



Computational **Multi**-Fluid Dynamics Lab.

Research activities and plans

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▪ Education

- 1999 Ph.D. Dept. of Mechanical Engineering, KAIST
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- 1988 B.S., Dept. of Naval Architecture, Seoul National University

▪ Professional experiences

- 2017 ~ Present: Pusan National University, School of Mechanical Engineering, Professor
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- 2003 ~ 2008: Samsung Electronics Co. LTD., Principal Engineer
- 2000 ~ 2002: LG Electronics Inc., Senior Engineer
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▪ Projects (On-going)

- National Research Foundation of Korea (NRF)
- Korea Institute of Energy Technology Evaluating and Planning (KETEP)
- Agency for Defense Development (ADD)
- Rolls-Royce plc
- LG electronics
- Research Institute of Industrial Science & Technology (RIST)
- Daewoo Shipbuilding & Marine Engineering (DSME)

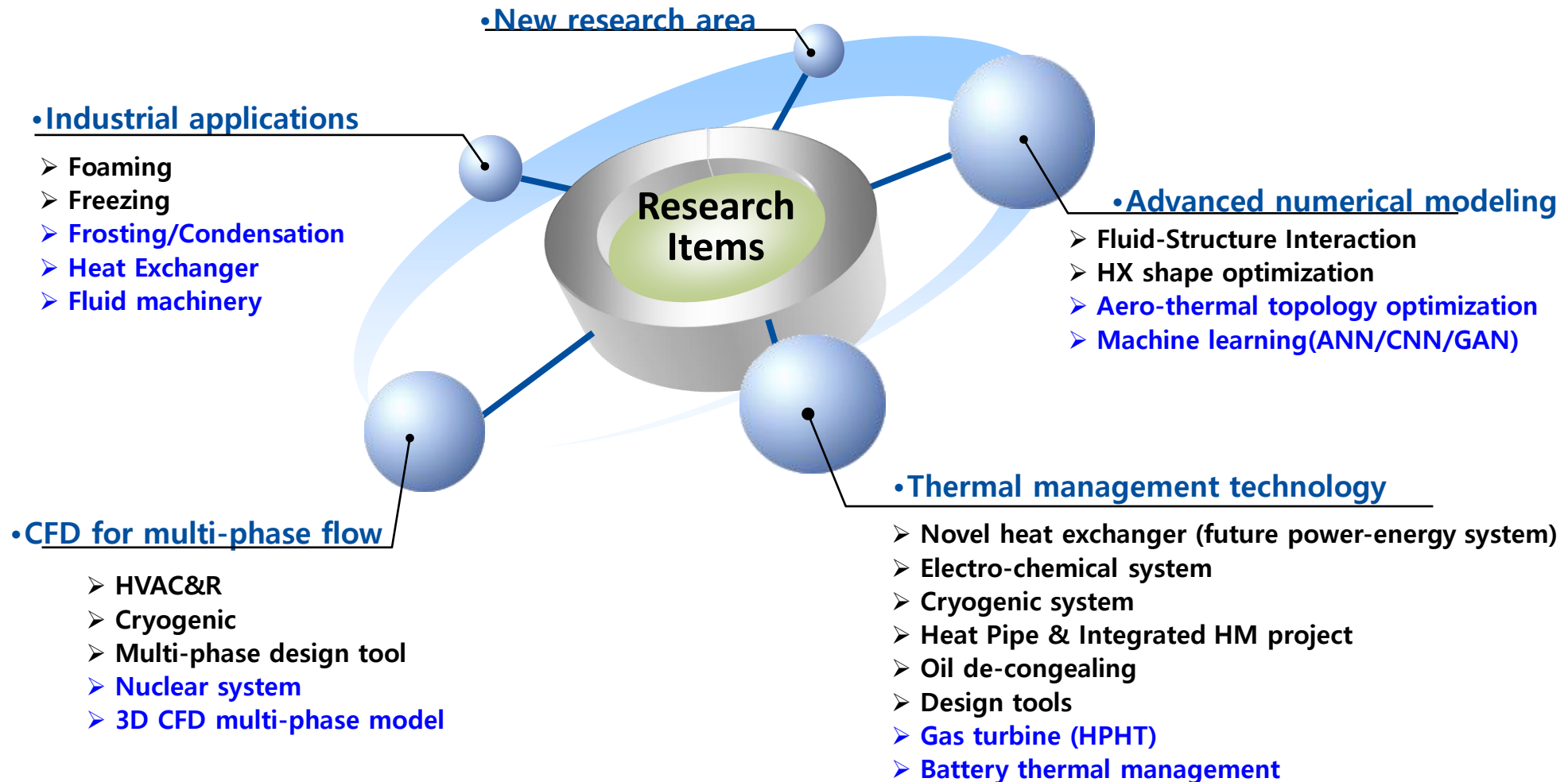


- **CFD**
 - ✓ Computational Fluid Dynamics
- **CMFD**
 - ✓ Computational Multi-Fluid Dynamics
- **Multi-**
 - ✓ Multi-phase
 - ✓ Multi-Physics
 - ✓ Multi-Objective
 - ✓ Multi-Disciplinary

Research area

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“Advanced CFD modeling and thermal management technology for future power-energy system”

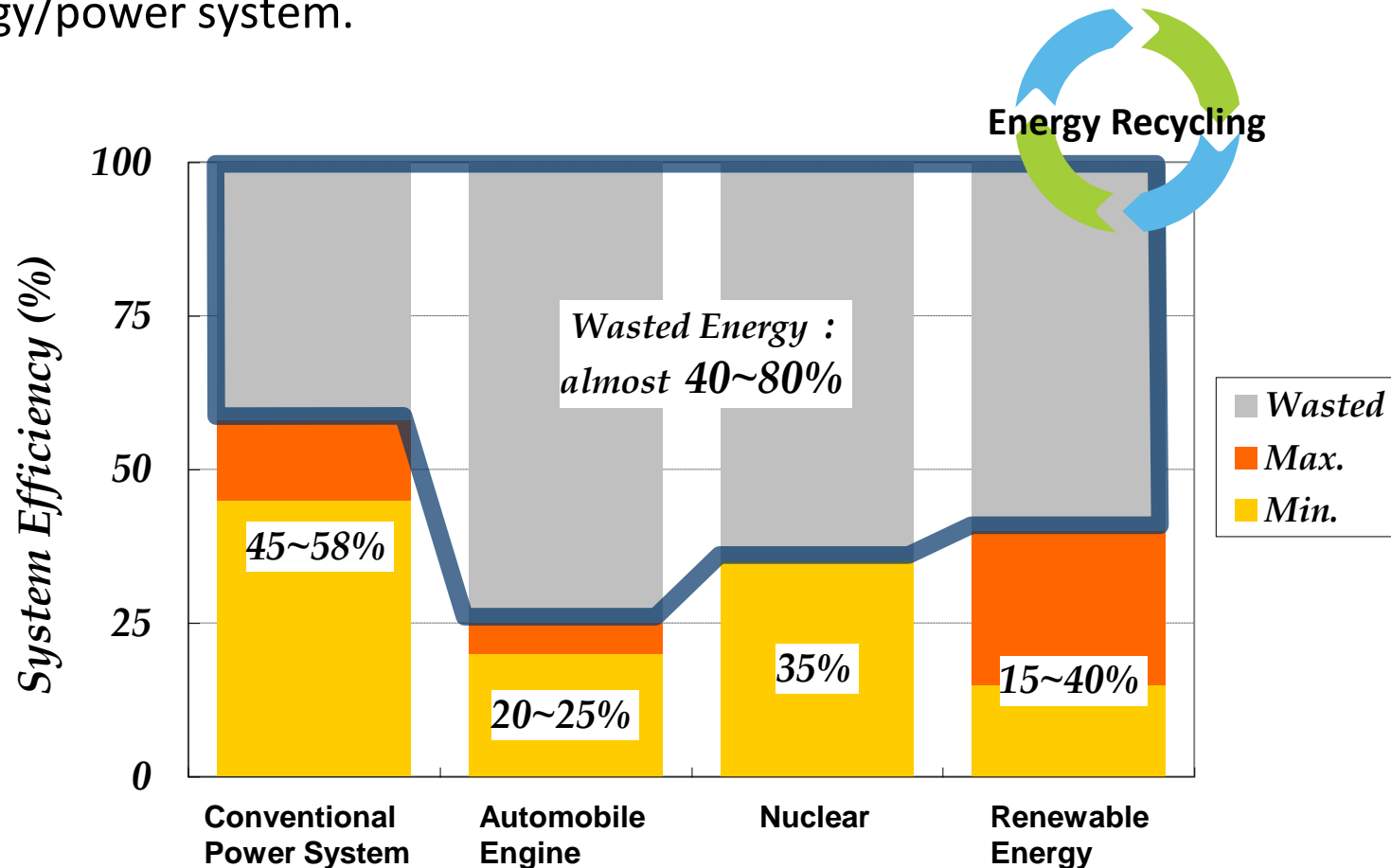


- Thermal management technology
- Advanced numerical model for aero-thermal system
- CFD for multi-phase flow
- Research programs

Why thermal management technology?

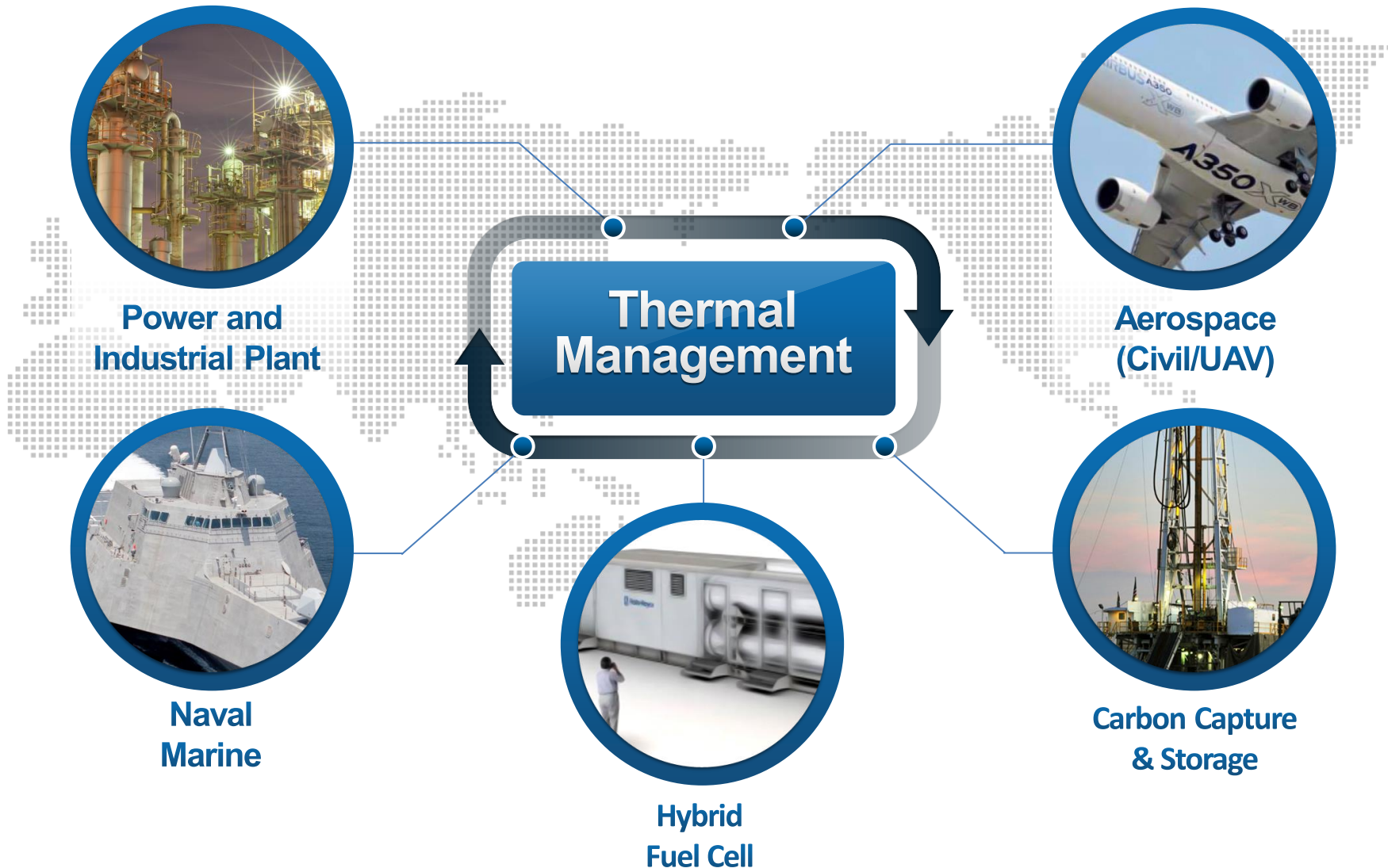
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- In conventional power system, **40-80% energies are wasted.**
- The development of **Thermal Management Technology** is a key for the future energy/power system.



