

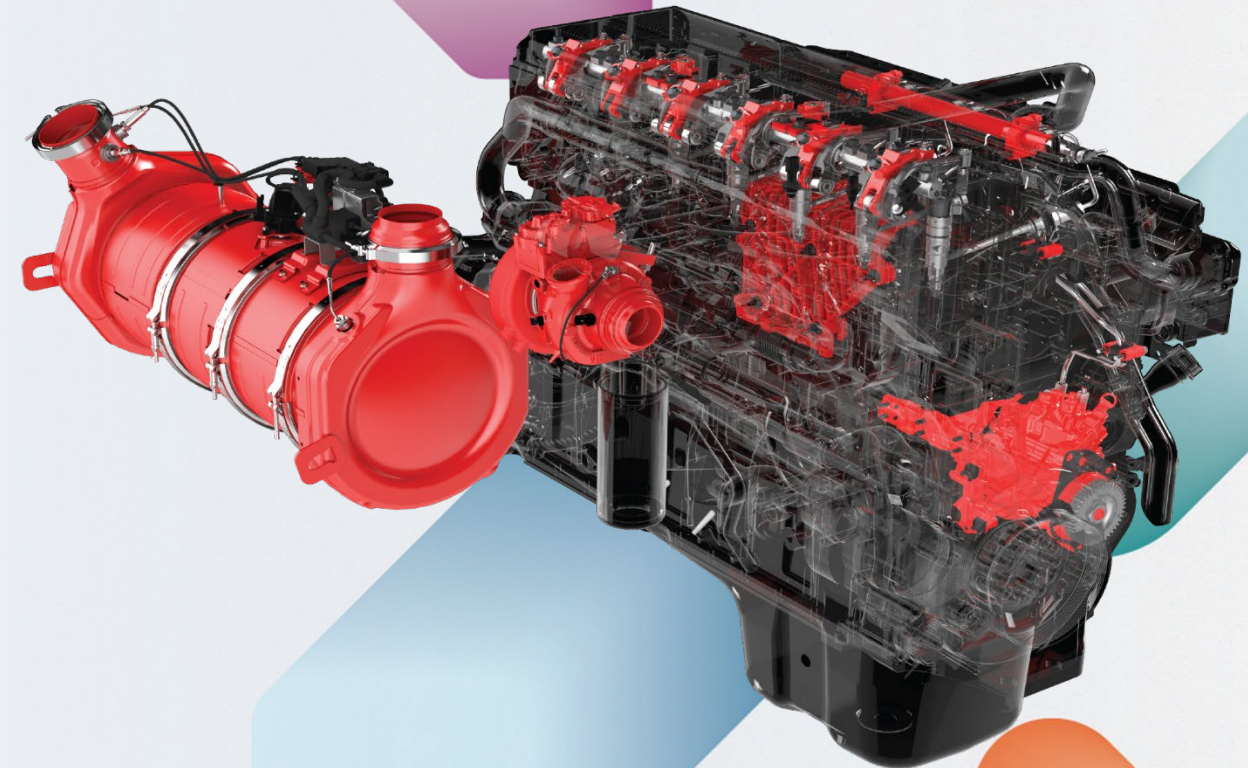


Scaling Simulation Impact in a Small Team using modeFRONTIER, VOLTA and Runbox

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Outline

Focus:

Practical, real-world use cases
Rather than system architecture

2 MINUTES

Cummins – Who we are

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MDO Activities in the DTB

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3 MINUTES

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Summary



Who we are

Powering a more prosperous world

190 Countries and territories*

67,400 Global employees

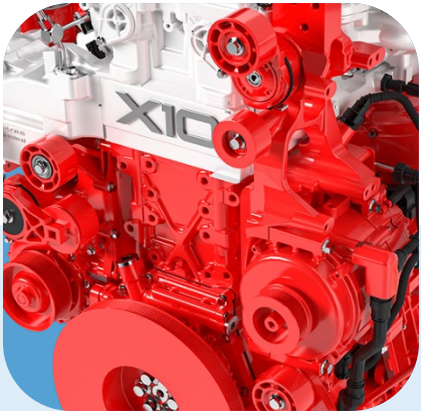
107 Years of industry leadership

13,000 Cummins certified dealer locations

** Approximation of countries and territories with Cummins service.
As published in the 2025 10K found on cummins.com.*

Five operating segments

Cummins has a long track record of delivering leading power solutions. As we look ahead, we know our industries and regions will continue to change, and we are committed to bringing our customers the right technology at the right time.



Engine



Power Systems



Components



Distribution



Accelera™ by Cummins

Components of a more powerful tomorrow


Providing dependable powertrain component technologies for today, tomorrow, and beyond



Two large red cylindrical emission control components, one with a complex internal structure and the other with a smoother exterior, are shown against a white background.

Cummins Emission Solutions

Reliable aftertreatment systems and technologies to meet or exceed emissions regulations and custom integration capabilities for unique challenges



A collection of engine components including a silver electronic control unit, a fuel injector, a red turbocharger, and a red water pump, all shown against a white background.

Cummins Components and Software

Leading engine components that deliver reliable software, hardware, air handling, fuel injection, and valvetrain performance – creating custom integrations for complex solutions



Two silver drivetrain components, including a differential and a brake assembly, are shown against a white background.

Cummins Drivetrain and Braking Systems

Dependable drivetrain systems leading the industry across axles, brakes, suspensions, drivelines, and aftermarket parts.

Aftertreatment solutions

CUMMINS EMISSIONS SOLUTIONS

Leading

Global designer, integrator, manufacturer and distributor of exhaust aftertreatment systems and components

20+

Years of aftertreatment experience

13

Manufacturing facilities

AND

7

Technical centers around the globe

CORE TECHNOLOGIES



Diesel Oxidation Catalyst (DOC)



