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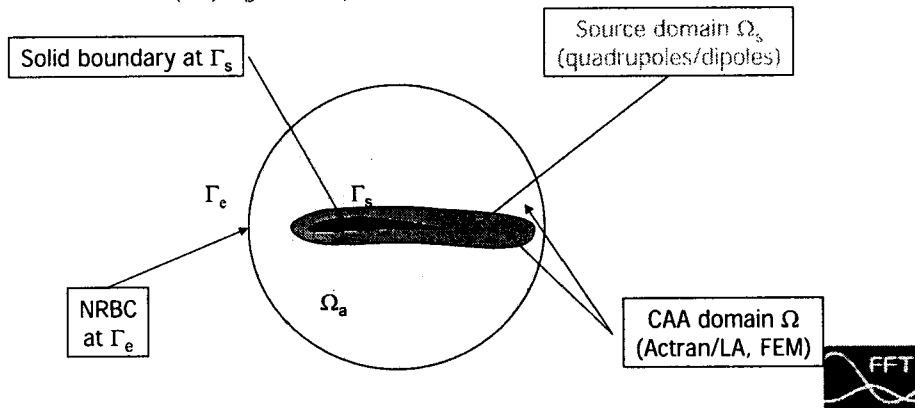
## Outline

- ⇒ Formulation used in Actran LA
  - Governing equations
  - Lighthill's analogy and comparison with integral methods
  - Implementation in Actran
  
- ⇒ Exterior and interior problems
  - Flat plate using Fluent
  - Helmholtz resonator in a duct using Star-CD
  - Double diaphragm using Star-CD
  
- ⇒ Porous boundary condition
  
- ⇒ Conclusions



## Lighthill's Analogy: Sketch

- ⇒ A CFD computation (URANS, LES, DNS, ...) is used to determine the flow
- ⇒ The sound sources are calculated from these results
  - Use of Lighthill's analogy
  - Standard simplifying assumptions



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## Lighthill's Analogy: General idea

- ⇒ Start from the equations of the Fluid Dynamics
- ⇒ Make as few assumptions as possible
- ⇒ Manipulate the equations to "form" a wave equation of this form

$$\frac{\partial^2 \rho_a}{\partial t^2} - a_0^2 \frac{\partial^2 \rho_a}{\partial x_i \partial x_i} = \{\text{Source Terms}\}$$

Where  $\rho_a$  is the acoustic variable

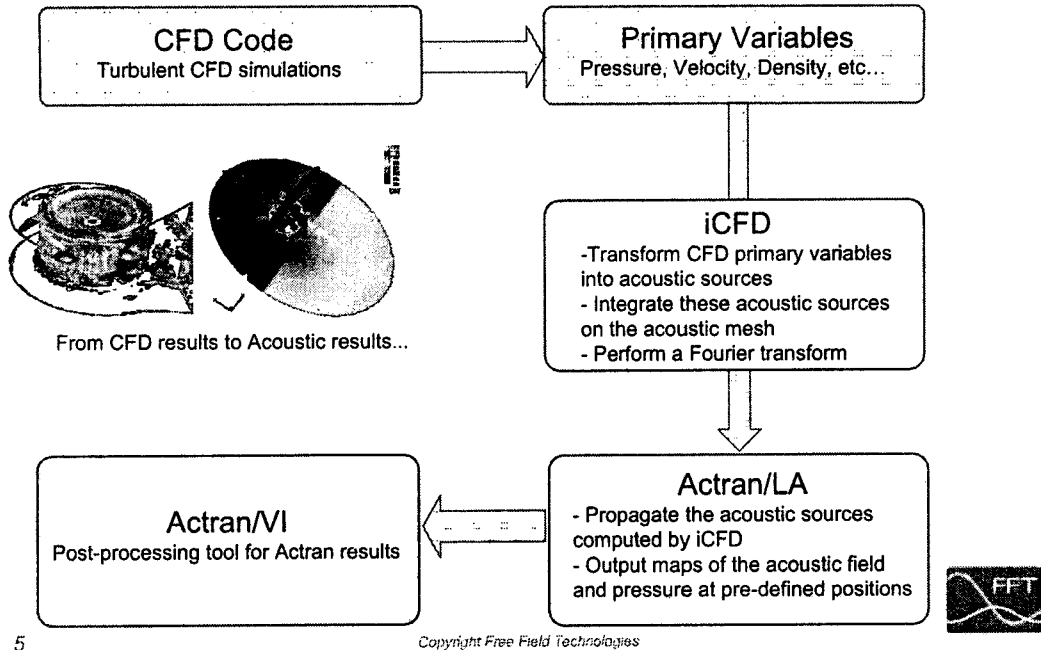
and the source term depends on  $\rho, u, v, w, p$

