

The supremacy of lean FE models to solve flow-induced wind, fan and HVAC noise

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## Shift towards increased effort to reduce wind noise





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# Why simulating flow-induced-noise?



Noise radiated by the internal combustion engine is not an issue for electric vehicles the noise generated by other existing sources will be "heard" by the driver and passenger



## **Flow-induced-noise**

## Broadband characteristic of the acoustic response





# **Simcenter 3D Acoustics – FEMAO** Alternative solutions





# **Simcenter 3D Acoustics – FEMAO** Benefits





- Auto-adapting (f) fluid element order
- Leaner models in pre-processing
- Faster at lower frequencies
- More efficient at higher frequencies
- 2 to 10 times faster compared to standard FEM



## The supremacy of lean FE models to solve flow-induced noise





## Acoustics: What happens in the presence of flow?





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# **Cabin Wind Noise – Aero-Vibro-Acoustics** Which frequency range? Which loading?





Low-frequency wind noise f < 500 Hz Underbody and green house

Structure: Simcenter Nastran FEM Acoustics: Simcenter Nastran FEM/FEMAO High-frequency wind noise 1000 Hz < f < 5000 Hz Side window and/or windshield

Structure: Simcenter Nastran FEM Acoustics: Simcenter Nastran FEMAO High-frequency wind noise 500 Hz < f Underbody and green house

Virtual SEA+ / SEA+

Covered by SEA

#### Covered by FEM and FEMAO

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Aerodynamic field	Starting from external aerodynamic loading on the CFD mesh boundaries	
Load Preparation	Preparation of wind loads for the vibro- acoustic model via advanced mapping	
Vibro-acoustic solution	Vibro-acoustic computation of the side- window and car interior using wind loads	





#### External aerodynamic field around the car

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# **Conservative mapping** Effect of mapping on radiated acoustic power





Acoustic mesh has ~72 times fewer elements than CFD mesh

Conservative mesh mapping algorithm :

- Acoustic mesh can be much coarser
- Performance improvement for solving the acoustic model
- Better accuracy of the predicted acoustic radiation



Aerodynamic field	Compute exterior aerodynamics accurately
Load Preparation	Prepare external loads smoothly for the vibro-acoustic model
Vibro-acoustic solution	

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# **Vibro-Acoustic Transfer Vectors (VATV)** For Faster Multi-Load Case Response Analysis



VATV = SPL response to unit surface loads ~ FRF Computed using reciprocity principle

#### Key benefit

- No need to re-compute VATV as long as model remains the same
- Response is quickly computed for different loads:
  - TBL loads for aircraft panel x VATV
  - CFD loads on a car side window x VATV
  - Acoustic loads on car window from tailpipe x VATV





Aerodynamic field	Compute exterior aerodynamics accurately
Load Preparation	Prepare external loads smoothly for the vibro-acoustic model
Vibro-acoustic solution	Efficient finite element computation using single coarse physical mesh for all frequencies of interest

# Validation Hyundai Motor Company simplified model





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# Simcenter STAR-CCM+ Acoustic Perturbation Equation (APE) Solution



	Active Sturra Region 10		C RAB-COM-
Calculate flow field	Specify a source region where noise sources are calculated	Calculate the noise sources	Use APE to calculate the sound waves

# Simcenter STAR-CCM+ approaches Duct Elbow





**Direct Noise Calculation** 





Hybrid (Acoustic Perturbation Equation)



# HVAC Noise Simulations Component level free-field propagation





Acoustic wave propagation from HVAC outlet in free-field

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Acoustic wave propagation from HVAC outlet inside cabin with absorbing surfaces such as seats, carpet and roof

# Aeroacoustics hybrid simulation workflow





# Aeroacoustics Hybrid simulation workflow



#### **Generation of advanced aeroacoustics sources**



# Hybrid approach: Alternative Solutions



Scattered field of Quadrupole sources by the surfaces is equivalent to Dipole radiation for low-Mach Number flows