Application of thermal management tech

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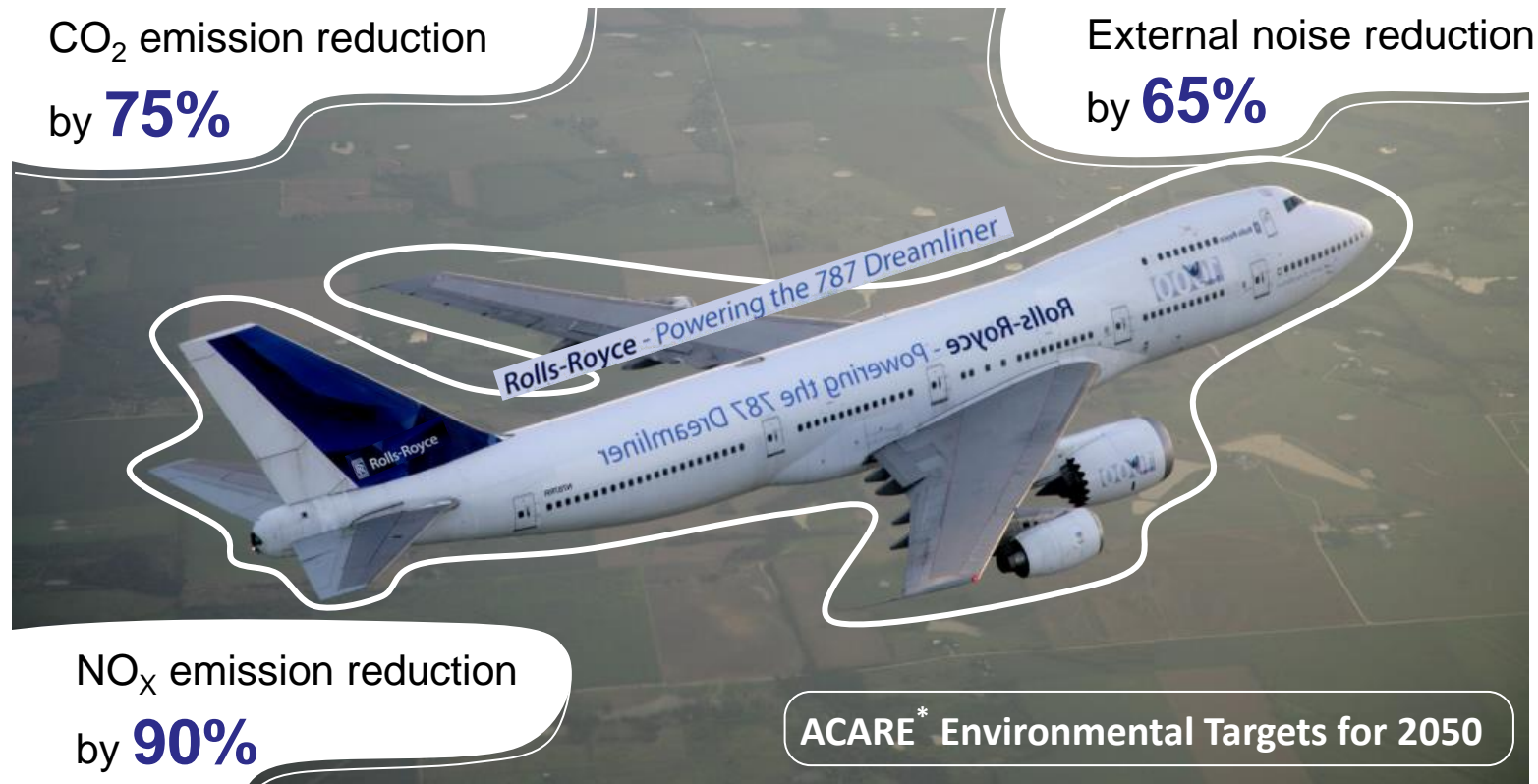


Advanced gas-turbine cycle for aero-engine

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- **FlightPath 2050 goals (2011)**

: Relative to the capabilities of typical new aircraft in 2000.

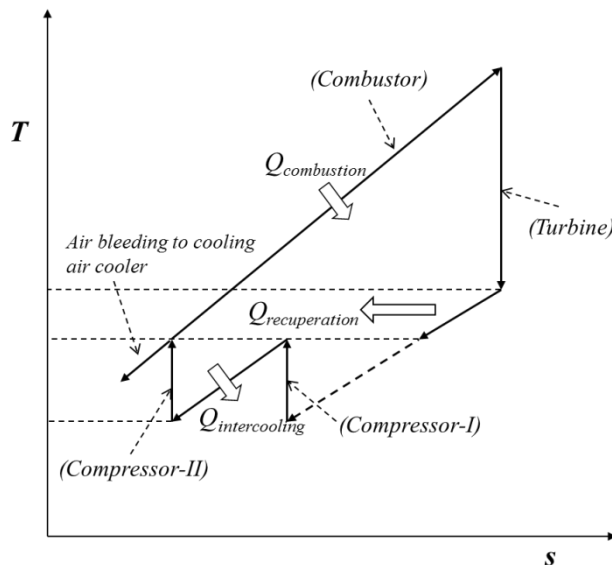


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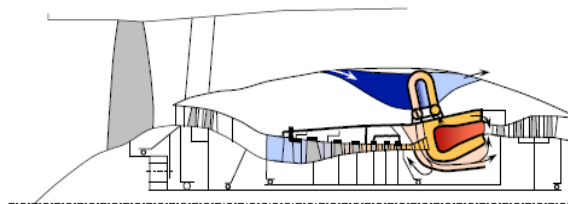
Advanced gas-turbine cycle for aero-engine

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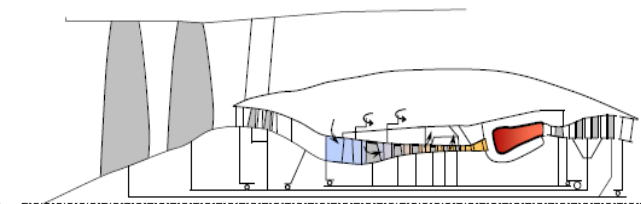
- Development of **ultra-light and highly reliable novel thermal management system** for **HTHP condition**.



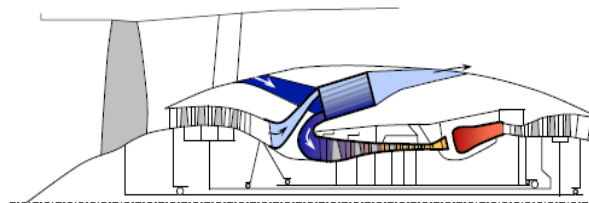
Advanced Brayton cycle with recuperator, intercooler and cooling air cooler



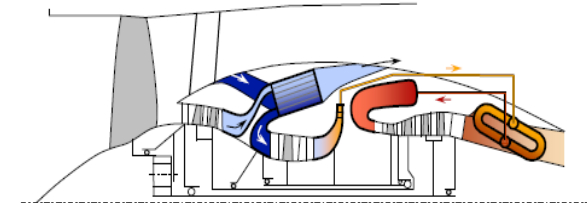
Active Core



Flow Controlled Core



Intercooled Core

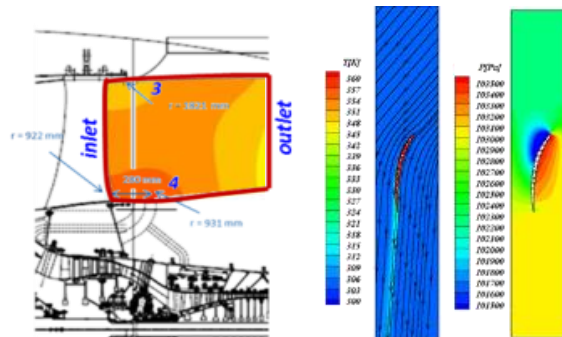
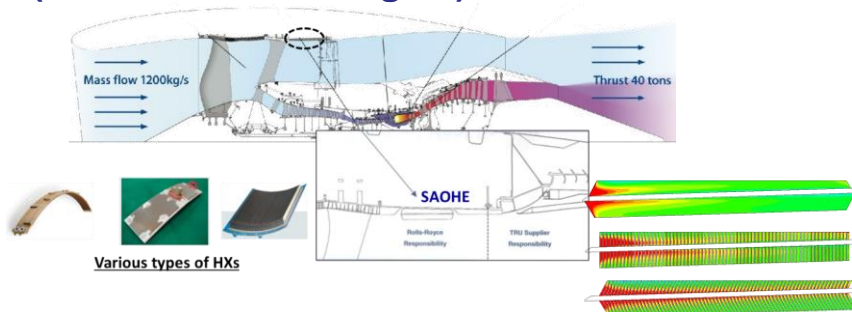


Intercooled Recuperative Core

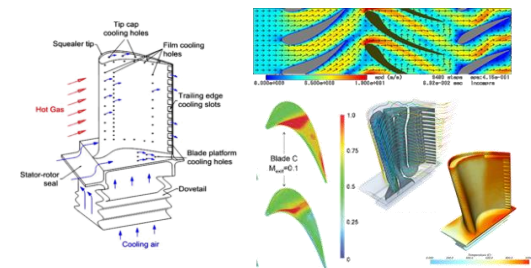
Various concepts for aero-engines
(EU-FP NEWAC programme)

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- Intercooler for aero-engine (EU-NEWAC programme)



- Turbine blade cooling for power gen

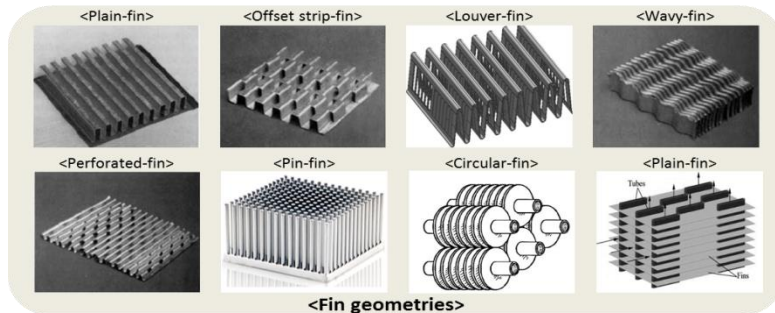
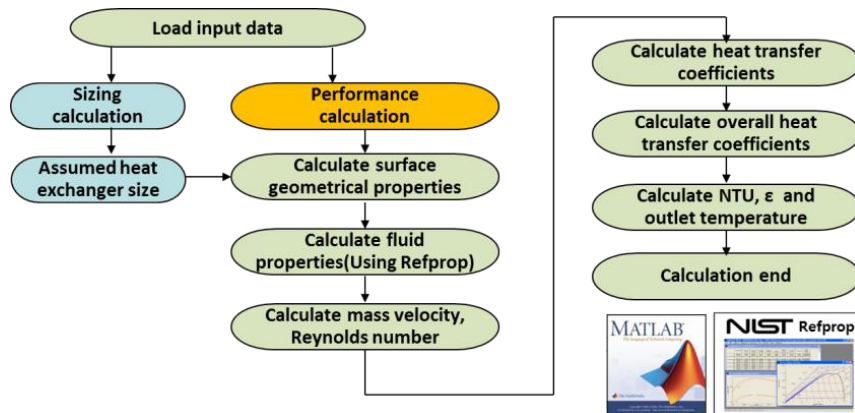


Novel HXs: In-house design tools

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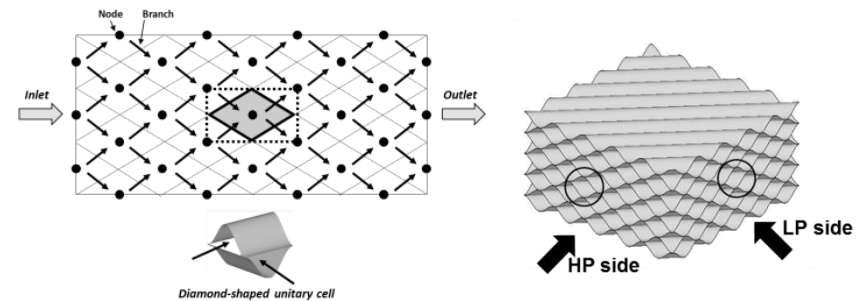
• Ranking program (HXRP)

▪ HXRP (latest version: HXRP v3.0)