- ⇒ Put the Boundary Conditions of the Finite Elements
  - Any BC type can be used !!!
  - This is the main difference with the classical, less powerful implementations (Curle, FWH or BEM)

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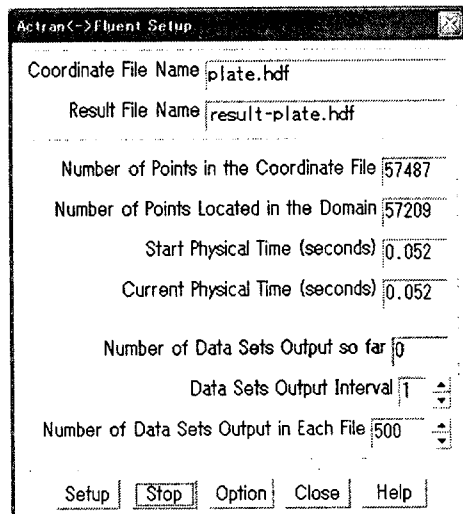
# Actran/LA Computational Sequence



## Coupling with CFD codes

⇒ The coupling is operational for most standard CFD codes

- Star-CD
- Star-CCM+
- Fluent
- CFX
- Powerflow
- AcuSolve
- OpenFOAM
- ...

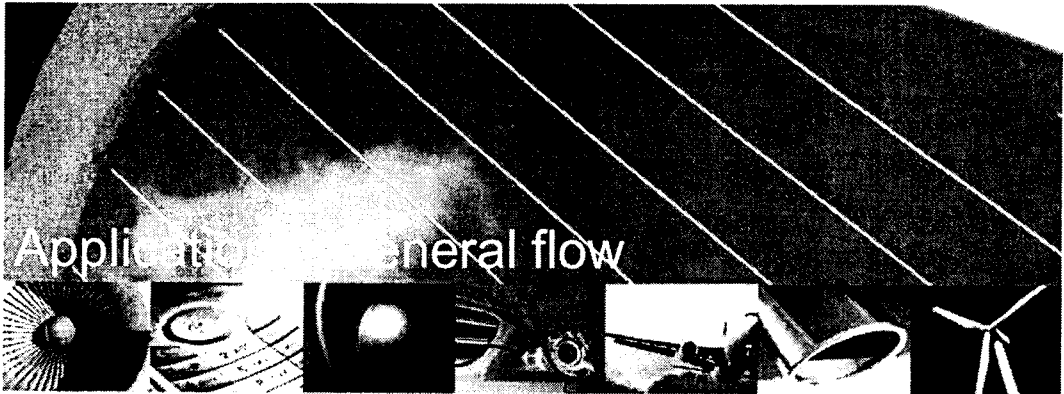


Example: Fluent's GUI

# Some Actran/LA Customers



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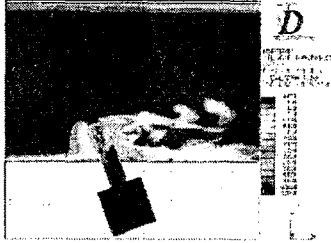


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# Helmholtz Resonator

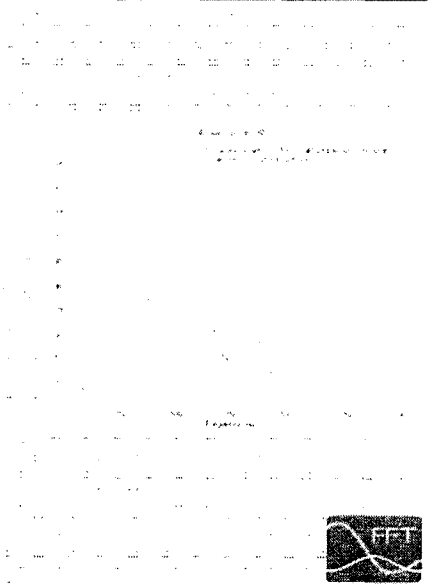
AIAA05-3067: Aeroacoustic Simulation of the Noise radiated by an Helmholtz Resonator placed in a Duct - *S. Caro, P.Ploumhans, X.Gallez, F.Brotz, M.Schrumpf, A.Read, F.Mendonca*

