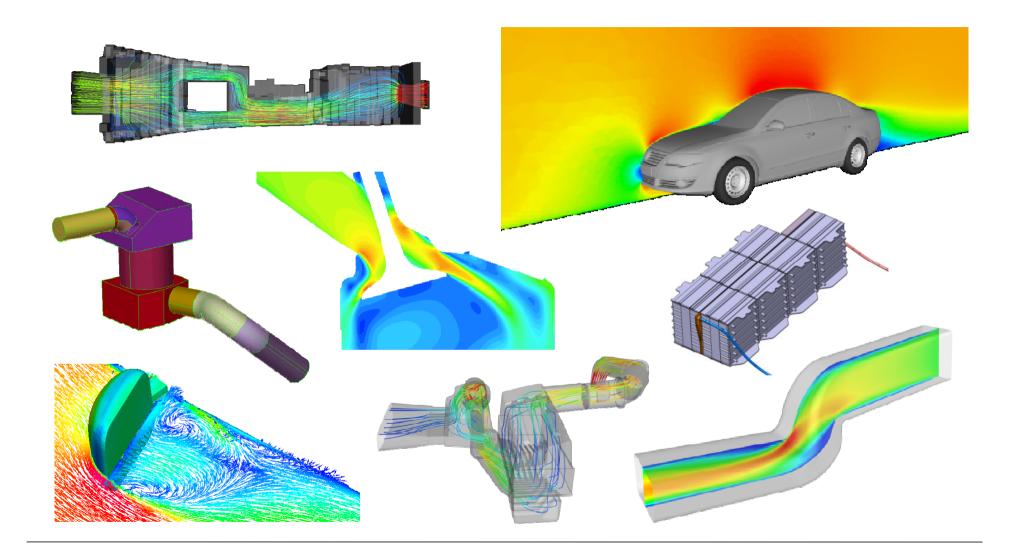


# **FLOWHEAD: Industrial Requirements and Test Cases**

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#### **Ubiquity of CFD in Automotive Development**



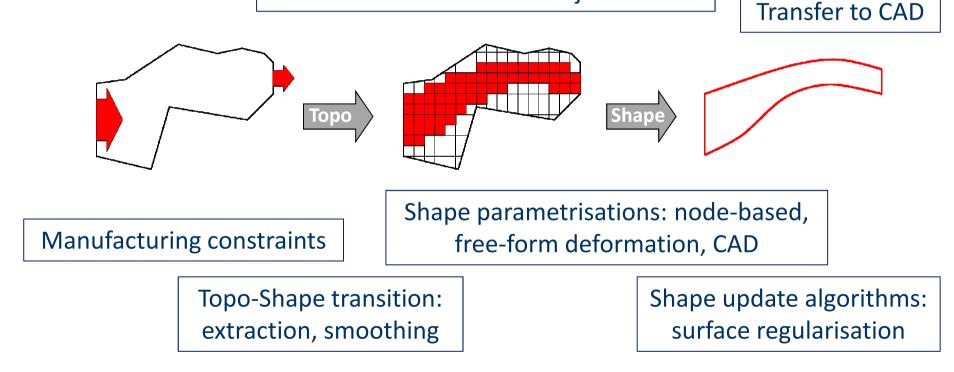
### **Elements of an Adjoint-based Process Chain**



