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**Oggetto:** Aircraft passenger cabin thermal comfort analysis by means of integrated mono dimensional CFD approach

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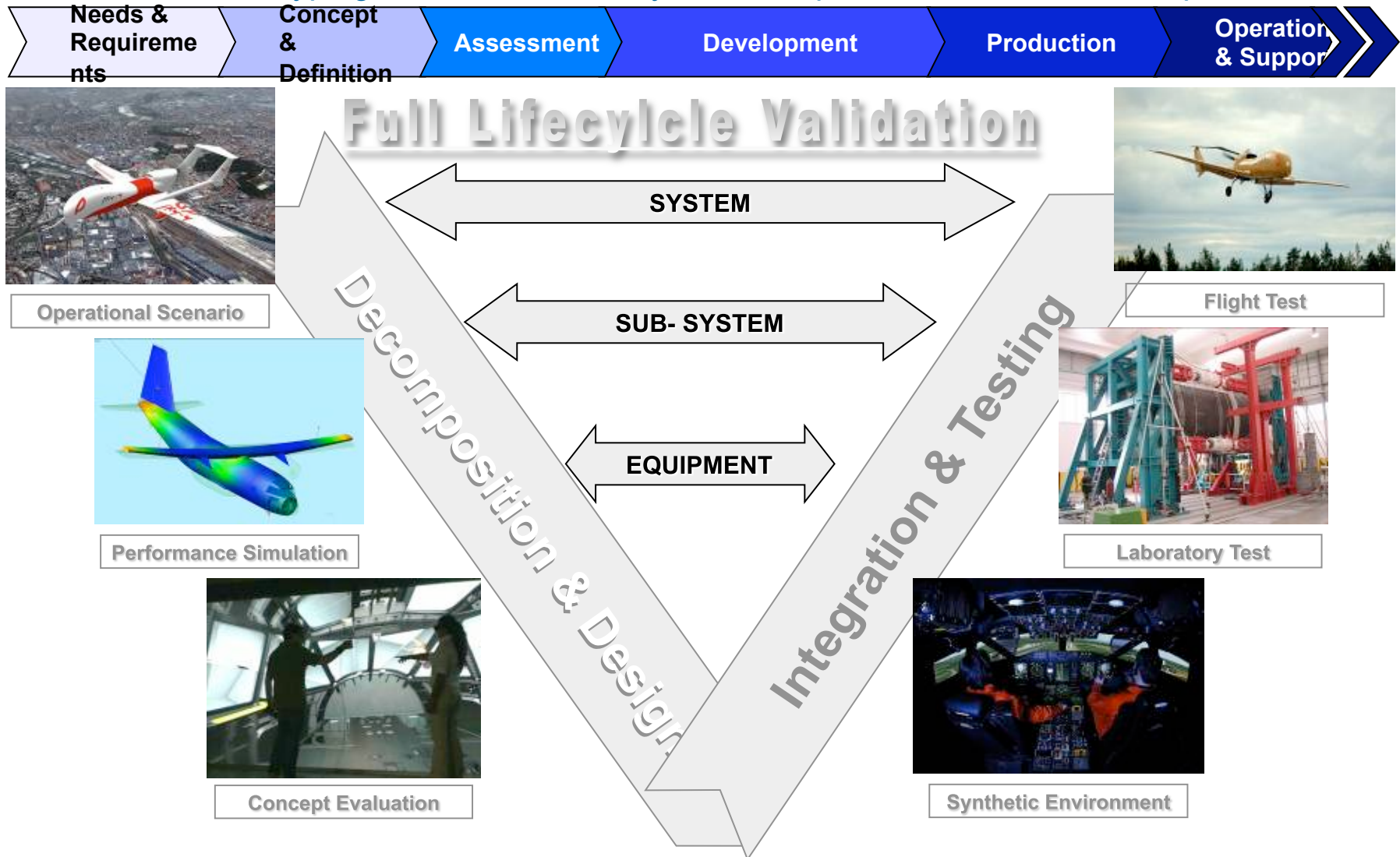
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# Virtual Prototyping in A&D PLM



Virtual Prototyping covers the full lifecycle development and the validation process

