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Theoretical Background of the Continuous Adjoint Method in OpenFOAM, incl. Applications

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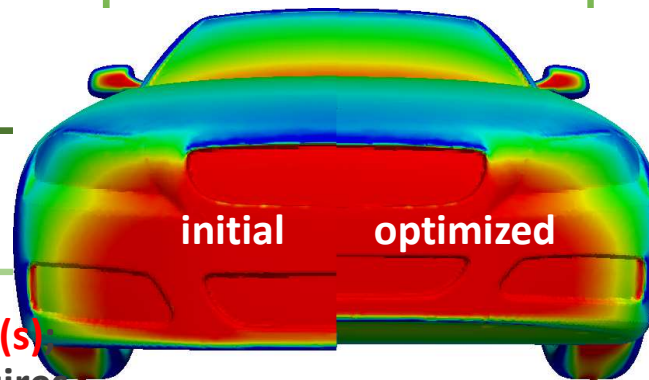
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Gradient-based Shape Optimization (ShpO) in CFD

Flow Model (CFD S/W).

Shape Parameterization Technique,
→ Design Variables (Degrees of Freedom, DoFs): $b_n, n=1, \dots, N$.



Objective & Constraint Function(s)
gradient-based optimization requires
their derivatives w.r.t. $b_n, n=1, \dots, N$.

Optimization Method, using
gradients computed by the **Adjoint Method!**

Open  FOAM

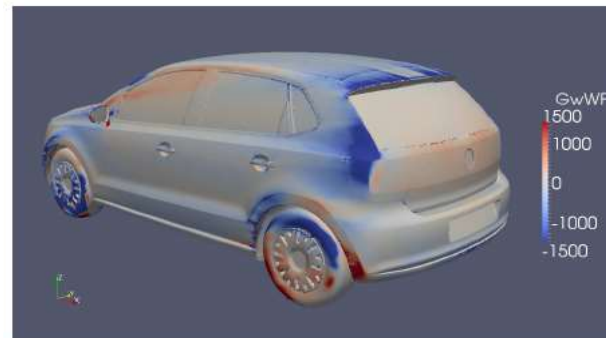
*All implemented within OpenFOAM v2206:
“adjointOptimisationFoam”*

No need for third-party software, external scripts, etc



The Adjoint Method in Optimization Algorithms

Used to compute the **gradient** of the objective function **J** (or constraint functions **c**) w.r.t. the design variables **b_n**, **n=1,...,N**, in a problem governed by PDEs (such as the Navier-Stokes eqs.) and drive a descent method towards the optimal solution or just compute **Sensitivity Maps**.



Sensitivity map of downforce of the VW Polo car, computed by *adjointOptimisationFoam*.
Red : move inwards; **blue** : outwards for better traction to the ground.

Application funded by 

The **Sensitivity Map** is a plot of the iso-areas of the derivative of **J** w.r.t. the normal displacement of points on the surface to be optimized and signifies the contribution of each part of the body surface, if deformed, to the improvement in **J**. It helps the designer to make decisions and take actions.



Outline

Part 1: Understanding Continuous Adjoint using a Quasi-1D Flow Problem (Inverse Design of an Axisymmetric Duct)

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Part 3: Additional Capabilities of the “in-house” OpenFOAM Adjoint Solver

Part 1:
The Adjoint Method –
Understanding Continuous Adjoint using a Quasi-1D
Flow Problem (Inverse Design of an Axisymmetric Duct)

Inverse Design of a Quasi-1D Duct – Incompressible Flow

Objective Function (min.):

$$J = \frac{1}{2} \int_0^1 (p(x) - p_{tar}(x))^2 dx$$

Shape (Cross-Sectional Area) Parameterization:

$$S(x, b_1, b_2, b_3, b_4) = b_1 + b_2x + b_3x^2 + b_4x^3$$

Design/Optimization Variables:

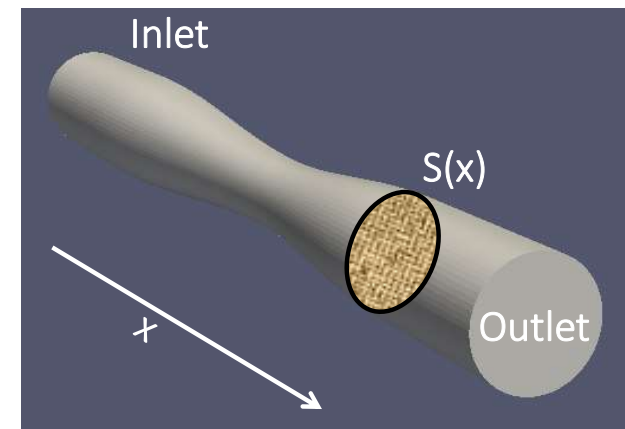
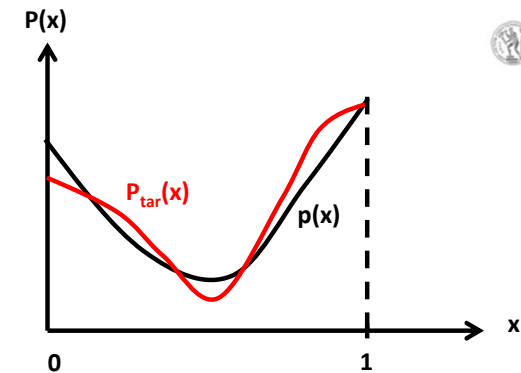
$$b_n, n = 1, 2, 3, 4$$

State/Primal/Flow Equations (ODEs):

$$\frac{d(vS)}{dx} = 0 \quad v \frac{dv}{dx} + \frac{dp}{dx} = 0$$

State/Primal/Flow Boundary Conditions:

$$v|_{x=0} = v_0 \quad p|_{x=1} = p_0$$





Inverse Design of a Quasi-1D Duct – Incompressible Flow

Differentiate the objective function w.r.t. b_n :

$$\frac{\delta J}{\delta b_n} = \int_0^1 (p(x) - p_{tar}(x)) \frac{\delta p}{\delta b_n} dx, \quad n = 1, \dots, N$$

Differentiate the flow (primal or state) equations:

$$\left. \begin{aligned} S \frac{d}{dx} \left(\frac{\delta v}{\delta b_n} \right) + \frac{dS}{dx} \frac{\delta v}{\delta b_n} + \frac{dv}{dx} \frac{\delta S}{\delta b_n} + v \frac{d}{dx} \left(\frac{\delta S}{\delta b_n} \right) &= 0 \\ \frac{\delta v}{\delta b_n} \frac{dv}{dx} + v \frac{d}{dx} \left(\frac{\delta v}{\delta b_n} \right) + \frac{d}{dx} \left(\frac{\delta p}{\delta b_n} \right) &= 0 \end{aligned} \right\} n = 1, \dots, N$$

Differentiate the flow (primal or state) BCs:

$$\left. \frac{\delta v}{\delta b_n} \right|_{x=0} = 0, \quad \left. \frac{\delta p}{\delta b_n} \right|_{x=1} = 0$$

Adjoint is the art of computing $\frac{\delta J}{\delta b_n}$ without first computing $\frac{\delta v}{\delta b_n}$ and $\frac{\delta p}{\delta b_n}$.

DD: Direct Differentiation
(cost scales with N)



Inverse Design of a Quasi-1D Duct – Incompressible Flow

Define & differentiate the augmented objective function or Lagrangian of J:

$$L = J + \int_0^1 q \frac{d(vS)}{dx} dx + \int_0^1 u \left[v \frac{dv}{dx} + \frac{dp}{dx} \right] dx$$

$$\frac{\delta L}{\delta b_n} = \frac{\delta J}{\delta b_n} + \int_0^1 q \frac{d}{dx} \left[\frac{\delta(vS)}{\delta b_n} \right] dx + \int_0^1 u \left[\frac{\delta v}{\delta b_n} \frac{dv}{dx} + v \frac{d}{dx} \left(\frac{\delta v}{\delta b_n} \right) + \frac{d}{dx} \left(\frac{\delta p}{\delta b_n} \right) \right] dx$$

where **q** and **u** are the adjoint pressure and velocity (1D) fields.

Integrate by parts:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\delta L}{\delta b_n} = & - \int_0^1 \left[-u \frac{dv}{dx} + \frac{d(vu)}{dx} + S \frac{dq}{dx} \right] \frac{\delta v}{\delta b_n} dx + \int_0^1 \left(-\frac{du}{dx} + p - p_{tar} \right) \frac{\delta p}{\delta b_n} dx \\ & - \int_0^1 v \frac{dq}{dx} \frac{\delta S}{\delta b_n} dx + \left[(vu + qS) \frac{\delta v}{\delta b_n} \right]_{x=0}^{x=1} + \left[u \frac{\delta p}{\delta b_n} \right]_{x=0}^{x=1} + \left[vq \frac{\delta S}{\delta b_n} \right]_{x=0}^{x=1} \end{aligned}$$

Inverse Design of a Quasi-1D Duct – Incompressible Flow

Adjoint field eqs.:

$$\frac{du}{dx} = p - p_{tar} \quad u \frac{dv}{dx} - \frac{d(vu)}{dx} - S \frac{dq}{dx} = 0 \quad (\text{or } v \frac{du}{dx} + S \frac{dq}{dx} = 0)$$

