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## 30 ans de simulation et optimisation aérodynamique

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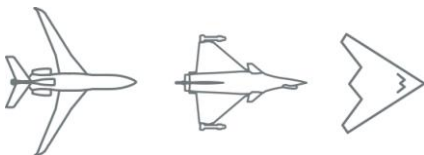
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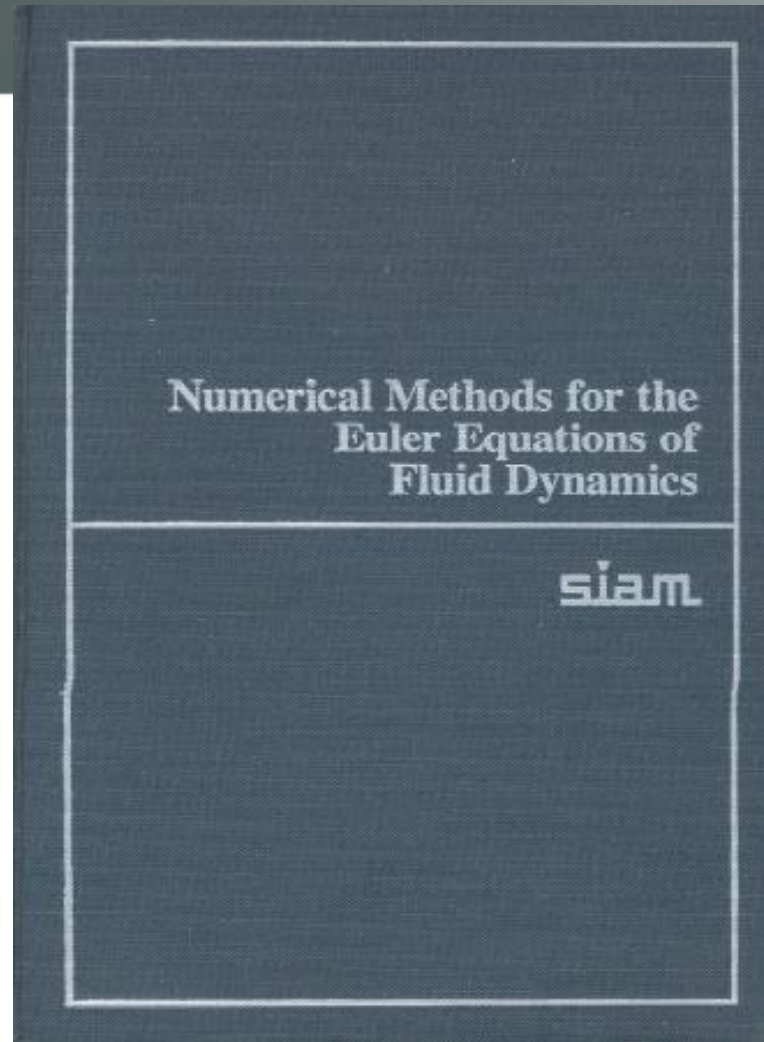
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# My first participation to an international conference



INRIA Workshop  
December 1983

# CFD Debates of last 30 years



## APPROXIMATION

- Centered vs upwind schemes
- TVD vs LED / positive schemes vs distributive schemes vs SUPG
- Structured vs unstructured meshes

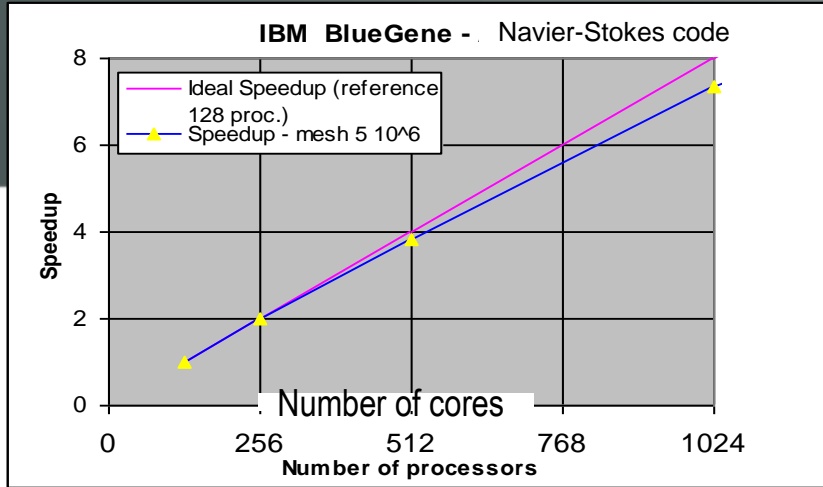
## SOLVING

- Multigrid vs implicit solving problems

## OPTIMUM DESIGN

- Exact discrete vs continuous discretized adjoint equation
- Gradient-based vs evolutionary optimization techniques

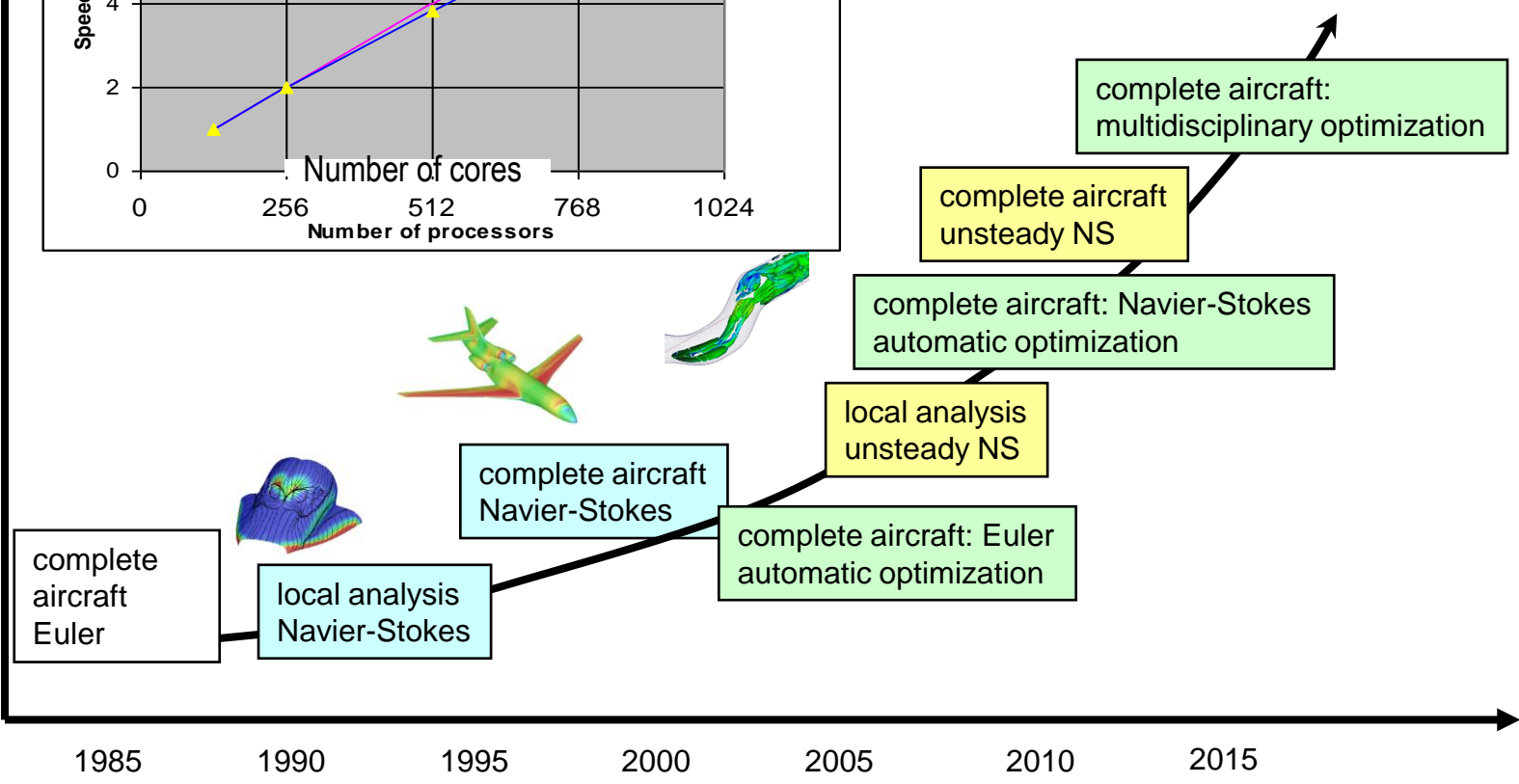
# Computational capabilities over 30 years



