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Sensitivity and Reliability Analysis of a

Catheter Sheath Hemostasis Assembly

to Improve Patient Safety and Reduce Scrap

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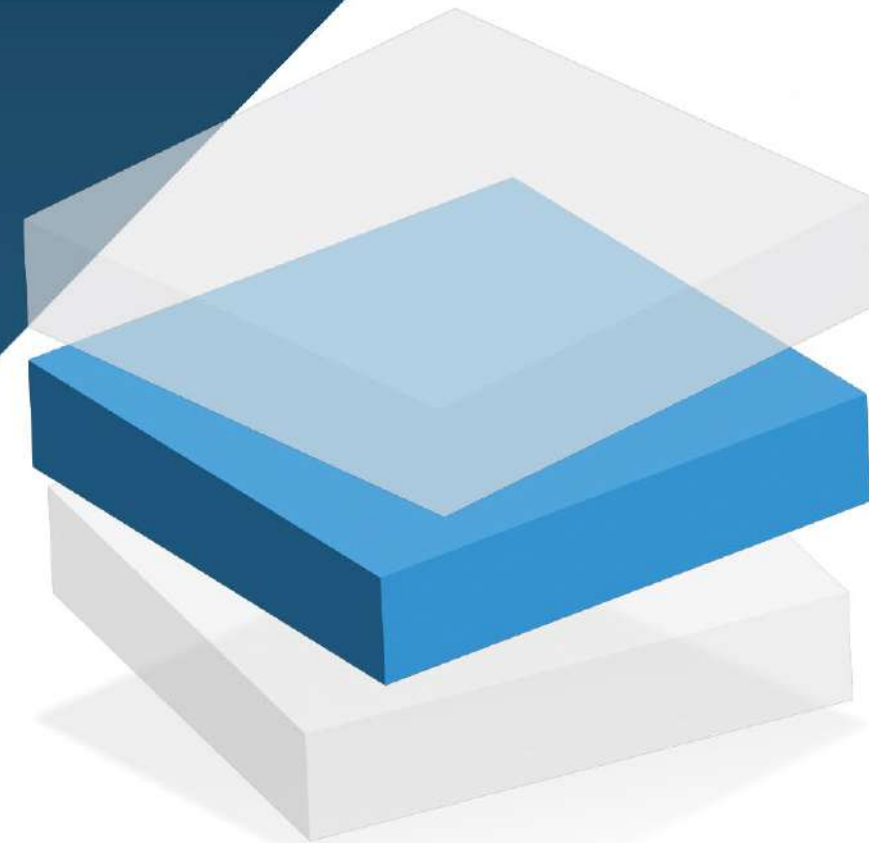
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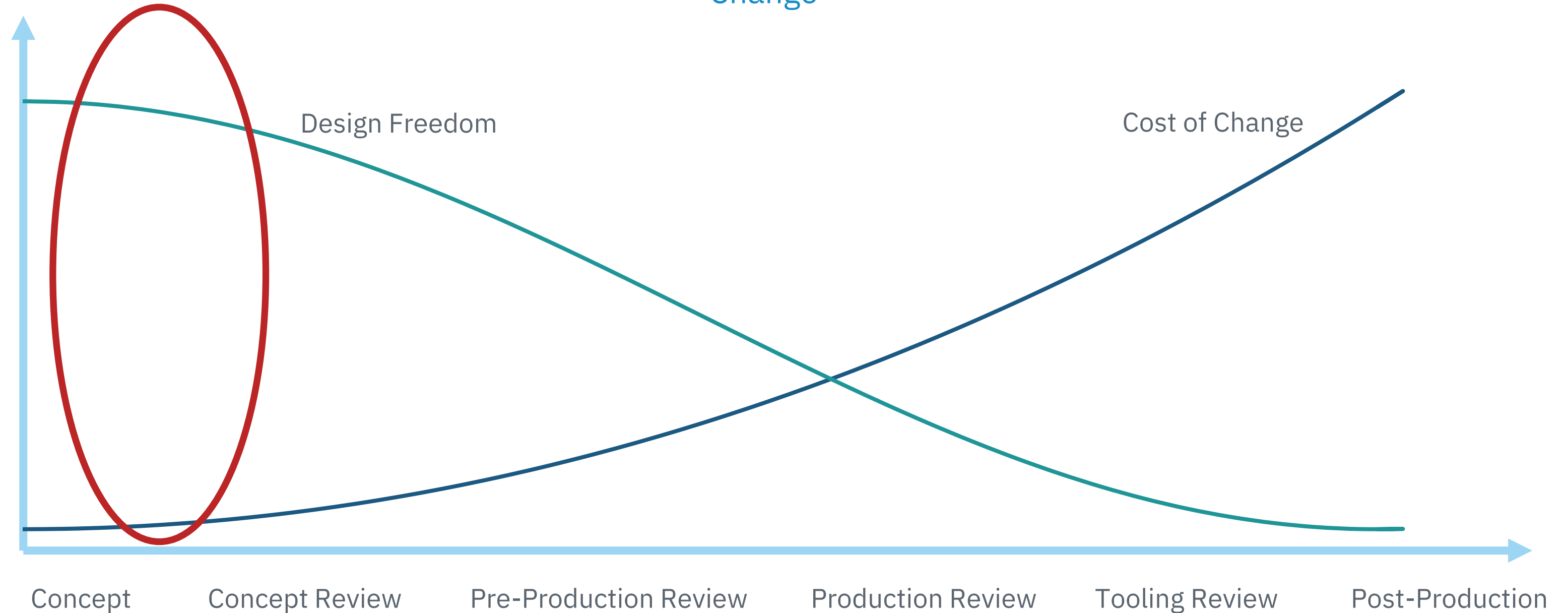
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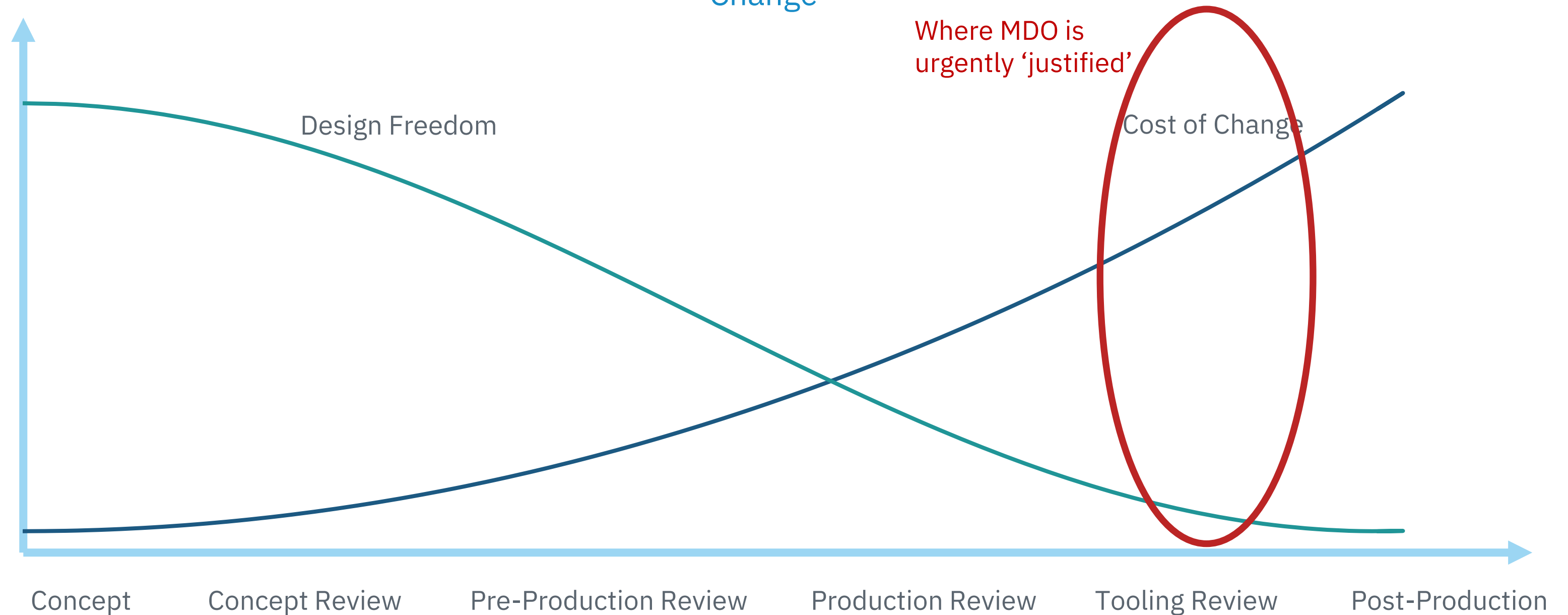
Where we want to implement MDO

Inverse Relationship Between Flexibility of Design Change & the Cost of Design Change



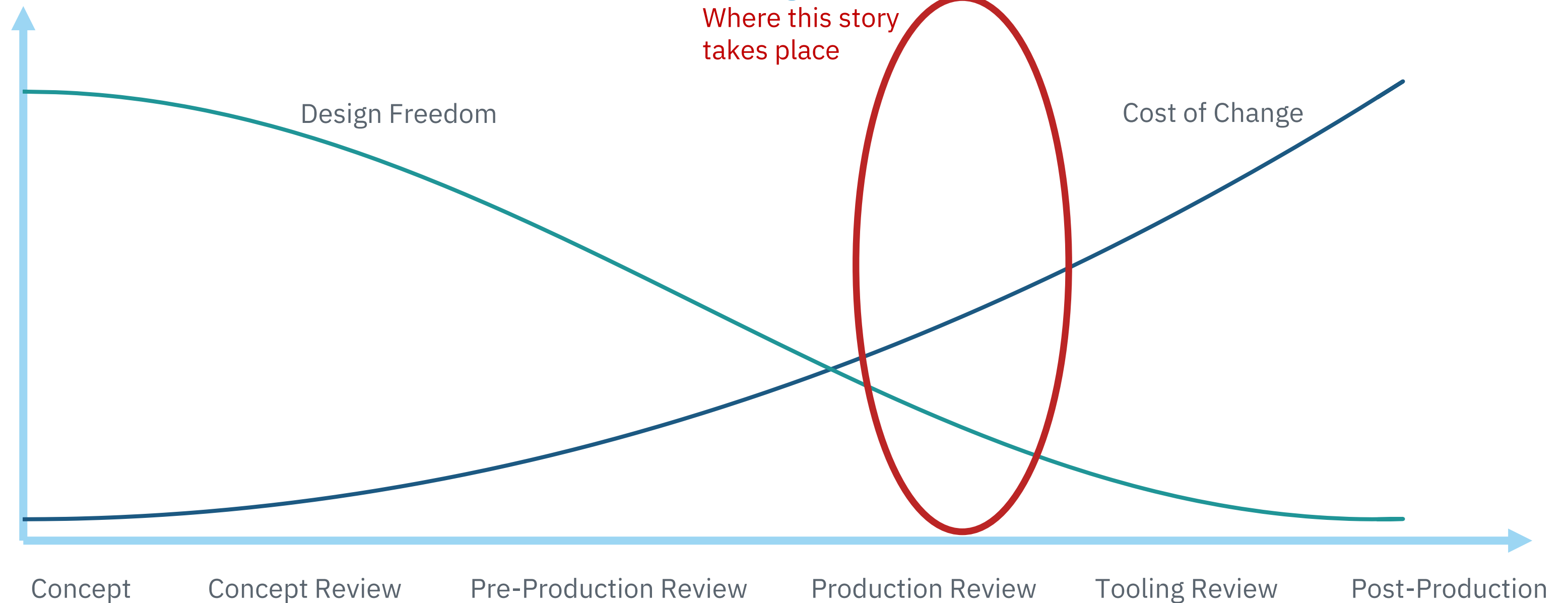
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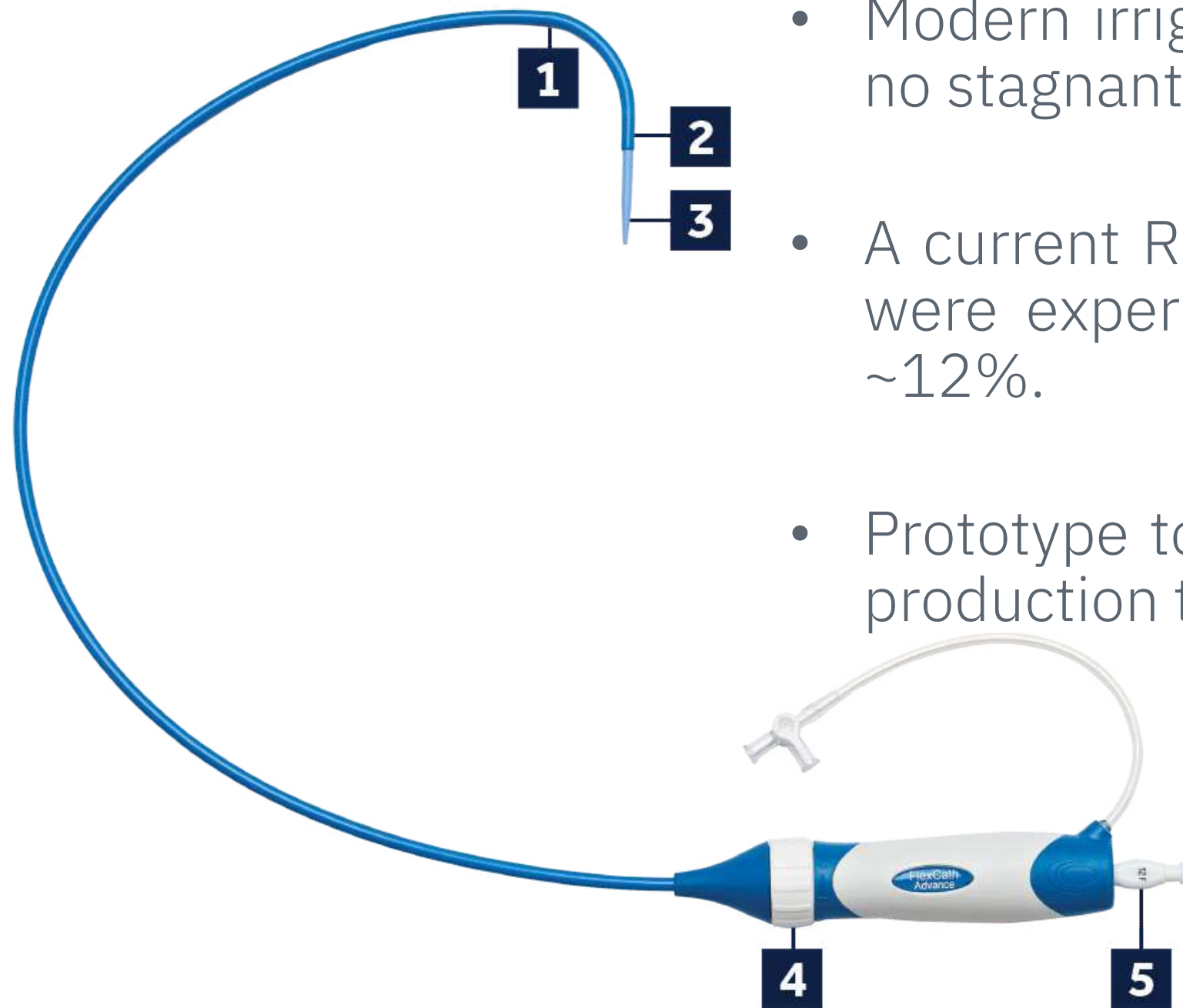
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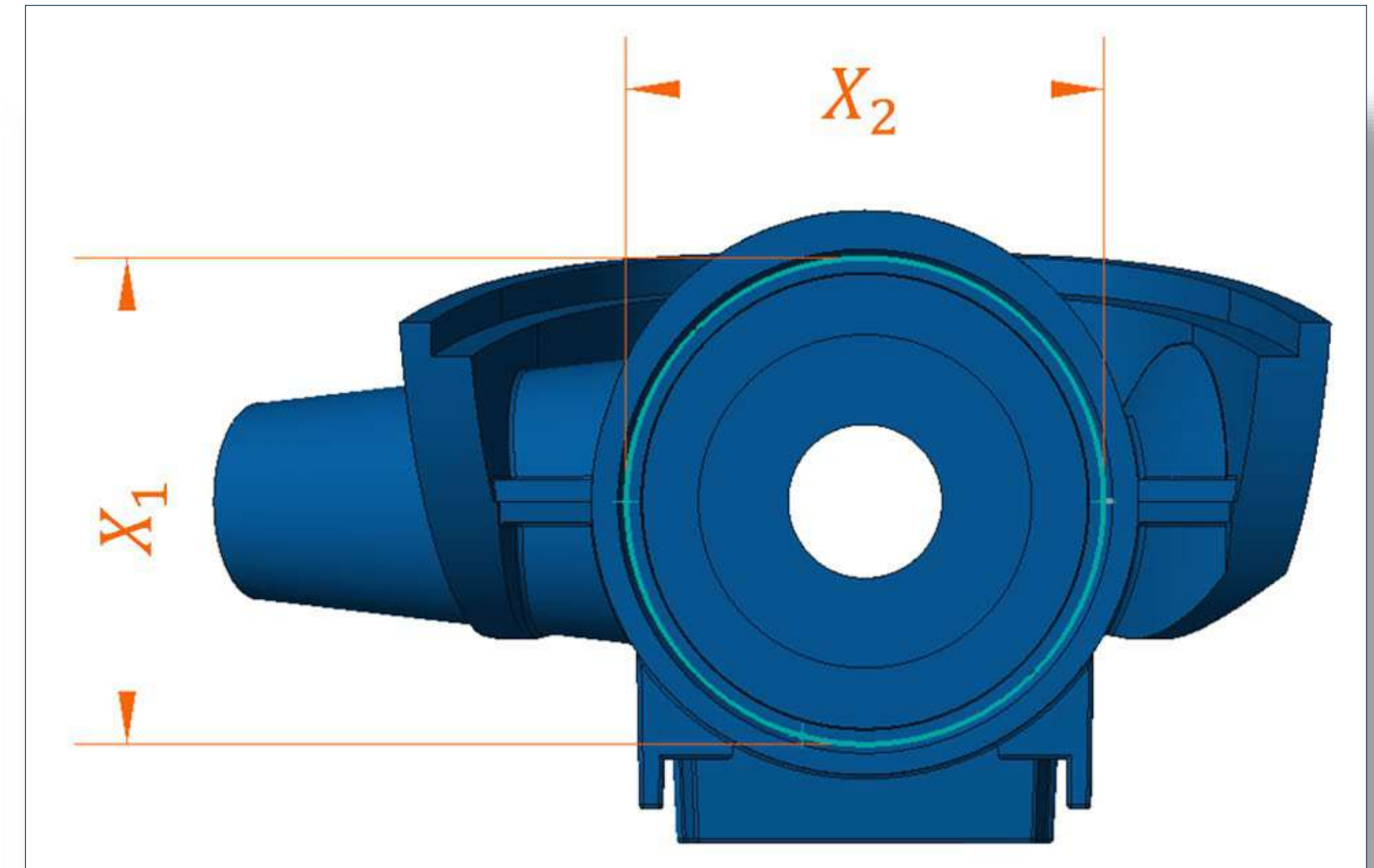
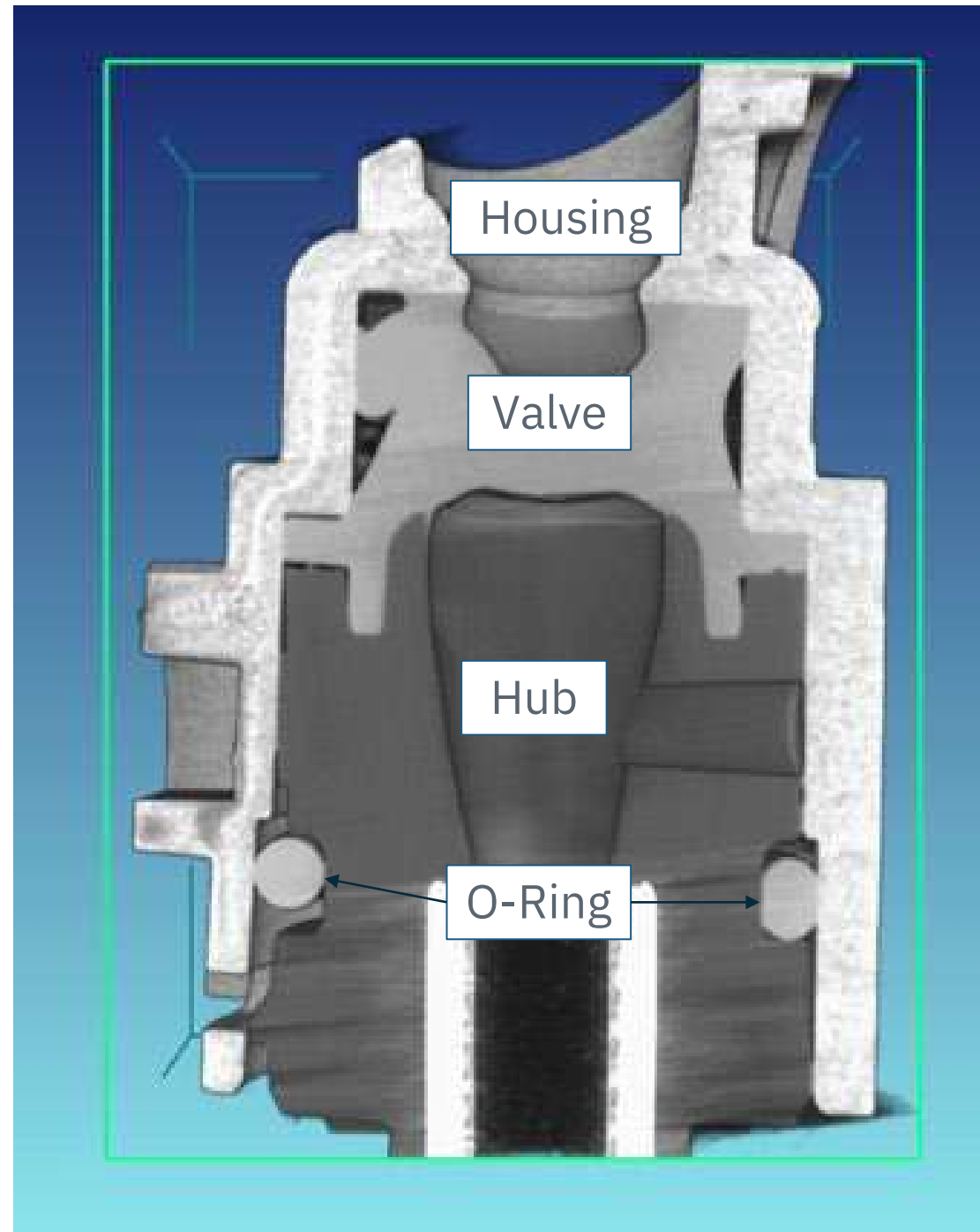
- Hemostasis is the process of preventing bleeding / blood loss.
- Modern irrigated catheters use heparinized saline to ensure no stagnant blood between the sheath and catheter.
- A current R&D program's prototype Hemostasis assemblies were experiencing failures during leak testing at a rate of ~12%.
- Prototype tooling already existed for the program; however, production tooling had not yet been developed.



