

Centrifugal pump design & optimization with optiSLang inside Workbench



Fluid Dynamics

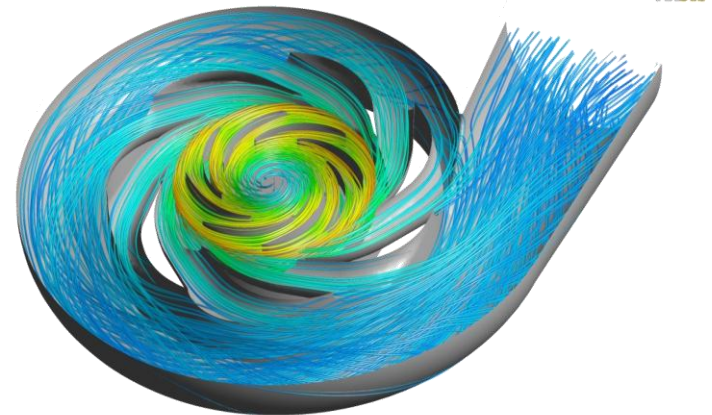
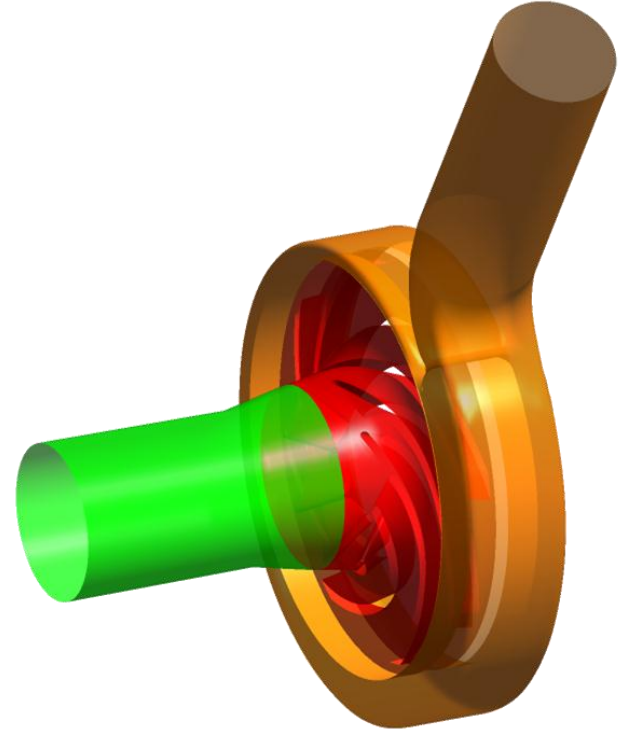
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Goal and Motivation

- **Since 1st January 2013 EU Directive “Ökodesign-Richtlinie“**
 - Directive for energy related products
 - Pumps has to achieve a certain energy efficiency index
 - Progressive efficiency increase until 2020
 - **Goal:**
 - 23 TWh approximated energy saving in the EU in 2020
- Equivalent to yearly energy consumption of 14 million EU citizens**



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Goal and Motivation

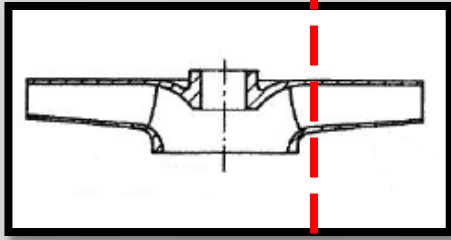
- **Design & optimization platform**
 - ANSYS Workbench
- **Application area**
 - Heating and water supply system
- **Specifications**
 - 70 m head
 - 80 l/s volume flow
- **Dimensions**
 - 300 kg weight with power unit
 - 1 m length
 - 40 cm diameter
 - 60 kW input power



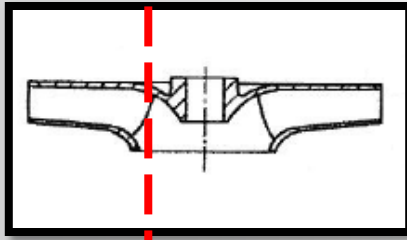
Pre-Design – Specific speed n_q

$n_q = 16.8$
Radial pump design

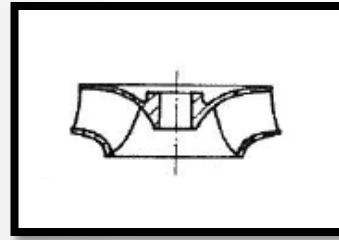
$$n_q = n \frac{\sqrt{Q}}{\sqrt[4]{H^3}}$$