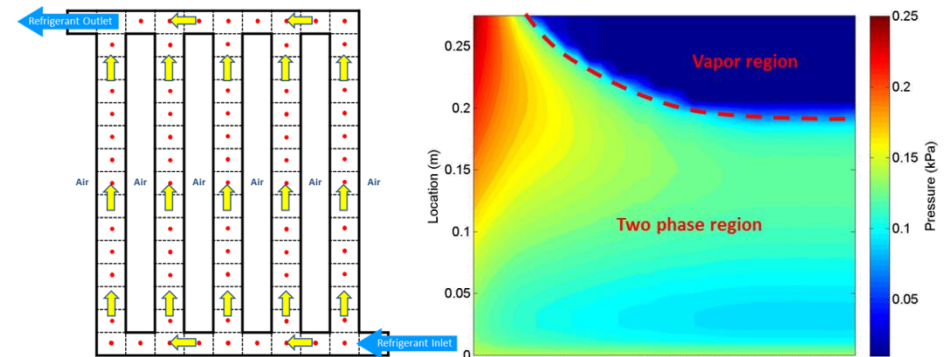


• 1D network program

▪ Flow network analysis



▪ Two-phase flow

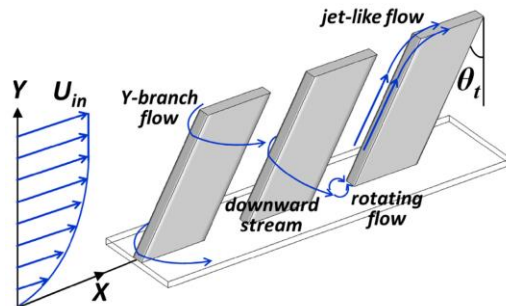
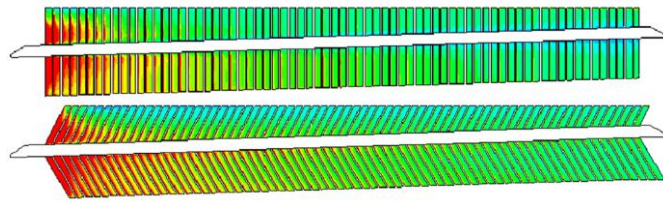
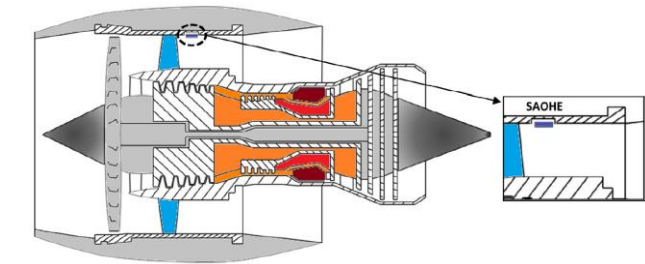


<MCHE matrix in 1D code>

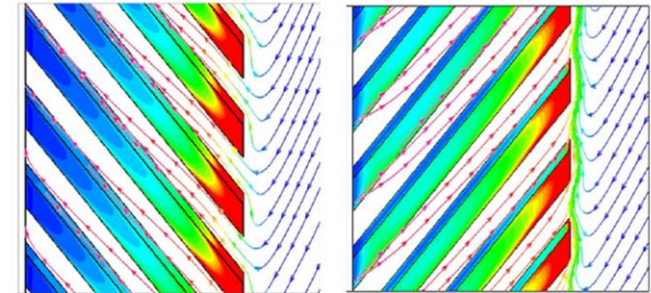
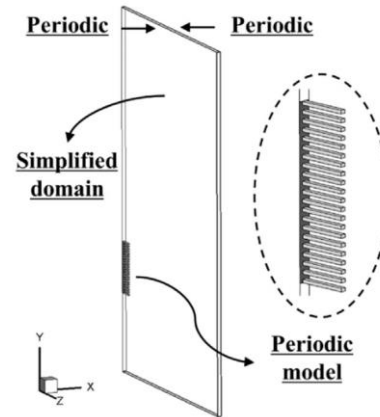
Novel HXs: New heat sink

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• Slanted-pin-fin cooler under a high-speed-condition



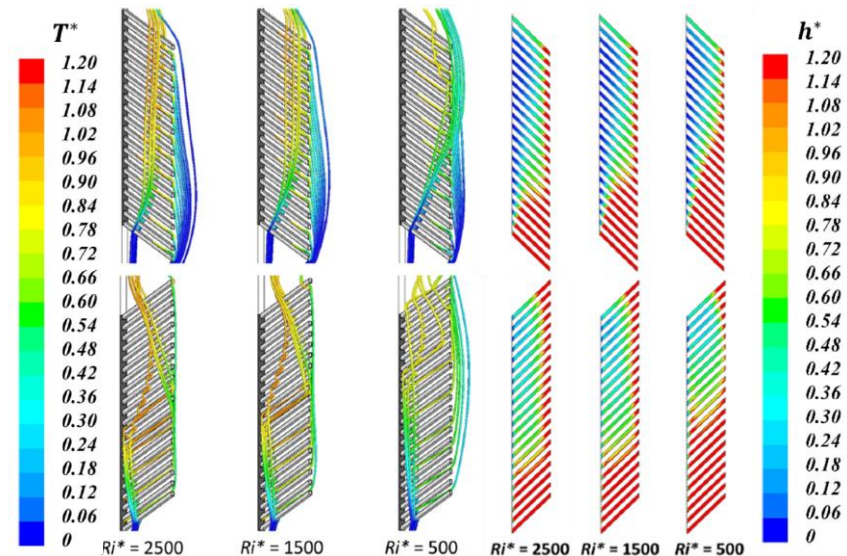
• Slanted-pin fins mounted on a vertical plate



-45°

+45°

Natural convection

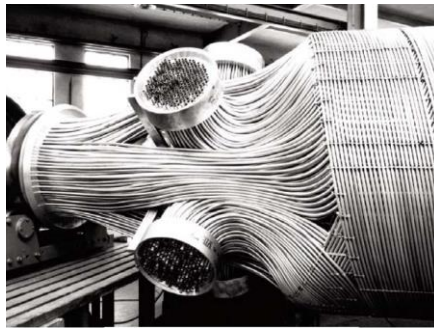


Mixed convection

Novel HXs: Cryogenic (below -160°C)

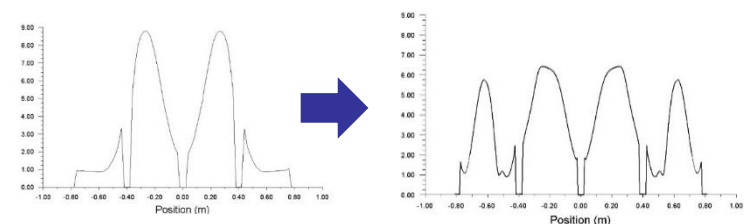
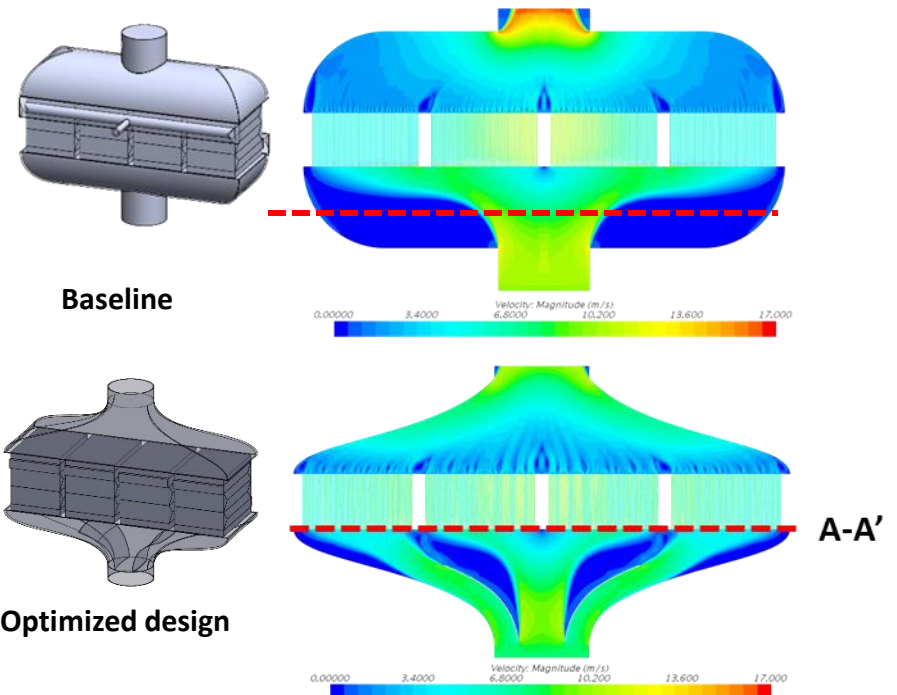
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- Thermal design for multi-stream/multi-pass HX



Engineering application: LNG tanker

- Printed Circuit Heat Exchanger(PCHE) under supercritical conditions

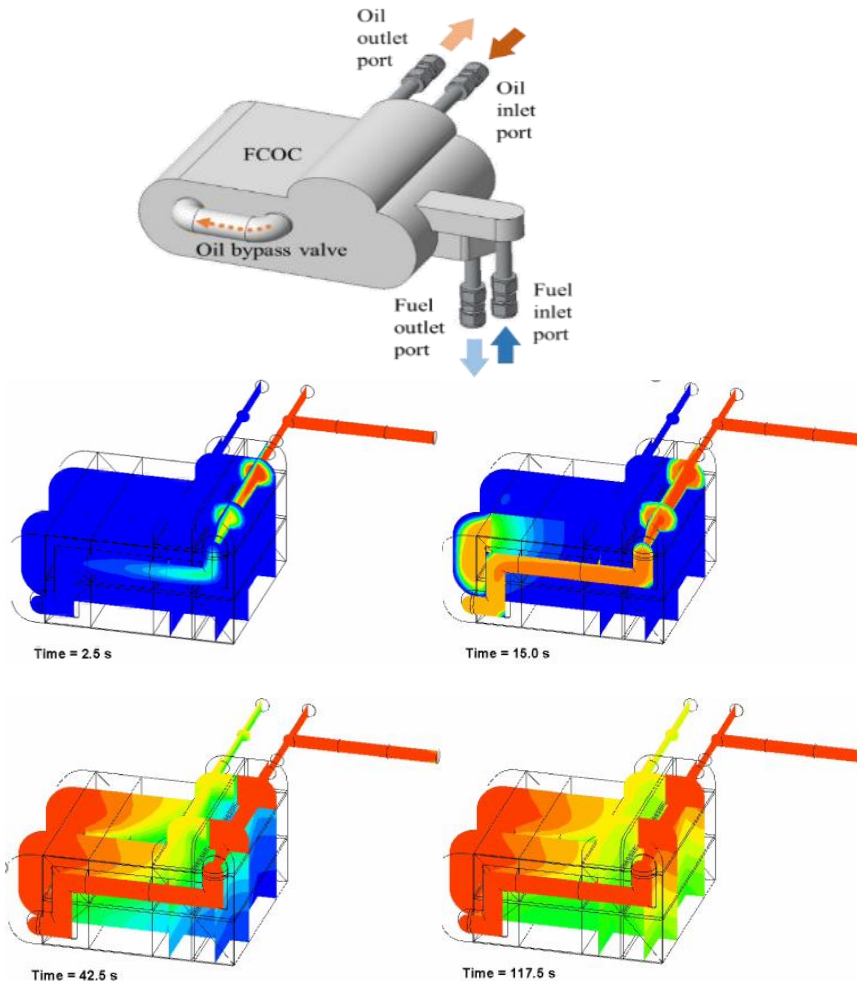


HXs: New challenges

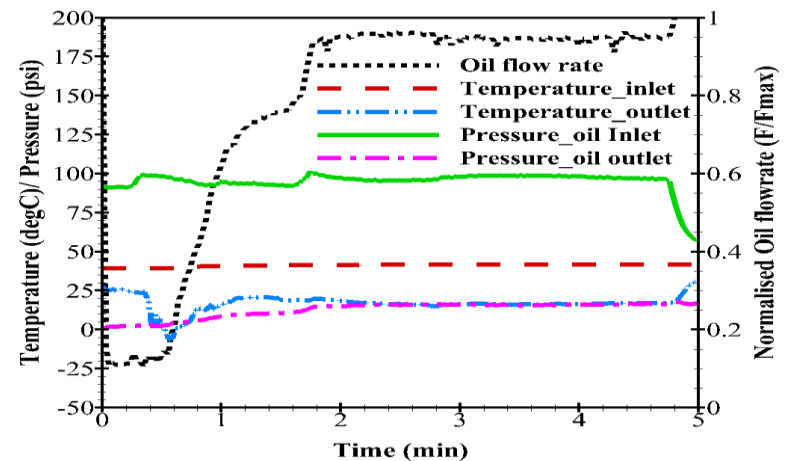
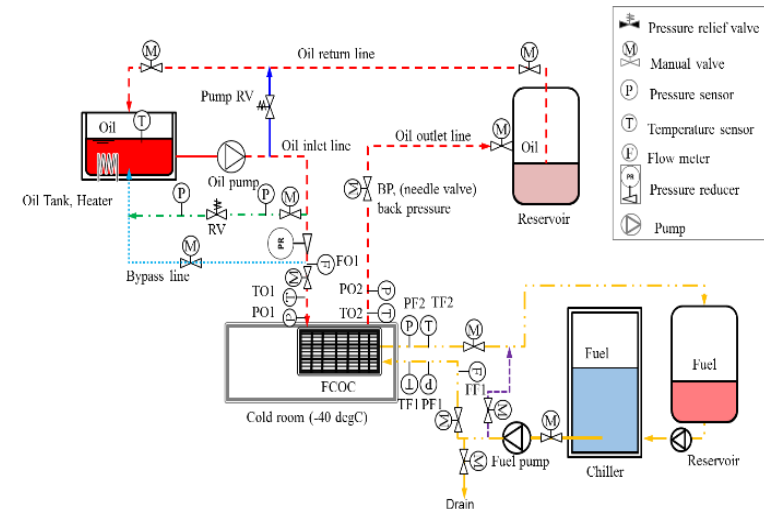
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• Oil-congealing inside a heat exchanger (Transient temp variation from -40°C)