50 Teraflops

1 Teraflops

10 MegaFlops



# Early eighties

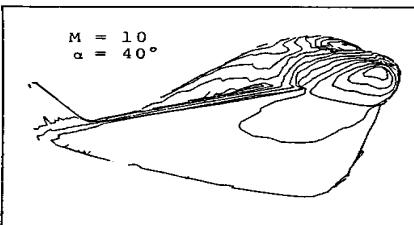
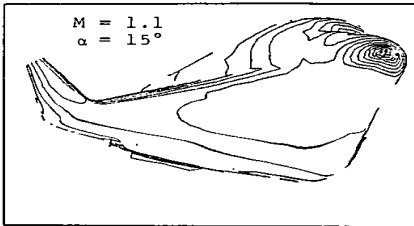
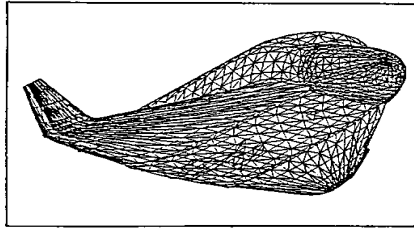


*A premiere: the first industrial complete aircraft aerodynamic computation*

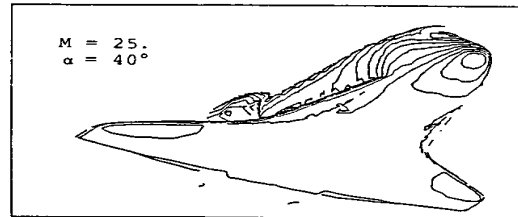
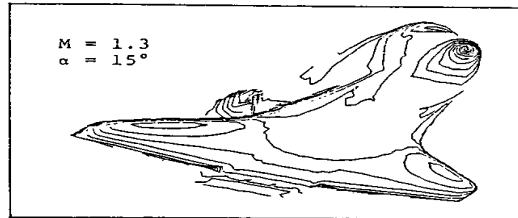
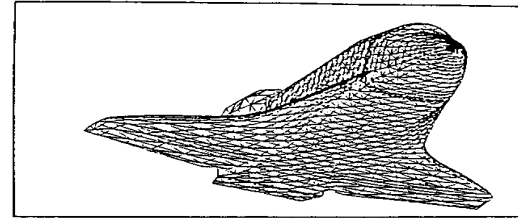
- Falcon 50 aircraft
- Full potential equations
- Finite element discretization
- Least-square formulation



# Mid eighties: the emergence of Euler solvers



FIGURES 8 to 10



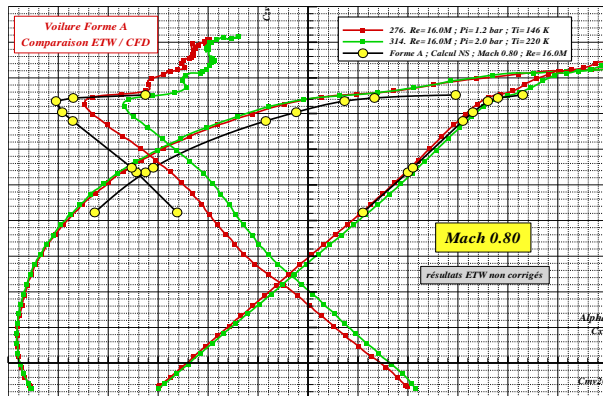
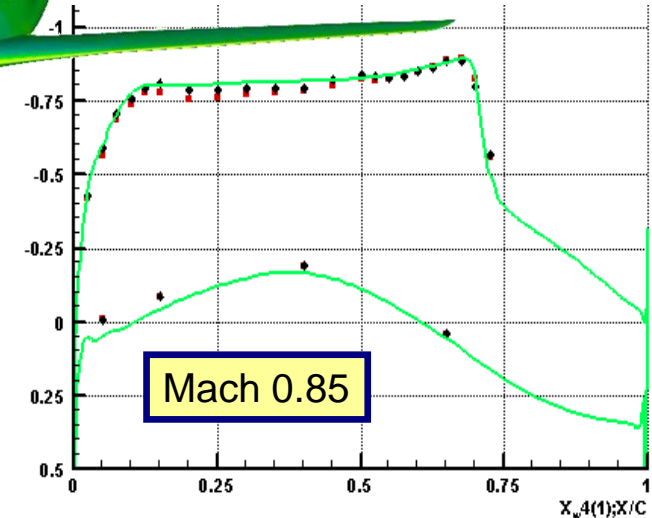
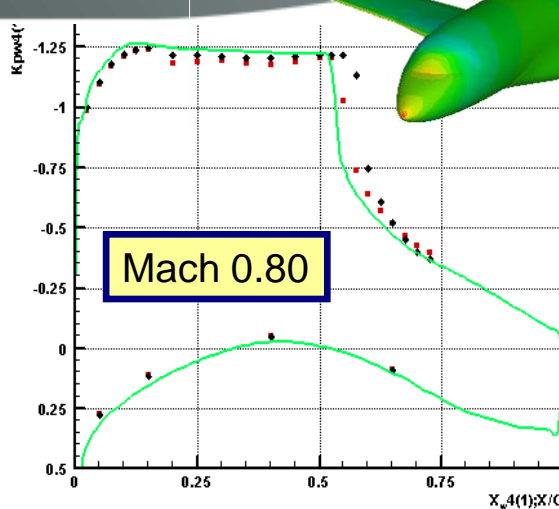
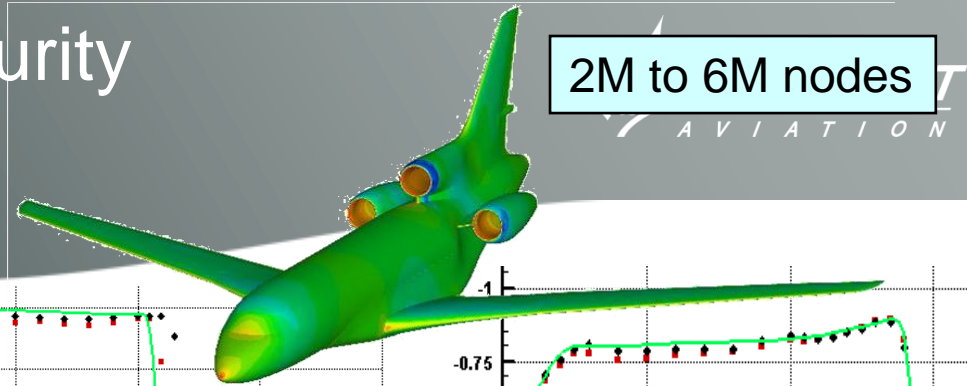
FIGURES 11 to 13

10 000 nodes  
for a half geometry

# Mid 2000's: Industrial maturity of CFD codes



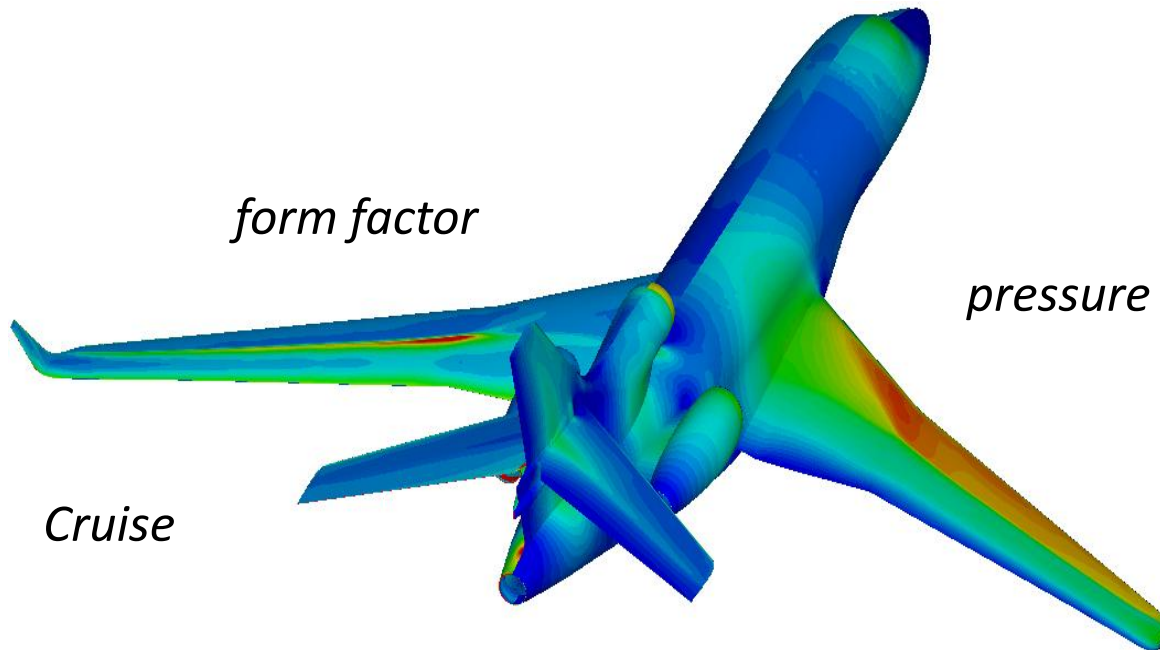
Cryotechnic test of generic Falcon shape in ETW



