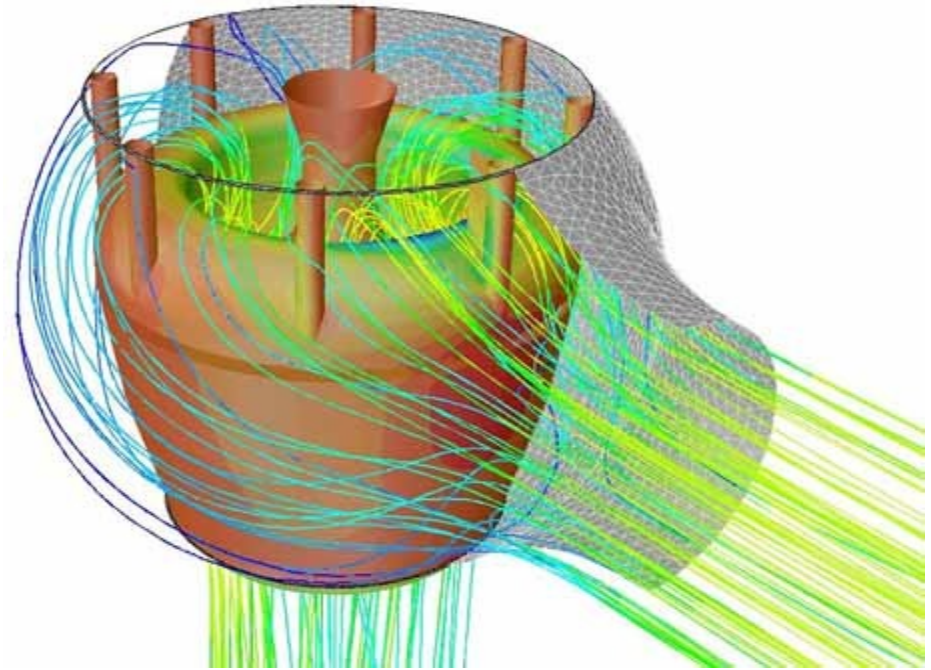


Applications of Computational Fluid Dynamics (CFD) in Power Plants

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Outline

Computational Fluid Dynamics (CFD)

Introduction

CFD In Power Plant

1: Ducts

2: Boiler

3: Electrostatic Precipitator (ESP)

4: Air Preheater (APH)

* Demo CFD Analysis

Computational Fluid Dynamics

- Computer based numerical modeling technique
- Solves flow physics & associated phenomenon
- Cost effective design optimization

Why CFD ? Benefits ?.... !

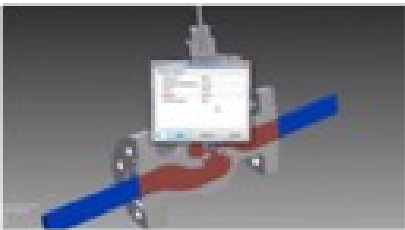
- @ Reduce the Pressure Drop (D_p)
- @ Uniform Velocity Distribution along the ducts
- @ Flow Visualization
- @ Avoid Erosion
- @ Avoid soot formation
- @ Save Fan Load & Power
- @ Low Maintenance cost
- @ Improvement in Boiler efficiency

CFD - Work Flow Chart

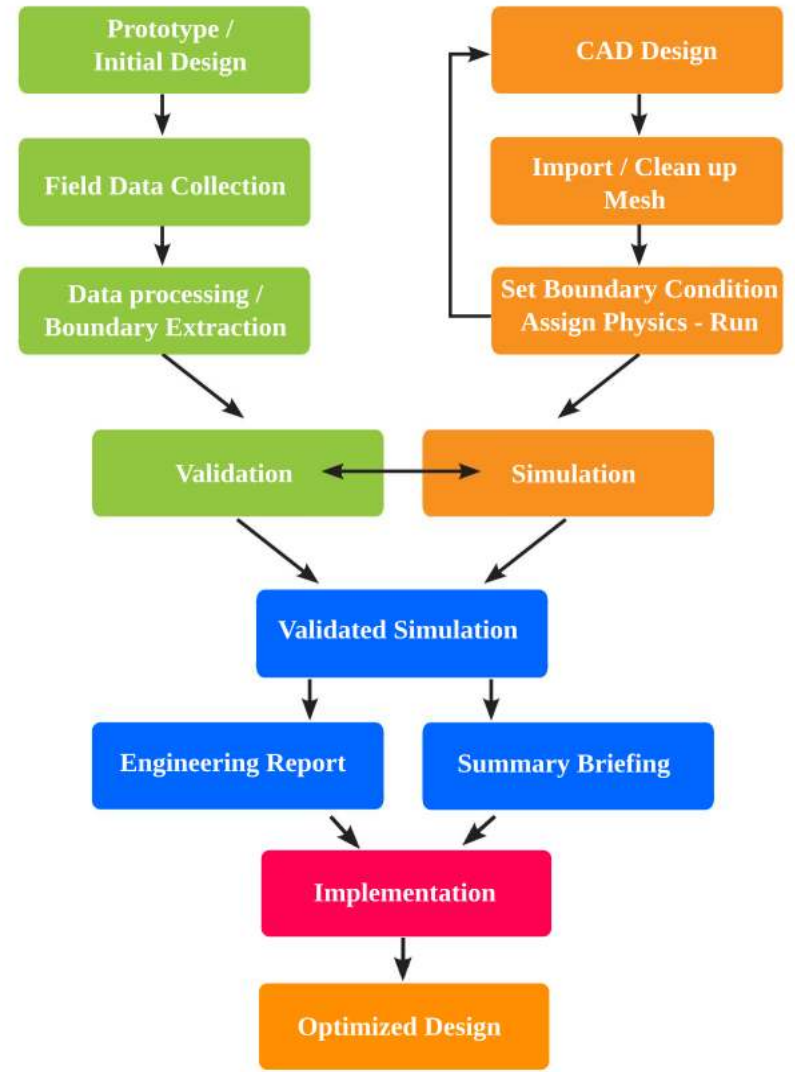
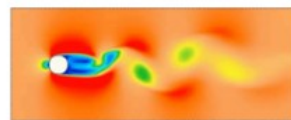
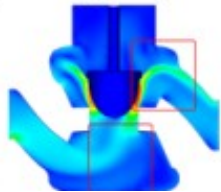
1 Geometry Preparation



