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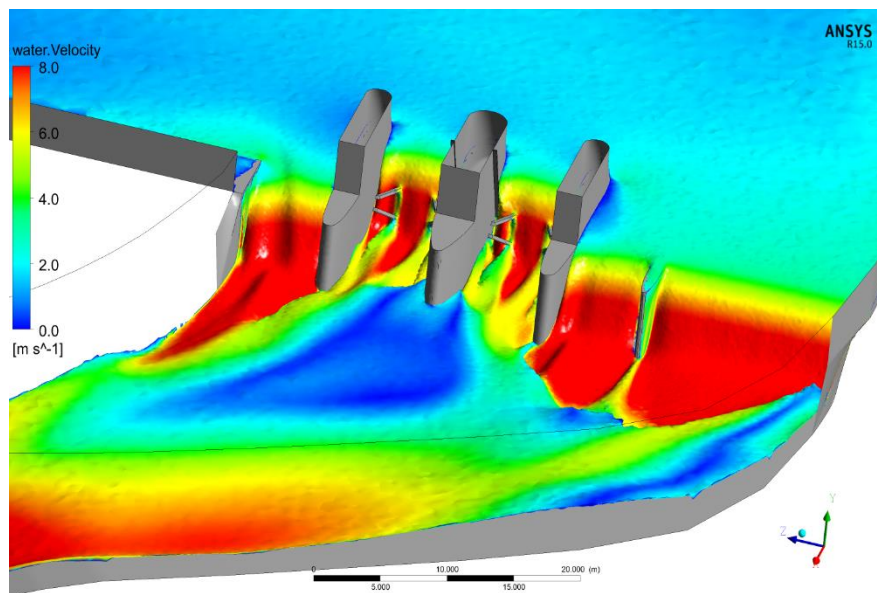
# **Kaplan turbine rotor optimization using CAESES**

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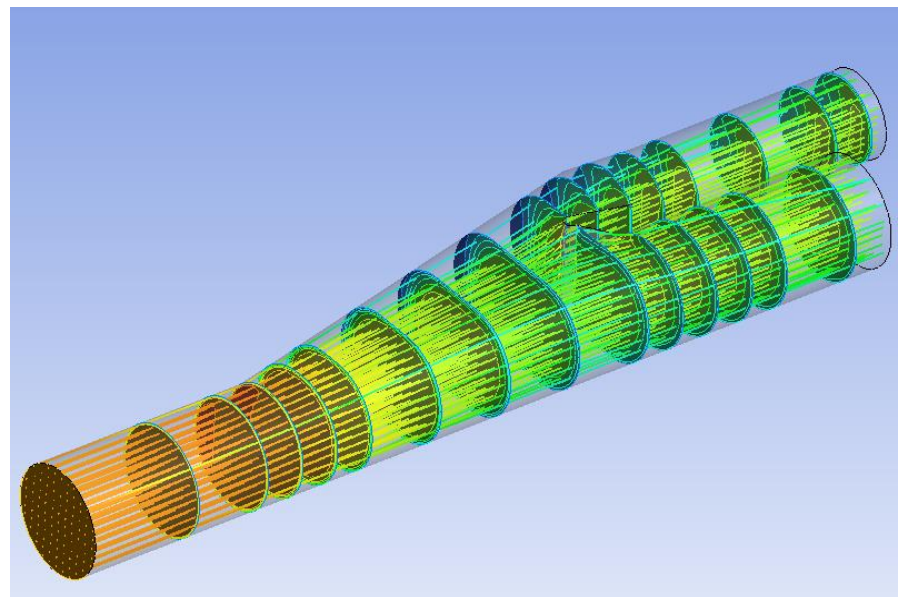
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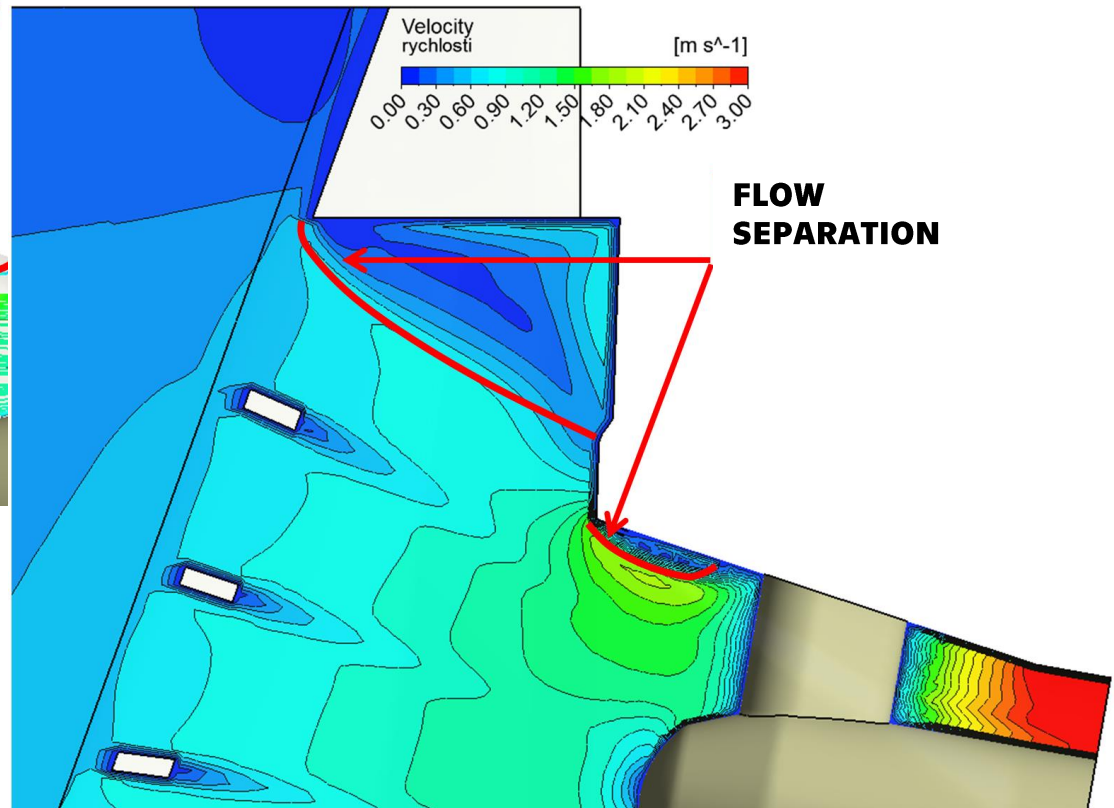
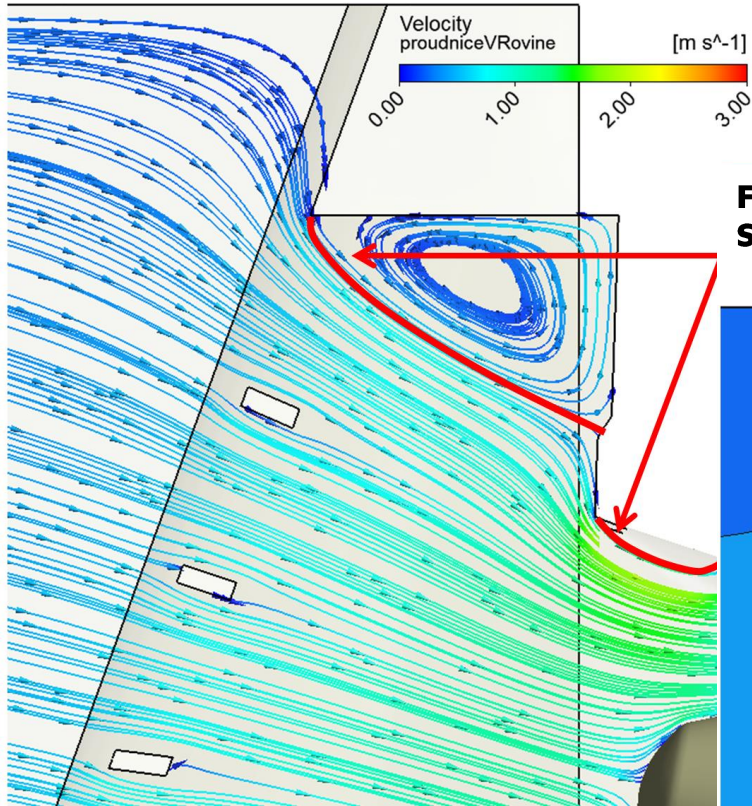