Adjoint BCs:

$$u|_{x=0} = 0, \quad q|_{x=1} = - \left. \frac{vu}{S} \right|_{x=1}$$

Compare with the **primal (flow)** problem equations & boundary conditions:

$$\frac{d(vS)}{dx} = 0 \quad v \frac{dv}{dx} + \frac{dp}{dx} = 0$$

$$v|_{x=0} = v_0 \quad p|_{x=1} = p_0$$





Inverse Design of a Quasi-1D Duct – Incompressible Flow

Sensitivity Derivatives (SDs):

$$\frac{\delta L}{\delta b_n} = \frac{\delta J}{\delta b_n} = - \int_0^1 v \frac{dq}{dx} \frac{\delta S}{\delta b_n} dx + vq \frac{\delta S}{\delta b_n} \Big|_{x=1} - vq \frac{\delta S}{\delta b_n} \Big|_{x=0}, \quad n=1, \dots, 4$$

or:

$$\frac{\delta J}{\delta b_1} = - \int_0^1 v \frac{dq}{dx} dx + vq \Big|_{x=1} - vq \Big|_{x=0}$$

$$\frac{\delta J}{\delta b_2} = - \int_0^1 v \frac{dq}{dx} x dx + vq \Big|_{x=1}$$

$$\frac{\delta J}{\delta b_3} = - \int_0^1 v \frac{dq}{dx} x^2 dx + vq \Big|_{x=1}$$

$$\frac{\delta J}{\delta b_4} = - \int_0^1 v \frac{dq}{dx} x^3 dx + vq \Big|_{x=1}$$

(since:
 $S(x, b_1, b_2, b_3, b_4) = b_1 + b_2x + b_3x^2 + b_4x^3$)



Optimization Methods once gradient have been computed

Steepest descent:

$$\vec{b}^{k+1} = \vec{b}^k - \eta \left. \frac{\delta J}{\delta \vec{b}} \right|^k$$

or Quasi-Newton methods (BFGS, LBFGS, DBFGS, SR1):

$$\vec{b}^{k+1} = \vec{b}^k + \Delta \vec{b}, \quad \Delta \vec{b} = -H^{-1} \frac{\delta J}{\delta \vec{b}} \quad (H \approx \delta^2 J / \delta \vec{b}^2)$$

(for the computation of the Exact **Hessian matrix** see papers cited below).
or the Conjugate Gradient method.



For **Constrained Optimization**: SQP and Constraint Projection.

► All available in *adjointOptimisationFOAM*.

✍ *International Journal for Numerical Methods in Fluids*, 56(10):1929-1943, 2008.

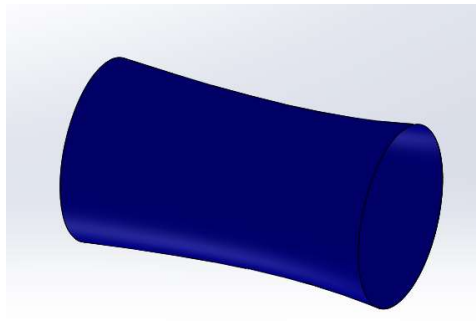
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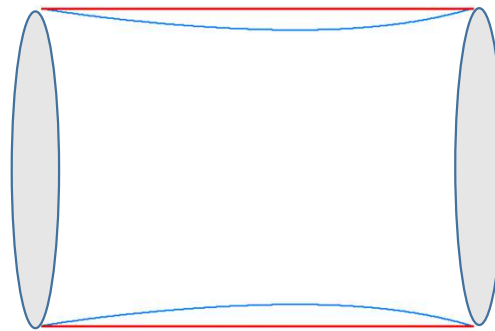


Inverse Design of a Quasi-1D Duct – Incompressible Flow

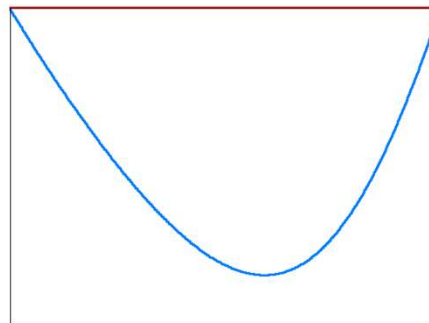
Target Duct



Cross Section



Pressure



$$J = \frac{1}{2} \int_0^1 (p(x) - p_{tar}(x))^2 dx$$

Convergence History





From Continuous to Discrete Adjoint

Minimize $F = F(\vec{U}(\vec{b}), \vec{b})$

Subject to $\vec{R} = \vec{R}(\vec{U}(\vec{b}), \vec{b}) = 0$

Both in discrete form

Compute

$$\frac{\delta F}{\delta \vec{b}} = \frac{\partial F}{\partial \vec{b}} + \frac{\partial F}{\partial \vec{U}} \frac{\delta \vec{U}}{\delta \vec{b}}$$

Subject to

$$\frac{\delta \vec{R}}{\delta \vec{b}} = \frac{\partial \vec{R}}{\partial \vec{b}} + \frac{\partial \vec{R}}{\partial \vec{U}} \frac{\delta \vec{U}}{\delta \vec{b}} = 0$$

This is the computationally demanding part!
(Cost scales with N)



From Continuous to Discrete Adjoint

$$\frac{\delta F_{aug}}{\delta \vec{b}} = \frac{\partial F}{\partial \vec{b}} + \frac{\partial F}{\partial \vec{U}} \frac{\delta \vec{U}}{\delta \vec{b}} - \vec{\Psi}^T \left(\frac{\partial \vec{R}}{\partial \vec{b}} + \frac{\partial \vec{R}}{\partial \vec{U}} \frac{\delta \vec{U}}{\delta \vec{b}} \right)$$

Adjoint variables

$$\frac{\delta F_{aug}}{\delta \vec{b}} = \frac{\partial F}{\partial \vec{b}} - \vec{\Psi}^T \frac{\partial \vec{R}}{\partial \vec{b}}$$

$$\frac{\partial F}{\partial \vec{U}} - \vec{\Psi}^T \frac{\partial \vec{R}}{\partial \vec{U}} = 0$$

Adjoint equation

Compare:

Discrete Adjoint (First-Discretize-then-Differentiate)

Continuous Adjoint (First-Differentiate-then-Discretize).



- Methods/software/results in this presentation rely exclusively on **Continuous Adjoint**.

Part 2:
**Extension of the Continuous Adjoint to Multi-Dimensional
& Turbulent Flows for Shape Optimization (ShpO)-
Capabilities of *adjointOptimisationFoam*!
Industrial Applications**

Continuous Adjoint in 2D/3D Laminar Flows- ShpO – Primal Eqs.

Laminar flow of an incompressible fluid :

$$R^p = -\frac{\partial v_j}{\partial x_j} = 0$$

$$R_i^v = \frac{\partial (v_j v_i)}{\partial x_j} - \frac{\partial \tau_{ij}}{\partial x_j} + \frac{\partial p}{\partial x_i} = 0, \quad i = 1, 2, 3$$

where $\tau_{ij} = \nu \left(\frac{\partial v_i}{\partial x_j} + \frac{\partial v_j}{\partial x_i} \right)$.

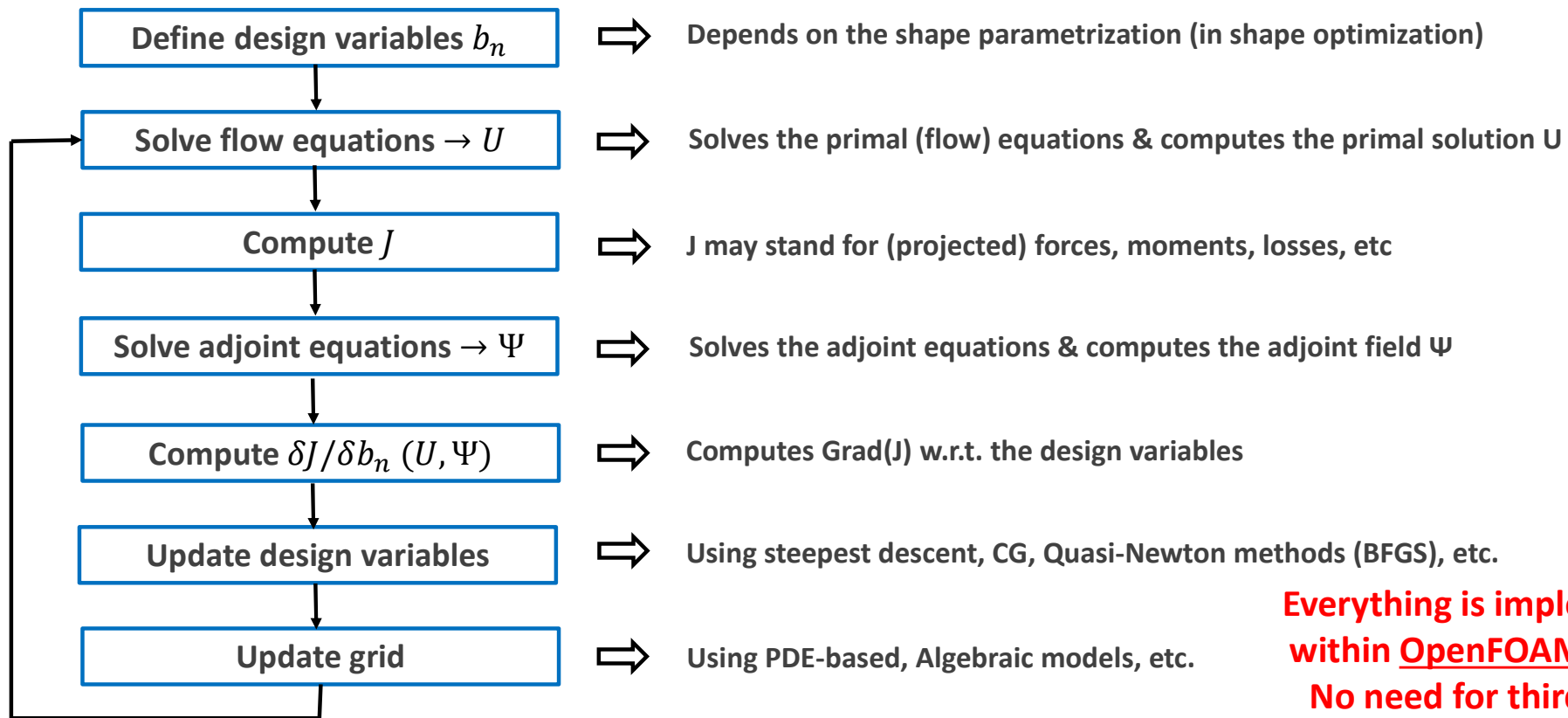
For **turbulent flows**, see next slides.

