



## CASE STUDIES | session 2 ENGINEERING THE ELECTRIC VEHICLE REVOLUTION EXTRAPOLATION IS NOT PREDICTION

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## >> Hybrid Electric and Pure Electric Vehicles

# Hybrid Electric Engine Optimization Using modeFRONTIER

Top industry players design tasks for HEV/EV systems in ESTECO technology to quickly identify the right engineering strategies and overcome highly constrained design problems.



# Trends and challenges in HEV and EV industry

Hybrid electric (HEV) and pure electric (EV) vehicles are quickly becoming coveted items with **market growth forecasted at a compound annual rate of 6%;** the EV segment alone is estimated to grow at **a rate of 39% up to 2020<sup>1</sup>**.

#### **DESIGN CHALLENGES**

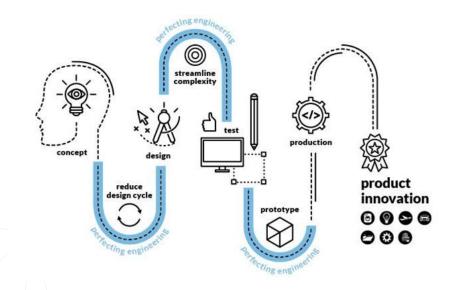
- ✓ Traction motors require recalibration for HEV/EV applications
- Designers lose time reviewing hundreds of designs
- Designs must consider structural and thermal limitations along with electromagnetic design contraints in motor magnetics
- Advanced designs require significant computational resources

1] Pike Research, 2012: "Electric Vehicle Market Forecasts"

# >> About ESTECO



ESTECO is an independent technology provider delivering first-class software solutions aimed at perfecting the simulation-driven design process. With more than 15 years' experience, we support engineers and companies in designing better, more efficient products.



We specialize in customer-focused solutions for numerical optimization, CAE integration, process automation and simulation data management.

#### ESTECO Technologies – A Perfect Match



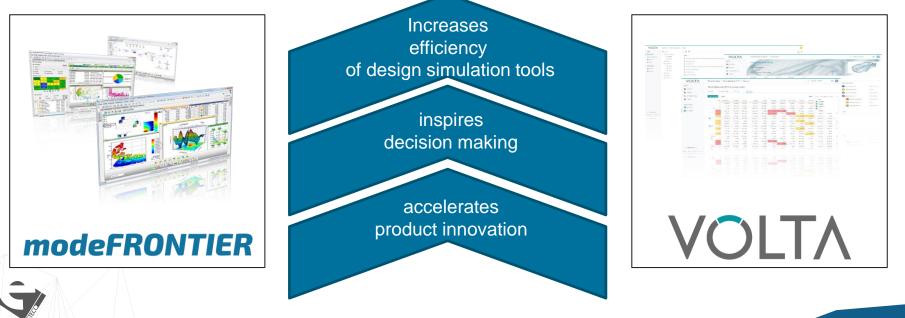
modeFRONTIER execution engine B E E P M N web editor

# >> ESTECO Technology

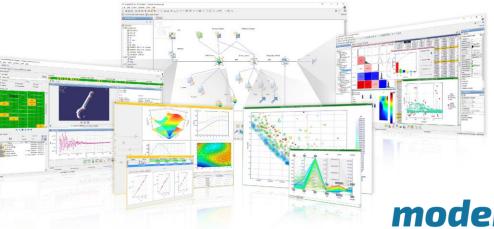
Our smart engineering suite brings enterprise-wide solutions for design optimization, simulation data management and process integration and automation.

We help companies excel across theirs innovation journey and accomplish

the shift to agile product development.



# ESTECO Technology > modeFRONTIER

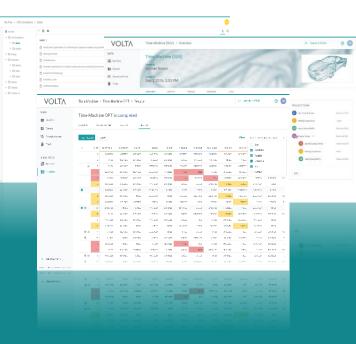


## modeFRONTIER

Streamlines the design process with powerful workflows, innovative algorithms and advanced post-processing tools. is an integration platform for multiobjective and multidisciplinary optimization. It provides a seamless coupling with third party engineering tools, enables the automation of the design simulation process and facilitates analytic decision making.

