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Characterisation and Reduction of Aircraft Landing Gear Noise

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Introduction

Aircraft Noise

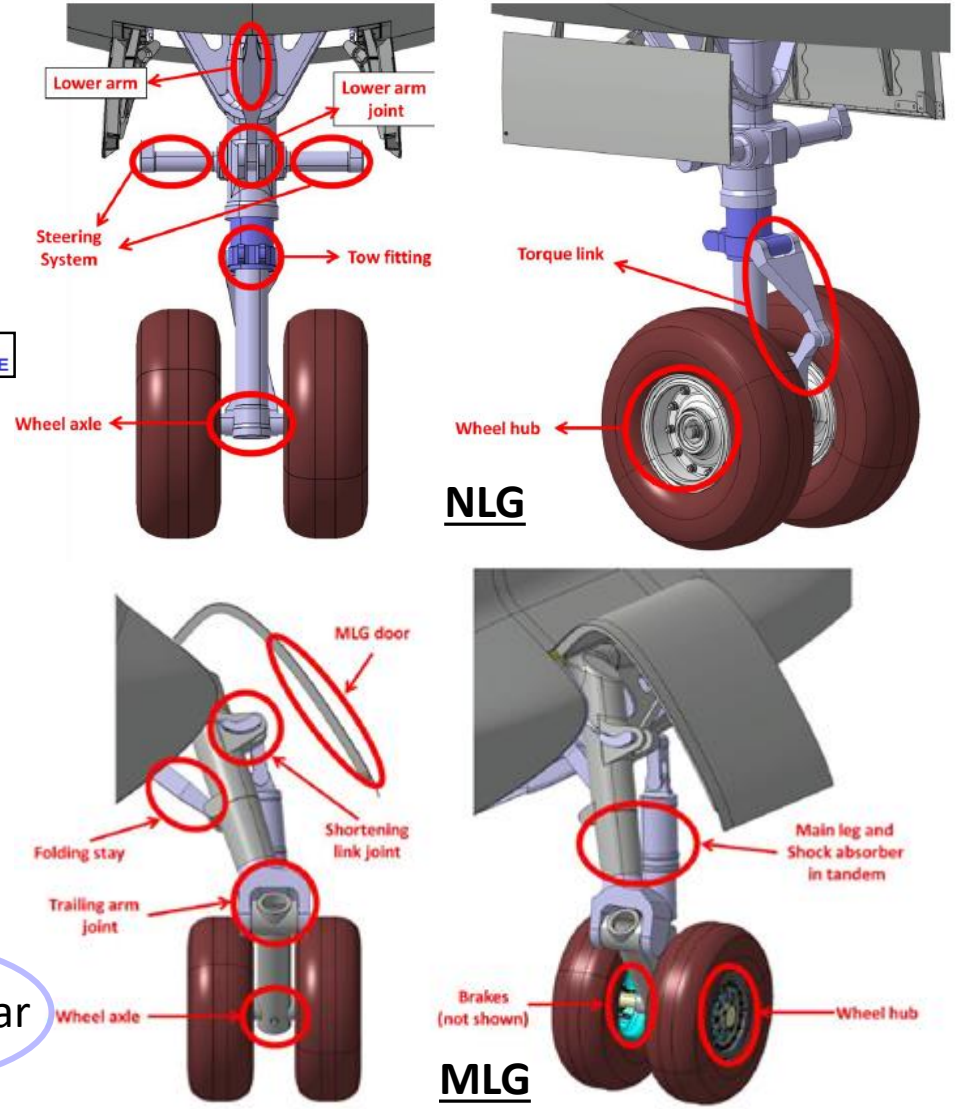
Aircraft noise sources

Engine noise

Airframe noise

High Lift devices (flaps/slats)

Landing Gear



Introduction

The ALLEGRA project

ADVANCED LOW NOISE LANDING (MAIN AND NOSE) GEAR FOR REGIONAL AIRCRAFT

Clean Sky

7 years research project

ALLEGRA

2.5 years research project

Assess **low noise technologies** applied to a **full-scale nose landing gear** and **half-scale main landing gear** model of a regional aircraft

ITD:

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Trinity College Dublin (COORDINATOR)

KTH Sweden

Pininfarina SPA

Eurotech

Teknosud

Magnaghi Aeronautica

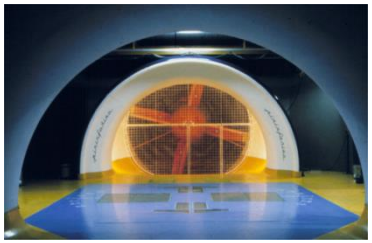
The research leading to these results has received funding from the European Union's Seventh Framework Programme (FP7/2007-2013) for the Clean Sky Joint Technology Initiative under grant agreement n° [308225].

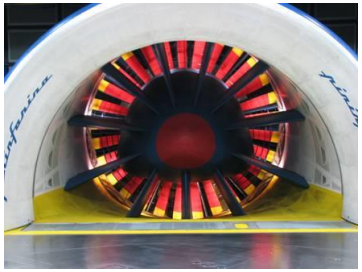
Introduction

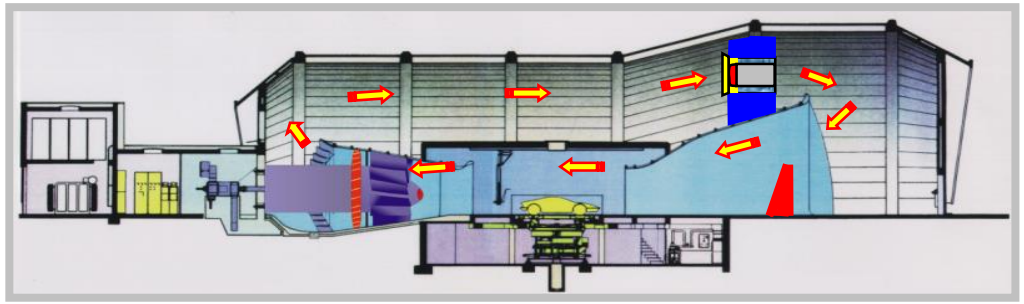
The ALLEGRA project

Pininfarina Wind Tunnel features:

- Jet section: 11 m^2 (semi-circular)
- Max speed: 260 km/h (empty test section)
- BNL: 68 dBA at V = 100 km/h
- Turbulence intensity: 0.3%
- Test Section: 8m x 9,6m x 4,2m

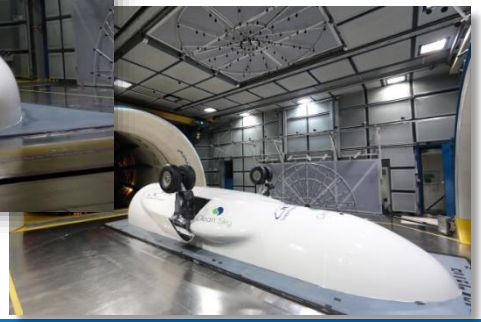






ALLEGRA specifications:

- **Full representation** of the landing gear detail and associated structures (e.g. bay cavity, bay doors, belly fuselage etc.) are included and addressed at a realistic scale.
- The Nose Landing Gear is designed at full scale and the Main Landing Gear at half scale.
- Implementation of low-noise technologies.



Introduction

NLG Baseline Configurations

NLG

Nose landing gear dressed: Baseline

NF

Closed Fuselage only

NB

BAY OPEN, No Landing gear, no doors

Introduction

Decomposition of NLG

NLG-DressW

NLU with wheels removed

NLG-DressWT

NLU with wheels and torque link removed

NLG-DressWTS

NLU with wheels, torque link and steering pinion removed

NLG-DressWTSD

NLU with wheels, torque link, steering pinion and doors removed

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Application of low noise technologies to the NLG

NL1

NLG + Ramp spoiler

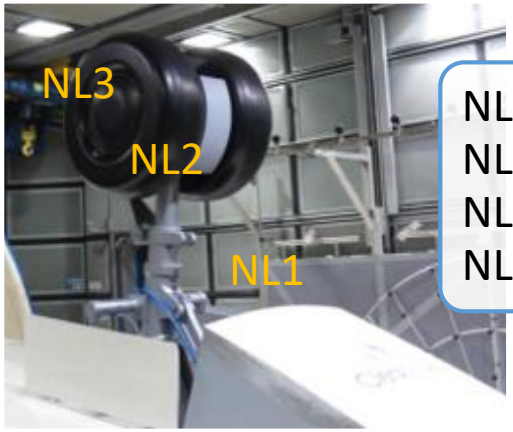
NL2

NLG + Wheel axle wind shield

NL3

NLG + Wheel hub caps

NL6



NLG + NL1 + NL2 + NL3

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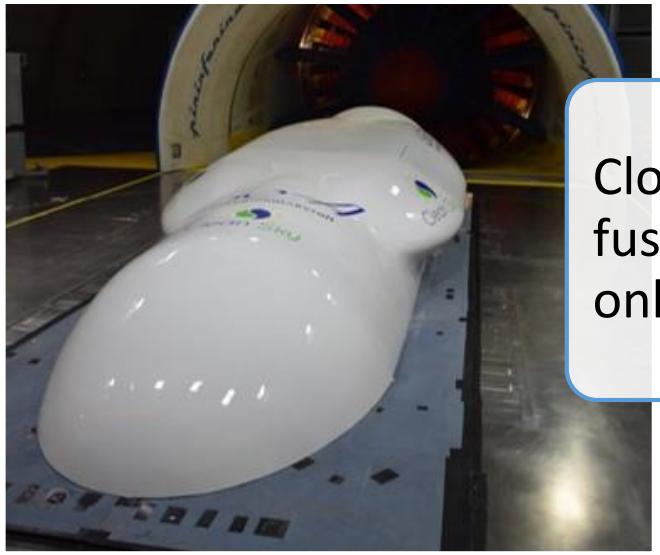
MLG Baseline configurations

MLG

Main landing gear: Baseline

MF



Closed fuselage only

Introduction

Decomposition of the MLG

MLG-TopDoors

MLG with top doors removed

MLG-SideDoors

MLG with side doors removed

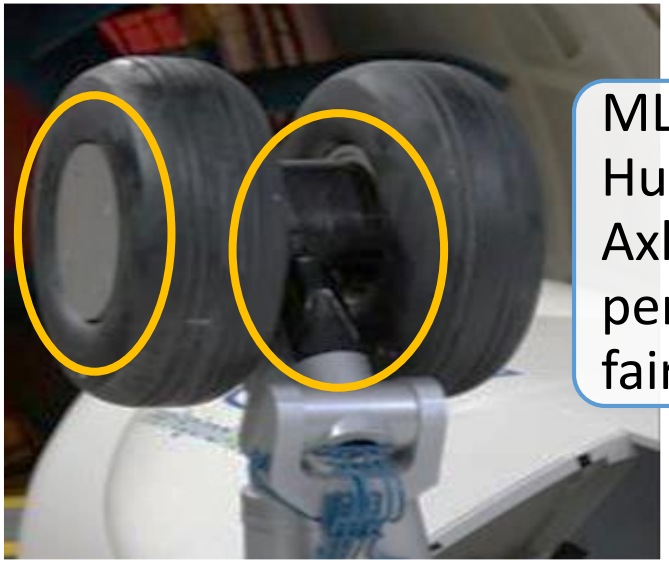
Introduction

Application of low noise technologies to the MLG

ML7

MLG + Mesh treatment

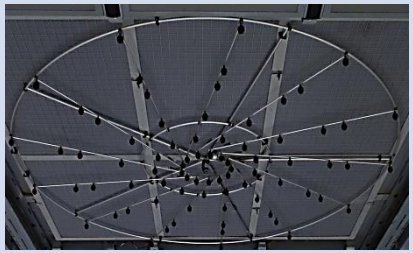
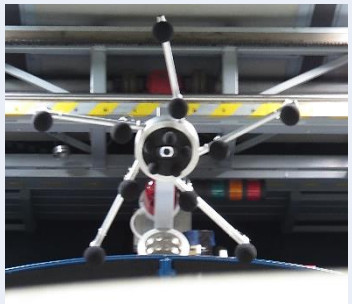
ML8



