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# Comparison of CAD Parameterization and Metamodeling Approach for Coolant Channel Flow

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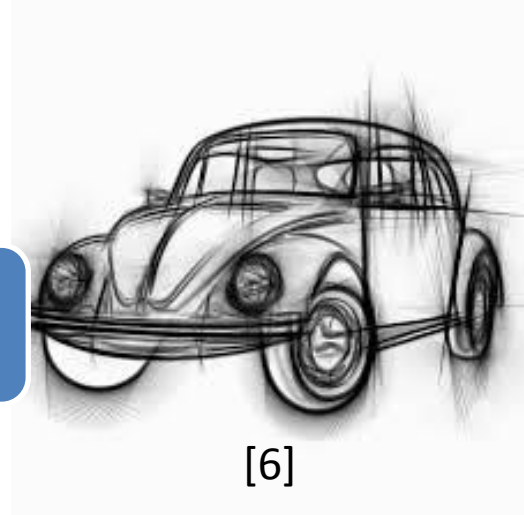
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# How could we improve a classical workflow?

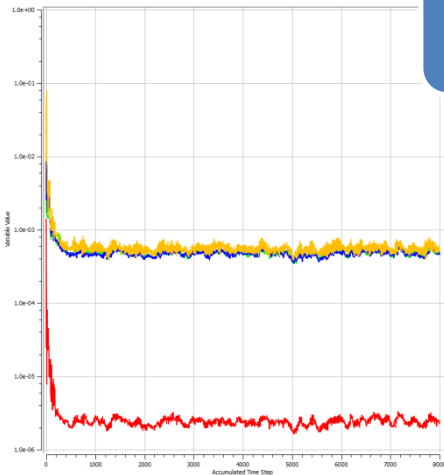
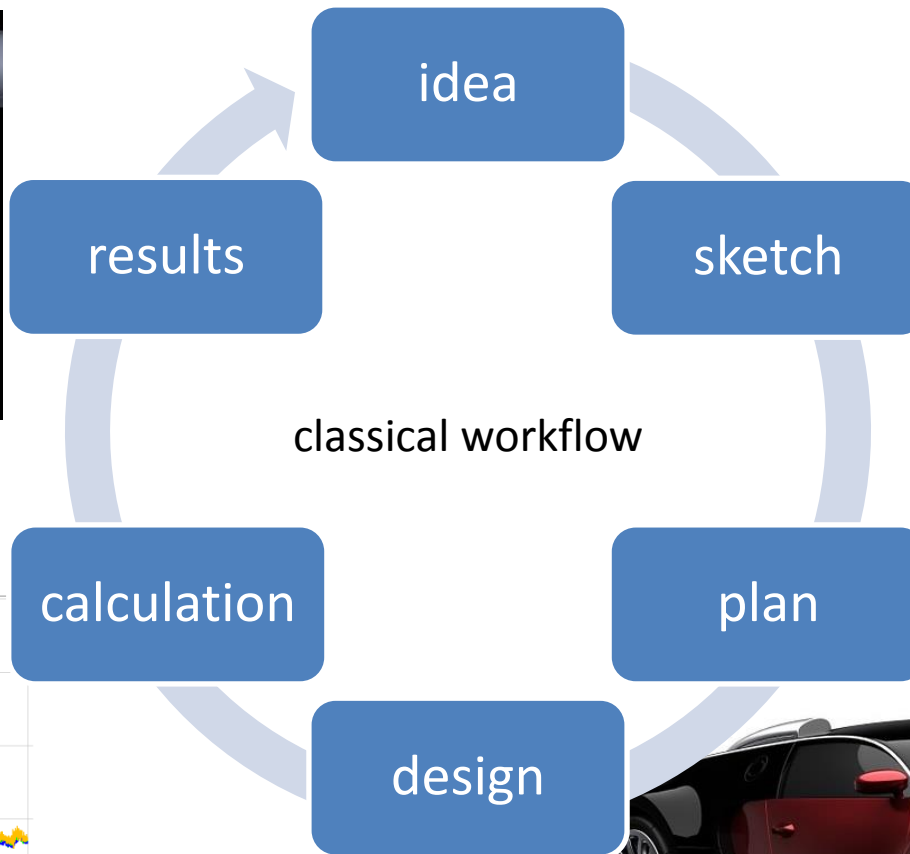