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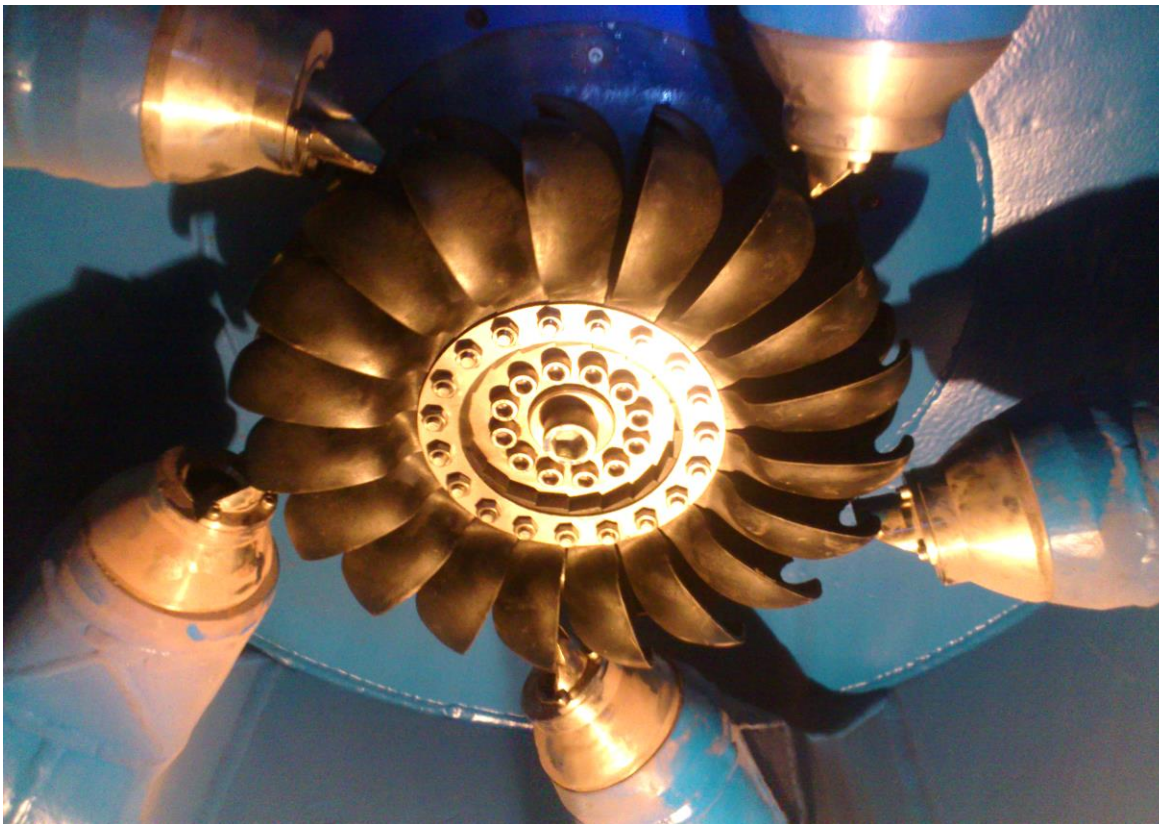
- large hydraulic structures (dams, weirs, gates)
- small hydro intakes
- turbo





## MICRO-HYDRO DESIGN

- rapid prototyping (3D printing, pressure mold injection)
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## NEW DESIGN CHALLENGES