- Full aircraft Navier-Stokes simulations are used at all stages of design
  - Very good validation is obtained at cruise conditions
  - Design for cruise conditions is based on CFD
- Wind tunnel tests can be limited to intermediate and final check-out if sufficient validation is obtained at flight Reynolds number



# State of the art RANS Transonic cruise



2001 – several hours  
1 million grid points



2014 – 15 minutes  
~20 million grid points  
~500 computations  
possible per day

→ **challenge for the future :**

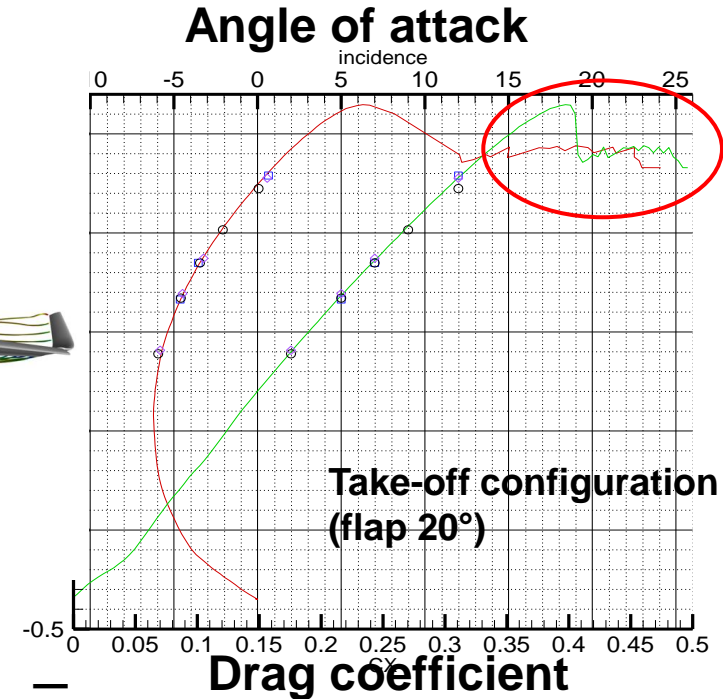
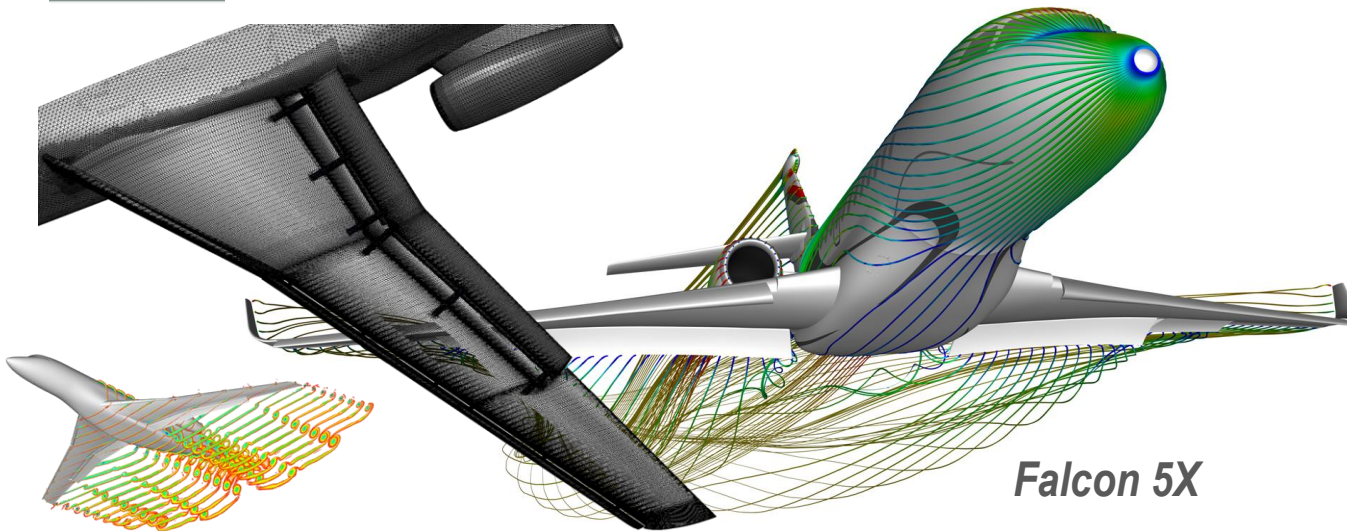
- **drag accuracy at cruise ~0.5-1% (viscous drag accuracy, corner flows, ...) → improved RANS modeling**
- **30 secs**



# Turbulence modeling

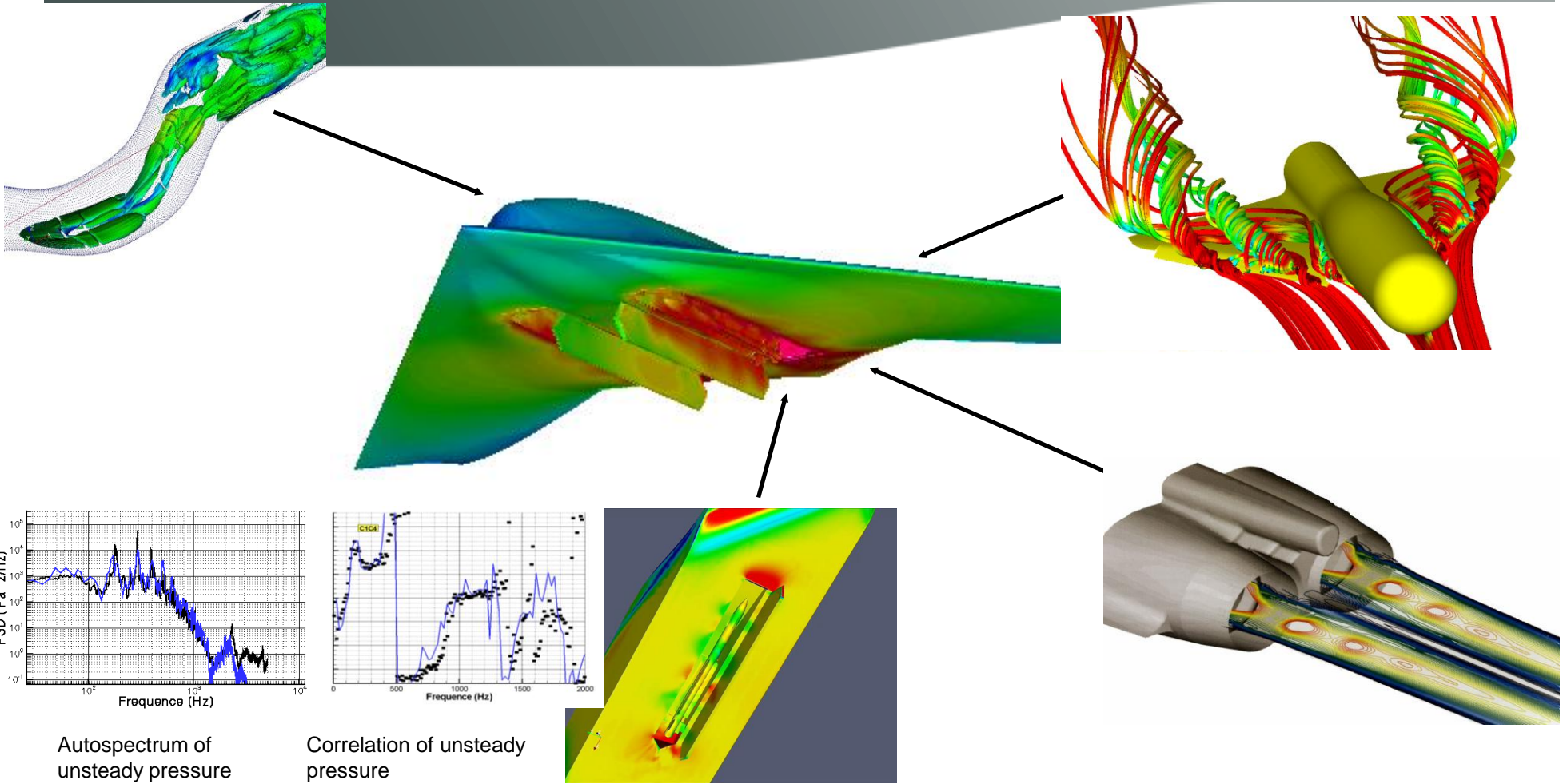
## State of the art RANS

### Take-off and landing



- ***WT is still the main design tool***
- ***CFD is not yet reliable enough predict max lift***
- ***CFD is a key tool for analysis and understanding of the local flow physics***
- ***Challenge for the future : accurate max lift (illustrate trend towards use of CFD for limits of flight domain)***
- ***→ improved RANS modeling***