Diesel Particulate Filter (DPF) Filter



Selective Catalytic Reduction (SCR) System



Doser Technology



Ammonia delivery system



Controls



Thermal Management

Multiple **integration programs** with non-Cummins OEMs and engine manufacturers

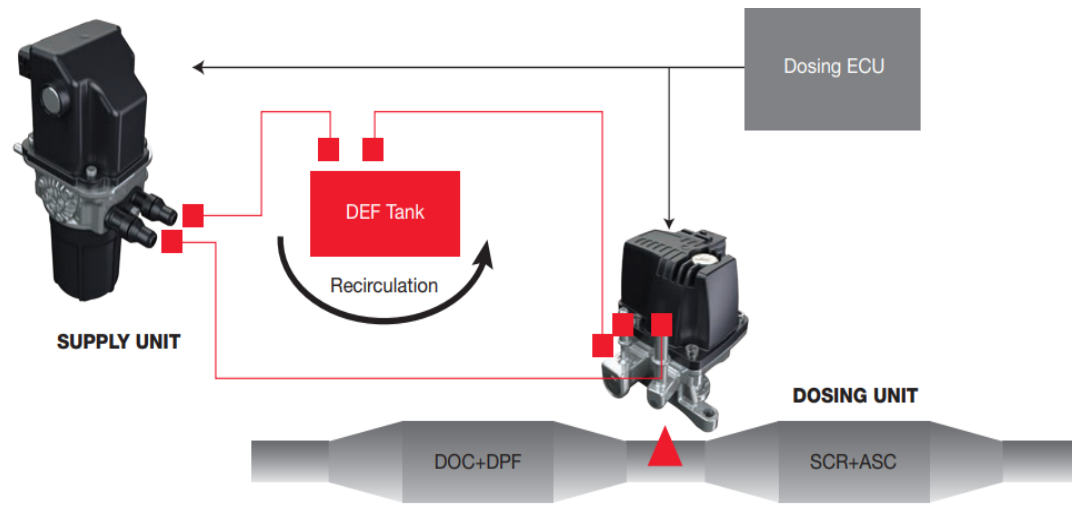


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Doser Technology Business

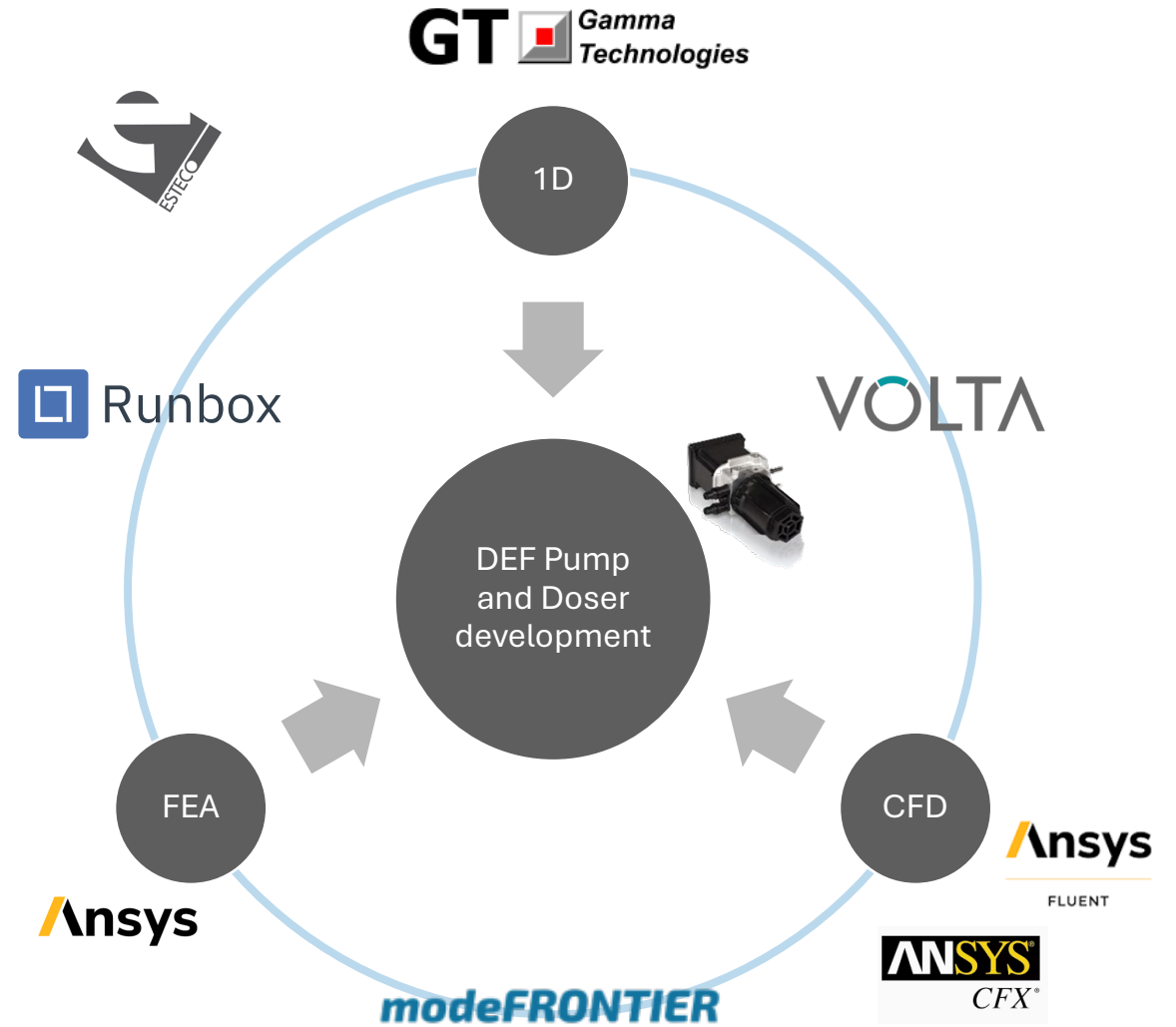
Simulation Driven Product Development of SCR Dosing Systems



SCR Single Dosing System

ASC = Ammonia Slip Catalyst
 DOC = Diesel Oxidation Catalyst
 ECU = Engine Control Unit

DEF = Diesel Exhaust Fluid
 DPF = Diesel Particulate Filter
 SCR = Selective Catalytic Reduction



Why automation & democratization are necessary

Effective Support of the design team



AI generated picture



Decision windows are short

Design questions arise early – but expert analysis is usually available too late.



Experts are a bottleneck

Repetitive simulation tasks consume SME capacity needed for method development and validation.



Single results do not support decisions

Designers need sensitivities and trends, not isolated simulation reports.



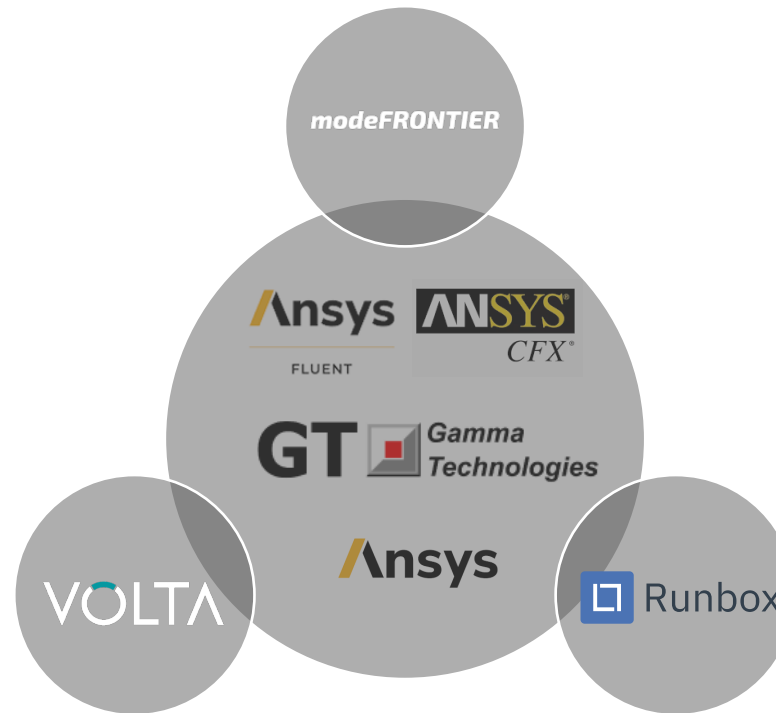
Our approach addresses these constraints – not by simplifying physics, but by restructuring workflows.

How the following examples fit into our framework

Supporting the product development of DEF pumps and dosers

Core Activities

- Multidisciplinary Design Optimization (MDO)
- Workflow Automation & Process Integration
- Coupling of Simulation Models (CFD, FEM, System Models)
- Design Exploration (DoE, Surrogate Models)
- Robust Design & Sensitivity Analysis

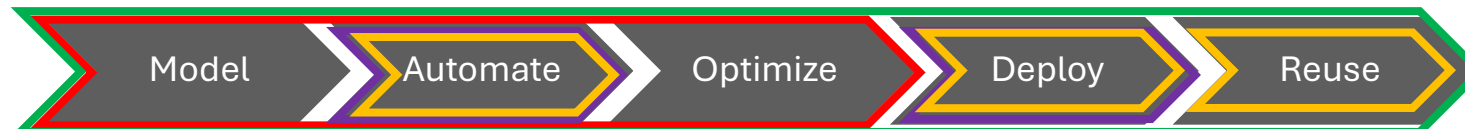


Value Creation & Scaling

- Standardized and reusable workflows
- Reduced analysis lead times
- Improved consistency and traceability
- Deployment via VOLTA for non-expert users (Democratization)
- Cross-team availability of analytical methods

Examples will follow

Temperature Field Simulations
Pump Membrane
Swirl Atomizer Development
Suction Performance



