



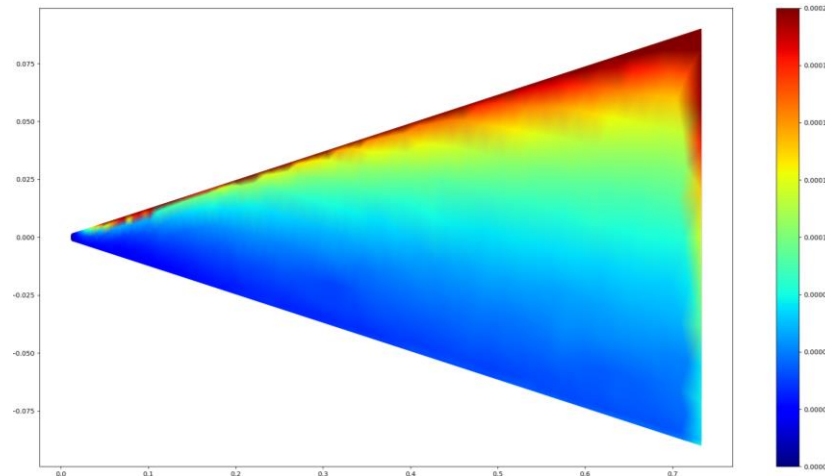
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PFAT

Post Flight Analysis Toolset for ESA Missions

Final Presentation



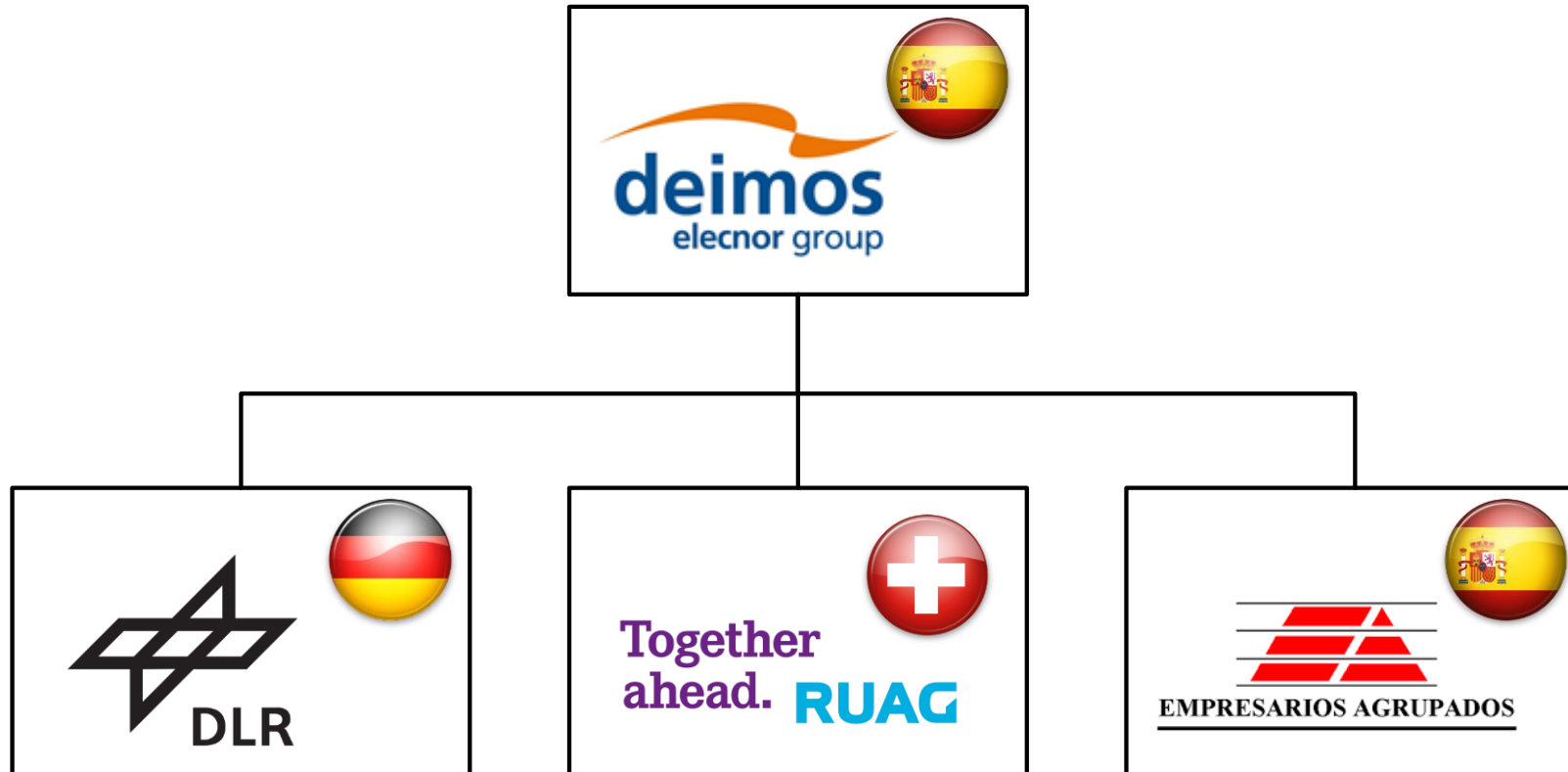
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Videoconference
08/02/2022

- ❑ Project History
- ❑ Software Development
- ❑ PFAT Capabilities
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- ❑ Achievements and Future Works
- ❑ Conclusions

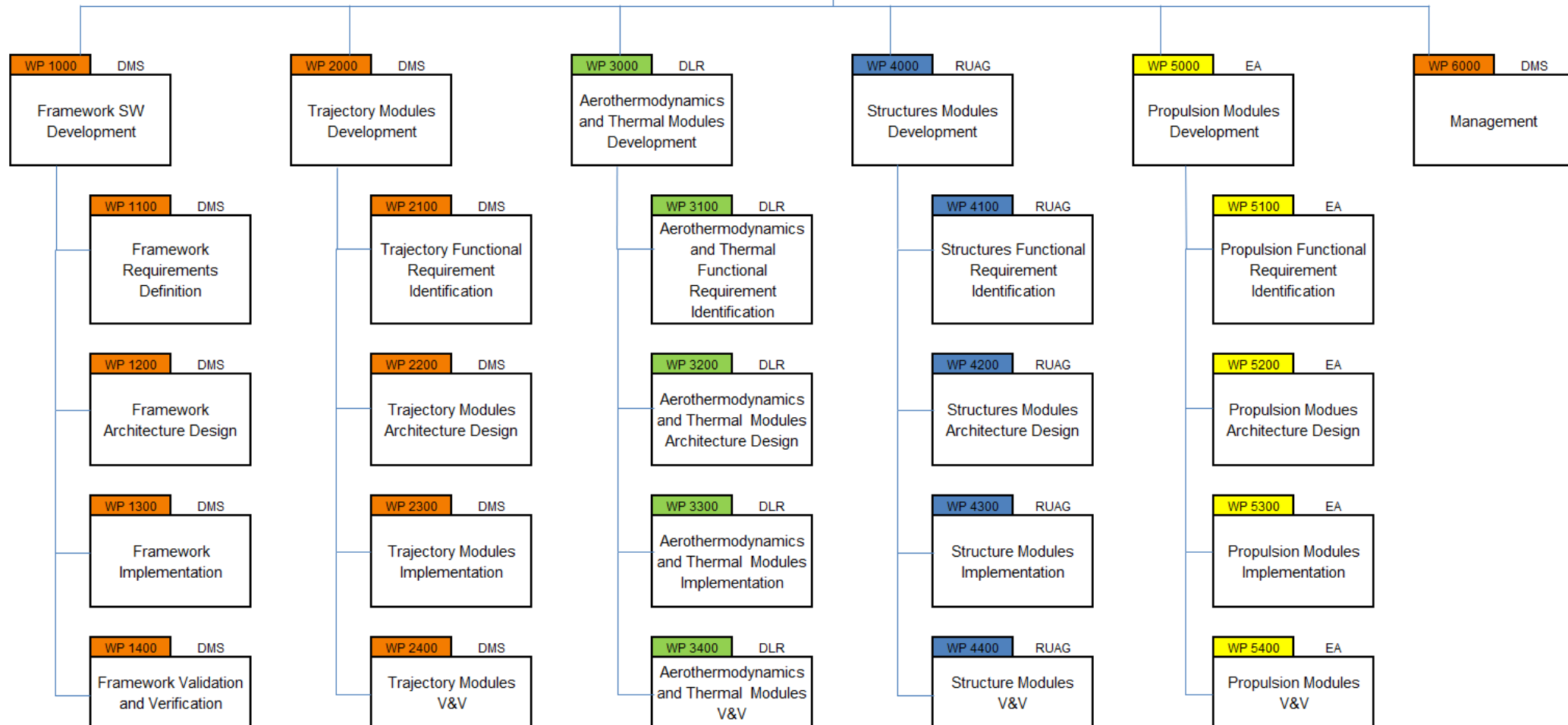
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Project History

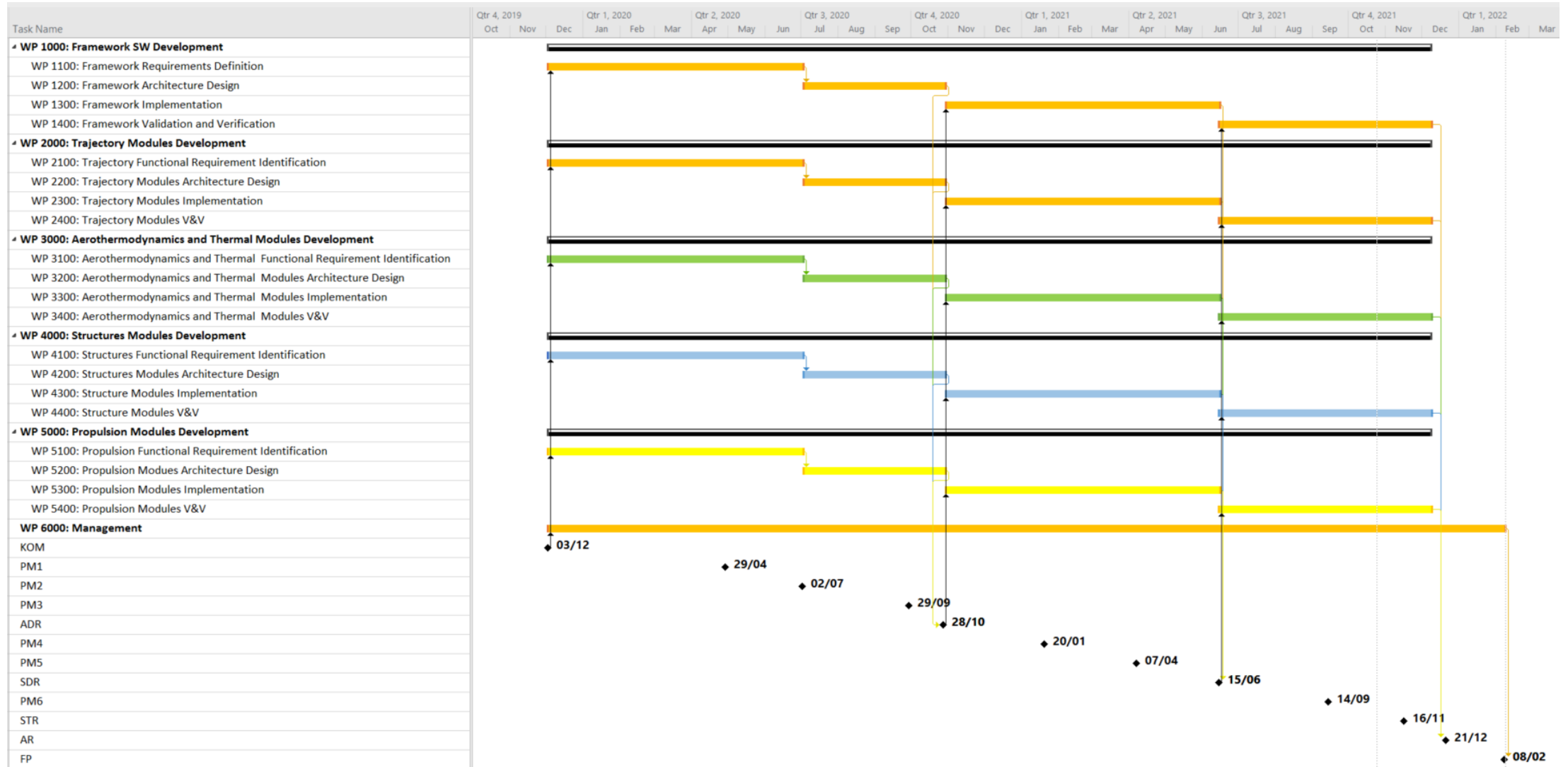
- ❑ Develop a **Post-Flight Analysis Toolkit** (PFAT) SW for use in ESA missions and interoperable with other engineering software tools commonly used by ESA
- ❑ Implement **post-flight algorithms** and **analysis tools** to support different engineering domains: **propulsion, aerothermodynamics, structures/separation, and trajectories**
- ❑ Make use of **standard exchange formats**
- ❑ **Automatic** generation of post-flight analysis **reports**
- ❑ **Open-source**



PFAT



Schedule

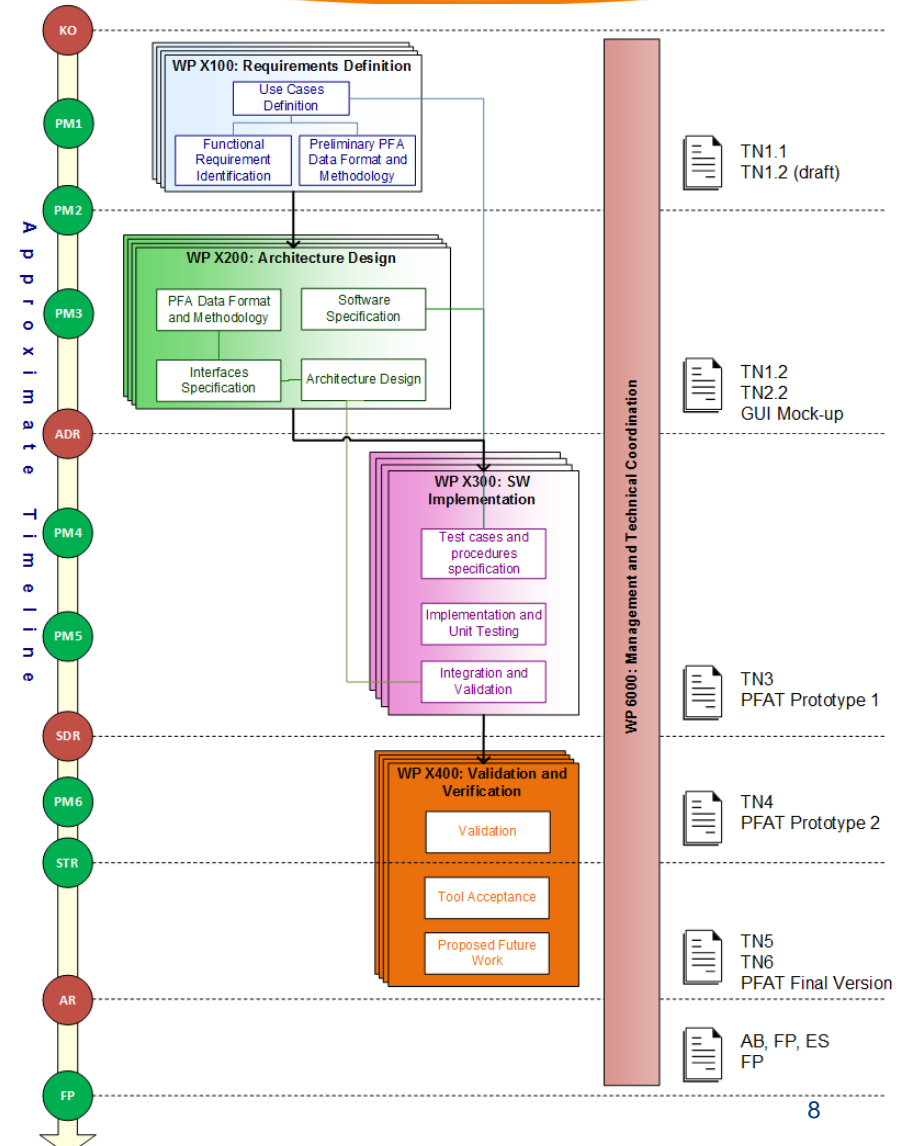


Requirement Definition: use cases definition, functional requirements and preliminary data formats and methodologies derivation

Architecture Design: software specifications from the functional requirements, interfaces specification, data formats and methodologies consolidation, and tool architecture design

SW Implementation: detailed design, analysis and calculation algorithms specification, test cases and procedures specification, SW implementation, unit and integration testing

V&V: verification (calculations are numerically correct) and validation (PFA against the test cases scenarios derived from the use cases)



Meeting	Schedule Date	Location	Schedule Date	Meeting Date	DMS	DLR	RUAG	EAI
Kick-off Meeting	T0	ESTEC	03/12/19	03/12/19	Y	TC	TC	TC
Progress Meeting 1	T0+3m	Teleconference	04/03/20	29/04/19	TC	TC	TC	TC
Progress Meeting 2	T0+6m	Teleconference	04/06/20	02/07/20	TC	TC	TC	TC
Progress Meeting 3	N/A	Teleconference	N/A	29/09/20	TC	TC	TC	TC
Architecture Design Review	T0+9m	Teleconference	06/09/20	28/10/20	TC	TC	TC	TC
Progress Meeting 4	T0+12m	Teleconference	04/12/20	20/01/21	TC	TC	TC	TC
Progress Meeting 5	T0+15m	Teleconference	04/03/21	07/04/21	TC	TC	TC	TC
Software Development Review	T0+18m	Teleconference	10/06/21	15/06/21	TC	TC	TC	TC
Progress Meeting 6	N/A	Teleconference	N/A	14/09/21	TC	TC	TC	TC
Software Test Review	T0+22m	Teleconference	05/10/21	16/11/21	TC	TC	TC	TC
Acceptance Review	T0+24m	Teleconference	09/12/21	21/12/21	TC	TC	TC	TC
Final Presentation	T0+24m	Teleconference	09/12/21	08/02/22	TC	TC	TC	TC