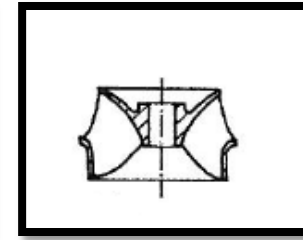
$n_q \sim 10$



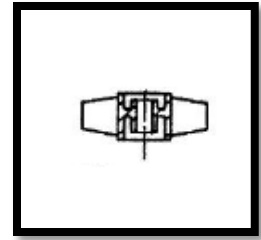
$n_q \sim 25$



$n_q \sim 50$



$n_q \sim 100$

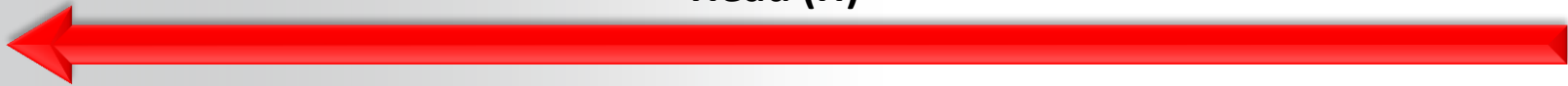


$n_q \sim 200$

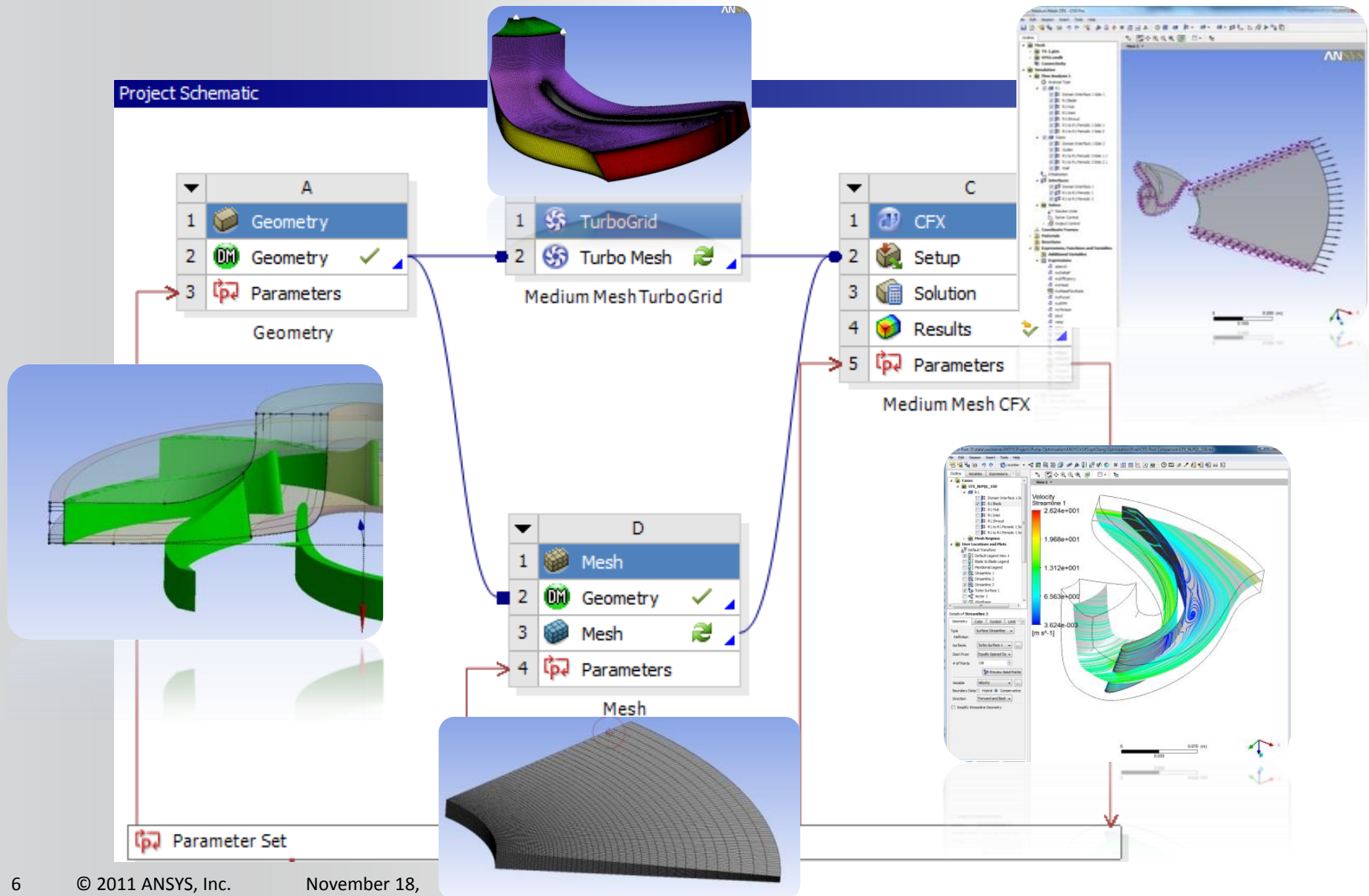
Volume flow (Q)



Head (H)

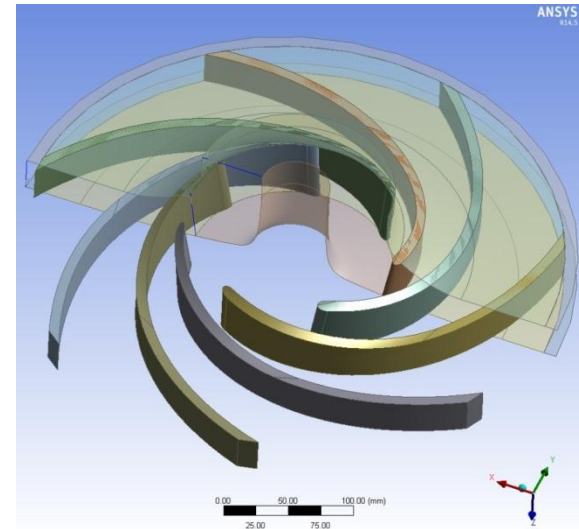


Parametric model and setup – Workbench



Parametric model and setup –BladeEditor

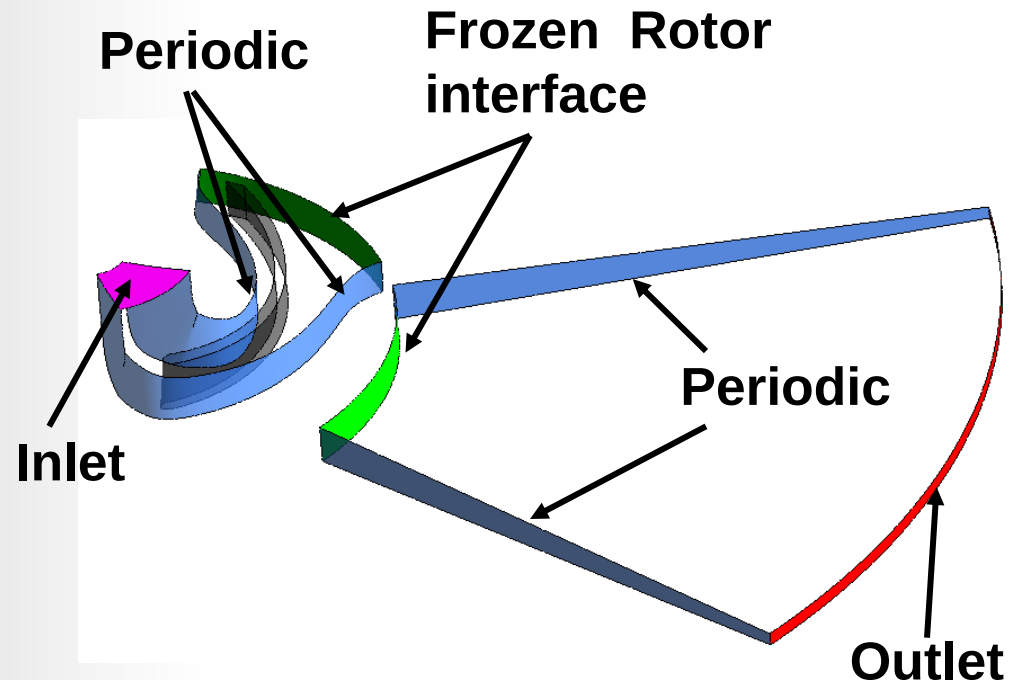
- **Create Blades in DesignModeler**
 - BladeEditor
- **Pre-Design based on nQ**
- **Blade parameterization**
 - Blade angles
 - Blade thickness
 - Number of blades
- **Input Parameter**
 - 19 geometrical input parameter



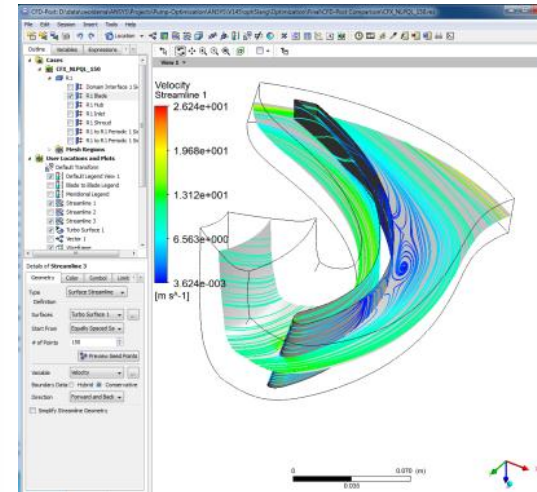
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2	Input Parameters			
3	Geometry (A1)			
4	P10	BladeAngle1_Hub	15	
5	P22	D1_Angle	8	
6	P9	relPos2	0.7	
7	P13	BladeAngle4_Hub	31	
8	P8	relPos1	0.4	
9	P21	BladeThickn	8	
10	P25	D2_Offset_Outlet	10	
11	P26	R_Outlet	220	
12	P53	RN_Inlet	27	
13	P28	B1_SM	50	
14	P61	Shd_Spline_OffsetRadial1	70	
15	P36	Shd_Spline_OffsetAxial2	20	
16	P35	Shd_Spline_OffsetAxial1	14	
17	P33	Shd_Spline_OffsetRadial2	20	
18	P37	Axial_Height	95	
19	P49	Shd_Spline_OffsetRadial_Corner	12	
20	P50	Shd_Spline_OffsetAxial_Corner	36	
21	P40	Hub_Spline_OffsetAxial1	0.01	
22	P41	Hub_Spline_OffsetAxial2	25	

