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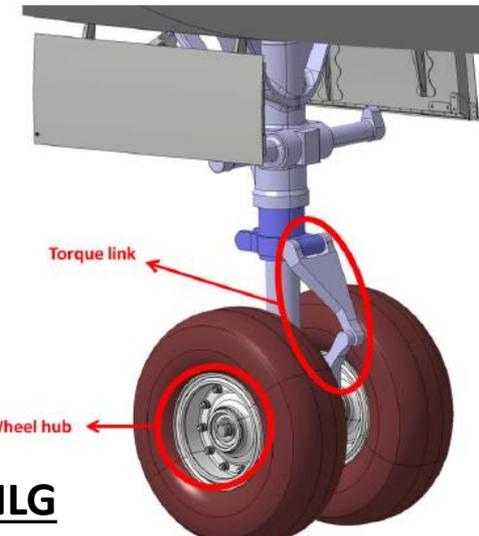
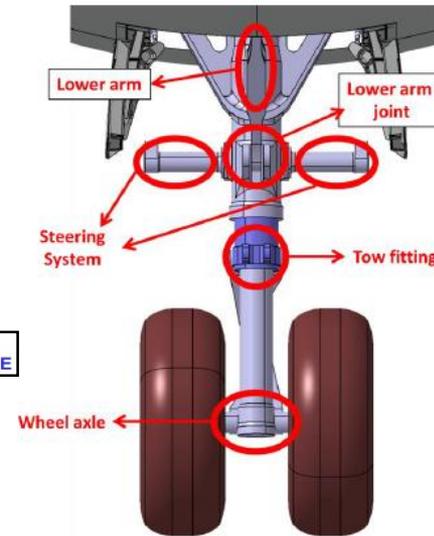
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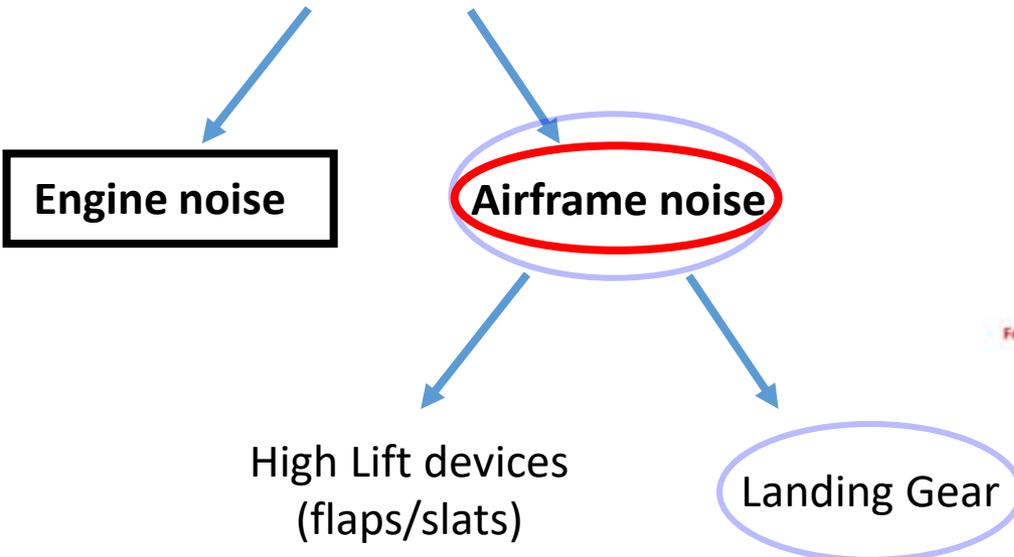
Introduction

Aircraft Noise



NLG

Aircraft noise sources



MLG

Introduction

The ALLEGRA project

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



7 years research project

2.5 years research project

ITD:




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(COORDINATOR)



KTH Sweden



Pininfarina SPA



Eurotech



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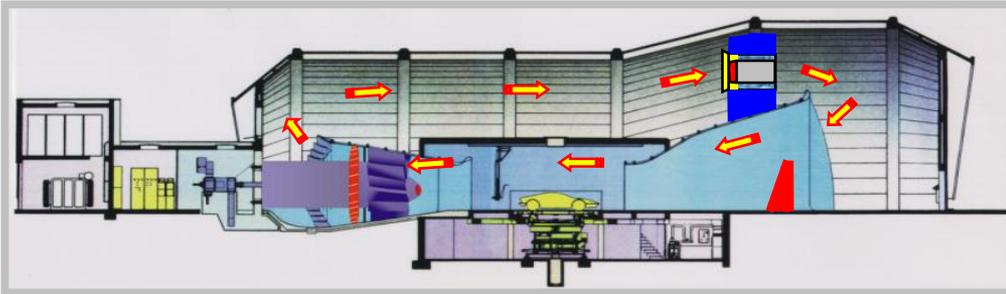
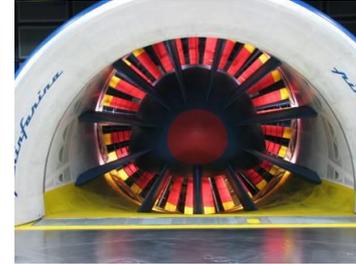
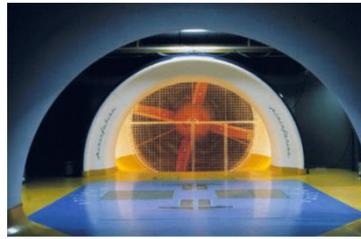
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The ALLEGRA project

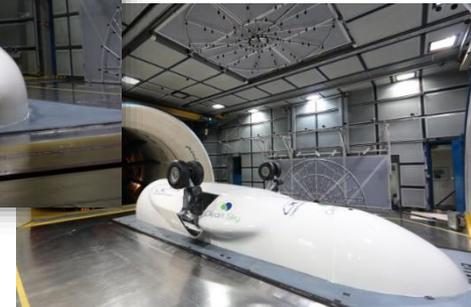
Pininfarina Wind Tunnel features:

- Jet section: 11 m² (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**.



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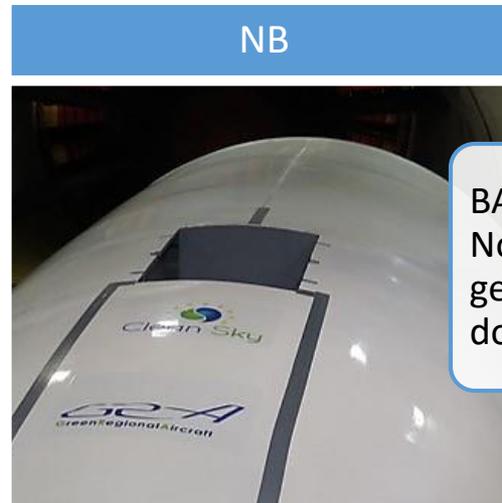
NLG Baseline Configurations



Nose
landing gear
dressed:
Baseline



Closed
Fuselage
only



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

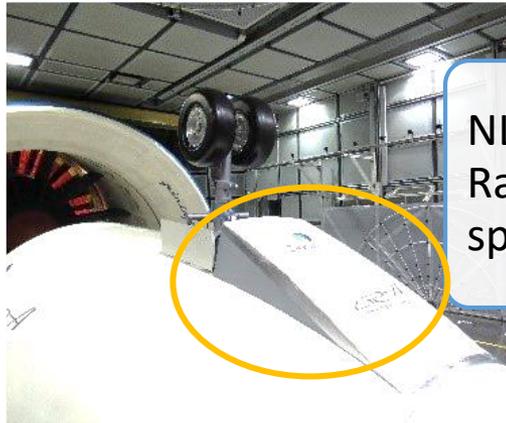


NLU with wheels, torque link, steering pinion and doors removed

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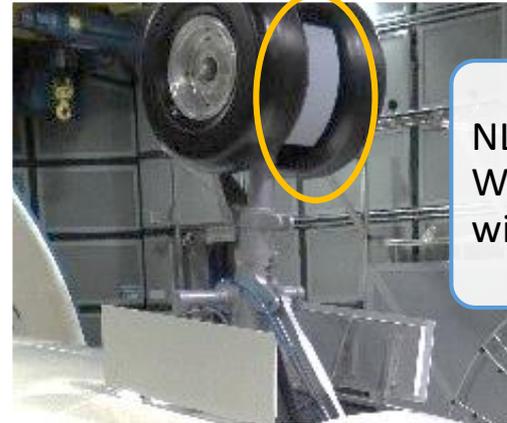
Application of low noise technologies to the NLG

NL1



NLG + Ramp spoiler

NL2



NLG + Wheel axle wind shield

NL3



NLG + Wheel hub caps

NL6



NLG + NL1 + NL2 + NL3

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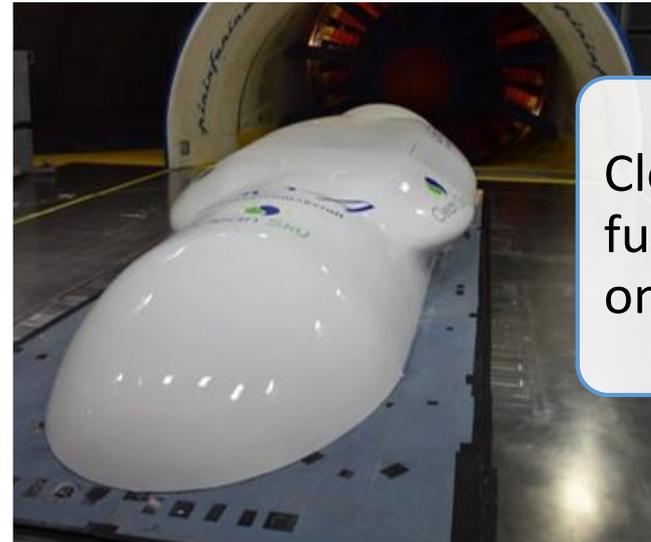
MLG Baseline configurations

MLG



Main
landing
gear:
Baseline

MF



Closed
fuselage
only

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Decomposition of the MLG

MLG-TopDoors



MLG with
top doors
removed

MLG-SideDoors



MLG with
side doors
removed

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Application of low noise technologies to the MLG

ML7



MLG +
Mesh
treatment

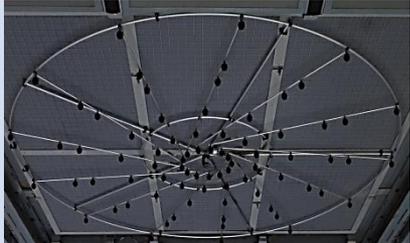
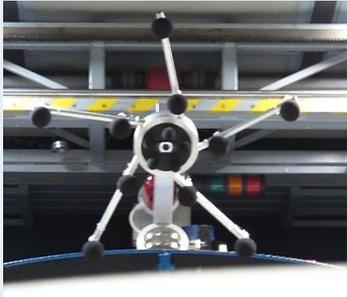
ML8