## CFD Results



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## Results



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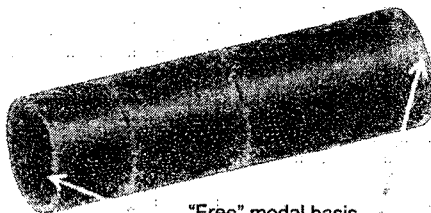
# Double Diaphragm

AIAA05-2976: Aeroacoustic Simulation of Double Diaphragm Orifices in an Aircraft Climate Control System - *F.Mendonça, A.Read, S.Caro, K.Debatin, B.Caruelle*

## CFD Results

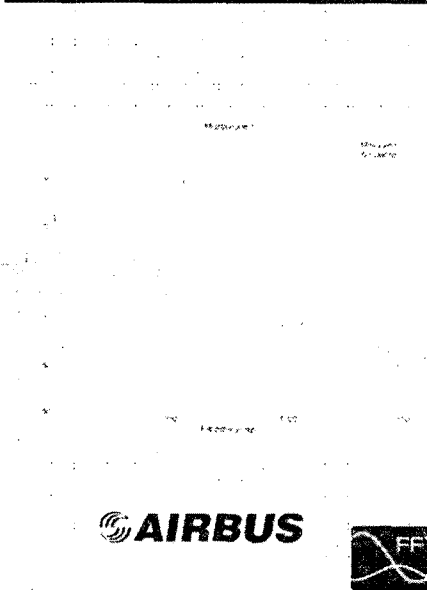


## Actran Model



"Free" modal basis - NRBC

## Results



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# Applications with no experimental validation

Example – Simple Plate

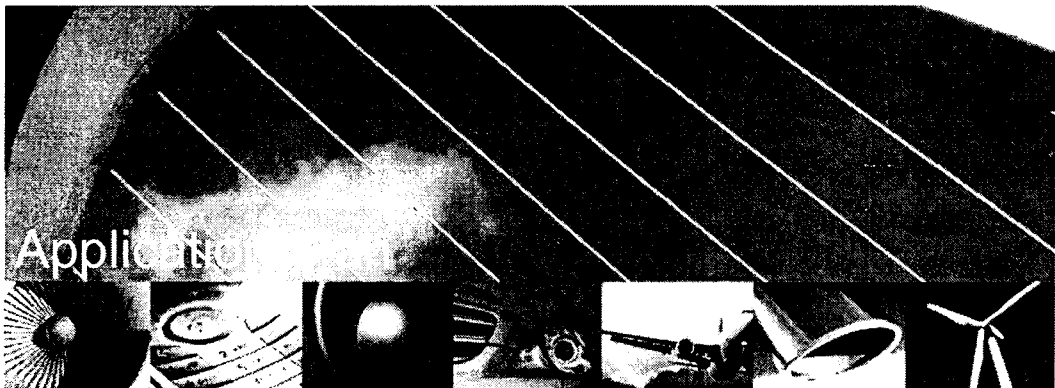


Example – Side Mirror



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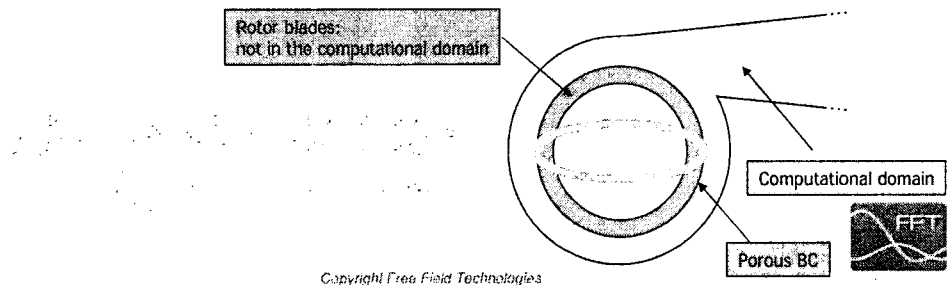
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# Main idea