MLG + Hubcaps + Axle perforated fairing

Introduction

Microphones Arrays

Array name	Characteristics	Picture
Linear Far Field Array	13 microphones 4.22m from model axis	
Side Array	3 meter diameter half-wheel array 66 microphones 4.22m from model axis	
Top Array	3 meter diameter wheel array 78 microphones 1.82m from the model	
Front Array	Spiral array 15 microphones upstream the landing gear plane at an angle of 10 degrees	

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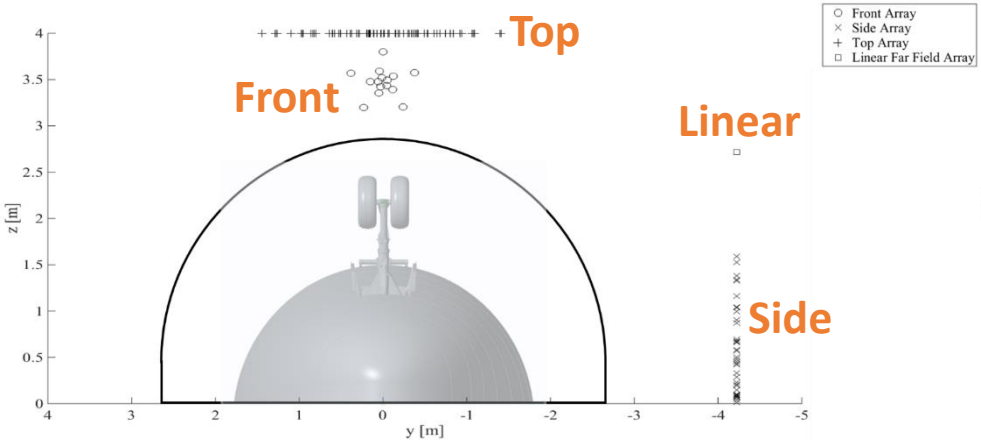
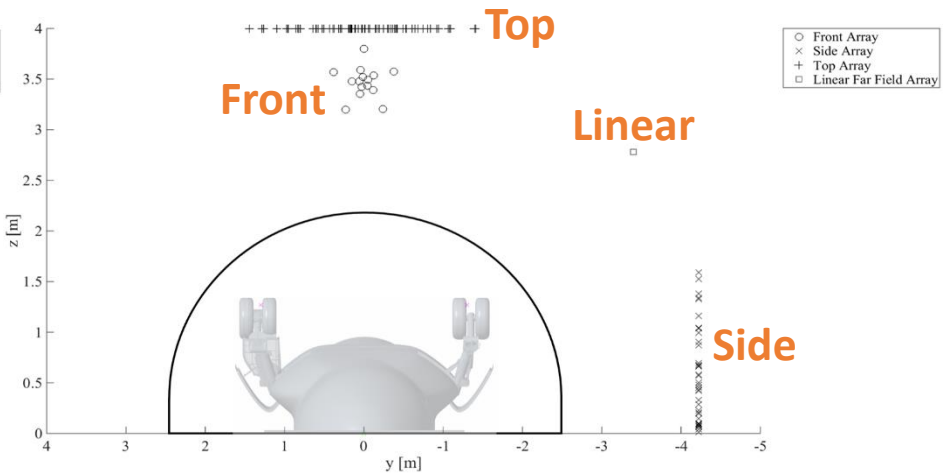
Microphones Arrays





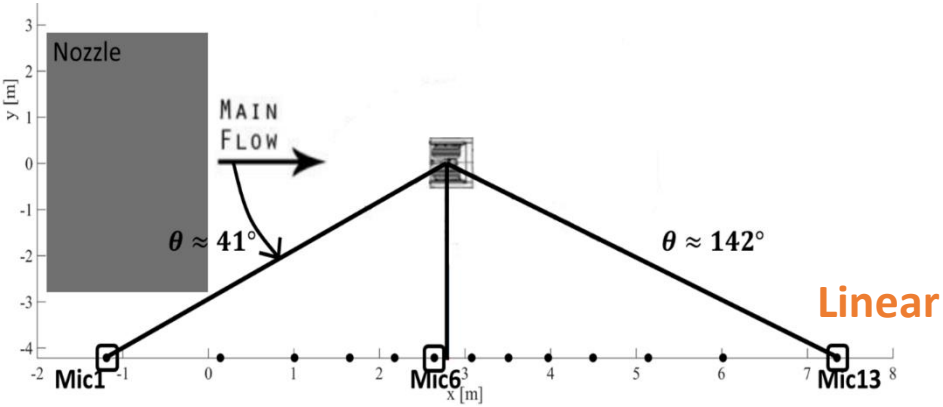


Diagram of linear far field array angles for the NLG

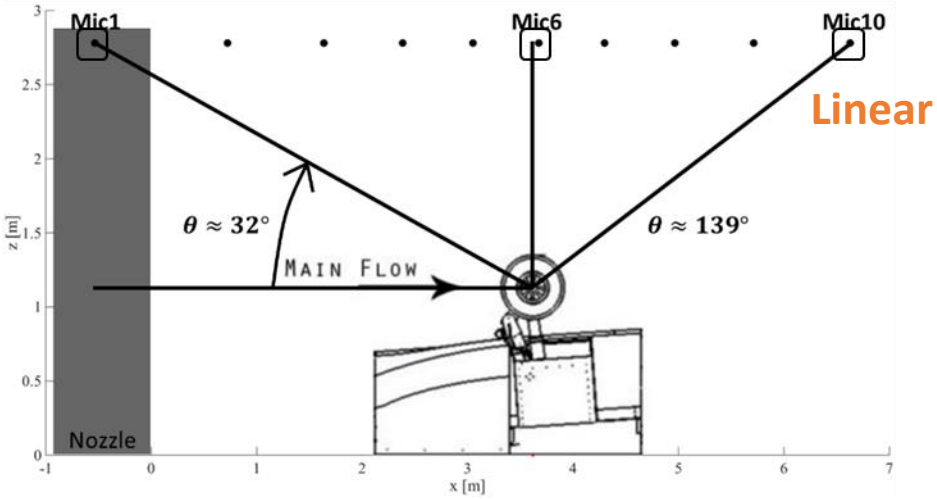


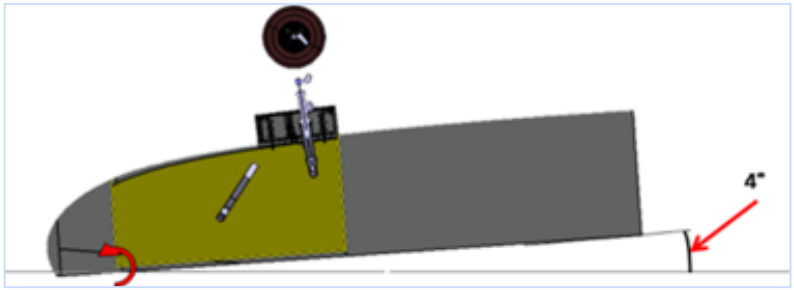
Diagram of linear far field array angles for the MLG

Introduction

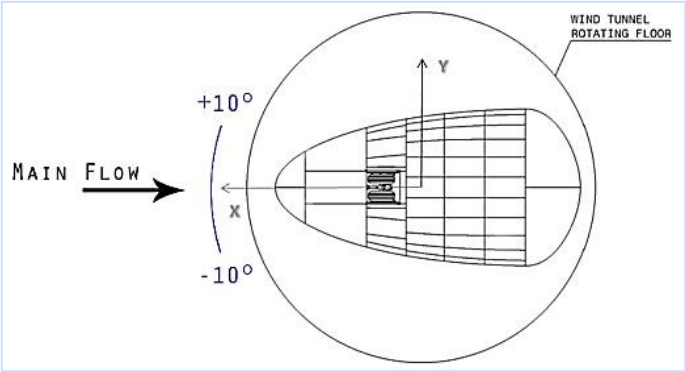
NLG Test Campaign

Wind Tunnel Tests Matrix:

	Wind Tunnel Flow Speed			
Yaw angle	40m/s	50m/s	60m/s	65m/s
	-10°	-10°	-10°	
	-5°	-5°	-5°	-5°
	0°	0°	0°	0°
	5°	5°	5°	5°
	10°	10°	10°	
	-10° to +10°			



Angle of attack: 4°



Yaw Angle

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MLG Test Campaign

Wind Tunnel Tests Matrix:

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	40m/s	45m/s	50m/s	60m/s	65m/s
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	-5°		-5°	-5°	-5°
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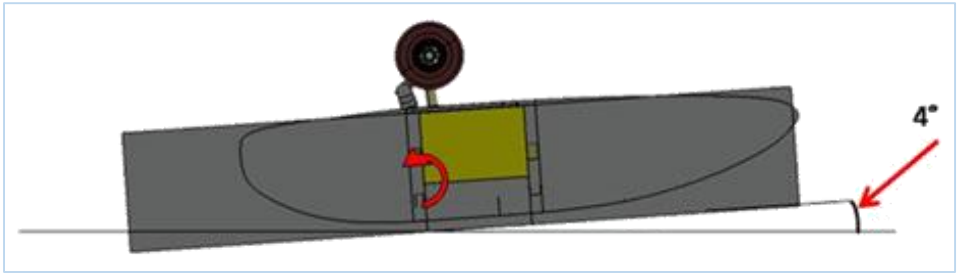

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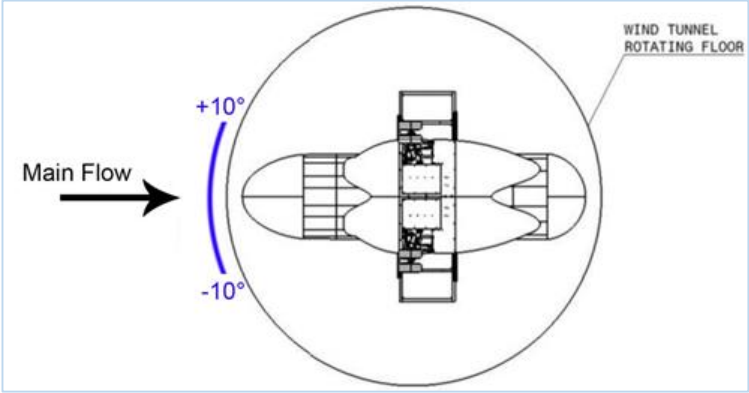

Yaw Angle

Nose Landing Gear Results

NLG Results

Directivity of the nose landing gear noise

ΔSPL(dB) wrt baseline NLG as a function of frequency and directivity - Linear Far Field array

50m/s and 0° yaw

Spectrograms

The **directivity** of the landing gear sources was found by subtracting the different configurations data