► Steps in the development of the **Continuous Adjoint** Method to this flow model:

1. Differentiate the primal equations (PDEs) and J w.r.t. b_n .
2. Derive adjoint equations (field eqs. in the form of PDEs, as well as BCs).
3. Discretize & solve the (primal &) adjoint PDEs.
4. Compute grad(J), a.k.a. **Sensitivity Derivatives (SDs)**. Ready to update b_n !



Adjoint-based Optimization (*adjointOptimisationFoam*)



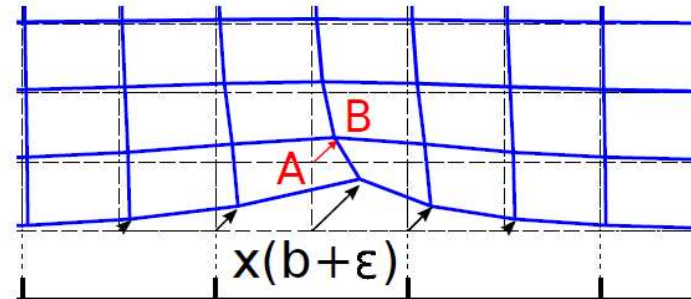
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No need for third-party software, external scripts, etc**



Continuous Adjoint in 2D/3D Flows- ShpO - Total/Partial Derivatives

$$\frac{\delta \Phi}{\delta b_n} = \frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial b_n} + \frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial x_k} \left(\frac{\delta x_k}{\delta b_n} \right)$$

Grid Sensitivities



Partial (b_n) & spatial (x_k) derivatives permute!

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial b_n} \left(\frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial x_j} \right) = \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} \left(\frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial b_n} \right)$$

Total (b_n) & spatial (x_k) derivatives don't!

$$\frac{\delta}{\delta b_n} \left(\frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial x_j} \right) = \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} \left(\frac{\delta \Phi}{\delta b_n} \right) - \frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial x_k} \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} \left(\frac{\delta x_k}{\delta b_n} \right)$$

The math. development of the adjoint method & the handling of **Grid Sensitivities** gives rise to 3 continuous adjoint formulations:

- Field Integral (**FI**) Adjoint
- Enhanced-Surface Integral (**E-SI**) Adjoint
- Severed **SI** Adjoint



The FI Adjoint Formulation (FI: Field Integral)

- ◆ The resulting SDs include **field integrals of Grid Sensitivities** $\delta x_i / \delta b_n$.

An example of such a term in the SD expression is:

$$\frac{\delta J}{\delta b_n} = \dots + \int_{\Omega} \left\{ -u_i v_j \frac{\partial v_i}{\partial x_k} - u_j \frac{\partial p}{\partial x_k} - \tau_{ij}^a \frac{\partial v_i}{\partial x_k} + u_i \frac{\partial \tau_{ij}}{\partial x_k} + q \frac{\partial v_j}{\partial x_k} \right\} \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} \left(\frac{\delta x_k}{\delta b_n} \right) d\Omega$$

Grid Sensitivities

- ◆ Computing **Grid Sensitivities** requires a **Grid Displacement Model (GDM)** & its differentiation (either using finite differences, analytical differentiation, etc).
- ◆ SDs computed by the **FI Adjoint** are accurate; however, the cost of the part of the code dealing with grid sensitivities scales with N.
- ◆ Computing **Sensitivity Maps** using the **FI Adjoint** becomes prohibitively expensive, as the number of surface nodes increases.



The E-SI Adjoint Formulation (E-SI: Enhanced Surface Integral)

- ◆ To eliminate grid sensitivities over the domain, the **Enhanced-SI (E-SI) adjoint** assumes a **Laplacian GDM** to be introduced into the primal equations:

$$R_i^m = \frac{\partial^2 m_i}{\partial x_j^2} = 0$$

- ◆ New Lagrangian & new adjoint fields (m_i^a):

$$L = J + \int_{\Omega} u_i R_i^v d\Omega + \int_{\Omega} q R^p d\Omega + \int_{\Omega} m_i^a R_i^m d\Omega$$

- ◆ **Grid Sensitivities** are eliminated by satisfying the **adjoint GDM equations**:

$$R_k^{m^a} = \frac{\partial^2 m_k^a}{\partial x_j^2} + \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} \left\{ u_i v_j \frac{\partial v_i}{\partial x_k} + u_j \frac{\partial p}{\partial x_k} + \tau_{ij}^a \frac{\partial v_i}{\partial x_k} - u_i \frac{\partial \tau_{ij}}{\partial x_k} - q \frac{\partial v_j}{\partial x_k} - \frac{\partial J_{\Omega'}}{\partial x_k} \right\} = 0$$

Journal of Computational Physics, 301:1-18, 2015.

Archives of Computational Methods in Engineering, 23(2): 255-299, 2016.



The E-SI Adjoint Formulation (E-SI: Enhanced Surface Integral)

- ◆ The **Enhanced-Surface Integral (E-SI)** continuous adjoint method computes accurate sensitivity derivatives, with the additional advantage that the gradient of J is expressed in terms of surface integrals only (“**reduced adjoint**”).
- ◆ Practically, the E-SI adjoint is as accurate as the FI adjoint, though much cheaper!
- ◆ What if a different (than the Laplacian) GDM is used to adapt the CFD grid to the updated geometries, during the optimization? The adjoint Laplace GDM can safely be used even in this case.
- ◆ A Severed-SI adjoint is also available (by arbitrarily eliminating the effect of Grid Sensitivities), though this is NOT recommended.

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Turbulent Flows: Continuous Adjoint & Turbulence Models

- ◆ Enrich the Lagrangian by including the turbulence model eq(s). and the Hamilton-Jacobi eq. for computing distances from the walls (if needed). Example: **Spalart-Allmaras** model:

$$L = J + \int_{\Omega} u_i R_i^v d\Omega + \int_{\Omega} q R^p d\Omega + \int_{\Omega} \tilde{\nu}_a R^{\tilde{\nu}} d\Omega + \int_{\Omega} \Delta_a R^{\Delta} d\Omega$$

- ◆ Extra adjoint equations (adjoint to the turbulence model PDEs), new terms in the adjoint mean flow eqs. and BCs.
- ◆ Extended to models using **Wall Functions** by introducing the **Adjoint Wall Function**.
- ◆ Similar developments for the adjoint to the **k-ε** and **k-ω SST** turbulence models.

🌀 *Computers & Fluids*, 38:528-1538, 2009.

🌀 *Journal of Computational Physics*, 229(13): 5228-5245, 2010.

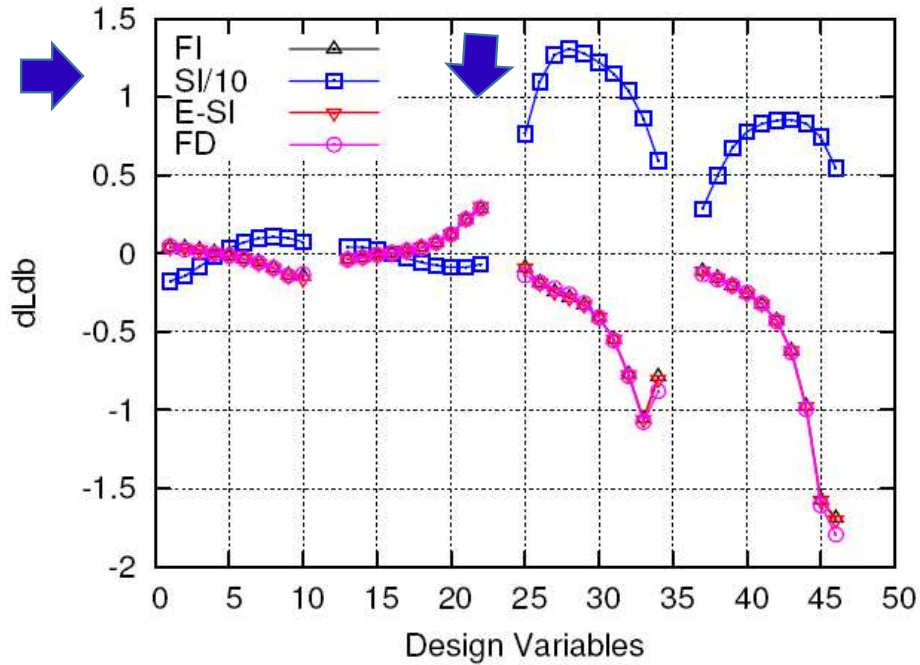
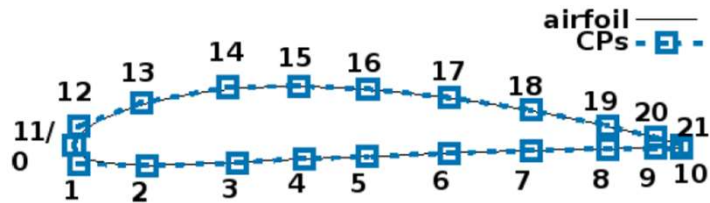
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Comparison of the FI, E-SI, Severed-SI Continuous Adjoint & FD

Severed-SI Adjoint

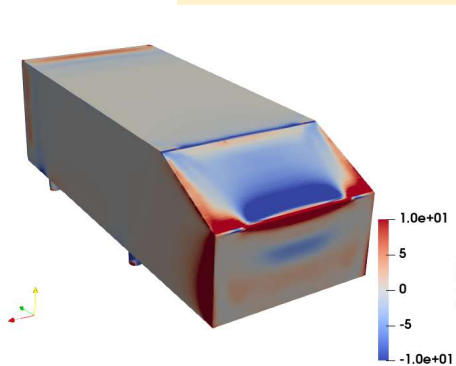


Turbulent flow around the NACA0012 airfoil ($Re=10^6$, $\alpha_{inf}=3^\circ$) : **Lift SDs** computed by the FI, Severed-SI (scaled by 10 to fit into the same diagram), E-SI adjoint and FD. SDs computed w.r.t. the x (ID<23) and y (ID>23) coordinates of 24 NURBS CPs parameterizing the two airfoil sides. The **adjoint to the Spalart-Allmaras turbulence model** is used in all cases.