Parametric model and setup – CFX setup

- **Steady State Simulation**
 - Physical Timescale
 - $1 [\text{rad}] / \Omega = 6.63 \times 10^{-3} \text{ s}$
- **Frame Change**
 - Frozen Rotor
- **SST turbulence model**
- **Advection scheme**
 - High Resolution
- **Boundary Conditions**
 - **Inlet:**
 - Mass Flow Rate:
 - $Q = 11.4 \text{ kg s}^{-1}$
 - **Outlet:**
 - Average Static Pressure:
 - $P_s = 1 \text{ bar}$

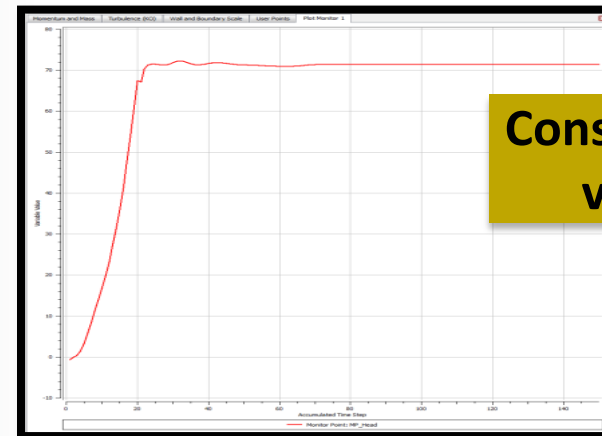
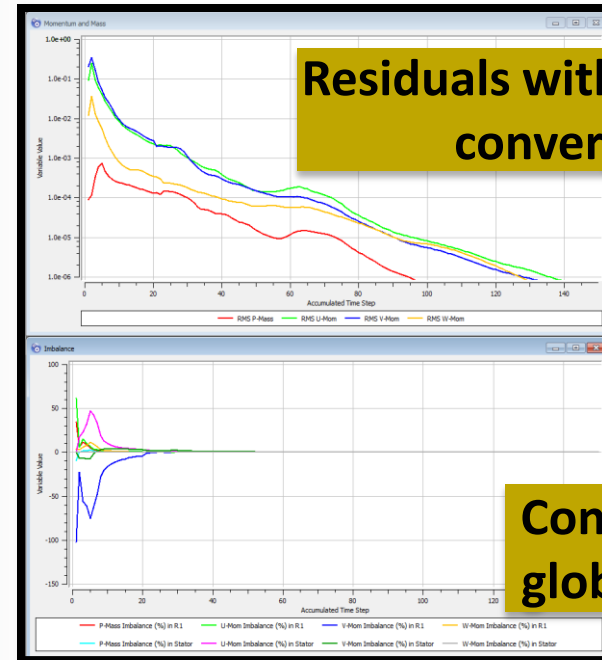


- **Output Parameter**
 - **Convergence**
 - Number of iterations
 - Residuals
 - Max. Grid angle
 - **Geometrical**
 - Key parameter
 - D1, D2, b2, b1
 - **Pump performance**
 - Efficiency
 - Head
 - Min. Pressure

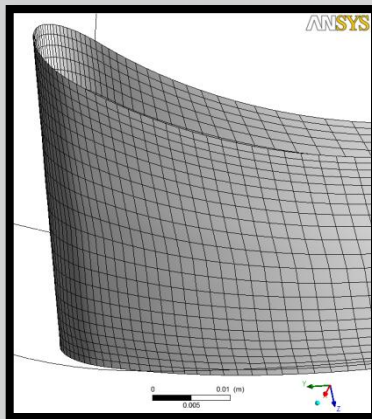
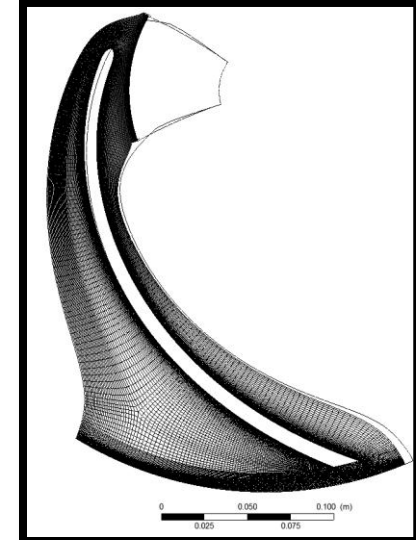
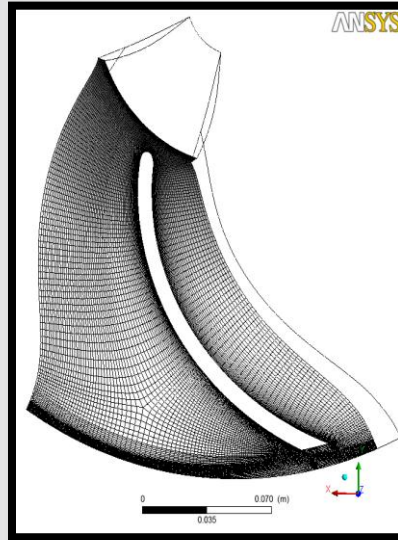
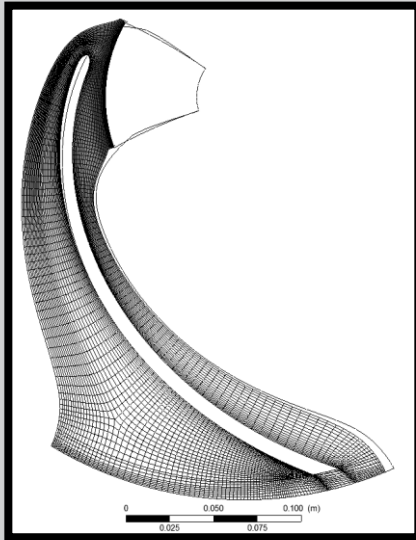


Expressions	
Accumulated Time Step	600
Angular Velocity	myRPM*ramp
Current Time Step	600
D1	$2 * (\sqrt{D1x^2 + D1y^2})$
D1x	$(Point1x + Point2x) / 2$
D1y	$(Point1y + Point2y) / 2$
D1z	$(Point1z + Point2z) / 2$
D2	$2 * (\sqrt{Point3y^2 + Point3x^2})$
MaxResidualUVW	$\max(WRes, \max(URes, VRes))$
MinValAngle	$\minVal(Orthogonality\ Angle) @ R.1$
Point1x	$probe(x) @ Point\ 1$
Point1v	$nrohe(v) @ Point\ 1$

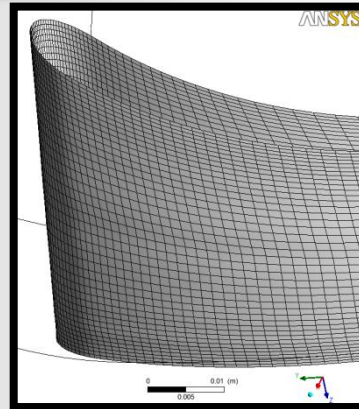
- **Detailed quality assurance**
 - Comparison of results on different grids
 - **Select convergence criterion**
 - Monotonic convergence
 - Convergence of global balances
- **Plot target variables as Monitor Points**
 - Efficiency
 - Torque
 - Head



