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# **Improving the Propulsive Performance of Ships**

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**Red Cedar's "Optimize This" Conference  
Dearborn, Michigan, October 15, 2014**

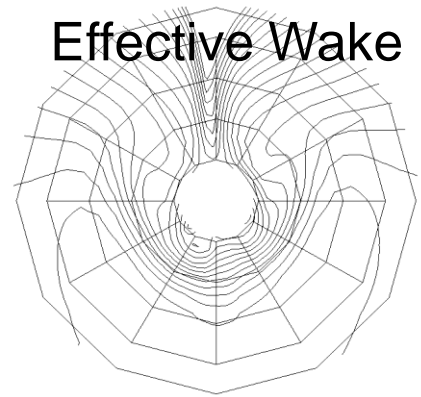
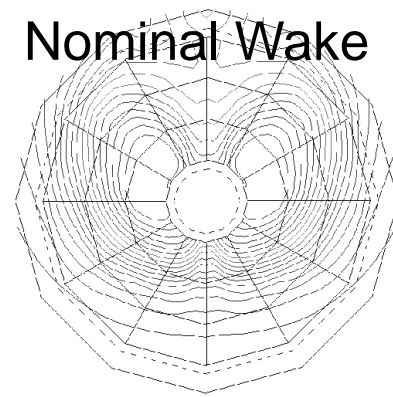
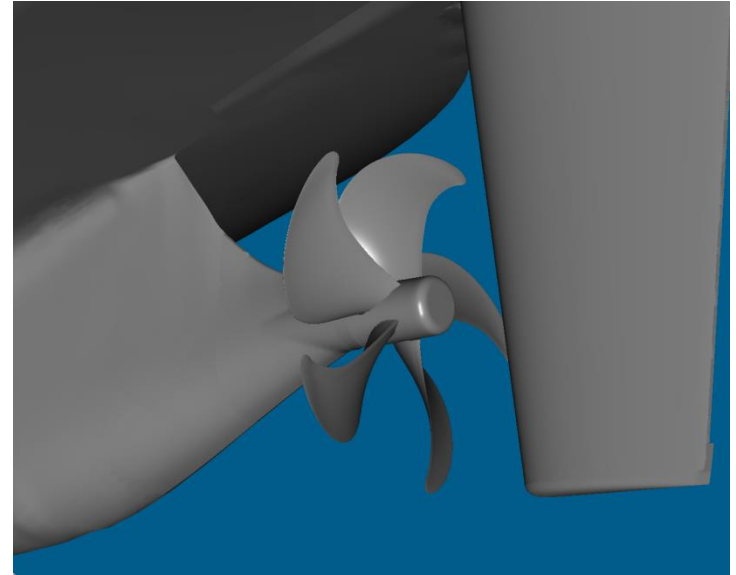
# The Maritime Classification Business

- Insurance companies and international safety & environmental regulatory agencies require expensive and potentially hazardous assets like ships and offshore structures meet design and operational standards set by unbiased and technically competent third parties (“Classification Societies”).
- Designs and owners must meet the rules set forth by Class, and their assets maintained to the Class standard.
- Class Societies offer various services to improve competitiveness. One of ABS’s advantages is state-of-the-art technology to help owners and operators make difficult design decisions.
- Two of the most advanced and versatile technologies available for towards that end are Computational Fluid Dynamics (CFD) and performance improvement.



# Biggest Challenge: Propeller Design

- Propellers operate in the non-uniform viscous wake of a hull.
- Optimal propellers need to be designed in their true operating environment.
- Today's state-of-the-art still assumes steady inflow with corrections for spatial and temporal averages of inflow.
- Hull wake is only available at model scale.