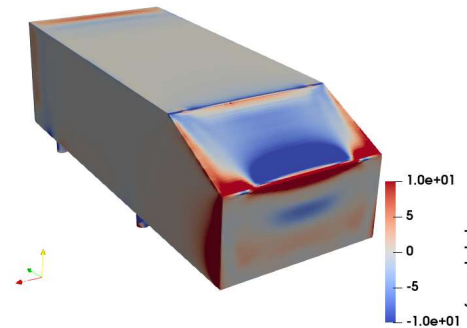


Why insisting on (Continuous) Adjoint to Turbulence Models?

Spalart-Allmaras Model

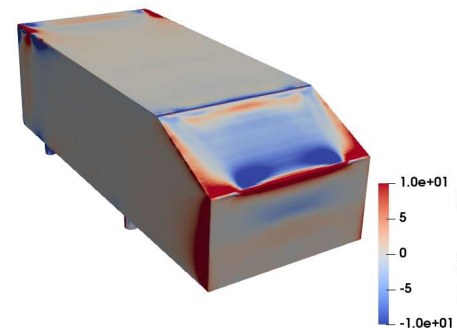


Turbulent Adjoint

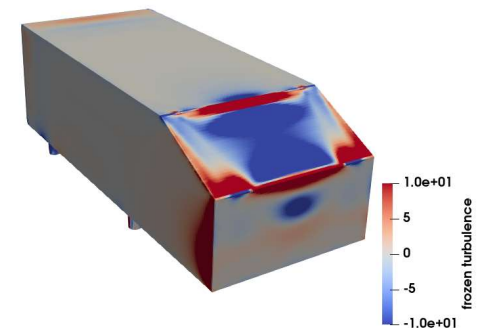


Frozen Turbulence

k- ω SST



Turbulent Adjoint



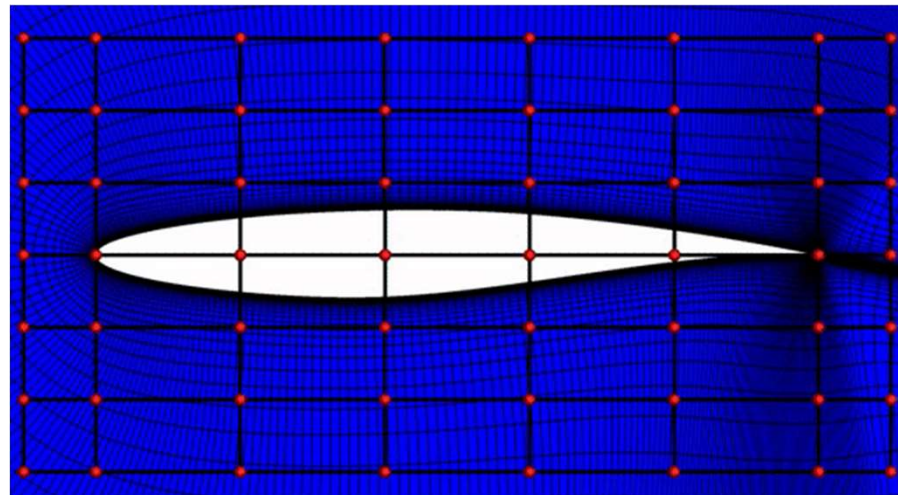
Frozen Turbulence

Drag SDs for the 2D Ahmed body ($Re=2.89 \times 10^6$) computed using the adjoint to the **Low-Re Spalart-Allmaras model**. The computed sensitivity maps for **drag**, with or without making the frozen turbulence assumption, are quite similar if the Spalart-Allmaras model is used, but noticeably differ for the k- ω SST model. In *adjointOptimisationFoam v2206* both are available. Findings confirmed with Finite Differences, not shown here.



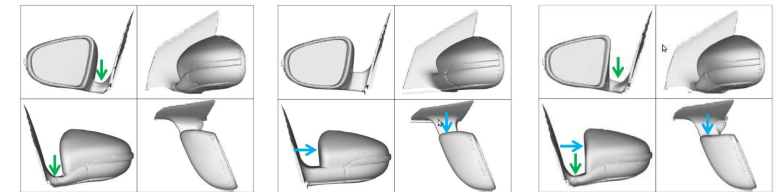
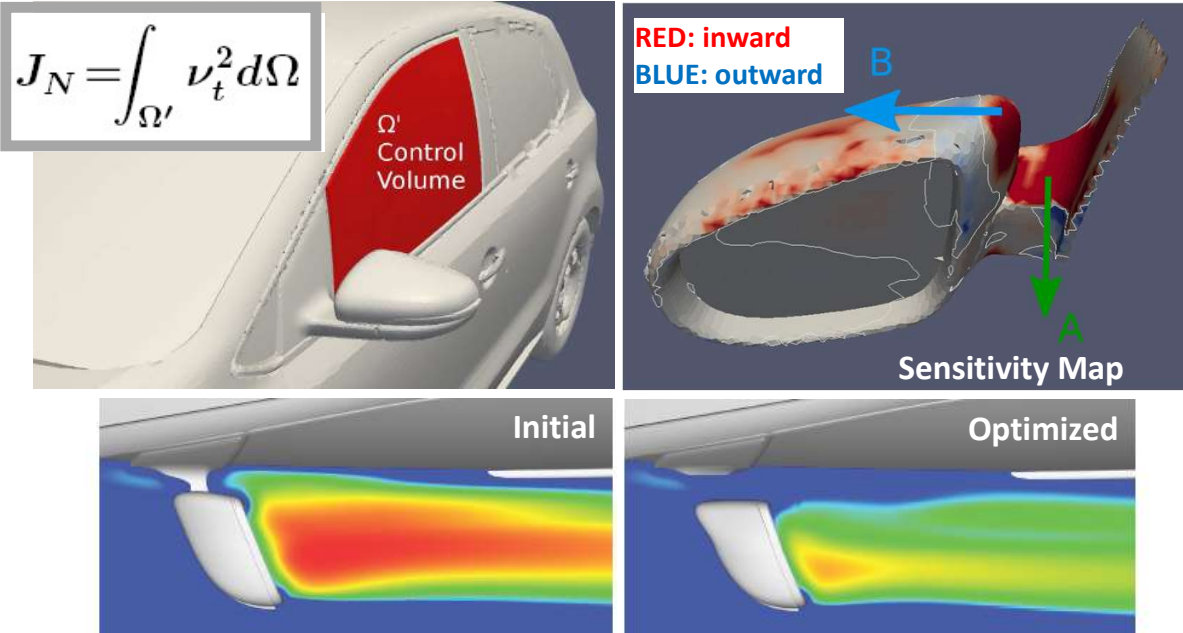
The Volumetric B-Splines (of NURBS) Parameterization Tool

CAD-free Parameterization: Using morphing techniques based, for instance, on volumetric B-Splines. The CFD grid is adapted simultaneously with the shape to be designed. Alternatively, node-based parameterization. Returning to CAD is difficult, possibly impairing the quality of the designed shapes.

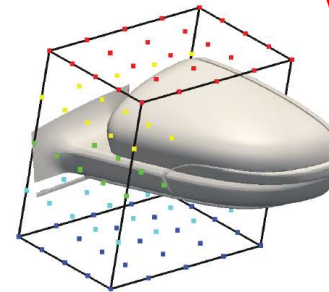




ShpO of the Side Mirror of a Car for Noise Reduction



Code available in OpenFOAM
v2006 onwards

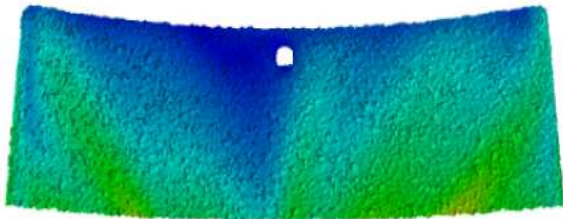
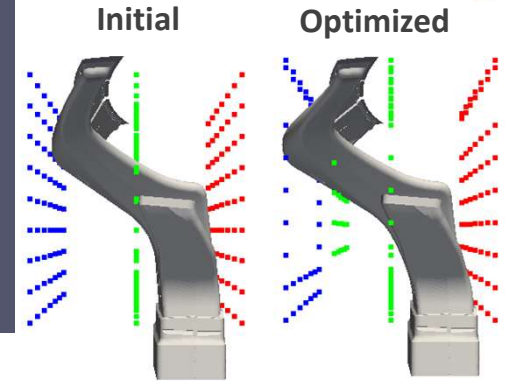
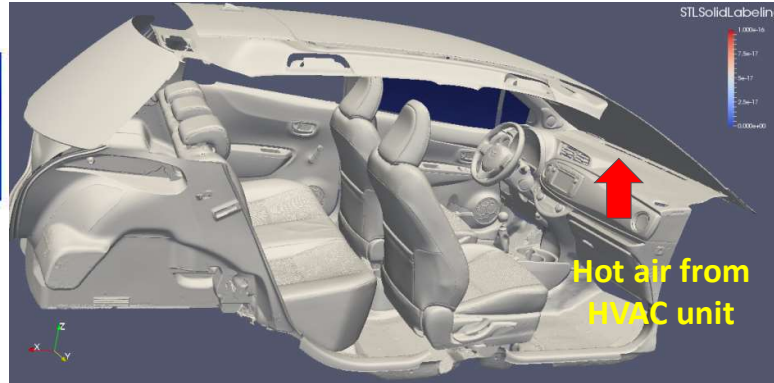
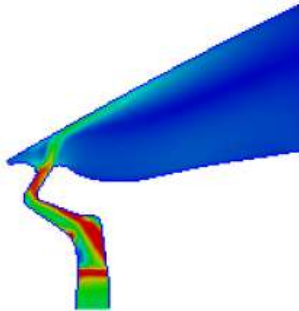


Minimization of the noise perceived by the driver. A turbulence-based objective function is used, so this problem **cannot** be solved without the adjoint to the turbulence model equations. A relatively coarse grid (2.4 Mi cells) & the Volumetric B-Splines morpher (81 DoFs) were used in the adjoint optimization. A re-evaluation of the optimal solution on a fine grid (31 Mi cells) confirmed a reduction in J_N by 25%.