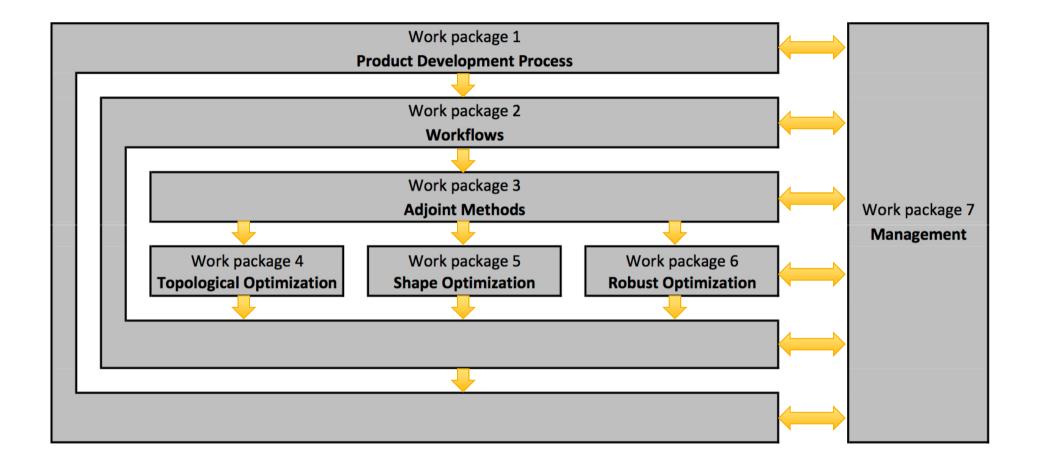
Optimisation algorithm

Robust optimisation

• 2004: Adjoint-based automotive fluid dynamic optimization chain proposed:



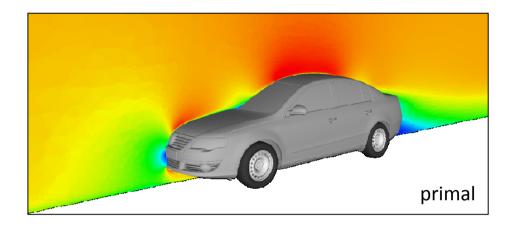
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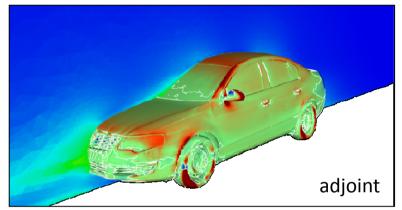


## **External Aerodynamics: Full Vehicle**



• Full car model of the previous Volkswagen Passat



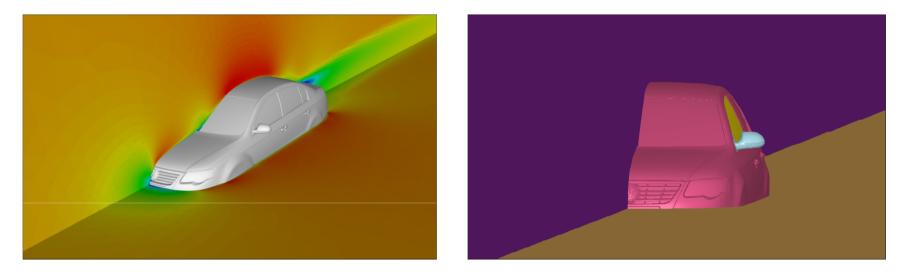


- Objectives:
  - drag reduction
  - rear lift reduction
- 17 Mio. volume cells, surface resolution 5-15mm, Reynolds number ~10<sup>6</sup>

## **External Aerodynamics: Side Mirror Aeroacoustics**



• One quarter of the previous Volkswagen Passat

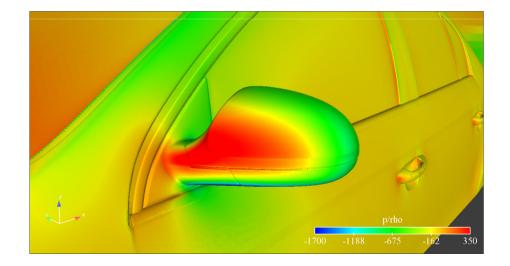


- Objective:
  - Reduction of RANS-based aeroacoustic cost function (nu<sub>t</sub>, wall shear stress on the side window)
- adjoint turbulence model required

## **External Aerodynamics: Side Mirror Aeroacoustics**



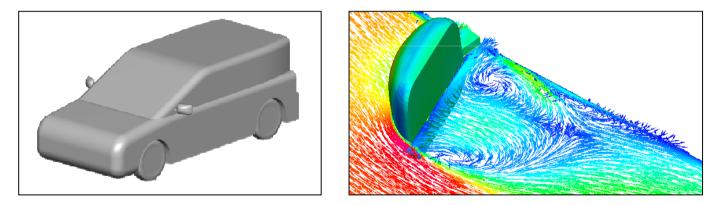
- Model characteristics:
  - Prism layers all over the car (first height ~0.01mm, y+ ~1)
  - 23 Mio. volume cells, surface resolution: 2-15mm
  - Reynolds number ~10<sup>6</sup>