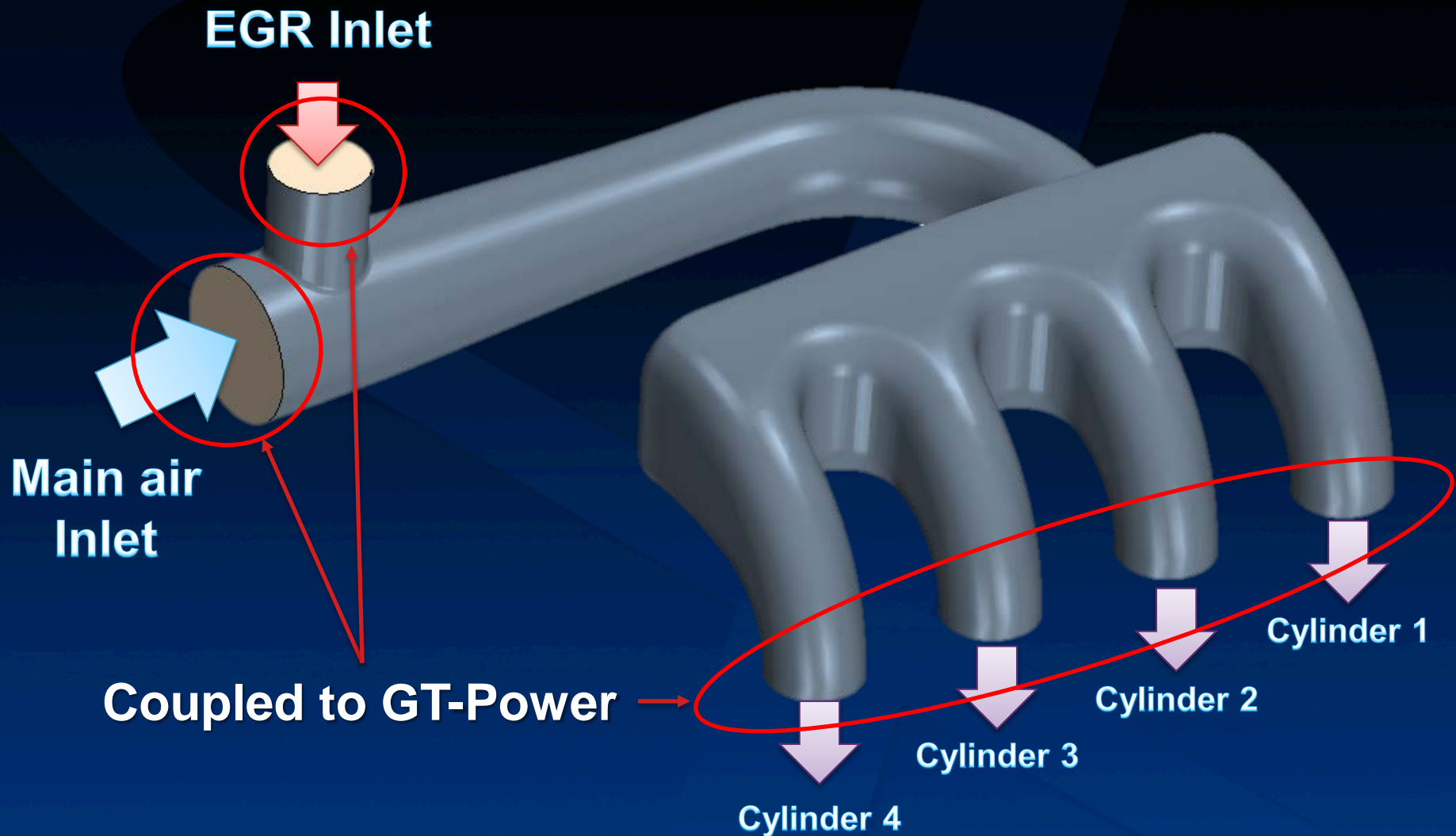


Improving Manifold Design  
Through Design Exploration  
and Co-simulation

- **Two studies presented to demonstrate how HEEDS technology may be used to improve designs involving co-simulation**
- **Design exploration of an inlet manifold**
  - GT-SUITE 1D engine performance model
  - STAR-CCM+ 3D CFD air flow model & 3D internal CAD model
  - Optimate+ for process integration & design exploration
- **Design exploration of an exhaust manifold**
  - NX CAD model
  - Abaqus 3D structural/thermal model
  - STAR-CCM+ 3D CFD air flow model
  - HEEDS for process integration & design exploration