## optimization using CAESES

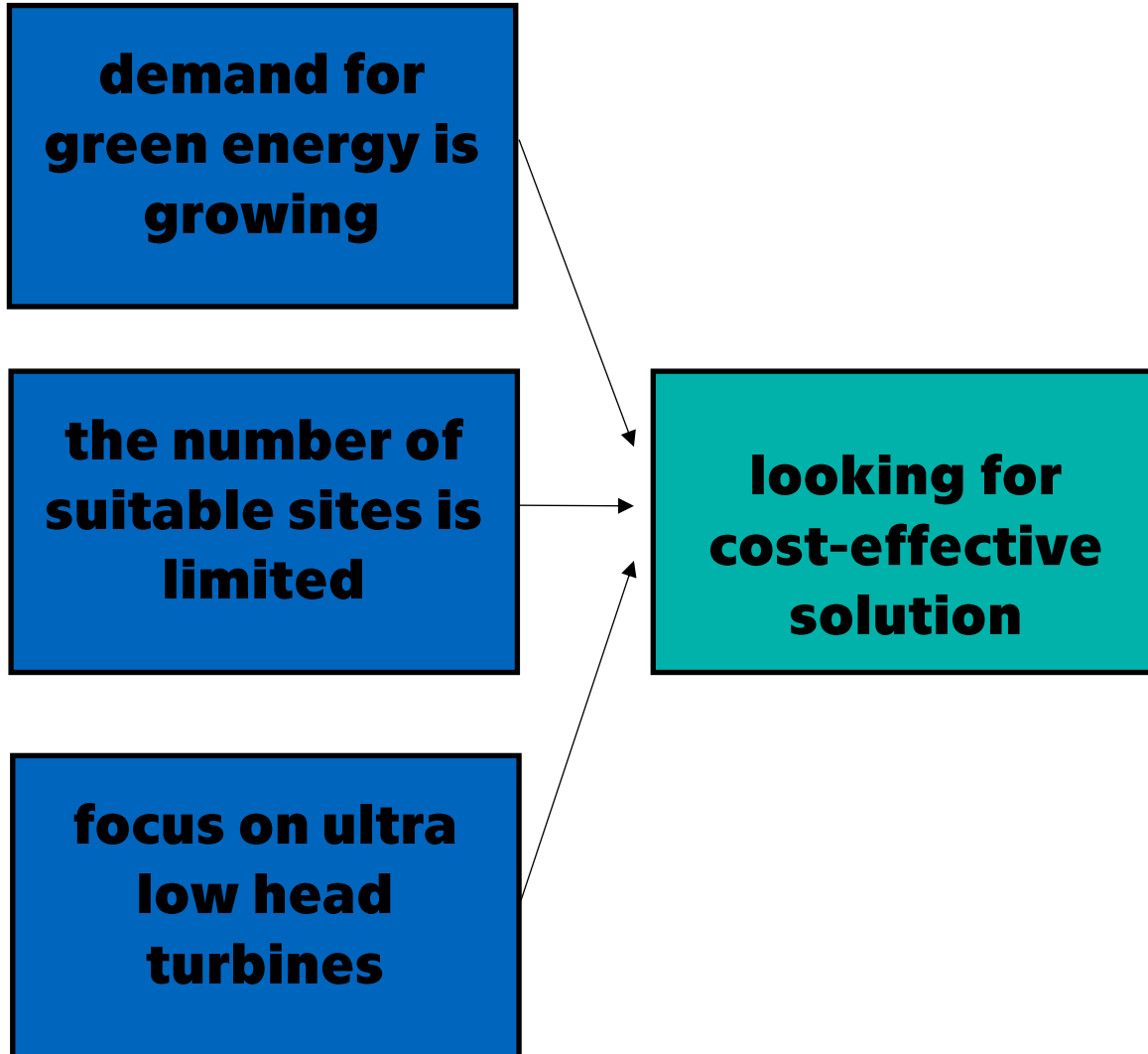


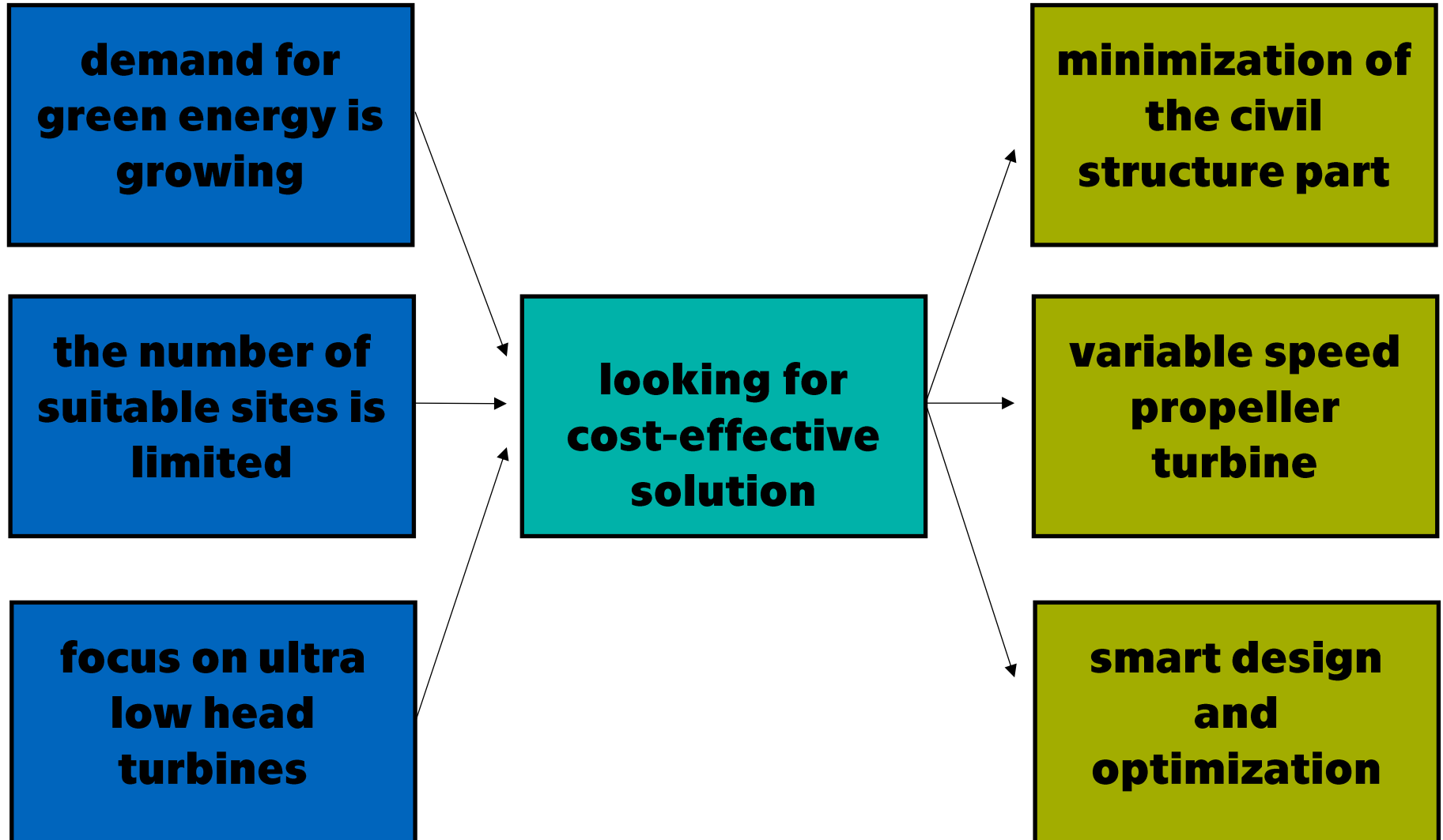


**demand for  
green energy is  
growing**

**the number of  
suitable sites is  
limited**

**focus on ultra  
low head  
turbines**



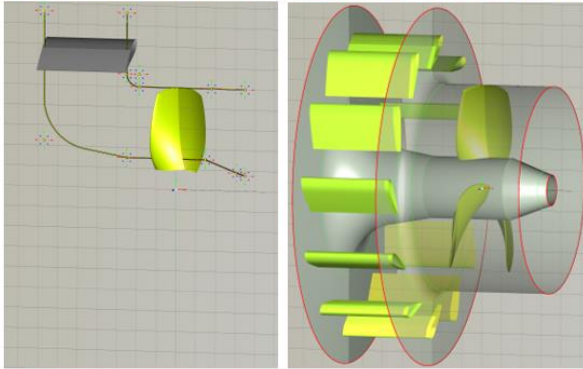






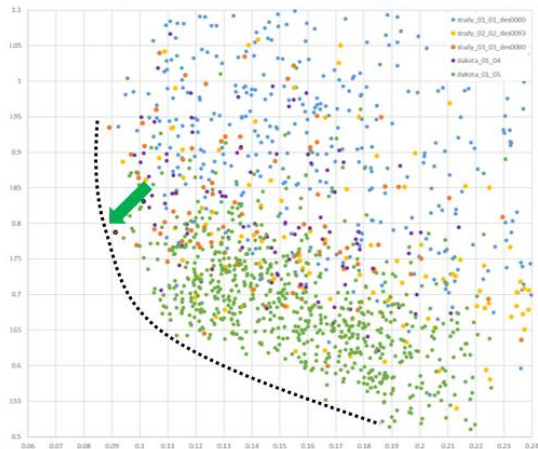
**CAESSES**

**PARAMETRIC MODELS OF GEOMETRY**




**DAKOTA**  
Explore and predict with confidence.

**OPTIMIZATION - MOGA**



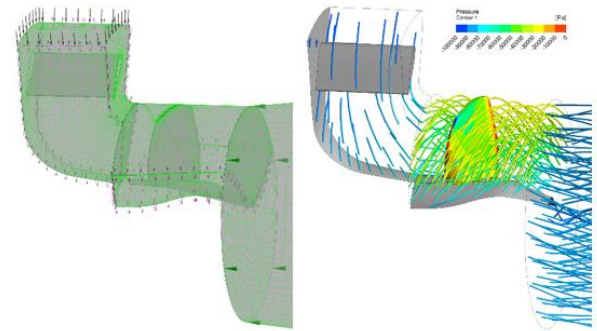
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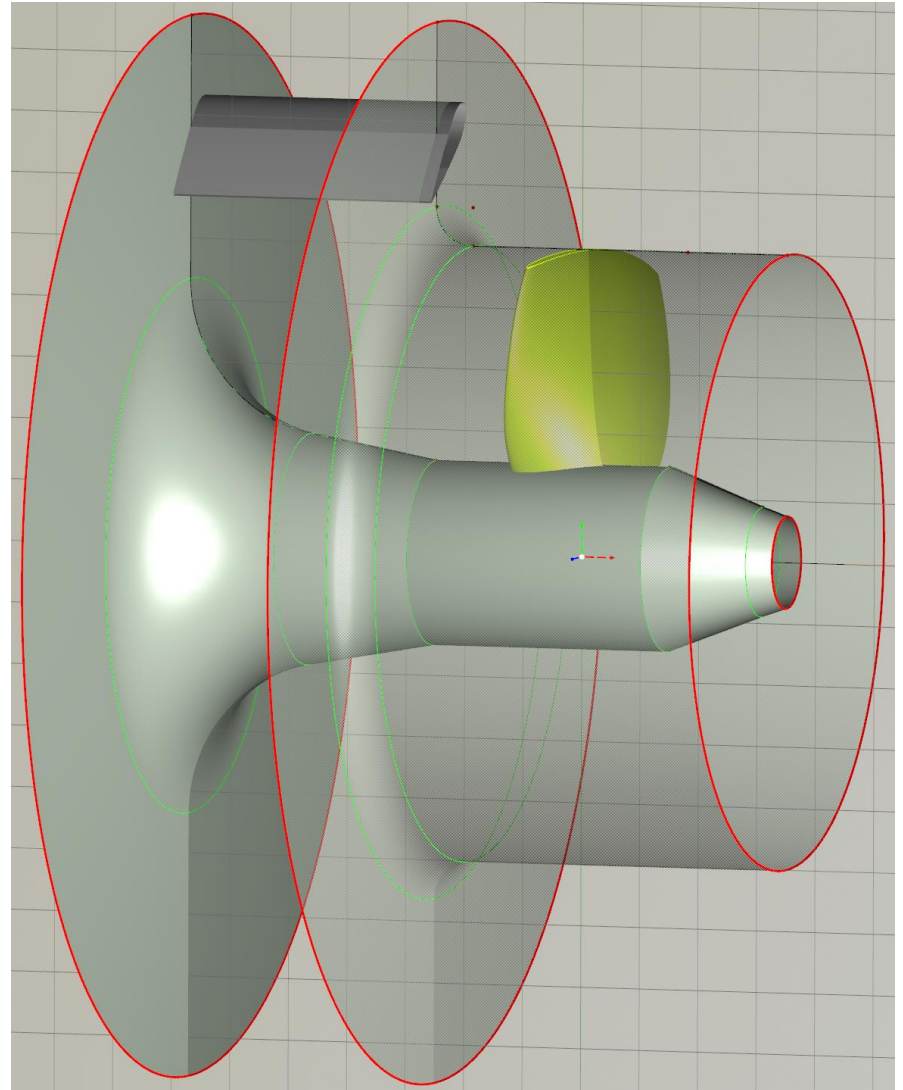
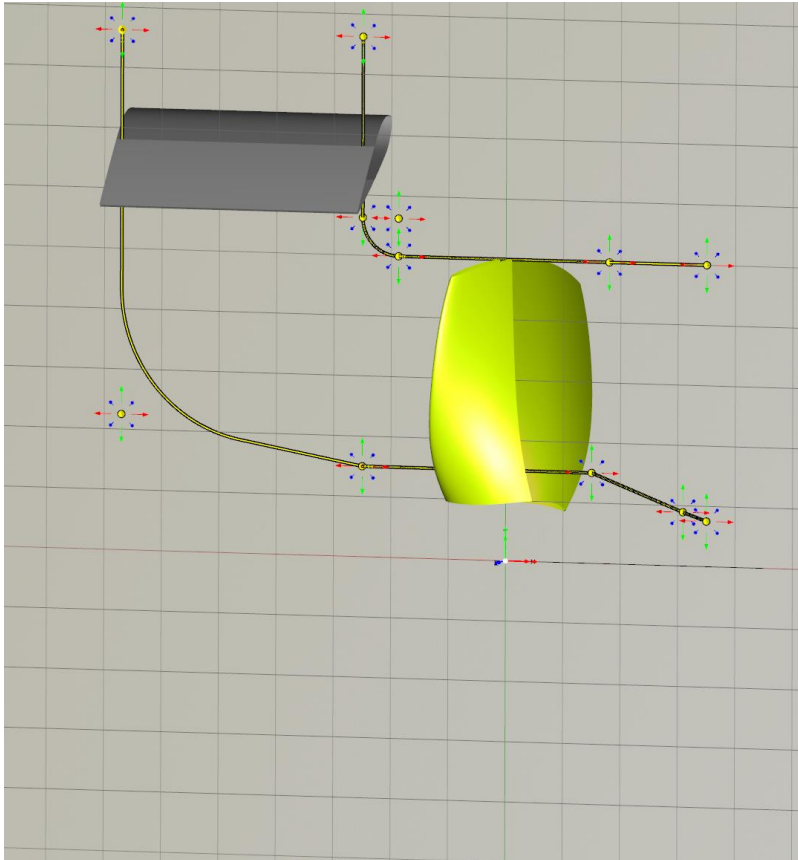
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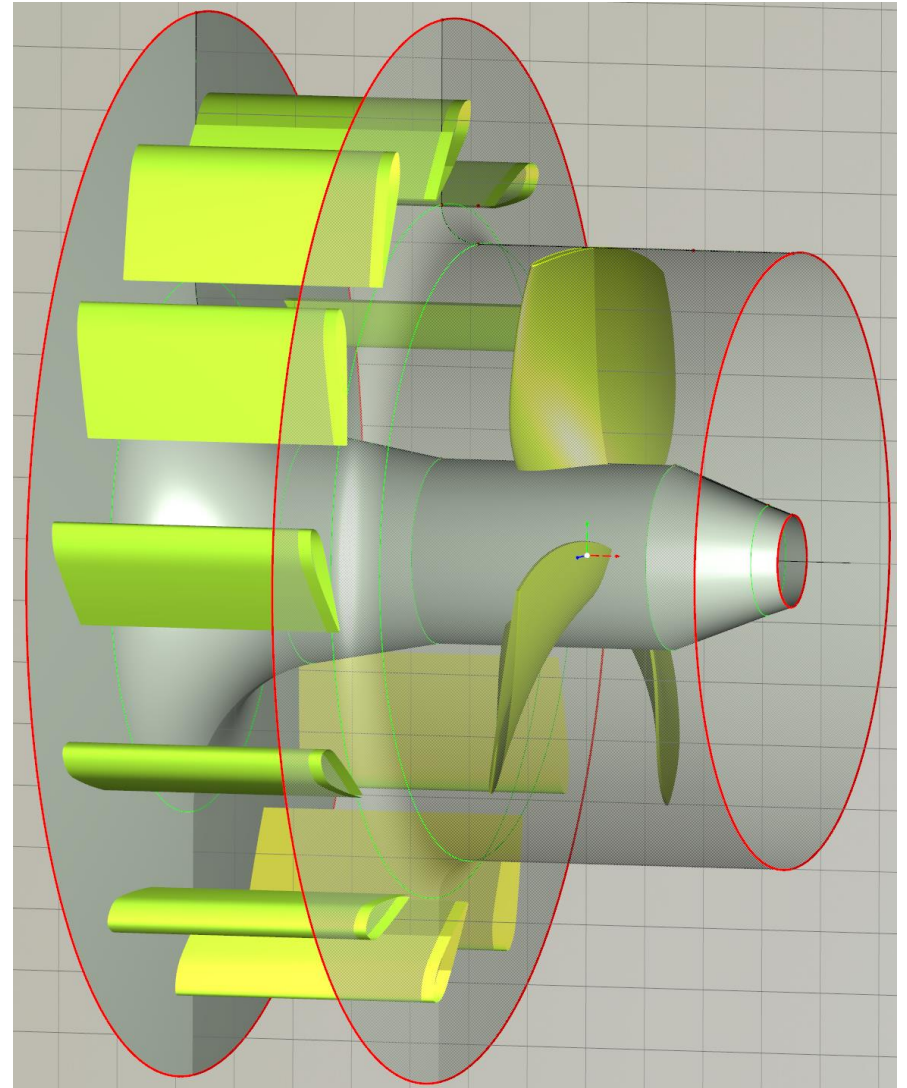
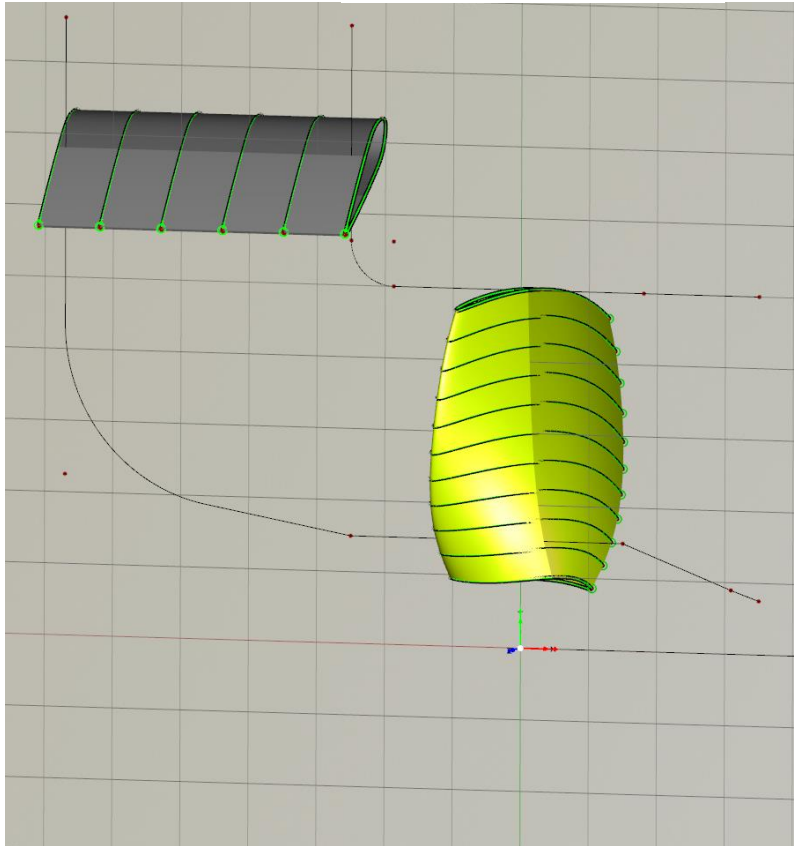