## **External Aerodynamics: Parametric Mirror**



- Side mirror mounted on a simplified car model, fully CAD-parametric
- Objectives:
  - Reduction of local (mirror) drag and overall drag
  - Reduction of mirror noise

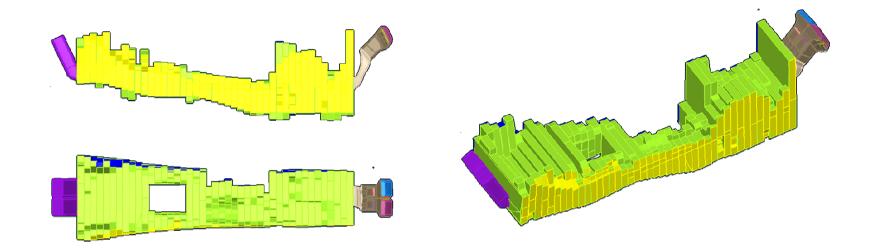


- Geometric variations restricted to the mirror itself
- 15 Mio. volume cells, Reynolds number ~10<sup>6</sup>

### **Airduct: Design Domain**



• Packaging space for a centre console duct of the current VW Golf Plus

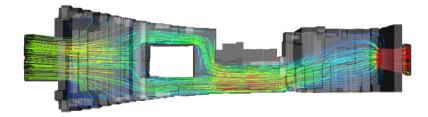


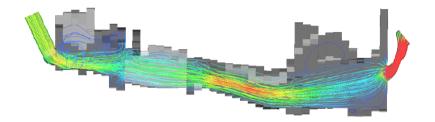
- Objectives and constraints:
  - Reduction of pressure drop
  - Volume constraint

### **Airduct: Design Domain**



- Model characteristics:
  - 5 Mio. volume cells
  - Reynolds number ~10<sup>4</sup>
- One or two pipes possible: **Topology** optimisation

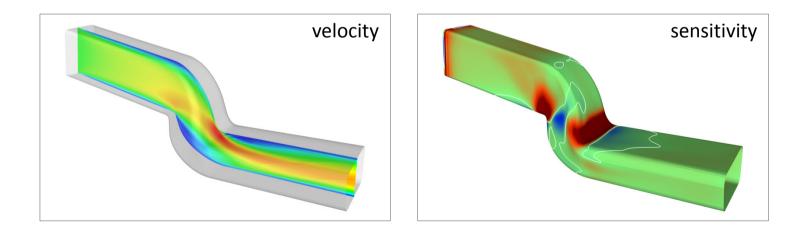




#### **Airduct: S-Bend Testcase**



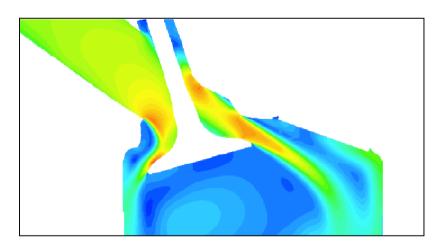
- Segment of an airduct
- Objective function: pressure drop
- Topo and shape optimisation test case
- both laminar and turbulent (Re ~10<sup>4</sup>) set-up
- Benchmark case for the different FlowHead solvers

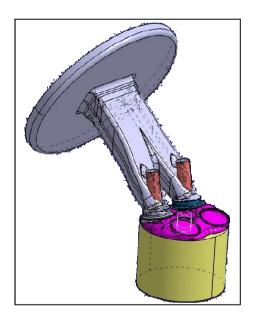


### **Engine CFD: Intake Port**



- Intake port optimisation
- Objective function: Tumble motion (angular momentum of the flow) inside the combustion chamber
- Geometric variations restricted to duct itself