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

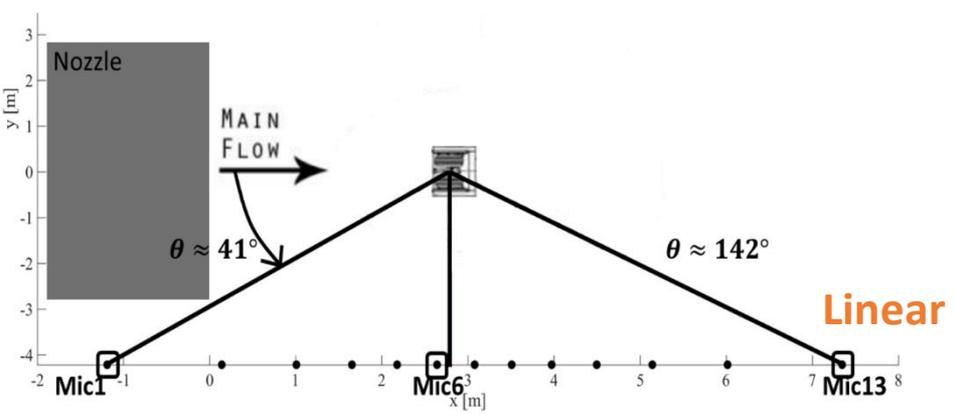
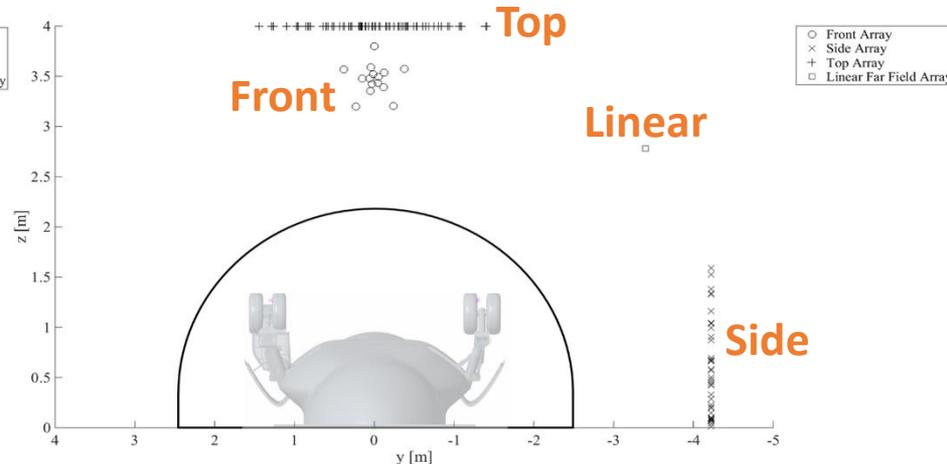
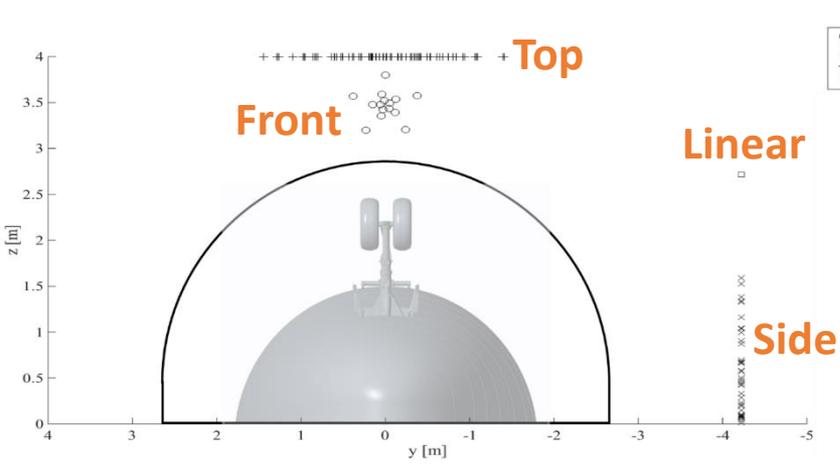


Diagram of linear far field array angles for the NLG

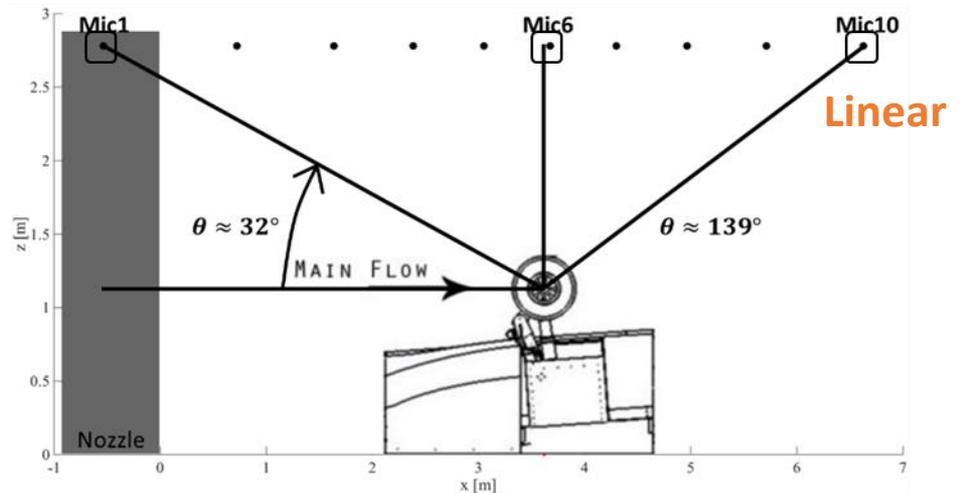


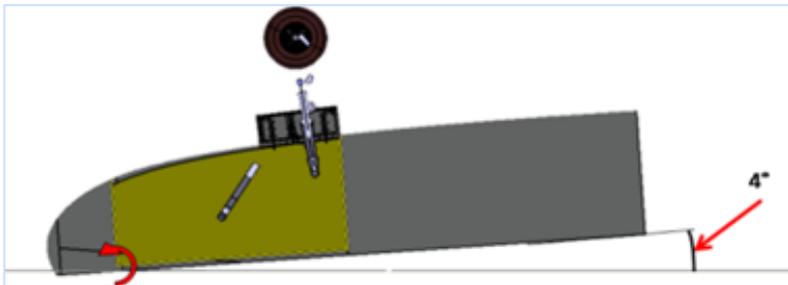
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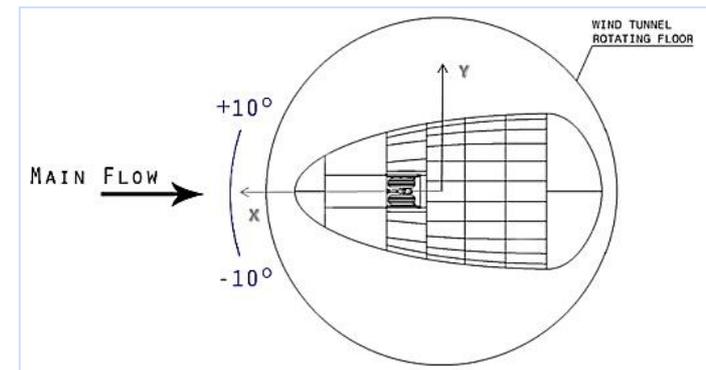
NLG Test Campaign

Wind Tunnel Tests Matrix:

	Wind Tunnel Flow Speed			
	40m/s	50m/s	60m/s	65m/s
Yaw angle	-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°



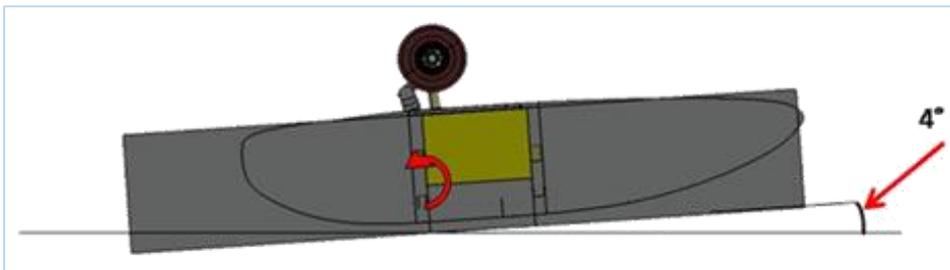
Yaw Angle

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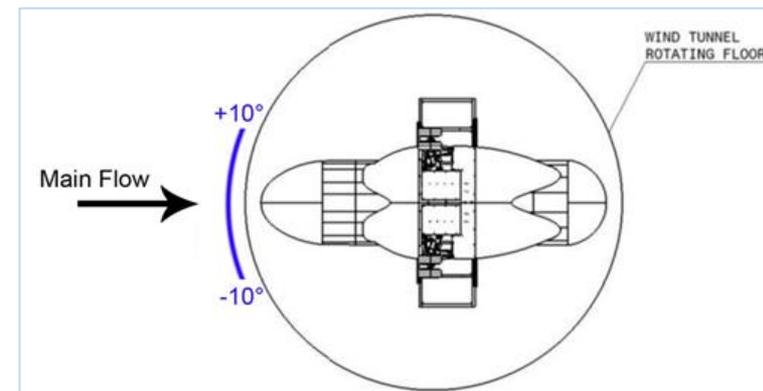
MLG Test Campaign