2 Simulation / Run



3 Post – Processing / Results



- Post testing- to check the working condition of ducts after implementing modifications, obtained through CFD.
- Manufacturing, Supply and Erection of the modifications, as per the CFD analysis.

Flue Gas Duct



Economizer to APH Inlet duct system of a 210 MW plant

Flow distribution optimization Analysis & Post processing

BASE DESIGN

ECONOMIZER OUTLET

ECONOMIZER OUTLET

OPTIMIZED DESIGN

Pressure build up due to stagnation

Flue Gas Inlet Duct

Ash Hoppers

Modification to improve flow

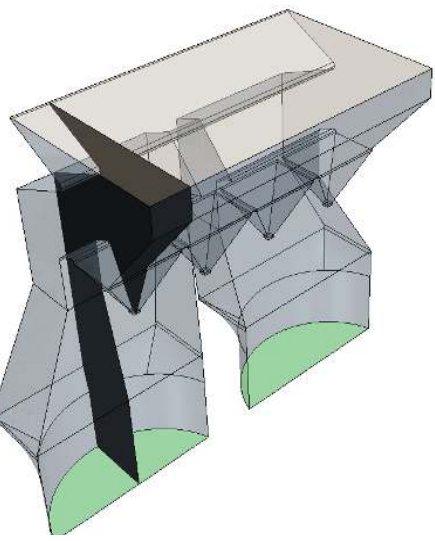