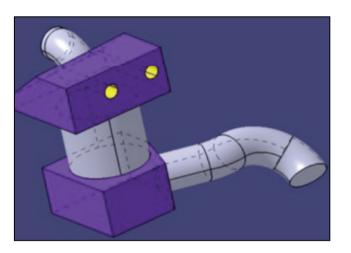


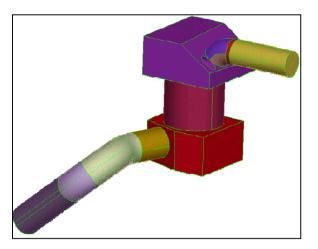


### **Engine CFD: CAD to CAE Interface Test Case**

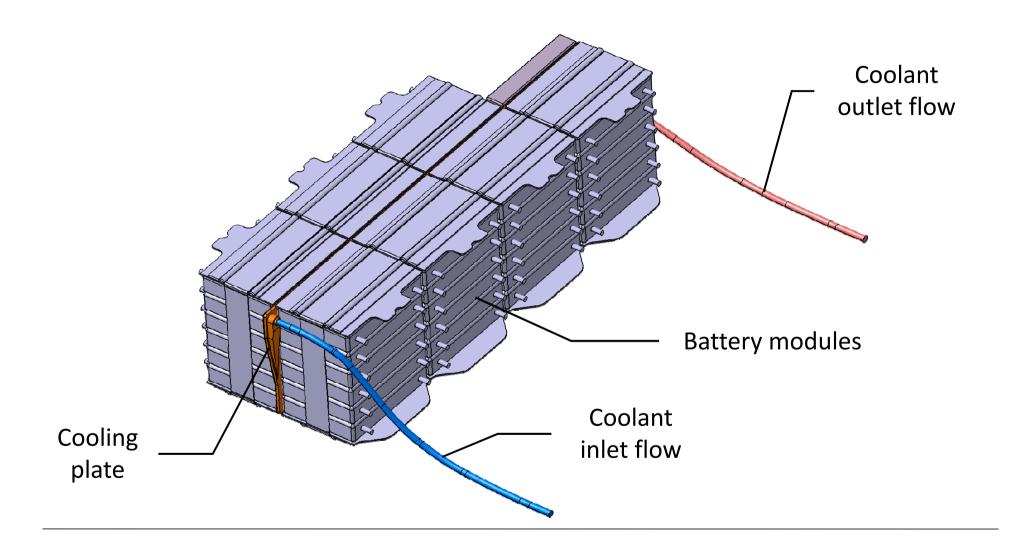


- Catalytic converter
- CAD geometry: design domain + fully designed parts
- Generated to develop CAD/CAE interface with TU Sofia