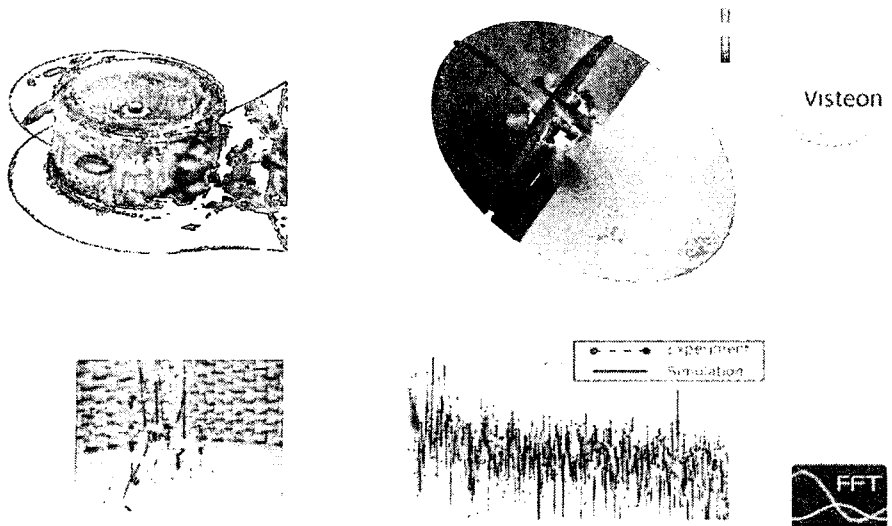
- ⇒ "Porous" Ffowcs-Williams and Hawkings idea applied to FEM
  - The sources outside the rotor zone will be accounted for "as usual" in Actran/LA
  - The sources in the rotor zone will be accounted for via a dedicated boundary condition
  - Start again from Lighthill's equations and put the boundary conditions
- ⇒ Same idea as Kirchhoff theorem: the effects of the sources in the white area are accounted for through the orange boundary
  - Similarities in electromagnetism (Gauss theorem), optics...



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# HVAC blower

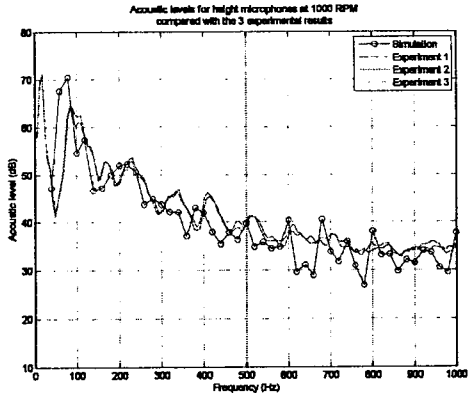
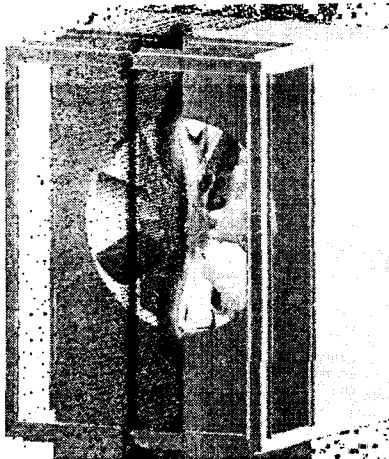
Fan Noise 2007: Presentation of a CAA formulation based on Lighthill's analogy for fan noise - S. Caro, Y. Nishio, R. Sandboge, J. Iyer



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# Axial EC fan

- ⇒ Different heat exchanger types (weak influence)
- ⇒ Several microphones everywhere; normalized test = average the results



