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Thermal Design and Analysis of Battery Electric Vehicles

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InDesA Competence

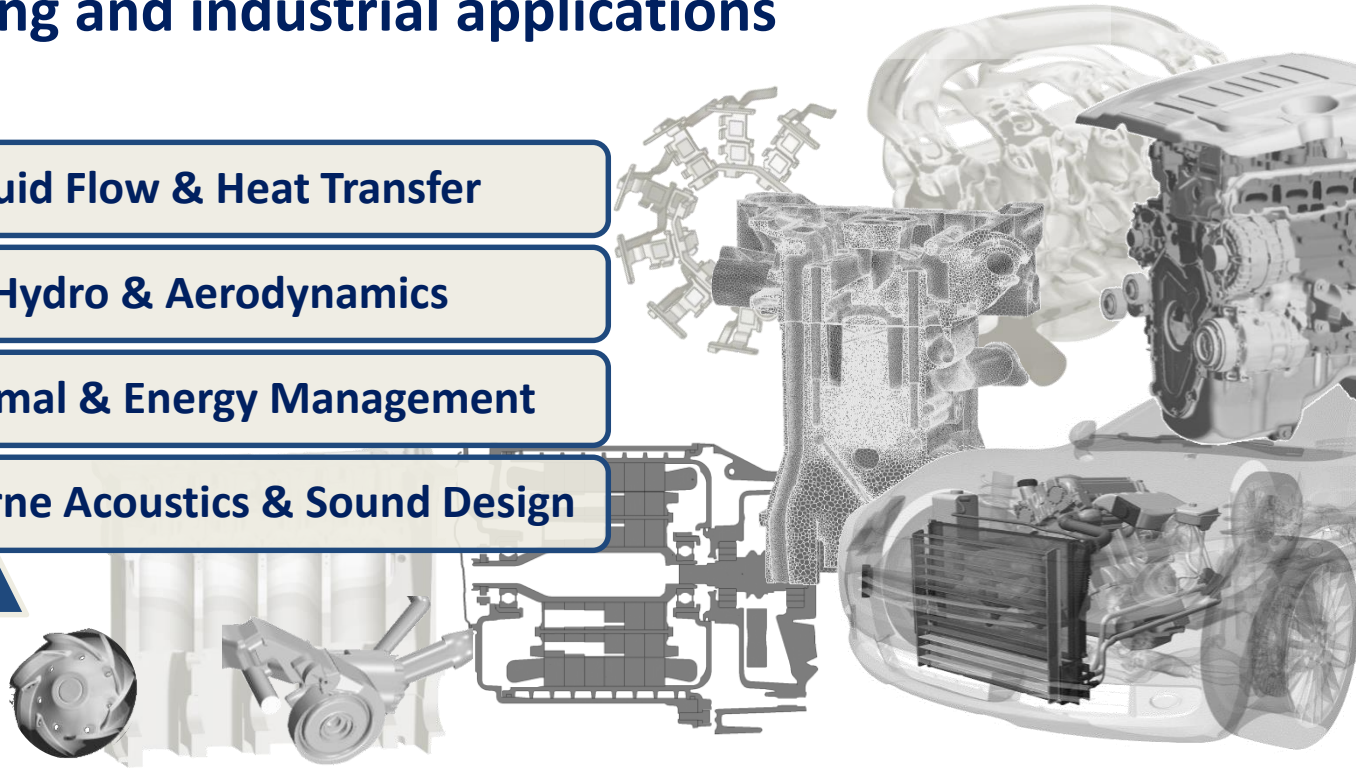
**Simulation and Design Analysis of complex systems
for engineering and industrial applications**

Fluid Flow & Heat Transfer

Hydro & Aerodynamics

Thermal & Energy Management

Air-borne Acoustics & Sound Design



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Integrated Design Analysis

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Development Environment

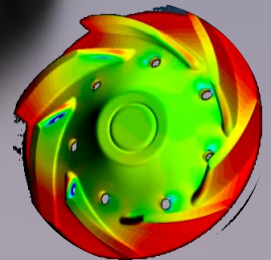
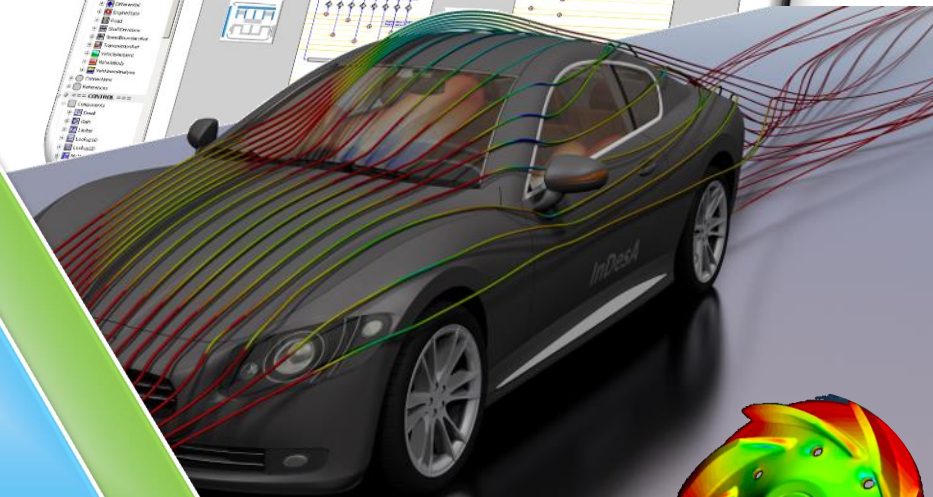
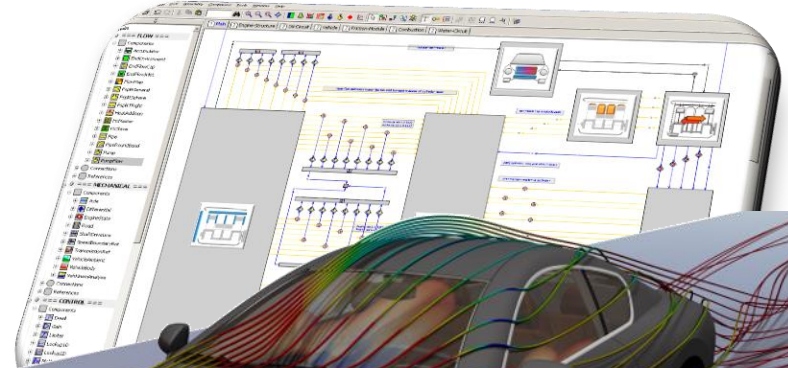
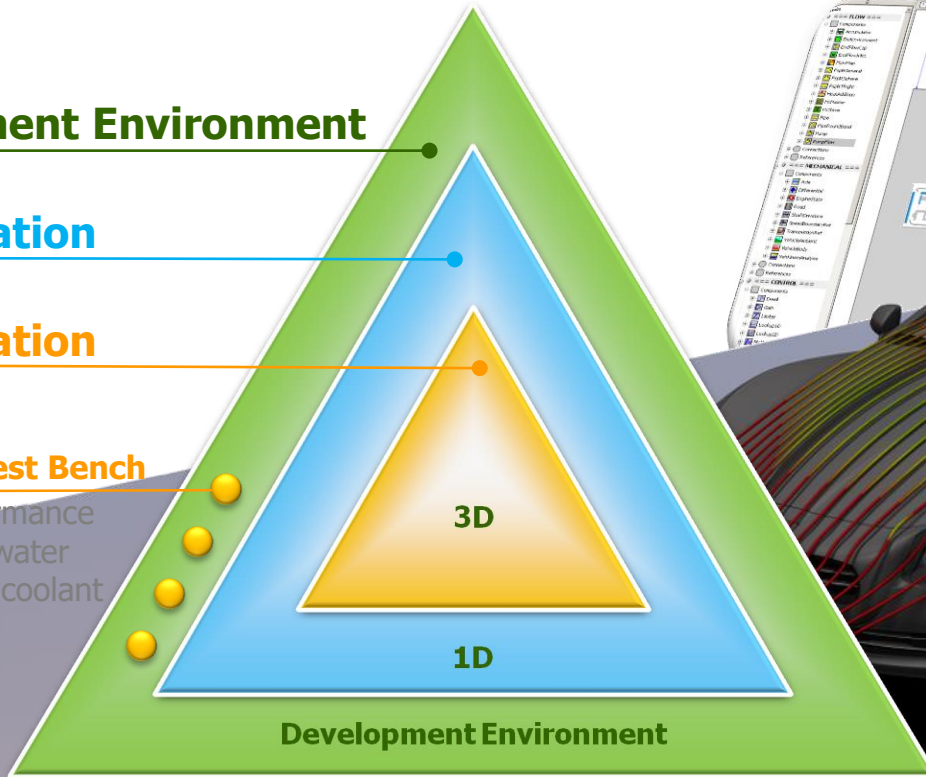
of customer