*Image shown is for **architectural reference only**. This is not the prototype project experiencing leakage

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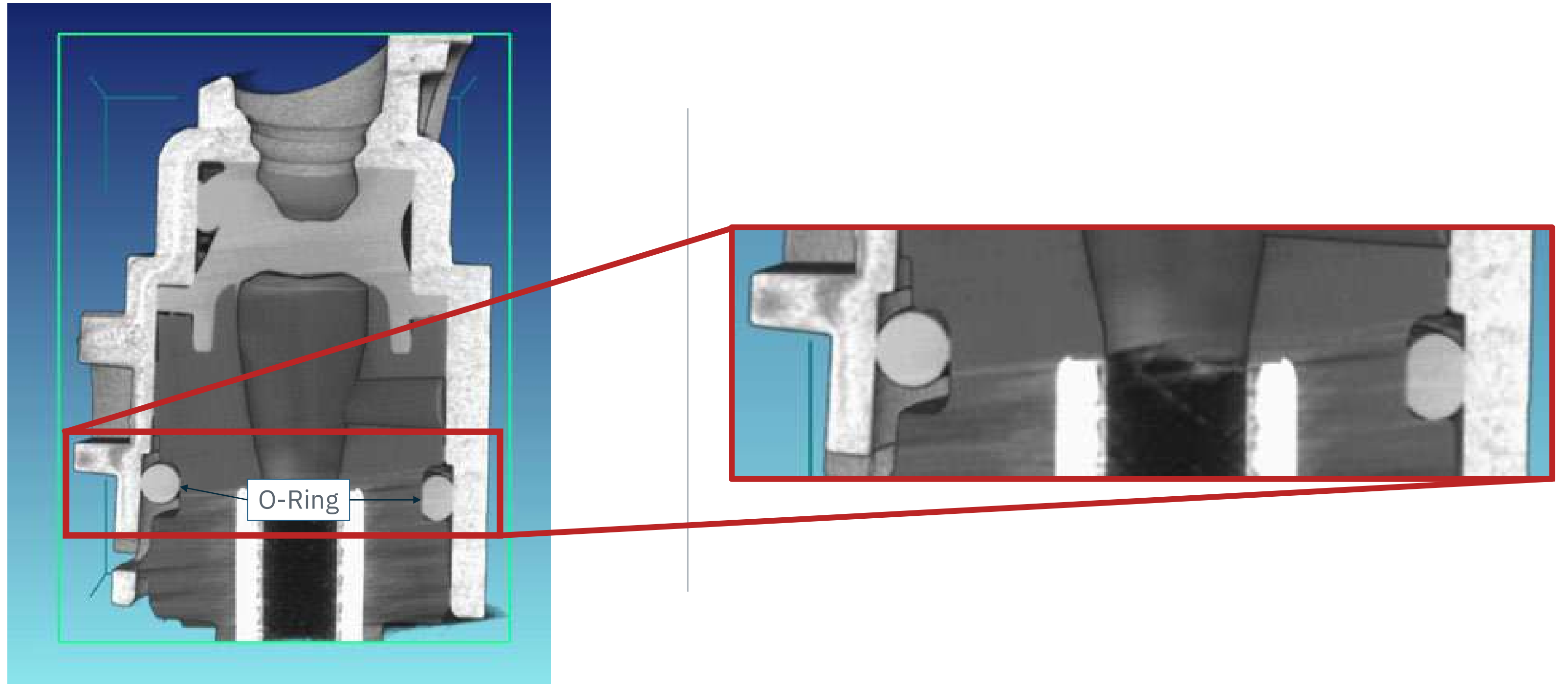
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$$X_1 \neq X_2$$

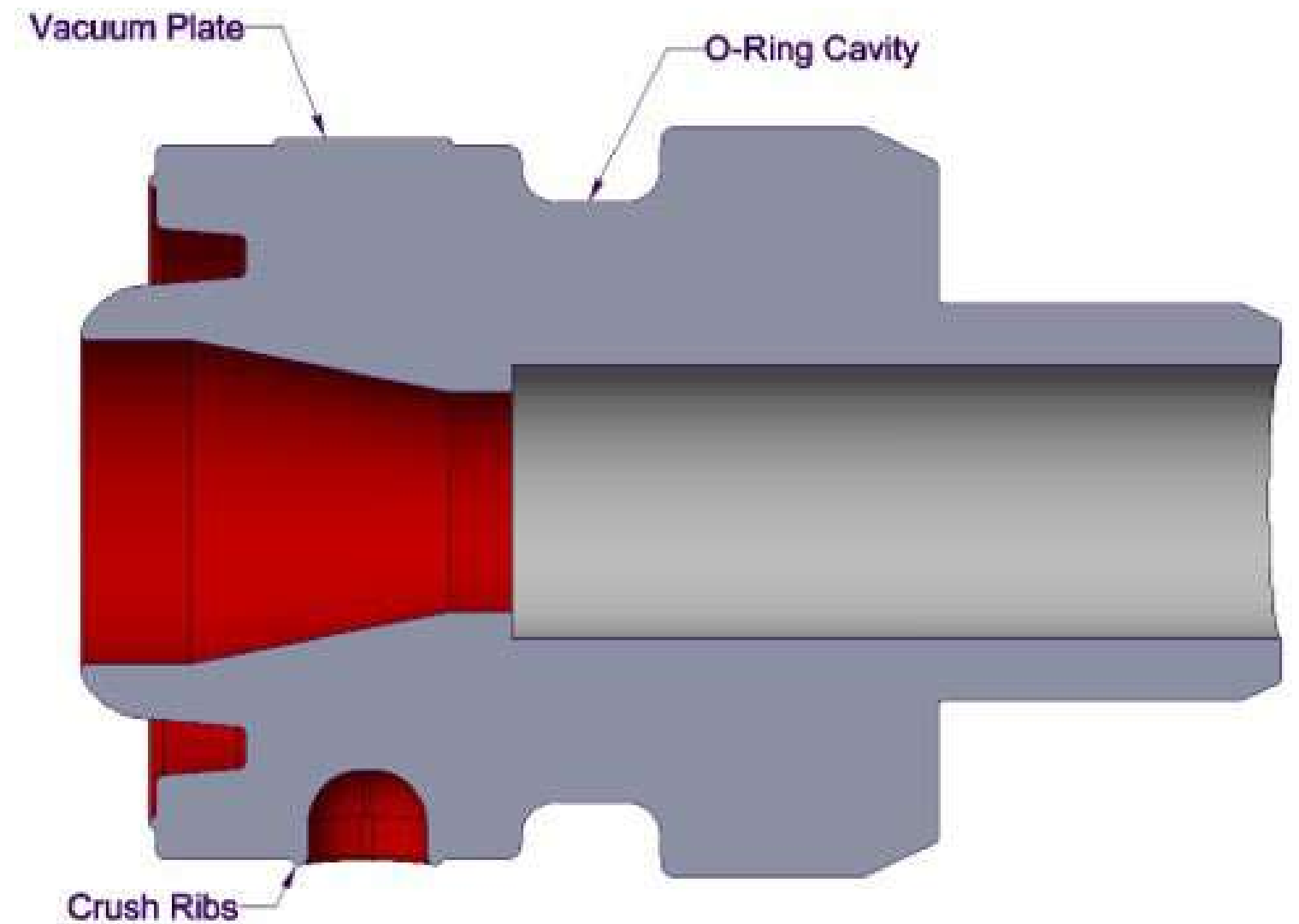
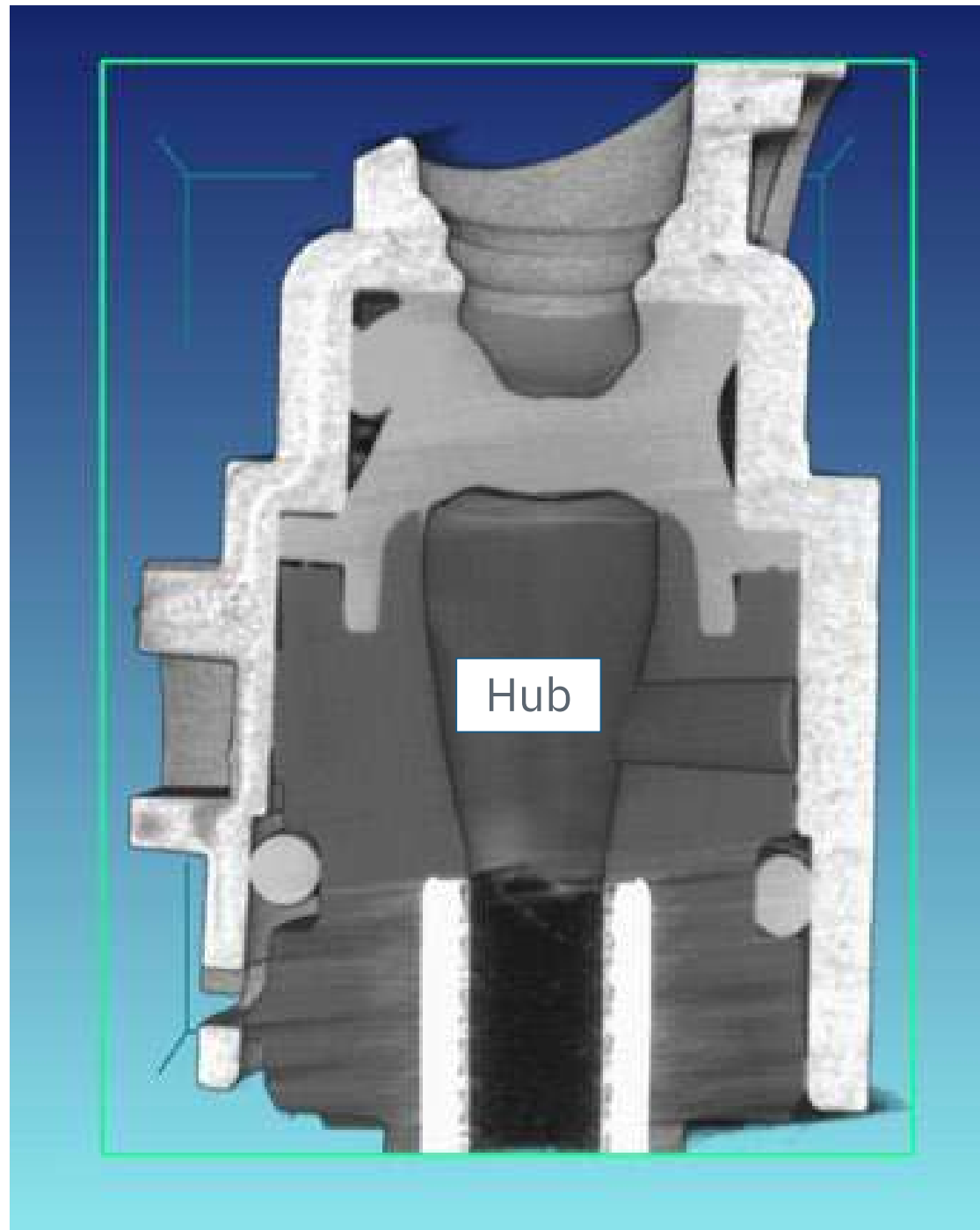
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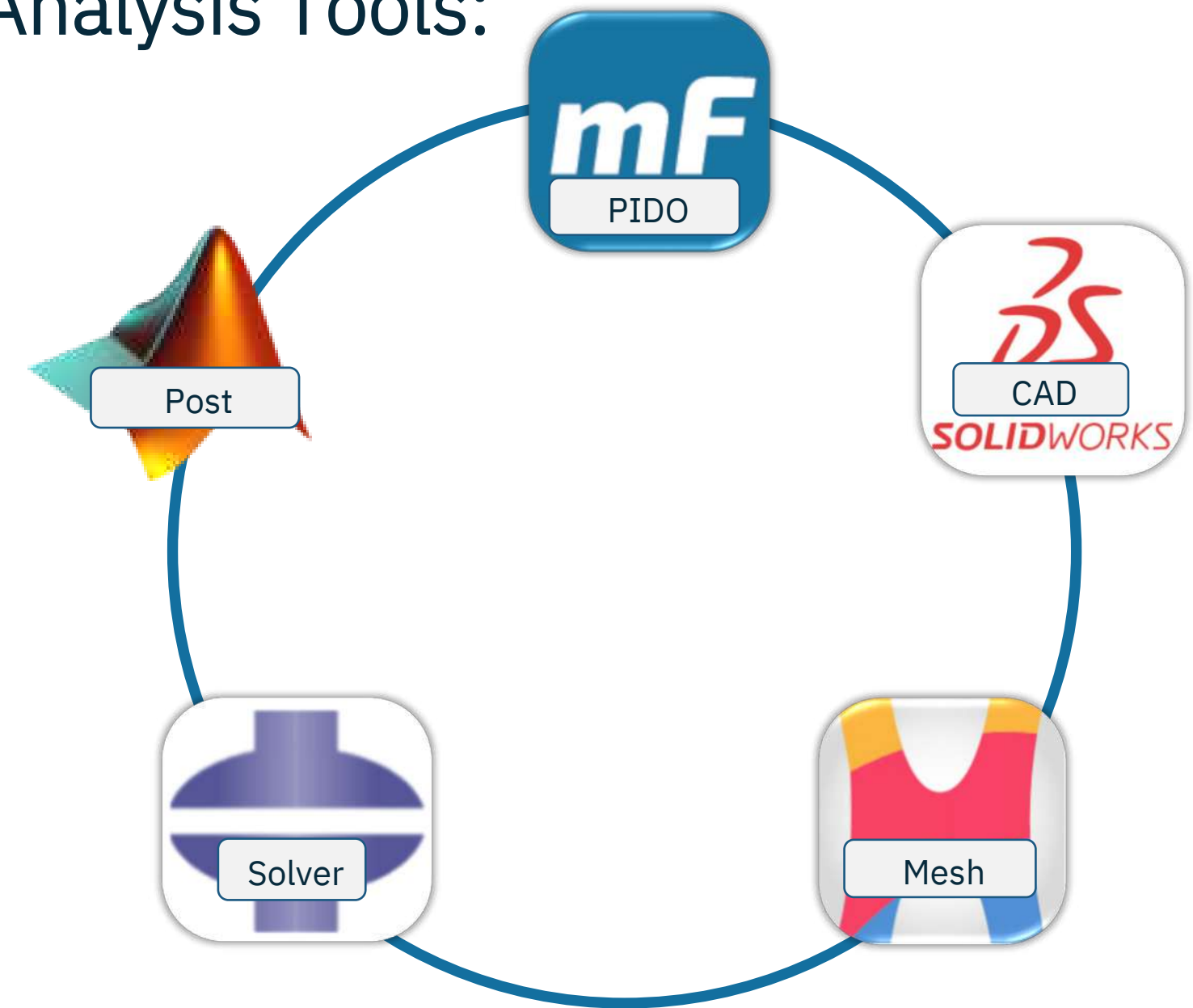
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Study Objectives and Project Charter