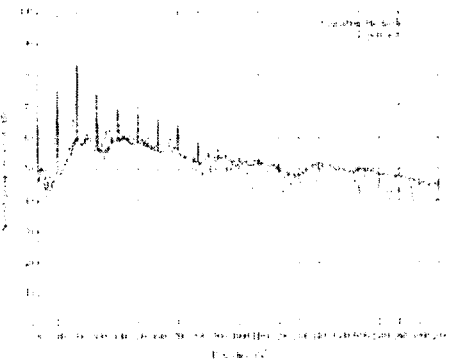
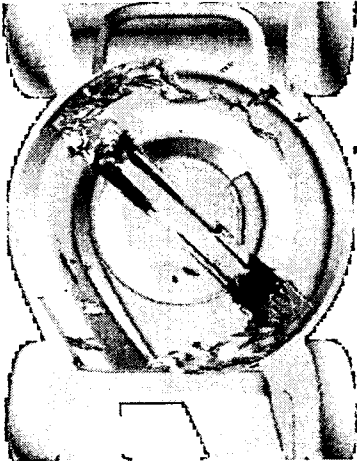
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# Mower application

- ⇒ Lighthill Sources and Acoustic Field

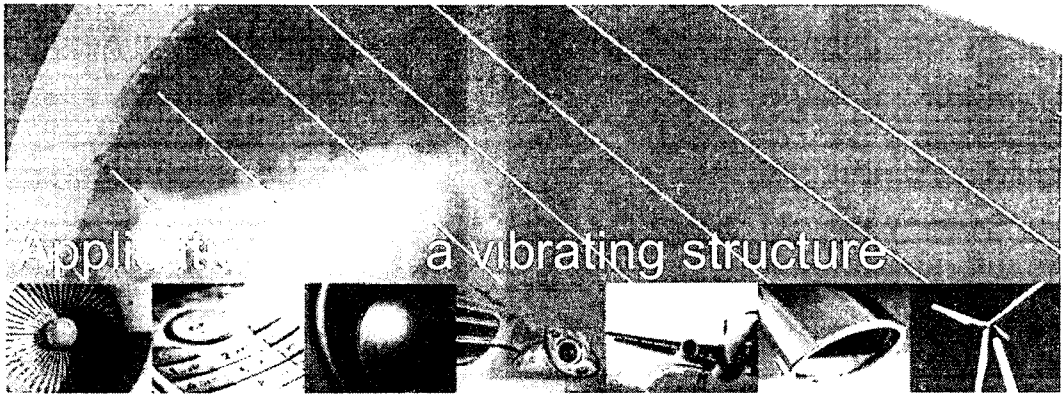


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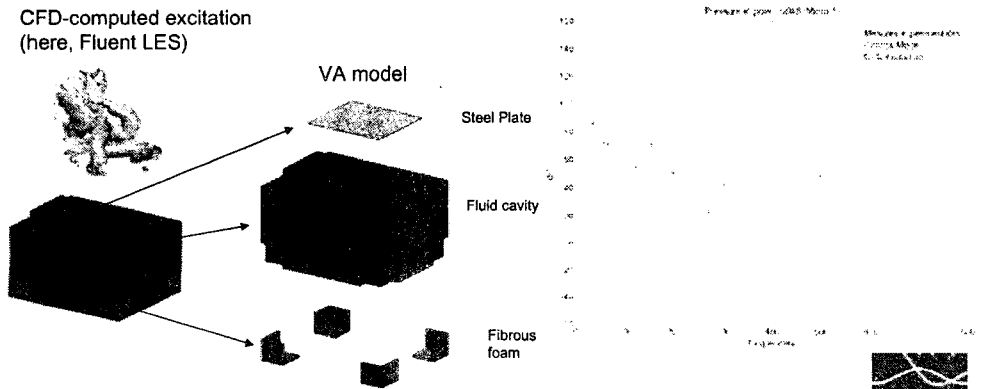


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## Side Mirror noise: Modeling strategy

- ⇒ The formulation is FULLY COMPATIBLE with the vibro-acoustic features
  - A side window can be modeled by a visco-elastic shell
  - Its seal can be modeled by a visco-elastic material
  - The seats, carpets, dashboard etc can be modeled using the Biot model and/or admittance

CFD-computed excitation  
(here, Fluent LES)



# Conclusions

- ⇒ Actran/LA formulation relies on a FEM-dedicated basis
  - The source formulation is much superior to the dipole/quadrupole formulations
  - The sources must be known with accuracy only where they are intense
  - The quality of the CFD does not need to be excellent
  - The method has been generalized to rotating machines
- ⇒ Actran/LA is coupled to several CFD codes including the major ones; several "industrial-like" cases have been treated with some of them
- ⇒ Actran/LA can be used for blower or axial fan applications
- ⇒ Extension to Aero-Vibro-Acoustics is no problem
- ⇒ Actran/LA has all the attributes of the other Actran family products