1D Simulation

3D Simulation

3D Virtual Test Bench

e.g. for performance prediction of water pump for low coolant temperatures



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My Personal BEV Challenge

Why did I hesitate to order a Battery Electric Vehicle?

- High price
- Low range
- Long recharge time

What can I improve as a Thermal Management expert?

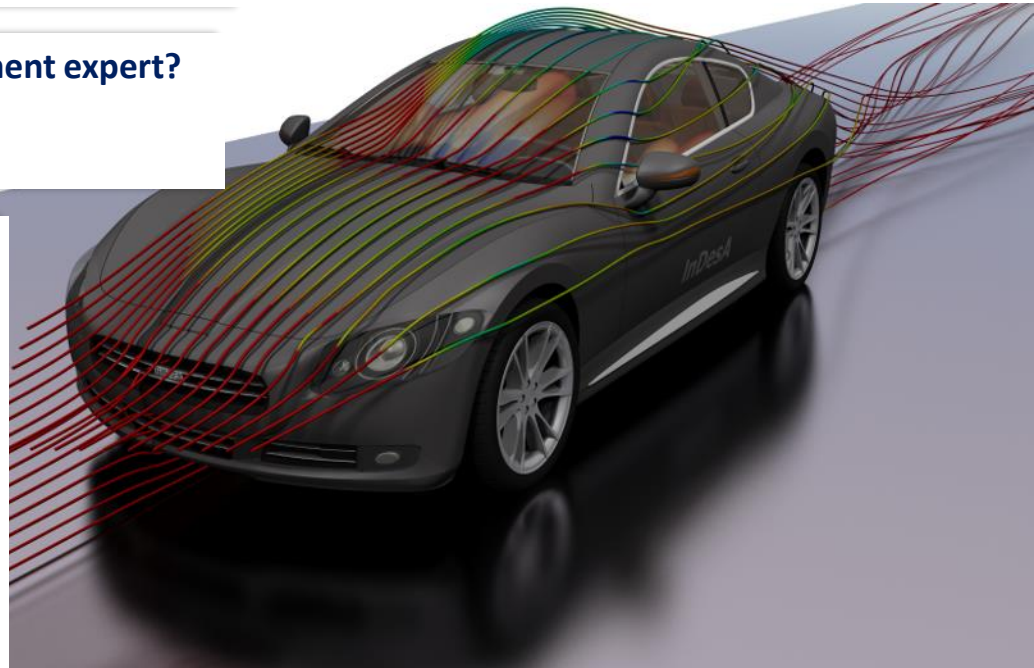
- Range
- Recharge

Why is Thermal Management significant?

HV components are temperature sensitive with regard to efficiency and need “thermal comfort” – just like passengers in the cabin.

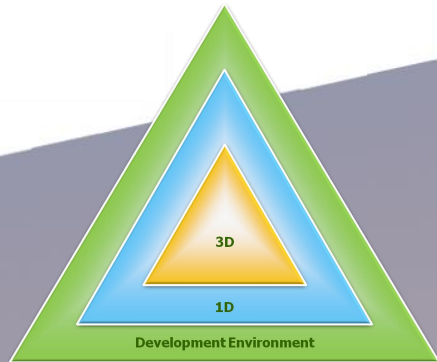
Get the most out of it!

- Battery
- E-Motor
- Cabin comfort



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Thermal & Energy Management



Simulation Methodology



1. Build system to predict vehicle energy consumption for arbitrary drive cycles with 1D methodology.

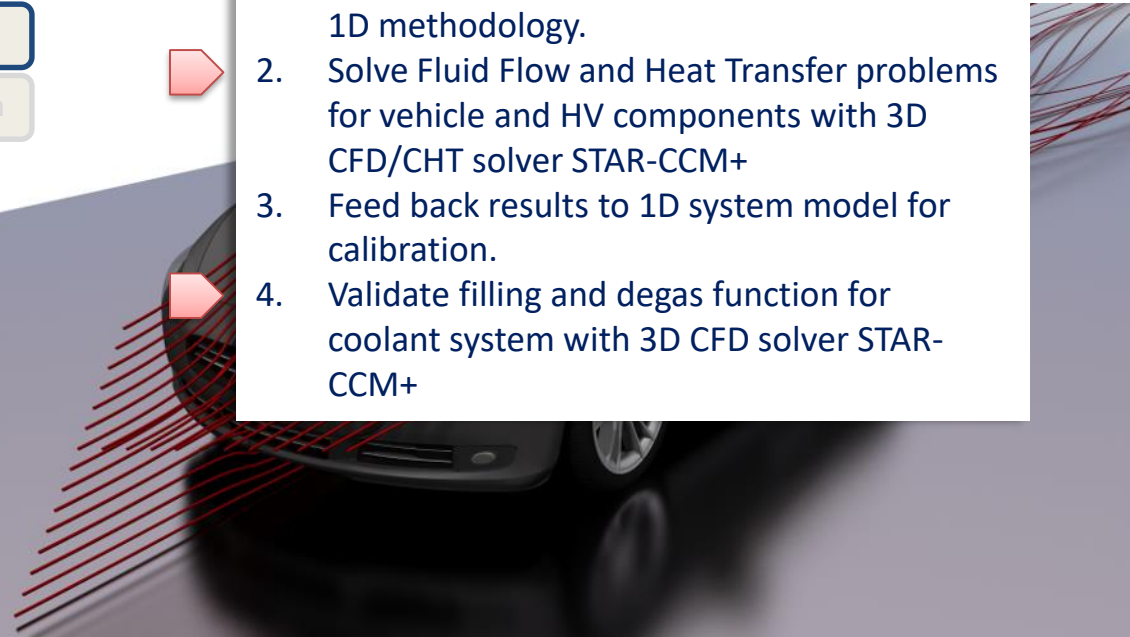


2. Solve Fluid Flow and Heat Transfer problems for vehicle and HV components with 3D CFD/CHT solver STAR-CCM+

3. Feed back results to 1D system model for calibration.



4. Validate filling and degas function for coolant system with 3D CFD solver STAR-CCM+



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Pandora VEV (Virtual Electric Vehicle)

Pandora Electric Vehicle

... designed to demonstrate thermal simulation techniques with options for different thermal management technologies.