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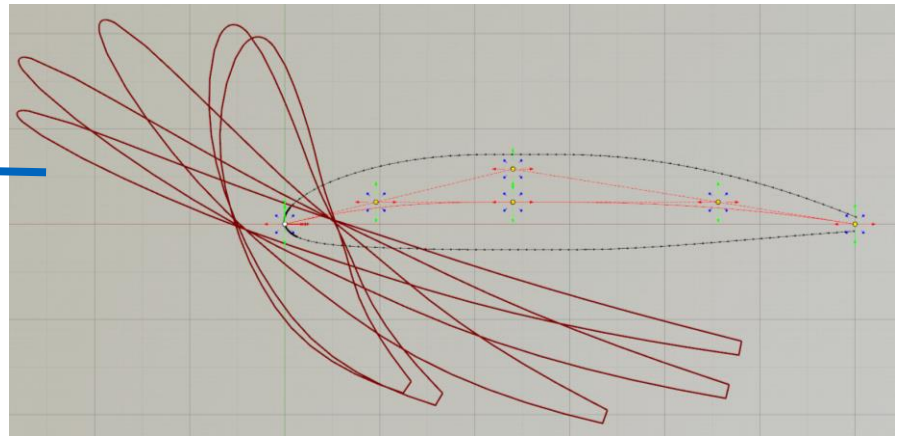
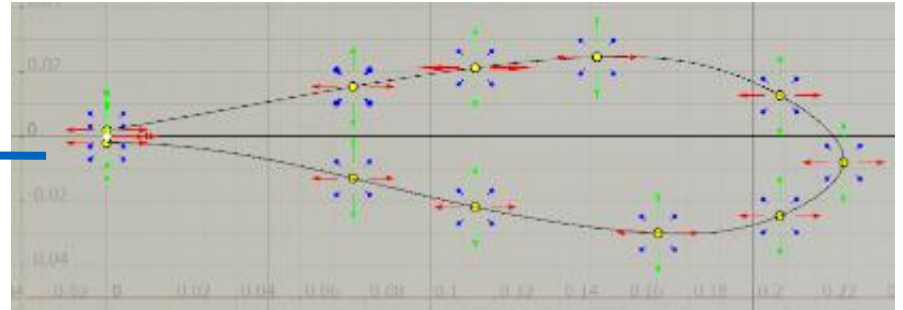
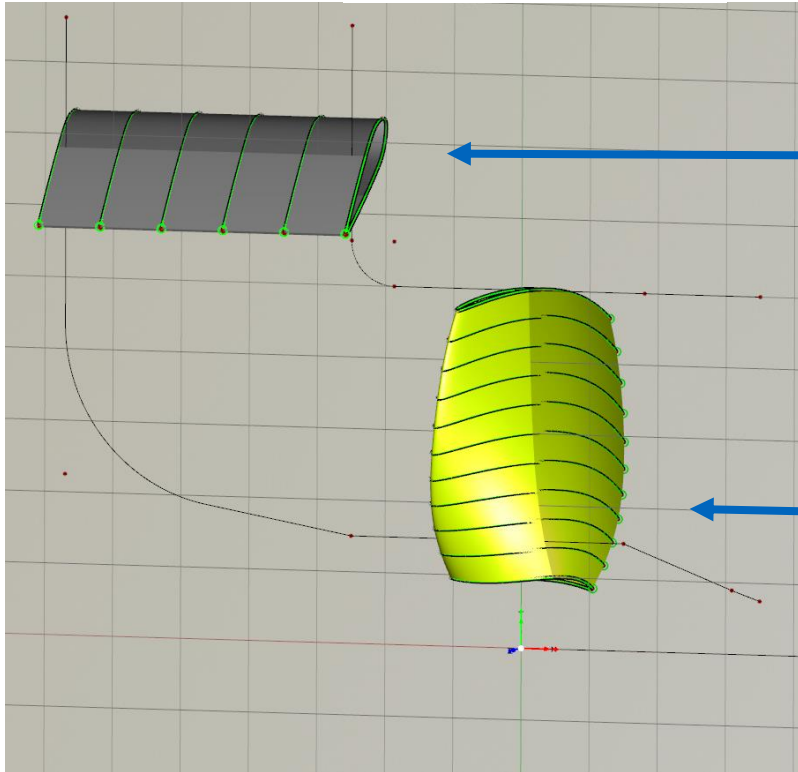


