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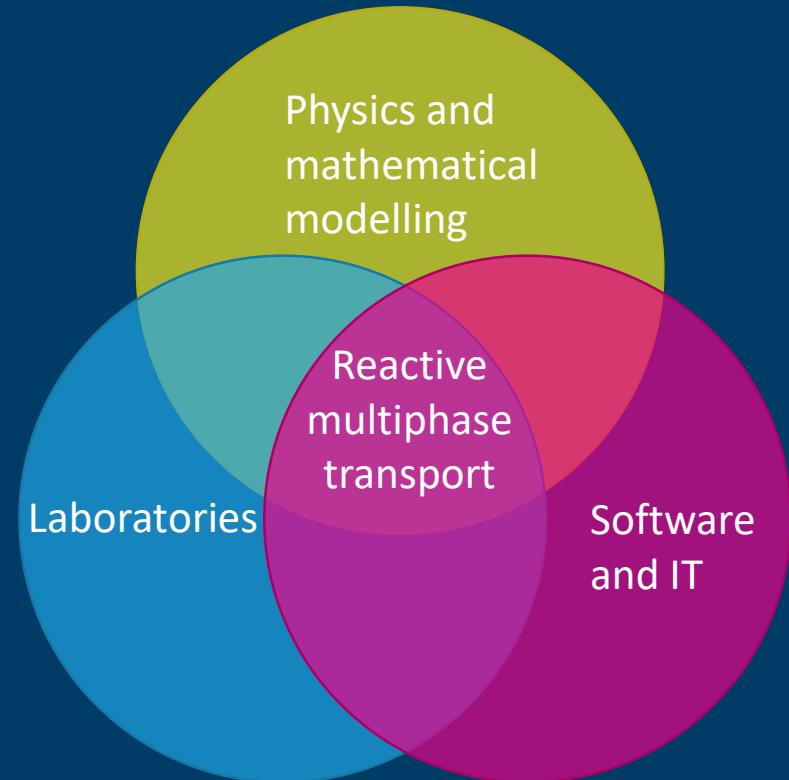
SINTEF Materials and Chemistry,  
Flow technology group

# Expertise

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## Typical competence background of people

- Mechanical Engineering (includes Fluid Dynamics)
- Chemical Engineering
- Fundamental Physics
- Numerical Mathematics
- Software development



# SINTEF Flow Technology group

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# SINTEF Flow Technology group

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- The Flow Technology department has a strong competence on pragmatic multiphase flow modelling of industrial processes. We apply our competence on Computational Fluid Dynamics (CFD) to a variety of industrial applications to reduce risks / costs and optimize operations.
- Our work is divided in five umbrellas



Umbrella 1:  
Metal production



Umbrella 2:  
Infrastructure



Umbrella 3:  
Green Energy



Umbrella 4:  
Upstream Oil and Gas



Umbrella 5:  
Health

## Metal production

# CFD Modelling of Oxidative Ladle Refining of Silicon Melt

### Modelling Reactive Multiphase Systems

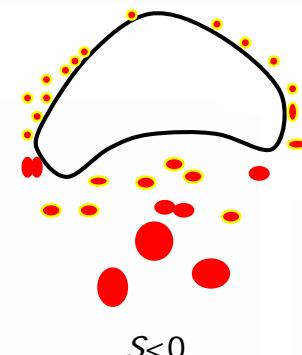
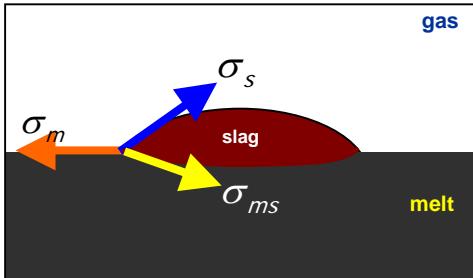
- Understanding complex large- and small-scale phenomena
- Thermodynamics
  - Thermophysical properties
  - Phase diagrams for multicomponent systems
  - Thermodynamics at interfaces (surface tension, chemical reactions,...)
- Chemistry
  - Complex chemical reactions (homogeneous / heterogeneous)
  - Reactions schemes / reaction rates
- Hydrodynamics (momentum transfer)
- Heat & Mass transfer
  - Interfacial phenomena
  - Mass transfer coefficients (diffusion controlled)



## Metal production

# Creation of Interfacial Slag

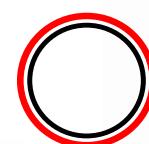
- What is the morphology of the created slag at gas-melt interface?
- Introducing the spreading coefficient as a function of interfacial tensions:



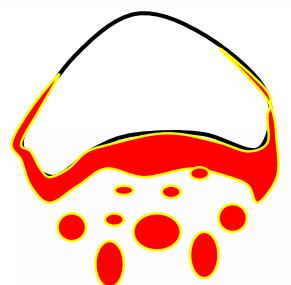
$S < 0$   
Droplet precipitation model

$$S = \sigma_m - (\sigma_s + \sigma_{ms})$$

$S > 0$  : slag spreads at the interface and create a film  
 $S < 0$  : slag retracts and create droplets at the interface



$S > 0$   
Bubble covering model  
(small bubbles)



$S > 0$   
Exposed cap model  
(large bubbles)

## Metal production

# Modelling Interfacial Mass Transfer

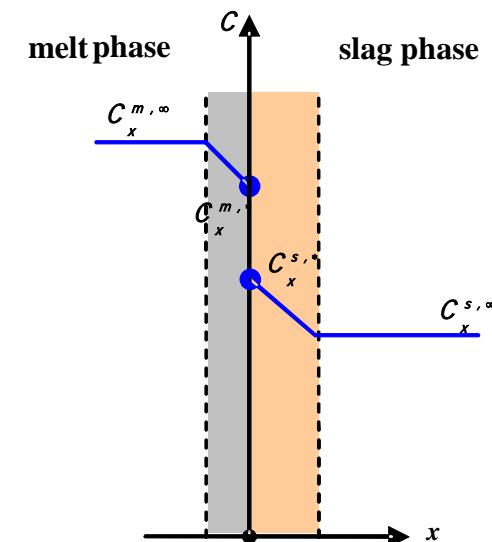
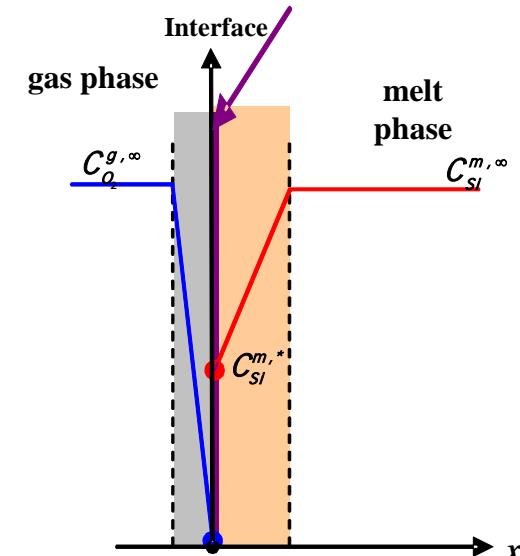
- Mass transfer with chemical reaction
  - Gas / melt reactions
  - Slag / melt reactions
- Two-film-theory formulation
  - Equilibrium concentrations calculated in CT
  - Data given in form of distribution coefficient

$$\gamma_x = \frac{C_x^{s,*}}{C_x^{m,*}}$$

$$J_x^{m \rightarrow s} = k_x^m (C_x^{m,\infty} - C_x^{m,*}) = k_x^s (C_x^{s,*} - C_x^{s,\infty})$$

- All reactions are instantaneous at the interface
  - Mass transfer coefficients based on empirical correlations together with enhancement factors

$$Sh = \frac{2}{\sqrt{\pi}} Re_b^{0.5} Sc^{0.5}$$

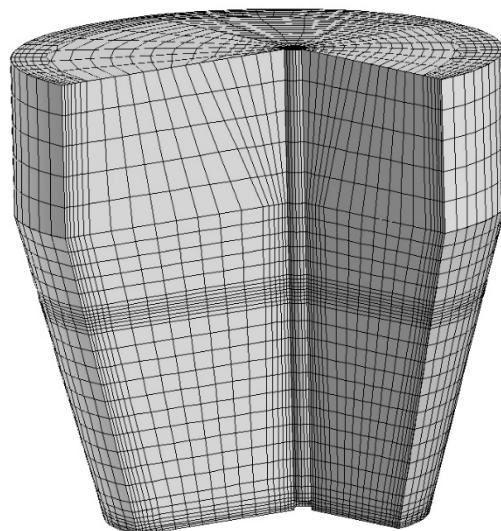


## Metal production

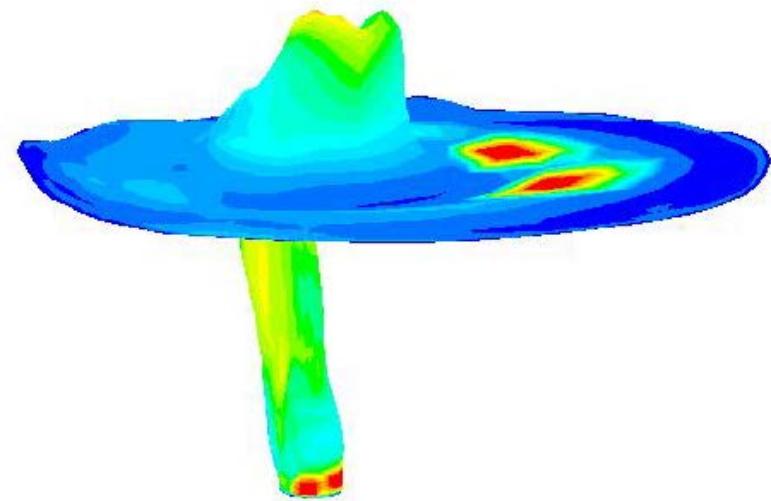
# Full 3D Simulations with Reactions

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- 3D simulations on real ladle geometry
- Direct coupling between CFD and CT
  - Simple mathematical models implemented in the CFD code
  - All reactions included
- Substantially higher gas flow rates (45–70 Nm<sup>3</sup>/hr)



*Computational geometry*



*Gas plume in liquid metal*

# Infrastructure Urban wind

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- Objective
  - Power generation in rural areas



# Green Energy Expertise

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- To design, optimise and scale up multiphase reactors for energy/materials conversion with a strong emphasis on processes with integrated CO<sub>2</sub> capture. The validated reactive multiphase modelling by dedicated experiments is used to develop novel reactor concepts and to accelerate the scale up of promising technologies.