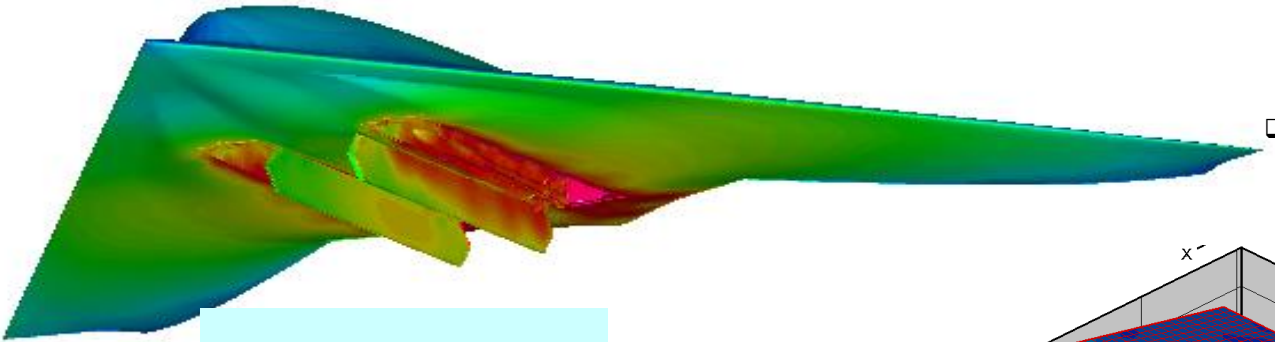
# Turbulence modeling for complex flows



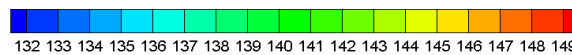
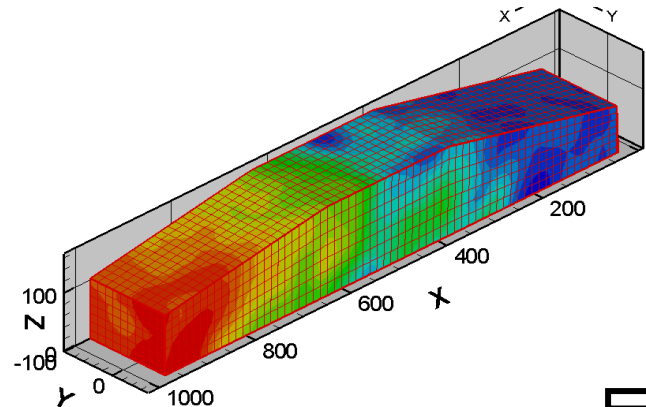
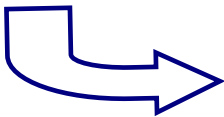
Autospectrum of unsteady pressure signal

Correlation of unsteady pressure signals at two points

# Fatigue sizing of a structure

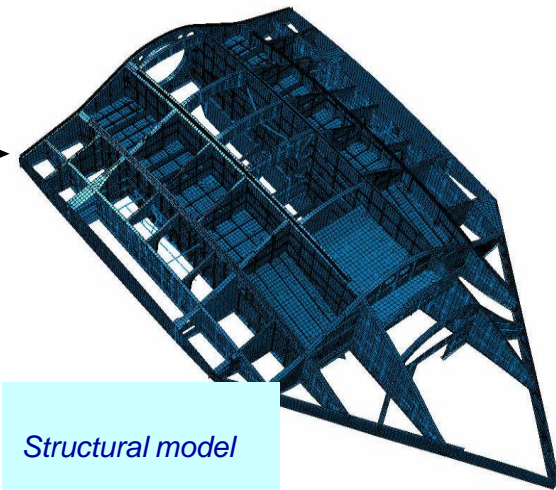


*Unsteady aerodynamic computation*

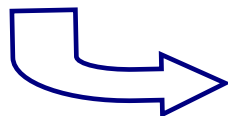


*Spectrum in dB (60 Hz) projected*

- Chargement de la structure par la base aéro-acoustique :
- 1676 chargements en pression sur la soute (0-500 Hz)
  - Chaque chargement est corrélé avec tous les autres : matrice complexe 1676x1676 pour chaque fréquence

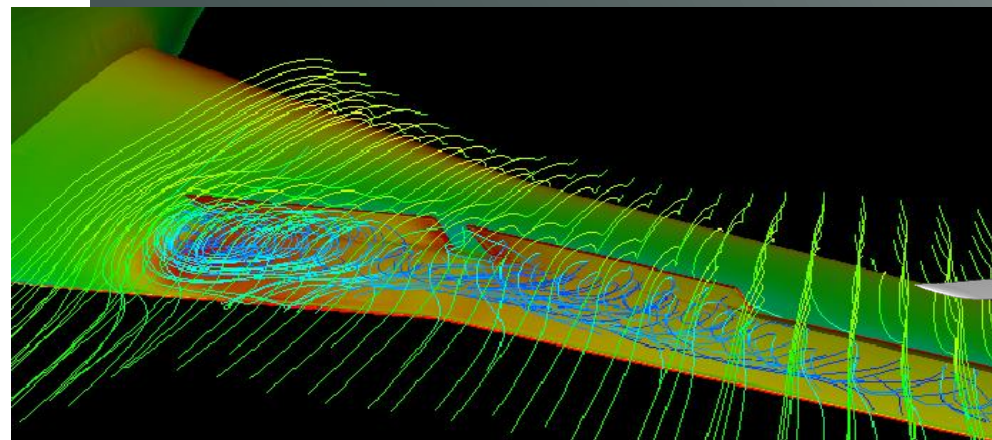
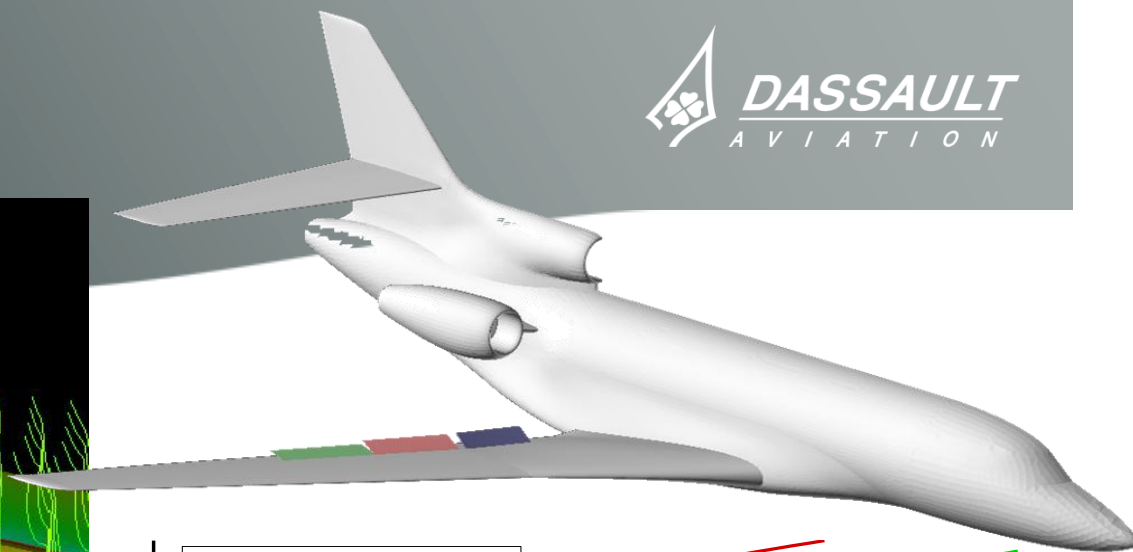