## >> Introducing the new SPDM paradigm

VOLTA is a web-based, collaborative environment that orchestrates simulation data and multidisciplinary business processes enabling conscious decision-making and innovative product development





# >> optimizing the HEV/EV design

**modeFRONTIER** manages the strong non-linearity of HEV/EV design processes and identifies the best components and mechatronics integration by:

helping to develop optimal control strategies, power management, torque/speed coupling & vehicle dynamics



Enhancing multidisciplinary behavior at system level (mechanical, electrical, thermal & magnetics)

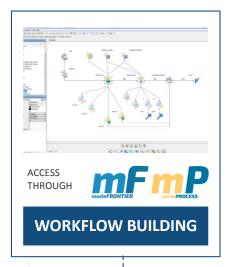


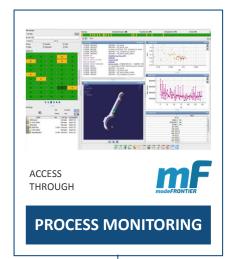
identifying the optimal configuration and size of HEV/EV powertrains & components

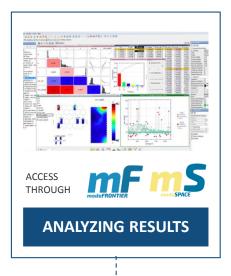




# **modeFRONTIER** offers a **modular environment** giving access to different sets of functionalities









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#### ENGINEERING THE ELECTRIC MEHICLE REVOLUTION - EXTRAPOLATION IS NOT PREDICTION

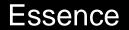
ESTECO Technology Day on Optimization

David Moseley rector, Powertrain

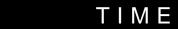
#### Lucid

- California-based electric-vehicle startup company
- Founded 2007 as Atieva by ex-Tesla / Oracle execs
- Initially developing battery pack technology
- Now developing our first vehicle the Lucid Air
- In 2016, Atieva was appointed by FIA as the sole battery-pack supplier for Formula E





#### ENERGY



#### SPACE



#### PERFORMANCE DRIVING URBAN COMMUTING

SUBLIME LUXURY

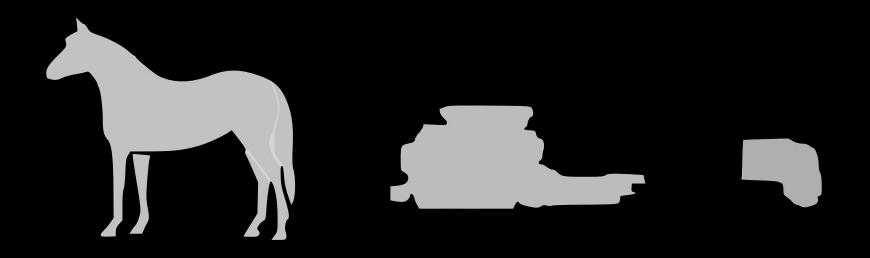


## Engineering for Space





### Engineering for Performance

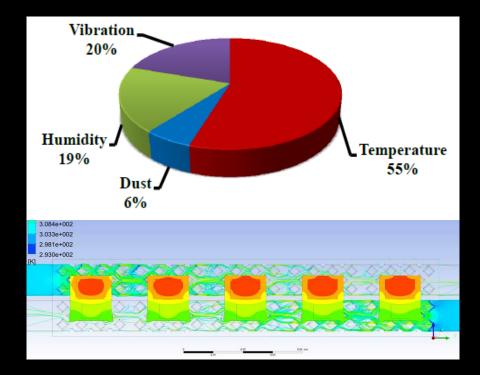


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#### Inverter Design Challenges

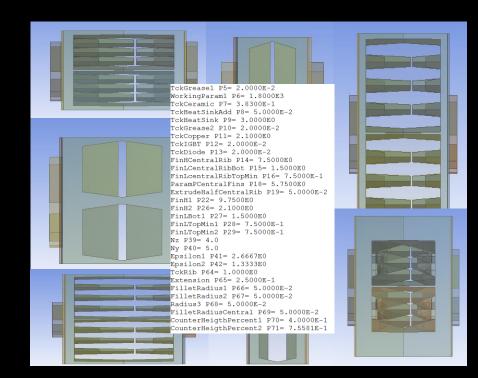
- Electronic device failure rates are strongly linked to temperature
  Doubling with every 10°C rise
- Efficiency driven by
  - Low chip-to-coolant thermal conductivity
  - Temperature equality
  - Low pumping pressure
  - (Physical size)