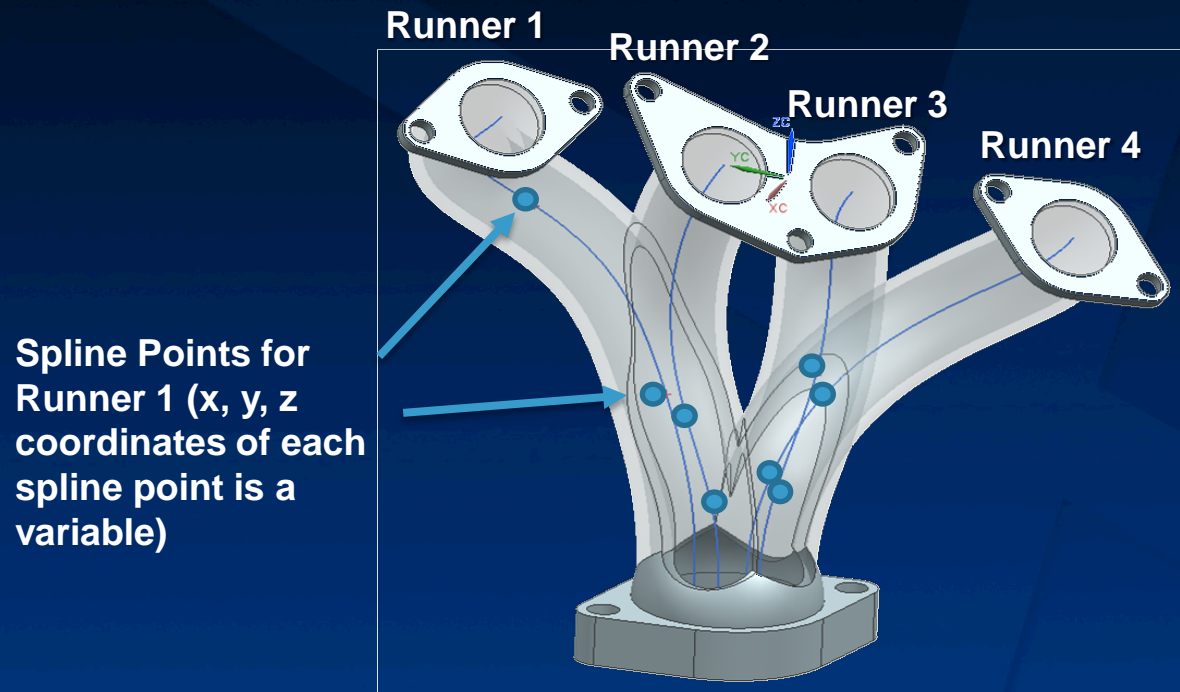


# Case 1 – Inlet manifold



## Case 2 – Exhaust manifold

- **Parametric 3D geometry modelled in Siemens NX CAD**
  - Each of the four runners is defined using a spline
  - The points defining the spline are varied by + or – 10% of the baseline position
    - x, y, z coordinates of two interior points for four runners (24 variables in total)



# Multi-Objective Optimization of a 3R Robotic Manipulator Equipped with Nonlinear Transmission Joints

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# The aim



Investigate the possibility of using a nonlinear transmission joint in a robotic arm to decrease the power consumption of the arm while maintaining (or potentially improving) manipulability and payload performance, by exploiting the unique characteristics of the joint.