*Structural model*

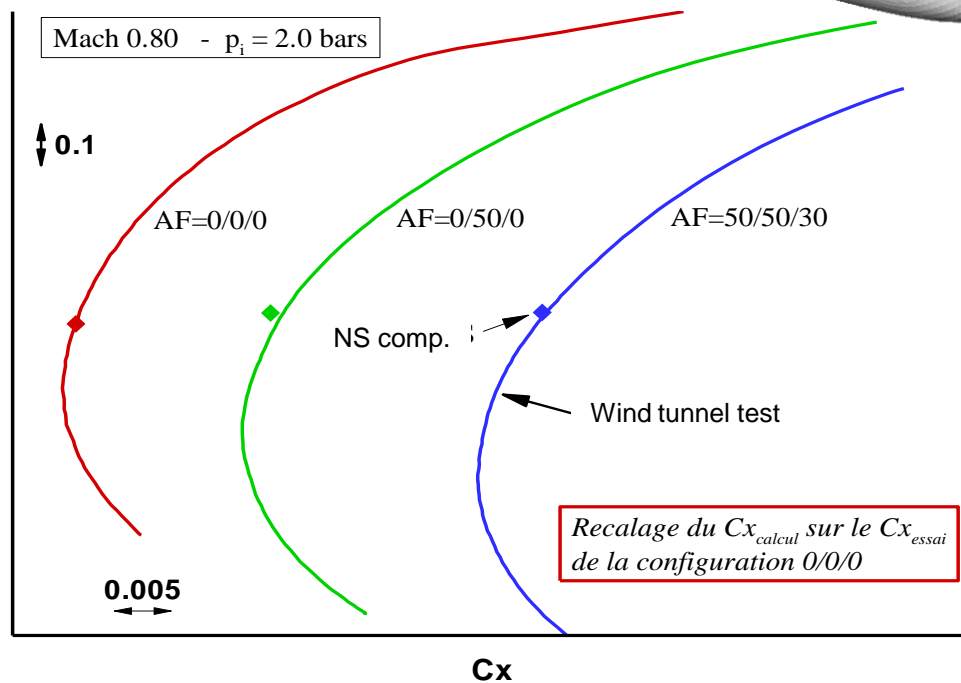
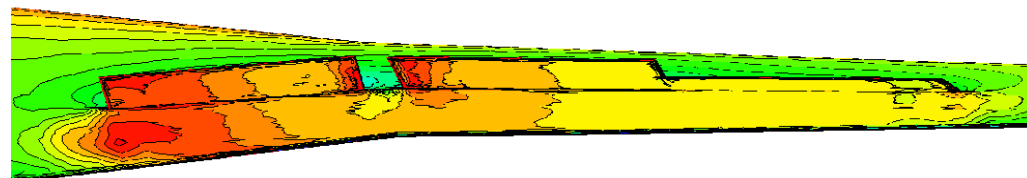
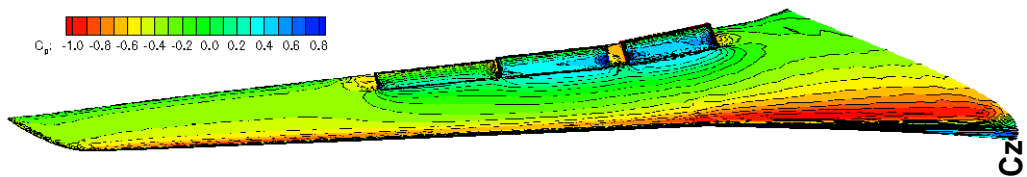




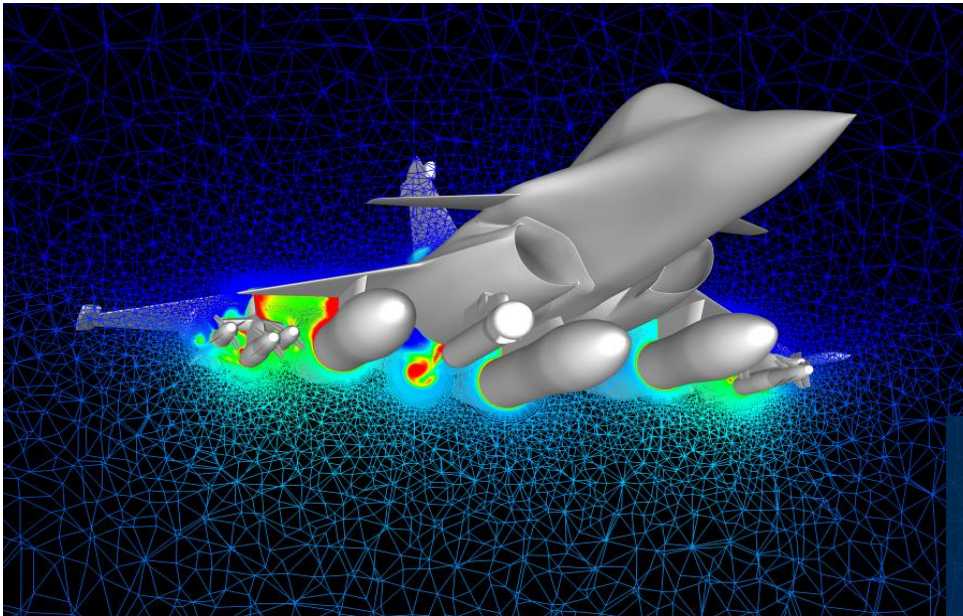
# Airbrake design



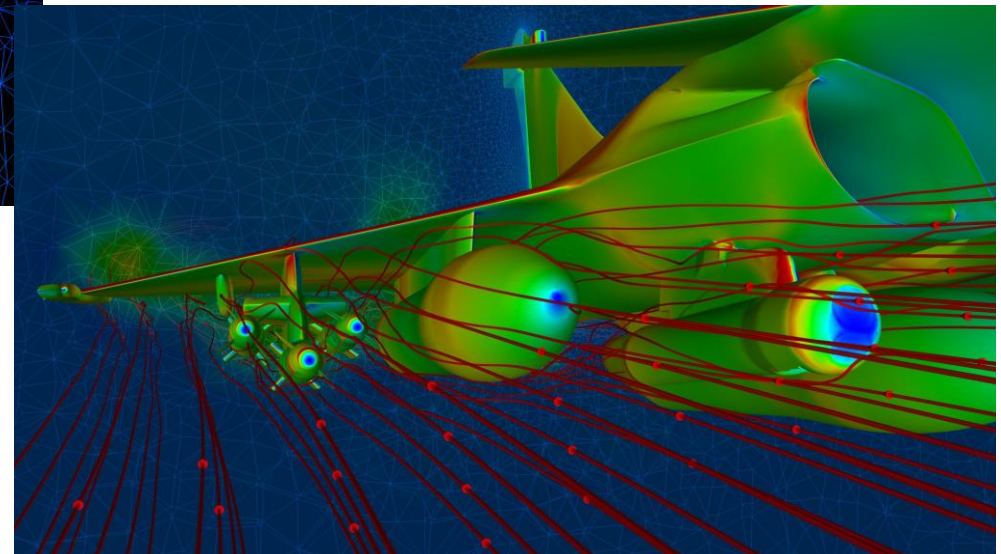
$C_p$ : -1.0 -0.8 -0.6 -0.4 -0.2 0.0 0.2 0.4 0.6 0.8



# Turbulence modeling State of the art RANS Weapon integration/separation



- **Efficient process is required :**
  - *many flight points*
  - *many aircraft configuration (weapon mix on many attachment points)*
  - *many store type (missile, bombs, tanks, pods)*
- **Process combines CFD, Wind tunnel & flight**





# Computational trends

Computers power will increase by a factor around 500 within the next 10 years:

1 week-long computation will be available in 1/2 hour

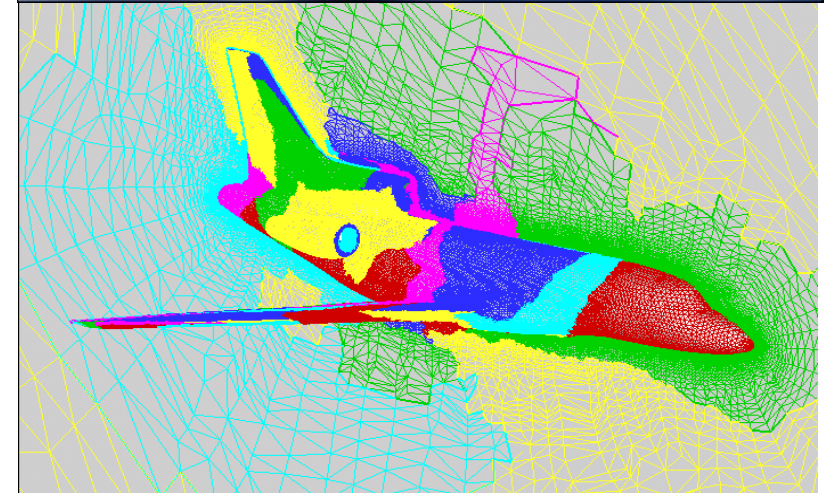
1 day-long computation will be available for automatic optimization

1 hour-long computation will be available interactively

Open the way for short cycle Multi-disciplinary Design Loop

Computers architecture evolves to an almost exponentially increasing number of processors