#### **Quadrupole problem**

#### Surface Sources: Dipoles



Benefit: Lean models with reduced load file size

# **Cases description**





#### AIAA 2016-2796

Hybrid aeroacoustic computations for flows in ducts with single and tandem diaphragms

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This paper presents the results of hybrid aeroacoustics computations of the sound induced by the turbulent flow inside ducts with single and tandem diaphragms at low Mach numbers. The aeroacoustic sources are based on compressible flow data obtained with an Improved Delayed Detached Eddy Simulation method. The source models are either based on flow wall pressure, which is used to define equivalent acoustic boundary conditions, or on flow velocity fluctuations, which are used to define equivalent quadrupole sources. Several implementations of the source models are discussed in the context of a high-order finite element approach for acoustics. The acoustic results of the hybrid approach are compared to the results provided directly by the compressible flow computations, as well as to available experimental measurements.

Tandem diaphragms (separation 2D)

Tandem diaphragms (separation 4D)



900

Low average Mach number (around M=0.07)

D=0.150m, d=0.116m, thickness 0.008m

300

x. mm

# **CFD: Snapshots of vorticity**





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# **Single diaphragm:** Acoustic prediction with quadrupole sources







Source region

# **Single diaphragm:** Acoustic prediction with dipole sources



### Dipole Sources



# Tandem diaphragms: Acoustic prediction with dipole sources









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Siemens PLM Software

Dipole sources on <u>downstream</u> diaphragm surface (dominant source of sound)

Formulation can be applied to incompressible CFD input for similar low-Mach Number applications

# **HVAC Noise Simulations**

# Validation with academic model



# Simplified HVAC from literature



29th AIAA Aeroacoustics Conference, May 5-7 2008, Vancouver B.C

#### Numerical and Experimental Investigations of the Noise Generated by a Flap in a Simplified HVAC Duct

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## Coupling Simcenter STAR-CCM+ with Simcenter 3D





# Comparison of simulation results with measurements



### Dipole sources on flap surface (dominant source of sound)

Formulation applied to incompressible CFD input

Unrestricted © Siemens AG 2019 Page 34 2019-09-18 **HVAC Noise Simulations** Propagation with cabin









# **Aeroacoustics simulation workflow**



Aerodynamic load preparation	Prepare aerodynamic loads smoothly for the aeroacoustic problem
Aeroacoustic source modeling	Computation of the advanced aeroacoustics sources for stationary components
Acoustic propagation	Efficient finite element computation using single coarse physical mesh for all frequencies of interest

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# **Cooling Fan Noise** Component level simulation







Compute unsteady flow field around source region with Simcenter STAR-CCM+

Compute free-field acoustic propagation accurately

Installation effects, reflective/absorbing surface, infinite plates, porous volumes in propagation

## Aeroacoustics hybrid simulation workflow



### From CFD output files to propagation towards driver's ear







Turbulent flow field around the fan with Simcenter STAR-CCM+

Load and Source Preparation for aeroacoustics simulation with Simcenter 3D

Solution of the acoustic field towards the driver with Simcenter Nastran

# **Cooling Fan Noise Simulations in free-field** with Simcenter STAR-CCM+ and Simcenter 3D





Two separate CFD inputs are considered

- With incompressible CFD input to compare hybrid and FWH approaches
- With compressible CFD input to compare hybrid, FWH and DNC approaches)

The goal of this comparison is to have

- same sound levels at Blade Passing Frequency (BPF) and harmonics
- similar broadband levels
- DNC solution is assumed to be the reference solution

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# **Cooling Fan Noise Simulations** with Simcenter STAR-CCM+ and Simcenter 3D





# **EM Cooling Fan Noise Simulations** with absorbing and reflective surfaces



Acoustic wave propagation from cooling fan from engine bay towards driver's ear with absorbing surfaces such as panels and seats







# **Aeroacoustics simulation workflow**



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Aeroacoustic source modeling	Computation of the advanced aeroacoustics sources for rotating components
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# **Questions?**