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classical workflow



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# Introduction

**Niederrhein University of Applied Science,**  
first master project

## Project team

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## Supervisor

- Prof. Roos

## Period of time

- 1/09/2016 to 31/3/2017

## Project partner

- FRIENDSHIP SYSTEMS AG, Potsdam
- Rheinmetall Automotive AG, Neuss

# Introduction

## Main tasks

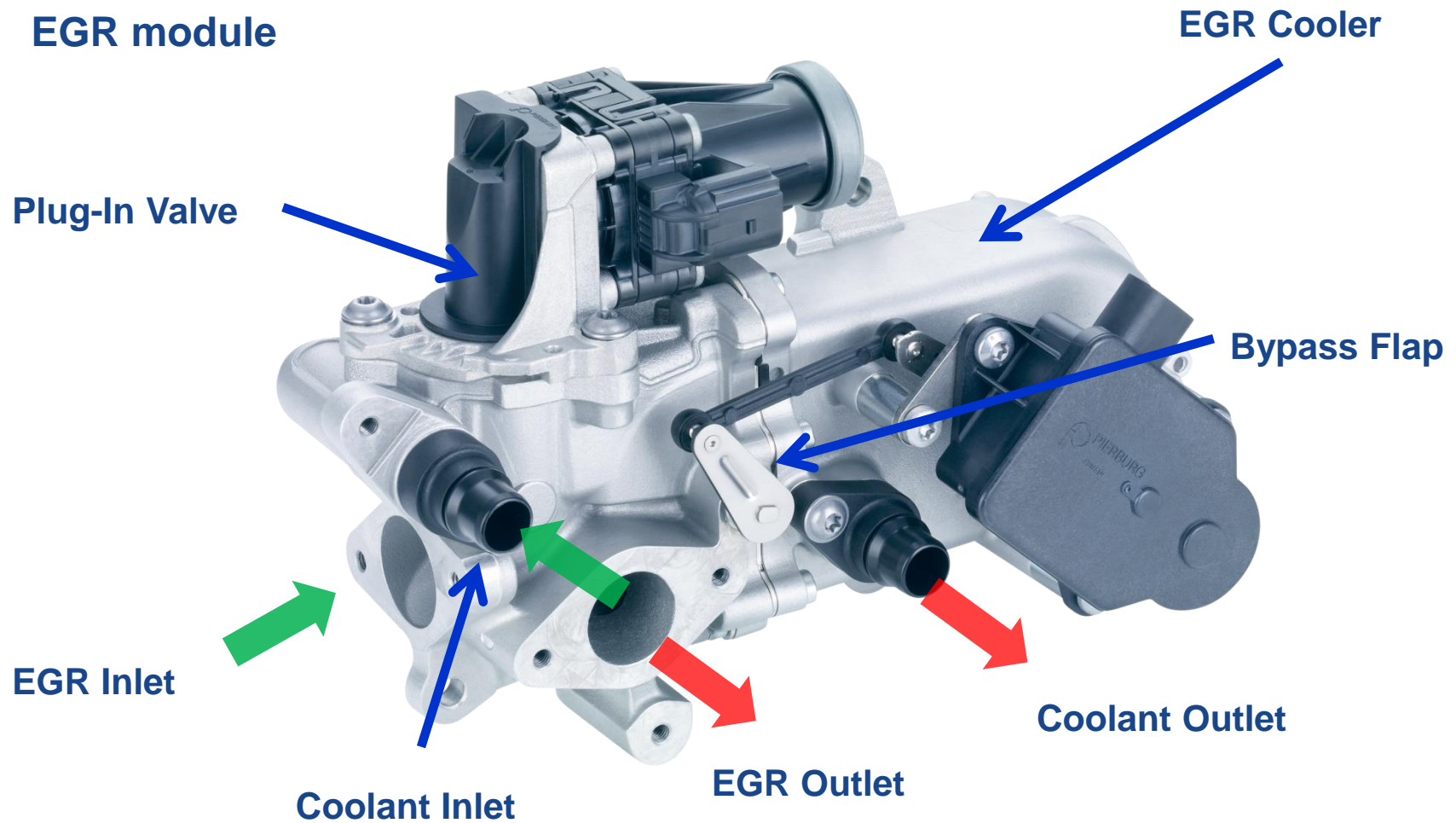
- Compare different CAD parameterizations
  - ANSYS Design Modeler
  - CAESES
- Compare different metamodel algorithms
  - OHSM (Optimal Hybrid Surrogate Model)
  - optiSLang

## Work packages

- Create two (fully automated) workflows
- Make sure that the workflows are similar
- Identify sensitive parts of the geometry
- Test new software packages

