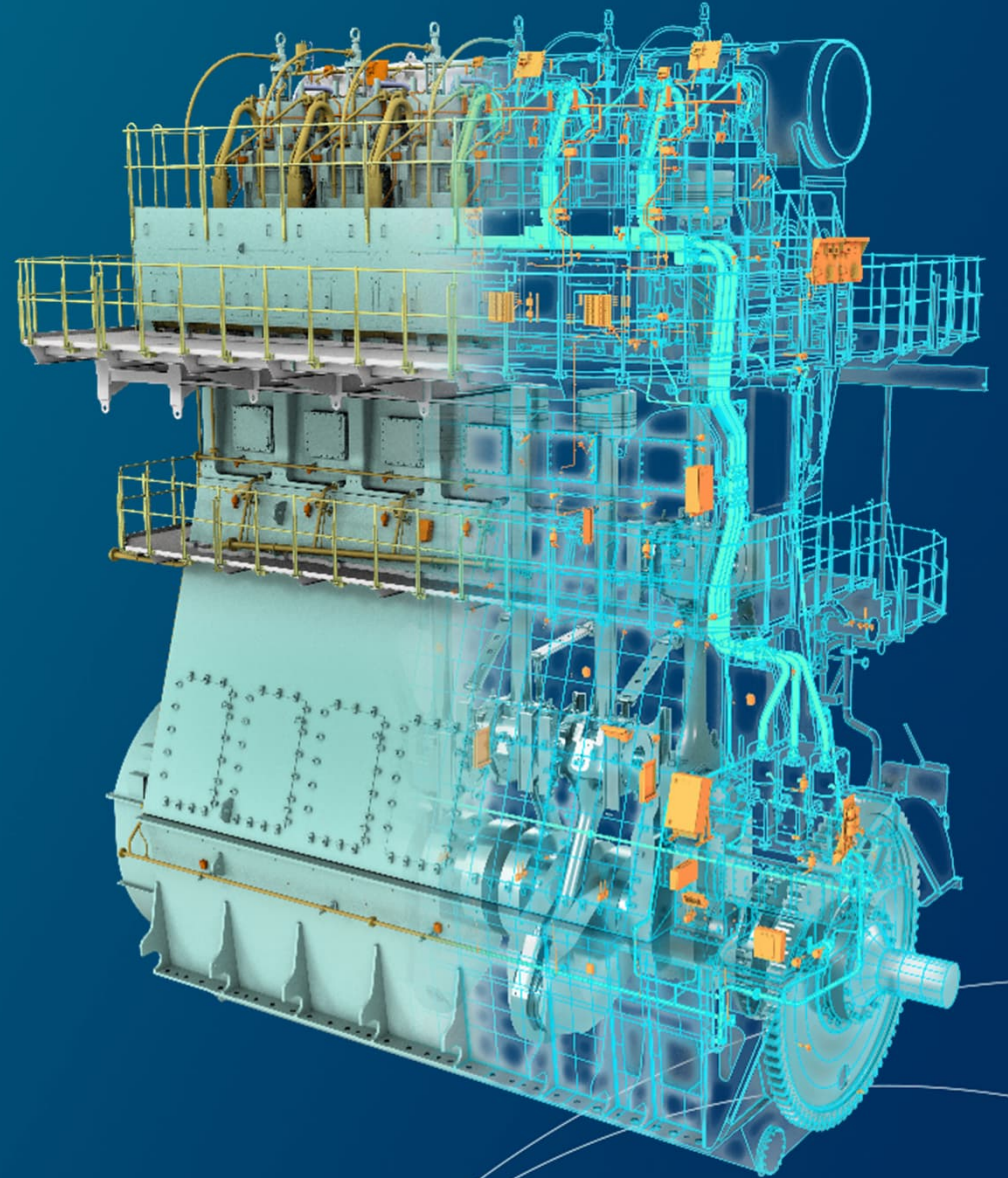


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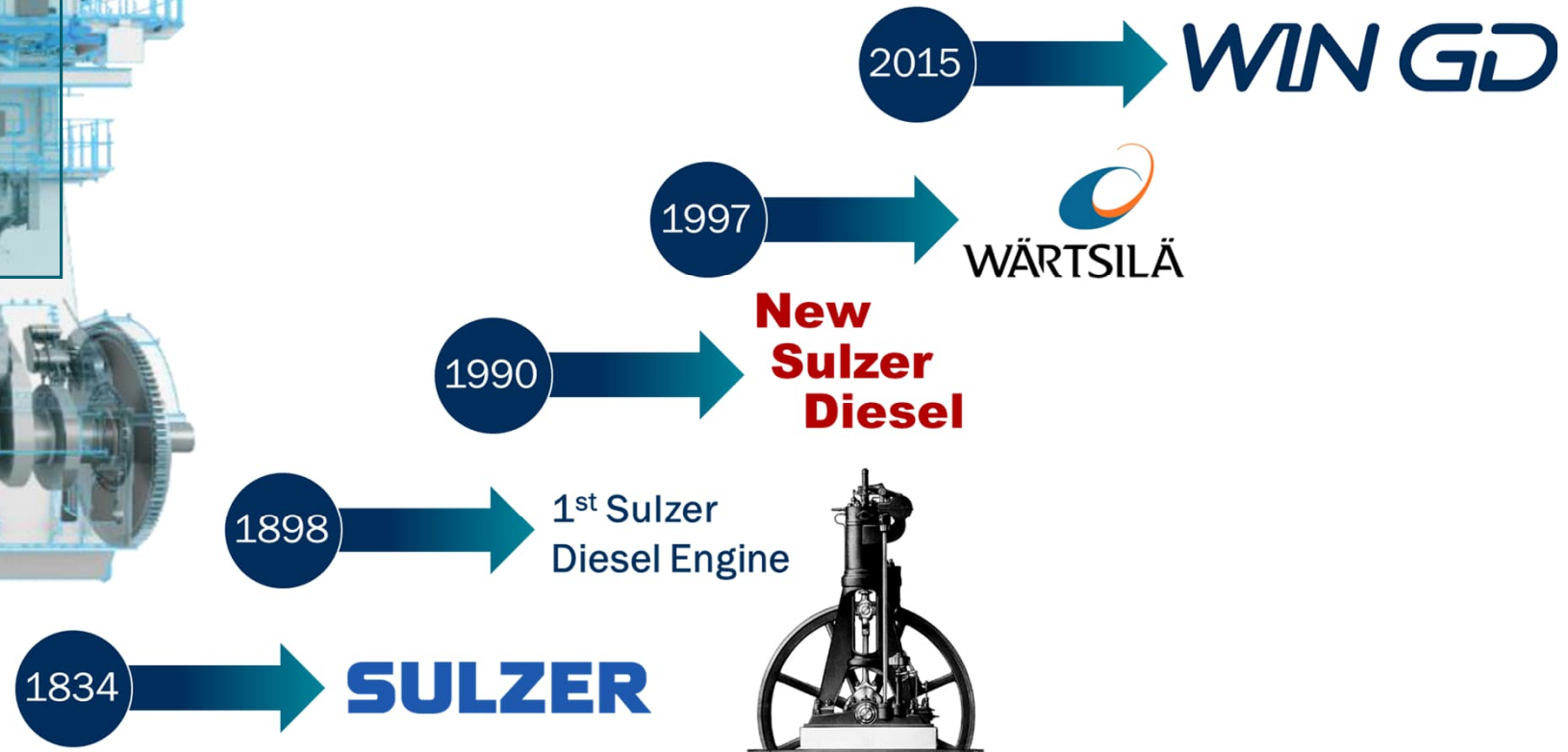
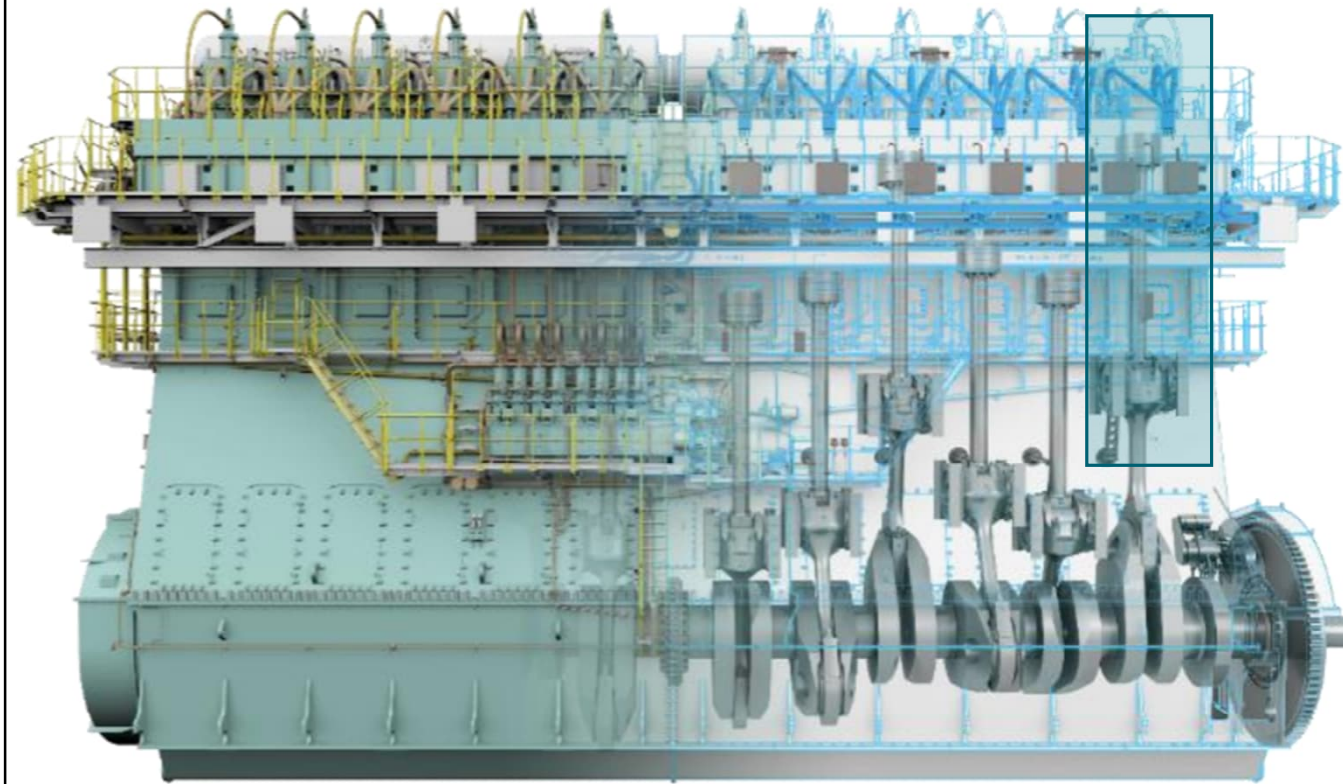
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