Project Objectives:

- Develop a computational analysis model
- Evaluate “As Manufactured” O-Ring compression
- Determine the critical hub parameters
 - O-Ring compression magnitude
 - O-Ring compression uniformity
 - Robust against misalignment

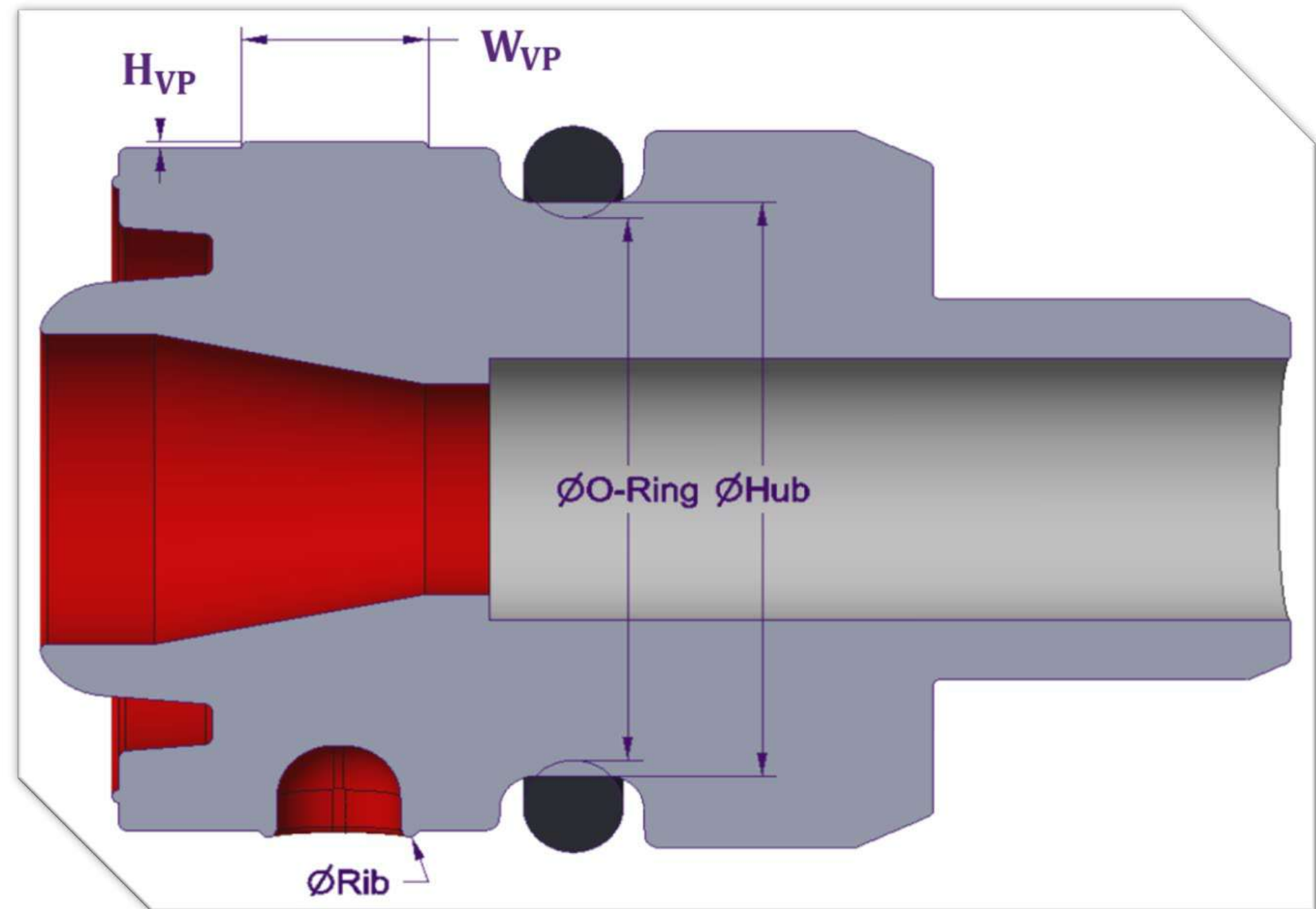
Analysis Tools:



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Design Space

Design Variable Symbol
ϕ_{Rib}
H_{VP}
W_{VP}
ϕ_{Hub}
ϕ_{O-Ring}

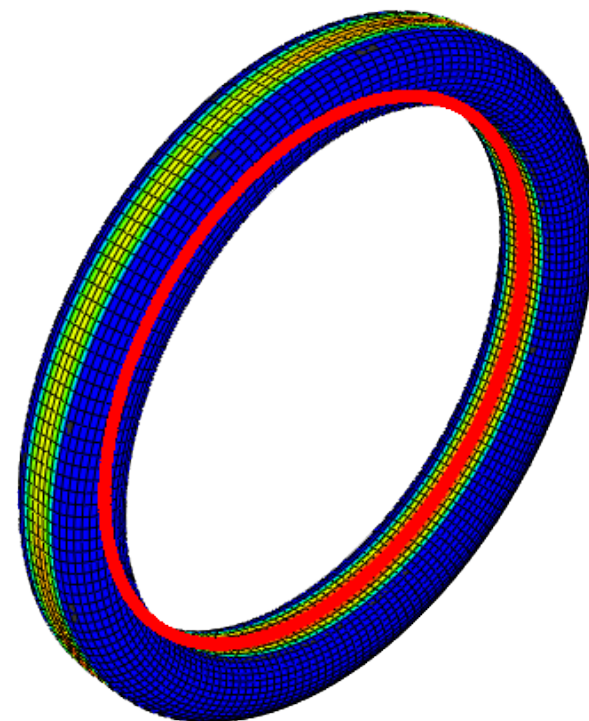
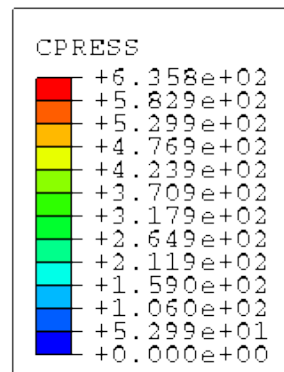
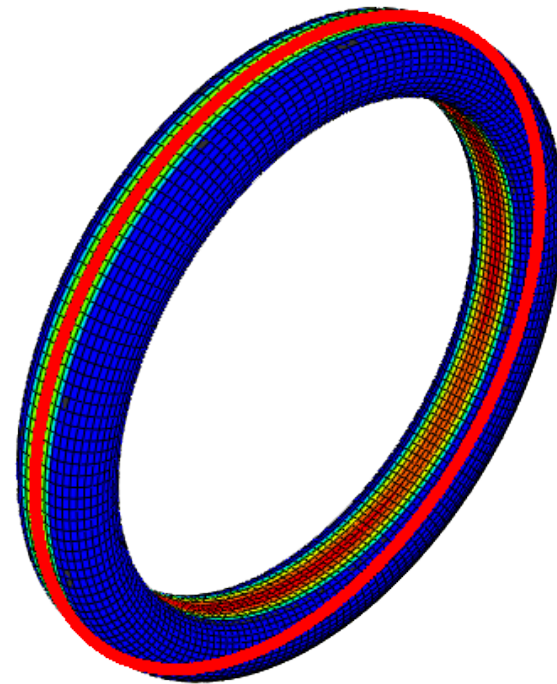
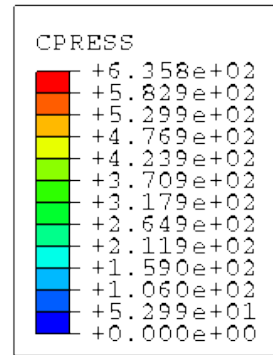


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For each evaluation of the design (evaluated for $\alpha = [0^\circ, 0.25^\circ, 0.5^\circ, 0.75^\circ, 1.0^\circ]$)



- $\overline{CPRESS_{OD}^{(\alpha)}} = \text{mean} \left(CPRESS_{OD}^{(\alpha)} \right)$

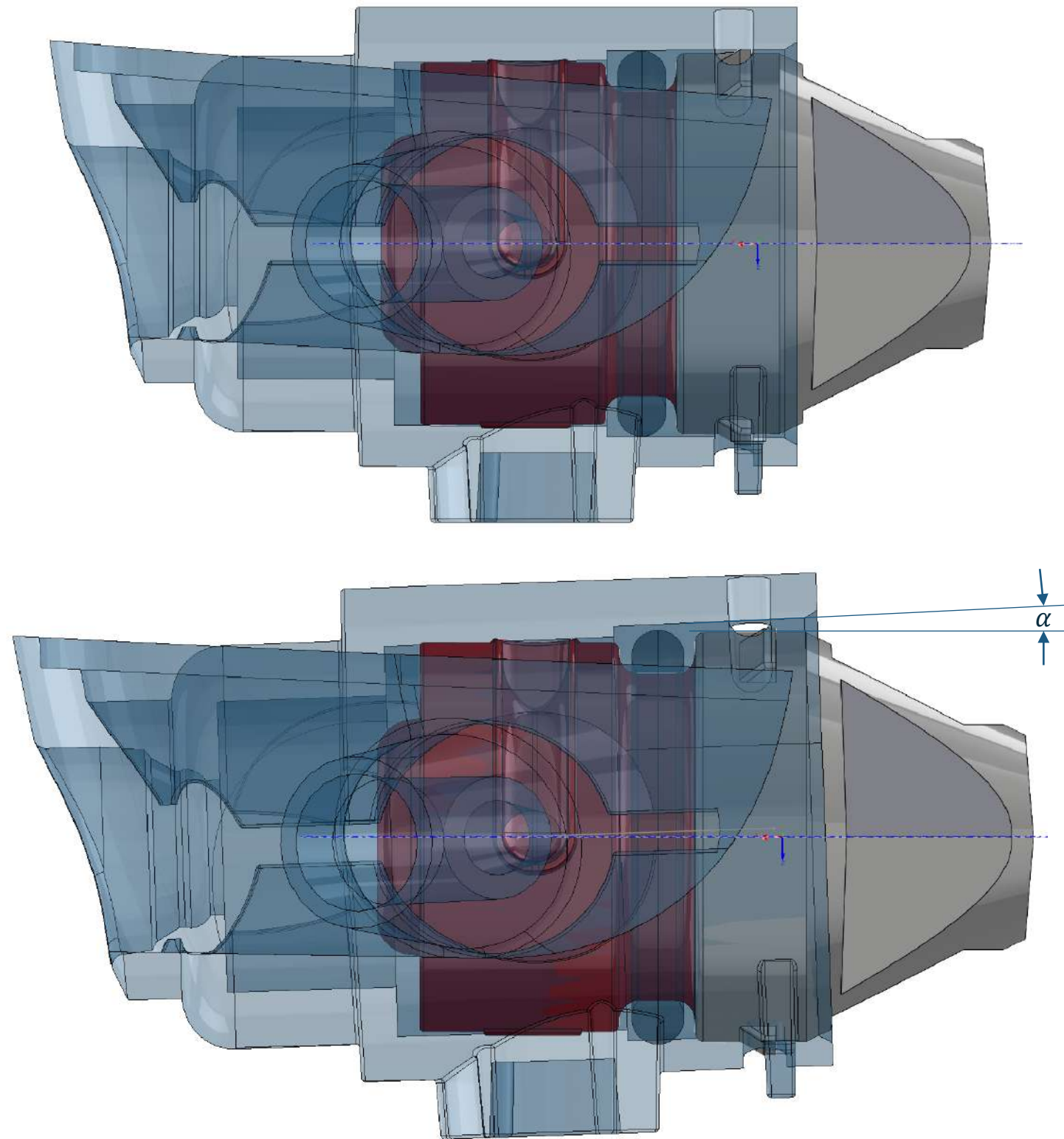
- $\sigma_{CPRESS_{OD}^{(\alpha)}}^2 = \text{var} \left(CPRESS_{OD}^{(\alpha)} \right)$