NLG

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NF

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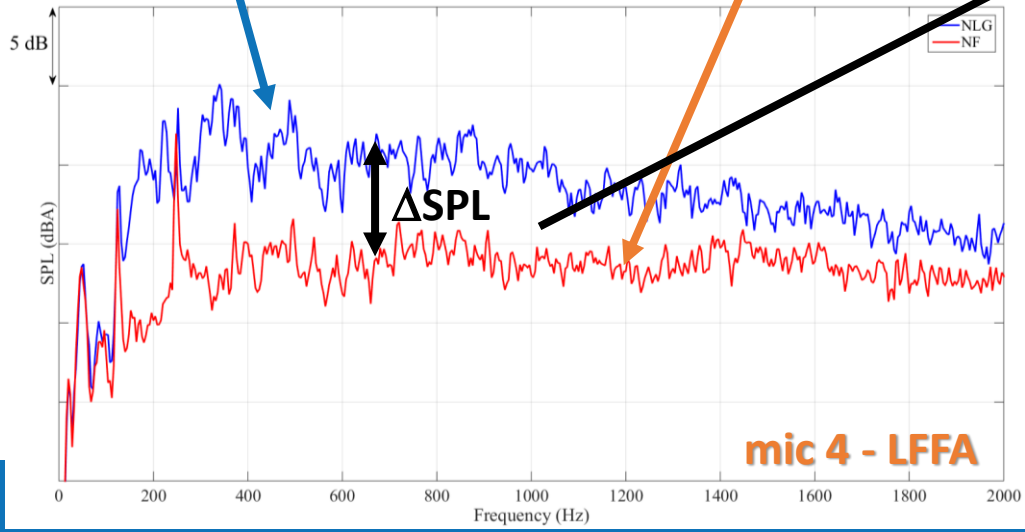
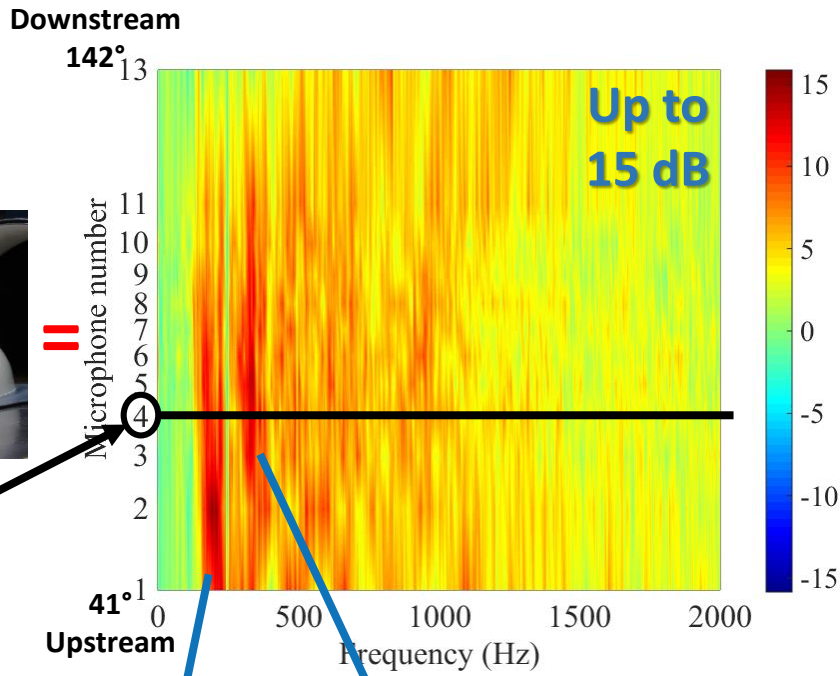




150 – 230 Hz

284 – 380 Hz

150 Hz – 1400 Hz

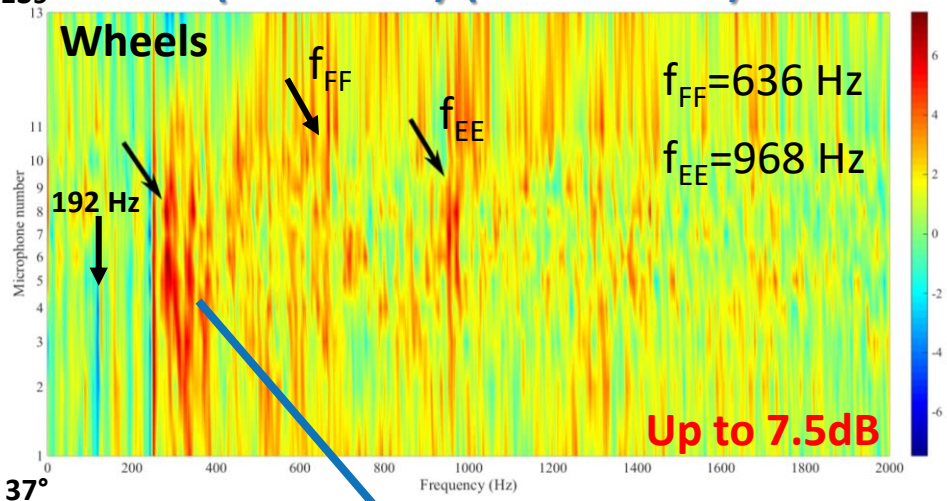
NLG Results

Directivity of the nose landing gear components

ΔSPL(dB) as a function of frequency and directivity - Linear Far Field array

50m/s and 0° yaw

(NLG-Dress)-(NLG-DressW)



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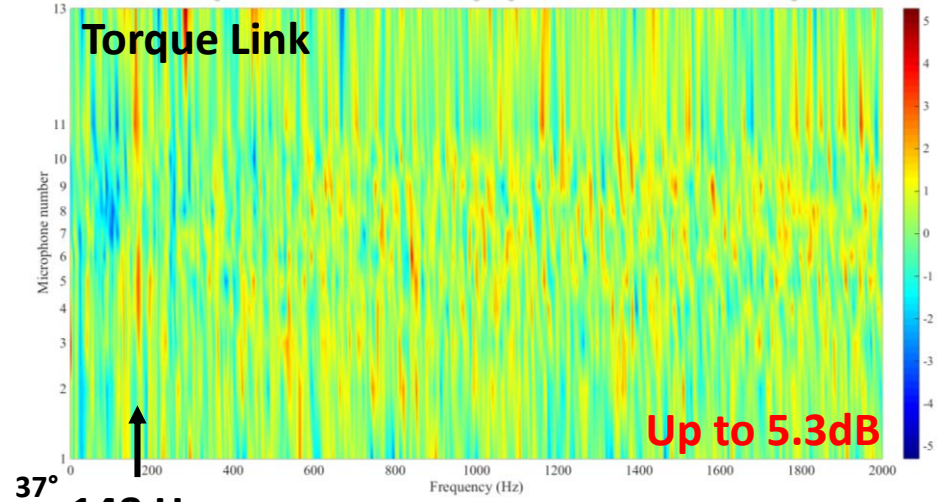
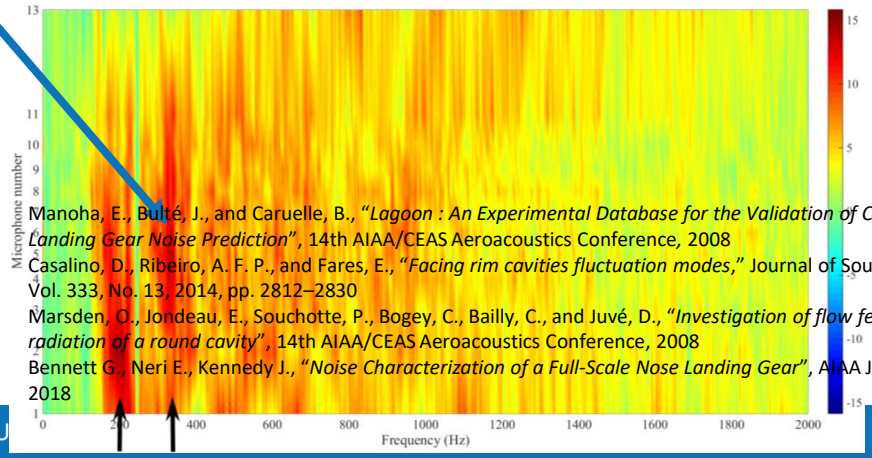


260 - 400 Hz

650 Hz

1kH

(NLG)-(NF)



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Directivity

NLG Results

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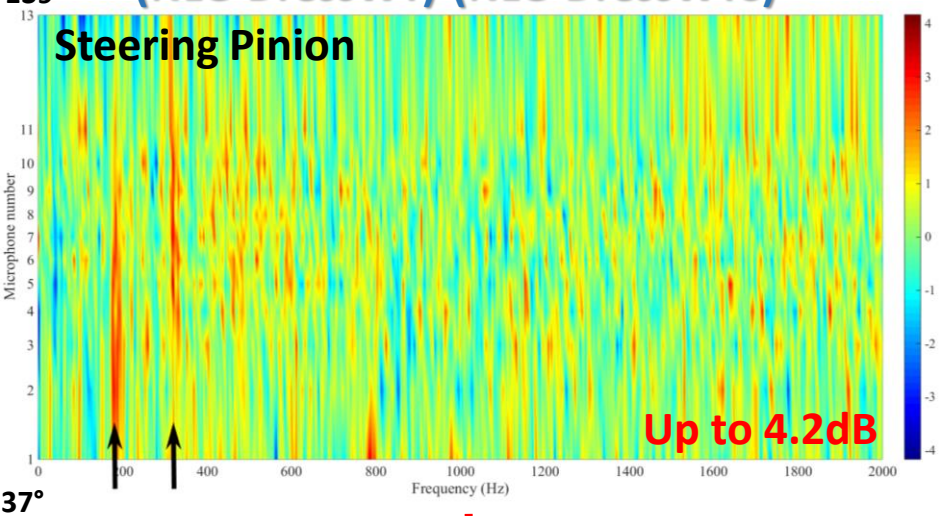
50m/s and 0° yaw

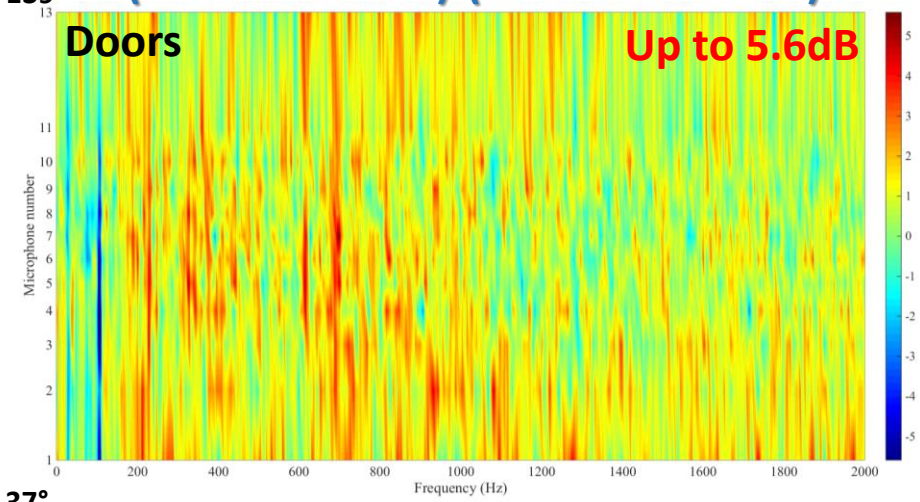
(NLG-DressWT)-(NLG-DressWTS)



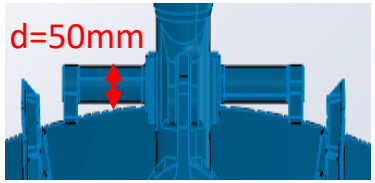
192 Hz

320 Hz

(NLG-DressWTS)-(NLG-DressWTSD)



120-1200 Hz



Vortex shedding frequency:

$$f = \frac{USt}{d} = 190\ Hz$$

Directivity

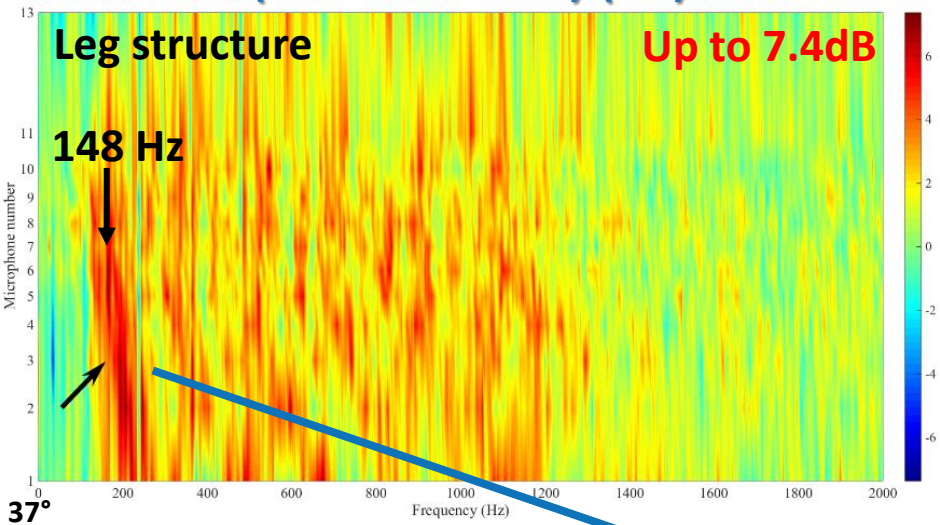
NLG Results

Directivity of the nose landing gear components

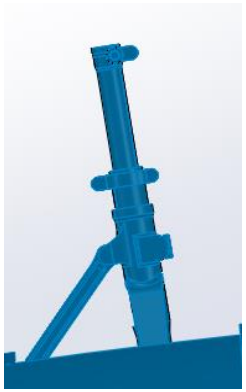
ΔSPL(dB) as a function of frequency and directivity - Linear Far Field array