Specification MY 2019:

Rear wheel drive with 160 kW/360 Nm E-Motor
Battery 72 kWh, 448 V
Battery Cell: 50 Ah; 3.7 V_{nom}

InDesA Design includes

- Exterior
- Radiator/Condenser and Fan Module
- Cabin and HVAC unit
- Battery and E-Drive Coolant System
- Refrigerant Circuit
- HV components (Battery, Motor, Inverter)

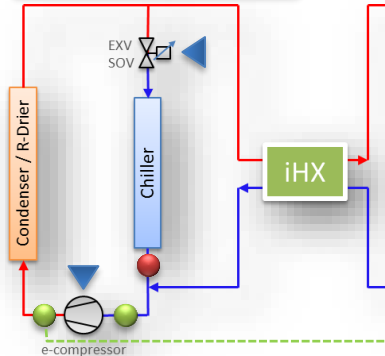


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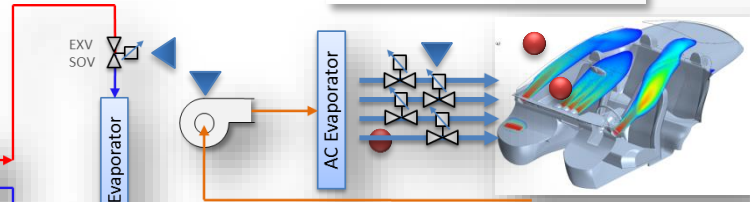
Schematic of Pandora Thermal and Electric System

- temperature sensor
- pressure sensor
- ▼ actuator

Refrigerant Circuit

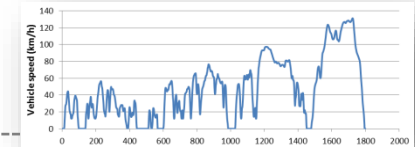


Cabin Ventilation

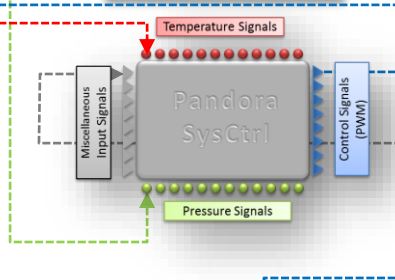


Cabin Climate Power Demand

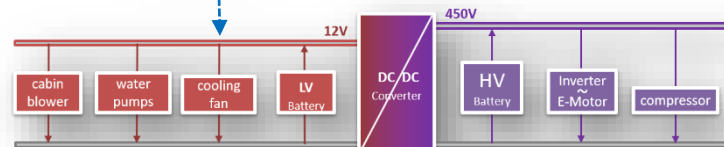
Drive Cycle Power Demand



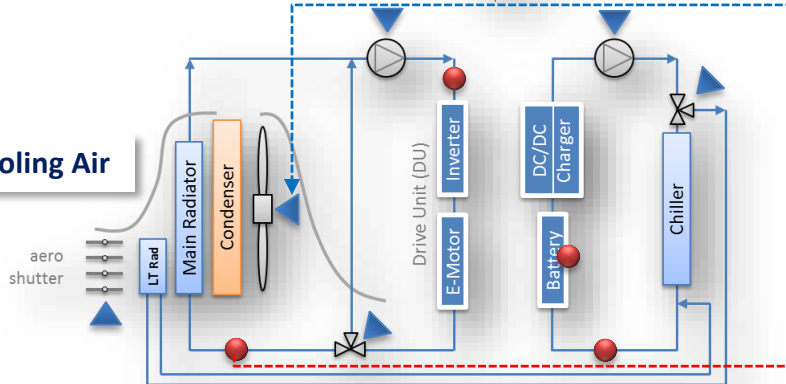
System Control



Electric Circuits



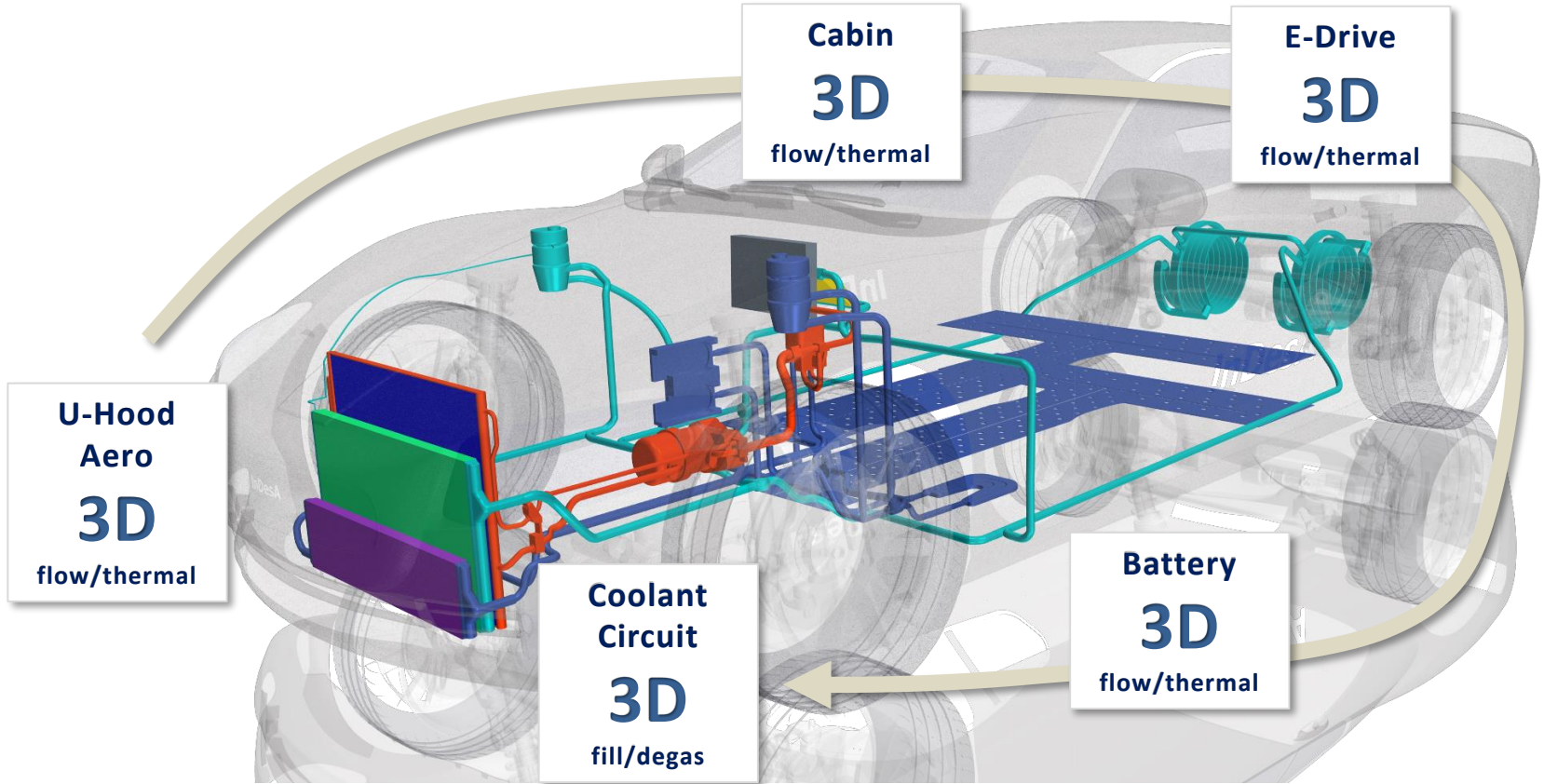
Cooling Air



Coolant Circuit #1

Coolant Circuit #2

Thermal Design and Analysis of Electric Vehicles The Pandora Thermal System



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Aerodynamic and Underhood Flow

