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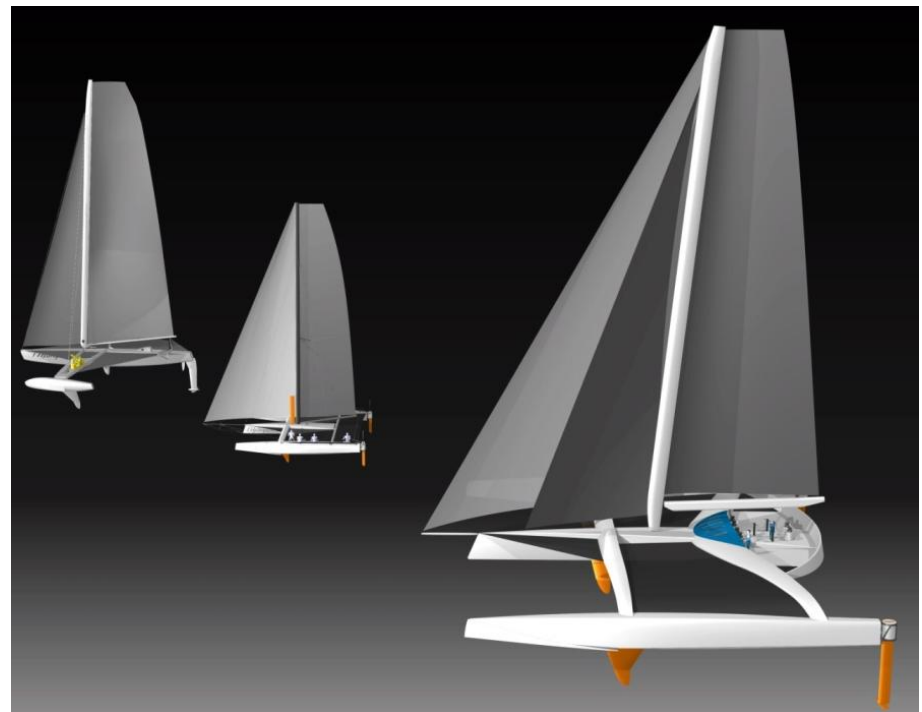
# HOW MULTIDISCIPLINARY SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH MAY HELP BREAK THE SAILING SPEED RECORD



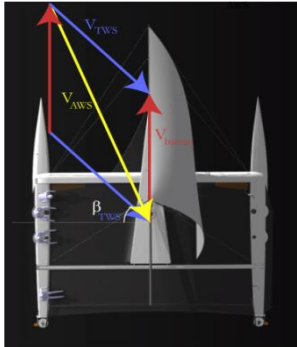
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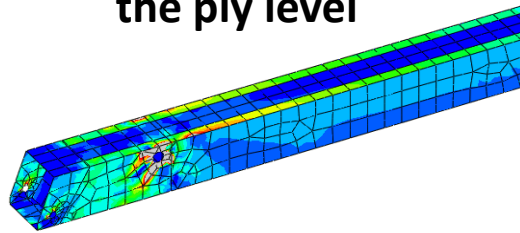
- l'Hydroptère
  - Lift of hydrofoils, complete balance of weight
  - Drag reduction, high performances
- Sailing speed records
  - Channel, 2005
  - Outright 500m & 1NM
  - Back to offshore
- Complex problems to solve
  - Trans-disciplinary project
  - EPFL scientific partnership
- New challenges
  - Versatility
  - Reliability
- Future projects
  - l'Hydroptère.ch
  - l'Hydroptère Maxi



**Load case & sailing conditions**

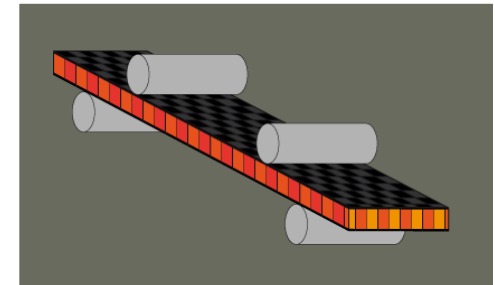
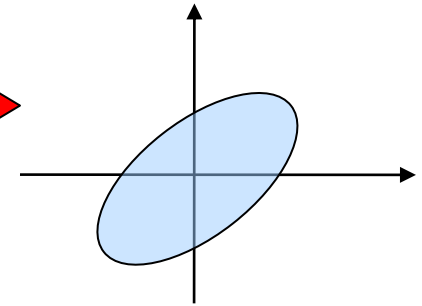


**Local stress state at the ply level**



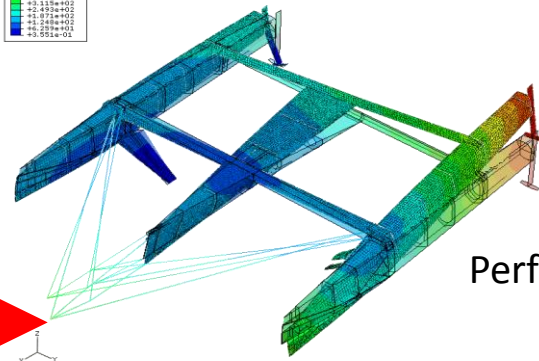
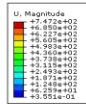
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**Failure criteria**