## Expertise:

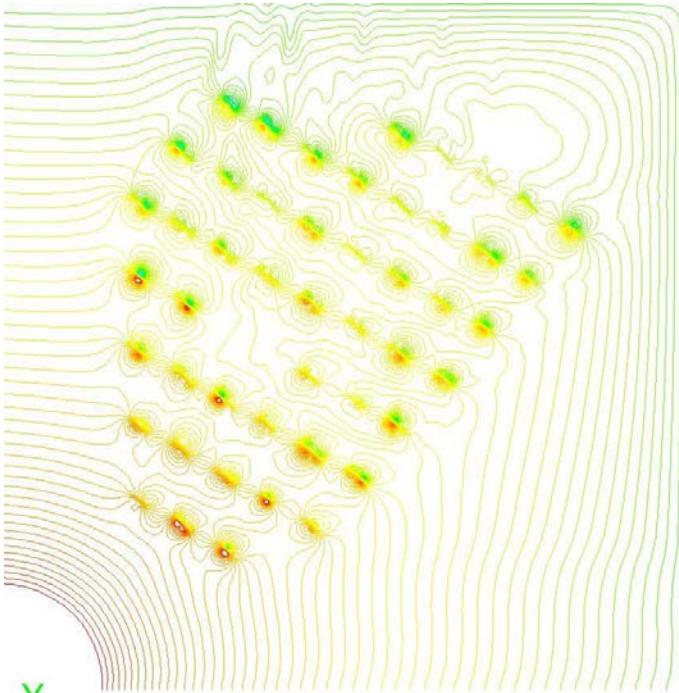
- Reactive multiphase flow modelling for the detailed simulation of fluidized and packed bed reactors
- Development of 1D modelling tools for rapid simulation of fluidized and packed bed reactors
- Development and scale up of Chemical Looping technologies

- Multiscale modelling for reactor design and scale up
  - DEM-CFD modelling for catalyst design in packed bed reactors
  - CFD-Process flowsheet modelling for process design and optimisation
- Dedicated lab scale experiments for
  - Demonstration of novel reactor concepts
  - Detailed multiphase model validation
- Electrolysis processes
  - Magnetohydrodynamics
  - Population balance modelling (PBM)
  - PBM-Volume of fluid coupling
  - Bubble-bubble interaction phenomena
- Wind farm design and wake turbulence

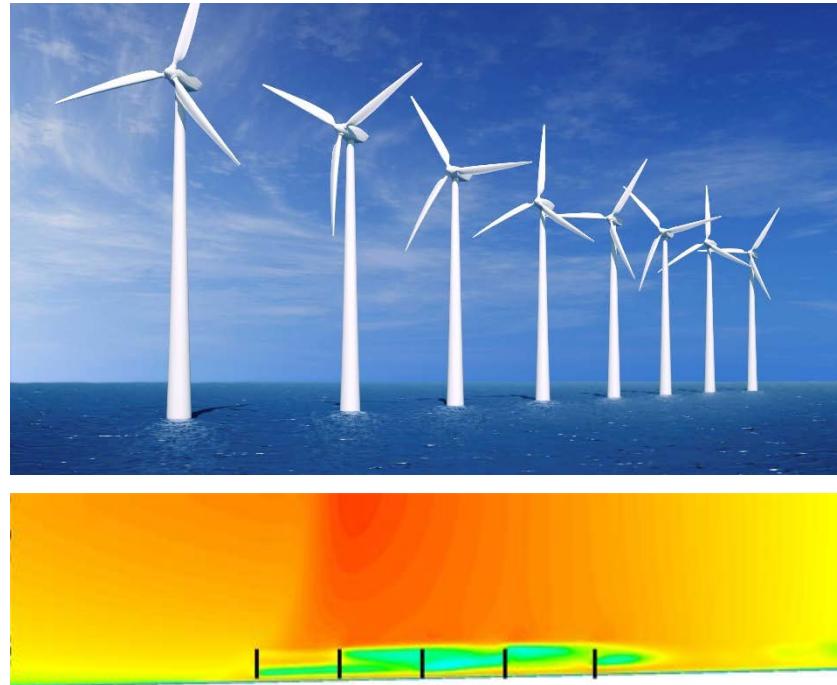
Green Energy

# OFFWIND

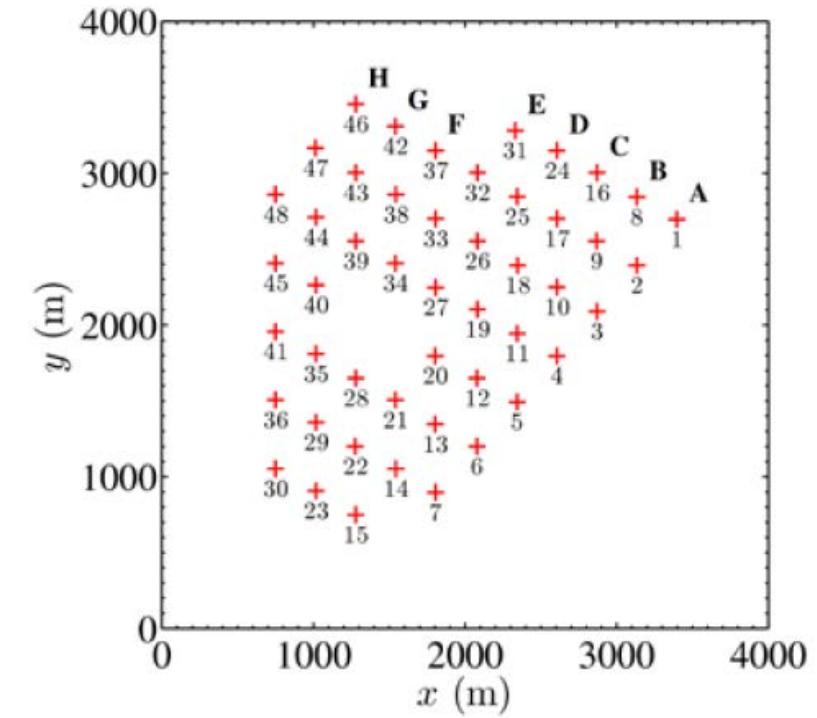
OffWindSolver based on OpenFOAM



Pressure distribution in the wind farm,  $t=115$  s



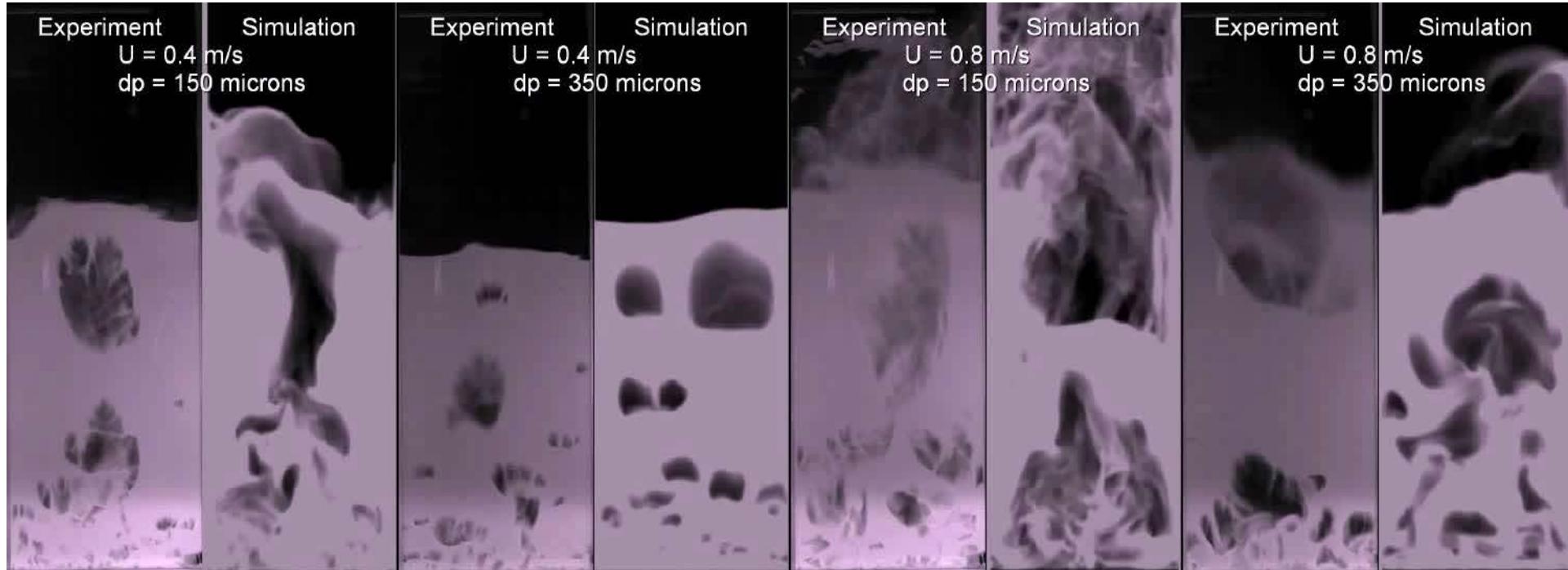
Instantaneous velocity distribution in the row F of the wind farm,  $t=115$  s