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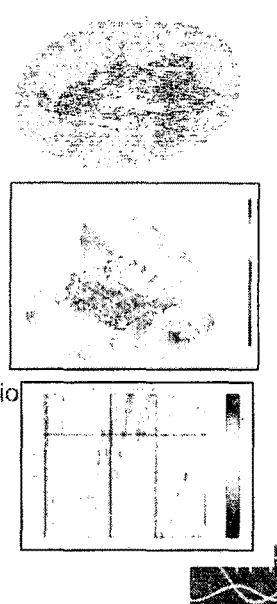
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# Actran for Exterior Acoustics

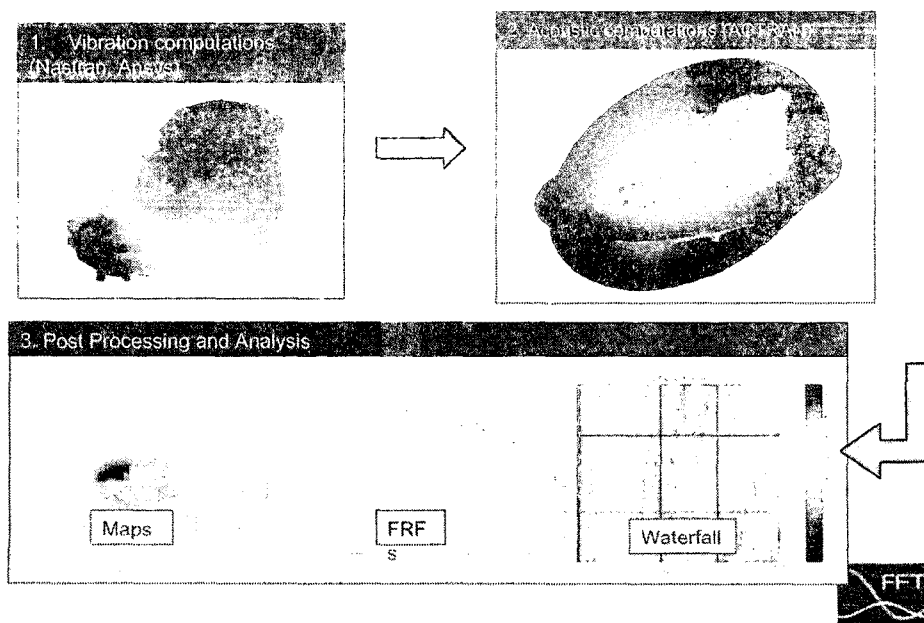
- ⇒ Results provided (among other )
  - Acoustic pressure and power
  - Power distribution and radiation efficiency
- ⇒ Realistic excitations
  - Vibration patterns from standard structural codes (NASTRAN, ANSYS)
- ⇒ Ease of Mesh
  - Structural & acoustical meshes are unequal
- ⇒ Fast Solvers
  - Direct and iterative solvers
  - Multiple Load solver (all regimes in a single computation)
  - Restart Capability
- ⇒ Applications
  - Engine: power train and auxiliaries (oilpan, manifold, exhaust, ...)
  - Engine compartment insulation
  - Any vibrating / radiating component



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## Standard Computation Process