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Angle of attack: 4°



Yaw Angle

Nose Landing Gear Results



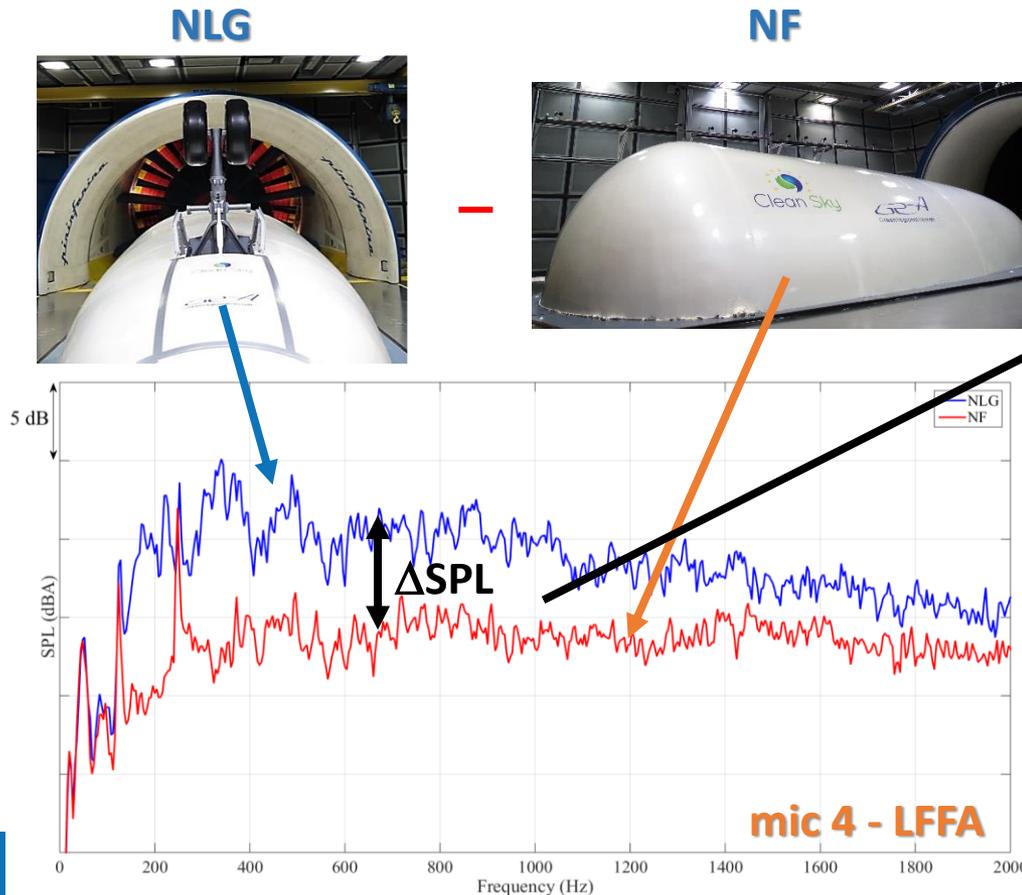
NLG Results

Directivity of the nose landing gear noise

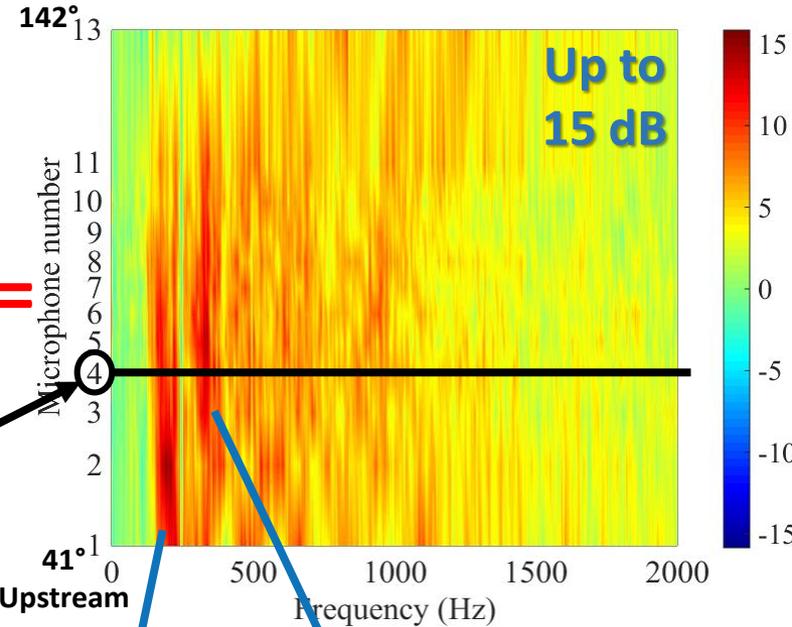
Δ SPL(dB) wrt baseline NLG as a function of frequency and directivity - Linear Far Field array

50m/s and 0° yaw
Spectrograms

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Downstream

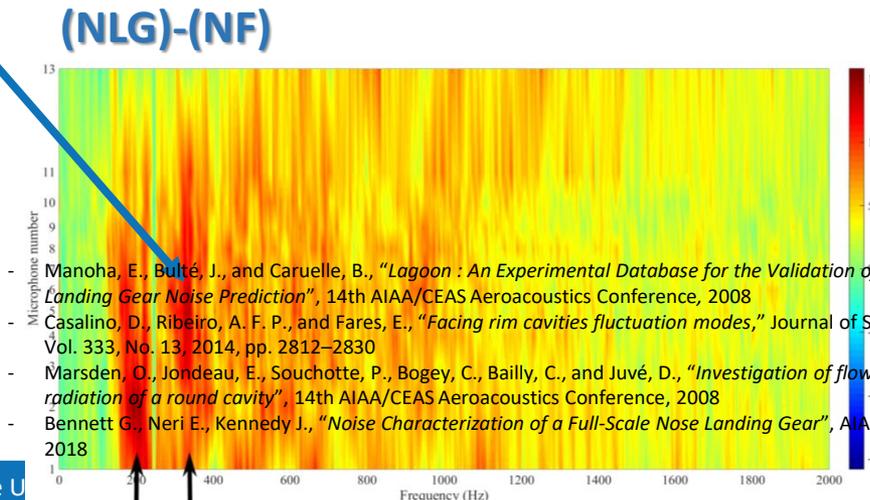
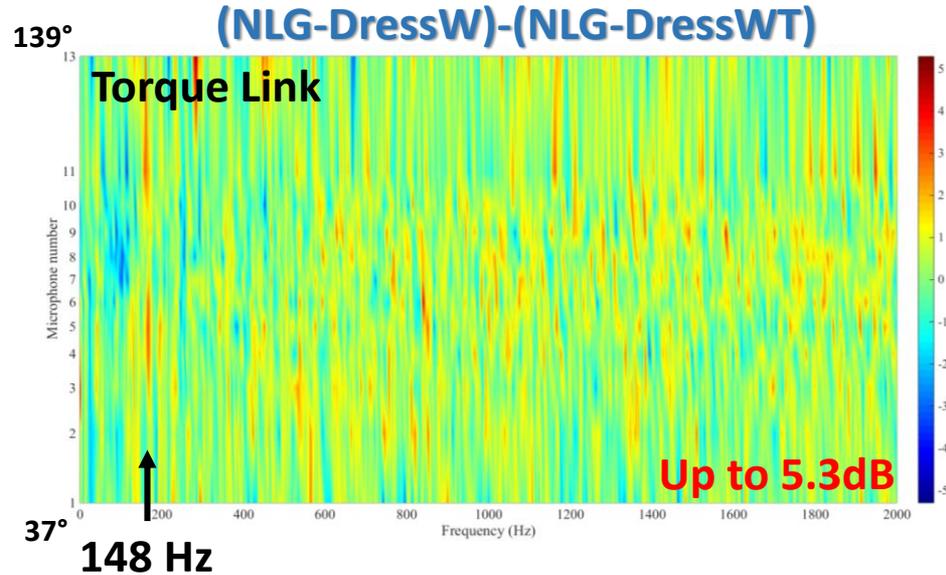
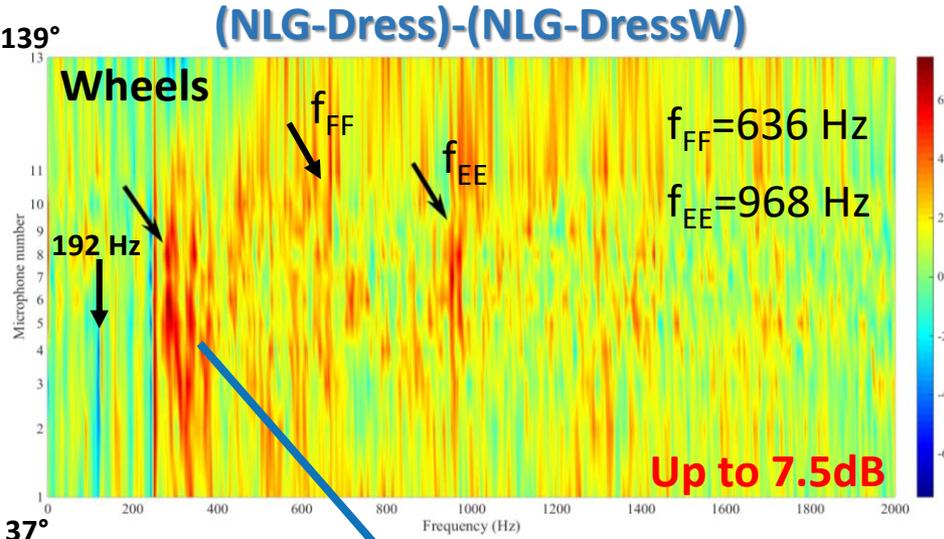


NLG Results

Directivity of the nose landing gear components

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

50m/s and 0° yaw



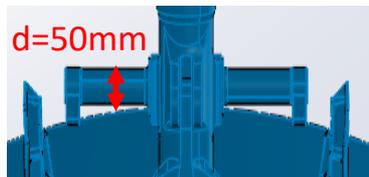
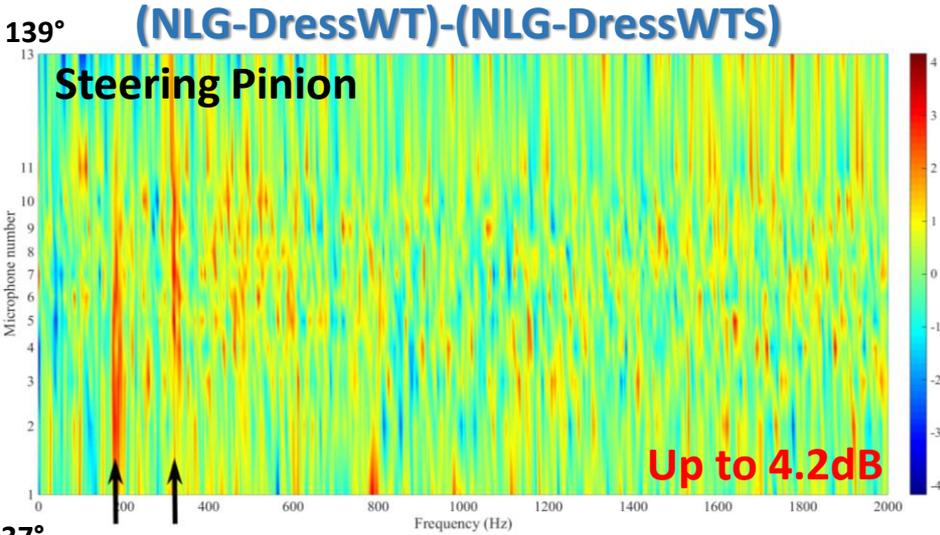
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NLG Results

Directivity of the nose landing gear components

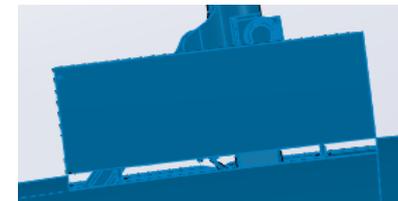
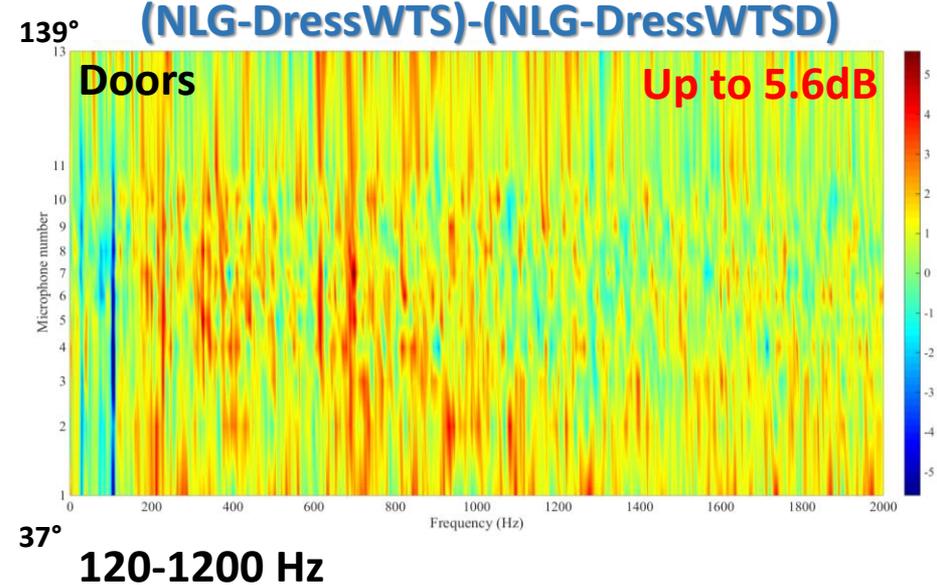
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50m/s and 0° yaw



Vortex shedding frequency:

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



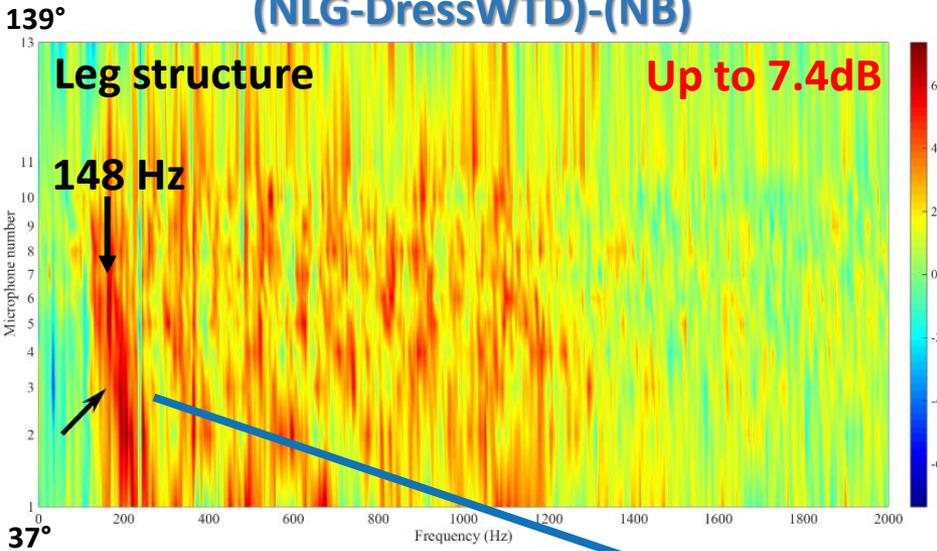
NLG Results

Directivity of the nose landing gear components

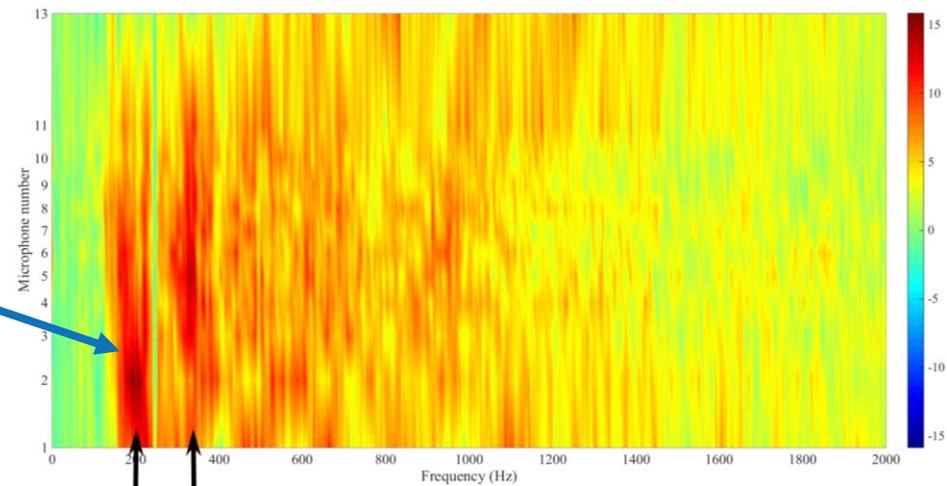
Δ SPL(dB) as a function of frequency and directivity - Linear Far Field array

50m/s and 0° yaw

(NLG-DressWTD)-(NB)



(NLG)-(NF)



37°

124 – 250 Hz



Vortex shedding frequency:

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

$$= 89, 105, 138, 173, 208 \text{ Hz}$$

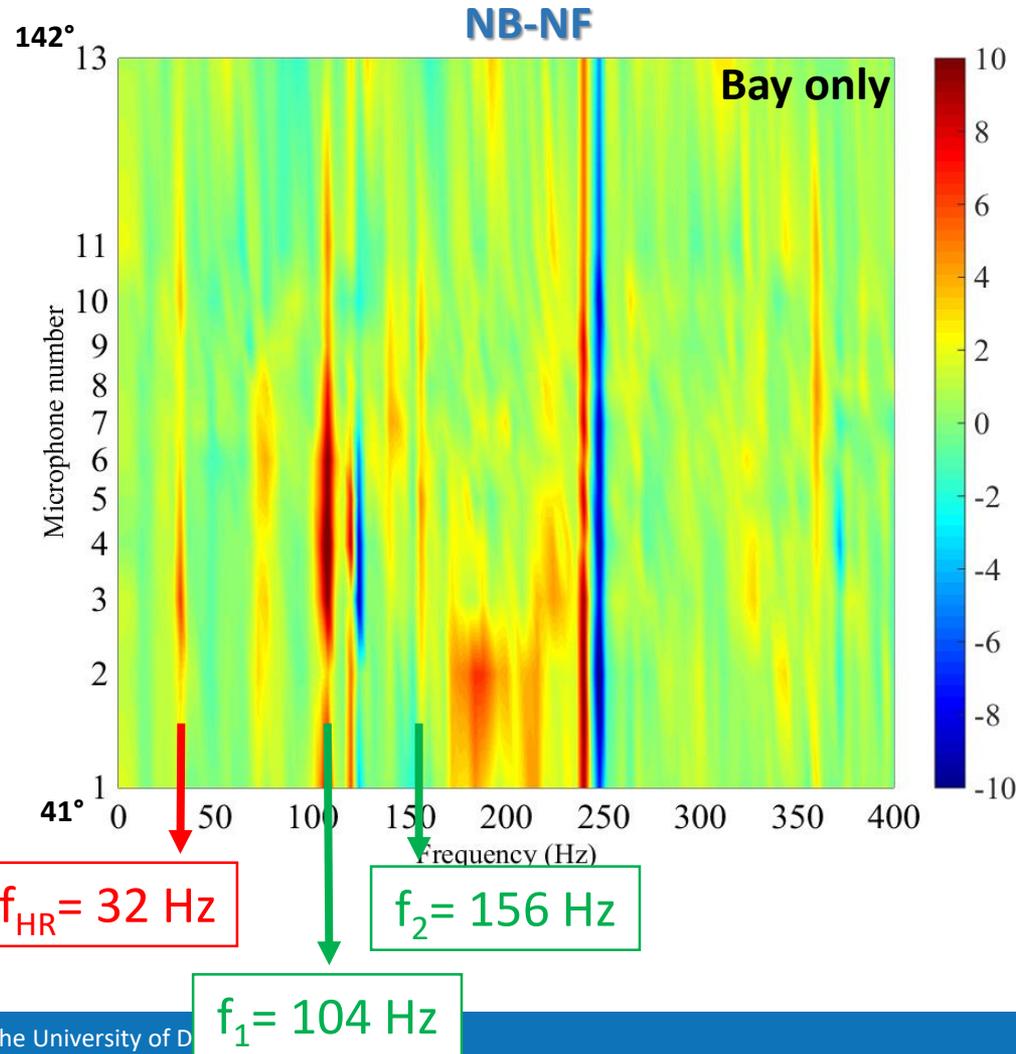
Directivity

NLG Results

Directivity of the nose landing gear components

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

50m/s and 0° yaw



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Bay only NB



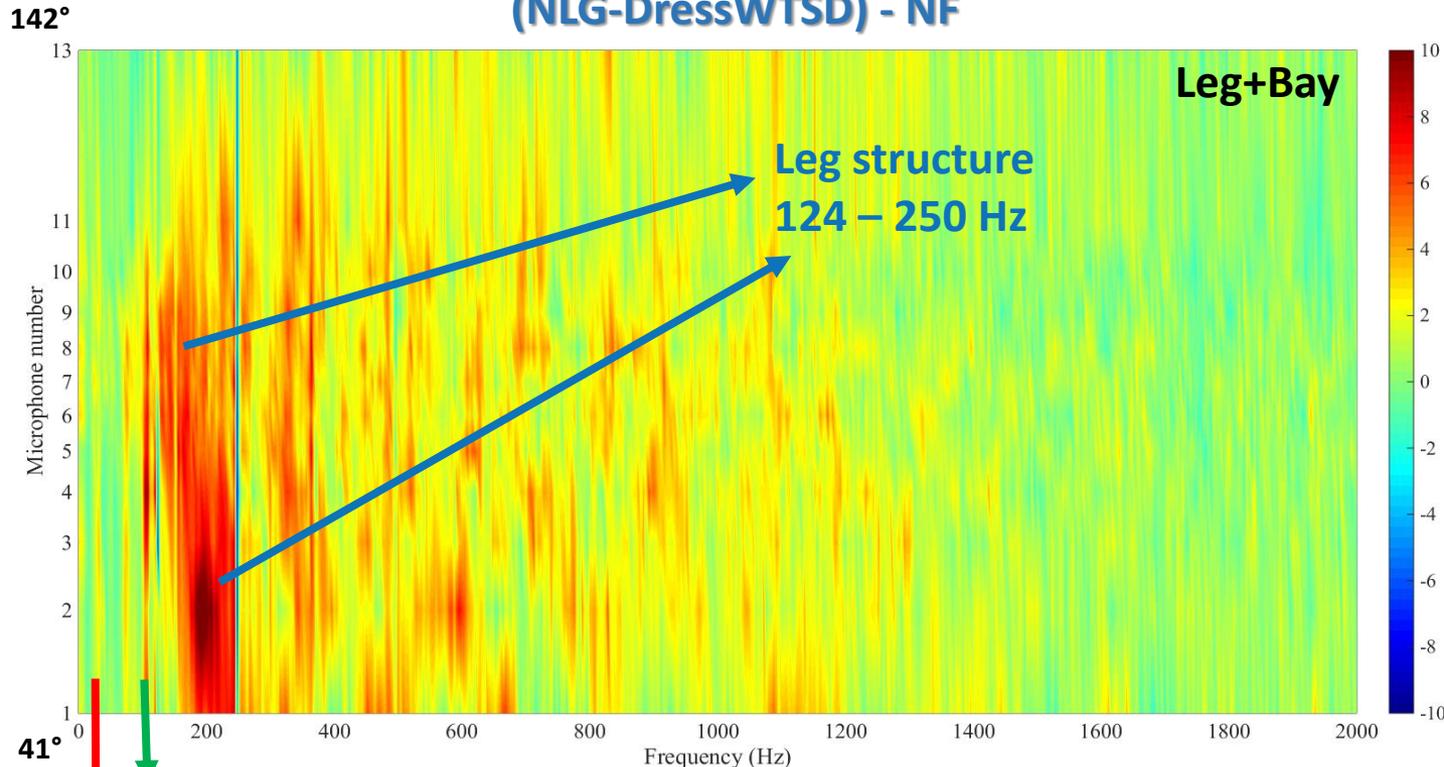
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Directivity of the nose landing gear components

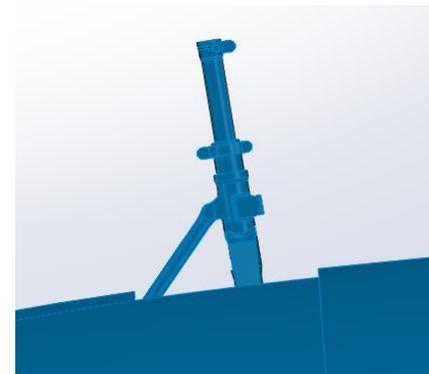
Are these bay cavity modes radiating to the far field?