# Fundamentals of Reactive Multi Phase Flows in Chemical Looping Combustion (Flow@CLC)

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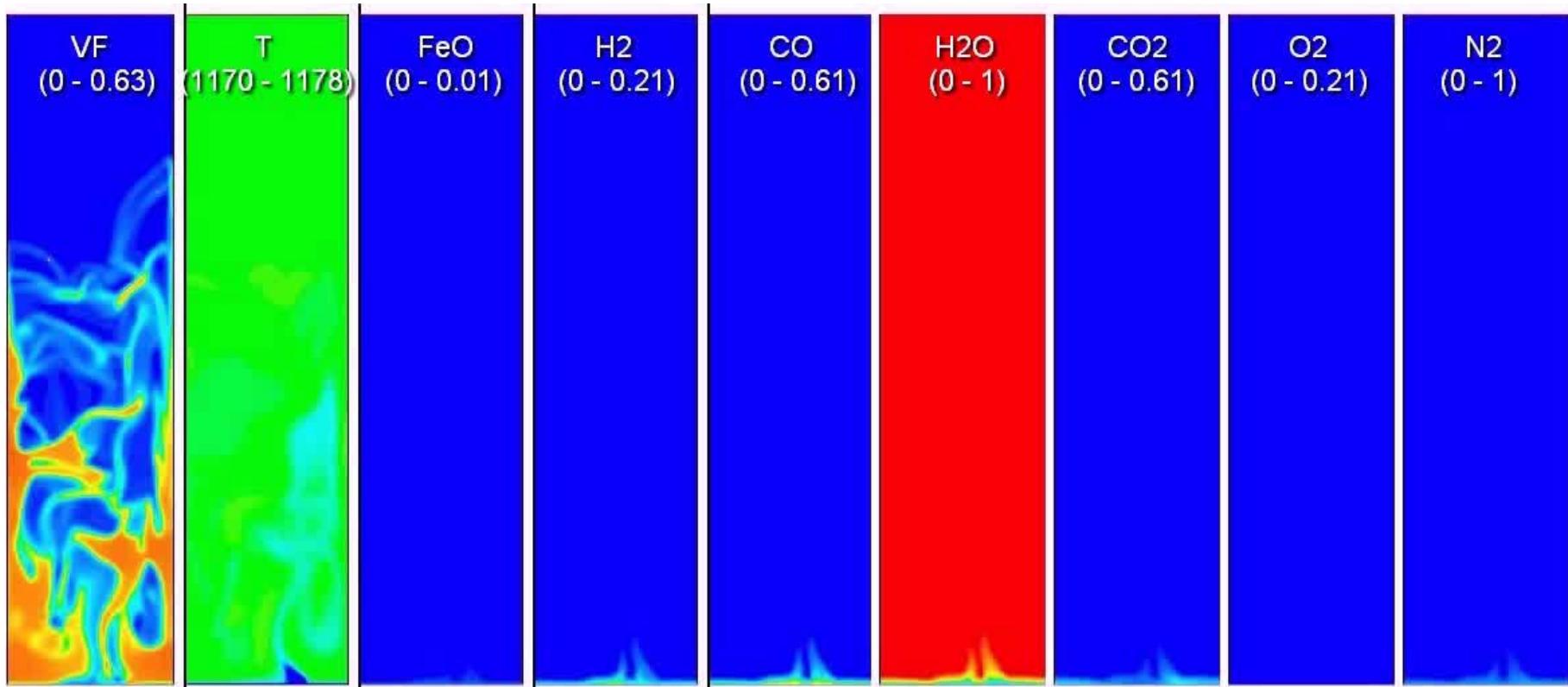
- Validated fluidized bed reactor models



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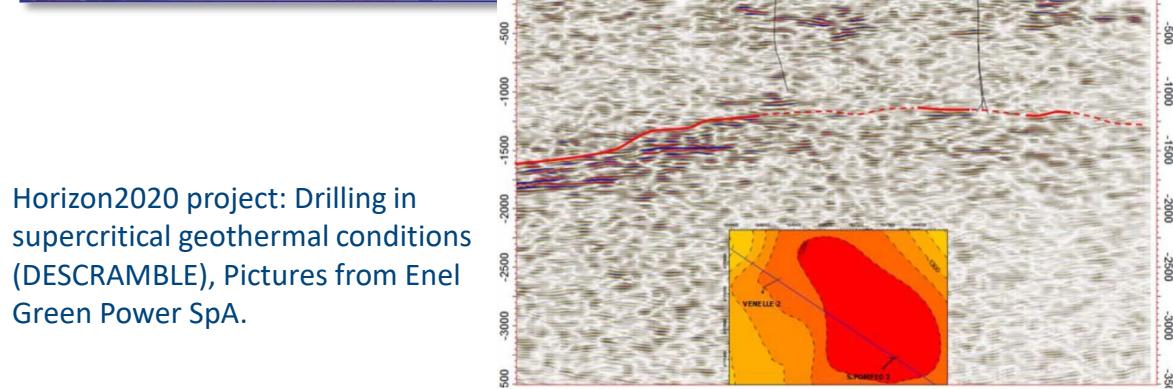
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- Reactive multiphase flow models for CLC process



# Geothermal Energy and Multiphase Flow Simulations

- Process modelling
  - Water: Supercritical, steam, liquid
- Design studies to select materials and equipment
  - Peak temperatures and pressure
  - Phase envelopes
- Production management
  - Limited instrumentation possible
  - Real-time models to support control systems
- Production of formation water
  - Multicomponent fluids:  $H_2O$ ,  $CO_2$ ,  $H_2S$ , ++
  - Dissolved minerals → Problems with scaling



## Upstream Oil and Gas Expertise

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- To ensure safe and economical oil and gas processing and transport from the reservoir to point of sale efficient engineering tools are needed. This implies a continuous development and experimental validation of computer simulators for multiphase flow.

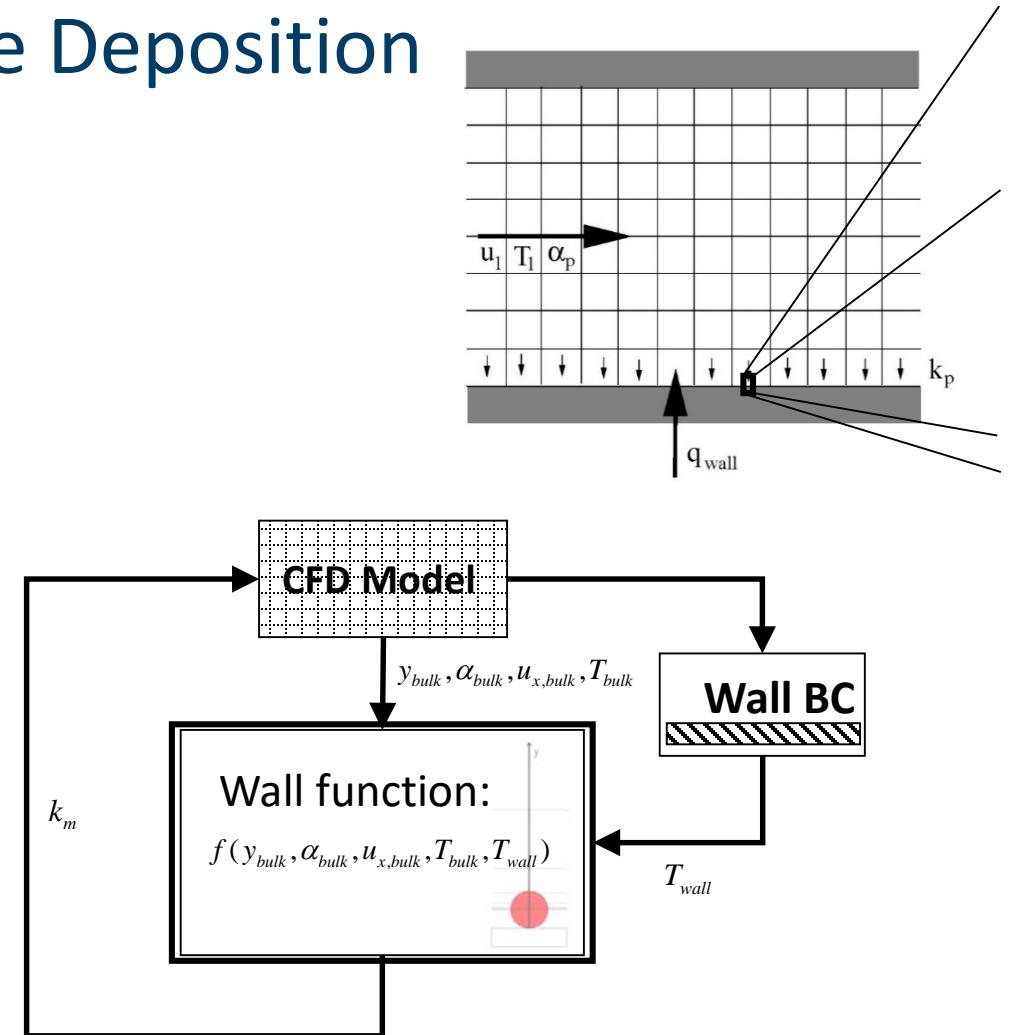
### Expertise:

- Modelling multiphase flow phenomenon – from micro to MACRO scale
- The impact of surface chemistry
- Hydrates, wax, asphaltenes, scale and sand
- Separation
- Thermodynamics

# CFD Wall Function for Particulate Deposition

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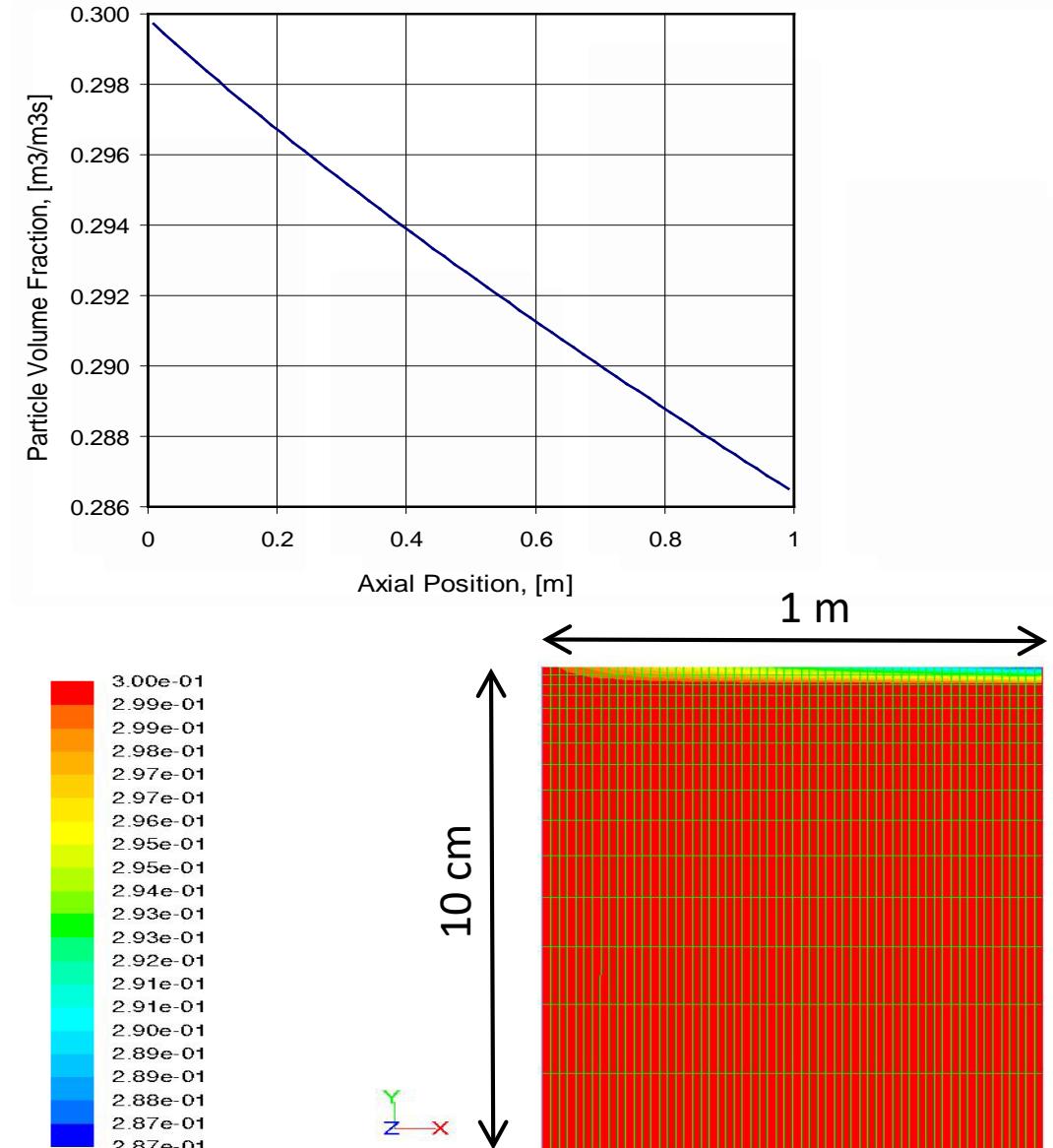
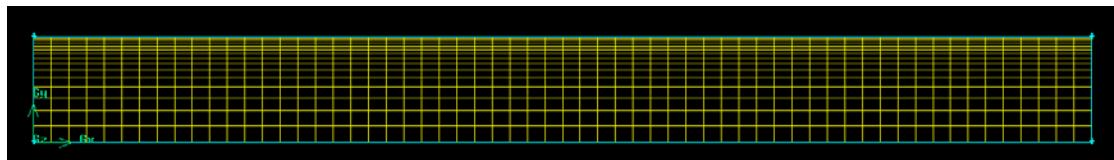
- Coarse grid CFD model
- Sub-grid 1D model for particle transport
  - Fine-scale grid close to wall
  - Eulerian-Eulerian
  - BC from coarse grid
  - Particle deposition flux
- Wall-func. Act as mass source/sink at the wall