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For Each Design



- $CPRESS_{OD_Robust} = \overline{mean(CPRESS_{OD})}$

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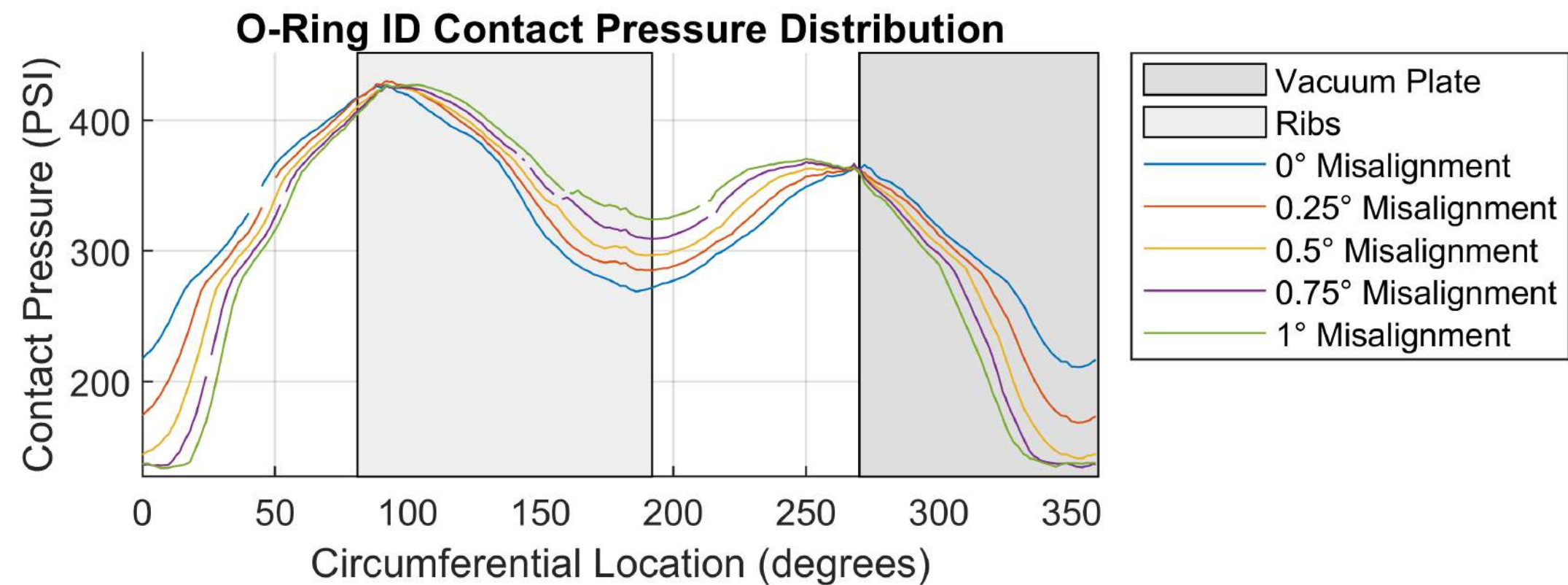
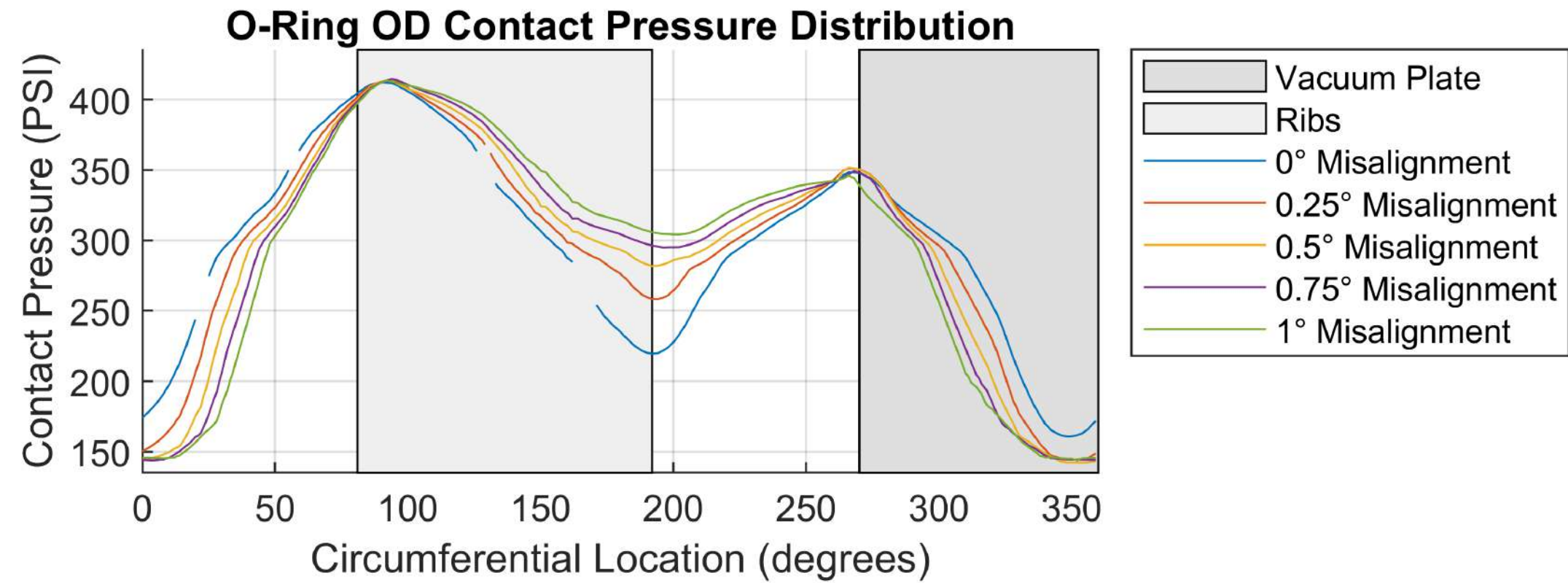
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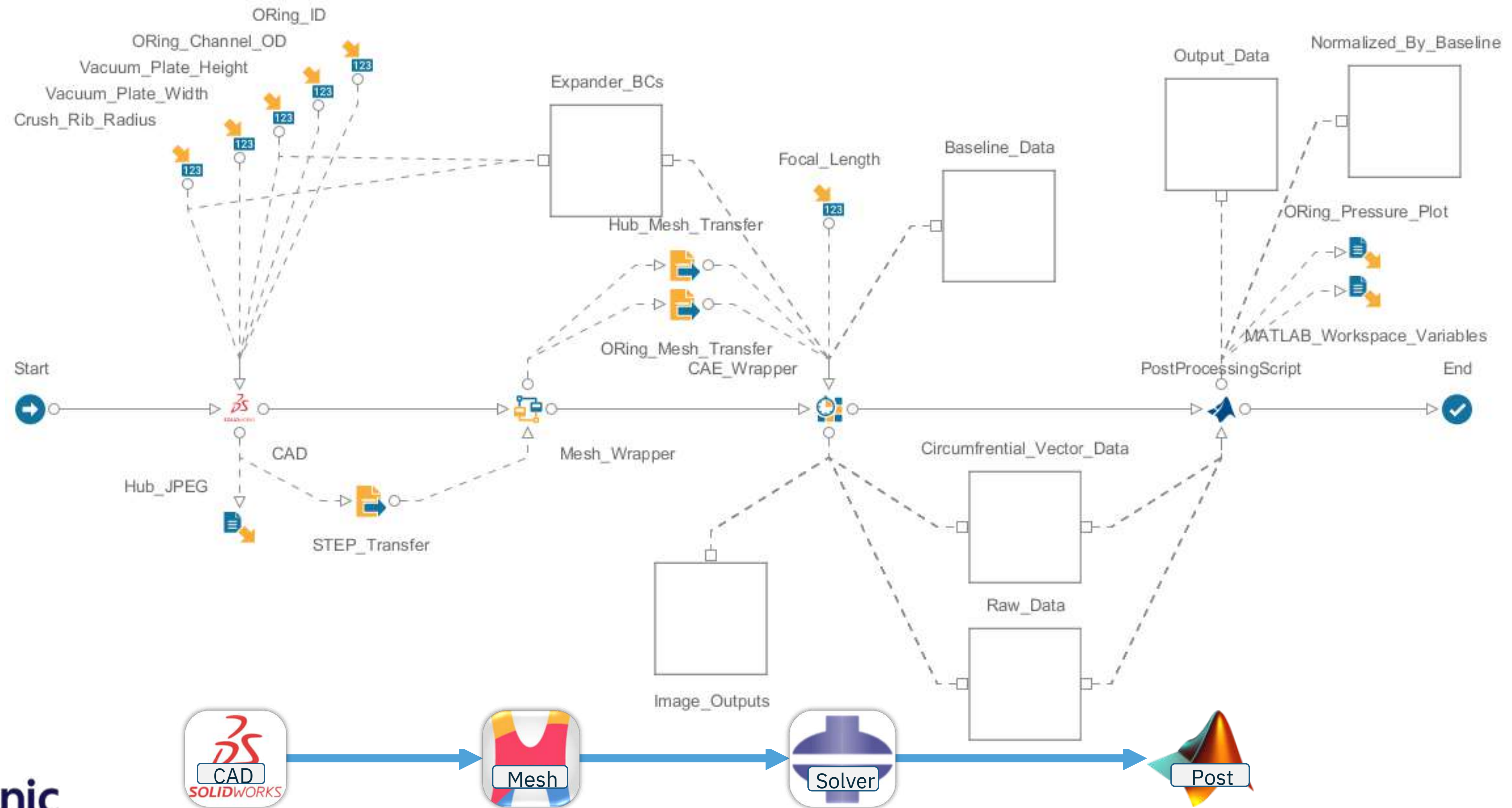
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Design Output



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Top Level Workflow

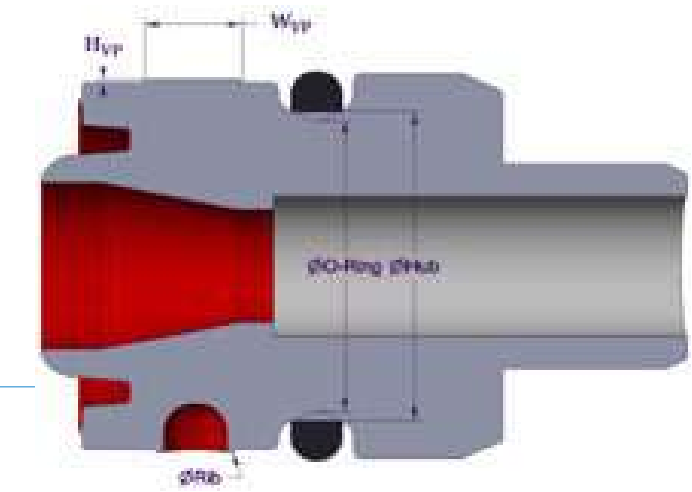


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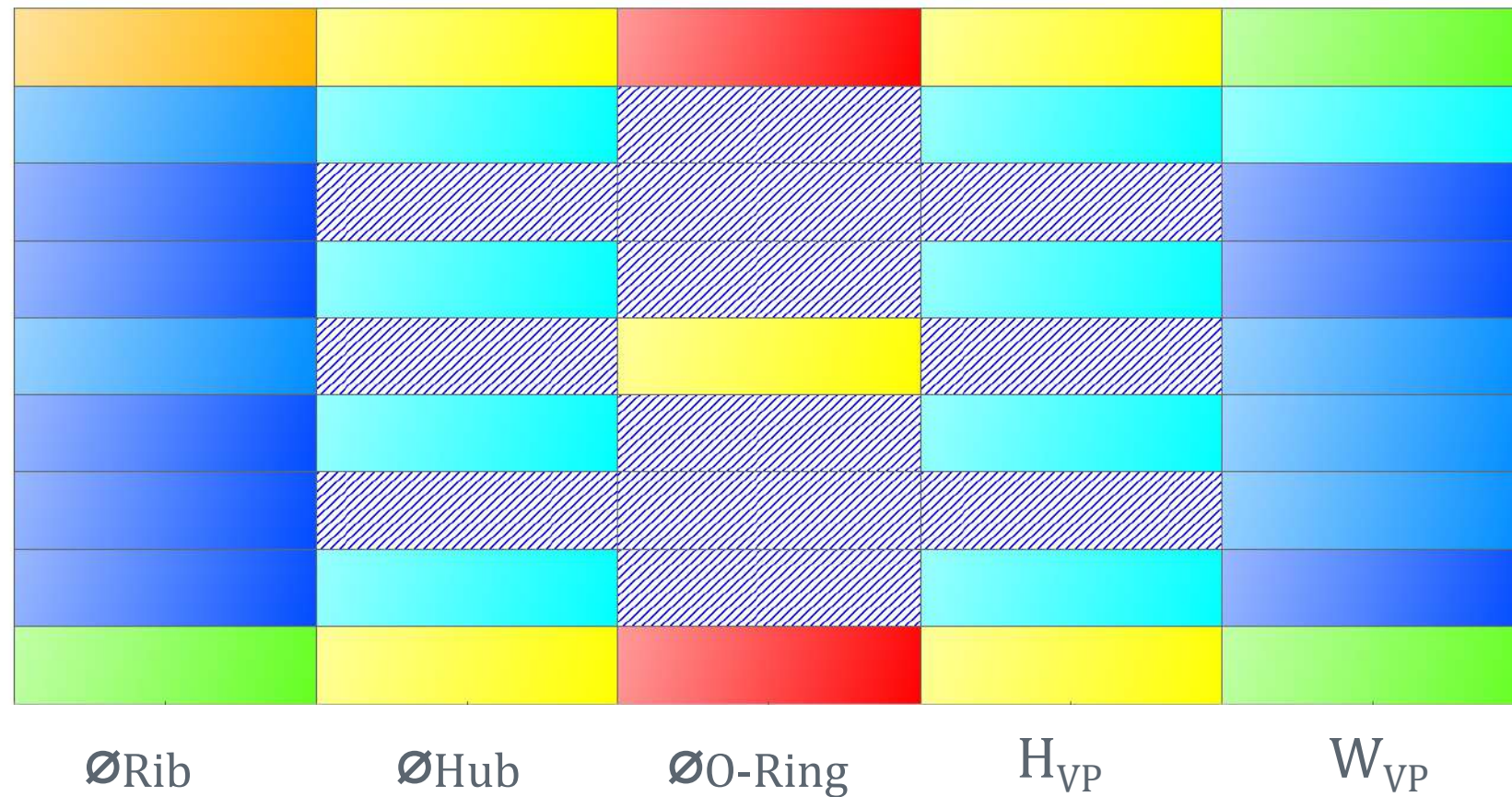
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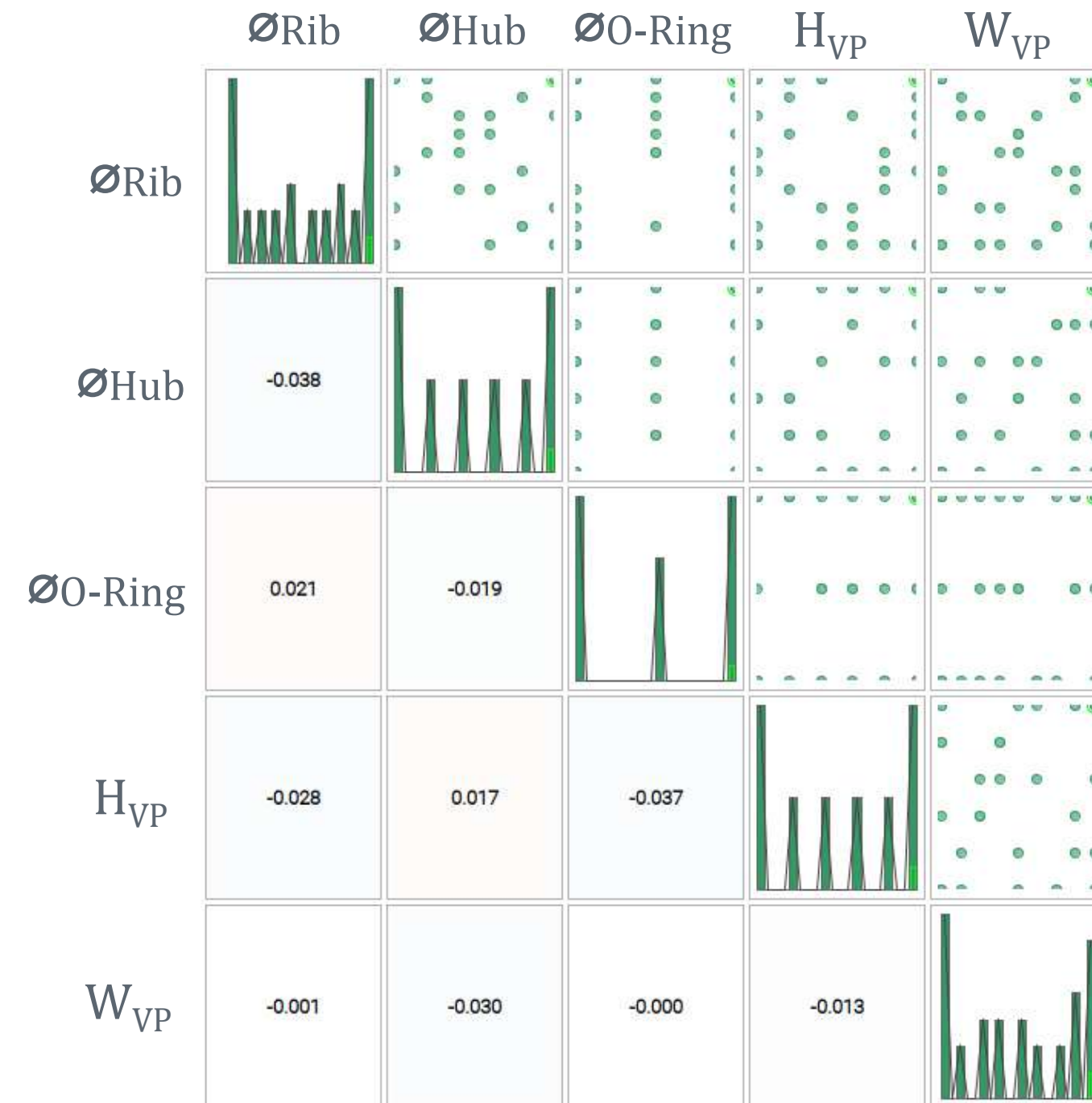
Number of Designs: 32

