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**Goal driven multi-objective shape optimization for conjugate heat transfer in an effusion cooling system of a combustion chamber, through a CFD-mesh-morphing based approach.**

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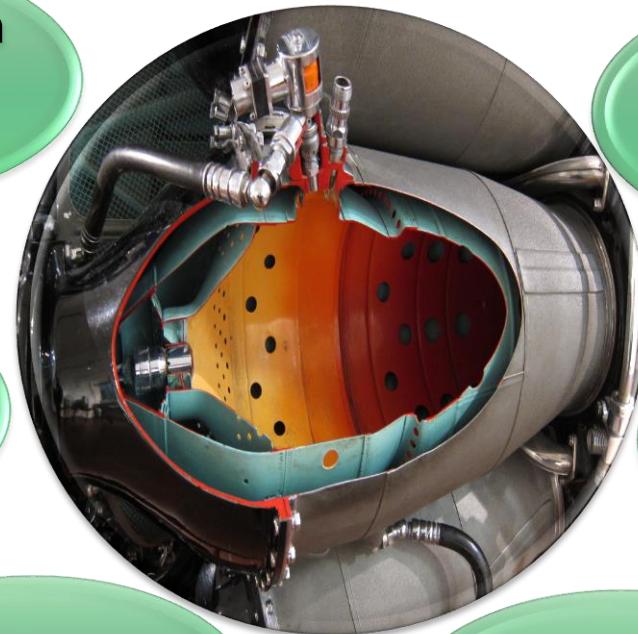
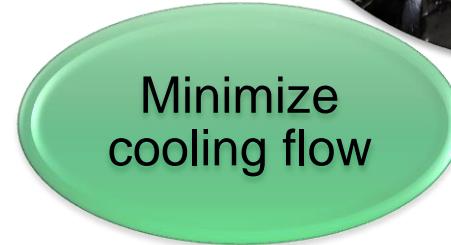
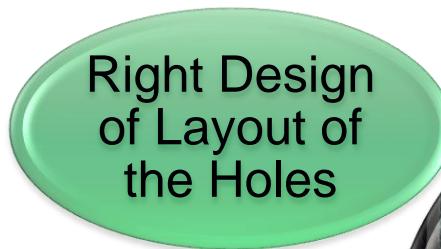
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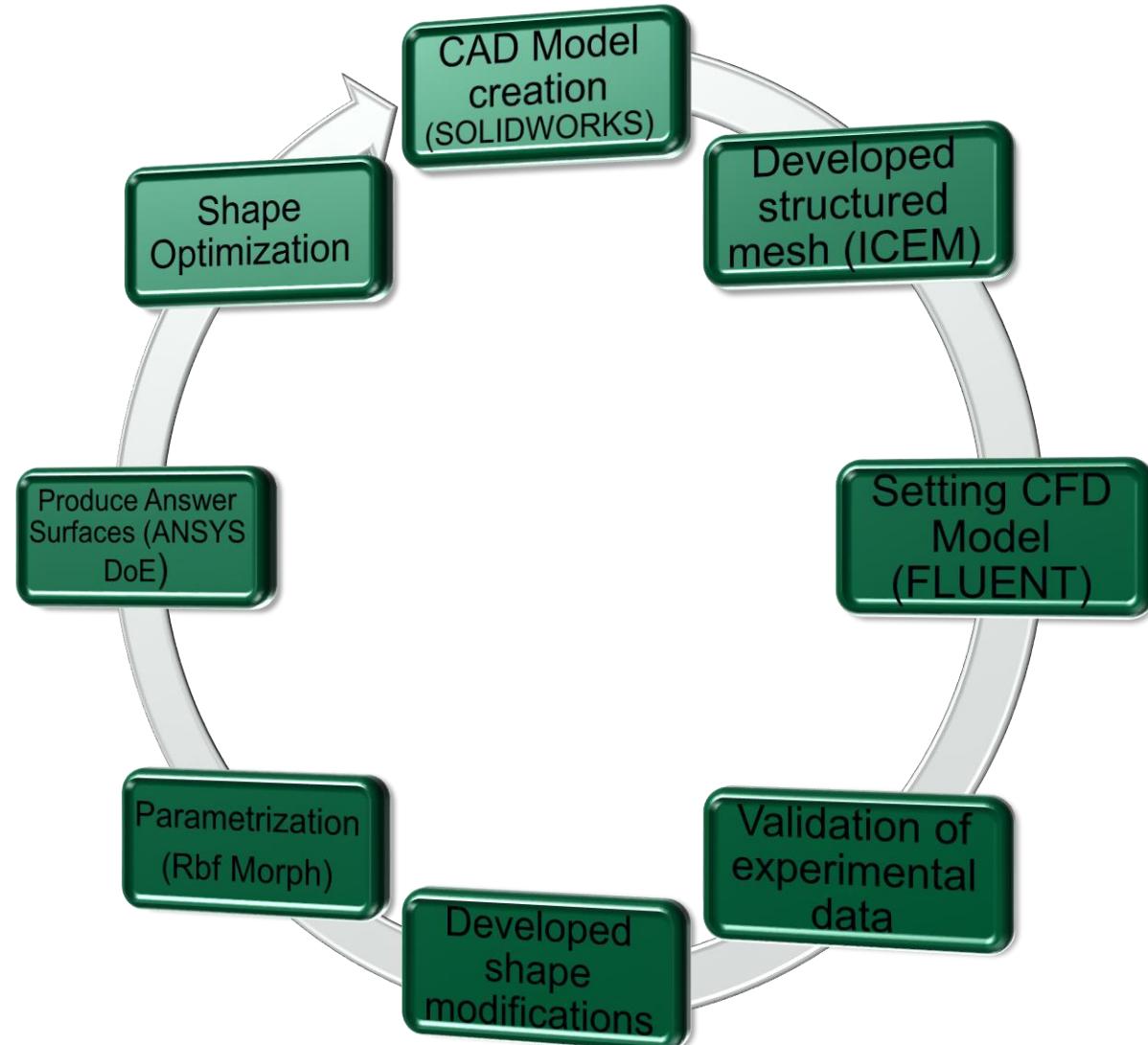
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# Effusion Cooling