# Introduction

## EGR module

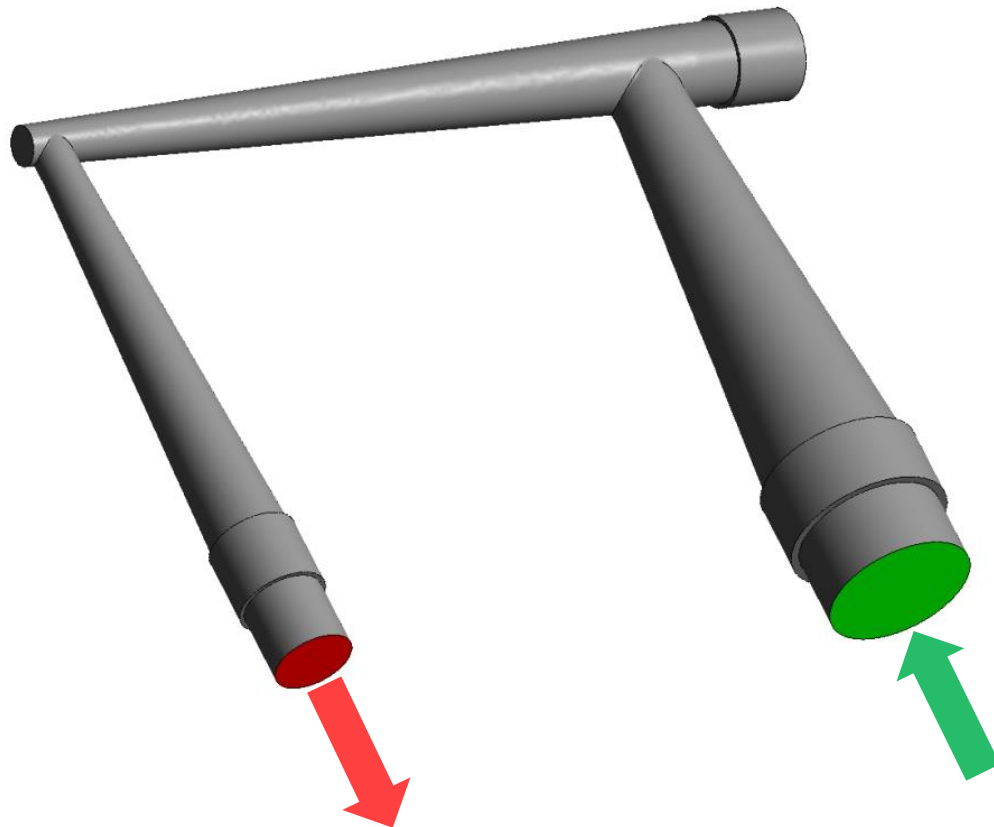


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# Introduction

## CAD model and CFD setup

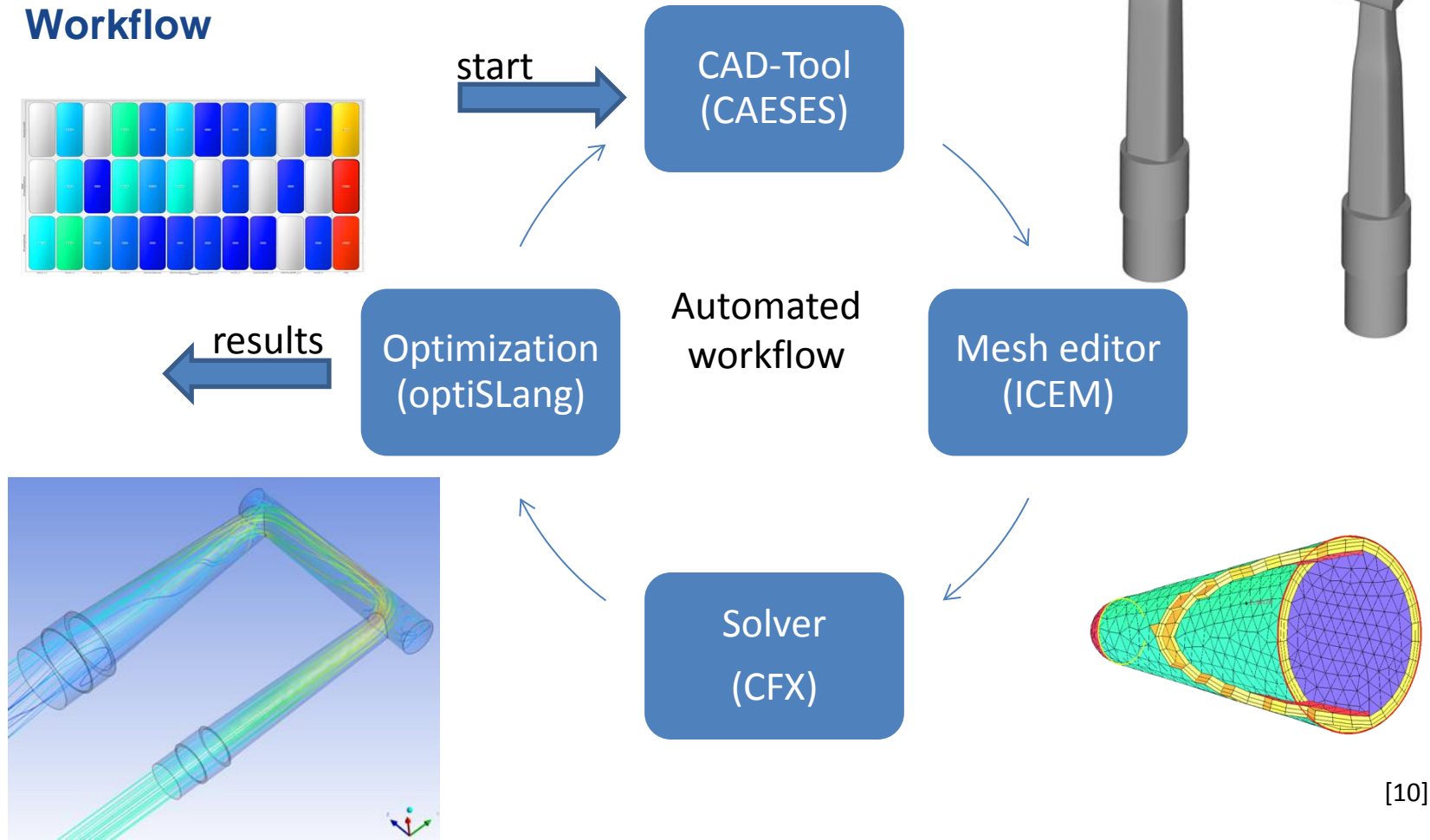


| Boundary conditions | values                 |
|---------------------|------------------------|
| Pressure inlet      | 2.5 bar                |
| Temperature inlet   | 90°C                   |
| Volume flow         | 4 l/min                |
| Mass flow           | =volume flow * density |
| Wall temperature    | 200°C                  |
| Turbulence model    | Shear Stress Transport |

| Fluid:    | Coolant-Water Mix       |
|-----------|-------------------------|
| $\rho$    | 1,025 kg/m <sup>3</sup> |
| $c_p$     | 3,650 K/kgK             |
| $\eta$    | 0.000923 Pas            |
| $\lambda$ | 0.0445 W/mK             |