**Definition of hydraulic contour**  
**approx. 14 parameters**



**Number of guide vanes and  
runner blades  
1+1 parameter**

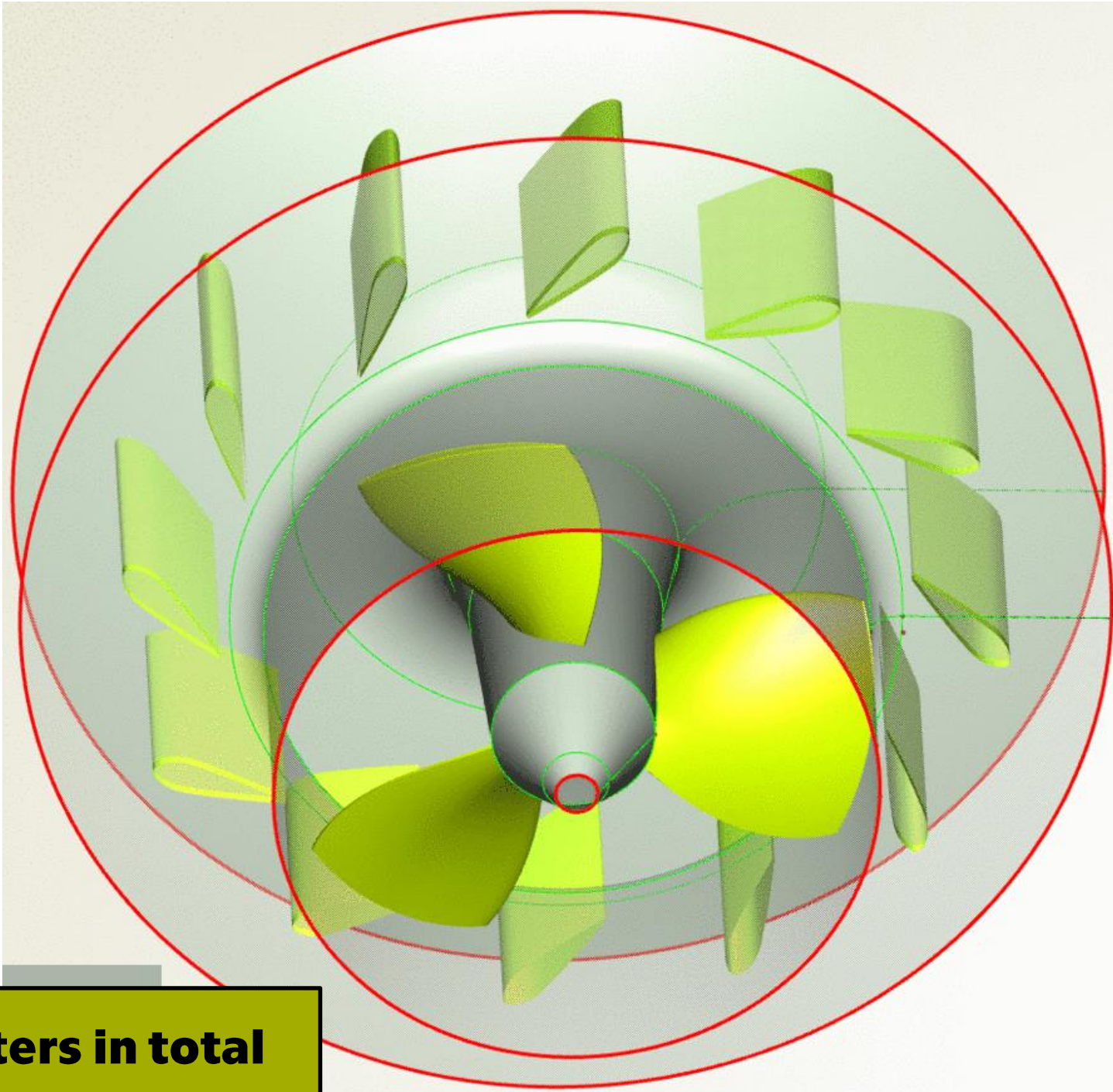




## Shape of blades

<b>Guide vanes</b>	<b>11+1 parameters</b>
<b>Runner blades</b>	<b>24+1 parameters</b>



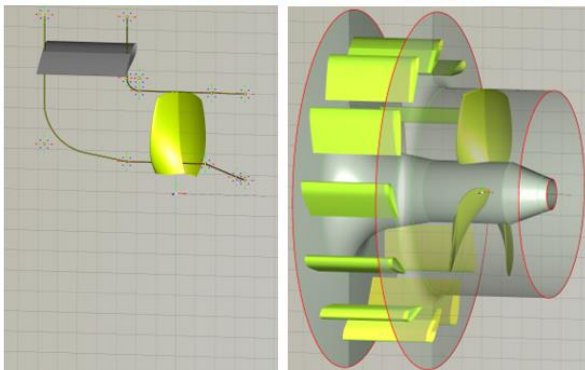


**53 parameters in total**

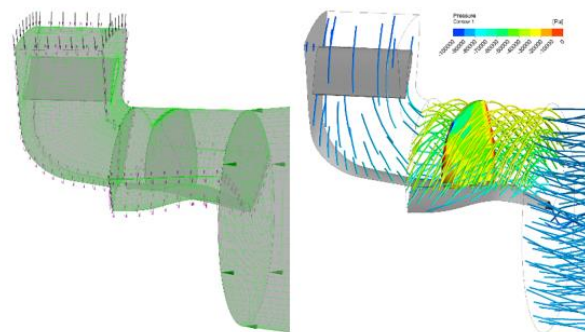


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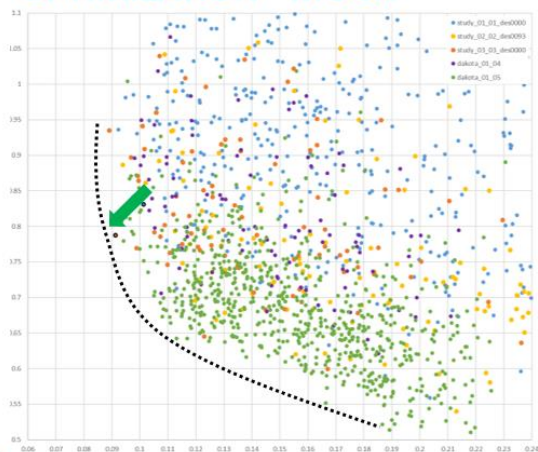


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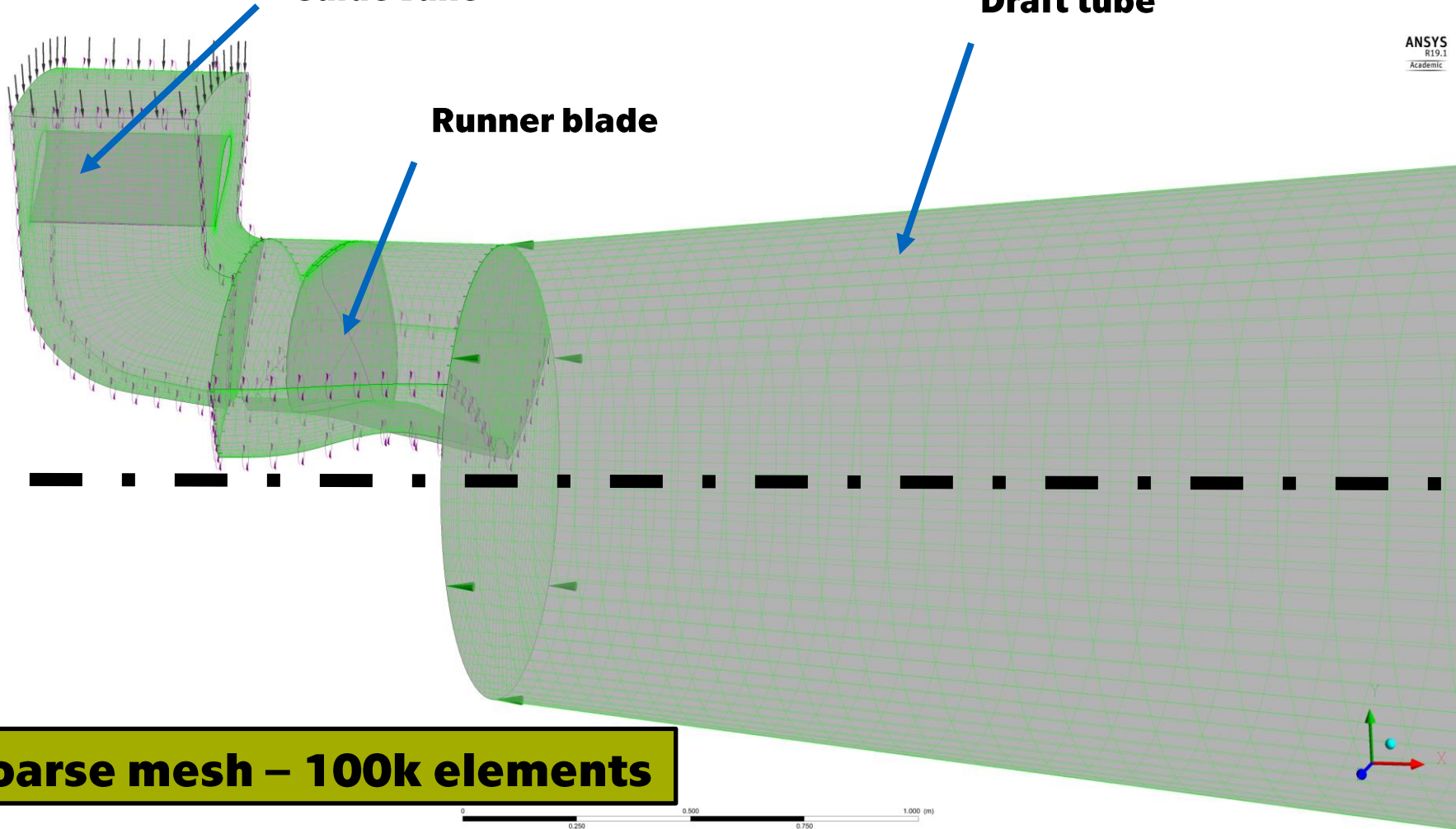