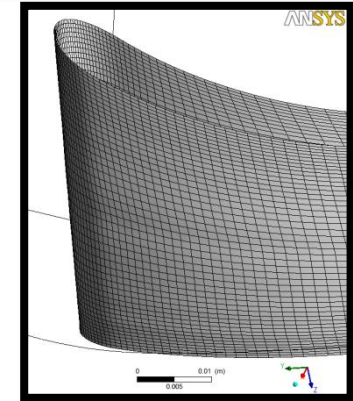
CFD Best Practice Study – Grid



Coarse Mesh



Medium Mesh

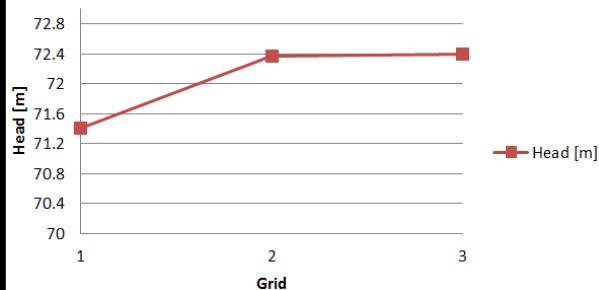


Fine Mesh

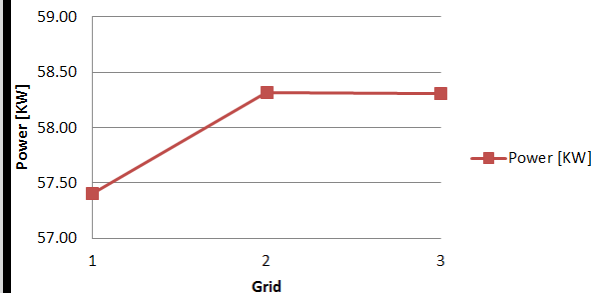
CFD Best Practice Study – Target variables

Target variable	Coarse Mesh	Medium Mesh	Fine Mesh
Head, m	71.41	72.37	72.39
Power, kW	57.40	58.31	58.41
Efficiency	0.973	0.971	0.971

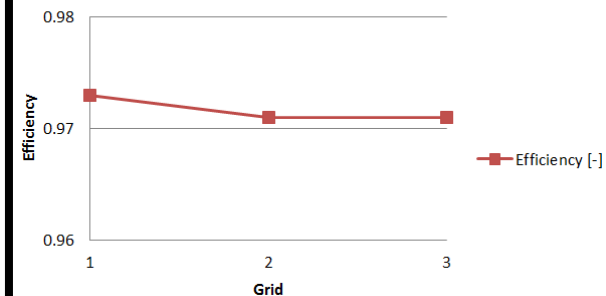
Head [m]



Power [KW]



Efficiency [-]



→ Medium Mesh chosen for further simulations

Optimization strategy

1. Sensitivity Analysis

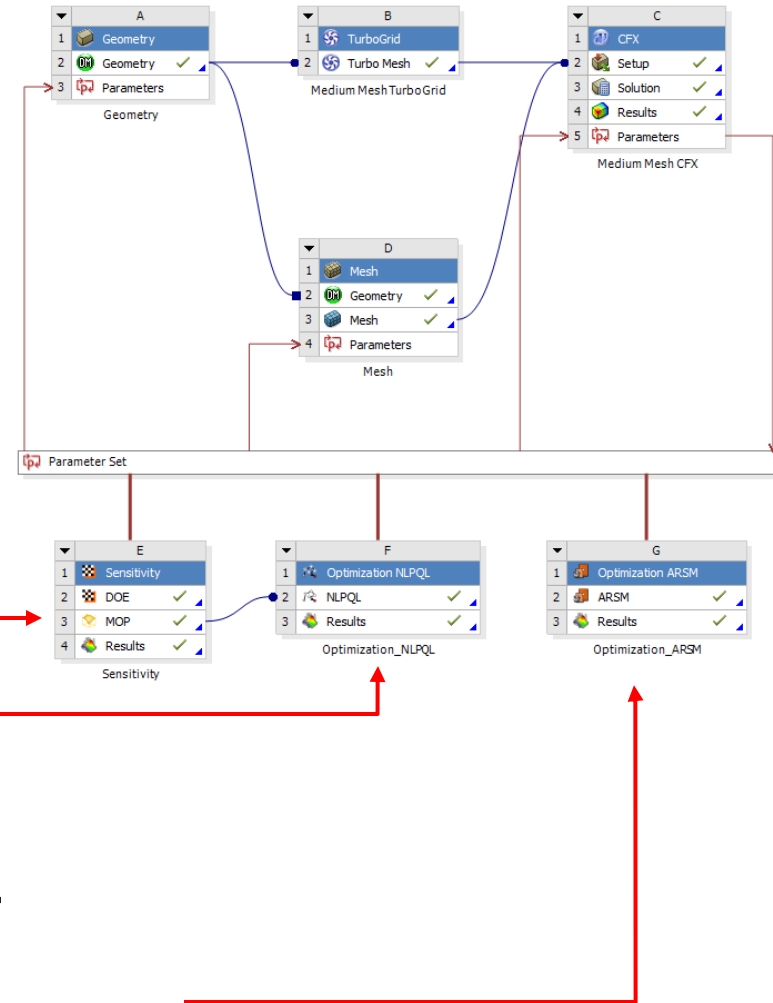
- Parameter identification
- Reduce parameter space
- Best Practice for Meta-Model
 - 50, 100, 150 samples