# Introduction

## Example for an automated Workflow



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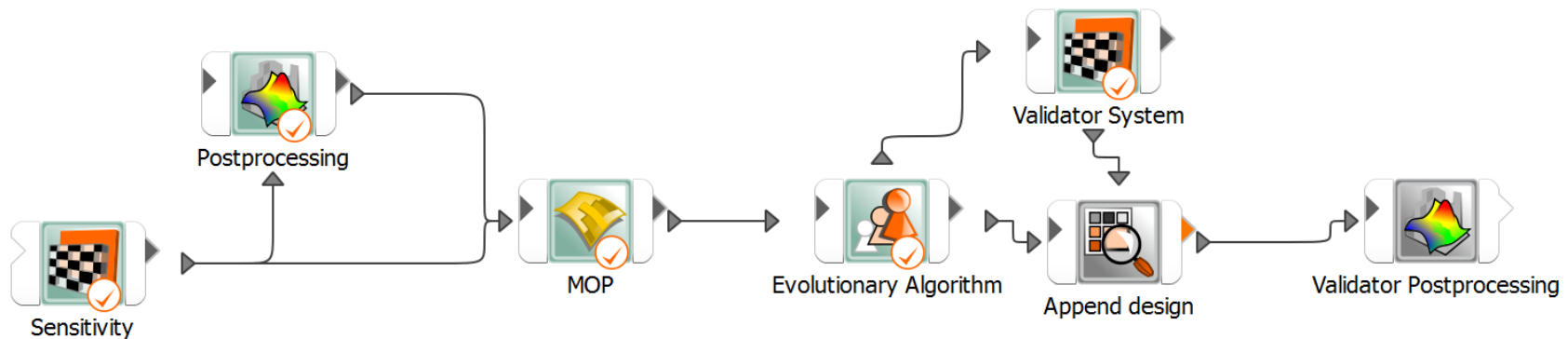
# Introduction

## optiSLang

- Manage different jobs
- Connect software packages
- Create sampling plan
- Analyze output files
- Create metamodels (MOP)
- Run optimization
- ...

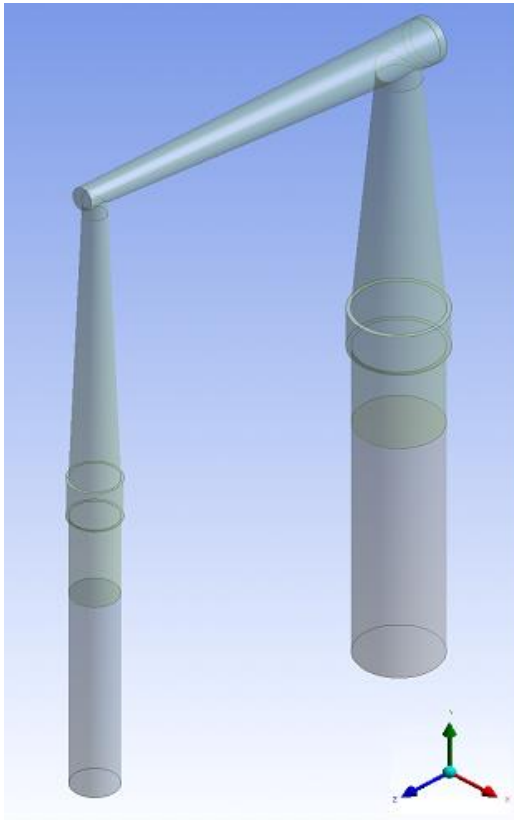
## CoP (Coefficient of Prognosis)

- How accurate can the metamodel represent the real simulation results?
- Measure for estimation of prediction quality
- Indicates the amount of variance contribution coming from input variation
- Higher values are better (ideal=100%)



# ANSYS-Workflow

## ANSYS Workbench 17.2, optiSLang 5.2



- Based on direct parametrized diameters etc. to define cross-sections
- In total 40 parameters, 22 active in use
- Connection via plugins