Deflector Vane to improve flow

Transition Piece

Reduced Pressure Drop in the Duct

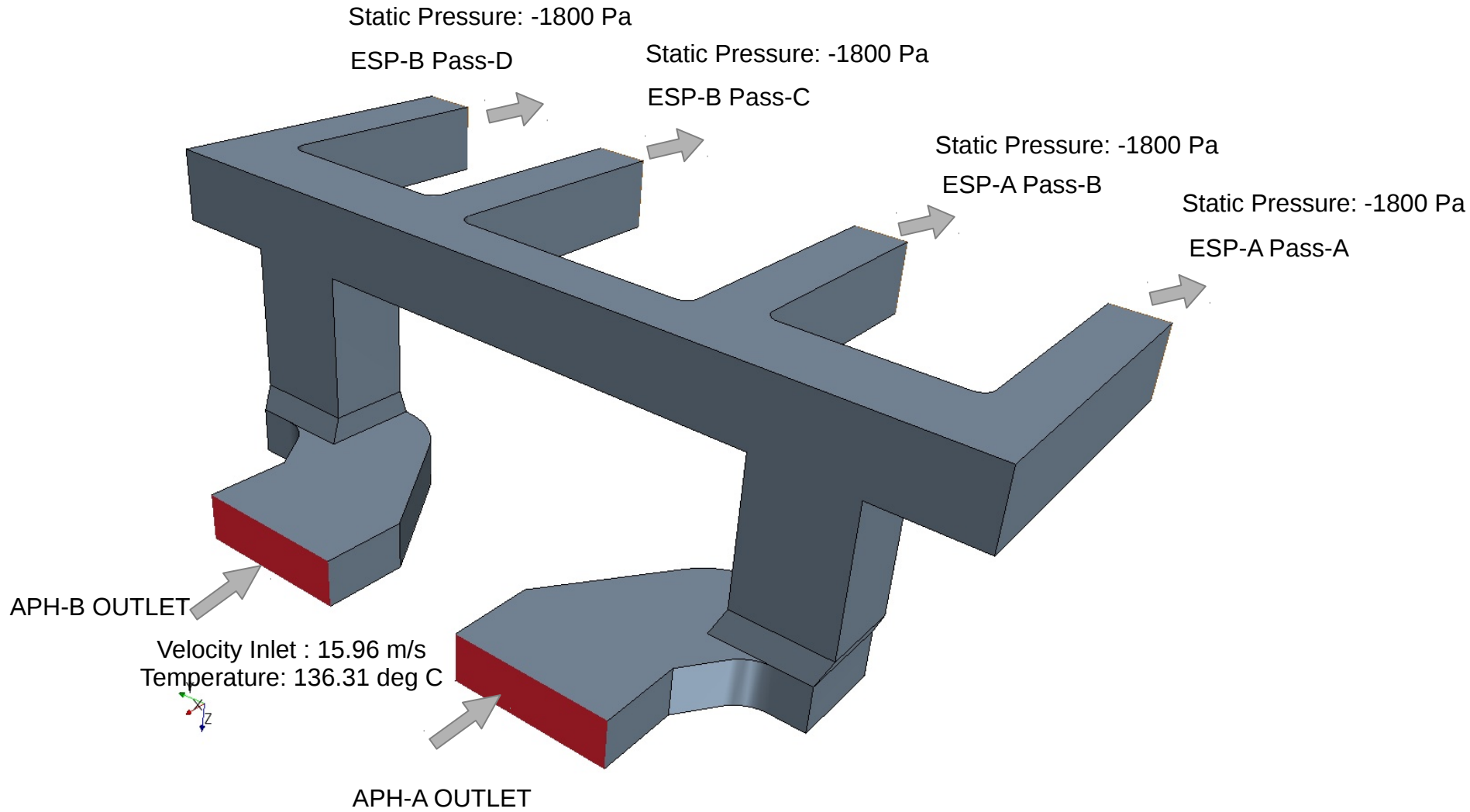
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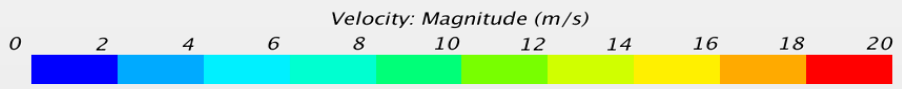
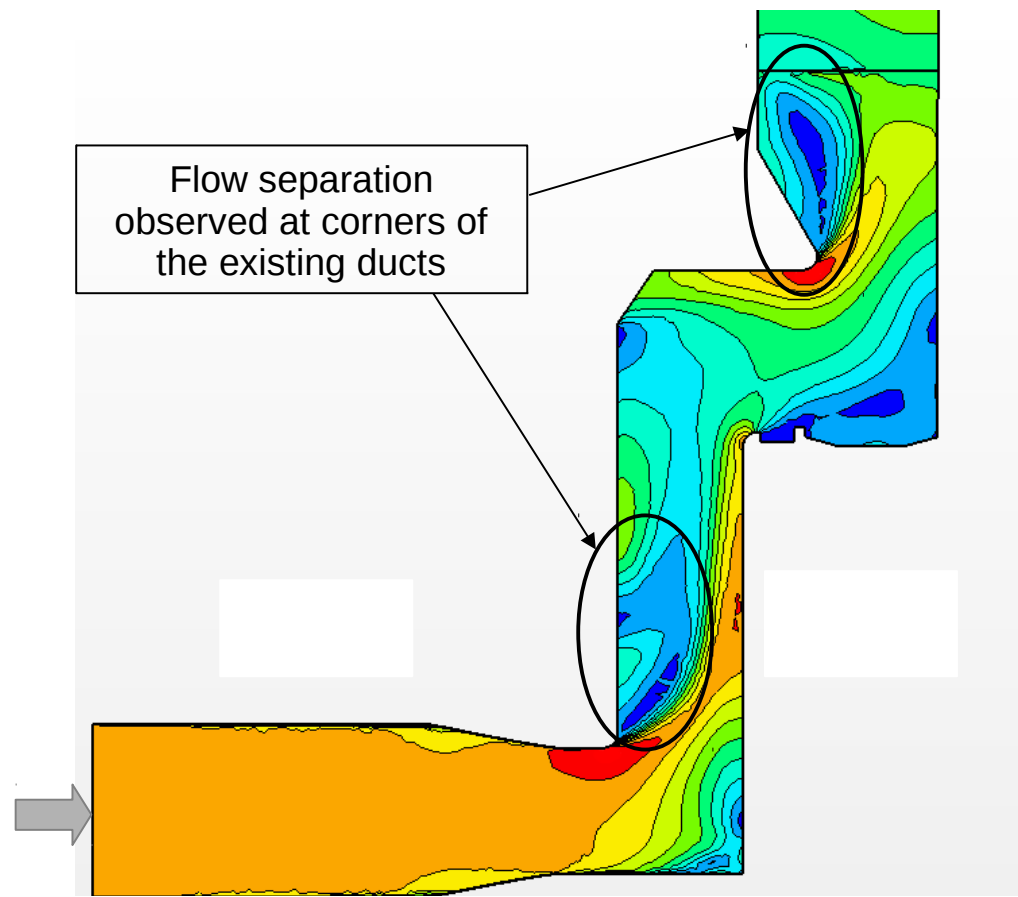
APH Outlet to ESP Inlet duct system of a 300 MW plant

CAD Model Creation



Duct system of a typical 500 MW plant

Flow distribution optimization Analysis & Post processing



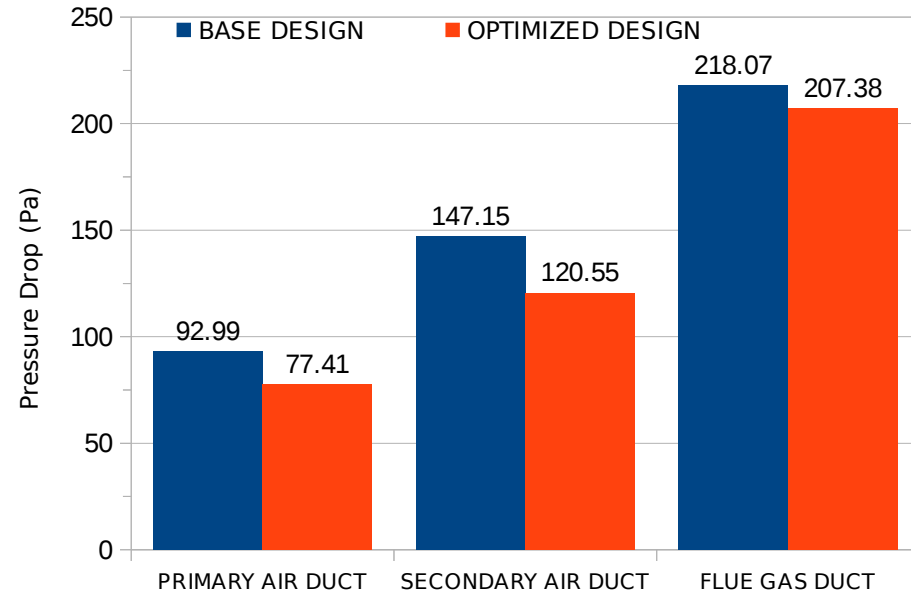
Pressure

- Pressure drop savings
- Wall pressure prediction
- Detailed study of Pressure distribution & Pressure values