Exterior and Underhood Flow Simulation

- Vehicle Aerodynamics
- Flow through Condenser/Radiator and Fan Module (CRFM)
- Vehicle underfloor Flow

Prediction of

- Aerodynamic drag
- Mass flow rates and losses through CRFM
- Heat Release from Radiator/Condenser
- Heat Transfer Coefficients (Cabin, E-Motor)

Relevance for 1D System Simulation

- Aerodynamic drag
- Calibration of cooling air flow model (CRFM)
- HTC's for cabin exterior



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Cabin Flow and Heat Transfer with Solar Radiation

Cabin Thermal Comfort Simulation

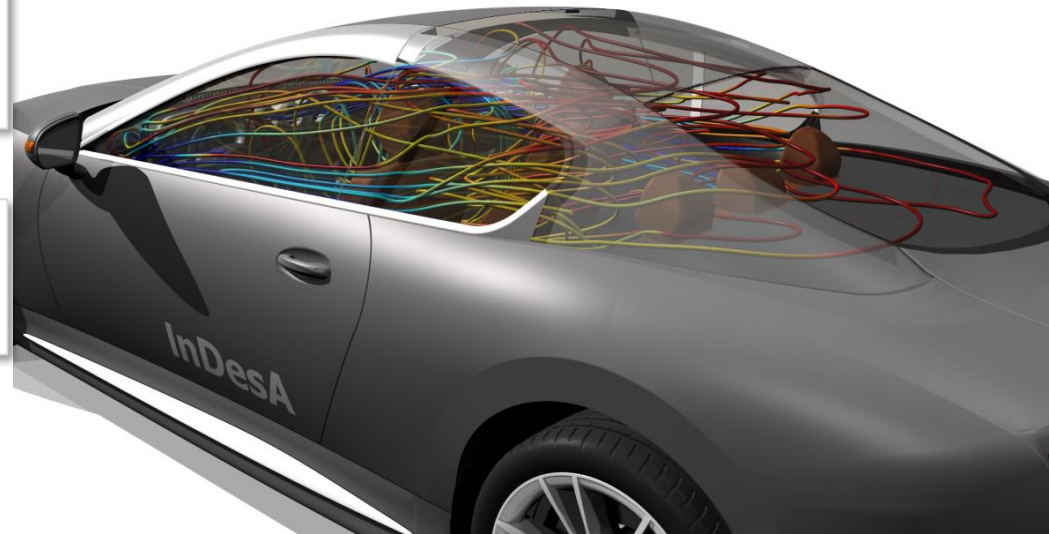
- CFD Cabin flow
- CHT Cabin Structure (body frame, windows, seats, etc.)
- Solar Radiation

Prediction of

- Cabin warm-up / cool-down
- Thermal comfort
- Thermal Balance Analysis

Relevance for 1D System Simulation

- Calibration of multi-zone cabin model
- HTC's at windows, walls and other boundaries



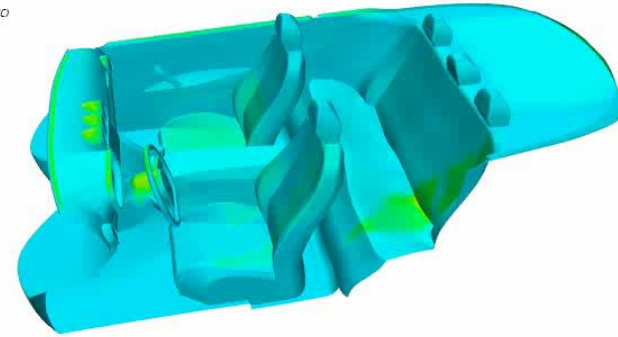
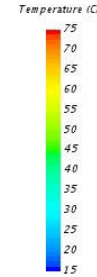
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I. Cabin Warm-up through Solar Radiation

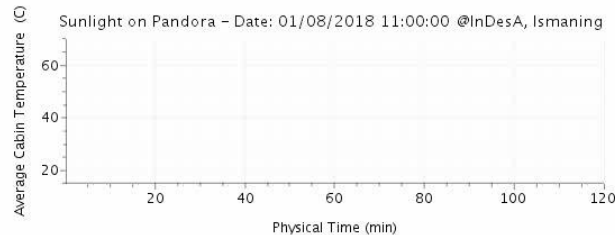
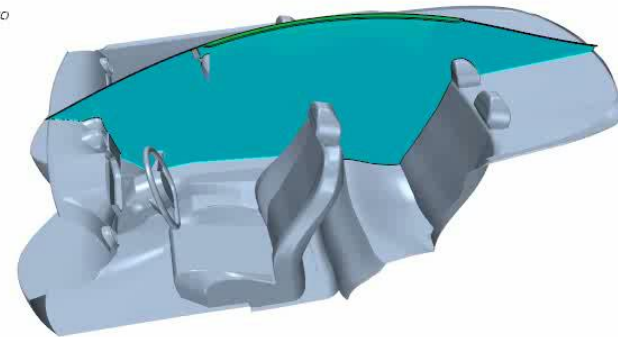
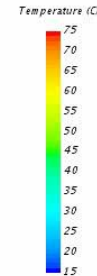
Warm-up Scenario:

01/08/2018 11:00 CET
Parking lot @ InDesA office
Site elevation 490 m
N 48° 13' E 011° 40'
sun shine; no clouds

Simulation time 2 hours
Cabin start temp. 28°C



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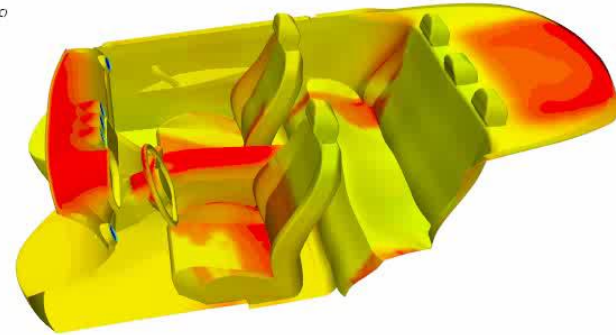
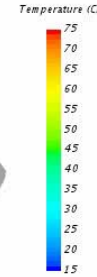
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II. Cabin Cool Down through Air Conditioning

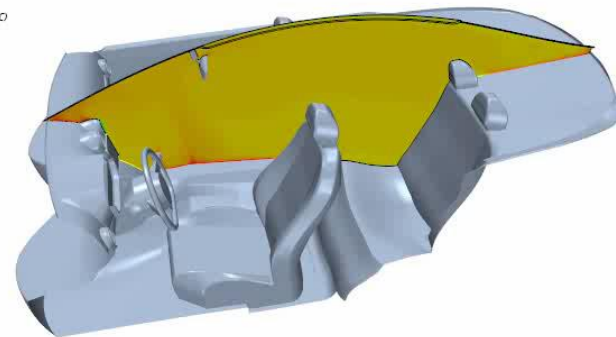
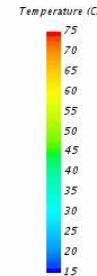
Cool-Down Scenario:

