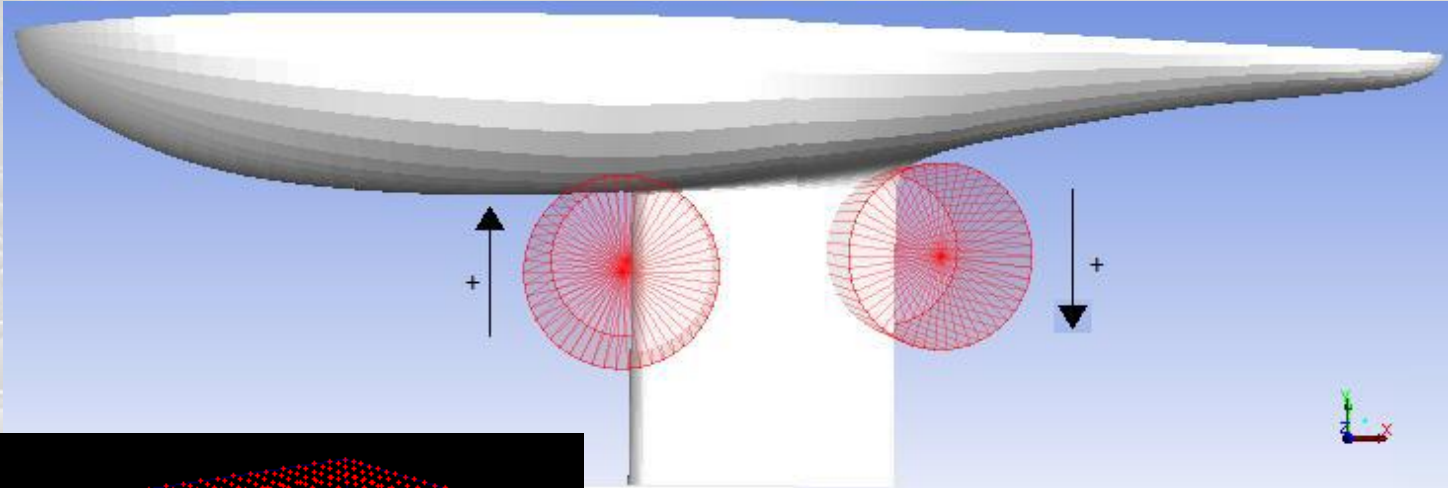
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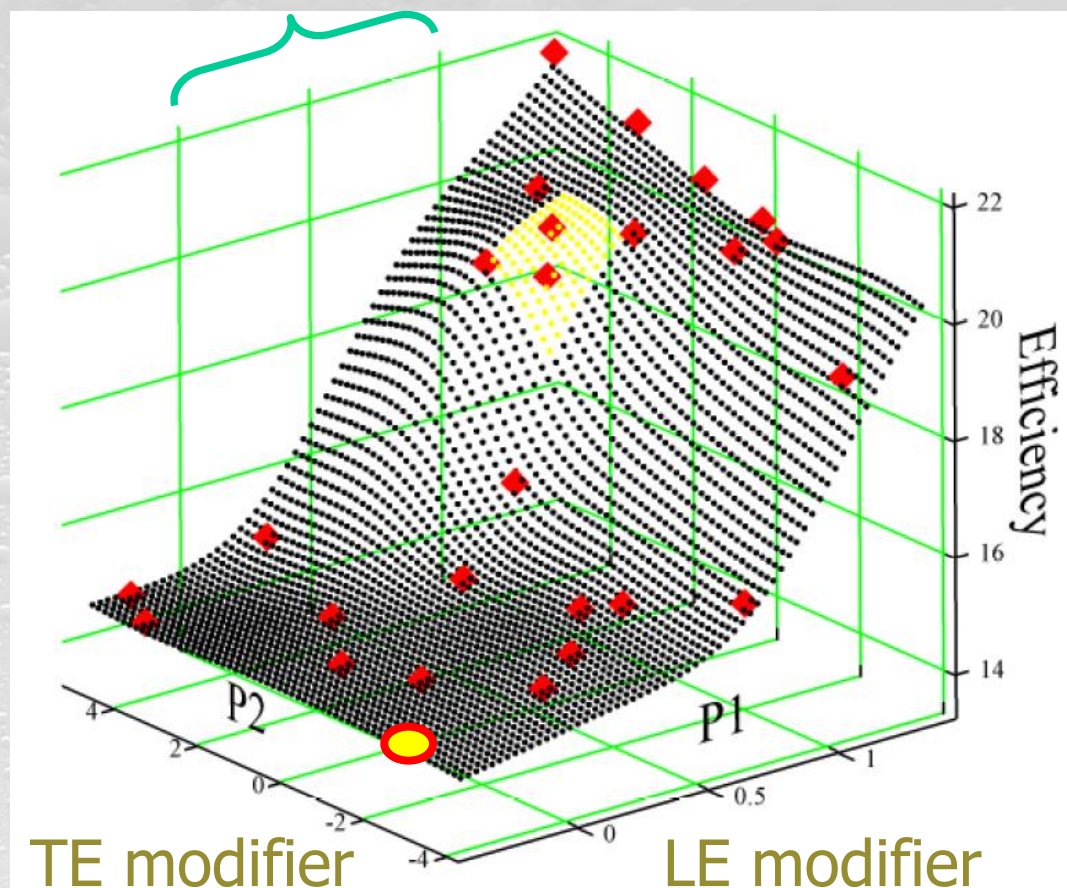
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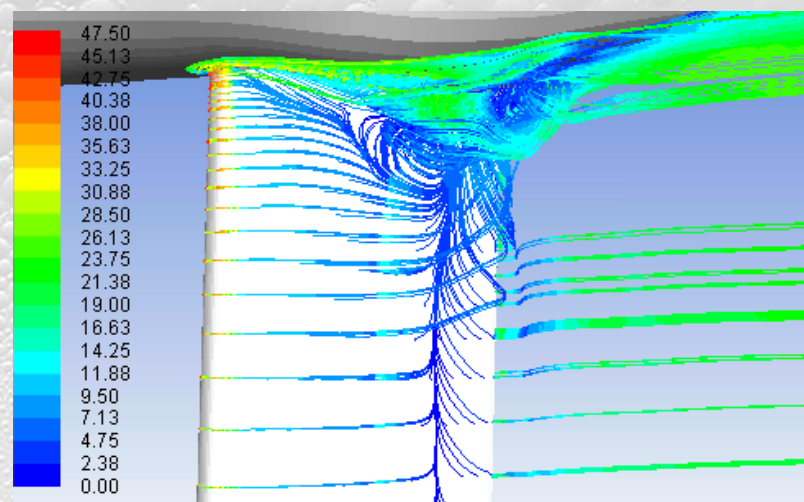
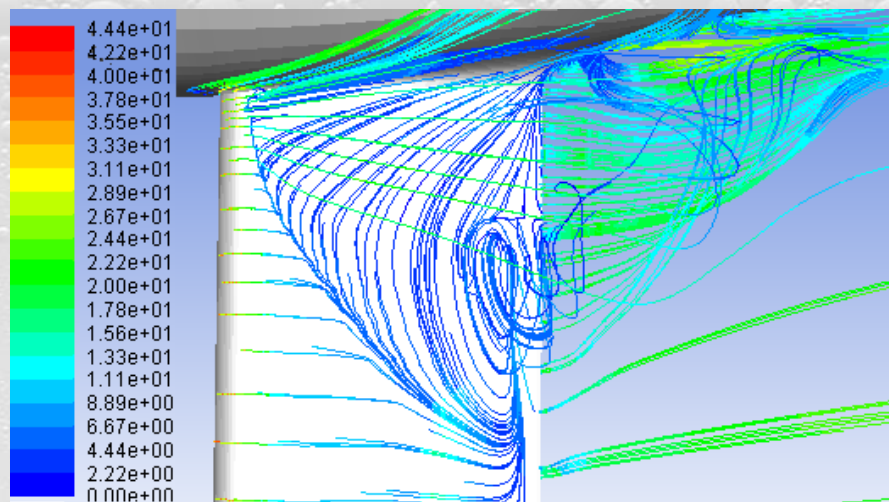
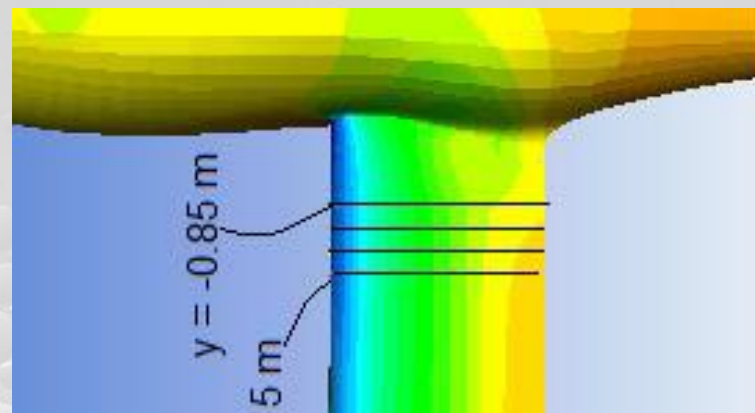
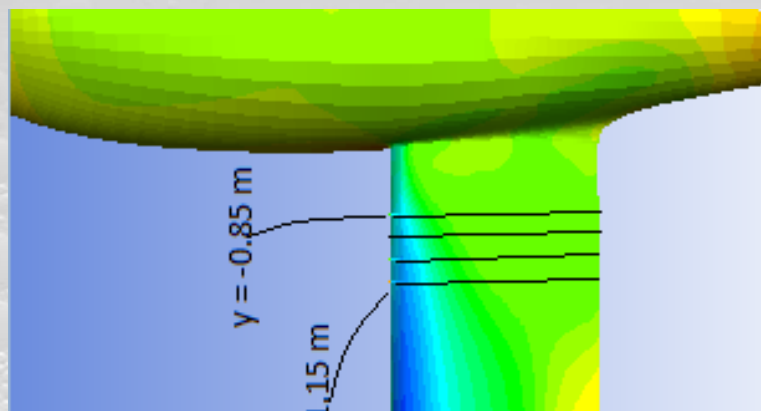
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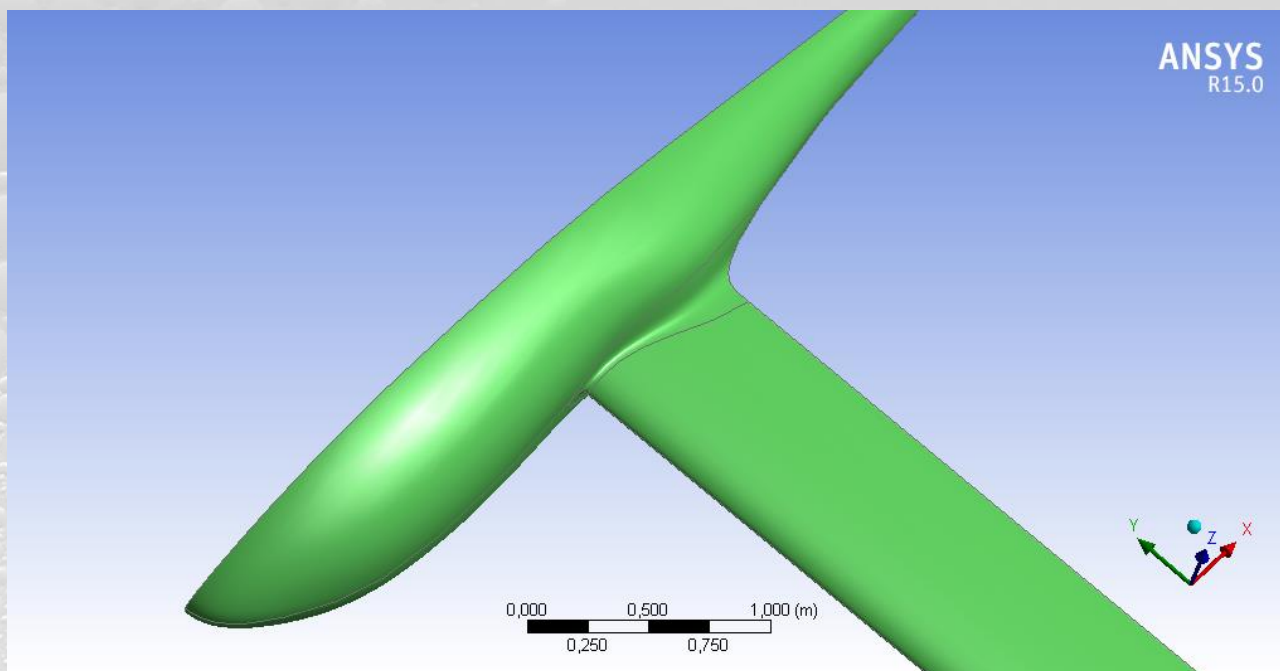


10 cm



	C_L	C_D	E
Baseline	1.131	760 dc	14.9
Optimised	1.216	605 dc	20.1
Variation	+7.5 %	-20.4 %	+35.0 %





Optimized morphing action to the baseline CAD model

Hands on!