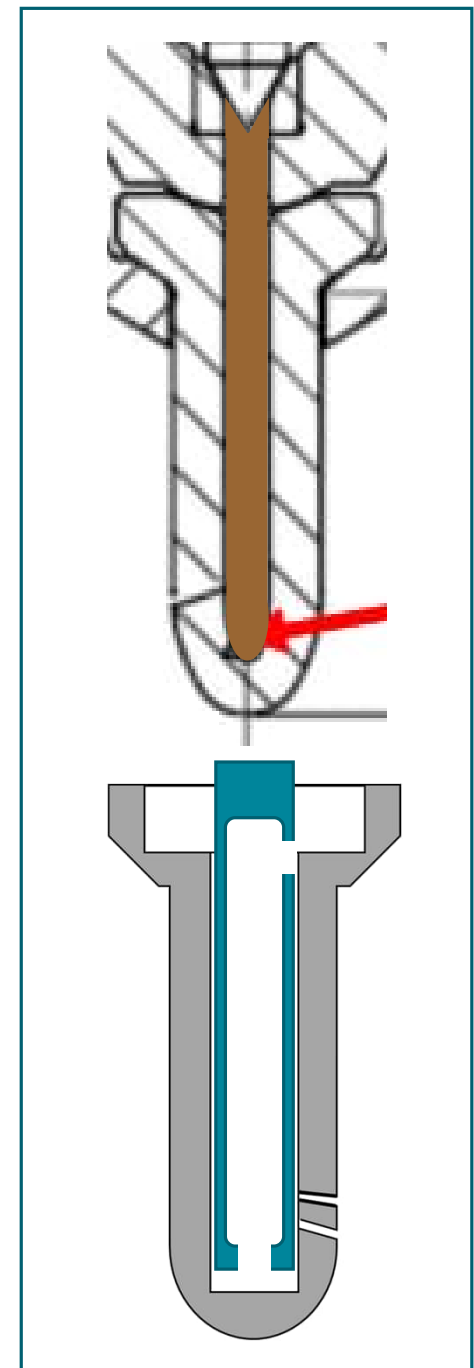
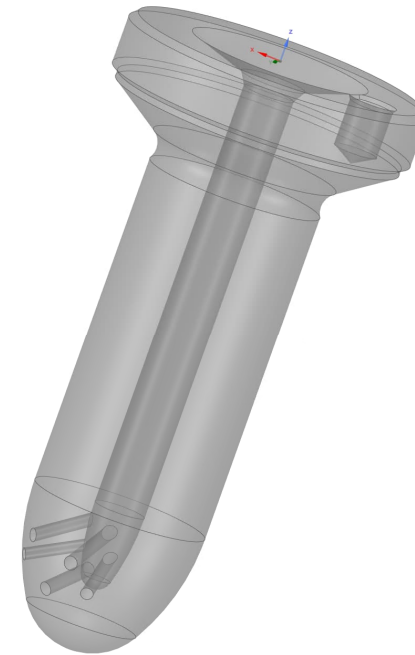
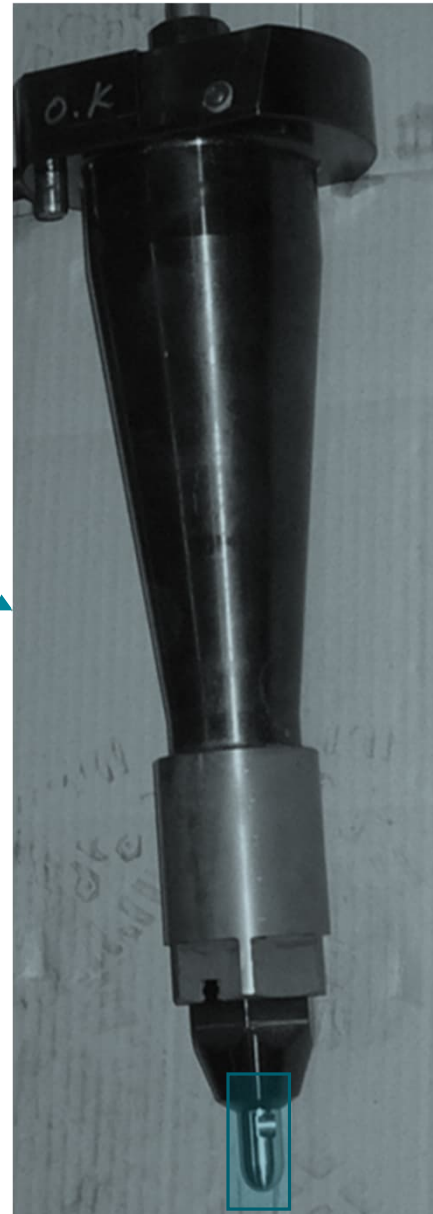
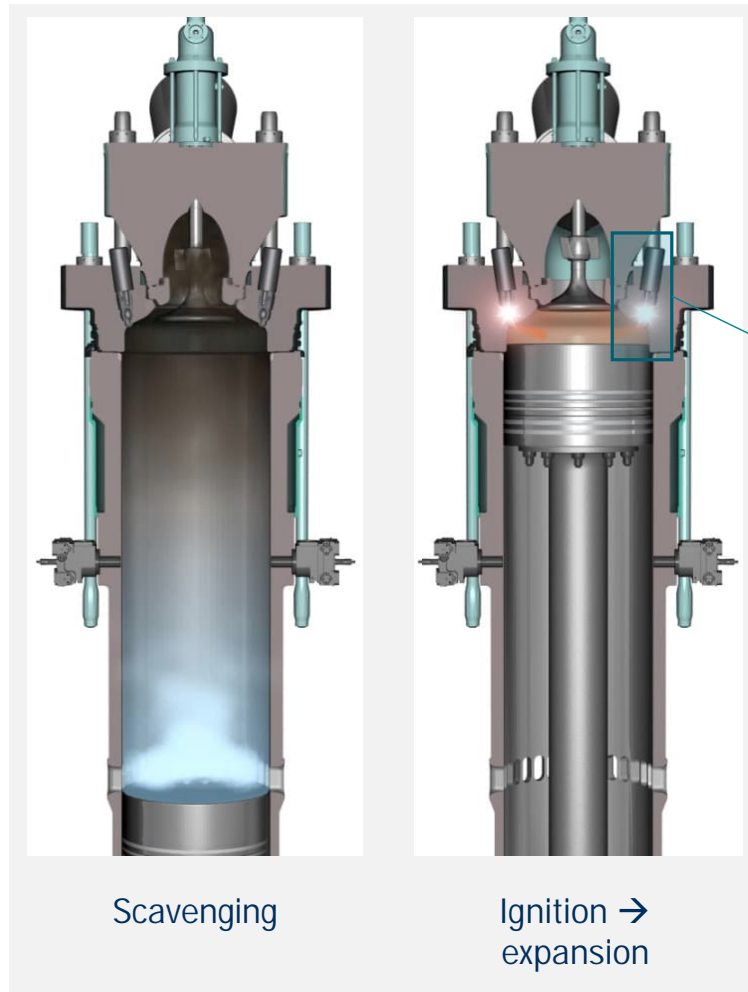
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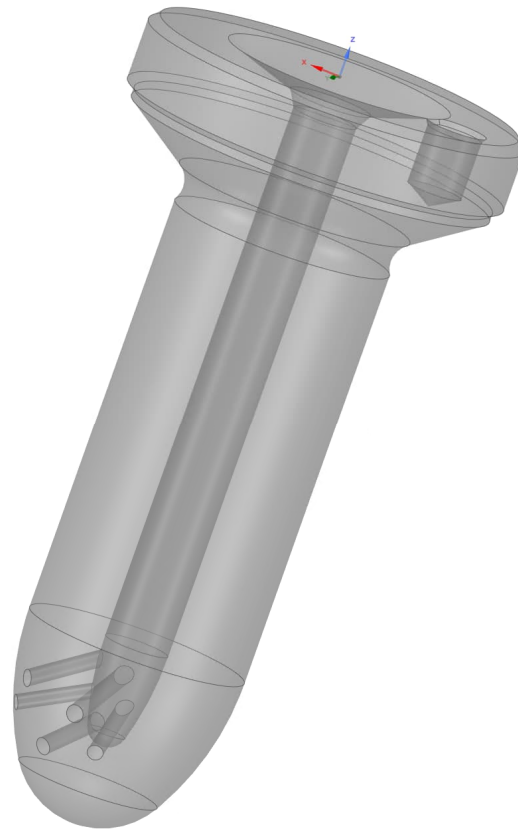