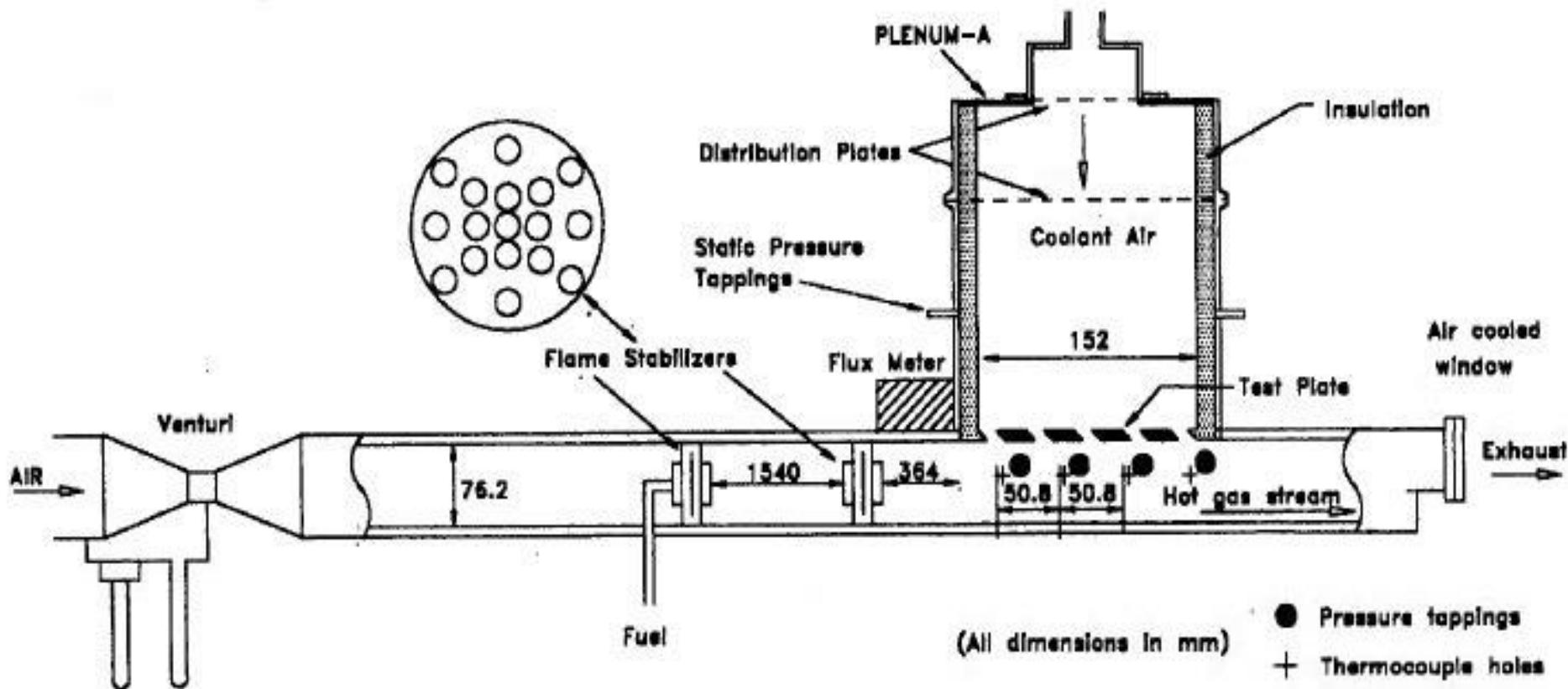
# Introduction

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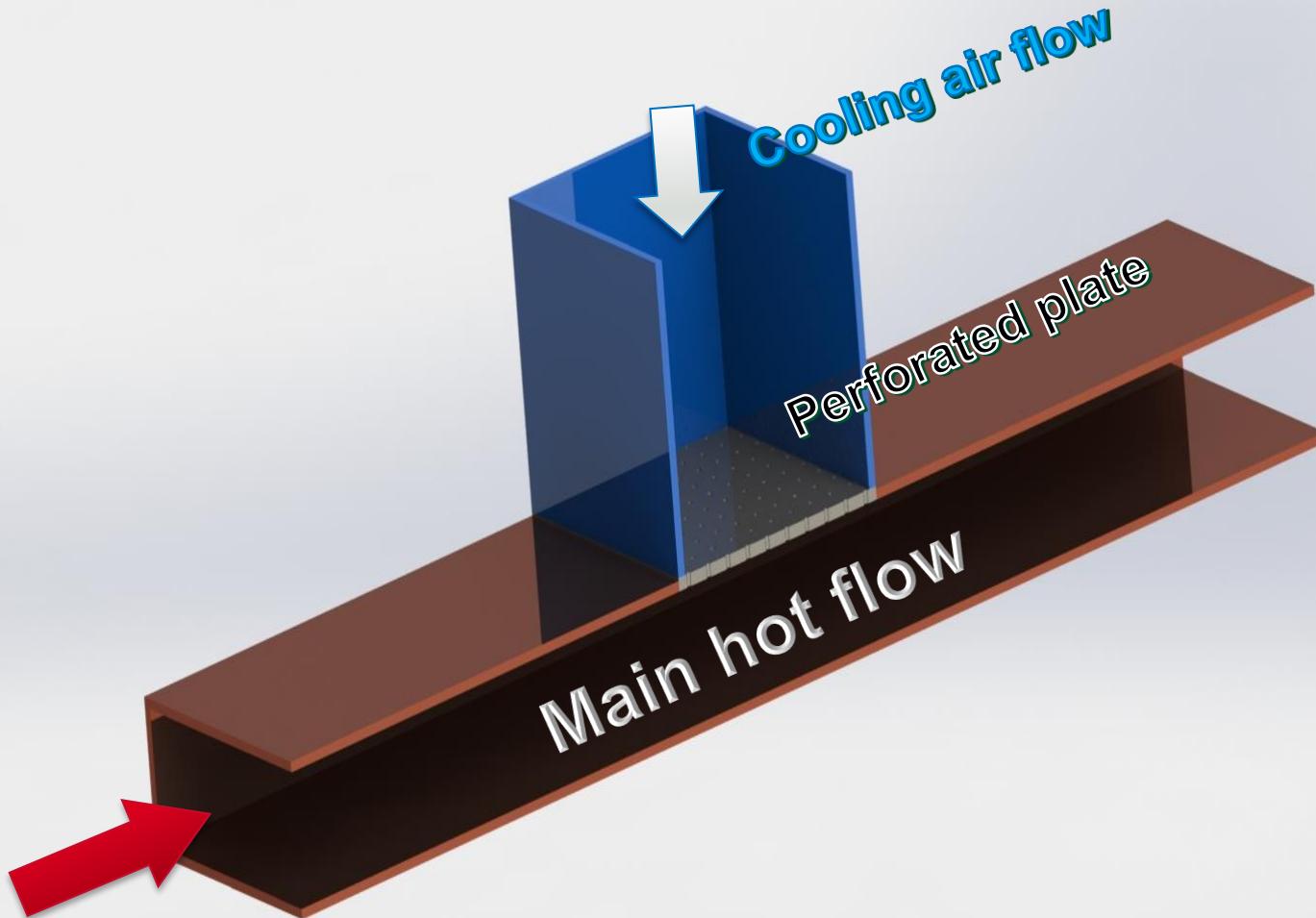
# Experimental Apparatus

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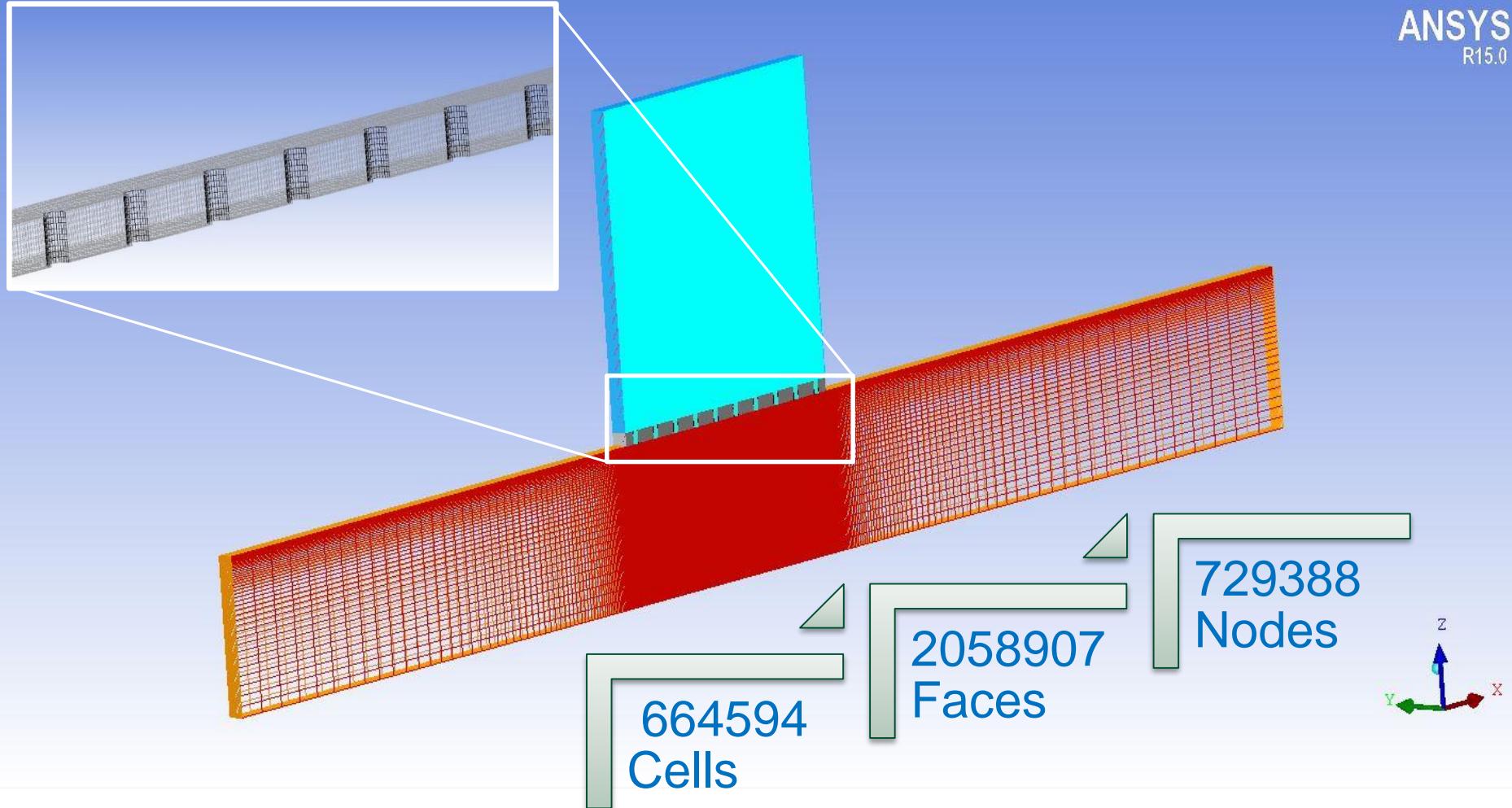
# Solidworks Model

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# ANSYS ICEM:

## *Structured mesh*



# Fluent Model

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## Fluent

- Finite volume numerical calculation

## Turbulence model

- Realizable k- $\varepsilon$

## Wall Function

- Standard wall-function

## Radiation Model

- Discrete Ordinate

Vel = 27 m/s

Temp = 770 K

Cold mass flow inlet

Mass flow rate  
 $G = 0.4 \text{ kg/m}^2\text{s}$

$T = 300 \text{ K}$

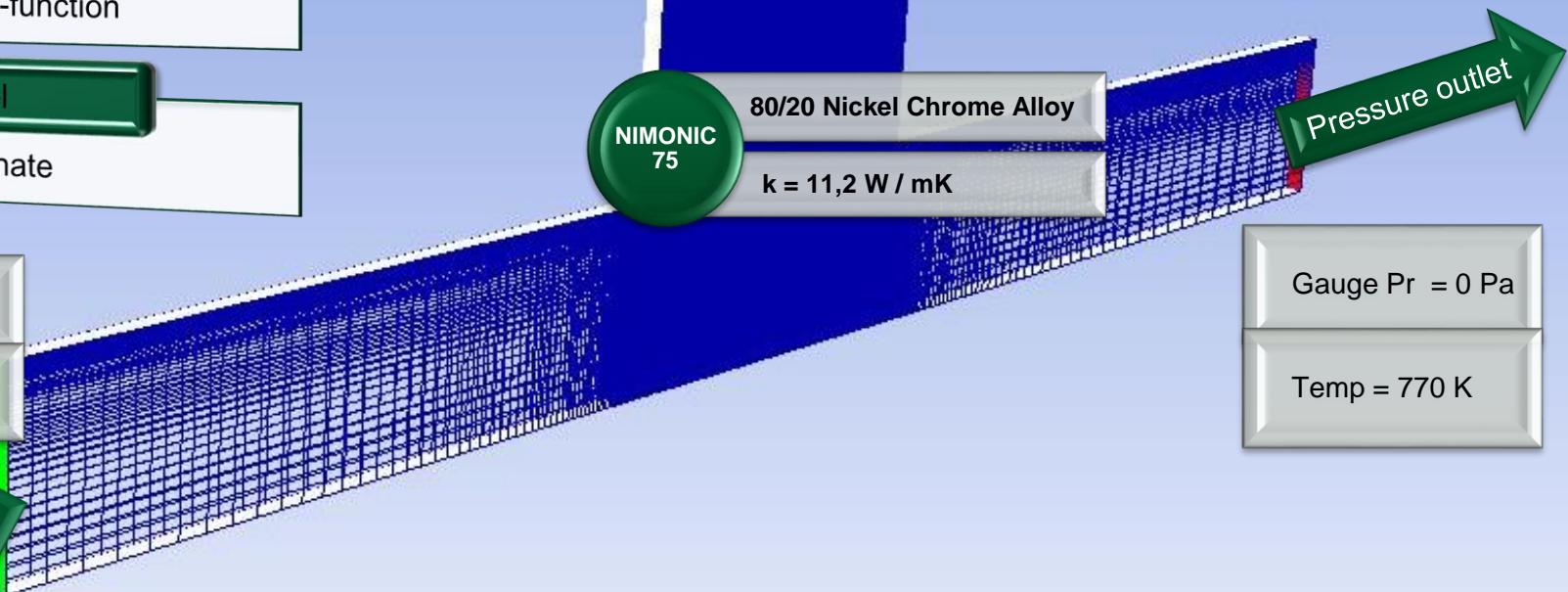
80/20 Nickel Chrome Alloy

$k = 11.2 \text{ W / mK}$

Gauge Pr = 0 Pa

Temp = 770 K

Velocity inlet



# Validation: Mesh Sensibility

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Overall effectiveness

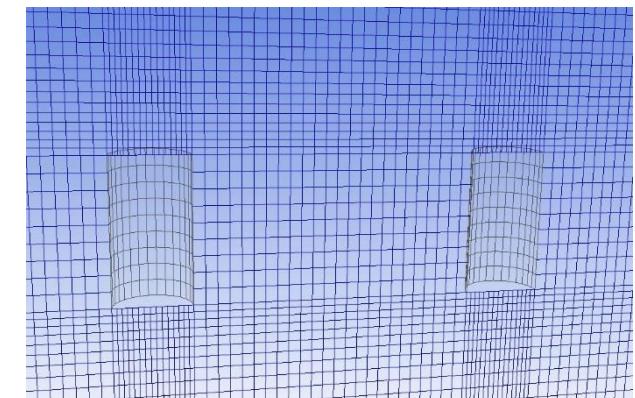
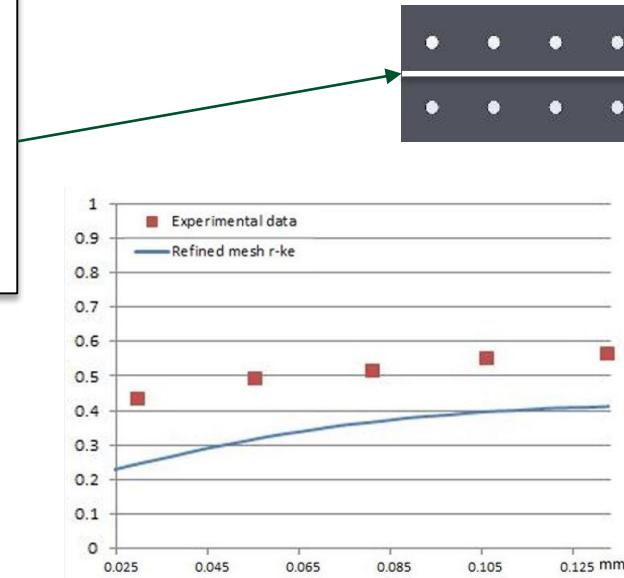
$$\eta_{ov} = \frac{T_g - T_w}{T_g - T_c}$$

$T_g$ = Hot gas Temperature

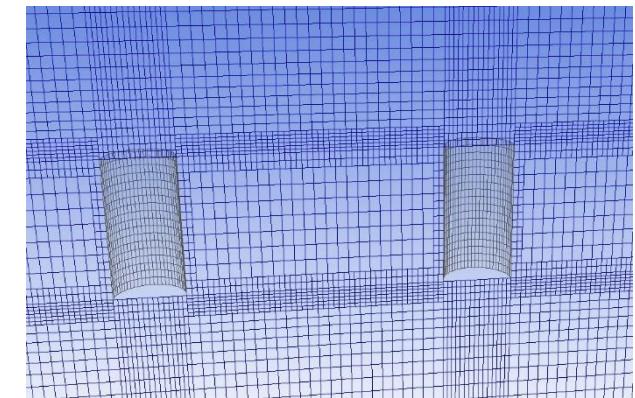
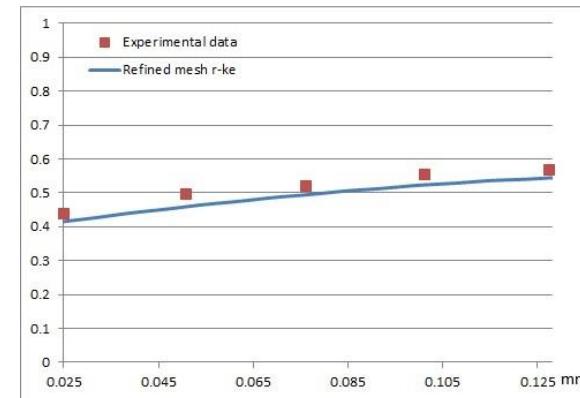
$T_w$ =Wall temperature

$T_c$ = Cooling air Temperature

Coarse Mesh  
(700k cells)



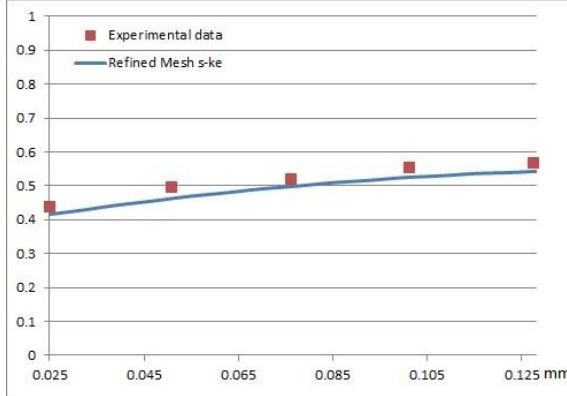
Refined Mesh  
(1mln cells)



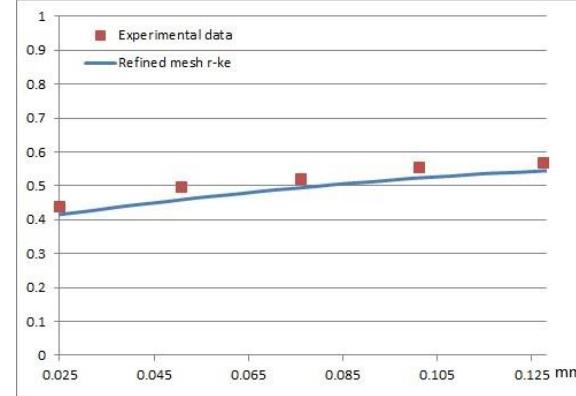
# Turbulence Model Sensibility

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## Standard k-e



## Realizable k-e



Overall effectiveness

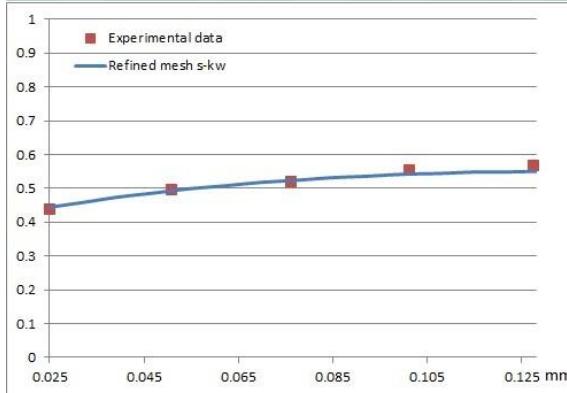
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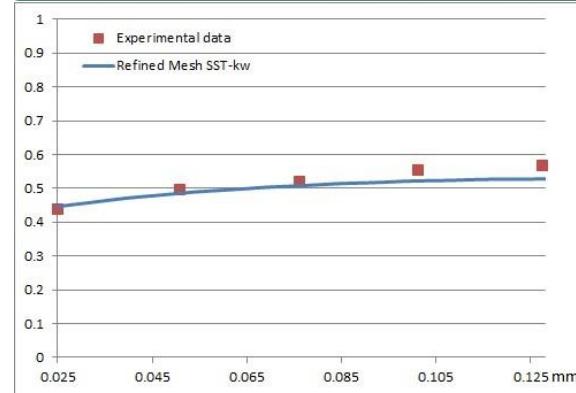
$T_w$ =Wall temperature

$T_c$ = Cooling air  
Temperature

## Standard k-w



## SST k-w



# Baseline results

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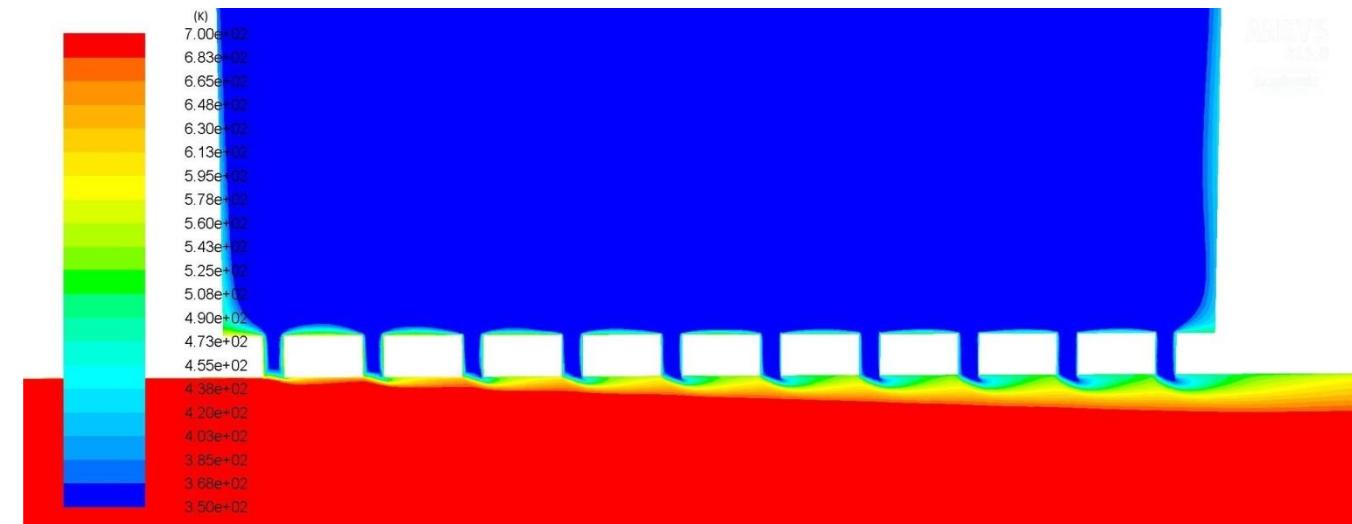
*Overall Effectiveness:  
Contour on the plate*