Industrial Applications

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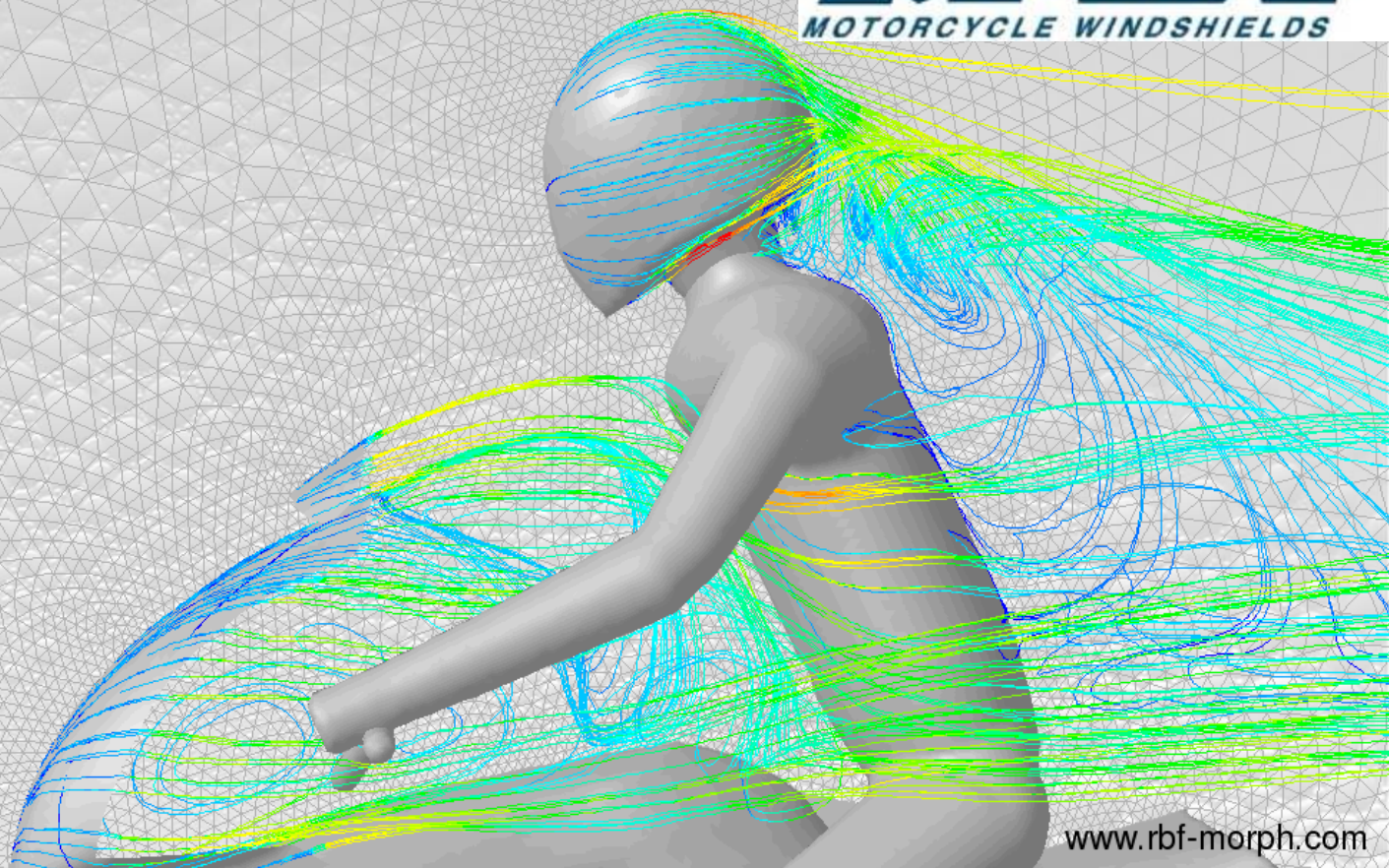
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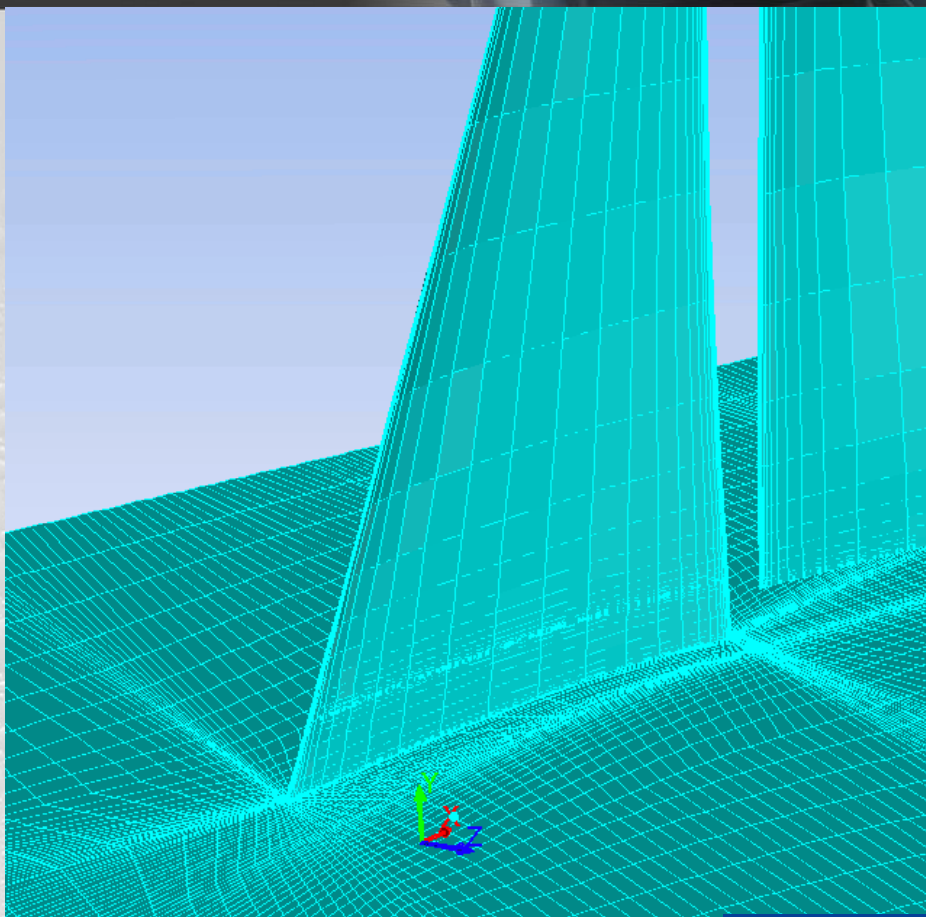
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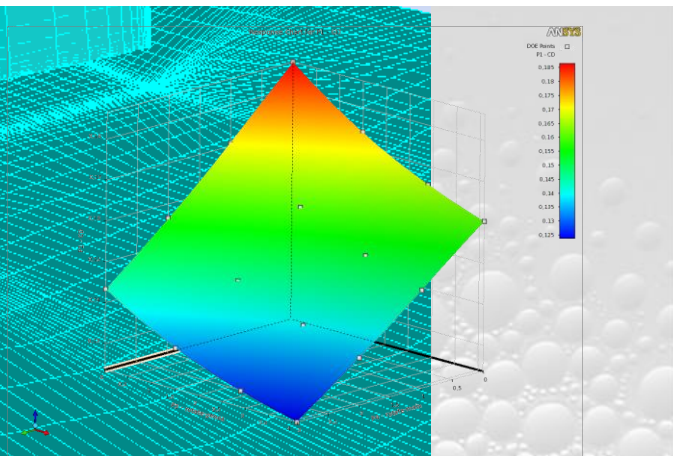
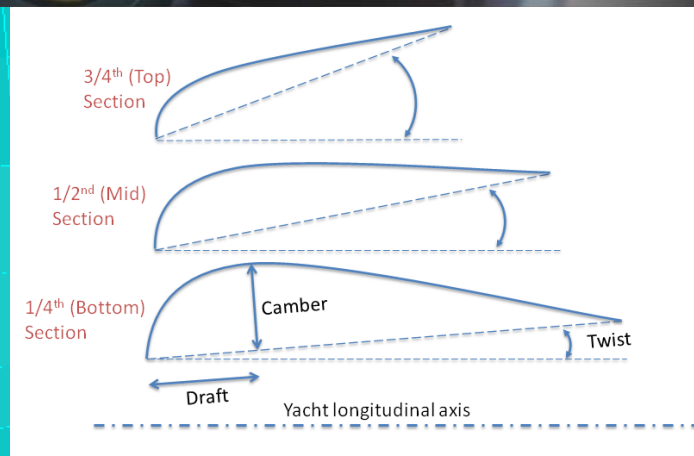
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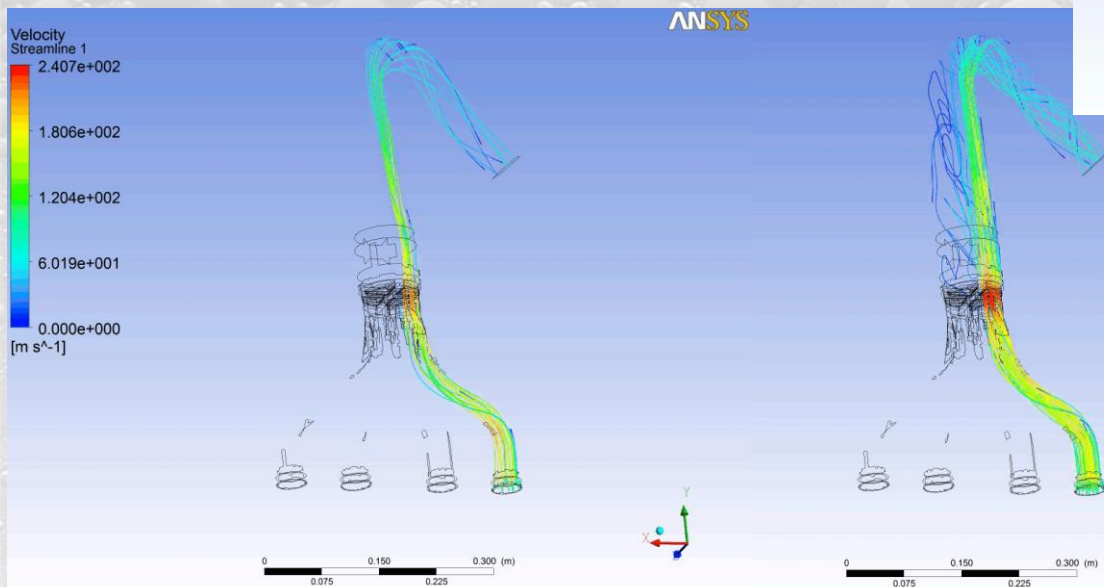
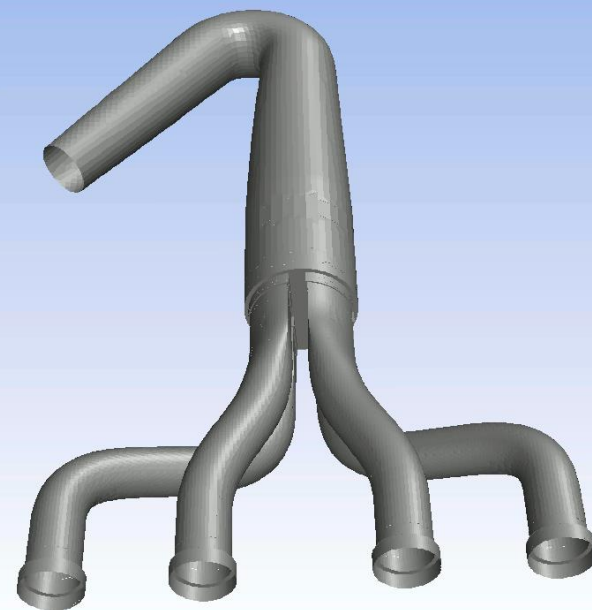
Sails Trim (Ignazio Maria Viola, University of Newcastle)



Morphing Preview ($A=0$)



	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I
1	Name	P5 - Pipe1Curve1	P6 - Pipe2	P7 - Pipe4Curve1	P8 - Pipe3	P1 - PressureDrop1	P2 - PressureDrop2	P3 - PressureDrop3	P4 - PressureDrop
2						Pa	Pa	Pa	Pa
3	Current	4	4	4	4	12892	11366	13028	16619
4	DP 1	3	3	3	3	12882	11247	13487	16731
5	DP 2	2	2	2	2	12897	11546	13554	16911
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7	DP 4	0	0	0	0	13555	11750	13967	17718