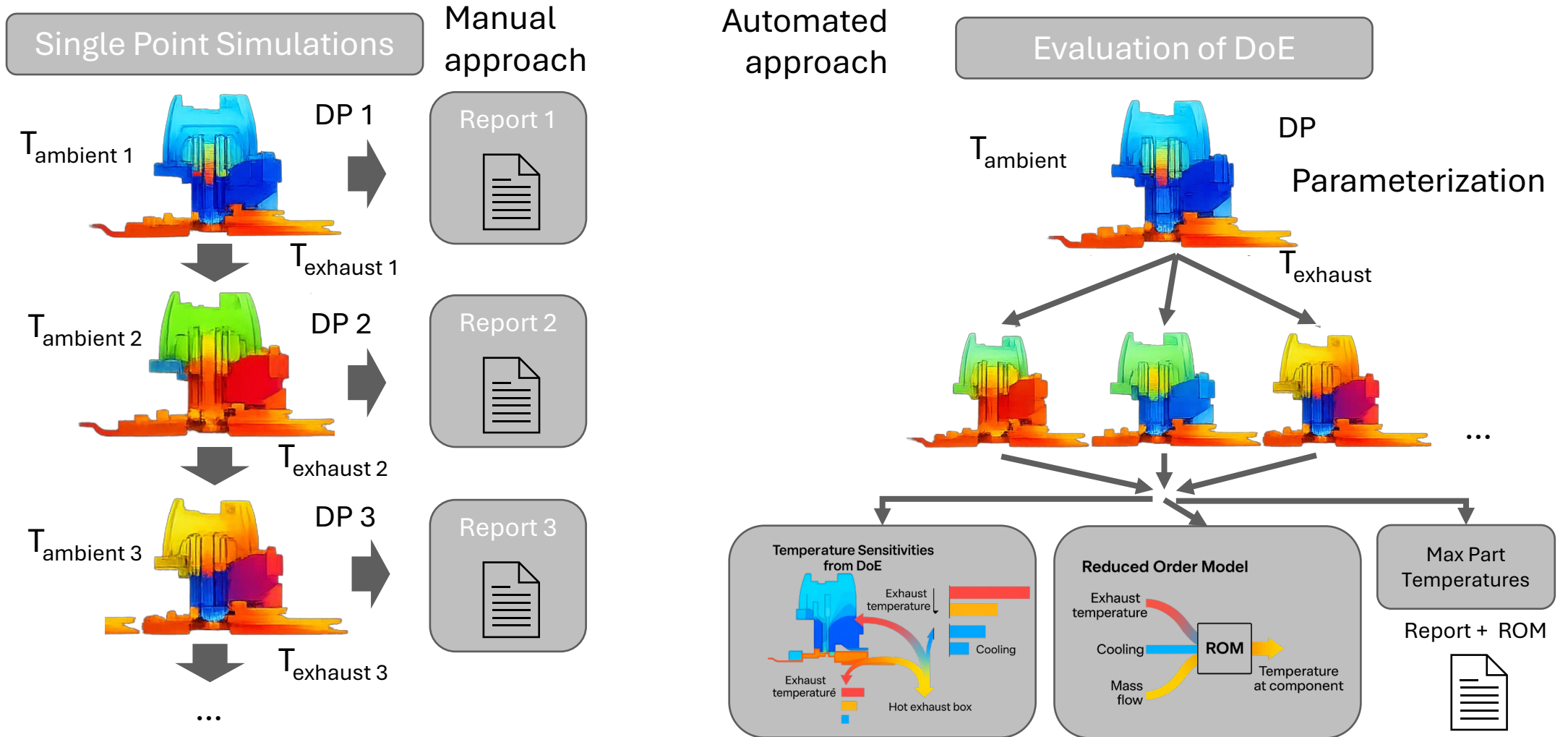


Example – Temperature Field Simulations

From Single Simulations to Design Space Understanding

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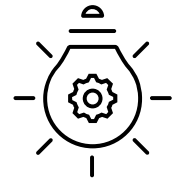
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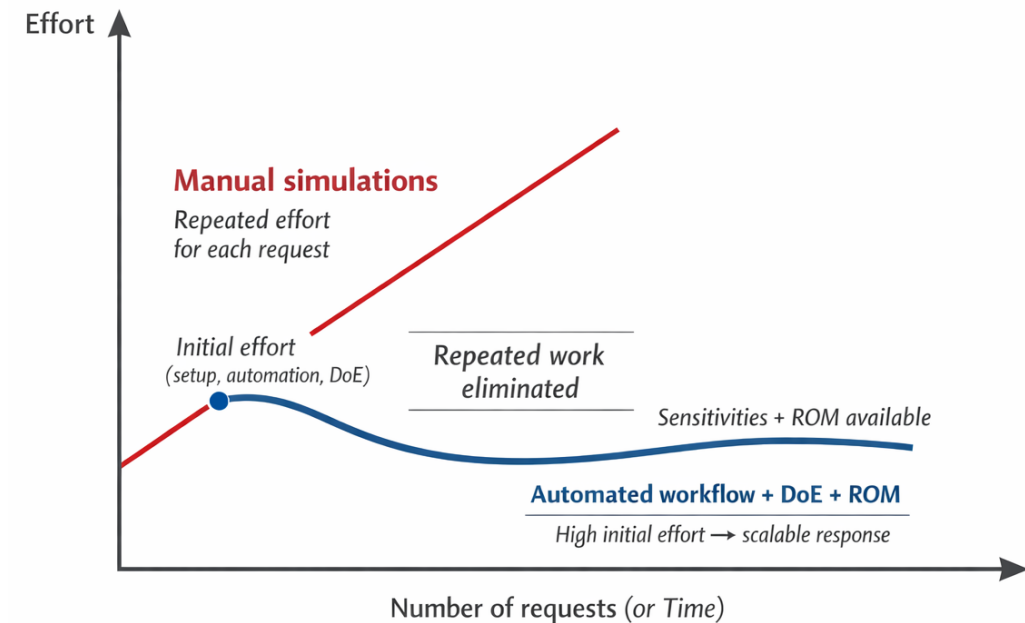
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Key
Takeaways



Key Takeaway – Temperature Field Simulations

- Repeated design questions exposed a structural inefficiency: manual single-point simulations created high effort and slow response times.
- By automating and parameterizing the workflow, we invested more effort upfront – but shifted from delivering single results to providing sensitivities and reduced order models.
- This enabled faster decision-making and eventually reduced the need for direct analyst involvement.



We shifted effort from repeated execution to one-time preparation – and that changed the scalability completely.