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

(NLG-DressWTSD) - NF



NLG-DressWTSD



0° yaw
50m/s

Directivity

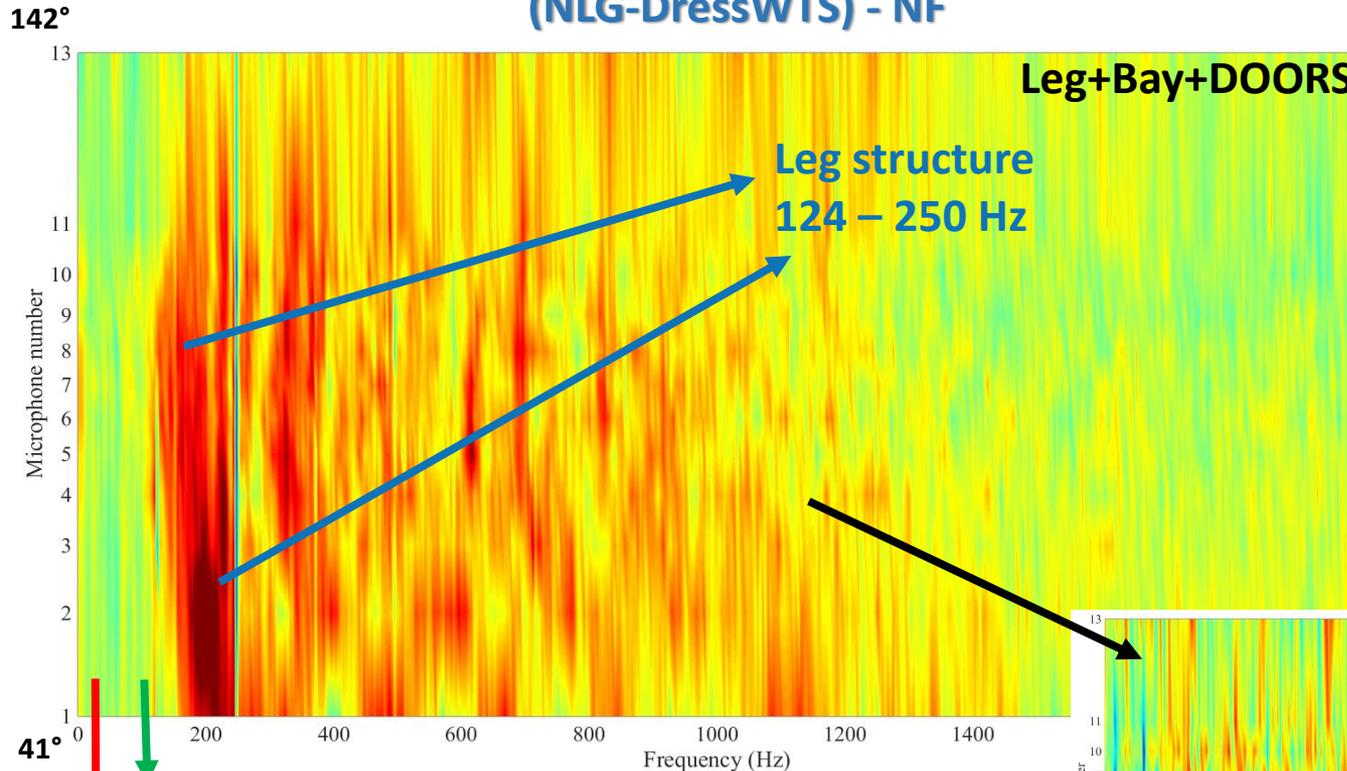
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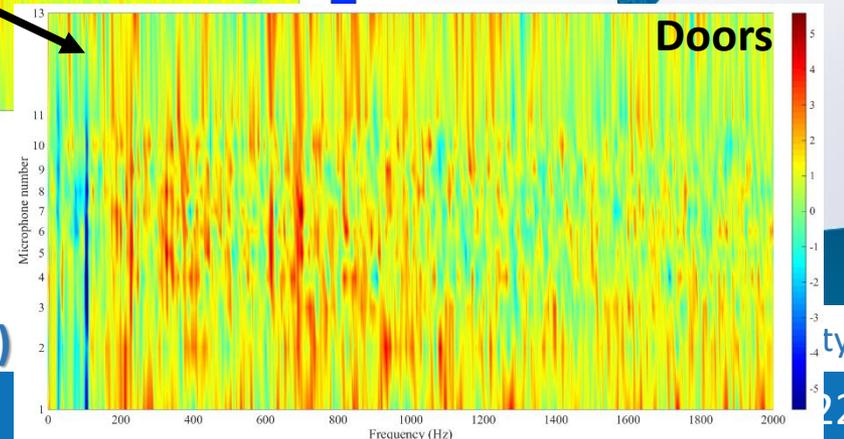
(NLG-DressWTS) - NF



NLG-DressWTS



Doors



(NLG-DressWTS)-(NLG-DressWTSD)

NLG Results

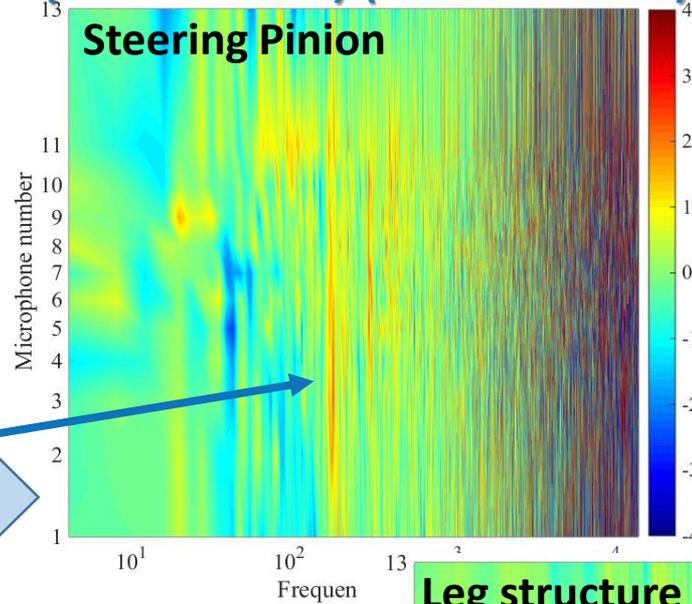
Noise reduction technologies

50m/s and 0° yaw

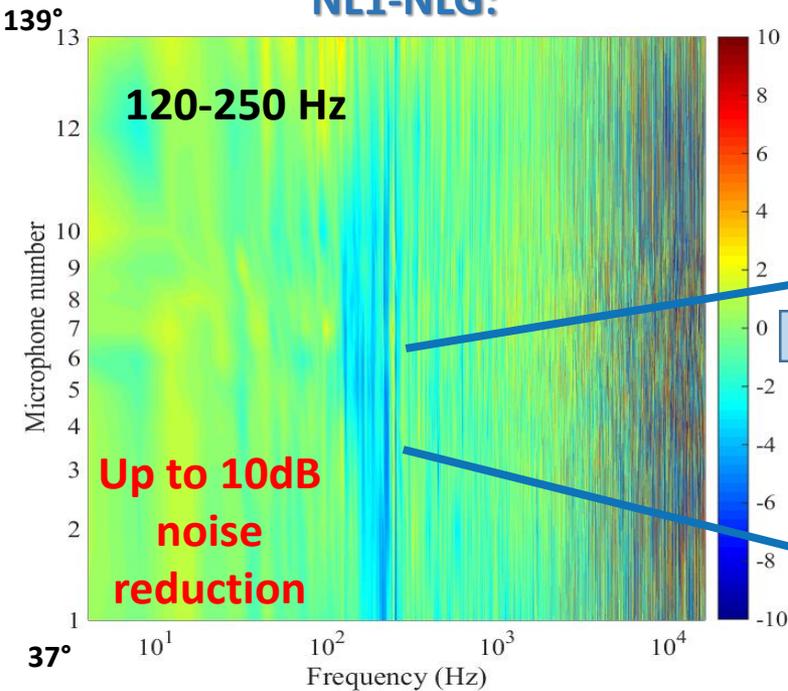
Δ SPL(dB) as a function of frequency and directivity -
Linear Far Field array

(NLG-DressWT)-(NLG-DressWTS)

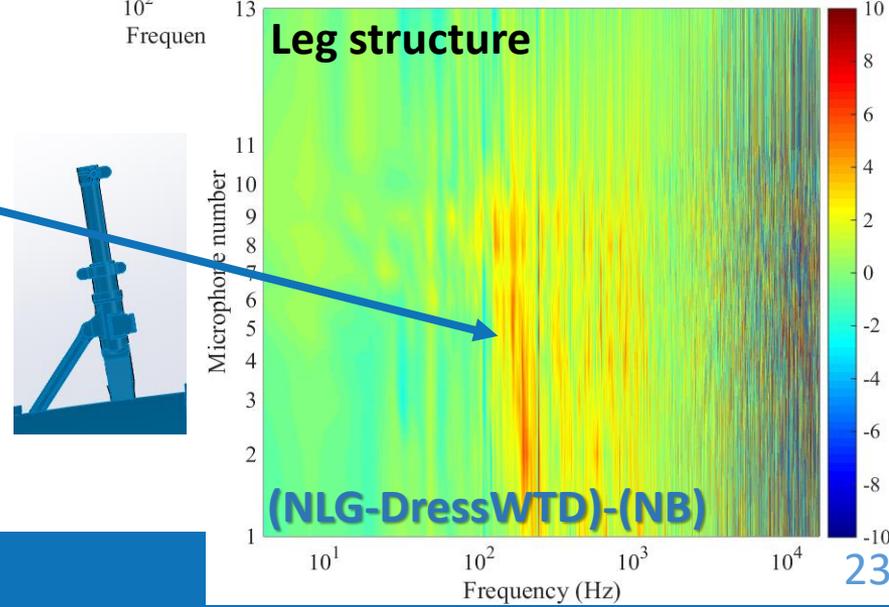
Steering Pinion



NL1-NLG:



Leg structure

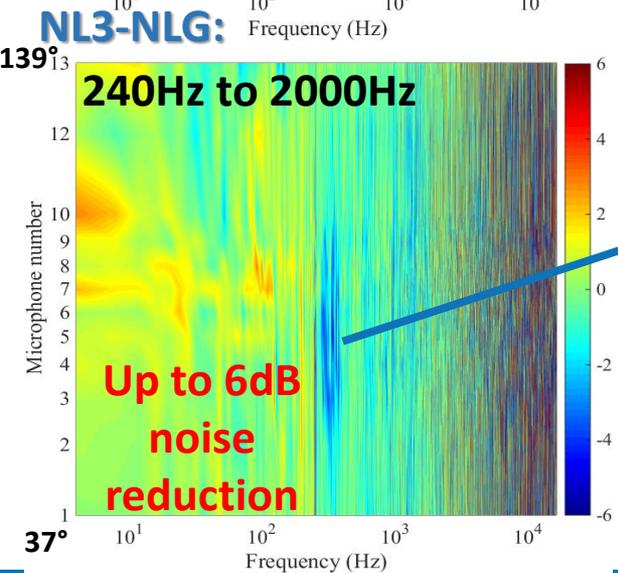
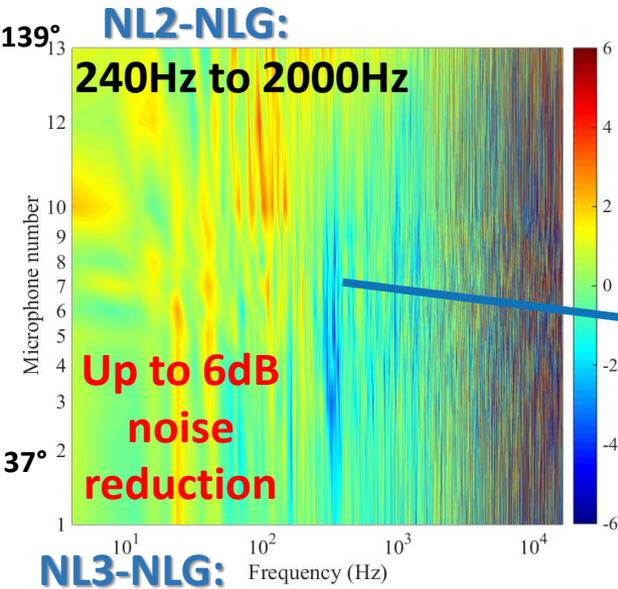