### Parameters

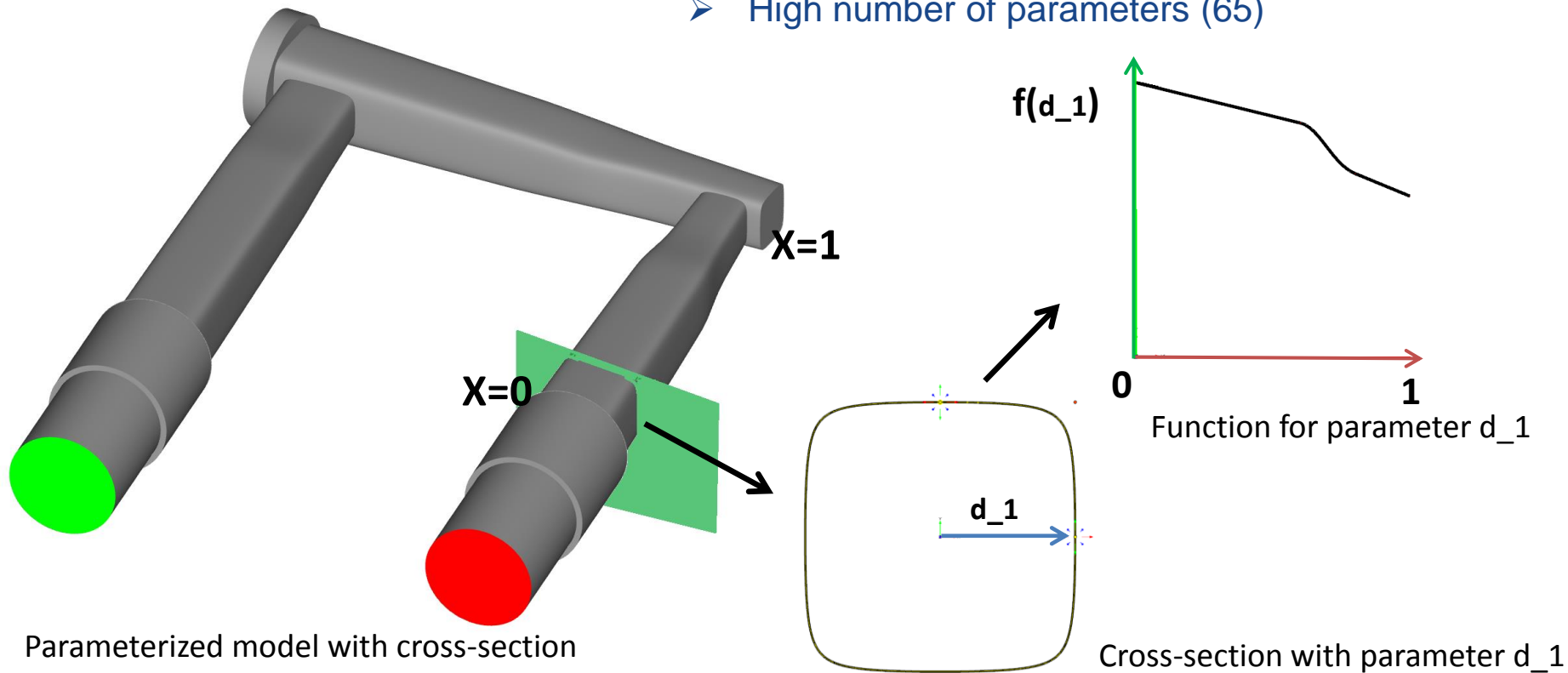
- Diameters
- Lengths
- Angles

Parameterized model in ANSYS

# CAESES-Workflow

CAESES 4.1,  
ANSYS Workbench 17.2,  
optiSLang 5.2

- Based on one variable cross-section
- Parameters replaced by functions
- Parameterized supporting points
- High number of parameters (65)



# Comparison of CAD Parameterization

## CAESES compared with ANSYS Design Modeler

### ANSYS Design Modeler

- Based on several variable cross-sections
- Diameters etc. direct parametrized
- 22 active parameters

### CAESES

- Based on one parametrized cross-section
- Parameters replaced by functions
- Parameterized supporting points
- High number of parameters (65)

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- Both CAD geometries can represent the original which was given by the company
  - Intuitive changes are possible
  - No failed runs
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# Comparison of Metamodeling Approach

CoP's for ANSYS workflow, 22 parameters, 120 designs

## optiSLang

|              | obj1 | obj2 |
|--------------|------|------|
| in %         |      |      |
| parameter 1  |      | 30,8 |
| parameter 2  | 51,9 | 16,7 |
| parameter 3  |      | 11,9 |
| parameter 4  | 17,3 | 11,3 |
| parameter 5  | 43,1 | 8,4  |
| parameter 6  | 21,1 |      |
| parameter 7  | 39,2 | 11,9 |
| parameter 8  |      | 17,3 |
| parameter 9  |      | 3,7  |
| parameter 10 |      | 1,7  |
| parameter 11 |      | 4,6  |
| Total        | 99,7 | 88,4 |

## OHSM

|  | obj1 | obj2 |
|--|------|------|
|  |      |      |
|  |      | 33   |
|  | 51   | 25   |
|  |      |      |
|  | 9    | 18   |
|  | 41   | 7    |
|  | 13   |      |
|  | 38   | 7    |
|  |      |      |
|  |      | 5    |
|  |      |      |
|  |      | 5    |
|  | 97   | 96   |

## Comparison

- Similar high values
- Mostly the same parameter identified
- OSHM more conservatively, uniquely

Obj1 and obj2 represent the objectives  
Parameter1 to 11 are e.g. diameter etc.

|      | objective 1 | objective 2 |
|------|-------------|-------------|
| OSL  | 99.7        | 88.4        |
| OHSM | 97          | 96          |