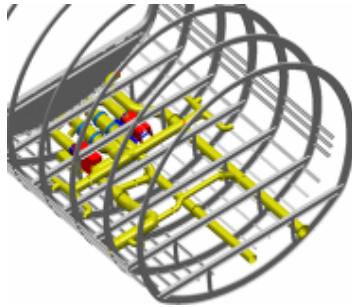


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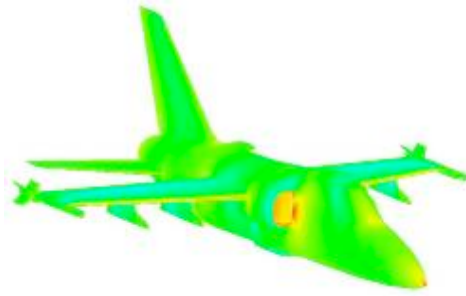
## Virtual & Physical Prototyping & Simulation Extension and Coverage

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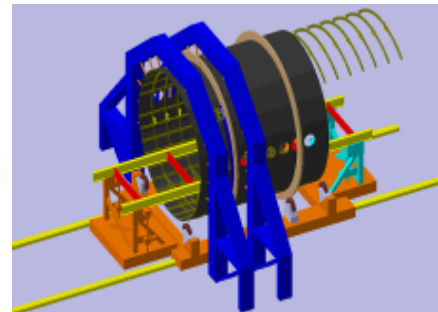
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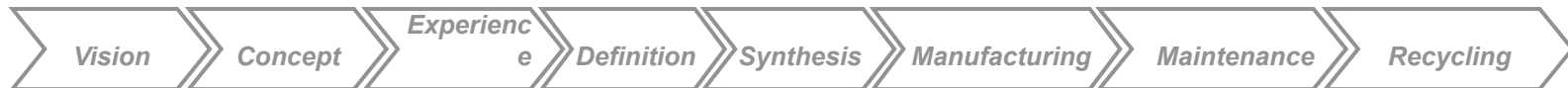


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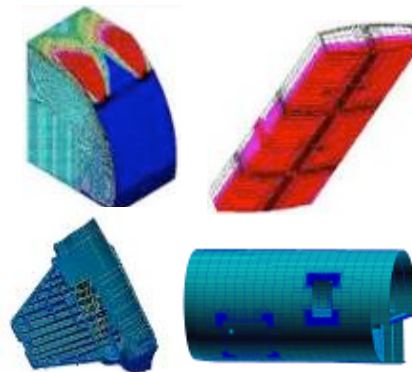
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Operation