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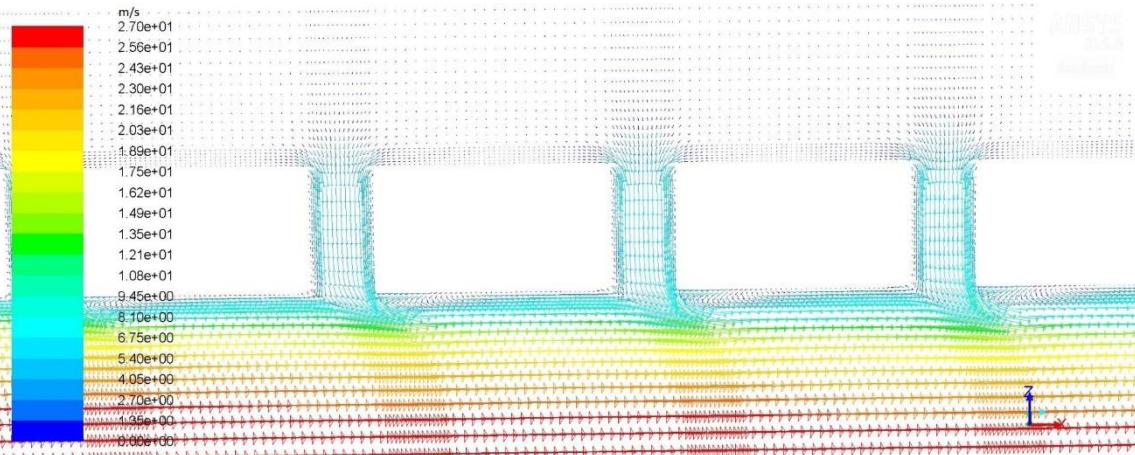


*Temperature profile  
on symmetry plane*



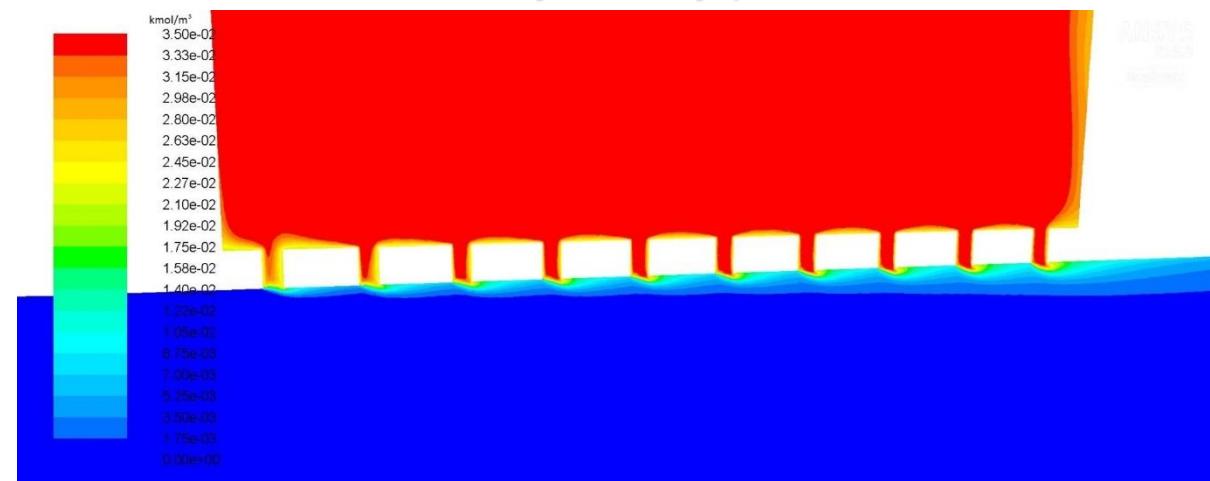
# Baseline results

Velocity vectors on symmetry plate



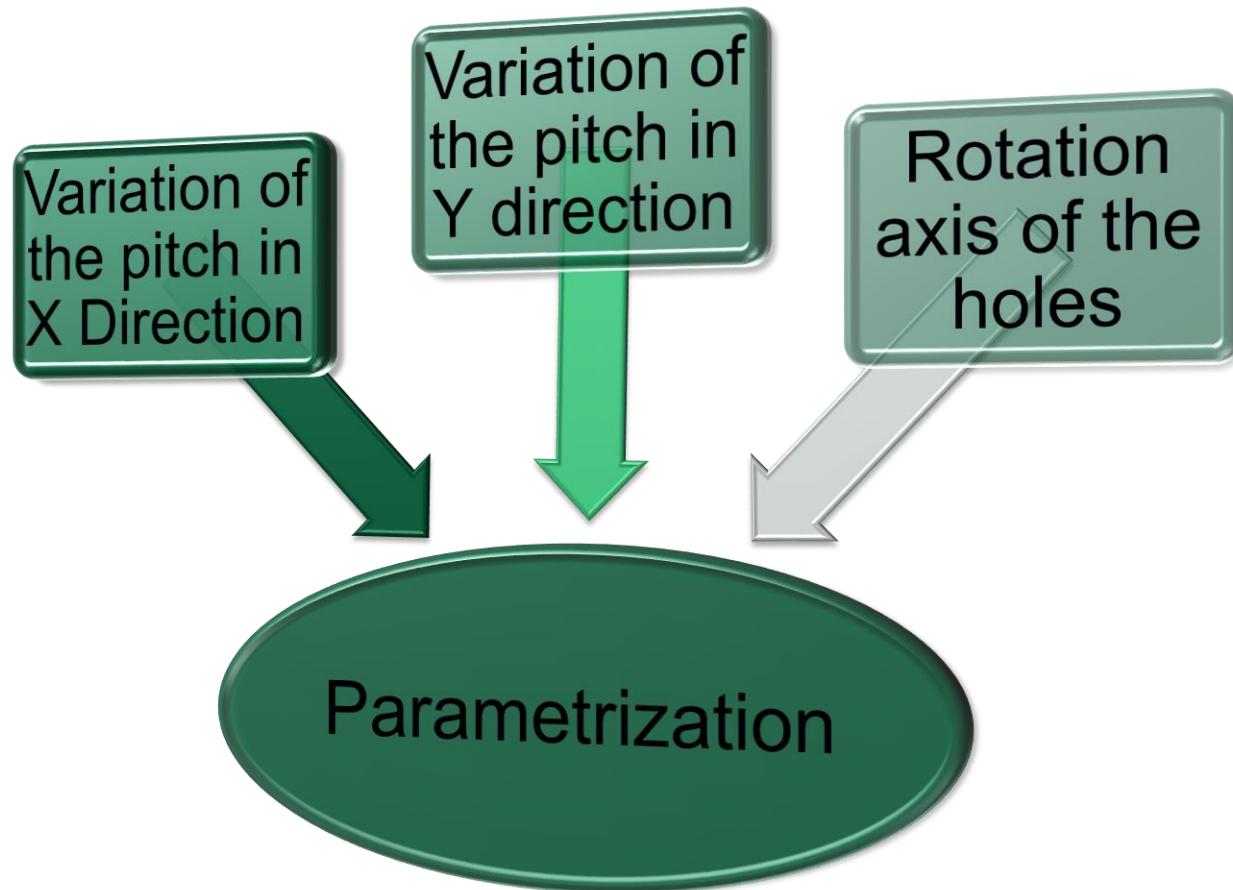
Flow separation at the exit of the holes