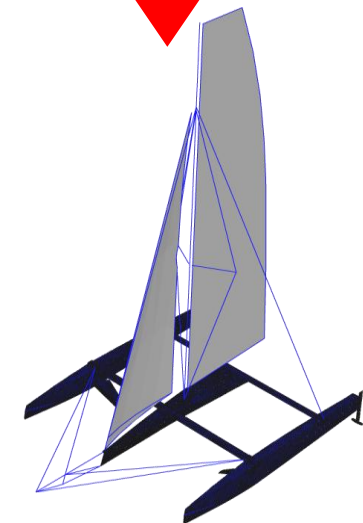


**Material design & mechanical testing**

**Performance**



**Global deformations & vibration modes**

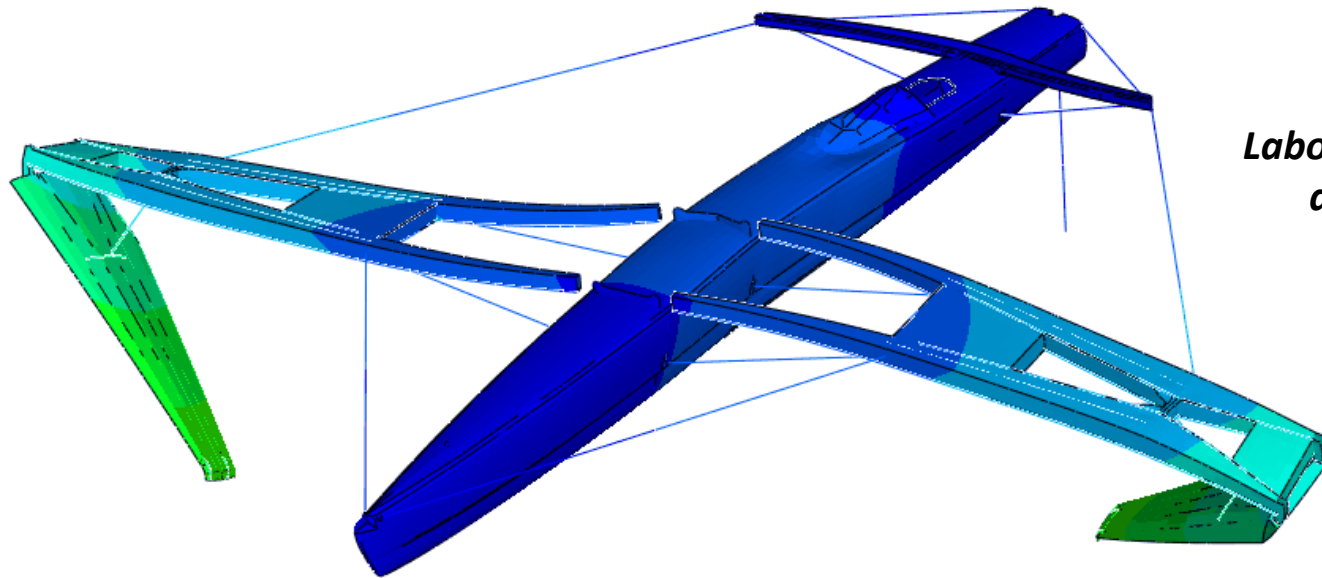


**CAD & FE Model**



**LMAF**  
**Laboratory of Applied Mechanics  
and Reliability Analysis**

**l'Hydroptère  
Design Team**



**LTC**  
**Laboratory of Polymer  
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Technology**

**CVLab**  
**Computer Vision Laboratory**

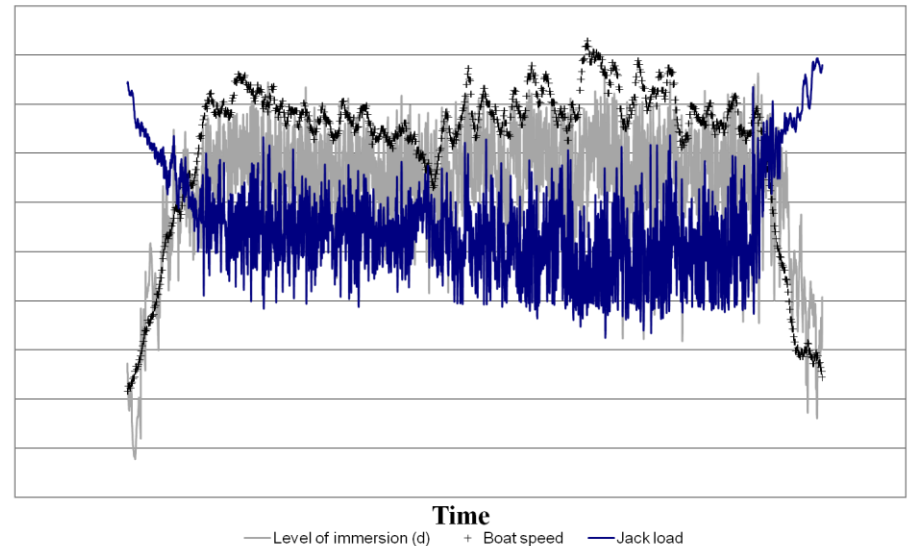
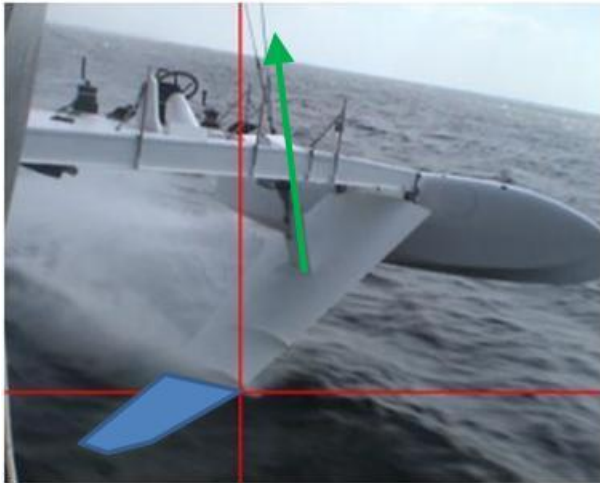
**LMH**  
**Hydraulic Machines Laboratory**

- 4 sub-systems:
  - Stress & positioning sensors (HBM digiCLIP)
  - Navigation unit (B&G WTP2)
  - Inertial unit (IXSEA Octans)
  - Video system (Cosworth Pi VIDS2)
- CAN-bus
- Data logger & ruggedized computer
  - Cosworth Pi Sigma LLB
  - Lemer Pax Posibox
- Motivation
  - Real-time load analysis
  - Feedback on dynamic behavior



# Foil Immersion Detection

- Motivation
  - Platform motions with reference to water surface
  - Refined foil loads
- Measurement system integration
  - Synchronization



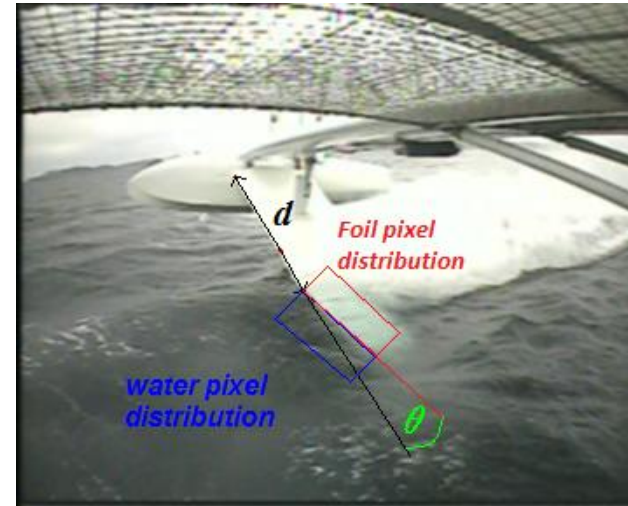
# Foil Immersion Detection

- Refraction-based principle
  - Move along the foil leading edge
  - Look for a change of slope
- Algorithm keypoints
  - Functional maximization
  - Kullback-Leibler divergence