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# Restart Capability

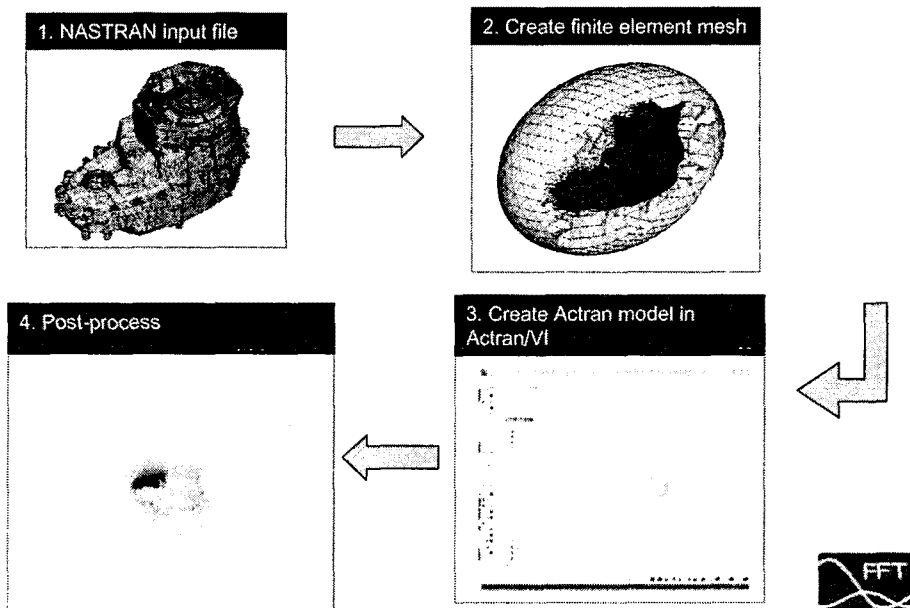
- New solver sequences allow the storage of the acoustic results before imposing the excitations. The application of the excitation can be done subsequently in a very short time.
- Thanks to this restart capability, the acoustic computation can be uncoupled from the structural computations. This eases the industrial process : if you modify the material properties or the excitation of your structural model, you do not have to re-do the acoustic computation, only the post-processing must be re-done.
- This restart capability also allows the smart handling of results for multiple RPM (with different frequencies for each RPM).
- ACTRAN have special capabilities to read large amount of structural data.

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## Modeling Steps – Acoustic Model



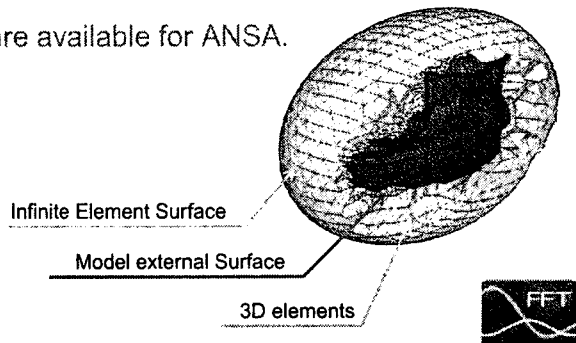
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## 3D mesh generation

- ⇒ There are several meshing tools on the market allowing fast 3D mesh generation.
- ⇒ Wrapping functions (in ANSA or other) will create for you a closed external surface of your structural model. This surface will carry the structural information.
- ⇒ The 3D elements are easily generated with any meshing tools.
- ⇒ Automatic meshing routine are available for ANSA.