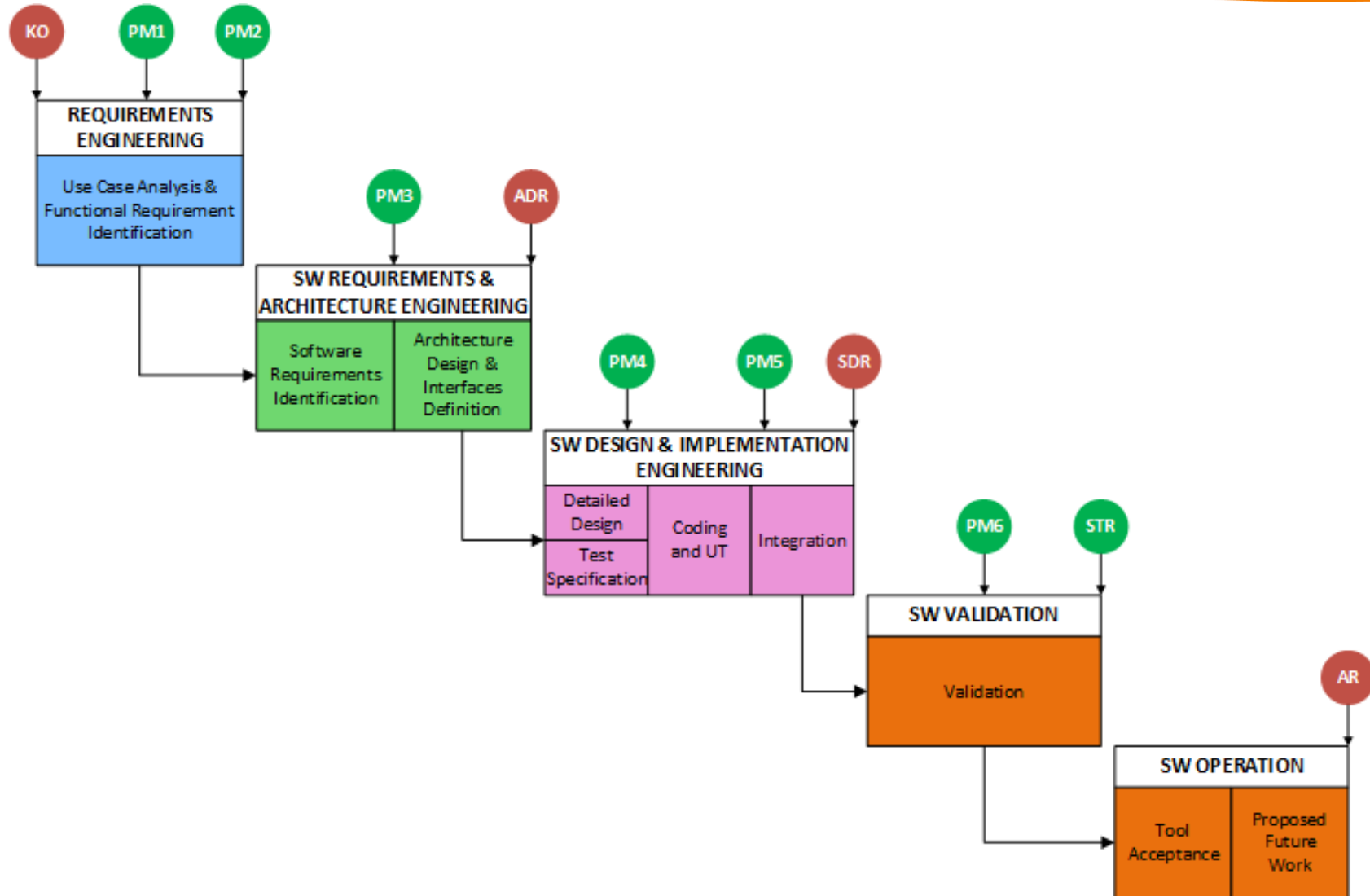
Deliverable Item List

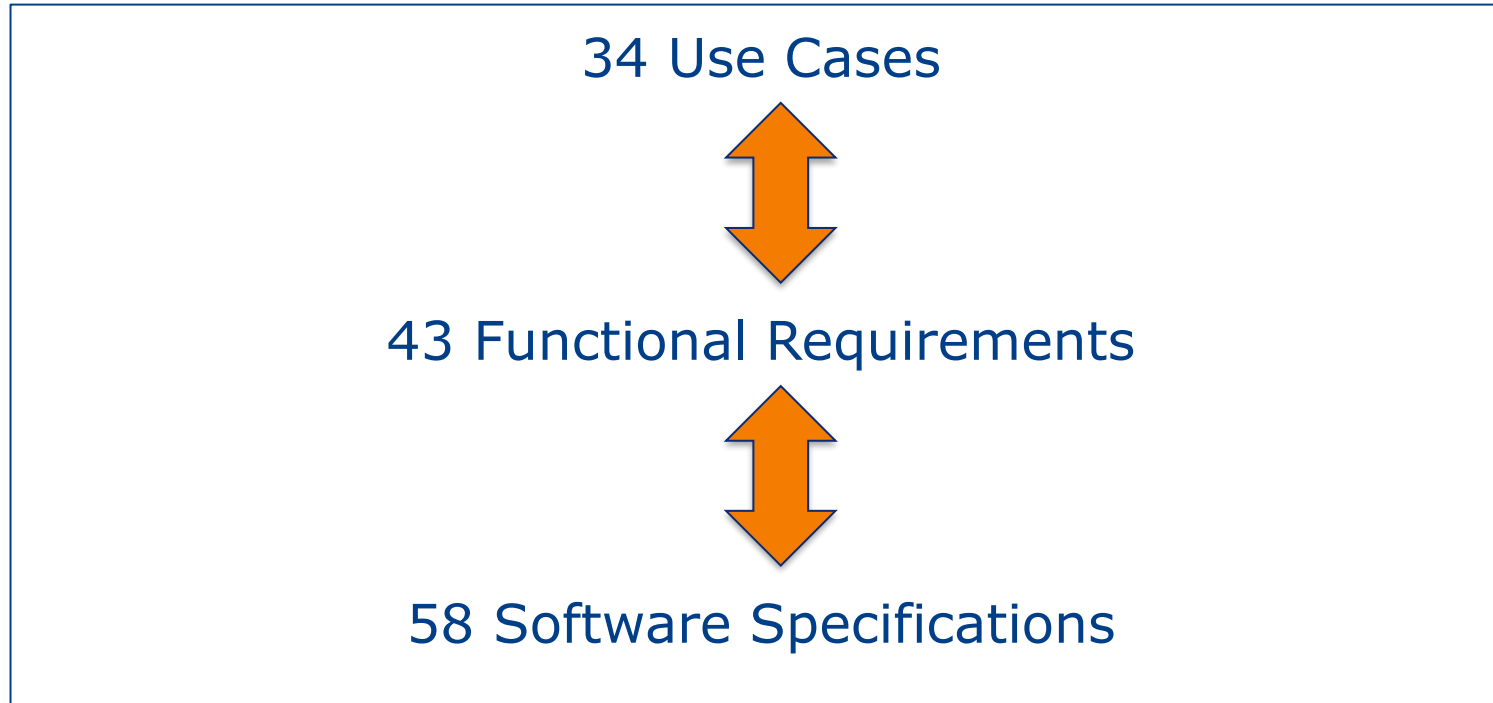


ID	Title	Due for	Comments
TN1.1	Use Case Analysis & Functional Requirement Identification	PM1	Updated at STR
TN1.2	Post Flight Analysis Data Format and Methodology	PM1 (draft), ADR (final)	Updated at STR
TN2	Architecture Design	ADR	Updated at STR
TN3	Software Development Document	SDR	Upgrade of TN1.2, TN2
TN4	Validation and Testing Document	AR	Pre-delivered at STR
TN5	Software Manual & Tutorials	AR	
TN6	Future Developments Roadmap	AR	
TDP	Technical Data Package	FP	Pre-delivered at AR
AB	Abstract	FP	Pre-delivered at AR
TAS	Technology Achievement Summary	FP	Pre-delivered at AR
FP	Final Presentation	FP	Pre-delivered at AR
ESR	Executive Summary Report	FP	Pre-delivered at AR
FR	Final Report	FP	Pre-delivered at AR
GUI	GUI non-functional mock-up	ADR (within TN2)	
SW1	PFAT Software (Prototype)	SDR	
SW2	PFAT Software (Prototype)	STR	
SW3	PFAT Final Software	AR	

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Software Development





Architectural Design

- PFA algorithms identification and specifications
- External interfaces identification and specifications
- High-level system design, allocating algorithms/interfaces

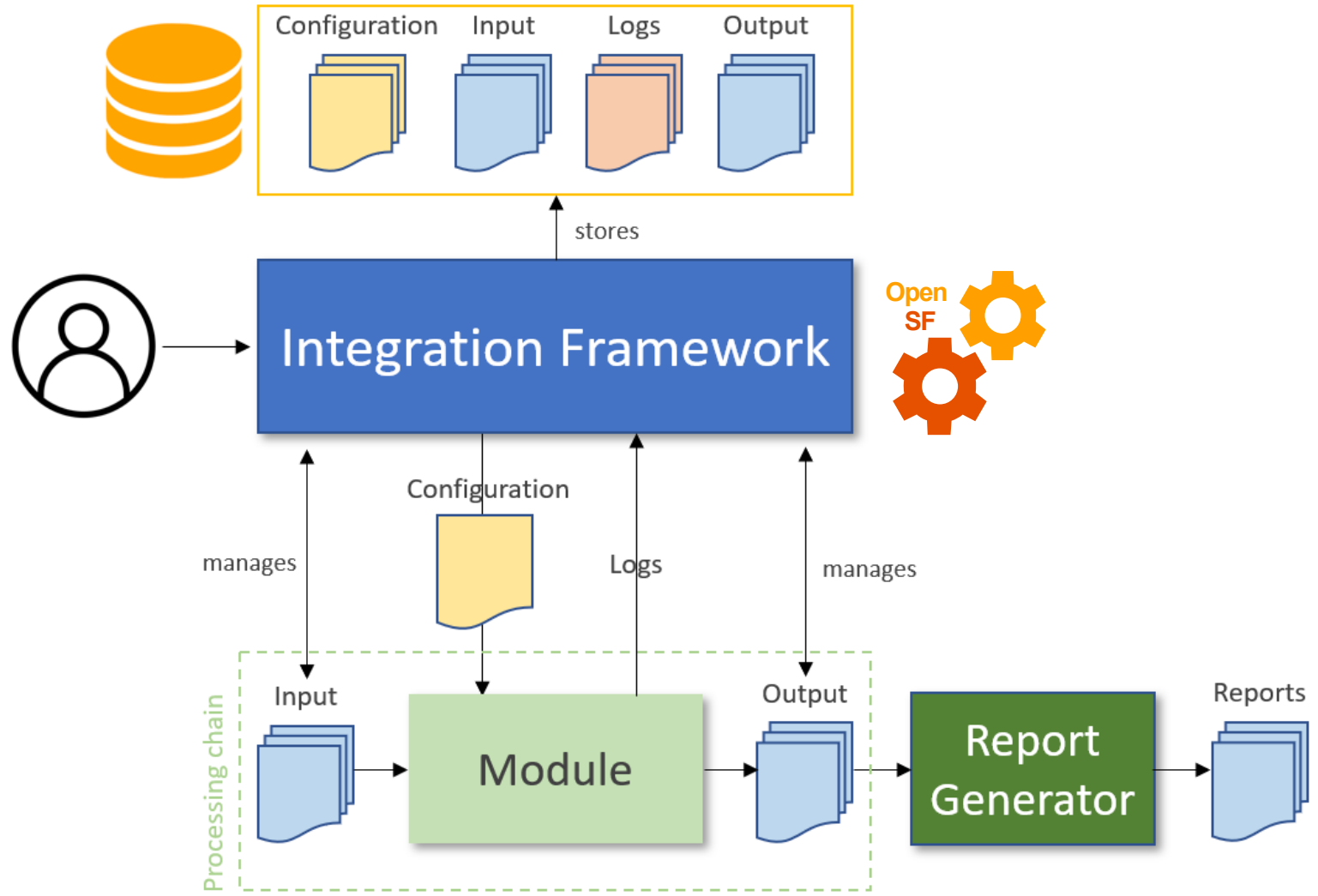
Multi OS desktop SW with four different functional components



Functional components

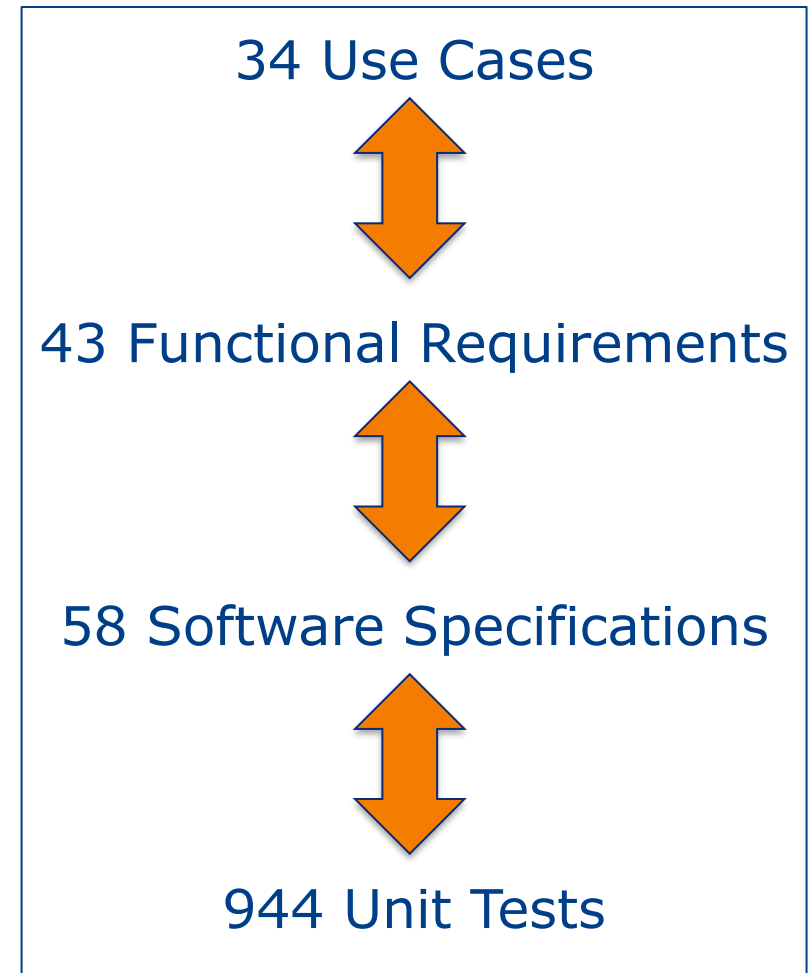
- **Computational core:** six Python modules, related with the four engineering domains plus data processing and an auxiliary module with common functionalities.
- **Executable modules:** interfaced with the GUI/CLI, exposing the functionalities
- **Graphical User Interface:** relying on the ESA openSF integration framework
- **Common Data Structure:** the glue between the different modules





Comprehensive verification with unit testing

- 944 unit tests on 761 functions
- 87% code coverage
 - 94% excluding the two Python UI
- Tests executed in
 - Windows 10
 - Linux Ubuntu 20.04 LTS
 - macOS 11.0 Big Sur



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PFAT Capabilities

Common interface to manage any data set used in PFAT

- Agnostic data management among different engineering domains
- Reduces the time that the user needs to familiarize with PFAT
- Maximizes the reusability of the functions/algorithms, which is especially relevant for the more generic algorithms such as the data processing ones
- Based on Pandas
- Store data series with one independent and multiple dependent variables or data series
- Stores points coordinates, the connectivity information, the element type, and other data
- Stores metadata
- Exposes a programmatic API
- I/O to and from binary, to JSON, to CSV files

Generic functionalities on the CDS data

- Concatenation
- Gap detection, gap filling
- Noise quantification
- Radar altitude estimation
- IMU/INS/GNSS processing
- Data replacement
- Measurements removal by index or by interval
- Data smoothing by moving average, moving polynomial or moving exponential
- Frequency resampling, up-sampling or down-sampling

Other generic functionalities

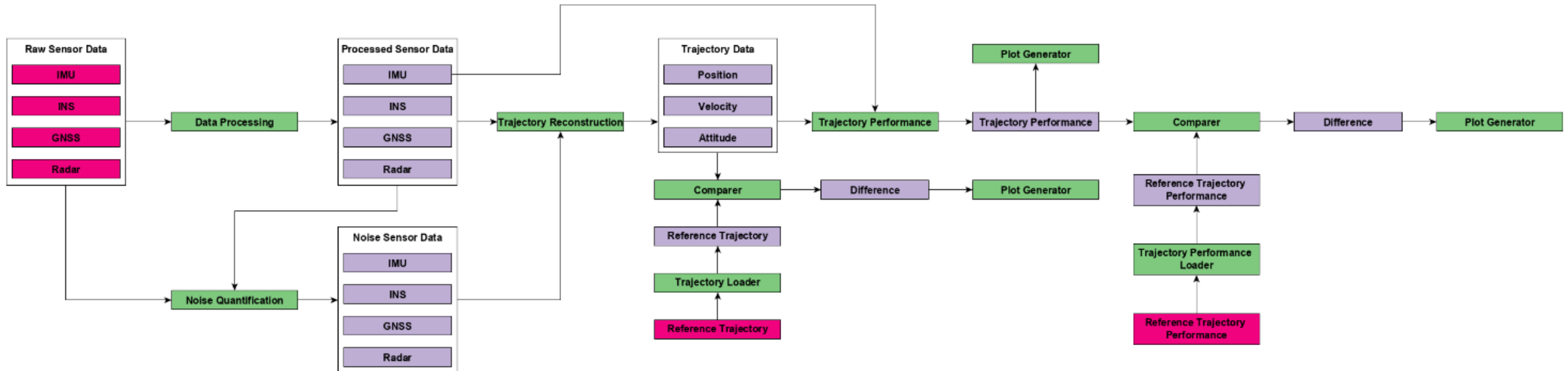
- I/O to and from binary, to JSON, to CSV files and from a series of external formats
 - *Telemetry in Tabular format*
 - *External tools: OEM/AEM, TAU, TDMS, Tecplot*
- CDS diff (whole or subset, with or without resampling)
- Plot generation (GUI enabled)
 - *By regular expression, By point identifier, or By label and point identifier*
 - *Interactive HTML, PNG, JPG*

Telemetry data loading, pre-processing and noise quantification

Trajectory reconstruction by means of a multiplicative extended Kalman filter

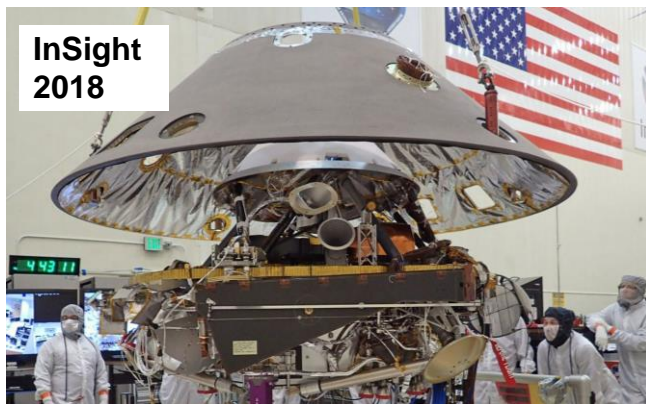
Reference trajectory loader and performances calculation

Post-processing and report generations



Use available **InSight** mission flight data for Mars re-entry and descent trajectory

- True trajectory is unknown, but the EKF results can be compared with the literature and in-house tool
- Flight dataset to completely validate PFAT data-fusion (IMU + GNSS pos/vel + RDA)
 - IMU measurement → public
 - Radar measurement → from literature
 - GNSS measurement → landing site measurement from literature



	InSight
IMU measurements	public
radar measurements	Karlgard Fig. 5
GNSS measurements	Karlgard
IMU reconstruction in literature	yes
EKF reconstruction in literature	yes

Staged approach towards **IMU + Radar + Landing Site** reconstruction

CASE 1 - IMU only reconstruction

- Validate IMU data integration and uncertainty propagation vs in-house tool
- Reference trajectory loader and comparer used
- Trajectory performance used to compute derived variables and uncertainty
- Reference trajectory performance loader

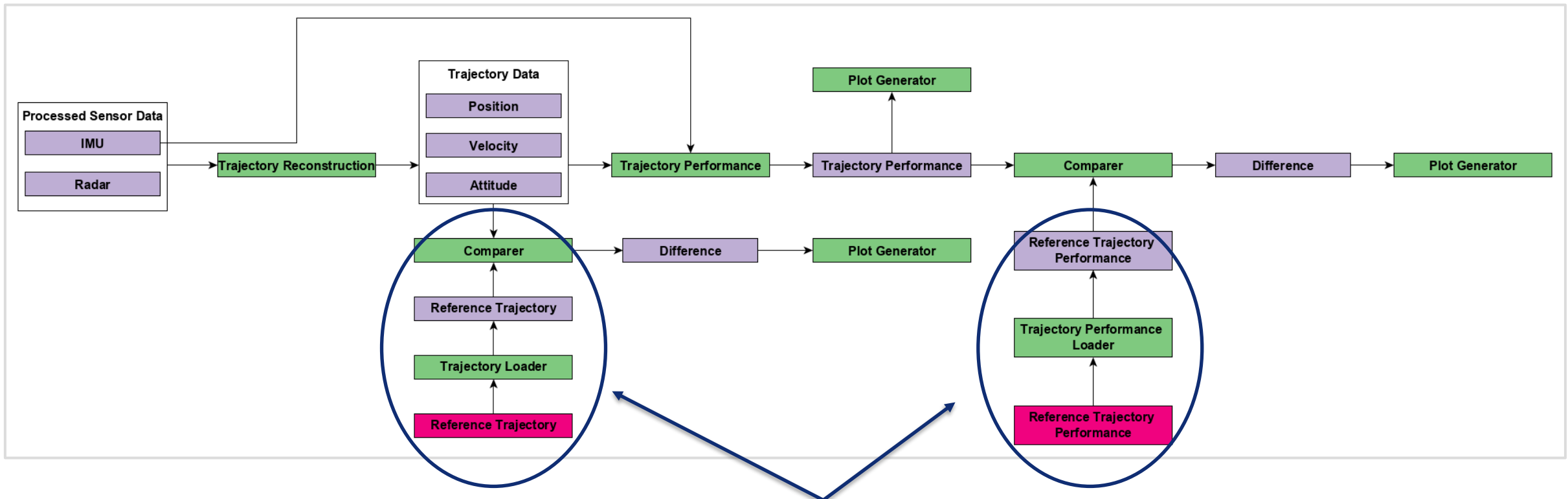
CASE 2 - IMU + Radar + Landing Site reconstruction

a) Forward only reconstruction to analyze data fusion

b) Forward and backward reconstruction comparing with Karlgaard

- Trajectory reconstruction + Trajectory performance
- Reference solution from literature is only graphical

IMU Forward Reconstruction Processing chain

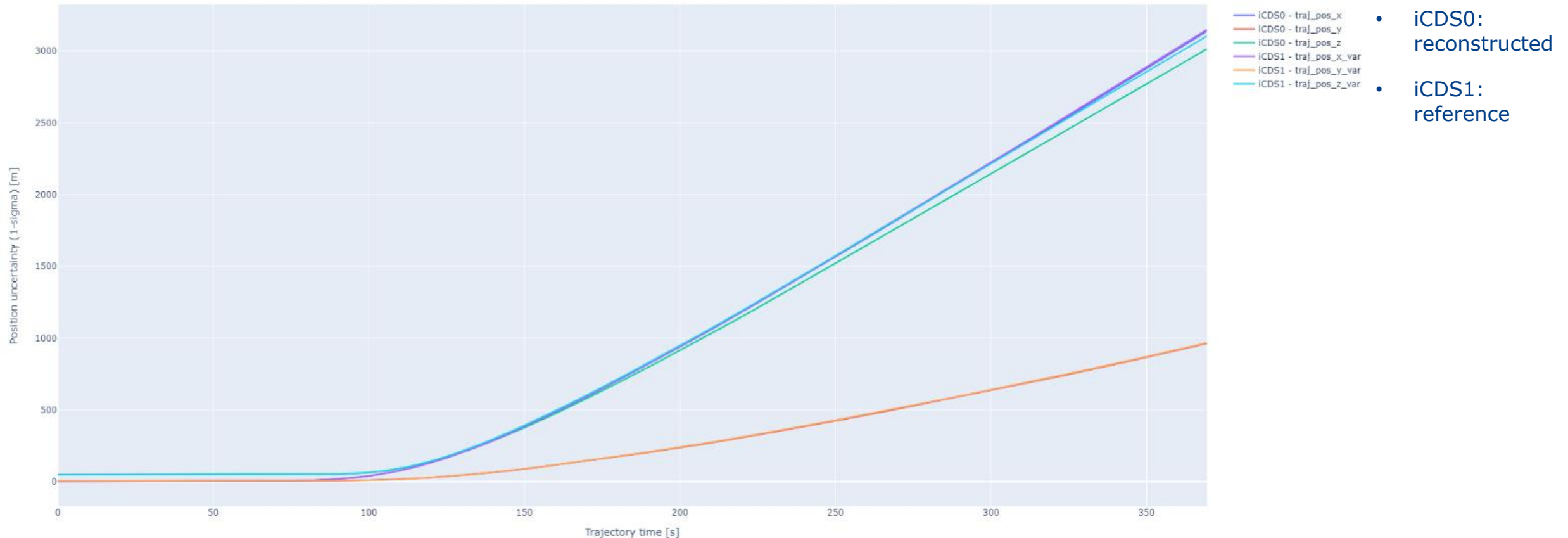


In-house tool solution provides a source of comparison for trajectory and uncertainty evolution