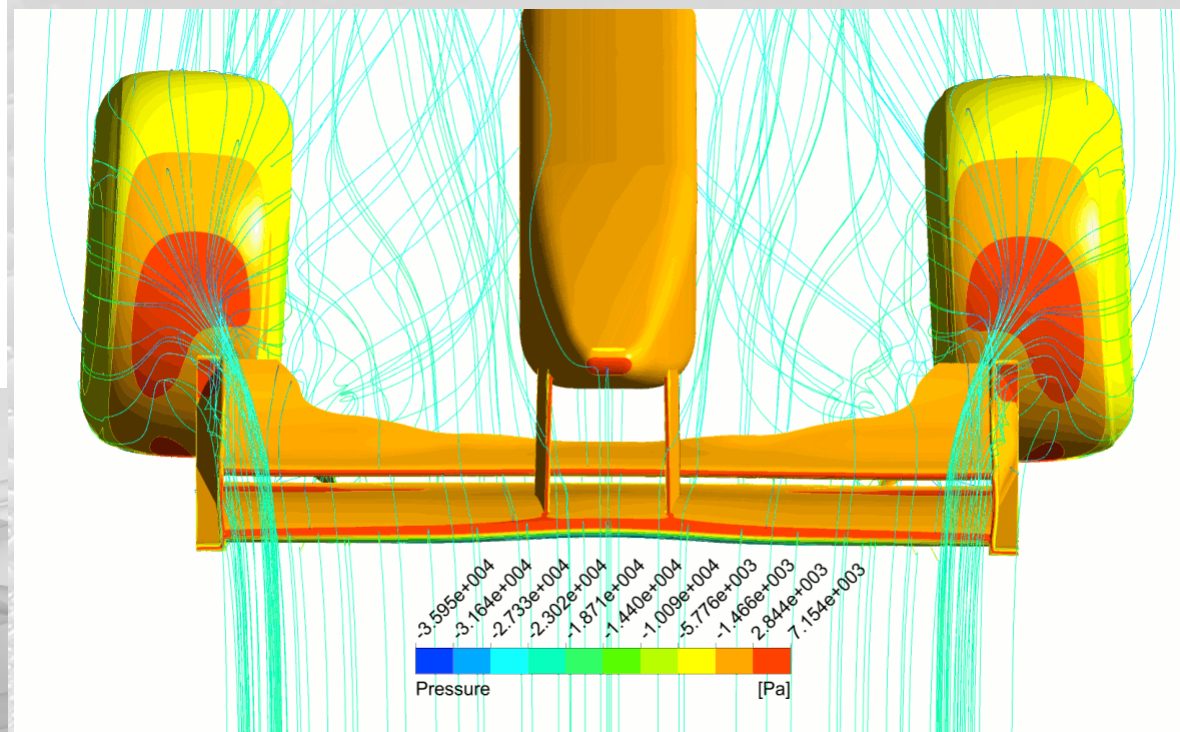
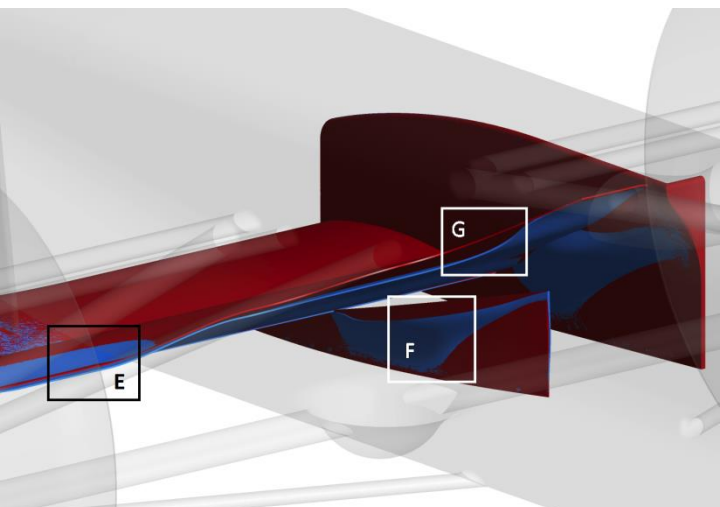
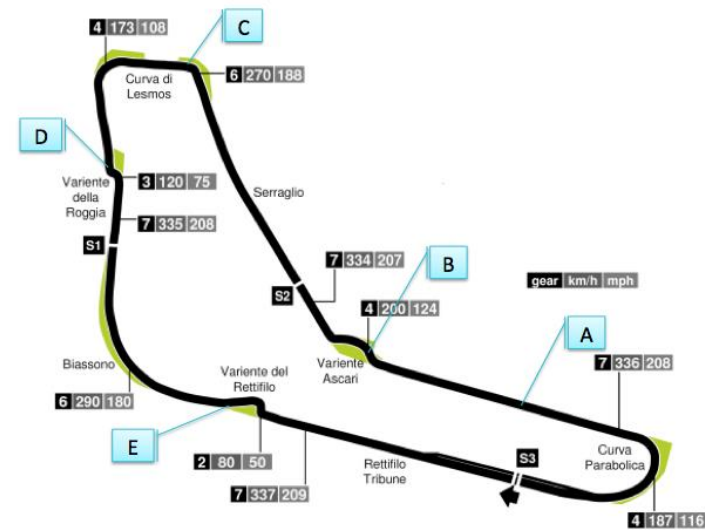
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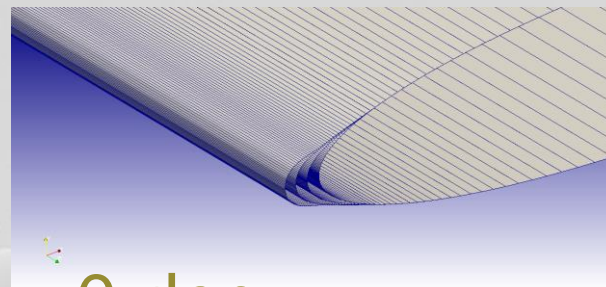
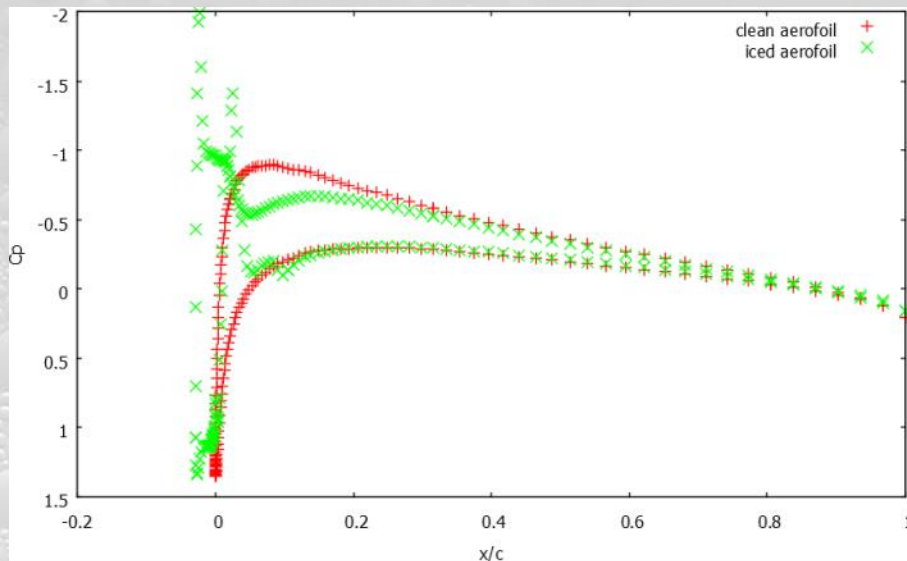
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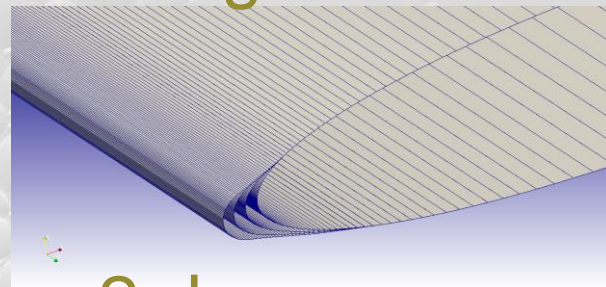
Steering wheels – lap time optimisation



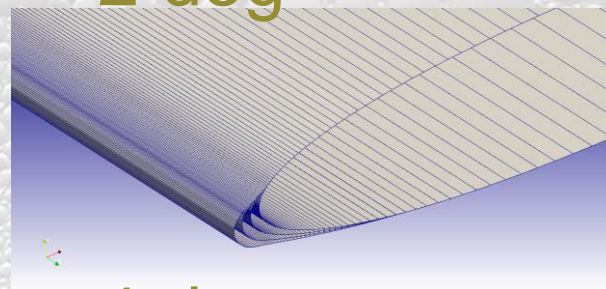
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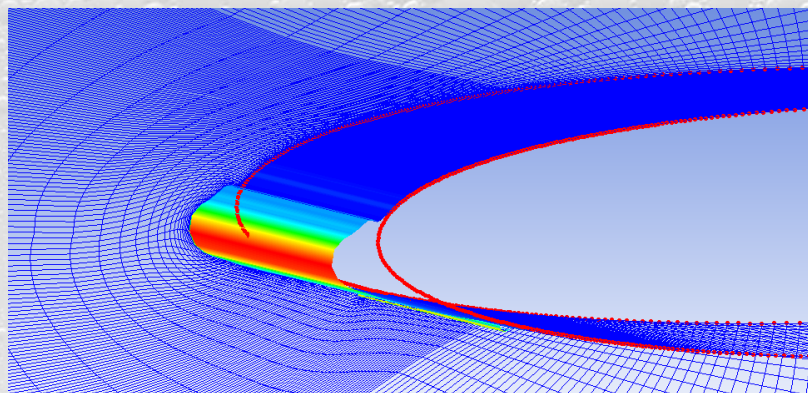
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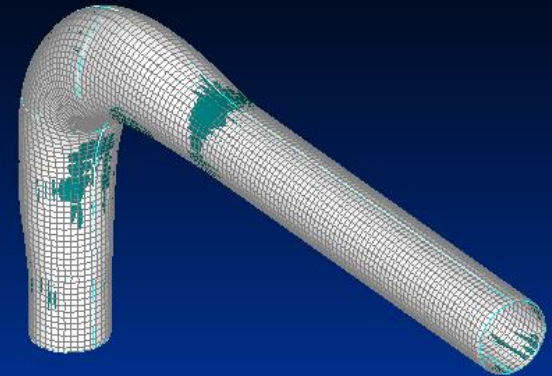
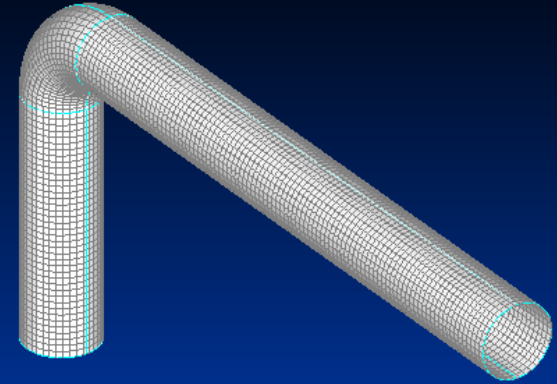
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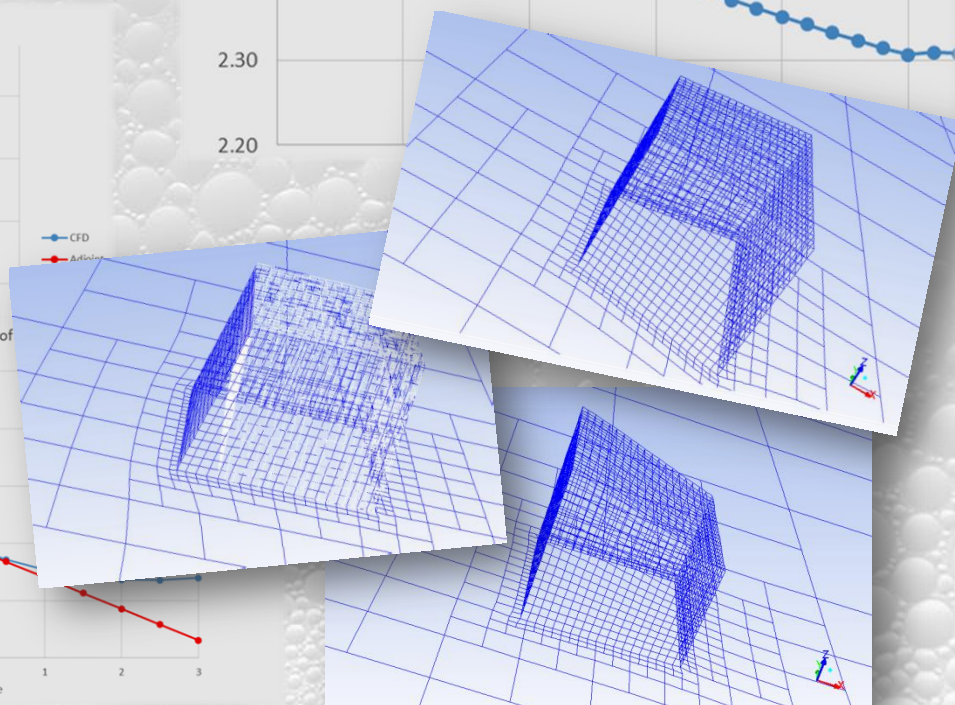
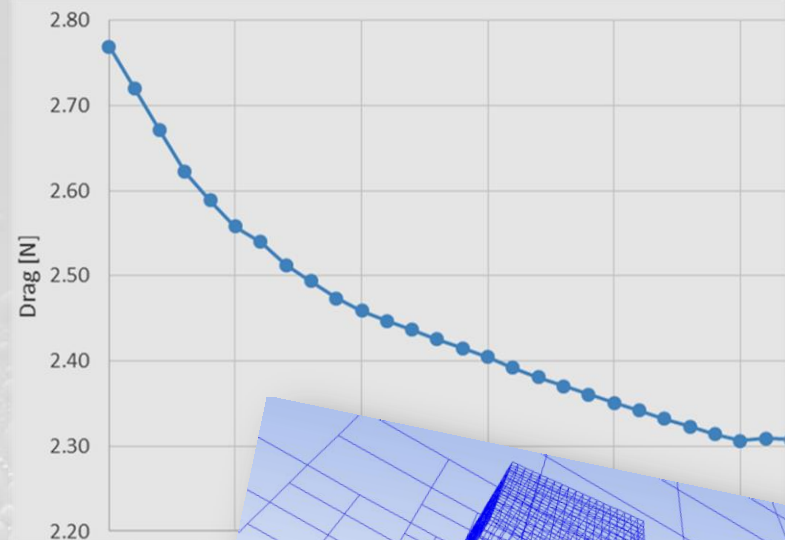
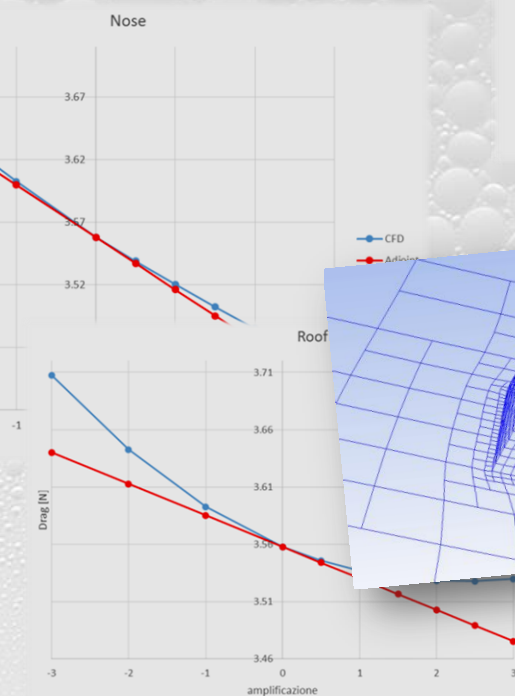
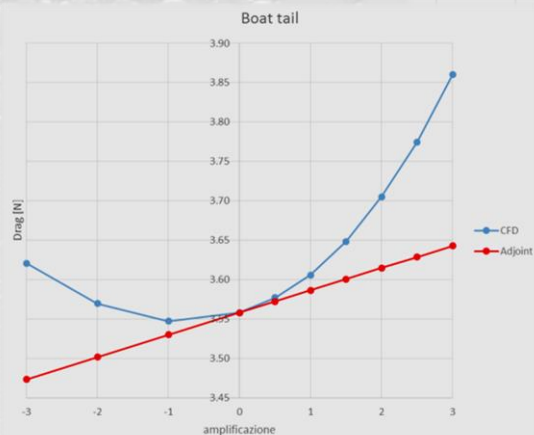