2. Optimization on Meta-Modell

- Fast optimization on existing database
- Indicates global optimum

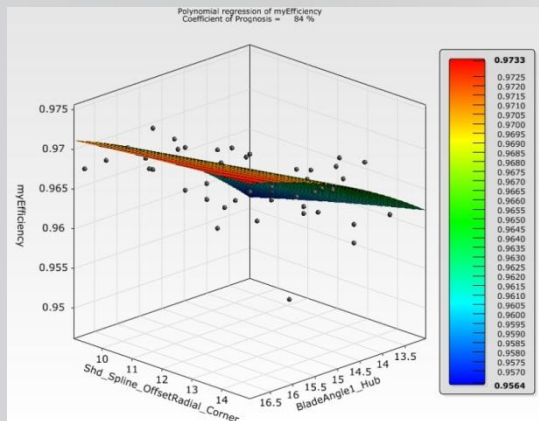
3. Direct Optimization

- Optimize within reduced parameter space

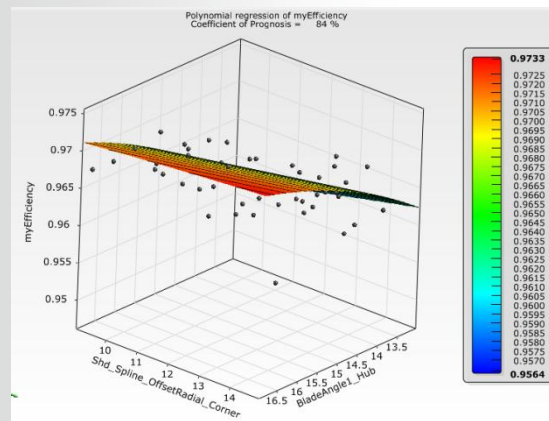


Sensitivity analysis – Efficiency

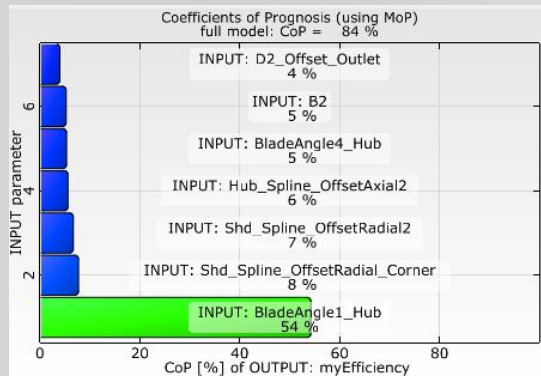
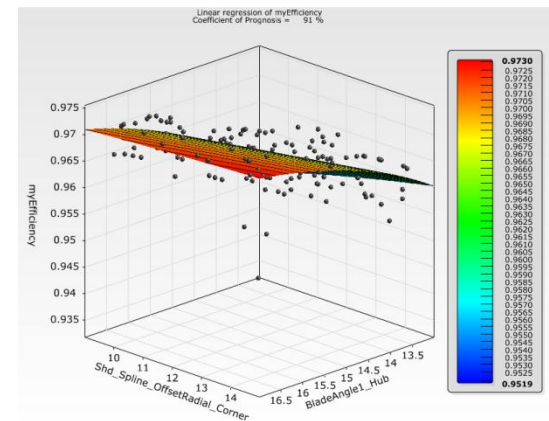
50 Samples



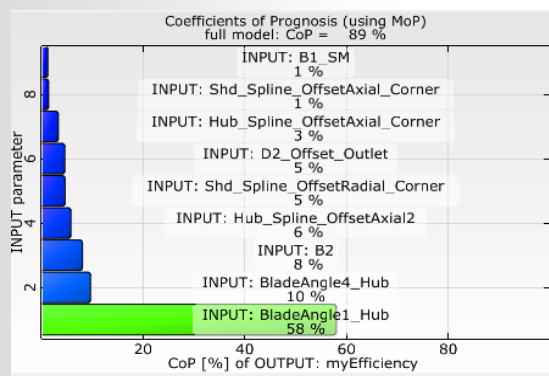
100 Samples



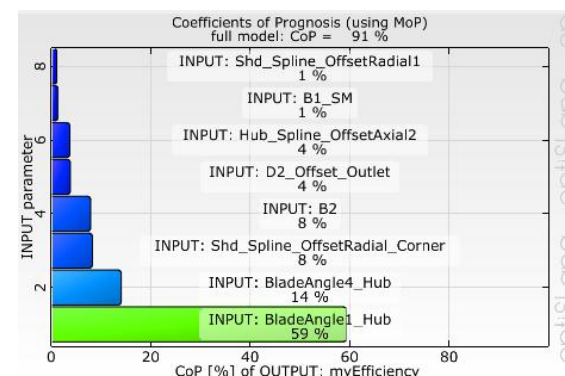
150 Samples



COP: 84%

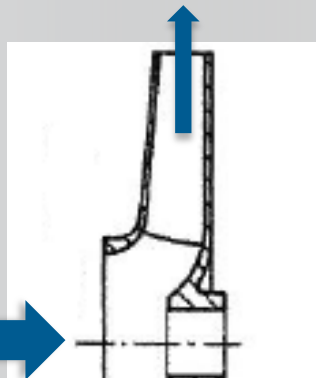


COP: 89%

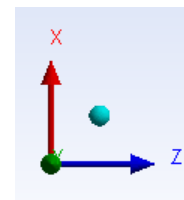
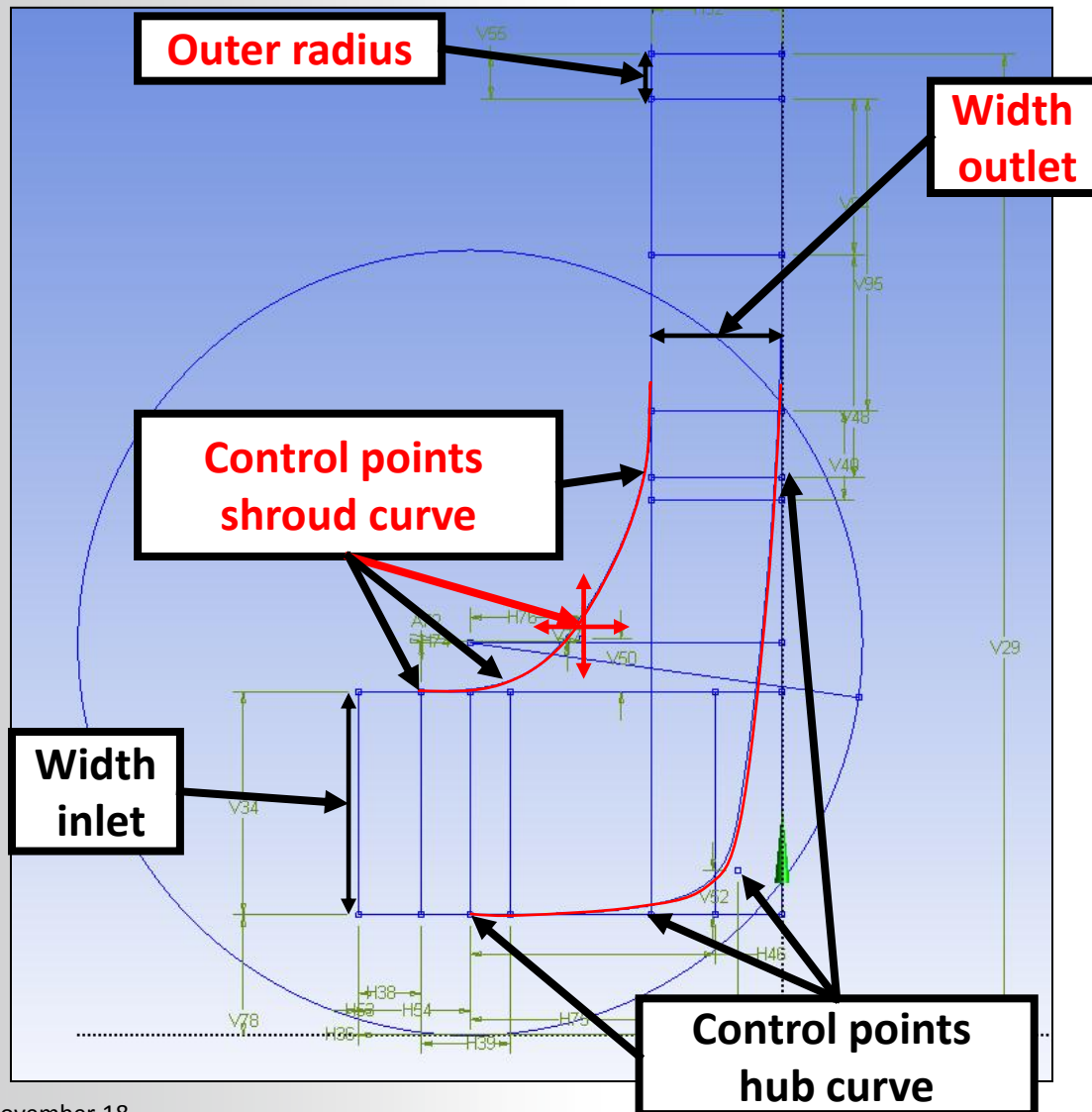