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Parking lot @ InDesA office
Site elevation 490 m
N 48° 13' E 11° 40'
sun shine; no clouds

Simulation time 2 minutes
Avg. cabin start temp. 62°C
Vent temp. 10°C
Vehicle speed: 0 kph



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E-Drive Thermal Analysis

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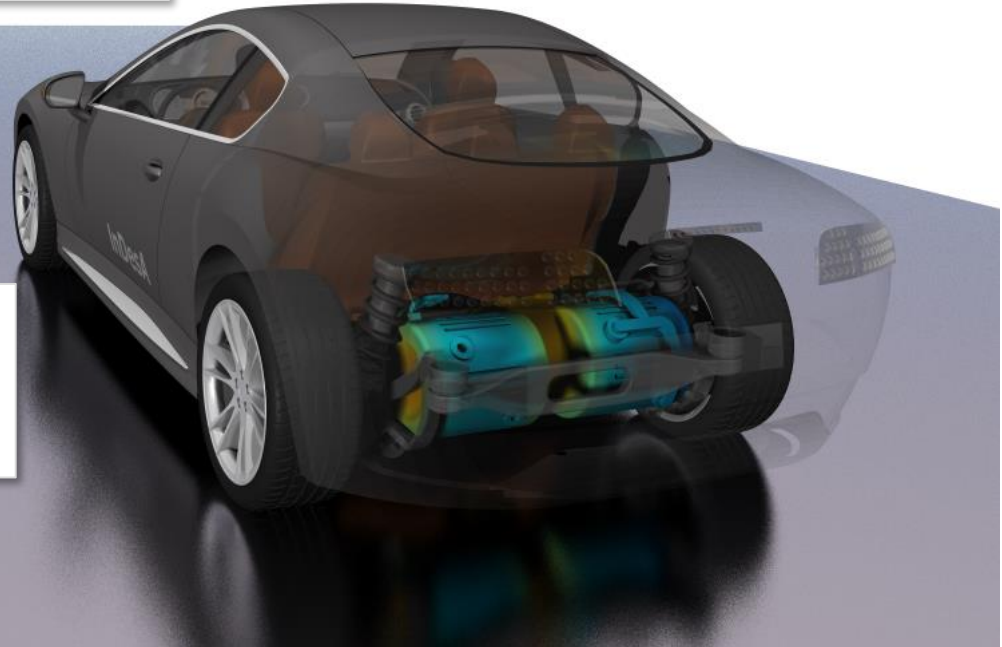
- E-Motor (water cooled)
- Inverter (water cooled)
- Transmission (air cooled)

Prediction of

- Local component temperatures
- Heat transfer analysis

Relevance for 1D System Simulation

- Heat release from component to coolant
- Calibration of 1D models for e-motor and inverter with regard to thermal inertia (transient behavior)



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E-Drive Thermal Analysis

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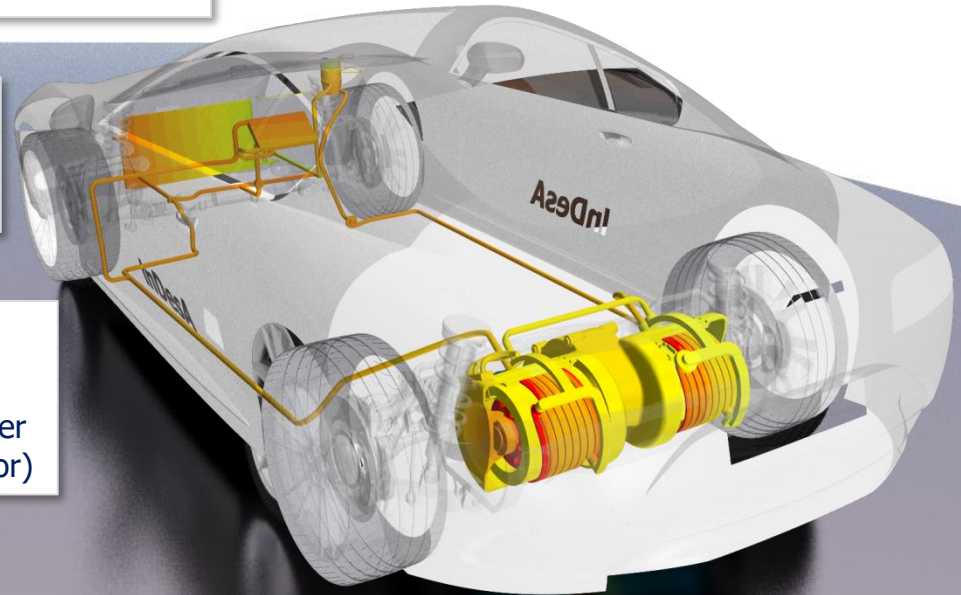
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Battery Thermal Analysis

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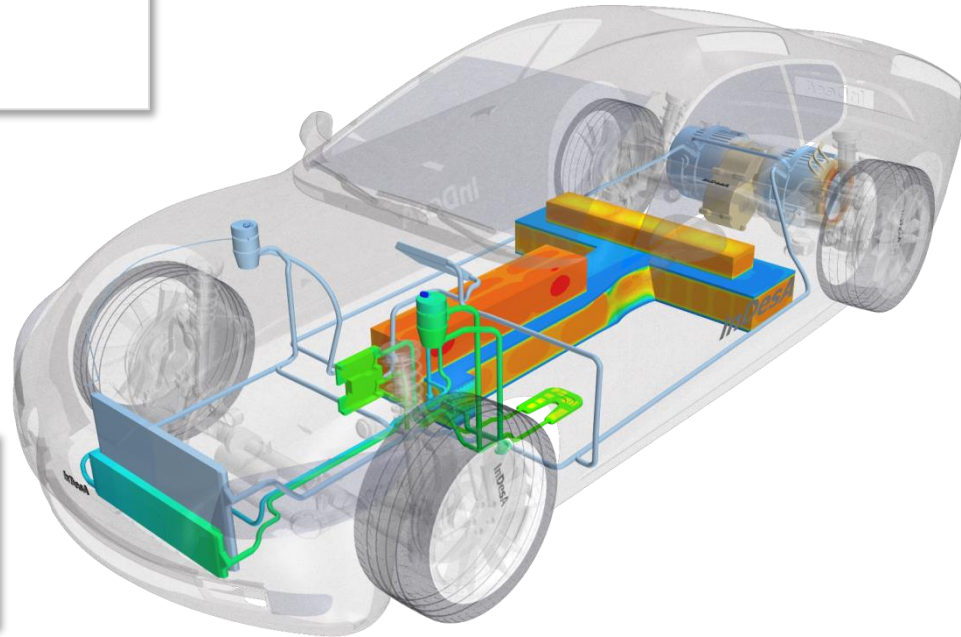
- Battery packs
- Cold Plate (water cooled)

Prediction of

- Local component/cell temperatures
- Heat transfer analysis

Relevance for 1D System Simulation

- Heat release from battery to coolant
- Calibration of 1D models for battery with regard to thermal inertia (transient behavior)



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E-Drive Coolant Circuit Fill and Degas Analysis