## Upstream Oil and Gas

# Simple Pipe Geometry

- 60x15 cells, 1m long, 10cm radius,  $Y^+ \sim 70$
- Liquid water with 30 vol-%  $\text{CaCO}_3$  particles (Eulerian).
- Standard k- $\epsilon$  model.
- Inlet velocity profile,  
 $V_{\max} = 4.9 \text{ m/s}$ ,  $n = 1/7.6$ ;

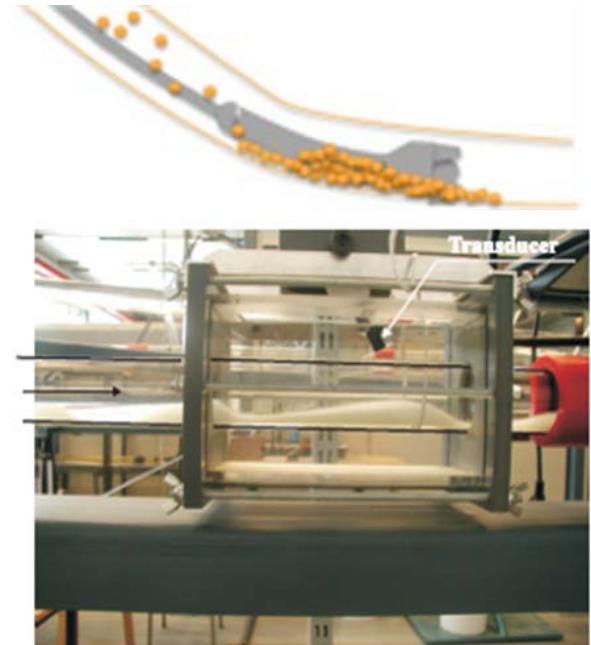
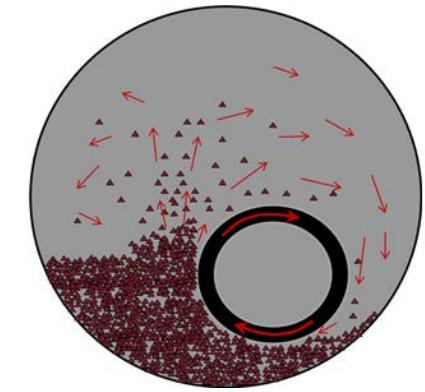


# AdWell – Advanced Wellbore Transport Modelling

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- **Project goals:**

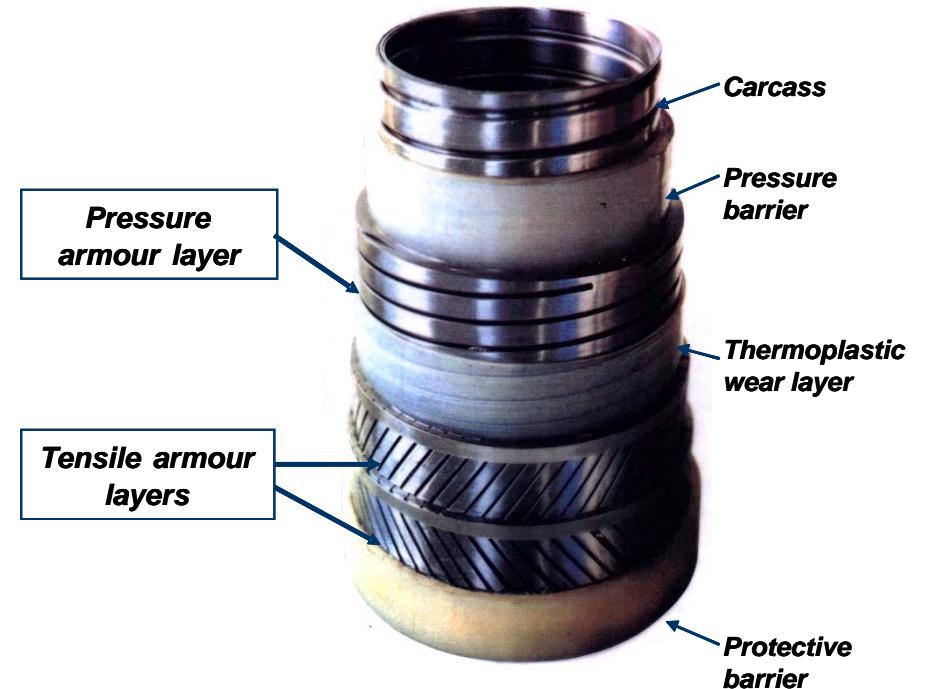
- Apply cutting edge mathematical tools and methods for detailed analysis of the transport processes during a drilling operation.
- Further develop models using physical and physiochemical principles to achieve high accuracy process models with dynamic long term predictive capability.
- Verify models with experimental data.
- Apply improved understanding of the process to improve real-time models for drilling automation.



# Singing Risers

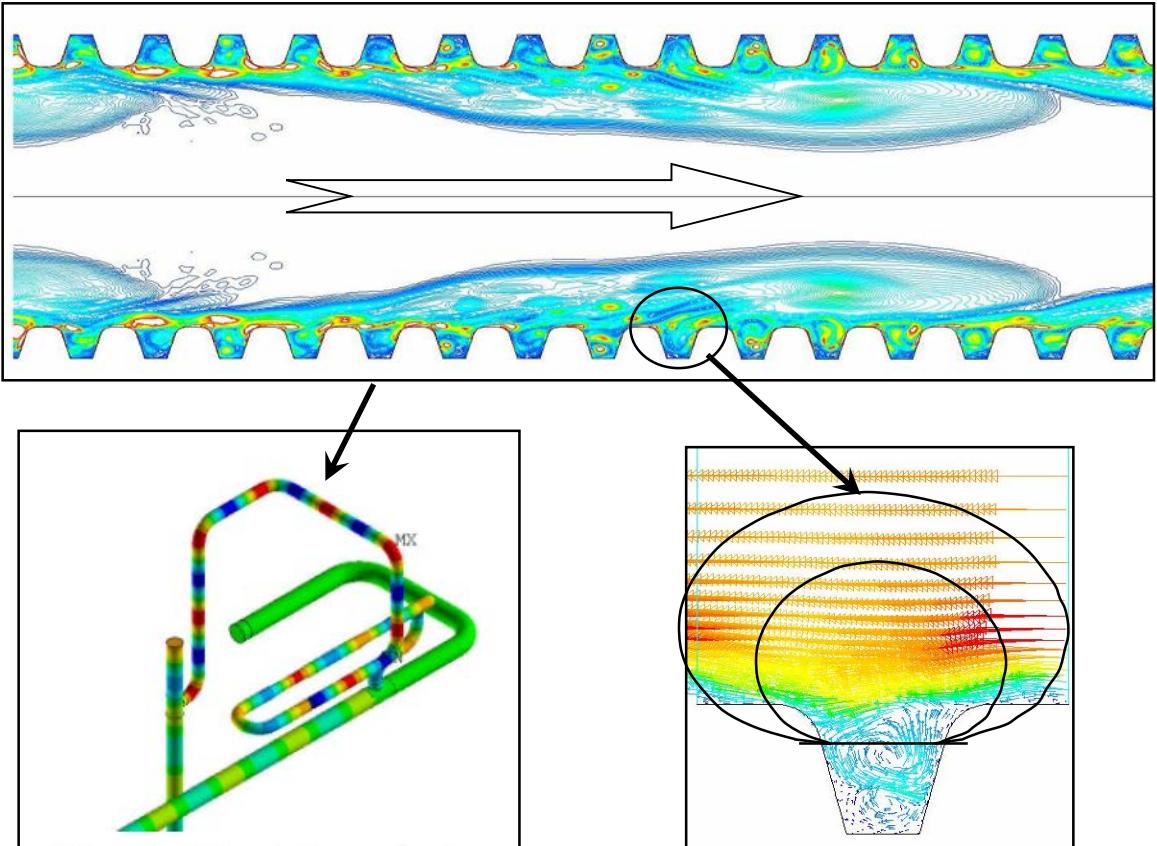
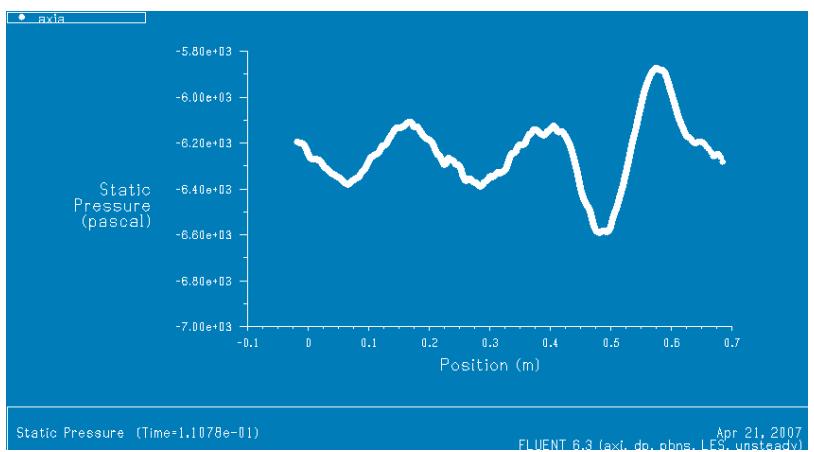
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- Corrugations in flexible risers lead to creation of vortices
- Vortices are source for pressure waves
- Interacting pressure waves creates standing acoustic waves
- Vibrations → fatigue with potential hazard risk