• Improved HX CFD models



• Experiment

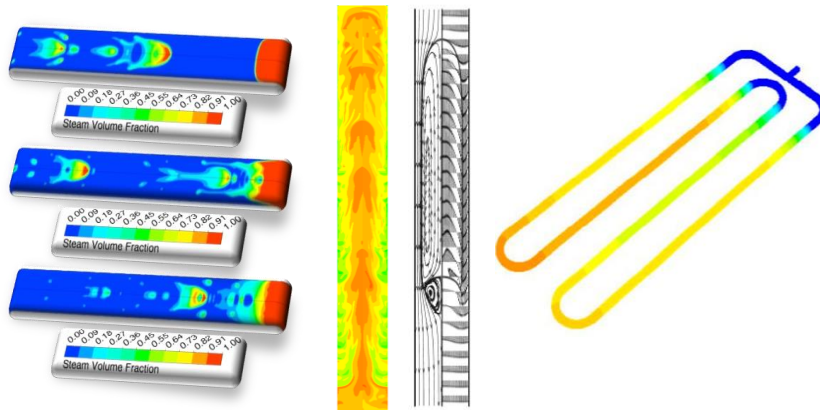


New challenges

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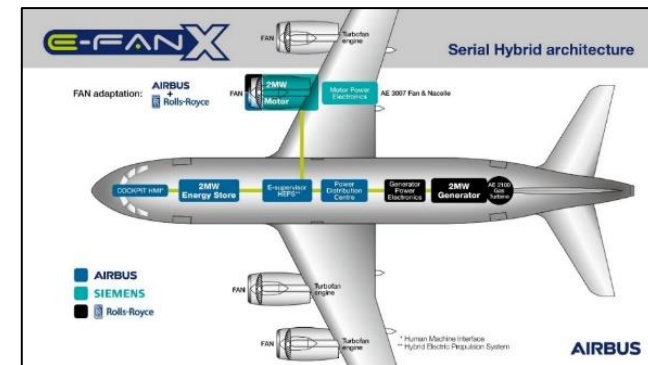
• Design tech for Heat Pipe application (Harsh operating condition and large-scale)

• 3D CFD



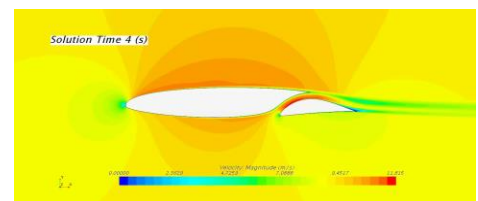
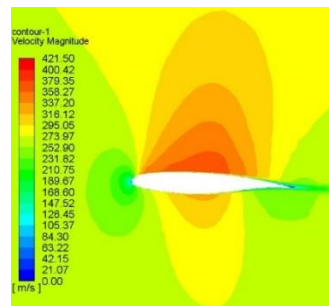
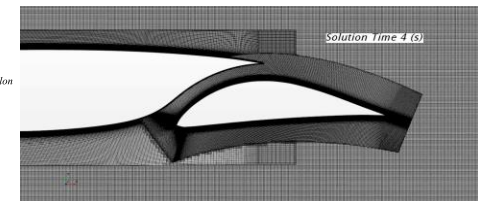
• Integrated heat management system (For future aircraft thermal management)

• Increased electrification

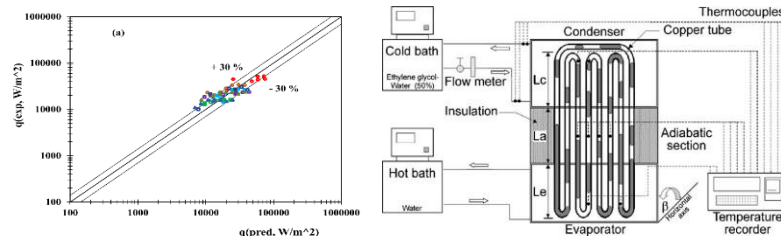


• Airframe surface heating for HX integration concept

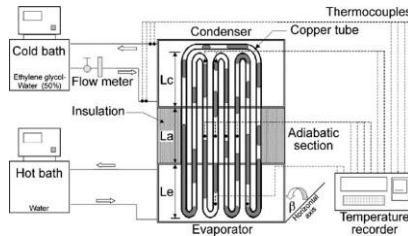
Boundary layer heating and HX integration concept



• Performance correlations



- Water, $d_i = 2 \text{ mm}$, $\beta = 0 - 90$, $\phi = 50 \%$, $N > N = 16$, $Q = 550W$ [R]
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- R123, $d_i = 2 \text{ mm}$, $\beta = 0 - 90$, $\phi = 50 \%$, $N > N = 23$ [R]
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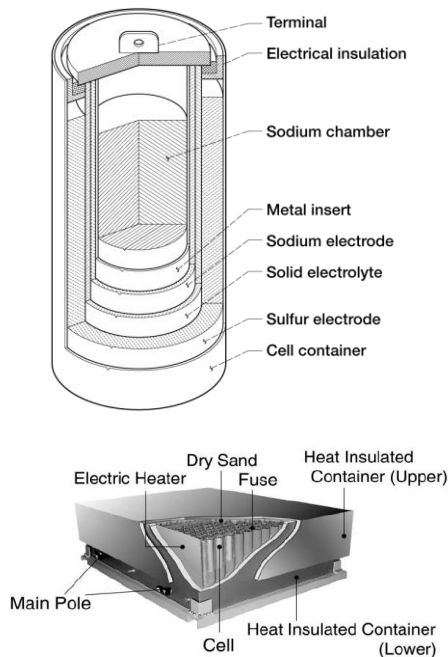


Thermal management for electro-chemical system

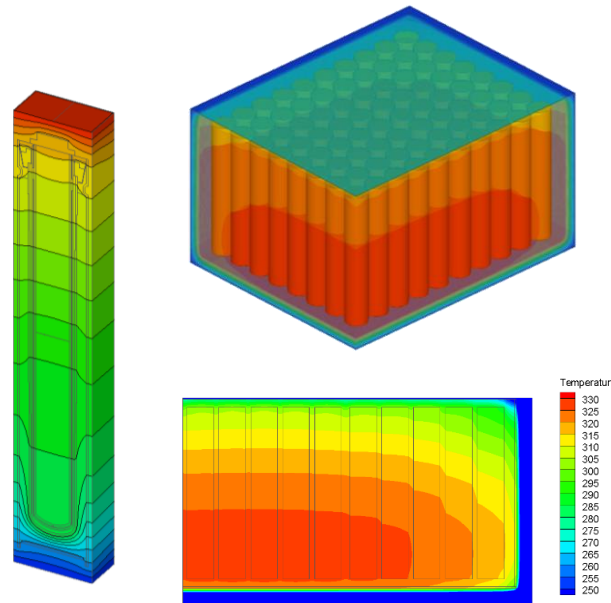
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• Thermal management inside a battery system (ESS): Molten NAS battery, 300-350°C

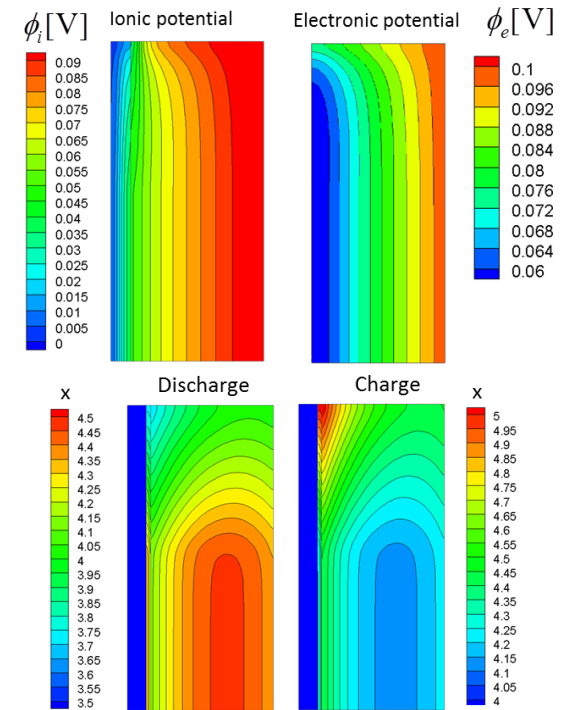
• Temperature uniformity inside a ESS module



Molten sodium-sulfur battery cell and module



Temperature distribution inside the module during discharging/charging cycle



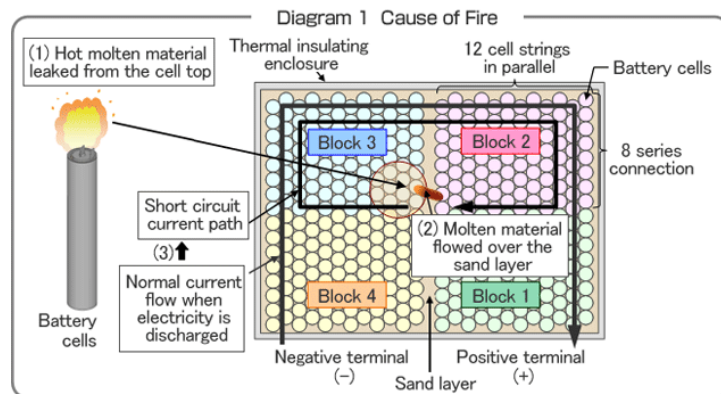
Potential and reactant distribution inside the cathode

Thermal management for electro-chemical system

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• Safety analysis methodology : temperature rise in the cell under failure mode (crack).

• Accident report in ESS, Japan (2011)



• Leak flow model

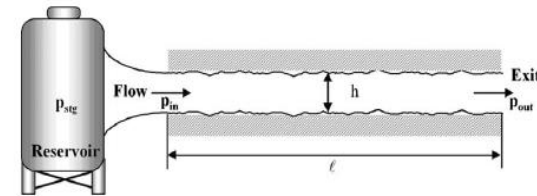
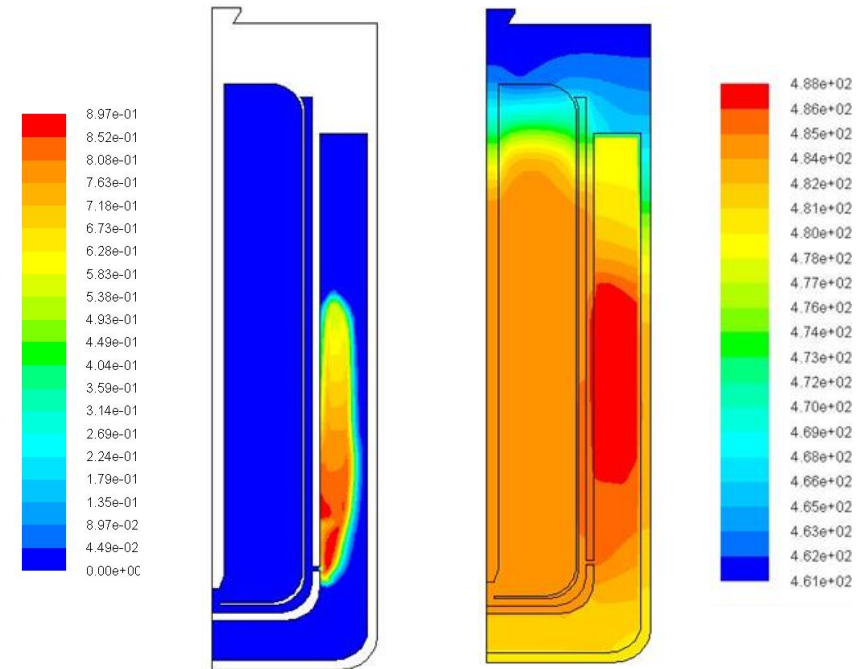


Fig. 1 Flow model in a narrow crack



Mass fraction of reactant

Temperature distribution

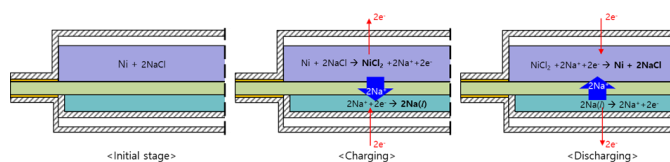
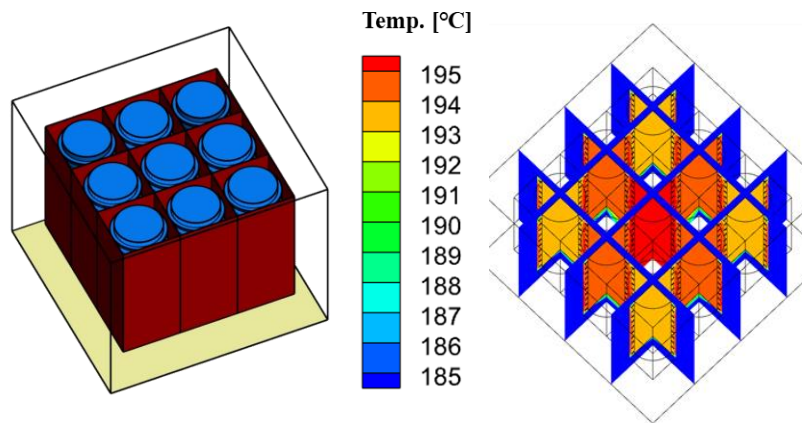
Thermal management for electro-chemical system