High Power Computing



Multi-disciplinary Simulation



Process, Data & Knowledge Management

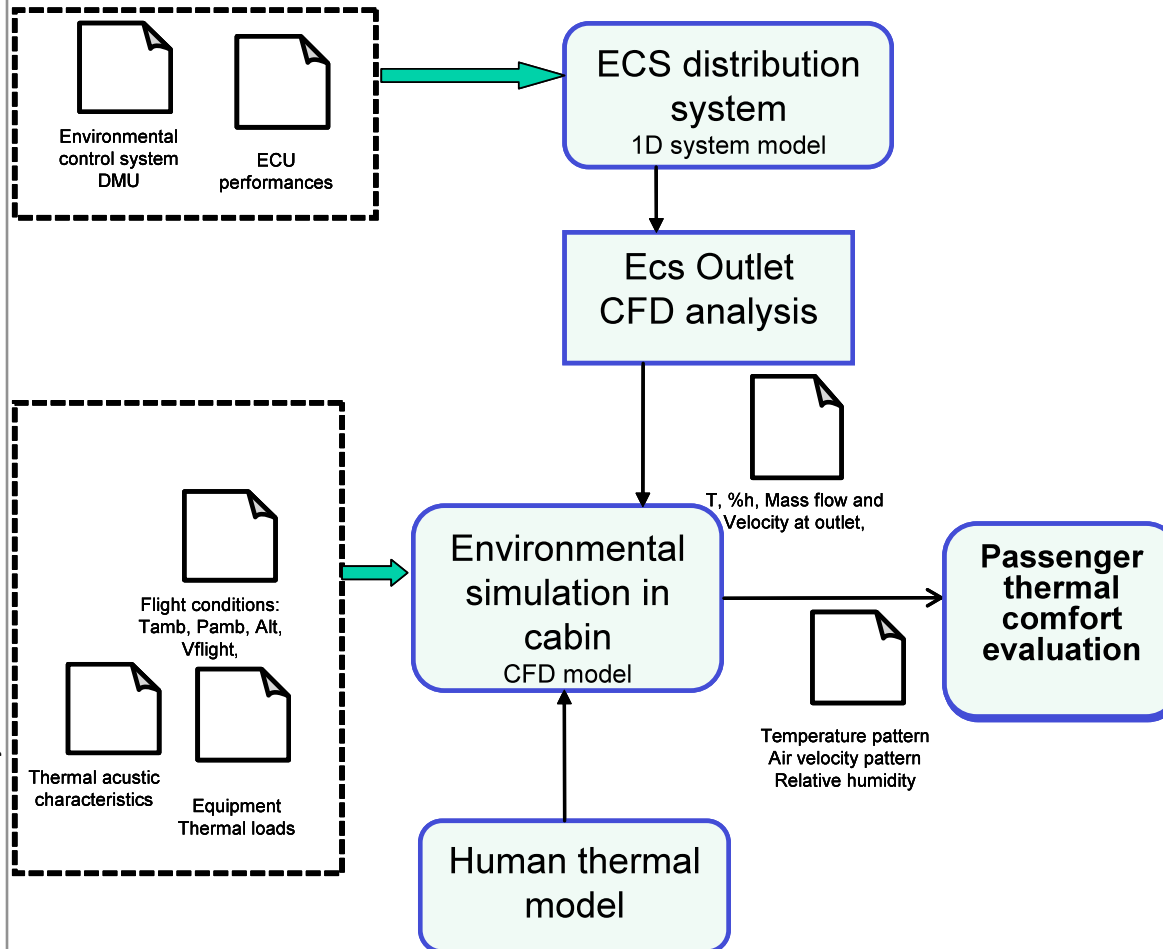


Full Scale Testing

# ECS distribution design and integration – a process view



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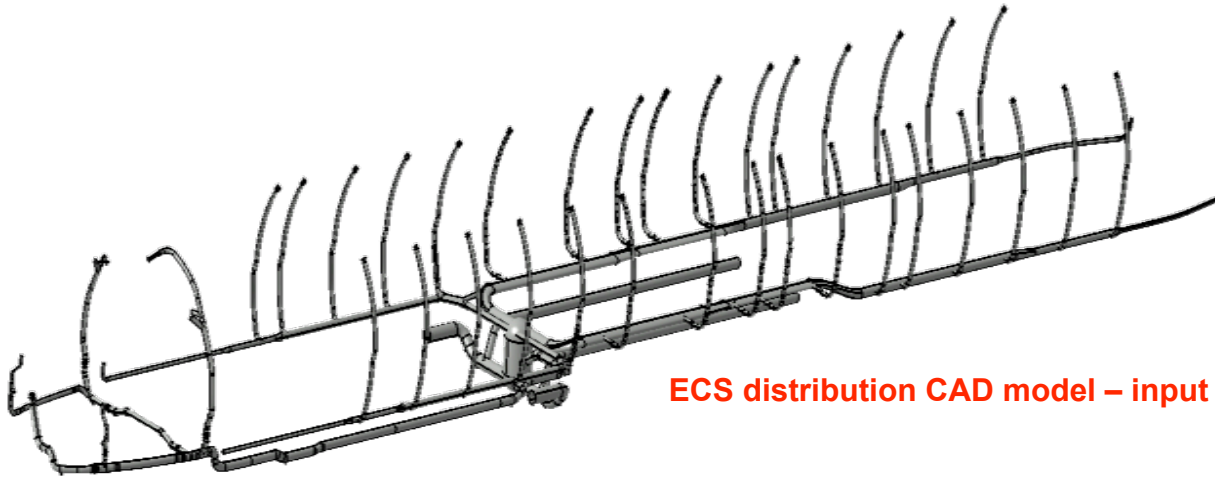
- Integrated 1D – CFD process view for the evaluation of thermal comfort in a passenger cabin environment

- Methodologies integration: taking the advantage of system-level and CFD methods to ensure that the simulation process is Fit For Purpose