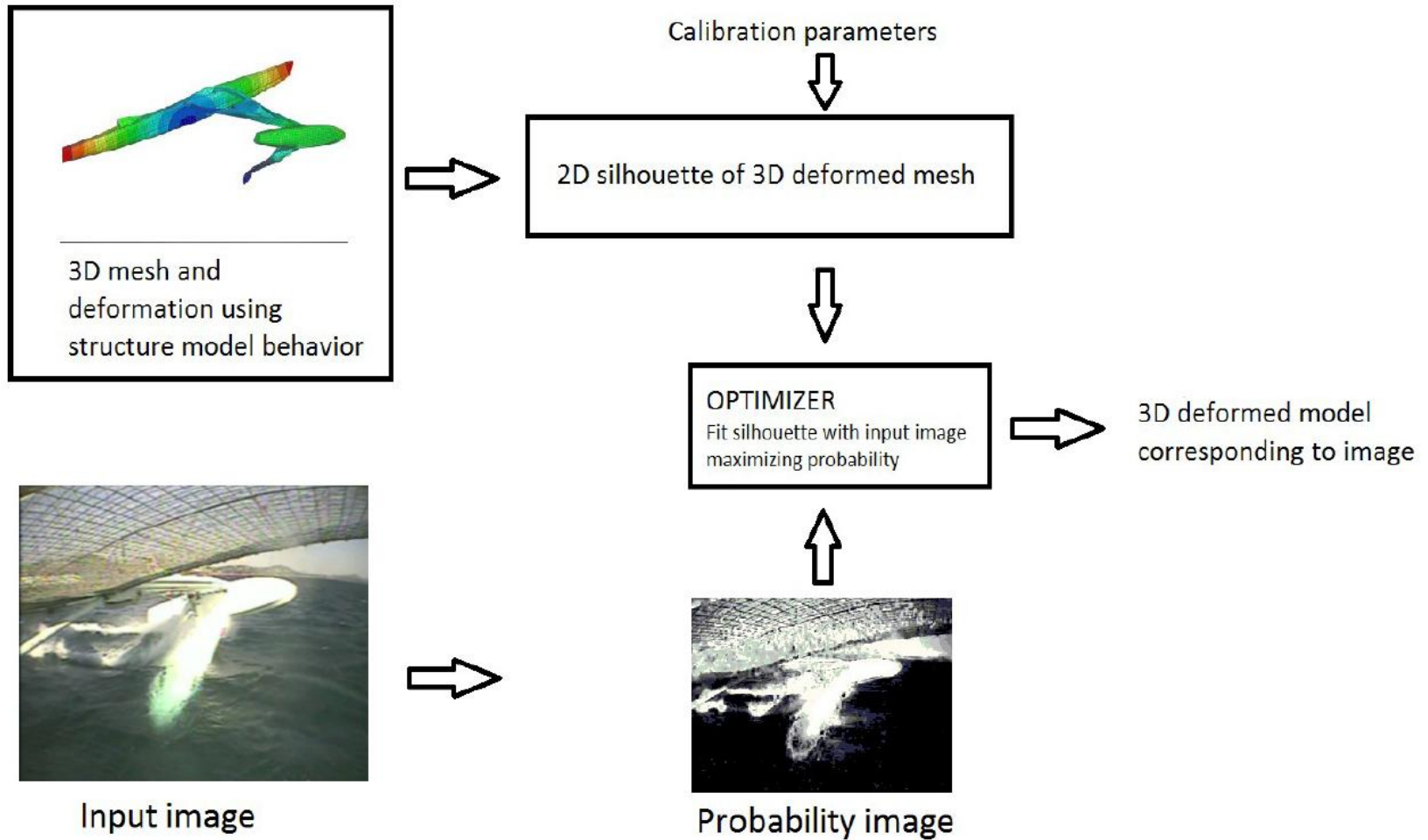
$$F(d, \theta) = \frac{D_{KL}(P, Q) + D_{KL}(Q, P)}{2}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \sum_0^{255} P(i) \log \frac{P(i)}{Q(i)} + Q(i) \log \frac{Q(i)}{P(i)}$$

- Hazards
  - Changing light conditions
  - Reflections
  - Blurred images by spray drops



# Cross-Beam Torsion

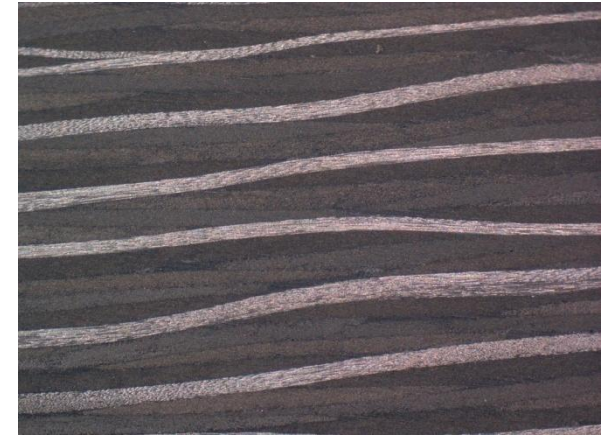




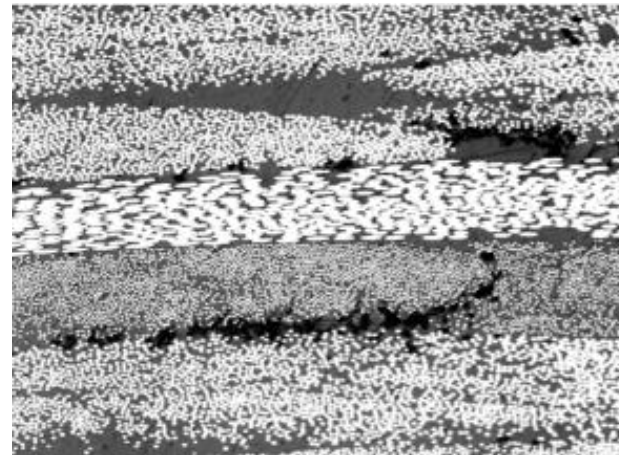
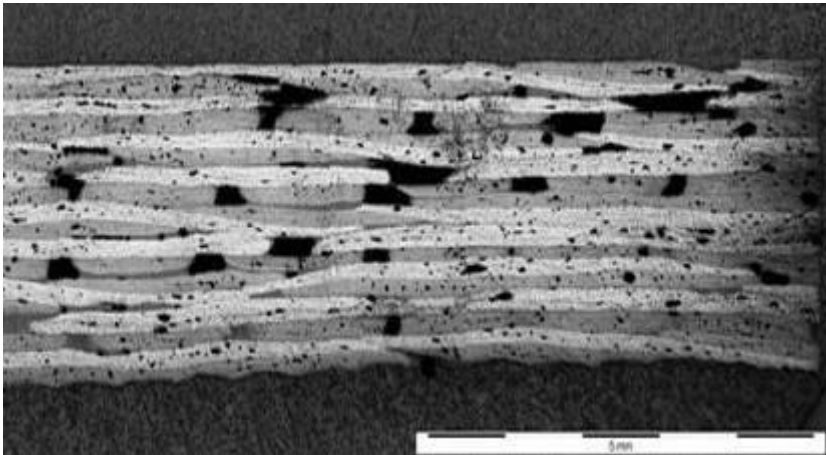
# Manufacturing Processes

- Shipyard practice (Decision SA)
- Processing methods studies
  - Heating rate
  - Applied pressure
  - Draping sequence
- Part quality control
  - Micrographic visual inspection
  - Curing stage (DSC, DMA)

*Sound composite*



*Process-induced porosity*



# Monolithic Parts

- Off-axis plies in thick laminates
- Role on failure mechanisms
- 4-pt bending
- Design rules