The architecture of the Codes must fit to the computers' one



## Design iterations based on a virtual product

Cost reduction

## Optimization and trade-off

Evolving requirements

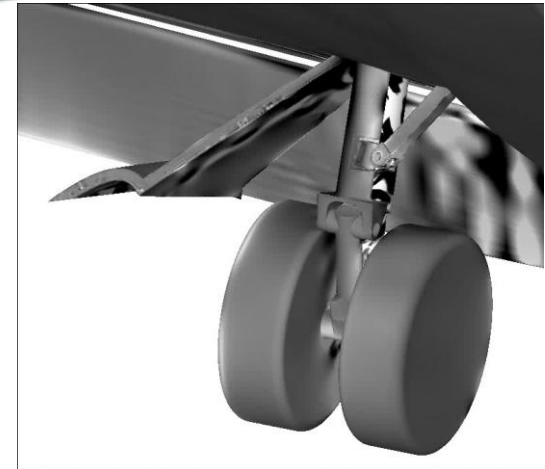
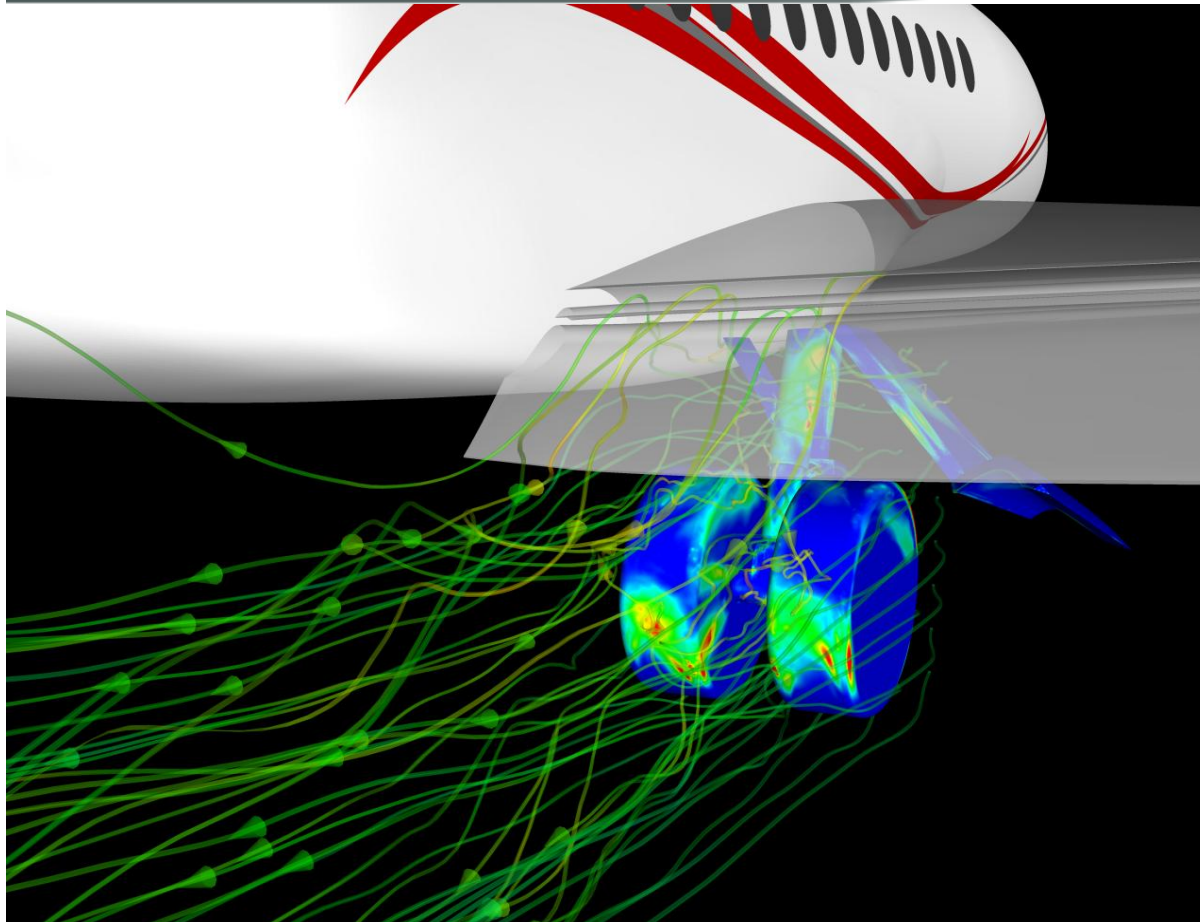
## Risk mitigation before flight

Performances prediction



# DES application to airframe aeroacoustics

## Landing gear noise



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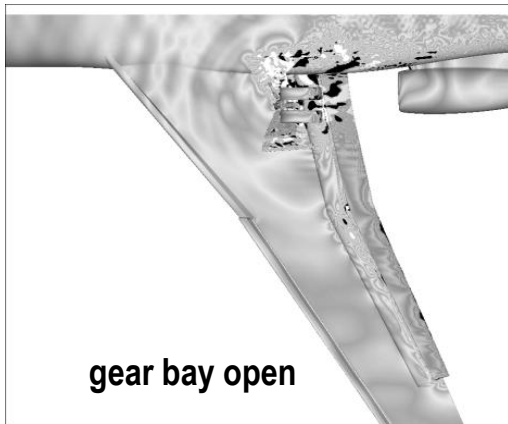
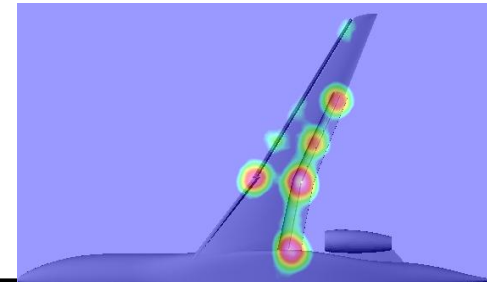
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### Influence of landing gear bay

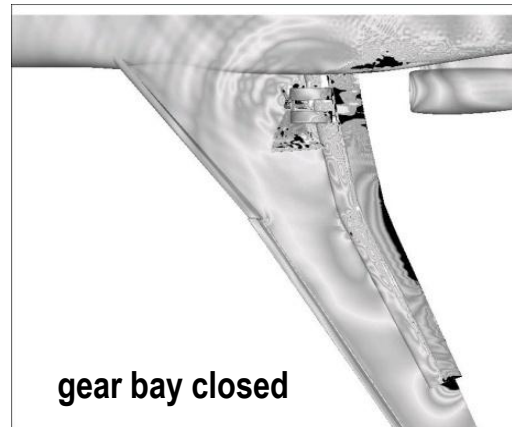


#### Example of detailed study: gear bay integration

- Gear bay as a noise source
- Disturbance of mean flow field due to gear bay
- Mixing layer over the bay interacting with gear components

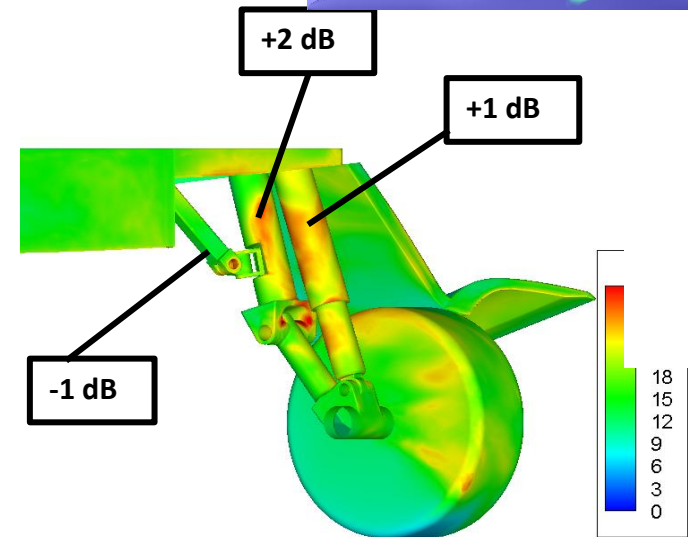


gear bay open



gear bay closed

Acoustic pressure (bottom view of the aircraft)



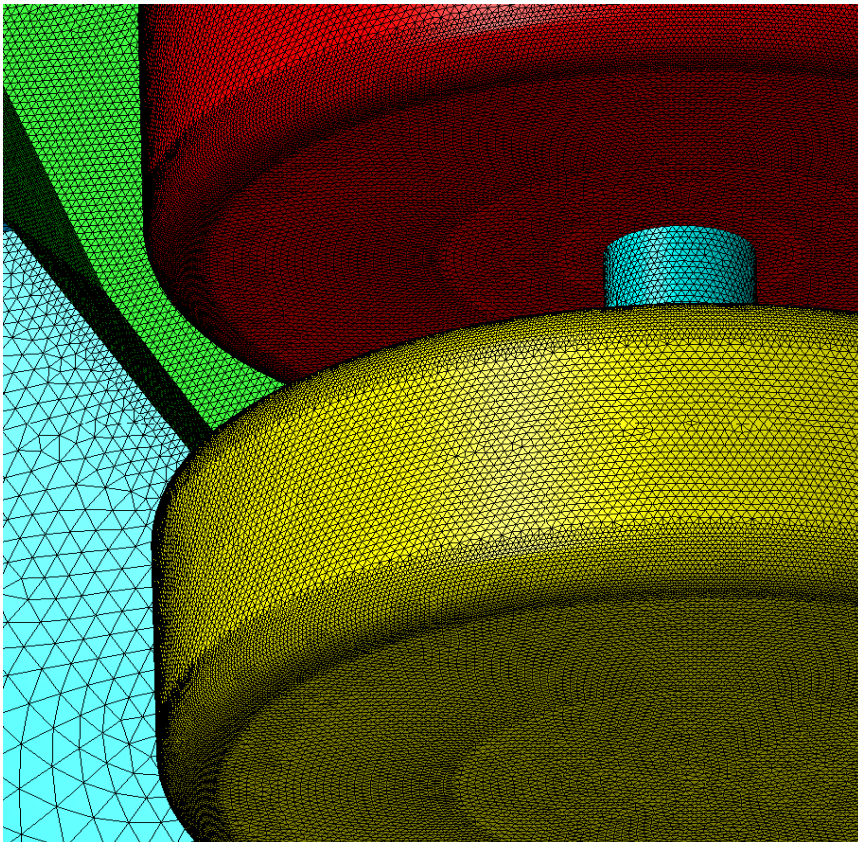
Modification of noise sources intensity due to gear bay opening