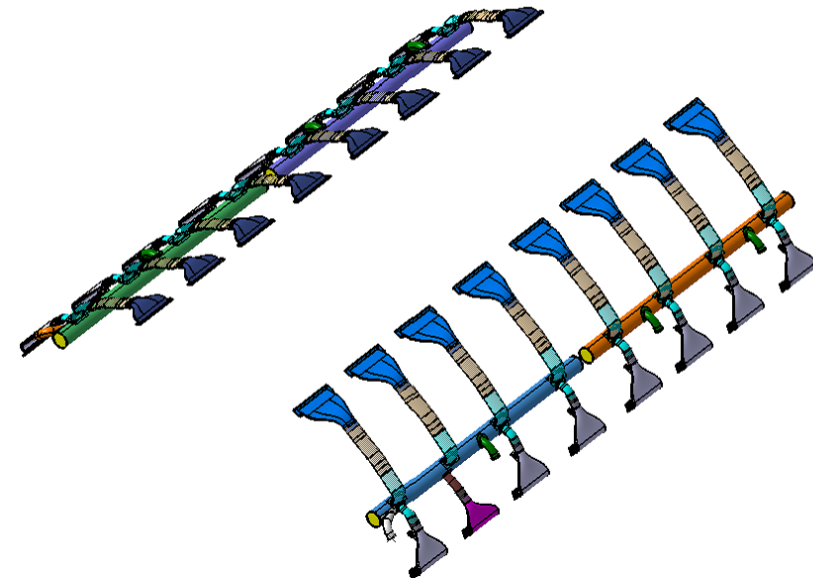
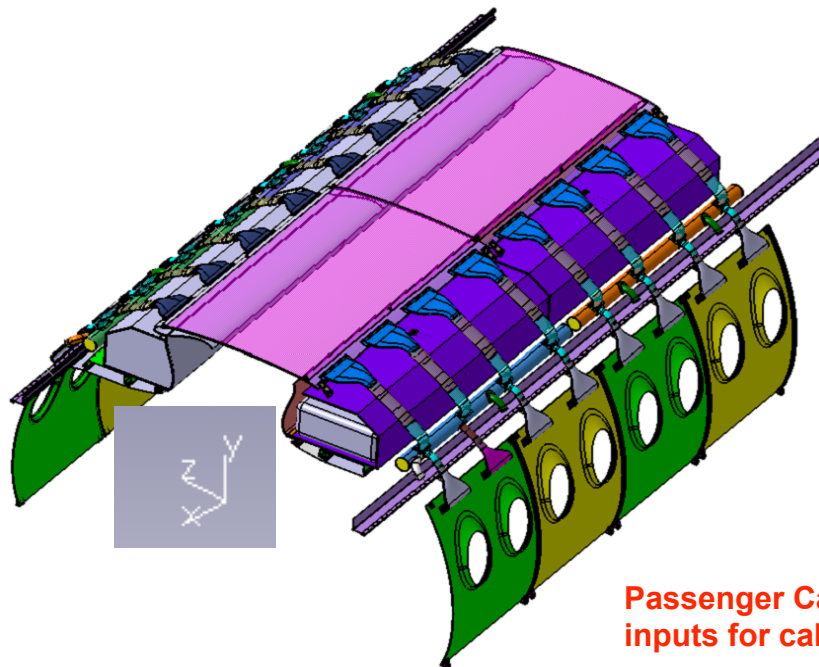
- Parameters relevant for passenger thermal comfort:

- outlets geometry, positioning and orientation (direct impinging air on the passengers);
- ECS distribution system architecture (airflow splitting);
- Thermo-acoustic configuration.