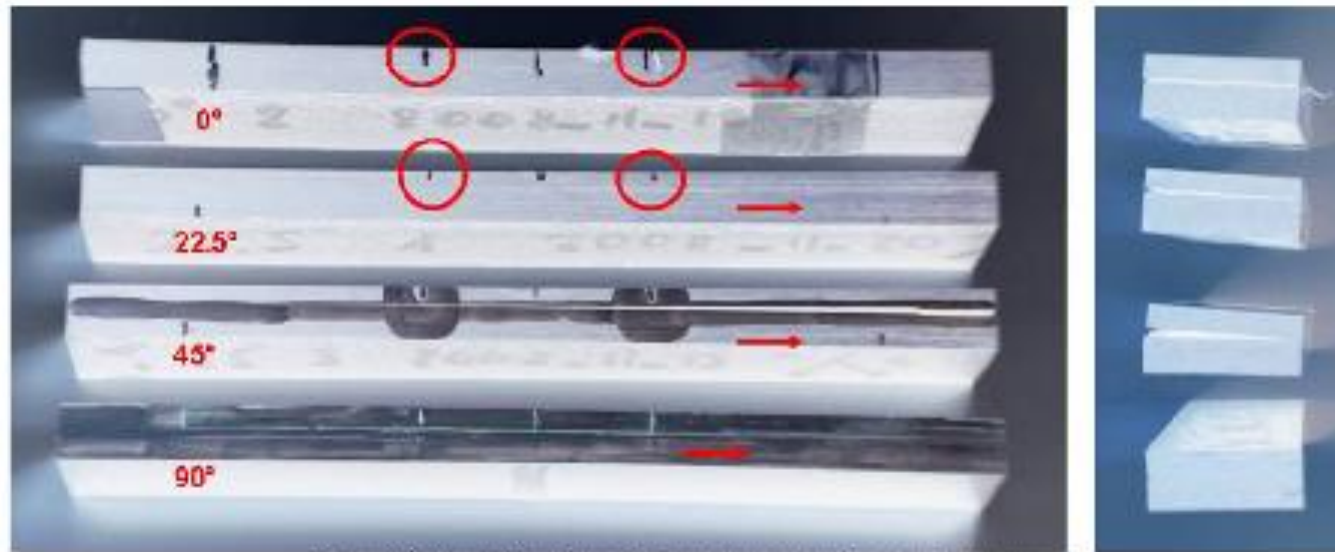
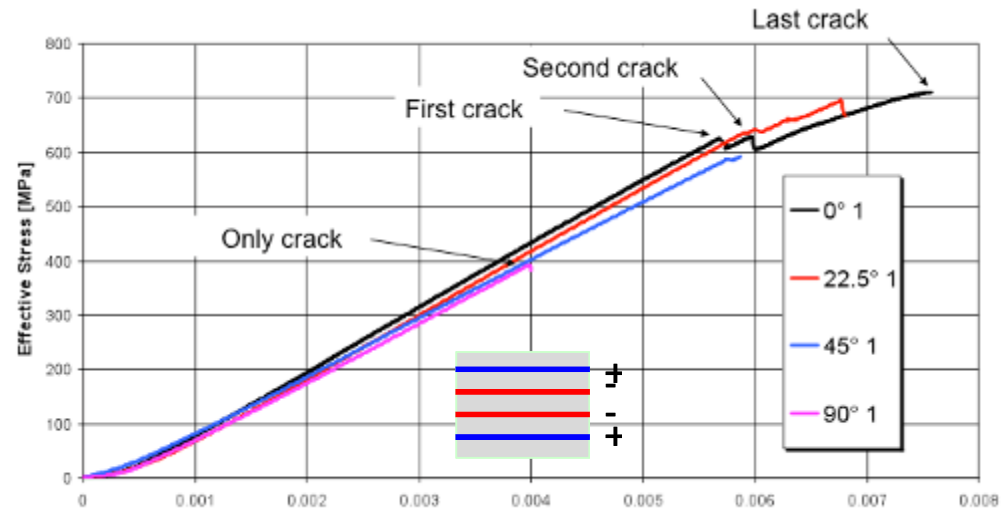
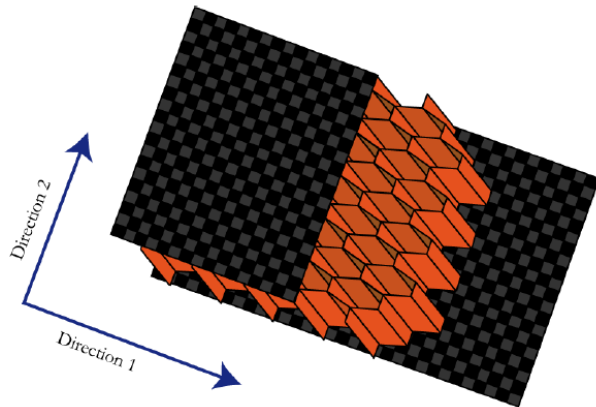


Figure 6-4 : Examples of some of the specimens tested. Front and side views.

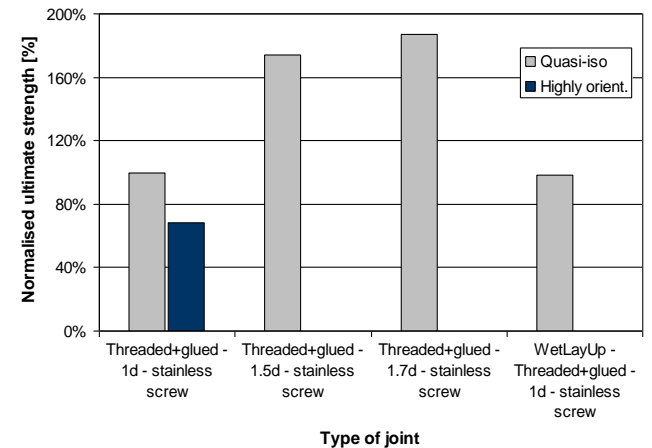
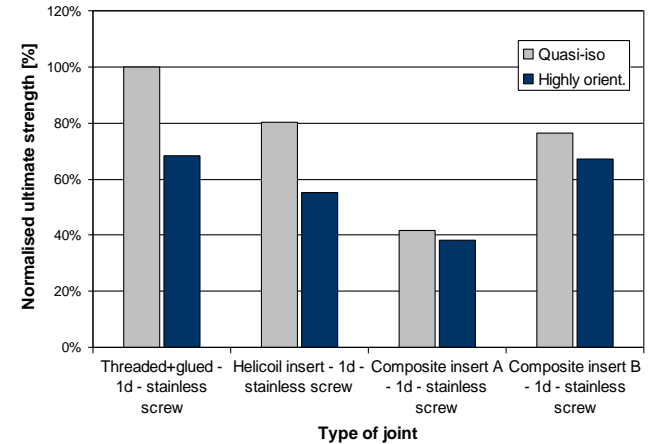
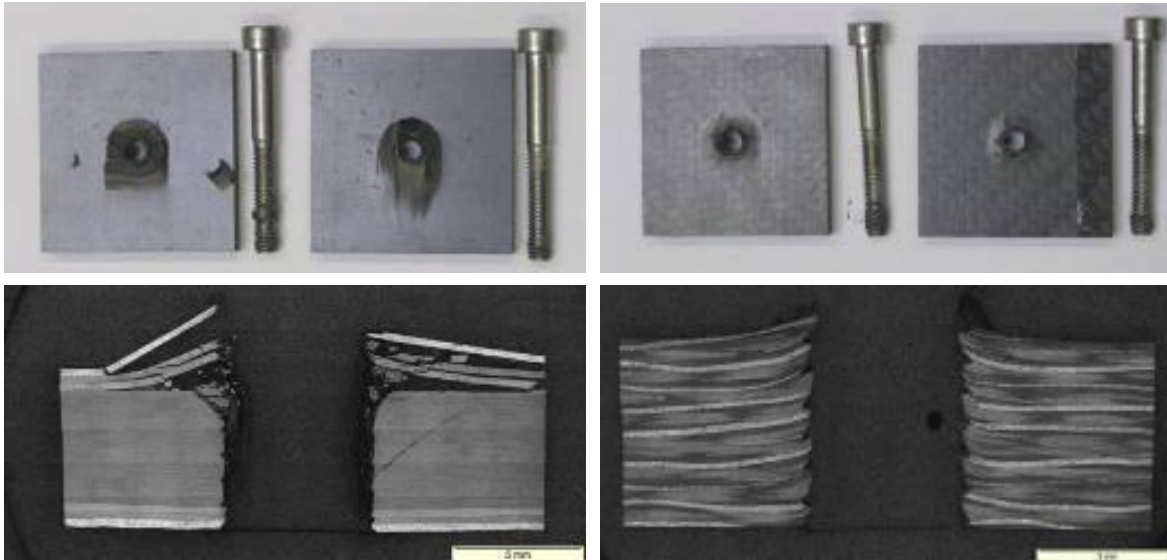
# Sandwich Structures