# Agenda

- The nonlinear transmission joint
- The 3R manipulator
- Inverse Kinematics & Manipulability Ellipsoid Analysis
- The optimization setup
- Results
- Conclusion

# Collaborative Design Optimization Process



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- 1 Introduction**  
*Mass reduction feasibility study*

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- 2 Weight Optimization**  
*Strategies, CAE Based Optimization*

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- 3 Collaborative Optimization Process**  
*Sub-systems, Full Vehicle, Optimization Stages*

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- 4 Strategy Analysis**  
*Sub-systems and Full Vehicle Strategies*

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- 5 Cost Impact**  
*MDO Output, Optimized LWV*

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- 6 LWV Performance Assessment**  
*Trade-off*

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- 7 References**

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- Weight Reduction Studies initiated by EPA
  - Collaborative optimization carried out for:
    - Toyota Venza, mid size cross over utility (CUV)
    - Pick-up Truck
  - The studies were performed by considering the following parameters:
    - Only technologies and techniques currently feasible for manufacturability were considered
    - Options had to be cost effective for a MY 2017, 2020 high volume production vehicles respectively <sup>[1]</sup>.
    - The vehicle NVH modal characteristics and crash performance had to be maintained
    - The total cost impact needed to be minimal
    - The overall vehicle safety performance had to be maintained

- Weight Reduction Scope
  - Body-In-White (BIW), a prime system typically comprises of 20-25% of the total curb weight
    - Uni-Body, typically cabin BIW (e.g: Sedan, CUV, ...)
    - Body-On-Frame, typically pick-up trucks
  - Closures & Bumpers
    - Doors, Fenders, Hood and Tailgate
    - Front and Rear Bumpers
  - The weight reduction and cost effects <sup>[5]</sup> of multiple lightweight designs were analyzed and evaluated together using advanced optimization and engineering tools
  - **This presentation is about the processes used for the evaluation of the body system**
    - Sub-systems and Integrated Full Vehicle
  - **Utilizing advanced cooperative optimization computer-aided engineering (CAE) tools including HEEDS MDO**



# Recent Developments in Evolutionary Multi-objective Optimization

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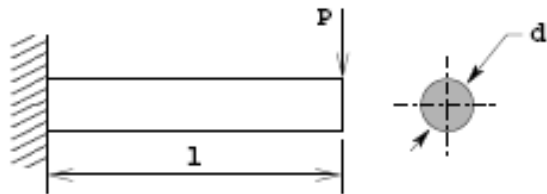
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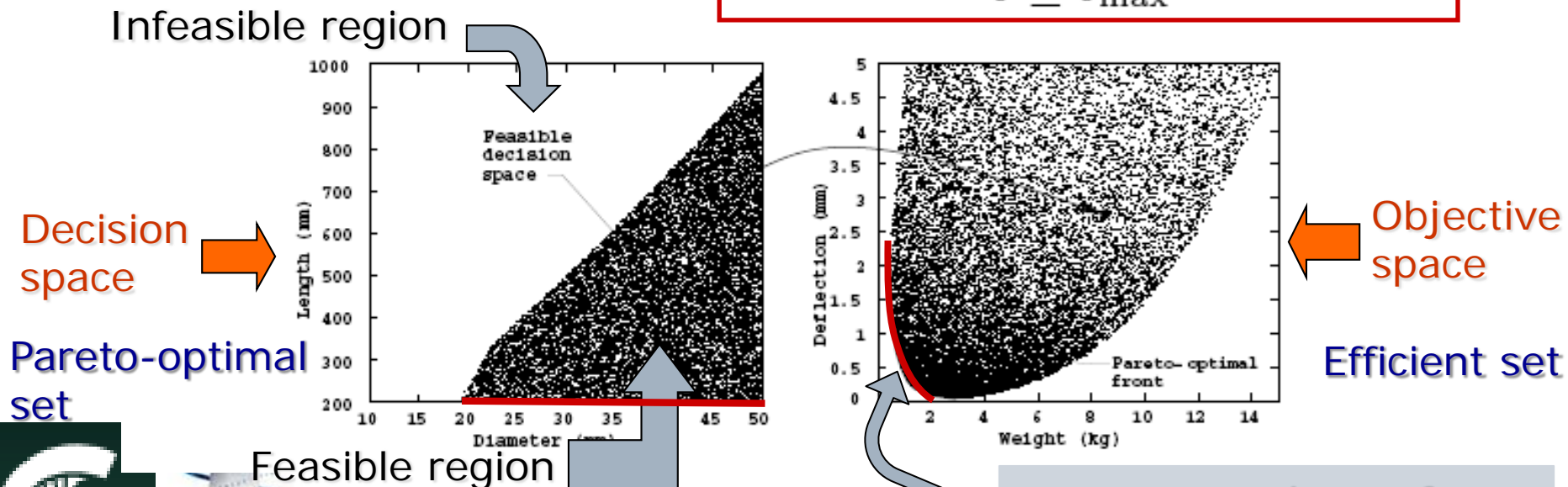
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# Multi-Objective Optimization