Fill and Degas Simulation

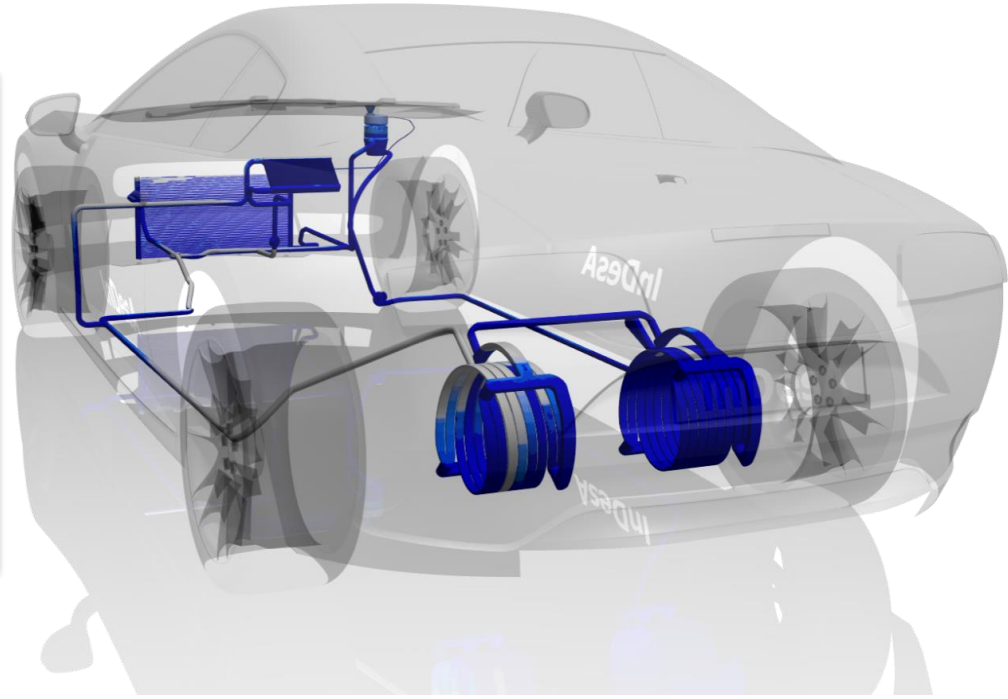
- Battery Coolant Circuit
- E-Drive Coolant Circuit

Simulation of

- Gravity fill
- Vacuum fill (2000/20000 Pa)
- Degas through bleed points
- Degas with active pump and valve control

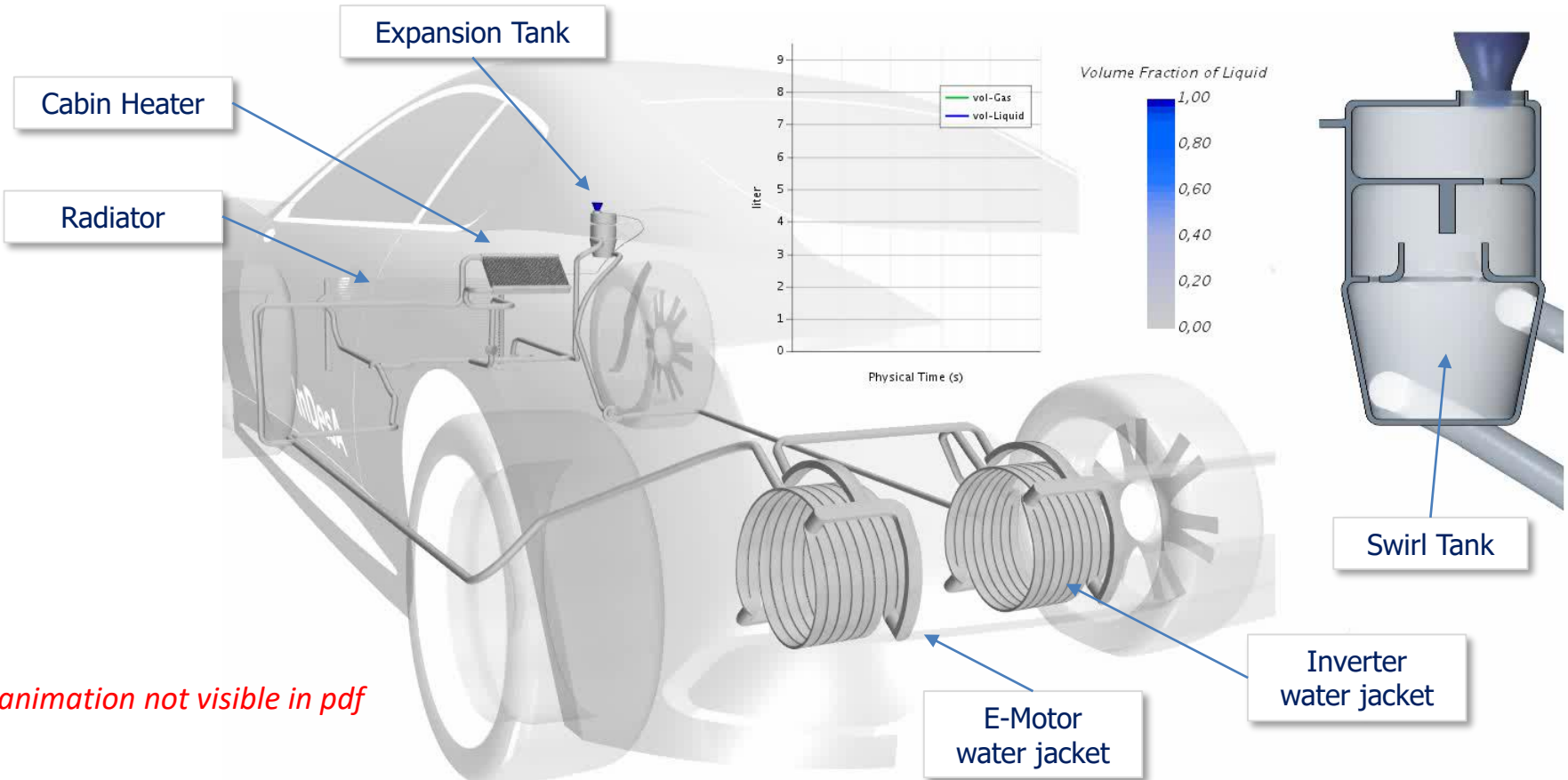
with the following goals:

- Identification of remaining air pockets
- Removal of remaining air in system
- Control strategies
- Identification of degas potential (design optimization)