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- Thermal management inside a battery system (ESS): Na-NiCl₂, 190-200°C

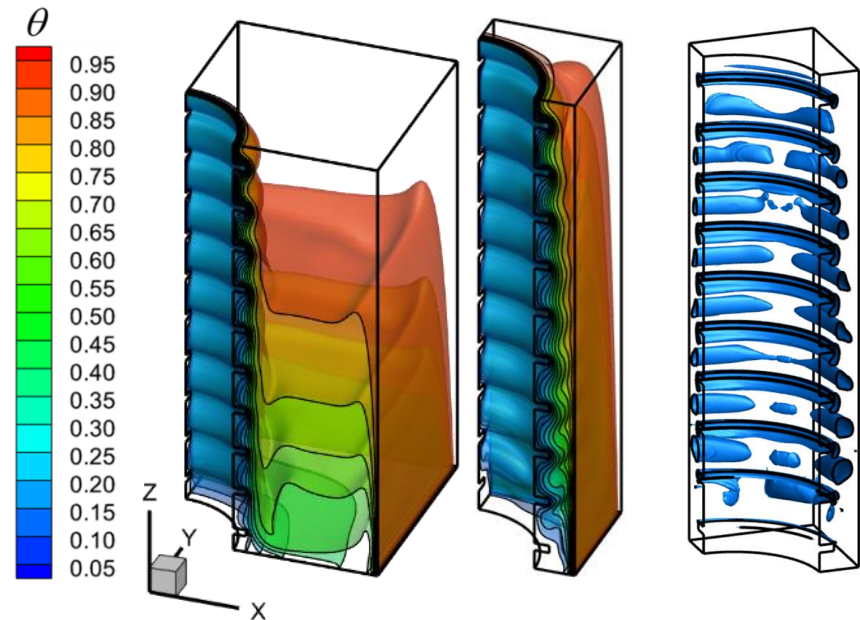
- Thermal design of ESS hotbox considering novel manufacturing process

Temperature distribution



Electro chemical reaction

3D CFD

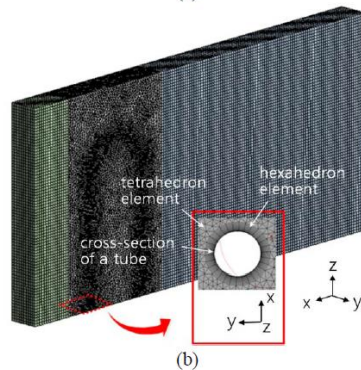
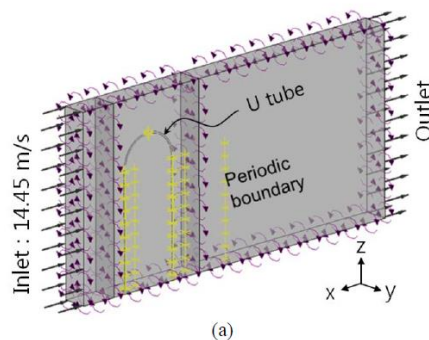


- Thermal management technology
- **Advanced numerical model for aero-thermal system**
- CFD for multi-phase flow
- Research programs

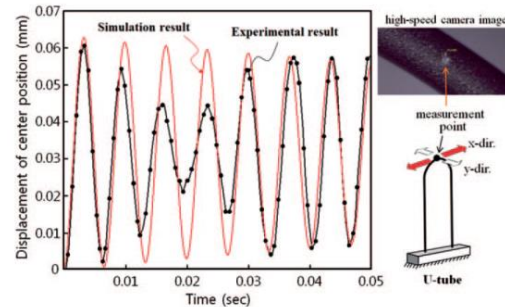
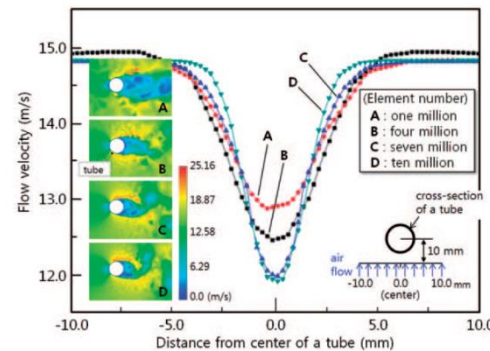
Fluid-Structure Interaction

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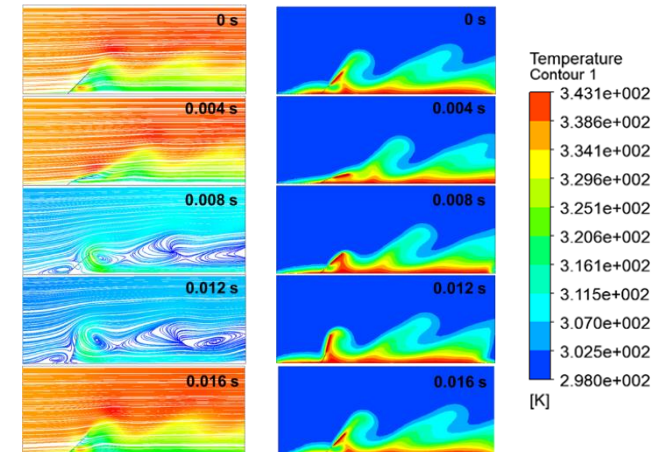
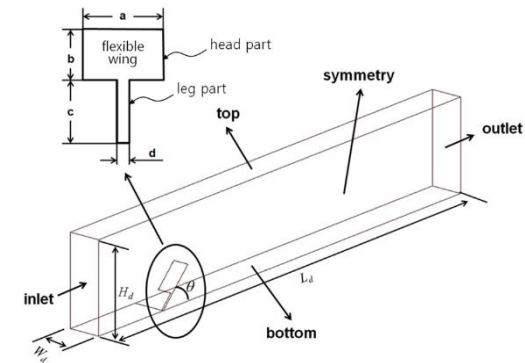
- Vortex shedding and deformations of U-shaped mini-tube for HX application
- A study on a flexible wing with up-down vibration in a pulsating flow of cooling air to improve heat transfer efficiency



Problem set-up



Comparison with experiment



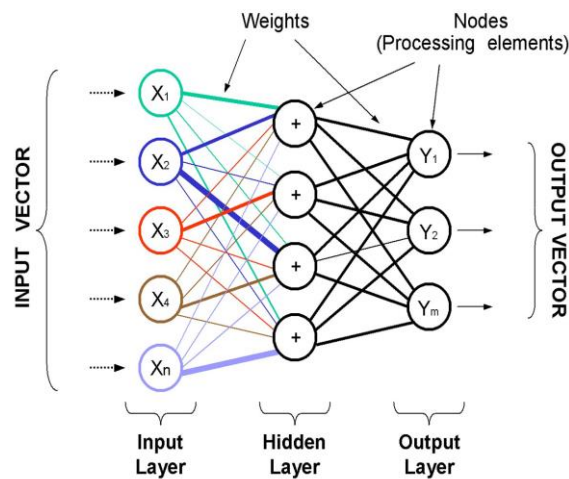
Flow and temperature field

Artificial Neural Network

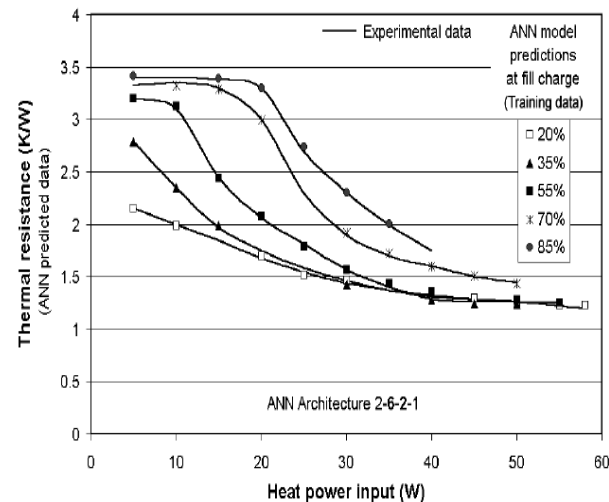
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•Performance correlations for Heat Pipe using ANN

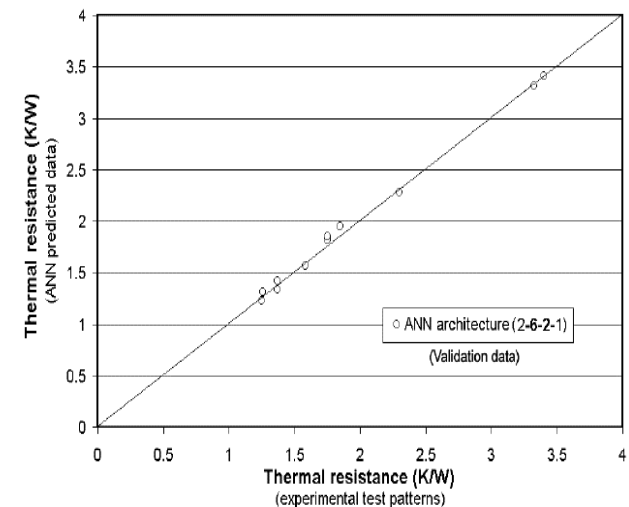
- Imitating and applying the utilities of human brain neurons to predict the heat transfer of heat pipes. Used for highly non-linear predictions within an identified operating space.
- Faster speed, high flexibility and high accuracy in prediction within the identified space
- Input layer : Heat flux and fluid filling ratio, Output layer : thermal resistance



ANN neuron layout



ANN prediction of experimental data



ANN validation of experimental data

Challenges: Condensation application

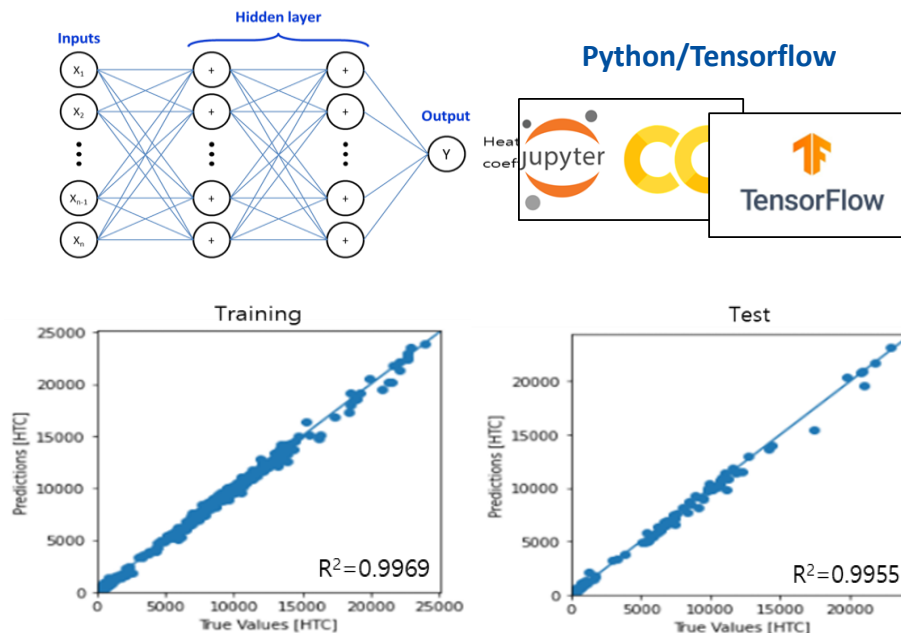
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• Development of ANN model

• ANN data processing

Year	Surface	Contact angle (deg)	Air Temp (°C)	Surface Temp (°C)	Relative humidity (%)	Air velocity (m/s)	Type	Material	HTC (W/m²K)
1	Experimental investigation of mist or condensation on hydrophobic, hydrophilic, superhydrophobic, and hybrid hydrophobic-hydrophilic surfaces	15, 75, 120	20	20	85, 95, 40, 0	0.5-4	plate	Copper	Coating, painting
2	Carbon Nanotube Condensation Heat and Mass Transfer of Humid Air across a vertical Plate with Condensation	36-2	30-2	5	20-100	Humidity ratio (g/g)	plate	Aluminum foil	Painting
3	Heat and mass transfer for plate heat exchanger with and without hydrophobic coating	30-50	27	7	30-80	0.7-1.75	plate/fin and tube	Aluminum	Coating, painting
4	Characteristics of film condensation of superheated steam on micro-pin fin plate	50	80, 90, 95	50-70	0.2-0.78	1-4	plate	Aluminum	Painting
5	Condensation in the presence of noncondensable gases	50	30	30	0-50	1-3	plate	Aluminum	Painting
6	Condensation of fine steam and steam-air mixture with surface active of Condensate film on a vertical wall	50	80-90	80-90	0.2-0.5	0.5-3	plate	Aluminum	Painting
7	Effect of high hydrophobic micro-pin fin on condensation in the Desuperheater Separation Process	50	90-95	50	0-50	1.00-1.50	plate	Copper	Painting
8	Prediction of steam condensation in the presence of noncondensable gases using a CFD-based approach	50	77.25-82.25	20.75-40.25	0.707-0.886	0.5-3	plate	Stainless steel	Painting
9	Validation study of the effects of non-condensable gas on water condensation heat transfer	50	100	40-60	0.0-0.3	0.5-3	plate	Aluminum	Painting
10	Condensation heat transfer enhancement in the presence of non-condensable gas using the method of direct phase condensation	45, 60, 90	100	60-80	0-1	0.7	plate	Copper	Coating, painting