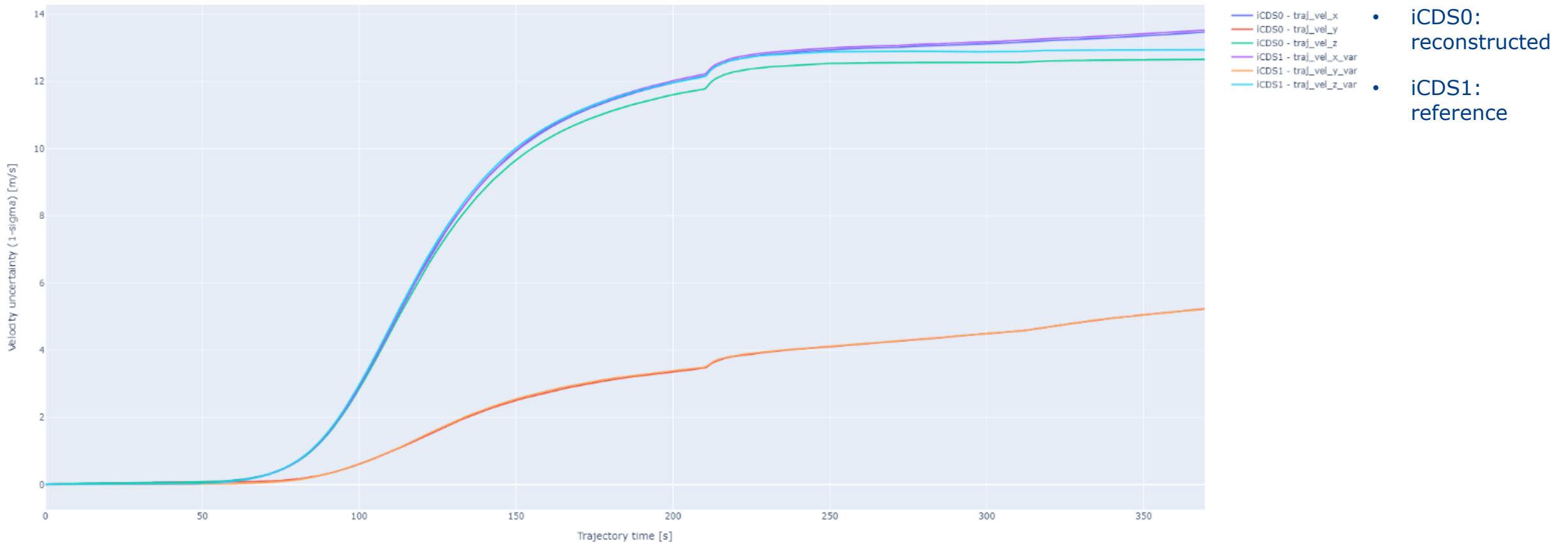
Comparison with reference reconstruction from external tool

- Propagated state/attitude is near-exact
 - Maximum averaged error in position / velocity: $\sim 1e-7$ / $\sim 1e-5$
- Uncertainty evolution will present differences
 - Different approaches for uncertainty propagation: Kalman filter vs. Monte Carlo
 - Similar trends are expected, but not perfectly matching results

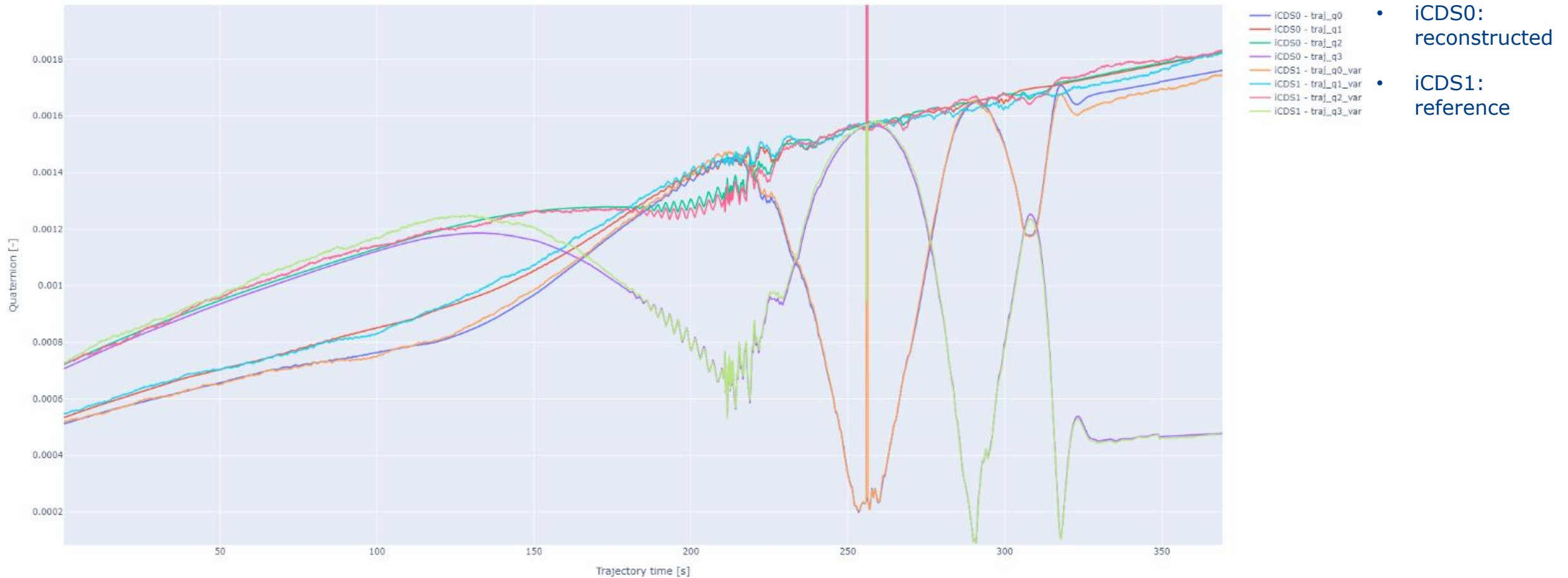
Reconstructed and reference position uncertainty evolution



Reconstructed and reference velocity uncertainty evolution

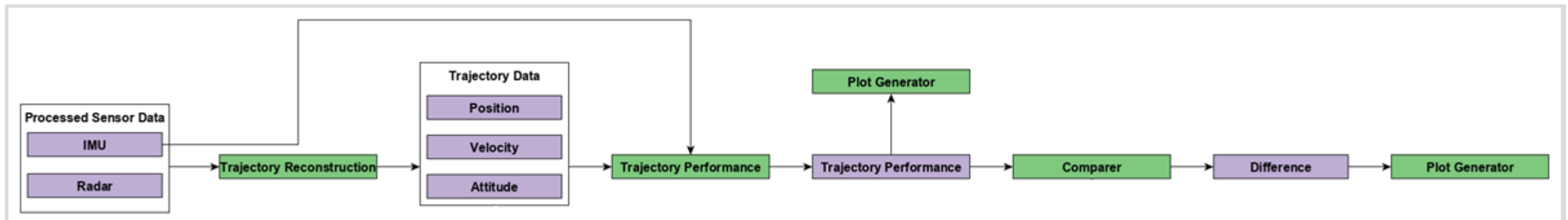


Reconstructed and reference attitude uncertainty evolution

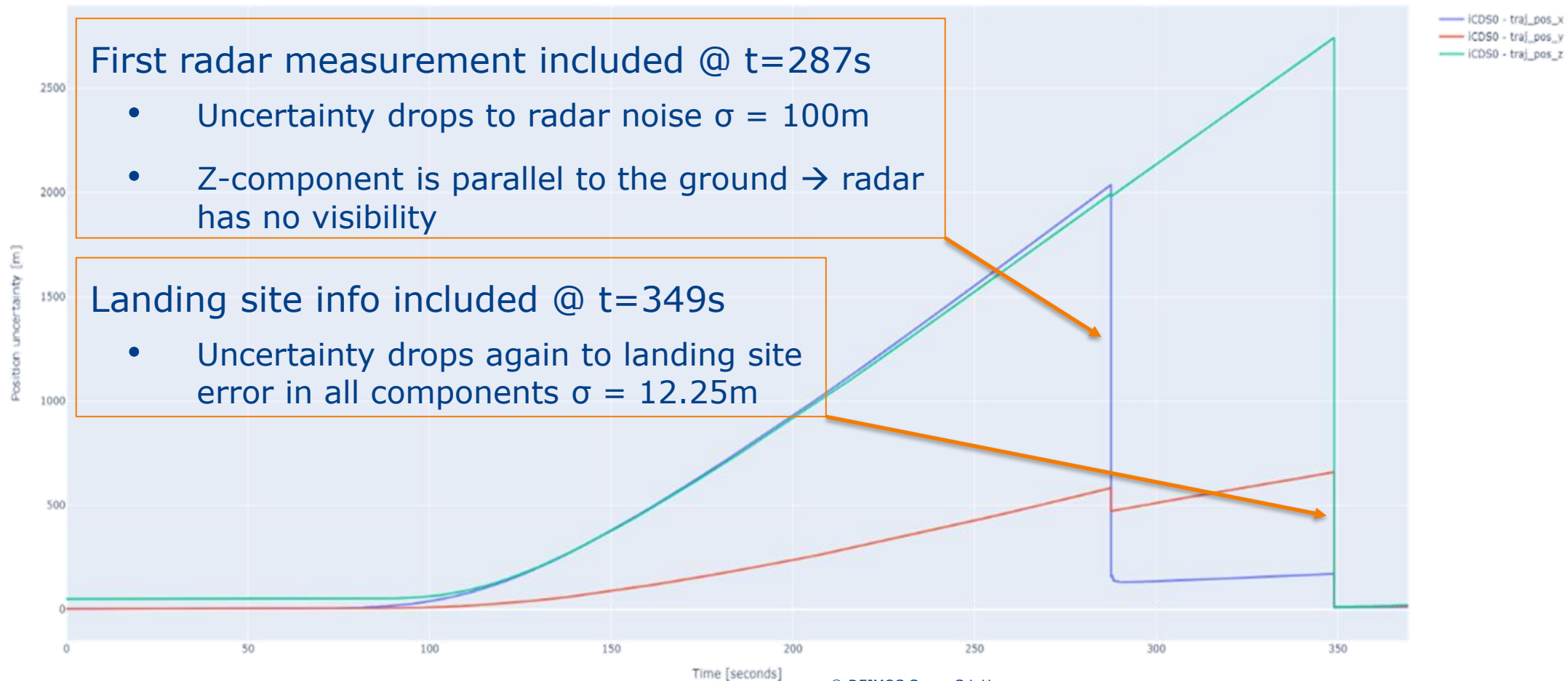


IMU + Radar + Landing Site Reconstruction Processing chain

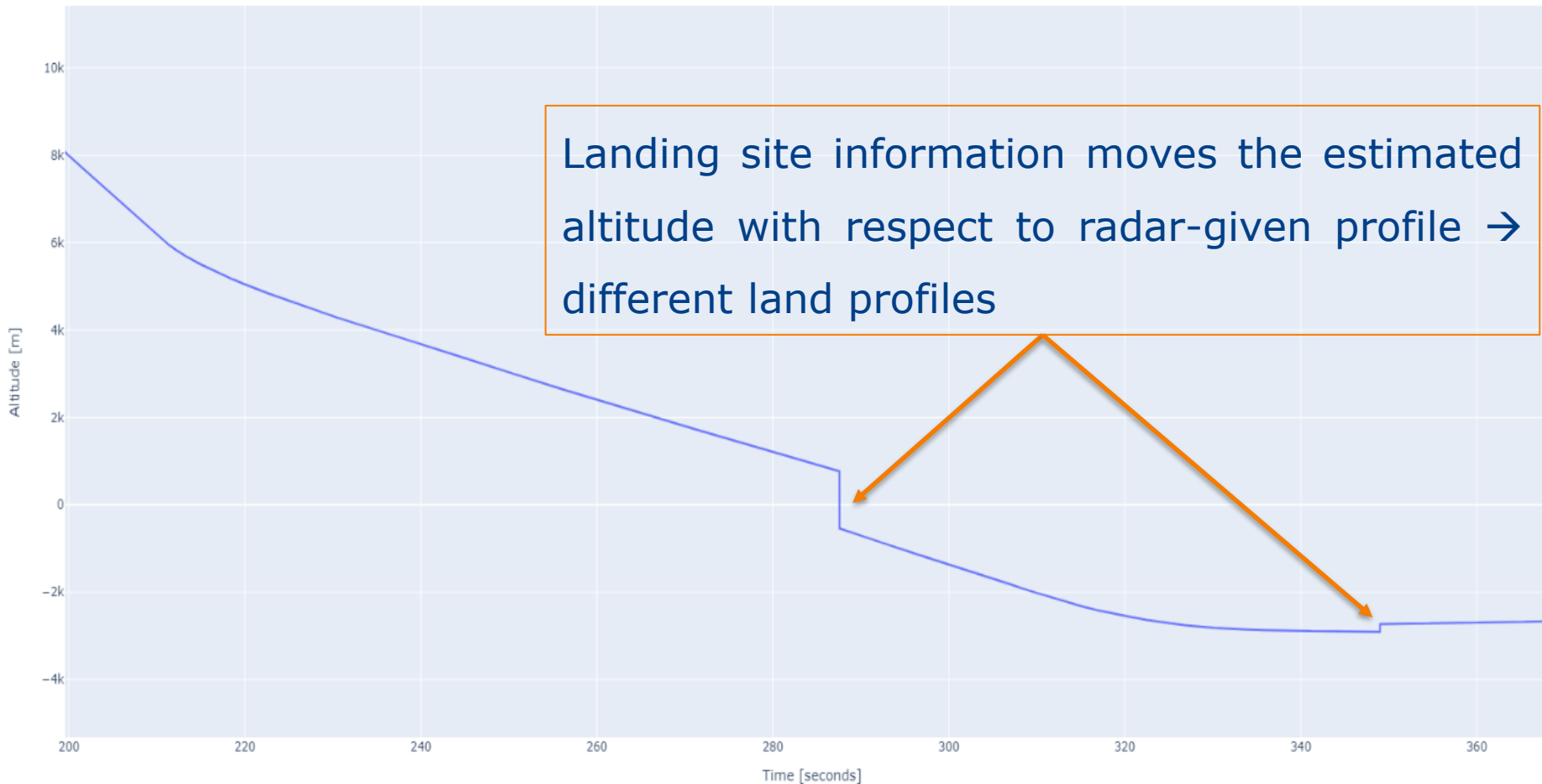
- No numerical reference solution is given for this case
 - Comparers are not included
- Trajectory performance is mainly included to assess altitude evolution



Reconstructed position uncertainty evolution

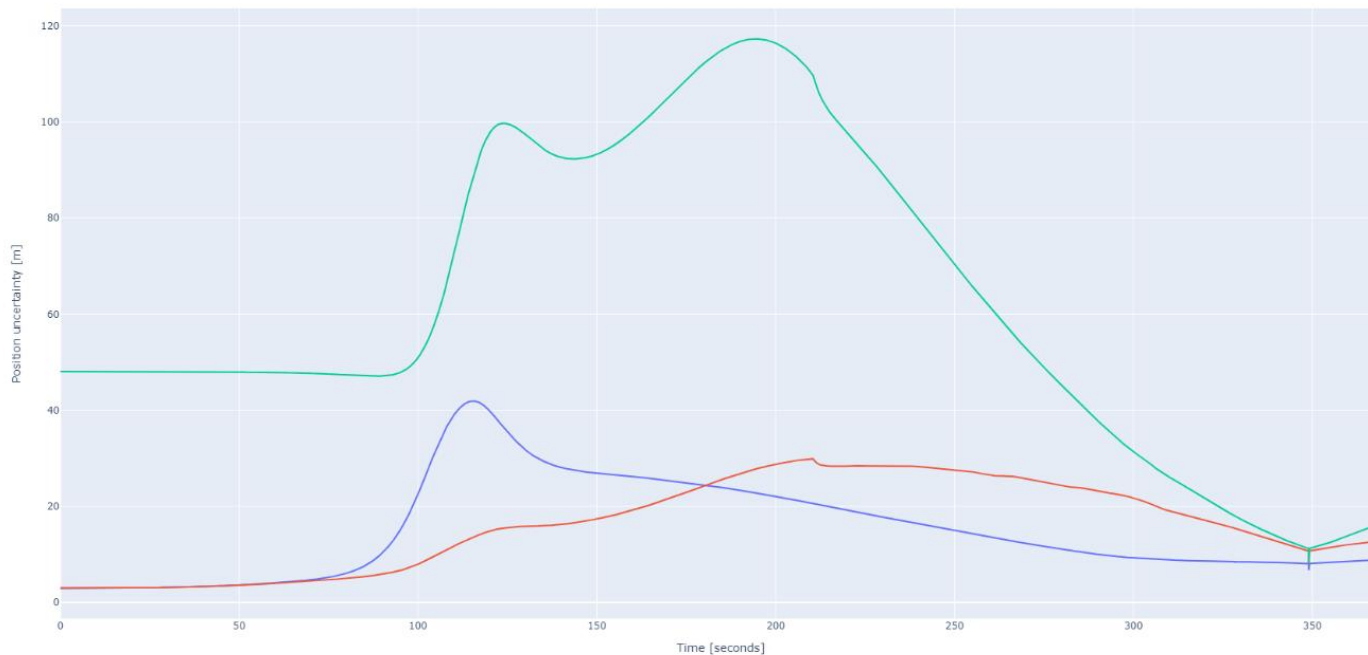


Reconstructed altitude evolution

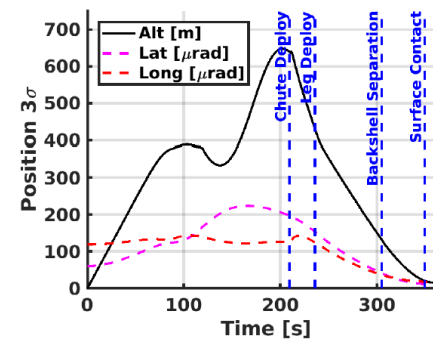


Reconstructed position evolution uncertainty

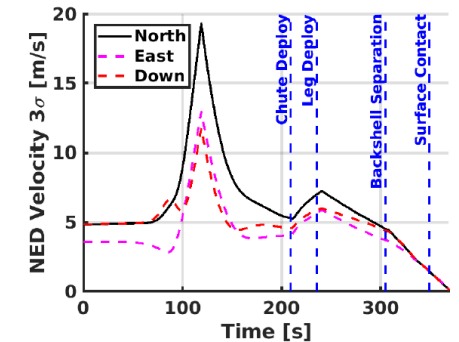
- Uncertainty profile is similar (peaks at high dynamic pressure correspond in time) and uncertainty values are close (reference plot is 3- σ , PFAT plot is 1- σ)
- Differences are mainly due to different initial uncertainty and measurements noise modelling



— ICDS0 - traj_pos_x
 — ICDS0 - traj_pos_y
 — ICDS0 - traj_pos_z



(a) Position

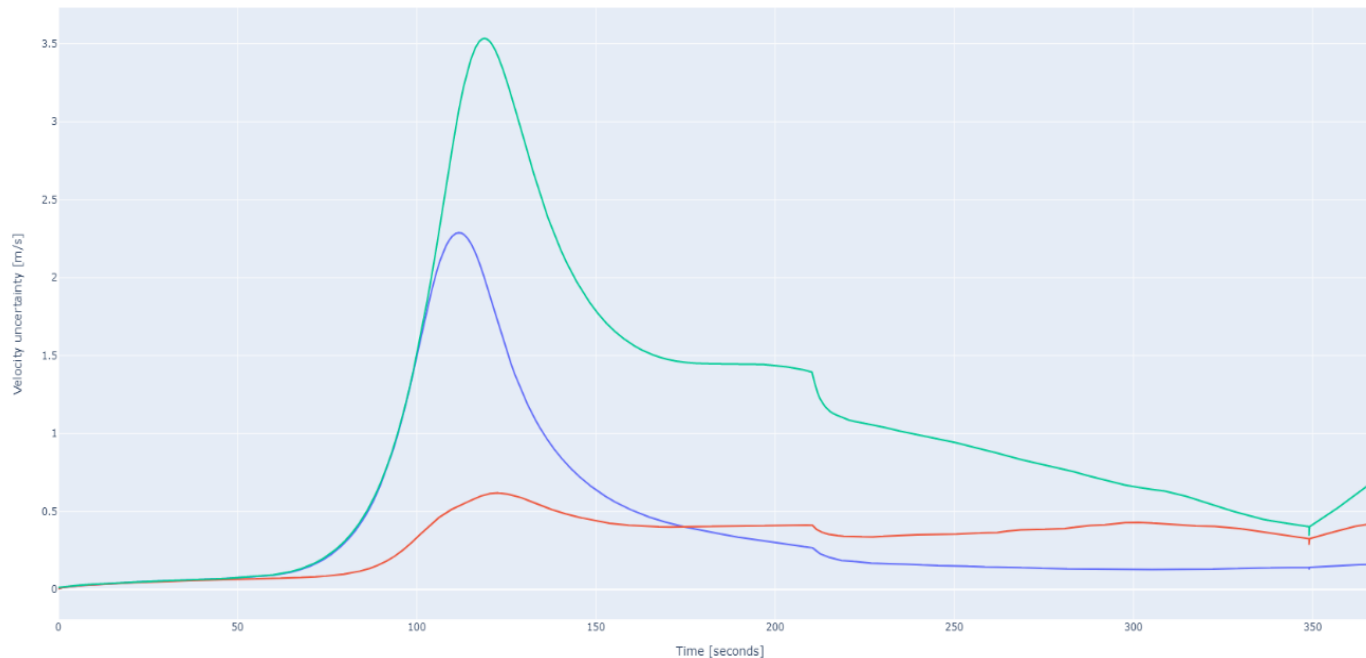


(b) Velocity

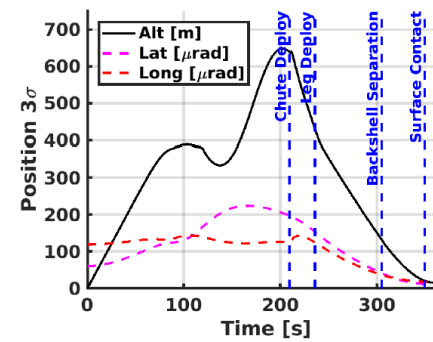
Fig. 10 Reconstructed Position and Velocity Uncertainties