- 8 Reduced Factorial
- 26 Uniform Latin Hypercube

DOE Design Space Distribution

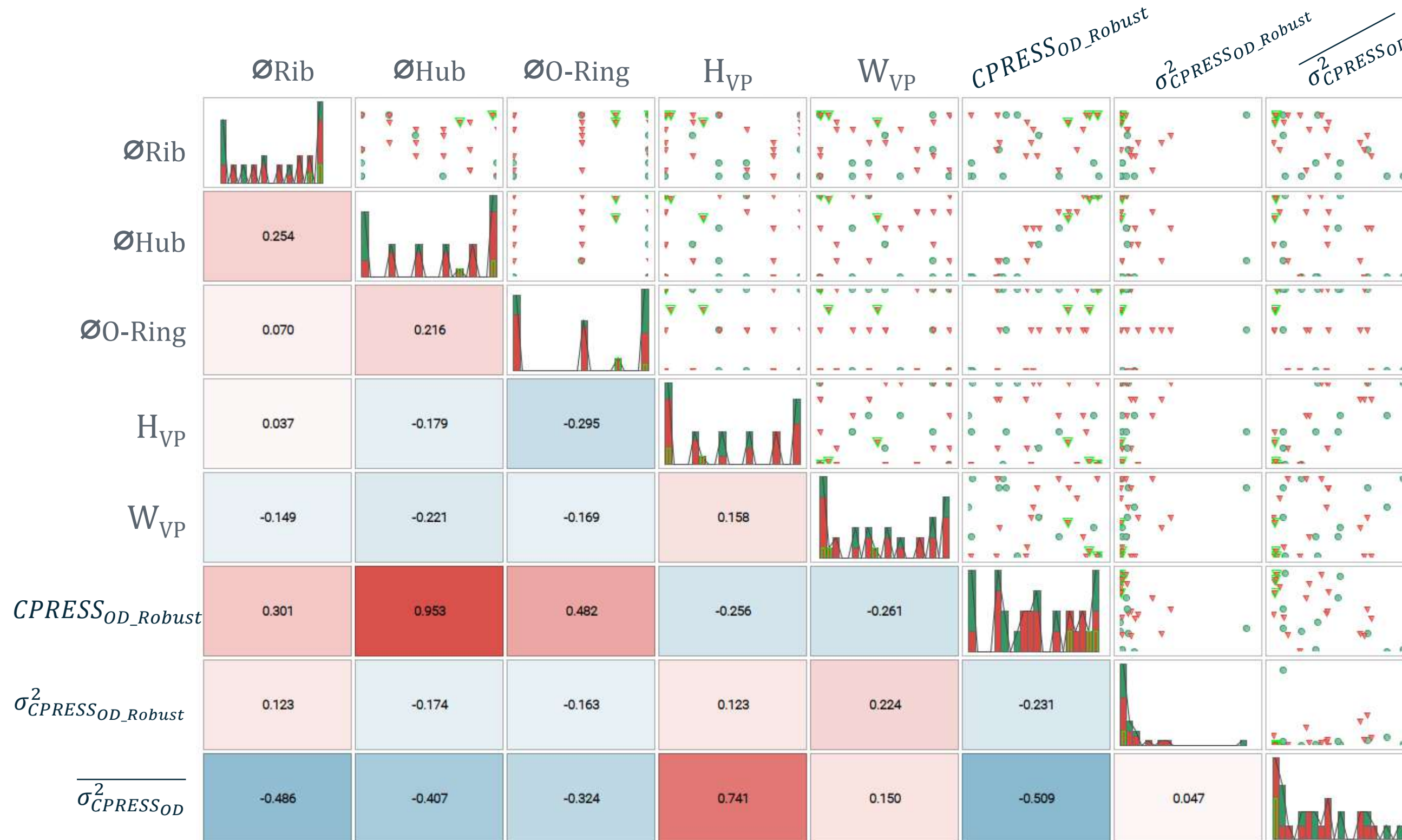
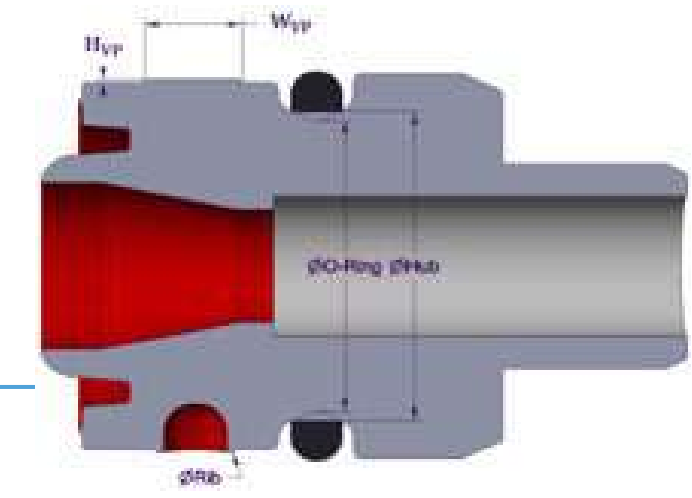


DOE Design Variable Correlations



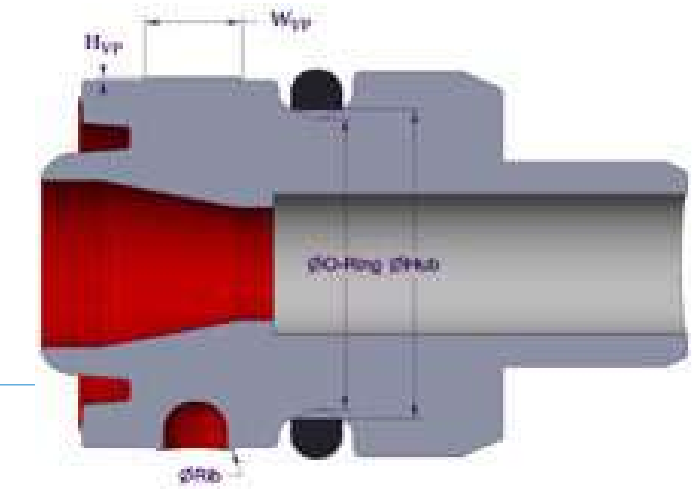
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Correlation Matrix & Important Relationships

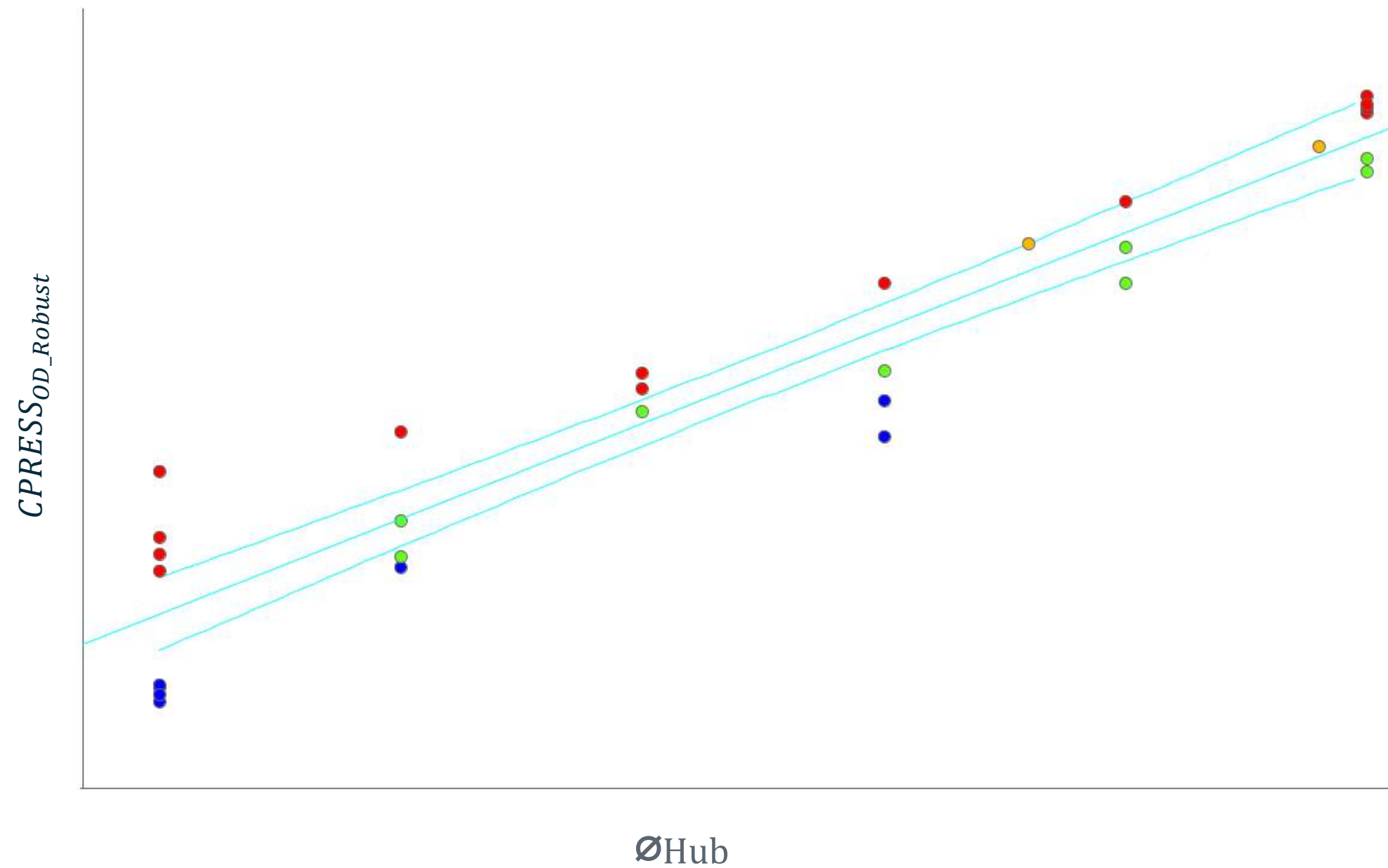


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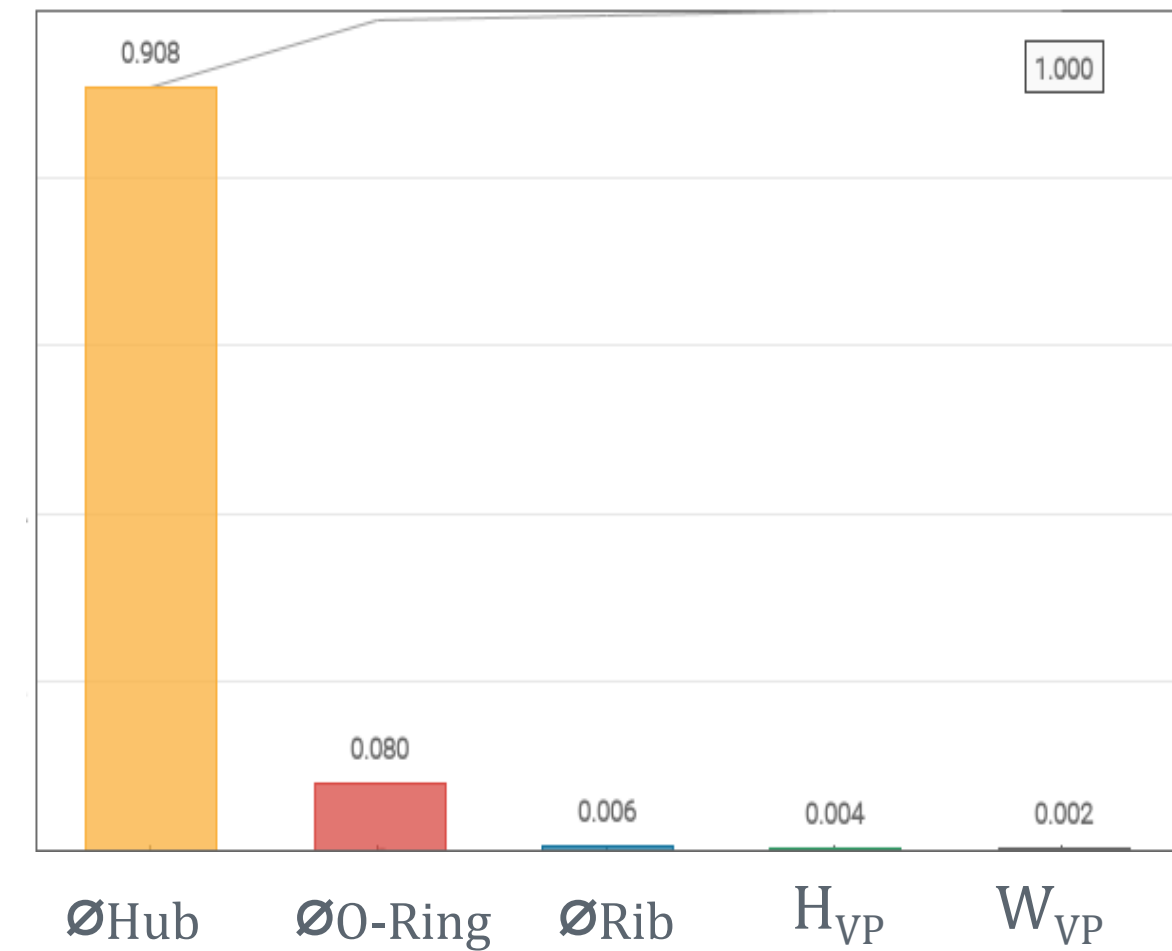
Average Contact Pressure: Important Relationships & Sensitivity