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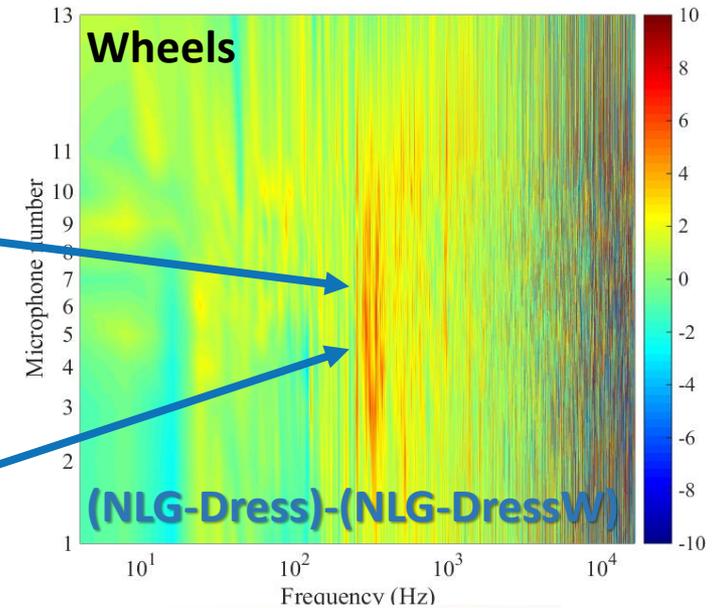


NLG Results

Noise reduction technologies

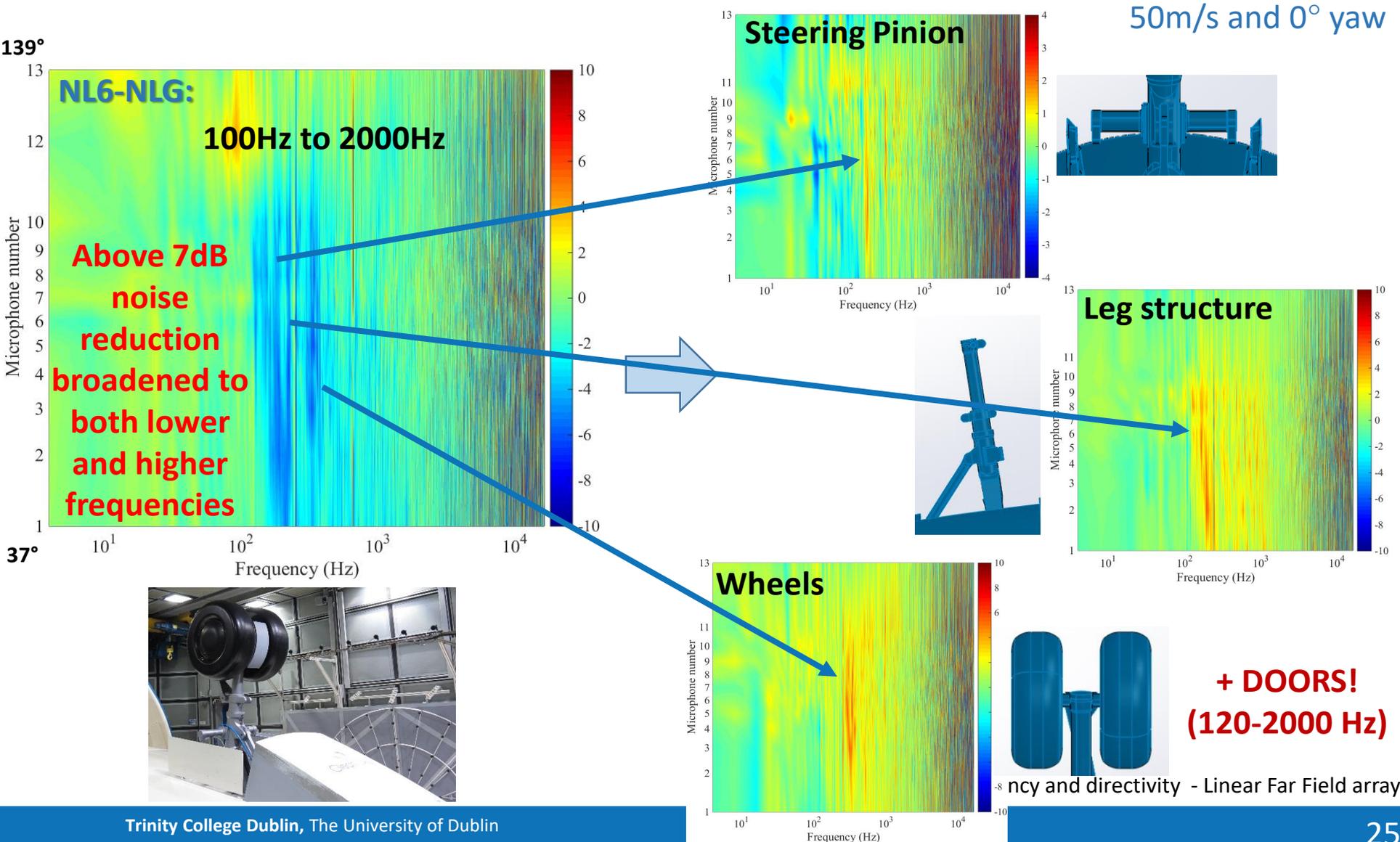


50m/s and 0° yaw
 Δ SPL(dB) as a function of frequency and directivity -
Linear Far Field array