No mix between the flows



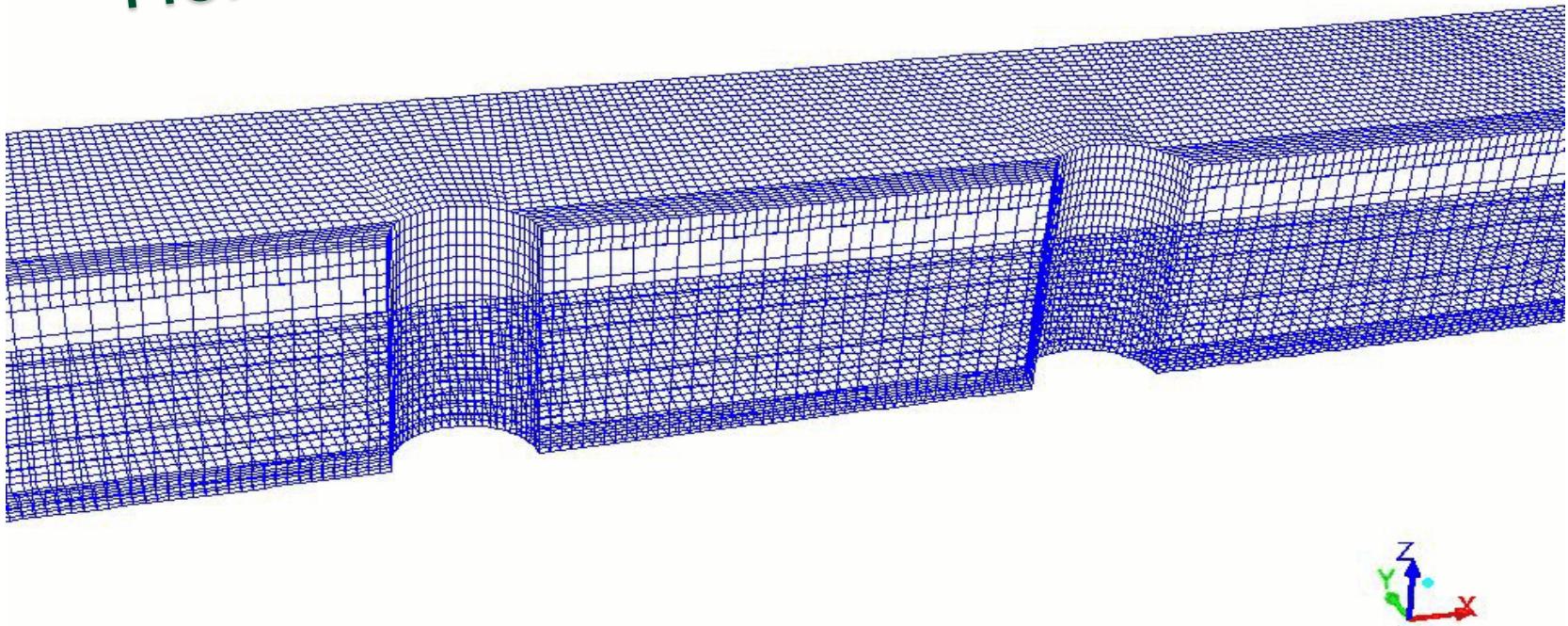
Tracer concentration on symmetry plane

# RBF Morph Parametrization



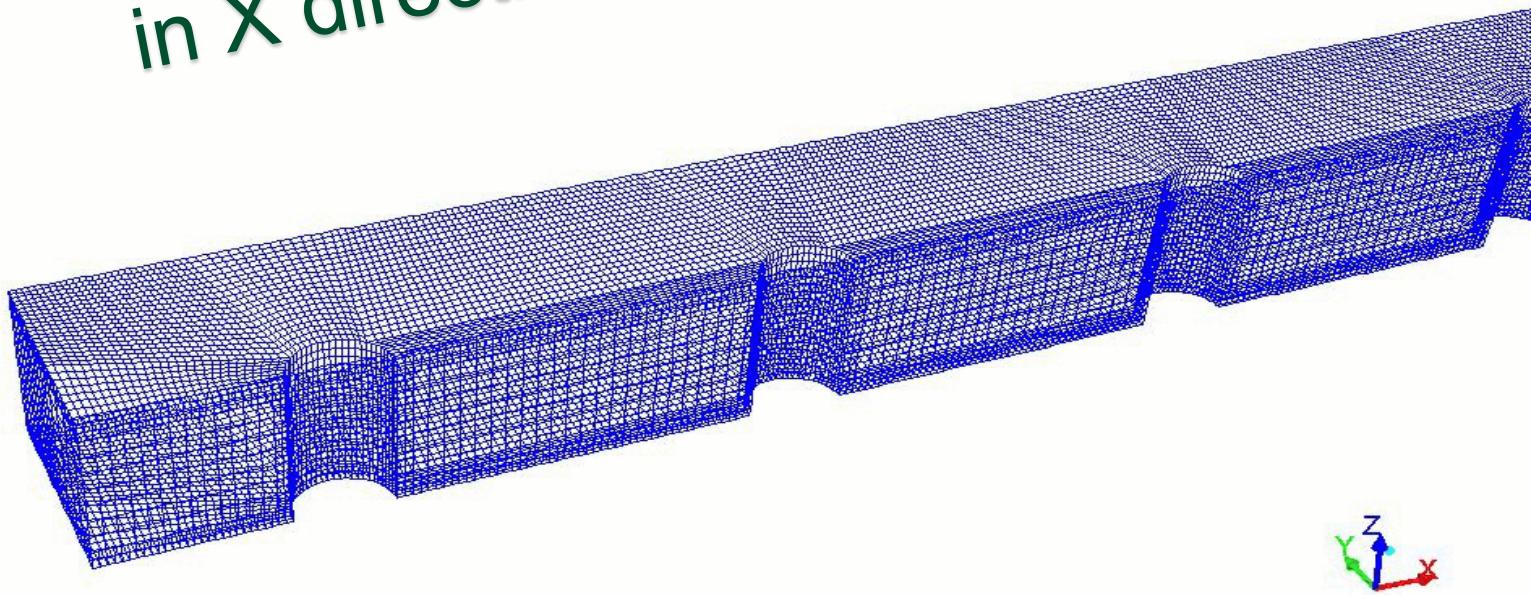
# RBF Morph Parametrization

## Holes' Axis rotation



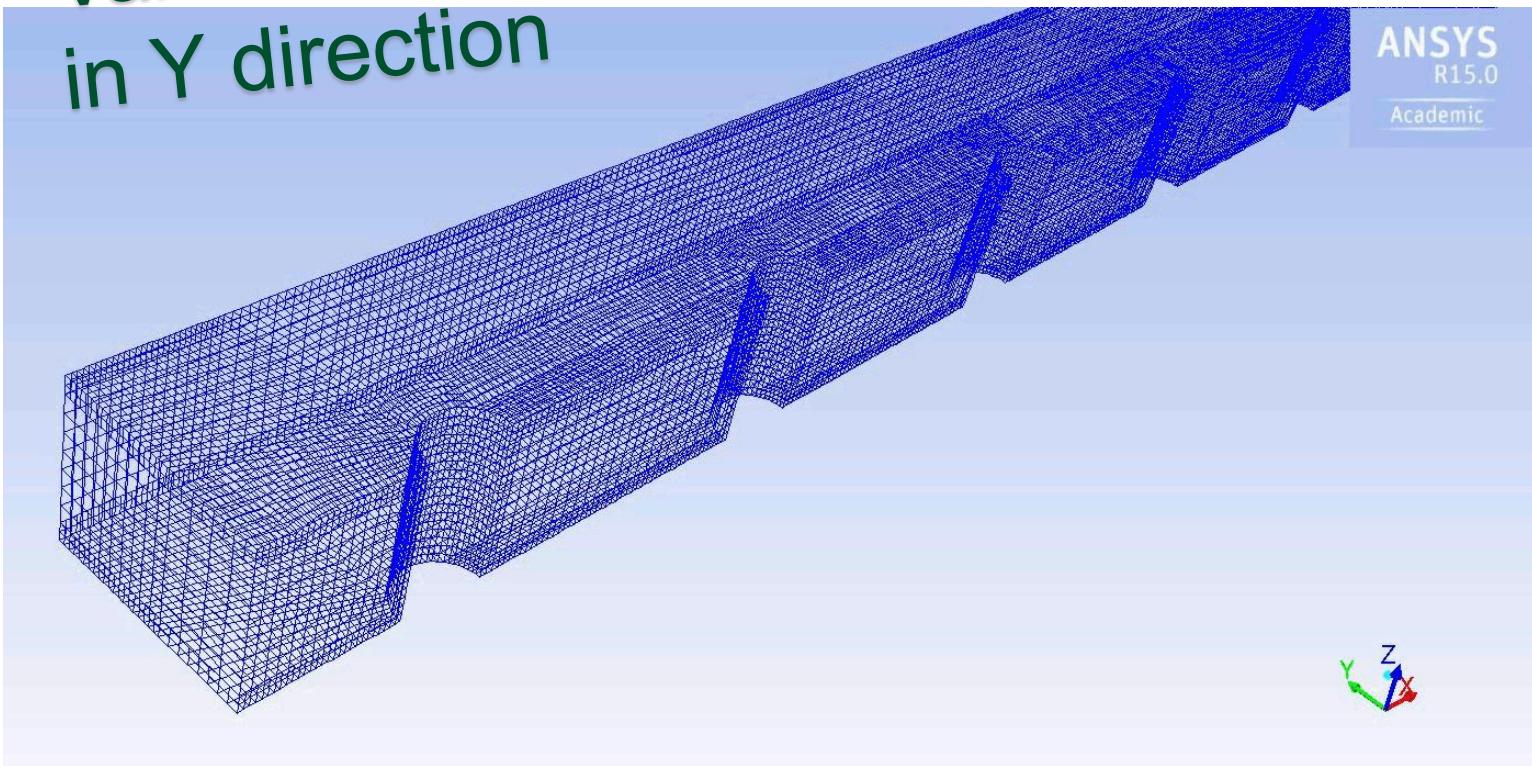
# RBF Morph Parametrization

Variation of the pitch  
in X direction



# RBF Morph Parametrization

Variation of the pitch  
in Y direction



# Parametrization

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## Input

- Rotation
- Pitch in X
- Pitch in Y

Output  $\left( \frac{T_g - T_w}{T_g - T_c} \right)$

- Overall effectiveness Average
- Overall effectiveness Min  $> 0,4$
- Overall effectiveness Max
- Adiab. effectiveness Average (at 0,2 mm from the plate)
- Adiab. Effectiveness Max (at 0,2 mm from the plate)