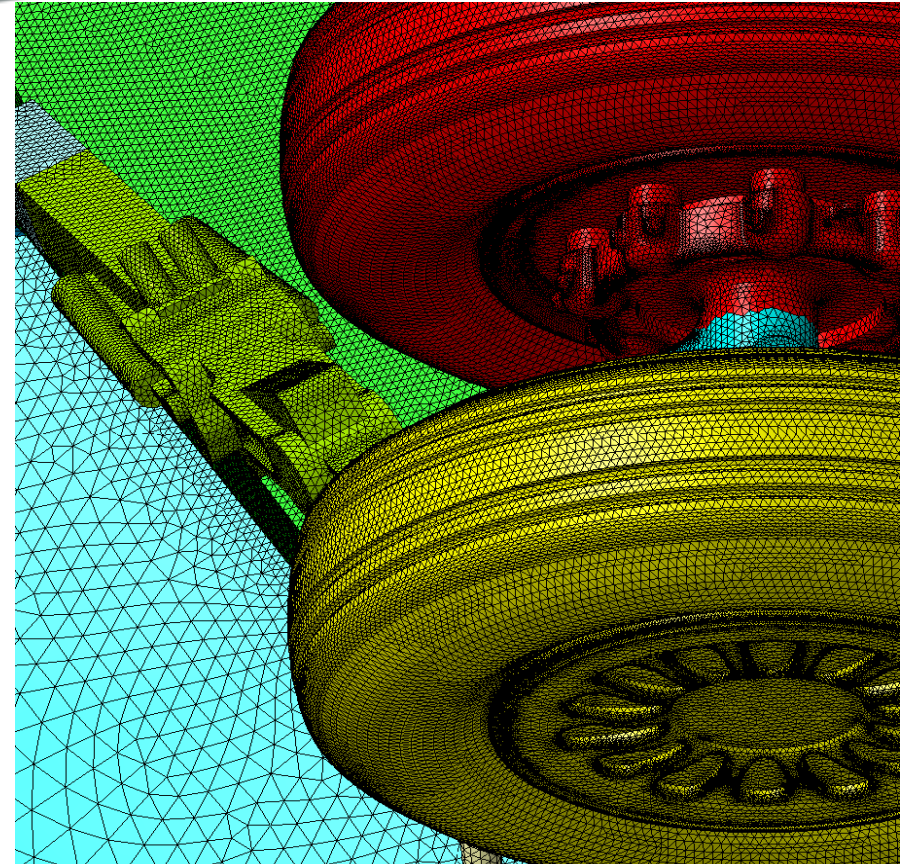
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## Landing gear noise

### Influence of geometrical details



**Surface mesh – « simplified » landing gear**  
**430 809 nodes**



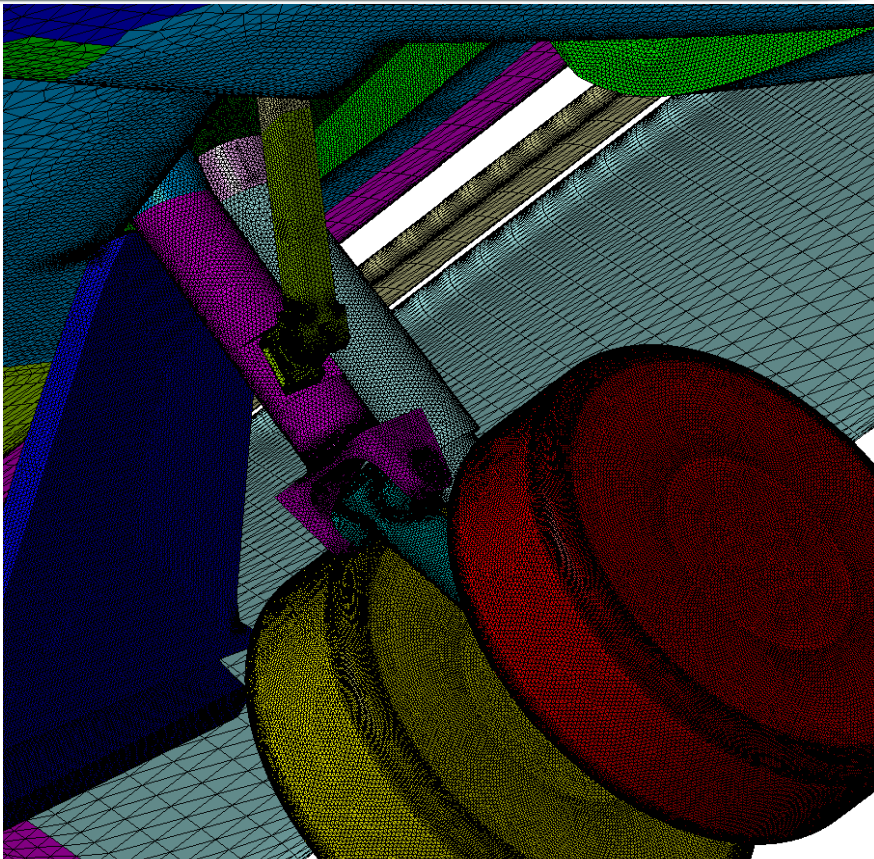
**Surface mesh – « complex » landing gear**  
**493 445 noeuds**