NLG Results

Noise reduction technologies



Main Landing Gear Results



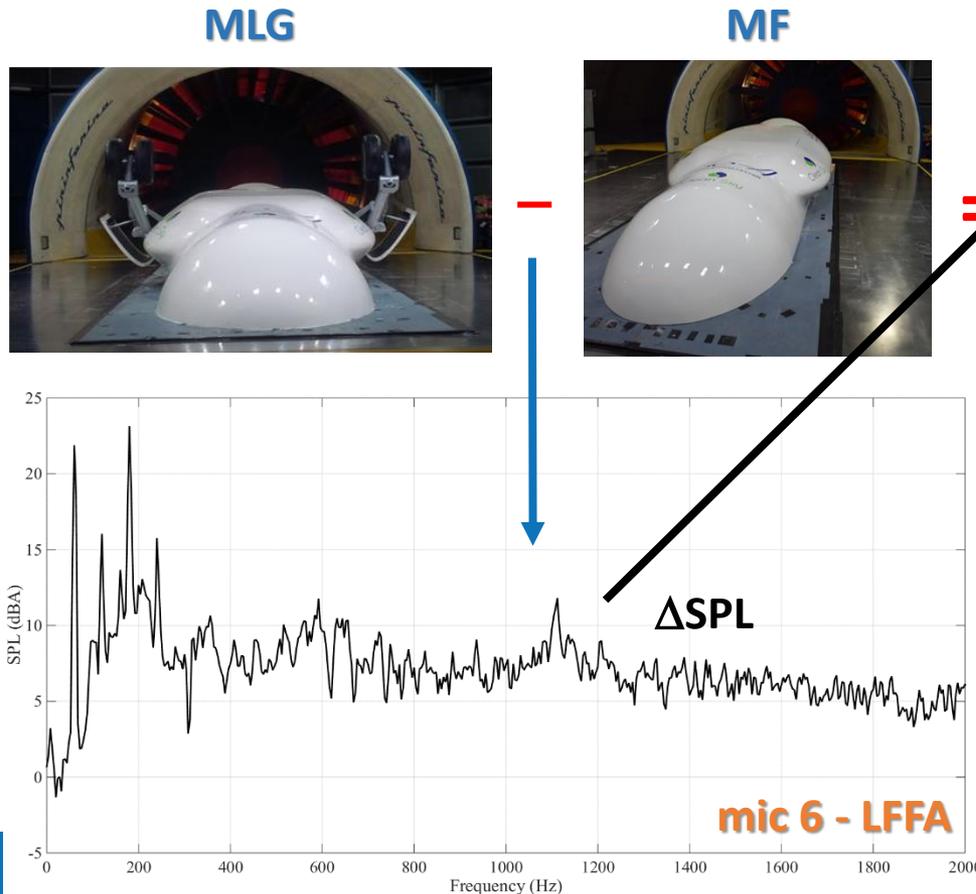
MLG Results

Directivity of the main landing gear noise

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

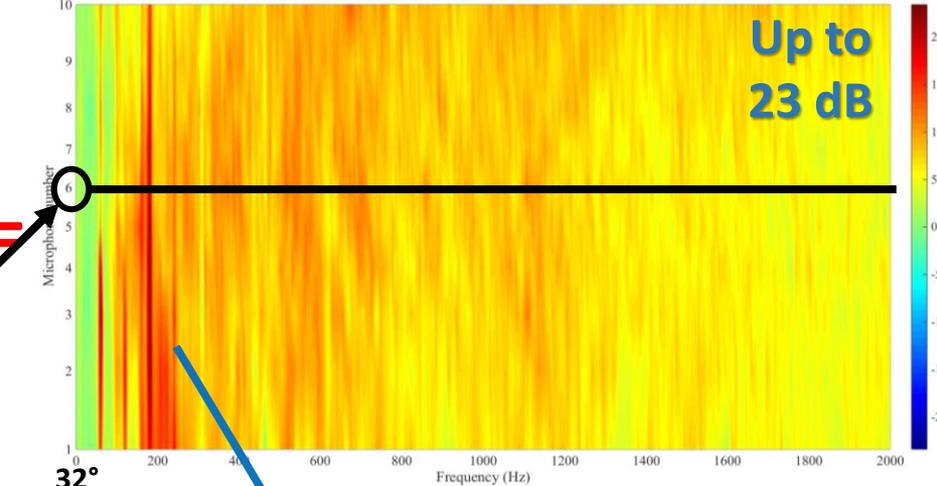
65 m/s and 0° yaw
Spectrograms

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Downstream

139°



Upstream

32°

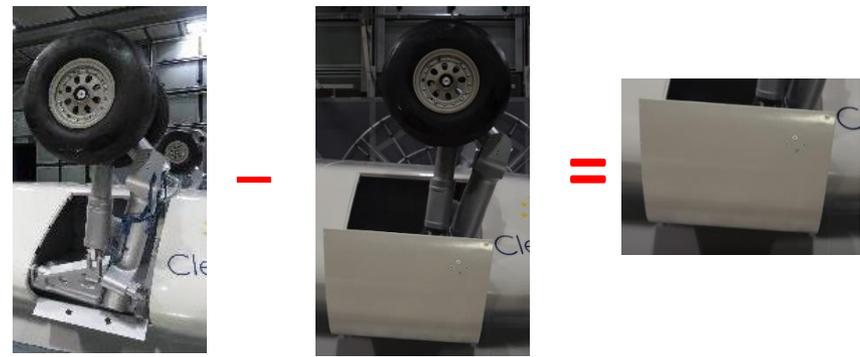
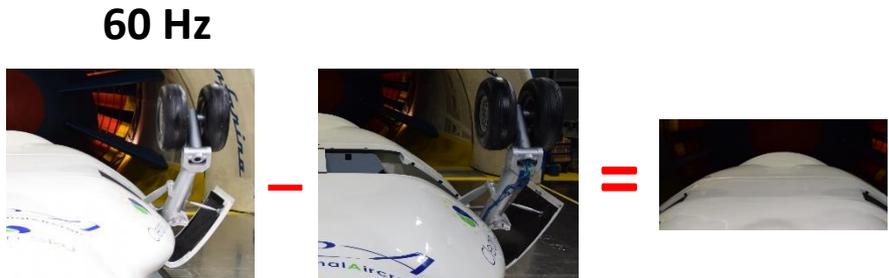
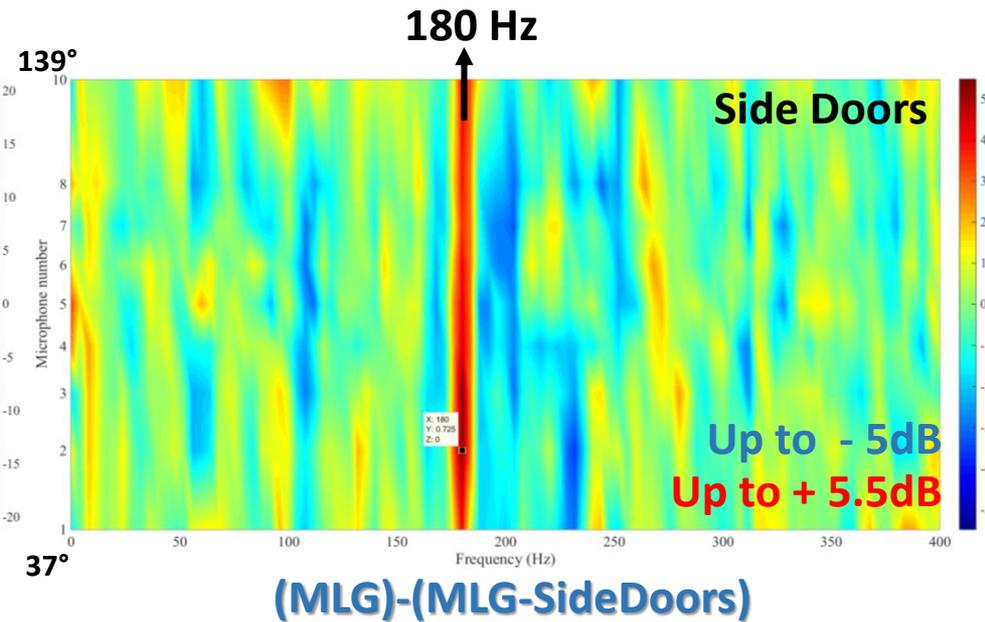
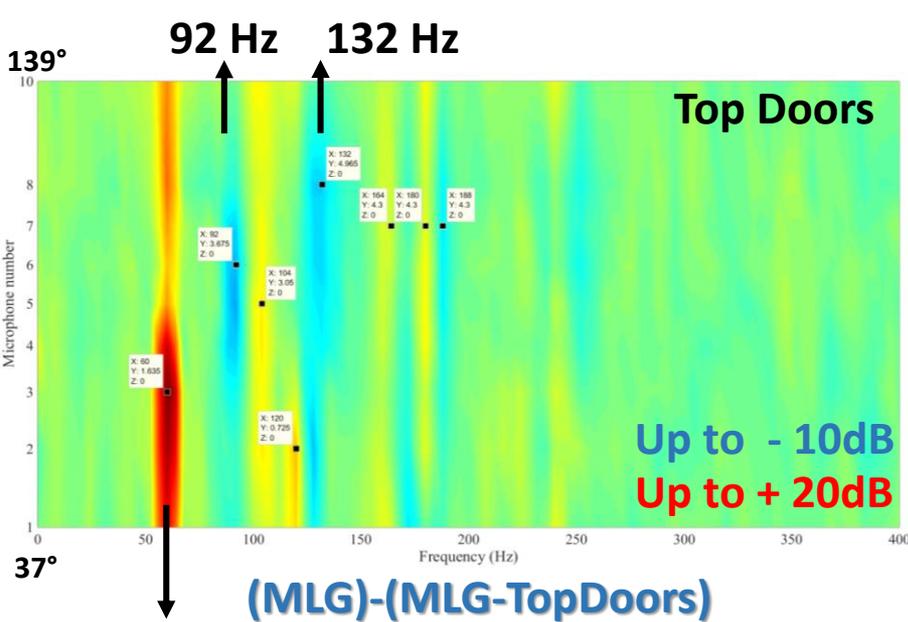
60 – 250 Hz

60 Hz – 1200 Hz

MLG Results

Directivity of the main landing gear components

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



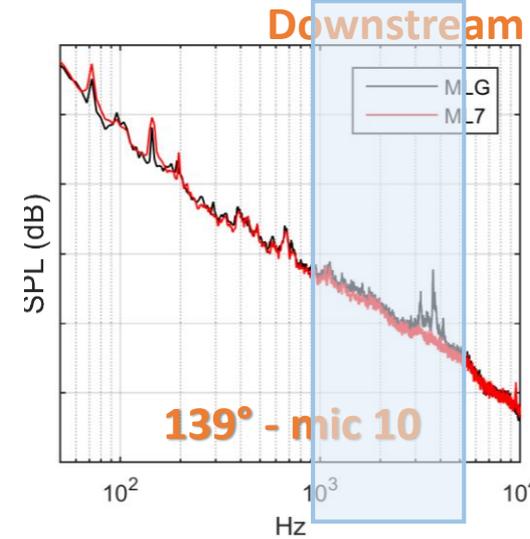
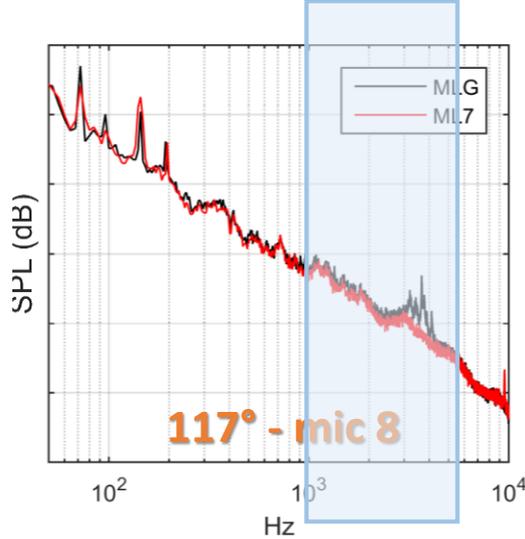
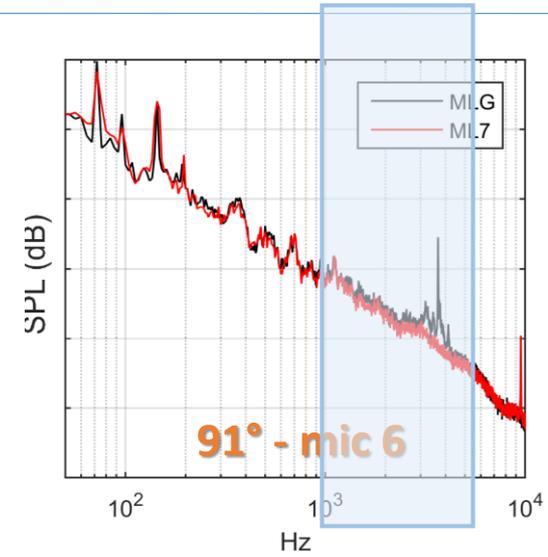
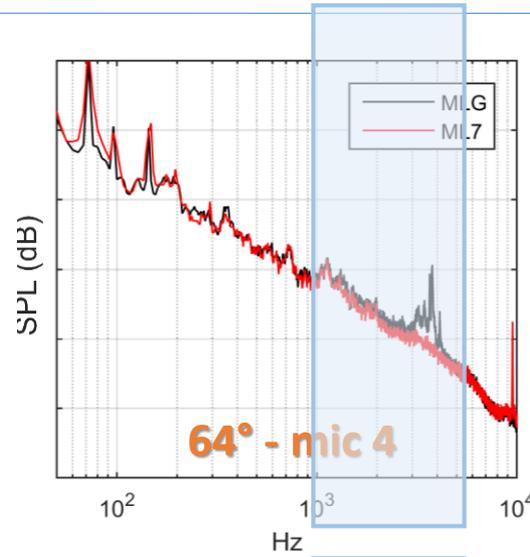
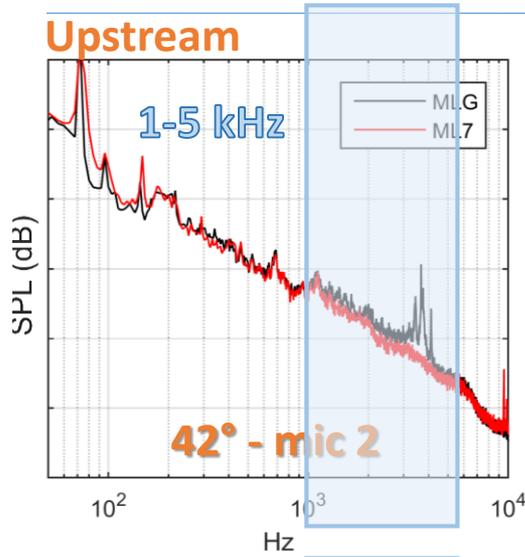
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Directivity