Example – Pump Membrane

A tool to support rapid decision making

Decision Making Process of a Pump Membrane Design

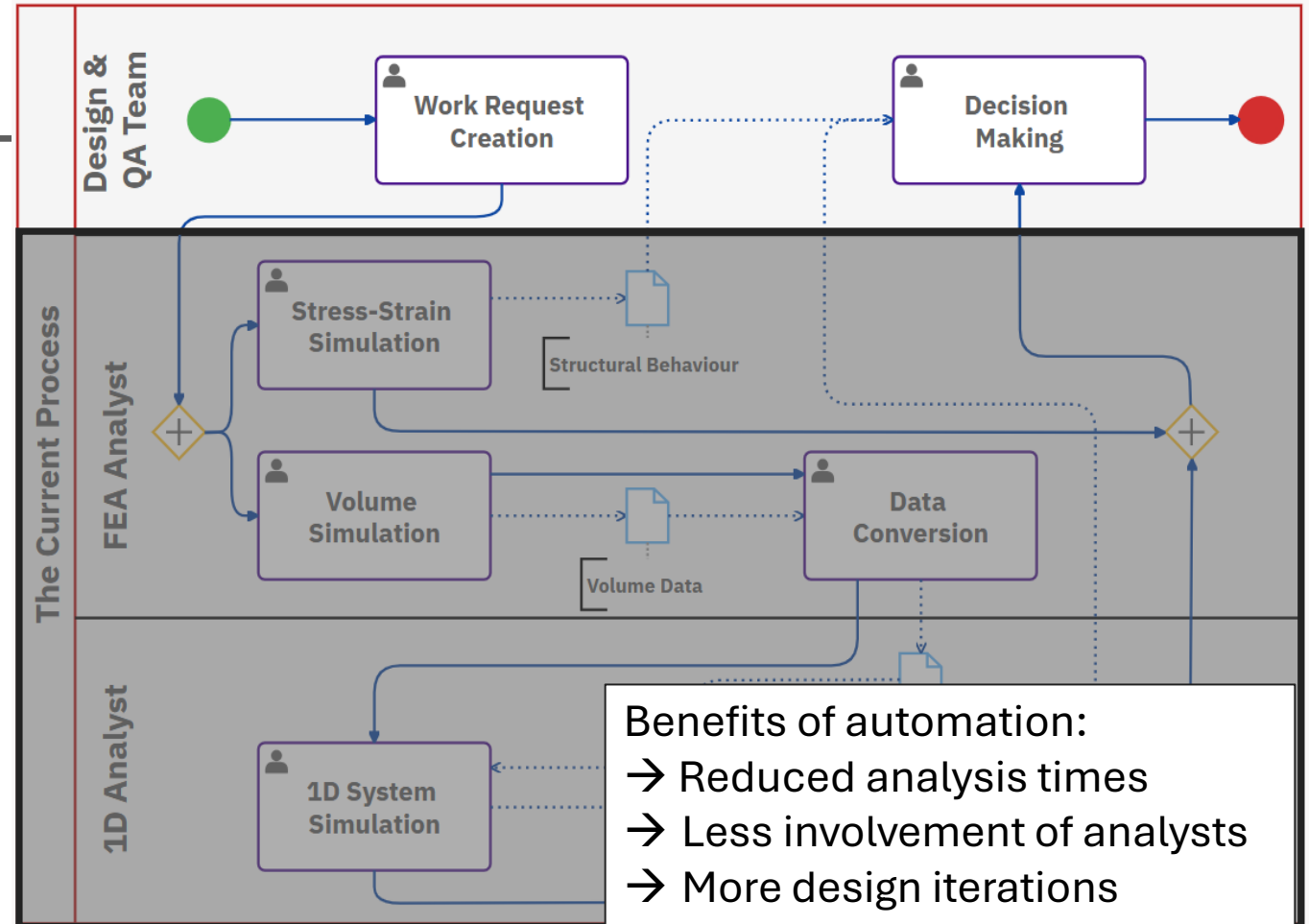
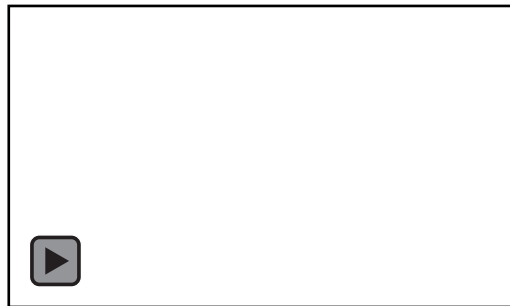
Workflow before automation and democratization

Current Product Support (CPS) topics:

- Material change
- Supplier change
- Root cause analysis
- Manufacturing problem
- Etc..



DEF Pump Membrane



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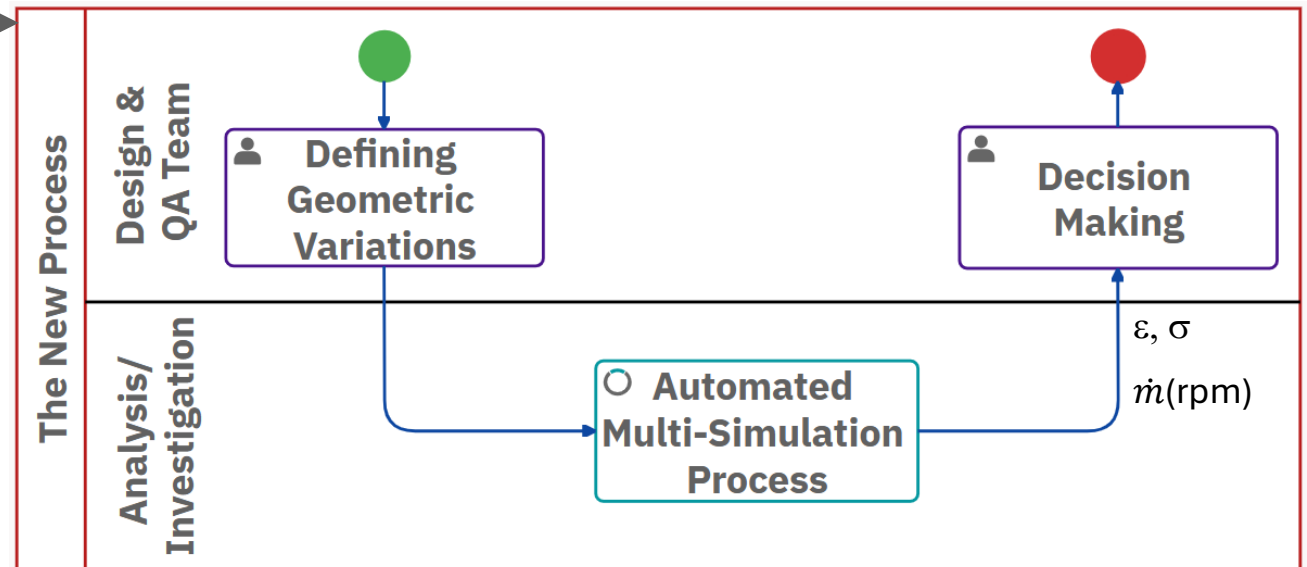
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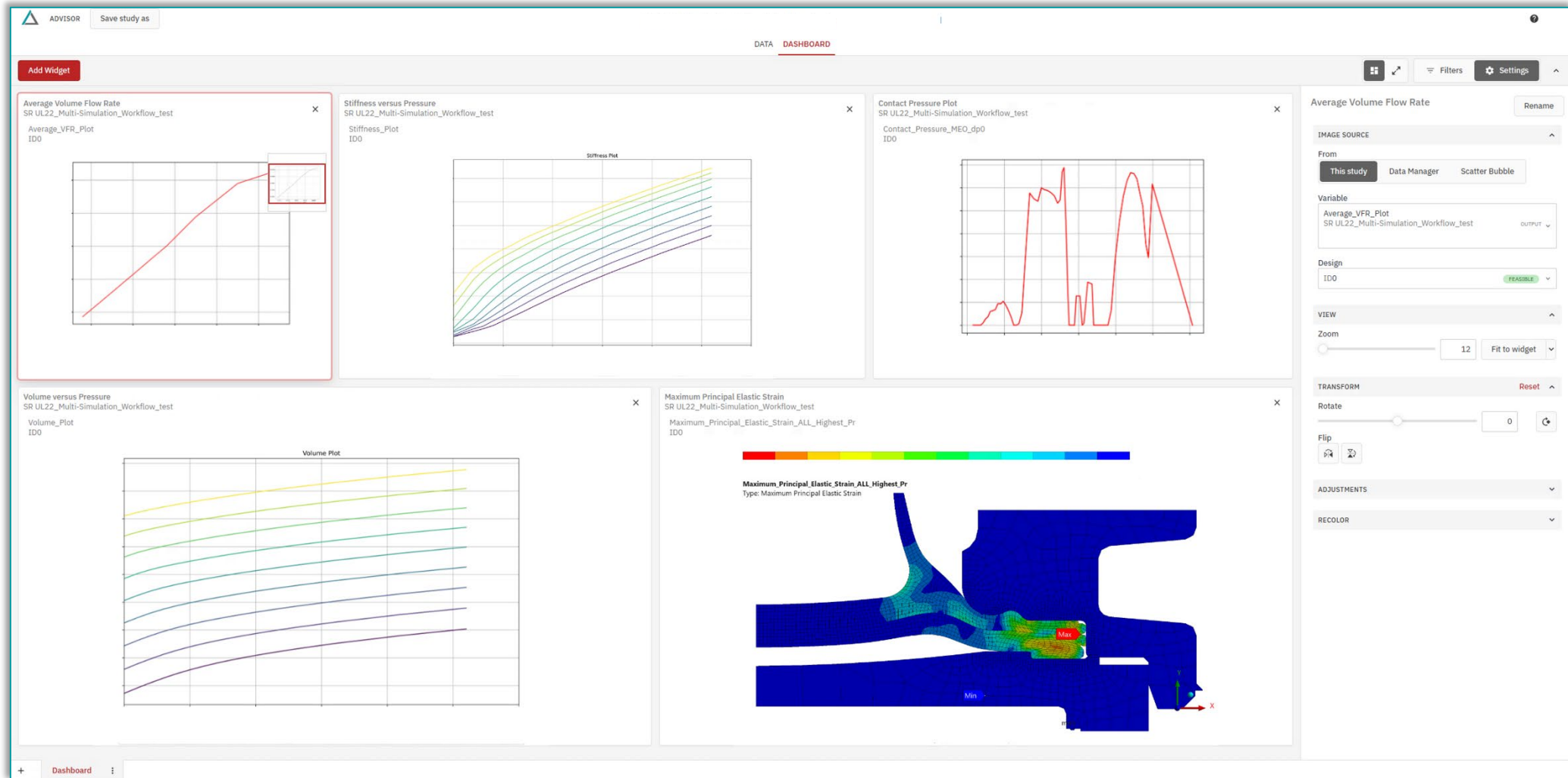