Reconstructed velocity evolution uncertainty

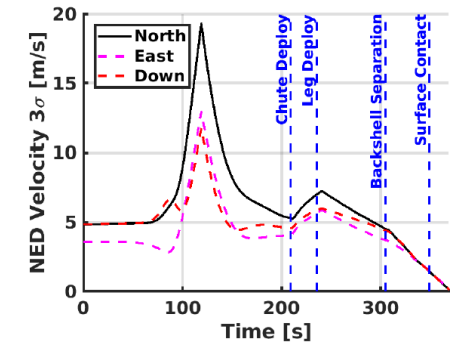
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(a) Position



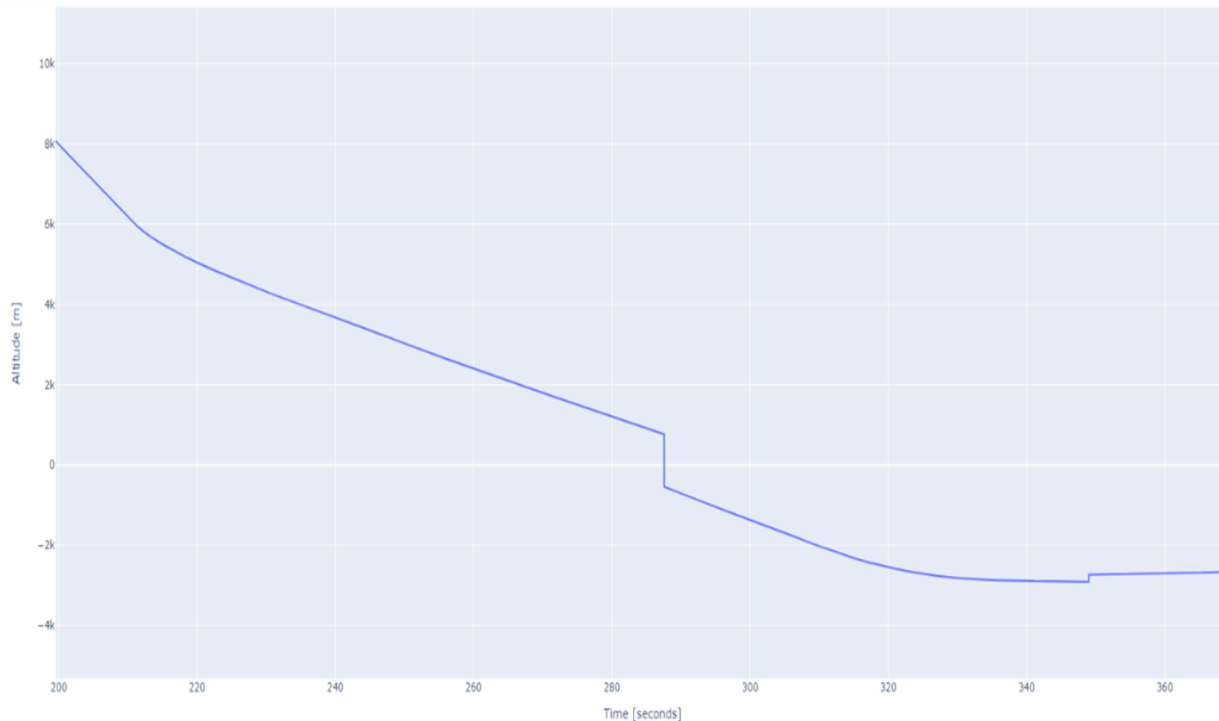
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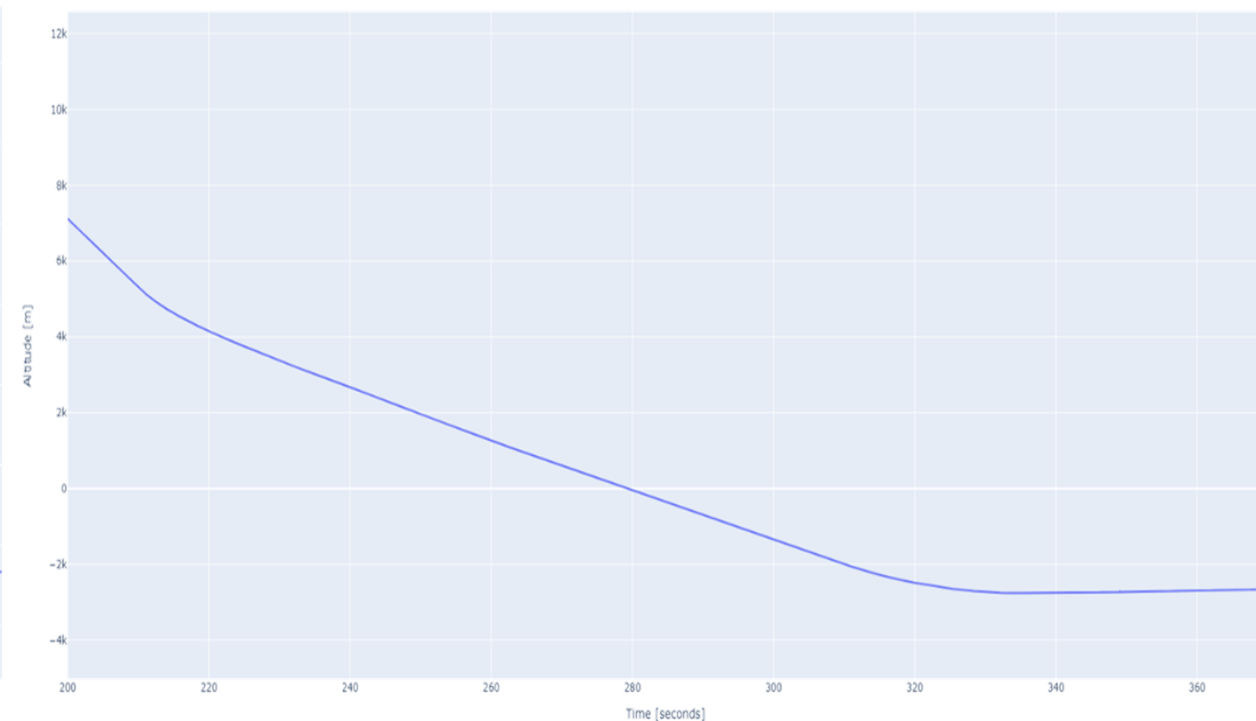
Reconstructed altitude evolution

- Altitude profile is smoothed thanks to the forward + backward approach that includes information "from the future"

Forward only



Forward & Backward



□ Data loading

- Read data from flight tests, ground tests and simulations
- Read data series, grid data and meta data
- Supported file formats
 - *TDMS files (data series)*
 - *Tecplot files (data series and grid data)*
 - *TAU files (grid data)*
- Automatic data scaling for TDMS files (here: linear scaling)
- Load just selected zones or variables
- Load specific parts of TAU data (surface, sublayer, flow field)

□ Data harmonization

- Interpolation of data series
- Interpolation of grid data
- Interpolation of data sets

□ Basic data processing

- Filtering (here: Savitzky–Golay filter)
- Arithmetic calculations (data series and grid data, from multiple data sets, including meta data)
- Statistical analysis of data series and data sets (e.g.: mean, variance, interpercentile)
- Data reduction of data series (here: power spectral density and probability density function)

❑ Specific data processing

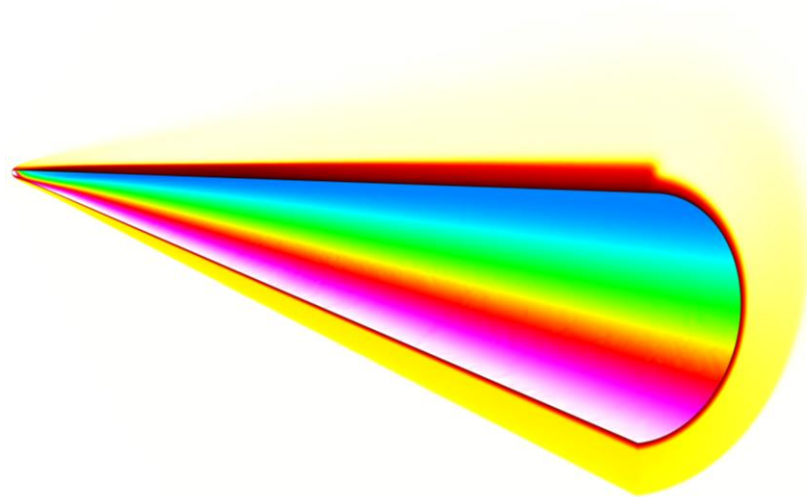
- Complex computations of data series (here: solve 1D heat equation)
- Surface integrals (e.g. pressure to forces)
- Boundary layer integrals (e.g. momentum thickness)

❑ Uncertainties

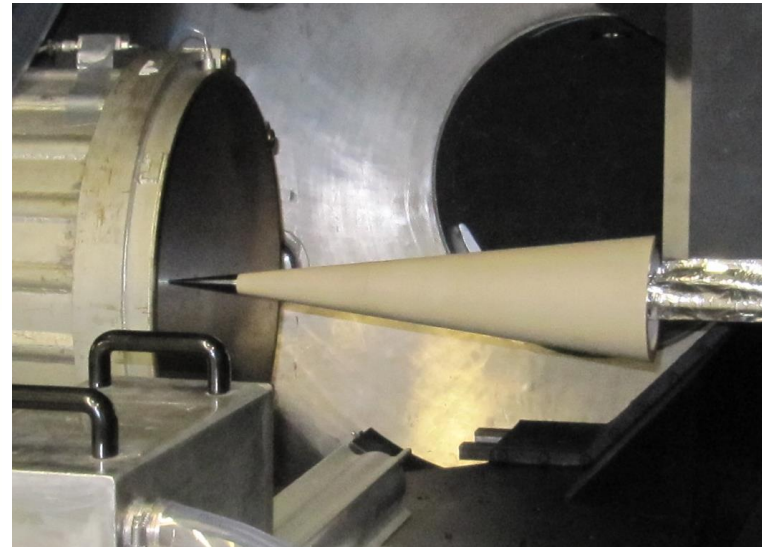
- Uncertainties calculator (based on equations and/or statistical analysis)
- Uncertainties propagation (here: Monte Carlo algorithm)

- Modules may serve as blue prints for similar algorithms
- If feasible modules check and process units with a specific submodule
- Parameters of algorithms can be adjusted by user
- Modules can be combined freely to create complex processing chains

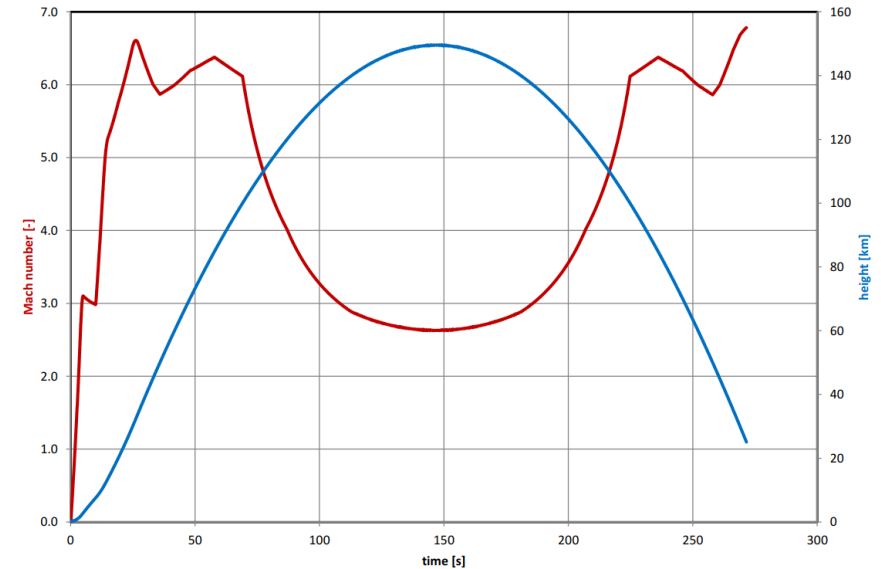
☐ Validation done with ROTEX-fake data



Simulation data



Ground test data

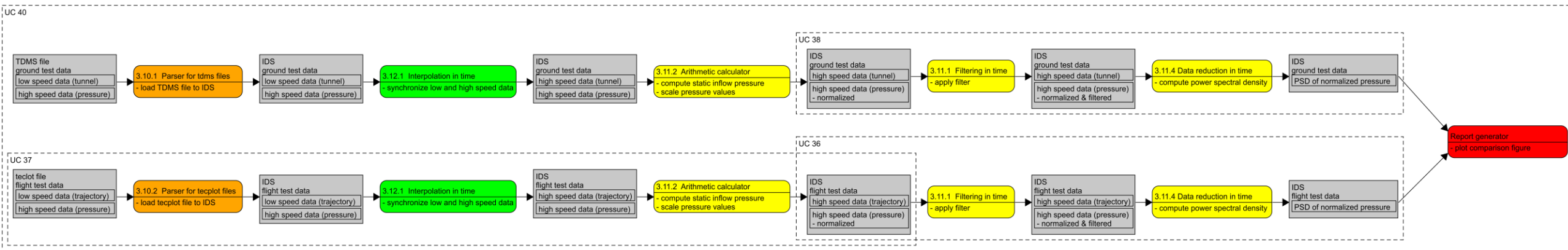


Flight test data

PSD pressure processing chain



- Read data series from tecplot files.
- Read data series from tdms files including automatic scaling of sensor data
- Interpolation in time / synchronization of data sets
- Perform arithmetic calculations with data series
- Filtering in time (Savitzky-Golay)
- Spectral analysis (PSD)



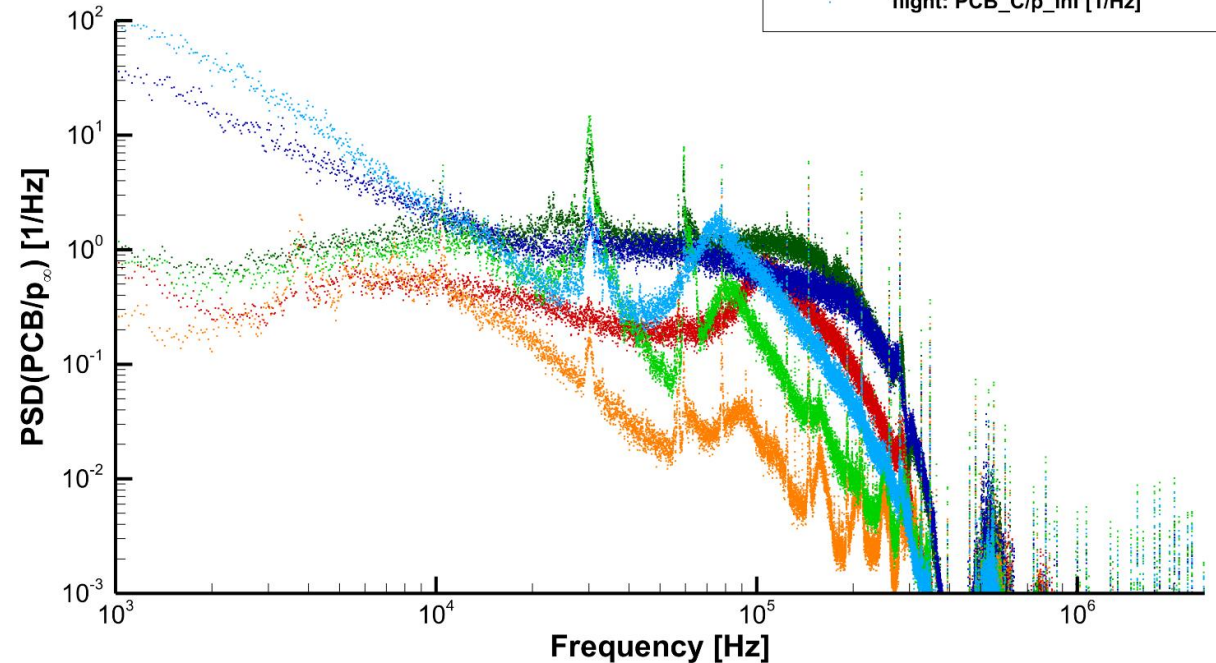
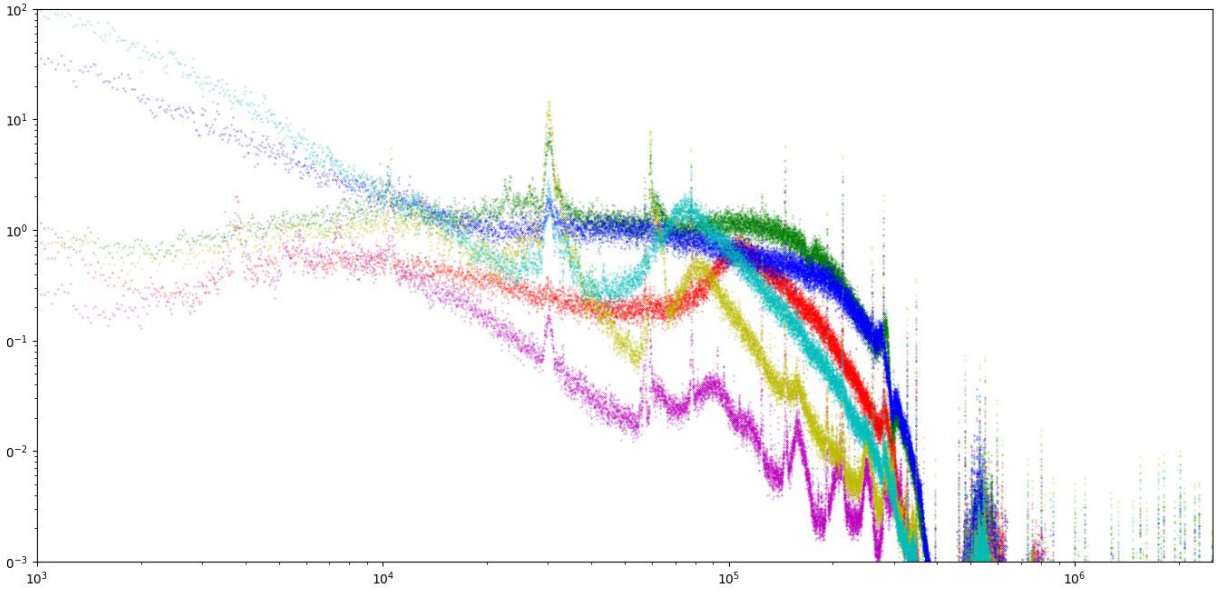
PSD pressure processing chain



Output by PFAT

Output by Labview

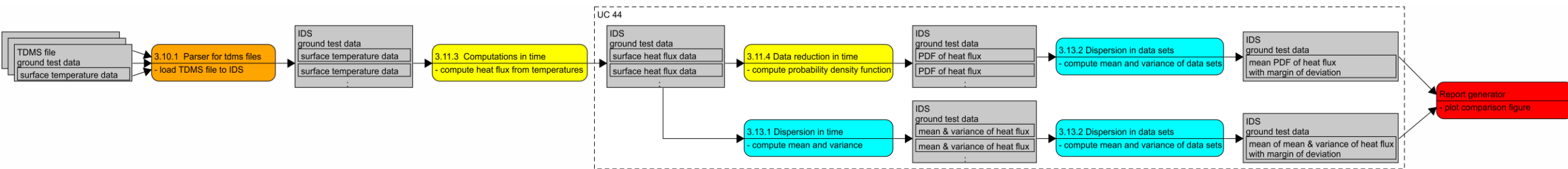
- experiment: PCB_A/p_inf [1/Hz]
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- experiment: PCB_C/p_inf [1/Hz]
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- flight: PCB_B/p_inf [1/Hz]
- flight: PCB_C/p_inf [1/Hz]