Relationship Plot: Average O-Ring Compression Pressure vs. Channel Diameter

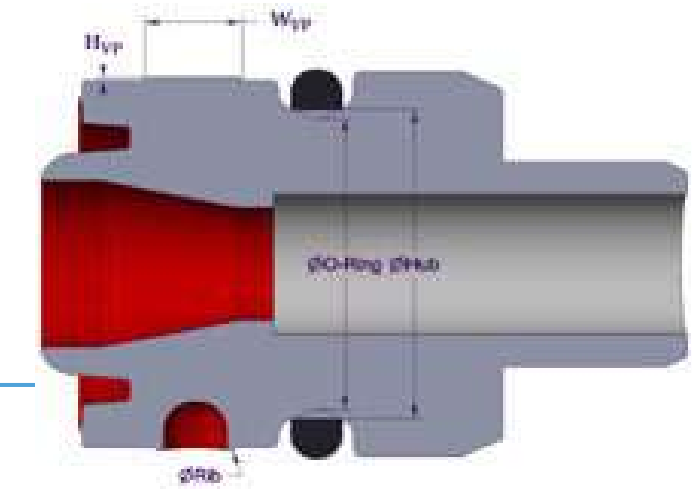


Sensitivity: CPRESS_{OD_Robust}

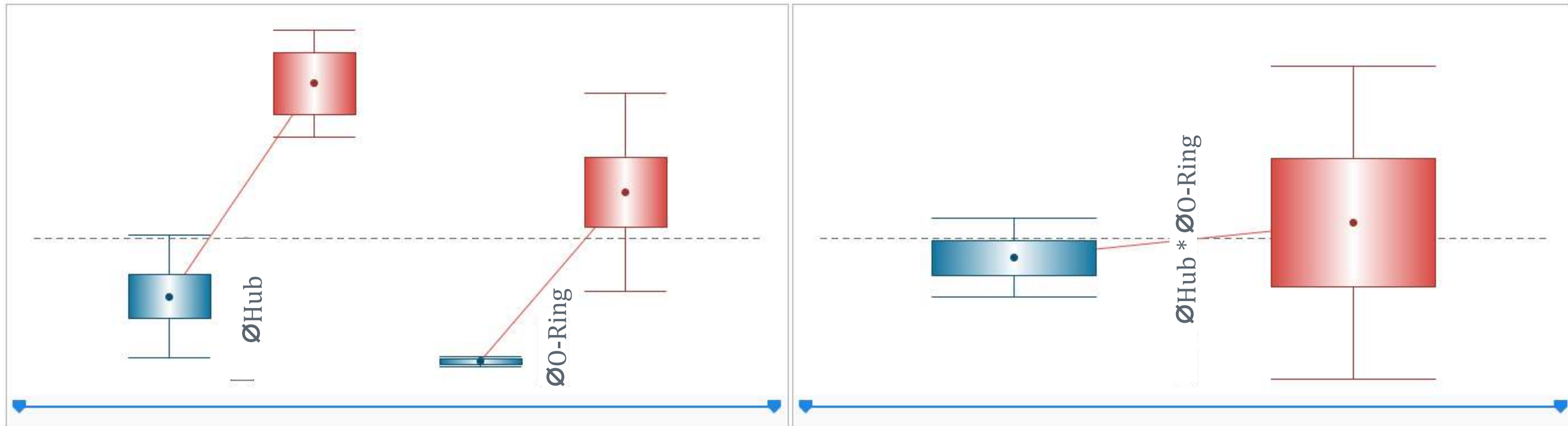


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Average Contact Pressure: Factor Analysis

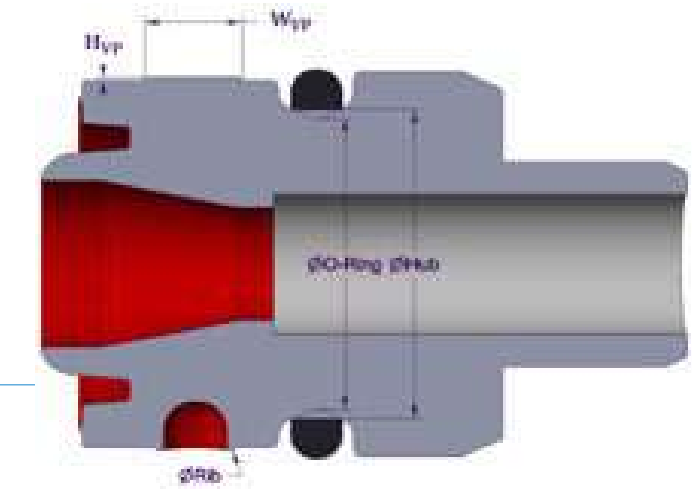


Factor Analysis of Average Contact Pressure

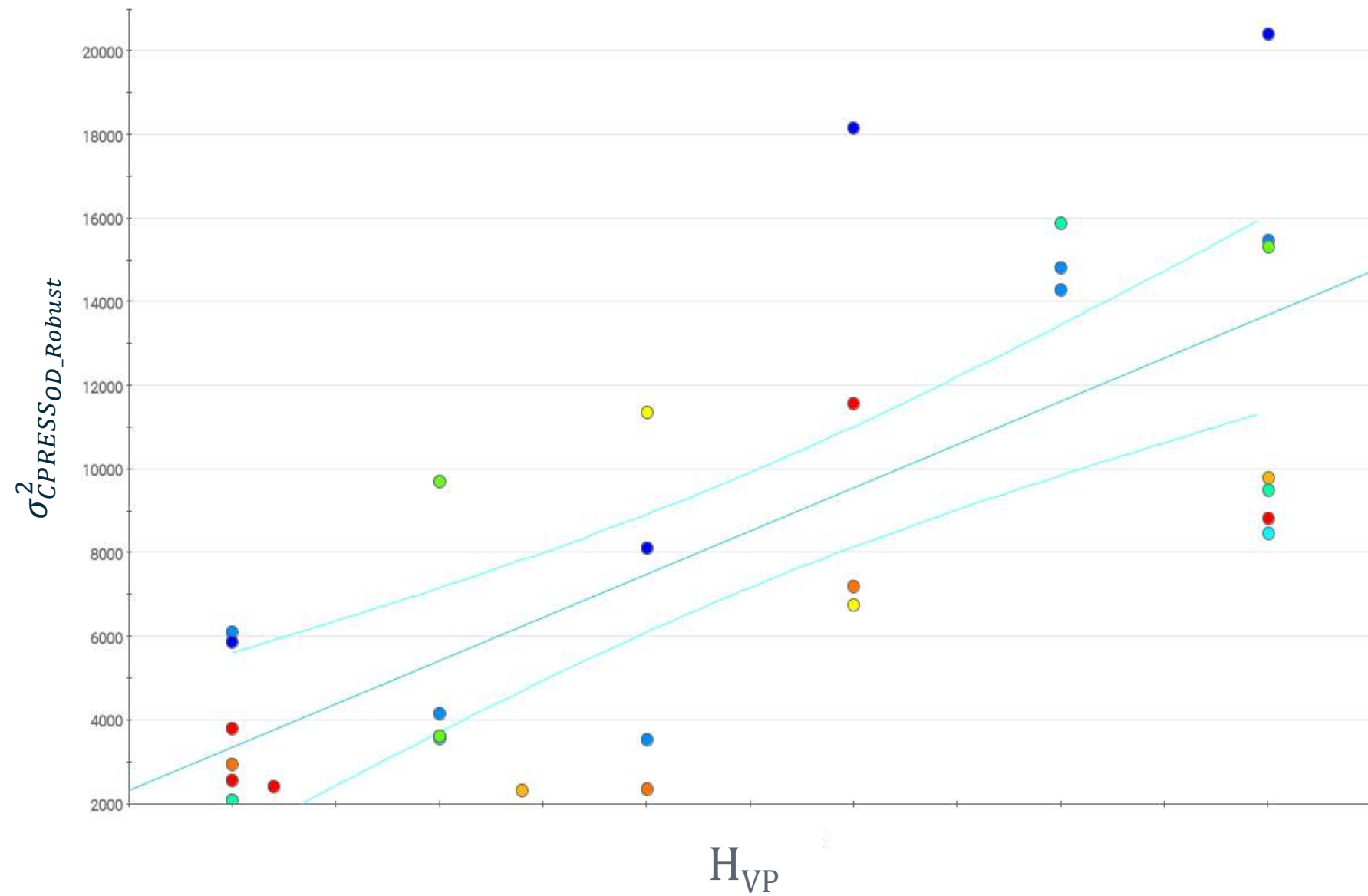


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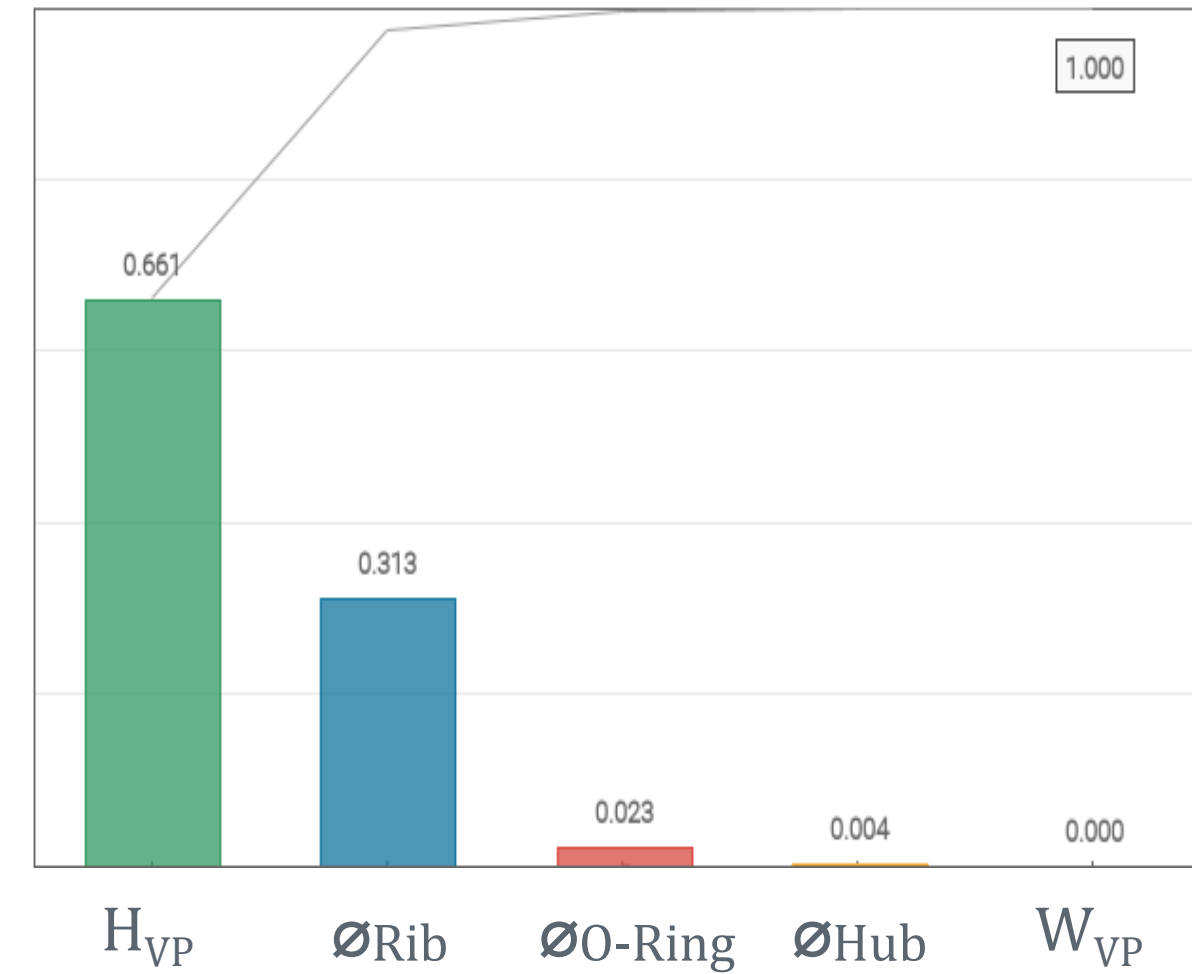
Expected Variance of Contact Pressure



Relationship Plot: Expected Variance of O-Ring Compression vs. Vacuum Plate Height



Sensitivity: $\sigma_{CPRESSOD_Robust}^2$

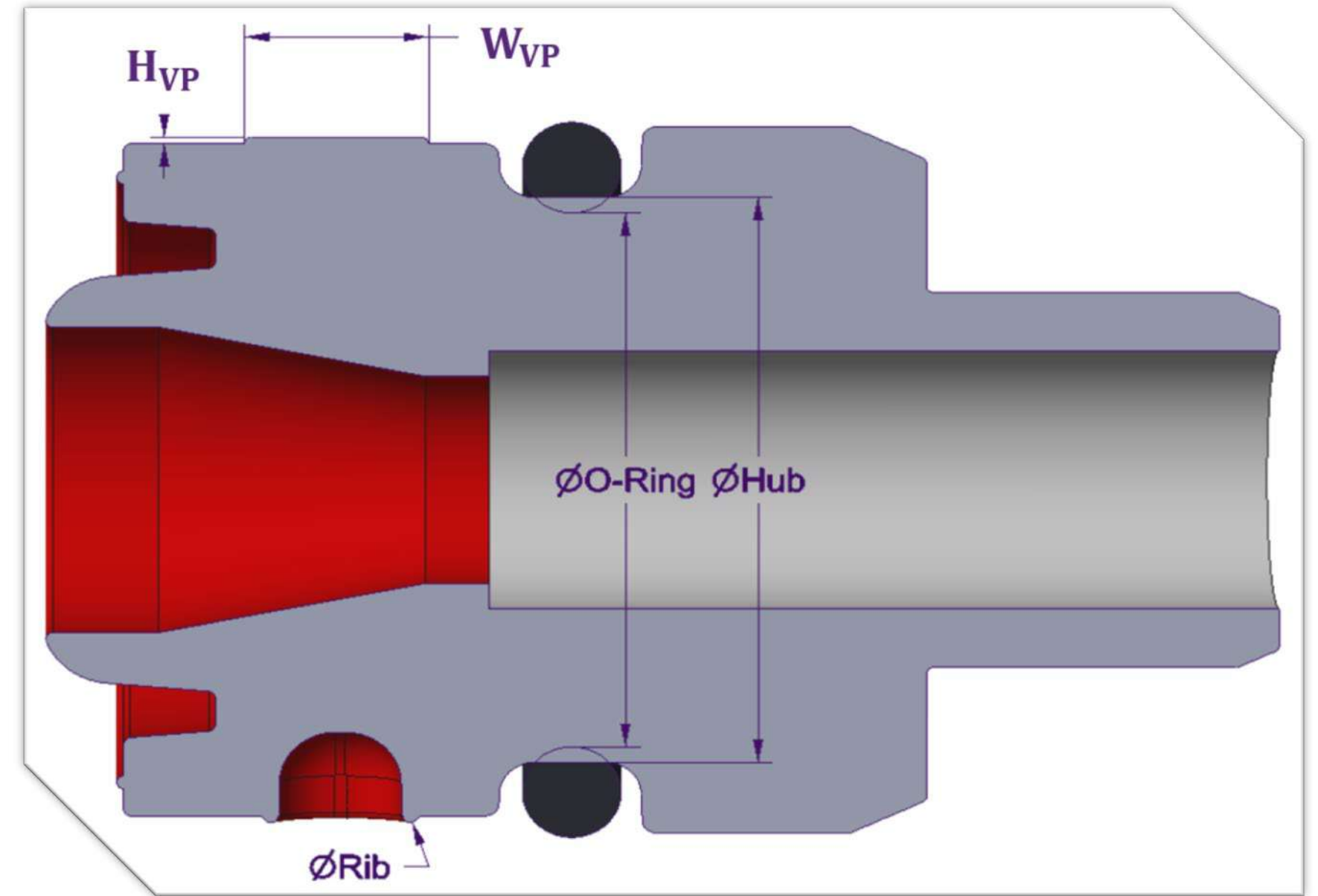


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Optimal Design Summary

Input Variable	Change Direction	Steel Safe Change
ϕ_{Rib}	↑	No
H_{VP}	↓	Yes
W_{VP}	↓	Yes
ϕ_{Hub}	↑	No
ϕ_{O-Ring}	↑	N/A

Response Parameter	Rel. to Spec'd	Rel. to Mfg'd
$CPRESS_{OD_Robust}$	0.8648	1.3149
$\overline{\sigma_{CPRESS_{OD}}^2}$	2.5085	0.1851
$CPRESS_{ID_Robust}$	0.8622	1.2456
$\overline{\sigma_{CPRESS_{ID}}^2}$	3.2266	0.1735