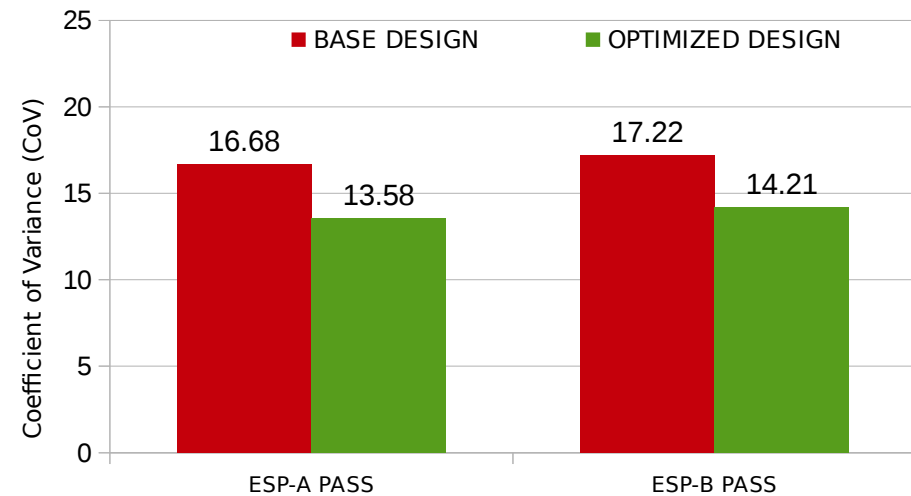
Flow

- Better flow distribution
- Detailed study of-
 - Velocity
 - Density
 - Temperature
- Reduce erosion
- Reduction in ID & FD fan current consumption

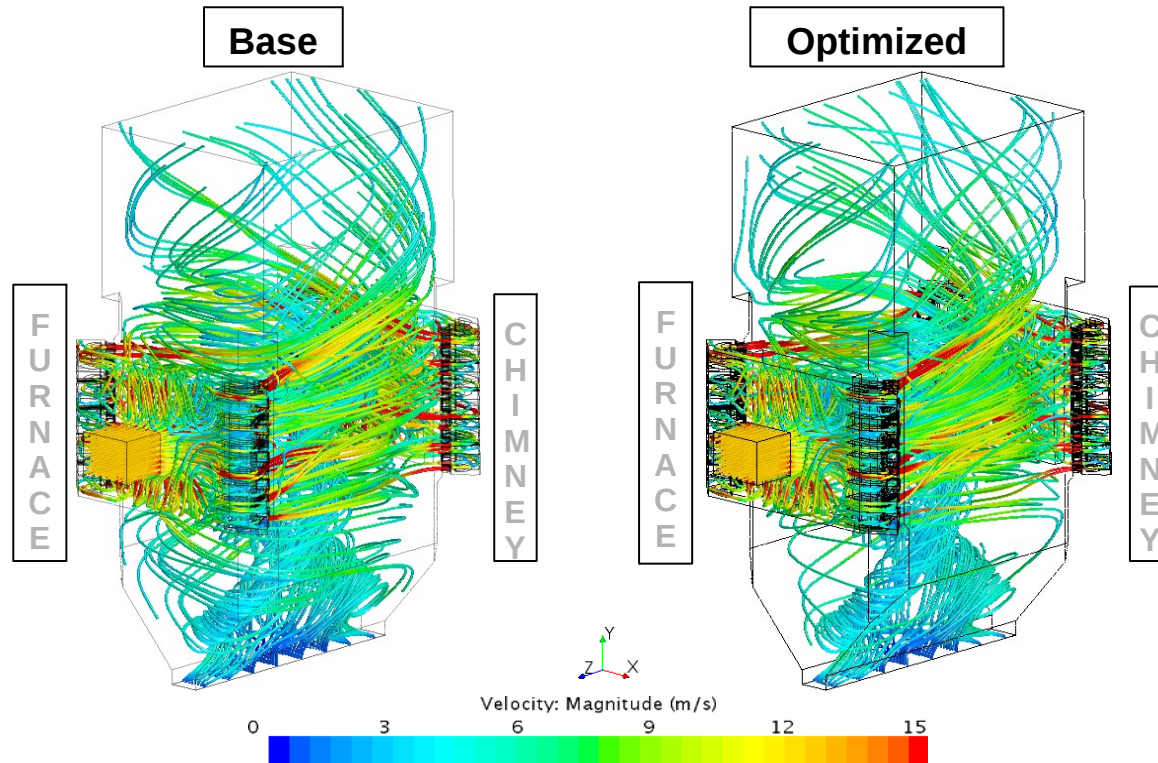
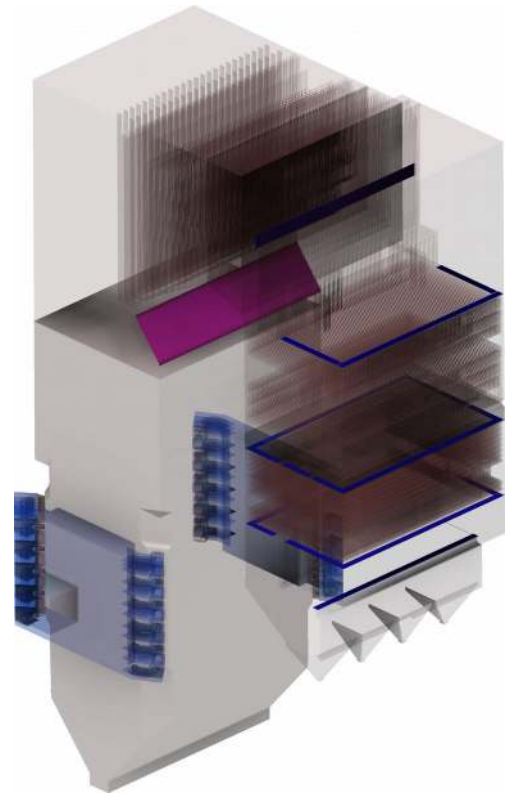
Pressure Drop - Comparison