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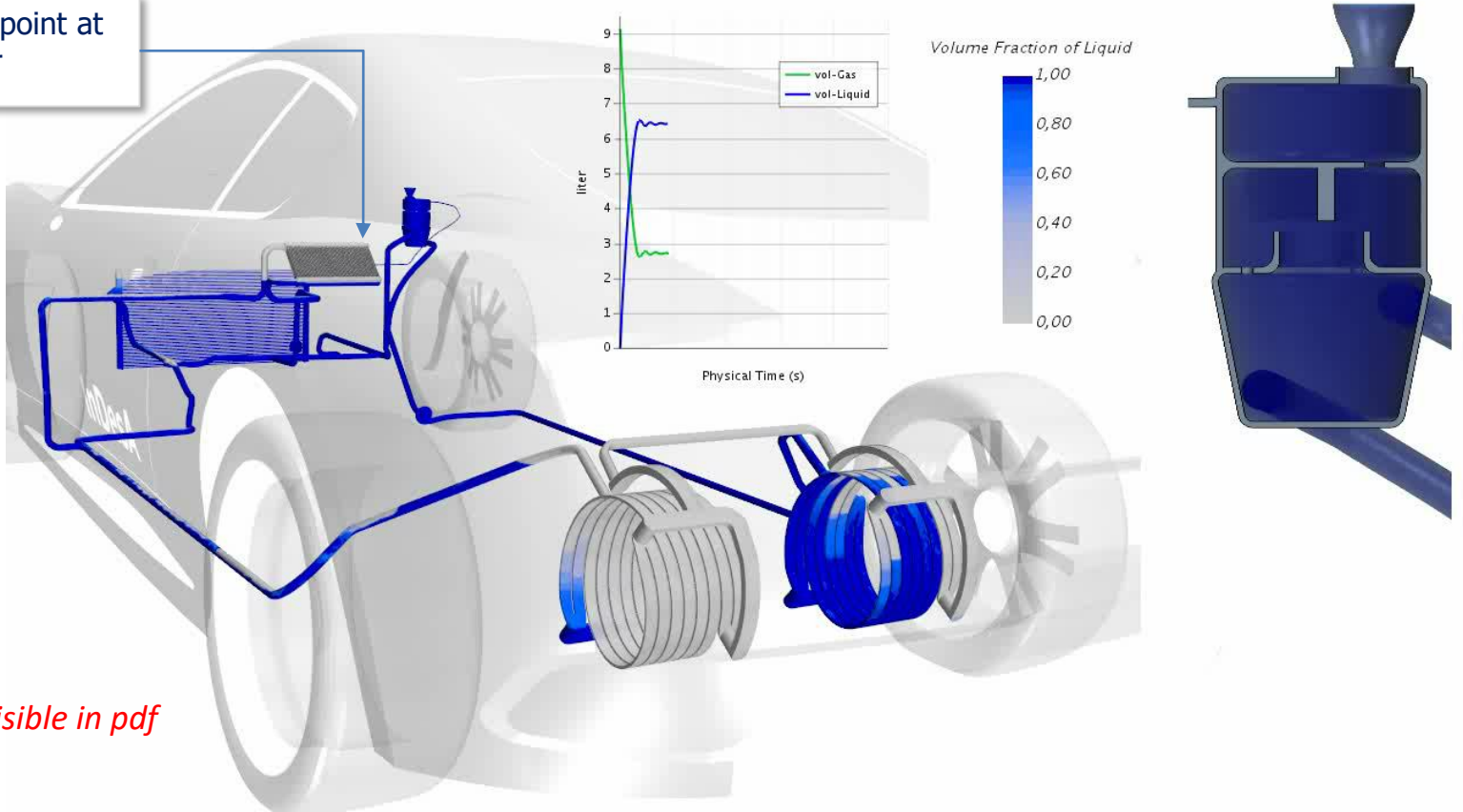
E-Drive Coolant Circuit Vacuum Fill @ 20000 Pa



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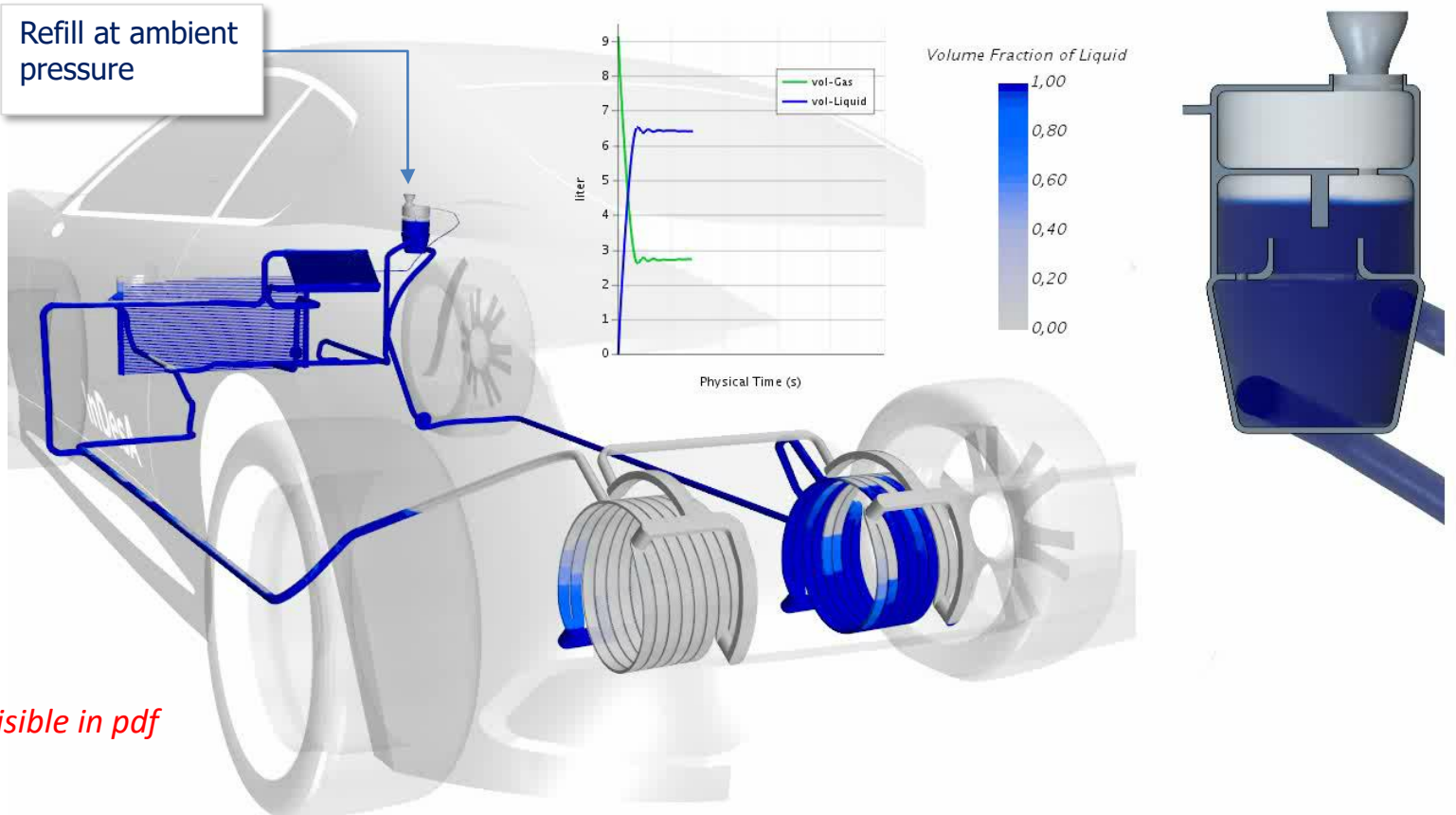
E-Drive Coolant Circuit Degas of Cabin Heater