MLG Results

Noise reduction technologies

Upstream



ML7 – Mesh Fairings

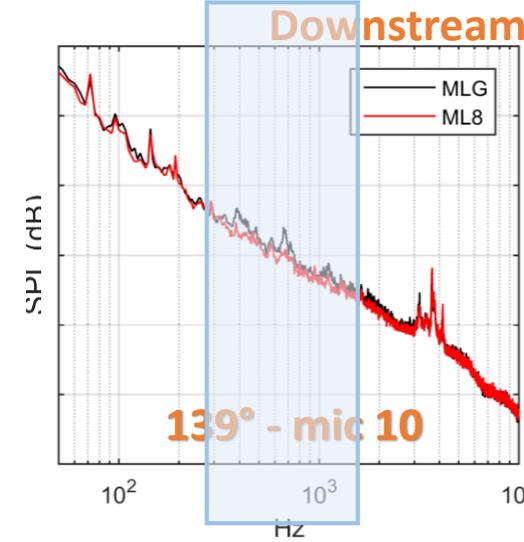
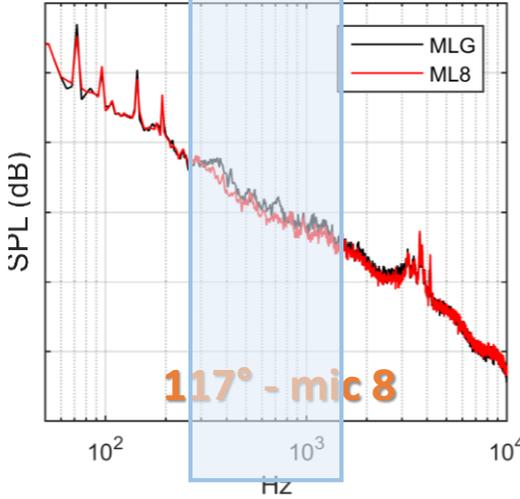
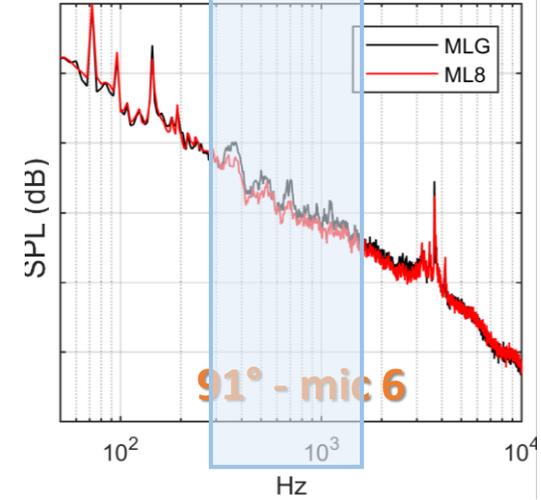
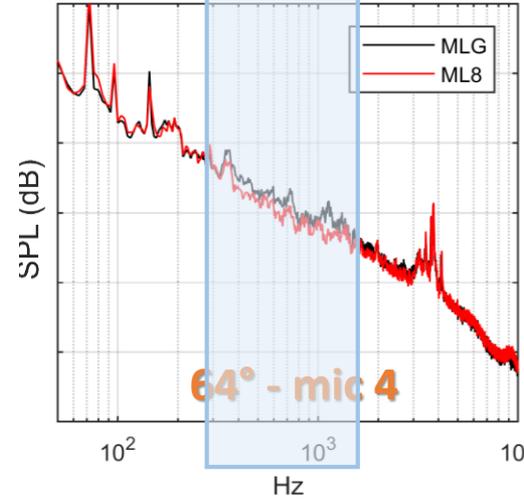
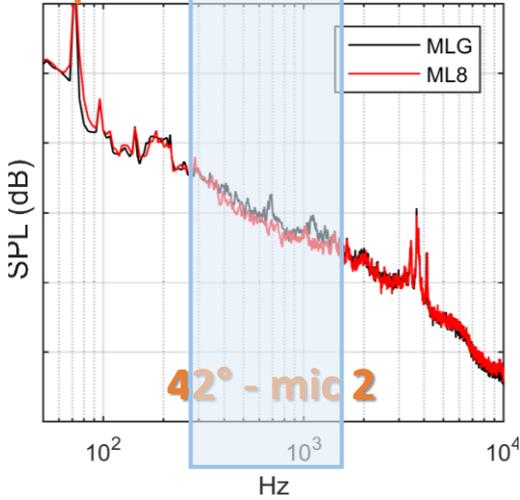


SPL(dB) narrow band frequency spectra
40 m/s and 0° yaw

MLG Results

Noise reduction technologies

Upstream 300-1500 Hz



ML8 – Hub Caps + Axle Fairing



SPL(dB) narrow band frequency spectra
40m/s and 0° yaw

MLG Results

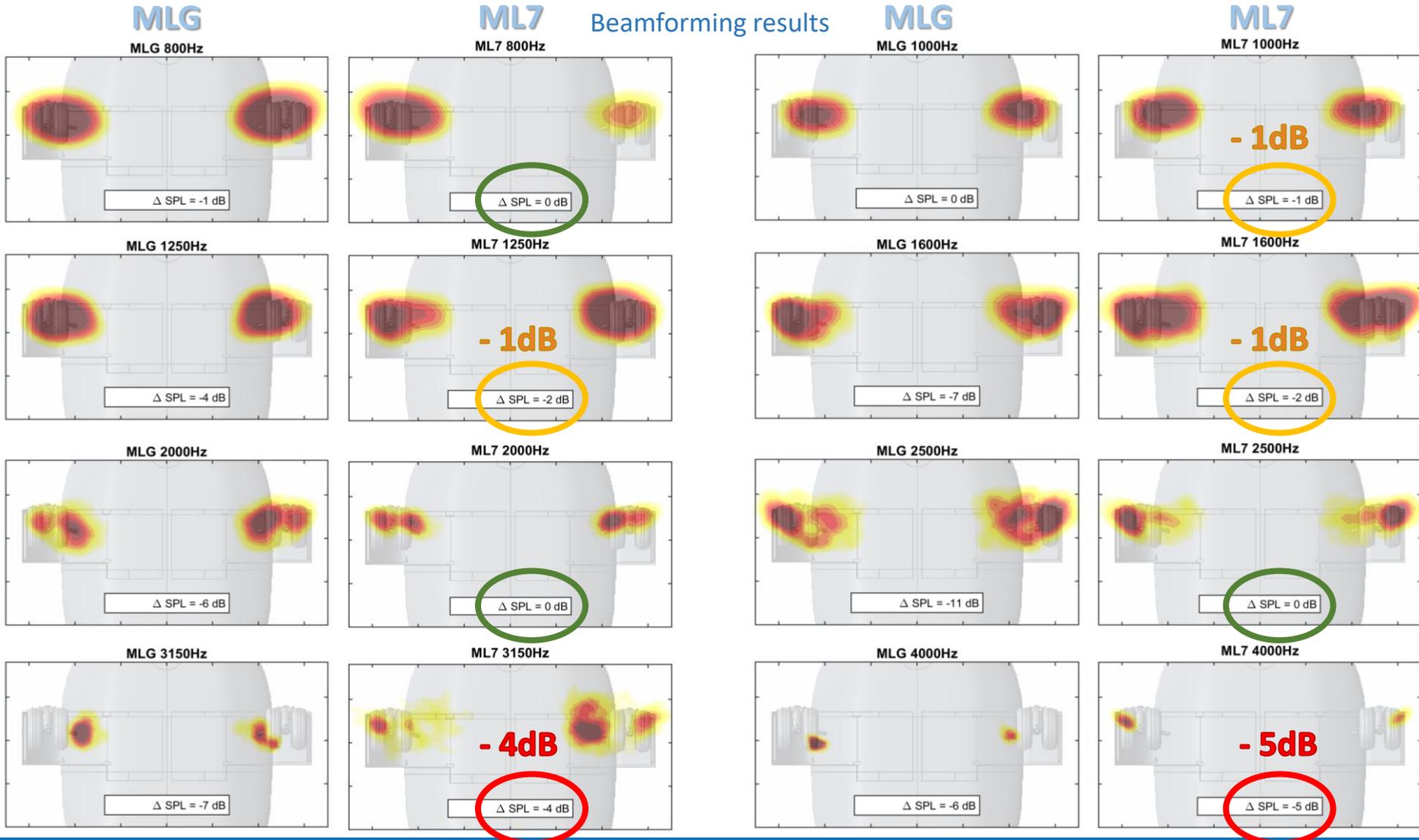
Mesh Fairings



Noise reduction technologies

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

Beamforming results



MLG Results

Noise reduction technologies

Hub Caps
+ Axle
Fairing



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

Beamforming results



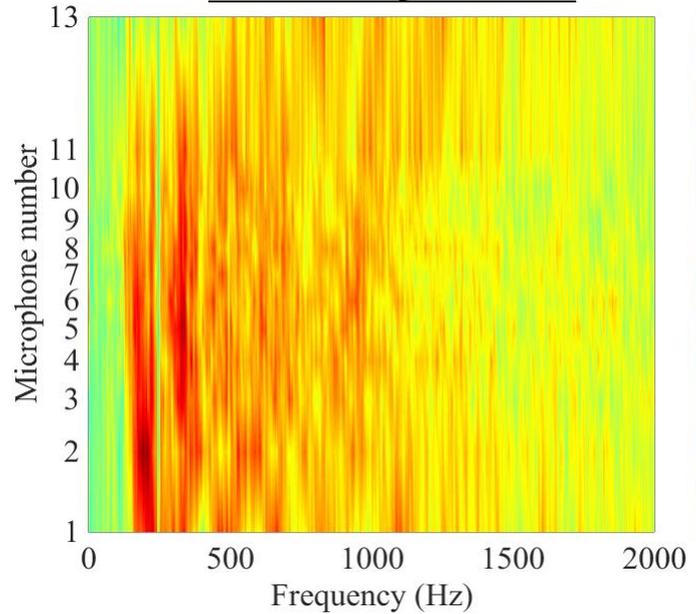
Nose Landing Gear Results Conclusions

Landing Gear Noise

Landing Gear Noise:



Directivity NLG-NF



Amplitude:
Up to 15 dB

Frequency Range:
150 Hz – 1400 Hz

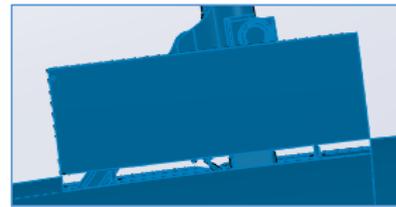
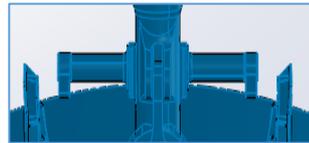
Particular contribution:
150 Hz – 230 Hz
284 – 380 Hz

260 - 400 Hz
650 Hz
1kHz



Broadband

192 Hz
320 Hz



120 - 1200 Hz

124 - 250 Hz



32 Hz
104 Hz
156 Hz

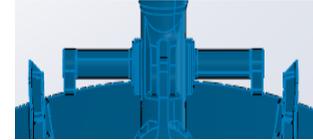
Nose Landing Gear Results Conclusions

Noise Reduction Technologies



120-250 Hz

-10dB



240Hz-2000Hz

-6dB



100Hz to 2000Hz

-10dB

Suggested for the future!



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	1/16 th 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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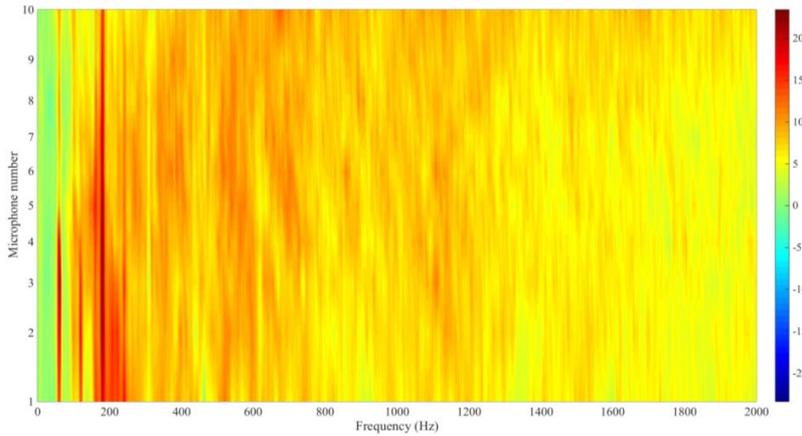
Main Landing Gear Results Conclusions

Landing 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)
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
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)
Mesh Fairings	Two-wheels full scale LG	- 2dB (Bouvy et al.)	-5 dB (4000 Hz)

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Flow Testing

Aeroacoustics
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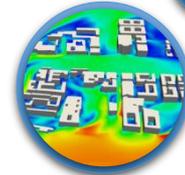
Wind Tunnel
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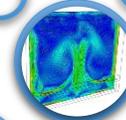
HVAC Analysis



Wind Impact
study



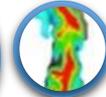
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