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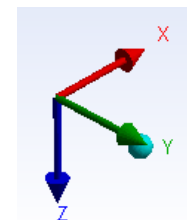
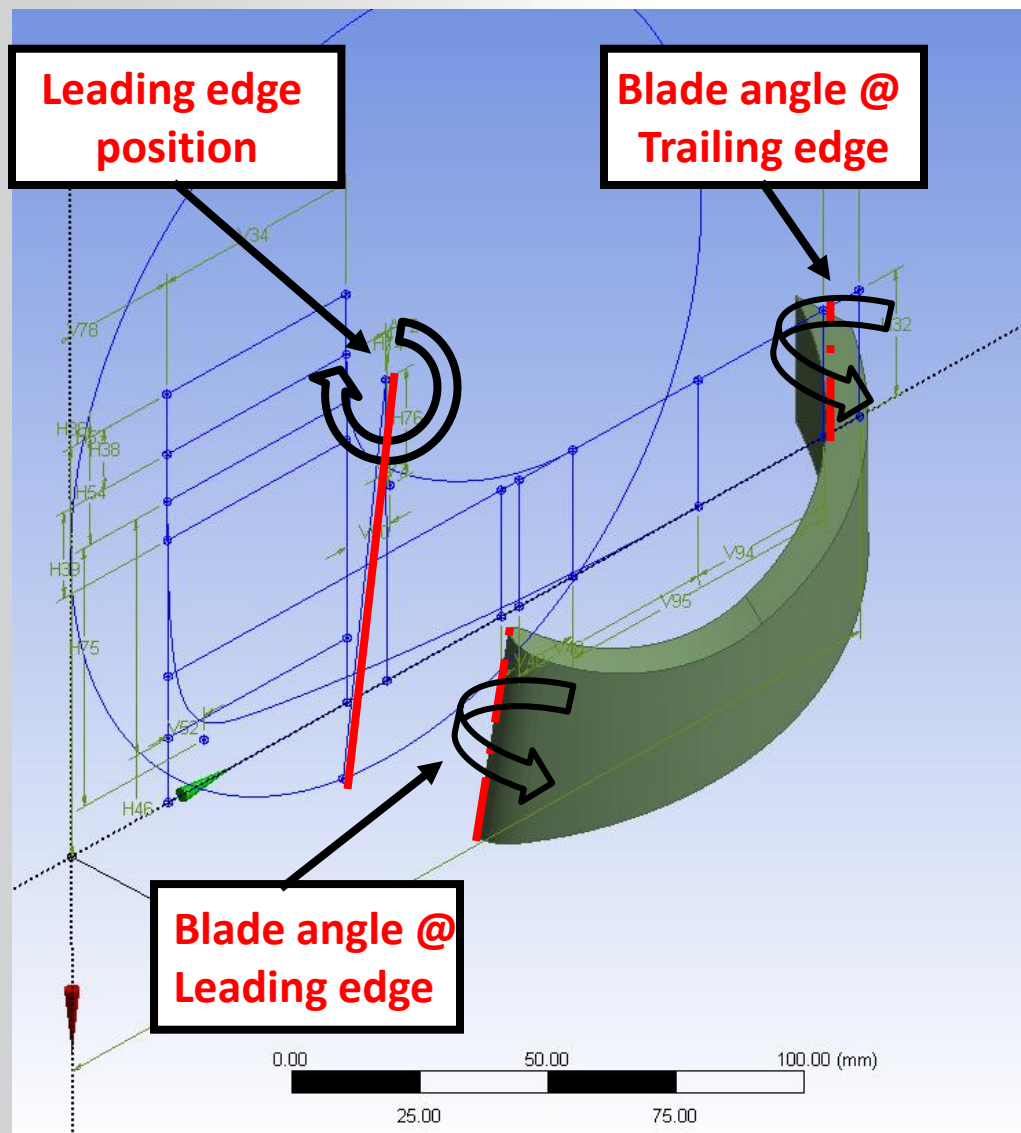
Sensitivity analysis – Parameters



6 important parameters

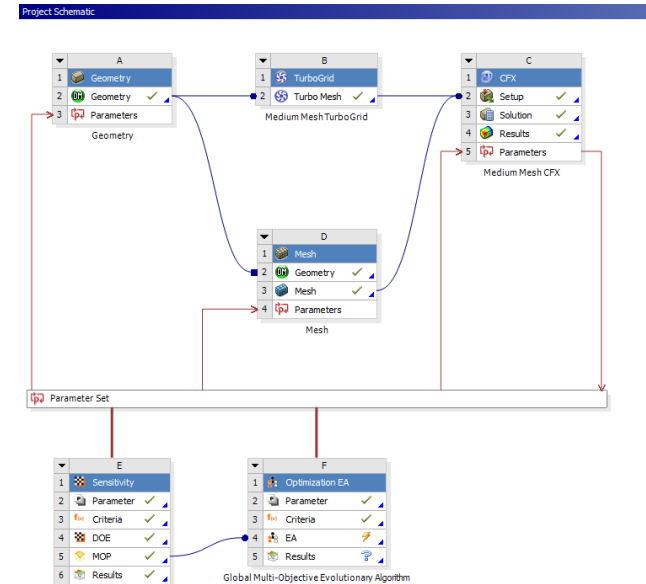


Sensitivity analysis – Parameters



Optimization – Meta-Model Optimization

- Optimize on existing Meta-Model
- Gradient optimization
 - NLPQL algorithm
- Goal
 - Maximize Efficiency for pump best point
- Constraints
 - Head
 - 70 m – 72 m
 - Normalized minimum Pressure
 - ≤ 1



Optimization_NLPQL - NLPQL

Variables			Parameter		Responses	
Name	Expression	Value	Name	Value	Name	Value
new			BladeAngle1_e	31	PressureMinVal	-967220
			Shd_Spline_0_e	12	myHead	73.1733
			Shd_Spline_0_e	20	myEfficiency	0.95824

Objectives			
Name	Criterion	Expression	Value
Objective	MAX	myEfficiency*1e6	958240

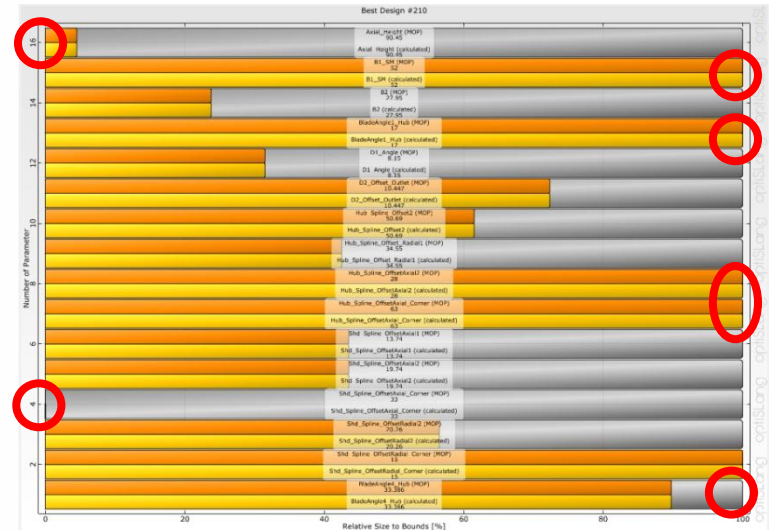
Constraints				
Name	Left side expression	Criterion	Right side expression	Value
Constraint	PressureMinVal	≥	-6.3e5	-967220 ≥ -630000
Constraint_0	myHead*1e4	≤	72*1e4	731733 ≤ 720000
Constraint_1	myHead*1e4	≥	70*1e4	731733 ≥ 700000