• Model development & prediction



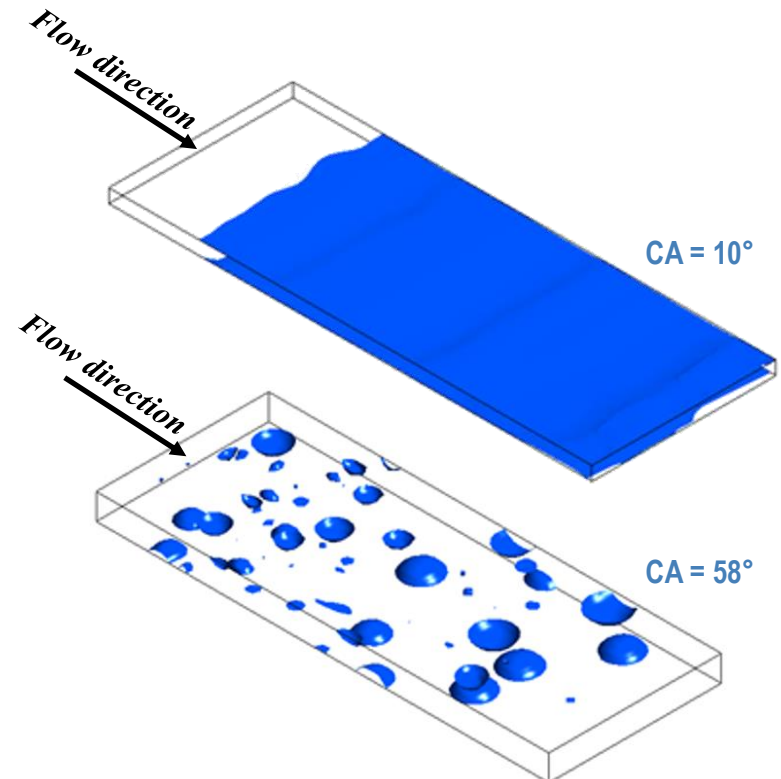
• CFD based on FVM

• CFD condensation results

Lee model (evaporation & condensation)

$$\dot{m}_v = r \alpha_v \rho_v \frac{T - T_{sat}}{T_{sat}}$$

tuning parameter from ANN prediction

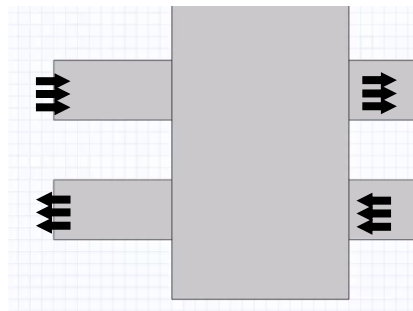


Challenges: Topology optimization

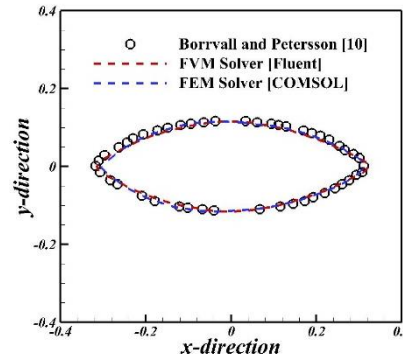
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• Topology optimization in thermo-hydraulic system

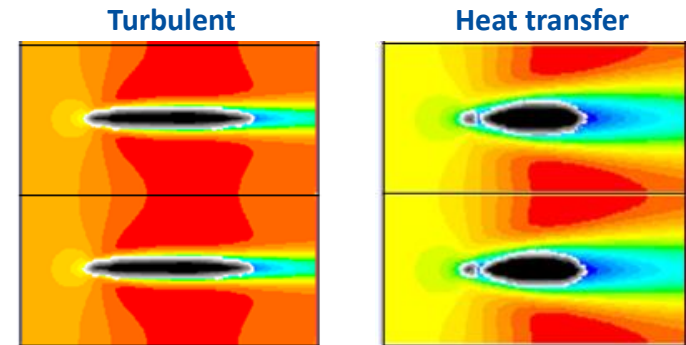
• Finite-Volume based topology optimization



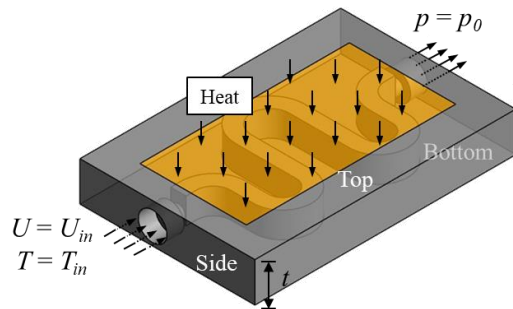
Duct design



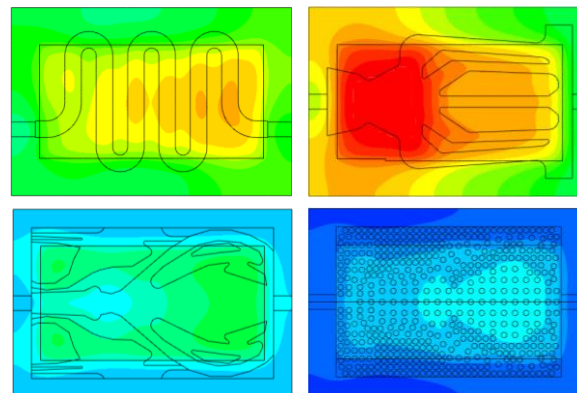
FVM based topology optimization ([In-house code](#))



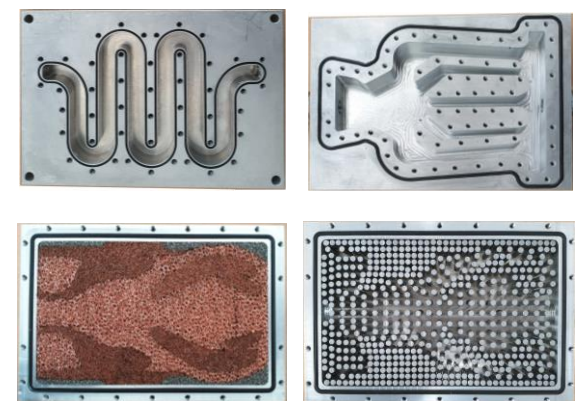
• Application for aero-thermal topology optimization



Path design for liquid-cooled heat sink



Temperature distribution



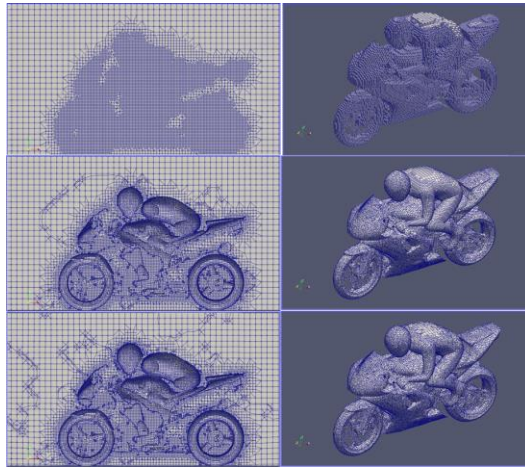
Manufacture

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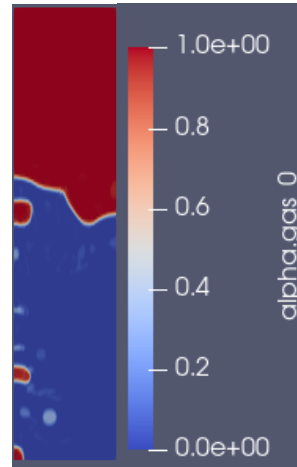
Challenges: OpenFOAM base solver dev.

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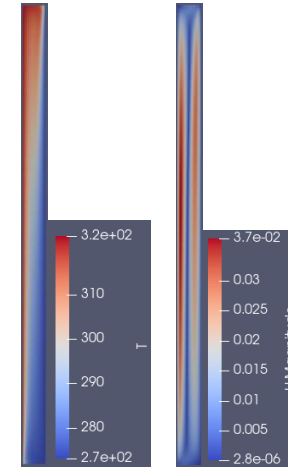
• Applications for OpenFOAM built-in function & solver



[Mesh generation]



[Phase change: Boiling]



[Natural convection: Boussinesq approximation]

• Advanced solver development

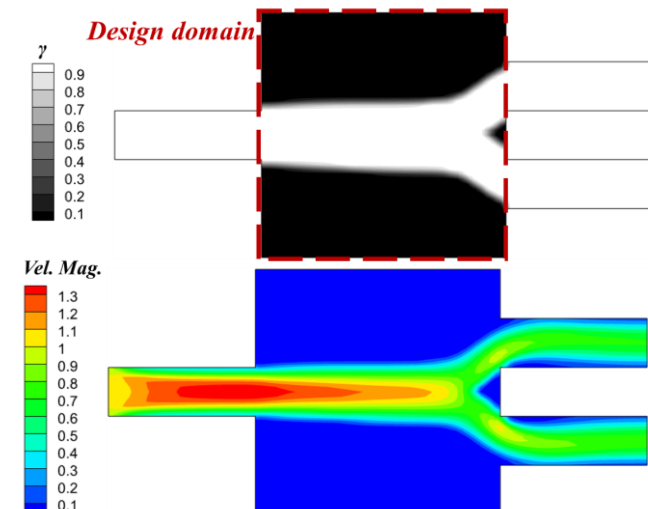
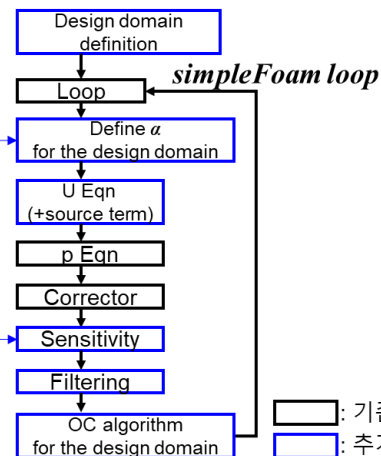
$$\alpha = \alpha_{\min} + (\alpha_{\max} - \alpha_{\min})(1 - \gamma)^P$$

$$\gamma = \begin{cases} 0 & (\text{solid}) \\ 1 & (\text{fluid}) \end{cases}$$

$P = 3$ (usually)

$$\phi = \int_{\Omega} \left\{ \frac{1}{2} \mu \left(\frac{\partial u_i}{\partial x_j} + \frac{\partial u_j}{\partial x_i} \right) \left(\frac{\partial u_i}{\partial x_j} + \frac{\partial u_j}{\partial x_i} \right) + \alpha(\gamma) u_i u_i \right\} d\Omega$$

$$\frac{d\phi}{d\gamma} \approx \frac{\partial \alpha_2}{\partial \gamma} = -p(\alpha_{\max} - \alpha_{\min})\gamma^{P-1}$$

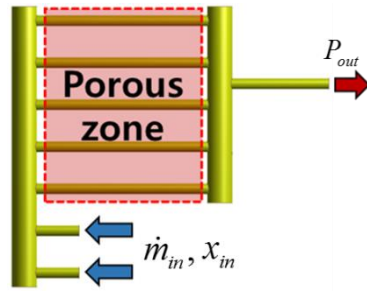


- Thermal management technology
- Advanced numerical model for aero-thermal system
- **CFD for multi-phase flow**
- Research programs

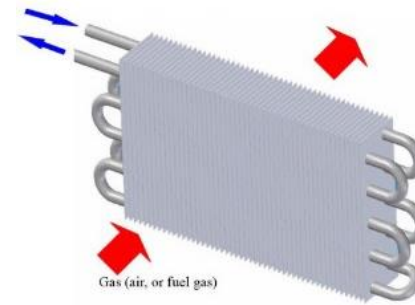
- 3D CFD on the mal-distribution in multi-phase HX
- Development of improved phase change model
- Prelim code : 0D lumped model and 1D network solver



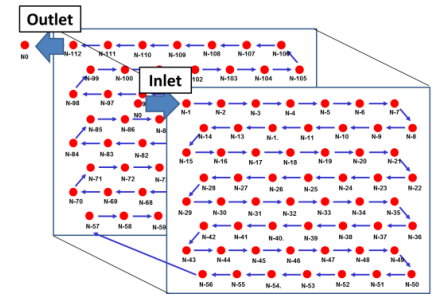
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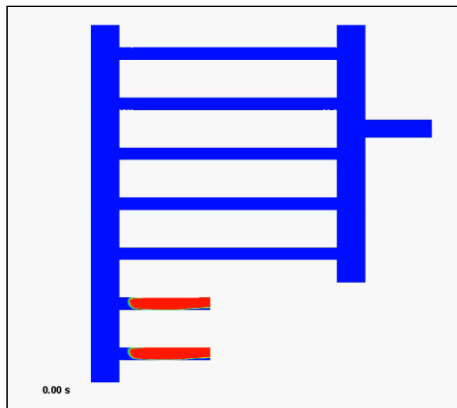
Equivalent HX model