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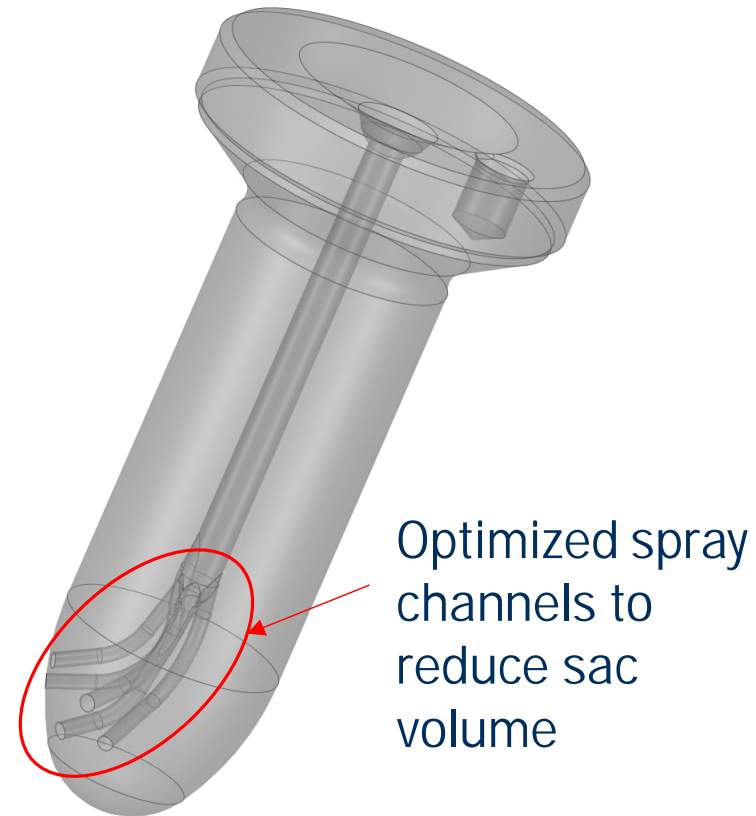
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First investigations with nozzles from EcoParts