- Behaviour identification
- Anisotropic honeycomb (Nomex Flexcore)
- Preliminary tests
  - Tension, compression and shear for the skins
- 4-pt bending
  - Several span lengths
  - Core shear modulus
- Structural model updating



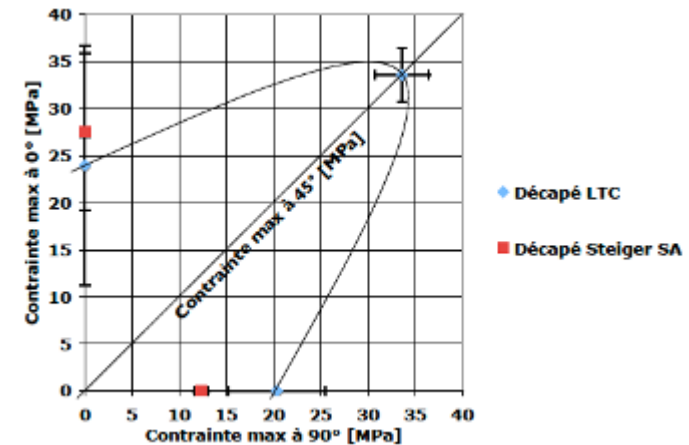
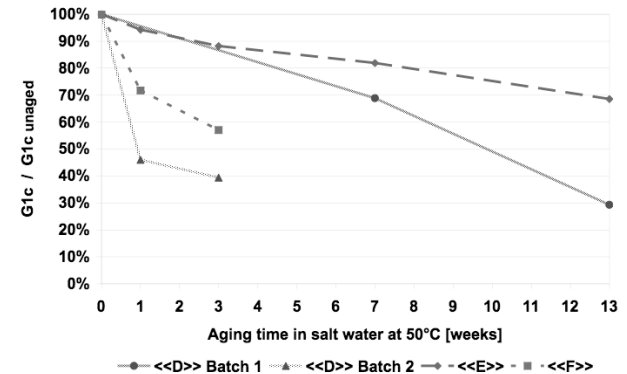
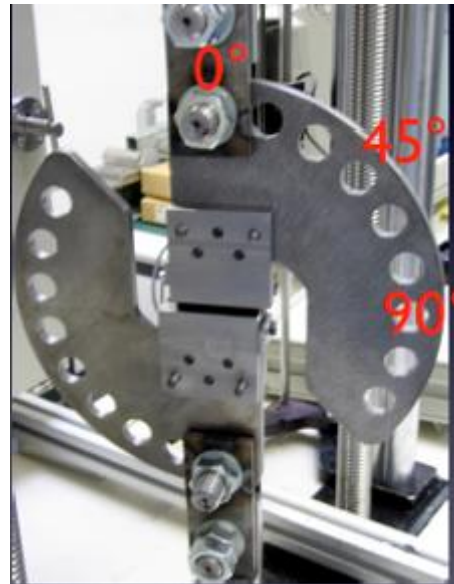
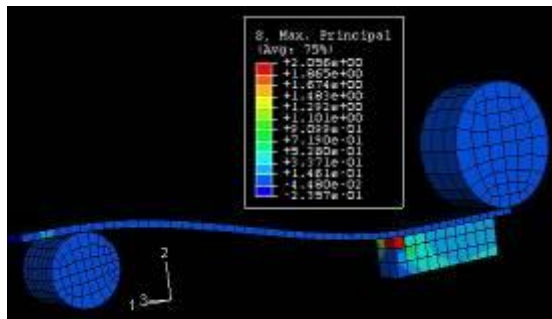
# Threaded Joints

- Joining metallic to composite parts
- Joint strength influenced by:
  - Stacking sequence
  - Insert
  - Screw
  - Glue
  - Thread length
- Special testing device
  - Screw pulling-out



# Bonding

- Joining Titanium to composite parts
- Surface treatment investigations
- Fracture strength measurements
  - Griffith's critical strain energy release rate  $G_{IC}$
- Accelerated aging tests
- Cohesive zone model in Abaqus
  - Previous fracture test
  - Extended failure criteria test



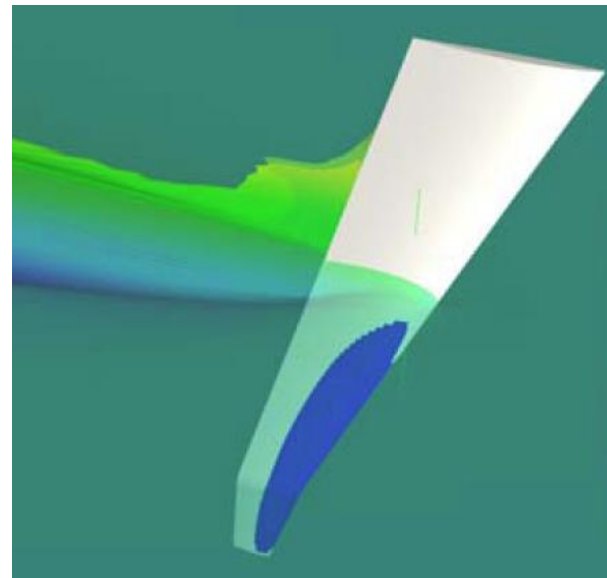
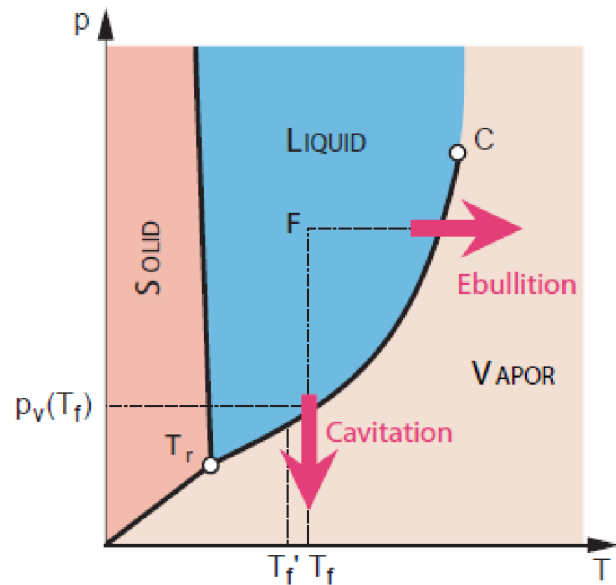
# Hydrodynamic Phenomena

## ■ Cavitation

- Formation of vapour cavities in low pressure zones
- Almost impossible to avoid with high speeds
- Alteration of hydrodynamic performances
- Vibrations