# Comparison of Metamodeling Approach

CoP's for CAESES workflow, 65 parameters, 200 designs

## optiSLang

|              | obj1 | obj2 |
|--------------|------|------|
| in %         |      |      |
| parameter 1  |      | 10,2 |
| parameter 2  |      | 10,6 |
| parameter 3  | 2,5  | 9,7  |
| parameter 4  | 1,5  | 1,6  |
| parameter 5  | 0,8  | 0,8  |
| parameter 6  | 1,6  | 2,8  |
| parameter 7  | 6,2  | 13,9 |
| parameter 8  | 1,2  | 2,5  |
| parameter 9  | 3,9  | 3,9  |
| parameter 10 |      | 1,1  |
| parameter 11 | 5,3  | 8,6  |
| parameter 12 | 6,3  | 1,6  |
| parameter 13 | 0,7  | 2,5  |
| parameter 14 | 3,5  | 0,4  |
| parameter 15 | 0,6  |      |
| parameter 16 | 2,5  |      |
| parameter 17 | 1,6  |      |
| parameter 18 | 1,7  |      |
| parameter 19 | 2,3  |      |
| parameter 20 | 7,3  |      |
| parameter 21 | 1,3  |      |
| parameter 22 | 9,4  |      |
| parameter 23 |      |      |
| parameter 24 | 6,7  |      |
| parameter 25 |      |      |
| parameter 26 |      |      |
| parameter 27 |      | 9,7  |
| parameter 28 | 3,7  | 0,3  |
| parameter 29 | 1,6  | 3,3  |
| parameter 30 |      |      |
| Total        | 71,2 | 82,8 |

## OHSM

|       | obj1 | obj2 |
|-------|------|------|
| obj1  |      |      |
| obj2  |      |      |
|       |      | 12,0 |
|       |      | 9,0  |
|       | 4,0  | 15,0 |
|       | 2,0  | 3,0  |
|       | 1,0  | 2,0  |
|       | 5,0  | 3,0  |
|       | 6,0  | 16,0 |
|       | 3,0  | 1,0  |
|       | 4,0  | 3,0  |
|       |      | 1,0  |
|       | 5,0  | 6,0  |
|       | 7,0  | 1,0  |
|       | 2,0  | 2,0  |
|       | 3,0  |      |
|       | 2,0  |      |
|       | 4,0  |      |
|       | 4,0  |      |
|       | 3,0  |      |
|       | 3,0  |      |
|       | 10,0 |      |
|       | 1,0  |      |
|       | 10,0 |      |
|       | 1,0  |      |
|       | 7,0  |      |
|       |      | 1,0  |
|       | 1,0  |      |
|       | 2,0  | 9,0  |
|       | 4,0  | 2,0  |
|       | 1,0  | 6,0  |
|       | 4,0  |      |
| Total | 90,0 | 95,0 |

## optiSLang-ANSYS

|              | obj1 | obj2 |
|--------------|------|------|
| in %         |      |      |
| parameter 1  |      | 30,8 |
| parameter 2  | 51,9 | 16,7 |
| parameter 3  |      | 11,9 |
| parameter 4  | 17,3 | 11,3 |
| parameter 5  | 43,1 | 8,4  |
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| Total        | 99,7 | 88,4 |

## Comparison

- OHSM reaches higher values
- Mostly the same parameter identified
- Compared to ANSYS now 9 parameter (obj2) modify the same geometry parts as 3 parameter before. (But now more accurate)

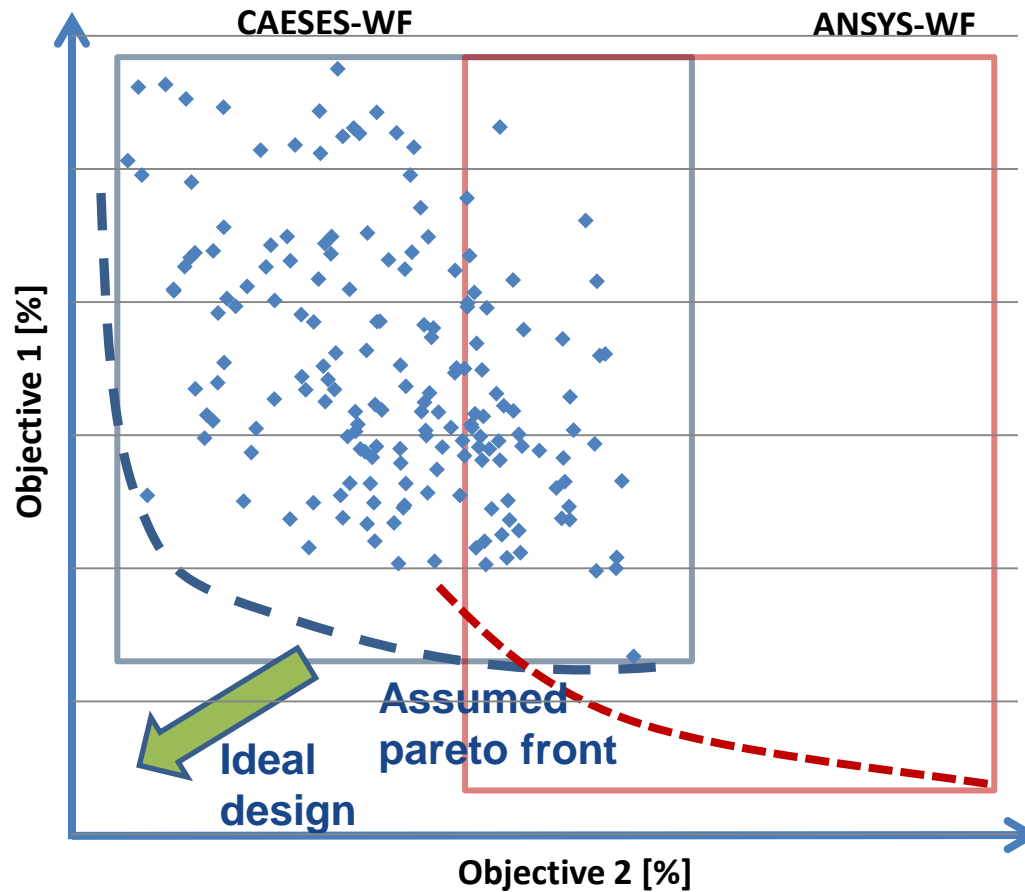
|      | objective 1 | objective 2 |
|------|-------------|-------------|
| OSL  | 71.2        | 82.8        |
| OHSM | 90.0        | 95          |