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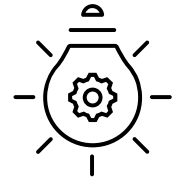
Dashboard impression



Decision Making Process

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Key Takeaway – Pump Membrane

- The main impact was not faster simulations – but enabling simulation where it previously did not happen.
- By removing the barrier of work requests, engineers can run analyses directly via a simple web interface.
- Simulations that were previously skipped due to effort are now routinely executed in the background.

The key change was not that simulations became faster – the key change was that simulations started happening

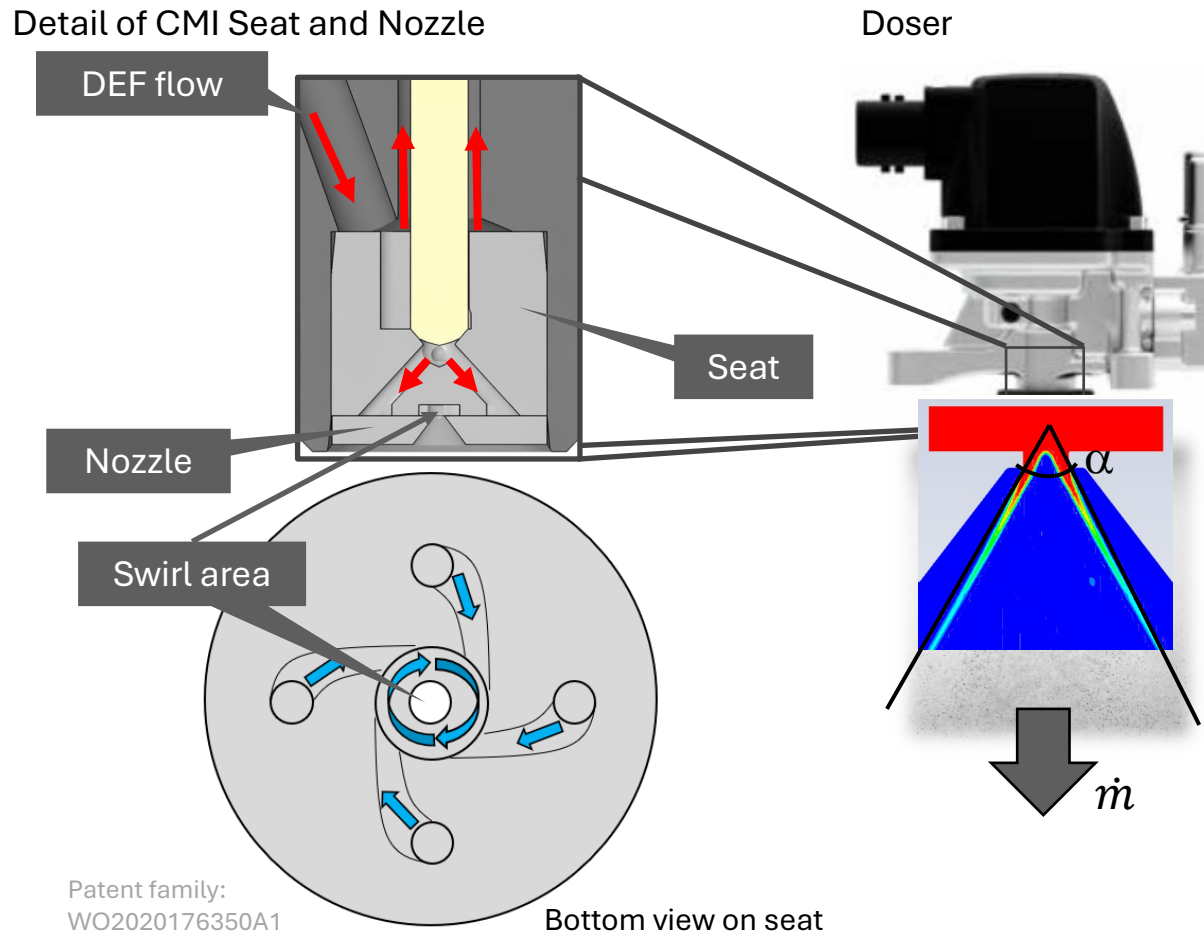


Example – Nozzle Development

From simple to complex with design maturity

Example: Development of a Swirl Atomizer

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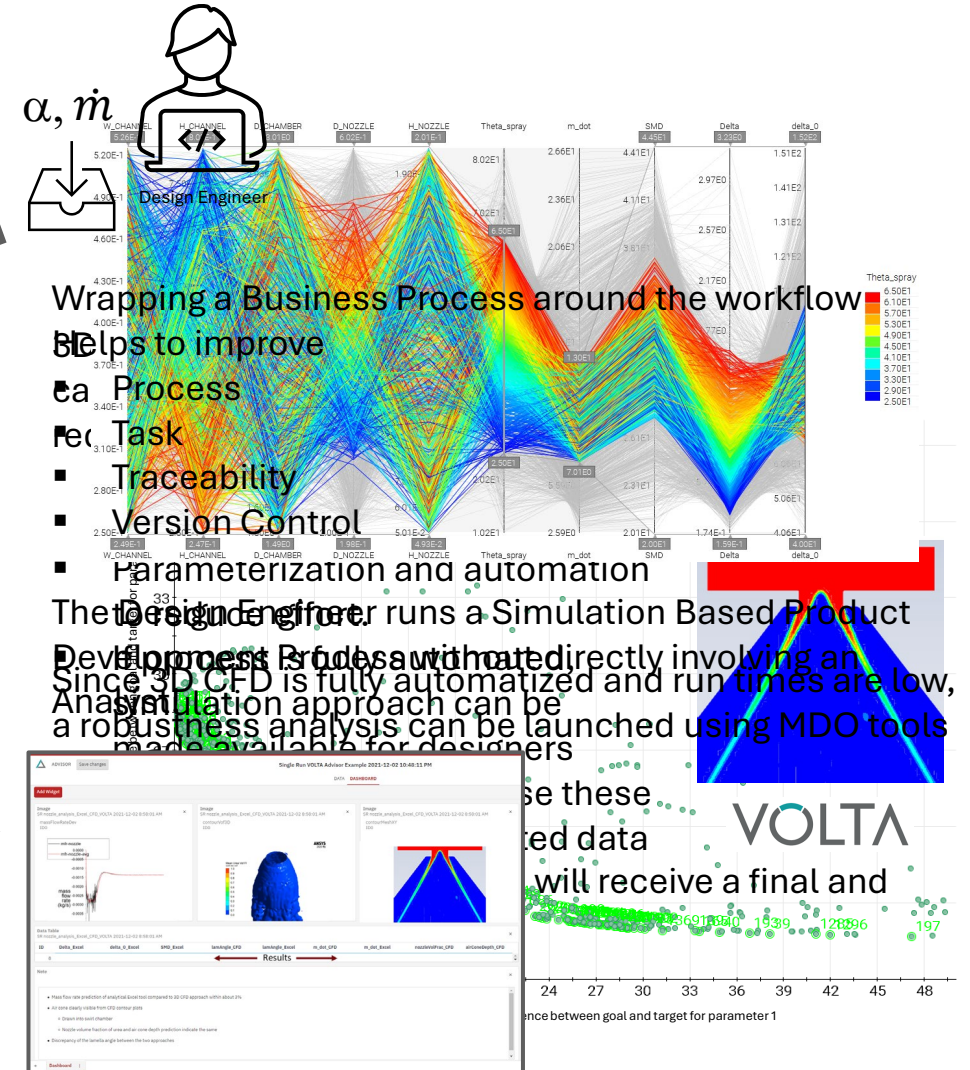
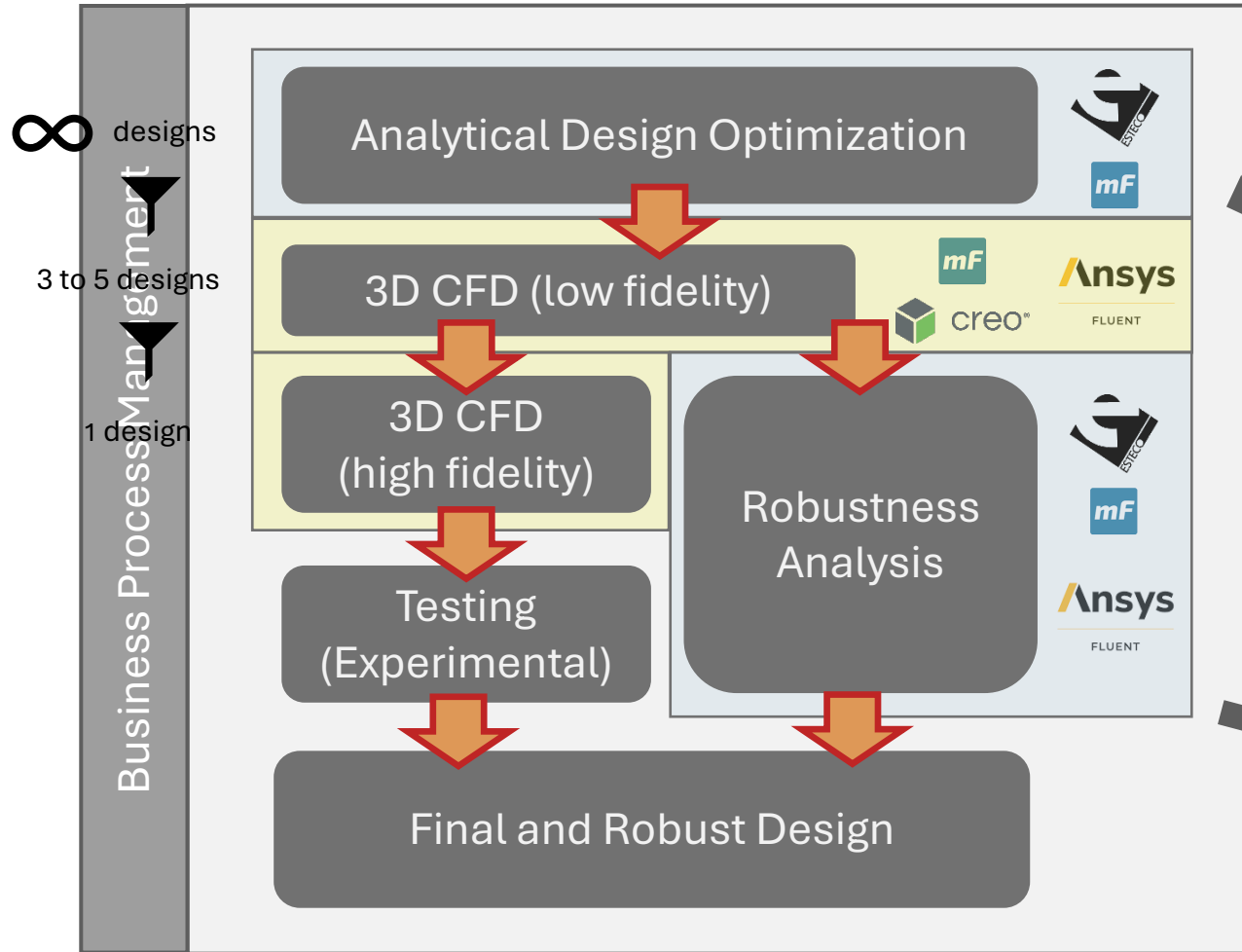
- Different targets and constraints for each development effort
 - Mass flow rate α
 - Spray/lamella angle \dot{m}
 - Droplet size
 - ...
- Transition from testing-intensive to simulation-based approach with highly democratized methods
 - Accelerated development
 - Less physical prototype costs
 - Traceability

Patent family:
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Bottom view on seat

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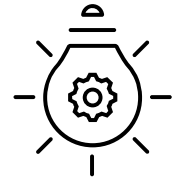

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Key Takeaway – Nozzle Development

- Increasing simulation maturity enables a transition from isolated analyses to a fully integrated, simulation-driven development process.
- By combining analytical methods, automated CFD workflows and robustness analysis, designers can explore, optimize and validate designs within one consistent framework.
- This establishes simulation as a scalable and reproducible backbone of product development.