## CAD models



ECS distribution CAD model – input for ECS distribution system 1D model



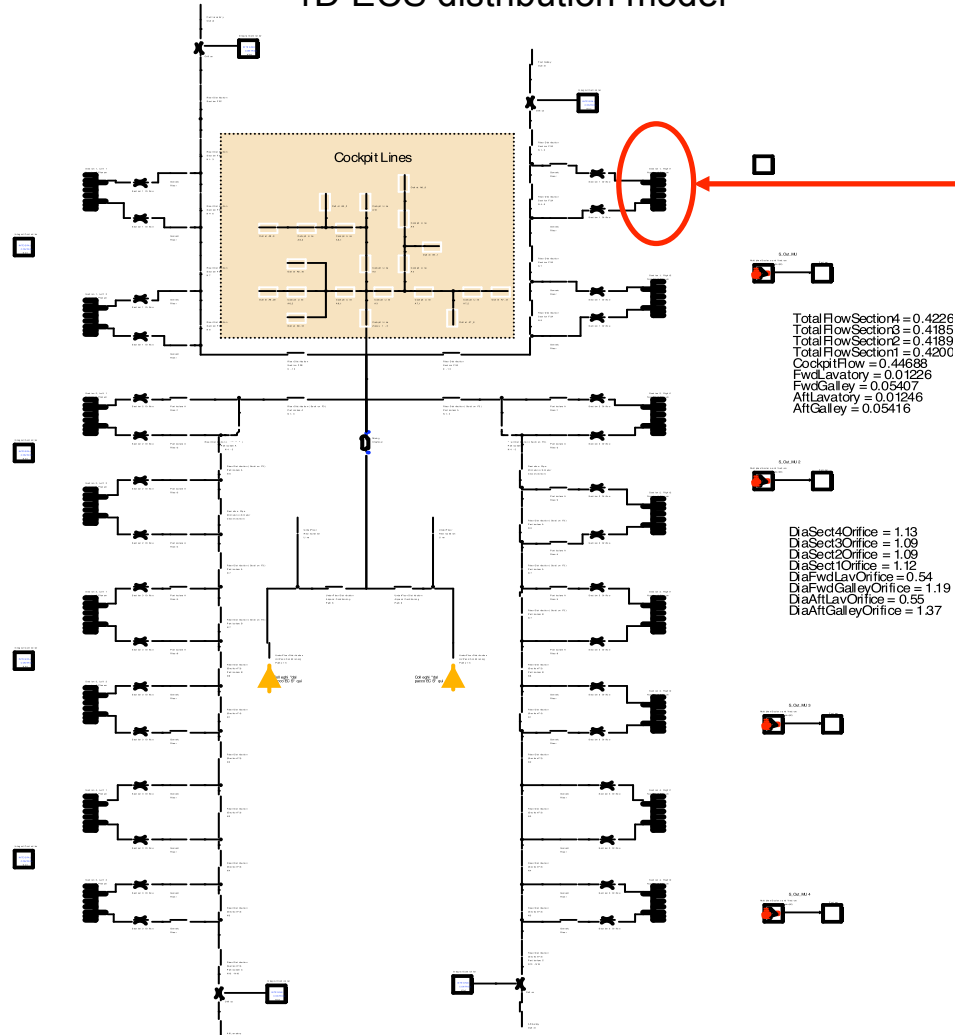
Passenger Cabin interiors and ECS final distribution CAD model inputs for cabin outlets CFD model and cabin CFD model