Results – Meta-Model Optimization

	NLPQL 50 DOEs MOP CFD		NLPQL 100 DOEs MOP CFD		NLPQL 150 DOEs MOP CFD	
Head, m	71.9	71.8	71.4	70.6	72	70.7
	 - 0.14 %		 - 1.12 %		 - 1.8 %	
	COP: 64 %		COP: 90 %		COP: 91 %	
Efficiency	0.974	0.974	0.973	0.973	0.974	0.974
	 0 %		 0 %		 0 %	
	COP: 84 %		COP: 89 %		COP: 91 %	
Norm. min. Pressure	0.867	0.889	0.859	0.889	0.847	0.887
	 + 2.47 %		 + 3.37 %		 + 4.5 %	
	COP: 82 %		COP: 92 %		COP: 96 %	

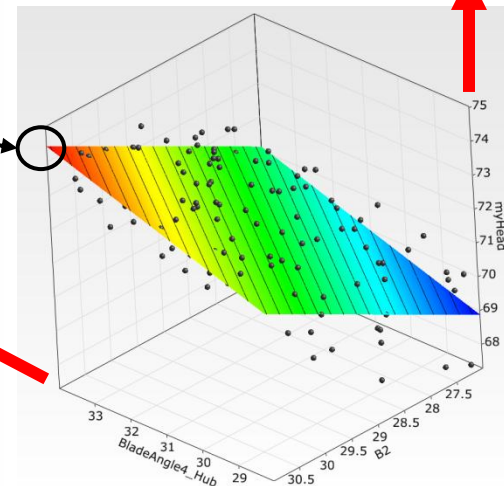
Results – Meta-Model Optimization

- Compare relative size to parameter limits
- Best design at parameter limit
- Parameter range
 - 6 x increase parameter range
 - 2 x decrease parameter range



Best design

Blade angle @
Trailing edge



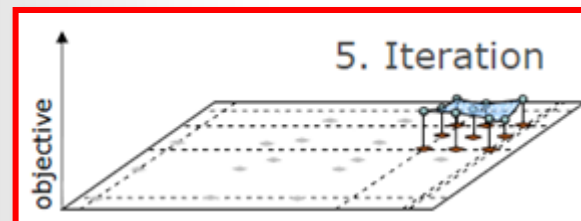
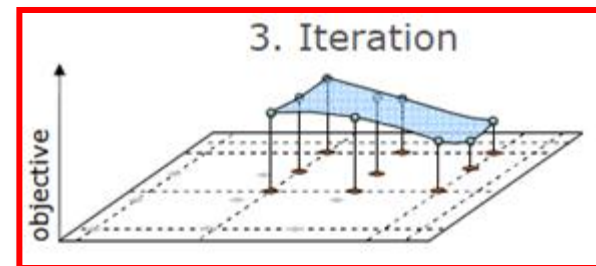
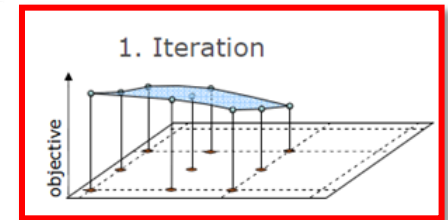
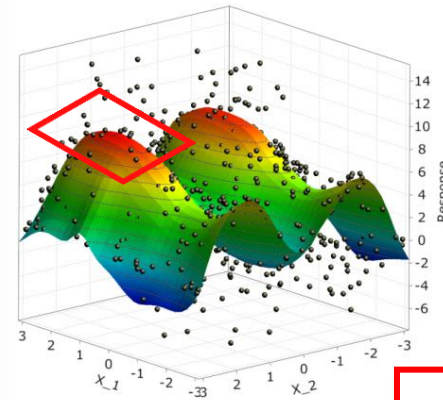
Results – Meta-Model Optimization

	NLPQL 50 DOEs MOP CFD		NLPQL 100 DOEs MOP CFD		NLPQL 150 DOEs MOP CFD	
Head, m	69.99	69.31	70	69.33	69.99	69.47
Head: 68-70 m Best design not @ parameter limit	 - 0.97 %		 - 0.95 %		 - 0.74 %	
	COP: 64 %		COP: 90 %		COP: 91 %	
Efficiency	0.973	0.970	0.974	0.972	0.973	0.972
	 - 0.3 %		 - 0.2 %		 - 0.1 %	
	COP: 84 %		COP: 89 %		COP: 91 %	
Norm. min. Pressure	0.868	0.856	0.860	0.871	0.852	0.859
	 - 1.38 %		 + 1.26 %		 + 0.81 %	
	COP: 82 %		COP: 92 %		COP: 96 %	

Optimization – Direct Optimization

- **Adaptive Response Surface Method (ARSM)**
 - Improve the approximation quality around the optimum
 - Increased parameter range
 1. Previous best point used as start design
 2. Initial sample new Approximated Response Surface → New best point
 3. New sample with smaller range → New best point
 4. ..

→ Find global optimum



Results – NLPQL vs. ARSM

Increased
parameter
range

	Start- Design	NLPQL (150 DOEs)
Power, kW	58.44	56.83
Head, m	72.3	70.7
Efficiency	0.967	0.974
Norm. min. Pressure	1	0.887