50m/s and 0° yaw

(NLG-DressWTD)-(NB)



124 – 250 Hz

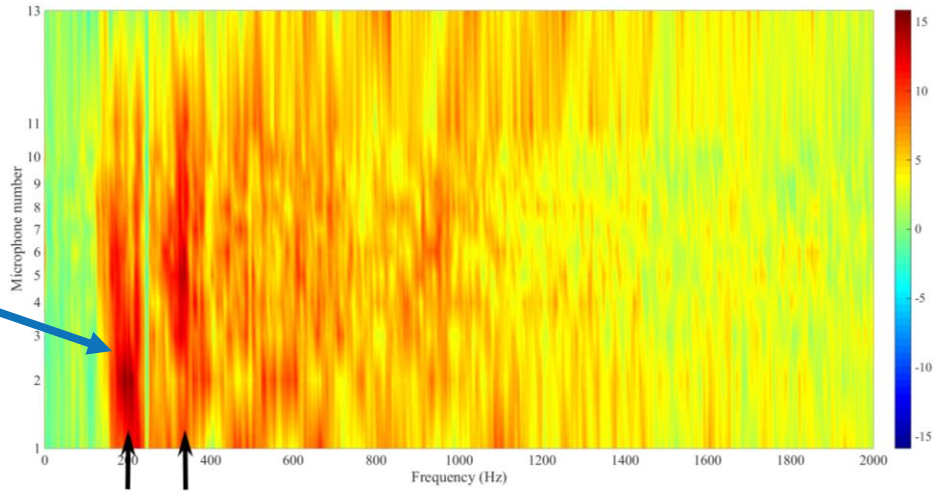


Vortex shedding frequency:

$$f = \frac{USt}{d} =$$

$$= 89, 105, 138, 173, 208\ Hz$$

(NLG)-(NF)



Directivity

NLG Results

Directivity of the nose landing gear components

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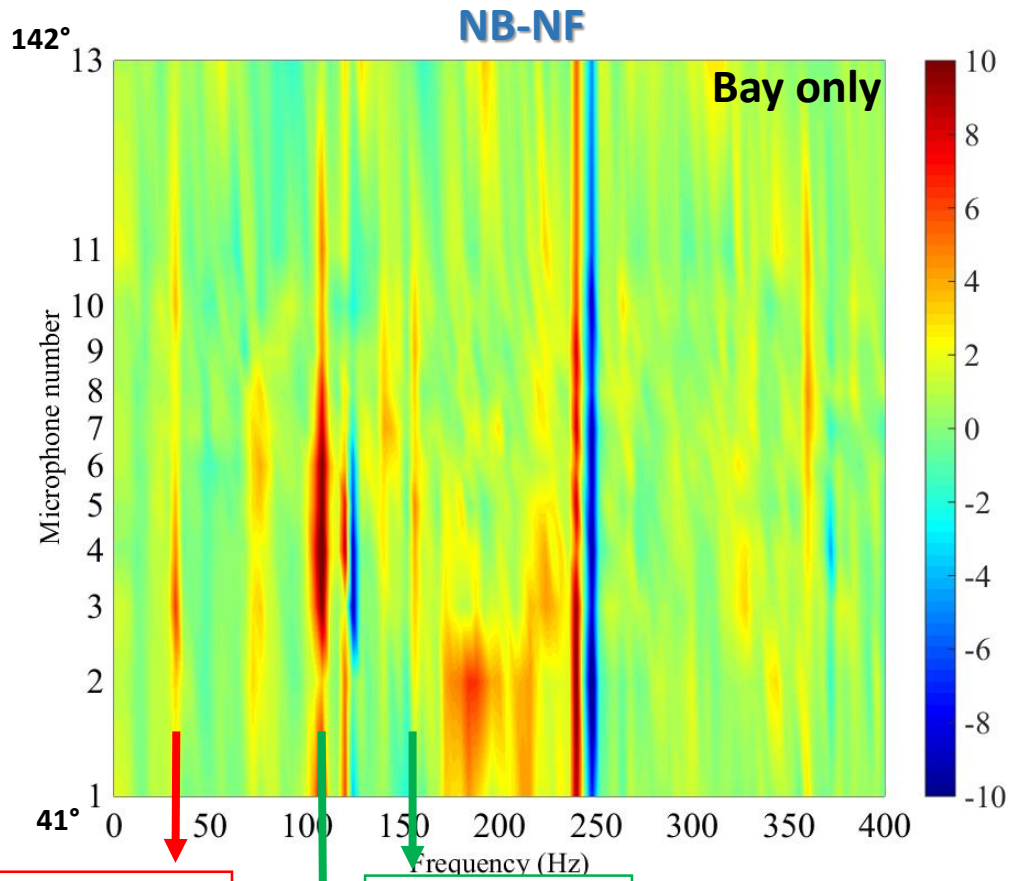
50m/s and 0° yaw



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f_{HR}= 32 Hz

f_2= 156 Hz

f_1= 104 Hz

Bay only NB

Directivity

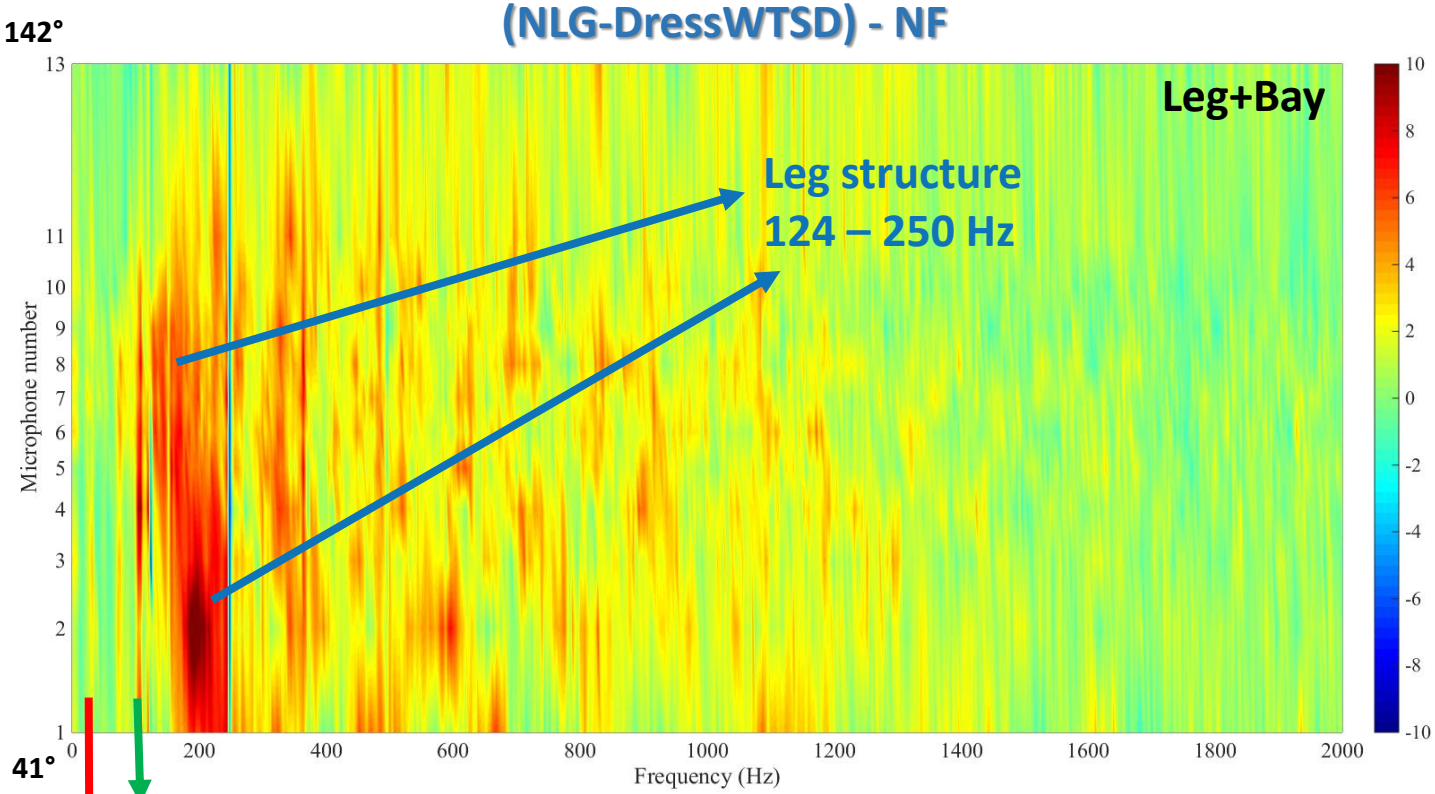
NLG Results

Directivity of the nose landing gear components

Are these bay cavity modes radiating to the far field?

ΔSPL(dBA) wrt baseline NLG as a function of frequency and directivity
Linear Far Field array

(NLG-DressWTSD) - NF



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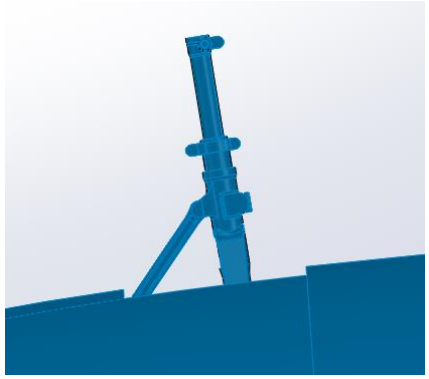
NLG-DressWTSD