Old Nozzle Tip



3D-Printed Nozzle Tip

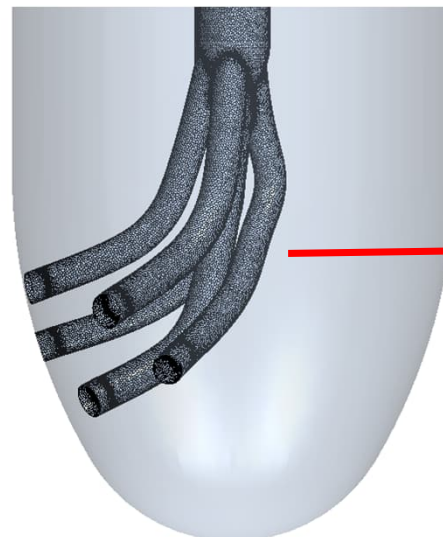
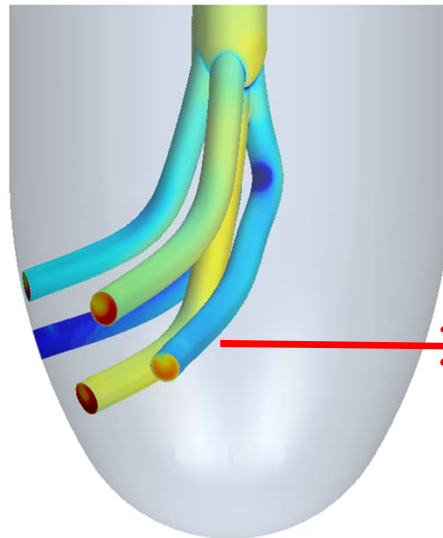
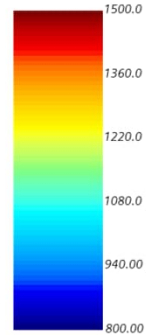


# Topology Optimisation

Goal: Reduction of pressure loss without increasing the volume

Simcenter STAR-CCM+

Absolute Total Pressure (bar)