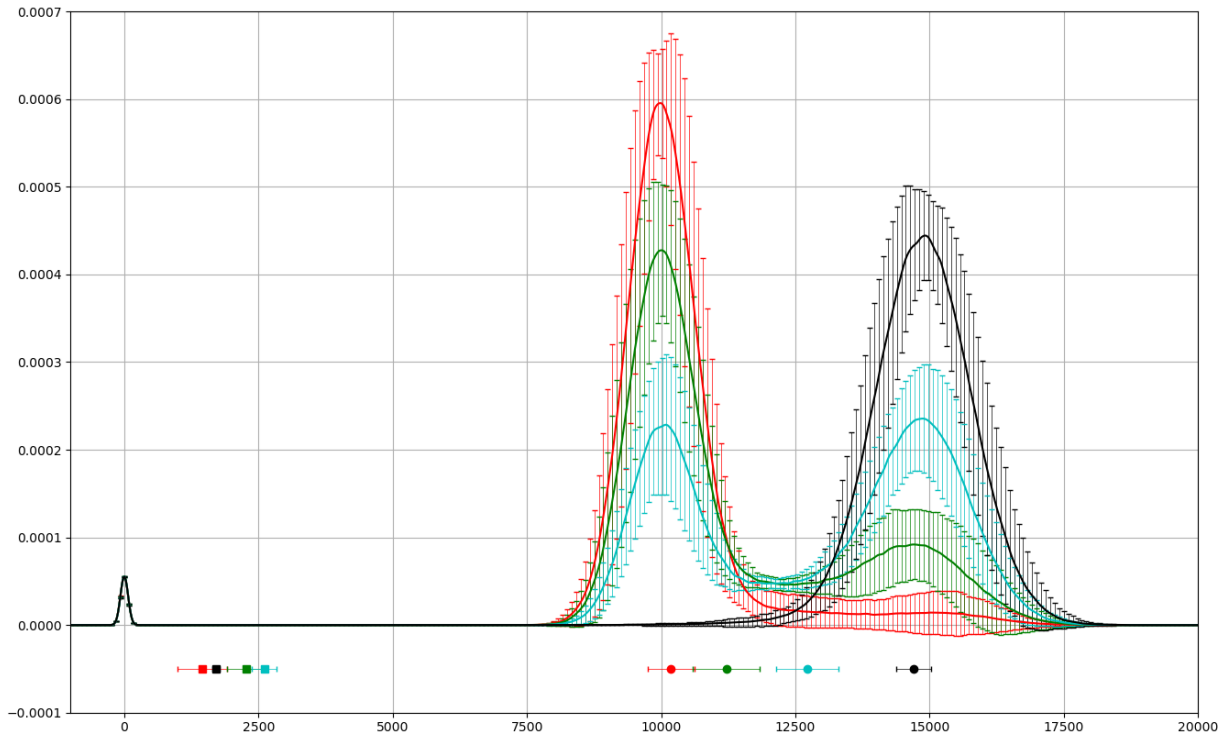
PDF heat-flux processing chain



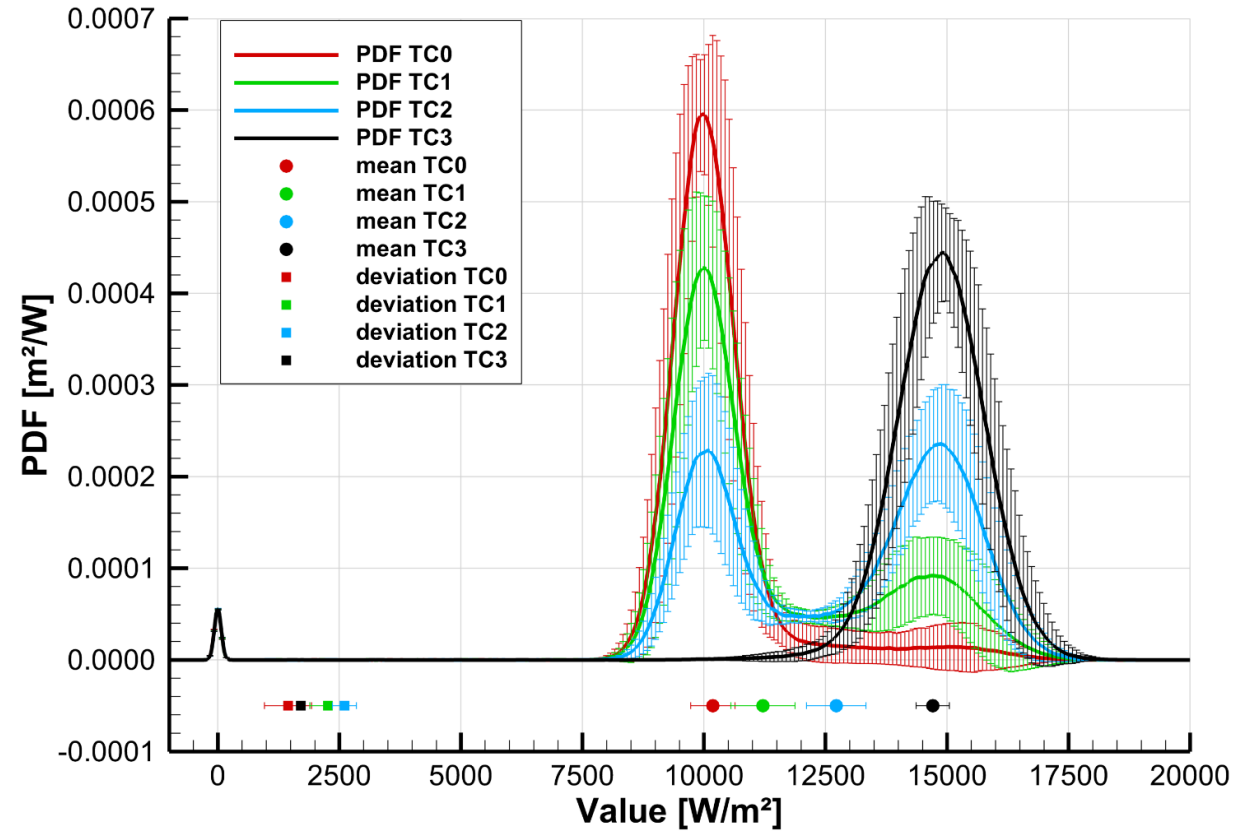
- Read data series from tdms files
- Complex computations in time (1D heat equation)
- Statistical values of data series
- Statistical analysis (PDF)
- Statistical values of data sets



Output by PFAT



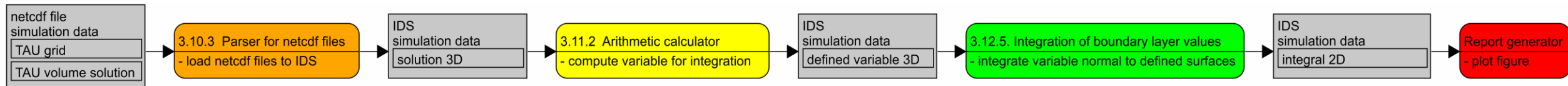
Output by Labview



Boundary layer integral processing chain



- Read 3D volume data from netcdf files including grid information
- Perform arithmetic calculations with grid data
- Calculate boundary layer integrals

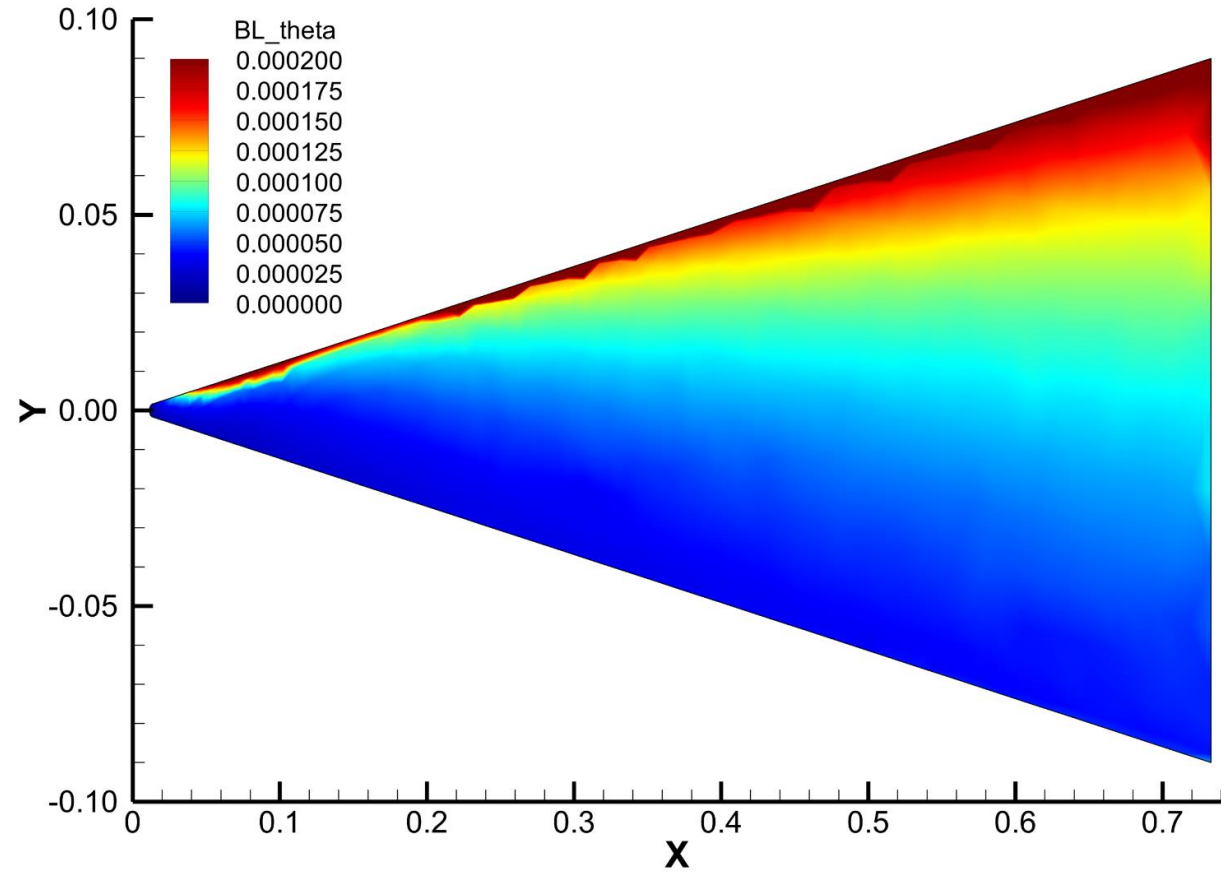
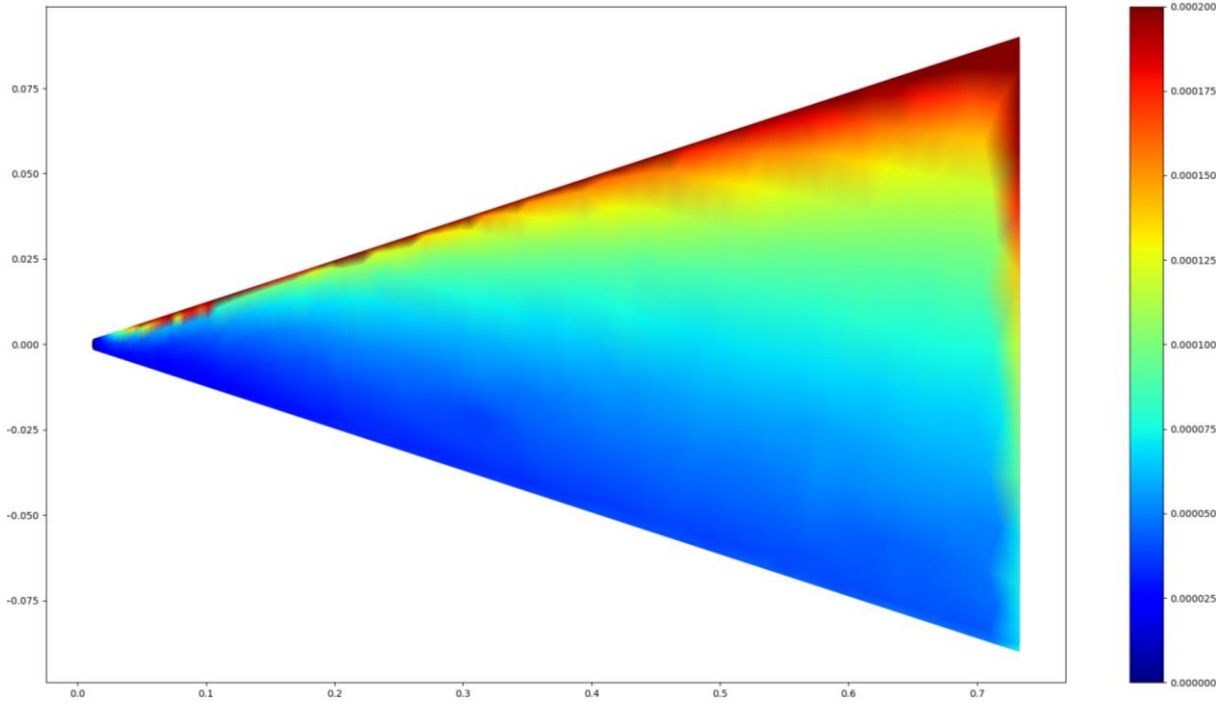


Boundary layer integral processing chain



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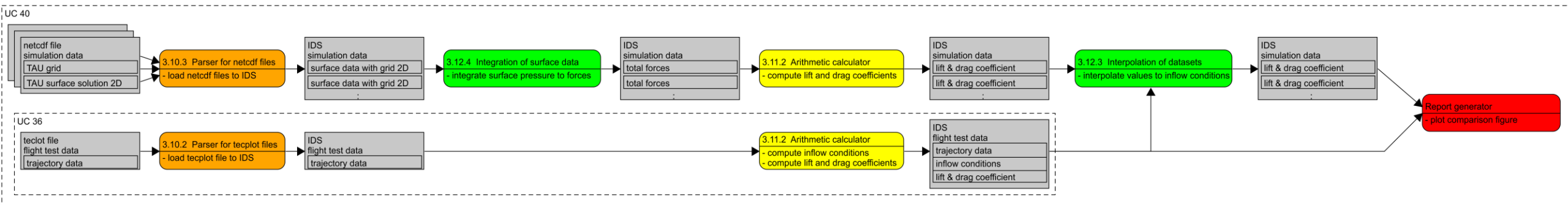
Output by Fortran



Lift and drag processing chain



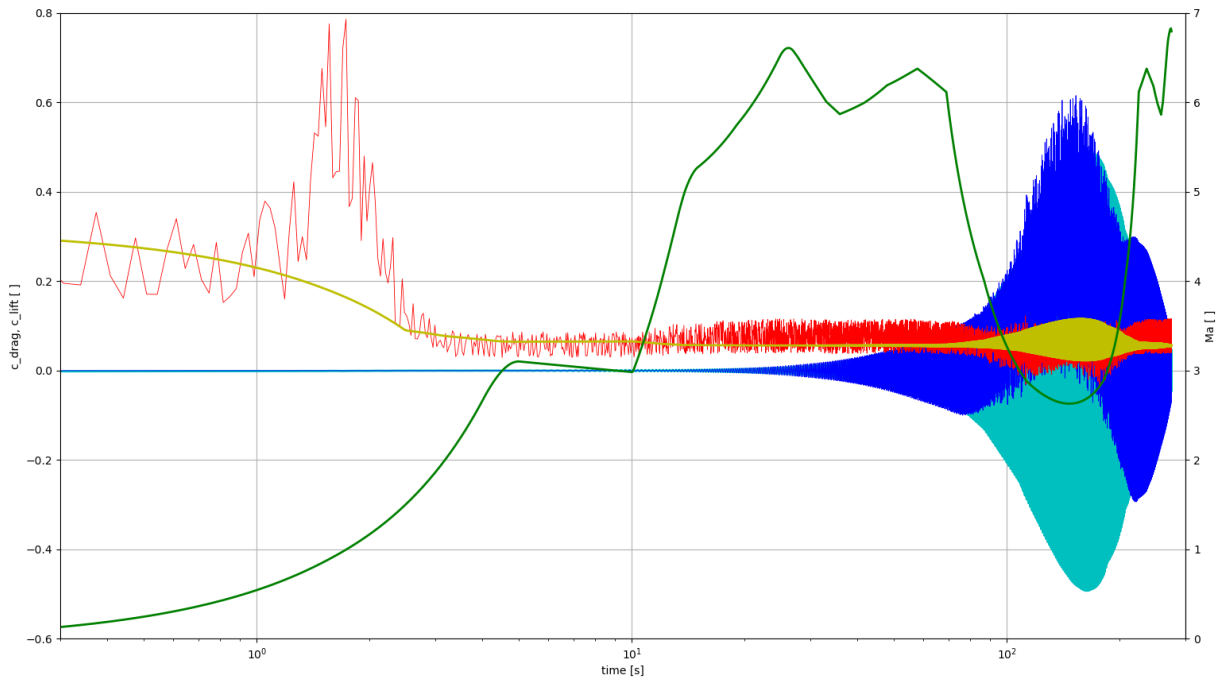
- Read 3D surface data from netcdf files including grid information
- Calculate surface integrals
- Perform interpolation of data sets



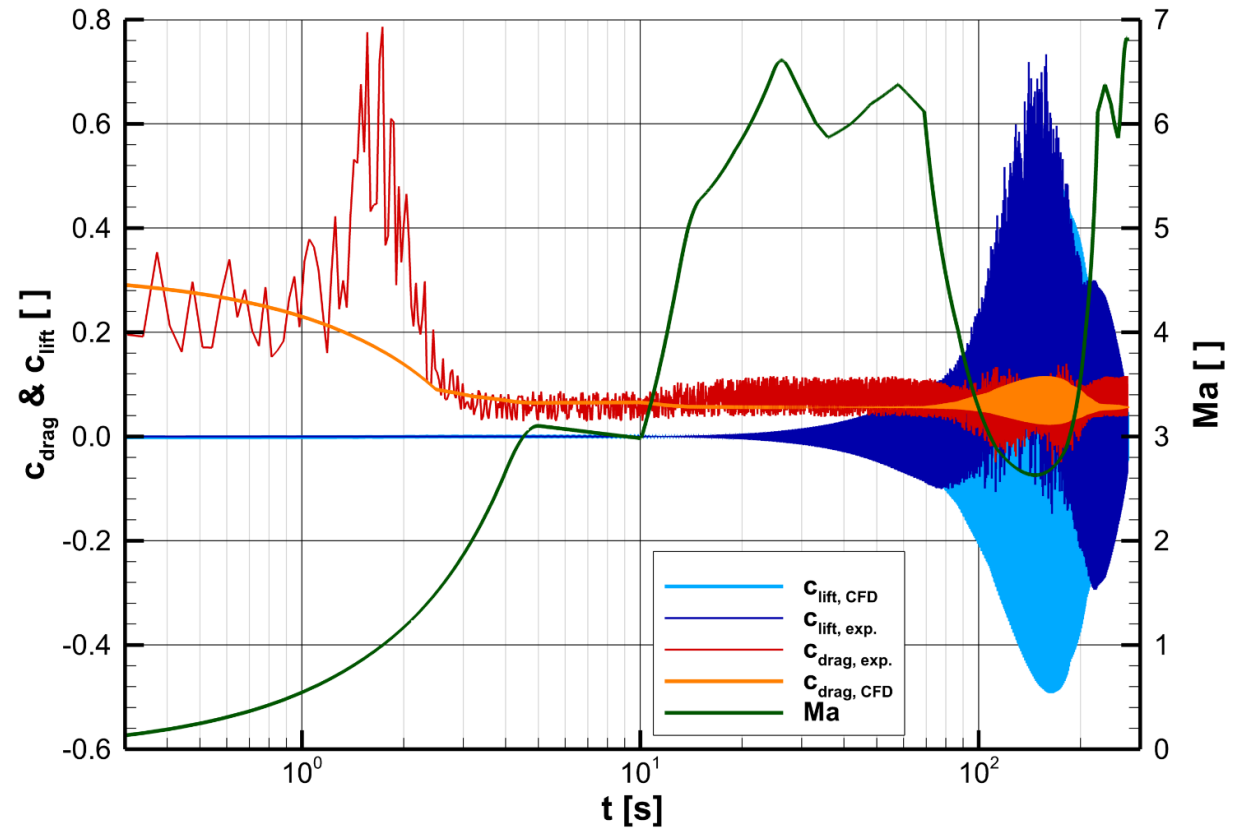
Lift and drag processing chain



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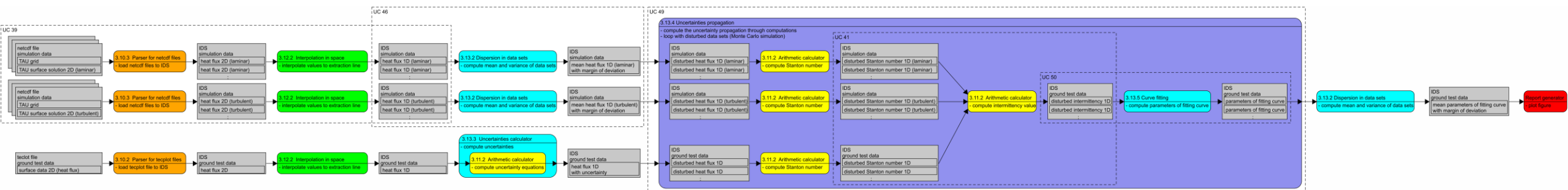
Output by Tecplot and Excel



Intermittency processing chain



- Read 3D surface data from netcdf and tecplot files including grid information
- Perform interpolation in space
- Perform arithmetic calculations combining data sets
- Compute uncertainties based on data sets or equations
- Perform curve fitting
- Compute error propagations