## ■ Ventilation

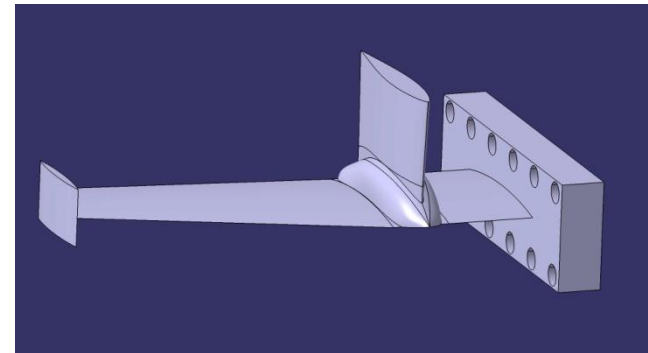
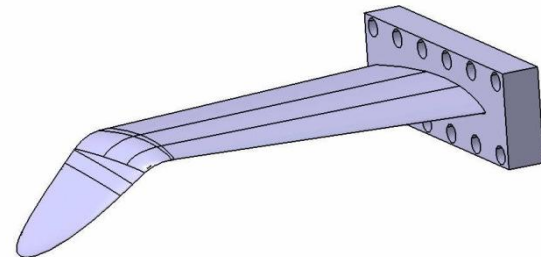
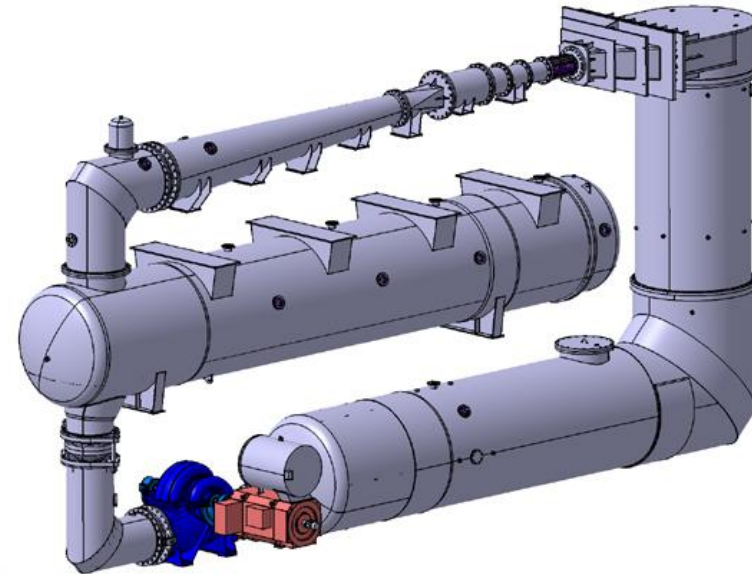
- Air from above the free surface sucked into low pressure zones below the surface
- Drop in lift



$$\sigma = \frac{p - p_v}{\frac{1}{2} \rho V^2}$$

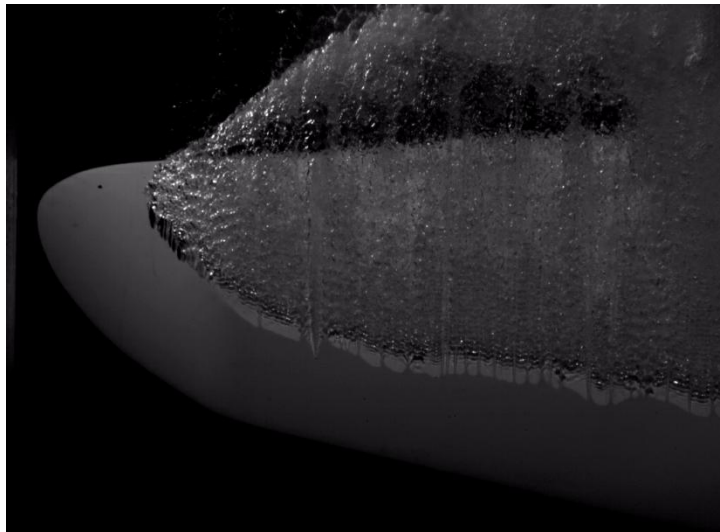
# Experimental Context

- EPFL high speed cavitation tunnel
  - 150mm square test section
  - Pressure controlled from 0.02 to 1.6MPa
  - Inlet flow velocity up to 50m/s
  - Angle of attack control
  - 5-axis balance for force measurement
  - Strobe, digital camera
  - Flash lamps, high speed video camera
- l'Hydroptère specific tests
  - 1/10<sup>th</sup> scaled models of foil and rudder/stabilizer
  - Developed turbulent boundary layer ( $V > 15\text{m/s}$ )
  - $\sigma$  adjustment for cavitation similitude above 50kt



# Experimental Cavitation

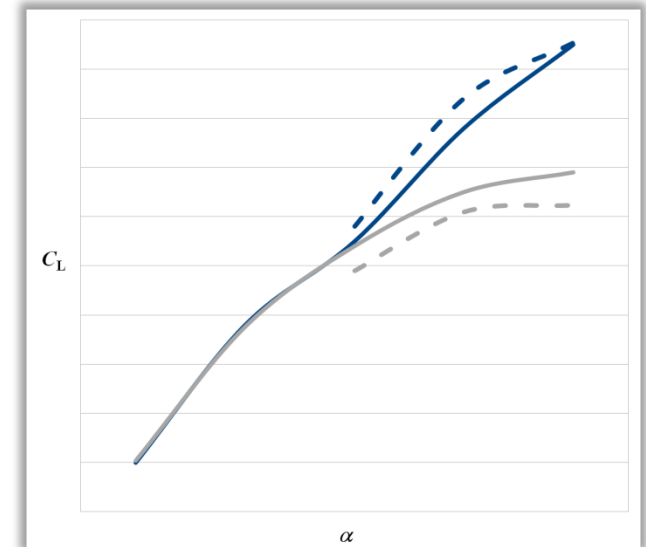
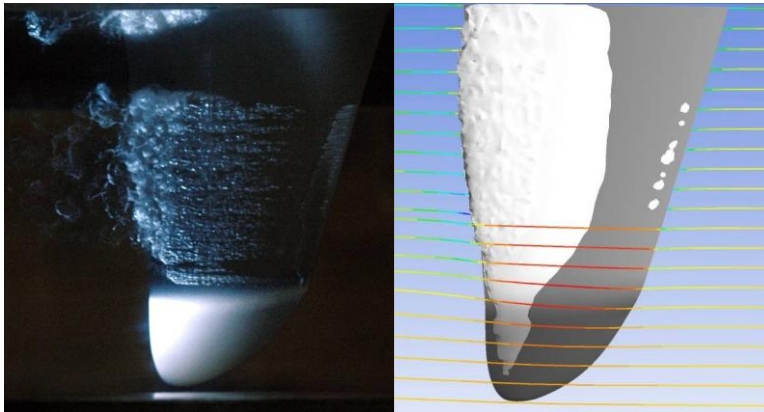
- Attached cavitation
- Angle of attack dependence
- Low angles (left):
  - Long thin cavity starting downstream leading edge (sheet cavitation)
  - “Smooth” flow, low vibrations
- High angles (right):
  - Cavitation inception even for higher  $\sigma$
  - Cavity detachment moves upstream until leading edge
  - Pulsed cavities (cloud cavitation)
  - Lift fluctuations, high vibrations