# Upstream Oil and Gas Singing Risers

- Observed phenomena reproduced by numerical simulations



## Upstream Oil and Gas

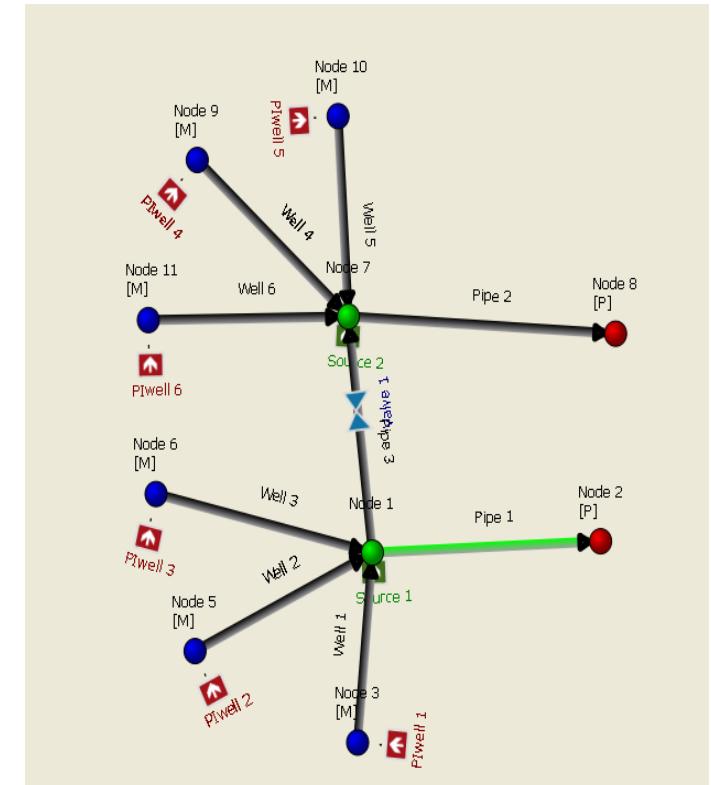
# LedaFlow – Advanced transient multiphase flow simulator

LedaFlow® is used throughout oil & gas field development :

- Feasibility studies
- Conceptual studies
- Front end engineering design (FEED)
- Detailed design

LedaFlow® is used in oil & gas field operation through integration with K-Spice® dynamic process simulation tool

- Production Management Systems (PMS)
- Operator Training Systems (OTS)
- Virtual Multiphase Flow Metering Systems (VFMS)
- Leak Detection Systems (LDS)



## Upstream Oil and Gas

# LedaFlow – Joint Vision Statement of the Leda-partners

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*Successfully establish a novel commercial multiphase flow simulator that provides better foundation for decisions for the global oil & gas community*



- Estimated global market around 80 million USD (Rystad Energy)
  - Current market share 5%, estimated growth to 10% by 2018, and 20% by 2021.
- More than 90 K-Spice®/LedaFlow® solutions installed globally
- Current SINTEF portfolio ~25 MNOK/year
  - Additional funding of ~15 MNOK/year applied for to the Research Council
- Participating SINTEF institutes: SINTEF Materials and Chemistry and SINTEF Petroleum

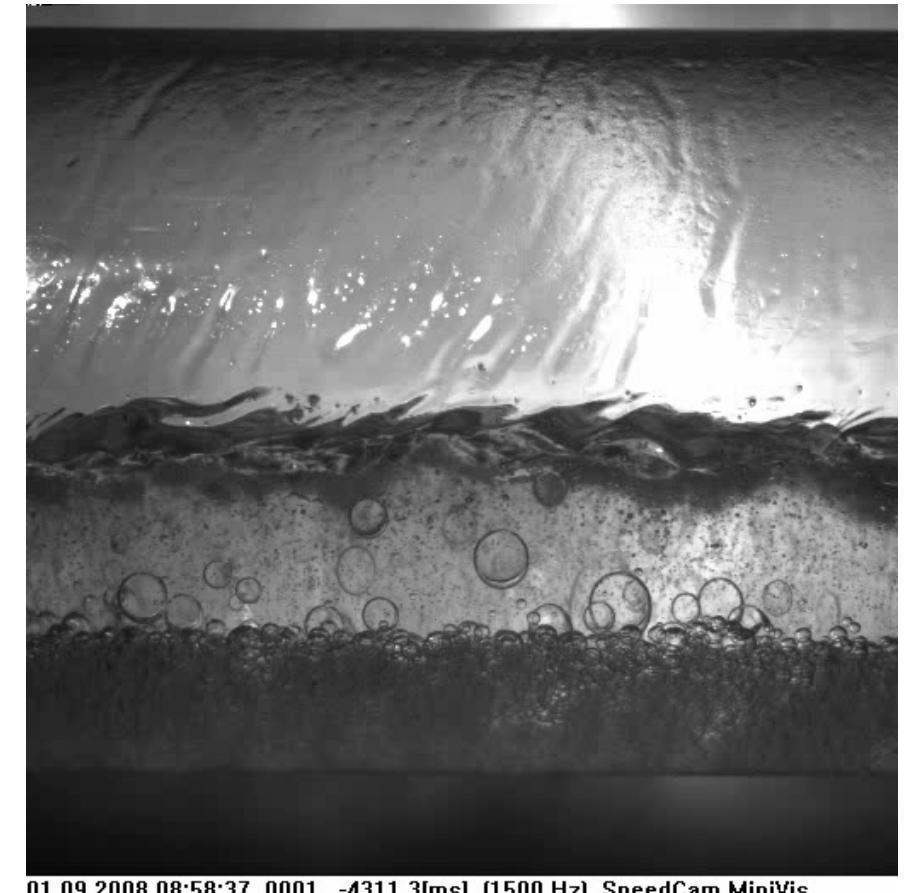
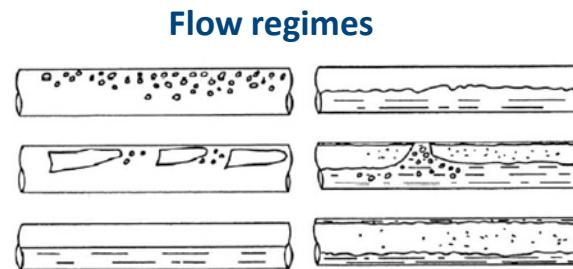
## **Oil & gas transport pipelines and field layouts – *From well to facility***

- Design studies
- Integrated simulators
  - Production management systems (PMS)
  - Operator training systems (OTS)
- Flow Assurance

# Modelling based on experiments

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- Friction forces
  - Toward walls
  - At interfaces between fluids
- Entrainment & deposition
  - Gas bubbles into liquid
  - Oil droplets into gas or water
  - Water droplets into gas or oil
- Turbulence
- Thermodynamics & Chemistry



## Modelling based on experiments



Laboratoriet på Tiller utenfor Trondheim er enormt. Rørene er laget i samme størrelse som de som blir brukt på havbunnen ved oljeplattformene, for å sikre at resultatene av forsøkene stemmer med virkeligheten.

FOTO: SINTEF

# Rørene gjorde oljeeventyret mulig

Flerfaseteknologien har gjort det mulig å bygge ut flere og mindre felt enn det ellers ville vært mulig.

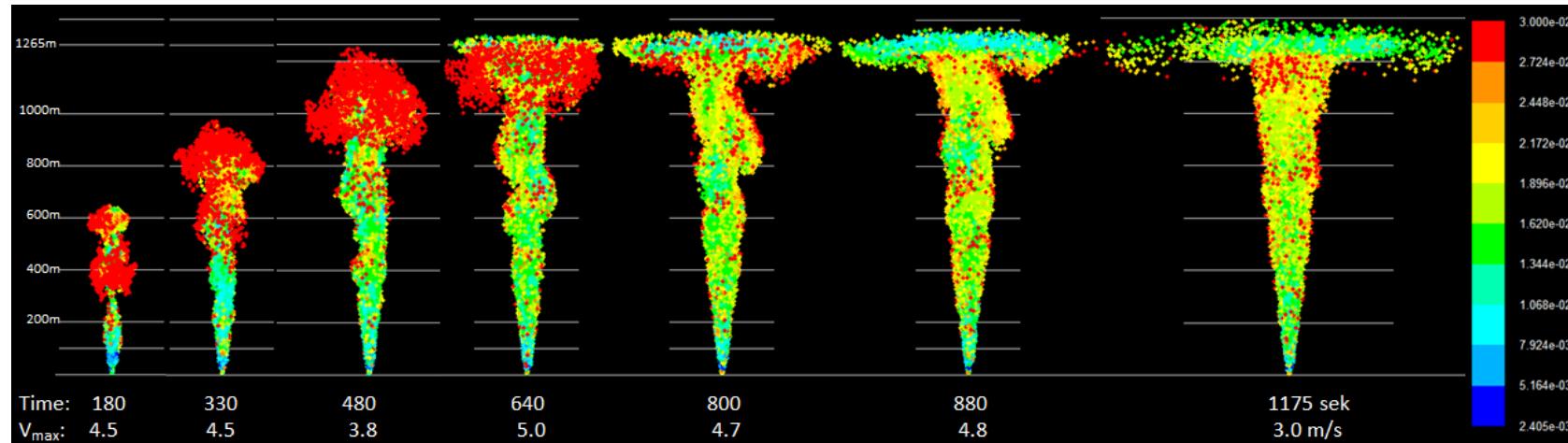


128 personer anbefaler dette. Registrer deg for å se hva dine venner anbefaler.