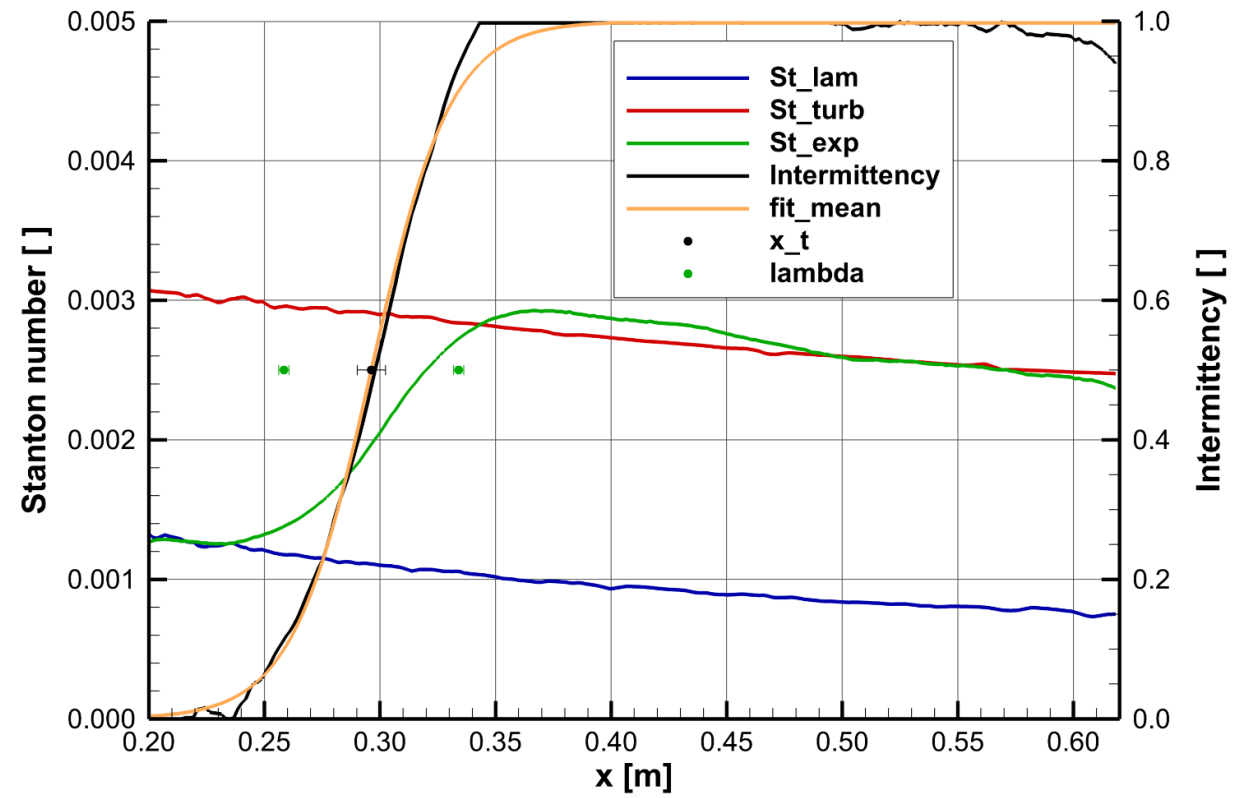
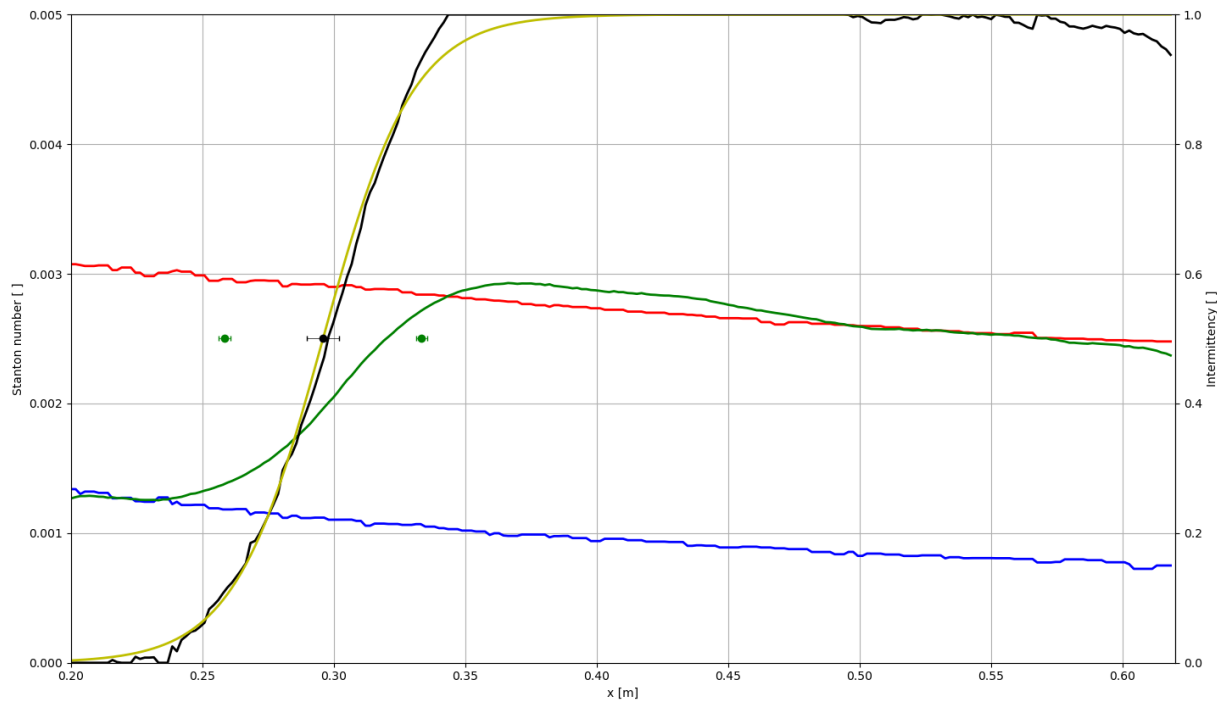


Intermittency processing chain



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Output by Tecplot and Excel

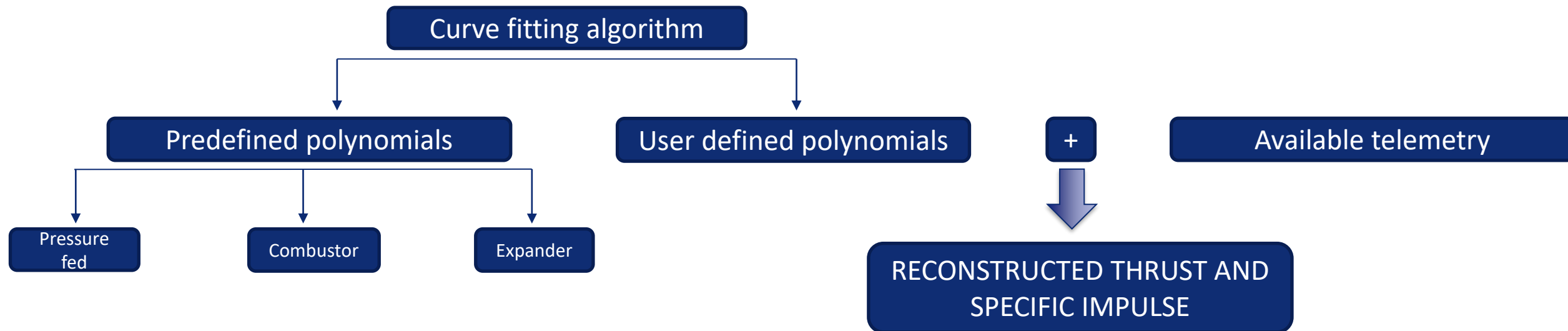


Main goal: Compare in-flight propulsion data measurements with simulation results

e.g.: Chamber pressure, chamber temperature, pumps rotational speed, tanks pressure...

- Engine performance (thrust and specific impulse) are of interest in post-flight analysis, but NOT present in telemetry database

➤ *Solution: performance reconstruction module:*



STEPS IN PFAT FOR REACHING THE GOAL

1. Creation of a customized output file from ESPSS models, adjusting the sample frequency and reporting only the parameters of interest.
2. Load the numerical data from ESPSS output file and rename the simulation parameters
3. Pre-process the raw measurements of the propulsion telemetry data
4. Reconstruct the propulsion performance from the processed telemetry data and the ESPSS simulation output
5. Comparison of the reconstructed performance with ESPSS simulation output
6. Plot generation

POST-FLIGHT ANALYSIS CAMPAIGN

Four different tests were included in the validation campaign of the propulsion domain modules.

Remarks:

- All of them have the same structure
- Variability among tests appears in 2 key elements:
 - Deck models
 - Fitting expression used for performance reconstruction

POST-FLIGHT ANALYSIS CAMPAIGN

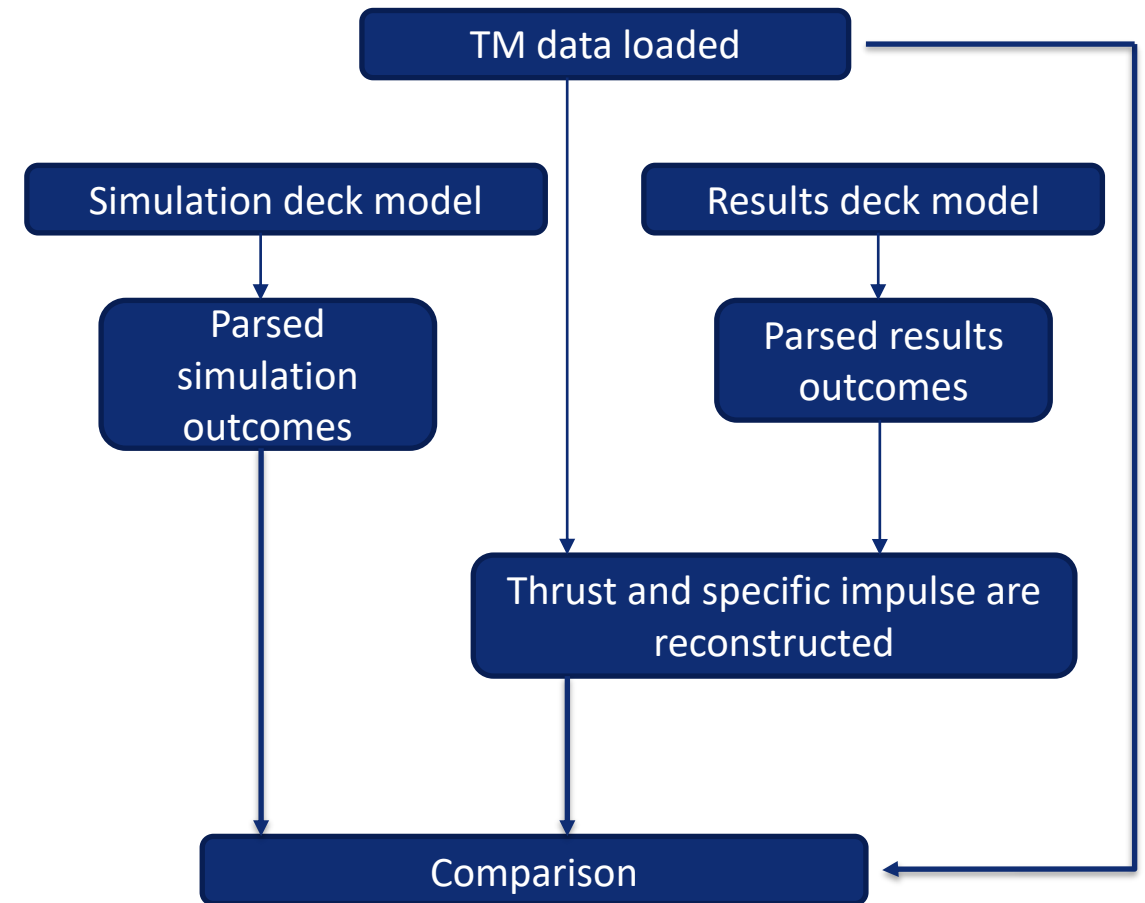
On-board telemetry data available is loaded

Two deck models are executed using the *ESPSS output* module

The outcomes of the deck models are mapped to PFAT standard variable *ESPSS parser* module

The parser output enters into the *performance reconstruction* module to reconstruct the thrust and specific impulse using the telemetry data

The reconstructed thrust and specific impulse are compared with the ones computed by the simulation deck model, generating plots



SINGLE COMBUSTOR TEST

Predefined fitting expression

$$Thrust = a_1 P_c + a_2 P_{ext} + a_3$$

$$Isp = b_1 \sqrt{P_c} + b_2 \sqrt{P_{ext}} + b_3$$

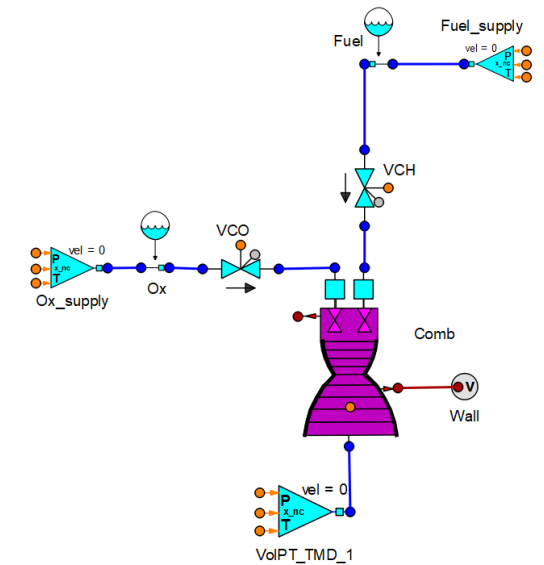
Conclusions

Thrust reconstructed with good accuracy.
More dispersion for impulse reconstruction when starting up.

Thrust



Specific Impulse



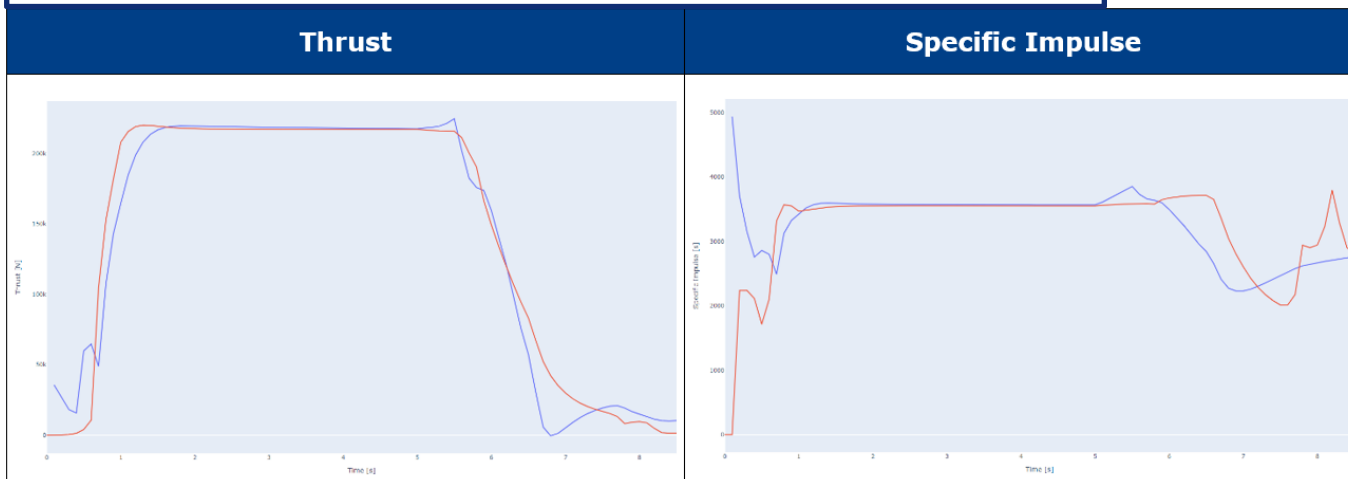
* Reconstruction vs. simulation

EXPANDER ENGINE TEST

Predefined fitting expression

$$\begin{aligned}
 Thrust = & a_1 P_{oxy}^2 + a_2 P_{red}^2 + a_3 P_{ext}^2 \\
 & + a_4 N_{oxy}^2 + a_5 N_{red}^2 + a_6 P_{oxy} P_{red} + a_7 P_{oxy} P_{ext} + a_8 N_{oxy} P_{oxy} + a_9 N_{red} P_{oxy} + a_{10} P_{red} P_{ext} + a_{11} N_{oxy} P_{red} \\
 & + a_{12} N_{red} P_{red} + a_{13} P_{ext} N_{oxy} + a_{14} P_{ext} N_{red} + a_{15} N_{oxy} N_{red} + a_{16} P_{oxy} + a_{17} P_{red} + a_{18} P_{ext} + a_{19} N_{oxy} \\
 & + a_{20} N_{red} + a_{21}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 Isp = & a_1 P_{oxy} + a_2 P_{red} + a_3 P_{ext} \\
 & + a_4 N_{oxy} + a_5 N_{red} + a_6 \sqrt{P_{oxy}} \sqrt{P_{red}} + a_7 \sqrt{P_{oxy}} \sqrt{P_{ext}} + a_8 \sqrt{N_{oxy}} \sqrt{P_{oxy}} + a_9 \sqrt{N_{red}} \sqrt{P_{oxy}} + a_{10} \sqrt{P_{red}} \sqrt{P_{ext}} \\
 & + a_{11} \sqrt{N_{oxy}} \sqrt{P_{red}} + a_{12} \sqrt{N_{red}} \sqrt{P_{red}} + a_{13} \sqrt{P_{ext}} \sqrt{N_{oxy}} + a_{14} \sqrt{P_{ext}} \sqrt{N_{red}} + a_{15} \sqrt{N_{oxy}} \sqrt{N_{red}} + a_{16} \sqrt{P_{oxy}} \\
 & + a_{17} \sqrt{P_{red}} + a_{18} \sqrt{P_{ext}} + a_{19} \sqrt{N_{oxy}} + a_{20} \sqrt{N_{red}} + a_{21}
 \end{aligned}$$

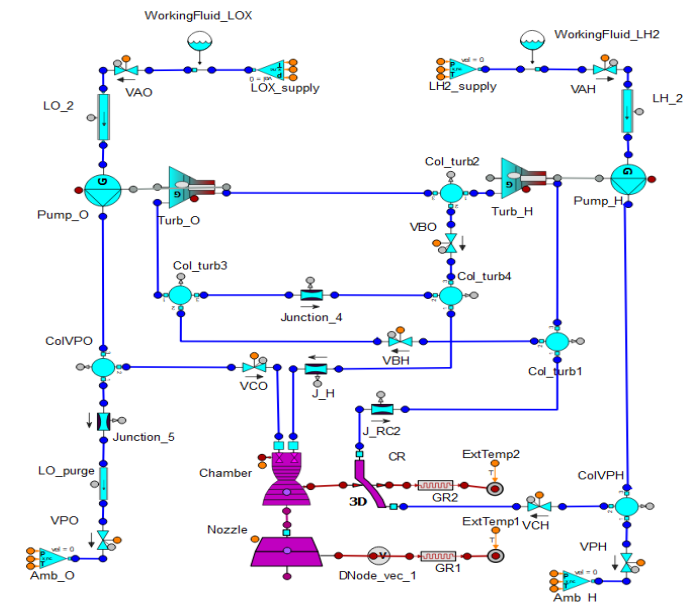


* Reconstruction vs. simulation

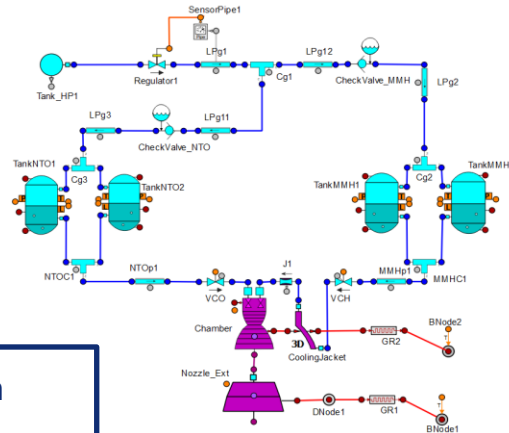
Conclusions

Strong transient regions (startup and shutdown) have more dispersion.

Reconstructed thrust follows the tendency of pumps speed.
Reconstructed curves are not forced to start from 0 or end in 0.



PRESSURE FED ENGINE TESTS

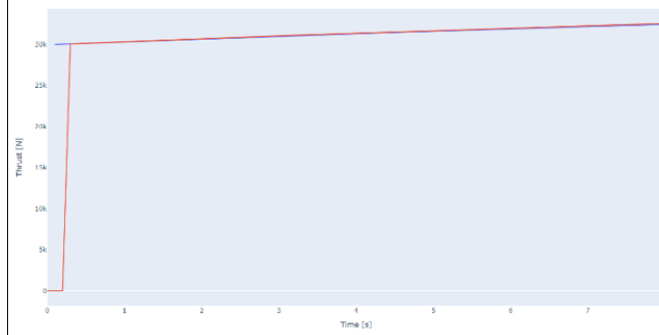


Predefined fitting expression

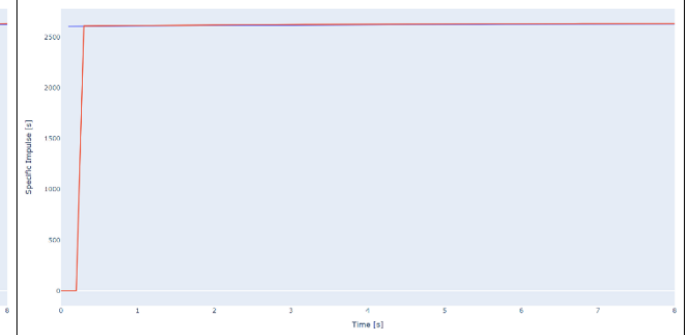
$$Thrust = a_1 P_{oxy}^2 + a_2 P_{red}^2 + a_3 P_{oxy} P_{red} + a_4 P_{oxy} + a_5 P_{red} + a_6$$

$$Isp = b_1 P_{oxy} + b_2 P_{red} + b_3 \sqrt{P_{oxy} P_{red}} + b_4 \sqrt{P_{oxy}} + b_5 \sqrt{P_{red}} + b_6$$

Thrust



Specific Impulse

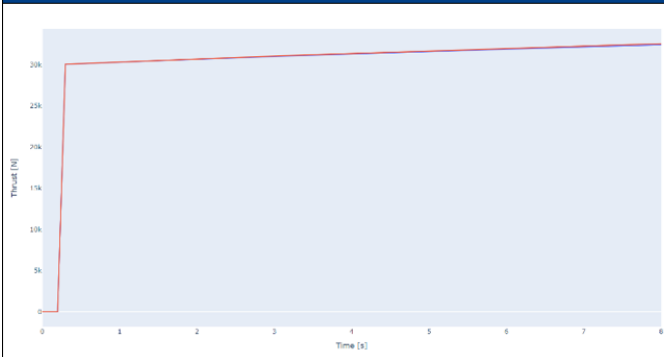


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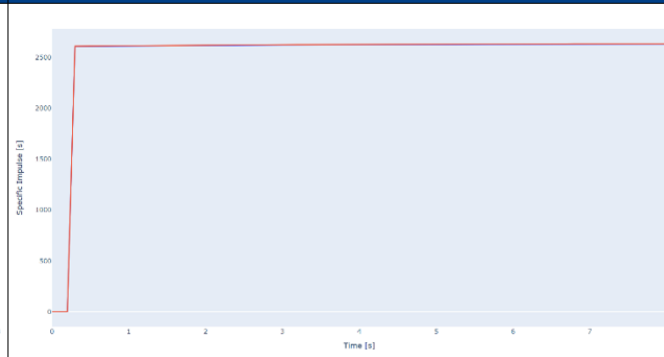
$$Thrust = a_1 P_{oxy}^2 + a_2 P_{red}^2 + a_3 P_{oxy} P_{red} + a_4 P_{oxy} + a_5 P_{red} + a_6 + a_7 P_c$$

$$Isp = b_1 P_{oxy} + b_2 P_{red} + b_3 \sqrt{P_{oxy} P_{red}} + b_4 \sqrt{P_{oxy}} + b_5 \sqrt{P_{red}} + b_6 + b_7 \sqrt{P_c}$$