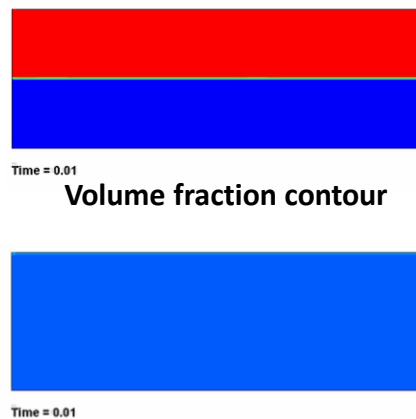
Tube-fin multi-phase HX



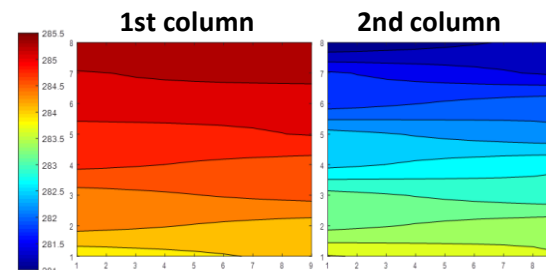
1D network model



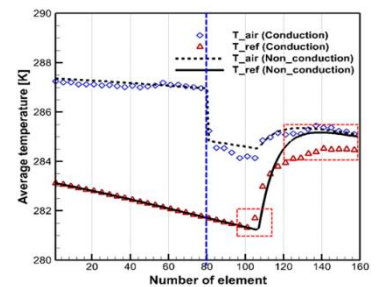
Volume fraction contour
(without phase-change)



Temperature contour



Temperature distribution of HX

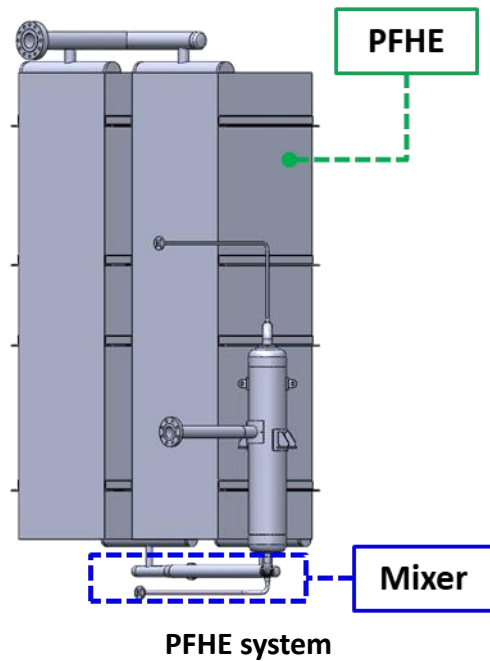


Cryogenic: Liquefaction

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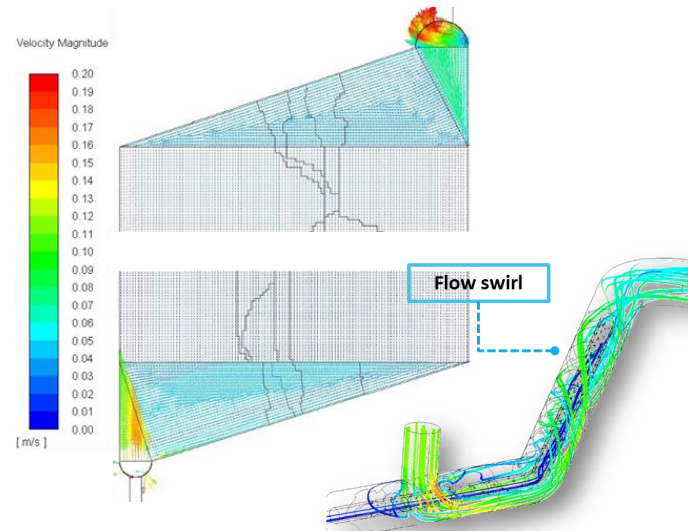
- CFD modeling for HXs, Mixers, Manifolds

- Cryogenic HX

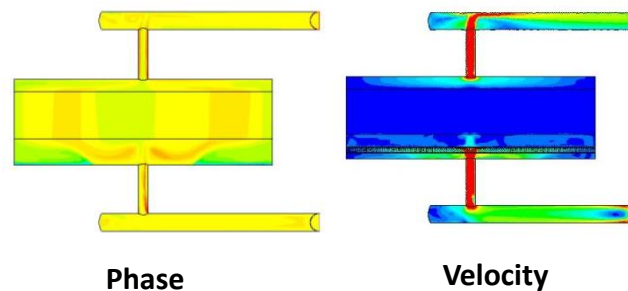


Visualization of internal HX flow pattern

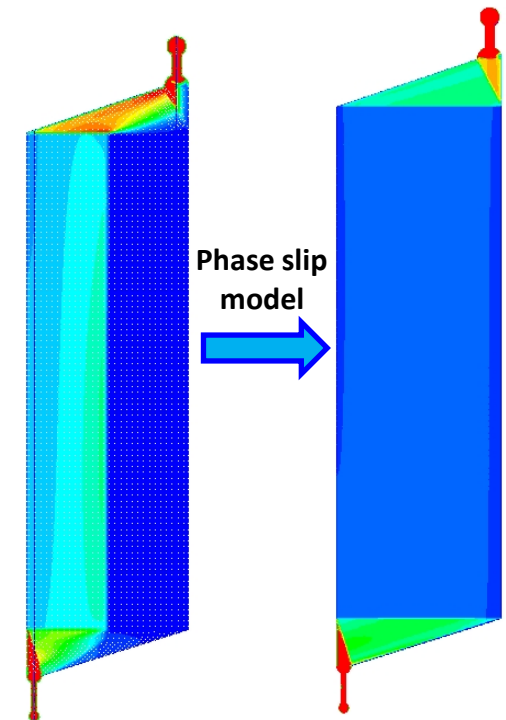
- Full-scale analysis



- Equivalent model development



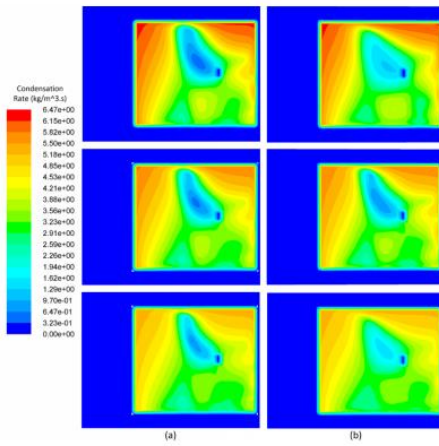
- Improved multi-phase model



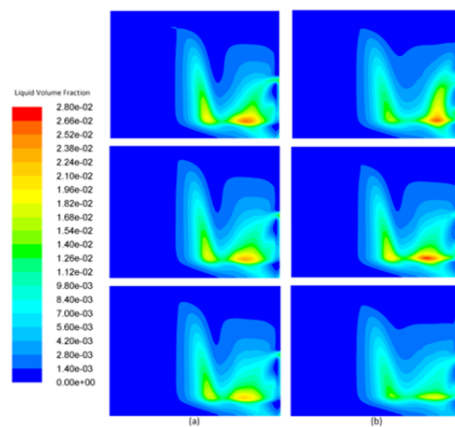
Nuclear system

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• Numerical analysis of the Condenser

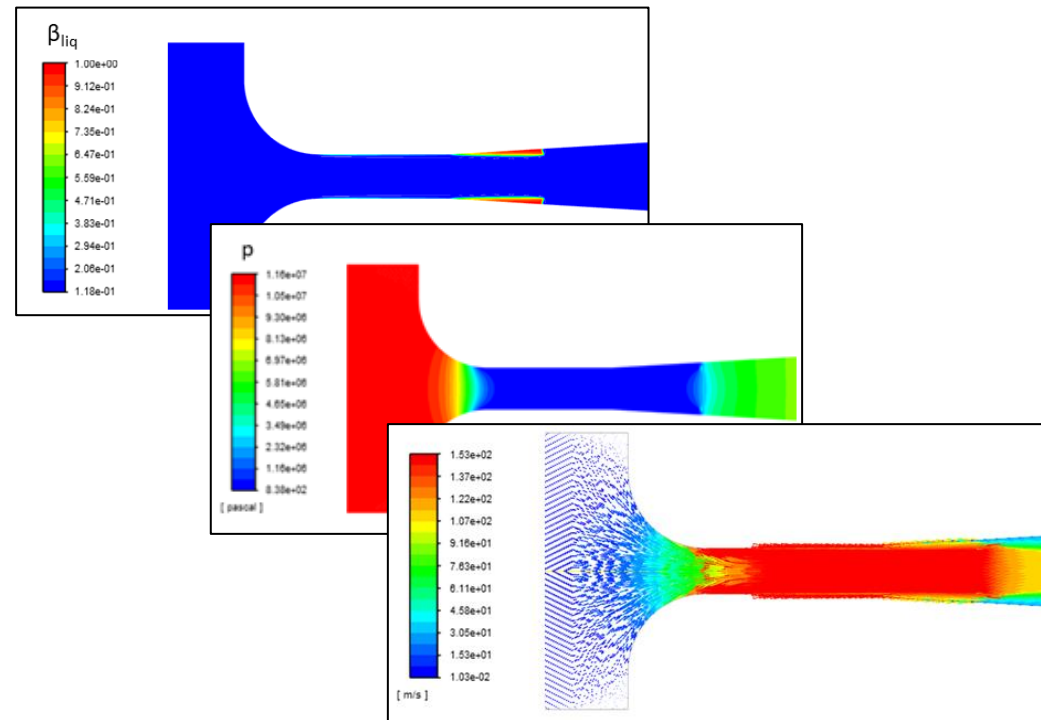
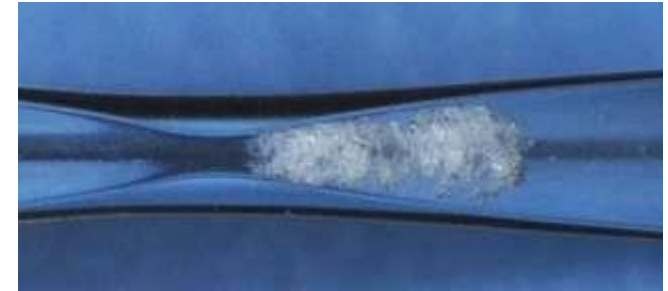


Condensation rate



Volume fraction

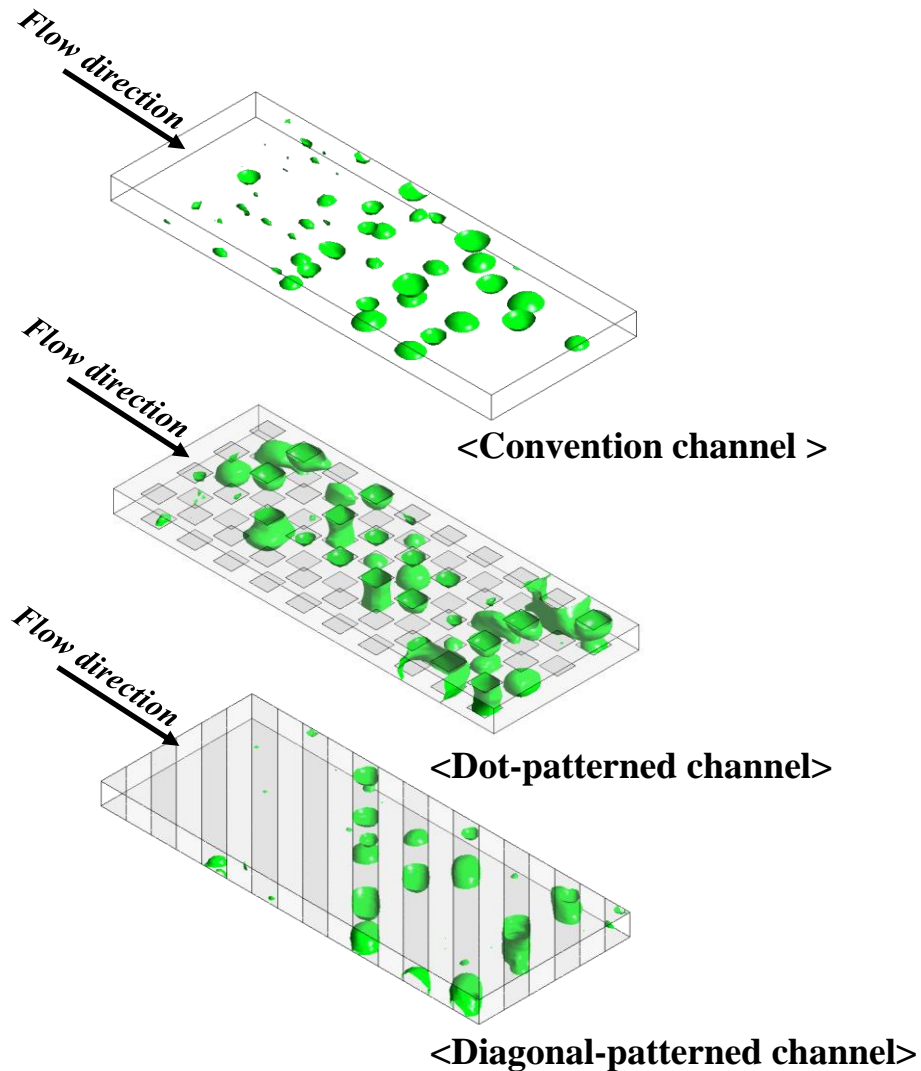
• Flow control of cavitation Venturi tube