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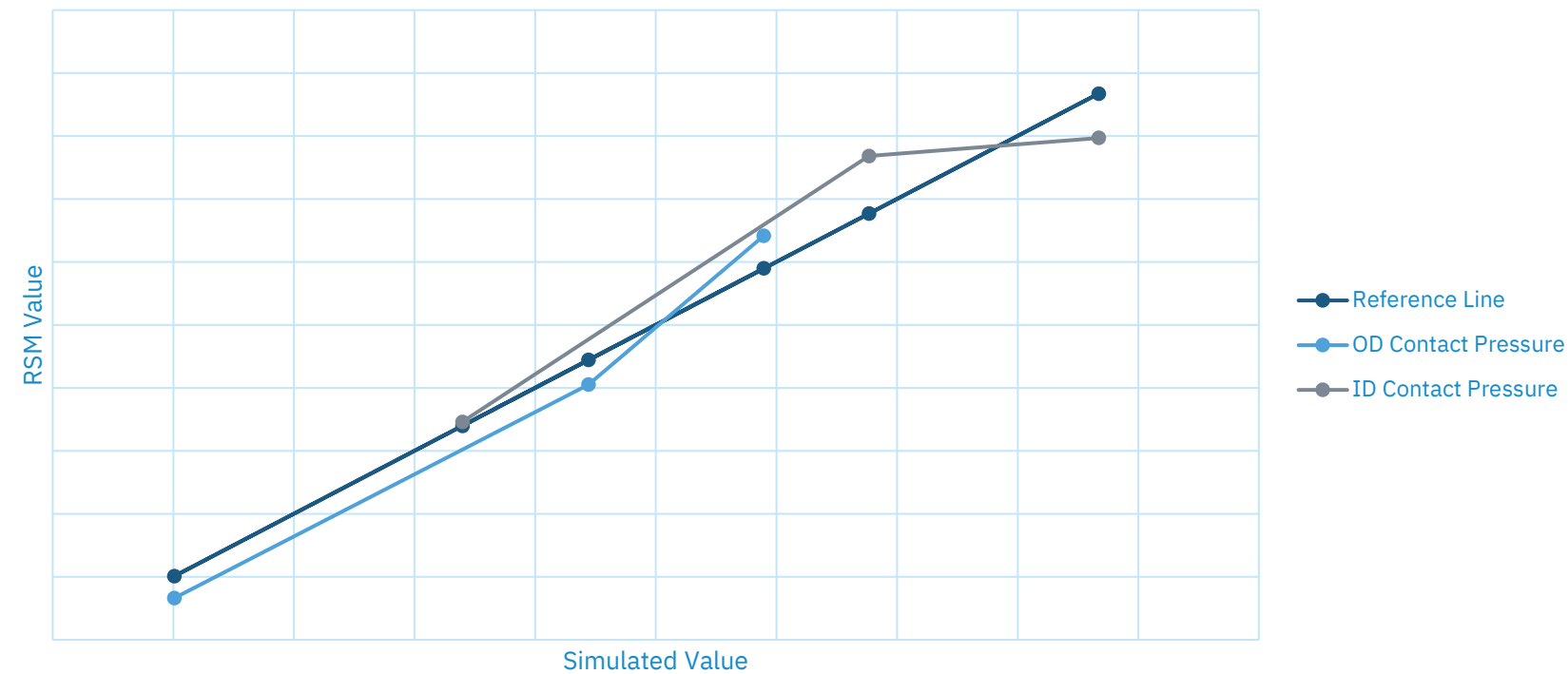
RSM Accuracy

Optimal Design	
Response Parameter	% Error
$CPRESS_{OD_Robust}$	1.16
$\overline{\sigma_{CPRESS_{OD}}^2}$	22.6
$CPRESS_{ID_Robust}$	-1.46
$\overline{\sigma_{CPRESS_{ID}}^2}$	-11.4

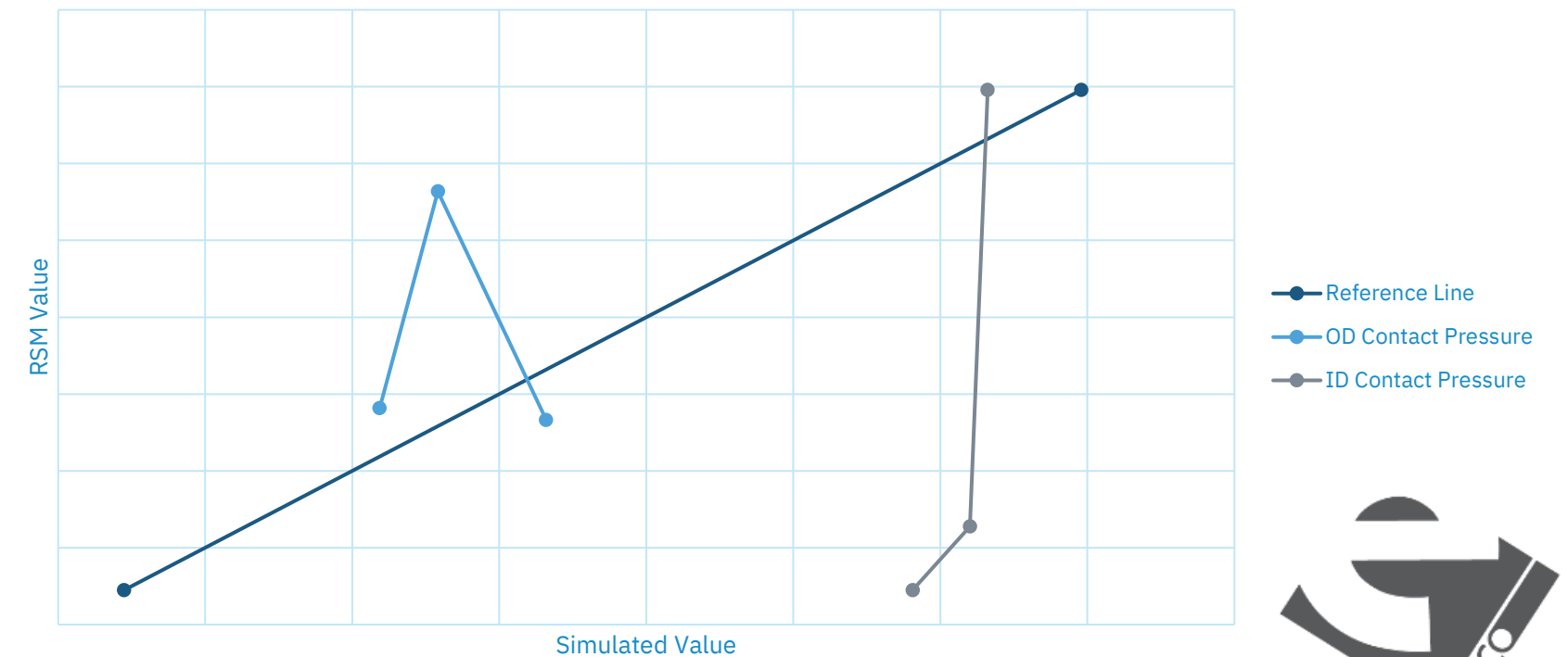
Optimal Proximity Test 1	
Response Parameter	% Error
$CPRESS_{OD_Robust}$	-0.9
$\overline{\sigma_{CPRESS_{OD}}^2}$	26.8
$CPRESS_{ID_Robust}$	2.00
$\overline{\sigma_{CPRESS_{ID}}^2}$	-34.4

Optimal Proximity Test 2	
Response Parameter	% Error
$CPRESS_{OD_Robust}$	-0.9
$\overline{\sigma_{CPRESS_{OD}}^2}$	35.5
$CPRESS_{ID_Robust}$	0.2
$\overline{\sigma_{CPRESS_{ID}}^2}$	33.8

Average Contact Pressure RSM Accuracy



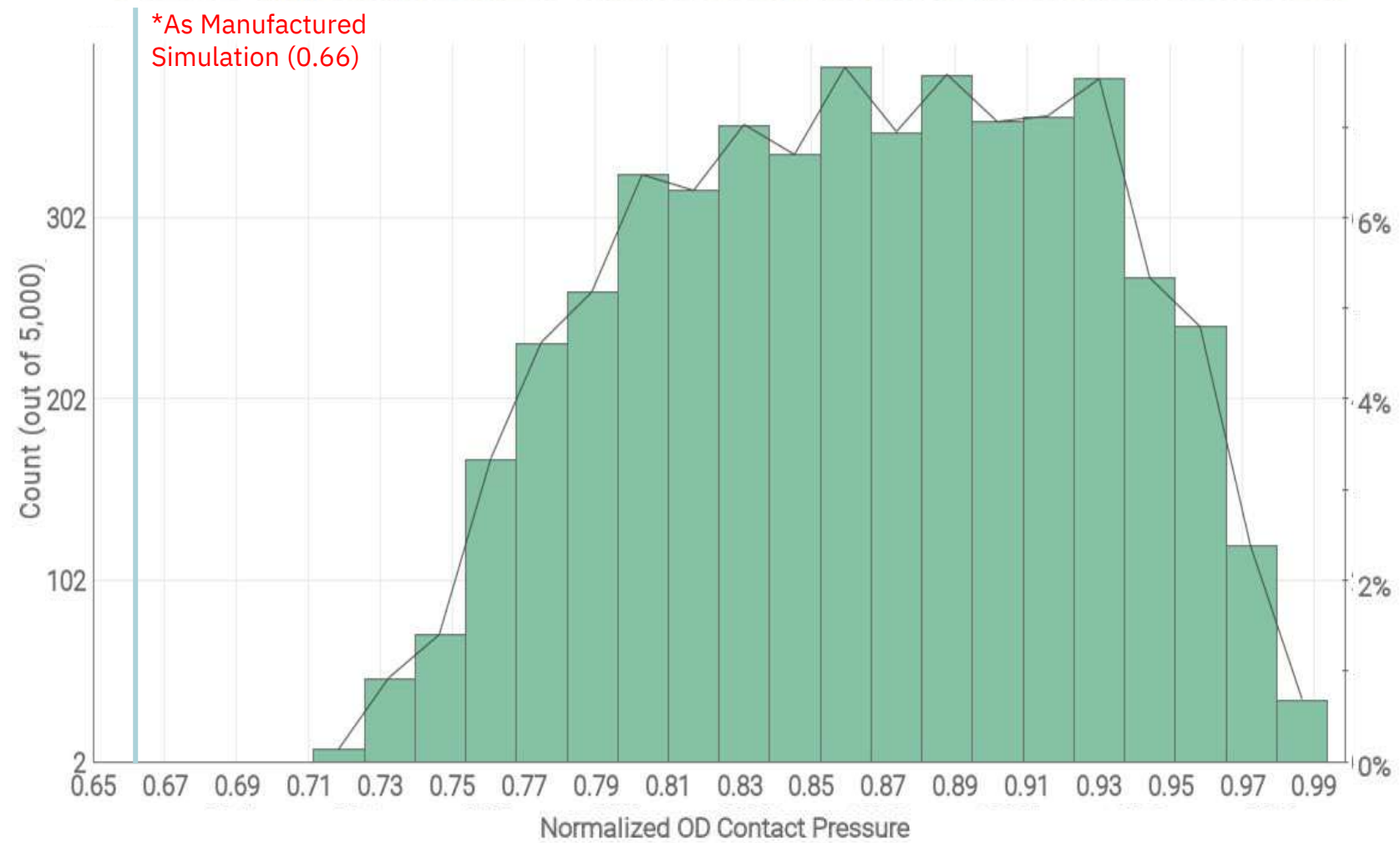
Average Contact Pressure Variance RSM Accuracy



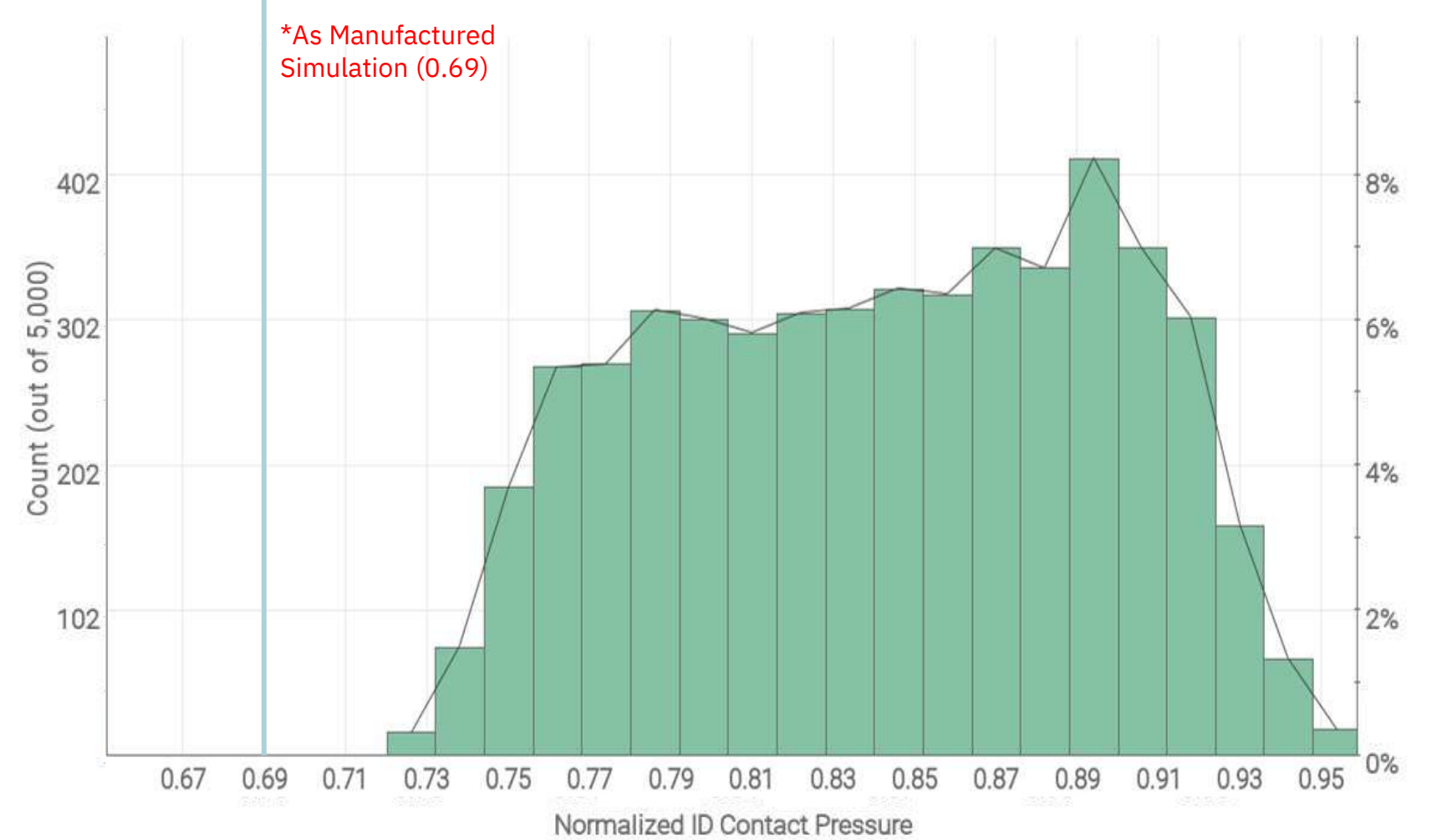
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Monte Carlo Results

PDF of O-Ring Compression OD Contact Pressure Relative to the Designed Specification



PDF of O-Ring Compression ID Contact Pressure Relative to the Designed Specification



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Important Considerations

What we learned from our study...

1. Hub diameter is critical for average O-Ring compression.
2. An increase in the Hub's diameter will increase the average compression (close to the intended value).
3. The Vacuum Plate feature prevents uniformity of O-Ring compression.

What we know from design verification trials...