# Modelling based on experiments

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- Euler – Lagrangian (parcel based) simulation of a sub sea gas blowout

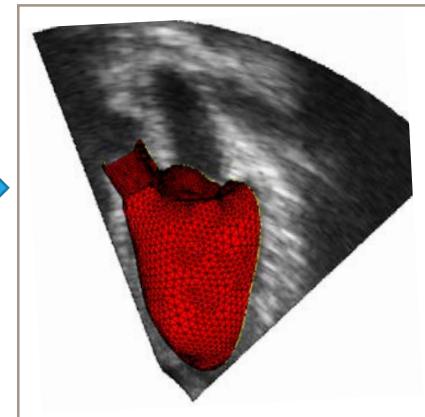
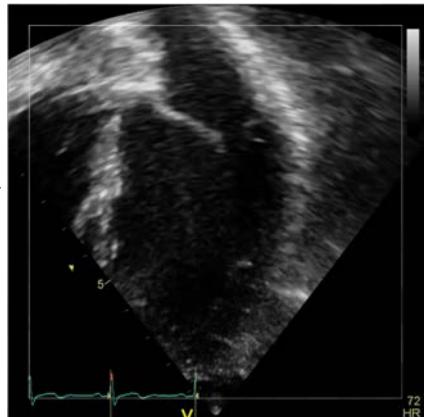


Health

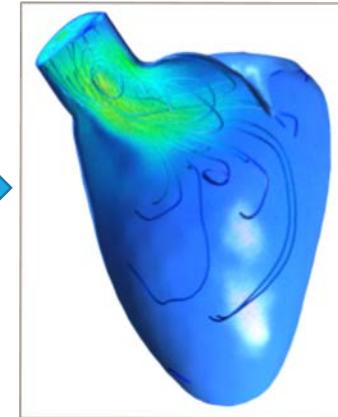
# CardioSim - Pasient-spesifikk simulering av blodstrømningen i hjertet



*Imagine you need a heart surgery...*

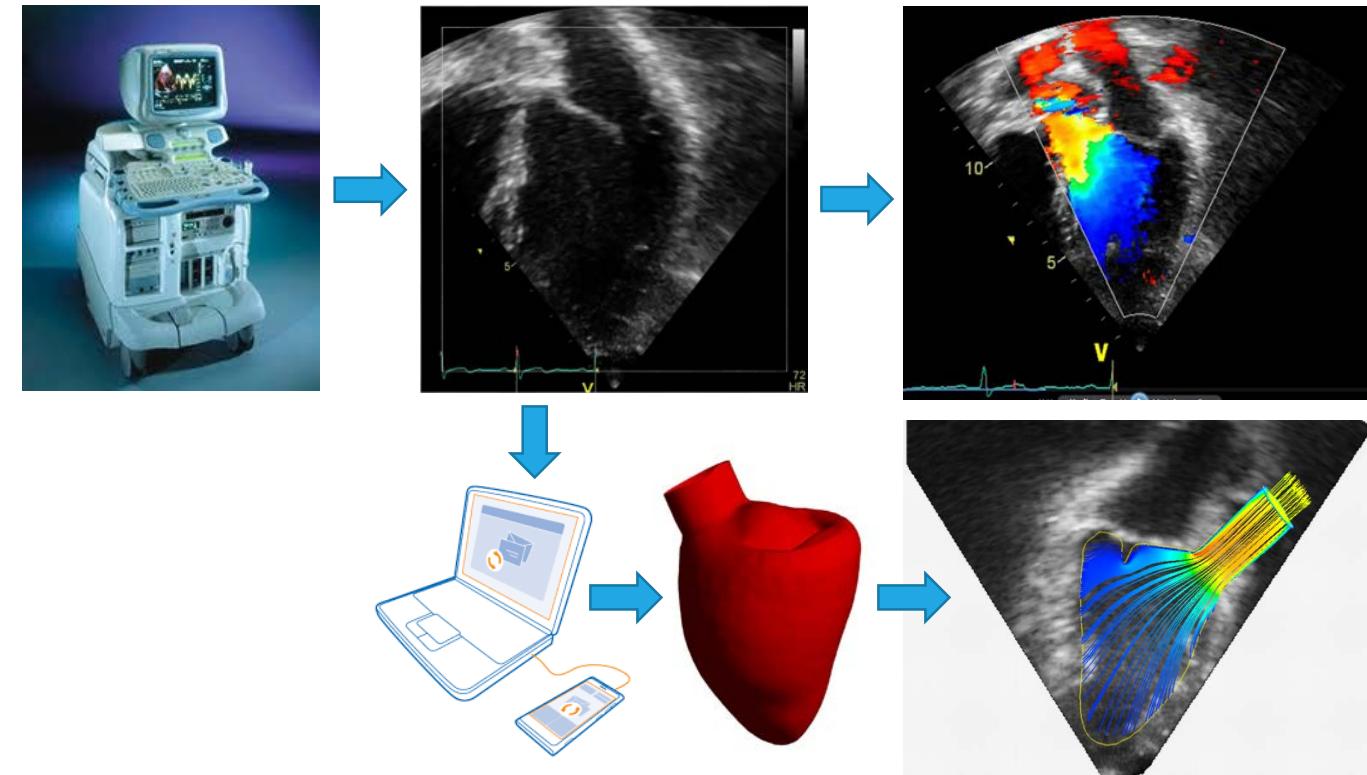


*Imagine a surgery tailored for you...*



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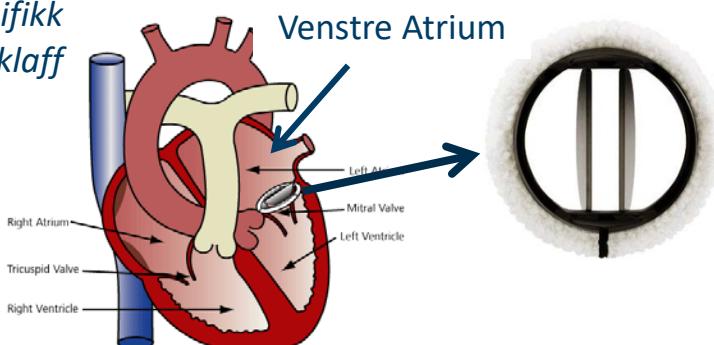
- øke kunnskapen om blodstrømningen i friske og syke hjerter
- finne årsakssammenhenger mellom blodstrømning og vevsoppførsel
- evaluere effekten av ulike kirurgiske inngrep
- skreddersy behandlingen til det enkelte individ



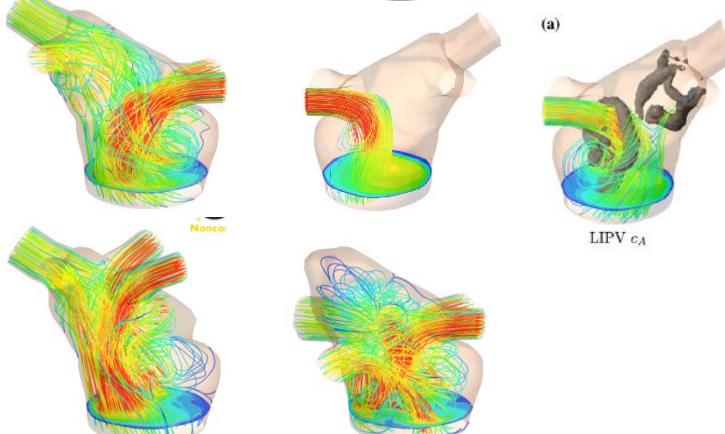
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## Eksempel 1: Orientering av ny klaff

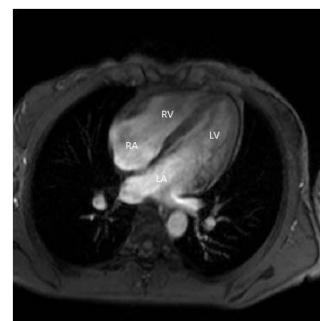
**Hypotese:** Pasient-spesifikk orientering av mekanisk klaff kan forhindre avleiring



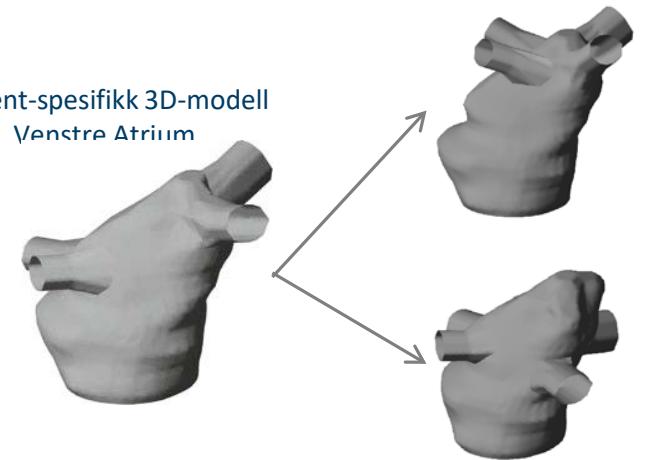
Simulering av blodstrømninger



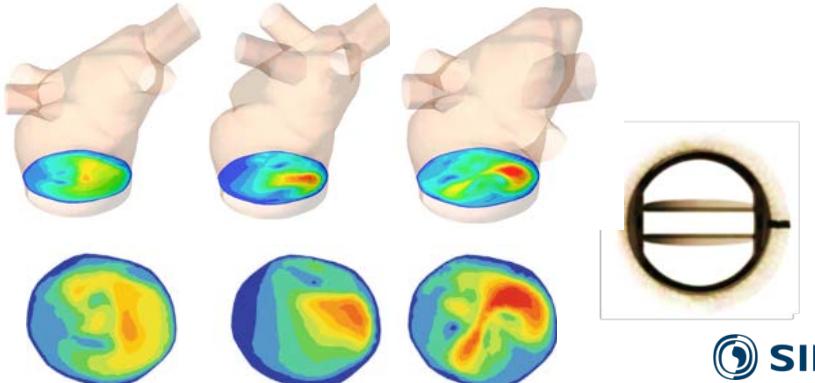
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Pasient-spesifikk 3D-modell  
Venstre Atrium