**Guide vane**

**Draft tube**

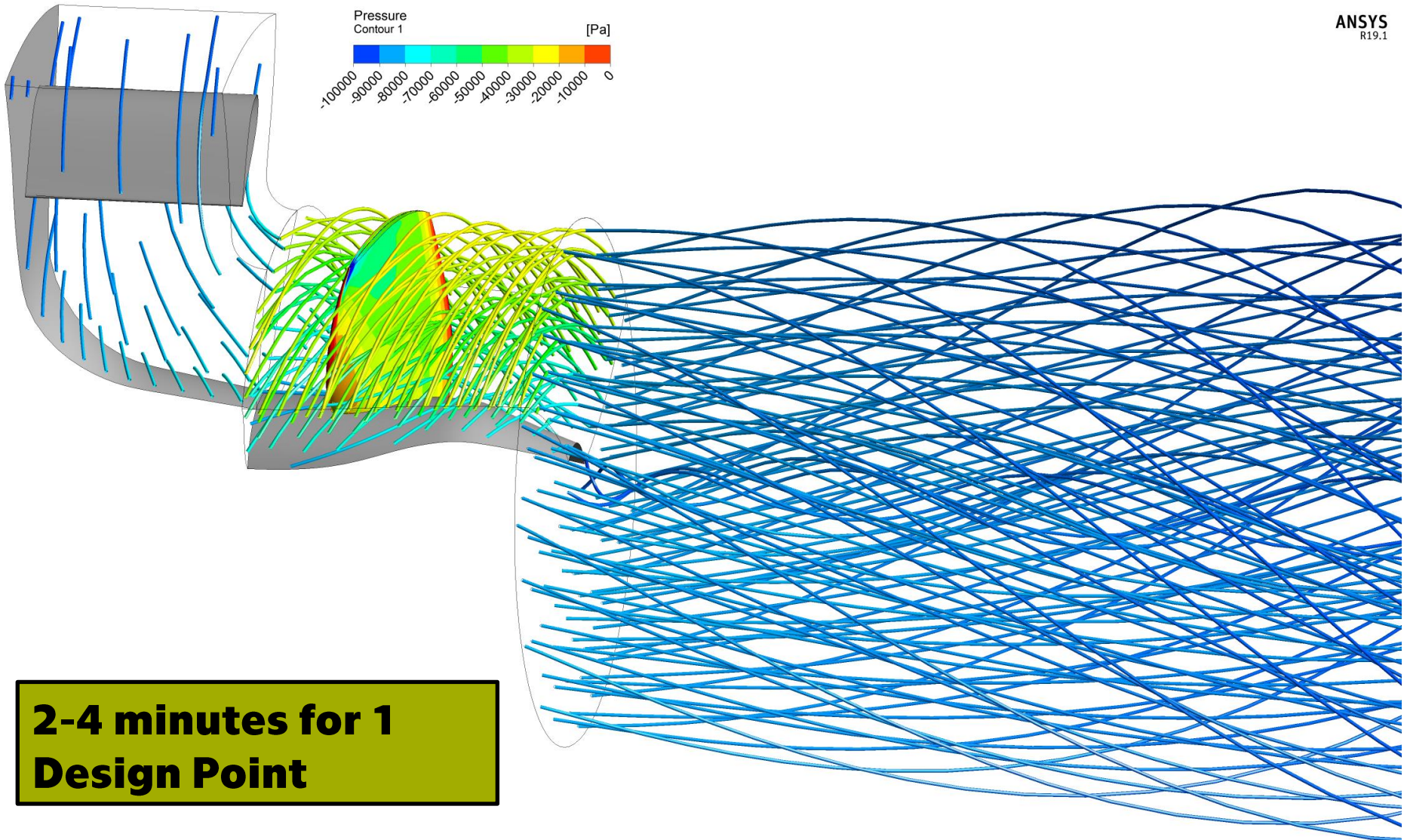
**Runner blade**

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R19.1  
Academic



**coarse mesh – 100k elements**



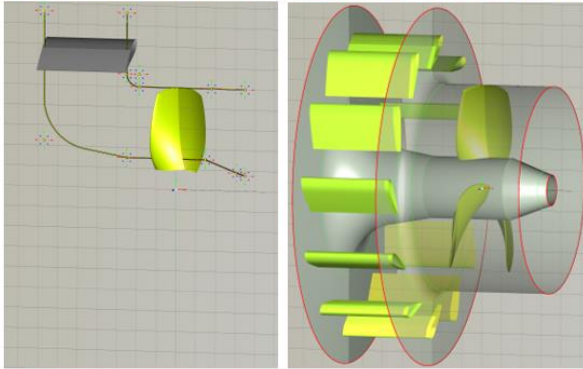






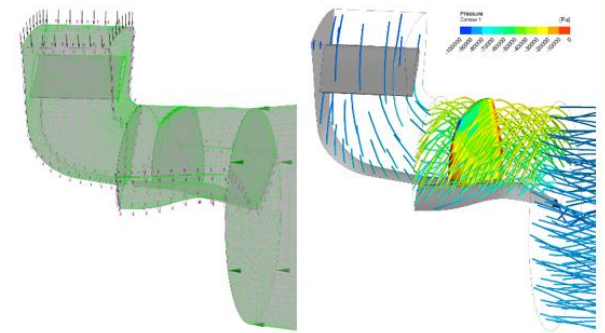
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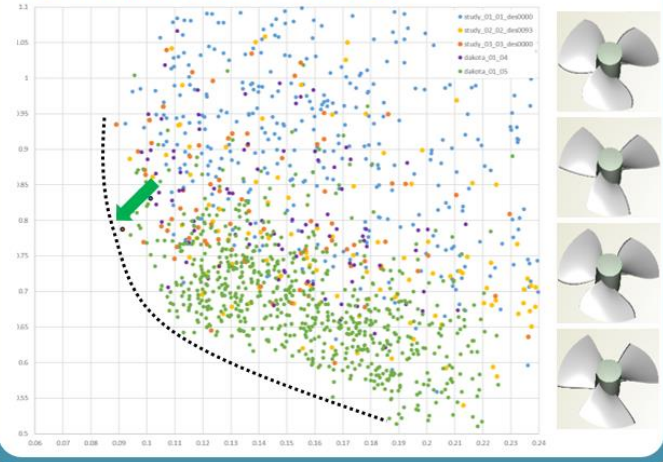

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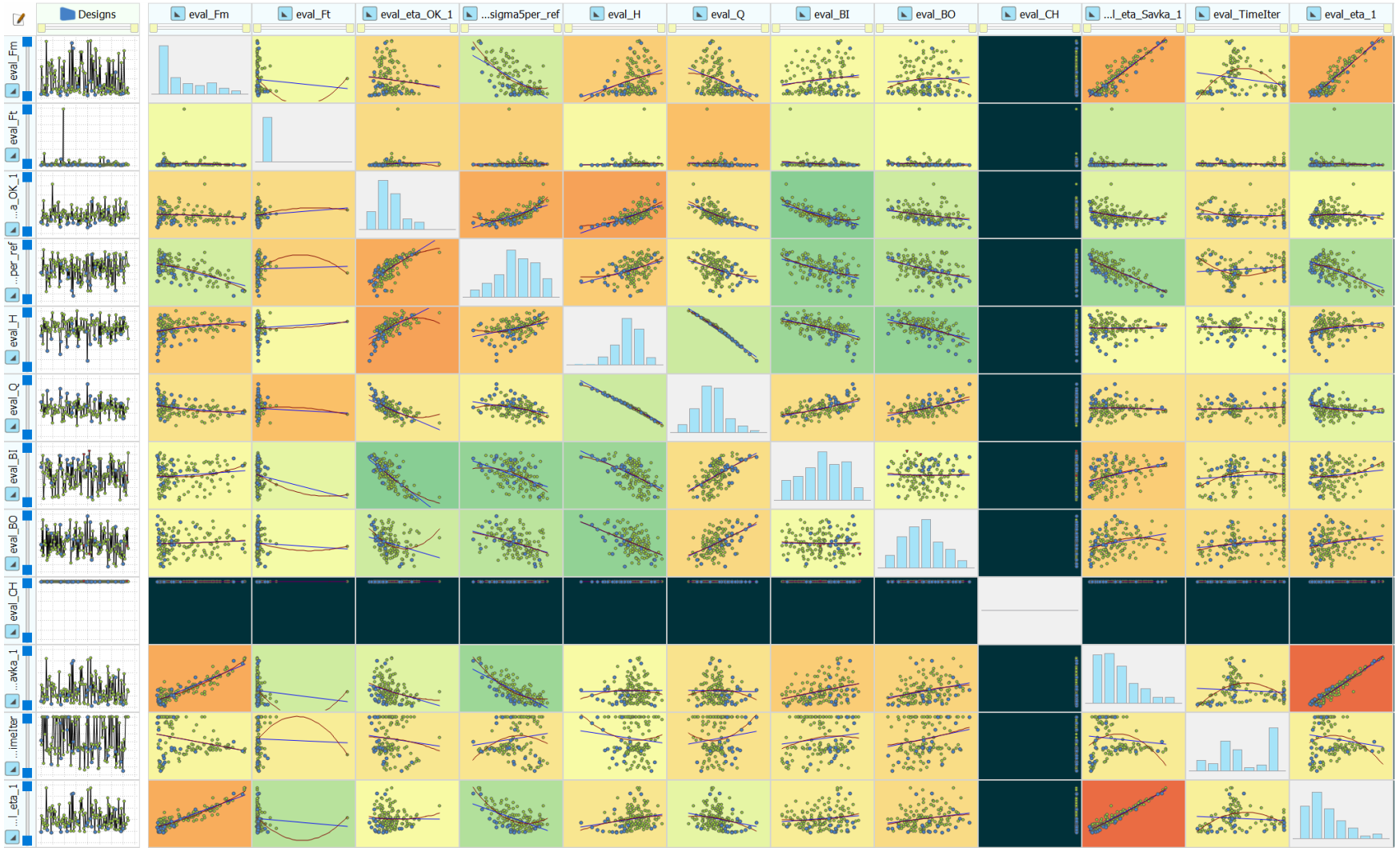