- 90 deg bend optimization
- New shape is sculpted using **adjoint data**
- Original geometry (2 cylinders and a torus) is transformed in **NURBS**
- **NURBS** are morphed using the **back to CAD** tool of RBF Morph

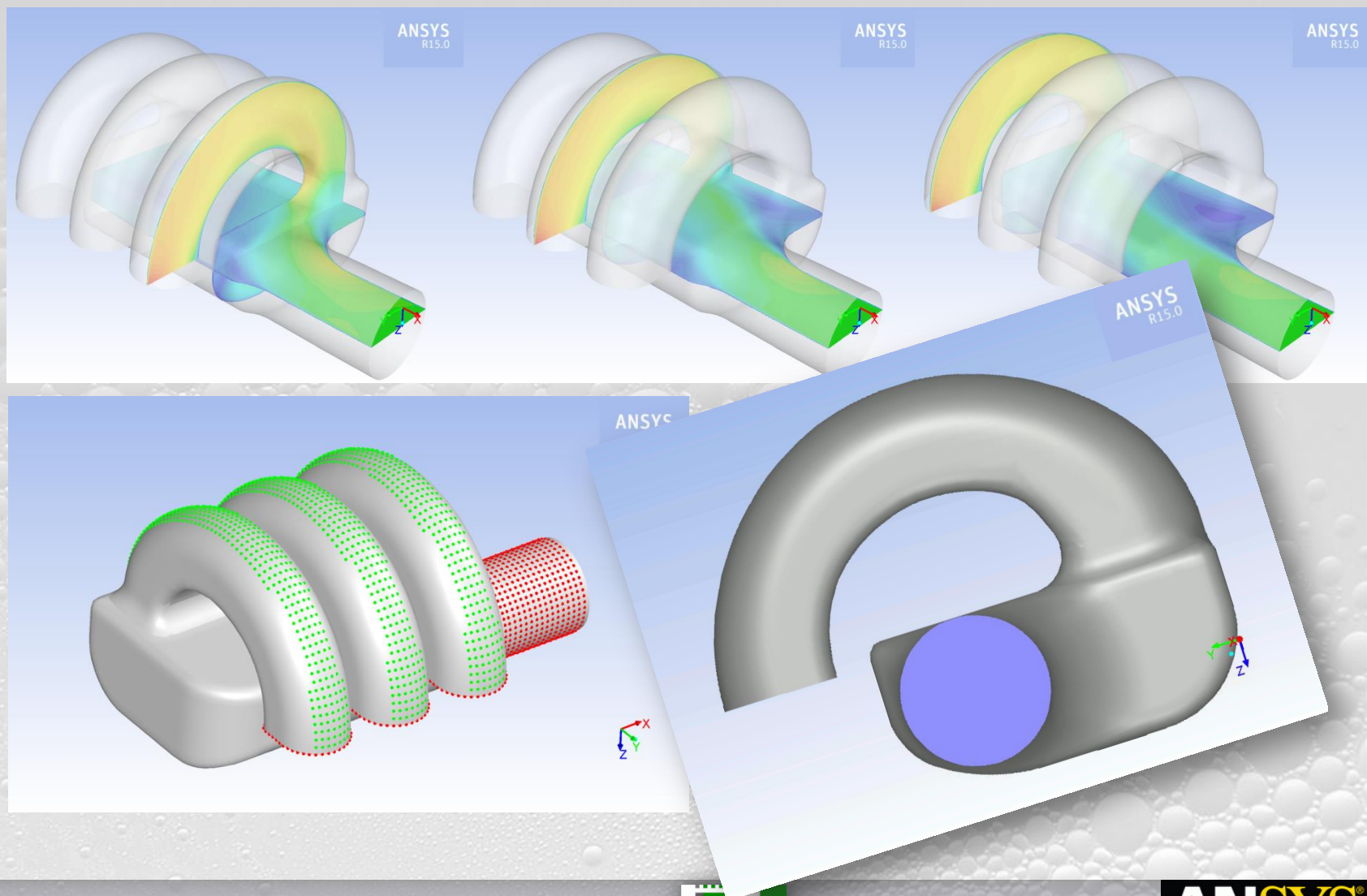


- A cube immersed in a wind tunnel is made parametric using **3 shapes**
- Steepest descent gradient method allows to reduce **drag** by **16.7%**

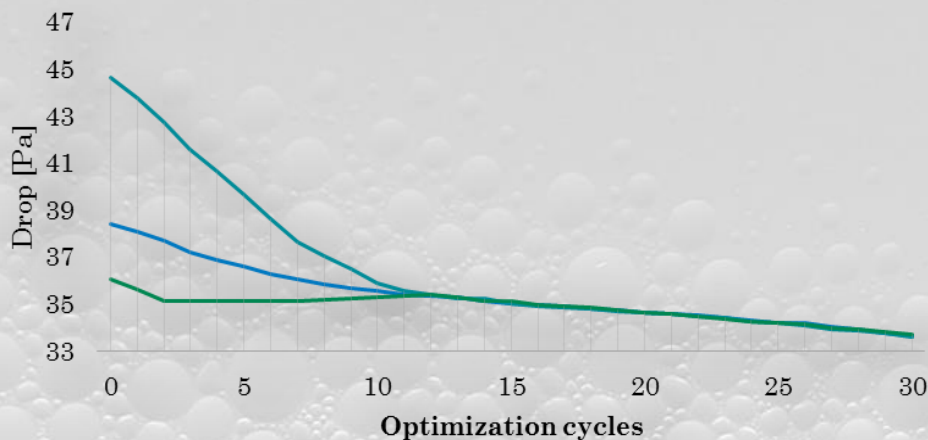
$$\alpha_j = -\beta \frac{dI}{dx_j}$$



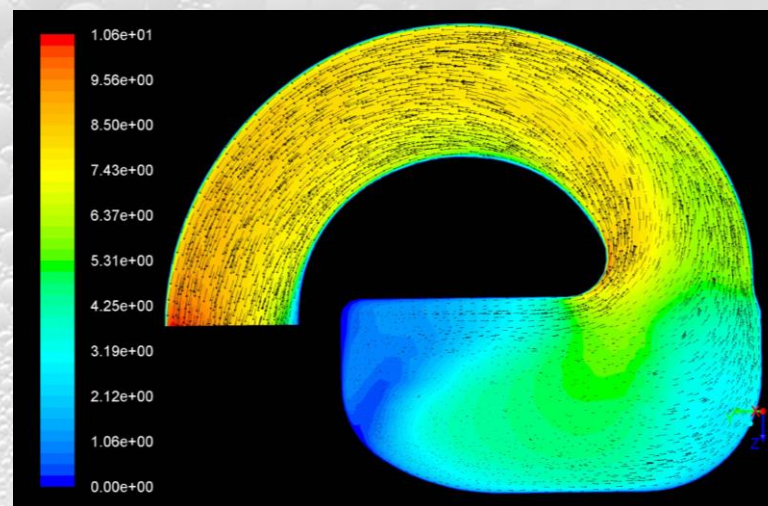
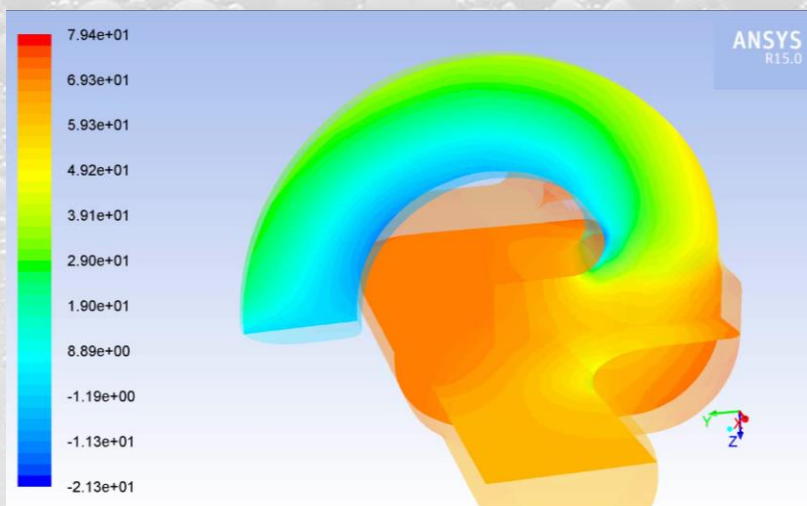
Engine Air box Adjoint shape optimization