0° yaw
50m/s

Directivity

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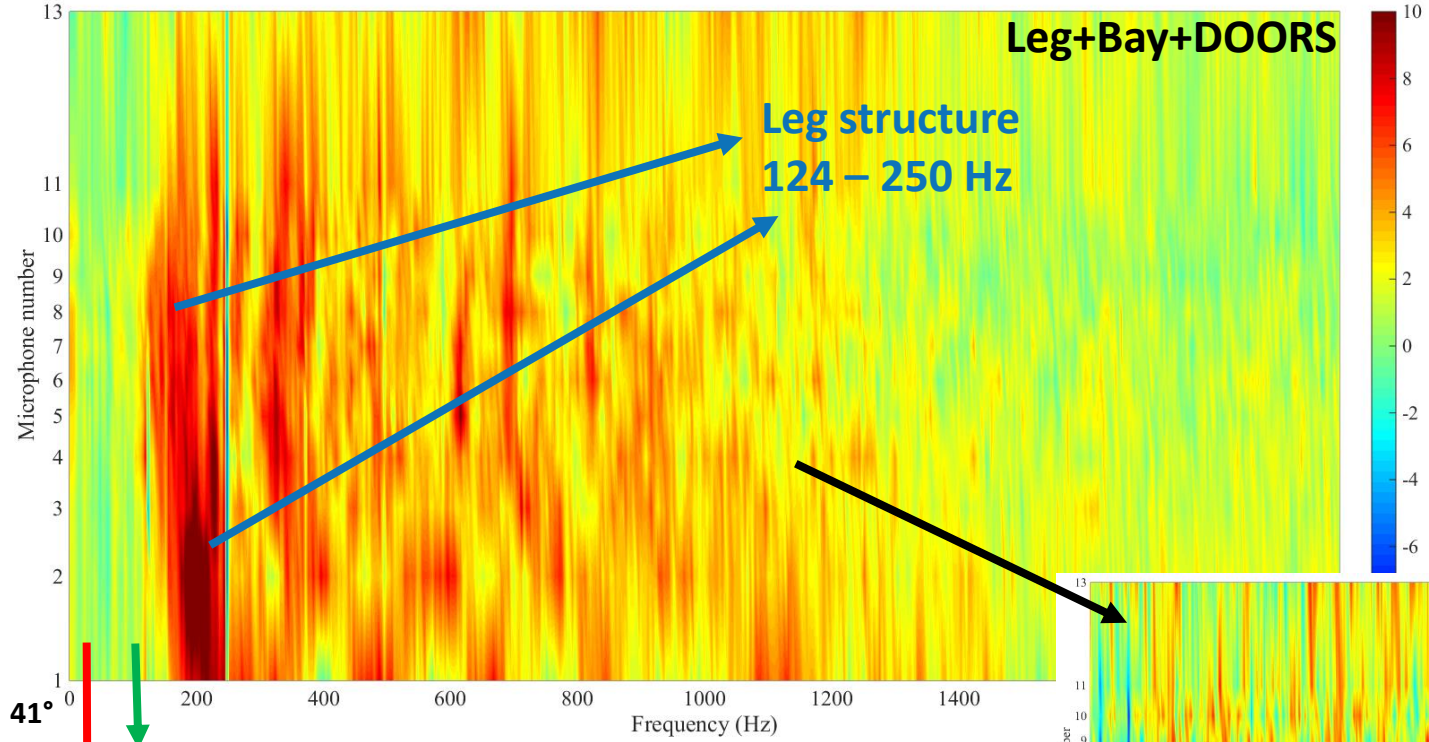
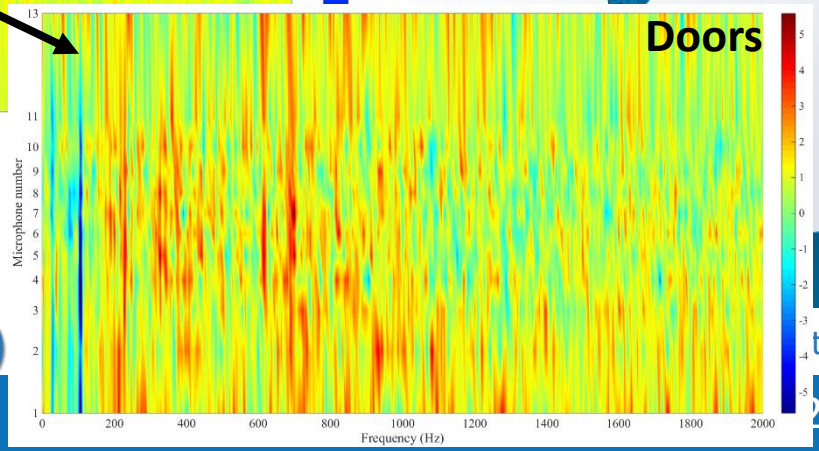


NLG-DressWTS



f_1= 104 Hz

f_{HR}= 32 Hz

(NLG-DressWTS)-(NLG-DressWTSD)

NLG Results

Noise reduction technologies

50m/s and 0° yaw

ΔSPL(dB) as a function of frequency and directivity - Linear Far Field array

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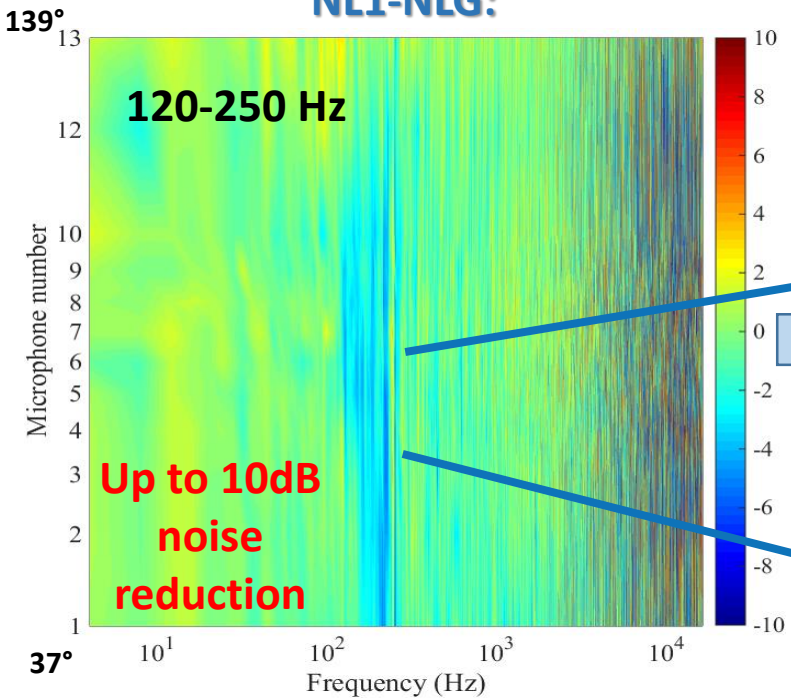
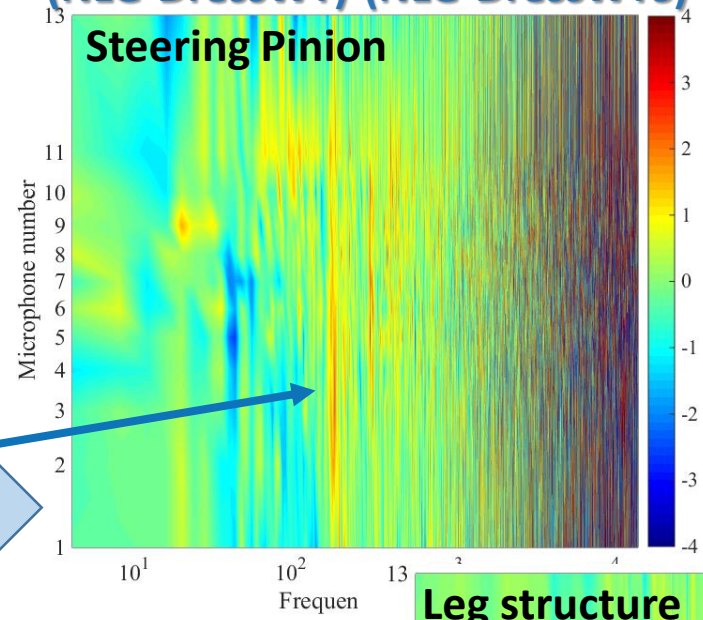
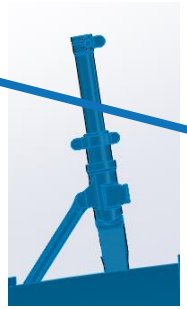
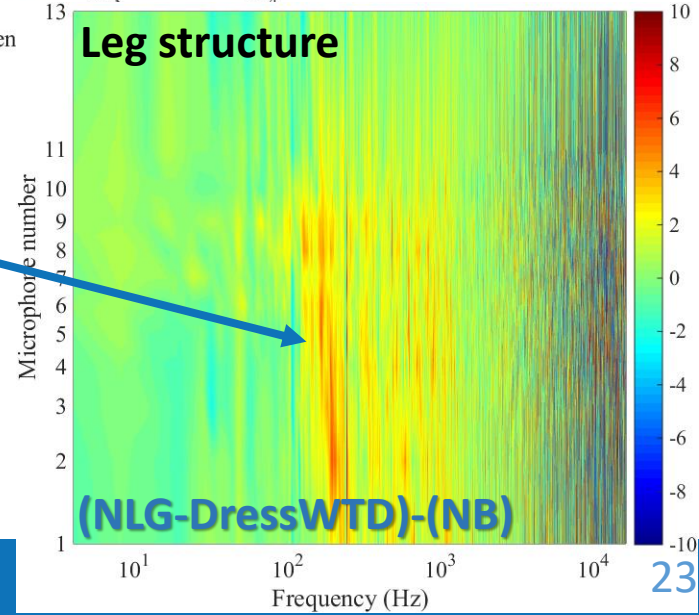


(NLG-DressWT)-(NLG-DressWTS)



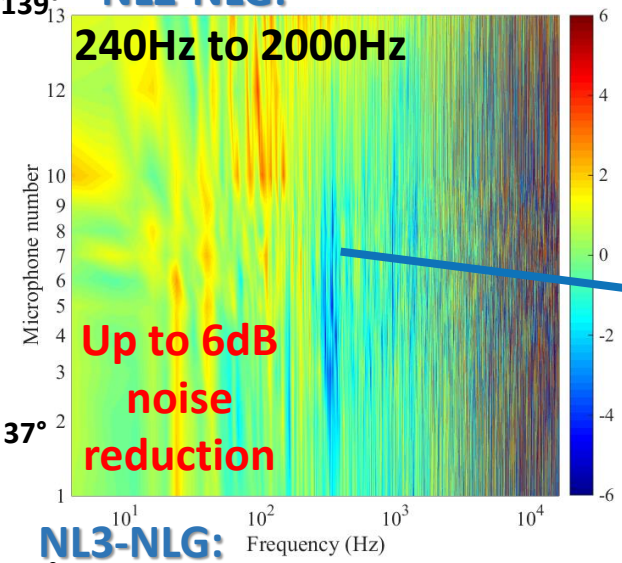




NLG Results

Noise reduction technologies

NL2-NLG:



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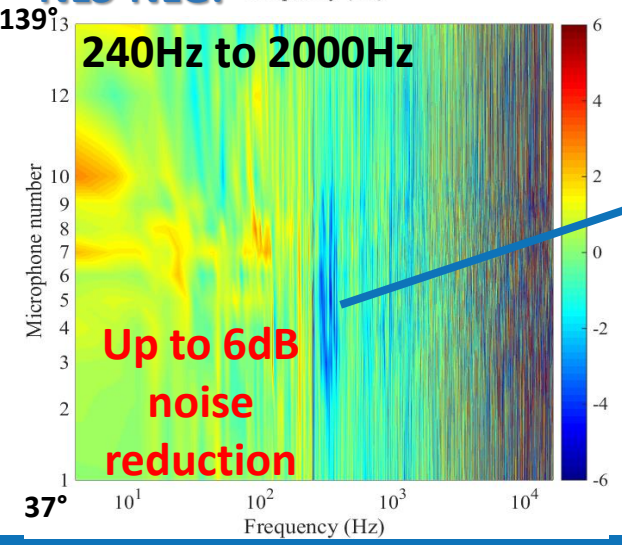