Thrust



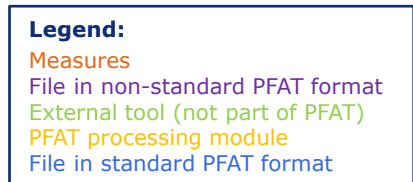
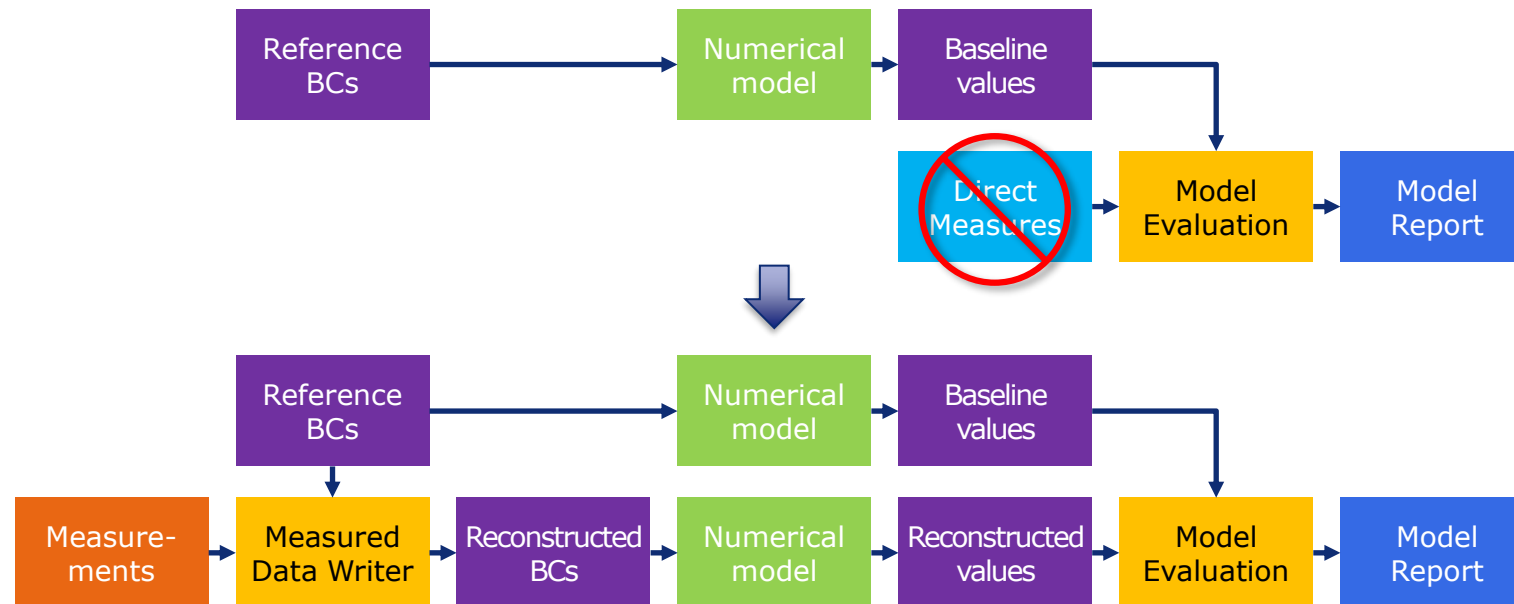
Specific Impulse



Conclusions

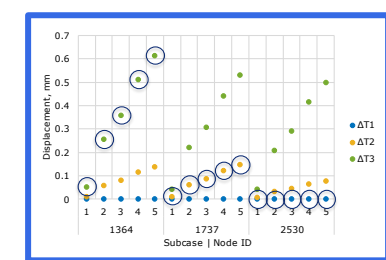
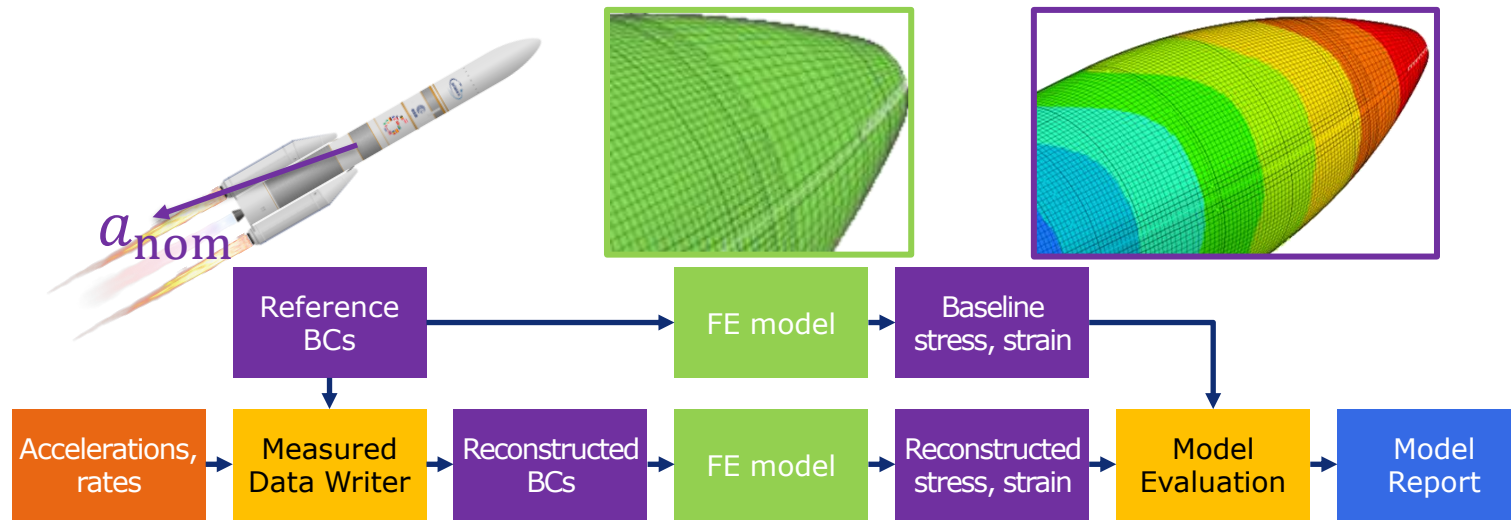
Reconstruction with very good accuracy.
 Thrust and impulse near TIME = 0 do not capture the startup.
 Very good accuracy in all points of the simulation.
 Chamber pressure is able to capture the startup process of the engine.

- **Goal:** evaluate the behavior in the mechanical and acoustic domains
 - **Constraint:** no direct measurements (material strains / sound pressure in the payload bay)
- **Approach:** use other sensors/reconstructed data as boundary conditions; simulate new behavior, and compare to baseline



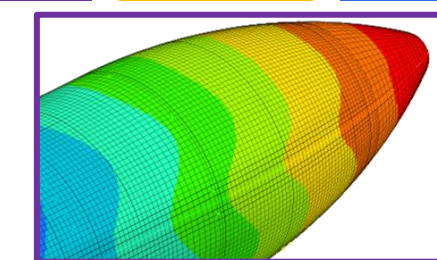
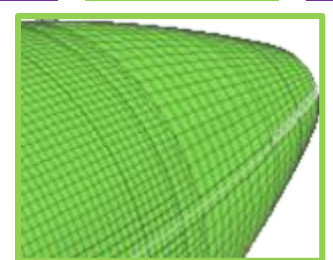
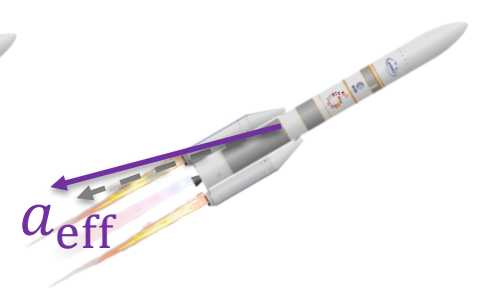
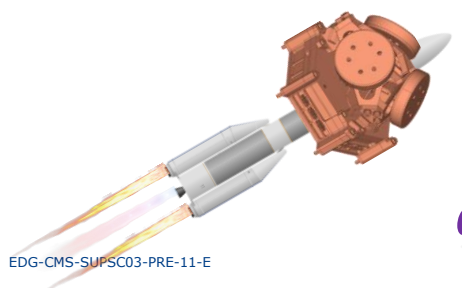
Structural domain (static): goals and implementation

- **“Direct” values of interest:** structural displacements, stresses, strains
- **Available measurements:** launch vehicle accelerations and rates
- **Reconstructed Boundary Conditions:** accelerations, rates

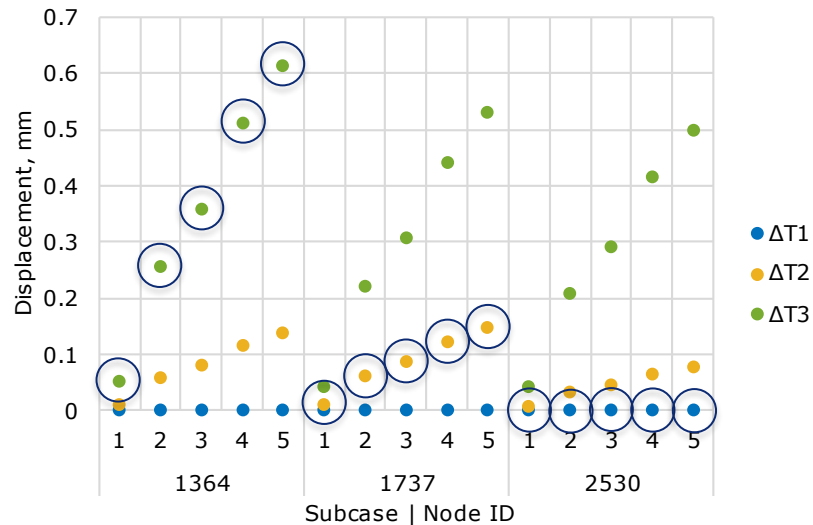


Legend:

- Measures
- File in non-standard PFAT format
- External tool (not part of PFAT)
- PFAT processing module
- File in standard PFAT format



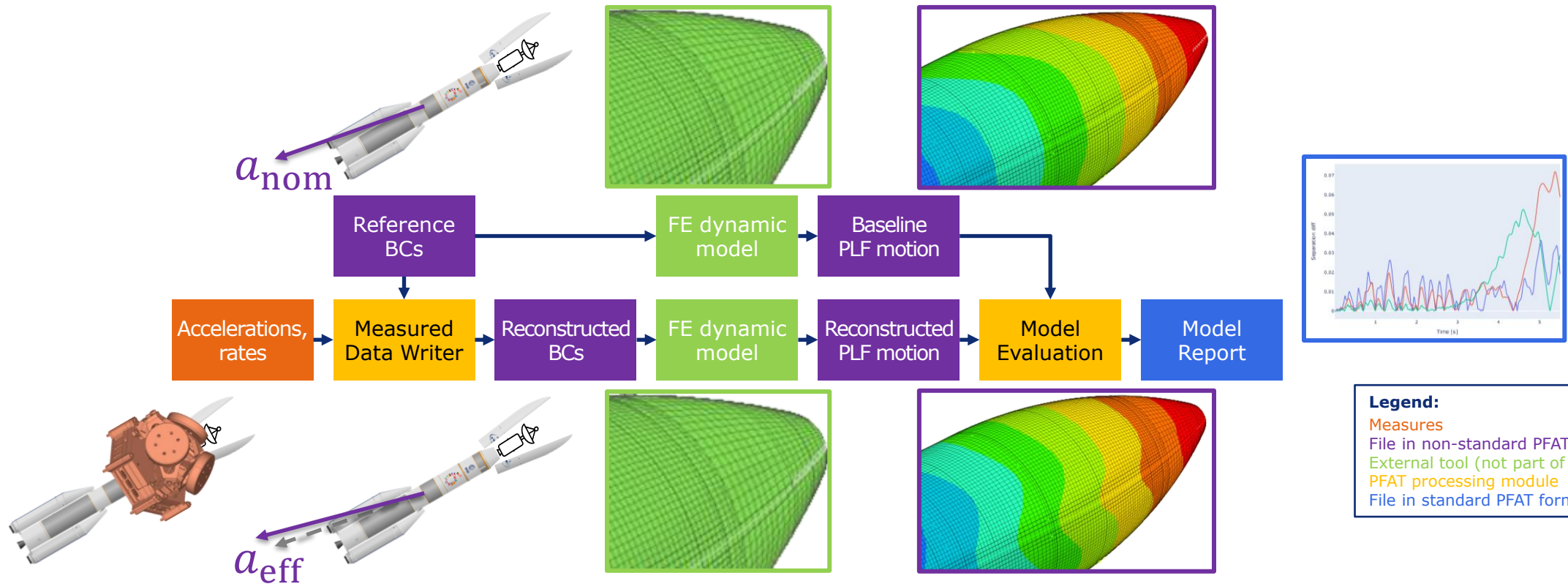
- **Measured data:** generated synthetically
- **Evaluate:** correct creation of model based on measured data ✓
correct post-processing of model results ✓



Subc.	Displacements								
	Average difference, m			Maximum difference, m			Node ID with max diff.		
	T1	T2	T3	T1	T2	T3	T1	T2	T3
1	7.247E-08	1.013E-05	4.567E-05	1.663E-07	1.231E-05	5.112E-05	2530	1737	1364
2	3.624E-07	5.065E-05	2.284E-04	8.317E-07	6.155E-05	2.556E-04	2530	1737	1364
3	5.073E-07	7.091E-05	3.197E-04	1.164E-06	8.616E-05	3.578E-04	2530	1737	1364
4	7.247E-07	1.013E-04	4.567E-04	1.663E-06	1.231E-04	5.112E-04	2530	1737	1364
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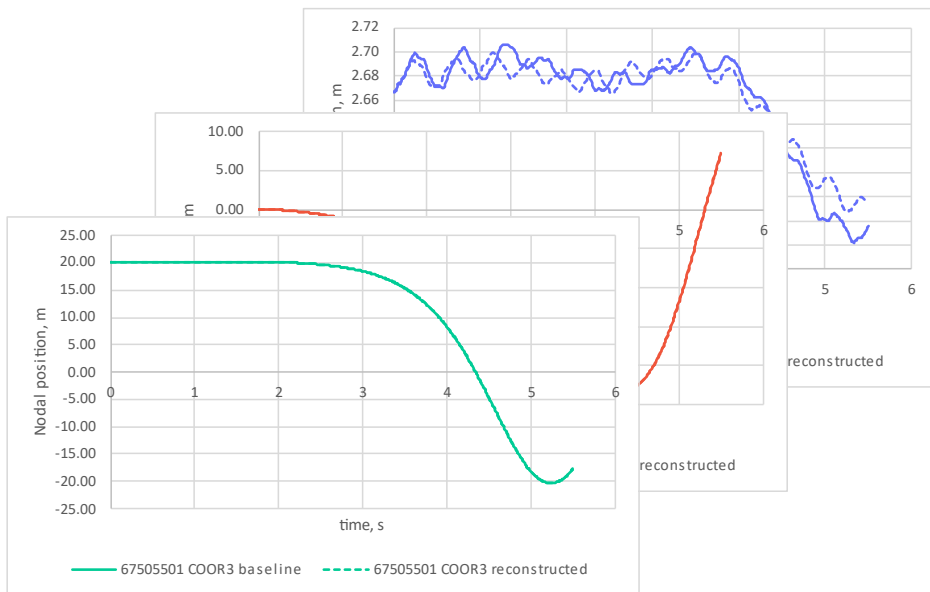
Structural domain (separation): goals and implementation

- **“Direct” values of interest:** separation kinematics (nodal displacements)
- **Available measurements:** launch vehicle accelerations and rates
- **Reconstructed Boundary Conditions:** accelerations and rates at separation start

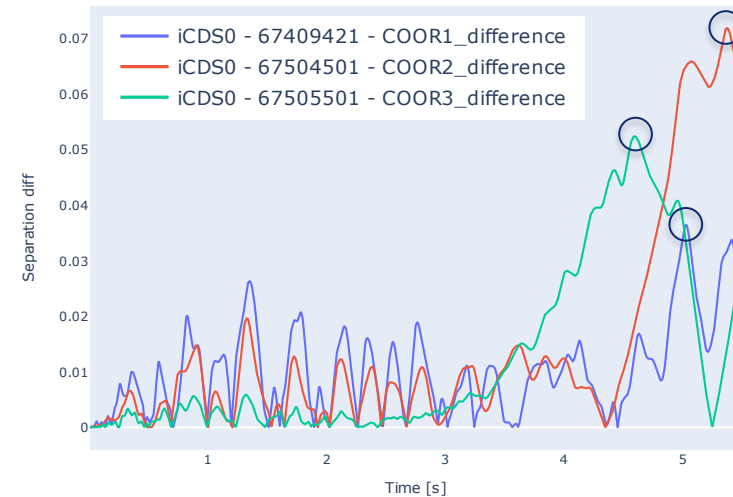


Structural domain (separation): verification and results

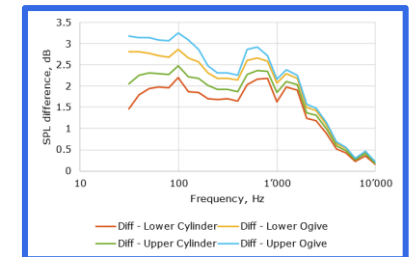
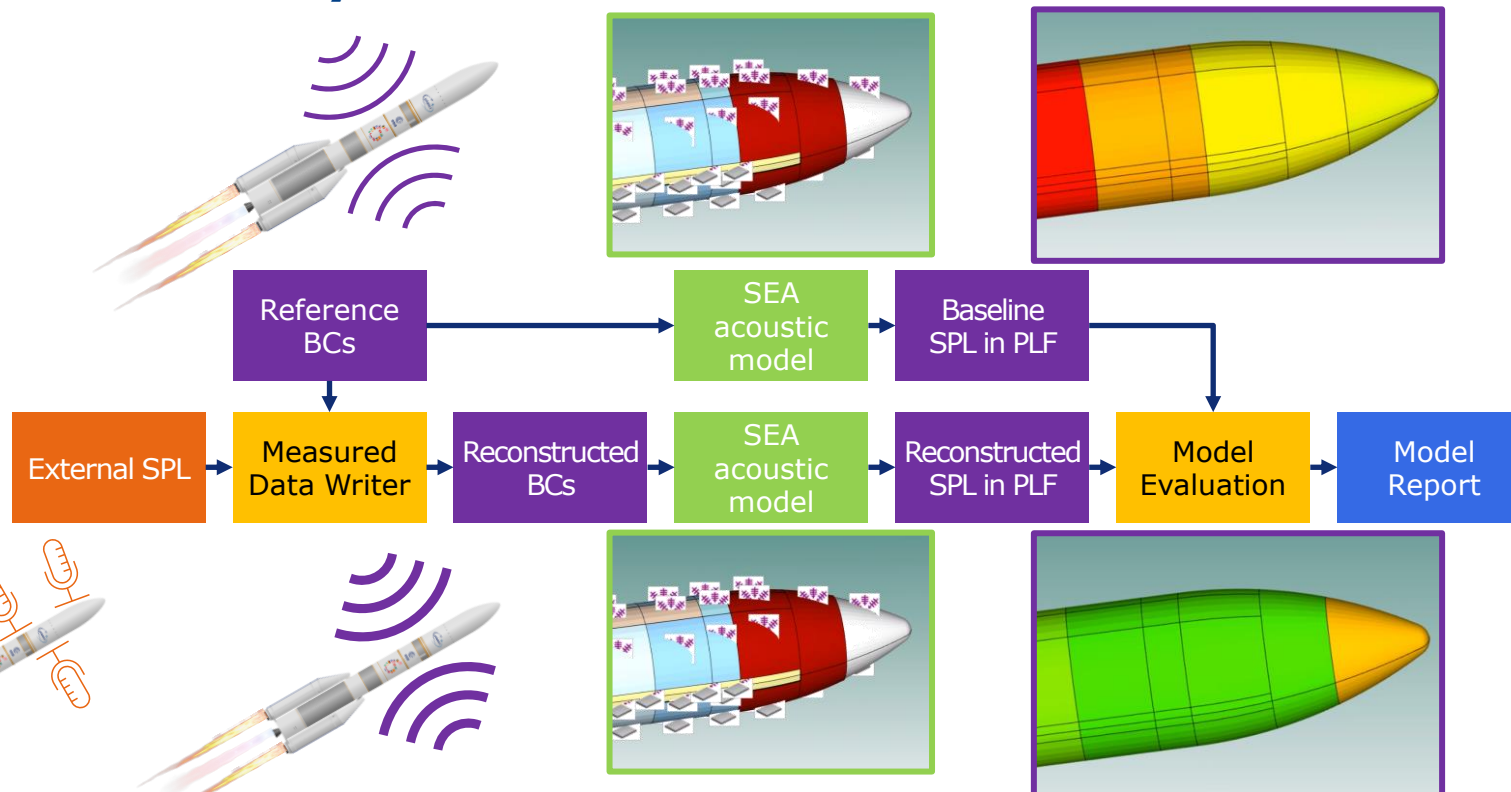
- **Measured data:** generated synthetically
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correct post-processing of model results ✓