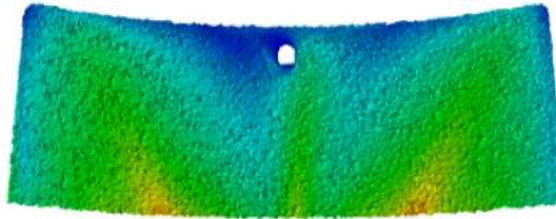
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ShpO of the Defroster Nozzle of the HVAC unit of a Car



Initial



Optimized

$$J_V = \frac{1}{2} \int_{\Omega'} (v - v^{target})^2 d\Omega$$

ShpO of the defroster nozzle of the HVAC unit of a TOYOTA passenger car, for improved defrosting/ demisting performance of the windshield. The objective was to shorten the time for dispelling condensation or frost on the windshield in the most uniform way by reaching a certain air velocity close to the windshield. The optimized geometry was manufactured (3D printing) and submitted to a defrost test in the TME's climate chamber (@ -20°), leading to 15% less windshield defrost time.

Green areas in the velocity isolines' plot on the windshield correspond to v^{target} .

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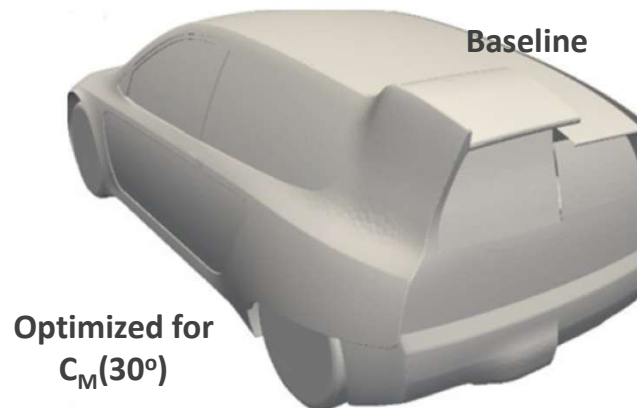
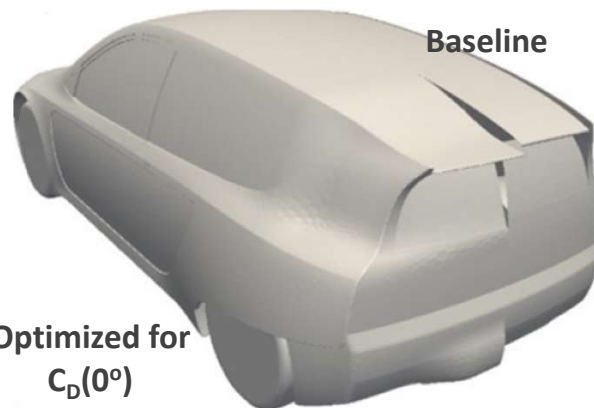
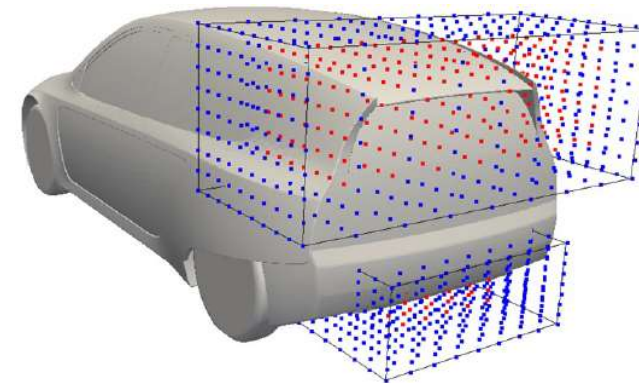
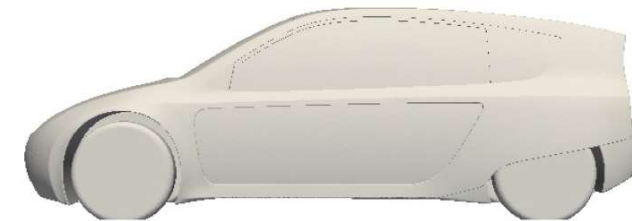
Multi-Point Aerodynamic ShpO of a Concept Car

- ShpO of an ultra-lightweight vehicle, designed by the Toyota Aerodynamic Dept., for making it less sensitive to side-wind (30° from the port side; min. yaw moment), while maintaining a very low drag at 0° (longitudinal wind).

- Objective function:

$$J = \omega_D C_D^{0^\circ} + \omega_M C_M^{30^\circ}$$

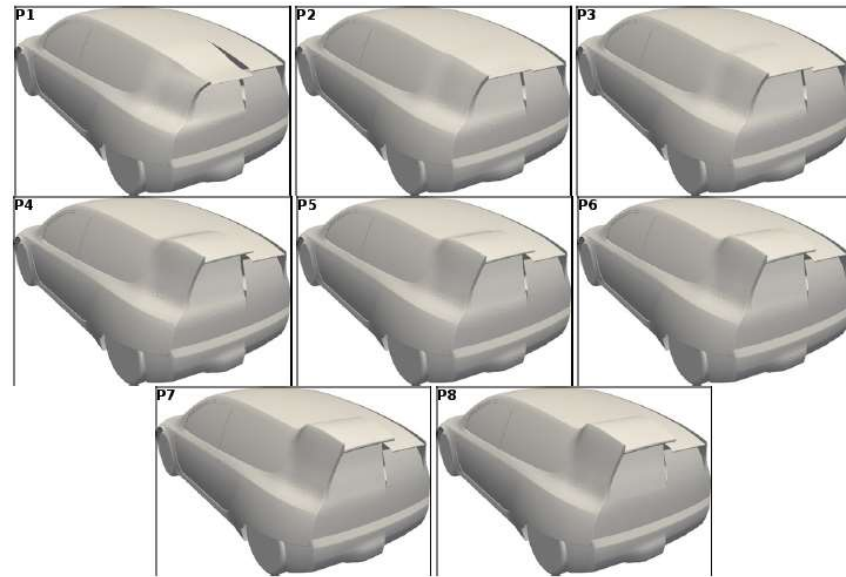
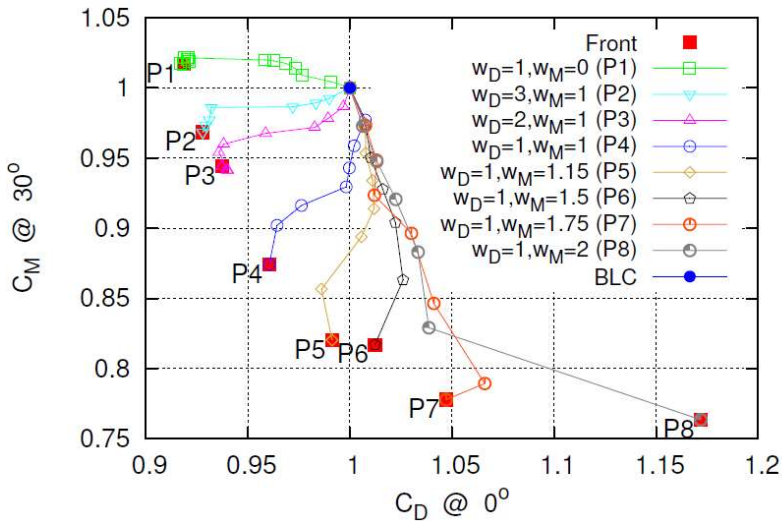
- Pareto front computed by optimizing with different values of (ω_D, ω_M) .
- Two simultaneously acting morphing boxes at the spoiler and diffuser areas.
- **RANS-based adjoint optimizer** using the adjoint to the Spalart-Allmaras model (with wall functions) & a coarse polyhedral grid with ~1.6Mi cells (average $y^+ = 32$ at the first cell-centers off the walls).



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Multi-Point Aerodynamic ShpO of a Concept Car



Optimized geometries (port side) compared to the BLC (starboard side). Drag reduction at 0° results from a lowered spoiler, boat-tailing and a prolonged and widened diffuser. In contrast, yaw moment reduction at 30° comes mainly from the increased spoiler height and the slight widening of the car; these increase pressure on the port side and decrease it on the starboard side to counter-balance the yaw moment of the side-wind.