# Design of Experiment

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## Input

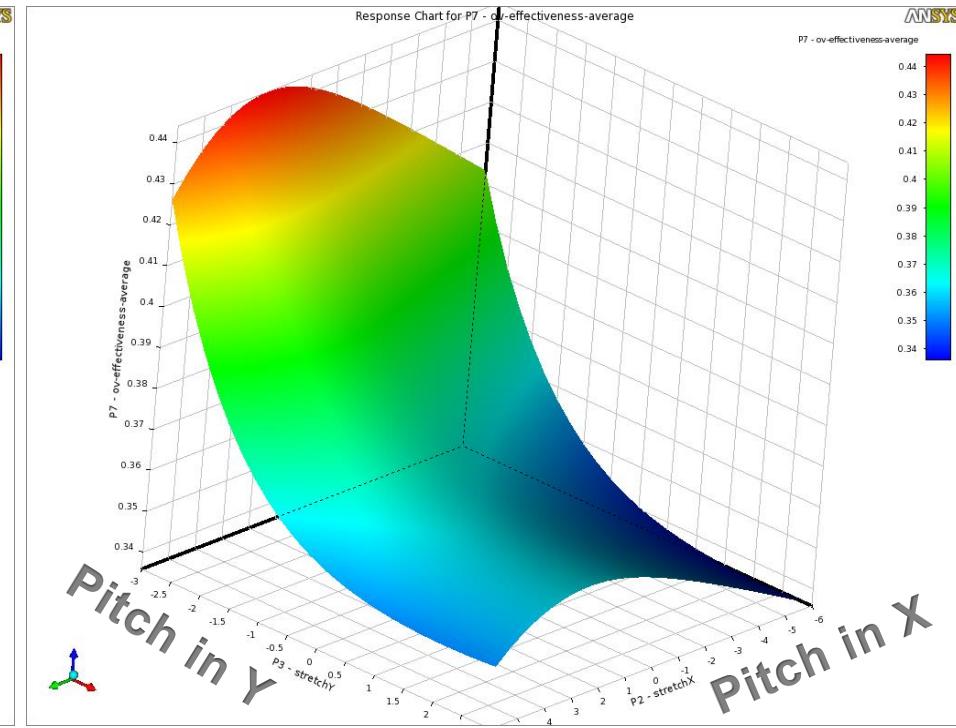
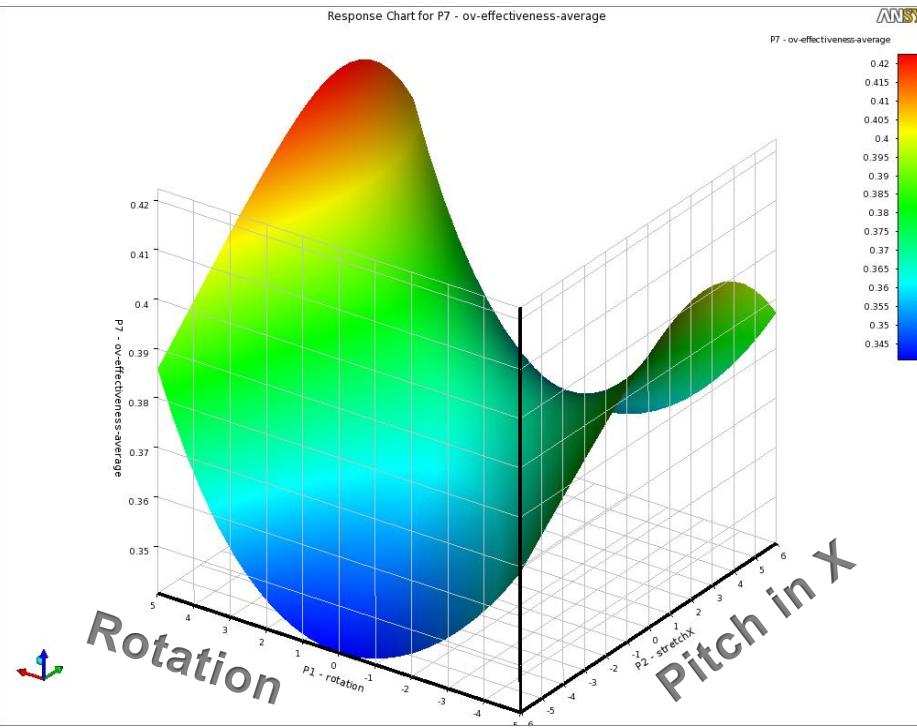
## Output

Injection angle (deg)	Pitch in x (mm)	Pitch in Y (mm)	Overall Effectiveness Min	Overall Effectiveness Average	Overall Effectiveness max	Adiabatic Effectiveness Average	Adiabatic Effectiveness Max
43°	18.8	19.5	0.408	0.468	0.616	0.243	0.356
90°	23.7	15.2	0.358	0.409	0.514	0.216	0.29
-51°	15.2	12.8	0.367	0.383	0.550	0.223	0.314
-43°	6.7	13.4	0.405	0.413	0.650	0.249	0.388
-78°	22.5	16.4	0.275	0.351	0.573	0.204	0.323
57°	10.3	18.8	0.369	0.416	0.548	0.220	0.310
-57°	21.3	11.6	0.284	0.351	0.557	0.210	0.319
-66°	17.6	17.6	0.424	0.445	0.643	0.258	0.382
-39°	7.9	17.0	0.381	0.389	0.576	0.228	0.319
51°	9.1	15.8	0.279	0.360	0.546	0.209	0.308
-35°	12.8	14.0	0.285	0.366	0.654	0.213	0.354
35°	11.6	10.9	0.338	0.407	0.596	0.242	0.342
66°	16.4	18.2	0.327	0.411	0.640	0.245	0.382
39°	14.0	14.6	0.393	0.480	0.563	0.232	0.315
78°	18.8	19.5	0.344	0.363	0.557	0.220	0.332

# Answer surfaces

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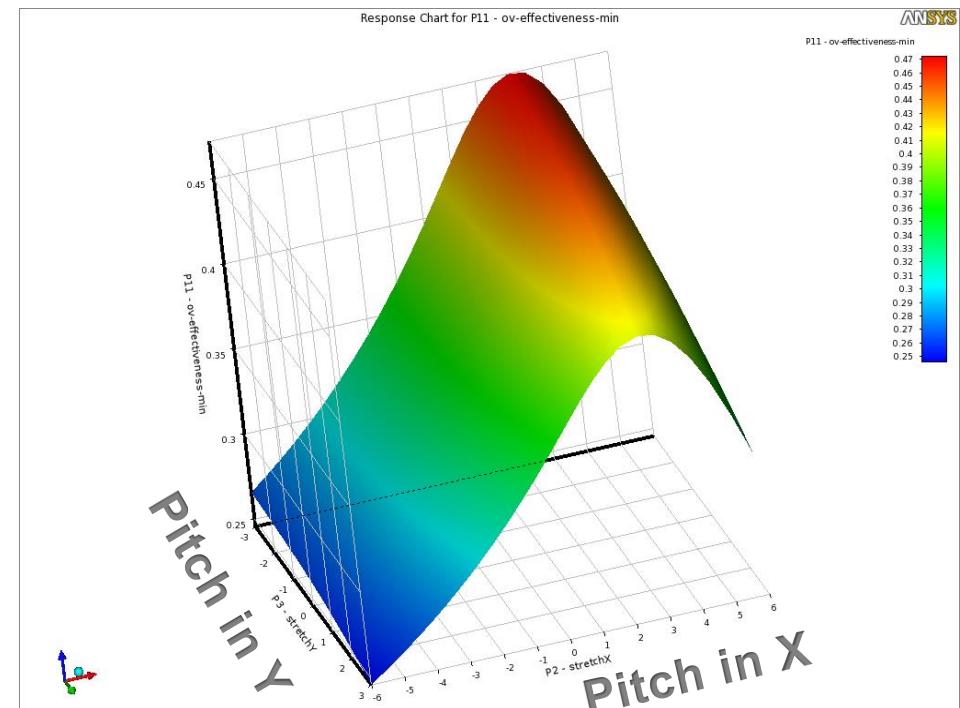
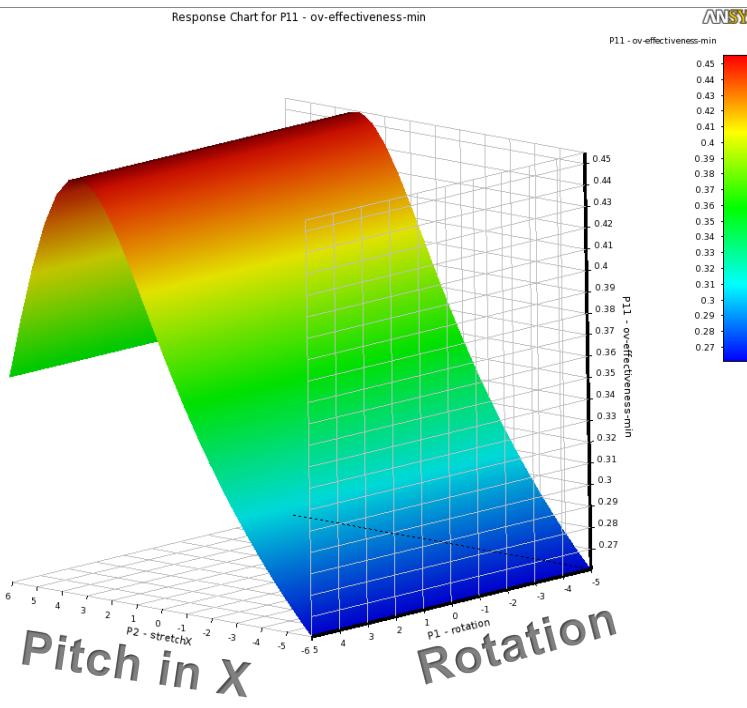
Optimization parameter  
 Overall effectiveness average = f (Input1, Input2)