Maximum difference, m			Node with max. difference			Time of max. difference, s		
COOR1	COOR2	COOR3	COOR1	COOR2	COOR3	COOR1	COOR2	COOR3
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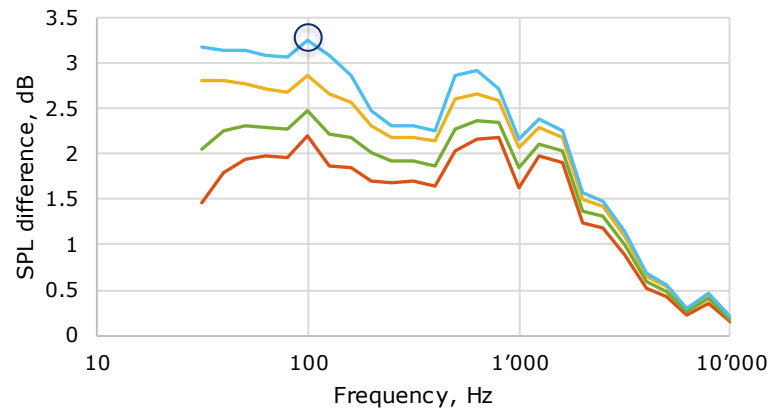


- **“Direct” values of interest:** acoustics (sound pressure levels) within the PLF
- **Available measurements:** SPL at discrete locations outside the launch vehicle
- **Reconstructed Boundary Conditions:** SPL outside the PLF



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 Measures
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- **Measured data:** generated synthetically
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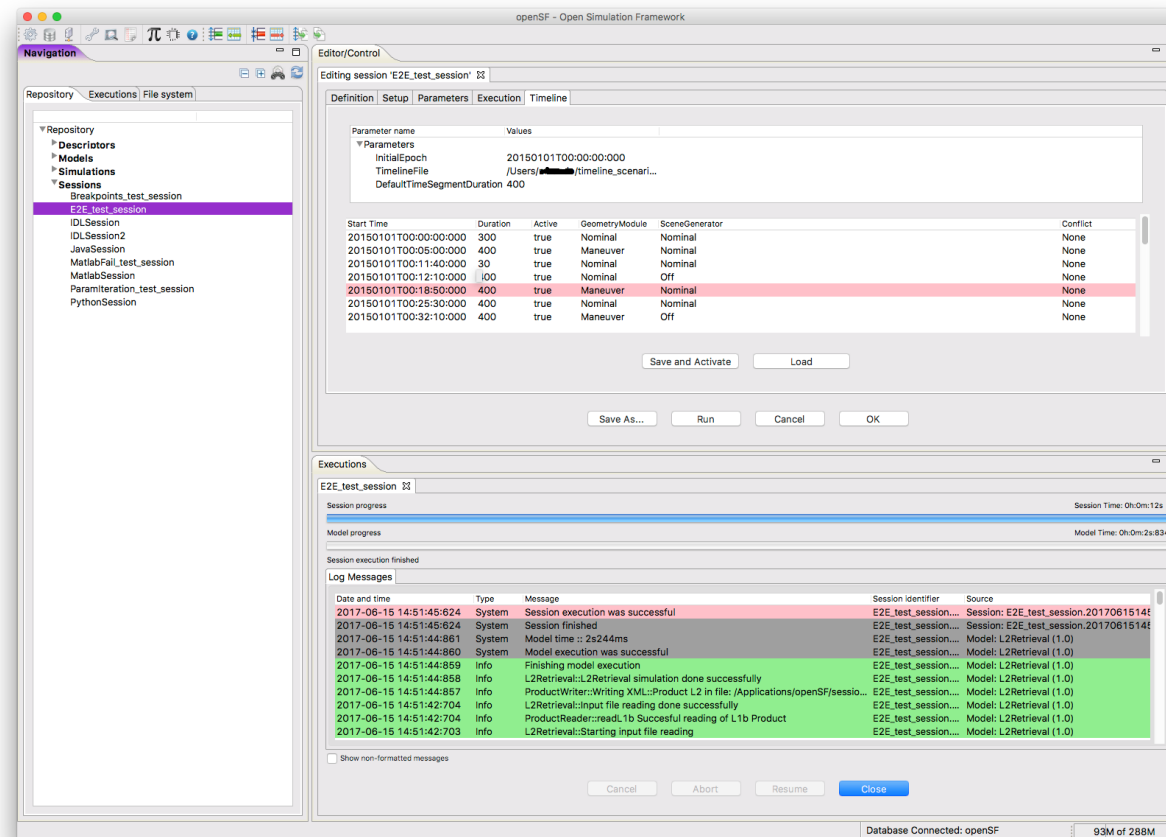
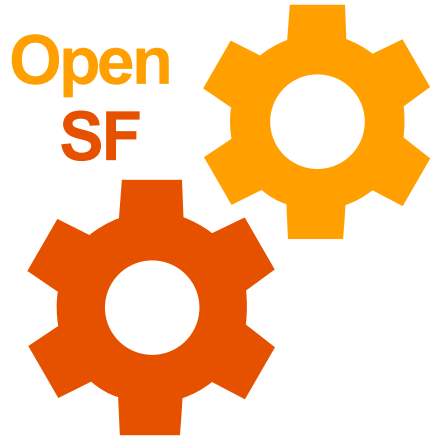
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— Diff - Upper Cylinder — Diff - Upper Ogive



Maximum SPL difference, dB	Interior Volume with maximum SPL difference	Frequency with maximum SPL difference, Hz
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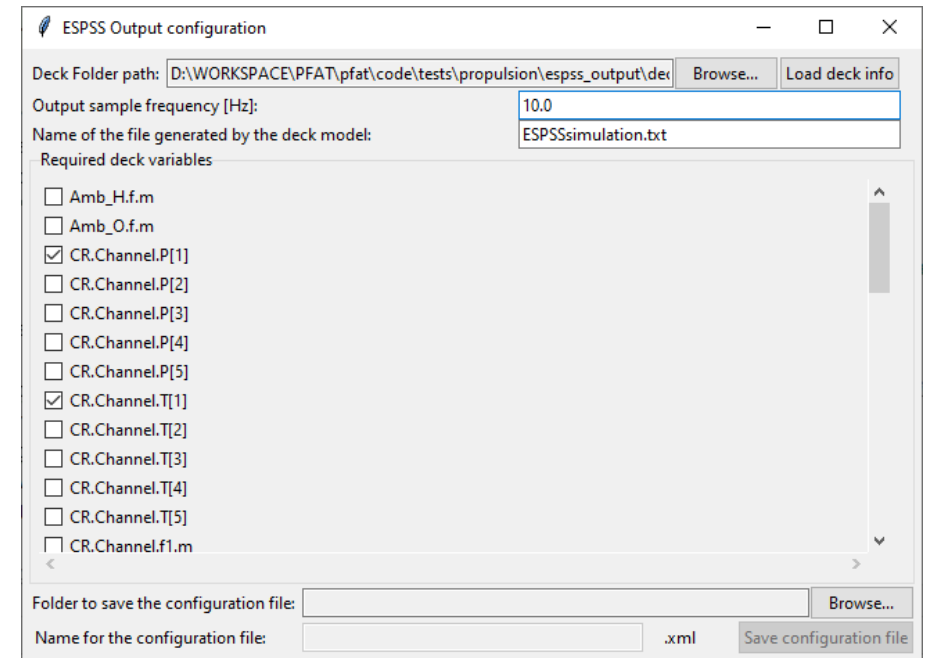
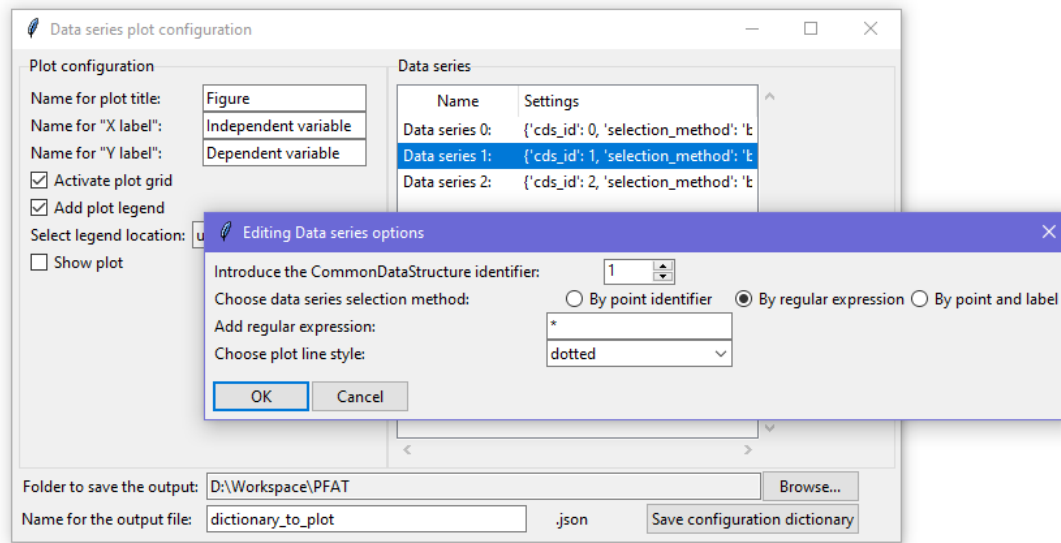
Based on ESA openSF

- All the openSF functionalities are made available

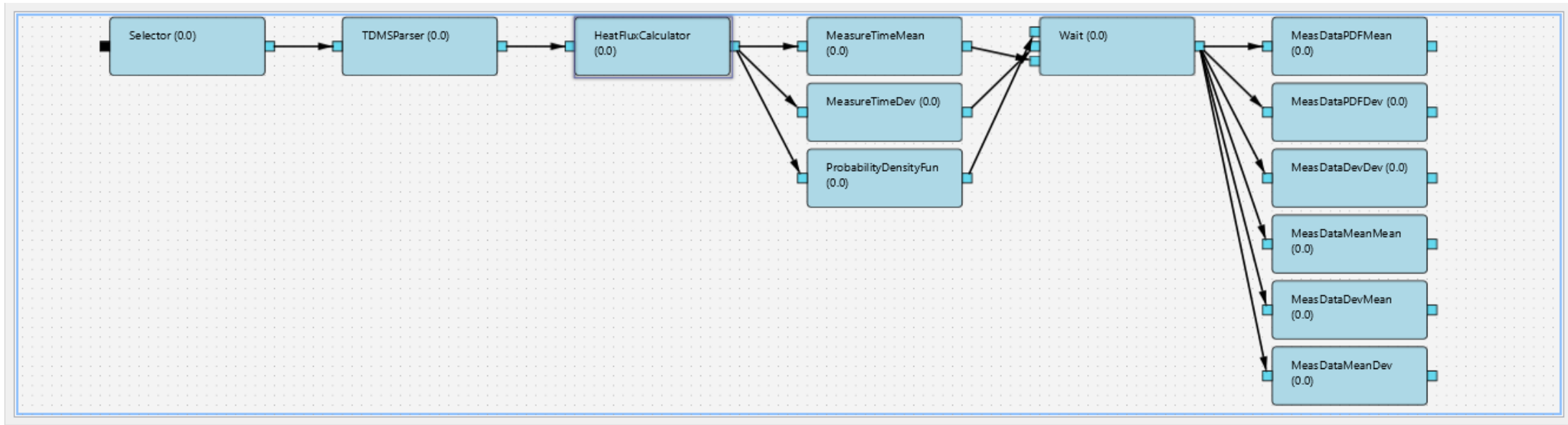
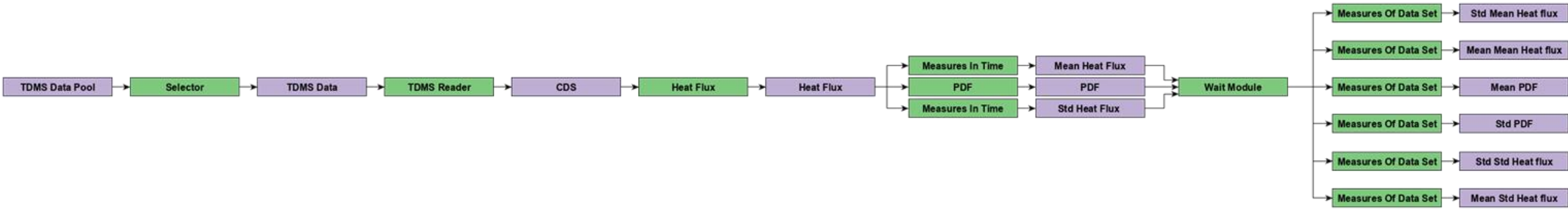


Data series plot configuration

Deck model parameters and ESPSS Output configuration



Graphical Processing Chains



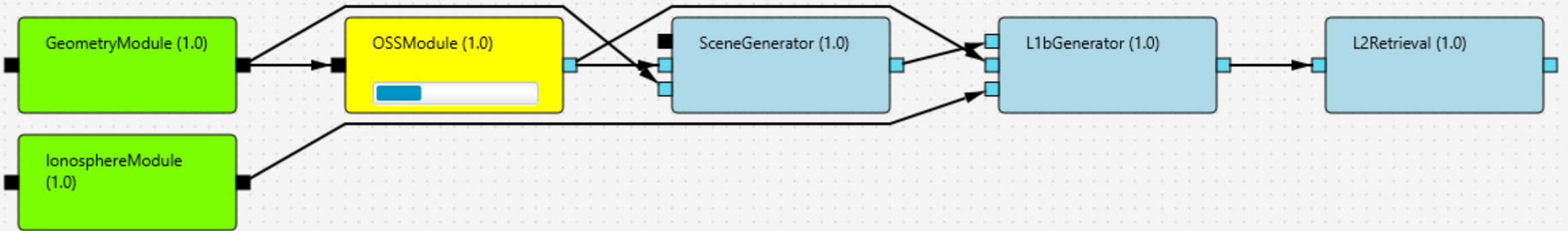
Simulation progress

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Execution In Progress Simulation modules: 2 completed, 4 remaining

Modules Progress Log Messages



PFAT has been designed to be used via Command Line Interface, to exploit its capabilities

```
def measured_launch_vehicle_acceleration_reader(file_path: str, data_labels: List[str]) -> CommonDataStructure:
    """ Function that reads .txt files and assigns values to the data labels in the launch vehicle acceleration type of
    file

    Function expects a an input file with data that can be converted into float type and is arranged in columns. It does
    not check the file, and in case any value is given incorrectly, the data will raise problems when introduced in
    numpy arrays, in other functions. The pandas read function does support "NaN" inputs and these inputs will be
    treated as such by numpy.

    Args:
        file_path: path to the file that will be read
        data_labels: list of data labels that will be used to store the data in the common data structure.
                    They are given in the same order as the columns of the file

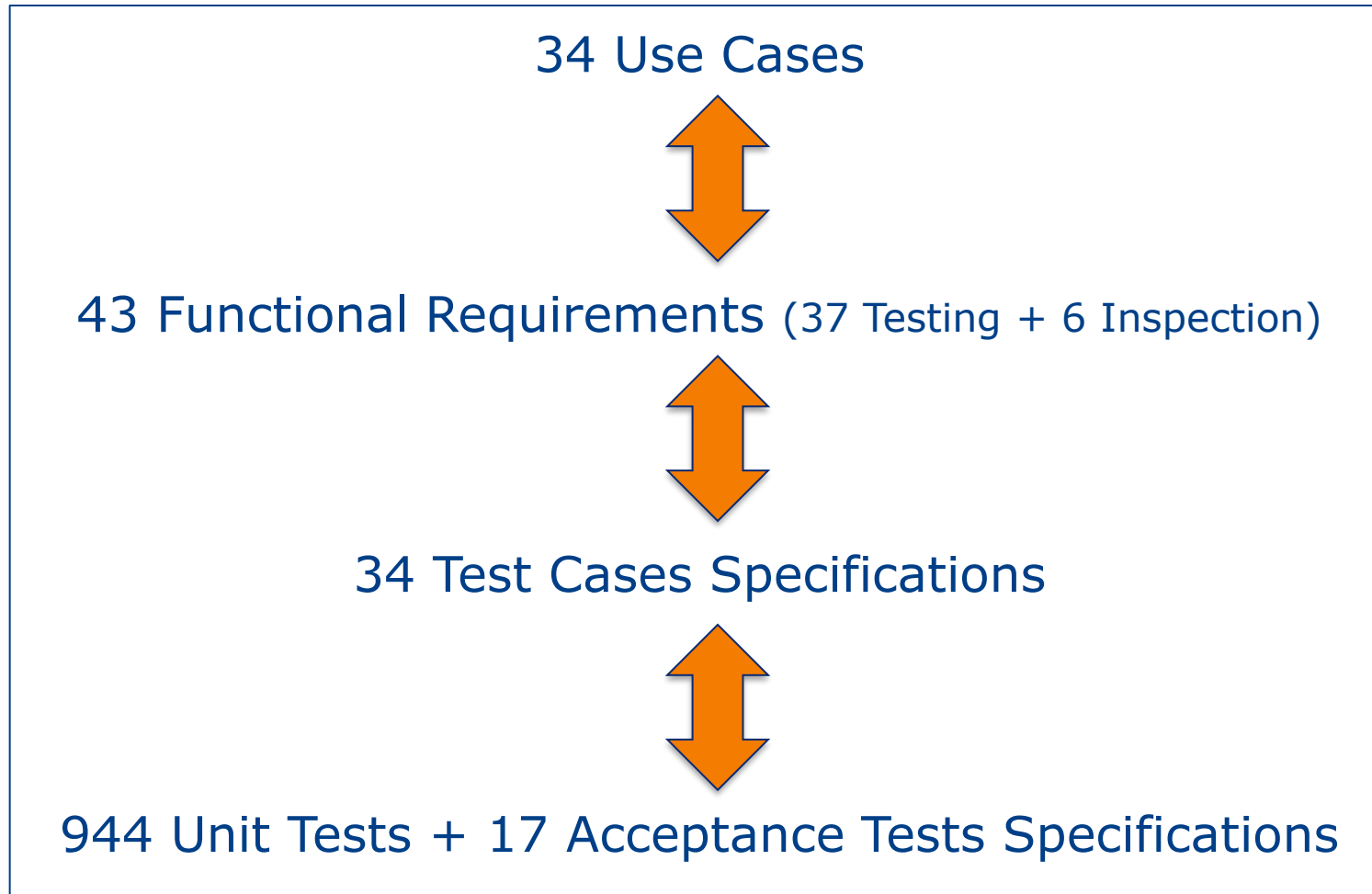
    Returns:
        Out: Common data structure with the data loaded and assigned to the default point
    """
    # Only checks inputs are floats. Does not filter NaNs.
    data = pd.read_csv(file_path, sep="\t", dtype=float).T
    out = CommonDataStructure.from_array(np.array(data.iloc[0, :]).reshape(1, len(data.iloc[0, :])),
                                       data_labels[0], data_labels[1:], np.array(data.iloc[1:, :]))

    return out
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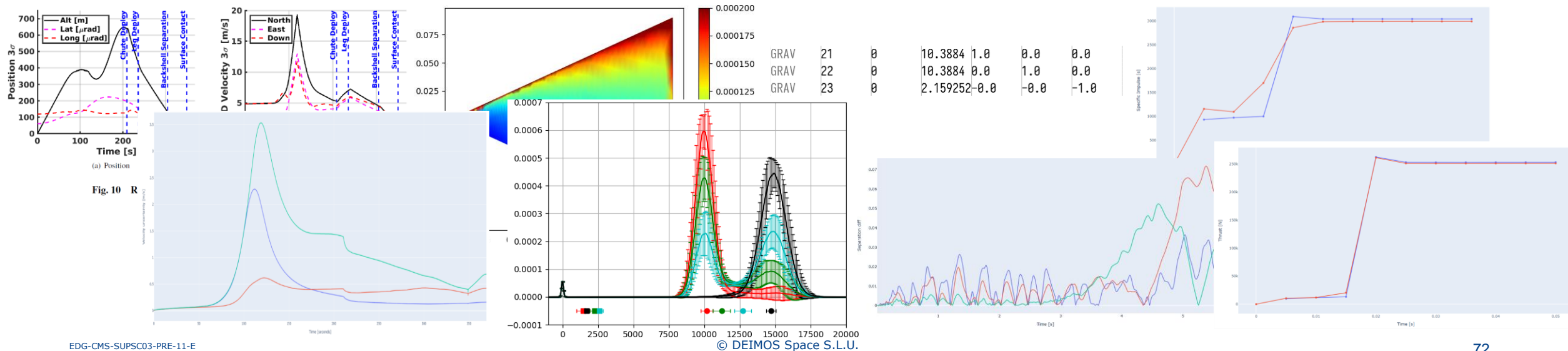
Validation Campaign

Comprehensive traceability from use cases down to unit testing



17 Acceptance Test Cases for 4 Engineering Domains

- To guarantee that the toolkit is able to perform End-to-End post-flight analysis
- Acceptance Tests reproduce post-flight analysis against real flight data (whenever available) or against synthetic data mimicking real flight data



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Achievements and Future Works

During the PFAT activity, the following specific objectives have been fully achieved:

- ❑ A flexible and powerful Post-Flight Analysis Tool has been developed, having in mind its use in post-flight analysis of ESA missions, i.e. the interoperability with other engineering software tools commonly used by ESA (e.g. TAU, NASTRAN, ASTOS, ESPSS);
- ❑ Robust and generic post-flight algorithms and analysis tools have been implemented, supporting the following engineering domains: propulsion, aerothermodynamics, structures, acoustic and trajectories;
- ❑ An exchange format has been designed and implemented: the Common Data Structure;
- ❑ A powerful Graphical User Interface is provided along with a flexible Command Line Interface, providing a dual approach to PFAT use;
- ❑ Automatic generation capabilities of post-flight analysis reports have been implemented, with user friendly mechanisms to set them up;
- ❑ The toolkit capabilities have been validated against reference real post-flight data, when possible. When flight data were not available, realistic synthetic data have been used

PFAT has been an **ambitious** project, whose objectives have been **fully reached**.

Its use with real data could quantify the objectives achieved and help in identifying the gaps to be filled.

The future work should be oriented in two main directions:

- Reinforcing the capabilities already present (e.g. adding new filters, mathematical functionalities, sophisticated methodologies), and
- Extending them towards other engineering domains and/or data formats (e.g. providing access to further sensors/flight data)



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