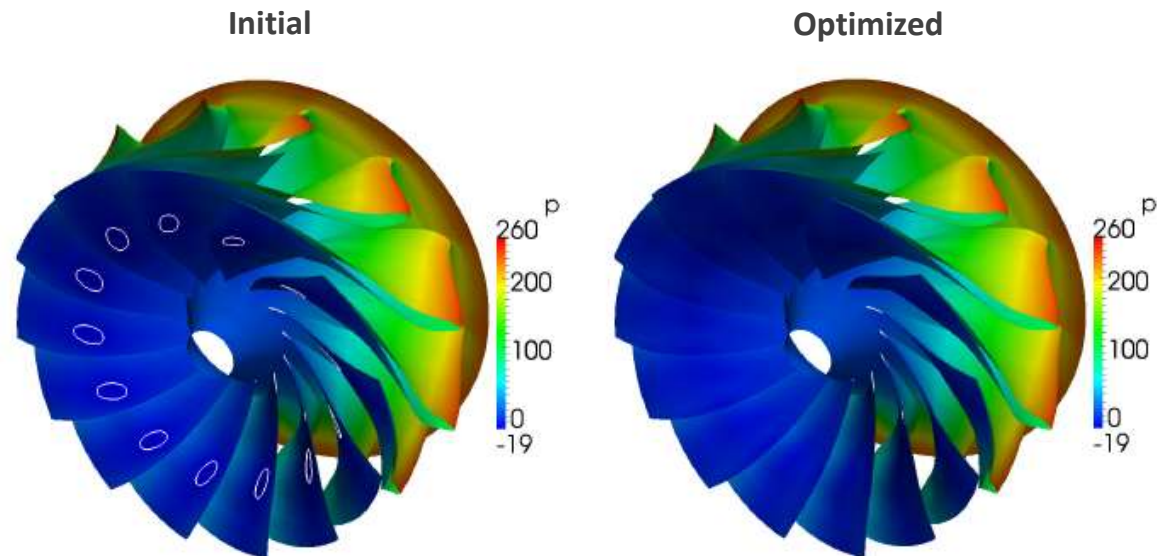
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Hydraulic Turbine Applications - Shape Optimization of a Francis Runner



Redesigning the blades for min. cavitation. To suppress cavitation, the lowest pressure on the runner surface should become greater than the vapor pressure of the fluid. Adjoint is challenging since “min.” is non-differentiable and needs to be replaced by a (differentiable) sigmoid function.

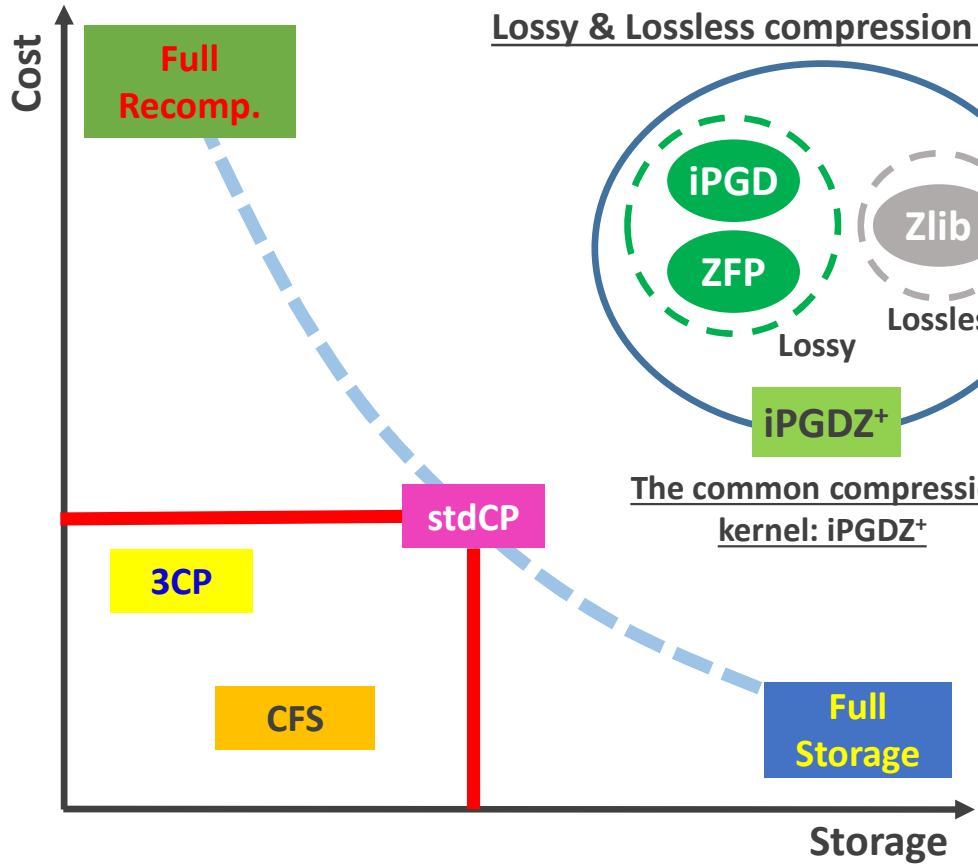
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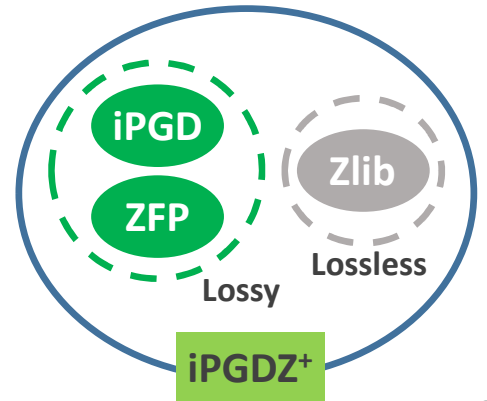
Part 3:
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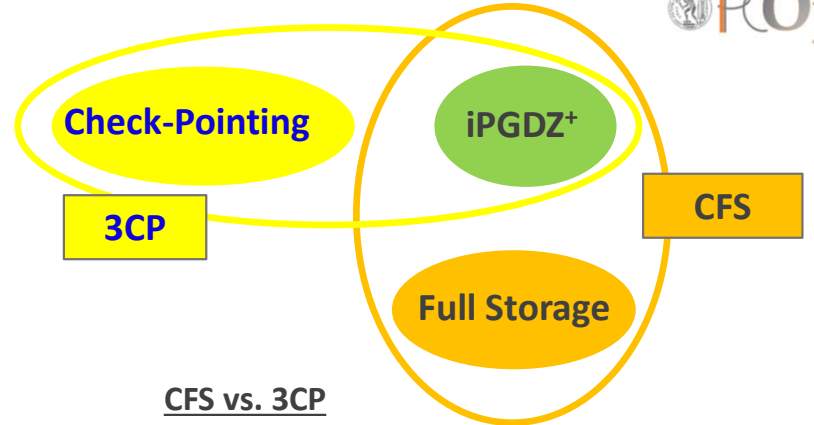
Unsteady Adjoint: Flow Fields' Storage supported by Lossless/Lossy Compression



Lossy & Lossless compression techniques



The common compression kernel: iPGDZ+



CFS vs. 3CP

Strategies for storing the flow solution time-series :

- Compressed Full Storage (**CFS**)
- Compressed Coarse-grained Check-Pointing (**3CP**)

Computer Meth. in Applied Mech. and Eng., 387: 114152, 2021.
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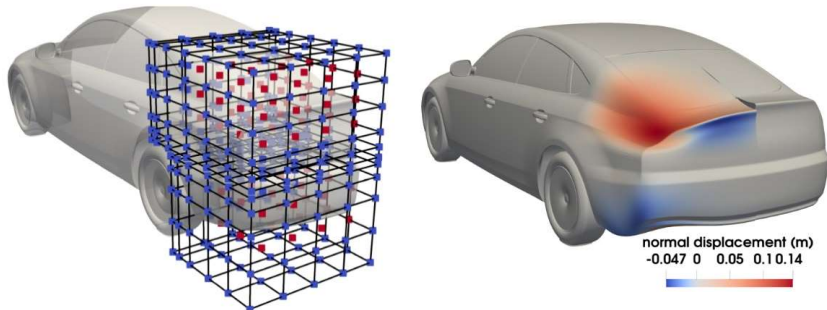
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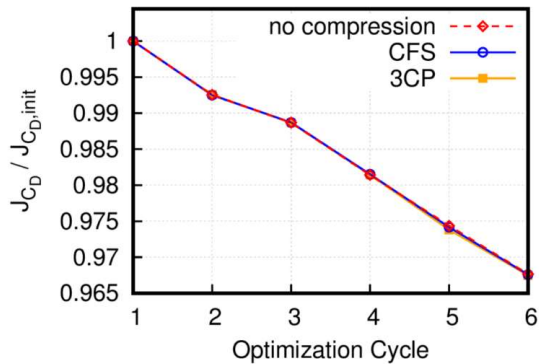
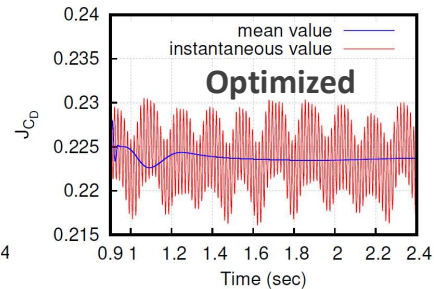
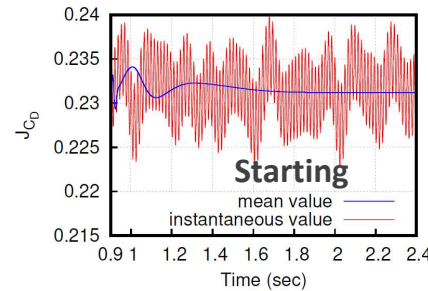
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Unsteady Adjoint: ShpO of the Drivaer car for min. Drag

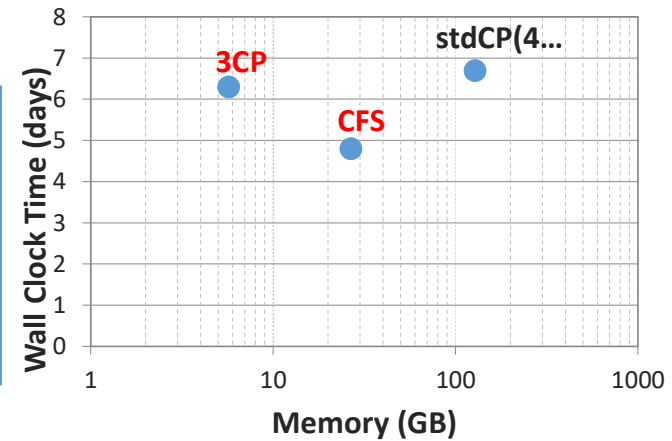


Grid: $\sim 5.3 \cdot 10^6$ cells; 40000 time-steps ($\Delta t = 6 \cdot 10^{-3}$ sec)



Neither CFS nor 3CP alters the convergence of the objective function!