ARSM (80 DPs)
56.65
70.9
0.98
0.856

Power

- 2.8 %

- 3 %

Efficiency

+ 0.72 %

+ 1.32 %

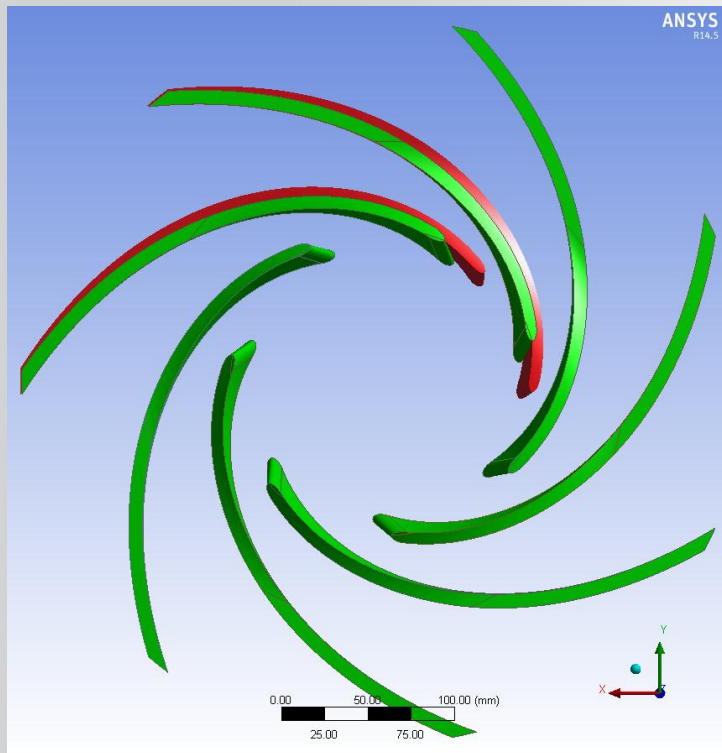
Norm. min. Pressure

- 11.3 %

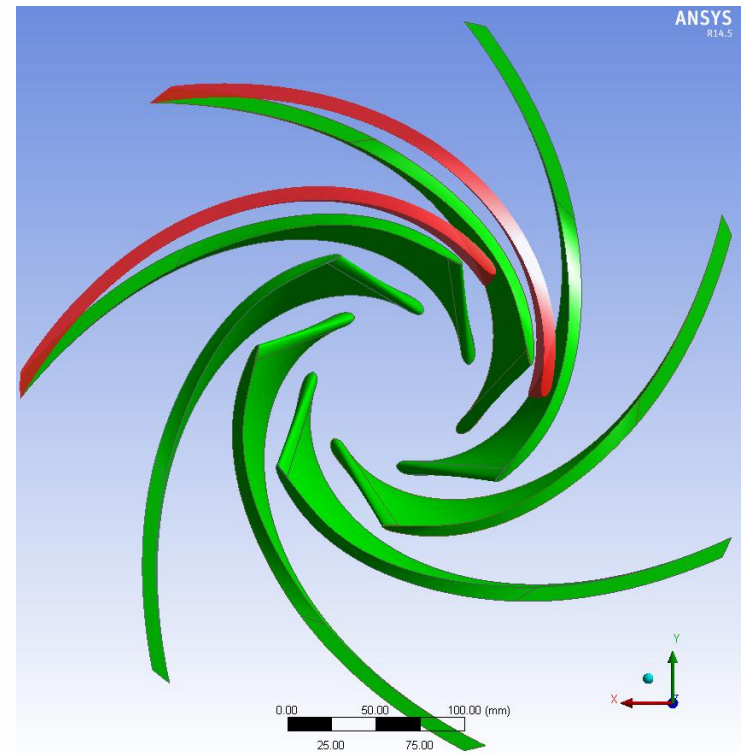
- 14.4 %

Results – Blade design

**Start-Design
vs.
NLPQL (150 DOEs)**



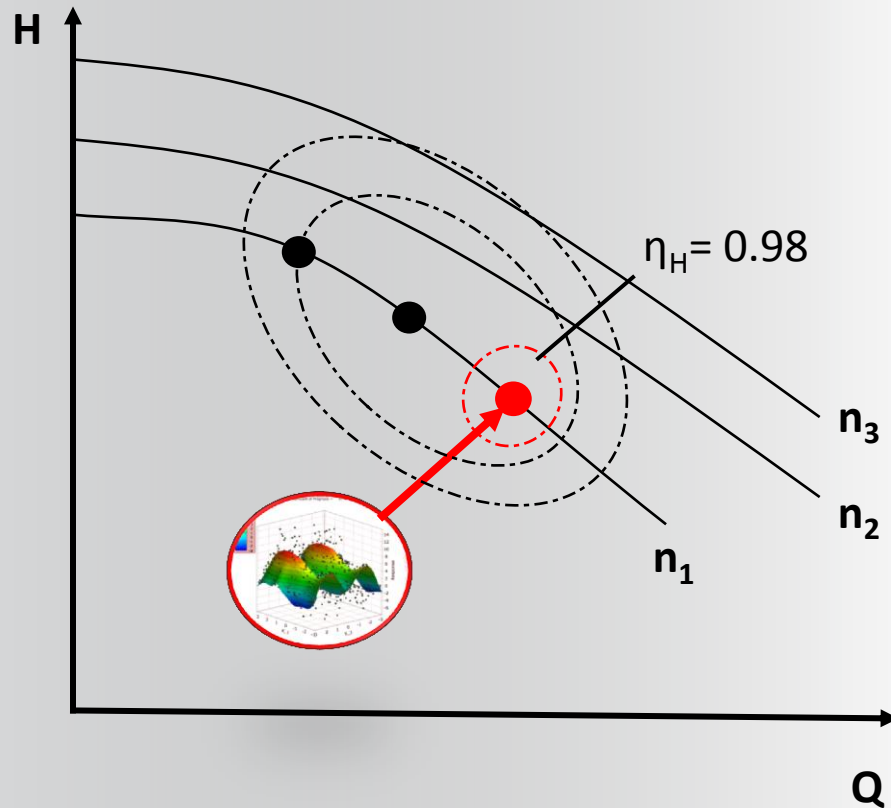
**Start-Design
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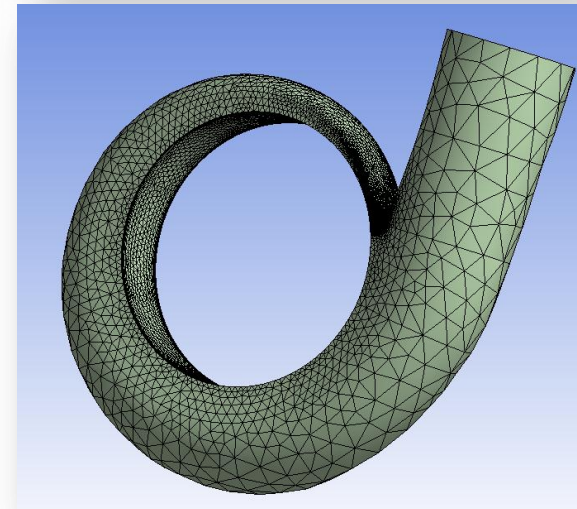
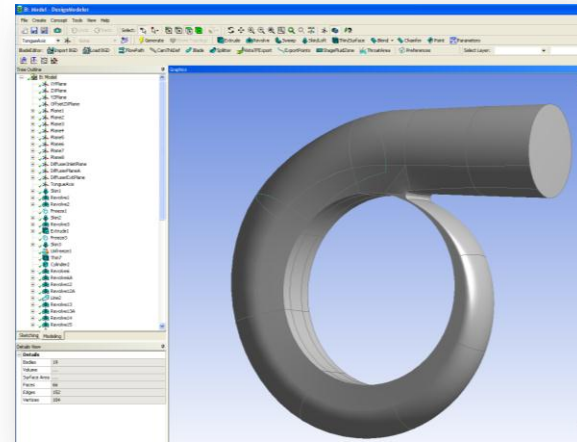
Start-Design: Red
Optimized design: Green

- Parametric pump design
- CFD Best Practice Study
- Sensitivity Analysis
 - Best Practice for Meta-Model with 50, 100, 150 samples
 - COP increases with sample size
 - Important parameter identified with 50 samples
 - More samples necessary for low influence parameters
- Meta-Model Optimization
 - 0.72 % Efficiency improvement
 - 11 % Normalized minimum pressure improvement
- Direct Optimization with increased parameter range
 - 1.32 % Efficiency improvement
 - 14 % Normalized minimum pressure improvement

- Optimization on pump characteristic

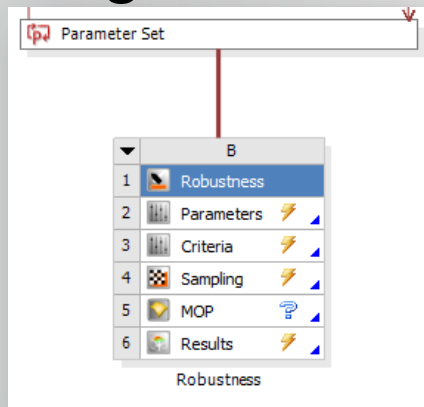


- Volute



Outlook – Robust design optimization

- Investigate the effect by scattering input parameters



Input parameter

Output parameter