# Answer surfaces

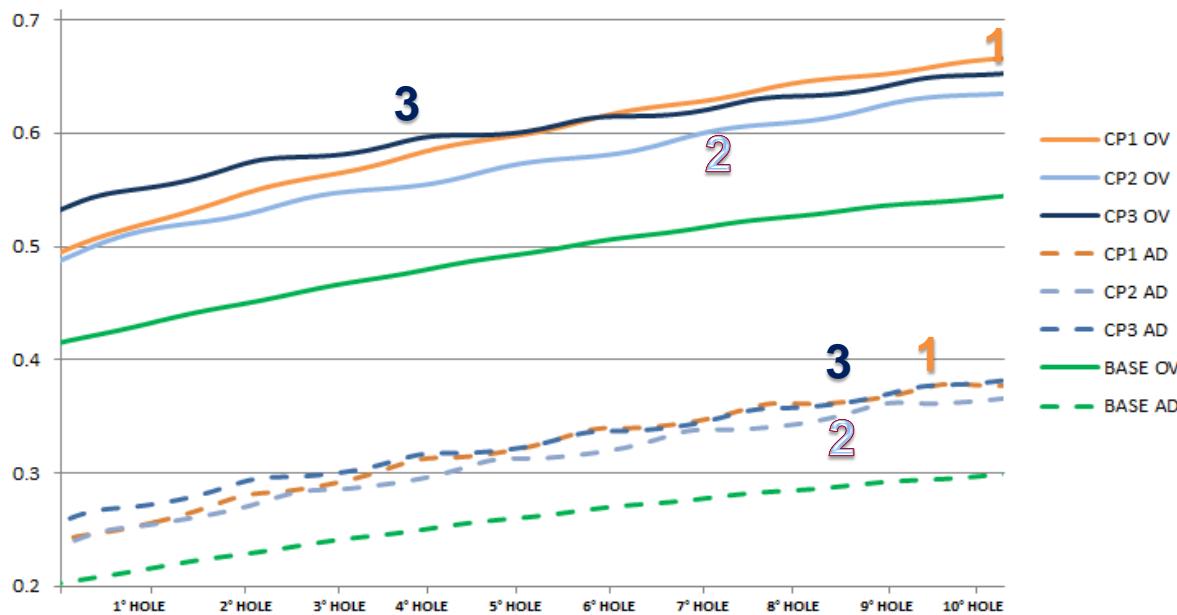
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Constraint parameter > 0,4  
 Overall effectiveness min = f (Input1, Input2)



# Optimization Candidate Points

N°	Injection Angle (deg)	Pitch in x (mm)	Pirch in Y (mm)	Overall Effectiveness Min	Overall Effectiveness Average	Overall Effectiveness Max	Adiabatic Effectiveness Average	Adiabatic Effectiveness Max
BASE	90°	15,24	15,24	0.411	0.453	0.540	0.216	0.309
1	-32,7°	17,03	12,92	0.483	0.591	0.681	0.316	0.392
2	-33,2°	18,31	12,90	0.482	0.563	0.652	0.304	0.383
3	-74,6	16,72	12,90	0.524	0.603	0.668	0.338	0.403

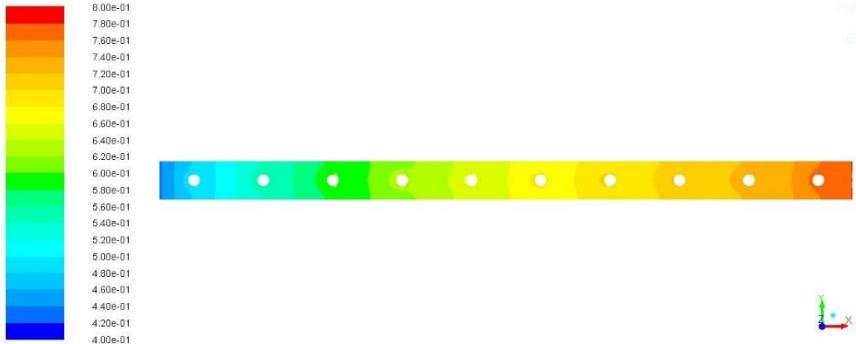


- Improvement of 30% in overall effectiveness
- Improvement of 50% in adiabatic effectiveness
- Candidate Point N°3 :
  - Overall Effectiveness higher
  - Lower Temperature gradient along the plate
  - Ad Effectiveness higher

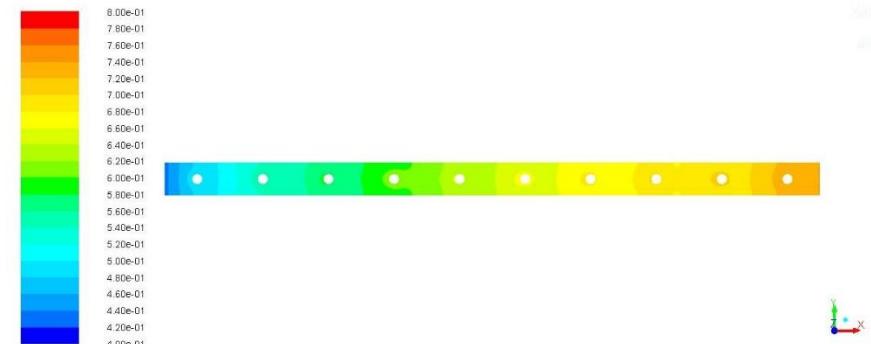
# Candidate Points

Overall effectiveness on the Plate

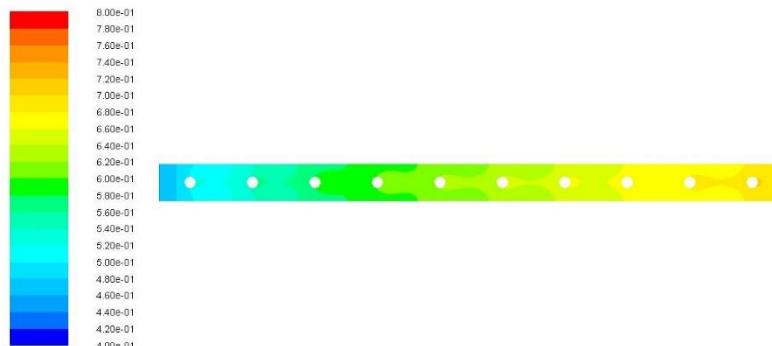
**Candidate Point N°1**



**Candidate Point N°2**



**Candidate Point N°3**



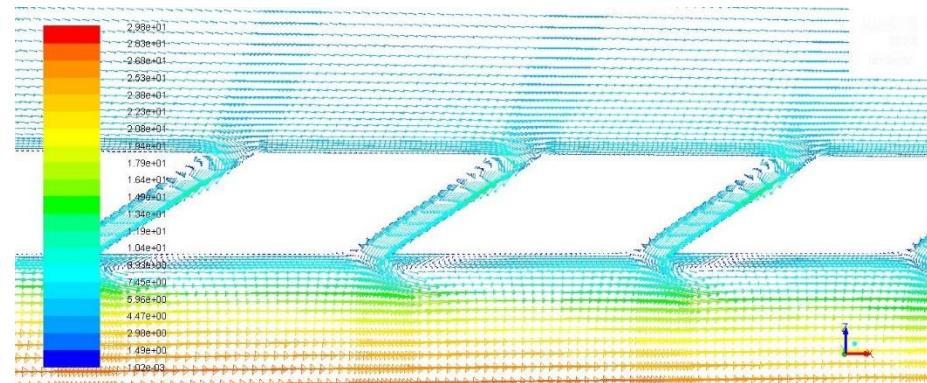
- More homogeneous effectiveness
- Higher minimum effectiveness

# Candidate Points

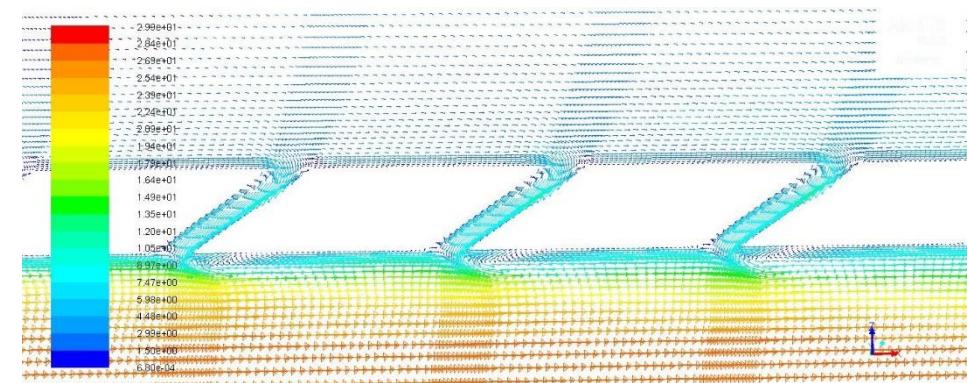
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Velocity vectors on symmetry plane

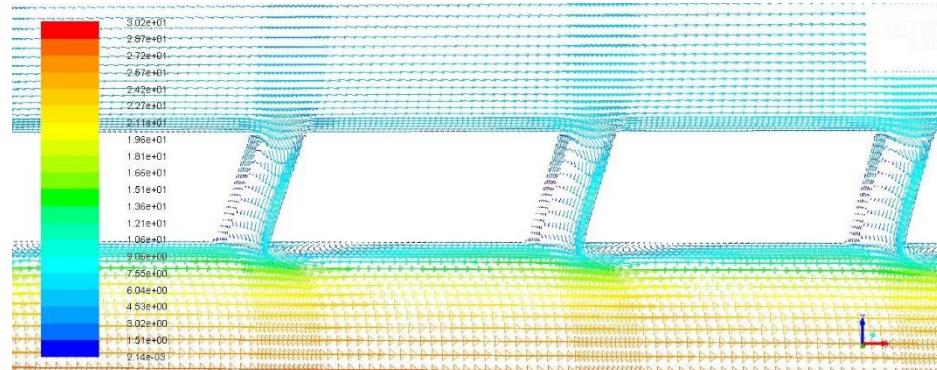
**Candidate Point N°1**



**Candidate Point N°2**



**Candidate Point N°3**



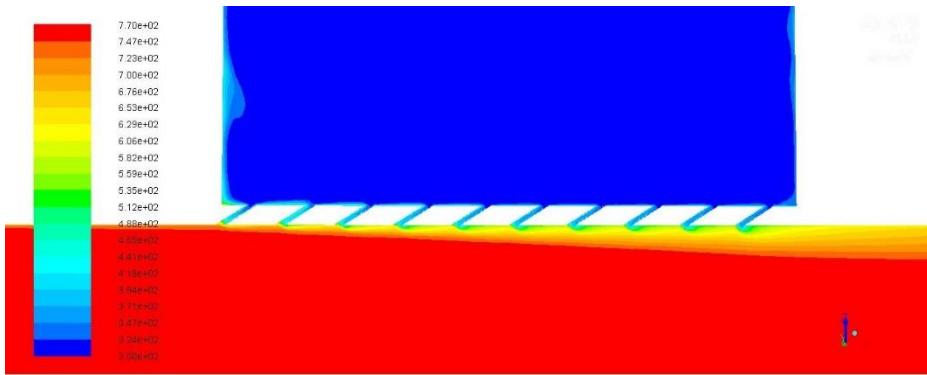
**Smaller  
detachment and  
recirculation zone**