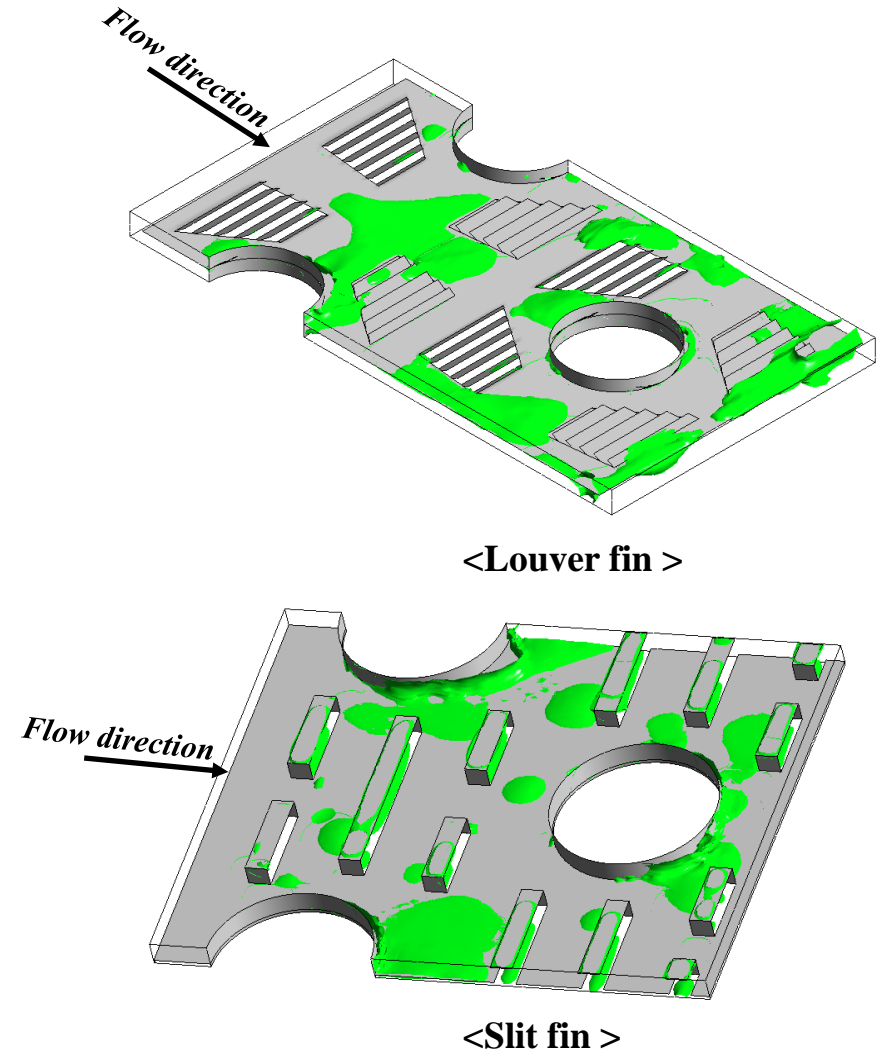
Condensation

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• Fundamental study of condensation



• Unit cell analysis for a commercial heat exchanger



Condensation film flow with DNS

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- Spectral Element Method (Nek5000)

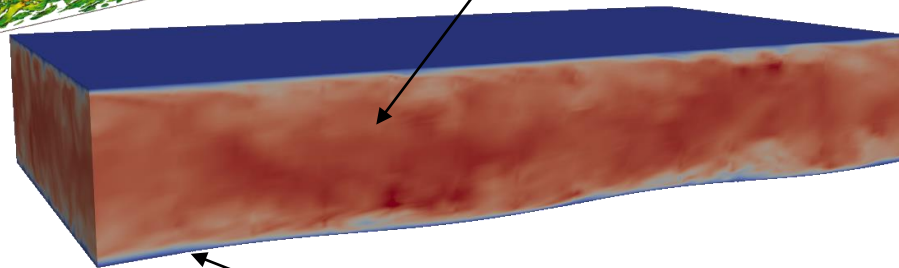
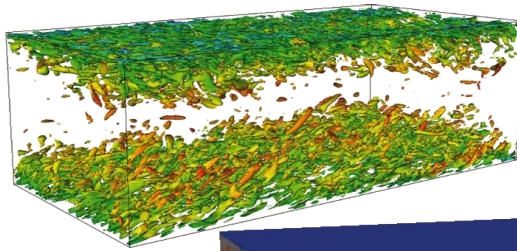
- Combined DNS + Film flow solver development through global research collaboration.



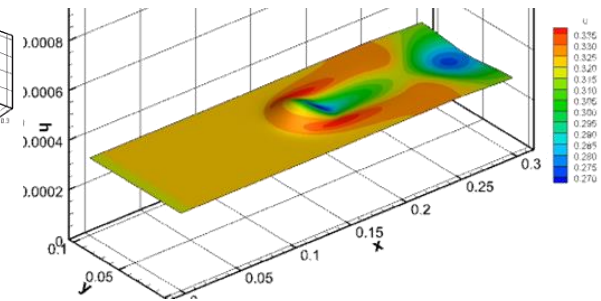
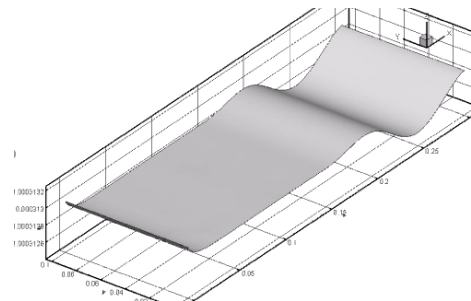
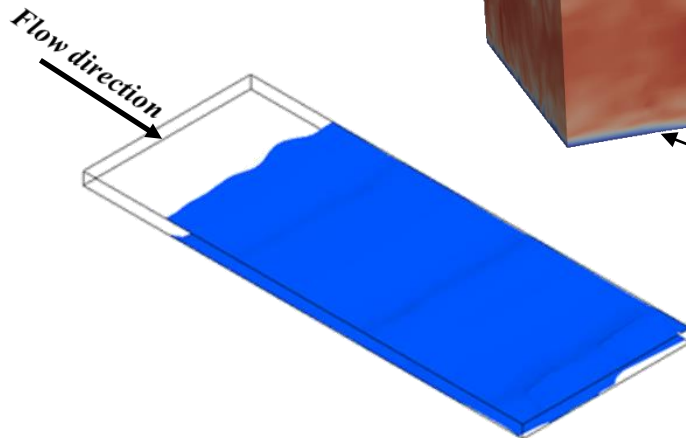
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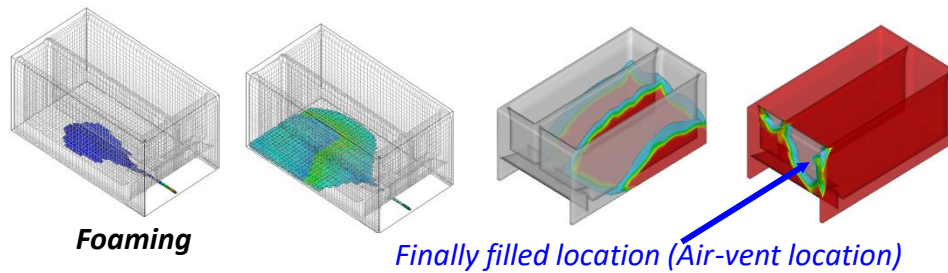
New code development for film flow analysis



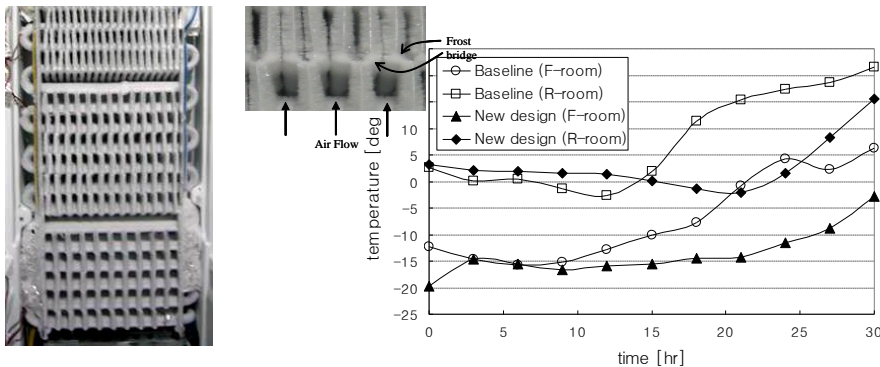
Experiences in industry

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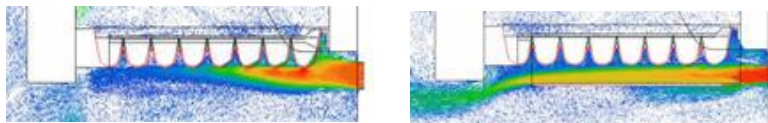
•PU foam-filling process for refrigerator



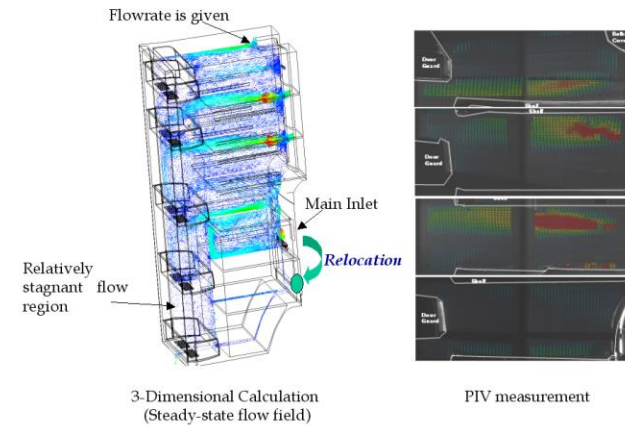
•Frosting in an evaporator



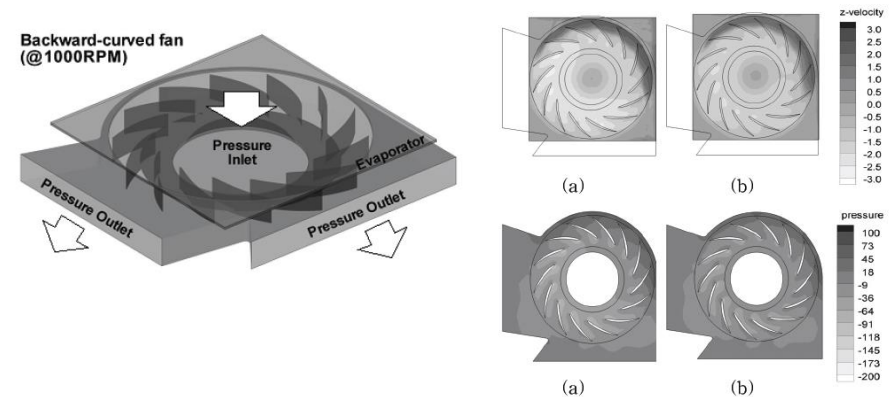
•Solidification(freezing)



•Even cooling



•Fluid machinery



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Research programs

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Technology Centre in Thermal Management



University Future
Research Center
in Thermal Design



Technology Development of Gas Turbine Blade Reengineering
Specialized for Domestic Operating Environment



National Research
Foundation of Korea

Development of a non-iterative thermal-fluidic topology
optimization technique based on the machine learning



UTRC

The UAV Gas Turbine Research Center

RIST

재단 포항산업과학연구원
법인 Research Institute of Industrial Science & Technology

Development of Analysis Techniques for the
Thermal-Management of Na-NiCl₂ Battery ESS



Research of phase change transient analysis for
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Further thoughts

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- Advanced numerical modeling for thermal management tech for **extreme operating condition**
- Keywords
 - HPHT, Cryogenic, Transient
 - Highly efficient system
 - Ultra compactness (novel shape)
 - Safety + Life, reliability, durability
 - Market pressure : Better, Cheaper, Faster
- Potential of CFD
 - The use of CFD is wide-spreading across all fields (engineering, environment, medicine, sports etc.).
 - The market for commercial CFD-software has been steadily growing – 13-15 % per year.
 - More potential users are educated in CFD.
 - Computing power is increasing –DNS and LES are becoming possible for more complex flows.
 - High-fidelity simulations (10-100 billions of grid points, or more) will provide better data.
 - Full-scale, full-system analysis will become common.
- Strategy: New definition of “Multi-”
 - Multi-physics: structural, reliability, life, material, chemical etc.
 - Ready for the high-performance computing as well as the Multi-fidelity approach.
 - Intelligent Multi-objective design with strong background of fundamental design theory.
 - Multi-phase CFD: still long way to go.




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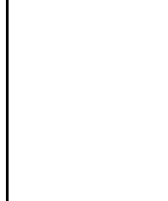
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