3D CFD  
simulation

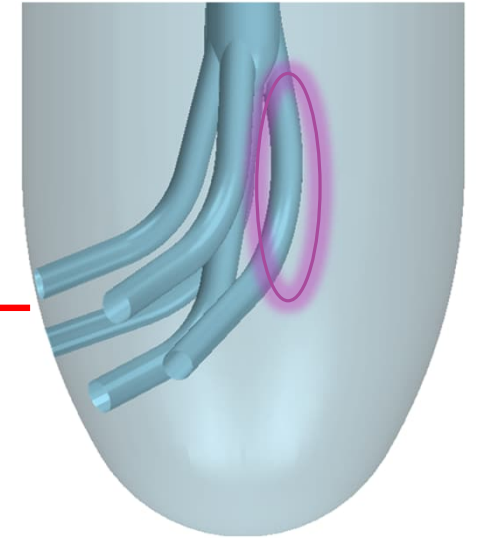
3D CFD  
automated  
mesh

CAD base  
geometry

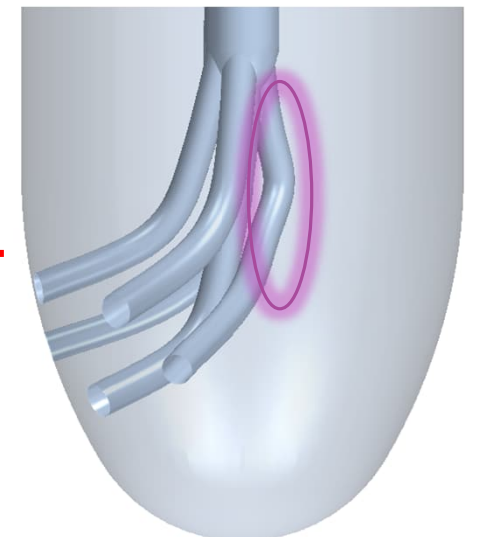
spline points  
moved

new CAD  
geometry

Base design  
Human, intuition

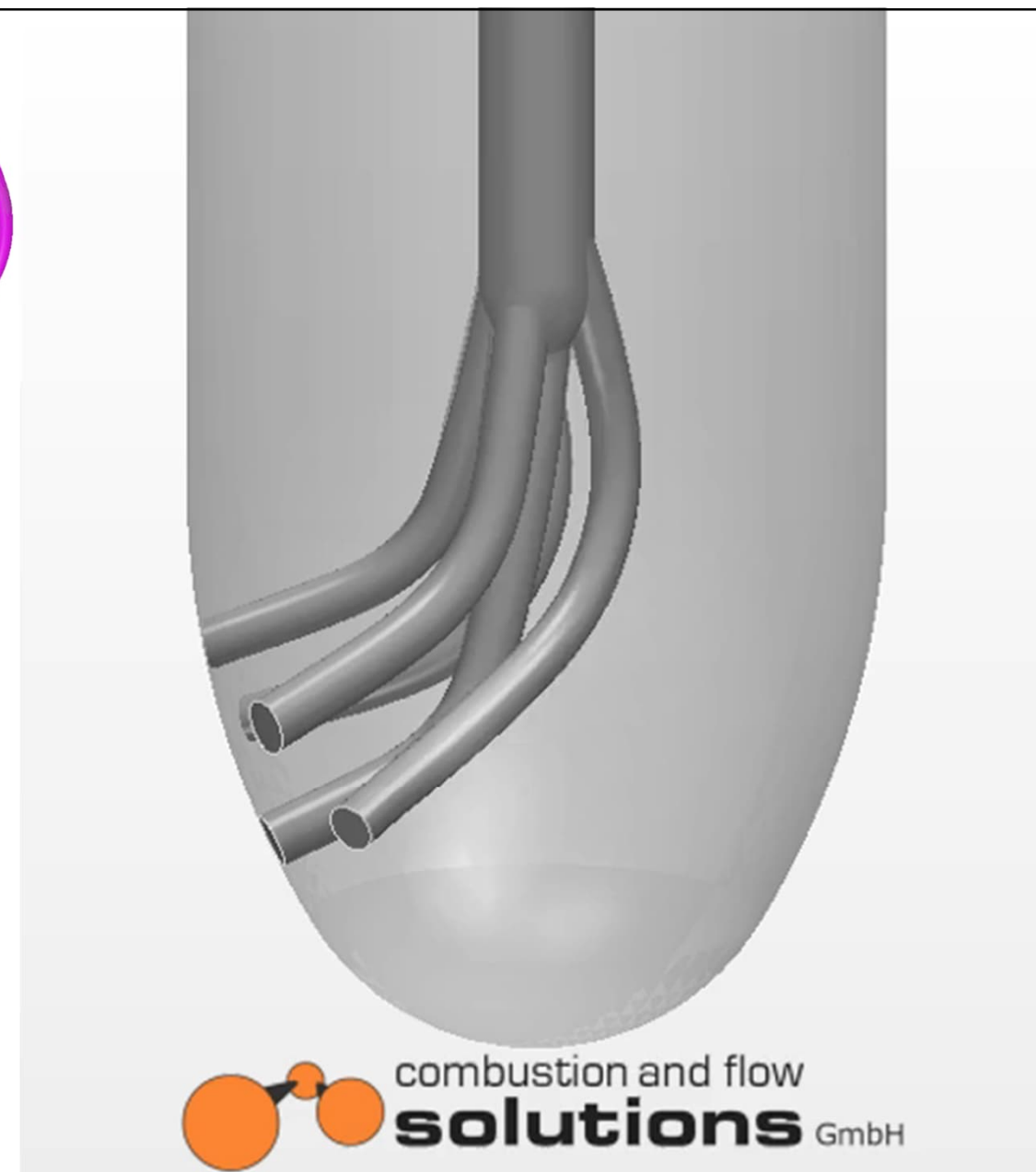
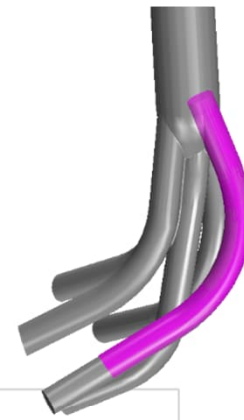
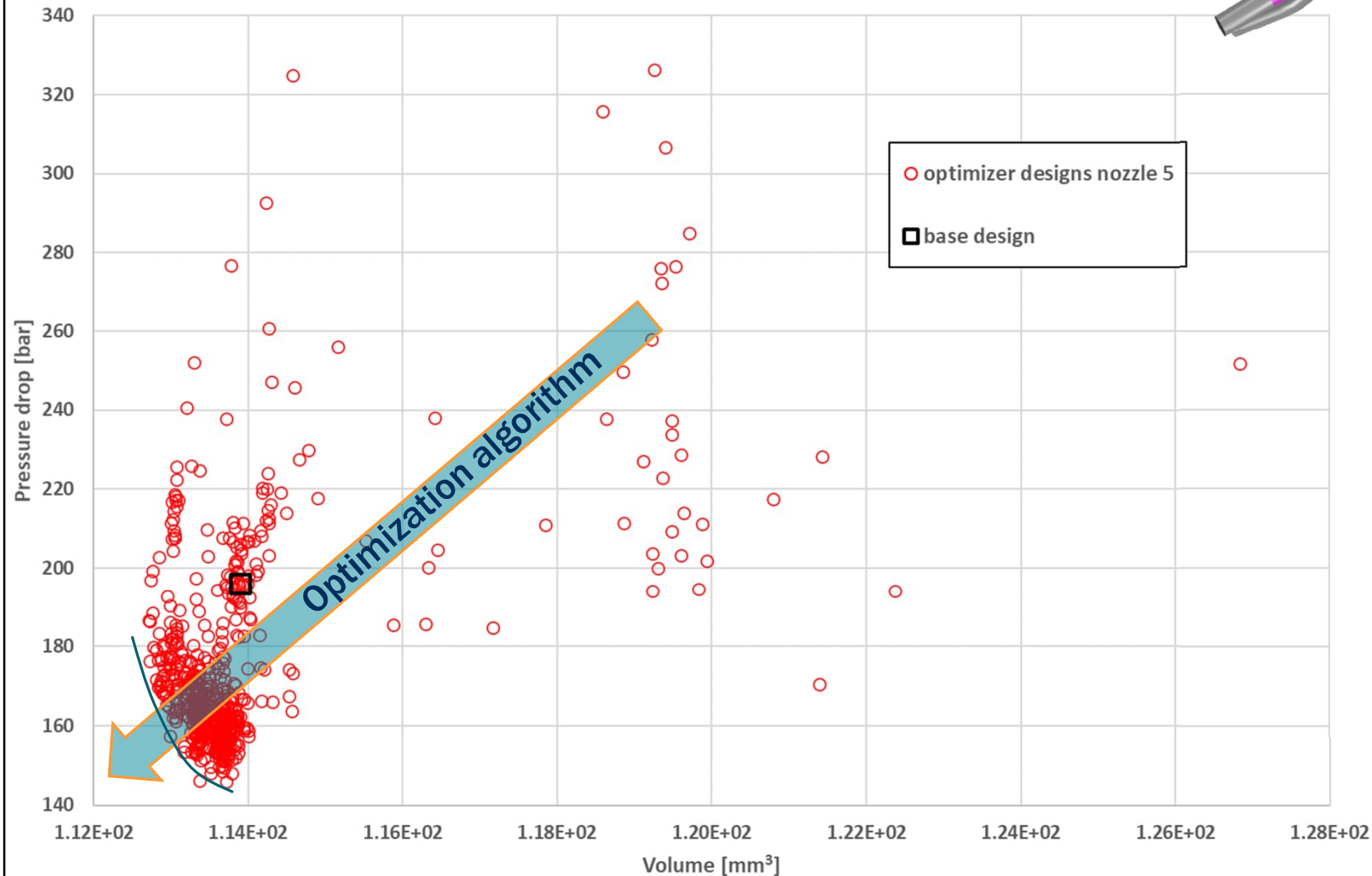