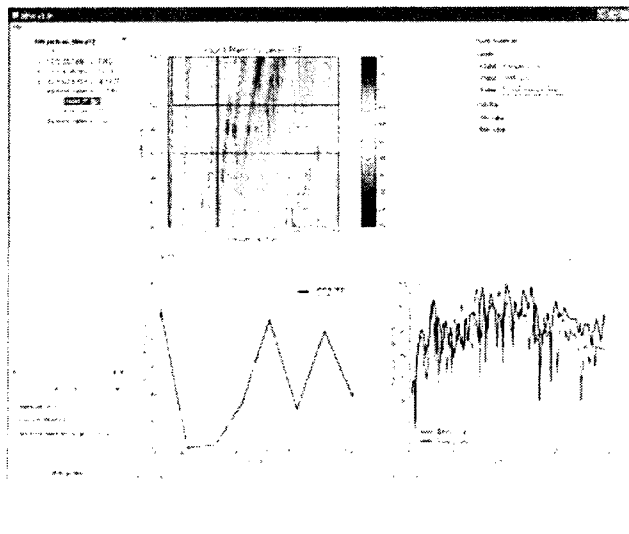


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## Waterfall Diagram

- ⇒ Dedicated tool to post-process efficiently results on waterfall diagrams

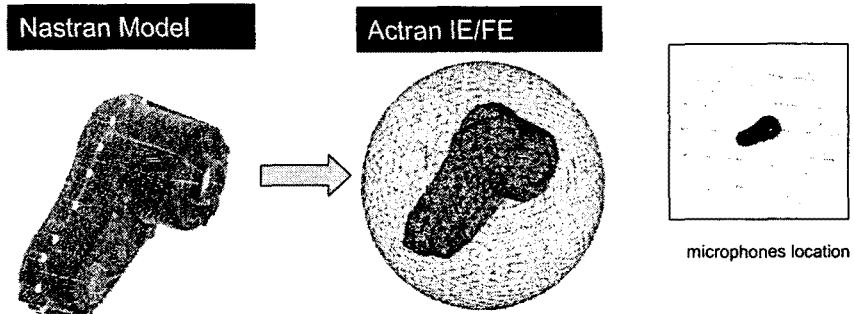


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## Case Study: Gearbox (1/2)

- ⊙ BorgWarner was doing acoustic simulations with a BEM solver for assessing the noise radiated by its mechanical components
- ⊙ BorgWarner engineers faced a major issue:
  - the computation times were too long hence it was difficult to respect the design schedules

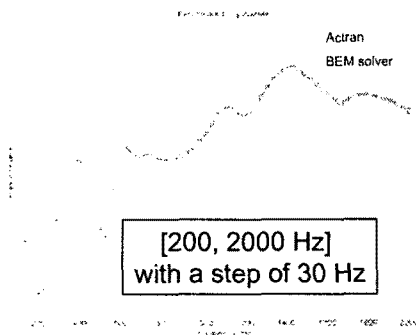


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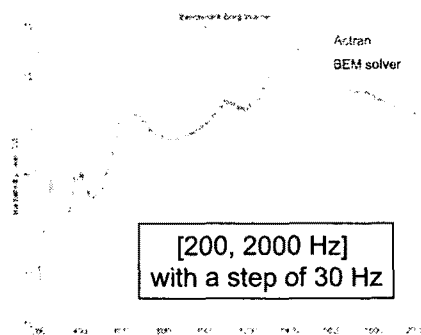
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## Case Study: Gearbox (2/2)

Pressure at master microphone



Radiated power



- ⊙ Performance, single loadcase:
  - BorgWarner BEM Software: 1.5 hours (Xeon 64 bits machine)
  - Actran: 8 minutes (Dell PC)
  - A multiple loadcase would not take much more time

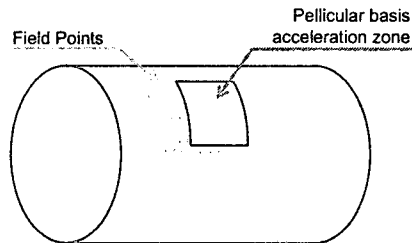


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# Using ACTRAN/AR for reconstructing the velocity field from pressure measurements

- ⇒ ACTRAN/AR may be used in an inverse mode:
  - Experimental data is available for the pressure at a set of microphones
  - ACTRAN/AR reconstructs the normal velocity field on the vibrating surface
- ⇒ Test case retained



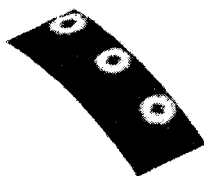
- ⇒ Realistic velocity patterns are chosen With/without admittance



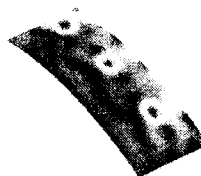
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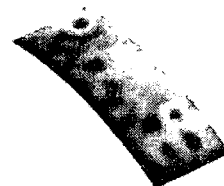
## Quality vs. # of microphones



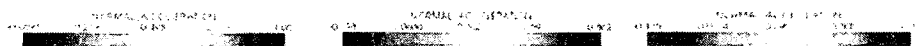
1250 microphones



250 microphones



50 microphones



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# Summary: key features for AR

- Source import
  - Direct import from Nastran, ANSYS
  - Direct import of all the RPM from the files containing the structural results
- Solver
  - Direct computation of all RPM (multiple load case): one matrix resolution with multiple RHS
  - Efficient solvers (MUMPS, SPARSE, Iterative)
  - Frequency parallelisms available for very large problems
- In practice
  - Small problems run on a desktop
  - Large problems can exceed 3kHz on a car engine
- Easy to mesh
  - 3D model created in a few minutes thanks to the unequal meshes.

➤ ... And all the Actran standard features

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## Complete Industrial Process