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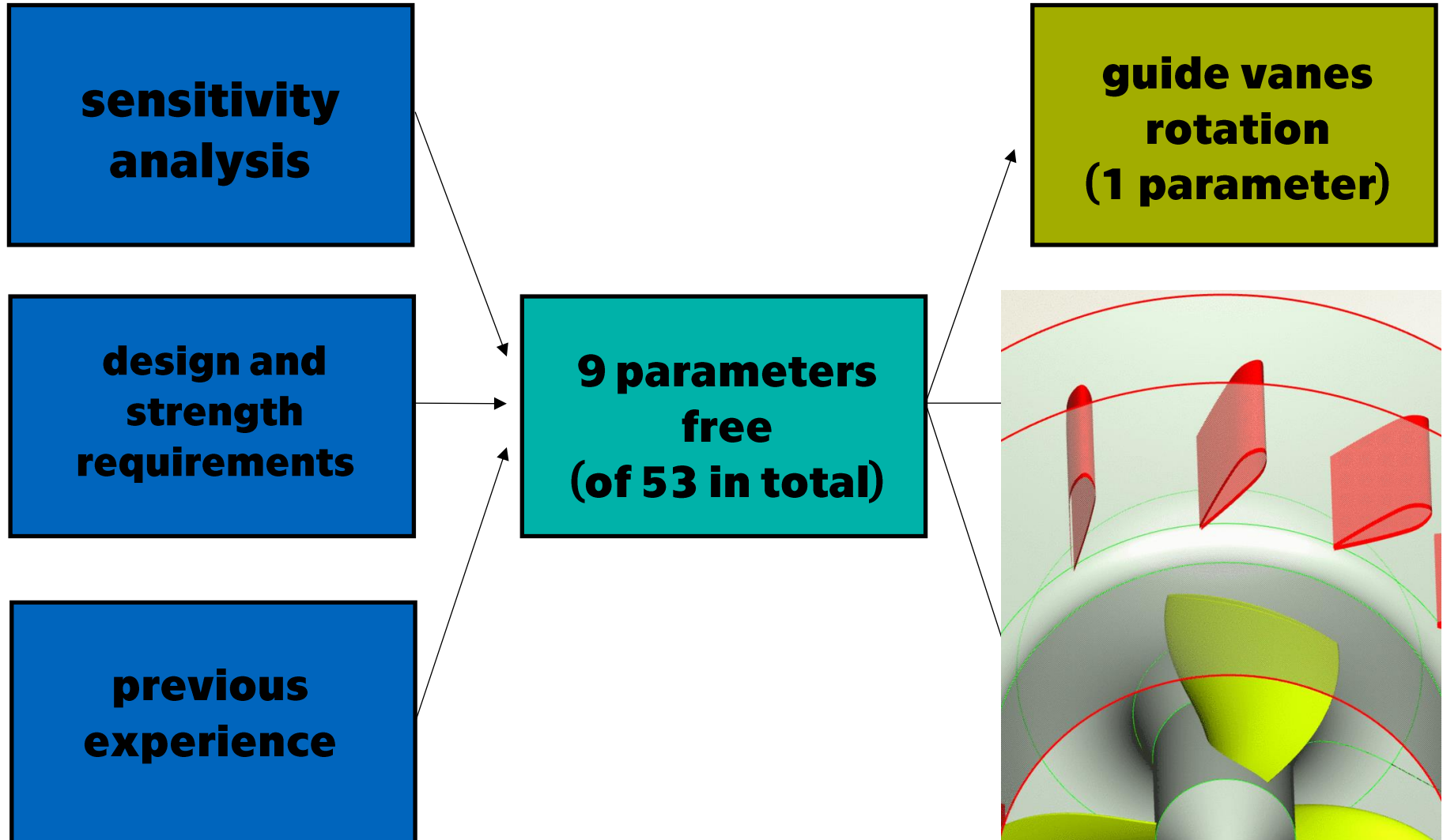
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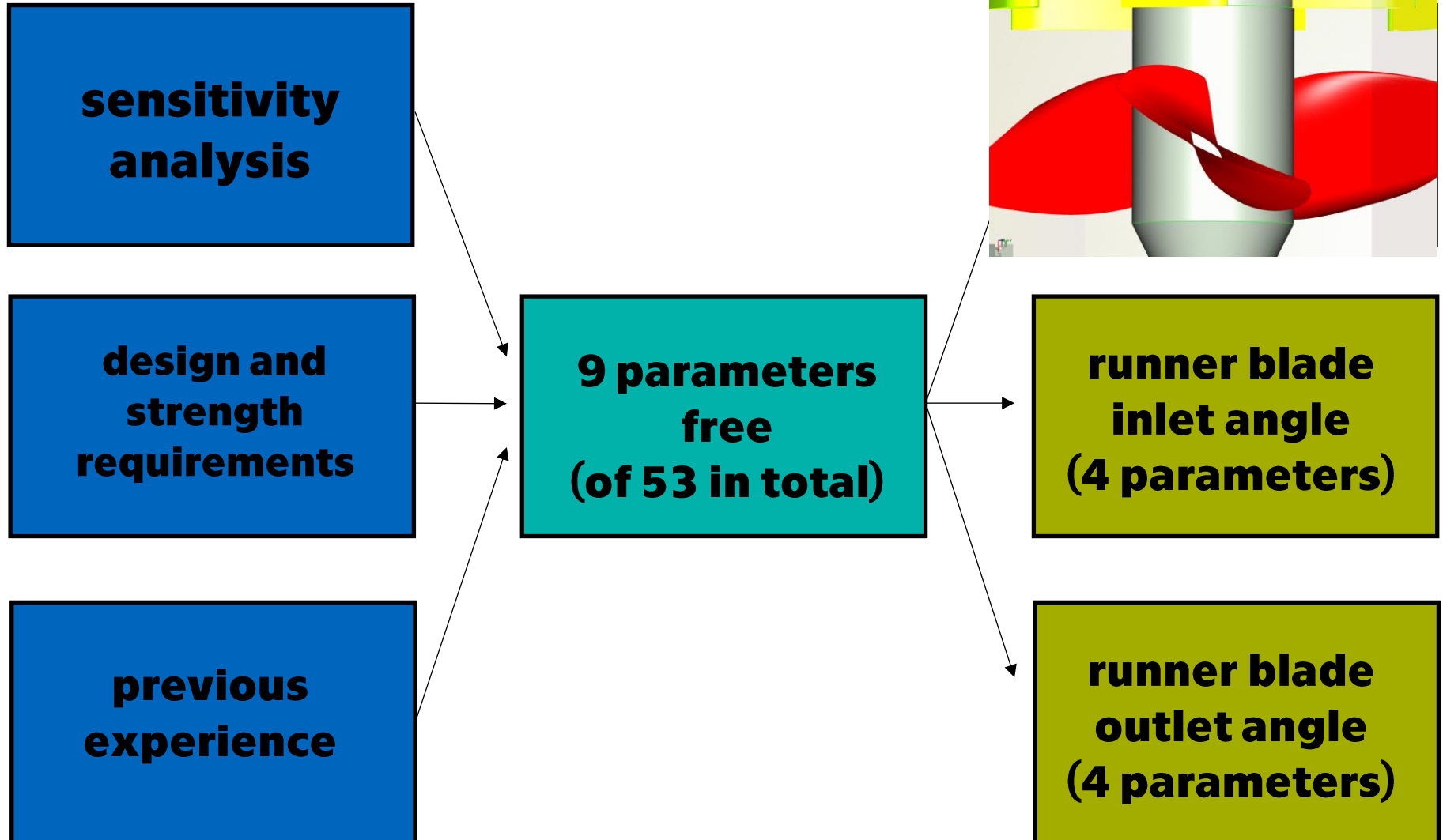


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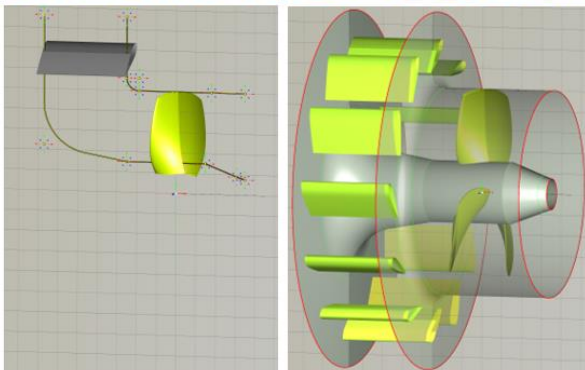