Random design  
Code



# Topology Optimisation

## Extraction of a Pareto Front

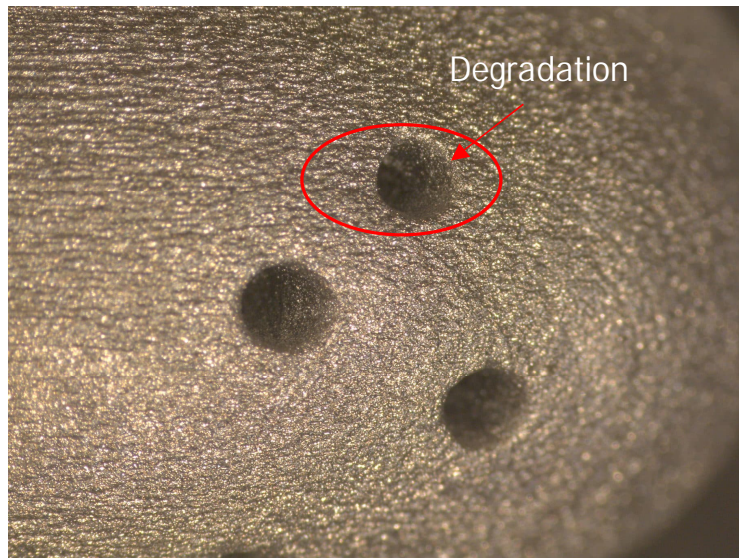
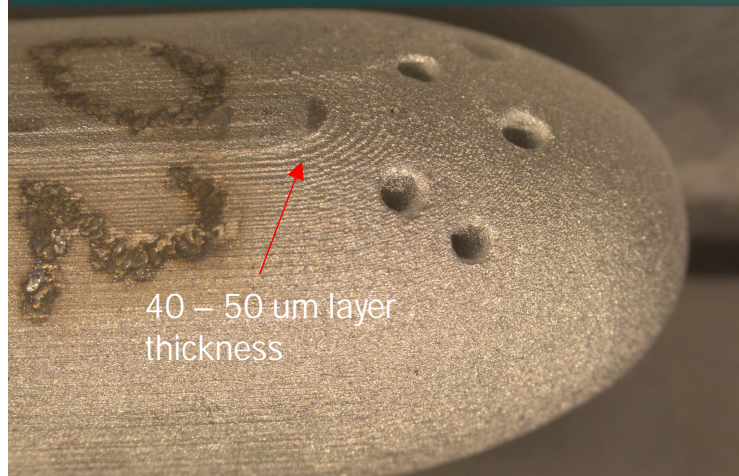




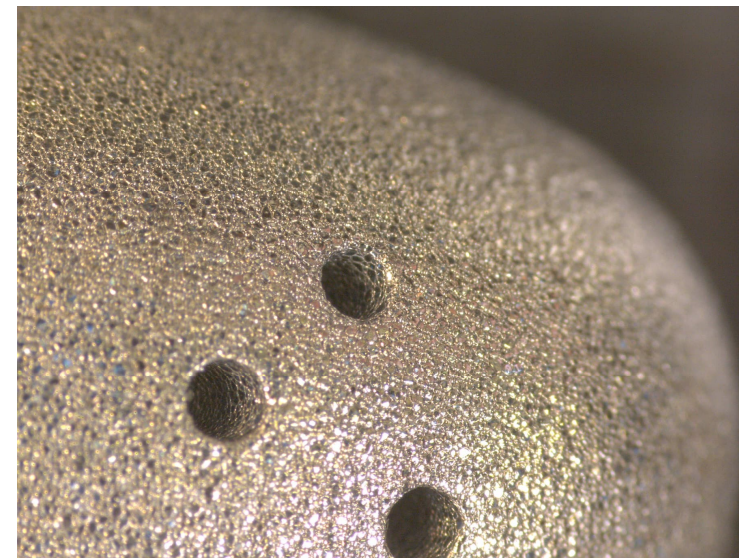
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## Prototype components