# ECS distribution system and components models

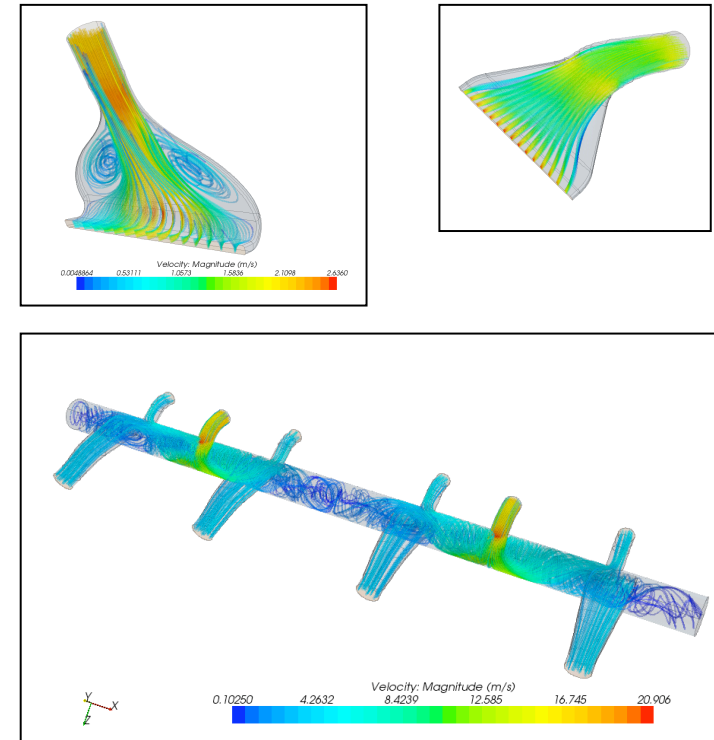


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1D ECS distribution model



CFD ECS components model

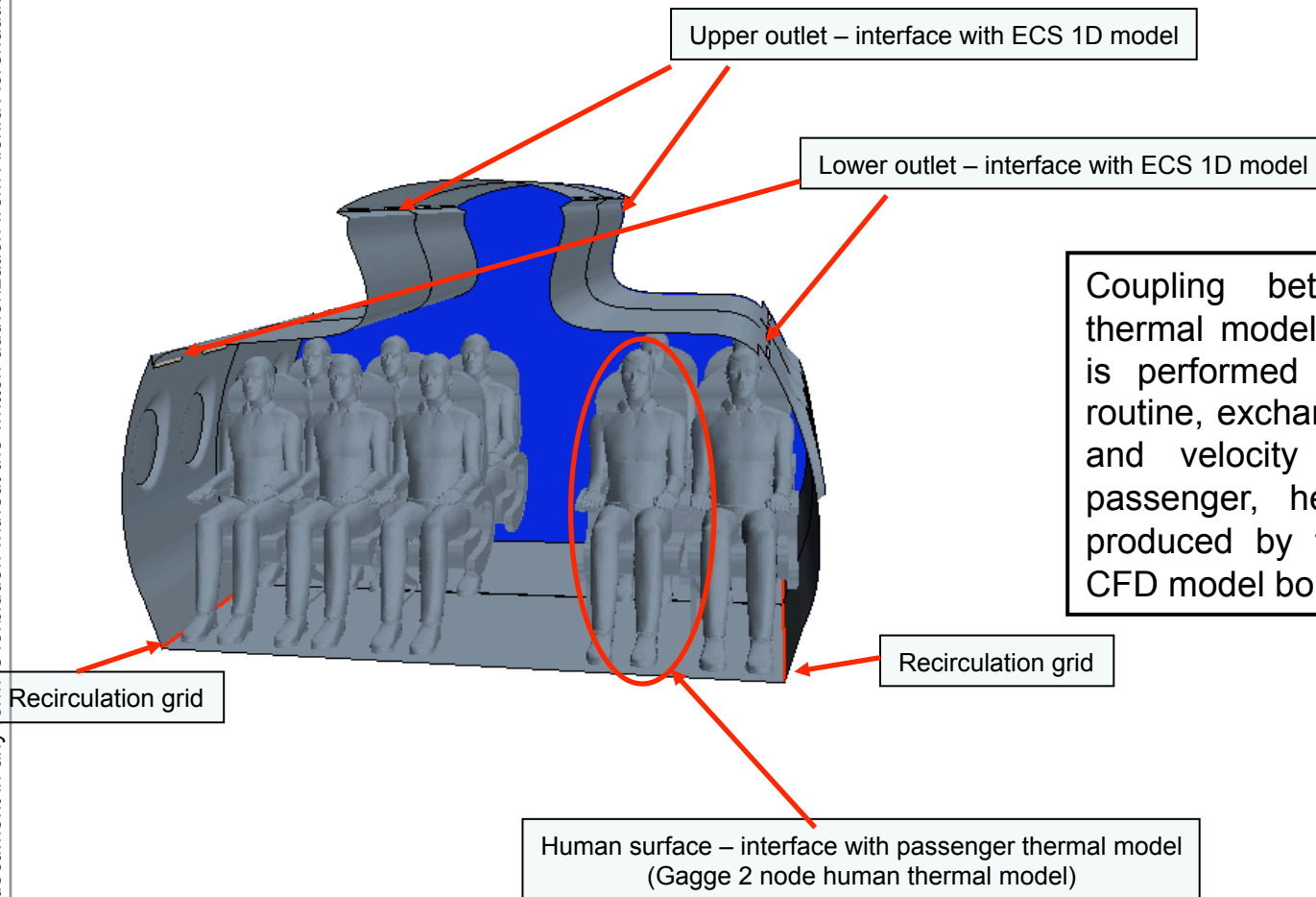


Coupling between 1D ECS distribution system and CFD ECS components by means of components pneumatic characterization ( $\sigma\Delta P - W$  curves)