Velocity Variation - Comparison



Boiler First And Second Pass Flow Optimization (150 MW Plant)



- CAVT using CFD analysis helps in reducing the time required to identify suitable boiler tube erosion control / prevention mechanism to be implemented within boiler pass.
- A detailed assessment of the flow pattern and high velocity zones within various sections of the boiler could be obtained.
- Choice of actual model approach instead of porous media approach in CFD analysis indicates, that better understanding of flow pattern could be obtained near boiler tubes and helps in obtaining a better erosion control mechanism.

- Design optimization
- Reduce erosion
- Enhance flow characteristics
- Improve collecting efficiency
- Better thermal & pressure distribution
- Reduce particulate emission

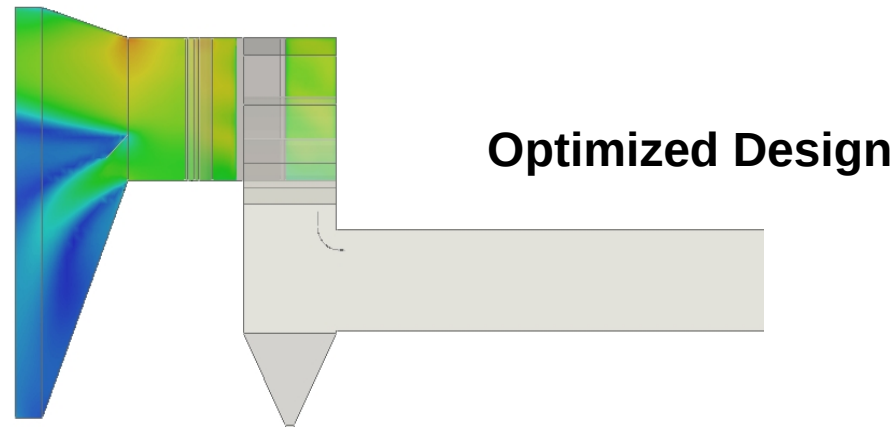
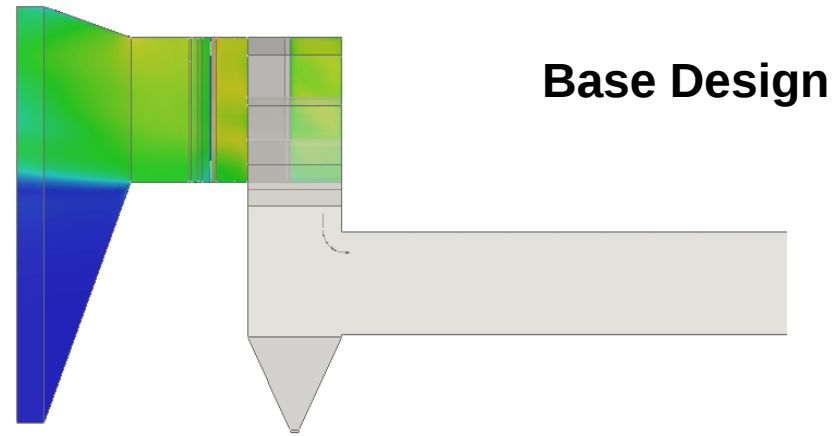


HEAVY erosion due to ash deposition in the outlet funnel without screen

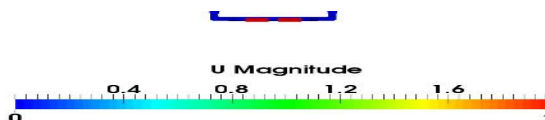
ESP System- Flow analysis

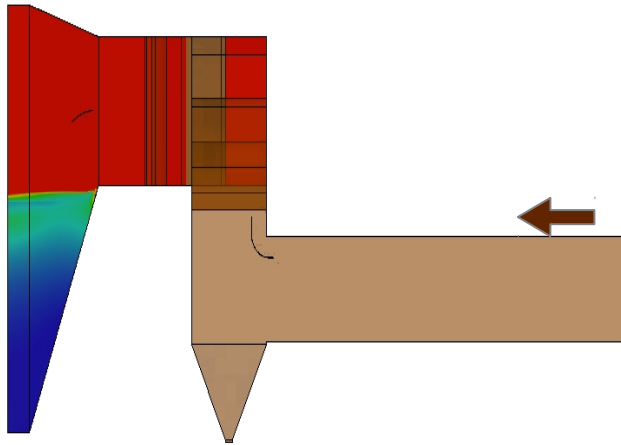
- Field flow uniformity
- Field pressure distribution
- Increase collecting efficiency
- Optimized designs to,
 - Improve performance
 - Reduce pollution
 - Lesser downtime