50m/s and 0° yaw

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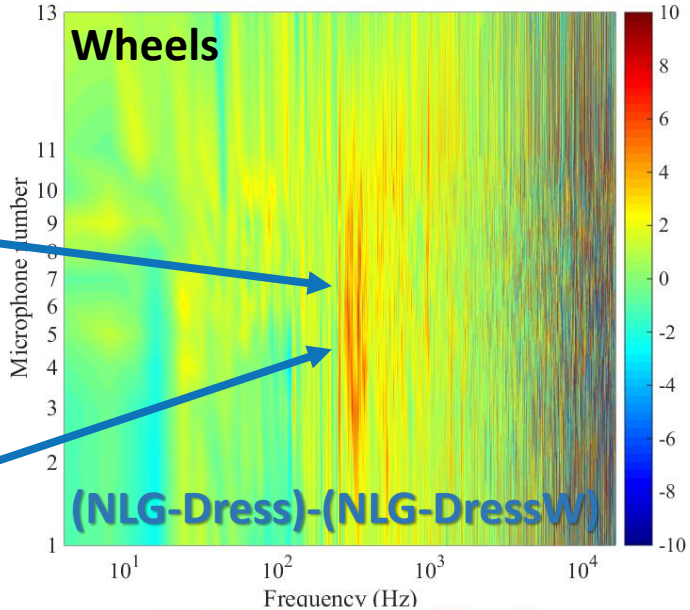
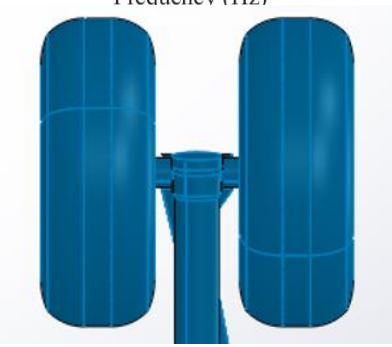
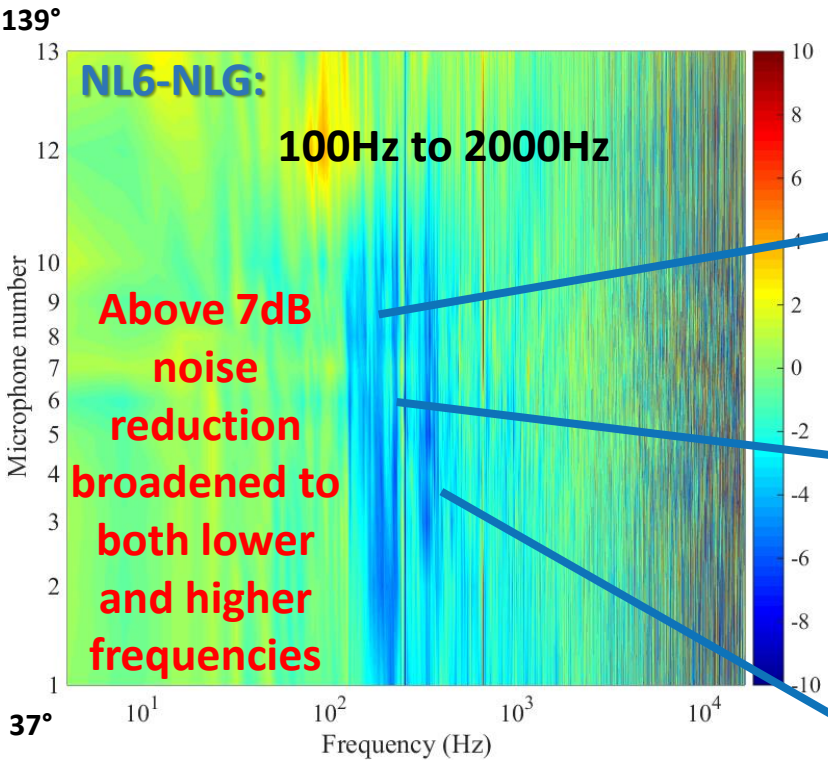


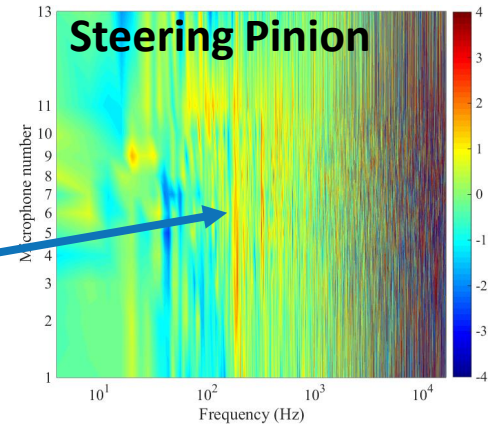


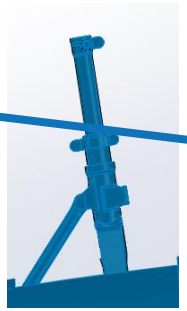
NLG Results

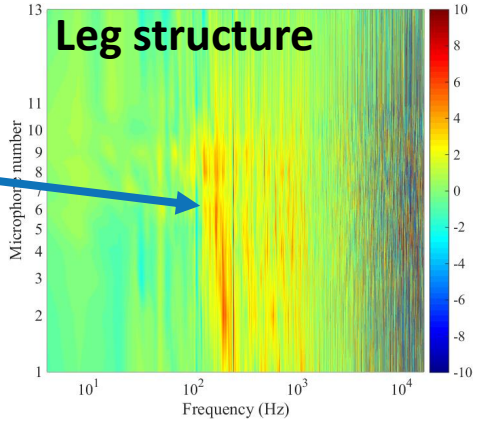
Noise reduction technologies

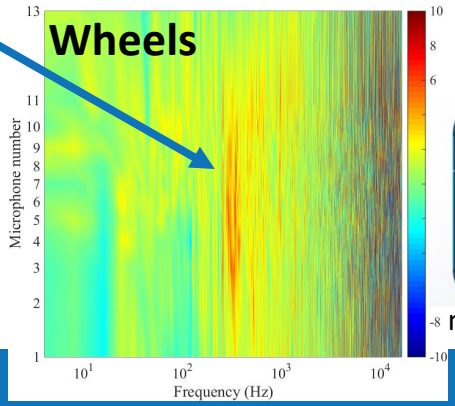
50m/s and 0° yaw











+ DOORS!
(120-2000 Hz)

ncy and directivity - Linear Far Field array

Main Landing Gear Results

MLG Results

Directivity of the main landing gear noise

ΔSPL(dB) wrt baseline MLG as a function of frequency and directivity - Linear Far Field array

65 m/s and 0° yaw

Spectrograms

The **directivity** of the landing gear sources was found by subtracting the different configurations data

MLG

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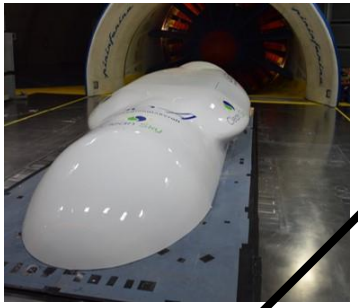
MF



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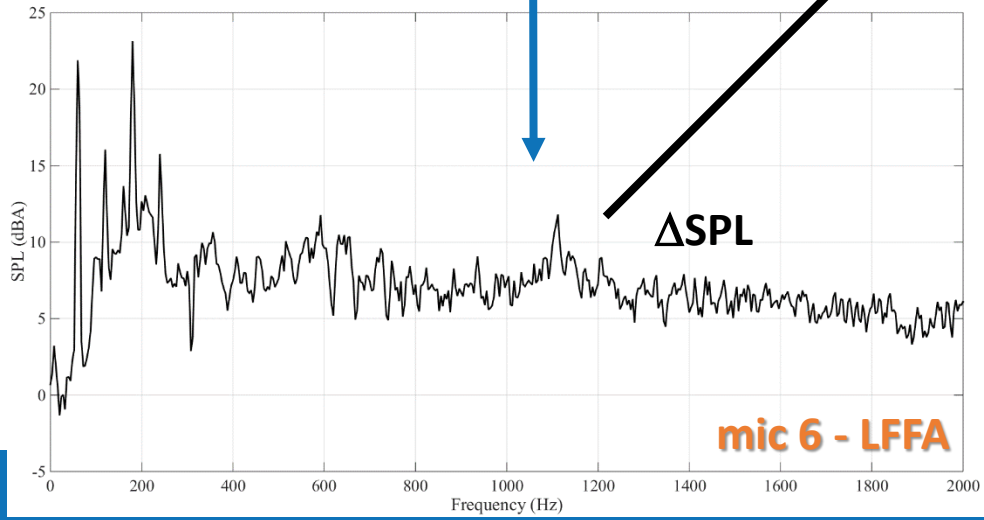

Downstream

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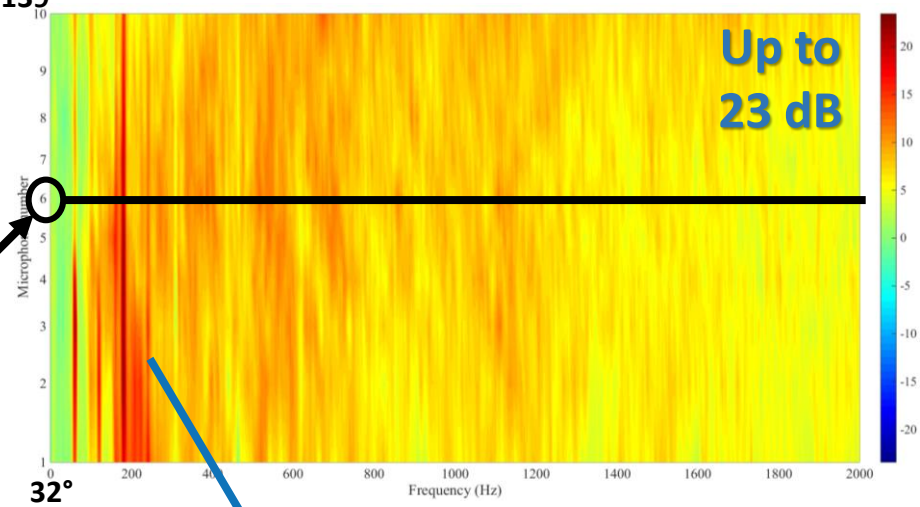

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Upstream

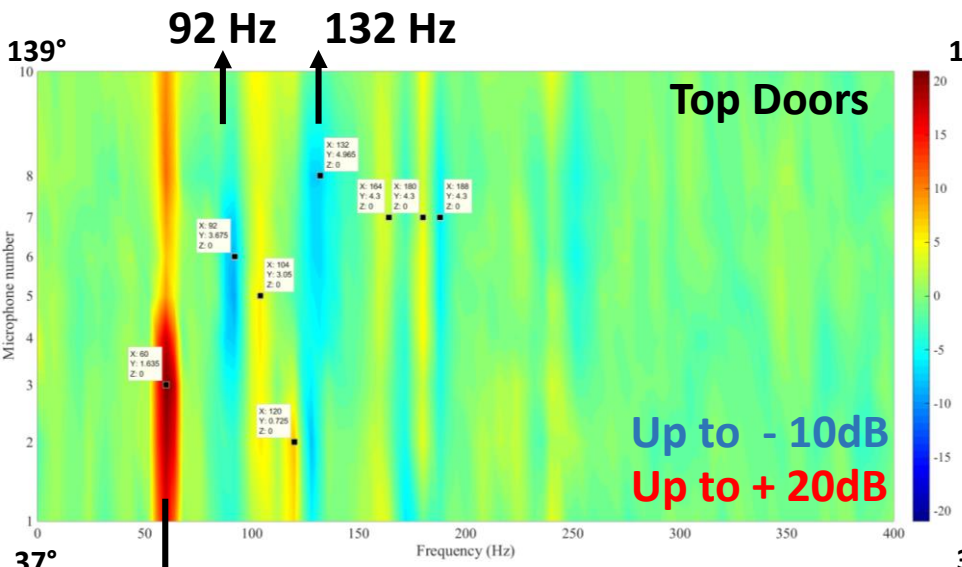
60 – 250 Hz

60 Hz – 1200 Hz

MLG Results

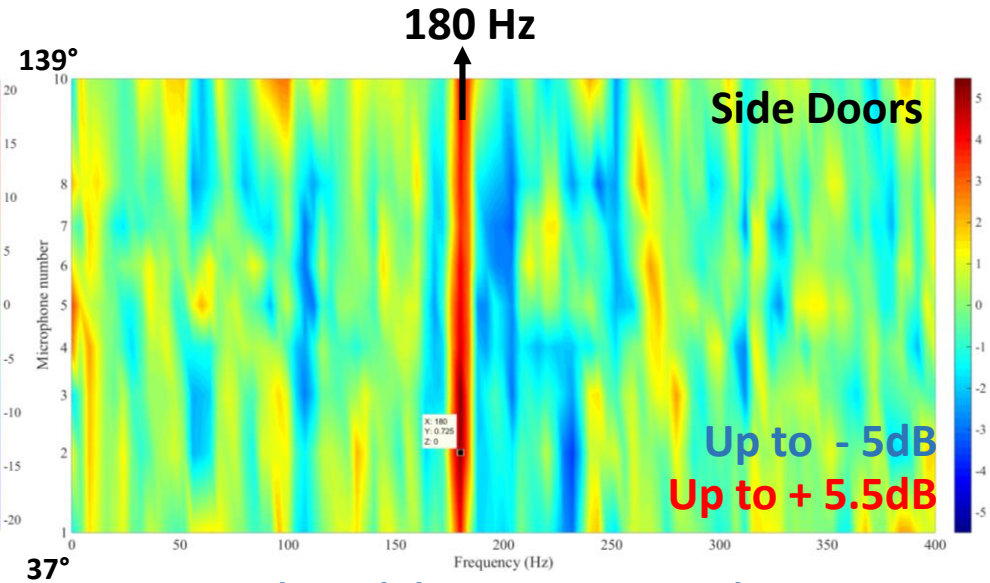
Directivity of the main landing gear components