Modifiserte 3D geometrier

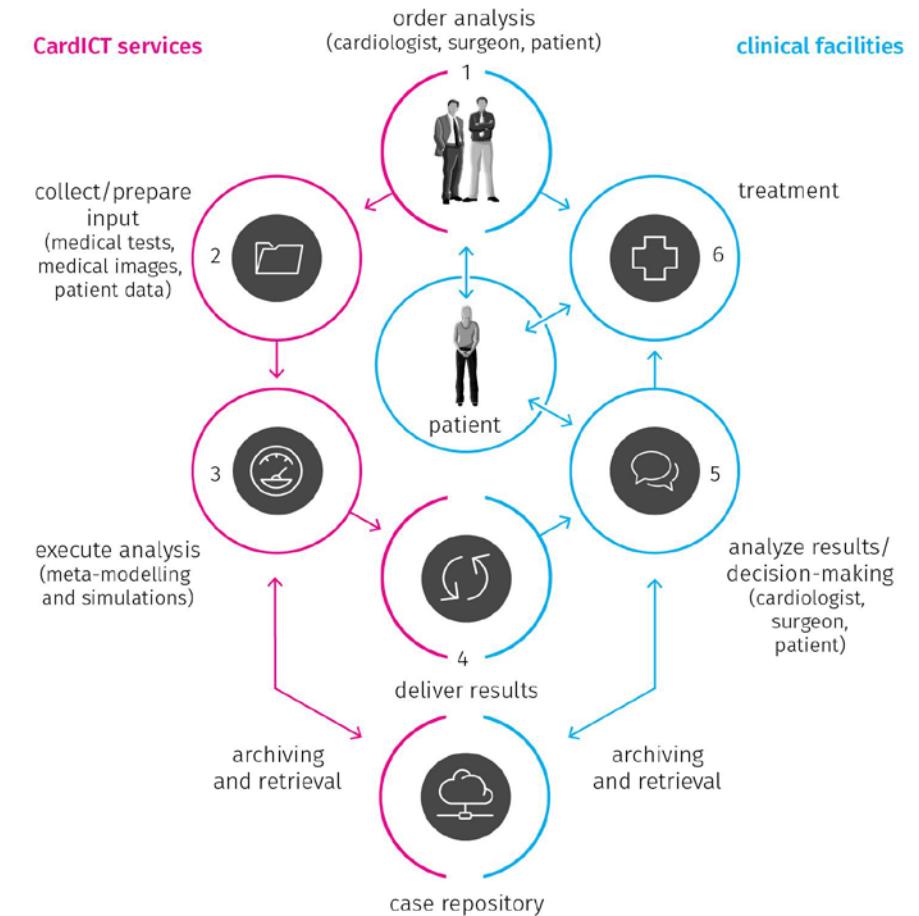


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## Vår visjon:

*Ved hjelp av **pasient-spesifikke datasimuleringer**, utvikle et **beslutningsstøttesystem** for diagnostisering og behandlingsplanlegging av **hjerte- og karsykdommer***

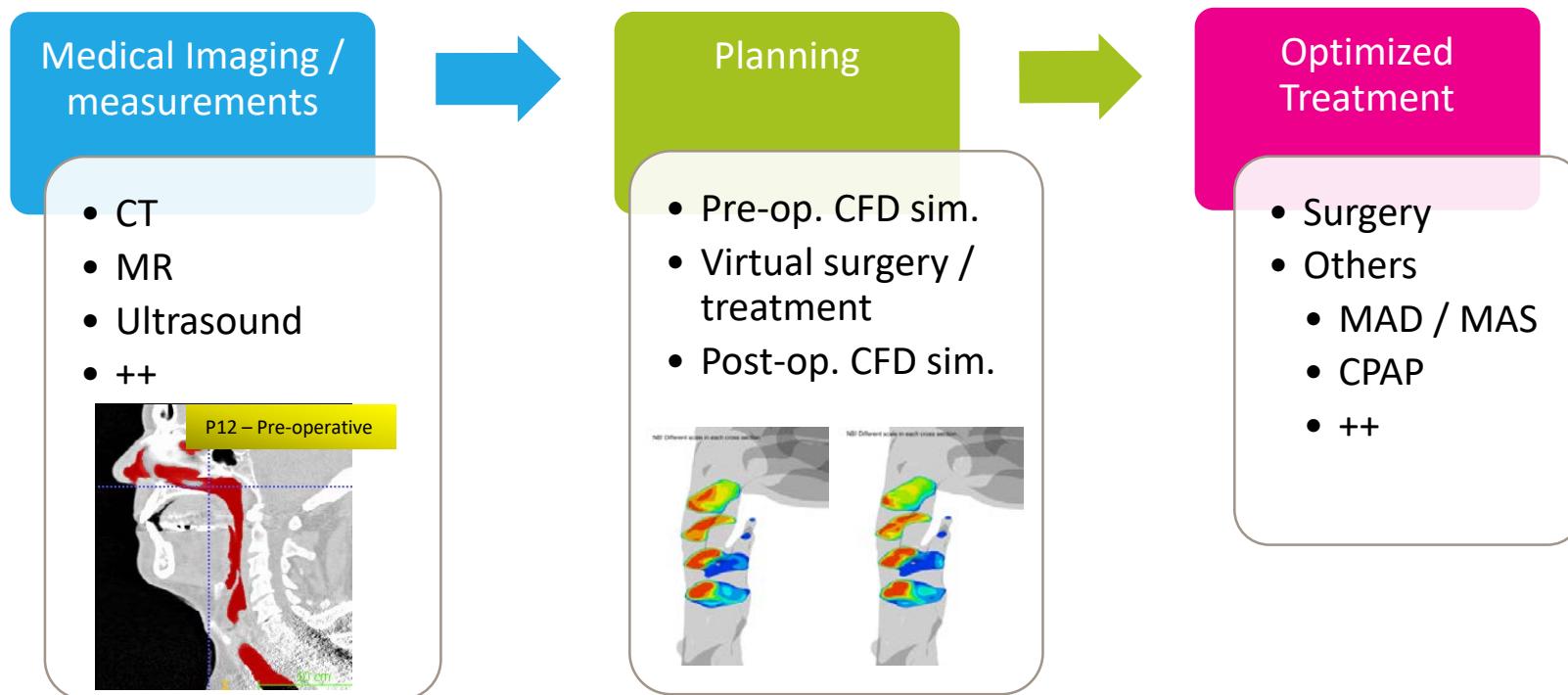
*åpne for **kunnskapsbasert pasientinvolvering***



# Biomech-Vision

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Establish **patient specific** simulation as an essential **clinical tool** in treatment planning.