This is where simulation stops being a tool – and becomes the process



Example – Pump Suction Performance

Addressing customer demands

DEF Pump Suction Performance

Project Background



Customer Request

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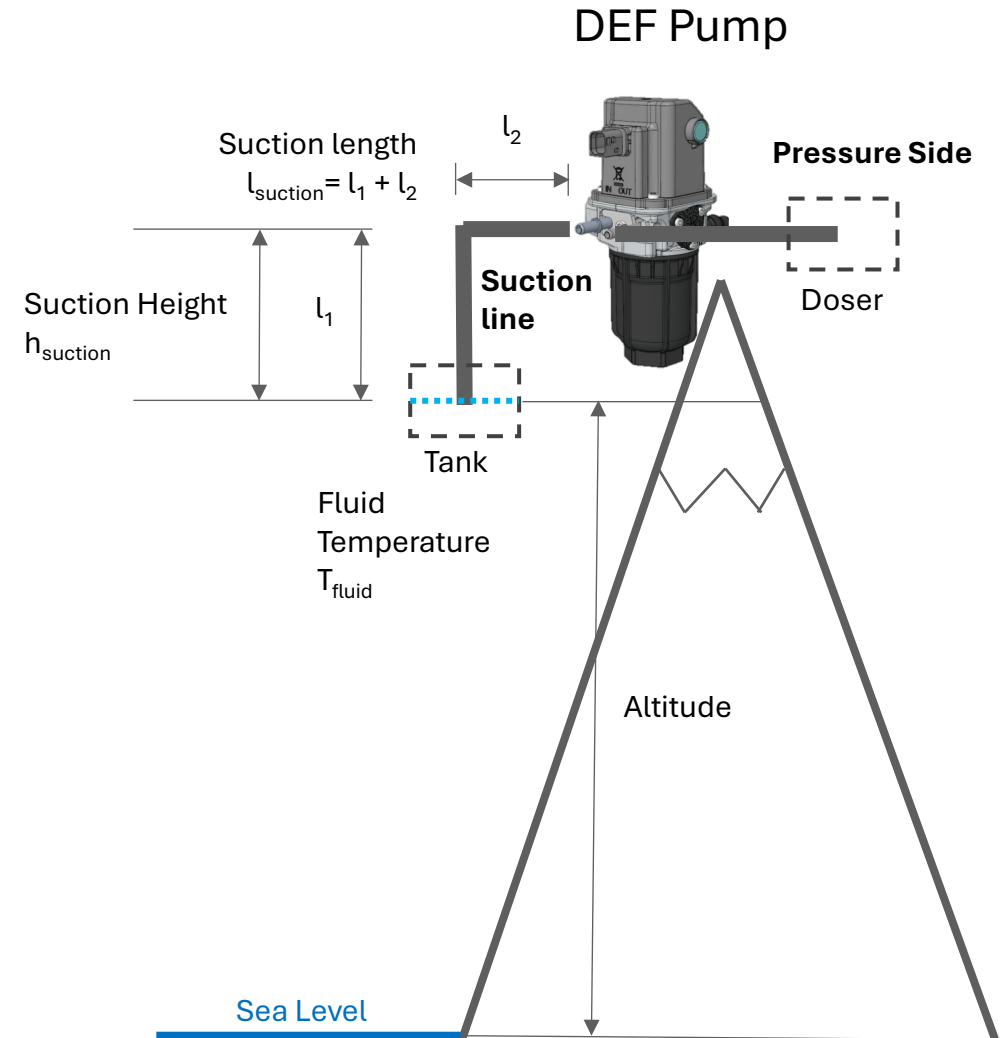
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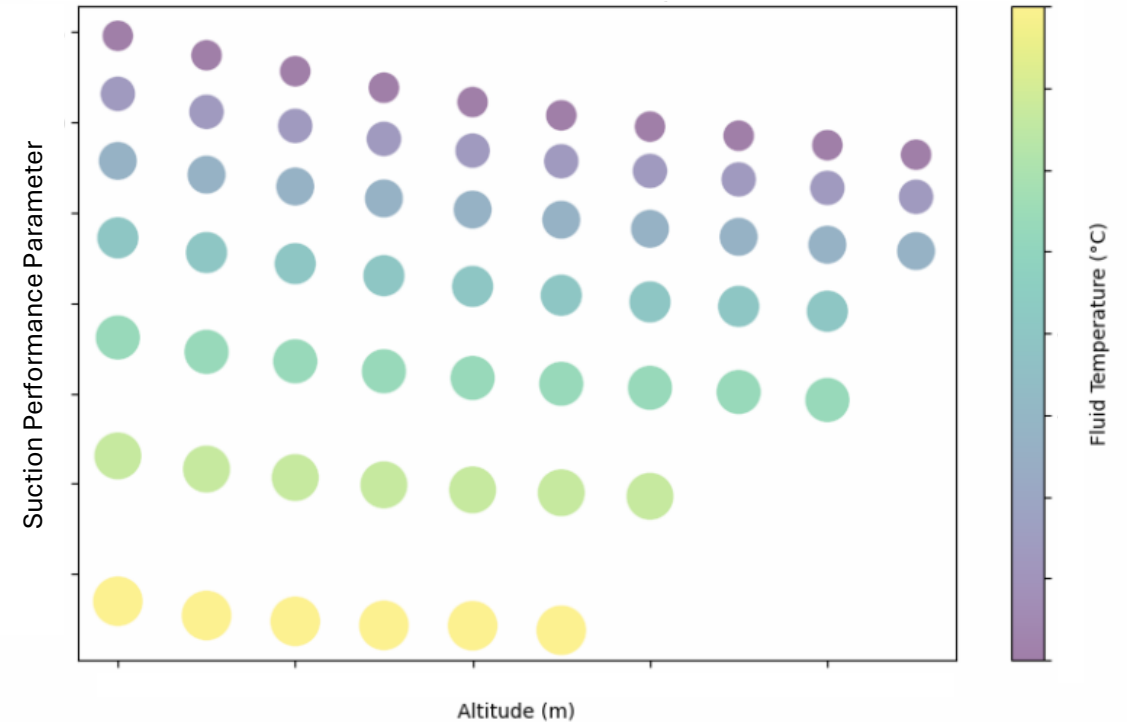


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Desired Output for Suction Performance Evaluation

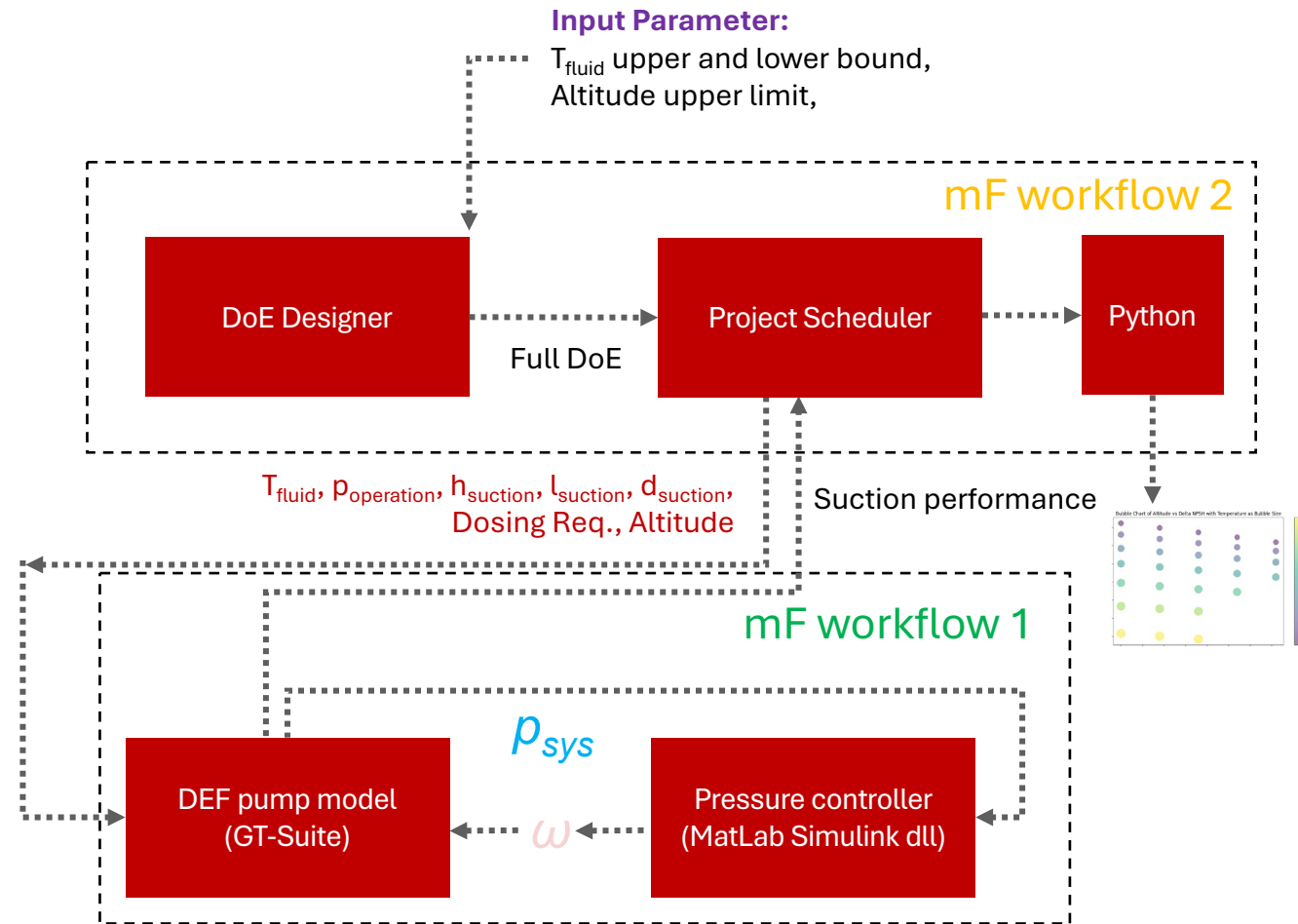
Bubble Chart of Altitude vs. Suction Performance with Temperature as Bubble Size



Democratization of Pump Suction Performance

mF Workflow Schematics

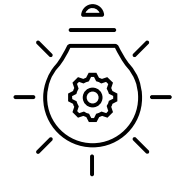
- A modeFRONTIER workflow (1) was developed, which incorporates a pressure controller that maintains a constant **system pressure (p_{sys})** by adjusting **motor speed**.
- This workflow can also compute suction performance based on specified **input parameters** by determining the minimum pressure within the pump chamber ($p_{pc,min}$) during a pump stroke.
- To create the required graph showing the relationship between the suction performance parameter, fluid temperature, and altitude, a second mF workflow (2) was established, which sets up a DoE based on predefined **input limits** and **parameters** and executes all necessary runs.