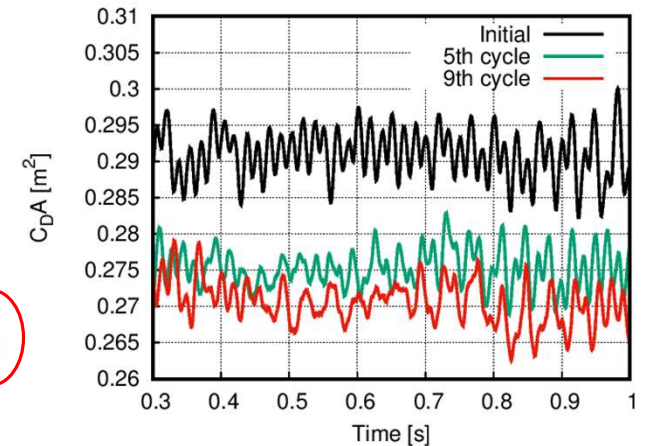
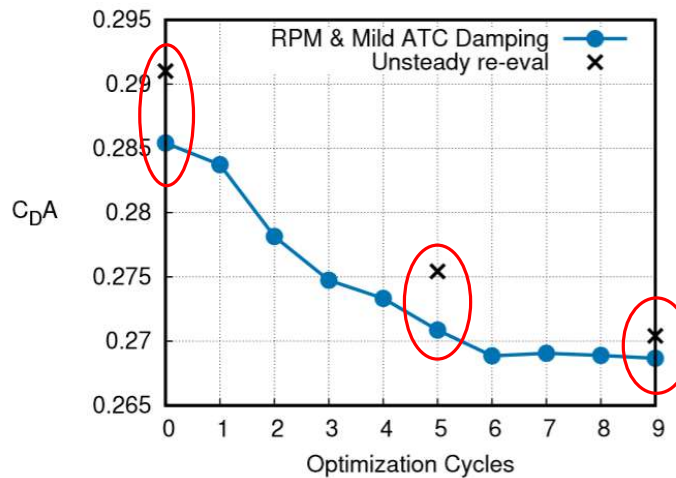
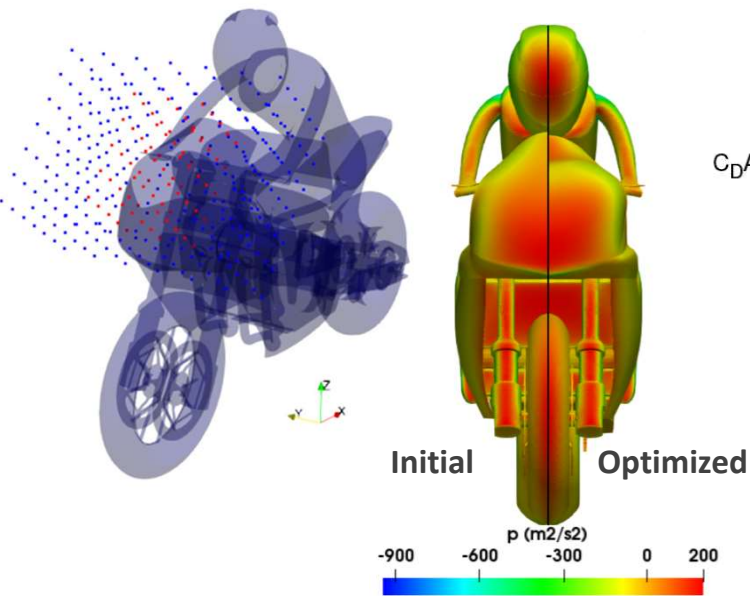
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CFS	71%	473	27	0.2%
3CP	94%	2240	6	0.5%





Benefits of using RPM in both Flow & Adjoint Solvers

Use of the **Recursive Projection Method (RPM)** to stabilize steady primal & adjoint solvers in case of convergence issues due to mild flow unsteadiness. The gain is that steady solvers can be used in the optimization.



Optimization cost (on 156 cores):

- **Steady:** 20h for 9 opt. cycles
- **Unsteady:** 28h for 1 flow evaluation

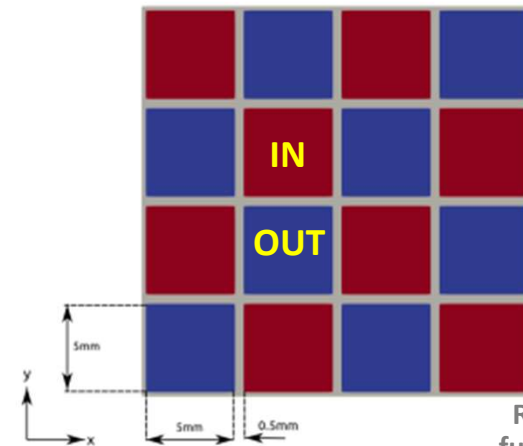
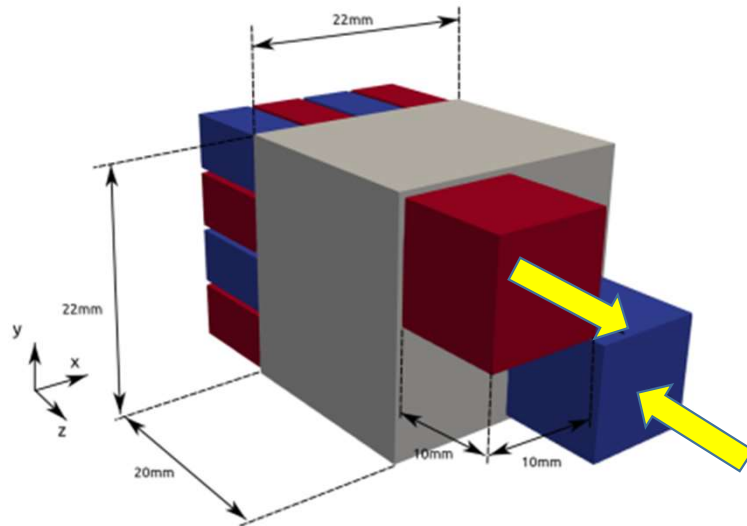
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Topology Optimization (TopO), even with Conjugate Heat Transfer in Bi-Fluid Device



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Example: Design of a compact bi-fluid counter-flow heat-exchanger with many inlets/outlets.

Objectives: Max. heat transfer between the cold/cold streams; also, min. total pressure losses.

Constraints: (1) Fluid Volumes < Threshold. (2) Equal flowrates at the 8 blue/cold exits. (3) Avoid merging the fluid streams. (4) Min. thickness of the wall separating fluid streams.

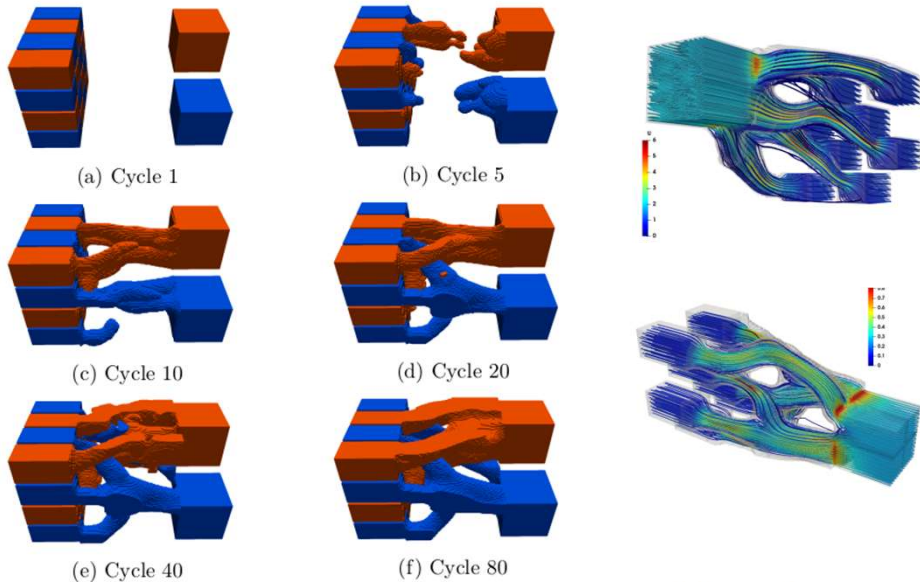
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TopO with CHT for the Design of a Bi-Fluid Heat Exchanger

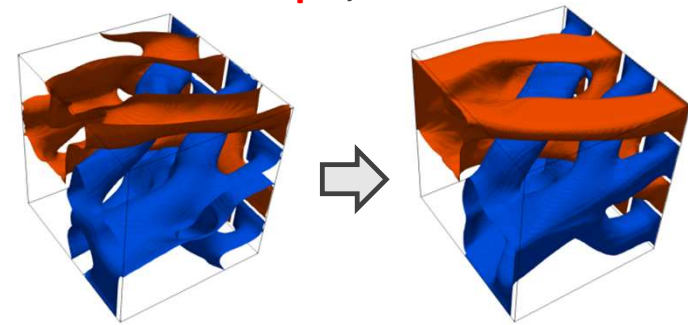


Start with a **Low-Fi TopO** based on Darcy eq., easily carving the initially solid design space

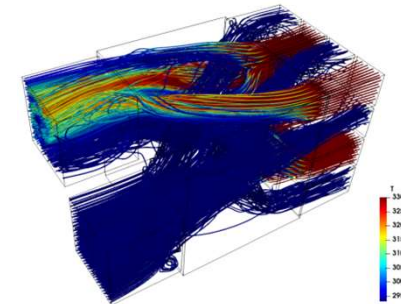
$$v_i^{(\gamma)} = -\frac{1}{\beta_{max} (Da + I(\xi^{(\gamma)}))} \frac{\partial p^{(\gamma)}}{\partial x_i}$$



Continue with **Hi-Fi TopO**, based on the RANS eqs.