Gas Distribution Analysis Within ESP

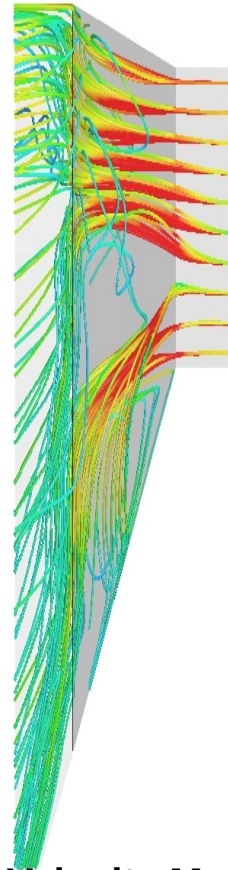


Velocity Magnitude (m/s)

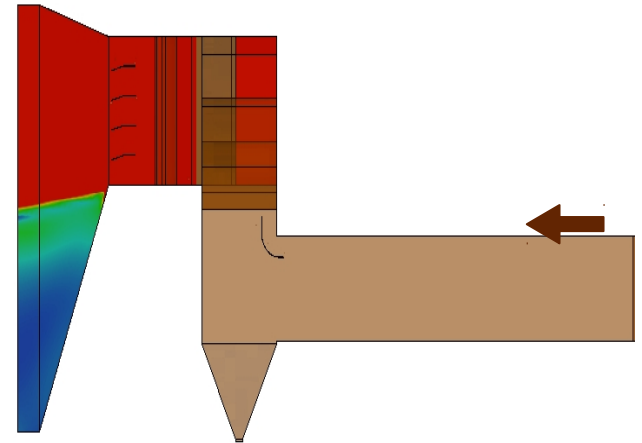




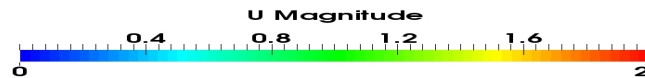
Optimization Run-1



Velocity Magnitude (m/s)