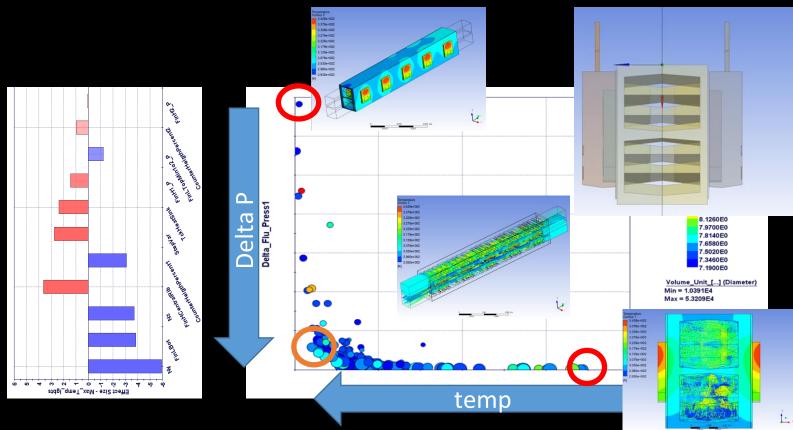


### **Design Strategy**

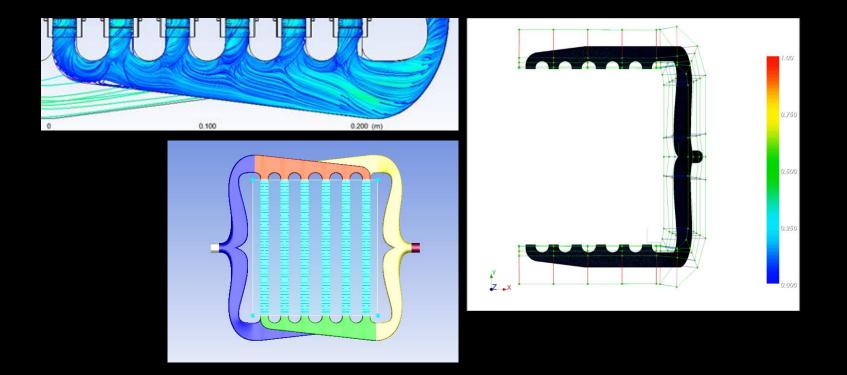
- Conceptual design of cooling channel
- A fully-parametric model ...
- ... enabling a near-arbitrary CFD channel model to be built



## **Optimization – Channel Design**

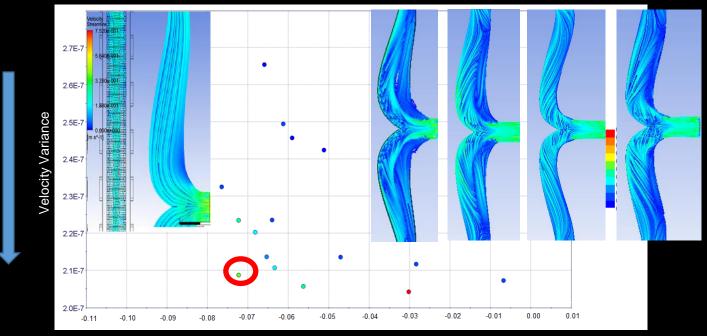


## Optimization – Manifold Design





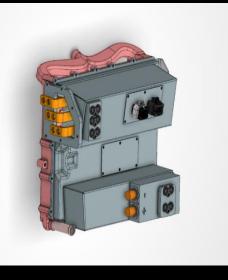
#### The Inverter Design Challenge



Pressure Variation from Baseline [%]

## Optimization – Consequences

	Lucid	Lucid
	(Gen 3)	(Gen 4)
Current	1500 A	1200 A
Power	450 kW	350 kW
Power Density	30.0 kW / litre	~39 kW / litre
	29.3 kW / kg	~40 kW / kg



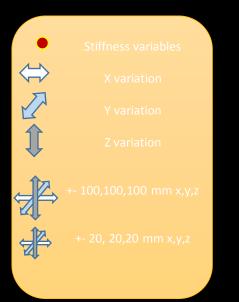
### Pervasive Thermal Analysis Optimisation