Supplier 1 – 17-4 PH

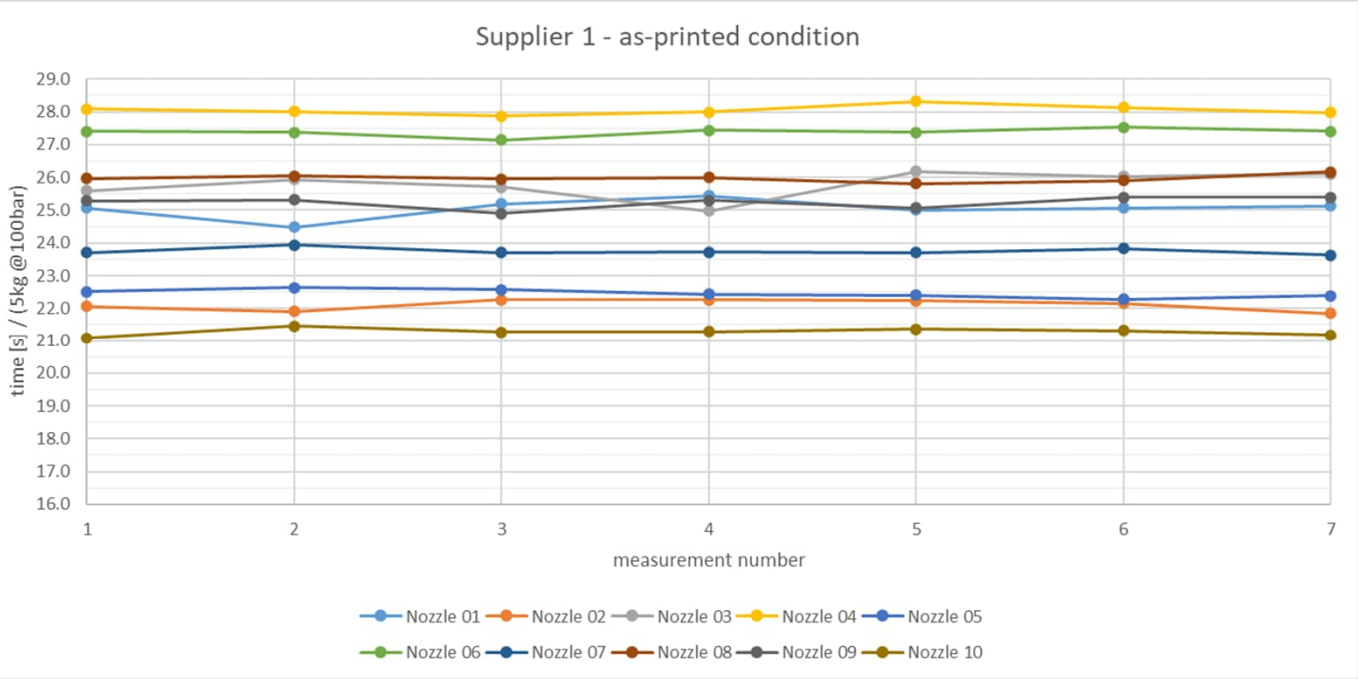


Supplier 2 – Inconel 718

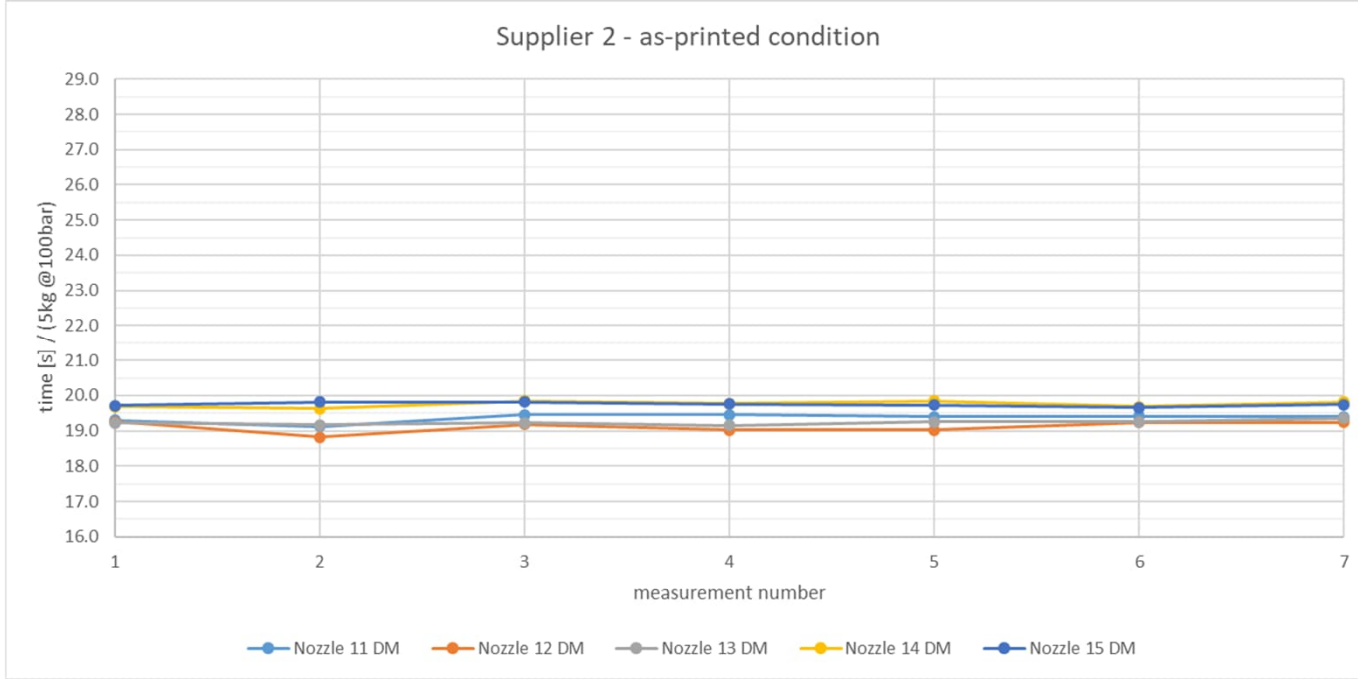


# 3D-Printed Fuel Nozzle – Manufacturing

## Flowbench test results



Avg 24.71  
Stdev 2.15  
 $\Delta$  max-min 7.23

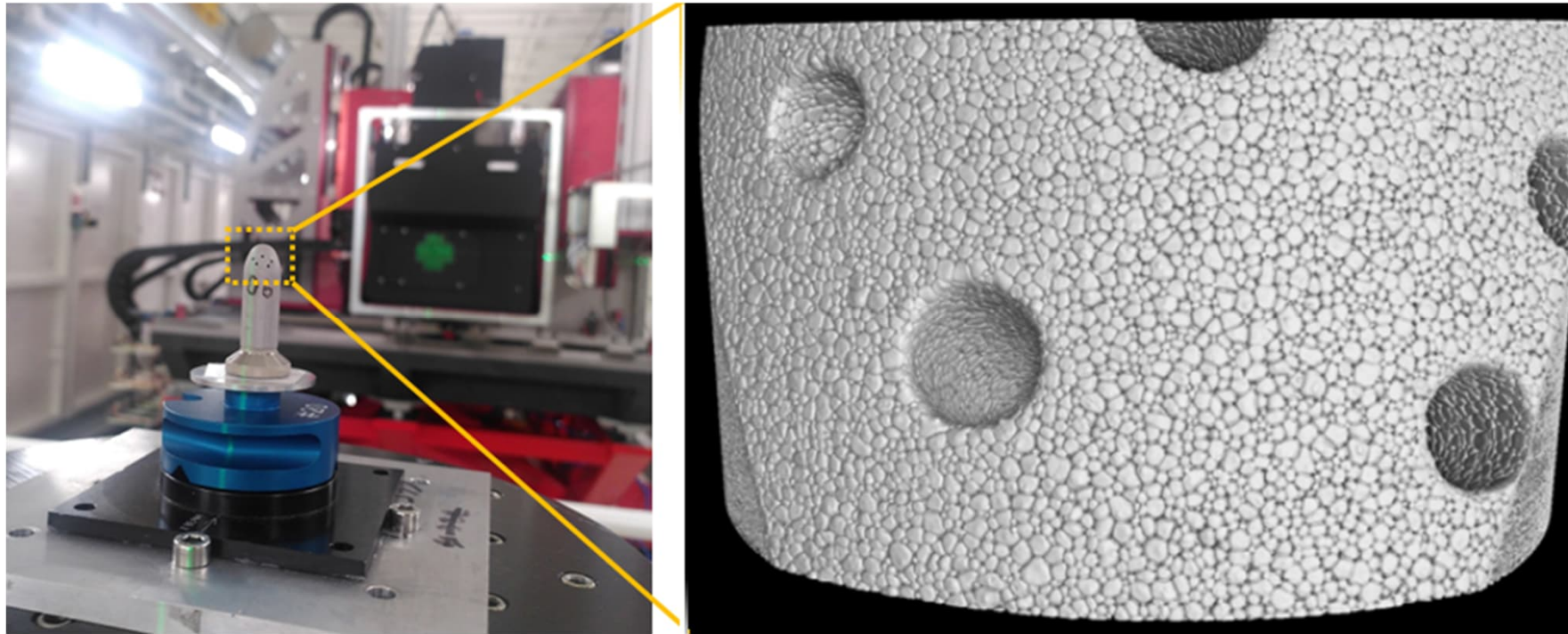


Avg 19.44  
Stdev 0.28  
 $\Delta$  max-min 1.03



# 3D-Printed Fuel Nozzle

ANAXAM, Synchrotron X-ray tomography

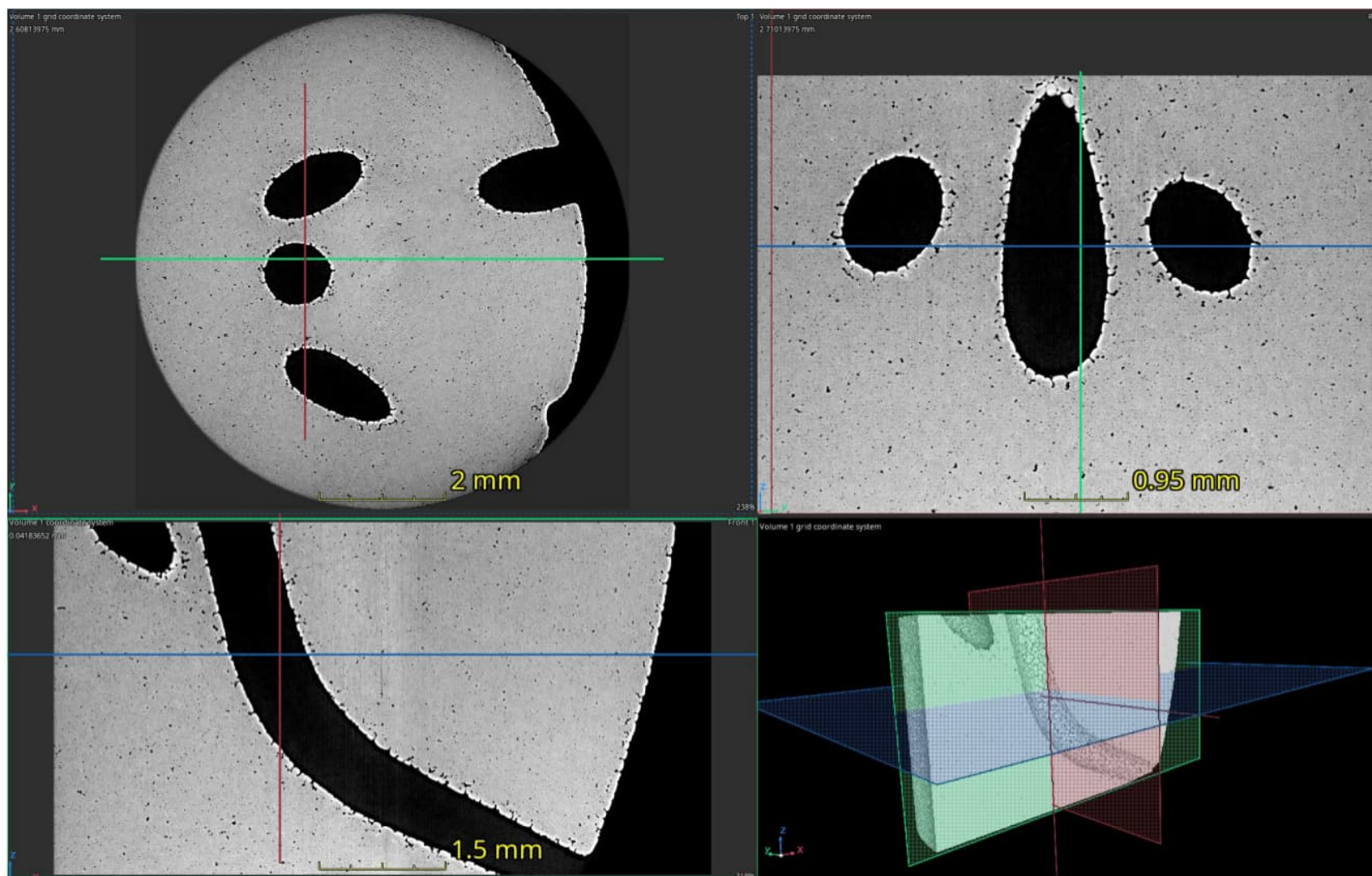


Tomographic imaging reveals the structure of the additively manufactured nozzles non-destructively and with spatial resolution as small as 5  $\mu\text{m}$

# 3D-Printed Fuel Nozzle

## ANAXAM, Synchrotron X-ray tomography

✕ Pixel size 2  $\mu\text{m}$ ; FOV 8.0 x 8.0 x 4.0 mm<sup>3</sup>



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# 3D-Printed Fuel Nozzle

## Take away

1. We can make **better** components (more efficient, less complex)