Open bleed point at
cabin heater

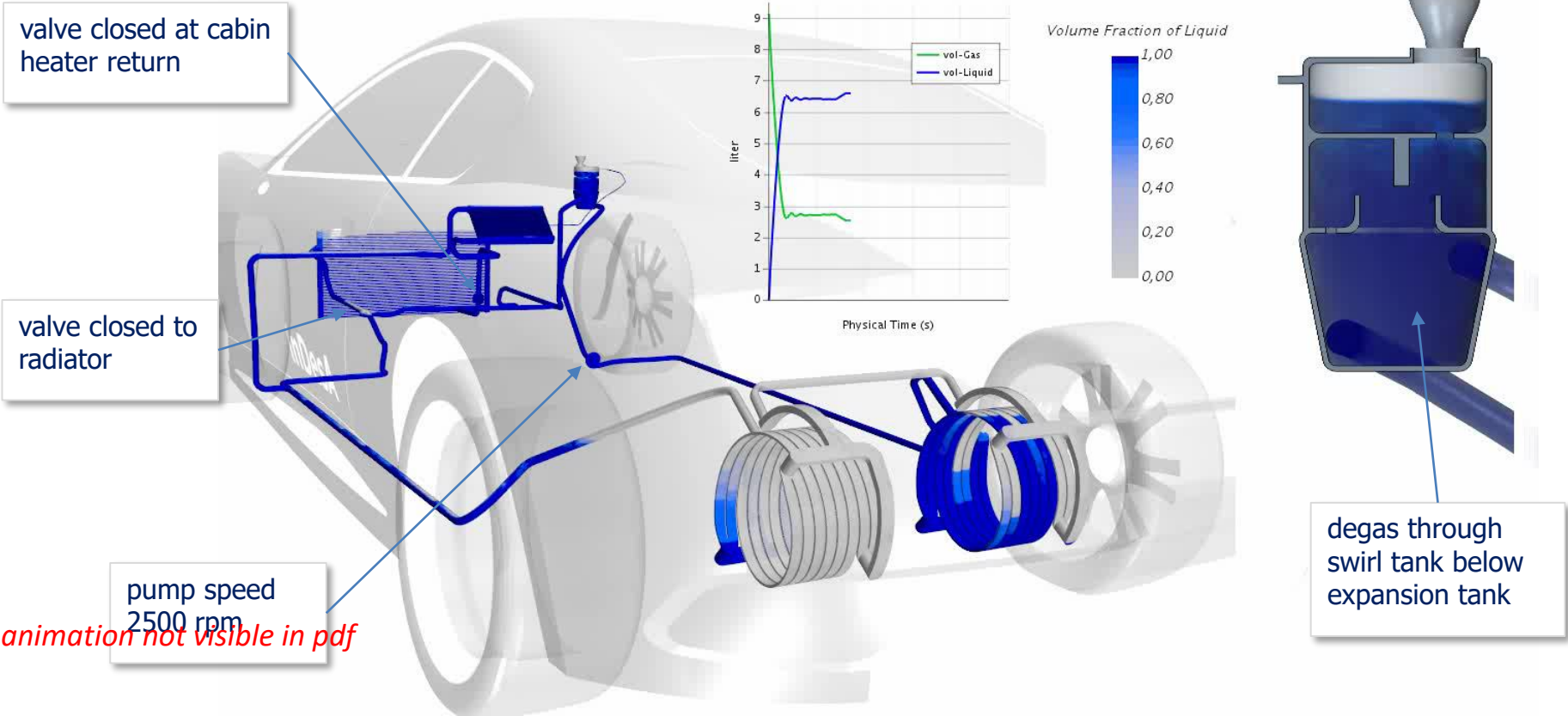


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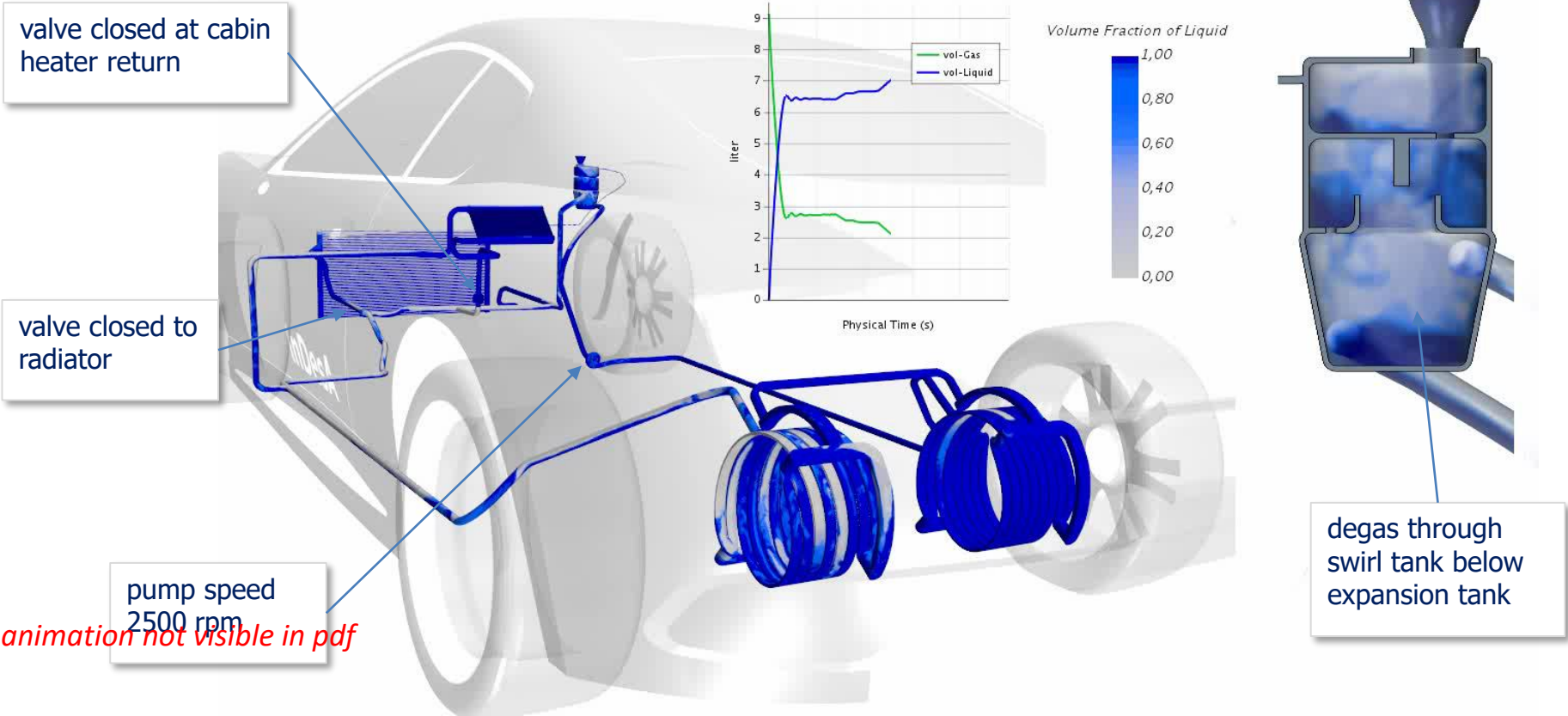
Thermal Design and Analysis of Electric Vehicles E-Drive Coolant Circuit - Gravity ReFill



Thermal Design and Analysis of Electric Vehicles E-Drive Coolant Circuit – Degas with Pumping



Thermal Design and Analysis of Electric Vehicles E-Drive Coolant Circuit – Degas with Pump OFF



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Summary and Conclusion

Simulation Methodology presented for
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Demonstrator Vehicle Pandora VEV presented
to demonstrate simulation techniques
with refrigerant and coolant circuits as well as HV
components.

STAR-CCM+ 3D CFD/CHT simulation application shown
for vehicle and various HV components to

- prove concepts and functions
- derive, optimize, and calibrate 1D objects for thermal system simulation

STAR-CCM+ 3D CFD Fill and Degas simulation presented
to validate functioning of coolant system.