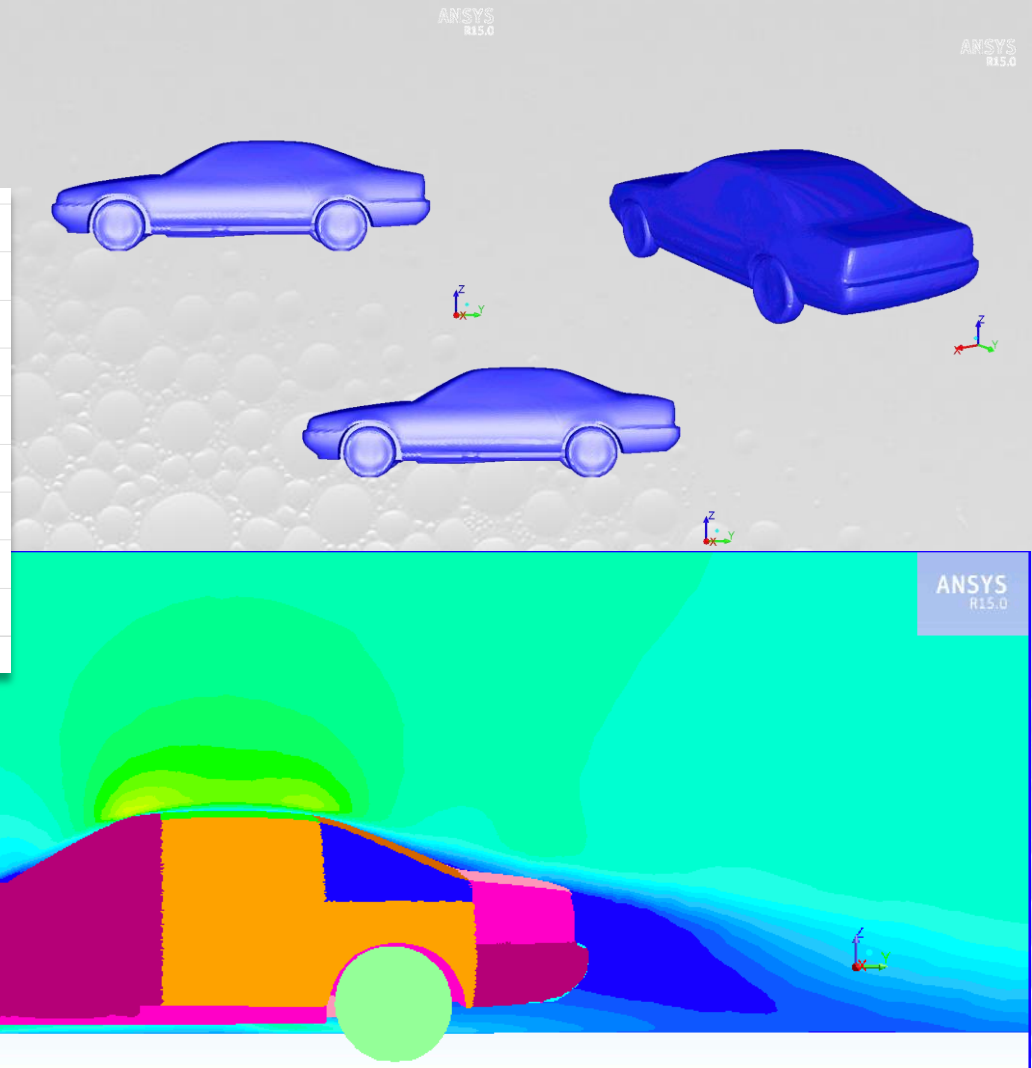
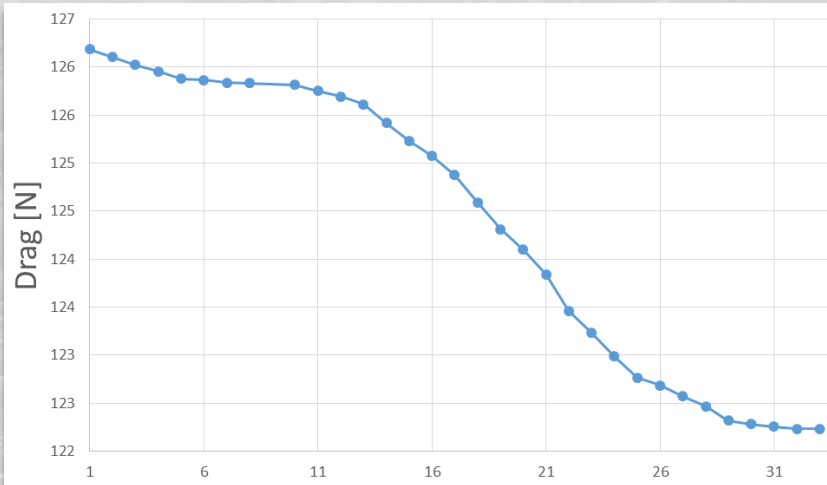
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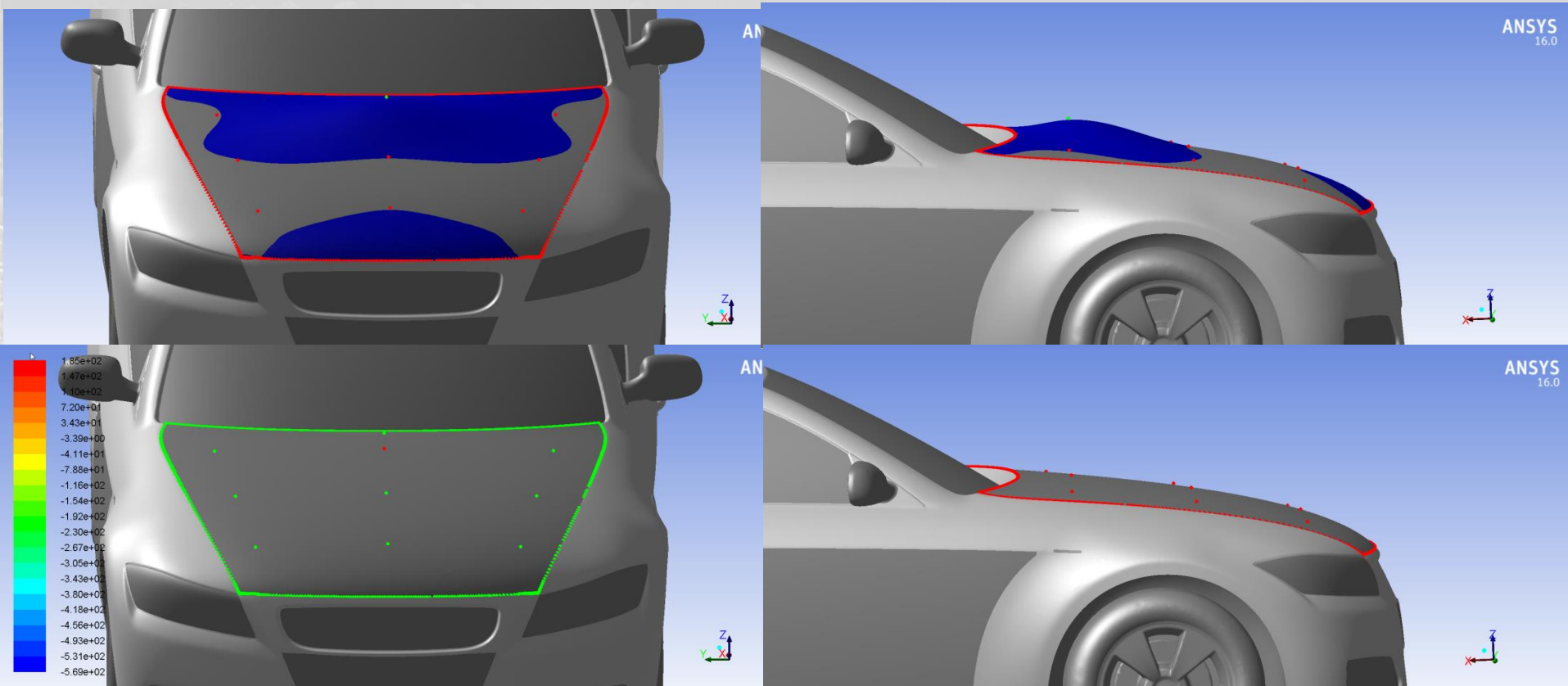
	Mean pressure Drop [Pa]	Unbalance
Baseline	39.7	12.45%
Optimized	33.635	0.12%
Reduction	15.3%	99.0%



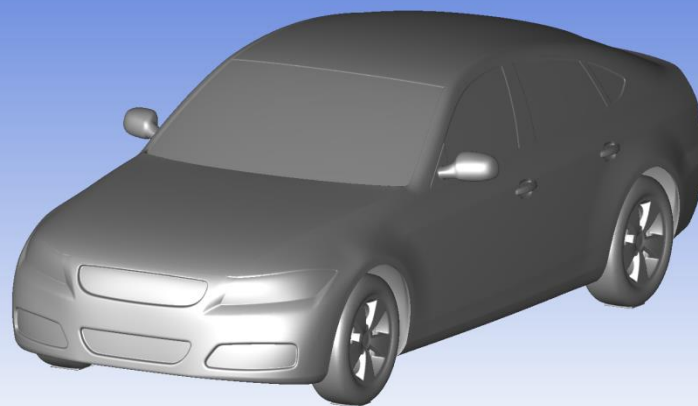
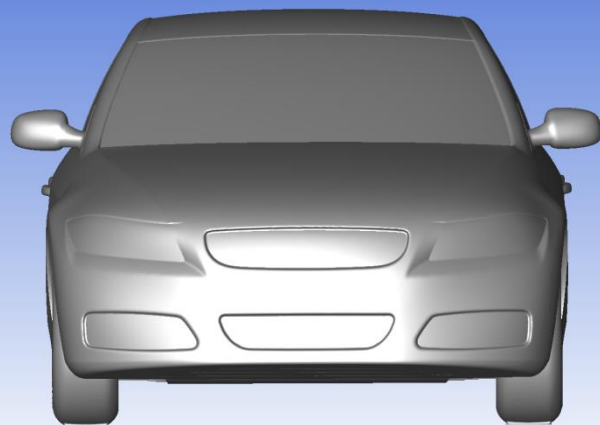
- A 3.13% drag reduction is achieved after 33 cycles



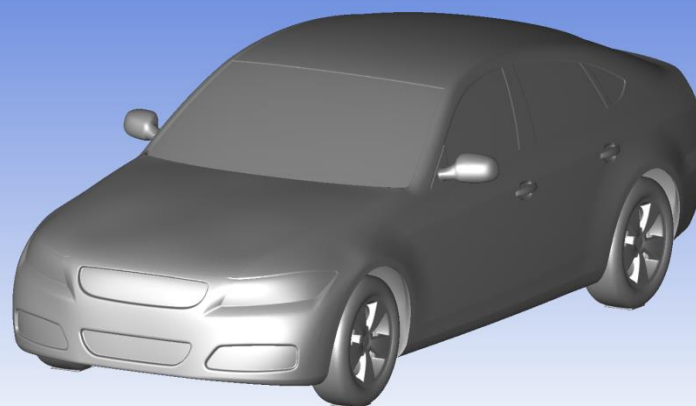
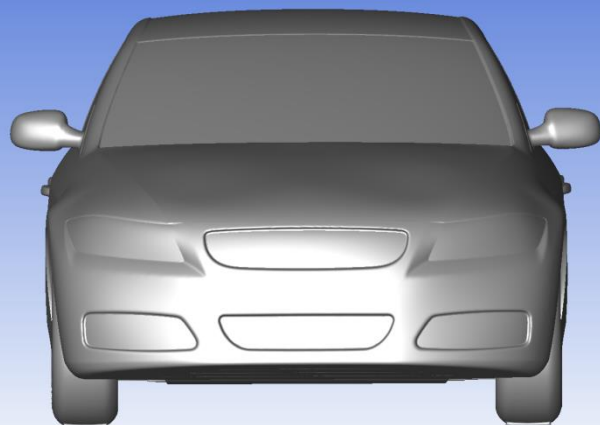
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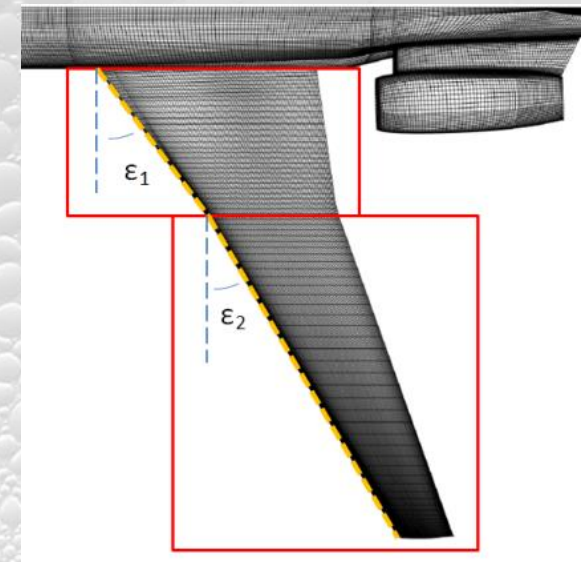
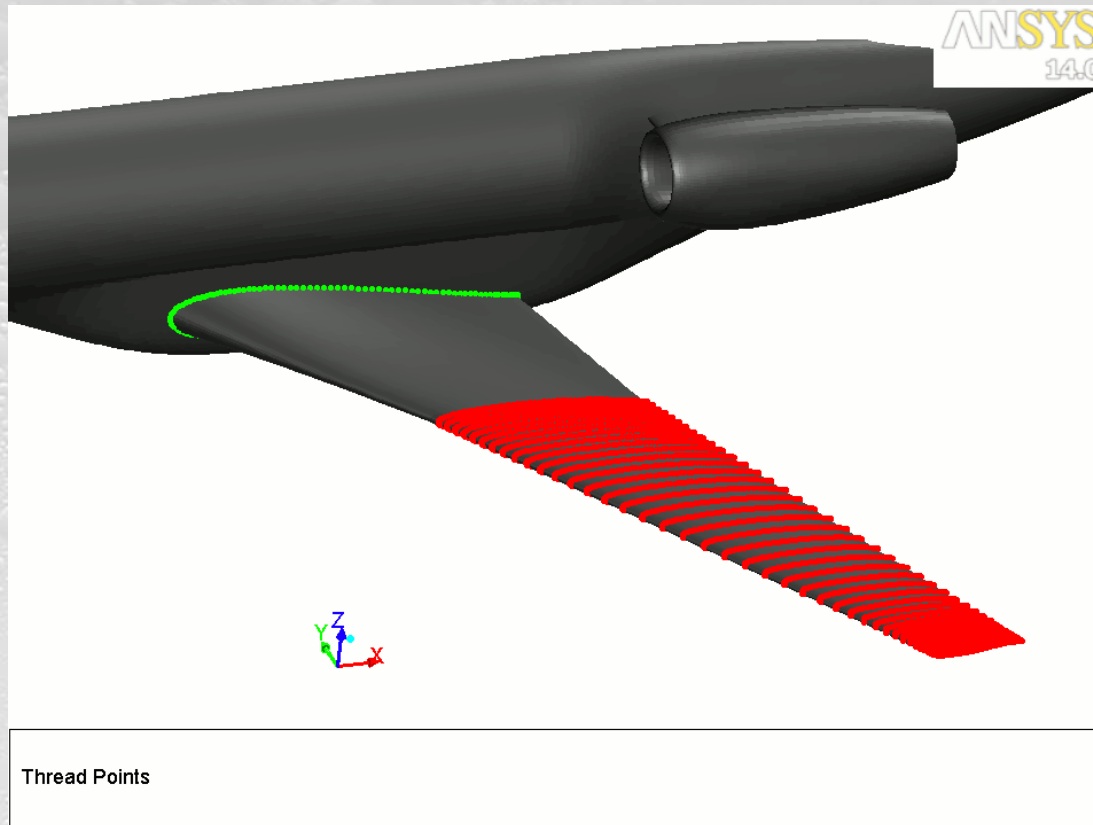
- Adopting a maximum displacement of 5 mm and updating the surface according to gradient data a 0.5% drag reduction is expected.