 $\sigma = 0.25$  $\sigma = 0.80$



# Simulated Cavitation

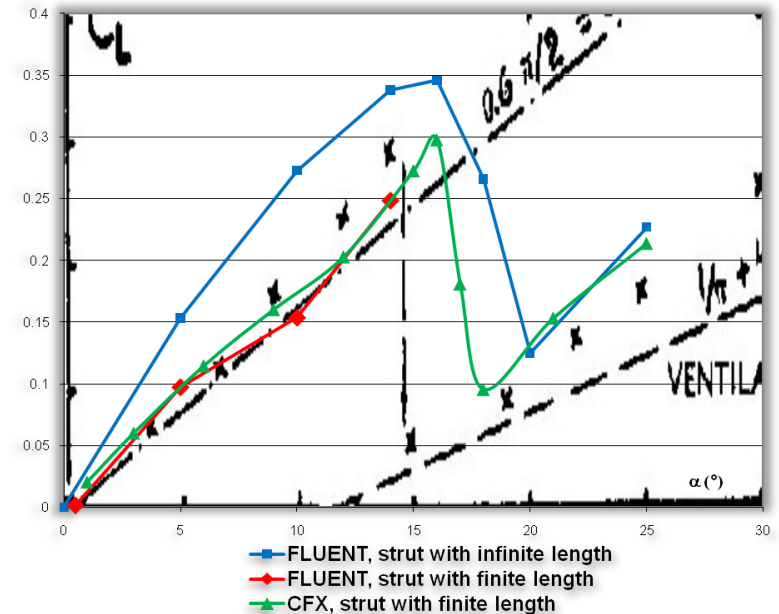
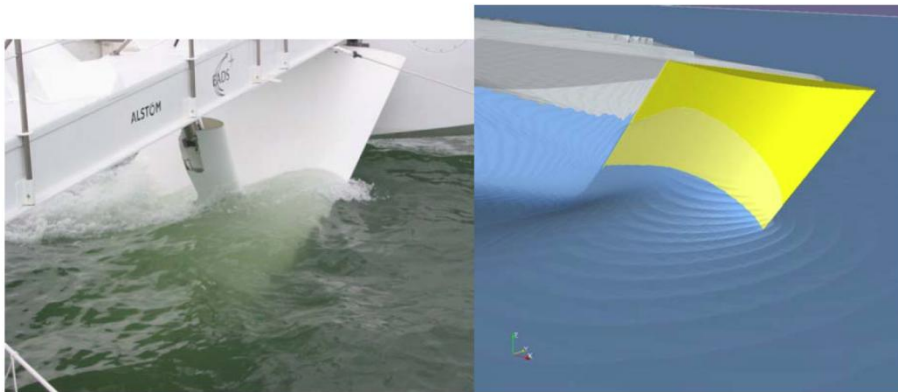
- Numerical context
  - 3D RANS solvers ANSYS FLUENT & CFX
  - Realizable  $k-\varepsilon$  turbulence model
  - Multi-phase simulation with VOF method
- Cavitation models
  - Low pressure “contouring”
  - FLUENT Mixture model
  - CFX three phase flow model
- Simulation validations
  - Experimental tests in EPFL cavitation tunnel
  - Visual comparisons
  - Hydrodynamic loads variations



High  $\sigma=0.49$  and low cavitation (—  
 Low  $\sigma=0.31$  and strong cavitation (—  
 (- - - Simulation, — Experiments)

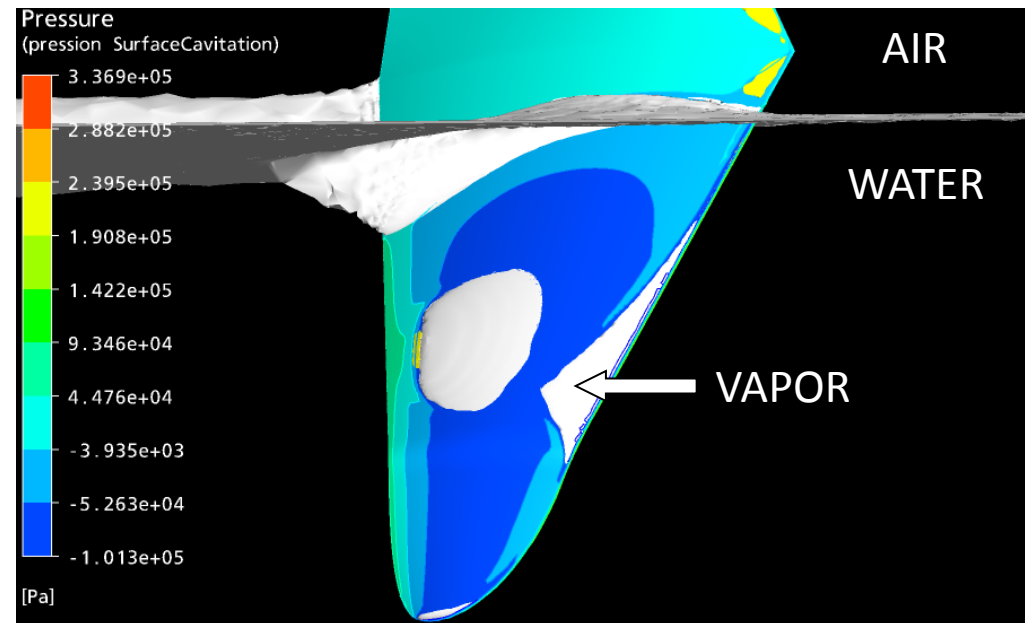
# Simulated Ventilation

- Numerical context
  - 3D RANS solvers ANSYS FLUENT & CFX
  - Realizable  $k-\varepsilon$  turbulence model
  - Multi-phase simulation with VOF method
- Simulation validations
  - No new experimental tests
  - Visual comparisons during sea trials
  - Bibliography test case
- Hoerner, *Fluid-Dynamic Drag*, 1965
  - Dingee experiments, 1953
  - Davidson Laboratory, NJ, USA
  - Slender surface-piercing strut
  - Loads variation according to angle of yaw



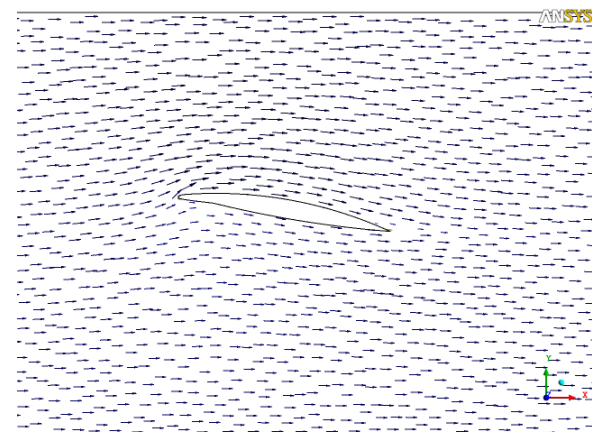
# Simulated Real Case

- Numerical context
  - 3D RANS solver ANSYS CFX
  - Realizable  $k-\varepsilon$  turbulence model
  - Multi-phase simulation with VOF method
- Three-phase simulations
  - Cavitation
  - Flat free surface (ventilation)
  - Steady state conditions
- Optimization process
  - Manual iterations
  - High lift/drag ratio
  - Low tendency to ventilation
  - Low tendency to cavitation