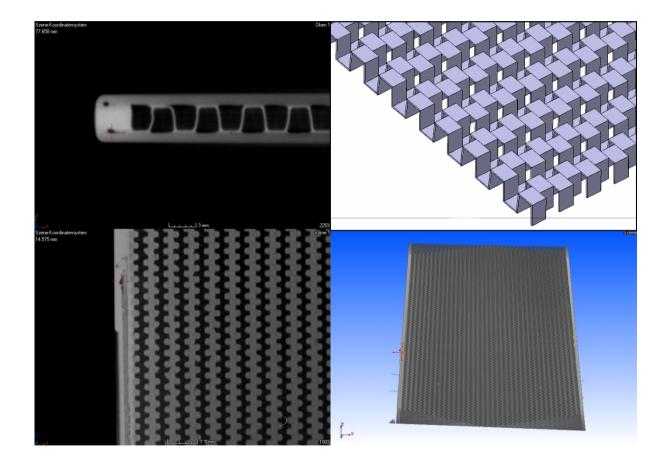




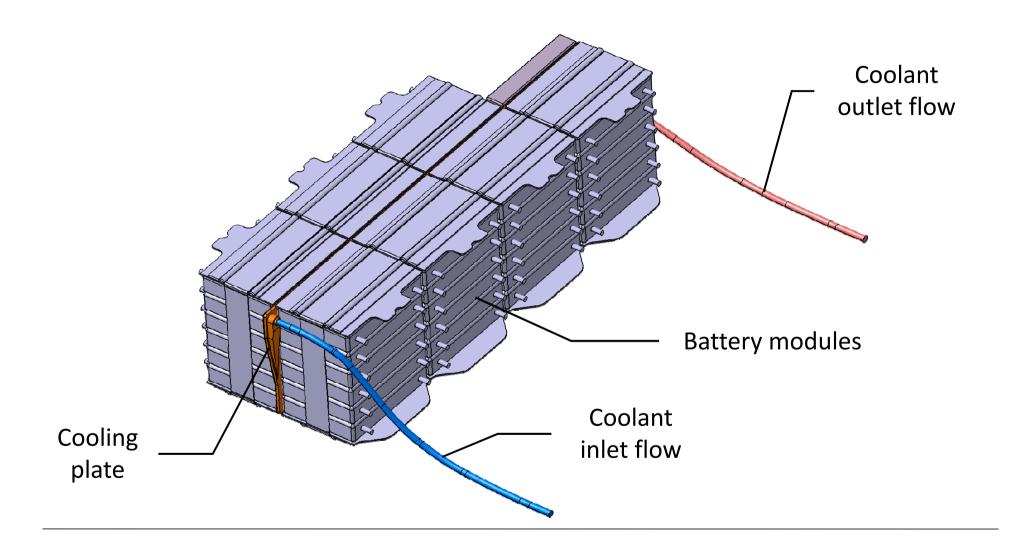
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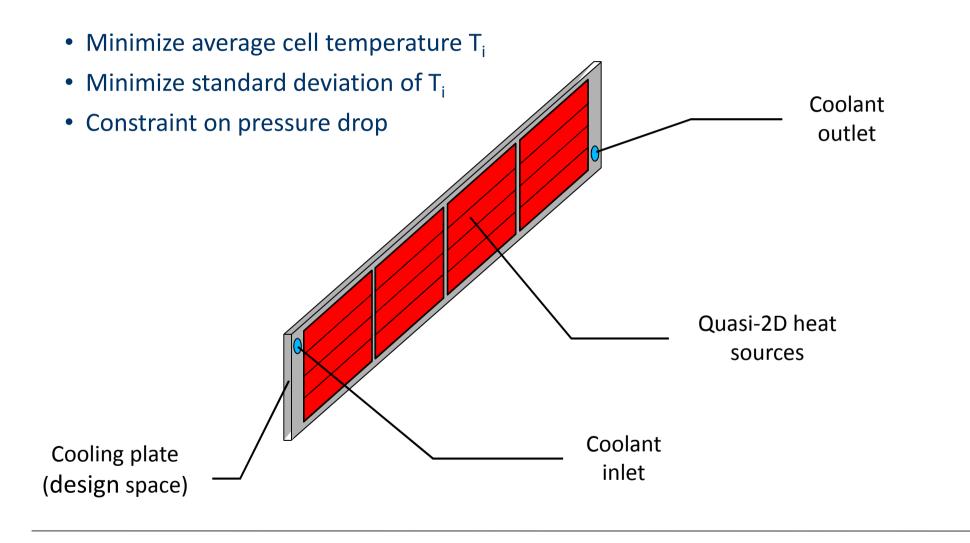
#### Heat Transfer Test Case: Actual Design



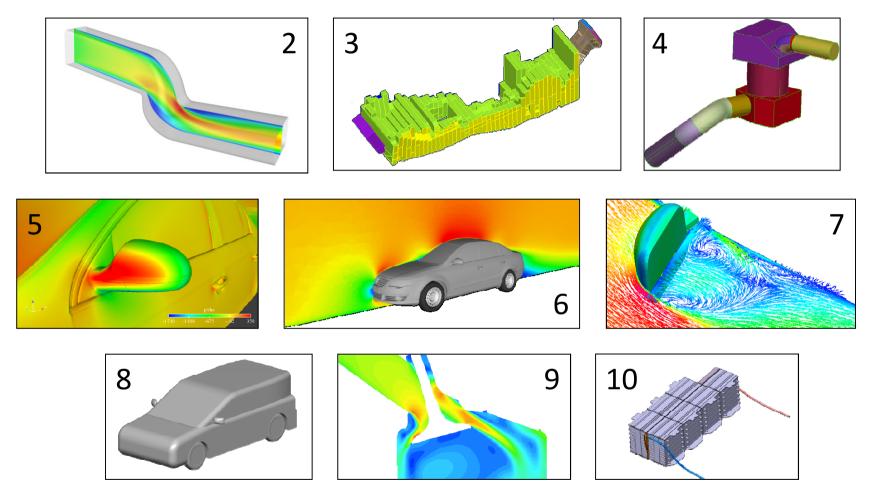
#### **Heat Transfer Test Case: Battery Cooling**



#### Heat Transfer Test Case: Simplification to 2D



#### **Test cases: Overview**



• Steady-state incompressible RANS

### **Elements of an Adjoint-based Process Chain**