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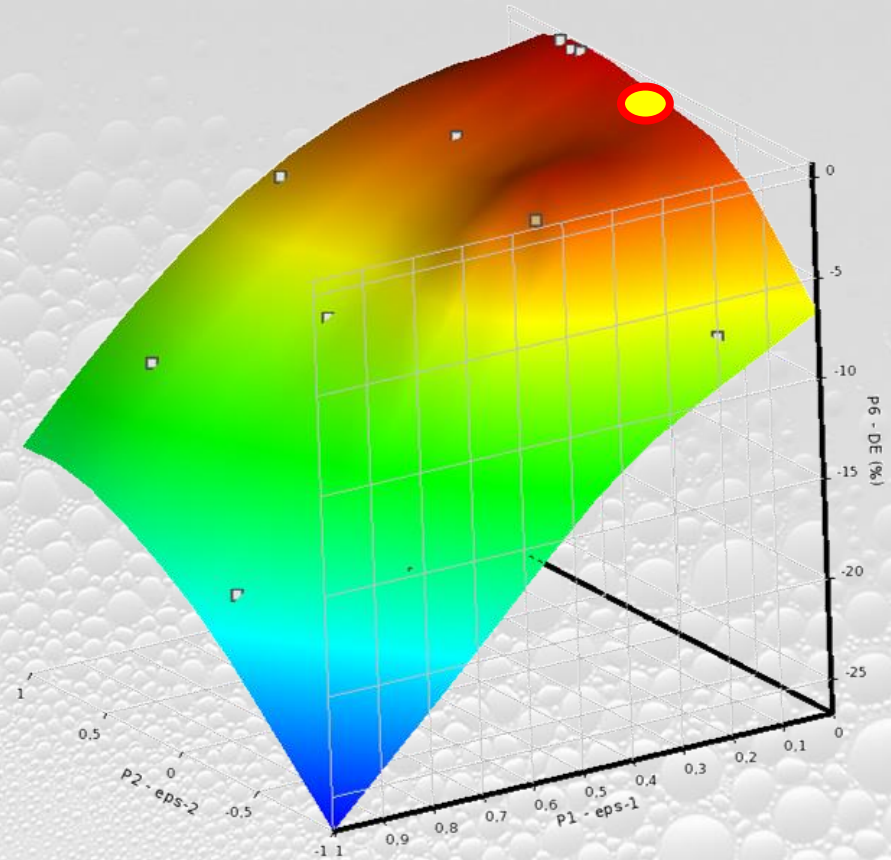


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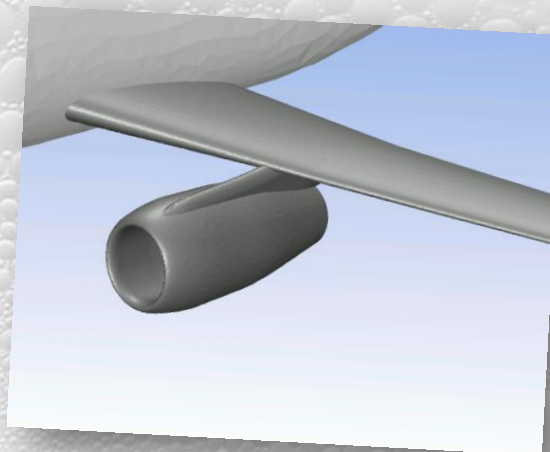
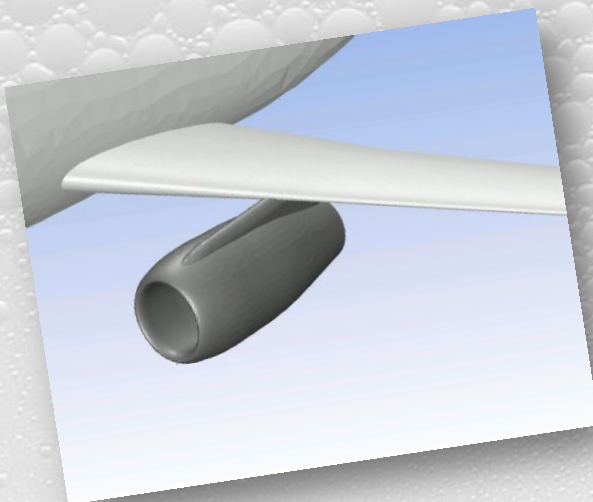
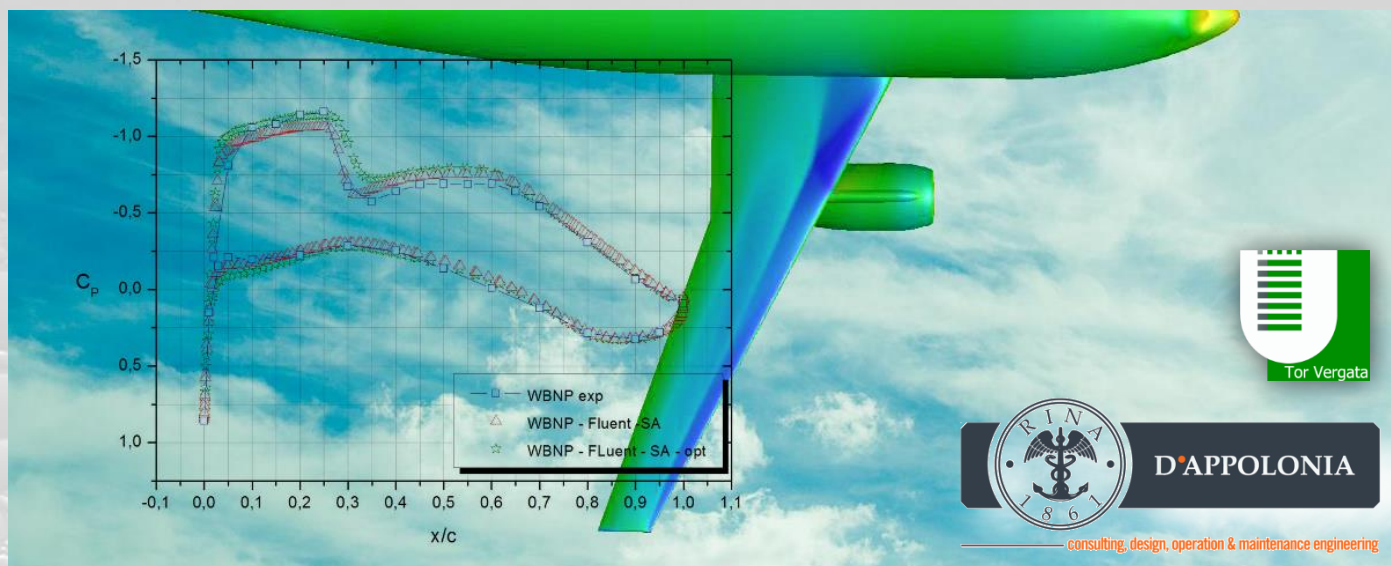


Sweep angles optimization

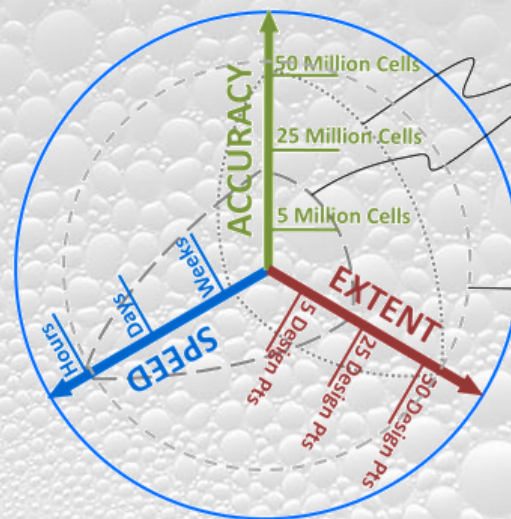
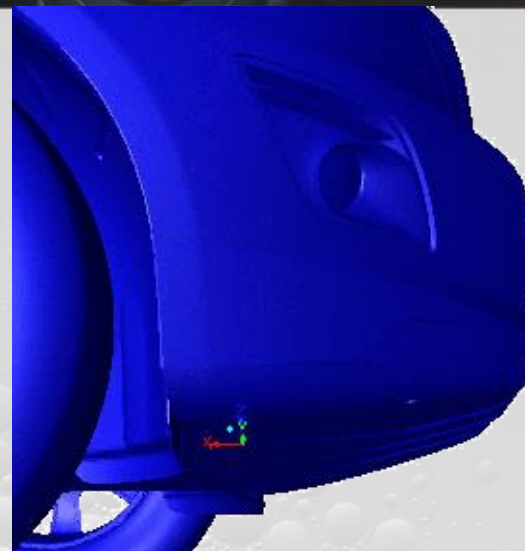
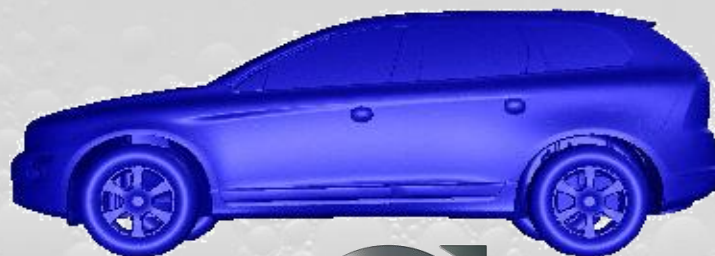
- DOE + RSM approach
- 2 design variables
- Maximization of **Efficiency** in cruising conditions
- Slight improvement (less than 1%).