## Passenger cabin and thermal comfort models

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Coupling between 1D passenger thermal model and cabin CFD model is performed by means of a Java routine, exchanging data (temperature and velocity distribution near the passenger, heat flux and humidity produced by the passenger) on the CFD model boundaries

# Passenger thermal model – as is



The model considers the control of body temperature to be accomplished by means of skin temperature and central core body temperature.

## Inputs to the model:

- Metabolic rate
- Work rate
- Intrinsic clothing insulation
- Velocity of air around body
- Barometric pressure
- Ambient air temperature
- Mean radiant temperature (in first approximation considered equal to ambient air temperature)
- Ambient vapour pressure

## Other parameters:

- Body weight
- Body surface
- Ratio of body's radiating area to total surface area
- Minimum skin conductance
- Specific heat of blood
- Latent heat of water
- Specific heat of body
- Stefan-Boltzmann Constant
- Lewis Relation at sea level

## Model outputs:

- Temperature of skin shell
- Central core temperature
- Total heat power from the human body to the environment
- Respired Convective Heat Loss
- Respired Evaporative Heat Loss
- Heat Loss for skin diffusion
- Total evaporative heat loss
- Ratio of mass skin shell to mass central core
- Skin blood flow
- Unevaporated sweat
- Rate total water evaporated (by respiration, perspiration, sweat)
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Inputs from CFD model

Outputs to the CFD model

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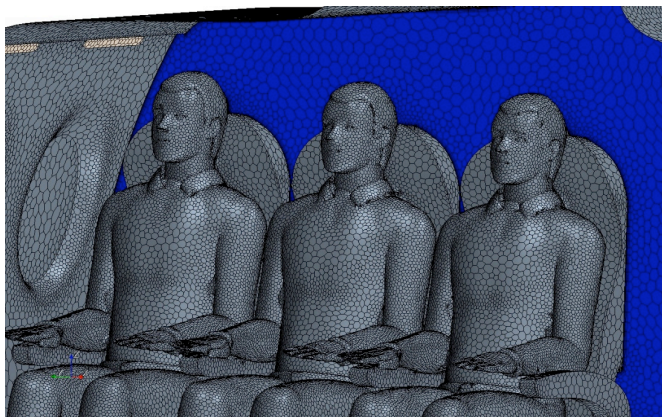
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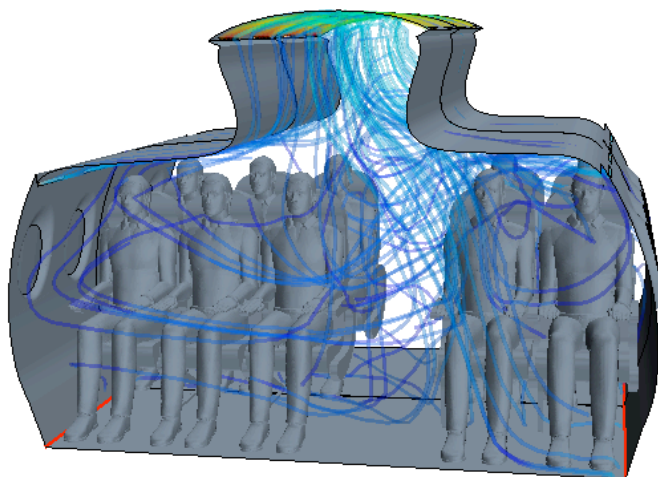
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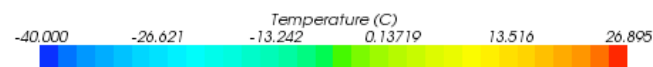
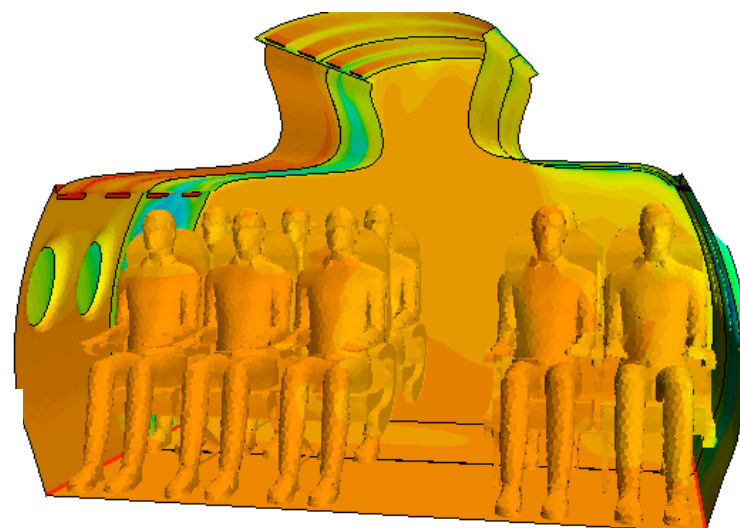
## ECS distribution design and integration – preliminary results