2. AM offers **huge potential** in and around hydraulics where fluid dynamics are involved  
=> AI
3. There are still **challenges**:
  - Manufacturing quality is method and even machine specific
  - Dimensional tolerances are still high for precision components
  - Standardisation needs to have a more important role



# Thank you

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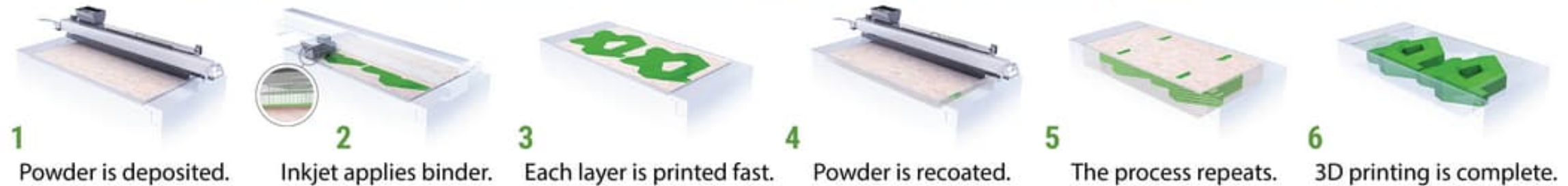
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# 3D-Printed Fuel Nozzle

## Binder Jetting

### Binder Jet 3D Printing

Liquid binder is selectively applied to a thin layer of powder, layer by layer, to form high-value parts and tooling



Source: ExOne website, [www.exone.com](http://www.exone.com)

- Requires post-processing
  - Thermal debinding and sintering
  - 10 – 15% shrinkage after sintering
  - Prone to warping
- High surface and detail quality
- High productivity
- Suitable for batch production
- Low cost