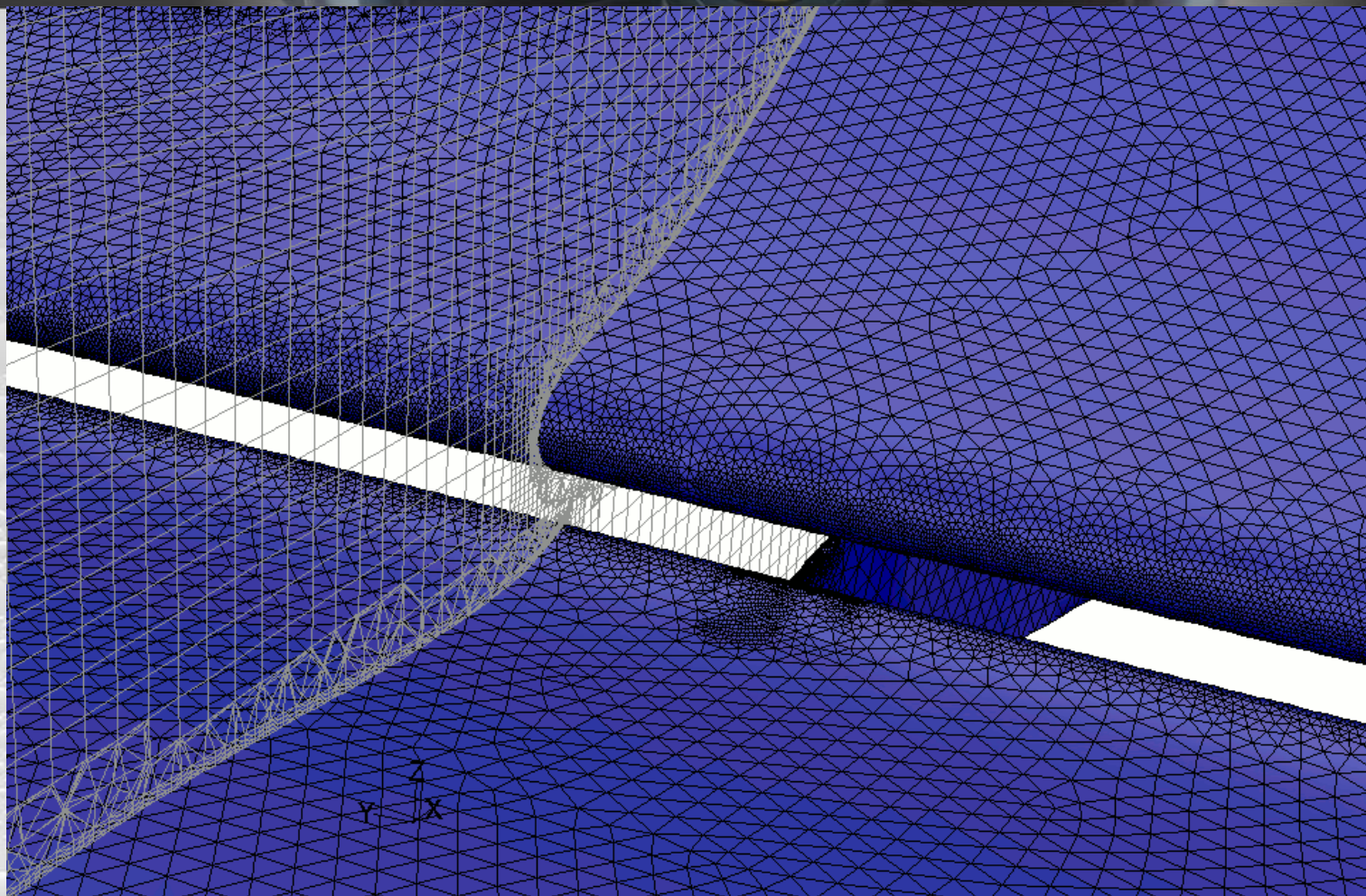
Optimization of nacelle



50:50 Project Volvo XC60 (Ansys, Intel, Volvo)



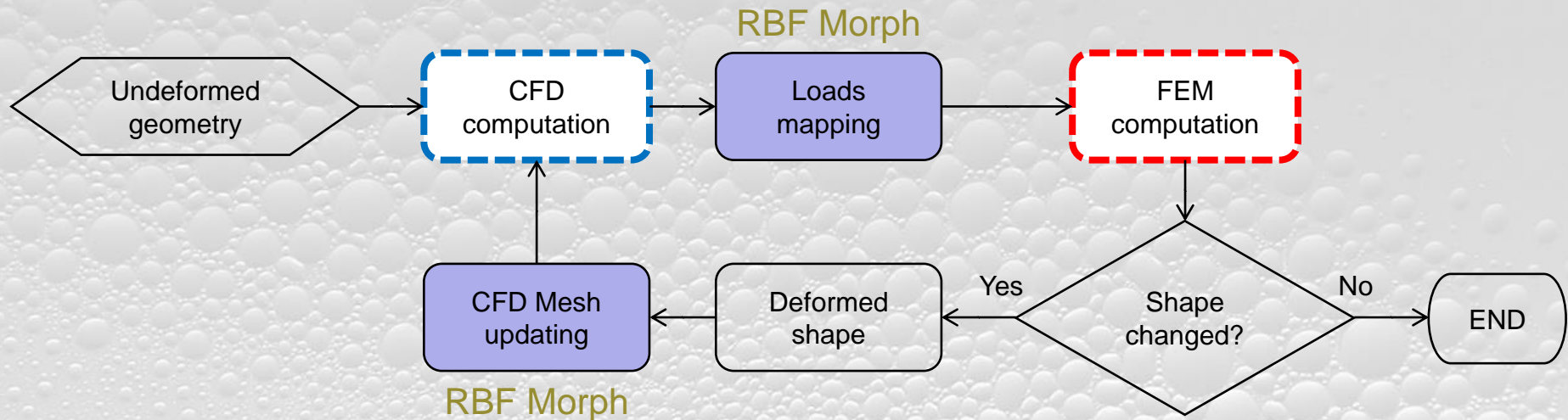
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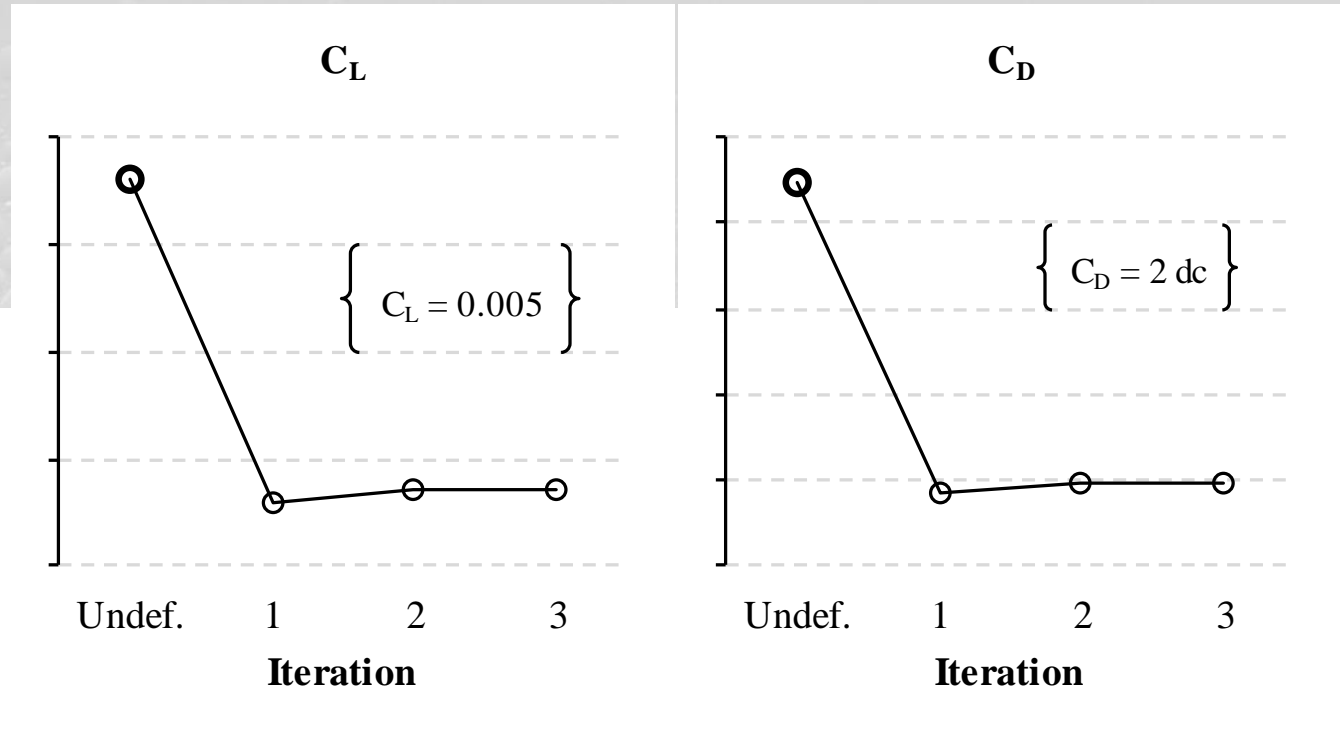


Sol=sol-03-a, A=-5
Surface Grid

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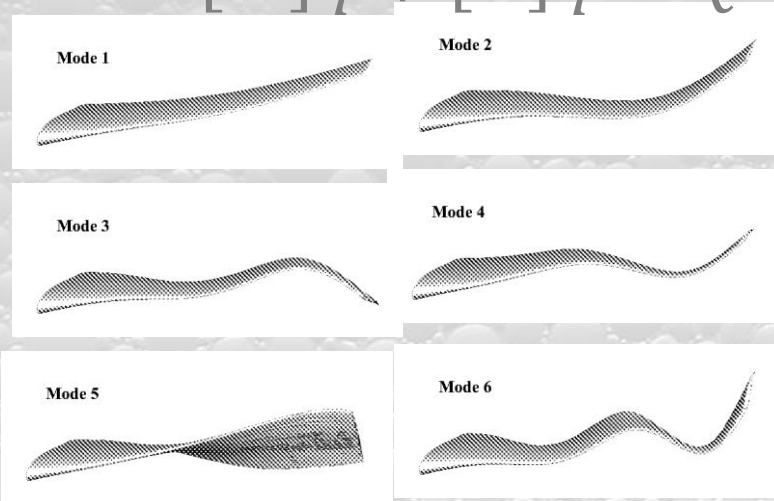


~1% of the wing
exposed semispan
(figure amplified)

