3D-CFD Battery cooling plate optimization

Supporting companies: GammaTech Engineering (GTE) and Cornaglia

- Start date: February/March 2025
- Project duration: 6+8 months
- □ Site:
 - GTE's offices in Turin
- Compensations: Meals
- Motivations and Project Scope
 - Growing electrification trend in automotive industry calls for the design of efficient battery cooling systems to keep up with the increasing power density of the batteries
 - Design optimization of cooling plates requires time-consuming loops Parametric optimization can significatively speed-up the identification of battery cooling plate designs matching desired performance within geometry and technology constraints

□ Thesis proposal:

The student will develop of a methodology for the optimization of battery cooling plates in the 3D-CFD simulation software Star-CCM+, including:

- Parametric CAD in Start-CCM+/external parametric CAD interfaced w/ Star-CCM+
- DoE on selected key geometric parameters, on a suitable number of levels, first at module level, then for the complete cooling plate
- Possible use of Adjoint Surface Sensitivity or Mesh Morphing for further local design optimization





Example of parametric optimization