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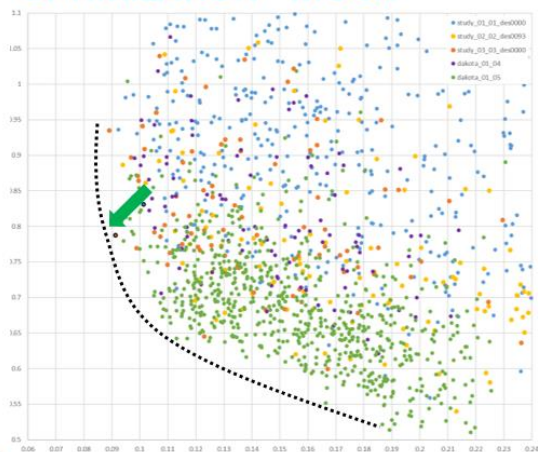
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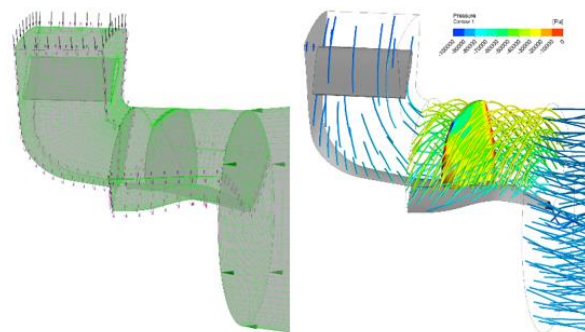
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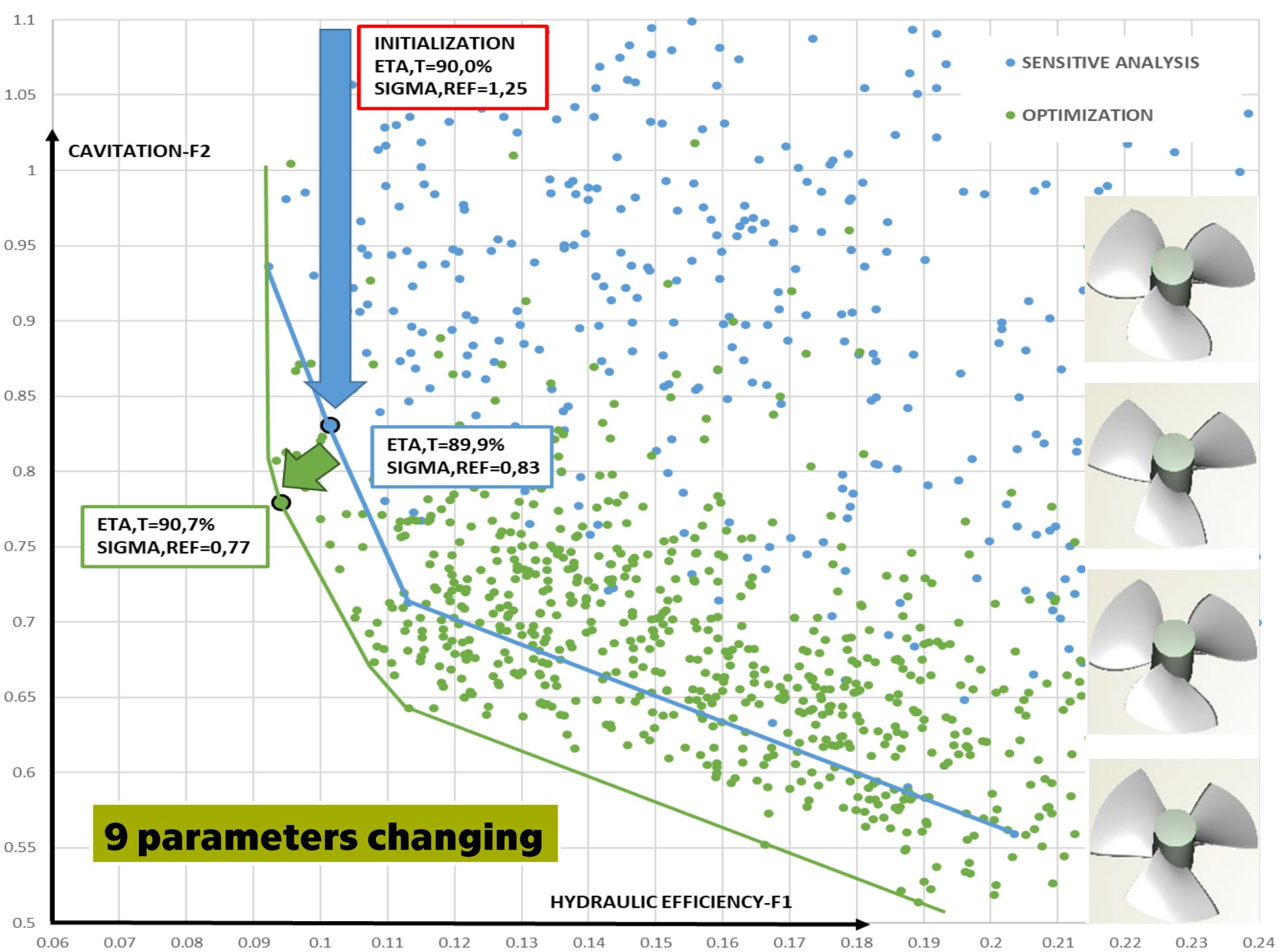


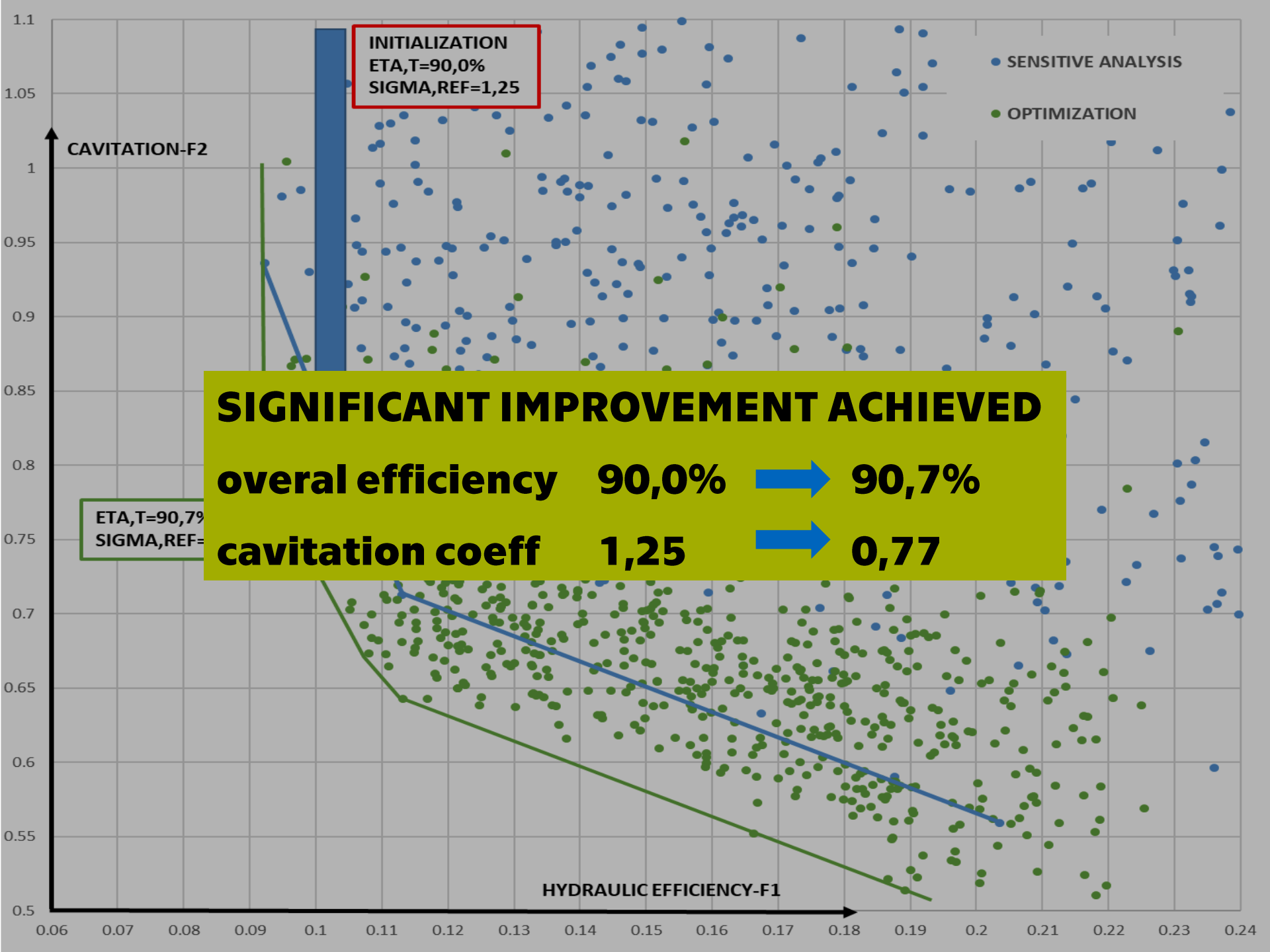

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**FLUID FLOW ANALYSIS**







INITIALIZATION  
ETA,T=90,0%  
SIGMA,REF=1,25

● SENSITIVE ANALYSIS  
● OPTIMIZATION

CAVITATION-F2

**SIGNIFICANT IMPROVEMENT ACHIEVED**  
**overall efficiency 90,0% → 90,7%**  
**cavitation coeff 1,25 → 0,77**

ETA,T=90,7%  
SIGMA,REF=0,77

HYDRAULIC EFFICIENCY-F1



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## **VERIFICATION OF CHOOSEN DESIGN**

- **confirmation of results on the fine mesh**
- **behavior of turbine in wider operating range**
- **verification of required parameters ( $Q_{11}$ ,  $n_{11}$ ,  $n_q$ )**
- **structural analysis**
- **prototype testing**



**RE-DESIGN ?**