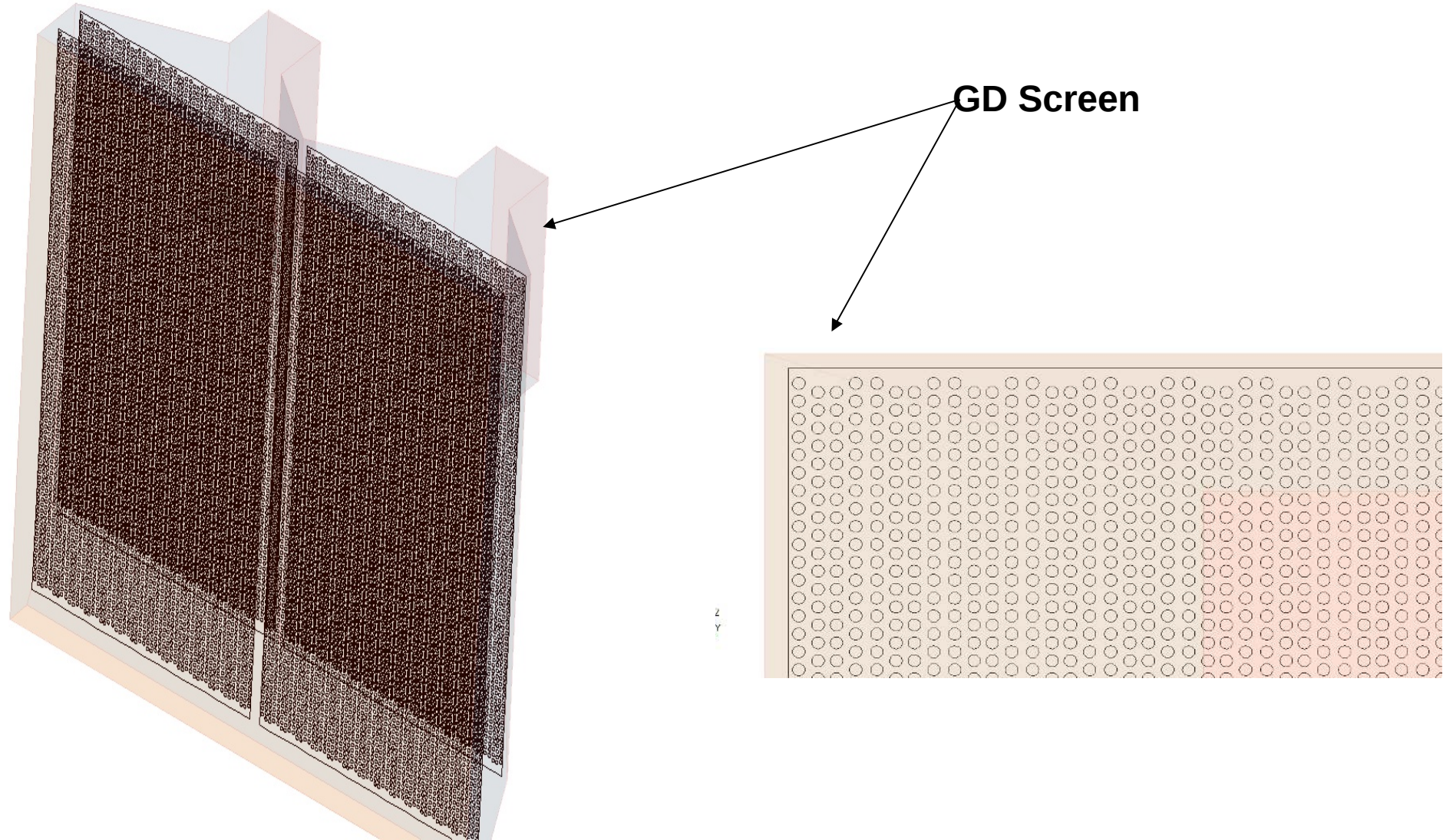


Optimization Run-2



Geometry - ESP Inlet Funnel


Stage 3: Introduction of GD Screens & Deflector Plates



Result Comparison

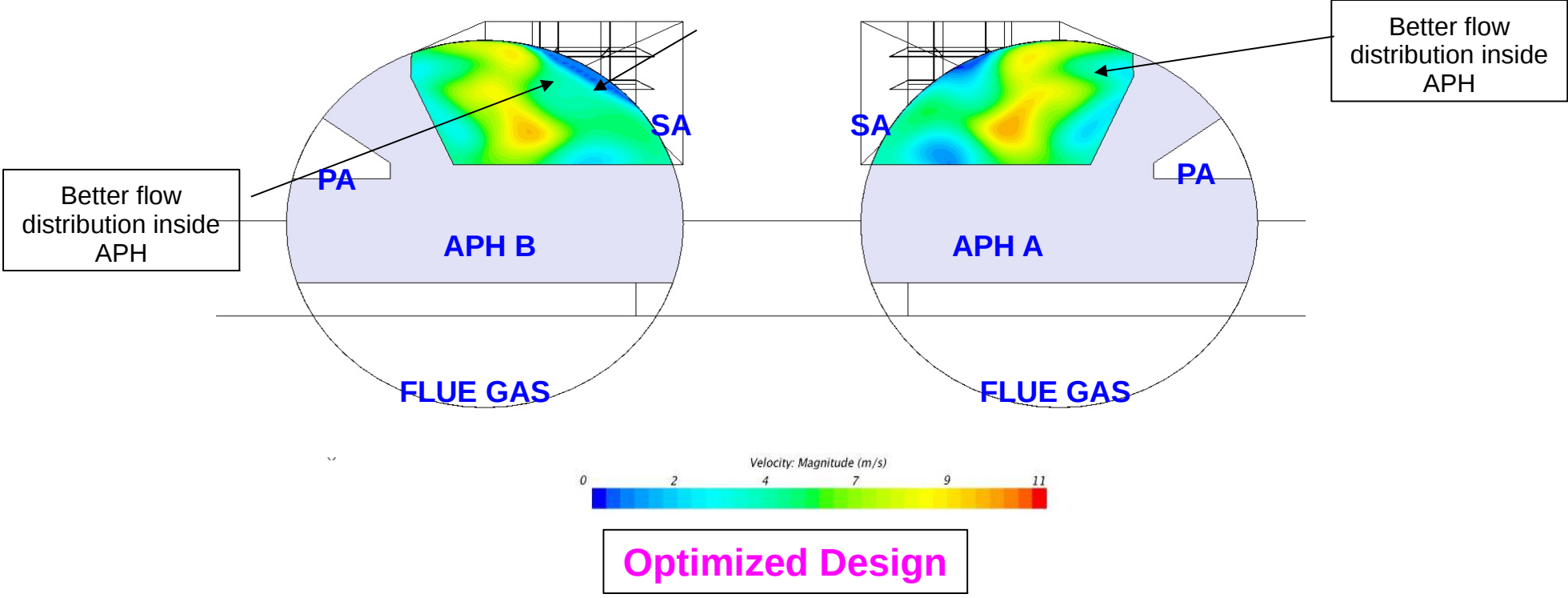
Trials	Velocity Average At First Field Entry (m/s)	Velocity Average At First Field Entry (m/s)	CoV
1	0.377	0.982	28.00
2	0.366	1.015	32.00
3	0.357	0.986	25.00

Representative values (May vary from case to case)



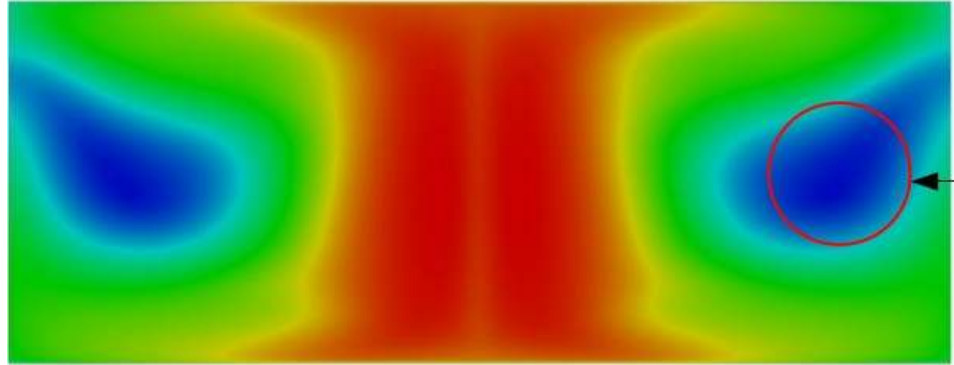
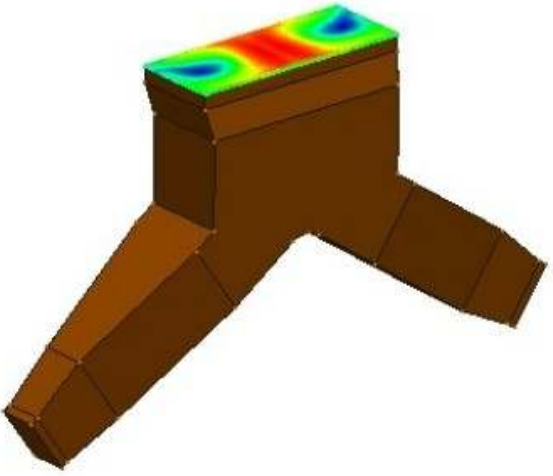
Air Preheater