FSI modal approach

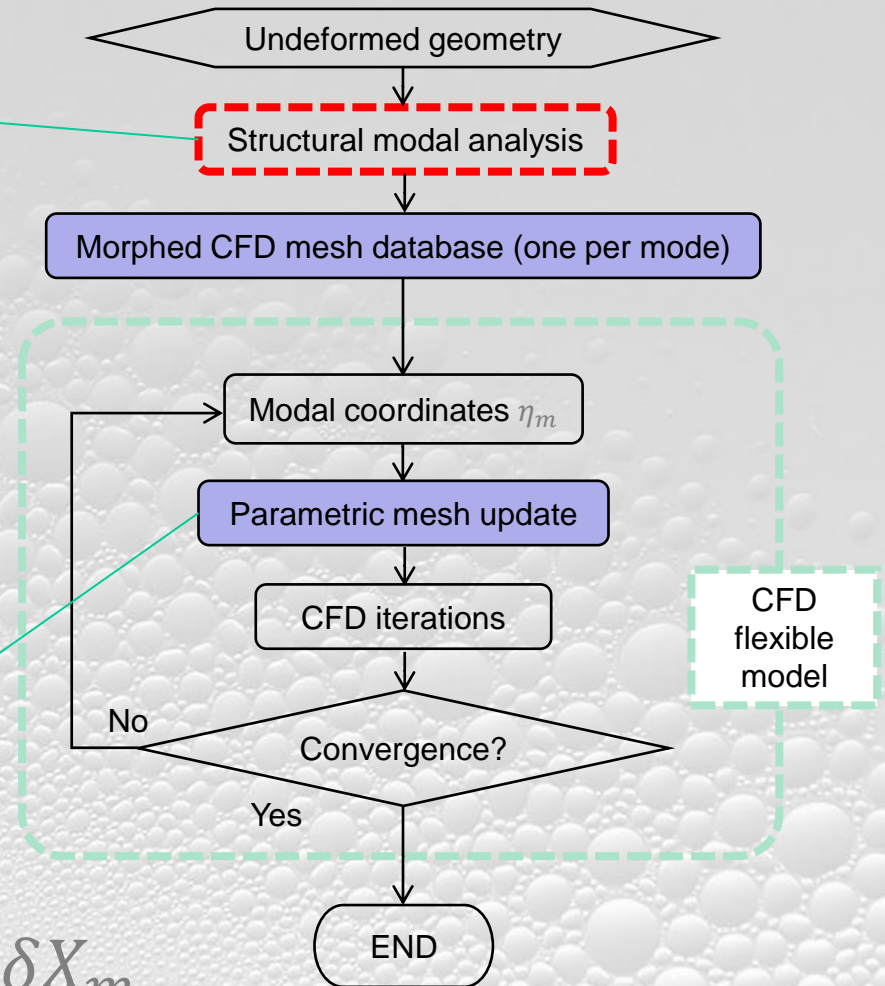
undamped vibration modes

$$[M]\ddot{q} + [K]q = Q$$



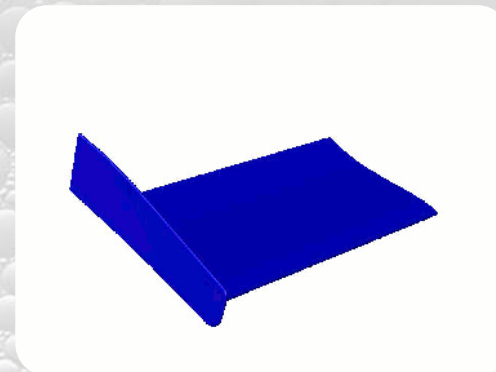
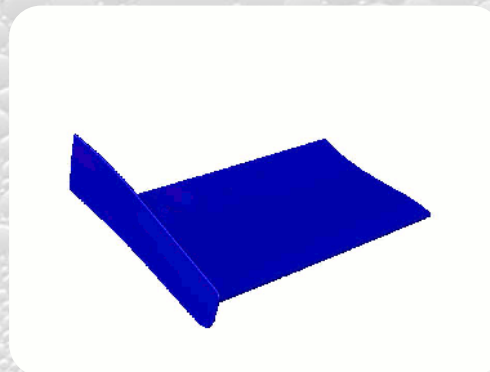
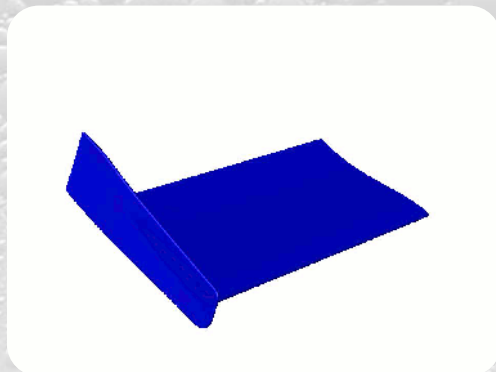
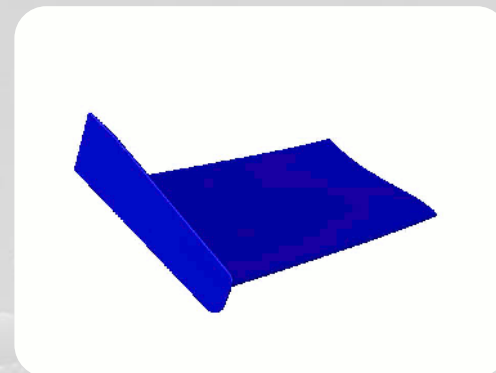
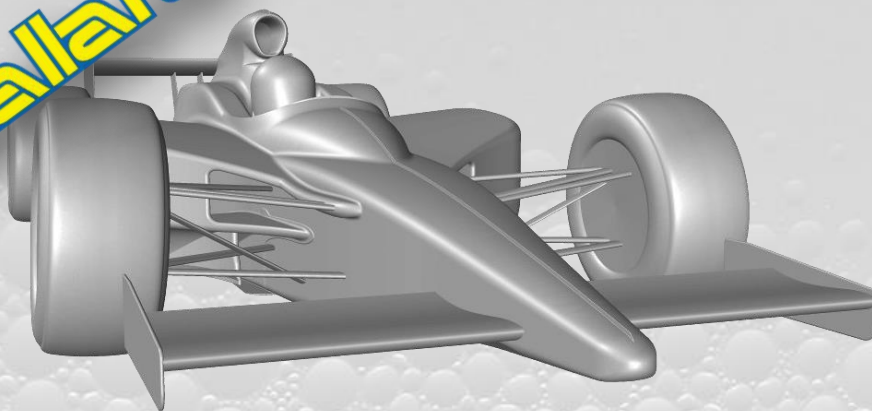
Parametric mesh formulation

$$X_{CFD} = X_{CFD0} + \sum_{m=1}^{n_{modes}} \eta_m \delta X_m$$

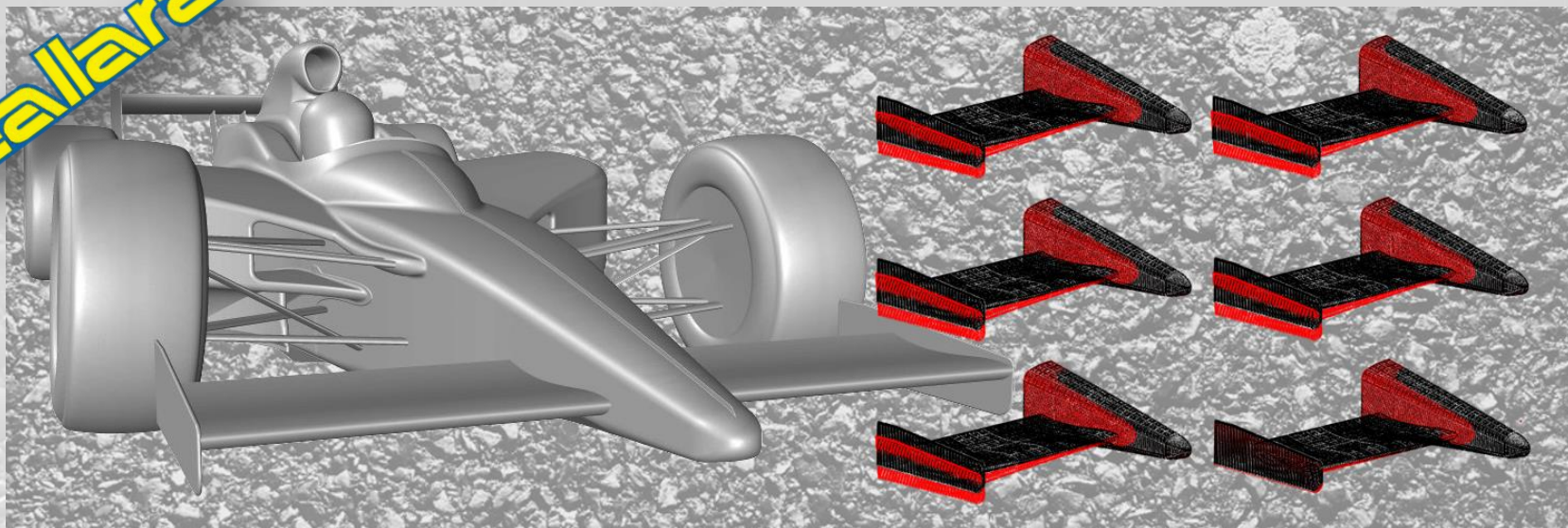


**FSI analysis on a
indy race car**

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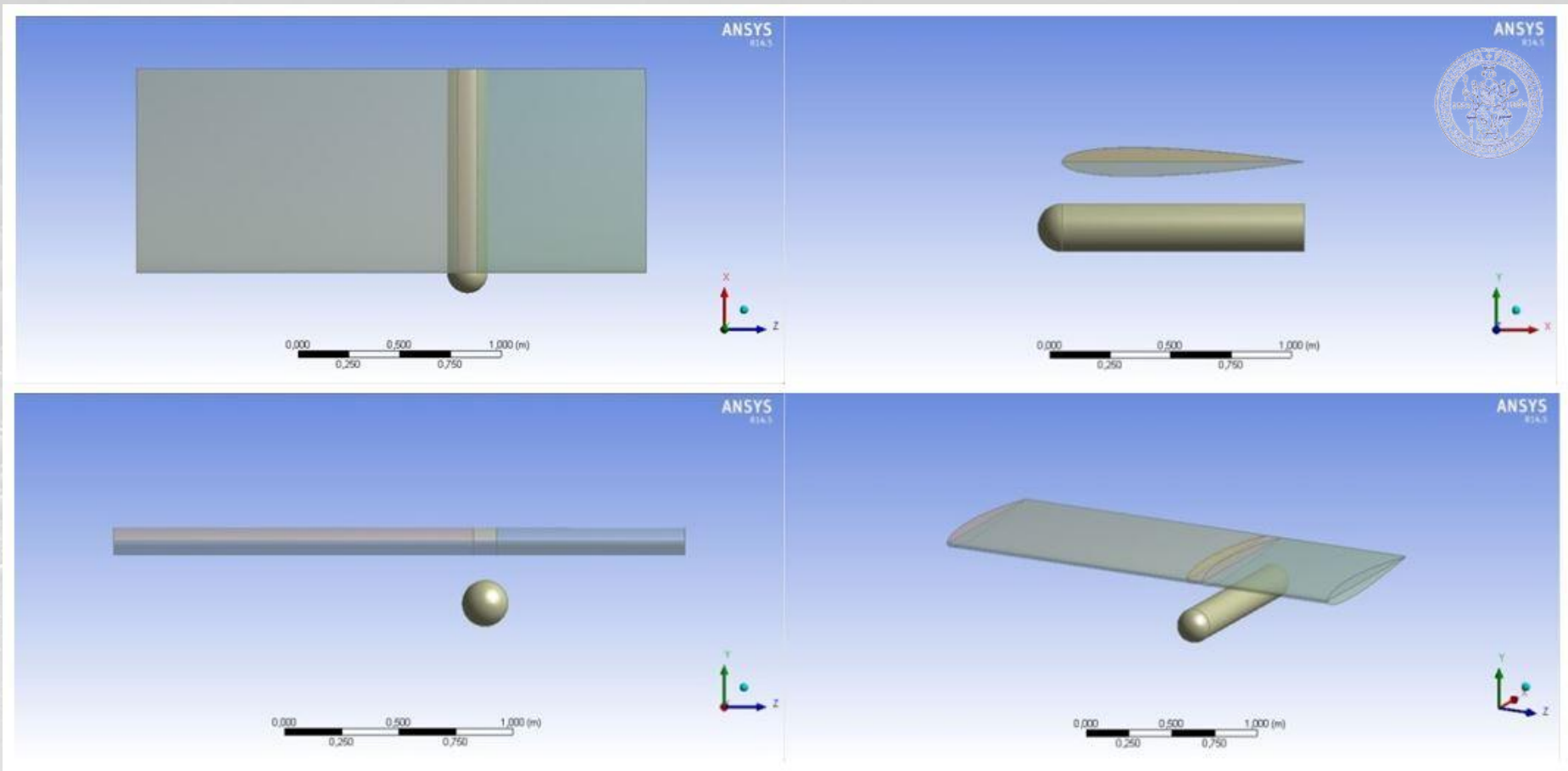


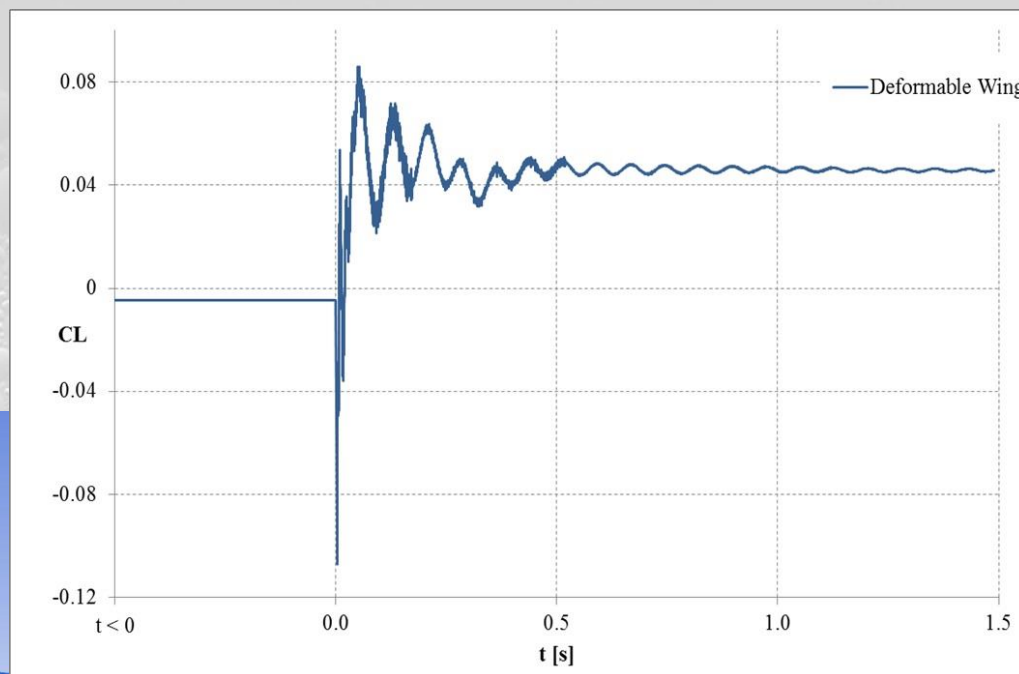
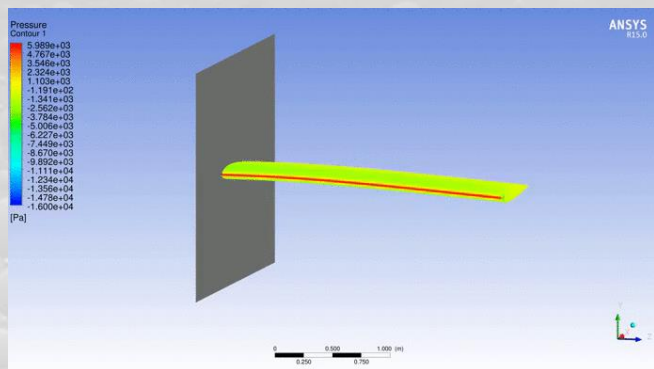
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Modes used	Maximum displacement (mm)	Maximum difference (mm)	Maximum error (%)
1	5.941	4.946	8.3
2	5.898	3.817	6.5
3	5.584	1.483	2.7
4	5.56	7.722	1.4
5	5.555	0	0

Unsteady FSI modal analysis





Elastic Equilibrium Condition

Thank you very much!

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