ΔSPL(dB) as a function of frequency and directivity - Linear Far Field array



(MLG)-(MLG-TopDoors)

60 Hz



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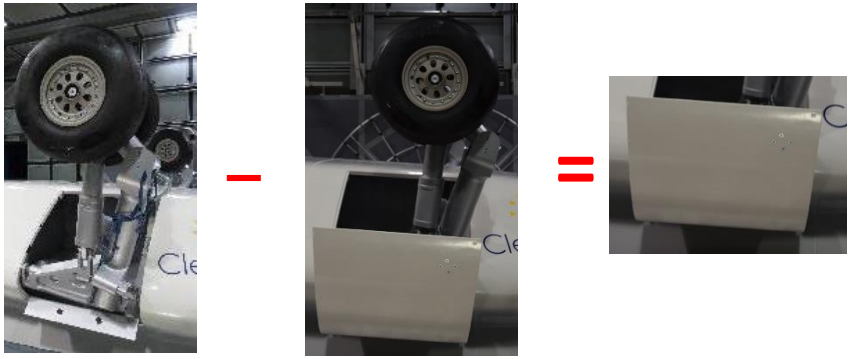

65 m/s and 0° yaw

Directivity

MLG Results

Beamforming – Top Array

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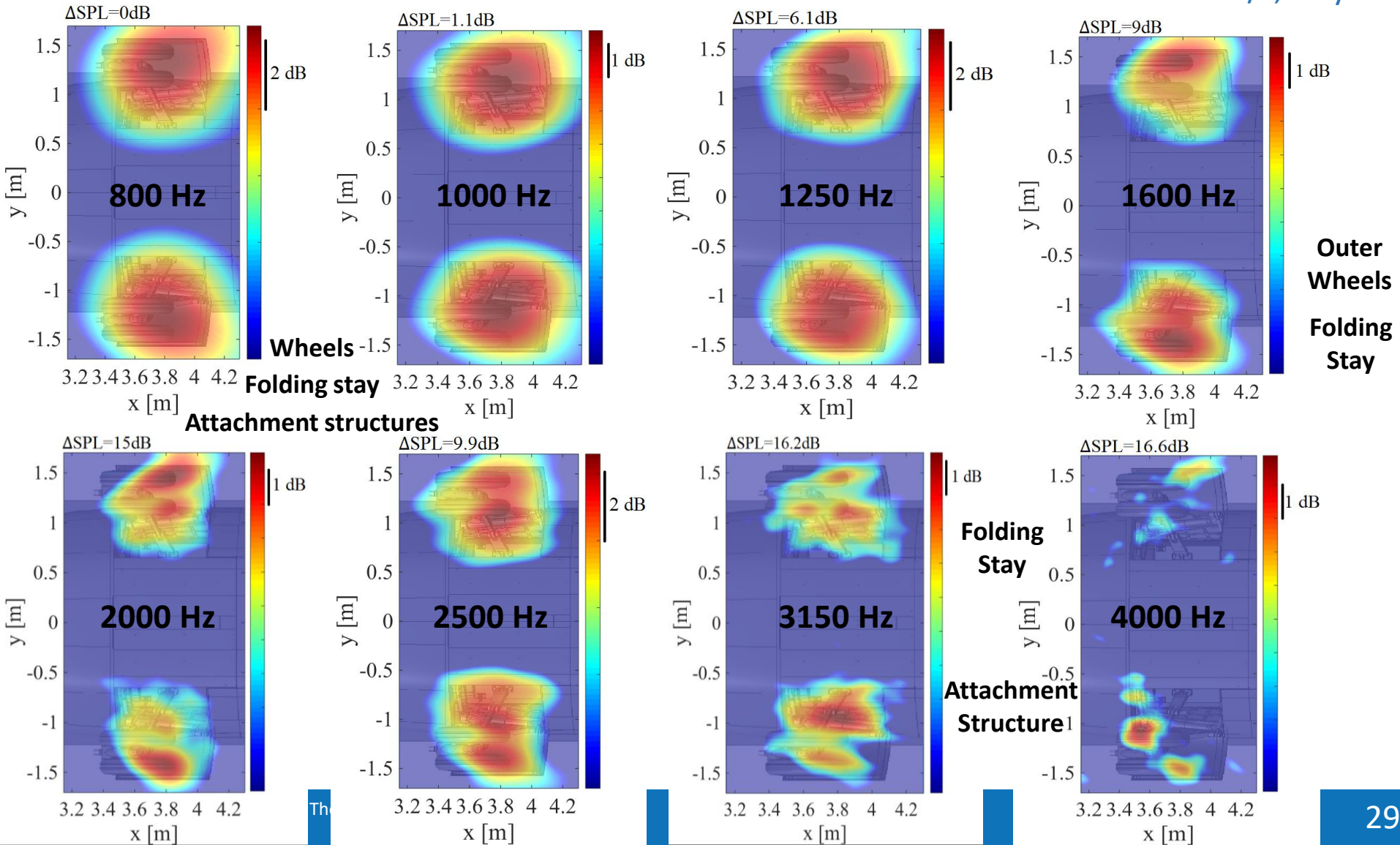
MLG

Functional Frequency Domain Beamforming

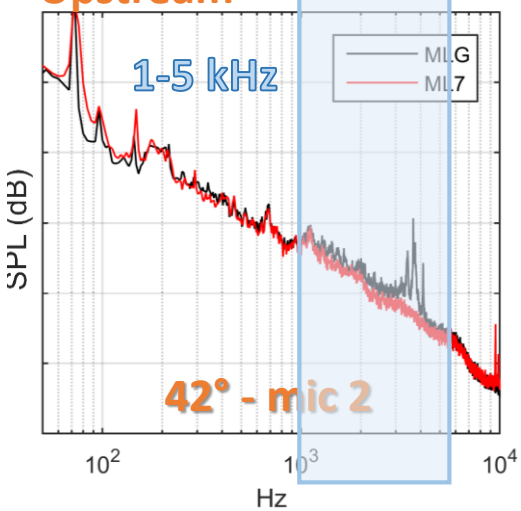
65 m/s, 0° yaw

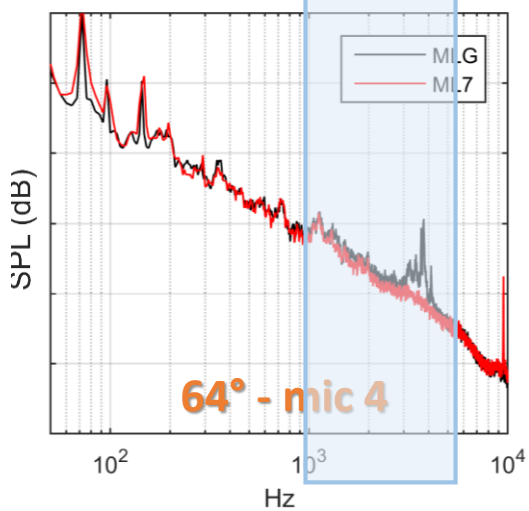


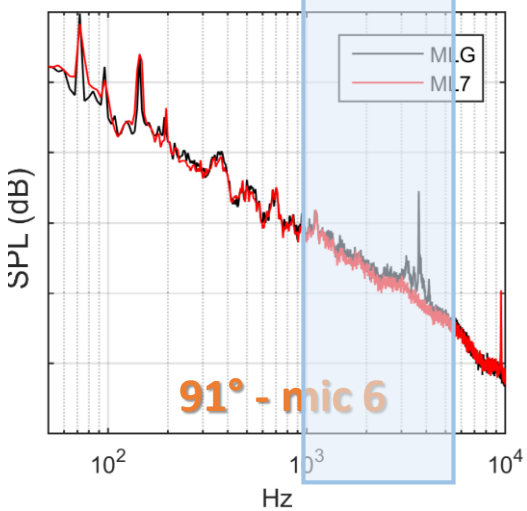
MLG Results

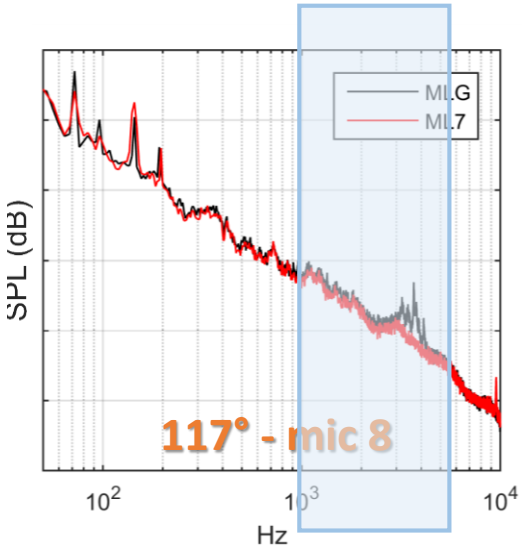
Noise reduction technologies

Upstream









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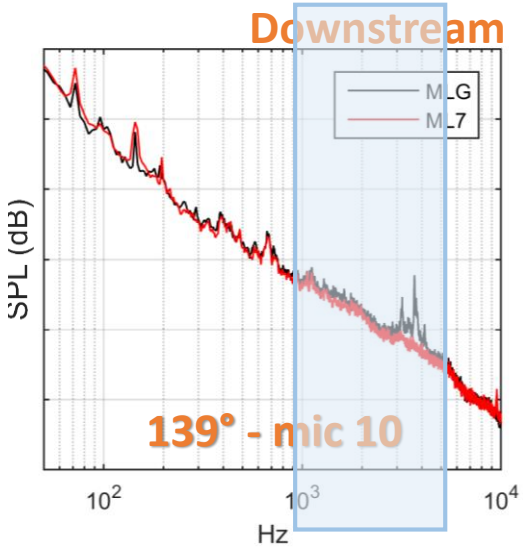