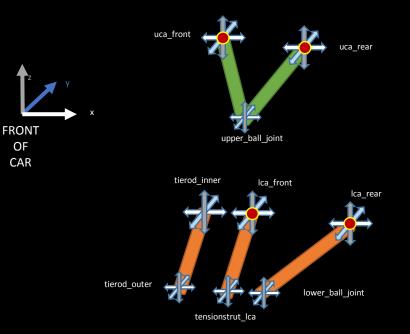
#### Motor Cooling

#### Wall Heat Transfer Coefficient Contour 3 Vall Heat Transfer Coefficient 6.369e+003 5.982e+003 5.951e+003 5.626e+003 5.533e+003 5.270e+003 5.115e+003 4 914e+003 4.697e+003 4.558e+003 4.279e+003 4.203e+003 3.861e+003 3 443e+00 Wall Heat Transfer Coefficient 3.025e+00 5.555e+003 2.607e# 5.345e+003 2 189 5.135e+003 W m^-2 4.925e+003 4.715e+003 4.505e+003 4 295e+003 4.085e+003 3.875e+00 3.665e+0 0.100 (m) 3.455e 0.100 (m) [W m^-2 K\*

**Onboard Charger Cooling** 

### Suspension Optimisation (ADAMS)







#### modeFRONTIER Links

Scale

Shape1

Shape

#### • Define search space

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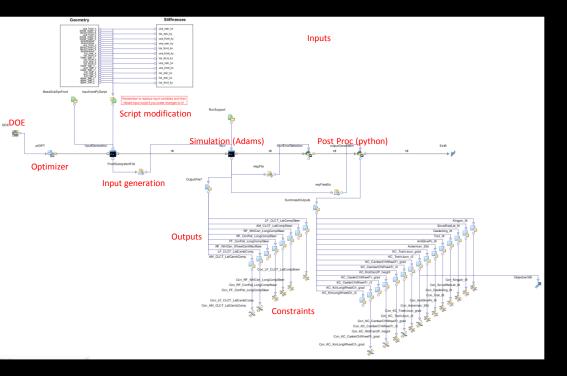
#### Set constraints

😵 Design Constraint							
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0	<b>V</b>	Con_KC_KinLongWheelCh_grad	KC_KinLongWheelCh_grad	Greater Than	0.0		
1	<b>V</b>	Con_KC_CasterChWheelTr_grad	KC_CasterChWheelTr_grad	Less Than	0.02		

#### • Click "Run"

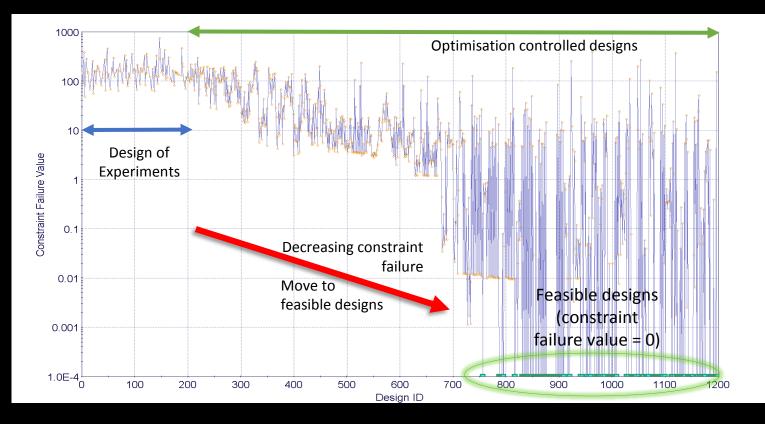








## Adams modeFRONTIER Design Exploration







#### Extrapolation is Not Prediction





#### "IN 2050, URBAN MOBILITY WILL USE 17.3% OF THE PLANET'S BIOCAPACITIES, 5X MORE THAN IN 1990"

A D Little - Future of Urban Mobility



### Three Millennial "Wants"





# >> Preparing For The Future

#### **Optimization results**

Alternative Inverter optimal designs identified: efficiency enhanced, failure rates minimized

modeFRONTIER optimization Design process automation, quick optimization setup and execution and decision-making support help overcome such highly constrained design problems

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Towards a green powertrain technology

Urbanisation and its sustainability Demands of a new generation, with new values and expectations



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