Mesh model (approx  $10^7$  cells)



Velocity streamlines



Temperature pattern

## ECS distribution design and integration – next steps



Cabin air distribution system thermo-fluid dynamic and acoustic optimization

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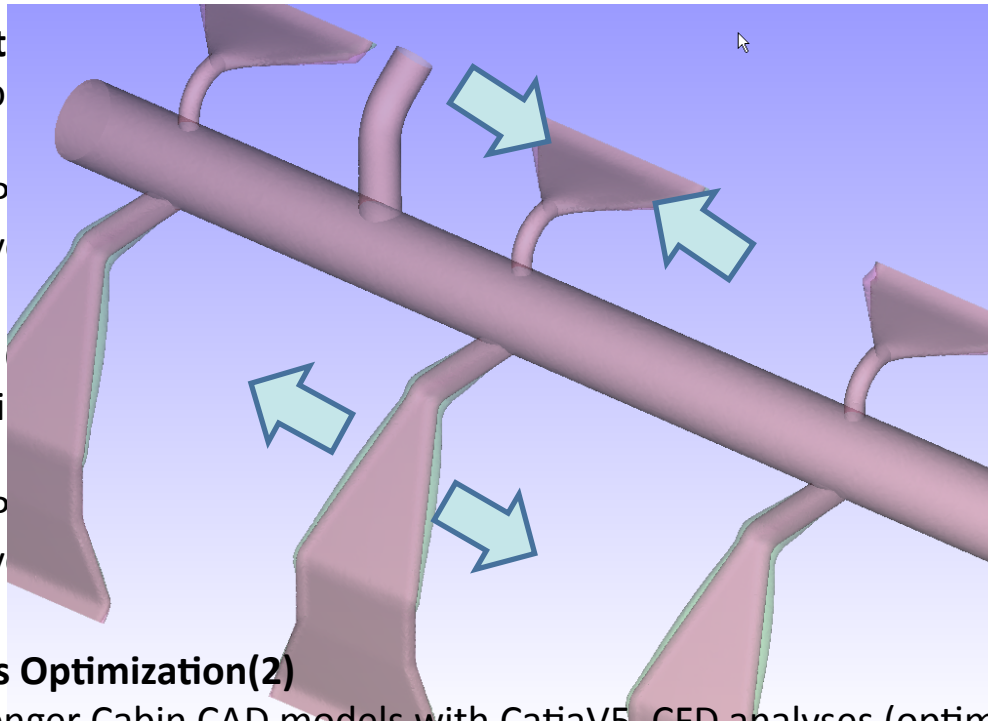
Parametric 1D models)

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### Cabin Air Outlets

Non parametric air technique)

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optimization on parametric

tion using morphing

### Cabin Air Outlets Optimization(2)

Parametric Passenger Cabin CAD models with CatiaV5, CFD analyses (optimization on parametric models)

1. Design Parameters: air outlets location and orientation
2. Objectives: air velocity field in the allowed range (max. 70 fpm at head level in seated position, minimum 10 fpm), minimization of the mean velocity differences among each passenger, head-foot temperature difference minimization



# Thank you!