Comparison of **Low-Fi & Hi-Fi TopO** Solutions

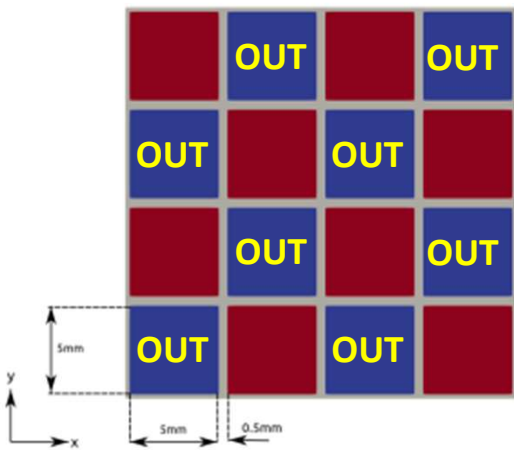


Flow in the **Hi-Fi TopO** Solution

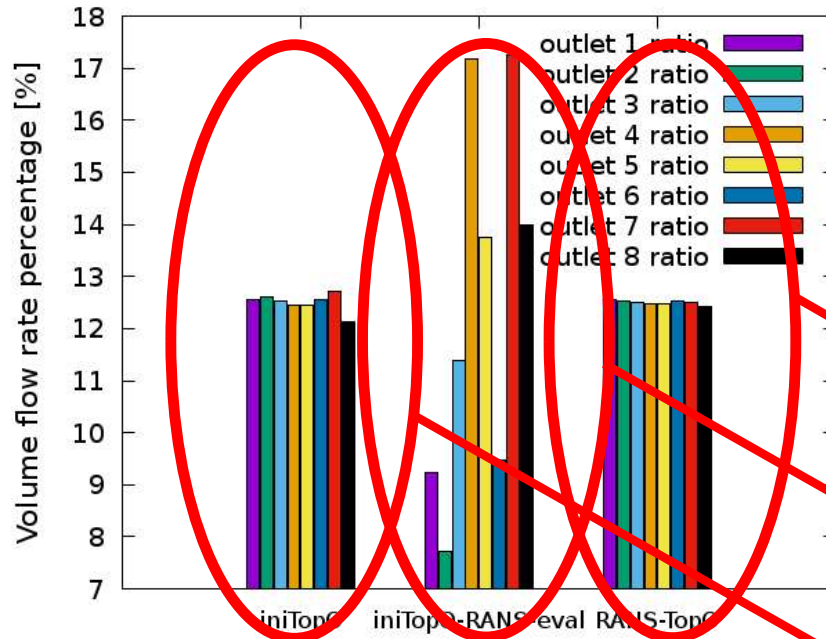
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TopO with CHT for the Design of a Bi-Fluid Heat Exchanger



How balanced volume flow-rates at the 8 blue exits are for the **Low-Fi TopO**?



Solution of **Hi-Fi TopO**

Outcome of **Low-Fi TopO**, re-evaluated with the **Hi-Fi S/W**

Solution of the **Low-Fi TopO**



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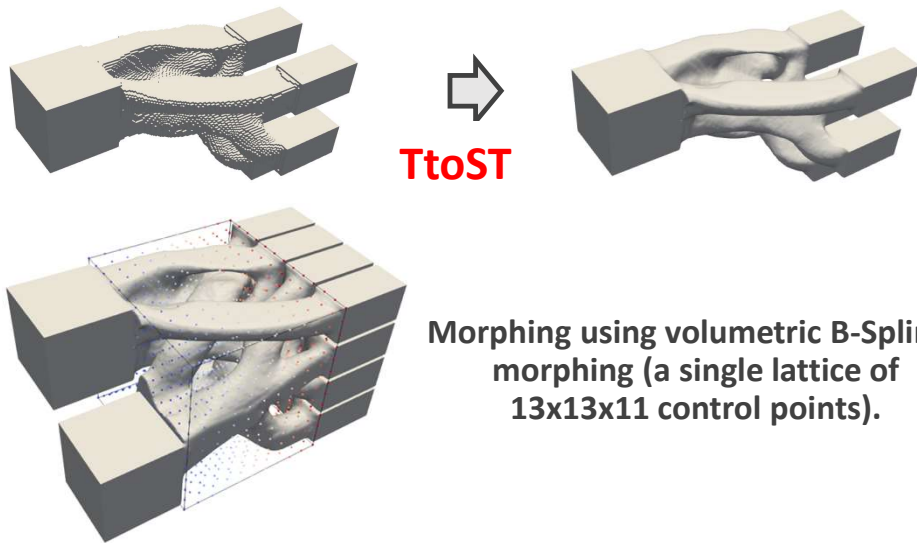
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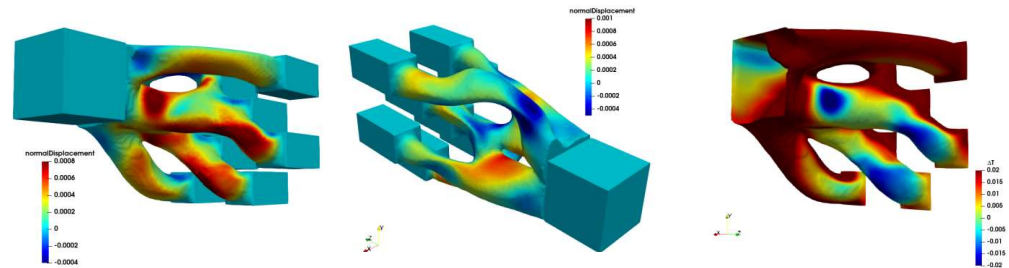
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Last step: A body-fitted grid is generated & **CHT ShpO** based on RANS is performed. This ends up with less ΔP_t by 30%, while maintaining the same amount of exchanged heat.

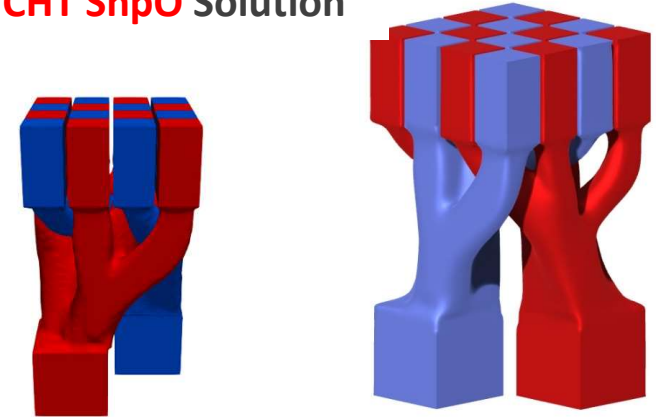


TtoST

Morphing using volumetric B-Splines morphing (a single lattice of 13x13x11 control points).



CHT ShpO Solution



CPU Cost on 128 Intel(R) Xeon(R) CPU E5-2630 v4 @ 2.20GHz cores:

- **Low-Fi TopO:** 1h (100 cycles)
- **Hi-Fi TopO:** 9.3 hours (50 cycles)
- **CHT RANS-ShpO:** 15.5 hours (15 cycles)

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Other Topics

- Uncertainty Quantification (UQ) based on Adjoint-Assisted Polynomial Chaos Expansion (APCE) & the Method of Moments (MoMs): First-Order Second-Moment (FOSM) & Second-Order Second-Moment (SOSM). Use of **projection-based variants of FOSM & APCE**, to be referred to as **pFOSM & pAPCE**, for gradient-based shape optimization, in the presence of uncertainties.
- Development of **accurate discretization schemes for the continuous adjoint equations**, inspired by (hand-differentiated) discrete adjoint.



Publicly Available Tools (in OpenFOAM):

Open  FOAM

Version	Contributions
v1906	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Adjoint to the incompressible, steady-state flows• Adjoint to the Spalart-Allmaras turbulence model• Computation of sensitivity maps
v1912	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Surface/volume parameterization using volumetric B-Splines• Automated shape optimization loop
v2006	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• New objective function for noise minimization
v2112	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Smoothing of sensitivity maps using a Laplace-Beltrami operator
v2206	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Adjoint to the k-ω SST turbulence model

The latest version of the software can be downloaded from
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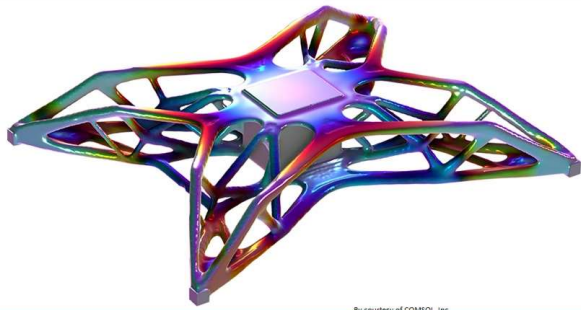
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