# Comparison of Metamodeling Approach

## Response spectrum (DoE, Sensitivity Analysis)

(ANSYS: 120 designs, CAESES: 200 designs)



### Possible reasons for deviation

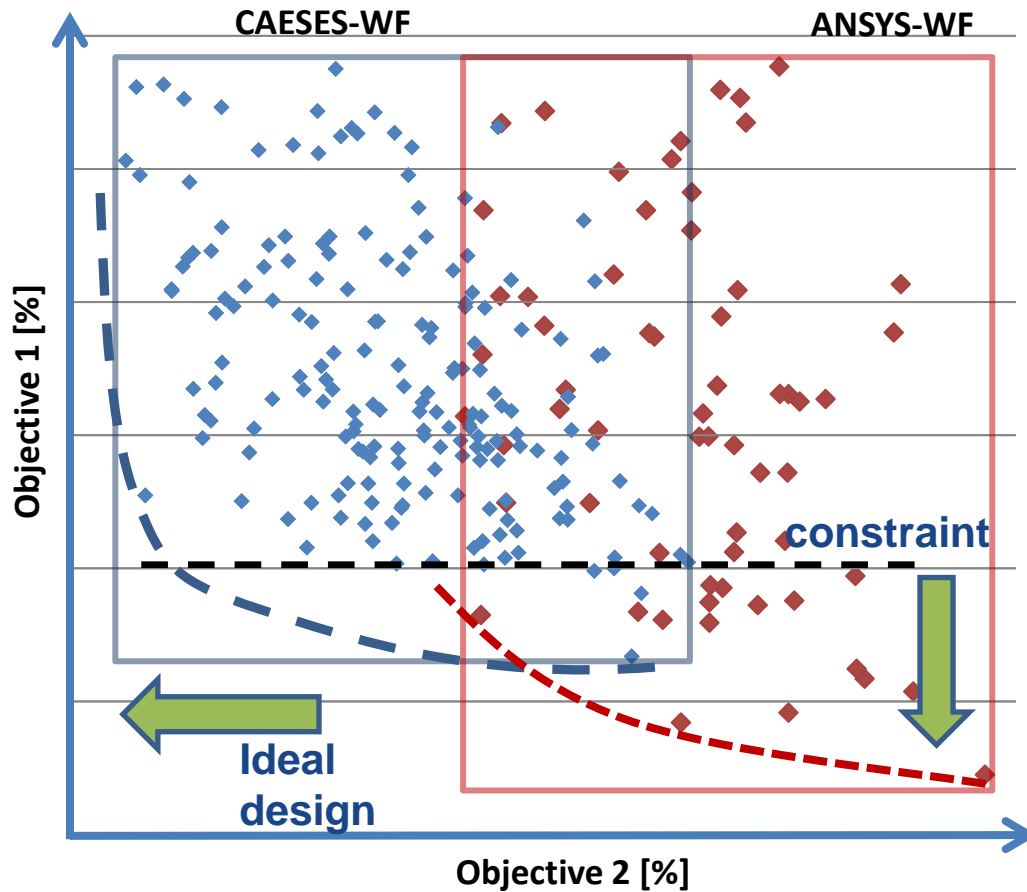
- Higher flexibility (CAESES)
- Different mesh editors
- Different space of parameters

The response spectrum of the CAESES-Workflow seems to be more promising

# Comparison of Metamodeling Approach

## Response spectrum (DoE, Sensitivity Analysis)

(ANSYS: 120 designs, CAESES: 200 designs)