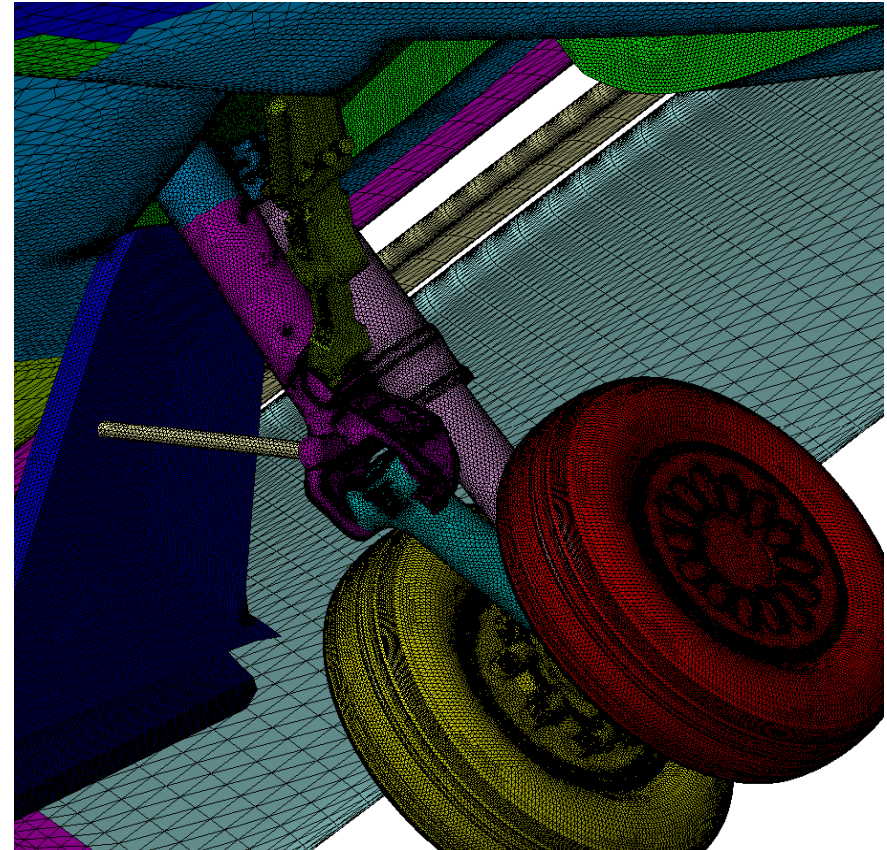
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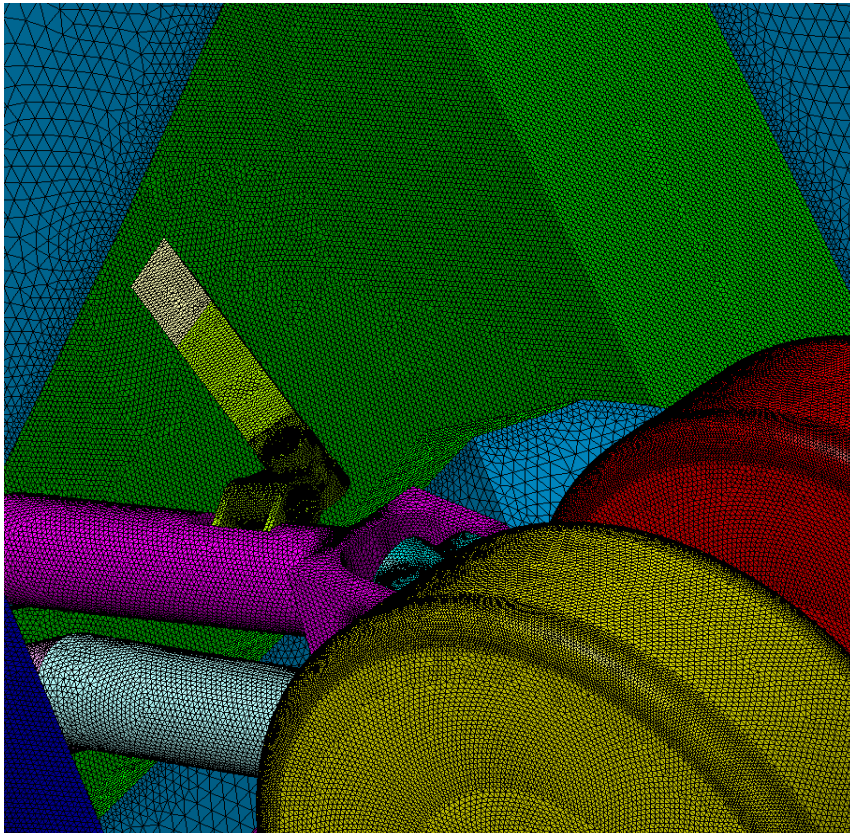
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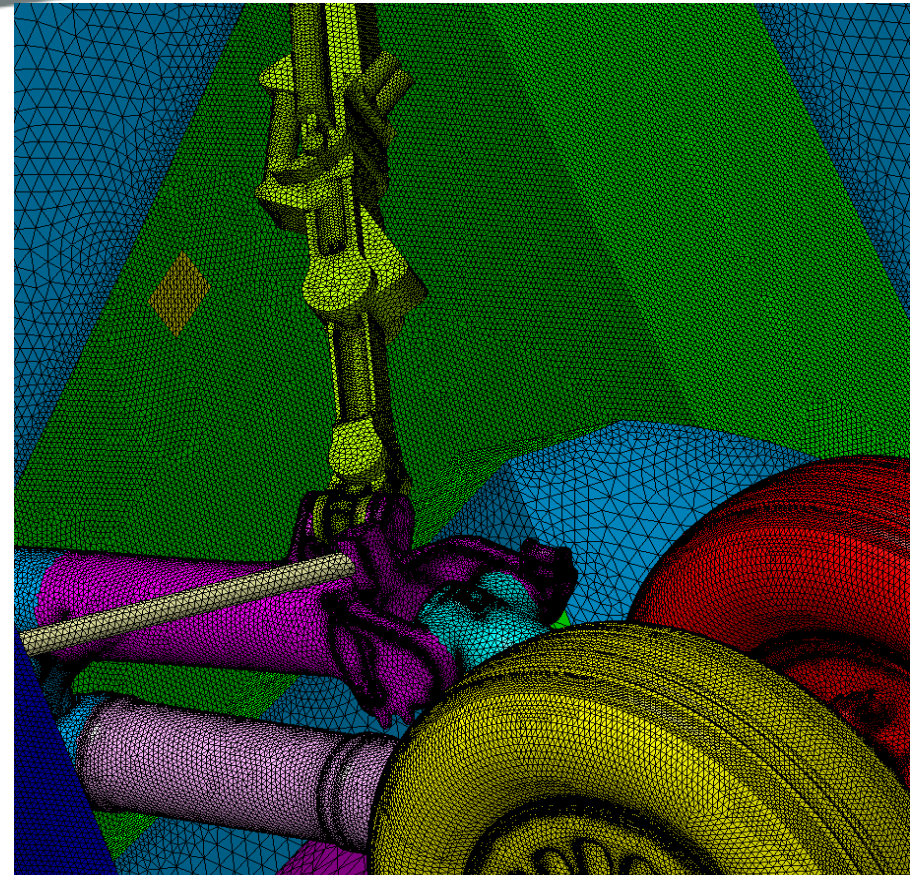
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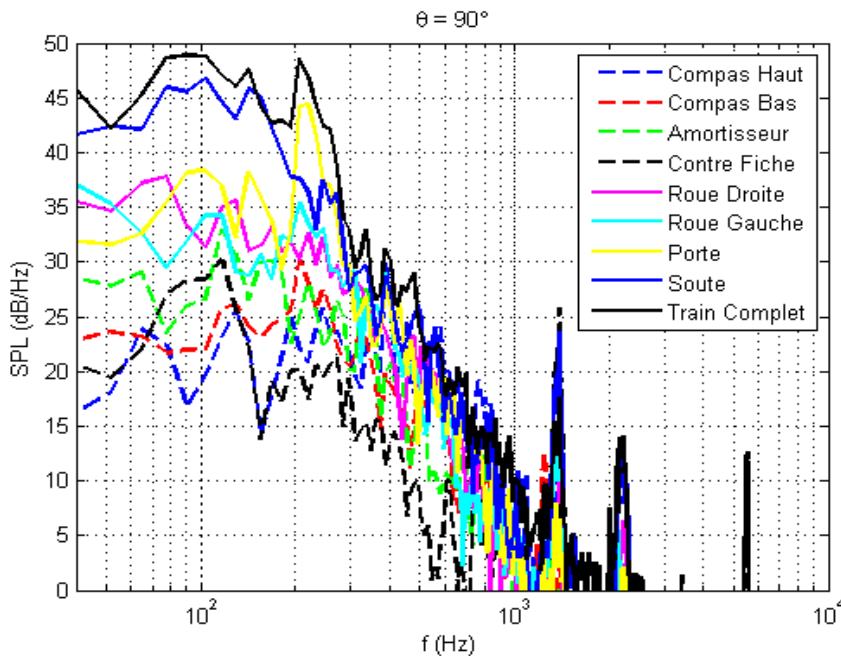
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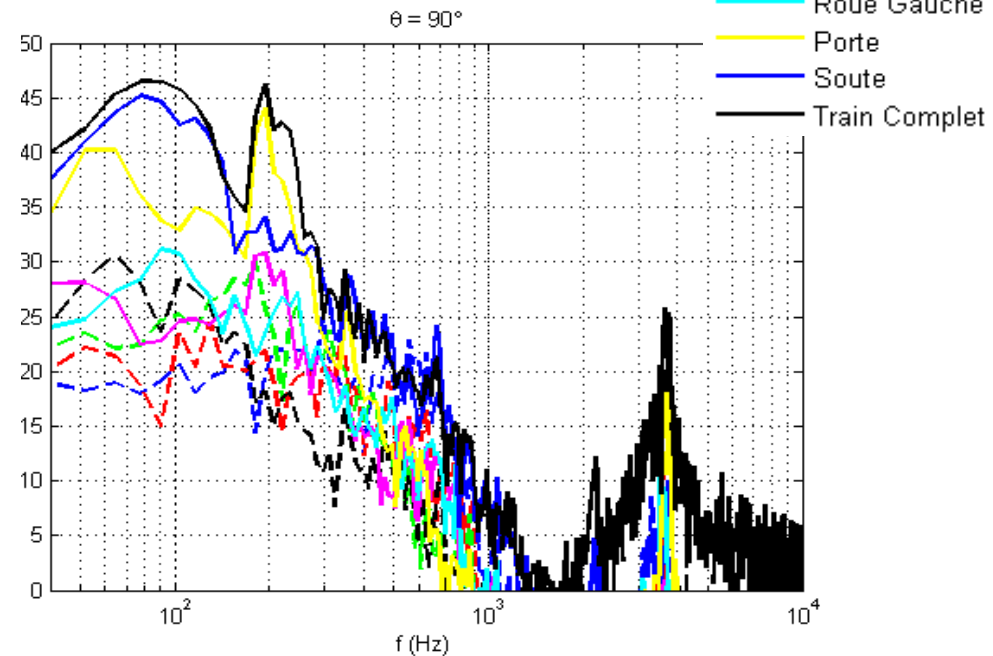
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## Far field spectra – simple / complex DES



SPL (dB/Hz)  
Simple landing gear / Experiment



SPL (dB/Hz)  
Complex landing gear / Experiment

- Compas Haut
- Compas Bas
- Amortisseur
- Contre Fiche
- Roue Droite
- Roue Gauche
- Porte
- Soute
- Train Complet