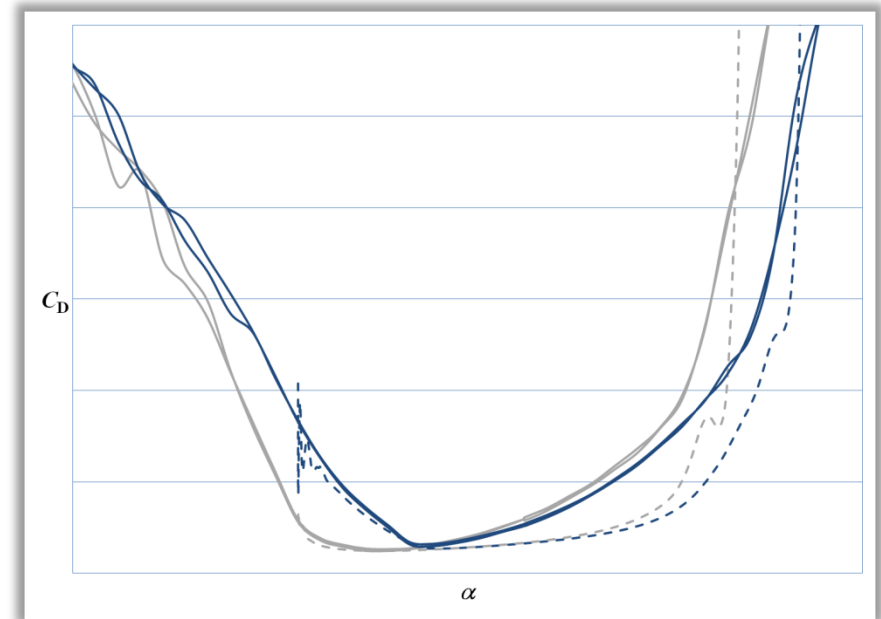
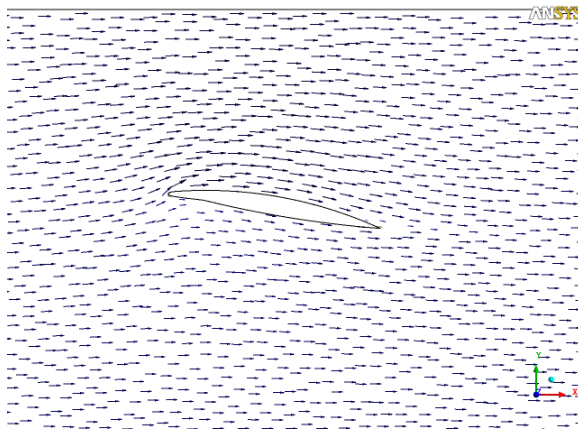
# Foil shape optimization

- Optimization process
  - Multi-objective procedure
  - Evolutionary algorithms
  - Towards a more tolerant design
- Numerical context
  - 3D URANS solver ANSYS CFX
  - Single phase flow
  - SST turbulence model
- Test case
  - 2D hydrofoil in tunnel test section
  - Constant upstream velocity
  - Pitch motion
- Optimization parameters
  - Lift/drag ratio in nominal conditions
  - Tendency to separation
  - Tendency to cavitation



# Optimization Validations

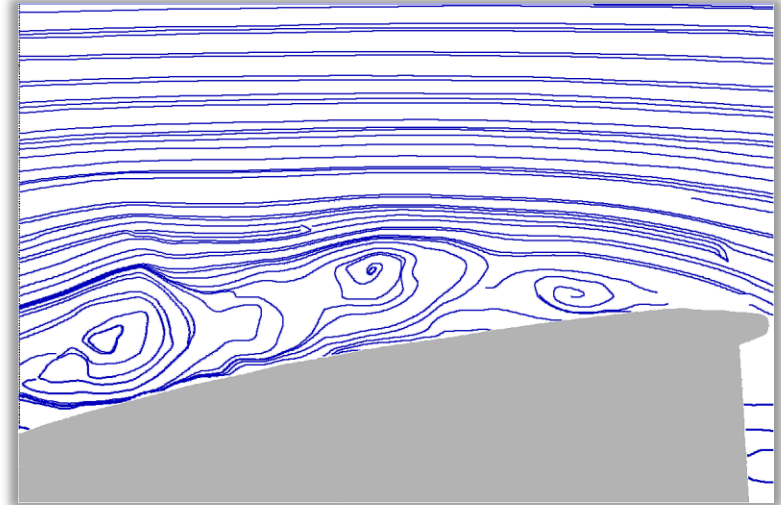
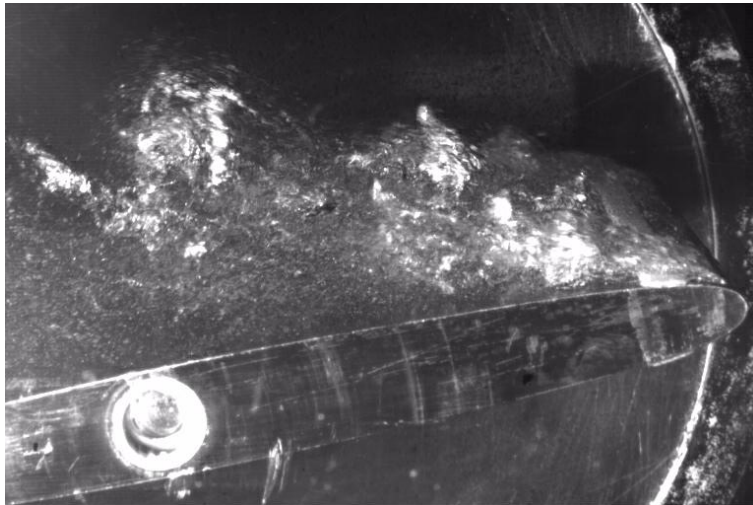
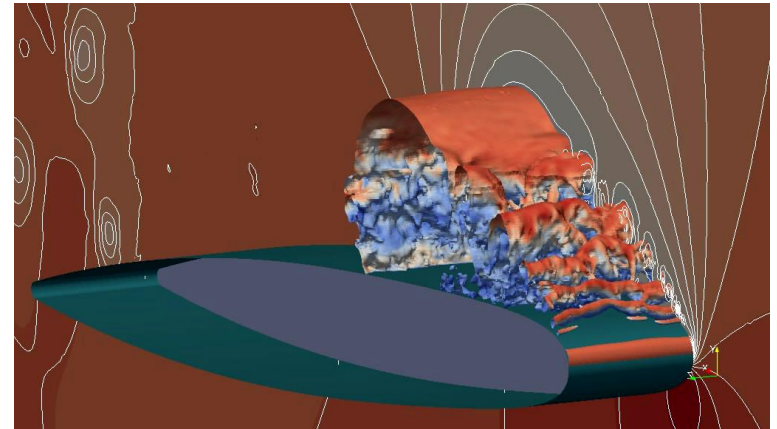
- Experimental validation
  - Lift and drag measurements
  - 2 profiles: initial, Pareto-optimal solution
- Observations
  - Qualitative agreement
  - Drag increase postponed to higher  $\alpha$
  - Quantitative discrepancies
  - Drag underestimated
  - Too late stall
- Further tests
  - RANS/exp. comparisons
  - NACA0009 profile
  - Same observations



Profile drag coefficient; comparison between initial profile (—) and Pareto-optimal profile (—) (--- URANS simulation, — experiment)

# Large Eddy Simulation (LES)

- Numerical context
  - OpenFOAM solver
  - Large scales of the flow
  - $\alpha=11^\circ$ ,  $V=5\text{m/s}$
- Observations
  - Unsteady detached flow and vortex streets
  - From the leading edge and far before stall
- Validation
  - Cavitation visualization
  - PIV
  - Drag value



- Optimization simulations with HPC
  - Licensing constraints
  - Open-source software solutions (OpenFOAM...)
- Fluid-structure interaction
  - Dynamic behaviour of sandwich structures in waves (slamming)
- Fluid-structure instabilities (divergence, flutter)
  - Foil alone
  - Whole platform
- Advanced Measurements systems
  - Visual cross beam torsion finalization
  - FBGS use investigations
  - Identification and monitoring developments
  - Dynamic stability visual alarms



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