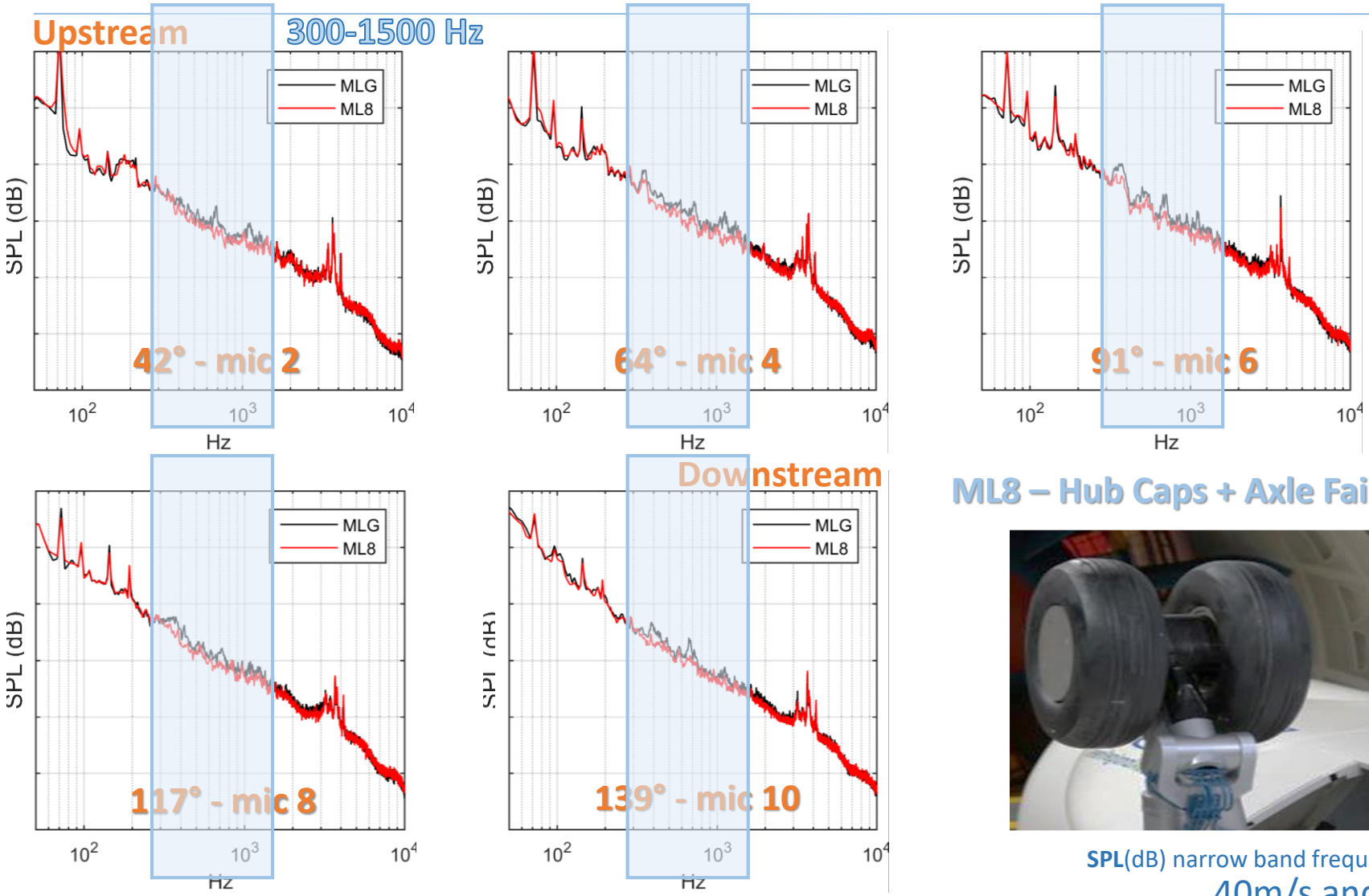
ML7 – Mesh Fairings

SPL(dB) narrow band frequency spectra

40 m/s and 0° yaw

MLG Results

Noise reduction technologies



ML8 – Hub Caps + Axle Fairing

SPL(dB) narrow band frequency spectra

40m/s and 0° yaw

MLG Results

Noise reduction technologies

Mesh Fairings

$\Delta SPL(dB) = MLG\ (f_{OB}) - ML7\ (f_{OB})$

Beamforming results

MLG Results

Noise reduction technologies

Hub Caps + Axle Fairing

$\Delta SPL(dB) = MLG\ (f_{OB}) - ML8\ (f_{OB})$

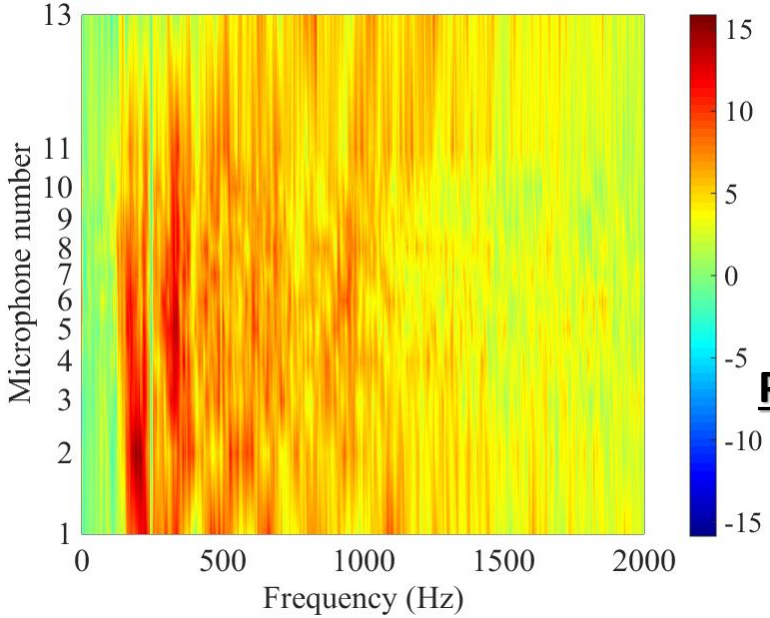
Beamforming results

Nose Landing Gear Results Conclusions

Landing Gear Noise

Landing Gear Noise:

Directivity NLG-NF

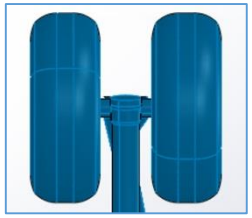


Amplitude:
Up to 15 dB

Frequency Range:
150 Hz – 1400 Hz

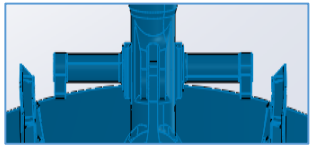
Particular contribution:
150 Hz – 230 Hz
284 – 380 Hz

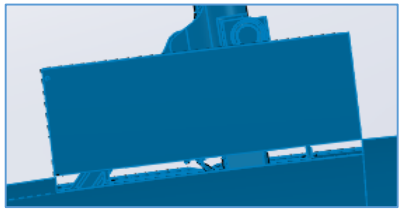
260 - 400 Hz
650 Hz
1kH



Broadband

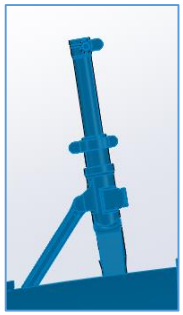
192 Hz
320 Hz





120 - 1200 Hz

124 - 250 Hz



32 Hz
104 Hz
156 Hz

Nose Landing Gear Results Conclusions

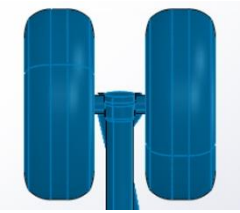
Noise Reduction Technologies

120-250 Hz

-10dB

240Hz-2000Hz

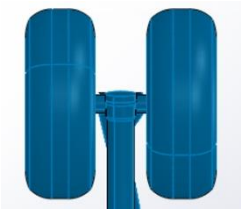
-6dB



100Hz to 2000Hz

Suggested for the future!

-10dB



Nose Landing Gear Results Conclusions

Comparison with Literature

Case	Literature		This work
Landing Gear Noise above Fuselage	LAGOON 1:2,5 scaled simplified two-wheels LG	10 dB (*Manoha et al.*)	15 dB
Main Noise Sources	LAGOON 1:2,5 scaled two-wheels simplified LG	Axle, wheels, rim (*Azevedo et al.*)	Wheels, leg structure
Wheels Noise	33% scale isolated LG wheel	300 - 2000 Hz (*Zhang et al.*)	250 Hz - 2000 Hz
Torque Link Noise	30% scaled simplified two-wheels LG (Bombardier Global)	1980 Hz, over 3dB (*McCarthy and Ekmekci*)	Broadband, 2.5 - 5.3 dB
Ramp Spoiler	1/16th scale model of a typical large passenger aircraft LG	-7 dB (broadband) (*Dobrzynski et al.*)	-10 dB (120-250 Hz)
Hub Caps	33% scaled isolated LG wheel	- 6.1 dB (*Wang et al.*)	- 6 dB

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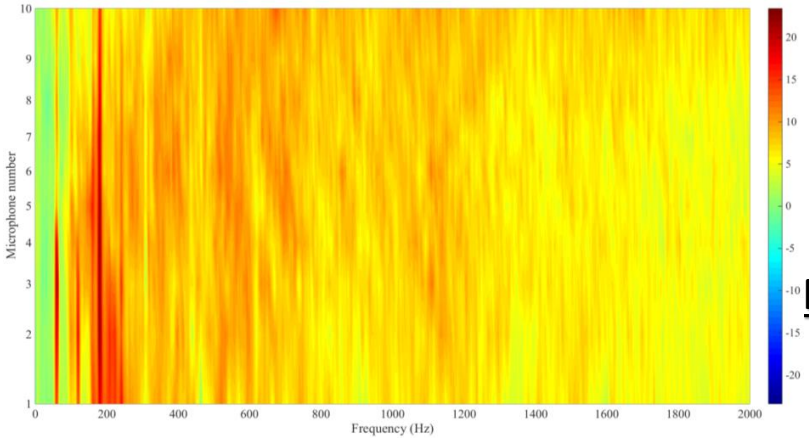
Main Landing Gear Results Conclusions

Langing Gear Noise

Landing Gear Noise:

Directivity MLG-MF



Amplitude:
Up to 23 dB

Frequency Range:
60 Hz – 1200 Hz

Particular contribution:
60 Hz – 250 Hz

ML7 – Mesh Fairings

-5dB

4000 Hz

ML8 – Hub Caps + Axle Fairing

-1dB

500Hz-3000Hz

Main Landing Gear Results Conclusions

Comparison with Literature

Case	Literature		This work	
Tyres Noise	40% scaled two-wheel type aircraft LG (100-PAX class regional jet airliner)	Door-side tyres magnitude < Sidebrace-side tyres magnitude (*Yokokawa et al.*)	Sidebrace-side tyres magnitude < Door-side tyres magnitude (≈2 dB)	Y. Yokokawa, T. Imamura, H. Ura, H. Uchida, K. Yamamoto, and H. Kobayashi, "*Experimental study on Noise Generation of a Two-Wheel Main Landing Gear*," 16th AIAA/CEAS Aeroacoustics Conference, 2010
Folding Stay Noise	40% scaled two-wheel type aircraft LG (100-PAX class regional jet airliner)	100, 1600, 3000 Hz (*Yokokawa et al.*)	400 - 1250 Hz	Y. Yokokawa, T. Imamura, H. Ura, H. Uchida, K. Yamamoto, and H. Kobayashi, "*Experimental study on Noise Generation of a Two-Wheel Main Landing Gear*," 16th AIAA/CEAS Aeroacoustics Conference, 2010
Hub Caps + axle fairings	Two-wheels full scale LG	-3 dB (500 - 1000 Hz) -2 dB (1000 - 2500 Hz) -1 dB (2500 - 5000 Hz) (*Bouvy et al.*)	-1 dB (500 Hz - 3000 Hz)	Q. Bouvy, T. Rougier, and P. Bertrand, "*Numerical approach for quieter landing gears*," X-Noise/CEAS Workshop, La Rochelle, France, 2015 Q. Bouvy, T. Rougier, A. Ghouali, D. Casalino, J. Appelbaum, and C. Kleinclaus, "*Design of quitter landing gear through Lattice-Boltzmann CFD simulations*," 21st AIAA/CEAS Aeroacoustics Conference, 2015
Mesh Fairings	Two-wheels full scale LG	- 2dB (*Bouvy et al.*)	-5 dB (4000 Hz)	Q. Bouvy, T. Rougier, A. Ghouali, A. Boillot, and B. Petot, "*Review of landing gear acoustic research at Messier-Bugatti-Dowty*," 22nd AIAA/CEAS Aeroacoustics Conference, 2016

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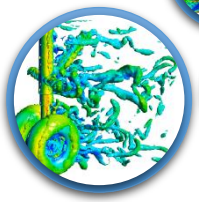
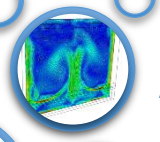
Wind Impact study

Aircraft and Wind Turbines Aerodynamic Noise





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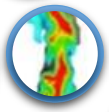

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