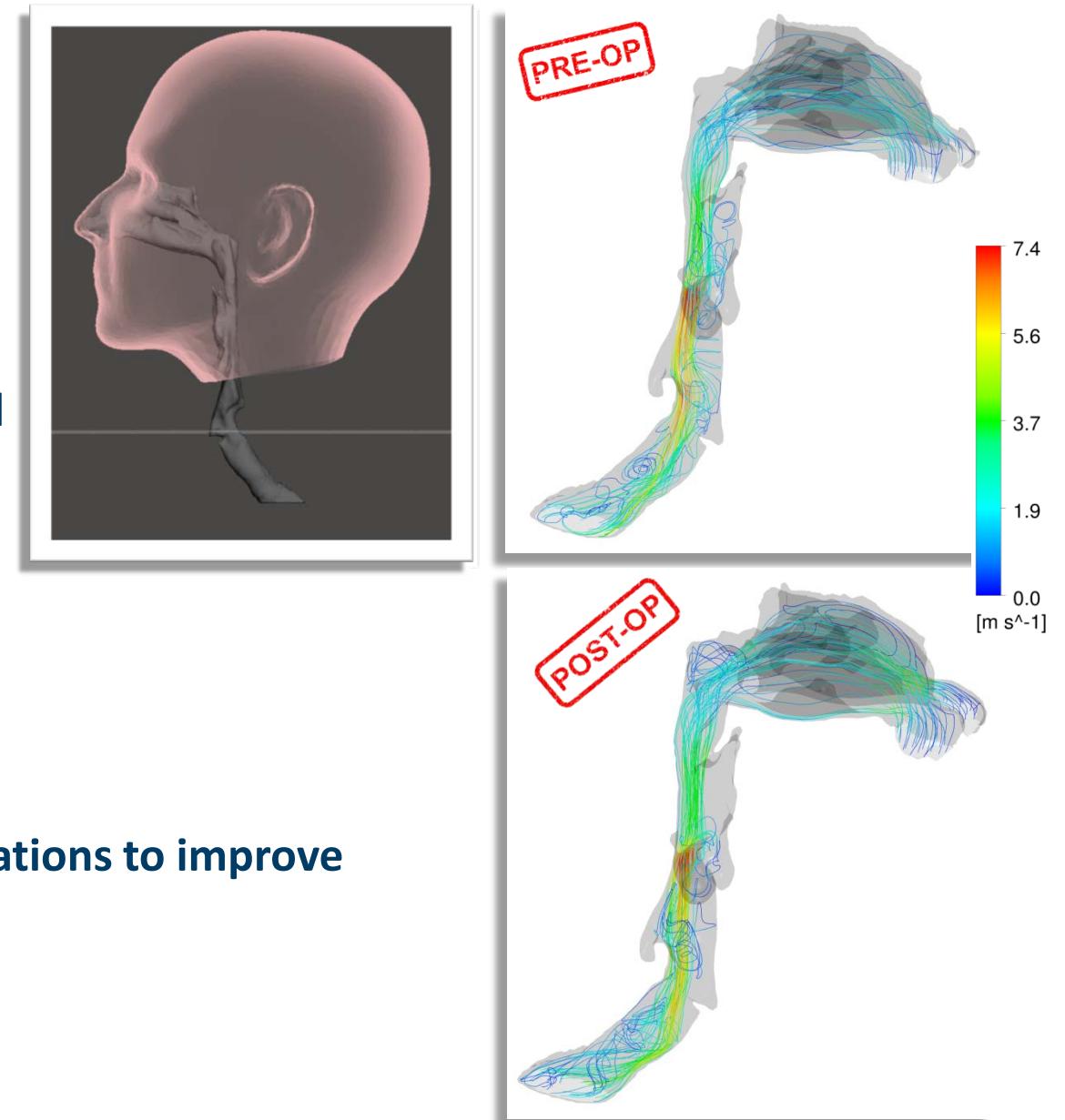


Health

## Current Work:

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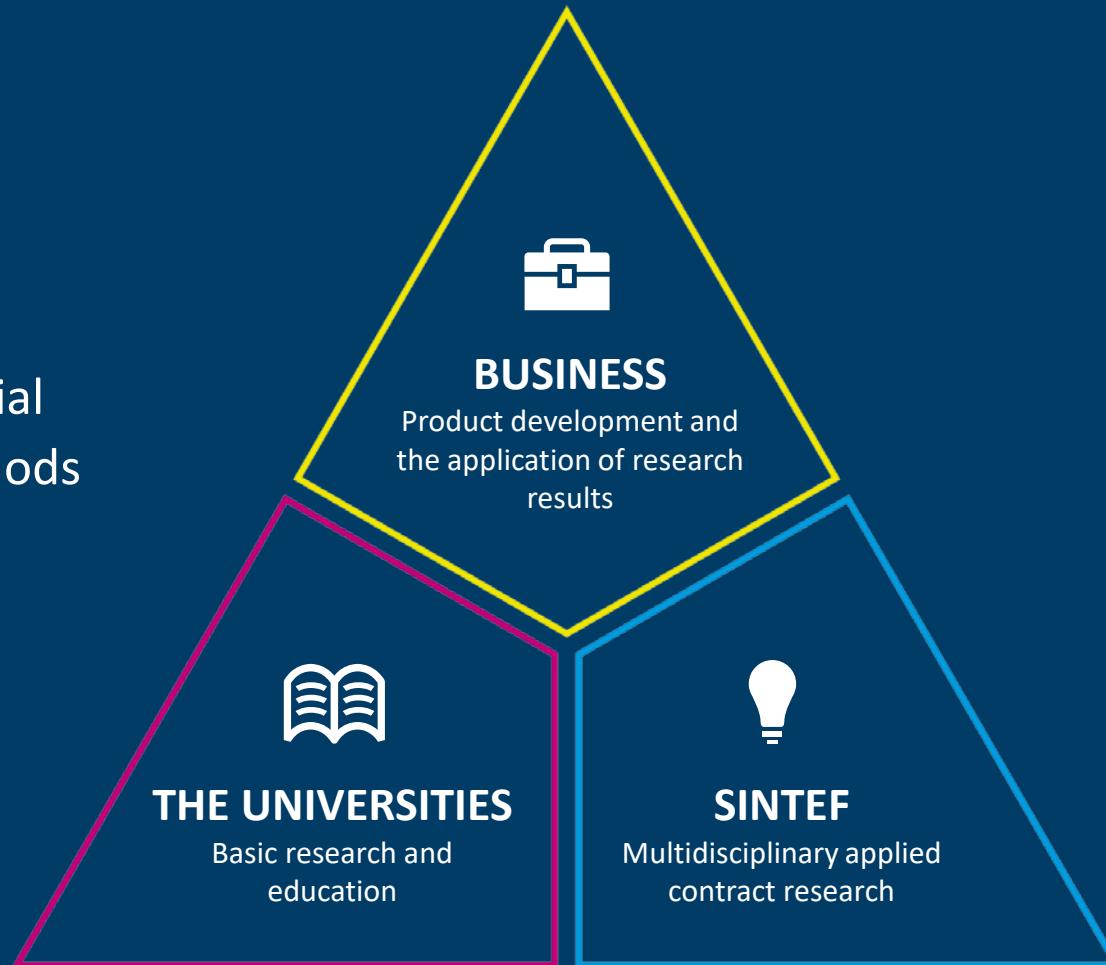
- Pre- and Post-operative CFD-simulations of nasal surgery patients.
- Correlation between change in AHI and flow pattern in upper airways.
- Project goal:  
**Proof-of-concept on patient specific CFD simulations to improve sleep apnea treatment.**



# Close working relationships generate innovation and high quality

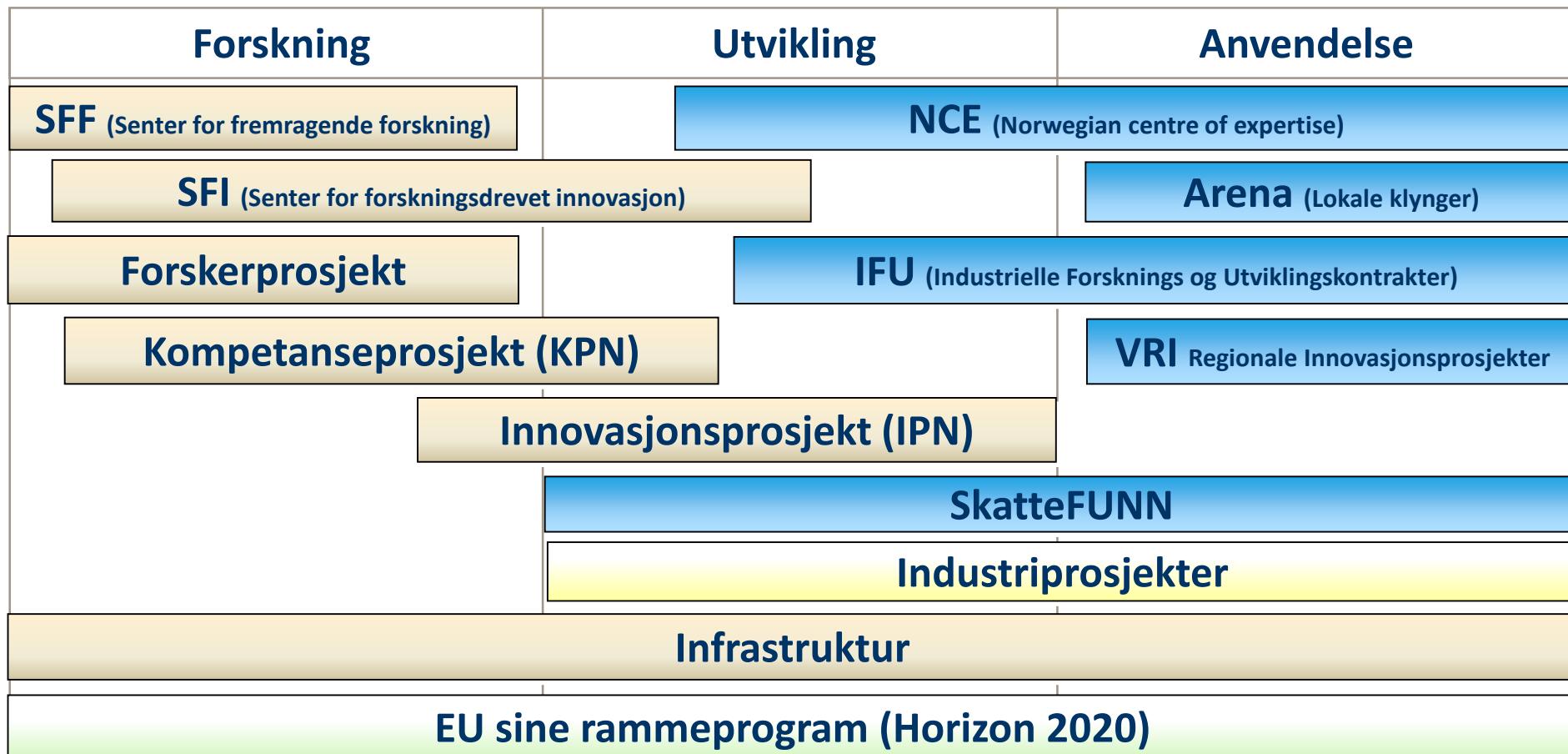
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- Industrial relevance – Industrial involvement – Scientific methods



# Det norske virkemiddelapparatet

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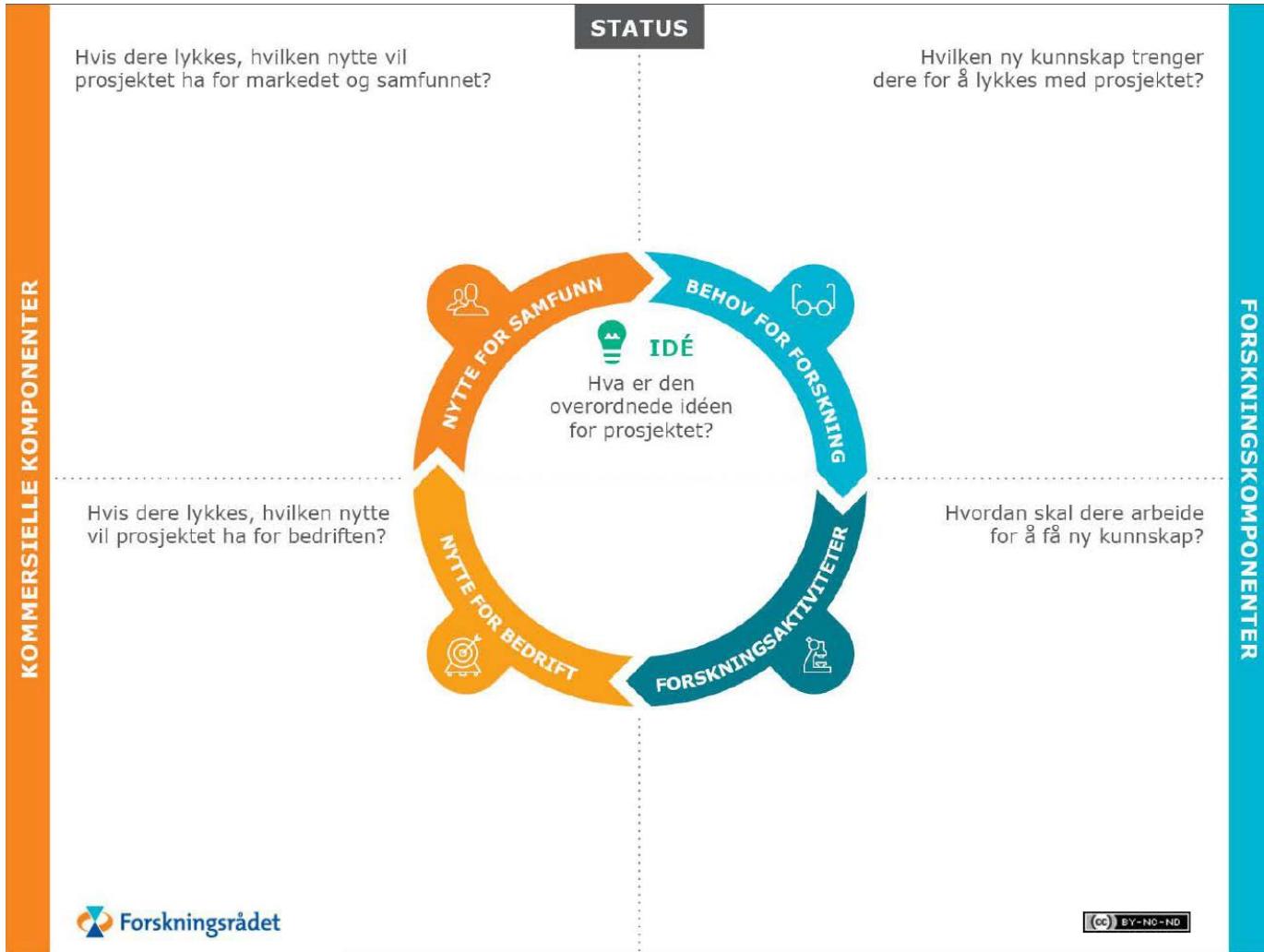


# Innovasjonsprosjekter for Næringslivet (IPN)

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- Innovasjonsprosjekter er forskning og utviklings(FoU)-prosjekter som skal bidra til verdiskaping og innovasjon hos bedriftene som deltar i prosjektet.
- Søknader til innovasjonsprosjekter vurderes av eksterne paneler etter kriterier som
  - Innovasjonsgrad
  - Forskningshøyde
  - Verdiskapingspotensial
  - Gjennomføringsevne
- Midler til innovasjonsprosjekter kan søkes av bedrifter som samarbeider med andre bedrifter og/eller forskningsmiljøer.
- Bedriften trenger ikke gi kontantbidrag. Dokumentert egen aktivitet utløser midler fra forskningsrådet (in-kind).

# Innovasjonsprosjekter for Næringslivet (IPN)





Technology for a better society