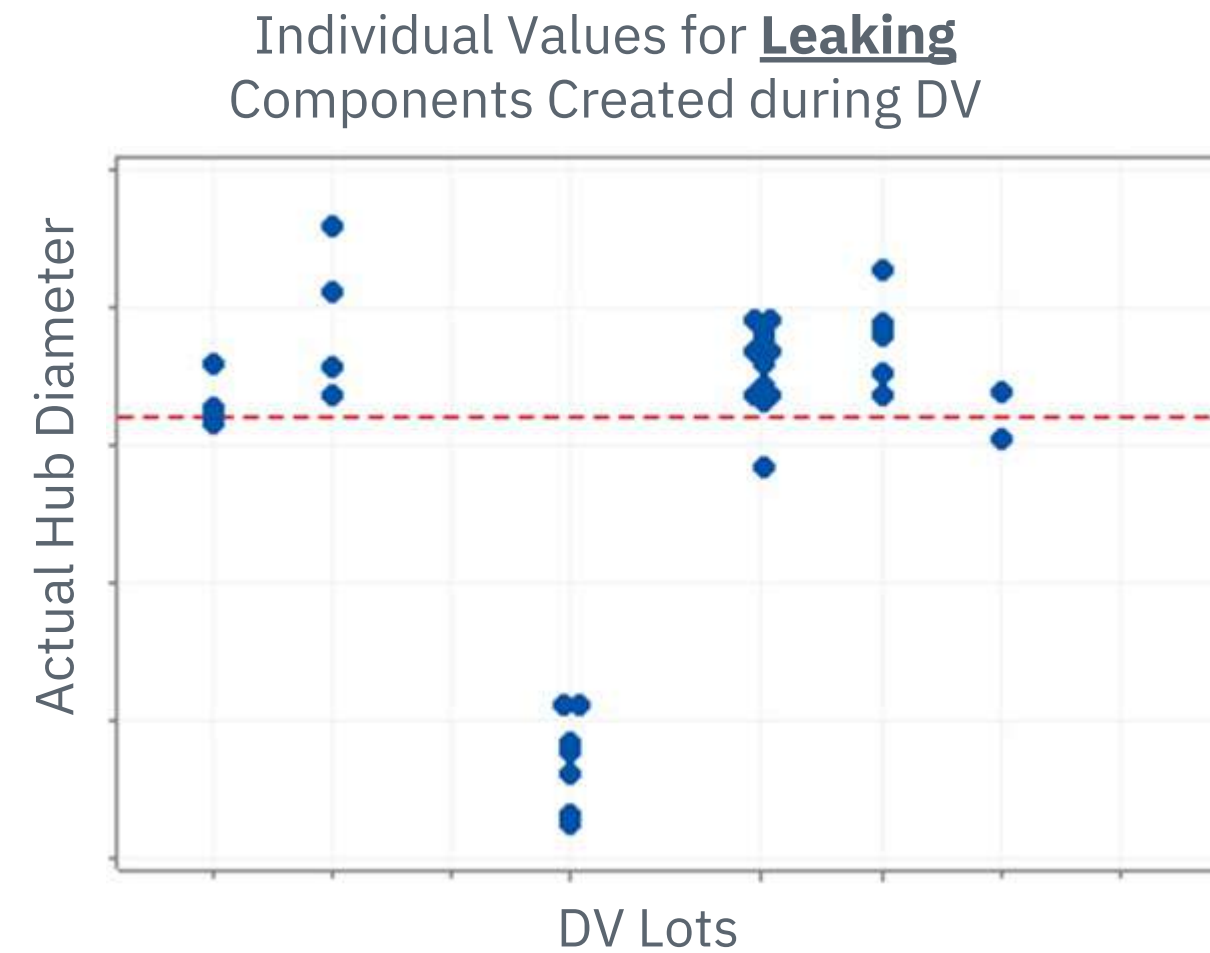
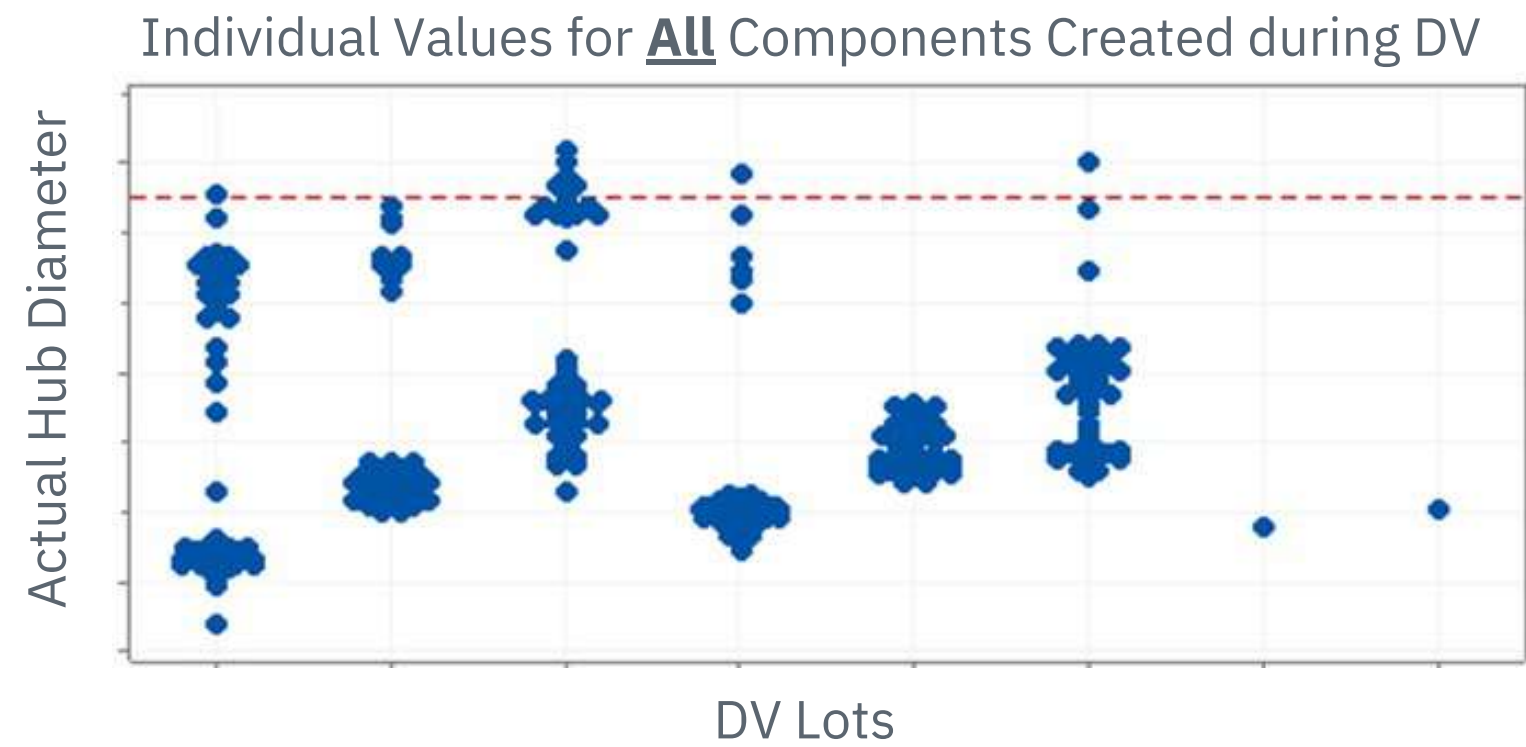
1. The loose tolerancing schemes cause significant variability in the Hub diameter.
2. Larger Hub OD designs will encounter O-Ring travel during assembly.
3. The loose tolerancing schemes cause significant variability of the vacuum plate feature.

How much can we increase the Hub diameter size?

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Design Verification Data

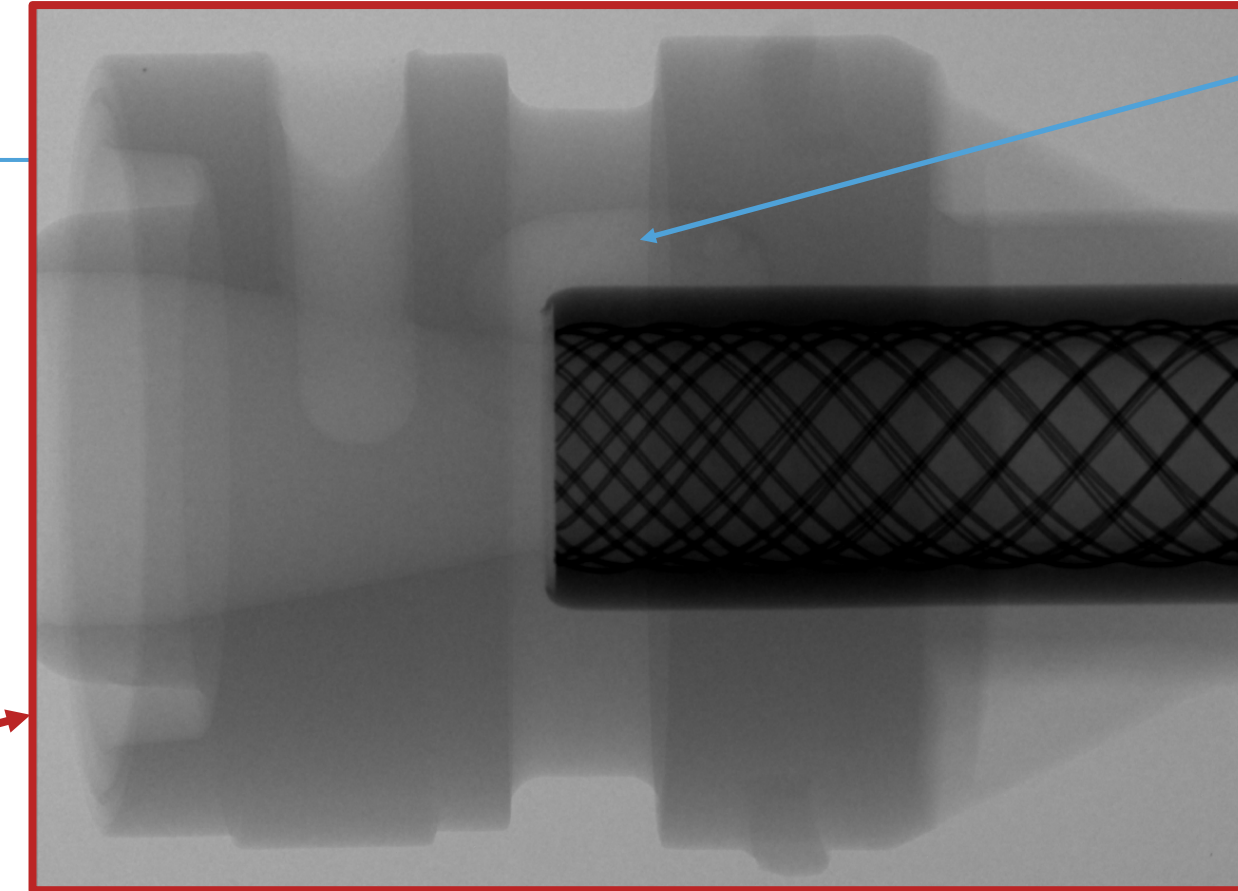
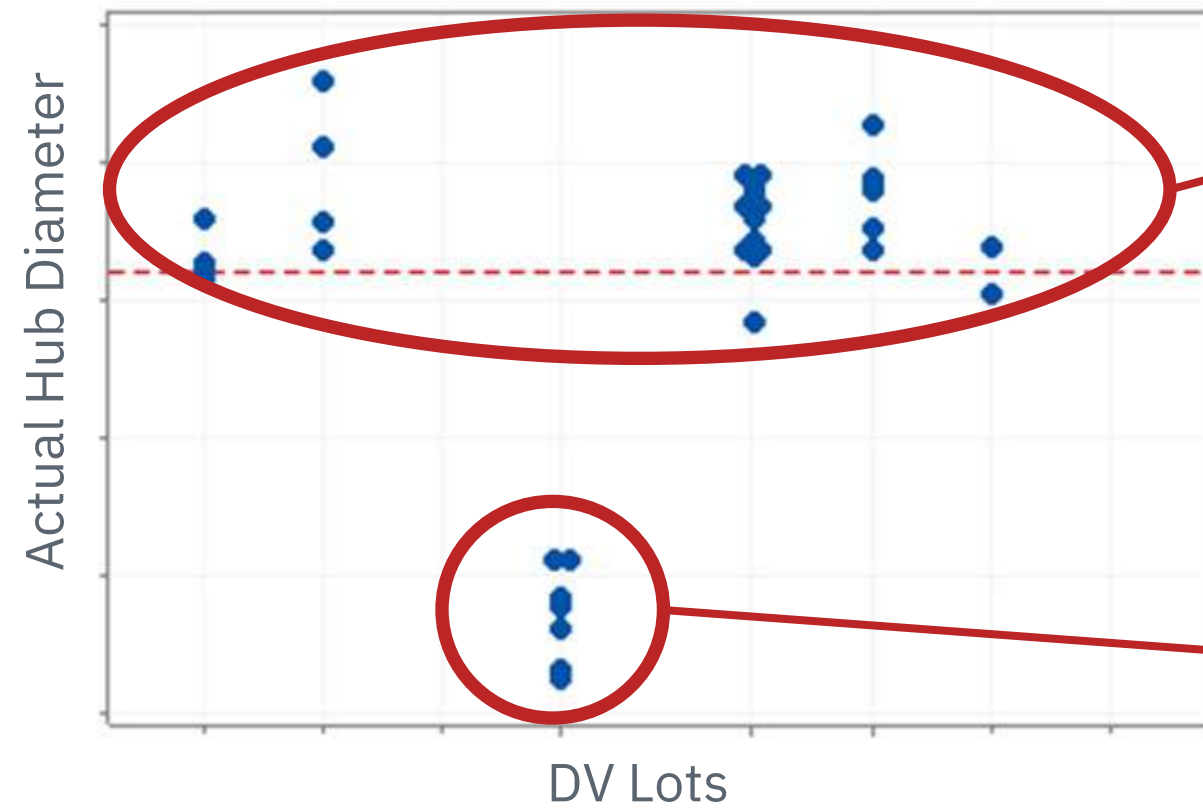
Take a look at the DV data under the lens of the insights we gained from our design study...



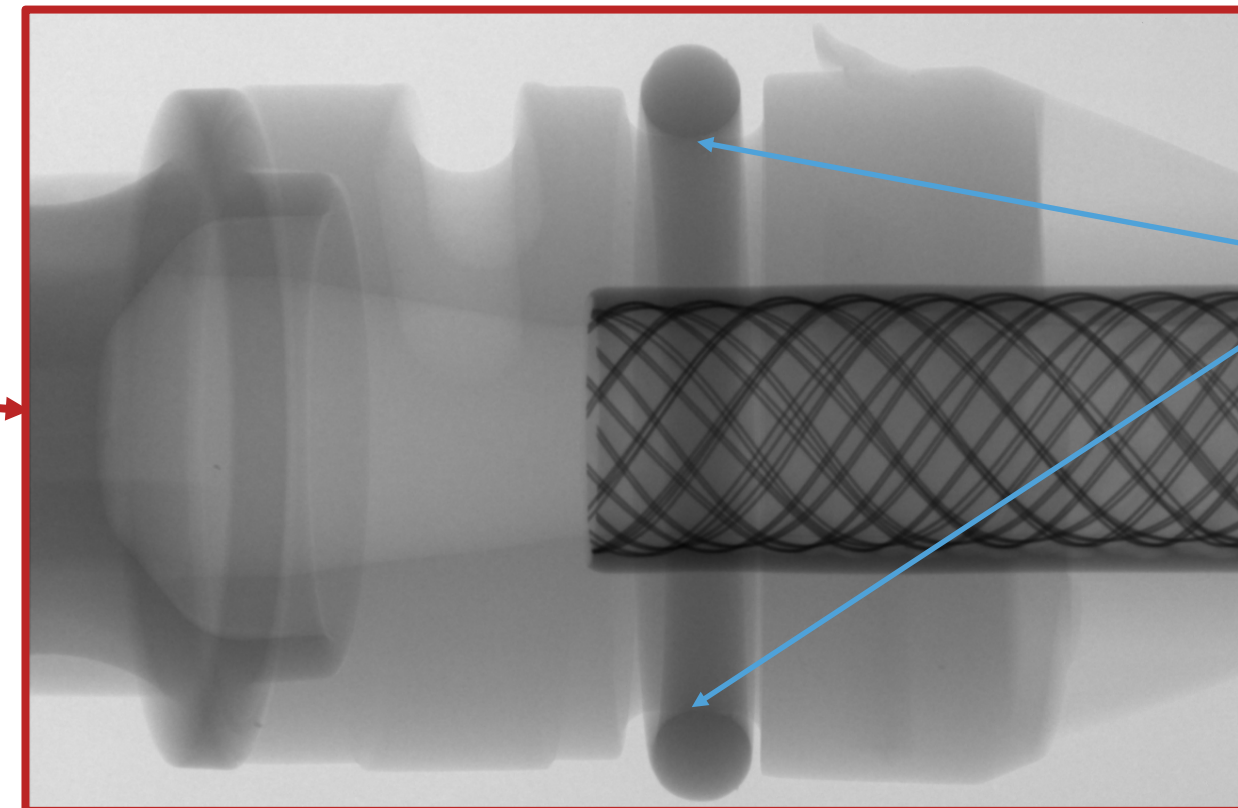
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Design Verification Data

Individual Values for **Leaking**
Components Created during DV



Injection
Molding Void



Floating O-Ring

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Summary

- Identified the critical parameters
- Using the critical parameters and DV data, we determined the root cause of failures
- Proposed process solutions (without any late-phase design changes)
- Reduced potential scrap by ~8-9%



Take-Away Concepts

Even late-phase design studies have tremendous value

Never underestimate the value that an MDO approach can provide, regardless of the current life-cycle phase

The output of a design study does not have to be a design change

A better understanding of the response space can be even more valuable

Understanding critical design parameters can lead to reduced scrap and improved patient care

Understanding critical parameters can reduce the number of prototypes created and iterated, the number of failed production parts created, and the volume of material used for unnecessary design features





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