Inter Connecting Duct Flow Distribution



Air Preheater

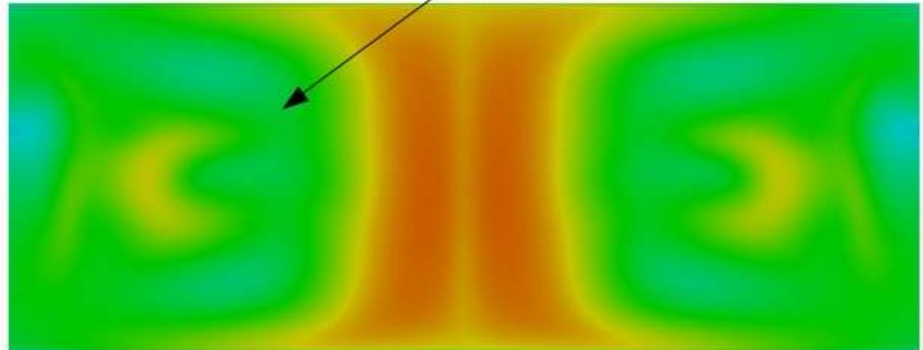
Inter Connecting Duct Flow Distribution



No Flow Zone at the entry of APH

Base Design

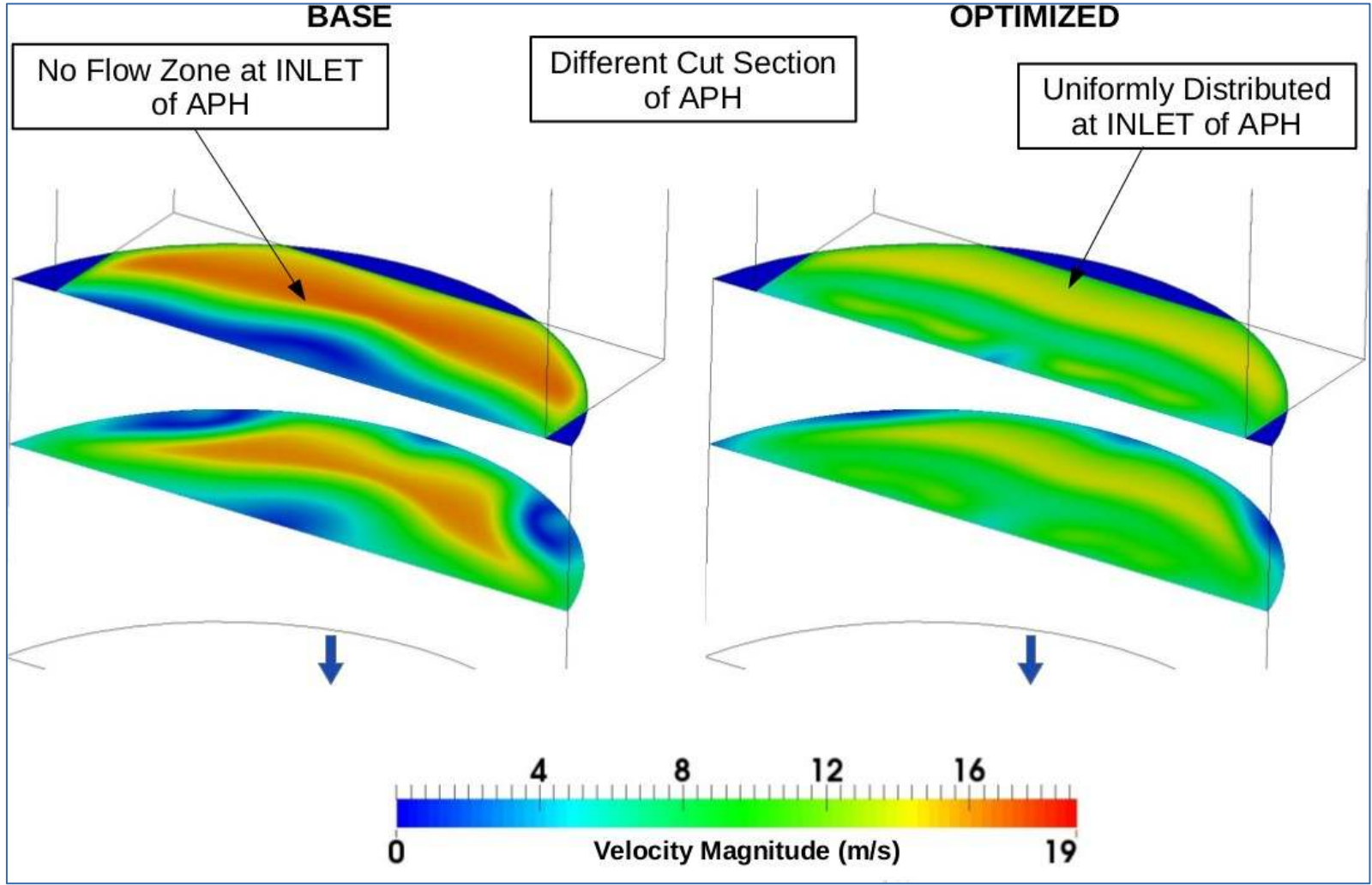
Uniformly Distributed at entry of APH



Optimized Design

Air Preheater

Inter Connecting Duct Flow Distribution



Questions ?

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Thank You All