# Candidate Points

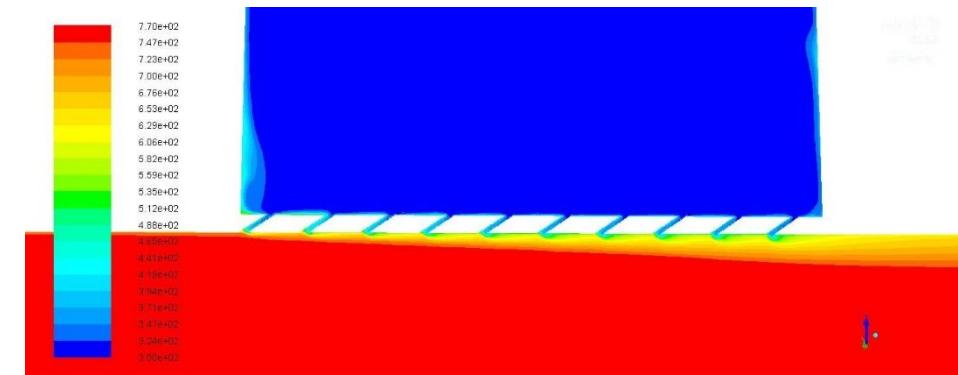
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Temperature profile on symmetry plane

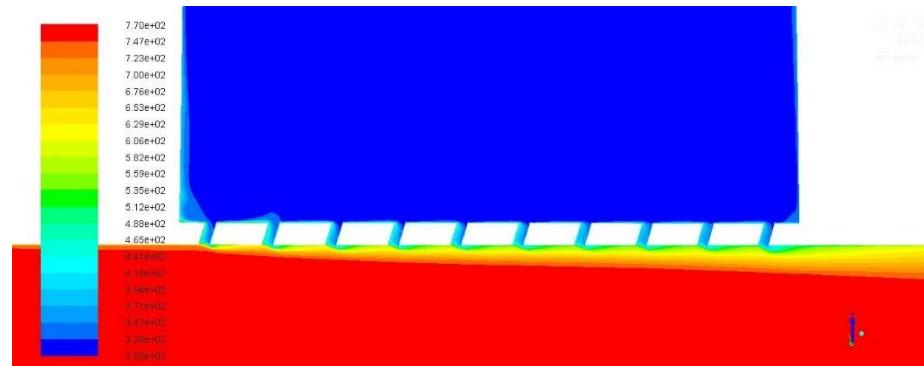
**Candidate Point N°1**



**Candidate Point N°2**



**Candidate Point N°3**



**Better Coverage  
of the plate**

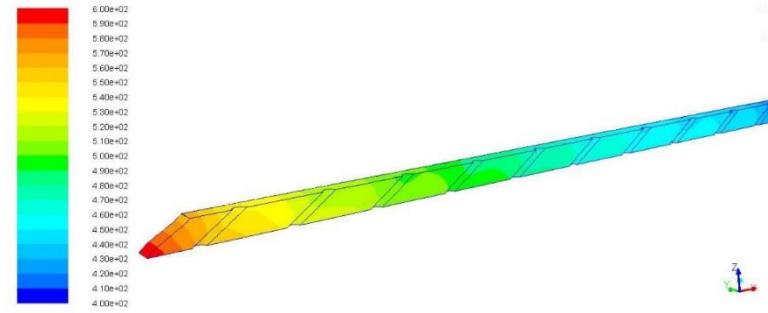
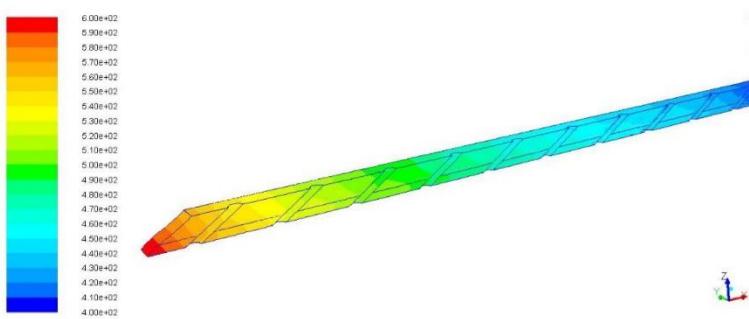
# Candidate Points

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## Temperature gradient on the plate

Candidate Point N°1

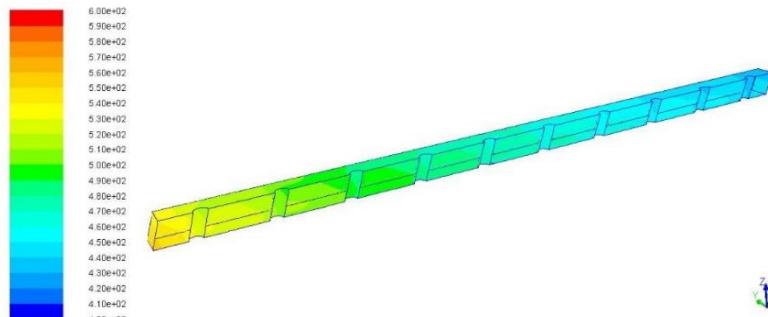
Candidate Point N°2



$$\nabla T_x \approx 200 \text{ K}$$

$$\nabla T_z \approx 30 \text{ K}$$

Candidate Point N°3

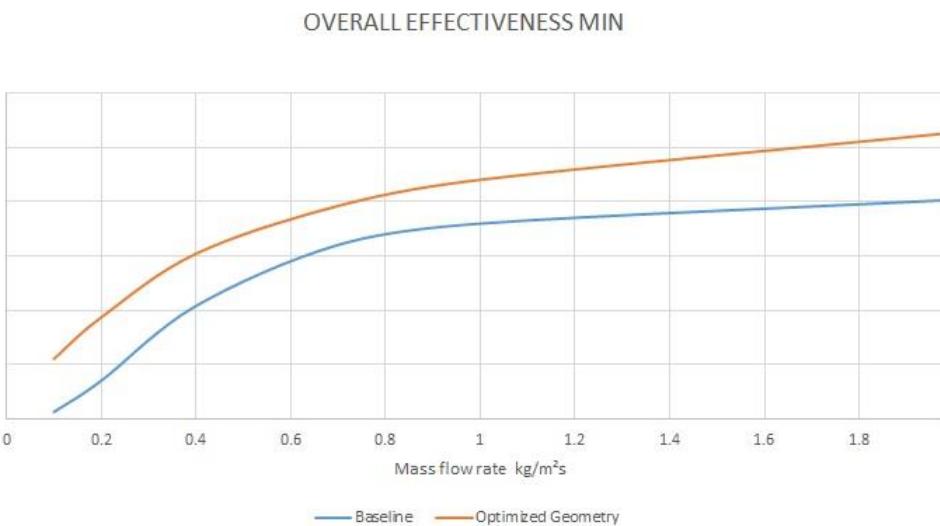
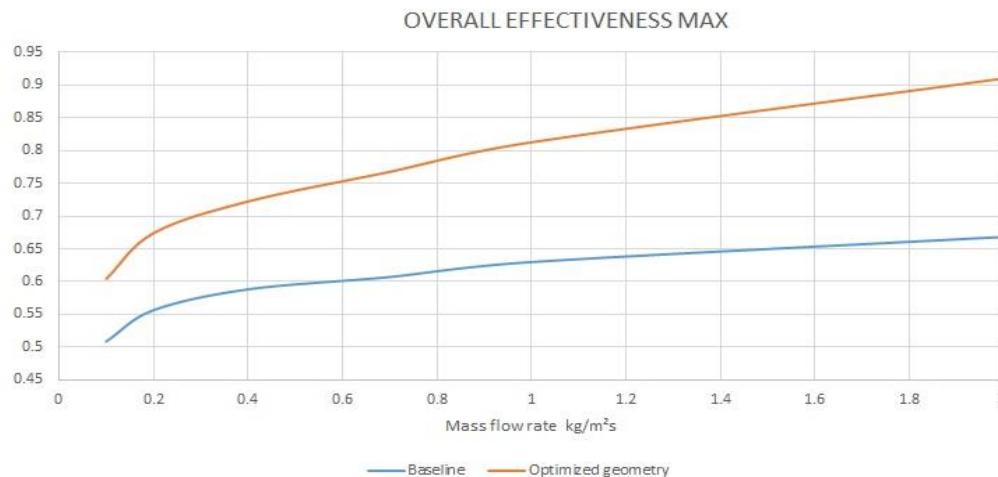


$$\nabla T_x < 130 \text{ K}$$

$$\nabla T_z < 10 \text{ K}$$

# Candidate Point N°3

## Overall effectiveness as a function of cooling air mass flow (G)



- New geometry is better than baseline for all G
- Get same effectiveness with lower G
- Plateaux for high G

# Conclusions



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- CFD numerical study of an effusion cooling system developed at **University of Leeds**
- Model validation matching experimental data obtained from:  
G E Andrews, A A Asere, M L Gupta and M C Mkpadi,  
“Effusion cooling: the influence of the number of holes”  
*Proceedings of the Institution of Mechanical Engineers, Part A: Journal of Power and Energy* 1990
- Shape optimization performed by means of Rbf Morph and Ansys Workbench suite
- Results analysis to get influence of the shape parameters on the effusion cooling effectiveness, improvement of 30%
- Found an optimal geometry reducing up to 10 times cooling air flow, without reducing effectiveness.



W. Savastano, A. Pranzitelli, G. E. Andrews, M. E. Biancolini, D. B. Ingham, M. Pourkashanian,

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