## Preparation for optimization

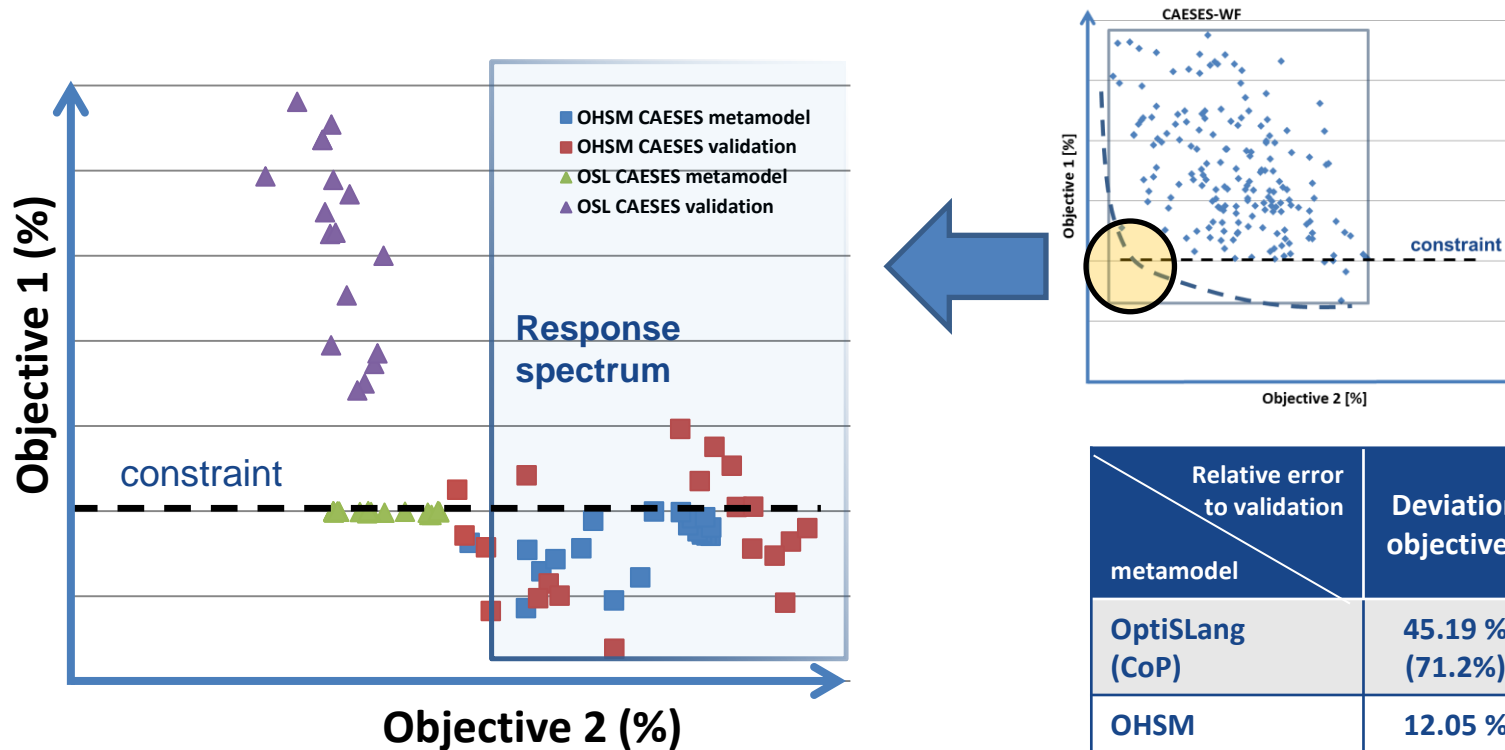
- Target functions:  
min(objective 2)  
constr(objective 1)
- Evolutionary algorithm on MOPs
- Use only the CAESES-WF
- Validate best 20 designs

## Challenge

- Objective at the bounds of response spectrum
- Low number of designs feasible

# Comparison of Metamodeling Approach

## Validation of the metamodels for CAESES (best 20 designs)



| Relative error<br>to validation<br>metamodel | Deviation<br>objective1 | Deviation<br>objective2 |
|--|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| OptiSLang<br>(CoP)                           | 45.19 %<br>(71.2%)      | 3.28 %<br>(82.8%)       |
| OHSM<br>(CoP)                                | 12.05 %<br>(90%)        | 3.22 %<br>(95%)         |

### Results

- Feasible designs with lower objective 2 than response spectrum
- OptiSLang gets inaccurately at the bounds of the response spectrum

# Comparison of Metamodeling Approach

## optiSLang without and with OHSM

### optiSLang

- High values for coefficients of prognosis for ANSYS workflow (22 parameters, 120 samples, worst CoP 88.4%)
- Lower values for CoP's and bad validation for CAESES Workflow (65 parameters, 160 samples, worst CoP 71.2%, validation showed higher deviations between prognosis and CFD results)

### optiSLang with OHSM metamodel

- High values for coefficients of prognosis for ANSYS Workflow (96% and 97%)
- Higher values for CoP's (90% and 95%) and successful metamodel validation

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Same geometry regions were identified as important for fluid flow

# Conclusion and Lessons Learned

## CAD Parameterization

- Creating models based on functions allow to manipulate geometry intuitively afterwards
- Higher flexibility with more parameters could be proved  
(Not possible in such a way with ANSYS)

## Metamodeling

- Same regions were identified as important for fluid flow by both metamodels
- Both metamodels deliver high CoP's for a low number of parameters
- For higher number of parameters new metamodels are necessary

## Possible reasons for deviations / uncertainties

- Different meshing tools were used
- Different number of grid points for the meta-models
- A validation for the ANSYS meta-model has to be added

# Perspective

## CAD Parameterization and Metamodeling Approach

- Advanced metamodels are needed for more complex geometries
- Workflow can be fitted to use other CAE applications
- Lessons Learned should be considered in the next steps



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# Any Questions?

Thank you for your attention

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