$$\begin{aligned} &\text{Minimize } f_1(d, l) = \rho \frac{\pi d^2}{4} l \\ &\text{Minimize } f_2(d, l) = \delta = \frac{64Pl^3}{3E\pi d^4} \\ &\text{subject to } \sigma_{\max} \leq S_y \\ &\quad \delta \leq \delta_{\max} \end{aligned}$$



A number of  
solutions are optimal



# *Using HEEDS to Determine Required System Complexity Early in the Design Cycle*

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- We are all familiar with how to use HEEDS to find the optimal solution to a design project.
- But can HEEDS be used to help define the system topology early on in the design cycle?
- This presentation shows an example on how HEEDS was used to not only find a feasible solution, but also how it was used to determine that a cheaper damper could be used.

# Factors, objectives and constraints

- Requirement summary:
  - Find ride elements that:
    - Satisfy the constraints
    - Optimizes the ride criteria

Simulation	Constraint	#
10" half-round GVW	Vertical accel	4
10" half-round CVW	Vertical accel	4
Drop-off GVW	Ride frequencies	4
	Ride damping	4
Drop-off CVW	Ride frequencies	4
	Ride damping	4
Offroad CVW	Absorbed power	4
Offroad GVW	Absorbed power	4
Step steer	Yaw overshoot	1
	Roll overshoot	1
	Yaw damping	1
	Roll damping	1
Constant radius	Understeer gradient	2
	Max lateral accel	1
	Roll gradient	1
<b>Total</b>		<b>40</b>



Factors		
Front	Dual rate spring	5
	Position sensitive damper	13
	Anti-roll bar	3
	Geometry	3
Rear	Dual rate spring	5
	Position sensitive damper	13
	Anti-roll bar	3
	Geometry	1
<b>Total</b>		<b>46</b>

Objective: Minimize the sum of the ride measures

# Safety Driven Optimization of Offshore Platform Orientation for Oil & Gas

Gerard Reynolds

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# Background Information

- Type: Tension Leg Platform (TLP)
- Size: 300 ft x 300 ft x 100 ft
- Personnel on Board: 180
- Access: 90 min by Helicopter
- Cost: \$3.5 bn
- Production: \$10 MM/day