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Key Takeaway – Pump Suction Performance

- Customer-driven requests exposed the limitations of manual, case-by-case simulation.
- Automation transformed these analyses into a scalable and repeatable evaluation process.
- This extends the reach of simulation beyond engineering – enabling teams like customer engineering or sales to generate informed, simulation-based responses directly during customer interaction.

Simulation is no longer something we do for the customer – it becomes something we use with the customer



Summary and Outline

Final Summary

Simulation – The backbone of decision-making

Final Summary

- We moved from answering individual questions to understanding design spaces.
- We enabled simulation where it previously did not happen.
- We integrated simulation into the daily workflow of design engineers.
- We extended simulation beyond engineering into customer-facing processes.

Simulation is no longer a bottleneck ...

... – it becomes the backbone of decision-making across the organization.

What about the role of simulation experts?

The Future of Analysts and SMEs

- Automation reduces repetitive analysis work
- But it increases the need for robust models, validation and method development
- Simulation is used by more people, in more decisions, across the organization

We do less manual execution – but we influence far more decisions

Thank you for your attention

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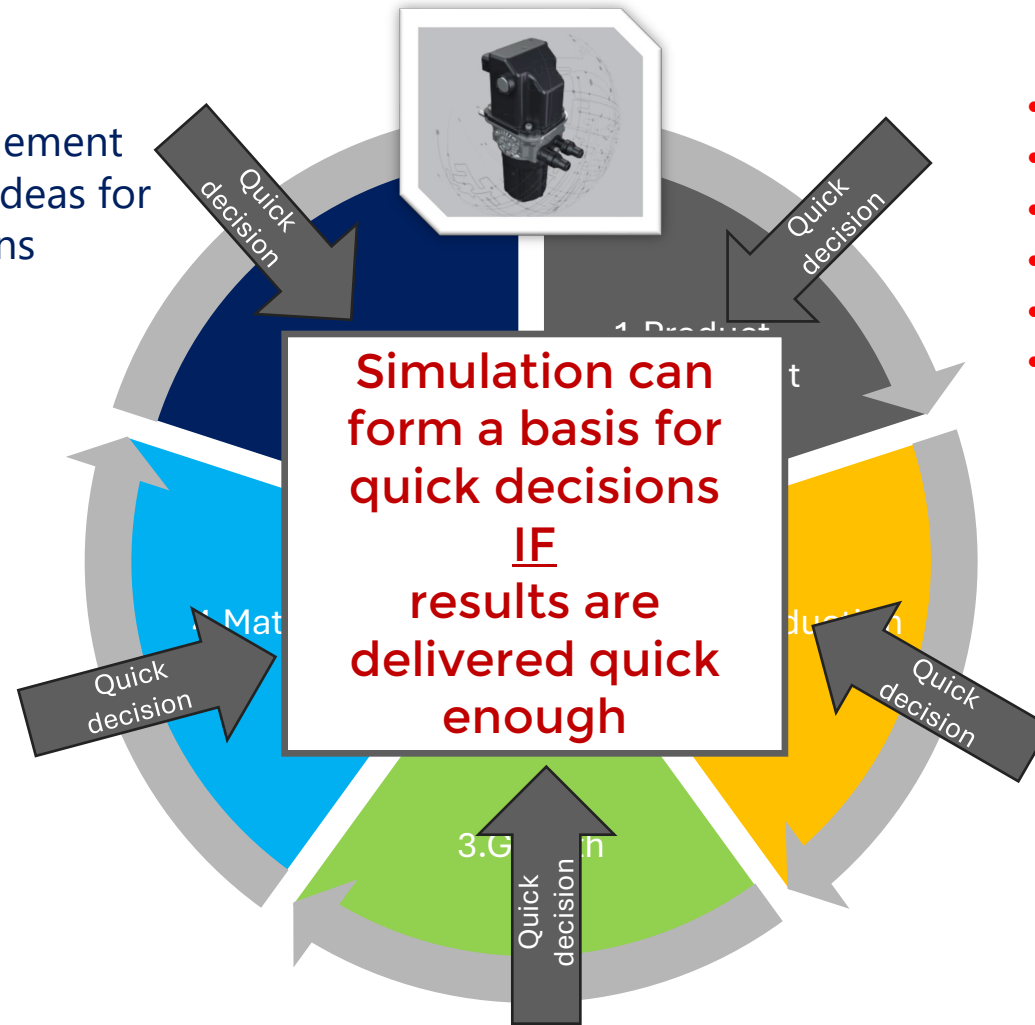


Appendix

Product Lifecycle – A need for quick decisions

- Cost & Supplier Management
- Generating innovative ideas for new product generations

- Cost & Supplier Management
- Product improvements



- Virtual Prototypes
- Design Optimization
- Reduced Development Time
- Cost Savings
- Improved Quality and Reliability
- Optimized Material Usage

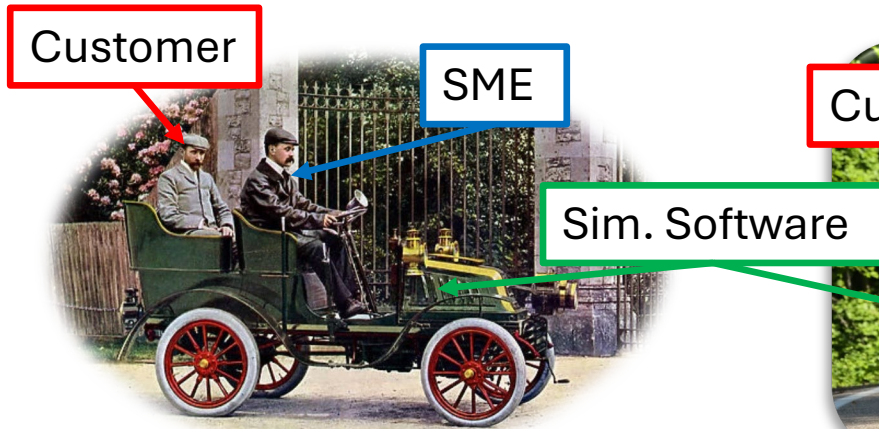
- Quality Assurance
- Cost Management
- Product Robustness
- Etc.

- Opening up new areas of application
- Winning new customers
- Cost & Supplier Management

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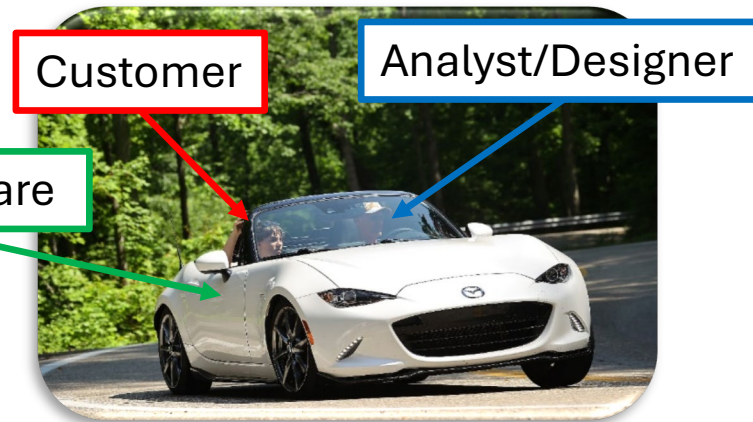
The Future of Analysts and SMEs

Simulation Support



- SME (driver) had to use software (vehicle) that was difficult to use, and power was limited.
- The ride for the customer was a little „bumpy“ and „inconvenient“.

ALD Environment



- Analysts can use powerful software (car is more powerful and easier to drive)
- Customer can also be the driver (Designer)
- „Smooth“ ride for the customer

- Analysts/Designer are still the drivers
- SME is the motor mechanic
- MDO & SPDM software equal tools that can modify their vehicle (create easy to use analysis tools)
- SME also able to use expert software

SBPD Environment