# Consequences



Piper Alpha



Thunderhorse



Deepwater Horizon



Petronas 36

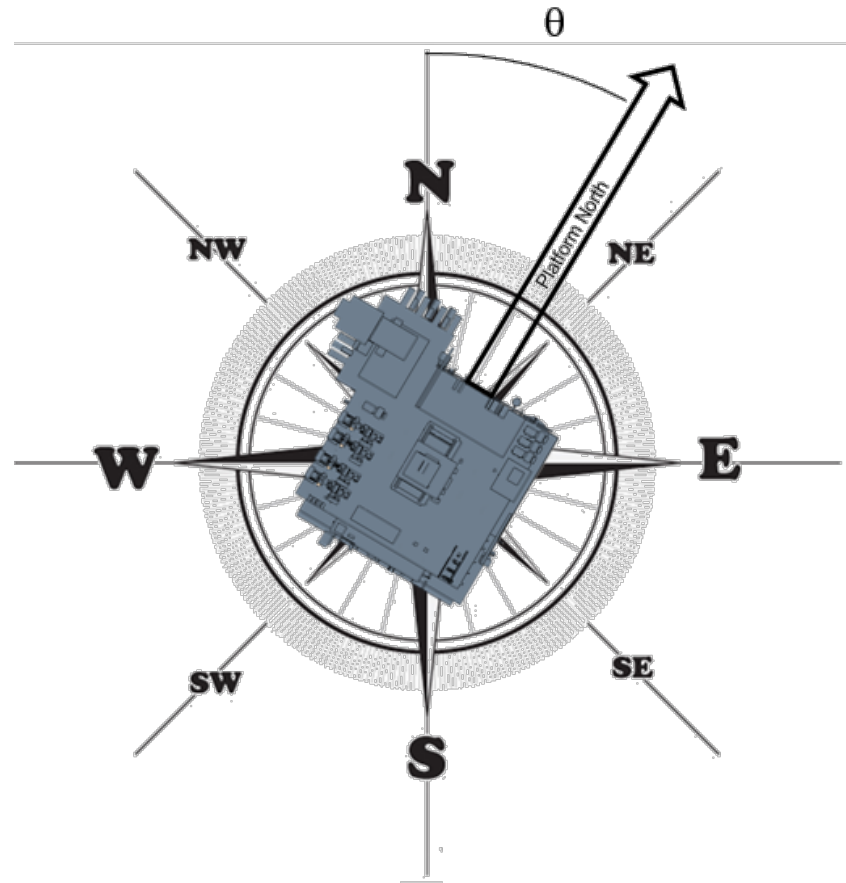
# Problem Statement

Considering:

- Ventilation
- Helideck Impairment from Turbine Exhaust

Find:

- Optimum Platform Orientation



# **HEEDS/ DARS-Basic Global Mechanism Optimization**

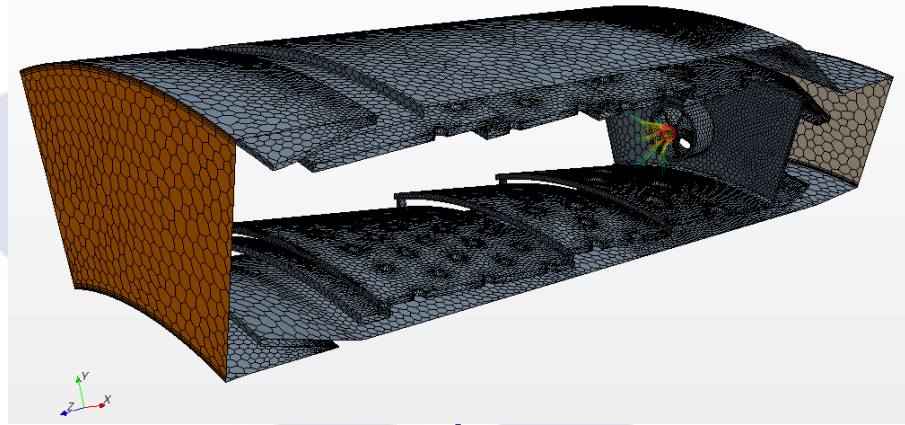
Megan Karalus, PhD

# Why optimize a global mechanism?

**Simple  
Chemistry**

**STAR-CCM+**

**Predict  
CO Emissions  
Flame Behavior**







# Centrifugal Pump Optimization

Chad Custer



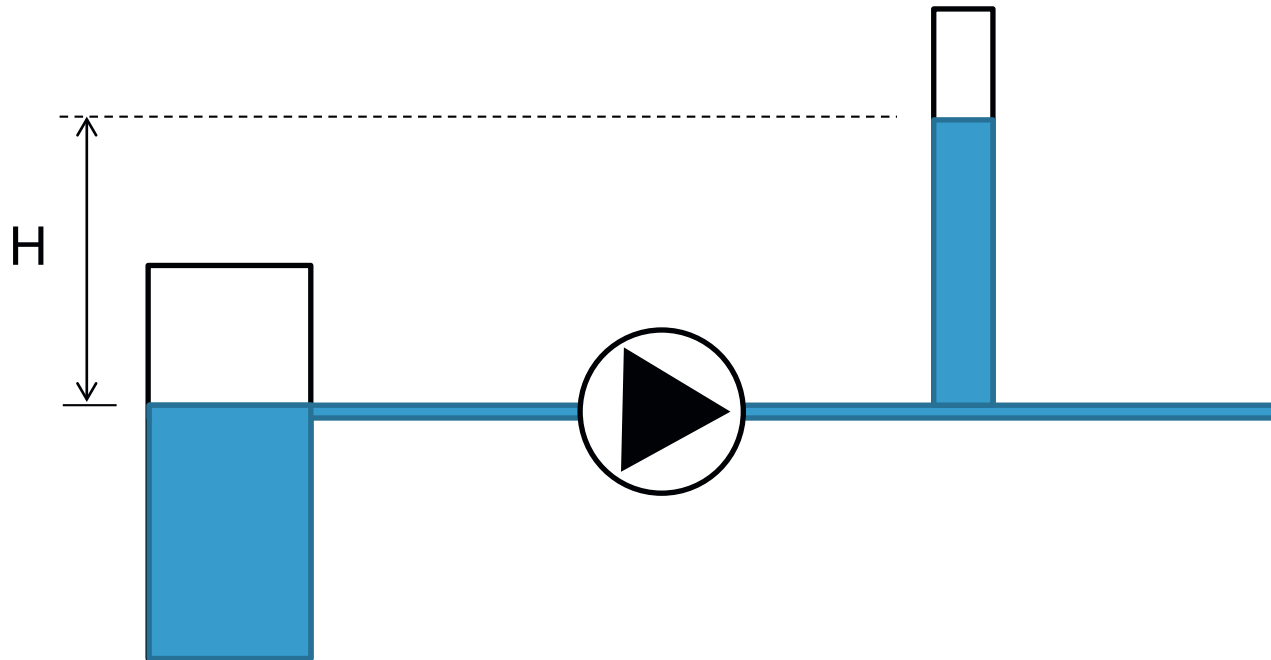
# Outline

- ⊗ **Background**
- ⊗ **Optimization objective**
- ⊗ **Analysis tools**
- ⊗ **Results**

# Background

## ⊗ Pumps are designed to:

- Move a certain volume of liquid
- Produce a certain exit pressure, which is measured in meters of head



# Background

- ⊗ **Reducing the power required to drive the pump:**
  - Allows for a smaller motor
  - Reduces operating cost
- ⊗ **A small reduction in required power translates to large cost savings**



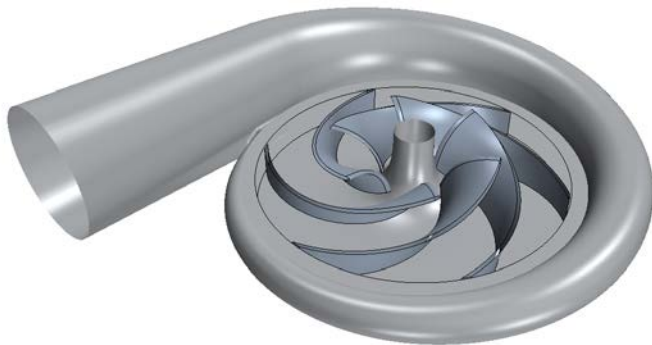
# Optimization Statement

## Objective

1. Reduce the power required to drive the pump

## Constraints

- ⊗ Retrofit the impeller only (same casing)
- ⊗ Maintain the specified volumetric flow rate
- ⊗ Maintain the specified outlet pressure



### Existing Design

Flow rate = 400 m<sup>3</sup>/h

Pressure head = 30 m

Power required = 38.4 kW





**Making use of Advanced  
Simulation to Support Race  
Car Testing**



# 2014 - BTCC



**Quantel**  
**Bifold**  
BTCC RACING TEAM

# Testing Programme

- The current generation of BTCC car has not tested at Guadix before
- Drivers Marc Hynes and Sam Tordoff had not been to Guadix before
- 2009 was Triple Eights last visit to the circuit for which we have a lot of historical data
- How did we approach these issues with simulation?



# Circuito Guadix

## European Race Track

- Commonly used for testing
- Located in southern Spain
- New to 888 Racing
- How to prepare both cars and drivers for testing?





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